

# Password Authenticated Key Exchange: From Two Party Methods to Group Schemes

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Based on: The Fairy-Ring Dance – Password Authenticated Key  
Exchange in a Group by Hao, Yi, Chen, and Shahandashti



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# PART 1

## Classical Two Party PAKEs

# Password Authenticated Key Exchange (PAKE)

PAKEs allow two parties sharing a *short/weak* password to establish a shared key

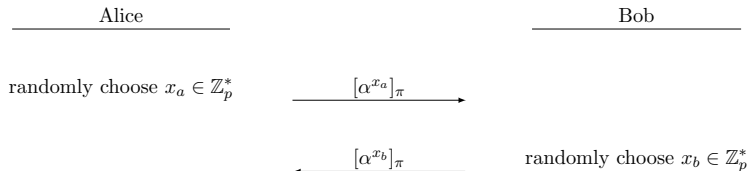
No need for public key infrastructure (TA/CA for public keys)

Cannot broadcast password directly – would need to be protected (expensive)

Instead, modern PAKEs use *zero-knowledge proofs* or *exponentiation / hash* of expression with password

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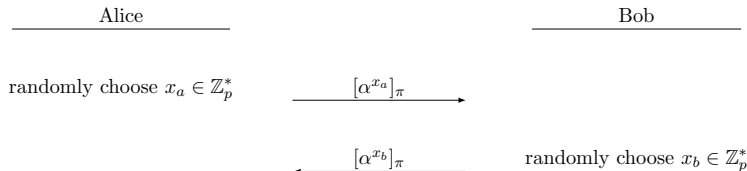
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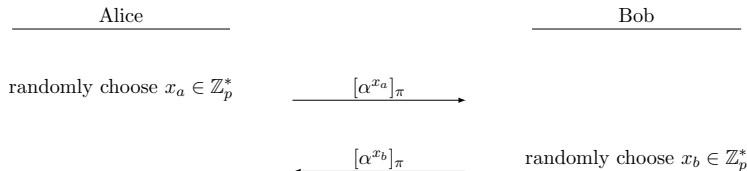


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Ex: Decypher  $[\alpha^{x_a}]_{\pi'}$  – rule out  $\pi'$  if output in  $[p, 2^n - 1]$

## (Some) Desired Security Properties

### **Offline dictionary attack resistance**

Don't leak info which can be used in brute force search

### **Forward secrecy for established keys**

Past keys secure if password disclosed

Implies passive attacker w/ password cannot compute key

### **Known session security**

All secrets of one session reveals nothing about others

### **Online dictionary attack resistance**

Attacker can only test one password per protocol execution



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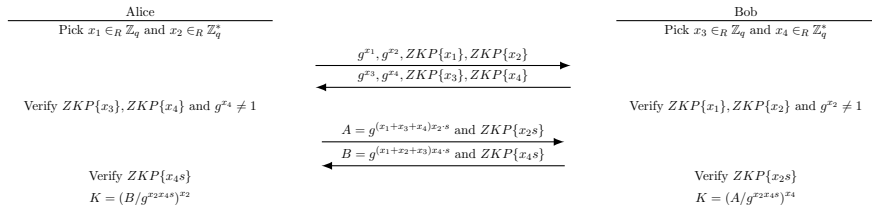
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They share

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Satisfies all 4 desired properties (under DSDH assumption)  
More robust security proof in 2015

Only two rounds of communication

No *explicit* key confirmation (only implicit)

Not patented (ISO/IEC 11770-4 standard)

## PAK/PPK (Boyko, MacKenzie, and Patel 2000)

Alternative PAKEs, via hashing password with random elements and powering

Proposes ‘simulation model’ to prove security (under DDH & random oracle)

Satisfies all desired properties (and more)

Only two/three rounds of communication

PAK has explicit key confirmation

PPK has implicit key confirmation

## Dragonfly (Harkins 2012)

Another PAKE, using discrete log / CDH problem as basis  
(IEEE Std 802.11-2012)

No formal security proofs, but claims resistance to ‘active attacks, passive attacks, and off-line dictionary attacks’  
(previously attacked, but upgraded)

Only two rounds of communication

Very fast compared to other protocols



# Comparisons

COMPARISON OF PRACTICAL DIFFIE-HELLMAN-BASED PAKE PROTOCOLS PROVEN SECURE IN THE BPR MODEL						
	Rounds / Flows	Assumptions <sup>a</sup>			Time <sup>c</sup>	
		ROM	ICM	AAM		
J-PAKE with Schnorr [24]	2 / 4 or 3 / 3	✗		✗	DSDH or (CSDH + DDH)	28 exp (12 exp + 8 mexp)
EKE [5], [7]	1 / 2		✗		CDH	4 exp + 2 memb + 2 enc
SPEKE [29], [35]	1 / 2	✗			DIDH <sup>d</sup>	4 exp + 2 memb
PPK [10]	2 / 2	✗			DDH	6 exp + 2 memb
SPAKE2 [3]	1 / 2	✗			CDH	4 exp + 2 memb

Security of the J-PAKE Password-Authenticated Key Exchange Protocol.

M. Abdalla, F. Benhamouda and P. MacKenzie, SP'2015.

BPR = model of Bellare, Pointcheval, and Rogaway from EUROCRYPT 2000

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Group key (Burster-Desmedt group key agreement protocol):

$$K_i = (g^{y_{i-1}})^{ny_i} \cdot (y^{z_i y_i})^{n-1} \cdot (y^{z_{i+1} y_{i+1}})^{n-2} \dots (g^{z_{i-2} y_{i-2}}) \quad (1)$$

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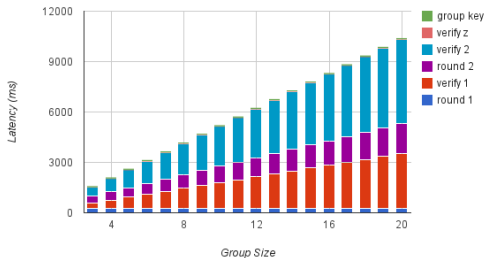
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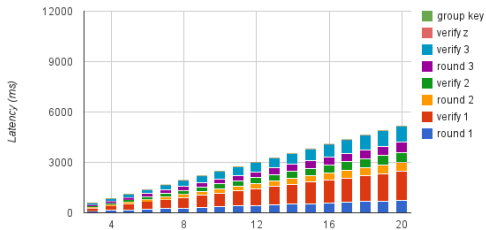
- ▶ All protocol benchmarks were implemented in Java 1.6 and run on a server (3GHz AMD processor, 6GB of RAM) running Ubuntu 12.04.
- ▶ Benchmarks measured latency, the amount of work each device would have to do in the group excluding communication.

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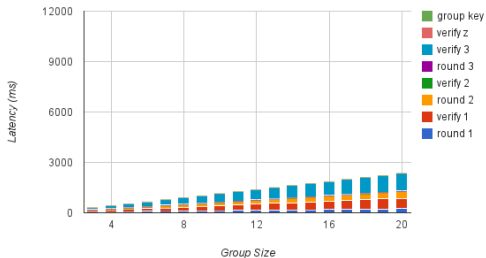


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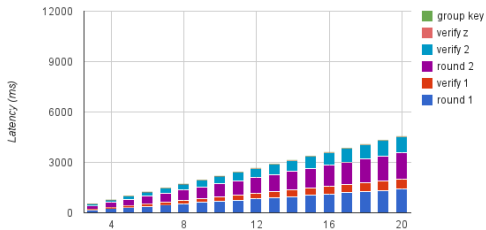


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It is possible to transfer PAKEs into GPAKEs while preserving round efficiency

SPEKE+ is very slow

J-PAKE+ is a bit slow, but ‘proven’ secure (under DSDH)

PPK is faster

Dragonfly is fastest, but no security proof  
(despite IEEE 802.11-2012 standard)

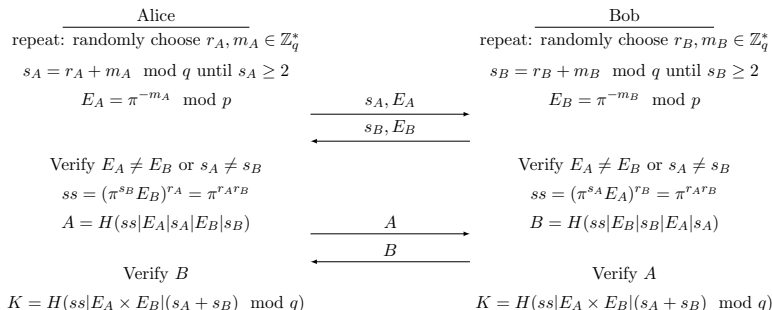
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[All verify ZKP,  $g^{z_i} \neq 1$  and check for reflection attacks]

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$$m = g^x \cdot (H_1(A, B, \pi))^r$$

$$\xrightarrow{m}$$

$$\text{Test } m \stackrel{?}{\neq} 0 \pmod{p}$$

$$y \in_R \mathbb{Z}_q$$

$$\mu = g^y$$

$$\sigma = \left( \frac{m}{(H_1(A, B, \pi))^r} \right)^y$$

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$$\xleftarrow{\mu, k}$$

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