IMPLEMENTING A PRIVACY-FRIENDLY SECURE LOGGING MODULE INTO THE PRIME CORE

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Introduction

- Background and the assignment
 - Implementing a privacy-friendly secure logging module into the PRIME Core
- What is the PRIME Core and PrimeLife
- What is a privacy-friendly secure log
- Our work three milestones
- Evaluation and future work

BACKGROUND & ASSIGNMENT

- Privacy and Identity Management for Europe
- 6+ years
- The PRIME Core a software prototype

PRIME and PrimeLife

Topics in Computer Security

- Summer
- sin Computer Security Summi
- Late spring 2009
- Privacy-friendly secure logging module
- Design and proof of concept prototype

Further work on the design

Updating the prototype Putting it all together

Presented at the IFIP
International Summer School

A Privacy-Friendly Secure Log

• Secure Log

- Protects the confidentiality and integrity of entries
- Prior to an attacker compromising the log

o Privacy-Friendly Secure Log

- Only the data subject can decrypt the entries belonging to him or her
- A high degree of unlinkability between log entries and data subjects

MILESTONE 1

- Naming and coding conventions
- Centralized configuration
- Creating the KeyHandler
- The EventSelector
- Log Integrity Validation
- Junit Tests

MILESTONE 2 - API

- Java Web Services
 - SOAP messages
 - How client and server PRIME Cores communicate
- GetLogEntry(EntryID)
 - Returns the entry with the given ID
- GetLatestEntryID(subject)
 - Returns the latest EntryID for the data subject

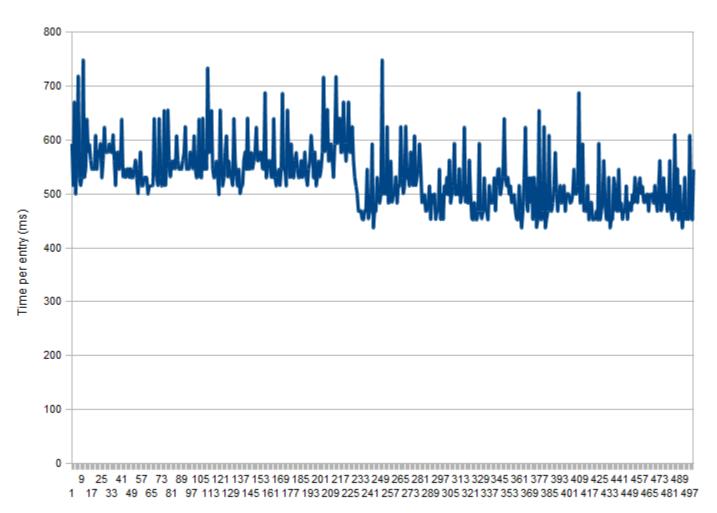
MILESTONE 2 – SHARING SECRETS

- All the security and privacy properties ultimately comes from secrets
 - Needed for the server and each data subject
 - Validation of their respective log entries
- Server secrets => start of the PRIME Core
 - Two values and a keypair
 - Dumped to file using PBE and then discarded
- Data subject secrets => at the disclosure of PII
 - For each data subject: two values and a public key to the server, the private key remains secret
 - Generated client-side

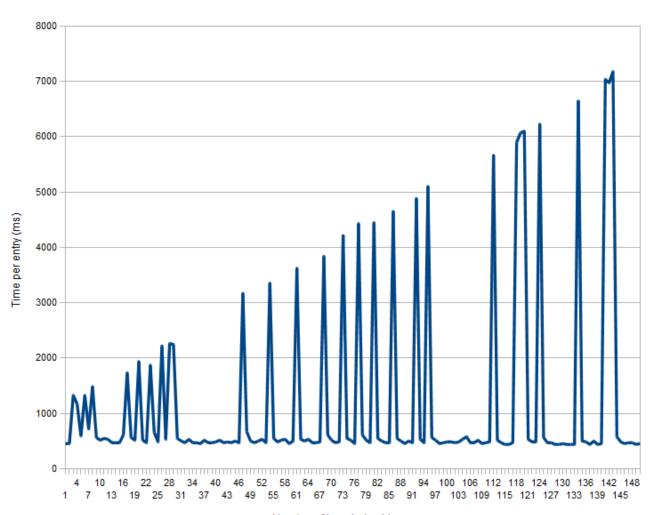
MILESTONE 3 - HSQLDB

- HSQLDB is a database written in Java
- Order of entries in the log + correlation with other source => privacy problem
- Several table types, only text suitable
- Mitigation developed, the Shuffler
 - Data inserted => chance to trigger a shuffle
 - Disconnect the table, shuffle and then reconnect
- Lacking performance

Shuffler Performance – Turned off



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EVALUATION & FUTURE WORK

- Implementation done
- The Shuffler poor performance
- Memory and disk forensics
- The client for the logging module lacks features
- Optimal logging strategy

SUMMARY

- Implemented a privacy-friendly secure logging module into the PRIME Core
- Investigated the effect of HSQLDB on the privacy properties of our log
- Evaluated our work and found several areas that needs to be further researched

THE BIG PICTURE

