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# **Abstract**

In this paper we go through the design process of the Credential System from theory to practice.

The first part - theory, starts by informal introduction of Credential System concept, its functionality and stating requirements. Next we formalize the definitions and state the cryptographic assumptions and recall most important cryptographic primitives. Then we introduce the theoretical backbone, the system construction, that is the construction proposed by Camenisch and Lysyanskaya in Anonymous Credential from Bilinear Maps, later improved by Słowik and Wszoła. At the end of first part present the improvement to the credential verification procedure, namely reduction of complexity of calculations of pairing comparisons by Bobowski and Słowik.

The second part - practice, is transition from mathematical world of cryptography into practical implementation. In form of the technical documentation we formalize the structure and the message exchange interface to propose a bilinear maps based credential system. We conclude the paper with the form of proof of concept implementation of credential system.

This thesis aims to be a first throughout look on the practical design of credential system. We try not to focus on the mathematical structures, but rather use them as the grounded intuition for the practical implementation.

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# Part I Theory

# Introduction

# "Let's have a beer!"

From the scenario of buying a beer we will go through the whole process of designing what is called Credential System. After few initial questions and considerations, we state the key requirements of the system and later a proposition of solution is presented.

Let us think about the beer for a moment, about the process of buying it in particular. Bob goes to the bar, greets the bartender and asks for his favourite flavor of beer. According to the Polish law, it is illegal to sell alcohol to the underage, so not to get into any trouble the worker wants to verify his "entitlement". Most often he does it by checking it with any of Bob's identification documents. If he approves that the person on the photo is really Bob and the date of birth yields the proper age, he sells the beverage Bob came there to buy.

This is so trivial that we hardly ever think about this, almost no one notices that the bartender now also knows the data that was on ID. If we consider the identification document issued about five years ago, the bartender had additional access to name and surname, address of residence, names of parents, height and eye color, ID serial number and PESEL number. That's actually a lot of information especially that those information have nothing to do with ability to buy a drink. We might argue that in such a short it is impossible for the bartender to actually remember all the additional information, but still, it creates a risk. One last thing, notice that the bartender had access to exact date of birth while the only thing he should be curious about is just the question if Bob is above the required age or not. The knowledge he possess might be used to send Bob a birthday gift or next time ask about parents by their name, but more possibly the bartender would use this information to gain unfair advantage or use it in a malicious way.

If one has any concerns about privacy some questions should arise in his head. Is it possible to just show the attributes that are required? How can one mask his actual date of birth and just proof the fact that he is allowed to drink? Is it possible to do it in the way, that next time the bartender will not be able to link Bob's previous purchases with this one?

This simple and somehow amusing scenario should shine some light on what we want to achieve in the design of Credential System. Privacy is the main concern, but we cannot forget about usability or efficiency. General overview of Credential System and its requirements are presented in next sections.



# 1.1 Motivation

The key reason for a credential system is to enhance (or actually introduce) the control over disclosure of authenticated data. If we think about data as an attributes that have some properties (e.g. age is a number from some range) most of the time for verification only some of those properties have to be checked. It is commonly done by just showing the data and the verifying entity checks if the conditions are met, but it does not have to be that way. One can prove some facts about possessed data without revealing them and this is one of the key arguments for the design of Credential System (i.e. one can prove he is at least 18 years old, but does disclose the exact age).

Identity Mixer [1] by IBM is one of the proposed solutions to the considered problem. It allows to authenticate without disclosing any personal data, thus, no personal data is collected and allows to minimize the personal data they have to reveal.

Our design of the Credential System (CreS) aims to achieve similar functionality as the one developed by IBM but by employing different and more efficient cryptographic structures.

# 1.2 Credential System Overview

The Credential System usually consists of three parties:

- **User** is the holder of credentials and corresponding attributes (like name, age, address etc.).
- **Issuer** is an entity that verifies the attributes and issues the credential to the user.
- Verifier verifies the validity of credential but does not learn the value of attributes.

The overview of interactions between Credential System parties is presented on figure 1.1

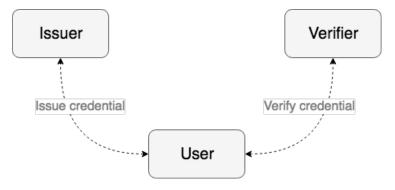


Figure 1.1: Overview of Credential System

The **Credential** is an object with which the user may prove his qualities or entitlements, which may have following properties:

- Does not reveal signed attributes to the verifying entity.
- The verifier cannot link multiple presentations of the same credential.
- Can be issued under masked attributes (e.g. private keys, sensitive data etc.)

Description provided here should serve as general intuition of the system, more in-depth definitions and requirements will be provided in later parts of this paper. One should remember that although the formal definitions will build the cryptographic base of the system, the idea of what the system should do, and the motivation behind the need for such system, should be understood intuitively.



# 1.3 Use Cases

Apart from the example from the introduction we can consider following scenarios:

# • Room access system

Opening doors by presenting proper credential with possible option to make tracking users infeasible. Access rights and restrictions are naturally present in form of an attribute.

# • Bus ticket system

Verification does not require presentation of other IDs, and does not leak any information about communication patterns.

# • Online Movie Subscription

The only thing that gets verified is if one have valid subscription.

# • Driving license

Understood as driving permission ("this person is allowed to drive this kind of vehicle") without disclosing sensitive information.

The scenarios are endless and only on the need depend how they could be solved. The motivation of this paper is to equip the people in tools necessary to create such working and secure Credential System. The operational requirements of the system are presented in next section.

# 1.4 System Requirements

Below we present general requirements of the Credential System.

# Credential unforgeability

It should be infeasable for any number of colluding parties to obtain a valid credential without consent of the issuer.

# Attributes privacy

If should be infeasable for any number of colluding parties to obtain value of hidden attributes, without the owner reveling them.

# • Computational effectiveness

Performed computations should be possibly efficient and require small storage size without compromising security.

# Transparency

System should be possibly simple and transparent from the user's perspective.

### Modularity

System should be compact, extendable and ready for integration with similar existing systems.

Additionally, the system might provide:

# • Multiple-show unlinkability

It should be infeasable for any number of colluding parties to link multiple presentations of the same credential. This considers only the attributes that are meant to be hidden. If we consider the case of linking users to the pseudonyms in domains it is natural to expect such possibility.

### • Non-transferability

It should be infeasable for any number of colluding parties to transfer a valid credential between different users without sharing all credential data (all or nothing).



# **Preliminaries**

# 2.1 Credential System Definitions

To formalize the design process of credential system we state necessary definitions. At the end we present some examples to give proper intuition for used terms.

# **Definition 2.1.1 (Credential)**

Credential is a statement, issued by an issuing entity, representing a relationship with the user (possibly based on some attributes). Credentials are presented to the verifying entities.

# **Definition 2.1.2 (Credential Type)**

Credential type is a class of credentials representing the same statement with no relation to a user

# Example (Driver's license)

**Statement:** "Owner is allowed to drive following vehicles: ...". **User:** Owner of the document. **Issuer:** Department of motor vehicles. **Verifier:** e.g. Police (represented by a police officer). **Credential type:** "driving permission".

# **Definition 2.1.3 (Credential System)**

Credential system consists of three interacting parties: users, issuers and verifying entities. Such system must provide functionality for credential issuance and verification. Addition of new users and other entities should be possible.

# **Example (Cinema ticket discounts for students)**

In some cinemas there is a price discount for students. To obtain it one has to present valid student ID. In this scenario the university is the issuing entity (Note that there are more than one university) and the cinema is the verifier (represented by a worker selling tickets). It is important to notice that the verifying entity may be an issuer of another credential (cinema ticket), this gives natural flow to the whole system.

### **Definition 2.1.4 (Non-transferable Credential)**

A non-transferable credential is a credential that is uniquely associated with the owner and cannot be transferred to another user without transferring their identity.

# **Example (Public transport)**

There are many types of tickets one can buy in Wrocław. The one-time ticket is an example of transferable credential in the sense that one can give it to another person after validating it and it remains valid for that person (we do not consider here the question whether it is legal, only that it is possible). It is not bound to ones name.

But the monthly ticket is connected with the identity of the holder (name and photo) because it has to be encoded on Urban Card (electronic document for public communication in Wrocław). In this case one would have to share the "visual identity" (photo) with the other person.

### **Definition 2.1.5 (Anonymous Credential System)**

In anonymous credential system user upon presentation of credential to verifying entity reveals no other information than the fact that he is in possession of valid credential issued by a legitimate authority. It is infeasable for any party (or a colluding group of parties) to learn more about the user than he agreed to during credential presentation. Such system must provide functionality for:

1. Issuance of credentials,



2. Verification of credentials.

# **Definition 2.1.6 (Pseudonymous Credential System)**

Pseudonymous credential system is a sub-class of anonymous credential system in which a pseudonym is uniquely established between a user and an issuing (and, if required by system design, a verifying) organization. Issuers and verifying entities know users only by pseudonyms and it is infeasable for any party (or a colluding group of parties) to learn more about the user than he agreed to during credential presentation. Such system must provide functionality for:

- 1. Registration with an organization (obtaining valid pseudonym),
- 2. Issue of credentials for pseudonym,
- 3. Transfer of credentials (between pseudonyms of the same user),
- 4. Verification of credentials.

### **Definition 2.1.7 (One-show Credential)**

A one-show credential is a credential which may be presented only once by the owner without compromising the properties and security of the system. For subsequent presentations reissuing is required to preserve system properties.

# **Definition 2.1.8 (Multiple-show Credential)**

A multiple-show credential is a credential which may be presented multiple times by the owner without compromising the properties and security of the system.

# **Definition 2.1.9 (PPT entities)**

Each party in a credential system i.e users, issuers and verifiers, are probabilistic polynomial time Turing machines ( $PPT_{TM}$ )

# 2.2 Cryptographic Assumptions

# Assumption 2.2.1 (Discrete Logarithm (DL))

The discrete logarithm problem is hard relative to  $\mathcal G$  if for all PPT algorithms  $\mathcal A$ 

$$\Pr\left[(\mathbb{G},q,g)\leftarrow\mathcal{G}(1^{\lambda});h\leftarrow\mathbb{G};x\leftarrow\mathcal{A}(\mathbb{G},q,g,h):g^{x}=h\right]\leq\varepsilon$$

for a negligible  $\varepsilon$ . The discrete logarithm assumption is that there exists  $\mathcal{G}$  relative to which the discrete logarithm problem is hard.

# Assumption 2.2.2 (Discrete Logarithm Relation)

The discrete logarithm relation problem is hard relative to  $\mathcal G$  if for all PPT algorithms  $\mathcal A$ 

$$\Pr\left[ (\mathbb{G},q) \leftarrow \mathcal{G}(1^{\lambda}); g_1, \dots g_n \leftarrow_{\$} \mathbb{G}; a_1, \dots a_n \leftarrow \mathcal{A}(\mathbb{G},q,g_1,\dots g_n) : \exists a_i \neq 0 \land \prod_{i=1}^n g_i^{a_i} = 1 \right] \leq \varepsilon$$

for a negligible  $\varepsilon$ . We say  $\prod_{i=1}^n g_i^{a_i} = 1$  is a non trivial discrete logarithm relation between  $g_1, \ldots g_n$ . The discrete logarithm relation assumption is that it is infeasable to find non-trivial relation between randomly chosen group elements. For  $n \geq 1$  this is equivalent to the discrete logarithm assumption.

# Assumption 2.2.3 (Computational Diffie-Hellman (CDH))

The computational Diffie-Hellman problem is hard relative to  ${\mathcal G}$  if for all PPT algorithms  ${\mathcal A}$ 

$$\Pr\left[(\mathbb{G},q,g)\leftarrow\mathcal{G}(1^{\lambda});a,b\leftarrow \mathbb{S}\,\mathbb{Z}_q;g^{ab}\leftarrow\mathcal{A}(\mathbb{G},q,g,g^a,g^b)\right]\leq \varepsilon$$

for a negligible  $\varepsilon$ . The computational Diffie-Hellman assumption is that there exists  $\mathcal G$  relative to which the computational Diffie-Hellman problem is hard.



# Assumption 2.2.4 (Decisional Diffie-Hellman (DDH))

The decisional Diffie-Hellman problem is hard relative to  $\mathcal G$  if for all PPT algorithms  $\mathcal A$ 

$$\left|\Pr\left[\textit{True} \leftarrow \mathcal{A}(\mathbb{G},q,g,g^a,g^b,g^{ab})\right] - \Pr\left[\textit{True} \leftarrow \mathcal{A}(\mathbb{G},q,g,g^a,g^b,g^c)\right]\right| \leq \varepsilon$$

for a negligible  $\varepsilon$ , where  $(\mathbb{G}, q, g) \leftarrow \mathcal{G}(1^{\lambda})$ , and  $a, b, c \leftarrow \mathbb{Z}_q$ .

The decisional Diffie-Hellman assumption is that there exists  $\mathcal{G}$  relative to which the decisional Diffie-Hellman problem is hard.

# **Definition 2.2.1 (Bilinear Maps)**

Let  $(q, \mathbb{G}_1, \mathbb{G}_2, \mathbb{G}_T, e) \leftarrow \mathcal{G}(1^{\lambda})$ , such that  $\mathbb{G}_1$  and  $\mathbb{G}_2$  are two additive cyclic groups of order q. We say that e is a bilinear map, if for multiplicative group  $\mathbb{G}_T$ ,  $e: \mathbb{G}_1 \times \mathbb{G}_2 \to \mathbb{G}_T$  such that:

- 1. (Bilinear)  $(\forall A, B \in \mathbb{G})(\forall x, y \in \mathbb{Z}_q)$   $e([x]A, [y]B) = e(A, B)^{xy}$ .
- 2. (Non-degenerate)  $\exists P, Q \in \mathbb{G}$  s.t.  $e(P,Q) \neq 1$ , where 1 is the identity of  $G_T$ .
- 3. (Efficient) There exists an efficient algorithm for computing e.

# **Definition 2.2.2 (Type 1 Pairing)**

We say, that a bilinear pairing is a Type 1 Pairing, if  $\mathbb{G}_1 = \mathbb{G}_2$ .

# Definition 2.2.3 (Type 2 Pairing)

We say, that a bilinear pairing is a Type 2 Pairing, if  $\mathbb{G}_1 \neq \mathbb{G}_2$ , but there exists an efficiently computable homomorphism  $\phi: \mathbb{G}_1 \to \mathbb{G}_2$ .

# Definition 2.2.4 (Type 3 Pairing)

We say, that a bilinear pairing is a Type 3 Pairing, if  $\mathbb{G}_1 \neq \mathbb{G}_2$ , and there are no efficiently computable homomorphisms from  $\mathbb{G}_1 \to \mathbb{G}_2$ .

Note, that in type 1 and 2 pairings Decisional Diffie-Hellman problem is easily solved. Because  $e([a]G_1,[b]G_2)=e(G_1,G_2)^{ab}=e(G_1,[ab]G_2)$ .

# Assumption 2.2.5 (LRSW assumption [2])

Let  $(q, \mathbb{G}, G) \leftarrow \mathcal{G}(1^{\lambda})$ . Let  $A = [a]G, B = [b]G \in \mathbb{G}$ . Let  $O_{A,B}(\cdot)$  be an oracle that on input  $m \in \mathbb{Z}_q$  outputs (R, [b]R, [a+mab]R) for a randomly chosen  $R \in \mathbb{G}$ . Then for all PPT algorithms A, the following is negligible:

$$\Pr\left[(m,X,Y,Z)\leftarrow\mathcal{A}^{O_{A,B}}(q,\mathbb{G},G,A,B):\right.$$
 
$$m\notin Q\wedge m\in\mathbb{Z}_q\wedge m\neq 0\wedge X\in\mathbb{G}\wedge Y=[b]X\wedge Z=[a+mab]X\right]\leq\varepsilon$$

for a negligible  $\varepsilon$ , where Q is the set of previous queries that A made to  $O_{A,B}(\cdot)$ .

# 2.3 Chosen Cryptographic Primitives

# Definition 2.3.1 (Zero-Knowledge Proof of Knowledge (ZKP))

A zero-knowledge proof of knowledge is a protocol between two PPT entities called Prover and Verifier. The Prover proves to the verifier that he knows a set of values without revealing these values.

We use notation introduced by Camenish and Stadler [3] for various proofs of knowledge. For instance,

$$\mathbf{Z\!K\!P}\,\left\{(\alpha,\beta,\gamma):y=g^\alpha h^\beta\wedge\widetilde{y}=\widetilde{g}^\alpha\widetilde{h}^\gamma\wedge(u\leq\alpha\leq v)\right\}$$

denotes a "zero-knowledge" Proof of Knowledge of values  $\alpha, \beta$  and  $\gamma$  such that  $y = g^{\alpha}h^{\beta}$  and  $\widetilde{y} = \widetilde{g}^{\alpha}\widetilde{h}^{\gamma}$  holds, where  $u \leq \alpha \leq v$ ", where  $y, g, h, \widetilde{y}, \widetilde{g}$  and  $\widetilde{h}$  are elements of some groups  $\mathbb{G} = \langle g \rangle = \langle h \rangle$  and  $\widetilde{\mathbb{G}} = \langle \widetilde{g} \rangle = \langle \widetilde{h} \rangle$ . Greek letters denote quantities the knowledge of which is being proved, while all other parameters are known to the verifier.

# **Definition 2.3.2 (Signature Scheme)**

A signature scheme consists of three PPT algorithms (KeyGen, Sign, Verify) such that:



- The key generation algorithm KeyGen, takes as input a security parameter  $\lambda$  and outputs a pair of keys (sk, pk). These are called secret key and public key respectively.
- The signature algorithm Sign, which produces a signature  $\sigma$  using private key and message m from a message space. We write this as  $\sigma \leftarrow \mathsf{Sign}_{sk}(m)$ .
- The verification algorithm Verify, which tests whether  $\sigma$  is a valid signature for message m using public key pk. That is  $b \leftarrow \mathsf{Verify}_{\mathsf{pk}}(m,\sigma)$  where  $b \in \{0,1\}$  and b=1 if and only if the signature is valid.

# **Definition 2.3.3 (Commitment Scheme)**

A non-interactive commitment scheme consists of two PPT algorithms  $(\mathcal{G}, \mathcal{C})$  such that:

- The setup algorithm G, which takes as input a security parameter  $1^{\lambda}$  and outputs public parameters for the scheme.
- The commitment algorithm C, which defines a function  $M \times R \to C$  for message space M, randomness space R and commitment space C determined by public parameters. (com = C(m,r)).

# **Definition 2.3.4 (Hiding Commitment)**

A commitment scheme is hiding if for all PPT algorithms  $\mathcal A$ 

$$\left| \Pr \left[ (M,R,C) \leftarrow \mathcal{G}(1^{\lambda}); \right. \\ \left. m_0, m_1 \in M; b \leftarrow_{\$} \{0,1\}; r \leftarrow_{\$} R; \mathsf{com} = \mathcal{C}(m_b,r); b' \leftarrow \mathcal{A}(M,R,C,\mathsf{com}) : b = b' \right] - \frac{1}{2} \right| \leq \varepsilon$$

for a negligible  $\varepsilon$ . If it is equal to 0 then we say the scheme is perfectly hiding.

# **Definition 2.3.5 (Binding Commitment)**

A commitment scheme is binding if for all PPT algorithms  ${\cal A}$ 

$$\Pr\left[(M,R,C)\leftarrow\mathcal{G}(1^{\lambda});m_0,m_1\in M;r_0,r_1\in R:\mathcal{C}(m_0,r_0)=\mathcal{C}(m_1,r_1)\wedge m_0\neq m_1\right]\leq\varepsilon$$

for a negligible  $\varepsilon$ . If it is equal to 0 then we say the scheme is perfectly binding.

# 2.4 Chosen Cryptographic Protocols

# **Definition 2.4.1 (Pedersen Commitment [4])**

Defining public parameters  $M, R = \mathbb{Z}_q, C = \mathbb{G}$ .

$$\mathcal{G}: H, G \leftarrow_{\$} \mathbb{G}$$
 such that nobody knows  $\log_G(H)$  or  $\log_H(G)$ .

$$C(m,r) = [r]H + [m]G$$

# **Definition 2.4.2 (Pedersen Vector Commitment)**

Defining public parameters  $M = \mathbb{Z}_q^n, R = \mathbb{Z}_q, C = \mathbb{G}$ .

$$\mathcal{G}: (G_0,G_1,\ldots G_n) \leftarrow_{\mathbb{S}} \mathbb{G} \text{ such that nobody knows } \log_{G_i}(G_j) \text{ for any } i,j \in \{0,\ldots n\}.$$

$$C((m_1, ..., m_n), r) = [r]G_0 + \sum_{i=1}^n [m_i]G_i$$

The Pedersen vector commitment is perfectly hiding and computationally binding under the discrete logarithm assumption. We might also set r=0, in which case the commitment is binding but not hiding.



# **Definition 2.4.3 (Okamoto-Schnorr Protocol)**

Okamoto-Schnorr protocol [5, 6] was designed as zero-knowledge identification scheme, which may be used as a realization of

$$ZKP\{(\alpha,\beta): s = g^{\alpha} \cdot h^{\beta}\}$$

It can be further extended to obtain proof for n values:

$$ZKP\{(\alpha_1,\alpha_2,\ldots,\alpha_n): s=g_1^{\alpha_1}\cdot g_2^{\alpha_2}\cdot \ldots g_n^{\alpha_n}\}$$

On figure 2.1 we recall the original scheme, secure under discrete logarithm assumption.

Note, that one can use Okamoto-Schnorr to proof the knowledge opening of the Pedersen and Vector Pedersen Commitment, this construction will be used in the future.

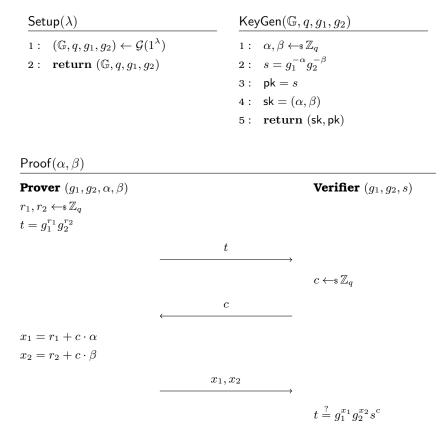


Figure 2.1: Okamoto-Schnorr Identification Protocol



# **Credential System Protocols**

# 3.1 Solution

Or design of Credential System aims to be possibly computationally efficient. We focus on the construction based on elliptic cures with bilinear pairings instead of the earlier work of Camenisch and Lysyanskaya [7] which was based on the RSA assumption that is rather computationally expensive.

We use Anonymous Credential from Bilinear Maps by Camenisch and Lysyanskaya [8] as the backbone for out design. We also decided to opt for the more efficient verification protocol introduced by Słowik and Wszoła [9] due to its computational cost reduction on client side of protocol. In last section we present construction by Bobowski and Słowik [10], that efficiently reduces computational cost of verification even further by reducing number of required pairing operations.

We will omit the proofs of security of those protocols and refer to the original papers. We will focus and extend the analysis that is focused on possible practical applications for the credential system design.

# Remark (Credential System)

Credential system, as stated by Camenisch and Lysyanskaya [11], is sufficient to exhibit a commitment scheme, a signature scheme, and efficient protocols for:

- proving equality of two committed values,
- signing a committed value (without revealing this value to the signer), and
- proving the knowledge of a signature on a committed value.

# 3.2 Background Security Assumptions

For the model of credential system we assume that:

- the security of transport layer for the exchanged messages, and
- existence of some PKI, in the most general form, for the certificate verification.
- (optional) in case of pseudonymous system, we assume that the protocols of establishing a pseudonym (understood as set of attributes with domain private key) exists.

We do not consider here which protocols and schemes achieve those requirements, we operate on higher level of abstraction.

# 3.3 Signature Scheme

We now present construction of CL-LRSW randomizable signatures (figure 3.1) presented by Camenisch and Lysyanskaya [8]. The signatures are based on LRSW Assumption [2]. We consider the asymmetric pairing and for notation clarity all variables are implicitly from  $\mathbb{G}_1$ , unless other wise stated in the variable index.

Presented scheme has many useful (for credential system) properties. This scheme allows to:



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Setup(\lambda):
                                                                                   \mathsf{Key}\mathsf{Gen}(l):
                                                                                   1: (x, y, z_1, \dots, z_l) \leftarrow \mathbb{Z}_q^{l+2}
 1: (q, \mathbb{G}_1, \mathbb{G}_2, \mathbb{G}_T, e) \leftarrow \mathcal{G}(1^{\lambda})
 2: return (q, \mathbb{G}_1, \mathbb{G}_2, \mathbb{G}_T, e)
                                                                                  2: X^{(2)} := [x]G_2
                                                                                  3: Y^{(2)} := [y]G_2
                                                                                   4: Z_i^{(2)} := [z_i]G_2 \quad i \in \{1, \dots l\}
                                                                                   5: Z_i := [z_i]G_1 \quad i \in \{1, \dots l\}
                                                                                  6: sk := (x, y, z_1, \dots, z_l)
                                                                                   7: \mathsf{pk} := (X^{(2)}, Y^{(2)}, Z_1^{(2)}, \dots Z_l^{(2)}, Z_1, \dots Z_l)
                                                                                   8: return (sk, pk)
 \operatorname{Sign}_{\mathsf{sk}}((m_0, \dots m_l) \in \mathbb{Z}_q^{l+1}):
                                                                                   \operatorname{Sign}_{\operatorname{sk}}(M \in \mathbb{G}):
 1: sk = (x, y, z_1, \dots z_l)
                                                                                    1: sk = (x, y, z_1, \dots z_l)
 2: A_0 \leftarrow \mathbb{G}_1
                                                                                    2: \alpha \leftarrow \mathbb{Z}_q
 3: B_0 := [y]A_0
                                                                                    3: A_0 := [\alpha]G_1
 4: for i \in \{1, ... l\} do
                                                                                    4: B_0 := [y]A_0
       A_i := [z_i]A_0
                                                                                    5: for i \in \{1, ... l\} do
        B_i := [z_i]B_0
                                                                                              A_i := [z_i]A_0
 7: C := [x]A_0 + \sum_{i=0}^{l} [xym_i]A_i
                                                                                              B_i := [z_i]B_0
                                                                                    7:
 8: \sigma := (A_0, \dots A_l, B_0, \dots B_l, C)
                                                                                    8: C := [x]A_0 + [\alpha xy]M
 9: return \sigma
                                                                                    9: \sigma := (A_0, \dots A_l, B_0, \dots B_l, C)
                                                                                   10: return \sigma
Verify(\sigma, (m_0, \dots, m_l) \in \mathbb{Z}_q^{l+1}):
 1: \mathsf{pk} = (X^{(2)}, Y^{(2)}, Z_1^{(2)}, \dots Z_l^{(2)}, Z_1, \dots Z_l)
 2: \quad \sigma = (A_0, \dots A_l, B_0, \dots B_l, C)
 3: if e(A_0, Y^{(2)}) \neq e(B_0, G_2) then
            return False
 4:
 5: for i \in \{1, ... l\} do
           if e(A_0, Z_i^{(2)}) \neq e(A_i, G_2) then
```

Figure 3.1: CL-LRSW signature algorithms

return False

return False

**if**  $e(A_i, Y^{(2)}) \neq e(B_i, G_2)$  **then** 

10: **return**  $e(C, G_2) \stackrel{?}{=} e(A_0, X^{(2)}) \prod_{i=0}^{l} e([m_i]B_i, X^{(2)})$ 

7:

8:

9:



- sign l+1 messages into one batch,
- obtain signature on hidden values ( $Sign_{sk}(M \in \mathbb{G})$ ),
- re-randomize the signature for each presentation,
- proof validity of signature without revealing hidden values in the interactive protocol, and
- create signature such that even computationally unbound issuer cannot learn the values (thanks to Pedersen commitment scheme).

# Remark (Flexibility of Commitment Composition)

Let us denote  $Z_0 = G$ , then the commitment M can be represented as

$$M = \sum_{i=0}^{l} [m_i] Z_i$$

Let us consider multiple scenarios of calculating this sum between the user and issuer.

# • Open

User sends  $m = \{m_i\}$  messages in plain-text to the issuer, then issuer can calculate the sum on its side  $M = \sum_{i=0}^{l} [m_i] Z_i$ .

# • Exponent

User sends  $M_i = \{[m_i]Z_i\}$ . Issuer:  $M = \sum_{i=0}^l M_i$ .

### Pedersen

User sends  $M_i = \{[r_i]G + [m_i]Z_i\}$  for  $i \in \{1, ...l\}$ , where  $r_i \leftarrow_{\$} \mathbb{Z}_q$ . Issuer combines  $M = \sum_{i=0}^l M_i$  (Note that if we define  $m_0 = \sum_{i=1}^l r_i$  then the scheme closely resembles the Vector commitment, but user still has to remember all  $r_i$ ).

# Vector

User calculates  $M = \sum_{i=0}^{l} [m_i] Z_i$  (Note, that if information-theoretically hiding is desired, at least one of  $\{m_i\}$  messages has to be a random value). Issuer does nothing.

# **Corollary (Generalized Commitment Composition)**

Let  $\{Z_i\}_{i=0}^l$  denote public key of the issuer, where  $Z_0 = G$ . Let  $\{m_i\}$  be the set of l+1 messages, v, p, e, o are sets of indices  $(v \cup p \cup e \cup o = \{0, \dots l\})$  that are to be committed in vector, pedersen, exponent and open commitment. The combined calculations of message commitment can be calculates as follows.

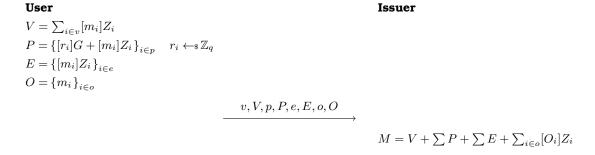


Figure 3.2: Generalized Commitment Composition

# Remark (Issuer-Dependent ZKP on Commitments)

Division of M into separate commitments and plain-text messages allows to construct the issuer-dependent zero-knowledge proofs of knowledge on chosen attributes, e.g. perform range proof for numerical values (Range proofs [12]). Here we only acknowledge the possibility and leave the design of such extensions for future work.

Though the division of commitment M into (V, P, E, O) has its benefits, in following sections we will assume that only Pedersen Vector commitment is used for all values (represented as M). We hope that such a shortcut will result in more compact description of theory of the system, and previously presented constructions will give proper intuition of how to possibly employ other commitment schemes.



# 3.4 Obtaining a Signature on a Committed Value

Suppose that  $M = [m_0]G + \sum_{i=1}^{l} [m_i]Z_i$  is a Pedersen vector commitment to set of messages  $(m_0, \dots m_l)$  whose signature the user wishes to obtain (remember that if the information-theoretically hiding property is desired then one of messages has to be sampled at random). Then, the user gives a zero-knowledge proof of knowledge of the opening of the commitment:

$$Z\!K\!P\left\{(\mu_0, \dots \mu_l) : M = [\mu_0]G + \sum_{i=1}^l [\mu_i]Z_i\right\}$$

After this step there is a possible extension of the protocol of further checks (range check etc.), depending on needs and requirements. At last, the issuer computes the signature  $\sigma = (A_i, A_i, B_i, C)$  and sends credential to the user.

The protocol is depicted on figure 3.3.

# 3.5 Proving Knowledge of Signature

The user computes a blinded version of the signature  $\sigma$  and presents it to the verifier. Then, proves the knowledge of the signed message.

$$Z\!K\!P\left\{(
ho,(\mu_0,\ldots\mu_l)): \mathsf{Verify}_{\mathsf{pk}}(
ho,(\mu_0,\ldots\mu_l)) = \mathsf{True}\right\}$$

Due to its efficiency and versatility we use the verification procedure designed by Słowik & Wszoła [9] with employed Change-Base step construction, that can be used for future specialized value checks. The protocol is depicted on figure 3.4, the steps of Change-Base are in in boxes.

We briefly state the corollary of Change-Base for our construction.

# Corollary (Change-Base Step)

Assume that we have a set of indexed exponents L and set of bases  $\bigcup_{i \in L} \{Q_i\}$ . We can easily and very efficiently extend the verification protocol to check if the commitment  $D = \sum_{i \in L} [m_i]Q_i$  was calculated properly using messages from signed credential.

User publishes the commitment D, and  $t = [k_r]D + \sum_{i \in L} [-k_i]Q_i$ .

*Verifier checks the equality*  $t \stackrel{?}{=} [s_r]D + \sum_{i \in L} [-s_i]Q_i$  *using the same*  $\{s_i\}$  *from response phase.* 

The desired property of this step is that user can present some values in hidden form and proof that they are calculated properly (i.e. that user in fact knows those values). This committed form is meant to be later used for the specialized value checks (e.g. range proofs [12]), but this topic is not covered in this version of document and is left for future work.

# 3.6 Practical Requirements for Attributes

Some desired properties of the credential system can be obtained by the clever selection of attributes, and did not have to be mentioned explicitly in the protocols. We will now present few of them.

# Requirement (Non-Transferability)

If we assume that each user has secret private key, which can be understood as its identity. The issuer can require this private key as the part of Pedersen Vector Commitment, so the value will stay hidden, but still be required while performing the issuance and verification. In this approach we assume that if the user transfers the credential to other user, he also had to transfer the secret key which is his identity. So the transfer of credential is possible only if user compromises his identity which can be assumed to be not in the interest of any user.

### Requirement (Perfect Hiding Vector Commitment)

To ensure perfect hiding property of the Pedersen vector commitment one of the messages (e.g  $m_0 \leftarrow_{\$} \mathbb{Z}_q$ ) has to be sampled at random in each protocol execution.



Issue(m)User Issuer  $\mathsf{pk}_I = \left( X^{(2)}, Y^{(2)}, \left\{ Z_i^{(2)} \right\}, \left\{ Z_i \right\} \right)$  $\mathsf{pk}_I = \left( X^{(2)}, Y^{(2)}, \left\{ Z_i^{(2)} \right\}, \left\{ Z_i \right\} \right)$  $\mathsf{sk}_I = (x, y, z_1, \dots z_l)$  $m = (m_0, \dots m_l)$ ......Attributes commitment.....  $M = [m_0]G + \sum_{i=1}^l [m_i]Z_i$ M......ZKP of commitment opening.....  $k_i \leftarrow \mathbb{Z}_q \quad \forall i \in \{0, \dots l\}$  $T = [k_0]G + \sum_{i=1}^{l} [k_i]Z_i$  $c \leftarrow \mathbb{Z}_q$  $s_i = k_i - cm_i \quad \forall i \in \{0, \dots l\}$  $s_0, \dots, s_l$  $T \stackrel{?}{=} [c]M + [s_0]G + \sum_{i=1}^{l} [s_i]Z_i$  $\sigma = \mathsf{Sign}_{sk_I}(M)$ Store  $(\sigma, (m_0, \dots m_l))$ 

Figure 3.3: Credential Issuance Protocol



 $\mathsf{Verify}((\sigma, m))$ 

$$\begin{array}{lll} \textbf{User} & \textbf{Verifier} \\ \textbf{pk}_I = \left(X^{(2)}, Y^{(2)}, \left\{Z_i^{(2)}\right\}, \left\{Z_i\right\}\right) & \textbf{pk}_I = \left(X^{(2)}, Y^{(2)}, \left\{Z_i^{(2)}\right\}, \left\{Z_i\right\}\right) \\ \hline Q_L = \bigcup_{i \in L} [Q_i] \\ \hline \sigma = (A_0, \ldots A_i, B_0, \ldots B_i, C) \\ m = (m_0, \ldots m_i) & ... \\ \hline Signature blinding. & ... \\ \hline r, r' \leftrightarrow \mathbb{Z}_q^2 \\ \bar{A}_i = [r']A_i & \forall i \in \{0, \ldots l\} \\ \bar{B}_i = [r']B_i & \forall i \in \{0, \ldots l\} \\ \bar{C} = [rr']C \\ \sigma' = (\bar{A}_0, \ldots \bar{A}_1, \bar{B}_0, \ldots \bar{B}_l, \bar{C}) \\ \bar{D} = \sum_{i \in L} [m_i]Q_i] & ... \\ \hline x_r, k_0, \ldots, k_l \leftrightarrow \mathbb{Z}_q^{l+2} \\ \hline t = [k_r]\tilde{D} + \sum_{i \in L} [-k_i]Q_i] & ... \\ \hline x_r = k_r - cr \\ s_i = k_i - crm_i & \forall i \in \{0, \ldots l\} \\ \hline & & ... \\ \hline x_r, s_0, \ldots s_l \\ \hline & & ... \\ \hline & ... \\ \hline & ... \\ \hline & ... \\ \hline & & ... \\ \hline &$$

Figure 3.4: Credential Verification Protocol. Optional Change-Base marked in boxes.

# Requirement (Pseudonymous Credential System Compatibility)

There might exist the need to verify the user to its pseudonym, in such case the issuer might require to present the commitment of the domain private key in the form of  $[x]G_{dom}$ , that is Pedersen Vector commitment of length 1.

# Requirement (Range Proofs & Value Checks )

It is not a part of current version of this document, but the system assumes further extensions. Addition of verification whether the attribute is in given range or other value checks is one of many possibilities.

# 3.7 Verification Complexity Reduction

We now present our efficiency improvement proposed by Bobowski and Słowik in *Reducing Complexity of Pairing Comparisons using Polynomial Evaluation* [10]. It reduces the number of expensive pairing operations from 4l+4 down to 4, on the cost of relatively cheaper 4l+2 point multiplications and extremely small probability of false-positive evaluation. The idea is based on polynomial evaluation and, as presented in the mentioned work, can be applied to the wider range of comparisons, thought its usefulness strongly depends on the form of evaluations.

# Corollary (CL-LRSW ZKP Reduction)

Standard sequential verification of CL-LRSW signature can be reduced to just 4 pairing operations. On the cost of 4l+2 point multiplications and  $\Pr[false-positive] = \frac{2l+1}{a}$ .

# StdVerify:

- 1:  $e([c]\widetilde{C}, G_2) \stackrel{?}{=} e(T [s_r]\widetilde{A}_0 \sum_{i=0}^l [s_i]\widetilde{B}_i, X^{(2)})$
- 2:  $e(\widetilde{A}_0, Z_i^{(2)}) \stackrel{?}{=} e(\widetilde{A}_i, G_2) \quad \forall i \in \{1, \dots l\}$
- 3:  $e(\widetilde{A}_i, Y^{(2)}) \stackrel{?}{=} e(\widetilde{B}_i, G_2) \quad \forall i \in \{0, \dots l\}$

### PolyVerify:

- $1: x \leftarrow \mathbb{Z}_q$
- 2:  $lhs = e([c]\widetilde{C} + \sum_{i=1}^{l} [x^i]\widetilde{A}_i + \sum_{i=0}^{l} [x^{l+i+1}]\widetilde{B}_i, G_2)$
- 3:  $rhs = e(T [s_r]\widetilde{A}_0 \sum_{i=0}^l [s_i]\widetilde{B}_i, X^{(2)}) \cdot e(\widetilde{A}_0, \sum_{i=1}^l [x^i]Z_i^{(2)}) \cdot e(\sum_{i=0}^l [x^{l+i+1}]\widetilde{A}_i, Y^{(2)})$
- 4:  $lhs \stackrel{?}{=} rhs$

# Part II Practice

# **Technical Documentation**

# 4.1 Introduction

This document provides a set of specifications for implementing credential system based on bilinear pairings. The construction is based on the cryptosystem proposed by Camenisch and Lysyanskaya [8], and the work of Słowik and Wszoła [9]. The specification tries to remain agnostic to the specific inner-working of elliptic curves for the calculations, and lists requirements for specific properties to ensure security of the system.

The primary goal of the Credential System (CreS) is to provide the functionality of anonymous credentials, that is verifiable signatures under hidden values. The system consists of three parties: Users, Issuers and Verifiers. Three main procedures are: Setup, Credential Issuance and Credential Verification. The Credential is a signature under a set of attributes (messages) that has two basic properties:

- 1. The signature issuance can be done without the issuer learning the values of attributes (Signature under commitment).
- 2. The verification of signature reveals no information about the signed attributes.

This document describes a credential system and how the components of the system work together. Logical architecture has public-key infrastructure where each credential issuing entity (with published public key) would be verifiable by a chain of certificates. Users, requesting credential issuance, could be anonymous or identifiable, depending on implementation choices.

# **Requirements Terminology**

The key words "MUST", "MUST NOT", "REQUIRED", "SHALL", "SHALL NOT", "SHOULD", "SHOULD NOT", "RECOMMENDED", "MAY", and "OPTIONAL" in this document are to be interpreted as described in RFC 2119 [13].

# Obtaining a Credential

In order to obtain a valid credential, a user must perform the following steps:

### 1. Obtain the issuer's public parameters.

Public parameters contain public key, attributes list and other meta-data required to successfully obtain credential.

# 2. Hide attributes into appropriate commitments.

Based on attributes list user hides the messages for which he requests the credential.

# 3. Proof the possession of hidden values.

The issuing entity has to be sure that the user in fact is in the possession of hidden values. Also some additional properties of the attributes can be verified in this step.

# 4. Store the credential.

If the procedure was performed correctly and all the requirements were met, the issuer creates a valid signature, while remaining agnostic to the signed value.



# Verifying a Credential

In order to verify the credential, a user must perform the following steps:

# 1. Blind the credential and present it.

Randomizing the signature makes it infeasable to link the presentations of the same credential, ergo protecting the privacy of the user.

# 2. Proof the possession of signed values.

Users performs the interactive protocol proving the possession of attribute under which the credential was created. This is done without the necessity to show the attributes to the verifying entity.

# 4.2 Goals of Credential System

The goals of the Credential System, are as follows:

# 1. Cryptographic Security

Credential System should create unforgeable signatures and assure privacy of users data.

# 2. Interoperability

The workings of the system should allow to operate multiple independently developed entities. That is, entities should be able to successfully exchange messages and perform protocols, without knowledge of one another's code.

# 3. Extensibility

Credential System should be a specialized box that uses well-known primitives, and allows possibly seamless addition of protocol extensions to fulfill needs of the specific use case.

# 4. Efficiency

Performed cryptographic computations should be possibly efficient and require small storage size.

# 4.3 Assumptions

# 4.3.1 Security

The Credential System assumes existence of the following:

# 1. Communication security

Secure communication channel between interacting parties is established that provides privacy and data integrity.

# 2. Public Key Infrastructure

Certificate system that has and allows to insert custom data frame.

Communication security assumption can be fulfilled by a TLS Protocol [14], or any other depending on requirements and available technology. PKI assumption can be fulfilled by Internet X.509 Public Key Infrastructure [15], or in cases of limited computational power a more lightweight one, such as Card Verifiable Certificate [16] (CVC).



# 4.3.2 Cryptographic Methods

The Credential System assumes existence of the following cryptographic methods:

### 1. Random Values Generation

Generation of a sequence of values that cannot be predicted.

### 2. Hash Function

Mapping, with infeasibly computable inversion, of data of arbitrary size to a bit string of fixed size.

We refer to standards for cryptographically secure pseudorandom number generators [17], and hash functions [18] as the reference.

# 4.4 Notation

This section summarizes pairing and elliptic curve definitions and notation in this document. We do not present the mathematical background, for this the reader should acquire the knowledge from other sources.

### General

- Let  $\mathbb{Z}_q$  denote integer group modulo q.
- Let  $x \leftarrow A$  denote assigning a random element of set A to the variable x; by  $x_1, \dots x_n \leftarrow A^n$  denote assignment of random n elements.
- Let n denote number of attributes in the credential and l = n 1 for simplification.

# **Elliptic Curve**

- o Let  $\mathbb{F}_p$  denote finite field of prime characteristic p; Let  $\mathbb{F}_{p^r}$  denote its extension field of degree r.
- $\circ$  A curve defined by the following equation E is called an elliptic curve

$$E: y^2 = x^3 + Ax + B$$

such that  $A, B \in \mathbb{F}_p$  and  $4A^3 + 27B^2 \neq 0 \mod p$ .

- $\circ$  Let  $O_E$  denote the point at infinity over elliptic curve E
- $\circ$  Solutions (x,y) for curve E, such that  $x,y\in\mathbb{F}_p$ , as well as point at infinity, are called  $\mathbb{F}_p$ -rational points.
- Let  $\#E(F_p)$  denote the number of points on an elliptic curve E over  $\mathbb{F}_p$ .
- Let k denote embedding degree the minimum integer k such that q is a divisor of  $p^k 1$  and  $q^2$  is not a divisor of  $q^k 1$ .
- $\circ$  Let  $h_1 = \#E(\mathbb{F}_p)/q$  denote the cofactor h of  $E(\mathbb{F}_p)$  and  $h_k = \#E(\mathbb{F}_{p^k})/q^2$  the cofactor of  $E(\mathbb{F}_{p^k})$ .
- $\circ$  Let A and B be points on curve E, and n be an integer from  $\mathbb{Z}_q$ , then A+B denotes point addition; and [n]A denotes scalar point multiplication (the result of adding A to itself n-1 times).
- $\circ$  Let  $\mathbb{G}_1$  be a cyclic subgroup of  $E(\mathbb{F}_p)$  and  $\mathbb{G}_2$  be a cyclic subgroup of  $E(\mathbb{F}_{p^k})$ . Points  $A \in \mathbb{G}_2$  we denote as  $A^{(2)}$ ; Elements of  $\mathbb{G}_1$  are not marked with such index because it would obfuscate the notation.



# **Bilinear Pairing**

- Let  $\mathbb{G}_1$  be a cyclic subgroup of  $E(\mathbb{F}_p)$  of prime order q where generator is denoted as  $G_1$ ; Let  $\mathbb{G}_2$  be a cyclic subgroup of  $E(\mathbb{F}_{p^k})$  of prime order q where generator is denoted as  $G_2$ ; Let  $\mathbb{G}_T$  be a cyclic subgroup of  $(\mathbb{F}_{p^k})$  of order p.
- $\circ$  Let e be an asymmetric bilinear map (pairing)  $e: \mathbb{G}_1 \times \mathbb{G}_2 \to \mathbb{G}_T$  satisfying following:
  - 1. Bilinear: for any  $P \in \mathbb{G}_1$ , for any  $Q \in \mathbb{G}_2$ , for any a, b in  $\mathbb{Z}_q$  relation holds  $e([a]P, [b]Q) = e(P, Q)^{ab}$ .
  - 2. Non-degenerate: there exist P and Q such, that  $e(P,Q) \neq 1$  where 1 is the identity element of  $\mathbb{G}_T$ .
  - 3. Efficient: there exists efficient algorithm for computing e.

A comparatively simple way of hashing into  $\mathbb{G}_1$ :

- 1. Hash into a point on E (by hashing to its x- or y-coordinate and solving the resulting equation for the other coordinate).
- 2. if no solution exists, hash the message concatenated with counter that is increased upon each unsuccessful trial.
- 3. Multiply the point by cofactor  $h_1$ .

This yields a point in  $\mathbb{G}_1$ .

# 4.5 Logical Architecture

The architecture of credential system:

### 1. Certificate Authority (CA)

CA is the root of trust in the system. Users assume the security and outputs of procedures performed by issuing and verifying entities as trustworthy only if they possess a valid certificate under declared properties. Certificate authority sets up the key parameters of the system, which are:

- o Technology of Public Key Infrastructure.
- o Data access policies.
- Secure hash functions.

# 2. User

User is the general agent of the CreS, he requests credential issuance and presents the signature for the verification. It is assumed that active users trust the CA, thought they still can refuse to execute the protocols if they want to.

# 3. Issuing Entity

Issuing entity creates credentials under attributes that are presented by the user. How and which attributes are required is presented in the form of attributes list to the interacting user and must be certified by the CA. It is possible for the issuer to perform additional verification of attributes sent in commitments (e.g. range proofs). Every issuer is allowed to choose the parameters of the curves, but has to meet the security conditions stated by the certificate authority which verifies the curve choices.

# 4. Verifying Entity

Everyone in possession of public keys of the issuer is able to verify the credentials. If additional value checks are desired then verifier can perform additional verification of properties of signed attributes (e.g. range proofs). It is possible for the verifier to be also an issuer, this allows to perform what is called Credential Chaining, that is issuing a new credential with proven values from other issuer. Each action that is an addition to the standard credential verification has to be certified by the CA.



# 4.6 Algorithms

Credential System requires the following general algorithms:

# **Elliptic Curve Arithmetic and Bilinear Pairings**

Details of calculations depend on the curve chosen as the domain parameters selected. We assume efficient implementation of:

- $\circ$  Point Addition in  $\mathbb{G}_1$  and  $\mathbb{G}_2$ .
- $\circ$  Point Multiplication in  $\mathbb{G}_1$  and  $\mathbb{G}_2$ .
- o Bilinear Pairing Computation  $\mathbb{G}_1 \times \mathbb{G}_2 \to \mathbb{G}_T$

# Hashing to an Integer Range

Only hashing to an integer in range  $\{0,...q-1\}$  is considered, where q is the order of group defined by the elliptic curve chosen.

Let H denote hash function chosen as the domain parameter for system. By  $\mathcal{H}(m)$  we denote hash function calculated the following way:

$$\mathcal{H}(m) = \mathsf{H}(m) \mod q$$

We strongly recommend to choose such hash function and elliptic curve that bit length of H is approximately the same as the bit-length of group order q.

# Hashing to a Point on Elliptic Curve

We only consider hashing to the point of  $\mathbb{G}_1$  of unknown discrete logarithm.

Let m be a message to be hashed, c=0 an integer counter, H a hash function defined by domain and E an elliptic curve. By  $\mathcal{H}_{\mathbb{G}_1}(m)$  we denote hash calculated the following way:

- 1. Let  $x = \mathcal{H}(m||c)$  be x coordinate.
- 2. Solve equation E for y coordinate.
- 3. If no solution exists, c = c + 1, and go back to step 1.
- 4. Multiply the point by cofactor h.

This yields a point in  $\mathbb{G}_1$ .

# 4.7 System Setup

In order to initialize CreS following has to be done:

# 1. Certificate Authority Setup

Selection of security parameters required inside the system.

### 2. Issuing Entity Setup

Selection of operational parameters (attributes list, signing keys, additional attributes verification) in accordance to CA requirements and data access policies.

# 3. Verifying Entity Setup

If required, selection of operational parameters in accordance to CA requirements and data access policies.

User does not require any additional initialization procedure to operate in the system. He only has to possess the required attributes, and be able to perform cryptographic operations required and exchange messages in format specified.



# 4.7.1 Certificate Authority

Setup of CA is performed on (before) the start of CreS and defines the key operational parameters and rules all the issuers and verifier use and obey. The trust certificate is issued only to parties fulfilling system requirements. The key system-wide properties and policies are:

- o Public Key Infrastructure
- o Data Access Policies
- o Elliptic Curve Domain
- Hash Functions

# 4.7.2 Issuing Entity

To initialize the system, issuing entity must perform following steps:

### 1. Curve Domain Selection

Issuing entity declares the curve and hash function it will use while creating the credentials. Parameters must be verifiable by any of the interacting parties and meet the requirements of CA.

### 2. Attributes List Declaration

Issuing entity declares list of required attributes and their commitment schemes for credential issuance.

# 3. Key Generation

Issuing entity creates necessary private and public keys for future signatures and verification.

# 4. Trust Certificate Request

CA has to issue the trust certificate for the issuing entity. It is obtained only if the parameters of the curve meet the requirements, and attributes list requests data that is in line with data access policy for this issuer.

# 1. Curve Domain Selection

The design of credential system assumes that each issuing entity can employ the curve and hash function of its choosing. The only requirement is the the curve must fulfill requirements of CA. Though it is recommended to use curves standardized by trusted committees, we do not require it.

**Curve Recommendations** We recommend some of the better known and trusted curves that may be used in an implementation of credential system.

o Barreto-Naehrig Curves - RFC draft [19].

**Hash Function Recommendations** We recommend to use well trusted hash functions

o NIST recommended hash functions [18].

# **Domain Parameters Description**

For elliptic curve  $E(\mathbb{F}_n)$ 

- $\circ$  G1-Curve-ID reference id of the  $\mathbb{G}_1$ .
- $\circ$   $p_b$  prime specifying base field.
- ∘ A, B coefficients of the equation  $y^2 = x^3 + Ax + B$  in  $\mathbb{F}_p$  defining E.
- $\circ G_1 = (x, y)$  base point.



- $\circ q$  prime order of the group  $\mathbb{G}_1$
- $\circ h$  cofactor of  $\mathbb{G}_1$  in  $E(\mathbb{F}_p)$

For curve  $E'(\mathbb{F}_{p^r})$ 

- $\circ$  G2-Curve-ID reference id of the  $\mathbb{G}_2$ .
- $\circ$   $p_b$  prime specifying base field.
- $\circ p_e$  irreducible polynomial specifying extension field.
- $\circ A', B'$  coefficients of the equation  $y'^2 = x'^3 + A'x' + B'$  in  $\mathbb{F}_{p^r}$  defining E'.
- $\circ G_2 = (x', y')$  base point.
- $\circ q'$  prime order of the group  $\mathbb{G}_2$
- $\circ$  h' cofactor of  $\mathbb{G}_2$  in  $E'(\mathbb{F}_{p^r})$

### 2. Attributes List Declaration

Attributes list is a meta-description of the credential issuance process. Required attributes are grouped into commitments with corresponding scheme.

### **Attributes List**

- o The description should provide comprehensive description of the issued credential
- The description of each attribute should provide comprehensive description attribute required. This should allow users to be able to map their attributes with those that are requested by the issuer.
- o The scheme in CommitmentGroup defines which and how the commitments are hidden.
  - open
    - User has to send those attributes in plain-text form. Text string data is signed in hashed form into the credential, while numerical data is not modified.
    - Only one commitment of type open is allowed in the attributes list, all open attributes must be grouped into one commitment.
  - binding
    - User has to send those attributes in hidden form, with no randomizing value. That is two commitments on the same values of attributes will be equal. This scheme should be used when asking about attributes when linking is desired.
  - hiding
    - User has to send those attributes in hidden form, with randomizing value. That is two commitments on the same values of attributes will not be equal (for the different random values). This scheme should be used used when linking of properties is not necessary
- hiding method of commitment should be the default and only in approved and justified cases should the issuer be allowed to view values of attributes in other scheme.
- The total number of commitments should be as small as possible. That is to reduce the number of messages exchanged, ergo increase throughput.
- Each attribute (apart from open) must be an integer. That is, if the required attribute is e.g. a text-string then by the description user should be able to perform the required conversion.



**Achieving Non-Transferability** We suggest the *all-or-nothing* approach to achieve non-transverability property. That is if the credential is meant to be bound with one specific user credential must contain attributes that are crucial to this user. This can be done by requesting a private keys or other attributes that are connected with identity in the issuance process. Hiding those attributes in hiding commitment scheme assure that no one is able to obtain the values itself.

# **Implicit Declarations**

## o Order of Attributes

The index of each attribute is derived from the position inside the AttributesList. That is each subsequent attribute has the index equal to the next subsequent number starting from 0.

### Indexes of Attributes

If any of the commitment schemes declared in AttributesList is of type randomized then we implicitly add a new attribute  $m_0$ , all indexes of other attributes are incremented by one. This is does not need to be declared explicitly because it is easily derived from the structure of AttributesList and is important to generate the proper number of keys in Key Generation.

### Set of Indices

Following the previous points, for each commitment we denote as I as the set of indices of attributes inside.

# 3. Key Generation

The length of keys depends on number of attributes in the credential. Issuer samples n+1 random elements from  $\mathbb{Z}_q$  where n is the number of attributes in the credential, let l=n-1. Because asymmetric bilinear paring is assumed, there have to be two pairs of public keys for  $\{Z_i\}$ , one from each group.

## **Keys Generation**

# 1. Generate private key

```
(x,y,z_1,\ldots,z_l) \leftarrow_{\$} \mathbb{Z}_q^{l+2} where n is the number of attributes in credential. \mathsf{sk}:=(x,y,z_1,\ldots,z_l)
```

# 2. Compute public key

$$\begin{split} X^{(2)} &:= [x]G_2 \\ Y^{(2)} &:= [y]G_2 \\ Z^{(2)}_i &:= [z_i]G_2; \quad Z_i := [z_i]G_1 \text{ for each } i \text{ in } \{1,...l\}. \\ \operatorname{pk} &:= (X^{(2)}, Y^{(2)}, Z^{(2)}_1, \dots Z^{(2)}_l, Z_1, \dots Z_l) \end{split}$$

We will later denote  $Z_0 = G_1$  for simplification of notation.

# 4. Trust Certificate Request

After creation of all parameters the issuing entity has to obtain a certificate from certificate authority (CA). This certificate assures that the issuer does not request attributes he is not have allowed to obtain. If the data access policies are breached, or elliptic curve security is inadequate, it must not receive the certificate. If the certificate is successfully obtained, the issuer receives a global unique identifier.

The design assumes, that users trust CA which attributes and in what form any issuing entity should have access to. If it requests more that it is believed it should, no certificate should be issued. Later, all public parameters are also visible to any interacting party, so if a user does not trust certain parameters he may resign from following the protocol and terminate the execution.



#### **Issuer's Certificate**

Because certificate system depends on the underlying public key infrastructure. It is assumed that the protocol of certificate issuance is PKI dependent. It is assumed that the IssuingAgent object is part of certificate (e.g. additional certificate fields).

# 4.7.3 Verifying Entity

There are three possible modes of operation of verifier:

# 1. Binary Credential Validation

Verifier that is only able to validate if the presented credential is valid or not. Does not require any certificate from CA but cannot request any attributes from the user in any form or commitment. Has no setup procedure.

#### 2. Additional Commitments

Verifier is able to validate additional properties of signed attributes in credential (e.g. perform range proofs). This mode does require certification from CA for the commitments it requests and checks it performs.

#### 3. Chained Issuer

The chained issuer is able to issue a new credential based on verification of the other one. In this sense the credentials are chained - from one credential, another is issued with the same attribute values.

The setup process for *Additional Commitments* and *Chained Issuer* is very similar as for the issuing entity, in description we will only highlight the differences:

#### 1. Curve Selection

Verifier can request other elliptic curve for the additional commitments as the one used by the issuer of credential. Then it should be remembered which calculations are performed on which curve. It is possible but the curves must meet the security requirements of the CA (e.g. equality of group orders q). Setup as Curve Selection in 4.7.2.

#### 2. Commitment List Declaration

Verifier declares list of additional commitments and messages it requires. The set of attributes must be a subset of attributes from the credential being verified. Setup as Attributes List Declaration in 4.7.2.

#### 3. Bases Generation

Calculation of bases for the commitments depend on the mode of verifier. Chained Issuer must generate full set of public and private keys, where the other should propose points with unknown discrete logarithm.

#### Additional Commitments

We recommend points on elliptic curve for the commitment bases to be of unknown discrete logarithm for both user and verifier. This can be achieved by selecting points in a deterministic way verifiable for the CA and users (e.g.  $Q_i \leftarrow \mathcal{H}_{G_1}(\text{VerifierID}||i)$ ).

#### o Chained Issuer

Setup as Keys Generation in 4.7.2

## 4. Trust Certificate Request

CA has to issue the trust certificate for the verifying entity. The process is done according to the policies and security requirements of the system. Setup as Trust Certificate Request in 4.7.2. If the certificate is successfully obtained the verifier is registered under a new unique global identifier.



# ASN.1

```
-- Point on Elliptic Curve --
ECPoint ::= SEQUENCE {
                SEQUENCE OF INTEGER,
    х
                SEQUENCE OF INTEGER
    У
}
SystemSetup DEFINITIONS ::= BEGIN
    -- Elliptic Curve Domain Parameters --
    ECDomain ::= SEQUENCE {
        description IA5String,
        hash_fun
                 IA5String,
        g1_curve
                    G1Curve,
        g2_curve
                   G2Curve
    G1Curve ::= SEQUENCE {
        p_b
                   INTEGER,
                    INTEGER,
        Α
        В
                    INTEGER,
        G_1
                    ECPoint,
                    INTEGER,
        q
                    INTEGER
        h
    }
    G2Curve ::= SEQUENCE {
             INTEGER,
        p_b
        p_e
                   SEQUENCE OF INTEGER,
                   SEQUENCE OF INTEGER,
        Α
                   SEQUENCE OF INTEGER,
        В
        G_2
                    ECPoint,
        q
                    INTEGER,
        h
                    INTEGER
    }
    -- Attributes List Declaration --
    AttributesList ::= SEQUENCE {
        description Description,
        commitments SEQUENCE OF CommitmentGroup
    }
    Description ::= IA5String
    CommitmentGroup ::= SEQUENCE {
        scheme CommitmentScheme,
        attributes SEQUENCE OF Description
    }
    CommitmentScheme ::= ENUMERATED {
        open
                    (0), -- Plain-Text
                            -- Pedersen Vector Commitment; r = 0
        binding
                    (1),
                    (2)
                            -- Pedersen Vector Commitment; r <- Random
        hiding
    }
```



END

```
-- Signature Keys --
PublicKey ::= SEQUENCE {
   Х2
                ECPoint,
   Y2
                ECPoint,
    Z2
                SEQUENCE OF ECPoint,
    Z
                SEQUENCE OF ECPoint
}
SecretKey ::= SEQUENCE {
                INTEGER,
                INTEGER,
   у
                SEQUENCE OF INTEGER
   z
}
-- Issuing Entity Certificate Frame --
IssuingAgent ::= SEQUENCE {
                INTEGER,
    uid
    ec_domain
                ECDomain,
   attributes AttributesList,
   public_key PublicKey
}
-- Verifying Entity Certificate Frame --
VerifyingAgent ::= SEQUENCE {
               INTEGER,
   uid
    verify_uid INTEGER,
    ec_domain ECDomain,
   attributes AttributesList,
   bases
               SEQUENCE OF ECPoint
-- Chained Verifiying Entity Certificate Frame --
ChainedAgent ::= SEQUENCE {
   uid
                INTEGER,
    verify_uid INTEGER,
    ec_domain
                ECDomain,
    attributes AttributesList,
   public_key PublicKey
}
```



# 4.8 Credential Issuance Protocol

In order to obtain a valid credential, a user must execute an interactive protocol with issuing entity (depicted below, see figure 4.1).

User		Issuer
	I. Attributes Commi	tment
<ol> <li>Public Parameters Verification</li> <li>Attributes Commitment</li> </ol>		
	AttributesCommit	<b>→</b>
		3. Attributes Commitment Verification
II. Pro	of of Knowledge of Hide	den Attributes
4. Commitment to Hidden Values		
	Commit	<b>→</b>
		5. Challenge Generation
	Challenge	_
6. Response to Challenge		
	Response	<b>→</b>
		7. Verification of Response
III. (	(Extension) Additional	Verification
	IV. Credential Issu	ance
		8. Credential Creation
	Credential	_
9. Storage of Credential	`	

Figure 4.1: Credential issuance protocol, with marked future extension.

# I. Attributes Commitment

# 1. Public Parameters Verification

User may verify public parameters of the issuing entity, that is

- o Certificate chain in PKI.
- o Security of selected elliptic curve
- Attributes required for credential issuance.
- o Commitment schemes of the attributes.

If the user does not trust any of the presented parameters, he should terminate execution.

## 2. Attributes Commitment

If the users trusts the issuer, then he prepares the required commitments. Keeping the same order as specified in public properties the user performs following depending on the commitment scheme of the attributes. Important to remember that here the index i in  $m_i$  denotes the



index of attribute in set of ALL attributes, not in the commitment group, so that every public key is used as the base for the commitment (no key used twice). We recall notation  $Z_0 = G_1$ . For each commitment of scheme do:

- o open
  - Every attribute  $m_i$  is sent in plain-text form of byte-string.
- binding
  - Commitment is computed as  $M_c = \sum_{i \in I} [m_i] Z_i$  and sent.
- hiding

Commitment is computed as  $M_c = [r]Z_0 + \sum_{i \in I} [m_i]Z_i$ ;  $r \leftarrow \mathbb{Z}_q$  and sent, r is stored for later proofs.

If randomized scheme is used the implicit attribute  $m_0$  serves the role of the randomizer. In that case the value of  $m_0 = \sum r$  from all randomized commitments.

#### 3. Attributes Commitment Verification

Issuer may perform verification of values sent in plain-text (e.g. name, phone number etc.). If any of verification fails the execution should be terminated. It may server the role of an initial check or validation. If all required attributes are of commitment scheme open, then steps 4, 5, 6 and 7 are skipped, and the execution continues from step 8. Credential Creation.

# II. Proof of Knowledge of Hidden Attributes

In this part the user proves the knowledge of attributes that were hidden in the commitments, we denote the set of indices of those attributes by H. If such proof is not required the protocol should continue from part IV. The operations are presented on the figure 4.2.

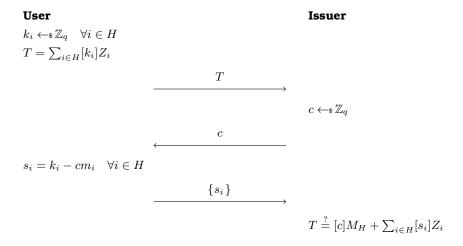


Figure 4.2: Proof of Knowledge of Hidden Attributes.

#### 4. Commitment to Hidden Values

User generates |H| random values, and calculates commitment T.

# 5. Challenge generation

Issuer selects one integer  $c \leftarrow_{\$} \mathbb{Z}_q$  as the challenge for the users claim about knowledge of attributes.

## 6. Response to the Challenge

The response can be properly computed only, if the user actually knows the hidden values.



# 7. Verification of Response

The verification checks if the linear equation holds, if it does not, then the user in fact does not know the values he committed to, ergo he might be impersonating some other user by presenting his exchanged values.

# III. (Extension) Additional Verification

#### **Range Proofs**

After user proved the knowledge of attributes that were hidden in the commitments, he and an issuing entity can perform specialized value checks. The key idea is to allow the issuer to gain knowledge about only some property of hidden value, e.g. if the attribute is from given range.

#### IV. Credential Issuance

#### 8. Credential Creation

Let O denote the set of indices of messages sent in open commitments. The issuer does the following:

- 1. Hashes into  $\mathbb{Z}_q$  all attributes sent in open commitments that are string:  $M_i = \mathcal{H}(m_i) \quad \forall i \in O$
- 2. Computes the final form of commitment to be signed  $M = M_H + \sum_{i \in O} [M_i] Z_i$ .
- 3. Creates the CL-LRSW signature under the commitment M:

```
Generate random \alpha \leftarrow \mathbb{Z}_q
A_0 := [\alpha]G_1 \quad B_0 := [y]A_0
A_i := [z_i]A_0 \quad B_i := [z_i]B_0 \quad \forall i \in \{0, \dots l\}
C := [x]A_0 + [\alpha xy]M
\sigma := (A_0, \dots A_l, B_0, \dots B_l, C)
```

# 9. Storage of Credential

User stores the credential  $\sigma := (A_0, \dots A_l, B_0, \dots B_l, C)$  along with all the values  $\{m_i\}$ . If the credential required generation of random implicit attribute  $m_0$  then this values has to be also saved for future verification.

# ASN.1

```
CredentialIssuance DEFINITIONS ::= BEGIN
    -- I. Attributes Commitment --
    OpenCommitment ::= CHOICE {
        number
                    INTEGER,
        string
                    IA5String
    }
    AttributesCommit ::= {
                    SEQUENCE OF OpenCommitment,
        open
                    SEQUENCE OF CurvePoint
        hidden
    }
    -- II. Proof of Knowledge of Hidden Attributes --
    Commit ::= SEQUENCE {
```



END



# 4.9 Credential Verification Protocol

In order to verify a credential, a user must execute an interactive protocol with verifying entity (depicted below, see figure 4.3).

User		Verifier
	I. Signature Commitme	ent
1. Public Parameters Verification		
2. Signature Commitment		
	AttributesCommit	
		3. Signature Commitment Verification
II. Proof	of Knowledge of Credenti	al Attributes
4. Commitment to Signed Values		
	$\stackrel{{\tt Commit}}{-\!\!\!\!-\!\!\!\!-\!\!\!\!-\!\!\!\!-\!\!\!\!-}$	
		5. Challenge Generation
	Challenge	
6. Response to Challenge		
	$\xrightarrow{\texttt{Response}}$	
		7. Verification of Response
III. (	Extension) Additional Ver	rification
IV.	(Extension) Credential C	haining

Figure 4.3: Credential verification protocol, with marked future extension.

# I. Signature Commitment

#### 1. Public Parameters Verification

As stated in the setup section, only the verifier that requests additional commitments and proofs is required to present the certificate. If no public parameters are specified it is assumed that the default verification is executed.

If present user may verify public parameters of the verifying entity, that is

- o Certificate chain in PKI.
- o Commitment schemes of the attributes.
- o Correctness of declared bases.

If the user does not trust any of the presented parameters, he should terminate execution.

# 2. Signature Commitment

User has to re-randomize the credential and prepare additional commitments if required.

1. Credential randomization

$$r, r' \leftarrow_{\mathbb{S}} \mathbb{Z}_q$$

$$\widetilde{A}_i = [r']A_i \quad \forall i \in \{0, \dots l\}$$

$$\widetilde{B}_i = [r']B_i \quad \forall i \in \{0, \dots l\}$$

$$\widetilde{C} = [rr']C$$

$$\sigma' = (\widetilde{A}_0, \dots \widetilde{A}_l, \widetilde{B}_0, \dots \widetilde{B}_l, \widetilde{C})$$

#### 2. Commitments calculations

Calculated as in Attributes Commitment in Credential Issuance. If the verifier is not an issuer then list of bases of unknown discrete logarithm are interpreted as the public keys  $\{Z_i\}$ .

# 3. Signature Commitment Verification

Verifier may perform verification of values sent in plain-text. If any of the verification fails the execution should be terminated. Performs computations of the commitments  $D_i$  for attributes sent in plain-text by first hashing  $m_i$ .

(Optional) The verifier may now perform the validation of part of credential, or leave this step to the 7. Verification of Response.

$$\circ \ e(\widetilde{A}_0, Z_i^{(2)}) \stackrel{?}{=} e(\widetilde{A}_i, G_2) \quad \forall i \in \{1, \dots l\}$$
$$\circ \ e(\widetilde{A}_i, Y^{(2)}) \stackrel{?}{=} e(\widetilde{B}_i, G_2) \quad \forall i \in \{0, \dots l\}$$

# II. Proof of Knowledge of Credential Attributes

In this part the user proves the knowledge of the attributes that were signed into the credential. We assume that if the message was signed in open commitment then here  $m_i \in O$  is already value of hashed into  $\mathbb{Z}_q$ . Steps are depicted in figure 4.4.

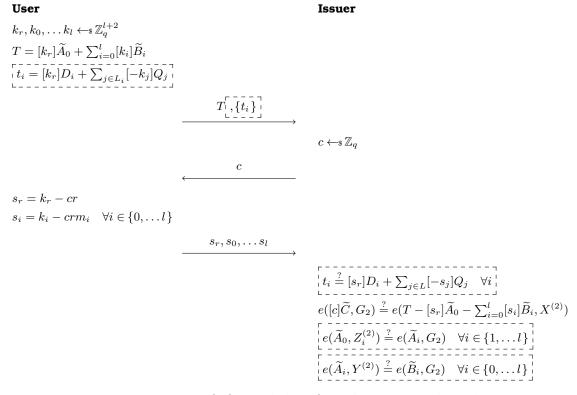


Figure 4.4: Proof of Knowledge of Attributes in Credential.



## 4. Commitment to Signed Values

User generates l+1 random values, and calculates T. If additional hidden commitments  $D_i$  were requested user calculates additional commitments  $\{t_i\}$ .

#### 5. Challenge Generation

Issuer selects one integer  $c \leftarrow_{\$} \mathbb{Z}_q$  as the challenge for the user claim about knowledge of signed attributes.

## 6. Response to Challenge

The user computes response only, if the user knows the signed values of attributes.

#### 7. Verification of Response

Verifier performs the comparison of proper values to check if the user knows signed attributes. If the verification of part of credential was performed in step 3. Signature Commitment Verification then it may be skipped here. The verification of  $\{t_i\}$  (if present) assures that the values in credential are the same as those used in the commitments  $\{D_i\}$ .

# III (Extension) Additional Verification

## **Range Proofs**

It is possible to extend the protocol by specialized value checks (e.g. if the value is in proper range) without revealing the value itself. The structure of those protocols are out of the scope of this document, we just leave the space open for possible extensions. For possible extending protocols we refer to [12].

## **Simple Logical Circuits**

**The Same Value under Commitment** User sent to verifier in previous commitments values  $P_i = [m]G + [r_i]H$  for  $i \in \{1, ...n\}$ . If the verifiying entity wants to check if in fact the same value m was used in all commitments, they perform the protocol depicted in figure 4.6.

One of Values under Commitment User sent to verifier in previous commitment value  $P = [m_a]G + [r]H$  where  $m_a$  might be one of n possible different  $m_i$  values. If the verifier wants to check if the value  $m_a$  is in fact one from the set  $\{m_i\}$ , they perform the protocol depicted in figure 4.5.

# IV (Extension) Credential Chaining

If a verifier is also an issuer, then the protocol can be extended by what is called credential chaining. That is the verifier-issuer can create new credential under hid set of keys under values (or subset of values) of attributes that were just proven valid.

In this extension user would expect to receive new Credential after the verification (see figure 4.7). And the process would be the same as in part IV. Credential Issunace in Credential Issuance Protocol.

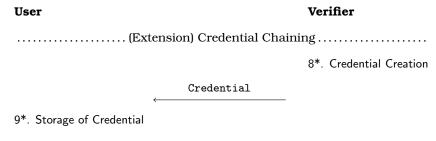


Figure 4.7: Credential Chaining

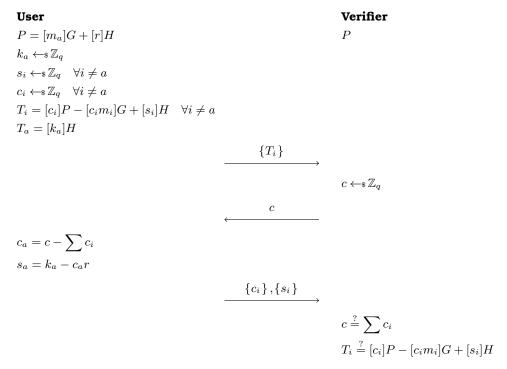


Figure 4.5: Simple check if  $m_a$  is from set  $\{m_i\}$ 

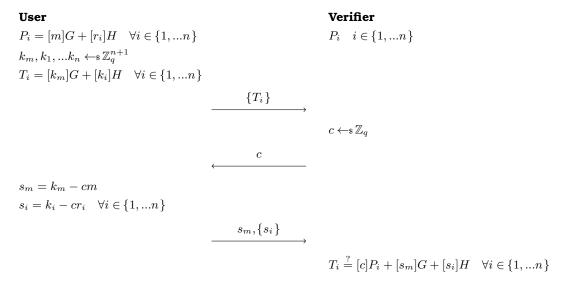


Figure 4.6: Simple check if m is the same in all commitments



# ASN.1

```
CredentialVerification DEFINITIONS ::= BEGIN
    -- I. Signature Commitment --
    OpenCommitment ::= CHOICE {
                    INTEGER,
        number
        string
                    IA5String
    AttributesCommit ::= SEQUENCE {
        sigma Credential,
                    SEQUENCE OF OpenCommitment,
        open
        hidden
                    SEQUENCE OF ECPoint
    }
    -- II. Proof of Knowledge of Credential Attributes --
    Commit ::= SEQUENCE {
        Т
                    ECPoint,
                    OPTIONAL SEQUENCE OF ECPoint
        t
    }
    Challenge ::= SEQUENCE {
                    INTEGER
        С
    }
    {\tt Response} \ ::= \ {\tt SEQUENCE} \ \{
        s_r
                    INTEGER,
                    SEQUENCE OF INTEGER
        s_i
END
```



# 4.10 Security Consiredations

This document describes the cryptographic protocols which security depends entirely on the secrecy of the relevant private keys. For a malicious adversary to defeat the security provided by the algorithms employed would be to perform computationally-intensive cryptographic attacks to recover the private keys.

We assume that users and people implementing CreS will require adequate level of cryptograhic strength, according to NIST [20].

#### o 112-bit level

Is suitable for use in the system where credential expiration time is rather small. Protects information whose useful life time extends up to year 2030.

#### o 128-bit level and more

Is suitable for the use in the system where protection of information whose useful life extends past the year 2030 is required.

Note that the security of some of protocols requires secure hash functions. Because this documentation assumes the freedom of choice for those, we only state that adequate level of security must be assured.

The randomness of the random values that are used in the cryptographic protocols is crucial to the security of the system. Any implementation of CreS must use a source of random values that provides an adequate level of security.

We also note that the security of the credential system strongly relies on the security of transport layer and public key infrastructure. That is system must assure the appropriate level of security.



# **Sample Implementation**

In this chapter we present simple implementation of Credential System with multiple issuers and verifiers. The goal is to present practical examples, some of the calculations and structures for practical clarification.

# 5.1 Simple Infrastructure (Marandil City)

Marandil is a fictional city which was founded on the idea of freedom and privacy. It incorporates many systems extending privacy and the CreS is one of those. We will consider the small subset of activities that Bob (a citizen) might perform on his daily basis. A small part of system consists of:

## o Bob (Credential Wallet)

Bob is a user of the system and owner of Credential Wallet. Wallet is a device that holds Bob's attributes and credentials in a secure way. It is meant to interact with many issuers and verifiers while maintaining easy interface for data management.

#### Identity Department

Identity department issues the residence credential for each of its residents. It verifies personal data and issues credentials that assure that the owner is in fact the person and a citizen of Marandil city (we do not consider the philosophical question what it means to be a person, we just assume that it has to possess some of commonly used attributes like name, age etc.). The process requires physical presence in the department, that is why person's attributes are provided in plain-text.

#### Museums and Art Galleries

Museums and other art galleries are available for free, but only for citizens of Marandil city.

#### Public Transport

Non-transferable monthly tickets for the public transport in the city.

# Bars & Pubs (Age Verification)

Oblivious age verification allows to verify the age interval of the person without revealing exact value.

# 5.2 Attributes Convention

If the system encompasses multiple issuers and verifiers there is a problem with what do certain attributes description actually mean (because attributes are just numbers, they are later interpreted). If there existed some commonly used description system there would be a possibility to automatize some of the processes and also makes it clearer for the standard users what is required of them. Such standardized descriptions is a topic for another documentation (because there is actually a possibility of almost infinite number of attributes, since attributes are just data), here we just propose simple solution for our infrastructure.



UID	Туре	Description		
Device Attributes				
DEVICE_FAMILYID	INTEGER	Serial number of device family		
DEVICE_UNIQUEID	INTEGER	Unique device identification number		
Device_SecretKey	INTEGER	Unique device secret key		
Personal Identification				
ID_NAME	IA5STRING	First name or names of the person		
Id_Surname	IA5STRING	Surname of the person		
Id_Address	IA5STRING	Corespondence address		
Id_DateOfBirth	INTEGER	Date of birth (in days since birth of Nikola Tesla)		
ID_PEN	INTEGER	Evidence Number (10 digits)		
Public Transport Ticket				
PUBTRANS_TICKETTYPE	ENUMERATE	One of ticket types		
PubTrans_Entitlement	ENUMERATE	One of entitlements for discounts		

# 5.3 Curve Selection

Marandil City head cryptographer (*Mr. Nightingale*) recommended to employ secure and efficient solution for the elliptic curve domain. Namely domain parameters by Nogami et al. / Aranha et al. [19] and recommended sha256 hashing function.

```
bnG1Curve G1Curve =
 p_b = 0x2523648240000001ba344d8000000008612100000000013a70000000000013,
  A = 0x0,
 B = 0x2,
 G_1 = {
    x = 0x8b1ef423c291ea8aed4f8af7eed2c4eba9f4c9241a1b339c21af4889b36e5e3,
    y = 0x120be25954367e112c9e06c1e46d181af3329ea10d1f73566044c8915744ab28
  },
 q = 0x2523648240000001ba344d8000000007ff9f800000000010a100000000000000d
 h = 0x1
bnG2Curve G2Curve =
  p_b = 0x2523648240000001ba344d8000000008612100000000013a70000000000013,
  p_e = [
    0x0,
    -0x1
 ],
 A = 0x0,
 B = [
    0x1,
    -0x1
 ],
  G_2 = {
      0xb1eb82108e50b87a2e2191ce897a0199ee4fe4d5f6e4f842d5369aa02908818,
      \tt 0x709ded672cebce59d807d09c8de9edacc34430e80484b0cc269ab6d341b42bc
    ],
      0x7dbee810770c4c5939f8024426a802240d74bba76c775ab07eacecf76620287,
      \tt 0x390e77ca4f38bc1b2153e4de511b73cd6b5f0d63e76befb804676eaf11b459f
  },
  q = 0x2523648240000001ba344d8000000007ff9f80000000010a1000000000000000d
  h = 0x2523648240000001ba344d8000000008c2a2800000000016ad0000000000019
```



```
bnECDomain ECDomain =
  description = 'BN254 Curve - Nogami et al.',
  hash_fun = 'sha256',
  g1_curve = bnG1Curve,
  g2_curve = bnG2Curve
```

# 5.4 Personal Identification

Only for Personal Identification entity we append all structures to present further calculations. For other entities we only append most crucial structures while omitting calculations.

# 5.4.1 System Setup

Issuance of the Residence Credential has to preformed in the proper department of the city and requires physical presence of the person, this is why it assumes that attributes are provided in the open, plain-text form. Below are presented parameters of the issuer, while the IdlssuingAgent is approved by the CA.

```
IdAttributeList AttributeList =
  description = 'Personal Identification Entity - Marandil City',
  commitments = [
      scheme = open,
      attributes = [
        'Id_Name',
        'Id_Surname',
        'Id_Address',
        'Id_DateOfBirth',
        'Id_PEN'
     ]
    }
  ]
IdSecretKey SecretKey =
  x = 0x207bcf42ba5ff98b02e1cc81e41c50bb620a4ba297705faf3ff4e47e9704b297
  y = 0x20b21c396dd92f4932a69abc2f36d3e8a125b2d8fcf6b5e5b32cc26c760cd201,
  z = [
    0xf3fa266b228a97b3439e7ad63ea4cf0745e2f0ce29246fab275b7b1c2eb6b1a,
    0x227707d04283c78f5bd5c27c74b36d018cf45b202a0dd9140d1f5e7558c45e52,
    0x147cf1bdec23de96ef7162568427cecdd3cb073ecb52c6ae503ac36c5b0f5dc9,
    \tt 0x72279eccf95579b7e09e14ee34135427346fa862841e18a8681e4cadb7db52c
  ]
IdPublicKey PublicKey =
  X2 = {
    x = [
      0x18ecf6e306f6bd6b9ce5e21c8cb91ab6d6d3b23616e3d9426c925bfd3ff64edf,
      0x11cba589b15617ba8920477d826158bff2571a2ec24469b14c166f13d3ef02b7
    ],
    y = [
      \tt 0x8911f805f9cc27ea53c9db82b825725df464f645edf277de2a04c61bb5886b1,
      \tt 0x9450fd3655ebfc6765e61fcc25eacfde47c99b7cea9c063c79fe6cad5fa48d5
    ]
  },
  Y2 = {
      0x1f3f8dfc4c59eff593f8ef3c16b7290804308f338e969f5d393f258f367f80a0,
      ],
    y = [
```



```
0x6cce177c6609ee9eec200e0b5b3e6808006fe999448ec78d2a769a0b4b3f3aa,
         0x82214b58b2202df3ede3d5b0b9e746df32b60a03f5ee72aebe4d25bc244adcd
    ]
},
Z2 = [
    {
        x = [
             0x19be7a2c7cc67fff7713d485b794563cf7fed530199d0e3154c099946375fb7d,
             0x1c9c7252fbd7a0b81bfd8993a4209d7ff8ccbf9e401d0cecebbfb02790165b6b
         ],
         y = [
             0x1bad3ca992398f81d2cbfc4a2cb155374e023534e33de748fc2980e44a6cb860,
             0x1882b3b0e8952d7b69d3cdf3878b73e4095f01c7af6f3d62404b26e7cd2258ed
         ]
    },
     {
         x = [
             0x83368c8680c000f19869529d04826b86af5234f520458893c7e19758da643e7,
              0x14d6098c0557e71718a4a29accb8a32bede4b4622d454f00b7d6b2909efeb053
         ],
         y = [
              0x18e901e911cb47bae4ee56b1bfce7d69f9f70560ec66762e57877665e0181ed2,
             0 \\ x \\ 10 \\ b \\ 50 \\ 36 \\ d \\ 25 \\ f \\ 029 \\ def \\ 5eb \\ 46 \\ d \\ 57558 \\ a \\ 11638 \\ b \\ a \\ ca \\ 69 \\ ae \\ 967297 \\ b \\ 46069 \\ a \\ 23675 \\ f \\ 7cf \\
         ]
    },
     {
         x = \Gamma
             0xe8c319472af76485fb7b2008d6a679ec3f0681f3affbc5a6e3ad61f39b0ed80,
             ],
         y = [
             0x29e0dfc06dc93b399e0f22fa9526c48060053db2ef2e67a56300fca745ba1a9,
             0x1d29345a58158bc9871f322016ff16bdc62b5e26cf35eb4cdd61744f67cf60f1
         ]
    },
     {
         x = [
             0x106e2c9ce7ac1e685fbaf2d5d012041ae7f93b193089d6a05c167778d73e6e84,
             0x11ca0dbb95abeca3b0d3b7c5ebd771083ba73083dea9b5f252e12fb181d1804c
         ],
         y = [
             0x23b3e952cbb03fbf2b5aaa2ba1617e4352f633a1fcf0d0dbd016c9362b6d66ec,
              }
],
Z = [
     {
         x = 0x7e448817712e6b56a3767f958634ea2e7aee15d9ac70a7ab29b67d0d9478a24.
             = 0xc1a638d3da98376de155438cbfdd4fbf9b5603e533c2faa938f7ad20309a0c1
         у
    },
     {
         x = 0x1d69e5b60d65c899f328a619ef2bef181768f2a954a85522b9dacbf85492fbf9,
             = 0x1fcb8d19e9a635a03d4a74e55974fd5de968bbef9458a783a4e7db17b1756c2a
         У
    },
     {
         x = 0x9d800588b120c0b612b869ff789e244c260cfbf17df5dce25efb0b2d08b1cfa,
         y = 0 \times 2301 \text{c} 742334 \text{f} 1 \text{e} 79150 \text{a} \text{f} 246 \text{a} \text{f} \text{e} 4\text{b} 36314043208 \text{c} 40164532 \text{e} 62 \text{d} 6\text{d} \text{b} 457692 \text{e} \text{f}
    },
     {
         x = 0x205f128a3b147439e2c8d62667870811757ff39646fa10552a57cd0e2070b315,
             = 0x225645636e118d564167f57ed270cc1bcf0739d5212de2fa61c37c93306131f6
```



```
IdIssuingAgent IssuingAgent =
  uid = 0x1,
  ec_domain = bnECDomain,
  attributes = IdAttributeList,
  public_key = IdPublicKey
```

#### 5.4.2 Credential Issuance

When Bob decided to move to Marandil City he had to obtain a Residence Credential. Apart from some troubles while gathering required documents (actually there weren't any, that is why he got confused) the process went of issuance went without any disturbances.

**Bob** had to prepare his attributes and sent appropriate commitments.

UID	Value	
ID_NAME	Вов	
Id_Surname	Kowalsky	
Id_Address	Main Street 9/11 Marandil	
Id_DateOfBirth	45110 (1980-01-12)	
ID_PEN	9876543210	

```
bobAttributesCommit AttributesCommit =
  open = [
    Bob,
    Kowalsky,
    Main Street 9/11 Marandil,
    0xb036,
    0x24cb016ea
],
hidden = []
```

**Office Worker** checked the validity of the data presented and proceeded to the credential creation. He transformed attributes sent in plain-text into appropriate values  $m_i$  from domain and calculates the message commitment M. Values sent as strings were hashed while the numbers remained without modification.  $M = [m_0]G_1 + [m_1]Z_1 + [m_2]Z_2 + [m_3]Z_3 + [m_4]Z_4$ 

Because all attributes were sent in open no prove of knowledge was required and the execution continued from signature creation.

For  $\alpha = 0$ xb21f793cb7127f97c3ae438250b3733bccd514f4b7c625586c6848f2a815297.



```
= 0x10bfe4565f885dcc7cd07a2f8bb8046016d18d1c3c4283a1e195951e0f07c0ed
 },
  {
    x = 0x23989885d158d2d0b1fe564b72f4ee6618c936ea54322a129776792946778d3c,
   y = 0x15faf52ea77a1a253da66ceff82abdc386454b268d697717a3c30775576bc393
 },
  {
   x = 0x1d2b8021725e54ef2b5d08735f6b2ad55aae2f04bffa89fadecbb7f1f43d5d5a,
   y = 0x2341fbe4fe3b25be7bfe0205ea5e3eb0449e79619ce75195dc58fc851f39a621
 },
  {
    x = 0x1330fc26bf918032f62b8ae04f2c2c786587d55b70a0c780d8d79883769035d1,
   y = 0xa51119a2b9e8787b84f31e6e39187deb1cb9fa4ae88c1be36b555e791f581c8
 }
],
B = \Gamma
 {
    x = 0x154db90b2453239d546969372f91c314ab84aa41ded6984483c0caa3debc49ba
     = 0x24b6a66aa63d7968f3a4ba14cd3b42695f6133ee906f26c21699243a4c5ed526
 },
  {
    x = 0x946dad1605feabbe8deb0dc72803514bb35fa3b6acb4feb590cb300be544fcd,
     = 0x21a80c9cdec14bdd272261041cdae5cdc7b8e36c7522f4222169b597ab9ee6c3
 },
    x = 0x221b7c01cb593ea23b13eb42fc504b20a2a237e785ab3c1ed4ae0fdccba3114,
    y = 0x7f24c940374ea692664c90bfd3a94e1c898cf9d5be9dc72211f6cf6666cfd9f
 },
  {
   x = 0x1335d9537535132c5931fe7ef2e47059e20effaa6ccb1d57debca9484d829efe,
   y = 0x2142af305d1d4426316523c01b062df83bfdc07038b1884425686a74bb1459ab
 },
  {
   x = 0x701c38e2e55eb21fca483e57a51cbd399a0b3e704063572a07f449a06a6bac6,
   y = 0x904dc4565580e4b0b2dd96a2b05ceb23ae0b0cc0843e39212c75bf37c9c0124
 }
],
C = {
 x = 0x244b50813cb4e4fd67b8ca8c6e415c2dc643687b0cceaec06c0d260504e5d367,
  y = 0x19e04bcf593369994339939188a3dc58f3038c03a2f7637730d9614ecb7c1568
```

# 5.4.3 Credential Verification

On Thursday evenings Bob likes to extend his knowledge of the past, and visits one of many museum in the city. Because the art and history in Marandil city was decided to be free for all citizens without exceptions already long time ago, he just has to prove the possession of valid Residence Credential. He does it while not disclosing any personal information. Thanks to the ever going improvements in the existing systems the verification took so little time, that Bob did not have to stop while passing the entrance gate.

CommitmentRandom was appended for testing purposes. Museum does not require any initialization because it perform standard credential verification.



```
{
        x = 0x441b3bf6a68cbc09b8a828650d0c3943baa6a42a2750030a7ea6e9a1da30a65,
        y = 0xb44d8434e4328dd7572173ec159a3ee3ed4d8f0688ebc843af470025730e45d
      },
      {
        x = 0xa176d0943f1eac3a8c487889f0874cba37af50e9f5ec835978ba086a0fc193c
        y = 0x144b4145c5db5b1362deea311bce208fd7edfc12965c8b9b3548f59822d419d7
      },
      {
        x = 0xe67369d0b75c59fb5957a5a4f80e6aaae11a6b2252979fe34710e1628958dd6,
          = 0xeea99cb51a696201127746807ad5ec3a1e5a02e85615e075b817a49bd3bcb95
      }
    ],
    B = \Gamma
      {
        x = 0x1612ace5176e8b42cde85f7abdc1cb84a1078062e7b3f0c281605e4f09231236,
        y = 0x1a2abcd0225b3849d7255f99e92467f71807f1bd11183f498b30acec5686495c
      }.
      {
        x = 0x1b172f9b54a3802b716cc6deb50a34063a3b628532a7ef381071e10b0974d121,
          = 0x1850c1322940c8db7b6d522cdcad8514f5178e02575ff5cd3b2df7aefe9f3fef
      },
      {
        x = 0x13b71e1a59dab011cd55aea91314d8370d2c4ae4eca75132dff42536bead28ac,
        y = 0x12490f563b61697a550f3ccc6a3d13cc92b68c57fe46dce47af235fed086dd41
      },
      {
        x = 0x17d4bb0754240bf04efc344bbe36a9830c0afee10bca12c508db875e766f2113,
        y = 0x464a3c8ce0c1ccc6353761b68c4f2f9ac01b963144ea8f8b67ec7e0a2fb94a5
      },
      {
        x = 0x1aa57371b78c5dbe225f79c4b104e8e8b0609199322d4a844e900d24f9c2ccae,
          = 0x918ea334ea4778aa4206e4b65f4f2c217cccd4787e2bdc2fe88b60b7a37b230
      }
    ],
    C = {
      x = 0xc4f88277608fc529086b7599d3e9219bbb28e9aa01dc18b6b02735c87a50af
      y = 0x8ba47a6adbd027f56cedaae610779723a6ebe8ca4e765c239b3af2282568b9e
    }
 },
  open = [],
  hidden = []
Commit =
  T = {
    x = 0x3463922d80f90136a075ed5e6637deb85e89f87c15735388cb40e21f724aa83,
    y = 0x88c39c87c35cfa1759c8ad906bb08d40e530f7e71dd44b32b836dfaf5c4aef8
CommitmentRandom =
  r = 0x71ef5a246f605877bbb6a28f3e8a168e84664040822e7ba58186287c676be28,
  r' = 0x1150f58a0cd36e9f2daed5041d77d4eb1bf16cccdc29fbd657459502d6c114c3,
  k_r = 0x93f04edb2871a44b9bf4e1b59ba19c905ae54fac9c1474df26e7600aa50fc1e,
  k_i = [
    0x24838ebf47d8f4b21026d0f985f9992df65fac46386a8218afe23d124302117,
    0xff39aa7fcc758926ff124e2e69b91358d0d9c6654b5c9aa21d10a06b7894d9,
    0xb666866d94092f67e0a5531f8600be7f530e423b81decd84320f40b1cefe8ed,
    0x192e126655f3b8bb7e61dfb94f51b9b22c2d49a9de9324ad70532e7850033d62.
    0x22f9458a9a8b05147ca8ad29e7c3b87d5f81e8f96db2dd08cacbee463cc4ebe.
    0x1fec416907b5e139c1e3e9b2405959d2a361a2bf9390c658afcdfecb8125eaa2,
    \tt 0x1285a624154ca1f47f739699685e8e80afadb97bcf4fe1226a1539d4a18daa26
```



# 5.5 Public Transport

Non-transferable monthly tickets for the public transport are one of the most common goods bought in the city. Bob buys ticket bound to his credential wallet each month, depending on the mood he chooses one of several types of tickets. The CreS allows to verify just the fact of possession of valid ticket without disclosing the actual data. It is also possible to employ discounts for some entitled people.

# 5.5.1 Setup

If one of used commitment schemes is of type hiding remember about additional key (because of randomizing value)

```
PubTransAttributeList AttributeList =
  description = 'Public Transport - Marandil City',
  commitments = [
    {
      scheme = hiding,
      attributes = [
        'Device_FamilyID',
        'Device_UniqueID',
        'Device_SecretKey'
      ]
    },
      scheme = hiding,
      attributes = [
        'PubTrans_TicketType'
    },
      scheme = hiding,
      attributes = [
         'PubTrans_Entitlement'
  ]
```

## 5.5.2 Credential Issuance

**Bob** has to prepare his attributes and send appropriate commitments.



UID	Value
DEVICE_FAMILYID	0x1337
DEVICE_UniqueID	0x1969712d2ba2a8e79702f9960
Device_SecretKey	0x1e4bcd7636f360e08aa8327a405e8a72
PubTrans_TicketType	ALL_MONTHLY (42)
PUBTRANS_ENTITLEMENT	STUDENT (123)

He samples at random  $r_1$ ,  $r_2$  and  $r_3$  as the randomizes for the commitments and then computes proper hidden commitments

Continuing the protocol Bob has to remember new value of  $m_0$  (and all  $r_i$  values if the specialized proofs will be executed).

**Issuer** in the step 7. Verification of Response the  $M_H$  is equal to the sum of all commitments  $M_H = M_1 + M_2 + M_3$ 

# 5.6 Bars & Pubs (Age Verification)

Under-age drinking was never a problem in Marandil city. Oblivious verification of age from Residence Credential reduced the time and effort necessary for age verification to milliseconds.

Each month Marandil City organizes public meeting to exchange ideas with residents and share new solutions to everyday problems. Last month the proposal of incorporation of oblivious age verification into online-transactions was discussed. The topic was started by worrying parents that feared their kids would buy something that is not appropriate for their age (by accident of course). The topic has been put under further consideration.

#### 5.6.1 Setup



# 5.6.2 Credential Verification

**Bob** has to prepare this Residence Credential and a commitment of the birth date. He samples r as the randomizing value of the commitment and then computes proper hidden comitment.

$$M_1 = [r]G_1 + [age]Z_1$$

Continuing the protocol Bob proves that age in the additional commitment and in his ID is the same. After validation of credential the range check on age commitment is performed.

# Conclusion

# 6.1 Summary of Contribution

We have gone thought the design of Credential System based on bilinear pairings. Starting from some intuitions and goals, though definition and protocols to the implementation guidelines and simple examples. On each of stages we have chosen the solutions that lead to the versatile system. We hope that we have shown the value of such system for the real-world solutions though the whole process and examples mentioned.

We based the solution on the work of Camenisch and Lysyanskaya [8, 11, 2]. Focused on improvements introduced by Słowik and Wszoła [9] and considered possible extensions [10, 12] and their interoperability with the basic system.

One of the motivations behind work on Credential System design was to start the discussion on the topic of practical applications of such system, and it's feasibility. We hope that this will start the conversations.

## 6.2 Future Work

The Credential System (CreS) proposed in this paper fulfills functionality goals of system stated in the beginning of the design process, yet we acknowledge that there are still areas where improvements should be made:

#### Range Proofs

Mentioned only as an extension, range proofs should be incorporated into the credential system specification.

## Other Signature Schemes

It should be considered to analyze other signature schemes for credentials that fulfill system requirements. As the CL-LRSW is linear in attributes in size the improvements can be made in this area.

# o Better Integration with Domains and Pseudonyms

It should be considered to incorporate more features of pseudonymous system into CreS e.g. Pseudonymous Certificate System proposed by Słowik and Wszoła in [9].



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