
Amended Needham Schroeder Symmetric Key

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Summary: This is an amended version of Needham Schroeder Symmetric Key, by the same authors. Distribution of a shared symmetric key by a trusted server and mutual authentication. Symmetric key cryptography with server.

Protocol specification (in common syntax)

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A, B, S :      principal
Na, Nb :      number
Kas, Kbs, Kab : key
dec :        number -> number

1.  A -> B :    A
2.  B -> A :    {A, Nb}Kbs
3.  A -> S :    A, B, Na, {A, Nb}Kbs
4.  S -> A :    {Na, B, Kab, {Kab, Nb, A}Kbs}Kas
5.  A -> B :    {Kab, Nb, A}Kbs
6.  B -> A :    {Nb}Kab
7.  A -> B :    {dec(Nb)}Kab
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Description of the protocol rules

See Needham Schroeder Symmetric Key. The extra exchange of the nonce Nb prevents the Denning Sacco freshness attack described in Needham Schroeder Symmetric Key.

Requirements

See Needham Schroeder Symmetric Key.

References

[NS87].

See also

Needham Schroeder Symmetric Key, Kerberos V5.

Citations

[NS87] R. Needham and M. Schroeder. Authentication revisited. *Operating Systems Review*, 21(7), January 1987.