

Cyber-Security — Tutorial N°3

Exercise 1:

[Challal 2016] We want to design a secure data exchange protocol. The protocol must guarantee the following security services:

- Confidentiality
- Integrity
- Non-repudiation

We assume that confidentiality is ensured by symmetric encryption and initially, the two communicating parties do not share any secret key. Write a specification of this protocol using the following notations:

- $A \implies B : M$ (A sends M to B)
- $\{M\}_K$: M encrypted/decrypted with K
- SK_X : private key of X
- PK_X : public key of X
- K_{AB} : secret key shared between A et B
- $H(m)$: Hash code of message m
- $.$: Concatenation between two parts of a message

Exercise 2 :

[Challal 2016] We consider the following cryptographic protocol:

M1 : $B \implies A : B.PK_b$

M2 : $A \implies B : \{m\} PK_b$

This protocol is vulnerable to Man in the Middle attack. An intruder “I” can attack this protocol as follows:

□ I intercepts M1

I blocks M1

I replaces M1 by : $M1 : I \implies B : A.PK_i$

I intercepts M2

I blocks M2

I replaces M2 by : $M2 : I \implies A : \{m\}PKa$

□ I intercepts M1

I blocks M1

I replaces M1 by : $M1 : I \implies A : B.SKb$

I intercepts M2

I blocks M2

I replaces M2 by : $M2 : I \implies B : \{m\}PKb$

□ I intercepts M1

I blocks M1

I replaces M1 by : $M1 : I \implies A : B.PKi$

I intercepts M2

I blocks M2

I replaces M2 by : $M2 : I \implies B : \{m\}PKb$

Exercise 3:

Let X and Y be two entities wishing to exchange encrypted messages using a symmetric cryptosystem. X and Y must both agree on the same symmetric key K_{XY} that is n bits long.

➤ X chooses a random number C and a partial key K_X then sends $K_X \oplus C$ to Y.

$X \rightarrow Y : K_X \oplus C$

➤ Y chooses K_Y and responds by $K_X \oplus C \oplus K_Y$.

$Y \rightarrow X : K_X \oplus C \oplus K_Y$

➤ Finally, X responds by $C \oplus K_Y$.

$X \rightarrow Y : C \oplus K_Y$

C , K_X and K_Y are all n bits long.

The secret key shared between X and Y: $K_{XY} = K_X \oplus K_Y$

1- Show how X and Y can both find the key K_{XY} .

2- Is this protocol secure (i.e. an attacker who can spy on all the messages exchanged can find the Key K_{XY}) ?.

3- Is this protocol vulnerable to Man in the middle attack? Explain.