# three-pass mutual authentication

## Protocol Purpose

Two parties authenticate each other. Aim of the Mutual authentication is to make sure to each of the parties of the other's identity. In this protocol a confirmation of the successful authentication is sent by the initiator.

#### **Definition Reference**

• [CJ, ISO97]

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## Alice&Bob style

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1. B -> A : Nb, Text1
2. A -> B : PKa,A,{PKa,A}inv(PKs),Na,Nb,B,Text3,{Na,Nb,B,Text2}inv(PKa)
3. B -> A : PKb,B,{PKb,B}inv(PKs),Nb,Na,A,Text5,{Nb,Na,A,Text4}inv(PKb)
```

### Problems considered: 2

#### **Attacks Found**

None

#### Further Notes

inv(PKs) is the private key of the server C; {PKa,A}inv(PKs) is the certificate of agent A, and {PKb,B}inv(PKs) is the certificate of agent B.

## **HLPSL Specification**

end role

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role iso4_Init ( A,B: agent,
                 Pkb, Pks: public_key,
                 Snd,Rec: channel(dy))
played_by B
def=
  local State
                       : nat,
                       : public_key,
         Pka
         Nb
                        : text,
         Na, Text2, Text3: text
  const ctext1,ctext4,ctext5: text
  init State := 0
  transition
   1. State = 0
      /\ Rec(start)
      =|>
      State' := 1
      /\ Nb' := new()
      /\ Snd(Nb'.ctext1)
      /\ witness(B,A,nb,Nb')
   2. State = 1
      /\ Rec(Pka'.A.{Pka'.A}_inv(Pks).Na'.Nb.B.Text3'.
             {Na'.Nb.B.Text2'}_inv(Pka'))
      =|>
      State' := 2
      /\ Snd(Pkb.B.{Pkb.B}_inv(Pks).Nb.Na'.A.ctext5.{Nb.Na'.A.ctext4}_inv(Pkb))
      /\ request(B,A,na,Na')
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role iso4_Resp ( B,A: agent,
                 Pka, Pks: public_key,
                 Snd,Rec: channel(dy))
played_by A
def=
  local State
                              : nat,
         Pkb
                              : public_key,
         Na
                              : text,
         Nb, Text1, Text4, Text5: text
  const ctext2,ctext3: text
  init State := 0
  transition
   1. State = 0
      /\ Rec(Nb'.Text1')
      =|>
      State' := 1
      /\ Na' := new()
      /\ Snd(Pka.A.{Pka.A}_inv(Pks).
             Na'.Nb'.B.ctext3.{Na'.Nb'.B.ctext2}_inv(Pka))
      /\ witness(A,B,na,Na')
   2. \text{ State} = 1
      /\ Rec(Pkb'.B.{Pkb'.B}_inv(Pks).
             Nb.Na.A.Text5'.{Nb.Na.A.Text4'}_inv(Pkb'))
      =|>
      State' := 2
      /\ request(A,B,nb,Nb)
end role
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role session (A,B:agent,

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Pka, Pkb, Pks: public_key) def=
  local SA,RA,SB,RB: channel (dy)
  composition
          iso4_Init(A,B,Pkb,Pks,SA,RA)
       /\ iso4_Resp(B,A,Pka,Pks,SB,RB)
end role
role environment() def=
 const na, nb
                          : protocol_id,
       a, b, i
                          : agent,
       pka, pkb, pks, pki : public_key
 intruder_knowledge={a,b,pki,inv(pki),pks,
                     ctext1,ctext4,ctext5,{pki.i}_inv(pks),
                     ctext2,ctext3,{pki.i}_inv(pks)}
 composition
        session(a,b,pka,pkb,pks)
     /\ session(a,i,pka,pki,pks)
     /\ session(i,b,pki,pkb,pks)
end role
goal
   %ISO4_Resp authenticates ISO4_Init on nb
   authentication_on nb
   %ISO4\_Init authenticates ISO4\_Resp on na
   authentication_on na
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## end goal

environment()

# References

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