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ABSTRACT

With the rapid evolution of the wireless communication technology, user authentication is important in order to ensure the security of the wireless communication technology. Password play an important role in the process of authentication. In the process of authentication, the password enter by the user will be transmitted along the traffic to the authentication server in order to allow the server to grant access to the authorised user. The attackers will use the chance to attempt to sniff others person password in order to perform some illegal activities by using other's identity to keep them safe from trouble. Due to the issues, there are many solutions has been proposed to improve the security of wireless communication technology. In this paper, the previously proposed solution will be used to enhance the security of the system. The solution adopted is the one time password, hashing and two-factor authentication. There also a new solution will be added by using the QR code to help to save more data. The objective of the system outcome is to enhance the current login authentication system. It provides solutions for making password breaking more difficult as well as convinces users to choose and set hard-to-break passwords.

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LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS			
MiTM	Man in the middle		
QR	Quick Response		
OTP	One time password		
Et al.	And others		
IOS			
wifi Wireless Fidelity			
URL Uniform Resource Locator			

Chapter 1 : INTRODUCTION

1.1 PROBLEM STATEMENT

Authentication is an activity to authenticate the person credential that wishes to perform the activity. In the process of authentication, the password enter by the user will be transmitted along the traffic to the authentication server in order to allow the server to grant access to the authorized user. When the password is transmitted, the attackers will try to sniff into the network to obtain data that include the user's password. Currently, there is rainbow table which able to trace the password with the hash algorithm to obtain the user's password. Once the password is succeeded to be decrypted, the attackers can use the user credential to do something illegal such as fraud others which will cause the user lost in credit.

According to Pagliery(2014), there is 47% of the American adults account been hacked in that year. Their personal information is exposed by the hackers. Due to the problem exists, there are more people no longer trust that password will be able to protect their online account. According to Sulleyman(2017), some of the attackers will sell the email account that is been hacked to others to gain profit.

It is important to protect our own account because our credit is priceless. It is hard to trace the attackers in the cyber world. The secure login system is needed to ensure the cybersafety. Therefore, this project would like to provide alternative ways to log in to a system because current login system is not secure enough.

1.2 BACKGROUND AND MOTIVATION

Authentication is an activity to authenticate the person credential that wishes to perform the activity. If the credential is matched, the process is completed and the user will be granted for the access. Generally, the user will need to provide their password to begin using a service of the system. According to Rouse (2014), user authentication authorizes human-to-machine interactions in operating systems and applications as well as both wired and wireless networks to enable access to networked and Internet-connected systems, applications and resources.

In their investigation of password evolution, Bonneau (2015) state that:

The password is added to the sharing operating system in 1960s. However, the problem arose very quick due to the leakage of the unencrypted password master file. When reaching 1970s, the password started to be stored in the hashed form. In 1979, the hashed password was improved with the salting. With the mid-1990s introduce of the World Wide Web, the password is secure using the public-key cryptography via secure sockets layer (SSL) client certificates. The password is then started to link to the email and two-factor authentication is introduced. In the early of 2010s, the smartphone starts to be widely used. The reason for the implementation is also because of the free smartphone applications to act as a second factor based on the emerging time-based-one-time-pad (TOTP) standard. TOTP is an algorithm that computes a one-time password from a shared secret key and the current time. There are also services provided by sending codes via short message service (SMS) as a backup authentication mechanism.

In their investigation of password evolution, Denso (2016) state that:

Quick Response(QR) code was created by 1994 in Japan. It is named after quick response because of the high-speed reading. QR code is an evolution of the barcodes. The evolution occurs due to the limitation of the barcodes which only can hold 20 alphanumeric characters. The project is then carried out by Masahiro Hara and his development team for 1 year and a half. The outcome of the QR code is a huge success due to it can store 7,000 numerals with the additional capability to code Kanji characters was finally created. With the current technology, the QR code is scanned can help to redirect to a website or coupon.



Figure 1-1 QR code

1.3 PROJECT OBJECTIVES

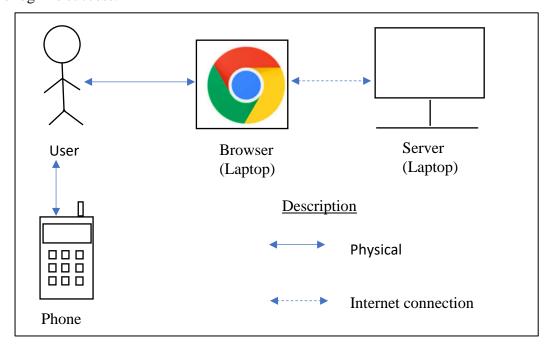
The 4 main objectives for this project:

- 1. The main objective is to implement a secure login authentication system with utilizing with two-factor authentications. By using the concept two-factor authentication could help to increase the strength of the login system. The attacker will need to pass through the next barrier of defence to success to log in. This system will help to enhance the login authentication system.
- 2. Next objective is to ensure login password will not be transmitted over the network. As compared to the previous solution, the password is just encrypted, but the attackers might succeed to decode the data and retrieve the password. So in order to prevent this happens, the password with the random key will need to be hash before the sender sends the password to the server. It is important to secure the password of the user.
- 3. Apart from that, the third objective will be to generate the one time password offline. This will help in perform the login procedure if there is a limited connection of wi-fi or mobile signal is weak. It will help the user who lives in the countryside which has a weak phone signal.
- 4. Lastly, the fourth objective is to ensure the system is protected from rainbow table attack. The rainbow table will act as a dictionary store and optimised for hashes and password. So once the random key is repeated, the password will be retrieved. So, the random key should be long enough to cause the attackers to use a longer time to generate the rainbow table.

1.4 PROPOSED APPROACH/STUDY

The proposed solution to enhance the security of login authentication system by implementing the new system. In the new system to be proposed, it will help to enhance the password security. The system will help to ensure the password will not be transmitted along the traffic. Therefore, this project would like to provide alternative ways for login to a system by using QR code as the random key when the user attempts to log in. By using this method, attackers will be hard to decrypt the password since they will need to generate a huge rainbow table if the random key is long enough.

Under the proposed system, the user will key in the username then the password will be obtained. The server will generate a random key with 40 characters in the form of QR code. The phone will then scan the QR code to obtain the random key. The password will then combines the random key and hash. The server will retrieve the password from the database then combine the random key and hash it. Both of these hash value generated will take the first 6 character as the OTP. Once it is both matches, the login is success.



1.5 <u>REPORT ORGANISATION</u>

The details of this research are shown in the following chapters. In Chapter 2, some existing solution for creating a secure login authentication is reviewed. The strength and weaknesses also discuss in chapter 2. In chapter 3, the system design is further elaborate with flowchart and sequence diagram. There is also discussion on tools used to implement the system and the system requirement needed to implement the system. Next, Chapter 4 is discussing the result of system testing. The interface of the system also been shown in the chapter. There is also some brief explanation of the code. In chapter 5, there is a discussion of the advantage of the system implemented compare to the existing system. There is also discussion of the reason to choose the tools to implement the system. Lastly, in chapter 6, some conclusion is made from based on the objective achieved in the system. There is also some explanation of problem encountered during the period of system implementation and the future work that can be done based on the new system.

Chapter 2 : LITERATURE REVIEW

2.1 EXISTING PROPOSED SOLUTIONS OVERVIEW

Authentication is a process to access to login account and accessing the service provided by the system or server using the password. It also has an alternative way to authenticate the user which is using biometric authentication by using fingerprint or iris recognition. However, human has the tendency to create easily remember password which it will lead to a problem.

By definition, authentication is the use of one or more mechanisms to confirm that you are the authenticated user. Once the identity of the human or machine is validated, access is granted. There are existing acknowledged three authentication factors are things the user know, things the user have and biometric authentication. Biometric-based authentication is a good way to authenticate the user but it is expensive and raises some privacy concern.

One Time Passwords (OTP) offers a promising alternative for two-factor authentication systems. A one-time password is a password that is valid for only one login session or transaction, on a computer system or other digital device (Cheng, X. R. et al. ,2005).

Two-factor authentication solution equips customers with a cost effective means of providing flexible and strong authentication to very large scale. The goal of computer security to maintain the integrity, availability and privacy of the information entrusted to the system can be obtained by adopting this authentication technique.

There is also company uses the hashing algorithm to store their password. In the transmission of the password, the password has already been hashed and become unreadable.

Lastly, most of the password is now encrypted when it is sent from the sender to the receiver. The password is encrypted so that the attackers will not easily obtaining the correct password since they will need another step to decrypt the data (Mathur, A. ,2012).

2.2 TWO FACTOR AUTHENTICATION

Two-factor authentication has been introduced long time ago. It is also known as the two-step verification. The organization will implement this method because it is easy the implement it. They can save the cost from replacing the existing system and increase security level by adding a layer of security that protects the existing authentication system.

The reason for the two-factor authentication is been started to use by many organizations is because of the ease of implementation of the method. They do not require to replace the existing system but just increase security level by adding a layer of security that protects the existing authentication system. The process will require 2 reliable authentication factors which is something the users knows such as alphanumeric password, something user has such as the phone and something the user is such as biological unique features (eg. Fingerprint).

Two-factor authentication is an evolvement from single-factor authentication which only requires the password of the user. However, single-factor authentication is no longer secure due to user tends to have the weak password which is common. Users also tend to have the same password for multiple accounts. This provides a chance for the hacker to succeed in password exploitation. The two-factor authentication helps to provide an additional layer of security.

In two factor authentication, the user provides dual means of identification, one of which is typically a physical token, such as a card and the other of which is typically something memorized, such as security code. The aim of the multifactor is to create a more difficult step for attackers/ unauthorized people to access a target. This mechanism still able to be secure if there is still existing a barrier to breach before accessing the target.

Two-factor authentication flow

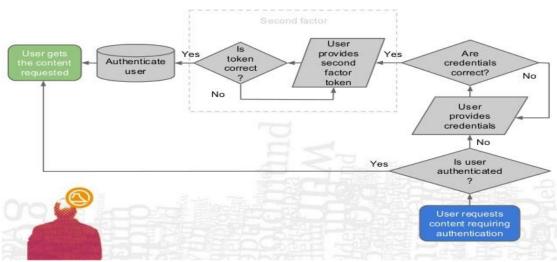


Figure 2-1Two-factor authentication flow. (Milton K., n.d.)

2.3 ONE TIME PASSWORD (OTP)

A one-time password is a password that is valid for only one login session or transaction, on a computer system or other digital device. The OTP authentication main idea is to provide infinite factors and create different password every time during user logging in to improve the security of the system. OTP is used in conjunction with a token. The token and corresponding authentication server share the same algorithm. The algorithm is different for each user's token to prevent attackers break the algorithm. A number of OTP systems also aim to ensure that a session cannot easily be intercepted or impersonated without knowledge of unpredictable data created during the previous session, thus reducing the attack surface further.

The OTP authentication system is implemented by two main mechanisms. The first mechanism is the challenge-response mode. The system will generate a challenge to the user when the user is logging in. The OTP is generated by combining user keyed in the password and challenge generate by the system. The user will need to key in the OTP to log in successfully.

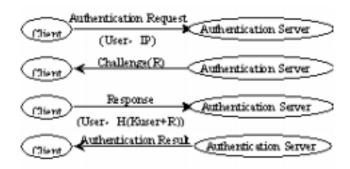


Figure 2-2 Challenge-response mechanism. (Cheng, X. R. et al., 2005)

The next mechanism is time synchronization. This mechanism will use the user login time to generate the random number. The user can generate the password combining his passphrase. OTP also only valid for a short period of time only.

2.4 CRYPTOGRAPHY

Cryptography is the study to generate the secret message between the sender and the receiver. The main goal of the cryptography is authentication, privacy, integrity, non-repudiation and access control.

Encryption is a process that converts the message into unreadable using some algorithm. It is one of the processes that applying the cryptography. Encryption is a step that transforms or convert the data into a random and meaningless message. In another word, it can be said as is a process to convert plaintext into the ciphertext.

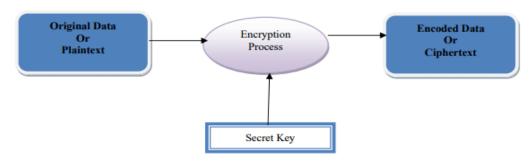


Figure 2-3 Encryption process flow. (Symmetric and Asymmetric Encryption – What are the difference?, n.d.)

Decryption is the vice versa of the encryption which will convert the data into the meaning form. It is a process to transform ciphertext into plain text.

In order to perform the cryptography, the cryptographic algorithm is needed to act as a mathematical function and steps to perform encryption and decryption. The purpose of the cryptography is to increases the difficulties for the attackers to decrypt the ciphertext.without given the actual key to be decrypted.

Many sites store the password in the encrypted form in their database on the server. They will use a special key to convert the password into a random string which is a ciphertext. If the user without the key, they will not able to obtain the password but just a random string. However, it is reversible where there is the chance of success decryption by attackers.

2.5 HASH FUNCTION

Hashing is a step that will use a hash algorithm such as the MD5 to turn a password into a long random string which consists of letters and numbers. The hashes are the opposite of encryption which is not reversible to be the original text. There is no algorithm exist to reverse back the hashes. However, the attackers can try the different combination of the password in order to match the user password. The combination password hashes are then collected to store into the rainbow table. This method will be very time exhausting.

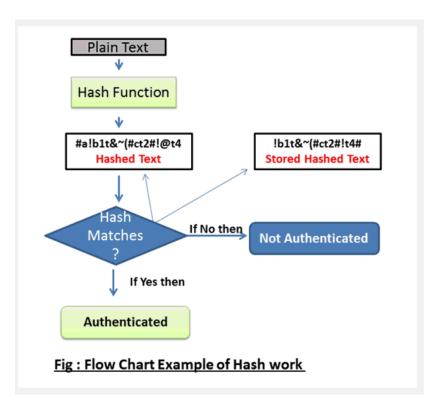


Figure 2-4 Flowchart of hash algorithm

2.6 COMPARISON BETWEEN PROPOSED SOLUTION

Proposed	Strength	Weakness
Solution		
Two factor authentication	Increase the step for attackers to success	If the email is hijacked, the process cannot continue until the email is been recovery.
One Time Password	 Not vulnerable to replay attack Can be time limited 	 Require internet or phone connection to complete the process User will feel annoyed to wait for the message to reach if the connection is slow
Cryptography	The attackers will need time to find the decryption key	 Attackers might succeed from retrieve decryption key The key can be exposed by network admin to the attackers
Hash Function	 The password is not reversible The password with the similar hashes is very rare Time exhausting to crack the password 	Vulnerable to rainbow table attacks

Table 2-6-1 Strength and weaknesses of the proposed solution

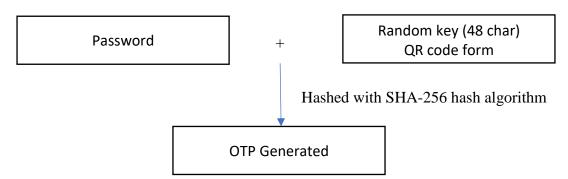
Chapter 3 : PROPOSED METHOD/APPROACH

3.1 <u>DESIGN SPECIFICATIONS</u>

Due to the importance to secure the password, I had implemented an enhanced version of the login authentication from the existing proposed solution. Under the existing system, the password whether it is encrypted or hashed, it still exists in the network traffic to reach the service. Once the attackers get the encrypted or hashed password, the attacker will have the chance to succeed to discover the algorithm to retrieve back the plain text.

This project needs 2 things which are the desktop sites and mobile application. The desktop designed to have 2 type of user input with username and OTP. The website will require the username first then only the password. Next, the system will need the implementation of server-side scripting. The server-side scripting will retrieve the password from database and generate the random key with 48 characters. The password and random key then combine and hashed. The server-side scripting will help to generate the QR code to be displayed on the website.

For the mobile application part, the user interface design is important to help the user to understand the step to use it. The application needs to implement the camera features to help the phone the retrieve random key when the QR code is scan. The alternative way to scan QR code is to screenshot the QR code and import into phone application to decode secret key. The application will then prompt the user password and the OTP will be generated.



In order to overcome the problem in the currently existing system, the server will generate a different random key in each and every time when the user logs in to the system to generate the OTP. So, the attackers will not possible to obtain the actual password. The login page should limit the attempt of the password in 5 times to decrease the chance of success brute force attacks.

3.2 SYSTEM DESIGN

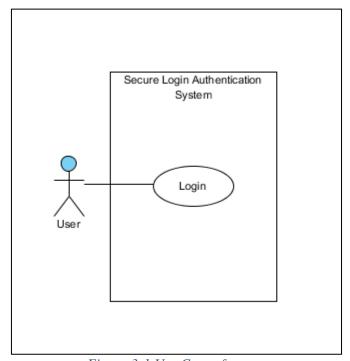


Figure 3-1 Use Case of system

Use Case ID	UC001		Version	1.0
Feature	F001 L		V CISIOII	110
Purpose			user to log in	their account.
Actor	User		### 10 10 E	
Trigger	User su	ırf the	website.	
Precondition	Surf w	ebsite		
Scenario Name	Step	Acti	on	
Main Flow	1	User	r enter usernar	ne
	2	System check validity of the username		
	3	System retrieves login phrase		
	4	System display login phrase		
	5	User confirm with login phrase		
	6	System obtain random key		
	7	System display random key		
	8	User scan QR code		
	9	System prompt user enter the password		
	10	User enter password		
	11	Syste	em generated	and display OTP

	12	User enter OTP in website		
	13	System check device validity of the account in the database		
	14 System display "login successful"			
Alternate Flow -	2.1.1	User enters an invalid username.		
Invalid Username	2.1.2	System displays error message "This username doesn't exist, try again!"		
	2.1.3	Back to main flow step 1.		
Alternate Flow -	12.1.1	User enters invalid OTP.		
Invalid OTP	12.1.2	System displays error message "Invalid OTP"		
	12.1.3	System generate random key		
	12.1.4	Back to main flow step 7.		
Alternate Flow -	12.1.1	User enters invalid OTP more than 5 times.		
Trial more than 5	12.1.2	System send email to user to inform account is locked		
Alternate Flow -	13.1.1	User use new device to attempt login		
First Attempt Login of New	13.1.2	System send email to user to verify device		
Device				
Rules		name must exist in the database.		
	ii. OTP must be matched.			
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Table 3-2-1 Use Case Description of system

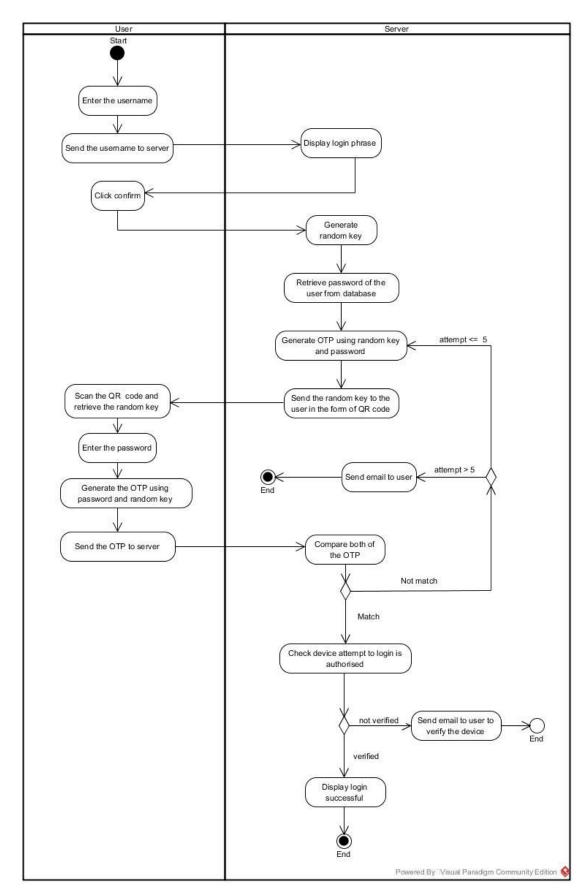


Figure 3-2 Flowchart of the system

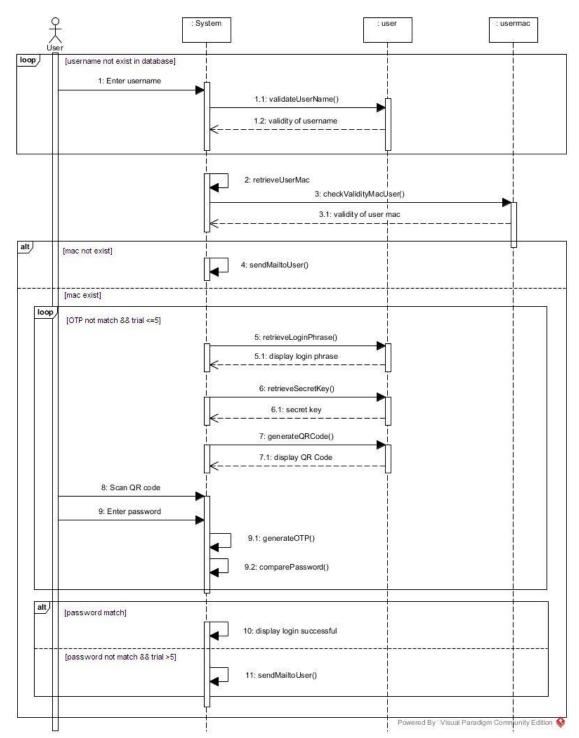


Figure 3-3 Sequence Diagram of system

The system start with the user wants to surf the web and perform the login activity. The user key in their own username and click next. The system will search the username in the database. The system will send an error message if the username does not exist in the database. Once if the username is valid in the database, the website will display the login phrase of the user. This method needs to do so in order to protect the

user from the phishing attack. Next, the server will generate the random key with 48 characters. The random key will then display in the form of QR code on the webpage. The system also will retrieve the password of the user and combine it with the random key and hashed it.

Once the QR code is displayed in the web page, the user will need to use their own phone to scan the QR code or import QR code from phone gallery to obtain the key. Next, the phone will prompt the user to enter their actual password. The password is then entered and generate is clicked by the user. The OTP with the 6 character is then displayed on the phone screen. There might be a chance where same OTP is generated where the different password is entered with the same key. The attacker will need trial and error to confirm the password since there will be many possible passwords. The attacker will also hard to wait for the same key to be used to login for the same user since there is 2.12 X 10⁹⁹ combination of the key will be generated. There is one important thing to be mention where the phone is not necessary to connect to wi-fi to complete the process of login. The phone also will not able to validate the password because it is just an application to help to generate the OTP and there is no point for the attacker to own or hack the application.

The user will need to key in the OTP generated in the web page. The system will compare the OTP generated and the user input. If the user input is the same, the user will be granted to use the service of the system. Once it is different, the system will generate the new random key and the user will need to re-scan the QR code using phone application and type in the password to obtain OTP and enter to the website again. The system only allows 5 user attempt to login to the system. If it is exceeded, the user account will be locked for temporary. The user will receive the email about there is an attacker is attempting hack into the account. The user can unlock the account by click on the link provided in the email.

The system also has extra features to enhance the security which if there is a new device login to the web page, it will prompt the email to the user to ensure the user credential. The user will need to click back the link to continue the login activity. Once the link is clicked, the mac address of the new device will save into the database.

3.3 SYSTEM REQUIREMENT

There is 2 device that requires respectives system requirement. For the laptop requirement suggested will be as listed as below.

OS Window XP and later/Mac OS

RAM 2GB

Processor Intel's dual-core Core i3-4130

Hard drive 1GB of free space

Apart from system requirement of the laptop, the project also requires a list of system requirement for the mobile. The suggested requirement is stated as shown below.

CPU type Intel Pentium 4

RAM 1GB

OS Android 6.0 above

Version 1GB of free space

Memory 500MB

3.4 <u>IMPLEMENTATION ISSUES AND CHALLENGES</u>

The major challenge of the project is the shortage of time because time is needed to learning the code and need to implement the system. The time also uses to find out the better solution from the others proposed solution. The proposed solution needed to study and find out their strength and weaknesses to be improved so that can learn from their problem.

The next challenge of the project will be the limitation of understanding the code used to implement the system. The coding will be a very fresh programming language for me since it is very new for me.

3.5 TIMELINE

This project will be divided into two parts which the first part will develop the mobile app, website and establish the server. While the second part will be added in the QR code features to establish a connection with security.

In previous semester, the first part will be implemented in order to perform normal login features. The first week of the semester is used to study the coding of android and php. The next week will be used to implement the mobile application and

website with user interface design. In the third week will be used to set up the server using the xampp. When the fourth week is coming, the time will be used to test the functionality of the partially done system. Starting in week 5, the time will be used to prepare the final year project report and be checked and submitted.

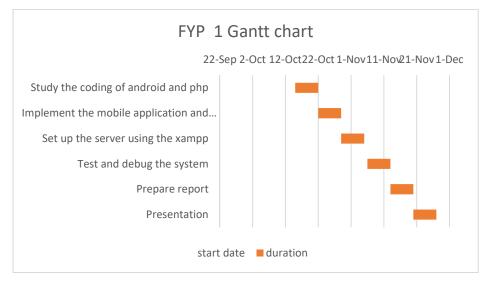


Figure 3-4 FYP1 Gantt Chart

In the current semester, I implement the login system with the QR code feature. I also enhance the login system with some features such 2 factor authentication for the first time device login attempt which will help to ensure the user credential. After the system is implemented, it is tested, debug and improve until the user comfortable to use the system. Next, the report needs to be prepared in 2 weeks of time. After that, the time is used to prepare the presentation.

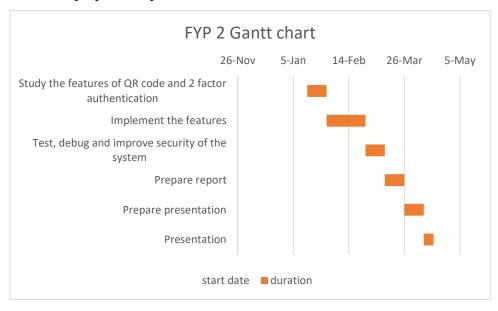


Figure 3-5 FYP2 Gantt Chart

Chapter 4 : IMPLEMENTATION AND TESTING

4.1 METHODOLOGY AND TOOLS

1. Smartphone



Figure 4-1 Smartphone

The phone is used to generate a random key when it's camera is used to scan with the QR code. So, the smartphone used with the features of can download and install a new application and must have a camera which can be used to scan QR code.

2. Laptop



Figure 4-2 Laptop

The system also requires a server to perform authentication service. Instead of using a real server to set up the system, the laptop is used to be a virtual server. The laptop also will be used to surf the site built to log in.

3. Android Studio



Figure 4-3 Android Studio

The Android studio is used to write the android application which can generate a random key when the QR code is scan. The application will help to combine the password and generated random key and finally hashed it to become an OTP.

4. XAMPP



Figure 4-4 XAMPP

The XAMPP will be used to set up the web server with the MYSQL and Apache.

5. Atom IDE

The atom IDE uses to implement the website.

4.2 CODE IMPLEMENTATION

4.2.1 Website (Atom)

```
$\text{php}
$\text{host='localhost';}
$\text{user='root';}
$\text{password='';}
$\text{dbName='custdb';}

$\text{con=mysqli_connect($host,$user,$password,$dbName);}
$\text{_SESSION['con']=$con;}
}
```

Figure 4-5 Code of database connection

In the code above, it is needed to create a connection to the database in phpmyadmin. The required data such as username, password and database name is needed to establish the connection.

Figure 4-6 Code of query and declaration of the session attribute

After the connection is done, the system able to run the query to retrieve data from the database. The system can retrieve the input from the user and then perform the query to obtain the result using escape_string. The result of the query will then be stored in session to reduce the network traffic between the client and database.

Figure 4-7 Code of display QR code

After retrieving the random key generated and stored from database, the random key will then converted into QR code with the help of qr_img.php and is displayed.

```
header( "refresh:180;url=OTP.php" );
pusername = p_scssion[ username ];
$result = $con->query("SELECT * FROM user WHERE username='$username'");
$user = $result->fetch_assoc();
if ($user['locked'] == 1) {
   header("location: locked.php");
}
```

Figure 4-8 Code of refresh page

The QR code will be expire if the user remains on the same webpage more than 3 minutes. After the QR code is expired, the page will be forward to OTP.php to generate a new random key.

```
<?php include 'generaterand.php';
session_start();
require 'init.php';
$newSecret = generateRandomString(40);
$username = $_SESSION['username'];
$sql = "UPDATE user SET secret = '$newSecret' WHERE username = '$username'";
$result = $con->query($sql);
header('location:index2.php');
?>
```

Figure 4-9 Code of update random key

The function of generateRandomString will be called to create the random key. After the random key is generated, the random key will be replaced in the database and forward to the page to display QR code.

```
<?php function generateRandomString($length) {
    $characters = '0123456789abcdefghijklmnopqrstuvwxyzABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ';
    $charactersLength = strlen($characters);
    $randomString = '';
    for ($i = 0; $i < $length; $i++) {
        $randomString .= $characters[rand(0, $charactersLength - 1)];
    }
    return $randomString;
}?>
```

Figure 4-10 Code for generating a random key

This is the function to generate a random key with the different combination of alphabets and digits. The function will require an input of length to determine the length of the random string.

```
$secret = $user['password'];
$secret .= $user['secret'];
$OTP = hash('sha256', $secret);
$OTP = substr($OTP,0,6);
```

Figure 4-11 Code for generating OTP

The password from the database is then combined with the random key to becoming a combined string. The combine string then hash by using SHA256 and the first 6 characters only will be chosen to become OTP. The system will then prompt OTP from the user and then compare with the OTP generate by the system. If it matches, the permission of access to service is granted. If it does not match, the permission of access to service is denied. The system will generate a new random key and forward the user to display QR code page.

```
elseif($user['trial']==0)
{
    $code = generateRandomString(20):
    $sql = "UPDATE user SET locked = '1',codeunlock='$code' WHERE username='$username'";
    $resure = $con-2query($sql);
```

Figure 4-12 Code of the locked account

When the user enters the wrong OTP for more than 5 times, the system will lock the user account.

Figure 4-13 Code of email set up

This is the step to set up the email configuration where the need to declare port used and email of the system admin and client. There is also a declaration of the subject and the content of the email.

```
try{
    $mail->SMTPSecure = "tls"; // sets the prefix to the servier
    $mail->Host = "smtp.gmail.com"; // sets GMAIL as the SMTP server
    $mail->Send();
    header("location:locked.php");
} catch (phpmailerException $e) {
    echo $e->errorMessage(); //error messages from PHPMailer
} catch (Exception $e) {
    echo $e->getMessage();
}
```

Figure 4-14 Code of email send and catch exception

Once the mail can be sent successfully, the web page will be redirected to locked.php.

```
if(($password == $OTP) && $user['locked']!=1 && $user['trial']!=0){
    $sql = "UPDATE user SET trial = 5 WHERE username = '$username'";
    $result = $con->query($sql);
    $newSecret = generateRandomString(40);
    $sql = "UPDATE user SET secret = '$newSecret' WHERE username = '$username'";
    $result = $con->query($sql);

$mac = exec('getmac');
    $mac = substr($mac,0,17);

$sql = "SELECT * FROM usermac WHERE username='$username' AND mac='$mac'";
    $result = $con->query($sql);
```

Figure 4-15 Code of retrieve client's device mac address

This is the code that will able to retrieve the mac address of the device connected to the system. The mac address will then check with the database to ensure the device is verified or else the system will send the email to the user in order to verify the device.

```
$result = $con->query("SELECT * FROM usermac WHERE mac='$mac'");
$usermac = $result->fetch_assoc();
$userCCode = $usermac['confirmed-code'];
$link = $_SERVER['REQUEST_URI'];
$emailCCode = substr($link, strrpos($link, '%') + 1);
$emailCCode = substr($emailCCode,5);

1+($emailCCode==$userCcode){
    $sql = "UPDATE usermac SET confirmed = '1' WHERE mac='$mac'";
    $result = $con->query($sql);
    $_SESSION['success'] = 1;|
    header("location:home.php");
}
else{
    header("location:error.php");
}
```

Figure 4-16 Code of retrieve confirm code from URL

The code is to retrieve the URL of the website and filter the confirm code in the URL. The system will then compare with the confirm code in the database. Once both of them match, the system will forward the user to home page.

4.2.2 Android Studio

Figure 4-17 Code of grant camera permission

The code is to prompt permission from the user to allow the phone application to access the function of the camera. If the permission is granted, the user will not need to press allow again.

Figure 4-18 Code of detecting QR code from photo

When the user chooses to browse the photo from the gallery to obtain the QR code, the application will read the photo in the form of bitmap and convert into a frame. Then, the type of bar code to detect is defined which is a QR code. After the implementation, the application can execute the function to detect the QR code in the photo. If the photo contains QR code, it will retrieve the data and forward to the next page.

Figure 4-19 Code of display alert dialog

If there is no QR code detected from the photo, the alert dialog will be displayed to the user. The user will need to repeat to choose the photo again.

```
public void receiveDetections(Detector.Detections<Barcode> detections) {
    final SparseArray<Barcode> grcodes= detections.getDetectedItems();
    if(grcodes.size()!= 0 && num == 0) {
        num = 1;
        Vibrator vibrator= (Vibrator)getApplicationContext().getSystemService(Context.VIBRATOR_SERVICE);
        vibrator.vibrate(100);
        Intent intent = new Intent(getBaseContext(), password.class);
        intent.putExtra("key",grcodes.valueAt(0));
        startActivity(intent);
        finish();
    }
}
```

Figure 4-20 Code of detecting QR code using the camera

If the user not choosing to browse photo, the user will scan the QR code using the camera. Once the camera detects the QR code, the device will vibrate for one second, retrieve the data and forward to next page.

```
StringBuilder combine = new StringBuilder();
String txt = (String) txtPassword.getText().toString();
txt = hash(txt);
combine.append(txt);
combine.append(key);
String OTP= hash(combine.toString());
OTP=OTP.substring(0,6);
Intent intent = new Intent(getBaseContext(), generate_otp.class);
intent.putExtra("OTP", OTP);
startActivity(intent);
```

Figure 4-21 Code of generating OTP

After the user enters the password, the system will obtain the input. The input and data received from the previous page will be combined using StringBuilder. After the combination of string, the hash function is called in order to create the OTP. The OTP will be only choosing the first six characters from the hashed value. The page will then forward to the next page

Figure 4-22 Code of hash algorithm

This is the function to hash the combination of password and random key using SHA-256.

```
String s = getIntent().getStringExtra("OTP");
txtOTP.setText(s);
txtOTP.setTextSize(100);
txtOTP.setTextColor(Color.parseColor("#ffffff"));
```

Figure 4-23 Code of set text in the application interface

The OTP will then be displayed in the application by setText of the layout name txtOTP.

4.3 <u>VERIFICATION PLANS/TEST CASES</u>

Action	Steps	Input	Expected Result
User key in the	1. User key in the	admin	Redirect the page
correct username	username		to display the QR
	2. User press next		code
User key in the	1. User key in the	adddmin	Display error
incorrect username	username		message stated "no
	2. User press next		such username
			exist"
User scan the QR	1. Web site display	-	Prompt the user
code	the QR code		password after the
	2. User use phone		scan of QR code
	to scan the QR		
	code		
User key in the correct password	1. User key in the password 2. User press login	admin	Redirect to the home page
User key in the incorrect password	1. User key in the password 2. User press login	admins	Display error message stated "Wrong password"
Wrong password exceeds 5 times	1. User key in the password 2. User press login 3. Repeat 5 times	-	Display message "The account is locked temporarily" and email is sent to the account owner
First time device login	 User key in the username User press next User key in the OTP User press login 	-	The system will send verification towards the user account email. The link clicked will approve the user to login the system
Browse photo from gallery	1. User screenshot QR code using phone. 2. Select browse from gallery to obtain QR code information.	-	Forward user to prompt password to generate OTP

Table 4-3-1 Verification plan

4.4 SYSTEM TESTING

4.4.1 Use Case Testing

Main Flow(Normal flow)	Pass
Invalid Username	Pass
Invalid OTP	Pass
Trial more than 5 times	Pass
Not verified device login	Pass

Table 4-4-1 Result of Use Case Testing

4.4.2 <u>Interface of Test Run of System</u>

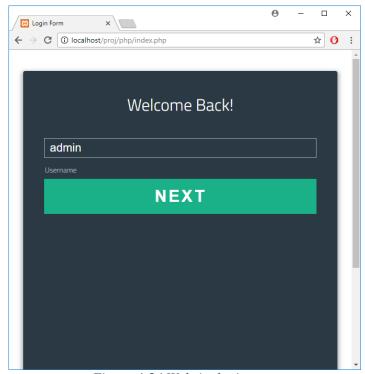


Figure 4-24 Website login page

The first step of the system is website will prompt the user for the username.

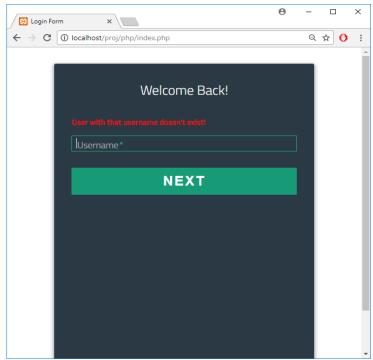


Figure 4-25 Username does not exist in the database

After the username is entered, the system will check the username validity of username in the database. If it is invalid, the system will display the error message. If the username is valid, the system will forward to Figure 4-26.

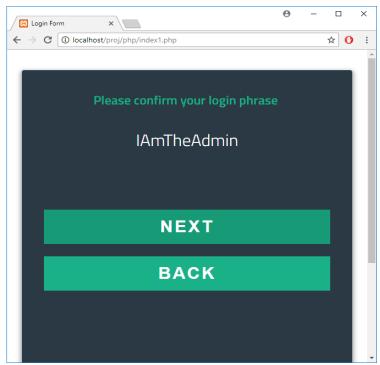


Figure 4-26 Login phrase display

The login phrase will then retrieve from the database of the user details and display on the website. The user will need to confirm the login phrase is correct.

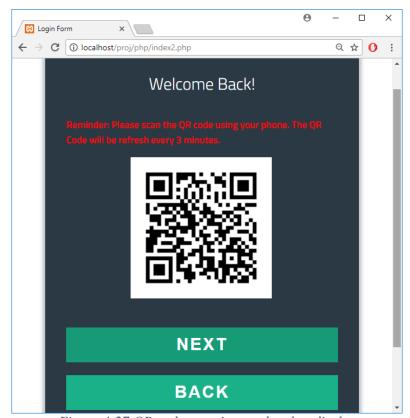


Figure 4-27 QR code contains random key display

After the user confirms the login phrase and clicks next, the random key is retrieved from the database and convert into QR code and display on the website.

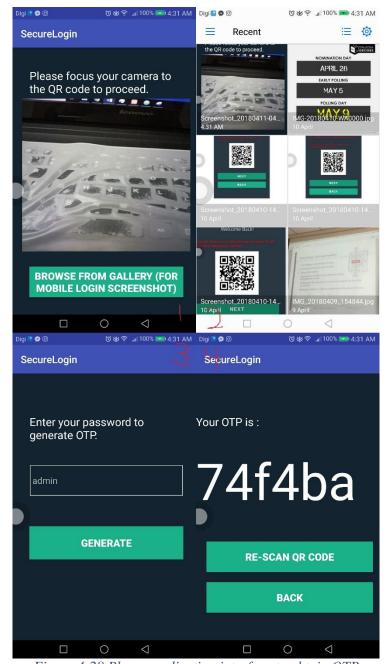


Figure 4-28 Phone application interface to obtain OTP

The user starts the phone application. The user will then scan the QR code as frame 1 or choose to browse the QR code from the gallery after screenshot as frame 2. After the QR code is decoded, the phone application prompts the user to enter the actual password as frame 3. Next, the user click generate. Lastly, the phone application will display the OTP generated from the combination of secret key and actual password. The user may choose to back if the enter wrong password.

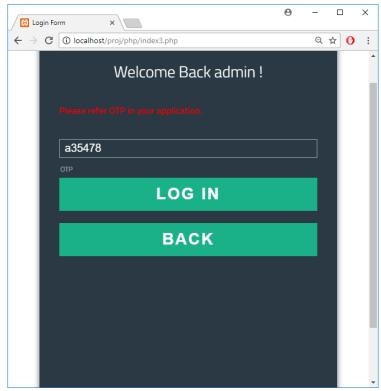


Figure 4-29 OTP Prompt

After the user click next in Figure 4-27, the website will prompt OTP from the user.

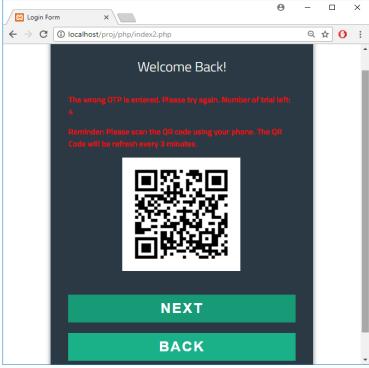


Figure 4-30 Invalid OTP

The system will then compare the OTP. If the OTP is not matched, the website will display error message and number of trial left.

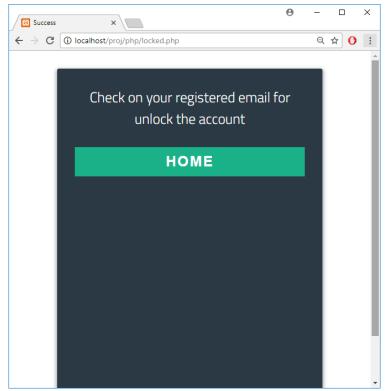


Figure 4-31 Account locked display

After trial and error of entering OTP more than 5 times, the account of the user will be locked. The email will then be sent to user email as Figure 4-32.

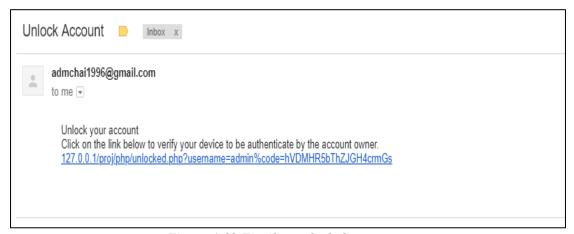


Figure 4-32 Email to unlock the account

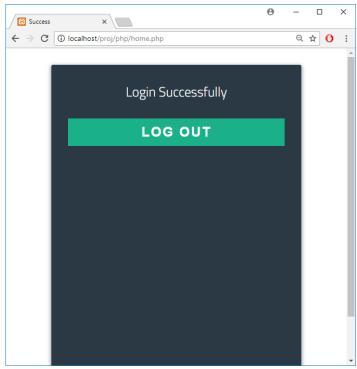


Figure 4-33 Home Page of the website

Once the OTP is matched within the trial of 5 times, the website will display login successful.

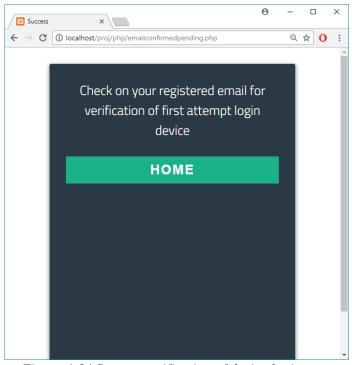


Figure 4-34 Prompt verification of device login page

If the device attempts the login for the first time, the system will send the email to the user to ask the user to verify the device to be authorized as Figure 4-35.

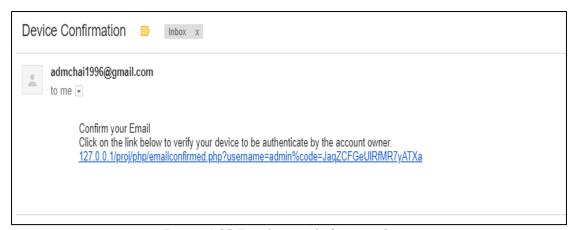


Figure 4-35 Email to verify device to login

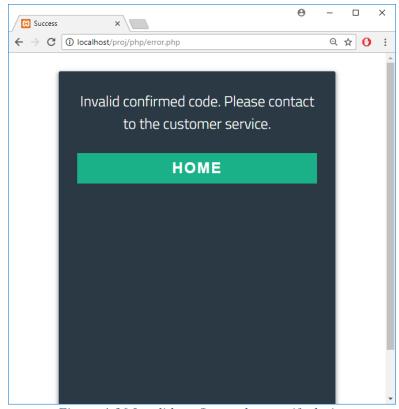


Figure 4-36 Invalid confirm code to verify device

If the confirm code of the link sent in the email is not matched as the database, the system will display the error message.

Chapter 5 : DISCUSSION

5.1 <u>SECURITY ISSUES OF CURRENT LOGIN SYSTEM</u>

In the current existing login authentication system, the password is still will be flowing in the network. The attackers are able to obtain the packet contain the username and password and grant access to the service. Figure 5-1-2 and Figure 5-1-3 show the packets captured in the network that contain username and password on the website.

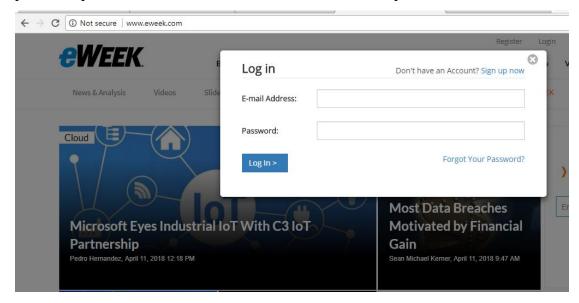


Figure 5-1 Login interface of the existing system

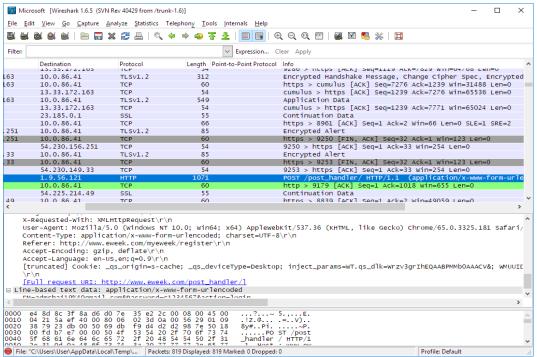


Figure 5-2 Wireshark capture for HTTP

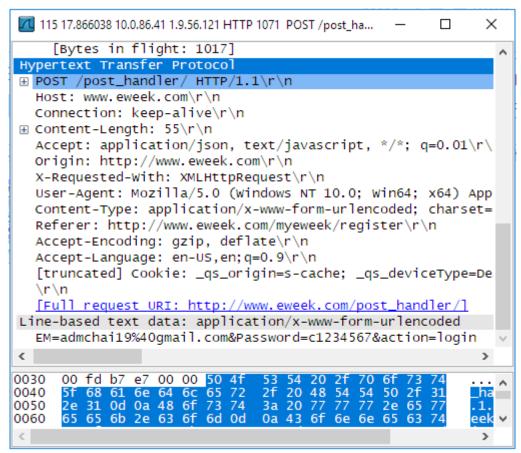


Figure 5-3 Details of packet capture

Some of the users also tend to save password using the cookies in the browser. It is danger when the attackers able to retrieve the cookies since they able to get the username and password of the user on the site.

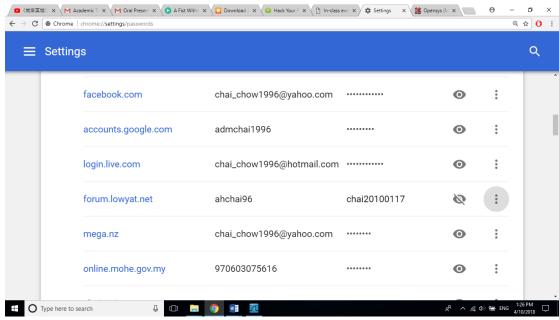


Figure 5-4 Cookies of username and password

5.2 IMPROVEMENT OF PROPOSED LOGIN SYSTEM

In the proposed login system, it can be proved that the rainbow table is successful to mitigate since there is a long random key generated which is alphanumeric with 40 characters. There are at least 2.12 X 10⁹⁹ of the combination of the random key which is a huge rainbow table to be generated since the password is not included yet. There is improvement be done since the attackers can only limit to have 5 trials to brute force the OTP. By limiting the number of trial, attackers will not able to use tools to help to run brute force attack such as Hydra. It is believed where even if the system does not limit the number of trials, it also needs a very long time to run attack.

Password Length	All Characters	Only Lowercase
3 characters	0.86 seconds	0.02 seconds
4 characters	1.36 minutes	.046 seconds
5 characters	2.15 hours	11.9 seconds
6 characters	8.51 days	5.15 minutes
7 characters	2.21 years	2.23 hours
8 characters	2.10 centuries	2.42 days
9 characters	20 millennia	2.07 months
10 characters	1,899 millennia	4.48 years
11 characters	180,365 millennia	1.16 centuries
12 characters	17,184,705 millennia	3.03 millennia
13 characters	1,627,797,068 millennia	78.7 millennia
14 characters	154,640,721,434 millennia	2,046 millennia

Figure 5-5 Time requires to run dictionary attack with the different number of characters

The figures below show the packet capture in the new system implemented.

-	WF			· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·		~ L W L L L L L L L L L L L L L L L L L	9
Filter: http://request.method=="POST" Expression Clear Apply							
No.		Time	Source	Destination	Protocol	Length Point-to-Point Protocol	Info
	7	1.887864	10.0.86.1	10.0.86.41	НТТР	755	POST /proj/php/index1.php HTTP/1.1
	54	17.729258	10.0.86.1	10.0.86.41	НТТР	769	POST /proj/php/index.php HTTP/1.1
	91	25.729140	10.0.86.1	10.0.86.41	HTTP	755	POST /proj/php/index1.php HTTP/1.1
	186	53.946522	10.0.86.1	10.0.86.41	HTTP	755	POST /proj/php/index2.php HTTP/1.1
	303	67.414234	10.0.86.1	10.0.86.41	HTTP	773	POST /proj/php/index3.php HTTP/1.1

Figure 5-6 Wireshark capture for implemented system

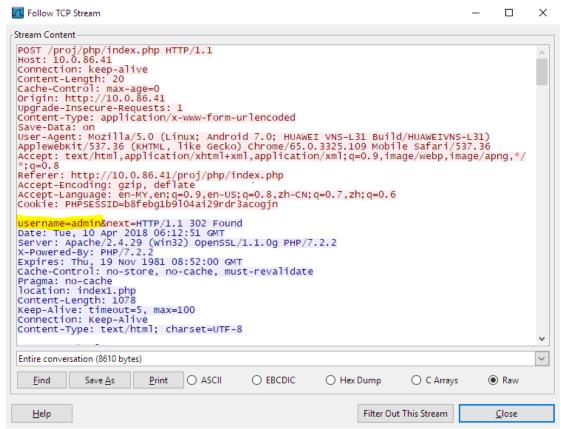


Figure 5-7 Details of packet capture contain username

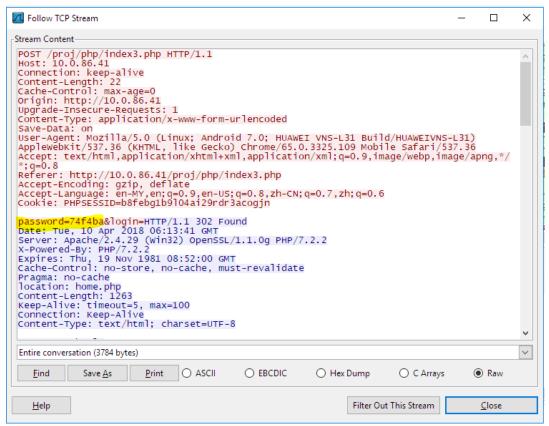


Figure 5-8 Details of packet capture contain OTP

From the packet capture in Figure 5-2-3 and Figure 5-2-4, it is proved that the user is the username and OTP is exposed in the network. It is important to know that the OTP is only valid once for the user to login into the system. The OTP is not same as the password where the generation of OTP will require the actual password. So, there will be not much security issues if the OTP is exposed to the attackers since they cannot able to explore the actual password in the network.

5.3 <u>REASON FOR SELECTION TOOLS</u>

5.3.1 Reason of choosing PHP

There are few reasons to choose PHP as my project framework. The first reason PHP is chosen is because it is easy to work with and learn. There is a lot of tutorial of PHP can be surf in the website such as tutorial point.com.

Apart from that, PHP is an open source which is free. It is also a globally accepted in the website development.

Next, PHP also can work with different type of databases such as PHPMyAdmin and MYSQL. This can help to ease migration of database if there is maintenance occurs in the system.

Furthermore, PHP is a very flexible framework where it able to work with javascript and jQuery. It also compatible with HTML where it can interchange between HTML and PHP within the page.

Lastly, PHP also supports session storage. Session storage is a type of storage will expire when the user closes the browser which is different with cookies that expire in within a period of time. Session storage helps to reduce traffic flow between client and server which reduce the workload of the server.

5.3.2 Reason choose Android

I also choose Android to implement the phone application because it is an open source and can be implemented using a free software to implement the application. Apart from that, I choose android instead of IOS is because the price of phone support IOS is more expensive than phone support android. Android also easy to implement and easy to learn. There is also a lot of phone support android on the market instead of IOS such as Huawei and OPPO.

5.3.3 Reason choose QR code

The user will tend to enter a very short random key instead of a long string that is meaningless. According to Miller's Law, human will only tend to remember around 7 digits or 6 letters. The user will feel frustrated if they need look back and forth between the laptop screen and phone screen. However, if the random key generated is short, the attacker may easily to implement rainbow table to attack the system. So, the system will need a long string which suggested 40 characters of the random key. In order to save work of user to enter the random key manually, the system will use QR code which will ease the user to retrieve the random key.

CHAPTER 6: CONCLUSION

Chapter 6 : CONCLUSION

The project has achieved a huge success to mitigate with the rainbow table attack where the attackers will need to generate a huge rainbow table to exploit the system. A huge rainbow table will require a lot of time to be generated. Apart from that, the system also uses the 2 factor authentication where it requires the actual password and OTP to grant success to the system. Next, one of the huge success where will be the OTP can be generated without connection to internet which helps to prevent the attackers to able to retrieve the actual password from the network flow.

There is some problem faced when implementing the system where there is the shortage of time to complete and improve the system. One of the major problem faced is when the laptop to act as the server of the system is having some faulty. The faulty cause spends of time and money to be fixed where time is wasted for the period of fixing.

There is some improvement can be done by the system where synchronize the OTP with time in order to generate OTP by selecting the random position character of the hashed password. The login system also can be improved by ensuring the password of the user must be more than 8 characters and with the combination of upper and lower case, numbers and expression.

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APPENDICES

Appendix-A :Database

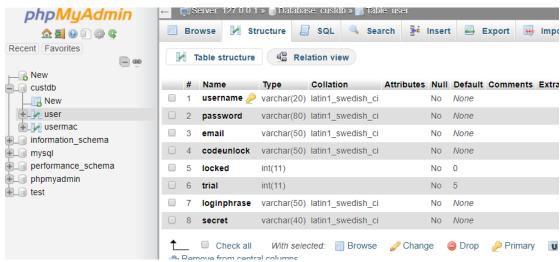


Figure shows the database attribute in the user table

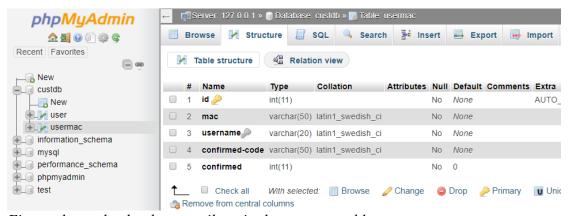


Figure shows the database attribute in the usermac table

Appendix-B :Final Year Project Weekly Report

FINAL YEAR PROJECT WEEKLY REPORT

Trimester, Year: 3, 3	Study week no.: 2
Student Name & ID: CHOW WI	EN CHAI 140ACB5547
Supervisor:DR. GAN MING LE	Œ
Project Title: SECURE LOGIN	AUTHENTICATION SYSTEM
1. WORK DONE	
Please write the details of the work done	e in the last fortnight.]
• Study the feetures of OD or	odo
Study the features of QR coStudy the advantage of QR	
• Study the advantage of QK	Code
2. WORK TO BE DONE	
 Implement QR code in web 	bsite to act as a random key in website
 Implement android applica 	tion to decode QR code
3. PROBLEMS ENCOUNTERE	CD
• (N/A)	
(IVA)	
4. SELF EVALUATION OF TH	IE PROGRESS
• Learnt the features of QR c	code
Supervisor's signature	Student's signature

FINAL YEAR PROJECT WEEKLY REPORT

(Project II)

Trimester, Year: 3, 3	Study week no.: 4
Student Name & ID: CHOW WEN CH	AI 140ACB5547
Supervisor:DR. GAN MING LEE	
Project Title: SECURE LOGIN AUTH	ENTICATION SYSTEM

1. WORK DONE

[Please write the details of the work done in the last fortnight.]

- Implement QR code in website to act as a random key in website
- Implement android application to decode QR code

2. WORK TO BE DONE

- Add features on limit number of trial to attempt to login
- Add features to check whether the device is verified to login
- Add mailing system

3. PROBLEMS ENCOUNTERED

- Import of library is not compatible in android
- Difficult to implement scan QR using phone camera

4. SELF EVALUATION OF THE PROGRESS

- Main objective of the is achieved
- 60% of the project is complete

FINAL YEAR PROJECT WEEKLY REPORT

(Project II)

Trimester, Year: 3, 3	Study week no.: 6
Student Name & ID: CHOW WEN CH	AI 140ACB5547
Supervisor:DR. GAN MING LEE	
Project Title: SECURE LOGIN AUTH	ENTICATION SYSTEM

1. WORK DONE

[Please write the details of the work done in the last fortnight.]

- Add features on limit number of trial to attempt to login
- Add features to check whether the device is verified to login
- Add mailing system

2. WORK TO BE DONE

• Add import photo from gallery to decode QR code in phone application

3. PROBLEMS ENCOUNTERED

- No knowledge of mailing system
- Need to by pass proxy to implement workable mailing system

4. SELF EVALUATION OF THE PROGRESS

• 90% of the project is complete

Supervisor's signature	Student's signature

FINAL YEAR PROJECT WEEKLY REPORT

Trimester, Year: 3, 3	Study week no.: 8
Student Name & ID: CHOW WEN CH	AI 140ACB5547
Supervisor:DR. GAN MING LEE	
Project Title: SECURE LOGIN AUTH	ENTICATION SYSTEM
1. WORK DONE	
[Please write the details of the work done in the last	st fortnight.]
Add import photo from gallery to or	decode QR code in phone application
2. WORK TO BE DONE	
Test the system	
Debug and improve the system	
3. PROBLEMS ENCOUNTERED	
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No much information gain from go	pogle to implement this features
4. SELF EVALUATION OF THE PRO	GRESS
The project is completed	
Supervisor's signature	Student's signature

FINAL YEAR PROJECT WEEKLY REPORT

Trimester, Year: 3, 3	Study week no.: 1	0
Student Name & ID: CHOW WEN CHA	AI 140ACB5547	
Supervisor:DR. GAN MING LEE		
Project Title: SECURE LOGIN AUTHI	ENTICATION SYSTEM	
1. WORK DONE		
[Please write the details of the work done in the las	t fortnight.]	
 Test the system 		
 Debug and improve the system 		
2. WORK TO BE DONE		
Prepare report		
3. PROBLEMS ENCOUNTERED		
(N/A)		
4. SELF EVALUATION OF THE PRO	GRESS	
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• The system is fully tested which is	achieved all the expected o	utcome
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Supervisor's signature	Student's s	ignature

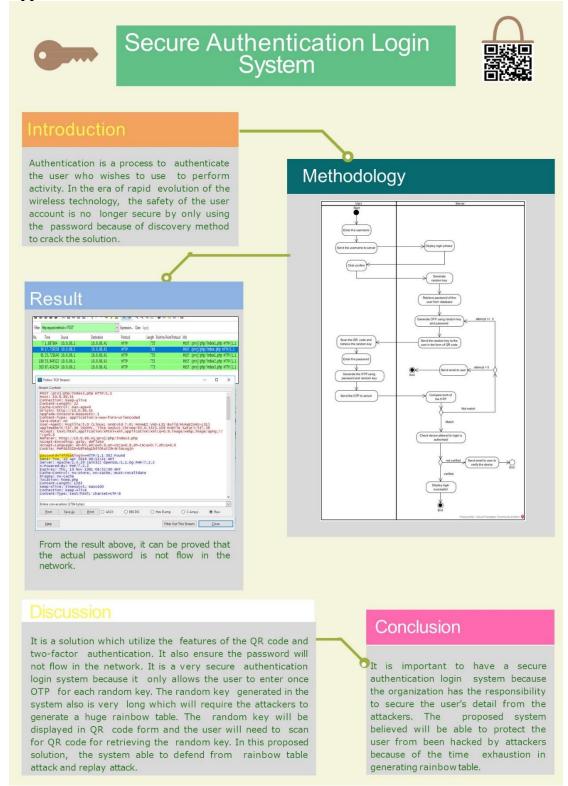
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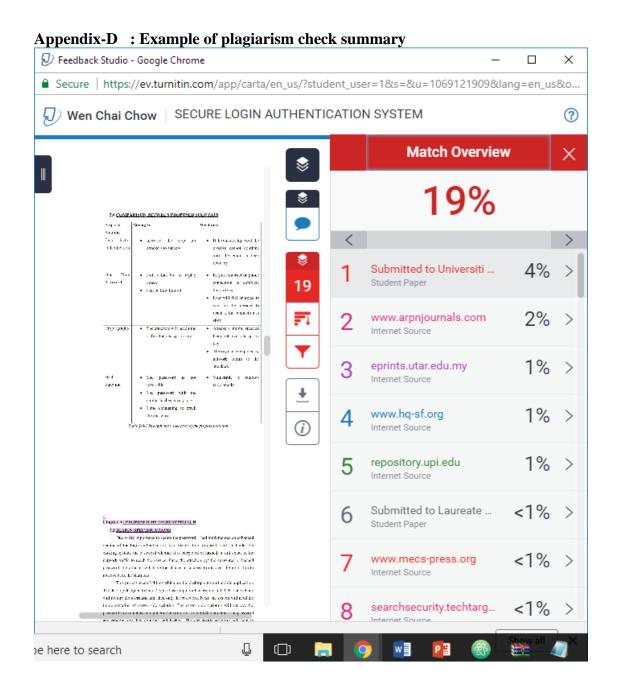
Trimester, Year: 3, 3	Study week no.:	12
Student Name & ID: CHOW WEN CHA	AI 140ACB5547	
Supervisor:DR. GAN MING LEE		
Project Title: SECURE LOGIN AUTHI	ENTICATION SYSTE	M
1. WORK DONE		
 Prepare report 		
2. WORK TO BE DONE		
Complete the report		
Prepare for poster		
 Prepare presentation slide 		
1 1		
3. PROBLEMS ENCOUNTERED		
07/40		
(N/A)		
4. SELF EVALUATION OF THE PRO	CRESS	
4. SELF EVALUATION OF THE TRO	GRESS	
• 60% of the report is complete		
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Supervisor's signature	Student	's signature

FINAL YEAR PROJECT WEEKLY REPORT

Trimester, Year: 3, 3	Study week no.: 13
Student Name & ID: CHOW WEN C	HAI 140ACB5547
Supervisor:DR. GAN MING LEE	
Project Title: SECURE LOGIN AUTI	HENTICATION SYSTEM
1. WORK DONE	
Complete the report	
 Prepare for poster 	
 Prepare presentation slide 	
Burn report and program into CD	
2. WORK TO BE DONE	
2. World To DE BOTTE	
Prepare for presentation	
1 1	
3. PROBLEMS ENCOUNTERED	
27/4	
(N/A)	
4. SELF EVALUATION OF THE PRO	OCDESS
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The report is completed	
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