

Problem 1. [15 points]

Does assertion $Inv B_3$ hold for program Protocol, where

$$B_3 : (\text{exists}(A.S) \Rightarrow \psi(A.S))$$

Solution

It holds.

We have already shown that $Inv \psi(K)$ holds (in the Note). So $Inv \psi(K+1)$ also holds. [5 points]

Neither A nor B send out anything encrypted by $K+1$. [5 points]

So the only way the attacker can compute $\text{enc}(K+1, A.nA+A.nB)$ is if $A.nA+A.nB$ is some silly thing like $\text{dec}(K+1, K+1)$. But this is not the case because $A.nA$ is randomly computed and the attacker cannot influence it. [5 points]

Problem 2. [15 points].

Does assertion $Inv B_4$ hold for Protocol, where

$$B_4 : \text{forall}(i \text{ in } \text{hst.keys} : [B,S] = \text{hst}[i] \Rightarrow ([A,S] \text{ in } \text{hst}[0..i-1]))$$

Solution attempt 1

Let's try to prove it.

Suppose $[B, \text{enc}(K+1, xA+xB)]$ enters hst at time t_0 , where $B.nB$ equals xB and $B.nA$ equals xA . So at t_0 , B receives $[A, B, 2, \text{enc}(K, xB), \dots]$.

Suppose $B.nB$ was set to xB at time $t_1 (< t_0)$. At t_1 , B receives $[A, B, 1, xA]$ and responds with $[B, A, 1, xB, \text{enc}(K, xA)]$. During (t_1, t_0) , B is idle (otherwise its nB would not be xB at t_0).

At some time t_2 where $t_1 < t_2 < t_0$ holds, A sends $[A, B, 2, \text{enc}(K, xB), \dots]$. (The attacker couldn't have sent it because it does not have K (proved earlier)). So at t_2 , A receives $[B, A, 1, xB, \text{enc}(K, A.nA)]$ and adds $[A, \text{enc}(K+1, A.nA+xB)]$ to hst.

So if $A.nA$ equals xA (which is what $B.nA$ equals), then $Inv B_4$ would hold. Could the attacker arrange it so that $A.nA$ is not xA ? Think about it.

Solution

Let's try to disprove it. Below, "msg I " means the message sent in step I .

1. Initial step.

After this: $A.nA = yA$; $[A, B, 1, yA]$ in chan.

2. B receives msg 1 (i.e., msg sent in step 1).

After this: B is at 2; $B.nA = yA$; $B.nB = yB$; $[B, A, 1, yB, \text{enc}(K, yA)]$ in chan.

3. Attacker receives msg 2 and sends $[A, B, 2, zA, \dots]$ where zA is not yA .4. B receives msg 3 and goes back to 1 without updating hst (because zA does not equal $\text{enc}(K, yB)$).5. Attacker sends $[A, B, 1, zA, \dots]$.

6. B receives msg 5.

After this: B is at 2; $B.nA = zA$; $B.nB = zB$; $[B, A, 1, zB, \text{enc}(K, zA)]$ in chan.

7. Attacker receives msg 6, changes the last field to $\text{enc}(K, yA)$ (which it had read in step 3), and sends $[B, A, 1, zB, \text{enc}(K, yA)]$.

8. A receives msg 7 and updates hst (because it gets the response it expects).

After this: $\text{hst} = [[A, \text{enc}(K+1, yA+zB)]]$; $[A, B, 2, \text{enc}(K, zB), \dots]$ in chan.

9. B receives msg 8 and adds $[B, \text{enc}(K+1, zA+zB)]$ to hst.

After this: $\text{hst} = [[A, \text{enc}(K+1, yA+zB)]; [B, \text{enc}(K+1, zA+zB)]]$.

A_4 does not hold.

So $Inv A_4$ does not hold.

Can you come up with a simpler counter-example evolution?
