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Making Honeywords from Actual Passwords with Distraction Mechanism

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***Abstract*— In last few years, research in the area of computer security state that many passwords are detectable to intruder. Honeywords (false passwords) are able to discover attacks against hashed passwords databases. In order to sense imposture for each user account, the reasonable password is stored with several honeywords. In this proposed system intruder try to login into the system. Here if intruder tries to break the system and if intruder enters any honeyword then the alert is given to the authentic user. And if suppose he try combination of password and it goes more than three times and also entered password doesn't equal with the honeywords then he/she is his get access the file but all files are decoy files. Here admin add the decoy file (fake) for the uploaded file if illegal user tries password grouping three times then he/she can get access to files but those file are Decoy files (fake file).**

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I. INTRODUCTION

In authentication process the password is used as most essential tool. Most of the users chooses easy and weak passwords that can be guess by a brute-force attack. Namely, an intruder, who is stealing the file of hashed passwords from a server, can uses the brute force attack to find the user password. Some recent events have proved that the easy and weak password storage methods are currently in used on many web sites by a user. Hence the intruder can target those user's account to get authorized access. For example, the LinkedIn passwords were using the SHA-1 algorithm without a salt and similarly the passwords in the eHarmony system were also stored using unsalted MD5 hashes [4]. Indeed, once a password file is steal, by using the password cracking techniques like the algorithm it is easy to capture most of the plaintext passwords. In respect to this, there are two issues that are to be considered to overcome these security problems: First, passwords must be secure by taking suitable protection and storing with their hash values computed through salting or some other difficult mechanisms.

Hence, for an intruder it must be hard to reverse hashes to acquire plaintext passwords. The second considaration is that a protected system should detect whether a password file revelation incident happened or not to take appropriate actions [2].

In recent few years, expose of password is an extreme security challenge that inclined a large no of user and organization like Yahoo, RockYou, LinkedIn, eHarmonyand Adobe [2], as leaked password led the client to number of digital attack. Honeypot is one of the methods to identify existence of a password database crack. In this approach, the administrator intentionally creates sham user accounts to trap intruder and detects a password leak, if any one of the honeypot passwords get used. Another approach to improving the situation is to make password hashing more complex and more time-consuming. This is the idea behind the "Password Hashing Competition" [3]. This approach can be used, but it also slows down the process of authentication for genuine users, and doesn't make easier to detect password cracking.

The Honeyword approach is having multiple probable passwords for each account, only one of which is true. Recently, Juels and Rivest have represented the honeyword mechanism to identify an intruder who tries to login with cracked passwords [5]. Basically, each user account is associated with set of sugarwords among which only one element is the correct password and the others are honeywords (false passwords). Hence, when an intruder tries to login into the system with a honeyword, an alarm is set to notify the administrator about a password leakage.

In proposed system, we store all the passwords using honeywords. So the security increased in this mechanism. Here intruder is going to login the system. Here if intruder attempts to break the system and if he/she enters any honeyword then the alert is given to the genuine user. And if suppose he/she try grouping of password and it goes more than three attempt and also entered password doesn't match with the honeywords then he is his get access the file but all files are decoy files (fake file).

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II. LITERATURE SURVEY

Achieving Flatness: Selecting the Honeywords from Existing User Passwords [1]:

This paper proposed the works on the issue to overcome the security problems. A new honeyword generation algorithm which shows improved results with respect to flatness, Honeywords are selected properly, a cyber-attacker who bargains a file of hashed passwords cannot be sure if it is the actual password or a honeyword for any account. Furthermore, entering with a honeyword to login will trigger an alarm informing the administrator about a password file opening.

Honeywords: Making Password-Cracking Detectable [5]:

Juels and Rivest in the year 2013 proposed a technique for improving the security of hashed passwords. In order to improve the safety of the hashed password, honeywords (fake passwords) needs to be generated for each user account. An attacker who steals a file of hashed passwords and reverse the hash function cannot identify whether he has found the password or a honeyword. If the attacker tries to login with the associated honeyword the backup server will set off an alert.

Examination of a New Defense Mechanism: Honeywords [7]:

It has become much easier to crack a password hash with them advancements in the graphical processing unit (GPU) technology. Once the password has been recovered no server can sense any illegal user authentication (if there is no extra mechanism used). They propose an approach for user authentication, in which some wrong passwords, i.e., "honeywords" are added into a password file, in order to detect impersonation. The authors in propose an interesting defense mechanism under a very common attack scenario where an adversary steals the file of password hashes and inverts most or many of the hashes. The honeyword system is powerful defense mechanism in this scenario. Namely, even if the adversary has broken all the hashes in the password file, he cannot login to the system without a high risk of being detected. Hacking the honeychecker has also no benefit to the enemy since there is no information about a user's password or honeyword in the honeychecker .

Investigating the Distribution of Password Choices [11]:

In this paper we will look at the sharing with which passwords are chosen. Zipf's Law is frequently detected in lists of selected words.

Using password lists from four dissimilar on- line sources, we will examine if Zipf's law is a good candidate for describing the frequency with which passwords are chosen. We look at a number of standard indicator, used to measure the security of password allocation, and see if modeling the data using Zipf's Law produces good evaluation of these indicator. We then look at the similarity of the password distributions from each of our sources, using predicting as a metric. This shows that these distributions provide effectual tools for cracking passwords. Finally, we will show how to shape the sharing of passwords in use, by occasionally asking users to choose a different password.

III. ATTACK MODELS

There are number of attack performed in order to obtain user's password.

i. *Brute Force Attack:* The intruder obtain the document of secrete key hashes and crack the hashes using Brute Force Attack. An intruder can take password hash record on various framework, or on single framework at different times.
ii. *Guessing attack:* Many of the user's choose easy or weak password that is easy to remember, this password can easily guess by an intruder applying some relation and try to get access. Users uses some personal detail as password to login into system. The intruder just collect your personal information to get access into user's account.
iii. *Visible Password:* Also called as Shoulder Surfing, in this attack a user's password is viewed by an intruder when it is entered by a user's, or an intruder can see on monitor. The OTP (one time password) generator method like RSA's Secure ID token provides upright security against this attack.
iv. *One Password for Many System:* Some of the user's use same password for many system for login, thus if this password get liked for one account then it could be threat for another another account.
v. *Malware:* A Trojan program can detect the key strokes and sends this information to an intruder. There are some progressive malware that can stole the login information from messenger. Sun et al, propose oPass which uses a user's mobile phone and SMS (short message service) to prevent from password theft.

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IV. HONEYWORDS

Mostly, a simple idea behind the learning is the insertion of fake passwords – called as honeywords – related with each user's account. When an intruder gets the password list, he/she recovers many password applicants for each account and the intruder cannot be sure about which password is true. Hence, the cracked password files can be detected by the system administrator if a login effort is done with a honeyword by the intruder. The honeyword mechanism works simply as follows:

V. PROPOSED SYSTEM

In proposed system, we store all the passwords using honeywords. So the security increased in this mechanism. Here intruder is going to login the system. Here if intruder tries to break the system and if he/she arrives any honeyword then the alert is given to the genuine user. And if assume he/she try grouping of password and it goes more than three try and also entered password doesn't match with the honeywords then he/she is his get entree the file but all files are decoy files(fake file). Admin has rights to add the decoy file for the uploaded file if illegal user tries password grouping three times then he can get access to files but those file are Decoy files (fake file).

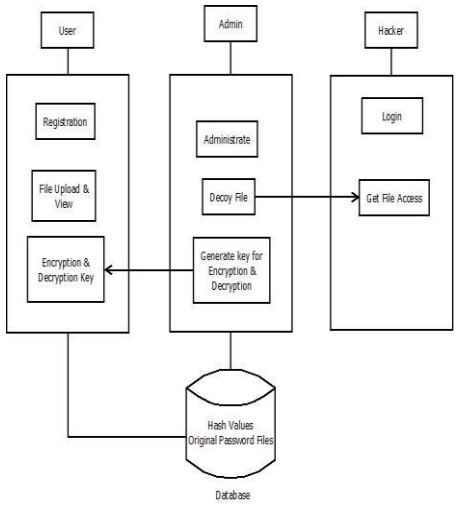

Fig 1: Proposed System Architecture

i. *Registration:* Here user is going to register into system. Then while register for give password by user system will create Honeywords and their Hash Values and store up into the table. Along with Hash Values the original password hash is also store at exact arbitrary position. An also user obtain one generated key for his uploaded file encryption and decryption.

ii. *Login:* Here user is going to Login into the System. If password match with the hash password then user can Login.

iii. *Intruder:* Here intruder is going to login the system. Here if intruder tries to break the system and if he/she enters any honeyword then the alert is given to the real user. And if suppose he try combination of password and it goes more than three try and also entered password doesn't match with the honeywords then he/she is his get access the file but all files are decoy files (fake files).

iv. *File Upload and View:* authentic user to the system can upload file data into the System. And the uploaded file is encrypted by the encryption algorithm by the user encryption key. To study file or download file user has to enter the decryption.

v. *Admin Login:* Here admin can Login into the system. Once login He can handle all secretarial functions.

vi. *Log Creation:* Log creation is done for each user activity to the system and which is store into the database.

VI. HONEYWORDS GENERATION METHODS

After login into the system, system create honeywords using present user account passwords by applying various tricks on it or by applying the following methods.

i. Chaffing with tough nuts :

It means extra string added into the plain text. In this honeyword generation methodology our system insert some tough word into the password so it's hard to crack password from hash files. So whenever password inserted by user there is some special string and character so and salty with original password so at that time it's hard to get original password. Using *Chaffing with tough nuts* method there is chance that attacker ignore the tough nuts.

ii. Chaffing-with-a-password-model :

The model in [11] is given as a case for this scheme named as the demonstrating language structure. This model comprises of the password, splitted into character sets. On the off chance that the username and the password is co-related, the password can be easily recognized from the honeywords. E.g., the password NRGP143 with a username NRGP can be successfully recognized from the comparing honeywords.

This model authorities the generator calculation to acknowledge the password from the client and to deliver the honeywords in view of a probabilistic model of honest passwords [5]

iii. Chaffing-by-tweaking:

Applying chaffing by tweaking scheme, the using client password generates Honeywords. First takings password from user after that select location of character which should be from first or from last location. After selection of that location we shuffle character from password. There is some limit while generation of honeyword because if it's doesn't there is chance that honeywords allocate lot of memory while generating honeywords. Every character of a client password in foreordained positions is replaced by randomly picked character of the same sort: digits are replaced by digits, letters by letters, and exceptional characters by amazing characters. There is each other methodology with regards to this technique i.e. "chaffing-by-tweaking-digits". It changes the last t positions having digits. In any case, numerous clients have the propensity to pick the password having unique date. For instance, birthdate, chronicled occasion or commemoration date. Along these lines, chaffing by tweaking is used, it can offer indication to an adversary to separate the right password.

VII. CONCLUSION

We have study sensibly the security of the honeywords system and introduce a number of fault that need to be built-in with before successful understanding of the system. In this respect, we have presented a new method to make the generation honeywords with randomly collect passwords that belong to other users in the system. We have seen different types of attacks module. In honeyword based verification approach, it is sure that the intruder will be detected. The main aim of project is to validate whether data access is legal or not when unusual information access is detected. Use of honeywords is very beneficial and works for each user accounts.

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