

Detection of Attacks over Databases using Hashing Technique

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ABSTRACT

Now a days there is a increase in internet popularity which results in widely spreading the application of databases. So attackers create the major problems with database to steal the data. And these attackers decrease the truthfulness of database by modifying the data stored in the database. Attackers can easily copy, download, or delete the database content. Now a days Backdoor attacks kept on increasing. It provides a camouflaged point of entry for hackers also offer various strategies for attack. So it is very important to avoid such types of attacks because databases contain very confidential information about businesses or organizations. If this sensitive data is gained by an attacker then the organization may collapse. In this paper we have tried to implement an intrusion detection system to protect the database systems with the use of hash map. Hashing technique performs faster than other techniques and results in high performance and high efficiency in detecting the database attacks.

Keyword:- Backdoor attacks, Intrusion, Intrusion Detection System, databases, Hash Map.

1. INTRODUCTION

Attack is a potential for the occurrence of a harmful event against a target in the network [1]. Basically, an attack is categorized into Passive attacks and Active attacks [2]. In a passive type of attack, there is no any change in data on the targeted system. It is only about to make access to the information of target. An attacker takes access to the target through port scan. Sometimes these attacks access the information to perform the future attack. Network Analysis, Eavesdropping [3], Traffic Analysis etc. are the examples of passive attack. And an active attack is one where the hacker modifies network packets while they are in transit, or sends forged network packets. During this, the intruder introduces data into the system as well as potentially change data within the system. They make the unauthorized access to modify programs, escalating privileges, causing a denial of service [4], accessing other systems. They affect the authentication, integrity, and availability attributes of network security [5].

Day by day hackers are stepping towards the organization's database server which is the heart of organizations that stores confidential business data, customer records etc. Without having much knowledge of database, hackers can easily exploit the vulnerabilities to steal the private or sensitive data within it and to keep the security of these database systems, data, program or functions within them has become more critical because it takes the opened wide access through the networks.

1.1 Database Attacks

Database security can be violated by threats either by physically or logically. Physical threats mean stealing of important data by hackers, revelation of passwords, demolition of storage devices and Logical threats mostly use the vulnerabilities inside the software and with the help of these vulnerabilities [12] hackers modify the data, reveal the passwords, denial of service. Database attacks [6] are of different types they are as follows:

Insiders Threat: In this type of attack intruder pretends as an authorized person and sends the messages supposedly from legitimate users [11].

Trojan Horse: In this type of attack trojans [7] are delivered through CD, email, IM, pen drive, p2p, DVD, etc. and once it is executed attacker gets database servers and login information to connect to database servers then steal the data. By gaining this access attacker searches the next target by checking at linked servers/databases, connections. And get encrypted data back by email, HTTPS, covert channel, etc.

SQL Attacks: In this attack attacker takes advantage of stored procedures and vulnerabilities in front-end web applications and sends unauthorized queries, often with elevated privileges [8].

Example:

Stealing data using a rootkit and backdoor:

After compromising the Oracle Database an attacker can install a backdoor to enable him/her to execute queries on the Database and get the responses back. A rootkit can be used to hide the backdoor from the DBA. To open a connection to the attacker's machine he/she uses built-in network functionality and then reads the connection to execute the commands. This can be scheduled to run periodically so if the connection is failed due to some reasons, the attacker keeps access by connecting at a later time. The backdoor can be reconfigured by the attacker using the backdoor itself. Following figure shows the rootkit addition in the database query.

```

CREATE OR REPLACE VIEW Accounts_staff AS
SELECT Empno, Ename, Deptno
FROM Emp
WHERE Deptno = 30
WITH CHECK OPTION CONSTRAINT ica_Accounts_cnst;
WHERE J.WHAT NOT LIKE 'DECLARE L_CN
UTL_TCPCONNECTION;%'
    
```

Rootkit Addition

Fig -1:Rootkit addition

2. . PROPOSED WORK

In the proposed work Intrusion Detection system is developed which sets the alerts to get the notifications when errors occurred on sensitive Database Servers depending on available functionality [10].

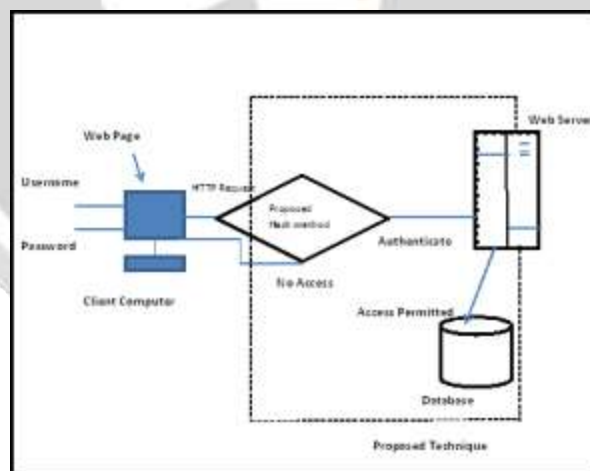


Fig 2: Proposed Technique

With the help of intrusion detection system based on hashing, the attacker cannot bypass the process of authentication. The advantage of this technique is that the attackers are unknown about the hash values of confidential data i.e. user name and password. So, attack can be prevented with taking appropriate decision by security experts. At the backend, Hash values are generated at the runtime so attackers are unable to calculate these values at runtime as it is dynamic.

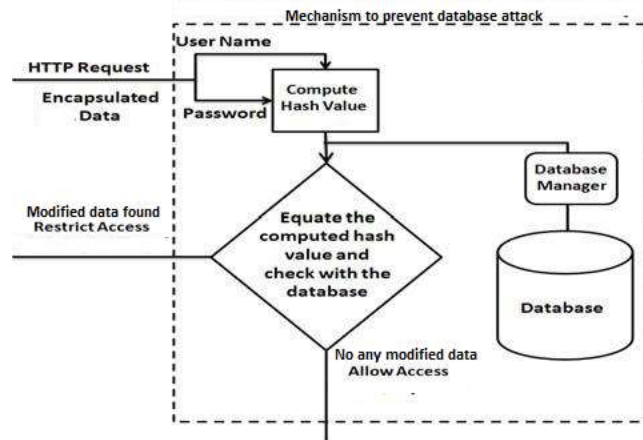


Fig -3: Mechanism to prevent attack

Specifically, the hash function is used to map the search key to an index; the index gives the place in the hash table where the corresponding record should be stored. Hash tables, in turn, are used to implement associative arrays and dynamic sets. Typically, the domain of a hash function (the set of possible keys) is larger than its range (the number of different table indices), and so it will map several different keys to the same index. Therefore, each slot of a hash table is associated with (implicitly or explicitly) a set of records, rather than a single record. For this reason, each slot of a hash table is often called a bucket, and hash values are also called bucket indices. Finding duplicate records.

3. WORKING METHODOLOGY

HashMap[9] is an array of Entry objects:
Consider HashMap as an array of objects.

1. class Entry <K,V> implements Map.Entry<K,V>


```

      {
          final K key;
          V value;
          Entry<K,V> next;
          final int hash; ...
      }
      
```
2. Add a new key-value pair :
 - (a) Calculate hashCode for the key
 - (b) Calculate position as
(hash % (arrayLength-1))
3. Creating a HashMap :
 - (a) put(K key, V value)


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          {
              if (key == null)
                  return putForNullKey(value);
              (b) int hash= hash(key.hashCode());
                  int i = indexOf(hash, table.length);
              (c) addEntry(hash, key, value, i);
                  return null;
          }
          
```
4. to look up x in the map, calculate x.hashCode()

pick the appropriate bucket then iterate through the bucket's list and pick the entry e where e.key equals x.

then it returns e.value as given below

```

List <List<Entry>> buckets;
Object get(Object key)
{
    List<List<Entry>>bucket = buckets.get(key.hashCode()%buckets.size());
(a) for (Entry entry : bucket)
    {
        if (Object.equals(key, entry.key)
        return entry.value;
    }
}
    
```

4. RESULTS

This technology helps in much extent to detect the database attacks with generating alerts over the mobile network. Following figure shows the notification of attack detected by system to take the appropriate action against the attack.

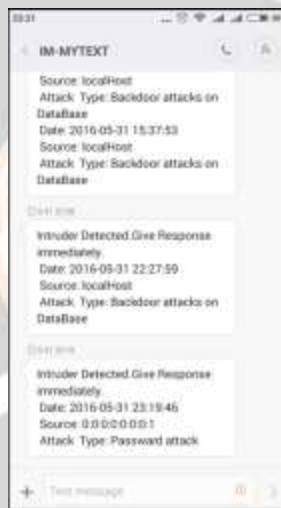


Fig - 4: Alert of attack.

After getting notification of attack ,admin check out the behavior of attack in terms of attack type,its source IP address and according to behavior admin take the appropriate action like killing the process ,blocking the IP address or only close the attack with return to home page.

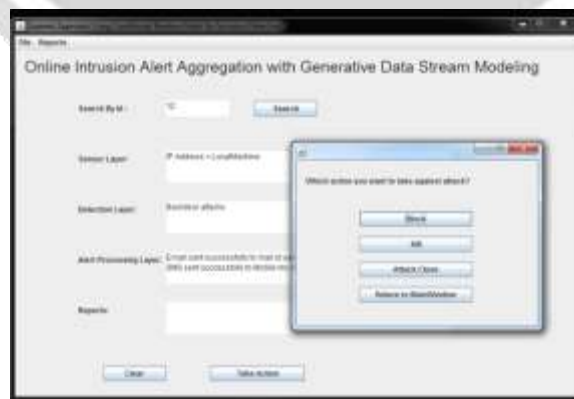


Fig -5 :Backdoor attack

5.CONCLUSION

In the today's IT world everyone wants to keep their confidential data as secure but many of the sources leads to hack the ones confidential information. So taking this under consideration proposed system works to protect the confidentiality, availability and the integrity constraints of the security . This uses the efficient algorithm of hashing technique which works on hashmap. This results in high performance and efficient technology when compared to existing techniques.

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