



## A COMPREHENSIVE ANALYSIS ON IOT SECURITY

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**Abstract**

The Internet of Things (IoT) has attracted a lot of interest recently since it has fundamentally altered human life. The IoT enables information exchange in numerous applications, including smart homes, healthcare, transportation, many more. These various application fields can be combined to form the concept of "smart life". Cybercriminals and security professionals are in a race as a result of the IoT quick development. Due of the communication and exchange of potentially sensitive information across billions of linked devices. Consequently, enhancing IoT security and protecting user privacy present significant challenges. In-depth research on IoT security is the goal of this study. After examining many IoT security assaults, a classification of the security conditions built on the goals of the incidents is suggested. Corresponding to the function areas in which they are employed, recent security solutions are also described and organized into categories. Open research questions and security issues are argued as a conclusion.

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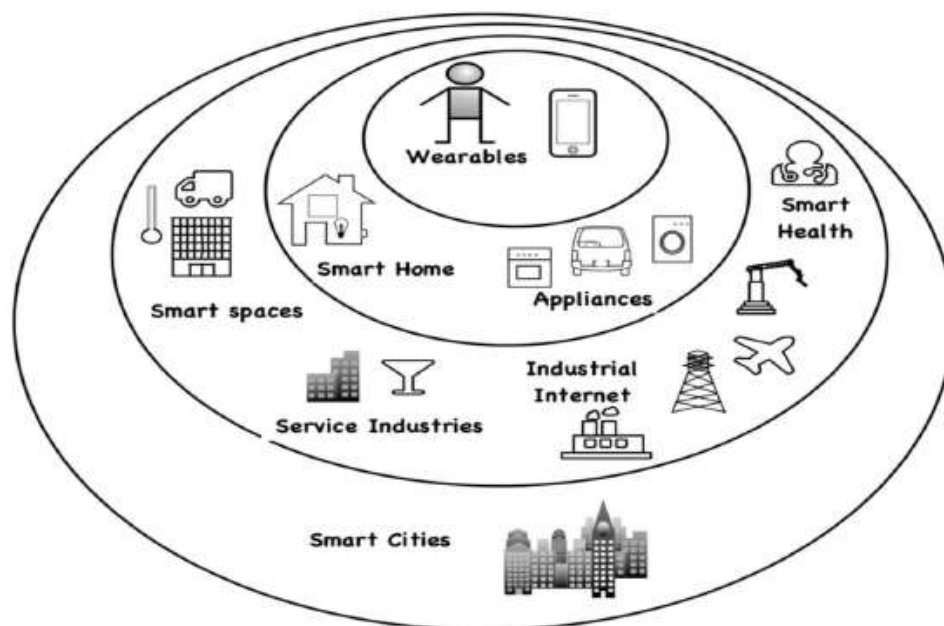
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**1 Introduction**

As of 1999, Kevin Ashton presented the idea of the IoT. Everything at any time, anywhere can be connected thanks to the IoT (Gubbi et al., (2013). IoT refers to physical objects that can range in size from extremely small to very large and link with one another via the Internet without requiring human interaction (Yan et al., 2014). IoT devices have actuators, which carry out tasks automatically and intelligently, and sensors, which collect data (Saif et al., 2015). Figure 1 depicts several examples of IoT devices.

With the expansion of wireless sensor networks, which have numerous uses, IoT breakthroughs have lately been made. A wide range of human endeavours, includes environmental surveillance, healthcare, sectors including smart grid, public health, and ITS (Intelligent Transportation System), can gain a great deal from the

development and deployment of the IoT. The IoT is a vast collection of gadgets that are wired or wirelessly connected and feature sensors or, you might say, actuators. The IoT refers to a link between two physically distinct items (Dargad and Sutar, 2019). One of the key ideas is that we utilize and hear about new IoT-based technologies every day in our daily lives. According to Zhou (2010), the term "IoT" a number of information sensing techniques tools and technologies, including sensors, RFID, GPS, infrared sensors, laser scanners, and gas inductors. It gathers in real-time any process or item that needs to be tracked, connected, and engaged with. It gathers data on their different demand factors, such as geography, mechanics, chemistry, biology, sound, light, heat, and electricity.



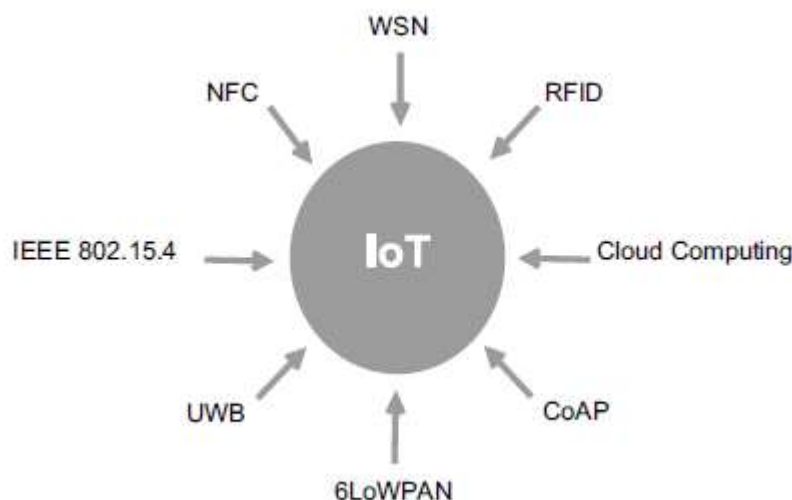
**Figure 1** The application of IoT

It's anticipated that billions of gadgets will soon be online (Singh & Singh, 2015). As a result, the volume of data travelling via the Internet will expand (Borgohain et al., 2015). Eavesdropping and data modification are two security dangers to this data. As a result, the user's privacy will be jeopardised (Jing et al., 2014). An attacker, for example, could utilise to interrupt a baby monitor arrangement in order to violate the user's space (Cesare, 2014).

The IoT incorporates several currently used technologies, including cloud computing, constrained application protocol, wireless sensor network(WSN), and RFID. As a result, it inherits each technology's security weaknesses (Andrea et

al., 2015). Fig. 2 depicts a few of the technologies that are now in use.

- A WSN is a collection of numerous physically placed independent sensors that are used to monitor and regulate the environment (Gubbi et al., 2013). The WSNs are vulnerable to a variety of assaults, including jamming, node tampering, sinkhole and wormhole attacks, etc. (Borgohain et al., 2015).
- RFID is used to recognize and track IoT things. It enables data sharing across a small distance using radio signals (Gubbi et al., 2013). Like the WSN, RFID technology is prone to spoofing, cloning, and sniffer attacks (Borgohain et al., 2015).



**Figure 2** IoT enabling technologies.

- Using the cloud computing is essential to the IoT because it offers endless processing and storage capacity. (Botta *et al.*, 2016).
- According to Al-Fuqaha *et al.* (2015), it provides low-energy connectivity for items in the personal area.

A variety of IoT systems, including payment and authentication, can use An example of a short-range technology is Near Field Communication (NFC). Data interchange and network access are made simple with NFC. However, it is vulnerable to information leakage because an attacker can intercept the wireless signal the device generates (Madlmayr *et al.*, 2008; Curran *et al.*, 2012).

IoT security is a difficult task. However, the majority of IoT devices are made to be compact and have constrained resources (such as battery, computing power, and storage). Conventional security procedures cannot be implemented since doing so would be extremely difficult and complex (Cole & Ranasinghe, 2008; Eisenbarth *et al.*, 2007). The main difficulty is creating a lightweight security system for devices with tight constraints.

The examination of IoT security threats and vulnerabilities is presented in this research. Then, based on the goals of the attackers, we propose a taxonomy of the IoT security requirements. Additionally, we include numerous current security solutions and group them according to the application domains in which they are used. We conclude by talking about open research questions and IoT security difficulties.

## 2 Literature Review

Recently, several surveys on IoT security have been published. Not all of the worries were addressed, despite the fact that some of them were. All the IoT security issues have not been covered by any of

these polls. The provision of a safe IoT environment is the aim of this taxonomy. Table 1 compares the results of the surveys mentioned.

Sfar *et al.* (2018) outlined IoT security in a roadmap that considered privacy, trust, identification, and access management. They began by giving a methodical a cognitive strategy, to the IoT (Riahi *et al.*, 2014). The authors believed their vision was more practical and adaptable than the tiered strategy. They described the approach's components and relationships, as well as its effectiveness in smart manufacturing. After that, they discussed a taxonomy of current security issues, revealed useful fixes, and provided

several research avenues. Finally, they demonstrated essential IoT security standardization actions. Although the study was intriguing, it only examined the security vulnerabilities that could arise from their approach's interactions and did not explore additional concerns with IoT security include integrity, confidentiality, and availability.

Mendez *et al.* (2017) talked about the security objectives of current IoT standards. They set a few security standards for IoT devices and data. They then discussed several technologies and protocols for the application, network, and perception that are supported by IoT levels. Numerous solutions were put out when the technologies' faults, such as those in WSN and RFID, were discovered. They prioritized data privacy, availability, and secrecy in terms of security. They also talked about security concerns and possible fixes. However, they avoided going into specifics concerning the shortcomings of the enabling technology. A study on the difficulties with security and privacy for IoT systems and applications was released by Yang *et al.* in 2017. There are four sections to their work. First, they looked at the two main computational and battery limits of IoT devices. Second, they provided an IoT attack classification based on (Andrea *et al.*, 2015; Ronen & Shamir, 2016). Thirdly, the writers concentrated on IoT system topologies and methods for access verification and control. Then, it was looked into the security vulnerabilities at the network layer, transport layer, perception layer, and application layer. The authors of this article covered IoT security and privacy issues. However, they were only capable of access control and authentication. As a result, numerous important security issues were disregarded, including integrity, confidentiality, and privacy. Additionally, they didn't give adequate information regarding the IoT attacks.

In addition to describing the application, network, and perception levels, Chahid *et al.* (2017) also identified a few IoT security attacks. The authors then provided a few options put out by various businesses and organizations. They finally discussed potential directions as they put their efforts to rest. The authors researched current security practices in relation to IoT. However, they only provided a cursory definition of the security issues and did not offer any literature-based answers. Furthermore, a thorough discussion of the security measures was omitted.

Additionally, they didn't elaborate much on the potential security issues. Industry, healthcare, and

smart homes were among the IoT applications covered by Razzaq *et al.* (2017). The main criteria for IoT security, such as authentication, access control, privacy, and secrecy, were then listed. They then homed in on security concerns, especially those that arise categorised these

assaults into four categories depending on their outcomes and provided some viable remedies in a smart house. Additionally, most of the identified attacks were not described.

**Table 1.** Literature review on security concern

Authors	IoT Vision	Security Concern
Sfar <i>et al.</i> (2018)	The ecosystem of people, processes, intelligent objects, and technologies	Security, confidentiality, and authenticity
Mendez <i>et al.</i> , (2017)	three levels: application, network, and perception	Confidentiality, reliability, accessibility, and privacy
Yang <i>et al.</i> (2017)	Perception, network, transport, and application are the four levels.	Authentication and access management
Oracevic <i>et al.</i> (2017)	Both tangible objects and digital objects	Confidentiality, authenticity and reliability
Alaba <i>et al.</i> , (2017)	Perception, network, and application are the three layers	Identification, consent, confidentiality, and trust
Razzaq <i>et al.</i> (2017)	Not mentioned	Access control, confidentiality, privacy, and authentication

### 3. Security Risks with IoT

IoT devices and security breaches are both developing quickly. Analysing IoT vulnerabilities and attacks is a good place to start if you want to integrate security needs into IoT systems effectively. The objectives of various IoT security risks are examined in this section.

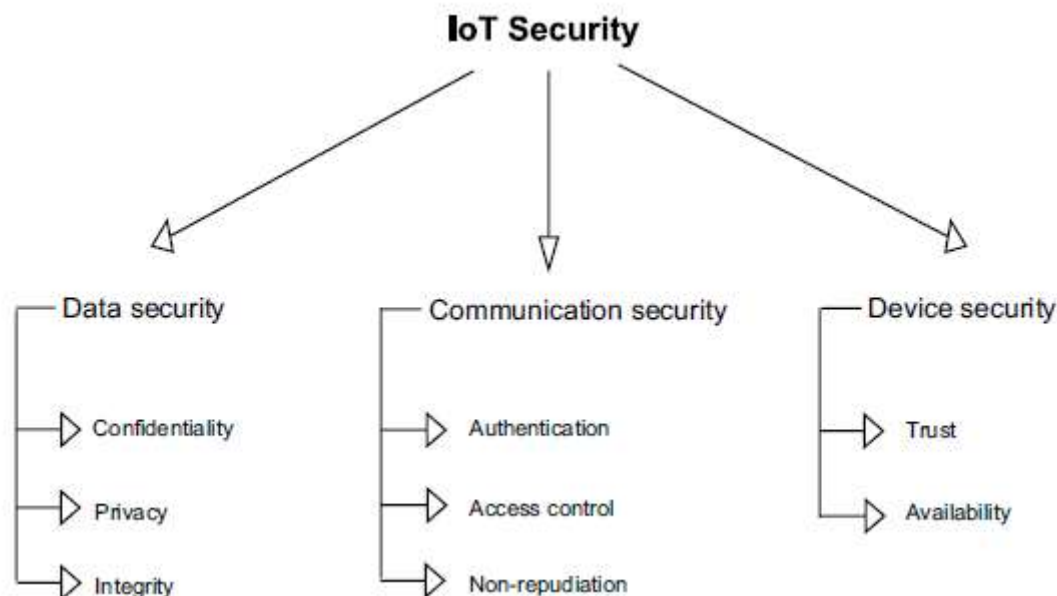
IoT devices are vulnerable to a range of assaults. Additionally, we point out that the major objectives of various attacks are as follows:

- Having access to confidential or sensitive data.
- Manage the conversation.

#### 4.1 Data Security

There are other security threats, though, including data modification and eavesdropping. In the IoT environment, we must safeguard the data's integrity, confidentiality, and privacy.

Data confidentiality is a method of preventing unauthorised IoT devices from accessing private data. According to (Miorandi *et al.*, 2012), data confidentiality is a crucial issue that demands a lot of attention. Due to the constrained resources of IoT devices, the IoT system cannot directly use standard encryption algorithms (Alam *et al.*, 2011). (Babar *et al.*, 2011) recommended using simple cryptographic techniques to provide data security and confidentiality. According to Weber (2015), applying privacy-based designs can increase levels of secrecy. Privacy, according to Misra *et al.* (2017), includes the choice to conceal personal information and to select its intended usage. The collection, transmission, and storage of data must take data privacy into account.



**Figure 3** IoT Security Taxonomy

Many viable options for dealing with data privacy have been proposed. Among these methods are stream and block cyphers, anonymization, and pseudo-random number generators(Sfar et al., 2018).

- Solutions based on anonymization, such as T-closeness (Li et al., 2006), L-diversity, and K-anonymity (Sweeney, 2002).

#### 4.2 Communication Security

Authentication prevents communication declines and ensures that only authorised individuals may access IoT devices.

A newly connected device should authenticate itself with the network before delivering data. Authentication can be verified using, lightweight cryptographic approaches (Abyaneh, 2012).

- According to Attribute-Based Access Control (ABAC), in order to access a resource or certain data, a user must provide the relevant attributes (Sfar et al., 2018).

#### 4.3 Device Security

Making ensuring that interacting nodes can trust and believe in one another is a vital task in providing security in a critical environment. IoT device accessibility is also required. As previously indicated, trust is crucial for IoT users (Coetzee et al., 2018). The process of choosing which unknown entities to communicate with is known as trust management. It is crucial to communicate with reputable IoT devices in order to safeguard IoT systems and stop rogue nodes from acting in an undesirable way. Deterministic and non-deterministic trust are the two primary categories

of trust management systems, according to (Sfar et al.,

2018). Systems based on suggestions, reputation, predictions, and social networks fall under nondeterministic trust, whereas policy-based and certificate-based processes go under deterministic trust.

#### 5 IoT Security Solutions

We list a few recent recommendations for securing the IoT across several application areas in this section.

a framework for data security and authentication for Internet of Things gadgets. It uses both symmetric and asymmetric key encryption, and Regev's (2009) Learning With Errors (LWE) method is used to build the key pair.

Li et al. (2017) emphasised joint validation in Smart City functions, which calls for sensors and servers to work together to seek permission before switching data. The suggested method performs well with low-resource devices utilised in Smart City applications. There are several other approaches available to boost IoT security across a variety of application industries. However, it's significantly more challenging to offer lightweight security.

#### Security Challenges

In IOT applications or systems, security agencies should be applied to ensure the integrity of that data while packets are transferred through various devices and connections in order to reach the target recipient over the internet. Moreover, the majority of IOT devices are high-power devices, making it impossible to apply the previously



proposed cryptographic approach in the IOT context. The integration of any application into network infrastructures is now solely concerned with obtaining functionality rather than taking into account its security, which is the most crucial component of any system or application throughout the planning stage. Also, this creates a backdoor for the adversaries and attackers. Hence, it makes it feasible for such applications and systems to be hacked. As previously said, cyber security professionals have issued warnings that IOT is one of the most vulnerable technologies and is anticipated to see significantly more focused assaults compared to the present and developing infrastructures. For instance, data theft, system damage or bodily injury, denial-of-service attacks, and certain ransomware for smart watches, smart automobiles, and smart homes. For each IOT system or application, there are four key security problems.

**(1) Trillion points of vulnerability:**

Every machine that connects to the IoT represents a potential risk, and when these risks materialize, they immediately raise the question of how confidently an organization can rely on the collected data and its integrity. When it comes to such danger, this is a subject that is frequently on everyone's mind.

**(2) Trust and Data integrity**

This is done to verify that the data hasn't been altered between the time it leaves the senders' computers and the time it reaches the intended recipient, or, to put it another way, till it reaches its destination. In order to confirm the data's integrity and to validate its verification certificate, it also participates in the data verification process.

**(3) Data protection:**

It is the law that must be intended in order to safeguard the data or to govern the personal and organisational data that has been gathered by the application or by the sensors and has been saved as part of filing system.

**(4). Data privacy:**

The protection of data from exposure in the context of IOT systems or applications is data privacy. For instance, every logical or physical item may be assigned a network address that is completely unique. Such objects or entities would also be granted the capacity to communicate through a network.

## 6 Discussion and Conclusion

The amount of data is growing along with the increase of IoT devices. For the IoT to develop into a secure infrastructure, it must address several security flaws that plague this expansion. Additionally, intelligent object design should progress towards increased autonomy in identifying hazards and responding to them. To allow devices to identify trustworthy nodes in a vibrant, diversified, and comprehensive ecosystem, adaptive belief patterns are needed. In these networks, efficient significant management should be contemplated. We looked at attacks and IoT security weaknesses. After that, depending on the goals of the attacks, we developed a taxonomy of IoT security requirements. This nomenclature can help researchers and developers create fresh security measures for the IoT. Additionally, we reviewed some of the most recent security solutions that have been put forth for specific IoT application categories. Finally, we contend that several security issues are raised by the increase of IoT. The major challenge is coming up with capable and flexible protection measures for machines with restricted resources.

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