

Network Security

Cryptographic Protocols

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- ▶ Parts called "Exercise" are voluntary exercises for discussion in lecture as well as for your reworking of the slides and learning at home.

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Introduction

Introduction

- ▶ Communicate over distance using a network
- ▶ Do I speak with the right person?
- ▶ Who can read the content?
- ▶ How can cryptography be used for that?
- ▶ Which keys? From where and when?
- ▶ Protocols describe an exchange of messages for a certain purpose (e.g. security goals).

→ Cryptographic Protocols

Learning Goals

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- ▶ Basic understanding of cryptographic protocols
 - ▶ Know the terms and methods and apply them
- ▶ Get to know some elementary protocols → real-world protocols discussed in later chapters use the basics you learn here
 - ▶ Remember and explain them
- ▶ You will gain some first thoughts about how to break protocols and learn to think in a way of finding attacks
 - ▶ Apply them to find weaknesses
- ▶ You will gain some first ideas how to improve protocols
 - ▶ Apply them to remove a similar weakness

Stick to the protocol layer (Exercise, Exam)

- ▶ When we discuss cryptographic protocols, we assume the following
 - ▶ The cryptographic primitives are secure.
 - Insecure primitives or implementations can make a secure protocol insecure¹.
 - ▶ The computers, machines, ... are secure.
 - Insecure machines can make the use of a secure protocol insecure.
 - ▶ Our reasoning uses the Dolev-Yao attacker model.
 - Attacker = Network
 - ▶ Our reasoning focuses on the layer of the cryptographic protocol.
 - Security can be shown by formal methods (model checking of protocol, security proofs, etc.).

¹Defended by security proofs, code review, formal code analysis, ...

Stick to the protocol layer (Exercise, Exam)

- ▶ When we try to break a protocol, we do this on the layers of the protocol.
 - ▶ The reason is that we do not learn anything about weaknesses and security of protocols if we attack them by assuming to hack a computer and steal all data. So, whenever you are asked to analyze or attack a protocol in an exercise, attack on the layer of the protocol and attack its operation. Otherwise you do not learn to understand and evaluate protocols.
- ▶ The same is true if we consider mitigations. Fix the protocol by changing its operation, not by adding new requirements like super-secure primitives or machines.



Protocols

What do we know as of yet?

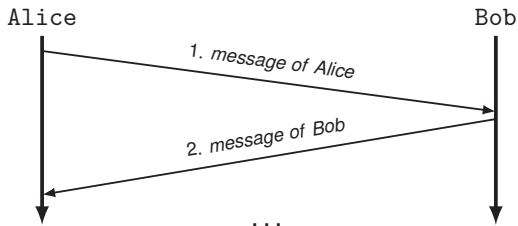
- ▶ What do we know?
 - ▶ Symmetric encryption and keys
 - ▶ Asymmetric encryption and keys
 - ▶ Cryptographic hash functions
 - ▶ Secure Channel
- ▶ To use a secure channel, Alice and Bob need a shared key.
→ A protocol to establish a secure channel needs to establish a shared key.

Protocols, Notation, ...

- ▶ Cryptographic protocols contain:
 - ▶ General entities that are normal participants of the protocol. We call them Alice (A), Bob (B), ...
 - ▶ Special-purpose entities that have a special role. Authentication Server (AS), ...
 - ▶ Some synonyms: entity, principle, participant
- ▶ Alice-Bob notation: one way to describe cryptographic protocols
 - ▶ Protocol messages in sequence (numbering optional):
 - ▶ 1. *Alice* → *Bob* : *message of Alice*
 - ▶ 2. *Bob* → *Alice* : *message of Bob*
 - ▶ ...

Protocols, Notation, ... 2

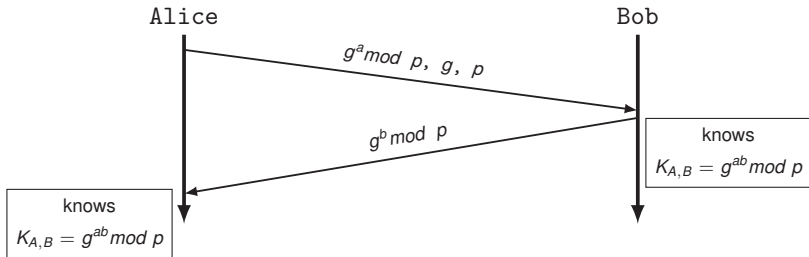
- ▶ Or sequence diagram:



- ▶ Some Notation:

Notation	Meaning
A, B, \dots	Protocol principles
$K_{A,B}$	Key, here shared key of A and B
$\{m\}_K$	Plaintext m encrypted and integrity-protected with key K

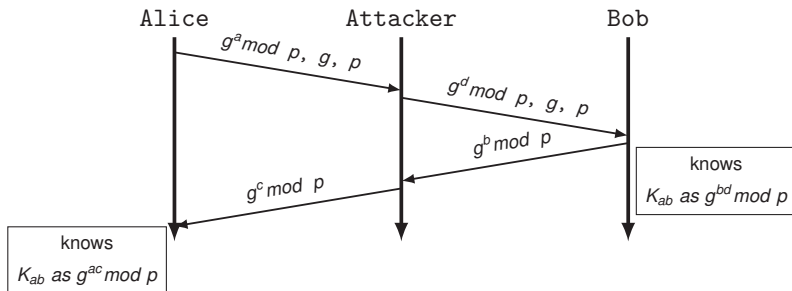
Protocol Try 1 (Textbook Diffie-Hellman)



- ▶ Alice and Bob have completed a Diffie-Hellman exchange and established a shared key at the end of the protocol.
- ▶ Are we done?

Protocol Try 1 - What goes wrong (Man-in-the-Middle)

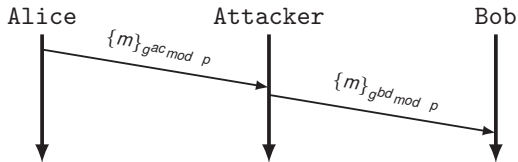
Repetition. This should already be known.



- ▶ Attacker now has a shared key K_{ac} with Alice and a shared key K_{bd} with Bob.
- ▶ The attacker is called Man-in-the-Middle attacker as it sits in-between any communication between Alice and Bob.

Protocol Try 1 - What goes wrong (Man-in-the-Middle) 2

When Alice uses the secure channel to send message m :

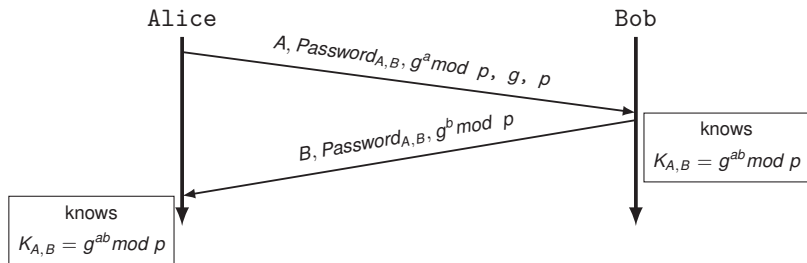


- ▶ Despite using the secure channel, the attacker can read, modify, or create message between Alice and Bob.

Protocol Try 1 - What goes wrong (No Authentication)

- ▶ The exchange does not contain any authentication.
- ▶ Thus, Alice has no way of identifying Bob.
- ▶ Bob has no way of identifying Alice.
- ▶ An attacker can impersonate whomever it likes.

Protocol Try 2 - Adding a password



- ▶ Try 2 still fails:
 - ▶ Man-in-the-middle still possible
 - ▶ Eavesdropper can read password, then impersonation possible
- ▶ Why do they already have a password? Lets discuss authentication.

Authentication and Key Establishment Protocols

Entity Authentication and Key Establishment

- ▶ Entity Authentication
 - ▶ Authenticity of an entity is shown
 - ▶ An authentication protocol is run and at the end, some protocol participants are ensured of the identity of other participants.
 - ▶ Mutual authentication: Authenticity of Alice and Bob is shown to each other
- ▶ Key Establishment
 - ▶ A key is established between some protocol participants
 - ▶ Key Transport: Some entity creates the key and sends it to other entities.
 - ▶ Key Agreement: Multiple entities contribute to the generation of the key.

Entity Authentication and Key Establishment

- ▶ Many authentication protocols – as a side effect of the authentication - do establish a shared session key $K_{A,B}$ for securing the session.
- ▶ Some opinions about the relationship between authentication and key establishment:
 - ▶ "It is accepted that these topics should be considered jointly rather separately" [Diff92]
 - ▶ "... authentication is rarely useful in the absence of an associated key distribution" [Bell95]
 - ▶ "In our view there are situations when entity authentication by itself may useful, such as when using a physically secured communication channel." [Boyd03]

Key Establishment without Entity Authentication

- ▶ Why our first try failed... After a protocol run, neither Alice nor Bob know with whom they actually have exchanged a key.
- ▶ Can Key Establishment without Authentication work?
 - ▶ If Alice and Bob already have an authenticated channel, then a key exchange over that channel may not need to authenticate.

Entity Authentication without Key Establishment

- ▶ Entity Authentication without Key Establishment?
 - ▶ In cyber-physical system: something happens in physical world upon authentication.
 - ▶ E.g. door opens for Alice. No session key needed.
 - ▶ Over the network?
 - ▶ If a shared key already exists, only the binding of key and identity (authentication) may be needed.

Entity Authentication and Key Establishment in WWW

- ▶ Alice wants to use the online banking service provided by her bank
- ▶ Authentication of the web server of the bank:
 - ▶ Web browser verifies the identity of the web server via HTTPS using asymmetric encryption
 - ▶ A shared session key $K_{A,B}$ is generated as part of the server authentication
 - ▶ A secure channel between web browser and web server is established
- ▶ Authentication of the client:
 - ▶ Uses the secure channel to the web server
 - ▶ The web server authenticates Alice based on her PIN number
 - ▶ No additional secret key is established

Operation of Cryptographic Protocols

- ▶ Initiator
 - ▶ The principle (entity) that starts the protocol by sending the first message.
- ▶ Responder
 - ▶ Principles that did not start the protocol.
- ▶ All principles
 - ▶ see messages
 - ▶ send messages
 - ▶ draw conclusions from observations

Authentication = Proof in Formal Logic

- ▶ Each principle has its knowledge and beliefs.
- ▶ In the operation of the cryptographic protocol it takes certain actions.
- ▶ In the operation of the cryptographic protocol it makes observations.
- ▶ Reasoning on actions and observation needs to establish the objectives of the protocol.
 - ▶ Example (Authenticity of Bob):
 - ▶ Sent fresh challenge to Bob.
 - ▶ Protected it with public key of Bob.
 - ▶ If anyone can read the challenge, then it has to have knowledge of Bob's private key.
 - ▶ Value from the challenge is seen again.
 - ▶ Thus, Bob participated in the protocol and used his private key.

Where do the keys come from?

- ▶ Alice and Bob can have a long-term shared key.
- ▶ Alice and Bob can have exchanged their public keys.
- ▶ Alice and Bob have exchanged keys with a Trusted Third Party (TTP). The TTP helps.
 - ▶ More scalable.
 - ▶ Typical names for the TTP: Authentication Server (AS), Certification Authority (CA), ...
- ▶ If no such pre-exchanged keys exist, cryptographic protocols cannot operate securely (Boyd's Theorem).
- ▶ More on the issue in a separate chapter on Identity and Public Key Infrastructures.

Authentication and Key Establishment Problem

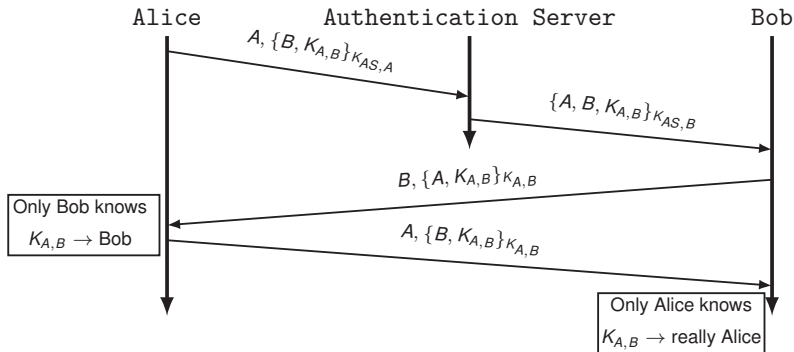
Statement - Version 1

Goals: Run a key exchange protocol such that at the end of the protocol:

- ▶ Alice and Bob have shared session key for a secure channel
- ▶ Alice (Bob) must be able to verify that Bob (Alice) participated in the protocol run (authentication)

Protocol Try 3 Shared Key with Server

- ▶ Using a TTP is more scalable, so lets use a server.
- ▶ Alice generates a fresh key and sends it to Bob via the server.
- ▶ Btw, when we encrypt, the receiver might need to know who sends the message, at least if it is not the server.



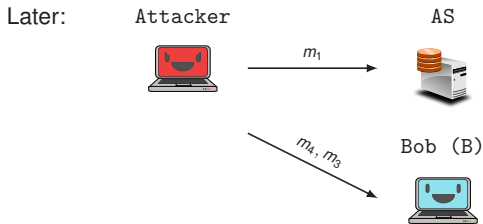
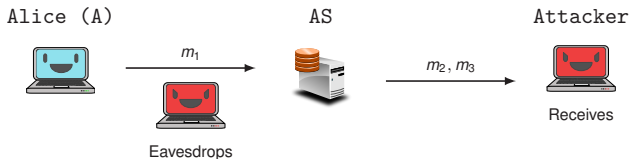
Attack Concepts against Cryptographic Protocols

Attacks

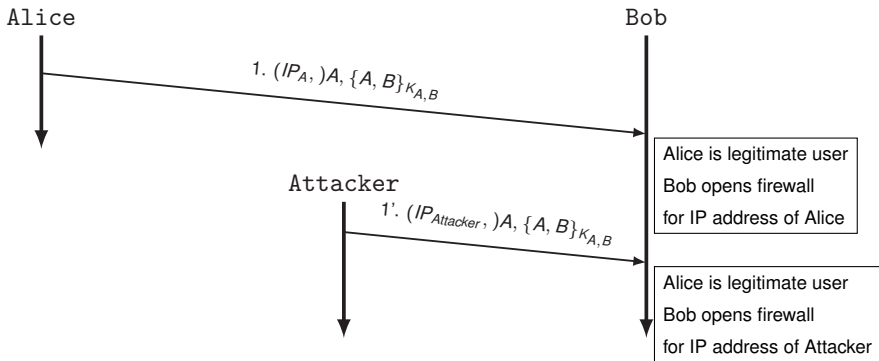
- ▶ Already known:
 - ▶ Eavesdropping
 - ▶ Man-in-the-Middle Attack
 - ▶ Cryptanalysis
- ▶ Attacker:
 - ▶ Can control parts or all of the network (see Dolev-Yao)
 - ▶ Eavesdrops and memorizes all it has seen
 - ▶ Can initiate protocol run
 - ▶ Can interfere with protocol runs
 - ▶ Can try to trick principles into running the protocol
 - ▶ For protocol analysis, it is usually not able to break crypto and hack the computers.

Replay Attack

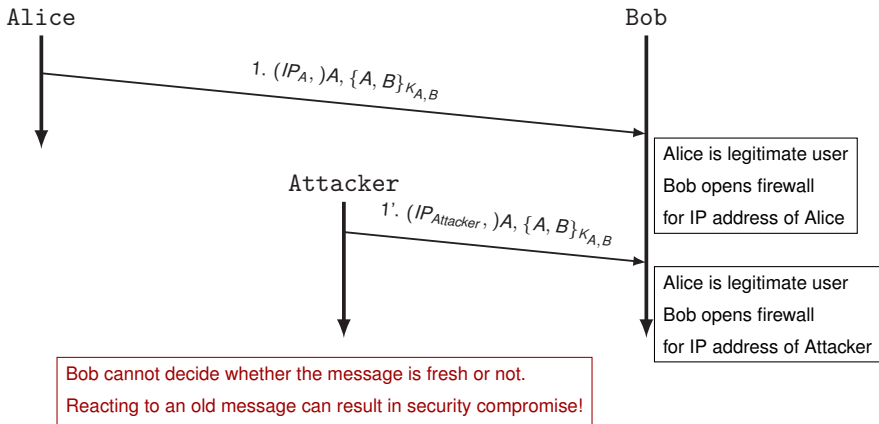
- ▶ Replay Attack: Receives and eavesdrops messages → later-on send message or part of message to some principle.



Replay Attack - Example

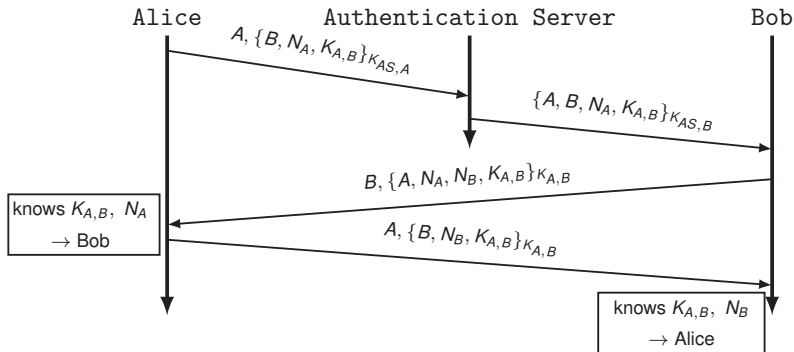


Replay Attack - Example



Protocol Try 4 Replay Attack Defences

- ▶ An attacker can replay all messages of protocol try 3. None needs to be fresh.
- ▶ Better add a defense → Nonces N_A, N_B, \dots



Authentication and Key Establishment Problem

Statement - Version 2

Goals:

- ▶ Run a key exchange protocol such that at the end of the protocol:
- ▶ Alice and Bob have a shared session key for a secure channel
- ▶ Alice (Bob) must be able to verify that Bob (Alice) participated in the protocol run (authentication) and that he (she) is “alive” (freshness)

Oracle Attacks

- ▶ The attacker cannot break cryptography (assumption²).
- ▶ Yet maybe there are helpful principles that can help.
 - ▶ e.g. because they know the relevant keys
- ▶ Oracles are usually entities that can efficiently do something that a normal entity (here our attacker) cannot.

Attacker



Can you apply some crypto for me on m ?



Oracle

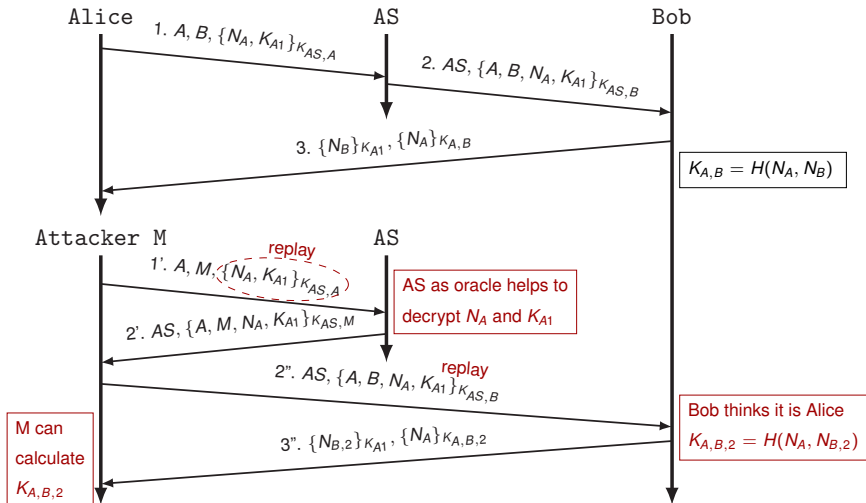


Sure, m'



²see Dolev-Yao Attacker Model

Oracle Attacks - Example



Typing Attack

- ▶ Replace (usually encrypted) message field of one type with one of another (usually encrypted) type.

Alice



Attacker (M)



Shopping Server



in Protocol 1:

1. M, A, N_B

Attacker selects $N_B = \text{"Alice buys washing machine."}$



in Protocol 1:

2. $A, N_A, M, \text{Sig}_{K_{\text{Alice-priv}}}(N_B)$



in Protocol 2:

1. *"Alice buys washing machine."*,

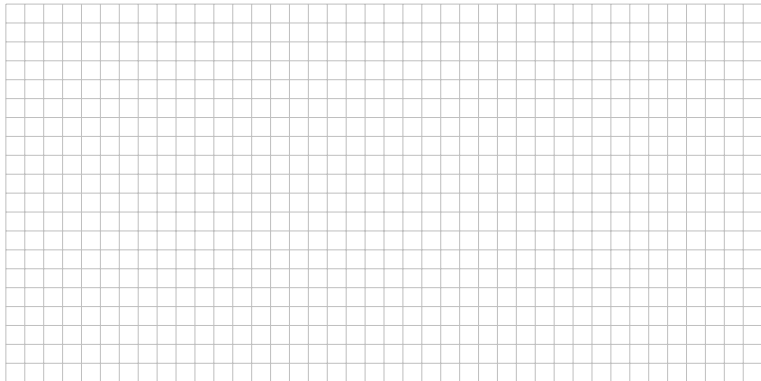
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Signing innocent nonce N_B in one protocol can mean signing a contract in another

Other types of attacks

Think about more types of attacks. How would a protocol with a related weakness look like?



Other Types of Protocol Attacks

- ▶ Modification: Attacker alters messages sent.
- ▶ Preplay: The attacker takes part in a protocol run prior to a protocol run.
- ▶ Reflection: The attacker sends back protocol messages to principles who sent them. Related to Oracle attacks.
- ▶ Denial of Service: The attacker hinders legitimate principles to complete the protocol.
- ▶ Certificate Manipulation: Attacks using manipulated or wrongly-obtained certificates.
- ▶ Protocol Interaction: Make one protocol interact with another, e.g. by utilizing that principles use the same long-term keys in both protocols and utilizing that for an attack.

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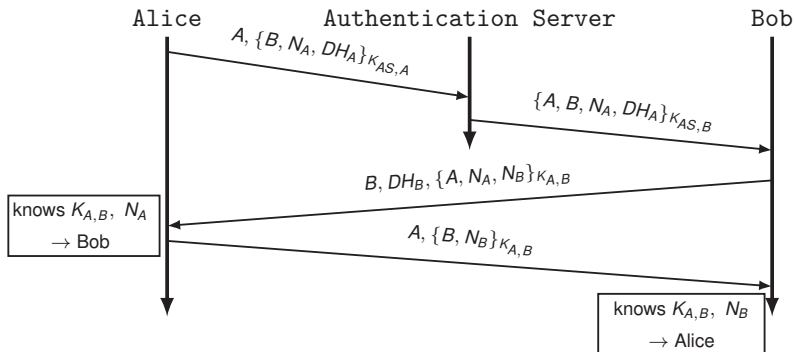
- ▶ Desirable Properties = what else we should want
- ▶ In this section:
 - ▶ Forward Secrecy and Key Agreement
 - ▶ Scalability
 - ▶ Avoidance of Single-Points-of-Failures
 - ▶ Selection of Algorithms
 - ▶ Generic Authentication Methods
 - ▶ Simplicity

Forward Secrecy (Repetition)

- ▶ Forward Secrecy (Repetition)
 - ▶ If long-term key is compromised, attacker cannot find out session key for older sessions.
 - ▶ If session key is compromised, other sessions and long-term key not affected.
- ▶ Can be achieved via Diffie-Hellman exchange.
 - ▶ DH_A is Diffie-Hellman information provided by Alice (e.g. in Textbook DH: $g, p, g^a \bmod p$)
 - ▶ DH_B is Diffie-Hellman information provided by Bob

Protocol Try 5 Adding Forward Secrecy

- ▶ Session key $K_{A,B}$ derived from DH_A and DH_B

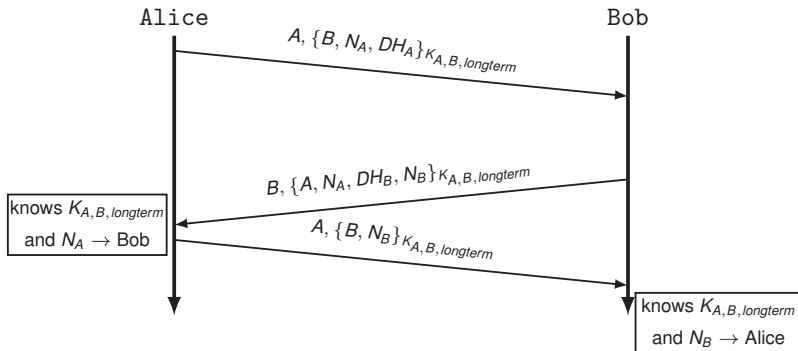


Scalability - revisited

- ▶ Scalability of keys → Authentication Server
- ▶ But having a central server is a single point of failure
- ▶ ... and bad for scalability of service
- ▶ Thus, good if server need not be contacted within a protocol run.
- ▶ While server may have provided keys or certificates (identity-key binding) beforehand.

Protocol Try 6 Removing Authentication Server

- ▶ Session key $K_{A,B}$ derived from Diffie-Hellman

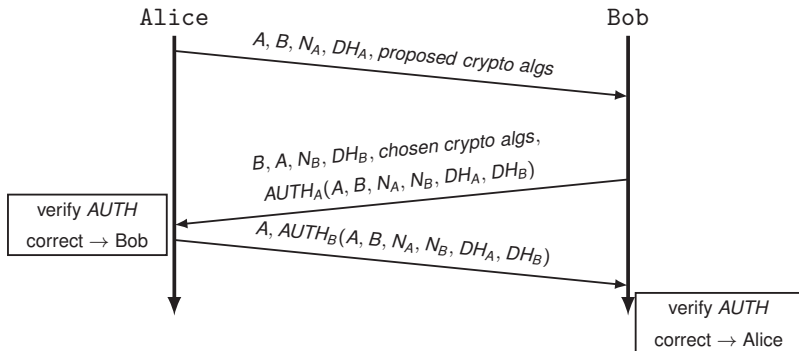


Selection of Used Algorithms

- ▶ Can we adapt the protocol, so that public key cryptography could be used?
- ▶ In practise, one might also want that all kinds of algorithms can be exchanged over time. → Do not become outdated!
- ▶ Concept:
 - ▶ Generic $Auth_X()$ function that can be realized with a suitable authentication function given either a public or shared key of X.
 - ▶ Alice and Bob have to agree on this function and used algorithms, e.g.
 - ▶ Alice proposes a set of functions and algorithms
 - ▶ Bob selects the ones that are then used

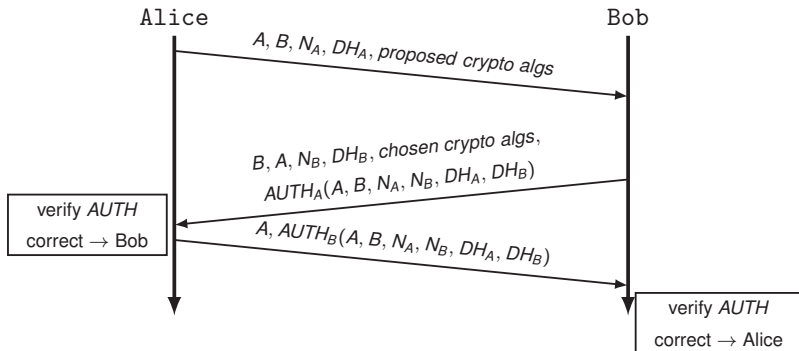
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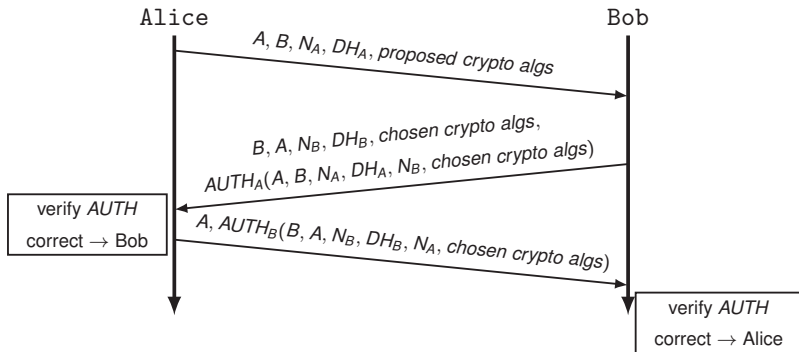
- ▶ Session key $K_{A,B}$ derived from Diffie-Hellman



- ▶ AUTH payload could be $MAC_{K_{A,B}, longterm}$. Then, Alice and Bob authenticate on identical messages → replay attack possible!

Protocol Try 8 AUTH Payload rework

- ▶ Session key $K_{A,B}$ derived from Diffie-Hellman



- ▶ AUTH payloads are different and contain information provided by both principles.

Simplicity

- ▶ Cryptographic protocols should be kept as simple as possible (but not any simpler)
- ▶ Complexity makes analysis harder and increases attack surface.
- ▶ Design Concept: Request-Response Pairs
 - ▶ $A \rightarrow B : Request_1$
 - ▶ $B \rightarrow A : Response_1$
 - ▶ ...

DoS Protection

- ▶ Cryptography is expensive (in particular asymmetric cryptography)
- ▶ Denial-of-Service attacker
 - ▶ Make victim do expensive operations
 - ▶ The attacker does not have to generate valid ciphertext, simple random numbers can work.
- ▶ Defense
 - ▶ Avoid expensive operations unless other principle has shown willingness to participate by replying with valid messages.
 - ▶ In final protocol try, we will avoid crypto until message 3.
 - ▶ Cookie mechanisms like TCP SYN Cookies could be used to avoid holding of state.

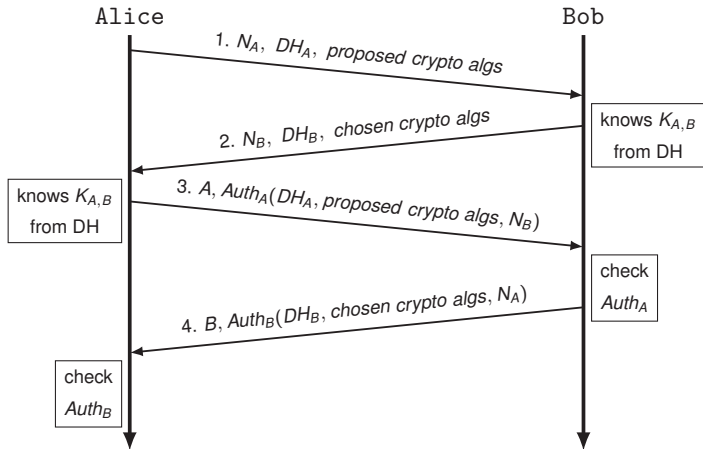
Final Protocol and Notation

Authentication and Key Establishment Problem Statement - Version 3 (FINAL)

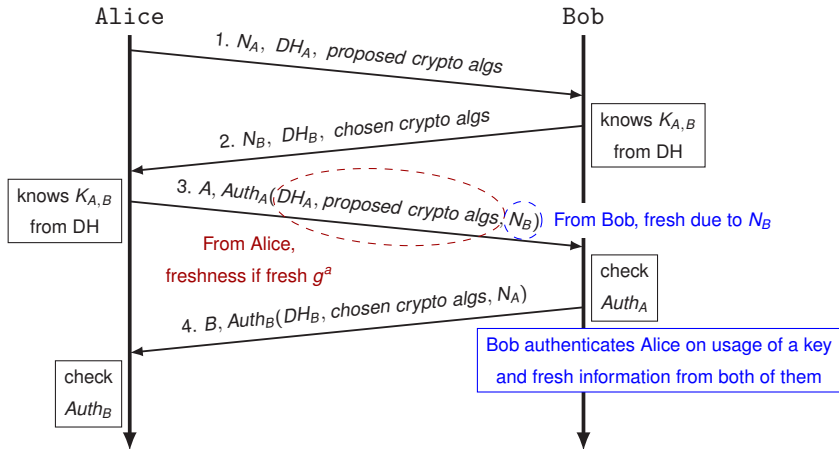
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- ▶ Alice and Bob must know that $K_{A,B}$ is newly generated

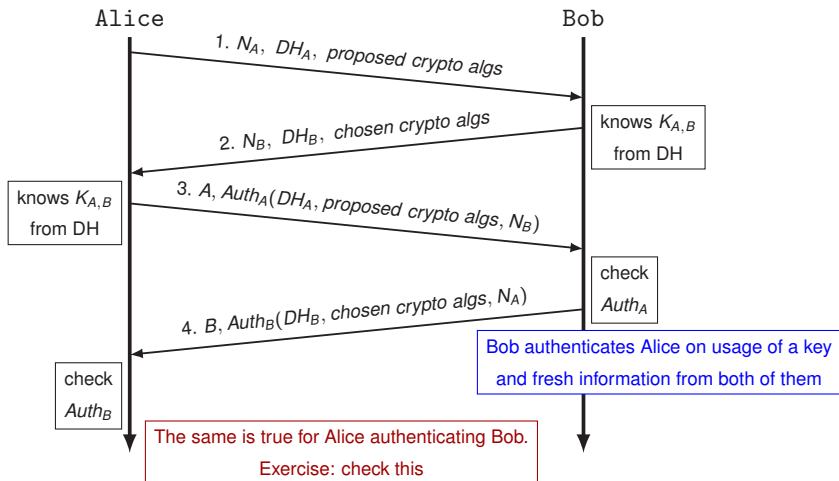
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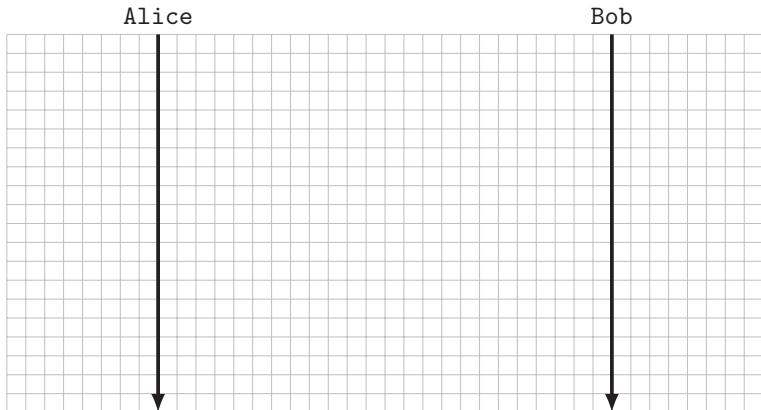


Final Protocol Explanations

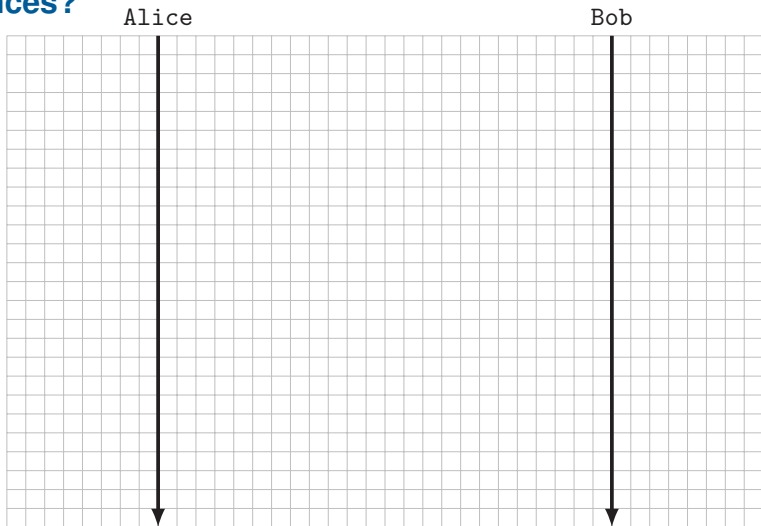
- ▶ Explanation
 - ▶ Messages 1 and 2 form a request-response pair where only information is exchanged.
 - ▶ Messages 3 and 4 form the authentication request-response pair with identity information and authentication.
 - ▶ Alice or Bob need to stop the communication when authentication fails or a wrong entity authenticates.
 - ▶ Message 3: Alice authenticates on her first message and on the nonce N_B provided by Bob.
 - ▶ Message 4: Bob authenticates on his first message and on the nonce N_A provided by Alice.
- ▶ Final protocol is a simplified version of the IKEv2 protocol (IKE_SA_Init plus IKE_Auth Exchange) of IPSec (see IPSec chapter)

Repetition Exercise (later once we discussed IPsec): Compare with IKEv2

Write down "Final Protocol" in the terminology / fields used in IPsec.



Exercise: Final Protocol with Timestamps instead of Nonces?



Notation

Notation	Meaning
A	Name of principle A (Alice), analogous for B, E, TTP, CA
CA_A	Certification Authority of A
r_A	Random value chosen by A
N_A	Nonce (number used once) chosen by A
t_A	Timestamp generated by A
(m_1, \dots, m_n)	Concatenation of m_1, \dots, m_n
$A \rightarrow B : m$	A sends message m to B

Notation (continued)

Notation	Meaning
K_{A-pub}	Public Key of A
K_{A-priv}	Private Key of A
$K_{A,B}$	Shared symmetric key of A and B, only known to A and B
$H(m)$	Cryptographic hash value over m
$Enc_K(m)$	Encrypt m with key K, K can be symmetric or asymmetric
$Dec_K(c)$	Decrypt c with key K, K can be symmetric or asymmetric
$Sig_K(m)$	Signature of message m with key K, K is a private asymmetric key
$MAC_K(m)$	Message Authentication Code of m with key K, K is symmetric key
$\{m\}_K$	Message m encrypted and integrity-protected with symmetric key K
$[m]_K$	m integrity-protected with key K
$Cert_{CA}(A)$	Certificate of CA for public key K_{A-pub} of A, signed by the private key of CA

Example: Needham Schroeder Protocol

Needham Schroeder Protocol



Roger Needham



Michael Schroeder

- ▶ Invented in 1978 by Roger Needham and Michael Schroeder [Nee78]
- ▶ The Needham-Schroeder Protocol is a protocol for mutual authentication and key establishment
- ▶ It aims to establish a session key between two users (or a user and an application server, e.g. email server) over an insecure network

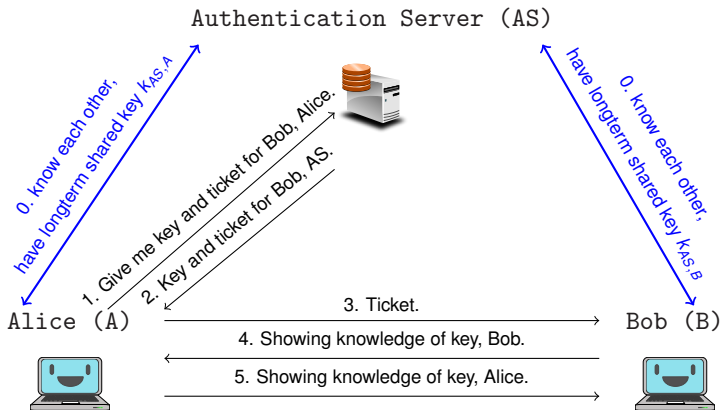
Needham Schroeder Protocol - Introduction

- ▶ The protocol has 2 versions:
 - ▶ The Needham Schroeder Symmetric Key Protocol: based on symmetric encryption, forms the basis for the Kerberos protocol
 - ▶ The Needham Schroeder Public Key Protocol: uses public key cryptography. A flaw in this protocol was published by Gavin Lowe [Lowe95] 17 years later! Lowe proposes also a way to fix the flaw in [Lowe95]

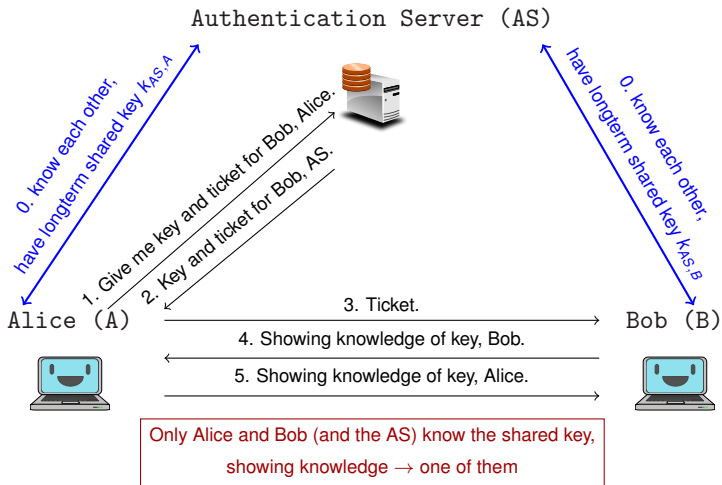


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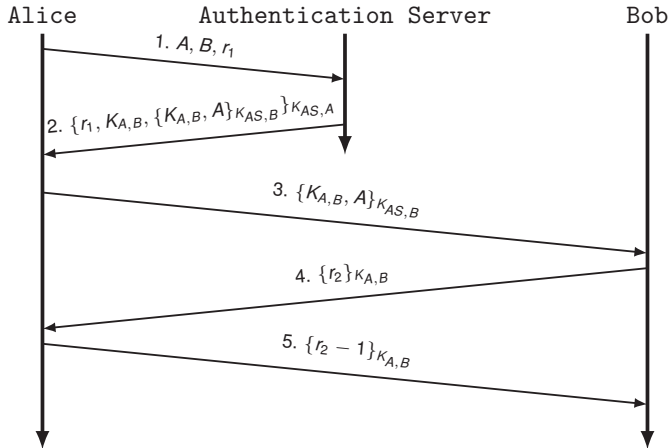
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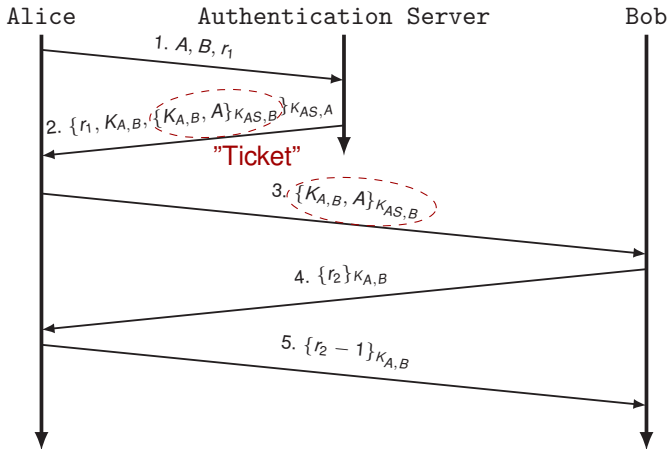
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Needham Schroeder Symmetric Key Protocol - Explanation

- ▶ 1. $A \rightarrow AS : A, B, r_1$
 - ▶ Alice informs AS that she (A) wants to contact Bob (B).
 - ▶ Random number r_1 is used as nonce to identify the session.
 - ▶ Notice, the AS cannot tell whether it is Alice or someone else. Still, this is ok as answer will be protected.
- ▶ 2. $AS \rightarrow A : \{r_1, K_{A,B}, \{K_{A,B}, A\}_{K_{AS,B}}\}_{K_{AS,A}}$
 - ▶ The AS encrypts the message with key $K_{AS,A}$ so that only Alice can read the message.
 - ▶ Alice notices nonce r_1 and assumes answer to be fresh.
 - ▶ Alice gets to know session key $K_{A,B}$ which is also part of the ticket.
 - ▶ Alice also gets to know the ticket $\{K_{A,B}, A\}_{K_{AS,B}}$.
 - ▶ Alice cannot read or modify ticket as it is protected with key $K_{AS,B}$ unknown to her.



Needham Schroeder Symmetric Key Protocol - Explanation 2

- ▶ 3. $A \rightarrow B : \{K_{A,B}, A\}_{K_{AS,B}}$
 - ▶ Bob can decrypt the ticket and learns that Alice (A) wants to contact him.
 - ▶ Furthermore, he learns the session key $K_{A,B}$
- ▶ 4. $B \rightarrow A : \{r_2\}_{K_{A,B}}$
 - ▶ Bob sends nonce r_2 to Alice encrypted with the session key $K_{A,B}$
 - ▶ While Alice does not know about r_2 , she knows $K_{A,B}$ as new session key. Integrity shows knowledge of session key by B, which means that B is Bob as only Bob (and the AS) also knows the session key.
- ▶ 5. $A \rightarrow B : \{r_2 - 1\}_{K_{A,B}}$
 - ▶ Alice sends nonce $r_2 - 1$ to Bob encrypted with the new session key $K_{A,B}$.
 - ▶ Since only Alice also knows r_2 , this A must be Alice.
 - ▶ Notice, the change from r_2 to $r_2 - 1$ is to make messages 4 and 5 different to avoid e.g. replay attacks.
 - ▶ Modern encryption modes with Initialization Vectors (IV) also ensure this if both messages 4 and 5 would be $\{r_2\}_{K_{A,B}}$. However, an attacker could replay with the same IV and then the modified protocol would fail unless it takes further measures to forbid and prevent repeated IVs.

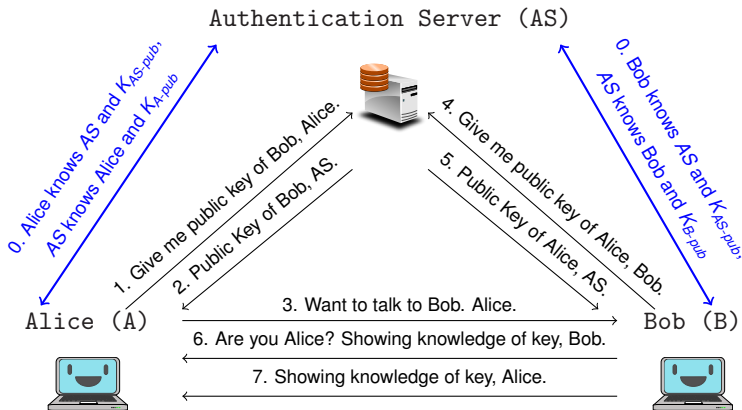
Needham Schroeder Symmetric Key Protocol - Ticket and Ticket Reuse

- ▶ Needham and Schroeder do not speak of tickets in their protocol, but from a modern point of view (relating to Kerberos) $\{K_{A,B}, A\}_{K_{AS,B}}$ is called a ticket.
- ▶ If Alice still trusts the ticket she has, Needham and Schroeder propose a shortened protocol:
 - ▶ 1. (3'.) $A \rightarrow B : \{K_{A,B}, A\}_{K_{AS,B}}, \{r_2\}_{K_{A,B}}$
 - ▶ 2. (4'.) $B \rightarrow A : \{r_3, r_2 - 1\}_{K_{A,B}}$
 - ▶ 3. (5'.) $A \rightarrow B : \{r_3 - 1\}_{K_{A,B}}$
- ▶ As the session key is not fresh anymore, Alice challenges Bob with r_2 and Bob Alice with r_3 .

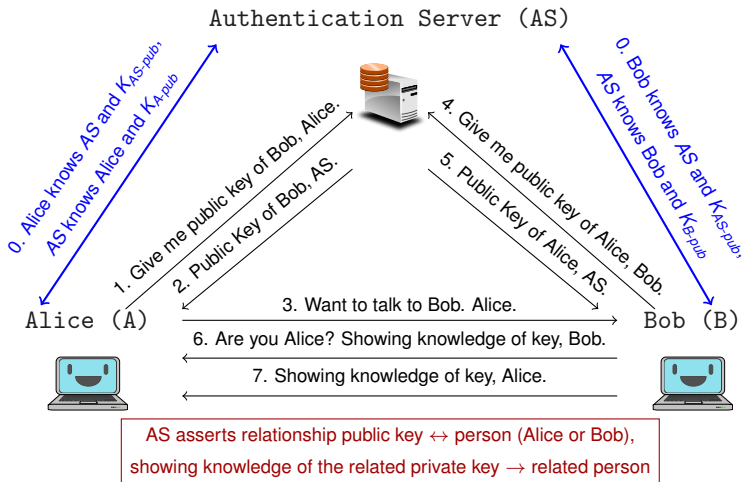
Needham Schroeder Symmetric Key Protocol - Ticket Reuse Issues and Forward Secrecy

- ▶ If an attacker learns about session key $K_{A,B}$ and observed the related ticket in a previous protocol run, then the attacker can impersonate Alice.
 - ▶ 1. (3'.) *Attacker* $\rightarrow B : \{K_{A,B}, A\}_{K_{AS,B}}, \{r_2\}_{K_{A,B}}$
 - ▶ 2. (4'.) $B \rightarrow A : \{r_3, r_2 - 1\}_{K_{A,B}}$ needs to be intercepted and decrypted by attacker.
 - ▶ 3. (5'.) *Attacker* $\rightarrow B : \{r_3 - 1\}_{K_{A,B}}$
- ▶ Thus, breaking session key $K_{A,B}$ would allow to impersonate Alice in the future.
- ▶ Also, the Needham Schroeder Protocols do not provide any forward secrecy.

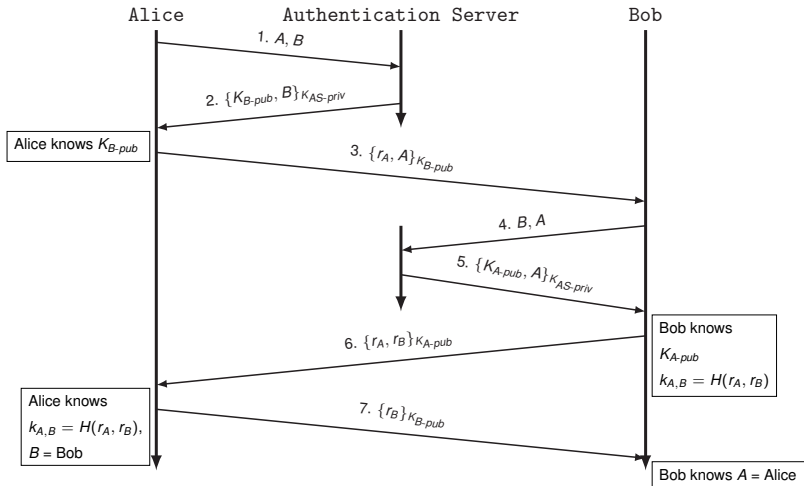
Needham Schroeder Public Key Protocol - Concept



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Needham Schroeder Public Key Protocol - Protocol



As a one-time exception, we will use $\{\cdot\}$ with asymmetric keys. Do not mix up encryption/signing in practice!



Needham Schroeder Public Key Protocol - Explanation

- ▶ 1. $A \rightarrow AS : A, B$
- ▶ 2. $AS \rightarrow A : \{K_{B-pub}, B\}_{K_{AS-priv}}$
 - ▶ In this exchange, Alice asks for the public key of Bob. Her identity is irrelevant. Anyone can ask for Bob's public key.
 - ▶ AS encrypts K_{B-pub}, B with its private key. Anyone can decrypt, but only the AS can generate this "signature".
- ▶ 3. $A \rightarrow B : \{r_A, A\}_{K_{B-pub}}$
 - ▶ Alice sends Bob a challenge r_A and the identity A that she claims to be (not yet proven!).
 - ▶ Only Bob can decrypt the message with his private key, so only he can know r_A later-on.
- ▶ 4. $B \rightarrow AS : B, A$
- ▶ 5. $AS \rightarrow B : \{K_{A-pub}, A\}_{K_{AS-priv}}$
 - ▶ 4. and 5. are the same as 1. and 2.

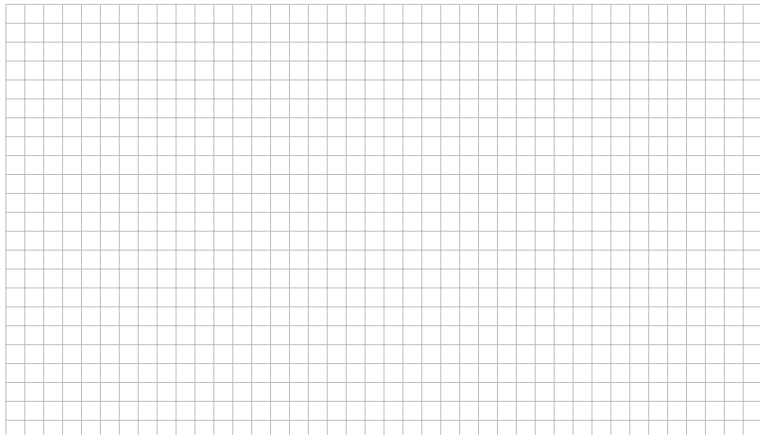


Needham Schroeder Public Key Protocol - Explanation 2

- ▶ 6. $B \rightarrow A : \{r_A, r_B\}_{K_{A-pub}}$
 - ▶ Bob answers Alice's challenge r_A . So, Alice knows he is Bob.
 - ▶ Bob challenges Alice with r_A . As her public key is used, only she can decrypt the message and know r_B .
 - ▶ The shared session key is $K_{A,B} = H(r_A, r_B)$, with H being a cryptographic hash function. As r_A and r_B are only sent encrypted with the public key of either Alice or Bob, no other entity knows r_A , r_B , and thus $K_{A,B}$.
- ▶ 7. $A \rightarrow B : \{r_B\}_{K_{B-pub}}$
 - ▶ Alice answers Bob's challenge r_B . So, Bob knows she is Alice.

Exercise: Proper usage of Encryption and Signing

On the previous slides, we used $\{\cdot\}$ with asymmetric keys. It should combine $Enc_k(\cdot)$ and $Sig_k(\cdot)$. Why is this a bad idea in practice? How should the protocol look with only using $Enc_k(\cdot)$ and $Sig_k(\cdot)$?

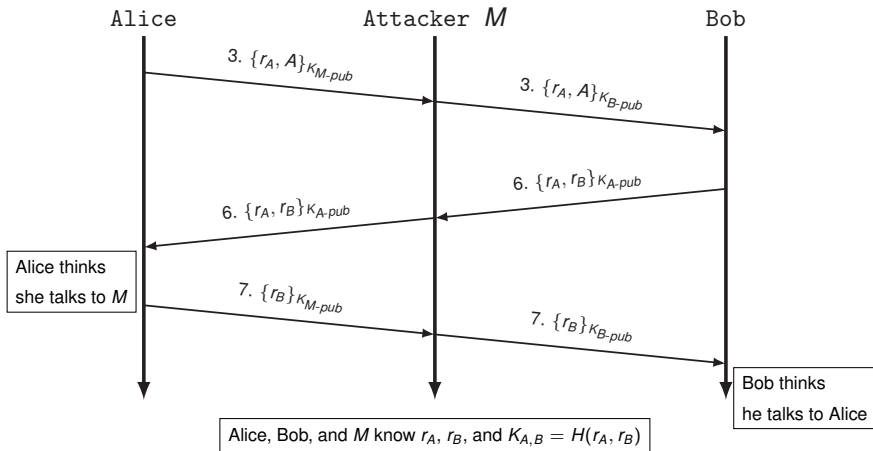


Needham Schroeder Public Key Protocol - Attack

- ▶ In 1995, Lowe found a man-in-the-middle attack on the Needham Schroeder Public Key Protocol.
- ▶ Assumption: Attacker M can trick Alice A into a communication with him. So, Alice starts a communication session with M .
- ▶ Idea: make Bob believe, he talks to Alice instead of the attacker.

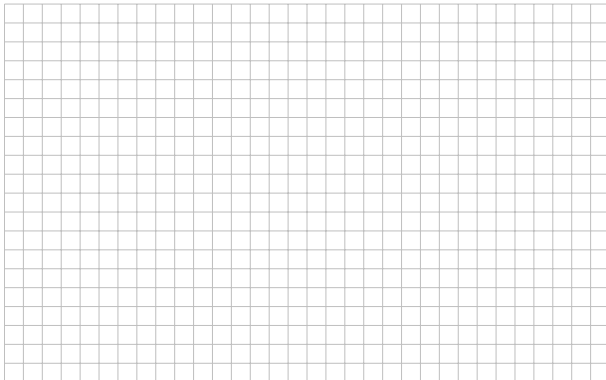
Needham Schroeder Public Key Protocol - Attack

- ▶ We skip the exchanges with the AS to obtain the public keys.



Needham Schroeder Public Key Protocol - Attack Resolution

- ▶ The attack fails when message 6 is modified to:
6. $B \rightarrow A : \{r_A, r_B, B\}_{K_{A-pub}}$
- ▶ Exercise: Verify that the attack will now fail.



Conclusions - What have we learned

What have we learned

- ▶ Authentication and Key Establishment
 - ▶ Related to Formal Reasoning
 - ▶ Secure Authentication needs some pre-established keys, also see PKI chapter
 - ▶ Protocol weaknesses can be tricky
 - ▶ Learned to attack protocols on conceptual level
 - ▶ Learned some protocols, remember the ones with actual names³
 - ▶ Learned how authenticity and key establishment can be achieved
- ▶ Analyze protocols on the layers they operate
- ▶ Analyze complete systems over all layers

³“Try *N*” is not a name

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