

# CSE 552

## BAN logic

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# Why BAN logic?

Authentication protocols seem simple, but are very subtle

- long history of busted protocols littering the side of the road
- until this paper, there was no good systematic way for evaluating the correctness of a protocol



# BAN constructs

$P$  believes  $X$

$P$  sees  $X$

$P$  said  $X$

$P$  controls  $X$

$\text{fresh}(X)$

$P \stackrel{K}{\leftrightarrow} Q$

$\stackrel{K}{\mapsto} P$

$P \stackrel{X}{\rightleftharpoons} Q$

$\{X\}_K$

$\langle X \rangle_Y$



# BAN postulate #1

$$\frac{P \text{ believes } Q \stackrel{K}{\leftrightarrow} P, P \text{ sees } \{X\}_K}{P \text{ believes } Q \text{ said } X}$$
$$\frac{P \text{ believes } \stackrel{K}{\leftrightarrow} Q, P \text{ sees } \{X\}_{K^{-1}}}{P \text{ believes } Q \text{ said } X}$$

*message-meaning*

$$\frac{P \text{ believes } Q \stackrel{Y}{\Leftarrow} P, P \text{ sees } \langle X \rangle_Y}{P \text{ believes } Q \text{ said } X}$$



# BAN postulate #2

$$\frac{P \text{ believes fresh}(X), \quad P \text{ believes } Q \text{ said } X}{P \text{ believes } Q \text{ believes } X}$$

*nonce-verification*



# BAN postulate #3

$$\frac{P \text{ believes } Q \text{ controls } X, \quad P \text{ believes } Q \text{ believes } X}{P \text{ believes } X}$$

*jurisdiction*



# BAN postulate #4

$$\frac{P \text{ sees } (X, Y)}{P \text{ sees } X}, \quad \frac{P \text{ sees } \langle X \rangle_Y}{P \text{ sees } X}, \quad \frac{P \text{ believes } Q \stackrel{K}{\leftrightarrow} P, P \text{ sees } \{X\}_K}{P \text{ sees } X},$$
$$\frac{P \text{ believes } \stackrel{K}{\mapsto} P, P \text{ sees } \{X\}_K}{P \text{ sees } X}, \quad \frac{P \text{ believes } \stackrel{K}{\mapsto} Q, P \text{ sees } \{X\}_{K^{-1}}}{P \text{ sees } X}.$$

(components)



# BAN postulate #5

$$\frac{P \text{ believes fresh}(X)}{P \text{ believes fresh}(X, Y)}$$

(freshness)



# Kerberos (messages, ideal)

*Message 1.*  $A \rightarrow S: A, B.$

*Message 2.*  $S \rightarrow A: \{T_s, L, K_{ab}, B, \{T_s, L, K_{ab}, A\}_{K_{bs}}\}_{K_{as}}$

*Message 3.*  $A \rightarrow B: \{T_s, L, K_{ab}, A\}_{K_{bs}}, \{A, T_a\}_{K_{ab}}.$

*Message 4.*  $B \rightarrow A: \{T_a + 1\}_{K_{ab}}.$

*Message 2.*  $S \rightarrow A: \{T_s, A \stackrel{K_{ab}}{\leftrightarrow} B, \{T_s, A \stackrel{K_{ab}}{\leftrightarrow} B\}_{K_{bs}}\}_{K_{as}}.$

*Message 3.*  $A \rightarrow B: \{T_s, A \stackrel{K_{ab}}{\leftrightarrow} B\}_{K_{bs}}, \{T_a, A \stackrel{K_{ab}}{\leftrightarrow} B\}_{K_{ab}} \text{ from } A.$

*Message 4.*  $B \rightarrow A: \{T_a, A \stackrel{K_{ab}}{\leftrightarrow} B\}_{K_{ab}} \text{ from } B.$



# Kerberos (assumptions)

*Message 2.  $S \rightarrow A: \{T_s, A \stackrel{K_{ab}}{\leftrightarrow} B, \{T_s, A \stackrel{K_{ab}}{\leftrightarrow} B\}_{K_{bs}}\}_{K_{as}}$ .*

*Message 3.  $A \rightarrow B: \{T_s, A \stackrel{K_{ab}}{\leftrightarrow} B\}_{K_{bs}}, \{T_a, A \stackrel{K_{ab}}{\leftrightarrow} B\}_{K_{ab}}$  from A.*

*Message 4.  $B \rightarrow A: \{T_a, A \stackrel{K_{ab}}{\leftrightarrow} B\}_{K_{ab}}$  from B.*

**A believes  $A \stackrel{K_{as}}{\leftrightarrow} S$ ,**  
**S believes  $A \stackrel{K_{as}}{\leftrightarrow} S$ ,**  
**S believes  $A \stackrel{K_{ab}}{\leftrightarrow} B$ ,**  
**A believes (S controls  $A \stackrel{K}{\leftrightarrow} B$ ),**  
**A believes fresh( $T_s$ ),**

**B believes  $B \stackrel{K_{bs}}{\leftrightarrow} S$ ,**  
**S believes  $B \stackrel{K_{bs}}{\leftrightarrow} S$ ,**  
**B believes (S controls  $A \stackrel{K}{\leftrightarrow} B$ ),**  
**B believes fresh( $T_s$ ),**  
**B believes fresh( $T_a$ ).**



# Proof

*Message 2.*  $S \rightarrow A: \{T_s, A \stackrel{K_{ab}}{\leftrightarrow} B, \{T_s, A \stackrel{K_{ab}}{\leftrightarrow} B\}_{K_{bs}}\}_{K_{as}}$ .

A receives Message 2. The annotation rules yield that

**A sees**  $\{T_s, (A \stackrel{K_{ab}}{\leftrightarrow} B), \{T_s, A \stackrel{K_{ab}}{\leftrightarrow} B\}_{K_{bs}}\}_{K_{as}}$

holds afterward. Since we have the hypothesis

**A believes**  $A \stackrel{K_{as}}{\leftrightarrow} S$

the message-meaning rule for shared keys applies and yields the following:

**A believes S said**  $(T_s, (A \stackrel{K_{ab}}{\leftrightarrow} B), \{T_s, A \stackrel{K_{ab}}{\leftrightarrow} B\}_{K_{bs}})$

One of our rules to break conjunctions (omitted here) then produces

**A believes S said**  $(T_s, (A \stackrel{K_{ab}}{\leftrightarrow} B))$



# Proof (continued)

Moreover, we have the following hypothesis:

**$A$  believes fresh( $T_s$ )**

The nonce-verification rule applies and yields

**$A$  believes  $S$  believes ( $T_s, A \stackrel{K_{ab}}{\leftrightarrow} B$ )**

Again, we break a conjunction, to obtain the following:

**$A$  believes  $S$  believes  $A \stackrel{K_{ab}}{\leftrightarrow} B$**

Then, we instantiate  $K$  to  $K_{ab}$  in the hypothesis

**$A$  believes  $S$  controls  $A \stackrel{K}{\leftrightarrow} B$**

deriving the more concrete

**$A$  believes  $S$  controls  $A \stackrel{K_{ab}}{\leftrightarrow} B$**

Finally, the jurisdiction rule applies, and yields the following:

**$A$  believes  $A \stackrel{K_{ab}}{\leftrightarrow} B$**



# Proof (continued)

*Message 3.  $A \rightarrow B: \{T_s, A \stackrel{K_{ab}}{\leftrightarrow} B\}_{K_{bs}}, \{T_a, A \stackrel{K_{ab}}{\leftrightarrow} B\}_{K_{ab}}$  from A.*

same proof yields:

**$B$  believes  $A \stackrel{K_{ab}}{\leftrightarrow} B$**

message meaning and nonce verification yield:

**$B$  believes  $A$  believes  $A \stackrel{K_{ab}}{\leftrightarrow} B$**



# Final result

*Message 4.  $B \rightarrow A: \{T_a, A \stackrel{K_{ab}}{\leftrightarrow} B\}_{K_{ab}}$  from  $B$ .*

message meaning and nonce verification yield:

**$A$  believes  $B$  believes  $A \stackrel{K_{ab}}{\leftrightarrow} B$**

So, in the end, our beliefs are:

**$A$  believes  $A \stackrel{K_{ab}}{\leftrightarrow} B$**

**$B$  believes  $A \stackrel{K_{ab}}{\leftrightarrow} B$**

**$A$  believes  $B$  believes  $A \stackrel{K_{ab}}{\leftrightarrow} B$**

**$B$  believes  $A$  believes  $A \stackrel{K_{ab}}{\leftrightarrow} B$**



# Needham-Schroeder

Two principals A, B that don't know each other wish to communicate securely with each other

- get “introduced” to each other through a mutually trusted server S
- S delivers / verifies public keys to A, B



# Needham-Schroeder

## Messages

*Message 1.*  $A \rightarrow S: A, B.$   
*Message 2.*  $S \rightarrow A: \{K_b, B\}_{K_s^{-1}}.$   
*Message 3.*  $A \rightarrow B: \{N_a, A\}_{K_b}.$   
*Message 4.*  $B \rightarrow S: B, A.$   
*Message 5.*  $S \rightarrow B: \{K_a, A\}_{K_s^{-1}}.$   
*Message 6.*  $B \rightarrow A: \{N_a, N_b\}_{K_a}.$   
*Message 7.*  $A \rightarrow B: \{N_b\}_{K_b}.$

## Idealized protocol

*Message 2.*  $S \rightarrow A: \{\overset{K_b}{\mapsto} B\}_{K_s^{-1}}.$   
*Message 3.*  $A \rightarrow B: \{N_a\}_{K_b}.$   
*Message 5.*  $S \rightarrow B: \{\overset{K_a}{\mapsto} A\}_{K_s^{-1}}.$   
*Message 6.*  $B \rightarrow A: \{\langle A \overset{N_b}{\rightleftharpoons} B \rangle_{N_a}\}_{K_a}.$   
*Message 7.*  $A \rightarrow B: \{\langle A \overset{N_a}{\rightleftharpoons} B \rangle_{N_b}\}_{K_b}.$



# Assumptions

**$A$  believes  $\stackrel{K_a}{\mapsto} A$**

**$A$  believes  $\stackrel{K_s}{\mapsto} S$**

**$S$  believes  $\stackrel{K_a}{\mapsto} A$**

**$S$  believes  $\stackrel{K_s}{\mapsto} S$**

**$A$  believes  $(S \text{ controls } \stackrel{K}{\mapsto} B)$**

**$A$  believes  $\text{fresh}(N_a)$**

**$A$  believes  $A \stackrel{N_a}{\rightleftharpoons} B$**

**$A$  believes  $\text{fresh}(\stackrel{K_b}{\mapsto} B)$**

**$B$  believes  $\stackrel{K_b}{\mapsto} B$**

**$B$  believes  $\stackrel{K_s}{\mapsto} S$**

**$S$  believes  $\stackrel{K_b}{\mapsto} B$**

**$B$  believes  $(S \text{ controls } \stackrel{K}{\mapsto} A)$**

**$B$  believes  $\text{fresh}(N_b)$**

**$B$  believes  $A \stackrel{N_b}{\rightleftharpoons} B$**

**$B$  believes  $\text{fresh}(\stackrel{K_a}{\mapsto} A)$**



# Conclusions

**$A$  believes  $\overset{K_b}{\mapsto} B$**

**$A$  believes  $B$  believes  $A \overset{N_b}{\rightleftharpoons} B$**

**$B$  believes  $\overset{K_a}{\mapsto} A$**

**$B$  believes  $A$  believes  $A \overset{N_a}{\rightleftharpoons} B$**



# A surprising weakness

If an imposter I can convince A to communicate with I,  
then I can impersonate A to B



# The attack

$$A \rightarrow I : \{N_A, A\}_{K_{PI}}$$

A sends  $N_A$  to I, who decrypts the message with  $K_{SI}$

$$I \rightarrow B : \{N_A, A\}_{K_{PB}}$$

I relays the message to B, pretending that A is communicating

$$B \rightarrow I : \{N_A, N_B\}_{K_{PA}}$$

B sends  $N_B$

$$I \rightarrow A : \{N_A, N_B\}_{K_{PA}}$$

I relays it to A

$$A \rightarrow I : \{N_B\}_{K_{PI}}$$

A decrypts  $N_B$  and confirms it to I, who learns it

$$I \rightarrow B : \{N_B\}_{K_{PB}}$$

I re-encrypts  $N_B$ , and convinces B that he's decrypted it



# Why didn't BAN catch this?

A broken assumption:

$$B \text{ believes } A \stackrel{N_b}{\rightleftharpoons} B$$

- need to modify a message to really achieve this. We replace:

$$B \rightarrow A : \{N_A, N_B\}_{K_{PA}}$$

- with the fixed version:

$$B \rightarrow A : \{N_A, N_B, B\}_{K_{PA}}$$