



# 6thSense

Context-aware Sensor-Based Attack Detector for Smart Devices

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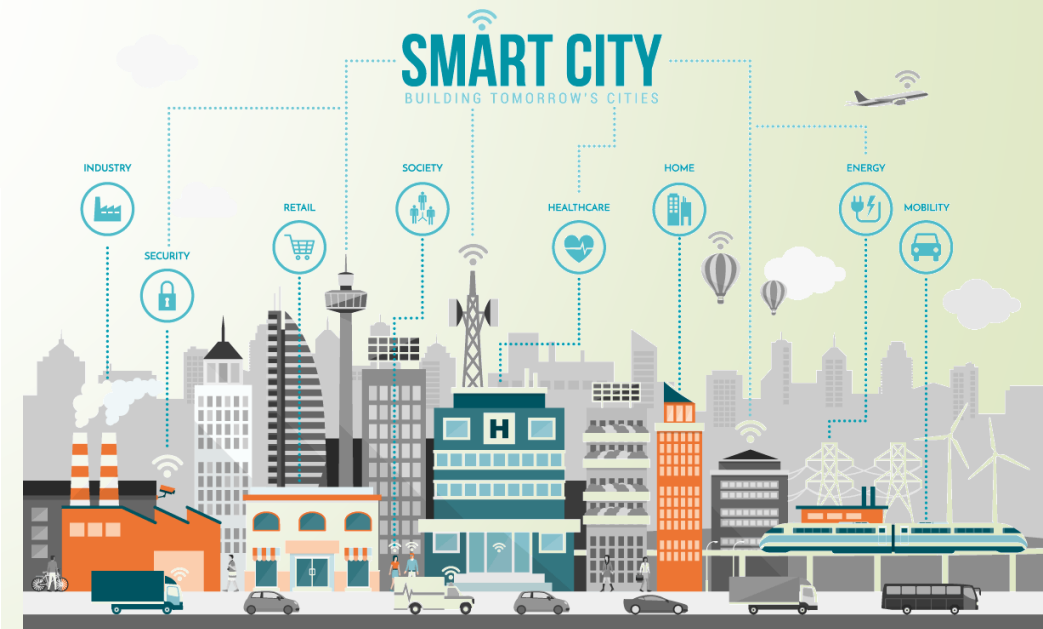
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- Performance Overview
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# Introduction


# Background

- Smartphones
- Wearables
- Smart Homes
- Smart Cities



# New Sensor-based Threats

- Eavesdropping
- Keystroke Inference
- Location Inference
- Triggering Malware



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# Motivation

- Users are not knowledgeable about the threats
- Users are unaware of the consequences
- Rapid growth of threats in recent years
- Failure of existing sensor management systems

# Contributions

- ▶ Sensor-based Attack Detector
  - ▶ 6thSense
- ▶ Real-life user data
  - ▶ From 50 Users
- ▶ High detection rate
  - ▶ Small system overhead

# Technical Approach



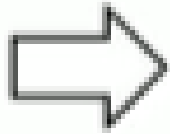
# Existing Sensor Management Systems

- ▶ Similar sensor management frameworks for existing operating systems (e.g., Android, iOS).
- ▶ Permission-based access only.
  - ▶ Only selected sensors are covered.
- ▶ No permission for accessing other sensors
  - ▶ E.g., accelerometer, light sensor, etc.
- ▶ No user control over sensor after granting permission.
- ▶ No subsequent knowledge for users about information accessed via sensors.

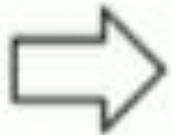
# Threat Model

- Stealing Information via Sensor
  - Exploiting sensors to capture information on a device and reveal them to an attacker.
- Triggering Malware via Sensor
  - Malicious app installed in the device triggered by a message via sensors.
- Information Leakage via Sensor
  - Information saved or recorded in the device transferred via sensor.

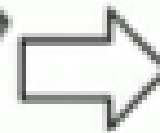
# Context Awareness



- Accelerometer
- Gyroscope
- Light
- GPS



- Accelerometer
- Gyroscope
- Proximity
- Audio

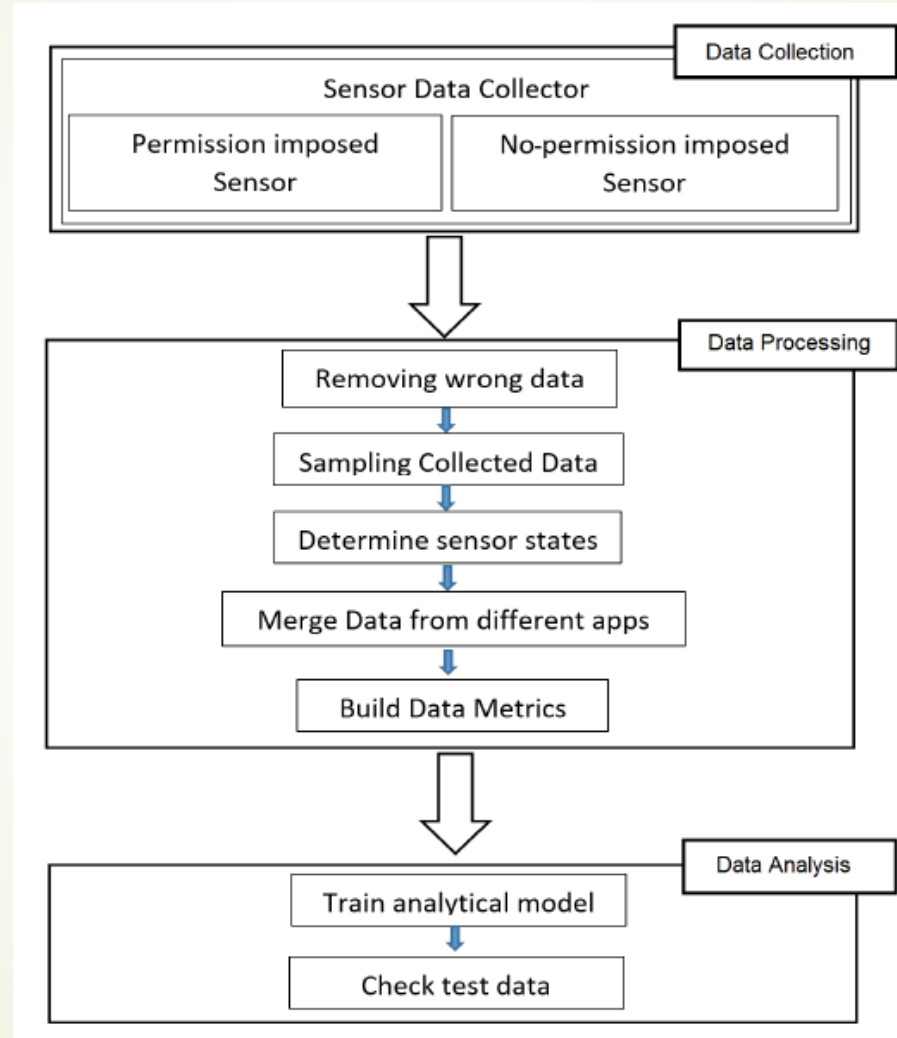


- Accelerometer
- Gyroscope
- **Light**
- Audio

# Sensor Co-dependence

- ▶ For each user task/activity, a **specific set of sensors** remains active.
- ▶ Sensors are considered as co-dependent entities for each task/activity.
- ▶ By observing which sensors are active for a task/activity, it is possible to differentiate between benign activities and malicious activities.

# 6thSense: Framework Overview



# 6thSense: Detection Techniques

- ▶ Markov Chain
- ▶ Naïve Bayes
- ▶ Other Machine Learning Techniques
  - ▶ Logistic Function, J48, etc.

# Performance Evaluation

# Performance Evaluation

- ▶ Data collected from 50 different users.
- ▶ Nine tasks/activities selected.

<b>Task Category</b>	<b>Task Name</b>
Generic Activities	1. Sleeping
	2. Driving as driver
	3. Driving as passenger
User-related Activities	1. Walking with phone in hand
	2. Walking with phone in pocket/bag
	3. Playing games
	4. Browsing
	5. Making phone calls
	6. Making video calls

- ▶ 75% of data used for training, 25% of data used for test.
- ▶ Performance Metrics:
  - ▶ Recall Rate, ROC, PRC, Accuracy, F-Score, etc.



# Markov Chain Based Detection Results

<b>Threshold (Number of consecutive malicious states )</b>	<b>Recall rate</b>	<b>False negative rate</b>	<b>Precision rate (specificity)</b>	<b>False positive rate</b>	<b>Accuracy</b>	<b>F-score</b>
0	0.62	0.38	1	0	0.6833	0.7654
1	0.86	0.14	1	0	0.8833	0.9247
2	0.96	0.04	1	0	0.9667	0.9796
3	0.98	0.02	1	0	0.9833	0.9899
5	1	0	0.9	0.1	0.9833	0.9474
6	1	0	0.8	0.2	0.9667	0.8889
8	1	0	0.6	0.4	0.9333	0.75
10	1	0	0.5	0.5	0.9167	0.6667
12	1	0	0.5	0.5	0.9167	0.6667
15	1	0	0.3	0.7	0.8833	0.4615

# Naïve Bayes Model Results

<b>Threshold Probability</b>	<b>Recall rate</b>	<b>False negative rate</b>	<b>Precision rate (specificity)</b>	<b>False positive rate</b>	<b>Accuracy</b>	<b>F-score</b>
55%	1	0	0.6	0.4	0.9333	0.75
57%	1	0	0.7	0.3	0.95	0.8235
60%	1	0	0.7	0.3	0.95	0.8235
62%	1	0	0.7	0.3	0.95	0.8235
65%	0.94	0.06	0.7	0.3	0.9	0.8024
67%	0.88	0.12	0.7	0.3	0.85	0.7797
70%	0.7	0.3	0.8	0.2	0.7167	0.7467
72%	0.7	0.3	0.9	0.1	0.7333	0.7875
75%	0.66	0.34	0.9	0.1	0.7	0.7616
80%	0.66	0.34	0.9	0.1	0.7	0.7615

# Detection with other Machine Learning approaches

<b>Algorithms</b>	<b>Recall rate</b>	<b>False negative rate</b>	<b>Precision rate</b>	<b>False positive rate</b>	<b>Accuracy</b>	<b>F-score</b>
PART	0.9998	0.0002	0.6528	0.3472	0.99	0.7899
Logistic Function	0.9997	0.0003	0.2778	0.7222	0.998	0.4348
J48	0.9998	0.0002	0.6528	0.3472	0.99	0.7899
LMT	0.9998	0.0002	0.9306	0.0694	0.9997	0.964
Hoeffding Tree	1	0	0.0556	0.9444	0.9978	0.1053
Multilayer Perceptron	0.9998	0.0002	0.6944	0.3056	0.9991	0.8196

# Performance Overhead

<b>Parameters</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>No-permission imposed sensors</b>	<b>Permission imposed sensors</b>
CPU Usage	N/A	3.90%	0.3%
RAM Usage	N/A	23 MB	14 MB
Disc Usage	For 1 min	6.5 MB	1 KB
	For 5 min	9 MB	2 KB
	For 10 min	12 MB	3 KB
Power Consumption	1 min	13.5 mW	3.12 mW
	5 min	96.67 mW	27.4 mW
	10 min	133.33 mW	45 mW
Power Consumption (without datafile)	1 min	2.68 mW	0.23 mW
	5 min	23.4 mW	9.63 mW
	10 min	55.35 mW	17 mW

# Conclusions and Future Work

## ➤ Contributions

- Novel context-aware sensor-based attack detector.
- Machine Learning techniques used to develop the framework.
- Evaluation based on data collected from real users.
- High detection rate with minimum system overhead.

## ➤ Future Work

- Implement the framework for small handheld devices such as fitness bands.

# Discussion

- ▶ Prototype of 6thSense developed only for Samsung Galaxy s5 Duo.
  - ▶ Sensors have different specification for different devices
  - ▶ Reimplementation needed for other devices
- ▶ Machine Learning training is done offline.
  - ▶ Training could be outsourced to the cloud
    - ▶ Privacy concerns in transferring sensor data
- ▶ Collection of data done in a compromised device.
  - ▶ Tainted data for training

# 6thSense and my thesis

- ▶ Broad thesis topic:
  - ▶ Privacy and Security in the Internet of Things
- ▶ Currently working on my TI (Tópicos de Investigação) course:
  - ▶ Intrusion Detection Systems, Machine Learning
- ▶ Future Work of 6thSense is a possible path
  - ▶ Expand to a distributed cloud based solution
  - ▶ Using privacy-preserving techniques