

# Enabling High Assurance Cryptographic Software

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## hax

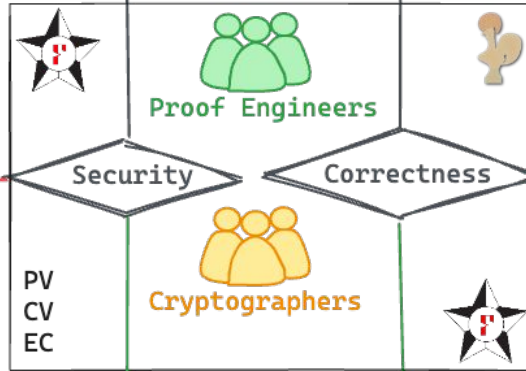
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Potential Attack

No

Security

Correctness

No

Coding Bug

Yes

Security Proof

Yes

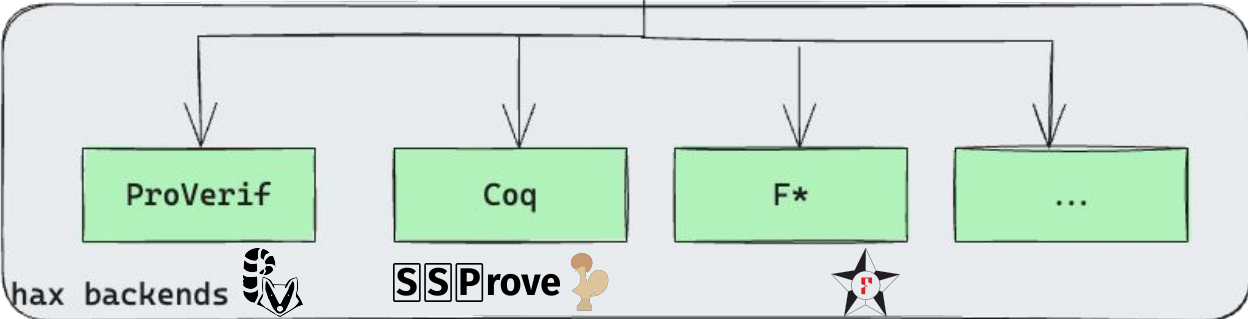
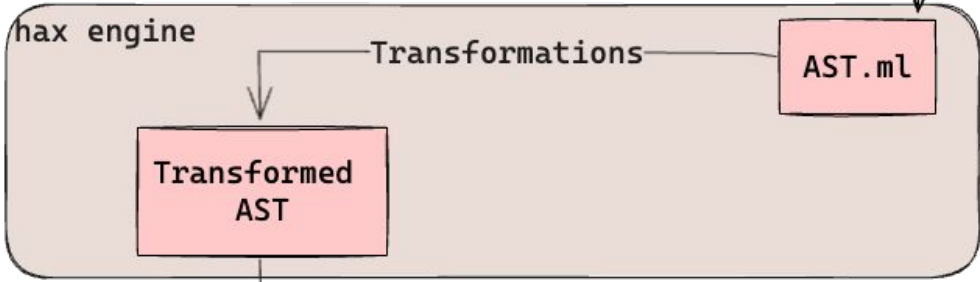
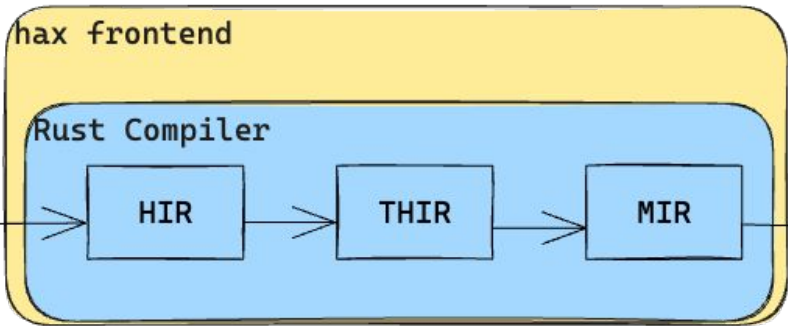
Verified Implementation

# hax: A Tool Framework for Rust Verification

- Accepts a large subset of **safe** Rust
  - Including hacspec, a purely functional spec language in Rust (presented at RustVerify'21)
- Translates it to formal models in  $F^*$  or Coq, SSProve, ProVerif
  - Upcoming backends for EasyCrypt, Lean, ...
- Usable and pragmatic design choices, not dogmatic
- Verify **panic-freedom, correctness, security**,...  
for the Rust code *you* care about,  
using the tool of *your choice*.



Rust

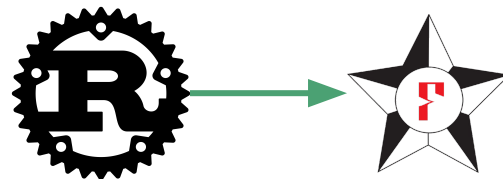
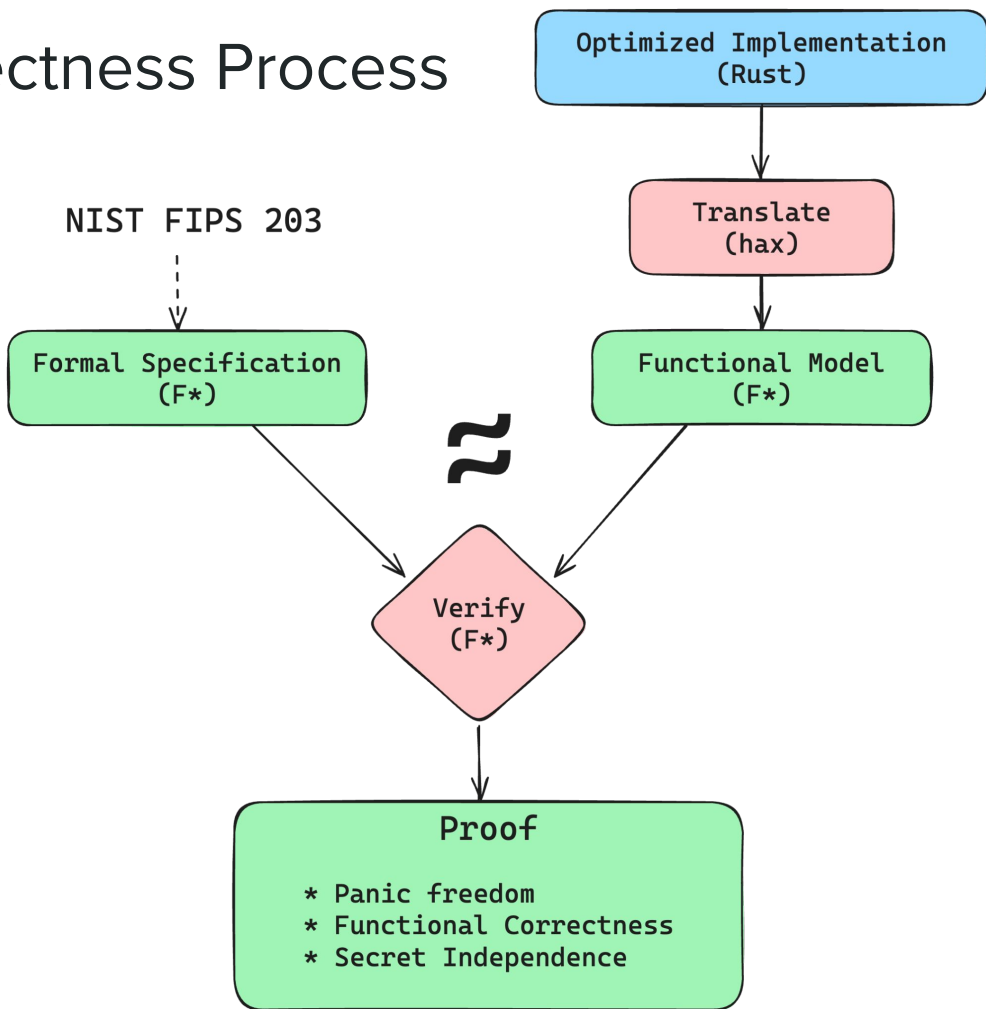


## Coming Up

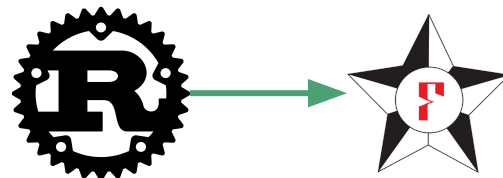
- A portable, verified Rust implementation of NIST's ML-KEM
- Versatility of the Coq / SSProve backends:
  - Verifiable equivalence between Rust code and a verified assembly implementation
  - Formally verified guarantees for smart contracts in Rust
- The first TLS implementation in Rust with symbolic security guarantees based on the implementation itself, not a separate specification

Verified ML-KEM using  $F^*$

# hax: Correctness Process



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```
#[requires((i64::from(value) >= -BARRETT_R && i64::from(value) <= BARRETT_R))]  
#[ensures(|result| result > -FIELD_MODULUS && result < FIELD_MODULUS &&  
         result % FIELD_MODULUS == value % FIELD_MODULUS)]
```

```
pub fn barrett_reduce(value: FieldElement) -> FieldElement {  
    let t = i64::from(value) * BARRETT_MULTIPLIER;  
    let t = t + (BARRETT_R >> 1);  
  
    let quotient = t >> BARRETT_SHIFT;  
    let quotient = quotient as i32;  
  
    let sub = quotient * FIELD_MODULUS;  
  
    value - sub  
}
```

1. hax attributes for “design by contract”
2. F\* statically checks that the properties hold

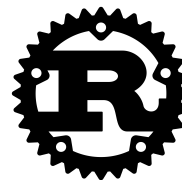
```
let barrett_reduce (value: i32)  
  : Prims Pure i32  
  (requires  
    (Core.Convert.f_from value <: i64) >=. (Core.Ops.Arith.Neg.neg v_BARRETT_R <: i64) &&  
    (Core.Convert.f_from value <: i64) <=. v_BARRETT_R)  
  (ensures  
    fun result ->  
      let result:i32 = result in  
      result >. (Core.Ops.Arith.Neg.neg v_FIELD_MODULUS <: i32) && result <. v_FIELD_MODULUS  
      (result %! v_FIELD_MODULUS <: i32) =. (value %! v_FIELD_MODULUS <: i32)) =  
  let t:i64 = (Core.Convert.f_from value <: i64) *! v_BARRETT_MULTIPLIER in  
  let t:i64 = t +! (v_BARRETT_R >>! 11 <: i64) in  
  let quotient:i64 = t >>! v_BARRETT_SHIFT in  
  let quotient:i32 = cast (quotient <: i64) <: i32 in  
  let sub:i32 = quotient *! v_FIELD_MODULUS in  
  value -! sub
```



# Secret Independence

## Static analysis of forbidden operations

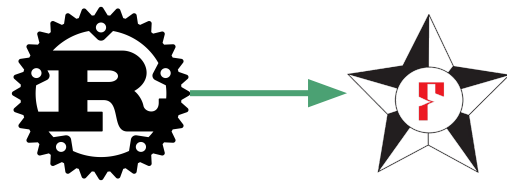
- **arithmetic operations** with input-dependent timing (e.g. division) over secret integers
- **comparison** over secret values
- **branching** over secret values
- **array** or vector **accesses** at secret indices



## Timing issues in PQ-Crystals reference code

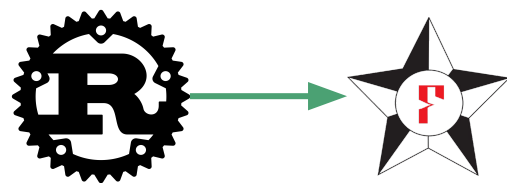
```
void poly_tomsg(uint8_t msg[KYBER_INDCPA_MSGBYTES], const poly *a)
{
    unsigned int i,j;
    uint16_t t;

    for(i=0;i<KYBER_N/8;i++) {
        msg[i] = 0;
        for(j=0;j<8;j++) {
            t = a->coeffs[8*i+j];
            t += ((int16_t)t >> 15) & KYBER_Q;
            t = (((t << 1) + KYBER_Q/2)/KYBER_Q) & 1;
            msg[i] |= t << j;
        }
    }
}
```



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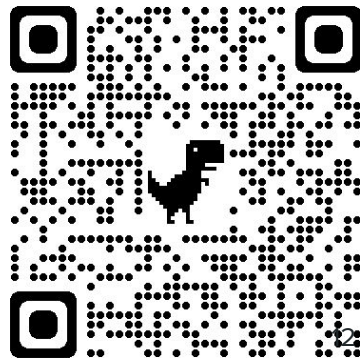
```
let compress_ciphertext_coefficient coefficient_bits fe =
  let _:Prims.unit = () <: Prims.unit in
  let _:Prims.unit = () <: Prims.unit in
  let compressed:u32 = (cast (fe <: u16) <: u32) <<! (coefficient_bits +! 1uy <: pub_u8) in
  let compressed:u32 =
    compressed +! (cast (Libcrux.Kem.Kyber.Constants.v_FIELD_MODULUS <: i32) <: u32)
  in
  (* Potential Timing Leak: division is not secret indepndent *)
  let compressed:u32 =
    compressed /! (cast (Libcrux.Kem.Kyber.Constants.v_FIELD_MODULUS <<! 1l <: i32) <: u32)
  in
  let res = cast (Libcrux.Kem.Kyber.Arithmetic.get_n_least_significant_bits coefficient_bits compressed <: u32
    )
  <:
  i32
  in
  res
```



# Verifying Libcrux's ML-KEM

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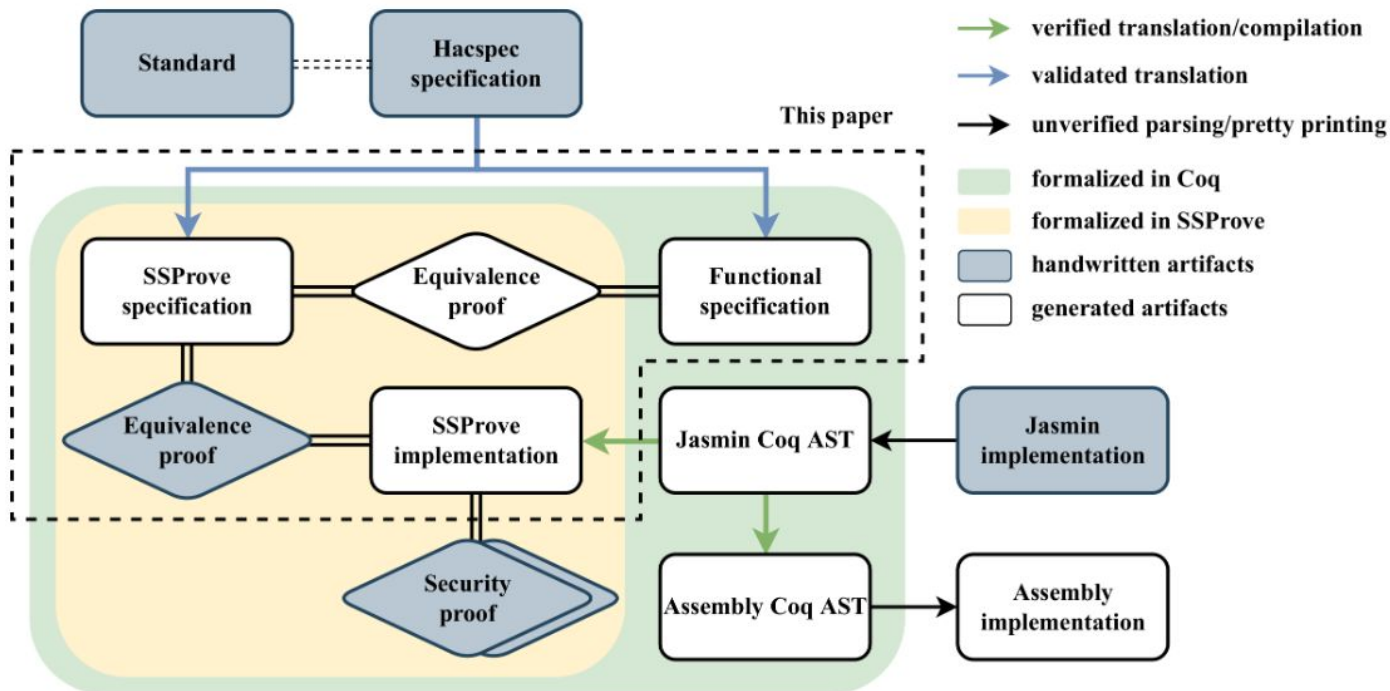
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<https://cryspen.com/post/ml-kem-verification/>

Leverage existing work:  
Coq & SSProve

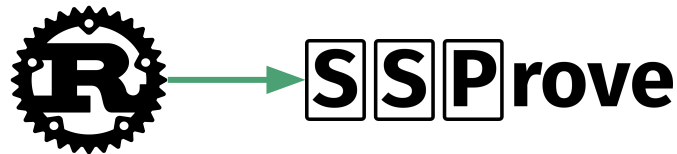
# The Last Yard



[The Last Yard: Foundational End-to-End Verification of High-Speed Cryptography](#). CPP'24.

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# Verification of Smart Contracts



- Model smart contracts as state machines, using hax attribute
- Translate to SSProve
- Leverage existing work: **ConCert** a smart contract verification framework in Coq

```
#[hax::receive(contract = "name_of_contract",
                name = "name_of_entry_point",
                parameter = "name_of_data_structure")]
pub fn some_function_name<A: HasActions>(
    ctx: &impl HasReceiveContext,
    state: SomeContractState,
) -> Result<(A, SomeContractState), ParseError> {
    let params: name_of_data_structure =
        ctx.parameter_cursor().get()?;
    ..
    Ok((A::accept(), state_ret))
}
```

# Protocol Verification using ProVerif

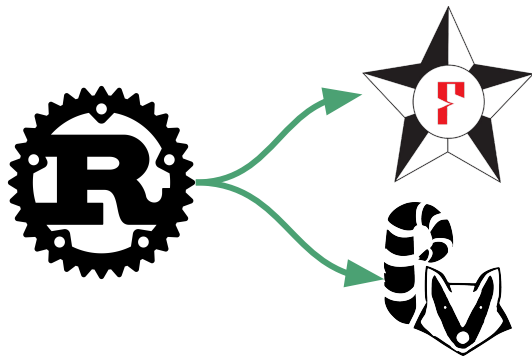


# Multi-Backend use of hax: TLS 1.3

- Bertie is a **minimal, high-assurance implementation of TLS 1.3** that aims to be verification friendly
- An ongoing example of **simultaneous translation** to **F\*** as well as **ProVerif**



<https://github.com/cryspen/bertie>

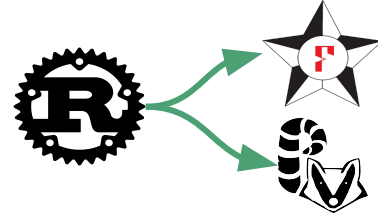


for Correctness

for Security

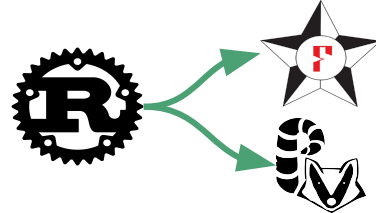
# What's ProVerif?

- Fully automated protocol verification tool, which accepts a variant of **Pi-Calculus** as input language which is translated to Horn clauses
- Allows analysis of **Reachability**, **Correspondence** and **Observational Equivalence** properties in a purely symbolic (Dolev-Yao) security model
- Has previously been used to analyze many real world protocols for security issues, **based on their specifications**, e.g. TLS1.3, Signal ...



<https://bblanche.gitlabpages.inria.fr/proverif/>

# Applied Pi-Calculus



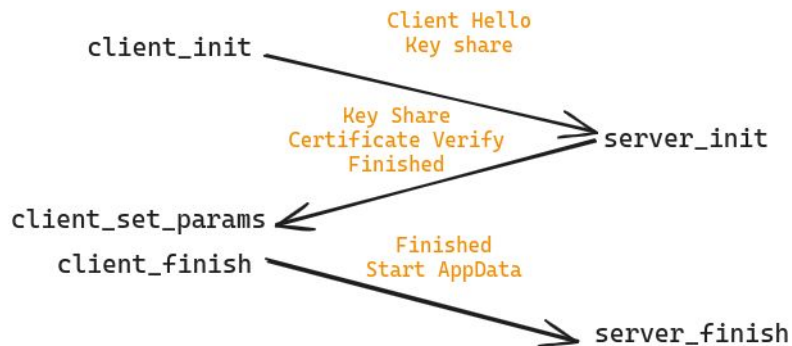
```
type secret_key.  
type public_key.  
type message.  
  
fun pk_from_sk(secret_key): public key.  
fun enc(public_key, message): ciphertext.  
reduc forall sk: secret_key, msg: message;  
  dec( sk, enc(pk_from_sk(sk), msg)) = msg.
```

- No data structures, only constructors and destructors on terms
- No support for **associative operations**
  - $\text{concat}(A, \text{concat}(B, C)) \neq \text{concat}(\text{concat}(A, B), C)$
- No **Result / Option types**, model blocks on failure to destruct term
- No **polymorphism** of any kind

# TLS 1.3 Handshake in Applied Pi-Calculus



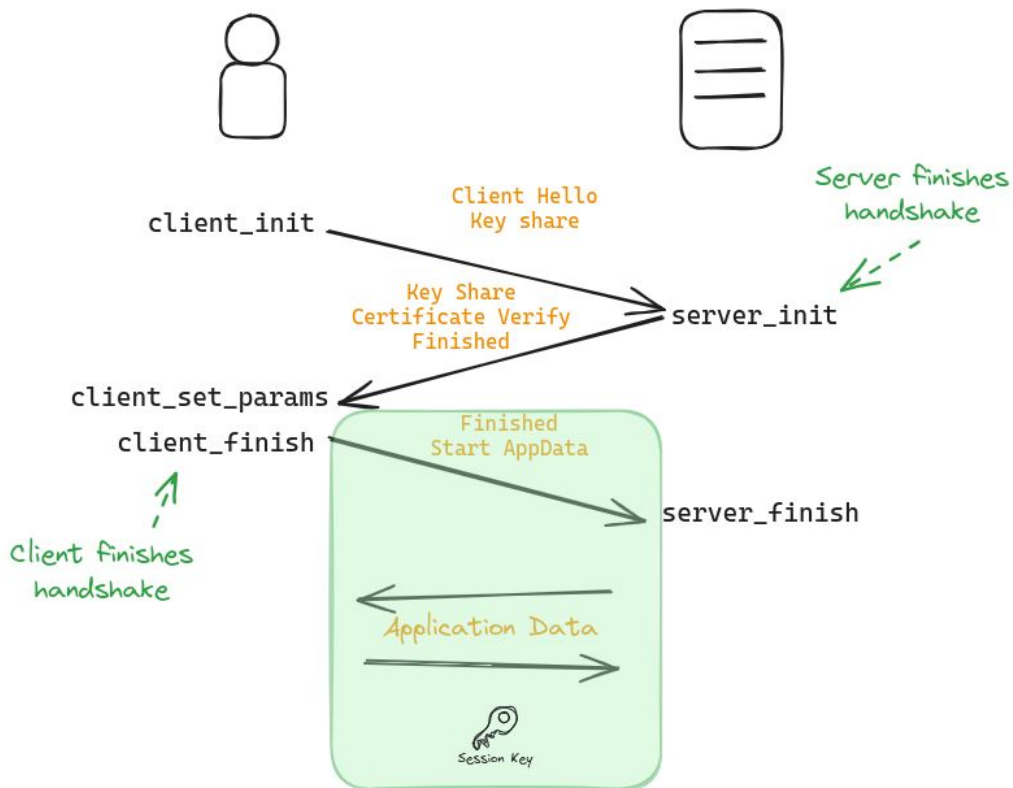
```
let Client() =  
  let (CH,KS) =  
    client_init() in  
  out(c, (CH, KS));  
  in(c, (KS, CV, SF));  
...
```



```
let Server() =  
  in(c, (CH,KS));  
  let (KS, CV, SF) =  
    server_init() in  
  out(c, (KS, CV, SF));  
...
```

```
process  
  Client() | Server()
```

# TLS 1.3 Handshake Security

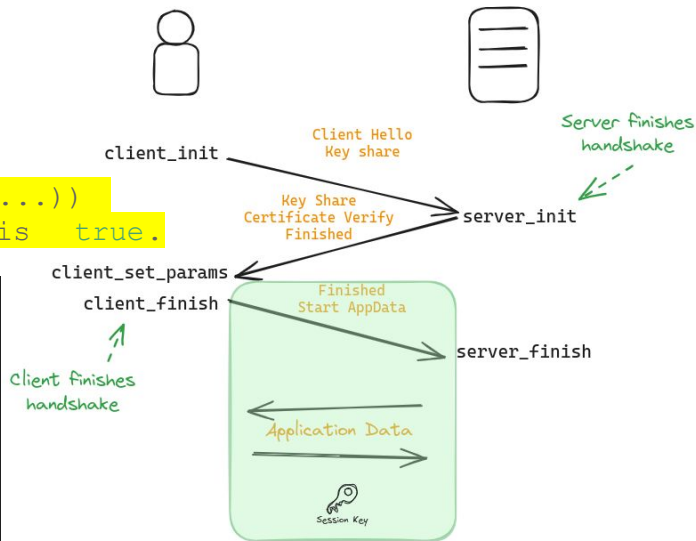


# ProVerif Queries

Query event(ClientFinished(...)) ==> event(ServerFinished(...))

|| CompromisedServerCertSK(...) || CompromisedServerPSK(...) is true.

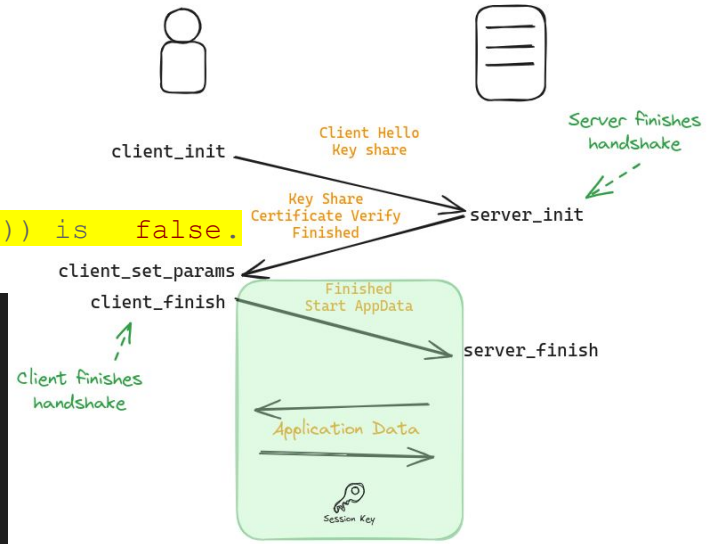
```
query server_name:bertie_tls13utils_t_Bytes,  
alg: bertie_tls13crypto_t_AeadAlgorithm,  
c2skiv: bertie_tls13crypto_t_AeadKeyIV,  
c2sctr:nat,  
s2ckiv:bertie_tls13crypto_t_AeadKeyIV,  
s2cctr:nat,  
exp:bertie_tls13utils_t_Bytes,  
ccipher:bertie_tls13record_t_DuplexCipherState1,  
cst:bertie_tls13handshake_t_ClientPostClientFinished,  
sst:bertie_tls13handshake_t_ServerPostServerFinished;  
  
event(ClientFinished(server_name,  
bertie_tls13record__DuplexCipherState1_c(alg,c2skiv,c2sctr,s2ckiv,s2cctr,exp),  
cst))  
==> event(ServerFinished(server_name,  
bertie_tls13record__DuplexCipherState1_c(alg,s2ckiv,s2cctr,c2skiv,c2sctr,exp),  
sst))  
|| event(CompromisedServerCertSK(server_name))  
|| event(CompromisedServerPSK(server_name)).
```



# ProVerif Queries

Query event(ClientFinished(...)) ==> event(ServerFinished(...)) is false.

```
query server_name:bertie_tls13utils_t_Bytes,  
alg: bertie_tls13crypto_t_AeadAlgorithm,  
c2skiv: bertie_tls13crypto_t_AeadKeyIV,  
c2sctr:nat,  
s2ckiv:bertie_tls13crypto_t_AeadKeyIV,  
s2cctr:nat,  
exp:bertie_tls13utils_t_Bytes,  
ccipher:bertie_tls13record_t_DuplexCipherState1,  
cst:bertie_tls13handshake_t_ClientPostClientFinished,  
sst:bertie_tls13handshake_t_ServerPostServerFinished;  
  
event(ClientFinished(server_name,  
bertie_tls13record__DuplexCipherState1_c(alg,c2skiv,c2sctr,s2ckiv,s2cctr,exp),  
cst))  
==> event(ServerFinished(server_name,  
bertie_tls13record__DuplexCipherState1_c(alg,s2ckiv,s2cctr,c2skiv,c2sctr,exp),  
sst)).
```



# Overview of ProVerif Extraction

- Ca. 4000 lines of extracted ProVerif code for 900 lines of Rust handshake code (+ its dependencies):
  - **Reachability** of all parts of handshake
  - **Server authentication**
  - **Secrecy** of derived session key
  - (given handwritten models for handshake data en-/decoding & crypto primitives)
- No security issues found during verification, but **1 logic bug**
- On F\* side: Panic freedom, scope excludes certificate parsing and HTTPS application code but **complements ProVerif analysis**



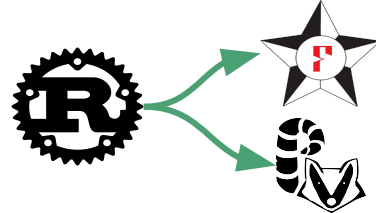
# Takeaways for this Talk

- hax offers an undogmatic approach to Rust Verification
  - Driven by *real implementations*
  - Allows you to *use the right tool* for the given job
  - Different verification *methodologies can complement each other* using hax
- Ongoing Efforts & Improvements
  - Bubble-up proof assistant error messages
  - IDE integration
  - More backends...
  - For *your* favorite verification tool?

<https://github.com/hacspecc/hax>

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# Translating Functions to Process Macros

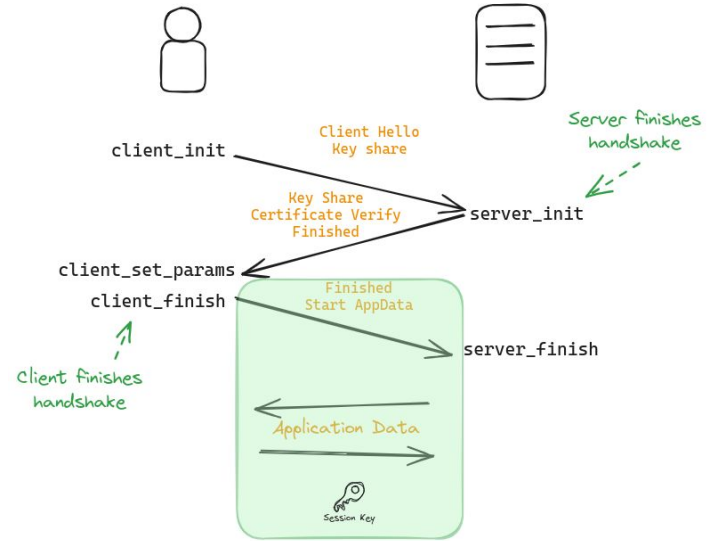


```
/// Derive an AEAD key and iv.
pub(crate) fn derive_aead_key_iv(
    hash_algorithm: &HashAlgorithm,
    aead_algorithm: &AeadAlgorithm,
    key: &Key,
) -> Result<AeadKeyIV, TLSError> {
    let sender_write_key: Bytes = hkdf_expand_label(
        hash_algorithm,
        key,
        label: bytes(&LABEL_KEY),
        context: &Bytes::new(),
        aead_algorithm.key_len(),
    );
    let sender_write_iv: Bytes = hkdf_expand_label(
        hash_algorithm,
        key,
        label: bytes(&LABEL_IV),
        context: &Bytes::new(),
        aead_algorithm.iv_len(),
    );
    Ok(AeadKeyIV::new(
        key: AeadKey::new(bytes: sender_write_key,
            alg: *aead_algorithm),
        sender_write_iv,
    ))
}
```

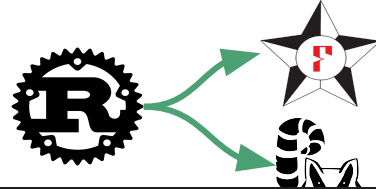
```
letfun bertie_tls13handshake_derive_aead_key_iv(
    hash_algorithm : bertie_tls13crypto_t_HashAlgorithm,
    aead_algorithm : bertie_tls13crypto_t_AeadAlgorithm,
    key : bertie_tls13utils_t_Bytes
) =
let sender_write_key = bertie_tls13handshake_hkdf_expand_label(
    hash_algorithm,
    key,
    bertie_tls13utils_bytes(bertie_tls13formats_v_LABEL_KEY),
    bertie_tls13utils_impl_Bytes_new(),
    bertie_tls13crypto_impl_AeadAlgorithm_key_len(aead_algorithm)
) in let sender_write_iv = bertie_tls13handshake_hkdf_expand_label(
    hash_algorithm,
    key,
    bertie_tls13utils_bytes(bertie_tls13formats_v_LABEL_IV),
    bertie_tls13utils_impl_Bytes_new(),
    bertie_tls13crypto_impl_AeadAlgorithm_iv_len(aead_algorithm)
) in bertie_tls13crypto_impl_AeadKeyIV_new(
    bertie_tls13crypto_impl_AeadKey_new(
        sender_write_key, aead_algorithm
    ),
    sender_write_iv
)
else bertie_tls13crypto_t_AeadKeyIV_err()
else bertie_tls13crypto_t_AeadKeyIV_err().
```

# ProVerif Events

```
let
  (server_hello: bertie_tls13formats_handshake_data_t_HandshakeData,
   flight: bertie_tls13formats_handshake_data_t_HandshakeData,
   cipher0: Option,
   cipher_hs: bertie_tls13record_t_DuplexCipherStateH,
   cipher1: bertie_tls13record_t_DuplexCipherState1,
   server_state: bertie_tls13handshake_t_ServerPostServerFinished)
= server_init_output in
  event ServerFinished(server_name, cipher1, server_state);
```



```
let (client_finished: bertie_tls13formats_handshake_data_t_HandshakeData,
    cipher: bertie_tls13record_t_DuplexCipherState1,
    client_state: bertie_tls13handshake_t_ClientPostClientFinished)
= bertie_tls13handshake_client_finish(server_name,
                                     flight,
                                     client_state)
in
  event ClientFinished(server_name, cipher, client_state);
```



# Auto-generating Constructors

```
/// Build the server hello message.
#[cfg_attr(feature = "hax-pv", pv_constructor)]
pub(crate) fn server_hello(
    algs: &Algorithms,
    sr: Random,
    sid: &Bytes,
    gy: &KemPk,
) -> Result<HandshakeData, TLSError> {
    let ver: Bytes = bytes2(3, 3);
    let sid: Bytes = encode_length_u8(sid.as_raw())?;
    let cip: Bytes = algs.ciphersuite()?;
    let comp: Bytes = bytes1(0);
    let ks: Bytes = server_key_shares(algs, gy.clone())?;
    let sv: Bytes = server_supported_version(algs)?;
    let mut exts: Bytes = ks.concat(sv);
    match algs.psk_mode() {
        true => exts = exts.concat(server_pre_shared_key(algs)?),
        false => {}
    }
    let encoded_extensions: Bytes = encode_length_u16(exts)?;
    let sh: HandshakeData = HandshakeData::from_bytes(
        HandshakeType::ServerHello,
        &bytes_concat!(ver, sr, sid, cip, comp, encoded_extensions),
    )?;
    Ok(sh)
}
```

```
(* marked as constructor *)
fun bertie_tls13formats_server_hello(
    bertie_tls13crypto__t_Algorithms,
    bertie_tls13utils__t_Bytes,
    bertie_tls13utils__t_Bytes,
    bertie_tls13utils__t_Bytes
)
: bertie_tls13formats__handshake_data__t_HandshakeData [data]
```

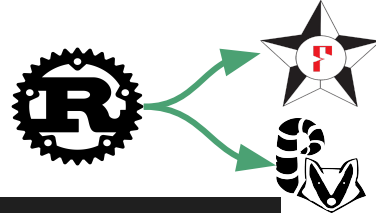
```
#[cfg_attr(feature = "hax-pv", pv_handwritten)]
pub(crate) fn parse_server_hello(
    algs: &Algorithms,
    server_hello: &HandshakeData,
) -> Result<(Random, KemPk), TLSError> {
    let HandshakeData(server_hello: Bytes) =
        server_hello.as_handshake_message(HandshakeType::ServerHello)?;
    let ver: Bytes = bytes2(3, 3);
    let cip: Bytes = algs.ciphersuite()?;
    let comp: Bytes = bytes1(0);
    let mut next: usize = 0;
    match check_eq(&ver, &server_hello.slice_range(next..next + 2)) {
```

```
(* REPLACE by handwritten model *)
letfun bertie__tls13formats__parse_server_hello(
    algs : bertie__tls13crypto__t_Algorithms,
    server_hello : bertie__tls13formats__handshake_data__t_HandshakeData
) =
    bitstring_default().
```

```
reduc forall algs: bertie__tls13crypto__t_Algorithms,
    server_random: bertie__tls13utils__t_Bytes,
    sid: bertie__tls13utils__t_Bytes,
    gy: bertie__tls13utils__t_Bytes;
    bertie__tls13formats__parse_server_hello(
        algs,
        bertie__tls13formats__server_hello(algs, server_random, sid, gy)
    ) = (server_random, gy).
```



# ProVerif Boilerplate



```
#[derive(Debug, Clone, Default)]
4 implementations
pub struct ServerDB {
    pub(crate) server_name: Bytes,
    pub(crate) cert: Bytes,
    pub(crate) sk: SignatureKey,
    pub(crate) psk_opt: Option<(Bytes, Psk)>,
}
```

```
type bertie_server_t_ServerDB.

fun bertie_server_t_ServerDB_to_bitstring(bertie_server_t_ServerDB)
  : bitstring [typeConverter].
fun bertie_server_t_ServerDB_from_bitstring(bitstring)
  : bertie_server_t_ServerDB [typeConverter].
const bertie_server_t_ServerDB_default_value: bertie_server_t_ServerDB.
letfun bertie_server_t_ServerDB_default() =
  bertie_server_t_ServerDB_default_value.
letfun bertie_server_t_ServerDB_err() =
  let x = construct_fail() in bertie_server_t_ServerDB_default_value.
fun bertie_server_ServerDB_c(
  bertie_tls13utils_t_Bytes,
  bertie_tls13utils_t_Bytes,
  bertie_tls13utils_t_Bytes,
  Option
)
  : bertie_server_t_ServerDB [data].
reduc forall
  bertie_server_ServerDB_f_server_name: bertie_tls13utils_t_Bytes,
  bertie_server_ServerDB_f_cert: bertie_tls13utils_t_Bytes,
  bertie_server_ServerDB_f_sk: bertie_tls13utils_t_Bytes,
  bertie_server_ServerDB_f_psk_opt: Option
;
  accessor_bertie_server_ServerDB_f_server_name(
    bertie_server_ServerDB_c(
      bertie_server_ServerDB_f_server_name,
      bertie_server_ServerDB_f_cert,
      bertie_server_ServerDB_f_sk,
      bertie_server_ServerDB_f_psk_opt
    )
  ) = bertie_server_ServerDB_f_server_name.
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  bertie_server_ServerDB_f_server_name: bertie_tls13utils_t_Bytes,
  bertie_server_ServerDB_f_cert: bertie_tls13utils_t_Bytes,
  bertie_server_ServerDB_f_sk: bertie_tls13utils_t_Bytes,
  bertie_server_ServerDB_f_psk_opt: Option
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