# **qpigeon Protocol**

#### **Definitions**

PS: Public key (for signing)

SS: Secret key (for signing)

PK: Public key (for KEM)

SK : Secret key (for KEM)

K: Symmetric encryption key

N: List of used nonces

B: Contact book

 $\operatorname{Sign}_{SS}(M) = S$  Signs message M using private key SS creating signature S.

 $\operatorname{Sign}_{PS}^{-1}(S,M) = \{0,1\}$  Verifies message M matches signature S using public key PS.

Outputs 1 when signature matches.

 $KEM_{PK}(K) = C$  Encrypts the given key K using public key PK.

 $\operatorname{KEM}^{-1}_{SK}(C) = K$  Decrypts the given encrypted key C using secret key SK.

KEM stands for Key Encapsulation Mechanism.

 $\operatorname{Enc}_K(M) = C$  Encrypts the given message using symmetric key K.

 $\operatorname{Enc}_K^{-1}(C) = M$  Decrypts the given ciphertext using symmetric key K.

Now() = T Outputs the current timestamp.

### **Contact Request and Accept**

Bob adds Alice as a contact.

 $egin{aligned} \operatorname{Bob} & \operatorname{has}: SS_{\operatorname{Bob}}, PS_{\operatorname{Alice}}, T_{\operatorname{Threshold}}, B, N \ & \operatorname{Server} & \operatorname{has}: PS_{\operatorname{Bob}}, PS_{\operatorname{Alice}}, T_{\operatorname{Threshold}}, B, N \ & \operatorname{Alice} & \operatorname{has}: SS_{\operatorname{Alice}}, PS_{\operatorname{Bob}}, T_{\operatorname{Threshold}}, B, N \end{aligned}$ 

Bob calculates:

$$T = \operatorname{Now}()$$
 Get current timestamp.  $n = \{0, 1\}^{128} \text{ s.t. } (n, PS_{\operatorname{Bob}}) \not\in N$  Generate nonce.  $N = N \cup \{(n, PS_{\operatorname{Bob}})\}$  Add nonce to list.  $S = \operatorname{Sign}_{SS_{\operatorname{Bob}}}(T||n||PS_{\operatorname{Alice}})$  Sign contact request.  $B = B \cup \{(PS_{\operatorname{Alice}}, PS_{\operatorname{Bob}})\}$  Mark Alice as able to send messages to Bob.

Bob sends to server :  $S, T, n, PS_{Alice}$ 

Server calculates:

$$S_{ ext{Verify}} = ext{Sign}_{PS_{ ext{Bob}}}^{-1}(S,T||n||PS_{ ext{Alice}}) \hspace{1cm} ext{Verify contact request is from Bob.} \ T > ext{Now}() - T_{ ext{Threshold}} \hspace{1cm} ext{Verify contact request is recent.} \ (n,PS_{ ext{Bob}}) 
otin N = N \cup \{(n,PS_{ ext{Bob}})\} \hspace{1cm} ext{Add old nonce to list.} \ B = B \cup \{(PS_{ ext{Alice}},PS_{ ext{Bob}})\} \hspace{1cm} ext{Mark Alice as able to send messages to Bob.}$$

Server sends to Alice: S, T, n

Alice calculates:

$$S_{\text{Verify}} = \operatorname{Sign}_{PS_{\text{Bob}}}^{-1}(S,T||n||PS_{\text{Alice}}) \qquad \text{Verify contact request is from Bob.}$$
 
$$If \ S_{\text{Verify}} = 0, \text{ reject.}$$
 
$$T > \operatorname{Now}() - T_{\text{Threshold}} \qquad \text{Verify contact request is recent.}$$
 
$$(n,PS_{\text{Bob}}) \notin N \qquad \qquad \text{Verify nonce is new.}$$
 
$$N = N \cup \{(n,PS_{\text{Bob}})\} \qquad \text{Add old nonce to list.}$$
 
$$B = B \cup \{(PS_{\text{Alice}},PS_{\text{Bob}})\} \qquad \text{Mark Alice as able to send messages to Bob.}$$
 
$$T = \operatorname{Now}() \qquad \qquad \text{Get current timestamp.}$$
 
$$n = \{0,1\}^{128} \text{ s.t. } (n,PS_{\text{Alice}}) \notin N \qquad \text{Generate nonce.}$$
 
$$N = N \cup \{(n,PS_{\text{Alice}})\} \qquad \text{Add nonce to list.}$$
 
$$S = \operatorname{Sign}_{SS_{\text{Alice}}}(T||n||PS_{\text{Bob}}) \qquad \text{Sign contact request.}$$

Mark Bob as able to send messages to Alice.

Alice sends to server :  $S, T, n, PS_{Bob}$ 

 $B = B \cup \{(PS_{\text{Bob}}, PS_{\text{Alice}})\}$ 

Server calculates:

$$(n, PS_{ ext{Alice}}) 
otin N = N \cup \{(n, PS_{ ext{Alice}})\}$$
 Verify nonce is new. Add old nonce to list.

 $B = B \cup (PS_{ ext{Bob}}, PS_{ ext{Alice}}) \hspace{1cm} ext{Mark Bob as able to send messages to Alice.}$ 

Server sends to Bob : S, T, n

Bob calculates:

$$S_{\mathrm{Verify}} = \mathrm{Sign}_{PS_{\mathrm{Alice}}}^{-1}(S,T||n||PS_{\mathrm{Bob}})$$

$$T > ext{Now}() - T_{ ext{Threshold}} \ (n, PS_{ ext{Alice}}) 
otin N = N \cup \{(n, PS_{ ext{Alice}})\} \ B = B \cup (PS_{ ext{Bob}}, PS_{ ext{Alice}})$$

Verify contact request is from Alice.

If  $S_{\mathrm{Verify}} = 0$ , reject.

Verify contact request is recent.

Verify nonce is new. Add old nonce to list.

Mark Bob as able to send messages to Alice.

## **Public Key (for KEM) Distribution**

Alice sends a public key (for KEM)  $PK_{Alice}$  to Bob.

Alice has:  $SS_{Alice}$ ,  $PK_{Alice}$ 

 $ext{Server has}: PS_{ ext{Alice}} \ ext{Bob has}: PS_{ ext{Alice}}$ 

Alice calculates:

$$S = \mathrm{Sign}_{SS_{\mathrm{Alice}}}(PK_{\mathrm{Alice}})$$

Signs public key.

Alice sends to Server :  $S, PK_{Alice}$ 

Server calculates:

$$S_{\mathrm{Verify}} = \mathrm{Sign}_{PS_{\mathrm{Alice}}}^{-1}(S, PK_{\mathrm{Alice}})$$

Verify message is from Alice.

If  $S_{\text{Verify}} = 0$ , reject.

Server sends to Bob :  $S, PK_{Alice}$ 

Bob calculates:

$$S_{\mathrm{Verify}} = \mathrm{Sign}_{PS_{\mathrm{Alice}}}^{-1}(S, PK_{\mathrm{Alice}})$$

Verify message is from Alice.

If  $S_{\text{Verify}} = 0$ , reject.

### **Bob sends message to Alice**

Bob sends a given message M to Alice.

 $egin{aligned} ext{Bob has}: SS_{ ext{Bob}}, PK_{ ext{Alice}}, N \ ext{Server has}: PS_{ ext{Bob}}, T_{ ext{Threshold}}, B, N \end{aligned}$ 

Alice has:  $SK_{Alice}$ ,  $PS_{Bob}$ ,  $T_{Threshold}$ , B, N

Bob calculates:

$$K = \{0,1\}^n$$
 Generates key of length  $n$ .  $C_K = \operatorname{KEM}_{PK_{\operatorname{Alice}}}(K)$  Encrypts key.  $C_M = \operatorname{Enc}_K(M)$  Encrypts message.  $T = \operatorname{Now}()$  Get current timestamp.  $T = \{0,1\}^{128} \text{ s.t. } (n,PS_{\operatorname{Bob}}) \notin N$  Generate nonce.  $T = \{0,1\}^{128} \text{ s.t. } (n,PS_{\operatorname{Bob}}) \notin N$  Generate nonce.  $T = \{0,1\}^{128} \text{ s.t. } (n,PS_{\operatorname{Bob}}) \notin N$  Generate nonce.  $T = \{0,1\}^{128} \text{ s.t. } (n,PS_{\operatorname{Bob}}) \notin N$  Generate nonce.  $T = \{0,1\}^{128} \text{ s.t. } (n,PS_{\operatorname{Bob}}) \notin N$  Generate nonce.  $T = \{0,1\}^{128} \text{ s.t. } (n,PS_{\operatorname{Bob}}) \notin N$  Generate nonce.  $T = \{0,1\}^{128} \text{ s.t. } (n,PS_{\operatorname{Bob}}) \notin N$  Generate nonce.  $T = \{0,1\}^{128} \text{ s.t. } (n,PS_{\operatorname{Bob}}) \notin N$  Sign message.

Bob sends to server :  $S, T, n, C_K, C_M$ 

Server calculates:

$$S_{ ext{Verify}} = ext{Sign}_{PS_{ ext{Bob}}}^{-1}(S,T||n||C_K||C_M) \hspace{1cm} ext{Verify message is from Bob.} \ If \ S_{ ext{Verify}} = 0, ext{ reject.} \ T > ext{Now}() - T_{ ext{Threshold}} \hspace{1cm} ext{Verify message is recent.} \ (n,PS_{ ext{Bob}}) 
otin N = N \cup \{(n,PS_{ ext{Bob}})\} \hspace{1cm} ext{Add old nonce to list.} \ (PS_{ ext{Bob}},PS_{ ext{Alice}}) \in B \hspace{1cm} ext{Verify Bob can message Alice.}$$

Server sends to Alice :  $S, T, n, C_K, C_M$ 

Alice calculates:

$$S_{ ext{Verify}} = ext{Sign}_{PS_{ ext{Bob}}}^{-1}(S,T||n||C_K||C_M) \qquad ext{Verify message is from Bob.} \ If \ S_{ ext{Verify}} = 0, ext{reject.} \ T > ext{Now}() - T_{ ext{Threshold}} \qquad ext{Verify message is recent.} \ (n,PS_{ ext{Bob}}) 
otin N = N \cup \{(n,PS_{ ext{Bob}})\} \qquad ext{Add old nonce is new.} \ (PS_{ ext{Bob}},PS_{ ext{Alice}}) \in B \qquad ext{Verify Bob can message Alice.} \ K = ext{KEM}_{SK_{ ext{Alice}}}^{-1}(C_K) \qquad ext{Decrypt key.} \ M = ext{Enc}_K^{-1}(C_M) \qquad ext{Decrypt message.}$$