

Title (en)  
SECURE USER IDENTIFICATION BASED ON RING HOMOMORPHISMS

Title (de)  
AUF EINEM RINGHOMOMORPHISMUS BASIERENDE SICHERE BENUTZERIDENTIFIZIERUNG

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Abstract (en)  
[origin: WO0101625A1] A method and system is disclosed for performing user identification, digital signatures and other secure communication functions based on ring homomorphisms (220). In one embodiment, a secure user identification technique is disclosed in which one of the system users, referred to as a Prover, randomly selects an element  $g$  from the set  $R_g$ . The Prover (230) evaluates the homomorphism  $O(g)$  (220) to another user referred to as the Verifier. The Verifier randomly selects a challenge element  $c$  from the set  $R_c$ . The Verifier transmits  $c$  to the Prover (230). The Prover (230) generates a response element  $h$  using the private key  $f$  and the elements  $c$  and  $g$ . The element  $h$  may be generated in the form  $g^*(f + c^*g)$  using addition  $+$  and multiplication  $*$  in the ring  $R$ ; or more generally by choosing a set of elements  $g_i$ , receiving a set of challenge elements  $c_i$ , creating modified challenge elements  $d_j$  from the challenge elements  $c_i$ , transmitting the modified challenge elements  $d_i$  to the Verifier, and generating the response element  $h$  as a polynomial function of the secret key  $f$  and the selected elements  $g_i$ ,  $c_i$ , and  $d_j$ . The Verifier checks that the element  $h$  is in the set  $R_h$ . The Verifier also evaluates the homomorphism  $O$  (220) at the element  $h$  and compares the result  $O(h)$  to a function of  $O(g)$ ,  $O(c)$ , and the public key  $O(f)$  (240) of the power.

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