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## Efficient Culpably Sound NIZK Shuffle Argument without Random Oracles



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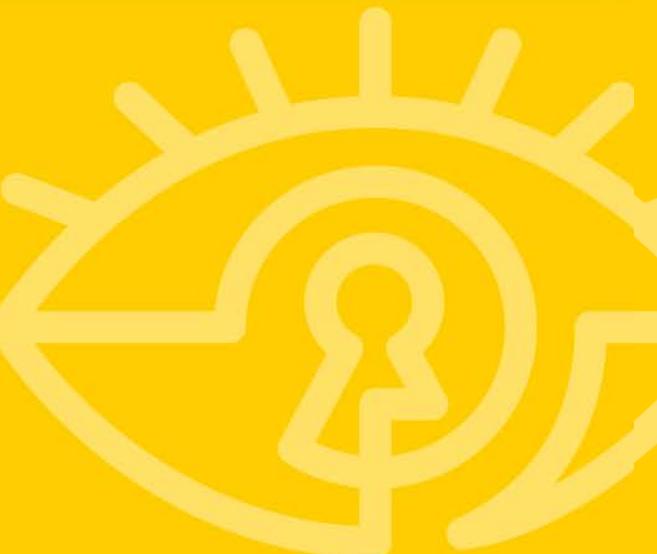
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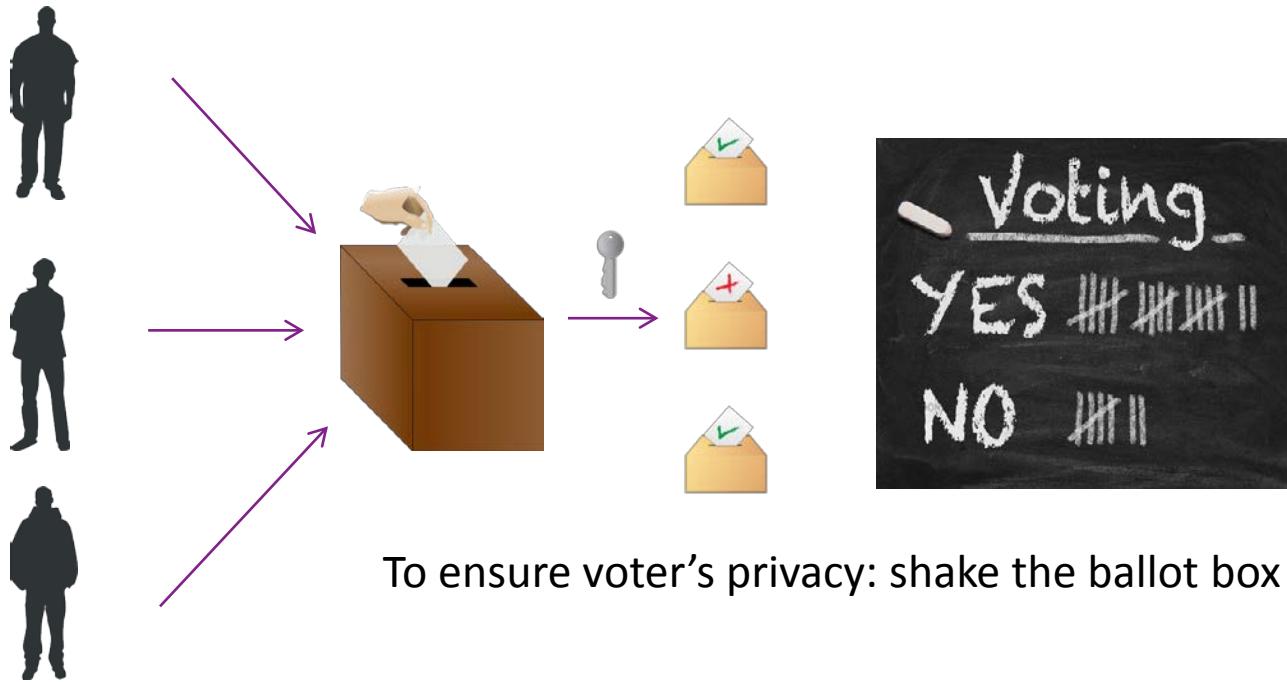
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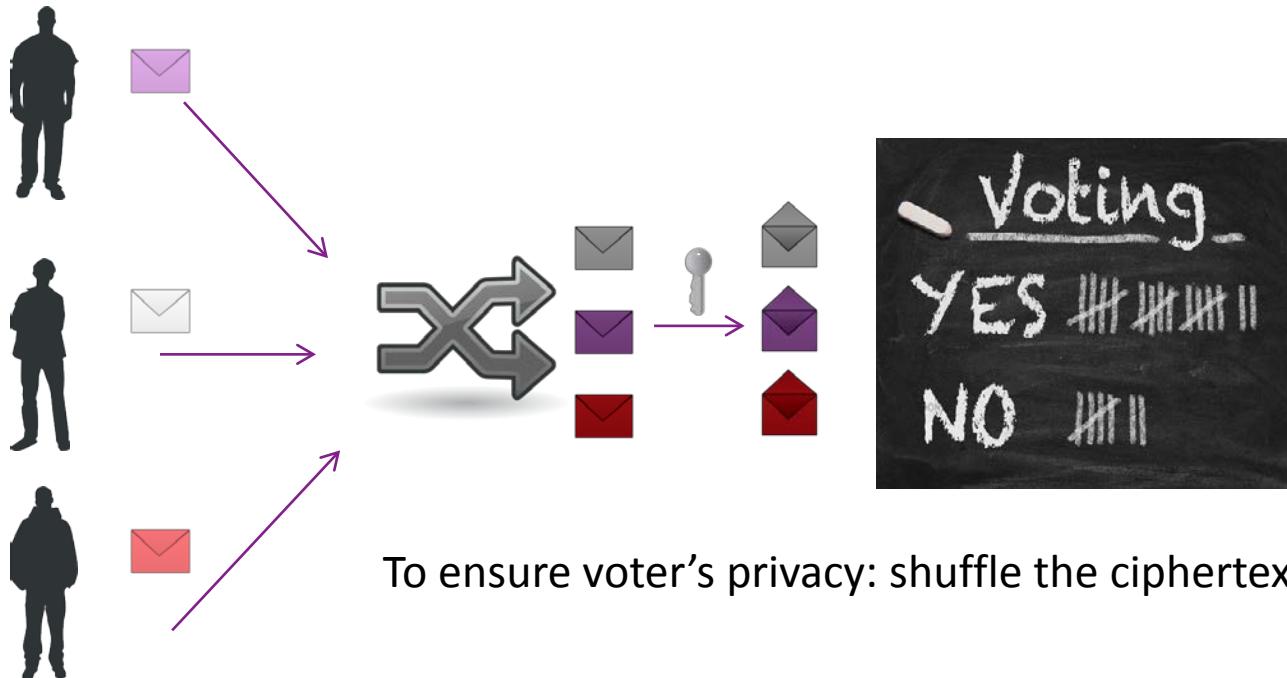
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## ■ Electronic version





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- The shuffle is done by a **mix-server**



**Original**

$$C = (c_1, c_2, c_3)$$



**Permutation**

$$\psi = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 2 & 1 & 3 \end{pmatrix}$$



**Shuffled**

$$C' = (c'_1, c'_2, c'_3)$$

$$c'_i = c_{\psi(i)} \cdot enc(1; t_i)$$

- Shuffled ciphertexts must be **re-randomized** to hide  $\psi$

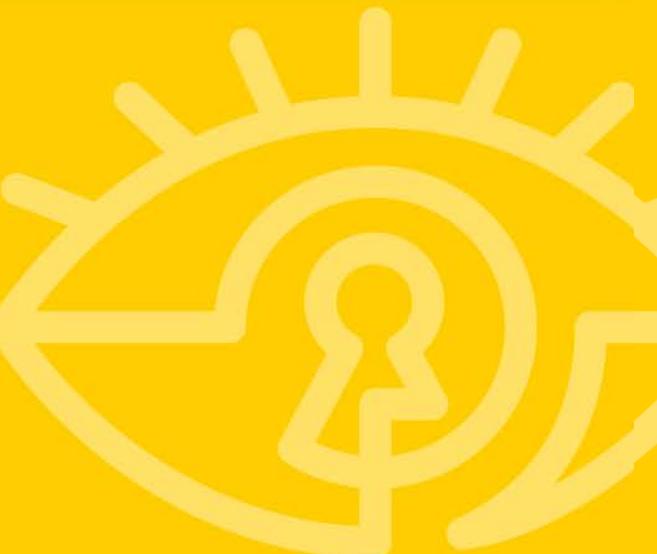


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- Issues to address:
  - You don't trust the mix-server
    - Mix-server must provide proof that shuffle is done correctly
    - Proof can be verified by anyone, at any time
  - The mix-server doesn't trust you
    - Proof must not reveal the permutation to any verifier

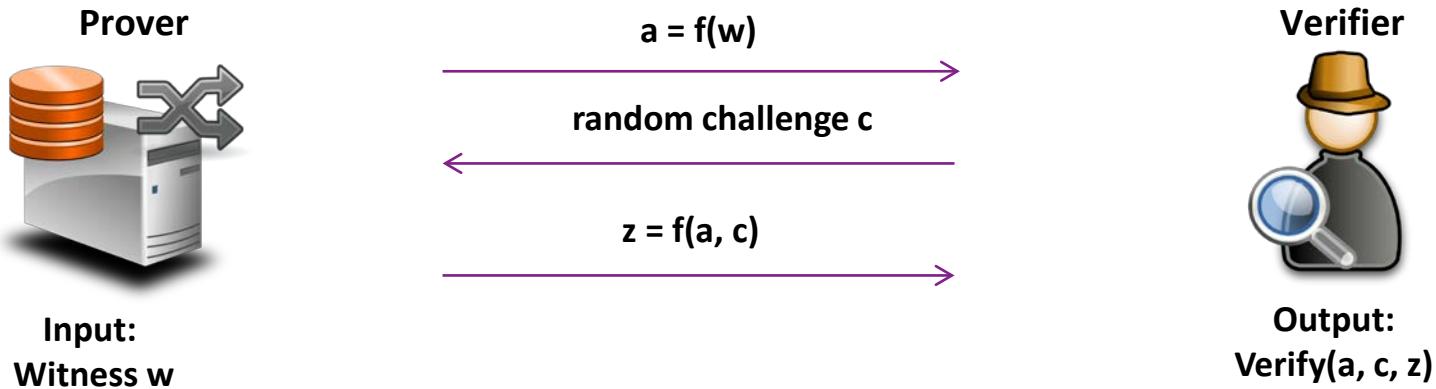


**How to Prove?  
How to Verify a Proof?**





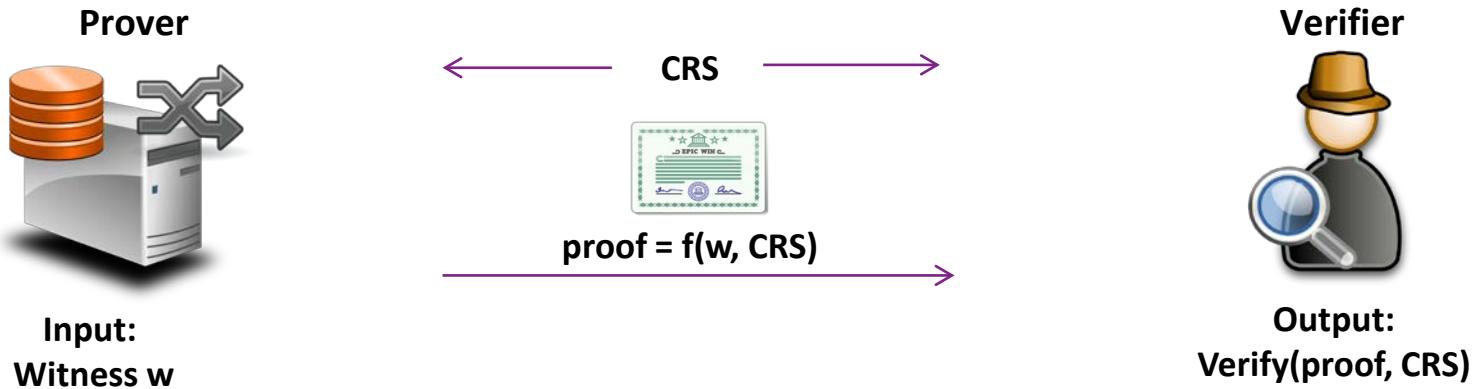
# Interactive Zero-Knowledge Proof



- **Complete:** If Prover is honest, Verifier should always accept
- **Sound:** If Prover is not honest, Verifier should reject proof
- **Zero-knowledge:** Verifier does not learn anything about the permutation from valid proof



# Non-Interactive Zero-Knowledge



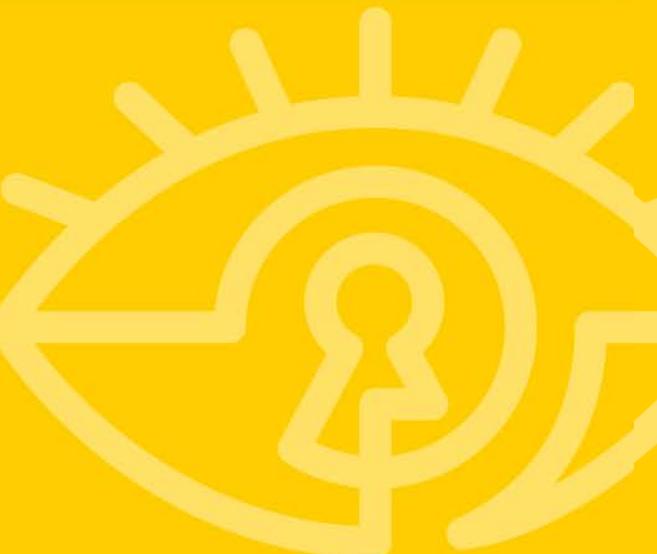
- Verifier's challenge  $c$  is incorporated into a (randomly generated) **reference** string
- This is called the **common reference string** (CRS) model
- Alternative is the **random oracle** (RO) model (challenge  $c$  is replaced by a hash function)



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Model	CRS	CRS		RO + CRS

- |CRS|: number of group elements in the CRS
- Communication: number of group elements sent to the verifier
- Prover's comp.: number of exponentiations
- Verifier's comp.: number of pairings



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Soundness	Culpably sound	White-box sound		Sound
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- Culpably sound: successful adversary + secret key can break security assumptions
  - Still acceptable, can assume *some* coalition of parties know secret key
- White-box sound: successful adversary + random coins of all encrypters (e.g. voters) can break security assumptions
  - Weaker notion, can not only extract plaintexts, but also randomizers



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## Our Results





# NIZK Shuffle Argument: Overview

- Common input:
  - $C = (c_1, c_2, c_3, \dots, c_n)$ : set of ciphertexts before shuffle
  - $C' = (c'_1, c'_2, c'_3, \dots, c'_n)$ : set of ciphertexts after shuffle
- Private input: permutation  $\psi$ , or equivalently, permutation matrix  $P_\psi$

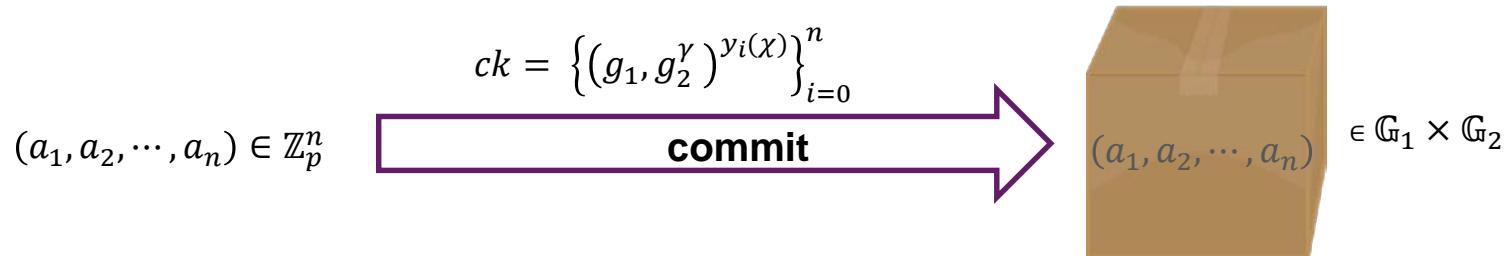
## Main idea:

1. Prove that there exists a permutation matrix  $P_\psi$  such that  $P_\psi M = M'$ , where  $M = dec(C)$ ,  $M' = dec(C')$
2. Find verification equations that hold only for honestly generated  $C, C'$



# Building Blocks

- Commit to  $n$ -tuples using the polynomial commitment scheme [Gro10b, Lip12]



- Bilinear maps,  $\hat{e}: \mathbb{G}_1 \times \mathbb{G}_2 \rightarrow \mathbb{G}_T$
- Elgamal encryption,  $enc(m; r) = (g^r, m h^r)$



# Step 1: Permutation Matrix Argument

$P_\psi$  is permutation matrix iff:

- Every row (transposed) is a unit vector

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & -1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

- Every column sums to 1

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Permutation Matrix argument for  $P = P_\psi$  is as follows:

- A. Commit to every row of  $P$ 
  - Choose randomness s.t.  $\sum_{i=1}^n r_i = 0$
- B. For each committed row  $P_i$  and its commitment:
  - Prove it is a valid commitment to a unit vector
- C. It can trivially checked that  $\prod_{i=1}^n \text{com}(P_i; r_i) = \text{com}(\vec{1}_n; 0)$



# Step 1B: Unit Vector Argument

- $\vec{a}$  is unit vector iff every element is Boolean and sum to 1.

This holds iff  $V\vec{a} + b \in \{0,2\}^{n+1}$ , i.e.

$$(V\vec{a} + b - \vec{1}_{n+1}) \circ (V\vec{a} + b - \vec{1}_{n+1}) = \vec{1}_{n+1},$$

where  $V = \begin{pmatrix} 2I_{n \times n} \\ \vec{1}_n^T \end{pmatrix}$ ,  $b = \begin{pmatrix} \vec{0}_n \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$

- Use square span programs (SSP), similar to [DFGK14]



# Step 2: Finding the Equations

- Assume  $c'_i = c_{\psi(i)}$ . Consider the tautology

$$\prod_{i=1}^n \hat{e}(c'_i, g_2^{\gamma y_i(\chi)}) = \prod_{i=1}^n \hat{e}(c_i, g_2^{\gamma y_{\psi^{-1}(i)}(\chi)})$$

- Need privacy: the term  $g_2^{\gamma y_{\psi^{-1}(i)}(\chi)}$  reveals  $\psi^{-1}(i)$ 
  - Commit to  $P = P_{\psi^{-1}}$ , replace term by  $com(P_i; r_i)_2$
  - Induces extra “error” term  $E = f(CRS, \vec{r}, \vec{t})$



# Step 2: Finding the Equations

- Not yet sound!
  - Adversary can create “valid”  $C, C'$  but  $\forall \psi \exists i: dec(c'_i) \neq dec(c_{\psi(i)})$
  - Fix: add similar equations using different polynomials  $(\hat{y}_i(\chi))_{i=0}^n$
- This is finally culpably sound under a new Power Simultaneous Product (PSP) assumption
  - We prove this assumption holds in the generic bilinear group model



# Additional Notes

- Permutation matrix must be committed w.r.t. both sets of polynomials  $(y_i(X))_{i=0}^n, (\hat{y}_i(X))_{i=0}^n$ 
  - Need to prove they commit to same value
- $(y_i(X))_{i=0}^n, (\hat{y}_i(X))_{i=0}^n$  must be carefully chosen so the conditions of the PSP assumption are true
  - Such a choice exists

Assumptions:  
XDH, PKE, PCDH, TSDH, PSP



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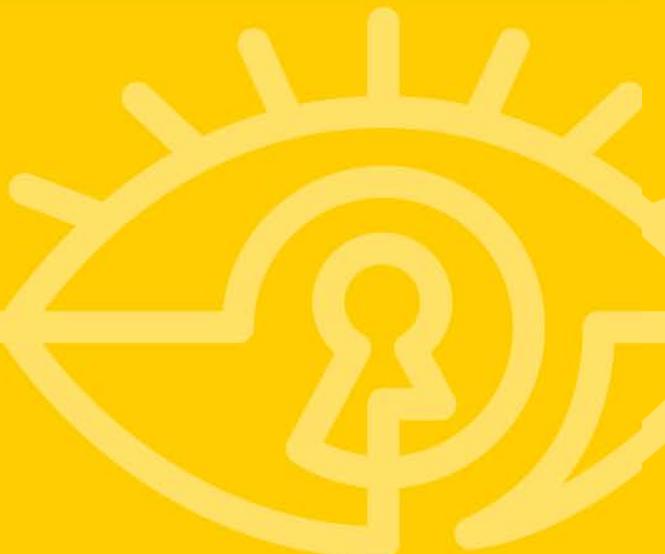


# Summary

- Created efficient permutation matrix argument
  - From unit vector argument
  - Using techniques from square span programs
- Defined a new assumption (PSP) secure in the (bilinear) GGM
- Used the above to create efficient NIZK shuffle argument
- Future work:
  - Remove large overhead from “calibrating” verification equations
  - Decrease the use of knowledge assumptions



## Thank You!



Extended version: <http://eprint.iacr.org/2015/1112>.

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# Secure Audit Logs with Verifiable Excerpts

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18.469169] Bluetooth: RFCOMM socket layer initialized
18.469169] Bluetooth: RFCOMM ver 1.1
18.800138] Int: cups main process (921) killed by HUP signal
18.800168] Int: cups main process ended, respawning
19.277736] [8169 0000:03:00:0 eth0: link down
19.277736] [8169 0000:03:00:0 eth0: link down
19.277807] IPv6: ADDRCONF(NETDEV_UP): eth0: link is not ready
19.278090] IPv6: ADDRCONF(NETDEV_UP): eth0: link is not ready
19.454410] audit_print_skb: 21 callbacks suppressed
19.454414] type=1400 audit(1452086679.075:19): apparmor="STATUS" operation="profile_replace" profile="unconfined" name="/sbin/dhcclient" pid=1007 comm="apparmor_parser"
19.454414] type=1400 audit(1452086679.075:19): apparmor="STATUS" operation="profile_replace" profile="unconfined" name="/usr/lib/NetworkManager/nm-dhcp-client.action" pid=1007 comm="apparmor_parser"
19.454426] type=1400 audit(1452086679.075:21): apparmor="STATUS" operation="profile_replace" profile="unconfined" name="/usr/lib/conman/scripts/dhcclient-script" pid=1007 comm="apparmor_parser"
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20.269329] vboxdrv: module verification failed: signature and/or required key missing - tainting kernel
20.272462] vboxdrv: Found 4 processor cores.
20.2724850] vboxdrv: module verification failed: signature and/or required key missing - tainting kernel
20.272937] vboxdrv: TSC mode is 'synchronous', kernel timer mode is 'normal'.
20.272937] vboxdrv: Successfully loaded version 4.3.34_Ubuntu (interface 0x001a000b).
20.288317] vboxpcl: TOMMU not found (not registered)
20.968583] [8169 0000:03:00:0 eth0: link up
20.968594] IPv6: ADDRCONF(NETDEV_CHANGE): eth0: link becomes ready
22.513738] Int: plymouth-upstart-bridge main process ended, respawning
22.526708] Int: plymouth-upstart-bridge main process ended, respawning
48.266900] NFS: Registering the id_resolver key type
48.266913] Key type id_resolver registered
48.266915] Key type id_legacy registered
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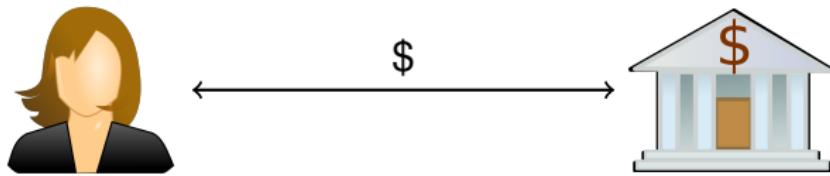
- paramount for system debugging/maintenance
- intrusion detection
- forensics after an intrusion
- Attackers cover their traces by editing log files.
- required/recommended by
  - DoD Orange Book [Lat85]
  - NIST Handbook on Computer Security [NIS95]
  - Common Criteria [CC12]

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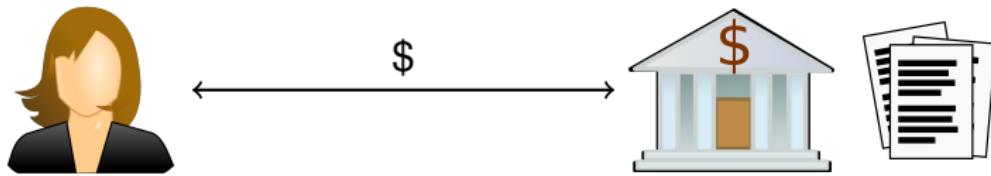
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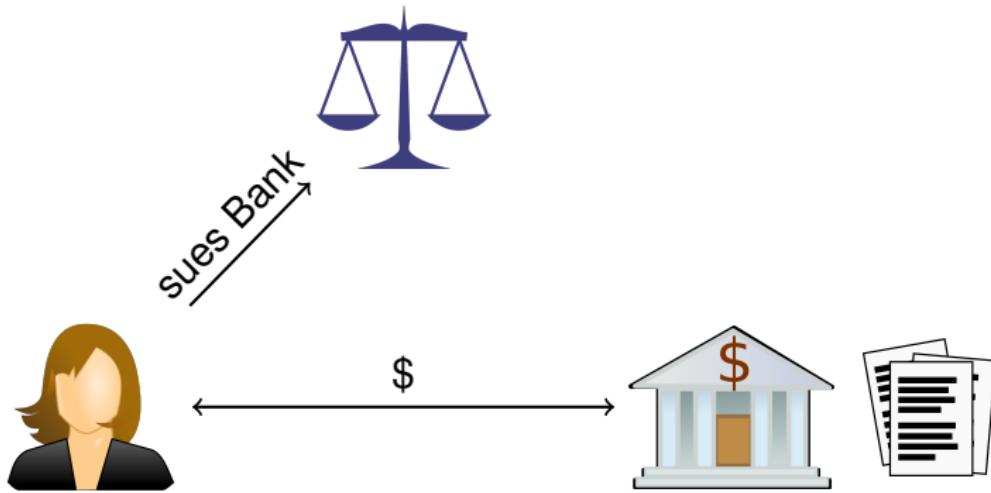
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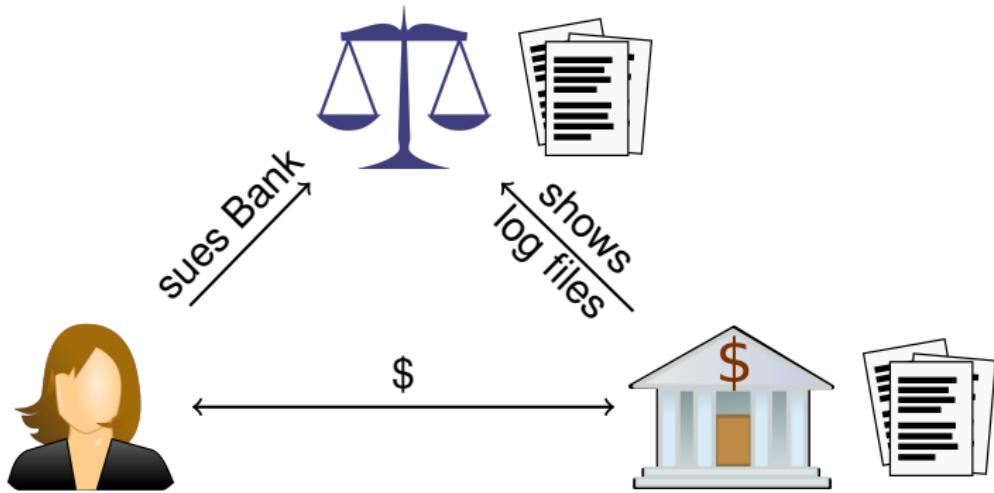
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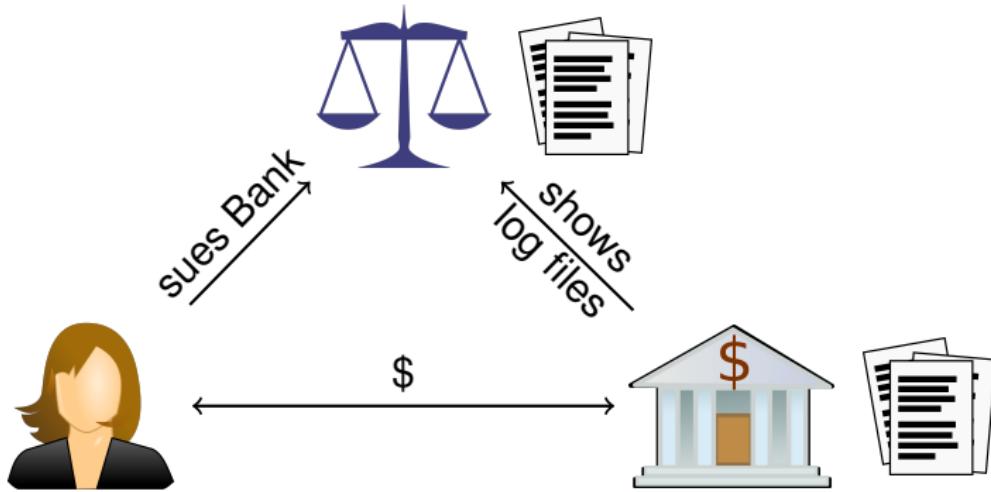
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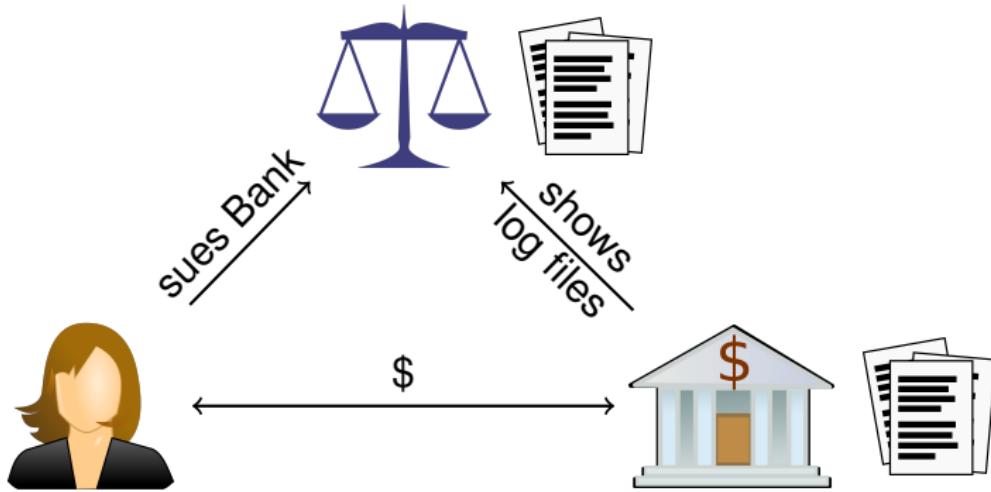
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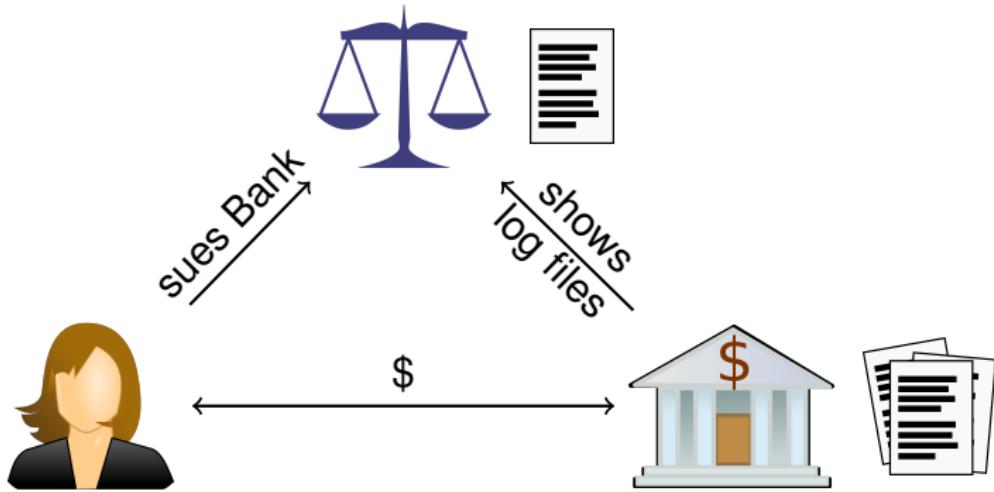
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**Excerpts solve both problems!**

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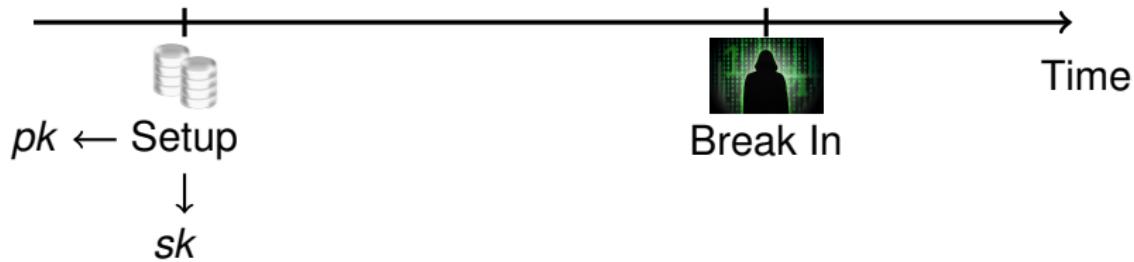
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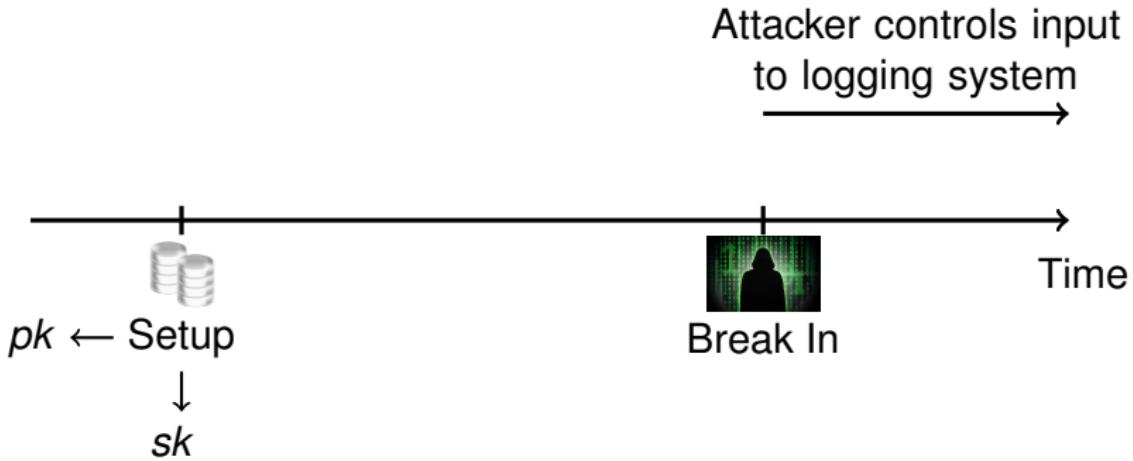


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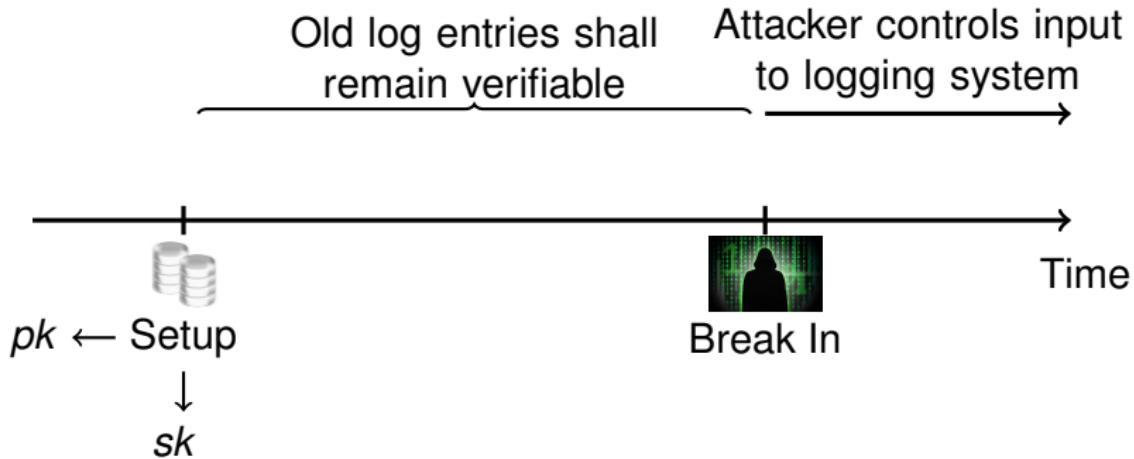
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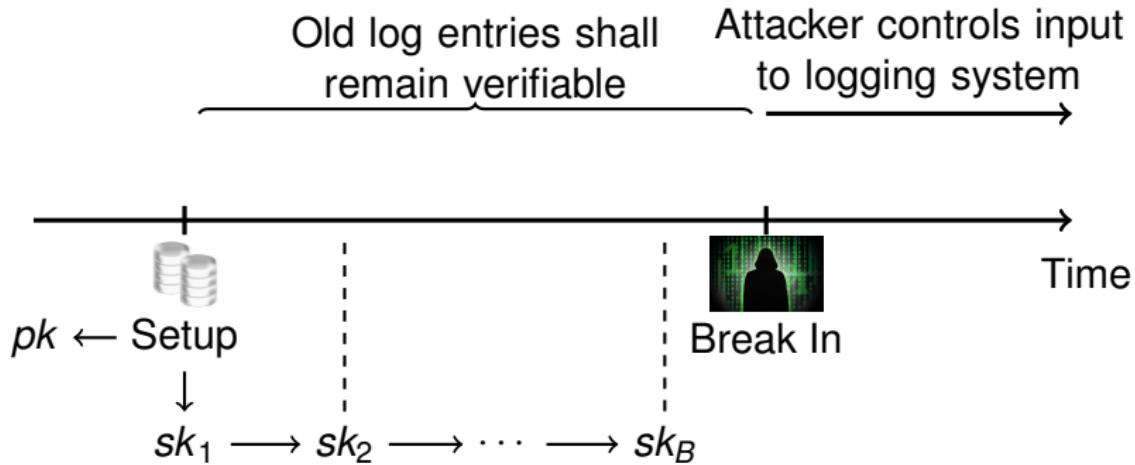
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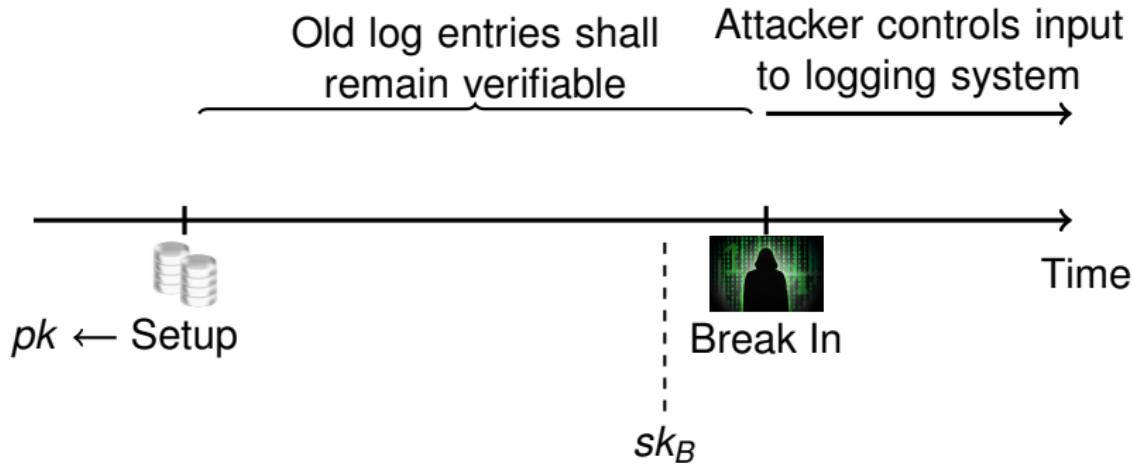
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Goal here: Prevent truncation to epoch before break-in.

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- assign each log entry to  $\geq 1$  *categories*, identified by name  $\nu$
- excerpts for  $\geq 1$  *entire categories*
- “special” categories:
  - All: contains all log entries
  - EM: contains all epoch markers

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# Outline

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# Security Experiment

## Challenger



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# Security Experiment

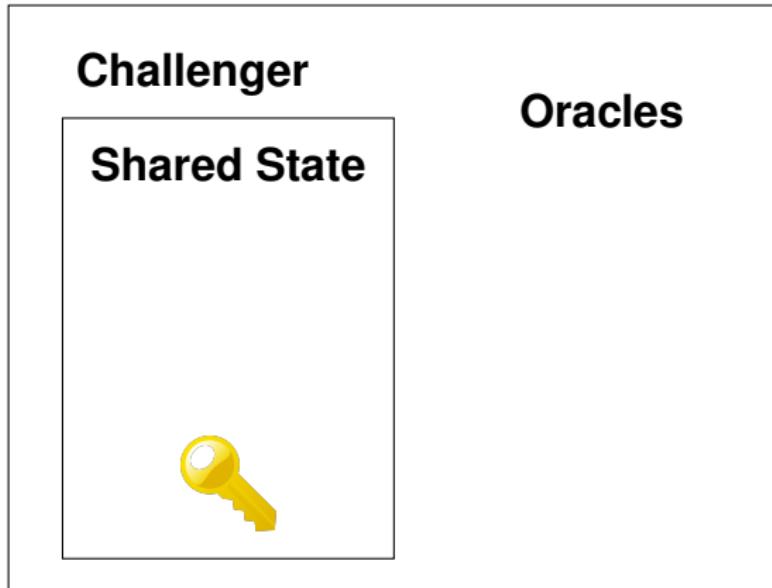
**Challenger**

**Oracles**



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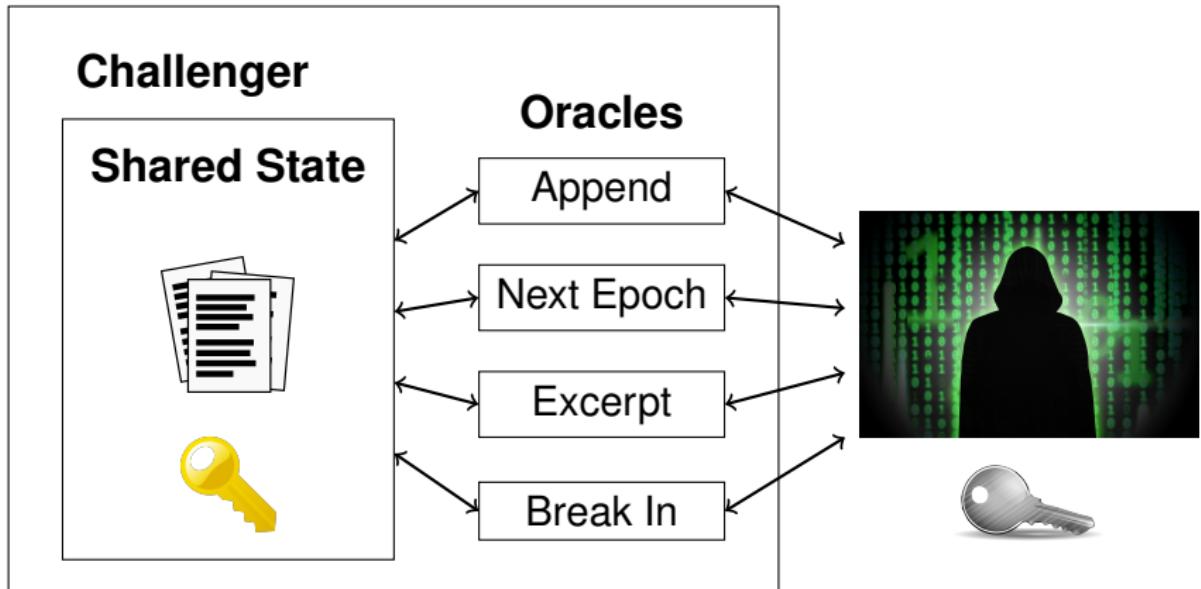


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# Security Experiment



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## Trivial Forgeries:

- excerpts requested from  $\mathcal{A}$ 's oracle
- if  $\mathcal{A}$  got  $sk_i$ : pure continuations of the log file state from the most recent epoch switch

### Definition (Security, informal)

A logging scheme is *secure* if no PPT adversary has a non-negligible chance of outputting a valid and non-trivial forgery in the above experiment.

## Theorem (Informal)

*If the above scheme is based on an EUF-CMA-secure signature scheme with forward-security, then it is secure according to the previous definition.*

## Proof Technique:

- show that attacker must forge  $\geq 1$  signature if changing any information before last recent epoch switch
- copy that signature and output it as a forgery against the signature scheme  
 $\implies$  tight

# Conclusion

- Secure logging is important.
- Secure logging is hard. Mostly because of truncation.
- Excerpts can be useful.
- Excerpts can be verified securely.

# Thank you. Questions?

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8352 9E37 381F B1A7 C146

S/MIME Cert: at

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# Quotes on Secure Logging

“Audit data must be protected from modification and unauthorized destruction to permit detection and after-the-fact investigations of security violations.”

— [Lat85]

“It is particularly important to ensure the *integrity* of audit trail data against modification. [...] The audit trail files needs to be protected since, for example, intruders may try to ‘cover their tracks’ by modifying audit trail records. ”

— [NIS95, Section 18.3.1]

“[A product] shall protect the stored audit records in the audit trail from unauthorised deletion.

[A product] shall be able to prevent/detect unauthorised modifications to the stored audit records in the audit trail.”

— [CC12, Section 8.6].

# Syntax of Forward-Secure Signatures

$\text{KeyGen}(T)$ : Create a key pair  $(sk_0, pk)$ , where  $sk_0$  is the initial secret key. ( $pk$  is constant for all epochs.)  $T$  is an upper bound on the number of epochs.

$\text{Update}(sk_i)$ : Compute  $sk_{i+1}$  from  $sk_i$ . (If  $i < T - 1$ .  $sk_i$  is expected to be erased securely.)

$\text{Sign}(sk_i, m)$ : Create a signature  $\sigma$  for  $m$  with key  $sk_i$ .

$\text{Verify}(pk, i, m, \sigma)$ : Check if  $m$  was signed in epoch  $i$ .

- $1^\kappa$  is implicit.

# Security Experiment

- for a scheme  $\Sigma_{\text{FS}}$ , an attacker  $\mathcal{A}$ , and  $T \in \text{poly}(\kappa)$

Setup obtain  $(sk_0, pk) \leftarrow \text{KeyGen}(T)$ , give  $pk, T$  to  $\mathcal{A}$ .

Queries  $\mathcal{A}$  interacts with the challenger:

- may request signature  $\sigma$  for arbitrary messages  $m$
- may force the challenger to update the secret key
- may obtain one secret key  $sk_i$ 
  - afterwards: no more queries allowed

Forgery  $\mathcal{A}$  outputs a message  $m^*$ , signature  $\sigma^*$  and epoch number  $i^*$ .

# Security Definition

## Definition (Trivial Forgeries)

A forgery is *trivial* iff:

- $\mathcal{A}$  requested a signature for  $m^*$  during epoch  $i^*$  or
- $\mathcal{A}$  obtained the secret key for an epoch  $i \leq i^*$

## Definition (Winning)

$\mathcal{A}$  *wins* an instance of the experiment if it outputs a valid and non-trivial forgery.

## Definition (Security)

$\Sigma_{\text{FS}}$  is *secure* if no PPT attacker  $\mathcal{A}$  has non-negligible (in  $\kappa$ ) chance to win.

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# Logging Schemes with Excerpts

$\text{KeyGen}(T)$ : creates key pair  $sk_0, pk$ .

$\text{Update}(sk_i, M, \sigma)$ : compute  $sk_{i+1}$  from  $sk_i$ . (If  $i < T - 1$ ,  $sk_i$  is expected to be erased securely.)  $M$  is the current overall logfile, and  $\sigma$  is the corresponding signature for it.

$\text{AppendAndSign}(sk_i, (m, N), M, \sigma)$ : Creates a signature for the message  $m$ , which is inserted into the categories  $N$ .

$\text{Extract}(sk_i, M, \sigma, N)$ : Creates a signature for the excerpt for categories  $N$  of  $M$ .

$\text{Verify}(pk, N, E, \sigma)$ : Checks an excerpt  $E$  for completeness and correctness.

# New Feature: Excerpts

## Definition (Category)

Let  $M$  (the log file) be a sequence of log entries  $(m_i, N_i)$ . The category named  $\nu$  is the subsequence  $C(\nu, M)$  of  $M$  that contains all entries with  $\nu \in N_i$ .

## Definition (Excerpt)

Let  $M$  (the log file) be a sequence of log entries. An excerpt for categories  $N = \{\nu_1, \dots, \nu_n\}$  is the subsequence

$$E = \bigcup_{\nu \in N} C(\nu, M) ,$$

where  $C(\nu, M)$  is the category named  $\nu$ .  
(For a proper adaptation of  $\cup$  to sequences.)

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## Proof Technique:

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## Reduction:

- assume successful attacker  $\mathcal{A}$  against logging scheme
- construct attacker  $\mathcal{B}$  against  $\Sigma_{\text{FS}}$
- show that  $\mathcal{B}$  has non-negligible success probability

## Emulation of the Experiment:

- $\mathcal{B}$  must emulate the logging security experiment for  $\mathcal{A}$ .
- $\mathcal{B}$  plays the forward-secure unforgeability game against  $\Sigma_{\text{FS}}$ .

# Reduction

$\mathcal{A}$ 's information:	emulated by $\mathcal{B}$ through:
input: $pk, T$	input: $pk, T$

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~~> Left to Show:

Any valid and non-trivial excerpt forgery contains a valid and non-trivial signature forgery.

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## Case 1: $i^* < i_{\text{BreakIn}}$ epoch markers in excerpt $E$ :

- signature on  $(N, E)$  valid for epoch  $i^* < i_{\text{BreakIn}}$ .
- $\mathcal{A}$  never queried for a signature for  $E$ 
  - $\Rightarrow \mathcal{B}$  never queried for  $(N, E)$  (assuming proper encoding)
  - $\Rightarrow$  valid and non-trivial forgery on  $(N, E)$

## Case 2: $\geq i_{\text{BreakIn}}$ epoch markers in excerpt $E$ :

- $\Rightarrow$  changed the excerpt wrt. a previous epoch  $i^* < i_{\text{BreakIn}}$
- $\rightsquigarrow$  restrict the discussion to epochs before break-in

## Assume for contradiction:

All messages (including counters!) in forged excerpt were queried at signature oracle before.

## Ensured by Verification:

- no messages from other categories
- no duplicates
- message order

⇒ forged excerpt is subsequence of “real” excerpt.  
non-trivial ⇒ *strict* subsequence ( $\subsetneq$ )

Verification checks for completeness ⇒ excerpt invalid  
⇒ contradiction ⇒  $\mathcal{A}$  forged a signature



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