

ECIES Encryption

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.

¹<https://github.com/ethereum/devp2p/blob/master/rlpx.md>