Secure and Private Wireless-Edge Networking via Named Data

security seamless management scalable data-centric privacy trust access-control localize-compromise user-friendly automated-security

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Use-cases for ICE-AR





Campus Scenario Infrastructure and Compute Support, Trusted devices

ICE-AR: Minimum effort transition possible **Disaster Scenario**

Disrupted communication, diverse agencies, widetrust spectrum

Diverse Device Classes and Capabilities



Powerful Devices API, Accelerator, Wireless AP, BS (cells: femto, micro, etc.), First-responder vehicles

PKI; Acceleration; GPUs.

Somewhat Constrained Devices Smart phones, Tablets, Headmounted displays

PKI, Symmetric Key Infrastructure; Some acceleration

Low-power Devices IoT devices, sensors, etc.

Symmetric Key; Low-cost hashing, Hash-chains

Threat Model

Insider Threat Incidents Are Pervasive





Source: 2013 US State of Cybercrime Survey, CSO Magazine, U.S. Secret Service, Software Engineering Institute CERT Program at Carnegie Mellon University, and Price Waterhouse Cooper, June 2013



Insider Attack Valid Identities, Certificates, Namespaces, Routes (*Trusted (students, faculty); Semitrusted* (guests of trusted entity); Untrusted (visitors))

Fake data, hijacking name-prefix; sinkhole, blackhole, wormhole, DoS/DDoS Outsider Attack Only guest identity/certs (at best), no pervasive routing

Passive monitoring and traffic analysis, jamming to disrupt communications, probing network structure

Cannot perform DoS/DDoS as does not have credentials to sign packets

NDN: "intrinsic data provenance/ authenticity"



https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/On_the_Internet,_nobody_knows_you%27re_a_dog

Example: A camera publishing data into the network



- NDN protocol stack
 - NFD: for network connectivity
- Routing configuration
 - Discovery of local hub & prefixes
 - Local data prefixes propagation
- Identity/Certificate
 - Sign Data with the certificate corresponded to identity
 - Data can be authenticated as it travels through the network

Identity Management



- Every application has corresponding identity (namespace) and certificate for this namespace
- Applications could manage sub-identities and their certificates (working in progress)



Specific Research Tasks:

- Trust rules *generalization* for the device universe;
- *Extension* to different trust settings (sp. Edge/IoT devices, AP, drone);
- Automated trust-level assignment for data based on reputation index for data sources;
- Conflating diverse data streams to increase information trust level.

Schematized Trust Illustration for oncampus scenario.



Illustration showing chain-of-trust rooted at the root key for videocams sharing FoV in Boelter Hall, using the proposed trust schema.

Named Data Security and Access Control at Scale

For all devices other than low-power "things".

Named Content: "/ucla/people/student/class/CS400" Named Key: "/ucla/people/student/class/CS400/videocam/KEY"

For the low-power "things":

- hierarchical n/w
- mutually authenticated secure onboarding
- secure comms. with controller using symm. keys
- off-loading of computation to controller

Specific Research Tasks:

- exploring scalable AC using ABE, CP-ABE, broadcast enc.;
- extension of basic auth. model with secure on-boarding for IoT.
- How to scale?

Identity-mapping + trust-offloading: Capable devices.

Up-to-the clouds

Data aggregation, processing, acceleration, coordination, anomaly detection, location certification, data publication

Foggy-bottom

PKI for bootstrapping and signatures

Dynamic session keys for content enc.



Reputation assessment

Access levels assignments and interactions

Identity-mapping + trust-offloading: IoT to Controller.

Data aggregation, processing, acceleration, coordination, anomaly detection, location certification, data publication; namespace compaction; content re-encryption

Up-to-the clouds

Foggy-bottom

Symmetric keys for enc./dec, message authentication



Transfer of reputation and access levels (Both data and operations)

Can we perform secure, seamless onboarding and routing for devices?



Scalability, efficiency, synchronized multi-interface, multi-technology, configurability, security, ...

Hierarchical topology, multi-level routing, identity-mapping, namespace management, ...

User privacy in the many-to-many multisource to multi-sink model

- Anonymity and accountability trade-off
 - Can we bridge the gap?
 - Conditional privacy with mutual authentication
- Challenges of multi-modal and large data volume generated by users
 - Diverse sources enable better analytics: Differential privacy?
- Challenges/opportunities in preserving privacy of devices/users
 - Scale, application diversity, technology diversity

Location-based Signature and Privacy at Scale

Granular, LocationEfficient SignatureBased IdentityGeneration/Verification

Identity Privacy

Specific Research Tasks:

- Efficient, private location-based namespace creation for all producers (including IoT devices);
- Signature generation/verification time efficiency techniques
 (e.g., XORing packets' hashes for single verification) and
 - use of h/w acceleration;
- enhanced naming for efficient identity privacy for devices (including IoT devices) and users
 - pseudonyms, conditional privacy, anonymous mutual authentication

Where to use acceleration in security?

 Signature generation/verification and stronger content encryption:

- Faster encryption to reduce latency as needed, for content aggregation, query response, or postprocessing data
 - Improving hardware implementations, e.g., Intel AES-NI
 - Implementing other symm. key algorithms (Speck, Simon, etc.*)
 - Named-functions for security and privacy-preserving computations.
- False Data Injection Mitigation
 - Wireless AP, aggregators, and controller
 - Correlating different data streams for in-network data/device validation

* D. Dinu, Y. L. Corre, D. Khovratovich, L. Perrin, J. Großschädl, and A. Biryukov. "Triathlon of Lightweight Block Ciphers for the Internet of Things." *IACR Cryptology ePrint Archive*, 2015, p.209. http://eprint.iacr.org/.

Things we have abstract ideas on.

- Use of schematized trust across the spectrum of "capable" devices
- Concept of name-based access control; where, how, when to use it?
- Location based signature and privacy and leveraging it
- Using AaaS for signatures, encryption, computations, etc.

Things we need to investigate. A How to scale it up?





- Symm. keys, PKI, new ciphers, new reputation and access control mechanisms
- Security infrastructure working through disruptions?
- Security and privacy implications of data diversity and disruptions at scale?

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Thank you!