

# **Quantum Key Reconciliation Application**

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#### Introduction

Classical asymmetric cryptograpy is vulnerable to quantum algorithms. Our projects takes part in a solution to this problem: Quantum Key Distribution. By using quantum channels to exchange key material, current eavesdropping methods won't be effective.

Our project revolves around the reconciliation layer, designed to obtain usable cryptographic keys from raw material.

## **QKD & Reconciliation**

This project uses continuous variable quantum key distribution (CV-QKD), which, like most QKD schemes, uses a quantum channel to generate raw key material public channel to then obtain usable cryptographic keys. To extract usable cryptographic keys, reconciliation is performed over an authenticated public channel with classical post-processing methods. Information transmitted over this channel isn't enough for a potential eavesdropper to discover the final keys.

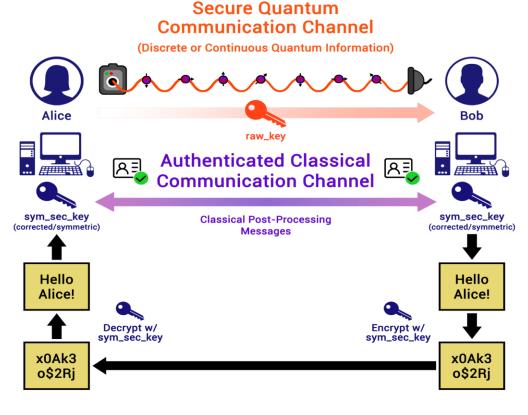


Fig 1- Quantum Key Distribution Overview.

## Qeep - quantum-secure secret vaults

To demonstrate how QKD can be applied to real applications and use-cases, we developed QeeP, a platform for organizations to manage and exchange data using digital vaults and messaging systems, all secure with a quantum-secure communications system that uses QKD and Reconciliation to stave off eavesdroppers by using encrypted storage and communication, with quantum-generated keys.

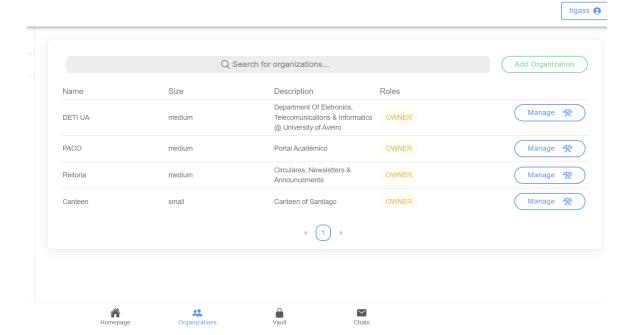


Fig 2- Part of Qeep Organizations Dashboard.

For **Qeep** & the QKD **Reconciliation** layer to effectively cooperate, we created a communication protocol to be implemented over the IP network.

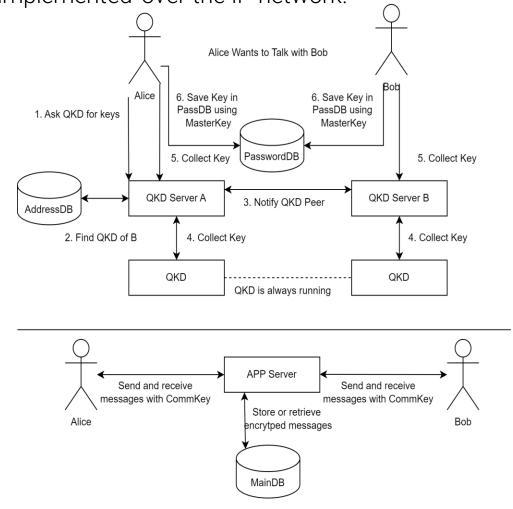


Fig 3- Project Expansion Communication Cycle.

#### Conclusion

More than ever, Privacy and Data Security are sought after and, more than ever, they're subject to complex threats & exploits. Our System, using recent technological innovations, provides the mean to protect sensible data from preying eyes while still promoting commodity and efficiency.

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