A Cryptographic Analysis of the TLS 1.3 Handshake Protocol Candidates The main modes, 0-RTT, and replays



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TLS 1.3



- next TLS version, currently being specified (latest: draft-13, May 2016)
- several substantial cryptographic changes (compared to TLS 1.2), incl.
 - 1. encrypting some handshake messages with intermediate session key
 - 2. signing the entire transcript when authenticating
 - 3. including handshake message hashes in key calculations
 - 4. generating Finished messages with separate key
 - 5. deprecating some crypto algorithms (RC4, SHA-1, key transport, MtEE, etc.)
 - 6. using only AEAD schemes for the record layer encryption
 - 7. switch to HKDF for key derivation
 - 8. providing reduced-latency 0-RTT handshake

TLS Overview





STANDARD UNDER CONSTRUCTION

TLS 1.3 Full/(EC)DHE Handshake (simplified)





TLS 1.3 Full/(EC)DHE and PSK Handshake (simplified)









Security of the draft-10 (EC)DHE Handshake



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We show that the draft-10 full (EC)DHE handshake establishes

- random-looking keys (tk_{hs}, tk_{app}, RMS, EMS) with adversary allowed to corrupt other users and reveal other session keys
- forward secrecy for all these keys
- concurrent security of anonymous, unilateral, mutual authentication
- key independence (leakage of traffic/resumption/exporter keys in same session does not compromise each other's security)

assuming

- collision-resistant hashing
- unforgeable signatures
- HKDF is pseudorandom function
- PRF-ODH assumption holds

standard key exchange security under standard(-model) assumptions

Security of the draft-10 PSK Handshakes



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PSK

- random-looking keys (*tk_{hs}*, *tk_{app}*, EMS)
- mutual authentication (down to RMS)
- key independence
- no forward secrecy

PSK-DHE

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- mutual authentication (down to RMS)
- key independence
- forward secrecy for all keys

Under similar standard(-model) assumptions:

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- what about replays?
- QUIC: remember nonces in "strike register" (restricted by "orbit"+time)
- effectively prevents same key is derived twice



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Generic Replay Attack on 0-RTT What's going on?



- attack applies to QUIC -vs. security proofs for QUIC [FG'14, LJBN'15]
- standard answer: "out of model"
- actually sth. beyond KE: it's conscious replay on application level

"This isn't that odd, since, as AGL observes, browsers already routinely retry some HTTP requests that appear to fail even for ordinary TLS [...] but of course that's different from having TLS give up those guarantees." Eric Rescorla @ TLS mailing list

QUIC's Response



"The QUIC crypto protocol is destined to die."

Langley, Chang / QUIC Crypto, Revision 20150720

- we claim: actually provides some replay protection, just on a different level
- distinguish between replay @ KE level and replay @ application level (latter fundamentally beyond what KE can protect against)



TLS 1.3's Response



- can't protect against replays anyway (on application level) ...
- ... so give up any replay protection for 0-RTT

i.e.

- don't check for duplicate nonces, allow keys to be "replayed"
- don't retransmit automatically on 0-RTT reject, but let application decide
- in theory: can be okay for some requests? (HTTP GET?)
- ▶ in practice: unclear / will have to see...

"browsers already routinely retry some HTTP requests"

Multi-Stage Key Exchange (Security)

with replayable stages/keys





Security of the draft-12 (EC)DHE 0-RTT Handshake





(Still) Not the End of the Story



- TLS WG decided (in April) to only support PSK-based 0-RTT
- ... but (EC)DHE-based 0-RTT might come back as extension, esp. for better forward secrecy

- our model can serve as stepping stone for understanding 0-RTT & replays
- ... and can be applied to PSK-based 0-RTT as well (we currently look into that, security results appear to be similar)

Summary



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- establish TLS 1.3 (draft-12) (EC)DHE 0-RTT handshake is secure multi-stage KE with replayable 0-RTT keys
- are looking into TLS 1.3 PSK-based 0-RTT handshake

Thank You!