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Week 12

- Week to do list
 - finish homework
 - ✓ read some papers
- 1. This week the main work is to solve the code programming of EA.
- 2. Then I read two papers about hypernetworks, [1]
- [1] "Multi-Objective Security Hardening Optimisation for Dynamic Networks"

Problem: The main problem is to harden the dynamic network. In this progress, there are many multi-objectives constraints: fixed budget, availability of countermeasures, performance degradation, non-patchable vulnerabilities. Besides, the real situation is a dynamic networks but all existing approaches only considered the optimisation problems based on static network configuration and settings.

Main idea: Firstly, the authors use T-HARM to assess the security of dynamic networks. Secondly, they use NSGA-II algorithm to solve the multiple objectives and constraints. Finally, they evaluate their method on dynamic network scenario with patchable and non-patchable vulnerabilities.

Method: The core problem is from this paper [2]. Another related paper used NSGA is [3]. They assume a dynamic network where the components can change over time and a attacker to compromise the database server. The most important part is the T-HARM, which is used to assess the security of dynamic networks.

Related Knowledge: NSGA, modern networked systems (Cloud and Software-defined networking)

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