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**EAP Re-authentication Protocol Extensions for Authenticated  
Anticipatory Keying (ERP/AAK)  
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**Abstract**

The Extensible Authentication Protocol (EAP) is a generic framework supporting multiple types of authentication methods.

The EAP Re-authentication Protocol (ERP) specifies extensions to EAP and the EAP keying hierarchy to support an EAP method-independent protocol for efficient re-authentication between the peer and an EAP re-authentication server through any authenticator.

Authenticated Anticipatory Keying (AAK) is a method by which cryptographic keying material may be established prior to handover upon one or more candidate attachment points (CAPs), AAK uses the AAA infrastructure for key transport.

This document specifies the extensions necessary to enable AAK support in ERP.

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## 1. Introduction

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The Extensible Authentication Protocol (EAP) [\[RFC3748\]](#) (Aboba, B., Blunk, L., Vollbrecht, J., Carlson, J., and H. Levkowitz, "Extensible

[Authentication Protocol \(EAP\)," June 2004.](#)) is a generic framework supporting multiple types of authentication methods. In systems where EAP is used for authentication, it is desirable to not repeat the entire EAP exchange with another authenticator. The EAP Re-authentication Protocol (ERP) [\[RFC5296\] \(Narayanan, V. and L. Dondeti, "EAP Extensions for EAP Re-authentication Protocol \(ERP\)," August 2008.\)](#) specifies extensions to EAP and the EAP keying hierarchy to support an EAP method-independent protocol for efficient re-authentication between the peer and an EAP re-authentication server through any authenticator. The re-authentication server may be in the home network or in the local network to which the peer is connecting.

Authenticated Anticipatory Keying (AAK) [\[RFC5836\] \(Ohba, Y., Wu, Q., and G. Zorn, "Extensible Authentication Protocol \(EAP\) Early Authentication Problem Statement," April 2010.\)](#) is a method by which cryptographic keying material may be established prior to handover upon one or more candidate attachment points (CAPs). AAK utilizes the AAA infrastructure for key transport.

This document specifies the extensions necessary to enable AAK support in ERP.

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## 2. Terminology

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### 2.1. Standards Language

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The key words "MUST", "MUST NOT", "REQUIRED", "SHALL", "SHALL NOT", "SHOULD", "SHOULD NOT", "RECOMMENDED", "MAY", and "OPTIONAL" in this document are to be interpreted as described in [RFC 2119 \(Bradner, S., "Key words for use in RFCs to Indicate Requirement Levels," March 1997.\)](#) [RFC2119]

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### 2.2. Acronyms

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The following acronyms are used in this document; see the references for more details.

AAA	Authentication, Authorization and Accounting <a href="#">[RFC3588] (Calhoun, P., Loughney, J., Guttman, E., Zorn, G., and J. Arkko, "Diameter Base Protocol," September 2003.)</a>
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**CAP**

Candidate Attachment Point [\[RFC5836\]](#) (Ohba, Y., Wu, Q., and G. Zorn, "Extensible Authentication Protocol (EAP) Early Authentication Problem Statement," April 2010.)

**EA** Abbreviation for "ERP/AAK"; used in figures

**MH** Mobile Host

**SAP** Serving Attachment Point [\[RFC5836\]](#) (Ohba, Y., Wu, Q., and G. Zorn, "Extensible Authentication Protocol (EAP) Early Authentication Problem Statement," April 2010.)

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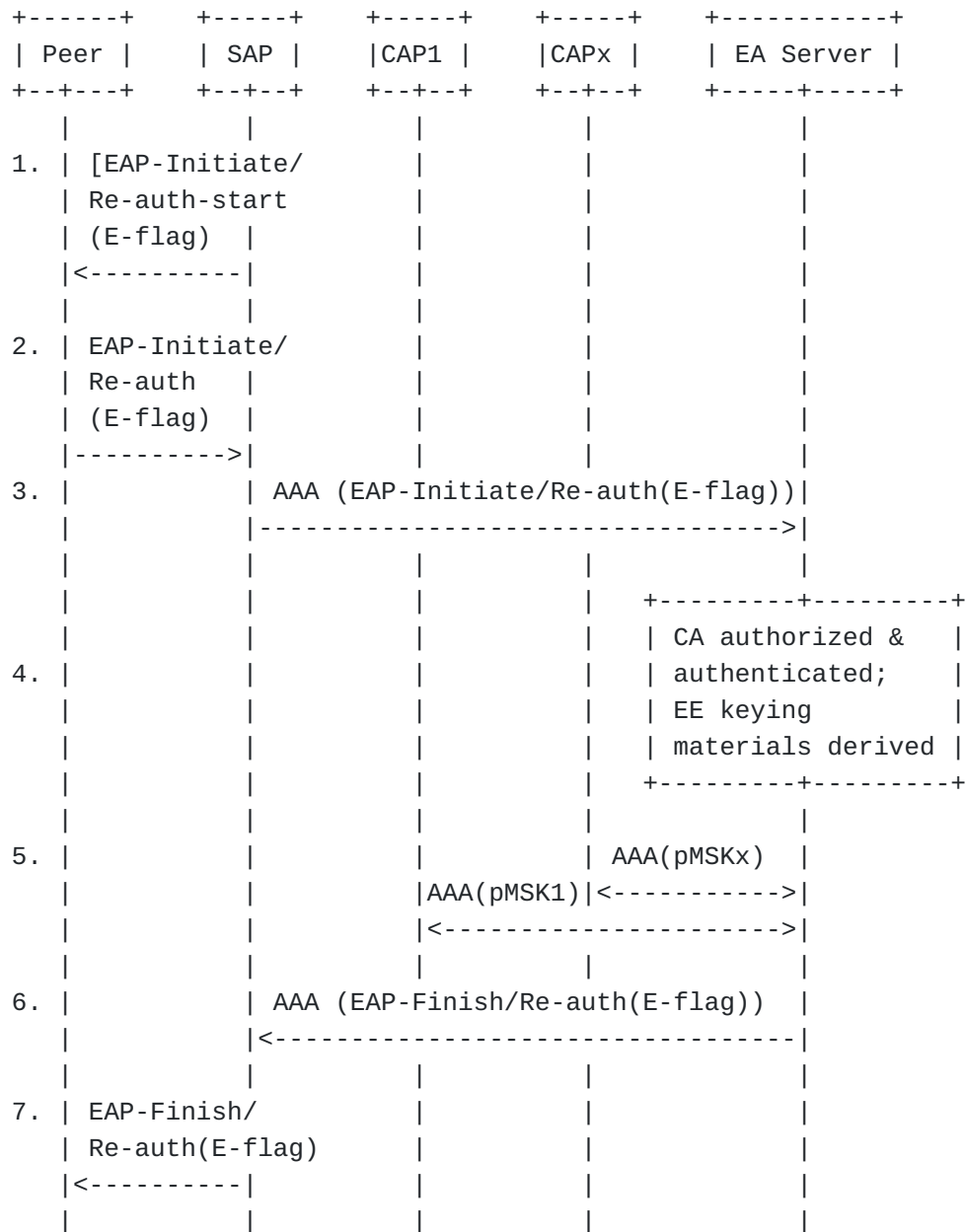
### 3. ERP/AAK Overview

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ERP/AAK is intended to allow the establishment of cryptographic keying materials on one or more Candidate Attachment Points prior to the arrival of the MH at the Candidate Access Network (CAN). The document also specifies a method by which the SAP may send the identities of neighboring attachment points to the peer in the EAP-Initiate/Re-auth-Start message.

It is assumed that the peer has previously completed full EAP authentication. [Figure 1 \(ERP/AAK Operation\)](#) shows the general protocol exchange by which the keying material is established on the CAP(s).

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**Figure 1: ERP/AAK Operation**

ERP/AAK re-uses the packet format defined by ERP, but specifies a new flag to differentiate EAP early-authentication from EAP re-authentication. The peer initiates ERP/AAK itself, or does so in response to an EAP-Initiate/Re-Auth-Start message from the SAP. In this document, it is required that the SAP should support ERP/AAK. If either the peer or the SAP does not support ERP/AAK, it should fall back to full EAP authentication.

The peer sends an early-authentication request message (EAP-Initiate/

Re-auth with the 'E' flag set) containing the keyName-NAI, the NAS-Identifier, rIK and sequence number. The realm in the keyName-NAI field is used to locate the peer's ERP/AAK server. The NAS-Identifier is used to identify the CAP(s). The rIK is used to protect the message. The sequence number is used for replay protection. To avoid the same pre-established Master Session Key (pMSK) being derived for multiple CAPs, the sequence number MUST be unique for each CAP.

The SAP encapsulates the early-authentication message into a AAA message and sends it to the peer's ERP/AAK server in the realm indicated in the keyName-NAI field.

Upon receiving the message, the ERP/AAK server first checks its integrity and freshness, then authenticates and authorizes the CAP(s) presented in the NAS-Identifier TLV(s). After the CAP(s) is authenticated and authorized successfully, the ERP/AAK server derives the pRK and the subsequent pMSK for each CAP.

The ERP/AAK server transports the pMSK to the authenticated and authorized CAP(s) via AAA as described in [Section 7 \(AAA Transport Considerations\)](#). After the keying materials are delivered, the ERP/AAK server should determine each CA whether accepts the pMSK and whether the peer could be attached to.

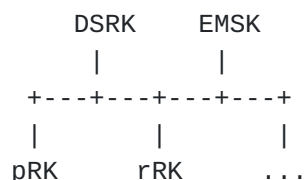
At last, the ERP/AAK server sends the early-authentication finish message (EAP-Finish/Re-auth with E-flag) containing the determinate CAP(s) to the peer via the SAP.

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#### 4. ERP/AAK Key Hierarchy

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As an optimization of ERP, ERP/AAK uses key hierarchy similar to that of ERP. The EMSK is used to derive the ERP/AAK pre-established Root Key (pRK). Similarly, the ERP/AAK pre-established Integrity Key (pIK) and the pre-established Master Session Key (pMSK) are derived from the pRK. The pMSK is established for the CAP(s) when the peer early authenticates to the network. The pIK is established for the peer to re-authenticate the network after handover. The hierarchy relationship is illustrated in [Figure 2](#), below.

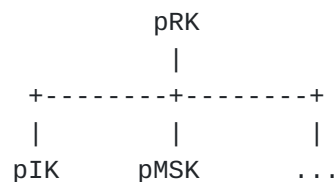


**Figure 2**

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The EMSK and DSRK both can be used to derive the pRK. In general, the pRK is derived from the EMSK in case of the peer moving in the home AAA realm and derived from the DRSK in case of the peer moving in the visited AAA realm. The DSRK is delivered from the EAP server to the ERP/AAK server as specified in [\[I-D.ietf-dime-local-keytran\] \(Zorn, G., Wu, W., and V. Cakulev, "Diameter Attribute-Value Pairs for Cryptographic Key Transport," May 2010.\)](#). If the peer has previously authenticated by means of ERP or ERP/AAK, the DSRK SHOULD be directly re-used.

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**Figure 3**

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The pRK is used to derive the pIK and pMSK for the CAP(s). Different sequence numbers for each CAP MUST be used to derive the unique pMSK(s).

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## 5. Packet and TLV Extension

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This section describes the packet and TLV extensions for the ERP/AAK exchange.

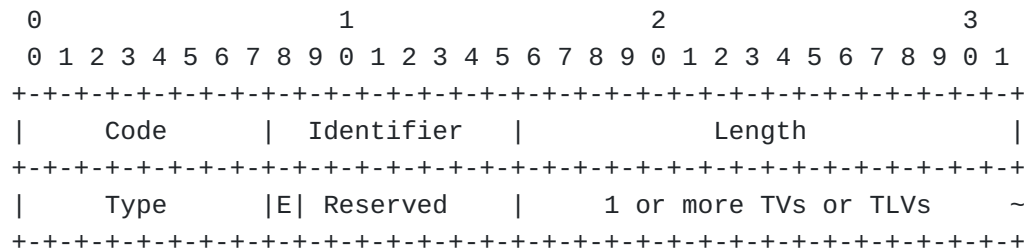
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### 5.1. EAP-Initiate/Re-auth-Start Packet Extension

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[Figure 4](#) shows the changed parameters contained in the EAP-Initiate/Re-auth-Start packet defined in [RFC 5296 \(Narayanan, V. and L. Dondeti, "EAP Extensions for EAP Re-authentication Protocol \(ERP\)," August 2008.\)](#) [RFC5296].

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**Figure 4**

## Flags

'E' - The E flag is used to indicate early-authentication.

Reserved: MUST be set to 0.

## TVs and TLVs

NAS-Identifier: As defined in [\[RFC5296\] \(Narayanan, V. and L. Dondeti, "EAP Extensions for EAP Re-authentication Protocol \(ERP\)," August 2008.\)](#), it is carried in a TLV payload. It is used by the SAP to advertise the identifier(s) of CAP(s) to the peer. One or more NAS-Identifier TLVs MAY be included in the EAP-Initiate/Re-auth-Start packet if the SAP has performed CAP discovery.

If the EAP-Initiate/Re-auth-Start packet is not supported by the peer, it is discarded silently.

## 5.2. EAP-Initiate/Re-auth Packet Extension

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[Figure 5](#) illustrates the changed parameters contained in the EAP-Initiate/Re-auth packet defined in [RFC 5296 \(Narayanan, V. and L. Dondeti, "EAP Extensions for EAP Re-authentication Protocol \(ERP\)," August 2008.\)](#) [RFC5296].





**Figure 5**

#### Flags

'x' – The x flag is reserved. It MUST be set to 0.

'E' – The E flag is used to indicate early-authentication.

The rest of the 4 bits (Resved) MUST be set to 0 and ignored on reception.

#### SEQ

A 16-bit sequence number is used for replay protection.

#### TVs and TLVs

keyName-NAI: As defined in [RFC 5296 \(Narayanan, V. and L. Dondeti, "EAP Extensions for EAP Re-authentication Protocol \(ERP\)," August 2008.\)](#)

[RFC5296], this is carried in a TLV payload. The Type is 1. The NAI is variable in length, not exceeding 253 octets. The username part of the NAI is the EMSKname used identify the peer. The realm part of the NAI is the peer's home domain name or the domain to which the peer is currently attached. Exactly one keyName-NAI attribute SHALL be present in an EAP-Initiate/Re-auth packet.

NAS-Identifier: As defined in [RFC 5296 \(Narayanan, V. and L. Dondeti, "EAP Extensions for EAP Re-authentication Protocol \(ERP\)," August 2008.\)](#) [RFC5296], it is carried in a TLV payload. It is used to indicate the identifier of a CAP. One or more NAS-Identifier may be included in the EAP-Initiate/Re-auth packet.

Sequence number: It is carried in a TV payload. The Type is TBD (which is lower than 128). It is used in the derivation of the pMSK for each CAP to avoid multiple CAP using the same pMSK. Each NAS-Identifier in the packet MUST be associated with a unique sequence number.

#### Cryptosuite

This field indicates the integrity algorithm used for ERP/AAK. Key lengths and output lengths are either indicated or are obvious from the cryptosuite name. We specify some cryptosuites below:

0 RESERVED

- 1     HMAC-SHA256-64
- 2     HMAC-SHA256-128
- 3     HMAC-SHA256-256

HMAC-SHA256-128 is mandatory to implement and should be enabled in the default configuration.

#### Authentication Tag

This field contains the integrity checksum over the ERP/AAK packet, excluding the authentication tag field itself. The length of the field is indicated by the Cryptosuite.

If the EAP-Initiate/Re-auth packet is not supported by the SAP, it is discarded silently.

### 5.3. EAP-Finish/Re-auth extension

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[Figure 6](#) shows the changed parameters contained in the EAP-Finish/Re-auth packet defined in [\[RFC5296\] \(Narayanan, V. and L. Dondeti, "EAP Extensions for EAP Re-authentication Protocol \(ERP\)," August 2008.\)](#).



**Figure 6**

#### Flags

'x' - The x flag is reserved. It MUST be set to 0.

'E' - The E flag is used to indicate early-authentication.

The rest of the 4 bits (Resved) MUST be set to 0 and ignored on reception.

#### SEQ

A 16-bit sequence number is used for replay protection.

TVs and TLVs

keyName-NAI: As defined in [\[RFC5296\] \(Narayanan, V. and L. Dondeti, "EAP Extensions for EAP Re-authentication Protocol \(ERP\)," August 2008.\)](#), this is carried in a TLV payload. The Type is 1. The NAI is variable in length, not exceeding 253 octets. The realm part of the NAI is the home domain name. Exactly one keyName-NAI attribute SHALL be present in an EAP-Finish/Re-auth packet.

ERP/AAK-Key: It is carried in a TLV payload for the key container. The type is TBD. One or more than one ERP/AAK-key may be present in an EAP-Finish/Re-auth packet.

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ERP/AAK-Key ::=
    { sub-TLV: NAS-Identifier }
    { sub-TLV: pMSK-lifetime }
    { sub-TLV: pRK-lifetime }
    { sub-TLV: Cryptosuites }
```

NAS-Identifier: It is carried in a sub-TLV payload. It is used to indicate the identifier of candidate authenticator. There exactly one instance of the NAS-Identifier TLV MUST be present in the ERP/AAK-Key TLV.

pMSK-lifetime: It is carried in a sub-TLV payload. The Type is TBD. The value field is a 32-bit field and contains the lifetime of the pMSK in seconds. If the 'L' flag is set, the pMSK Lifetime attribute SHOULD be present.

pRK-lifetime: It is carried in a sub-TLV payload. The Type is TBD. The value field is a 32-bit field and contains the lifetime of the pRK in seconds. If the 'L' flag is set, the pRK Lifetime attribute SHOULD be present.

List of Cryptosuites: This is a sub-TLV payload. The Type is TBD. The value field contains a list of cryptosuites, each 1 octet in length. The allowed cryptosuite values are as specified in [Section 5.2 \(EAP-Initiate/Re-auth Packet Extension\)](#), above. The server SHOULD include this attribute if the cryptosuite used in the EAP-Initiate/Re-auth message was not acceptable and the message is being rejected. The server MAY include this attribute in other cases. The server MAY use this attribute to signal to the peer about its cryptographic algorithm capabilities.

Cryptosuite

This field indicates the integrity algorithm and PRF used for ERP/AAK. Key lengths and output lengths are either indicated or are obvious from the cryptosuite name.

Authentication Tag

This field contains the integrity checksum over the ERP/AAK packet, excluding the authentication tag field itself. The length of the field is indicated by the Cryptosuite.

#### 5.4. TV/TLV and sub-TLV Attributes

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The TV and TLV attributes are the same specified as section 5.3.4 of [\[RFC5296\] \(Narayanan, V. and L. Dondeti, "EAP Extensions for EAP Re-authentication Protocol \(ERP\)," August 2008.\)](#). In this document, some new TLV(s) which may be present in the EAP-Initiate or EAP-Finish messages are defined as below:

Sequence number - This is a TV payload. The type is TBD.

ERP/AAK-Key - This is a TLV payload. The type is TBD.

The format of sub-TLV attributes that may be present in the EAP-Initiate or EAP-Finish messages is:

0										1										2										3									
0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
+	-	+	-	+	-	+	-	+	-	+	-	+	-	+	-	+	-	+	-	+	-	+	-	+	-	+	-	+	-	+	-	+	-	+	-	+	-	+	-
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The following types are defined in this document:

PRK Lifetime: This is a TV payload. The type of this sub-TLV is TBD.

PMSK Lifetime: This is a TV payload. The type of this sub-TLV is TBD.

List of Cryptosuites: This is a TLV payload. The type of this sub-TLV is TBD.

## 6. Lower Layer Considerations

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Similar to ERP, some lower layer specifications may need to be revised to support ERP/AAK; refer to section 6 of [\[RFC5296\] \(Narayanan, V. and L. Dondeti, "EAP Extensions for EAP Re-authentication Protocol \(ERP\)," August 2008.\)](#) for additional guidance.

## 7. AAA Transport Considerations

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AAA transport of ERP/AAK messages is the same as AAA transport of the ERP message [\[RFC5296\] \(Narayanan, V. and L. Dondeti, "EAP Extensions for EAP Re-authentication Protocol \(ERP\)," August 2008.\)](#). In addition, the document requires AAA transport of the ERP/AAK keying materials delivered by the ERP/AAK server to the CAP. Hence, a new Diameter ERP/AAK application message should be specified to transport the keying materials.

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## 8. Security Considerations

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## 9. IANA Considerations

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New TLV types:

- NAS-Identifier
- Sequence number
- ERP/AAK-Key

New sub-TLV types:

- NAS-Identifier
- pRK Lifetime
- pMSK Lifetime
- List of Cryptosuites

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