Lab 7 Report

CSL 6010 - Cyber Security

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Task:

To define three agents: A, B, and a Trusted Third Party T

A and T share a symmetric key ANT

B and T share a symmetric key BAT

A wants to establish a symmetric session key AKB shared with B

$$A \rightarrow T \rightarrow B$$

Let A and T share symmetric key Kat

B and T share symmetric key Kbt

And A wants to share the symmetric key Kab with B

1) Specifying Protocol and Properties

Using keyExchange1.hlpsl:

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SPAN 1.6 - Protocol Verification : keyExchange1.hlpsl

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%%% Key exchange protocol (with 3 bugs in the spec (see below))

%%% 1. A -> T: {Kab}_Kat

%%% 2. T -> B: {Kab}_Kbt
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A sends T the symmetric key Kab encrypted with the key Kat. Then T sends the symmetric key to be transferred Kab to B but here also the the key Kab is encrypted with the key Kbt.

```
role role_A(A:agent,B:agent,T:agent,Kat:symmetric_key,SND,RCV:channel(dy))
played_by A

def=

local

State:nat,
Kab:symmetric_key
init

State := 0

transition

1. State=0 \(\lambda\) RCV(start) =|> State':=1
\(\lambda\) Kab':=new() \(\lambda\) SND(\{Kab'\}_Kat)
\(\lambda\) secret(Kab',sec_1,\{A,B,T\})
\(\lambda\) SND(Kab') \(\lambda\) Unsafe protocol but claimed SAFE!,
\(\lambda\) Because of the bugs in the spec.

end role
```

The above code is for the role of A. A creates a new symmetric key Kab' and sends it to T upon encrypting it with the key Kat.

```
role role_T(T:agent,A:agent,B:agent,Kat,Kbt:symmetric_key,SND,RCV:channel(dy))
played_by T

def=

local

State:nat,

Kab:symmetric_key
init

State := 0

transition

1. State=0 \ RCV({Kab'}_Kat) =|> State':=1 \ SND({Kab'}_Kbt)

end role
```

The above code is for the role of Trusted Third Party T. T sends the Kab' received from A to B upon encrypting it with the key Kbt.

```
role role_B(B:agent,A:agent,T:agent,Kbt:symmetric_key,SND,RCV:channel(dy))
played_by B

def=

local

State:nat,

Kab:symmetric_key

init

State := 0

transition

1. State=0 \( \) RCV(\{Kab'\}_Kbt\) =|> State':=1

end role
```

B receives the msg received from trusted third party T.

```
role session(A:agent,B:agent,T:agent,Kat,Kbt:symmetric_key)
def=

local

SND3,RCV3,SND2,RCV2,SND1,RCV1:channel(dy)
composition
role_A(A,B,T,Kat,SND1,RCV1) /\
role_B(B,A,T,Kbt,SND2,RCV2) /\
role_T(T,A,B,Kat,Kbt,SND3,RCV3)
end role
```

The role_A takes as input the channels SND1 and RCV1, and it interacts with agents B and T using the symmetric key Kat. Similarly, the role_B takes as input the channels SND2 and RCV2, and it interacts with agents A and T using the symmetric key Kbt. Finally, the role_T takes as input the channels SND3 and RCV3, and thus the symmetric key Kab is transferred between A and B with the help of trusted third party T.

```
role environment()

def=

const

kat,kbt,kit:symmetric_key,
alice,bob,trusted:agent,
sec_1,auth_1:protocol_id
intruder_knowledge = {alice,bob,kit}
composition

composition
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composition
session(alice,bob,trusted,kat,kbt)/\ session(alice,i,trusted,kat,kit)
end role

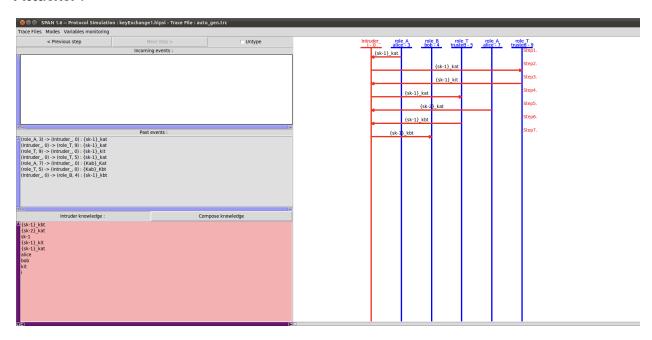
goal
secrecy_of sec_1
end goal
environment()
```

The environment defines three agents: Alice, Bob, and Trusted, and it defines the intruder's knowledge, which includes Alice, Bob, and the symmetric key kit. Finally, a security goal is defined using the "goal" construct in SPAN. The goal specifies that the protocol should not reveal any information that is supposed to be kept secret, such as the shared session key or the symmetric keys kat and kbt.

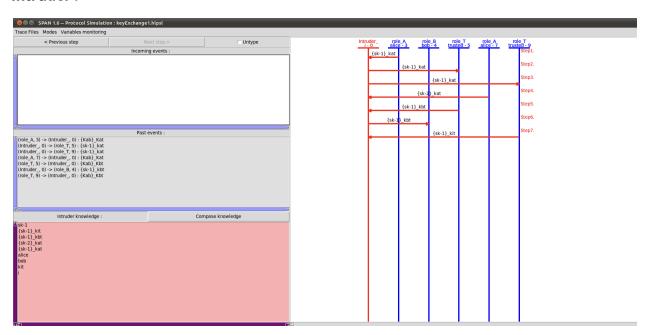
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composition
                   session (alice,bob,trusted,kat,kbt) \land session (alice,i,trusted,kat,kit)
end role
    secrecy_of sec_1
end goal
environment()
%%% Bugs can be found using span
%%% 1) No transition can be triggered (even in intruder simulation)
%%% This means that the first transition of the protocol cannot occur.
%%%
       Thus, the problem is located in the role A.
%%%
        This is due to the State=1 check of role A, which is impossible to satisfy. Correct by
%%%
%%%
%%% 2) After correcting the first bug. Try again to start a protocol simulation. Again no transition
%%% can be fired. Using intruder simulation, we can see that the message can be sent (to the intruder
        that receives any message) but not received by T. Thus, the problem is located in the role T.
       T cannot receive the message (although it is correctly built). If we look at the reception pattern in the role T,
%%% it is also correct. Thus, someting else prevents T from receiving the message. In the "variable monitoring menu",
%%% chose to monitor variables of T, and select them all. Then by clicking on the pink rectangle on the fired transitions,
%%%
        you can unfold the content of variables. If no transition is fired, no pink rectangle is displayed. By inspecting
%%%
        the values of the variable, you can see that the values for the variable Kat is incorrect. It is set to kbt.
%%%
        This is due to the session declaration that is buggy. Initialisation of role T is role_T(T,A,B,Kbt,Kbt,SND3,RCV3)
%%%
        where Kbt appears twice. The first one should be Kat. Correct it.
%%%
%%% 3) After correcting this bug. Try again to start a protocol simulation. Again simulation is stuck but after the first
%%% Transition. Using Intruder simulation, we can see that the second message can be sent by T but not received by B.
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2) Debugging specification using animation: Find the blocking transition, monitor the Variables

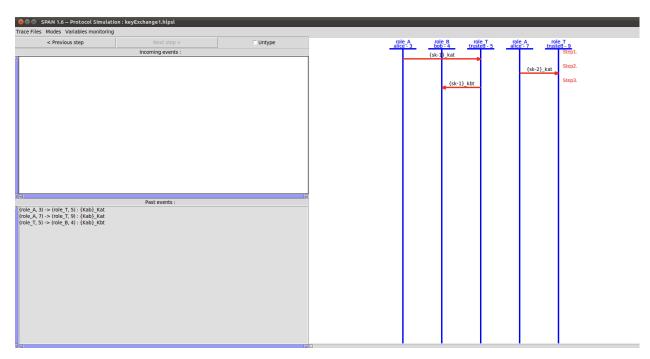
Attacker:



Intruder:



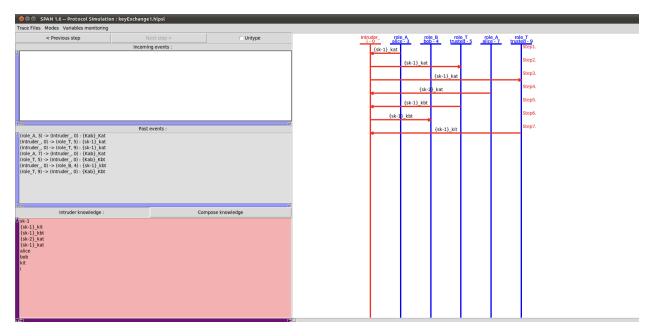
Protocol:





We can see from the above screenshot that our protocol keyExchange1 is SAFE.

3) Attack discovery, strengthening the protocol



Protocol strengthening can be done by adding more security mechanisms, repeating the process ,etc.

4) Tuning and optimizing the protocol

Optimization of the protocol can be done by reducing the number of messages excchnages, using caching and pre computation, etc.

Following is the optimized code:

```
role role_A(A:agent,B:agent,T:agent,Kat:symmetric_key,SND,RCV:channel(dy))
played_by A
def=
       local
              State:nat,
       Na, Nb:text,
       Kab:symmetric_key
       init
              State := 0
       transition
               1. State=0 \land RCV(start) = |>
         State':=1 \land Na':=new() \land Kab':=new() \land SND({B.Kab'}_Kat) \land
secret(Kab',sec_1,{A,B,T})
              2. State=1 \land RCV(\{B.Nb'\}_{Kab}) = |> State':=2 \land SND(\{Nb'\}_{Kab})|
         %% A checks that B uses the same key
         %% that he sent at step 1.
         \land request(A,B,auth_1,Kab)
         %% A hopes that Nb will permit to authenticate him
         \land witness(A,B,auth_2,Nb')
```

```
end role
```

```
role role_T(T:agent,A:agent,B:agent,Kat,Kbt:symmetric_key,SND,RCV:channel(dy))
played_by T
def=
       local
              State:nat,Na:text,Kab:symmetric_key
       init
              State := 0
       transition
              1. State=0 /\ RCV({B.Kab'}_Kat) =|>
        State':=1 /\ SND({A.Kab'}_Kbt)
end role
role role_B(B:agent,A:agent,T:agent,Kbt:symmetric_key,SND,RCV:channel(dy))
played_by B
def=
       local
              State:nat,Na,Nb:text,Kab:symmetric_key
       init
              State:=0
       transition
              1. State=0 \(\) RCV(\(\)(A.Kab'\)_Kbt) =|>
        State':=1 \land Nb':= new() \land SND({B.Nb'}_Kab')
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```
%% B hopes that Kab will permit to authenticate him
       ∧ witness(B,A,auth_1,Kab')
      2. State=1 \\ RCV({Nb}_Kab) = | > State':=2
      %% B checks that he receives the same nonce
      %% that he sent at step 1.
      \land request(B,A,auth_2,Nb)
end role
role session(A:agent,B:agent,T:agent,Kat,Kbt:symmetric_key)
def=
      local
             SND3,RCV3,SND2,RCV2,SND1,RCV1:channel(dy)
      composition
      role_A(A,B,T,Kat,SND1,RCV1) ∧
             role_B(B,A,T,Kbt,SND2,RCV2) ∧
      role_T(T,A,B,Kat,Kbt,SND3,RCV3)
end role
role environment()
def=
      const
             kat,kbt,kit:symmetric_key, %% we add a symmetric key: kit shared
between the intruder and T
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```
alice,bob,trusted:agent,
       sec_1,auth_1,auth_2:protocol_id
       intruder_knowledge = {alice,bob,kit} %% ... and we give it to the intruder
       composition
         %% We run the regular session
              session(alice,bob,trusted,kat,kbt)
         %% in parallel with another regular session
       ∧ session(alice,bob,trusted,kat,kbt)
          %% and a session between the intruder (with key kit) and bob
       ∧ session(i,bob,trusted,kit,kbt)
          %% and a session between alice and the intruder (with key kit)
       ∧ session(alice,i,trusted,kat,kit)
end role
goal
      secrecy_of sec_1
   authentication_on auth_1
   authentication_on auth_2
end goal
environment()
```