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CHAPTER 3: Key Exchange

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Key Exchange Protocols



- Allows to agree on a key over a public channel
 - KE bootstraps secure communication
 - KE constitutes the link between symmetric and asymmetric cryptography





Diffie-Hellman Key Exchange



- G is a cyclic group of prime order q, with generator g
 - Passive security follows from DDH
 - E.g., \mathbb{G} is a subgroup of \mathbb{Z}_p^* where q|p-1





Perfect Forward Secrecy



- Once the session keys are destroyed there is **no way** to recover them
 - Not even the owners (not even at gun point)





(Wo)Man-in-the-Middle Attack



- Eve shares one secret key with each party

 She can decrypt all subsequent communication
- Solution: Authenticate messages!

Master keys and session keys





Authenticated Key Exchange (AKE)

- Allow two parties to establish a common secret in an authenticated way
 - Parties should possess previously established authentication keys (master keys)
- <u>Secrecy</u>: The session key should be indistinguishable from a random string
- Additional properties:
 - Mutual authentication
 - Consistency (honest parties have a consistent view of who the peers to the session are)



First Attempt



 $A, X, \mathbf{S}(sk_A, X)$

 $B, Y, \mathbf{S}(sk_B, Y)$





 $= g^{\gamma}$

- What if Eve ever finds an $(x, g^x, \mathbf{S}(sk_A, X))$?
 - Ephemeral leakage should not allow long-term impersonation!

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 $y \leftarrow_{\$} \mathbb{Z}_q$ sk_B, pk_A

Second Attempt



$K = Y^{\chi}$

- View of the parties at the end of the protocol
 - -A: Shared $K = g^{xy}$ with B
 - -B: Shared $K = g^{xy}$ with A
 - Looks fine, but...





Identity-Misbinding Attack



• Wrong identity binding!

 $-A: K \Leftrightarrow B$, but $B: K \Leftrightarrow E$

 Eve doesn't know K, but Bob considers anything coming from Alice as from Eve



The ISO 9796 Defense



- Include the peer identity under the signature
 - Note that Eve cannot forge $S(sk_B, X||Y||A)$
 - Avoids previous attack, and can be proven secure



Security Desiderata

- Intuitive (e.g., attacker capabilities, secrecy, ...)
- Reject bad protocols
- Accept good protocols
- Ensure security of applications
 - Secure communication in primis
 - Composition and usability
- We will overview the Canetti-Krawczyk (CK) model which is used to analyze many realworld KE protocols



Elements of the Definition

- A two-party protocol in a multi-party setting
- Multiple protocol executions run concurrently

 Each run of a protocol at a party is called session
- Sessions are given **unique** names
 - $-(A, s_A)$ and (B, s_B) where B is the **intended peer**
 - The **session id** is (A, s_A, B, s_B)
 - Sessions with corresponding names like (A, s_A, B, s_B) and (B, s_B, A, s_A) are matching
 - At the end, a session outputs the session id and the session key



The Attacker

- We only assume **unauthenticated** channels
- The adversary
 - Monitors/controls/modifies traffic
 - Schedules sessions at will (interleaving)
 - May corrupt parties learning long-term secrets along with any state information and session keys
 - May issue learning queries for short-term information (e.g., session keys or state)
- A session is exposed if the owner is corrupted or the adversary issued learning query



The Security Definition

- Completed matching sessions output the same key (correctness)
- The attacker learns nothing about unexposed sessions
 - Test session chosen by the adversary
 - Attacker is given either the honest key or a randomly generated key and can't distinguish
 - Key confirmation can be added to the definition
- Note: Never use **session keys** as part of the KE protocol itself (e.g., TLS 1.2)



Sanity Checks

- The above definition is simple but powerful
 - <u>Impersonation</u>: If Eve can impersonate Bob without corrupting him, she knows a key for an unexposed session
 - Eve can't break one session given the key of another session
 - Identity misbinding: If Eve forces two (non-matching) sessions with outputs (A, B, K) and (B, E, K), she can choose one to be the test session and use the other one to expose K



Authenticators

- Consider a much weaker attack model where a KE protocol uses authenticated channels
 - Idealized model with passive attacker
 - Still the attacker can do everything else
 - The DH protocol is **trivially secure** in this model
- Authenticators are protocol compilers that allow to reduce KE protocols secure in the unauthenticated channels model to ones in the authenticated channels model





Authenticators based on Signatures



- The nonce avoids **replay attacks**
- If Bob thinks that he **received** message *M* from Alice, then Alice **sent** *M* to Bob
 - One can show the above **implies** security of the ISO 9796 protocol in the CK model



Authenticators based on Encryption



- Alice is the only party that can decrypt the ciphertext sent by Bob
 - Under **randomly chosen** key k_B
- So Bob is convinced it received *M* from Alice
 - The first message can actually be dropped here





SKEME (IKEv1)



- The keys k_A and k_B are **randomly** chosen
- Can be seen as applying the encryption-based authenticator on the classical DH protocol



On Identity Protection

Identity protection

- Hide identities from **passive/active** adversaries

- A privacy concern in many scenarios
 - Probing attacks in the internet
 - Location anonimity of roaming users
- The design of IKE protocols in IPsec is heavily influenced by the above concern
 - SKEME and SIGMA
 - Typically only one id is hidden in the presence of active adversaries



Why not ISO?



- Unsuited for identity protection
 - Bob needs to know Alice's identity and viceversa
 - Also, it leaves a **signed proof** of communication



SKEME with Encrypted IDs



- The keys k_A and k_B are **randomly** chosen
- But Alice needs to know the public key of Bob beforehand



Alternative: Station-To-Station (STS)

$$X = g^{x}$$

$$x \leftarrow_{\$} \mathbb{Z}_{q}$$
$$sk_{A}, pk_{B}$$

$$Y, \mathbf{E}(K, B||\mathbf{S}(sk_B, X||Y))$$
$$\mathbf{E}(K, A||\mathbf{S}(sk_A, X||Y))$$

X

$$Y = g^{y}$$

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$$K = Y^x$$

- Add a proof of knowledge of the secret key K
- Insecure if Eve can register pk_A as her key
 - At least in the variant where A is in the clear



STS using MACs



$$X = g^{x}$$

$$Y = g^{y}$$

$$X$$

$$Y, B, \sigma_{B} = \mathbf{S}(sk_{B}, X||Y), \mathbf{T}(K, \sigma_{B})$$

$$X \leftarrow S \mathbb{Z}_{q}$$

$$X, \sigma_{A} = \mathbf{S}(sk_{A}, X||Y), \mathbf{T}(K, \sigma_{A})$$

$$Y = g^{y}$$

- $K = Y^{\chi}$
 - MACs more suited to **prove knowledge** of K
 - Yet, the same attack as before still works – We need to **bind** the **key** with the **peer ids**

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 $K = X^{\mathcal{Y}}$



SIGMA: Basic Version



• Instead of signing Alice's id (ISO), Bob tags its own identity with another key k'

- The key k' is **derived** from K (as the session key k)



SIGMA-I: Protect Alice's ID (Initiator)



- Encrypt the identities of both Alice and Bob using another key k'' (still derived from k)
 - Bob's id is protected against passive attackers
 - Alice's id is protected against active attackers



SIGMA-R: Protect Bob's ID (Responder)



- Bob does not reveal his identity before checking who he is talking to
 - Bob's id is protected against active attackers
 - Alice's id is protected against passive attackers



Security of SIGMA

- The above description is oversimplified and glosses over a number of details
 - Additional information (context, negotiation, ...)
- Nevertheless, SIGMA can be proved secure in the CK model
 - But no modular proof using authenticators is currently known
- The protocol is used in IPSec as well as part of the new TLS 1.3 standard



AKE with Implicit Authentication

- Drawbacks of the ISO 9796 protocol
 - It requires to send signatures and certificates
- What is the **inherent cost** of **authentication**?
 - Communication complexity
 - Computation complexity
 - What security?
- Implicit authentication

– No signatures or tags sent

Only the certificates are sent

– Ability to compute session key \rightarrow authentication



Some Ideas



$$A = g^{a}, X = g^{x}$$
$$B = g^{b}, Y = g^{y}$$



- Many insecure attempts
 - $-k = \mathbf{H}(g^{ab}, g^{xy})$: given a key g^{xy} for **one session** one can find a key for **another session**
 - $-k = \mathbf{H}(g^{ab}, g^{xy}, g^{x}, g^{y})$: knowing the key *b* of Bob one can **impersonate** Alice to Bob
- <u>Want:</u> security unless (a, x) or (b, y) leak



MQV: The Basic Idea







- <u>Idea:</u> Let $K = g^{(a+x)(b+y)}$
 - Insecure: Eve sends $X^* = g^{x^*}/A$; Bob sends Y, and thus $K = (BY)^{x^*}$ which is the same as computed by Bob $(AX^*)^{b+y} = (BY)^{x^*}$
- Avoid the attack by letting K = g^{(x+ad)(y+be)}
 Values d, e s.t. Eve can't control e, Y or d, X



Hashed MQV



- The **session key** is just $k = \mathbf{H}(K)$
 - Computing K requires 1 + 1/6 exponentiations
- MQV: Let d be the first half bits of X and e be the second half bits of Y (but insecure)



Hashed MQV



- No signatures exchanged
 - But we can think of $(YB^e)^{x+ad}$ (resp. $(XA^d)^{y+be}$) as a **signature** of Alice on X||Bob (resp. Y||Alice)
 - Same signature by different parties on different messages



XCR Signatures



- Bob is the **signer** with public key $B = g^b$
 - Alice sends a **message** M and a **challenge** $X = g^x$
 - Alice **accepts** iff $(YB^e)^x = \sigma$
- Alice is a designated verifier





Dual XCR Signatures



- Alice and Bob act as simultaneous signers
 - Bob (Alice) generates an XCR signature on challenge $X \cdot A^d$ ($Y \cdot B^e$) and message M_A (M_B) - Same signature $\sigma = (XA^d)^{y+be} = (YB^e)^{x+ad}$


Security of HMQV

- One can show that HMQV is secure in the CK model (assuming H is a random oracle)
 - Reduce security of HMQV to unforgeability of Dual XCR signatures
 - Reduce unforgeability of Dual XCR signatures to unforgeability of XCR signatures
 - Reduce unforgeability of XCR signatures to the
 CDH assumption in the random oracle model
- The protocol is standardized by ANSI/ISO and IEEE, and also used by the NSA



Key Derivation Functions (KDFs)

 A KDF turns an imperfect source of randomness into one or more random keys

– <u>Imperfect:</u> Not uniform

• In practice one just uses random oracles

 $-\operatorname{As}\operatorname{in} k = \mathbf{H}(g^{xy})$

- Repeated extraction as $\mathbf{H}(g^{xy}||A)||\mathbf{H}(g^{xy}||B) \dots$
- However, no H can be a random oracle

- Length extension attack: Given $\mathbf{H}(g^{xy}||A)$ can compute $\mathbf{H}(g^{xy}||B)$ if A is a prefix of B



Extract-than-Expand



- The value s is a salt that is public but random
 This is usually also short
- The value K is the starting key material
- Extract function: a randomness extractor
- Expand function: typically a **PRF**



Instantiations in Practice

- There are **statistically-secure** extractors
 - But in practice those would require large seeds and yield quite large entropy loss
- <u>Alternative</u>: Use a PRF for **both** extraction and expansion
 - Difficulty: the seed is **public** (but the input is **not**)
 - There are examples of PRFs that do not work
- Luckily, the above works using practical PRFs
 In particular, with the standard HMAC





Keyed Merkle-Damgaard

- Let cmps be a compression function outputting 160 bits out of 512 bits
- The keyed Merkle-Damgaard construction uses the seed s as initial vector





NMAC: PRF Mode for Merkle-Damgaard



- Theorem: NMAC(k₁||k₂,·) is a PRF assuming cmps is a PRF
- HMAC is identical, but k₁, k₂ are derived from the same key k



Extract-than-Expand



- Expand function:
 - $k_{i+1} = \mathbf{HMAC}(k_{\text{prf}}, k_i || \text{info} || i)$
- This is HMAC as a PRF in feedback mode
- Heavily standardized (e.g., TLS 1.3, Whatsapp)
 And also provably secure



Applications of HKDF

- IPSec:
 - $-k = HKDF(nonces, g^{xy})$ where the **nonces** are part of the protocol and used as **salt**
 - In case the nonces are **public** the analysis requires that **HKDF** is an **extractor**
 - In case the nonces are secret (SKEME) the analysis requires that HKDF is a PRF
- TLS 1.3 with shared key \hat{k} (resumption):

 $-k = \mathbf{HKDF}(\hat{k}, g^{xy})$

– **HKDF** as an **extractor/PRF** if \hat{k} is **revealed/secret**



Password-Authenticated Key Exchange

- Authenticated key exchange still requires a public-key infrastructure
- Alternative: Rely on a shared password
- The **standardization** of PAKE took several years starting back in 1982
- Today, PAKE is used in many use cases
 - TLS 1.3 (pre-shared key variant)
 - iCloud
 - RFID authentication



- A password is a string of symbols belonging to a finite alphabet
 - Equivalently a bitstring
 - Needs to be stored securely
- Typical applications:
 - Derive a cryptographic key
 - Password-based authentication

Attacks on Passwords

- Guessing always possible (brute force)
 - Online: Trial & error
 - Offline: Dictionary attacks
- Sniffing from networks or theft from server
- Software attacks (trojan horse programs)
- Social engineering (phishing)
- Shoulder surfing





Online Password Guessing

- Always possible
 - Servers are always online
- Requires interaction with server
 - Limit number of failed attempts
 - Limit guessing rate
- Guessing rate
 - Attempt failure counter (but can't block user account)
 - Increasing answer delay after each failed attempt





Offline Password Guessing

- Can't be detected
- Attacker may choose **amount of resources**
- Complexity of guessing can be controlled by careful password selection

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- Given value $y = f(\pi, z)$, where f, z are public, a guessing attempt π' means to check $y = f(\pi', z)$



Passwords Entropy

- Let X be a random variable outputting symbols from an alphabet $\mathcal{A} = \{a_1, \dots, a_n\}$
- Denote by p_i the probability associated to a_i
- Average information in bit/symbol

$$H(X) = -\sum_{i=1}^{n} p_i \log p_i$$

• Maximum entropy for uniform distribution $H(U) = \log n$



ASCII Passwords

- Consider 7 bit ASCII: 95 printable chars
 - 0-31 are control chars
 - 127 is a special char
- For uniform passwords, with n = 95 we have $H(U) = \log 95 = 6.57$ bit/char
 - 128 bits of security correspond to random password of roughly 20 chars
- Situation gets worse if only upper/lower chars and numbers are used

 $-H(U) = \log 62 = 5.95$ bit/char





Passphrases

- More often users choose passphrases
- Let $p(\vec{x})$ be the probability of ℓ consecutive chars $\vec{x} = (x_1, ..., x_\ell) \in \mathcal{A}^\ell$ $H_\ell(X)$
- Now $H(X) = \lim_{\ell \to \infty} \frac{-\sum_{\vec{x} \in \mathcal{A}^{\ell}} p(\vec{x}) \log p(\vec{x})}{\ell}$
- Italian language: $H_3(X) \approx 3.15$ bit/char; $H_5(X) \approx 2.22$ bit/char; $H_6(X) \approx 1.87$ bit/char



Users Choose Poor Passwords

• Study at Purdue University

Length	Number	Fraction of Total
1	55	0.4
2	87	0.6
3	212	2
4	449	3
5	1260	9
6	3035	22
7	2917	21
8	5772	42%

 Among 69 million Yahoo! Passwords, 1.1% of users pick same password



Password Selection

- Computer generated and refreshed
 Difficult to remember!
- System process periodically tries guessing user passwords
 - CPU intensive
 - Memory intensive for big dictionaries
 - Users might get annoyed
- Check user password as entered
 - Simple guidance to select acceptable passwords





Bloom Filters (1/2)

- Tradeoff between accuracy and time/memory to check passwords belong to dictionary ${\mathcal D}$
- Let \mathbf{H}_i be k hash functions yielding values in [0, N 1] for $N = 2^s$ and T a table of N bits
- Let $y_i = \mathbf{H}_i(w)$, $\forall w \in \mathcal{D}$ and set $T[y_i] = 1$
- Given π , reject it iff $T[\mathbf{H}_i(\pi)] = 1, \forall i \in [k]$ T[i]



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Bloom Filters (2/2)

- If $\pi \in \mathcal{D}$, it is **always rejected**
- If $\pi \notin \mathcal{D}$, it **might be rejected** (false positive) - Let $q = \Pr[T[j] = 0; j \in [0, N - 1]] =$
 - $\Pr[\mathbf{H}_{i}(w) \neq j : \forall i \in [k], w \in \mathcal{D}]$
- False positive rate:

$$p = (1 - q)^{k} = (1 - (1 - 1/N)^{kD})^{k} \approx (kD2^{-s})^{k}$$

• Optimal values for fixed false positive rate: $k \approx -\log_2 p$; $N \approx -1.44 \cdot D \cdot \log_2 p$





Password based Encryption

PKCS#5 Standard





Salt and Stretching



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Encrypted Key Exchange (EKE)



- Instantiation:
 - $-\mathbf{E}(\pi, M) = \mathbf{ideal \ cipher}$
 - Hash protocol transcript with a random oracle

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SAPI



Transport Layer Security (TLS)

- Goal: Establish a secure channel
 - <u>Key exchange</u>: Yields keys for confidentiality/authenticity
 - Record layer: Use keys to secure communication
 - Authentication (usually on server side)
- Used in tons of applications
 - Amazon, ebay, e-commerce
 - Email
 - Google





The Client-Sever Scenario



- What actually happens:
 - You type amazon.it in your browser
 - TLS connection with Amazon is negotiated
 - You get to https:// for secure browsing
 - You authenticate to Amazon on a secure link



History of TLS

- Started out as Secure Socket Layer (SSL)
 - Developed by Netscape around 1995
 - Goal: Secure communication over Internet
- Changed to TLS in 1999
 - Secure communication (HTTPS)
 - ... but also FTP, secure emailing, etc.
 - Heavily standardized
- Many implementations
 - OpenSSL, BoringSSL, s2n (TLS by Amazon)



SSL/TLS Versions

- SSL 1.0: Never released
 Too insecure for release
- SSL 2.0: Released in February 1995
 But contained a number of security flaws
- SSL 3.0: Released in 1996
- TLS 1.1: Protection against CBC-mode attacks
- TLS 1.2: Move from MD5 to SHA-1 (2008)
 However, first attacks on MD5 already in 2005
- TLS 1.3: August 2018; completely revised



Attacks on TLS

- Renegotiation attack on SSL 3.0
 - Ideal patch: Kill renegotiation
 - <u>Real patch</u>: include previous session history
- Version rollback attacks
 - <u>Ideal patch:</u> Kill backward compatibility
 - <u>Real patch:</u> ??? (not a realistic attack)
- BEAST: Browser exploits of CBC vulnerabilities
 - Ideal patch: Kill CBC mode
 - <u>Real patch</u>: Discourage CBC mode



Attacks on TLS (cont'd)

- Lucky 13: Exploit padding problems
 - <u>Ideal patch:</u> Kill CBC mode
 - <u>Real patch</u>: encouraged RC4 or use AES-GCM
- POODLE: Downgrade to SSL 3.0
 - Ideal patch: Kill backward compatibility
 - <u>Real patch:</u>???



Even More Attacks

- RC4 attacks: RC4 output is biased
 <u>Ideal patch:</u> Kill RC4
 - Real patch: RFC 7465 prohibits RC4, but
 - 30% of TLS traffic still uses RC4
 - 75% of sites allow RC4 negotiation
- Heartbleed, 3Shake, FREAK, Logjam



Heartbleed

- Attack on OpenSSL based on HeartBeats
 - HeartBeat requests keep a TLS connection alive
 - HeartBeat contains a paylod along with its size







TLS 1.3: (EC)DHE



ClientHello ClientKeyShare

ServerHello ServerKeyShare



handshake key

handshake key

ServerConfiguration ServerCertificate ServerCertificateVerify ServerFinished

ClientCertificate ClientCertificateVerify ClientFinished

channel key

channel key

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TLS 1.3: Crypto Details





$$N_C \leftarrow \{0,1\}^{256}$$

 $x \leftarrow \mathbb{Z}_q$
handshake key

KDF
$$(g^{xy}, CH, \dots, SKS)$$

channel key

KDF (g^{xy}, CH, \dots, CF)

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$\begin{array}{l} N_S \leftarrow \{0,1\}^{256} \\ y \leftarrow \mathbb{Z}_q \end{array}$

handshake key

 $\begin{aligned} \mathbf{KDF}(g^{xy}, CH, \dots, SKS) \\ \sigma &= \mathbf{S}(sk_S, CH, \dots, SCert) \\ \tau &= \mathbf{T}(k_{SF}, CH, \dots, SKS) \end{aligned}$

channel key KDF(*g^{xy}*,*CH*, ...,*CF*)



TLS 1.3: Pre-Shared Key Variant





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Zero Round-Trip Time

- TLS 1.3 requires a few messages before a key is established
- ORTT is an alternative to the PSK variant
- The client starts the protocol and immediately delivers data
 - This is achieved using a semi-static server key
 - This key is available for short time periods
 - ORTT was first invented by Google in order to reduce the latency


ORTT: QUIC



semi-static server key g^s ephemeral key e, g^e $k_1 = KDF(g^{es})$

 g^e , **E**(k_1 , data)

 $\mathbf{E}(k_1, g^t)$

semi-static server key *s*

 $k_1 = \mathbf{KDF}(g^{es})$ ephemeral key t, g^t

 $k_2 = \mathbf{KDF}(g^{et})$

 $\mathbf{E}(k_2, \text{data})$

 $k_2 = \mathbf{KDF}(g^{et})$



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Replay Attacks on QUIC



semi-static server key g^s ephemeral key e, g^e





 g^e , $\mathbf{E}(k_1, \text{data})$

 g^e , **E**(k_1 , data)



semi-static server key *s*

 $k_1 = \mathbf{KDF}(g^{es})$

Only way out: Store previously received values

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