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| Opportunistic Wireless Encryption | | | | |
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Abstract

This submission proposes an opportunistic encryption scheme for 802.11.

***Instruct the editor to modify section 4.10.3.1 as indiated:***

**4.10.3.1 General**

This subclause summarizes the system setup and operation of an RSN, in fourcases: when a password or PSK is used during IEEE Std 802.11 authentication, when an IEEE Std 802.1X AS is used after Open System authentication, when a PSK is used after Open System authentication, and when a Diffie-Hellman exchange is opportunistically used during IEEE Std 802.11 (re)association. For an ESS, the AP includes an Authenticator, and each associated STA includes a Supplicant.

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**4.10.3.5 Opportunistic Wireless Encryption**

The following AKM operations are carried out when opportunistic encryption is accomplished using a Diffie-Hellman key exchange.

* The STA discovers the AP’s security policy indicating support for Opportunistic Wireless Encryption through passively monitoring Beacon frames or through actively probing. After discovery the STA performs Open Authentication with the AP.
* The STA (re)associates with the AP and provides an ephemeral Diffie-Hellman public key in its (Re)Association Request. The AP responds with an ephemeral Diffie-Hellman public key in its (Re)Association Response.
* The STA and AP complete the Diffie-Hellman key exchange and generate a PMK.
* The 4-Way Handshake using EAPOL-Key frames is used, just as with IEEE Std 802.1X authentication, when an AS is present. See Figure 4-27 (Establishing pairwise and group keys).
* The GTK and GTK sequence number are sent from the AP to the STA just as in the AS case. See Figure 4-27 (Establishing pairwise and group keys) and Figure 4-28 (Delivery of subsequent group keys).
* If management frame protection is negotiated, the IGTK and IGTK packet number are sent from the AP to the STA just as in the AS case. See Figure 4-27 (Establishing pairwise and group keys) and Figure 4-28 (Delivery of subsequent group keys).

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**8.3.3.5 Association Request frame format**

**Table 8-29—Association Request frame body**

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| Order | Information | Notes |
| <last-1> | Diffie-Hellman Parameter | The Diffie-Hellman Parameter is present if dot11RSNAActivated is true and the OWE AKM is indicated in the RSNE. |

**8.3.3.6 Association Response frame format**

**Table 8-30—Association Response frame body**

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| Order | Information | Notes |
| <last-1> | Diffie-Hellman Parameter | The Diffie-Hellman Parameter is present if dot11RSNAActivated is true and the OWE AKM is indicated in the RSNE. |

**8.3.3.7 Reassociation Request frame format**

**Table 8-31—Reassociation Request frame body**

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| Order | Information | Notes |
| <last-1> | Diffie-Hellman Parameter | The Diffie-Hellman Parameter is present if dot11RSNAActivated is true and the OWE AKM is indicated in the RSNE. |

**8.3.3.8 Reassociation Response frame format**

**Table 8-32—Reassociation Response frame body**

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| Order | Information | Notes |
| <last-1> | Diffie-Hellman Parameter | The Diffie-Hellman Parameter is present if dot11RSNAActivated is true and the OWE AKM is indicated in the RSNE. |

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**8.4.2.1 General**

**Table 8-74—Element IDs**

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Element | Element ID | Element ID  Extension | Extensible |
| Diffie-Hellman Parameter | 255 | <ANA-1> | No |

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**8.4.2.24.3 AKM Suites**

**Table 8-130—AKM suite selectors**

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| OUI | Suite  Type | Authentication Type | Key Management type | Key derivation  type |
| 00-0F-AC | <ANA-2> | Opportunistic Wireless Encryption | RSNA key management defined in 11.6 (Keys and key distribution) with SHA-256 | Defined in 11.6.1.7.2 (Key derivation function (KDF)) using SHA-256 |

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**8.4.2.171 Diffie-Hellman Parameter element**

The Diffie-Hellman Parameter element contains a Diffie-Hellman public value and an indicator of the finite cyclic group from which it was obtained. See figure 8-XYZ (Diffie-Hellman Parameter element).

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Element ID | Length | Element ID Extension | Group | Public Key |

Octets: 1 1 1 2 variable

The Element ID and Length fields are defined in 8.4.2.1 (General).

The Group field contains an identifying number from the “Group Description” registry maintained by IANA for IETF RFC 2409 (IKE) that maps a two octet number to a complete domain parameter set.

The Public Key is a Diffie-Hellman public key, an element in the group described by the domain parameter set indicated by the value in the Group field.

***Instruct the editor to create a new section 11.6.12, and the following sub-sections:***

**11.6.12 Opportunistic Wireless Encryption Handshake**

**11.6.12.1 General**

The Opportunstic Wireless Encryption is executed between a non-AP STA and an AP to establish a PMKSA using a simple Diffie-Hellman key exchange. The exchange does not provide true authentication of the non-AP STA or AP but does allow for encryption. It is designed for cases in which access control is either not necessary or can be handled outside of this standard.

**11.6.12.2 Opportunistic Wireless Encryption exchange**

The Opportunistic Wireless Encryption (OWE) exchange occurs during association of a non-AP STA and an AP that indicate the OWE AKM (8.4.2.24.3 AKM Suites) by placing a Diffie-Hellman Parameter element in the (Re)Association Request and Response frames, respectively.

First the non-AP STA chooses a group in which to perform the Diffie-Hellman exchange. It then generates a secret private key, *m*, by randomly choosing it such that 1 < *m* < *r*, where *r* is the (prime) order of the chosen group. It derives a public key, ***M***, from the private key and the generator from the chosen group, ***G***:

***M*** = scalar-op(*m*, ***G***)

Where scalar-op() is defined in 11.3.4 (Finite cyclic groups). The non-AP STA then constructs a Diffie-Hellman Parameter element by assigning the appropriate value from the IANA-maintained registry for the chosen group to the Group field and assigning the public key to the Public key field using the conversion defined in 11.3.7.2.4 (Element to octet string conversion). The non-AP STA inserts the Diffie-Hellman Parameter element into its (Re)Association Request frame per 8.3.3.5 (Association Request frame format) or 8.3.3.7 (Reassociation Request frame format) and transmits the (Re)Association Request frame to the AP.

Upon receipt of the non-AP STA’s (Re)Association Request frame indicating OWE, the AP checks the Group field of the Diffie-Hellman Parameter element. If it is not an acceptable value the AP shall reject association with the reason of UNSUPPORTED\_FINITE\_CYCLIC\_GROUP. Otherwise it shall extract the non-AP STA’s public key from the Public Key field using the conversion defined in 11.3.7.2.5 (Octet string to element conversion). The extracted public key, ***M***, shall then be validated using the element validation technique from 11.3.5.4 (Processing of a peer’s SAE Commit message). If validation of the public key fails, the AP shall reject association with the reason of REQUEST\_DECLINED. If validation of the public key is successful, Association continues.

The AP shall then generate a private key, *n*, by randomly choosing it such that 1 < *n* < *r*, where *r* is the (prime) order of the group indicated in the Group field of the received Diffie-Hellman Parameter element. It derives a public key, ***N***, from the private key and the generator from the chosen group, ***G***:

***N*** = scalar-op(*n*, ***G***)

Where scalar-op() is defined in 11.3.4 (Finite cyclic groups). It shall then complete the Diffie-Hellman key exchange and generate a shared secret a PMK, and a PMKID:

***S*** = scalar-op(*n*, ***M***)

*s* = F(***S***)

*PMK* = KDF-Hash-256(s, “OWE PMK Generation”, F(***M***) || F(***N***))

*PMKID* = Truncate-128(SHA-256(F(***M***) || F(***N***)))

Where KDF-Hash-256 is the key derivation function defined in 11.6.1.7.2 (Key derivation function (KDF)) using the hash algorithm defined by the AKM in Table 8-131 to generate a 256-bit key, and F() is the element-to-scalar mapping function from 11.3.4 (Finite Cyclic groups). Intermediate data, ***S*** and *s*, shall be irretrievably deleted upon generation of the PMK. Upon generation of the PMKID the public keys ***M*** and ***N*** can be deleted. A PMKSA shall be created containing the PMK and PMKID.

The AP shall then construct an (Re)Association Response frame per 8.3.3.6 (Association Response frame format) or 8.3.3.8 (Reassociation Response frame format) indicating OWE. The AP constructs a Diffie-Hellman Parameter element with the Group field being identical to the Group field of the received (Re)Association Request frame and assigning its public key to the Public key field using the conversion defined in 11.3.7.2.4 (Element to octet string conversion). The AP inserts the Diffie-Hellman Parameter element into its (Re)Association Response frame per 8.3.3.6 (Association Response frame format) or 8.3.3.8 (Reassociation Response frame format) and transmits the (Re)Association Response frame to the STA.

Upon receipt of the AP’s (Re)Association Response frame indicating OWE, the STA checks that the Group field of the Diffie-Hellman Parameter element is identical to the value it inserted in its (Re)Association Request frame. If it is not the STA shall fail (Re)Association. Otherwise it shall extract the AP’s public key from the Public Key field using the conversion defined in 11.3.7.2.5 (Octet string to element conversion). The extracted public key, ***N***, shall then be validated using the element validation technique from 11.3.5.4 (Processing of a peer’s SAE Commit message). If validation of the public key fails, the STA shall fail (Re)Association.

Otherwise, the STA shall then complete the Diffie-Hellman key exchange and generate a shared secret a PMK, and a PMKID:

***S*** = scalar-op(*m*, ***N***)

*s* = F(***S***)

*PMK* = KDF-Hash-256(s, “OWE PMK Generation”, F(***M***) || F(***N***))

*PMKID* = Truncate-128(SHA-256(F(***M***) || F(***N***)))

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