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Introduction

This part of ISO/IEC 29192 specifies three lightweight mechanisms based on asymmetric cryptography. The three mechanisms have different functionality, different supporting infrastructures, and different performance profiles.

- cryptoGPS is a lightweight asymmetric identification scheme; in the cryptographic literature such schemes are generally described as interactive proofs of knowledge. While there are many types of such scheme, the computational costs for the prover when using cryptoGPS are relatively low. This is particularly the case since cryptoGPS is well-suited to an implementation strategy using what is often referred to as "coupons". These are, essentially, the results given by a modest off-line pre-computation, with coupons being used by the prover at each invocation of the cryptoGPS scheme. The resultant scheme, with the role of the prover being taken by a computationally restricted device such as an RFID tag, offers very useful performance trade-offs.
- ALIKE is an asymmetric mechanism for authentication and key exchange. Based on a variant of RSA, ALIKE offers a unilateral authentication and an additional functionality, i.e. secure key establishment. ALIKE offers implementation advantages when compared to conventional asymmetric solutions such as RSA.
- The third mechanism is an identity-based signature scheme. Hence a trusted third party is involved in the computation of distinct signature keys. This scheme offers implementation advantages over many other schemes in the cryptographic literature.

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