

Multiple Domain Secure Routing for Wireless Sensor Networks

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Secure Transmission of data packets in Wireless Sensor Networks is an important area of Research. There is a possibility of an attacker creating security holes in the network. Hence, network security and reliability can be achieved by discovering random multiple paths using multiple domains and forwarding data packets from the source node to the destination node. We have designed, Multiple Domain Routing with Overlap of Nodes (MDRON) and Multiple Domain Routing Without Overlap of Nodes (MDRWON) algorithms, in which packets follow multiple paths simultaneously. The Special node algorithm searches the node which has maximum power and these nodes are used for transferring the packet from one domain to another domain. Simulation results using MATLAB shows that performance is better than Purely Random Propagation (PRP) and Non Repetitive Random Propagation(NRRP) Algorithms.

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1. INTRODUCTION

Wireless Sensor Networks (WSNs) consists of a large number of ultra-small, low-cost, battery-powered devices that have limited energy resources, computation, memory and communication capabilities. WSNs are often deployed in a vast terrain to detect events of interest and deliver data reports over wireless path to the sink. WSNs are used in environment monitoring, military applications, home appliance management, commercial applications, etc..

The major services of security are: Confidentiality, access control, authentication, non-repudiation and integrity. *Confidentiality* : It means the data to be transmitted should be protected from passive attacks. *Access Control* : It is the capability to control the access to host systems through the communication links. *Authentication* : It assures that the communication is established between the authentic user. It provides confidence in the identity of the entities connected and assures

that the received data is from the claimed source. *Nonrepudiation* : It provides the proof that the message was sent or received from the specified device. *Integrity* : It assures that the received data is exactly the same as it was sent by the authorized entity.

Even in the presence of security protocols, the adversaries are able to break the cipher text and find the plain text. Data security is essential for critical applications to work in hostile environments. It is easy for the attackers to inject malicious data messages or alter the content of legitimate messages during hop forwarding of data, due to the wireless environment in sensor networks. Thus, in sensor network communication, it is essential for authentication mechanisms to ensure that data from a valid source is not altered during transit. In this paper, we have focused on node compromise attack.

Motivation : Data packets are usually forwarded from one node to another using single or multiple hops in WSNs. The adversary observes the traffic during routing

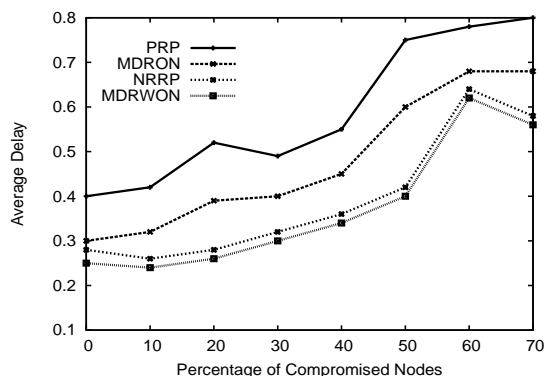


Figure 4. Average Delay Vs. Compromised Nodes.

node algorithms as discussed in Algorithm 1. Random path includes special node in each domain, which in turn enhances the packet delivery ratio as compared with PRP and NRRP. Multiple domains are not considered in PRP and NRRP. We have proposed the algorithms for both single and multiple domains. The result for special node selection algorithm is available in Table 1. Comparison of PRP, MDRON, NRRP and MDRWON is shown in Figure 1. The variation of packet drop for different number of compromised nodes in the network is shown in Figure 1. MDRON and MDRWON algorithms results better packet delivery ratio, as compared with PRP and NRRP.

In Figure 2, when the percentage of the number of compromised nodes increase, the packet drop increases gradually. In MDRON, there is a chance of overlapping of nodes. In MDRWON, overlapping of nodes is avoided, hence, the packet drop reduces by 2% in MDRWON as compared with MDRON. The packet delivery ratio decreases proportionately with the increase in the percentage of the number of compromised nodes as observed in Figure 2. The packet delivery ratio decreases by 8% in MDRON compared with MDRWON. Correspondingly, the throughput of the network reduces gradually with increase in the percentage of compromised nodes as observed in Figure 3. The average delay of

the packets reaching the destination increases with increase in the number of compromised nodes. The delay of the packets reaching the destination is reduced in MDRON and MDRWON by 10% and 2% compared with PRP and NRRP respectively as shown in Figure 4.

9. CONCLUSIONS

Security is an important issue in WSNs. This paper proposes a Secure Multiple Domain Routing for Wireless Sensor Networks, that consists of a special node, in each domain, which helps in establishing secure communication. The algorithm discovers the route from one domain to another domain and within the domain which minimizes the effect of node compromise. Here, We are communicating through special nodes, which inturn enhances the delivery ratio for multiple domains, as compared with previous algorithms, decreases packet drop that is caused by the compromised nodes, and increases throughput. Numerical results demonstrates that the performance is better interms of reduced packet drop, increases packet delivery and throughput by avoiding the node from compromising with the adversary.

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