

# Design and Implementation of a Multifactor Unidentified Remote End User Authentication Mechanism for IoT Network

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## ABSTRACT

The proliferation of IoT devices and the implementation of 5G networks have raised concerns about the potential for increased security breaches due to the expanded attack surfaces resulting from improved connectivity. One of the primary approaches for addressing these security issues in IoT systems is establishing reliable user authentication methods. Many other authors still need to propose a multi-factor user authentication mechanism for the IoT, but their scheme was prone to several security attacks. It was susceptible, for example, to user impersonation attacks and stolen mobile devices. The scheme had no session key agreement or backup plan for lost/stolen devices or compromised private keys. In addition, we demonstrate that the proposed system is suitable for IoT contexts and has low computing and communication costs for low-cost IoT devices. In response to security concerns, we designed a multi-factor user authentication mechanism.

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## I. INTRODUCTION

The Internet of Things (IoT) is a network of nodes with limited resources that are densely distributed throughout environments. These nodes provide continuous service, regardless of location or time, and are employed in a variety of applications, including healthcare, smart homes, manufacturing, and cities. The launch of the 5G cellular network has increased expectations for a highly interconnected network that facilitates information sharing between portable devices and everyday objects. However, ensuring the security of IoT networks is vital in protecting user privacy from potential threats. Robust security measures must be implemented to achieve this, including virtual network security, data security, service availability, and data integrity. User authentication techniques must also adhere to strict security and functional standards to enhance IoT network security. Our proposed scheme is perfect for IoT devices because it offers cost-effective computing and communication capabilities. Additionally, our scheme is highly efficient in enhancing IoT network security, a crucial factor in today's digital landscape, where cyber threats are widespread. By utilizing our system, users can have peace of mind knowing that their IoT devices are thoroughly safeguarded against possible risks.

(1) User anonymity: The authentication mechanism should maintain user anonymity to safeguard user privacy. In other words, an attacker should be unable to determine the user's identity.

(2) Unlinkability: The system must prevent attackers from tracking the user's activities, thus ensuring unlinkability and improving user privacy.

(3) Mutual authentication: The scheme should enable

participants to confirm one another's authority through mutual authentication.

(4) Session key agreement: The key used for encrypting and decrypting messages in the authentication system must be fresh while guaranteeing forward secrecy [1].

(5) Resistance to several attacks: The authentication mechanism must satisfy all essential security objectives and resist known attacks [2].

When secret keys are revealed, it becomes possible for anyone to decode all network communication. A secure user authentication method must have countermeasures to prevent attackers from taking control of the IoT network, even if physical memory keys are exposed through side-channel attacks. Revoking something is a straightforward and efficient way to prevent it from being used or accessed [3]. If a user loses their private key or it gets stolen, the revocation mechanism can be implemented to issue the user a new key. Recently, several authentication systems have been developed to improve security [4][5]. In today's world, ensuring security is crucial, particularly in the IoT environment where resources are limited. The author [6] proposed a computationally efficient three-factor remote authentication technique suitable for IoT environments. In our analysis, we discovered security flaws in their plan. In our paper we propose a new authentication scheme that addresses these vulnerabilities through cryptanalysis. Our analysis verifies that the proposed multifactor authentication scheme satisfies all security requirements and is efficient for IoT contexts in calculating and communicating costs.

## A. Literature Review

Various studies have been conducted on two-step verification

methods to improve security and efficiency across network settings [9-11]. The authors of [12] refused IoT's goal to bridge the gap between physical and computer-based systems, to maximize economic welfare and efficiency with minimal human intervention. WSNs and IoT authentication issues are similar. IoT architecture can leverage knowledge from anonymous authentication schemes for WSNs, improving accuracy and efficiency, while reducing the need for human intervention. The author [13] proposed the first password-based authentication scheme and research into cryptographic technologies, such as symmetric and asymmetric key cryptography and hash functions, was sparked to ensure secure user authentication in WSNs. In this author [14] introduced the first password-based authentication system for WSNs. However, the author [15] identified security vulnerabilities in that technique as it could not withstand attacks involving multiple users with the same login ID or stolen-verifier attacks. To improve the security of Wong et al.'s scheme, Das et al. implemented a two-factor authentication strategy for users using the gateway (GW) [16]. However, later vulnerabilities were discovered in Das' method, and organizations faced several types of security threats, such as attacks against privileged insiders, impersonation, GW-node bypassing, etc.

Additionally, Das' scheme fails to ensure mutual verification between the gateway and sensor nodes. In response to security concerns with user authentication, [17] developed an improved two-factor authentication strategy.

However, author [20] discovered that their system was vulnerable to theft and attacks. method for WSNs that used smart cards. They improved the scheme's security by using elliptic curve cryptography (ECC). However, the author [22] found that the ECC-based technique required more processing and storage resources.

Symbol	Description
$Sn_i$	Sensor Node
$Mn_i$	Mobile Node
$Id_i$	Mobile device identity
$Pw_i$	Mobile node's password
$Id_i, NS_{ni}$	Identities of $Sn_i$ and $Id_i$
$Bio_i$	$Mn_i$ biometric
$T_x$	Timestamp
$n_x, r_x$	Random numbers
$SK$	Session key between $Mn_i$ and $Sn_i$
$EK(.), DK(.)$	Symmetric key encryption and decryption
$H(.)$	Hash function
$  $	Concatenation
$\oplus$	Xor operation
$K_{gu}$	Private key of $Mn_i$
$K_{gn}$	Secret key shared between $Sn_i$ and $GW$

Table 1. List of symbols and their description

In 2011, Yeh et al. [21] presented a novel user authentication A new, more secure approach was then introduced by Xue et al. [22]. However, Li et al. identified weaknesses in attacks such as offline password guessing, smart card loss, insider, and multiple logged-in users with the same login ID.

Security concerns in WSNs are addressed with mutual

authentication using hash and XOR operations proposed by author [25]. However, the author [26] identified security flaws in this technique, which were addressed by presenting a user authentication mechanism optimized for WSNs. Nonetheless author [27] reported that author [26] approach was unsafe against various attacks and breached the anonymity of users and sensor nodes.

Conventional two-factor authentication techniques are unsafe in real-world scenarios, as per authors research [6]. Based on the IoT network architecture, they established a lightweight multi-factor authentication system that employs passwords, biometrics, and mobile devices. Their technique resists password guessing, DoS, mobile phishing spoofing etc. Nevertheless, their method lacks a session key agreement and a method for revocation, making it vulnerable to user impersonation attacks and exploiting stolen mobile devices. In this paper, we evaluate the weaknesses in the security system in Dhillon and Kalra's approach [6] and introduce an improved lightweight authentication method suitable for IoT contexts that utilizes only Cryptography with symmetry, hashing, and XOR methods.

## B. Preface

IoT architecture models offer security, scalability, and low computing cost benefits. The author [23] proposed five resource-limited communication techniques. In our scheme, the mobile node  $Mn_i$  sends login and authentication requests to  $Sn_i$  and  $N_j$  to exchange session keys. This two-way authentication is carried out via the gateway GW. The user authentication procedure is explained in Figure 1.

- (1) To access the IoT network  $Mn_i$ , send a request to  $Sn_i$  for login and authentication.
- (2) Upon receiving the request message,  $Sn_i$  forwards it to GW for  $Mn_i$  authentication.
- (3) GW is analysing the message received from  $Sn_i$ , verifies  $Mn_i$ , and responds to  $Sn_i$ .
- (4) After  $Mn_i$  responds to  $Sn_i$ , authentication establishes a session key.

## II Bio-Hash Functions

Biometric identification is an effective and unique way to address security issues related to individual user credentials, such as passwords and tokens, which can be forgotten or stolen. However, dry or cracked skin can cause slight variations in biometric properties with each input or dust on the impression sensors, leading to high false rejection rates.

The author [24] developed a 2FA system in 2004 that utilizes fingerprint traits unique to each user and inner products of tokenized pseudo-random integers. They created a bio-hash code, a unique and compact code set for each user. They used a user-specific token of pseudo-random digits to convert the random binary string with a biometric characteristic. The use of bio-hash technology has been proposed in recent methods [30, 31] due to its suitability for tiny-capacity devices, making it a practical choice for biometrics-based multi-factor authentication schemes [32]. An anonymous user

authentication scheme for IoT environments with three factors and four phases has been developed.

- (1) Registration
- (2) Login and authentication
- (3) Password change
- (4) user-revocation phase.

## B. Registration of IoT node

The process of registering sensor node  $N_j$  is shown in Figure 3 and involves the following steps:

- (a)  $Sn_i$  randomly selects numbers  $r_j$  and computes  $Mp_j = h(K_{gn} \| r_j \| Nid_j)$  and  $Mi_j = r_j \oplus h(Nid_j \| K_{gn})$ .
- (b)  $Sn_i$  Sends  $\langle Nid_j, Mp_j, Mi_j \rangle$  to  $GW$  via the public channel.
- (c)  $GW$  Computes  $r_j^* = Mi_j \oplus h(Nid_j \| K_{gn})$  and  $MP_j^* = h(K_{gn} \| r_j^* \| Nid_j)$  and checks whether  $Mp_j^*$  and  $Mp_j$  are the same.

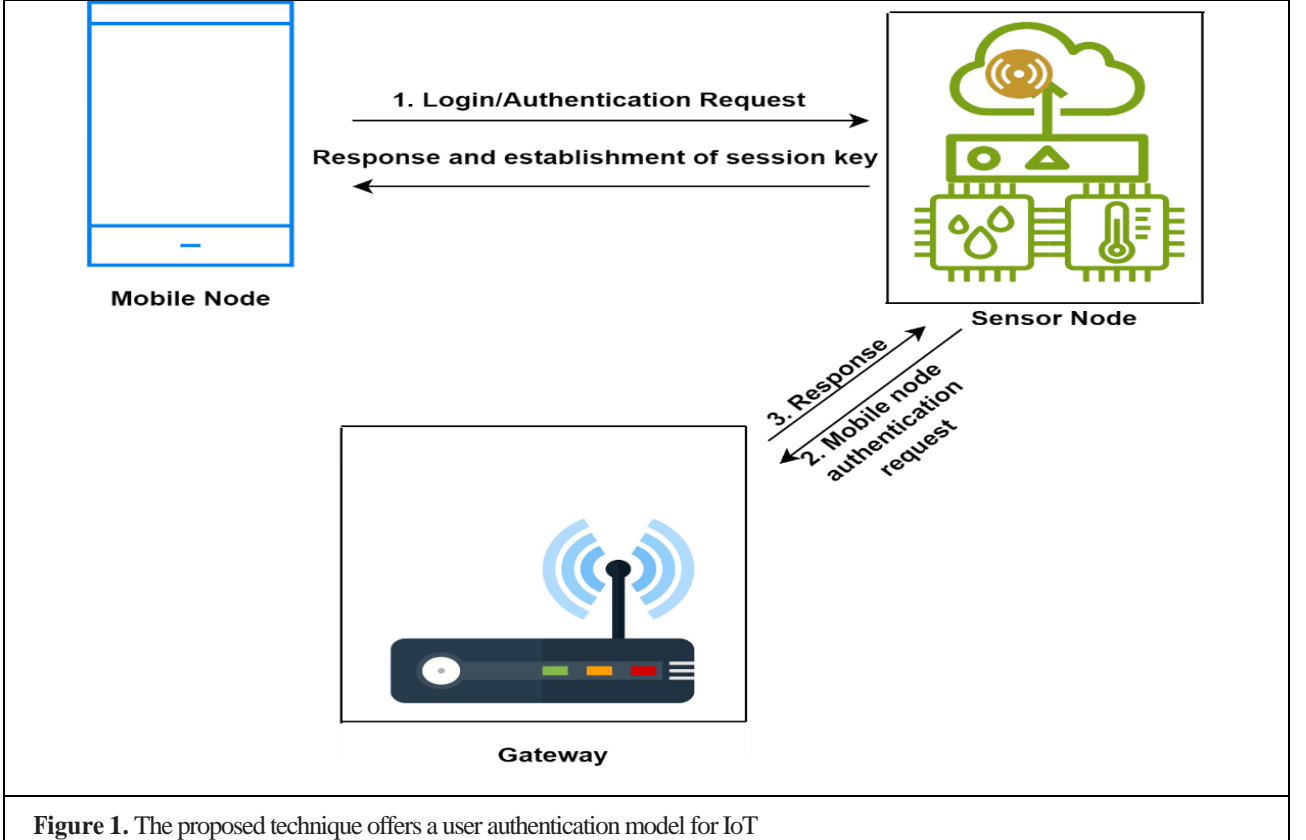


Figure 1. The proposed technique offers a user authentication model for IoT

## A. Registration of a User

The registration phase for  $Mn_i$  is illustrated in Figure 2 and includes the following steps:

- (a)  $Mn_i$  selects  $Id_i, Pw_i$ , and  $Bio_i$  and calculates  $PwB_i = h(Pw_i \| H(Bio_i))$  and  $Mid_i = h(Id_i \| h(Bio_i))$ .
- (b)  $Mn_i$  sends  $\langle Id_i, PwB_i, Mid_i \rangle$  to  $GW$  via the secure channel.
- (c)  $GW$  randomly selects numbers  $r_{GU}$  and  $r_D$ , and computes  $Rid_i = E_{kg}(Id_i)$ ,  $Pid_i = E_{kg}(Id_i \| r_{gu})$ ,  $x_i = h(Id_i \| PwB_i)$ , and  $y_i = h(Id_i \| PwB_i \| r_{gj}) \oplus h(K_{gu} \| Id_i)$ . A pair is stored by  $GW$  ( $Rid_i, Mid_i$ ) in the database.
- (d)  $GW$  sends  $\langle Pid_i, x_i, y_i, r_{gu} \rangle$  to  $Mn_i$ .
- (e) In the final step,  $Mn_i$  saves the parameters received  $\langle Pid_i, x_i, y_i, r_{gu} \rangle$ , in the mobile device.

- If they are,  $GW$  computes  $x_j = h(Nid_j \| K_{gn})$  and  $y_j = x_j \oplus Mp_j^*$ .
- (d)  $GW$  sends  $\langle y_j \rangle$  to  $Sn_i$ .
- (e)  $Sn_i$  Stores  $\langle y_j \rangle$  in memory space.

## C. Login and authentication phase

$MN_i$  and  $Sn_i$  mutually authenticate with the help of  $GW$  to create a session key. As shown in Figure 4 the login and authentication phases:

- (a)  $Mn_i$  enters  $Id_i, Pw_i$ , and  $Bio_i$ , computes  $PwB_i = h(Pw_i \| h(Bio_i))$  and  $x_i^* = h(Id_i \| PwB_i)$ , and checks whether  $x_i^*$  and  $x_i$  are the same. If they are not,  $Mn_i$  terminates this phase; otherwise,  $Mn_i$  random number produced and computes  $A_i = y_i \oplus h(Id_i \| PwB_i \| r_{gu})$ ,  $Un_i = h(A_i \| Pid_i \| n_i)$ , and  $Uz_i = n_i \oplus A_i$ .
- (b)  $Mn_i$  Sends the request,  $M_1 = \langle Pid_i, Un_i, Uz_i, T_1 \rangle$  to  $Sn_i$ .
- (c)  $Sn_i$  computes checks  $T_1$ 's freshness, generates  $n_j$  and computes  $T_1$  freshness and calculates  $x_j = y_j \oplus h(K_{gn} \| r_j \| Nid_j)$ ,  $A_j = h(x_j) \oplus n_j$  and  $B_j = h(x_j \| n_j)$ .
- (d)  $Sn_i$  Sends the message,  $M_2 = \langle M_1, Nid_j, A_j, B_j \rangle$  to  $GW$ .

Mobile Node $Mn_i$	Gateway (GW)
Select $Id_i, Pw_i, Bio_i$	Generate random numbers $r_{gu}$ and $r_d$
$PwB_i = h(Pw_i \parallel H(Bio_i))$	$Rid_i = E_{K_G}(Id_i)$
$Mid_i = h(Id_i \parallel h(Bio_i))$	$Pid_i = E_{K_d}(Id_i \parallel r_d)$
$\langle Id_i, PwB_i, Mid_i \rangle$	$X_i = h(Id_i \parallel PwB_i)$
	$Y_i = h(Id_i \parallel PwB_i \parallel r_{gu}) \oplus h(K_{gu} \parallel Id_i)$
	$\langle PID_i, X_i, Y_i, r_{gu} \rangle$ Store into the mobile device

**Table 2.** The phase of user registration for the proposed method

(e) Upon reception of the message from  $Sn_i$ ,  $GW$  calculates  $x_j^* = h(Nid_j \parallel K_{gn}), n_j^* = h(x_j^*) \oplus A_j$ , and  $B_j^* = h(x_j^* \parallel n_j^*)$  and examine whether  $B_j^*$  and  $B_j$  are similar. If they are no identical,  $GW$  ends this phase; else,  $GW$  gets  $MN_i$ 's  $\langle Id_i, r_d \rangle$  by applying a key  $K_G$  to decode  $Pid_i$  and calculating  $A_i^* = h(Id_i \parallel K_{gj}), n_i^* = Uz_i \oplus A_i^*$ , and  $UN_i^* = h(a_i^* \parallel Pid_i \parallel n_i^*)$  and checks whether  $UN_i^*$  and  $UN_i$  are similar.  $GW$  ends this phase if they aren't.; otherwise,  $GW$  generates  $r_d^{new}$  and computes  $F_j = h(Id_i \parallel n_i^*), G_j = F_j \oplus x_j^*, R_{ij} = n_j^* \oplus n_i^*, H_j = h(x_j^* \parallel n_j^* \parallel n_i^* \parallel F_j)$ , and  $PID_i^{new} = E_{K_g}(Id_i, r_d^{new})$ .

(f)  $GW$  sends  $M_3 = \langle Pid_i^{new}, G_j, R_{ij}, H_j \rangle$  to  $Mn_i$ .

(g)  $Sn_i$  Computes  $F_j^* = G_j \oplus X_j, n_i^* = R_{ij} \oplus n_j$  and  $H_j^* = h(x_j \parallel n_j \parallel n_i^* \parallel F_j^*)$  and checks whether  $H_j^* = H_j$ . If  $N_j$  fails to do so, the phase terminates. Otherwise,  $N_j$  selects a random value  $m_j$  and calculates,  $L_j = h(Nid_j \parallel n_i^*) \oplus m_j, Sk_{ji} = h(F_j^* \parallel n_i^* \parallel m_j)$  and  $Sv_j = h(Sk_{ji} \parallel T_1 \parallel T_2)$ .

(h)  $N_j$  Sends  $M_4 = \langle Pid_i^{new}, L_j, Sv_j, T_2 \rangle$  to  $Mn_i$ .

(i)  $Mn_i$  Checks whether  $T_{fresh} - T_2 \leq \Delta T$  and computes  $m_j^* = L_j \oplus h(Nid_j \parallel n_i)$ ,  $Sk_{ij} = h(h(I_i \parallel n_i) \parallel n_i \parallel m_j^*)$ , and  $Sv_i = h(Sk_{ij} \parallel T_1 \parallel T_2)$ . If  $Sv_i$  and  $Sv_j$  are the same,  $Mn_i$  and  $Sn_i$  produce the same session key successfully.

## D. Password change phase

$Mn_i$  updates their password on their mobile device during this phase. The details are as follows:

(a)  $Mn_i$  inputs  $Id, Pw_i^{dd}, Pw_i^{new}$ , and  $Bio_i$ , and computes  $PwB_i^{old} = h(Pw_i \parallel h(Bio_i))$  and  $x_i^* = h(Id_i \parallel PwB_i^{old})$ .

(b)  $Mn_i$  Checks whether  $x_i^*$  and  $x_i$  are the same. If they are not,  $Mn_i$  terminates this phase. Otherwise,  $Mn_i$  computes  $A_i = y_i \oplus h(Id_i \parallel PwB_i^{dd} \parallel r_{gj}), PwB_i^{new} = h(Pw_i^{new} \parallel h(Bio_i)), x_i^{new} =$

$h(Id_i \parallel PwB_i^{new}),$  and  $y_i^{new} = h(Id_i \parallel PwB_i^{new} \parallel r_{gu}) \oplus A_i \oplus y_i$ .

(c) Finally,  $Mn_i$  replaces the old  $x_i^{old}$  and  $y_i^{old}$  with  $x_i^{new}$  and  $y_i^{new}$ , respectively.

Sensor Node $Sn_i$	Gateway (GW)
Generate a random number, $r_j$	$r_j^* = Mij \oplus h(Nid_j \parallel K_{gn})$
$Mpj = h(K_{gn} \parallel r_j \parallel Nid_j)$	$Mpj^* = h(K_{gn} \parallel r_j^* \parallel Nid_j)$
$Mij = r_j \oplus h(Nid_j \parallel K_{gn})$	$Mpj^* \stackrel{?}{=} Mpj$
$\langle Nid_j, Mpj, Mij \rangle$	$x_j = h(Nid_j \parallel K_{gn})$
	$y_j = x_j \oplus Mpj^*$
	$\langle y_j \rangle$

**Table 3.** Phase of registration for the proposed method's IoT node

## E. Revocation phase

$Mn_i$  Incorporates a revocation technique that allows the secret parameters to be recovered by the mobile device. (a) When a user wants to update or renew their secret parameter, they will input their previous identity  $Id_i^{old}$ , new identity  $Id_i^{new}$  new password  $Pw_i^{new}$  and  $Bio_i$  into their mobile device.  $Mn_i$  then computes

$$PwB_i^{new} = h(Pw_i^{new} \parallel H(Bio_i)), \quad Mid_i^{old} = h(Id_i^{old} \parallel H(Bio_i)), \text{ and } Mid_i^{new} = h(Id_i^{new} \parallel H(Bio_i)).$$

(b)  $Mn_i$  sends the revocation request message,  $\langle Id_i^{old}, Id_i^{new}, Mid_i^{old}, Mid_i^{new}, PwB_i^{new} \rangle$ , to  $GW$  through a reliable channel.

(c)  $GW$  calculates  $RID_i^{old} = E_{K_G}(Id_i^{old})$  The system first verifies the identity of  $Mn_i$  and then searches for a pair.  $(Rid_i^{old}, Mid_i^{old})$  to locate a registered user in the database. If the pairs  $(Rid_i, Mid_i)$  and  $(Rid_i^{old}, Mid_i^{old})$  are equal,  $GW$  produces new random numbers  $r_d^{new}$  and  $r_{gu}^{new}$ , computes  $Pid_i^{new} =$

$$E_{K_G}(Id_i, r_d^{new}), Rid_i^{new} = E_{K_g}(Id_i^{new}), x_i^{new} = h(Id_i \parallel PwB_i^{new}), \text{ and } y_i^{new} = h(Id_i \parallel PwB_i^{new} \parallel r_{gj}^{new}) \oplus h(K_{gu} \parallel Id_i^{new}), \text{ and stores the new pair } (Rid_i^{new}, Mid_i^{new}) \text{ in the database.}$$

(d)  $GW$  sends  $\langle Pid_i^{new}, x_i^{new}, y_i^{new}, r_{gj}^{new} \rangle$  to  $Mn_i$ .

(e)  $Mn_i$  the parameters obtained are saved in the mobile device.

Mobile Node $MN_i$	Sensor Node $N_j$	Gateway Node
Input $Id_i, Bio_i, Pw_i$ $PwB_i = h(Pw_i \parallel H(Bio_i))$ $x_i^* = h(ID_i \parallel PwB_i)$ $x_i^* \stackrel{?}{=} x_i$ Generate $n_i$ $A_i = y_i \oplus h(Id_i \parallel PwB_i \parallel r_{gu})$ $UN_i = h(A_i \parallel Pid_i \parallel n_i)$ $UZ_i = n_i \oplus A_i$ $M_1 = \langle Pid_i, Un_i, Uz_i, T_1 \rangle$	Check $T_{fresh} - T_1 \leq \Delta T$ Generate $n_j$ $x_j = y_j \oplus h(K_{gn} \parallel r_j \parallel Nid_j)$ $A_j = h(x_j) \oplus n_j$ $B_j = h(x_j \parallel n_j)$ $M_2 = \langle M_i, Nid_j, A_j, B_j \rangle$  $F_j^* = G_j \oplus x_j$ $n_i^* = R_{ij} \oplus n_j$ $H_j^* = h(x_j \parallel n_j \parallel n_i^* \parallel F_j^*)$ $H_j^* \stackrel{?}{=} H_j$ Choose $m_j$ $L_j = h(Nid_j \parallel n_i^*) \oplus m_j$ $SK_{ji} = h(F_j^* \parallel n_i^* \parallel m_j)$ $SV_j = h(SK_{ji} \parallel T_1 \parallel T_2)$ $M_4 = \langle Pid_i^{new}, L_j, Sv_j, T_2 \rangle$	$x_j^* = h(Nid_j \parallel K_{gn})$ $n_j^* = h(x_j^*) \oplus A_j$ $B_j^* = h(x_j^* \parallel n_j^*)$ $B_j^* \stackrel{?}{=} B_j$ $\langle Id_i, r_d \rangle = D_{K_G}(Pid_i)$ $A_i^* = h(Id_i \parallel K_{gu})$ $n_i^* = Uz_i \oplus A_i^*$ $UN_i^* = h(A_i^* \parallel Pid_i \parallel n_i^*)$ $UN_i^* \stackrel{?}{=} UN_i$ Generate $r_d^{new}$ $F_j = h(Id_i \parallel n_i^*)$ $G_j = F_j \oplus x_j^*$ $R_{ij} = n_j^* \oplus n_i^*$ $H_j = h(x_j^* \parallel n_j^* \parallel n_i^* \parallel F_j)$ $PID_i^{new} = E_{K_G}(Id_i, r_d^{new})$ $M_3 = \langle Pid_i^{new}, G_j, R_{ij}, H_i \rangle$
Check $T_{fresh} - T_2 \leq \Delta T$  Gateway $GW$ $m_j^* = L_j \oplus h(Nid_j \parallel n_i)$ $Sk_{ij} = h(h(Id_i \parallel n_i) \parallel n_i \parallel m_j^*)$ $Sv_i = h(Sk_{ij} \parallel T_1 \parallel T_2)$ $Sv_i \stackrel{?}{=} Sv_j$		

**Table 4.** Login and authentication phase

also used extensively for evaluating the security of algorithms used in cryptography [56–59]. The following are the fundamental notations of BAN logic:

### III. BAN Logic Authentication Proof

In this section, we utilized Burrows-Abadi-Needham (BAN) logic [55] to demonstrate that  $MN_i$  and  $SN_i$  mutually authenticate each other correctly and that their distributed session key is up-to-date. BAN logic is a formal system that verifies the trustworthiness of every entity involved in an authentication protocol based on the source of communications, freshness, and reliability. Researchers

- (1)  $U \bowtie C$ :  $U$  sees condition  $C$ .
- (2)  $U \equiv C$ : Condition  $C$  is  $U$  trust
- (3)  $\#(C)$ : It creates an entirely fresh  $C$ .
- (4)  $U \sim C$ :  $U$  describes the circumstance  $C$ .
- (5)  $\stackrel{K}{\leftrightarrow} S$ :  $U$  and  $S$  share a secret key  $K$ .

(6)  $U \Rightarrow C$ : Condition  $C$  is handled by  $U$ .

(7)  $(C_K: C)$  is encryption with key  $K$ .

(1) We use the five BAN logic principles stated below to show the mutual authentication of the proposed method. That  $U$  notices the  $C$  connected to  $K$ , that  $S$  shares the key  $K$  with  $S$ , and that  $U$  trusts  $S$  after bringing up  $C$ .

(2) Rule 2: The rule of once-verification:  $\frac{U \models \#(C), U \models S \sim C}{U \models C}$ : If  $U$  believes in  $C$ 's freshness and  $S$  believes in  $C$ , then  $U$  believes  $S$  believes in  $C$ .

(3) Rule 3: Trust rule:  $\frac{U \models C, U \models M}{A \models (C, M)}$ : If  $U$  believes  $C$  and  $M$ , then  $(C, M)$  is also believed by  $U$ .

(4) Rule 4: Freshness-concatenation rule:  $\frac{U \models \#(C)}{A \models \#(C, M)}$ : If  $U$  has faith in  $C$ 's freshness, then  $U$  has jurisdiction over  $C$ 's freshness as well. Likewise, if  $U$  has faith in  $S$ 's confidence in condition  $C$ , then  $U$  also has faith in  $C$ . Through mutual authentication, we aim to establish a session key between  $Mn_i$  and  $n_j$ . To do this, we must complete the four tasks listed below.

(1) Goal 1:  $Mn_i \models (Mn_i \xleftrightarrow{SK} Sn_i)$

(2) Goal 2:  $Sn_i \models (Mn_i \xleftrightarrow{SK} Sn_i)$

(3) Goal 3:  $Mn_i \models Sn_i \mid \equiv (Mn_i \xleftrightarrow{SK} Sn_i)$

(4) Goal 4:  $Sn_i \models Mn_i \mid \equiv (Mn_i \xleftrightarrow{SK} Sn_i)$

The proposed scheme's four messages can be transformed into ideal forms.

(1) Using  $M_1 = \langle Pid_i, Un_i, Uz_i, T_1 \rangle$ ,  $Mn_i \rightarrow Sn_i: Un_i = h(A_i \parallel Pid_i \parallel n_i)$ ,  $Uz_i = n_i \oplus A_i$ . This has been lowered as  $G_1: (PID_i, A_i, T_1)_{n_i}$

(2) Using  $M_2 = \langle M_1, Nid_j, A_j, B_j \rangle$ ,  $N_j \rightarrow GW: A_j = h(x_j) \oplus$

$Sn_i, B_j = h(x_j \parallel Sn_i)$ . This is reduced as  $MSG: (M_1, Nid_j, Sn_i)x_j$

(3) Using  $M_3 = \langle PID_i^{new}, G_j, R_{ij}, H_j \rangle$ ,  $GW_i \rightarrow Sn_i: G_j = F_j \oplus x_j^*, R_{ij} = n_j^* \oplus n_i^*, H_j = h(x_j^* \parallel n_j^* \parallel n_i^* \parallel F_j)$ . This is reduced as  $MSG_3: (F_j, n_j, n_i, K_{gn})x_j$

(4) Using  $M_4 = \langle Pid_i^{new}, L_j, Sv_j, T_2 \rangle$ ,  $Sn_i \rightarrow Mn_i: L_j = h(Nid_j \parallel n_i^*) \oplus m_j t, Sv_j = h(SK_{ji} \parallel T_1 \parallel T_2)$ . This decreases as:  $MSG_4: (Pid_i, m_j, T_1, T_2)_{m_i}$

We define the following assumptions to derive the proposed scheme's goals.

(1)  $A_1: Mn_i \models \#(T_1)$

(2)  $A_2: Sn_i \models \#(Sn_i)$

(3)  $A_3: GW \models \#(K_{CN})$

(4)  $A_4: Sn_i \models \pm(T_2)$

(5)  $A_5: Sn_i \models (Sn_i \xleftrightarrow{n_i} Mn_i)$

(6)  $A_6: CW \models (CW \xleftrightarrow{x_j} Sn_i)$

(7)  $A_7: Sn_i \models (Sn_i \xrightarrow{x_j} CW)$

(8)  $A_8: Mn_i \models (Mn_i \xleftrightarrow{\pi_i} Sn_i)$

(9)  $A_9: Mn_i \models Sn_i \Rightarrow (Mn_i \xleftrightarrow{\pi_i} Sn_i)$

(10)  $A_{10}: Sn_i \models Mn_i \Rightarrow (Mn_i \xleftrightarrow{\pi_i} Sn_i)$

The following describes the primary proof that the proposed method is based on BAN logic rules, messages, and premises.

(1) Through  $MSG_1$ , we get  $V_1: Sn_i \triangleleft (Pid_i, A_i, T_1)n_i$

(2) Through  $A_5$  and Rule 1, we get  $V_2: Sn_i \mid \equiv Mn_i \mid \sim (Pid_i, A_i, T_1)_{m_i}$

(3) Through  $A_1$  and Rule 4, we get  $V_3: Sn_i \mid \equiv \#(Pid_i, A_i, T_1)_{n_j}$

(4) Through  $V_1, V_2$  and Rule 2, we get  $V_4: Sn_i \mid \equiv Mn_i \mid \equiv (Pid_i, A_i, T_1)n_i$

(5) Through  $MSG_2$ , we get  $V_5: CW \triangleleft (M_1, Nid_j, Sn_i)x_j$

(6) Using  $A_6$  and Rule 1, we get  $V_6: GW \mid \equiv Mn_i \mid \sim (M_1, Nid_j, Sn_i)x_j$

(7) Through  $A_2$  and Rule 4, we get  $V_7: GW \mid \equiv \#(M_1, Nid_j, Sn_i)x$ .

(8) Through  $V_5, V_6$  and Rule 2, we get  $V_8: GW \mid \equiv Sn_i \mid \equiv (M_1, Nid_j, Sn_i)x_j$

(9) Through  $MSG_3$ , we get  $V_9: Sn_i \triangleleft (F_j, n_j, n_i, K_{cn})x_j$

(10) Through  $A_7$  and Rule 1, we get  $V_{10}: Sn_i \mid \equiv GW \mid \sim (F_j, Sn_i, n_i, K_{cn})x_1$ .

(11) From  $A_3$  and 4, we get  $V_{11}: Sn_i \mid \equiv \pm(F_j, Sn_i, n_i, K_{cn})x_j$

(12) From  $V_9, V_{10}$  and Rule 2, we get  $V_{12}: Sn_i \mid \equiv dW \mid \equiv (F_j, Sn_i, n_i, K_{gn})x_j$

(13) Through  $MSG_4$ , we obtain  $V_{13}: Mn_i \triangleleft (Pid_i, m_j, T_1, T_2)_{m_i}$

(14) Through  $A_8$  and Rule 1, we get  $V_{14}: Mn_i \mid \equiv Sn_i \mid \sim (Pid_i, m_j, T_1, T_2)_{n_i}$

(15) Through  $A_4$  and Rule 4, we obtain  $V_{15}: Mn_i \mid \equiv \#(Pid_i, m_j, T_1, T_2)_{m_i}$

(16) From  $V_{13}, V_{14}$  and Rule 2, we get  $V_{16}: Mn_i \mid \equiv Sn_i \mid \equiv (Pid_i, m_j, T_1, T_2)_{n_i}$

(17) From  $V_{12}, V_{16}$ , and  $SK = h(F_j \parallel n_i \parallel m_j)$ , we get  $V_{17}: Mn_i \mid \equiv (Mn_i \xleftrightarrow{SK} N_j)$  (Goal1)

(18) From  $V_4, V_8$ , and  $SK = h(h(Id_i \parallel n_i) \parallel n_i \parallel m_j)$ , we get  $V_{18}: Sn_i \mid \equiv (Mn_i \xleftrightarrow{SK} Sn_i)$  (Goal2)

(19) From  $A_9, V_{17}$  and Rule 5, we get  $V_{19}: Mn_i \mid \equiv Sn_i \mid \equiv (Mn_i \xleftrightarrow{SK} Sn_i)$  (Goal3)

(20) From  $A_{10}, V_{18}$  and Rule 5, we get  $V_{20}: Sn_i \mid \equiv Mn_i \mid \equiv$

$(Mn_i \xleftrightarrow{SK} Sn_i)$  (Goal4)

We accomplished goals 1, 2, 3, and 4 are listed above. we see that  $Mn_i$  and  $Sn_i$  create a session key by means of safe mutual authentication.

#### IV. AVISPA TOOL SIMULATION FOR FORMAL SECURITY VERIFICATION

This section presents the formal security verification of the AUSS scheme using the Automated Validation of Internet Security Protocols and Applications (AVISPA) tool. AVISPA has four back



Scheme	[7]	[25]	[42]	[43]	[44]	[45]	[46]	Proposed
MN(User)	832	672	672	512	864	800	864	480
SN	1760	1440	1184	1024	1728	2080	1408	1472
GW	576	576	512	512	1024	320	320	640
Messages	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4
Total(bits)	2880	2688	2368	2048	3712	3200	2592	2592

Table 5 Comparison of the communication cost

Scheme	[7]	[25]	[42]	[43]	[44]	[45]	[46]	Proposed
MN(User)	$9T_h$	$7T_h$	$8T_h + 2T_e$	$7T_h + 2T_e$	$16T_h$	$9T_h$	$11T_h$	$9T_h$
SN	$6T_h$	$5T_h$	$9T_h + 1T_e$	$5T_h + 2T_e$	$16T_h$	$6T_h$	$5T_h$	$7T_h$
GW	$7T_h$	$7T_h$	$10T_h$	$9T_h$	$20T_h$	$6T_h$	$15T_h$	$8T_h + 2T_s$
Total	$22T_h$	$19T_h$	$27T_h + 3T_e$	$21T_h + 4T_e$	$52T_h$	$21T_h$	$31T_h$	$24T_h + 2T_s$
Time	$\approx 1085\mu s$	$\approx 856\mu s$	$\approx 1323\mu s$	$\approx 2585\mu s$	$\approx 2049\mu s$	$\approx 1080\mu s$	$\approx 1321\mu s$	$\approx 1115\mu s$

Table 6 Comparison of Computation

ends, but only the methods for OFMC back-end analysis are considered in this paper. An HPSL is carried out to evaluate the security resistance to common attacks. The CAS+ specifications are converted into HPSL in AVISPA using the SPAN animator tool. In SPAN, the intruding mode creates a message sequence chart (MSC). Researchers and academics often use AVISPA or SPAN tools to confirm the security analysis of the design protocol.

## A. Performance Evaluation

In our evaluation we regarded the mobile node and gateway as computing environments in order to minimize the execution time of cryptographic procedures. For each cryptographic execution time, we referred to the results of experiments conducted on the sensor node by Abbasinezhad-Mood and Nikooghadam [60]. The mobile node was a Galaxy Note 9 Device, with an Octa-Core processor clocked at 2.7GHz+1.7GHz, 8GB memory, and operating on Android 9.0. Android Studio and Software Development Kits (SDK) were the software development tools. The sensor node was an LPC1768 Device, with an ARM Cortex-M3 processor clocked at up to 100MHz, 512KB flash memory, and 64KB SRAM. The Gateway was a CPU with an Intel(R) Pentium(R) processor G4600 clocked at 3.60 GHz, 8GB memory, and operating on Win10 64bit. The Crypto++ Library 8.1 was used with Visual Studio 2017. Our measurements, along with Abbasinezhad-Mood and Nikooghadam's [60] experiments, reveal the cryptographic times for the mobile node, sensor node, and gateway:

- 1) Mobile node:  $T_e \approx 28.48\mu s$ ,  $T_s \approx 74.2\mu s$ , and  $T_h \approx 104.38\mu s$
- (2) Sensor node:  $T_e \approx 1264\mu s$  and  $T_h \approx 14.5\mu s$
- (3) Gateway:  $T_e \approx 2224\mu s$ ,  $T_s \approx 5.4094\mu s$ , and  $T_h \approx 4.9464\mu s$

Table 3 summarizes the performance comparison results of various schemes. Our analysis found that Turkanovic et al.'s approach [25] has a much lower computational complexity than other systems. However, this approach has previously been shown to be vulnerable to several attacks by Farash et al. [26]. Our proposed system has lower computing costs than the schemes by Das et al. [42], Chang et al. [43], Yang et al. [44], and Wu et al. [46]. Banerjee et al.'s scheme [45] performs the best, but lacks a revocation step, as shown in Table 4. Communication costs of login and authentication were analyzed using methodology [61, 62]. Identity, timestamp, and random number values were estimated to be 128, 32, and 64 bits long. Our proposed method of communication and computation costs are shown in Tables 5 and 6. The hash function, elliptic multiplication, and symmetric key encryption each yield 256, 360, and 160 bits, respectively. Our Scheme also discusses the reliability of the proposed scheme against different attacks, such as User anonymity(UAA), User untraceability (UUA), stolen mobile device attack (SMDA), mutual authentication (MAA), user impersonation attack(UIA), replay attack(RA), user verification(UVA), stolen-verifier attack(SVA), privileged-insider attack(PIA) etc as shown in Table 7.

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Role alice (Ui, GWN, SNj: agent,
H: hash_func,
SKuigwn: symmetric_key,
Snd, Rcv: channel(dy))
played by Ui
def= local State : nat,
IDi, IDsnj, K, PWi, Bi, T1, T2, T3: text,
Xs, EKj, Kj, Request, R, RPWi : text,
Gen, Rep: hash_func
const alice_server_t1, server_bob_t2,
bob_alice_t3, sub1, sub2, sub3, sub4 : protocol_id
init State := 0
transition
1. State = 0  $\wedge$  Rcv(start) =>
% Registration phase
State' = 1  $\wedge$  K' = new()
 $\wedge$  secret((PWi,Bi,K'),sub1.Ui)
 $\wedge$  secret(EKj,sub2,{Ui,GWN})
 $\wedge$  RPWi = H(IDi,PWi,K')
% Ui sends login message to GWN securely
 $\wedge$  Snd((IDi,RPWi,EKj),SKuigwn)
% Ui receives the smart card from GWN securely
2. State = 1  $\wedge$  Rcv((H.Gen.Rep.H(xor(IDi.H(Xs))))_SKuigwn) =>
% Login phase
State' := 2  $\wedge$  secret(Xs,sub3,GWN)
% Ui sends the login message to the GWN
 $\wedge$  Snd(IDi,Request)
% Authentication and key agreement phase
% Ui receives the message <R> from GWN
3. State = 2  $\wedge$  Rcv(R') =>
State' = 3  $\wedge$  T1' := new()
% Ui sends the message <E_ekj(R,T1,IDsnj)> to GWN
 $\wedge$  Snd((R',T1',IDsnj),EKj)
% Ui has freshly generated the value T1 for GWN
 $\wedge$  witness(Ui,GWN,alice_server_t1,T1')
% Ui receives the message from sensor node SNj
4. State = 3  $\wedge$  Rcv(H(H(IDsnj.H(xor(IDi.H(Xs))))_IDi.IDsnj.T1'.T3'.T3')) =>
% Ui's acceptance of the value T3 generated for Ui by SNj
State' := 4  $\wedge$  request(SNj,Ui,bob_alice_t3,T3')
end role
role bob (Ui, GWN, SNj: agent,
H: hash_func,
SKuigwn: symmetric_key,
Snd, Rcv: channel(dy))
played_by SNj
def=
local State: nat,
IDi, IDsnj, K, PWi, Bi, Ti, T2, T3: text,
Xs, EKj, Kj, Request, R, RPWi: text,
Gen, Rep: hash_func
const alice_server_t1, server_bob_t2

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bob_alice_t3, sub1, sub2, sub3, sub4: protocol_id
init State := 0
transition
% Authentication and key agreement phase
% Receive the message from the GWN
1. State = 0  $\wedge$  Rcv((IDi,(IDi.IDsnj,T1',
T2'.H(IDsnj.H(xor(IDi.H(Xs))))_Kj))=>
State' := 1  $\wedge$  T3' := new()
 $\wedge$  secret((PWi,Bi,K'),sub.Ui)
 $\wedge$  secret(EKj,sub2,{Ui,GWN})
 $\wedge$  secret(Xs,sub3,GWN)
 $\wedge$  secret(Kj,sub4,{GWN,SNj})
% Send the message to Ui
 $\wedge$  Snd(H(H(H(IDsnj.H(xor(IDi.H(Xs))))_
IDi.IDsnj,T1',T3').T3'))
% SNj has freshly generated the value T3 for SNj
 $\wedge$  witness(SNj,Ui,bob_alice_t3,T3')
% SNi's acceptance of the value T2 generated for SNj by
GWN
 $\wedge$  request(GWN,SNj,server_bob_t2,T2')
end role
role server (Ui, GWN, SNj: agent,
H: hash_func,
SKuigwn: symmetric_key,
Snd, Rcv: channel(dy))
played_by GWN
def=
local State: nat,
IDi, IDsnj, K, PWi, Bi, T1, T2, T3: text,
Xs, EKj, Kj, Request, R, RAWi: text,
Gen, Rep: hash_func
const alice_server_t1, server_bob_t2,
bob_alice_t3, sub1, sub2, sub3, sub4 : protocol_id
init State := 0
transition
end role
% Registration phase
% GWN receives login message from Ui securely
1. State = 0  $\wedge$  Rcv((IDi.H(IDi.PWi,K'),EKj)_SKuigwn) =>
State' := 1  $\wedge$  secret((PWi,Bi,K'),sub.Ui)
% GWN sends the smart card to Ui securely
 $\wedge$  Snd((H.Gen.Rep.H(xor(IDi.H(Xs))))_SKuigwn)
% Login phase: receive the login request message from Ui
2. State = 1  $\wedge$  Rcv(IDi,Request) =>
State' := 2  $\wedge$  R' = new()
 $\wedge$  secret(EKj,sub2,{Ui,GWN})
 $\wedge$  secret(Xs,sub3,GWN)
 $\wedge$  secret(Kj,sub4,{GWN,SNj})
% Authentication and key agreement phase
% GWN sends the message to Ui
 $\wedge$  Snd(R')
end role

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Figure 2. Role for user and gateway node

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role session(Ui, GWN,SNj: agent,
% H is hash function
H: hash_func,
SKuigwn: symmetric_key)
def=
local US, UR, SS, SR, VS, VR: channel (dy)
composition
alice(Ui, GWN, SNj, H, SKuigwn, US, UR)
 $\wedge$  server(Ui, GWN, SNj, H, SKuigwn, SS, SR)
 $\wedge$  bob(Ui, GWN, SNj, H, SKuigwn, VS, VR)
end role
role environment)
def=
const ui, gwn, snj: agent,
h, gen, rep: hash_func,
skuigwn: symmetric_key,
idi, idsnj, t1, t2, t3 : text,
alice_server_t1, server_bob_t2,
bob_alice_t3, sub1, sub2,
sub3, sub4 : protocol_id
intruder_knowledge = (idi,h,gen,rep,t3)
composition
session(ui,gwn,snj,h,skuigwn)
session(ui,gwn,snj,h,skuigwn)
 $\wedge$  session(ui,gwn,snj,h,skuigwn)
end role

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Figure 3. Role for session and environment

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% OFMC
% Version of 2006/02/13
SUMMARY
SAFE
DETAILS
BOUNDED_NUMBER_OF_SESSIONS
PROTOCOL
/home/span/span/testsuite/results/AUSS.if
GOAL
as specified
BACKEND
OFMC
COMMENTS
STATISTICS
parseTime: 0.00s
searchTime: 0.14s
visitedNodes: 16 nodes
depth: 4 plies

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Figure 4 OFMC output



A T T A C K S	[7]	[25]	[42]	[43]	[44]	[45]	[46]	A U S S
U A A	✓	✓	✓	✓	×	✓	✓	✓
U U A	×	×	×	×	×	×	×	✓
S M D A	×	×	✓	×	×	✓	✓	✓
M A	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
S K A A	✓	✓	✓	×	-	×	✓	✓
U I A	×	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
R A	×	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
U V A	✓	✓	✓	×	×	✓	✓	✓
S V A	✓	✓	✓	✓	×	✓	✓	✓
P I A	✓	✓	×	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
P C A	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
F S A	✓	✓	✓	×	✓	✓	✓	✓
S N I A	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
R P A	×	×	×	×	×	×	×	×

## V. Conclusion

Our research paper presents a significant breakthrough in user authentication techniques. We identified several security flaws in Dhillon and Kalra's approach, and we developed an improved scheme that addresses these issues and significantly enhances security. After conducting extensive security studies using the random oracle model, BAN logic, and AVISPA, we have found that our proposed authentication scheme is secure against a range of known attacks and meets all security requirements. Furthermore, we evaluated the performance of our system with other relevant schemes considering hardware specifications of mobile and sensor devices in IoT to ensure optimal performance and integration. Our study indicates that our system is fully compatible with IoT devices that are extremely low-cost. We are confident that our proposed technique is the most suitable and secure method for user authentication in IoT contexts.

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