

IEEE P1363.2:

Standard Specifications for Password-based Public-Key Cryptography

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What is IEEE P1363.2 ?

- *“Standard Specifications for Public Key Cryptography: Password-based Techniques”*
- Proposed IEEE standard
- Companion to IEEE Std 1363-2000
- Product of P1363 Working Group
- Open standards process

Scope

- Password-based public-key techniques
- Supplemental to IEEE Std 1363-2000
- Primitives, schemes, and protocols
- Key agreement, plus
 - *resistance to dictionary attack*
- Tolerates or safely uses low-grade secrets
 - *passwords, password-derived keys, etc.*

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Focus of P1363.2

- Password-based public-key techniques
 - *balanced key agreement*
 - *augmented key agreement*
 - *key retrieval*
- Discrete log and elliptic curve families
- Examples
 - *AMP, AuthA, EKE, OKE, PAK, SNAPI, SPEKE, SRP, ...*

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History of P1363.2

- Password-based submissions to P1363
 - *1996 through 2001*
- Work deferred to a P1363 supplement
 - *while Std 1363-2000 completed*
- P1363.2 PAR approved
 - *late 2000*
- Latest draft
 - *October 23, 2001*

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IEEE P1363 Supplements

- P1363a, P1363b
 - *same goals and families as Std 1363-2000*
- P1363.1: Lattice-based
 - *same goals -- different family*
- P1363.2: Password-based
 - *same families -- different goals*

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Purpose of IEEE P1363.2

- Reference for specification of techniques
- Provide theoretic background
- Discuss security and implementation issues
- Does not mandate particular techniques or security requirements

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Rationale

- *People* are important entities
- Passwords are important for personal authentication
- People have trouble with high-grade keys
 - *storage -- memorizing*
 - *input -- attention to detail*
 - *output -- typing*
- Need to standardize the best password techniques

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Benefits

- Mutual authentication
- Person-to-machine, person-to-person, ...
- Authenticated key agreement
- Authenticated key retrieval
- Safer handling of password-derived keys

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Sample sections of draft

- Overview
- Definitions, Concepts, Rationale
- Types of Techniques (primitives, schemes, protocols)
- Methods Based on Discrete Log & Elliptic Curve Problems
- Password-Authenticated Key Agreement
- Password-Authenticated Key Retrieval
- Number-Theoretic Background
- Security Considerations
- References & Bibliography

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Example of a PKA Scheme

- *Password-authenticated Key Agreement Scheme (PKAS) operation for each party:*
 - Password (p) \rightarrow **PEPKGP** \rightarrow
password-entangled public key (w)
 - Send w to other party
 - Get password-entangled public key (w')
from other party
 - $p, w' \otimes$ **SVDP** \otimes agreed value z

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Example of a PKA Primitive

- *Password-entangled Public Key Generation Primitive (PEPKGP) operation:*
 - Input:
 - p_n password-derived mask group element
 - s private key
 - g domain parameter
 - Compute $w = (g^s)^* p_n$
 - Output: w

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Summary of IEEE P1363.2

- IEEE proposed standard -- work in progress
- Reference for password-based public-key techniques
- Solves important problems with human participants
- Fills a big gap in other standards

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For More Information

- IEEE P1363 Web site
 - <http://grouper.ieee.org/groups/1363>
 - *publicly accessible research contributions and document submissions*
- Two mailing lists
 - *general announcements list, low volume*
 - *technical discussion list, high volume*
 - *everybody is welcome to subscribe*
 - web site contains subscription information

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