

Access Control and Privacy Policies (5)

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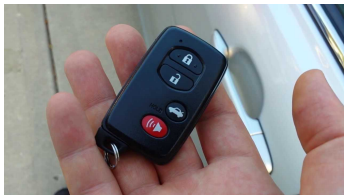
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The point is that we cannot control the network:
An attacker can install a packet sniffer, inject packets, modify packets, replay messages.

Keyless Car Transponders



- There are two security mechanisms: one remote central locking system and one passive RFID tag (engine immobiliser).
- How can I get in? How can thieves be kept out? How to avoid MITM attacks?

Papers: Gone in 360 Seconds: Hijacking with Hitag2,
Dismantling Megamos Crypto: Wirelessly Lockpicking
a Vehicle Immobilizer

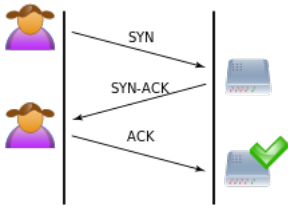
HTTPS / GSM



- I am sitting at Starbucks. How can I be sure I am really visiting Barclays? I have no control of the access point.
- How can I achieve that a secret key is established in order to encrypt my conversation? I have no control over the access point.

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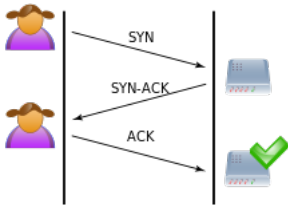
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Server: I heard you
Alice: Thanks

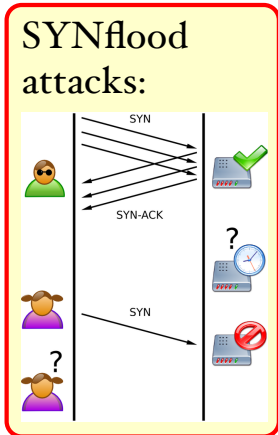
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$A \rightarrow S$: SYN
 $S \rightarrow A$: SYN-ACK
 $A \rightarrow S$: ACK

Alice:
Server:
Alice:



Authentication



"On the Internet, nobody knows you're a dog."

Knock Knock!
Who's there?
Alice.
Alice who?

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- cannot replay since next time will be another challenge
- B authenticates A , but A does not authenticate B (be Eve in the middle, intercept messages from A and ignore last)

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Mutual Challenge Response:

$$A \rightarrow B : N_A$$

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$$A \rightarrow B : N_B$$

Nonces

- 1 I generate a nonce (random number) and send it to you encrypted with a key we share
- 2 you increase it by one, encrypt it under a key I know and send it back to me

I can infer:

- you must have received my message
- you could only have generated your answer after I send you my initial message
- if only you and me know the key, the message must have come from you

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Solutions: $K_{AB} \neq K_{BA}$ or include an id in the second message

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means you need to send separate “Hello” signals (bad), or worse share a single key between many entities

Protocol Attacks

- replay attacks
- reflection attacks
- man-in-the-middle attacks
- timing attacks
- parallel session attacks
- binding attacks (public key protocols)
- changing environment / changing assumptions

- (social engineering attacks)

Public-Key Infrastructure

- the idea is to have a certificate authority (CA)
- you go to the CA to identify yourself
- CA: “I, the CA, have verified that public key P_{Bob}^{pub} belongs to Bob”
- CA must be trusted by everybody
- What happens if CA issues a false certificate?
Who pays in case of loss? (VeriSign explicitly limits liability to \$100.)

Person-in-the-Middle

“Normal” protocol run:

- A sends public key to B
- B sends public key to A
- A sends message encrypted with B 's public key, B decrypts it with its private key
- B sends message encrypted with A 's public key, A decrypts it with its private key

Person-in-the-Middle

Attack:

- A sends public key to B — C intercepts this message and send his own public key
- B sends public key to A — C intercepts this message and send his own public key
- A sends message encrypted with C 's public key, C decrypts it with its private key, re-encrypts with B 's public key
- similar

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C would have to invent a totally new message

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This process means that the transponder believes the car knows the key K , and the car believes the transponder knows the key K . They should have authenticated themselves to each other.

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Principle 2: If the identity of a principal is essential to the meaning of a message, it is prudent to mention the principal's name explicitly in the message (though difficult).

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Principle 3: Be clear about why encryption is being done. Encryption is not wholly cheap, and not asking precisely why it is being done can lead to redundancy. Encryption is not synonymous with security.

Possible Uses of Encryption

- Preservation of confidentiality: $\{X\}_K$ only those that have K may recover X .
- Guarantee authenticity: The partner is indeed some particular principal.
- Guarantee confidentiality and authenticity: binds two parts of a message — $\{X, Y\}_K$ is not the same as $\{X\}_K$ and $\{Y\}_K$.

Best Practices

Principle 4: The protocol designer should know which trust relations his protocol depends on, and why the dependence is necessary. The reasons for particular trust relations being acceptable should be explicit though they will be founded on judgment and policy rather than on logic.

Example Certification Authorities: CAs are trusted to certify a key only after proper steps have been taken to identify the principal that owns it.

Formal Methods

Ross Anderson about the use of Logic:

Formal methods can be an excellent way of finding bugs in security protocol designs as they force the designer to make everything explicit and thus confront difficult design choices that might otherwise be fudged.