

# Moving Target Defense and Trust management New Challenges for IoT and SIoT systems\*

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## Abstract

A transition from traditional networks to a new era of IoT and social IoT has occurred as a result of the widespread use of mobile devices and wireless technology. Notwithstanding the advancements made, the safety of IoT and SIoT systems still has to be enhanced. For this need, we give a general overview of how trust management and moving target defense are used in IoT and SIoT to assure security.

## Keywords

security, Internet of Things, Social Internet of Things, moving target defense, trust management.

## 1. Introduction

With the widespread use of wireless technologies and mobile devices, traditional networks are giving way to the Internet of Things (IoT). From industry to home services, the Internet of Things has a significant impact on many different areas [1] [2]

The Social Internet of Things (SIoT) is a groundbreaking new paradigm that was created by applying social networking concepts to the Internet of Things. The latter is a potent architectural substitute for Internet of Things solutions. Fig. 1. illustrates a mapping between IoT and SIoT architecture.

IoT and SIoT systems are being used more and more in the real world. However, they are less secure than modern non-IoT systems. In addition, to remove any obstacles to the general adoption of IoT and SIoT, security problems related to them must be addressed in light of their potential capabilities. A crucial component of security is managing trust and moving target defense [1] [3]. We must comprehend the existing technologies, framework for trust management, and moving target defense in IoT and SIoT systems to integrate security into these systems. In this paper, we provide an overview of the study of trust management and moving target defense for IoT and SIoT systems.

The remainder of this work is structured as follows: sections 2 and 3 present an overview of trust management and moving target defense in IoT and SIoT. Section 4 illustrates the difference between trust management and

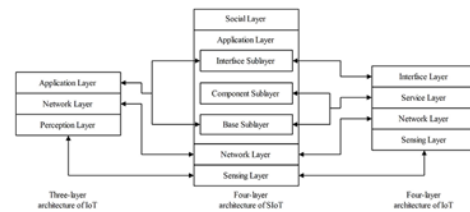


Figure 1: Mapping between IoT and SIoT architecture[1]

the moving target defense paradigm. Section 5 gives the conclusion and our future work.

## 2. Trust management

One of the most important components of security is trust management. The purpose of trust management systems is to inform users about trust and assist them in making decisions. For trustworthy data fusion and mining, qualified services with contextual information, and improved user privacy and information security in the IoT, trust management is crucial.[1] [4] [5].

Trust management has been utilized in the Internet of Things to foster trustworthy information sharing among physical items and to construct social relationships autonomously.[6].

### 2.1. Trust management in IoT

#### 2.1.1. Trust management technique

In IoT systems, trust management is essential to allay people's worries about data integrity and privacy. The

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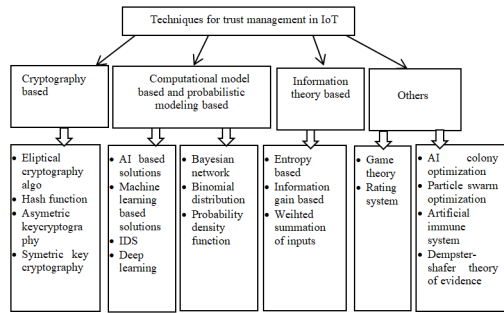


Figure 2: Classification of Trust management technique [2]

methodical process of eliminating and safeguarding a network from unreliable nodes, such as malicious nodes or attacking nodes, broken nodes or malfunctioning nodes, and selfish nodes, is known as trust management. Figure 2 is a summary of all trust management strategies found in the literature [7] [2].

### 2.1.2. Trust management Framework

The significant limitations that come with IoT-based wireless sensor networks make it difficult to suggest trust management for these kinds of networks [2].

Numerous works have presented a framework for IoT trust management. To increase a node's confidence, several of the themes took into account the security arrangements for each layer [8]. To provide a flexible secure framework that may enhance security based on trust evaluation in human-IoT interactions, other researchers employed a model-based security toolkit [9]. Authors [10] and [11] present a framework that enables developers to incorporate trust concerns in the network while accounting for the functional needs obtained from IoT scenarios. To distribute public keys at the edge of a fog network, the authors of [12] use trust tables at each node [13].

The selection of trust attributes in certain studies is based on the quantity of successful and unsuccessful transactions or positive and negative behaviours. Others have just taken into account social interactions or QoS characteristics [2] [14].

## 2.2. Trust management in SIoT

A novel framework for the Social Internet of Things (SIoT) has surfaced in recent times. According to its owners' established norms, every object in this paradigm can autonomously form relationships with other objects in the network. Establishing trustworthy links between items and observing their dependability before depending on their knowledge is crucial. Last but not least, trust

management has been applied to promote reliable information sharing among physical objects and foster social interactions on their own [15] [16] [17].

### 2.2.1. TRUST MANAGEMENT FRAMEWORK IN SIoT

the use of blockchain, machine learning, and deep learning in trust management frameworks are some of the most recent developments in this area [18] [19] [20][18] [19] [20]. Specifically, blockchain offers improved security, fault tolerance, immutability, and transparency [21].

Outlines a methodology for trust management in relation to node behaviour when Bad Mouthing Attack is introduced in [22] [22]. Overall trust is the product of expected and estimated trust, which is determined using a Bayes Model and Weighted Sum. The trust calculation makes use of past and anticipated behaviour to thwart malicious attacks [21].

## 3. Moving Target Defense

Moving Target Defense (MTD) is a cyberdefense paradigm. It can be used to address the security issues in Internet of Things networks. The fundamental idea behind MTD is to ward off attackers by constantly altering the attack surface (such as system and network configurations) to raise the complexity and cost of the attack and also refute any system intelligence that the attackers may have gathered [23] [24] [25].

### 3.1. MTD frameworks for IOT

In [26], authors presented an MTD framework appropriate for Internet of Things systems. The goal of the suggested framework is to support MTD strategy formulation and execution for Internet of Things systems. The authors developed two MTD techniques based on the framework: port-hopping, which targets UDP port numbers, and the Constrained Application Protocol (CoAP). Both strategies were implemented using actual Internet of Things hardware platforms. Kyi et al. presented a framework for IoT system security using an MTD approach as a place to start when combining diverse defense strategies at various IoT levels. The first component corresponds to a real IoT system. In addition, a virtual Internet of Things system relates to the second part of the framework. An assault detection system corresponds to the third component. There are not enough components in the framework to create MTD strategies for IoT systems [3].

### 3.2. MTD techniques for IoT

Three basic design questions must be defined by an MTD technique: WHAT, HOW, and WHEN to move. This last can be defined as follows [24]:

- WHAT to move determines the component(s) of the system to which the technique will be applied
- HOW to move deals with the procedures for (i) defining the moving parameter valid states and (ii) selecting a single valid state for the system. Three different types are used in MTD techniques: Shuffling (randomization), Diversification, and Redundancy-based.
- WHEN to move is about applying the state change, i.e., the decision process that triggers the MP value change. Three categories of decision processes (time, event-based, and hybrid) are distinguished in the literature.

An evolving, new technological idea called the MTD paradigm can safeguard an Internet of Things system despite obstacles [27]. Although network topology shuffling can effectively halt attack actions utilizing compromised IoT devices as stepping stones, none of the MTD-based techniques applied to IoT considered this [28] [29] [30].

Decoys are deployed so that the network shuffling-based MTD can deflect the attacker from real IoT devices and give a false impression of the network while also confusing the attacker with changing connections among IoT devices. This can effectively raise the cost and effort of the attack while lowering the likelihood that real IoT devices would be affected [25].

### 4. The difference between MTD and trust management

There is a difference between the use of MTD and trust management in IoT and SIoT systems. In this section, we will mention the most important one. Table 1 illustrates the difference between Mtd and trust management for IoT and SIoT systems. The most important difference is the Moving target defense is a defense mechanism that dynamically changes the attack surface, but Trust management is a security mechanism that dynamically creates reliable social networking. In addition, the Moving target defense applies to lower layers of the network but Trust management is applied to the social layer (application) in the object. Furthermore, several research papers use trust management for IoT and SIoT but no research work uses moving target defense for SIoT.

### 5. Conclusion

The rapid development of the internet and smartphone has led to the emergence of SIoT. This last is the integration of IoT and social networking. Despite the progress achieved, the IoT and SIoT still need to develop the safety aspect. For this need, we present in this paper an overview of the use of trust management and moving target defense to assure security in IoT and SIoT. In future work, we will try to use the moving target defense paradigm for SIoT security

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**Table 1**

Difference between MTD and trust management.

Moving target defense	Trust management
Moving target defense is a defense mechanism that dynamically changes the attack surface	Trust management is a security mechanism that dynamically creates reliable social networking
Apply to lower layers of the network.	Apply at the social layer (application) in the object
Use it against network attacks by fooling adversaries in real-time.	Use it against social attacks by calculating the reliability of the services provided by the objects.
Increase the uncertainty, complexity and diversity of the network system.	Increase reliable relationships between objects in the social network

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