

**NAME**

ykchalresp – Perform challenge–response operation with YubiKey

**SYNOPSIS**

**ykchalresp** [*-nkey*] [*-1* | *-2*] [*-H* | *-Y*] [*-N*] [*-x*] [*-v*] [*-6* | *-8*] [*-t*] [*-iFILE*] [*-V*] [*-h*]

**DESCRIPTION**

Send a challenge to a YubiKey, and read the response. The YubiKey can be configured with two different C/R modes — the standard one is a 160 bits HMAC–SHA1, and the other is a YubiKey OTP mimicking mode, meaning two subsequent calls with the same challenge will result in different responses.

**OPTIONS****-nkey**

send the challenge to the nth key found.

**-1**

send the challenge to slot 1. This is the default

**-2**

send the challenge to slot 2.

**-H**

send a 64 byte HMAC challenge. This is the default.

**-Y**

send a 6 byte Yubico OTP challenge.

**-N**

non-blocking mode — abort if the YubiKey is configured to require a key press before sending the response.

**-x**

challenge is hex encoded.

**-v**

enable verbose mode.

**-6**

output the response in OATH format, 6 digits.

**-8**

output the response in OATH format, 8 digits.

**-t**

use current time as challenge instead of reading challenge from command line (as in default TOTP mode, seconds since 1970–01–01 00:00:00 / 30 encoded as an 8 byte challenge).

**-iFILE**

take challenge from FILE instead of as an argument. If file is – challenge is read from STDIN

**-V**

print tool version and exit.

**EXAMPLE**

The YubiKey challenge–response operation can be demonstrated using the **NIST PUB 198 A.2** test vector.

First, program a YubiKey with the test vector :

```
$ ykpersonalize -2 -ochal-resp -ochal-hmac -ohmac-lt64 -a303132333435363738393a3b3c3d3e3f40414243
...
Commit? (y/n) [n]: y
$
```

Now, send the NIST test challenge to the YubiKey and verify the result matches the expected :

```
$ ykchalresp -2 'Sample #2'  
0922d3405faa3d194f82a45830737d5cc6c75d24  
$
```

**BUGS**

Report ykchalresp bugs in the issue tracker <https://github.com/Yubico/yubikey-personalization/issues>

**SEE ALSO**

The ykpersonalize home page <https://developers.yubico.com/yubikey-personalization/>

YubiKeys can be obtained from Yubico <http://www.yubico.com/>