



Modeling in Tamarin

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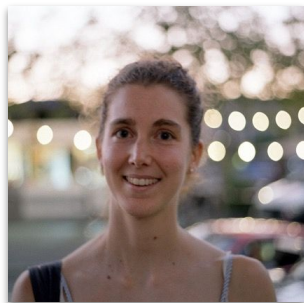
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What to expect today?

- **Morning Sessions**

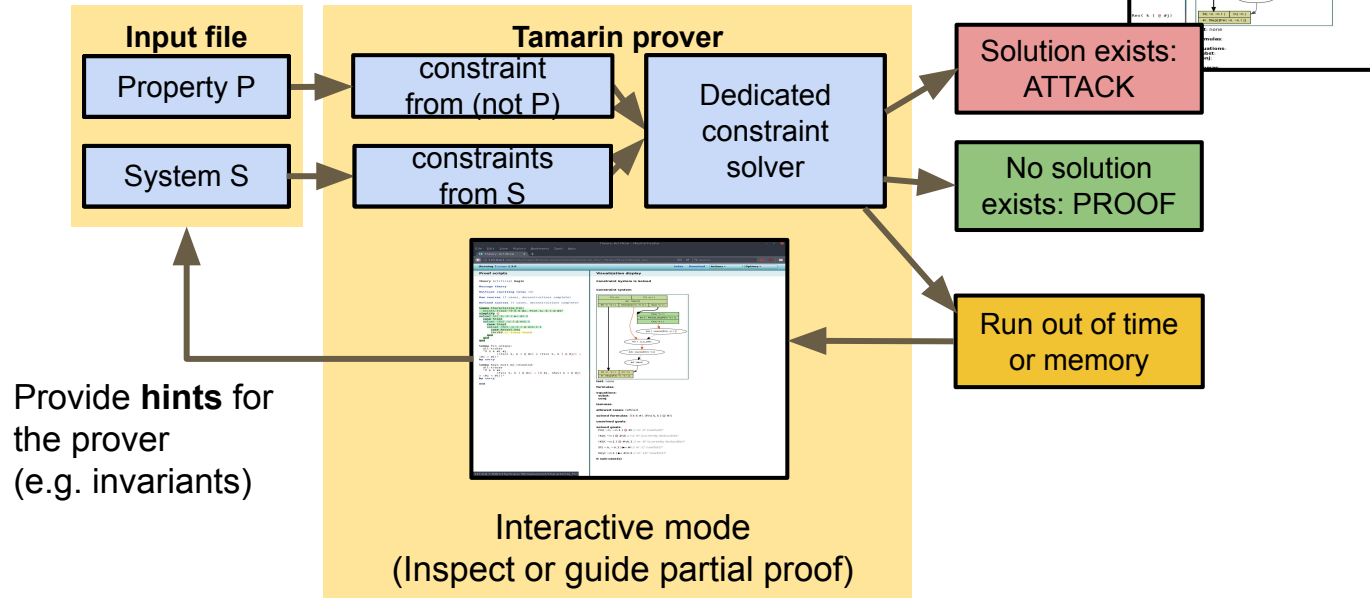
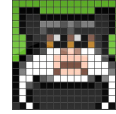
- S1: Introduction and small demo of the tool
- S2: Getting started with incremental exercises

- **Afternoon Sessions**

- S3: Advanced Features and Exercises
- S4: Research

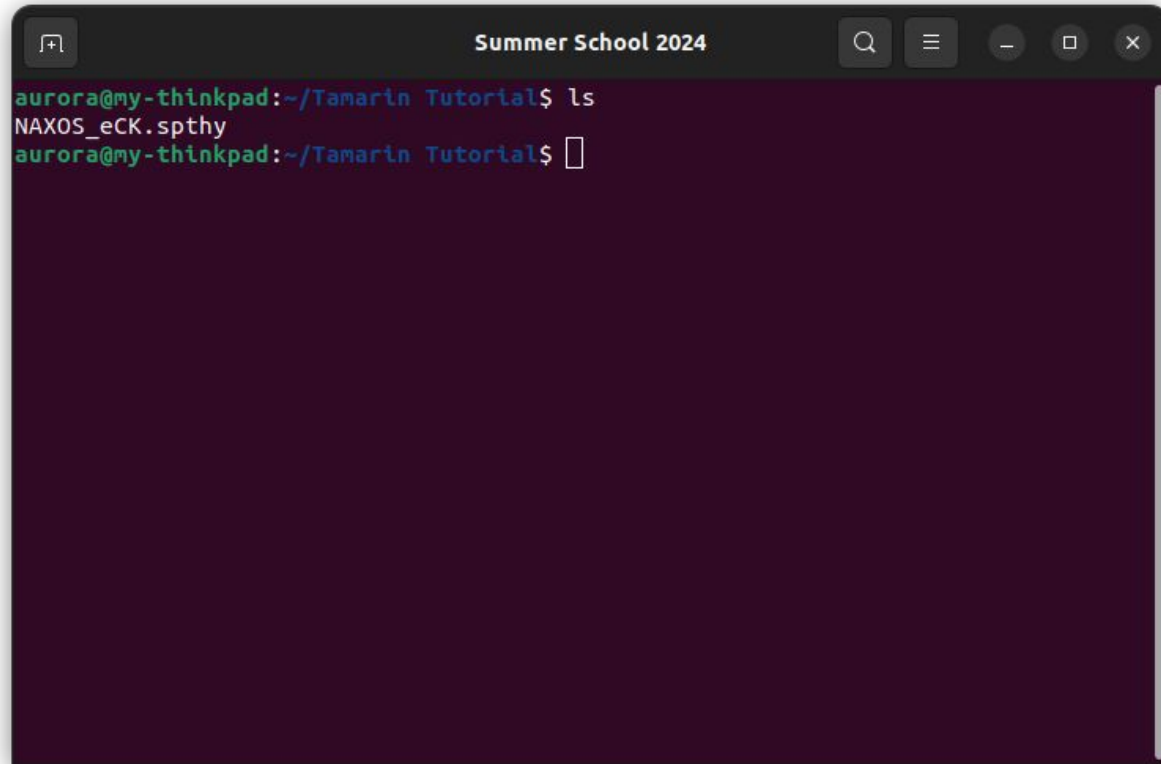


The Tamarin Prover



Demo

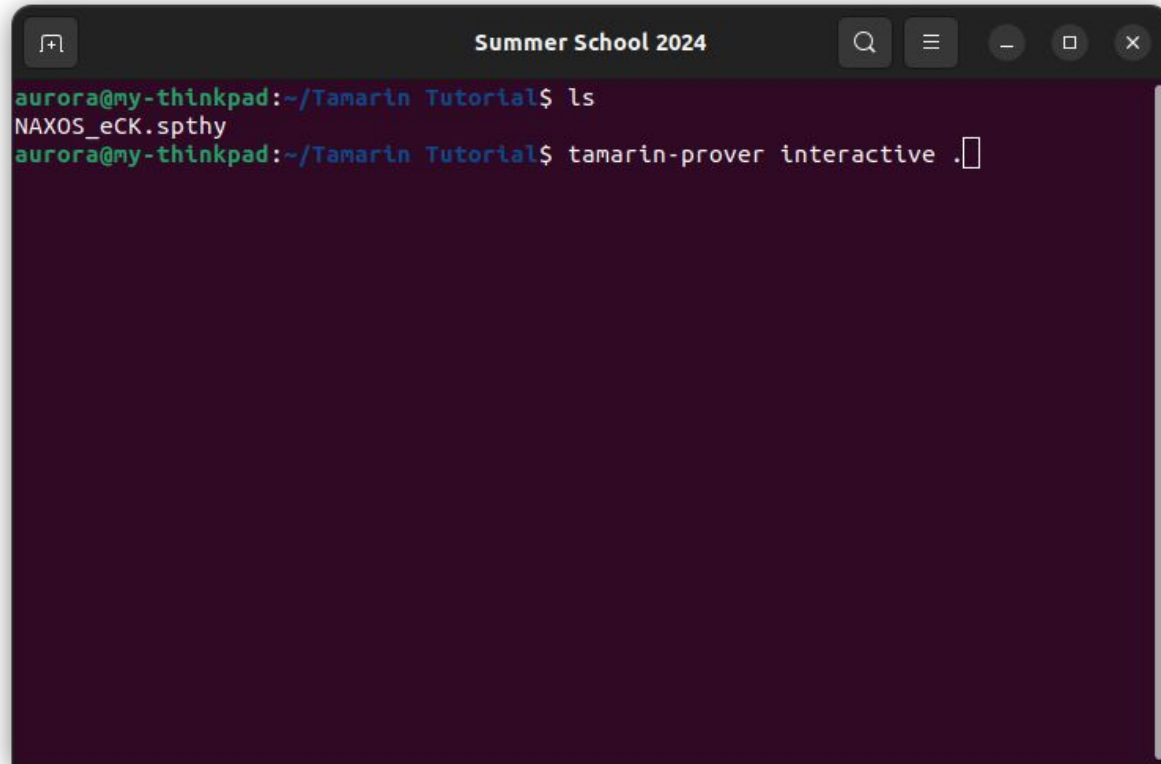
Demo



A terminal window titled "Summer School 2024" with standard window controls. The prompt is "aurora@my-thinkpad:~/Tamarin Tutorial\$". The command "ls" has been executed, resulting in the output "NAXOS_eCK.spthy". The prompt is now "aurora@my-thinkpad:~/Tamarin Tutorial\$ " with a cursor.

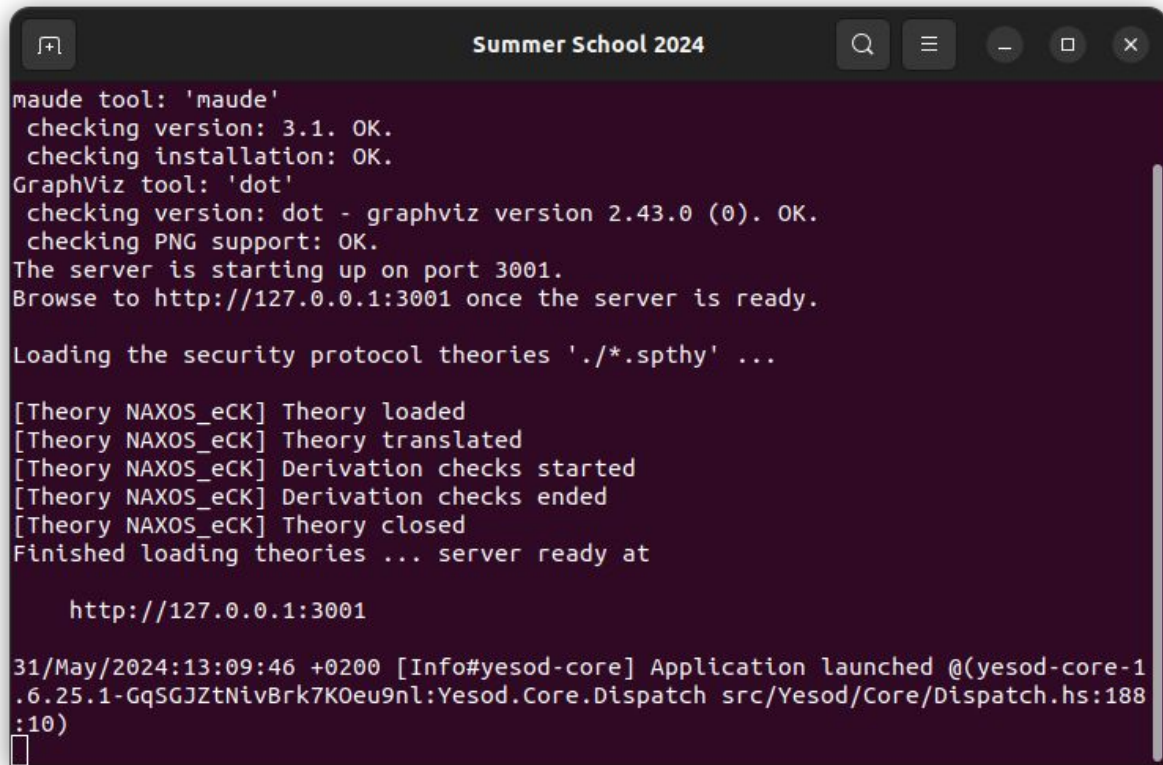
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Demo



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NAXOS_eCK.spthy
aurora@my-thinkpad:~/Tamarin Tutorial$ taamarin-prover interactive .
```

Demo



```
maude tool: 'maude'
  checking version: 3.1. OK.
  checking installation: OK.
GraphViz tool: 'dot'
  checking version: dot - graphviz version 2.43.0 (0). OK.
  checking PNG support: OK.
The server is starting up on port 3001.
Browse to http://127.0.0.1:3001 once the server is ready.

Loading the security protocol theories './*.spthy' ...

[Theory NAXOS_eCK] Theory loaded
[Theory NAXOS_eCK] Theory translated
[Theory NAXOS_eCK] Derivation checks started
[Theory NAXOS_eCK] Derivation checks ended
[Theory NAXOS_eCK] Theory closed
Finished loading theories ... server ready at

    http://127.0.0.1:3001

31/May/2024:13:09:46 +0200 [Info#yesod-core] Application launched @(yesod-core-1
.6.25.1-GqSGJZtNivBrk7K0eu9nl:Yesod.Core.Dispatch src/Yesod/Core/Dispatch.hs:188
:10)
█
```


Modeling in Tamarin

Modeling in Tamarin

- Basic ingredients:
 - **Terms** (think “messages”)
 - **Facts** (think “sticky notes on the fridge”)
 - Special facts: **Fr(t)**, **In(t)**, **Out(t)**, **K(t)**
- State of system is a multiset of facts
 - **Initial state** is the empty multiset
 - **Rules** specify the transition rules (“moves”)
- Rules are of the form:
 - $l \rightarrow r$
 - $l \rightarrow [a] r$



The model

- **Term algebra**

- $$- \text{enc}(_, _), \text{dec}(_, _), \text{h}(_, _),$$
- $$\quad \wedge \quad \text{ }^{-1} \quad \text{ }^* \quad \text{ }^1, \dots$$

- **Equational theory**

- $\text{dec}(\text{enc}(m,k),k) =_E m,$
- $(x^{\wedge}y)^{\wedge}z =_E x^{\wedge}(y^*z),$
- $(x^{-1})^{-1} =_E x, \dots$

- **Facts**

- $F(t_1, \dots, t_n)$

- **Transition system**

- State: multiset of facts
- Rules: $l \rightarrow [a] \rightarrow r$

- **Tamarin-specific**

- Built-in Dolev-Yao attacker rules: $\text{In}()$, $\text{Out}()$, $\text{K}()$
- Special **Fresh** rule:
 - $[] \text{--} [] \text{--} \rightarrow [\text{Fr}(\mathbf{x})]$
 - Constraint on system such that \mathbf{x} is unique



Semantics

- **Transition relation**

$S \rightarrow_R [a] \text{ where } ((S \setminus^\# I) \cup^\# r)$, where

- $I \rightarrow r$ is a ground instance of a rule in R , and
- $I \subseteq^\# S$ wrt the equational theory

- **Executions**

$\text{Exec}(R) = \{ [] \rightarrow [a_1] \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow [a_n] \rightarrow S_n \mid \forall n. \text{Fr}(n) \text{ appears only once on right-hand side of rule} \}$

- **Traces**

$\text{Traces}(R) = \{ [a_1, \dots, a_n] \mid [] \rightarrow [a_1] \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow [a_n] \rightarrow S_n \in \text{Exec}(R) \}$

Semantics: example 1

- **Rules**

- rule 1: $[] \quad \neg[\text{Init}()] \rightarrow [A('5')]$
- rule 2: $[A(x)] \neg[\text{Step}(x)] \rightarrow [B(x)]$

- **Execution example**

- $[]$
- $\neg[\text{Init}()] \rightarrow [A('5')]$
- $\neg[\text{Init}()] \rightarrow [A('5'), A('5')]$
- $\neg[\text{Step}('5')] \rightarrow [A('5'), B('5')]$

- **Corresponding trace:** $[\text{Init}(), \text{Init}(), \text{Step}('5')]$

Semantics: example 2 (persistent facts)

- Rules

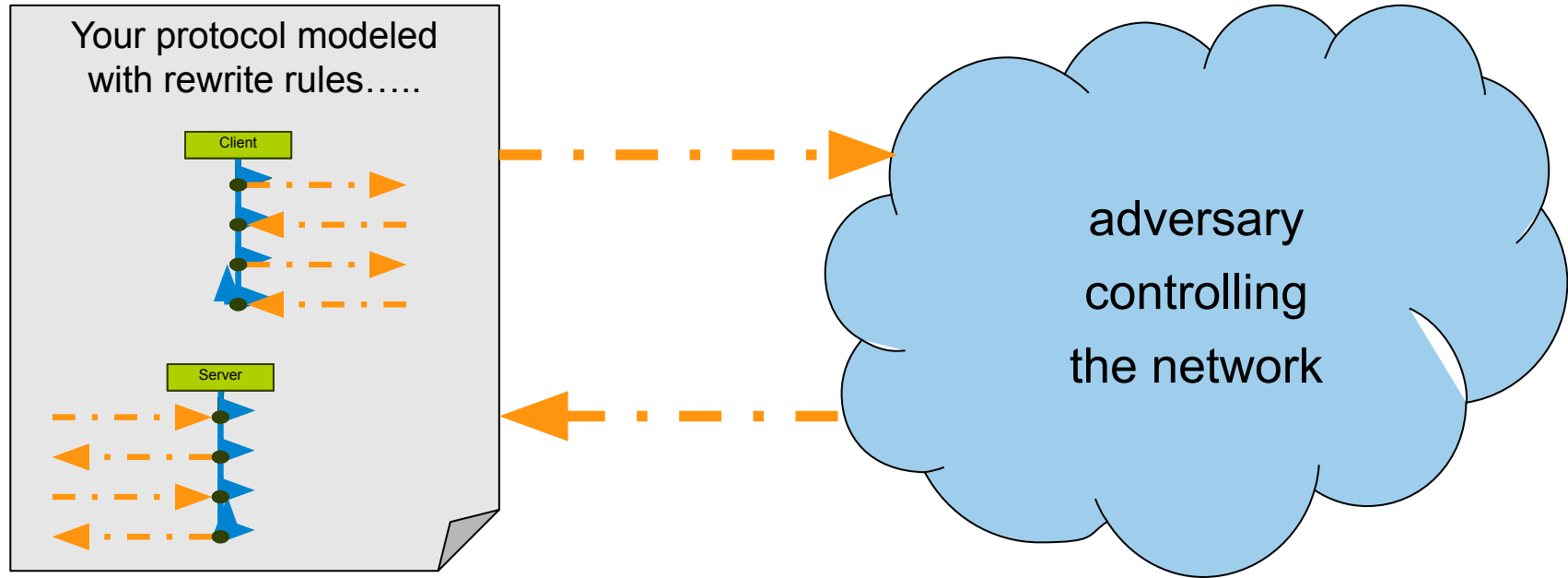
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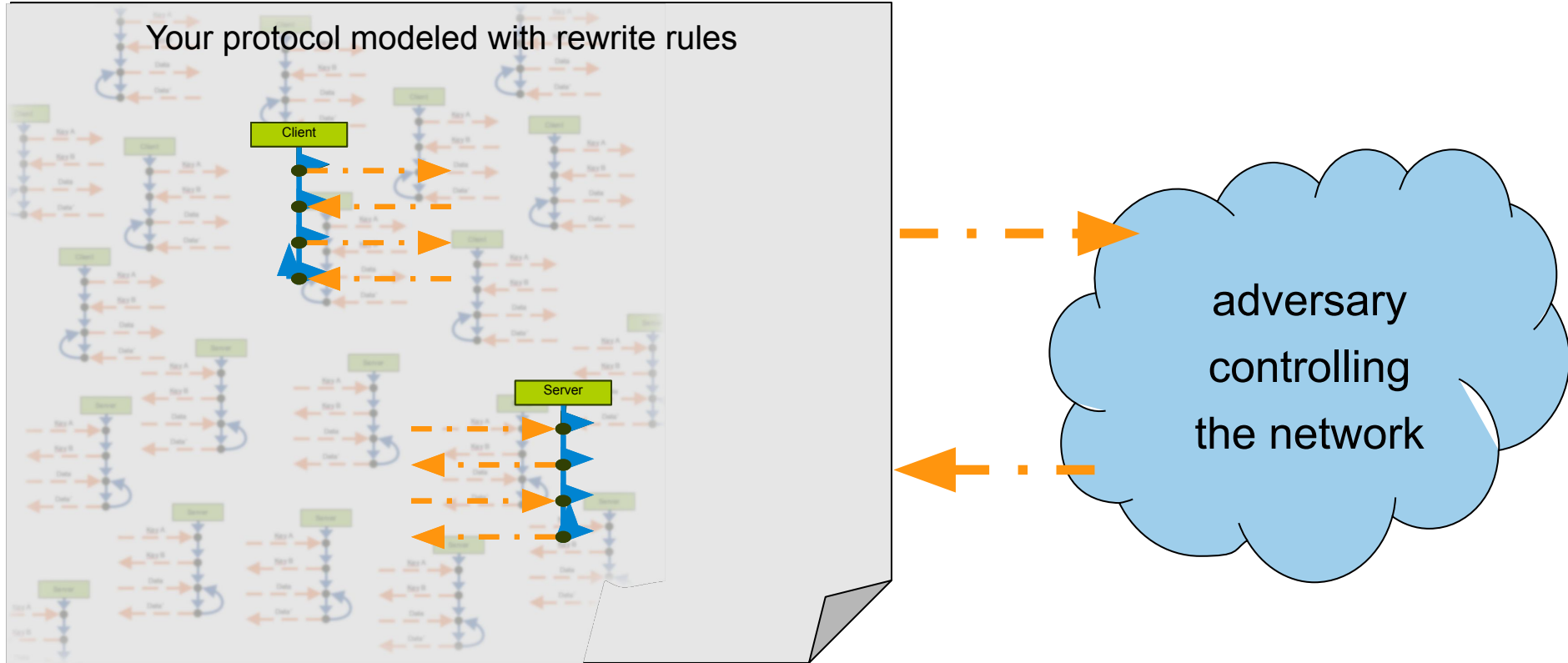
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The NAXOS protocol

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receive Y

R

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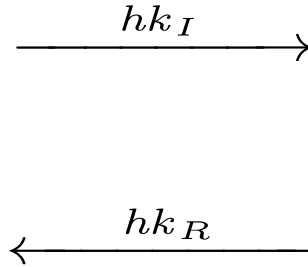
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$$key = h2(g^{(ex_R)(lk_I)}, g^{(ex_I)(lk_R)}, g^{(ex_I)(ex_R)}, I, R)$$

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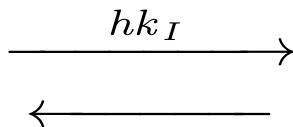
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  [ In( Y ) ] --> []
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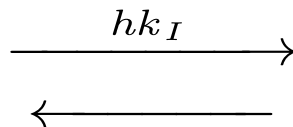
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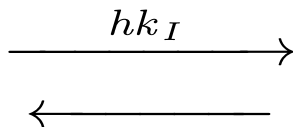
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Lemma trivial_key_secrecy:

"(All #i Test A B key. Accept(Test,A,B,key)@i => Not (Ex #j. K(key)@j))"

Property specification

rule `Ltk_reveal`:

```
[ !Ltk($A, lkA) ] --[ LtkRev($A) ]-> [ Out(lkA) ]
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lemma `key_secrecy`:

```
/* If A and B are honest, the adversary doesn't learn the session key
*/
```

```
"(All #i1 Test A B key.
```

```
(
```

```
  Accept(Test, A, B, key) @ i1
```

```
  &
```

```
  not ( (Ex #ia . LtkRev( A ) @ ia )
```

```
        | (Ex #ib . LtkRev( B ) @ ib )
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==> not (Ex #i2. K( key ) @ i2 )
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eCK security model for key exchange

- Adversary can
 - learn **long-term keys**,
 - learn the **randomness** generated in sessions,
 - learn **session keys**
- But only as long as the Test session is ***clean***:
 - **No reveal of session key of** Test session or its **matching session**, and
 - No reveal of randomness of Test session as well as the long-term key of the actor, and
 - If there exists a matching session, then something is disallowed
 - If there is no matching session, then something else...

Specifying eCK

Lemma eCK_key_secrecy:

[illegible]

(

) "



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      ( Sid ( MatchingSession, ms ) @ i3
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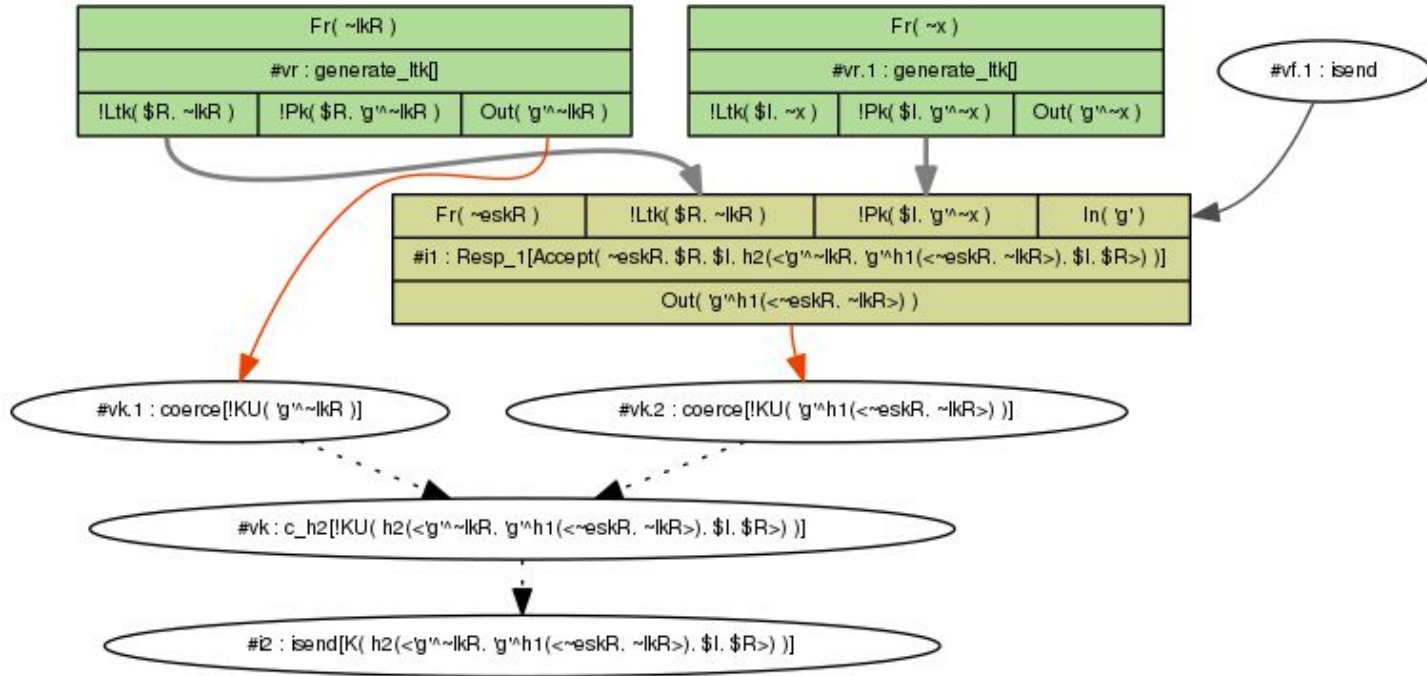
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If Test accepts and the adversary knows key, then the Test must not be fresh, i.e.,
“... **reveal of session key of Test session** or **its matching session**”, or ...

Demo

Reading Tamarin's graphs



Tamarin's algorithm

Basic principles

- Backwards search using **constraint reduction rules** (>25!)
- Turn negation of formula into set of constraints
- Case distinctions
 - E.g.: Possible sources of a message or fact
- Each step of the Proof, solve goals:
 - Solve Premises based on Dependency Graphs
 - Deconstruction Chains
 - Solve Action goals, ...

Lemmas

- When it doesn't terminate...
- Guide the proof manually; export
- Write **lemmas**
 - “**Hints**” for the prover
 - They don't change the guarantees, only help tool in finding a proof
 - E.g. specify lemma that can be used to prune proof trees at multiple points



How do I know my model is correct?

- **It is easy to model something incorrectly**
- Executability: try to prove expected traces actually exist
- Break the protocol on purpose
- Much easier to check these things than in manual proofs!



Tamarin: Conclusions

- Tamarin offers **many unique features**
 - Unbounded analysis, flexible properties, equational theories, global state
 - Enables automated analysis in areas previously unexplored
- It has many **other features** I didn't touch on now
 - Induction, restrictions, reusable lemmas, heuristics, ...
 - Many new features planned!
- Tool and sources are **free**; development on Github

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What's next

- Please install Tamarin if you have not done so yet.
- Start from files in Session 2:
 - <https://github.com/sgiampietro/tamarin-tutorial>
- Ask us for help!

Heuristics?

- If Tamarin terminates, one of two options:
 - **Proof**, or
 - **counterexample** (in this context: attack)
- At each stage in proof, multiple constraint solving rules might be applicable
 - Similar to “how shall I try to prove this?”
 - Choice influences speed & termination, but not the outcome after termination
- Complex **heuristics choose rule**
 - user can give hints or override

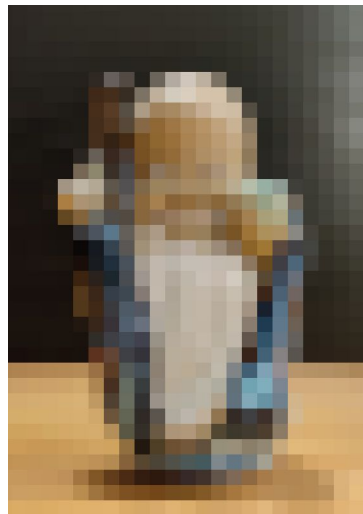


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Modeling real-world objects



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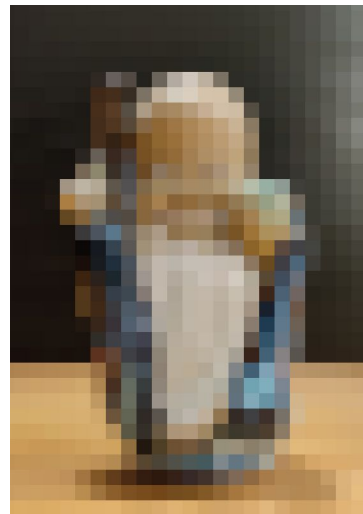
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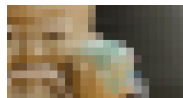


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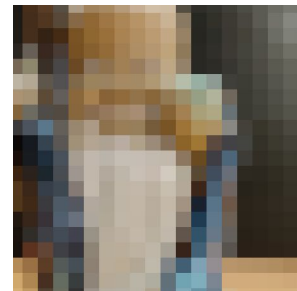
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