

CertiCrypt: formal certification of code-based cryptographic proofs

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From provable cryptography to proved provable cryptography

Provable security

- State security goals precisely
 - Make security hypotheses explicit
 - Carry rigorous proofs
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- State security goals and hypotheses formally (in a fully specified formalism)
 - Develop tool supported methods for building or checking proofs

Proposal: game-based proofs
(Not a universal point of view)

- Describe security of system as a game
 - Game as probabilistic program
 - Security as upper bound on the adversary's advantage
 - Security assumptions as games
- Transform game stepwise $G, E, p \rightarrow G', E', p'$
 - p' should be suitably related to p
 - E and E' may be distinct events
(e.g. adversary winning vs failure event)
- Provide upper bound for probability in the final game

Caveats

- Game hopping is only part of the story
- Many (complex) side results must be established
(PPT, probability, etc)
- Ad hoc reasoning might be required

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{Game}_0 = & (pk, sk) \leftarrow KG(\eta); \\
 & M_1, M_2 \leftarrow A(pk); \\
 & b \stackrel{\$}{\leftarrow} \{0, 1\}; \\
 & \text{if } b \text{ then } M_b \leftarrow M_1 \text{ else } M_b \leftarrow M_2; \\
 & Y' \leftarrow \text{Enc}(sk, M_b); \\
 & b' \leftarrow A'(Y')
 \end{aligned}$$

- Asymptotic security: show that $|Pr_{\text{Game}_0}[b = b'] - \frac{1}{2}|$ is negligible in k
- Exact security: provide L such that $|Pr_{\text{Game}_0}[b = b'] - \frac{1}{2}| \leq L(k)$

Semantic security of ElGamal

- Key generation: $\mathcal{KG}() \triangleq x \xleftarrow{\$} \mathbb{Z}_q$; return (x, g^x)
- Encryption: $\text{Enc}(\alpha, m) \triangleq y \xleftarrow{\$} \mathbb{Z}_q$; return $(g^y, \alpha^y \times m)$

ElGamal is IND CPA secure under DDH

Decisional Diffie-Hellman (DDH) assumption

Let G be a cyclic group of order q , let g be a generator of G .

$$\begin{aligned} DDH_0 &= x \xleftarrow{\$} [0..q-1]; y \xleftarrow{\$} [0..q-1]; \\ & b \leftarrow A(g^x, g^y, g^{x*y}); \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} DDH_1 &= x \xleftarrow{\$} [0..q-1]; y \xleftarrow{\$} [0..q-1]; z \xleftarrow{\$} [0..q-1]; \\ & b \leftarrow A(g^x, g^y, g^z); \end{aligned}$$

For all PPT adversaries, $|\Pr_{DDH_0}[b = 1] - \Pr_{DDH_1}[b = 1]|$ is negligible in k .

Game hopping

Game ElGamal :

$(x, \alpha) \leftarrow \mathcal{KG};$

$(m_0, m_1) \leftarrow \mathcal{A}(\alpha);$

$b \xleftarrow{\$} \{0, 1\};$

$(\beta, \zeta) \leftarrow \text{Enc}(\alpha, m_b);$

$b' \leftarrow \mathcal{A}'(\alpha, \beta, \zeta)$

$d \leftarrow b = b'$

Game ElGamal₀ :

$x \xleftarrow{\$} \mathbb{Z}_q; y \xleftarrow{\$} \mathbb{Z}_q;$

$(m_0, m_1) \leftarrow \mathcal{A}(g^x);$

$b \xleftarrow{\$} \{0, 1\};$

$\zeta \leftarrow g^{xy} \times m_b;$

$b' \leftarrow \mathcal{A}'(g^x, g^y, \zeta);$

$d \leftarrow b = b'$

Game DDH₀ :

$x \xleftarrow{\$} \mathbb{Z}_q;$

$y \xleftarrow{\$} \mathbb{Z}_q;$

$d \leftarrow \mathcal{B}(g^x, g^y, g^{xy})$

Adversary $\mathcal{B}(\alpha, \beta, \gamma) :$

$(m_0, m_1) \leftarrow \mathcal{A}(\alpha);$

$b \xleftarrow{\$} \{0, 1\};$

$b' \leftarrow \mathcal{A}'(\alpha, \beta, \gamma \times m_b);$

return $b = b'$

Proof steps

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Proof steps

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inline_1 KG.  
inline_1 Enc.  
ep.  
deadcode.  
swap.  
eqobs_in.
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return $b = b'$

Proof steps

inline_r B.
ep.
deadcode.
eqobs_in.

Game hopping

Game ElGamal₂ :

$x \xleftarrow{\$} \mathbb{Z}_q; y \xleftarrow{\$} \mathbb{Z}_q;$
 $(m_0, m_1) \leftarrow \mathcal{A}(g^x);$
 $z \xleftarrow{\$} \mathbb{Z}_q; \zeta \leftarrow g^z;$
 $b' \leftarrow \mathcal{A}'(g^x, g^y, \zeta);$
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Game ElGamal₁ :

$x \xleftarrow{\$} \mathbb{Z}_q; y \xleftarrow{\$} \mathbb{Z}_q;$
 $(m_0, m_1) \leftarrow \mathcal{A}(g^x);$
 $b \xleftarrow{\$} \{0, 1\};$
 $z \xleftarrow{\$} \mathbb{Z}_q; \zeta \leftarrow g^z \times m_b;$
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 $d \leftarrow b = b'$

Game DDH₁ :

$x \xleftarrow{\$} \mathbb{Z}_q;$
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Proof steps

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return $b = b'$

Proof steps

swap.
eqobs_hd 4.
eqobs_tl 2.
apply mult_pad.

Game hopping

Game ElGamal₂ :

$x \xleftarrow{\$} \mathbb{Z}_q; y \xleftarrow{\$} \mathbb{Z}_q;$
 $(m_0, m_1) \leftarrow \mathcal{A}(g^x);$
 $z \xleftarrow{\$} \mathbb{Z}_q; \zeta \leftarrow g^z;$
 $b' \leftarrow \mathcal{A}'(g^x, g^y, \zeta);$
 $b \xleftarrow{\$} \{0, 1\};$
 $d \leftarrow b = b'$

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return $b = b'$

Proof steps

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ep.  
deadcode.  
swap.  
eqobs_in.
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- Equational proof

$$\begin{aligned} |\Pr_{\text{ElGamal}}(b = b') - \frac{1}{2}| &= |\Pr_{\text{ElGamal}_0}(d) - \frac{1}{2}| \\ &= |\Pr_{\text{DDH}_0}(d) - \frac{1}{2}| \\ &= |\Pr_{\text{DDH}_0}(d) - \Pr_{\text{ElGamal}_2}(d)| \\ &= |\Pr_{\text{DDH}_0}(d) - \Pr_{\text{ElGamal}_1}(d)| \\ &= |\Pr_{\text{DDH}_0}(d) - \Pr_{\text{DDH}_1}(d)| \end{aligned}$$

- Needs proof that DDH is correctly applied!

Random oracle

$$G : \{0, 1\}^p \rightarrow \{0, 1\}^p$$
$$G(R) \triangleq \begin{array}{l} \text{if } R \notin L \text{ then} \\ \quad r \xleftarrow{\$} \{0, 1\}^k; \\ \quad L \leftarrow (R, r) :: L \\ \text{else } r \leftarrow L[R] \\ \text{return } r \end{array}$$

The OAEP padding scheme

- A one-way permutation function $f : \{0, 1\}^k \rightarrow \{0, 1\}^k$
- Two hash functions:
 - $G : \{0, 1\}^p \rightarrow \{0, 1\}^{k-p}$
 - $H : \{0, 1\}^{k-p} \rightarrow \{0, 1\}^p$
- Encryption:

$$\text{Enc}(M) \triangleq \begin{array}{l} R \xleftarrow{\$} \{0, 1\}^p; \\ S \leftarrow G(R) \oplus M; \\ T \leftarrow H(S) \oplus R; \\ Y \leftarrow f(S \| T); \\ \text{return } Y \end{array}$$

- Proved in Coq (2,500 lines):

$$|Pr_{\text{Game}_0}[b = b'] - \frac{1}{2}| \leq Pr_{I,f} + \frac{q_G}{2^p}$$

where $Pr_{I,f}$ is the probability of an adversary I to invert f on a random element

- Improves over Bellare and Rogaway:

$$|Pr_{\text{Game}_0}[b = b'] - \frac{1}{2}| \leq Pr_{I,f} + \frac{2q_G}{2^p} + \frac{q_H}{2^{k-p}}$$

- ... but we should really prove IND-CCA!

Goal

Build a certified tool for checking game-playing proofs, on top of a general purpose proof assistant (Coq)

- Security goals, properties and hypotheses are explicit
- Game hopping and side conditions are justified in a unified formalism
- The tool provides independently checkable certificates

Not primary goals

- Discovering the sequence of games, interface
- Protocols

- Probability library (Paulin and Audebaud)
- Programming language
- Semantics
 - Execution
 - Complexity and termination
- Security definitions
- Tools:
 - Observational equivalence and relational logic
 - Program transformations
 - Game-based lemmas
- Examples

Probabilistic, procedural *while* language

Expressions $e ::= x \mid op \vec{e}$

Instructions $i ::= x \leftarrow e \mid x \stackrel{\$}{\leftarrow} d$
 $\mid \text{if } e \text{ then } s_1 \text{ else } s_2 \mid \text{while } e \text{ do } s$
 $\mid x \leftarrow f(e_1, \dots, e_n)$

Statements $s ::= [] \mid i; s$

Environments $E : f \mapsto \vec{x} * s * e$

- Formalism that is already used by cryptographers (but we have while loops)
- Syntax is extensible with new operators and types
- Extensive use of new module system (Coq V8.2)

- Game and oracles are described as procedures
- Adversaries are uninterpreted procedures
- Must also specify:
 - which variables can be accessed/modified
 - which procedures can be called
(how many times, under which restrictions)

Each definition of procedure f includes termination flag, and

- variables O
- variables I that must coincide on entry for result and final memories (restricted to O) to coincide on any two runs of f

Functions to compute automatically the required information.
Possibly instrument code, e.g. to count number of calls.

- Type system
 - Avoids partial semantics of expressions
 - Enforces size constraints (e.g. length of bitstrings)
- Embedded in the semantics using dependent types

Values $v ::= n \mid b \mid bs$

Expressions $e ::= x \mid v \mid e_1 + e_2 \mid e_1 \&\& e_2 \mid b_1 ++ b_2$

Formalisation

Inductive type : Type := ...

Inductive var : type → Type := ...

Inductive expr : type → Type :=

| Evar : $\forall t, \text{var } t \rightarrow \text{expr } t$

| Eop : $\forall op, \text{dlist expr (Op.targs } op) \rightarrow \text{expr (Op.tres } op)$.

Security parameter: dependent types at work

- Security parameter must be explicit in model.
- We parametrize the semantics by the security parameter

Definition $\text{interp} : \text{nat} \rightarrow \text{type} \rightarrow \text{Type} := \dots$

Parameter $\text{Mem.t} : \text{nat} \rightarrow \text{Type}$.

Parameter $\text{get} : \forall k, \text{Mem.t } k \rightarrow \forall t, \text{var } t \rightarrow \text{interp } k t$.

Fixpoint $\text{eval } k t (e : \text{expr } t) (m : \text{Mem.t } k) : \text{interp } k t :=$
 match e with
 | $\text{Evar } t x \Rightarrow \text{get } k m t x$
 | $\text{Eop } op \text{ args} \Rightarrow \text{dapp (interp } op) (\text{dmap (eval } k) \text{ args})$
 end.

- Given a command, an initial state, returns the distribution for final states:

$$\text{Pr} : \mathcal{C} \rightarrow \mathcal{S} \rightarrow \mathcal{S} \rightarrow [0, 1]$$

- Given a command, an initial state, and an expectation function, returns the probability for final states:

$$\llbracket \cdot \rrbracket : \mathcal{C} \rightarrow \mathcal{S} \rightarrow (\mathcal{S} \rightarrow [0, 1]) \rightarrow [0, 1]$$

- Both semantics are formally related.

$$\llbracket c \rrbracket \sigma f = \sum_{\sigma' \in \mathcal{S}} f(\sigma') \text{Pr}[\langle c, \sigma \rangle \downarrow \sigma']$$

We formalize the second.

Small-step semantics, formally

- Notation: $\mathcal{D}_A = (A \rightarrow [0, 1]) \rightarrow [0, 1]$
- States are frame-based
- Each frame is a record: local memory, statement, etc
- Small-step semantics $\llbracket \cdot \rrbracket_1 : \mathcal{C} \rightarrow \mathcal{S} \rightarrow \mathcal{D}_{\mathcal{S}}$ defined by case analysis on the instruction to be executed
- Evaluation semantics $\llbracket \cdot \rrbracket : \mathcal{C} \rightarrow \mathcal{M} \rightarrow \mathcal{D}_{\mathcal{M}}$ defined as least upper bound of the n -unfold $\llbracket \cdot \rrbracket_n$ of $\llbracket \cdot \rrbracket_1$:

$$\llbracket c \rrbracket \mu f = \text{lub } (\lambda n \cdot \llbracket c \rrbracket_n \mu f!)$$

where $f!$ is the restriction of f to final states.

- Probability of event E :

$$\Pr_{c,\sigma}[E] = \llbracket c \rrbracket \sigma 1_E$$

- Example:

$$\begin{aligned}\Pr_{x \stackrel{\$}{\leftarrow} [0,1], \sigma}[x = 0] &= \llbracket x \stackrel{\$}{\leftarrow} [0,1] \rrbracket \sigma 1_{x=0} \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \cdot (1_{x=0} \sigma \{x := 0\}) + \frac{1}{2} \cdot (1_{x=0} \sigma \{x := 1\}) \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \cdot 1 + \frac{1}{2} \cdot 0 \\ &= \frac{1}{2}\end{aligned}$$

Program is lossless iff $\Pr_{c,\sigma}[\text{True}] = 1$

- Semantic definition
- Rules for constructs (except loops)
- Tactic for generating proof of losslessness for programs without loops

- Semantics of programs instrumented with cost monad:

$$\llbracket \cdot \rrbracket : \mathcal{C} \rightarrow (\mathcal{S} \times \mathbb{N}) \rightarrow (\mathcal{S} \times \mathbb{N} \rightarrow [0, 1]) \rightarrow [0, 1]$$

- A state $(m, n)_k$ is (p, q) bounded if $p(k)$ bounds the size of values in the memory and $n \leq q(k)$ (p and q be polynomials on the security parameter)
- A program c is strict *PPT* iff it is lossless and

$$\begin{aligned} \exists F, G. \quad \forall (d : \mathcal{D}_{\mathcal{S} \times \mathbb{N}}), (p, q : \mathbb{N}[x]) \\ \text{range (bounded } p \text{ } q) d \Rightarrow \\ \text{range (bounded } (F \ p) \ (q + G \ p)) (\text{bind } d \llbracket c \rrbracket) \end{aligned}$$

- Semantic definition, together with rules for constructs
- Tactic for generating proof of PPT for programs without loops

- Deterministic setting: $c_1 P \simeq Q c_2$ iff

$$\forall m_1 m_2, P m_1 m_2 \rightarrow Q \llbracket c_1 \rrbracket_{m_1} \llbracket c_2 \rrbracket_{m_2}$$

where P and Q are relations on memories

- Probabilistic setting: $c_1 P \simeq Q c_2$ iff

$$\forall m_1 m_2, P m_1 m_2 \rightarrow \text{lift } Q \llbracket c_1 \rrbracket_{m_1} \llbracket c_2 \rrbracket_{m_2}$$

(Remark: in pRHL P and Q still are relations on memories.
Working on an extension to distributions.)

- Question: how do we lift Q ?

- Range of distribution

$$\text{range } A \ P \ (d : \mathcal{D}_A) := \forall f, (\forall a, P \ a \rightarrow 0 = f \ a) \rightarrow 0 = d \ f$$

- Lifting relation

$$\begin{aligned} \text{lift } A \ B \ R \ (d_1 : \mathcal{D}_A) \ (d_2 : \mathcal{D}_B) &:= \exists (d : \mathcal{D}_{A*B}), \\ &\pi_1(d) = d_1 \wedge \pi_2(d) = d_2 \wedge \text{range } (A * B) \ R \ d \end{aligned}$$

- Observational equivalence

$$c_1 \ P \ \simeq \ Q \ c_2 := \forall m_1 \ m_2, P \ m_1 \ m_2 \rightarrow \text{lift } Q \ \llbracket c_1 \rrbracket_{m_1} \ \llbracket c_2 \rrbracket_{m_2}$$

If f and g do not distinguish memories related by Q , i.e.

$$\forall m_1 \ m_2, Q \ m_1 \ m_2 \rightarrow f \ m_1 = g \ m_2$$

then

$$\forall m_1 \ m_2, P \ m_1 \ m_2 \rightarrow \llbracket c_1 \rrbracket_{m_1} f = \llbracket c_2 \rrbracket_{m_2} g$$

Selected rules

$$\frac{c_1 P \simeq Q \quad c_2 \quad P' \Rightarrow P}{c_1 P' \simeq Q \quad c_2}$$

$$\frac{c_1 P \simeq Q \quad c_2 \quad Q \Rightarrow Q'}{c_1 P \simeq Q' \quad c_2}$$

$$\frac{Q' := \lambda m_1 m_2, Q \quad m_1\{x_1 := \llbracket e_1 \rrbracket_{m_1}\} \quad m_2\{x_2 := \llbracket e_2 \rrbracket_{m_2}\}}{x_1 \leftarrow e_1 \quad Q' \simeq Q \quad x_2 \leftarrow e_2}$$

$$\frac{Q' := \lambda k m_1 m_2, \mathbf{permut_support} \quad f \quad d_1 \quad d_2 \quad k \quad m_1 \quad m_2 \wedge \forall v \in \llbracket d_2 \rrbracket_{m_2}, Q \quad m_1\{x := f \quad k \quad m_1 \quad m_2 \quad v\} \quad m_2\{x := v\}}{x \overset{\$}{\leftarrow} d_1 \quad Q' \simeq Q \quad x \overset{\$}{\leftarrow} d_2}$$

$$\frac{c_1 P \simeq Q \quad c'_1 \quad c_2 Q \simeq R \quad c'_2}{c_1; c_2 \quad P \simeq R \quad c'_1; c'_2}$$

$$\frac{c_1 P|_e \simeq Q \quad c'_1 \quad c_2 P|_{\neg e} \simeq Q \quad c'_2 \quad \llbracket e \rrbracket \simeq_P \llbracket e' \rrbracket}{\text{if } e \text{ then } c_1 \text{ else } c_2 \quad P \simeq Q \quad \text{if } e' \text{ then } c'_1 \text{ else } c'_2}$$

Justifying our definition

$$x \stackrel{\$}{\leftarrow} \{0, 1\} \text{ True} \simeq_{=\{x\}} x \stackrel{\$}{\leftarrow} \{0, 1\}$$

- With product distribution, equivalence would fail, because pairs (0, 1) and (1, 0) violate the postcondition and have a non-null probability.
- With our definition, we can choose the distribution that gives probability 1/2 to (0, 0) and 1/2 to (1, 1). Equivalence holds.

Beware

$$x \stackrel{\$}{\leftarrow} \{0, 1\} \text{ True} \simeq_{\neq\{x\}} x \stackrel{\$}{\leftarrow} \{0, 1\}$$

- With our definition, we can choose the distribution that gives probability 1/2 to (0, 1) and 1/2 to (1, 0). Equivalence holds.
- Intuitively, the relation $=_{\{x\}}$ cannot distinguish two executions of the command.

Fundamental properties of pRHL

- Termination sensitivity

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} \models G_1 \sim G_2 : \Psi \Rightarrow \Phi \\ m_1 \Psi m_2 \end{array} \right\} \Rightarrow \llbracket G_1 \rrbracket m_1 \mathbb{1} = \llbracket G_2 \rrbracket m_2 \mathbb{1}$$

- Equivalence implies inseparability

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} \models G_1 \sim G_2 : \Psi \Rightarrow \Phi \\ f =_{\Phi} g \\ m_1 \Psi m_2 \end{array} \right\} \Rightarrow \llbracket G_1 \rrbracket m_1 f = \llbracket G_2 \rrbracket m_2 g$$

where

$$f =_{\Phi} g \triangleq \forall m_1 m_2. m_1 \Phi m_2 \Rightarrow f(m_1) = g(m_2)$$

- Variant

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} \models G_1 \sim G_2 : \Psi \Rightarrow \Phi \\ f \leq_{\Phi} g \\ m_1 \Psi m_2 \end{array} \right\} \Rightarrow \llbracket G_1 \rrbracket m_1 f \leq \llbracket G_2 \rrbracket m_2 g$$

Observational equivalence: definition and examples

Specialize relational Hoare logic to local equality of memories

$$\simeq'_O = =_I \simeq =_O$$

- Code motion: $I = fv(e_1) \cup fv(e_2)$ and $x \notin fv(e_2)$ and $y \notin fv(e_1)$

$$x \leftarrow e_1; y \leftarrow e_2 \simeq'_{\{x,y\}} y \leftarrow e_2; x \leftarrow e_1$$

- Dead code:

$$x \leftarrow 3; y \stackrel{\$}{\leftarrow} [0, 1] \simeq^{\emptyset}_{\{x\}} x \leftarrow 3$$

Question

Do we have

$$x \leftarrow 3; y \leftarrow f(1) \simeq^{\emptyset}_{\{x\}} x \leftarrow 3$$

- Let G be a cyclic group of order q , g a generator, and m an element of G

$$z \stackrel{\$}{\leftarrow} [0..q-1]; w \leftarrow g^z * m \simeq_O^I z \stackrel{\$}{\leftarrow} [0..q-1]; w \leftarrow g^z$$

I	O	
$\{q, g\}$	$\{z\}$	OK, dead code
$\{q, g\}$	$\{w\}$	OK
$\{q, g\}$	$\{z, w\}$	KO

- Let k be a fixed constant

$$z \stackrel{\$}{\leftarrow} \{0, 1\}^k; w \leftarrow z \oplus c \simeq_{\{c, z\}}^{\{c\}} w \stackrel{\$}{\leftarrow} \{0, 1\}^k; z \leftarrow w \oplus c$$

Goal

Provide proof support for goals of the form

$$c_1 \ P \simeq \ Q \ c_2$$

$$c_1 \simeq'_O c_2$$

- Many transformations correspond to program optimizations
- Transformations are programmed and proved correct in Coq (proof by reflection)
- We have developed a set of tactics to apply automatically these transformations

Main transformations

- Dependency analysis for showing $c \simeq_O^I c$

$$c \simeq_O^? c$$

$$c \simeq_O^I c$$

(strong relation with information flow analysis)

- Dead code (wrt a set O of output variables)

$$\text{dead_code } c \ O = (I, c') \rightarrow c \simeq_O^I c'$$

(acts as an aggressive slicing algorithm)

- Code motion

$$\forall c_1 \ c_2, \text{swap } c_1 \ c_2 = \text{true} \rightarrow \forall P \ Q, c_1 \ P \simeq Q \ c_2$$

- Constant propagation
- Expression propagation (def. unfolding+partial eval.)
- Inlining

If two programs **Game**₁ and **Game**₂ are *equivalent* up to a failure event (*bad*), then

$$Pr_{\text{Game}_1}[P \wedge \neg \text{bad}] = Pr_{\text{Game}_2}[P \wedge \neg \text{bad}]$$

Syntactic test implemented in Coq

- $Pr_{\text{Game}_1}[\neg \text{bad}] = Pr_{\text{Game}_2}[\neg \text{bad}]$
- $Pr_{\text{Game}_1}[\text{bad}] = Pr_{\text{Game}_2}[\text{bad}]$
(if **Game**₁ and **Game**₂ are lossless)
- (Fundamental lemma):
 $\forall S \cdot |Pr_{\text{Game}_1}[S] - Pr_{\text{Game}_2}[S]| \leq Pr_{\text{Game}_{1,2}}[\text{bad}]$

Let $C[\cdot]$ be a context, c_1 and c_2 two sequences of instructions, e a boolean expression, and y a variable:

$$\{= \wedge e_{|1}\} \quad C[\text{if } e \text{ then } y \stackrel{\$}{\leftarrow} d; c_1 \text{ else } c_2] \quad \{=_{Y \setminus \{y\}}\} \\ (y \stackrel{\$}{\leftarrow} d; C[\text{if } e \text{ then } c_1 \text{ else } c_2])$$

- c_2 does not reset e if it is false:

$$\{e = \text{false}\} c_2 \{e = \text{false}\}$$

- c_1 can “swap” with the random assignment of y :

$$\{= \wedge e_{|1}\} (c_1; \text{if } e \text{ then } y \stackrel{\$}{\leftarrow} d) (y \stackrel{\$}{\leftarrow} d; c_1) \{=\}$$

- C does not modify $fv(e, d)$ and does not read/write y

Essential tool to reason about random oracles

Trusting a machine-checked proof

CertiCrypt is designed to minimize the Trusted Computing Base. To trust a proof in CertiCrypt, you must trust

- Libraries: probabilities, groups, polynomials
- Semantics of programs: execution, complexity, termination
- Statement of theorem: initial game, security properties,
- ... Coq type checker

You need not trust or look at

- Tactics
- Proofs
- Intermediate games

By the way

- We do not have any user
- We are not likely to have users soon

- CryptoVerif
- Strongest postcondition for one-way function and random oracle
- Symbolic BPW model in Isabelle/HOL
- Formalisation of game-based proofs in Isabelle
- ElGamal and Switching Lemma in Coq
- Computational soundness in Coq

- CertiCrypt is a framework for machine checking game-based proofs in Coq
 - Core libraries are fully verified (25,000 lines of Coq)
 - Examples (OAEP, FDH, ElGamal)
 - ⇒ show the framework can be applied at reasonable cost?
- Much work remains to be done
 - More: case studies, automation
 - Soundness proofs: Dolev-Yao, inf. flow type systems, proof systems
 - Reasoning about randomized programs
- Exciting verification work. Will it impact cryptography?