Models and Tools for Cryptographic Protocols

Exercices

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The Needham Schroeder Lowe public key protocol (continued)

Recall the Needham Schroeder Lowe protocol:

$$A \rightarrow B : \{A, N_a\}_{\mathsf{pk}(B)}$$
$$B \rightarrow A : \{B, N_a, N_b\}_{\mathsf{pk}(A)}$$
$$A \rightarrow B : \{N_b\}_{\mathsf{pk}(B)}$$

It fixes the attack of the original Needham Schroeder protocol by adding the identity of B in the second message.

1. Starting from the truncated file of the NS protocol (provided on Monday) verify that the protocol satisfies *real-or-random secrecy* of nonce N_b .

As an alternative to the choice operator *real-or-random secrecy* can be checked using the **weaksecret** query:

free nb: bitstring [private].
weaksecret nb.

You probably find an attack! Explain what went wrong and fix the model.

2. Does the NSL protocol verify strong secrecy as well?

As an alternative to the choice operator *real-or-random secrecy* can be checked using the **weaksecret** query:

free nb: bitstring [private].
noninterf nb.

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The PAP protocol

Consider the following simplified version of Abadi and Fournet's private authentication protocol:

$$\begin{array}{ll} A & \to B: & \{N_a, \mathsf{pk}(A)\}_{\mathsf{pk}(B)} \\ A & \to B: & \{N_a, N_b, \mathsf{pk}(B)\}_{\mathsf{pk}(A)} & \text{if } B \text{ accepts requests from } A \\ & & \{N_b\}_{\mathsf{pk}(B)} & \text{otherwise} \end{array}$$

In this protocol B may accept authentication requests from some party, but not from others. The goal is to hide from the adversary whether requests from an (uncompromised) agent A are accepted or not. (In case requests from A are not accepted a decoy message $\{N_b\}_{\mathsf{pk}(B)}$ is returned.)

- 1. Model this protocol, the anonymity property and check that it holds. You may start from the pap-truncated.txt file.
- 2. What happens when the decoy message is removed?
- 3. What happens when the decoy message is encrypted with A's public key instead of B's (i.e. send $\{N_b\}_{\mathsf{pk}(A)}$ instead of $\{N_b\}_{\mathsf{pk}(B)}$).

The Helios e-voting protocol

Consider the following simplified version of the Helios protocol.

- Voters submit through an authenticated channel their ballot $(id, \{v\}_{pkE}^r)$ to a bulletin board where pkE is the election public key, and r are the random coins;
- Encrypted votes are sent through a decryption mix and the votes are published.
- 1. Starting from helios-truncated.txt file, model this simplified version of Helios for 3 voters: 2 honest and 1 dishonest voter.

A few hints:

• Authenticated channels are modelled by two sequential outputs, one on a secret (restricted with **new**) and one on a public channel:

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new sc;
...
out(sc,t);
out(c,t);
...
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(Note that the corresponding input on sc must be in the scope of new sc.

- The mixnet (see helios-truncated.txt) can be modelled by sending the encrypted votes through a secret channel to the mixnet which outputs them in non-deterministic order (e.g. in parallel).
- 2. Vote privacy can be expressed by verifying equivalence of the scenarios where A votes yes, B votes no, and A votes no, B votes yes. Show that you can find the *vote copying* attack present in Helios.

3. The attack can be avoided by adding a zero knowledge proof witnessing that A knows the randomness used for encryption (and including identity in the zero-knowledge proof). Give a simple rewrite system modelling this and update the protocol. Check that vote privacy is now guaranteed.