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Abstract

As we are transforming into an digital society, it is vital that we protect our data in all of our transactions. This requires that transactions are securely authenticated, and that we protect privacy by not revealing more about ourselves than necessary. Anonymous credentials promise to address both of these seemingly opposing requirements at the same time. Anonymous credentials are essentially a privacy-enhancing public-key infrastructure which require standardization to be widely used. Anonymous credential systems are far more complex than ordinary signature schemes since they provide more functionality in order to address all of the requirements of a public key infrastructure with privacy-protection. Unfortunately, the description of these features are spread over many research papers and it is often not clear how they could all be securely integrated into a single system. This paper describes the Identity Mixer anonymous credential system that integrates cryptographic techniques from many sources to build an anonymous credential system with a rich feature set. The aim of this paper is to stimulate standardization effort towards a privacy-enhancing public-key infrastructure.

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1 Introduction

The amount of our daily transactions that we perform electronically is rising. Many of us use the Internet on a daily basis for purposes ranging from accessing information to electronic commerce and e-banking to interactions with government bodies. Securing these transactions requires the use of strong authentication. Electronic authentication tokens and mechanisms that provide authentication become common, not only for the use with the Internet. Indeed, electronic identity cards, authentication by mobile phone, and RFID tokens are spreading fast.

These authentication mechanisms unfortunately have the shortcoming that they label users with a unique identifier. This is a risk to users' privacy because transactions by the same user can be linked together. This lack of privacy is typically not a problem for e-government applications. However, such a government issued strong root of trust is very attractive for so-called secondary use by the commercial sector. In this application area, unique identification is often inappropriate, attribute-based authentication mostly desired and privacy important to make the services sustainable. A position paper issued in February 2009 by ENISA¹ on "Privacy Features of European eID Card Specifications" underlines the need for "privacy-respecting use of unique identifiers" in emerging European eID cards, and explicitly refers to the emerging anonymous credentials technologies ("privacy-enhanced PKI tokens" in their terminology), as having significant potential in this arena.

Anonymous credentials [Bra95a, Bra95b, CL01, Cha85, Dam90], allow an identity provider to issue a credential (or certificate) to a user. This credential contains attributes of the user such as address or date of birth but also the user's rights or roles. Using the credential, the user can later prove to a third party that she possesses a credential containing a given attribute or role without revealing any other information stored in the credential. For instance, the user could use a government-issued anonymous ID credential to prove that she is of age, i.e., that she possesses a credential that contains a date of birth which is further in the past than 21 years. Thus, anonymous credentials promise to be an important technology in protecting users' privacy in an electronic environment.

There is a large body of research on anonymous credential systems and a number of different methods or algorithms are described in the literature. In addition to the basic functionality of an anonymous credential system, i.e., to issue a credential and then later to selectively reveal attributes contained in credentials, there are extensions proposed in the literature to meet the requirements of real world deployment. These extensions include the revocation of credentials [BDD07, CKS09, CL04, NFHF09], revocation of anonymity [CL01], encoding binary attributes efficiently [CG08], or to verifiably encrypt attributes under some third party's encryption key [CD00, CS03]. These important features were described somewhat independently, with different setup assumptions and trust models.

Based on these papers we have implemented a unified system called the *Identity Mixer Anonymous Credential System*, which takes the form of a cryptographic library. This paper presents a high level specification of the system, based on the full specification with all cryptographic details [IBM09]. It is similar to a cryptographic library that offers, for example, implementations of the RSA or DSA signature schemes: it offers all the functionalities required to establish a pseudonym, issue a credential containing different attributes to a pseudonym, and different ways of proving possession of a credential. The ways to prove possession of a credential offered are the disclosure of a selected subset of the attributes contained in the credential, to prove that an (integer) attribute lies in a given range, to prove that an attribute is verifiably encrypted under some third party's public key, or that a cryptographic commitment contains a specific attribute. The source code of the Identity Mixer library has been made publicly available.

2 Overview of an Anonymous Credential System

An anonymous credential system involves the roles of *issuers*, *recipients*, *provers* and *verifiers* (or *relying parties*). Credential issuance is carried out between an issuer and a recipient who a protocol that results in the recipient having a credential. This credential consists of a set of attribute values as well as cryptographic information that allows the owner of the credential to create a *proof of possession* (or simply a proof). That is, when creating a proof the credential owner acts in the role of the prover communicating with a verifier. Finally, an extended credential system requires the role of trusted third parties who perform tasks such as anonymity revocation, credential revocation, or decryption of (verifiably) encrypted

¹ENISA: European Network and Information Security Agency <http://www.enisa.europa.eu>

attributes. Usually organizations or governments assume the roles of issuer, verifier and trusted party, and natural persons the ones of recipient and prover. Note that the roles are not fixed, for example, an organization acting as verifier can assume the role of an issuer in a subsequent transaction. Beside the entities building the communication endpoints in an anonymous credential system, all parties agree on general system parameters that define the bit length of all relevant parameters as well as the groups that will be used. In practice, these parameters can be distributed together with the code and they must be authenticated.

Given the system and group parameters, a user can choose her *master secret key* that will be encoded into every credential. Thereby all credentials are bound together, which is a sharing prevention mechanism as sharing one credential effectively implies in sharing all credentials of a user. Moreover, the master secret allows a user to derive pseudonyms to use with organizations, where a user can register several pseudonyms with the same organization. If an organization wishes that each user can only register one pseudonym, it can allow so called domain pseudonyms instead of pseudonyms. Pseudonyms cannot be linked to each other unless the user shows with a proof that they are based on the same master secret key. Organizations generate public and secret keys of the cryptographic primitives they use and make the public keys available together with a specification of the services they offer. As an example, each issuer publishes the structure(s) of the credential it issues.

To obtain a credential, a user contacts an issuer, agrees with him on the credential structure and what the values of the attributes asserted by the credential will be. She then runs the interactive *issuing protocol* with the organization. Having acquired a credential, a user can prove to a verifier the possession of the credential. A proof of possession may involve several credentials acquired by the same user. In addition to the mere possession, a user can prove statements about the attribute values contained in the credentials using the *proving protocol*. Moreover, these proofs may be linked to a pseudonym of the user's choice or they employ verifiable encryption for some of the attribute values under a third party's public key. Note that the protocols for proving possession of credentials and issuing credentials may be combined. In particular, before issuing a new credential, the issuer may require the recipient to release certified attribute values, that is, prove that she holds a credential issued by another party.

3 Architecture & Specifications

In this section we first discuss the components of *idemix*, then we show how the components are used in the protocols, and finally we provide the specification of the objects used in those protocols. In particular, we introduce the specification languages for the information that needs to be passed between participants.

3.1 Components of *idemix*

An extended anonymous credential system consists of many components. We will introduce them starting with the attributes that are contained in credentials. Continuing with the credentials we will finish the discussion with the optional components such as commitments and pseudonyms, which are used to implement extensions.

3.1.1 Attributes

We denote an attribute a_i as the tuple consisting of *name*, *value* and *type*, that is, $a_i = \{n_i, v_i, t_i\}$. The name must be unique within a scope (e.g., a credential or a commitment), which will allow us to refer to the attribute using that name. The value refers to the content of the attribute, which is encoded as defined by the type. For each type we define a mapping from the content value to a value that can be used in the cryptographic constructions. For example, encoding a string to be used in a group \mathbb{G} with generator g can be achieved by use of a hash function $\mathcal{H} : \{0, 1\}^* \rightarrow \mathbb{G}$.

Currently, *idemix* supports the attribute types *string*, *int*, *date*, and *enum*. We convert strings using a hash function and integers do not require a conversion (as we assume that they are smaller than the group order). We chose the granularity of the dates as a second and set the origin to 1.1.1900, which is similar to the UNIX time definition. Enumerated attributes are mapped using a distinct prime according to the description in [CG08].

3.1.2 Credentials

We denote the set of attributes together with the corresponding cryptographic information as credentials. We classify attributes contained in credentials depending on which party knows the value of an attribute. More concretely, the owner of a credential always knows all attribute values but the issuer or the verifier might not be aware of certain values. During the issuance of a credential we distinguish three sets of attributes as the issuer might know a value, have a *commitment* of the value, or the value might be completely *hidden* to him. Let us denote these sets of attributes by A_k , A_c , and A_h , respectively. Note that the user's master secret, as introduced in Section 2, is always contained in A_h .

When creating a proof of possession of credentials, the user has the possibility to reveal only a selected set of attributes. Therefore, we distinguish the *revealed* attributes, which will be learned by the verifier, from the *unrevealed* attributes. We call the two sets of attributes during the proving protocol A_r and $A_{\bar{r}}$. Note, that each attribute can be assigned to either A_r or $A_{\bar{r}}$ independently of all previous protocols and, in particular, independently of the issuing protocol.

3.1.3 Commitments and Representations of Group Elements

With commitments [DF02] a user can commit to a value v , which we denote as $C \leftarrow \text{Comm}(v)$. The commitment has a hiding and a binding property, where hiding refers to the recipient not being able to infer information about v given C and binding refers to the committer not being able to convince a recipient that $C = \text{Comm}(v')$ for a $v' \neq v$. Either of the two properties can be information theoretically where the other will hold computationally.

In this context the bases of a commitment are selected from the bases of the group parameters. When we need the more general version of arbitrarily chosen bases, we call the corresponding object a representation. They are representations of group elements w.r.t. other group elements, which allows for the integration almost arbitrary proof statements. As an example, they can be employed to build e-cash or cloning prevention for credentials.

3.1.4 Pseudonyms and Domain Pseudonyms

Pseudonyms can be described as randomized commitments to the master secret. Thus, a pseudonym is similar to a public key in a traditional PKI and can be used to establish a relation with an organization, for example, in case a user wants an organization to recognize her as a returning user. In contrast to an ordinary public-secret key pair, however, the user can generate unlimited many pseudonyms based on the same master secret without these pseudonyms becoming linkable to each other.

A domain pseudonym is a special kind of pseudonym in the sense a user can create exactly one pseudonym w.r.t. one domain. The domain is specified by a verifier, which allows him to control that each user only creates only one pseudonym for his domain. Note that neither domain pseudonyms nor ordinary pseudonyms are linkable unless a user proves that the master secret underlying them is the same.

3.2 Protocols

The basic building block of the protocols in *idemix* is the Camenisch-Lysyanskaya (CL) signature scheme [CL01, CL03] that is used to issue credentials. The signature scheme supports blocks of messages, that is, with a single signature many messages can be signed. In a simple credential, thus, each attribute value is handled as a separate message. A more elaborate idea is to use compact encoding as in [CG08] to combine several attribute values into one message. The signature scheme also supports "blind" signing, where the recipient provides the issuer only with a commitment of the attribute value that will be included in the credential. This is used for attributes of the set A_c . Credentials are always issued to a recipient authentication with a pseudonym, which ensures that the user's master secret gets "blindly" embedded into the credential.

The distinguishing feature of a CL signature is that it allows a user to prove possession of a signature without revealing the underlying messages or even the signature itself using efficient zero-knowledge proofs of knowledge. Thus, when a user wants to convince a verifier that she has obtained a credential from an issuer and selectively reveal some of the messages of the credential, she employs a zero-knowledge proof stating that she "knows" a signature by the issuing organization and messages such that signature

is valid. As the proof is “zero-knowledge”, the user can repeat such a proof as many times as she wants and still it is not possible to link the individual proofs. This statement even holds if the verifier and the issuer pool their information. Of course, a user can also prove possession of several credentials (acquired from different issuers) at once to a verifier and then prove that these credentials share some messages (without revealing the messages if the user chooses to do so).

Let us have a look at the information that is needed to carry out the protocols of *idemix*. The input to the issuance protocol is depicted in Fig. 1. Note that all blue elements are known to both communication partners, the yellow elements are private to the respective entity. References between objects are visualized as dotted lines where the bullet indicates the destination of the reference. There is a subtle difference between the reference from the issuance specification to the cryptographic objects and the other references. The transparency visualizes that those values may and may not be part of the protocol. More concretely, there may be cryptographic objects such as commitments that the issuer received in a preceding transaction (e.g., a proving protocol).

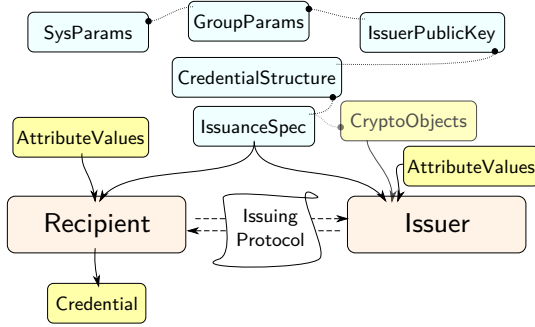


Figure 1: Overview over the input to the participants of the issuing protocol of *idemix*. The attribute values of the issuer and the recipient might be different, in particular, the issuer does not get any knowledge about values of attributes $a_i \in A_h$ and only commitments of $a_i \in A_c$. Note, the group and system parameters can be accessed through references given in the credential structure.

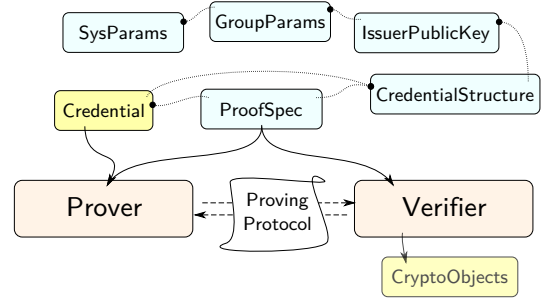


Figure 2: Input to the proving protocol is mainly the proof specification. It links to the credential(s) on the prover’s side and to the corresponding credential structure(s) on the verifier’s side. The verifier may get as private output cryptographic objects that he can use for application specific tasks such as an issuance protocol.

Figure 2 shows the input to the entities engaging in a proving protocol. The colors have the same meaning as in Fig. 1. Again, there may be cryptographic objects that the verifier learns during the proving protocol. As mentioned before, those values can be used in a subsequent issuing protocol as shown in Fig. 1. The details of the input elements depicted in the figures will become clear after their detailed introduction in Section 3.3.

3.2.1 Extensions to the Issuing Protocol

The issuing protocol has not many degrees of freedom as the credential structure puts many limitations on the protocol. For example, it defines which attributes belong to which set (i.e., A_k , A_c , or A_h). However, there is a feature that allows for efficiently updating the attribute values contained in a credential.

Credential Updates. As the issuing protocol is interactive (and for security reasons might need to be executed in a particularly protected environment) re-running it would not be practical in many cases. Rather, *idemix* offers a non-interactive method to update credentials where the issuer publishes update information for credentials such that attribute values are updated if necessary.

This feature can, for example, be used to implement credential revocation. The mechanism that we have implemented employs epochs for specifying the life time, that is, a credential is only valid for a particular epoch [CKS09].

3.2.2 Extensions to the Proving Protocol

The proving protocol requires the prover and the verifier to agree on the attribute values that will be revealed during the proof, that is, all attributes a_i are contained in either A_r or $A_{\bar{r}}$ such that $A_r \cap A_{\bar{r}} = \emptyset$. In addition, she can reveal partial information about the attributes $a_i \in A_{\bar{r}}$. By partial information we denote the following proofs or other cryptographic constructs:

Equality. A user can prove equality of attribute values, which may be contained in different credentials. In particular, equality proof can also be created among values that are contained in any cryptographic objects such as credentials or commitments. As an example, a user can compute a commitment to a value v , with $C \leftarrow \text{Comm}(v)$. Assuming a value \tilde{v}_i is contained in a credential, the user can prove that $v = \tilde{v}_i$.

Inequality. Allows a user to prove that an attribute value is larger or smaller than a specified constant or another attribute value.

Set Membership. Each attribute that is contained as a compact encoding as described in [CG08] enables the user to prove that the attribute value does or does not lie in a given set of values.

Pseudonym. A pseudonym allows a user to establish a linkable connection with a verifier (if wanted). Furthermore, domain pseudonyms allow a verifier to guarantee that each user only registers one pseudonyms with w.r.t. his domain.

Verifiable Encryption. A user can specify an encryption public key under which an attribute value contained in a credential shall be (verifiably) encrypted.

3.3 Specification Languages

Let us first show the principle when designing a specification of an object for the example of credentials. As seen in Fig. 3 we always use an XML schema to define the elements of each XML object. In addition,

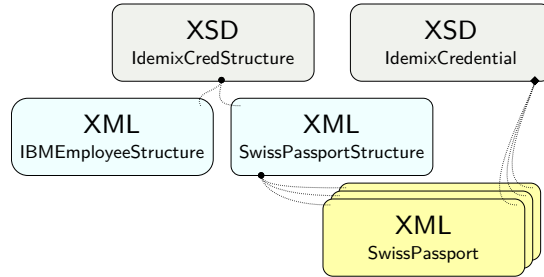


Figure 3: Visualization of how XML schemas are used to define on each XML object. In addition, the figure shows how the credential structure defines the individual credentials. The dashed lines indicate references from one element to another, where the bullets indicate the target of the reference.

we separate certain components into the structural information (e.g., credential structure) and the data (e.g., credential data). This is important for the case where the communication partners do not share all objects, but they still need a common basis to execute a protocol. More concretely, when compiling a proof, the prover clearly uses a credential, which is not known to the verifier. The latter still needs to know the structure of the credential (e.g., attribute names, attribute order) to verify the compiled proof and extract the semantics of the proof. Therefore, we use the credential structure to specify, for example, the attribute names and types, the order of attributes, or links to the issuer public key and the group parameters.

Note that we will not provide details on the XML schema objects as they are built from the XML objects using standard techniques. Furthermore, we want to stress that the information acquired through unsecured channels needs to be authenticated, which can be attained using a traditional PKI.

We will only introduce a structure for objects which have private elements at some point during their lifetime. In particular, we will not use a structure for public keys as they are (and need to be) known to anybody.

Let us now introduce the specification languages for the objects used in the *idemix* protocols.

System and Group Parameters The system and group parameters are specified as a list of their elements. In addition, the group parameters contain a link to the system parameters, which can also be seen in Fig. 1. Note that both issuer public key and group parameters need to be authenticated, which can be implemented through the use of a traditional PKI.

Issuer Key Pair. The issuer key pair consists of a public key and a private key, where we do not specify the private key as it is never communicated and each issuer may use his own format. On the other hand, the public key of an issuer contains cryptographic information that is needed for issuing a credential and for verifying proofs of credentials that have been issued using this public key. Furthermore, it links to the group parameters with respect to which it has been created (as seen in Fig. 1 and Fig. 2). Note that, apart from the public key, an issuer needs to publish the services he offers, that is, the credential structures it supports or being a trusted party (for verifiable encryptions). Even though this information might be included in the public key, we suggest to create a designated file.

Credentials. As mentioned previously, we decompose credentials into a public and a private part. Let us call the public part the *credential structure* and the private part the *credential data*. This decomposition is needed in the issuing process, when the credential data has not been created, as well as in the verification protocol, where the verifier does only get to know a selected subset of the credential data.

```

References{
  Schema = http://www.zurich.ibm.com/security/idemix/CredStruct.xsd
  IssuerPublicKey = http://www.ch.ch/passport/ipk/chPassport10.xml
}
Attributes{
  Attribute { FirstName, known, type:string }
  Attribute { LastName, known, type:string }
  Attribute { CivilStatus, known, type:enum }
  {
    Marriage, NeverMarried, Widowed, LegallySeparated,
    AnnulledMarriage, Divorced, Common-lawPartner
  }
  Attribute { SocialSecurityNumber, known, type:int }
  Attribute { BirthDate, known, type:dateTime }
  Attribute { Diet, committed, type:string }
  Attribute { Epoch, known, type:epoch }
}
Features{
  Domain { http://www.ch.ch/passport/v2010 }
  Epoch { http://www.ch.ch/passport/v2010/epoch.xml }
}
Implementation{
  PrimeFactor { CivilStatus:Marriage = 3 }
  PrimeFactor { CivilStatus:NeverMarried = 5 }
  PrimeFactor { CivilStatus:Widowed = 7 }
  PrimeFactor { CivilStatus:LegallySeparated = 11 }
  PrimeFactor { CivilStatus:AnnulledMarriage = 13 }
  PrimeFactor { CivilStatus:Divorced = 17 }
  PrimeFactor { CivilStatus:Common-lawPartner = 19 }
  AttributeOrder { FirstName, LastName, CivilStatus,
    SocialSecurityNumber, BirthDate, Diet }
}

```

Figure 4: Example credential structure in “human readable” form. We assume that this structure is located at <http://www.ch.ch/passport/v2010/chPassport10.xml> and corresponds to a Swiss passport. In the implementation, this structure is formulated in XML.

In Fig. 4 we describe the credential structure. It contains (1) references to the schema and the issuer public key and (2) information about the structure of a credential, which is needed to extract the semantics of a proof. We partition the latter into the attribute, feature, and implementation specific information.

The attribute information defines name, issuance mode (see Section 3.3), and type (e.g., string, enumeration) of each attribute. The feature section contains all relevant information about extensions such as domain pseudonyms or epoch information (see Section 3.3). Finally, the implementation specific information is mapping general concepts to the actual implementation. As an example, enumerated attributes are implemented using prime encoded attributes [CG08], which require the assignment of a distinct prime to each possible attribute value.

The credential data most importantly refers to the credential structure that it is based on. In addition, it contains the (randomized) signature and the values of the attributes. Figure 5 shows the credential that corresponds to the proof specification given in Fig. 6.

```
References{
  Schema = http://www.zurich.ibm.com/security/idemix/cred.xsd
  Structure = http://www.ch.ch/passport/v2010/chPassport10.xml
}
Elements{
  Signature = { A:4923...8422, v:3892...3718, e:8439...9239 }
  Values { FirstName:Patrik; LastName:Bichsel; ... }
}
```

Figure 5: This example shows a Swiss passport credential, where the prover clearly knows all the attribute values.

Commitment and Representation A commitment and a representation, similar to a credential, consist of a set of values. We assume that the bases for the commitments are listed in the same file as the group parameters. Thus, they use a reference to link to the corresponding parameters. The representations, however, list their bases in addition to the list of exponents.

Pseudonym and Domain Pseudonym. As pseudonyms are a special case of a commitment, they also contain a reference to the group parameters they make use of. In addition, at the user’s side pseudonyms contain the randomization exponent value. Domain pseudonyms also reference their domain, which can be implemented by having them point to the respective credential structure.

Verifiable Encryption. A verifiable encryption is transferred to a verifier and possibly to a trusted party for decryption. It does not need to be stored at the prover’s side as it usually is not repeatedly needed. It contains the public key used for the encryption as well as the name used in the proof specification, the label and the ciphertext of the encryption.

Epoch. Epochs are encoded as a dedicated attribute, thus, it needs no specification similar to the previous elements. However, the update of a credential containing an epoch attribute needs to be defined. We propose to extend the **Features** section of a credential with a link to the update information, which needs to be specified for each credential individually. Such a reference could, for example, be a URL such as <http://www.ch.ch/passport/v2010/epoch/73942934949/update.xml>, containing an identifier for the credential. The file may contain update information for all the attributes in A_k and for the signature of the credential.

Protocol Messages. When running the protocols, there are several messages that are passed between the communication partners. The specification of those objects contains the reference to the schema and the cryptographic values. Each cryptographic value is assigned a name such that the communication partner can retrieve the values easily.

Issuance Specification. Issuing a credential requires a credential structure and a set of attribute values. As introduced in Section 3.1.1, the set of values from the issuer may differ from the set of the recipient. In particular, values of attributes in A_k are known to both recipient and issuer and values of attributes $a_i \in A_h$ are only known to the recipient. For each attribute $a_i \in A_c$ the recipient knows the corresponding value v_i and the issuer needs a commitment $C \leftarrow \text{Comm}(v_i)$. We define the issuance modes *known*, *hidden*, and *committed* in the credential structure to denote the set an attribute belongs to. The reason for defining the issuance mode in the credential structure is to have the same issuance modes used for all recipients.

Therefore, the majority of the information used in the issuance protocol is defined by the credential structure. Still, if a commitment for a value in A_c is communicated in a proving protocol before the issuance protocol is carried out, then these two protocols must be tied together. This can be achieved by defining an appropriate issuance specification. In Fig. 1 we visualize this case by the transparent link from the issuance specification to the values of an issuer.

Proof Specification. Specifying a proof of a credential is more elaborate compared to the issuance as there is a broad range of proofs that can be compiled even using a given credential. We start with the specification of identifiers for all distinct values that will be included in a proof. Also, we specify the attribute type of each identifier, where the protocol aborts if the type of the identifier and the type of an attribute that it identifies do not match. In addition to identifiers, we allow for constants in the proof specification.

```
Declaration{ id1:unrevealed:string; id2:unrevealed:string;
             id3:unrevealed:int; id4:unrevealed:enum;
             id5:revealed:string; id6:unrevealed:enum }
ProvenStatements{
  Credentials{
    randName1:http://www.ch.ch/passport/v2010/chPassport10.xml =
      [FirstName:id1, LastName:id2, CivilStatus:id4];
    randName2:http://www.ibm.com/employee/employeeCert.xml =
      [LastName:id2, Position:id5, Band:5, YearsOfEmployment:id3];
    randName3:http://www.ch.ch/health/v2010/healthCert10.xml =
      [FirstName:id1, LastName:id2, Diet:id6] }
  Enums{
    randName1:CivilStatus = or[Marriage, Widowed]
    randName3:Diet = or[Diabetes, Lactose-Intolerance] }
  Inequalities{
    http://www.ibm.com/employee/ipk.xml, geq<id3,5> }
  Commitments{ randCommName1 = {id1,id2}; randCommName2 = {id6} }
  Representations{ randRepName = {r2,u2,r1; base1,base2,base3} }
  Pseudonyms{ randNymName; http://www.ibm.com/employee/ }
  VerifiableEncryptions{ PublicKey1 = [Label,u1] }
  Message { randMsgName = "Term 1:We will not use this data for ..." }
}
```

Figure 6: Example proof specification using a Swiss passport, an IBM employee credential, and a Swiss health credential.

As mentioned before, we use one identifier for each distinct value in a proof. Therefore, to prove equality of two attribute values, we can simply assign the same identifier to them. Attributes not included in an equality proof do not need to be specified. Such attributes are assigned to $A_{\bar{r}}$, thus, they are handled like unrevealed attributes.

We start the definition of the statements to be proved with a list of credentials that the user proves ownership of. Next, we assign attribute identifiers or constants to the attributes, where the constants will cause an equality proof w.r.t. the constant. Subsequently, we specify the properties that will be proved about certain attributes.

Let us elaborate the examples of property proof provided in the specification in Fig. 6 before describing the property proofs in a more generally. Using two commitments and a representation that have already

been communicated to the verifier, the user proves that (1) the last name in all credentials are identical, (2) the employee is in band 5, (3) the prover is widowed or married as certified by the Swiss government, (4) the employee is at least 5 years with IBM (where this proof uses values from the public key of the issuer of the IBM employee credential), (5) the commitment with name `randCommName1` contains the first and last name as certified by the Swiss government. Here, the commitment `randCommName2` could be used for an issuance protocol as explained in Section 3.3.

Note, that we require all credentials used in one proof to contain the master secret of a user. Also note that the proof specification does not contain any implementation specific parts. We define the *idemix* specific details in the credential structure specification (see Fig. 4).

On a more general level, we allow for proofs of set membership for enumerated attributes. We support the *and*, *or*, and *not* operators on a given set of values and w.r.t. an attribute identifier. Similar to set membership proofs, we allow for inequality proofs, that is, proofs for statements of the form $v_i \circ \hat{v}$, where v_i is an attribute value, \circ is the operator, and \hat{v} can be a constant or another attribute value. Currently, the following operators are implemented: $<$, $>$, \leq , and \geq . Consequently, we also support proofs that an attribute lies within a specified range.

Relating to the components that we describe in Section 3.1, we need to describe how commitments, representations, pseudonyms and domain pseudonyms are handled. For each exponent of any of those components, the proof specification defines the identifier that it relates, or the constant that it is equivalent to. In addition, all the components of a proof specification are assigned random names, which allow for the identification of the corresponding object in the context of a proof but prevent different proofs from becoming trivially linkable. Those corresponding objects contain the cryptographic values such as the signature on a credential, the commitment value or the bases and the value of a representation.

4 Cryptographic Preliminaries

We give some preliminaries necessary for the presentation of the protocols. In addition, we define commonly-used parameters and specify notational conventions that are necessary to have a mapping from this specification to the implementation (i.e., Java).

4.1 Naming Conventions

The implementation follows the protocols presented in this document closely. To facilitate reading both the documentation and the code, the following variable naming conventions have been adopted. Let us define the general rules.

1. *Capitals* are prefixed with “**cap**” if the Java naming convention would be violated.
2. *Subscripts* are denoted by an underscore, “**_**”.
3. *Greek letters* are denoted using their names.
4. *List* variables MAY include the suffix **Tup** to indicate that the variable is a tuple.
5. *Prefixes* are: **cap**, **bold**
Multiple prefixes are ordered using the above sequence.
6. *Suffixes* are: **Tilde**, **Hat**, **Prime**, **Tup**
Multiple suffixes are ordered using the above sequence.

4.2 Notation and System Parameters

Let $H : \{0, 1\}^* \rightarrow \{0, 1\}^{\ell_H}$ be a cryptographic hash function. The current implementation uses SHA-256 [Nat93]. Let “ \parallel ” denote the operator for concatenation of numbers or strings. By $\{0, 1\}^\ell$ we denote the set of integers $\{0, \dots, 2^\ell - 1\}$ and by $\pm\{0, 1\}^\ell$ the set of integers $\{-2^\ell + 1, \dots, 2^\ell - 1\}$. There is no explicit relations between this notation and the number of bits needed to represent these integers. Having said this, the set $\{0, 1\}^\ell$ can be mapped to the set of all bit strings with ℓ binary digits in a straightforward manner. Note that, however, $\{-2^\ell + 1, \dots, 2^\ell - 1\}$ does not so easily map to the set of

all $\ell + 1$ bit strings. The notation $x \in_R S$ means x is chosen uniformly at random from the set S , and $\#S$ denotes the number of elements in S . The Tables 1, 2 and 3 in Appendix A list the notation used in this document.

4.3 Zero-Knowledge Proofs

When presenting protocols, we use the notation of Camenisch and Stadler [CS97] to specify zero-knowledge (ZK) proofs in an abstract way. This allows the reader to quickly determine what the protocol will accomplish, before looking through the details of how it is accomplished. For instance,

$$PK\{(\alpha, \beta, \delta) : y = g^\alpha h^\beta \wedge \tilde{y} = \tilde{g}^\alpha \tilde{h}^\delta\}$$

denotes a “zero-knowledge Proof of Knowledge of integers α , β , and δ such that $y = g^\alpha h^\beta$ and $\tilde{y} = \tilde{g}^\alpha \tilde{h}^\delta$ holds,” where $y, g, h, \tilde{y}, \tilde{g}$, and \tilde{h} are elements of some groups $G = \langle g \rangle = \langle h \rangle$ and $\tilde{G} = \langle \tilde{g} \rangle = \langle \tilde{h} \rangle$ that have the same order. (Note, that some elements in the representation of y and \tilde{y} are equal.) The convention is that values (α, β, δ) denote quantities of which knowledge is being proven (and which are kept secret), while all other values are known to the verifier. For prime-order groups, which include all groups we consider in this paper, it is well-known that there exists a knowledge extractor which can extract these quantities from a successful prover.

All of the zero-knowledge proofs in the *idemix* library are implemented as a common three-move ZK protocol, made non-interactive using the Fiat-Shamir heuristic [FS87] (three-move ZK protocols are similar to Schnorr signatures [Sch91] and are also called sigma protocols). The values in the first flow of the protocol (of the form $t = g^r$) will be referred to as “ t -values”, while the responses computed in the third flow (of the form $s = r - c\alpha$) will be called “ s -values”. The challenge, c , is computed as the hash of the t -values, common inputs, and also a common string we call the `context` string, consisting of a list of all public parameters and the issuer public key. This prevents values generated during the proof from being re-used in some other context.

We refer to Appendix C for more details.

4.4 The CL Signature Scheme

We recall this signature scheme (the CL signature scheme) and the related protocols here.

Key generation. On input ℓ_n , choose an ℓ_n -bit RSA modulus n such that $n \leftarrow pq$, $p \leftarrow 2p' + 1$, $q \leftarrow 2q' + 1$, where p, q, p' , and q' are primes. Choose, uniformly at random, $R_0, \dots, R_{L-1}, S, Z \in QR_n$. Output the public key $(n, R_0, \dots, R_{L-1}, S, Z)$ and the secret key p .

Message space. Let ℓ_m be a parameter. The message space is the set

$$\{(m_0, \dots, m_{L-1}) : m_i \in \pm\{0, 1\}^{\ell_m}\}.$$

Signing algorithm. On input m_0, \dots, m_{L-1} , choose a random prime number e of length $\ell_e > \ell_m + 2$, and a random number v of length $\ell_v \leftarrow \ell_n + \ell_m + \ell_r$, where ℓ_r is a security parameter. Compute the value A such that

$$A \leftarrow \left(\frac{Z}{R_0^{m_0} \dots R_{L-1}^{m_{L-1}} S^v} \right)^{1/e} \pmod{n}.$$

The signature on the message (m_0, \dots, m_{L-1}) consists of (A, e, v) .

Verification algorithm. To verify that the tuple (A, e, v) is a signature on message (m_0, \dots, m_{L-1}) , check that

$$Z \equiv A^e R_0^{m_0} \dots R_{L-1}^{m_{L-1}} S^v \pmod{n}, \quad m_i \in \pm\{0, 1\}^{\ell_m}, \text{ and } 2^{\ell_e} > e > 2^{\ell_e - 1}$$

all holds.

Theorem 4.1 ([CL03]). *The signature scheme is secure against adaptive chosen message attacks [GMR88] under the strong RSA assumption.*

The original scheme considered messages in the interval $[0, 2^{\ell_m} - 1]$. Here, however, we allow messages to be from $[-2^{\ell_m} + 1, 2^{\ell_m} - 1]$. The only consequence of this is that we need to require that $\ell_e > \ell_m + 2$ holds instead of $\ell_e > \ell_m + 1$.

4.5 The CS Encryption Scheme

This text is taken from Camenisch-Shoup [CS03] and is a variation of an encryption scheme put forth in [CS02].

4.5.1 Background

Let p, q, p', q' be distinct odd primes with $p \leftarrow 2p' + 1$ and $q \leftarrow 2q' + 1$, and where p' and q' are both ℓ bits in length. Let $n \leftarrow pq$ and $n' \leftarrow p'q'$. Consider the group $\mathbb{Z}_{n^2}^*$ and the subgroup \mathbf{P} of $\mathbb{Z}_{n^2}^*$ consisting of all n -th powers of elements in $\mathbb{Z}_{n^2}^*$.

Paillier's Decision Composite Residuosity (DCR) assumption [Pai99] is that given only n , it is hard to distinguish random elements of $\mathbb{Z}_{n^2}^*$ from random elements of \mathbf{P} .

To be completely formal, one should specify a sequence of bit lengths $\ell(\lambda)$, parameterized by a security parameter $\lambda \geq 0$, and to generate an instance of the problem for security parameter λ , the primes p' and q' should be distinct, random primes of length $\ell \leftarrow \ell(\lambda)$, such that $p \leftarrow 2p' + 1$ and $q \leftarrow 2q' + 1$ are also primes.

The primes p' and q' are called Sophie Germain primes and the primes p and q are called safe primes. It has never been proven that there are infinitely many Sophie Germain primes. Nevertheless, it is widely conjectured, and amply supported by empirical evidence, that the probability that a random ℓ -bit number is Sophie Germain prime is $\Omega(1/\ell^2)$. We shall assume that this conjecture holds, so that we can assume that problem instances can be efficiently generated.

Note that Paillier did not make the restriction to safe primes in originally formulating the DCR assumption. As will become evident, we need to restrict ourselves to safe primes for technical reasons. However, it is easy to see that the DCR assumption without this restriction implies the DCR assumption with this restriction, assuming that safe primes are sufficiently dense, as we are here.

We can decompose $\mathbb{Z}_{n^2}^*$ as an internal direct product

$$\mathbb{Z}_{n^2}^* \equiv \mathbf{G}_n \cdot \mathbf{G}_{n'} \cdot \mathbf{G}_2 \cdot \mathbf{T},$$

where each group \mathbf{G}_τ is a cyclic group of order τ , and \mathbf{T} is the subgroup of $\mathbb{Z}_{n^2}^*$ generated by $(-1 \bmod n^2)$. This decomposition is unique, except for the choice of \mathbf{G}_2 (there are two possible choices). For any $x \in \mathbb{Z}_{n^2}^*$, we can express x uniquely as $x \equiv x(\mathbf{G}_n)x(\mathbf{G}_{n'})x(\mathbf{G}_2)x(\mathbf{T})$, where for each \mathbf{G}_τ , $x(\mathbf{G}_\tau) \in \mathbf{G}_\tau$, and $x(\mathbf{T}) \in \mathbf{T}$.

Note that the element $h \leftarrow (1 + n \bmod n^2) \in \mathbb{Z}_{n^2}^*$ has order n , i.e., it generates \mathbf{G}_n , and that $h^a \leftarrow (1 + an \bmod n^2)$ for $0 \leq a < n$. Observe that $\mathbf{P} \leftarrow \mathbf{G}_{n'}\mathbf{G}_2\mathbf{T}$.

4.5.2 The Scheme

For a security parameter $\lambda \geq 0$, $\ell \leftarrow \ell(\lambda)$ is an auxiliary parameter.

The scheme makes use of a keyed hash scheme \mathcal{H} that uses a key \mathbf{hk} , chosen at random from an appropriate key space associated with the security parameter λ ; the resulting hash function $\mathcal{H}_{\mathbf{hk}}(\cdot)$ maps a triple (u, e, L) to a number in the set $[2^\ell]$. We shall assume that \mathcal{H} is collision resistant, i.e., given a randomly chosen hash key \mathbf{hk} , it is computationally infeasible to find two triples $(u, e, L) \neq (u', e', L')$ such that $\mathcal{H}_{\mathbf{hk}}(u, e, L) \equiv \mathcal{H}_{\mathbf{hk}}(u', e', L')$.

Let $\text{abs} : \mathbb{Z}_{n^2}^* \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}_{n^2}^*$ map $(a \bmod n^2)$, where $0 < a < n^2$, to $(n^2 - a \bmod n^2)$ if $a > n^2/2$, and to $(a \bmod n^2)$, otherwise. Note that $v^2 \equiv (\text{abs}(v))^2$ holds for all $v \in \mathbb{Z}_{n^2}^*$.

We now describe the key generation, encryption, and decryption algorithms of the encryption scheme, as they behave for a given value of the security parameter λ .

Key Generation. Select two random ℓ -bit Sophie Germain primes p' and q' , with $p' \neq q'$, and compute $p := (2p' + 1)$, $q := (2q' + 1)$, $n := pq$, and $n' := p'q'$, where $\ell \leftarrow \ell(\lambda)$ is an auxiliary security parameter. Choose random $x_1, x_2, x_3 \in_R [n^2/4]$, choose a random $\mathbf{g}' \in_R \mathbb{Z}_{n^2}^*$, and compute $\mathbf{g} := (\mathbf{g}')^{2n}$, $y_1 := \mathbf{g}^{x_1}$, $y_2 := \mathbf{g}^{x_2}$, and $y_3 := \mathbf{g}^{x_3}$. Also, generate a hash key \mathbf{hk} from the key space of the hash scheme \mathcal{H} associated with the security parameter λ . The public key is $(\mathbf{hk}, n, \mathbf{g}, y_1, y_2, y_3)$. The secret key is $(\mathbf{hk}, n, x_1, x_2, x_3)$.

In what follows, let $h \leftarrow (1 + n \bmod n^2) \in \mathbb{Z}_{n^2}^*$, which as discussed above, is an element of order n .

Encryption. To encrypt a message $m \in [\mathfrak{n}]$ with label $L \in \{0, 1\}^*$ under a public key as above, choose a random $r \in_R [\mathfrak{n}/4]$ and compute

$$u := g^r, \quad e := y_1^r h^m, \quad \text{and} \quad v := \text{abs} \left((y_2 y_3^{\mathcal{H}_{\text{hk}}(u, e, L)})^r \right).$$

The ciphertext is (u, e, v) .

Decryption. To decrypt a ciphertext $(u, e, v) \in \mathbb{Z}_{\mathfrak{n}^2}^* \times \mathbb{Z}_{\mathfrak{n}^2}^* \times \mathbb{Z}_{\mathfrak{n}^2}^*$ with label L under a secret key as above, first check that $\text{abs}(v) \equiv v$ and $u^{2(x_2 + \mathcal{H}_{\text{hk}}(u, e, L)x_3)} \equiv v^2$. If this does not hold, then output **reject** and halt. Next, let $t \leftarrow 2^{-1} \bmod \mathfrak{n}$, and compute $\hat{m} := (e/u^{x_1})^{2t}$. If \hat{m} is of the form h^m for some $m \in [\mathfrak{n}]$, then output m ; otherwise, output **reject**.

4.6 Integer Commitments

We require integer commitments to implement protocol extensions such as Inequality proofs or to allow an issuer to make the issuance dependent on a credential proof. Finally, integer commitments can be used to link to application level protocols. As a commitment scheme we use the so-called Damgård-Fujisaki-Okamoto scheme [DF02], which is essentially the Pedersen commitment scheme [Ped92] in a group of unknown order.

Assuming Z, S, n from the public key of an issuer generated as described above, committing to an *arbitrarily large* integer m is done by

1. choosing a random $r \in_R [0, \lfloor n/4 \rfloor]$ and
2. computing the commitment as $C := Z^m S^r \bmod n$.

We note that it is important that the committing entity is not privy of the factorization of n . Thus, it is preferable to use the Z, S, n from the public key of an issuer.

5 System Setup

The anonymous credential system requires general parameters, which we separate into system parameters (consisting of bit lengths as well as prime probabilities) and group parameters, which define the groups that are used within the system. In addition, the issuer, trusted third parties and user must generate parameters to be able to participate in the credential system.

5.1 System and Group Parameters

The system parameters as given in Table 2 must be fixed and made public. In addition, we must generate and publish a group to be used for commitments. We denote this group \mathbb{Z}_Γ^* with order $\Gamma - 1 = \rho \cdot b$ for some large prime ρ . This ensures that \mathbb{Z}_Γ^* has a large subgroup of prime order ρ , and that discrete logarithms are hard to compute. The bit lengths of Γ and ρ are given by ℓ_Γ and ℓ_ρ respectively. Preferably, the cofactor b is small, which will render constraint 4 trivial (see Table 3).

A generator g of the group is computed by choosing a random $g' \in_R \mathbb{Z}_\Gamma^*$ with $g'^b \not\equiv 1 \pmod{\Gamma}$ and computing $g = g'^b \pmod{\Gamma}$. The necessary second generator h can be computed by choosing $r \in_R [0.. \rho]$ and computing $h = g^r$. The group parameters Γ, ρ, g and h are provided to all parties as public parameters. A user verifies the system parameters by checking that ρ and Γ are prime, and that $\rho \mid (\Gamma - 1)$, $\rho \nmid \frac{\Gamma-1}{\rho}$, and $g^\rho \equiv h^\rho \equiv 1 \pmod{\Gamma}$.

5.2 Issuer Key Generation (CL Signature Scheme)

The issuer's key pair is used for issuing certificates, that is, issuing signatures on lists of attributes. Values in the public key are also used in other ways, therefore, we must present the key generation step of the CL signature scheme in order to describe some protocols. The maximum number l of attributes of the credential is determined by the public key. The number of attributes available to users is $l - \ell_{res}$ since some attributes are reserved (e.g., the master secret).

The issuer generates a safe RSA key pair. To this effect he first generates the safe primes p and q , $p = 2p' + 1$ and $q = 2q' + 1$, then computes $n = pq$. For security, n should be ℓ_n bits, p and q must have bit length $\ell_n/2$. In addition, the issuer generates parameters for the CL signature scheme by choosing

$$S \in_R QR_n, \quad \text{and} \quad Z, R_1, \dots, R_l \in_R \langle S \rangle$$

(where QR_n is the group of quadratic residues $(\text{mod } n)$ and $\langle S \rangle$ is the subgroup generated by S). S must have order $\#QR_n = p'q'$. Furthermore, the issuer chooses $x_Z, x_{R_1}, \dots, x_{R_l} \in_R [2, p'q' - 1]$ and computes $Z = S^{x_Z}$, $R_i = S^{x_{R_i}}$ for $1 \leq i \leq l$.

The following non-interactive zero-knowledge proof of knowledge assures every user of the key about its correct generation, that is, that $Z, R_i \in \langle S \rangle$ for $1 \leq i \leq l$.

$$SPK \{(\alpha_Z, \alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_l) : Z = S^{\alpha_Z}, R_1 = S^{\alpha_1}, \dots, R_l = S^{\alpha_l}\}$$

Let P be a description of the attribute set (types, number, length)

where all equalities are mod n . In addition to verifying the proof length of the the public key parameters must be verified.

The issuer's public key is $pk_I = (n, S, Z, R_1, \dots, R_l, P)$ and the private key is $sk_I = (p, q)$.

5.3 Trustee Key Generation (CS Encryption Scheme)

Select two random ℓ -bit Sophie Germain primes p' and q' , with $p' \neq q'$, and compute $p := (2p' + 1)$, $q := (2q' + 1)$, $n := pq$, and $n' := p'q'$, where $\ell = \ell(\lambda)$ is an auxiliary security parameter. Choose random $x_1, x_2, x_3 \in_R [n^2/4]$, choose a random $g' \in_R \mathbb{Z}_{n^2}^*$, and compute $g := (g')^{2n}$, $y_1 := g^{x_1}$, $y_2 := g^{x_2}$, and $y_3 := g^{x_3}$. Also, generate a hash key hk from the key space of the hash scheme \mathcal{H} associated with the security parameter λ . The public key is $(hk, n, g, y_1, y_2, y_3)$. The secret key is (hk, n, x_1, x_2, x_3) .

In what follows, let $h = (1 + n \text{ mod } n^2) \in \mathbb{Z}_{n^2}^*$, which as discussed above, is an element of order n .

5.4 User Master Secret Generation

The user's master secret m_1 is an integer chosen uniformly at random from the interval $[1, \rho]$. Depending on the issuance specification, m_1 may be new or re-used from a previous certificate.

5.5 Pseudonyms and Domain Pseudonyms

The user can generate as many pseudonyms and domain pseudonyms as she wants. Each pseudonym or domain pseudonym is unlinkable to any other pseudonym or domain pseudonym generated by the user. However, the domain pseudonyms enforce that a user can only generate one pseudonym per domain (i.e., given the domain and the user's master secret key, the domain pseudonym is unique). It is enforced that all pseudonyms are computed in the subgroup $\langle g \rangle$ of \mathbb{Z}_Γ^* which has order ρ .

A pseudonym is computed as $Nym := commit(m_1)$. Let dom be an arbitrary string describing a domain. A domain pseudonym for dom is computed as $DNym := g_{dom}^{m_1}$, where $g_{dom} := \mathcal{H}(dom)^{(\Gamma-1)/\rho} \text{ mod } \Gamma$, where \mathcal{H} is a hash function mapping $\{0, 1\}^* \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}_\Gamma$ (see [IBM09] for description of \mathcal{H}).

6 Protocol Specification of *idemix*

Let us recall the inputs of the *idemix* protocols as discussed in Section 3.2. The protocols are run interactively between the participants, which we describe in a sequential fashion in the issuance protocol. The proving protocol is less interactive, however, it is essential to note that the prover first computes cryptographic values for all sub-proofs. Then she is able to compute the challenge used to make the zero-knowledge proof non-interactive. Using this challenge, the prover (again) calls all sub-provers. This methodology can be seen as there is an optional value $[c]$ specified as input of all sub-provers.

6.1 Credential Issuance

Let us begin by giving an overview of the protocol used to issue a credential. The roles in this protocol are the RECIPIENT of the credential, which is executed by a user, and the ISSUER of the credential, which

is typically run by an organization (e.g., a company, a government). During the issuance protocol, the ISSUER and RECIPIENT interactively create a CL-signature for the RECIPIENT, which is the cryptographic part of a credential. At each step of this three flow protocol, a zero knowledge proof ensures that both parties are correctly implementing the protocol.

6.1.1 Protocol: IssueCertificateProtocol

Input Common:	$\mathcal{S}, \{nym\}, \{dNym\}, \{C_k\}_{\forall k \in A_c}, \{m_i\}_{\forall i \in A_k}$
RECIPIENT:	$m_1, \{(m_k, r_k)\}_{k \in A_c}, \{m_j\}_{j \in A_h}, \{r_i\}_{i \in \{nym\}}$
ISSUER:	sk_I

Output Common: The CL-signature (A, e, v) or \perp if the protocol fails.

\mathcal{S} is the issuing specification, which is an input to the ISSUER and the RECIPIENT, and it most importantly determines the credential structure. Thereby, the issuer public key and the attribute structures are implicitly defined. Note that the credential structure specifies the attributes, that is, their data type, issuance mode (see 3.1.1) and the index with respect to the bases in the issuer public key. In addition, \mathcal{S} allows both parties to compute a common string **context** which is a list of all public parameters. This string will be included in the hash, which binds the zero-knowledge proof to the current context. This prevents values generated during the proof from being re-used in some other context.

The committed values $(\{m_k\}_{k \in A_c})$ are given to the ISSUER through the commitment $C_k \leftarrow Z_{(k)}^{m_k} S_{(k)}^{r_k} \pmod{n_{(k)}}$. Subsequently, the issuer has as private input the integer values r_k . We remark that the commitment bases need to be chosen such that the issuer is ensured that the recipient (the committer) does not know the factorization of the modulus $n_{(k)}$ (see § 4.6).

Similarly, the set of values r_i are the integers s.t. $nym \leftarrow g^{m_1} h^{r_i}, \forall i \in \{nym\}$. If the protocol is run without any pseudonym, we set $nym := \perp$, similarly if not domain pseudonym is present $dNym := \perp$.

A note on enumerated attributes. Enumerated attributes are specified as a set of names. Using the attribute structure, the set can be translated into the value of the enumerated attribute. An enumerated attribute can contain the values of several attributes.

All possible values for enumerated attributes are specified in the credential structure. To indicate which of the enumerated attributes are contained in the credential, there is a list in the attribute. This list is built of *attributeName:enumValue* entries. Using this list and the primes assigned in the credential structure, the attribute value can be calculated as the product of the corresponding primes.

Example 6.1. Let us assume that there is an attribute named “sex”, which can assume the values “male” or “female”, and an attribute named “language”, which can have the values “german”, “french” or “english”. Those attributes are encoded in the attribute “enumEncoding” and the following primes are associated to the attributes:

$$\begin{aligned} sex: male &= 3 \\ sex: female &= 5 \\ language: german &= 7 \\ language: french &= 11 \\ language: english &= 13 \end{aligned}$$

A male user speaking German and French would consequently get assigned the values *sex: male*, *language: german*, and *language: french* which results in an effective attribute value m_j of 231.

Round 0

- 0.1** ISSUER chooses a random nonce $n_1 \in_R \{0, 1\}^{\ell_\phi}$.
- 0.2** ISSUER \rightarrow RECIPIENT: n_1 .
- 0.3** ISSUER and RECIPIENT load attribute structures A from \mathcal{S} .

Round 1

1.1 RECIPIENT chooses a random integer $v' \in_R \pm\{0, 1\}^{\ell_n + \ell_\phi}$.

1.2 RECIPIENT computes

$$U := S^{v'} \cdot \prod_{j \in A} R_j^{m_j} \bmod n$$

Next, RECIPIENT computes a non-interactive proof that this was done correctly. (We slightly abuse the CS notation by *not* replacing all the values the prover is proving knowledge of with Greek letters.)

$$\begin{aligned} \text{SPK} \{ \{m_i\}_{i \in A_h}, v', \{(m_k, r_k)\}_{k \in A_c} : \\ U \equiv \pm S^{v'} \prod_{k \in A_h} R_k^{m_k} \pmod{n} \\ \wedge_{nym \neq \perp} nym \equiv g^{m_1} h^r \pmod{\Gamma} \\ \wedge_{dNym \neq \perp} dNym \equiv g_{\text{dom}}^{m_1} \pmod{\Gamma} \\ \wedge_{k \in A_c} (C_k \equiv \pm Z_{(k)}^{m_k} S_{(k)}^{r_k} \pmod{n_{(k)}}) \\ \wedge m_i \in \pm\{0, 1\}^{\ell_m + \ell_\phi + \ell_H + 1} \quad \forall i \in A_h \} \end{aligned} \quad (1)$$

Note. In some cases the issuer may require that the master secret m_1 be the same as the master secret of a credential previously used during a proof protocol. This is enforced by using the same pseudonym nym or $dNym$ in both protocols. Moreover, the master secret can only ever be used for pseudonym, i.e., the library will not allow its use for computation anywhere else than for nym , $dNym$ and U .

1.3 Recipient computes SPK (1).

1.3.0.0 Choose $\tilde{m}_j \in_R \pm\{0, 1\}^{\ell_m + \ell_\phi + \ell_H + 1}$ for $j \in \{1 \cup A_h \cup A_c\}$.

1.3.0.1 (*knowledge of pseudonym and master secret key*) If $nym \neq \perp$ compute

$$\widetilde{nym} := g^{\tilde{m}_1} h^{\tilde{r}_i} \bmod \Gamma$$

where $\tilde{r}_i \in_R [1, \rho]$, otherwise set $\widetilde{nym} := \perp$.

1.3.0.2 (*knowledge of domain pseudonym and master secret key*) If $dNym \neq \perp$ compute

$$\widetilde{dNym} := g_{\text{dom}}^{\tilde{m}_1} \bmod \Gamma$$

otherwise set $\widetilde{dNym} := \perp$.

1.3.1 (*knowledge of U 's representation*) Compute

$$\tilde{U} := S^{\tilde{v}'} \cdot \prod_{j \in A} R_j^{\tilde{m}_j} \bmod n$$

where

$$\tilde{v}' \in_R \pm\{0, 1\}^{\ell_n + 2\ell_\phi + \ell_H}.$$

Store all random values.

1.3.2 (*knowledge of committed values*) Compute the map from attribute names to \tilde{C}_j where

$$\tilde{C}_j := (Z_{(j)}^{\tilde{m}_j} S_{(j)}^{\tilde{r}_j} \bmod n_{(j)})_{j \in A_c}$$

with all $\tilde{r}_j \in_R \pm\{0, 1\}^{\ell_n + 2\ell_\phi + \ell_H}$.

1.3.3 (*challenge via Fiat-Shamir*) Compute the challenge as:

$$\begin{aligned} c := & H(\text{context} \| U \| C_1 \| \dots \| C_k \| nym \| dNym \| \\ & \tilde{U} \| \tilde{C}_1 \| \dots \| \tilde{C}_k \| \tilde{nym} \| \tilde{dNym} \| n_1). \end{aligned}$$

1.3.4 (*responses to challenge*) The responses are (some denoted as ordered lists):

$$\begin{aligned}\hat{v}' &:= \tilde{v}' + cv' \\ s_A &:= (\hat{m}_j := \tilde{m}_j + cm_j)_{j \in A}\end{aligned}$$

If $nym \neq \perp$ compute $\hat{r}_j := \tilde{r}_j + cr_j \bmod \rho$ for all $j \in \{nym\}$ otherwise set $\hat{r} := \perp$.

1.3.5 (*output SPK* $\{\dots\}(n_1)$) The complete proof signature is

$$P_1 := (c, \hat{v}', s_A, \hat{r}) .$$

1.4 RECIPIENT \rightarrow ISSUER: $U, P_1, n_2 \in_R \{0, 1\}^{\ell_\rho}$.

1.5 RECIPIENT stores the following elements to file (for use in credential epoch update)

- A_k (values and structure)
- v'
- **context**

Round 2 (*Signature Generation*)

2.0 ISSUER verifies P_1 .

2.0.0.1 (*knowledge of pseudonym and master secret key*) If $nym \neq \perp$ compute

$$nym := nym^{-c} g^{\hat{m}_1} h^{\hat{r}} \bmod \Gamma$$

otherwise set $nym := \perp$.

2.0.0.2 (*knowledge of pseudonym and master secret key*) If $dNym \neq \perp$ compute

$$dNym := dNym^{-c} g_{\text{dom}}^{\hat{m}_1} \bmod \Gamma$$

otherwise set $dNym := \perp$.

2.0.1 (*representation of U*) Compute

$$\hat{U} := U^{-c} (S^{\hat{v}'}) \prod_{j \in A} R_j^{\hat{m}_j} \bmod n .$$

2.0.2 (*knowledge of committed values*) Compute the ordered list

$$\hat{C}_j := \left(c_j^{-c} Z_{(j)}^{\hat{m}_j} S_{(j)}^{\hat{r}_j} \bmod n_{(j)} \right)_{j \in A_c} .$$

2.0.3 (*verify challenge*) Compute

$$\begin{aligned}\hat{c} &:= H(\text{context} \| U \| C_1 \| \dots \| C_k \| nym \| dNym \| \\ &\quad \hat{U} \| \hat{C}_1 \| \dots \| \hat{C}_k \| nym \| dNym \| n_1)\end{aligned}$$

If $\hat{c} \neq c$, verification fails, abort **IssueCertificateProtocol** and return \perp .

2.0.4 (*length checks*) Check that

$$\begin{aligned}\hat{v}' &\in \pm \{0, 1\}^{\ell_n + 2\ell_\sigma + \ell_H + 1} , \\ \hat{m}_i &\in \pm \{0, 1\}^{\ell_m + \ell_\sigma + \ell_H + 2} , \text{ for all } i \in \{1 \cup A_h \cup A_c\} .\end{aligned}$$

If any length check fails; abort **IssueCertificateProtocol** and return \perp .

2.1 ISSUER generates a CL signature on the attributes.

2.1.1 Choose a random prime

$$e \in_R [2^{\ell_e-1}, 2^{\ell_e-1} + 2^{\ell'_e-1}] .$$

2.1.2 Choose a random integer $\tilde{v} \in_R \{0, 1\}^{\ell_v-1}$, and compute $v'' := 2^{\ell_v-1} + \tilde{v}$.

2.1.3 Compute

$$Q := \frac{Z}{US^{v''} \prod_{i \in A_k} R_i^{m_i}} \bmod n \quad \text{and} \quad A := Q^{e^{-1} \bmod p'q'} \bmod n .$$

(A, e, v'') will be sent to the RECIPIENT. Recall A_k that contains the known attributes.

2.1.4 ISSUER stores the following elements `RecipientRecord` to file (for use in credential updates):

- Q
- A_k (values and structure)
- v''
- `context`

2.2 ISSUER creates the following proof of correctness.

$$SPK\{(e^{-1}) : A \equiv \pm Q^{e^{-1}} \pmod{n}\}(n_2) .$$

2.2.1 Compute $\tilde{A} := Q^r \pmod{n}$, for $r \in_R \mathbb{Z}_{p'q'}^*$.

2.2.2 Compute $c' := H(\text{context} \| Q \| A \| \tilde{A} \| n_2)$.

2.2.3 Compute $s_e := r - c'e^{-1} \pmod{p'q'}$. The proof is $P_2 \leftarrow (s_e, c')$.

2.3 ISSUER sends (A, e, v'') , P_2 , $(m_i)_{i \in A_k}$ to the RECIPIENT.

Round 3

3.0 Compute $v := v'' + v'$.

3.1 RECIPIENT verifies (A, e, v) , using the CL-sig verification algorithm:

3.1.0 Check that e is prime, and $e \in [2^{\ell_e-1}, 2^{\ell_e-1} + 2^{\ell'_e-1}]$.

3.1.1 Compute $Q := \frac{Z}{S^v \prod_{i \in S} R_i^{m_i}} \bmod n$.

3.1.2 Compute $\hat{Q} := A^e \bmod n$.

3.1.3 If $\hat{Q} \not\equiv Q \pmod{n}$, abort `IssueCertificateProtocol`.

3.2 RECIPIENT verifies P_2 .

3.2.1 Compute $\hat{A} := A^{c' + s_e \cdot e} S^{v' s_e} \bmod n$.

3.2.2 Compute $\hat{c} := H(\text{context} \| Q \| A \| \hat{A} \| n_2)$.

3.2.3 If $\hat{c} \neq c'$, abort `IssueCertificateProtocol`.

3.3 (*output*) If steps 3.1 and 3.2 succeed, store the credential $(m_i)_{i \in A}, (A, e, v)$.

6.1.2 Protocol: UpdateCredential

To update a credential, the issuer runs some parts of the issuance protocol again. However, he includes the new message values for the updated attributes. The issuer has stored A_k , $(m_i)_{A_k}$, Q and v'' on file for the credential. Now let $(\tilde{m}_i)_{A_k}$ be the values of the attributes as they should appear in updated credential and let $\Delta m_i = \tilde{m}_i - m_i$. We assume that one of these m_i encodes the epoch.

Round 1 (*Signature Generation*)

1.1 Issuer reads previously saved elements from update file.

1.2 Issuer generates a CL signature on the attributes.

1.2.1 Choose a random prime

$$e \in_R [2^{\ell_e-1}, 2^{\ell_e-1} + 2^{\ell'_e-1}] .$$

1.2.2 Choose a random integer $\tilde{v} \in_R \{0, 1\}^{\ell_v-1}$, and compute $\bar{v}'' := 2^{\ell_v-1} + \tilde{v}$ and $\Delta v'' := \bar{v}'' - v''$

1.2.3 Compute

$$\bar{Q} := \frac{Q}{(\prod_{i \in A_{KN}} R_i^{\Delta m_i}) S^{\Delta v''}} \bmod n \quad \text{and} \quad \bar{A} := \bar{Q}^{e^{-1} \bmod p'q'} \bmod n .$$

1.2.4 Set $Q := \bar{Q}$, $v'' := \bar{v}''$, $m_i := \bar{m}_i$, and $A := \bar{A}$.

1.3 Issuer creates the following proof of correctness.

$$P_2 := SPK \left\{ (e^{-1}) : A \equiv \pm Q^{e^{-1}} \pmod{n} \right\} (n_2) .$$

1.4 Issuer sends (A, e, v'') , P_2 , and $(m_i)_{i \in A_k}$ to the Recipient.

1.5 Issuer updates the following elements in file (for use in credential update)

- Q
- v''
- $\{m_i : i \in A_k\}$

Round 2

2.1 Recipient reads previously saved elements from update file.

2.2 Recipient verifies P_2 .

2.2.1 Compute Q and $\hat{Q} = A^{e'} Q^{s_e}$.

2.2.2 Compute $\hat{c} = H(\text{context} \| Q \| A \| \hat{Q} \| n_2)$.

2.2.3 If $\hat{c} \neq c'$, abort `IssueCredentialProtocol`.

2.3 Recipient computes and stores $v = v' + v''$.

2.4 Recipient verifies (A, e, v) , using the CL-signature verification algorithm (see issuing Step 2.2).

2.4.2 Check that e is prime and that $e \in [2^{\ell_e-1}, 2^{\ell_e-1} + 2^{\ell_e'-1}]$.

2.4.1 Check $Z \equiv A^e R_1^{m_1} \dots R_l^{m_l} S^v \pmod{n}$.

2.5 (*output*) If steps 2.2 and 2.4 succeed, the credential $(m_1, \dots, m_l, (A, e, v))$ is output and the recipient update its record for this credential.

6.2 Credential Proof

Let us describe how a user acting as the PROVER can use a proof specification to create a proof of possession of a credential. Such a proof can be verified by the VERIFIER, which could be a relying party basing its access control decision on such a proof. For creating such a proof, we use the basic proof system of the underlying anonymous credential system of Camenisch and Lysyanskaya [CL03]. This basic protocol is extended by protocols for verifiable encryption of Camenisch and Shoup [CS03] and for enumerated attributes described by Camenisch and Gross [CG08].

We refer to the example of a proof specification given in Fig. 6 where we also explained the components of the proof specification. For the detailed notation of the object see Appendix D.2.

A note on the trust model is applicable here. A proof of knowledge of a value in the group \mathbb{Z}_n^* where n is from the issuer's public key, requires that the VERIFIER trusts the issuer not to share the secret key with the PROVER (see § 4.6). An alternative would be to have the PROVER use the VERIFIER's public key, however this requires additional infrastructure.

As there is little interaction between the PROVER and VERIFIER, the presentation of the protocols for both roles are easily separated. The protocols for the prover and the verifier are denoted `ProveProtocol` and `VerifyProtocol`, respectively. We start with the description of the `ProveProtocol`.

6.2.1 The Prove Protocol

The `ProveProtocol` realizes a non-interactive proof of the statements defined in the proof specification.

Note that many assertions require multiple credentials, for example, a merchant might want to ensure that the `name` field of the credit card credential matches the `name` field on the government ID credential. We allow for such proofs, however, the library requires the master secret of all credentials used in one proof to be the same (this is proven transparently to the user of the library).

Abstractly, the proof is the composition of the following proofs. Let $V = \{v_1, \dots, v_t\}$ be the set of values in the credentials held by the prover.

$$\begin{aligned}
 SPK\{(V) : v_i \in V \text{ are certified, same master secret used}(\text{ProveCL}) & \quad (2) \\
 \wedge \text{ pseudonyms matching master secret } (\text{ProvePseudonym}) & \\
 \wedge \text{ commitments to some } v_i (\text{ProveCommitment}) & \\
 \wedge v_i \text{ lies satisfies some inequality } (\text{ProveInequality, etc.} \dots) & \\
 \wedge \text{ some } v_i \text{ are encrypted } (\text{ProveVerEnc, etc.} \dots) & \\
 \wedge \dots \text{ and other predicates} \} &
 \end{aligned}$$

Implicit in (2) is that the attributes in the predicates `ProveCommitment`, `ProveInequality`, and `ProveVerEnc`, etc. are the same as those certified in `ProveCL`. Thus, in addition to proving an attribute m_i lies in a given range or is contained in a given commitment, the verifier is also assured that m_i appears in a particular credential. Finally, note that some certified attributes are revealed to the verifier in the clear (A_r). Here, the verifier is assured that the attributes were signed by the issuer, in addition to learning their values.

The basic proof structure for an individual credential proof is similar to a Schnorr signature, the non-interactive version of a common three-move ZK proof. First, the `PROVER` computes random values of the form $t := g^r$, then she computes a challenge $c := H(\dots || t)$, and finally she computes a response of the form $s := r - c\alpha$, to prove knowledge of α . We will refer to the value(s) in the first step as t -value(s) and the response(s) as s -value(s).

The major steps in (2) will be described as separate protocols. For each credential in the specification, we must prove possession of a CL-signature, using `ProveCL`. We may also need various other sub-protocols (or “sub-provers”), typically one for each predicate type. The modularity of implementing each predicate by a sub-protocol, has been helped manage the complexity of `ProveProtocol`, both in documentation and implementation.

Since all sub-proofs will share a challenge value, they must run in two steps. First, each sub-protocol outputs the t -values which are all included in a hash to form the challenge. Then, given the challenge, the sub-protocols output the s -values. The table below gives the names of each predicate and the corresponding sub-provers for proof and verification.

Predicate Name	ProveProtocol	VerifyProtocol
<code>CLPredicate</code>	<code>ProveCL</code>	<code>VerifyCL</code>
<code>InequalityPredicate</code>	<code>ProveInequality</code>	<code>VerifyInequality</code>
<code>PrimeEncodePredicate</code>	<code>ProvePrimeEncode</code>	<code>VerifyPrimeEncode</code>
<code>CommitmentPredicate</code>	<code>ProveCommitment</code>	<code>VerifyCommitment</code>
<code>RepresentationPredicate</code>	<code>ProveRepresentation</code>	<code>VerifyRepresentation</code>
<code>PseudonymPredicate</code>	<code>ProvePseudonym</code>	<code>VerifyPseudonym</code>
<code>DomainNymPredicate</code>	<code>ProveDomainNym</code>	<code>VerifyDomainNym</code>
<code>VerEncPredicate</code>	<code>ProveVerEnc</code>	<code>VerifyVerEnc</code>
<code>EpochPredidcate</code>	reveal the epoch attribute	

Our presentation of `ProveProtocol` first describes how the `PROVER` generates the proof, and then how the `VERIFIER` performs verification. Recall that the `PROVER` and `VERIFIER` augment the specification with additional, possibly private, values.

6.2.2 Validation

The specification is (partially) validated at three occasions: first, when it is loaded through the `Parser`; second, the specification is built; third, when it is passed to the `Prover`. This method in validating allows

us to fail as early as possible. However, assume that the proof specification defines attribute value v_i and attribute value v_j to be the same. If $v_i \neq v_j$, the validation will not fail but the proof cannot be compiled. Let us summarize the validations:

Parser validations done when parsing a proof specification from XML

- attribute identifiers i have unique names
- $\forall dNym$: domain is not null
- all identifiers i referenced in `CLPPredicate`, `InequalityPredicate`, `RepresentationPredicate`, `CommitmentPredicate`, `EnumPredicate`, or `VerEncPredicate` are found, i.e., $i \in \mathcal{I}_r \cup \mathcal{I}_{\bar{r}}$.

ProofSpec validations done when building a proof specification object

- all attributes have corresponding attribute identifiers
- data type of attributes and identifiers match
- group parameters among all `CLPPredicates` match

Prover validations carried out when creating a prover object

- all credentials referenced from a `CLPPredicate` are provided to the **Prover**
- all referenced pseudonyms are provided to the **Prover**

Prover and Verifier validations

- the bases in the proof specification match the bases in the representation object.
- messages in proof specification matches library internal message.

6.2.3 Protocol: buildProof

Input: $m_1, \{cred\}, \mathcal{S}, n_1, \{comm\}, \{rep\}, \{nym\}, \{dNym\}, \{verEnc\}, \{msg\}$.

Output: non-interactive proof of statements in \mathcal{S} : (**Common**, c, s)

Here, $\{cred\}$ are the credential(s), $\{comm\}$ the commitments, $\{rep\}$ the representations, $\{nym\}$ the pseudonyms, $\{dNym\}$ the domain pseudonyms, $\{verEnc\}$ the verifiable encryptions, and $\{msg\}$ the message(s) that are needed to compile the proof. The nonce n_1 is generated by the VERIFIER and sent to the PROVER.

Let \mathcal{P} be the set of predicates as specified in \mathcal{S} , $\mathcal{I}_{\bar{r}}$ the set of non-revealed identifiers, and \mathcal{I}_r the set of revealed identifiers. This protocol coordinates the use of the sub-provers and passes the relevant inputs of the **Prover** to them.

0. Setup

- 0.1** For each hidden identifier $v_i \in V_h$, generate $\hat{v}_i \in_R \{0, 1\}^{\ell_m + \ell_\phi + \ell_H}$. These values are stored in the respective identifier.

1. Compute t -values

- 1.1** For each predicate p in \mathcal{P} call the appropriate sub-prover. Each sub-prover has access to a list **T** to store the t -values, and a list **Common** to store common values. Sub-provers can access the random values from step 0.1 through the identifiers.

We assume the sub-protocols maintain state until the end of the proof (i.e., until both the t -values and s -values have been computed).

2. Compute the challenge

2.1 Challenge c :

$$c := H(\text{context}, \mathbf{Common}, \mathbf{T}, \{comm\}, \{rep\}, \{nym\}, \{dNym\}, \\ \{verEnc\}, \{msg\}, n_1),$$

where **context** is a string representing the context (or environment), defined in § 4.3,

3. Compute the responses

3.1 For each predicate $p \in \mathcal{P}$, call the corresponding sub-prover. Sub-provers output s -values to \mathbf{s} as required, indexed by predicate or identifier name.

4. Output proof

4.1 Output the proof $(c, \mathbf{s}, \mathbf{Common}, \mathcal{R})$. The structure of \mathbf{s} is such that given \mathbf{s} and \mathcal{S} the verifier can easily determine the correct s -values to use during verification.

6.2.4 Protocol: ProveCL

For each credential, the sub-protocol ProveCL is invoked which proves the following,

$$\begin{aligned} &SPK\{(e, \{m_i : i \in A_h\}, v) : \\ &\quad \frac{Z}{\prod_{i \notin A_h} R_i^{m_i}} \equiv \pm A^e S^v \prod_{i \in A_h} R_i^{m_i} \pmod{n} \\ &\quad \wedge m_i \in \{0, 1\}^{\ell_m + \ell_o + \ell_H + 2} \quad \forall i \in A_h \\ &\quad \wedge e - 2^{\ell_e - 1} \in \{0, 1\}^{\ell'_e + \ell_o + \ell_H + 2} \}(n_1) \end{aligned}$$

and expands to the following protocol.

Input $cred$, CLPredicate p , $[c]$

Output if $c \equiv \perp$, outputs one t -value, and a common value A' otherwise
outputs three s -values

Let (A, e, v) be the CL signature for $cred$. Let I be the list of identifiers in p . If $c \not\equiv \perp$, then steps 1-3 have already been executed, skip to Step 4.

1. Randomize signature

1.1 Choose $r_A \in_R \{0, 1\}^{\ell_n + \ell_o}$

1.2 Compute the randomized CL signature (A', e, v') , where

$$\begin{aligned} A' &:= AS^{r_A} \pmod{n}, \\ v' &:= v - er_A \pmod{\mathbb{Z}}. \end{aligned}$$

Additionally compute $e' := e - 2^{\ell_e - 1}$.

2. Compute t -values

2.1 Choose random integers

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{e} &\in_R \pm \{0, 1\}^{\ell'_e + \ell_o + \ell_H} \\ \tilde{v}' &\in_R \pm \{0, 1\}^{\ell_v + \ell_o + \ell_H}. \end{aligned}$$

For each identifiers $i \in I$, recover the corresponding random value \tilde{m}_i , computed in step 0.1 of buildProof.

2.2 Compute

$$\tilde{Z} := (A')^{\tilde{e}} \left(\prod_{i \in I} R_i^{\tilde{m}_i} \right) (S^{\tilde{v}'}) \pmod{n}.$$

3. Output t -value \tilde{Z} , common value A' .
4. *Compute the s -values.* Compute the following in \mathbb{Z} :

$$4.1 \quad \hat{e} := \tilde{e} + ce' \quad (= \tilde{e} + c(e - 2^{\ell_e - 1})),$$

$$4.2 \quad \hat{v}' := \tilde{v}' + cv',$$

$$4.3 \quad \hat{m}_i := \tilde{m}_i + cm_i \text{ for } i \notin A_r.$$

6.2.5 Proof Prime Encoding

The protocol `ProvePrimeEncode` is implemented by three other protocols, `ProveCGAND`, `ProveCGOR`, and `ProveCGNOT`, the Camenisch-Gross [CG08] protocols for the AND, OR and NOT operators applicable to `PrimeEncodePredicate`. These three protocols are described separately.

The prime encoding protocols require a modulus n (mostly for computing commitments). This is taken from the issuer's public key in the first credential certifying the attribute that appears in the predicate being proven.

Protocol: ProveCGAND Here we describe the protocol for predicates with the AND operator. Let m be the value specified by the attribute, c_i the primes corresponding to the attributes revealed during the proof, and $m_r := \prod_i c_i$ their product. The product of the primes not revealed during the proof are denoted $m_h := m/m_r$.

Let $C := Z^m S^r$ be a commitment to m . The protocol `ProveCGAND` proves

$$SPK\{(m, r, m_h) : C \equiv \pm Z^m S^r \pmod{n} \wedge C \equiv \pm (Z^{m_r})^{m_h} S^r \pmod{n}\}.$$

Input `PrimeEncodePredicate` p (with AND operator), $[c]$
Output if $c \equiv \perp$, outputs two t -values, and a common value
otherwise outputs two s -values

Recover m from the identifier, obtain the value m_r from the predicate, and compute $m_h := m/m_r$. The random value \tilde{m} , is the shared value computed in step 0.1 of `buildProof`.

1. *Commit to m*

$$1.1 \quad \text{Choose } r \in_R \{0, 1\}^{\ell_n}$$

$$1.2 \quad \text{Compute the commitment } C = Z^m S^r \pmod{n}.$$

2. *Compute t -value*

- 2.1 Choose the random integers

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{m}_h &\in_R \pm \{0, 1\}^{\ell_m + \ell_o + \ell_H + 1 - \ell_{m_r}} \\ \tilde{r} &\in_R \pm \{0, 1\}^{\ell_n + \ell_o + \ell_H + 1} \end{aligned}$$

where ℓ_{m_r} is the bitlength of m_r .

- 2.2 Compute

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{C} &:= (Z^{m_r})^{\tilde{m}_h} S^{\tilde{r}} \pmod{n}, \\ \tilde{C}_0 &:= Z^{\tilde{m}} S^{\tilde{r}} \pmod{n}. \end{aligned}$$

3. Output t -values \tilde{C} and \tilde{C}_0 , common value C .
4. *Compute and output the s -values.* Compute the following in \mathbb{Z} :

$$4.1 \quad \hat{m}_h := \tilde{m}_h + cm_h$$

$$4.2 \quad \hat{r} := \tilde{r} + cr.$$

Protocol: ProveCGNOT Let m_i be the factors of the attribute m , and m_r be the constant we want to show that $m_i \neq m_r$. The sub-protocol **ProveCGNOT** proves the following,

$SPK\{(m, r, a, b, r') :$

$$Z \equiv (Z^m S^r)^a (Z^{m_r})^b S^{r'} \pmod{n} \quad \wedge \quad m, r \in \{0, 1\}^{\ell_m + \ell_o + \ell_H + 2} \quad \forall \\ \wedge \quad a, b \in \{0, 1\}^{\ell_m + \ell_o + \ell_H + 2} \}$$

and expands to the following protocol.

Input PrimeEncodePredicate p (with NOT operator), $[c]$
Output if $c \equiv \perp$, outputs one t -value, and a common value
otherwise outputs three s -values

If m is not a committed attribute, and if i is not in \mathcal{E} , then we need commit to it, otherwise we skip to step 2.

1. Commit to m and compute exponents

1.1 Choose $r \in_R \{0, 1\}^{\ell_n}$

1.2 Compute the commitment C , where

$$C := Z^m S^r \pmod{n},$$

1.3 Choose random integers

$$\tilde{m}, \tilde{r} \in_R \pm \{0, 1\}^{\ell_m + \ell_o + \ell_H + 1}.$$

1.4 Compute a and b with extended Euclid's algorithm, s.t. $ma + m_r b = 1$

1.5 compute r'

$$r' := -ra$$

2. Compute t -values

2.1 Choose random values

$$\tilde{r}', \tilde{a}, \tilde{b} \in_R \pm \{0, 1\}^{\ell_m + \ell_o + \ell_H + 1 - n_i \ell_t}$$

2.2 Compute

$$\tilde{C} := C^{\tilde{a}} (Z^{m_r})^{\tilde{b}} S^{\tilde{r}'} \pmod{n}.$$

3. Output t -value \tilde{C} , common value C .

4. Compute and output the s -values. Compute the following in \mathbb{Z} :

4.1 $\hat{r}' := \tilde{r}' + cr'$

4.2 $\hat{a} := \tilde{a} + ca.$

4.3 $\hat{b} := \tilde{b} + cb.$

6.2.6 Protocol: Provelnequality

An inequality predicate specifies an attribute value m , an operator $*$ and a constant m_r and proves that a $m * m_r$ holds. The operator $*$ is one of $>, \geq, <, \leq$. The proof idea is to calculate the delta value from m and m_r depending on the operator. Then the delta value is split into the sum of four squares $u_i, i \in \{1, \dots, 4\}$ and creates the following proof.

$$\begin{aligned} SPK\{(m, r_\Delta, \{u_1, \dots, u_4\}, \{r_1, \dots, r_4\}, \alpha) : \\ \wedge \quad T_\Delta^a Z^b \equiv \pm Z^m (S^a)^{r_\Delta} \pmod{n} \\ \wedge \quad T_j \equiv \pm Z^{u_j} S^{r_j} \pmod{n}, \text{ for } j = 1, 2, 3, 4 \\ \wedge \quad T_\Delta \equiv T_1^{u_1} \dots T_4^{u_4} S^\alpha \pmod{n}\}(n_1) \end{aligned}$$

where $\alpha = r_\Delta - \sum_{j=1}^4 u_j r_j$.

Input InequalityPredicate $p, [c]$

Output if $c \equiv \perp$, outputs six t -values, and five common values
otherwise outputs ten s -values

Let r_m be the random value for m chosen in Step 0.1 of `buildProof`. If $c \not\equiv \perp$, Steps 1-2 have already been executed, skip to Step 3.

1. Proof Setup

1.1 Define

$$\Delta := \begin{cases} b - m & \text{if } * \equiv \leq \\ b - m - 1 & \text{if } * \equiv < \\ m - b & \text{if } * \equiv \geq \\ m - b - 1 & \text{if } * \equiv > \end{cases}$$

and

$$a := \begin{cases} -1 & \text{if } * \equiv \leq \text{ or } < \\ 1 & \text{if } * \equiv \geq \text{ or } >. \end{cases}$$

Note that Δ will always be non-negative if the predicate is true. If $\Delta < 0$, the proof fails and returns \perp .

1.2 Express Δ as the sum of four squares,

$$\Delta := u_1^2 + u_2^2 + u_3^2 + u_4^2.$$

The current implementation uses an algorithm of Rabin and Shallit, described in [RS86, Sch]. Note that this step accounts for a substantial fraction of the computation time of this protocol, and increases non-linearly with increasing values of Δ .

1.3 Compute:

$$\begin{aligned} T_1 &:= Z^{u_1} S^{r_1} \pmod{n} & T_2 &:= Z^{u_2} S^{r_2} \pmod{n} \\ T_3 &:= Z^{u_3} S^{r_3} \pmod{n} & T_4 &:= Z^{u_4} S^{r_4} \pmod{n} \\ T_\Delta &:= Z^\Delta S^{r_\Delta} \pmod{n}, \end{aligned}$$

where $r_\Delta, r_i \in_R \{0, 1\}^{\ell_n + \ell_\phi}$. Record $r_\Delta, r_i, T_\Delta, T_i$ for later use.

2. Compute t -values

2.1 Compute :

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{T}_1 &:= Z^{\tilde{u}_1} S^{\tilde{r}_1} \pmod{n} & \hat{T}_2 &:= Z^{\tilde{u}_2} S^{\tilde{r}_2} \pmod{n} \\ \hat{T}_3 &:= Z^{\tilde{u}_3} S^{\tilde{r}_3} \pmod{n} & \hat{T}_4 &:= Z^{\tilde{u}_4} S^{\tilde{r}_4} \pmod{n} \\ \hat{T}_\Delta &:= Z^{\tilde{m}} (S^a)^{\tilde{r}_\Delta} \pmod{n}. \end{aligned}$$

where $\tilde{u}_i \in_R \{0, 1\}^{\ell_m + \ell_H + \ell_\phi}$ and $\tilde{r}_i, \tilde{r}_\Delta \in_R \{0, 1\}^{\ell_m + \ell_H + 2\ell_\phi}$. Note, \tilde{m} is the randomness shared accross sub-provers.

2.2 Compute

$$Q := T_1^{\tilde{u}_1} T_2^{\tilde{u}_2} T_3^{\tilde{u}_3} T_4^{\tilde{u}_4} S^{\tilde{\alpha}} \pmod{n}$$

where $\tilde{\alpha} \in_R \{0, 1\}^{\ell_n + \ell_m + 2\ell_k + 2\ell_s + 3}$.

2.3 Output t -values: $\hat{T}_1, \dots, \hat{T}_4, \hat{T}_\Delta, Q$.

2.4 Output **Common** values $T_\Delta, T_1, \dots, T_4$.

3. Compute s -values

3.1 For $i \in \{1, 2, 3, 4\}$, compute

$$\hat{u}_i := \tilde{u}_i + cu_i,$$

3.2 and

$$\hat{r}_i := \tilde{r}_i + cr_i.$$

3.3 Compute and output $\hat{r}_\Delta := \tilde{r}_\Delta + cr_\Delta$.

3.4 Compute $\alpha := r_\Delta - \sum_{j=1}^4 u_j r_j$, and output $\hat{\alpha} := \tilde{\alpha} + c\alpha$.

6.2.7 Protocol: ProveCommitment

The **ProveCommitment** protocol proves knowledge of a commitment and is run for each commitment predicate. A commitment $comm$ is of the form $C := R_1^{a_1} R_2^{a_2} \dots R_L^{a_L} S^r$. The bases R_i and S are from a public key of an issuer, and a_1, \dots, a_L , are the committed values. The proof works for one to L values, and each value i may either be revealed ($i \in \mathcal{I}_r$) or non-revealed ($i \in \mathcal{I}_{\bar{r}}$).

We prove:

$$SPK\{(a_1, \dots, a_L, r) : \frac{C}{\prod_{i \in \mathcal{I}_r} R_i^{a_i}} \equiv \pm \left(\prod_{i \in \mathcal{I}_{\bar{r}}} R_i^{a_i} \right) S^r \pmod{n}\}.$$

Input $comm$, CommitmentPredicate p , $[c]$

Output if $c \equiv \perp$, outputs one t -value
otherwise outputs one s -values

If $c \not\equiv \perp$, skip to Step 2.

1. Compute t -values

1.1 Choose the random integer

$$\tilde{r} \in_R \pm \{0, 1\}^{\ell_n + \ell_s + \ell_H + 1}$$

1.2 Compute and output

$$\tilde{C} := \left(\prod_{i \in \mathcal{I}_{\bar{r}}} R_i^{\tilde{a}_i} \right) S^{\tilde{r}} \pmod{n},$$

where \tilde{a}_i are chosen in Step 0.1 of **buildProof**.

2. Compute response values

2.1 Compute in \mathbb{Z} and output $\hat{r} := \tilde{r} + cr$.

6.2.8 Protocol: ProveRepresentation

Let a representation rep be of the form $R := \prod_{i=1}^k g_i^{x_i} \pmod{n}$. The random values corresponding to the exponents x_i are generated in Step 0.1 of `buildProof`. Since all random values are generated in `buildProof`, this sub-protocol computes no responses based on c .

We prove:

$$SPK\{(x_1, \dots, x_k) : R \equiv \pm \prod_{i=1}^k g_i^{x_i} \pmod{n}\}.$$

Input rep , RepresentationPredicate p , $[c]$
Output if $c \equiv \perp$, outputs one t -value
otherwise outputs one s -values

1. Compute and output t -Value $\tilde{R} = \prod g_j^{\tilde{r}^j}$, for all j such that x_j corresponds to a hidden identifier.

6.2.9 Protocol: ProvePseudonym/ProveDomainNym

The `buildProof` protocol proves knowledge of the secret underlying a pseudonym and that the pseudonym is based on the master secret key. Let nym and/or $dNym$ be a pseudonym or domain pseudonym, respectively.

This implements the sub-protocol

$$SPK\{(m_1, r_1) : \begin{aligned} nym &\equiv g^{m_1} h^r \pmod{\Gamma} \wedge_{nym \neq \perp} \\ dNym &\equiv g_{\text{dom}}^{m_1} \pmod{\Gamma} \wedge_{dNym \neq \perp} \end{aligned}\}$$

where m_1 is the master secret key.

Input nym and/or $dNym$, NymPredicate and/or DomNymPredicate p , $[c]$
Output if $c \equiv \perp$, outputs one t -value
otherwise outputs one s -values

If $c \neq \perp$, skip to Step 2.

1. Compute t -value

- 1.1 Choose a random integer $\tilde{r} \in_R \mathbb{Z}_\rho$.

- 1.2 Compute and output

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{nym} &:= g^{\tilde{m}_1} h^{\tilde{r}} \pmod{\Gamma} \text{ if } nym \neq \perp \text{ and} \\ \tilde{dNym} &:= g_{\text{dom}}^{\tilde{m}_1} \pmod{\Gamma} \text{ if } dNym \neq \perp. \end{aligned}$$

where \tilde{m}_1 is chosen in Step 0.1 of `buildProof`.

2. Compute response values

- 2.1 Compute in \mathbb{Z} and output $\hat{r} := \tilde{r} + cr$.

6.2.10 Protocol: ProveVerEnc

We assume that the prover has made a Camenisch-Shoup encryption (u, v, e) of some attribute m with label L and now want to prove that this is indeed the case. That is, we want to run the following subprotocol

$$PK\{(r, m) : u^2 \equiv g^{2r} \wedge e^2 \equiv y_1^{2r} h^{2m} \wedge v^2 \equiv (y_2 y_3^{\mathcal{H}_{\text{hk}}(u, e, L)})^{2r}\}.$$

Note that r is the randomness used to encrypt m as (u, v, e)

Input $verEnc, VerEncPredicate\ p, [c]$ Output if $c \equiv \perp$, outputs 3 t -values otherwise outputs s -value

If $c \not\equiv \perp$, Steps 1 has already been executed, skip to Step 2. The predicate p contains the public key, and the ciphertext (u, v, e) , as well as the randomness r has been loaded by the prover.

1. *Compute t -values*

1.1 Choose random $\tilde{r} \in \pm \{0, 1\}^{2\ell_{enc} + \ell_\phi + \ell_H + 1}$

1.2 Compute

$$\hat{u} := g^{2\tilde{r}}, \quad \hat{e} := y_1^{2\tilde{r}} h^{2\tilde{m}}, \quad \text{and} \quad \hat{v} := (y_2 y_3^{\mathcal{H}_{hk}(u, e, L)})^{2\tilde{r}}.$$

1.3 Output t -values (to be hashed): \hat{u} , \hat{e} , and \hat{v}

2. (*Compute s -values*)

2.1 Compute and output $\hat{r} := \tilde{r} + cr$.

6.2.11 The Verify Protocol

The verification of the proof will have a similar structure to its generation. The main protocol, **VerifyProtocol** will iterate over the predicates in \mathcal{S} and make calls to the appropriate verification sub-protocols. The sub-protocols compute the verification values (\hat{t} -values) to be hashed (together) and compared against c .

6.2.12 Protocol: verifyProof

Input $\mathcal{S}, P = (c, s, \mathbf{Common}), n_1$ Output accept or reject P
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The data structure s is accesible to all sub-provers, which may retrieve the required s -values.

1. *Compute \hat{t} -values*

1.1 For each predicate p in \mathcal{P} call the appropriate sub-verifier. Each sub-verifier has access to a list $\hat{\mathbf{T}}$ to store the \hat{t} -values, and the appropriate common values from **Common**. Sub-verifiers can access the s -values.

2. *Compute the verification challenge*

2.1

$$c := H(\text{context}, \mathbf{Common}, \hat{\mathbf{T}}, \{comm\}, \{rep\}, \{nym\}, \{dNym\}, \{verEnc\}, \{msg\}, n_1),$$

where **context** is defined in § 6.2.3.

3. *Verify equality of challenge*

3.1 If $c \equiv \hat{c}$ accept P and reject otherwise.

6.2.13 Protocol: VerifyCL

Input Credential structure, CLPredicate p Output one \hat{t} -value
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Using p , the verifier retrieves the common value A' and the s -values. To compute the t -value, the verifier iterates over the attributes from the credential structure and retrieves either the s -value through the attribute identifier name or the attribute value (also stored in the list of s -values).

1. Compute:

$$\hat{T} := \left(\frac{Z}{(\prod_{i \in A_r} R_i^{m_i})(A')^{2^{\ell_e-1}}} \right)^{-c} (A')^{\hat{e}} \left(\prod_{i \in A_{\bar{r}}} R_i^{\hat{m}_i} \right) S^{\hat{v}'} \bmod n$$

2. Check lengths:

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{m}_i &\in \pm \{0, 1\}^{\ell_m + \ell_o + \ell_H + 1}, \text{ for } i \in A_{\bar{r}}, \\ \hat{e} &\in \pm \{0, 1\}^{\ell'_e + \ell_o + \ell_H + 1}. \end{aligned}$$

If any of these checks fail, reject the proof.

3. Output \hat{T} .

6.2.14 Verify Prime Encoding

Similar to ProvePrimeEncode (§ 6.2.5), separate sub-protocols are used to implement the verification of prime encoded attribute proofs. These are VerifyCGAND, VerifyCGOR and VerifyCGNOT, which are described in § 6.2.14, § 6.2.14. Much of the computation must be done with respect to an issuer public key. For a PrimeEncodePredicate p , we use the public key of the first credential in the specification which certifies the attribute referenced by p .

Protocol: VerifyCGAND

Input PrimeEncodePredicate p (with AND operator)

Output one \hat{t} -value

Let \hat{m} be the s -value corresponding to the identifier specified in p , m_r the constant in p , and let \hat{m}_h, \hat{r} and C be the output of ProveCGAND.

1. Compute:

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{C} &:= C^{-c} (Z^{m_r})^{\hat{m}_h} S^{\hat{r}} \pmod{n}, \text{ and} \\ \hat{C}_0 &:= C^{-c} Z^{\hat{m}} S^{\hat{r}} \pmod{n}. \end{aligned}$$

2. Check length:

$$\hat{m}_h \in \pm \{0, 1\}^{\ell_m + \ell_o + \ell_H + 1 - \ell_{E_r}},$$

where ℓ_{E_r} is the bitlength of E_r . Reject the proof if this check fails.

3. Output \hat{C}, \hat{C}_0 .

Protocol: VerifyCGNOT

Input PrimeEncodePredicate p (with NOT operator)

Output one \hat{t} -value

Let \hat{m} be the s -value corresponding to the identifier specified in p , m_r the constant in p , and let $\hat{r}', \hat{a}, \hat{b}$ and C be the output of ProveCGOR.

1. Compute:

$$\hat{C} := Z^{-c} C^{\hat{a}} (Z^{m_r})^{\hat{b}} S^{\hat{r}'} \pmod{n}.$$

2. Check lengths:

$$\hat{m}_i \in \pm \{0, 1\}^{\ell_m + \ell_o + \ell_H + 1}, \text{ for } i \notin A_r,$$

If any of these checks fail, reject the proof.

3. Output \hat{T} .

6.2.15 Protocol: VerifyInequality

Input InequalityPredicate p

Output six \hat{t} -value

Let $T_\Delta, T_1, T_2, T_3, T_4$ be the common values from the proof.

1. Compute Δ' and update c if necessary.

$$\Delta' = \begin{cases} b & \text{if } * \equiv \leq \\ b - 1 & \text{if } * \equiv < \\ b & \text{if } * \equiv \geq \\ b + 1 & \text{if } * \equiv > \end{cases}$$

$$a = \begin{cases} -1 & \text{if } * \equiv \leq \text{ or } < \\ 1 & \text{if } * \equiv \geq \text{ or } > \end{cases}$$

Note that $\Delta' = m - a\Delta$.

2. Compute \hat{t} -values

2.1 Compute

$$\hat{T}_\Delta := \left(T_\Delta^a Z^{\Delta'} \right)^{-c} Z^{\hat{m}} (S^a)^{\hat{r}_\Delta} \pmod{n}.$$

2.2 For $i \in \{1, \dots, 4\}$, compute

$$\hat{T}_i := T_i^{-c} Z^{\hat{u}_i} S^{\hat{r}_i} \pmod{n}.$$

2.3 Compute

$$\hat{Q} := (T_\Delta)^{-c} T_1^{\hat{u}_1} T_2^{\hat{u}_2} T_3^{\hat{u}_3} T_4^{\hat{u}_4} S^{\hat{\alpha}} \pmod{n}.$$

3. Output $\hat{T}_\Delta, \hat{T}_1, \dots, \hat{T}_4, \hat{Q}$.

6.2.16 Protocol: VerifyCommitment

Input $comm$, CommitmentPredicate p

Output one \hat{t} -value

Let \hat{r} be the s-value, and let \mathcal{I}_r and \mathcal{I}_r be as defined in ProveCommitment (see § 6.2.7).

1. Compute

$$C' := \frac{C}{\prod_{i \in \mathcal{I}_r} R_i^{a_i}} \pmod{n},$$

and

$$\hat{C} := (C')^{-c} \left(\prod_{i \in \mathcal{H}} R_i^{\hat{a}_i} \right) S^{\hat{r}} \pmod{n}.$$

6.2.17 Protocol: VerifyRepresentation

Input rep , RepresentationPredicate p Output one \hat{t} -value
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For each identifier in p , recover \hat{x}_i , from the proof. Let \mathcal{I} be the set of identifiers (i.e., $\{1, \dots, k\}$) used in R , where \mathcal{I}_r are revealed and $\mathcal{I}_{\bar{r}}$ are not revealed.

1. Compute $R' := \prod_{j \in \mathcal{I}_r} g_j^{x_j}$.
2. Compute and output $\hat{R} = (R/R')^{-c} \prod_{j \in \mathcal{I}_{\bar{r}}} g_j^{\hat{x}_j}$.

6.2.18 Protocol: VerifyPseudonym/VerifyDomainNym

Input nym or $dNym$, PseudonymPredicate of DomainNymPredicate p Output one \hat{t} -value

Using p the protocol locates the value \hat{r} .

1. Compute

$$\begin{aligned} n\hat{y}m &:= nym^{-c} g^{\hat{m}_1} h^{\hat{r}} \pmod{\Gamma} && \text{if } nym \neq \perp \text{ and} \\ d\hat{N}ym &:= dNym^{-c} g_{\text{dom}}^{\hat{m}_1} \pmod{\Gamma} && \text{if } dNym \neq \perp \end{aligned}$$

2. Output $n\hat{y}m$ and/or $d\hat{N}ym$, if applicable.

6.2.19 Protocol: VerifyVerEnc

Input $verEnc$, ProveVerEnc p Output three \hat{t} -values
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Using p the protocol retrieved the values \hat{m}_1 and \hat{r} .

1. (Compute \hat{t} -values)

- 1.1 Compute

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{u} &:= u^{-2c} g^{2\hat{r}}, \\ \hat{e} &:= u^{-2c} y_1^{2\hat{r}} h^{2\hat{m}_1}, \text{ and} \\ \hat{v} &:= u^{-2c} (y_2 y_3^{\mathcal{H}_{hk}(u, e, L)})^{2\hat{r}}. \end{aligned}$$

2. Output \hat{u} , \hat{e} , and \hat{v} .

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Symbol	Description	Defined
n	RSA modulus for CL signatures	p. 16
p, q	prime factors of n	p. 16
QR_n	group of quadratic residues mod n	p. 16
pk_B, sk_B	public key, secret key of entity B	p. 16
S, Z, R_i	part of the issuer's public key (for CL sigs.)	p. 16
Γ	modulus of the commitment group	p. 15
ρ	prime order of a large subgroup of \mathbb{Z}_Γ^*	p. 15
b	cofactor of $\Gamma - 1$	p. 15
g, h	generators of the order ρ subgroup of \mathbb{Z}_Γ^*	p. 15
l	total number of attributes in a certificate (bases in the issuer's CL public key)	p. 15
m_1	the master secret	p. 16, 16
A	ordered set of attributes	p. 5
(m_1, \dots, m_l)	attributes in A	p. 5
A_k	indices of attributes which are public during a certificate issue	p. 6
A_h	indices of attributes which are hidden/committed during an issue	p. 6
A_r	indices of attributes revealed during a proof	p. 6
c_i	commitment of attribute i , i.e. $comm(m_i)$	p. 6
$\mathbf{n}, \mathbf{g}, y_1, y_2, y_3$	Verifiable encryption public key	—
$\mathbf{n}, x_1, x_2, x_3$	Verifiable encryption private key	—
\mathbf{h}	Ver. enc. param. $\mathbf{h} = (1 + \mathbf{n} \bmod \mathbf{n}^2) \in \mathbb{Z}_{\mathbf{n}^2}^*$	—

Table 1: Notation used in this document. The “Defined” column gives the page number where the symbol is defined. (The source code may refer to this table as `table:notation`.)

A Notation

Table 1 lists the notation used in this document. Table 2 lists recommended sizes for system parameters, and lists the constraints between parameters.

B Cryptographic Assumptions

The protocols discussed in this chapter rely on the strong RSA and the decisional Diffie-Hellman assumptions. We state them briefly for completeness.

Assumption 1 (Strong RSA Assumption). The strong RSA (SRSA) assumption states that it is computationally infeasible, on input a random RSA modulus n and a random element $u \in \mathbb{Z}_n^*$, to compute values $e > 1$ and v such that $v^e \equiv u \pmod{n}$.

The tuple (n, u) generated as above is called an *instance* of the *flexible* RSA problem.

Assumption 2 (DDH Assumption). Let Γ be an ℓ_Γ -bit prime and ρ is an ℓ_ρ -bit prime such that $\rho | \Gamma - 1$. Let $\gamma \in \mathbb{Z}_\Gamma^*$ be an element of order ρ . Then, for sufficiently large values of ℓ_Γ and ℓ_ρ , the distribution $\{(\delta, \delta^a, \delta^b, \delta^{ab})\}$ is computationally indistinguishable from the distribution $\{(\delta, \delta^a, \delta^b, \delta^c)\}$, where δ is a random element from $\langle \gamma \rangle$, and a, b , and c are random elements from $[0, \rho - 1]$.

The following theorem will turn out to be handy in some of our analyses.

Theorem B.1. [CS03] *Under the strong RSA assumption, given a modulus n (distributed as above), along with random elements $g, h \in (\mathbb{Z}_n^*)^2$, it is hard to compute an element $w \in \mathbb{Z}_n^*$ and integers a, b, c such that*

$$w^c \equiv g^a h^b \pmod{n} \text{ and } c \text{ does not divide } a \text{ or } b. \quad (3)$$

Parameter	Description	Bitlength
ℓ_n	size of RSA modulus	2048
ℓ_Γ	size of the commitment group modulus	1632
ℓ_ρ	size of the prime order subgroup of Γ	256
ℓ_m	size of attributes	256
ℓ_{res}	number reserved attributes in a certificate	1 [†]
ℓ_e	size of e values of certificates	597
ℓ'_e	size of the interval the e values are taken from	120
ℓ_v	size of the v values of the certificates	2724
ℓ_ϕ	security parameter that governs the statistical zero-knowledge property (source name <code>l_statzk</code>)	80
ℓ_k	security parameter	160
ℓ_H	domain of the hash function H used for the Fiat-Shamir heuristic	256
ℓ_r	security parameter required in the proof of security of the credential system	80
ℓ_{pt}	prime number generation returns composites with probability $1 - 1/2^{\ell_{pt}}$	80 [†]
ℓ_{enc}	security parameter for the CS encryption scheme, bit length of \sqrt{n}	1500

Table 2: System parameter sizes (in bits) used in idemix. (Source code may refer to this table as `table:params`.) († This value is an integer, not a bit length.)

Number	Constraint
1	$\ell_e > \ell_\phi + \ell_H + \max\{\ell_m + 4, \ell'_e + 2\}$
2	$\ell_v > \ell_n + \ell_\phi + \ell_H + \max\{\ell_m + \ell_r + 3, \ell_\phi + 2\}$
3	$\ell_H \geq \ell_k$
4	$\rho \nmid b$
5	$\ell_H < \ell_e$
6	$\ell'_e < \ell_e - \ell_\phi - \ell_H - 3$
7	$\ell_\rho \leq \ell_m$

Table 3: Constraints which parameter choices must satisfy to ensure security and soundness. (Source code may refer to this table as `table:constraints`.)

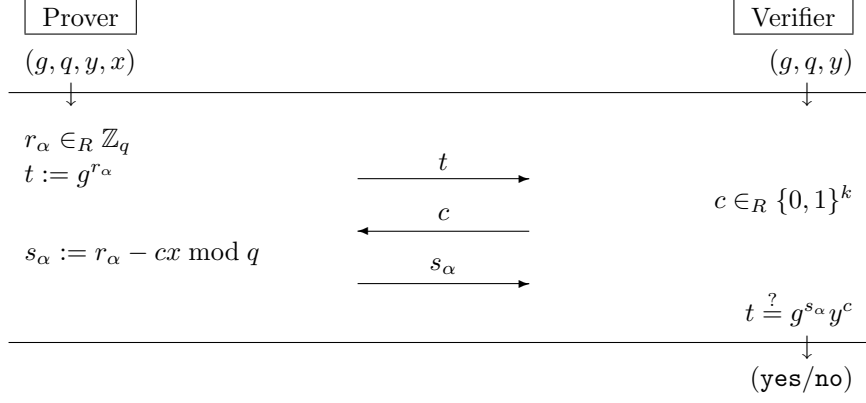


Figure 7: The protocol denoted $PK\{(\alpha) : y = g^\alpha\}$. The prover’s input to the protocol is (g, q, y, x) and the verifier’s input is (g, q, y) . The prover has no output; the verifier’s output is either **yes** or **no**, depending on whether or not he accepts the protocols, i.e., whether or not $t = g^{s_\alpha} y^c$ holds.

Intuitively, computing such a w and integers a , b , and c such that c does not divide a and b seems to require knowledge of the group’s order: One computes w as $g^x h^y$ for some x and y and then raises both sides to the power of c . Now if c should not divide a , then one seems to need reducing xc modulo the order of the group. However, this is not possible as the order is not known and so it seems impossible to compute such an a that is not divisible by c .

C Protocols to Prove Knowledge of and Relations among Discrete Logarithms

In the following we will use various protocols to prove knowledge of and relations among discrete logarithms. To describe these protocols, we use notation introduced by Camenisch and Stadler [CS97] for various proofs of knowledge of discrete logarithms and proofs of the validity of statements about discrete logarithms. For instance,

$$PK\{(\alpha, \beta, \gamma) : y = g^\alpha h^\beta \wedge \tilde{y} = \tilde{g}^\alpha \tilde{h}^\gamma \wedge (v < \alpha < u)\}$$

denotes a “zero-knowledge Proof of Knowledge of integers α , β , and γ such that $y = g^\alpha h^\beta$ and $\tilde{y} = \tilde{g}^\alpha \tilde{h}^\gamma$ holds, with $v < \alpha < u$,” where $y, g, h, \tilde{y}, \tilde{g}$, and \tilde{h} are elements of some groups $G = \langle g \rangle = \langle h \rangle$ and $\tilde{G} = \langle \tilde{g} \rangle = \langle \tilde{h} \rangle$. The convention is that Greek letters denote the quantities the knowledge of which is being proved, while all other parameters are known to the verifier. More precisely, the property of “proof of knowledge” means that there exists a *knowledge extraction* algorithm who can extract the Greek quantities from a successful prover if given rewinding and reset access to the prover (cf. Chapter ??). Thus, using this notation, a proof protocol can be described by just pointing out its aim while hiding the protocols realization details.

In the following we will first explain how such protocols can be constructed. Unless otherwise stated, we assume a group $G = \langle g \rangle$ of prime order q .

C.1 Schnorr’s Identification Scheme

The probably simplest case is the protocol denoted $PK\{(\alpha) : y = g^\alpha\}$, where $y \in G$, and is depicted in Figure 7. This protocol is also known as Schnorr’s identification protocol [Sch91]. As the first step in the protocol, the prover chooses a random integer r_α , computes the *protocol commitment* $t := g^{r_\alpha}$ and sends it to the verifier. The verifier replies with a random *protocol challenge* c . Next, the prover computes the *protocol response* $s := r - cx \bmod q$ and sends it to the verifier. Finally, the verifier accepts the protocol if the *verification equation* $t = g^{s_\alpha} y^c$ holds.

The protocol is a proof of knowledge of the discrete logarithm $\log_g y$ with cheating probability (knowledge error) of 2^{-k} . The protocol is also zero-knowledge against an honest verifier.

To achieve zero-knowledge against any verifier, one needs to choose k logarithmic in the security parameter and repeat the protocols sufficiently many times to make the knowledge error small enough, losing some efficiency by this repetition. Reasonable parameters seem to be $k = 10$ and repeating the protocol 8 times to achieve an overall cheating probability of 2^{-80} . Luckily, one can alternatively use one of the many known constructions to achieve zero-knowledge that retain efficiency, e.g., [Dam00]. We note that this discussion holds for all the protocols we consider in this chapter.

From the protocol just discussed, one can derive the Schnorr signature scheme, denoted $SPK\{(\alpha) : y = g^\alpha\}(m)$, by using the Fiat-Shamir heuristic [FS87, PS96], i.e., by replacing the verifier by a call to a hash function \mathcal{H} and thus computing the challenge as $c = \mathcal{H}(g\|y\|t\|m)$, where $m \in \{0, 1\}^*$ is the message that is signed. The signature of m consists of the pair (s, c) . The verification equation of the signature scheme entails computing $\hat{t} := g^s y^c$ and then verifying whether $c = \mathcal{H}(g\|y\|\hat{t}\|m)$ holds. This signature scheme can be shown secure in the so-called random oracle model [BR93].

C.2 Proving Knowledge of a Representation

One generalization of Schnorr's identification scheme is to use, say, ℓ bases g_1, \dots, g_ℓ with $g_i \in G$. That is, the protocol denoted $PK\{(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_\ell) : y = \prod_{i=1}^\ell g_i^{\alpha_i}\}$ is a proof of knowledge of the representation of $y \in G$ w.r.t. the bases g_i . It is constructed as follows. The inputs of the prover and the verifier consist of y, g_1, \dots, g_ℓ , the order q of the group, and the system parameter k . The secret input of the prover consists of x_i 's such that $y = \prod_{i=1}^\ell g_i^{x_i}$. Thus, each x_i corresponds to an α_i . Now, to compute the first message of the protocol, the prover chooses ℓ random integers $r_{\alpha_i} \in \mathbb{Z}_q$, computes $t := \prod_{i=1}^\ell g_i^{r_{\alpha_i}}$, and sends t to the verifier. The verifier replies with a c chosen as in the protocol above, i.e., randomly from $\{0, 1\}^k$. Next, the prover computes $s_{\alpha_i} := r_{\alpha_i} - cx_i \bmod q$ and sends the resulting $s_{\alpha_1}, \dots, s_{\alpha_\ell}$ to the verifier. The verifier will accept the protocol if the equation $t = y^c \prod_{i=1}^\ell g_i^{s_{\alpha_i}}$ holds. This protocol can be shown to be a proof of knowledge of values α_i such that $y = \prod_{i=1}^\ell g_i^{\alpha_i}$ with knowledge error 2^{-k} and to be honest-verifier zero-knowledge.

C.3 Combining Different Proof Protocols

One can combine different instances of the protocol described so far. The simplest combination is a protocol denoted

$$PK\{(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_\ell, \beta_1, \dots, \beta_{\ell'}) : y = \prod_{i=1}^\ell g_i^{\alpha_i} \wedge z = \prod_{i=1}^{\ell'} h_i^{\beta_i}\}$$

with $g_i, h_i, y, z \in G$. It is obtained by running the two protocols

$$PK\{(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_\ell) : y = \prod_{i=1}^\ell g_i^{\alpha_i}\} \quad \text{and} \quad PK\{(\beta_1, \dots, \beta_{\ell'}) : z = \prod_{i=1}^{\ell'} h_i^{\beta_i}\}$$

in parallel as sub-protocols as follows. First, the prover computes and sends to the verifier the commitment messages of both protocols at the same time. Next, the verifier chooses and sends back a *single* challenge message, i.e., the verifier chooses the same challenge message for both protocols. Finally, the verifier will accept the overall protocol only if the verification equations of both (sub-)protocols hold.

In the same way one constructs a protocol that involves several terms (i.e., representations of several values) by just running the protocol for each term in parallel and by letting the challenge to be the same for each of these protocols. So, for instance, the protocol $PK\{(\alpha, \beta, \gamma) : y = g^\alpha \wedge z = h^\beta \wedge w = g^\gamma\}$ is obtained by running the three sub-protocols $PK\{(\alpha) : y = g^\alpha\}$, $PK\{(\beta) : z = h^\beta\}$, and $PK\{(\gamma) : w = g^\gamma\}$ in parallel in as just described.

C.4 Proving Equality of Discrete Logarithms

Another useful combination of the protocols discussed so far is one where, in addition to prove knowledge of discrete logarithms or representations, the prover can show that some discrete logarithms are equal. Such protocols are in principle also obtained from running the basic protocol for each term in parallel. However, now not only are the challenges the same for each of these protocols but also some of random

choices of the prover as well as some of the response messages of the protocols needs to be the same. In general, when we compose protocols for arbitrary terms, the prover is to use the same random r_α in all the protocols that involve α in their term. Let us consider the protocol $PK\{(\alpha, \beta) : y = g^\alpha h^\beta \wedge z = h^\alpha\}$ as an example. The verifier's and the prover's common input to the protocol consists of y, z, g, h, q and the prover's secret input consists of x_α and x_β such that $y := g^{x_\alpha} h^{x_\beta}$ and $z := h^{x_\alpha}$. To compute the commitment message, the prover chooses random r_α and r_β from \mathbb{Z}_q and computes $t_y := g^{r_\alpha} h^{r_\beta}$ and $t_z := h^{r_\alpha}$. Upon receiving the commitment messages t_y and t_z , the verifier replies with a single random challenge message $c \in_R \{0, 1\}^k$. Next, the prover computes the response messages as $s_\alpha := r_\alpha + cx_\alpha \bmod q$ and $s_\beta := r_\beta + cx_\beta \bmod q$. Having received s_α and s_β , the verifier will accept the protocol if the two verification equations $t_y = y^c g^{s_\alpha} h^{s_\beta}$ and $t_z = z^c h^{s_\alpha}$ hold.

Let us explain why the verifier should be convinced that $\log_h z$ equals the first element in the representation of y w.r.t. g and h . Using standard rewinding techniques, one can obtain from a successful prover commitment and response messages for different challenge messages but the same commitment messages, i.e., two tuples $(t_y, t_z, c, s_\alpha, s_\beta)$ and $(t'_y, t'_z, c', s'_\alpha, s'_\beta)$ with $(t_y, t_z) = (t'_y, t'_z)$ and $c \neq c'$. From the verification equations one can thus conclude that

$$y^{c-c'} = g^{s'_\alpha - s_\alpha} h^{s'_\beta - s_\beta} \quad \text{and} \quad z^{c-c'} = h^{s'_\alpha - s_\alpha}.$$

Now we can set $\hat{x}_\alpha := (s'_\alpha - s_\alpha)(c - c')^{-1} \bmod q$ and $\hat{x}_\beta := (s'_\beta - s_\beta)(c - c')^{-1} \bmod q$ and thus we have

$$y = g^{\hat{x}_\alpha} h^{\hat{x}_\beta} \quad \text{and} \quad z = h^{\hat{x}_\alpha},$$

i.e., we see that indeed $\log_h z$ equals the first element in the representation of y w.r.t. g and h .

From what we have now seen, we are able to construct protocols that fall into the class denoted

$$PK\{(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_{\ell_\alpha}) : y_1 = \prod_{i \in I_1} g_i^{\alpha_{f_1(i)}} \wedge y_2 = \prod_{i \in I_2} g_i^{\alpha_{f_2(i)}} \wedge \dots \wedge y_{\ell_y} = \prod_{i \in I_{\ell_y}} g_i^{\alpha_{f_{\ell_y}(i)}}\},$$

where

- ℓ_α , ℓ_g , and ℓ_y are parameters denoting the number of secrets α_i , of bases g_i , and of elements y_i , respectively,
- the y_i 's and g_i 's can be arbitrary elements of G and do not necessarily be distinct or can be a product of other (given) elements, e.g., $y_3 = y_5 g_2^3 / y_2$,
- the sets I_j define which bases are used for the j -th term and the functions f_j define which secret α_k is used for a particular base in the term.

The protocol is depicted in Figure 8. We note that the protocol has the property that from a successful prover one can extract values $\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_{\ell_\alpha}$ such that the equations

$$y_1 = \prod_{i \in I_1} g_i^{\alpha_{f_1(i)}}, \quad y_2 = \prod_{i \in I_2} g_i^{\alpha_{f_2(i)}}, \quad \dots, \quad y_{\ell_y} = \prod_{i \in I_{\ell_y}} g_i^{\alpha_{f_{\ell_y}(i)}}$$

all hold. That is, it is an honest-verifier zero-knowledge proof of knowledge of the values $\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_{\ell_\alpha}$ with knowledge error 2^{-k} .

Let us finally consider some example instances of this general protocol. The protocol denoted $PK\{(\alpha, \beta) : y_1 = g^\alpha \wedge y_2 = g^\beta \wedge y_3 = y_1^\beta\}$ proves that $\log_g y_3$ is the product of $\log_g y_1$ and $\log_g y_2$, the protocol denoted $PK\{(\alpha) : y_1 = g^\alpha \wedge y_2 = y_1^\alpha\}$ proves that $\log_g y_2 = (\log_g y_1)^2$, and the protocol denoted $PK\{(\alpha, \beta) : g = y^\alpha h^\beta\}$ proves that the first element of the representation of y that the prover knows w.r.t. g and h is non-zero, provided that the prover is not privy to $\log_g h$ (in case the prover knows $\log_g h$, he is able to compute q different representations of y w.r.t. g and h , otherwise he can only know one).

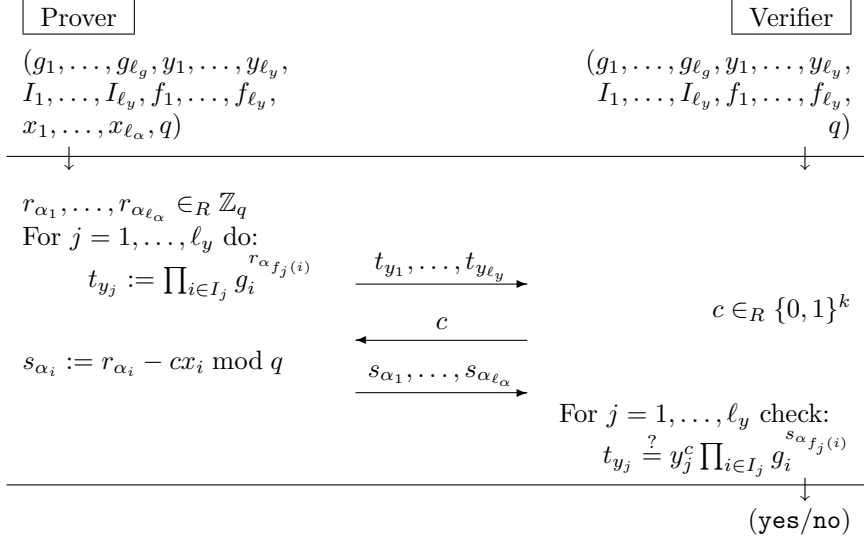


Figure 8: The protocol denoted $PK\{(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_{\ell_\alpha}) : y_1 = \prod_{i \in I_1} g_i^{\alpha_{f_1(i)}} \wedge y_2 = \prod_{i \in I_2} g_i^{\alpha_{f_2(i)}} \wedge \dots \wedge y_{\ell_y} = \prod_{i \in I_{\ell_y}} g_i^{\alpha_{f_{\ell_y}(i)}}\}$.

C.5 The Schnorr Protocol Modulo a Composite

So far we have considered proof protocols for a group of prime order where the order is known to both the prover and the verifier. However, often one would like to use these kind of protocols in groups where the order is not known to all parties as is for instance the case in RSA-groups. RSA groups are subgroups of \mathbb{Z}_n^* , where n is the product of two primes. Thus, if one does not know the factorization of n , one does in general not know the order of a subgroup generated by a random element of \mathbb{Z}_n^* .

In particular, let n be the product of two safe primes, i.e., primes p and q such that $p' = (p-1)/2$ and $q' = (q-1)/2$ are also primes. Let g be a generator of the quadratic residues modulo n (so, g will have order $p'q'$). In this case, knowing the order $p'q'$ of g is equivalent to knowing the factorization of n . Let $y = g^x$ with $x \in \{0, 1\}^\ell$ for some ℓ . Now consider the protocol denoted $PK\{(\alpha) : y = g^\alpha \pmod n\}$, where at least the prover is assumed not to be privy to the factorization of n . The prover and verifier's common inputs are (y, g, n, ℓ_n) and the prover's additional input is $x = \log_g y$, where $\ell_n = \lceil \log_2 n \rceil$ (i.e., the length of n in bits). We may assume that $x \in [0, n]$. The protocol is as follows.

1. The prover chooses uniformly at random $r_\alpha \in_R \{0, 1\}^{\ell_n + \ell_c + \ell_\emptyset}$, computes $t_y := g^r \bmod n$, and sends t to the verifier.
2. The verifier chooses a random $c \in_R \{0, 1\}^{\ell_c}$ and sends that to the prover.
3. The prover replies with $s_\alpha := r_\alpha - xc$.
4. The verifier checks whether $t_y \stackrel{?}{=} y^c g^{s_\alpha} \pmod n$ holds.

The difference to the protocol in the case the order of the group $\langle g \rangle$ is known is that here, as she does not know the order of the group, the prover can no longer choose r_α randomly from the integers modulo this order and can no longer reduce s_α modulo this order. So, the prover needs to choose r_α some how differently such that nevertheless s_α and t_y do not reveal information about x , i.e., such that the protocol remains zero-knowledge. Thus if $x \in [0, n]$ and the prover chooses $r_\alpha \in_R \{0, 1\}^{\ell_n + \ell_c + \ell_\emptyset}$, then, for any $c \in \{0, 1\}^{\ell_c}$ and sufficiently large ℓ_\emptyset (e.g., 80), the value $s_\alpha := r_\alpha - xc$ is distributed statistically close to the uniform distribution over $\{0, 1\}^{\ell_n + \ell_c + \ell_\emptyset}$. Also, the value $t_y := g^r \bmod n$ is distributed statistically close to uniform over $\langle g \rangle$. Therefore, provided that $y \in \langle g \rangle$, the protocol is statistical honest-verifier zero-knowledge for sufficiently large ℓ_\emptyset (e.g., $\ell_\emptyset = 80$).

Now, this protocol is only a proof of knowledge of $\log_g y$ if ℓ_c equals 1 and if repeated sufficiently many, say k , times. Let us investigate this. Assume we are given a prover that can successfully run the

protocol for given y , g , and n . By standard rewinding techniques, one can extract two triples (t, c, s) and (t', c', s') from the prover such that $t = t'$, $c \neq c'$, and $t \equiv y^c g^s \equiv y^{c'} g^{s'} \pmod{n}$ holds. W.l.o.g. we may assume that $c' > c$. From the last equation we can derive that $y^{c'-c} \equiv g^{s-s'} \pmod{n}$.

If $\ell_c = 1$, we must have $c' = 1$ and $c = 0$ and hence $y \equiv g^{s-s'} \pmod{n}$, i.e., $s - s'$ is a discrete logarithm of y to the base g and hence the protocol is indeed a proof of knowledge.

If $\ell_c > 1$, we are stuck with the equation $y^{c'-c} \equiv g^{s-s'} \pmod{n}$, i.e., we seem to need to compute a $(c' - c)$ -th root of $g^{s-s'}$ modulo n which is assumed to be hard without knowledge of g 's order. Unfortunately, Theorem B.1 provides a way out. That is, under the strong RSA assumption, we will have that $(c' - c) \mid (s - s')$. Let u be such that $(c' - c)u = (s - s')$. Then $y \equiv bg^u \pmod{n}$ for some b such that $b^{c'-c} \equiv 1 \pmod{n}$. Assuming that $2_c^\ell < \min(p', q')$, it must be that $b = \pm 1$ or $\gcd(b \pm 1, n)$ splits n (which again would counter the strong RSA assumption). Of course, if both y and g are quadratic residues, then $y \equiv g^u \pmod{n}$.

The reader might now think that the protocol is therefore a proof of knowledge under the strong RSA assumption for $\ell_c > 1$. Unfortunately this is not the case. Let us expand. The definition of a proof of knowledge (cf. Chapter ??), requires that the inputs n , g , and y be fixed, i.e., that the knowledge extractor works for any prover that is successful for a given input n , g , and y . However, the above argument only works for n chosen at random. For instance, it does not work if the prover knew the factorization of n as he then could compute c , c' , s , and s' such that $(c' - c) \nmid (s - s')$ (for instance by adding a multiple of the order of g to s). Now, if n is fixed, there always exists a prover who has the factorization encoded into herself and thus she could successfully run the protocol but the knowledge extractor cannot extract a witness. In other words, the protocol only has the proof of knowledge property for random n which contradicts the requirement of a proof of knowledge that the witness can be extracted for any given n . Nevertheless, the protocol is still useful as a building block, i.e., one only need to take into account the probability spaces of n , g , and y . That is, one has to consider the overall system of which the protocol is part and cannot just consider the protocol by itself as one could if it was a true proof of knowledge. Despite of all of this, we denote this protocol also as $PK\{(\alpha) : y \equiv \pm g^\alpha \pmod{n}\}$ or $PK\{(\alpha) : y \equiv g^\alpha \pmod{n}\}$, depending on whether the verifier is assured that y is a quadratic residue or not.

C.6 Proving that a Secret Lies in a Given Interval

One property of the protocol just described that is handy in many cases is the fact that the prover cannot reduce the response messages modulo the order of the group is to argue about the bit-length of the secret known to the prover. Let $x \in \pm\{0, 1\}^{\ell_x}$ for some ℓ_x and let $y := g^x \pmod{n}$, with g and n as before. Now consider the following modification of the protocol (the inputs to the prover and the verifier remain unchanged except that both parties are further given ℓ_x).

1. The prover chooses uniform at random $r_\alpha \in_R \{0, 1\}^{\ell_x + \ell_c + \ell_\varnothing}$, computes $t_y := g^{r_\alpha} \pmod{n}$, and sends t to the verifier.
2. The verifier chooses a random $c \in_R \{0, 1\}^{\ell_c}$ and sends that to the prover.
3. The prover replies with $s_\alpha := r_\alpha - xc$.
4. The verifier checks whether

$$t_y \stackrel{?}{=} y^c g^{s_\alpha} \pmod{n} \quad \text{and} \quad s_\alpha \stackrel{?}{\in} \pm\{0, 1\}^{\ell_x + \ell_c + \ell_\varnothing + 1}$$

hold.

The modification is that the prover chooses r_α from a different interval and that the verifier also checks that s_α takes at most $\ell_x + \ell_c + \ell_\varnothing + 1$ bits.

The analysis of this protocols is of course almost identical to the original one, except that we are now considering the bit-lengths of s_α and r_α . First, it is not difficult to see that the protocol remains statistical honest-verifier zero-knowledge. Above we have argued that under the strong RSA assumption, one can extract a value u from a successful prover such that $y \equiv \pm g^u \pmod{n}$, where with $u = (s - s')/(c' - c)$. Now because $(c' - c)$ divides $(s - s')$ and as $(s - s') \in \pm\{0, 1\}^{\ell_x + \ell_c + \ell_\varnothing + 2}$, we must have $u \in \pm\{0, 1\}^{\ell_x + \ell_c + \ell_\varnothing + 2}$. In other words, the discrete logarithm known to the prover has at most $\ell_x + \ell_c + \ell_\varnothing + 2$

bits (neglecting its sign). Note that this length is independent of the length of the modulus n . Also note that in fact the length of the prover's secret must be shorter, (only about ℓ_x bits) for the prover to be able to run the protocol successfully with high probability; so the protocol is not an argument of the exact length of the secret. However, in many cases this is good enough. We denote this modified protocol as $PK\{(\alpha) : y \equiv g^\alpha \pmod{n} \wedge \alpha \in \pm\{0, 1\}^{\ell_x + \ell_c + \ell_\varnothing + 2}\}$.

The protocol can be also be used to prove that the secret known to the prover lies in any interval, say, in $[a, b]$. To this end note that $[a, b] = [\frac{a+b}{2} - \frac{b-a}{2}, \frac{a+b}{2} + \frac{b-a}{2}]$. Thus the protocol denoted

$$PK\{(\alpha) : \frac{y}{g^{(a+b)/2}} \equiv g^\alpha \pmod{n} \wedge \alpha \in [-\frac{b-a}{2}, \frac{b-a}{2}]\}$$

is an argument that the prover knows a value x such that $x \in [a, b]$ and $y \equiv g^x \pmod{n}$. As before, the actual value x given as input to the prover must lie in a smaller interval, namely in the interval $[\frac{a+b}{2} - \frac{b-a}{2 \cdot 2^{\ell_c + \ell_\varnothing + 2}}, \frac{a+b}{2} + \frac{b-a}{2 \cdot 2^{\ell_c + \ell_\varnothing + 2}}]$.

It is straightforward to extend and generalize the protocols just discussed in the same way as the protocols we considered for groups of known order. Moreover, the protocols over groups of known order and those over groups of unknown order can be combined. Let us consider a simple combination as an example; the constructions of general combinations is left as an exercise to the reader.

Assume a group $G = \langle g \rangle$ of order a prime q , and let n be an RSA modulus as above, h_1 be an element from \mathbb{Z}_n^* , h_2 be an element from $\langle h_1 \rangle$, and $y = g^x$ with $x \in \{0, 1\}^{\ell_x}$ for some integer $\ell_x < (\log_2 q) - 1 - (\ell_c + \ell_\varnothing + 2)$. Finally, assume that the prover is not privy to n 's factorization. Now consider the following protocol. The common input to the prover and the verifier consists of q, g, y, n, h_1, h_2 , and a and the secret input to the prover consists of x .

1. First, the prover chooses a random $r \in_R [0, n2^{\ell_\varnothing}]$, computes $z := h_1^r h_2^r \pmod{n}$, and sends z to the verifier.
2. Next, the prover and the verifier run the protocol denoted:

$$PK\{(\alpha, \beta) : y = g^\alpha \wedge z \equiv h_1^\alpha h_2^\beta \pmod{n} \wedge \alpha \in \pm\{0, 1\}^{\ell_x + \ell_c + \ell_\varnothing + 2}\},$$

i.e., they perform the following steps.

- (a) The prover chooses a random $r_\alpha \in [-a2^{\ell_c + \ell_\varnothing}, a2^{\ell_c + \ell_\varnothing}]$ and a random $r_\beta \in \{0, 1\}^{\ell_n + \ell_c + 2\ell_\varnothing}$, computes $t_y := g^{r_\alpha}$ and $t_z := h_1^{r_\alpha} h_2^{r_\beta} \pmod{n}$ and sends t_y and t_z to the verifier.
- (b) The verifier chooses a random $c \in_R \{0, 1\}^{\ell_c}$ and sends that to the prover.
- (c) The prover replies with $s_\alpha := r_\alpha - xc$ and $s_\beta := r_\beta - rc$.
- (d) The verifier checks whether

$$\begin{aligned} t_y &\stackrel{?}{=} y^c g^{s_\alpha} \quad , & t_z &\stackrel{?}{=} z^c h_1^{s_\alpha} h_2^{s_\beta} \pmod{n} \quad , \text{ and} \\ s_\alpha &\stackrel{?}{\in} \pm\{0, 1\}^{\ell_x + \ell_c + \ell_\varnothing + 1} \end{aligned}$$

hold.

Let us analyze this protocol. From our considerations above we know that one can extract from a successful prover values $(t_y, t_z, c, s_\alpha, s_\beta)$ and $(t'_y, t'_z, c', s'_\alpha, s'_\beta)$ with $(t_y, t_z) = (t'_y, t'_z)$ and $c \neq c'$. From the verification equations we have that

$$\begin{aligned} z^{c-c'} &\equiv h_1^{s'_\alpha - s_\alpha} h_2^{s'_\beta - s_\beta} \pmod{n} \quad , & y^{c-c'} &= g^{s'_\alpha - s_\alpha} \quad , \text{ and} \\ (s'_\alpha - s_\alpha) &\in \pm\{0, 1\}^{\ell_x + \ell_c + \ell_\varnothing + 2} \quad . \end{aligned}$$

From the first of these equations we can conclude that under the Strong RSA assumption $(c - c')$ divides $(s'_\alpha - s_\alpha)$, i.e., there exists some u such that $(s'_\alpha - s_\alpha) = u(c - c')$. Thus, we can rewrite the second equation as $y^{c-c'} = g^{u(c-c')}$. Now, as $y \in \langle g \rangle$ (which we can test as g has prime order q), we must have $y = g^u$. From the third of the equations we can further derive that $u \in \pm\{0, 1\}^{\ell_x + \ell_c + \ell_\varnothing + 2}$. Thus the verifier is assured that the prover knows $\log_g y$ which lies in $\pm\{0, 1\}^{\ell_x + \ell_c + \ell_\varnothing + 2}$, i.e., the protocol is a

proof that a discrete logarithm in a group of *known order* lies in some interval. Of course this makes sense only if the group's order is larger than $2^{\ell_x + \ell_c + \ell_\varnothing + 3}$.

As the basic protocol $PK\{(\alpha) : y \equiv \pm g^\alpha \pmod{n}\}$ in group of unknown order, the protocol just described is not a proof of knowledge either as its analysis depends on the strong RSA assumption and thus is correct only if the prover can execute the protocol for a random n . As the goal of the protocol was to prove that $\log_g y$ lies in some interval, we do not need to fix n but could have the verifier generate n and send it to the prover before running the protocol. The protocol augmented like this would indeed be a true proof of knowledge. For the protocol to be zero-knowledge, the prover needs to be ensured that $h_2 \in \langle h_1 \rangle$ as otherwise z could leak information about x . Unfortunately, the only way known to prove that $h_2 \in \langle h_1 \rangle$ holds is not very efficient, i.e., is to have the verifier run the protocol $PK\{(\alpha) : h_2 \equiv \pm h_1^\alpha \pmod{n}\}$ many times with binary challenges (cf. above). However, in some cases this proof can be delegated to a set-up phase and thus needs to be done only once and for all, or sometimes n , h_1 , and h_2 can be provided by a trusted third party.

The protocol just discussed can be extended to three (or more) different groups, i.e., groups $G_1 = \langle g_1 \rangle$ and $G_2 = \langle g_2 \rangle$ of known order q_1 and q_2 together with a RSA sub-group of unknown order as to show that two discrete logarithms in G_1 and G_2 are the same. I.e., let $y_1 = g_1^x$ and $y_2 = g_2^x$ with $x \in \pm\{0, 1\}^{\ell_x}$ and $\ell_x < (\log_2 \min\{q_1, q_2\}) - 1 - (\ell_c + \ell_\varnothing + 2)$, and $z = h_1^x h_2^r \pmod{n}$ for some random r . Then, the protocol

$$PK\{(\alpha, \beta) : y_1 = g_1^\alpha \quad \wedge \quad y_2 = g_2^\alpha \quad \wedge \quad z \equiv h_1^\alpha h_2^\beta \pmod{n} \quad \wedge \quad \alpha \in \pm\{0, 1\}^{\ell_x + \ell_c + \ell_\varnothing + 2}\},$$

will convince a verifier that $\log_{g_1} y_1 = \log_{g_2} y_2$ where we define $\log_g y$ to be the integer x for which $y = g^x$ and that closed to 0, i.e., $\log_g y$ lies in $[-q/2, q/2]$. Of course, the protocol can also be generalized to representations, i.e., to a protocol showing that an element of a representation lies in a certain interval.

D Example Specifications in XML

We provide some examples of elements specified in XML. In addition, the test cases use simple specifications that can be used as a reference when creating your own XML specifications.

D.1 Credential Structure

The following credential structure follows the one proposed in Fig. 4. In addition it shows the flexibility of the prime encodings by having several attributes encoded into one prime encoding.

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<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>
<CredentialStructure
  xmlns="http://www.zurich.ibm.com/security/idemix"
  xmlns:xsi="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema-instance"
  xmlns:xs="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema"
  xsi:schemaLocation="http://www.zurich.ibm.com/security/idemix
                      file:CredentialStructure.xsd">

  <References>
    <IssuerPublicKey>
      http://www.ch.ch/passport/v2010/ipk.xml
    </IssuerPublicKey>
  </References>

  <Attributes>
    <Attribute name="FirstName" issuanceMode="known" type="string"/>
    <Attribute name="LastName" issuanceMode="known" type="string"/>
    <Attribute name="CivilStatus" issuanceMode="known" type="enum">
      <EnumValue name="Marriage"/>
      <EnumValue name="NeverMarried"/>
      <EnumValue name="Widowed" />
      <EnumValue name="LegallySeparated" />
      <EnumValue name="AnnulledMarriage" />
    </Attribute>
  </Attributes>
</CredentialStructure>
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    <EnumValue name="Divorced" />
    <EnumValue name="Common-lawPartner" />
</Attribute>
<Attribute name="Sex" issuanceMode="known" type="enum">
    <EnumValue name="Male" />
    <EnumValue name="Female" />
</Attribute>
<Attribute name="OfficialLanguage" issuanceMode="known" type="enum">
    <EnumValue name="German" />
    <EnumValue name="French" />
    <EnumValue name="Italian"/>
    <EnumValue name="Rhaeto-Romanic" />
</Attribute>
<Attribute name="SocialSecurityNumber" issuanceMode="known" type="int"/>
<Attribute name="BirthDate" issuanceMode="known" type="dateTime"/>
<Attribute name="Epoch" issuanceMode="known" type="int"/>
<Attribute name="Diet" issuanceMode="committed" type="string"/>
</Attributes>

<Features>
    <Epoch location="http://www.ch.ch/epoch file:CalculationMethod.xml"/>
    <Domain location="http://www.ch.ch "/>
</Features>

<Implementation>
    <PrimeEncoding name="PrimeEncoding1">
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            7
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        </PrimeFactor>
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            23
        </PrimeFactor>
        <PrimeFactor attributeName="Sex" enumValue="Female">
            29
        </PrimeFactor>
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    <PrimeEncoding name="PrimeEncoding2">
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            2
        </PrimeFactor>
        <PrimeFactor attributeName="OfficialLanguage" enumValue="French">
            3
        </PrimeFactor>
    </PrimeEncoding>

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    <PrimeFactor attributeName="OfficialLanguage" enumValue="Italian">
      5
    </PrimeFactor>
    <PrimeFactor attributeName="OfficialLanguage" enumValue="Rhaeto-Romanic">
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    </PrimeFactor>
  </PrimeEncoding>
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  <Attribute name="LastName">2</Attribute>
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  <Attribute name="primeEncoding2">4</Attribute>
  <Attribute name="SocialSecurityNumber">5</Attribute>
  <Attribute name="BirthDate">6</Attribute>
  <Attribute name="Epoch">7</Attribute>
  <Attribute name="Diet">8</Attribute>
</AttributeOrder>
</Implementation>

</CredentialStructure>

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D.2 Proof Specification

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<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>
<CredentialStructure xmlns="http://www.zurich.ibm.com/security/idemix"
xmlns:xsi="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema-instance" xmlns:xs="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema"
xsi:schemaLocation="http://www.zurich.ibm.com/security/idemix CertificateStructure.xsd">

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  <References>
  <IssuerPublicKey>
tests\com\ibm\zrl\idmx\tests\ipk.xml
  </IssuerPublicKey>
  </References>

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  <Attributes>
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  <EnumValue>Common-lawPartner</EnumValue>
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  <Attribute issuanceMode="known" name="BirthDate" type="date" />
  <Attribute issuanceMode="committed" name="Diet" type="string" />
  <Attribute issuanceMode="known" name="Epoch" type="epoch" />
  <Attribute issuanceMode="known" name="OfficialLanguage"
type="enum">
  <EnumValue>German</EnumValue>
  <EnumValue>French</EnumValue>
  <EnumValue>Italian</EnumValue>
  <EnumValue>Rhaeto-Romanic</EnumValue>
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  <Attribute issuanceMode="committed" name="DriverCategory"
type="enum">

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</Features>

<Implementation>
<PrimeEncoding name="PrimeEncoding1">
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