

# RETRIEVING HIDDEN FRIENDS A COLLUSION PRIVACY ATTACK AGAINST ONLINE FRIEND SEARCH ENGINE

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## Abstract

Online Social Networks (OSNs) offer a number of applications that allow humans to engage with their family, friends, and even strangers. One such program, friend search engine, which allows the general public to query individual users' friend lists, has recently gained popularity. In this research, we suggest a sophisticated collusion attack in which a victim user's friendship privacy can be jeopardized by a series of precisely crafted requests issued in concert by numerous malicious requestors. The proposed collusion attack's effect is proven using synthetic and real-world social network data sets.

## 1. INTRODUCTION

Online social networks (OSNs), such as Facebook and Twitter, have grown in popularity in recent years and have become an integral part of many people's everyday lives. The OSNs offer a variety of applications that allow users to share information and engage with one another. One of the most popular applications is the buddy search engine, which allows users to browse through other users' friend lists. OSNs tend to release as many of a user's friends as possible in order to promote their sociability and attract additional users, as it is considered that the greater the number of shared friends displayed, the more probable the requestor and the queried user would be. connectlater.

This search engine, however, may reveal more friendship information than a questioned person is prepared to divulge, which is deemed a privacy infringement. A few researchers have discovered such an issue by crawling an OSN at random using the friend search API [1]. They also determined that, in the absence of proper countermeasures, it was possible to find all users' friendships in the OSN without using many queries [2], [3]. If such a breach of privacy is not handled properly, OSN users may experience panic and hesitate to continue using the service.

In [4,] we designed a privacy-aware buddy display strategy that not only successfully preserves users' friendship privacy but also increases the sociability of the OSN. This technique is one of the most advanced studies on safeguarding user privacy for friend search engines, and it has been proven to successfully block attacks from independent attackers. However, collusion attacks, in which numerous malicious requestors share their knowledge and issue queries at the same time, may render the protection system ineffectual. We concentrate in this research on the design of collusion attacks against users' friendship privacy in OSNs. The major contributions of this paper are listed as follows.

To begin, we believe we are the first researchers to investigate advanced privacy vulnerabilities such as collusion attacks against friend search engines in OSNs. Second, an in-depth analysis of querying a small scale complete graph as well as a general network in various circumstances has been provided, which clearly shows the underlying reasons for why and how the suggested attack is built.

In particular, we observed the defense scheme's [4] asymmetric disclosure of users' symmetric friendships. By taking advantage of it, we design an advanced collusion attack, in which multiple malicious requestors closely coordinate with one another to launch their queries on different but related users in well-designed orders. The design logic can be generally applied to launch attacks against any friendship privacy-preserving solutions that disclose the symmetric friendship in an asymmetric way. Third, the proposed collusion attack is designed to carefully select which users to query, which can significantly reduce the total amount of query effort.

Fourth, we implement and run our proposed assault approach on one synthetic data set and three large scale real-world data sets to assess its effectiveness. The results of the experiments show that the proposed assault approach works efficiently and effectively on big scale data sets. By comparing the suggested collusion assault to a naive direct attack, we discover that our technique outperforms both the success rate and the number of malicious requestors required to violate a user's friendship privacy. Finally, our research on this advanced collusion attack helps us better understand the attack design and sheds information on the future design of a more secure privacy-preserving friend search engine.

## **PROBLEM STATEMENT**

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## **PURPOSE**

Collusion assaults are described as attacks involving numerous malicious entities with the goal of gaining more than the entities benefit from individually conducted attacks. The many entities could be generated by a single attacker or by multiple real attackers. In comparison to individuals

Collusion attacks can employ more complex attack tactics and frequently target system weaknesses that individual attacks cannot detect.

## **OBJECTIVE**

The suggested system includes To begin, the system is, to the best of our knowledge, the first researchers to explore advanced privacy techniques such as collusion attacks against friend search engines in OSNs. Second, an in-depth analysis of querying a small scale complete graph as well as a general network in various circumstances has been provided, which clearly shows the underlying reasons for why and how the suggested attack is built. is designed.

## **2. LITERATURE SURVEY**

### **2.1 INTRODUCTION**

Literature survey is the most important step in software development process. Before developing the tool, it is necessary to determine the time factor, economy and company strength. Once these things are satisfied, ten next steps are to determine which operating system and language used for developing the tool. Once the programmers start building the tool, the programmers need lot of external support. This support obtained from senior programmers, from book or from websites. Before building the system the above consideration taken into for developing the proposed system.

### **2.2 RELATED WORK**

#### **1. Analysis of Key-**

#### **Exchange Protocols and Their Use for Building Secure Channels** AUTHORS: R.

Canetti and H. Krawczyk

We provide a formalism for analyzing key exchange protocols that incorporates earlier definitional approaches and resulting in a security definition with some significant analytical benefits:

(i) any key-exchange protocol that meets the security definition can be supplemented with symmetric encryption and authentication features to offer provably secure communication channels (as defined here); and (ii) the definition allows for simple modular proofs of security: one can design and prove security of key-exchange protocols in an idealized model where the communication links are perfectly authenticated, and then translate them using general tools to obtain security in the realistic setting of adversary-controlled links. We exemplify the usability of our results by applying them to obtain the proof of two classes of key-exchange protocols, Diffie-Hellman and key-transport, authenticated via symmetric or asymmetric techniques.

## 2. MapReduce:SimplifiedDataProcessingOnLargeClusters

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3. Map Reduce is a programming model and an implementation for processing and creating huge datasets that may be applied to a wide range of real-world activities. The computation is specified by the user in terms of a map and a reduce function, and the underlying runtime system automatically parallelizes the computation across large-scale clusters of machines, handles machine failures, and schedules inter-machine communication to make the best use of the network and disks. Over the last four years, Google has implemented over ten thousand distinct Map Reduce programs internally, and an average of one hundred thousand Map Reduce jobs are executed on Google's clusters every day, processing a total of more than twenty petabytes of data per day.

## 4. ScalableSecurityfor PetascaleParallel FileSystems

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Petascale, high-performance file systems often hold sensitive data and thus require security, but authentication and authorization can dramatically reduce performance. Existing security solutions perform poorly in these environments because they cannot scale with the number of nodes, highly distributed data, and demanding workloads. To address these issues, we developed Maat, a security protocol designed to provide strong, scalable security to these systems. Maat introduces three new techniques. Extended capabilities limit the number of capabilities needed by allowing a capability to authorize I/O for any number of client-file pairs. Automatic Revocation uses short capability lifetimes to allow capability expiration to act as global revocation, while supporting non-revoked capability renewal. Secure Delegation allows clients to securely act on behalf of a group to open files and distribute access, facilitating secure joint computations. Experiments on the Maat prototype in the Ceph petascale filesystem show an overhead as little as 6--7%.

## 5. ScalablePerformanceOfThePanasasParallel FileSystem

**AUTHORS:B.Welch,M.Unangst, and B.Zhou**

The Panasas file system uses parallel and redundant access to object storage devices (OSDs), per-file RAID, distributed metadata management, consistent client caching, file locking services, and internal cluster management to provide a scalable, fault tolerant, high performance distributed file system. The clustered design of the storage system and the use of client-driven RAID provide scalable performance to many concurrent file



yields scalable RAID rebuild rates as the storage system grows larger. This paper presents performance measures of I/O, metadata, and recovery operations for storage clusters that range in size from 10 to 120 storage nodes, 1 to 12 metadata nodes, and with file system client counts ranging from 1 to 100 compute nodes. Production installations are as large as 500 storage nodes, 50 metadata managers, and 5000 clients.

### 3. EXISTING SYSTEM

Collusion attacks can be defined as attacks that involve multiple malicious entities aiming at obtaining greater gain than what the entities benefit from individually launched attacks. The multiple entities can be fake accounts created by a single attacker or by different real attackers. Compared to individual attacks, collusion attacks can use more complicated attack strategies and often exploit system vulnerabilities that cannot be discovered by individual attacks.

#### LIMITATION OF EXISTING SYSTEM

The following are the main limitations of the existing system. They are as follows:

1. There is no filtering system to find Privacy Attack.
2. Less security due to No URL Based attack Detection.

### 4. PROPOSED SYSTEM

In the proposed system, first, to the best of our knowledge, the system is the first researcher studying such advanced privacy attacks as collusion attacks against friend search engine in OSNs. Second, in-depth analysis has been provided on querying a small scale complete graph as well as a general network in various scenarios, which well explains the fundamental reasons of why and how the proposed attack is designed.

#### ADVANTAGES OF THE PROPOSED SYSTEM

The following are the advantages of the proposed system, they are as follows:

1. The system provides the flexibility for individual users to determine the number of friends, say, to display in response to friend queries.
2. Particularly focus on the design of collusion attacks against users' friendship privacy in OSNs

### 5. SOFTWARE PROJECT MODULES

Implementation is the stage where the theoretical design is converted into programmatically manner. In this stage we will divide the application into a number of modules and then coded for deployment. The front end of the application takes JSP, HTML and Java Beans and as a Back-End Database we took My

SQL database. The application is divided mainly into following 2 modules and inside these modules there are several other sub modules present. They are as follows:

### 5.1 OSN Server Module

In this module, the Admin has to login by using valid user name and password. After login successful he can perform some operations such as View All Users And Authorize, View Friend Request and Response, View All Matched Users, View All User Post Posts, View All Posts Recommended Details, View All Friend Recommended Details, View All Collusion Attacker Details, View Posts Scores Results, View Collusion Attacker Results

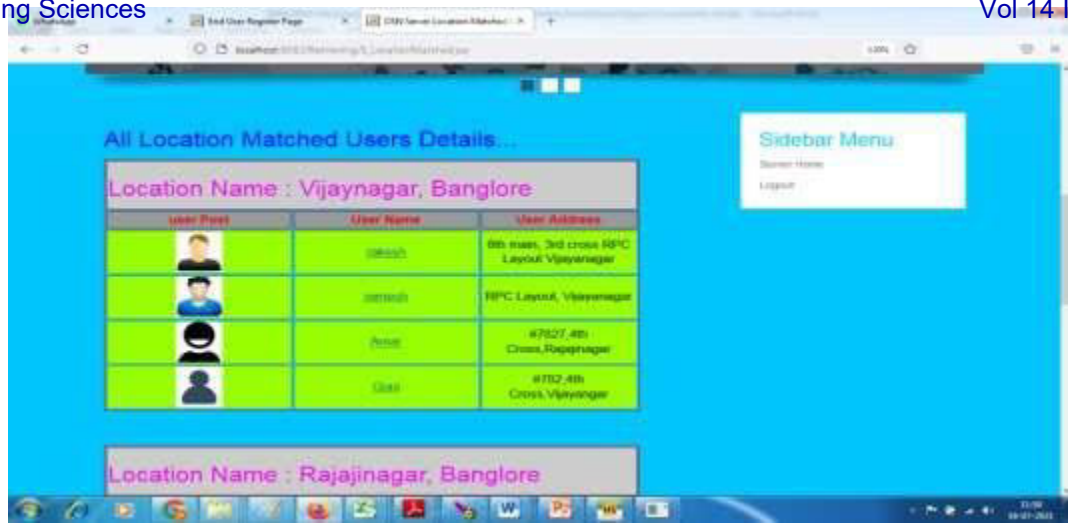
### 5.2 User Module

In this module, the Admin has to login by using valid user name and password. After login successful he can perform some operations such as View All Users And Authorize, View Friend Request and Response, View All Matched Users, View All User Post Posts, View All Posts Recommended Details, View All Friend Recommended Details, View All Collusion Attacker Details, View Posts Scores Results, View Collusion Attacker Results

## 6. OUTPUT RESULTS

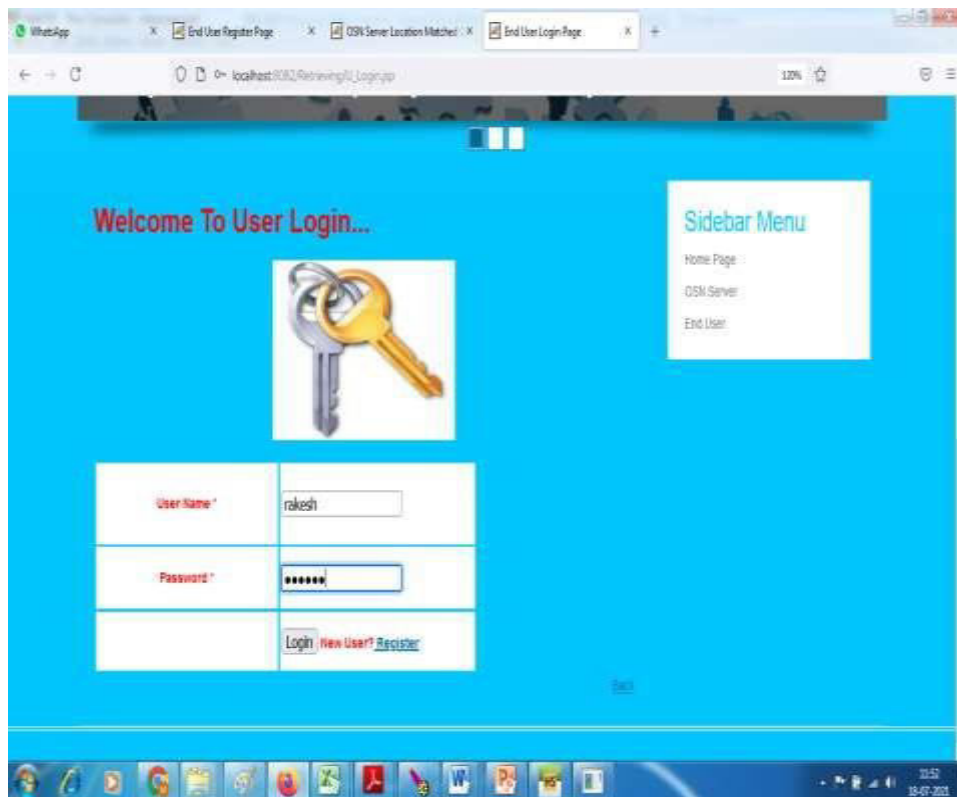
### Admin View the Matched users





Represents the Matched Users

### User Login

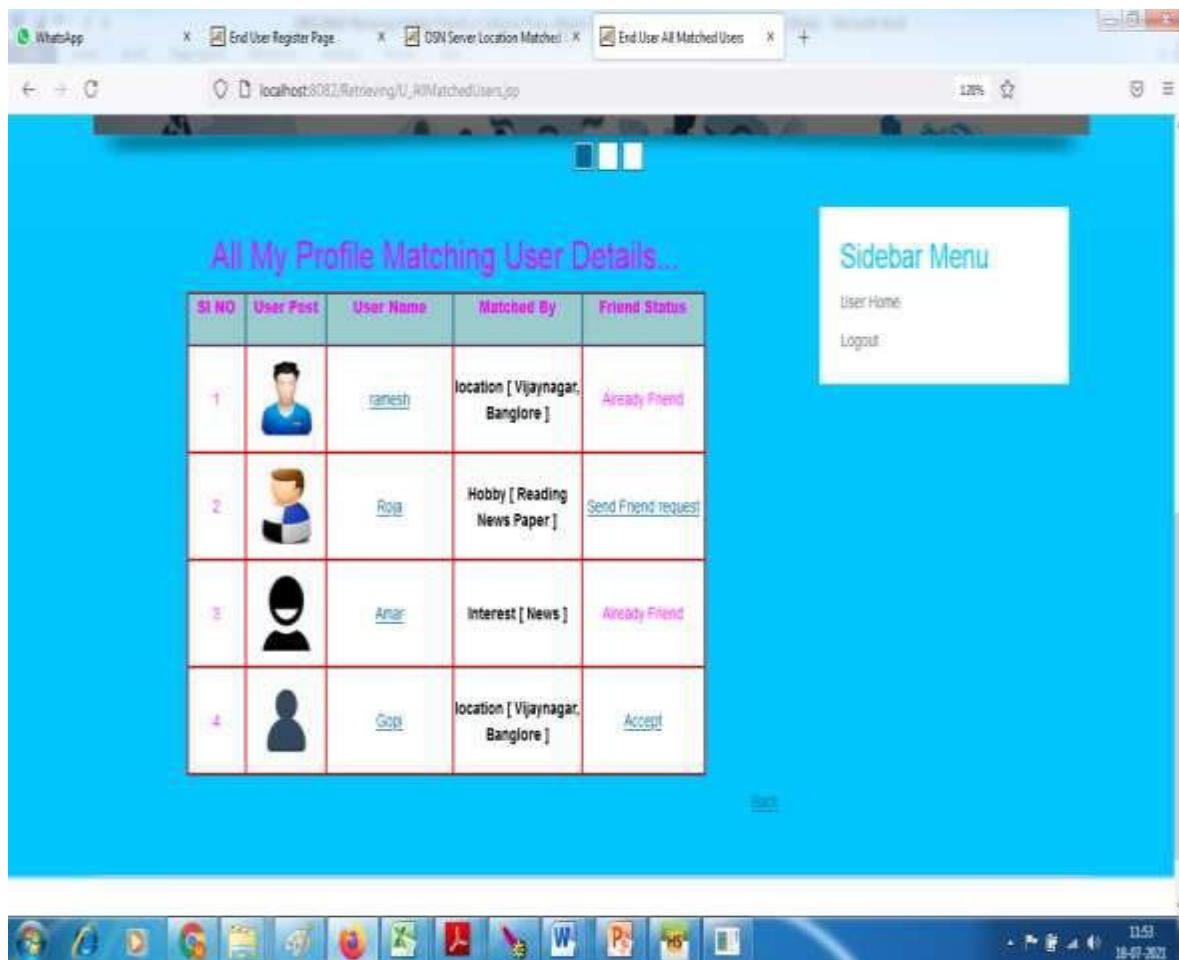






Represents the User Login and Home Page View

w All Friends based on profile keyword matching





Represents the All Friends and recommendations Us

ercan View His Post Details



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1	omni		parrot	02/08/2019 16:36:07	8	★ ★	Reviews	Recommend To Friend
2	omni		parrot	02/08/2019 16:38:53	7	★ ★	Reviews	Recommend To Friend
3	omni		Lalitag	02/08/2019 18:18:18	2	★ ★	Reviews	Recommend To Friend
4	omni		parrot	13/10/2017 10:29:25	1	★ ★	Reviews	Recommend To Friend
5	Rajesh		Lotus	02/08/2019 14:56:06	2	★ ★ ★	Reviews	Recommend To Friend
6	Mehyran		Dove	02/08/2019 18:36:08	2	★ ★ ★	Reviews	Recommend To Friend

**Representstheuserownpostandhis/herFriendspost**

## 7. CONCLUSION

In this proposed work, we have proposed an advanced collusion attack strategy where multiple attackers with very limited initial knowledge (i.e. only the victim node) can successfully penetrate the defense and violate victim node's privacy settings on friend search engine. In particular, we start this study with a simple and small social clique model, aiming to deeply understand users' friendship types and reveal the fundamental reasons why collusion attacks can be done successfully. Based on observations made from this model, we further propose to classify social network users into non-popular users and popular users; develop different attack strategies against them; and illustrate the attack effectiveness in a general social network through different scenarios. Experiment results show that our proposed collusion attack strategy has achieved high success rate by using limited number of malicious requestors.

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