

Protocol Verification Techniques - Theorem Provers

Design and Verification of Security Protocols and Security
Ceremonies

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 - We also have some other specialised theories for Smart-Cards, Threshold Cryptography and Multicast communication.

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- Establishes that our long-term keys are symmetric with an axiom.

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pubSK :: "agent => key" where
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privateKey :: "[keymode, agent] => key" where
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Inductive Method Details - Compromised Agents

Definition

bad set definition

consts

bad :: "agent set"

specification (*bad*)

Spy_in_bad [iff]: "*Spy* \in *bad*"

Server_not_bad [iff]: "*Server* \notin *bad*"

Inductive Method Details - Messages

Definition

msg datatype definition

datatype

```
msg = Agent agent  
    | Number nat  
    | Nonce nat  
    | Key key  
    | MPair msg msg  
    | Hash msg  
    | Crypt key msg
```

Inductive Method Details - Events

Definition

event datatype definition

datatype

```
event = Says agent agent msg  
      / Gets agent msg  
      / Notes agent msg
```

Inductive Method Details - Initial Knowledge

Definition

initState definition

consts

initState :: "agent => msg set"

Inductive Method Details - Initial Knowledge

Definition

Spy agent initial knowledge definition

primrec

```
initState_Spy:  
  "initState Spy =  
    (Key ` invKey ` pubEK ` bad) ∪  
    (Key ` invKey ` pubSK ` bad) ∪  
    (Key ` shrK ` bad) ∪  
    (Key ` range pubEK) ∪ (Key ` range pubSK)"
```

Inductive Method Details - Knows

Definition

knows function definition

consts

```
knows :: "agent => event list => msg set"
```

primrec

```
knows_Nil: "knows A [] = initState A"
```

```
knows_Cons:
```

```
"knows A (ev # evs) =
```

```
(if A = Spy then
```

```
(case ev of
```

```
  Says A' B X => insert X (knows Spy evs)
```

```
  | Gets A' X => knows Spy evs
```

```
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parts inductive set definition

inductive_set

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for H :: "msg set"

where

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| Fst: "{|X,Y|} ∈ parts H ==> X ∈ parts H"

| Snd: "{|X,Y|} ∈ parts H ==> Y ∈ parts H"

| Body: "Crypt K X ∈ parts H ==> X ∈ parts H"

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analz inductive set definition

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| *Decrypt* [dest]:

" $[| \text{Crypt } K X \in \text{analz } H; \text{Key}(\text{invKey } K): \text{analz } H|] \implies$

$X \in \text{analz } H$ "

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synth inductive set definition

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used function definition

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used :: "event list => msg set"

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Dummy Protocol

- | | | | | | |
|----|-----|---------------|-----|---|------------------------------|
| 1. | A | \rightarrow | B | : | $\{ A, B, Na \}_{K_B}$ |
| 2. | B | \rightarrow | A | : | $\{ Na, Nb, K_{AB} \}_{K_A}$ |
| 3. | A | \rightarrow | B | : | $\{ Nb \}_{K_{AB}}$ |

Figure : Example protocol

Dummy Protocol Specification

Definition

inductive definition of example protocol

inductive_set *example* :: "event list set"

where

Nil: "*[]* \in *example*"

|Fake: "*[|evsf* \in *example*; *X* \in *synth*(*analz* (*knows* *Spy evsf*))*]|*"

\Rightarrow *Says Spy B X # evsf* \in *example*"

|EX1: "*[|evs1* \in *example*; *Nonce NA* \notin *used evs1*]*]|*"

\Rightarrow *Says A B* (*Crypt* (*pubK B*) {*|Agent A, Agent B,*
Nonce NA|}) $\#$
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```
/EX2: "[|evs2 ∈ example; Nonce NB ∉ used evs2;  
      Key AB ∉ used evs1  
      Says A' B (Crypt (pubK B){|Agent A, Agent B,  
Nonce NA|})  
      ∈ set evs2|]  
⇒ Says B A (Crypt (pubK A) {|Nonce NA, Nonce  
NB, Key AB|})  
# evs2 ∈ example"
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/EX3: "[|evs3 ∈ example;  
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    ∈ set evs3;  
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