

# Engineering Secure Software Systems

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# Applying the Theory: Analysis in Practice

## so far in lecture

- formal model
- formal security properties
- decidability and complexity results
- Horn modeling
- ~~abstraction~~

## now: application of the theory

different analysis tools

- **ProVerif** (Bruno Blanchet, Vincent Cheval)
- **CryptoVerif** (Bruno Blanchet, David Cadé)
- **FDR** (Formal Systems Europe)



# ProVerif in Lecture I

## outline

- ProVerif introduction (syntax, semantics, examples)
- generalized cryptographic primitives in ProVerif
- extended security properties in ProVerif

no detailed theory (literature references)

## key references

**paper** Bruno Blanchet. “Using Horn Clauses for Analyzing Security Protocols”. In: *Cryptology and Information Security Series* 5 (2011), pp. 86–111

**update** Vincent Cheval, Véronique Cortier, and Mathieu Turuani. “A Little More Conversation, a Little Less Action, a Lot More Satisfaction: Global States in ProVerif”. In: *31st IEEE Computer Security Foundations Symposium, CSF 2018, Oxford, United Kingdom, July 9-12, 2018*. IEEE Computer Society, 2018, pp. 344–358. ISBN: 978-1-5386-6680-7. DOI: 10.1109/CSF.2018.00032. URL: <https://doi.org/10.1109/CSF.2018.00032>

**tool** <http://prosecco.gforge.inria.fr/personal/bblanche/proverif/>

## learning goals

practice

analyzing protocols with ProVerif

security properties

study of complex properties (without detailed formal model)

conceptual

undecidable problems in real life

consequences for tool application

## not a learning goal

complete introduction to ProVerif (see reading exercise on Needham-Schroeder modeling)

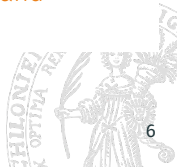


## non-trivial examples

- certified email protocol, including ssh layer, JFK protocol (candidate for IKE replacement), secure filesystem Plutus, web service verification
- e-voting protocols, authenticated routing, zero knowledge protocols
- TLS (F# implementation for .NET), 5G EAP-TLS
- Telegram, Bitcoin Smart Contracts, Healthcare protocols
- ... (see Google Scholar, ProVerif since 2020)

## original reference

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## features

- analysis of protocols in symbolic model
- can handle an unbounded number of protocol sessions (necessarily incomplete)
- user-provided specification of cryptographic primitives and security properties

## example security properties

- secrecy
- strong secrecy
- authentication
- correspondence
- observational equivalence

## incompleteness consequences

- “don’t know”
- non-termination





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# ProVerif „Hello, World“

hello.pv (from PV doc)

free c:channel.

free Plain:bitstring [private].

free RSA:bitstring [private].

query attacker(RSA).

query attacker(Plain).

process

out(c,RSA);

o

elements

free free algebraic variables

channel communication channel

bitstring data type

private  $\mathcal{A}$  cannot (directly) access

query security property

out send on channel

execution

- send “private” value RSA on public channel
- query: secrecy for
  - RSA
  - Plain



## command line tool

```
$ proverif 2021_01_05_lecture_08/01_hello.pv
```

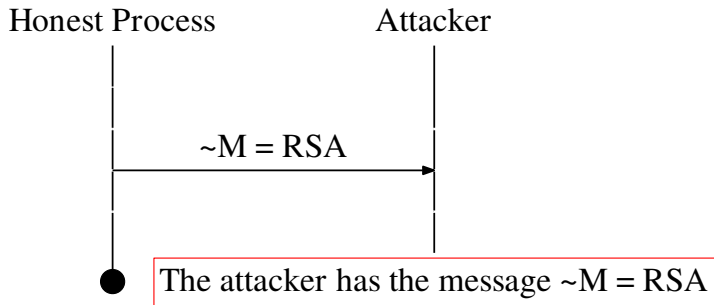
```
$ proverif -graph targetDir 2021_01_05_lecture_08/01_hello.pv
```

```
$ proverif -html targetDir 2021_01_05_lecture_08/01_hello.pv
```

## live demo



A trace has been found.





example: handshake (from ProVerif tutorial)

$A \rightarrow B \quad k_A$   
 $B \rightarrow A \quad \text{enc}_{k_A}^a (\text{sig}_{k_B} ([k_B, k]))$   
 $A \rightarrow B \quad \text{enc}_k^s (\text{FAIL})$

attack

$\mathcal{A} \rightarrow B \quad k_A$   
 $B \rightarrow \mathcal{A} \quad \text{enc}_{k_A}^a (\text{sig}_{k_B} ([k_B, k]))$   
 $A \rightarrow B \quad k_A$   
 $\mathcal{A} \rightarrow A \quad \text{enc}_{k_A}^a (\text{sig}_{k_B} ([k_B, k]))$   
 $A \rightarrow B \quad \text{enc}_k^s (\text{FAIL})$

fix

add receiver to message

properties?

- intended security properties?
- protocol secure?



# Analyzing the Handshake Protocol in ProVerif

## steps

1. specify cryptographic primitives
2. specify communication infrastructure
3. specify adversary goal
4. specify Alice & Bob
5. specify “main process”





## lecture so far

behavior of crypto primitives

- asymmetric encryption
- symmetric encryption
- signatures
- hash functions

## ProVerif: flexible modeling of primitives

technique: equational theories, more general than DY-like specification (see example scripts)



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## definition

- **equation**: pair  $(l, r)$  of terms, also written  $l = r$ 
  - left: “complex” term
  - right: “simple” term
- **equational theory**: set  $E$  of equations

caveat: choose term signature matching to  $E$  (implicit)

## rewrite relation

- $t_1 \rightarrow_E t_2$ :  $t_2$  obtained from  $t_1$  by applying rule from  $E$
- $\rightarrow_E^*$ : closure of  $\rightarrow_E$  under transitivity, reflexivity, application of function symbols
- $\equiv_E$ : closure of  $\rightarrow_E^*$  under symmetry and transitivity



# Equational Theories: Examples

## primitives

- asym. encryption  $\text{dec}_{\hat{k}_A}^a (\text{enc}_{k_a}^a (x)) = x$
- sym. encryption  $\text{dec}_k^s (\text{enc}_k^s (x)) = x$
- signature
  - $\text{check}(k_A, \text{sig}_{k_A} (x)) = \text{ok}$
  - $\text{extr} - \text{key}(\text{sig}_{k_A} (x)) = k_A$
  - $\text{extr} - \text{msg}(\text{sig}_{k_A} (x)) = x$
- hash function
- bit commitment  $\text{open}(\text{bc}(k, b), k) = b$
- trapdoor commitments
  - $\text{open}(\text{tdc}(m, r, t_d), r) = m$
  - $\text{tdc}(m_2, f(m_1, r, t_d, m_2), t_d) = \text{tdc}(m_1, r, t_d)$



# “Simple” Equational Theories

## definition

$\rightarrow_E$  is

- **confluent**, if for all  $t, t_1, t_2$  with  $t \rightarrow_E^* t_1$  and  $t \rightarrow_E^* t_2$  there is some  $t'$  with  $t_1 \rightarrow_E^* t'$  and  $t_2 \rightarrow_E^* t'$ .
- **terminating**, if there is no infinite sequence  $t_1, t_2, \dots$  with  $t_i \neq t_{i+1}$  and  $t_i \rightarrow_E t_{i+1}$  for all  $i$ .
- $E$  is **convergent**, if  $\rightarrow_E$  is confluent and terminating
- $E$  is **convergent subterm theory**, if
  - $E$  is convergent, and
  - for all  $(l, r) \in E$ :  $r$  is subterm of  $l$  or constant





## definition

A term  $t$  is in  **$E$ -normal-form** if  $t = t'$  for all  $t \rightarrow_E t'$ .

## lemma & definition

If  $E$  is convergent, then for every term  $t$ , there is a unique term  $[t]$  with

- $[t]$  is in  $E$ -normal-form,
- $t \equiv_E [t]$ .

## lemma

$t \equiv_E t'$  iff  $[t] = [t']$ .

## computation of normal form

How do we compute  $[t]$  from  $t$ ? for a convergent theory?





## primitives

- asym. encryption  $\text{dec}_{\hat{k}_A}^a (\text{enc}_{k_a}^a (x)) = x$
- sym. encryption  $\text{dec}_k^s (\text{enc}_k^s (x)) = x$
- signature
  - $\text{check}(k_A, \text{sig}_{k_A} (x)) = \text{ok}$
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## discussion

- complexity?
- observations?

## remember

modeling primitives at this level of abstraction loses details

## algorithms

algorithms discussed so far do not cover all of these



# Exercise

## Task (Missing Proof)

Prove the following lemma that was stated in the lecture without proof:

If  $E$  is a convergent equational theory, then:

1. For every term  $t$ , there is a unique term  $[t]$  with
  - $[t]$  is in  $E$ -normal-form,
  - $t \equiv_E [t]$ .
2. For terms  $t$  and  $t'$ , we have that  $t \equiv_E t'$  if and only if  $[t] = [t']$ .



# Exercise

## Task (“Badly-Behaved” Equational Theories)

Define equational theories for which the resulting rewrite relation  $\rightarrow_E$  is not a convergent subterm theory, i.e., one that is not confluent, not terminating, or not a subterm theory.



# Algorithms for Convergent Subterm Theories

## Theorem

For convergent subterm theories, the following problems are polynomial-time decidable:

- given  $E, t, t'$ , does  $t \rightarrow_E t'$  hold?
- given  $E, t, t'$ , is  $t \equiv_E t'$ ?

## Theorem

Also computable in polynomial time: given  $E, t$ , compute  $[t]$  (DAG representation)

## reference

Martin Abadi and Véronique Cortier. “Deciding knowledge in security protocols under equational theories”. In: *Theoretical Computer Science* 367.1-2 (2006), pp. 2–32







## Needham Schroeder

Alice  $\epsilon \rightarrow \text{enc}_{k_B}^a(A, N_A)$   
 $\text{enc}_{k_A}^a(N_A, y) \rightarrow \text{enc}_{k_B}^a(y)$

Bob  $\text{enc}_{k_B}^a(A, x) \rightarrow \text{enc}_{k_A}^a(x, N_B)$

## equational theory

$$\text{dec}_{\hat{k}_A}^a(\text{enc}_{k_A}^a(x)) = x$$

## “simplification”

- new notation for protocols?
- advantage?

## additional equations for pairing

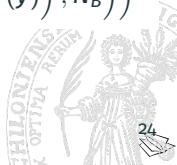
- $\text{split1}(\text{pair}(x, y)) = x$
- $\text{split2}(\text{pair}(x, y)) = y$

## Alice

$\epsilon \rightarrow \text{enc}_{k_B}^a(A, N_A)$   
 $x \rightarrow \text{enc}_{k_B}^a(\text{split2}(\text{dec}_{\hat{k}_A}^a(x)))$

## Bob

$y \rightarrow \text{enc}_{k_A}^a(\text{pair}(\text{split2}(\text{dec}_{\hat{k}_B}^a(y)), N_B))$



# Handshake-Protocol in ProVerif: Primitives

## symmetric encryption

**type** key

**fun** senc(bitstring, key): bitstring

**reduc forall** m:bitstring, k:key; sdec(senc(m,k),k) = m

## asymmetric encryption

**type** skey

**type** pkey

**fun** pk(skey): pkey

**fun** aenc(bitstring, pkey): bitstring

**reduc forall** m:bitstring, sk:skey; adec(aenc(m,pk(sk)),sk) = m

## signatures

**type** sskey

**type** pskey

**fun** spk(sskey): spkey

**fun** sign(bitstring, sskey): bitstring

**reduc forall** m:bitstring, ssk:sskey; getmess(sign(m,ssk)) = m

**reduc forall** m:bitstring, ssk:sskey; checksign(sign(m,ssk),spk(ssk)) = m



# Handshake-Protocol in ProVerif: Communication and Adversary Goal

channel, values, attacker goal

free c:channel

free FAIL:bitstring [private]

query attacker (FAIL)

models

- c is public channel
- FAIL: bitstring, private (not in initial  $\mathcal{A}$  knowledge)
- security property:  $\mathcal{A}$  cannot derive FAIL





protocol

$$\begin{array}{ll} A \rightarrow B & k_A \\ B \rightarrow A & \text{enc}_{k_A}^a (\text{sig}_{k_B} ([k_B, k])) \\ A \rightarrow B & \text{enc}_k^s (\text{FAIL}) \end{array}$$

client (Alice)

```
let clientA(pkA:pkey,skA:skey,pkB:spkey)=  
  out (c,pkA)  
  in (c,x:bitstring)  
  let y=adec(x,skA) in  
    let (=pkB,k:key)=checksign(y,pkB) in  
      out (c,senc(FAIL,k))
```

features

- keys as arguments
- FAIL global value
- decryptions explicit (pattern matching in formal model)





## protocol

$A \rightarrow B \quad k_A$   
 $B \rightarrow A \quad \text{enc}_{k_A}^a (\text{sig}_{k_B} ([k_B, k]))$   
 $A \rightarrow B \quad \text{enc}_k^s (\text{FAIL})$

## server (Bob)

```
let serverB(pkB:spkey,skB:sskey)=  
  in (c,pkX:pkey)  
  new k:key  
  out (c,aenc(sign((pkB,k),skB),pkX))  
  in c,x:bitstring  
  let z=sdec(x,k) in o
```

## features

- type checking on message receive
- last line: “no match” if decryption fails



# Handshake-Protocol in ProVerif: Main Process

## previous processes

- `clientA(pkA:pkey,skA:skey,pkB:spkey)`
- `serverB(pkB:spkey,skB:sskey)`

## main process

```
new skA:skey  
new skB:sskey  
let pkA=pk(skA) in out(c,pkA)  
let pkB=spk(skB) in out(c,pkB)  
( (!clientA(pkA,skA,pkB) | (!serverB(pkB,skB))) )
```

## features

- key generation, sending of pkA, pkB on public channel
- call of Alice and Bob with matching parameters
- `!:` “replication operator”



# ProVerif Script: Handshake Protocol

## command line tool

```
$ proverif 2021_01_05_lecture_08/02_handshake.pv
```

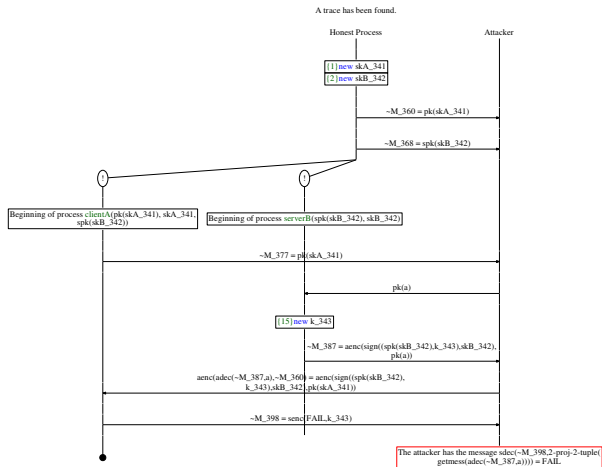
```
$ proverif -graph targetDir 2021_01_05_lecture_08/02_handshake.pv
```

```
$ proverif -html targetDir 2021_01_05_lecture_08/02_handshake.pv
```

## live demo



## ProVerif Analysis Result: Handshake





# Exercise

## Task (ProVerif example)

Consider the following protocol:

1.  $A \rightarrow B \quad \text{enc}_{k_{AB}}^S(N_A)$
2.  $B \rightarrow A \quad [\text{enc}_{k_{AB}}^S(N_B), N_A]$
3.  $A \rightarrow B \quad N_B$

Here,  $k_{AB}$  is a long-term symmetric key shared by Alice and Bob. Is the protocol secure in the sense, that it can only be completed correctly if both Alice and Bob participate in the protocol run? Analyse the protocol “by hand” and using ProVerif.

**Note:** If you use the standard ProVerif **query attacker**(FAIL) modeling, you need to express the “participation property” as secrecy property. We will study a different method using events later in the lecture.



# Exercise

## Task (ProVerif examples)

Choose a cryptographic protocol and use ProVerif to analyze its security properties, that is:

1. Specify the protocol in ProVerif (including the required cryptographic primitives),
2. specify the security property in ProVerif,
3. run ProVerif to search for attacks. Does the result match with your expectations?

You can use any protocol you find interesting—all the protocols mentioned in the course so far are good candidates. The following is an incomplete list:

- your modeling of the WhatsApp authentication protocol in the first exercise,
- the (broken) authentication protocols presented in the first exercise class and their fixes,
- the Needham-Schroeder(-Lowe) protocol,
- the Woo-Lam protocol,
- the ffgg protocol,
- the repaired version of the handshake-protocol from the ProVerif tutorial (the broken version was discussed in the lecture).

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# Randomized Primitives in ProVerif I

## encryption formally

- up to now:  $\text{enc}_k^s(t)$ ,  $\text{enc}_k^a(k_A)$
- problem? multiple encryptions

## encryption in practice

- encrypting twice: different ciphertexts
- randomized algorithms

fact (formal statement: see cryptography lecture)

secure encryption **must be** randomized



# Randomized Asymmetric Encryption

**ProVerif**

**type** skey.

**type** pkey.

**type** coins.

**fun** pk (skey): pkey.

**fun** internal\_aenc(bitstring, pkey, coins): bitstring

**letfun** aenc(x:bitstring, y:pkey) = **new** r:coins; internal\_aenc(x,y,r).

**reduc forall** m:bitstring, k:skey, r:coins;  
adec(internal\_aenc(m,pk(k),r),k)=m.

**reduc forall** m:bitstring, pk:pkey, r:coins, getkey(internal\_aenc(m,pk,r))=pk.



# ProVerif Script: Randomized Encryption

command line tool

```
$ proverif 2021_01_05_lecture_08/03_randomized-encryption.pv
```

```
$ proverif -graph targetDir 2021_01_05_lecture_08/03_randomized-encryption.pv
```

```
$ proverif -html targetDir 2021_01_05_lecture_08/03_randomized-encryption.pv
```

live demo



# ProVerif: Abstraction Level?

## symbolic models

- messages as terms
- abstraction of cryptography
- no polynomial-time restriction
- no “real randomness”
- no probabilities

## cryptographic models

- messages as bitstrings
- real cryptographic algorithms
- real randomness
- probabilistic polynomial-time algorithms
- probabilistic security guarantees

What kind of model does ProVerif use?



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# Typing

## note

- in ProVerif, each value is **typed**
- allows to distinguish e.g., keys from nonces
- drawback?
  - requires implementation to check types!
- untyped version: use **bitstring**
- typed protocols: annotate messages with types

## type flaw attacks

- attacks that use “wrong types”
- rely on protocols **not** checking types
- seen examples in ffgg protocol, Otway-Rees protocol

## reference

James Heather, Gavin Lowe, and Steve Schneider. “How to Prevent Type Flaw Attacks on Security Protocols”. In: *Journal of Computer Security* 11.2 (2003), pp. 217–244. URL: <http://content.iospress.com/articles/journal-of-computer-security/jcs162>



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# ProVerif: Specification

## process algebra: (applied) pi calculus

- classic technique
- specification of communicating processes
- strong type system

## security-specific aspects in ProVerif

- specification of crypto primitives with equational theories
- algorithms, properties

## references

- Robin Milner, Joachim Parrow, and David Walker. “A Calculus of Mobile Processes, I and II”. In: *Inf. Comput.* 100.1 (1992), pp. 1–77. DOI: 10.1016/0890-5401(92)90008-4. URL: [http://dx.doi.org/10.1016/0890-5401\(92\)90008-4](http://dx.doi.org/10.1016/0890-5401(92)90008-4)
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## part 1: terms

$M, N =$

$a, b, c, k, m, n, s$  names

$x, y, z$  variables

$(M_1, \dots, M_k)$  tuples

$h(M_1, \dots, M_k)$  application of functions (constructors / destructors)

$M = N$  equality

$M <> N$  inequality

$M \&\& N$  conjunction

$M || N$  disjunction

**not**( $M$ ) negation

## part 2: processes

$P, Q =$

$0$  nothing

$P \mid Q$  parallel execution

$!P$  unbounded replication,  $!P = P \mid !P$

$\text{new } n : t; P$  value  $n$  of type  $t$  in process  $P$

$\text{in}(c, x : t); P$  store message from channel  $c$  in  $x$ ,  
check type to be  $t$ , run  $P$

$\text{out}(c, N); P$  send message  $N$  on  $c$ , run  $P$

$\text{if } M \text{ then } P \text{ else } Q$  conditional

$\text{let } x = M \text{ in } P \text{ else } Q$  pattern matching and conditional

$R(M_1, \dots, M_k)$  macro application

simplification:  $0$ , **else** can often be omitted

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# Forward Secrecy

secrecy

up to now black & white view: value either secret or not

reality privacy time-dependent — today's RSA keys secure 20 years from now?

## problematic scenario

2021 Alice publishes  $k_A$

2041 Bob computes  $\hat{k}_A$

Bob computes  $\text{sig}_{k_A}(m)$ ,  
 $m$  dated to 2019

2021 Alice and Bob use  $k_A$  and  $k_B$  to compute  $k_{AB}$

2021 Alice sends  $\text{enc}_{k_{AB}}^s(\text{secret})$

2041 Charlie computes  $\hat{k}_A$  and  $\hat{k}_B$ , from this  $k_{AB}$  and  
*secret*

## forward security

security against later key breaks

# Forward Secrecy in Handshake-Protocol

## protocol (fixed)

1.  $A \rightarrow B \quad k_A$
2.  $B \rightarrow A \quad \text{enc}_{k_A}^a (\text{sig}_{k_B} ([k_A, k_B, k_{AB}]))$
3.  $A \rightarrow B \quad \text{enc}_{k_{AB}}^s (\text{FAIL}).$

## asymmetric situation

- always: if  $\hat{k}_A$  and  $\hat{k}_B$  known later, protocol run can be reconstructed
- if  $B$  server: probability that  $\hat{k}_B$  gets known higher (more attractive goal)
- FAIL must stay secret if  $\hat{k}_B$  gets known later

## analysis

- if  $\hat{k}_A$  and  $\hat{k}_B$  secret: **FAIL** secret
- if  $\hat{k}_A$  known “later:” **FAIL** derivable
- if  $\hat{k}_B$  known: protocol insecure
- if  $\hat{k}_B$  known “later:” **FAIL** not derivable

## conclusion

“cost” of revealing keys depends on usage in protocol



## modeling

- split protocol into phases  $0, \dots, n - 1$
- keyword **phase**
- models “global time”
- leaking of  $\hat{k}_B$  in phase  $i$ : **phase  $i$ ; out(c,  $\hat{k}_B$ )**

# Forward Secrecy in ProVerif II

fixed handshake protocol (informal)

1.  $A \rightarrow B \quad k_A$
2.  $B \rightarrow A \quad \text{enc}_{k_A}^a (\text{sig}_{k_B} ([k_A, k_B, k_{AB}]))$
3.  $A \rightarrow B \quad \text{enc}_{k_{AB}}^s (\text{FAIL}).$

protocol: global & Alice

free c:channel.

free FAIL:bitstring [private].

query attacker(FAIL).

let clientA(pkA:pkey,skA:skey,pkB:spkey)=

out (c,pkA);

in (c,x:bitstring);

let y = adec(x,skA) in

let (=pkA,=pkB,k:key) = checksign(y,pkB) in

out (c,senc(FAIL,k)).

## note

pattern matching capabilities (cp. formal model)

# Forward Secrecy in ProVerif III

protocol (informal)

1.  $A \rightarrow B \quad k_A$
2.  $B \rightarrow A \quad \text{enc}_{k_A}^a (\text{sig}_{k_B} ([k_A, k_B, k_{AB}]))$
3.  $A \rightarrow B \quad \text{enc}_{k_{AB}}^s (\text{FAIL}).$

protocol: Bob

```
let serverB(pkB:spkey,skB:sskey,pkA:pkey) =  
  in (c,pkX:pkey);  
  new k:key;  
  out (c,aenc(sign((pkX,pkB,k),skB),pkX));  
  in (c,x:bitstring);  
  let z = sdec(x,k).
```

# Forward Secrecy in ProVerif IV

protocol (informal)

1.  $A \rightarrow B \quad k_A$
2.  $B \rightarrow A \quad \text{enc}_{k_A}^a (\text{sig}_{k_B} ([k_A, k_B, k_{AB}]))$
3.  $A \rightarrow B \quad \text{enc}_{k_{AB}}^s (\text{FAIL}).$

protocol: main process

process

new skA:skey;

new skB:sskey;

let pkA = pk(skA) in out(c,pkA);

let pkB = spk(skB) in out(c,pkB);

( (!clientA(pkA,skA,pkB)) | (!serverB(pkB,skB,pkA)) | **phase** 1; out(c, skB) )

# ProVerif Script: Forward Secrecy for Handshake Protocol

command line tool

```
$ proverif 2021_01_12_lecture_09/04_forward_secrecy.pv
```

```
$ proverif -graph targetDir 2021_01_12_lecture_09/04_forward_secrecy.pv
```

```
$ proverif -html targetDir 2021_01_12_lecture_09/04_forward_secrecy.pv
```

live demo

# Forward Secrecy and phase in ProVerif

## modeling global time

abstract, divided in “phases”

0. all keys secret

1.  $\hat{k}_A$  gets known

2.  $\hat{k}_B$  gets known

3. ...

## real-life security

How long will an RSA-key remain secret?

## verifiable properties

- “ if  $k_{AB}$  not used after phase 0, publication of  $\hat{k}_A$  does not lead to insecurity”
- “protocol only insecure if both  $\hat{k}_A$  and  $\hat{k}_B$  are known before ...”
- ...

# Perfect Forward Secrecy

## issue

- Alice and Bob want to perform key exchange
- resulting key  $k$  must remain secret — **even if involved private keys get compromised**
- no possibility to encrypt  $k$  (private keys compromised eventually)
- can use PKI only for signatures: public authenticated channel

## approach

- cannot send  $k$  in exchanged messages
- can only send “parts” of  $k$
- only Alice and Bob can compute  $k$  from “parts”

## impossible?

seems impossible — *at our level of abstraction*

## consequence

treat outside of / enhance model



## task

- Alice and Bob agree on a secret key
- use public (authenticated) channel

## protocol

$A, B$	choose public values $g, p$
$A$	chooses secret value $a$
$B$	chooses secret value $b$
$A \rightarrow B$	$g^a$
$B \rightarrow A$	$g^b$
$A$	compute $(g^b)^a = g^{ab}$
$B$	compute $(g^a)^b = g^{ab}$
$A, B$	use $g^{ab}$ as key

## security

- can compute  $a$  from  $g, g^a$ : discrete logarithm
- choose structure where logarithm is hard

## discrete logarithm

- structure:  $\mathbb{Z}_p$  for prime  $p$
- $g$  generator of  $\mathbb{Z}_p^*$
- DH assumption implies: logarithm computationally infeasible in  $\mathbb{Z}_p^*$

## what have we gained?

adversary can still store  $g, g^a, g^b$  and solve logarithm 20 years later



# Consequence

## modeling

- analyzing perfect forward secrecy requires algebra outside our model
- many extensions of analysis approaches incorporating algebraic properties

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# Perfect Forward Secrecy Implementation

## steps

1. generate and distribute private/public keys
2. perform Diffie Hellman key exchange
3. use obtained key  $k$  for communication
4. delete  $k$

## popular implementation

What's App (not verified)

- end-to-end encryption: only participants have keys

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# Know: DY model insufficient

## modeling of knowledge

- only derivability (DY model)
- not: “knowledge about ciphertext”

## example

Alice sends to Bob:  $\text{enc}_{k_B}^a(t)$ , where  $t \in \{\text{yes}, \text{no}\}$   
(requires randomized encryption)

## cannot express

- protocol with “choices” for Alice
- attacker does not know whether Alice sent yes or no, but knows terms yes, no
- similar: voting, attacker knows parties

## situation

- assumption: attacker does not know  $N_A$  or  $\hat{k}_B$
- Alice sends  $\text{enc}_{k_B}^a(N_A, t)$  with  $t \in \{\text{yes}, \text{no}\}$
- want to model: attacker cannot distinguish possibilities “yes” and “no”

## term level

- attacker can distinguish  $\text{enc}_{k_B}^a(\text{yes})$  and  $\text{enc}_{k_B}^a(\text{no})$
- attacker cannot distinguish  $\text{enc}_{k_B}^a(N_A, \text{yes})$  and  $\text{enc}_{k_B}^a(N_A, \text{no})$

# Adversary Knowledge

## approach

- what does the adversary “know?”
- what is the adversary’s “interface?”

## abstraction level

distinguishability of terms

- $\text{enc}_{k_A}^a(N_A, \text{no})$  and  $\text{enc}_{k_A}^a(N_A, \text{yes})$  should “look the same” for adversary
- in particular: the adversary does not “know” that the message is  $\text{enc}_{k_A}^a(N_A, \text{yes})$

## adversary actions

- adversary can perform “term operations” to distinguish messages
- apply constructors, destructors from equational theory
- result interpreted modulo  $\equiv_E$



## definition: $I$ -tests

for  $I \subseteq \mathcal{T}$ , an **atomic  $I$ -test** is a pair  $(M, M')$  of terms such that

- $M$  and  $M'$  derivable from  $I$  (may contain  $E$ -destructors)
- in  $M$  and  $M'$  exactly one variable  $x$  occurs

## definition: test semantics

message  $m$  **satisfies** test  $(M, M')$ , if  $M[m/x] \equiv_E M'[m/x]$ .

## extension

Boolean combinations of tests:  $\wedge, \vee, \neg$

## definition: indistinguishability

messages  $m$  and  $m'$   **$I$ -indistinguishable** if there is no  $I$ -test satisfied by exactly one of  $m$  and  $m'$ .

# Indistinguishability

## example

- terms:  $t_1 = \text{hash}(\text{yes})$ ,  $t_2 = \text{hash}(\text{no})$
- tests:
  - $(M_1, M'_1) = (\text{hash}(\text{yes}), x)$
  - $(M_2, M'_2) = (\text{hash}(\text{no}), x)$

## intuition

$t_1, t_2$  distinguishable?

## application

- $(M_1[t_1/x], M'_1[t_1/x]) = (\text{hash}(\text{yes}), \text{hash}(\text{yes}))$
- $(M_2[t_1/x], M'_2[t_1/x]) = (\text{hash}(\text{no}), \text{hash}(\text{yes}))$

## consequence

terms distinguishable?

## more examples

lecture notes: (randomized) encryption, randomized hash



# Indistinguishability Examples

## example 1

- $t_1 = \text{hash}(\text{yes})$ ,  $t_2 = \text{hash}(\text{no})$
- tests:
  - $(M_1, M'_1) = (\text{hash}(\text{yes}), x)$
  - $(M_2, M'_2) = (\text{hash}(\text{no}), x)$
- application:
  - $(M_1[t_1/x], M'_1[t_1/x]) = (\text{hash}(\text{yes}), \text{hash}(\text{yes}))$
  - $(M_1[t_2/x], M'_1[t_2/x]) = (\text{hash}(\text{yes}), \text{hash}(\text{no}))$
  - $(M_2[t_1/x], M'_2[t_1/x]) = (\text{hash}(\text{no}), \text{hash}(\text{yes}))$
  - $(M_2[t_2/x], M'_2[t_2/x]) = (\text{hash}(\text{no}), \text{hash}(\text{no}))$

## consequence

- $t_1$  satisfies first test but not second
- $t_2$  satisfies second test but not first
- so,  $t_1$  and  $t_2$  distinguishable

## more examples

- analogously:  $\text{enc}_{k_A}^a(\text{yes})$  and  $\text{enc}_{k_A}^a(\text{no})$  distinguishable (if  $k_A$  known)
- $\text{hash}([N_A, \text{yes}])$  and  $\text{hash}([N_A, \text{no}])$  indistinguishable (if  $N_A$  unknown)
- $\text{enc}_{k_A}^a([N_A, \text{yes}])$  and  $\text{enc}_{k_A}^a([N_A, \text{no}])$  indistinguishable (if  $N_A, \hat{k}_A$  not known)



distinguishable?

$$I = \{k_A, k_B, k_C, \hat{k}_C, \text{yes}, \text{no}\}$$

$m$	$m'$
$\text{enc}_{k_A}^a(\text{yes})$	$\text{enc}_{k_A}^a(\text{no})$
$N_A$	$N_B$
$\text{enc}_{k_A}^a(N_A, \text{yes})$	$\text{enc}_{k_A}^a(N_A, \text{no})$
$[\text{enc}_{k_A}^a(N_A), \text{enc}_{k_A}^a(N_A)]$	$[\text{enc}_{k_A}^a(N_A), \text{enc}_{k_A}^a(N_B)]$
$\text{enc}_{k_A}^a([N_A, N_A])$	$\text{enc}_{k_A}^a([N_A, N_B])$
$\text{hash}(\text{yes})$	$\text{hash}(\text{no})$
$\text{hash}(N_A, \text{yes})$	$\text{hash}(N_A, \text{no})$
$\text{enc}_{k_C}^a([N_A, \text{yes}])$	$\text{enc}_{k_C}^a([N_A, \text{no}])$
$[N_A, \text{enc}_{k_B}^a(N_A)]$	$[N_A, \text{enc}_{k_B}^a(N_B)]$

# Exercise

## Task (indistinguishability)

Prove that Boolean combinations of  $I$ -tests are not necessary. Formally: Show that if messages  $m$  and  $m'$  are  $I$ -distinguishable, then they are distinguishable via an atomic test.

# Algorithmic Question

## decision problem

*Problem:*     **STATIC-EQUIVALENCE**

*Input:*       messages  $m$  and  $m'$ , adversary knowledge  $I$

*Question:*   are  $m$  and  $m'$   $I$ -distinguishable?

## result

polynomial-time decidable for convergent subterm theories

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# Exercise

## Task (indistinguishability II)

For the following pairs of terms, determine whether they are  $I$ -distinguishable, where  $I = \{\hat{k}_C, \text{yes}, \text{no}\}$  contains the initial adversary knowledge.

$t_1$	$t_2$
$[N_A, \text{enc}_{N_A}^s(N_B)]$	$[N_B, \text{enc}_{N_B}^s(N_A)]$
$[N_B, \text{enc}_{N_A}^s(N_B)]$	$[N_A, \text{enc}_{N_B}^s(N_A)]$
$[N_A, \text{enc}_{N_A}^s(N_B)]$	$[N_A, \text{enc}_{N_B}^s(N_B)]$
$\text{enc}_{k_A}^a(N_A, \text{yes})$	$\text{enc}_{k_A}^a(N_B, \text{yes})$
$\text{enc}_{k_A}^a(N_A, \text{yes})$	$\text{enc}_{k_A}^a(N_A, \text{no})$
$[N_A, \text{enc}_{k_A}^a(\text{hash}(N_A), \text{yes})]$	$[N_B, \text{enc}_{k_A}^a(\text{hash}(N_B), \text{yes})]$
$[N_A, \text{enc}_{k_A}^a(\text{hash}(N_A), \text{yes})]$	$[N_B, \text{enc}_{k_A}^a(\text{hash}(N_A), \text{yes})]$

# Strong Secrecy

## example protocol

1.  $A \rightarrow B \quad N_A$
2.  $B \rightarrow A \quad \text{enc}_k^S([N_A, N_B])$

## secrecy (privacy) of $[N_A, N_B]$

- DY model:  $N_B$  not derivable, so  $[N_A, N_B]$  not derivable

secure in DY model

- indistinguishability:  $[N_A, N_B]$  distinguishable from  $[N_C, N_D]$ .

insecure in SE model

## yes/no situation

$A \rightarrow B \text{ enc}_{k_B}^a(N_A, t)$  with  $t \in \{\text{yes}, \text{no}\}$

## secrecy (privacy) of yes/no

- DY model: yes, no derivable, hence message not “secret”

insecure in DY model

- indistinguishability:  $\mathcal{A}$  has no information about message content

secure in SE model

## consequence

“no implication” between security notions

## Exercise

### Task (strong secrecy and derivation-based secrecy)

Assume an equational theory  $E$ . For a set  $I$  of terms and a term  $t$ , we say  $t$  is  $E$ -derivable from  $I$ , if there is a term  $M$  built from  $E$ -constructors,  $E$ -deconstructors and elements from  $I$  with  $M \equiv_E t$ .

For example, let  $E$  model (deterministic) symmetric encryption and pairing, let  $I = \{k_{AC}, \underbrace{\text{enc}_{k_{AC}}^s(\text{yes}, N_A)}_{=:u}\}$ . Then  $t = N_A$  is  $E$ -derivable from  $I$  via

$$M = \text{proj}_2(\text{dec}_{k_{AC}}^s(u)).$$

The (*nonce*) *derivation problem* for  $E$  is to determine, given a set  $I$  of terms and a term (a nonce)  $t$ , whether  $t$  is  $E$ -derivable from  $I$ .

Show that if static equivalence for  $E$  is decidable, then the nonce derivation problem for  $E$  is also decidable. (Note: It suffices to state the algorithm for the nonce derivation problem.)

# Strong Secrecy in ProVerif

ProVerif: distinguishability on process level

adversary: distinguish processes  $P_1$  and  $P_2$  by interaction

modeling

**free** c: channel.

**free** secret1: bitstring[private].

**free** secret2: bitstring[private].

**let** clientAlice (which:bool) =

**if** which **then**

**out** (c, secret1)

**else**

**out** (c, secret2).

**process**

  clientAlice(choice[true,false])

keyword: choice

- consider processes

1. clientAlice(true)

2. clientAlice(false)

- can attacker determine which process is running?
- can attacker distinguish secret1 and secret2?
- can attacker distinguish  $N_A$  and  $N_B$ ?



# Modeling Knowledge: Two Aspects

	expresses	ProVerif modeling
DY closure	construction / derivation of terms	<b>query</b> attacker(FAIL)
indistinguishability	knowledge about content of terms	<b>choice</b>

## applications

- epistemic security properties: distinguish CDU vote from SPD vote
- strategic security properties (see, e.g., contract signing, voting)

## strong secrecy depends on used encryption

- `2021_01_12_lecture_09/05_strong_secrecy.pv`  
example from slides
- `2021_01_12_lecture_09/06_strong_secrecy_deterministic_encryption.pv`  
strong secrecy analysis with deterministic encryption
- `2021_01_12_lecture_09/07_strong_secrecy_randomized_encryption.pv`  
strong secrecy analysis with randomized encryption

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## “Secrets”

### modeling

- nonces
- random, “long enough”
- not derivable

### reality

- often “easy to remember”
- low entropy
- “dictionary attacks” possible



## passwords

- |              |              |
|--------------|--------------|
| 1. password  | 14. abc123   |
| 2. 123456    | 15. mustang  |
| 3. 12345678  | 16. michael  |
| 4. 1234      | 17. shadow   |
| 5. qwerty    | 18. master   |
| 6. 12345     | 19. jennifer |
| 7. dragon    | 20. 111111   |
| 8. pussy     | 21. 2000     |
| 9. baseball  | 22. jordan   |
| 10. football | 23. superman |
| 11. letmein  | 24. harley   |
| 12. monkey   | 25. 1234567  |
| 13. 696969   |              |

## PINs

- |          |          |
|----------|----------|
| 1. 1234  | 14. 2468 |
| 2. 0000  | 15. 9999 |
| 3. 2580  | 16. 7777 |
| 4. 1111  | 17. 1996 |
| 5. 5555  | 18. 2011 |
| 6. 5683  | 19. 3333 |
| 7. 0852  | 20. 1999 |
| 8. 2222  | 21. 8888 |
| 9. 1212  | 22. 1995 |
| 10. 1998 | 23. 2525 |
| 11. 6969 | 24. 1590 |
| 12. 1379 | 25. 1235 |
| 13. 1997 |          |

# “Weakly Secret Messages”

## scenario: electronic voting

- few candidates (german election 2017: 42 parties)
- small “plaintext space”

## attack scenario

- attacker knows ciphertext
- knows 42 possible plaintexts
- full search!

# Election Protocol and “Weak Secrets” in ProVerif

```
protocol (docs/ex_weaksecret.pv)
  free c: channel.
  type skey.
  type pkey.
  fun pk(skey): pkey.
  fun aenc(bitstring, pkey): bitstring.
  reduc forall m: bitstring, k: skey; adec(aenc(m,pk(k)),k) = m.
  free v: bitstring [private].
  weaksecret v.
  let V(pkA:pkey) = out(c, aenc(v, pkA)).
  let A(skA:skey) = in(c,x:bitstring); let v' = adec(x, skA) in o.
  process
    new skA: skey;
    let pkA = pk(skA) in
      out (c,pkA);
      ! (V(pkA) | A(skA))
```

## situation

- v not derivable
- but: v can be guessed

command line tool

```
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```

```
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```

live demo



# Strong Secrecy and Weak Secrecy I

## strong secrecy motivation

- indistinguishability: adversary performs term operations to find different behavior
- assumes: adversary only wants to distinguish  $t_1$  from  $t_2$
- models: adversary “cannot get any knowledge about the message”

## weak secrets motivation

- “guessing attacks:” adversary has “candidate”  $c$  for secret  $s$  (of type  $t$ )
- adversary interacts with protocol to confirm/refute claim  $s = c$
- models: adversary has “prior knowledge” about message

## similarities, differences?

- difference: two defined processes in strong secrecy case
- similar: “comparison” of terms:  $t_1$  vs.  $t_2$ ,  $c$  vs.  $s$
- similar: adversary interacts with protocol for “comparison”

# Strong Secrecy and Weak Secrecy II

equivalent to weak secrecy

$$P \mid \text{phase 1; out}(\text{chan}, s) \approx P \mid \text{phase 1; new } s' : t; \text{out}(\text{chan}, s')$$

models

- process  $P$  uses secret  $s$
- adversary interacts with process  $P$
- after  $P$  ends:
  - lhs:  $s$  revealed
  - rhs: unrelated value (of correct type) revealed
- adversary task: determine whether we are in lhs or rhs process
- **important**: offline attack: adversary cannot interact with  $P$  anymore
- intuitively: “can the adversary get any information during process  $P$ ”?

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# Security Beyond Secrecy

## security up to now: secrecy

### theory

- **INSECURE**: derivability of FAIL
- Rusinowitch-Turuani: only secrecy

### ProVerif

- query attacker(term): DY-derivation secrecy
- variants: strong / forward secrecy, weak secrets

## Needham-Schroeder analysis

- key purpose: authentication
- “reduction” to secrecy  $\rightsquigarrow$  exercise: unnatural modelling in ProVerif

## need: different security properties

- theory: similar to secrecy (reachability)
- can use similar algorithms

## realistic protocol

combination of security properties

# Correspondence Properties

## important class of properties: correspondence

- “if event  $e$  happens, then event  $e'$  happened before”
- required: definition of events in protocol

## possible events

- $S$  generates key  $k$  for Alice and Bob
- Alice accepts  $k$  for communication with Bob

$\text{gen}(S, A, B, k)$

$\text{accept}(A, B, k)$

## security property

- if Alice accepts  $k$ , then  $k$  has been generated by  $S$ .
- event  $\text{accept}(A, B, k)$  is always preceded by event  $\text{gen}(S, A, B, k)$

# Events in ProVerif: Handshake-Protocol I

## declarations

```
event acceptsClient(key).  
event acceptsServer(key,pkey).  
event termClient(key,pkey).  
event termServer(key).
```

## client (Alice)

```
let clientA(pkA:pkey,skA:skey,pkB:spkey)=  
  out (c,pkA);  
  in (c,x:bitstring);  
  let y=adec(x,skA) in  
    let (=pkB,k:key)=checksign(y,pkB) in  
      event acceptsClient(k);  
      out (c,senc(FAIL,k));  
      event termClient(k,pkA).
```

## events

- normal instructions in protocol
- may have parameters
- strongly typed

# Events in ProVerif: Handshake-Protocol II

## server (Bob)

```
let serverB(pkB:spkey,skB:sskey)=  
  in c,pkX:pkey  
  new k:key  
  event acceptsServer(k,pkX);  
  out c,aenc(sign((pkB,k),skB),pkX)  
  in c,x:bitstring  
  let z=sdec(x,k) in  
    if pkX=pkA then event termServer(k).
```

## security property

```
query attacker (FAIL).  
query x:key, y:pkey; event(termClient(x,y))=>event(acceptsServer(x,y)).  
query x:key; inj-event(termServer(x))=>inj-event(acceptsClient(x)).
```

recall: decryption statement now meaningful

question: why not always **inj-event**?

## specification

- event  $e_1(\dots) \Rightarrow$  event  $e_2(\dots)$ :
  - before  $e_1$ , event  $e_2$  must have happened
  - quantifiers: lhs  $\forall$ , rhs  $\exists$
- **inj-event**:
  - injective function  $e_1$ -events into  $e_2$ -events

limited event semantics

event  $e_1(\dots) \implies$  event  $e_2(\dots)$

- requirement: every  $e_1$  is **preceeded** by some  $e_2$
- why no analogous “followed by” requirements?

in general

consider only “prefix-closed” properties



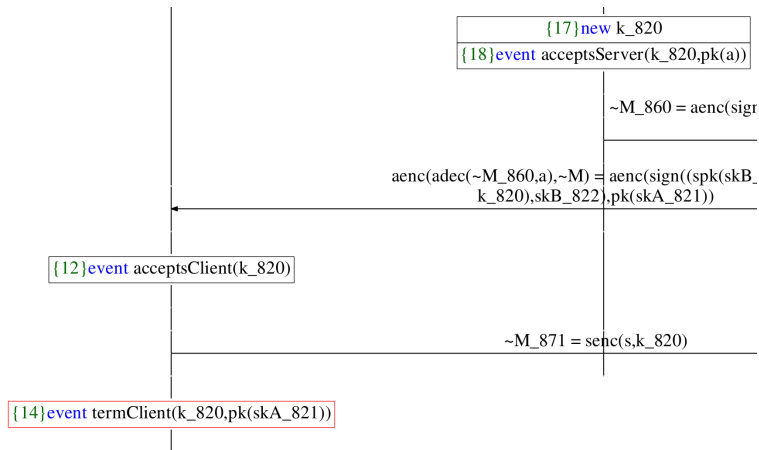
`2021_01_12_lecture_09/09_original_handshake_with_events.pv`

original (insecure) handshake protocol modelled with events

`2021_01_12_lecture_09/10_fixed_handshake_with_events.pv`

fixed handshake protocol modelled with events

# ProVerif Analysis with Events



query  $x:\text{key}, y:\text{pkey}; \text{event}(\text{termClient}(x, y)) \implies \text{event}(\text{acceptsServer}(x, y))$ .

# Correspondence and Events in ProVerif

## events

- express *correspondence*
- in particular: “synchronisation” between instances (no dummy messages required)
  - **query** AliceEvent(...)  $\Rightarrow$  BobEvent(...)
- natural way to model authentication
- theory: how do we formalize this?
  - similar to secrecy (still reachability property)

## application: key exchange

- Alice only accepts keys from Bob
- Bob only accepts if Alice confirms

## missing?

- key remains secret
- later messages remain secret

## realistic protocols

combination of security properties

# Exercise

## Task (secrecy properties and events)

In the lecture, two different kinds of (trace) properties were discussed:

- secrecy properties, modeled in the theoretical model with derivability of the constant FAIL and in ProVerif using the statement *query attacker(FAIL)*,
- event properties, modeled in ProVerif using the specification **event** and queries like *query x:key; inj-event(termServer(x))  $\Rightarrow$  inj-event(acceptsClient(x))*.

Is one of these concepts more powerful than the other? In other words, can you “translate” any secrecy query into an event query and/or vice versa? Which, if any, extensions would our theoretical model require to be able to handle event properties?

*Note:* The point of this exercise is not for you to actually specify a (rather cumbersome) translation, but to conceptually consider the relationships and differences between these two types of properties.

# Exercise

## Task (injective events)

Use **inj-event** to analyze the security of a protocol for authenticated message exchange exchange. Proceed as follows:

1. Consider a naive protocol for message exchange that only verifies whether messages come from the intended source.
2. Use **event** to verify the authentication property.
3. Which attacks are possible on the protocol? Use **inj-event** to discover the attack in ProVerif.
4. Correct the protocol and verify its correctness in ProVerif.

# ProVerif and Undecidability

recall

UNBOUNDED-INSECURE is undecidable

consequence for ProVerif

there are (infinitely many) protocols  $P$ , for which ProVerif

1. ~~returns secure, though  $P$  is not secure~~, or
2. ~~returns insecure, though  $P$  is secure~~, or
3. does not terminate, or
4. returns **unknown**.

examples?

- for which protocols does this happen?
- how can we avoid this?
  - re-write protocols automatically to ensure decision
  - clearly not possible for every protocol

## Example for Incomplete Analysis

**protocol (ProVerif)**

free c:channel.

process

new k : key;

out (c, senc(senc(FAIL,k),k));

in (c, x:bitstring);

out (c, sdec(x,k))

protocol secure?

**equivalent for ProVerif**

free c:channel.

process

new k : key;

out (c, senc(senc(FAIL,k),k));

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in (c, x:bitstring);

out (c, sdec(x,k))

)

protocol secure?

**question**

why does ProVerif treat both protocols identically?

# ProVerif Script: Incompleteness Example

command line tool

```
$ proverif 2021_01_12_lecture_09/11_weak_secrecy.pv
```

```
$ proverif -graph targetDir 2021_01_12_lecture_09/11_weak_secrecy.pv
```

```
$ proverif -html targetDir 2021_01_12_lecture_09/11_weak_secrecy.pv
```

live demo



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**seen**

ProVerif (and any other tool) cannot analyze all protocols

**questions for practice**

Can we “rewrite” protocols so that analysis becomes possible?

**2 examples**

- tagging
- order dependency

**no general “rule”**

problem remains undecidable

## example

$$\begin{array}{ll} B \rightarrow A & \text{enc}_k^s(N_B) \\ A \rightarrow B & \text{enc}_k^s(f(N_B)) \end{array}$$

## modelling

$$\text{Alice: } \text{enc}_k^s(x) \rightarrow \text{enc}_k^s(f(x))$$

## consequence

- init:  $\text{Att}(\text{enc}_k^s(N_B))$
- rule:  $\text{Att}(\text{enc}_k^s(x)) \rightarrow \text{Att}(\text{enc}_k^s(f(x)))$
- obtain  $\text{Att}(\text{enc}_k^s(f(N_B)), \text{Att}(\text{enc}_k^s(f(f(N_B)))), \text{Att}(\text{enc}_k^s(f(f(f(N_B)))))$ , ...



## solution: tags

- tag: “unique” constant for every application of cryptographic primitives
- actual message is extended with tag

## earlier example

$$\begin{array}{ll} B \rightarrow A & \text{enc}_k^s([\text{step}_1, N_B]) \\ A \rightarrow B & \text{enc}_k^s([\text{step}_2, f(N_B)]) \end{array}$$

why does this help?

## consequences

- ProVerif terminates for tagged protocols (for “usual” primitives and properties)
- good design practice

**but:** does not allow verification of original protocol!



## new values in ProVerif

`new X:bitstring;`

- internally: X with parameters
- dependent on position in source code
- influences completeness of analysis

## example

`order_dependence.pv`

# ProVerif Script: Order Dependence

command line tool

```
$ proverif 2021_01_12_lecture_09/12_order_dependence.pv
```

```
$ proverif -graph targetDir 2021_01_12_lecture_09/12_order_dependence.pv
```

```
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# ProVerif Summary

## seen

- ProVerif can analyse examples treated so far in lecture
- analysis of unbounded sessions “possible in practice”
- ProVerif features beyond formal model:
  - strong/weak secrecy, events
- limitations: seen only in contrived examples

## caveats

- protocols can be “secure” for trivial reasons:  
 $\text{event}(a) \implies \text{event}(b)$   
is satisfied if  $a$  never happens
- also add “liveness” tests to protocol

## limitations

relevant limitations for analysis of more complex protocols and properties exist, see voting



# Exercise

## Task (ProVerif modeling of Needham Schroeder)

Study the modeling of the Needham Schroeder protocol given in the ProVerif distribution (various models of the protocol can be found in `examples/pitype/secret-auth/`). Which additional properties were modeled compared to our models from the lecture and exercise class?

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