

# Research on Trusted Certification Mechanism of Sensing Layer of the Internet of Things

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**Abstract:** The trusted certification scheme is an effective means to solve the network security problems. However, the existing scheme does not consider the trusted problems of the network and nodes of the sensing layer. Based on this, this paper proposes a trusted certification mechanism of Sensing Layer of the Internet of Things. This mechanism combines certification and trusted computing, and realizes the mutual identity certification and platform integrity certification of sensing nodes. Compared with the existing scheme, the scheme proposed in this paper has a great improvement in security.

## Introduction

With the rapid development of wireless communication technology, micro manufacturing technology, and various sensors thereafter, Internet has become the emerging network, is a new research direction in the field of information technology.<sup>[1]</sup> The Internet of things mainly consists of three layers: the sensing layer, the network layer and the application layer.<sup>[2]</sup> The sensing layer network can be called the sensing network. Each sensor node can only handle a limited amount of processing, which is characterized by limited resources and limited energy.<sup>[3]</sup>

Wireless networks are more vulnerable to privacy and security than wired networks.<sup>[4]</sup> Although there have been many researches on trusted certification mechanism of sensing layer of Internet of things, but there are not really aware of the trusted solution of nodes and the network. Based on this, this paper puts forward a trusted certification mechanism of Sensing Layer of the Internet of Things, in order to ensure that the node's identity is trusted and the transmission of data is reliable.

## Trusted Certification Mechanism of Sensing Network

**Two-Way Identity Certification When the Sensing Node Joins the Cluster Network.** (1) The sensing node  $N$  identifies its identity  $ID_N$ , the type of the sensing node type, and requests the information  $Req$  to be sent to TCN, requesting to join the cluster network.

(2) After TCN receives the information, check the type of the sensing node. If the type of the sensing node  $N$  conforms to the cluster network requirement, TCN uses the identity  $ID_N$  of the sensing node  $N$  to obtain the certification keys  $K_{CN}$  of both parties. TCN selects random numbers  $r_C$  and serial numbers  $T_C$  and calculates  $\{r_C \parallel T_C \parallel ID_N\}_{K_{CN}}$ , TCN sends  $\{r_C \parallel T_C \parallel ID_N\}_{K_{CN}}$  and  $r_C$  to the sensing node  $N$ .

(3) The sensing node uses the identity  $ID_C$  of TCN to obtain the certification keys  $K_{CN}$  of both parties. The sensing node  $N$  decrypts  $\{r_C \parallel T_C \parallel ID_N\}_{K_{CN}}$  to verify the correctness of the signature. The sensing node  $N$  selects the random number  $r_N$  and the serial number  $T_N$  and computes  $\{r_N \parallel T_N \parallel ID_N\}_{K_{CN}}$ , the sensor node  $N$  send  $\{r_N \parallel T_N \parallel ID_N\}_{K_{CN}}$ ,  $r_N$  to TCN.

(4) TCN decrypts  $\{r_N \parallel T_N \parallel ID_N\}_{K_{CN}}$  to verify the correctness of the signature.

At this point, TCN and sensing node  $N$  use the shared communication key  $\hat{k}_{CN} = \{r_C, r_N\}_{K_{CN}}$  to establish secure channels.

**Platform Integrity Certification.** (1) the trusted root TPM  $N$  of the sensing node  $N$  will send its platform integrity signing certificate  $AIK_N, \{ID_N, \hat{r}_N\}_{AIK_N}$  to TCN. In which,  $\hat{r}_N$  is anti - replay random number.

(2) TCN's trusted root TPM  $C$  will send its own certificates  $AIK_C, \{ID_C, \hat{r}_C\}_{AIK_C}$  and  $AIK_N, \{ID_N, \hat{r}_N\}_{AIK_N}$  to trusted certification center of the Internet of things (TC-IOT). In which,  $\hat{r}_N$  is anti-replay random number.

(3) TC-IOT verify the validity of the certificate  $AIK_C$  and  $AIK_N$ . TC-IOT decrypts  $\{ID_N, \hat{r}_N\}_{AIK_N}$  and  $\{ID_C, \hat{r}_C\}_{AIK_C}$  to verify the correctness of the signature. TC-IOT uses its shared key  $K_C, K_N$  with TPM  $C$  and TPM  $N$  to calculate  $\{\hat{r}_C + 1, k_{CN}\}_{K_C}, \{\hat{r}_N + 1, k_{CN}\}_{K_N}$ , and send then to TPM  $C$  and TPM  $N$  separately.

(4) TPM  $C$  and TPM  $N$  use the shared key to decrypt  $\{\hat{r}_C + 1, k_{CN}\}_{K_C}, \{\hat{r}_N + 1, k_{CN}\}_{K_N}$  and obtain the certification key  $k_{CN}$  of the platform integrity of both parties respectively.

(5) TPM  $C$  sends the integrity request information  $Req\{i_1, \dots, i_r\}$  to TPM  $N$ , In which,  $\{i_1, \dots, i_r\}$  is the PCR integrity identification corresponding to the sensing node.

(6) TPM  $N$  sends the integrity information  $\{nPCR_1, \dots, nPCR_r\}_{k_{CN}}$  and the integrity request information  $Req\{j_1, \dots, j_s\}$  to TPM  $C$ , in which  $\{j_1, \dots, j_s\}$  is the PCR integrity identification for TCN.

(7) TPM  $C$  verify integrity information  $\{nPCR_1, \dots, nPCR_r\}_{k_{CN}}$ , and according to the value of completeness information  $\{nPCR_1, \dots, nPCR_r\}_{k_{CN}}$ , judge if the sensing node  $N$  is trusted, if the judge result is not trusted, refuse sensing nodes to join the cluster network. TPM  $C$  sends TCN integrity information  $\{cPCR_1, \dots, cPCR_r\}_{k_{CN}}$  to TPM  $N$ .

(8) TPM  $N$  verify integrity information  $\{cPCR_1, \dots, cPCR_r\}_{k_{CN}}$ , and according to the value of completeness information  $\{cPCR_1, \dots, cPCR_r\}_{k_{CN}}$ , judge if TCN is trusted, if the judge result is not trusted, the sensing node  $N$  refused to join the cluster network.

At this point, the mutual identity certification and platform integrity certification between the trusted cluster head node TCN and the sensing node  $N$  are completed.

This article uses BAN logic to make inference to ensure the correctness of the key generated in the process of trusted identity certification and platform integrity certification.

Inference rules:

(1) rules of message meaning.

$$\frac{P \models Q \xleftarrow{K} P, P \triangleleft \{X\}_K}{P \models Q \sim X} \quad (1)$$

(2) temporary value validation rules.

$$\frac{P \models \#(X), P \models Q \sim X}{P \models Q \models X} \quad (2)$$

(3) arbitration rules

$$\frac{P \models Q \Rightarrow P, P \models Q \models X}{P \models X} \quad (3)$$

(4) belief rules

$$\frac{P \models X, P \models Y}{P \models (X, Y)} \quad \frac{P \models (X, Y)}{P \models X} \quad \frac{P \models Q \models (X, Y)}{P \models Q \models X} \quad (4)$$

(5) sending rules

$$\frac{P \models Q \mid \sim (X, Y)}{P \models Q \mid \sim X} \quad (5)$$

(6) receiving rules

$$\frac{P \triangleleft (X, Y)}{P \triangleleft X} \quad \frac{P \triangleleft X \triangleright Y}{P \triangleleft X} \quad \frac{P \models Q \xleftarrow{K} P, P \triangleleft \{X\}_K}{P \triangleleft X} \quad (6)$$

$$\frac{P \models Q \xrightarrow{K} P, P \triangleleft \{X\}_K}{P \triangleleft X} \quad \frac{P \models Q \xrightarrow{K} P, P \triangleleft \{X\}_{K^{-1}}}{P \triangleleft X} \quad (7)$$

(7) fresh rules.

$$\frac{P \models \#(X)}{P \models \#(X, Y)} \quad (8)$$

Initialization hypothesis according to BAN logic:

$$TCN \models TCN \xleftarrow{K_{CN}} N \quad (9)$$

$$N \models TCN \xleftarrow{K_{CN}} N \quad (10)$$

$$TPM \text{ } TPM \text{ } C \models C \xleftarrow{K_C} TC - IOT \quad (11)$$

$$TPM \text{ } TPM \text{ } N \models N \xleftarrow{K_N} TC - IOT \quad (12)$$

$$TCN \models \#(r_C) \quad (13)$$

$$N \models \#(r_N) \quad (14)$$

$$TPM \text{ } C \models \#(\hat{r}_C) \quad (15)$$

$$TPM \text{ } N \models \#(\hat{r}_N) \quad (16)$$

$$TPM \text{ } TPM \text{ } C \models TC - IOT \Rightarrow C \quad (17)$$

$$TPM \text{ } N \models TC - IOT \Rightarrow TPM \text{ } N \quad (18)$$

Logical reasoning:

(a) proof  $TCN \models N \models TCN \xleftarrow{\hat{K}_{CN}} N$  :

$$TCN \triangleleft \{r_C \parallel r_N \parallel ID_N\}_{K_{CN}}$$

From the initialization hypothesis (9) and rule (1) can get:

$$TCN \models N \sim \{r_C \parallel r_N \parallel ID_N\}$$

From the initialization hypothesis (13) and the rule (5) can get:

$$TCN \models \#\{r_C \parallel r_N \parallel ID_N\}$$

By rule (2) can get:

$$TCN \models N \models \{r_C \parallel r_N \parallel ID_N\}$$

so

$$TCN \models N \models TCN \xleftarrow{\hat{K}_{CN}} N$$

(b) proof  $N \models TCN \models TCN \xleftarrow{\hat{K}_{CN}} N$  :

$$N \triangleleft \{r_N \parallel ID_C\}_{K_{CN}}$$

From the initialization hypothesis (10) and rule (1) can get:

$$N \models TCN \sim \{r_N \parallel ID_C\}$$

From the initialization hypothesis (14) and the rule (5) can get:

$$TCN \models \#\{r_N \parallel ID_C\}$$

By rule (2) can get:

$$N \models TCN \models \{r_N \parallel ID_C\}$$

so

$$N \models TCN \models TCN \xleftarrow{\hat{K}_{CN}} N$$

(c) proof  $TPM \text{ } C \models C \xleftarrow{K_{CN}} N$  :

Note that TPM  $C$  and TPM  $N$  interactions are encrypted using the communication key generated in the previous step, which ensures the privacy of the interaction and the efficiency of the interaction.

$$\text{TPM } C \triangleleft \{AIK_N, \hat{r}_C, k_{CN}\}_{K_C}$$

From the initialization hypothesis (11) and the rule (1) can get:

$$\text{TPM } C \models IOTTC \sim \{AIK_N, \hat{r}_C, k_{CN}\}$$

From the initialization hypothesis (15) and the rule (5) can get:

$$\text{TPM } C \models \#\{AIK_N, \hat{r}_C, k_{CN}\}$$

By rule (2) can get:

$$\text{TPM } C \models IOTTC \models \{AIK_N, \hat{r}_C, k_{CN}\}$$

so

$$\text{TPM } C \models IOTTC \models C \xleftarrow{k_{CN}} N$$

From the initialization hypothesis (17) and the arbitration rule (3) can get:

$$\text{TPM } C \models C \xleftarrow{k_{CN}} N$$

(d) proof  $\text{TPM } N \models C \xleftarrow{k_{CN}} N$  :

$$\text{TPM } N \triangleleft \{AIK_C, \hat{r}_N, k_{CN}\}_{K_N}$$

From the initialization hypothesis (12) and the rule (1) can get:

$$\text{TPM } N \models IOTTC \sim \{AIK_C, \hat{r}_N, k_{CN}\}$$

From the initialization hypothesis (16) and the rule (5) can get:

$$\text{TPM } N \models \#\{AIK_C, \hat{r}_N, k_{CN}\}$$

By rule (2) can get:

$$\text{TPM } N \models IOTTC \models \{AIK_C, \hat{r}_N, k_{CN}\}$$

so

$$\text{TPM } N \models IOTTC \models C \xleftarrow{k_{CN}} N$$

From the initialization hypothesis (17) and the arbitration rule (3) can get:

$$\text{TPM } N \models C \xleftarrow{k_{CN}} N$$

The interaction between TPM  $C$  and TPM  $N$  can be obtained:

$$\text{TPM } C \models N \models C \xleftarrow{k_{CN}} N$$

$$\text{TPM } N \models C \models C \xleftarrow{k_{CN}} N$$

## Scheme Comparison

The table below gives a comparison of the schemes proposed in this paper and the existing scheme.

Table 1 scheme comparison

	Solutions in this paper	Existing scheme <sup>[5]</sup>
Expandability	good	It costs more to expand.
Certification	Has the identity and the platform integrity double authentication mechanism, has the good security.	There is only an certification mechanism.
Key distribution	A key distribution scheme based on vector space is adopted, and the key distribution efficiency and computational efficiency are high.	The key of all nodes is saved by the base station, and the key distribution efficiency is low.
Amount of calculation	The calculation is small and fixed.	big

## Conclusion

The trusted certification mechanism proposed in this paper realizes the mutual identity certification and platform integrity certification between the sensing node and the cluster head node, and the analysis shows that the proposed scheme is superior to the traditional one.

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