

Deprecating Obsolete Key Exchange Methods in TLS

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TL;DR

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- ❌ RSA Key Exchange
- ❌ Static FFDH
- 👍 FFDHE: Only when fully ephemeral, with group ≥ 2048 bit.
- 👎 Static ECDH

Open Issue

- FFDHE groups:
 - Client can't reasonably verify group structure.
 - Group safelist likely impractical.
 - Hence, requirement for client to abort the connection if it can't verify the group structure - also impractical.

Avenues Forward

1. Non-option: Deprecate FFDHE entirely - no consensus.
2. **Our suggestion: No requirement around group structure.**
 - Web clients have already disabled FFDHE.
 - Email clients are not going to verify group structure.
 - **This single issue is holding the I-D since IETF 113.**

Thanks!