



# **IETF Hackathon**

## **Vector Commitment based Proof of Transit**

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# Hackathon Plan

- We designed and implemented a new **Proof-of-Transit** mechanism
  - **What is Proof-of-Transit:** Proving that a packet has traversed a series of physical or virtual nodes, in a specific order.
  - **Drafts involved:** [draft-ietf-sfc-proof-of-transit-08](#)
  - **What we achieved:** Providing a working alternative, but more efficiency and security.

# What got done

- **Result:** A working **Proof-of-Transit** solution
  - **New ideas:** It can help audit or monitor routing path.
  - **New code** (demo inside): <https://github.com/liuchunchi/vcpot-demo>
  - **New design:** Built on a newer cryptographic primitive:
    - **KZG polynomial commitment** (a construction to vector commitment)
    - As compared to: **Shamir Secret Sharing** in [draft-ietf-sfc-proof-of-transit-08](#)
  - **New results:**
    - **Constant size of transit proof** regardless of routing path length (**24Byte**)
    - **Constant computation time of transit proof** regardless of path length (**1-2ms**)

<p>SecretG2-16:</p> <pre> 104848692038246285965681802823234922762745608235541775220056688814050097202447640105156607157684818077748559946 45357354131476018291561560540986469123023520207183095693158483342848187626784848141494424002752136407915380747 5 153733750944850015651842713674479091502372100247900273937317507050740001954942447193699811152841846867982499371607 5320952931204688123743024894594718804755154564605491969139921874687065361466296578520049280151707091225789717338 5;  [Q] Commit polynomial: 344159610910914512427239752680813759852194230078948692484545601151222519418487206151081278263659719363226685 38449958568496971260212695342065215337375149431412734852480247878082811626871563875016945263255344623685153868 5;  Setup time cost: 13 ms Press Enter key to send packets...</pre> <p>Input the real route, e.g., ABCDEFGH: ABCDEFGH</p> <pre> Route: A-&gt;B... Route: B-&gt;C... Route: C-&gt;D... Route: D-&gt;E... Route: E-&gt;F... Route: F-&gt;G... Route: G-&gt;H... Route: H-&gt;D...  Demo ends. Press Enter key to restart this demo... </pre>	<p>[I0-1]</p> <pre> [A] Private data: 1700671788 [A] Parameters received [A] Generating my proof: x=1700671788, y=1 proof: 2092280479029362105957565207789329955582167955896253115384623978137706110621539464248826715974944865091936676523 5 2984331763759672758883811483649554887945323825236415314960314501752750812357043952131953648575954426967462559394 1 [A] Prove time cost: 0.85 ms [A] Self-verifying A's proof with y=1 [A] Verification result: true [A] Verification time cost: 1.76 ms </pre>	<p>[I0-2]</p> <pre> [B] Private data: 1575241417 [B] Parameters received [B] Received and verifying A's proof: x=1700671788, y=1 proof: 2092280479029362105957565207789329955582167955896253115384623978137706110621539464248826715974944865091936676523 5 884331763759672758883811483649554887945323825236415314960314501752750812357043952131953648575954426967462559394 1 [B] Verification result: true [B] Verification time cost: 1.97 ms [B] Generating my proof: x=1575241417, y=2 proof: 27246056634151853653948589163279403642287745841662170267351974307948745112192471384157479776183617838493858483 7 11583039518195663091078369439729983347530352885963003197524598002893728869492058561546978967688264254769004896 9 [B] Prove time cost: 0.70 ms [B] Self-verifying B's proof with y=2 [B] Verification result: true [B] Verification time cost: 1.76 ms </pre>
<p>[I0-3]</p> <pre> [C] Private data: 863100565 [C] Parameters received [C] Received and verifying B's proof: x=1575241417, y=2 proof: 272460566341518536539485891632794036422877458416621702673519743079487451121924713841574797761836178384938584837 115830395181956630910783694397299833475303528859630031975245980028937288694920585615469789676882642547690048969 3 [C] Verification result: true [C] Verification time cost: 1.93 ms [C] Generating my proof: x=863100565, y=3 proof: 6997215189839018938657722075707194964421873897869211232418366355412595646348926359065321643453115842995006778 29427950373460721271122303372268116289493676272758911559746424925219235978566546182266386145577277343059120715 31 [C] Prove time cost: 0.68 ms [C] Self-verifying C's proof with y=3 [C] Verification result: true [C] Verification time cost: 1.75 ms </pre>	<p>[I0-4]</p> <pre> [D] Private data: 119419682 [D] Parameters received [D] Received and verifying C's proof: x=863100565, y=3 proof: 6997215189839018938657722075707194964421873897869211232418366355412595646348926359065321643453115842995006778 29427950373460721271122303372268116289493676272758911559746424925219235978566546182266386145577277343059120715 31 [D] Verification result: true [D] Verification time cost: 2.06 ms [D] Generating my proof: x=119419682, y=4 proof: 81877979717421064165161045816502504772788235992687026175219425211715044752477316256678812167832769883825159573 4 [D] Prove time cost: 0.70 ms [D] Self-verifying D's proof with y=4 [D] Verification result: true [D] Verification time cost: 1.75 ms </pre>	<p>[E] Private data: 905055653</p> <pre> [E] Parameters received [E] Received and verifying D's proof: x=119419682, y=4 proof: 81877979717421064165161045816502504772788235992687026175219425211715044752477316256678812167832769883825159573 4 [E] Verification result: true [E] Verification time cost: 1.98 ms [E] Generating my proof: x=905055653, y=5 proof: 10520406183459784341767834634983816466321306688308415538692061251375150212238166988323138117273424978563138865 55 18112909671832546914858786315464931800350691020364268488520717599828527741132196837363874537605152263213 15 [E] Prove time cost: 0.68 ms [E] Self-verifying E's proof with y=5 [E] Verification result: true [E] Verification time cost: 1.76 ms </pre>
<p>[I0-6]</p> <pre> [F] Private data: 396758031 [F] Parameters received [F] Received and verifying E's proof: x=905055653, y=5 proof: 1052040618345978434176783463498381646632130668830841553869206125137515021223816698832313811727342497856313886555 39181290967183254691485878631546493180035069102036426848852071759982852774113219683736387453760515226321315 38 [F] Verification result: true [F] Verification time cost: 2.05 ms [F] Generating my proof: x=396758031, y=6 proof: 1328106385231791553819748779169433226924074880288036115195485520034630463095062889915715817982123687119262674179 3384699365796471485062620774393197424264918488497608951397412198123050345870078880429923367033417830646614147189938 9 [F] Prove time cost: 0.68 ms [F] Self-verifying F's proof with y=6 [F] Verification result: true [F] Verification time cost: 1.75 ms </pre>	<p>[G] Parameters received</p> <pre> [G] Received and verifying F's proof: x=396758031, y=6 proof: 13281063852317915538197487791694332269240748802880361151954855200346304630950628899157153481798212368711926267417 79 [G] Verification result: true [G] Verification time cost: 2.07 ms [G] Generating my proof: x=1936688334, y=7 proof: 69225615875150069858707690042845742601788372062529357546373498546258889498086717698212860855040379361580616361 15 [G] Prove time cost: 0.69 ms [G] Self-verifying G's proof with y=7 [G] Verification result: true [G] Verification time cost: 1.76 ms </pre>	<p>[H] Parameters received</p> <pre> [H] Received and verifying G's proof: x=1936688334, y=7 proof: 69225615875150069858707690042845742601788372062529357546373498546258889498086717698212860855040379361580616361 15 [H] Verification result: true [H] Verification time cost: 1.95 ms [H] Generating my proof: x=446694435, y=8 proof: 3601727386293008956210178662145463960273194641158477679605685770763502349369641213569157539495266461619741158585 15 [H] Prove time cost: 0.69 ms [H] Self-verifying H's proof with y=8 [H] Verification result: true [H] Verification time cost: 1.75 ms </pre>

 <pre> 285681948500971668992624474913291170946684271986044755223176719591527768091668694234690835798370024733720161116525 87258071864380992928959977533000153002731271296230011821073141882035996003579395723710474258074267446749652340952 62200777289435442785806369610976420582071492664094686537908857192638774889516849371280797432380733645070368247100 t SecretG2-16: 10448699208382426289656818022832349227672456023554177522005609888140500972024476401051566071576848180777485599466 453573541131477601829156156054098646012302352020718930596931584833428486187626784848141494424002752136407915380747 5 153733750944850015651842713674479091502372100247900273937313750705074000195494244719369981155284846867982499371607 5320952093120468812137430248945947180847551545646074501969139921874687065361466296578520049280151707091225789717338 5t [0] Commit polynomial: 035269499853749161721124933803223045287896558079385843456374460422622200542062417998177593442724982242977663594 377864625428652769593601372223883482547200464047591734520096615060031152310160522695972451389164556996874141334 Setup time cost: 18 ms Press Enter key to send packets...  Input the real route, e.g., ABCD: ABCD Route: A-&gt;B... Route: B-&gt;D... Route: D-&gt;C... Route: C-&gt;D... Demo ends. Press Enter key to restart this demo... </pre>	<pre> [A] Private data: 1566549852 [A] Parameters received [A] Generating my proof: x=1566549852, y=1 proof: 16158789920704535428219630504550806695436010517193578713594909564340356683681275132382751971533975716126949001764 99 325644834203330894472059817237381721843775597527787963185938978406450875020403133933105099789060322849970216911 42 [A] Prove time cost: 0.55 ms [A] Self-verifying A's proof with y=1 [A] Verification result: true [A] Verification time cost: 1.76 ms </pre>	<pre> [D] Private data: 421893086 [D] Parameters received [D] Received and verifying A's proof: x=1566549852, y=1 proof: 16158789920704535428219630504550806695436010517193578713594909564340356683681275132382751971533975716126949001764 99 325644834203330894472059817237381721843775597527787963185938978406450875020403133933105099789060322849970216911 42 [D] Verification result: true [D] Verification time cost: 2.00 ms [D] Generating my proof: x=421893086, y=2 proof: 18587949130127733271228251419462751389212018035797764789141398923319688517577176170327326601610841620367657291956 84 24644588799496083663682190952476343335211980649360466699192720755093180912059770853583123174925749011558317910320 95 [D] Prove time cost: 0.44 ms [D] Self-verifying B's proof with y=2 [D] Verification result: true [D] Verification time cost: 1.76 ms </pre>
<pre> [C] Private data: 480118022 [C] Parameters received [C] Received and verifying D's proof: x=694547063, y=3 proof: 179879038698061370483537109136100844352358751528614467589863804702049598652653616167519353561062874460146963072315 8343637771243626753504666751509828306460989353976059055208733624966222590827940011060043565602573816856396904096 9 [C] Verification result: false [C] Verification time cost: 1.97 ms [C] Generating my proof: x=480118022, y=4 proof: 1128390207434578257822362465720109462058584521416739020608577576382145255662983422336673316790349293194983574998130 697852784368934761472157610434146750671547908477883732118661368938561152837318439998175009879848044338832366573565 9 [C] Prove time cost: 0.45 ms [C] Self-verifying C's proof with y=4 [C] Verification result: false [C] Verification time cost: 1.76 ms </pre>	<pre> [D] Private data: 694547063 [D] Parameters received [D] Received and verifying B's proof: x=421893086, y=2 proof: 18587949130127733271228251419462751389212018035797764789141398923319688517577176170327326601610841620367657291956 84 2464458879949608963682190952476343335211980649360466699192720755093180912059770853583123174925749011558317910320 95 [D] Verification result: true [D] Verification time cost: 1.96 ms [D] Generating my proof: x=694547063, y=3 proof: 1798790386980613704835371091361098443535807515828614467589868047020495986626536167519355356186287446014696308723 15 8343637771243626753504666751509828309646093353976059055208733624966222590827940011060043565602573816856396904096 9 [D] Prove time cost: 0.44 ms [D] Self-verifying D's proof with y=3 [D] Verification result: false [D] Verification time cost: 1.75 ms </pre>	

# What we learned

- **Vector Commitment** is an interesting primitive to commit a routing path and verify actual execution result afterwards.
- **To OPSEC WG:**
  - Proof of Non Transit is hard, and we cannot do that.
  - **We re-distilled better use cases to be presented in SECDISPATCH**
- **To the concluded SFC WG:**
  - We developed a SFC proof of processing solution after you closed, sorry

# Wrap Up

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