

# Special topics in Logic and Security I

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# References

1 Tamarin Manual

<https://tamarin-prover.com/manual/>

2 Tamarin Book

<https://tamarin-prover.com/book/index.html>

- A protocol is specified using (order-sorted) multiset rewriting. The rewrite rules define a labelled transition system with agent's actions as labels.
- Protocol security properties are defined in a first order language, as properties on traces.
- The tool provides a proof that all traces satisfy the required property, or provides a counterexample (an attack).

# Simple Example

$$A \longrightarrow B : \{ \{ n_a \} \}_{pk(B)}$$

- The Tamarin model and the security properties are defined in a file named `Name.spthy`, where `spthy` means *security protocol theory*.
- The adversary is a Dolev-Yao adversary by default.

```
theory SimpleExample
begin
builtins
rule R1: [F1,..., Fn] -- [] -> [Q1,...,Qm]
rule R2: [F1,..., Fn] -- [A1,...,Ak] -> [Q1,...,Qn]
lemma L1: "... "
lemma L2: "... "
end
```

# Modelling Public Key Infrastructure

```
rule Register_pk:  
  [ Fr(~ltk) ] --> [ !Ltk($I, ~ltk), !Pk($I, pk(~ltk)) ]
```

```
rule Get_pk:  
  [ !Pk(I, pubkey) ] --> [ Out(pubkey) ]
```

```
rule Reveal_ltk:  
  [ !Ltk(I, ltk) ] --[ LtkReveal(I) ]-> [ Out(ltk) ]
```

- Terms: ltk, I, pk(ltk), pubkey
- Functions: pk/1
- Sort declarations: ~ltk (fresh), \$ltk (public)
- Facts: Fr(~ltk), Out(pubkey), Out(ltk)
- Persistent facts: !Ltk(\$I, ~ltk), !Pk(\$I, pk( ~ltk)),  
                    !Pk(I, pubkey), !Ltk(I, ltk)
- Action facts: LtkReveal(I)

# Terms [Tamarin book]

- Tamarin terms are elements of an **order-sorted** term algebra. The top-sort is `msg`, which has three incomparable subsorts: `pub`, `fresh`, `Nat` (the `natural-numbers` built-in).
- Public constants are written as text strings enclosed in single quotes, such as `'Hello World'` or `'label1'`.
- We also assume the existence of a countably infinite set of Variables for each sort. Variables have names that are unquoted text strings, like `myVar3`, and are optionally preceded by a type declaration. Note that variables do not have a global scope: the variables in a multiset rewriting rule are local to that rule. Hence when a variable is instantiated during a rule's application, this instantiation has no effect on variables in other rules that happen to have the same name or on other instantiations of the same rule.  
Variables of sort `pub` are declared by `$t`, variables of sort `fresh` are declared by `~t` and variables of sort `nat` are declared by `%t`. Variables without an explicit type declaration are of the generic top sort `msg`,

# Rules, Facts and Actions [Tamarin book]

- The protocol and its environment are modeled using multiset **rewriting rules**. The rules operate on the system's state, which is expressed as a multiset of facts.
- **Facts** and **actions** are predicate symbols applied to zero or more terms. A fact represents part of the (global) system state. For example, the fact `Out(token)` models that the message `token` is output that has been sent to the network by some agent, whereas the fact `In(token)` models that `token` is available on the network as input to be read by some agent. Actions play a role analogous to labels in labeled transition systems and they model actions taken by agents or actions taken during the protocol's set up.
- System transitions consume facts from the state and produce (other) facts. We differentiate between: **persistent facts** (defined with `!`) can be used multiple times, and **linear facts** (defined without `!`) are removed from system's state by performing transitions.

# Built-in fact symbols [Tamarin book]

- Tamarin has several built-in fact symbols:
  - $K/1$ :  $K(t)$  is used to check whether the adversary can derive the term  $t$ ,
  - $In/1$ :  $In(t)$  represents that  $t$  was received from the (adversary controlled) network,
  - $Out/1$ :  $Out(t)$  represents that  $t$  was sent to the network,
  - $Fr/1$ :  $Fr(t)$  represents that  $t$  was freshly generated.

- Built-in rules for adversary knowledge

$$\begin{aligned} [Out(x)] &\rightarrow [!K(x)] \\ [!K(x)] &\rightarrow [In(x)] \end{aligned}$$

- Built-in rule for fresh values

Fresh:  $[\ ] \rightarrow [Fr(\sim x)]$

where  $x$  must be of type fresh. In practice, we use this to model the generation of random values from a sufficiently large space, private keys, etc.



# Modelling the Public Key Infrastructure

```
rule Register_pk:  
  [ Fr(~ltk) ] --> [ !Ltk($I, ~ltk), !Pk($I, pk(~ltk)) ]
```

First, generate a fresh name `ltk` (of sort `fresh`), which is the new private key, and non-deterministically choose a public name `A`, for the agent for whom we are generating the key-pair. Afterward, generate the fact `!Ltk($A, ~ltk)` (the exclamation mark `!` denotes that the fact is persistent, i.e., it can be consumed arbitrarily often), which denotes the association between agent `A` and its private key `~ltk`, and generate the fact `!Pk($A, pk(~ltk))`, which associates agent `A` and its public key `pk(~ltk)`.

[Tamarin Manual]

# Modelling the Public Key Infrastructure

```
rule Get_pk:  
  [ !Pk(I, pubkey) ] --> [ Out(pubkey) ]
```

This rule allows the adversary to retrieve any public key.

When using the default Tamarin setup, there is only one public channel modeling the network controlled by the adversary, i.e., the adversary receives all messages from the `Out( )` facts, and generates the protocol's inputs in the `In( )` facts.

[Tamarin Manual]

# Modelling the Public Key Infrastructure

```
rule Reveal_ltk:  
  [ !Ltk(I, ltk) ] --[ LtkReveal(I) ]-> [ Out(ltk) ]
```

This rule models the dynamic compromise of long-term private keys. Intuitively, it reads a private-key database entry and sends it to the adversary. This rule has an observable `LtkReveal` action stating that the long-term key of agent `A` was compromised. Action facts are just like facts, but unlike the other facts do not appear in state, but only on the trace.

**The security properties are specified on the traces, and the action `LtkReveal` is used to determine which agents are compromised.**

[Tamarin Manual]

# Modelling the protocol

```
rule Initiator:  
  [Fr(~k), !Pk($R, pkR) ] --[SendMessage(~k)]->[Out( aenc(~k, pkR))]
```

In details:

```
rule Initiator:  
  [ Fr(~k)          // the message is generated as a fresh name  
  
    , !Pk($R, pkR) ] // lookup the (user, key) association  
  
  --[SendMessage(~k)]-> //      performs the action  
  
    [ Out( aenc(~k, pkR) ) // sends the encrypted message  
    ]
```

- The action (SendMessage(~k)) does not appear in the state, but it will be used on the trace.

# Modelling the protocol

```
rule Responder:  
[!Ltk($R,~ltkR),In( request )]--[AnswerRequest($R,adec(request, ~ltkR))]->[]
```

In details:

```
rule Responder:  
  
    [ !Ltk($R, ~ltkR) // retrives its secret key  
  
    , In( request )]    // receives the request  
  
    --[ AnswerRequest($R, adec(request, ~ltkR)) ]->  []  
  
// the action is needed in order to define  
the security properties
```

# Modelling the security property

- Security properties are defined over traces of the action facts of a protocol execution.
- #i is a temporal variable and its sort is time. The sort time of timepoints is not a subsort of msg.

```
lemma Responder_auth:
```

```
"/* For all messages 'k' and communication party R */
  ( All R k #i.
/* whenever a party has access to 'k' */
  AnswerRequest(R,k) @ #i
    ==>
    /* there is a responder that answered the request */
    ( (Ex #a. SentMessage(k) @ a)
/* or the adversary performed a long-term key reveal
    before the key was setup. */
    | (Ex #r. LtkReveal(R) @ r & r < i)
    )
  )
"
```

# Modelling the security property

```
lemma Responder_auth:
  "/* For all session keys 'k' */
    ( All R k #i.
  /* whenever a party has access to 'k' */
    AnswerRequest(R,k) @ #i
      ==>
      /* there is a responder that answered the request */
      ( (Ex #a. SentMessage(k) @ a)
  /* or the adversary performed a long-term key reveal
      before the key was setup. */
      | (Ex #r. LtkReveal(R) @ r & r < i)
    )
  )
"
```

# Lemmas and traces

All lemmas are implicitly considered to be “all-traces” lemmas unless stated otherwise. This means that they formalize that the given formula holds for all traces of the protocol model and their proof entails checking that there is no trace violating the formula.

The alternative is “exists-trace” lemmas, for which the keyword exists-trace must be explicitly added after the rule NAME: before the actual formula to be proven. An exists-trace lemma is used to check that at least one trace exists. In essence, the proof of such a lemma attempts to find (and show) a trace.

Thus, if a trace is found, its interpretation is different: for an all-traces lemma, the trace represents a violation, while for an exists-trace lemma, it represents a success.

[Tamarin book]



# Modelling the security property

To ensure that our lemmas do not just hold vacuously because the model is not executable, we also include an executability lemma that shows that the model can run to completion. This is given as a regular lemma, but with the `exists-trace` keyword, as seen in the following lemma. This keyword says that the lemma is true if there exists a trace on which the formula holds; this is in contrast to the previous lemmas where we required the formula to hold on all traces. When modeling protocols, such existence proofs are useful sanity checks.

```
lemma Client_session_key_honest_setup:
  exists-trace /* the lemma is true if there is a trace */
  " Ex R k #i.
    AnswerRequest(R,k) @ #i
    & not(Ex #r. LtkReveal(R) @ r)
  "
```

# Modelling the security property

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lemma Responder_auth:
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    ==>
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      ))
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```
> tamarin-prover interactive name.spthy .... Finished loading theory
... server ready at
http://127.0.0.1:3001
```

The screenshot shows the Tamarin prover web interface. The browser address bar displays `http://127.0.0.1:3001/thy/trace/3/overview/help`. The interface is divided into two main panels: "Proof scripts" on the left and "Visualization display" on the right.

**Proof scripts**

```
theory SimpleExample begin
  Message theory
  Multiset rewriting rules (7)
  Tactic(s)
  Raw sources (9 cases, deconstructions complete)
  Refined sources (9 cases, deconstructions complete)

  lemma Responder_auth:
    all-traces
    "∀ R k #i.
      (AnswerRequest( R, k ) @ #i) ⇒
      ((∃ #a. SentMessage( k ) @ #a) ∨
      (∃ #r. (LtkReveal( R ) @ #r) ∧ (#r < #i)))"
  by sorry

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    exists-trace
    "∃ R k #i.
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  by sorry
end
```

**Visualization display**

Theory: SimpleExample (Loaded at 14:26:45 from Local "/SimpleExample.spthy")

**Quick introduction**

*Left pane: Proof scripts display.*

- When a theory is initially loaded, there will be a line at the end of each theorem stating "by sorry // no".
- Right-click to show further options, such as autoprove.

*Right pane: Visualization.*

- Visualization and information display relating to the currently selected item.

**Keyboard shortcuts**

j/k	Jump to the next/previous proof path within the currently focused lemma.
J/K	Jump to the next/previous open constraint within the currently focused lemma, or to the next/previ
1-9	Apply the proof method with the given number as shown in the applicable proof method section in
a/A	Apply the autoprove method to the focused proof step. <b>a</b> stops after finding a solution, and <b>A</b> sear
b/B	Apply a bounded-depth version of the autoprove method to the focused proof step. <b>b</b> stops after fi



http://127.0.0.1:3001/thy/trace/3/overview/proof/Responder\_auth

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## Proof scripts

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  lemma Client_session_key_honest_setup:
    exists-trace
    "∃ R k #i.
      ..."
```

## Visualization display

**Applicable Proof Methods:** Goals sorted according to the 's'

1. **simplify**

2. **induction**

- a. **autoprove** (A. **for all solutions**)
- b. **autoprove** (B. **for all solutions**) with proof-depth bound 5
- s. **autoprove** (S. **for all solutions**) for all lemmas

## Constraint system

**last:** none

**formulas:**

$$\begin{aligned} & \exists R k \#i. \\ & (\text{AnswerRequest}( R, k ) @ \#i) \\ & \wedge \\ & (\forall \#a. (\text{SentMessage}( k ) @ \#a) \Rightarrow \perp) \wedge \\ & (\forall \#r. (\text{LtkReveal}( R ) @ \#r) \Rightarrow \neg(\#r < \#i)) \end{aligned}$$

## Proof scripts

Message theory

Multiset rewriting rules (7)

Tactic(s)

Raw sources (9 cases, deconstructions complete)

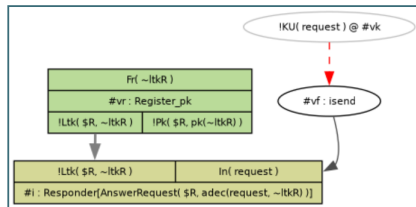
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    (∃ #r. (LtkReveal( R ) @ #r) ∧ (#r < #i)))"
  simplify
  solve( !Ltk( $R, ~ltkR ) ►. #i )
  case Register_pk
  solve( splitEqs(0) )
  case split_case_1
  SOLVED // trace found
qed
qed
```

## Visualization display

Constraint System is Solved

Constraint system



last: none

formulas:

- If the lemma is colored in red, then Tamarin has found a counterexample.

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## Proof scripts

```

Refined sources (9 cases, deconstructions complete)

lemma Responder_auth:
  all-traces
  "∀ R k #i.
    (AnswerRequest( R, k ) @ #i) ⇒
    ((∃ #a. SentMessage( k ) @ #a) ∧
    (∃ #r. (LtkReveal( R ) @ #r) ∧ (#r < #i)))"
  simplify
  solve( !ltk( $R, ~ltkR ) ▶ #i )
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lemma Client_session_key_honest_setup:
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  "∃ R k #i.
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  simplify
  solve( !ltk( $R, ~ltkR ) ▶ #i )
  case Register_pk
  solve( splitEqs(0) )
  case split_case_1
  SOLVED // trace found
qed
qed

```

## Visualization display

**Constraint System is Solved**

**Constraint system**

last: none

formulas:  $\forall \#r. (\text{LtkReveal}( \$R ) @ \#r) \Rightarrow \perp$

subterms:

equations:

subst:

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