

# AES-CCM ECC Cipher Suites for TLS

CS290G Network Security

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# Content

- Transfer Layer Security (TLS)
- Handshake Protocol: ECDHE\_ECDSA
- Record Protocol: AEAD\_AES\_CCM

# Transfer Layer Security (TLS)

- Transfer Layer Security (TLS) is application protocol independent. Successor of SSL

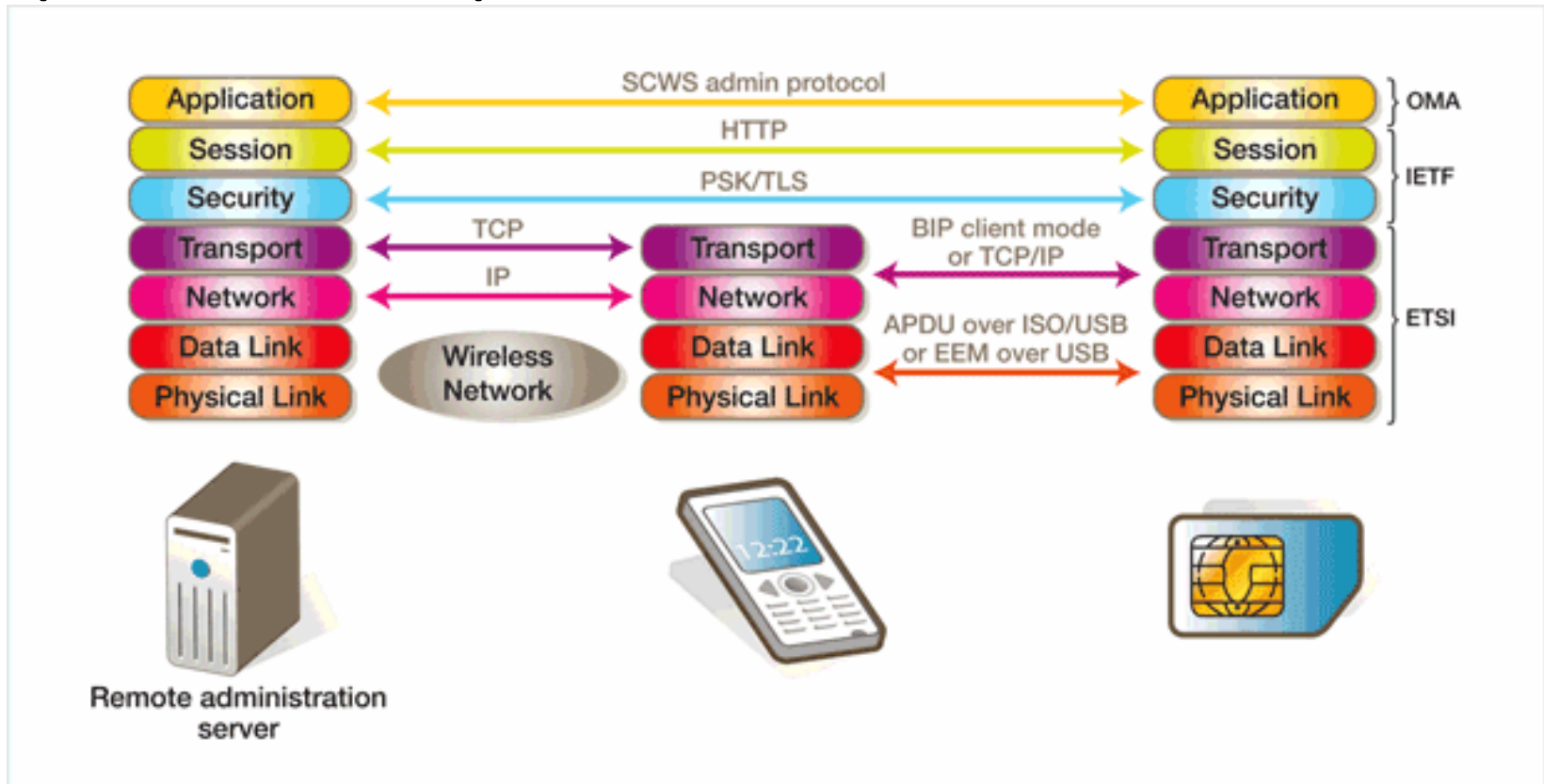


Figure 1: OSI Network Model with TLS layer

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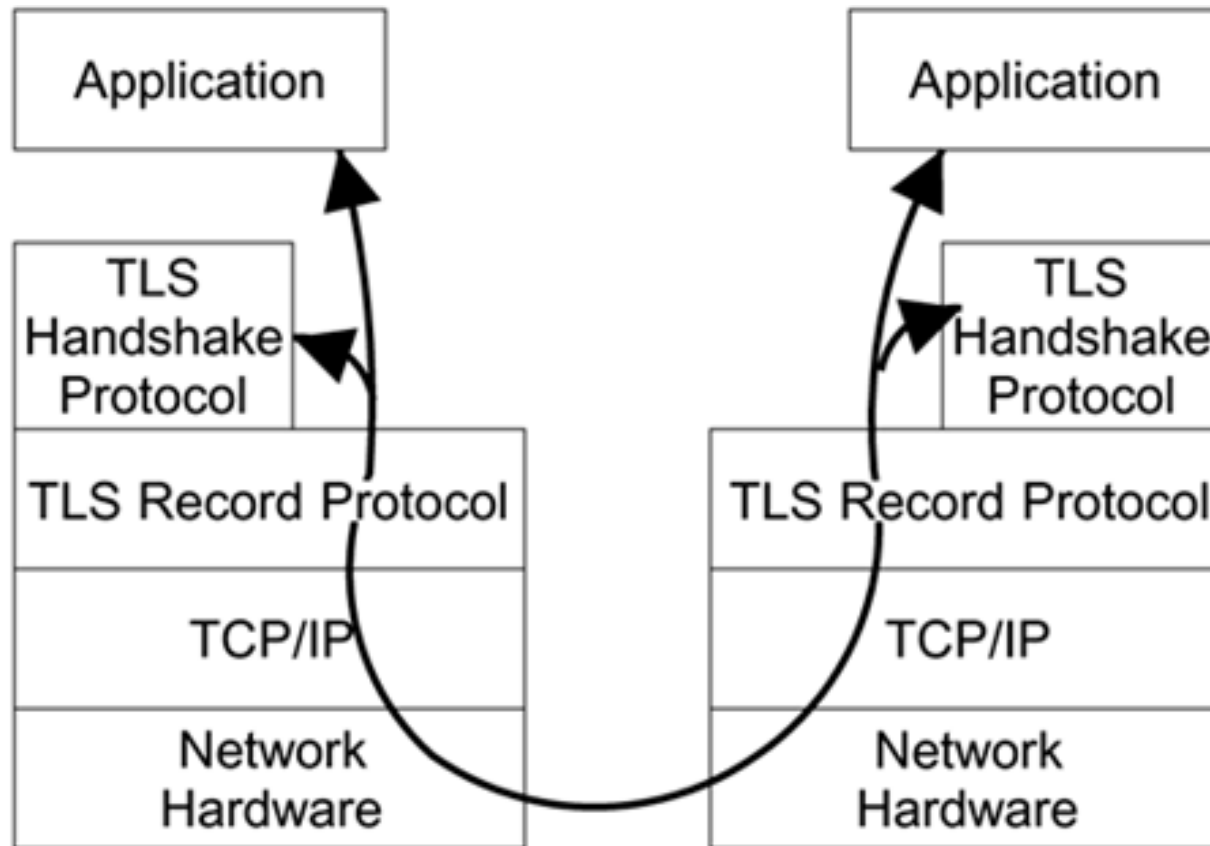


Figure 2: TLS two layers structure

# TLS Handshake Protocol

- Responsible for authentication and key exchange necessary to establish or resume secure sessions;
- Manages the following:
  - 1. Cipher suite negotiation
  - 2. Authentication of the server and optionally, the client
  - 3. Session key information exchange

# Message Flow for a Full Handshake

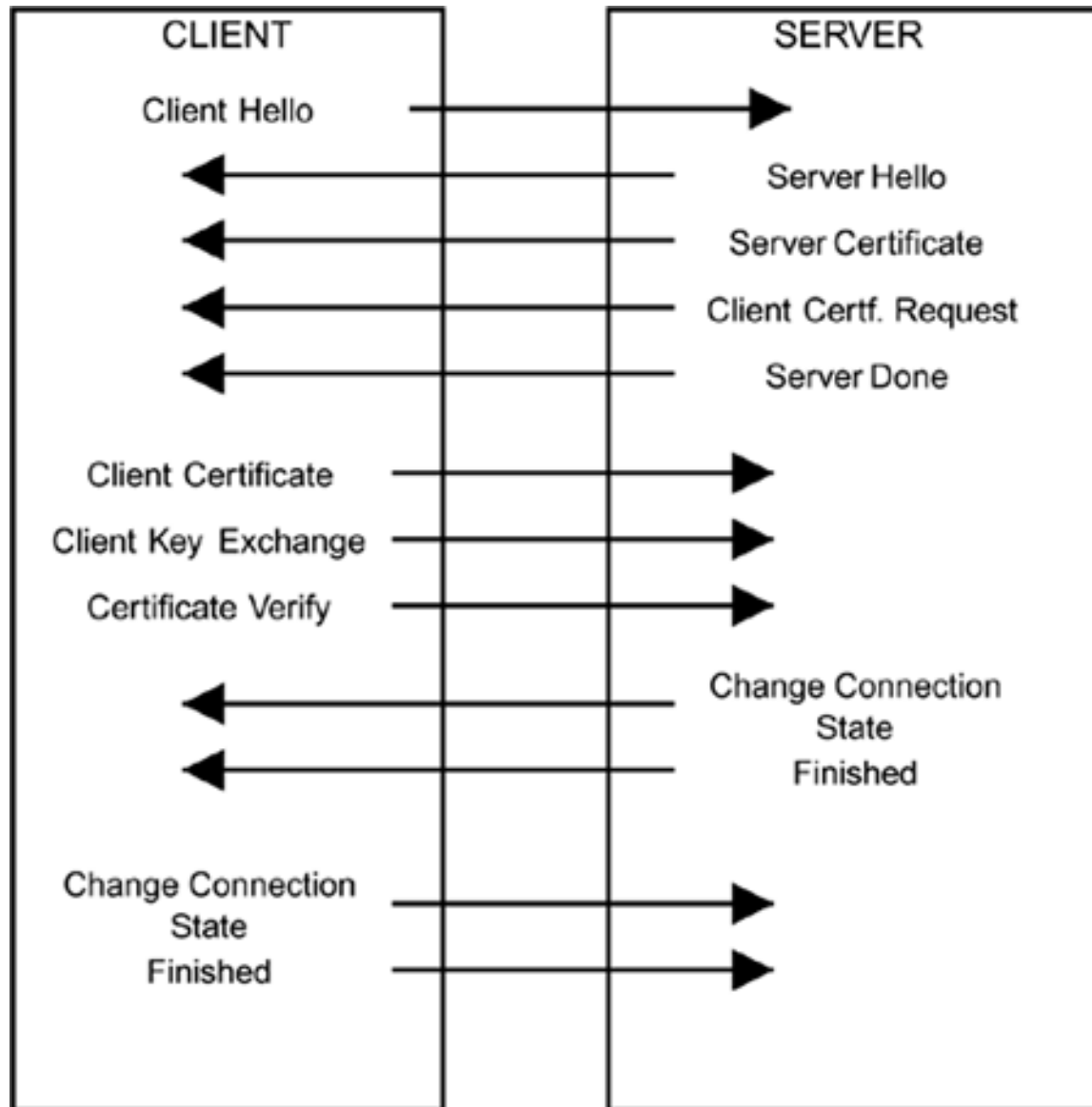
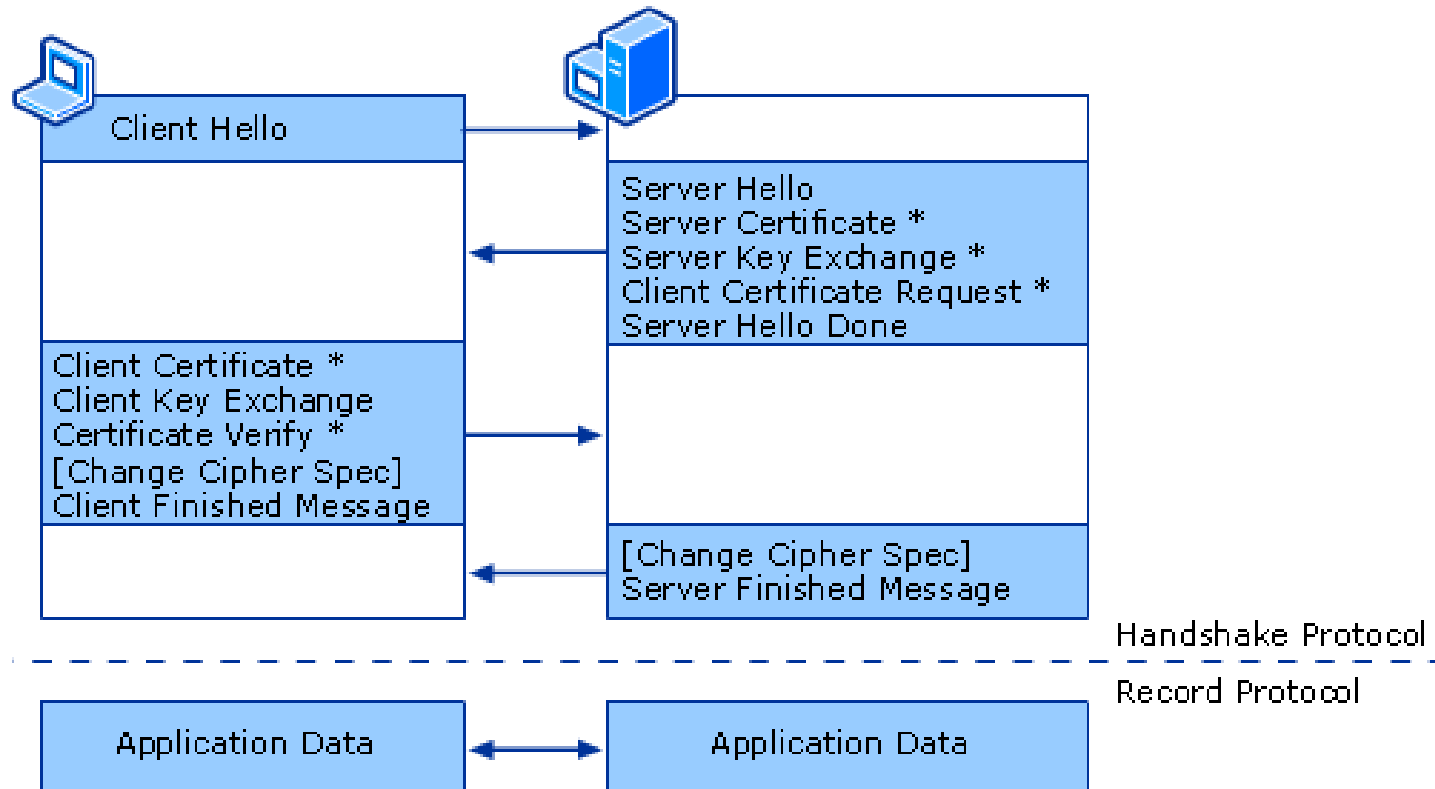


Figure 3: TLS Handshake Steps

# TLS Record Protocol

- Responsible for securing application data using the keys created during the Handshake and verifying its integrity and origin
- Manages the following:
  - 1. Dividing outgoing messages and reassembling incoming messages
  - 2. Compressing and decompressing (optional)
  - 3. Applying a Message Authentication Code (MAC) and verifying
  - 4. Encrypting messages and decrypting

# Message Flow for a Full TLS



\* Optional or situation-dependent messages

[Change Cipher Spec] is not a TLS handshake message but is an independent, TLS Protocol content type that helps the parties avoid a pipeline stall.

Figure 4: After handshake Record Layer transfer application data



# Components of TLS

TCP/IP Model

## SSL/TLS Protocol

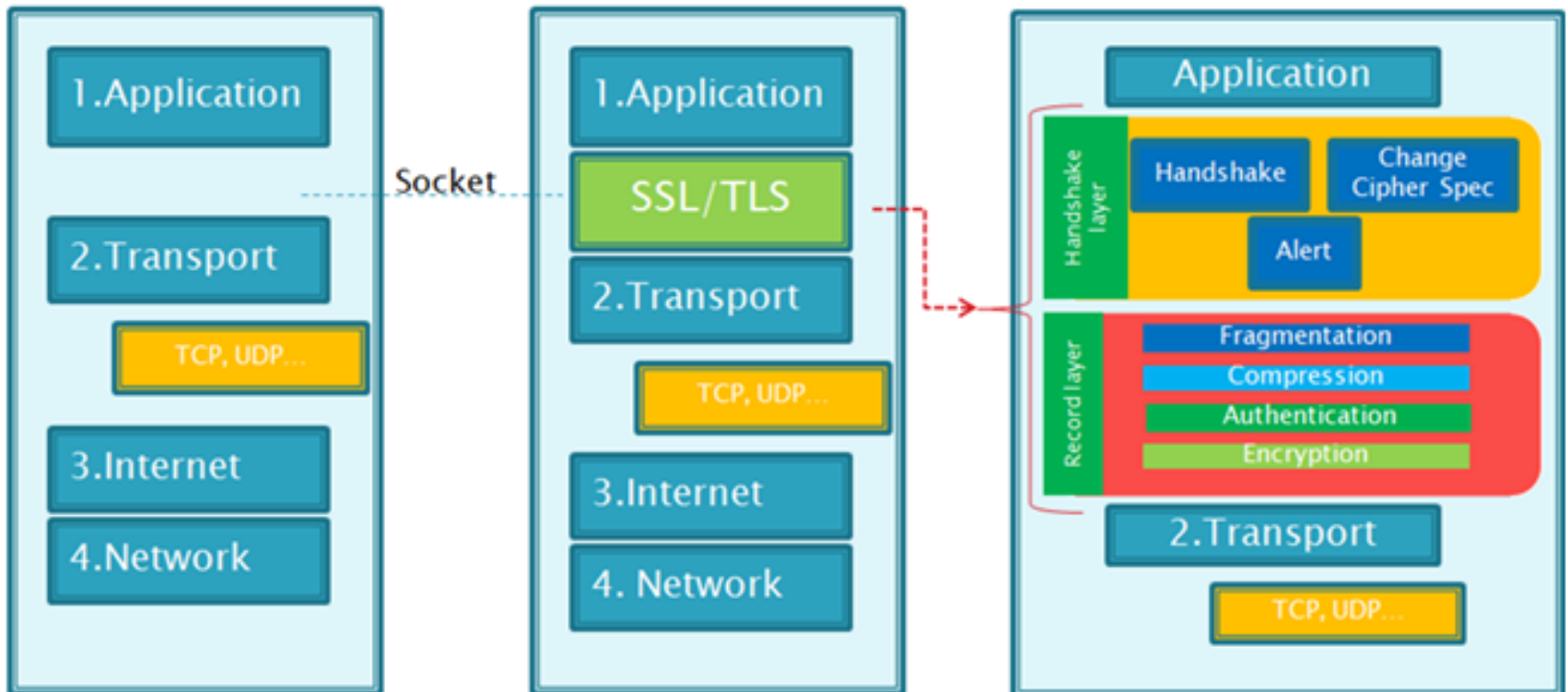


Figure 5: Detailed components of Transfer Layer Security

# TLS Ciphersuites

- Ciphersuite: **Combination** of authentication, encryption and message authentication code (MAC) **encryption methods**, used to negotiate the communication security settings

Ciphersuite Name	Key Exchange	Cipher	Mac
TLS_NULL_WITH_NULL_NULL	NULL	NULL	NULL
TLS_RSA_WITH_NULL_SHA256	RSA	NULL	SHA256
TLS_DHE_DSS_WITH_AES_256_CBC_SHA256	DHE_DSS	AES_256_CBC	SHA256
TLS_ECDHE_ECDSA_WITH_AES_128_CCM	ECDHE_ECDSA	AES_128_CCM	
TLS_ECDHE_ECDSA_WITH_AES_256_CCM	ECDHE_ECDSA	AES_256_CCM	
TLS_ECDHE_ECDSA_WITH_AES_128_CCM_8	ECDHE_ECDSA	AES_128_CCM_8	
TLS_ECDHE_ECDSA_WITH_AES_256_CCM_8	ECDHE_ECDSA	AES_256_CCM_8	

Table 1: Part of TLS ciphersuites, in red are our goals

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# Handshake Protocol: ECDHE\_ECDSA

- ECDHE\_ECDSA: Ephemeral Elliptic Curve Diffie-Hellman with Elliptic Curve Digital Signature Authentication
- Steps
  - Review Diffie-Hellman Key Exchange Algorithm and Digital Signature Algorithm
  - Introduce Elliptic Curve Cryptography
  - Illustrate pseudo-code of ECDHE and ECDSA

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# Diffie-Hellman Key Exchange Algorithm

- Basic DH based on intractability of discrete logarithm

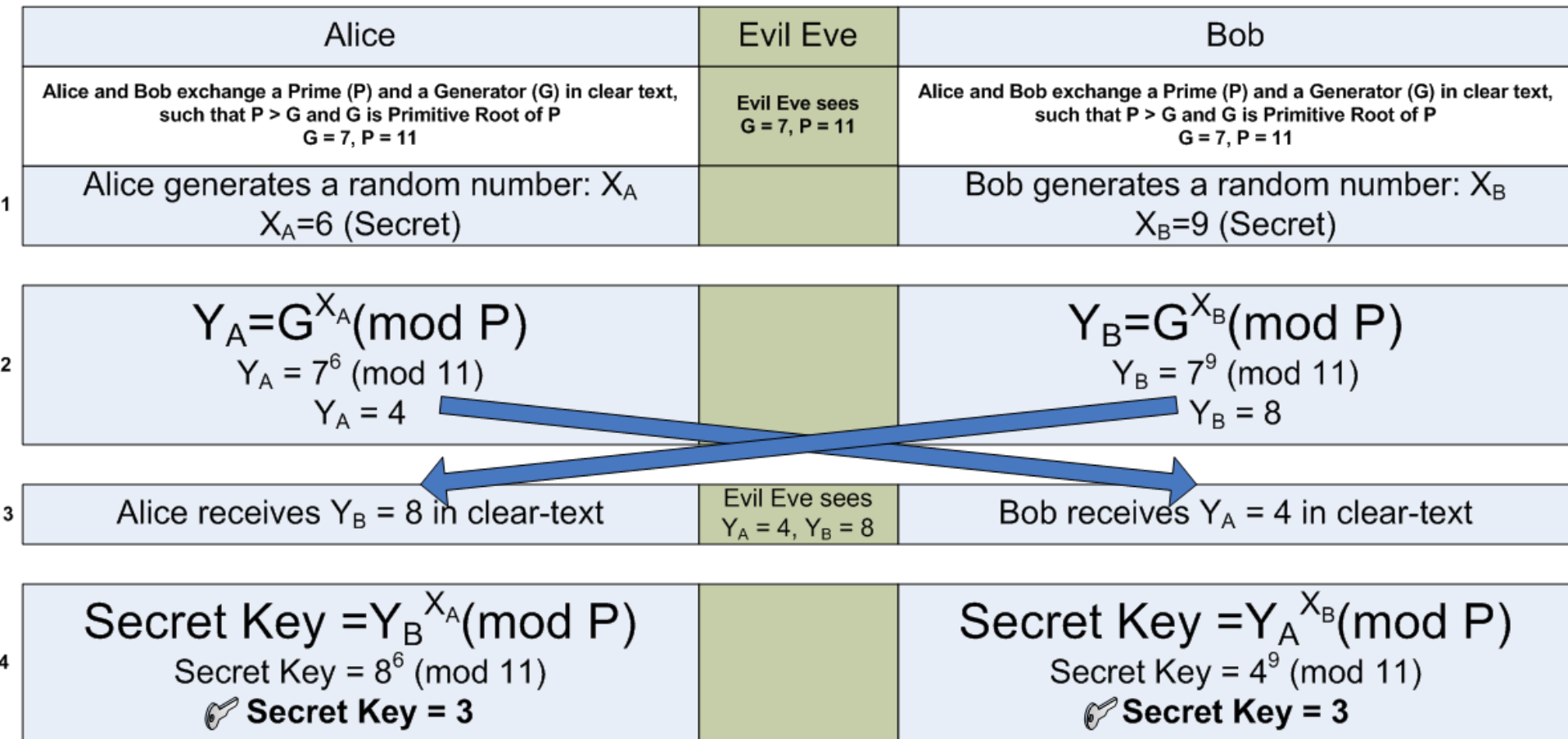


Figure 6: Steps of discrete logarithm diffie-hellman key exchange

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# Digital Signature Algorithm

- DSA Domain Parameter Generation
  - 160bit prime  $q$ , 1024bit prime  $p$  and  $g = h^{(p-1)/q} \bmod p$
- DSA Key Pair Generation
  - Random integer  $x$ ,  $1 \leq x \leq q - 1$ ,  $x$  is private key
  - $y = g^x \bmod p$ ,  $y$  is public key



# Digital Signature Algorithm

- DSA Signature Generation: sign message  $m$ 
  - 1. Random integer  $k$ ,  $1 \leq k \leq q - 1$ ;
  - 2. Compute  $X = g^k \bmod p$  and  $r = X \bmod q$ . If  $r = 0$  then go to step 1;
  - 3. Compute  $k^{-1} \bmod q$ ;
  - 4. Compute  $e = \text{SHA1}(m)$ ;
  - 5. Compute  $s = k^{-1}\{e + xr\} \bmod q$ . If  $s = 0$  then go to step 1;
  - 6. The signature for message  $m$  is  $(r, s)$ .

# Digital Signature Algorithm

- DSA Signature Verification
  - 1. Verify  $r$  and  $s$  are integers in the interval  $[1, q - 1]$ ;
  - 2. Compute  $e = SHA1(m)$ ;
  - 3. Compute  $w = s^{-1} \bmod q$ ;
  - 4. Compute  $u_1 = ew \bmod q$  and  $u_2 = rw \bmod q$ ;
  - 5. Compute  $X = g^{u_1}y^{u_2} \bmod p$  and  $v = X \bmod q$ ;
  - 6. Accept the Signature if and only if  $v = r$ .

# Digital Signature Algorithm

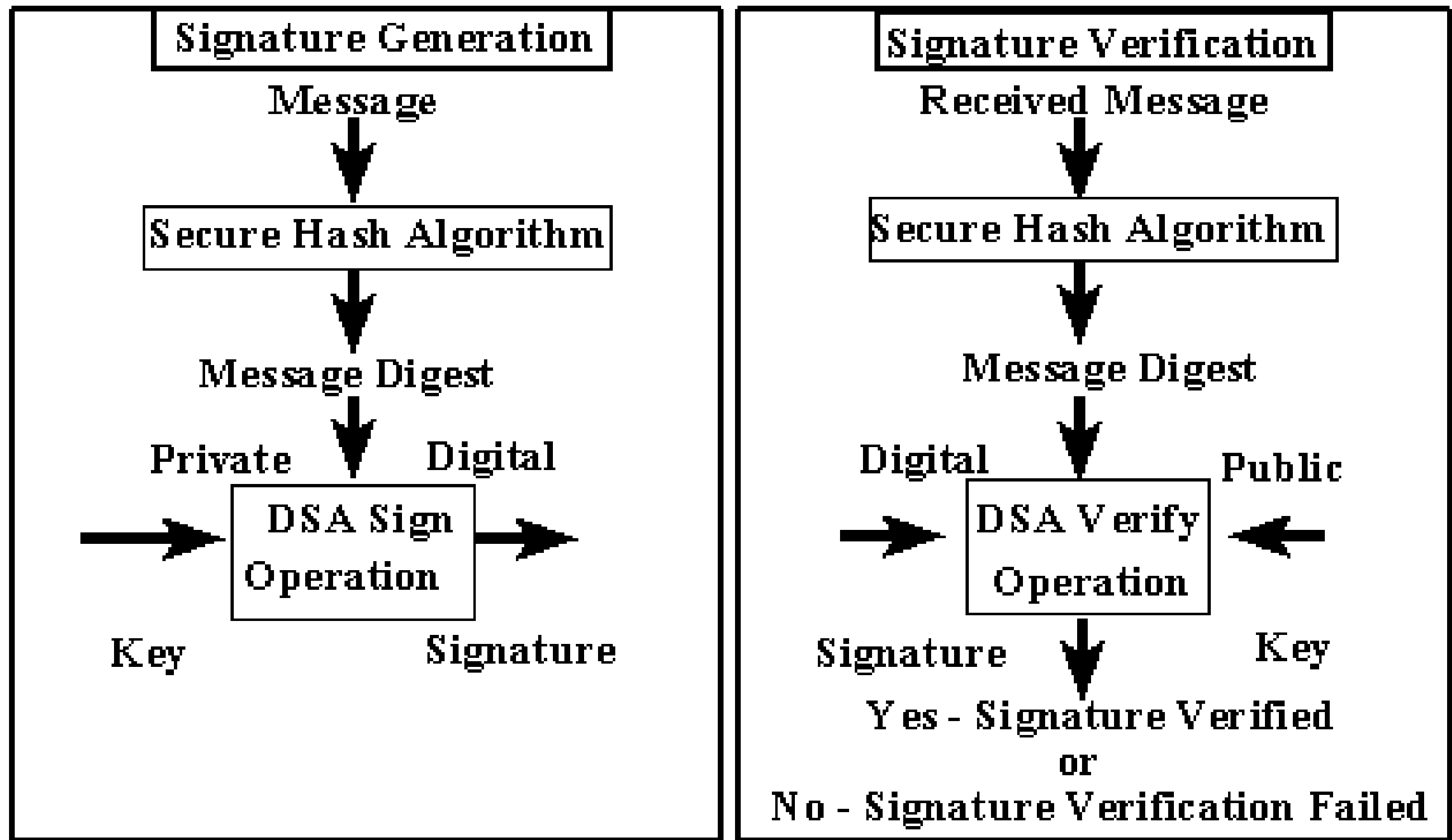


Figure 7: Steps of digital signature algorithm

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# Elliptic Curve Cryptography

- $p > 3$ , an odd prime,
- Elliptic curve  $E$  over  $F_p$  is defined by an equation of form (Weierstrass equation)

$$y^2 = x^3 + ax + b \quad (1)$$

- Where  $a, b \in F_p$ , and  $4a^3 + 27b^2 \not\equiv 0 \pmod{p}$
- Set  $E(F_p)$  consists of all points  $(x, y)$ ,  $x \in F_p$ ,  $y \in F_p$ , which satisfy the defining equation (1), together with a special point  $O$  called *the point at infinity*

*(Another form of Weierstrass equation:*

$$y^2 + xy = x^3 + ax^2 + b \quad (2)$$

*For binary finite fields  $GF(2^m)$ . Ignore now since we will not use it.)*

# Elliptic Curve: Example

- Let  $E$  be the curve

$$y^2 = x^3 + x + 4 \quad (3)$$

over the field  $GF(23)$ , then the points on  $E(F_{23})$  are:

- $\{0, (0,2), (0,21), (1,11), (1,12), (4,7), (4,16), (7,3), (7,20), (8,8), (8,15), (9,11), (9,12), (10,5), (10,18), (11,9), (11,14), (13,11), (13,12), (14,5), (14,18), (15,6), (15,17), (17,9), (17,14), (18,9), (18,14), (22,5), (22,19)\}$
- Thus, the order of  $E$  is  $\#E(GF(23)) = 29$

# EC Operations: Point Addition

- $P = (x_1, y_1) \in E(\mathbb{F}_p)$  and  $Q = (x_2, y_2) \in E(\mathbb{F}_p)$ , where  $P \neq \pm Q$ , then  $P + Q = (x_3, y_3)$ , where

$$x_3 = \left( \frac{y_2 - y_1}{x_2 - x_1} \right)^2 - x_1 - x_2 \quad (4)$$

and

$$y_3 = \left( \frac{y_2 - y_1}{x_2 - x_1} \right) (x_1 - x_3) - y_1 \quad (5)$$

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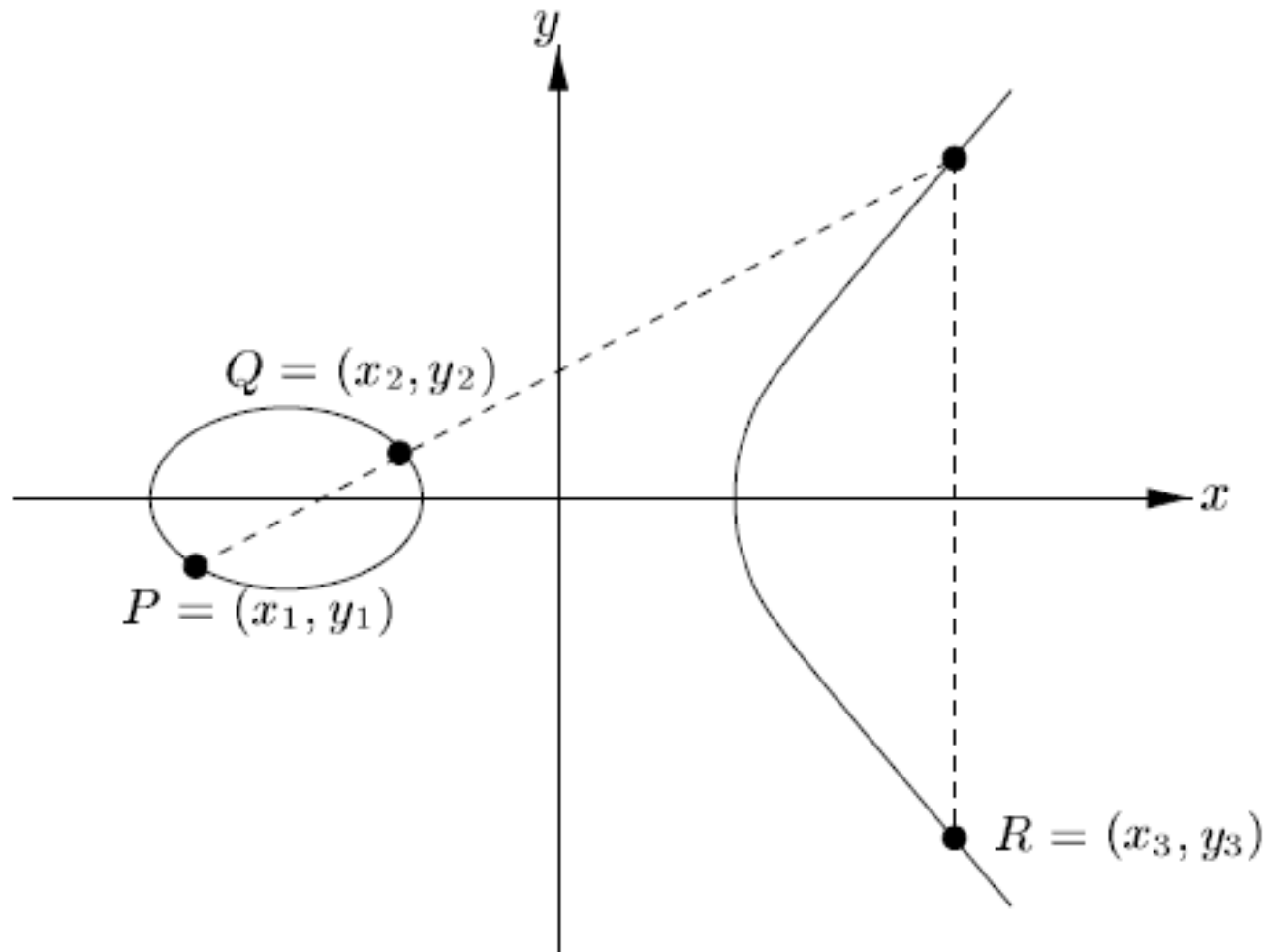


Figure 8: Geometric description of the addition of two distinct elliptic curve points:  $P + Q = R$



# EC Operations: Point Doubling

- $P = (x_1, y_1) \in E(\mathbb{F}_p)$ , where  $P \neq -P$ , then  $2P = (x_3, y_3)$ , where

$$x_3 = \left( \frac{3x_1^2 + a}{2y_1} \right)^2 - 2x_1 \quad (6)$$

and

$$y_3 = \left( \frac{3x_1^2 + a}{2y_1} \right) (x_1 - x_3) - y_1 \quad (7)$$

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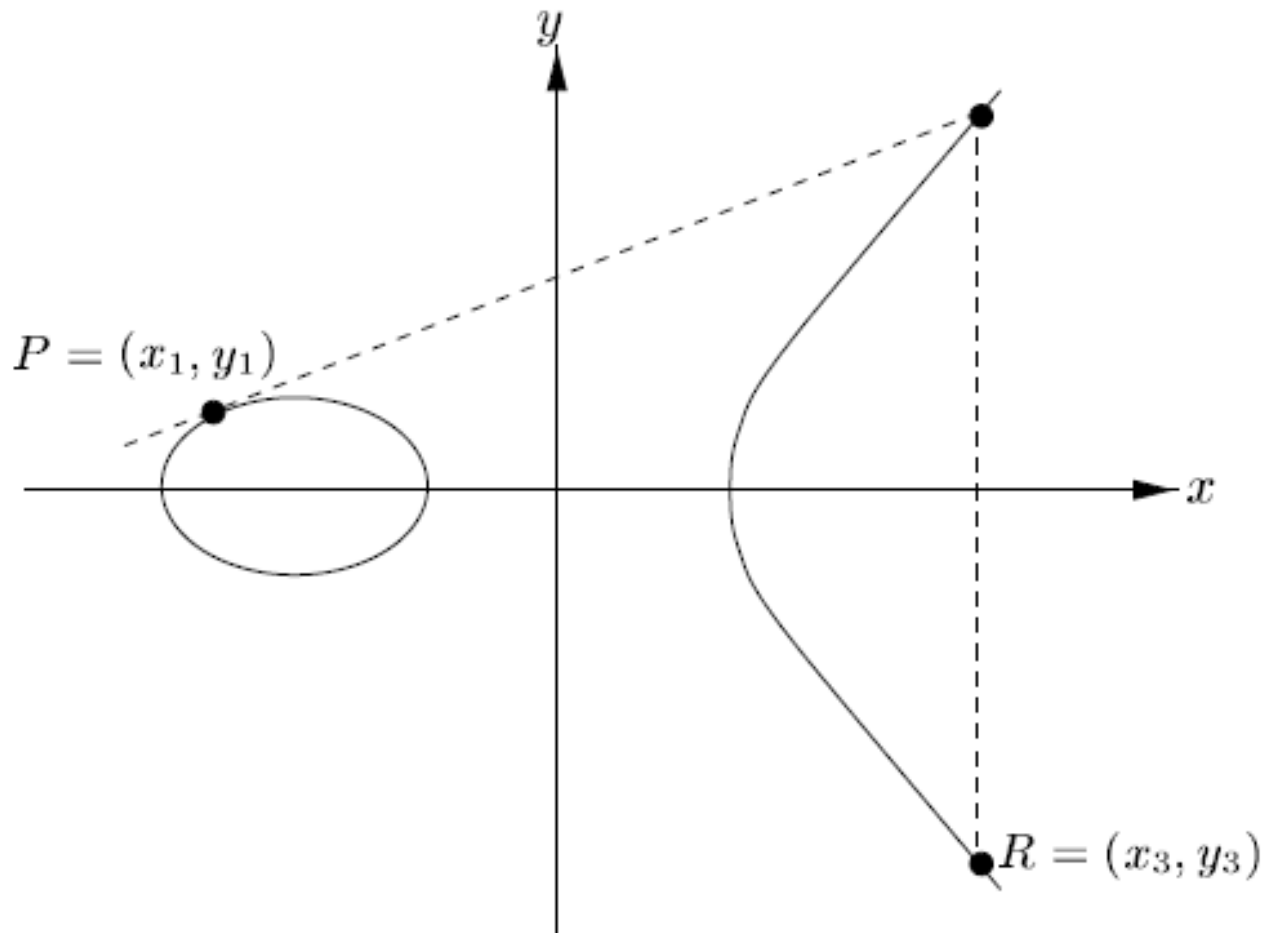


Figure 9: Geometric description of the doubling of an distinct elliptic curve point:  $P + P = R$

# Property of Elliptic Curve

- $E(F_p)$  is **an abelian group of rank 1 or 2**, which means  $E(F_p)$  is isomorphic to  $\mathbb{Z}_{n_1} \times \mathbb{Z}_{n_2}$ , where  $n_2$  divides  $n_1$ ,  $n_2$  divides  $q - 1$ , for unique positive integers  $n_1$  and  $n_2$
- $\mathbb{Z}_n$  denotes the cyclic group of order  $n$ . If  $n_2 = 1$ , then  $E(F_q)$  is isomorphic to  $\mathbb{Z}_{n_1}$ , and is **cyclic**
- When  $E(F_q)$  is isomorphic to  $\mathbb{Z}_{n_1}$  (rank=1 now), and there exists a point  $P \in E(F_q)$  such that  $E(F_q) = \{kP : 0 \leq k \leq n_1 - 1\}$ . Point P is called a **generator** of  $E(F_q)$

# Cyclic Elliptic Curve: Example

- Consider the elliptic curve  $E(\mathbb{F}_{23})$  defined in previous example. Since  $\#E(\mathbb{GF}(23)) = 29$ , which is prime,  $E(\mathbb{F}_{23})$  is cyclic and any point other than  $O$  is a generator of  $E(\mathbb{F}_{23})$ . For example, when  $P = (0,2)$  is a generator:  
 $1P = (0,2), 2P = (13,12),$   
 $3P = (11,9), 4P = (1,12),$   
 $\dots, 28P = (0,21), 29P = O$

# How to replace Discrete Logarithm with Elliptic Curve

- Two parties agree on elliptic curve settings (a sextuple  $T = (p, a, b, G, n, h)$ )
- $p$ : GF's prime;
- $a, b$ : two parameters for  $y^2 = x^3 + ax + b$  (or other curve equations);
- $G$ : a base point of  $E(F_p)$ ;
- $n$ : order of  $G$ ;
- $h$ : cofactor of  $G$ ;

# How to replace Discrete Logarithm with Elliptic Curve

- Given the set of EC domain parameters, generate EC key pair  $(W, s)$
- $s$  is private key, which is an integer in range  $[1, r - 1]$
- $W$  is public key, which is a point on  $E(\mathbb{F}_p)$ , where  $W = sG$
- It is **hard** to find  **$s$**  if we **only know  $W$  and  $G$** . Just like in discrete logarithm it is hard to find  **$a$**  if we only know  **$A = g^a \bmod p, g$ , and  $p$**

# Advantage of ECC: smaller key sizes

- Using more complex math to shorten the key sizes, while complex math does not mean adding time complexity in algorithm

Symmetric	ECC	DH/DSA/RSA
80	163	1024
112	233	2048
128	283	3072
192	409	7680
256	571	15360

Table 2: Comparable Key Sizes (in bit)

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# Elliptic Curve Diffie-Hellman Ephemeral (ECDHE)

- Using ECKAS-DH1 scheme with the identity map as key derivation function (KDF)

# ECKAS-DH1: Elliptic Curve Key Agreement Scheme, Diffie-Hellman version

- Secret value derivation primitive: ECSVDP-DH, or ECSVDP-DHC
- A sequence of shared secret keys  $K_1, K_2, \dots, K_t$ , shall be generated by each party by following steps
  - 1. Establish the valid set of EC domain parameters;
  - 2. Select a valid private key  $s$  for the operation;
  - 3. Obtain the other party's purported public key  $w'$  for the operation;
  - 4. Compute a shared secret value  $z$  from private key  $s$  and other party's public key  $w'$  with the selected secret value derivation primitive;
  - 5. Convert the shared secret value  $z$  to an octet string  $Z$  using FE2OSP.
  - 6. For each shared secret key to be agreed on
    - Establish or otherwise agree on key derivation parameters  $P_i$  for the key;
    - Derive a shared secret key  $K_i$  from the octet string  $Z$  and the key derivation parameters  $P_i$  with the selected key derivation function

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  - AES: Advanced encryption standard
  - CCM: Counter with Cipher Block Chaining – Message Authentication Code

# Authenticated Encryption with Associated Data (AEAD)

- Many cryptographic applications require both confidentiality and message authentication
- Confidentiality: data is available only to those authorized to obtain it, usually realized through encryption;
- Message authentication: data has not been altered or forged by unauthorized entities;
- AEAD algorithm will provide both by using a single cryptoalgorithm

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# Advanced Encryption Standard (AES)

- Originally called Rijndael algorithm;



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# CCM: Counter with Cipher Block Chaining – Message Authentication Code

- Generation-encryption process:

## Prerequisites:

block cipher algorithm;

key  $K$ ;

counter generation function;

formatting function;

MAC length  $T_{len}$ .

## Input:

valid nonce  $N$ ;

valid payload  $P$  of length  $P_{len}$  bits;

valid associated data  $A$ ;

## Output:

ciphertext  $C$ .

# CCM: Counter with Cipher Block Chaining – Message Authentication Code

- Generation-encryption process:

## Steps:

1. Apply the formatting function to (N, A, P) to produce the blocks  $B_0, B_1, \dots, B_r$ .
2. Set  $Y_0 = \text{CIPHER}(B_0)$ .
3. For  $i = 1$  to  $r$ , do  $Y_i = \text{CIPHER}(B_i \oplus Y_{i-1})$ .
4. Set  $T = \text{MSBTlen}(Y_r)$ .
5. Apply the counter generation function to generate the counter blocks  $\text{Ctr}_0, \text{Ctr}_1, \dots, \text{Ctr}_m$ , where  $128 \text{Plen}_m =$ .
6. For  $j=0$  to  $m$ , do  $S_j = \text{CIPHER}(\text{Ctr}_j)$ .
7. Set  $S = S_1 || S_2 || \dots || S_m$ .
8. Return  $C = (P \oplus \text{MSBPlen}(S)) || (T \oplus \text{MSBTlen}(S_0))$ .

# CCM: Counter with Cipher Block Chaining – Message Authentication Code

- Decryption-verification process:

## Prerequisites:

block cipher algorithm;

key  $K$ ;

counter generation function;

formatting function;

valid MAC length  $T_{len}$ .

## Input:

nonce  $N$ ;

associated data  $A$ ;

purported ciphertext  $C$  of length  $C_{len}$  bits;

## Output:

either the payload  $P$  or INVALID.

# CCM: Counter with Cipher Block Chaining – Message Authentication Code

- Generation-encryption process:

## Steps:

1. If  $Clen \leq Tlen$ , then return INVALID.
2. Apply the counter generation function to generate the counter blocks  $Ctr_0, Ctr_1, \dots, Ctr_m$ , where  $\lceil Tlen/Clen \rceil = m+1$ .
3. For  $j=0$  to  $m$ , do  $S_j = CIPHK(Ctr_j)$ .
4. Set  $S = S_1 || S_2 || \dots || S_m$ .
5. Set  $P = MSB_{Clen-Tlen}(C) \oplus MSB_{Clen-Tlen}(S)$ .
6. Set  $T = LSB_{Tlen}(C) \oplus MSB_{Tlen}(S_0)$ .
7. If  $N$ ,  $A$ , or  $P$  is not valid, as discussed in Section 5.4, then return INVALID, else apply the formatting function to  $(N, A, P)$  to produce the blocks  $B_0, B_1, \dots, B_r$ .
8. Set  $Y_0 = CIPHK(B_0)$ .
9. For  $i = 1$  to  $r$ , do  $Y_i = CIPHK(B_i \oplus Y_{i-1})$ .
10. If  $T \neq MSB_{Tlen}(Y_r)$ , then return INVALID, else return  $P$ .

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- AES Component
- Record Layer: AEAD\_AES\_128\_CCM
- ECDHE Component
- ECDSA Component
- Handshake Layer: ECDHE\_ECDSA
- Test
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# Set up TCP/IP Link

- Using Windows Sockets API (Winsock)
- Basic client and server code from MSDN
  - [http://msdn.microsoft.com/en-us/library/windows/desktop/ms737591\(v=vs.85\).aspx](http://msdn.microsoft.com/en-us/library/windows/desktop/ms737591(v=vs.85).aspx)
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# Structure of Client

Initialize socket;

Clientphase = InitialC (or TestC);

While(){

    clientphase:

        TestC: test the socket api

        InitialC: initialize all parameters

        HandshakeRelatedC: do handshake

        RecordPrepareC: generate keys with master secret

        RecordLayerC: transfer the data and verify the  
                                received data

        ExitC: exit the while loop

}

Close the socket;



# Structure of Server

Initialize socket;

Serverphase = InitialS (or TestS);

While(){

    serverphase:

        TestS: test the socket api

        InitialS: initialize all parameters

        HandshakeRelatedS: do handshake

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        ExitS: exit the while loop

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# AES Component

- From this link:

<http://code.google.com/p/lostinactionsript/downloads/detail?name=AES.zip&can=2&q=>

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- Implemented according many references.

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# Test

1. Did a complete single package test.
2. Since we only have record layer, server will set the security parameters and send to client. Then both of them use these parameters to generate the keys.

# Test: Client Output

```
C:\windows\system32\cmd.exe

Security Parameters Received
InitialC Finished
RecordPrepareC Finished
Plaintext Sent
This is a client test!

Client RecordLayer Send Finished
Server Ciphertext Received: 51
outputUint8s: 23      255      255      38      0      0      0      0
0      0      0      0      0      1      145      61      46      138
176      182      32      192      96      240      113      3      90      238
253      32      116      101      115      116      33      20      163      186
1      147      157      126      232      97      232      229      9      44
84      7      148
Plaintext Valid? true
Plaintext
Recv:
This is a server test!
RecordLayer Finished
Press any key to continue . . .
```



# Test: Server Output

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241      32      116      101      115      116      33      201      9      169
45      83      52      104      11      177      76      178      225      99
246      85      242
S:
outputUint8s: 110      120      60      149      132      66      204      205
99      224      126      231      208      67      36      133
Plaintext Valid? true
Plaintext
Recv len:      22
This is a client test!
RecordLayerS Finished
请按任意键继续. . .
```

# To Do List

1. Optimize the current code. There are a lot of questions that need to be solved. I have kept them in a google doc;
2. Expand the code to normal data transfer requirement. For example, transfer a big html page, or provide an API for http service;
3. Finish the handshake protocol.

Thank you!