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Abstract: Intelligent transmission systems, like other wireless networks, are subject to numerous security assaults, and adequate countermeasures are necessary to protect the corresponding applications. One of the most important criteria for a secure vehicle network is availability, which guarantees data transmission within latency constraints utilizing low-weight and lightweight encryption methods. Vehicle identification and data are entirely anonymous thanks. These component in smart cities are becoming extremely important and must be addressed.

1 Introduction

The population of the areas is quickly expanding nowadays. Several towns started to build their own smart city policies in order to enhance the quality of life and deliver better services to inhabitants [1].

Many nations experiencing population boom are investing heavily in smart city initiatives. Smart city technologies, for example, allow life to manage its day-to-day operations in order to make people's lives simpler. Smart city infrastructure consists of numerous linked devices and systems that help people in a range of applications, including smart healthcare, smart transit, smart parking, smart traffic systems, smart agriculture, and smart residences, to mention a few [2,3,4,5].

ICN (information-based networking) is a network paradigm that can sustain packet delivery in unstable situations. As a result, in smart cities, ICN might be viewed as an alternative to IP-based networks [6].

The incorporation of various low-cost smart devices such as sensors and actuators, as well as the rapid development of wireless communication

technologies that enable small and low-cost objects to connect to the Internet, have aided the spread of the Internet of Things (IoT), in which physical objects transform into smart things in everyday life[7]. ICN solutions, when combined with IP-based methodologies such as those provided in Shenget al's work, may be used to accelerate the rise of IoT and related applications. Instead of depending on IP host identification, information-centric networks have the benefit of having a notion for designating content and finding information in the architectural center 6. [8]

Cities are becoming smarter, which may expose individuals to significant security and privacy threats owing to the nature of gadgets with limited resources, making the smart city susceptible to numerous security assaults. These flaws might lead to a slew of cyber-attacks. In intelligent cities. Malicious attackers, for example, may generate false data while altering sensor data, resulting in a loss of control over highly intelligent systems [9-15]. A hacking assault caused a massive power outage for 230,000 people in Ukraine in 2015. Many devices with limited resources, such as sensors and cameras, which gather and communicate sensitive data in smart cities, might also be subject to hostile hacker assaults, threatening people's security and privacy [16-20]. As a result of these cyber-attacks, home area information gathered and managed by smart homes may give a means to learn about people's lifestyles. In terms of privacy, cloud computing may offer cost-effective data processing and storage services [21,22]. However, several concerns with cloud-based IoT applications, such as a lack of navigation, location awareness, latency, and security, may be addressed using a fog computing architecture [23]. Fog Computing tackles these issues by offering computing resources to consumers at the network's edge, which reduces latency and improves service quality. However, security and privacy are two significant concerns in fog computing owing to differences in fog computing and cloud computing that make cloud security solutions unsuitable for fog computing services exposed to users[24]. Security assaults may be mitigated using a variety of encryption approaches. These technologies, however, are unsuitable for resource-constrained IoT devices in smart cities. Offloading extra security-related tasks to a fog-based node, which may allow security and data analysis directly at the network's edge, might be one approach in this area [25-30].

The smart city idea, according to IBM, is centered on three basic characteristics:'staged,' 'interconnected,' and'smart'[31-36].

This characteristic refers to a city that is covered by a network of devices such as sensors and actuators. As a result of these devices, city platforms have access to trustworthy and current information [37-45].

Connected: A smart city has a large number of systems that work together to give information from many areas and sources. Then, employing a specific combination of networked and equipped systems, a connection from the physical world to the actual world may be established [46-50].

Smart: refers to a planned and networked environment that utilizes data from numerous systems and devices, such as sensors, to enhance residents' quality of life.

2 Background and Related Work

The complex and linked character of smart cities poses significant political, technological, and socioeconomic issues for the designers, integrators, and organizations in charge of these new entities [51-67]. An rising number of studies concentrate on smart city security, privacy, and dangers, emphasizing threats to information security and the issues that smart city infrastructure faces in handling and processing personal data [68, 69]. This research examines many of these issues and offers a useful synthesis of the relevant primary literature as well as the growth of the smart city interaction framework [70]. The research is organized around a number of key topics in smart city research, including: privacy and security of mobile devices and services [71], smart city infrastructure, energy and healthcare systems, frameworks, algorithms, and protocols to improve security, privacy, operational threats to smart cities, use and adoption of smart services by citizens, use of blockchain, and use of social media [72-80]. This detailed analysis gives a valuable perspective on numerous critical topics and serves as the primary path for future research. The findings of this study may serve as an informative research framework and a point of reference for academics and practitioners.

Concerns about privacy and cyber-attacks in smart cities

Almost every element of personal privacy is likely to be jeopardized in a smart city; sensitive personal information such as location, identity, habits, and social interactions will be infringed if not well safeguarded. In order to provide our readers with a better knowledge of privacy concerns in a smart city setting, we will go through the major difficulties that have been discovered or investigated from the standpoint of numerous smart applications [81-56].

Security threats and countermeasures

Intelligent transmission systems, like other wireless networks, are subject to numerous security assaults, and adequate countermeasures are necessary to protect the corresponding applications. One of the most important criteria for a secure vehicle network is availability, which guarantees data transmission within latency constraints utilizing low-weight and lightweight encryption methods [87]. Vehicle identification and data are entirely anonymous thanks to confidentiality. Another important security aspect is authentication, which guarantees that messages are transmitted by a valid ITS station, that neighboring traffic sites are correctly checked, and that hostile users' data assaults are prohibited. Delegation is a critical security need for determining proper data access control for different ITS terminals [88]. Another security concern is ensuring data integrity and ensuring that data has not been altered by a hostile user.

[89] illustrates a list of security threats, security needs that constitute a danger, and viable responses. DoS attacks have an impact on service availability and, as a result, the quality of service for security applications. Jamming assaults, which broadcast a noise signal over the physical channel to raise interference levels and distort communications, fall under this category. Spam assaults, on the other hand, inject a huge number of bogus messages into the network in order to make the channel busy and inaccessible [90]. Sybil attacks employ bogus node identities to send phony messages, which may create network congestion and distribute incorrect information [91]. Additional assaults on network availability include malware, spam, black holes, gray holes, sink holes, and warm holes [92]. Digital signature techniques may be used to defeat the majority of these assaults.

3 Security Issues in Smart Cities

Privacy protection has become one of the biggest problems in our data-driven society. Many related studies have been completed in the past two decades. Clustering-based methods are first applied in privacy protection domains [95-100]. Differential privacy, due to its rigorous privacy guarantee, has attracted increasing attention and applications. In this section, we focus on the domain of the Smart City, and try to provide an extensive review of developed protection technologies, which are summarized from the perspective of different disciplines [95-96].

Smart metering infrastructure is an important component of smart grids, which enable distributed system operators to record real-time power consumption periodically and optimize services for residents. However, the ability to mon- itor power flows also raises concerns about privacy, because it can expose the private life of residents (e.g., living habits, working hours,

and whether the residents are away from their home) [93]. If the data is stolen by attackers or illegally used by untrusted system operators, the privacy of customers might be compromised. Therefore, how to protect a residence's sensitive information has become a hot research topic [94].

3.1 CONVENTIONAL APPROACHES

Cryptographic algorithms are the most frequently used privacy protection method in the IoT domain. Many cryptographic tools have been applied in practice. Unfortunately, traditional encryption mechanisms with overly computational complexity cannot meet the new requirements for smart applications, especially for those systems that consist of many resource-constraint devices. Consequently, how to develop lightweight yet effective encryption algorithms is of significant practical value.

Homomorphic encryption (HE), as a method of performing calculations on encrypted information, has received increasing attention in recent years. The key function of it is to protect sensitive information from being exposed when performing computations on encrypted data. For example, Abdallah et al. developed a lightweight HE-based privacy protection data aggregation method for smart grids that can avoid involving the smart meter when aggregate readings are performed. Another work by Talpur et al. proposed an IoT network architecture based on HE technology for healthcare monitoring systems. Despite the great potential of HE methods, computational expense may restrict the application of this method.

Zero-knowledge proof is another cryptographic method that allows one party to prove something to other parties, without conveying additional information. For application in the Smart City domain, Dousti et al. developed an authentication protocol for smart cards through zero-knowledge proofs.

3.2 CIPHER METHODS

The Kaiser code is a form of substitution code, however it is one of the simplest since the replacement code may be used to build numerous complicated codes. For example, the table below depicts a basic replacement algorithm based on the key. 123 Plaintext I T P E D I A A I T P E D I A I T P E D I A I +1 +2 +3 +1 +2 +3 +1 +2 +2 Ciphertext B K W Q G G J C B K W Q G G J C B K W Q G G J A more advanced replacement technique, not based on the designation, may be employed against each letter in the alphabet with another letter. For instance, we may use the following key:

The issue is, why did we choose the key (DKVQFIBJWPESCXHTMYAUOLRGZN), and does it follow any rules? This key is generated at random, and there is no special rule for doing so,

however we aim to divide the letters as evenly as possible. As an example: If we use this approach to encode ait pedia, it will be in the form Plaintext. AITPEDIA Ciphertext DWUTFQWD Breaking the basic substitution method is more harder than breaking Caesar's algorithm. In Caesar's method, knowing the original letter matching to a blinded letter leads to knowledge of the other letters; however, in the replacement algorithm, the range of values or tries required to break the system is 26 × 25 x 24 x... x 1, which equals 26! It is about equivalent to 4 1026 and is a big field with stronger resistance to penetration. This strategy is insufficient, and the difficulty is that the language (whether Arabic or English) has repetition since the letters are not used in the same order. Attempts to break this system are based on the original language's character frequency, which is estimated by evaluating a huge number of texts. Assuming, for example, that the frequency of the letter e is 13%, we may determine the frequency of the letters in the encrypted language. If we discover that the letter t, for example, has a frequency close to this frequency, the letter t in the blind language is often offset by the letter e in the original language. Take the following text as an example: UZQSOVUOHXMOPVGPOZPEVSGZWSZOPFPESXUDBMETSXAIZ VUEPHZHMDZSHZOWSFPAPPDTSVPQUZWYMXUZUHSX EPYEPOPDZSZUFPOMBZMJDFUDZ To locate the original text, we compute the most common letter in the text, and for the purpose of speculation, we make P = e, Z = t, and by guesswork, we also create ZW = th, so that it is ZWP = the, and after many tries, we obtain the following text: Yesterday, it was revealed that many casual but direct connections had been established with political figures in Moscow.

4 Conclusion

Cities have evolved into dynamic smart homes as they develop and flourish. Indeed, many governments have initiated smart city programs, which represent the greatest method to make cities smart. In reality, IoT may be used in a variety of contexts, including building health monitoring through passive WSN networks and environmental monitoring. Gas concentration, lake water level, or soil moisture, waste management, smart parking, carbon dioxide emissions reduction, or self-driving vehicles are all examples of examples of examples of examples of examples of examples of examples of examples of examples of examples of examples of examples of examples of examples of examples of examples of examples of Such objectives need a massive number of interconnected items. In reality, the number of linked things is growing rapidly, and it is anticipated that 50 billion connected objects will be deployed in smart cities by 2020; nevertheless, this enormous number will raise numerous hazards and privacy concerns, and we have presented an overview of the Internet in this work. Things in the context of smart cities,

and we addressed how they may improve city intelligence, as well as the flaws and hazards linked with the expansion and use of the Internet.

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