

Another attack

The protocol still suffers from a lack of explicitness.

The intruder can imitate the responder as follows:

- Msg 1. $A \rightarrow I_S : A, B, \{K_a\}_{shared(A,S)}$
 Msg 1'. $I_A \rightarrow S : A, I, \{K_a\}_{shared(A,S)}$
 Msg 2. $S \rightarrow I : A$
 Msg 3. $I \rightarrow S : \{K_{ab}\}_{shared(I,S)}$
 Msg 4. $S \rightarrow A : \{K_{ab}\}_{K_a}$.

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The intruder can imitate the initiator as follows:

- Msg 1. $I \rightarrow S : I, B, \{K_I\}_{shared(I,S)}$
 Msg 2. $S \rightarrow I_B : I$
 Msg 2'. $I_S \rightarrow B : A$
 Msg 3. $B \rightarrow S : \{K_{ab}\}_{shared(B,S)}$
 Msg 4. $S \rightarrow I : \{K_{ab}\}_{K_I}$.

Fixing the protocol

The obvious way to prevent these attacks is to include appropriate identities inside the encryptions:

- Msg 1. $a \rightarrow s : a, \{b, k_a\}_{shared(a,s)}$
 Msg 2. $s \rightarrow b : a$
 Msg 3. $b \rightarrow s : \{k_{ab}, a\}_{shared(b,s)}$
 Msg 4. $s \rightarrow a : \{k_{ab}\}_{k_a}$.

Note the different forms of messages 1 and 3, in order to prevent one message being replayed in the place of the other.

Freshness

The protocol still suffers from a lack of freshness: either a message 1 or a message 3 could be replayed, after k_a or k_{ab} has been compromised. This can be fixed using suitable nonce challenges:

- Msg 1. $a \rightarrow s : a, b$
 Msg 2. $s \rightarrow a : n$
 Msg 3. $a \rightarrow s : \{n, b, k_a\}_{shared(a,s)}$
 × Msg 4. $s \rightarrow b : a, n'$
 Msg 5. $b \rightarrow s : \{n', k_{ab}, a\}_{shared(b,s)}$
 Msg 6. $s \rightarrow a : \{k_{ab}\}_{k_a}$.