



# **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**)

# What we learned

- **Vector Commitment** is a 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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