

Verified Models and Reference Implementations for the TLS 1.3 Standard Candidate

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 - These are potentially contradictory goals
- **Needs extensive security analysis before deployment!**
 - The IETF called for academics to formally analyze the protocol drafts.

Analyzing TLS 1.3

- Many published analyses for intermediate TLS 1.3 drafts
 - Cryptography proofs (of drafts 5,9,10)
[Dowling et al. CCS'15, Krawczyk et al. EuroS&P'16, Li et al. S&P'16]
 - Symbolic protocol analysis (of draft 10)
[Cremers et al. S&P'16]
 - Verified implementation (of draft 18 record protocol)
[Bhargavan et al. S&P'17]
 - Symbolic and computational proofs (of draft 18)
[Bhargavan et al. S&P'17; **this talk**]
- Are we done? Is it secure?
 - If we deploy TLS 1.3, will it expose new attacks?

TLS 1.2 and its proofs: a checkered history

Historically, published proofs of TLS missed many attacks

Large gaps between simplified models and the deployed protocol

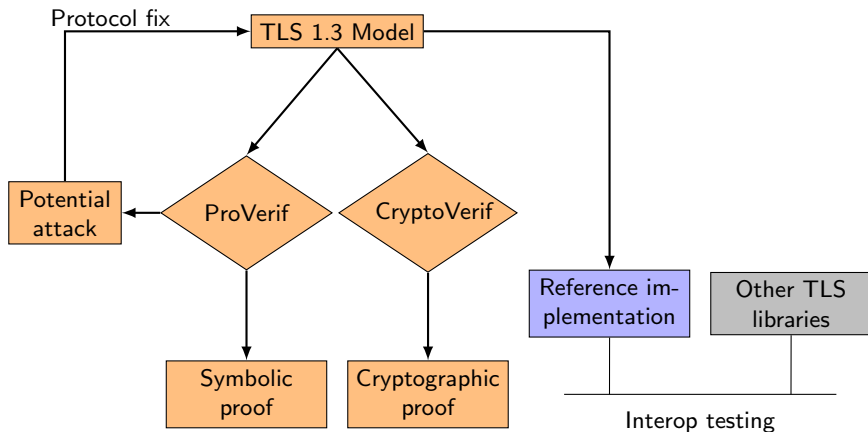
- ① Proofs ignored “ugly” implementation details
 - e.g. AES-CBC padding, RSA-PKCS#1v1.5 padding
- ② Proofs relied on strong crypto assumptions on primitives
 - e.g. collision resistant hash functions, strong Diffie-Hellman groups
- ③ Proofs ignored composition with obsolete/unpopular modes
 - e.g. SSLv2, EXPORT ciphers, renegotiation

How do we ensure that TLS 1.3 proofs do not fall into these traps?

Our approach

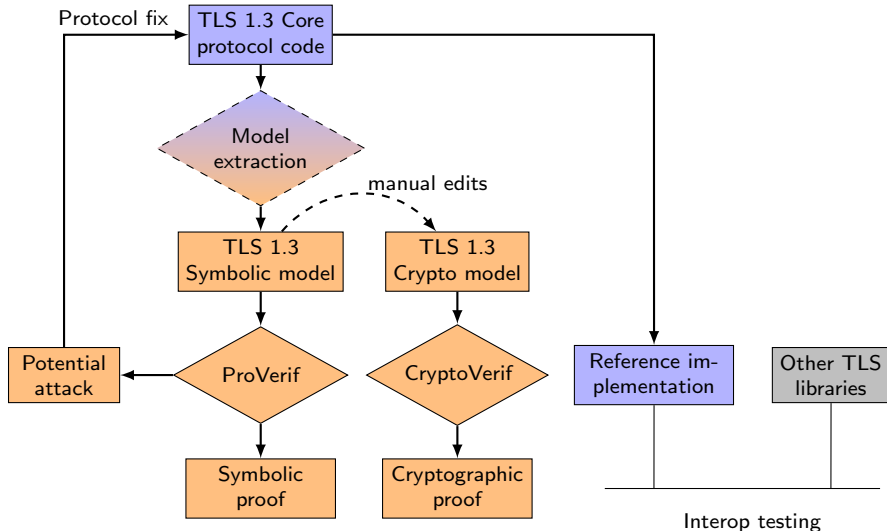
- Use automated verification tools to handle protocol complexity
 - Easy to extend as protocol evolves, or as we model new features
- Symbolically analyze protocol against known attack vectors
 - Find or prove the absence of downgrade attacks to TLS 1.2 (using **ProVerif**)
- Build a mechanically-checked cryptographic proof of TLS 1.3
 - Explore the crypto assumptions needed by TLS 1.3 (using **CryptoVerif**)
- Synchronize verified models with RFC and its implementations
 - Extract ProVerif model from an interoperable implementation (**RefTLS**)

Our vision: one model, three tasks



(Inspired by: Verified interoperable implementations of security protocols, TOPLAS 2008.)

Our current toolchain



Symbolic analysis to find downgrade (and other) attacks

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Legacy crypto remains in TLS libraries for backwards compatibility.
Is TLS 1.3 secure, if it is deployed alongside older versions of TLS?

- Can a man-in-the-middle **downgrade** TLS 1.3 peers to use legacy crypto?

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fun dh_exp(group, element, bitstring): element
reduc forall g: group, e: element, x: bitstring;
    dh_exp(WeakDH,e,x) = BadElement
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 - Similarly, we model strong and weak authenticated encryption, hash functions, MACs, RSA encryption and signatures.
- Our model is overly conservative, it may not indicate real exploits
 - Our goal is to verify TLS 1.3 against future attacks on legacy crypto

Modeling TLS 1.3 in ProVerif

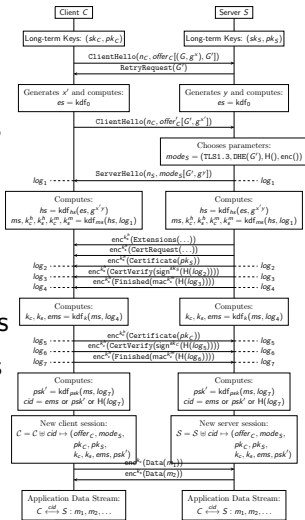
TLS 1.3 1-RTT handshake

- 12 messages in 3 flights, 16 derived keys, then data exchange

+ PSK-based 0-RTT
+ TLS 1.2

- Agile Crypto: ~400 lines
- TLS models: ~500 lines

Modeling is easy, verification takes effort



Key Derivation Functions:

HKDF-Extract(k, s) = $\text{HMAC-H}^k(s)$
 $\text{hkdf-expand-label}_1(s, l, h) = \text{HMAC-H}^s(\text{len}_{H(0)} \| \text{"TLS 1.3,"} \| \|h\|_{0x010})$

Derive-Secret(s, l, m) = $\text{hkdf-expand-label}_1(s, l, H(m))$

1-RTT Key Schedule:

$\text{kdf}_0 = \text{HKDF-Extract}(0^{\text{len}_{H(0)}}, 0^{\text{len}_{H(0)}})$
 $\text{kdf}_{hs}(es, e) = \text{HKDF-Extract}(es, e)$
 $\text{kdf}_{ms}(hs, \text{log}_1) = ms, k_c^b, k_s^b, k_c^m, k_s^m$ where $ms = \text{HKDF-Extract}(hs, 0^{\text{len}_{H(0)}})$
 $hts_c = \text{Derive-Secret}(hs, hts_c, \text{log}_1)$
 $hts_s = \text{Derive-Secret}(hs, hts_s, \text{log}_1)$
 $k_c^b = \text{hkdf-expand-label}(hts_c, \text{key}, \text{" "})$
 $k_s^b = \text{hkdf-expand-label}(hts_s, \text{key}, \text{" "})$
 $k_c^m = \text{hkdf-expand-label}(hts_c, \text{finished}, \text{" "})$
 $k_s^m = \text{hkdf-expand-label}(hts_s, \text{finished}, \text{" "})$
 $\text{kdf}_k(ms, \text{log}_4) = k_c, k_s, ems$ where
 $ats_c = \text{Derive-Secret}(ms, ats_c, \text{log}_4)$
 $ats_s = \text{Derive-Secret}(ms, ats_s, \text{log}_4)$
 $ems = \text{Derive-Secret}(ms, ems, \text{log}_4)$
 $k_c = \text{hkdf-expand-label}(ats_c, \text{key}, \text{" "})$
 $k_s = \text{hkdf-expand-label}(ats_s, \text{key}, \text{" "})$
 $\text{kdf}_{psk}(ms, \text{log}_7) = psk'$ where
 $psk' = \text{Derive-Secret}(ms, rms, \text{log}_7)$

PSK-based Key Schedule:
 $\text{kdf}_{es}(psk) = es, k^b$ where
 $es = \text{HKDF-Extract}(0^{\text{len}_{H(0)}}, psk)$
 $k^b = \text{Derive-Secret}(es, \text{pbk}, \text{" "})$
 $\text{kdf}_{0RTT}(es, \text{log}_1) = k_c$ where
 $ets_c = \text{Derive-Secret}(es, ets_c, \text{log}_1)$
 $k_c = \text{hkdf-expand-label}(ets_c, \text{key}, \text{" "})$

Writing and verifying security goals

- We state security queries for data sent between honest users
 - **Secrecy**: messages between honest peers are unknown to an adversary
 - **Authenticity**: messages between honest peers cannot be tampered
 - **Replay prevention**: messages between honest peers cannot be replayed
 - **Forward secrecy**: secrecy holds even if the peers' long-term keys are leaked after the session is complete
- Secrecy query for $\text{msg}(\text{conn}, S)$ sent from anonymous C to server S

query $\text{attacker}(\text{msg}(\text{conn}, S)) \implies \text{false}$

Refining security queries

- **QUERY:** is $\text{msg}(\text{conn}, S)$ secret?

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- **FALSE:** ProVerif finds a counterexample if S 's private key is compromised.

Refining security queries

- **QUERY:** is $\text{msg}(\text{conn}, S)$ secret
as long as S is uncompromised?

query $\text{attacker}(\text{msg}(\text{conn}, S)) \implies$
 $\text{event}(\text{WeakOrCompromisedKey}(S))$

- **FALSE:** ProVerif finds a counterexample if the AE algorithm is weak.

Refining security queries

- **QUERY:** Strongest secrecy query that can be proved in our model

query attacker(msg(*conn*, *S*)) \implies
event(WeakOrCompromisedKey(*S*)) \vee
event(ServerChoosesAE(*conn*, *S*, *WeakAE*)) \vee
event(ServerChoosesKEX(*conn*, *S*, *WeakDH*)) \vee
event(ServerChoosesKEX(*conn'*, *S*, *WeakRSADecryption*)) \vee
event(ServerChoosesHash(*conn'*, *S*, *WeakHash*))

- **TRUE:** ProVerif finds no counterexample

Conclusion: Downgrade security for TLS 1.2 + TLS 1.3

- Messages on a TLS 1.3 connection between honest peers are secret:
 - ① if the connection does not use a weak AE algorithm,
 - ② the connection does not use a weak DH group,
 - ③ the server **never** uses a weak hash algorithm for signing, and
 - ④ the server **never** participates in a TLS 1.2 RSA key exchange.
- Analysis confirms preconditions for downgrade resilience in TLS 1.3
 - identifies weak algorithms in TLS 1.2 that can harm TLS 1.3 security

Mechanized computational proof

- **Mechanized** verification of **TLS 1.3 Draft-18** in the **computational** model.
 - + Handshake with PSK and/or DHE.
 - + Handshake with and without client authentication.
 - + 0-RTT and 0.5-RTT data, key updates.
 - - No post-handshake authentication.
 - - No version or ciphersuite negotiation: only strong algorithms.
 - - For PSK-DHE, we do not prove forward secrecy wrt. the compromise of PSK.
- We prove security properties of the initial handshake, the handshake with pre-shared key, and the record protocol using CryptoVerif.
- We compose these pieces manually.

CryptoVerif, <http://cryptoverif.inria.fr/>

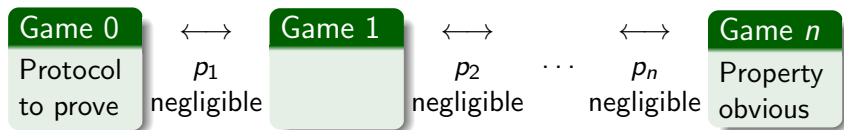
CryptoVerif is a **semi-automatic prover** that:

- works in the **computational model**.
- generates **proofs by sequences of games**.
- proves **secrecy** and **correspondence** properties.
- provides a **generic** method for specifying properties of **cryptographic primitives** which handles MACs (message authentication codes), symmetric encryption, public-key encryption, signatures, hash functions, Diffie-Hellman key agreements, ...
- works for **N sessions** (polynomial in the security parameter), with an **active adversary**.
- gives a bound on the **probability** of an attack (exact security).

Proofs by sequences of games

CryptoVerif produces **proofs by sequences of games**, like those of cryptographers [Shoup, Bellare&Rogaway]:

- The first game is the **real protocol**.
- One goes from one game to the next by syntactic transformations or by applying the definition of security of a cryptographic primitive. The difference of probability between consecutive games is negligible.
- The last game is **"ideal"**: the security property is obvious from the form of the game.
(The advantage of the adversary is 0 for this game.)



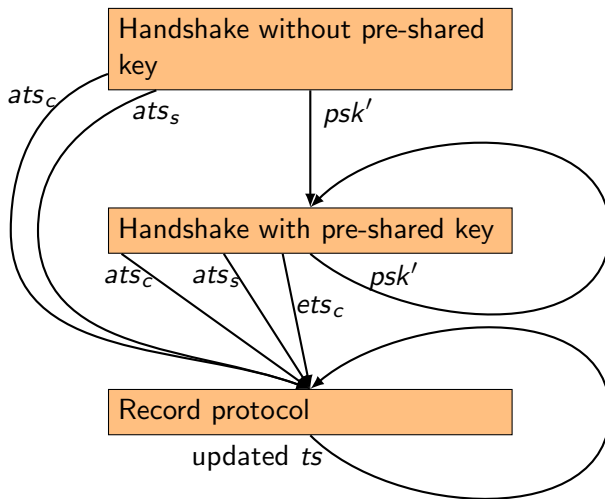
Input and output of the tool

- 1 Prepare the input file containing
 - the specification of the **protocol** to study (initial game),
 - the **security assumptions** on the cryptographic primitives,
 - the **security properties** to prove.
- 2 Run CryptoVerif
 - Automatic proof strategy or manual guidance.
- 3 CryptoVerif outputs
 - the **sequence of games** that leads to the proof,
 - a **succinct explanation** of the transformations performed between games,
 - an upper bound of the **probability** of success of an attack.

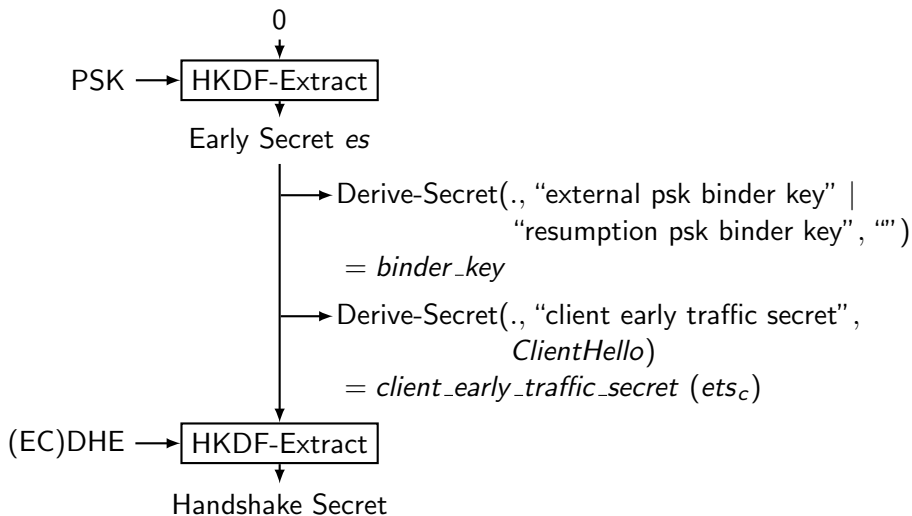
Structure of the proof

- ① Computational assumptions
- ② Lemmas on primitives
- ③ Protocol pieces
 - Handshake without pre-shared key
 - Handshake with pre-shared key (PSK and PSK-DHE)
 - Record protocol
- ④ Compose the pieces together

Structure of the proof: final composition



Key schedule (Draft-18, excerpt)



Assumptions (1)

- **Diffie-Hellman:**

- gap Diffie-Hellman (GDH)
 - needed in particular for 0.5-RTT
- Diffie-Hellman group of prime order
- Diffie-Hellman group elements different from $0^{len_H()}$
 - avoids confusion between handshakes with and without Diffie-Hellman exchange.
- Diffie-Hellman group elements different from $len_H() || \text{"TLS 1.3,"} || I || h || 0x01$.
 - avoids collision between $\text{HKDF-Extract}(es, e)$ and $\text{Derive-Secret}(es, pbk, \text{""})$ or $\text{Derive-Secret}(es, ets_c, log_1)$.
 - independently discovered and discussed on the TLS mailing list.
 - change in Draft-19 makes this assumption unnecessary: add a Derive-Secret stage before HKDF-Extract.

Assumptions (2)

- **Signatures:** sign is UF-CMA.
- **Hash functions:** H is collision-resistant.
- **HMAC:**
 - $x \mapsto \text{HMAC-H}^{0^{\text{len}_H()}}(x)$ and $x \mapsto \text{HMAC-H}^{\text{kdf}_0}(x)$ are independent random oracles.
 - HMAC-H is a PRF, for keys different from $0^{\text{len}_H()}$ and kdf_0 .
- **Authenticated Encryption:** IND-CPA and INT-CTXT provided the same nonce is never used twice with the same key.

Lemmas on primitives: MAC and signatures

- $\text{mac}_H^k(m) = \text{mac}^k(H(m))$ is an SUF-CMA MAC.
- $\text{sign}_H^{sk}(m) = \text{sign}^{sk}(H(m))$ is an UF-CMA signature.

Lemmas on primitives: key schedule

Lemma

When es is a fresh random value,

- $e \mapsto \text{HKDF-Extract}(es, e)$ *and*
- $log_1 \mapsto \text{Derive-Secret}(es, ets_c, log_1)$
are indistinguishable from independent random functions, and
- $k^b = \text{Derive-Secret}(es, pbk, "")$ *and*
- $\text{HKDF-Extract}(es, 0^{len_H()})$
are indistinguishable from independent fresh random values independent from these random functions.

- Proved using CryptoVerif.
- Similar lemmas for other parts of the key schedule.
- Used as assumption in the proof of the protocol.

Handshake without pre-shared key: model

- Model a honest client and a honest server.
- May interact with dishonest clients and servers included in the adversary.
- Ignore negotiation (`RetryRequest`).
- Give the handshake keys to adversary:
 - The adversary can encrypt and decrypt messages.
 - The security proof does not rely on that.
- Server always authenticated.
- With and without client authentication.
- The honest client and server may be dynamically compromised.

Handshake without pre-shared key: honest sessions

- The **client** is in a **honest session** if
 - the server public key is the one of the honest server, and
 - the honest server is not compromised, or it is compromised and the messages received by the client have been sent by the honest server.
- The **server** is in a **honest session** if
 - client authenticated:
 - the client public key is the one of honest client, and
 - the honest client is not compromised, or it is compromised and the messages received by the server have been sent by the honest client.
 - client not authenticated: the Diffie-Hellman share received by the server has been sent by the honest client.

Handshake without pre-shared key: security (1)

- **Key authentication:**
 - If the honest client terminates a honest session, then the honest server has accepted a session with that client, and they agree on:
 - keys ats_c , ats_s , and ems ,
 - all messages until the server `Finished` message.
 - If the honest server terminates a honest session, then the honest client has accepted a session with that server, and they agree on the keys and on all messages.
- **Replay prevention:** the previous properties are injective.
- **Key secrecy:** the keys
 - ats_c , ems , psk' client side, when the client terminates a honest session;
 - ats_s server side, when the server sends its `Finished` message and the received Diffie-Hellman share comes from the client (for 0.5-RTT)are indistinguishable from independent fresh random values.

Handshake without pre-shared key: security (2)

- **Same key:**
 - If the honest client terminates a honest session and the honest server has accepted a session with the same messages, then they have the same key.
 - If the honest server terminates a honest session and the honest client has accepted a session with the same messages, then they have the same key.
- **Unique channel identifier:**
 - psk' or $H(\log_7)$:
If a client session and a server session have the same psk' or $H(\log_7)$, then all their parameters are equal (collision-resistance).
 - ems :
If a client session and a server session have the same ems , then they have the same \log_4 (collision-resistance), so all their parameters are equal (CryptoVerif).

Handshake without pre-shared key: guidance

- Signature under sk_S .
- Introduce tests to distinguish cases, depending on
 - whether the Diffie-Hellman share received by the server is a share $g^{x'}$ from the client,
 - and whether the Diffie-Hellman share received by the client is the share g^y generated by the server upon receipt of $g^{x'}$.
- Random oracle assumption on $x \mapsto \text{HMAC-H}^{\text{Kdf}_0}(x)$.
- Replace variables that contain $g^{x'y}$ with their values to make equality tests $m = g^{x'y}$ appear.
- Gap Diffie-Hellman assumption.
- \Rightarrow the handshake secret hs is a fresh random value.
- Lemmas on key schedule \Rightarrow other keys are fresh random values.
- MAC.
- Signature under sk_C .

Handshake with pre-shared key: model

- Includes handshakes with and without Diffie-Hellman exchange.
- Includes 0-RTT.
- Ignore the ticket $\text{enc}^{k_t}(psk)$; consider a honest client and a honest server that share the PSK.
- Give the handshake keys to adversary (as before).
- Certificates optional, since the client and server are already authenticated by the PSK.

Handshake with pre-shared key: security (1)

Same properties as for the initial handshake, but

- **No compromise of PSK.**
 - Limitation of CryptoVerif: cannot prove forward secrecy wrt. to the compromise of PSK for PSK-DHE.
- Weaker properties for 0-RTT:
 - **Key authentication:** No authentication for ets_c :
 - several binders, and only one of them is checked;
 - the adversary can alter the others, yielding a different ets_c server-side.
 - **Replay prevention:** No replay protection for ets_c .
 - **Secrecy of keys:** The keys ets_c server-side are not independent of each other, due to the replay.

Handshake with pre-shared key: security (2)

For 0-RTT, we show:

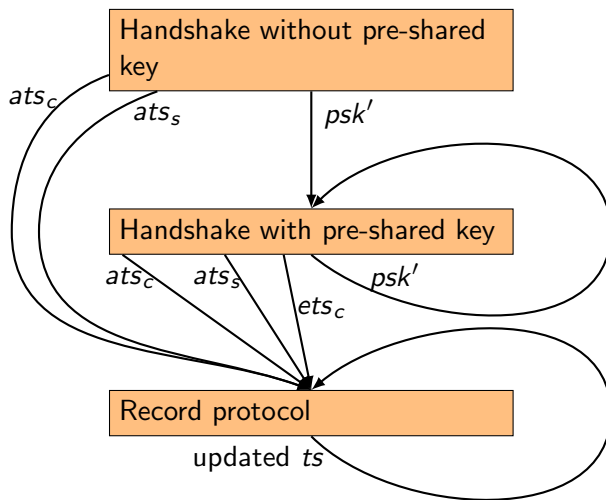
- **Client-side:** The keys ets_c are indistinguishable from independent random values.
- **Server-side:**
 - If the received ClientHello message has been sent by the client, then this session matches a session of the client with same key ets_c .
 - Otherwise,
 - If the ClientHello message has been received before, then the key ets_c computed by the server is the same as in the previous session with the same ClientHello message.
 - Otherwise, the key ets_c computed by the server is indistinguishable from a fresh random value, independent from other keys.

Record protocol

The client and the server share a fresh random traffic secret.

- **Key secrecy:** The updated traffic secret is indistinguishable from a fresh random value.
- **Message secrecy:** When the adversary provides two sets of plaintexts m_i and m'_i of the same padded length, it is unable to determine which set is encrypted, even when the updated traffic secret is leaked.
- **Message Authentication:** If a message m is decrypted by the receiver with a counter c , then the message m has been encrypted and sent by an honest sender with the same counter c .
- **Replay Prevention:** The authentication property above is injective.

Composition



Composition: main theorem (informal)

- System S : key exchange; A and B obtain a key such that:
 - **Key secrecy**: The keys obtained by A are indistinguishable from independent random values.
 - **One-way injective authentication**: For each session of B that obtains a key k after sending/receiving \widetilde{msg} , there is a distinct session of A that obtains the key k after sending/receiving \widetilde{msg} .
 - **Same key**: If B obtains a key k after sending/receiving \widetilde{msg} and A obtains a key k' after sending/receiving \widetilde{msg} , then $k = k'$.
- System S' assumes a fresh random key shared by A' and B' .
- The composed system $S_{composed}$ runs the key exchange followed by A' with the key obtained by A and B' with the key obtained by B .
- The security properties of S and S' carry over to $S_{composed}$.

Composition (in progress)

- The previous theorem allows to perform most compositions.
- More tricky composition theorems for **0-RTT**, because the properties are weaker.
- A simpler composition theorem for **key update**.

Mechanized computational proof: conclusion

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- **CryptoVerif** proves properties of the handshake with (resp. without) pre-shared-key and of the record protocol.
- We infer properties of the whole system by **manual composition**.
- **Modular** approach essential to be able to handle such a complex protocol.
- TLS 1.3 Draft-18 is **well-designed** to allow such a proof.

RefRLS: a reference implementation

- Supports TLS 1.0-1.3 and interoperates with other libraries
 - Supports Draft 20 1-RTT with (EC)DHE and/or PSK (No 0-RTT)
 - Supports common TLS 1.2 modes (RSA, DHE with AES-CBC, AES-GCM)
- Distributed as a JavaScript library for ease of deployment
 - Can be used within Node.js and Electron apps
 - Meant for early adopters and interop testing, not for production code!
- We extract core protocol functions from the implementation
 - Ensures that we did not miss some RFC/implementation details
 - Other parts of the implementation are not verified (unlike miTLS)

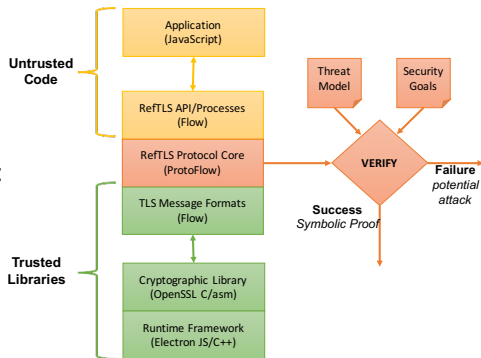
RefTLS architecture

Mostly written in Flow

- Statically-typed JavaScript
- Identify, isolate protocol core
- Protocol state machine
- Includes all crypto processing: encryption, signing, DHE, ...

Core written in ProScript

- Typed JavaScript subset that can be compiled to ProVerif [Kobeissi et al. EuroS&P'17]



Results and limitations

- We present a comprehensive analysis of TLS 1.3 draft 18
 - Symbolic analysis, cryptographic proofs, a reference implementation
- Many limitations, missing features, unverified components
 - Symbolic model ignores resumption, post-handshake authentication
 - Crypto proof ignores negotiation, legacy versions, post-handshake authentication
 - Unverified protocol code: message parsing, crypto library, Node

<http://github.com/inria-prosecco/reftls>