

# ProveIt

## How to make proving cryptographic protocols less tedious

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# Overview

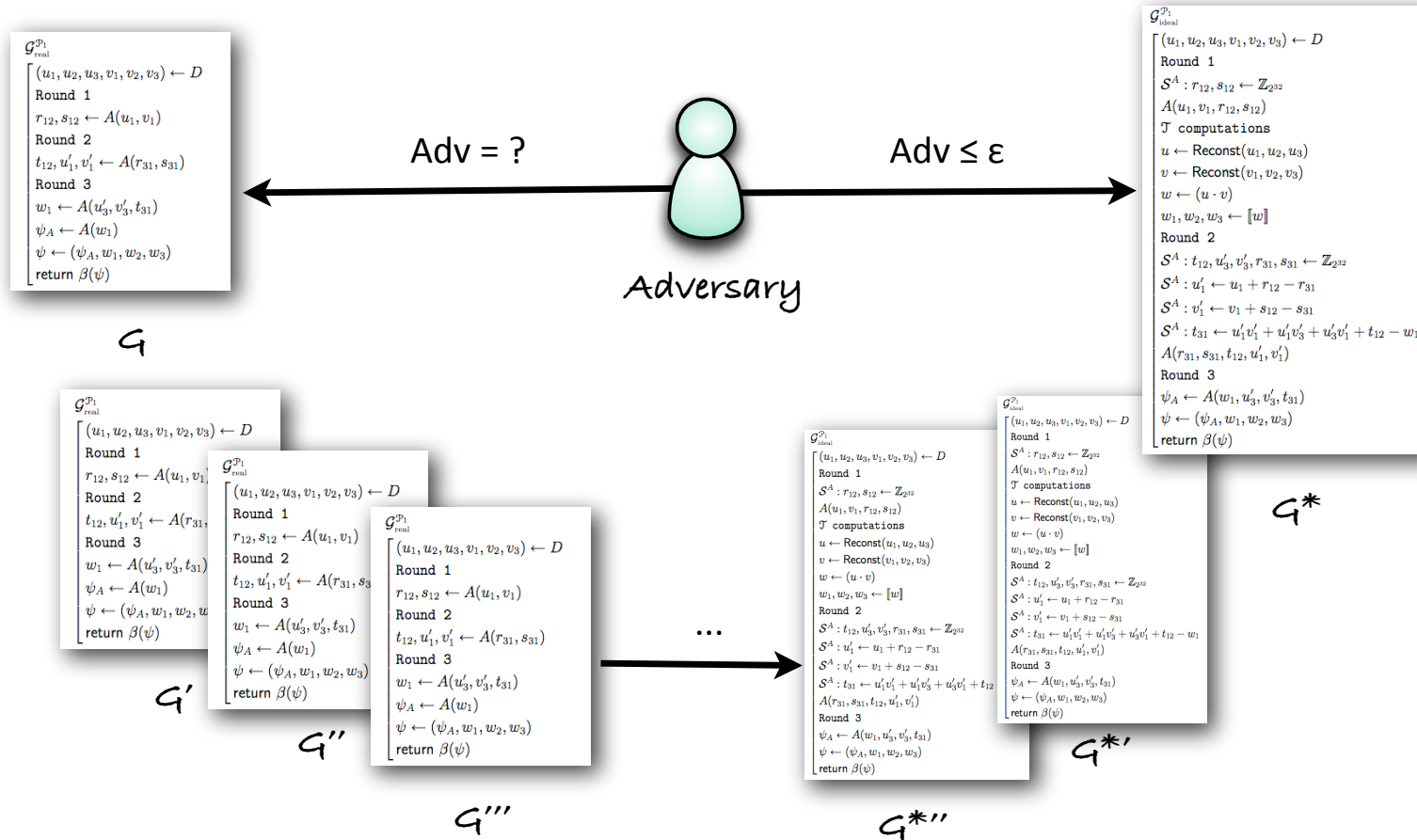
- ▶▶ Motivation
- ▶▶ Game-based protocol proofs
- ▶▶ ProveIt
- ▶▶ Who is it for?

# Motivation

- ▶▶ Proving a security protocol using game rewriting is often
  - ▶▶ Error-prone
  - ▶▶ Time consuming



# Game-Based Proofs



[Bellare, Rogaway 04], [Shoup 04]

# Transformations

- ▶ Consider two games  $\mathcal{G}$  and  $\mathcal{H}$  with adversaries  $A$  and  $B$  and let  $p_{\mathcal{G}}$  and  $p_{\mathcal{H}}$  be the respective probabilities, that  $A$  wins  $\mathcal{G}$  and  $B$  wins  $\mathcal{H}$
- ▶ Transformation is **safe** if  $p_{\mathcal{G}} \leq p_{\mathcal{H}}$
- ▶ Transformation is **conservative** if  $p_{\mathcal{G}} = p_{\mathcal{H}}$
- ▶ Transformation is **lossy** if

$$p_{\mathcal{G}} \leq p_{\mathcal{H}} + \varepsilon \quad \text{or} \quad p_{\mathcal{G}} \leq c \cdot p_{\mathcal{H}}$$

for some particular  $\varepsilon > 0$  or  $c > 1$

# Features of Provelt

- ▶▶ Protocol entered in pseudocode
- ▶▶ Protocol parsed from text to abstract syntax tree
- ▶▶ Transformations:
  - ▶▶ FreeStep, User Defined Step
  - ▶▶ PRP/PRF Switching, Function Rename
  - ▶▶ Dead Code Elimination, Statement Switching

# FreeStep, User Defined Step

- ▶▶ Preconditions: none
- ▶▶ Application rules: can be applied to any statement
- ▶▶ Difference between the games: user specified

# PRP/PRF Switching

- ▶▶ Preconditions: the secret key used in the pseudorandom permutation  $f$  must not appear on the right side of other statements
- ▶▶ Application rules: can be applied to the function call of  $f$
- ▶▶ Difference between the games?



# PRP/PRF Switching Lemma

- ▶▶ Let  $n \geq 1$  be an integer. Let  $A$  be an adversary that asks at most  $q$  oracle queries. Then

$$|\Pr [A^\pi \Rightarrow 1] - \Pr [A^\rho \Rightarrow 1]| \leq \frac{q(q-1)}{2^{n+1}}$$

- ▶▶  $\pi$  - randomly sampled from the set of all permutations on  $\{0,1\}^n$
- ▶▶  $\rho$  - randomly sampled from the set of all functions from  $\{0,1\}^n$  to  $\{0,1\}^n$

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- ▶▶ Application rules: can be applied to the function call of  $f$
- ▶▶ Difference between the games:

$$\text{sd}(\mathcal{G}_0^A, \mathcal{G}_1^A) \leq \frac{q(q-1)}{2^{n+1}}$$

# Protocols

```
Protocol as text | Protocol parsed to text | Protocol as tree | Visual tree

r_23 <- Z_2^32
s_23 <- Z_2^32
r_31 <- Z_2^32
s_31 <- Z_2^32
send(p_2, r_12)
send(p_2, s_12)
send(p_3, r_23)
send(p_3, s_23)
send(p_1, r_31)
send(p_1, s_31)

rec(p_3, r_31)
rec(p_3, s_31)
rec(p_1, r_12)
rec(p_1, s_12)
rec(p_2, r_23)
rec(p_2, s_23)
t_12 <- Z_2^32
u'_1 := u_1 + r_12 - r_31
v'_1 := v_1 + s_12 - s_31
t_23 <- Z_2^32
u'_2 := u_2 + r_23 - r_12
v'_2 := v_2 + s_23 - s_12
t_31 <- Z_2^32
u'_3 := u_3 + r_31 - r_23
v'_3 := v_3 + s_31 - s_23
send(p_2, u'_1)
send(p_2, v'_1)
send(p_2, t_12)
send(p_3, u'_2)
send(p_3, v'_2)
```

# Protocols

The screenshot shows the Provelt application window titled "Provelt [sharemind-multiplication.txt]". The interface includes a toolbar with icons for "UD", "FS", "PAP", "PRF", and "G". A file explorer on the left shows a file named "sharemind-...". The main area has four tabs: "Protocol as text", "Protocol parsed to text", "Protocol as tree", and "Visual tree". The "Protocol as text" tab is active, displaying the following protocol definition:

```
rec(p1, r12)
rec(p1, s12)
rec(p2, r23)
rec(p2, s23)
t12 ← Z2^32
u'1 := u1 + r12 - r31
v'1 := v1 + s12 - s31
t23 ← Z2^32
u'2 := u2 + r23 - r12
v'2 := v2 + s23 - s12
t31 ← Z2^32
u'3 := u3 + r31 - r23
v'3 := v3 + s31 - s23
```

A dialog box titled "User input required" is overlaid on the main window, with the text "Enter new text for the chosen node:" and a text input field. Below the dialog, the status bar shows the message "Parser [info]: Parsing successful".

# Workflow

Enter protocol as plaintext

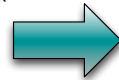
```
f: K \times M1 \times M2 -> C
sk ← K
c := f(sk, m1, m2)
```



Protocol as text | Pro

```
f: K × M → C
sk ← K
c := f(sk, m)
```

Transforms  
(PRP/PRF)



Protocol as text | Pr

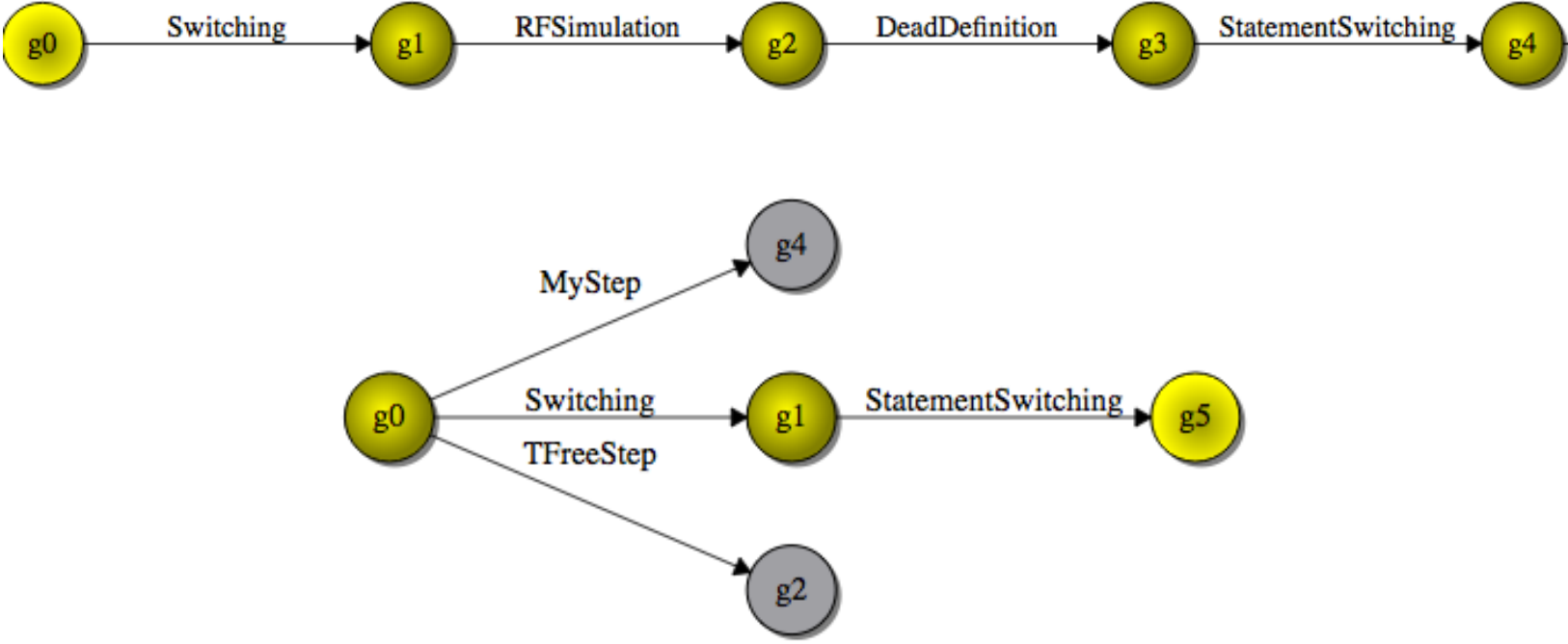
```
f ← f: M → C
c := f(m)
```



Receive plaintext

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f ← {f : M1 \times M2 -> C}
c := f(m1, m2)
```

# Game Trees



# Advantages

- ▶▶ Automatic game-rewriting
  - ▶▶ Reduces the number of rewriting errors
  - ▶▶ Makes the proving process faster
- ▶▶ Checks for rule usage
  - ▶▶ Is it possible to use a certain proof step for the selected statement?
  - ▶▶ What steps can I use for a selected statement?
- ▶▶ Helps researchers, students, teaching assistants

# Ongoing Work

- ▶▶ Control flow analysis
- ▶▶ Type inference
- ▶▶ Protocol presentation
- ▶▶ More transformations
- ▶▶ Translation to EasyCrypt and CertiCrypt
- ▶▶ User feedback
  - ▶▶ Students
  - ▶▶ Researchers



**Demo?**