

# Verifpal

Cryptographic protocol analysis for the real world

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### What is Formal Verification?

- Using software tools in order to obtain guarantees on the security of cryptographic components.
- Protocols have unintended behaviors when confronted with an active attacker: formal verification can prove security under certain active attacker scenarios!
- Primitives can act in unexpected ways given certain inputs: formal verification: formal verification can prove functional correctness of implementations!

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#### [...]

event(RecvMsg(bob, alice, stagepack\_c(sid\_b), m)) ⇒
(event(SendMsg(alice, c, stagepack\_c(sid\_a), m))) ||
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## Verifpal Language: Simple and Intuitive



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Verifpal will never be "better" than ProVerif, Tamarin, etc. — we are targeting a different class of user entirely • HASH(a, b...): x.

Secure hash function, similar in practice to, for example, BLAKE2s [10]. Takes between 1 and 5 inputs and returns one output.

- MAC(key, message): hash. Keyed hash function. Useful for message authentication and for some other protocol constructions.
- HKDF(salt, ikm, info): a, b....

Hash-based key derivation function inspired by the Krawczyk HKDF scheme [11]. Essentially, HKDF is used to extract more than one key out a single secret value. salt and info help contextualize derived keys. Produces between 1 and 5 outputs.

Password hashing function, similar in practice to, for example, Scrypt [12] or Argon2 [13]. Hashes passwords and produces output that is suitable for use as a private key, secret key or other sensitive key material. Useful in conjunction with values declared using knows password a.

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- ENC(key, plaintext): ciphertext. Symmetric encryption, similar for example to AES-CBC or to ChaCha20.
- DEC(key, ENC(key, plaintext)): plaintext. Symmetric decryption.
- AEAD\_ENC(key, plaintext, ad): ciphertext. Authenticated encryption with associated data. ad represents an additional payload that is not encrypted, but that must be provided exactly in the decryption function for authenticated decryption to succeed. Similar for example to AES-GCM or to ChaCha20-Poly1305.
- AEAD\_DEC(key, AEAD\_ENC(key, plaintext, ad), ad): plaintext. Authenticated decryption with associated data. See §2.3.2 below for information on how to validate successfully authenticated decryption.
- **PKE\_ENC(G**^key, plaintext): ciphertext. Public-key encryption.
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• SIGNVERIF(G^key, message, SIGN(key, message)): message. Verifies if signature can be authenticated.

If key a was used for **SIGN**, then **SIGNVERIF** will expect **G**^a as the key value. Output value is not necessarily used; see §2.3.2 below for information on how to validate this check.

• **RINGSIGN**(key\_a, G^key\_b, G^key\_c, message): signature. Ring signature.

In ring signatures, one of three parties (Alice, Bob and Charlie) signs a message. The resulting signature can be verified using the public key of any of the three parties, and the signature does not reveal the signatory, only that they are a member of the signing ring (Alice, Bob or Charlie). The first key must be the private key of the actual signer, while the subsequent two keys must be the public keys of the other potential signers.

• RINGSIGNVERIF(G^a, G^b, G^c, m, RINGSIGN(a, G^b, G^c, m)): m. Verifies if a ring signature can be authenticated.

The signer's public key must match one or more of the public keys provided, but the public keys may be provided in any order and not necessarily in the order used during the **RINGSIGN** operation. Output value is not necessarily used; see §2.3.2 below for information on how to validate this check.

• BLIND(k, m): m.

Message blinding primitive, useful for the implementation of blind signatures. Here, the sender uses the secret "blinding factor"  $\kappa$  in order to blind message m, which can then be sent to the signer, who will be able to produce a signature on m without knowing m. Used in conjunction with UNBLIND – see UNBLIND's documentation for more information.

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Here, sa and sb must be two distinct elements out of the set (s1, s2, s3) in order to obtain k.

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## Verifpal: Advanced Features

- *Protocol phases* for temporal logic (forward secrecy, post-compromise security).
- *Leaking values* to the attacker (without necessarily sending a message).
- Unlinkability queries, freshness queries.

- *Password* values that are "crackable" unless first hashed using a password-hashing function.
- *Query preconditions*: check if a query is satisfied if and only if another query is satisfied also.

#### Verifpal for Visual Studio Code

- Syntax highlighting, model formatting, code completion.
- Protocol diagrams, update live with your model,
- Insight on hover: show more information about values, queries, etc.
- Live analysis within Visual Studio Code!



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Coq: Verifpal Symmetric Encryption
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Definition DEC(key ciphertext: constant): constant :=
match ciphertext with
  | ENC_c k m \Rightarrow match k =? key with
  | true \Rightarrow m | false \Rightarrow ENC_c k m end
  | _ \Rightarrow ciphertext end.
Theorem enc_dec: forall k m: constant, DEC k (ENC k m) = m.
Proof.
unfold ENC, DEC; intros k m;
rewrite equal_constant_true; try auto.
Qed.
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#### Easier to Read Analysis Output

Listing 1.1. ProVerif Attack Trace Listing 1.2. Verifpal Attack Trace new skB: skey creating skB\_2 at {1} Result • confidentiality? m - When:  $|out(c, ~M) with ~M = pk(skB_2) at {3}$  $n1 \rightarrow nil \leftarrow mutated by Attacker (was n1)$ new n1\_1: nonce creating n1\_2 at {9} in copy a  $n2 \rightarrow nil \leftarrow mutated by Attacker (was n2)$ new n2\_1: nonce creating n2\_2 at {10} in copy a msg → PKE\_ENC(G^skb, CONCAT(nil, n1, m)) out(c, (~M\_1,~M\_2)) with ~M\_1 = n1\_2, ~M\_2 = n2\_2 at clear  $\rightarrow$  CONCAT(nil, n1, m) {11} in copy a x → nil new n1\_1: nonce creating n1\_3 at {9} in copy a\_1 y1 → n1 new n2\_1: nonce creating n2\_3 at {10} in copy a\_1 v2 → m out(c, (~M\_3,~M\_4)) with ~M\_3 = n1\_3, ~M\_4 = n2\_3 at unnamed\_0  $\rightarrow$  ASSERT(nil, n1)? {11} in copy a\_1  $msg2 \rightarrow PKE_ENC(G^{skb}, CONCAT(n1, m, n1)) \leftarrow$  $in(c, (~M_3,~M_1))$  with  $~M_3 = n1_3, ~M_1 = n1_2$  at  $\{5\}$ obtained by Attacker in copy a\_2  $out(c, ~M_5)$  with  $~M_5 = encrypt((n1_3, n1_2, M), pk(skB_2)$ m is obtained: )) at {6} in copy a\_2  $msq \rightarrow PKE_ENC(G^{skb}, CONCAT(n1, m, n1)) \leftarrow$ in(c, ~M\_5) with ~M\_5 = encrypt((n1\_3,n1\_2,M),pk(skB\_2) mutated by Attacker ) at {12} in copy a\_1 (was PKE\_ENC(pkb, CONCAT(n1, n2, m))) clear → CONCAT(n1, m, n1)  $out(c, (~M_6, ~M_7))$  with  $~M_6 = n1_2, ~M_7 = encrypt(($ n1\_2,M,n1\_3),pk(skB\_2)) at {14} in copy a\_1  $x \rightarrow n1$ in(c, ~M\_7) with ~M\_7 = encrypt((n1\_2,M,n1\_3),pk(skB\_2)  $y1 \rightarrow m \leftarrow obtained by Attacker$ ) at {12} in copy a  $y2 \rightarrow n1$ out(c, (~M\_8,~M\_9)) with ~M\_8 = M, ~M\_9 = encrypt((M, unnamed\_0  $\rightarrow$  ASSERT(n1, n1)? n1\_3,n1\_2),pk(skB\_2)) at {14} in copy a  $msg2 \rightarrow PKE_ENC(G^{skb}, CONCAT(m, n1, n1))$ The attacker has the message  $\sim M_8 = M$ . m (m) is obtained by Attacker.

## Protocols Analyzed with Verifpal

- Signal secure messaging protocol.
- Scuttlebutt decentralized protocol.
- ProtonMail encrypted email service.
- Telegram secure messaging protocol.
- DP-3T contact tracing protocol.

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^bo), nil, r , G^nil^ae1,	il), nil), nil, nil) m1_d + AEAD_DEC(HKDF(MAC(HKDF(6^ae2^bs, HKDF(HASH(6^alongterm^bs, 6^ae1^blongterm, 6^ae1^bs, 6^ae1 nil), nil), nil, nil, nil, AEAD_ENC(HKDF(MAC(HKDF(6'nil^ae2, HKDF(HASH(6'nil'alongterm, 6'nil'ae1 6'nil'ae2), nil, nil, nil), nil, nil, nil, nil, m1, HASH(6'alongterm, 6'nil, 6'ae2)), HASH(6'alongt term, 6'ae2)) m1 (m1) is obtained by Attacker.
Result ∙	authentication? Alice → Bob: e1 - When: gblongterm → 6Anil ← mutated by Attacker (originally G^blongterm) gbs → 6Anil ← mutated by Attacker (originally G^bs) gbo → 6Anil ← mutated by Attacker (originally G^bo) gbssig → SIGN(blongterm, G^bs)
	nil is obtained: galongterm > 6^nil < mutated by Attacker (originally 6^alongterm) gbssig > SIGN(blongterm, 6^bs) gael > 6^nil < mutated by Attacker (originally 6^ael) amaster > HASH(6^bs^alongterm, 6^blongterm^ael, 6^bs^ael, 6^bo^ael) arkbal > HKDF(HASH(6^bs^alongterm, 6^blongterm^ael, 6^bs^ael, 6^bo^ael), nil, nil) gae2 > 6^nil < mutated by Attacker (originally 6^ae2) valid > nil < mutated by Attacker akshared1 > 6btained by Attacker
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	ackab1 → HKDF(G^bs^ae2, HKDF(HASH(G^bs^alongterm, G^blongterm^ae1, G^bs^ae1, G^bo^ae1), nil, nil),
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l, nil), nil NC(akenc1, n	<pre>R1), nil, nil, nil) e1 &gt; AEAD_ENC(HKDF(MAC(HKDF(G^nil^bs, HKDF(HASH(G^nil^bs, G^nil^blongterm, G^nil^bs, G^nil^bo), ni .), nil), nil, nil, HASH(G^nil, G^blongterm, G^nil)) </pre> mutated by Attacker (originally AEAD_E 11, HASH(Galongterm, golongterm, gae2))) bmaster > HASH(G^nil^bs, G^nil^blongterm, G^nil^bs, G^nil^bo) brkba1 > HKDF(HASH(G^nil^bs, G^nil^blongterm, G^nil^bs, G^nil^bo), nil, nil) bckba1 > HKDF(HASH(G^nil^bs, G^nil^blongterm, G^nil^bs, G^nil^bo), nil, nil)
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#### Limitations and Context

- Does not produce proofs (like CryptoVerif)
- Is not formally proven to not miss attacks (like ProVerif)

Working towards obtaining higher confidence through building relationship to Coq models of verification method, more scrutiny, more protocols analyzed...

Usefulness is more towards engineers and students.

# Who's Using Verifpal?

# **ASSA ABLOY**









#### CHAPTER 2. THE VERIFPAL LANGUAGE

Examp	ple Equations	;	
	<b>ipal</b> Server[ erates x		
gene	erates y		
gy =	= G^× = G^y		
	= gx^y = gy^x		
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In the above, gxy and gyx are considered equivalent by Verifpal. In Verifpal, all equations must have the constant G as their root generator. This mirrors Diffie-Hellman behavior. Furthermore, all equations can only have two constants (a^b), but as we can see above, equations can be built on top of other equations (as in the case of gxy and gyx).



Sending messages over the network is simple. Only constants may be sent within messages:

xample:	Messages	
lice -> Bol ob -> Alice	o: ga, el e: [gb], e2	

Let's look at the two messages above. In the first, Alice is the sender and Bob is the recipient. Notice how Alice is sending Bob her long-term public key ga = G^a. An active attacker could intercept ga and replace it with a value that they control. But what if we want to model our protocol such that Alice has pre-authenticated<sup>2</sup> Bob's public key  $gb = G^b$ ? This is where guarded constants become useful.

<sup>2</sup> "Pre-authentication" refers to Alice confirming the value of Bob's public key before the protocol session begins. This helps avoid having an active attacker trick Alice to use a fake public key for Bob. This fake public key could instead be the attacker's own public key. Guarding the Right Constants guarded constants?

Verifpal allows you to guard constants against modification by the active attacker. However, guarding all of a principal's public keys, for example, might not reflect realworld attack scenarios, where keys are rarely guarded from being modified as they cross the network. What interesting new insights will you discover using

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In the second message from the above example, we see that, gb is surrounded by brackets ([]). This makes it a "guarded" constant, meaning that while an active attacker can still read it, they cannot tamper with it. In that sense it is "guarded" against the active attacker.

2.7 OUERIES

A Verifpal model is always concluded with a queries block, which contains essentially the questions that we will ask Verifpal to answer for us as a result of the model's analysis. Queries have an important role to play in a Verifpal model's constitution. The Verifpal language makes them very simple to describe, but you may benefit from learning more on how to properly use them in your models. For more information on queries, see §3. §2.8 below shows a quick example of how to illustrate queries in your model.

#### 2.8 A SIMPLE COMPLETE EXAMPLE

Figure 2.1 provides a full model of a naïve protocol where Alice and Bob only ever exchange unauthenticated public keys (G^a and G^b). Bob then proceeds to send an encrypted message to Alice using the derived Diffie-Hellman shared secret to encrypt the message. We then want to ask Verifpal three questions:

We call this a Mayor-in-the-Middle attack.

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#### Thank you, Georgio and Mukesh



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