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Key Exchange Algorithm

Based on Diffie-Hellman

- First published in 1976 by Whitfield Diffie and Martin Hellman
- Conceptualized by Ralph Merkle

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- Invented in 2019 by Karl Zander
- Reference implementation in Python requring pycrypto

Design Goals

- To be resistant to DLP attacks
- To have smaller key lengths than traditional Diffie-Hellman

Key Generation

- Generate 2 N bit primes, let them be N and M and let them not be equal
- Let M be the private modulus
- Let N be the public modulus
- Choose a integer in N between 1 and N 1 and let that be the secret key, SK

Key Exchange Setup

- Alice and Bob generate SK, N, M
- Alice and Bob send their public modulus N to each other and compute U as the produce of NA and NB
- They compute S as product of the private modulus M and U, they keep S secret
- Alice and Bob both generate a base key Y between 1 and S – 1 and agree upon using a single Y value

Key Exchange Setup

 Alice and Bob select a temporary key T in the space of 1 to U - 1

 Alice and Bob both raise Bob's Y to their temporary exponent modulo their secret S. They exchange phase 1.

 Alice and Bob compute phase1 raised to the temporary exponent modulo U arriving at the secret modulus.

 Alice and Bob raise Alice's Y to the power of their secret key modulo the secret modulus and exchange phase3

 Alice and Bob raise each other's phase3 to their secret exponent modulo the secret modulus and arrive at the shared key

Cryptanalysis

- Phase2 may be derived using the discrete log
- Phase4 cryptanalysis in-progress