

This is a C code project for learning about Ethereum communication.

For example, consider the following documentation from the Ethereum project website.¹

Alice wants to send an encrypted message that can be decrypted by Bob's static private key k_B . Alice knows about Bob's static public key K_B .

To encrypt the message m , Alice generates a random number r and corresponding elliptic curve public key $R = r * G$ and computes the shared secret $S = P_x$ where $(P_x, P_y) = r * K_B$. She derives key material for encryption and authentication as $k_E \parallel k_M = \text{KDF}(S, 32)$ as well as a random initialization vector iv . Alice sends the encrypted message $R \parallel \text{iv} \parallel c \parallel d$ where $c = \text{AES}(k_E, \text{iv}, m)$ and $d = \text{MAC}(\text{sha256}(k_M), \text{iv} \parallel c)$ to Bob.

Let

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r = ephemeral_private_key
R = ephemeral_public_key
S = shared_secret
K_B = peer_public_key
k_E = aes_key
k_M = hmac_key
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Then this is the code for r and $R = r * G$.

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// generate ephemeral_private_key and ephemeral_public_key
ec_genkey(ephemeral_private_key, ephemeral_public_key);
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This is the code for $S = P_x$ where $(P_x, P_y) = r * K_B$.

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// derive shared_secret from ephemeral_private_key and peer_public_key
ec_ecdh(shared_secret, ephemeral_private_key, peer_public_key);
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And this is the code for $k_E \parallel k_M = \text{KDF}(S, 32)$.

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// derive AES and HMAC keys from shared_secret
kdf(aes_key, hmac_key, shared_secret);
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¹<https://github.com/ethereum/devp2p/blob/master/rlpx.md>