

EAP-NOOB : Nimble Out-of-Band Authentication for EAP

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What problems EAP-NOOB solves?

- EAP is a generic authentication framework with many methods, but **currently no OOB authentication method**
- EAP-NOOB is a solution for this

EAP-NOOB overview

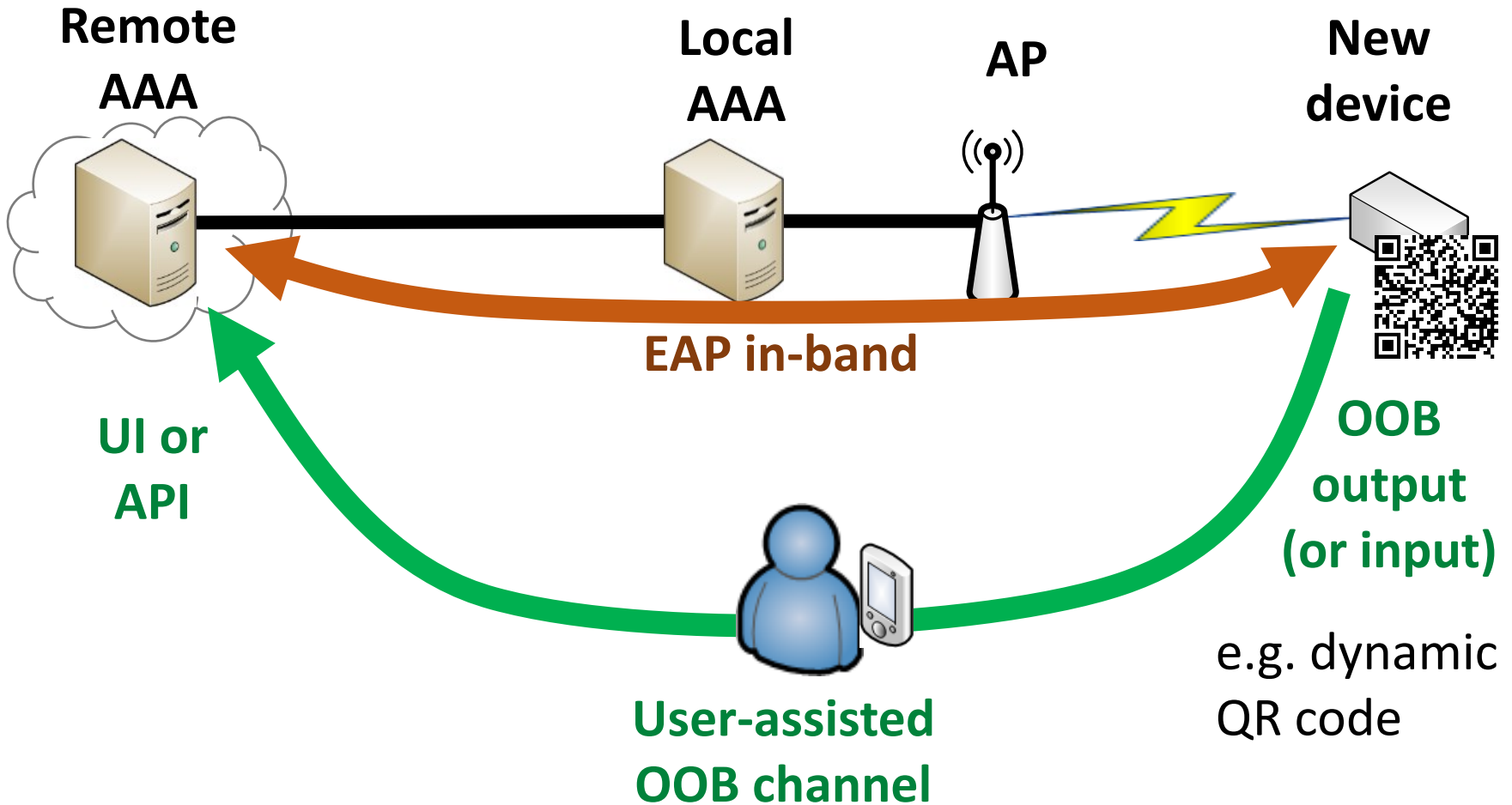
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EAP method for bootstrapping smart devices out-of-the-box without professional administration

- **User-assisted out-of-band (OOB) authentication**
 - E.g. scanning a dynamic QR code, dynamic NDEF tag
- **Registration of authenticated devices to AAA**
 - Create persistent association between AAA and device and authorize network connectivity at the same time
- **Fast reauthentication** of previously registered devices without further user interaction

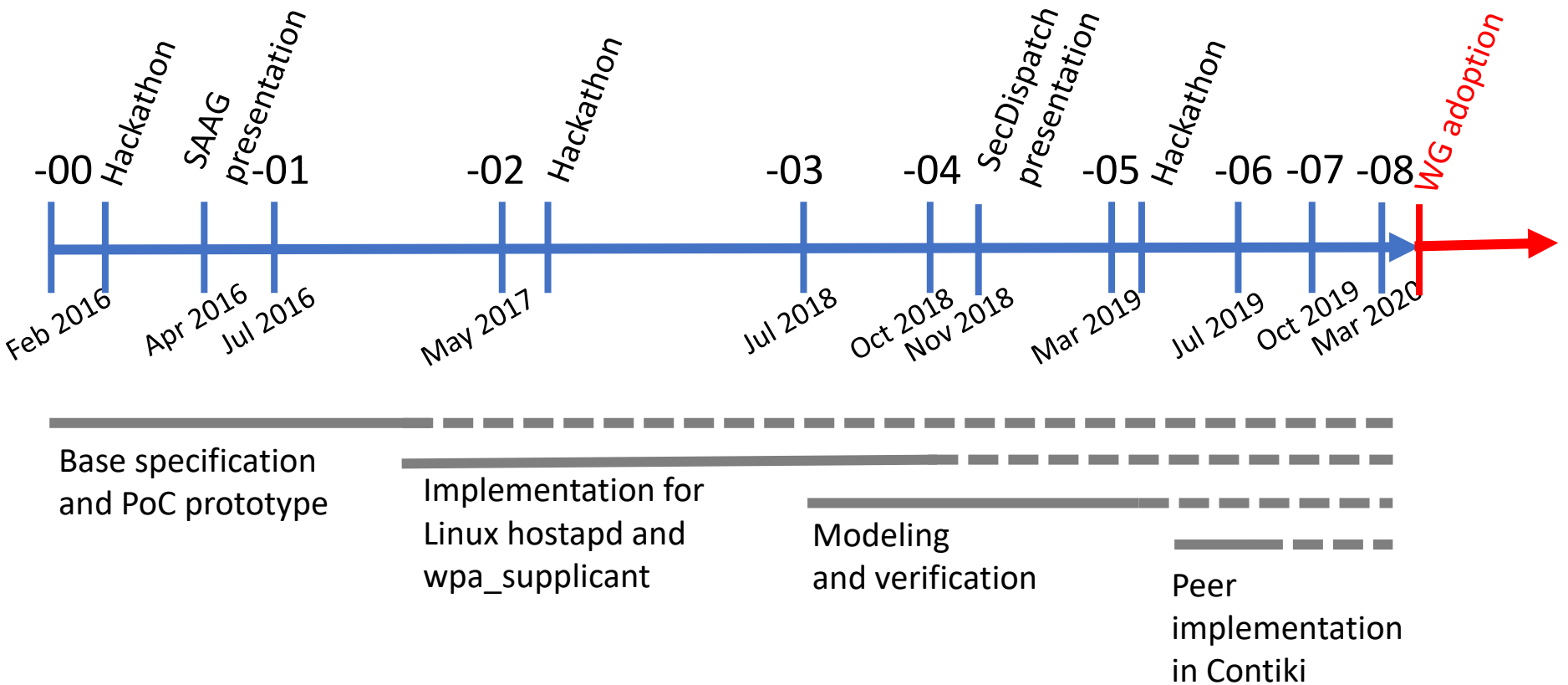
EAP-NOOB architecture

Trick: in-band communication over EAP between peer and server before device is registered



EAP-NOOB timeline

[draft-ietf-emu-eap-noob](https://datatracker.ietf.org/draft-ietf-emu-eap-noob)



EAP-NOOB status summary

- draft-ietf-emu-eap-noob-00 is pretty mature
- Implementations:
 - wpa_supplicant and hostapd
<https://github.com/tuomaura/eap-noob>
 - Contiki
<https://github.com/eduingles/coap-eap-noob>
- Formal models in mCRL2 (protocol and DoS-resistance) and ProVerif (authentication)

Next steps 1

- Defining **second ciphersuite**
 - Currently **ECDHE with Curve25519 and SHA-256**
 - Suggestions for the second curve and hash?
- **Testing of ciphersuite updates**
 - Formal model ok but not tested with running code yet
- **Renumbering messages**
- Updating implementation to current draft

Next steps 2

What else is still needed before WG last call?

- **Reviews**
- Request **EAP method number** from IANA
- IAB allocated domain name for the NAI
(**noob.arpa** or **noob.eap.arpa?**)