

TD 6 - Zero-knowledge protocol

The Guillou-Quisquater authentication protocol is the following one. A trusted third part (TTP), issuer of smart cards, has a public key (n, v) . The integer n is the product of two large primes p and q ; it is assumed that factorization of n is intractable. The integer $2 \leq v \leq n/2$ is chosen such that extracting v -root mod n is considered intractable.

For her public key, Alice uses the public information of her card, that corresponds to a string of characters (for instance, name of the issuer || card number || validity date || ...); this string is a sequence of bits that correspond to an integer $J \pmod n$.

The private key of Alice is an integer B such that $J.B^v = 1 \pmod n$.

The authentication protocol involves the 3 following communications:

1. Alice chooses at random $r \in \{1, \dots, n-1\}$, computes $T = r^v \pmod n$ and sends T to Bob.
2. Bob chooses at random $d \in \{0, \dots, v-1\}$ and sends d to Alice.
3. Alice computes $D = r.B^d \pmod n$ and sends D to Bob.

To authenticate Alice, Bob computes $T' = D^v.J^d \pmod n$. If $T' = T$ then Alice is authenticated; else she is rejected.

1. Prove that authentication is correct (soundness and completeness).

Completeness: if Alice, who knows B , answers correctly, then we have; $T' = D^v.J^d \pmod n = (r.B^d)^v.J^d \pmod n = r^v.(B^v.J)^d \pmod n = r^v \pmod n = T$.

Soundness: if Eve, who doesn't know B , is correctly authenticated by Bob, then she has sent a correct couple (T, D) to Bob, with D v -root of $T.J^{-d} \pmod n$. But she cannot compute v -root; thus the only way for Eve is to compute a couple (T, D) verifying $T = D^v.J^d$, then such that $J^d = D^v.T \pmod n$, also $D^v.T = B^{-vd} \pmod n$. This may be possible for some values of d , for $d = 0$ for instance. But she does not know d ; her only possibility is thus to bet on the value of d before sending T : she bets on d , chooses D and computes $T = D^v.J^d \pmod n$. Her probability of success in correctly guessing d is only $\frac{1}{v} \leq \frac{1}{2}$.

2. We assume that $r^v \pmod n$ gives no knowledge on r . Argue that this authentication is a zero-knowledge protocol.

For any value of d , we have to prove that the transcript $(T = r^v \pmod n; d; D = r.B^d \pmod n)$ gives no information on the secret key B .

- if $d = 0$: we have $D = r \pmod n$ and $T = r^v \pmod n$. So there is no information on B .
- if $d = 1$: $T = r^v$ and $D = rB$: due to assumption, T gives no knowledge on r ; then knowing $rB \pmod n$ gives no information on B .
- if $d \geq 2$: Let $B' = B^d \pmod n$. We have $T = r^v \pmod n$ and $D = r.B'$; similarly to previous case, we have no information on B' except it is a v -power $\pmod n$. But if we know B then we know B' by polynomial computation; so, by contradiction, if we do not know B' , we do not know B .

3. Previous protocol is extended as follows in order to provide Alice a protocol to sign any message M .

1. Alice computes $T = r^v \pmod n$ with r chosen at random.
2. Alice computes $d = H(M||T)$ where H is a hash function on $\log_2 v$ bits resistant to collisions.
3. Alice computes $D = r.B^d \pmod n$.
4. The signed message is $(M; \sigma)$ where $\sigma = (d||D||J)$ is the signature of M by Alice.

How Bob will verify the signature?

Bob takes the first $\log_2 v$ bits of σ and computes $T' = D^v J^d \pmod n$. Then it computes $d' = h(M|| T')$. The signature is verified iff $d = d'$.