ENHANCEMENT OF ONE TIME PASSWORD

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Abstract

Two-factor authentication is a very common authentication method that is used to

secure confidential data. One-time PINs are considered to be an efficient method in

securing data but however hackers have figured out ways to bypass this authentication

method either using brute-force or hacking of the medium in which the One-time PIN

is sent.

The Proposed system provides a secure and reliable one-time PIN generation method.

The solution will use techniques such as Steganography and Encryption to secure the

one-time PIN methods. The PIN will be generated using TOTP which is considered to

be the best algorithm for the generation of a one-time PIN. The PIN will then be

encrypted using AES and further hidden using image Steganography techniques.

Testing was conducted on the functional and non-functional requirements and the

results were at a satisfactory level. Evaluation was also done by domain-level experts,

software engineers, and common end-users. The evaluation results helped in identifying

the strengths and weaknesses of the project along with the future enhancements that are

required.

Key Words: OTP, Two-Factor authentication, TOTP, Steganography, Encryption

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