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A group key management protocol using attribute-based encryption for mobile peer-to-peer wireless sensor networks

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Abstract

A new ciphertext-policy attribute-based encryption (CP-ABE) scheme with lower decryption cost was presented, and it was proved secure in a stand model. Then a group key management protocol based on CP-ABE was proposed for mobile peer-to-peer wireless sensor networks (MP2PWSN). Under this protocol, mobile nodes and cluster heads firstly complete the inter-cluster group key distribution, and then a cluster head distributes the group key within its cluster. This protocol satisfies the backward security, permits node dynamically joining, leaving and being revoked, and also implements the control of fine-grained sensor data access and privacy preserving. The simulation results show that sensors' energy consumption does not greatly increase with the number of attributes because the protocol uses a CP-ABE algorithm with lower decryption cost. Therefore, this protocol can meet the security requirements of anonymous group communication for MP2PWSN.

Key words: mobile peer-to-peer wireless sensor network (MP2PWSN), group key, attribute-based encryption (ABE), standard model, anonymous communication