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# Exploring the Dark Side of IoT: A Survey on Blackhole Attacks

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Abstract: The Internet of Things (IoT) is rapidly growing and becoming an integral part of our daily lives. However, the increasing use of IoT devices also raises significant security concerns. One of the most pressing threats to IoT security is the blackhole attack, where an attacker can selectively drop or discard packets to disrupt communication between IoT devices. In this paper, we conduct a comprehensive survey on blackhole attacks in IoT networks. We explore the types of blackhole attacks, the methods attackers use to exploit vulnerabilities in IoT devices, and the potential impact of these attacks. We also review existing solutions and strategies for mitigating the effects of blackhole attacks in IoT networks. Through our survey, we provide a deeper understanding of the blackhole attack's nature and the potential implications for the security and reliability of IoT networks. Ultimately, our findings highlight the need for increased awareness of this type of attack and the implementation of robust security measures to protect IoT devices and networks.

**Keywords:** Internet of Things (IoT), blackhole.

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