

Post-Quantum Hybrid ECDHE-MLKEM Key Agreement for TLSv1.3

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Registers code-points for PQ/T hybrid key exchange in TLS

- ECDH/SecP256r1 + MLKEM-768 (0x11EB)
- X25519 + MLKEM-768 (0x11EC)

Goals

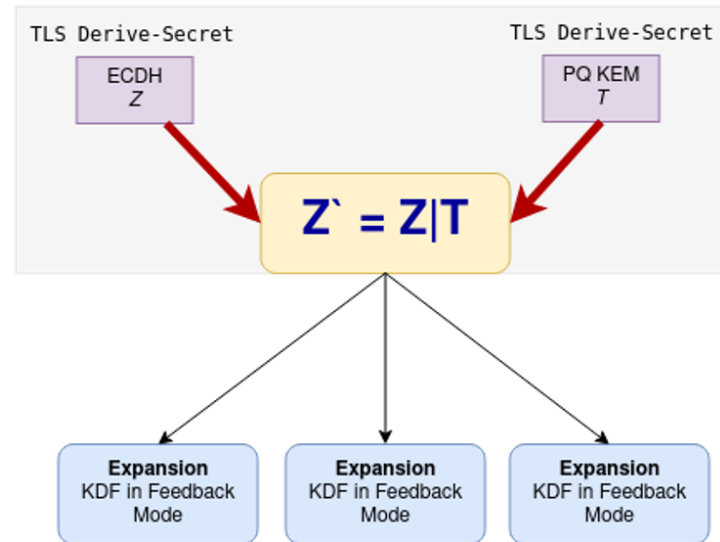
- Enables migration to post-quantum in the TLS following [draft-ietf-tls-hybrid-design](#)
- FIPS certifiable according to SP800-56Cr2

SP800-56C rev2

In addition to the currently **approved** techniques for the generation of the shared secret Z as specified in SP 800-56A and SP 800-56B, this Recommendation permits the use of a “hybrid” shared secret of the form $Z' = Z || T$, a concatenation consisting of a “standard” shared secret Z that was generated during the execution of a key-establishment scheme (as currently specified in [SP 800-56A] or [SP 800-56B]) followed by an auxiliary shared secret T that has been generated using some other method. The content, format, length, and method used to generate T must be known

Construction

- **ECDH/SecP256r1 + MLKEM-768**
 - Construction: **ECDH/p256** || **MLKEM-768**
 - Code-point name: Secp256r1MLKEM768
 - Value: 0x11EB
 - Obsoletes: SecP256r1Kyber768Draft00
- **X25519 + MLKEM-768**
 - Construction: **MLKEM-768** || **X25519**
 - Code-point name: X25519MLKEM768
 - Value: 0x11EC
 - Obsoletes: X25519Kyber768Draft00



Status (-02 version)

- X25519 + MLKEM-768 (0x11EC) already in use
 - Used by AWS, Chrome, Firefox, Safari
 - Deployed on Cloudflare & Google servers

Next (-03 version)

- Codepoint for ECDH/p384 + MLKEM-1024
- Suggestions related to public key validation were added

Questions

- Change NamedGroup to align with the order of shared secrets?
 - X25519MLKEM768 -> MLKEM768X25519 ?
- Adoption or leave it as a draft?
- RECOMMENDED=Y for curves that are currently recommended?