# Mo' Problems

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## When Can Keys Be Destroyed? (#1544)



Initial (CRYPTO(ClientHello)) +0-RTT (STREAM) Initial (ACK, CRYPTO(ServerHello)) 0-RTT(STREAM) +Handshake (CRYPTO(..., Finished)) +1-RTT (STREAM) Initial (ACK) +0-RTT(CRYPTO(EndOfEarlyData)) +Handshake (ACK, CRYPTO(..., Finished)) +1-RTT(ACK, STREAM) Handshake (ACK) +1-RTT(ACK, STREAM)



#### **Simple Solution: Timers**

Treat each packet number space separately

A space is done when both read and write keys for the next space are ready

Set a timer when done and destroy the keys when it expires

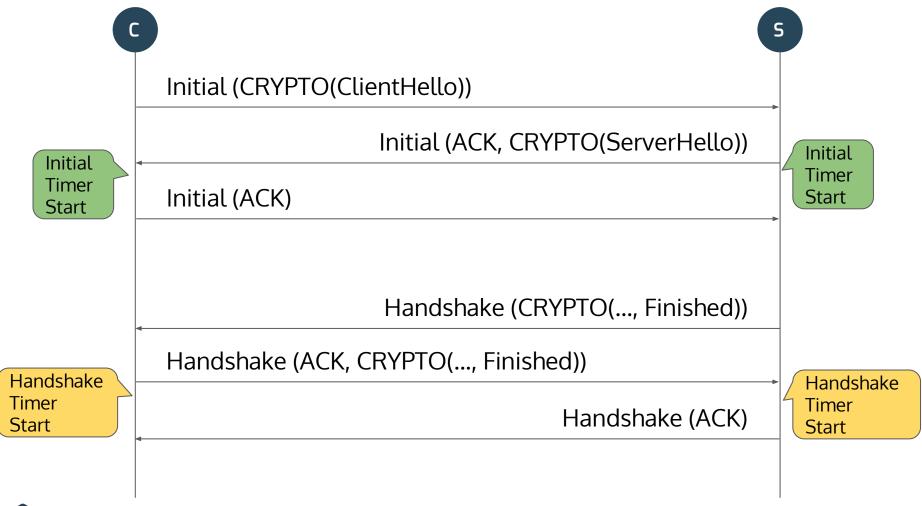
... until then, resend CRYPTO and send ACK as normal

... afterwards, drop packets protected with those keys

The timer can be long-ish (no practical harm in infinite)



### **Separate Packet Number Spaces**





### **Optimization: Implicit Acknowledgment**

Receiving Handshake packets implies that all CRYPTO frames from Initial packets was received

Receiving 1-RTT packets at a server means that all CRYPTO frames in Handshake packets was received by the client

Receiving acknowledgments for 1-RTT packets at a client means that all CRYPTO frames in Handshake and 0-RTT packets was received by a server

Stop sending those CRYPTO frames then

Let the packets with ACK frames that appear afterwards drop



#### **Alternative: HANDSHAKE\_DONE Frame**

An explicit signal that an endpoint believes that the handshake is done

Retransmitted until acknowledged

On receipt endpoints could destroy all handshake keys

+Handshake (ACK, CRYPTO(..., Finished))
+1-RTT(ACK, HANDSHAKE\_DONE, STREAM)

Handshake (ACK)
+1-RTT(ACK, HANDSHAKE\_DONE, STREAM)



### **Proposal: Document Timer-based Cleanup**

Optimizations are fun, but they don't need to be standard



### **Key Updates**



How do we signal this?

TLS method (unilateral KeyUpdate message) doesn't work

DTLS method (acknowledged KeyUpdate) requires visibility of ACKs

QUIC method (KEY\_PHASE signaling) permits trial decryption

Maybe couple updates to connection ID changes

Consider our options here

