

Privacy-Preserving Personal Information Management

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Designing protocols that are :

- **Secure**
- **Privacy-preserving**
- **User-centric**

- Studied/Surveyed **Privacy-Preserving Credentials**
 - Compared the most complete/elaborate ones
 - Proposed an **extension** to the Camenisch-Lysyanskaya credential system*
- Proposed two privacy-preserving protocols for **controlling access to remotely-stored DB records**, where *access* is performed *according to policies defined by the owners of those records*.

- Proposed protocols to **solve real-world problems** using privacy-preserving credentials:
 - **Prescription-handling** for the Belgian Healthcare System* (e.g., protecting patients' privacy from *administrative entities* involved in the processing of insurance claims)
 - **Tele-monitoring** of patients' health outside Hospital (Protocol for collecting patients' health measurements in a user-centric and privacy-preserving way)

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Settings and Parties Involved

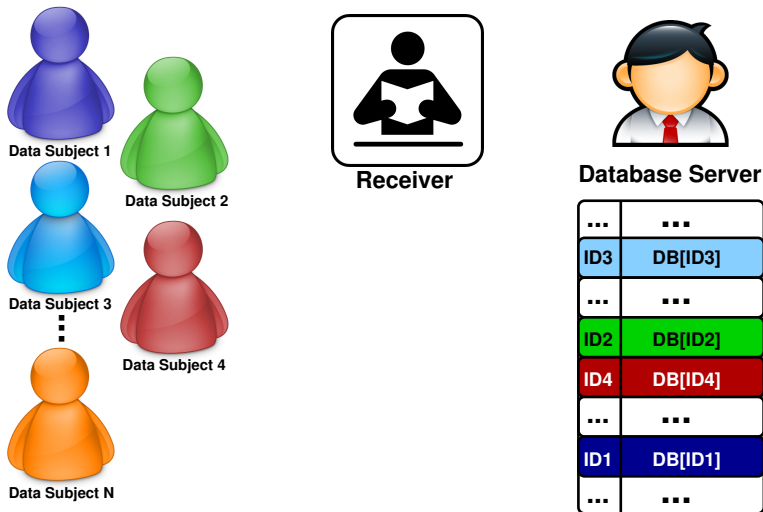


Figure: Setting of the ASPIR Protocol

- **Privacy for Receiver:** DB Server *should not be able to compute the index* of the retrieved record (and hence the ID of data-subject)
- **Privacy for DB Server:** For each query, the Receiver can compute *information only on one record* (defined in the query), and nothing about the other records in DB.
- **Privacy for Data Subject:**
 - DB records *cannot be retrieved without authorization*
 - It should be *intractable* for a quorum of players to *forge an authorization* for a record that none of them owns.
 - DB Server should be able to *verify the validity of an authorization* presented by the Receiver, *without learning the identity* of the Data-Subject who issued it.

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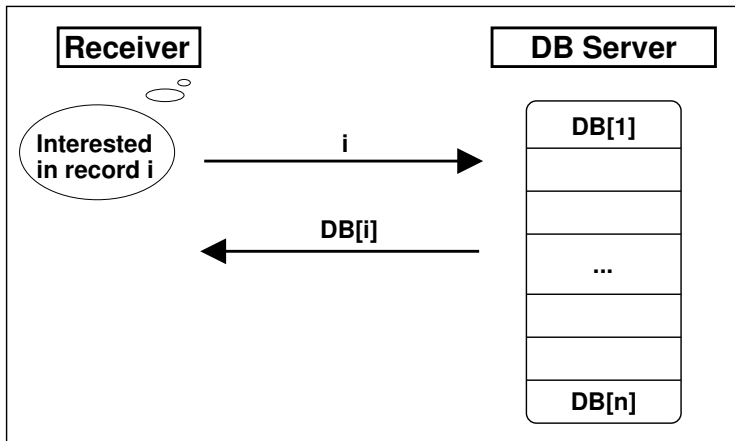


Figure: A Simple Database Query

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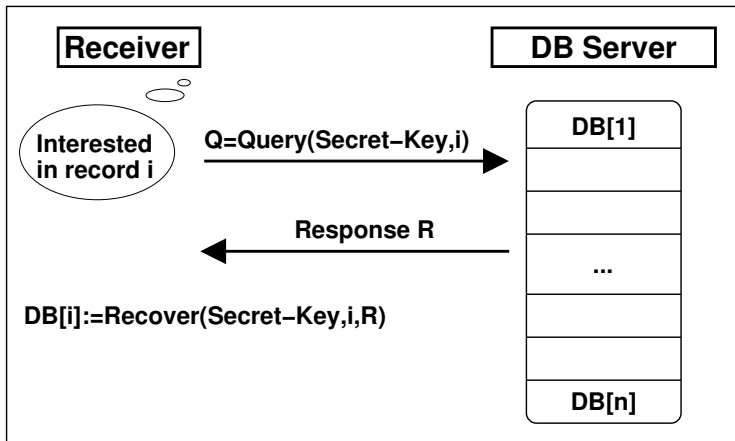


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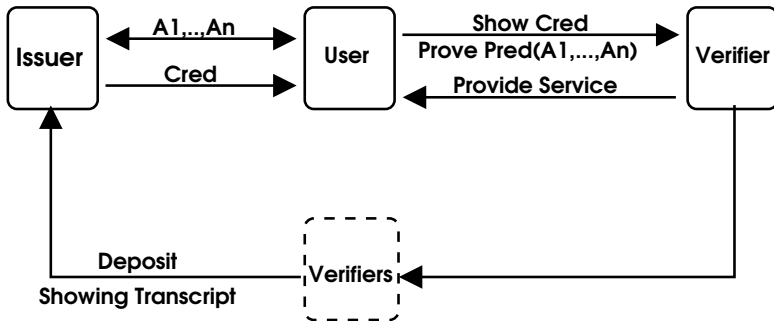


Figure: Privacy-Preserving Credentials Issuing, Showing, and Depositing

Privacy-Preserving Credentials

Properties of Privacy-Preserving Credentials

- **Selective disclosure** (in the sense of Zero Knowledge)
- **Soundness** (no false claims)
- **Untraceability** (showings unlinkable to user's identity)
- **Unlinkability** (between showings)
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Constructions from the Literature

- **Camenisch and Lysyanskaya** (IBM's **IDEMIX**)
- **Brands** (Microsoft's **U-Prove**)

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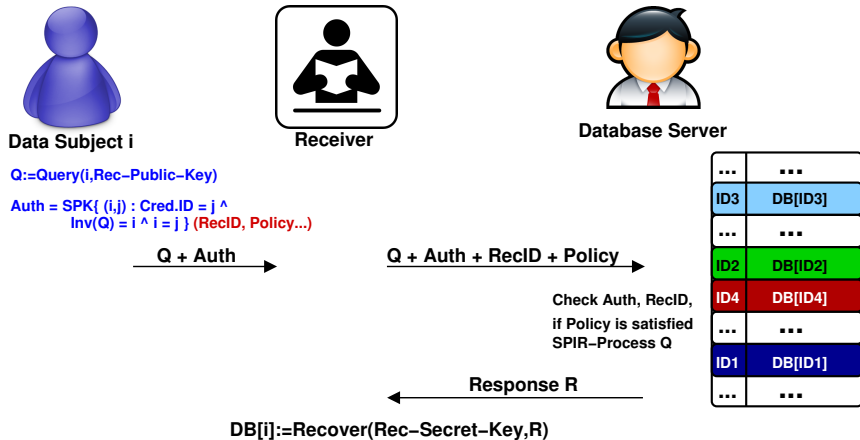


Figure: Accredited SPIR Protocol: High-Level Overview

Multi-Authorizer ASPIR is :

- ① A **new approach** to constructing ASPIR schemes (also useful for single-Authorizer ASPIR)
- ② An **extension** of ASPIR to a setting where:
 - A DB record belongs to **multiple owners** simultaneously
 - Receiver can recover a DB record only if he:
 - Complies with **privacy policy** defined by record owners.
 - Has **authorizations** from:
 - **All owners** of target record,
 - **Any subset** of owners of **size larger than a threshold**,
 - **Certain subsets** of owners (general access structure)

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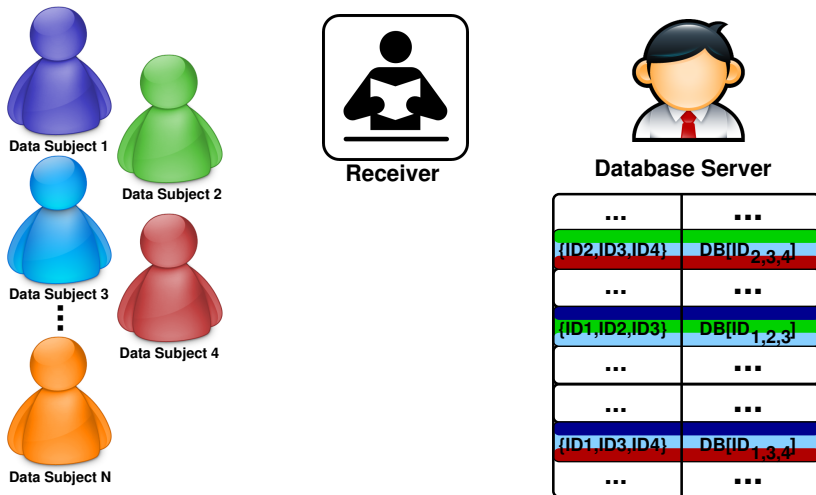


Figure: Setting of the Multi-Authorizer ASPIR Protocol

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- **Privacy for DB Server:** For each query, the Receiver *learns information only on one record* (defined in the query), and nothing about the other records in DB.
- **Privacy for Data Subject:**
 - DB records cannot be recovered without the *necessary authorizations*
 - It should be *intractable* for a quorum of players to *forge an authorization* for a record that none of them owns.

Multi-Authorizer ASPIR is a ***completely new construction***:

- We use ***different building blocks***:
Pairing-based signatures *instead* of Credentials.
(Security relies on Bilinear Diffie-Hellman assumption).
- We use **SPIR schemes in a black-box fashion**;
Construction works with any SPIR scheme, not only
Lipmaa's SPIR scheme as in ASPIR.
- The new scheme is ***more efficient*** than previous ASPIR.

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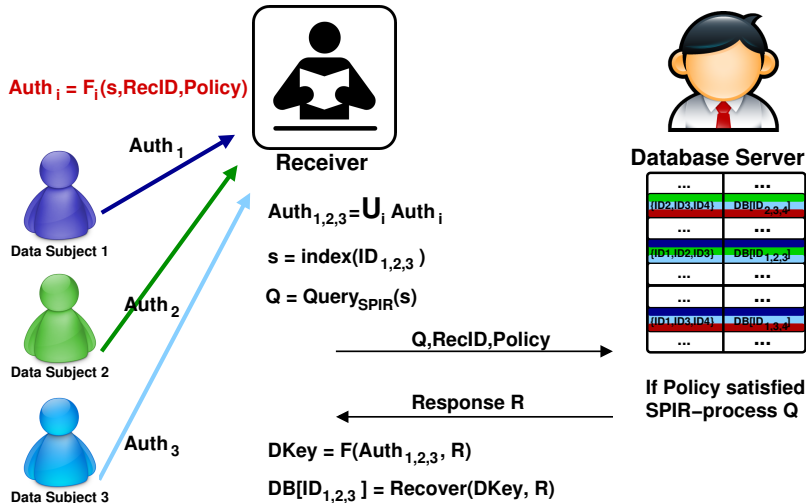


Figure: Multi-Authorizer ASPIR Protocol (Basic Construction)

The proposed protocols have the following extra functionalities:

- Receiver can retrieve **multiple records** belonging to a tuple of data-subjects (2 Constructions)

Idea 1: Change the way the SPIR query is processed (Technique similar to the one used in the *General* and *Threshold* Access Structure variants)

Idea 2: Two Databases : one for Keys, one for Ciphertexts. Retrieve key with MASPIR, and use it to decrypt all records of owners' tuple being considered.

Summary:

- 1 Proposed two privacy-preserving protocols for **controlling access to remotely-stored DB records**, where *access* is performed *according to policies defined by the owners of those records*.
- 2 Proposed **Privacy-Preserving eHealth protocols** (e.g., Prescription-handling for the Belgian Healthcare System)
- 3 Surveyed the **State of the Art in Privacy-Preserving Credential Systems**, and provided a **Comparison** of the most elaborate/complete ones.

Possible Extensions : Accredited Privately-Searchable Encryption

Same setting as ASPIR, *except* that :

- Data records are stored in **encrypted** form, with each record labelled by a set of keywords (also encrypted),
- Querying **by keywords** instead of by indices,
- Data-subjects control **who** can search their records, **what** keywords can be queried, **terms & conditions**.

The solution should be such that :

- Receiver can only retrieve records matching the *authorized search keywords*,
- DB Manager *does not learn* : ID of data-subject, search keywords, access pattern, or search results.

Thank you!

Accredited SPIR Protocol – Detailed Description

Public Info

$$p, q, (g_i)_{0 \leq i \leq \ell}, h_0, (g_i^{x_0})_{0 \leq i \leq \ell}, h_0^{x_0}, H, k, pk^{(R)}, \mathcal{R}, g_{db},$$

$$pk_{EIG}^{(R)} := (g_{EIG}, y_{EIG}), G_q := \langle g_i \rangle := \langle g_{EIG} \rangle := \langle g_{db} \rangle, n := |DB| \leq q, \lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_\alpha.$$

Authorizer

$$(c_1, c_2) := E_{pk^{(R)}}((g_{db})^{ID_A})$$

Receiver

Sender (Database DB)

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} h, \sigma_{CA}(h) := (z', r'_0, c'_0), (c_1, c_2) \\ \text{SPK}\{(\epsilon_1, \dots, \epsilon_\ell, j, \nu) : h = g_1^{\epsilon_1} \dots g_\ell^{\epsilon_\ell} h_0 \\ \wedge c_2 = y_{EIG} g_{db}^{\nu} \wedge \epsilon_1 = \nu\} (m) \end{array} \right\} \text{Authorization}$$

For $j := 1$ to α do :

For $t := 0$ to $\lambda_j - 1$ do :

$$r_{jt} \in_R \mathcal{R}$$

$$\beta_{jt} := HomEnc_{pk^{(R)}}(b_{jt}, r_{jt}),$$

where $b_{jt} := 1$ if $t = ID_{\mathcal{A}}^{(j)}$,

and $b_{jt} := 0$ otherwise.

Authorization, $\{\beta_{jt}\}_{0 \leq t < \lambda_j}^{1 \leq j \leq \alpha}$

Check Authorization validity.

For $j := 1$ to n do :

$$\delta_j \in_R [1, q-1]$$

$$DB_0[j] :=$$

$$((E_{pk^{(R)}}(g_{db}^{ID_A}) \otimes g_{db}^{-j})^{\delta_j} \otimes DB[j])$$

For $j := 1$ to $\alpha - 1$ do :

For $i_{j+1} := 0$ to $\lambda_{j+1} - 1, \dots,$

$i_\alpha := 0$ to $\lambda_\alpha - 1$ do :

$$DB_j(i_{j+1}, \dots, i_\alpha) :=$$

$$\prod_{t \in \mathbb{Z}_{\lambda_j}} (\beta_{jt})^{DB_{j-1}(t, i_{j+1}, \dots, i_\alpha)}$$

$$DB_\alpha := \prod_{t \in \mathbb{Z}_{\lambda_\alpha}} (\beta_{\alpha t})^{DB_{(\alpha-1)}(t)}$$

DB_α

$$DB'_\alpha := DB_\alpha$$

For $j := \alpha$ downto 1 do :

$$DB'_{j-1} := HomDec_{pk^{(R)}}(DB'_j)$$

$$\text{Output } DB[ID_{\mathcal{A}}] := D_{pk_{EIG}^{(R)}}(DB'_0)$$

Figure: Accredited SPIR Protocol (DLog-Based Construction)

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Receiver**For $j := 1$ to α do :****For $t := 0$ to $\lambda_j - 1$ do :** $r_{jt} \in_R \mathcal{R}$ $\beta_{jt} := \text{HomEnc}_{pk(R)}(b_{jt}, r_{jt}),$ where $b_{jt} := 1$ if $t = \text{ID}_{\mathcal{A}}^{(j)}$,and $b_{jt} := 0$ otherwise.**Authorization, $\{\beta_{jt}\}_{0 \leq t < \lambda_j}^{1 \leq j \leq \alpha}$**
→**Sender (Database DB)****Check Authorization validity.****For $j := 1$ to n do :** $\delta_j \in_R [1, q - 1]$ $\text{DB}_0[j] :=$ $((E_{pk_{\text{EIG}}^{(R)}}(g_{db}^{\text{ID}_{\mathcal{A}}}) \otimes g_{db}^{-j})^{\delta_j} \otimes \text{DB}[j])$

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Figure: Accredited SPIR Protocol – Detailed description – Part II

Receiver**Sender (Database DB)****Check Authorization validity.****For $j := 1$ to n do :** $\delta_j \in_R [1, q - 1]$ $DB_0[j] :=$

$$((E_{pk_{EIG}^{(R)}}(g_{db}^{ID_{\mathcal{A}}}) \otimes g_{db}^{-j})^{\delta_j} \otimes DB[j])$$

For $j := 1$ to $\alpha - 1$ do :**For $i_{j+1} := 0$ to $\lambda_{j+1} - 1, \dots,$** **$i_{\alpha} := 0$ to $\lambda_{\alpha} - 1$ do :** $DB_j(i_{j+1}, \dots, i_{\alpha}) :=$

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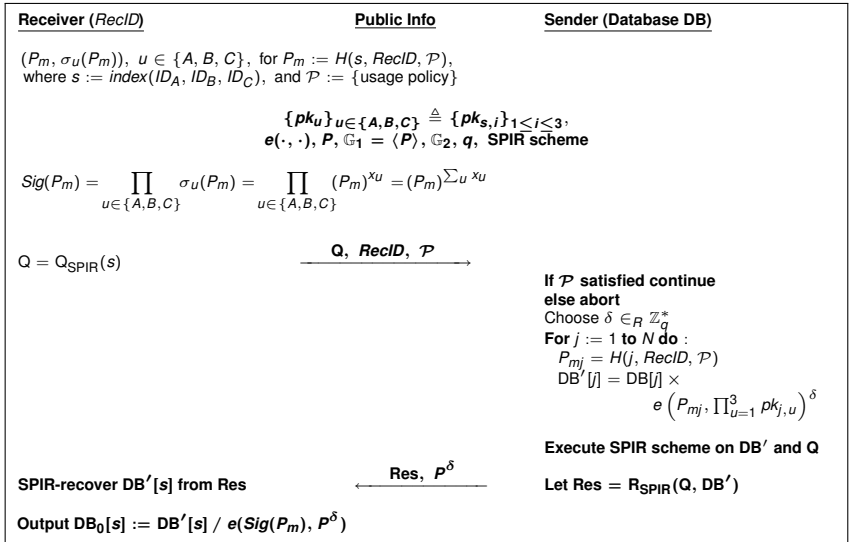
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Multi-Authorizer ASPIR Protocol – Detailed Overview

**Figure:** Multi-Authorizer ASPIR (Basic Construction)