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Keystroke Tracking-Robust System with Dual-Keypad Security

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Abstract

The development of an advanced authentication mechanism designed to mitigate the increasing risk of keylogging attacks, a prevalent cyber threat that captures keystrokes to steal sensitive information. Traditional authentication methods relying on keyboard input are particularly vulnerable to such attacks. To address this, a novel security framework is introduced, combining two innovative components: a dual-keypad input system and a visual authentication protocol. The dual-keypad system employs two distinct input interfaces—a physical keypad and a virtual keypad—each handling separate aspects of the authentication process. This division significantly complicates the ability of keyloggers to capture complete authentication sequences, thereby enhancing security. Complementing this, the visual authentication component incorporates a dynamic, graphical verification process. Users interact with visual elements, such as images or patterns displayed on a screen, which are inherently resistant to keylogging. This approach not only strengthens security but also ensures a user-friendly experience. Together, these systems form a multi-layered defense strategy. The dual-keypad mechanism minimizes the risk of keystroke compromise, while the visual authentication ensures that even if keystrokes are intercepted, the authentication process remains secure. This research aims to deliver a robust, secure, and intuitive authentication solution that effectively counters keylogging and other cyber threats, offering a reliable method for safeguarding sensitive information across various applications.

Keywords: Authentication Protocols; Cybersecurity; Dual-Keypad System; Keylogging; Multi-Factor Authentication; Secure Input Methods; Data Protection; User Authentication; Security System; Visual Authentication.

1. Introduction

In today's digital landscape, the security of authentication mechanisms is more critical than ever. Traditional authentication methods, primarily reliant on keyboard input and passwords, face significant vulnerabilities, particularly from keylogging attacks. Keyloggers, malicious software designed to capture keystrokes, can effectively compromise these systems by recording sensitive information such as passwords, PINs, and other authentication credentials. This vulnerability underscores the urgent need for more secure authentication solutions. The project seeks to address these security challenges by introducing a robust, multi-layered authentication framework. This system combines two innovative approaches to mitigate the risks associated with keylogging and enhance overall security [1-3].

1.1 Dual-Keypad Security System

At the core of this project is a dual-keypad input system. Unlike traditional single-keyboard setups [4], the dual-keypad system involves two separate input keypad (Normal Keypad and Virtual Keypad), each handling a distinct aspect of the authentication process. By splitting the input tasks between two keypads, the system makes it significantly harder for keyloggers to capture and reconstruct the complete authentication sequence. This separation adds an extra layer of complexity for potential attackers, thus enhancing the system's security [5-7].

1.2 Visual Authentication Protocol

Complementing the dual-keypad system is a visual authentication protocol [8]. This method involves graphical elements—such as images, patterns, or dynamic visual cues—that users interact with to

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complete the authentication process. Visual authentication does not rely on keystrokes, making it inherently resistant to keylogging attacks. Users are required to recognize and interact with visual components, which provide an additional layer of security beyond traditional text-based inputs [9]. The combination of these two approaches results in a highly secure authentication system that addresses both the weaknesses of conventional methods and the specific threat of keylogging [10]. By leveraging the dual-keypad mechanism to complicate keylogging efforts and the visual authentication process to additional. non-keyboard-based provide an verification step, this project aims to deliver a comprehensive solution to modern authentication challenges. Overall, this project aims to set a new standard for secure authentication systems, ensuring that sensitive information remains protected against advanced cyber threats while maintaining usability and efficiency. The proposed system is designed to be adaptable to various applications, providing a scalable solution to enhance security in a wide range of contexts, from personal computing to enterprise environments (Refer Figures 1 to 7).

2. Method

The proposed system introduces a dual-keypad setup combined with a visual authentication protocol to counter keylogging attacks.

2.1.Dual-Keypad System

- Splits authentication input between two keypads (e.g., one for partial credentials, the other for completion).
- Prevents keyloggers from capturing full input sequences, enhancing security.

2.2.Visual Authentication Protocol

- Uses dynamic graphical elements (images/patterns) for user interaction.
- Resistant to keylogging as it bypasses keyboard input.

2.3.Integration

- Combines both methods into a unified, userfriendly system.
- Ensures multi-layered security without compromising usability.

2.4.Evaluation

Rigorous real-world testing to validate effectiveness against keylogging.

system offers robust protection keylogging while maintaining operational efficiency.

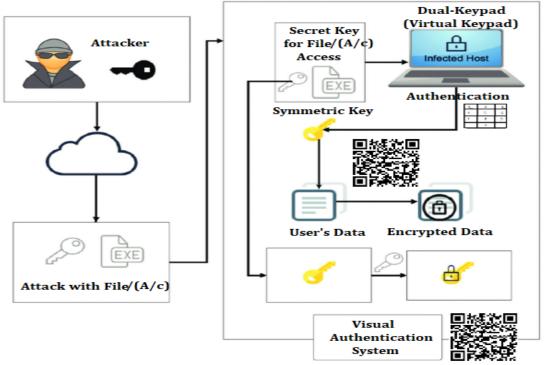


Figure 1 Proposed System Architecture



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3. Results and Discussion 3.1.Results

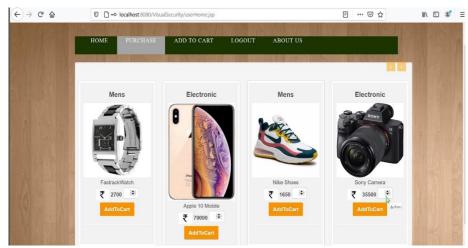


Figure 2 Shopping Website

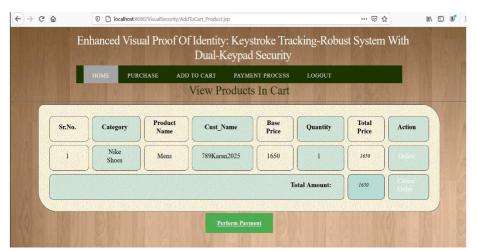


Figure 3 Shopping Cart



Figure 4 Save Card Details



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Figure 5 Secured Answers for Verification



Figure 6 OTP for Verification



Figure 7 Secured Keyboard

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Conclusion

conclusion, the represents a significant advancement in securing authentication processes against modern cyber threats. By combining a dualkeypad input mechanism with a visual authentication protocol, the system offers a multi-layered defense that effectively mitigates the risks associated with keylogging attacks. This innovative approach not only enhances security but also maintains a userfriendly experience, addressing the limitations of traditional authentication methods. The expected outcomes—improved security, reduced breaches, and scalable integration—highlight the system's potential to provide robust protection for sensitive information across various Ultimately, the proposed system sets a new standard for secure authentication, ensuring that organizations and individuals can confidently safeguard their digital assets against evolving cyber threats.

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