

Model-based Security Engineering with UML

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A Need for Security

Society and economies rely on **computer networks** for communication, finance, energy distribution, transportation...

Attacks threaten **economical** and **physical** integrity of people and organizations.

Interconnected systems can be attacked **anonymously** and from a safe **distance**.

Networked computers need to be **secure**.



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Problems

Many **flaws** found in designs of security-critical systems, sometimes years after publication or use.

Spectacular Example (1997):

NSA hacker team breaks into U.S. Department of Defense computers and the U.S. electric power grid system. Simulates power outages and 911 emergency telephone overloads in Washington, D.C..



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Causes I

- Designing secure systems correctly is **difficult**.
Even experts may fail:
 - Needham-Schroeder protocol (1978)
 - attacks found 1981 (Denning, Sacco), 1995 (Lowe)
- Designers often **lack** background in security.
- Security as an **afterthought**.



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Causes II

„Blind“ use of mechanisms:

- Security often compromised by **circumventing** (rather than **breaking**) them.
- Assumptions on system **context**, physical environment.

„Those who think that their problem can be solved by simply applying cryptography don't understand cryptography and don't understand their problem“ (R. Needham).



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Causes III

„Penetrate-and-patch“ (aka „banana strategy“):

- **insecure**
- **disruptive**
- **loose customer trust**.

Goal: **reduce** number of flaws arising this way.



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Formal Methods

Lots of very successful research using **logic-based** methods to analyze systems for **security** flaws. Often based on **specialized**, „academic“ notations and concerned with **crypto protocols** or **information flow**:

LaPadula, Bell 73; Goguen, Meseguer 82; Millen, Clark, Freedman 87; Burrows, Abadi, Needham 89; Kemmerer 89; Gong, Needham, Yahalom 90; Meadows 91; McLean 94; Focardi, Gorrieri 94; Syverson, van Oorschot 94; Roscoe, Woodcock, Wulf 94; Lowe 96; Schneider 96; Abadi, Gordon 97; Mitchell, Mitchell, Stern 97; Paulson 98, ...



How used in Security Engineering ?

Saltzer, Schröder (1975): Security Design Principles.
 Gasser (1988): Formal techniques, not integrated with system development.
 Abrams, Jajodia, Podell (1995): Collection of unlinked approaches.
 Abadi, Needham; Anderson, Needham (1996): Design rules for security protocols.
 Anderson (2001): Use formal techniques for protocols.
 Viega, McGraw (2002): How to avoid buffer-overflows.
 Seemingly no encompassing, **integrated** formally based approach.



Some Open Problems

Secure systems out of (in)secure mechanisms.
 Security as **pervasive property**: vs. dependability, program analysis, formal methods, software engineering, programming languages, compilers, computer architectures, operating systems, reactive systems,

Problem: no **integration** / **coherence**.

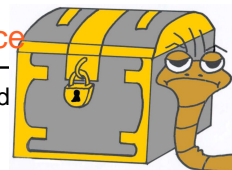
How to put all this stuff together in a water-tight way within security engineering approach ?

Necessary for security (attacks on **boundaries** between views / aspects / levels ...).



Towards Use in Practice

Increase security with bounded investment in **time, costs** (**crucial** for industry). Idea:



- Extract models from **artefacts** arising in **industrial development** and **use** of security-critical systems (UML models, source code, configuration data).
- **Tool-supported theoretically sound efficient automated security analysis**.

→ **Model-based Security Engineering**



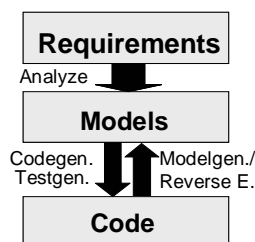
Model-based Security Engineering

Combined strategy:

- **Analyze** models automatically against security requirements.
- **Generate code** (or tests) from models automatically.
- Generate models from code to get changes (or analyze legacy systems).

Goal: model-based = source-based.

Idea notation-independent. Here: use UML.



Why UML ?

Seemingly de-facto standard in industrial modeling. Large number of developers trained in UML.

Relatively precisely defined (given the user community).

Many **tools** in development (also for code-generation, testing, reverse engineering, simulation, transformation).



UMLsec: Goals

Extension for **secure systems** development.

- evaluate UML specifications for weaknesses in design
- encapsulate **established rules** of prudent secure engineering as **checklist**
- make available to developers **not specialized** in secure systems
- consider security requirements from **early** design phases, in system **context**
- make certification **cost-effective**



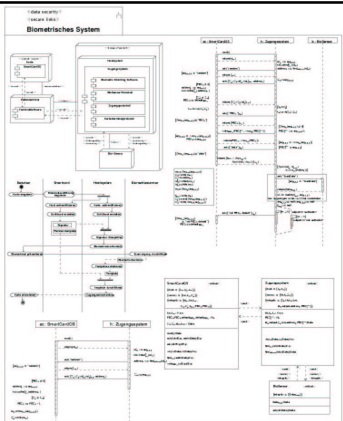
UMLsec: How

Recurring security requirements, **adversary scenarios**, concepts offered as stereotypes with tags on component-level.

Use associated constraints to **verify** specifications using automated theorem provers and indicate possible weaknesses. Ensures that UML specification **provides** desired level of security requirements. Link to code via round-trip engineering etc.



Example:
Biometric authentication system in industrial development.
Secure ?



This tutorial

Background knowledge on using **UML** for **model-based security engineering**.

- UMLsec extension
- Tools.
- Industrial applications (biometry, security protocols, electronic purses, ...).
- Attacks against them.

Research-oriented (not user-oriented).



Requirements on UML extension for security I

- Provide basic **security requirements** such as secrecy, integrity, authenticity.
- Allow considering different **threat scenarios** depending on adversary strengths.
- Allow including important **security concepts** (e.g. *tamper-resistant hardware*).
- Allow incorporating **security mechanisms** (e.g. access control).

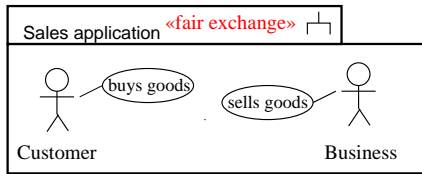


Requirements on UML extension for security II

- Provide **security primitives** (e.g. (a)symmetric encryption).
- Allow considering underlying **physical security**.
- Allow addressing **security management** (e.g. secure workflow).
- Also: Include **domain-specific** security knowledge (Java, smart cards, CORBA, ...).



Requirements with use case diagrams



Capture security requirements in use case diagrams.

Constraint: need to appear in corresponding activity diagram.

<<fair exchange>>

Ensures generic **fair exchange** condition.

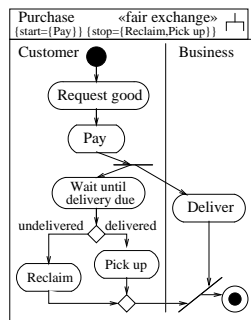
Constraint: after a **{start}** state in activity diagram is reached, eventually reach **{stop}** state.

(Cannot be ensured for systems that an attacker can stop completely.)

Example <<fair exchange>>

Customer buys a good from a business.

Fair exchange means: after payment, customer is eventually either **delivered** good or able to **reclaim** payment.



<<Internet>>, <<encrypted>>, ...

Kinds of communication **links** resp. system **nodes**.

For adversary type **A**, stereotype **s**, have set $\text{Threats}_A(s) \in \{\text{delete, read, insert, access}\}$ of actions that adversaries are capable of.

Default attacker:

Stereotype	Threats _{default} ()
Internet	{delete, read, insert}
encrypted	{delete}
LAN	∅
smart card	∅

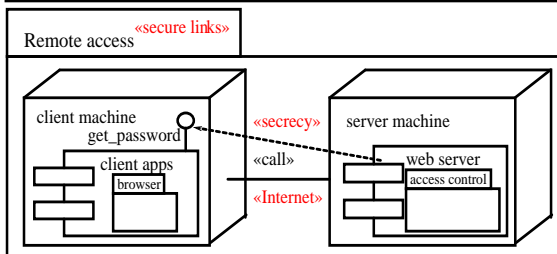
<<secure links>>

Ensures that physical layer meets security requirements on **communication**.

Constraint: for each dependency **d** with stereotype **s** $s \in \{\text{secrecy}, \text{integrity}\}$ between components on nodes $n \neq m$, have a communication link **l** between **n** and **m** with stereotype **t** such that

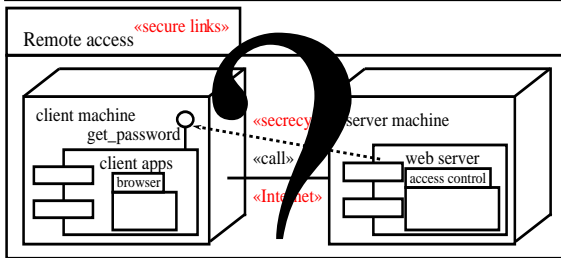
- if $s = \text{secrecy}$: have $\text{read} \notin \text{Threats}_A(t)$.
- if $s = \text{integrity}$: have $\text{insert} \notin \text{Threats}_A(t)$.

Example <<secure links>>



Given **default** adversary type, is **<<secure links>>** provided?

Example «secure links»



Given default adversary, is «secure links» provided ?

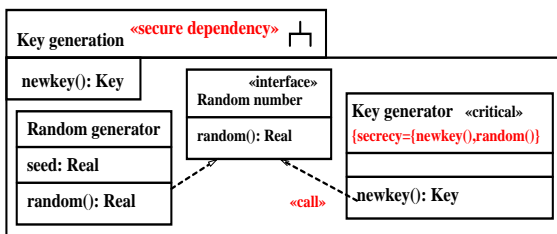
«secure dependency»

Ensure that «call» and «send» dependencies between components respect security requirements on communicated data given by tags {secrecy}, {integrity}.

Constraint: for «call» or «send» dependency from *C* to *D* (and similarly for {integrity}):

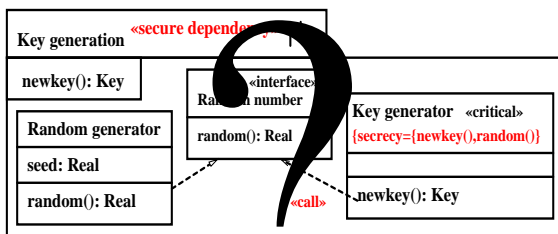
- Msg in *D* is {secrecy} in *C* if and only if also in *D*.
- If msg in *D* is {secrecy} in *C*, dependency stereotyped «secrecy».

Example «secure dependency»



«secure dependency» provided ?

Example «secure dependency»



«secure dependency» provided ?

«no down-flow»

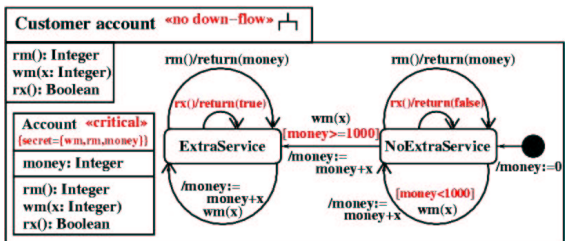
Enforce secure information flow.

Constraint:

Value of any data specified in {secrecy} may influence **only** the values of data also specified in {secrecy}.

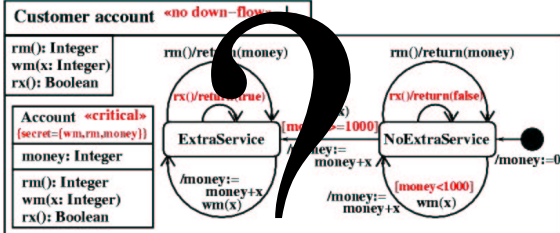
Formalize by referring to formal behavioural semantics.

Example «no down-flow»



«no down-flow» provided ?

Example «no down-flow»



«no down-flow» provided ?

«data security»

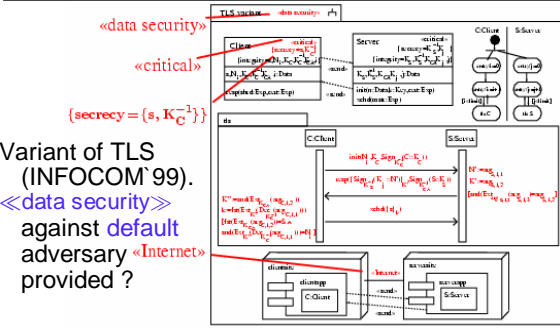
Security requirements of data marked «critical» enforced against threat scenario from deployment diagram.

Constraints:

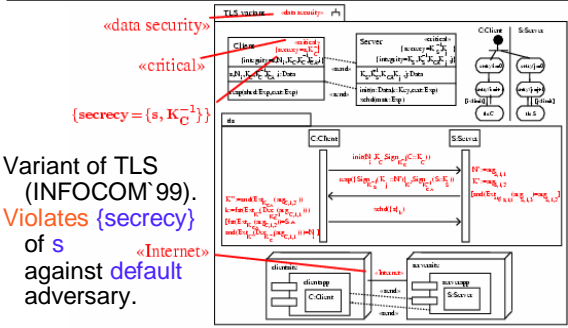
Secrecy of {secrecy} data preserved.

Integrity of {integrity} data preserved.

Example «data security»



Example «data security»



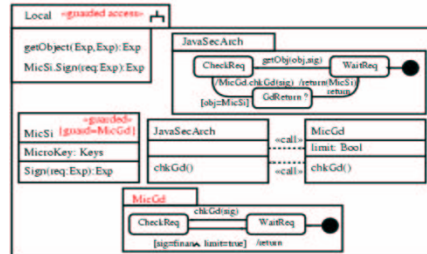
«guarded access»

Ensures that in Java, «guarded» classes only accessed through {guard} classes.

Constraints:

- References of «guarded» objects remain secret.
- Each «guarded» class has {guard} class.

Example «guarded access»



Provides «guarded access»:

Access to MicSi protected by MicGd.

Does UMLsec meet requirements?

Security requirements: <<secrecy>>,...

Threat scenarios: Use Threats_{adv}(ster).

Security concepts: For example <<smart card>>.

Security mechanisms: E.g. <<guarded access>>.

Security primitives: Encryption built in.

Physical security: Given in deployment diagrams.

Security management: Use activity diagrams.

Technology specific: Java, CORBA security.



UMLsec as Integrating Formal Framework

Have formalizations of major security requirements in one integrated notation.

Want to relate / combine requirements; get modularity / composability, hierarchical decomposition, refinement, ... :

For example:

- If system satisfies <<secure links>> and subsystems satisfy <<data security>> then system satisfies <<data security>>.



Summary Lecture 1

Defined UMLsec extension.

Goal: express security requirements within an industrially used specification notation in a way which allows automated verification.

Aims:

- model-based security engineering, integrated with source-code, configuration data
- formal framework to relate different security aspects.

Coming up in Lecture 2: formal security analysis



Security Analysis

Specify system parts as processes following Dolev, Yao 1982: In addition to expected participants, model attacker who:

- may participate in some protocol runs,
- knows some data in advance,
- may intercept messages on the public network,
- injects messages that it can produce into the public network.



Security Analysis

Model classes of adversaries.

May attack different parts of the system according to threat scenarios.

Example: insider attacker may intercept communication links in LAN.

To evaluate security of specification, verify against adversary model.



Security Analysis II

Keys are symbols, crypto-algorithms are abstract operations.

- Can only decrypt with right keys.
- Can only compose with available messages.
- Cannot perform statistical attacks.



Cryptographic Expressions

Exp: quotient of term algebra generated from sets *Data*, *Keys*, *Var* of symbols using

- $_{::}$ (concatenation), $head(_)$, $tail(_)$,
 - $(_)^{-1}$ (inverse keys)
 - $\{ _ \}$ (encryption)
 - $Dec_()$ (decryption)
 - $Sign_()$ (signing)
 - $Ext_()$ (extracting from signature)
- under equations ...

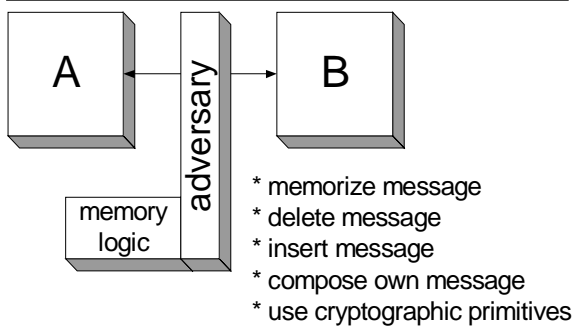
Cryptographic Expressions

- $\forall E, K. Dec_K^{-1}(\{E\}_K) = E$
- $\forall E, K. Ext_K(Sign_K^{-1}(E)) = E$
- $\forall E_1, E_2. head(E_1::E_2) = E_1$
- $\forall E_1, E_2. tail(E_1::E_2) = E_2$
- Associativity for $_{::}$

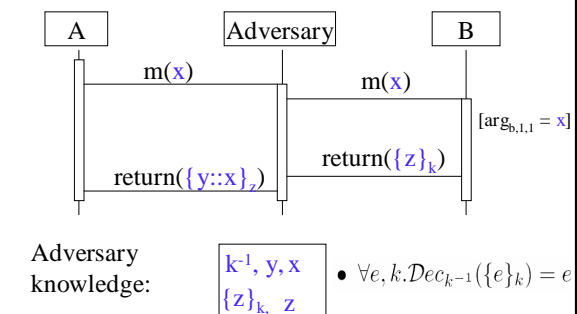
Write $E_1::E_2::E_3$ for $E_1::(E_2::E_3)$ and $fst(E_1::E_2)$ for $head(E_1::E_2)$ etc.

Can include further crypto-specific primitives and laws (XOR, ...).

Adversary Model



Adversary: Simulation



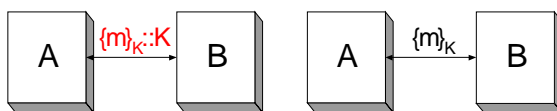
Abstract adversary

Specify set K_A^0 of initial knowledge of an adversary of type *A*. Let K_A^{n+1} be the *Exp*-subalgebra generated by K_A^n and the expressions received after $n+1$ st iteration of the protocol.

Definition (Dolev, Yao 1982).

S keeps secrecy of *M* against attackers of type *A* if there is no n with $M \in K_A^n$.

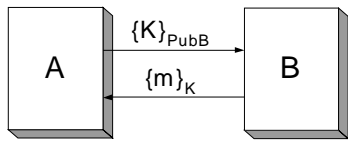
Encryption vs. Secrecy



Against eavesdropper:

- Secrecy of *m*, *K* not preserved.
- Secrecy of *m*, *K* preserved.

Hybrid Crypto vs. Secrecy



- Secrecy of m **not** preserved against an attacker who can delete and insert messages.
- Secrecy of m **preserved** against an attacker who can eavesdrop, but not alter the link.

Security analysis in first-order logic

Idea: **approximate** set of possible **data values** flowing through system **from above**.

Predicate $knows(E)$ meaning that the adversary may get to know E during the execution of the protocol.

For any secret s , check whether can derive $knows(s)$ using automated theorem prover.

First-order logic: basic rules

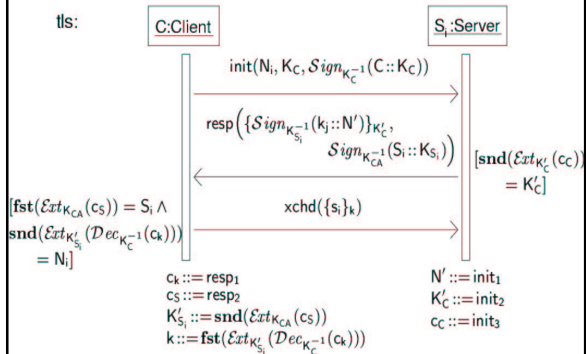
For initial adversary knowledge (K^0): Define $knows(E)$ for any E initially known to the adversary (protocol-specific, e.g. K_A, K_A^{-1}). Define above equations.

For evolving knowledge (K^i) define

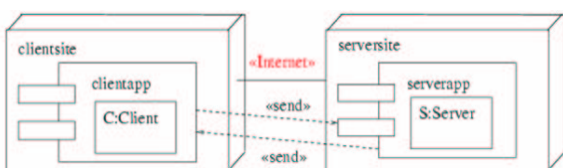
$\forall E_1, E_2. (knows(E_1) \wedge knows(E_2) \Rightarrow knows(E_1 :: E_2) \wedge knows(\{E_1\}_{E_2}) \wedge knows(Dec_{E_2}(E_1)) \wedge knows(Sign_{E_2}(E_1)))$

$\forall E. (knows(E) \Rightarrow knows(head(E)) \wedge knows(tail(E)))$

Given Sequence Diagram ...



... and Physical Layer Model ...



Deployment diagram.

Derived adversary model: **read**, **delete**, **insert** data.

... Translate to 1st Order Logic

Connection (or statechart transition)

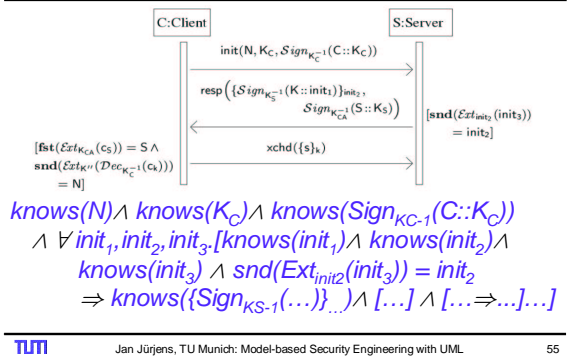
$TR1 = (in(msg_in), cond(msg_in), out(msg_out))$
 followed by $TR2$ gives predicate $PRED(TR1) = \forall msg_in. [knows(msg_in) \wedge cond(msg_in) \Rightarrow knows(msg_out) \wedge PRED(TR2)]$

(Assume: order enforced (!).)

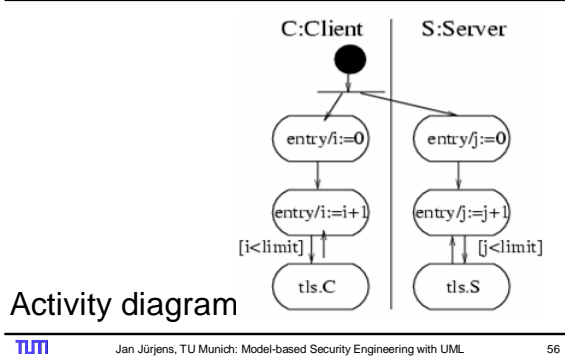
Can include senders, receivers in messages.

Abstraction: find all attacks, may have false positives.

Example: Translation to Logic

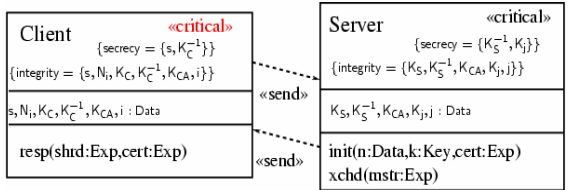


Execute in System Context



Activity diagram

Formulate Data Security Requirements



Class diagram.

Gives conjecture: $\text{knows}(s)$ derivable ?

Example: Proposed Variant of TLS (SSL)

Apostolopoulos, Peris, Saha; IEEE Infocom 1999.

Goal: send secret protected by session key using fewer server resources.



TLS Variant in TPTP notation I

```

input_formula(tls_abstract_protocol, axiom, (
  ! [ArgS_11, ArgS_12, ArgS_13, ArgC_11, ArgC_12] : (
    ! [DataC_KK, DataC_k, DataC_n] : (
      % Client -> Attacker (1. message)
      (
        knows(n)
        & knows(k_c)
        & knows(sign(conc(c, k_c), inv(k_c)))
      )
      & % Server -> Attacker (2. message)
      (
        knows(ArgS_11)
        & knows(ArgS_12)
        & knows(ArgS_13)
        & (? [X] : equal(sign(conc(X, ArgS_12), inv(ArgS_12)),
          ArgS_13))
      )
      => (
        knows(enc(sign(conc(kgen(ArgS_12), ArgS_11), inv(k_s)),
          ArgS_12))
        & knows(sign(conc(s, k_s), inv(k_ca)))
      )
    )
  )
)

```

TLS Variant in TPTP notation II

```

& % Client -> Attacker (3. message)
(
  knows(ArgC_11)
  & knows(ArgC_12)
  & equal(sign(conc(s, DataC_KK), inv(k_ca)), ArgC_12)
  & equal(enc(sign(conc(DataC_k, DataC_n), inv(DataC_KK)),
    k_c), ArgC_11)
  & (? [DataC_ks] : equal(sign(conc(s, DataC_ks), inv(k_ca)),
    ArgC_12))
  & equal(enc(sign(conc(DataC_k, n), inv(DataC_KK)), k_c),
    ArgC_11)
  & equal(enc(sign(conc(DataC_k, DataC_n), inv(DataC_KK)), k_c),
    ArgC_11)
)
=> (
  knows(symenc(secret, DataC_k))
)
)
)

```

Surprise ...

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E-SETHEO csp03 single processor running on host ...
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Technische Universitaet Muenchen

tlsvariant-freshkey-check.tptp
...
time limit information: 300 total (entering statistics module).
problem analysis ...
testing if first-order ...
first-order problem
...
statistics: 19 0 7 46 3 6 2 0 1 2 14 8 0 2 28 6
...
schedule selection: problem is horn with equality (class he).
schedule:605 3 300 597
...
entering next strategy 605 with resource 3 seconds.
...
analyzing results ...
proof found
time limit information: 298 total / 297 strategy (leaving wrapper).
...
e-SETHEO done. exiting
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... which means:

Can derive *knows(s)* (!).

That is: Protocol does **not** preserve secrecy of *s* against adversaries.

→ Completely insecure wrt stated goals.

But why ?

Could look at proof tree.

Or: use prolog-based attack generator.

Man-in-the-Middle Attack



The fix



e-Setheo: *knows(s)* not derivable. Thus secure.

Summary Lecture 2

Automated formal security analysis for security requirements included in UMLsec models as stereotypes.

Running example: TLS variant with security flaw.

Exercise: find flaw, propose correction ☺.

Coming up tomorrow: Electronic purses, biometric authentication systems (including more flaws). General results and reasoning techniques.