

Assignment 2, part 4

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There is a bug in the protocol. Consider the following situation:

C has intercepted and saved a messages from previous authentications between A and B, where A initiated the conversation, so C has $\{r1_A, B\}_A$.

Now A and C are talking. A sends $(\{r2_A, C\}_A, A's\ cert)$ to C.

Meanwhile C sends $(\{r1_A, B\}_A, A's\ cert)$ to B
B answers $(\{r1_A, r_B, A\}_B, B's\ cert)$ to C

Now C replies $(\{r2_A, r_B, A\}_C, C's\ cert)$ to A.
A answers $\{r_B\}_A$ to C.

C uses $\{r_B\}_A$ to send $\{r_B\}_A$ to B.

What has happened is that B and C are talking and B think that C is A.

This bug could be fixed by adding A and B in the last message of the three authentication messages. That means $\{r_B, A, B\}_A$ instead of $\{r_B\}_A$ if A and B are initiating a session, where A started.