

Binding Properties for Attested TLS

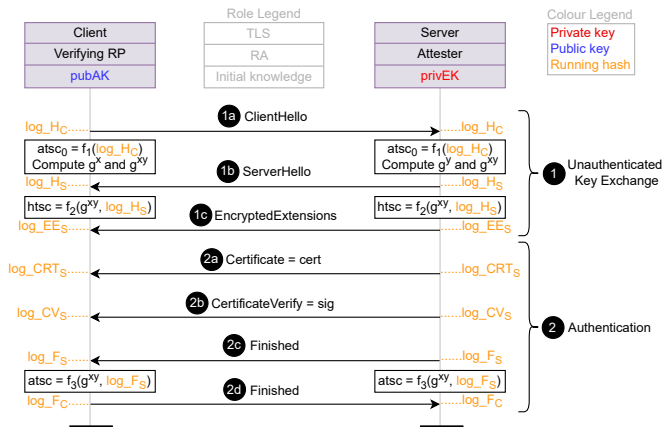
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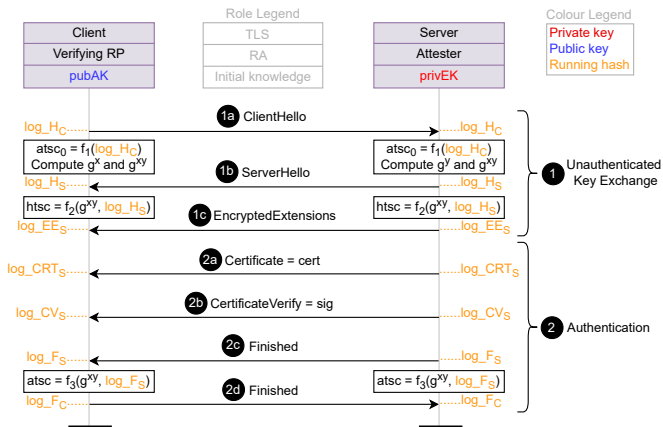
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Strong Binding vs. Relay of Evidence (Abstracted)



- g^{xy} : Shared Diffie-Hellman key; f_1, f_2, f_3 : Key derivation functions
- Discussion:** Correlating Evidence to $htsc$ vs. $atsc$
 - Running hash \implies $atsc$ transitively includes all contributions in $htsc$
 - $atsc$ provides stronger binding and avoids relay attacks.

Strong Binding vs. Relay of Evidence (Abstracted)



- $htsc$: used for encryption of clientFinished message (2d).
 - Irrelevant for security goals
- $atsc$: used for encryption of application data (client's secret, e.g., decryption key)
 - Relevant for security goals

Links to Resources

- Paper on identity crisis
 - https://www.researchgate.net/publication/398839141_Identity_Crisis_in_Confidential_Computing_Formal_Analysis_of_Attested_TLS
- Wiki page
 - <https://github.com/EuroProofNet/ProgramVerification/wiki/AttestedTLS>
- Formal proof of insecurity of pre- and intra-handshake attestation
 - <https://github.com/CCC-Attestation/formal-spec-id-crisis>
- Post-handshake attestation draft
 - <https://datatracker.ietf.org/doc/draft-fossati-seat-expat/>
- Attestation in Arm CCA and Intel TDX
 - <https://github.com/CCC-Attestation/formal-spec-TEE>
- Security considerations of remote attestation
 - <https://datatracker.ietf.org/doc/draft-sardar-rats-sec-cons/>
- IETF SEAT WG
 - <https://datatracker.ietf.org/wg/seat/about/>
- Technical Concepts
 - https://www.researchgate.net/publication/396199290_Perspicuity_of_Attestation_Mechanisms_in_Confidential_Computing_Technical_Concepts
- Validation of TLS 1.3 Key Schedule
 - https://www.researchgate.net/publication/396245726_Perspicuity_of_Attestation_Mechanisms_in_Confidential_Computing_Validation_of_TLS_13_Key_Schedule
- General Approach
 - https://www.researchgate.net/publication/396593308_Perspicuity_of_Attestation_Mechanisms_in_Confidential_Computing_General_Approach
- Weekly meetings
 - <https://github.com/tls-attestation#meetings>

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