

Software Security

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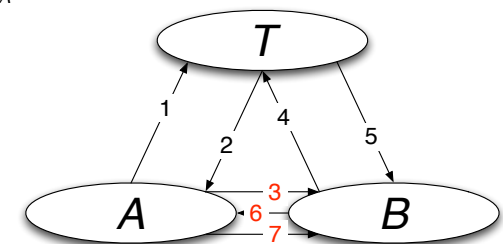
Formal Verification of the Needham-Schroeder Protocol

Objectives of today's lecture

- Understanding a *CSP formalizations for the Needham Schroeder protocol*
- Repetition: Getting to know how to *model messages* of a security protocol using CSP
- Being able to *prove important security properties* on a given protocol using the model checker FDR

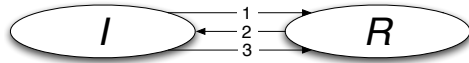
Repetition: Protocol Steps of the NSP

- 1 $A \rightarrow T : \{A, B\}$
- 2 $T \rightarrow A : \{B, PK_B\}_{SK_T}$
- 3 $A \rightarrow B : \{A, N_A\}_{PK_B}$
- 4 $B \rightarrow T : \{B, A\}$
- 5 $T \rightarrow B : \{A, PK_A\}_{SK_T}$
- 6 $B \rightarrow A : \{N_A, N_B\}_{PK_A}$
- 7 $A \rightarrow B : \{N_B\}_{PK_B}$



Attack for the Simplified Protocol Variant

Simplified NSP Version without using T



Attack Scenario

- 1.1 $A \rightarrow C : \{N_A, A\}_{PK(C)}$
- 2.1 $C(A) \rightarrow B : \{N_A, A\}_{PK(B)}$
- 2.2 $B \rightarrow C(A) : \{N_A, N_B\}_{PK(A)}$
- 1.2 $C \rightarrow A : \{N_A, N_B\}_{PK(A)}$
- 1.3 $A \rightarrow C : \{N_B\}_{PK(C)}$
- 2.3 $C(A) \rightarrow B : \{N_B\}_{PK(B)}$

Enrichment of Protocol Messages

Which participants are related to a message?

Extend protocol messages in such a way that information about the sender and receiver is also transferred

- 1.1 $A \rightarrow C : A.C.\{N_A, A\}_{PK(C)}$
- 2.1 $C(A) \rightarrow B : A.B.\{N_A, A\}_{PK(B)}$
- 2.2 $B \rightarrow C(A) : B.A.\{N_A, N_B\}_{PK(A)}$
- 1.2 $C \rightarrow A : C.A.\{N_A, N_B\}_{PK(A)}$
- 1.3 $A \rightarrow C : A.C.\{N_B\}_{PK(C)}$
- 2.3 $C(A) \rightarrow B : A.B.\{N_B\}_{PK(B)}$

How to code NSP using CSP?

- 1 Model the roles *Initiator* and *Responder* using generic CSP processes and run these processes in parallel
- 2 Define concrete participants, e.g. A , B and C who can play any of these roles
- 3 Describe each protocol step using a CSP event
- 4 Communicate all messages via appropriate CSP channels

How to formalize the three different message types for NSP?

$$MSG1 = \{Msg_1.a.b.Encrypt_1.k.n_a.a' \mid a, a' \in Initiator, b \in Responder, k \in Key, n_a \in Nonces\}$$

$$MSG2 = \{Msg_2.b.a.Encrypt_2.k.n_a.n_b \mid a \in Initiator, b \in Responder, k \in Key, n_a, n_b \in Nonces\}$$

$$MSG3 = \{Msg_3.a.b.Encrypt_3.k.n_b \mid a \in Initiator, b \in Responder, k \in Key, n_b \in Nonces\}$$

$$MSGs = MSG1 \cup MSG2 \cup MSG3$$

How to code the messages using CSPm?

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datatype KEY      = ka      | kb      | kc
datatype AKTEUR   = A       | B       | C
datatype NONCE    = NonceA | NonceB | NonceC
datatype TICKET1  = Encrypt1.KEY.NONCE.AKTEUR
datatype TICKET2  = Encrypt2.KEY.NONCE.NONCE
datatype TICKET3  = Encrypt3.KEY.NONCE

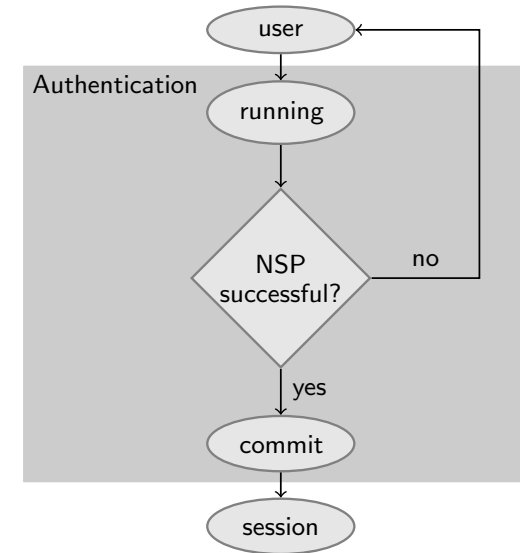
datatype MSG = Msg1.AKTEUR.AKTEUR.TICKET1
           | Msg2.AKTEUR.AKTEUR.TICKET2
           | Msg3.AKTEUR.AKTEUR.TICKET3

channel comm : MSG
    
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Question: How many different events can be communicated via the channel *comm*?

→ This channel accepts $3^5 + 3^5 + 3^4 = 567$ different events

How to observe the current state of the Protocol?



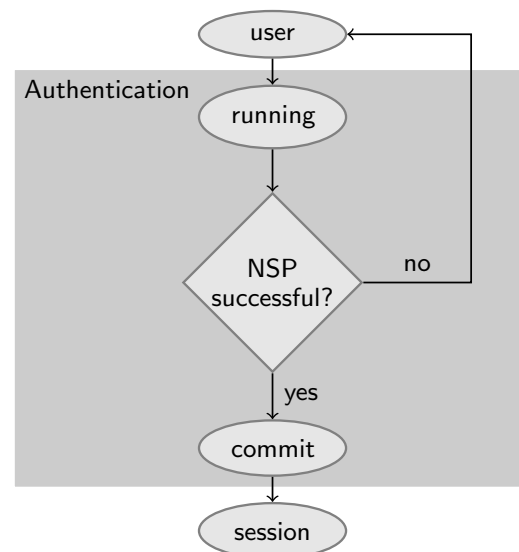
channel

user,
session,
I_running,
R_running,
I_commit,
R_commit :
Initiator.Responder

Example 1

Event *I_running.A.B* indicates that participant *A* starts a NSP as initiator with participant *B* as responder.

How to observe the current state of the Protocol?



Example 2

Event *R_running.A.B* indicates that participant *B* starts a NSP as responder with participant *A* as initiator.

Example 3

Event *I_commit.A.B* indicates that participant *A* as initiator is convinced that he/she communicates with participant *B* as a responder.

Initiator Process

INITIATOR(a, n_a) =

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user!a?b → I_running.a.b →
comm.Msg1.a.b.Encrypt1.key(b)!na.a →
comm.Msg2.b.a.Encrypt2.key(a)?n'a.nb →
if na = n'a
then comm.Msg3.a.b.Encrypt3.key(b)!nb →
       I_commit.a.b → session.a.b → Skip
else Stop
    
```

Responder Process

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RESPONDER( $b, n_b$ ) =
  user? $a!b \rightarrow R\_running.a.b \rightarrow$ 
  comm.Msg1. $a.b.Encrypt_1.key(b)?n_a.a \rightarrow$ 
  comm.Msg2. $b.a.Encrypt_2.key(a)!n_a.n_b \rightarrow$ 
  comm.Msg3. $a.b.Encrypt_3.key(b)?n'_b \rightarrow$ 
  if  $n_b = n'_b$ 
  then R_commit. $a.b \rightarrow session.a.b \rightarrow Skip$ 
  else Stop

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Initiator and responder synchronization is based on the event set S

$$S = \{ | comm, session.A.B | \}$$

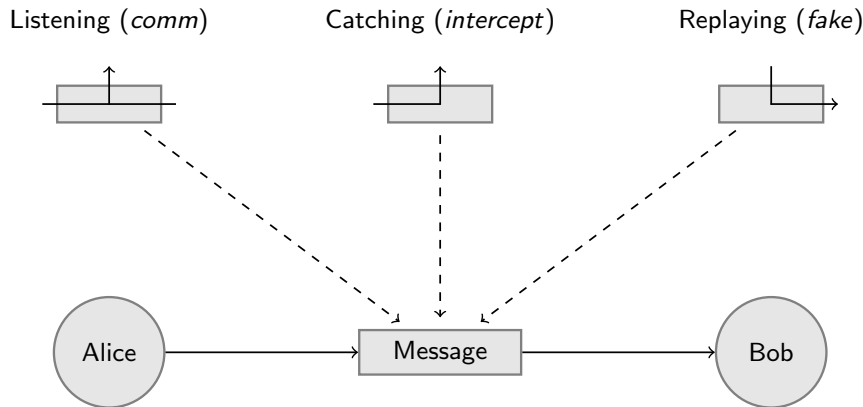
How to synchronize the communication between initiator and responder?

Parallel composition of initiator and responder based on

$$Initiator(A, N_a) \{ | comm, session.A.B | \} Responder(B, N_b)$$

<pre> INITIATOR(a, n_a) = user!$a?b \rightarrow$ l_running.$a.b \rightarrow$ comm.Msg₁.$a.b.Encrypt_1.key(b)!n_a.a \rightarrow$ comm.Msg₂.$b.a.Encrypt_2.key(a)?n'_a.n_b \rightarrow$ if $n_a = n'_a$ then comm.Msg₃.$a.b.Encrypt_3.key(b)!n_b \rightarrow$ l_commit.$a.b \rightarrow$ session.$a.b \rightarrow Skip$ else Stop </pre>	<pre> RESPONDER(b, n_b) = user?$a!b \rightarrow$ R_running.$a.b \rightarrow$ comm.Msg₁.$a.b.Encrypt_1.key(b)?n_a.a \rightarrow$ comm.Msg₂.$b.a.Encrypt_2.key(a)!n_a.n_b \rightarrow$ comm.Msg₃.$a.b.Encrypt_3.key(b)?n'_b \rightarrow$ if $n_b = n'_b$ then R_commit.$a.b \rightarrow$ session.$a.b \rightarrow Skip$ else Stop </pre>
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How to model attacker channels?



channel $comm, fake, intercept : MSGs$

How do I rename the channels of the initiator process to obtain a suitable attacker interface?

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INITIATOR1 =
  INITIATOR( $A, N_a$ )
  [ [ comm.Msg1  $\leftarrow$  comm.Msg1,
    comm.Msg1  $\leftarrow$  intercept.Msg1,
    comm.Msg2  $\leftarrow$  comm.Msg2,
    comm.Msg2  $\leftarrow$  fake.Msg2,
    comm.Msg3  $\leftarrow$  comm.Msg3,
    comm.Msg3  $\leftarrow$  intercept.Msg3 ] ]

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How do I rename the channels of the **responder process** to obtain a suitable attacker interface?

$RESPONDER1 =$
 $RESPONDER(B, N_b)$
[[$comm.Msg_1 \leftarrow comm.Msg_1,$
 $comm.Msg_1 \leftarrow fake.Msg_1,$
 $comm.Msg_2 \leftarrow comm.Msg_2,$
 $comm.Msg_2 \leftarrow intercept.Msg_2,$
 $comm.Msg_3 \leftarrow comm.Msg_3,$
 $comm.Msg_3 \leftarrow fake.Msg_3$]]

What could an attacker do in principle?

- 1 He/she is able to listen to and/or intercept messages
- 2 He/she is able to learn nonces
- 3 He/she is able to send new messages using the learned nonces
- 4 He/she is able to replay old messages (possibly modified)
- 5 It is also possible to replay old encrypted messages that the attacker cannot decrypt

Note, the formalization of such an attacker behaviour is also called **Dolev-Yao model** based on a research paper from 1983¹

¹ D. Dolev and A. Yao: On the security of public key protocols, IEEE Journal Transactions on Information Theory, 29/2, 1983.

Attacker Process (1)

$INTRUDER(m1s, m2s, m3s, ns) =$
 $comm.Msg_1?a.b.Encrypt_1.k.n.a' \rightarrow$
 if $k = K_I$ then $INTRUDER(m1s, m2s, m3s, ns \cup \{n\})$
 else $INTRUDER(m1s \cup \{Encrypt_1.k.n.a'\}, m2s, m3s, ns)$
□ $intercept.Msg_1?a.b.Encrypt_1.k.n.a' \rightarrow$
 if $k = K_I$ then $INTRUDER(m1s, m2s, m3s, ns \cup \{n\})$
 else $INTRUDER(m1s \cup \{Encrypt_1.k.n.a'\}, m2s, m3s, ns)$
□ $comm.Msg_2?b.a.Encrypt_2.k.n.n' \rightarrow$
 if $k = K_I$ then $INTRUDER(m1s, m2s, m3s, ns \cup \{n, n'\})$
 else $INTRUDER(m1s, m2s \cup \{Encrypt_2.k.n.n'\}, m3s, ns)$
□ $intercept.Msg_2?b.a.Encrypt_2.k.n.n' \rightarrow$
 if $k = K_I$ then $INTRUDER(m1s, m2s, m3s, ns \cup \{n, n'\})$
 else $INTRUDER(m1s, m2s \cup \{Encrypt_2.k.n.n'\}, m3s, ns)$

Attacker Process (2)

$INTRUDER(m1s, m2s, m3s, ns) =$
□ $comm.Msg_3?a.b.Encrypt_3.k.n \rightarrow$
 if $k = K_I$ then $I(m1s, m2s, m3s, ns \cup \{n\})$
 else $I(m1s, m2s, m3s \cup \{Encrypt_3.k.n\}, ns)$
□ $intercept.Msg_3?a.b.Encrypt_3.k.n \rightarrow$
 if $k = K_I$ then $I(m1s, m2s, m3s, ns \cup \{n\})$
 else $I(m1s, m2s, m3s \cup \{Encrypt_3.k.n\}, ns)$
□ $fake.Msg_1?a.b?m:m1s \rightarrow I(m1s, m2s, m3s, ns)$
□ $fake.Msg_2?b.a?m:m2s \rightarrow I(m1s, m2s, m3s, ns)$
□ $fake.Msg_3?a.b?m:m3s \rightarrow I(m1s, m2s, m3s, ns)$
□ $fake.Msg_1?a.b!Encrypt_1.k?n:ns?a' \rightarrow I(m1s, m2s, m3s, ns)$
□ $fake.Msg_2?b.a!Encrypt_2.k?n:ns?n':ns \rightarrow I(m1s, m2s, m3s, ns)$
□ $fake.Msg_3?a.b!Encrypt_3.k?n:ns \rightarrow I(m1s, m2s, m3s, ns)$

Note: The identifier **INTRUDER** is abbreviated here in the recursive call by **I**

How to construct a complete system process including the capabilities of an attacker?

AGENTS =

$INITIATOR1 \parallel [\{ \mid comm, session.A.B \mid \}] RESPONDER1$

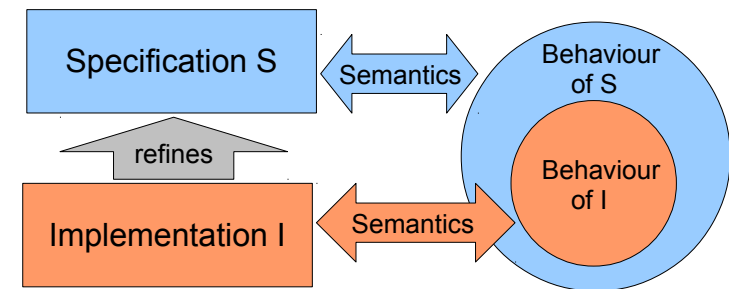
INTRUDER1 = $INTRUDER(\emptyset, \emptyset, \emptyset, \{N_C\})$

SYSTEM =

$AGENTS \parallel [\{ \mid fake, comm, intercept \mid \}] INTRUDER1$

Conformance by Refinement

- **Abstract specification** represents an important security property of our protocol, e.g. correct authentication
→ CSP processes **AI** & **AR** (next slides)
- **Concrete implementation** represents both the behavior of the NSP and also the possible behavior of the attacker
→ CSP process **SYSTEM** (last slide)



Specification for a Correct Authentication of the **Initiator**

$AI_0 = I_running.A.B \rightarrow R_commit.A.B \rightarrow AI_0$

$AI = AI_0 \parallel \parallel RUN(\Sigma \setminus A_2)$

where $A_2 = \{ \mid I_running.A.B, R_commit.A.B \mid \}$,

$\Sigma \hat{=}$ complete communication alphabet

and $RUN(M) \hat{=}$ infinite process that communicates the events of M in an arbitrary order

Illustration

$AI =$ arbitrary other events $\rightarrow I_running.A.B \rightarrow$
arbitrary other events $\rightarrow R_commit.A.B \rightarrow$
arbitrary other events $\rightarrow AI$

Specification for a Correct Authentication of the **Responder**

$AR_0 = R_running.A.B \rightarrow I_commit.A.B \rightarrow AR_0$

$AR = AR_0 \parallel \parallel RUN(\Sigma \setminus A_1)$

where $A_1 = \{ \mid R_running.A.B, I_commit.A.B \mid \}$

$\Sigma \hat{=}$ complete communication alphabet

and $RUN(M) \hat{=}$ infinite process that communicates the events of M in an arbitrary order

Illustration

$AR =$ arbitrary other events $\rightarrow R_running.A.B \rightarrow$
arbitrary other events $\rightarrow I_commit.A.B \rightarrow$
arbitrary other events $\rightarrow AR$

Tool Support

Automatic verification by the refinement checker FDR

Proof Obligations

$traces(SYSTEM) \subseteq traces(AR)$

damit gilt $AR \sqsubseteq_T SYSTEM$

$traces(SYSTEM) \not\subseteq traces(AI)$

damit gilt $AI \not\sqsubseteq_T SYSTEM$

Trace of the model checker

$\langle user.A.B, user.A.C, I_running.A.C,$
 $intercept.Msg_1.A.C.Encrypt_1.K_C.N_A.A,$ (1.1)

$R_running.A.B,$
 $fake.Msg_1.A.B.Encrypt_1.K_B.N_A.A,$ (2.1)

$intercept.Msg_2.B.A.Encrypt_2.K_A.N_A.N_B,$ (2.2)

$fake.Msg_2.C.A.Encrypt_2.K_A.N_A.N_B,$ (1.2)

$intercept.Msg_3.A.C.Encrypt_3.K_C.N_B,$ (1.3)

$fake.Msg_3.A.B.Encrypt_3.K_B.N_B,$ (2.3)
 $R_commit.A.B \rangle$

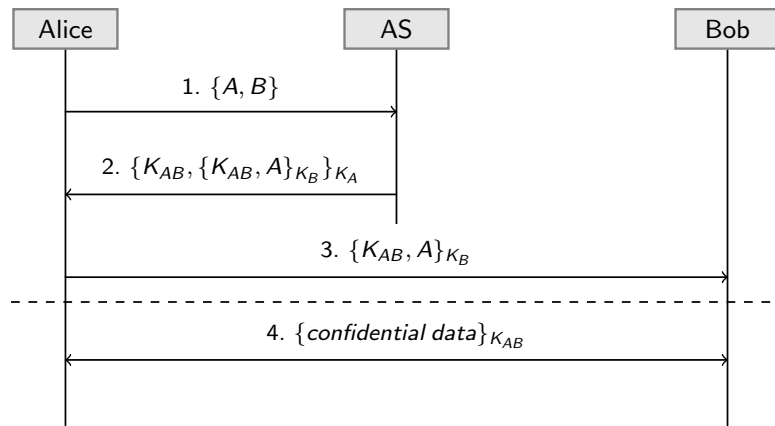
What is the cause of this counterexample?

$R_commit.A.B$ occurs without a previous $I_running.A.B$!

CSP/FDR Exercises

Task

- Model and verify the naive NSP (symmetric variant) using CSP/FDR!



How to use FDR?

- 1 If you plan to install FDR on your own computer, please follow the instructions at <http://www.cs.ox.ac.uk/projects/fdr/>
Note the newest distribution is FDR4
- 2 If you don't like to install FDR on your own machine, you can also use the installation on the computers of the pool room (use linux CentOS). Note that fdr3 is installed under the path </home/helke/tools/fdr/bin>
By invoking `fdr3` you start the GUI variant of the program
- 3 It is also possible to use FDR without GUI (only in batch-mode). To do this, you must call `refines`.

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