



# A Neoteric Approach for Enabling Privacy - Preserving Location Claims for Mobile Users

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## ABSTRACT

Now-a-days the most popular services is location based services when comparing with other services. Location based services are mostly used by the users either for the location history or their Spatial – Temporal Provenance (STP) based on their current location. STP are hidden by the awful users as they don't have a perfectly designed security system to witness their earlier location. In this location we have introduced a scheme called "STAMP (Spatial temporal provenance assurance with mutual proof)". It is designed to distribute settings where mobile users generate their own location witness for each others. Wireless access points and trusted mobile users are accommodated easily by STAMP. It ensures integrity and non-transferability are achieved by STAMP. A light weight entropy based trusty evaluating approach is used to safeguard users against collusion and distributed cryptographic keys are generated by semi-trusted Certification Authority. A high collision detection accuracy is achieved by extensive simulation experiments that proves entropy based trusted model. NEOTERIC is low cost interms of computational in storage resources. It is easily accomodate trusted mobile users and wireless access points.

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## I. INTRODUCTION

LOCATION-ENABLED mobile devices proliferate, location-based services are rapidly becoming immensely popular. Most of the current location-based services for mobile devices are based on users' current location. Users discover their locations and share them with a server. In turn, the server performs computation based on the location information and returns data/services to the users. In addition to users' current locations there is an increased trend and incentive to prove/validate mobile users past geographical locations. This opens a wide variety of new location-proof based mobile applications. In this paper, we consider the two terms interchangeable.

We prefer "STP proof" because it indicates that such a proof is intended for past location visits with both spatial and temporal information. Today's location-based services rely on users' devices to determine their location, e.g., using GPS. Allows malicious users to fake their STP information. Therefore, we need to involve third parties in the creation of STP proofs in order to achieve the integrity of the STP proofs. This, however, opens a number of security and privacy issues. Therefore we need to involve third party in need to creation of STP proofs in order to achieve integrity of STP. In this it shows about the information highly sensitive data an user/employee. knowing where a person was at a particular time one cannot interfere his/her personal activities, health status, location status. In this paper, we propose an STP

Proof i.e Latitude and Longitude of a Location of an employee this aims at ensuring the integrity and non-transferability of the STP proofs with the capability of protecting users security The *contributions* of this paper can be summarized as:

1) A distributed STP proof generation and verification and a protocol NEOTERIC APPROACH is introduced to achieve integrity and nontransferability of STP proofs. No additional trusted third parties are required except for a semi-trusted CA.

2) NEOTERIC APPROACH is designed to maximize users' anonymity and location privacy. Users are given the control over the locationgranularity of their STP proofs.

3) STAMP is collusion-resistant. The Bussard-Bagga distance bounding protocol is integrated into STAMP to prevent a user from collecting proofs on behalf of another user. An entropy-based trust model is proposed to detect users mutually generating fake proofs for each other.

4)STAMP uses a entropy-based trust model to guard users from prover-witness collusion. This model also encourages witnesses against selfish behavior.

5) Modifications NEOTERIC APPROACH STAMP to facilitate the utilization of stationarywireless infrastructure APs or trusted mobile users are presented.

6) A security analysis is presented to prove STAMP achieves the security and privacy objectives.

7) A prototype application is implemented on the Android platform. Experiments show that STAMP requires preferably low computational time and storage.

8) Simulation experiments validate that our entropy-based trust model is able to achieve over 0.9 collusion detection accuracy with fairly high percentage of colludingattackers.The remaining paper is organized as follows: Section II discusses related work. Section III describes our system model andin Section IV, we discuss the security requirements in detail and describe the threat model of this work. In Section V, we present the details of the STAMP protocol. Section VI provides an overview of how STAMP can be practically used in number of scenarios including trusted mobile users and wireless APs. security analysis of STAMP against different types of attacks is provided in Section VII. In Section VIII, we describe our implementation and simulation and present our

experimental results on the performance evaluation. We give a discussion and outline our future work in Section IX. Finally, Section X concludes All the above systems are centralized, that is, they all require central infrastructures (wireless APs) to act as the location authorities and generate location proofs. However, we want to designa framework that can also work for distributed scenario where users are far from any trusted AP.

## II. RELATED WORK

In Davis *et al.*'s alibi system , their private corroborator relies on mobile users within proximity to createalibi's (i.e., location proofs) for each other. The security and privacy of the system is achieved based on cryptographic key i.easymeric algorithm commitment scheme. In order to protect privacy, the knowledge of private information is separately distributed to three parties: a location proof server, a CA and the verifier. Periodically changed pseudonyms are used by the mobile devices to protect their real identities from each other, and from the location proof server. We believe the location proof server is foraccomplishing the goals.APPLAUS is a location proof system that is based on co-located mobile devices by mutually generating location proofs among three parties in a distributed system a location proof server, a CA, and the verifier. These three are essential to hide the identity from each other. We believe the location proof server is Good for accomplishing all the goals incurs high operational overhead due to the requirement for highly cautious management and scheduling. The collusion detection in this is based on ranking and correlation clustering. this needs users to submit their location proofs right after by generating .if there is no internet Connection . then these approaches will cost more in computing power to run the detection and their successful detection ratio is highonly when the percentage of the colluding attackers israther low . All the above systems are centralized, that is, they all requirecentral infrastructures (wireless APs) to act as the location authoritiesand generate location proofs. However, we want to designa framework that can also work for distributed scenariosencounters is specific to the application scenarios) and he/she intends to make a claim about his/her past STP to the verifier, theSTP claim and verification phase takes place between the proverand the verifier. A part of the verification job has to be doneby CA.

Therefore, communication between the verifier and CA happens in the middle of the STP claim and verification phase.

In Fig. 2, the two arrowed lines in red color represent the latter two stages of the Bussard-Bagga protocol. These stages require multiple interactions between the two involved parties, and thereby are represented by doubly arrowed lines. The preparation stage of the Bussard-Bagga protocol does not need to be executed for every STP proof generation and thus is not shown. Users could run the preparation stage before each STP proof collection event or pre-compute and store several sets of the bit commitments and primitives, and randomly choose one set of

### III. SYSTEM MODEL

Wireless infrastructure may not be available everywhere and hence a system based on wireless APs creating STP proofs would not be feasible for all scenarios. In addition, the deployment cost would be high if we require a large number of wireless APs to have the capability of generating STP proofs. Therefore, we think a distributed STP proof architecture, i.e., mobile users obtaining STP proofs from nearby mobile peers, would be more feasible and appropriate for a wider range of applications. We design a generic decentralized protocol, and then show how it can work well for centralized case also. Fig. 1 illustrates the architecture of our system. There are four entities based on their roles:

- **Prover:** A prover is a mobile device which tries to obtain STP proofs at a certain location.
- **Witness:** A witness is a device which is in proximity with the prover and is willing to create an STP proof for the prover upon receiving his/her request. The witness can be untrusted or trusted, and the trusted witness can be mobile or stationary (wireless APs). Collocated mobile users are untrusted.
- **Verifier:** A verifier is the party that the prover wants to show one or more STP proofs to and claim his/her presence at a location at a particular time.
- **Certificate Authority (CA):** The CA is a semi-trusted server (untrusted for privacy protection, see Section IV-C for details) which issues, manages cryptographic credentials for the other parties. CA is also responsible for proof verification protocol. The proof generation system of prover is presented a list of available witnesses. When there are multiple witnesses willing to cooperate, the prover initiates protocol with them

sequentially. STP claims are sent to verifiers from provers via a LAN or Internet, and verifiers are assumed to have Internet connection with CA. Each user can act as a prover or a witness, depending on their roles at the moment. We assume the identity of a user is bound with his/her public key, which is certified by CA. Users have unique public/private key pairs, which are established during the user registration with CA and stored on users' personal devices.

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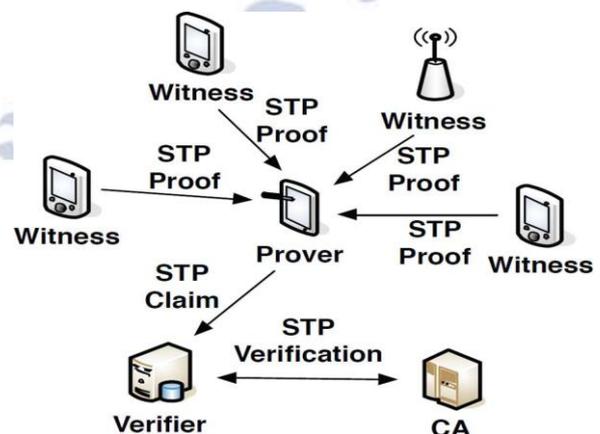


Fig. 1. An illustration of system architecture

Approver and a witness communicates with each other via Bluetooth or WiFi in ad hoc mode. A peer discovery mechanism for finding the exact location of an employee

**IV. REQUIREMENTS AND CHALLENGES**

The important issues and design challenges involved, in order to give an intuition of our objectives of constructing the protocol.

**A. Security**

The security of STP proofs are two fold: *integrity* and *non-transferability*. The integrity property requires that no prover/employee/user can create fake STP proofs by himself/herself or by collaborating with one or more other untrusted parties in the system. The non-transferability property requires that no prover can claim the ownership of another prover's legitimate STP proofs.

**B. Privacy**

**Anonymity:** Location privacy is an extremely important factor that needs to be taken into consideration when designing any location based systems. Revealing both identity and location information to an untrusted party poses threats to a mobile users. First, a prover should be able to hide his/her identity from a witness. In addition, it is not only the prover's anonymity that we should pay attention to, a witness's anonymity should also be preserved. Since a witness who agrees to create an STP revealed to the verifier.

**C. Threat Model**

**Prover:** A malicious prover seeks to create fake STP proofs. Here prover can update his current location through server to the certified authority.

**Witness:** A malicious witness's goals include acquiring a prover's identity information and repudiating an STP proof that is generated by him/her.

**Verifier:** A verifier is often a service provider or an authority here verifier is nothing but the certified authority i.e admin can check the particular employee/user details.

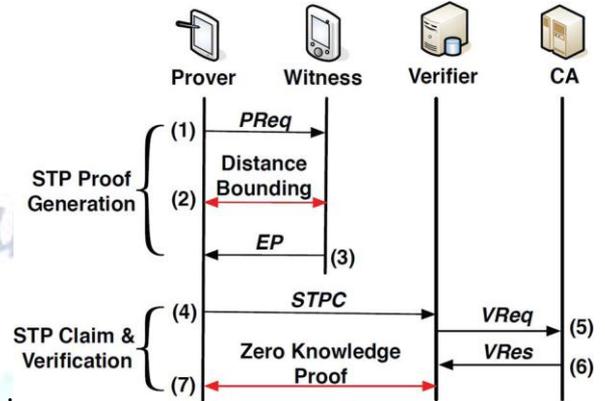
**V. THE STAMP SCHEME**

**A. Preliminaries**

**1) Location Granularity Levels:** We assume there are granularity levels for each location, which can be denoted by  $L_1, L_2, \dots, L_n$  where  $L_1$  represents the finest location granularity (e.g., an exact Geo coordinate), and represents the most coarse location granularity (e.g., a city).

**2) Cryptographic Building Blocks:** STAMP uses the concept of *commitments* to ensure the privacy of

provers. A commitment scheme allows one to commit to a message while keeping it hidden to others, with the ability to reveal the committed value An illustration of STAMP protocol.



**VI. CONCLUSION**

In this paper, we have presented STAMP, which aims at providing security and privacy to mobile users for their past locations which they have already visited. We provide a pass key that can be shared to an admin. This encrypted key was generated and can be copied to the checking of an employee, which an admin wants. We proposed an entropy-based trust model to evaluate the trust level of claims of the past location visits. From our experimental results, we observe that under small key size settings, our scheme works efficiently in terms of both computational and storage resources. However, the computational latency could become rather long when large keys are desired. A major part of computational cost is caused by the Bussard-Bagga protocol, which is known for its expensive computation due to a large amount of modular exponentiations [17]. Other than defending against the Terrorist Fraud attack (P-Pcollusion), functionalities encountered are specific to the application scenarios and he/she intends to make a claim about his/her past STP to the verifier, the STP claim and verification phase takes place between the prover and the verifier. A part of the verification job has to be done

**Future Enhancement**

We introduced the concept of secure location verification and we have shown how it can be used for location based access control, then we presented the STP protocol as a simple method for secure location verification. It does not require precise clocks. Hence, we believe that it is suited for use in mobile devices. Traditional authentication is based on proving the knowledge of a private key

corresponding to a public key. This protocol prevents frauds where a Certified Authority sits between a legitimate prover and verifier and succeeds to perform the distance bounding process. In this paper, only the admin updations, checkings are shown and employee updations, checkings are kept as an open issue. In our paper, we provide a solution of preventing both admin and user by using three modules.

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