Group Time-based One-time Passwords and its Application to Efficient Privacy-Preserving Proof of Location

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- TOTP can be realized using
  - Symmetric keys shared between the prover and the verifier
  - Asymmetric method: hash-based or digital signatures
Time-based One-time Passwords

• Traditional hash-based TOTPs

[Diagram: $x_0 \xrightarrow{H} x_1 \xrightarrow{H} x_2 \xrightarrow{H} \cdots \xrightarrow{H} x_{N-1} \xrightarrow{H} x_N$]

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Usage direction
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  ![Diagram of traditional hash-based TOTP]

- One key pair per user \((x_0, x_N)\)
  - Asymmetric: verifier compromise resilience
  - **No identity privacy:** each *verify point* \(x_N\) is associated with one prover, and the verifier knows the identity of the prover
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How to efficiently and generically transform a traditional (asymmetric) TOTP into a GTOTP scheme?
Group TOTP

Group Members (Provers)

Trusted Registration Authority (RA)

Verifier
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Local Initialization \( \rightarrow \) \( V_{P_a}, V_{P_b}, \ldots \)
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SK_a  SK_b  VP_a, VP_b, ...

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Password Gen (Sk_i, Aux_i, T)

PW_i
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**Verifier**
- $VST_G$
- $PW_i$
- Verify ($T, PW_i, VST_G$)

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If needed, Open Password (PW_i, K_RA), and reveal the identity of the password sender
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• **Anonymity**: adversary cannot distinguish one group member’s password from another’s.
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- **Bloom Filter**: $BF = vst_{G}$

- **Insertions**:
  - $vp_{ID_1}^1$
  - $vp_{ID_2}^1$
  - $vp_{ID_3}^1$
  - $vp_{ID_4}^1$
  - $vp_{ID_1}^2$
  - $vp_{ID_2}^2$
  - $vp_{ID_3}^2$
  - $vp_{ID_4}^2$

- **Shuffled Leaves**

- **Merkle trees**

- **Locally generated TOTP instances**

- **Equation**: $C_{ID_j} = ASE.Enc(k_{RA}, ID_j)$
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Aux\textsubscript{i} = Merkle Proof for ID\textsubscript{i}

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• **Additional Building blocks:**
  - Commitment Scheme
  - Privacy-Preserving Location Proximity (PPLP) Scheme
Privacy-Preserving Proof of Location

1. A prover broadcasts its GTOTP password and privacy-preserving location proximity (PPLP) request to nearby witnesses via a short-range communication channel.

2. Witnesses who can testify for the prover will respond with both message and location commitments regarding the PPLP responses.

3. Witnesses and prover exchange the password for verifying the message commitment.

4. The prover finally assembles the location proof based on the gathered proofs and publishes it to Public Ledger.

5. The verifier can obtain the location proof from either the Public Ledger or the prover.
Performance Evaluation

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**Open question:**
- Dynamic group management