

PERFECT FORWARD SECRECY FOR EAP-AKA'

or

**THE SPIES ATTACKED MY PROTOCOL,
I WANT A DEFENCE :-)**

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Background

- Revelations lead to improvements at card manufacturers, operators & GSMA
- ... but vulnerabilities cannot be ruled out
- Perfect forward secrecy defends against this
- If there is a compromise of smart card long-term keys, the use of EAP AKA' PFS protects against passive attackers (or forces active attack)



The Protocol

- Backwards-compatible extension that adds Diffie-Hellman exchange to EAP-AKA'
- EAP-generated keys provide Perfect Forward Secrecy



More Details

- Interfaces to SIM card and to HSS are kept unchanged; Diffie-Hellman is performed on the phone/authentication server

=> no changes to credentials or key parts of infrastructure, only EAP implementations

- Anything that runs of the EAP keys benefits from the high-quality keying material produced by Diffie-Hellman keys

Why Do This?

- My protocol is broken, please let me fix it :-)
- RFC 7258 requires that pervasive monitoring attacks be taken into account in IETF protocols, and defences considered
- Modern cryptographic protocols generally try to provide PFS
- Support for PFS is part of the agreed plans in the next 5G development (phase 2)

Next Steps

- A specification that is available now can meet industry needs in 2019
- Ongoing implementation efforts
- Consider for WG adoption?