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Smartflage: Data Transfer among Different Modes for Mobile Android System

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Abstract

The impact of Smartphone in our daily routine is increasing day by day. Due to emerging technologies protection of data is the main issue. Encryption technique plays an important role in protection of data. There are several approaches to provide the security of data. When the data is communicated or stored then numerous scenarios i.e. security issues, quality of service etc could take place. In this paper we are going to develop an approach which provides the data transfer among Administrative mode, User mode and Guest mode.

INTRODUCTION

Smartphone is basically a mobile phone which is having an operating system [1][2][3]. Smartphone usually having the configurations of a phone having a wide range of user devices, i.e. Wireless Fidelity (Wi-Fi), third party application, motion sensor, payment using mobile. Reputation of Smartphone basically deals from their small size, complicated development and ability of connection, low-priced, and their potential to accommodate flexible third party applications. Dissimilar kinds of data are basically organized by the Smartphone i.e. login id for communication, consumption or creation of data by applications etc. Smartphone can be used for different purposes i.e. business and user based data. In the current scenario Smartphone is accepted worldwide. Due to vulnerable types of data, mostly mobile operating system has storage encryption space.

Different service providers use different types of encryption techniques i.e. Apple's iOS use file based and android uses full disk encryption. Android full disk encryption technique has the problem of deniable encryption i.e. if the user is forced to give decrypted key.

According to plausible deniable encryption, data is encrypted with different key but original can be recovered with the true key only. If the user is forced by the invader, then user provide the different key instead of true key to access the original data [3]. Some genuine real-world situation can permit the employ of Plausible Deniable Encryption allowed storage i.e. a human privileges employee working in a section of conflict. A terrorist who belongs to terrorist group enters into Australia by stitching the SD card which contains the evidence of slaughter, underneath his skin. Smart phones broadly utilized to detain and distribute numerous videos and images of popular revolutions etc. Plausible deniable encryption is used to avoid a user from being penalized in case of controversial stuff; an invader can impound the appliance itself if such type of data is supposed to survive [4].

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Mobile devices most widely used by the users in comparison to laptop and desktop PCs. Smartphone .i.e. android operating system provide the framework for encryption and decryption with the help of soft keyboard. Desktop or laptop windows use true crypt boot loader. Plausible deniable encryption system .i.e. Mobiflage contains all the recognized attacks adjacent to desktop PCs [5]. Mobiflage basically a plausible deniable enabled storage encryption system which only support Android operating system. Plausible deniable encryption technique lacks in the sense that if user provide the true key by mistake to decrypt the data.

The worldwide sales of mobile devices, especially for smartphones, grew by an increasing rate over the last years. Gartner says that 304 millions of mobile device units were sold in the year 2010, which is an increase of 72.1 percent in comparison to the year 2009 [1]. The increasing popularity and capability of mobile devices and the confides of organization to integrate them into their business processes represents an attractive target for criminals to attack [2]. As a consequence, organisations need to implement policies to manage the risk of using mobile devices in an enterprise environment, especially when the data that the mobile devices are handling is sensitive and confidential.

Smartphone reputation lies primarily from their tiny size, sophisticated processing and connectivity capabilities, cheap price, and their capability to host versatile third party appliances. Smartphone organize different types of data .i.e. communication logs, data created or consumed by applications, sensor data and multimedia etc. In spite of not being secure, Smartphone users take away the device on different location and used with different network connectivity. Smartphone is used as multipurpose device .i.e. personal and business oriented data. Now a day's Mobile computing devices and Smartphone are being extensively adopted worldwide. Due to increasing number of users day by day .i.e. 1.75 billion Smartphone users worldwide as per emarketer.com report [1] [2], the amount of individual data accumulated in Smartphone has also been augmented. Mostly mobile operating system producers presently contains some point of storage encryption due to susceptible nature of data. Different service providers use different types of encryption techniques .i.e. Apple's iOS use file based and android uses full disk encryption. Android full disk encryption technique has the problem of deniable encryption .i.e. if the user is forced to give decrypted key.

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I. BACKGROUND

In the following section, we have argued Smartflage's hazard model and equipped hypothesis, and few legal features of using true crypt in general. The main anxiety with upholding whether the system will provide any clue of the continuation of some unknown data. Smartflage's hazard model and hypothesizes are mostly based on past work on mobiflage [6].

1. Smartflage must be merged with the default Android code stream to ensure that many devices are capable of using true crypt. After that an opponent will be incapable to craft hypothesis about the existence of concealed volumes based on the accessibility of software support.
2. Smartflage presently needs a material Static Digital card. Devices .i.e. Galaxy Nexus does not support external storage but it basically uses the media transfer protocol and split a single partition for the internal application storage and external user reachable storage. This external reachable storage is further divided into internal and

external storage. The invader has the knowledge of the device which is already encrypted as well as complete knowledge of Smartflage's design, but don't have the encrypted key and the matching password. The offset of Smartflage's hidden volume is reliant on the password of true crypt. So invader doesn't have the knowledge about it.

3. The invader can force the user to disclose their encryption keys and passwords i.e. unlock screen secret but invader will be able to get the true key. To disclose the original data true key is needed. But if by chance user had provided the true key to the invader then data will be lost. To avoid this problem Smartflage provides deniability by encrypting and hiding and again encrypting and hiding the data. So user has to enter true key two times. The invader can also have right to use the device internally as well as externally and so invader could access complete storage from root level. Invader can manipulate the disk by dictionary attack. Such type of problem can be tackled with Smartflage [8].
4. In case of desktop, invader periodically accesses the encrypted volume [9, 1] on the other hand for mobile devices invader needs to access the storage volume only after detaining the user. Invader can gather service action logs from carriers to disclose the use of an encryption mode on alleged devices. This hypothesis significantly fortifies the invader model [8].
5. It is assumed that mobile operating system, boot loader and kernel are free from malware. If invader has access to operating system then invader can intercept data and monitor the ongoing call [5]. It is also assumed that invader doesn't detain the user device while in the encrypted mode. User has to follow certain guidelines i.e. user has to use the device in administrative, user as well as guest mode periodically.

III. PROPOSED WORK

In this section, we mainly explain specific selections that are accomplished for Smartflage. We discriminate between the recommended objectives of Smartflage Secure digital and Smartflage media transfer protocol. All the proposed components are explicit to the android. Android is basically implemented as prototype. It is intended that most of the features are distracted to other systems.

We have basically created three close levels: an administrative level for settings and applications, and a bigger additional level for documents, photos etc. We describe the subsequent approaches of operation for Smartflage [15].

- a) **Administrative mode:** In this mode of operation data is stored secretly and if invader wants to access this data could not access. True password is only provided during the entering mode of operation. Secret data is stored at the same place where the physical storage takes place in the normal way. Invader can easily detect the composition of data after decrypting the extra storage space. If extra space is not available for the storage of data in that case an invader could easily guess that there would be secret data. In the data is encrypted two times using two different keys i.e. true key 1 and true key 2 [16] [17].
- b) **User's mode:** In this mode user performs activities for everyday. It is the default mode and data is stored by default in this mode. Without any difficulty storage encryption is performed. Password is entered at the time of booting.
- c) **Guest mode:** In this mode only a user other than particular organization can access the mode i.e. guest access the device.

If in a case when it is necessary to transfer of data without switching the modes i.e. if user don't have enough time for switching. We are offering a safe mechanism for transferring data among several modes i.e. Administrative mode, Guest Mode, User mode. We basically build up both the volumes concurrently which provide the simple solution but we have to compromise regarding security issue. Because sensitive files can be transferred to the secured space [10-14].

IV. CONCLUSION

Mobile devices are increasingly being used for capturing and spreading images of popular uprisings and civil disobedience. To keep such records hidden from authorities, deniable storage encryption may offer a viable technical solution.

Such PDE-enabled storage systems exist for mainstream desktop/laptop operating systems. With Mobiflage, we explore design and implementation challenges of PDE for mobile devices, which may be more useful to regular users and human rights activists. Mobiflage's design is partly based on the lessons learned from known attacks and weaknesses

of desktop PDE solutions. We also consider unique challenges in the mobile environment (such as ISP or wireless carrier collusion with the adversary). To address some of these challenges, we need the user to comply with

certain requirements. We compiled a list of rules the user must follow to prevent leakage of information that may weaken deniability. Even if users follow all these guidelines, we do not claim that Mobiflage's design is completely safe against any leaks (cf. [7]). We want to avoid giving any false sense of security. We present Mobiflage here to encourage further investigation of PDE-enabled mobile systems. Source code of our prototype implementation is available on request.

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