

An aerial photograph of a large, turquoise-colored lake nestled in a deep mountain valley. The lake is surrounded by steep, rocky slopes with patches of green vegetation. In the background, more mountain ranges are visible under a cloudy sky. The text is overlaid on the left side of the image.

EDHOC

draft-ietf-lake-edhoc-17

<https://github.com/lake-wg/edhoc>

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Since IETF 114



- edhoc-16
 - updated following security analysis
 - verified after update
 - wire format change
- edhoc-17
 - minor update for WGLC
- traces-03
 - matching edhoc-16/17

As always, details in <https://github.com/lake-wg/edhoc>

edhoc-15 → edhoc-16

Summary: edhoc-15 → edhoc-16



- Main changes:
 - TH_2 used as salt in the derivation of PRK_2e
 - CRED_R/CRED_I included in TH_3/TH_4
- Minor changes
 - Distinguish label used in info, exporter or elsewhere
 - label → info_label
 - label → exporter_label
 - New Appendix for optional handling arbitrarily large message_2
 - info_label type changed to int to support this
 - Implementation note about identifiers which are bstr/int
 - Clarifications, in particular compact EC representation
 - Type bug fix in CDDL section
 - Updated security considerations
 - Updated references

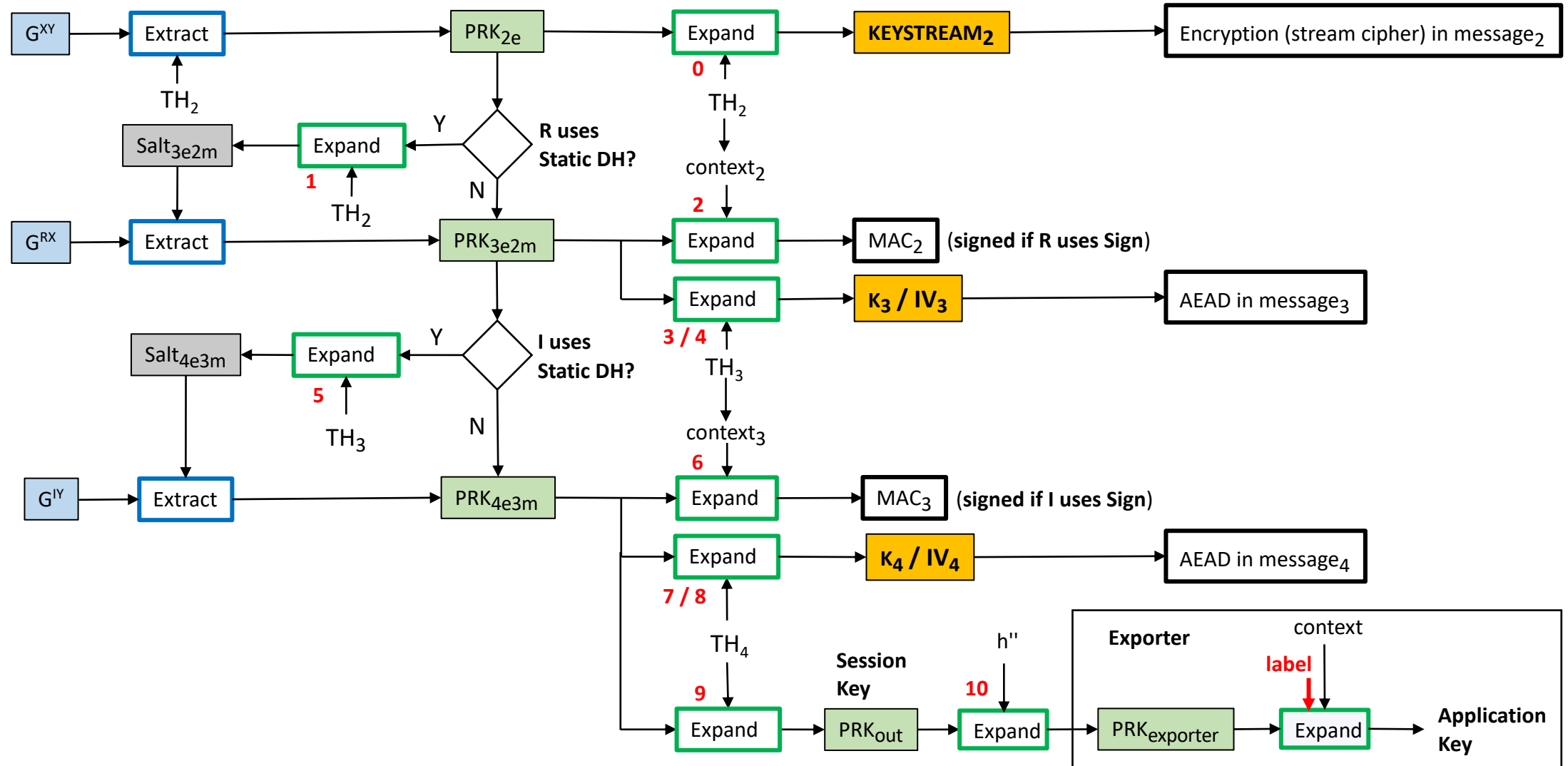
edhoc-16 → edhoc-17

Summary: edhoc-16 → edhoc-17



- Changes:
 - Security consideration about 128 bit security against online attacks
 - verifying multiple MACs
 - proposed by ENS
 - Updated text on peer awareness
 - EDHOC-KeyUpdate is made OPTIONAL (was RECOMMENDED)
 - EDHOC-KeyUpdate moved to Appendix
 - Clarifications in Appendix on large message_2 (PLAINTEXT_2)

EDHOC-17 Key Schedule



WGLC Comments

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- Marco Tiloca (#347)
- Charlie Jacomme (#344, #351)
- Felix Günther (#350)
- Rafa Marin-Lopez (#352)
- Christian Amsüss (#353)
- Mališa Vučinić (#354)

Thanks!

- From author
 - AEAD with zero plaintext as KEYSTREAM_2 (#355)

Specific issues



- Session key terminology (#344, #354)
- Detecting changes in message_1/2 (#351)
- No exchange defined for KeyUpdate (#352)
- Encoding of TH_2 (#347, #354)
- Protocol state machine (#354)
- EAD error processing (#347)
- Clarify byte string representation (#347)
- Informative references to security analyses (#343, #350)
- AEAD with zero plaintext as KEYSTREAM_2 (#355)

Session key terminology (#344, #354)



— Clarifying session key = PRK_out

Proposal: PR #345

Detecting changes in message_1/2 (#351)



- "Changes in message_1 and message_2 (except PAD_2) are detected when verifying Signature_or_MAC_2."
- Correct for strongly unforgeable signature schemes, but not in general
 - EUF-CMA, a signature authenticates only the underlying message
 - SUF-CMA, a signature authenticates both the underlying message and the signature itself

Charlie et al.:

- None of the concrete signature scheme currently standardize appears to be malleable under xor.
- We report it for thoroughness, but are uncertain whether the sentence should be changed or not.

Proposal: PR #356

No exchange defined for KeyUpdate (#352)



- EDHOC-KeyUpdate defined in Appendix J
- Should we define a protocol using it?
- EDHOC-KeyUpdate was defined as a method for forward secrecy
- Overwrites PRK_out
- Requires state
- draft-ietf-core-oscore-key-update defines similar method + protocol
- Independent of EDHOC
- Part of reason why EDHOC-KeyUpdate moved to Appendix J
- No additional use case identified

Proposal: Don't define the protocol in this draft

Encoding of TH_2 (#347, #354)



- Definition
 - $TH_2 = H(G_Y, C_R, H(message_1))$
 - "The transcript hash TH_2 is a CBOR encoded bstr ..." (*)
- Used in various CBOR objects:
 - $context_2 = \langle\langle ID_CRED_R, TH_2, CRED_R, ? EAD_2 \rangle\rangle$
 - $external_aad = \langle\langle TH_2, CRED_R, ? EAD_2 \rangle\rangle$
 - $TH_3 = H(TH_2, PLAINTEXT_2, CRED_R)$
 - $KEYSTREAM_2 = EDHOC-KDF(PRK_2e, 0, TH_2, plaintext_length)$
 - $SALT_3e2m = EDHOC-KDF(PRK_2e, 1, TH_2, hash_length)$
- As of -16, also used as salt
 - $PRK_2e = HMAC-SHA-256(TH_2, G_XY)$
- **In traces-03, TH_2 is here the raw byte string output of H(), i.e, not a CBOR item.**
- **Either: keep that and remove (*), or keep (*) and use CBOR encoded TH_2 in PRK_2e**
- (TH_3 only used in CBOR objects, but has similar formulation)

Protocol state machine (#354)



- Mališa:
 - valid states summarized and illustrated through a figure
 - very useful from the implementor's point of view
 - similar to Appendix A of RFC 8446
- John:
 - discussed before
 - EDHOC does not really have the kind of states that TLS 1.3 does
 - not against having a figure

Proposal: Sketch an appendix

EAD error processing (#347)



- General rule:
 - "If any processing step fails, the Responder MUST send an EDHOC error message back ..."

Section 3.8

- "If an endpoint receives a critical EAD item it does not recognize or a critical EAD item that contains information that it cannot process, the EDHOC protocol MUST be discontinued."
 - Must an EDHOC error message also be sent before discontinuing the protocol?
 - Is it something that must be specified by the application/specification that defines the EAD item and its processing when used as critical?
- Does "processing" cover also the actual EAD processing, or only the act of making EAD_x available to the application?

Proposal: Apply “MUST send”, considering DoS reasons for not sending (Section 8.7). Clarify that the EAD specification defines when and what to send.

Clarify byte string representation (#347)



- "Connection identifiers in EDHOC are intrinsically byte strings."
- "The byte strings which coincide with a one-byte CBOR encoding of an integer MUST be represented by the CBOR encoding of that integer."
- Other byte strings are encoded as CBOR byte strings.

OLD (edhoc-17):

h'21' is represented by 0x21 (CBOR encoding of the integer -2), not by 0x4121

NEW (proposed change):

0x21 is represented by 0x21 (CBOR encoding of the integer -2), not by 0x4121

OLD (edhoc-17):

h'18' is represented by 0x4118

NEW (proposed change):

0x18 is represented by 0x4118 (**CBOR encoding of the byte string 0x18**)

Proposal: Do this

Informative references to security analyses (#343, #350)



- “Two earlier versions of EDHOC have been formally analyzed [[Norrman20](#)] [[Bruni18](#)] and the specification has been updated based on the analysis.”
- Incomplete list of references. Some analyses are not yet available or preprints. Some pointers:
 - Jacomme, C., Klein, E., Kremer, S., Racouchot, M., "A comprehensive, formal and automated analysis of the EDHOC protocol", October 2023 (to appear at USENIX Security, January 2023) <https://hal.inria.fr/hal-03810102/>
 - Cottier, B., Pointcheval, D., "Security Analysis of the EDHOC protocol", September 2022, <https://arxiv.org/pdf/2209.03599.pdf>
 - Ilunga, M., Günther, F., "Analysis of the EDHOC Lightweight Authenticated Key Exchange Protocol", August 2022, <https://www.research-collection.ethz.ch/handle/20.500.11850/576036>
- Proposal: At least update the list. Annotated with insights from the analysis?

AEAD with zero plaintext as KEYSTREAM_2 (#355)



- EDHOC-17 uses HMAC and KMAC as stream ciphers for encryption of message_2
 - $\text{KEYSTREAM_2} = \text{EDHOC-KDF}(\text{PRK_2e}, 0, \text{TH_2}, \text{plaintext_length})$
- COSE does not have IND-CPA encryption algorithms like AES-CTR and ChaCha20
- Hard to remove the tag from an AEAD call such as $\text{AES-CCM}(\text{K_2}, \text{P_2}, \text{A}, \text{N})$
- Missed in the discussion: AEAD with a plaintext consisting of zeroes
- For example, implementing AES-CTR with AES-CCM:
 - $\text{KEYSTREAM_2} = \text{AES-CCM}(\text{K_2}, 0000000\ldots, \text{A}, \text{N})$
 - $\text{CIPHERTEXT_2} = \text{PLAINTEXT_2} \text{ XOR (beginning of KEYSTREAM_2)}$

Next steps



- Address WGLC comments
- Submit updated version of `—edhoc` (and, if necessary, `—traces`)