

# Formal Methods and Security

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Designing **secure** cryptographic protocols is **difficult**

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## Second Example

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- ▶ Small programs
- ▶ Distributed

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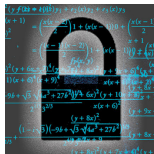


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## Necessity of Tools to Analyze Cryptographic Protocols

- ▶ Protocols are small recipes.
- ▶ Non trivial to design and understand.
- ▶ The number and size of new protocols.
- ▶ Out-pacing human ability to rigourously analyze them.

**GOAL** : A tool is finding flaws or establishing their correctness.

- ▶ completely automated,
- ▶ robust,
- ▶ expressive,
- ▶ and easily usable.

**Existing Tools**: AVISPA, Scyther, Proverif, Hermes, Casper/FDR, Murphi, NRL ...

# Questions?

## How can we find such attacks automatically?

- ▶ Models for Protocols
- ▶ Models for Properties
- ▶ Theories and Dedicated Techniques
- ▶ Tools
  - ▶ Automatic
  - ▶ Semi-automatic

## Why is it difficult to verify such protocols?

- ▶ Messages: Size not bounded
- ▶ Nonces: Arbitrary number
- ▶ Intruder: Unlimited capabilities
- ▶ Instances: Unbounded numbers of principals
- ▶ Interleaving: Unlimited applications of the protocol.

# Complexity

Complexity depends of intruder capabilities.

- ▶ Passive Intruder

Problem is **polynomial**

- ▶ Bounded Number of sessions

Problem is **NP-complete**

Tools can verify 3-4 sessions: useful to **finds flaws** ! OFMC, CI-Atse, SATMC, FDR, Athena...

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Problem is in general **undecidable**

Tools are **corrects, but uncomplete** (can find false attacks, can not terminate) Proverif, TA4SP, Scyther, Tamarin.

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## Related Work

- ▶ **CryptoVerif [BP06]:**
  - ▶ tool that generates proofs by sequences of games
  - ▶ has automatic and manual modes
- ▶ **CIL [BDKL10]:** Computational Indistinguishability Logic for proving cryptographic primitives.
- ▶ **CertiCrypt [BGZB09] /EasyCrypt [BGHB11]:**
  - ▶ Framework for machine-checked cryptographic proofs in Coq
  - ▶ Improved by EasyCrypt: generates CertiCrypt proofs from proof sketches



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**Examples of rules:**

$$(X2): \{Indis(w; V_1, y, z; V_2)\} x := y \oplus z \{Indis(w; V_1, x, y, z; V_2)\}$$

$$(H6): \{WS(y; V_1; V_2, y) \wedge H(H, y)\} x := H(y) \{WS(y; V_1, x; V_2, y)\}$$

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## Four Phases:

1. Registration
2. Examination
3. Marking
4. Notification



# Model

- ▶ **Processes** in the applied  $\pi$ -calculus
- ▶ Annotated using **events**
- ▶ **Authentication** properties as **correspondence** between events
- ▶ **Privacy** properties as **observational equivalence** between instances
- ▶ **Automatic** verification using ProVerif

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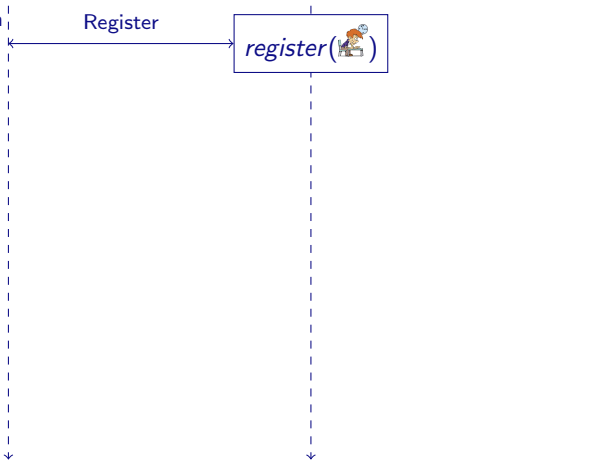
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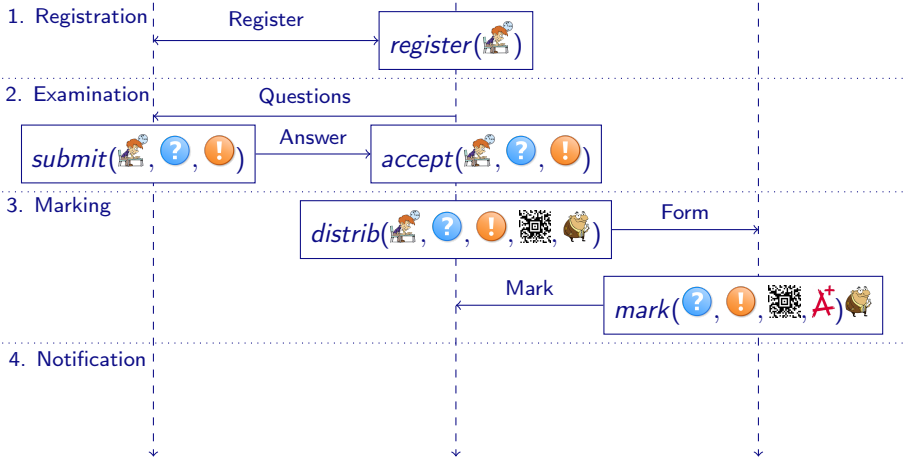
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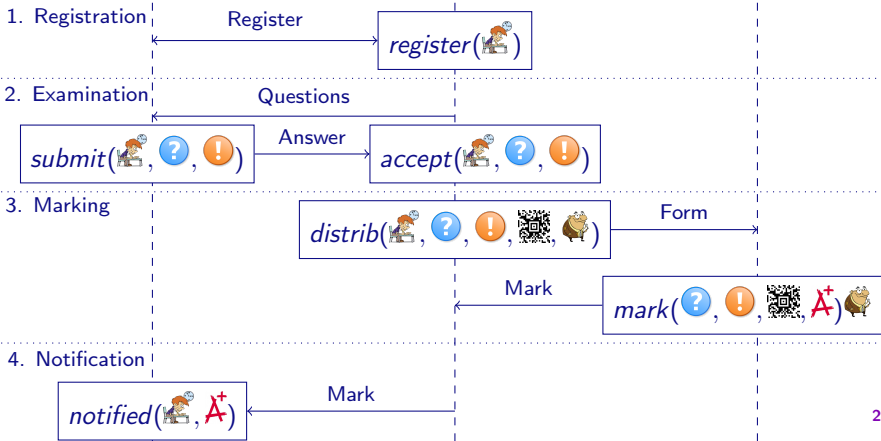
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All collected answers originate from registered candidates, and only one answer per candidate is accepted.

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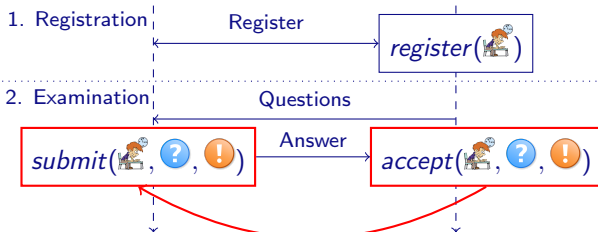
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# Form Authorship

Answers are collected as submitted, i.e. without modification.

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# Form Authenticity

Answers are marked as collected.

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# Mark Authenticity

The candidate is notified with the mark associated to his answer.

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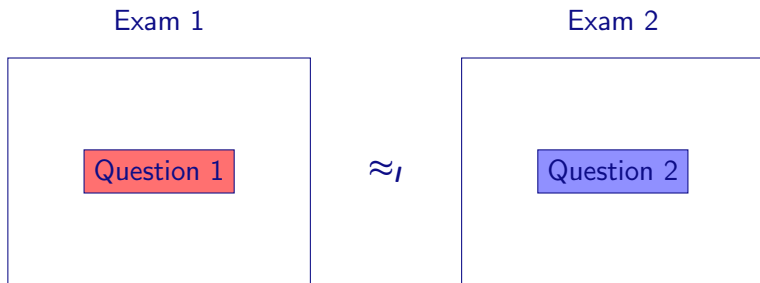


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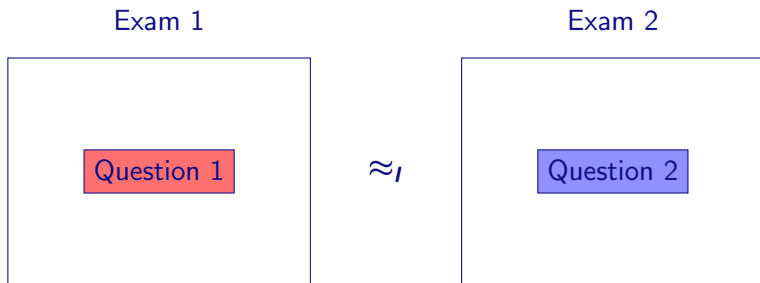


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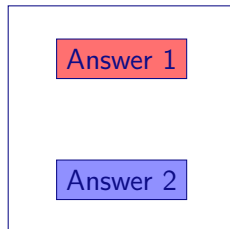
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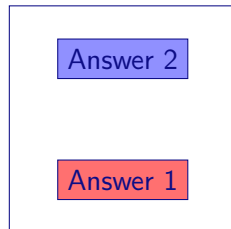


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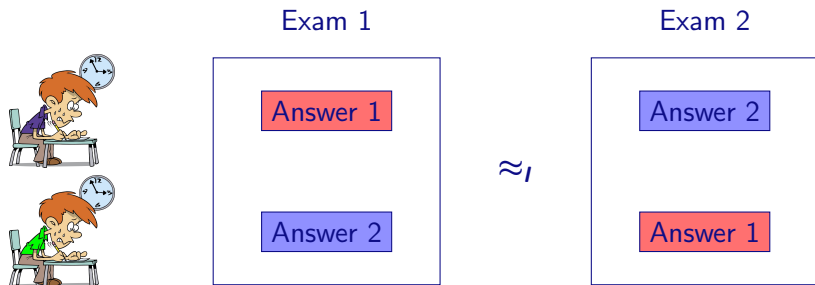


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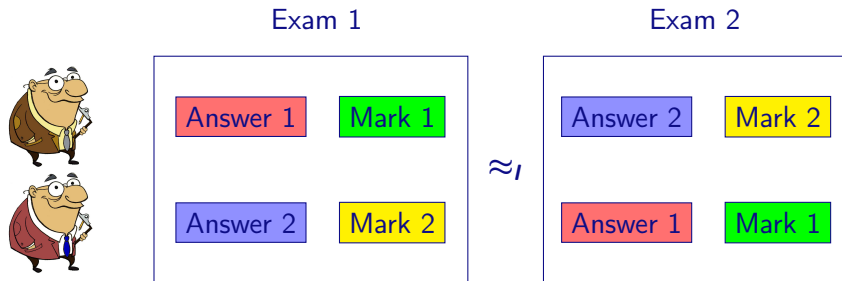


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# Anonymous Examiner

A candidate cannot know which examiner graded his copy.

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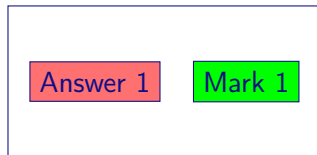
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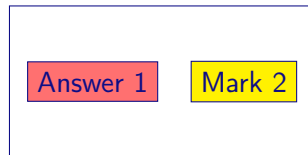


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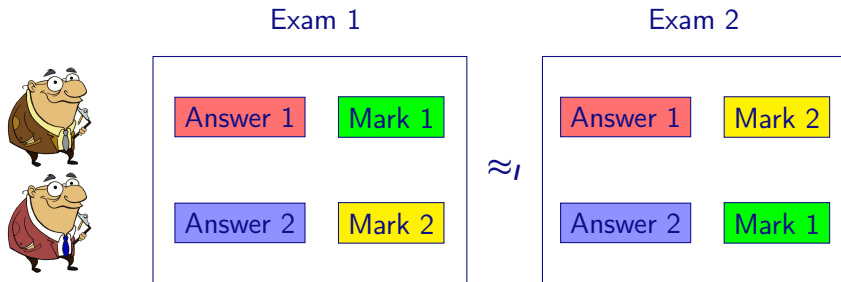


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Marks can be published, but may not be linked to candidates.

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## Application: Huszti & Pethő's Protocol

### “A Secure Electronic Exam System” using

- ▶ ElGamal Encryption
- ▶ a Reusable Anonymous Return Channel (RARC) for **anonymous communication**
- ▶ a network of servers providing a timed-release service using Shamir's Secret Sharing:  
A subset of servers can combine their shares to **de-anonymize a candidate** after the exam

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# Main reason

Given its security definition, the **RARC**

- ▶ provides anonymity, but not necessarily secrecy
- ▶ does not necessarily provide integrity or authentication
- ▶ is only secure against **passive attackers**

Corrupted parties or active attackers can **break secrecy and anonymity**, as the following attack shows.

## Application: Remark! Protocol

A recent protocol using

- ▶ ElGamal encryption
- ▶ an **exponentiation mixnet** to create **pseudonyms** based on the parties' public keys  
⇒ allows to encrypt and sign anonymously
- ▶ a public append-only **bulletin board**

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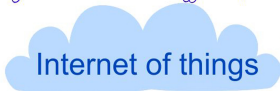
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# More Properties

- ▶ Privacy
- ▶ Traceability
- ▶ Accountability
- ▶ Fairness

# Near Future



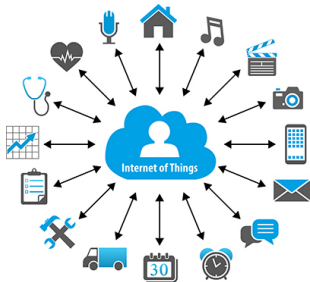
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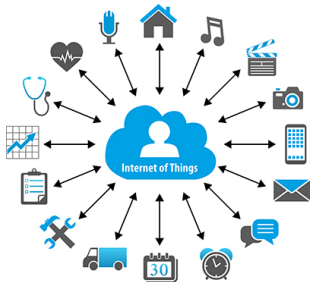
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- ▶ Hyperconnectivity
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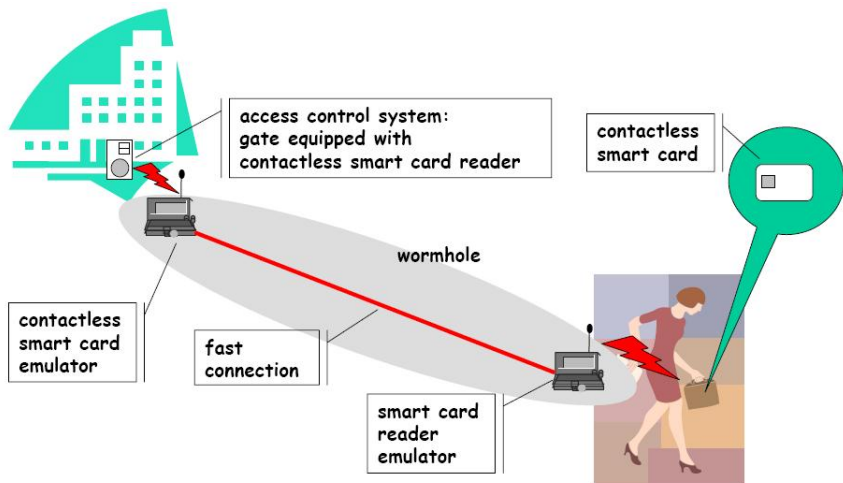


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# Wormhole Attack



## Several Possible Attackers to Consider

- ▶ Insider vs Outsider
- ▶ Active vs Passive
- ▶ Local vs Extended
- ▶ Single vs Multiple
- ▶ Laptop vs Server



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- ▶ Designing secure protocols is difficult
- ▶ Formal methods are useful for designing secure protocols



*Protocol + Properties + Intruder  $\Rightarrow$  Security*

Thanks for your attention



Questions ?