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Computer and network security
Sicurezza nelle reti e nei sistemi informatici
Crittografia e sicurezza delle reti

Exam of 10th February 2015, a.y. 2014-15. Time: 2 hours

Q1: Data integrity

- Q1.1 [3/30] Describe what we mean by data integrity and discuss the use of keyed HMACs for guaranteeing the integrity of a file being transmitted over the network (no other guarantees requested).
- Q1.2 [3/30] Suppose you are requested to ensure the integrity of a file but you are only allowed to use AES (and a symmetric key): what can it be done?

Q2: Diffie-Hellman

- Q2.1 [3/30] Describe in detail how two parties can establish a secret key by using the Diffie-Hellman scheme and discuss the vulnerability of the approach.
- Q2.2 [2/30] Generalize Diffie-Hellman so that three parties can establish a shared secret key.
- Q2.3 [3/30] Describe a scheme for mutual authentication that is strong with respect to dictionary attack and that uses Diffie-Hellman for defining a session key. Do vulnerabilities discussed in Q2.1 still hold?

Q3: Leader selection

A leader should be selected by randomly choosing one of three parties A , B and C . The parties use the following protocol

$A \rightarrow B: N_A$ { A chooses nonce N_A }

$B \rightarrow C: (N_{AB} = N_A \wedge N_B)$ { B chooses nonce N_B and sends $N_{AB} = N_A \wedge N_B$, where \wedge is the ex-or operation }

$C \rightarrow A: (N_{ABC} = N_{AB} \wedge N_C)$ { C chooses nonce N_C and sends $N_{ABC} = N_{AB} \wedge N_C$ }

{ Now both A and C know N_{ABC} }

$A \rightarrow B: N_{ABC}$

{ Now B knows N_{ABC} , too }

{ Each of the three parties can now compute $p = N_{ABC} \bmod 3$, where $p = 0$ denotes A , $p = 1$ denotes B , and $p = 2$ denotes C }

- Q3.1 [3/30] Discuss the security of the protocol with respect to possible fraudulent behaviors of A , B and/or C . In particular, is it possible for some of the parties to deterministically choose the leader, being the others not aware of the fraud?
- Q3.2 [3/30] Fix the protocol.

Q4: (A.Y. 2014-15 only) Shamir

- Q4.1 [3/30] Describe the Shamir scheme (k, n) for sharing a secret.
- Q4.2 [3/30] Make a numerical example for the case $(2, 4)$, for sharing the secret number 6. Show how the 4 fragments are computed.

Q5: (A.Y. < 2014-15) Access control

- Q5.1 [3/30] Illustrate the DAC model (from Harrison-Ruzzo-Ullman, or HRU), define the concept of safety of the protection system and discuss what practical problems arise within the model.
- Q5.2 [3/30] Why such DAC model is vulnerable to Trojans? What type of access control model can prevent them from illegally access private data? Discuss.

Q6: Miscellaneous

Provide short answers (2 lines max) to the following questions.

- Q6.1 [1/30] $\Phi(10) = ?$ (Φ is the Euler's totient function)
- Q6.2 [2/30] RSA: if $p = 13$ and $q = 17$, what is the range for exponent e ?
- Q6.3 [2/30] What is the multiplicative group Z_{10}^* ?
- Q6.4 [1/30] Can iptables filter out incoming datagrams that are IPSec-tunneled packets going to port 25?
- Q6.5 [2/30] What is port forwarding and what protocol implements it?

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