

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

$$\text{Sign}_{SS}(M) = S$$

Signs message M using private key SS creating signature S .

$$\text{Sign}_{PS}^{-1}(S, M) = \{0, 1\}$$

Verifies message M matches signature S using public key PS .

Outputs 1 when signature matches.

$$\text{KEM}_{PK}(K) = C$$

Encrypts the given key K using public key PK .

$$\text{KEM}_{SK}^{-1}(C) = K$$

Decrypts the given encrypted key C using secret key SK .

KEM stands for Key Encapsulation Mechanism.

$$\text{Enc}_K(M) = C$$

Encrypts the given message using symmetric key K .

$$\text{Enc}_K^{-1}(C) = M$$

Decrypts the given ciphertext using symmetric key K .

$$\text{Now}() = T$$

Outputs the current timestamp.

Registration

Bob registers his keys with the server.

Bob has : $PS_{\text{Bob}}, SS_{\text{Bob}}, PK_{\text{Bob}}, SK_{\text{Bob}}$

Bob sends to server : $PS_{\text{Bob}}, PK_{\text{Bob}}$

Server calculates :

$$M = \{0, 1\}^{128}$$

$$K = \{0, 1\}^{128}$$

$$C = \text{KEM}_{PK_{\text{Bob}}}(K)$$

Generate signing challenge.

Generate KEM challenge.

Encapsulate KEM challenge.

Server sends to Bob : M, C

Bob calculates :

$$S = \text{Sign}_{SS_{\text{Bob}}}(M)$$

$$K' = \text{KEM}_{SK_{\text{Bob}}}^{-1}(C)$$

Sign the signing challenge.

Decapsulate the KEM challenge.

Bob sends to Server : S, K'

Server calculates :

$$S_{\text{Verify}} = \text{Sign}_{PS_{\text{Bob}}}^{-1}(S, M)$$

$$K = K'$$

Verify the signature of the signing challenge.

Verify the KEM challenge response is correct.

Once verified, Server records Bob's keys.

Contact Request and Accept

Bob adds Alice as a contact.

Bob has : $SS_{\text{Bob}}, PS_{\text{Alice}}, T_{\text{Threshold}}, B, N$

Server has : $PS_{\text{Bob}}, PS_{\text{Alice}}, T_{\text{Threshold}}, B, N$

Alice has : $SS_{\text{Alice}}, PS_{\text{Bob}}, T_{\text{Threshold}}, B, N$

Bob calculates :

$T = \text{Now}()$

$n = \{0, 1\}^{128} \text{ s.t. } (n, PS_{\text{Bob}}) \notin N$

$N = N \cup \{(n, PS_{\text{Bob}})\}$

$S = \text{Sign}_{SS_{\text{Bob}}}(T || n || PS_{\text{Alice}})$

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

Get current timestamp.

Generate nonce.

Add nonce to list.

Sign contact request.

Mark Alice as able to send messages to Bob.

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

Server calculates :

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

$T > \text{Now}() - T_{\text{Threshold}}$

$(n, PS_{\text{Bob}}) \notin N$

$N = N \cup \{(n, PS_{\text{Bob}})\}$

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

Verify contact request is from Bob.

Verify contact request is recent.

Verify nonce is new.

Add old nonce to list.

Mark Alice as able to send messages to Bob.

Server sends to Alice : S, T, n

Alice calculates :

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

$T > \text{Now}() - T_{\text{Threshold}}$

$(n, PS_{\text{Bob}}) \notin N$

$N = N \cup \{(n, PS_{\text{Bob}})\}$

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

Verify contact request is from Bob.

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

Verify contact request is recent.

Verify nonce is new.

Add old nonce to list.

Mark Alice as able to send messages to Bob.

$T = \text{Now}()$

$n = \{0, 1\}^{128} \text{ s.t. } (n, PS_{\text{Alice}}) \notin N$

$N = N \cup \{(n, PS_{\text{Alice}})\}$

$S = \text{Sign}_{SS_{\text{Alice}}}(T || n || PS_{\text{Bob}})$

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

Get current timestamp.

Generate nonce.

Add nonce to list.

Sign contact request.

Mark Bob as able to send messages to Alice.

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

Server calculates :

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

$$T > \text{Now}() - T_{\text{Threshold}}$$

$$(n, PS_{\text{Alice}}) \notin N$$

$$N = N \cup \{(n, PS_{\text{Alice}})\}$$

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

Verify contact request is from Alice.

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

Verify contact request is recent.

Verify nonce is new.

Add old nonce to list.

Mark Bob as able to send messages to Alice.

Server sends to Bob : S, T, n

Bob calculates :

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

$$T > \text{Now}() - T_{\text{Threshold}}$$

$$(n, PS_{\text{Alice}}) \notin N$$

$$N = N \cup \{(n, PS_{\text{Alice}})\}$$

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

Verify contact request is from Alice.

If $S_{\text{Verify}} = 0$, 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 : $SS_{\text{Alice}}, PK_{\text{Alice}}$

Server has : PS_{Alice}

Bob has : PS_{Alice}

Alice calculates :

$$S = \text{Sign}_{SS_{\text{Alice}}}(PK_{\text{Alice}}) \quad \text{Signs public key.}$$

Alice sends to Server : S, PK_{Alice}

Server calculates :

$$S_{\text{Verify}} = \text{Sign}_{PS_{\text{Alice}}}^{-1}(S, PK_{\text{Alice}}) \quad \begin{array}{l} \text{Verify message is from Alice.} \\ \text{If } S_{\text{Verify}} = 0, \text{ reject.} \end{array}$$

Server sends to Bob : S, PK_{Alice}

Bob calculates:

$$S_{\text{Verify}} = \text{Sign}_{PS_{\text{Alice}}}^{-1}(S, PK_{\text{Alice}}) \quad \begin{array}{l} \text{Verify message is from Alice.} \\ \text{If } S_{\text{Verify}} = 0, \text{ reject.} \end{array}$$

Bob sends message to Alice

Bob sends a given message M to Alice.

Bob has : $SS_{\text{Bob}}, PK_{\text{Alice}}, N$

Server has : $PS_{\text{Bob}}, T_{\text{Threshold}}, B, N$

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

Bob calculates :

$$K = \{0, 1\}^n$$

Generates key of length n .

$$C_K = \text{KEM}_{PK_{\text{Alice}}}(K)$$

Encrypts key.

$$C_M = \text{Enc}_K(M)$$

Encrypts message.

$$T = \text{Now}()$$

Get current timestamp.

$$n = \{0, 1\}^{128} \text{ s.t. } (n, PS_{\text{Bob}}) \notin N$$

Generate nonce.

$$N = N \cup \{(n, PS_{\text{Bob}})\}$$

Add nonce to list.

$$S = \text{Sign}_{SS_{\text{Bob}}}(T || n || C_K || C_M)$$

Sign message.

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

Server calculates :

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

Verify message is from Bob.

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

$$T > \text{Now}() - T_{\text{Threshold}}$$

Verify message is recent.

$$(n, PS_{\text{Bob}}) \notin N$$

Verify nonce is new.

$$N = N \cup \{(n, PS_{\text{Bob}})\}$$

Add old nonce to list.

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

Verify Bob can message Alice.

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

Alice calculates :

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

Verify message is from Bob.

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

$$T > \text{Now}() - T_{\text{Threshold}}$$

Verify message is recent.

$$(n, PS_{\text{Bob}}) \notin N$$

Verify nonce is new.

$$N = N \cup \{(n, PS_{\text{Bob}})\}$$

Add old nonce to list.

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

Verify Bob can message Alice.

$$K = \text{KEM}_{SK_{\text{Alice}}}^{-1}(C_K)$$

Decrypt key.

$$M = \text{Enc}_K^{-1}(C_M)$$

Decrypt message.