DESIGNING SECURE ON-LINE AUCTION SCHEMES USING SELF-CERTIFIED PUBLIC KEY CRYPTOSYSTEMS

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ABSTRACT

THE STYLE OF MOST AUCTION WEB SITES IS AN OFF-LINE AUCTION. HOWEVER, MOST OF AUCTION ACTIVITIES IN OUR REAL LIFE BELONG TO ENGLISH AUCTION. THAT IS, ALL OF THE BIDDER BID AT THE SAME PLACE AND TIME, AND THE WINNER'S ARTICLE PRICE AND QUANTITY DEPEND ON BIDDERS' BIDDING. THEREFORE, THIS THESIS WILL CONSTRUCT SECURE AUCTION SCHEMES SUITABLE FOR ENGLISH AUCTION. AT PRESENT, THE CERTIFICATE-BASED PUBLIC KEY CRYPTOSYSTEM IS EMPLOYED BY MOST AUCTION WEB SITES. ITS SECURITY IS BASED ON THE SSL (SECURE SOCKET LAYER) SCHEME AND DIGITAL CERTIFICATE SCHEME WHICH IS SIGNED BY A TRUSTED THIRD PARTY, AND REACH ONLY SECURITY LEVEL 2 PROPOSED BY GIRAULT [18]. THE THESIS USES A SELF-CERTIFIED PUBLIC KEY CRYPTOSYSTEM SO THAT THE SYSTEM AUTHORITY CANNOT IMPERSONATE ANY LEGAL BIDDER. MOREOVER, THE AUCTION CHAIRMAN CANNOT KNOW WHO JOINS THE AUCTION SINCE BIDDERS JOIN IT WITH PSEUDONYM FOR ANONYMITY. FOR THE CONSIDERATIONS OF EFFICIENCY, THE SCHEMES ARE DEVELOPED BY USING ELLIPTIC CURVE CRYPTOSYSTEMS INSTEAD OF MODULAR EXPONENTIATION, BECAUSE IT POSSESSES FASTER COMPUTATION AND FEWER BITS ACHIEVING THE SAME SECURITY DEGREE AS OTHER PUBLIC KEY CRYPTOSYSTEMS. IN THIS THESIS, WE DESIGN SECURITY SCHEMES IN AN ON-LINE AUCTION ENVIRONMENT USING THE SELF-CERTIFIED PUBLIC KEY CRYPTOSYSTEM BASED ON ELLIPTIC CURVE CRYPTOSYSTEMS. THE SCHEMES MAKE THE ON-LINE AUCTION SECURELY WORKABLE.

Keywords : ELECTRONIC COMMERCE, INFORMATION SECURITY, SELF-CERTIFIED PUBLIC KEY SYSTEM, AUCTION, ELLIPTIC CURVE CRYPTOSYSTEMS

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