

Verification of Security Protocols Part II

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ProSecure project

Goal : analysis and design of security systems

→ five years project (2011-2015), founded by the European Research Council.

→ **Regular job offers !**

- PhD positions and Post-doc positions
- **One research associate position** (up to 5 years, with budget for PhD grant and other costs)
- Permanent positions (CNRS, INRIA, Universities)

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LORIA (Nancy)



Size : 500 researchers, among which about 150 permanent researchers and 150 PhD students.

Where is it ?



Well connected to :

- Paris, France (90 minutes)
- Luxembourg (90-120 minutes)
- Saarbrücken, Germany (120 minutes)

Yesterday course

How to use formal methods for analysing cryptographic protocols ?

- Messages are abstracted by **terms**
- Intruder can compute new terms using a **deduction system**
- Protocols can be described by rules of the form $u \rightarrow v$, where u, v are terms with variables.

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 - for **one-copy protocols**, secrecy is **DEXPTIME-complete** [CortierComon RTA03] [SeildVerma LPAR04]
 - for **message-length bounded protocols**, secrecy is **DEXPTIME-complete** [Durgin et al FMSP99] [Chevalier et al CSL03]
→ **some tools for proving security** (ProVerif, EVA Platform)

Limitations of this approach ?

Are you ready to use any protocol verified with this technique ?

- Only a **finite scenario** is checked.
→ What happens if the protocol is used one more time ?
- The underlying mathematical properties of the primitives are abstracted away.
- The specification of the protocol is analysed, but **not its implementation**.
→ Cédric Fournet course

Motivation

Back to our running example :

$$A \rightarrow B : \{\text{pin}\}_{k_a}$$

$$B \rightarrow A : \{\{\text{pin}\}_{k_a}\}_{k_b}$$

$$A \rightarrow B : \{\text{pin}\}_{k_b}$$

We need the equation for the commutativity of encryption

$$\{\{z\}_x\}_y = \{\{z\}_y\}_x$$

Some other examples

Encryption-Decryption theory

$$\text{dec}(\text{enc}(x, y), y) = x \quad \pi_1(\langle x, y \rangle) = x \quad \pi_2(\langle x, y \rangle) = y$$

EXclusive Or

$$\begin{array}{ll} x \oplus (y \oplus z) = z & x \oplus y = y \oplus x \\ x \oplus x = 0 & x \oplus 0 = x \end{array}$$

Diffie-Hellmann

$$\text{exp}(\text{exp}(z, x), y) = \text{exp}(\text{exp}(z, y), x)$$

E-voting protocols

First phase :

$$V \rightarrow A : \text{sign}(\textit{blind}(\textit{vote}, r), V)$$

$$A \rightarrow V : \text{sign}(\textit{blind}(\textit{vote}, r), A)$$

Voting phase :

$$V \rightarrow C : \text{sign}(\textit{vote}, A)$$

...



Equational theory for blind signatures

[Kremer Ryan 05]

$$\begin{aligned}\text{checksign}(\text{sign}(x, y), \text{pk}(y)) &= x \\ \text{unblind}(\text{blind}(x, y), y) &= x \\ \text{unblind}(\text{sign}(\text{blind}(x, y), z), y) &= \text{sign}(x, z)\end{aligned}$$

Deduction

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Example : $E := \text{dec}(\text{enc}(x, y), y) = x$ and $T = \{\text{enc}(\text{secret}, k), k\}$.

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Rewriting system

For analyzing equational theories, we (try to) associate to E a finite convergent rewriting system \mathcal{R} such that :

$$u =_E v \quad \text{iff} \quad u \downarrow = v \downarrow$$

Definition (Characterization of the deduction relation)

Let t_1, \dots, t_n and u be terms in normal form.

$$\{t_1, \dots, t_n\} \vdash u \quad \text{iff} \quad \exists C \text{ s.t. } C[t_1, \dots, t_n] \rightarrow^* u$$

(Also called Cap Intruder problem [Narendran et al])

Some results with equational theories

	Security problem	
	Bounded number of sessions	Unbounded number of sessions
Commutative encryption	<i>co-NP-complete</i> [CKRT04]	Ping-pong protocols : <i>co-NP-complete</i> [Turvani04]
Exclusive Or	<i>Decidable</i> [CS03,CKRT03]	One copy - No nonces : <i>Decidable</i> [CLC03] Two-way automata - No nonces : <i>Decidable</i> [Verma03]
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Prefix encryption	<i>co-NP-complete</i> [CKRT03]	
Abelian Groups and Modular Exponentiation	General case : <i>Decidable</i> [Shmatikov04] Restricted protocols : <i>co-NP-complete</i> [CKRT03]	AC properties of the Modular Exponentiation No nonces : <i>Semi-Decision Procedure</i> [GLRV04]

And now are you ready to use any protocol verified with these techniques ?

Assuming :

- Analysis for an unbounded number of sessions
- With equational theories

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Specificity of cryptographic models

- Messages are bitstrings
- Real encryption algorithm
- Real signature algorithm
- General and powerful adversary

→ very little abstract model

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→ subject to statistical analysis (Analyzing letter frequencies)

Encryption : mechanized time

Automatic substitutions and permutations



Enigma

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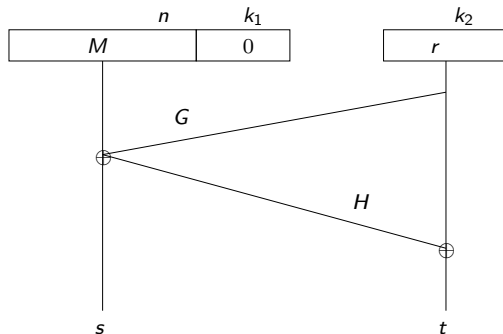
Module (bits)	Operations (in \log_2)
512	58
1024	80
2048	111
4096	149
8192	156

$\approx 2^{60}$ years

→ Lower bound for RSA and Diffie-Hellman.

How does an (asymmetric) encryption algorithm look like?

Example : OAEP [Bellare Rogaway]



M : plaintext of length n
 r : randomness of length k_0
 G, H : hash function
 f_k : trapdoor function

$$E_K(x; r) = f_K(s||t)$$

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⇒ Unconditional secrecy is impossible, one has to rely on algorithmic assumptions.

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Model : we consider any **Turing machine**

- that models any algorithm
- **probabilistic** : The adversary can generate keys and chose randomly his behavior
- **polynomial** in the size of the keys : which represents a **reasonable** execution time.

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- ③ **Conclusion** : the encryption scheme is secure, there is no polynomial adversary.

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→ several possible definitions of **knowledge**

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Negligibility : f is negligible if for any polynomial p , there exists η_0 s.t. for all $\eta \geq \eta_0$

$$f(\eta) \leq 1/p(\eta)$$

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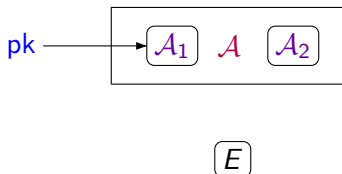
→ Introduction of a notion of indistinguishability. :

The adversary shall not guess even one bit of the underlying plaintext.

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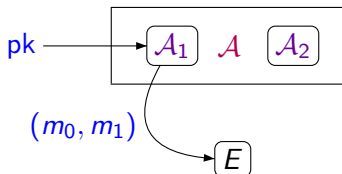
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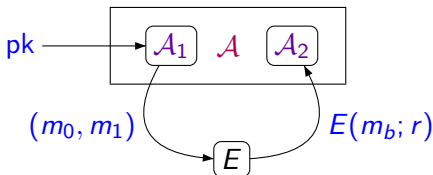
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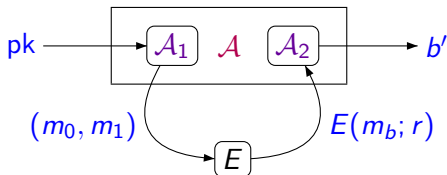
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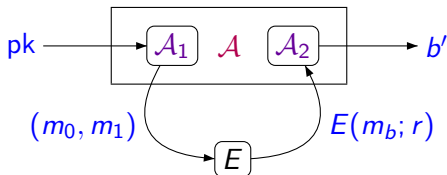
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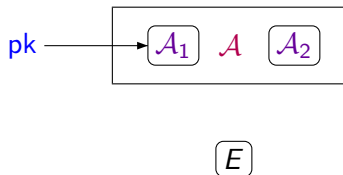
Non Malleability (NM)

Given a cyphertext $E(m; r)$, the adversary should not be able to create a cyphertext $E(m'; r')$ such that messages m and m' have a meaningful relation.

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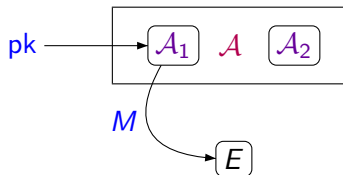
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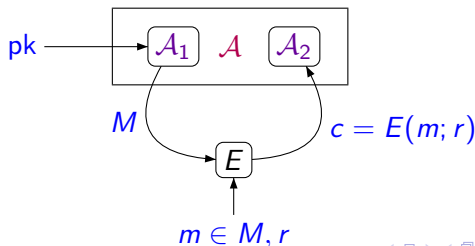
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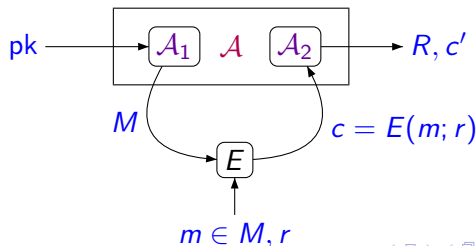
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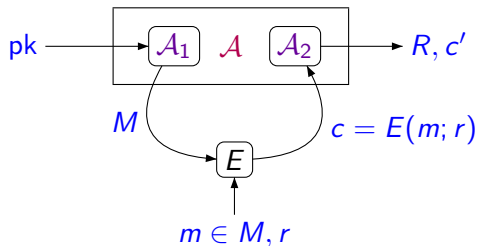
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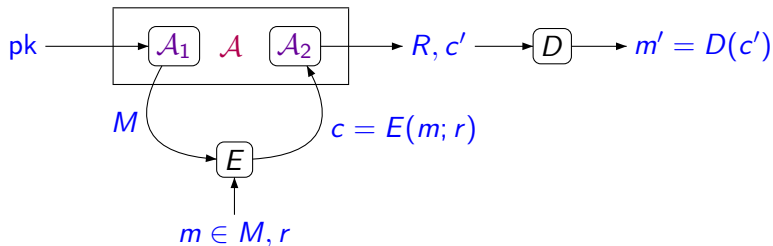
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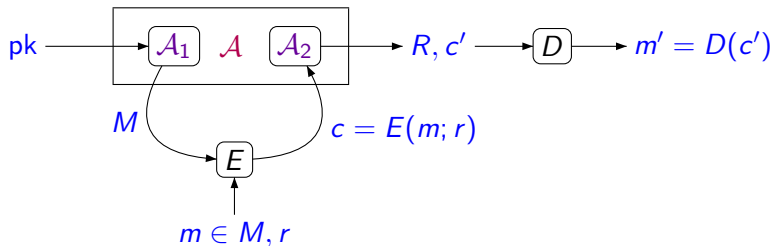
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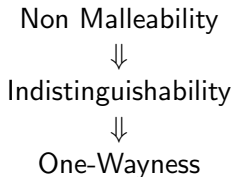


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The probability $\Pr[R(m, m')] - \Pr[R(m, m^*)]$ should be **negligible**.

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Exercise (medium) : show the implications.

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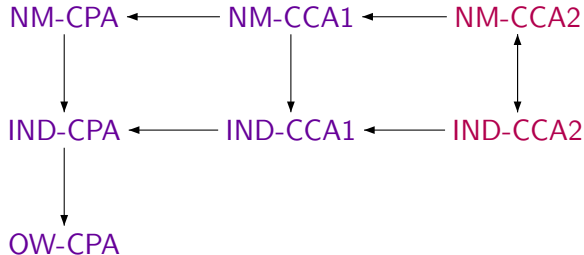
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 - unlimited access to the (decryption) oracle (except for the challenge)

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Cryptographic models

Encryption is only one component of cryptographic models

- Cryptographic primitives : encryption, signatures, ...
- Protocol model
- Adversary
- Security notions

Setting for cryptographic protocols

Protocol :

- Message exchange program
- using cryptographic primitives

Adversary \mathcal{A} : any probabilistic polynomial Turing machine, *i.e.* any probabilistic polynomial program.

- **polynomial** : captures what is feasible
- **probabilistic** : the adversary may try to guess some information



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→ Not enough ! (why?)

Computational secrecy

Computational secrecy of s is defined through the following game :

- Two values n_0 and n_1 are randomly generated instead of s ;
- The adversary interacts with the protocol where s is replaced by n_b , $b \in \{0, 1\}$;
- We give the pair (n_0, n_1) to the adversary ;
- The adversary gives b' ,

The data s is secret if $\Pr[b = b'] - \frac{1}{2}$ is a negligible function.

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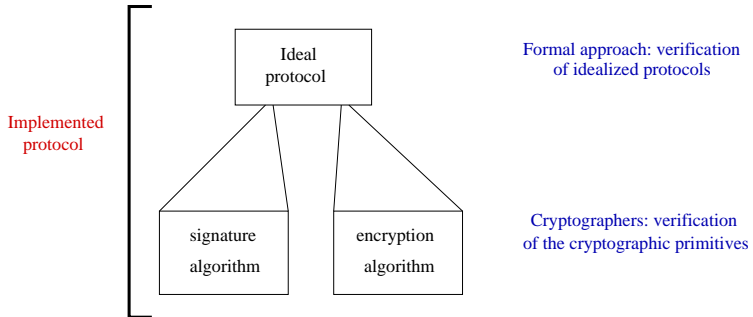
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Link between the two approaches ?

Composition of the two approaches

Automatic cryptographically sound proofs



Passive Case

A first result : seminal result from M. Abadi and Ph. Rogaway
J. of Cryptology, 2002

How to symbolically abstract computational indistinguishability of distributions ?

Setting

- Messages are represented by terms

T	$::=$	terms
x		variable
a		name/nonce
$f(T_1, \dots, T_k)$		application of symbol $f \in \mathcal{F}$

In the initial result of Abadi and Rogaway, $\mathcal{F} = \{\text{enc}, \langle, \rangle\}$

- Each functional symbol has a **concrete implementation**
 \Rightarrow a sequence of messages

$n, \text{enc}(n, k), \text{enc}(\langle n, n \rangle, k)$

generates a **distribution** : uniform distribution for nonces and application of the functions (symmetric encryption and pairing).

Distinguishing distributions

The two distributions $\llbracket \psi \rrbracket$ and $\llbracket \psi' \rrbracket$ are **indistinguishable**, $\llbracket \psi \rrbracket \approx \llbracket \psi' \rrbracket$, if

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Exercises

Abstracting indistinguishability in various contexts

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- 3 How to adapt the definition of patterns for asymmetric encryption schemes ?

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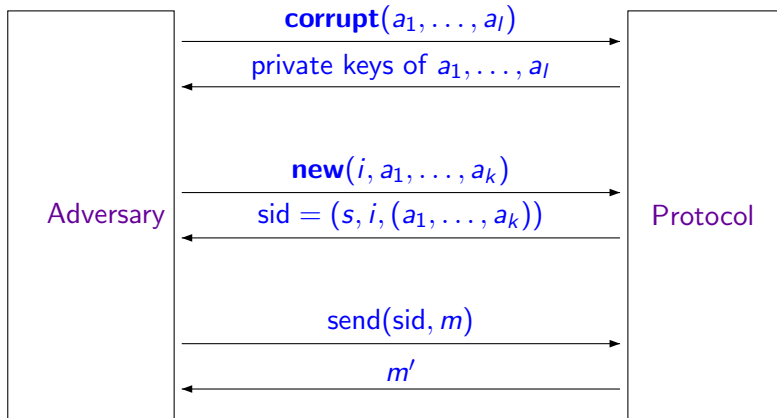
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that is,

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A common setting

Same setting in formal and cryptographic models



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Applications : authentication, secrecy, ...

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- **signature** : randomized and existentially unforgeable under chosen-message attack *i.e.* one can not produce a valid pair (m, σ)
- **parsing** :
 - each bit-string has a label which indicates his type (identity, nonce, key, signature, ...)
 - one can retrieve the (public) encryption key from an encrypted message.
 - one can retrieve the signed message from the signature

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Correspondence of computational secrecy

Theorem

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 - asymmetric encryption
 - hashes (random oracle model)
- ③ **NP-completeness** of the secrecy property

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→ The encryption of n' does hide n_b .

Pattern-based secrecy definition

Π protocol

$x_{A_i}^j$ nonce variable occurring in some role A_i .

\mathcal{M} set of sent messages

s session number

Definition

$x_{A_i}^j$ is **secret** in Π , written $\Pi \models^f \text{Invisible}(i, j)$, if :

$n^{a_i, j, s}$ does not occur in $\text{Pat}_{n^{a_i, j, s}}(\mathcal{M}) \quad \forall \mathcal{M} \in \text{Exec}(\Pi) \quad \forall s$

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Limitation : No dishonest keys !

(currently solved by Guillaume Scerri)

Related Work

Abadi-Rogaway, followed by several extensions : passive case.

Backes-Pfitzmann

- very general results : symmetric and asymmetric encryption, pairing, signatures, MACs.
- less abstract model than classical Dolev-Yao models,

Laud : specialized decision procedure for symmetric encryption

Datta-Derek-Mitchell-Shmatikov-Turuani : symbolic deduction system for proofs in the concrete model (asymmetric encryption, no automatic procedure)

Blanchet : direct automation of the (game-based) cryptographic proofs in the concrete model → tool CryptoVerif

Conclusion

Formal methods form a powerful approach for analyzing security protocols

- Makes **use of classical techniques** in formal methods : term algebra, equational theories, clauses and resolution techniques, tree automata, etc.
⇒ Many decision procedures
- Several **automatic tools**
 - For successfully detecting attacks on protocols (e.g. Casper, Avispa)
 - For proving security for an arbitrary number of sessions (e.g. ProVerif)
- Provides **cryptographic guarantees** under classical assumptions on the implementation of the primitives

Some current directions of research

• Enriching the symbolic model

- Considering more equational theories (e.g. theories for e-voting protocols)
- Adding more complex structures for data (list, XML, ...)
- Considering recursive protocols (e.g. group protocol) where the number of message exchanges in a session is not fixed
- Proving more complex security properties like equivalence-based properties (e.g. for anonymity or e-voting protocols)

• With cryptographic guarantees

- Combining formal and cryptographic models for more complex primitives and security properties.
- How far can we go ?
- Is it possible to consider weaker cryptographic primitives ?