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Protocol specification

The roles i and r of NSPK are specified as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} NS(i) = & (\{i, r, ni, sk(i), pk(i), pk(r)\}, \\ & [send_1(i, r, \{\{ni, i\}_{pk(r)}\}, \\ & recv_2(r, i, \{\{ni, V\}_{pk(i)}\}, \\ & send_3(i, r, \{\{V\}_{pk(r)}\}, \\ & claim_4(i, synch)])]) \\ NS(r) = & (\{i, r, nr, sk(r), pk(r), pk(i)\}, \\ & [recv_1(i, r, \{\{W, i\}_{pk(r)}\}, \\ & send_2(r, i, \{\{W, nr\}_{pk(i)}\}, \\ & recv_3(i, r, \{\{nr\}_{pk(r)}\}, \\ & claim_5(r, synch)])]) \end{aligned}$$

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- $\{i, r, ni, sk(i), pk(i), sk(r)\}$ is the *initial knowledge* of the role i ,
- $s = [send_1(\dots), \dots, claim_4(\dots)]$ is the sequence of events that are executed by i during a protocol session,
- The (many-sorted) language associated with NSPK is:

$$Role = \{i, r\}, Fresh = \{ni, nr\}, Func = \emptyset, \\ Var = \{V, W\}, Label = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5\}.$$

If P be a protocol and R a role in P then the specification of the role R in P , denoted $P(R)$, is a pair from

$$\mathcal{P}(RoleTerm) \times RoleEvent_R^*$$

Role description

$$P(R) = (KN_0(R), s)$$

- $KN_0(R) \subseteq \mathcal{P}(\text{RoleTerm})$ is the initial knowledge of R
- $s \in \text{RoleEvent}_R^*$ is the sequence of events executed by R during a protocol session.

Remarks:

- the initial knowledge contains only terms without elements for Var (message variables); the initial knowledge is subsequently used in order to infer the adversary knowledge;
- the labels are needed in order to disambiguate similar occurrences of an event term; consequently, each term from RoleEvent is unique in a protocol specification;
- the sequence of events might contain message variables from Var , which will be instantiated with concrete messages; within a role specification, the first occurrence of a message variable should be in an *accessible position* of a *receive* event.

Accessibility and well-formed sequences

- The accessibility relation $\sqsubseteq_{acc} \subseteq RoleTerm^2$ is the reflexive and transitive closure of the relation:

$$t_1 \sqsubseteq_{acc} (t_1, t_2), t_2 \sqsubseteq_{acc} (t_1, t_2), t_1 \sqsubseteq_{acc} \{ t_1 \}_{t_2}$$

- A sequence of role events $\rho \in RoleEvent^*$ is *well-formed* if the first occurrence of any message variable is in an accessible position of a *receive* event, i.e.

$$\forall V \in vars(\rho) \exists \rho', l, R, R', rt, \rho'' \\ (\rho = \rho' \cdot [recv_l(R, R', rt)] \cdot \rho'') \wedge V \notin vars(\rho') \wedge V \sqsubseteq_{acc} rt$$

where $vars(\rho) \subseteq Var$ denotes the set of all message variables from ρ .

The predicate $wellformed(\rho)$ denotes the fact that the sequence ρ is well-formed.

Protocol specification

- Role specification

$$\begin{aligned} RoleSpec = \{ (kn, s) \mid & kn \in \mathcal{P}(RoleTerm) \wedge \forall rt (rt \in kn \rightarrow vars(rt) = \emptyset) \\ & \wedge s \in RoleEvent^* \wedge wellformed(s) \} \end{aligned}$$

- Protocol specification

$$Protocol = Role \rightarrow RoleSpec$$

$P(R)$ is the specification of the role R for $P \in Protocol$ and $R \in Role$.

A protocol specification is a partial function from roles to role specifications.

Protocol execution

- The specification of a protocol describes each role.
- When a protocol is executed, an agent can play any role, one or more times, sequentially or in parallel (concurrently).
- A single execution of a role is called a *run*. Different runs are described using *Run Identifiers* (RID). The concrete execution of a protocol is described using *Run Terms*.
- Turning a role description into a run with the help of run identifiers is called *instantiation*. Note that the fresh values should be uniquely identified in each run.

The description of a run: *RunTerm*

$$\begin{aligned} \textit{RunTerm} \quad ::= & \textit{Var}^{\#RID} \mid \textit{Fresh}^{\#RID} \mid \textit{Role}^{\#RID} \\ & \mid \textit{Agent} \\ & \mid \textit{Func}(\textit{RunTerm}^*) \\ & \mid (\textit{RunTerm}, \textit{RunTerm}) \\ & \mid \{ \textit{RunTerm} \}_{\textit{RunTerm}} \\ & \mid \textit{AdversaryFresh} \\ & \mid \textit{sk}(\textit{RunTerm}) \mid \textit{pk}(\textit{RunTerm}) \mid \textit{k}(\textit{RunTerm}, \textit{RunTerm}) \end{aligned}$$

- $^{-1} : \textit{RunTerm} \rightarrow \textit{RunTerm}$
- *AdversaryFresh* are run terms generated by an adversary

Deduction system on $Term = RoleTerm \cup RunTerm$

We extend the deduction to

$$Term = RoleTerm \cup RunTerm$$

$$\vdash \subseteq \mathcal{P}(Term) \times Term$$

$M \vdash t$ means that t can be deduced knowing M

\vdash is the least relation with the following properties:

if	$t \in M$	then	$M \vdash t$
if	$M \vdash t_1$ and $M \vdash t_2$	then	$M \vdash (t_1, t_2)$
if	$M \vdash (t_1, t_2)$	then	$M \vdash t_1$ and $M \vdash t_2$
if	$M \vdash t$ and $M \vdash k$	then	$M \vdash \{ \} t \} _k$
if	$M \vdash \{ \} t \} _k$ and $M \vdash k^{-1}$	then	$M \vdash t$
if	$M \vdash t_1$ and ... and $M \vdash t_n$	then	$M \vdash f(t_1, \dots, t_n)$

The description of a run: *RunTerms*

- In order to specify a protocol we used generic terms from *RoleTerm*, which will be instantiated when we describe a concrete run.

For example:

the generic term i that designates the initiator role will be instantiated with A (Alice) which designates a concrete agent;

the generic fresh value ni will be instantiated with $ni^{\#1}$, $ni^{\#2}$, ... which are the concrete values generated in the first run, the second run.

- An *instantiation* is a triplet

$$(\theta, \rho, \sigma) \in RID \times (Role \rightarrow Agent) \times (Var \rightarrow RunTerm)$$

Term instantiation

Let $Inst$ be the set of all instantiations:

$$Inst = RID \times (Role \rightarrow Agent) \times (Var \rightarrow RunTerm)$$

To any $inst = (\theta, \rho, \sigma) \in Inst$ we associate a function

$$inst : RoleTerm \rightarrow RunTerm$$

defined as follows:

- $inst(n) = n^{\# \theta}$ pentru $n \in Fresh$
- $inst(R) = \rho(R)$ for $R \in Role \cap dom(\rho)$
 $inst(R) = R^{\# \theta}$ for $R \in Role \setminus dom(\rho)$
- $inst(V) = \sigma(V)$ for $V \in Var \cap dom(\sigma)$
 $inst(V) = V^{\# \theta}$ for $V \in Var \setminus dom(\sigma)$

Term instantiation

$$Inst = RID \times (Role \rightarrow Agent) \times (Var \rightarrow RunTerm)$$

$$inst = (\theta, \rho, \sigma) \in Inst$$

- $inst(f(t_1, \dots, t_n)) = f(inst(t_1), \dots, inst(t_n))$
- $inst(t_1, t_2) = (inst(t_1), inst(t_2))$
- $inst(\{ t_1 \}_{t_2}) = \{ inst(t_1) \}_{inst(t_2)}$
- $inst(sk(t)) = sk(inst(t)), inst(pk(t)) = pk(inst(t))$
- $inst(k(t_1, t_2)) = k(inst(t_1), inst(t_2))$

Term instantiation

Example:

$$inst = (\theta, \rho, \sigma) \in RID \times (Role \rightarrow Agent) \times (Var \rightarrow RunTerm)$$

$$inst = (2, \{i \mapsto B, r \mapsto A\}, \{W \mapsto nr^{\#1}\})$$

$$t = \{ \{ W, nr, r \} \}_{pk(i)} \in RoleTerm$$

$$inst(\{ \{ W, nr, r \} \}_{pk(i)}) = \{ \{ nr^{\#1}, nr^{\#2}, A \} \}_{pk(B)} \in RunTerm$$

Matching

We define a predicate *Match* that matches an incoming message (from *RunTerm*) with a given pattern (from *RoleTerm*) and extends the instantiation:

$$Match \subseteq Inst \times RoleTerm \times RunTerm \times Inst$$

Match(*inst*, *pt*, *m*, *inst'*) holds if

- $inst = (\theta, \rho, \sigma)$,
 $inst' = (\theta, \rho, \sigma')$
- $inst'(pt) = m$, $pt \in RoleTerm$, $m \in RunTerm$
- $dom(\sigma') = dom(\sigma) \cup vars(pt)$
- $\sigma \subseteq \sigma'$
- $\sigma'(v) \in type(v)$ for any $v \in dom(\sigma')$,

where $vars(pt)$ is the set of variables from *Var* which appear in *pt*, and $type(v)$ is a function that depends on the agent model.

Matching

Example:

We consider $\text{type}(V) \in \{S_1, S_2, S_3, S_4, S_5\}$ such that

- $S_1 ::= \text{Agent}$
- $S_2 ::= \text{Func}(\text{RunTerm}^*)$
- $S_3 ::= \text{Fresh} \mid \text{AdversaryFresh}$
- $S_4 ::= \text{sk}(\text{RunTerm}) \mid \text{pk}(\text{RunTerm})$
- $S_5 ::= \text{k}(\text{RunTerm}, \text{RunTerm})$

If $\text{type}(X) = S_3$ then

- $\text{Match}((1, \rho, \emptyset), X, nr^{\#2}, (1, \rho, \{X \mapsto nr^{\#2}\}))$
- $\neg \text{Match}((\textcolor{red}{1}, \rho, \emptyset), nr, nr^{\#2}, \text{inst}')$ wrong instantiation
- $\neg \text{Match}((1, \rho, \emptyset), X, (\textcolor{red}{nr}^{\#1}, nr^{\#2}), \text{inst}')$ wrong type

Operational semantics

Possible executions

The set of all possible executions is

$$Run = Inst \times RoleEvent^*$$

- The runs that can be created by a protocol P are defined by

$$runsof: Protocol \times Roles \rightarrow \mathcal{P}(Run)$$

$$runsof(P, R) = \{(inst, s) \mid \text{there exists } kn \text{ such that } P(R) = (kn, s) \\ inst = (\theta, \rho, \sigma) \text{ with } dom(\rho) = roles(s)\}$$

where $R \in dom(P)$.

- For $F \subseteq Run$ we set

$$runIds(F) = \{\theta \mid ((\theta, \rho, \sigma), s) \in F \text{ for some } \rho, \sigma, s\}$$

States

$$Run = Inst \times RoleEvent^*$$

$$State = \mathcal{P}(RunTerm) \times \mathcal{P}(Run)$$

$$st = \langle\langle AKN, F \rangle\rangle \in State$$

- AKN is the adversary knowledge,
- $F \subseteq Run$ are the runs that has to be executed.

Exemple:

$$st_1 = \langle\langle \{A, B, pk(A), pk(B)\}, \{ ((2, \{i \mapsto A, r \mapsto B\}, \emptyset), [send_1(i, r, \{ \{ni\}_{pk(r)}])]) \} \rangle\rangle$$

$$st_2 = \langle\langle \{A, B, pk(A), pk(B), \{ \{ni^{\#2}\}_{pk(A)}\}, \emptyset \rangle\rangle$$

Labelled transition system (LTS)

We recall that a *labelled transition system* is a tuple $(St, L, \rightarrow, st_0)$ where:

- St is the set of states
- L is the set of labels
- $\rightarrow \subseteq S \times L \times S$ is the transition relation
- $st_0 \in St$ is the initial state

An *execution*: $[st_0, \alpha_1, st_1, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_n, st_n]$ such that $st_i \xrightarrow{\alpha_{i+1}} st_{i+1}$

A *trace*: $[\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_n]$

The operational semantics of a security protocol P is defined using a labelled transition system

$$(State, RunEvent, \rightarrow, st_0(P))$$

RunEvent

In order to specify a protocol we use:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{RoleEvent}_R \quad ::= & \text{send}_{\text{Label}}(R, \text{Role}, \text{RoleTerm}) \\ & | \text{recv}_{\text{Label}}(\text{Role}, R, \text{RoleTerm}) \\ & | \text{claim}_{\text{Label}}(R, \text{Claim}[, \text{RoleTerm}]) \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{RoleEvent} = \bigcup_{R \in \text{Role}} \text{RoleEvent}_R$$

In order to describe the *concrete execution* of a protocol we define:

$$\text{RunEvent} = \text{Inst} \times (\text{RoleEvent} \cup \{\text{create}(R) \mid R \in \text{Role}\})$$

- $\text{create}(R)$ is used to mark a new run of a role.

Operational semantics

We are now able to define the operational semantics of a security protocol P using the labelled transition system

$$(State, RunEvent, \rightarrow, st_0(P))$$

$$State = \mathcal{P}(RunTerm) \times \mathcal{P}(Run)$$

$st_0(P) = \langle\langle AKN_0(P), \emptyset \rangle\rangle$ where $AKN_0(P)$ is the initial adversary knowledge.

In order to model the adversary knowledge, the set of agents is partitioned in *honest agents* and *corrupted agents*: $Agent = Agent_H \cup Agent_C$. The (Dolev-Yao) adversary controls the network, (s)he creates fresh terms and (s)he knows the initial knowledge of the compromised agents.

For example, in the Needham-Schroeder protocol

$$AKN_0(NS) = AdversaryFresh \cup Agent \cup \{pk(A) \mid A \in Agent\} \cup \{sk(A) \mid A \in Agent_C\}$$

$$(State, RunEvent, \rightarrow, st_0(P))$$

- $State = \mathcal{P}(RunTerm) \times \mathcal{P}(Run)$ where $Run = Inst \times RoleEvent^*$
- $st_0(P) = \langle\langle AKN_0(P), \emptyset \rangle\rangle$ where $AKN_0(P)$ is the initial adversary knowledge
- $RunEvent = Inst \times (RoleEvent \cup \{create(R) \mid R \in Role\})$
- The *transition system* has four rules, one for each of the events:
create, send, recv, claim

Operational semantics: transitions

$$(State, RunEvent, \rightarrow, st_0(P))$$

$$[create_P] \frac{R \in dom(P) \quad ((\theta, \rho, \emptyset), s) \in runsof(P, R) \quad \theta \notin runIDs(F)}{\langle\langle AKN, F \rangle\rangle \xrightarrow{((\theta, \rho, \emptyset), create(R))} \langle\langle AKN, F \cup \{((\theta, \rho, \emptyset), s)\} \rangle\rangle}$$

Recall that

$$runIDs(F) = \{\theta \mid ((\theta, \rho, \sigma), s) \in F \text{ for some } \rho, \sigma, s\} \text{ and}$$

$$F \subseteq Run = Inst \times RoleEvent^*.$$

Operational semantics : transitions

$$(State, RunEvent, \rightarrow, st_0(P))$$

$$[send] \frac{e = send_I(R_1, R_2, m) \quad (inst, [e] \cdot s) \in F}{\langle\langle AKN, F \rangle\rangle \xrightarrow{(inst, e)} \langle\langle AKN \cup \{inst(m)\}, F \setminus \{(inst, [e] \cdot s)\} \cup \{(inst, s)\} \rangle\rangle}$$

$$[claim] \frac{e = claim_I(R, c, t) \quad (inst, [e] \cdot s) \in F}{\langle\langle AKN, F \rangle\rangle \xrightarrow{(inst, e)} \langle\langle AKN, F \setminus \{(inst, [e] \cdot s)\} \cup \{(inst, s)\} \rangle\rangle}$$

Operational semantics : transitions

$(State, RunEvent, \rightarrow, st_0(P))$

$$[recv] \frac{e = recv_I(R_1, R_2, pt) \quad AKN \vdash m \quad (inst, [e] \cdot s) \in F \quad Match(inst, pt, m, inst')}{\langle\langle AKN, F \rangle\rangle \xrightarrow{(inst', e)} \langle\langle AKN, F \setminus \{(inst, [e] \cdot s)\} \cup \{(inst', s)\} \rangle\rangle}$$

Recall that $Match(inst, pt, m, inst')$ holds if the incoming message m is matched with the pattern pt and the instantiation $inst'$ is $inst$ extended with the new assignments.

$$(State, RunEvent, \rightarrow, st_0(P))$$

- Execution:
 $[st_0, \alpha_1, st_1, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_n, st_n]$ where $\alpha_i \in RunEvent$ și $st_i = \langle\langle AKN_i, F_i \rangle\rangle$
- Knowing the initial state we define the execution using traces $[\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_n]$.

Given a protocol P , we define $traces(P)$ as the set of the finite traces of the labelled transition system $(State, RunEvent, \rightarrow, st_0(P))$ associated to P .

Example: trace for the Needham-Schroeder protocol

$((1, \rho, \emptyset), \text{create}(i))$

$((1, \rho, \emptyset), \text{send}_1(i, r, \{\{ni, i\}_{pk(r)}\}))$

$((2, \rho, \emptyset), \text{create}(r))$

$((2, \rho, \{W \mapsto ni^{\#1}\}), \text{recv}_1(i, r, \{\{W, i\}_{pk(r)}\}))$

$((2, \rho, \{W \mapsto ni^{\#1}\}), \text{send}_2(r, i, \{\{W, nr\}_{pk(i)}\}))$

$((1, \rho, \{V \mapsto nr^{\#2}\}), \text{recv}_2(r, i, \{\{ni, V\}_{pk(i)}\}))$

$((1, \rho, \{V \mapsto nr^{\#2}\}), \text{send}_3(i, r, \{\{V\}_{pk(r)}\}))$

$((1, \rho, \{V \mapsto nr^{\#2}\}), \text{claim}_4(i, \text{synch}))$

$((2, \rho, \emptyset), \text{recv}_3(i, r, \{\{nr\}_{pk(r)}\}))$

$((2, \rho, \emptyset), \text{claim}_5(r, \text{synch}))$

Thank you!

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