



# **draft-dvir-roll-security-authentication-01 and draft-dvir-roll-security-key-agreement**

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# RPL – WG Vs CrySyS Security View

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**Both are important and should be implemented.**

- A security framework.
- Link-by-link protection.
- External attacker, the basic assumption is trustful nodes.

**WG**

- After a while, a node in the field can be the problem
- Nodes may be accessed physically/logically and get compromised.
- Internal attacks by compromised nodes.

**CrySys**

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# Example



Industrial  
Automation

## Reliability

- Availability
- Connection oriented services
- Quality of service



Homeland  
Security



## Safety

- Verified system properties
- Quality of service



Telemedicine



## Security

- Data integrity
- Secrecy
- Node integrity
- Privacy

Duration: 1/1/09 – 31/12/12,

Total effort: 370 PM, Total costs/funding: 4.0 / 2.8 Mio EUR

**The review went well**

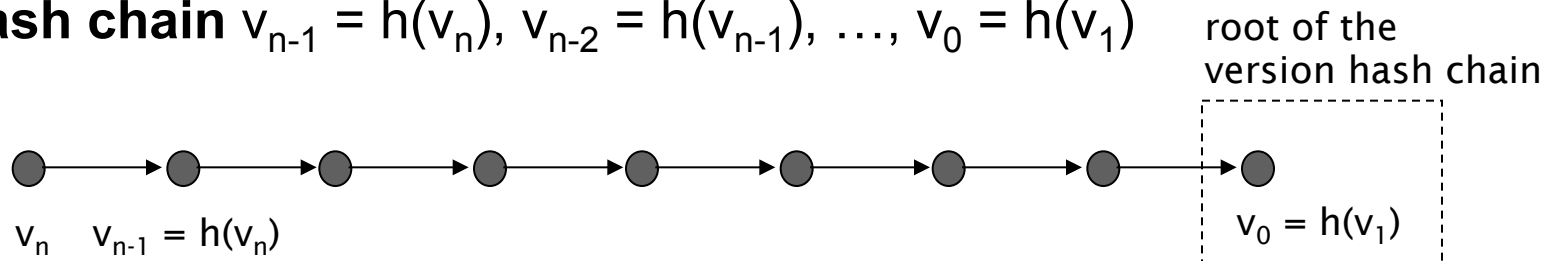
# Security/Efficiency Trade off (or why protect some and not all)

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- An internal adversary can attack in many different ways.
- Not all attacks may have a major influence.
- Reconstructing the entire DAG, exhaust the nodes' batteries, or eavesdropping a large part of the traffic can have major or even critical influence.
- One way to achieve attacker' goals is to change/modify the Version Number or to change/modify the DODAG node Rank.
  - Modifying these may have a global effect.
- Therefore, in this draft we present a security scheme to prevent those attacks.

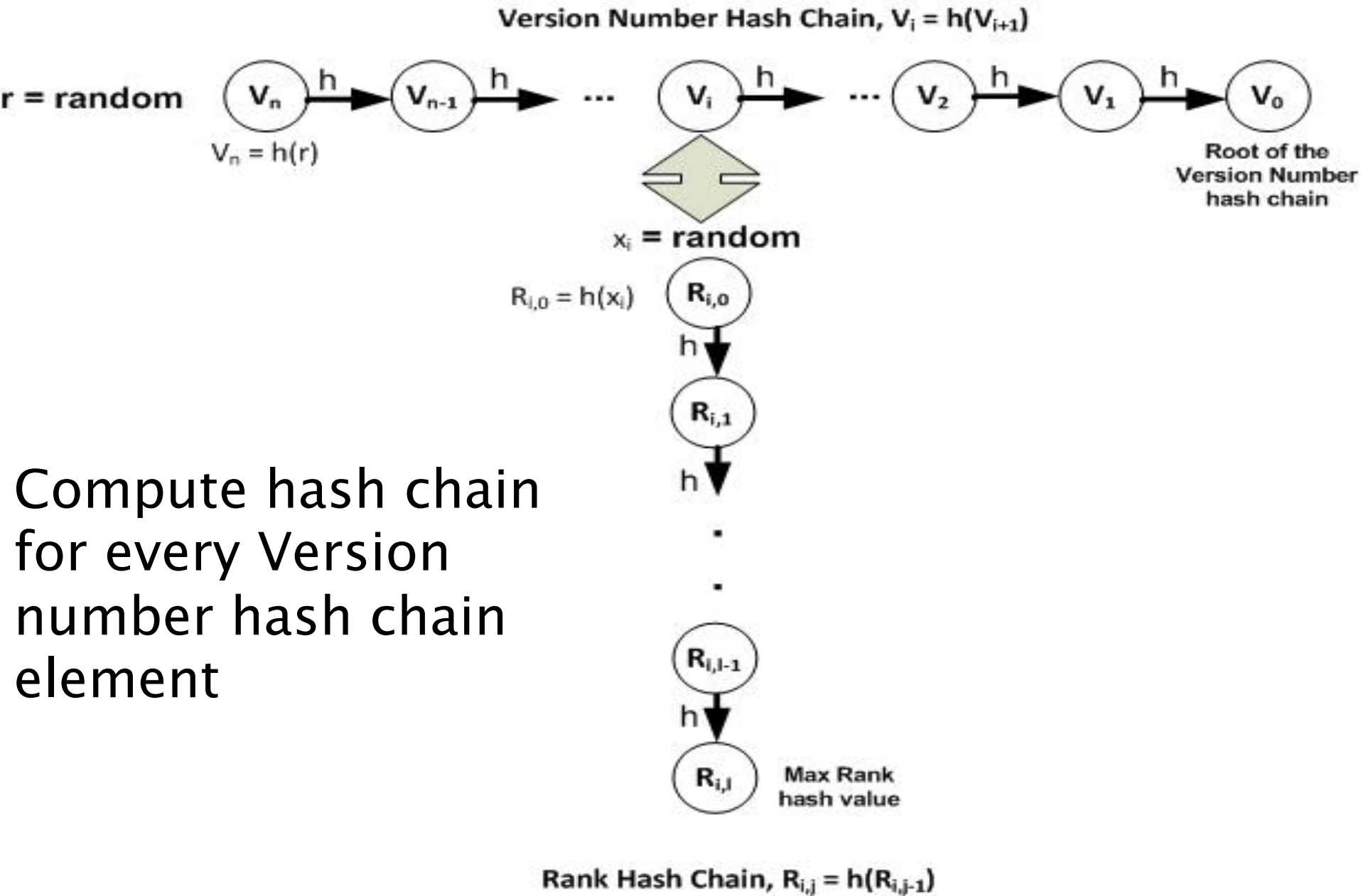
# Version Number authentication

- The DODAG root generates a random number  $v_n$ , and **computes a hash chain**  $v_{n-1} = h(v_n)$ ,  $v_{n-2} = h(v_{n-1})$ , ...,  $v_0 = h(v_1)$

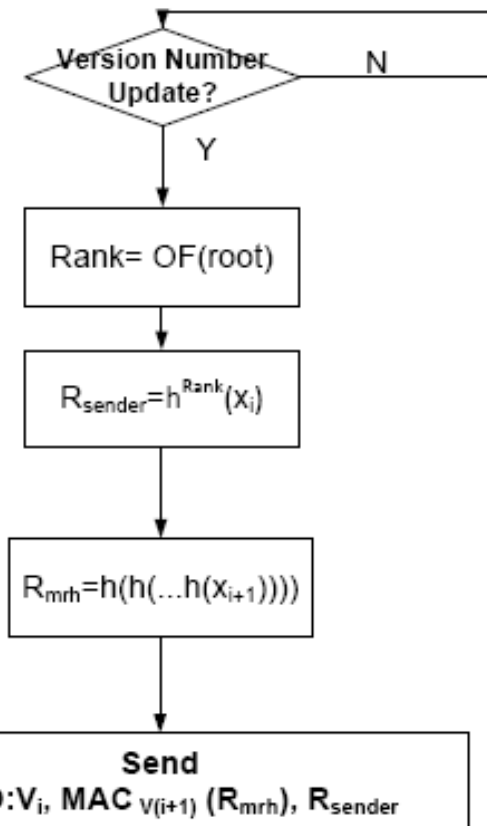


- The DODAG root **distributes the root  $v_0$**  of the version hash chain to all nodes in the network by
  - Including  $v_0$  in a DIO message
  - Authenticating  $v_0$  and the static fields of the DIO message, such that all other nodes can be sure that  $v_0$  originates from the DODAG root
    - **Digital signature** verifiable with the public key of the DODAG root
  - When the DODAG root sends out a DIO message with a new Version Number, it also releases the next version hash from the chain
    - Note that the next version hash  $v_i$  cannot be computed from the last released value  $v_{i-1} = h(v_i)$  due to the one-way property of the hash function  $h$

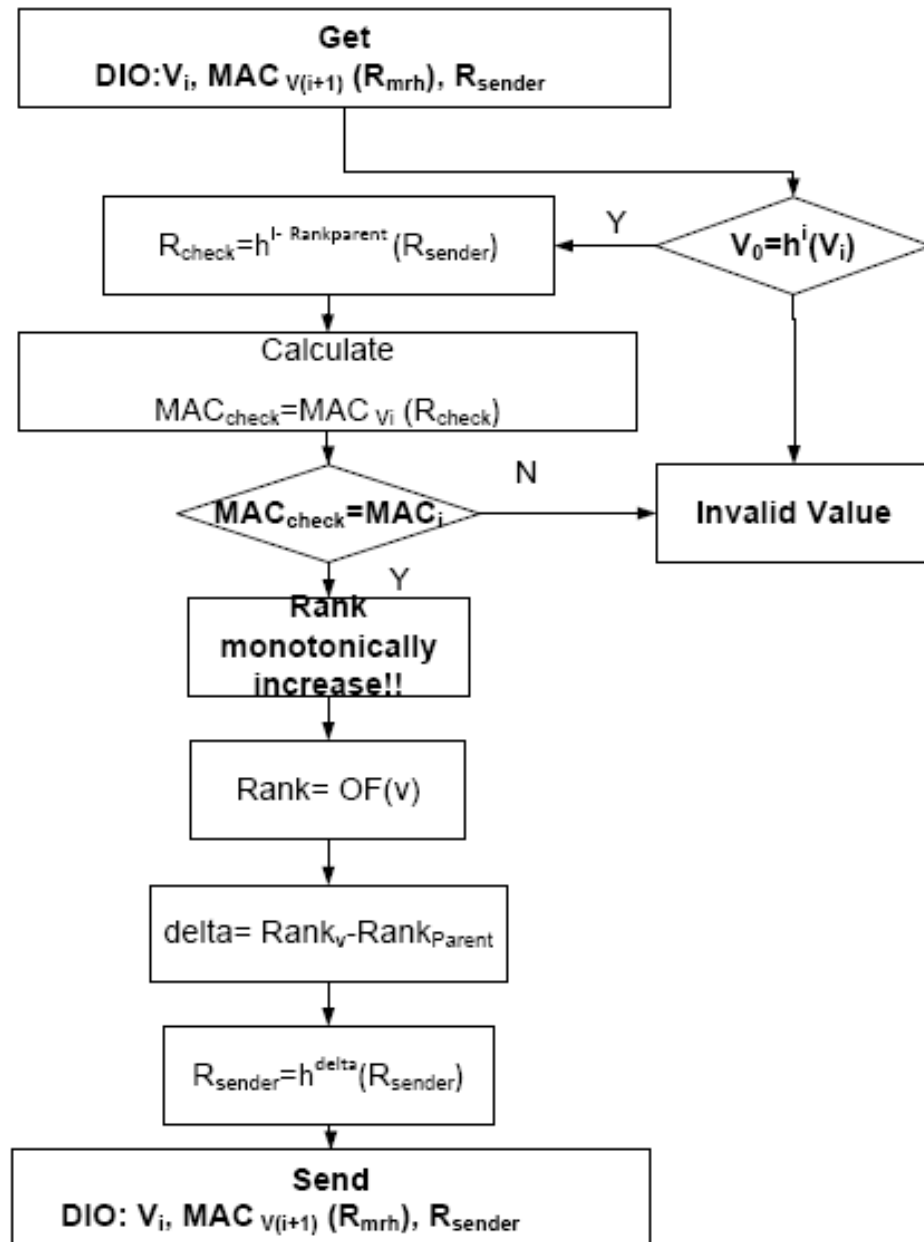
# Rank Authentication



## DODAG Root



## DODAG Node v



Upon Version Number Update

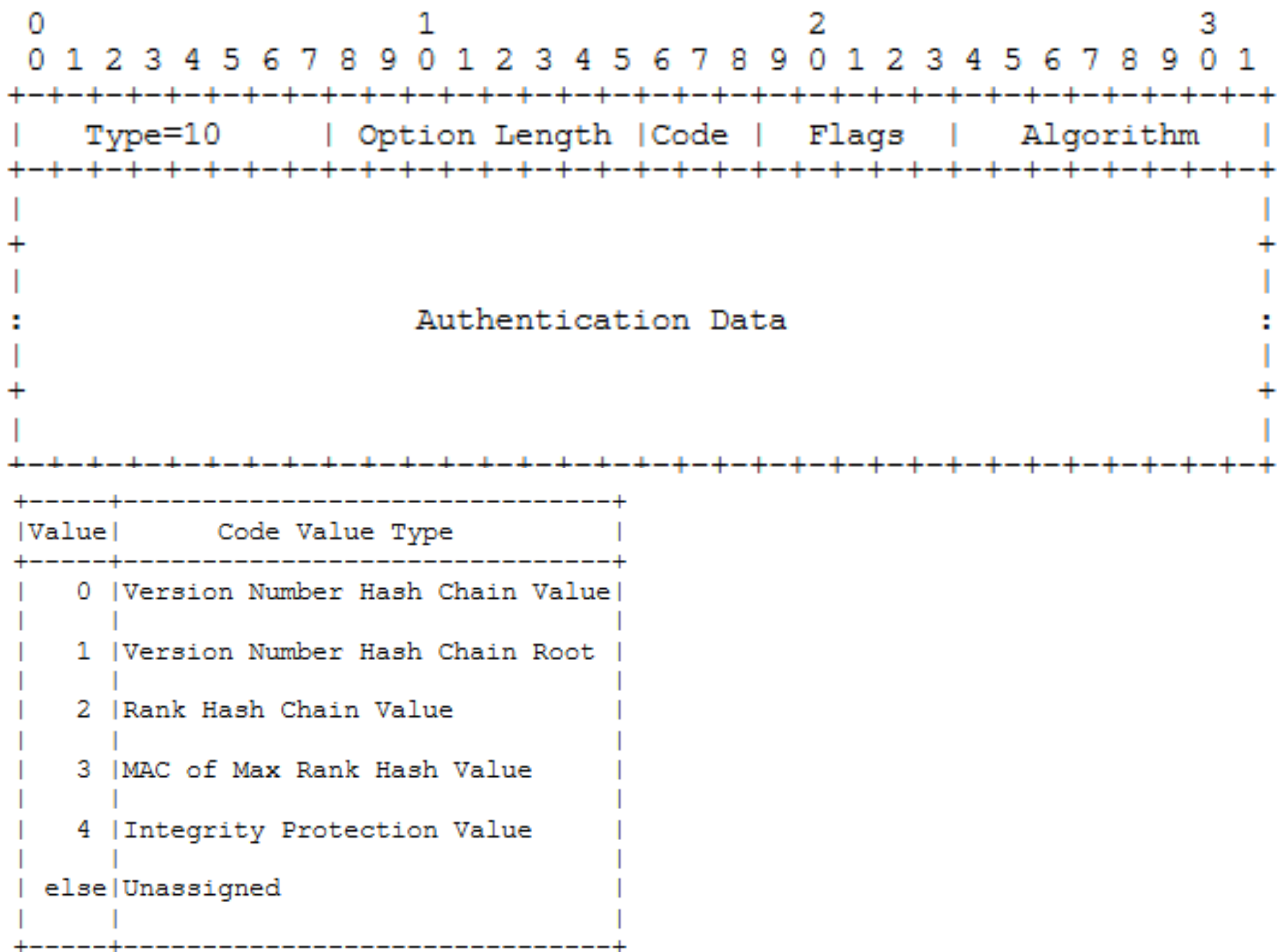


Figure 6: Code Type



# Pairwise key establishment – LEAP++

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- **Different draft**
- **main assumptions:**
  - Any node will not be compromised within  $T$  time after its deployment
  - Any node can discover its neighbors and set up keys with them within  $T_{\text{kex}} < T$  time
    - typically,  $T_{\text{kex}}$  is a few seconds, so these assumptions make sense in practice
  - Each node has a preshared secret key  $K$  at boot/restart
- **protocol phases:**
  - key pre-distribution phase
  - neighbor discovery phase
  - link key establishment phase
  - key erasure phase

Pairwise key	Hello Message - Any RPL message. Response Message - Unicast DIS. Ack Message (OPTIONAL) - Unicast DIO
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Hello Message, u -> *: (u)
Response Message, v -> u: (MAC(Kv, v|u))
Ack Message, u -> v: (MAC(Kuv, u|v))
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Cluster Key	<p>Hello Message - Any Unicast RPL message.</p> <p>Ack Message (OPTIONAL) - Any Unicast RPL message</p>
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# Conclusion

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- We identified illegitimate Version Number increases and Rank value decreases as two powerful attacks against RPL.
- We proposed solutions that prevents both of the attacks based on stable mechanisms.
- We use public/private operations once in a long while; we use nearly only symmetric operations.
- For the key exchange, we are using preinstalled keys for a short time.

# Answers:

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- In theory,  $I$  should be 65535 to have a different value for each possible Rank value (Rank is 16 bits long [[I-D.ietf-roll-rpl](#)]). In practice, 256 is large enough as for most of the operations DAGRank [[I-D.ietf-roll-rpl](#)] is used (the DAG Rank of a node is the upper 8 bits of the Rank), which is 8 bits long.
  - If DAGRank is used when defining the hash chain, then all occurrences of Rank must be substituted by DAGRank in the sequel

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- **Elliptic Curve Cryptography**
    - ECC-SECP256K1 with SHA-256