Performance Analysis and Identification Malicious nodes in the MANET using Trust Based and Auditor Based Methods

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ABSTRACT

In this communication, we have analyzed the performance of MANET network by adopting the trust based and the auditor based mechanisms with this we are able to identify the malicious nodes in the network. With the incorporation of performance improved watchdog in the MANET, overall network performance is improved in terms of security and the energy effectiveness. The two mechanisms are involved in the performance improved watchdog to identify the malicious nodes in the network, i.e., in primary level we have combined one-hop with auditor node and in the secondary level we have placed an active watchdog. Because of this to level mechanism all the malicious nodes in the MANET are effectively identified and the security of the system is improved.

Key words: MANET, watchdog, WSN, malicious nodes, auditor node.

1. INTRODUCTION

MANET has emerged into many wireless communication applications because of its great ability and potential. MANET topology is complex in nature since the mobile nodes are interconnected across multi hop communication paths whereas mobile nodes determine the topology[1-4]. Because of MANET topology dynamic nature the probability of malicious nodes is very high. The primary challenges in the MANET is improving the energy effectiveness and improving the network security.

MANETs are especially susceptible to numerous forms of attacks and threats to security due to maximum sovereignty of the user nodes and absence of any centralized infrastructure. The integration of credibility- and trust-based structures into MANET will help overcome these problems. In a MANET, both nodes may be local, because there is no network connectivity or network back-haul. The network energy effectiveness and security primarily depends on how effectively we can identify the malicious nodes in the topology. There are so many mechanisms like trust based, audit based and credit based. Active watchdog comes under trust based mechanism to identify the malicious nodes in the network.

In promiscuous mode, watchdog overhears the message sent by its neighbors. If it finds any data transmitting anomalies or a malicious data from a neighbor, it may identify the neighbor as misbehaving. Condition is generated by taking an extra hop of traversal in which the hostile nodes appear to drop their own packets while the auditor node attempts to key out nodes that are hostile contributing to their eventual removal. Wireless connections may be prone to erratic node motions in Mobile Ad Hoc Networks (MANET), contributing to regular bond errors and unexpected topology adjustments. Maintaining the network connection in MANET can therefore be difficult. Mobility control is a significant problem in ad hoc mobile networks (manets), owing in part to rapidly evolving topologies of the network[5-8].

A monitor that detects misbehaving nodes and a path rating system that allows route protocols to stop certain nodes. The two methods used to identify and minimize routing misbehavior are Monitor and Path rate. The Watchdog identifies nodes that are misbehaving by holding a buffer of packets that have just been received. The Deb ugger then tries to check if the next node has already transmitted a packet by overhearing the adjacent nodes' transmissions. The Monitor extracts the packet from its buffer as it concludes that the next node has forwarded the packet[9-12]. The safeguard system consists of multiple modules, each monitoring module having a different role. The larger the number of modules, the greater the amount of resource on
A likelihood distribution is believed to obey the credibility equation.

![Diagram of node behavior](image)

**Figure 2:** Node's misbehavior in MANET.

### 2. RELATED WORK

The Watchdog technique is a critical building block for several confidence schemes built to protect wireless sensor networks (WSNs). Unfortunately, this form of procedure requires a great deal of energy and thus effectively reduces WSN's lifetime. The comparison of a transaction is not clear in the case of credibility schemes for MANETs because of the restricted observability and detectability of a mobile node. To track misbehavior, nodes promiscuously overhear their neighbors' conversations.

The part used for this form of monitoring is named Watchdog[9], Monitor[10], or Neighbour Watch[11-12]. Wireless channel instability and energy conservation are the key problems for watchdog systems. Every monitor is located so close to its goal node that communications require minimal resources. In the other hand, mission frequencies are chosen according to the trust worthiness of the goal nodes. The lower frequency of the activities is appropriate when the goal nodes are secure. This saves electricity by cutting back on transmission numbers. The findings also shown effectively that our watchdog optimization strategies will save at least 39.44 percent of energy without losing any reliability (less than 0.06 in terms of confidence precision and robustness), including in certain instances improving safety against some assaults. Several monitoring issues have been found in, such as the challenge of unambiguously detecting that a node is not transmitting packets in the face of collisions or in the cases of insufficient transmission capacity.

The watchdog function in CORE is focused on the promiscuous style of wireless node device operations. Moreover, by ranking the end-to-end link the nodes will determine the outcome of a transaction. CONFIDANT utilizes passive acknowledgement not only to check that a node can forward packets, but also as a way of detecting when a packet has been illegitimately changed before forwarding. Marti et al.[13] suggested watchdog and path ratter components for minimizing routing misbehavior. They found improved performance in MANETs by complementing the DSR protocol with a watchdog for detecting rejected packet forwarding and a path rate for confidence management and routing procedure, ranking any path used.

This makes any node on its routing path to stop malicious nodes. Watchdog measures a node's wrong doing by copying packets to be transmitted to a buffer and tracking the adjacent nodes actions against such packets. Promiscuously the inspector snoops to verify whether the nearby nodes forward the packets without alteration. If the snooped packets fit those in the control node buffer, they will simply be discarded. The packets that persist past a specified amount of time in the control node buffer are marked as having been dropped or charged. The node responsible for transmitting the packets would then be identified as a suspect node. If a specified threshold value increases the amount of such failures to forward packets, the guilty node would be marked as a malicious node. Knowledge regarding hazardous nodes is forwarded to the feature pathrater for use in path evaluation [14].

### 3. PROPOSED METHOD

The proposed framework utilizes the Active Watchdog methods for MANET. This procedure is utilized to adjust vitality proficiency and security as far as trust exactness. In this powerful Watch dog enhancement strategy the data sends from source to destination node in the way huge numbers of the nodes are accessible. The neighbour or closest node is considered for data transmission that is selected Active Watch Dog node with the goal to decrease the consumption of power and increasing security. This Watch dog is called as a Active Watch dog as it continuously monitors all the nodes transactions during data communication.
Initially when a MANET is established, the nodes in the network are dynamic in nature and then the administrator nodes are selected for key generation and maintenance. Among the nodes initially a node having high computational power and energy efficiency is considered as Active Watchdog node and when the communication is initiated, the node will calculate the data packets received by the node and send to neighbor nodes as

\[
\text{Data Transferred (N}_i\text{)} = \text{Data Received} - \text{Data Send to Neighbor node.} \tag{1}
\]

Here \(N_i\) represents specific node \(i\).

If there is any change in the data transferred level, the node is marked as malicious node and the remaining nodes are certified as trusted nodes. A node whose data transferred rate is less than ‘5’ is certified as trusted nodes. After the communication is completed, the network marks all nodes as trusted or malicious nodes.

The Active watchdog node will be dynamically changed for every transaction and the data maintained by the Active watch dog node should be transferred to the new Active Watchdog node before leaving the MANET. The watch dog node records the malicious activities caused by several nodes and those nodes are not considered from next communications. Extreme objective is to lessen the power consumption by Watch dog.

4. RESULTS AND DISCUSSIONS

4.1. Auditor based

The test was performed in the simulator at NS2. A distinction was made between the approaches introduced and the procedures used during the audit. The findings are illustrated graphically below based on the research which focuses on the packet distribution ratio. In the experiment, three approaches were analysed. It includes; Normal Auditor Process process Auditor & One Hop (AOH) system.

Figure 3: performance improved active watchdog algorithm flowchart.
The two mechanisms are involved in the performance improved watchdog to identify the malicious nodes in the network, i.e., in primary level we have combined one-hop with auditor node and in the secondary level we have placed an active watchdog. The approach suggested eliminates the failure of the packets during contact. Any node essentially has the auditor and on one-hop method if it has forwarded the packets to next nodes without any miscellaneous intervention. Reduction of packet loss rate is seen in the figure below.

In Figure 3 and Figure 4, the three strategies are compared and contrasted respectively with 10 percent and 20 percent malicious nodes. With the rising amount of malicious nodes, the amount of packet droppings is growing. The AOH approaches thus demonstrates significantly improved distribution efficiency than other approaches. In the proposed AOH process, the pause in data transmission between the nodes is minimized and is shown in the figure below.

The distribution ratio is the percentage of the message transmitted to the message produced.

\[
Delivery\ ratio = \frac{Number\ of\ messages\ delivered}{Number\ of\ messages\ created}
\]

(2)

Figure 4: Delivery ratio: 10% malicious nodes.

Figure 5: Delivery ratio: 20% malicious nodes.

Figure 6: Delay in data transfer.

Figure 7: Packet loss reduction.

Figure 8: Throughput level.
The suggested system efficiency is higher than the current methods. The findings indicate that the AOH approach suggested demonstrates greater and better efficiency than conventional methodologies.

4.2. Trust based

The proposed method is implemented in NS2 and the proposed watchdog method is implemented which provides security to the data and identifies the malicious nodes in the MANET for secure data transmission. The parameters used for establishing a MANET is depicted in Table 1.

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<td>Topology size</td>
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<td>Random Waypoint</td>
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<td>Max. no. of packets</td>
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<td>Pause time</td>
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The overall communication overhead of the proposed active watch dog method is compared with the traditional watch dog method and the results are depicted in figure 9.

![Figure 9: Communication Overhead levels.](image)

After the MANET is established and the watch dog node is selected, the identification rate of the malicious nodes are depicted in Figure 10.

![Figure 10: Active Watch dog system identification rate.](image)

The proposed active watch dog method effectively identifies the malicious nodes in the network. As all nodes are trusted nodes, the packet delivery rate in the proposed method is high as shown in Figure 11.

![Figure 11: Packet Delivery Ratio.](image)

The energy consumption rate of the proposed method is very less when compared to traditional methods. The energy consumption rate is depicted in Figure 12.

![Figure 12: Energy Consumption Ratio.](image)

The data security level of the proposed method is illustrated in Figure 13.

![Figure 13: Data Security Level.](image)
5. CONCLUSION

We have improved the watchdog performance in the MANET network which is able to identify the malicious nodes in the network. With the incorporation of performance improved watchdog in the MANET, overall network performance is improved in terms of security and the energy effectiveness. The two mechanisms are involved in the performance improved watchdog to identify the malicious nodes in the network, i.e., in primary level we have combined one-hop with auditor node and in the secondary level we have placed an active watchdog. Because of this to level mechanism all the malicious nodes in the MANET are effectively identified and the security of the system is improved.

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