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# Information technology — Security techniques — Key management —

## Part 3: Mechanisms using asymmetric techniques

### AMENDMENT 1: Blinded Diffie-Hellman key agreement

#### Normative references

Add the following normative references:

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

ISO/IEC 19772, *Information technology — Security techniques — Authenticated encryption*

#### 10.2, first sentence

Modify the first sentence to be as follows:

The provisions in this subclause apply to key agreement mechanisms 11.1 to 11.11, 11.13 and 11.14, all of which specify mechanisms for key agreement between two parties.

#### Clause 11

Add the following after 11.12:

#### 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 may 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 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  $E = \text{AuthEnc}_{K_{AB}}(r_A, P_A, \text{Text1})$  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  $E$  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].

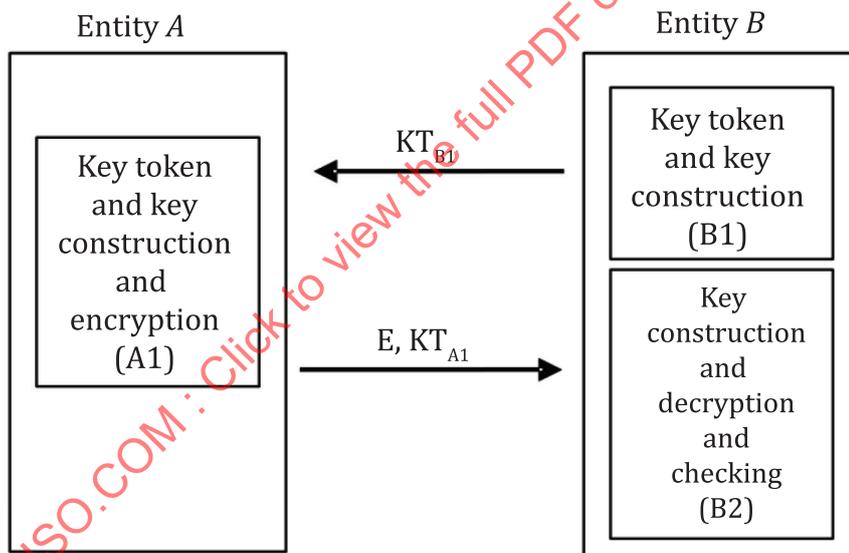


Figure 9a — Key agreement mechanism 13 (2-pass)

### 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 may 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 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  $E = \text{AuthEnc}_{K_{AB}}(r_A, P_A, \text{Text1})$  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  $E$  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].

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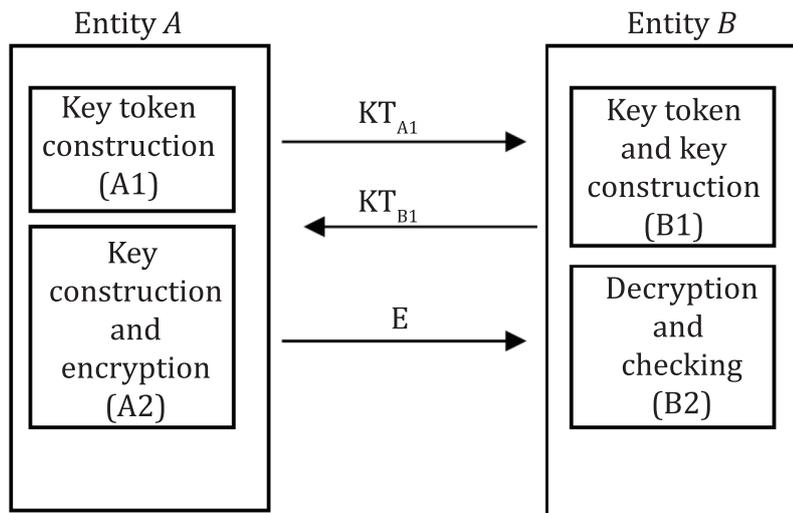


Figure 9b — Key agreement mechanism 14 (3-pass)

Annex A

On page 40, insert a reference to ISO/IEC 8824 and ISO/IEC 8825 in the opening sentence:

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

On page 40, insert the following between id-km-at-kAM-12 and id-km-at-kTM-1:

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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) }
  
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On page 43 insert the following before -- Key Transport Mechanism 1 --:

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-- 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) }
-- 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) }
  
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Annex B

Insert the following paragraph before Table B.1:

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 Annex B, mechanisms which assume that an entity's public key is already shared are not considered to provide the property of unlinkability.

Table B.1

Replace Table B.1 with the following:

**Table B.1 — Properties of key agreement mechanisms**

Mechanism	Number of 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 <sub>A</sub> , 1F/1V <sub>A</sub> )	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 <sub>B</sub> /1D <sub>A</sub> , 1S <sub>B</sub> /1E <sub>A</sub> )	B	A,B	No
7	3	A, B	A, B	A, B	(2F/1V <sub>B</sub> /1S <sub>A</sub> , 2F/1S <sub>B</sub> /1V <sub>A</sub> )	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 <sub>CA</sub> /1E <sub>B</sub> , 1D <sub>B</sub> )	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
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

Annex E

Add the following after E.13:

**E.14 Key agreement of Diffie-Hellman type with blinded public key**

This example adopts the form and notation of E.8.

This is an example of key agreement mechanism 13. Key agreement mechanism 13 establishes a shared secret between entities *A* and *B* in two passes and enables entity *B* to obtain entity *A*'s public key (and other information that might be unique to entity *A*) without revealing it to eavesdroppers.

The example uses elliptic curve cryptography with an elliptic curve group with generator *G* of order *n*. In the notation of 10.2 and 11.13, *S*<sub>2</sub> is the set of points on the elliptic curve generated by *G* and *S*<sub>1</sub> is the set of integers in the range {2, ..., *n*-1}.

Prior to the process of agreeing upon a shared secret, in addition to the common information, the following is established: