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Abstract

This document specifies Ephemeral Diffie-Hellman Over COSE (EDHOC), a very compact, and lightweight authenticated Diffie-Hellman key exchange with ephemeral keys that can be used over any layer. EDHOC provides mutual authentication, perfect forward secrecy, and identity protection. EDHOC uses CBOR and COSE, allowing reuse of existing libraries.

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## **[1](#). Introduction**

Security at the application layer provides an attractive option for protecting Internet of Things (IoT) deployments, for example where transport layer security is not sufficient

[\[I-D.hartke-core-e2e-security-reqs\]](#) or where the protocol needs to work on a variety of underlying protocols. IoT devices may be constrained in various ways, including memory, storage, processing capacity, and energy [\[RFC7228\]](#). A method for protecting individual messages at the application layer suitable for constrained devices, is provided by CBOR Object Signing and Encryption (COSE) [\[RFC8152\]](#), which builds on the Concise Binary Object Representation (CBOR) [\[I-D.ietf-cbor-7049bis\]](#).

In order for a communication session to provide forward secrecy, the communicating parties can run an Elliptic Curve Diffie-Hellman (ECDH) key exchange protocol with ephemeral keys, from which shared key material can be derived. This document specifies Ephemeral Diffie-Hellman Over COSE (EDHOC), a lightweight key exchange protocol providing perfect forward secrecy and identity protection. EDHOC uses CBOR and COSE, allowing reuse of existing libraries. Authentication is based on credentials established out of band, e.g. from a trusted third party, such as an Authorization Server as specified by [\[I-D.ietf-ace-oauth-authz\]](#). EDHOC supports authentication using pre-shared keys (PSK), raw public keys (RPK), and public key certificates. After successful completion of the EDHOC protocol, application keys and other application specific data can be derived using the EDHOC-Exporter interface. Note that this document focuses on authentication and key establishment: for integration with authorization of resource access, refer to [\[I-D.ietf-ace-oscore-profile\]](#).

EDHOC is designed to work in highly constrained scenarios making it especially suitable for network technologies such as Cellular IoT, 6TiSCH [\[I-D.ietf-6tisch-dtsecurity-zero-touch-join\]](#), and LoRaWAN [\[LoRa1\]](#)[\[LoRa2\]](#). Compared to the DTLS 1.3 handshake [\[I-D.ietf-tls-dtls13\]](#) with ECDH and connection ID, the number of bytes in EDHOC is less than 1/4 when PSK authentication is used and less than 1/3 when RPK authentication is used, see [Appendix E](#).



The ECDH exchange and the key derivation follow [[SIGMA](#)], NIST SP-800-56A [[SP-800-56A](#)], and HKDF [[RFC5869](#)]. CBOR [[I-D.ietf-cbor-7049bis](#)] and COSE [[RFC8152](#)] are used to implement these standards.

This document is organized as follows: [Section 2](#) describes how EDHOC builds on SIGMA-I, [Section 3](#) specifies general properties of EDHOC, including message flow, formatting of the ephemeral public keys, and key derivation, [Section 4](#) specifies EDHOC with asymmetric key authentication, [Section 5](#) specifies EDHOC with symmetric key authentication, [Section 6](#) specifies the EDHOC error message, and [Appendix B](#) provides a wealth of test vectors to ease implementation and ensure interoperability.

### **[1.1.](#) Rationale for EDHOC**

EDHOC is optimized for small message overhead. The message size of a key exchange protocol may have a large impact on the performance of an IoT deployment. For example, in a network bootstrapping setting a large number of devices turned on in a short period of time may result in large latencies caused by parallel key exchanges. Requirements on network formation time can in constrained environments be translated into key exchange overhead.

Power consumption for wireless devices is highly dependent on message transmission and reception. For devices that only send a few bytes occasionally, the battery lifetime may be significantly reduced by a heavy key exchange protocol. Moreover, a key exchange may need to be executed more than once, e.g. due to a device losing power or rebooting for other reason.

EDHOC is adapted to primitives and protocols designed for the Internet of Things: EDHOC is built on CBOR and COSE which enables small message overhead and efficient parsing in constrained devices. Since EDHOC is not bound to a particular transport layer, the protocol messages can e.g. be carried as CoAP payload. By reusing already existing IoT primitives in the device (CBOR, CoAP and COSE encryption and signature formats) the additional code footprint can be kept very low.

EDHOC is not bound to a particular communication security protocol but works off-the-shelf with OSCORE [[I-D.ietf-core-object-security](#)] providing the necessary input parameters with required properties. Since EDHOC builds on the same IoT primitives and protocols as OSCORE (CBOR, COAP, COSE encryption and signature formats) the device footprint for EDHOC + OSCORE can be kept very low. The use of compact native encoding formats reduces the need for a general purpose compression algorithm with associated footprint.



## 1.2. Terminology and Requirements Language

The key words "MUST", "MUST NOT", "REQUIRED", "SHALL", "SHALL NOT", "SHOULD", "SHOULD NOT", "RECOMMENDED", "NOT RECOMMENDED", "MAY", and "OPTIONAL" in this document are to be interpreted as described in [BCP 14](#) [[RFC2119](#)] [[RFC8174](#)] when, and only when, they appear in all capitals, as shown here.

The word "encryption" without qualification always refers to authenticated encryption, in practice implemented with an Authenticated Encryption with Additional Data (AEAD) algorithm, see [[RFC5116](#)].

This document uses the Concise Data Definition Language (CDDL) [[I-D.ietf-cbor-cddl](#)] to express CBOR data structures [[I-D.ietf-cbor-7049bis](#)]. The use of the CDDL unwrap operator "~" is extended to unwrapping of byte strings. It is the inverse of "bstr.cbor" that wraps a data item in a bstr, i.e.  $\sim \text{bstr.cbor } T = T$ . Examples of CBOR and CDDL are provided in [Appendix A.1](#).

## 2. Background

SIGMA (SIGn-and-MAC) is a family of theoretical protocols with a large number of variants [[SIGMA](#)]. Like IKEv2 and (D)TLS 1.3, EDHOC is built on a variant of the SIGMA protocol which provide identity protection of the initiator (SIGMA-I), and like (D)TLS 1.3, EDHOC implements the SIGMA-I variant as Sign-then-MAC. The SIGMA-I protocol using an authenticated encryption algorithm is shown in Figure 1.

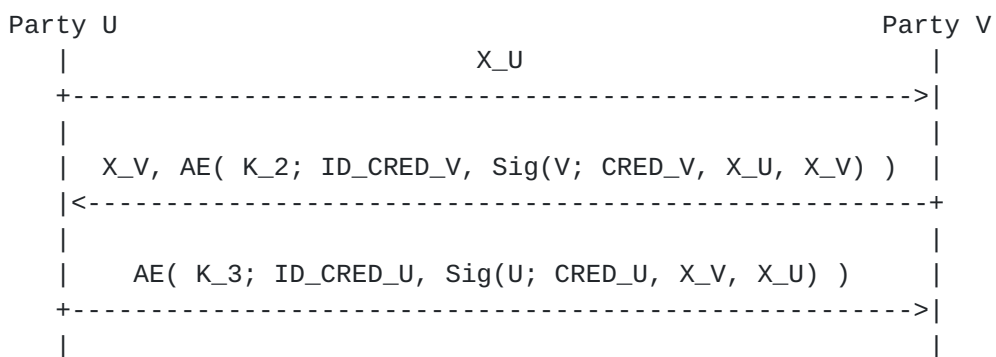


Figure 1: Authenticated encryption variant of the SIGMA-I protocol.

The parties exchanging messages are called "U" and "V". They exchange identities and ephemeral public keys, compute the shared secret, and derive symmetric application keys.





- o  $X_U$  and  $X_V$  are the ECDH ephemeral public keys of U and V, respectively.
- o  $CRED_U$  and  $CRED_V$  are the credentials containing the public authentication keys of U and V, respectively.
- o  $ID\_CRED_U$  and  $ID\_CRED_V$  are data enabling the recipient party to retrieve the credential of U and V, respectively
- o  $Sig(U; .)$  and  $S(V; .)$  denote signatures made with the private authentication key of U and V, respectively.
- o  $AE(K; P)$  denotes authenticated encryption of plaintext P using the key K derived from the shared secret. The authenticated encryption MUST NOT be replaced by plain encryption, see [Section 8](#).

In order to create a "full-fledged" protocol some additional protocol elements are needed. EDHOC adds:

- o Explicit connection identifiers  $C_U$ ,  $C_V$  chosen by U and V, respectively, enabling the recipient to find the protocol state.
- o An Authenticated Encryption with Additional Data (AEAD) algorithm is used.
- o Computationally independent keys derived from the ECDH shared secret and used for encryption of different messages.
- o Verification of a common preferred cipher suite (AEAD algorithm, ECDH algorithm, ECDH curve, signature algorithm):
  - \* U lists supported cipher suites in order of preference
  - \* V verifies that the selected cipher suite is the first supported cipher suite
- o Message types and error handling.
- o Transport of opaque application defined data.

EDHOC is designed to encrypt and integrity protect as much information as possible, and all symmetric keys are derived using as much previous information as possible. EDHOC is furthermore designed to be as compact and lightweight as possible, in terms of message sizes, processing, and the ability to reuse already existing CBOR and COSE libraries. EDHOC does not put any requirement on the lower



layers and can therefore also be used e.g. in environments without IP.

To simplify implementation, the use of CBOR and COSE in EDHOC is summarized in [Appendix A](#).

### 3. EDHOC Overview

EDHOC consists of three messages (message\_1, message\_2, message\_3) that maps directly to the three messages in SIGMA-I, plus an EDHOC error message. All EDHOC messages consists of a sequence of CBOR encoded data items, where the first data item of message\_1 is an int specifying the message type (MSG\_TYPE). The messages may be viewed as a CBOR encoding of an indefinite-length array without the first and last byte, see [Appendix A.1](#).

While EDHOC uses the COSE\_Key, COSE\_Sign1, and COSE\_Encrypt0 structures, only a subset of the parameters are included in the EDHOC messages. After creating EDHOC message\_3, Party U can derive symmetric application keys, and application protected data can therefore be sent in parallel with EDHOC message\_3. The application may protect data using the algorithms (AEAD, HKDF, etc.) in the selected cipher suite and the connection identifiers (C\_U, C\_V). EDHOC may be used with the media type application/edhoc defined in [Section 7](#).

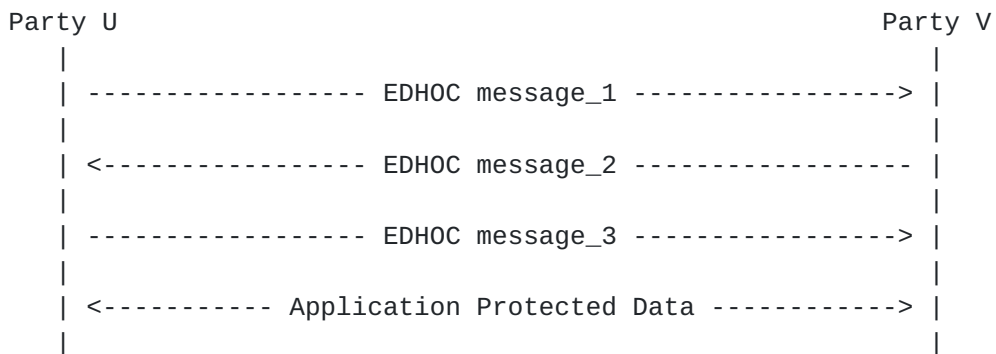


Figure 2: EDHOC message flow

The EDHOC message exchange may be authenticated using pre-shared keys (PSK), raw public keys (RPK), or public key certificates. EDHOC assumes the existence of mechanisms (certification authority, manual distribution, etc.) for binding identities with authentication keys (public or pre-shared). When a public key infrastructure is used, the identity is included in the certificate and bound to the authentication key by trust in the certification authority. When the credential is manually distributed (PSK, RPK, self-signed certificate), the identity and authentication key is distributed out-



of-band and bound together by trust in the distribution method. EDHOC with symmetric key authentication is very similar to EDHOC with asymmetric key authentication, the difference being that information is only MACed, not signed.

EDHOC allows opaque application data (UAD and PAD) to be sent in the EDHOC messages. Unprotected Application Data (UAD\_1, UAD\_2) may be sent in message\_1 and message\_2, while Protected Application Data (PAD\_3) may be send in message\_3.

### **3.1. Cipher Suites**

EDHOC cipher suites consists of a set of COSE algorithms: an AEAD algorithm, an ECDH algorithm, an ECDH curve (including HKDF algorithm), and a signature algorithm. The signature algorithm is not used when EDHOC is authenticated with symmetric keys. Each cipher suite is associated with an integer value.

1. AES-CCM-64-64-128, ECDH-SS + HKDF-256, X25519, and Ed25519
2. AES-CCM-64-64-128, ECDH-SS + HKDF-256, P-256, and ES256
3. Application defined.
4. Application defined.

### **3.2. Ephemeral Public Keys**

The ECDH ephemeral public keys are formatted as a COSE\_Key of type EC2 or OKP according to Sections [13.1](#) and [13.2](#) of [\[RFC8152\]](#), but only a subset of the parameters are included in the EDHOC messages. For Elliptic Curve Keys of type EC2, compact representation as per [\[RFC6090\]](#) MAY be used also in the COSE\_Key. If the COSE implementation requires an y-coordinate, any of the possible values of the y-coordinate can be used, see [Appendix C of \[RFC6090\]](#). COSE [\[RFC8152\]](#) always use compact output for Elliptic Curve Keys of type EC2.

### **3.3. Key Derivation**

Key and IV derivation SHALL be performed as specified in [Section 11 of \[RFC8152\]](#) with the following input:

- o The KDF SHALL be the HKDF [\[RFC5869\]](#) in the in the selected cipher suite (CIPHER\_SUITE\_U).
- o The secret ([Section 11.1 of \[RFC8152\]](#)) SHALL be the ECDH shared secret as defined in [Section 12.4.1 of \[RFC8152\]](#).



- o The salt ([Section 11.1 of \[RFC8152\]](#)) SHALL be the PSK when EDHOC is authenticated with symmetric keys, and the empty byte string when EDHOC is authenticated with asymmetric keys. Note that [\[RFC5869\]](#) specifies that if the salt is not provided, it is set to a string of zeros (see [Section 2.2 of \[RFC5869\]](#)). For implementation purposes, not providing the salt is the same as setting the salt to the empty byte string.
- o The fields in the context information COSE\_KDF\_Context ([Section 11.2 of \[RFC8152\]](#)) SHALL have the following values:
  - \* AlgorithmID is an int or tstr, see below
  - \* PartyUInfo = PartyVInfo = ( null, null, null )
  - \* keyDataLength is a uint, see below
  - \* protected SHALL be a zero length bstr
  - \* other is a bstr and SHALL be aad\_2, aad\_3, or exchange\_hash; see below
  - \* SuppPrivInfo is omitted

where exchange\_hash, in non-CDDL notation, is:

exchange\_hash = H( bstr .cborseq [ aad\_3, CIPHERTEXT\_3 ] )

where H() is the hash function in the HKDF, which takes a CBOR byte string (bstr) as input and produces a CBOR byte string as output. The use of '.cborseq' is exemplified in [Appendix A.1](#).

We define EDHOC-Key-Derivation to be the function which produces the output as described in [\[RFC5869\]](#) and [\[RFC8152\]](#) depending on the variable input AlgorithmID, keyDataLength, and other:

output = EDHOC-Key-Derivation(AlgorithmID, keyDataLength, other)

For message\_i the key, called K\_i, SHALL be derived using other = aad\_i, where i = 2 or 3. The key SHALL be derived using AlgorithmID set to the integer value of the AEAD in the selected cipher suite (CIPHER\_SUITE\_U), and keyDataLength equal to the key length of the AEAD.

If the AEAD algorithm uses an IV, then IV\_i for message\_i SHALL be derived using other = aad\_i, where i = 2 or 3. The IV SHALL be derived using AlgorithmID = "IV-GENERATION" as specified in





[Section 12.1.2. of \[RFC8152\]](#), and keyDataLength equal to the IV length of the AEAD.

### **3.3.1. EDHOC-Exporter Interface**

Application keys and other application specific data can be derived using the EDHOC-Exporter interface defined as:

```
EDHOC-Exporter(label, length) = EDHOC-Key-Derivation(label, 8 *  
length, exchange_hash)
```

The output of the EDHOC-Exporter function SHALL be derived using other = exchange\_hash, AlgorithmID = label, and keyDataLength = 8 \* length, where label is a tstr defined by the application and length is a uint defined by the application. The label SHALL be different for each different exporter value. An example use of the EDHOC-Exporter is given in [Appendix D.2](#)).

## **4. EDHOC Authenticated with Asymmetric Keys**

### **4.1. Overview**

EDHOC supports authentication with raw public keys (RPK) and public key certificates with the requirements that:

- o Party U SHALL be able to retrieve Party V's public authentication key using ID\_CRED\_V,
- o Party V SHALL be able to retrieve Party U's public authentication key using ID\_CRED\_U,

where ID\_CRED\_x, for x = U or V, is encoded in a COSE map, see [Appendix A.2](#). In the following we give some examples of possible COSE map labels.

Raw public keys are most optimally stored as COSE\_Key objects and identified with a 'kid' value (see [\[RFC8152\]](#)):

- o kid : ID\_CRED\_x, for x = U or V.

Public key certificates can be identified in different ways, for example (see [\[I-D.schaad-cose-x509\]](#)):

- o by a hash value;
  - \* x5t : ID\_CRED\_x, for x = U or V,
- o by a URL;



- \* x5u : ID\_CRED\_x, for x = U or V,
- o by a certificate chain;
- \* x5chain : ID\_CRED\_x, for x = U or V,
- o or by a bag of certificates.
- \* x5bag : ID\_CRED\_x, for x = U or V.

In the latter two examples, ID\_CRED\_U and ID\_CRED\_V contains the actual credential used for authentication. ID\_CRED\_U and ID\_CRED\_V do not need to uniquely identify the public authentication key, but doing so is recommended as the recipient may otherwise have to try several public keys. ID\_CRED\_U and ID\_CRED\_V are transported in the ciphertext, see [Section 4.3.2](#) and [Section 4.4.2](#).

The actual credentials CRED\_U and CRED\_V (e.g. a COSE\_Key or a single X.509 certificate) are signed by party U and V, respectively, see [Section 4.4.1](#) and [Section 4.3.1](#). Party U and Party V MAY use different type of credentials, e.g. one uses RPK and the other uses certificate. Party U and Party V MAY use different signature algorithms.

EDHOC with asymmetric key authentication is illustrated in Figure 3.

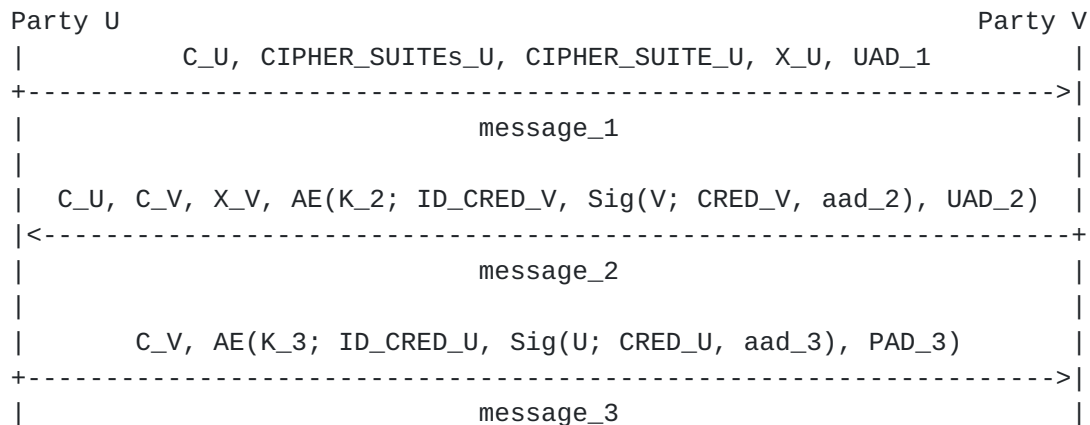


Figure 3: Overview of EDHOC with asymmetric key authentication.

## 4.2. EDHOC Message 1

### 4.2.1. Formatting of Message 1

message\_1 SHALL be a sequence of CBOR data items (see [Appendix A.1](#)) as defined below



```
message_1 = (  
  MSG_TYPE : int,  
  C_U : bstr,  
  CIPHER_SUITES_U : suites,  
  CIPHER_SUITE_U : uint,  
  X_U : bstr,  
  ? UAD_1 : bstr,  
)
```

```
suites : int / [ 2* int ]
```

where:

- o MSG\_TYPE = 1
- o C\_U - variable length connection identifier
- o CIPHER\_SUITES\_U - cipher suites which Party U supports, in order of decreasing preference. If a single cipher suite is conveyed, an int is used, if multiple cipher suites are conveyed, an array of ints is used.
- o CIPHER\_SUITE\_U - a single chosen cipher suite from CIPHER\_SUITES\_U (zero-based index, i.e. 0 for the first or only, 1 for the second, etc.)
- o X\_U - the x-coordinate of the ephemeral public key of Party U
- o UAD\_1 - bstr containing unprotected opaque application data

#### **4.2.2. Party U Processing of Message 1**

Party U SHALL compose message\_1 as follows:

- o The supported cipher suites and the order of preference MUST NOT be changed based on previous error messages. However, the list CIPHER\_SUITES\_U sent to Party V MAY be truncated such that cipher suites which are the least preferred are omitted. The amount of truncation MAY be changed between sessions, e.g. based on previous error messages (see next bullet), but all cipher suites which are more preferred than the least preferred cipher suite in the list MUST be included in the list.
- o Determine the cipher suite CIPHER\_SUITE\_U to use with Party V in message\_1. If Party U previously received from Party V an error message to message\_1 with diagnostic payload identifying a cipher suite that U supports, then U SHALL use that cipher suite. Otherwise the first cipher suite in CIPHER\_SUITES\_U MUST be used.



- o Generate an ephemeral ECDH key pair as specified in Section 5 of [SP-800-56A] using the curve in the cipher suite CIPHER\_SUITE\_U. Let X\_U be the x-coordinate of the ephemeral public key.
- o Choose a connection identifier C\_U and store it for the length of the protocol. Party U MUST be able to retrieve the protocol state using the connection identifier C\_U and optionally other information such as the 5-tuple. The connection identifier MAY be used with protocols for which EDHOC establishes application keys, in which case C\_U SHALL be different from the concurrently used identifiers of that protocol.
- o Format message\_1 as the sequence of CBOR data items specified in Section 4.2.1 and encode it to a byte string (see Appendix A.1).

#### **4.2.3. Party V Processing of Message 1**

Party V SHALL process message\_1 as follows:

- o Decode message\_1 (see Appendix A.1).
- o Verify that the cipher suite CIPHER\_SUITE\_U is supported and that no prior cipher suites in CIPHER\_SUITES\_U are supported.
- o Validate that there is a solution to the curve definition for the given x-coordinate X\_U.
- o Pass UAD\_1 to the application.

If any verification step fails, Party V MUST send an EDHOC error message back, formatted as defined in Section 6, and the protocol MUST be discontinued. If V does not support the cipher suite CIPHER\_SUITE\_U, then CIPHER\_SUITES\_V MUST include one or more supported cipher suites. If V does not support the cipher suite CIPHER\_SUITE\_U, but supports another cipher suite in CIPHER\_SUITES\_U, then CIPHER\_SUITES\_V MUST include the first supported cipher suite in CIPHER\_SUITES\_U.

### **4.3. EDHOC Message 2**

#### **4.3.1. Formatting of Message 2**

message\_2 SHALL be a sequence of CBOR data items (see Appendix A.1) as defined below





```
message_2 = (  
  data_2,  
  CIPHERTEXT_2 : bstr,  
)
```

```
data_2 = (  
  C_U : bstr / nil,  
  C_V : bstr,  
  X_V : bstr,  
)
```

```
aad_2 : bstr
```

where aad\_2, in non-CDDL notation, is:

```
aad_2 = H( bstr .cborseq [ message_1, data_2 ] )
```

where:

- o C\_V - variable length connection identifier
- o X\_V - the x-coordinate of the ephemeral public key of Party V
- o H() - the hash function in the HKDF, which takes a CBOR byte string (bstr) as input and produces a CBOR byte string as output. The use of '.cborseq' is exemplified in [Appendix A.1](#).

#### **[4.3.2](#). Party V Processing of Message 2**

Party V SHALL compose message\_2 as follows:

- o Generate an ephemeral ECDH key pair as specified in Section 5 of [\[SP-800-56A\]](#) using the curve in the cipher suite CIPHER\_SUITE\_U. Let X\_V be the x-coordinate of the ephemeral public key.
- o Choose a connection identifier C\_V and store it for the length of the protocol. Party V MUST be able to retrieve the protocol state using the connection identifier C\_V and optionally other information such as the 5-tuple. The connection identifier MAY be used with protocols for which EDHOC establishes application keys, in which case C\_V SHALL be different from the concurrently used identifiers of that protocol. To reduce message overhead, party V can set the message field C\_U in message\_2 to null (still storing the actual value of C\_U) if there is an external correlation mechanism (e.g. the Token in CoAP) that enables Party U to correlate message\_1 and message\_2.



- o Compute COSE\_Sign1 as defined in [Section 4.4 of \[RFC8152\]](#), using the signature algorithm in the cipher suite CIPHER\_SUITE\_U, the private authentication key of Party V, and the following parameters (further clarifications in [Appendix A.2.2](#)). The unprotected header MAY contain parameters (e.g. 'alg').

- \* protected = bstr .cbor { abc : ID\_CRED\_V }
- \* payload = CRED\_V
- \* external\_aad = aad\_2
- \* abc - any COSE map label that can identify a public authentication key, see [Section 4.1](#)
- \* ID\_CRED\_V - bstr enabling the retrieval of the public authentication key of Party V, see [Section 4.1](#)
- \* CRED\_V - bstr credential containing the public authentication key of Party V, see [Section 4.1](#)

Note that only 'protected' and 'signature' of the COSE\_Sign1 object are used in message\_2, see next bullet.

- o Compute COSE\_Encrypt0 as defined in [Section 5.3 of \[RFC8152\]](#), with the AEAD algorithm in the cipher suite CIPHER\_SUITE\_U, K\_2, IV\_2, and the following parameters (further clarifications in [Appendix A.2.2](#)). The protected header SHALL be empty. The unprotected header MAY contain parameters (e.g. 'alg').

- \* plaintext = bstr .cborseq [ ~protected, signature, ? UAD\_2 ]
- \* external\_aad = aad\_2
- \* UAD\_2 = bstr containing opaque unprotected application data

Note that protected and signature in the plaintext are taken from the COSE\_Sign1 object, and that that only 'ciphertext' of the COSE\_Encrypt0 object are used in message\_2, see next bullet.

- o Format message\_2 as the sequence of CBOR data items specified in [Section 4.3.1](#) and encode it to a byte string (see [Appendix A.1](#)). CIPHERTEXT\_2 is the COSE\_Encrypt0 ciphertext.



#### **4.3.3. Party U Processing of Message 2**

Party U SHALL process message\_2 as follows:

- o Decode message\_2 (see [Appendix A.1](#)).
- o Retrieve the protocol state using the connection identifier C\_U and optionally other information such as the 5-tuple.
- o Validate that there is a solution to the curve definition for the given x-coordinate X\_V.
- o Decrypt and verify COSE\_Encrypt0 as defined in [Section 5.3 of \[RFC8152\]](#), with the AEAD algorithm in the cipher suite CIPHER\_SUITE\_U, K\_2, and IV\_2.
- o Verify COSE\_Sign1 as defined in [Section 4.4 of \[RFC8152\]](#), using the signature algorithm in the cipher suite CIPHER\_SUITE\_U and the public authentication key of Party V.

If any verification step fails, Party U MUST send an EDHOC error message back, formatted as defined in [Section 6](#), and the protocol MUST be discontinued.

#### **4.4. EDHOC Message 3**

##### **4.4.1. Formatting of Message 3**

message\_3 SHALL be a sequence of CBOR data items (see [Appendix A.1](#)) as defined below

```
message_3 = (  
  data_3,  
  CIPHERTEXT_3 : bstr,  
)
```

```
data_3 = (  
  C_V : bstr,  
)
```

```
aad_3 : bstr
```

where aad\_3, in non-CDDL notation, is:

```
aad_3 = H( bstr .cborseq [ aad_2, CIPHERTEXT_2, data_3 ] )
```



#### **4.4.2. Party U Processing of Message 3**

Party U SHALL compose message\_3 as follows:

- o Compute COSE\_Sign1 as defined in [Section 4.4 of \[RFC8152\]](#), using the signature algorithm in the cipher suite CIPHER\_SUITE\_U, the private authentication key of Party U, and the following parameters. The unprotected header MAY contain parameters (e.g. 'alg').

- \* protected = bstr .cbor { abc : ID\_CRED\_U }
- \* payload = CRED\_U
- \* external\_aad = aad\_3
- \* abc - any COSE map label that can identify a public authentication key, see [Section 4.1](#)
- \* ID\_CRED\_U - bstr enabling the retrieval of the public authentication key of Party U, see [Section 4.1](#)
- \* CRED\_U - bstr credential containing the public authentication key of Party U, see [Section 4.1](#)

Note that only 'protected' and 'signature' of the COSE\_Sign1 object are used in message\_3, see next bullet.

- o Compute COSE\_Encrypt0 as defined in [Section 5.3 of \[RFC8152\]](#), with the AEAD algorithm in the cipher suite CIPHER\_SUITE\_U, K\_3, and IV\_3 and the following parameters. The protected header SHALL be empty. The unprotected header MAY contain parameters (e.g. 'alg').

- \* plaintext = bstr .cborseq [ ~protected, signature, ? PAD\_3 ]
- \* external\_aad = aad\_2
- \* PAD\_3 = bstr containing opaque protected application data

Note that protected and signature in the plaintext are taken from the COSE\_Sign1 object, and that only 'ciphertext' of the COSE\_Encrypt0 object are used in message\_3, see next bullet.

- o Format message\_3 as the sequence of CBOR data items specified in [Section 4.4.1](#) and encode it to a byte string (see [Appendix A.1](#)). CIPHERTEXT\_3 is the COSE\_Encrypt0 ciphertext.





- o Pass the connection identifiers (C\_U, C\_V) and the negotiated cipher suite CIPHER\_SUITE\_U to the application. The application can now derive application keys using the EDHOC-Exporter interface.

#### **4.4.3. Party V Processing of Message 3**

Party V SHALL process message\_3 as follows:

- o Decode message\_3 (see [Appendix A.1](#)).
- o Retrieve the protocol state using the connection identifier C\_V and optionally other information such as the 5-tuple.
- o Decrypt and verify COSE\_Encrypt0 as defined in [Section 5.3 of \[RFC8152\]](#), with the AEAD algorithm in the cipher suite CIPHER\_SUITE\_U, K\_3, and IV\_3.
- o Verify COSE\_Sign1 as defined in [Section 4.4 of \[RFC8152\]](#), using the signature algorithm in the cipher suite CIPHER\_SUITE\_U and the public authentication key of Party U.

If any verification step fails, Party V MUST send an EDHOC error message back, formatted as defined in [Section 6](#), and the protocol MUST be discontinued.

- o Pass PAD\_3, the connection identifiers (C\_U, C\_V), and the negotiated cipher suite CIPHER\_SUITE\_U to the application. The application can now derive application keys using the EDHOC-Exporter interface.

## **5. EDHOC Authenticated with Symmetric Keys**

### **5.1. Overview**

EDHOC supports authentication with pre-shared keys. Party U and V are assumed to have a pre-shared key (PSK) with a good amount of randomness and the requirement that:

- o Party V SHALL be able to retrieve the PSK using KID.

KID may optionally contain information about how to retrieve the PSK. KID does not need to uniquely identify the PSK, but doing so is recommended as the recipient may otherwise have to try several PSKs.

EDHOC with symmetric key authentication is illustrated in Figure 4.



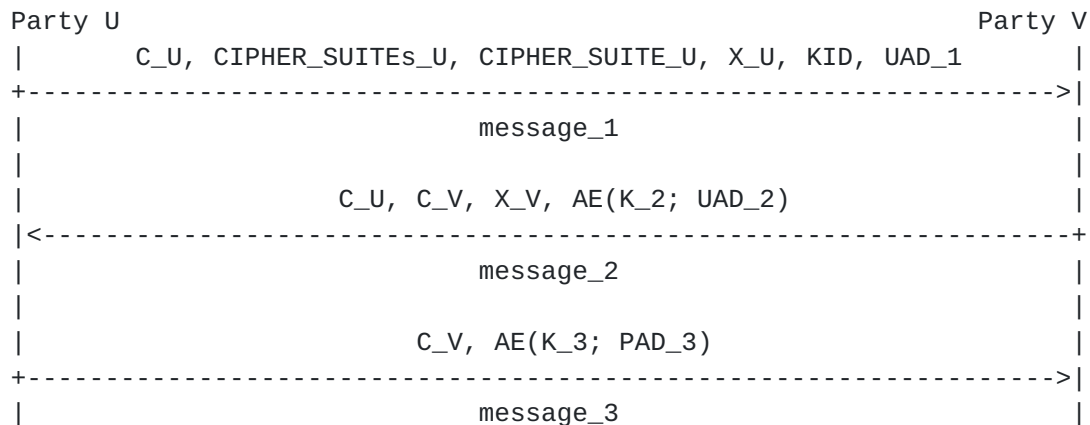


Figure 4: Overview of EDHOC with symmetric key authentication.

EDHOC with symmetric key authentication is very similar to EDHOC with asymmetric key authentication. In the following subsections the differences compared to EDHOC with asymmetric key authentication are described.

## 5.2. EDHOC Message 1

### 5.2.1. Formatting of Message 1

message\_1 SHALL be a sequence of CBOR data items (see [Appendix A.1](#)) as defined below

```

message_1 = (
  MSG_TYPE : int,
  C_U : bstr,
  CIPHER_SUITES_U : suites,
  CIPHER_SUITE_U : uint,
  X_U : bstr,
  KID : bstr,
  ? UAD_1 : bstr,
)
  
```

where:

- o MSG\_TYPE = 2
- o KID - bstr enabling the retrieval of the pre-shared key

## 5.3. EDHOC Message 2



### **5.3.1. Processing of Message 2**

- o COSE\_Sign1 is not used.
- o COSE\_Encrypt0 is computed as defined in [Section 5.3 of \[RFC8152\]](#), with the AEAD algorithm in the cipher suite CIPHER\_SUITE\_U, K\_2, IV\_2, and the following parameters. The protected header SHALL be empty. The unprotected header MAY contain parameters (e.g. 'alg').
  - \* external\_aad = aad\_2
  - \* plaintext = h'' / UAD\_2
  - \* UAD\_2 = bstr containing opaque unprotected application data

## **5.4. EDHOC Message 3**

### **5.4.1. Processing of Message 3**

- o COSE\_Sign1 is not used.
- o COSE\_Encrypt0 is computed as defined in [Section 5.3 of \[RFC8152\]](#), with the AEAD algorithm in the cipher suite CIPHER\_SUITE\_U, K\_3, IV\_3, and the following parameters. The protected header SHALL be empty. The unprotected header MAY contain parameters (e.g. 'alg').
  - \* external\_aad = aad\_3
  - \* plaintext = h'' / PAD\_3
  - \* PAD\_3 = bstr containing opaque protected application data

## **6. Error Handling**

### **6.1. EDHOC Error Message**

This section defines a message format for the EDHOC error message, used during the protocol. An EDHOC error message can be sent by both parties as a response to any non-error EDHOC message. After sending an error message, the protocol MUST be discontinued. Errors at the EDHOC layer are sent as normal successful messages in the lower layers (e.g. CoAP POST and 2.04 Changed). An advantage of using such a construction is to avoid issues created by usage of cross protocol proxies (e.g. UDP to TCP).



error SHALL be a sequence of CBOR data items (see [Appendix A.1](#)) as defined below

```
error = (  
  MSG_TYPE : int,  
  ERR_MSG : tstr,  
  ? CIPHER_SUITES_V : suites,  
)
```

```
suites : int / [ 2* int ]
```

where:

- o MSG\_TYPE = 0
- o ERR\_MSG - text string containing the diagnostic payload, defined in the same way as in [Section 5.5.2 of \[RFC7252\]](#)
- o CIPHER\_SUITES\_V - cipher suites from CIPHER\_SUITES\_U or the EDHOC cipher suites registry that V supports. Note that CIPHER\_SUITES\_V contains the values from the EDHOC cipher suites registry and not indexes.

## [7.](#) IANA Considerations

### [7.1.](#) The Well-Known URI Registry

IANA has added the well-known URI 'edhoc' to the Well-Known URIs registry.

- o URI suffix: edhoc
- o Change controller: IETF
- o Specification document(s): [[this document]]
- o Related information: None

### [7.2.](#) Media Types Registry

IANA has added the media type 'application/edhoc' to the Media Types registry.

- o Type name: application
- o Subtype name: edhoc
- o Required parameters: N/A





- o Optional parameters: N/A
- o Encoding considerations: binary
- o Security considerations: See [Section 7](#) of this document.
- o Interoperability considerations: N/A
- o Published specification: `[[this document]]` (this document)
- o Applications that use this media type: To be identified
- o Fragment identifier considerations: N/A
- o Additional information:
  - \* Magic number(s): N/A
  - \* File extension(s): N/A
  - \* Macintosh file type code(s): N/A
- o Person & email address to contact for further information: See "Authors' Addresses" section.
- o Intended usage: COMMON
- o Restrictions on usage: N/A
- o Author: See "Authors' Addresses" section.
- o Change Controller: IESG

### **[7.3.](#) CoAP Content-Formats Registry**

IANA has added the media type 'application/edhoc' to the CoAP Content-Formats registry.

- o Media Type: application/edhoc
- o Encoding:
- o ID: TBD42
- o Reference: `[[this document]]`



## **8. Security Considerations**

### **8.1. Security Properties**

EDHOC inherits its security properties from the theoretical SIGMA-I protocol [[SIGMA](#)]. Using the terminology from [[SIGMA](#)], EDHOC provides perfect forward secrecy, mutual authentication with aliveness, consistency, peer awareness, and identity protection. As described in [[SIGMA](#)], peer awareness is provided to Party V, but not to Party U.

EDHOC with asymmetric authentication offers identity protection of Party U against active attacks and identity protection of Party V against passive attacks. The roles should be assigned to protect the most sensitive identity, typically that which is not possible to infer from routing information in the lower layers.

Compared to [[SIGMA](#)], EDHOC adds an explicit message type and expands the message authentication coverage to additional elements such as algorithms, application data, and previous messages. This protects against an attacker replaying messages or injecting messages from another session.

EDHOC also adds negotiation of connection identifiers and downgrade protected negotiation of cryptographic parameters, i.e. an attacker cannot affect the negotiated parameters. A single session of EDHOC does not include negotiation of cipher suites, but it enables Party V to verify that the selected cipher suite is the most preferred cipher suite by U which is supported by both U and V.

### **8.2. Cryptographic Considerations**

The security of the SIGMA protocol requires the MAC to be bound to the identity of the signer. Hence the message authenticating functionality of the authenticated encryption in EDHOC is critical: authenticated encryption MUST NOT be replaced by plain encryption only, even if authentication is provided at another level or through a different mechanism. EDHOC implements SIGMA-I using the same Sign-then-MAC approach as TLS 1.3.

To reduce message overhead EDHOC does not use explicit nonces and instead rely on the ephemeral public keys to provide randomness to each session. A good amount of randomness is important for the key generation, to provide aliveness, and to protect against interleaving attacks. For this reason, the ephemeral keys MUST NOT be reused, and both parties SHALL generate fresh random ephemeral key pairs.



The choice of key length used in the different algorithms needs to be harmonized, so that a sufficient security level is maintained for certificates, EDHOC, and the protection of application data. Party U and V should enforce a minimum security level.

The data rates in many IoT deployments are very limited. Given that the application keys are protected as well as the long-term authentication keys they can often be used for years or even decades before the cryptographic limits are reached. If the application keys established through EDHOC need to be renewed, the communicating parties can derive application keys with other labels or run EDHOC again.

### **8.3. Mandatory to Implement Cipher Suite**

Cipher suite number 1 (AES-CCM-64-64-128, ECDH-SS + HKDF-256, X25519, Ed25519) is mandatory to implement. For many constrained IoT devices it is problematic to support more than one cipher suites, so some deployments with P-256 may not support the mandatory cipher suite. This is not a problem for local deployments.

### **8.4. Unprotected Data**

Party U and V must make sure that unprotected data and metadata do not reveal any sensitive information. This also applies for encrypted data sent to an unauthenticated party. In particular, it applies to UAD\_1, ID\_CRED\_V, UAD\_2, and ERR\_MSG in the asymmetric case, and KID, UAD\_1, and ERR\_MSG in the symmetric case. Using the same KID or UAD\_1 in several EDHOC sessions allows passive eavesdroppers to correlate the different sessions. The communicating parties may therefore anonymize KID. Another consideration is that the list of supported cipher suites may be used to identify the application.

Party U and V must also make sure that unauthenticated data does not trigger any harmful actions. In particular, this applies to UAD\_1 and ERR\_MSG in the asymmetric case, and KID, UAD\_1, and ERR\_MSG in the symmetric case.

### **8.5. Denial-of-Service**

EDHOC itself does not provide countermeasures against Denial-of-Service attacks. By sending a number of new or replayed message\_1 an attacker may cause Party V to allocate state, perform cryptographic operations, and amplify messages. To mitigate such attacks, an implementation SHOULD rely on lower layer mechanisms such as the Echo option in CoAP [[I-D.ietf-core-echo-request-tag](#)] that forces the



initiator to demonstrate reachability at their apparent network address.

## **8.6. Implementation Considerations**

The availability of a secure pseudorandom number generator and truly random seeds are essential for the security of EDHOC. If no true random number generator is available, a truly random seed must be provided from an external source. If ECDSA is supported, "deterministic ECDSA" as specified in [RFC6979](#) is RECOMMENDED.

The referenced processing instructions in [[SP-800-56A](#)] must be complied with, including deleting the intermediate computed values along with any ephemeral ECDH secrets after the key derivation is completed. The ECDH shared secret, keys (K<sub>2</sub>, K<sub>3</sub>), and IVs (IV<sub>2</sub>, IV<sub>3</sub>) MUST be secret. Implementations should provide countermeasures to side-channel attacks such as timing attacks.

Party U and V are responsible for verifying the integrity of certificates. The selection of trusted CAs should be done very carefully and certificate revocation should be supported. The private authentication keys MUST be kept secret.

Party U and V are allowed to select the connection identifiers C<sub>U</sub> and C<sub>V</sub>, respectively, for the other party to use in the ongoing EDHOC protocol as well as in a subsequent application protocol (e.g. OSCORE [[I-D.ietf-core-object-security](#)]). The choice of connection identifier is not security critical in EDHOC but intended to simplify the retrieval of the right security context in combination with using short identifiers. If the wrong connection identifier of the other party is used in a protocol message it will result in the receiving party not being able to retrieve a security context (which will terminate the protocol) or retrieve the wrong security context (which also terminates the protocol as the message cannot be verified).

## **8.7. Other Documents Referencing EDHOC**

EDHOC has been analyzed in several other documents. A formal verification of EDHOC was done in [[SSR18](#)], an analysis of EDHOC for certificate enrollment was done in [[Kron18](#)], the use of EDHOC in LoRaWAN is analyzed in [[LoRa1](#)] and [[LoRa2](#)], the use of EDHOC in IoT bootstrapping is analyzed in [[Perez18](#)], and the use of EDHOC in 6TiSCH is described in [[I-D.ietf-6tisch-dtsecurity-zero-touch-join](#)].





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## **Appendix A. Use of CBOR, CDDL and COSE in EDHOC**

This Appendix is intended to simplify for implementors not familiar with CBOR [[I-D.ietf-cbor-7049bis](#)], CDDL [[I-D.ietf-cbor-cddl](#)], COSE [[RFC8152](#)], and HKDF [[RFC5869](#)].

### **A.1. CBOR and CDDL**

The Concise Binary Object Representation (CBOR) [[I-D.ietf-cbor-7049bis](#)] is a data format designed for small code size and small message size. CBOR builds on the JSON data model but extends it by e.g. encoding binary data directly without base64 conversion. In addition to the binary CBOR encoding, CBOR also has a diagnostic notation that is readable and editable by humans. The Concise Data Definition Language (CDDL) [[I-D.ietf-cbor-cddl](#)] provides a way to express structures for protocol messages and APIs that use CBOR. [[I-D.ietf-cbor-cddl](#)] also extends the diagnostic notation.

CBOR data items are encoded to or decoded from byte strings using a type-length-value encoding scheme, where the three highest order bits of the initial byte contain information about the major type. CBOR supports several different types of data items, in addition to integers (int, uint), simple values (e.g. null), byte strings (bstr),





and text strings (tstr), CBOR also supports arrays [] of data items and maps {} of pairs of data items. Some examples are given below. For a complete specification and more examples, see [\[I-D.ietf-cbor-7049bis\]](#) and [\[I-D.ietf-cbor-cddl\]](#). We recommend implementors to get used to CBOR by using the CBOR playground [\[CborMe\]](#).

Diagnostic	Encoded	Type
1	0x01	unsigned integer
24	0x1818	unsigned integer
-24	0x37	negative integer
-25	0x3818	negative integer
null	0xf6	simple value
h'12cd'	0x4212cd	byte string
'12cd'	0x4431326364	byte string
"12cd"	0x6431326364	text string
<< 1, 2, null >>	0x430102f6	byte string
[ 1, 2, null ]	0x830102f6	array
[_ 1, 2, null ]	0x9f0102f6ff	array (indefinite-length)
( 1, 2, null )	0x0102f6	group
{ 4: h'cd' }	0xa10441cd	map

All EDHOC messages consist of a sequence of CBOR encoded data items. While an EDHOC message in itself is not a CBOR data item, it may be viewed as the CBOR encoding of an indefinite-length array [\_ message\_i ] without the first byte (0x9f) and the last byte (0xff), for i = 1, 2 and 3. The same applies to the EDHOC error message.

The message format specification uses the constructs '.cbor', '.cborseq' and '~' enabling conversion between different CDDL types matching different CBOR items with different encodings. Some examples are given below.

A type (e.g. an uint) may be wrapped in a byte string (bstr), and back again:

CDDL Type	Diagnostic	Encoded
uint	24	0x1818
bstr .cbor uint	<< 24 >>	0x421818
~ bstr .cbor uint	24	0x1818

A array, say of an uint and a byte string, may be converted into a byte string (bstr):



CDDL Type	Diagnostic	Encoded
-----	-----	-----
bstr	h'cd'	0x41cd
[ uint, bstr ]	[ 24, h'cd' ]	0x82181841cd
bstr .cborseq [ uint, bstr ]	<< 24, h'cd' >>	0x44181841cd
-----	-----	-----

## A.2. COSE

CBOR Object Signing and Encryption (COSE) [[RFC8152](#)] describes how to create and process signatures, message authentication codes, and encryption using CBOR. COSE builds on JOSE, but is adapted to allow more efficient processing in constrained devices. EDHOC makes use of COSE\_Key, COSE\_Encrypt0, COSE\_Sign1, and COSE\_KDF\_Context objects.

### A.2.1. Encryption and Decryption

The COSE parameters used in COSE\_Encrypt0 (see [Section 5.2 of \[RFC8152\]](#)) are constructed as described below. Note that "i" in "K\_i", "IV\_i" and "aad\_i" is a variable with value i = 2 or 3, depending on whether the calculation is made over message\_2 or message\_3.

- o The secret key K\_i is a CBOR bstr, generated with the EDHOC-Key-Derivation function as defined in [Section 3.3](#).
- o The initialization vector IV\_i is a CBOR bstr, also generated with the EDHOC-Key-Derivation function as defined in [Section 3.3](#).
- o The plaintext is a CBOR bstr. If the application data (UAD and PAD) is omitted, then plaintext = h'' in the symmetric case, and plaintext = << ~protected, signature >> in the asymmetric case. For instance, if protected = h'a10140' and signature = h'050607' (CBOR encoding 0x43050607), then plaintext = h'a1014043050607'.
- o The external\_aad is a CBOR bstr. It is always set to aad\_i.

COSE constructs the input to the AEAD [[RFC5116](#)] as follows:

- o The key K is the value of the key K\_i.
- o The nonce N is the value of the initialization vector IV\_i.
- o The plaintext P is the value of the COSE plaintext. E.g. if the COSE plaintext = h'010203', then P = 0x010203.
- o The associated data A is the CBOR encoding of:



```
[ "Encrypt0", h'', aad_i ]
```

This equals the concatenation of 0x8368456e63727970743040 and the CBOR encoding of aad\_i. For instance if aad\_2 = h'010203' (CBOR encoding 0x43010203), then A = 0x8368456e6372797074304043010203.

### **A.2.2. Signing and Verification**

The COSE parameters used in COSE\_Sign1 (see [Section 4.2 of \[RFC8152\]](#)) are constructed as described below. Note that "i" in "aad\_i" is a variable with values i = 2 or 3, depending on whether the calculation is made over message\_2 or message\_3. Note also that "x" in "ID\_CRED\_x" and "CRED\_x" is a variable with values x = U or V, depending on whether it is the credential of U or of V that is used in the relevant protocol message.

- o The key is the private authentication key of U or V. This may be stored as a COSE\_KEY object or as a certificate.
- o The protected parameter is a map { abc : ID\_CRED\_x } wrapped in a byte string.
- o The payload is a bstr containing the CBOR encoding of a COSE\_KEY or a single certificate.
- o external\_aad = aad\_i.

COSE constructs the input to the Signature Algorithm as follows:

- o The key is the private authentication key of U or V.
- o The message to be signed M is the CBOR encoding of:

```
[ "Signature1", << { abc : ID_CRED_x } >>, aad_i, CRED_x ]
```

For instance if abc = 4 (CBOR encoding 0x04), ID\_CRED\_U = h'1111' (CBOR encoding 0x421111), aad\_3 = h'222222' (CBOR encoding 0x43222222), and CRED\_U = h'55555555' (CBOR encoding 0x4455555555), then M = 0x846a5369676e61747572653145A104421111432222224455555555.

### **A.2.3. Key Derivation**

Assuming use of the mandatory-to-implement algorithms HKDF SHA-256 and AES-CCM-16-64-128, the extract phase of HKDF produces a pseudorandom key (PRK) as follows:

```
PRK = HMAC-SHA-256( salt, ECDH shared secret )
```



where salt = 0x in the asymmetric case and salt = PSK in the symmetric case. As the output length L is smaller than the hash function output size, the expand phase of HKDF consists of a single HMAC invocation, and K<sub>i</sub> and IV<sub>i</sub> are therefore the first 16 and 13 bytes, respectively, of

```
output parameter = HMAC-SHA-256( PRK, info || 0x01 )
```

where || means byte string concatenation, and info is the CBOR encoding of

```
COSE_KDF_Context = [
  AlgorithmID,
  [ null, null, null ],
  [ null, null, null ],
  [ keyDataLength, h'', aad_i ]
]
```

If AES-CCM-16-64-128 then AlgorithmID = 10 and keyDataLength = 128 for K<sub>i</sub>, and AlgorithmID = "IV-GENERATION" (CBOR encoding 0x6d49562d47454e45524154494f4e) and keyDataLength = 104 for IV<sub>i</sub>. Hence, if aad<sub>2</sub> = h'aaaa' then

```
K_2 = HMAC-SHA-256( PRK, 0x840a83f6f6f683f6f6f68318804042aaaa01 )
IV_2 = HMAC-SHA-256( PRK, 0x846d49562d47454e45524154494f4e
                        83f6f6f683f6f6f68318804042aaaa01 )
```

## [Appendix B.](#) Test Vectors

This appendix provides a wealth of test vectors to ease implementation and ensure interoperability.

TODO: This section needs to be updated.

## [Appendix C.](#) EDHOC PSK Chaining

An application using EDHOC may want to derive new PSKs to use for authentication in future EDHOC sessions. In this case, the new PSK and KID SHOULD be derived as follows where length is the key length (in bytes) of the AEAD Algorithm.

```
PSK = EDHOC-Exporter("EDHOC Chaining PSK", length)
KID = EDHOC-Exporter("EDHOC Chaining KID", 4)
```





**Appendix D. EDHOC with CoAP and OSCORE****D.1. Transferring EDHOC in CoAP**

EDHOC can be transferred as an exchange of CoAP [[RFC7252](#)] messages. By default, the CoAP client is Party U and the CoAP server is Party V, but the roles SHOULD be chosen to protect the most sensitive identity, see [Section 8](#). By default, EDHOC is transferred in POST requests and 2.04 (Changed) responses to the Uri-Path: `"/.well-known/edhoc"`, but an application may define its own path that can be discovered e.g. using resource directory [[I-D.ietf-core-resource-directory](#)].

By default, the message flow is as follows: EDHOC message\_1 is sent in the payload of a POST request from the client to the server's resource for EDHOC. EDHOC message\_2 or the EDHOC error message is sent from the server to the client in the payload of a 2.04 (Changed) response. EDHOC message\_3 or the EDHOC error message is sent from the client to the server's resource in the payload of a POST request. If needed, an EDHOC error message is sent from the server to the client in the payload of a 2.04 (Changed) response.

An example of a successful EDHOC exchange using CoAP is shown in Figure 5.

Client	Server
+----->	Header: POST (Code=0.02)
POST	Uri-Path: <code>"/.well-known/edhoc"</code>
	Content-Format: <code>application/edhoc</code>
	Payload: EDHOC message_1
<-----+	Header: 2.04 Changed
2.04	Content-Format: <code>application/edhoc</code>
	Payload: EDHOC message_2
+----->	Header: POST (Code=0.02)
POST	Uri-Path: <code>"/.well-known/edhoc"</code>
	Content-Format: <code>application/edhoc</code>
	Payload: EDHOC message_3
<-----+	Header: 2.04 Changed
2.04	

Figure 5: Example of transferring EDHOC in CoAP



## D.2. Deriving an OSCORE context from EDHOC

When EDHOC is used to derive parameters for OSCORE [I-D.ietf-core-object-security], the parties must make sure that the EDHOC connection identifiers are unique, i.e. C\_V MUST NOT be equal to C\_U. In case that the CoAP client is party U and the CoAP server is party V:

- o The client's OSCORE Sender ID is C\_V and the server's OSCORE Sender ID is C\_U, as defined in this document
- o The AEAD Algorithm and the HMAC-based Key Derivation Function (HKDF) are the AEAD and HKDF algorithms in the cipher suite CIPHER\_SUITE\_U.
- o The Master Secret and Master Salt are derived as follows where length is the key length (in bytes) of the AEAD Algorithm.

```
Master Secret = EDHOC-Exporter("OSCORE Master Secret", length)
Master Salt   = EDHOC-Exporter("OSCORE Master Salt", 8)
```

## Appendix E. Message Sizes

This appendix gives an estimate of the message sizes of EDHOC with different authentication methods. Note that the examples in this appendix are not test vectors, the cryptographic parts are just replaced with byte strings of the same length. All examples are given in CBOR diagnostic notation and hexadecimal.

### E.1. Message Sizes RPK

#### E.1.1. message\_1

```
message_1 = (
  1,
  h'c3',
  0,
  0,
  h'000102030405060708090a0b0c0d0e0f101112131415161718191a1b1c1d
  1e1f'
)
```

message\_1 (39 bytes):

```
01 41 C3 00 00 58 20 00 01 02 03 04 05 06 07 08 09 0A 0B 0C
0D 0E 0F 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 1A 1B 1C 1D 1E 1F
```



**E.1.2. message\_2**

```
plaintext = <<
  { 4 : 'acdc' },
  h'000102030405060708090a0b0c0d0e0f101112131415161718191a1b1c1d
  1e1f202122232425262728292a2b2c2d2e2f303132333435363738393a3b
  3c3d3e3f'
>>
```

The protected header map is 7 bytes. The length of plaintext is 73 bytes so assuming a 64-bit MAC value the length of ciphertext is 81 bytes.

```
message_2 = (
  null,
  h'c4',
  h'000102030405060708090a0b0c0d0e0f101112131415161718191a1b1c1d
  1e1f',
  h'000102030405060708090a0b0c0d0e0f101112131415161718191a1b1c1d
  1e1f202122232425262728292a2b2c2d2e2f303132333435363738393a3b
  3c3d3e3f404142434445464748494a4b4c4d4e4f50'
)
```

message\_2 (120 bytes):

```
F6 41 C4 58 20 00 01 02 03 04 05 06 07 08 09 0A 0B 0C 0D 0E
0F 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 1A 1B 1C 1D 1E 1F 58 51 00
01 02 03 04 05 06 07 08 09 0A 0B 0C 0D 0E 0F 10 11 12 13 14
15 16 17 18 19 1A 1B 1C 1D 1E 1F 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28
29 2A 2B 2C 2D 2E 2F 30 31 32 33 34 35 36 37 38 39 3A 3B 3C
3D 3E 3F 40 41 42 43 44 45 46 47 48 49 4A 4B 4C 4D 4E 4F 50
```

**E.1.3. message\_3**

The plaintext and ciphertext in message\_3 are assumed to be of equal sizes as in message\_2.

```
message_3 = (
  h'c3',
  h'000102030405060708090a0b0c0d0e0f101112131415161718191a1b1c1d
  1e1f202122232425262728292a2b2c2d2e2f303132333435363738393a3b
  3c3d3e3f404142434445464748494a4b4c4d4e4f50'
)
```



message\_3 (85 bytes):

```
41 C3 58 51 00 01 02 03 04 05 06 07 08 09 0A 0B 0C 0D 0E 0F
10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 1A 1B 1C 1D 1E 1F 20 21 22 23
24 25 26 27 28 29 2A 2B 2C 2D 2E 2F 30 31 32 33 34 35 36 37
38 39 3A 3B 3C 3D 3E 3F 40 41 42 43 44 45 46 47 48 49 4A 4B
4C 4D 4E 4F 50
```

## **E.2. Message Sizes Certificates**

When the certificates are distributed out-of-band and identified with the x5t header and a SHA256/64 hash value, the protected header map will be 13 bytes instead of 7 bytes (assuming labels in the range -24...23).

```
protected = << { TDB1 : [ TDB6, h'0001020304050607' ] } >>
```

When the certificates are identified with the x5chain header, the message sizes depends on the size of the (truncated) certificate chains. The protected header map will be 3 bytes + the size of the certificate chain (assuming a label in the range -24...23).

```
protected = << { TDB3 : h'0001020304050607...' } >>
```

## **E.3. Message Sizes PSK**

### **E.3.1. message\_1**

```
message_1 = (
    2,
    h'c3',
    0,
    0,
    h'000102030405060708090a0b0c0d0e0f101112131415161718191a1b1c1d
    1e1f',
    'abba'
)
```

message\_1 (44 bytes):

```
02 41 C3 00 00 58 20 00 01 02 03 04 05 06 07 08 09 0A 0B 0C
0D 0E 0F 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 1A 1B 1C 1D 1E 1F
44 61 63 64 63
```

### **E.3.2. message\_2**

Assuming a 0 byte plaintext and a 64-bit MAC value the ciphertext is 8 bytes





```
message_2 = (
    null,
    h'c4',
    h'000102030405060708090a0b0c0d0e0f101112131415161718191a1b1c1d
    1e1f',
    h'0001020304050607'
)
```

```
message_2 (46 bytes):
F6 41 C4 58 20 00 01 02 03 04 05 06 07 08 09 0A 0B 0C 0D 0E
0F 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 1A 1B 1C 1D 1E 1F 48 61 62
63 64 65 66 67 68
```

### E.3.3. message\_3

The plaintext and ciphertext in message\_3 are assumed to be of equal sizes as in message\_2.

```
message_3 = (
    h'c3',
    h'0001020304050607'
)
```

```
message_3 (11 bytes):
41 C3 48 00 01 02 03 04 05 06 07
```

### E.4. Summary

The previous estimates of typical message sizes are summarized in Figure 6.

	PSK	RPK	x5t	x5chain
message_1	44	39	39	39
message_2	46	120	126	116 + Certificate chain
message_3	11	85	91	81 + Certificate chain
Total	101	244	256	236 + Certificate chains

Figure 6: Typical message sizes in bytes

Figure 7 compares of message sizes of EDHOC with the DTLS 1.3 handshake [[I-D.ietf-tls-dtls13](#)] with connection ID.



Flight	#1	#2	#3	Total
DTLS 1.3 RPK + ECDHE	149	373	213	735
DTLS 1.3 PSK + ECDHE	186	190	57	433
DTLS 1.3 PSK	136	150	57	343
EDHOC RPK + ECDHE	39	120	85	244
EDHOC PSK + ECDHE	44	46	11	101

Figure 7: Comparison of message sizes in bytes with Connection ID

Figure 8 compares of message sizes of EDHOC with the DTLS 1.3 [[I-D.ietf-tls-dtls13](#)] and TLS 1.3 [[RFC8446](#)] handshakes without connection ID.

Flight	#1	#2	#3	Total
DTLS 1.3 RPK + ECDHE	143	364	212	721
DTLS 1.3 PSK + ECDHE	180	183	56	419
DTLS 1.3 PSK	130	143	56	329
TLS 1.3 RPK + ECDHE	129	322	194	645
TLS 1.3 PSK + ECDHE	166	157	50	373
TLS 1.3 PSK	116	117	50	283
EDHOC RPK + ECDHE	38	119	84	241
EDHOC PSK + ECDHE	44	45	10	98

Figure 8: Comparison of message sizes in bytes without Connection ID

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