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# Certificateless 서명기법을 이용한 Vehicular Ad-hoc 네트워크에서 향상된 인증 프로토콜

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An Improved Authentication Protocol in Vehicular Ad-hoc Networks using Certificateless Signature

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## 요 약

본 논문에서는 Certificateless 서명기법을 이용하여 Vehicular Ad-hoc 네트워크에서 공개키 인증서 관리 및 취소 문제를 다루지 않는 효율적인 인증 프로토콜을 제안한다. 또한, 빠르고 동적인 Vehicular Ad-hoc 네트워크의 노드 (Vehicles)들의 특성을 고려하여 전통적인 공개키 구조에서의 인증서 취소 문제를 보다 효율적으로 해결하기 위하여 구간 서명키 개념을 도입한다.

## ABSTRACT

In this paper, we propose an efficient authentication protocol based on certificateless signature scheme, which does not need any infrastructure to deal with certification of public keys, among the vehicles in Vehicular Ad-hoc Networks. Moreover, due to the characteristics of VANET nodes (i.e., vehicles) that is fast and movement, the proposed protocol introduces the concept of interval signing key to overcome efficiently the problem of certificate revocation in traditional Public Key Infrastructure(PKI).

## 키워드

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## I. Introduction

In recent years, road vehicles become computer networks since the plummeting costs of electronic components and increasing road safety. For example, a modern car typically

contains several tens of interconnected processors. In addition, it also has a GPS receiver and a navigation system. Considering the tremendous benefits expected from vehicular communications and the huge number of vehicles (hundreds of millions worldwide), it is clear that vehicular

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communications are likely to become the most relevant form of mobile ad hoc networks. Vehicle-to-vehicle communications and vehicular ad hoc networks (VANETs) are recently addressed[1,2,3]. For example, within the DSRC(WAVE) working group and national collaborations like the German FleetNet and NOW projects or the Japanese Internet-ITS project.

One of challenges in VANETs is security; very little attention has been devoted so far. In order to make a security system for safety messaging in a VANET, it is necessary to satisfy authentication, verification of data consistency, availability, non-repudiation, and real-time constraints. Especially, since message legitimacy is mandatory to protect the VANET from outsiders as well as misbehaving insiders, the authentication and non-repudiation service are the most important security requirements in the VANET.

Symmetric authentication schemes usually induce less overhead than asymmetric authentication schemes. However, public key signature schemes are better choice in a VANET because it is possible to verify signature without pre-distributed secret keys. However, due to the characteristics of VANET nodes (i.e., vehicles) that is fast and movement, the use of traditional Public Key Infrastructure (PKI) inherently suffers from difficult problem of certificate revocation.

In this paper, we propose an efficient authentication protocol using certificateless signature scheme[4] for the vehicles in Vehicular Ad-hoc Networks. The proposed protocol solves the problem of certificate revocation by introducing the concept of interval signing key.

## II. Vehicular Ad-hoc Networks

### 2.1 Network model

The communicating nodes in VANETs are either vehicles or base stations. Base stations can belong to the government or to private service providers. Each vehicle will host several tens or even hundreds of microprocessors, an Event Data Recorder(EDR) that can be used for crash reconstruction, and a Global Positioning System(GPS)

receiver that will provide position. The existence of a kind of GPS device is not mandatory for supporting security in VANETs.

We can classify the safety messages into three classes(Traffic information messages, General safety message and Liability-related messages) in public safety applications.

- Traffic information messages are used to disseminate traffic conditions in a given region and thus affect public safety only indirectly
- General safety messages are used by public safety applications(e.g., cooperative driving and collision avoidance).
- Liability-related messages are distinguished from the previous class because they are exchanged in liability-related situations such as accidents.

A common property of all the messages is that they are broadcast and single-hop because vehicle has sufficient power, though an important feature of ad hoc networks is multihopping. The content of a typical safety message includes position, speed, direction, in addition to data specific to traffic events such as accidents.

### 2.2 Security Requirements

A security system for safety messaging in a VANET should satisfy the following requirements:

- *Authentication*: Vehicle reactions to events should be based on legitimate messages generated by legitimate senders.
- *Non-repudiation*: Drivers causing accidents should be reliably identified; a sender should not be able to deny the transmission of a message. It may be crucial for investigation to determine the correct sequence and content of messages exchanged before the accident.
- *Real-time constraints*: At the very high speeds typical in VANETs, strict time constraints should be respected.

### III. Certificateless Public Key Signature Scheme

A major difficulty in developing secure systems based on public key cryptography is the deployment and management of infrastructures to support the authenticity of cryptographic keys: there is a need to provide an assurance to the user about the relationship between a public key and the identity of the holder of the corresponding private key.

Identity-based public key cryptography (ID-PKC)[5] tackles the problem of authenticity of keys in a different way to traditional PKI. In ID-PKC, an entity's public key is derived directly from certain aspects of its identity(e.g. e-mail address). That is, the direct derivation of public keys eliminates the need for certificates and some of the problems associated with them. On the other hand the dependence on a private key generator(PKG), who uses a system-wide master key to generate private keys, inevitably introduces key escrow to ID-PKC systems. For example, the PKG can decrypt any ciphertext in an ID-PKE scheme.

In [4], Al-Riyami and Paterson introduced and made concrete the concept of certificateless public key cryptography(CL-PKC). Certificate-less cryptography is a variant of ID-PKC intended to prevent any need for key escrow. It does this by splitting the private key generations stage between a user and a third party. This scheme does not need certificates as no valid pair of private and public key can be generated without the secret information provided by the third party.

A CL-PKC system still makes use of a trusted authority which we name the Key Generating Center(KGC). By way of contrast to the PKG in ID-PKC, this KGC does not have access to entities's private keys. Instead, the KGC supplies an entity  $A$  with a partial private key  $D_A$  which the KGC computes from an identifier  $ID_A$  for the entity and a master key. The entity  $A$  then combines its partial private key  $D_A$  with some secret information  $x_A$  to generate its actual private key  $S_A$ . This way  $A$ 's private key is not available to the KGC. The entity  $A$  also combines its secret information  $x_A$  with some public parameters to compute its public key  $P_A$ .

Note that, in general,  $A$  need not be in possession of  $S_A$

before generating  $P_A$  (same advantage of ID-PKC). The system is not identifier-based, because the public key is no longer computable from an identifier alone.

Futhermore, Al-Riyami introduced and made the concept of certificateless public key signature (CL-PKS) scheme in the same paper[1]. In general, a CL-PKS scheme can be specified by seven algorithms: Setup, Partial-Private-Key-Extract, Set-Secret-Value, Set-Private-Key, Set-Public-Key, Sign and Verify. The detailed descriptions of CL-PKS are as follows:

- **Setup** is a probabilistic algorithm that takes security parameter  $k$  as input and returns the system parameters  $params$  and  $master-key$ .
- **Partial-Private-Key Extract** is a deterministic algorithm that takes  $params$ ,  $master-key$  and an identifier for entity  $A$   $ID_A \in \{0, 1\}^*$  as input. It return a partial private key  $D_A$ .
- **Set-Secret-Value** is a probabilistic algorithm that takes as input  $params$  and outputs a secret value  $x_A$ .
- **Set-Private-Key** is a deterministic algorithm that takes  $params$ , an entity  $A$ 's partial private key  $D_A$  and  $A$ 's secret value  $x_A$  as input. The algorithm returns a (full) signing key  $S_A$ .
- **Set-Public-Key** is a deterministic algorithm that takes  $params$  and entity  $A$ 's secret value  $x_A$  as input and constructs the public key  $P_A$  for entity  $A$ .
- **Sign** is a probabilistic algorithm that accepts a message  $m \in M$ , a user identity  $ID_A$ ,  $params$  and  $S_A$  to produce a signature  $\sigma$ .
- **Verify** is a deterministic algorithm that takes a signature  $\sigma$ ,  $params$ , a message  $m$ , the identifier  $ID_A$  and public key  $P_A$  as inputs and outputs  $true$  if the signature is correct or  $\perp$  otherwise.

In this scheme, Setup and Partial-Private-Key-Extract phases were executed by key generating center (KGC). Recently, several methods were suggested to generically construct a CL-PKS scheme by combining identity based

schemes with ordinary public key cryptosystems[6,7,8].

#### IV. System model

In this section, we present our system model. Figure. 1. shows our VANET model. The communicating nodes in a VANET are either vehicles or tollgates. Each vehicle's communication is broadcast and single-hop because vehicles have sufficient power, though an important feature of ad hoc networks is multi-hopping.

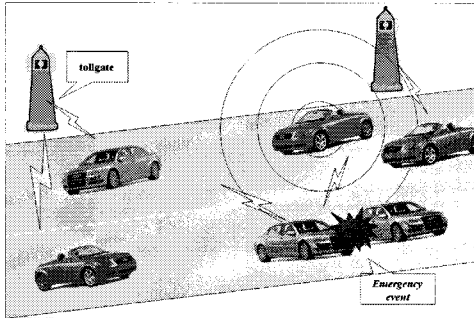


그림. 1. Vehicular Ad-hoc 네트워크  
Fig. 1. Vehicular Ad-hoc Network

Each tollgate has different master-key and system-parameter, tollgates can belong to the government or to private service providers. Since the characteristics of VANETs are fast and movement, when vehicle's private key is damaged by adversary, it is hard to transmit about key revocation message. At each time vehicles get inside tollgate, they generate public and signing key using tollgate's master-key, and also they discard public keys used in before interval.

To make our model more clear, we assume the followings:

- Each vehicle has unique electronic identity ELP (Electronic License Plates).
- Each vehicle periodically sends traffic information and signature messages over a single hop every 0.3 seconds.
- Safety messages are transmitted over a single-hop

with a sufficient power to warn vehicles.

The following notations are used to describe the protocol.

- $q$  :  $k$ -bit prime number
- $G_1, G_2$  : cyclic groups of same order  $q$
- $e : G_1 \times G_1 \rightarrow G_2$  : bilinear pairing
- $s$  : master key of tollgate
- $P$  : generator of  $G_1$
- $P_{pub} (= sP)$  : public key of tollgate
- $H_1, H_2, H_3 : \{0, 1\}^* \rightarrow G_1^*$

Cryptographic Hash Function

- $\langle G_1, G_2, e, q, P, P_{pub}, H_1, H_2, H_3 \rangle$  : system parameter of tollgate
- $ID_V$  : ELP(Electronic License Plate) of vehicle  $V$
- $D_{ID_V}$  : partial signing key of vehicle  $V$
- $T_{ID_V}$  : secret value of vehicle  $V$
- $S_{ID_V}$  : signing key of vehicle  $V$
- $P_{ID_V}$  : public key of vehicle  $V$

#### V. The Proposed Protocol

In this section, we propose an efficient authentication protocol among the vehicles in VANETs. The proposed protocol consists of three phases: setup, signing, verifying, elimination.

##### 5.1 Review of Bilinear Pairing

As preliminary, we review the bilinear pairing.

Let  $G_1$  be an additive group generated by  $P$ , whose order is a prime  $q$ , and  $G_2$  be a multiplicative group of the same order  $q$ . We assume that the discrete logarithm problem (DLP) in both  $G_1$  and  $G_2$  is hard. Let  $e : G_1 \times G_1 \rightarrow G_2$  be a pairing which satisfies the following conditions:

1) Bilinear:  $e(P, Q+R) = e(P, Q)e(P, R)$ ,

$e(P, Q+R) = e(P, Q)e(P, R)$  and

$e(aP, bQ) = e(P, Q)^{ab}$

where  $P, Q \in G_1$  and  $a, b \in \mathbb{Z}_q^*$

2) Non-degenerate: The map does not send all pairs in  $G_1 \times G_1$  to the identity in  $G_2$ . Observe that since

$G_1, G_2$  are groups of prime order this implies that if  $P$  is a generator of  $G_1$  then  $e(P, P)$  is a generator of  $G_2$ .

- 3) Computability: There is an efficient algorithm to compute  $e(P, Q)$  for all  $P, Q \in G_1$ . The Weil or Tate pairings associated with supersingular elliptic curves or Abelian varieties can be modified to create such bilinear maps.

Note that a bilinear map is symmetric such that,  $e(aP, bP) = e(bP, aP) = e(P, P)^{ab}$  for  $a, b \in \mathbb{Z}_q^*$ .

## 5.2 Setup

In this phase, each vehicle's signing key  $S_{ID_V}$  and public key  $P_{ID_V}$  are generated as follows:

- 1) When a vehicle  $V$  gets inside the tollgate, the vehicle takes *params* and select a  $V$ 's interval secret value  $T_{ID_V} \in {}_R\mathbb{Z}_q^*$ , and then constructs the interval public key  $P_{ID_V} = T_{ID_V}P \in G_1$ . It compute and transmit  $Q_{ID_V} = H_1(ID_V \| P_{ID_V}) \in G_1$  to the tollgate for getting interval partial signing key  $D_{ID_V}$ .

$$V \longrightarrow \text{tollgate} : Q_{ID_V}$$

- 2) Before the tollgate compute a partial private key of the vehicle  $V$ , it checks whether the vehicle is illegitimate vehicle (note that, illegitimate vehicle means missing vehicles or unregistered vehicles). If the vehicle  $V$  is legitimate vehicle, the tollgate takes *params*, *master-key* and an identifier  $ID_V$  (ELP) for the vehicle  $V$ , it transmits a partial private key  $D_{ID_V} = s \cdot Q_{ID_V}$  to the vehicle  $V$ .

$$\text{tollgate} \longrightarrow V : D_{ID_V}$$

- 3) The vehicle  $V$  checks partial private key's correctness by checking whether  $e(D_{ID_V}, P) = e(Q_{ID_V}, P_{pub})$ . If not, again asks a partial private key. When the vehicle gets trust partial private key, it computes the interval signing key  $S_{ID_V}$ . The vehicle  $V$  takes *params*, an interval partial signing key  $D_{ID_V}$  and the interval secret

value  $T_{ID_V}$

$$S_{ID_V} = \langle D_{ID_V}, T_{ID_V} \rangle$$

Note that user's signing key  $S_{ID_V}$  consists of user's secret value  $T_{ID_V}$  and user's partial signing key  $D_{ID_V}$ . No other users (i.e., each user has different ELP identity information) can compute  $S_{ID_V}$  without  $D_{ID_V}$ .

## 5.3 Signature Generation

When the vehicle  $V$  computes signature messages about collected traffic information for providing authentication and non-repudiation service to other vehicles, signature messages add time-information( $T$ ) because  $T$  ensures message freshness of traffic information. It should be noted that using nonces instead of time-information is not desirable because of the burden of the inherent preliminary handshake. Also, using sequence numbers also incurs overheads due to their maintenance.

Before the vehicle  $V$  sends traffic information, it signs it with its interval signing key  $S_{ID_V}$  and includes the vehicle  $V$ 's interval public key  $P_{ID_V}$  as follows:

- 1) The vehicle  $V$  compute

$$Q_{ID_V} = H_1(ID_V \| P_{ID_V}) \in G_1$$

and chooses a random value  $r \in \mathbb{Z}_q^*$ .

- 2) The vehicle  $V$  computes  $U = rP \in G_1$  and

$$v = D_{ID_V} + rH_2(m, ID_V, P_{ID_V}, U) + T_{ID_V}H_3(m, ID_V, P_{ID_V})$$

(where  $m$  is combined traffic-information with  $T$ )

- 3) The vehicle  $V$  sets  $\sigma = (U, v)$  as the signature of  $m$ .

- 4) Finally, the vehicle  $V$  broadcasts traffic information together with the corresponding signature value  $\sigma$  and the interval public key  $P_{ID_V}$ .

$$V \longrightarrow * : m, \sigma, P_{ID_V}$$

,where  $*$  represents all the message receivers.

#### 5.4 Signature Verification

Upon receiving the traffic information, the corresponding signature value  $\sigma = (U, v)$  and the interval public key of the vehicle  $V$ , each vehicle  $V'$  verifies the received signature value by using sender's interval public key.

- 1) Each vehicle  $V'$  computes

$$Q_{ID_V} = H_1(ID_V \| P_{ID_V}) \in G_1$$

- 2) Each vehicle  $V'$  accepts the signature if the following equation holds:

$$\begin{aligned} e(v, P) &= e(Q_{ID_V}, P_{pub}) \cdot \\ &\quad e(H_2(m, ID_V, P_{ID_V}, U), U) \cdot \\ &\quad e(H_3(m, ID_V, P_{ID_V}, P_{ID_V})) \end{aligned}$$

If the signature is invalid, the receiver  $V'$  eliminates received message  $m$  and  $\sigma$ .

When a vehicle leaves a trusted road or enters another interval trusted road, each vehicle discards all system parameter, cryptography key and received public keys from other vehicles.

## VI. Analysis of the Proposed Protocol

In this section, we analyze the correctness, efficiency, security requirements for safety VANET and additional advantage of our proposed protocol.

#### 6.1 Correctness

The correctness of the proposed protocol can be easily verified with the following:

$$\begin{aligned} e(v, P) &= e(sQ_{ID_V}, P) e(rH_2(m, ID_V, P_{ID_V}, U), P) \\ &\quad e(xH_3(m, ID_V, P_{ID_V}), P) \\ &= e(Q_{ID_V}, sP) e(H_2(m, ID_V, P_{ID_V}, U), rP) \\ &\quad e(H_3(m, ID_V, P_{ID_V}, xP)) \\ &= e(Q_{ID_V}, P_{pub}) e(rH_2(m, ID_V, P_{ID_V}, U), U) \\ &\quad e(xH_3(m, ID_V, P_{ID_V}, P_{ID_V})) \end{aligned}$$

#### 6.2 Efficiency

Compared with traditional public key signature scheme

based on authentication protocol which needs to manage and distribute certificate revocation information, the proposed protocol is more efficient in terms of key management since it does not need to manage and distribute certificate revocation information owing to the concept of interval signing key. That is, our protocol significantly reduces the system complexity and the cost for establishing and managing the public key authentication framework known as VANET based on Public Key Infrastructure (PKI).

#### 6.3 Security requirements

In the following we analyze how the previously proposed protocol provides the requirements stated in Section 2.2.

- *Authentication*: Only legitimate vehicles compute right signature message against legitimate messages. Because the tollgate issues legitimate vehicles and illegitimate vehicles cannot compute right signature message against any messages without a partial private key corresponding ELP(Electronic License Plate) of the vehicle.
- *Non-repudiation*: A trust signature message against a vehicle  $V$  is generated by only a partial private key corresponding ELP of the vehicle  $V$  owner. Therefore the vehicle  $V$  can not deny a trust signature message against by oneself.
- *Real-time constraints*: A transmitted message is consist of traffic-information and time-information ( $T$ ). A verifier (vehicle) decides the real-time constraints service using comparison of the present time with  $T$ .

#### 6.4 Additional Advantage

Our protocol supplies forward security using concept of interval signing key. A trust signature message is generated by an interval signing key and is verified by interval tollgate public key. This means previous trusted interval signing key does not useful computing signature message. Therefore, as mentioned above, when a vehicle enters another interval trusted road, each vehicle eliminates all system parameter, cryptography key and received public keys from other vehicles.

Besides, our protocol uses the binding technique  $Q_{ID_V} = H_1(ID_V \| P_{ID_V})$  which ensures that users who owns the corresponding signing key can only create the public key. It achieve trust-level 3 as defined by Girault [9].

## VII. Conclusion

In this paper we proposed an efficient authentication protocol based on certificateless signature scheme in VANETs. Compared with traditional public key signature scheme based authentication protocol which needs to manage and distribute certificate revocation information, the proposed protocol is more efficient in terms of key management since it does not need to manage and distribute certificate revocation information owing to the concept of interval signing key. Yet it reduces the system complexity, our protocol maintain trust-level same as CA trust-level of traditional PKI. Moreover, the proposed protocol provides authentication, non-repudiation and real-time constraints in VANET.

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