

**Initiator/Responder  
anonymity  
DoS resistance  
Perfect forward secrecy  
... and other desirable  
protocol properties**

# Station-to-station protocol

$$A \longrightarrow B : g^a$$

$$B \longrightarrow A : g^b, \text{Cert}_B, \{ \{ \{ g^b, g^a \} \}_{K_B} \}_{g^{ab}}$$

$$A \longrightarrow B : \text{Cert}_A, \{ \{ \{ g^a, g^b \} \}_{K_A} \}_{g^{ab}}$$

Problem:  $A$  learns that  $B$  intended to talk to her only after starting to use  $g^{ab}$ .

# ISO 9798-3 protocol

$$A \longrightarrow B : g^a, A, N_A$$

$$B \longrightarrow A : \{g^a, g^b, N_A, N_B, A\}_{K_B}$$

$$A \longrightarrow B : \{g^a, g^b, N_A, N_B, B\}_{K_A}$$

- (recall that the signature does not hide the message)
- Adds identities under signature
  - ◆ If  $A$  has accepted the 2nd message then she knows that  $B$  intended to talk to her.
  - ◆ If  $B$  has accepted the 3rd message then he knows that  $A$  intended to talk to him.
- The symmetric key is  $H(g^{ab}, A, B, N_A, N_B)$ .

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- **Perfect forward secrecy** — if  $a$ ,  $b$ ,  $g^{ab}$  are deleted after use, then the leakage of a signing key does not reveal old symmetric keys.
- **Vulnerable to DoS** — After  $B$  receives the first message, he has to
  - ◆ store  $g^a$ ,  $A$ ,  $N_A$ ;
  - ◆ compute a signature (expensive);
  - ◆ (perform a modular exponentiation — compute  $g^b$ ).
    - can be computed ahead-of-time
    - not changed so often
- **Not anonymous** to a passive eavesdropper.
  - ◆ Even if it has no knowledge of network topology.

# Measures against DoS

- To avoid keeping state  $S$ 
  - ◆ Have a long-term symmetric key  $K$  known only to yourself.
  - ◆ Send  $\{S\}_K$  to the other party.
  - ◆ The next message from that party must again contain  $\{S\}_K$ .
  - ◆ If  $S$  is known to the other party, then encryption can be replaced by a MAC.
- To avoid DoS against computational resources:
  - ◆ Perform expensive computations only after the other party must have performed an expensive computation.
  - ◆ (the protocol must be designed in such a way)

# Just Fast Keying with initiator privacy

$A \longrightarrow B : g^a, H(N_A)$

$B \longrightarrow A : H(N_A), N_B, \{g^b\}_{K_B}, \text{MAC}_{hk_B}(g^b, H(N_A), N_B, IP_A)$

$A \longrightarrow B : N_A, N_B, \bullet, g^a, g^b, \{K_A, \{g^a, g^b, H(N_A), N_B, K_B\}_{K_A}\}_{k_{\text{auth}}}$

$B \longrightarrow A : \{\{g^a, g^b, H(N_A), N_B, K_A\}_{K_B}\}_{k_{\text{auth}}}$

$$k_{\text{auth}} = H(g^{ab}, H(N_A), N_B, \text{"auth"})$$

$$k = H(g^{ab}, H(N_A), N_B, \text{"key"})$$

- $\bullet$  is called a *cookie*.
- Assume that  $X$  cannot be legitimately found from  $\text{MAC}_K(X)$ .

# Design considerations (1)

- Frequency of updating  $g^b$  and  $\{\{g^b\}\}_{K_B}$  (and  $g^a$ )
  - ◆ A new  $g^b$  is computed after a certain time interval, not for each protocol round.
  - ◆ Hence  $B$  has to keep no state after 2nd message
  - ◆ Hence  $B$  can respond to the 3rd message multiple times
    - $B$  caches recent pairs of 3rd and 4th messages
    - The cookie is the key for lookup
- Because of cookie, 1st and 3rd messages must come from the same IP-address.
  - ◆ If IP was not in the cookie, certain DDoS-attacks were possible.

## Design considerations (2)

- $H(N_A)$  and  $N_A$ 
  - ◆  $B$ 's first expensive operation is computing  $g^{ab}$  after receiving the 3rd message.
  - ◆ Before doing it, 3rd message looks like

$$N_A, N_B, \text{MAC}_{hk_B}(g^b, H(N_A), N_B, IP_A), g^a, g^b, \square$$

- ◆ Suppose that  $I$  has heard the first two msgs between  $A$  and  $B$ .
- ◆ Suppose that  $H(N_A)$  is used instead of  $N_A$ .
- ◆  $I$  can then construct a message that looks like the one above.



# Password-based authentication

$$A \longrightarrow B : A, pw$$

is very bad.

$$B \longrightarrow A : N_B$$

$$A \longrightarrow B : A, N_A, N_B, H(N_A, N_B, pw)$$

is also bad because of [off-line guessing attacks](#).

# PAK (password-authenticated key exchange)

$$A \longrightarrow B : g^a \cdot H_1(A, B, pw)$$

$$B \longrightarrow A : g^b, H_{2a}(A, B, g^b, \bullet, \left( \frac{\bullet}{H_1(A, B, pw)} \right)^b, pw)$$

$$A \longrightarrow B : H_{2b}(A, B, g^b, \bullet, \bullet, pw)$$

The key is  $H_3(A, B, \bullet, \bullet, pw)$

- The blinding/unblinding ability shows the knowledge of the password
- Off-line guessing impossible because of the mask  $g^a$
- On-line guessing possible
- Both  $A$  and  $B$  must store  $pw$ .

# PAK-X

Server  $B$  only has to store  $V = g^{pw}$ .

$$A \longrightarrow B : g^a \cdot H_1(A, B, V)$$

$$B \longrightarrow A : g^b, g^c, c \oplus H_{2a}(A, B, g^b, \bullet, \left( \frac{\bullet}{H_1(A, B, pw)} \right)^b, V^c, V)$$

$$A \longrightarrow B : H_{2b}(A, B, \langle \text{2nd message} \rangle, \bullet, \bullet, c, V)$$

$A$  has to use  $pw$  to recompute  $V^c$ .