Privacy-respecting Identity Management
Introduction to ABC4Trust

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Identity Management (IdM)
An early approach

- „Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name: you are mine.” [Isaiah 43:1]

- „Var inte rädd, för jag har betalat lösen för dig. Jag har kallat dig vid namn, och du är min.” [Jesaja 43:1]

- „Μη φοβου· διοτι εγω σε ελυτρωσα, σε εκαλεσα με το ονομα σου· εμου εισαι“ [Ησαιαν 43:1]

- „No temas, porque yo te he redimido, te he llamado por tu nombre; mío eres tú.“ [Isaías 43:1]

- „Fürchte dich nicht, denn ich habe dich erlöst; ich habe dich bei deinem Namen gerufen; du bist mein!“ [Jesaja 43,1]
Identity Management (IdM)
2 sides of a medal with enormous economic potential

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Partial Identities

Based on [Clauß, Köhntopp 2001]
Identity Management (IdM)
One of many definitions

An integrated concept of processes, policies and technologies that enable organizations and individual entities to facilitate and control the use of identity information in their respective relations.
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Privacy (and security) issues of typical federated IdM architectures

Identity Service Provider (IdSP)
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IdSP learns time of access & attributes requested.

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2. policy
3. token request
4. token response
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Partial Identities needed

Based on [Clauß, Köhntopp 2001]
Identity Definition in ISO/IEC 24760 to reduce the risk of Overidentification

- **Identity** (partial identity):
  - “Set of attributes related to an entity”
  - From “A Framework for Identity Management” (ISO/IEC 24760)
    - Part 1: Terminology and concepts (IS:2011)
    - Part 2: Reference framework and requirements (FDIS)
    - Part 3: Practice (CD)

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Certifying **relevant attributes**

Token issuance and presentation **unlinkable**
- Rather “coins” (that cannot be distinguished) than “bank notes” (that have a serial number)

Users can disclose (minimal) **subsets** of the encoded claims
- To respond to unanticipated requests of RPs
- Without invalidating the token integrity
- E.g. Certificate for birth date -> Claim for being over 21

Two major **approaches** and **technologies**
- U-Prove (Credentica -> Microsoft)
- Idemix (IBM)
Two approaches for Privacy-ABCs

**Blind Signatures**

- **U-Prove**
  - Brands, Paquin et al.
  - Discrete Logs, RSA,..

**Zero-Knowledge Proofs**

- **Idemix (Identity Mixer)**
  - Damgard, Camenisch & Lysyanskaya
  - Strong RSA, pairings (LMRS, q-SDH)
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ABC4Trust

Objectives

- A common, unified architecture for ABC systems to enable
  - Comparing their respective features
  - Combining them on common platforms
  - “Lock-In” free usage of Privacy-ABC systems
- Open reference implementations of selected ABC systems
- Deployments in actual production enabling
  - Minimal disclosure
  - Provision of pseudonymous/anonymous feedback to a community to one is accredited as a member
- Relevant Standards
  - e.g. in ISO/IEC JTC 1/SC 27/WG 5
    “Identity Management and Privacy Technologies”
ABC4Trust Partners

Johann Wolfgang Goethe-Universität Frankfurt, DE
Alexandra Institute AS, DK
Computer Technology Institute & Press – “DIOPHANTUS”, GR
IBM Research - Zurich, CH
Miracle A/S, DK
Nokia, DE
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Course ratings conducted anonymously without lecturers knowing participants’ identities

Conduct polls based on attendance

Issue multiple credentials (student cards, course enrolment)

Verify with anonymous proofs towards “untrusted” infrastructure

Privacy-friendly rewarding process

ABC4Trust Pilot Trial: Course Rating

Computer Technology Institute & Press – “Diophantus” Patras, Greece
ABC4Trust Pilot Trial: Community Interaction

- School internal social network for communication among pupils, teachers, and personnel
- Provide trusted authentication while protecting pseudonymity/anonymity
- Usability: make privacy technology usable for non-technical users (e.g. pupils)

Norrtullskolan School
Söderhamn, Sweden
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ABC4Trust Architecture
High Level View

Issuer

Credential Issuance

Credential Revocation

Revocation Authority [Optional]

Revocation info retrieval

Revocation Info Retrieval

User

Presentation Token

Token Inspection

Inspector [Optional]

Relying Party (Verifier)
The ABC4Trust Architecture

Characteristics

- Unification of features
  - *Selective disclosure, pseudonymity, unlinkability*, …
  - XML specification of the data exchange between e.g. Issuer, User, Verifier, Revocation Authority

- Crypto Architecture
  - Allows *seamless integration* of cryptographic primitives
  - Encapsulated in components with common interfaces, allowing the rest of the cryptographic layer to be implementation-agnostic

- Users can
  - obtain credentials for more than one Privacy-ABC technology and
  - use them on the same hardware and software platforms.

- Service providers and Identity Service Providers can
  - adopt whatever Privacy-ABC technology best suits their needs.

- Open source implementation available on Github
  - *Avoid technology lock-in*
  - *Raise trust in Privacy-ABC technologies*
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Friedrich von Heusinger  
(Director of the Representation of the State of Hessen to the EU)  
Prof. Dr. Birgitta Wolff  
(President of Goethe University Frankfurt)  
"EU funded research is keeping up trust in digital society"  
Rafael Tesoro Carretero (European Commission Directorate-General for Communications Networks, Content and Technology Trust and Security)  
“Privacy-respecting Identity Management - Introduction to ABC4Trust”  
Prof. Dr. Kai Rannenberg (Goethe University Frankfurt) |
| 10:30 | **The Patras Pilot**  
“ePolls and evaluations”  
Prof. Dr. Yannis Stamatiou  
(Computer Technology Institute & Press - DIOPHANTUS)  
“Architecture: Mandatory roles and features”  
Ahmad Sabouri (Goethe University Frankfurt)  
Demo  
Prof. Dr. Yannis Stamatiou  
(Computer Technology Institute & Press - DIOPHANTUS) |
| 11:20 | **Coffee Break** |
| 11:50 | **The Söderhamn Pilot**  
“Community interaction platform”  
Souheil Bcheri (Eurodocs AB) |
| 12:40 | **“Architecture layers”**  
Ahmad Sabouri (Goethe University Frankfurt) |
<p>| 13:00 | <strong>Lunch break</strong> |</p>
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Benefits from ABC4Trust

- **Security and privacy hand in hand**
  - The excuse that secure but pseudonymous authentication is impossible does not hold anymore.
  - Accountability: if identification is needed only for cases that went wrong, inspection provides a solution.

- **“Lock-In” free usage of Privacy-ABC systems**

- **A basis for “Privacy by design” in citizen cards and other identity platforms**
Conclusions & Outlook

- ICT and related services are coming ever closer to people.
- A more privacy friendly Internet requires:
  - Partial Identities and Identifiers
  - Minimum Disclosure
  - Attribute Based Credentials
  - Strong Sovereign Assurance Tokens (smart cards, mobile devices, …)

- ABC4Trust Book
  www.abc4trust.eu

- www.jtc1sc27.din.de/en
- www.fidis.net
- www.picos-project.eu
- www.primelife.eu
- www.prime-project.eu
- www.m-chair.de, Kai.Rannenberg@m-chair.de
Back up
The ABC4Trust Architecture Characteristics

- Abstraction of concepts of Privacy-ABCs
- Unification of features
  - specification of the data artefacts exchanged between the entities (i.e. issuer, user, verifier, revocation authority, etc.)
- Crypto Architecture
  - Modularized design.
  - Allows the implementation of additional features, such as predicate for checking linear combinations among attributes.
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  - use them on the same hardware and software platforms
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- Service providers and Identity Service Providers will be able to
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Crypto Architecture

- Provide a truly plug-and-play architecture that allows the seamless integration of cryptographic primitives e.g.:
  - Privacy-ABC signatures: Idemix and Uprove
  - Predicate Proofs

- Move away from the "bridging" approach between several incompatible crypto engines

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ABC4Trust @GitHub

- https://github.com/p2abcengine/
- Source codes available under Apache license
- Documentation, installation guide and wiki pages
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General Challenges & Potential Identity Management

- Considering
  - the views of the respective stakeholders (Multilateral Security)
  - separations of domains that had been natural “before”
- Enabling users to manage their identities and IDs
- Frameworks and reference architectures
  - Along the value chain (with appropriate incentives)
  - For business processes and applications
  - For new communities and networks
- Globally standardized (e.g. in ISO/IEC JTC 1/SC 27/WG 5 “Identity Management and Privacy Technologies” & OpenID Foundation)
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