

protocol: set of rules for communication

security protocol aims to achieve a security property  
e.g. C&A

often, involves malicious parties who do not abide by protocol/expectations  
untrusted channel and/or dishonest participants

secrecy

does protocol achieve secrecy?

		HTTP
WPA	TLS/SSL	TCP
	DNSSec	DNS

verification remains necessary since we keep introducing new protocols

secrecy: prevention of unauthorized disclosure of information

weak secrecy: not be able to deduce message content

strong secrecy: not learn anything about message at all  
including length!

authentication

↳ of a user  
↳ of a message (sender)

integrity

anonymity: prevent identifying specific properties of individual events in a set

unlinkability: do not allow party to see two sessions with one party as having come from the same party

Confidentiality

(non)repudiation

availability → typically not part of a protocol

fairness

privacy → too complex for this course

notation

symmetric encryption	$\{M\}_K$	
asymmetric encryption	$\{M\}_{K_1}$	
cryptographic hashing	$\#(M)$	
tuple	$(M_1, \dots, M_n)$	
messages	$M$	
nonces	$N_1, N_2$	assumed unguessable
keys	$K_1, K_2$	assumed unguessable

Dolev-Yao attacker model:

attacker controls communication medium

but cryptography is perfect

no info without key  
no modification without key  
perfect keys  
perfect random numbers  
perfect hashes

injectivity: things do not collide if they are not the same.

Dolev-Yao model is insensitive to message length  
e.g. it is impossible to confuse a tuple with two long messages with  
a tuple with three long messages

An informal protocol narration describes the message sequence of a regular protocol run

A and B are roles for a session of the protocol

details are left implicit (e.g. whether and how correctness checks are performed, and their consequences)