

An Efficient Secure Group Authenticated Key Agreement Protocol for Wireless Sensor Networks in IoT Environment

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Abstract—Internet of Things(IoT) consist of interconnected devices for transmitting and receiving the data over the network. Key management is important for data confidentiality while transmitting in an open network. Even though several key management techniques are feasible to use, still obtaining a key management technique is a challenge with respect to energy and computational cost. The main intention of this work is to discover and overcome the design issues of the existing system and implement a lightweight and secure solution for that issue. The existing system has a fatal security flaw that leads to the unavailability of a complete system which is considered a huge problem in Internet of things. To overcome this issue, an authenticated key management protocol is proposed which deals with the problem of single point of failure and maintains the security properties of the existing system. An authenticated scheme is provided using elliptic curve and hash functions. This scheme also provides client addition, deletion and key freshness. Security analysis and computation complexity has been also discussed. We experimented proposed algorithm and tested with Scyther verification tool. The design overcomes the issues of an existing system by utilizing our scheme in peer to peer network. This network resolves the issue of a single point of failure (SPOF) by distributing the resources and services to the multiple nodes in the network. It will dissolve the problem of SPOF and will increase the reliability and scalability of the IoT system.

Keywords- Authentication, Key agreement, IoT, WSN, Man in the middle attack, Reply attack.

I. INTRODUCTION

Today IoT has expanded upto 12.3 billion connected devices since 2008. It is rapidly growing and now IoT [1] is a part of numerous domains of technology, such as healthcare, smart city, smart energy, home automation etc. IoT is difficult to define as it is very dynamic from its beginning, but can be understood as a network of digital and analog devices provided with unique identifiers (UID) that can exchange data without any human involvement [2]. In many cases, it is seen as an intermediate application, usually a mobile application, which continues to send data to one or more IoT devices [3]. End devices can complete tasks if required and send data back to the application. IoT has expanded the technology to a much more advanced level of integrity, availability, confidentiality, expansion of device connectivity.

The major concerns of IoT are as follows:

Type of Devices- IoT devices are often classified as

- (a). Resourceful devices: These devices are equipped with high processing power and resources.
- (b). Constrained devices: Number of smart applications

are running on constrained devices; these devices have inadequate resources and limited processing power. They will sense the surroundings, communicate with other devices in the network and act constantly to run the system efficiently.

Security requirement: IoT devices communicate through network by sending and receiving raw and very essential data, so the security of such devices data is very crucial. This networked data is made secure at both the ends by using authentication and this data is encrypted [6]. Authentication, Confidentiality and Integrity are the security requirements included in IoT system. The above security measures can be implemented by using cryptographic algorithms and key management techniques. Cryptographic algorithms are of two types viz., symmetric and asymmetric algorithms; for IoT normally symmetric algorithms are used as they are comparatively light weight to be used for securing data transmission.

- **Key management:** It is an important security characteristic for IoT. Light weight secure key distribution is important for secure and efficient communication. Key distribution mechanisms used in IoT are broadcast, group, shared key

distribution as well as node–master architecture. The important factor [1,2] of key management is to reduce the complexity of operations, power consumption of the system and enhance the efficiency and security of the complete system [7,8].

In Dynamic Key Management Scheme, for every session new key is assigned for operation [22]. It does not need revocation or update command to update the key, when the connection between sender and receiver is terminated. In dynamic key management scheme, its observed that there are three ways of generating keys viz., contributory, centralized and distributive.

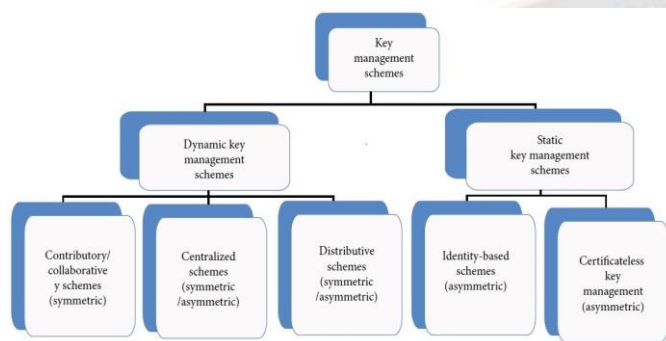


Figure 1. Classification of KMS algorithm

A. Security Requirements

The Security goals in group communication requires to maintain following security parameters

Confidentiality: Confidentiality in the IoT ensures that any outsider should not have access to the system. It is ensured by using encryption.

Integrity: Integrity in the aspect of group communication refers to the reception of the unaltered message by every group member.

Entity authentication: Entity authentication provides assurance of identity of each member present in the group.

Non-repudiation: Non-repudiation service provides a guarantee that a member of a group cannot deny sending or receiving a message from the group at a later time.

Availability: Availability assures that the system is available to the group members at all times. It can be assured by implementing redundant and robust mechanism.

Security and privacy [3] can be achieved by satisfying aforementioned security goals. This can be implemented within a system through cryptographic tools such as encryption, message authentication, digital signature and use of hashing algorithms. Only concern with this tool is that key and keying material should be shared among the parties prior to secure communication.

Group key establishment is an important problem in IoT communication [6], and it is more difficult in IoT environment

as it has very limited resources [8]. A naive way to achieve is to rely on cryptographic primitives that allow group entities to establish cryptographic keys within them with a secure and efficient approach [12].

II. AUTHENTICATION AND KEY AGREEMENT SCHEMES

This section contains the brief study of existing authentication schemes for IoT and wireless network environment. In [1], the author presented a systematic literature review to present a comprehensive survey on authentication and key management in IoT. In IoT-based networks, verifying node/user identity requires unique and intrinsic properties satisfied to complete the secure authentication process. Therefore, many protocols are proposed based on various properties such as password-based user authentication [12], Token-based transaction authentication[13], One-time password (OTP) based authentication [14], Location-based authentication [15] and Biometric-based authentication[16] in wireless communication networks such as IoT.

Majid Mumtaz et al. [9] proposed RSA based authentication scheme for a smart IoT environment. In this model, the Public Key Infrastructure (PKI) is used to provide authentication.

Sheetal Karla et al. [10] proposed 'ECC based mutual authentication system for secure communication between cloud servers' and embedded devices via HTTP cookies. They claim that the proposed method is resistant to a variety of attacks. It also satisfies all security requirements. But, Saru Kumari et al. [11] demonstrated how Kalra and Sood's authentication protocol is sensitive to off-line password guessing attack and insider attack. She also proved that the scheme is vulnerable to many attacks. The gaps identified in the scheme are mutual authentication not being achieved as described in the scheme, the sensor device anonymity not maintained through the scheme, and two parties not agreeing upon the session key computed.

Yang et al. [21] attempted to solve the bottleneck of anonymous credentials and proposed a lightweight authenticated key exchange protocol for IoT applications using a Dynamic Accumulator (DA).

Turkanovic et al [22] described a scheme for 'WSN based on the IoT notations' which ensures key agreement and mutual authentication. In this, a lightweight computation based secure key agreement allowed a mobile user with sensor node to negotiate a session key. Although the user never contacts the gateway node, the scheme guarantees the mutual authentication between the sensor node, gateway device and user. Khan et al. [15] proposed a finger print based remote authentication scheme for mobile devices. It has been demonstrated that this scheme is sensitive to desynchronization attacks and user impersonation attack. The user anonymity also not ensured by the scheme.

H.S.Islam et al. [6] analyzed several problems of Lin's scheme[10] based on the chaotic maps. Then, he introduced an

dynamic identity-based user authentication system for mobile users in 2016. He claimed that it is efficient and robust based on security of extended chaotic maps. Debiao He et.al.[17] introduced a bilinear pairing based anonymous mobile user authentication protocol. The proposed protocol includes a bilinear pairing operation and a hash operation to improve user performance.

Challa et. al.[18] proposed an authentication scheme based on ECC. In this scheme, if both parties mutually authenticated, a valid user may access data collected from a sensing system of IoT application. Jia et.al [23] recently proposed a three-factor key exchange scheme for IoT based on the Challa et. al. (2017)'s [24] authenticated key exchange scheme, which lacks untraceability, anonymity. This scheme is vulnerable to missing smart card attack, impersonation attacks, and password guessing attacks. In the extended security model, the improved three-factor authenticated key exchange scheme secures security. The majority of current authentication [24] and key exchange schemes [25,26] are based on ECC, in which key computation part is scalar-point multiplication. The scalar-point multiplication is significantly more expensive than symmetric encryption/decryption, hash function evaluation, and MAC generation/verification. Furthermore, despite the use of ECC, the majority of schemes fail to achieve user anonymity and mutual authentication[27,28]. However, the ECC based encryption is recommended for resource constrained devices like IoT devices to design anonymous and authentication scheme combined with Identity based encryption.

A. Different types of Key management schemes

This section presents study of existing Key management schemes and group Key management schemes for IoT and wireless network environment.

1) *Centralized Schemes (Symmetric/Asymmetric)*: In this scheme, Centralized trusted authority (TA) plays the main role in the process of generating and distributing the unique session key for all the members of a group[4,5]. Due to the dynamic nature and multi-node design of IoT, it is difficult to manage the update operation of the key. The public key of a user is fully or partially certified by the certifying authority(CA). CA is also concerned with the verification of the public key of other users. The key management is unaffordable in the case of IoT devices due to its resource-constrained nodes[6]. Trusted Authority based systems are reliable and efficient than decentralized systems but due to distributed dynamic and resource-constrained nature of IoT, it is unsuitable for implementation[7].

2) *Distributive Schemes (Symmetric/Asymmetric)*: The distributive key management scheme does not use a centralized architecture as it depends on number of entities for the key distribution and management[13]. It is possible to use

both variations of cryptographic systems such as symmetric and asymmetric for key generation and management. IoT needs key establishment to be spontaneous during network initialization. In this scheme, trusted authority generates a key for participating node and for its allocation[12].

3) *Static Key Management Scheme*: In this scheme, the key to be used is generated and used for the overall life cycle of the nodes that are participating in the communication. This scheme uses both symmetric and asymmetric cryptography for mutual agreement and centralized certification authority(CA) services respectively[13]. The static key management approach provides a key for the lifetime of a node; whereas in the dynamic approach, a key is assigned for each session. In this scheme, the key is generated once and remains applicable until and unless revoked or updated by certifying authority.

4) *Identity-based schemes(Asymmetric)*: In this scheme, some form of identifier regarding node is used to generate the public key. While generating a private key it depends on TA i.e trusted authority also known as a Private key generator[4]. But there are issues with this scheme such as privacy issues as it uses node focal identities to generate a public key. It always uses public-key cryptography to generate pair of keys. If a PKG is compromised all the messages which are protected using that public-private key are also compromised[7]. This situation makes PKG vulnerable for attacks.

5) *Certificate-less key Management(Asymmetric)*: In this scheme Certificate-less public key cryptography is used to guarantee the authenticity of public keys[5]. This scheme depends on a trusted third party(TTP) who possesses the master key. In this regard, Certificate-less public key cryptography is the same as an identity-based scheme[30], but it does not suffer from the problem of key escrow property(also known as fair cryptosystem). Therefore it can be seen as an intermediate cryptographic scheme between regular Public Key Cryptography (PKC) and identity-based PKC[29]. The threshold cryptography schemes are used to overcome the limitations and constraints on the key generation.

III. BASIC CONCEPTS

A. Elliptic curve cryptography (ECC)

The Elliptic curve cryptography (ECC) is coined by Neil Koblitz and Victor Miller[5,6]. For easy calculation, the arithmetic operations are performed in the finite fields F . Software and hardware applications may employ different finite fields. Software applications use prime fields (F_p), while hardware applications use binary fields (F_2^m).

The Weierstrass equation,

$$v^2 = u^3 + au + b \pmod{p} \quad (1)$$

where constant integers a and b are less than a prime number p that hold following equation,

$$4a^3 + 27b^2 \neq 0 \pmod{p} \quad (2)$$

An elliptic curve $E(a, b)$ defined over the prime field (F_p) is defined by selecting -1 and 0 for values of a and b in equation 1 respectively. Then, the elliptic curve represents the equation $v^2 = u^3 - u$ shown in Fig.2

B. Elliptic Curve Discrete Logarithm Problem

The ECDLP is proved computational hard problem on elliptic curves, therefore, the security of the cryptography protocols designed using ECC are secure based on hardness of the ECDLP. It is to find k for given values of P and Q in the equation $Q = kP$. Finding the value of k is computationally hard problem.

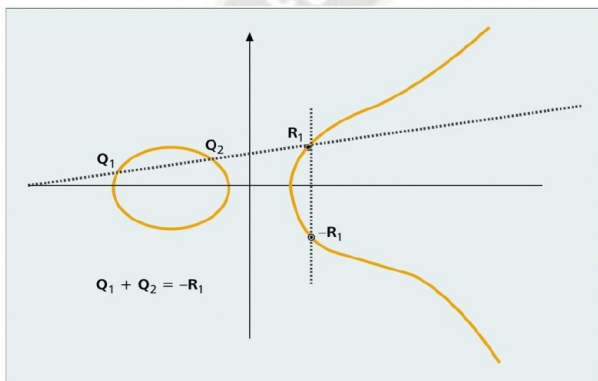


Figure 2. Elliptic Curve: $v^2 = u^3 - u$

C. Hash Function

A hash function $H(M)$ produces a fixed length hash h from a variable length message. The length of the hash h fixed regardless of the length of the M , even if it is a terabyte. The hash value h , marked as one-way property, cannot be used to find the message M . Reverse engineering is impossible in this case. It is defined as $h=H(M)$. For every different M , it outputs the different hash h . It helps to identify any changes to the message M in the transmission through the network. If any content of the message M is changed, then hash $h = H(M)$ of the message also changes. The adversary can't compute the M message from the message hash h . The forward process is easy, but reverse is hard, this is the reason to call it as "one-way function". Therefore, one-way functions are used for information security in various domains.

The hash function should satisfy one-way function (OWF) property and property of collision resistance. The collision property is, for two different messages $M1, M2$, the same output hash output h should be created. The collision property states that $M1 \neq M2; H(M1) = H(M2)$

SHA(Secure Hash Algorithm),MD (Message Digests), RIPEMD (RIPE Message Digest), and Whirlpool are some examples of hash functions[?]. The SHA algorithms are most preferred hash functions most extensively used nowadays. Table I shows the properties of the various SHA algorithms.

TABLE I. COMPARISON OF SHA ALGORITHMS (IN BITS)

Algorithm	Msg.Length	Block size	Word size	Hash
SHA-1	2^{64-1}	512	32	160
SHA-256	2^{64-1}	512	32	256
SHA-384	2^{128-1}	1024	64	384
SHA-512	2^{128-1}	1024	64	512

IV. PROPOSED AUTHENTICATED GROUP KEY AGREEMENT FOR IOT ENVIRONMENT

In this section, the proposed system is discussed with concerning its design parameters, algorithm, implementation, and performance. The existing systems suffers from the problem of availability as the gateway is a Single Point of Failure (SPOF)[31]. A SPOF is a fundamental problem in the design, functionality, or development of systems, or characteristic that poses a threat because it could result in a scenario in which a single malfunction or fault causes the entire system to crash. Depending on the interdependencies involved in the failure and the location of the failure[31]. To overcome the issue of SPOF we designed the proposed system using peer to peer approach. Before presenting key agreement between node peer and server peer, we present the authentication algorithm.

A. Proposed Method for Authentication

Proposed solution for Authentication ECDSA with SHA-512 using NIST-192-P. The ECDSA algorithm with SHA-512 and NIST-192-P elliptic curve can be summarized in the following steps:

- 1) **Key Generation:**
 - * Generate a random private key, $sk \in [1, n-1]$, n is the order of the EC.
 - * Compute the corresponding public key pk , as the scalar multiplication of the EC base point G with generated private key(sk).
 - $pk = sk * G$
- 2) **Signature Generation:**
 - * Hash the message 'msg' using the SHA-512 algorithm to obtain a hash value 'hash'.
 - * Choose a random integer $k \in [1, n-1]$, n is the order of the EC.
 - * Compute the EC point P as the scalar multiplication of the base point G with k :

$$P = k * G.$$

* Calculate the value r as the x-axis coordinate of the point

P modulo n:

$$r = (P.x \text{ mod } n).$$

* Calculate the value s:

$$s = k^{-1} * (\text{hash} + r * sk) \text{ mod } n$$

where k^{-1} is the mod inverse of $k \text{ mod } n$.

* Signature pair: (r, s).

3) Signature Verification:

* Verify: $r, s \in [1, n - 1]$.

* Hash the original message 'msg' using SHA-512 to obtain the hash value 'hash'.

* Compute w as the mod inverse of s mod n.

* Calculate: $u1 = (\text{hash} * w) \text{ mod } n$.

* Calculate: $u2 = (r * w) \text{ mod } n$.

* Compute the EC point 'X' as the point addition of

$$(u1 * G) \text{ and } (u2 * pk): X = u1 * G + u2 * pk.$$

* Compute x-axis coordinate: $r' = X.x \text{ mod } n$.

* Calculate the signature validation result by comparing Whether $r' = r$ otherwise, it is invalid.

4) Signature verification proof:

The equation behind the recovering of the point X, calculated during the signature verification, can be transformed by replacing the pk with $sk * G$ as follows:

$$* X = (\text{hash} * w) * G + (r * w) * pk$$

$$* X = (\text{hash} * w) * G + (r * w) * sk * G$$

$$* X = (\text{hash} + r * sk) * w * G$$

$$* \text{If } s = [(k^{-1} * (\text{hash} + r * sk)) \text{ mod } n]$$

$$* \text{Here } w = s^{-1} \text{ mod } n$$

$$* \text{i.e } w = [(k^{-1} * (\text{hash} + r * sk)) \text{ mod } n]^{-1}$$

$$* w = (k * [(\text{hash} + r * sk) \text{ mod } n])^{-1}$$

$$* \text{Replace } w \text{ in } X \text{ then } X = (\text{hash} + r * sk) * k * [(\text{hash} + r * sk) \text{ mod } n]^{-1} * G \text{ that implies } X = k * G = P.$$

$$* \text{Compute 'X' coordinate i.e } r' = X.x \text{ mod } n = P.x \text{ mod } n = r$$

$$* \text{Hence } r' = r.$$

B. Proposed Group key agreement using peer to peer approach

A peer-to-peer system [32]. is a network architecture that allows peers to share system resources, processing capacity, and data storage without the need for a centralized server. Participants in a peer-to-peer(P2P) network can serve as both client and server simultaneously. They can be directly accessed by other nodes without using intermediary entities [31]. In the proposed system, peers are composed of two roles viz., Sponsor peer and Node peer. Sponsor peer will work as a serving authority to the Node peers.

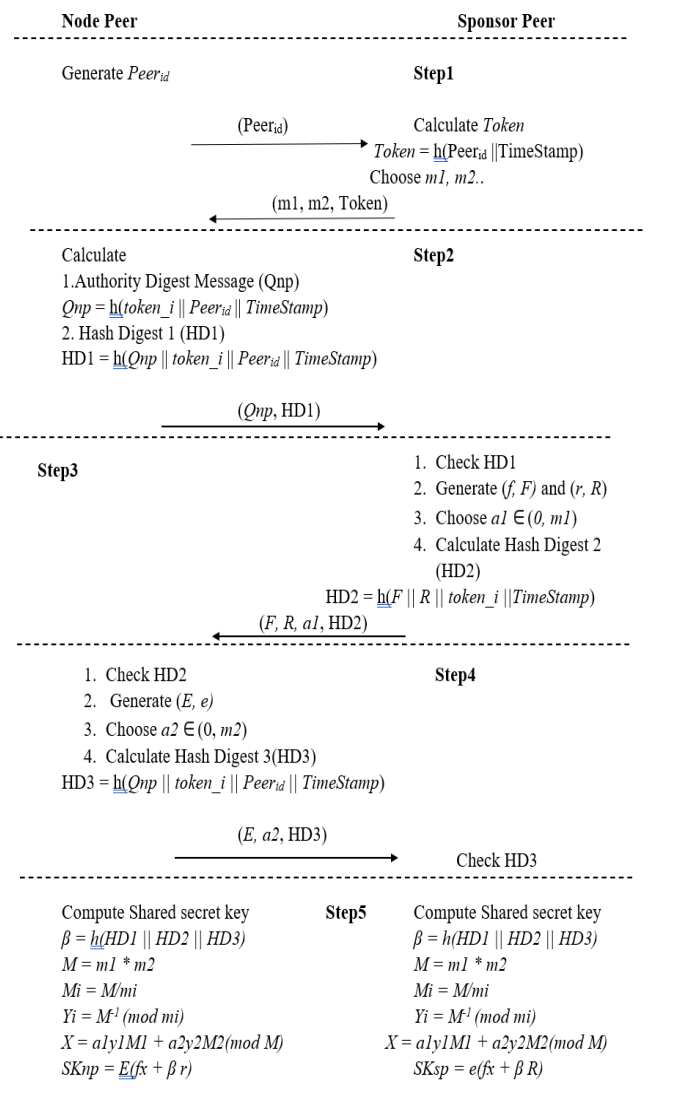


Figure 3. Algorithm: Peer to Peer key establishment

-Step 1:

1. Node Peer will generate a unique identification number $Peer_id$ required for registration. This $Peer_id$ is sent to the Sponsor Peer.
2. Sponsor Peer will calculate a unique token (code $Token_i$) = $hash(Peer_id || Timestamp)$ for node peer.
3. Sponsor peer will choose two prime number viz., $m1$ and $m2$
4. At the end of this stage it will send $Token_i$, $m1$ and $m2$ to node peer.

-Step 2:

1. Node Peer calculates two parameters viz., Authority Digest Message and first message digest as follows
 - a. Authority Digest Message $Q_{np} = hash(Token_i || Peer_id || TimeStamp)$

b. $HashDigest_{HD1} = hash(Q_{n,p} || Token_i || Peer_i d || TimeStamp)$

2. Node Peer sends above parameters to Sponsor Peer.

-Step 3:

1. Checks the hash digest received from node peer by comparing with the calculated hash.
2. Generates two pairs of public and private keys for further operations.
3. Chooses a random number from the range of $m1$.
4. Calculates hash digest message $HD2 = hash(F || R || Token_i || TimeStamp)$
5. Sends the $F, R, a1, HD2$ to the node peer.

-Step4:

1. Checks the hash digest received from node peer by comparing with the calculated hash.
2. Generates a public and private key pair for further operations.
3. Selects a random number from the range of $m2$.
4. Calculates hash digest message $HD3 = hash(Q_{n,p} || Token_i || Peer_i d || TimeStamp)$
5. Sends the $E, a2, HD3$ to the Sponsor peer.

-Step5: Both Node peer and Sponsor peer will calculate parameters required to generate a common shared key.

1. Calculates $\beta = hash(HD1 || HD2 || HD3)$
2. $M = m1 * m2$
3. $M_i = M / m_i$
4. $Y_i = M^{-1} \pmod{m_i}$
5. $X = a_1 y_1 M_1 + a_2 y_2 M_2 \pmod{M}$
6. $SK_{np} = E(fx + \beta * r)$
7. At sponsor peer side shared key will be $SK_{sp} = e(fx + \beta. R)$

V. SECURITY ANALYSIS

Security analysis of protocols entails a detailed review of the design, implementation, and deployment of a protocol to detect possible vulnerabilities and assure its resilience against assaults. The study tries to find problems that might affect the security objectives of the protocol, such as confidentiality, integrity, authenticity, and availability.

A. Security Analysis Tool

Security analysis tools are software programs or frameworks that aid in the examination and assessment of the security of computer systems, networks, applications, or protocols. These programs automate numerous security analysis activities, offering useful insights into possible vulnerabilities, flaws, or misconfigurations. The following are types of security analysis tools available for formal analysis and verification of the protocol:

--Automated Validation of Internet Security Protocols and Applications: AVISPA is a complete toolkit for automating the examination and testing of security procedures. It is suited for a broad variety of protocol analysis jobs since it supports a large range of security features and attack models. AVISPA is made up of various components that work together to produce a robust protocol analysis environment:

-SPAN: Stochastic Protocol Analyzer is a model checking tool that employs formal approaches to validate security protocols. It may identify weaknesses, vulnerabilities, and logical problems in protocol designs.

-OFMC: The Optimized Finite Model Checker is a tool for analyzing security protocols that use symbolic model checking. It can handle complicated protocols with many sessions and tests for different security features.

-TA4SP: The Timed Automata Analyzer for Security Protocols analyses timed security protocols by taking time-related features and delays into account. It aids in the evaluation of procedures with time limits.

-SATMC: The Satisfiability Model Checker is a model checking tool that validates security characteristics. Inconsistencies, inaccessible states, and possible attacks in protocols may be detected.

-Scyther: Scyther is a sophisticated tool for analyzing and verifying security mechanisms. It utilizes symbolic modeling approaches to concentrate on the formal verification of security features. Scyther has an easy-to-use command-line interface, making it accessible to security researchers and practitioners.

*** Protocol Modeling:** Scyther's straightforward language enables for the development and modeling of security protocols. Users may specify the protocol's participants, responsibilities, messages exchanged and security features.

*** Automatic Verification:** Scyther automates the validation of security procedures against predefined security attributes. It examines a variety of security features, such as secrecy, authentication, freshness, and others. Scyther uses formal methods and symbolic analysis tools to investigate all conceivable protocol executions to identify potential vulnerabilities or breaches of security characteristics.

*** Counter example Generation:** Scyther may produce counter-examples that demonstrate an attack or violation when a security property is breached. These counterexamples aid in understanding the security vulnerability and help protocol debugging and development.

* *Visualization*: Scyther includes visualization tools for displaying protocol models, hypothetical attacks, and counterexamples. This graphical depiction assists in comprehending protocol behavior, finding vulnerabilities, and presenting analysis results. Scyther accepts input in a variety of forms, including Scyther Language, High-Level Protocol Specification Language (HLPSL), and Protocol Composition Logic (PCL). It is extremely configurable, enabling customers to define desired security attributes and alter the analytic settings to meet their needs

B. Authentication and Key Exchange Scyther verification

Scyther is a formal verification tool used for analyzing security protocols. It allows for the specification and verification of cryptographic protocols, including authentication protocols.

Claim	Status	Comments
ECDSA Signer ECDSA,Signer1 Niagree	Ok Verified	No attacks.
ECDSA,Signer2 Nisynch	Ok Verified	No attacks.
Verifier ECDSA,Verifier1 Alive	Ok Verified	No attacks.
ECDSA,Verifier2 Weakagree	Ok Verified	No attacks.
ECDSA,Verifier3 Niagree	Ok Verified	No attacks.
ECDSA,Verifier4 Nisynch	Ok Verified	No attacks.

Figure 5. Scyther Verification of ECDSA

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1 hashfunction SHA512;
2 const G,N;
3 secret X;
4 usertype text;
5 secret NormalMultiply: Function;
6 secret ScalarMultiply: Function;
7 secret Modulus: Function;
8 secret Inverse: Function;
9 secret ScalarAddition: Function;
10 secret prvKey,k;
11 macro pubKey= NormalMultiply(prvKey,G);
12 secret message;
13 protocol ECDSA(Signer,Verifier)
14 {
15   role Signer
16   {
17
18
19     macro P = ScalarMultiply(k,G);
20     macro hashmessage = SHA512(message);
21     macro r = Modulus(ScalarMultiply(P,X),N);
22     macro hash = ScalarAddition(hashmessage,ScalarMultiplication(r,prvKey));
23     macro s = Modulus(Inverse(k),N);
24     send_1(Signer,Verifier,r,s,message);
25     claim(Signer,Niagree);
26     claim(Signer,Nisynch);
27
28   }
29
30   role Verifier
31   {
32     var r,s,Nonce;
33     rcv_1(Signer,Verifier,r,s,message);
34     macro hashmessage = SHA512(message);
35     macro w = Modulus(Inverse(s),N);
36     macro u1 = Modulus(ScalarMultiply(hashmessage,w),N);
37     macro u2 = Modulus(ScalarMultiply(r,w),N);
38     macro x = ScalarAddition(ScalarMultiply(u1,G),ScalarMultiply(u2,pubKey));
39     macro Z = Modulus(ScalarMultiply(x,X),N);
40     match(Z,r);
41     claim(Verifier,Alive);
42     claim(Verifier,Weakagree);
43     claim(Verifier,Niagree);
44     claim(Verifier,Nisynch);
45
46
47
48   }
49 }

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Figure 4. Scyther Code for ECDSA

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File Verify Help
Protocol description Settings
1 hashfunction H;
2 protocol ECDH(I,R)
3 {
4   role I
5   {
6     secret G;
7     secret X : Nonce;
8     var Y;
9     send_1(I,R,H(X,G,I));
10    rcv_2(R,I,H(X,Y,G,R));
11    send_3(I,R,H(Y,G,I));
12    claim(I,Secret,X);
13    claim(I,Alive);
14    claim(I,Weakagree);
15    claim(I,Niagree);
16    claim(I,Nisynch);
17  }
18
19  role R
20  {
21    secret G;
22    secret Y : Nonce;
23    var X : Nonce;
24    rcv_1(I,R,H(X,G,I));
25    send_2(R,I,H(X,Y,G,R));
26    rcv_3(I,R,H(Y,G,I));
27    claim(R,Secret,Y);
28    claim(R,Alive);
29    claim(R,Weakagree);
30    claim(R,Niagree);
31    claim(R,Nisynch);
32  }
33 }
34 }

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Figure 6: Scyther Code for ECDH

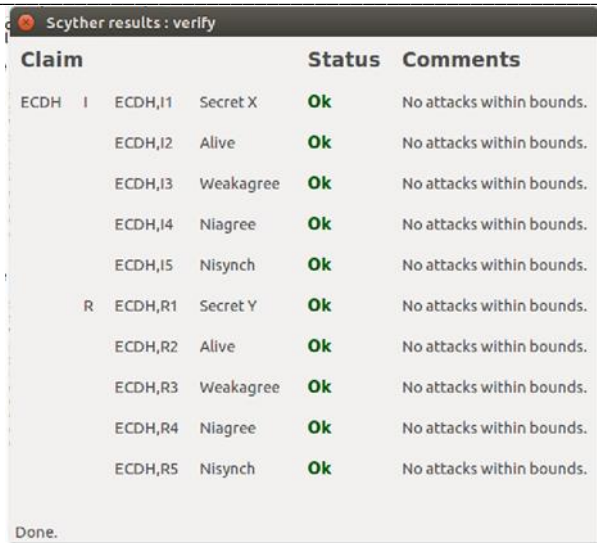


Figure7: Scyther Verification for ECDH

The above figures describe the protocol using a formal modeling language, define the roles of the participants, specify the messages exchanged, and define the security properties to be verified. The tool then performs an automated analysis to check the protocol for potential security vulnerabilities, such as authentication failures, replay attacks, or key disclosure.

The analysis proves our proposed authentication and group key agreement protocol is resistant to standard attacks.

TABLE II: OUR METHOD vs OTHER EXISTING METHODS

Method	Techniques used	P ₁	P ₂	P ₃	P ₄	P ₅
[2]	ECC	X	✓	X	X	X
[4]	ECC+Hash	X	X	X	X	X
[7]	ECC+Hash	✓	✓	X	✓	X
[32]	ECC+Hash	X	✓	X	✓	X
[25]	ECC+Hash	X	✓	✓	✓	X
[23]	ECC+Hash	✓	X	X	X	X
Proposed method	ECC+Hash	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

In this table, P1-MIM attack, P2-Replay attack, P3- Impersonation attack, P4-Message Integrity attack, P5-Traceability attack. ✓- Resistant, X - Non-resistant.

VI. CONCLUSION

The primary goal of this work is to discover and overcome the design issues of the existing system and implement a lightweight and secure solution for that issue. The existing system has a fatal security flaw that leads to the unavailability of

a complete system which is considered a huge problem in information security. To overcome this issue, a authenticated key management protocol is proposed which deals with the problem of Single Point of Failure (SPOF) and maintains the security properties of the existing system. a key management protocol deals with three interrelated problems such as device authentication and session key management. The challenge in developing such a protocol to resolve these concerns is making sure that the protocol is lightweight. It means that the protocol is made up of cryptographic primitives that are computationally lightweight for devices with limited resources. To address the above issues, a lightweight key management protocol using a symmetric key approach is proposed in this paper. Our method been tested with security analyser tools such as Scyther and it is resistant to existing attacks.

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