

# Extenuating Man in the Middle Attacks (MITM) on Secure Socket Layer

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**Abstract:** MITM attack is one of the vital attacks on Secure Socket Layer. Few of the foremost attacks on Secure Socket Layer are phishing and ARP poisoning. In ARP Poisoning, the attacker proceed as mid person in the communication process of client-server. Whereas in Phishing an attacker steal the certificate data from the owner exploiting fake web-pages or fake certificates. Man in middle attack cause the user tough to identify that as they are in contact to real channel connection or not. The declaration that has been gone all through the system is not secure, an assaulter may basically alter the data inside of the authentication and leave the endorsement of the data to the client. A few clients aren't knowledgeable concerning the location of the cast certificates and their relating attacks. For managing that sort of attacks, we have explained ARP Poisoning and phishing. In this paper, we have talked about a plan to reinforce the SSL by utilizing (RADIUS) i.e Remote Authentication Dial-in user service protocol that gives Authentication, Authorization, and Accounting management for clients who utilize and interface the systems administration.

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## 1. INTRODUCTION

Now a days net is becoming staggeringly furthermore the information passed through is changing into essential for the organizations, we'd like to supply the buyers what's more in light of the fact that the association some level of protection and verification so every one of the clients will guarantee that they're reaching the right individual. To supply the client furthermore the association this level of security Netscape thought of an answer known as SSL i.e. Secured Socket Layer [2]. After adding secured algorithms and handle the written record information SSLv3.0. They renamed future updated version of the SSLv3.1 as Transport Layer Security (TLSv1.0) [3][2][1].

Secure Socket Layer is to supply information security and privacy, however still this protocol has a few restrictions. Beginning of all, the secure socket layer (SSL) takes after the poor model of Public Key Infrastructure (PKI): web-model [8]. This model is best for huge scale execution for Secure Socket Layer, however it contains Trust Roots in web model: The

User and the CA. In this client might likewise choose whether or not or not they should grant alternate certificate that don't appear to be in CA. Besides, the assaults that the SSL confront square measure significantly from MITM assault, for the most part ARP Poisoning, whereby the wrongdoer will seize the secured connection and might retrieve the secured session details.

This paper is divided into three parts. The 1st part will examine about data about the Secure Socket Layer. In the second segment we have discussed about the attacks over SSL and the amount they are unsafe. In the third segment we explained the proposed model.

## 2. Secure Socket Layer (SSL):

It is a protocol that gives a safe channel between two machines working over the Internet. In today's world, the Secure Socket layer is ordinarily utilized when a web program needs to safe connection with a web server over the Internet. Secure Socket Layer has 3 protocols beneath it: Alert Protocol, Handshake Protocol and Record Protocol. Handshake protocol is utilized to build up the safe association between the client furthermore the server by utilizing the alternative parameters and Cipher suites and that each have prearranged. Record Protocol is utilized to encode the information that is sent through the system by utilizing the key that are built up all through the Handshake convention. Alert or Ready protocol is utilized to send the some messages to locate any interruption inside of the framework. As I need to demonstrate the defects inside of the Secure Socket Layer strategies, acknowledgement protocol see (Figure-1) got the chance as said first[1]. It should be as per the following:

Step 1: The Client will send a Client Hello message to the required server to connect. The client will give 32-byte arbitrary no support and the message contains Version number of the Secure Socket Layer. This message conjointly contain the Compression strategy and the Cipher Suites that will be supported by the client.

Step 2: In this, as of now the Server send the Server Hello message to the customers. This message contains the versions of Secure Socket Layer each the gathering can support, Session ID, cipher suite and the 32-byte irregular no.

Step3: Then the Server send the ServerKeyExchange message to the customer. This message contains the information of the public key for.e.g.: the overall public Key just if there should be an occurrence of RSA. The server demands for the client certificate data at that point to prove the client.

Step 4: After providing all the data to client, server provides a Server Hello Done showing the customer or client that server's section of starting arrangement are done and as of now it's the customer's time.

Step 5: The key information is sent to the server by the client with Client Key Exchange message encoded by the server (PK) public key. The legal server solely will access the client data.

Step 6: At present as each the customer furthermore the server have sent their key data and option parameters, customer sends a ChangeCipherSpec message to the server to value every one of the parameters of the connection or association and initiate a similar.

Step 7: To check the newly choices a Finished message is sent by the client.

Step 8: The server sends a similar Change Cipher Spec to the client to apprise all the choices within the secured connections and then send the Finished message to the client to check all the choices.

Handshake Protocol embodies all the information into a framing format of size 5bytes going before various convention messages. This convention gives one casing arrangement to Alert, Change CipherSpec, Handshake, and Application Data [1].

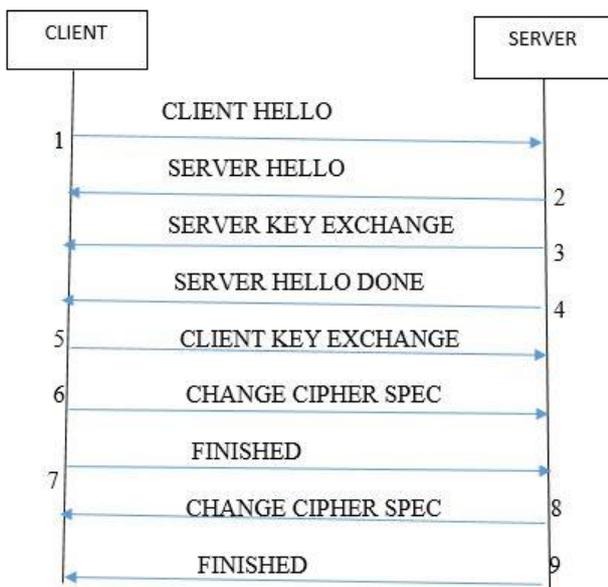


FIGURE 1: SSL Handshake

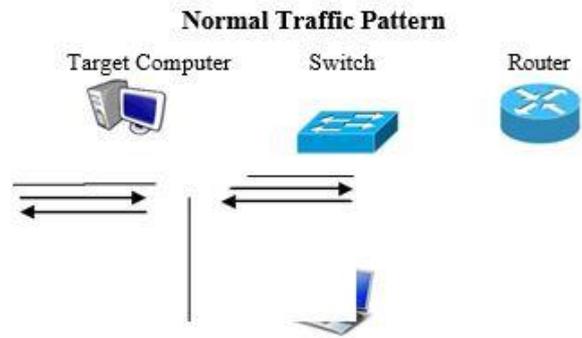


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### 3.1 ARP Poisoning attack:

ARP poisoning is a sort of assault in which a malignant performing artist sends falsified ARP (Address Resolution Protocol) messages over a neighborhood network area. ARP is that the procedure to locate hardware address i.e. The MAC address of a particular hub once the sender know about the logical address i.e. IP address, of the destination. The destination sends a telecast packet asking for the MAC address of the proverbial science address so it will discover the device inside the network. After getting the IP/MAC, it stores this mapping into its Hans Arp cache.

During this attack, the wrongdoer or 1st of all tries to capture the packets to urge data regarding that the gateway and that all devices area unit connected to it [4]. Once he finds the victim and IP addresses of the gateway, it sends Arp reply to victim stating that the entree mackintosh address is currently the mackintosh of the wrongdoer and an identical packet to entree stating that the victim's mackintosh address is currently modified thereto of attacker's MAC.

With this assault, the wrongdoer will seize the session despite the fact that it's secured by SSL/TLS as appeared in Figure 2. Here the victim contacts the server through the entree by means of wrongdoer.

### 3.2. Phishing Attack(Fake Certificate Attack):

Fake Certificate Attack [10] is that the kind of assault in which client is compelled to give client accreditations to the faux sites. This type of internet websites look simply like the \$64000 and true sites and assemble cheat clients to enter their information. However, an exceptionally extra refined way, assaulter will seize the information between the customer and consequently the server.

### Sniffer

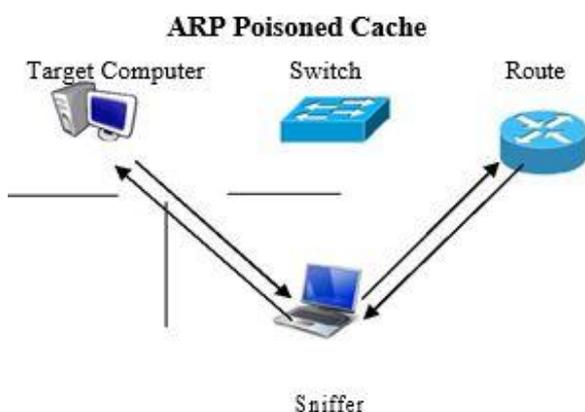


FIGURE 4: ARP Poisoning

As it will be noticeable from the Handshake convention of the SSL that underlying transactions whereby the server sends its Public-Key information and this data isn't secured. That the assaulter will catch the message and change the principle focuses inside of the certificate. The assaulter will alteration PK cost to it of the assaulter thus send to the main person [12][11].

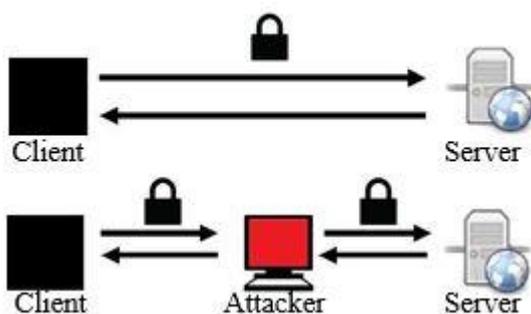


FIGURE 5: Attack of MITM

The victim will think that there is a secured connection with the server. This is often fundamental inconvenience of the Primary Key Infrastructure model that the Secure Socket Layer support. This type of attack produces the user a warning concerning the certificate produced. A few clients overlook the warnings and pushes forward to the connection.

#### 4. Proposed Solution:

Prior in [6] the author anticipated a response toArp Poisoning in which the Linux Shell Script did not have the capacity to see the ARP table while not the normal section of the IP address. The most issue that has been considered in this is that gateway has never been changed at intervals of the network and the IP designated will never get corrected till the gateway become weak. Along these lines the MAC/IP of the gateway will remain the same. The functioning of this shell script is of the following:

Step 1: Initially, the shell script can search for the gateway data science address and along these lines to relate MAC address course -n and ARP -a.

Step 2: It send the IP-MAC mapping from ARP-a yield to the document at normal intervals.

Step 3: once for every 2 sequent redirection search for a proportionate values of MAC and IP addresses by utilizing the AWK.

Step 4: Investigating for a proportionate MAC for different types ofIP is discovered, a notification is sent to the user that the ARP cacheare turned off.

Step 5: If the client is reportable that the ARP table will change the ARP then the script can adjust the ARP cache by utilizing the principal values that are put away on inside of the variables utilized in the primary step.

This script can facilitate in checking so as to defeat the ARP poisoning assault the Jean Arp cache store the framework regularly. The interval between the Jean Arp cache of the framework is going to partner ideal interval all together that the framework never be occupied with checking the Jean Arp cache at small breaks, not at giant intervals.

In our solution we proposed a solution in which we can avoid MITM attacks by usingRemote Authentication DialInUserService (RADIUS) protocol.It is a system networking protocol that gives incorporated Authentication, Authorization, and Accounting administration for clients who interface and utilize a system services. Radius protocol was produced by Robert R. Livingston in 1991 as partner access to server authentication and accounting protocol and after to the Engineering Task Force (IETF) benchmarks. Due to the present nature of RADIUS it is used by the enterprise and the ISP to provide access to the net or inside networks, remote systems and coordinated email administrations. These networks incorporate the DSL, system ports, VPNs access focuses, system ports, web servers and modem.

RADIUS protocol could be a customer/server protocol that keeps running inside of the Application layer, exploit User Data Protocol as transport Network access servers, the gateways that administrate access to a network, can contain a RADIUS server .ordinarily RADIUS is the back-end of choice for 802.1X authentication in likewise manner. The RADIUS server is now and then a foundation strategy running on a UNIX working framework or Microsoft Windows server.

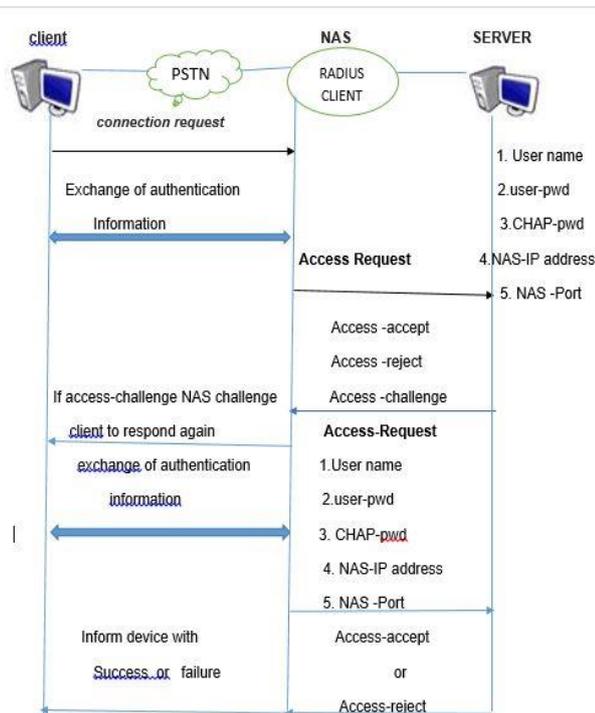


FIGURE 6: Radius Protocol

Step1: In this step the client sends a connection request to the radius client which are connected by a network called PSTN. The exchange information is sent to the client. The accessRequest is sent to the radius server by using user Name, User password, IP address, Challenge-Handshake Authentication Protocol(CHAP) Password, NAS IP address etc.

Step2: In this step it provides a feedback about the request acceptance like Access-accept, Access –reject, Access –challenge.

In Access-Accept, the client is allowed access to the customer. Once the client is verified, the server of RADIUS verify that the client is allowed to utilize the network administration services.

In Access-reject process, the client is genuinely not allowed access to the requested for system resources. The causes might incorporate inability to provide confirmation of distinguishing proof or obscure client account.

In Access-challenge, it Request more information from the client, for eg.,Token, PIN, Secondary password and card. It is like as a part of complex authentication dialogs in which a protected tunnel is setup between the Radius Server and the client machine and the access credentials are hidden from the NAS.

Step3: In this step the exchange of authentication information will send to the client. Again the above process will take place and finally the information sent

to the client by sending Access-accept or reject to the client whether it is a failure or success.

### Conclusion

In this paper the solution for ARP poisoning was provided. In this we suggested a model called radius protocol to avoid MITM attacks due to weak authentication problems. We have given a brief explanation about RADIUS protocol and its working which will help to reduce MITM attacks.

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