

Tools for Verification of Security Protocols

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Introduction

❖ Talk Outline

1. **Security protocols – motivation**
2. **LySa tool – static analysis of security protocols**
 - **Describing protocol in LYSA**
 - **LYSA process calculus**
 - **Control Flow Analysis**
3. **Model Checking Security Protocols using OFMC**
 - **Modeling Protocol Behavior**
 - **Formal Protocol Analysis using Model Checking (MC)**
 - **OFMC and AVISPA project**
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1. Security Protocols

❖ What is the problem?

- **A wants to communicate in a secure way with B over insecure medium.**

❖ What could go wrong?

- **interruption, eavesdropping, modification, traffic analysis, fake data**

❖ What do we want?

- **confidentiality**
- **integrity**
- **authentication**
- **non-repudiation**
- **availability**

1. Security Protocols

❖ Security Protocols

- a set of rules that describes the exchange of messages between two or more principals
- security protocols uses cryptographic mechanisms to achieve security objectives

❖ Security mechanisms

- authentication, key establishment, timeliness, session keys
- symmetric cryptography
- asymmetric cryptography
- signatures, hashes

1. Security Protocols

❖ Protocol analysis

- difficult to specify properties
- protocols often described informally
- all possible attacks should be treated

❖ Approaches

- static analysis – LYS_A, process's approach
- model checking – special tools OFMC, traces
- model checking – general tools: UPPAAL, PRISM
- Colored Petri Nets – CPN tool, etc.

❖ Inspiration

- Verification of Protocols for Security and Mobility (VPSM) 2006



• see <http://www.first.dk/VPSM>

1. Security Protocols – Example

❖ Needham-Schroeder Symmetric Key Protocol

- defined in 1978
- two parties (A,B) trying to communicate with a session key given by S

❖ Communication

1. $A \rightarrow S : A, B, N_a$
2. $S \rightarrow A : E[K_A](N_a, B, K, E[K_B](K, A))$
3. $A \rightarrow B : E[K_B](K, A)$
4. $B \rightarrow A : E[K](N_b)$
5. $A \rightarrow B : E[K](N_{b-1})$

❖ Is this protocol design correct in terms of security?

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❖ Denning-Sacco Attack, 1981

1. $A \rightarrow S : A, B, N_a$
2. $S \rightarrow A : E[K_A](N_a, B, K, E[K_B](K, A))$
 - **leaking the key** \rightarrow **the intruder** $I(A)$ **captures old session key** K' **and message** $E[K_B](K', A)$
3. $A \rightarrow I(A) : E[K_B](K, A)$
3. $I(A) \rightarrow B : E[K_B](K', A)$
4. $B \rightarrow I(A) : E[K'](N_b)$
5. $I(A) \rightarrow B : E[K'](N_{b-1})$
 - **B believes he is talking with A**

1. Security Protocols – Example

❖ What we need in order to validate a security protocol?

- **unambiguous and complete description**
 - ⇒ **protocol description with well-defined semantics**
- **the assumptions under which protocol operates is clear**
 - ⇒ **formal specification**
- **ensure that the protocol fulfils security goal under given assumptions**
 - ⇒ **formal validation**

2. LYSA tool – static analysis

❖ 2.1 Protocol description in LYSA – Wide Mouthed Frog (WMF) protocol

- secret (symmetric) session key K between two principals A and B
- A and B shares master keys K_A and K_B with a trusted server S

❖ Scenario

1. $A \rightarrow S : A, \{B, K\}_{K_A}$
2. $S \rightarrow B : \{A, K\}_{K_B}$
3. $A \rightarrow B : \{m_1, \dots, m_k\}_K$

❖ Three communicating processes

1. A – creates a new key, sends the key to S, sends messages to B
2. B – receives the key by S, decrypts the message, receives the message by A, decrypts the message
3. S – receives the key by A, decrypt the key, sends the encrypted message to B

2. LYSA tool – WMF in LYSA

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❖ LYSA description

1. (νK)
1. $\langle A, S, A, \{B, K\}_{K_A} \rangle .$
1. $(\nu m) \langle A, B, \{m\}_K \rangle . 0$
2. $| (S, B; y).$
2. **decrypt** y as $\{A; y^K\}_{K_B}$ **in**
2. $(A, B; z).$
2. **decrypt** z as $\{; z^m\}_{y^K}$ **in** 0
3. $| (A, S, A; x).$
3. **decrypt** x as $\{B; x^K\}_{K_A}$ **in**
3. $\langle S, B, \{A, x^K\}_{K_B} \rangle . 0$

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❖ LYSA description – adding assumptions (encryptions)

1. (νK)
1. $\langle A, S, A, \{B, K\}_{K_A}^A [\mathbf{dest} S] \rangle .$
1. $(\nu m) \langle A, B, \{m\}_K^A [\mathbf{dest} B] \rangle . 0$
2. $| (S, B; y).$
2. **decrypt** y as $\{A; y^K\}_{K_B}^B [\mathbf{orig} S]$ **in**
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3. $\langle S, B, \{A, x^K\}_{K_B}^S [\mathbf{dest} B] \rangle . 0$



2. LYS_A-calculus

❖ LYS_A-calculus

- a process algebra
- based on CCS, π -calculus, and Spi-calculus
- supports massive parallelism
- incorporate communication
- handle cryptographic primitives
- can be extended to handle mobility and locations
- have formal semantics
- is subject to automatic analysis
- supports only one transmission channel – the ether

2. LYSA-calculus

❖ LYSA-syntax

- **process**

P	$::=$	0	terminated process
		$P1 \mid P2$	parallel processes
		$!P$	replication
		$(\nu n) P$	introduction of a new name in the scope P
		$\langle E_1, \dots, E_k \rangle . P$	output to the ether
		$(x_1, \dots, x_k) . P$	input from the ether
		decrypt E as $\{E_1, \dots, E_j; x_{j+1}, \dots, x_k\}_{E_0}$ in P	– symmetric decryption

- **expression**

E	$::=$	n	name
		x	variable
		$\{E_1, \dots, E_k\}_{E_0}$	symmetric encryption

2. LYSA-calculus

❖ LYSA-syntax

- assertions for origin and destinations

$\{E_1, \dots, E_k\}_{E_0}^l [\text{dest } \mathcal{L}]$

encryption

decrypt E as $\{E'_1, \dots, E'_j; x_{j+1}, \dots, x_k\}_{E'_0}^l [\text{orig } \mathcal{L}]$ in P

symmetric decryption

❖ LYSA-semantics

- communication rule $\frac{[E_1]=[E'_1]}{\langle E_1, E_2 \rangle . P \mid (E'_1; x_2) . Q \rightarrow P \mid Q[E_2/x_2]}$
- decryption rule
- parallel rule
- reduction rule
- structural congruence

2. LYSA–Control Flow Analysis

❖ Static Program Analysis

- **the aim is to efficiently compute safe approximations to the behaviour of programs without running them**
- **constraint based technique**
- **inherits methodology from type systems:**
 - **specification**
 - **semantic properties**
 - **algorithmic realization**
 - **judgements**
 - **subject reduction**
 - **solver technology**

2. LYSA–Control Flow Analysis

❖ The idea behind the analysis

- overapproximation of
 - the messages sent on the network $\kappa \subseteq \mathcal{P}(\mathcal{V}^*)$
 - the values of the variables $\rho : \mathcal{X} \rightarrow \mathcal{P}(\mathcal{V})$

❖ Example

1. $\langle A, S, A, \{B, K\}_{K^A}^A [\mathbf{dest} S] \rangle \dots$

2. $| (A, S, A; x).$

3. **decrypt** x as $\{B; x^K\}_{K^A}^S \dots$

$\Rightarrow \langle A, S, A, \{B, K\}_{K^A}^A [\mathbf{dest} S] \rangle \in \kappa$

$\Rightarrow \{B, K\}_{K^A}^A [\mathbf{dest} S] \in \rho(x)$

$\Rightarrow K \in \rho(x^K)$

2. LYSA–Control Flow Analysis

❖ Judgements of the analysis

- **for terms:** $\rho \models E : \vartheta$
 - **estimation of the set of values ϑ that E may evaluate to in the context given by ρ**
- **for processes** $(\rho, \kappa) \models_{RM} P : \psi$
 - **estimation of the violations ψ of origin/destination information for P in the context given by ρ and κ**

3. Model Checking using OFMC

❖ Protocol description

- **Names:** A, B (Alice, Bob), ...
- **Keys:** K , K^{-1} (inverse key),
- **Encryption:** $\{M\}_{K_A}$ (with A's public key), $\{|M|\}_{K_{AB}}$ (symmetric keys)
- **Signing:** $\{M_{K^{-1}}\}$
- **Nonces:** N_A
- **Timestamps:** T
- **Messages:** $\{M_1, M_2\}$

❖ Example:

- $A \rightarrow B : \{A, T_A, K_{AB}\}_{K_B}$

3.1 Modeling Protocol Behavior

❖ Example – Needham-Schroeder Public Key Protocol

1. $A \rightarrow B : \{N_A, A\}_{K_B}$
2. $B \rightarrow A : \{N_A, N_B\}_{K_A}$
3. $A \rightarrow B : \{N_B\}_{K_B}$

❖ Proposed in 1970s, used for decades but wrong!

❖ People are pretty bad to understand all the interleavings.

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❖ Man-in-the-Middle Attack—two communications

1. $A \rightarrow I : \{N_A, A\}_{K_I}$
2. $I(A) \rightarrow B : \{N_A, A\}_{K_B}$
3. $B \rightarrow I(A) : \{N_A, N_B\}_{K_A}$
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❖ Corrected version: Needham-Schroeder-Lowe (1995)

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3. $B \rightarrow I(A) : \{N_A, N_B, B\}_{K_A}$ – **B should give his name**
4. $I(A) \rightarrow A : \{N_A, N_B, B\}_{K_A}$
5. **A aborts the protocol execution**

❖ Is the improved version now correct?



3.2 Protocol Analysis Using MC

❖ Model by Dolev & Yao

- a protocol as an algebraic system operated by the intruder
- perfect cryptography – all D_X private, decryption only with key, ...
- the intruder can read all traffic, modify, delete, create traffic, perform cryptographic operations, corrupt principals
- arbitrary number of principals
- protocol executions may be interleaved

❖ Modeling the Dolev-Yao Intruder

- M – set of messages
- $DY(M)$ – smallest set closed under generation G and analysis A rules

3.2 Protocol Analysis Using MC

❖ Modeling the Dolev & Yao Intruder

$$\frac{m \in M}{m \in DY(M)} G_{axiom}$$

$$\frac{m_1 \in DY(M) \ m_2 \in DY(M)}{\langle m_1, m_2 \rangle \in DY(M)} G_{pair}$$

$$\frac{m_1 \in DY(M) \ m_2 \in DY(M)}{\{m_2\}_{m_1} \in DY(M)} G_{crypt}$$

$$\frac{m_1 \in DY(M) \ m_2 \in DY(M)}{\{|m_2|\}_{m_1} \in DY(M)} G_{scrypt}$$

$$\frac{\langle m_1, m_2 \rangle \in DY(M)}{m_i \in DY(M)} A_{pair_i}$$

$$\frac{\{|m_2|\}_{m_1} \in DY(M) \ m_1 \in DY(M)}{m_2 \in DY(M)} A_{scrypt}$$

$$\frac{\{m_2\}_{m_1} \in DY(M) \ m_1^{-1} \in DY(M)}{m_2 \in DY(M)} A_{crypt}$$

$$\frac{\{|m_2|\}_{m_1}^{-1} \in DY(M) \ m_1 \in DY(M)}{m_2 \in DY(M)} A_{crypt}^{-1}$$

❖ Notes

- generation (G), analysis (A)
- $\{m_2\}_{m_1}$ asymmetric encryption, $\{|m_2|\}_{m_1}$ symmetric encryption
- G_{crypt} – public key encryption, G_{scrypt} – symmetric encryption
- A_{crypt} – public key decryption, A_{scrypt} – symmetric decryption

3.2 Protocol Analysis Using MC

❖ Modeling Property

- a property also corresponds to a set of traces

❖ Example: Authentication for A

- If A used N_A to start a protocol run and with B received N_A back, then B sent N_A back.

$A_authenticates_B(t) \equiv$ If $A \rightarrow B : \{N_A, A\}_{K_B} \in t$ and
 $B' \rightarrow A : \{N_A, N_B\}_{K_A} \in t$
then $B \rightarrow A : \{N_A, N_B\}_{K_A} \in t$

$Spy_Attacks_A(t) \equiv \neg A_authenticates_B(t)$

3.2 Protocol Analysis Using MC

❖ Verification

- $\vdash \forall t. t \in \mathcal{M} \rightarrow \mathbf{A_authenticates_B}(t)$

❖ Falsification

- $\mathcal{M} \vdash \exists t. \mathbf{Spy_attacks_A}(t)$

3.3 OFMC and AVISPA

- ❖ **see an example**
- ❖ **AVISPA project**

4. Conclusion

❖ Analysis of security protocols

- description using process calculi, traces etc
- control flow analysis (static analysis)
- model checking – using traces

❖ Tools

- LYSa
- OFMC (On-the-fly Model Checker)
- AVISPA – interface to OFMC

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