

# **SIP Authentication using EC-SRP5 Protocol**

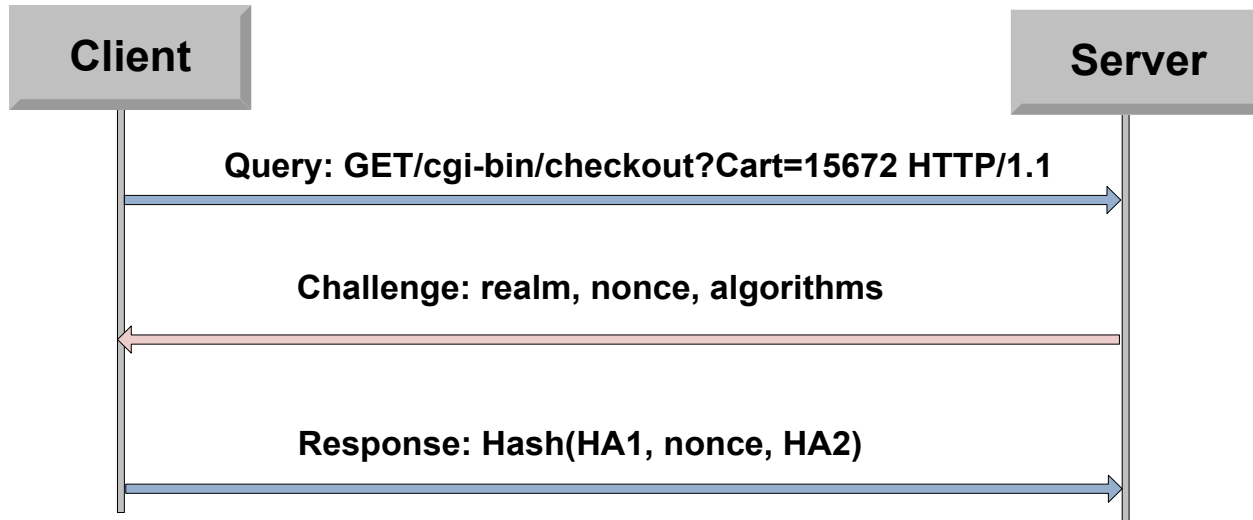
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# SIP Authentication



# HTTP Digest Authentication



Where: HA1=Hash (Username, realm, **Password**)  
HA2=Hash(Algorithms, DigestURI)

## ■ Breaking the scheme by computing

Response<sup>?</sup>=hash(hash(Username, realm, **guessed Password**), nonce, HA2)

# Features of Password

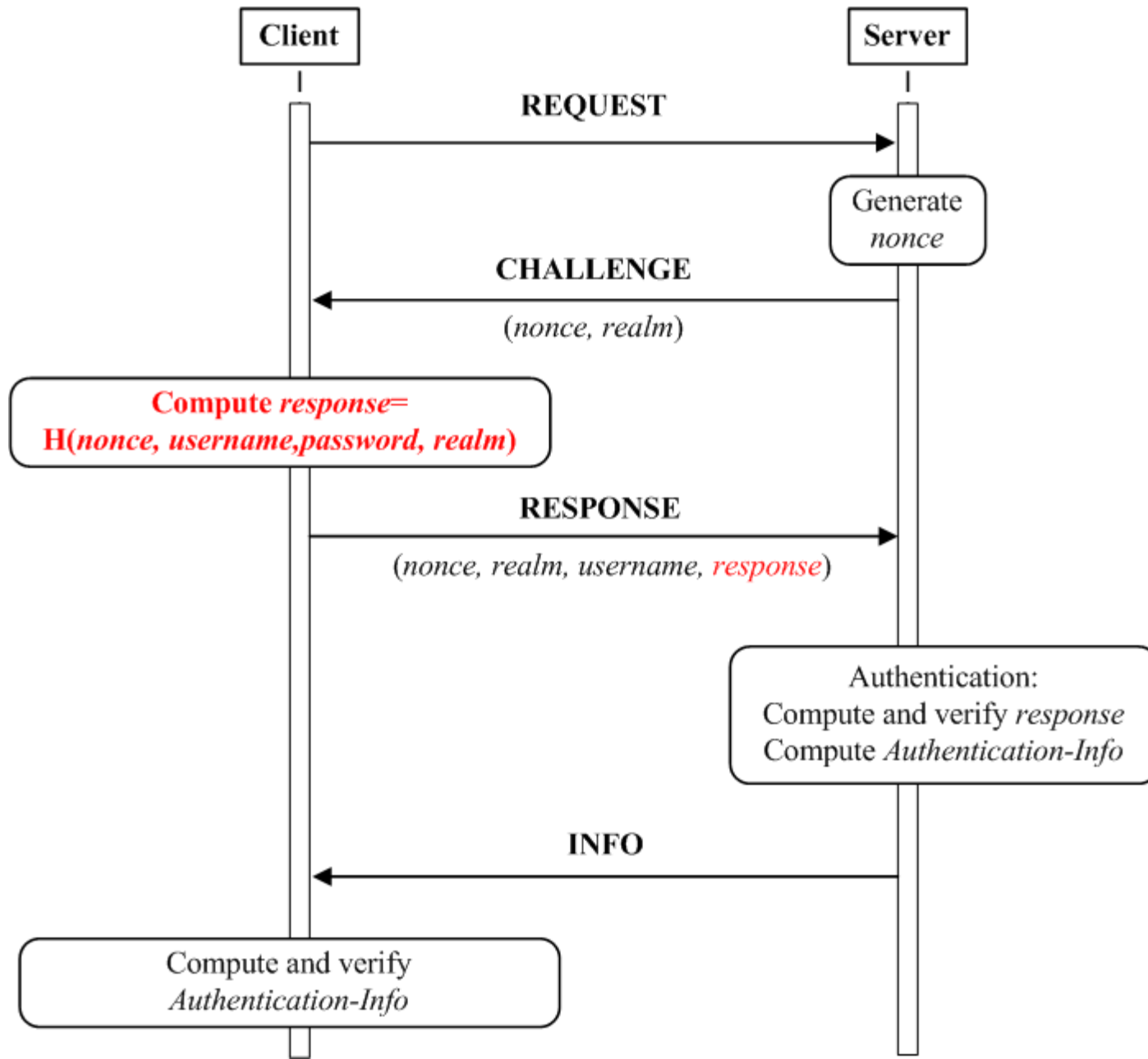
- Password usually short, less than 8 characters.



characters.



# SIP Authentication based on HTTP digest



# Weaknesses of SIP Authentication

- Off-line dictionary attacks are possible
  - ◆ Select a password  $pw`$  from password dictionary and compare

$$H(\textit{nonce}, \textit{username}, pw`, \textit{realm}) \stackrel{?}{=} \textit{response}$$

# Strong Password Authentication

- In 2009, IEEE released the standard IEEE P1363.2 regarding the password authenticated key agreement protocols
  - **Balanced password-authenticated agreement protocols (BPKAS)**
    - ↪ Two entities know the same password and establish a shared session key
    - ↪ well suited for P2P communications
    - ↪ Three protocols are recommended: PAK, PPK, SPEKE.
    - ↪ PAK is documented in RFC 5683 as standard
  - **Augmented password-authenticated agreement protocols (APKAS)**
    - ↪ Client knows the password, while the server knows only the image of the password
    - ↪ Well suited for client/server communications
    - ↪ Seven protocols are standardized, SRP is one of representatives
    - ↪ SRP is specified in RFC 2945 by IETF

# EC-SRP5 Protocol



**entangled into the temporary EC public key**

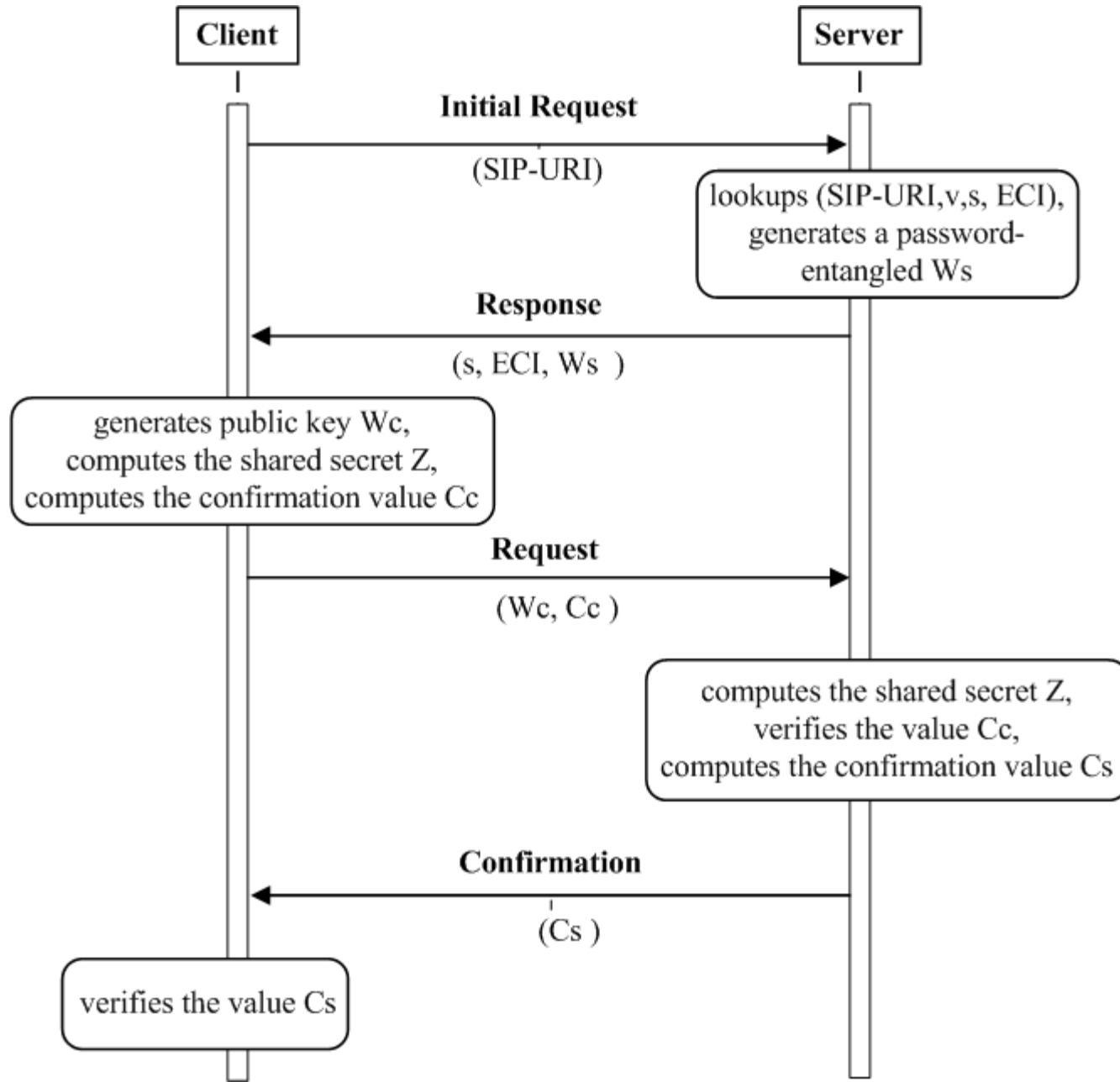
- *To access the password, attackers have to address the ECDLP problem*



# Password verifier



# SIP Authentication using EC-SRP5



# Security Considerations



*• when the times of authentication failure reach the default value set in advance.*

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- ◆ Verifying the confirmation value  $C_s$  and  $C_c$  in the client's side



## Replay attack resistance

- ◆ Each authentication session has its unique shared secret  $Z$
- ◆ The client can detect the replay attack by comparing  $C_s$  with the expected confirmation value  $C_s'$
- ◆ The server can detect the replay attack by comparing  $C_c$  with the expected confirmation value  $C_c'$

# Elliptic Curve Index

SEC	ECI
secp224k1	1.3.132.0.32
secp224r1	1.3.132.0.33
secp256k1	1.3.132.0.10
secp256r1	1.2.840.10045.3.1.7
secp384r1	1.3.132.0.34
secp521k1	1.3.132.0.35

Thank you!

# Discussions

- Security of the EC-SRP5 protocol
  - ◆ Although it has been documented in IEEE, its security has not been thoroughly analyzed.
- Performance of the EC-SRP5 protocol
  - ◆ Which kind of curves is efficient
- Security of ECC curves
  - ◆ Curves suggested by SEC (also recommended by NIST) are still secure ?

# Appendix A: Algorithm ECPEKGP-SRP5-SERVER



- (1) Compute octet string  $o1=GE2OSP-X(v)$
- (2) Compute group element  $e1=ECREDP(o1)$
- (3) Compute group element  $Ws=Ts * G + e1$
- (4) Output  $Ws$  as the password-entangled public key

*Where  $GE2OSP-X$  is used to convert group elements into octet strings.  $ECREDP$  is Elliptic Curve Random Element Derivation Primitive*



# Appendix B: Algorithm ECSVDP-SRP5-CLIENT

■ The following steps are needed to compute the shared secret value  $Z$  in client:

- (1) Compute octet string  $o1 = GE2OSP-X(Wc)$
- (2) Compute octet string  $o2 = GE2OSP-X(Ws)$
- (3) Compute octet string  $o3 = SHA-256(o1|o2)$
- (4) compute an integer  $i2 = OS2IP(o3)$
- (5) Compute octet string  $o4 = GE2OSP-X(v)$
- (6) Compute group element  $e1 = ECREDP(o4)$
- (7) Compute group element  $e2 = Ws - e1$
- (8) Compute  $i3 = OS2IP(SHA-256(s|SHA-256(SIP-URI|":"|Pw|ECI)))$
- (9) Compute group element  $zg = (Tc + (i2 \cdot i3)) \cdot e2$
- (10) Compute field element  $z = GE2SVFEP(zg)$
- (11) Compute shared secret value  $Z = FE2OSP(z)$
- (12) Output  $Z$

*Where GE2SVFEP is the primitive for group element to secret value field element conversion, FE2OSP is field element to octet string conversion primitive.*

# Appendix C: Algorithm ECSDVP-SRP5-SERVER

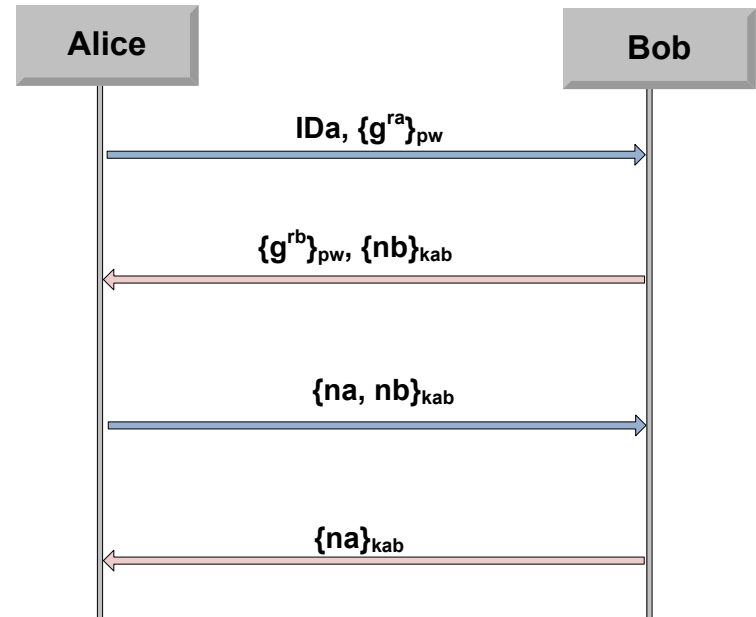
■ The following steps are needed to compute the shared secret value  $Z$  in server:

- (1) Compute octet string  $o1 = \text{GE2OSP-X}(Wc)$
- (2) Compute octet string  $o2 = \text{GE2OSP-X}(Ws)$
- (3) Compute octet string  $o3 = \text{SHA-256}(o1 | o2)$
- (4) compute an integer  $i2 = \text{OS2IP}(o3)$
- (5) Compute group element  $zg = T_s * (Wc + i2 * v)$
- (6) Compute field element  $z = \text{GE2SVFEP}(zg)$
- (7) Compute shared secret value  $Z = \text{FE2OSP}(z)$
- (8) Output  $Z$

# Encrypted key exchange-DH(EKE-DH)

■ 1992, Bellovin invented EKE-DH to address this problem first. Its procedure is:

- Alice sends its identity  $ID_a$  and DH-public key  $g^{ra}$  encrypted with password  $P_w$  to Bob
- Bob encrypts its DH-public key  $g^{rb}$  with password  $P_w$ , and generates a shared  $K_{ab}=g^{r_a r_b}$ . The nonce  $nb$  is protected by  $K_{ab}$ .
- Alice generates the shared  $K_{ab}$ , and decrypts  $\{nb\}_{K_{ab}}$ , and encrypts its nonce  $na$  as well as  $nb$  with  $K_{ab}$ .
- Bob decrypts  $\{na, nb\}_{K_{ab}}$ . If the decrypted  $nb$  is identical to the  $nb$  it sented, the Alice is authenticated.
- Alice decrypts  $\{na\}_{K_{ab}}$ . If the decrypted  $na$  is identical to the  $na$  it sented, the Bob is authenticated.



# Variants of EKE-DH

- **The key point of EKE-DH is that ephemeral public DH keys are encrypted with the password.**
  - Unable to mount off-line dictionary attacks
    - ↪ Public DH keys are random strings
  - Unable to discover the session key
    - ↪ Private DH keys are unknown to attacks
- **The basic idea to combine asymmetric algorithms with symmetric algorithms to foil the off-line dictionary attacks has been extended. This can be abstracted as public DH keys are entangled by using the password. This leads to**
  - PAK (Password Authenticated key exchange) and PPK (Password Protected Key exchange)
    - ↪ Password-entangled DH public key is:  $f(Pw).g^x \bmod p$
  - SPEKE (Secure Password Exponential key Exchange)
    - ↪ Password-entangled DH public key is:  $f(Pw)^x \bmod p$

# Standards and Patents

Protocols	Security analysis	IEEE P1363.2	RFC	Patents
EKE-DH	Several papers	--	--	US and EU patents
PAK	Provelly secure	Yes	Yes	Patent held by Lucent
PPK	Provelly secure	Yes	No	Patent held by Lucent
SPEKE	Provelly secure	Yes	No	Phoenix held the patent
SRP	Provelly secure	Yes	Yes	Standford Uni held the patent, license free
EC-SRP5	--	Yes	No	No

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