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- the blinded Diffie-Hellman key agreements are added as key agreement mechanism 13 and 14 and examples of the mechanisms are included in Annex E;
- key agreement mechanism 15 is added and the SM9 key agreement protocol as an example of the mechanism is included in Annex F.

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Introduction

This document describes schemes that can be used for key agreement and schemes that can be used for key transport.

Public key cryptosystems were first proposed in the seminal paper by Diffie and Hellman in 1976. The security of many such cryptosystems is based on the presumed intractability of solving the discrete logarithm problem over certain finite fields. Other public key cryptosystems such as RSA are based on the difficulty of the integer factorization problem.

A third class of public key cryptosystems is based on elliptic curves. The security of such a public key system depends on the difficulty of determining discrete logarithms in the group of points of an elliptic curve. When based on a carefully chosen elliptic curve, this problem is, with current knowledge, much harder than the factorization of integers or the computation of discrete logarithms in a finite field of comparable size. All known general purpose algorithms for determining elliptic curve discrete logarithms take exponential time. Thus, it is possible for elliptic curve based public key systems to use much shorter parameters than the RSA system or the classical discrete logarithm based systems that make use of the multiplicative group of some finite field. This yields significantly shorter digital signatures, as well as system parameters, and allows for computations using smaller integers.

This document includes mechanisms based on the following:

- finite fields;
- elliptic curves;
- bilinear pairings.

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Information security — Key management —

Part 3:

Mechanisms using asymmetric techniques

1 Scope

This document defines key management mechanisms based on asymmetric cryptographic techniques. It specifically addresses the use of asymmetric techniques to achieve the following goals.

- a) Establish a shared secret key for use in a symmetric cryptographic technique between two entities *A* and *B* by key agreement. In a secret key agreement mechanism, the secret key is computed as the result of a data exchange between the two entities *A* and *B*. Neither of them is able to predetermine the value of the shared secret key.
- b) Establish a shared secret key for use in a symmetric cryptographic technique between two entities *A* and *B* via key transport. In a secret key transport mechanism, the secret key is chosen by one entity *A* and is transferred to another entity *B*, suitably protected by asymmetric techniques.
- c) Make an entity's public key available to other entities via key transport. In a public key transport mechanism, the public key of entity *A* is transferred to other entities in an authenticated way, but not requiring secrecy.

Some of the mechanisms of this document are based on the corresponding authentication mechanisms in ISO/IEC 9798-3.

This document does not cover certain aspects of key management, such as:

- key lifecycle management;
- mechanisms to generate or validate asymmetric key pairs; and
- mechanisms to store, archive, delete, destroy, etc., keys.

While this document does not explicitly cover the distribution of an entity's private key (of an asymmetric key pair) from a trusted third party to a requesting entity, the key transport mechanisms described can be used to achieve this. A private key can in all cases be distributed with these mechanisms where an existing, non-compromised key already exists. However, in practice the distribution of private keys is usually a manual process that relies on technological means such as smart cards, etc.

This document does not specify the transformations used in the key management mechanisms.

NOTE To provide origin authentication for key management messages, it is possible to make provisions for authenticity within the key establishment protocol or to use a public key signature system to sign the key exchange messages.

2 Normative references

The following documents are referred to in the text in such a way that some or all of their content constitutes requirements of this document. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

ISO/IEC 10118-1, *Information technology — Security techniques — Hash-functions — Part 1: General*

ISO/IEC 11770-1, *Information technology — Security techniques — Key management — Part 1: Framework*

ISO/IEC 11770-6, *Information technology — Security techniques — Key management — Part 6: Key derivation*

ISO/IEC 15946-1, *Information technology — Security techniques — Cryptographic techniques based on elliptic curves — Part 1: General*

ISO/IEC 18031, *Information technology — Security techniques — Random bit generation*

ISO/IEC 19772, *Information security — Authenticated encryption*

3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the following terms and definitions apply.

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- ISO Online browsing platform: available at <https://www.iso.org/obp>
- IEC Electropedia: available at <https://www.electropedia.org/>

3.1
asymmetric cryptographic technique
cryptographic technique that uses two related transformations, a public transformation [defined by the *public key* (3.33)] and a private transformation [defined by the *private key* (3.32)], and has the property that given the public transformation, then it is computationally infeasible to derive the private transformation

Note 1 to entry: A system based on asymmetric cryptographic techniques can either be an encryption system, a signature system, a combined encryption and signature system, or a key agreement scheme. With asymmetric cryptographic techniques there are four elementary transformations: *signature* and *verification* for signature systems, *encryption* and *decryption* for encryption systems. The signature and the decryption transformations are kept private by the owning entity, whereas the corresponding verification and encryption transformations are published. There exist asymmetric cryptosystems (e.g. RSA) where the four elementary functions can be achieved by only two transformations: one private transformation suffices for both signing and decrypting messages, and one public transformation suffices for both verifying and encrypting messages. However, since this does not conform to the principle of key separation, throughout this document the four elementary transformations and the corresponding keys are kept separate.

3.2
asymmetric encryption system
system based on *asymmetric cryptographic techniques* (3.1) whose public transformation is used for *encryption* (3.9) and whose private transformation is used for *decryption* (3.6)

3.3**asymmetric key pair**

pair of related *keys* (3.17) where the *private key* (3.32) defines the private transformation and the *public key* (3.33) defines the public transformation

3.4**certification authority****CA**

centre trusted to create and assign *public key* (3.33) certificates

3.5**collision-resistant hash-function**

hash-function (3.15) satisfying the following property: it is computationally infeasible to find any two distinct inputs which map to the same output

Note 1 to entry: Computational feasibility depends on the specific security requirements and environment.

[SOURCE: ISO/IEC 10118-1:2016, 3.1]

3.6**decryption**

reversal of a corresponding *encryption* (3.9)

[SOURCE: ISO/IEC 11770-1:2010, 2.6]

3.7**digital signature**

data unit appended to, or a cryptographic transformation of, a data unit that allows a recipient of the data unit to verify the origin and integrity of the data unit and protect the sender and the recipient of the data unit against forgery by third parties, and the sender against forgery by the recipient

3.8**distinguishing identifier**

information which unambiguously distinguishes an entity

[SOURCE: ISO/IEC 11770-1:2010, 2.9]

3.9**encryption**

(reversible) transformation of data by a cryptographic algorithm to produce ciphertext, i.e. to hide the information content of the data

[SOURCE: ISO/IEC 11770-1:2010, 2.10]

3.10**entity authentication**

corroboration that an entity is the one claimed

[SOURCE: ISO/IEC 9798-1:2010, 3.14]

3.11**entity authentication of entity A to entity B**

assurance of the identity of entity A for entity B

3.12

explicit key authentication from entity A to entity B

assurance for entity B that entity A is the only other entity that is in possession of the correct *key* (3.17)

Note 1 to entry: Implicit key authentication from entity A to entity B and key confirmation from entity A to entity B together imply explicit key authentication from entity A to entity B.

3.13

forward secrecy with respect to both entity A and entity B individually

property that knowledge of entity A's long-term *private key* (3.32) or knowledge of entity B's long-term *private key* (3.32) subsequent to a *key agreement* (3.18) operation does not enable an opponent to recompute previously derived *keys* (3.17)

Note 1 to entry: This differs from mutual forward secrecy in which knowledge of both entity A's and entity B's long-term private keys do not enable recomputation of previously derived keys.

3.14

forward secrecy with respect to entity A

property that knowledge of entity A's long-term *private key* (3.32) subsequent to a *key agreement* (3.18) operation does not enable an opponent to recompute previously derived *keys* (3.17)

3.15

hash-function

function which maps strings of bits of variable (but usually upper bounded) length to fixed-length strings of bits, satisfying the following two properties:

- for a given output, it is computationally infeasible to find an input which maps to this output;
- for a given input, it is computationally infeasible to find a second input which maps to the same output

Note 1 to entry: Computational feasibility depends on the specific security requirements and environment.

Note 2 to entry: For the purposes of this document all hash-functions are assumed to be collision-resistant hash-functions.

[SOURCE: ISO/IEC 10118-1:2016, 3.4]

3.16

implicit key authentication from entity A to entity B

assurance for entity B that entity A is the only other entity that can possibly be in possession of the correct *key* (3.17)

3.17

key

sequence of symbols that controls the operation of a cryptographic transformation (e.g. *encryption* (3.9), *decryption* (3.6), cryptographic check function computation, signature calculation, or signature verification)

[SOURCE: ISO/IEC 11770-1:2010, 2.12]

3.18**key agreement**

process of establishing a shared *secret key* (3.38) between entities in such a way that neither of them can predetermine the value of that *key* (3.17)

Note 1 to entry: By predetermine it is meant that neither entity *A* nor entity *B* can, in a computationally efficient way, choose a smaller key space and force the computed key in the protocol to fall into that key space.

3.19**key commitment**

process of committing to use specific *keys* (3.17) in the operation of a *key agreement* (3.18) scheme before revealing the specified *keys* (3.17)

3.20**key confirmation from entity *A* to entity *B***

assurance for entity *B* that entity *A* is in possession of the correct *key* (3.17)

3.21**key control**

ability to choose the *key* (3.17) or the parameters used in the *key* (3.17) computation

3.22**key derivation function**

function that outputs one or more shared secrets, for use as *keys* (3.17), given shared secrets and other mutually known parameters as input

3.23**key establishment**

process of making available a shared *secret key* (3.38) to one or more entities, where the process includes *key agreement* (3.18) and *key transport* (3.25)

3.24**key token**

key (3.17) management message sent from one entity to another entity during the execution of a *key* (3.17) management mechanism

3.25**key transport**

process of transferring a *key* (3.17) from one entity to another entity, suitably protected

3.26**message authentication code****MAC**

string of bits which is the output of a *MAC algorithm* (3.27)

Note 1 to entry: A MAC is sometimes called a cryptographic check value (see for example ISO 7498-2).

[SOURCE: ISO/IEC 9797-1:2011, 3.9]

3.27

message authentication code algorithm

MAC algorithm

algorithm for computing a function which maps strings of bits and a *secret key* (3.38) to fixed-length strings of bits, satisfying the following two properties:

- for any *key* (3.17) and any input string, the function can be computed efficiently;
- for any fixed *key* (3.17), and given no prior knowledge of the *key* (3.17), it is computationally infeasible to compute the function value on any new input string, even given knowledge of a set of input strings and corresponding function values, where the value of the *i*th input string can have been chosen after observing the value of the first $i - 1$ function values (for integers $i > 1$)

Note 1 to entry: A MAC algorithm is sometimes called a cryptographic check function (see for example ISO 7498-2).

Note 2 to entry: Computational feasibility depends on the user's specific security requirements and environment.

[SOURCE: ISO/IEC 9797-1:2011, 3.10]

3.28

mutual entity authentication

entity authentication (3.10) which provides both entities with assurance of each other's identity

3.29

mutual forward secrecy

property that knowledge of both entity *A*'s and entity *B*'s long-term *private keys* (3.32) subsequent to a *key agreement* (3.18) operation does not enable an opponent to recompute previously derived *keys* (3.17)

3.30

one-way function

function with the property that it is easy to compute the output for a given input but it is computationally infeasible to find an input which maps to a given output

3.31

prefix free representation

representation of a data element for which concatenation with any other data does not produce a valid representation

3.32

private key

key (3.17) of an entity's *asymmetric key pair* (3.3) that is kept private

Note 1 to entry: The security of an asymmetric system depends on the privacy of this key.

[SOURCE: ISO/IEC 11770-1:2010, 2.35]

3.33

public key

key (3.17) of an entity's *asymmetric key pair* (3.3) which can usually be made public without compromising security

Note 1 to entry: In the case of an asymmetric signature system, the public key defines the verification transformation. In the case of an asymmetric encryption system, the public key defines the encryption transformation, conditional on the inclusion of randomisation elements. A key that is "publicly known" is not necessarily globally available. The key can only be available to all members of a pre-specified group.

[SOURCE: ISO/IEC 11770-1:2010, 2.36]

3.34**public key certificate**

public key information (3.35) of an entity signed by the *certification authority* (3.4) and thereby rendered unforgeable

3.35**public key information**

information containing at least the entity's *distinguishing identifier* (3.8) and *public key* (3.33), but can include other static information regarding the *certification authority* (3.4), the entity, restrictions on *key* (3.17) usage, the validity period, or the involved algorithms

3.36**resilience to key compromise impersonation attack on A**

resilience to attacks in which an adversary exploits knowledge of the long-term *private key* (3.32) of *A* to impersonate any entity in subsequent communication with *A*

3.37**resilience to unknown key share attack for A and B**

resilience to attacks in which only *A* and *B* know the session *key* (3.17) *K*; however, *A* and *B* disagree on who they share *K* with

Note 1 to entry: Resilience to unknown key share attack can be achieved by choosing a key derivation function that includes the identifiers of the involved entities.

3.38**secret key**

key (3.17) used with symmetric cryptographic techniques by a specified set of entities

3.39**sequence number**

time variant parameter (3.44) whose value is taken from a specified sequence which is non-repeating within a certain time period

[SOURCE: ISO/IEC 11770-1:2010, 2.44]

3.40**signature system**

system based on *asymmetric cryptographic techniques* (3.1) whose private transformation is used for signing and whose public transformation is used for verification

3.41**third party forward secrecy**

property that knowledge of a third party's *private key* (3.32) subsequent to a *key agreement* (3.18) operation does not enable an opponent to recompute previously derived *keys* (3.17)

Note 1 to entry: Instead of third party forward secrecy, master key forward secrecy is also used in Reference [19].

3.42**time stamp**

data item which denotes a point in time with respect to a common time reference

3.43**time-stamping authority**

trusted third party (3.45) trusted to provide a time-stamping service

[SOURCE: ISO/IEC 13888-1:2020, 3.54]

3.44**time variant parameter**

data item used to verify that a message is not a replay, such as a random number, a *time stamp* (3.42) or a *sequence number* (3.39)

Note 1 to entry: If a random number is used, then this is as a challenge in a challenge-response protocol. See also ISO/IEC 9798-1:2010, Annex B.

[SOURCE: ISO/IEC 9798-1:2010, 3.36]

3.45**trusted third party**

security authority or its agent, trusted by other entities with respect to security related activities

[SOURCE: ISO/IEC 9798-1:2010, 3.38]

4 Symbols and abbreviations

The following symbols and abbreviations are used in this document.

A, B, C	distinguishing identifiers of entities
BE	encrypted data block
BS	signed data block
$BS2IP$	bit string to integer conversion primitive
CA	certification authority
$Cert_A$	entity A 's public key certificate
D_A	entity A 's private decryption transformation function
d_A	entity A 's private decryption key
E	elliptic curve, either given by an equation of the form $Y^2 = X^3 + aX + b$ over the field $GF(p^m)$ for $p > 3$ and a positive integer m , by an equation of the form $Y^2 + XY = X^3 + aX^2 + b$ over the field $GF(2^m)$, or by an equation of the form $Y^2 = X^3 + aX^2 + b$ over the field $GF(3^m)$, together with an extra point O_E referred to as the point at infinity, which is denoted by $E/GF(p^m)$, $E/GF(2^m)$, or $E/GF(3^m)$, respectively
E_A	entity A 's public encryption transformation function
e_A	entity A 's public encryption key
F	key agreement function
$F(h, g)$	key agreement function using as input a factor h and a common element g
FP	key agreement function based on pairing
G	point on E with order n
g	common element shared publicly by all the entities that use the key agreement function F
$\gcd(a, b)$	greatest common divisor of two integers a and b
$GF(p^m)$, $GF(2^m)$, $GF(3^m)$	finite field with p^m , 2^m , 3^m elements for a prime $p > 3$ and a positive integer m
H_A	private key agreement key in a pairing-friendly elliptic curve of entity A

h_A	entity A 's private key agreement key
hash	hash-function
$\text{IHF2}(A, n)$	$\text{BS2IP}(\text{kdf}(A, 8\lceil(5 b_n)/32\rceil)) \bmod (n-1) + 1$ where b_n is the bit-length of n
j	cofactor used in performing cofactor multiplication
K	secret key for a symmetric cryptosystem
K_{AB}	secret key shared between entities A and B
NOTE 1 In practical implementations, the shared secret key is subject to further processing before it can be used for a symmetric cryptosystem.	
kdf	key derivation function
KT	key token
KT_A	entity A 's key token
KT_{Ai}	key token sent by entity A after step (Ai)
l	supplementary value used in performing cofactor multiplication
lcm	least common multiple
M	data message
MAC	Message Authentication Code
$\text{MAC}_K(Z)$	output of a MAC algorithm when using as input the secret key K and an arbitrary data string Z
MQV	Menezes-Qu-Vanstone
n	prime divisor of the order (or cardinality) of an elliptic curve E over a finite field
O_E	elliptic curve point at infinity
P	point on an elliptic curve E
P_A	public key-agreement key in an elliptic curve of entity A
p_A	entity A 's public key-agreement key
pairing	pairing defined over an elliptic curve and used in FP
parameters	parameters used in the key derivation function
PKI_A	entity A 's public key information
q	prime power p^m for some prime $p \neq 3$ and some integer $m \geq 1$
r	random number generated in the course of a mechanism
r_A	random number issued by entity A in a key agreement mechanism
S_1, S_2, S_3	sets of elements
S_A	entity A 's private signature transformation function
s_A	entity A 's private signature key
T	trusted third party
$Text_i$	i th optional text, data or other information that may be included in a data block, if desired

TVP	time-variant parameter such as a random number, a time stamp, or a sequence number
V_A	entity A 's public verification transformation function
v_A	entity A 's public verification key
w	one-way function
$X(P)$	x-coordinate of a point P
$\sqrt{q}$	square root of a positive number q
$\#E$	order (or cardinality) of an elliptic curve E
$\parallel$	concatenation of two data elements
$\lceil x \rceil$	smallest integer greater than or equal to the real number x
Σ	digital signature
$\pi(P)$	$(X(P) \bmod 2^{\lceil \rho/2 \rceil}) + 2^{\lceil \rho/2 \rceil}$ where $\rho = \lceil \log_2 n \rceil$ and $X(P)$ is the x-coordinate of the point P

NOTE 2 No assumption is made on the nature of the signature transformation. In the case of a signature system with message recovery, $S_A(M)$ denotes the signature Σ itself. In the case of a signature system with appendix, $S_A(M)$ denotes the message M together with the signature Σ .

NOTE 3 The keys of an asymmetric cryptosystem are denoted by lower case letters (indicating its function) indexed with the identifier of its owner, e.g. the public verification key of entity A is denoted by v_A . The corresponding transformations are denoted by upper case letters indexed with the identifier of their owner, e.g. the public verification transformation of entity A is denoted by V_A .

5 Requirements

It is assumed that the entities involved in a mechanism are aware of each other's claimed identities. This can be achieved by the inclusion of identifiers in information exchanged between the two entities, or it can be apparent from the context of use of the mechanism. Verifying the identity means checking that a received identifier field agrees with some known (trusted) or expected value.

If a public key is registered with an entity, then that entity shall make sure that the entity who registers the key is in possession of the corresponding private key (see ISO/IEC 11770-1 for further guidance on key registration).

Annex A lists the object identifiers which shall be used to identify the key management mechanisms specified in this document.

Annex B summarizes the major properties of the key establishment/transport mechanisms specified in this document.

Annex C provides examples of key derivation functions.

Annex D provides examples of key establishment mechanisms.

Annex E provides examples of elliptic curve based key establishment mechanisms.

Annex F provides example of bilinear pairing based key establishment mechanisms.

Annex G describes secret key transport.

6 Key derivation functions

The use of a shared secret as derived in Clause 10 as a key for a symmetric cryptosystem without further processing is not recommended. It is often the case that the form of a shared secret established as a result of using a mechanism specified in this document does not conform to the form needed for a specific cryptographic algorithm, so some processing is needed. Moreover, the shared secret (often) has arithmetic properties and relationships that can result in a shared symmetric key not being chosen from the full key space. It is therefore advisable to pass the shared secret through a key derivation function, e.g. involving the use of a hash function. The use of an inadequate key derivation function can compromise the security of the key agreement scheme with which it is used. It is recommended to use a one-way function as a key derivation function.

A key derivation function produces keys that are computationally indistinguishable from randomly generated keys. The key derivation function takes as input a shared secret and a set of key derivation parameters and produces an output of the desired length.

In order for the two parties in a key establishment mechanism to agree on a common secret key, the key derivation function shall be agreed (see ISO/IEC 11770-6 for further guidance on key derivation functions).

Annex C provides examples of key derivation functions.

7 Cofactor multiplication

This clause applies only to mechanisms using elliptic curve cryptography. The key agreement mechanisms in Clause 11 and the key transport mechanisms in Clauses 12 and 13 require that the user's private key or key token be combined with another entity's public key or key token. If the other entity's public key or key token is not valid (i.e. it is not a point on the elliptic curve, or is not in the subgroup of order n), then performing this operation can result in some bits of the private key being leaked to an attacker. One example of such an attack is known as the "small subgroup attack".

NOTE 1 The small subgroup attack is described in Reference [37].

In order to prevent the "small subgroup attack" and similar attacks, one option is to validate public keys and key tokens received from the other party using public key validation, as specified in ISO/IEC 11770-1.

As an alternative to public key validation, a technique called cofactor multiplication as specified in Clause 11 can be used. The values j and l , defined below, are used in cofactor multiplication.

If cofactor multiplication is used, there are two options:

- if compatibility with entities not using cofactor multiplication is not required, then let $j = \#E / n$ and $l = 1$. If this option is chosen, both parties involved shall agree to use this option, otherwise the mechanism will not work;
- if compatibility with entities not using cofactor multiplication is required, then let $j = \#E / n$ and $l = j^{-1} \bmod n$.

NOTE 2 The value $j^{-1} \bmod n$ always exists since n is required to be greater than $4\sqrt{q}$ and therefore $\gcd(n, j) = 1$.

If cofactor multiplication is not required, then let $j = l = 1$.

Regardless of whether or not cofactor multiplication is used, if the shared key (or a component of the shared key) evaluates to the point at infinity (O_E), then the user shall assume that the key agreement procedure has failed.

It is particularly appropriate to perform public key validation or cofactor multiplication in the following cases:

- if the entity's public key is not authenticated;
- if the key token is not authenticated;
- if the user's public key is intended for a long-term use.

If the other entity's public key is authenticated and the cofactor is small, then the amount of information that can be leaked is limited. Thus, it is not always necessary to perform these tests.

8 Key commitment

Clause 11 describes key agreement mechanisms in which the established key is the result of applying a one-way function to the private key-agreement keys. However, it is possible that one entity knows the other entity's public key or key token prior to choosing their private key. As a result, such an entity can control the value of s bits in the established key, at the cost of generating 2^s candidate values for their private key-agreement key in the time interval between discovering the other entity's public key or key token and choosing their own private key^[31].

One way to address this concern (if it is a concern) at the cost of one additional message/pass in the protocol is through the use of key commitment. Key commitment can be performed by having the first entity hash the public key or key token and send the hash-code to the second entity. The second entity then replies with its public key or key token, and the first entity replies with its public key or key token. The second entity can now hash it and verify that the result is equal to the hash-code sent earlier.

9 Key confirmation

Explicit key confirmation is the process of adding additional messages to a key establishment protocol providing implicit key authentication, so that explicit key authentication and entity authentication are provided. Explicit key confirmation can be added to any method that does not possess it inherently. Key confirmation is typically provided by exchanging a value that can (with very high probability) only be calculated correctly if the key establishment calculations were successful. Key confirmation from entity *A* to entity *B* is provided by entity *A* calculating a value and sending it to entity *B* for confirmation of entity *A*'s correct calculation. If mutual key confirmation is desired, then each entity sends a different value to the other.

Key confirmation is often provided by subsequent use of an established key, and if something is wrong then it is immediately detected. This is called implicit key confirmation. Explicit key confirmation in this case can be unnecessary. If one entity is not online (for example, in one-pass protocols used in store and forward (email) scenarios), then it is simply not possible for the other entity to obtain key confirmation. However, sometimes a key is established yet used only later (if at all), or the entity performing the key establishment process can simply not know if the resulting key will be used immediately or not. In these cases, it is often desirable to use a method of explicit key confirmation, as it can otherwise be too late to correct an error once detected. Explicit key confirmation can also be seen as a way of "firming up" security properties during the key establishment process and can be warranted if a conservative protocol design is deemed appropriate.

An example method of providing key confirmation using a MAC is as follows:

Entities *A* and *B* first perform one of the key establishment procedures specified in Clauses 11 and 12 of this document. As a result, they expect to share a secret MAC key K_{AB} . They then perform the following procedure.

- Entity *B* forms the message *M*, an octet string consisting of the message identifier octet 0x02, entity *B*'s identifier, entity *A*'s identifier, the octet string KT_B corresponding to entity *B*'s key token (omitted if not present), the octet string KT_A corresponding to entity *A*'s key token (omitted if not present), the octet string p_B corresponding to entity *B*'s public key-establishment key (omitted if not present), the octet string p_A corresponding to entity *A*'s public key-establishment key (omitted if not present) and, if present, optional additional *Text1*, i.e.:

$M = 02||B||A||KT_B||KT_A||p_B||p_A||Text1$, where 0x02 is the message number.

- Entity *B* calculates $K_B = \text{kdf}(K_{AB})$, and then calculates $\text{MAC}_{K_B}(M)$ for the message *M* under the (supposedly) shared secret key K_B for an appropriate MAC scheme.
- Entity *B* sends the message *M* and $\text{MAC}_{K_B}(M)$ to entity *A*.
- Entity *A* calculates $K_A = \text{kdf}(K_{AB})$, computes $\text{MAC}_{K_A}(M)$ using the received message *M*, and verifies $\text{MAC}_{K_B}(M) = \text{MAC}_{K_A}(M)$.
- Assuming the MAC verifies, entity *A* has received key confirmation from entity *B* (that is, entity *A* knows that K_A equals K_B). If mutual key confirmation is desired, entity *A* continues the protocol and forms the message *M'* as the octet string consisting of the message identifier octet 0x03, entity *A*'s identifier, entity *B*'s identifier, the octet string KT_A corresponding to entity *A*'s key token (omitted if not present), the octet string KT_B corresponding to entity *B*'s key token (omitted if not present), the octet string p_A corresponding to entity *A*'s public key-establishment key (omitted if not present), the octet string p_B corresponding to entity *B*'s public key-establishment key (omitted if not present) and optional additional octet string *Text2*, i.e.:

$M' = 03||A||B||KT_A||KT_B||p_A||p_B||Text2$, where 0x03 is the message number.

- Entity *A* calculates $\text{MAC}_{K_A}(M')$ under the (supposedly) shared secret K_A using an appropriate MAC scheme.
- Entity *A* sends *M'* and $\text{MAC}_{K_A}(M')$ to entity *B*.
- Entity *B* uses K_B to verify $\text{MAC}_{K_A}(M')$ on the message *M'*. Assuming the MAC verifies, entity *B* has received key confirmation from entity *A* (that is, entity *B* knows that K_A equals K_B).

Other methods of key confirmation are possible. If the shared secret is to be used for data confidentiality (encryption), one entity can send the encryption of some specific plaintext known to the other entity, for example a block of all binary zeros or all binary ones. Care should be taken that any subsequent use of the key is very unlikely to encrypt the same plaintext as was used for key confirmation.

10 Framework for key management

10.1 General

This clause contains a high-level description of a framework for the key establishment mechanisms specified in this document. Four categories of mechanism are defined (key agreement between two parties, key agreement between three parties, secret key transport and public key transport), together with requirements for their use.

10.2 Key agreement between two parties

The provisions in this subclause apply to key agreement mechanisms 11.1 to 11.11 and 11.13 to 11.15, all of which specify mechanisms for key agreement between two parties. Key agreement between two parties is the process of establishing a shared secret key between two entities A and B in such a way that neither of them can predetermine the value of the shared secret key. Key agreement mechanisms can provide for implicit key authentication; in the context of key establishment, implicit key authentication means that after the execution of the mechanism only an identified entity can be in possession of the correct shared secret key.

Key agreement between two entities A and B takes place in a context shared by the two entities. The context consists of sets S_1 and S_2 , and a key agreement function F . The function F shall satisfy the following requirements.

- a) $F : S_1 \times S_2 \rightarrow S_2$ maps elements $(h, g) \in S_1 \times S_2$ to S_2 , and let $y = F(h, g)$.
- b) F satisfies the commutativity condition $F(h_A, F(h_B, g)) = F(h_B, F(h_A, g))$.
- c) It is computationally intractable to find $F(h_1, F(h_2, g))$ from $F(h_1, g)$, $F(h_2, g)$ and g . This implies that $F(\cdot, g)$ is a one-way function.
- d) The entities A and B share a common element g in S_2 which can be publicly known.
- e) The entities acting in this setting can efficiently compute function values $F(h, g)$ and can efficiently generate random elements in S_1 . Depending on the particular key agreement mechanism, further conditions can be imposed.

NOTE 1 Examples for the function F are given in Annex D and Annex E. See also ISO/IEC 15946-1.

NOTE 2 As discussed in Clause 6, in practical implementations of the key agreement mechanisms the shared secret key is subject to further processing.

NOTE 3 It is in general necessary to check the received function values $F(h, g)$ for weak values. If such values are encountered, the protocol aborts.

10.3 Key agreement between three parties

This clause applies to the key agreement mechanism 11.12 that describes key agreement between three parties. Key agreement between three parties is the process of establishing a shared secret key among three entities A , B , and C in such a way that none of them can predetermine the value of the shared secret key. Key agreement among three entities A , B , and C takes place in a context shared by the three entities. The context consists of sets S_1 , S_2 , and S_3 , a function F , and a function FP . The functions F and FP shall satisfy the following requirements.

- $F : S_1 \times S_2 \rightarrow S_2$ maps elements $(h, g) \in S_1 \times S_2$ to S_2 , and let $y = F(h, g)$.
- F satisfies the commutativity condition $F(h_A, F(h_B, g)) = F(h_B, F(h_A, g))$.
- It is computationally intractable to find $F(h_1, F(h_2, g))$ from $F(h_1, g)$, $F(h_2, g)$ and g . This implies that $F(\cdot, g)$ is a one-way function.
- $FP : S_1 \times S_2 \times S_2 \rightarrow S_3$ maps an element $(h_C, F(h_A, g), F(h_B, g)) \in S_1 \times S_2 \times S_2$ to an element of S_3 , and let $z = FP(h_C, F(h_A, g), F(h_B, g))$. ISO/IEC 15946-1 shall be referred for the relation between F and FP .
- FP satisfies the commutativity condition
 - $FP(h_C, F(h_A, g), F(h_B, g)) = FP(h_C, F(h_B, g), F(h_A, g)) = FP(h_B, F(h_A, g), F(h_C, g))$

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- It is computationally intractable to find $\text{FP}(h_C, F(h_A, g), F(h_B, g))$ from $F(h_A, g)$, $F(h_B, g)$, $F(h_C, g)$, and g . This implies that $F(\cdot, p_A, p_B)$ is a one-way function.
- The entities A , B , and C share a common element g in S_2 which can be publicly known.
- The entities acting on this setting can efficiently compute function values $F(h, g)$ and $\text{FP}(h_C, F(h_B, g), F(h_A, g))$, and can efficiently generate random elements in S_1 . Depending on the particular key agreement mechanism, further conditions can be imposed.

NOTE 4 An example of a possible function FP is given in Annex F.

NOTE 5 As discussed in Clause 6, in practical implementations of the key agreement mechanisms, the shared secret key is subject to further processing. A derived shared secret key is computed by 1) extracting bits from the shared secret key K_{ABC} directly, or 2) passing the shared secret key K_{ABC} and optionally other non-secret data through a one-way function and extracting bits from the output.

10.4 Secret key transport

Secret key transport (often abbreviated to "key transport") is the process of transferring a secret key, chosen by one entity (or a trusted centre), to another entity, suitably protected by asymmetric cryptographic encryption.

10.5 Public key transport

Public key transport makes an entity's public key available to other entities in an authenticated fashion. Authenticated distribution of public keys is an essential security requirement. This distribution can be achieved in two main ways:

- a) public key distribution without a trusted third party;
- b) public key distribution involving a trusted third party, such as a certification authority.

The public key of an entity A is part of the public key information of entity A . The public key information includes at least entity A 's distinguishing identifier and entity A 's public key.

11 Key agreement

11.1 Key agreement mechanism 1

This key agreement mechanism non-interactively establishes a shared secret key between entities A and B with mutual implicit key authentication. The following requirements shall be satisfied.

- Each entity X has a private key agreement key h_X in S_1 and a public key agreement key $p_X = F(h_X, g)$.
- Each entity has access to an authenticated copy of the public key agreement key of the other entity. This can be achieved using the mechanisms described in Clause 13.

Key agreement mechanism 1 is summarized in Figure 1.

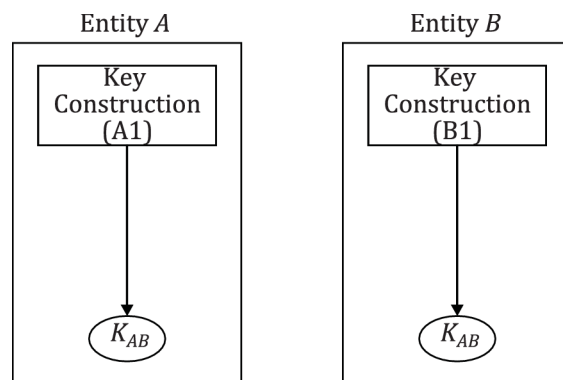


Figure 1 — Key agreement mechanism 1

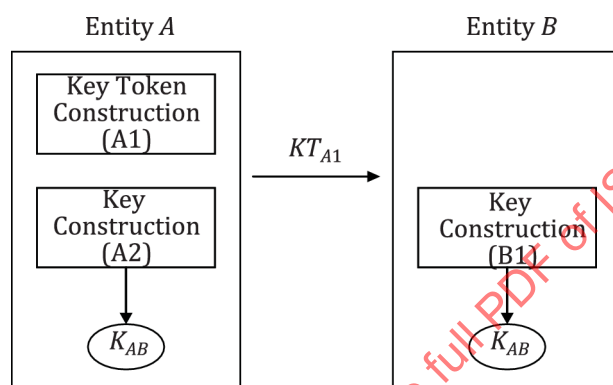


Figure 2 — Key agreement mechanisms 2 and 8

Key construction (A1) Entity A computes, using its own private key agreement key h_A and entity B's public key agreement key p_B , the shared secret key as $K_{AB} = F(h_A, p_B)$.

Key construction (B1) Entity B computes, using its own private key agreement key h_B and entity A's public key agreement key p_A , the shared secret key as $K_{AB} = F(h_B, p_A)$.

As a consequence of requirements on F specified in Clause 10, the two computed values for the key K_{AB} are identical.

NOTE 1 The number of passes is 0.

NOTE 2 This mechanism provides mutual implicit key authentication. However, a zero-pass protocol such as this always generates the same key. One way to eliminate this problem is to ensure that the key is only used once. Furthermore, the use of a unique initialization vector with each utilization of the key can also solve this problem.

NOTE 3 This mechanism does not provide key confirmation.

NOTE 4 This mechanism is a key agreement mechanism, since the established key is a one-way function of the private key agreement keys h_A and h_B of entities A and B, respectively. However, one entity can learn the other entity's public key prior to choosing their private key. As described in Clause 8, such an entity can select approximately s bits of the established key, at the cost of generating 2^s candidate values for their private key agreement key in the interval between discovering the other entity's public key and choosing their own private key.

NOTE 5 Examples of this mechanism (known as Diffie-Hellman key agreement) are given in Clauses D.2, D.3, and E.3.

NOTE 6 This mechanism has no resilience to key compromise impersonation attacks on A.

11.2 Key agreement mechanism 2

This key agreement mechanism establishes a shared secret key in one pass between entities A and B with implicit key authentication from entity B to entity A , but no entity authentication from entity A to entity B (i.e. entity B does not know with whom it has established the shared secret key). The following requirements shall be satisfied.

- Entity B has a private key agreement key h_B in S_1 and a public key agreement key $p_B = F(h_B, g)$.
- Entity A has access to an authenticated copy of entity B 's public key agreement key p_B . This can be achieved using the mechanisms described in Clause 13.

Key agreement mechanism 2 is summarized in Figure 2.

Key token construction (A1) Entity A randomly and secretly generates r in S_1 , computes $F(r, g)$ and sends the key token $KT_{A1} = F(r, g) || \text{Text}$ to entity B .

Key construction (A2) Entity A computes the shared key as $K_{AB} = F(r, p_B)$.

Key construction (B1) Entity B extracts $F(r, g)$ from the received key token KT_{A1} and computes the shared secret key $K_{AB} = F(h_B, F(r, g))$.

As a consequence of the requirements on F specified in Clause 10, the two computed values for the key K_{AB} are identical.

NOTE 1 The number of passes is 1.

NOTE 2 This mechanism provides implicit key authentication from entity B to entity A (entity B is the only entity other than entity A who can compute the shared secret key).

NOTE 3 This mechanism does not provide key confirmation.

NOTE 4 This mechanism is a key agreement mechanism, since the established key is a one-way function of a random value r supplied by entity A and entity B 's private key agreement key. As discussed in Clause 8, since entity A can learn entity B 's public key prior to choosing the value r , entity A can select approximately s bits of the established key, at the cost of generating 2^s candidate values for r in the interval between discovering entity B 's public key and sending KT_{A1} .

NOTE 5 Examples of this mechanism (known as ElGamal key agreement) are described in Clauses D.4 and E.4.

NOTE 6 As entity B receives the information necessary to compute the key K_{AB} from entity A , which has not been authenticated, use of K_{AB} by entity B is restricted to functions not requiring trust in entity A 's authenticity, such as decryption and generation of message authentication codes.

11.3 Key agreement mechanism 3

This key agreement mechanism establishes a shared secret key in one pass between entities A and B with mutual implicit key authentication, and entity authentication of entity A to entity B . The following requirements shall be satisfied.

- Entity A has an asymmetric signature system (S_A, V_A) .
- Entity B has access to an authenticated copy of the public verification transformation V_A . This can be achieved using the mechanisms described in Clause 13.
- Entity B has a key agreement scheme with keys (h_B, p_B) .
- Entity A has access to an authenticated copy of the public key agreement key p_B of entity B . This can be achieved using the mechanisms described in Clause 13.

- (Optional) If used, the *TVP* shall either be a time stamp or a sequence number. If time stamps are used, secure and synchronized time clocks are required; if sequence numbers are used, the ability to maintain and verify bilateral counters is required.
- The entities *A* and *B* have agreed on a MAC function and a way to use K_{AB} as the key for this MAC function. ISO/IEC 9797 is referred for a MAC function.

Key agreement mechanism 3 is summarized in Figure 3.

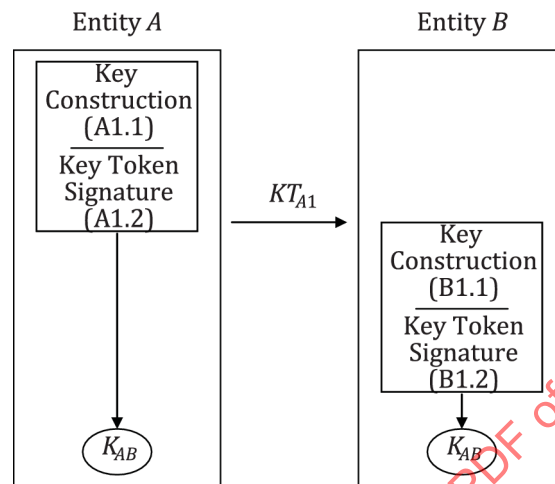


Figure 3 — Key agreement mechanism 3

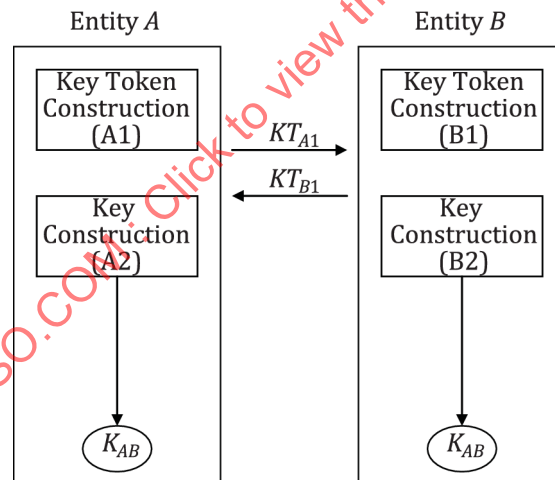


Figure 4 — Key agreement mechanisms 4, 5 and 9

Key construction (A1.1) Entity *A* randomly and secretly generates r in S_1 and computes $F(r, g)$. Entity *A* computes the shared secret key as $K_{AB} = F(r, p_B)$.

Using the shared secret key K_{AB} , entity *A* computes a MAC on the concatenation of the sender's distinguishing identifier for entity *A* and an optional *TVP*, a time stamp or a sequence number.

Key token signature (A1.2) Entity *A* signs the MAC, using its private signature transformation S_A . Then entity *A* forms the key token, consisting of the sender's distinguishing identifier for entity *A*, the key input $F(r, g)$, the (optional) *TVP*, the signed MAC, and some optional data, i.e.

$$KT_{A1} = A || F(r, g) || TVP || S_A(\text{MAC}_{K_{AB}}(A || TVP)) || \text{Text1}$$

and sends it to entity *B*.

Key construction (B1.1) Entity *B* extracts $F(r, g)$ from the received key token and computes the shared secret key, using its private key agreement key h_B , $K_{AB} = F(h_B, F(r, g))$.

Using the shared secret key K_{AB} , entity *B* computes the MAC on the sender's distinguishing identifier for entity *A* and the (optional) *TVP*.

Signature verification (B1.2) Entity *B* uses the sender's public verification transformation V_A to verify entity *A*'s signature and, thus, the integrity and origin of the received key token KT_{A1} . Then entity *B* validates the timeliness of the token [by inspection of the (optional) *TVP*].

NOTE 1 The number of passes is 1.

NOTE 2 This mechanism provides explicit key authentication from entity *A* to entity *B* and implicit key authentication from entity *B* to entity *A*.

NOTE 3 This mechanism provides key confirmation from entity *A* to entity *B*.

NOTE 4 This mechanism is a key agreement mechanism, since the established key is a one-way function of a random value r supplied by entity *A* and entity *B*'s private key agreement key. As discussed in Clause 8, since entity *A* can learn entity *B*'s public key prior to choosing the value r , entity *A* can select approximately s bits of the established key, at the cost of generating 2^s candidate values for r in the interval between discovering entity *B*'s public key and sending KT_{A1} .

NOTE 5 The (optional) *TVP* prevents replay of the key token from entity *A* to entity *B*.

NOTE 6 Examples of this mechanism (known as Nyberg-Rueppel key agreement) are described in Clauses D.5 and E.5

NOTE 7 If *Text1* is used to transfer entity *A*'s public key certificate, then requirement 2 at the beginning of 11.3 can be relaxed to the requirement that entity *B* is in possession of an authenticated copy of the CA's public verification key.

NOTE 8 This mechanism has no resilience to key compromise impersonation attacks on *A*.

11.4 Key agreement mechanism 4

This key agreement mechanism establishes a shared secret key in two passes between entities *A* and *B* with joint key control without prior exchange of keying information. This mechanism provides neither entity authentication nor key authentication.

Key agreement mechanism 4 is summarized in Figure 4.

Key token construction (A1) Entity *A* randomly and secretly generates r_A in S_1 , computes $F(r_A, g)$, constructs the key token $KT_{A1} = F(r_A, g) || \text{Text1}$, and sends it to entity *B*.

Key token construction (B1) Entity *B* randomly and secretly generates r_B in S_1 , computes $F(r_B, g)$, constructs the key token $KT_{B1} = F(r_B, g) || \text{Text2}$, and sends it to entity *A*.

Key construction (A2) Entity *A* extracts $F(r_B, g)$ from the received key token KT_{B1} and computes the shared secret key $K_{AB} = F(r_A, F(r_B, g))$.

Key construction (B2) Entity *B* extracts $F(r_A, g)$ from the received key token KT_{A1} and computes the shared secret key $K_{AB} = F(r_B, F(r_A, g))$.

NOTE 1 The number of passes is 2.

NOTE 2 This mechanism does not provide implicit or explicit key authentication. However, this mechanism can be useful in environments where authenticity of the key tokens is verified using other means. For instance, a hash-code of the key tokens can be exchanged between the entities using a second communication channel. See also public key transport mechanism 2. Another example of entity authentication is using mechanisms specified in Reference [6].

NOTE 3 A separate channel or means exists whereby the key tokens can be verified.

NOTE 4 This mechanism provides no key confirmation.

NOTE 5 This mechanism is a key agreement mechanism, since the established key is a one-way function of random values r_A and r_B supplied by entities A and B respectively. As discussed in Clause 8, since entity B can learn $F(r_A, g)$ prior to choosing the value r_B , entity B can select approximately s bits of the established key, at the cost of generating 2^s candidate values for r_B in the interval between receiving KT_{A1} and sending KT_{B1} .

NOTE 6 Examples of this mechanism (known as Diffie-Hellman key agreement) are described in Clauses D.6 and E.7.

11.5 Key agreement mechanism 5

This key agreement mechanism establishes a shared secret key in two passes between entities A and B with mutual implicit key authentication and joint key control. The following requirements shall be satisfied.

- Each entity X has a private key agreement key h_X in S_1 and a public key agreement key $p_X = F(h_X, g)$.
- Each entity has access to an authenticated copy of the public key agreement key of the other entity. This can be achieved using the mechanisms described in Clause 13.
- Both entities have agreed on a common one-way function w .

Key agreement mechanism 5 is summarized in Figure 4.

Key token construction (A1) Entity A randomly and secretly generates r_A in S_1 , computes $F(r_A, g)$ and sends the key token $KT_{A1} = F(r_A, g) || \text{Text1}$ to entity B .

Key token construction (B1) Entity B randomly and secretly generates r_B in S_1 , computes $F(r_B, g)$ and sends the key token $KT_{B1} = F(r_B, g) || \text{Text2}$ to entity A .

Key construction (B2) Entity B extracts $F(r_A, g)$ from the received key token KT_{A1} and computes the shared secret key as $K_{AB} = w(F(h_B, F(r_A, g)) || F(r_B, p_A))$ where w is a one-way function.

Key construction (A2) Entity A extracts $F(r_B, g)$ from the received key token KT_{B1} and computes the shared secret key as $K_{AB} = w(F(r_A, p_B) || F(h_A, F(r_B, g)))$.

NOTE 1 The number of passes is 2.

NOTE 2 This mechanism provides mutual implicit key authentication. If the data field *Text2* contains a MAC (on known data) computed using the key K_{AB} , then this mechanism provides explicit key authentication from entity B to entity A .

NOTE 3 If the data field *Text2* contains a MAC (on known data) computed using the key K_{AB} , then this mechanism provides key confirmation from entity B to entity A .

NOTE 4 This mechanism is a key agreement mechanism, since the established key is a one-way function of random values r_A and r_B supplied by entities A and B respectively.

NOTE 5 Examples of this key agreement mechanism [known as the Matsumoto-Takahshima-Imai A(0) key agreement scheme] are described in Clauses D.7 and E.6. Another example is known as the Goss protocol.

NOTE 6 If *Text1* and *Text2* contain the public key certificates of entity *A*'s and *B*'s key agreement keys, respectively, then the requirement 2 at the beginning of 11.5 can be replaced by the requirement that each entity is in possession of an authenticated copy of the CA's public verification key.

NOTE 7 Under certain circumstances, this mechanism can be subject to a source substitution attack (also known as an unknown key share attack)^[30]. If this is a concern, this type of attack can be avoided by ensuring that as part of the process of submitting a public key to a CA for certification, the submitter proves possession of the corresponding private key. This type of attack is slightly more serious in the case of protocols based on elliptic curves.^[26] Resilience to unknown key share attack for *A* and *B* can be achieved by choosing a key derivation function that includes the identifiers of the involved entities.

11.6 Key agreement mechanism 6

This key agreement mechanism establishes a shared secret key in two passes between entities *A* and *B* with mutual implicit key authentication and joint key control. It is based on the use of both an asymmetric encryption scheme and a signature system. The following requirements shall be satisfied.

- Entity *A* has an asymmetric encryption system with transformations (E_A, D_A).
- Entity *B* has an asymmetric signature system with transformations (S_B, V_B).
- Entity *A* has access to an authenticated copy of entity *B*'s public verification transformation V_B . This can be achieved using the mechanisms described in Clause 13.
- Entity *B* has access to an authenticated copy of entity *A*'s public encryption transformation E_A . This can be achieved using the mechanisms described in Clause 13.

Key agreement mechanism 6 is summarized in Figure 5.

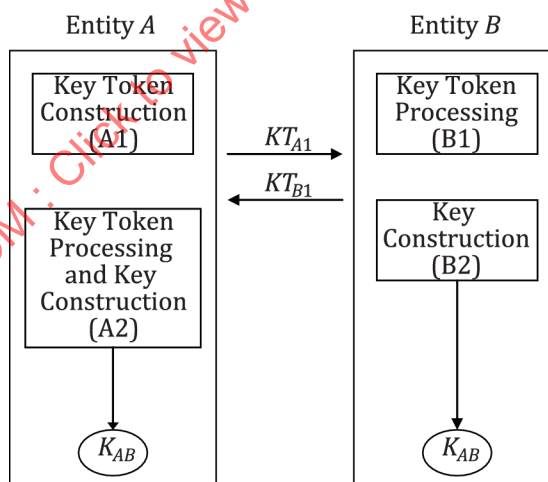


Figure 5 — Key agreement mechanism 6

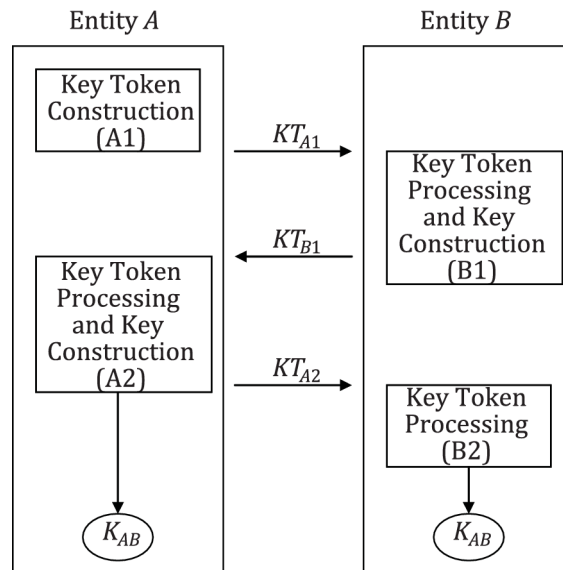


Figure 6 — Key agreement mechanism 7

Key token construction (A1) Entity *A* generates a random number r_A , constructs the key token $KT_{A1} = r_A || \text{Text1}$, and sends it to entity *B*.

Key token processing (B1) Entity *B* generates a random number r_B and signs a data block consisting of the distinguishing identifier for entity *A*, the random number r_A , the random number r_B and some optional data *Text2* using its private signature transformation S_B , to obtain $BS = S_B(A || r_A || r_B || \text{Text2})$.

Entity *B* then encrypts a data block consisting of its distinguishing identifier (optional), the signed block *BS*, and some optional data *Text3* using entity *A*'s public encryption transformation E_A . Entity *B* then sends the key token $KT_{B1} = E_A(BS || \text{Text3}) || \text{Text4}$ back to entity *A*, or entity *B* can include the identifier for *B* as $KT_{B1} = E_A(B || BS || \text{Text3}) || \text{Text4}$.

Key construction (B2) The shared secret key consists of all or part of entity *B*'s signature Σ contained in the signed block *BS* (see Note 2 in Clause 4), after passing through a key derivation function.

Key token processing and key construction (A2) Entity *A* decrypts the key token KT_{B1} using its private decryption transformation D_A , optionally checks the sender identifier, and uses entity *B*'s public verification transformation V_B to verify the digital signature of the signed block *BS*. Then entity *A* checks the recipient identifier and that the random number r_A in the signed block *BS* equals the random number r_A sent in token KT_{A1} . If all checks are successful, entity *A* accepts all or part of entity *B*'s signature of the signed block *BS* used with a key derivation function as the shared secret key.

NOTE 1 The number of passes is 2.

NOTE 2 The part of the signature Σ that is to be used as the basis of the secret key established between entities *A* and *B* is agreed in advance.

NOTE 3 This mechanism provides implicit key authentication from entity *A* to entity *B* and explicit key authentication from entity *B* to entity *A*.

NOTE 4 If the data field *Text3* contains a MAC (on known data) computed using the key K_{AB} , then this mechanism provides key confirmation from entity *B* to entity *A*.

NOTE 5 This mechanism is a key agreement mechanism, since the established key is a one-way function of random values r_A and r_B supplied by entities *A* and *B* respectively. As discussed in Clause 8, since entity *B* can learn $F(r_A, g)$ prior to choosing the value r_B , entity *B* can select approximately s bits of the established key, at the cost of generating 2^s candidate values for r_B in the interval between receiving KT_{A1} and sending KT_{B1} .

NOTE 6 This mechanism is derived from Beller and Yacobi's two pass protocol described in Clause D.8.

NOTE 7 If *Text1* and *Text4* contain a public key certificate for entity *A*'s encryption key and a public key certificate for entity *B*'s verification key, respectively, then the requirements 3 and 4 at the beginning of 11.6 can be relaxed to the requirement that each entity is in possession of an authenticated copy of the CA's public verification key.

NOTE 8 A significant feature of this scheme is that the identity of entity *B* can remain anonymous to eavesdroppers, a property of potential significance in a wireless communication environment.

NOTE 9 This mechanism has no resilience to key compromise impersonation attacks on *A*.

11.7 Key agreement mechanism 7

This key agreement mechanism is based on the three-pass authentication mechanism of ISO/IEC 9798-3 and establishes a shared secret key between entities *A* and *B* with mutual authentication. The following requirements shall be satisfied.

- Each entity *X* has an asymmetric signature system (S_X, V_X).
- Both entities have access to an authenticated copy of the public verification transformation of the other entity. This can be achieved using the mechanisms described in Clause 13.
- The two entities have agreed on a common MAC function.

Key agreement mechanism 7 is summarized in Figure 6.

Key token construction (A1) Entity *A* randomly and secretly generates r_A in S_1 , computes $F(r_A, g)$, constructs the key token $KT_{A1} = F(r_A, g) || \text{Text1}$, and sends it to entity *B*.

Key token processing and key construction (B1) Entity *B* randomly and secretly generates r_B in S_1 , computes $F(r_B, g)$, computes the shared secret key as $K_{AB} = F(r_B, F(r_A, g))$, and constructs the signed key token

$$KT_{B1} = S_B(DB_1) || \text{MAC}_{K_{AB}}(DB_1) || \text{Text3},$$

where $DB_1 = F(r_B, g) || F(r_A, g) || 4 || \text{Text2}$, and sends it back to entity *A*.

Key confirmation is provided by including $\text{MAC}_{K_{AB}}(DB_1)$ in KT_{B1} . Alternatively, if both parties have a common symmetric encryption system, key confirmation can be obtained by replacing KT_{B1} with $KT_{B1} = F(r_B, g) || E_{K_{AB}}(S_B(DB_1))$, where E is a suitable symmetric encryption function.

Key token processing and key construction (A2) Entity *A* verifies entity *B*'s signature on the key token KT_{B1} using entity *B*'s public verification key, and then verifies entity *A*'s distinguishing identifier and the value $F(r_A, g)$ sent in step (A1). If the checks are successful, entity *A* proceeds to compute the shared secret key as $K_{AB} = F(r_A, F(r_B, g))$.

Using K_{AB} , entity *A* verifies $\text{MAC}_{K_{AB}}(DB_1)$. Then entity *A* constructs the signed key token

$$KT_{A2} = S_A(DB_2) || \text{MAC}_{K_{AB}}(DB_2) || \text{Text5},$$

where $DB_2 = F(r_A, g) || F(r_B, g) || B || \text{Text4}$, and sends it to entity *B*.

Key confirmation is provided by including $\text{MAC}_{K_{AB}}(DB_2)$ in KT_{A2} . Alternatively, key confirmation can be obtained by replacing KT_{A2} with $KT_{A2} = E_{K_{AB}}(S_A(DB_2))$.

Key token processing (B2) Entity *B* verifies entity *A*'s signature on the key token KT_{A2} , using entity *A*'s public verification key, then verifies entity *B*'s distinguishing identifier and that the values $F(r_A, g)$ and $F(r_B, g)$ agree with the values exchanged in the previous steps. If the checks are successful, entity *B* verifies $MAC_{K_{AB}}(DB_2)$ using $K_{AB} = F(r_B, F(r_A, g))$.

NOTE 1 The number of passes is 3.

NOTE 2 This mechanism provides mutual explicit key authentication and mutual entity authentication.

NOTE 3 This mechanism provides mutual key confirmation.

NOTE 4 This mechanism is a key agreement mechanism, since the established key is a one-way function of random values r_A and r_B supplied by entities *A* and *B* respectively. As discussed in Clause 8, since entity *B* can learn $F(r_A, g)$ prior to choosing the value r_B , entity *B* can select approximately s bits of the established key, at the cost of generating 2^s candidate values for r_B in the interval between receiving KT_{A1} and sending KT_{B1} .

NOTE 5 Examples of this mechanism (known as the Diffie-Hellman scheme) can be constructed by combining the examples in Clause E.9 with use of a digital signature scheme, such as one of those specified in ISO/IEC 9796-2, ISO/IEC 9796-3, ISO/IEC 14888-2 and ISO/IEC 14888-3.

NOTE 6 This mechanism conforms to ISO/IEC 9798-3. KT_{A1} , KT_{B1} , and KT_{A2} are identical to the tokens sent in the three pass authentication mechanism. The TVPs are also identical, with the following changes of use: the TVP R_A is set to the value $F(r_A, g)$; and the TVP R_B is set to the value $F(r_B, g)$.

NOTE 7 If the data fields *Text1* and *Text3* (or *Text5* and *Text3*) contain the public key certificates of entities *A* and *B*, respectively, then the second requirement at the beginning of 11.7 can be relaxed to the requirement that all entities are in possession of an authenticated copy of the CA's public verification key.

NOTE 8 If a signature mechanism with text hashing is used, then $F(r_A, g)$ and/or $F(r_B, g)$ does not need to be sent in key token KT_{B1} . Similarly, neither $F(r_A, g)$ nor $F(r_B, g)$ need to be sent in key token KT_{A2} . However, the random numbers need to be included in the computation of the respective signatures.

NOTE 9 Key confirmation can alternatively be achieved by encrypting part of the signature. In this case, the third requirement at the beginning of 11.7 does not apply.

11.8 Key agreement mechanism 8

This key agreement mechanism uses elliptic curve cryptography, and establishes a shared secret key in one pass between entities *A* and *B* with mutual implicit key authentication. The following requirements shall be satisfied.

- Each entity *X* has a private key agreement key h_X in S_1 and a public key agreement key $P_X = F(h_X, G)$.
- Each entity has access to an authenticated copy of the public key agreement key of the other entity. This can be achieved using the mechanisms described in Clause 13.

Key agreement mechanism 8 is summarized in Figure 2.

The values l and j are used for cofactor multiplication as explained in Clause 7. A function is also required to convert an elliptic point P to an integer. An example of such a function is $\pi(P) = (X(P) \bmod 2^{\lceil \rho/2 \rceil}) + 2^{\lceil \rho/2 \rceil}$, where $\rho = \lceil \log_2 n \rceil$ and $X(P)$ is the x -coordinate of the point P .

Key token construction (A1) Entity *A* randomly and secretly generates r_A in S_1 , computes $F(r_A, G)$, constructs the key token $KT_{A1} = F(r_A, G)$, and sends it to entity *B*.

Key construction (A2) Entity *A* computes the shared key as

$$K_{AB} = ((r_A + \pi(KT_{A1})h_A) \cdot l)(j \cdot (P_B + \pi(P_B)P_B)).$$

Key construction (B1) Entity B computes the shared key as

$$K_{AB} = ((h_B + \pi(P_B)h_B) \cdot l)(j \cdot (KT_{A1} + \pi(KT_{A1})P_A)).$$

NOTE 1 The number of passes is 1.

NOTE 2 This mechanism provides mutual implicit key authentication.

NOTE 3 An example of this mechanism (known as MQV key agreement) is described in Clause E.11.

NOTE 4 This mechanism has no resilience to key compromise impersonation attacks on A .

11.9 Key agreement mechanism 9

This key agreement mechanism uses elliptic curve cryptography and establishes a shared secret key in two passes between entities A and B with mutual implicit key authentication. The following requirements shall be satisfied.

- Each entity X has a private key agreement key h_X in S_1 and a public key agreement key $P_X = F(h_X, G)$.
- Each entity has access to an authenticated copy of the public key agreement key of the other entity. This can be achieved using the mechanisms described in Clause 13.

Key agreement mechanism 9 is summarized in Figure 4.

The values l and j are used for cofactor multiplication as explained in Clause 7. A function is also required to convert an elliptic point P to an integer. An example of such a function is $\pi(P) = (X(P) \bmod 2^{\lceil \rho/2 \rceil}) + 2^{\lceil \rho/2 \rceil}$, where $\rho = \lceil \log_2 n \rceil$ and $X(P)$ is the x -coordinate of the point P .

Key token construction (A1) Entity A randomly and secretly generates r_A in S_1 , computes $F(r_A, G)$, constructs the key token $KT_{A1} = F(r_A, G)$, and sends it to entity B .

Key token construction (B1) Entity B randomly and secretly generates r_B in S_1 , computes $F(r_B, G)$, constructs the key token $KT_{B1} = F(r_B, G)$, and sends it to entity A .

Key construction (A2) Entity A computes the shared secret key as

$$K_{AB} = ((r_A + \pi(KT_{A1})h_A) \cdot l)(j \cdot (KT_{B1} + \pi(KT_{B1})P_B)).$$

Key construction (B2) Entity B computes the shared secret key as

$$K_{AB} = ((r_B + \pi(KT_{B1})h_B) \cdot l)(j \cdot (KT_{A1} + \pi(KT_{A1})P_A)).$$

NOTE 1 The number of passes is 2.

NOTE 2 This mechanism provides mutual implicit key authentication.

NOTE 3 An example of this mechanism (known as MQV key agreement with two passes) is described in Clause E.12.

NOTE 4 Under certain circumstances, this mechanism can be subject to a source substitution attack (also known as an unknown key share attack)^[26]. If this is a concern, such an attack can be avoided by adding delay detection. Resilience to unknown key share attack for A and B can also be achieved by choosing a key derivation function that includes the identifiers of the involved entities. Other countermeasures are described in Reference [26].

11.10 Key agreement mechanism 10

This key agreement mechanism uses elliptic curve cryptography and establishes a shared secret key in three passes between entities *A* and *B* with mutual implicit key authentication. The following requirements shall be satisfied.

- Each entity *X* has a private key agreement key h_X in S_1 and a public key agreement key $P_X = F(h_X, G)$.
- Each entity has access to an authenticated copy of the public key agreement key of the other entity. This can be achieved using the mechanisms described in Clause 13.

Key agreement mechanism 10 is summarized in Figure 7.

The values l and j are used for cofactor multiplication as explained in Clause 7. A function is also required to convert an elliptic point P to an integer. An example of such a function is $\pi(P) = (X(P) \bmod 2^{\lceil \rho/2 \rceil}) + 2^{\lceil \rho/2 \rceil}$, where $\rho = \lceil \log_2 n \rceil$ and $X(P)$ is the x -coordinate of the point P .

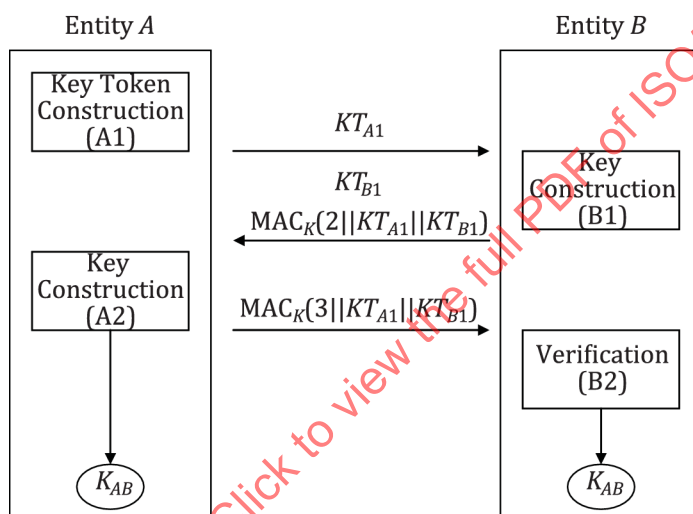


Figure 7 — Key agreement mechanism 10

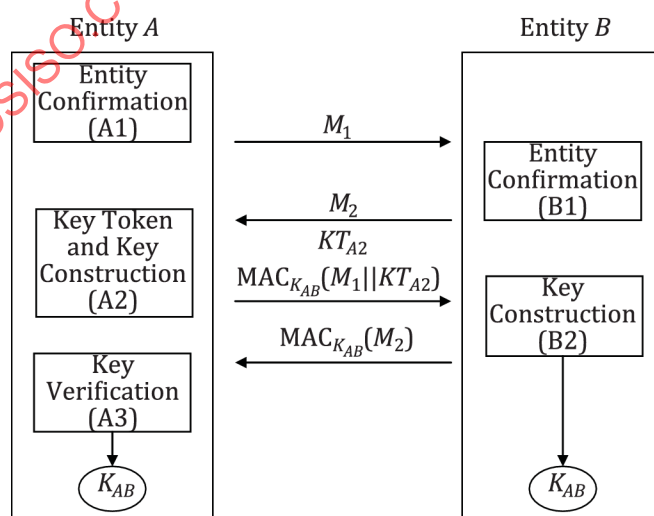


Figure 8 — Key agreement mechanism 11

Key token construction (A1) Entity *A* randomly and secretly generates r_A in S_1 , computes $F(r_A, G)$, constructs the key token $KT_{A1} = F(r_A, G)$, and sends it to entity *B*.

Key construction (B1) Entity *B* randomly and secretly generates r_B in S_1 , computes $F(r_B, G)$, and constructs the key token $KT_{B1} = F(r_B, G)$.

Entity *B* computes the shared secret key as

$$K_{AB} = ((r_B + \pi(KT_{B1})h_B) \cdot I)(j \cdot (KT_{A1} + \pi(KT_{A1})P_A)).$$

Entity *B* then computes the key $K = \text{kdf}(K_{AB})$. Entity *B* further constructs $\text{MAC}_K(2 || KT_{A1} || KT_{B1})$, and sends KT_{B1} and $\text{MAC}_K(2 || KT_{A1} || KT_{B1})$ to entity *A*.

Key construction (A2) Entity *A* computes the shared secret key as

$$K_{AB} = ((r_A + \pi(KT_{A1})h_A) \cdot I)(j \cdot (KT_{B1} + \pi(KT_{B1})P_B)).$$

Entity *A* computes the key $K = \text{kdf}(K_{AB})$. Entity *A* computes $\text{MAC}_K(2 || KT_{A1} || KT_{B1})$ and verifies what was sent by entity *B*. Entity *A* then computes $\text{MAC}_K(3 || KT_{A1} || KT_{B1})$, and sends it to entity *B*.

Verification (B2) Entity *B* computes $\text{MAC}_K(3 || KT_{A1} || KT_{B1})$.

NOTE 1 The number of passes is 3.

NOTE 2 This mechanism provides mutual explicit key authentication.

NOTE 3 An example of this mechanism (known as MQV key agreement with three passes) is described in Clause E.13.

11.11 Key agreement mechanism 11

This key agreement mechanism establishes a shared key in four passes between entities *A* and *B*. The following requirements shall be satisfied.

- Entity *B* has an asymmetric encryption system with transformation (E_B, D_B) .
- Entity *A* has access to an authenticated copy of the public verification transformation necessary to verify Cert_B .
- Both entities have agreed on a common key derivation function kdf .

Key agreement mechanism 11 is summarized in Figure 8.

Entity confirmation (A1): Entity *A* chooses a random integer r_A , and sends a message $M_1 = (r_A || \text{Text1})$ to entity *B*.

Entity confirmation (B1): Entity *B* chooses a random integer r_B , and sends $M_2 = (r_B || \text{Cert}_B || \text{Text2})$ to entity *A*.

Key token and key construction (A2): Entity *A* verifies Cert_B to obtain a trusted copy of entity *B*'s public key. Entity *A* then generates a random integer r'_A and computes the shared key $K_{AB} = \text{kdf}(r_A, r_B, r'_A)$.

Entity *A* then sends the key token $KT_{A2} = E_B(r'_A)$ and $\text{MAC}_{K_{AB}}(M_1 || KT_{A2})$ to entity *B*.

Key construction (B2): Entity *B* decrypts KT_{A2} and computes the shared key $K_{AB} = \text{kdf}(r_A, r_B, r'_A)$.

Entity *B* computes $\text{MAC}_{K_{AB}}(M_1 || KT_{A2})$ and compares it with the received MAC value. Entity *B* sends $\text{MAC}_{K_{AB}}(M_2)$ to entity *A*.

Key verification (A3): Entity *A* computes $\text{MAC}_{K_{AB}}(M_2)$ and compares it with the received MAC value.

NOTE 1 The number of passes is 4.

NOTE 2 This mechanism provides *B*'s implicit key authentication to *A*.

NOTE 3 This mechanism is derived from the transport layer security (TLS) protocol^[15], which can be regarded as an example of this mechanism. In TLS, the key agreement process is known as the TLS handshake phase. In TLS, each entity has a "cipher suite", i.e. a list of algorithms that the entity supports. *Text1* and *Text2* are used to exchange these cipher suites as part of a process known as "cipher suite negotiation".

11.12 Key agreement mechanism 12

This key agreement mechanism non-interactively establishes a shared secret key among entities *A*, *B*, and *C* with mutual implicit key authentication. The following requirements shall be satisfied.

- Each entity *X* has a private key-agreement key h_X in S_1 and a public key-agreement key $p_X = F(h_X, g)$.
- Each entity has access to an authenticated copy of the public key-agreement key of the other entities. This can be achieved using the mechanisms described in Clause 13.

Key agreement mechanism 12 is summarized in Figure 9.

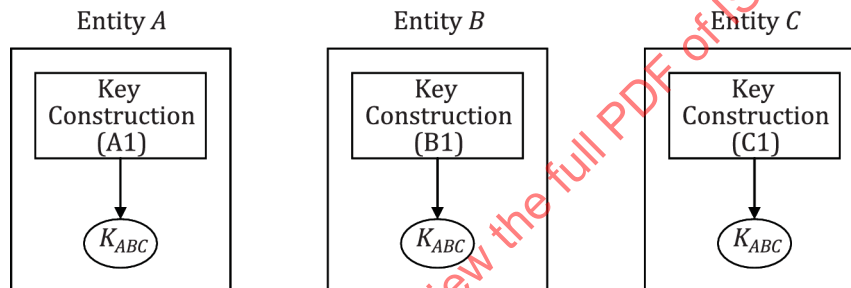


Figure 9 — Key agreement mechanism 12

Key construction (A1) Entity *A* computes, using its own private key-agreement key h_A , entity *B*'s public key-agreement key p_B , and entity *C*'s public key-agreement key p_C , the shared secret key as $K_{ABC} = FP(h_A, p_B, p_C)$.

Key construction (B1) Entity *B* computes, using its own private key-agreement key h_B , entity *A*'s public key-agreement key p_A , and entity *C*'s public key-agreement key p_C , the shared secret key as $K_{ABC} = FP(h_B, p_C, p_A)$.

Key construction (C1) Entity *C* computes, using its own private key-agreement key h_C , entity *A*'s public key-agreement key p_A , and entity *B*'s public key-agreement key p_B , the shared secret key as $K_{ABC} = FP(h_C, p_A, p_B)$.

As a consequence of the requirements on functions *F* and *FP* specified in Clause 10, the three computed values for the key K_{ABC} are identical.

NOTE 1 The number of passes is 0.

NOTE 2 This mechanism provides mutual implicit key authentication. However, a zero-pass protocol such as this always generates the same key. One way to eliminate this problem is to ensure that the key is only used once. Furthermore, the use of a unique initialization vector with each utilization of the key can also solve this problem.

NOTE 3 This mechanism does not provide key confirmation.

NOTE 4 This is a key agreement mechanism, since the established key is a one-way function of the private key agreement keys h_A , h_B and h_C of entities *A*, *B* and *C* respectively.

NOTE 5 An example of this mechanism (known as Joux key agreement) is given in Clause F.2.

11.13 Key agreement mechanism 13

This key agreement mechanism, known as “2-pass blinded Diffie-Hellman”, establishes a shared secret key in two passes between entities *A* and *B* with unilateral implicit key authentication. The following requirements shall be satisfied.

- Entity *A* has a private key agreement key h_A in S_1 and a public key agreement key $P_A = F(h_A, G)$ in S_2 , where S_1 and S_2 are the sets introduced in 10.2.
- Entity *B* has access to the credentials necessary to authenticate the public key agreement key of entity *A*. This can be achieved using the mechanisms described in Clause 13, but to ensure the privacy property of unlinkability, any identifiers of entity *A* and any credentials unique to entity *A* that are sent from entity *A* to entity *B* are sent encrypted using a key derived from the shared key, for example, as shown in *Text1* in the description below.
- Key derivation shall comply with ISO/IEC 11770-6 (see also Annex C) and encryption shall use an authenticated encryption method chosen from ISO/IEC 19772.
- Random number generation shall comply with ISO/IEC 18031.

Key agreement mechanism 13 is summarized in Figure 10.

Key token construction (B1) Entity *B* randomly and secretly generates r_B in S_1 , computes its ephemeral public key $P_B = F(r_B, G)$ in S_2 , constructs the key token $KT_{B1} = P_B$, and sends it to entity *A*.

Key token construction, key construction and encryption (A1) Entity *A* randomly and secretly generates r_A in S_1 , and constructs the key token $KT_{A1} = F(r_A, P_A)$.

Entity *A* computes the shared secret key as $K = F(r_A, F(h_A, KT_{B1}))$.

Entity *A* derives key K_{AB} from K using an agreed key derivation function and uses an authenticated encryption algorithm AuthEnc to compute $BE = \text{AuthEnc}_{K_{AB}}(r_A, P_A, \text{Text1})$ and sends this and the key token KT_{A1} to entity *B*.

Key construction, decryption and checking (B2) Entity *B* computes the shared secret key as $K = F(r_B, KT_{A1})$.

Entity *B* derives key K_{AB} from K using the agreed key derivation function and uses AuthEnc and BE to recover r_A and P_A and check that $KT_{A1} = F(r_A, P_A)$.

NOTE 1 A security proof for the 3-pass protocol (Mechanism 14) is provided in Reference [38], and is extended to a proof for the 2-pass protocol in Reference [41]. The security proof requires the use of unidirectional authenticated encryption keys and the inclusion of state information such as message counters.

NOTE 2 A cryptographic analysis of the impact of using a small blinding factor (i.e. in step A1 selecting r_A from a small subset of S_1) is provided in Reference [39].

NOTE 3 An analysis in an enhanced security model is given in Reference [40].

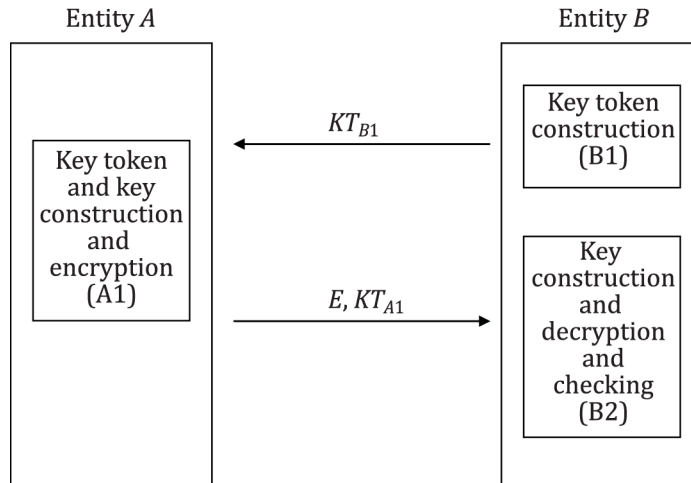


Figure 10 — Key agreement mechanism 13 (2-pass)

11.14 Key agreement mechanism 14

This key agreement mechanism, known as “3-pass blinded Diffie-Hellman”, establishes a shared secret key in three passes between entities *A* and *B* with unilateral implicit key authentication. The following requirements shall be satisfied.

- Entity *A* has a private key agreement key h_A in S_1 and a public key agreement key $P_A = F(h_A, G)$ in S_2 , where S_1 and S_2 are the sets introduced in 10.2.
- Entity *B* has access to the credentials necessary to authenticate the public key agreement key of entity *A*. This can be achieved using the mechanisms described in Clause 13, but to ensure the privacy property of unlinkability any identifiers of entity *A* and any credentials unique to entity *A* that are sent from entity *A* to entity *B* are sent encrypted using a key derived from the shared key, for example, as shown in *Text1* in the description below.
- Key derivation shall comply with ISO/IEC 11770-6 (see also Annex C) and encryption shall use an authenticated encryption method chosen from ISO/IEC 19772.
- Random number generation shall comply with ISO/IEC 18031.

Key agreement mechanism 14 is summarized in Figure 11.

Key token construction (A1) Entity *A* randomly and secretly generates r_A in S_1 , constructs the key token $KT_{A1} = F(r_A, P_A)$, and sends it to entity *B*.

Key token construction and key construction (B1) Entity *B* randomly and secretly generates r_B in S_1 , computes its ephemeral public key $P_B = F(r_B, G)$ in S_2 , constructs the key token $KT_{B1} = P_B$, and sends it to entity *A*.

Entity *B* computes the shared secret key as $K = F(r_B, KT_{A1})$.

Key construction and encryption (A2) Entity *A* computes the shared secret key as $K = F(r_A, F(h_A, KT_{B1}))$.

Entity *A* derives key K_{AB} from K using an agreed key derivation function and uses an authenticated encryption algorithm AuthEnc to compute $BE = \text{AuthEnc}_{K_{AB}}(r_A, P_A, \text{Text1})$ and sends this to entity *B*.

Decryption and checking (B2) Entity *B* derives key K_{AB} from K using the agreed key derivation function and uses AuthEnc and BE to recover r_A and P_A and check that $KT_{A1} = F(r_A, P_A)$.

NOTE 1 A security proof for the 3-pass protocol is provided in Reference [38]. The security proof requires the use of unidirectional authenticated encryption keys and the inclusion of state information such as message counters.

NOTE 2 A cryptographic analysis of the impact of using a small blinding factor (i.e. in step A1 selecting r_A from a small subset of S_1) is provided in Reference [39].

NOTE 3 An analysis in an enhanced security model is given in Reference [40].

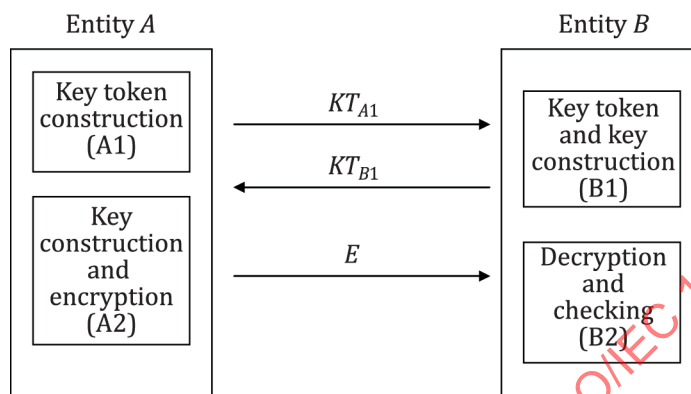


Figure 11 — Key agreement mechanism 14 (3-pass)

11.15 Key agreement mechanism 15

This key agreement mechanism establishes a shared secret key in two passes between entities A and B with mutual implicit key authentication and joint key control. The following requirements shall be satisfied.

- Each entity X has a private key agreement key h_X in S_1 and a public key agreement key $p_X = F(h_X, g)$.
- Each entity has access to an authenticated copy of the public key agreement key of the other entity. This can be achieved using the mechanisms described in Clause 13.

Key agreement mechanism 15 is summarized in Figure 12.

Key token construction (A1) Entity A randomly and secretly generates r_A in S_1 , computes $F(r_A, p_B)$ and sends the key token $KT_{A1} = F(r_A, p_B) || \text{Text1}$ to entity B .

Key token construction (B1) Entity B randomly and secretly generates r_B in S_1 , computes $F(r_B, p_A)$ and sends the key token $KT_{B1} = F(r_B, p_A) || \text{Text2}$ to entity A .

Key construction (B2) Entity B extracts $F(r_A, p_B)$ from the received key token KT_{A1} and computes the shared secret key as $K_{AB} = F(1/h_B, F(r_A, p_B)) || F(r_B, g) || F(r_B, F(1/h_B, F(r_A, p_B)))$.

Key construction (A2) Entity A extracts $F(r_B, p_A)$ from the received key token KT_{B1} and computes the shared secret key as $K_{AB} = F(r_A, g) || F(1/h_A, F(r_B, p_A)) || F(r_A, F(1/h_A, F(r_B, p_A)))$.

NOTE 1 The number of passes is 2.

NOTE 2 This mechanism provides mutual implicit key authentication. If the data field *Text2* contains a MAC (on known data) computed using the key K_{AB} , then this mechanism provides explicit key authentication from entity B to entity A .

NOTE 3 If the data field *Text2* contains a MAC (on known data) computed using the key K_{AB} , then this mechanism provides key confirmation from entity B to entity A .

NOTE 4 This mechanism is a key agreement mechanism, since the established key is a one-way function of random values r_A and r_B supplied by entities A and B respectively.

NOTE 5 This mechanism is the direct combination of Matsumoto-Takahshima-Imai B(0) and Matsumoto-Takahshima-Imai C(0)^[28]. The SM9 key agreement protocol described in F.5 is a pairing-based example of this mechanism.

NOTE 6 This mechanism provides mutual forward secrecy.

NOTE 7 As discussed in Clause 6, in practical implementations of this mechanism, the shared secret key is subject to further processing.

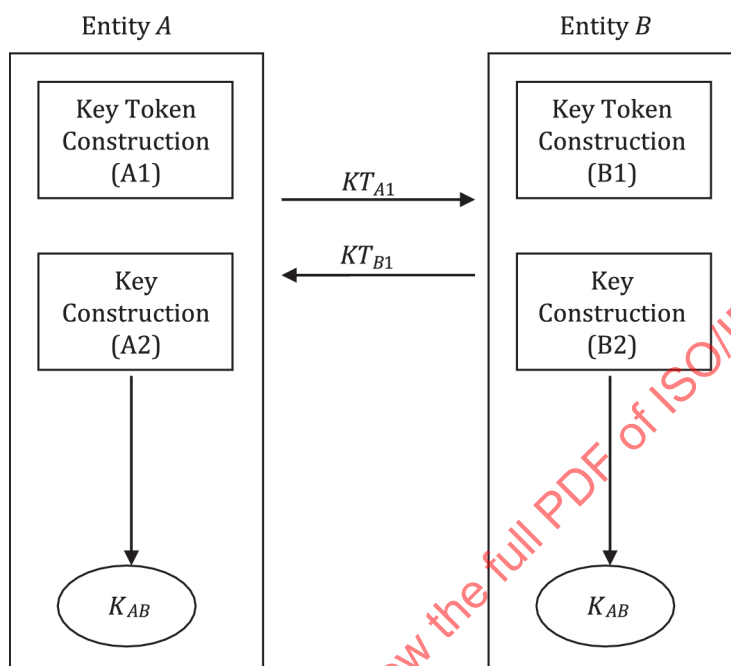


Figure 12 — Key agreement mechanism 15

12 Secret key transport

12.1 Secret key transport mechanism 1

This secret key transport mechanism transfers a secret key in one pass from entity *A* to entity *B* with implicit key authentication from entity *B* to entity *A*. The following requirements shall be satisfied.

- Entity *B* has an asymmetric encryption system (E_B , D_B).
- Entity *A* has access to an authenticated copy of entity *B*'s public encryption transformation E_B . This can be achieved using the mechanisms described in Clause 13.
- The optional *TVP* shall either be a time stamp or sequence number. If time stamps are used, then the entities *A* and *B* need to maintain synchronous clocks. If sequence numbers are used, then entities *A* and *B* shall maintain bilateral counters.

Secret key transport mechanism 1 is summarized in Figure 13.

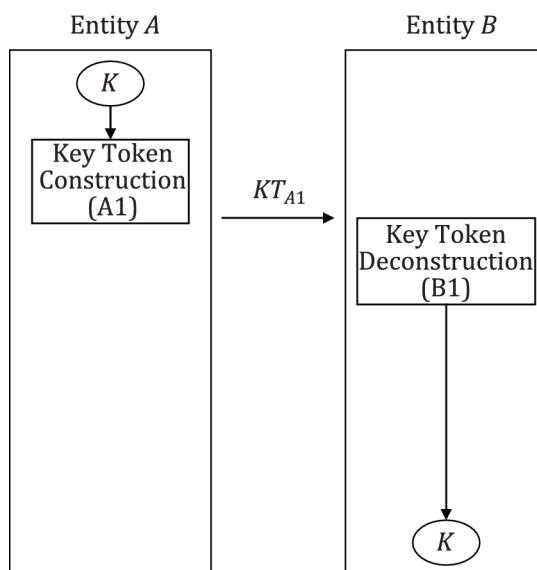


Figure 13 — Secret key transport mechanism 1

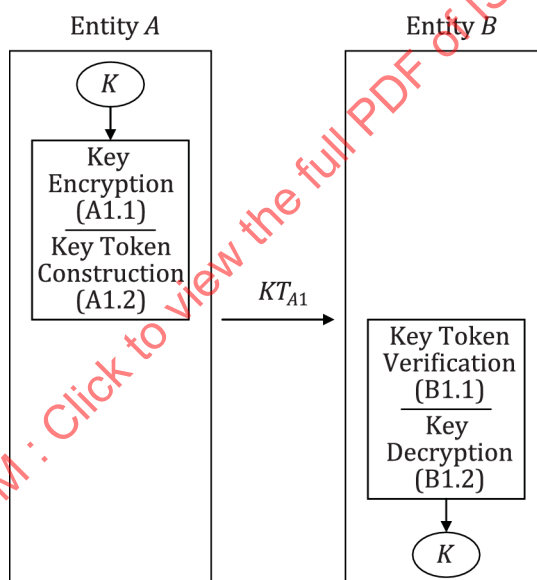


Figure 14 — Secret key transport mechanism 2

Key token construction (A1) Suppose K is a secret key that entity A wishes to securely transfer to entity B . Entity A constructs a key data block consisting of its distinguishing identifier (optional), the key K , an optional TVP and an optional data field $Text1$. Entity A then encrypts the key data block using the receiver's public encryption transformation E_B and sends the key token

$$KT_{A1} = E_B(A||K||TVP||Text1)||Text2$$

to entity B .

Key token deconstruction (B1) Entity B decrypts the encrypted part of the received key token KT_{A1} using its private decryption transformation D_B , recovers the key K , checks the optional TVP , and associates the recovered key K with the claimed originator entity A .

NOTE 1 The number of passes is 1.

NOTE 2 This mechanism provides implicit key authentication from entity *B* to entity *A*, since only entity *B* can possibly recover the key *K*.

NOTE 3 This mechanism does not provide key confirmation.

NOTE 4 Entity *A* can choose the key.

NOTE 5 As entity *B* receives the key *K* from a non-authenticated entity *A*, secure use of *K* by entity *B* is restricted to functions not requiring trust in entity *A*'s authenticity. For example, decryption and generation of message authentication codes can be performed, whereas encryption and verification of message authentication codes should not.

NOTE 6 An example of this mechanism (known as ElGamal key transfer) is described in Clause G.1. A second example of this mechanism using RSA is described in Clause G.3, and a third example based on Sakai-Kasahara key establishment is described in Clause G.6.

12.2 Secret key transport mechanism 2

This secret key transport mechanism is an extension of the one-pass entity authentication mechanism in ISO/IEC 9798-3. It transfers a secret key, encrypted and signed, from entity *A* to entity *B* with explicit key authentication from entity *A* to entity *B* and implicit key authentication from entity *B* to entity *A*. The following requirements shall be satisfied.

- Entity *A* has an asymmetric signature system (S_A, V_A).
- Entity *B* has an asymmetric encryption system (E_B, D_B).
- Entity *A* has access to an authenticated copy of entity *B*'s public encryption transformation E_B . This can be achieved using the mechanisms described in Clause 13.
- Entity *B* has access to an authenticated copy of entity *A*'s public verification transformation V_A . This can be achieved using the mechanisms described in Clause 13.
- The optional *TVP* shall be either a time stamp or sequence number. If time stamps are used, then the entities *A* and *B* need to maintain synchronous clocks or use a trusted third party time-stamping authority. If sequence numbers are used then entities *A* and *B* shall maintain bilateral counters.

Secret key transport mechanism 2 is summarized in Figure 14.

Key encryption (A1.1) Suppose *K* is a secret key that entity *A* wishes to securely transfer to entity *B*. Entity *A* forms the key data block, consisting of the sender's distinguishing identifier, the key *K* and an optional data field *Text1*. Entity *A* then encrypts the key data block with entity *B*'s public encryption transformation E_B and forms the encrypted block $BE = E_B(A||K||Text1)$.

Key token construction (A1.2) Entity *A* forms the token data block, consisting of the recipient's distinguishing identifier, an optional *TVP* (time stamp or sequence number), the encrypted block *BE* and the optional data field *Text2*. Then entity *A* signs the token data block using its private signature transformation S_A , appends optional *Text3*, and sends the resulting key token

$$KT_{A1} = S_A(B||TVP||BE||Text2)||Text3$$

to entity *B*.

Key token verification (B1.1) Entity *B* uses the sender's public verification transformation V_A to verify the digital signature in the received key token KT_{A1} . Entity *B* then checks its identifier in KT_{A1} and, optionally, the *TVP*.

Key decryption (B1.2) Entity *B* decrypts the block *BE* with its private decryption transformation D_B . Entity *B* then compares the identifier for entity *A* contained in block *BE* with the identity of the signing entity. If all checks are successful, entity *B* accepts the key *K*.

NOTE 1 The number of passes is 1.

NOTE 2 This mechanism provides entity authentication of entity *A* to entity *B*, and implicit key authentication from entity *B* to entity *A*.

NOTE 3 This mechanism provides key confirmation from entity *A* to entity *B*. Entity *B* can be sure that it shares the correct key with entity *A*, but entity *A* can only be sure that entity *B* has indeed received the key after it has obtained a positive reply from entity *B* encrypted using key *K*.

NOTE 4 The optional *TVP* provides entity authentication of entity *A* to entity *B* and prevents replay of the key token. In order to prevent replay of the key data block *BE*, an additional *TVP* can also be included in *Text1*.

NOTE 5 Entity *A* can choose the key K_A , since it is the originating entity. Similarly, entity *B* can choose the key K_B . Joint key control can be achieved by requiring entities *A* and *B* to combine two keys K_A and K_B , transported using two instances of the mechanism, to form a shared secret key K_{AB} . An extra pass is required for joint key control. The combination function is one-way, otherwise entity *A* can choose the shared secret key. This mechanism can then be classified as a key agreement mechanism.

NOTE 6 Entity *A*'s distinguishing identifier is included in the encrypted block *BE* to prevent entity *A* from misappropriating an encrypted key block intended for use by another entity. Prevention of the attack is achieved by requiring entity *B* to compare entity *A*'s identifier with entity *A*'s signature on the token.

NOTE 7 In conformance with ISO/IEC 9798-3, entity authentication using a public key algorithm KT_{A1} is compatible with the token sent in the one-pass authentication mechanism. The token accommodates the transfer of the key *K* through use of the optional *Text* field: *Text1* in the mechanism of ISO/IEC 9798-3 has been replaced by *BE* || *Text2*.

NOTE 8 The data field *Text3* can be used to deliver the public key certificate of entity *A*. If this is the case, then the fourth requirement at the beginning of 12.2 can be relaxed to the requirement that entity *B* is in possession of an authenticated copy of the CA's public verification key.

NOTE 9 Examples of this mechanism are described in Clauses G.2 and G.5.

12.3 Secret key transport mechanism 3

This secret key transport mechanism transfers a secret key, signed, and encrypted in one pass from entity *A* to entity *B* with unilateral key confirmation. The following requirements shall be satisfied.

- a) Entity *A* has an asymmetric signature system (S_A, V_A).
- b) Entity *B* has an asymmetric encryption system (E_B, D_B).
- c) Entity *A* has access to an authenticated copy of entity *B*'s public encryption transformation E_B . This can be achieved using the mechanisms described in Clause 13.
- d) Entity *B* has access to an authenticated copy of entity *A*'s public verification transformation V_A . This can be achieved using the mechanisms described in Clause 13.
- e) The optional *TVP* shall be either a time stamp or a sequence number: If time stamps are used, then the entities *A* and *B* need to maintain synchronous clocks. If sequence numbers are used, then entities *A* and *B* shall maintain bilateral counters.

Secret key transport mechanism 3 is summarized in Figure 15.

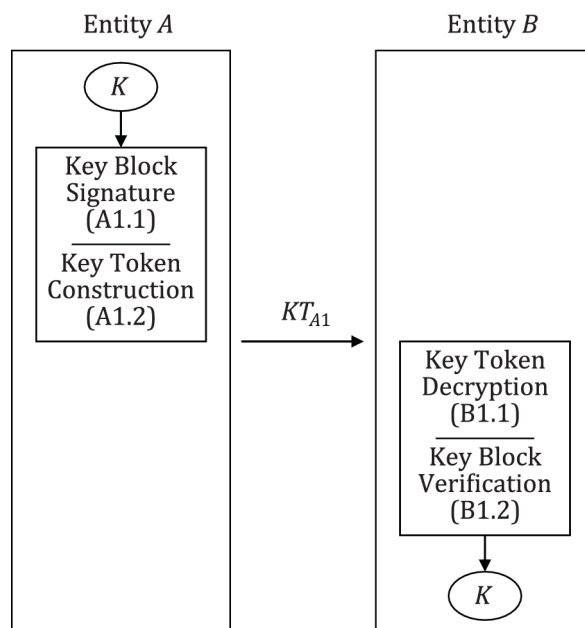


Figure 15 — Secret key transport mechanism 3

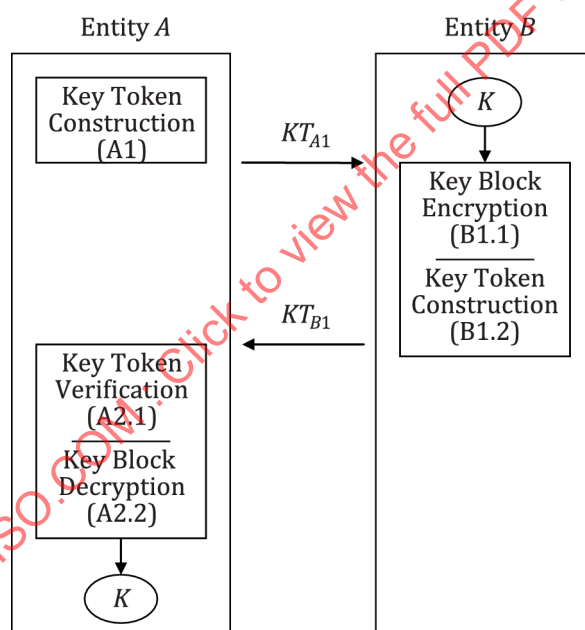


Figure 16 — Secret key transport mechanism 4

Key block signature (A1.1) Suppose K is a secret key that entity A wishes to securely transfer to entity B . Entity A forms a key data block consisting of the recipient's distinguishing identifier, the key K , an optional TVP (sequence number or time stamp), and optional data. Entity A then signs the key block using its private signature transformation S_A to generate the signed block $BS = S_A(B||K||TVP||Text1)$.

Key token construction (A1.2) Entity A forms the token data block, consisting of the signed block BS and optional $Text2$. Then entity A encrypts the token data block using the receiver's public encryption transformation E_B , appends optional $Text3$, and sends the resulting key token

$$KT_{A1} = E_B(BS||Text2)||Text3$$

to entity B .

Key token decryption (B1.1) Entity *B* decrypts the encrypted part of the received key token KT_{A1} using its private decryption transformation D_B .

Key block verification (B1.2) Entity *B* uses the sender's public verification transformation V_A to verify the integrity and origin of *BS*. Entity *B* validates that it is the intended recipient of the token (by inspection of the identifier in *BS*) and, optionally, that the *TVP* is within acceptable bounds (to verify the token's timeliness). If all verifications are successful, entity *B* accepts the key *K*.

NOTE 1 The number of protocol passes is 1.

NOTE 2 This mechanism provides entity authentication of entity *A* to entity *B*, and implicit key authentication from entity *B* to entity *A*.

NOTE 3 This mechanism provides key confirmation from entity *A* to entity *B*. Entity *B* can be sure that it shares the correct key *K* with entity *A*, but entity *A* can only be sure that entity *B* has indeed received the key after it has obtained a positive reply from entity *B* encrypted using key *K*.

NOTE 4 Entity *A* can choose the key.

NOTE 5 Entity *B*'s distinguishing identifier is included in the signed key block *BS* to explicitly indicate the recipient of the key, thereby preventing misuse of the signed block *BS* by entity *B*.

NOTE 6 The data field *Text3* can be used to deliver the public key certificate of entity *A*. If this is the case, then the fourth requirement at the beginning of 12.3 can be relaxed to the requirement that entity *B* is in possession of an authenticated copy of the CA's public verification key.

NOTE 7 If two executions of this secret key transport mechanism are combined (from entity *A* to entity *B* and from entity *B* to entity *A*) then mutual entity authentication and joint key control can be provided (depending on use of the optional *TVP*).

12.4 Secret key transport mechanism 4

This secret key transport mechanism is based on the two-pass authentication mechanism of ISO/IEC 9798-3, and transfers a key from entity *B* to entity *A*. The following requirements shall be satisfied.

- Entity *A* has an asymmetric encryption system (E_A, D_A).
- Entity *B* has an asymmetric signature system (S_B, V_B).
- Entity *A* has access to an authenticated copy of entity *B*'s public verification transformation V_B . This can be achieved using the mechanisms described in Clause 13.
- Entity *B* has access to an authenticated copy of entity *A*'s public encryption transformation E_A . This can be achieved using the mechanisms described in Clause 13.

Secret key transport mechanism 4 is summarized in Figure 16.

Key token construction (A1) Entity *A* generates a random number r_A , constructs the key token KT_{A1} consisting of r_A and an optional data field *Text1*, $KT_{A1} = r_A || \text{Text1}$ and sends it to entity *B*.

Key block encryption (B1.1) Suppose *K* is a secret key that entity *B* wishes to securely transfer to entity *A*. Entity *B* forms a key data block, consisting of the sender's distinguishing identifier, the key *K* and an optional data field *Text2*. Entity *B* then encrypts the key data block with entity *A*'s public encryption transformation E_A , and forms the encrypted block $BE = E_A(B || K || \text{Text2})$.

Key token construction (B1.2) Entity *B* optionally generates a random number r_B and forms the token data block, consisting of the recipient's distinguishing identifier, the random number r_A received in step (A1), the new random number r_B (optional), the encrypted block *BE*, and the optional data field *Text3*.

Then entity B signs the token data block with its private signature transformation S_B , appends optional $Text4$, and sends the resulting key token $KT_{B1} = S_B(A||r_A||r_B||BE||Text3)||Text4$ to entity A .

Key token verification (A2.1) Entity A uses the sender's public verification transformation V_B to verify the digital signature in the received key token KT_{B1} . Then entity A checks its distinguishing identifier in KT_{B1} and checks that the received value r_A agrees with the random number sent in step (A1).

Key block decryption (A2.2) Entity A decrypts the block BE with its private decryption transformation D_A . Entity A then validates the sender's distinguishing identifier in BE . If all checks are successful, entity A accepts the key K .

NOTE 1 The number of protocol passes is 2.

NOTE 2 This mechanism provides implicit key authentication from entity A to entity B .

NOTE 3 This mechanism provides key confirmation from entity B to entity A . Entity A can be sure that it shares the correct key K with entity B , but entity B can only be sure that entity A has indeed received the key after it has obtained a secured message from entity A which has been processed using K .

NOTE 4 Entity B can choose the key.

NOTE 5 The tokens KT_{A1} and KT_{B1} conform to the tokens sent in the two-pass authentication mechanism described in ISO/IEC 9798-3:2019, 5.1.2, (note that the roles of entities A and B are exchanged). The token KT_{B1} accommodates the transfer of the key K through use of the optional data field: $Text2$ in the mechanism of ISO/IEC 9798-3 has been replaced by $BE || Text3$.

NOTE 6 If this secret key transport mechanism is executed twice in parallel between two entities, then the resulting mutual secret key transport mechanism is in conformance with the mechanism described in ISO/IEC 9798-3.

NOTE 7 Data field r_B is included for consistency with ISO/IEC 9798-3. Because of the presence of BE in KT_{B1} , r_B is no longer required and is therefore optional in this mechanism.

12.5 Secret key transport mechanism 5

This secret key transport mechanism is based on the three-pass authentication mechanism of ISO/IEC 9798-3 and transfers two shared secret keys with mutual entity authentication and key confirmation. One key is transferred from entity A to entity B and one key from entity B to entity A . The following requirements shall be satisfied.

- Each entity X has an asymmetric signature system (S_X, V_X) .
- Each entity X has an asymmetric encryption system (E_X, D_X) .
- Each entity has access to an authenticated copy of the public verification transformation of the other entity. This can be achieved using the mechanisms described in Clause 13.
- Each entity has access to an authenticated copy of the public encryption transformation of the other entity. This can be achieved using the mechanisms described in Clause 13.

Secret key transport mechanism 5 is summarized in Figure 17.

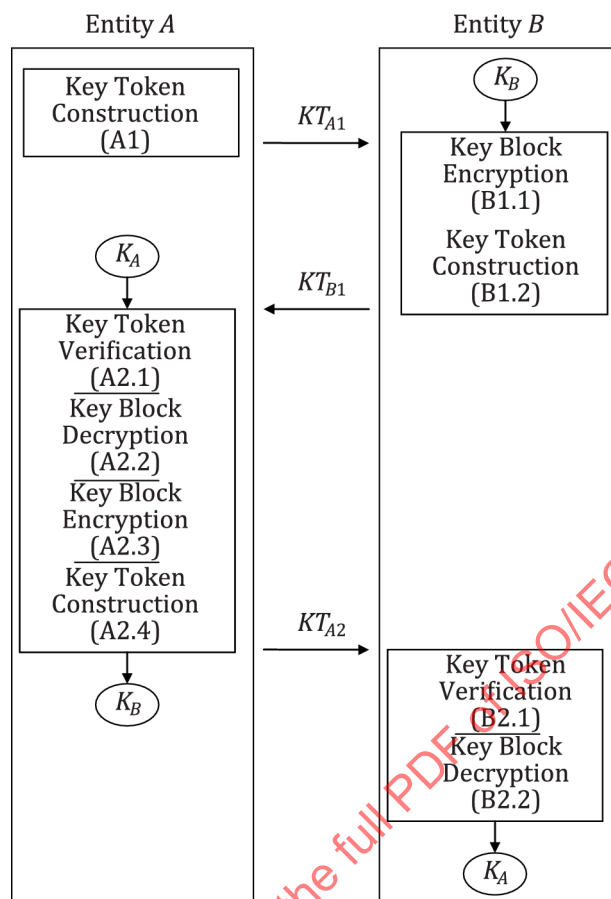


Figure 17 — Secret key transport mechanism 5

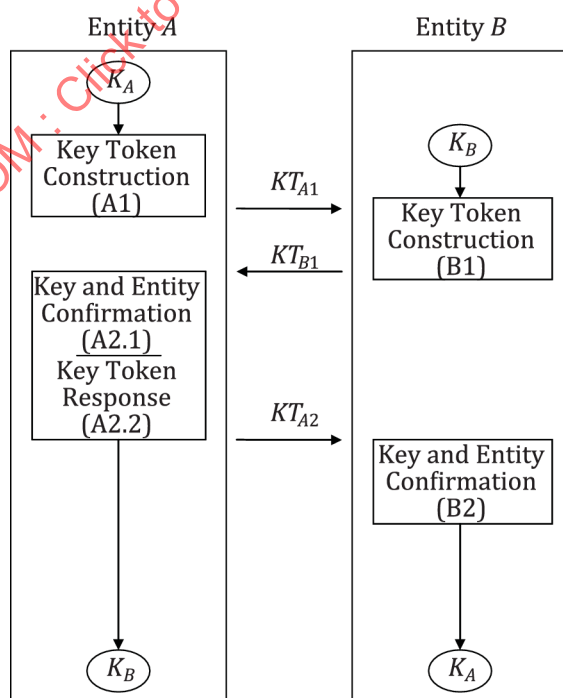


Figure 18 — Secret key transport mechanism 6

Key token construction (A1) Entity *A* randomly generates r_A , constructs the key token $KT_{A1} = r_A || \text{Text1}$ and sends it to entity *B*.

Key block encryption (B1.1) Suppose K is a secret key that entity *B* wishes to securely transfer to entity *A*. Entity *B* constructs a block containing its own distinguishing identifier, the key K_B , and optional *Text2*, and encrypts the block using the recipient's public encryption transformation E_A :

$$BE_1 = E_A(B || K_B || \text{Text2}).$$

Key token construction (B1.2) Entity *B* randomly generates r_B and constructs a data block containing r_B , r_A , the recipient's identity, the encrypted key block BE_1 , and optional *Text3*. Entity *B* signs the block using its private signature transformation S_B , appends optional *Text4*, and sends the key token $KT_{B1} = S_B(r_B || r_A || A || BE_1 || \text{Text3}) || \text{Text4}$ to entity *A*.

Key token verification (A2.1) Entity *A* verifies entity *B*'s signature on the key token KT_{B1} using entity *B*'s public verification transformation V_B , checks its distinguishing identifier in KT_{B1} and checks that the received value r_A agrees with the random number sent in step (A1).

Key block decryption (A2.2) Entity *A* decrypts the encrypted block BE_1 using its private decryption transformation D_A and checks the distinguishing identifier for entity *B*. If all checks are successful, entity *A* accepts the key K_B .

Key block encryption (A2.3) Entity *A* constructs a data block containing its own distinguishing identifier, its own key K_A , and optional *Text5*, and encrypts the block using the recipient's public encryption transformation E_B to obtain $BE_2 = E_B(A || K_A || \text{Text5})$.

Key token construction (A2.4) Entity *A* constructs a data block containing the random number r_A , the random number r_B , the recipient's distinguishing identifier, the encrypted key block BE_2 , and optional *Text6*. Entity *A* signs the data block using its private signature transformation S_A , appends optional *Text7*, and sends the key token $KT_{A2} = S_A(r_A || r_B || B || BE_2 || \text{Text6}) || \text{Text7}$ to entity *B*.

Key token verification (B2.1) Entity *B* verifies entity *A*'s signature on the key token KT_{A2} using entity *A*'s public verification transformation V_A , checks its distinguishing identifier in KT_{A2} and checks that the received value r_B agrees with the random number sent in step (B1.2). In addition, *B* checks that the received value r_A agrees with the value contained in KT_{A1} .

Key block decryption (B2.2) Entity *B* decrypts the encrypted block BE_2 using its private decryption transformation D_B and verifies the distinguishing identifier for entity *A*. If all checks are successful, entity *B* accepts the key K_A . If only unilateral key transport is required then, as appropriate, either BE_1 or BE_2 can be omitted.

NOTE 1 The number of passes is 3.

NOTE 2 This mechanism provides mutual entity authentication, implicit key authentication of K_A from entity *B* to entity *A* and implicit key authentication of K_B from entity *A* to entity *B*.

NOTE 3 This mechanism provides key confirmation from sender to recipient for both keys K_A and K_B . Moreover, if entity *A* includes a MAC on K_B in the data field *Text6* of KT_{A2} , then this mechanism provides mutual key confirmation with respect to K_B .

NOTE 4 Entity *A* can choose the key K_A , since it is the originating entity. Similarly, entity *B* can choose the key K_B . Joint key control can be achieved by each entity by combining the two keys K_A and K_B to form a shared secret key K_{AB} . The combination function is one-way, otherwise entity *A* can choose the shared secret key. This mechanism can then be classified as a key agreement mechanism.

NOTE 5 KT_{A1} , KT_{B1} , and KT_{A2} are compatible with the tokens sent in the three pass authentication mechanism described in ISO/IEC 9798-3:2019, 5.2.2. The second token accommodates the transfer of the key K_B : *Text2* of the mechanism of ISO/IEC 9798-3 has been replaced by $BE_1 || \text{Text3}$. The third token accommodates the transfer of the key K_A : *Text4* of the mechanism of ISO/IEC 9798-3 has been replaced by $BE_2 || \text{Text6}$. The third token can also accommodate the transfer of a MAC within *Text6*.

NOTE 6 If the data fields *Text1* and *Text4* (or *Text7* and *Text4*) contain the public key certificates of entities *A* and *B*, respectively, then the third and fourth requirements at the beginning of 12.5 can be relaxed to the requirement that both entities are in possession of an authenticated copy of the CA's public verification key.

12.6 Secret key transport mechanism 6

This secret key transport mechanism securely transfers two secret keys in three passes, one from entity *A* to entity *B* and one from entity *B* to entity *A*. In addition, the mechanism provides mutual entity authentication. This mechanism is based on the following requirements.

- Each entity *X* has an asymmetric encryption system (E_X, D_X).
- Each entity has access to an authenticated copy of the public encryption transformation of the other entity. This can be achieved using the mechanisms described in Clause 13.

Secret key transport mechanism 6 is summarized in Figure 18.

Key token construction (A1) Entity *A* has obtained a key K_A and wants to transfer it securely to entity *B*. Entity *A* selects a random number r_A and constructs a key data block consisting of its distinguishing identifier, the key K_A , the number r_A and an optional data field *Text1*. Then entity *A* encrypts the key block using entity *B*'s public encryption transformation E_B , thereby producing the encrypted data block $BE_1 = E_B(A||K_A||r_A||Text1)$.

Entity *A* constructs the token $KT_{A1} = BE_1||Text2$, consisting of the encrypted data block and some optional data field *Text2*.

Entity *A* sends the token to entity *B*.

Key token construction (B1) Entity *B* extracts the encrypted key block BE_1 from the received key token KT_{A1} and decrypts it using its private decryption transformation D_B . Then entity *B* checks that the decrypted version of BE_1 contains the identifier for entity *A*.

Entity *B* has obtained a key K_B and wants to transfer it securely to entity *A*. Entity *B* selects a random number r_B and constructs a key data block consisting of the distinguishing identifier for entity *B*, the key K_B , the random number r_B , the random number r_A (as extracted from the decrypted block) and an optional data field *Text3*. Then entity *B* encrypts the key block using entity *A*'s public encryption transformation E_A , thereby producing the encrypted data block $BE_2 = E_A(B||K_B||r_A||r_B||Text3)$.

Then entity *B* constructs the key token $KT_{B1} = BE_2||Text4$, consisting of the encrypted data block BE_2 and an optional data field *Text4*.

Entity *B* sends the token to entity *A*.

Key and entity confirmation (A2.1) Entity *A* extracts the encrypted key block BE_2 from the received key token KT_{B1} and decrypts it using its private decryption transformation D_A . Then entity *A* checks the validity of the key token through comparison of the random number r_A with the random number r_A contained in the encrypted block BE_2 . If the verification is successful, entity *A* has implicitly confirmed that K_A has safely reached entity *B*.

Key token response (A2.2) Entity *A* extracts the random number r_B from the decrypted key block and constructs the key token $KT_{A2} = r_B||Text5$, consisting of the random number r_B and an optional data field *Text5*.

Entity *A* sends the token to entity *B*.

Key and entity confirmation (B2) Entity *B* verifies that the response r_B extracted from KT_{A2} is consistent with the random number r_B sent in encrypted form in KT_{B1} . If the verification is successful, entity *B* has authenticated entity *A* and at the same time has obtained confirmation that K_B has safely reached entity *A*.

NOTE 1 The number of passes is 3.

NOTE 2 This mechanism provides implicit key authentication of K_A from entity B to entity A and implicit key authentication of K_B from entity A to entity B .

NOTE 3 Entity A can choose the key K_A , since it is the originating entity. Similarly, entity B can choose the key K_B . Joint key control can be achieved by each entity by combining the two keys K_A and K_B on both sides to form a shared secret key K_{AB} . However, the combination function is one-way, otherwise entity B can choose the shared secret key. This mechanism can then be classified as a key agreement mechanism.

NOTE 4 This mechanism uses asymmetric techniques to mutually transfer two secret keys, K_A from entity A to entity B and K_B from entity B to entity A . The following cryptographic function separation can be derived from the mechanism: entity A uses its key K_A to encrypt messages for entity B and to verify authentication codes from entity B . Entity B in turn uses the received key K_A to decrypt messages from entity A and generate authentication codes for entity A . The cryptographic functions of K_B can be separated in an analogous manner. In such a way, the asymmetric basis of the key transport mechanism can be extended to the usage of the secret keys.

NOTE 5 This mechanism is derived from the three pass protocol known as COMSET^[18].

NOTE 6 This mechanism is based on zero-knowledge techniques. From the execution of the mechanism, neither of the entities learns anything that it cannot have computed itself.

13 Public key transport

13.1 Public key transport mechanism 1

If entity A has access to a protected channel (i.e. a channel which provides data origin authentication and data integrity), such as a courier, registered mail, etc., to entity B then entity A may transport its public key information directly via that protected channel to entity B . This is the most elementary form of transferring a public key. The following requirements shall be satisfied.

- Entity A 's public key information PKI_A contains at least entity A 's distinguishing identifier and entity A 's public key. In addition, it may contain a serial number, a validity period, a time stamp and other data elements.
- Since the public key information does not contain any secret data, the communication channel need not provide confidentiality.

Public key transport mechanism 1 is summarized in Figure 19.

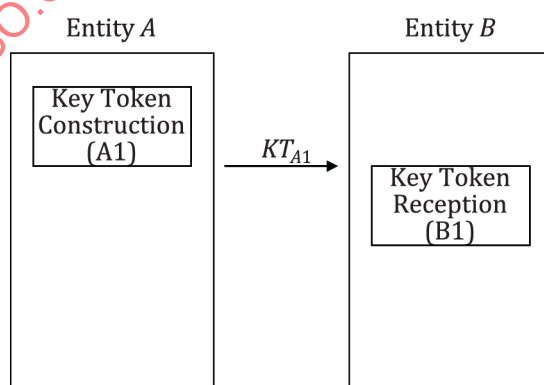


Figure 19 — Public key transport mechanism 1

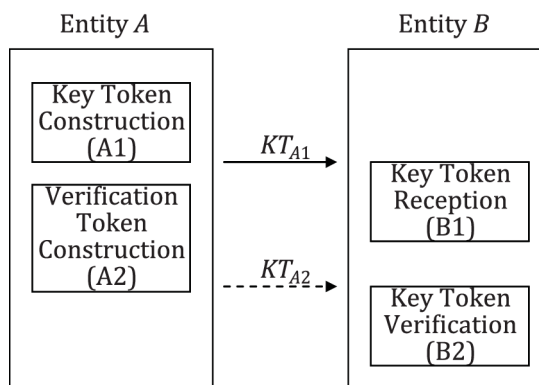


Figure 20 — Public key transport mechanism 2

Key token construction (A1) Entity A constructs the key token KT_{A1} containing the public key information of entity A and some optional data field *Text*, and sends $KT_{A1} = PKI_A || Text$ via a protected channel to entity B.

Key token reception (B1) Entity B receives the key token via the protected channel from entity A, retrieves entity A's public key information PKI_A and stores entity A's public key into the list of active public keys (this list shall be protected from tampering).

NOTE 1 This mechanism can be used to transfer public verification keys (for an asymmetric signature system) or public encryption keys (for an asymmetric encryption system) or public key agreement keys.

NOTE 2 Authentication in this context includes both data integrity and data origin authentication (as defined in ISO 7498-2).

13.2 Public key transport mechanism 2

This mechanism transports the public key information of entity A via an unprotected channel to entity B. To verify the integrity and the origin of the received public key information a second authenticated channel is used. Such a mechanism is useful when the public key information PKI is transferred electronically on a high bandwidth channel, whereas the authentication of the public key information takes place over an authenticated low bandwidth channel such as a telephone, courier, or registered mail. As an additional requirement, the entities shall share a common hash, as defined in ISO/IEC 10118-1. The following requirements shall be satisfied.

- Entity A's public key information PKI_A contains at least entity A's distinguishing identifier and entity A's public key. In addition, it may contain a serial number, a validity period, a time stamp and other data elements.
- Since the public key information does not contain any secret data, the communication channel need not provide confidentiality.

Public key transport mechanism 2 is summarized in Figure 20.

Key token construction (A1) Entity A constructs the key token KT_{A1} containing the public key information of entity A and sends $KT_{A1} = PKI_A || Text1$ to entity B.

Key token reception (B1) Entity B receives the key token, retrieves entity A's public key information PKI_A , and stores it protected from tampering for later verification and use.

Verification token construction (A2) Entity A computes a check value $hash(PKI_A)$ on its public key information and sends this check value together with the optional distinguishing identifiers of entities A and B to entity B using a second independent and authenticated channel (e.g. a courier or registered mail), where

$$KT_{A2} = A||B||\text{hash}(PKI_A)||\text{Text2}.$$

Key token verification (B2) Upon reception of the verification token KT_{A2} , B optionally checks the distinguishing identifier of entities A and B , computes the check value on the public key information of entity A received in the key token KT_{A1} and compares it with the check value received in the verification token KT_{A2} . If the check succeeds, entity B puts entity A 's public key onto the list of active public keys (this list shall be protected from tampering).

NOTE 1 This mechanism can be used to transfer public verification keys (for an asymmetric signature system) or public encryption keys (for an asymmetric encryption system) or public key agreement keys.

NOTE 2 Authentication in this context includes both data integrity and data origin authentication.

NOTE 3 If the public key that is transported is a key for an asymmetric signature system not giving message recovery, then entity A can sign the token KT_{A1} using the corresponding private signature key. In that case, the verification of entity A 's signature in step (B1) using the received public verification key confirms that entity A knew the corresponding private signature key, and so presumably, was the only entity that knew the corresponding private signature key at the time the token was created. If a time stamp is used in PKI_A , then verification confirms that entity A currently knows the corresponding private signature key.

NOTE 4 A manually signed letter from Entity A can be used for the verification token.

13.3 Public key transport mechanism 3

This mechanism transfers a public key from entity A to entity B in an authenticated way by using a trusted third party. The authentication of the entities' public keys can be ensured by exchanging the public keys in the form of public key certificates. Entity A 's public key certificate contains the public key information, together with a digital signature provided by a trusted third party, the certification authority (CA). The introduction of a CA reduces the problem of authenticated user public key distribution to the problem of authenticated distribution of the CA's public key, at the expense of a trusted centre (the CA). ISO/IEC 11770-1 shall be referred. See also ISO/IEC 9594-8:2020, Annex E.

This mechanism is based on the assumption that a valid public key certificate $Cert_A$ of entity A 's public key information PKI_A has been issued by some certification authority, and that entity B has access to an authenticated copy of the public verification transformation V_{CA} of that certification authority CA which has issued the public key certificate.

Public key transport mechanism 3 is summarized in Figure 21.

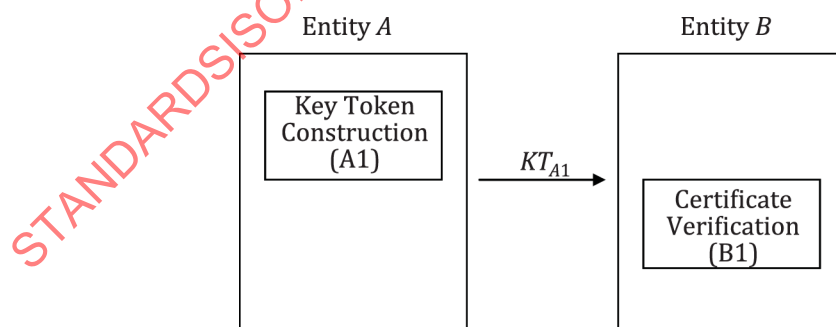


Figure 21 — Public key transport mechanism 3

Key token construction (A1) Entity A constructs the key token KT_{A1} containing the public key certificate of entity A and sends it to entity B , $KT_{A1} = Cert_A||Text$.

Certificate verification (B1) Upon reception of the public key certificate, entity *B* uses the public verification transformation V_{CA} of the certification authority to verify the authenticity of the public key information and to check the validity of entity *A*'s public key.

If entity *B* wants to make sure that entity *A*'s public key certificate has not been revoked recently, then entity *B* should consult a trusted third party (such as the CA) via some authenticated channel.

NOTE 1 The number of passes is 1, but there can have been a request from entity *B* to entity *A* for the transfer of the public key certificate. This additional pass is optional and not shown here. Entity *A*'s public key certificate can also be distributed by a directory, in which case this public key transport mechanism would be executed between the directory and entity *B*.

NOTE 2 Entity authentication is not provided by this mechanism.

NOTE 3 Receiving a public key certificate provides confirmation that the public key has been certified by the CA.

NOTE 4 The public verification key v_{CA} of the CA is made available to entity *B* in an authenticated way. This can be done using the mechanisms described in Clause 13.

Annex A (normative)

Object identifiers

This annex lists the object identifiers [see References [42] and [43]] assigned to the key management mechanisms specified in this document.

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Key-management-AsymmetricTechniques {

iso(1) standard(0) key-management(11770)

asymmetricTechniques(3) asn1-module(0) object-identifiers(0) }

DEFINITIONS EXPLICIT TAGS ::= BEGIN

-- EXPORTS All; --

-- IMPORTS None; --

OID ::= OBJECT IDENTIFIER - Alias

-- Synonyms -

id-km-at OID ::= {

iso(1) standard(0) key-management(11770) asymmetricTechniques(3) }

-- Assignments -

id-km-at-kAM-1 OID ::= { id-km-at keyAgreementMechanism1(1) }
id-km-at-kAM-2 OID ::= { id-km-at keyAgreementMechanism2(2) }
id-km-at-kAM-3 OID ::= { id-km-at keyAgreementMechanism3(3) }
id-km-at-kAM-4 OID ::= { id-km-at keyAgreementMechanism4(4) }
id-km-at-kAM-5 OID ::= { id-km-at keyAgreementMechanism5(5) }
id-km-at-kAM-6 OID ::= { id-km-at keyAgreementMechanism6(6) }
id-km-at-kAM-7 OID ::= { id-km-at keyAgreementMechanism7(7) }
id-km-at-kAM-8 OID ::= { id-km-at keyAgreementMechanism8(8) }
id-km-at-kAM-9 OID ::= { id-km-at keyAgreementMechanism9(9) }
id-km-at-kAM-10 OID ::= { id-km-at keyAgreementMechanism10(10) }
id-km-at-kAM-11 OID ::= { id-km-at keyAgreementMechanism11(11) }
id-km-at-kAM-12 OID ::= { id-km-at keyAgreementMechanism12(12) }
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id-km-at-kAM-13 OID ::= { id-km-at keyAgreementMechanism13(22) }
id-km-at-kAM-14 OID ::= { id-km-at keyAgreementMechanism14(23) }
id-km-at-kAM-15 OID ::= { id-km-at keyAgreementMechanism15(24) }
id-km-at-kTM-1 OID ::= { id-km-at keyTransportMechanism1(12) }
id-km-at-kTM-2 OID ::= { id-km-at keyTransportMechanism2(13) }
id-km-at-kTM-3 OID ::= { id-km-at keyTransportMechanism3(14) }
id-km-at-kTM-4 OID ::= { id-km-at keyTransportMechanism4(15) }
id-km-at-kTM-5 OID ::= { id-km-at keyTransportMechanism5(16) }
id-km-at-kTM-6 OID ::= { id-km-at keyTransportMechanism6(17) }
id-km-at-pKT-1 OID ::= { id-km-at publicKeyTransportMechanism1(18) }
id-km-at-pKT-2 OID ::= { id-km-at publicKeyTransportMechanism2(19) }
id-km-at-pKT-3 OID ::= { id-km-at publicKeyTransportMechanism3(20) }

-- Key Agreement Mechanism 1 -
keyConstruction-1a OID ::= {
    id-km-at-kAM-1 keyConstructionFunction-1a(1) }
keyConstruction-1b OID ::= {
    id-km-at-kAM-1 keyConstructionFunction-1b(2) }

-- Key Agreement Mechanism 2 -
keyTokenConstruction-2 OID ::= {
    id-km-at-kAM-2 keyTokenConstructionFunction(1) }
keyConstruction-2a OID ::= {
    id-km-at-kAM-2 keyConstructionFunction-2a(2) }
keyConstruction-2b OID ::= {
    id-km-at-kAM-2 keyConstructionFunction-2b(3) }

-- Key Agreement Mechanism 3 -
keyConstruction-3a OID ::= {
    id-km-at-kAM-3 keyConstructionFunction-3a(1) }
keyTokenSignature-3 OID ::= {

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    id-km-at-kAM-3 keyTokenSignatureFunction(2) }

keyConstruction-3b OID ::= {

    id-km-at-kAM-3 keyConstructionFunction-3b(3) }

signatureVerification-3 OID ::= {

    id-km-at-kAM-3 signatureVerificationFunction(4) }

-- Key Agreement Mechanism 4 -

keyTokenConstruction-4a OID ::= {

    id-km-at-kAM-4 keyTokenConstructionFunction-4a(1) }

keyTokenConstruction-4b OID ::= {

    id-km-at-kAM-4 keyTokenConstructionFunction-4b(2) }

keyConstruction-4a OID ::= {

    id-km-at-kAM-4 keyConstructionFunction-4a(3) }

keyConstruction-4b OID ::= {

    id-km-at-kAM-4 keyConstructionFunction-4b(4) }

-- Key Agreement Mechanism 5 -

keyTokenConstruction-5a OID ::= {

    id-km-at-kAM-5 keyTokenConstructionFunction-5a(1) }

keyTokenConstruction-5b OID ::= {

    id-km-at-kAM-5 keyTokenConstructionFunction-5b(2) }

keyConstruction-5a OID ::= {

    id-km-at-kAM-5 keyConstructionFunction-5a(3) }

keyConstruction-5b OID ::= {

    id-km-at-kAM-5 keyConstructionFunction-5b(4) }

-- Key Agreement Mechanism 6 -

keyTokenConstruction-6 OID ::= {

    id-km-at-kAM-6 keyTokenConstructionFunction(1) }

keyTokenProcessing-6b OID ::= {

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    id-km-at-kAM-6 keyTokenProcessingFunction-6b(2) }

keyConstruction-6 OID ::= {

    id-km-at-kAM-6 keyConstructionFunction(3) }

keyTokenProcessing-6a OID ::= {

    id-km-at-kAM-6 keyTokenProcessingFunction-6a(4) }

-- Key Agreement Mechanism 7 -

keyTokenConstruction-7 OID ::= {

    id-km-at-kAM-7 keyTokenConstructionFunction(1) }

keyTokenProcessingAndKeyConstruction-7 OID ::= {

    id-km-at-kAM-7 keyTokenProcessingAndKeyConstructionFunction(2) }

keyTokenProcessing-7a OID ::= {

    id-km-at-kAM-7 keyTokenProcessingFunction-7a(4) }

keyTokenProcessing-7b OID ::= {

    id-km-at-kAM-7 keyTokenProcessingFunction-7b(5) }

-- Key Agreement Mechanism 8 -

keyTokenConstruction-8 OID ::= {

    id-km-at-kAM-8 keyTokenConstructionFunction(1) }

keyConstruction-8a OID ::= {

    id-km-at-kAM-8 keyConstructionFunction-8a(2) }

keyConstruction-8b OID ::= {

    id-km-at-kAM-8 keyConstructionFunction-8b(3) }

-- Key Agreement Mechanism 9 -

keyTokenConstruction-9a OID ::= {

    id-km-at-kAM-9 keyTokenConstructionFunction-9a(1) }

keyTokenConstruction-9b OID ::= {

    id-km-at-kAM-9 keyTokenConstructionFunction-9b(2) }

keyConstruction-9a OID ::= {

    id-km-at-kAM-9 keyConstructionFunction-9a(3) }

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keyConstruction-9b OID ::= {
    id-km-at-kAM-9 keyConstructionFunction-9b(4) }

-- Key Agreement Mechanism 10 --

keyTokenConstruction-10a OID ::= {
    id-km-at-kAM-10 keyTokenConstructionFunction(1) }

keyConstruction-10b OID ::= {
    id-km-at-kAM-10 keyConstructionFunction-10b(2) }

keyConstruction-10a OID ::= {
    id-km-at-kAM-10 keyConstructionFunction-10a(3) }

verification-10b OID ::= {
    id-km-at-kAM-10 verificationFunction(4) }

-- Key Agreement Mechanism 11 --

entityConfirmation-11a OID ::= {
    id-km-at-kAM-11 entityConfirmationFunction-11a(1) }

entityConfirmation-11b OID ::= {
    id-km-at-kAM-11 entityConfirmationFunction-11b(2) }

keyTokenAndKeyConstruction-11 OID ::= {
    id-km-at-kAM-11 keyTokenProcessingAndKeyConstructionFunction(3) }

keyConstruction-11 OID ::= {
    id-km-at-kAM-11 keyConstructionFunction(4) }

keyVerification-11 OID ::= {
    id-km-at-kAM-11 keyVerificationFunction(5) }

-- Key Agreement Mechanism 13 --

keyTokenConstruction-13-B1 OID ::= {
    id-km-at-kAM-13 keyTokenConstruction (1) }

keyKeyTokenConstructionEncryption-13-A1 OID ::= {
    id-km-at-kAM-13 kKTCE (2) }

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-- Key Agreement Mechanism 14 --
keyTokenConstruction-14-A1 OID ::= {
    id-km-at-kAM-14 keyConstruction (1)  }
keyKeyTokenConstruction-14-B1 OID ::= {
    id-km-at-kAM-14 keyKeyTokenConstruction (2)  }
keyConstructionEncryption-14-A2 OID ::= {
    id-km-at-kAM-14 keyConstructionEncryption (3)  }
-- Key Agreement Mechanism 15 --
keyTokenConstruction-15a OID ::= {
    id-km-at-kAM-15 keyTokenConstructionFunction-15a (1)  }
keyTokenConstruction-15b OID ::= {
    id-km-at-kAM-15 keyTokenConstructionFunction-15b (2)  }
keyConstruction-15a OID ::= {
    id-km-at-kAM-15 keyConstructionFunction-15a(3)  }
keyConstruction-15b OID ::= {
    id-km-at-kAM-15 keyConstructionFunction-15b(4)  }
sharedKeyConstruction-15a OID ::= {
    id-km-at-kAM-15 sharedKeyConstructionFunction-15a(5)  }
sharedKeyConstruction-15b OID ::= {
    id-km-at-kAM-15 sharedKeyConstructionFunction-15b(6)  }
-- Key Transport Mechanism 1 -
keyTokenConstruction-1 OID ::= {
    id-km-at-kTM-1 keyTokenConstructionFunction(1)  }
keyTokenDeconstruction-1 OID ::= {
    id-km-at-kTM-1 keyTokenDeconstructionFunction(2)  }
-- Key Transport Mechanism 2 -
keyEncryption-2 OID ::= {
    id-km-at-kTM-2 keyEncryptionFunction(1)  }

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keyTokenConstruction-2a OID ::= {
    id-km-at-kTM-2 keyTokenConstructionFunction(2) }
keyTokenVerification-2 OID ::= {
    id-km-at-kTM-2 keyTokenVerificationFunction(3) }
keyDecryption-2 OID ::= {
    id-km-at-kTM-2 keyDecryptionFunction(4) }
-- Key Transport Mechanism 3 -
keyBlockSignature-3 OID ::= {
    id-km-at-kTM-3 keyBlockSignatureFunction(1) }
keyTokenConstruction-3 OID ::= {
    id-km-at-kTM-3 keyTokenConstructionFunction(2) }
keyTokenDecryption-3 OID ::= {
    id-km-at-kTM-3 keyTokenDecryptionFunction(3) }
keyBlockVerification-3 OID ::= {
    id-km-at-kTM-3 keyBlockVerificationFunction(4) }
-- Key Transport Mechanism 4 -
keyTokenConstruction-4c OID ::= {
    id-km-at-kTM-4 keyTokenConstructionFunction-4c(1) }
keyBlockEncryption-4c OID ::= {
    id-km-at-kTM-4 keyBlockEncryptionFunction(2) }
keyTokenConstruction-4d OID ::= {
    id-km-at-kTM-4 keyTokenConstructionFunction-4d(3) }
keyTokenVerification-4c OID ::= {
    id-km-at-kTM-4 keyTokenVerificationFunction(4) }
keyBlockDecryption-4c OID ::= {
    id-km-at-kTM-4 keyBlockDecryptionFunction(5) }
-- Key Transport Mechanism 5 -

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keyTokenConstruction-5c OID ::= {
    id-km-at-kTM-5 keyTokenConstructionFunction-5c(1) }
keyBlockEncryption-5b OID ::= {
    id-km-at-kTM-5 keyBlockEncryptionFunction-5b(2) }
keyTokenConstruction-5d OID ::= {
    id-km-at-kTM-5 keyTokenConstructionFunction-5d(3) }
keyTokenVerification-5a OID ::= {
    id-km-at-kTM-5 keyTokenVerificationFunction-5a(4) }
keyBlockDecryption-5a OID ::= {
    id-km-at-kTM-5 keyBlockDecryptionFunction-5a(5) }
keyBlockEncryption-5a OID ::= {
    id-km-at-kTM-5 keyBlockEncryptionFunction-5a(6) }
keyTokenConstruction-5e OID ::= {
    id-km-at-kTM-5 keyTokenConstructionFunction-5e(7) }
keyTokenVerification-5b OID ::= {
    id-km-at-kTM-5 keyTokenVerificationFunction-5b(8) }
keyBlockDecryption-5b OID ::= {
    id-km-at-kTM-5 keyBlockDecryptionFunction-5b(9) }
-- Key Transport Mechanism 6 --
keyTokenConstruction-6a OID ::= {
    id-km-at-kTM-6 keyTokenConstructionFunction-6a(1) }
keyTokenConstruction-6b OID ::= {
    id-km-at-kTM-6 keyTokenConstructionFunction-6b(2) }
keyEntityConfirmation-6a OID ::= {
    id-km-at-kTM-6 keyEntityConfirmationFunction-6a(3) }
keyTokenResponse-6 OID ::= {
    id-km-at-kTM-6 keyResponseFunction(4) }
keyEntityConfirmation-6b OID ::= {

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    id-km-at-kTM-6 keyEntityConfirmationFunction-6b(5) }

-- Public Key Transport Mechanism 1 -
keyTokenConstruction-1a OID ::= {
    id-km-at-pKT-1 keyTokenConstructionFunction(1) }
keyTokenReception-1 OID ::= {
    id-km-at-pKT-1 keyTokenReceptionFunction(2) }

-- Public Key Transport Mechanism 2 -
keyTokenConstruction-2b OID ::= {
    id-km-at-pKT-2 keyTokenConstructionFunction(1) }
keyTokenReception-2 OID ::= {
    id-km-at-pKT-2 keyTokenReceptionFunction(2) }
keyTokenVerification-2a OID ::= {
    id-km-at-pKT-2 keyTokenVerificationFunction(3) }

-- Public Key Transport Mechanism 3 -
keyTokenConstruction-3a OID ::= {
    id-km-at-pKT-3 keyTokenConstructionFunction(1) }
certificationVerification-3 OID ::= {
    id-km-at-pKT-3 certificationVerificationFunction(2) }

END -- Key-management-AsymmetricTechniques --

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Annex B (informative)

Properties of key establishment mechanisms

Tables B.1 to B.3 summarize the major properties of the key establishment/transport mechanisms specified in this document.

The following notation is used in Tables B.1 to B.3.

A	The mechanism provides the property with respect to entity A.
B	The mechanism provides the property with respect to entity B.
A, B	The mechanism provides the property with respect to both entities A and B.
No	The mechanism does not provide the property.
Opt	The mechanism can provide the property as an option, using additional means.
(A)	The mechanism can optionally provide the property with respect to entity A, using additional means.
(B)	The mechanism can optionally provide the property with respect to entity B, using additional means.
MFS	The mechanism provides mutual forward secrecy.
#passes	The number of passes

Public key operations in Tables B.1, B.2, and B.3: the number of computations of asymmetric transformation. F and FP, the number of computations of asymmetric transformation executed by entity X, E_X , D_X , S_X , and V_X . "(2F,1F)" means that entity A needs two computations of the function F and entity B needs one computation of the function F in key agreement mechanism 2 in Table B.1; and the number of computations of asymmetric transformation, "(1FP,1FP,1FP)" means that entity A needs one computation of the function FP, entity B needs one computation of the function FP, and entity C needs one computation of the function FP in key agreement mechanism 12 in Table B.1. "(1E_B,1D_B)" means that entity A needs one computation of the function E_B and entity B needs one computation of the function D_B in Table B.2. "(0,1V_{CA})" means that entity B needs one computation of the public verification transformation V_{CA} of the certification authority CA in Table B.3. EP means an exponentiation operation in S₃.

Another important property that can be derived from key freshness is replay attack prevention. Replay attacks are generally not possible where key freshness is guaranteed for both entities.

The property of implicit key authentication has direction by its definition. When each table for implicit key authentication has an "A", this means that entity B is assured that entity A is the only other entity that can possibly be in possession of the correct key. When each table for implicit key authentication has an "A, B", this means that entities A and B are assured that only the other entity can possibly be in possession of the correct key.

Having the property of being unlinkable provides privacy in the sense that a passive eavesdropper is unable to determine if two instances of the protocol involve the same entity or not. Note that the property of being unlinkable for entity A necessarily provides anonymity for entity A, for if it did not then it would not be unlinkable. Mechanisms that require an entity's plaintext public key to be sent to the other entity do not provide the property of unlinkability for that entity. For the purposes of this annex, mechanisms which assume that an entity's public key is already shared are not considered to provide the property of unlinkability.

NOTE 1 Only mechanism 12 in Table B.1 executes among three entities and others execute among two entities.

NOTE 2 All mechanisms except mechanism 1 in Table B.1 use secure random bit generation.

Table B.1 — Properties of key agreement mechanisms

Mechanism	#passes	Implicit key authentication	Key confirmation	Entity authentication	Public key operations	Forward secrecy	Key freshness	Unlinkable
1	0	A, B	No	No	(1F, 1F)	No	No	No
2	1	B	No	No	(2F, 1F)	A	A	A
3	1	A, B	B	A	(2F/1S _A , 1F/1V _A)	A	A	No
4	2	No	No	No	(2F, 2F)	MFS	A, B	A, B
5	2	A, B	Opt	No	(3F, 3F)	A, B	A, B	No
6	2	A, B	Opt	B	(1V _B /1D _A , 1S _B /1E _A)	B	A, B	No
7	3	A, B	A, B	A, B	(2F/1V _B /1S _A , 2F/1S _B /1V _A)	MFS	A, B	No
8	1	A, B	No	No	(2F, 1F)	A	A	No
9	2	A, B	No	No	(2F, 2F)	MFS	A, B	No
10	3	A, B	A, B	A, B	(2F, 2F)	MFS	A, B	No
11	4	B	A, B	B	(1V _{CA} /1E _B , 1D _B)	MFS	A, B	A
12	0	A, B, C	No	No	(1FP, 1FP, 1FP)	No	No	No
13	2	A	(A), B	A	(2F, 3F)	A	A, B	A, B
14	3	A	(A), B	A	(2F, 3F)	A	A, B	A, B
15	2	A, B	Opt	No	(4F, 4F)	A, B	A, B	No
F.3	2	A, B	No	No	(3F/2FP, 3F/2FP)	A, B	A, B	No
F.4	2	A, B	No	No	(3F/2FP, 3F/2FP)	A, B	A, B	No
F.5	2	A, B	Opt	No	(2F/1FP/2EP, 2F/1FP/2EP)	A, B	A, B	No

Table B.2 — Properties of secret key transport mechanisms

Mechanism	#passes	Implicit key authentication	Key confirmation	Key control	Entity authentication	Public key operations	Forward secrecy	Key freshness
1	1	B	No	A	No	(1E _B , 1D _B)	A	A

2	1	B	B	A	A	(1E _B /1S _A , 1V _A /1D _B)	A	A
3	1	B	B	A	A	(1S _A /1E _B , 1D _B /1V _A)	A	A
4	2	A	A	B	B	(1V _B /1D _A , 1E _A /1S _B)	B	A
5	3	A, B	(A), B	A, B	A, B	(1V _B /1D _A , 1E _B /1S _A , 1E _A /1S _B , 1V _A /1D _B)	No	A, B
6	3	A, B	No	A, B	No	(1E _B /1D _A , 1D _B /1E _A)	No	A, B

Table B.3 — Properties of public key transport mechanisms

Mechanism	#passes	Implicit key authentication	Key confirmation	Key control	Entity authentication	Public key operations	Forward secrecy	Key freshness
1	1	-	-	A	A	(0, 0)	-	No
2	2	-	-	A	A	(0, 0)	-	No
3	1	-	-	A	A	(0, 1V _{CA})	-	No

Annex C (informative)

Examples of key derivation functions

C.1 ASN.1 syntax for key derivation functions

This clause describes ASN.1 syntax for a key derivation function.

The input to the key derivation function is the shared secret *ZZ* and other information *OtherInfo*. The other information includes the initiator's information *entityAInfo*, and the responder's information *entityBInfo*, *suppPubInfo*, and *suppPrivInfo*.

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OtherInfo ::= SEQUENCE {
    keyInfo      KeySpecificInfo,
    entityAInfo  [0] OCTET STRING OPTIONAL,
    entityBInfo [1] OCTET STRING OPTIONAL,
    suppPubInfo [2] OCTET STRING OPTIONAL,
    suppPrivInfo [3] OCTET STRING OPTIONAL
}
KeySpecificInfo ::= SEQUENCE {
    algorithm      OBJECT IDENTIFIER,
    counter        Counter
}
Counter ::= INTEGER (1...32767)
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The *suppPubInfo* and *suppPrivInfo* fields are optional fields used in key derivation. These fields may be used to hold additional, supplementary public and private information that is mutually known to the communicating parties, but that is not specific to either party.

The contents of *suppPubInfo* and *suppPrivInfo* are defined by the key management protocol. The definition, syntax, and encoding rules of the *suppPubInfo* and *suppPrivInfo* fields are the responsibility of the key management protocol and are beyond the scope of this document.

All inputs to the key derivation hash function shall be an integral number of octets in length. *suppPrivInfo* may include *ZZ*.

NOTE 1 Some mechanisms in Clauses 11 and 12 derive shared secrets either as points on the elliptic curve or as the concatenation of two points on an elliptic curve. In the first situation, in order to obtain a shared secret integer *z* for input into the key derivation function, the function π is applied to the point.

NOTE 2 *OtherInfo* is used in Clauses C.3, C.5, and C.6.

C.2 IEEE P1363 key derivation function

This clause describes the key derivation function that is given in IEEE P1363^[14].

Preconditions

As a precondition of the use of this key derivation function, users shall agree on a common hash function. Users who use different hash functions will obtain different results. For the purposes of this document, the hash function is referred in ISO/IEC 10118-2, ISO/IEC 10118-3 and ISO/IEC 10118-4. The shared key that is produced will have length equal to the length of the output of the hash function.

Input

The inputs to this key derivation function are:

- the shared secret z which is an integer, expressed as an octet string;
- the key derivation parameters, *parameters*, also expressed as an octet string.

NOTE Users also agree on a common method of converting integers and parameters to octet strings for input into the key derivation function.

Actions

If the combined length of the shared secret z and the parameters exceeds any limitation that can exist for the agreed hash function, hash, then output "error" and stop.

Otherwise, compute the value $K = \text{hash}(z || \text{parameters})$.

Output

Output K as the key.

C.3 ANSI X9.42 key derivation function

This element describes a key derivation function based on the key derivation function that is given in ANSI X9.42^[12].

Prerequisites

A hash function specified in ISO/IEC 10118-2, ISO/IEC 10118-3 and ISO/IEC 10118-4 is chosen. Let *hashlen* denote the length of the output of the hash function chosen, and let *maxhashlen* denote the maximum length of the input to the hash function.

Input

The input to the key derivation function is ZZ , a bit string denoting the shared secret.

NOTE 1 Some mechanisms in Clauses 11 and 12 derive shared keys K_{AB} either as points on the elliptic curve or as the concatenation of two points on an elliptic curve. In the first situation, in order to obtain a shared secret value ZZ for input into the key derivation function, the function π is applied to the point and the resulting integer converted to a bit string. In the second situation, the function π is applied to both points to obtain two integers z_1 and z_2 . The two integers are then converted to bit strings and concatenated (or combined using any prefix-free encoding method), as were the points, to obtain the appropriate bit string.

- *keydatalen*: An integer representing the length in bits of the keying data to be generated. This integer is less than $(\text{hashlen} \times (2^{32}-1))$.
- *OtherInfo*: A bit string, specified in ASN.1 DER encoding, consisting of the following key specification information as specified in Clause C.2.
- *AlgorithmID*: a unique object identifier (OID) of the symmetric algorithm(s) with which the keying data will be used.
- *Counter*: a 32-bit octet string, with initial value 00000001 (in hexadecimal).
- (Optional) *EntityAInfo*: A bit string containing public information contributed by the initiator.
- (Optional) *EntityBInfo*: A bit string containing public information contributed by the responder.
- (Optional) *SuppPrivInfo*: A bit string containing some additional, mutually known private information, e.g. a shared secret symmetric key communicated through a separate channel.
- (Optional) *SuppPubInfo*: A bit string containing some additional, mutually known public information.

NOTE 2 Users also agree on a common method of converting integers and parameters to bit strings for input into the key derivation function.

Actions

The key derivation function is computed as follows.

- a) Let $d = \lceil \text{keydatalen} / \text{hashlen} \rceil$.
- b) Initialize $\text{Counter} = 00000001$ (in hexadecimal).
- c) For $i = 1$ to d ,
 - compute $h_i = \text{hash}(\text{ZZ} \parallel \text{OtherInfo})$ where h_i denotes the hash value computed using the appropriate hash function, and $\text{OtherInfo} = \text{AlgorithmID} \parallel \text{Counter} \parallel \text{EntityAInfo} \parallel \text{EntityBInfo} \parallel \text{SuppPrivInfo} \parallel \text{SuppPubInfo}$;
 - increment Counter ;
 - increment i .
- d) Compute $K = \text{leftmost } \text{keydatalen} \text{ bits of } h_1 \parallel h_2 \parallel \dots \parallel h_d$.
- e) Output K .

Output

The keying data K as a bit string of length keydatalen bits.

Note that this key derivation function based on ASN.1 DER encoding produces keying data which is less than $\text{hashlen} \times (2^{32} - 1)$ bits in length. It is assumed that all key derivation function calls are indeed for bit strings which are less than $\text{hashlen} \times (2^{32} - 1)$ bits in length. Any scheme attempting to call the key derivation function using a bit string that is greater than or equal to $\text{hashlen} \times (2^{32} - 1)$ bits shall output “invalid” and stop. Similarly, it is assumed that all key derivation function calls do not involve hashing a bit string that is more than maxhashlen bits in length. Any scheme attempting to call the key derivation function on a call involving hashing a bit string that is greater than maxhashlen bits shall output “invalid” and stop.

C.4 ANSI X9.63 key derivation function

This clause describes a key derivation function based on the key derivation function that is given in ANSI X9.63^[13].

Prerequisites The prerequisite for the operation of the key derivation function is that a hash function, hash , specified in ISO/IEC 10118-2, ISO/IEC 10118-3 and ISO/IEC 10118-4 is chosen. Let hashlen denote the length of the output of the hash function chosen, and let maxhashlen denote the maximum length of the input to the hash function.

Input

The input to the key derivation function is a bit string Z which is the shared secret.

NOTE 1 Some mechanisms in Clauses 11 and 12 derive shared keys K_{AB} either as points on the elliptic curve or as the concatenation of two points on an elliptic curve. In the first situation, in order to obtain a shared secret Z for input into the key derivation function, the function π is applied to the point and the resulting integer converted to a bit string. In the second situation, the function π is applied to both points to obtain two integers z_1 and z_2 . The two integers are then converted to bit strings and concatenated (or combined using any prefix-free encoding method), as were the points, to obtain the appropriate bit string.

- An integer *keydatalen* which is the length in bits of the keying data to be generated. *keydatalen* shall be less than $\text{hashlen} \times (2^{32} - 1)$.
- (Optional) A bit string *SharedInfo* which consists of some data shared by the two entities intended to share the secret *Z*.

NOTE 2 Users also agree on a common method of converting integers and parameters to bit strings for input into the key derivation function.

Actions

The key derivation function is computed as follows.

- Initiate a 32-bit, big-endian bit string *counter* as 00000001 (in hexadecimal).
- For $i = 1$ to $j = \lceil \text{keydatalen} / \text{hashlen} \rceil$, do the following.
 - Compute $\text{Hash}_i = H(Z \parallel \text{counter} \parallel \text{SharedInfo})$.
 - Increment *counter*.
 - Increment *i*.
 - Let HHash_j denote Hash_j if $\text{keydatalen} / \text{hashlen}$ is an integer, and let it denote the $(\text{keydatalen} - (\text{hashlen} \times (j - 1)))$ leftmost bits of Hash_j otherwise.
 - Set $\text{KeyData} = \text{Hash}_1 \parallel \text{Hash}_2 \parallel \dots \parallel \text{Hash}_{j-1} \parallel \text{HHash}_j$.

Output

The bit string *KeyData* of length *keydatalen* bits.

Note that the key derivation function produces keying data of length less than $\text{hashlen} \times (2^{32} - 1)$ bits. It is assumed that all key derivation function calls are indeed for bit strings of length less than $\text{hashlen} \times (2^{32} - 1)$ bits. Any scheme attempting to call the key derivation function for a bit string of length greater than or equal to $\text{hashlen} \times (2^{32} - 1)$ bits shall output "invalid" and stop. Similarly, it is assumed that all key derivation function calls do not involve hashing a bit string that is more than *maxhashlen* bits in length. Any scheme attempting to call the key derivation function on a call involving hashing a bit string that is greater than *maxhashlen* bits shall output "invalid" and stop.

C.5 NIST SP 800-56A concatenation key derivation function

This clause describes a key derivation function based on the key derivation function that is given in NIST SP 800-56A^[32].

Function call

$\text{kdf}(Z, \text{OtherInput})$,

where *OtherInput* is *keydatalen* and *OtherInfo*.

Fixed values (implementation dependent)

- a) *hashlen*: an integer that indicates the length (in bits) of the output of the hash function used to derive blocks of secret keying material.
- b) *max_hash_inputlen*: an integer that indicates the maximum length (in bits) of the bit string(s) input to the hash function.

Auxiliary function

- a) *H*: an approved hash function chosen from those specified in ISO/IEC 10118-2, ISO/IEC 10118-3 and ISO/IEC 10118-4.

Input

- a) *Z*: a byte string that is the shared secret.
- b) *keydatalen*: An integer that indicates the length (in bits) of the secret keying material to be generated; *keydatalen* shall be less than or equal to $hashlen \times (2^{32} - 1)$.
- c) *OtherInfo*: A bit string equal to the following concatenation:

AlgorithmID || *EntityAInfo* || *EntityBInfo* [|| *SuppPubInfo*] [|| *SuppPrivInfo*]

where the subfields are defined as follows:

- a) *AlgorithmID*: A bit string that indicates how the derived keying material will be parsed and for which algorithm(s) the derived secret keying material will be used. For example, *AlgorithmID* can indicate that bits 1-80 are to be used as an 80-bit HMAC key and that bits 81-208 are to be used as a 128-bit AES key.
- b) *EntityAInfo*: A bit string containing public information that is required by the application using this kdf to be contributed by entity *A* to the key derivation process. At a minimum, *EntityAInfo* shall include ID_A , the identifier of entity *A* (see NOTE 1 and NOTE 2).
- c) *EntityBInfo*: A bit string containing public information that is required by the application using this kdf to be contributed by entity *B* to the key derivation process. At a minimum, *EntityBInfo* shall include ID_B , the identifier of entity *B* (see NOTE 1 and NOTE 2).
- d) (Optional) *SuppPubInfo*: A bit string containing additional, mutually-known public information.
- e) (Optional) *SuppPrivInfo*: A bit string containing additional, mutually-known private information (for example, a shared secret symmetric key that has been communicated through a separate channel).

Each of the three subfields *AlgorithmID*, *EntityAInfo*, and *EntityBInfo* shall be the concatenation of an application-specific, fixed-length sequence of substrings of information. Each substring representing a separate unit of information shall have one of these two formats: Either it is a fixed-length bit string, or it has the form *Datalen* || *Data*, where *Data* is a variable-length string of zero or more bytes, and *Datalen* is a fixed-length, big-endian counter that indicates the length (in bytes) of *Data*. (In this variable-length format, a null string of *data* shall be represented by using *Datalen* to indicate that *Data* has length zero.) An application using this kdf shall specify the ordering and number of the separate information substrings used in each of the subfields *AlgorithmID*, *EntityAInfo*, and *EntityBInfo*, and shall also specify which of the two formats (fixed-length or variable-length) is used for each substring. The application shall specify the lengths for all fixed-length quantities, including the *Datalen* counters.

The subfields *SuppPrivInfo* and *SuppPubInfo* (when allowed by the application) shall be formed by the concatenation of an application-specific, fixed-length sequence of substrings of additional information that may be used in key derivation upon mutual agreement of entities *A* and *B*. Each substring representing a separate unit of information shall be of the form *Datalen* || *Data*, where *Data* is a variable-length string of zero or more (eight-bit) bytes and *Datalen* is a fixed-length, big-endian counter that indicates the length (in bytes) of *Data*. The information substrings that entities *A* and *B* choose not to contribute are set equal to Null, and are represented in this variable-length format by setting *Datalen* equal to zero. If an application allows the use of the *OtherInfo* subfield *SuppPrivInfo* and/or the subfield *SuppPubInfo*, then the application shall specify the ordering and the number of additional information

substrings that may be used in the allowed subfield(s) and shall specify the fixed-length of the *Datalen* counters.

Process

- a) $reps = \lceil keydatalen / hashlen \rceil$.
- b) If $reps > (2^{32} - 1)$, then ABORT: output an error indicator and stop.
- c) Initialize a 32-bit, big-endian bit string *counter* as 00000001 (in hexadecimal).
- d) If *counter* || *Z* || *OtherInfo* is more than *max_hash_inputlen* bits long, then ABORT: output an error indicator and stop.
- e) For $i = 1$ to *reps* by 1, do the following:
 - 1) Compute $Hash_i = H(counter || Z || OtherInfo)$.
 - 2) Increment *counter* (modulo 2^{32}), treating it as an unsigned 32-bit integer.
- f) Let *Hhash* be set to $Hash_{reps}$ if $(keydatalen / hashlen)$ is an integer; otherwise, let *Hhash* be set to the $(keydatalen \bmod hashlen)$ leftmost bits of $Hash_{reps}$.
- g) Set $DerivedKeyingMaterial = Hash_1 || Hash_2 || \dots || Hash_{reps-1} || Hhash$.

Output

The bit string *DerivedKeyingMaterial* of length *keydatalen* bits (or an error indicator). Any scheme attempting to call this key derivation function with *keydatalen* greater than or equal to $hashlen \times (2^{32} - 1)$ shall output an error indicator and stop without outputting *DerivedKeyingMaterial*. Any call to the key derivation function involving an attempt to hash a bit string that is greater than *max_hash_inputlen* bits long shall cause the kdf to output an error indicator and stop without outputting *DerivedKeyingMaterial*.

NOTE 1 ID_A and ID_B are represented in *OtherInfo* as separate units of information, using either the fixed-length format or the variable-length format described above – according to the requirements of the application using this kdf.

NOTE 2 Entity *A* is the initiator, and entity *B* is the responder, as assigned by the protocol employing the key agreement scheme used to determine the shared secret *Z*.

C.6 NIST SP 800-56A ASN.1 key derivation function

This clause describes a key derivation function based on the key derivation function that is given in NIST SP 800-56A^[32].

Function call

$kdf(Z, OtherInput)$

where *OtherInput* is *keydatalen* and *OtherInfo*.

Fixed values (implementation dependent)

- a) *hashlen*: an integer that indicates the length (in bits) of the output of the hash function used to derive blocks of secret keying material.
- b) *max_hash_inputlen*: an integer that indicates the maximum length (in bits) of the bit string(s) input to the hash function.

Auxiliary function

H: an approved hash function chosen from those specified in ISO/IEC 10118-2, ISO/IEC 10118-3 and ISO/IEC 10118-4.

Input

- a) *Z*: a byte string that is the shared secret.
- b) *keydatalen*: An integer that indicates the length (in bits) of the secret keying material to be generated; *keydatalen* shall be less than or equal to $\text{hashlen} \times (2^{32} - 1)$.
- c) *OtherInfo*: A bit string specified in ASN.1 DER encoding, which consists of the following information:
 - 1) *AlgorithmID*: A bit string that indicates how the derived keying material will be parsed and for which algorithm(s) the derived secret keying material will be used. For example, *AlgorithmID* can indicate that bits 1-80 are to be used as an 80-bit HMAC key and that bits 81-208 are to be used as a 128-bit AES key.
 - 2) *EntityAInfo*: A bit string containing public information that is required by the application using this kdf to be contributed by entity *A* to the key derivation process. At a minimum, *EntityAInfo* shall include ID_A , the identifier of entity *A*. See the notes below.
 - 3) *EntityBInfo*: A bit string containing public information that is required by the application using this kdf to be contributed by entity *B* to the key derivation process. At a minimum, *EntityBInfo* shall include ID_B , the identifier of entity *B*. See the notes below.
 - 4) (Optional) *SuppPubInfo*: A bit string containing additional, mutually-known public information.
 - 5) (Optional) *SuppPrivInfo*: A bit string containing additional, mutually-known private information (for example, a shared secret symmetric key that has been communicated through a separate channel).

Process

- a) $\text{reps} = \lceil \text{keydatalen} / \text{hashlen} \rceil$.
- b) If $\text{reps} > (2^{32} - 1)$, then ABORT: output an error indicator and stop.
- c) Initialize a 32-bit, big-endian bit string *counter* as 00000001 (in hexadecimal).
- d) If *counter* || *Z* || *OtherInfo* is more than *max_hash_inputlen* bits long, then ABORT: output an error indicator and stop.
- e) For $i = 1$ to *reps* by 1, do the following.
 - 1) Compute $\text{Hash}_i = H(\text{counter} || Z || \text{OtherInfo})$.
 - 2) Increment *counter* (modulo 2^{32}), treating it as an unsigned 32-bit integer.
- f) Let *Hhash* be set to $\text{Hash}_{\text{reps}}$ if $(\text{keydatalen} / \text{hashlen})$ is an integer; otherwise, let *Hhash* be set to the $(\text{keydatalen} \bmod \text{hashlen})$ leftmost bits of $\text{Hash}_{\text{reps}}$.
- g) Set $\text{DerivedKeyingMaterial} = \text{Hash}_1 || \text{Hash}_2 || \dots || \text{Hash}_{\text{reps}-1} || \text{Hhash}$.

Output

The *DerivedKeyingMaterial* as a bit string of length *keydatalen* bits (or an error indicator). The ASN.1 kdf produces secret keying material that is at most $hashlen \times (2^{32}-1)$ bits in length. Any call to this key derivation function using a *keydatalen* value that is greater than $hashlen \times (2^{32}-1)$ shall cause the kdf to output an error indicator and stop without outputting *DerivedKeyingMaterial*. Any call to the key derivation function involving an attempt to hash a bit string that is greater than *max_hash_inputlen* bits long shall cause the kdf to output an error indicator and stop without outputting *DerivedKeyingMaterial*.

NOTE 1 ID_A and ID_B are represented in *OtherInfo* as separate units of information.

NOTE 2 Entity *A* is the initiator, and entity *B* is the responder, as assigned by the protocol employing the key agreement scheme used to determine the shared secret *Z*.

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Annex D (informative)

Examples of key establishment mechanisms

D.1 Examples of a function F , and sets S_1 and S_2

This annex first specifies a widely used example of a function F , and accompanying sets S_1 and S_2 , which is conjectured to satisfy the five properties listed in Clause 10, given that certain parameters are chosen appropriately.

Let p be a prime number, and g be a primitive element of F_p . Let $S_2 = \{0, 1, \dots, p-1\}$, and $S_1 = \{2, \dots, p-2\}$. Then set $F(h, g) = g^h \bmod p$.

F is commutative with respect to h , where $(g^{hB})^{hA} = (g^{hA})^{hB} = (g^{hAhB}) \bmod p$.

The prime p shall be large enough so that $F(\cdot, g)$ can be conjectured to be a one-way function. Let each entity X have a private key h_x in S_1 which is only known by entity X , and a public key $p_x = g^{h_x} \bmod p$ known by all other entities.

For discrete logarithm modulo a prime, the size of the prime is chosen such that computing discrete logarithms in the corresponding cyclic group is computationally infeasible. Some other conditions on the prime number can be imposed in order to make discrete logarithms infeasible. It is also recommended to choose p to be a strong prime such that $p-1$ has a large prime factor q and choose g to be a generator of a group of its large prime order q .

NOTE For discrete logarithm modulo a composite, the modulus is chosen as the product of two distinct odd primes that is kept secret. The size of the modulus is chosen such that factoring the modulus is computationally infeasible. Some additional conditions on the choice of the primes can be imposed in order to make factoring the modulus computationally infeasible.

D.2 Non-interactive Diffie-Hellman key agreement

Reference [20] is an example of key agreement mechanism 1.

Key construction (A1) Entity A computes, using its own private key agreement key h_A and entity B 's public key agreement key p_B , the shared key as $K_{AB} = p_B^{h_A} \bmod p$.

Key construction (B1) Entity B computes, using its own private key agreement key h_B and entity A 's public key agreement key p_A , the shared key as $K_{AB} = p_A^{h_B} \bmod p$.

D.3 Identity-based mechanism

Reference [23] is an example of key agreement mechanism 1, which is identity-based in the following sense:

- the public key of an entity can be retrieved from some combination of its identity and its certificate;
- the authenticity of the certificate is not directly verified, but the correct public key can only be recovered from an authentic certificate.

Let (n, y) be the public verification key of a certification authority, in the digital signature scheme giving message recovery which is specified in ISO/IEC 9796-2:2010, Annex B. Therefore, n is the product of two large prime numbers p and q , kept secret by the certification authority, and y is co-prime with $\text{lcm}(p-1, q-1)$.

Let O be an integer of large order modulo n and $g = O^v \bmod n$.

Let I_X be the result of adding redundancy to a public information on entity X which contains at least the distinguishing identifier of entity X and possibly a serial number, a validity period, a time stamp and other data elements. Then, entity X 's key management pair is (h_X, p_X) where h_X is an integer less than n and $p_X = g^{h_X} \bmod n$. ISO/IEC 9796-3 is referred for a description of how to add redundancy.

Its certificate is computed by the certification authority as $Cert_X = s_X O^{h_X} \bmod n$, where s_X is the integer such that

$$s_X^v I_X = 1 \bmod n.$$

Key construction (A1) Entity A computes the public key of entity B as $p_B = Cert_B^v \cdot I_B \bmod n$ and computes the shared secret key as $K_{AB} = p_B^{h_A} = g^{h_A h_B} \bmod n$.

Key construction (B1) Entity B computes the public key of entity A as $p_A = Cert_A^v \cdot I_A \bmod n$ and computes the shared secret key as $K_{AB} = p_A^{h_B} = g^{h_A h_B} \bmod n$.

NOTE A one-pass and a two-pass identity-based mechanisms using the same set-up are described in References [23], [34] and [36].

D.4 ElGamal key agreement

Reference [21] is an example of key agreement mechanism 2.

One shall check that p to be a strong prime such that $p-1$ has a large prime factor and that the exponentials are not of the form $0, +1, -1 \bmod p$.

Key token construction (A1) Entity A randomly and secretly generates r in $\{2, \dots, p-2\}$, computes $g^r \bmod p$ and constructs the key token $KT_{A1} = g^r \bmod p$ and sends it to entity B .

Key construction (A2) Entity A computes the shared key $K_{AB} = (p_B)^r \bmod p = g^{h_B r} \bmod p$.

Key construction (B1) Entity B computes the shared key $K_{AB} = (g^r)^{h_B} \bmod p = g^{h_B r} \bmod p$.

D.5 Nyberg-Rueppel key agreement

Reference [33] is an example of key agreement mechanism 3. The signature system and the key agreement scheme are chosen in such a way that the signature system is determined by the keys (h_X, p_X) .

Let q be a large prime divisor of $p-1$, g an element of F_p of order q , and set $H = \{2, \dots, q-2\}$. Then entity X 's asymmetric key pair used for signatures and key agreements is (h_X, p_X) , where h_X is an element of H and $p_X = g^{h_X} \bmod p$.

To prevent replay of old key tokens this example makes use of a time-stamp or a serial number, TVP , and of a cryptographic hash function hash, which maps strings of bits of arbitrary length to random integers in a large subset of $\{2, \dots, p-2\}$, for example, in H .

NOTE A hash-function as defined here is collision resistant.

Key construction (A1.1) Entity A randomly and secretly generates r in H and computes $e = g^r \bmod p$.

Further entity A computes the shared secret key as $K_{AB} = p_B^r \bmod p$.

Using the shared secret key K_{AB} , entity A computes a MAC on the sender's distinguishing identifier for entity A and a sequence number or time-stamp TVP , $e' = e \cdot \text{hash}(K_{AB} || A || TVP) \bmod p$.

Key token signature (A1.2) Entity A computes the signature $y = r - h_A e' \bmod q$.

Entity A forms the key token $KT_{A1} = A || e || TVP || y$ and sends it to entity B .

Key construction (B1.1) Entity B computes the shared secret key, using its private key agreement key h_B ,

$$K_{AB} = e^{h_B} \bmod p.$$

Using the shared secret key K_{AB} , entity B computes the MAC on the sender's distinguishing identifier for entity A and the TVP , and computes $e' = e \cdot \text{hash}(K_{AB} || A || TVP) \bmod p$.

Signature verification (B1.2) Entity B checks the validity of TVP and verifies, using the sender's public key p_A , the equality $e = g^y p_A^{e'} \bmod p$.

D.6 Diffie-Hellman key agreement

Reference [20] is an example of key agreement mechanism 4.

One shall check that p to be a strong prime such that $p-1$ has a large prime factor and that the exponentials are not of the form $0, +1, -1 \bmod p$.

Key token construction (A1) Entity A randomly and secretly generates r_A in $\{2, \dots, p-2\}$, computes $g^{r_A} \bmod p$, constructs the key token as $KT_{A1} = g^{r_A} \bmod p$, and sends it to entity B .

Key token construction (B1) Entity B randomly and secretly generates r_B in $\{2, \dots, p-2\}$, computes $g^{r_B} \bmod p$, constructs the key token, $KT_{B1} = g^{r_B} \bmod p$, and sends it to entity A .

Key construction (A2) Entity A computes the shared key as $KT_{AB} = (g^{r_B})^{r_A} = g^{r_A r_B} \bmod p$.

Key construction (B2) Entity B computes the shared key as $K_{AB} = (g^{r_A})^{r_B} = g^{r_A r_B} \bmod p$.

D.7 Matsumoto-Takashima-Imai A(0) key agreement

Reference [28] is an example of key agreement mechanism 5.

One recommended method is to use a safe prime p and to check that the exponentials are not of the form $0, +1, -1 \bmod p$.

Key token construction (A1) Entity A randomly and secretly generates r_A in $\{2, \dots, p-2\}$, computes the key token as $KT_{A1} = g^{r_A} \bmod p$ and sends it to entity B .

Key token construction (B1) Entity B randomly and secretly generates r_B in $\{2, \dots, p-2\}$, computes the key token as $KT_{B1} = g^{r_B} \bmod p$ and sends it to entity A .

Key construction (B2) Entity B computes the shared key as $K_{AB} = w(KT_{A1}^{h_B}, p_A^{r_B}) = KT_{A1}^{h_B} p_A^{r_B} \bmod p$.

Key construction (A2) Entity A computes the shared key as $K_{AB} = w(p_B^{r_A}, KT_{B1}^{h_A}) = KT_{B1}^{h_A} p_B^{r_A} \bmod p$.

NOTE To avoid attacks in Reference [25], each entity needs to reject a trivial value of KT_{A1} or $KT_{B1} = 0$ or 1 and the same private keys $h_A = h_B$.

D.8 Beller-Yacobi protocol

This clause gives a description of the original Beller-Yacobi protocol^[17], which has been used to derive key agreement mechanism 6.

NOTE This mechanism is not completely compatible with the Mechanism 6 as it was optimized for specific situations. Specifically, it uses ElGamal signature scheme and makes use of an additional symmetric encryption algorithm to transfer entity B 's signature verification key and its certificate to entity A in a confidential way, thus assuring anonymity.

Let $\text{enc}: K : M \rightarrow C$ be a conventional encryption function, such as the algorithms found in ISO/IEC 18033-3, where K = key space, M = message space, and C = cryptogram space.

Let S_X denote the ElGamal signature operation of entity X . The process described below emphasizes the distinction between off-line and on-line operations required in ElGamal family of signature schemes.

P_X and C_X are used to denote entity X 's public key and certificate, respectively. The public encryption operation of entity X (which uses P_X) is denoted E_X (modular squaring in the case of Rabin).

Off-line computation: entity B picks a random number r_B and computes $u = g^{r_B} \bmod p$.

Key token construction (A1) Entity A picks a random number r_A and computes $KT_{A1} = (r_A || A || C_A)$ and sends it to entity B .

Key token processing (B1) Entity B produces the signature $BS = (u, v) = S_B(r_A || A)$, where u and v is the ElGamal signature. Then entity B picks a random x_B and creates $KT_{B1} = E_A(BS) || \text{enc}(u, (B || P_B || C_B || x_B))$ and sends it to entity A .

Key construction (B2) The shared secret key consists of part of entity B 's signature, u .

Key token processing and key construction (A2) Entity A decrypts the key token $E_A(BS)$ to find the session key u , then decrypts the conventional encryption $\text{enc}(u, (B || P_B || C_B || x_B))$ using session key u to find the identifier, public key, and certificate of the alleged entity B . Entity A verifies certificate C_B , and if positive it then uses the verification function, V_B to verify entity B 's signature BS . If positive it then accepts u as a shared secret key.

Annex E (informative)

Examples of elliptic curve based key establishment mechanisms

E.1 Example of a function F

This annex first gives a widely used example of a function F to satisfy the five properties listed in Clause 10, given that certain parameters are chosen appropriately.

Given an elliptic curve over a finite field, an integer d and a point G on the curve where G may be the base point, then the function F is $F(d, G) = dG$.

F has the property that $d_1(d_2G) = d_2(d_1G) = d_1d_2G$.

The number of points on the curve shall be large enough so that $F(\cdot, G)$ can be conjectured to be a one-way function. Let each entity X have a private key h_X , which is an integer only known by entity X , and a public key $p_X = h_X G$ which is a point on the curve known by all other entities.

E.2 Common information

For all key agreement mechanisms, prior to the process of agreeing on a shared secret, the following common information shall be established between the parties and optionally validated (ISO/IEC 15946-1 is referred for a description of parameter validation).

The elliptic curve parameters with which the key pairs shall be associated, which shall be the same for both parties key pairs. This includes p , p^m , 2^m , or 3^m , a description of $GF(q)$, $GF(p^m)$, $GF(2^m)$, or $GF(3^m)$ and an indication of the basis used, E , n and G .

Named curve identifiers such as those specified in X9.62, provide a simple means of identifying elliptic curve domain parameters and can be used to specify groups of common information values.

In each of the mechanisms defined below, the resulting agreed key should not be used as a cryptographic key directly. Instead, it should be used as the input to a key derivation function, allowing both parties to derive the same cryptographic keys from it. Hence, it is also necessary for the two parties to agree on the following information:

- a key derivation function, kdf;
- any parameters to the key derivation function, and
- the type of cofactor multiplication that is to be performed (if any).

E.3 Non-interactive key agreement of Diffie-Hellman type

Reference [20] is an example of key agreement mechanism 1. This key agreement mechanism non-interactively establishes a shared secret between two entities A and B .

Prior to the process of agreeing on a shared secret, in addition to the common information, the following shall be established:

- for each entity X , a private key-agreement key h_X and a public key-agreement key P_X , which is an elliptic curve point satisfying $P_X = h_X G$. ISO/IEC 15946-1 is referred for a description of how to generate this key pair.
- for each entity, access to an authentic copy of the public key-agreement key of the other party.

Each entity shall independently verify that the other entity's public key is indeed a point on the elliptic curve. ISO/IEC 15946-1 is referred for a description of how to do this.

The values l and j are used for cofactor multiplication as explained in Clause 7.

Key construction (A1) Entity A computes, using its own private key-agreement key h_A and entity B 's public key-agreement key P_B , the shared key as $K_{AB} = (h_A \cdot l)(j \cdot P_B)$.

Key construction (B1) Entity B computes, using its own private key-agreement key h_B and entity A 's public key-agreement key P_A , the shared key as $K_{AB} = (h_B \cdot l)(j \cdot P_A)$.

NOTE As a consequence of the first property, the established secret between the same two users always has the same value. For this reason it is suggested that the input to the key derivation function in this case include time-varying information.

E.4 Key agreement of ElGamal type

Reference [21] is an example of key agreement mechanism 2. This key agreement mechanism establishes a shared secret between two entities A and B in one pass.

Prior to the process of agreeing on a shared secret, in addition to the common information, the following shall be established:

- for entity B , a private key-agreement key d_B and a public key-agreement key P_B , which is an elliptic curve point satisfying $P_B = d_B G$. ISO/IEC 15946-1 is referred for a description of how to generate this key pair;
- for entity A , access to an authentic copy of the public key-agreement key of entity B .

Entity A should verify that entity B 's public key is indeed a point on the elliptic curve. ISO/IEC 15946-1 is referred for a description of how to do this.

The values l and j are used for cofactor multiplication as explained in Clause 7.

Key token construction (A1.1) Entity A randomly and secretly generates r in the range $\{2, \dots, n-2\}$, computes rG , constructs the key token, $KT_{A1} = rG$, and sends it to entity B .

Key construction (A1.2) Entity A computes the shared key as $K_{AB} = (r \cdot l)(j \cdot P_B)$.

Key construction (B1) Entity B should verify that KT_{A1} is indeed a point on the elliptic curve. A description of how to do this is referred in ISO/IEC 15946-1. Using its own private key, entity B computes the shared key from KT_{A1} as follows: $K_{AB} = (d_B \cdot l)(j \cdot KT_{A1})$.

NOTE This key agreement mechanism provides forward secrecy with respect to entity A .

E.5 Key agreement following Nyberg-Rueppel

Reference [33] is an example of key agreement mechanism 3. The protocol is not a 1-1-transcript of protocol Clause C.4 but follows the essential ideas of Clause C.4.

The signature system and the key agreement scheme are chosen in such a way that the signature system is determined by the keys (h_X, P_A) .

Let q be a large prime divisor of $p-1$, g an element of F_p of order q , and set $H = \{2, \dots, q-2\}$. Then entity X 's asymmetric key pair used for signatures and key agreements is (h_X, p_X) , where h_X is an element of H and $p_X = g^{h_X} \bmod p$.

To prevent the replay of old key tokens this example makes use of a timestamp or a serial number TVP , and of a cryptographic hash function $hash$, which maps strings of bits of arbitrary length to random integers into H , for example.

The values l and j are used for cofactor multiplication as explained in Clause 7.

NOTE A hash-function as defined here is collision resistant.

Key construction (A1.1) Entity A randomly and secretly generates r in H and computes $R = rG$.

Further entity A computes the shared secret key as $K_{AB} = (r \cdot l)(j \cdot P_B)$.

Using the shared secret key K_{AB} , entity A computes a MAC on the point R , the sender's distinguishing identifier for entity A and a sequence number or timestamp TVP : $e = \text{hash}(R || K_{AB} || A || TVP)$.

Key token signature (A1.2) Entity A computes the signature $y = (r - h_A e) \bmod q$, forms the key token

$KT_{A1} = (R || A || TVP || y)$ and sends it to entity B .

Key construction (B1.1) Entity B computes the shared secret key, using its private key agreement key h_B ,

$K_{AB} = (h_B \cdot l)(j \cdot R)$.

Using the shared secret key K_{AB} entity B computes the MAC on the sender's distinguishing identifier for entity A and the TVP and computes $e = \text{hash}(R || K_{AB} || A || TVP)$.

Signature verification (B1.2) Entity B checks the validity of TVP and verifies, using the sender's public key P_A , the equality $R = yG + eP_A$.

E.6 Key agreement of Matsumoto-Takashima-Imai type A(0)

Reference [28] is an example of key agreement mechanism 5.

Let q be a large prime divisor of $p-1$, g an element of F_p of order q , and set $H = \{2, \dots, q-2\}$.

The values l and j are used for cofactor multiplication as explained in Clause 7.

Key token construction (A1) Entity A randomly and secretly generates r_A in H , computes the key token

$KT_{A1} = (r_A \cdot l)(j \cdot G)$, and sends it to entity B .

Key token construction (B1) Entity B randomly and secretly generates r_B in H , computes the key token

$KT_{B1} = (r_B \cdot l)(j \cdot G)$, and sends it to entity A .

Key construction (B2) Entity B computes the shared key as $K_{AB} = w(h_B KT_{A1}, r_B P_A)$, where w is a one-way function.

Key construction (A2) Entity A computes the shared key as $K_{AB} = w(h_A KT_{B1}, r_A P_B)$.

E.7 Key agreement of Diffie-Hellman type

Reference [20] is an example of key agreement mechanism 4. This key agreement mechanism establishes a shared secret between entities A and B in two passes.

This key agreement mechanism does not require any initial information other than the common information to be set up. The values l and j are used for cofactor multiplication as explained in Clause 7.

Key token construction (A1) Entity A randomly and secretly generates r_A in the range $\{2, \dots, n-2\}$, computes $r_A G$, constructs the key token, $KT_{A1} = r_A G$, and sends it to entity B .

Key token construction (B1) Entity B randomly and secretly generates r_B in the range $\{2, \dots, n-2\}$, computes $r_B G$, constructs the key token, $KT_{B1} = r_B G$, and sends it to entity A .

Key construction (A2) Entity A should verify that KT_{B1} is indeed a point on the elliptic curve. A description of how to do this is referred in ISO/IEC 15946-1. Entity A computes the shared key $K_{AB} = (r_A \cdot l)(j \cdot KT_{B1})$.