towards high assurance cryptographic software

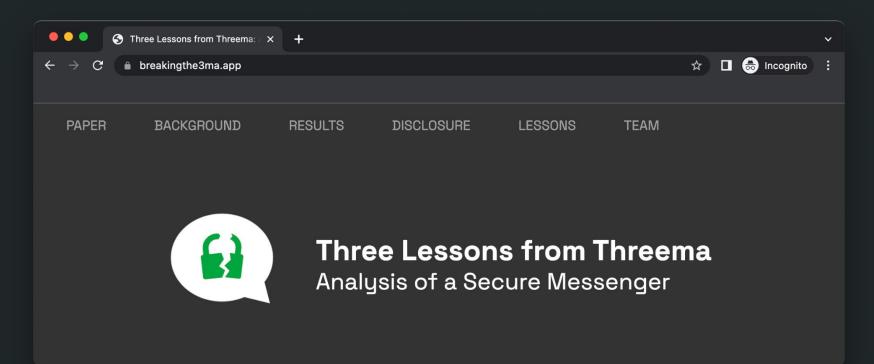
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Joint work with many others at Inria, Cryspen, MSR, U. Porto, U. Aarhus, and elsewhere

The Golden Age of Crypto?

New Constructions New Protocols New Applications Post-Quantum Crypto, Homomorphic Encryption, ... Group Messaging, IoT Software Updates, ... Blockchains, Privacy-Preserving Machine Learning, ...

Designing Secure Protocols Is Still Hard



Three Lessons From Threema: Analysis of a Secure Messenger

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- Don't roll your own crypto protocol
- Beware of cross-protocol interactions
- Formally analyze your protocol design using a (semi-automated) verification tool

Formal Analysis during Protocol Design

Crypto Constructions Crypto Protocols

HPKE, ... TLS 1.3, MLS, ...

The TLS 1.3 experiment [2014-2018]

Multi-year effort to redesign IETF Transport Layer Security

• 4 years, 28 drafts, 12 IETF meetings

Major contributions from academic security researchers

- Cryptographic analyses and proofs (of drafts 5,9,10) [Dowling et al. CCS'15-J.Crypt 2021, Jager et al. CCS'15, Krawczyk et al. Euro S&P'16, ...]
- Mechanized cryptographic proofs (of draft 18) with CryptoVerif [Bhargavan et al. S&P'17]
- Automated symbolic protocol analysis with Tamarin and ProVerif
 [Cremers et al. Oakland'16 + CCS'17, Bhargavan et al. S&P'17 + CCS'22]
- Verified implementation code in F*

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A Symbolic Analysis of Privacy for TLS 1.3 with Encrypted Client Hello

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How to encrypt a message?



Encrypt a symmetric key using a peer's public key

• Standard PKE/KEM. Just use RSA, ECIES, PQ-KEM?

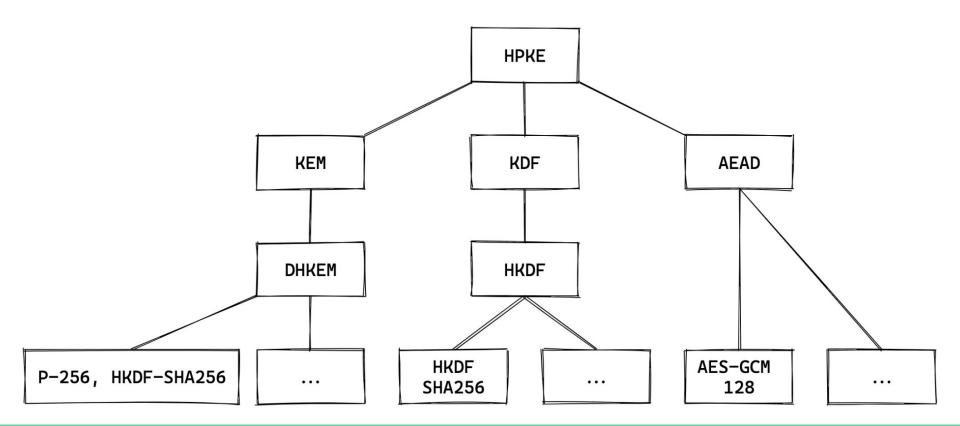
Long messages? A stream of messages?

Sender authentication? PKE with Associated Data?

| Stream: | Internet Research Task Force (IRTF) | | | | | |
|------------|-------------------------------------|--------------|---------|------------|--|--|
| RFC: | 9180 | | | | | |
| Category: | Informational | | | | | |
| Published: | February 2022 | | | | | |
| ISSN: | 2070-1721 | | | | | |
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RFC 9180 Hybrid Public Key Encryption

HPKE: Agile, Modular Construction



HPKE Proof using CryptoVerif

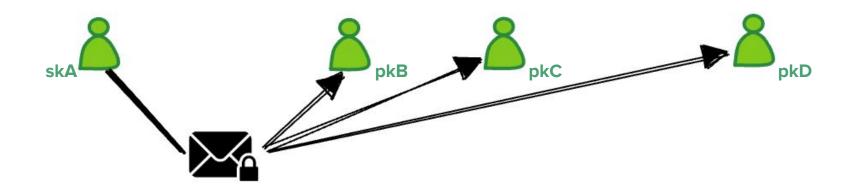
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Analysing the HPKE Standard *

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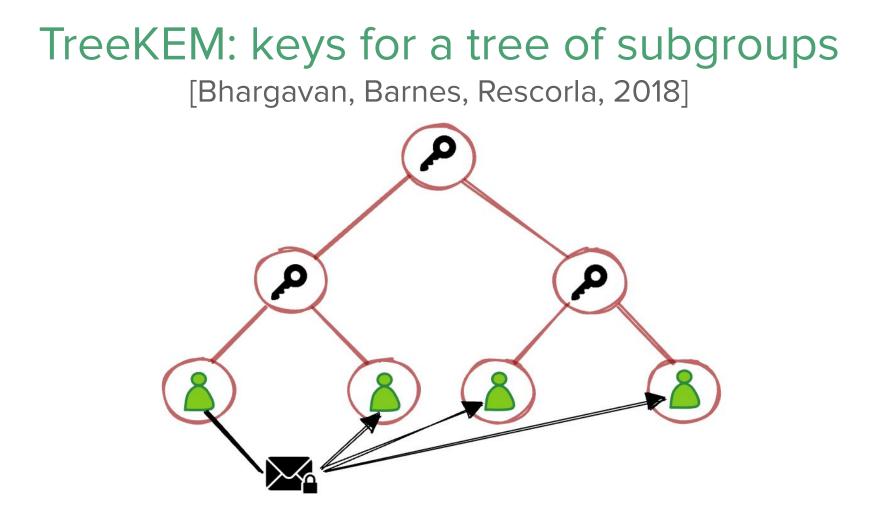
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How to encrypt group messages?

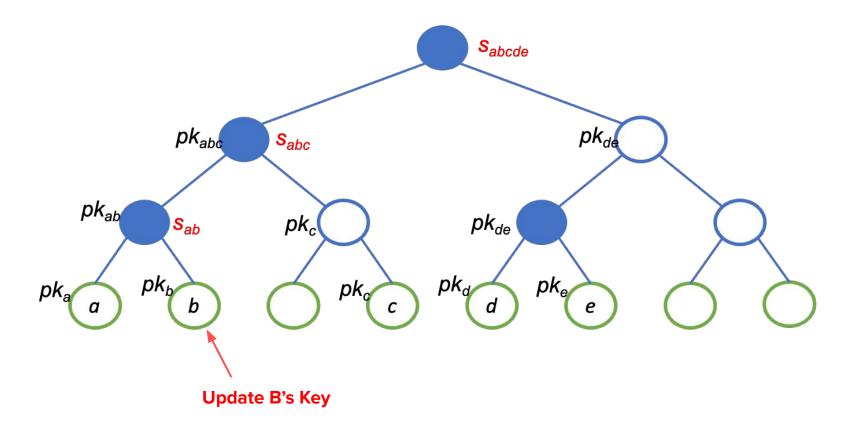


Use HPKE to encrypt message N times?

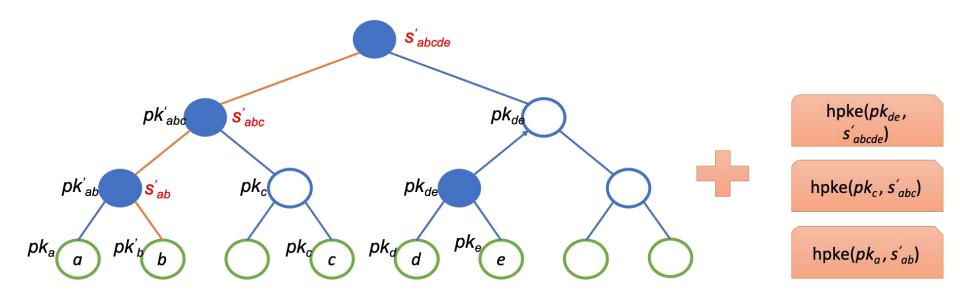
- Sender Keys: KEM key to N recipients, Sign every message
- O(N) computation for key changes



TreeKEM: keys for a tree of subgroups

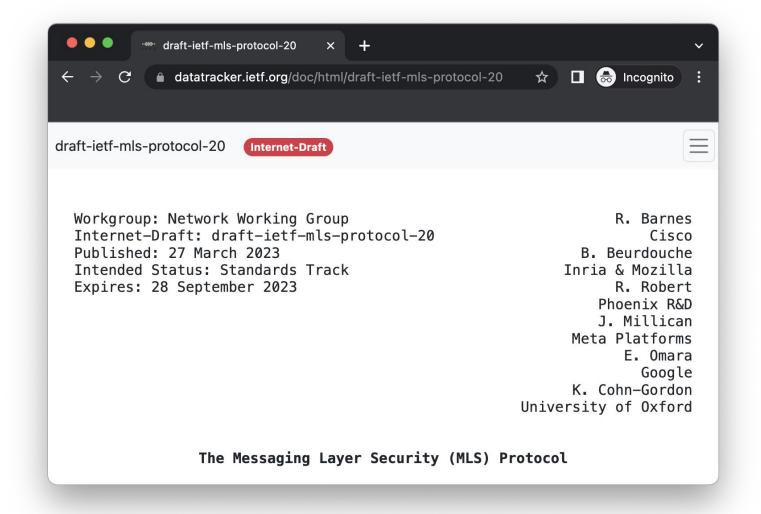


TreeKEM: keys for a tree of subgroups



Maintain a tree of subgroup keys with efficient updates

• Add is O(1), Remove and Update are O(log n)



Decomposing Messaging Layer Security

TreeSync synchronize membership and tree



TreeKEM derive, encapsulate subgroup keys



TreeDEM encrypt application messages

Decomposing Messaging Layer Security

synchronize membership and tree
(authentication, integrity)

TREE HASH + SIG

derive, encapsulate subgroup keys (forward secrecy, post-compromise security)

HPKE + KDF

TreeDEM

TreeSync

TreeKEM

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encrypt application messages (forward secrecy, sender auth)

KDF + AEAD + SIG

Decomposing Messaging Layer Security

TreeSync synchronize membership and tree (authentication)

TreeSync: Authenticated Group Management for Messaging Layer Security

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TREE HASH + SIG

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Many Ongoing Analyses of IETF MLS

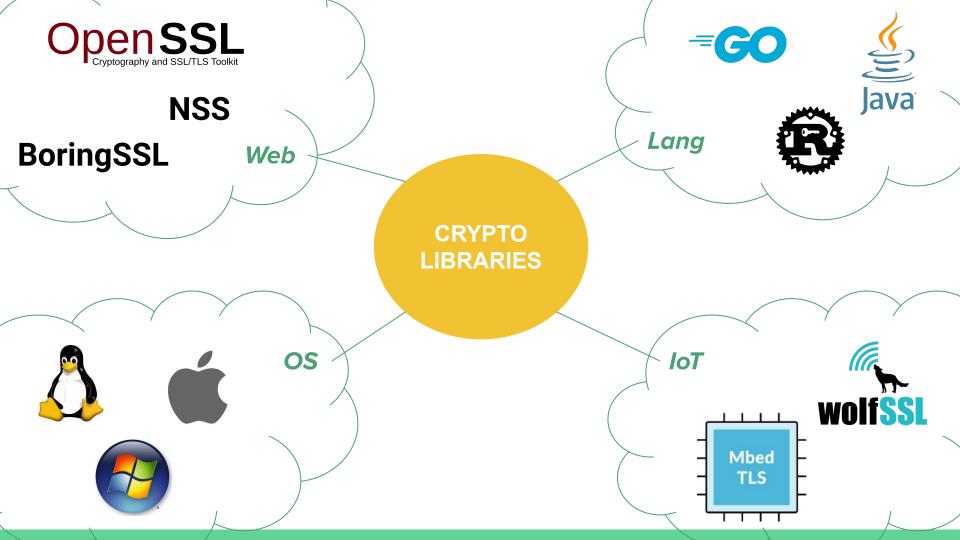
| | MLS Version | Part Analyzed | Adversarial Model | Considers Group Splits | Framework |
|-----------|---------------|-----------------------|-------------------|------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| [25] | Draft 1 (ART) | CGKA in static groups | active | yes | part game-based, part symbolic |
| [6] | Draft 6 | CGKA | passive | no | game-based |
| [18] | Draft 7 | Messaging | insider | yes | symbolic |
| [7] | Draft 11 | Messaging | semi-active | yes | game-based |
| [20] | Draft 11 | Key derivation | insider | n/a | game-based |
| [26] | Draft 11 | Multi-group messaging | n/a | n/a | n/a |
| this work | Draft 12 | CGKA | insider | yes | UC |

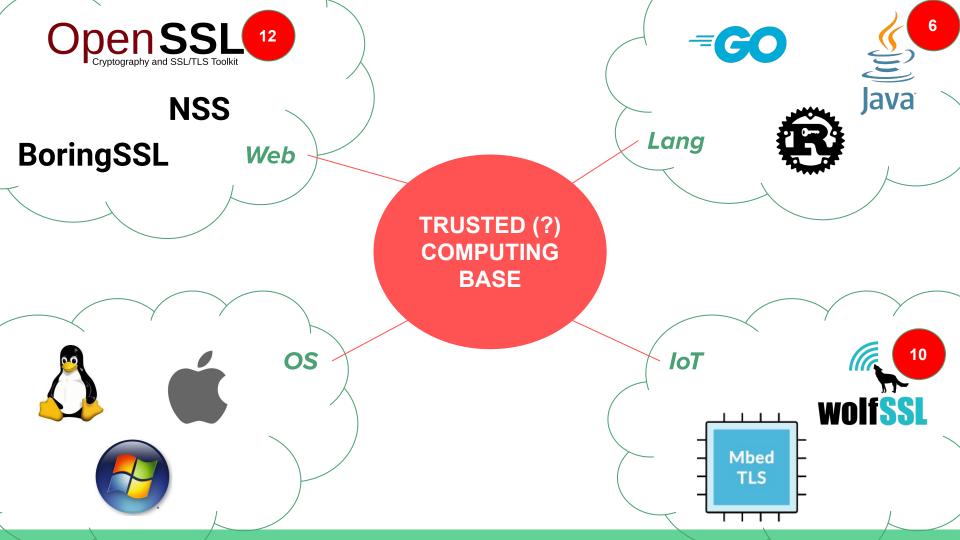
From: On The Insider Security of MLS, Alwen et al. CRYPTO 2022

Verifying Crypto Implementations

Verified Crypto Code Verified Protocol Code

HACL^{*}, Vale, libjade, libcrux, ... miTLS, LibSignal^{*}, Noise^{*}, MLS^{*}, ...





Many Bugs in Classic Crypto Code

CVE-2022-21449: Psychic Signatures in Java

Neil Madden 19 April, 2022 cryptography,

Security

API security, cryptography, Java, jose, jwt, websecurity The long-running BBC sci-fi show <u>Doctor Who</u> has a recurring plot device where the Doctor manages to get out of trouble by showing an identity card which is actually completely blank. Of course, this being Doctor Who, the card is really made out of a special "<u>psychic paper</u>", which causes the person looking at it to see whatever the Doctor wants them to see: a security pass, a warrant, or whatever.



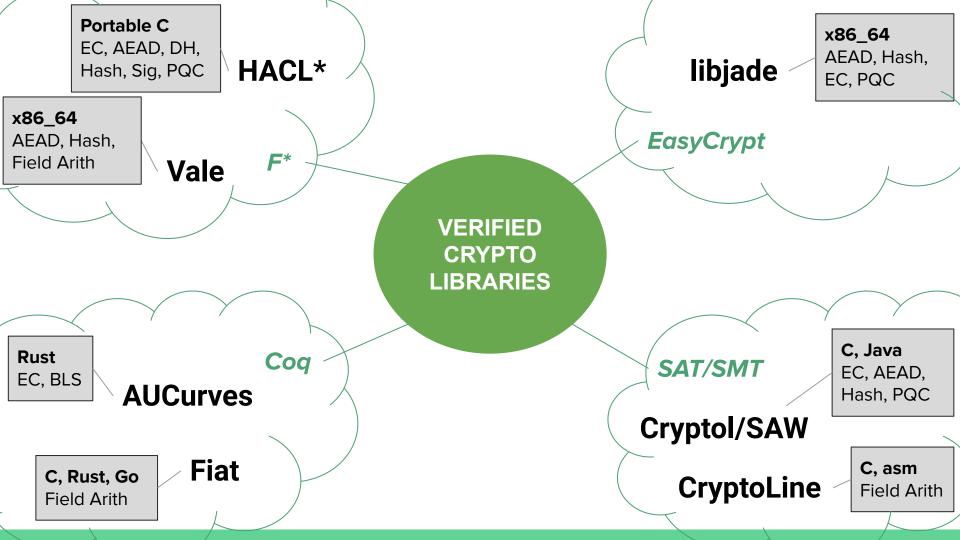
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This is why the very first check in the ECDSA verification algorithm is to ensure that r and s are both >= 1.

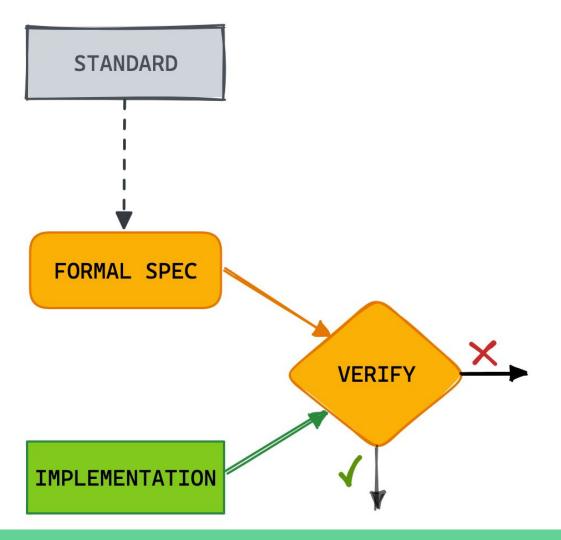
Guess which check Java forgot?

That's right. Java's implementation of ECDSA signature verification didn't check if r or s were zero, so you could produce a signature value in which they are both 0 (appropriately encoded) and Java would accept it as a valid signature for any message and for any public key. The digital equivalent of a blank ID card.

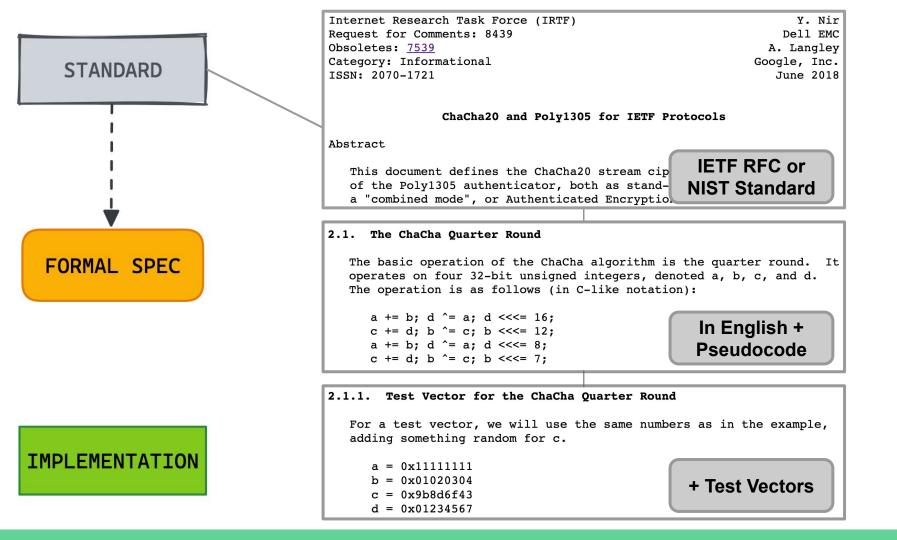


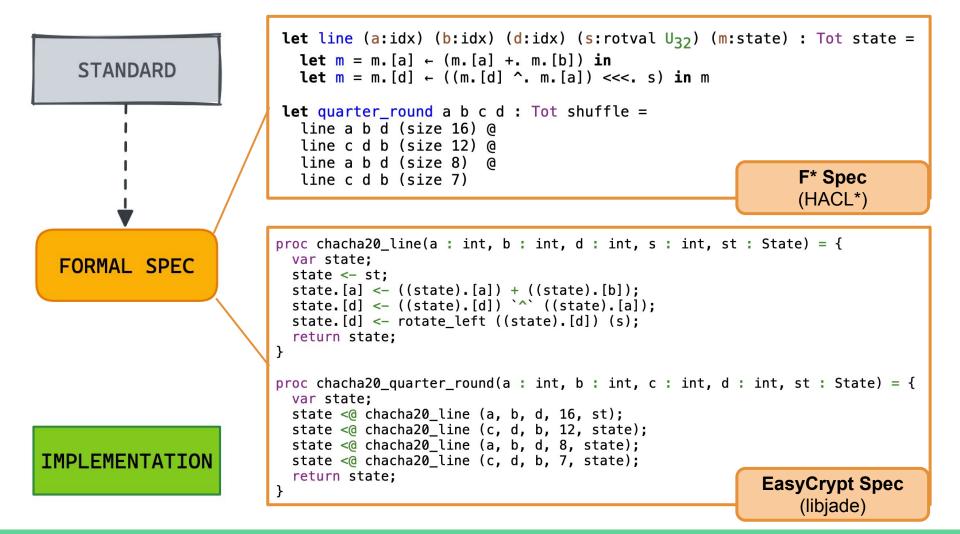
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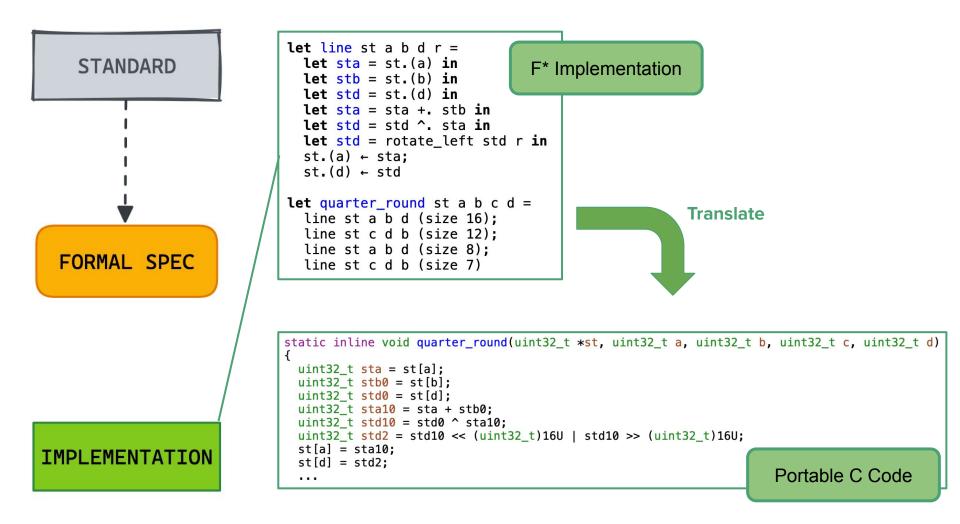
But... research code with low-level APIs, and specs written in unfamiliar formal languages.

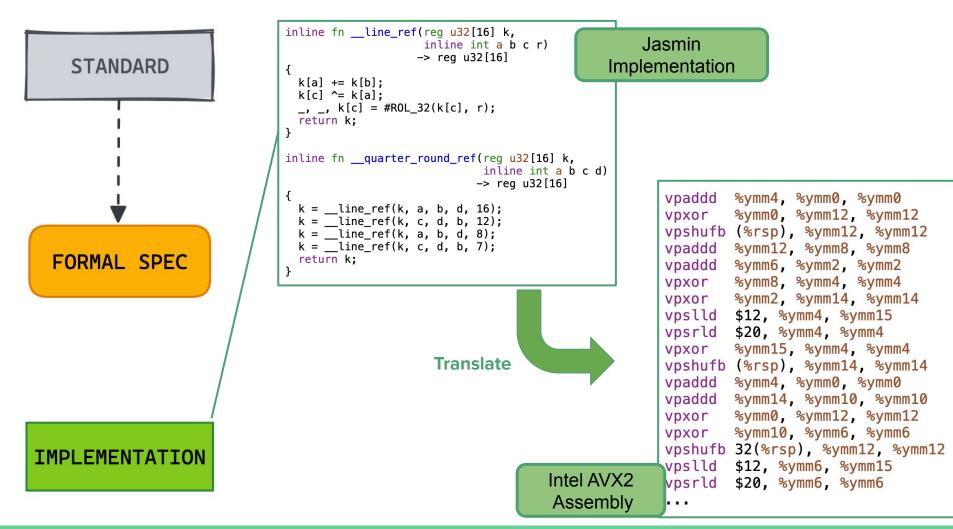


Verified Cryptography Workflow

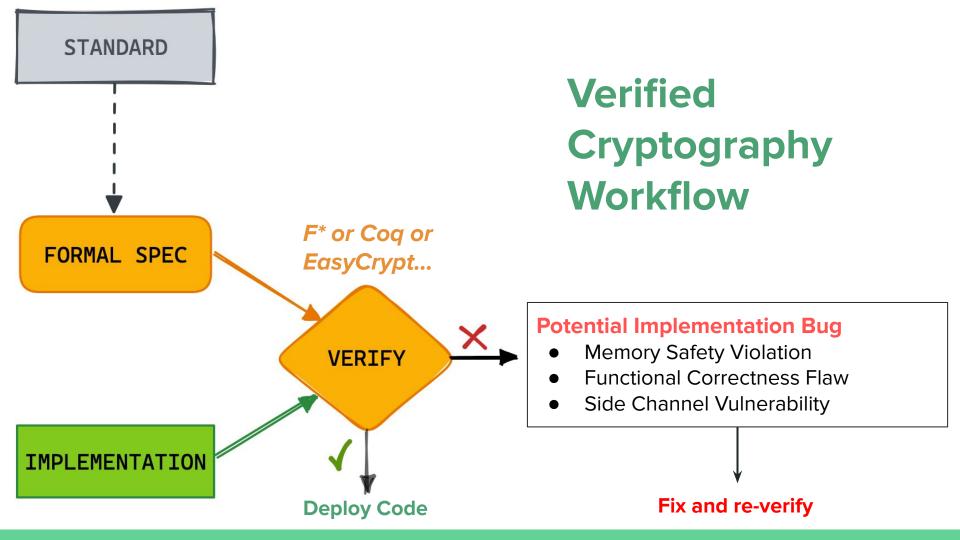








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Good news: For any modern crypto algorithm, there is probably a verified implementation

- You don't have to sacrifice performance
- Mechanized proofs that you can run and re-run yourself
- You (mostly) don't have to read or understand the proofs

But... not always easy to use, extend, or combine code from different libraries

- You do need to carefully audit the formal specs, written in tool-specific spec languages like F*, Coq, EasyCrypt
- You do need to safely use their low-level APIs, which often embed subtle pre-conditions

hacspec: a tool-independent spec language

Design Goals

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- **Succinct** specs, like pseudocode
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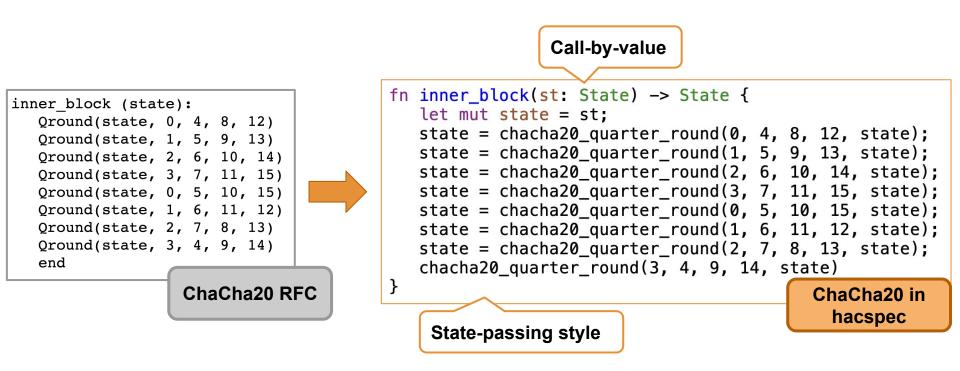
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A purely functional subset of Rust

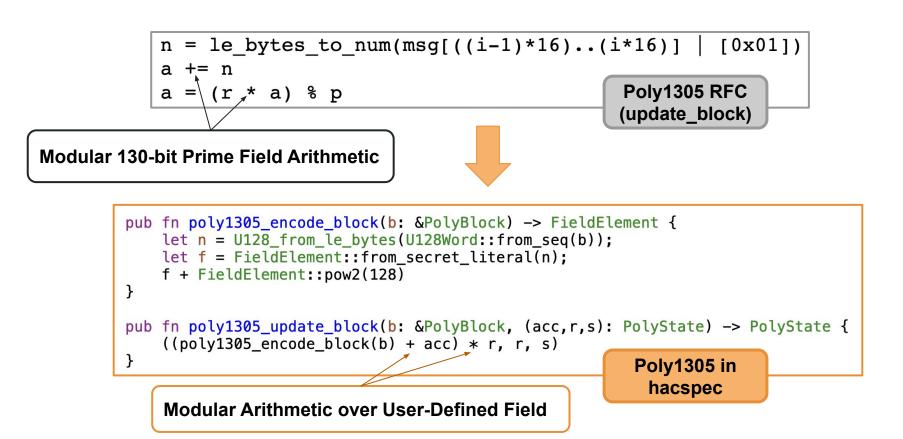
- Safe Rust without external side-effects
- No mutable borrows
- All values are copyable
- Rust tools & development environment
- A library of common abstractions
 - Arbitrary-precision Integers
 - Secret-independent Machine Ints
 - Vectors, Matrices, Polynomials,...

Language and Toolchain Details: hacspec.org

hacspec: purely functional crypto code in Rust



hacspec: abstract integers for field arithmetic



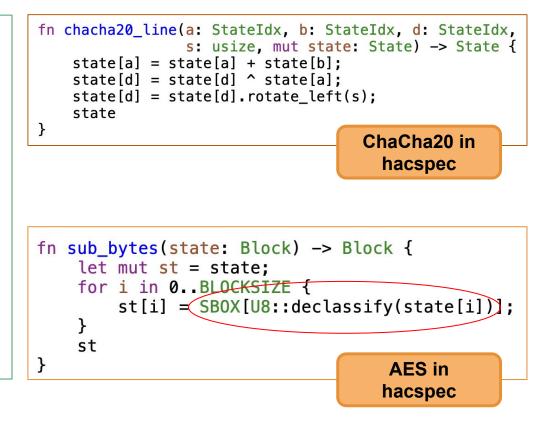
hacspec: secret integers for "constant-time" specs

Separate Secret and Public Values

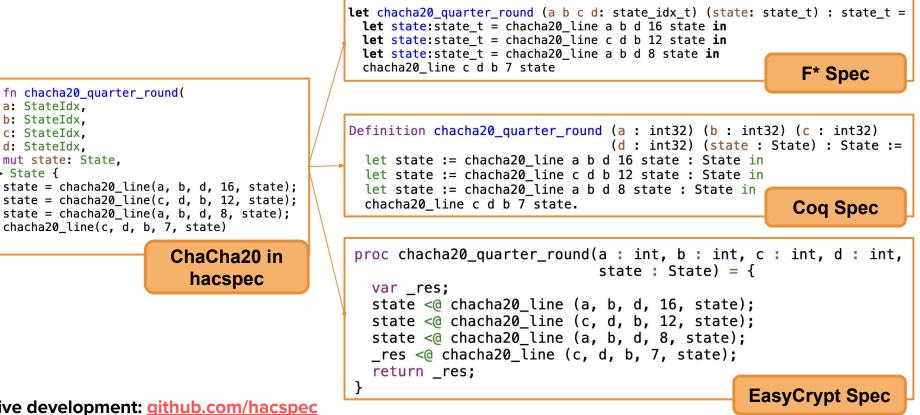
- New types: U8, U32, U64, U128
- Can do arithmetic: +, *, -
- Can do bitwise ops: ^, I, &
- Cannot do division: /, %
- Cannot do comparison: ==, !=, <, ...
- Cannot use as array indexes: x[u]

Enforces secret independence

- A "constant-time" discipline
- Important for some crypto specs



hacspec: translation to formal languages



Active development: github.com/hacspec

pub fn chacha20_quarter_round(

a: StateIdx, b: StateIdx,

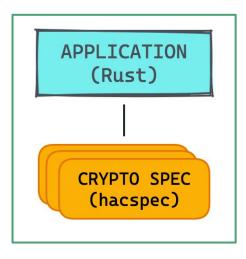
c: StateIdx,

d: StateIdx, mut state: State.

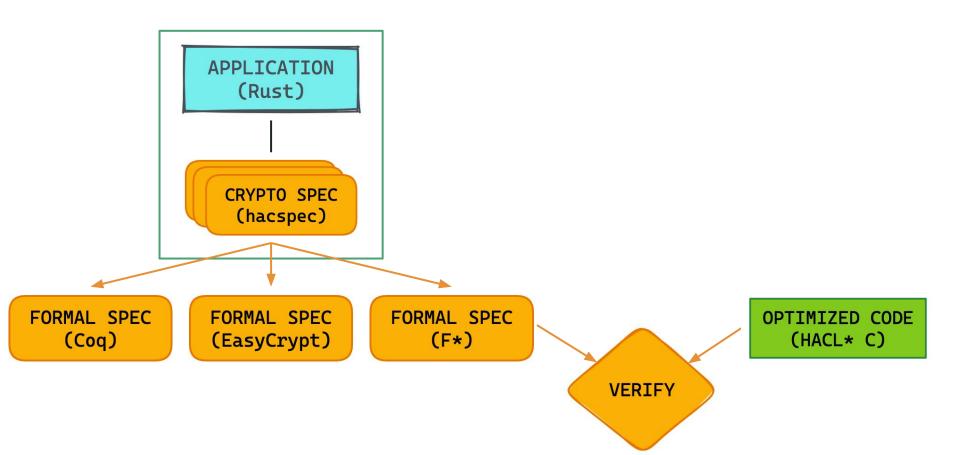
) -> State {

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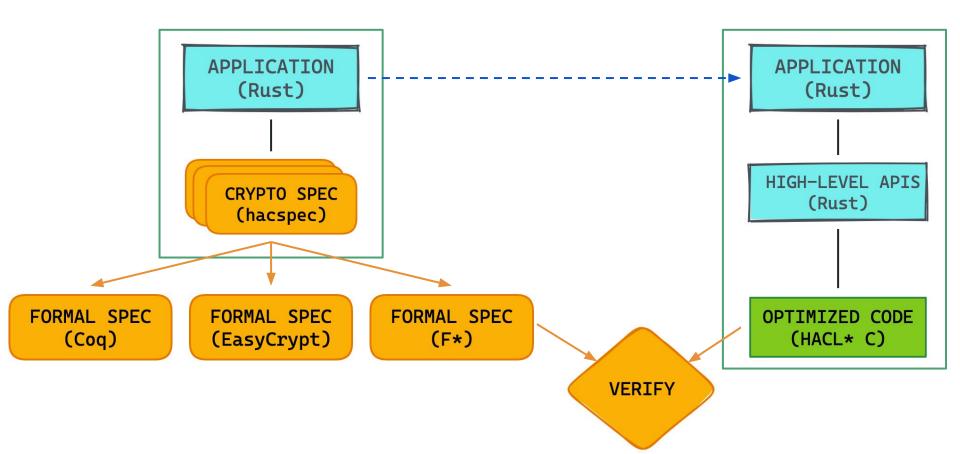
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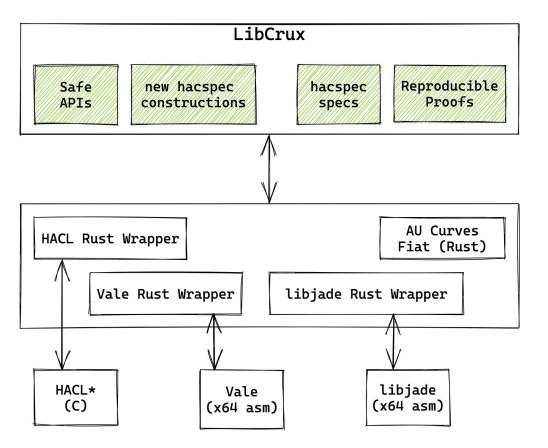


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libcrux: a library of verified cryptography

libcrux: architecture





Unsafe APIs: Array Constraints





Verified F* API: Preconditions

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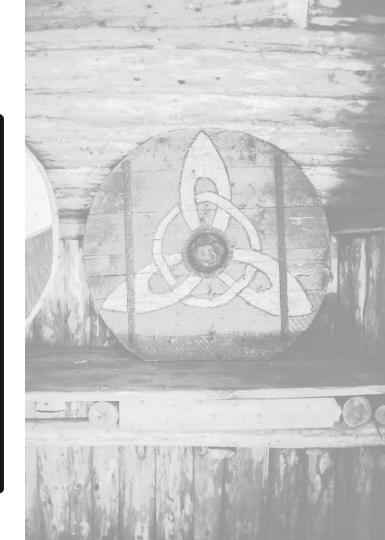
- -> aad:lbuffer uint8 alen
- -> len:size_t
- -> input:lbuffer uint8 len
- -> output: lbuffer uint8 len/
- -> tag:lbuffer uint8 16ul ->

Stack unit

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Length Constraints



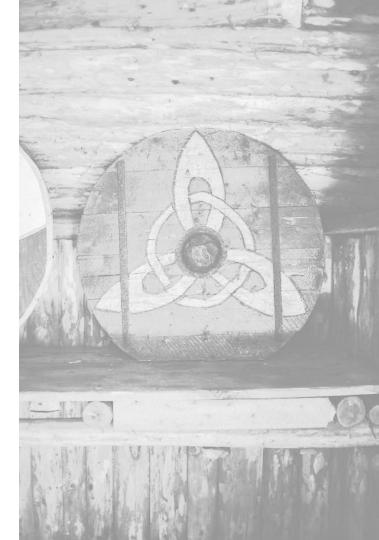
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disjoint aad output)

Disjointness Constraints



libcrux: Typed Rust APIs

type Chacha20Key = [u8; 32]; type Nonce = [u8; 12]; type Tag = [u8; 16];

```
fn encrypt(
    key: &Chacha20Key,
    msg_ctxt: &mut [u8],
    nonce: Nonce,
    aad: &[u8]
) -> Tag
```



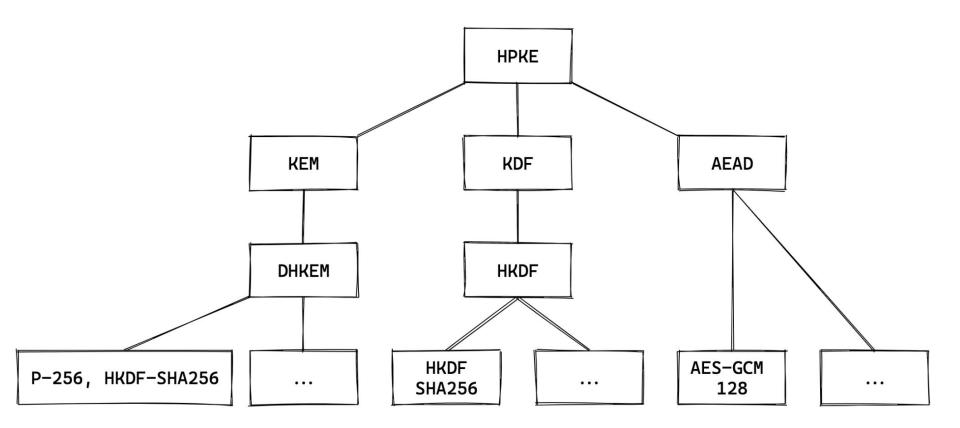
| Crypto Standard | Platforms | Specs | Implementations |
|---|--|--|----------------------------------|
| ECDH • x25519 • P256 | Portable + Intel ADX Portable | hacspec, F* hacspec, F* | HACL*, Vale HACL* |
| AEADChacha20Poly1305AES-GCM | Portable + Intel/ARM SIMD Intel AES-NI | hacspec, F*, EasyCrypt hacspec, F* | HACL*, libjade Vale |
| Signature • Ed25519 • ECDSA P256 • BLS12-381 | Portable Portable Portable | hacspec, F* hacspec, F* hacspec, Coq | HACL* HACL* AUCurves |
| Hash Blake2 SHA2 SHA3 | Portable + Intel/ARM SIMD Portable Portable + Intel SIMD | hacspec, F* hacspec, F* hacspec, F*, EasyCrypt | HACL* HACL* HACL*, libjade |
| HKDF, HMAC | Portable | hacspec, F* | HACL* |
| НРКЕ | Portable | hacspec | hacspec |

libcrux: performance

| | | libcrux | Rust Crypto | Ring | OpenSSL |
|----------|---------|--------------|--------------|-----------------------------|--------------|
| Sha3 256 | | 574.39 MiB/s | 573.89 MiB/s | unsupported | 625.37 MiB/s |
| x25519 | | 30.320 µs 🔪 | 35.465 µs | 30.363 µs | 32.272 µs |
| | libjade | HACL* + Vale | | Intel Kaby Lake (ADX, AVX2) | |

| | libcrux | Rust Crypto | Ring | OpenSSL |
|----------|--------------------|-------------------------|-------------|--------------|
| Sha3 256 | 337.67 MiB/s | 275.05 MiB/s | unsupported | 322.21 MiB/s |
| x25519 | - 37.640 μs | 67.660 µs | 71.236 µs | 48.620 µs |
| HACL* | | Apple Arm M1 Pro (Neon) | | |

Building HPKE over libcrux



Ongoing Work: more proof backends for hacspec

Security Analysis Tools

- SSProve: modular crypto proofs
- EasyCrypt: verified constructions

- ProVerif: symbolic protocol proofs
- CryptoVerif: verified protocols
- Squirrel: protocol verifier

Program Verification Tools

- QuickCheck: logical spec testing
- Creusot: verifying spec contracts
- Aeneas: verifying Rust code
- LEAN: verification framework
- <Your favourite prover here>

Conclusions

• **Protocol verification** tools are available for analyzing real-world protocols

- Symbolic analyzers (ProVerif, Tamarin, DY*)
- Computational provers (CryptoVerif, EasyCrypt, Squirrel, SSProve)
- Many case studies (HPKE, MLS, TLS 1.3, Noise, Signal)
- Fast verified code is available for most modern crypto algorithms
 - Portable C (HACL*, Fiat-Crypto), Assembly (Vale, libjade, CryptoLine)
 - Ongoing work: PQC, ZKP, FHE, MPC, ...
- hacspec is a common spec language for multiple verification tools
 - Try it: <u>hacspec.org</u>
- **libcrux** provides safe Rust APIs to multiple verified crypto libraries
 - Try it: <u>libcrux.org</u>

Thanks!

- HACL*: <u>https://github.com/hacl-star/hacl-star</u>
- Vale: <u>https://github.com/project-everest/vale</u>
- libjade: <u>https://github.com/formosa-crypto/libjade</u>
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