

SAC Summer School 2016

Implementation and analysis of cryptographic protocols

Part 4: Provable security of TLS

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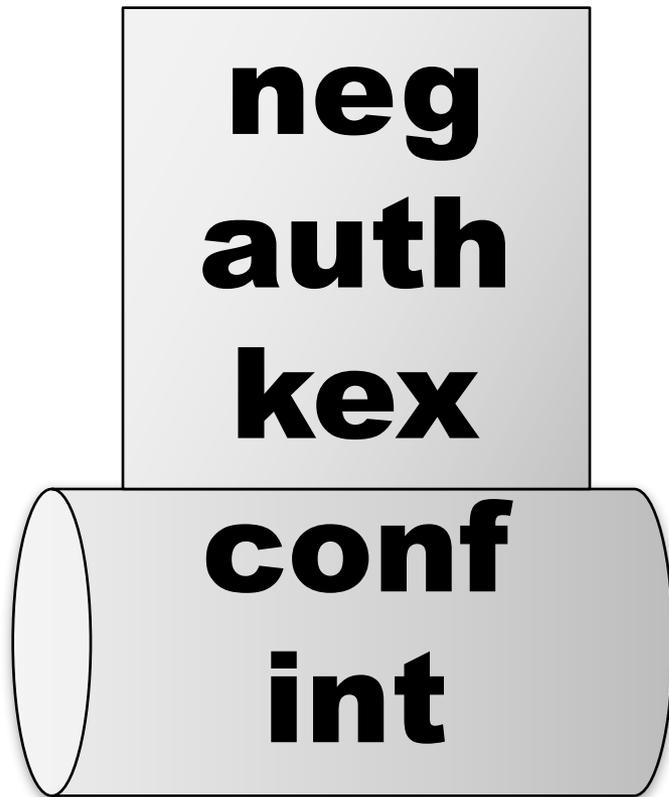
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Provable security

- Define a cryptographic scheme as a set of algorithms.
- Define security as an interactive game between a challenger and an adversary.
- Specify your scheme.
- Prove a theorem that any adversary that can win the security game can be used to solve some hard problem (“reduction”).

Same type of reduction as
e.g. proving NP-
completeness of travelling
salesman problem

Security goals of TLS



From an application perspective, TLS provides:

- (negotiation of parameters)
- entity authentication
- (key exchange)
- confidentiality and integrity of messages

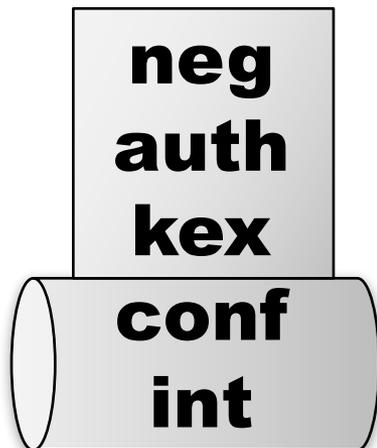
Is TLS secure?

Idea

Prove the TLS handshake is a secure authenticated key exchange protocol

- BR or CK or eCK model:
adversary can't distinguish real session key from random session key

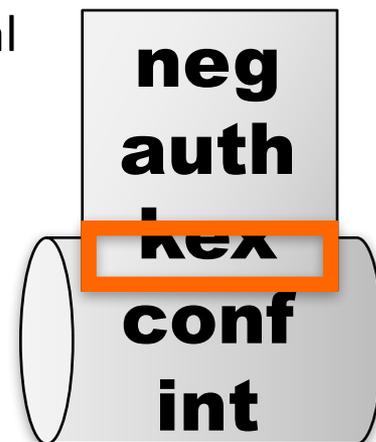
Prove the TLS record layer is a secure authenticated encryption scheme



Problem

TLS handshake sends messages encrypted under the session key

- => overlap between handshake and record layer
- Adversary can distinguish real session key from random



Is TLS secure?

1996  SSL v3.0 standardized

2001  **Some variant** of one ciphersuite of the TLS record layer is a secure encryption scheme [Kra01]

2002  **Truncated** TLS handshake using RSA key transport is a secure authenticated key exchange protocol [JK02]

2008  **Truncated** TLS handshake using RSA key transport or signed Diffie–Hellman is a secure AKE [MSW08]

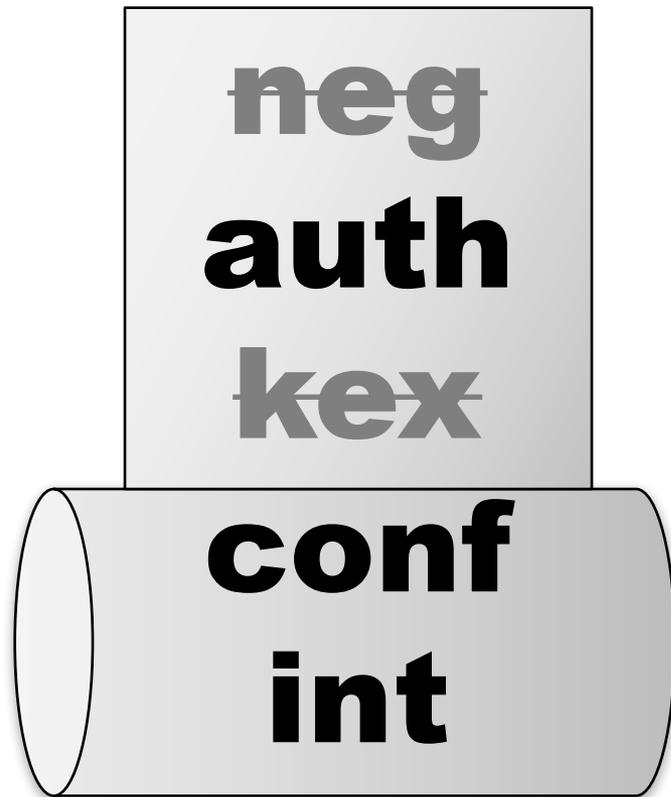
“some variant” ... “truncated TLS” ...
limited ciphersuites

Is TLS secure?

-  1996 SSL v3.0 standardized
-  2011 Some modes of TLS record layer are secure authenticated encryption schemes [PRS11]
-  2012 **Unaltered full** signed Diffie–Hellman ciphersuite is a secure channel [JKSS12]
-  2013 Most **unaltered full** TLS ciphersuites are a secure channel [KSS13, KPW13, BFKPS13]

“unaltered” .. “full” .. “most ciphersuites”

Security goals of TLS



Authenticated and Confidential Channel Establishment (ACCE)

security definition

[JKSS12] captures:

- entity authentication
- confidentiality and integrity of messages

More results on TLS 1.2

ACCE family

- Renegotiation countermeasure
- Negotiation / downgrade resilience

Formal verification of implementation

- miTLS

Constructive cryptography

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Part 5: TLS 1.3

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TLSv1.3: The Next Generation

- Currently under development at the IETF
- Primary goals:
 - remove ciphersuites without forward secrecy
 - remove obsolete / deprecated algorithms
 - provide low-latency mode with fewer round trips
 - encrypt more of the handshake to improve privacy

Zero round trip mode (0-RTT)

- Goal:
 - allow client to send application data on first C-S handshake flow
 - allow server to respond with application data on first S-C handshake flow
- Compared with 3 round trips for TLS 1.2 full handshake and 2 round trips for TLS 1.2 session resumption

Academic involvement in TLS 1.3

- TLS working group actively encouraged academic analyses of TLS 1.3
- TLS 1.3 Ready Or Not (TRON) Workshop
 - January 2016
 - May 2016

Academic results on TLS 1.3

- OPTLS protocol
 - Candidate design for 0-RTT mode
- Provable security of TLS 1.3 handshake candidates
 - draft-05 and draft-10, ECDHE and PSK
- Automated verification of TLS 1.3 modes using Tamarin prover
 - Identified some flaws that have been fixed
- Verified TLS 1.3 implementations
- TLS 1.3 and QUIC weaknesses against PKCS #1 v1.5 encryption
- Provable security analysis of post-handshake authentication

TLS 1.3 timeline

- Working group last call later in 2016?
- ~2? months for additional academic analysis
- Standardization in 2017?
- First implementations in 2017 or 2018
- First attacks...?
 - 0-RTT could be risky:
 - No forward secrecy
 - No solid replay protection
 - How do applications decide which requests are okay without replay protection?