Prevention of Database Tampering and Building a Monitoring System to Enhance Security for E-Commerce Application

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Abstract – In today’s era, internet has become essential part of our lifestyle. It is used for banking, social media, online shopping etc. but like anything else even internet has its vulnerabilities and soft corners. Online stores majorly depends on data stored in their respective databases. These databases can be tampered with using dedicated tools and techniques. Once attacker has access to data in database, the attacker can tamper the data and create havoc. There are tools and techniques present which provide Intrusion detection through monitoring sessions by users, and inform about breach in the network and tamper in the database. This paper focuses on encapsulating all the techniques under single platform by using Intrusion detection, Hashing algorithms and finding the data leakage and tampered database preventing various attacks and unauthorized access to the data.

Keywords- Anomaly detection, virtualization, multi-tier web application, data leakage detection.

1. INTRODUCTION

Every organization relies on data stored in its database for its proper functioning. But database security is an issue which is not taken into consideration while making network architecture, therefore they have to encounter issues and problems related to database. We deal with the basic approach that determines whether data stored in database is tampered or not. Any institute or organization cannot afford risking of their crucial data.

Increase in digitalization has made online organizations more efficient but also complex and vulnerable. Most of online tasks such as banking, social networking, and online shopping directly depend on internet for its working. As these services are available at ease to everyone, it have increased probability of attacks drastically. Intruder preferably attacks backend servers which contains the important, volatile and valuable information. Leakage and Tampered Database have become one of the major issue for industries & different institutes. It is very hectic for any system administrator to monitor and detect the data leakage amongst the system servers.

Various methods and attacks are being used to compromise and intrude through the network. These attacks are efficiently able to intrude any of the secured networks. Thus, to prevent these attacks on network we are bringing together the functions and methodology of Intrusion Prevention System, Honey pot and making Intrusion Detection System more effective, responsive & accurate.

Honey-pot are cloned servers which resembles as actual servers to attackers and they contain logs of unauthorized activities and unwanted accesses. Intrusion Detection System (IDS) detects the attack, and Intrusion Prevention System (IPS) takes required steps as configured. Intrusion detection system monitors the data flowing through the network in form of data packets and seek for intrusions, when such event occurs an notification is sent to system administrator, resulting analysis of captured packets and corrective steps taken by Intrusion Prevention System, if required.

This alert triggered will initiate IPS which will take required actions relying on the mode of attack. Providing log analysis and monitoring into our proposed system will help security expert to investigate such events easily. We also studied the various attacks in network system. This system is more efficient for detecting the attacks.

II. LITERATURE SURVEY

Material And Methodology
In New Publicly Verifiable Databases with Efficient Updates, X. Chen, J. Li, X. Huang, J. Ma, and W. Loupoints out Catalano-Fiore's VDB framework from vector commitment is vulnerable to the so-called forward automatic update (FAU)attack.[1] In Efficient Fair Conditional Payments for Outsourcing Computation, X.
Chen, J. Li, and W. Susilo proposed a new fair conditional payment scheme for outsourcing computation that is only based on traditional electronic cash systems.[2] In A hybrid architecture for interactive verifiable computation, V. Vu, S. Setty, A.J. Blumberg, and M. Walfish says Experimental results indicate that this system performs better and applies more widely than the best in the literature.[3] In Intrusion Detection Using Double Guard In MultiTier Architecture , K. Kavitha, S.V. Anandhi in this paper author stated For each client a “Web Server Virtual Machine” is created and is associated with an independent container ID and hence it enhances the security. The concept of holder and the user behavior pattern provides a means of tracking the information flow from the web server to the database server for each session.[4] In Double Guard: Detecting and Preventing Intrusions In Multi-tier Web Applications- This paper presents Double Guard, an IDS system that models the network behavior of user sessions across both the front-end web server and the back-end database.[5] DoS Attacks Prevention Using IDS and Data Mining In this paper, we have studied about different types of DOS and techniques to how to prevent it.[6] A Network Defense System for Detecting and Preventing Potential Hacking Attempts. In this paper, we have learnt about how a client server should be constructed.[7] Design and Implementation of Modules to Prevent Tampering in Monitoring System to Enhance Security. In this paper, we have learnt about checksum and Data tampering prevention.[8]

III. EXISTINGSYSTEM

Many available systems are providing one way security for the web applications. They are preventing front end tier i.e. application layer. But database end is vital part of any system and it required various prevention and recovery methods. The proposed system main idea is to provide a model to evaluate security of the web applications along with its database in every layer.

Organizations doesn’t consider system vulnerability before creating their architecture. There is no existing architecture which takes care of external intrusion and database tampering simultaneously. Many Existing systems provides security from both internal and external intrusions but distinctly.

Fig 1. Relationship between client and server

IV. RELATEDWORK

We can start as many as required containers on a single physical machine, those virtualized containers can be deleted, changed, or rapidly reinitialized to serve new sessions. In three-tier model on database side, it is hard to determine which transaction points to which client request. The communication between the web server and the database server is not distinguished, and we can barely understand the connections among them. We are planning to prepare an architecture which will store a log which will help distinguishing the requests of users and servers separately. A checksum mechanism will help in restoring the database to its initial state if any unauthorized changes are made to the database. It will check and restore within the update timer.

This system will provide intrusion detection for various attacks such as DOS, DDOS, MITM and SQL Injection.

-DOS(Denial Of Service)

It is a cyber- attack where the intruder fires many requests which the server cannot handle. Thus making it impossible for other legit users to access database. Resulting in a blockage of resources and functioning of the server.

-DDOS(Distributed Denial of Service)

It is similar to DOS attack but instead of one computer intruder uses multiple computers to fire multiple requests on server resulting in partial or complete non-functioning of the system. The attacker uses zombie network, which consists of infected computer on which DOS attacking
tool is pre-installed. The users of infected devices are unaware of the tool actively taking part in the attack.

-**SQL-Injection**

It happens in a SQL based database. It is a common attack through which contents of a database can be altered by the intruder. This is done by manipulating SQL queries at the input of a website. By which SQL tables are exposed, from this the intruder can get access to any website’s administrator password, from which manipulation in the database can be done.

V. SYSTEM ARCHITECTURE

This is a 3-tier system based architecture in which user is accessing the database through a cloud, where user, cloud and database are on 3 different tiers respectively. The front tier is the interface between user and server. This tier is used by the user for multiple applications. The second tier is the cloud server which acts as an intermediate between user and database. It accepts the requests made by the user and fetches the data from the database, replies to the user within a certain amount of time. This is the most important layer in this architecture. Also known as the backend tier. It contains servers which store huge amount of data. The data stored here is systematically arranged so that it can be fetched easily as per the user’s request. The data is arranged using indexes and hash tables. Due to this, fetching of data is faster and efficient. Due to above qualities three tier architecture has an upper hand on other architectures.

-**Proposed System**

![Proposed System Diagram](image)

A dummy E-commerce site will be developed and will use a MySQL database. Which consists of various product related information and registered users. If an attacker changes the product value or price the system will detect the tampered data and will restore the original value. Similarly, a timestamp and a log will be generated at administrators portal containing the tamper details like tamper value, time and original value of the product. Also an SMS/Notification/POP-UP will sent to respective administrator’s either on the cell phone or on his portal.
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VI. CONCLUSION

We have studied various papers and gathered information about various intrusion techniques and we propose a system which helps in securing multi-tier architecture by providing an Intrusion Detection and Database tampering detection system for web portals from in cooperation with front end web (HTTP) requests and back end DB (SQL) queries.

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