The Cryptographic Layer of Biometric Authentication

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 Π is called *option-unforgeable* (option-UF) if for any PPT adversary A,

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Note that some combinations of option induce a winning probability *true positive rate* or *false positive rate*.

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  7: for i = 1 to t do
  8: \mathbf{b}^{\prime(i)} \leftarrow \text{getProbe}^{\mathcal{O}_{\mathcal{B}^{(b)}}}()
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10: \tilde{b} \leftarrow \mathcal{A}^{\mathcal{O}_{\mathcal{B}^{(0)}}, \mathcal{O}_{\mathcal{B}^{(1)}}}(\mathsf{csk}, \mathbf{c_x}, \{\mathbf{c_y}^{(i)}\}_{i=1}^t)
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- FE.Dec(pp, f_x , c_y): Output a value $z \in \mathbb{F}$ or an error symbol \perp .

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Correctness

FE is *correct* if $\forall \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y} \in \mathbb{F}^k$, let (msk, pp) \leftarrow FE.Setup(1 $^{\lambda}$), we have

$$\mathsf{Pr}\left[\mathsf{FE}.\mathsf{Dec}(\mathsf{pp},\mathsf{FE}.\mathsf{KeyGen}(\mathsf{msk},\mathsf{pp},\mathbf{x}),\mathsf{FE}.\mathsf{Enc}(\mathsf{msk},\mathsf{pp},\mathbf{y})) = \mathbf{x}\mathbf{y}^{\mathcal{T}}\right] = 1 - \mathsf{negl}.$$

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Let $\gamma \geq 0$ be a real number and $\mathbb{F} = \mathbb{Z}_q$ for a prime number q. Define the RUF game.

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- 1: $\mathbf{r} \leftarrow \mathbb{F}^k$
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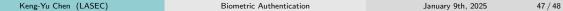
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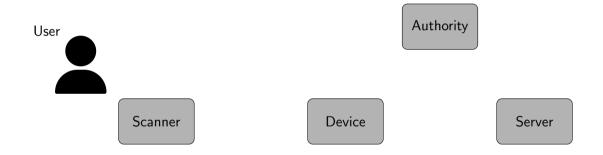
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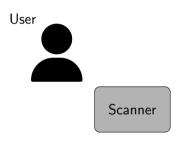
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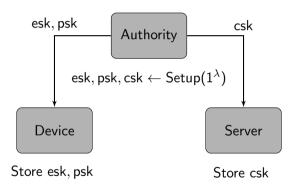
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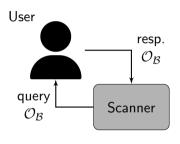
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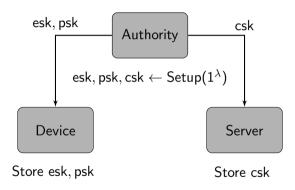


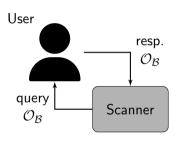






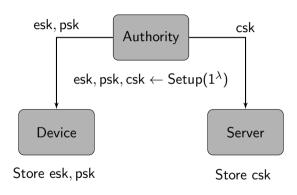
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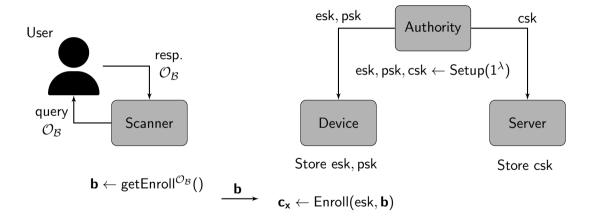


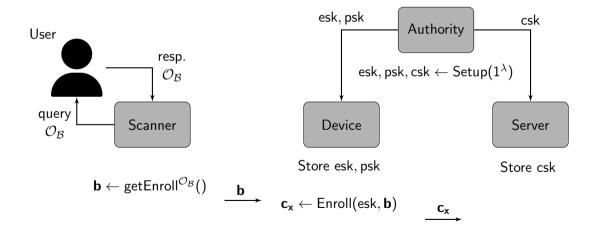


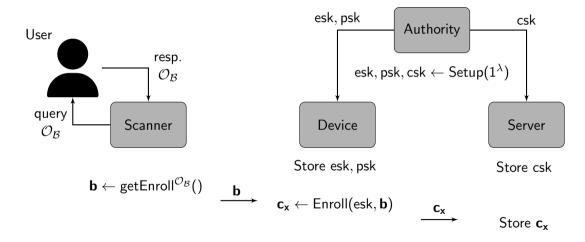
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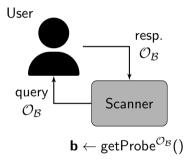




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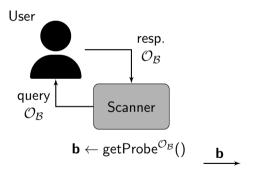
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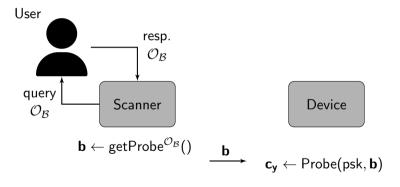
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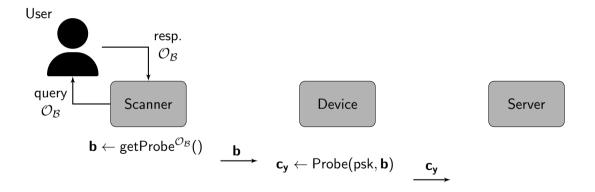
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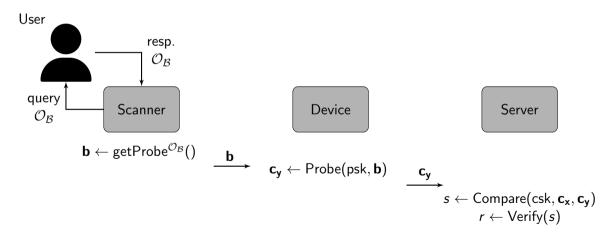


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- **1** Let $\tilde{\mathbf{z}}$ be encryption of $\mathbf{v} \neq \mathbf{0}$.
- **③** Run $\mathbf{c}_i \leftarrow \mathcal{O}_{\mathsf{KeyGen}}(\mathbf{r}^{(0)}, \mathbf{r}_i)$, where $\mathbf{r}_i \leftarrow \mathbb{F}^k$.
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If an adverary can find $\tilde{\mathbf{z}}$ such that $\mathsf{FE}'.\mathsf{Dec}(\mathsf{pp}',\mathbf{c},\tilde{\mathbf{z}}) \neq \bot$, it can forge a signature.

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   1: \mathcal{B} \leftarrow \mathbb{B}, \mathbb{B} \leftarrow \mathbb{B} \setminus \mathcal{B}
   2: \mathbf{b} = (b_1, \dots, b_k) \leftarrow \text{getEnroll}^{\mathcal{O}_{\mathcal{B}}}()
   3: \mathbf{x} \leftarrow (b_1, \dots, b_k, 1, ||\mathbf{b}||^2)
    4. \mathbf{r} \leftarrow \mathbb{R}^{k+2}
   5: \mathbf{c} \leftarrow \mathcal{O}_{\mathsf{KevGen}}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{r})
   6: \tilde{\mathbf{z}} \leftarrow \mathcal{A}^{\mathcal{O}_{\mathcal{B}}, \mathcal{O}_{\mathsf{Enroll}}}(\mathbf{c}, \mathsf{pp})
   7: s \leftarrow \mathsf{FE.Dec}(\mathsf{pp}, \mathbf{c}, \tilde{\mathbf{z}})
   8: if Verify(s) = 1 then
               return \tilde{b}=0
 10: else
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   7: if \tilde{\mathbf{z}} is equal to any output of \mathcal{O}_{Probe} then
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                 return 丄
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\mathcal{R}^{\mathcal{O}_{\mathsf{KeyGen}},\mathcal{O}_{\mathsf{Enc}}}(\mathsf{pp})
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   3: \mathbf{b}^{(0)} \leftarrow \text{getEnroll}^{\mathcal{O}_{\mathcal{B}^{(0)}}}()
   4: \mathbf{x}^{(0)} \leftarrow (b_1^{(0)}, \cdots, b_L^{(0)}, 1, ||\mathbf{b}^{(0)}||^2)
   5: \mathbf{b}^{(1)} \leftarrow \text{getEnroll}^{\mathcal{O}_{\mathcal{B}^{(1)}}}()
   6: \mathbf{x}^{(1)} \leftarrow (b_1^{(1)}, \cdots, b_{\ell}^{(1)}, 1, \|\mathbf{b}^{(1)}\|^2)
   7: \mathbf{c}_{\mathbf{x}} \leftarrow \mathcal{O}_{\mathsf{KeyGen}}(\mathbf{x}^{(0)}, \mathbf{x}^{(1)})
   8. for i = 1 to t do
   9: \mathbf{b}'^{(0)} \leftarrow \text{getProbe}^{\mathcal{O}_{\mathcal{B}^{(0)}}}
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10: \mathbf{y}^{(0)} \leftarrow (-2b_1'^{(0)}, \cdots, -2b_k'^{(0)}, \|\mathbf{b}'^{(0)}\|^2, 1)
11: \mathbf{repeat}
12: \mathbf{b}'^{(1)} \leftarrow \mathbf{getProbe}^{\mathcal{O}_{\mathcal{B}^{(1)}}}()
13: \mathbf{y}^{(1)} \leftarrow (-2b_1'^{(1)}, \cdots, -2b_k'^{(1)}, \|\mathbf{b}'^{(1)}\|^2, 1)
14: \mathbf{until} \ \mathbf{x}^{(0)} \mathbf{y}^{(0)} = \mathbf{x}^{(1)} \mathbf{y}^{(1)}^T
15: \mathbf{c}_{\mathbf{y}}^{(i)} \leftarrow \mathcal{O}_{\mathsf{Enc}}(\mathbf{y}^{(0)}, \mathbf{y}^{(1)})
16: \tilde{b} \leftarrow \mathcal{A}^{\mathcal{O}_{\mathcal{B}^{(0)}}, \mathcal{O}_{\mathcal{B}^{(1)}}}(\mathbf{pp}, \mathbf{c_x}, \{\mathbf{c_y}^{(i)}\}_{i=1}^t)
17: \mathbf{return} \ \tilde{b}
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