Access Control and Privacy Policies (8)

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- indicates one "protocol run", or session, which specifies some order in the communication
- there can be several sessions in parallel (think of wifi routers)

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Sounds stupid: "...answering a question with a counter question"

was originally developed at CMU for terminals to connect to workstations (e.g., file servers)

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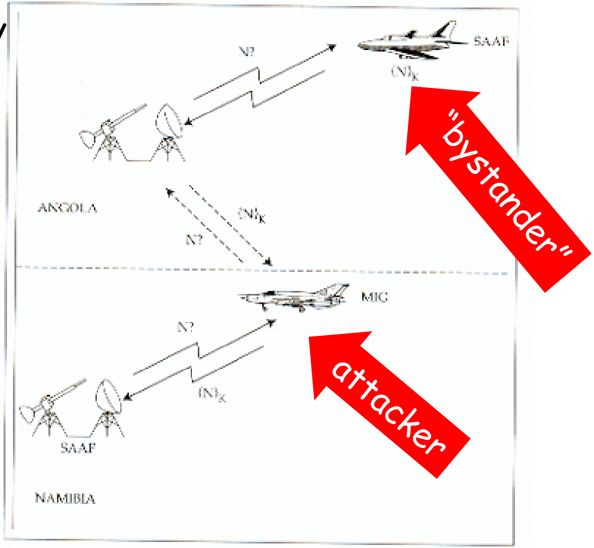

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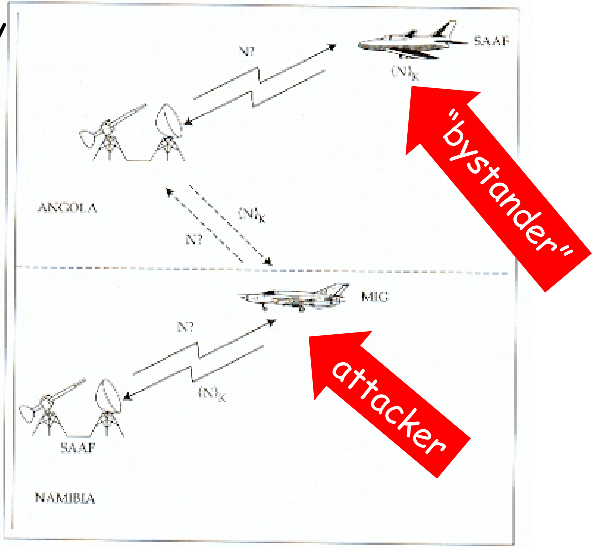

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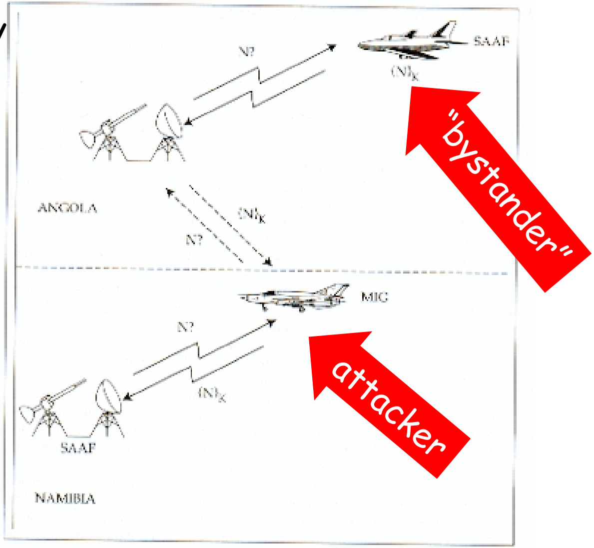

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means you need to send separate "Hello" signals (bad), or worse share a single key between many entities

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)

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at the end of the protocol both A and B should be in the possession of the secret key K_{AB} and know that the other principal has the key

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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B believes it is following the correct protocol, intruder I can form the correct response because it knows K_{AB} and talks to B masquerading as A

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

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Assume nonces are represented as bit-sequences of the same length as keys

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$A \rightarrow I(B) : \{N_B + 1\}_{K_{AB}}$ intercepts

$I(B) \rightarrow A : \{N_A + 1, N_B\}_{K_{AB}}$ resend 2nd msg

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Binding Attacks

with public-private keys it is important that the public key is bound to the right owner (verified by a certification authority CA)

$$A \rightarrow CA : A, B, N_A$$
$$CA \rightarrow A : CA, \{CA, A, N_A, K_B^{pub}\}_{K_A^{pub}}$$

A knows K_A^{priv} and can verify the message came from CA in response to A's message and trusts K_B^{pub} is B's public key

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A now encrypts messages for B with the public key of I (which happily decrypts them with its private key)

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- a large investment later all barriers were automatic and tickets could record state

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- revenue from monthly tickets was distributed according to a formula involving where the ticket was bought...

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- apart from bad outsiders (passengers), you also had bad insiders (rail companies)
- chaos and litigation ensued

A Man-in-the-middle attack in real life:

- the card only says yes or no to the terminal if the PIN is correct
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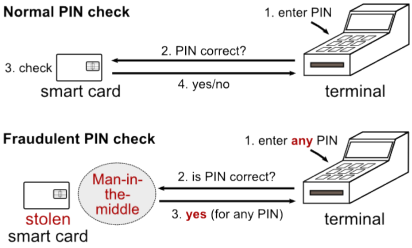

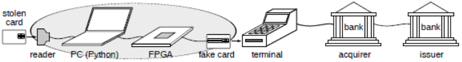

Problems with EMV

- it is a wrapper for many protocols
- specification by consensus (resulted unmanageable complexity)
- its specification is 700 pages in English plus 2000+ pages for testing, additionally some further parts are secret
- other attacks have been found
- one solution might be to require always online verification of the PIN with the bank

Problems with WEP (Wifi)

- a standard ratified in 1999
- the protocol was designed by a committee not including cryptographers
- it used the RC4 encryption algorithm which is a stream cipher requiring a unique nonce
- WEP did not allocate enough bits for the nonce
- for authenticating packets it used CRC checksum which can be easily broken
- the network password was used to directly encrypt packages (instead of a key negotiation protocol)

- encryption was turned of by default

Protocols are Difficult

- even the systems designed by experts regularly fail
- try to make everything explicit (you need to authenticate all data you might rely on)
- the one who can fix a system should also be liable for the losses
- cryptography is not **the** answer

Logic is one way protocols are studied in academia

Privacy et al

Some terminology:

- secrecy is the mechanism used to limit the number of principals with access to information (eg, cryptography or access controls)
- confidentiality is the obligation to protect the secrets of other people or organizations (secrecy for the benefit of an organisation)
- anonymity is the ability to leave no evidence of an activity (eg, sharing a secret)
- privacy is the ability or right to protect your personal secrets (secrecy for the benefit of an individual)

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But privacy?

"You have zero privacy anyway. Get over it."
Scott Mcnealy (CEO of Sun)

If you have nothing to hide, you have nothing to fear.

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