TLS 1.3 A New Standard and Its Security



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Agenda



Part I Introducing a New Standard

- The Transport Layer Security (TLS) protocol: history, design, and flaws.
- Why TLS 1.3 and what does it change?

Part II Design & Security Analyses

- TLS 1.3: the technical details
- Understanding the security of TLS 1.3
- Case study: computational security of the TLS 1.3 handshake
- ► Goal: (some) understanding of a complex real-world protocol and its crypto
- Please interrupt and ask if you have questions!



Part I

TLS 1.3 Introducing a New Standard

So What Is TLS?





The Transport Layer Security (TLS) Protocol



TLS allows client/server applications to communicate over the Internet in a way that is designed to prevent eavesdropping, tampering, and message forgery.

		TLS 1.3 [RFC 8446]
1994	SSL 1.0 (unpublished)	
1995	SSL 2.0	all considered seriously broken today
1996	SSL 3.0	J
1999	TLS 1.0 – RFC 2246	pprox SSL 3.0, adopted by IETF
2006	TLS 1.1 – RFC 4346	
2008	TLS 1.2 – RFC 5246	maintained by IETF TLS working group
2018	TLS 1.3 – RFC 8446	

So What Is TLS?



The TLS Protocol A Story of Success ... and Failures



- initially introduced by Netscape to enable e-commerce on the WWW
- today: protecting billions of Internet connections every day
 - web, email, messaging, VoIP, banking, payments, e-health, ...
 - >80% of web traffic is encrypted¹
- an exposed target for attacks with a track record of critical flaws
 - structural/design errors
 - weaknesses in cryptographic primitives
 - implementation flaws
 - ▶ ...
- crypto and security research important to analyze and understand security
 - finding design flaws, guiding design, discussing security trade-offs

¹e.g., https://www.f5.com/labs/articles/threat-intelligence/the-2017-tls-telemetry-report



The TLS Protocol High-level Goals



(from TLS 1.3, RFC 8446)

- "The primary goal of TLS is to provide a secure channel between two peers"
- only requirement from underlying transport: reliable, in-order data stream

Authentication

- server side of the channel is always authenticated
- client side is optionally authenticated
- via asymmetric cryptography (signatures) or a symmetric pre-shared key

Confidentiality

- data sent over the channel is only visible to the endpoints
- TLS does not hide the length of the data it transmits (but allows padding)

Integrity

- data sent over the channel cannot be modified by attackers without detection
- security in the face of an attacker who has complete control of the network



The TLS Protocol Overly Simplified



Handshake Protocol: negotiate security parameters ("cipher suite")

- authenticate peers
- establish key material for data protection



Record Protocol:

protect data using key material from handshake
ensuring confidentiality and integrity







The TLS Protocol Actors



- with billions of users come billions of devices (for servers and clients)
- of all types, from *laptop* \leftrightarrow *cloud* to *embedded device* \leftrightarrow *smart home hub*
- running various implementations of TLS, in software and hardware
- from widely-used libraries (OpenSSL, those of Google, Facebook, ...) to small or even ad-hoc implementations
- authentication through Certification Authorities (100+ in standard browser)
- highly trusted and single-point-of-failure



Components



- TLS is a "self-negotiating" protocol
- handshake first of all agrees on TLS version and cipher suite to use
- Cipher suites: client proposes list, server picks
- fixes crypto algorithms to be used for that session
- ► format (up to TLS 1.2): TLS_KEX_AUT_WITH_CIP_MAC





Handshake Protocol Structure





Record Protocol Structure





Record Protocol Structure





Resumption, Renegotiation, Extensions, ...



(Session) Resumption

- abbreviated handshake based on previously established shared secret
- multiple and possibly parallel connections from same initial secret

Renegotiation

- change of cipher suite (and keys) within session, protected within Record Protocol
- use, e.g., for late client authentication (hiding client's identity)
- or key renewal on long-lived connections without re-establishing connection

Extensions & Variants

- extensions specify additional functionality and/or security features
- e.g.: AEAD cipher suites, ECC, connections to other protocols, ...
- some mandatory to implement, some security-critical patches
- DTLS: variant for TLS over UDP

TLS: complex protocol with many subtly interacting sub-components

"What could possibly go wrong?" :-) (Kenny Paterson)

TLS Security Issues



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MAC-then-AES-CBC Decryption

- decrypt ciphertext to obtain Payload || MAC Tag || Padding
- remove padding what if padding is incorrect?
- check MAC
- A padding oracle
 - ▶ in a modified ciphertext, either the padding check fails...
 - ... or the MAC check fails
 - if the two are distinguishable: padding oracle
 - can lift a padding oracle to a decryption oracle [Vau02] (conditions apply)
- ▶ instead of switch to CCA-secure Enc-then-MAC, TLS tried to hide error signal
 - "compute MAC w/ zero padding", "leaves a [non-exploitable] small timing channel"
 - Lucky13 [AP13]: HMAC timing difference still big enough
 - really need constant time—which is extremely difficult!

TLS Security Issues @Protocol Design: Weak DH Negotiation and Logjam



- core issue: weak algorithms make strong ones fail through downgrades Client Server ClientHello: Goda, G512 Signature? ServerCe only covers nonces ServerKey ClientKeyExchange Transcript MAC? {ClientFinished} - with weak key ServerFinisheur
- ► Logjam [ABD+15]: How Diffie-Hellman Fails in Practice
 - server impersonation through support of (also) weak DH groups

drawings by Giorgia Azzurra Marson

TLS Security Issues

@Implementation: Buffers and Heartbleed



- core issue: buffer over-read in OpenSSL
- Heartbeat extension (RFC 6520)
 - client sends "ping back those 4 bytes: 00 01 02 03"
 - server responds "00 01 02 03"
- Heartbleed attack [Hea14]
 - client sends "ping back those 16 Kbytes: 00 01 02 03"
 - server responds "00 01 02 03 ... <memory dump>"
 - possibly including sensitive data like server private key etc.
- high severity & public attention and a catchy logo





TLS 1.3 A New Hope?



▶ IETF TLS WG begins in early 2014 with developing new TLS 1.3 version

So... what would you change?

TLS 1.3 Design Goals



- Clean up: get rid of flawed and unused crypto & features
- Improve latency: for main handshake and repeated connections (while maintaining security)
- Improve privacy: encrypt as much of the handshake as possible
- Continuity: maintain interoperability with previous versions and support existing important use cases
- Security Assurance (added later): have supporting analyses for changes



Clean up

removed legacy and broken crypto

- ► ciphers: (3)DES, RC4, ..., MtEE (CBC & generally) only AEAD remains
- hash functions: MD5, SHA1
- authentication: Kerberos, RSA PKCS#1v1.5 key transport
- custom (EC)DHE groups
- removed broken features

quite some resistance from enterprises doing passive inspection

- compression
- renegotiation (but added key updates + late client auth)
- removed static RSA/DH: public-key crypto = forward secrecy
- cleaned key derivation based on Extract-then-Expand HKDF
- hardened negotiation of version/cipher suite against downgrades



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> TLS 1.3: full handshake in 1 round trip

- feature reduction \rightarrow we always do (EC)DHE
- client speculatively sends several DH shares in supported groups
- server picks one, replies with its share, and key can be already derived
- 0-RTT handshake when resuming previous connection
 - client+server keep shared resumption secret (PSK)
 - client derives a key from that and can immediately encrypt data
 - but: 0-RTT sacrifices certain security properties (will come to that)



Improve privacy

- TLS 1.2: complete handshake in the clear (incl. certificates, extensions)
- TLS 1.3: encrypts almost all handshake messages
 - derive separate key early to protect handshake messages
 - provides security against passive/active attackers (for server/client)

Continuity

- example: complex renegotiation only used for key updates and late client auth
 - just keep these features
- interoperability by having ClientHello the only joint message with TLS <1.3</p>
 - Well... we'll see.

TLS 1.3

Timeline, Proposals, and Security Analyses



2014	April	draft-00	copy of TLS 1.2			
	July	draft-02	1-RTT, –custom DH, –compression –static RSA/DH, –non-AEAD	R		
	October	draft-03	ECC in base standard	STANDARD UNDER CONSTRUCTION		
2015	January	draft-04	remove renegotiation	CONSTRUCTION		
	March	draft-05				
		draft-dh	variant based on OPTLS			
		RTT w/ static DH				
	[DFGS15] draft-05/dh Analysis: first KE security result					
	July	draft-07	merging OPTLS (partially): key scheo	lule, HKDF, 0-RTT		
	August	draft-08/	9 deprecate MD5+SHA1, add RSA-PS	S signatures		
		$ \longrightarrow [BL16] $] SLOTH: transcript collision attacks			
		$ \longrightarrow [JSS1] $	5] TLS 1.3 vs. PKCS#1v1.5 Encryption	still bad		
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Timeline, Proposals, and Security Analyses [cont'd]



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2015	October December	draft-10 draft-11 + downgrade protection, + late client auth, + key updates ↓ [BBF ⁺ 16] Downgrade Resilience: proposed hardening ↓ [Kra16] Post-Handshake Client Auth: formal treatment				
2016	February	TRON (TLS 1.3 – Ready or Not?) @ NDSS 2016 ↓ [DFGS16] draft-10 Analysis: updated KE security analysis ↓ [BMM ⁺ 15] Record Protocol Analysis: via constructive crypto ↓ [BBDL ⁺ 16] miTLS: towards a verified implementation ↓ [CHSvdM16] Tamarin Analysis: symbolic, identified attack				
	May	draft-13 restructure key schedule, only PSK-based 0-RTT (FG17) 0-RTT Analysis: PSK- & DH-based, security limitations				
		https://tools.ietf.org/html/draft-ietf-tls-tls13				
#### TLS 1.3

Timeline, Proposals, and Security Analyses [cont'd]



2016	May	"TRON2" TLS 1.3 Meetup @ IEEE S&P 2016
		ightarrow discussing key schedule, 0-RTT, early implementation results
	Aug-Oct	draft-1517 lots of discussion around 0-RTT
	October	draft-18
		BBK17] ProVerif Analysis: tool-based formal analysis
		[DLFK ⁺ 17] miTLS: verified Record Protocol implementation
2017	April	TLS:DIV (Design, Implem. & Verif.) @ EuroS&P / Eurocrypt 2017
		→ status update & still discussing 0-RTT [Mac17]
	July	draft-21 + comment on 0-RTT security & recommend mitigations
		[CHH ⁺ 17] Tamarin Analysis: updated
	November	draft-22 "Implement changes for improved middlebox penetration"
		Ben18] TLS Ecosystem Woes: Why your Crypto isn't Real World yet
2018	Feb/Mar	draft-2428 clarifications and cleanup
	/	https://tools.ietf.org/html/draft-ietf-tls-tls13



- ▶ already in: Firefox, Chrome, Cloudflare, Google, Facebook, OpenSSL, ...
  - ~5% of traffic @ Firefox
  - 2nd-most common version @ Cloudflare
  - ~50% of traffic @ Facebook
- **strong interaction:** TLS WG  $\leftrightarrow$  researchers  $\leftrightarrow$  engineers
  - high-paced draft progress (29 drafts in 4 years  $\approx$  one every 2nd month)
  - proactive rather than reactive standardization process (see [PvdM16])
- vibrant research topic: 20+ papers sharpening understanding and tools



## Part II

# TLS 1.3 Design & Security Analyses

#### **TLS 1.3 Security Analyses**

- recap: TLS 1.3 design process over 4 years
- many security analyses along the way
  - of different parts and scopes
  - with varying degree of granularity
  - using different techniques & tools
- would need a school on its own to cover all of these...

#### Focus today

- ▶ the Handshake Protocol (distinct modes, esp. PSK-(DHE) 0-RTT)
- a computational analysis (pen-and-paper provable security)
- will compare & discuss other analyses along the way & in summary





### The TLS Protocol

Recap (again overly simplified)



- Handshake Protocol: 

  negotiate security parameters ("cipher suite")
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#### The TLS 1.3 Handshake Full (EC)DHE Mode





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#### The TLS 1.3 Handshake PSK / PSK-(EC)DHE Resumption Mode





#### The TLS 1.3 Handshake 0.5-RTT and Post-Handshake Messages



Additional features (which we won't cover here...):

- ▶ 0.5-RTT
  - server can already send data after its Finished message
  - client not yet authenticated, but can be done retroactively [Kra16]

#### Post-Handshake Client Authentication

- server can ask client to authenticate even after handshake is over
- ► captures renegotiation functionality from ≤ TLS 1.2
- again gives retroactive authentication [Kra16]

#### Key Updates

- both sides can initiate an update of the traffic key (post-handshake)
- next key is then derived from master secret in forward-secure manner [GM17]

#### **TLS 1.3 Handshake Security**



- So: What kind of security do we expect for the TLS 1.3 handshake?
- secure key exchange
  - derived session keys should be fresh and random
  - keys secret from the point of view of an outside adversary
- here: provable, game-based, reductionist security
  - allows us to capture detailed cryptographic computations
  - get precise security bounds & crypto design recommendations
  - due to all the crypto details, security proofs can get complex
  - ► to handle complexity, we focus on one handshake mode at a time
  - and only look at the "cryptographic core"
  - symbolic analysis tools are better in analyzing interaction across modes
  - though somewhat coarser on the crypto details
  - ► to be sure the actual code is secure, you need a verified implementation

#### Cryptographic Security Models and the Provable Security Approach



- 1. describe abstract protocol 2. define security 3.
  - 3. reduce to assumptions







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can be done, but let's skip that for now...

#### Key Exchange Security Classical Definition



foundational security model by Bellare and Rogaway [BR94]



#### Key Exchange Security Novel Designs



- go beyond what classical models can capture
- e.g., Google QUIC, TLS 1.3, Signal, ...



#### Key Exchange Security Multi-Stage Key Exchange







#### (In)Dependence of Session Keys

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- key-independent: reveal of any K_i never harms any other K_{i+1}





#### Forward Secrecy

- ▶ multi-stage ⇒ forward secrecy might kick in only at some stage *j*
- take this into account when handling corruptions
- non-forward-secret: all session keys compromised by corruption
- ► stage-*j*-forward-secret: accepted keys at stages *i* ≥ *j* remain secure

#### Levels of Authentication

- different stages/keys may hold different authentication properties
  - unauthenticated (no-one)
  - unilateral authentication (server-only)
  - mutual authentication (both)
- different types may run concurrently (TLS: adaptive client authentication)



- allows client to send data without waiting for server reply
- but without server input, how does server know the request is fresh?
- adversary can replay ClientHello together with 0-RTT data
- idea: remember ClientHello identifier and reject duplicates



#### 0-RTT and Replays TLS 1.3's Take on Replays



TLS does not provide inherent replay protection for 0-RTT data.

[Simple duplicates] can be prevented by sharing state to guarantee that the 0-RTT data is accepted at most once.

Servers SHOULD provide that level of replay safety by implementing one of the methods described in this section [...] [RFC 8446, Section 8]

#### suggested mechanisms

- single-use tickets: allow each RMS to be used only once (simplest)
- ClientHello recording: reject by unique identifier
- freshness checks: reject based on ClientHello time
- ▶ "SHOULD"  $\rightarrow$  treat 0-RTT keys generally as replayable in analysis
  - so, what security remains?



#### Replays

- some stages' keys may be replayable
- may be accepted multiple times, this shouldn't count as an attack
- but should still remain secret from adversary even if replayed



#### The TLS 1.3 Handshake draft-14 PSK-(EC)DHE 0-RTT









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# The TLS 1.3 Handshake draft-14 PSK-(EC)DHE 0-RTT

The full details...

- more intermediate keys (e.g., deriving MAC keys)
- a fifth key tk_{0hs} for 0-RTT handshake encryption (got dropped again later)

and more...



#### TLS 1.3 Handshake Security draft-14 PSK-(EC)DHE 0-RTT as Multi-Stage KE [FG17]

The **TLS 1.3 PSK-(EC)DHE 0-RTT** handshake provides

- random-looking secret keys (tk_{0hs}, tk_{0RTT}, tk_{hs}, tk_{app}, EMS)
- forward secrecy for non–0-RTT keys
- mutual authentication wrt. PSK
- key independence
- replayable 0-RTT keys

assuming ...

**Theorem 7.4.** The TLS 1.3 draft-14 PSK-(EC)DHE 0-RTT handshake is Multi-Stage-secure in a key-independent and stage-3-forward-secret manner with properties (M, AUTH, USE, REPLAY).

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$$\begin{aligned} \mathsf{Adv}_{\mathsf{draft-14}\mathsf{PSK}\text{-}\mathsf{(EC)}\mathsf{DHE}\text{-}\mathsf{ORTT},\mathcal{A} &\leq 5n_s \cdot \left(\mathsf{Adv}_{\mathsf{H}\mathcal{B}_1}^{\mathsf{VH}}\right) \\ &+ n_p \cdot \left(\mathsf{Adv}_{\mathsf{HKDF}\text{-}\mathsf{Expand},\mathcal{B}_2}^{\mathsf{PRF}\text{-}\mathsf{sec}} + \mathsf{Adv}_{\mathsf{HMAC},\mathcal{B}_3}^{\mathsf{HMAC}(0, \$), \$} \\ &+ \mathsf{Adv}_{\mathsf{HKDF}\text{-}\mathsf{Expand},\mathcal{B}_2}^{\mathsf{PRF}\text{-}\mathsf{sec}} + \mathsf{Adv}_{\mathsf{HKDF}\text{-}\mathsf{Expand},\mathcal{B}_5}^{\mathsf{PRF}\text{-}\mathsf{sec}} \right) \\ &+ n_s \cdot n_p \cdot \left(\mathsf{Adv}_{\mathsf{HKDF}\text{-}\mathsf{Expand},\mathcal{B}_6}^{\mathsf{PRF}\text{-}\mathsf{sec}} + \mathsf{Adv}_{\mathsf{HMAC},\mathcal{B}_7}^{\mathsf{PRF}\text{-}\mathsf{sec}} \\ &+ \mathsf{Adv}_{\mathsf{HKDF}\text{-}\mathsf{Expand},\mathcal{B}_6}^{\mathsf{PRF}\text{-}\mathsf{sec}} + \mathsf{Adv}_{\mathsf{HMAC},\mathcal{B}_1}^{\mathsf{PRF}\text{-}\mathsf{sec}} \\ &+ \mathsf{Adv}_{\mathsf{HKDF}\text{-}\mathsf{Expand},\mathcal{B}_10}^{\mathsf{PRF}\text{-}\mathsf{sec}} + \mathsf{Adv}_{\mathsf{HMAC},\mathcal{B}_{11}}^{\mathsf{PRF}\text{-}\mathsf{sec}} \\ &+ \mathsf{Adv}_{\mathsf{HKDF}\text{-}\mathsf{Expand},\mathcal{B}_{10}}^{\mathsf{PRF}\text{-}\mathsf{sec}} + \mathsf{Adv}_{\mathsf{HMAC},\mathcal{B}_{11}}^{\mathsf{PRF}\text{-}\mathsf{sec}} \\ &+ \mathsf{Adv}_{\mathsf{HKDF}\text{-}\mathsf{Expand},\mathcal{B}_{10}}^{\mathsf{PRF}\text{-}\mathsf{sec}} + \mathsf{Adv}_{\mathsf{HKDF}\text{-}\mathsf{Expand},\mathcal{B}_{10}}^{\mathsf{PRF}\text{-}\mathsf{sec}} \\ &+ \mathsf{Adv}_{\mathsf{HKDF}\text{-}\mathsf{Expand},\mathcal{B}_{14}}^{\mathsf{PRF}\text{-}\mathsf{sec}} + \mathsf{Adv}_{\mathsf{HKDF}\text{-}\mathsf{Expand},\mathcal{B}_{13}}^{\mathsf{PRF}\text{-}\mathsf{sec}} \\ &+ \mathsf{Adv}_{\mathsf{HKDF}\text{-}\mathsf{Expand},\mathcal{B}_{14}}^{\mathsf{PRF}\text{-}\mathsf{sec}} + \mathsf{Adv}_{\mathsf{HKDF}\text{-}\mathsf{Expand},\mathcal{B}_{16}}^{\mathsf{PRF}\text{-}\mathsf{sec}} \\ &+ \mathsf{Adv}_{\mathsf{HKDF}\text{-}\mathsf{Expand},\mathcal{B}_{16}}^{\mathsf{PRF}\text{-}\mathsf{sec}}} \\ &+ \mathsf{Adv}_{\mathsf{HKDF}\text{-}\mathsf{Expand},\mathcal{B}_{16}}^{\mathsf{PRF}\text{-}\mathsf{sec}} \\ &+ \mathsf{Adv}_{\mathsf{HKDF}\text{-}\mathsf{Expand},\mathcal{B}_{16}}^{\mathsf{PR}\text{-}\mathsf{sec}} \\ &+ \mathsf{Adv}_{\mathsf{HKDF}\text{-}\mathsf{Expand},\mathcal{B}_{16}}^{\mathsf{PR}\text{-}\mathsf{sec}} \\ &+ \mathsf{Adv}_{\mathsf{HKDF}\text{-}\mathsf{Expand},\mathcal{B}_{16}}^{\mathsf{PR}\text{-}\mathsf{sec}} \\ &+ \mathsf{Adv}_{\mathsf{HKDF}\text{-}\mathsf{Expand},\mathcal{B}_{16}}^{\mathsf{PR}\text{-}\mathsf{sc}} \\ &+ \mathsf{Adv}_{\mathsf{HKDF}\text{-}\mathsf{Expand},\mathcal{B}_{16}}^{\mathsf{PR}\text{-$$



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#### TLS 1.3 Handshake Security In perspective



- cryptographic design of TLS 1.3 handshake is sound
- strong security results for main keys (both full and PSK handshakes)
- replays and lacking forward secrecy for 0-RTT are a (recognized) downside
- recall: we focused on handshake modes in isolation, for draft-14 (and earlier)
- further analyses (cf. Part I):
  - other computational analyses of sub-parts (e.g., post-handshake client auth)
  - tool-based/symbolic analyses up to full protocol and on multiple drafts
  - work-in-progress verified implementation
- ▶ jointly, these analyses give rise to confidence in TLS 1.3 handshake design
- still, doesn't mean there won't be any attacks (bets are on 0-RTT...)

#### **TLS 1.3 Security**

#### So... what about the Record Protocol?



- AEAD-based design looks sound...
- but the crypto community hasn't really conclusively ventilated the question: What is a secure channel protocol?



#### Conclusions



- TLS 1.3 = RFC 8446
  - clean up / improve latency / improve privacy / continuity / security assurance
- > proactive standardization: successful involvement of research community
  - significantly higher confidence from the start than for previous versions
- 0-RTT: new functionality & new risks



#### Conclusions



- crypto protocol design is highly complex
  - even when from "boring crypto" components (that's a plus!)
  - even when looking only at the "cryptographic core"

#### key exchange and channels

- basics considered to be understood
- but "real-world" challenges demand for more understanding, i.e., research

#### • interaction cryptographers $\leftrightarrow$ engineers

- necessary to make real-world protocols run securely
- can be very fruitful for both sides (technical and scientific outcome)
- cryptographers: go read RFCs, engineers: go read security proofs
   both can be equally daunting

#### get involved early on

next upcoming: Messaging Layer Security Working Group @ IETF [MLS]



## **Thank You!**

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