



## Survey Paper on Privacy-Preserving Optimal Meeting Location on Mobile Devices

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**Abstract-** LBS is the ability to protect connection between users identity, servers, database thereby preventing attacker from easily linking of users of LBS to certain location. For today's urban population, smart phones have become the most important gadget for maintaining the daily activities. Users use such type of application to plan their daily routine. These applications often rely on current location of individual users or a group of users to provide the desired services. By means of such applications users' population reveal their current location to the third-party service providers. Thus knowingly or unknowingly they lose their privacy. Users who are cautious about their security, do not necessarily want to reveal their current location to service provider or to untrusted users. Thus in this paper we propose a privacy-preserving algorithm for determining an optimal meeting location for a group of users. This is to provide practical privacy-preserving techniques to solve this problem, such that neither an untrusted user, nor participating users, can learn other users' locations, legitimate users only learn optimal locations.

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### I. INTRODUCTION

Location-based Services (LBS) are employed by several mobile subscribers to get location-specific information [1]. Two popular features of location-based services are location check-ins and sharing-location. Users can share their current location by checking the location with family and friends or access location-specific services from third-party providers. Location privacy is the ability to prevent other parties from learning one's current or past location. Generally, Location-Based Service (LBS) gives an information service about the physical location of a user [9]. Privacy of a user's location or location preferences, with relevance and therefore third-party service provider, may be an essential concern in such location-sharing-based applications. For instance, such information can be used to de-anonymize users and their availabilities [3], to track their preferences [4] or to identify their social networks [5].

Without effective protection, if the collected data is leaked in an unauthorized fashion or improperly shared with corporate partners, which could have severe consequences on the user's social, financial, and private life [6], [7]. Thus, the disclosure of private location in any Location-Sharing-Based Service (LSBS) is a major concern and must be addressed.

In this work, we address the privacy issue in LSBSs by focusing on a specific problem called the *Fair Rendez-Vous Point (FRVP)* problem, such that:

- (i) The Rendez-Vous point is *fair* with respect to the given input locations
- (ii) Each user learns only the final Rendez-Vous location and
- (iii) No participating user or third-party server learns private location preference of any other user involved in the computation.

The algorithm termed as *Privacy-Preserving Fair Rendez-Vous Point (PPFRVP)* algorithm.

### II. LITERATURE SURVEY

#### A. *DBGlobe: A Service-Oriented P2P System for Global Computing*

The challenge of peer-to-peer computing goes beyond simple file sharing. In the DBGlobe project, we view the multitude of peers carrying data and services as a super-database. Our goal is to develop a data management system for modeling, indexing, and querying data hosted by such massively distributed, autonomous, and possibly mobile peers. We employ a service-oriented approach, in that data are encapsulated in services. Direct querying of data is also supported by an XML-based query language. In this paper, we present our research results along the following topics: (a) infrastructure support, including mobile peers and the creation of context-dependent communities, (b) metadata management for services and peers, including location-dependent data, (c) filters for efficiently routing path queries on hierarchical data, and (d) querying using the AXML language that incorporates service calls inside XML documents.

DBGlobe is an ongoing project. Our future plans include, among others, appropriate notions of data consistency as well as providing a more systematic treatment of updates.

### **B. Privacy of Community Pseudonyms in Wireless Peer-to-Peer Networks**

Wireless networks offer novel means to enhance social interactions. In particular, peer-to-peer wireless communications enable direct and real-time interaction with nearby devices and communities and could extend current online social networks by providing complementary services including real-time friend and community detection and localized data sharing without infrastructure requirement. After years of research, the deployment of such peer-to-peer wireless networks is finally being considered. A fundamental primitive is the ability to discover geographic proximity of specific communities of people (e.g., friends or neighbors). To do so, mobile devices must exchange some community identifiers or messages. We investigate privacy threats introduced by such communications, in particular, adversarial community detection. We use the general concept of community pseudonyms to abstract anonymous community identification mechanisms and define two distinct notions of community privacy by using a challenge-response methodology. An extensive cost analysis and simulation results throw further light on the feasibility of these mechanisms in the upcoming generation of wireless peer-to-peer networks.

In this paper, we considered the problem of community privacy in peer-to-peer wireless networks and evaluated privacy risks of information sharing within communities in such networks. Identifying the need to protect community privacy, we proposed a framework based on challenge-response games to study it. An interesting outcome of the framework is the analytical relation obtained between community anonymity and community unlinkability. The relation between these two properties was previously studied. To the best of our knowledge, we are the first to analytically relate these properties. By means of simulations, we evaluated the privacy provided by different pseudonym-based community privacy-preserving schemes. Our results throw light on the relationship between community pseudonym-based and secret handshake schemes: shrinking the number of possible community pseudonyms significantly reduces the achievable privacy. Hence, it is not advisable to cycle through a small set of pseudonyms with secret handshakes. This result illustrates the delicate trade-off between the achievable community privacy and the cost of community pseudonym schemes. Our analysis enables system designers to tune their scheme to a desired privacy level by, for example, regularly changing the set of community pseudonyms. We also showed that reusing pseudonyms across communities (Hints) can provide a good cost/privacy trade-off and demonstrated that k-anonymous schemes are, at best, detrimental to community privacy. In the future, we intend to investigate other communication models and, by means of practical implementations, study the extra overhead introduced by community pseudonym schemes.

### **C. Quantifying Location Privacy: The Case of Sporadic Location Exposure**

Mobile users expose their location to potentially untrusted entities by using location-based services. Based on the frequency of location exposure in these applications, we divide them into two main types: Continuous and Sporadic. These two location exposure types lead to different threats. For example, in the continuous case, the adversary can track users over time and space, whereas in the sporadic case, his focus is more on localizing users at certain points in time. We propose a systematic way to quantify users' location privacy by modeling both the location-based applications and the location-privacy preserving mechanisms (LPPMs), and by considering a well-defined adversary model. This framework enables us to customize the LPPMs to the employed location-based application, in order to provide higher location privacy for the users. In this paper, we formalize localization attacks for the case of sporadic location exposure, using Bayesian inference for Hidden Markov Processes. We also quantify user location privacy with respect to the adversaries with two different forms of background knowledge: Those who only know the geographical distribution of users over the considered regions, and those who also know how users move between the regions (i.e., their mobility pattern). Using the Location-Privacy Meter tool, we examine the effectiveness of the following techniques in increasing the expected error of the adversary in the localization attack: Location obfuscation and fake location injection mechanisms for anonymous traces

We propose, to the best of our knowledge, the first formal framework for quantifying location privacy in the case where users expose their location sporadically. We formalize sporadic location-based applications. Using this formalization, we model various location-privacy preserving mechanisms, such as location obfuscation and fake-location injection. Formalizing both location-based applications and location-privacy preserving mechanisms in the same framework enables us to design more effective protection mechanisms that are appropriately tailored to each location-based service. We also establish an analytical framework, based on Bayesian inference in Hidden Markov Processes, to perform localization attacks on anonymized traces (for adversaries with different background knowledge). The results obtained from the simulations of the attacks on mobility traces unveil the potential of various mechanisms, such as the location obfuscation, the fake-location injection, and anonymization, in preserving location-privacy of mobile users.

### **D. Privacy in Mobile Computing for Location-Sharing-Based Services**

Location-Sharing-Based Services (LSBS) complement Location-Based Services by using locations from a group of users, and not just individuals, to provide some contextualized service based on the locations in the group. However, there are growing concerns about the misuse of location data by third-parties, which fuels the need for more privacy controls in such services. We address the relevant problem of privacy in LSBSs by providing practical and effective solutions to the privacy problem in one such service, namely the fair rendezvous point (FRVP) determination service. The privacy preserving FRVP (PPFRVP) problem is general enough and nicely captures the computations and privacy requirements in LSBSs. In this paper, we propose two privacy-preserving algorithms for the FRVP problem and analytically evaluate their privacy in both passive and active adversarial scenarios. We study the practical feasibility and performance of the

proposed approaches by implementing them on Nokia mobile devices. By means of a targeted user-study, we attempt to gain further understanding of the popularity, the privacy and acceptance of the proposed solutions

In this work, we address the problem of privacy in LSBS by providing practical and effective solutions to one such popular and relevant service. The PFRV problem captures the essential computational and privacy building blocks present in any LSBS offered on mobile devices. We designed, implemented on real mobile devices and evaluated the performance of our privacy-preserving protocols for the fair rendezvous problem. Our solutions are effective in terms of privacy, have acceptable performance, and do not create additional overhead for the users. Moreover, our user-study showed that the proposed privacy features are crucial for the adoption of any such application, which reinforces the need for further exploration in privacy of LSBS services. To the best of our knowledge, this is the first such effort in this direction.

#### ***E. Secure Actor Directed Localization in Wireless Sensor and Actor Networks***

Wireless sensor and actor networks are fully automated. Actor nodes are inducted to communicate with sensor nodes directly and reduce the communication delay caused by base station or sink nodes. Sometimes, the actor node is directly accessible without the involvement of any control room. The actor node is responsible for taking a prompt action against the reported event by a sensor node. For secure communication, it is essential that sensor and actor nodes be aware of their existing location and the data must be encrypted before transmission. Due to energy constraints, secure localization in wireless sensor networks is a hot issue. To date, the researchers have proposed many approaches for localization of sensor nodes in the network. In this paper, we provide new insights for secure actor directed localization technique in wireless sensor and actor networks. A secure connectivity based localization (CBL) approach for sensor and actor nodes localization is presented. The proposed approach helps to locate a sensor node efficiently and effectively. We have also decreased the possibility of attacks and the registration of attacker nodes with other legitimate nodes in the network. The proposed technique prevents man-in-the-middle attacks and securely delivers data to the destination.

In this paper we proposed a secure mechanism for localization of sensor nodes in wireless sensor networks. Using an encryption algorithm for secure data delivery and registration of sensors with anchor node, we effectively minimize and block the external attacks. After simulation results, we conclude that efficient localization in sensor networks can be greatly enhanced by the understanding of both connectivity of sensor nodes and to which nodes they are not connected. The mechanism shows a particular area in which a node can be localized and we can easily find it there. Once the anchor node locates its own position, the sensor nodes are able to localize each other. This approach is initiated by the anchor node having higher resources than sensor node; therefore, it will reduce energy consumption as well as increase networks lifetime. However, the future work is to stop the internal attacks and reduce the number of compromised sensor nodes in the network.

#### ***F. MILC: A secure and privacy-preserving mobile instant Locator with chatting***

The key issue for any mobile application or service is the way it is delivered and experienced by users, who eventually may decide to keep it on their software portfolio or not. Without doubt, security and privacy have both a crucial role to play towards this goal. Very recently, Gartner has identified the top ten of consumer mobile applications that are expected to dominate the market in the near future. Among them one can earmark location-based services in number 2 and mobile instant messaging in number 9. This paper presents a novel application namely MILC that blends both features. That is, MILC offers users the ability to chat, interchange geographic co-ordinates and make Splashes in real-time. At present, several implementations provide these services separately or jointly, but none of them offers real security and preserves the privacy of the end-users at the same time. On the contrary, MILC provides an acceptable level of security by utilizing both asymmetric and symmetric cryptography, and most importantly, put the user in control of her own personal information and her private sphere. The analysis and our contribution are three-fold starting from the theoretical background, continuing to the technical part, and providing an evaluation of the MILC system. We present and discuss several issues, including the different services that MILC supports, system architecture, protocols, security, privacy etc. Using a prototype implemented in Google's Android OS, we demonstrate that the proposed system is fast performing, secure, privacy-preserving and potentially extensible.

Mobile applications are expected to mushroom over the next few years. This is driven by several strong factors like the growing interest in smart-phones and the involvement of Internet players into the mobile realm. This is further supported by modern network capabilities and developers capitalizing open platforms. For instance, the continuous success of the iPhone and the adoption of Google's Android operating system by mobile hardware vendors and service providers stimulate the penetration of smart-phones into the market and the demand for sophisticated mobile services. In this context, mobile social networking applications gain popularity and increase the volume of their users rapidly. However, so far, most of them have failed to deliver truly secure and privacy-preserving services to their users. Everyone would agree that anyone who participates in a virtual community needs to rest assured that any information she sends and receives remains confidential and that her private sphere is not violated without her consent. In this paper we present the MILC system which is classified under the umbrella of mobile social networking applications. Specifically, MILC integrates in private or closed communities of scope individuals that participate in the community, mainly for educational reasons (students communities, research groups etc.). MILC tries to address the aforementioned issues by (a) utilizing both asymmetric and symmetric cryptography to provide a high level of security to its users, and (b) respecting end-user privacy by putting the user in control of what private information is revealed to other parties and under what circumstances. We provide a detailed description of the MILC prototype components, discussing their functionality and

analyzing their aspects. We also demonstrate that MILC is lightweight in terms of service times. Also, we believe that our design can be used as a template for anyone interested in building, expanding and deploying a MILC-like system. As a statement of direction, we are currently working on enhancing MILC to support and further improve distance services offered to the academic community.

### **G. Enhanced Flexibility for Homomorphic Encryption Schemes via CRT**

The Chinese Remainder Theorem (CRT) has numerous applications including in cryptography. In a striking example of this utility, we demonstrate how the CRT facilitates making one additive homomorphic encryption scheme viable and making another more exible. First we show that the CRT may be used to turn an intractable problem into a tractable one. Specifically, using the CRT to replace a single group element by a logarithmic number of elements in the same group, we lay the foundation for additively homomorphic encryption schemes using well known and previously deployed primitives. Our solution is shown to be secure and quite general in nature. We present a simple technique for ElGamal-type encryption schemes which facilitates encryption in an additively homomorphic manner. Secondly we apply the CRT to a previous encryption scheme proposed by Boneh, Goh and Nissim that supports efficient homomorphic evaluations of 2-DNF circuits. One drawback mentioned was a restriction on the size of the output message space prompting an open problem posed by the authors. Again employing the CRT, we devise an elegant modification in which we solve the problem, supporting arbitrary output sizes.

We proposed a simple solution to the pervasive bottleneck in additive homomorphic encryption schemes based on the hardness of the DLP. We employed the CRT to replace one discrete logarithm problem in a large space by several similar problems in a more tractable search space while retaining full security. This yields, the first practical elliptic curve-based additive homomorphic encryption scheme. More generally, our CRT technique makes discrete logarithm problems asymmetric, thereby lending itself as a tool to build a number of practical DLP based additive homomorphic schemes. As an example, our CEG-ECC scheme is shown to be almost 4 times faster than Paillier scheme on the encryption side while maintaining comparable security. This may be useful in applications where encryption is used much more often than decryption. A key feature of the proposed scheme is its exible message space. Solely for the sake of security, the Paillier encryption scheme always requires 4096-bit operations, even for single bit computations. In contrast, the CEG-ECC scheme can be customized to meet the message space demands of any application; the lower limit is set by the difficulty of the ECC discrete logarithm problem. But the message space of the proposed scheme can be easily expanded by simply adding more CRT components. As the number of components grows only logarithmically with the message space, the performance impact is quite manageable. We also found the CRT approach valuable as a way to solve an open problem in [4] where Boneh, Goh and Nissim describe a scheme which homomorphically evaluates 2-DNF formulas. In their paper, the need to perform a discrete logarithm as part of the decryption process seemed to place a strict limitation on the size of their message space. The Chinese Remainder Theorem variant CRT-BGN maintains security while replacing this hard discrete logarithm computation with  $t$  discrete logarithm problems in a completely manageable search space.

### **H. A Factoring and Discrete Logarithm based Cryptosystem**

This paper introduces a new public key cryptosystem based on two hard problems: the cube root extraction modulo a composite moduli (which is equivalent to the factorisation of the moduli) and the discrete logarithm problem. These two hard problems are combined during the key generation, encryption and decryption phases. By combining the IFP and the DLP we introduce a secure and efficient public key cryptosystem. To break the scheme, an adversary may solve the IFP and the DLP separately which is computationally infeasible. The key generation is a simple operation based on the discrete logarithm modulo composite moduli. The encryption phase is based both on the cube root computation and the DLP. These operations are computationally efficient.

We successfully introduce a new efficient and secure cryptosystem by combining two cryptographic assumptions namely the cube root extraction and the discrete logarithm problem modulo a composite integer. It's well known that most of the existing schemes are based on single problems and if an adversary could find an algorithm to solve the related problem the scheme is broken. Our scheme is prevented from this problem since it's based on two hard problems. An adversary may break it if he is able to solve simultaneously the two related problems which is very unlikely to happen. On the other hand the new scheme is as efficient as the El Gamal one and should be an alternative to the other cryptosystems.

### **I. The Advantages of Elliptic Curve Cryptography for wireless Security**

This article provides an overview of elliptic curves and their use in cryptography. The focus is on the performance advantages to be obtained in the wireless environment by using elliptic curve cryptography instead of a traditional cryptosystem like RSA. Specific applications to secure messaging and identity-based encryption are discussed.

Over the last five years, elliptic curve cryptography has moved from being an interesting theoretical alternative to being a cutting edge technology adopted by an increasing number of companies. There are two reasons for this new development: one is that ECC is no longer new, and has withstood a generation of attacks; second, in the growing wireless industry, its advantages over RSA have made it an attractive security alternative. Wireless Internet mail industry leaders such as Qualcomm have embraced ECC, as well as other major companies in the wireless industry such as Motorola, Docomo, and RIM. Major computer companies such as IBM, Sun Microsystems, Microsoft, and Hewlett-Packard are all investing in ECC. The U.S. government is backing the use of ECC as well, with NSA creating the security requirements for wireless devices connecting to the military, and NIST providing standardized curves for use in a range of

applications of ECC. Smartcard companies such as Gemplus are also using ECC to improve their products' security. Wireless devices are rapidly becoming more dependent on security features such as the ability to do secure email, secure Web browsing, and virtual private networking to corporate networks, and ECC allows more efficient implementation of all of these features.

#### ***J. Older Adults Engage in Privacy Enhancing Behaviors in a Home Monitored With Robots or Cameras***

In this paper, we describe the results of an experimental study in which older adult participants interacted with three monitoring technologies designed to support older adults' ability to age in place in their own home—a camera, a stationary robot, and a mobile robot. The aim of our study was to evaluate users' perceptions of privacy and their tendencies to engage in more privacy enhancing behaviors (PEBs) by comparing the three conditions. We expected participants to engage in more PEBs when they were interacting with the mobile robot, since it provided embodied cues of ongoing monitoring. Surprisingly, we found the opposite to be true: the camera was the condition in which participants performed more PEBs. We describe the results of quantitative and qualitative analyses of our survey, interview, and observational data and discuss the implications of our study for human-robot interaction, the study of privacy and technology, and the design of assistive robots for monitoring older adults.

This paper presented the results from an experimental study of the privacy-related behaviors and perceptions of older adults participants interacting with three types of monitoring technology: a camera, a stationary robot (with camera), and a mobile robot (with camera). We were particularly interested in seeing how older adults reacted to the two robots in comparison to the camera, as there has been little empirical research on privacy behaviors in the context of human-robot interaction. While HCI researchers have investigated privacy with respect to many technologies (e.g., mobile, cameras, internet, social networking) our work is the first to consider the notion of embodied and interactive monitoring technologies, such as robots. The literature in HRI has so far not delved into empirical research on privacy behaviors around robots, but one of the expectations researchers have put forth is that robots might enable users to protect their privacy more effectively, since they are physically larger than cameras, their movements are obvious to users and they can be asked to move out of the room, and thus evaded when desired.

Our study specifically addressed this area at the intersection of HRI and HCI, looking at embodiment in respect to privacy. We hypothesized that an embodied, mobile monitoring technology would increase participants' use of PEBs, but we found the opposite to be true: fewer participants engaged in PEBs around robots. While we discussed potential explanations for this finding, more research is needed to evaluate these and other explanations. In the future, we propose to do more research to find out why this is the case, as we were only able to get a partial understanding from user comments in final interviews.

### **III. PROPOSED SYSTEM**

We then propose two algorithms for solving the above formulation of the FRVP problem in a privacy-preserving fashion, where each user participates by providing only a single location preference to the FRVP solver or the service provider.

We evaluate the security of our proposal under various passive and active adversarial scenarios, including collusion. We also provide an accurate and detailed analysis of the privacy properties of our proposal and show that our algorithms do not provide any probabilistic advantage to a passive adversary in correctly guessing the preferred location of any participant. In addition to the theoretical analysis, we also evaluate the practical efficiency and performance of the proposed algorithms by means of a prototype implementation on a test bed of Nokia mobile devices. We also address the multi-preference case, where each user may have multiple prioritized location preferences. We highlight the main differences, in terms of performance, with the single preference case, and also present initial experimental results for the multi-preference implementation. Finally, by means of a targeted user study, we provide insight into the usability of our proposed solutions.

### **IV. PROPOSED SOLUTION**

We address the privacy issue in LSBSs by focusing on a specific problem called the *Fair Rendez-Vous Point (FRVP)* problem. Given a set of user location preferences, the FRVP problem is to determine a location among the proposed ones such that the maximum distance between this location and all other users' locations is minimized, i.e. it is *fair* to all users. We first formulate the FRVP problem as a *k*-center problem and then analytically outline the privacy requirement of the participants with respect to each other and respect to third party service provider.

We then propose two algorithms for solving the above formulation of the FRVP problem in a privacy-preserving fashion, where each user participates by providing only a single location preference to the FRVP solver or the service provider. Our proposed algorithms take advantage of the homomorphic properties of well-known cryptosystems, such as BGN, ElGamal and Paillier, in order to privately compute an optimally fair rendez-vous point from a set of user location preferences.

### **V. CONCLUSION**

This paper proposes the privacy issue in FRVP. Our method is based on the homomorphic properties of well-known cryptosystems, such as BGN, ElGamal and Paillier, in order to privately compute an optimally fair rendez-vous point from a set of users location preferences. Proposed solutions will preserve user preferences privacy and have acceptable performance in real implementation. It may encourage users to stop revealing sensitive information to third-parties and untrusted users, such as their home and work location and agree to privacy preserving mechanism.

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