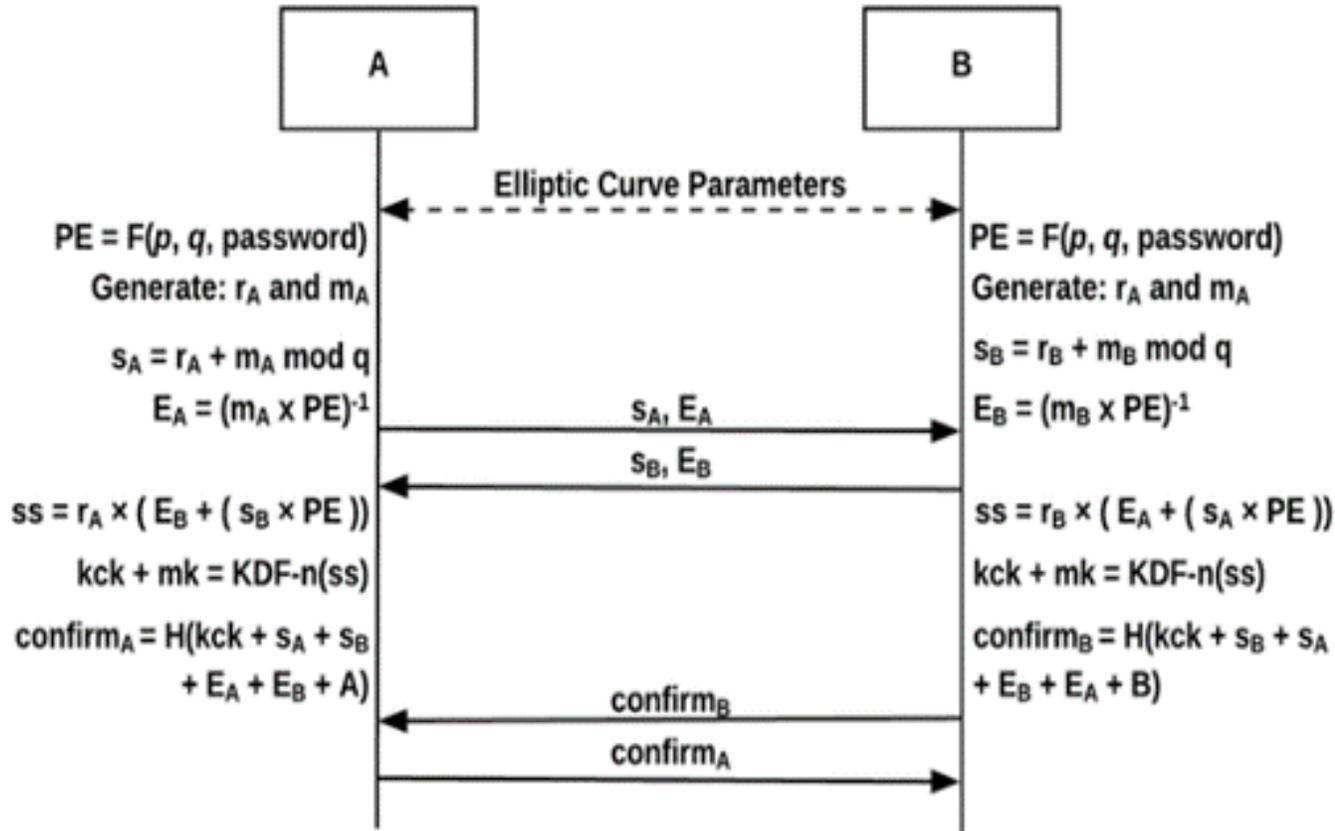


WPA3 - DragonBlood

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How does WPA3 works ?



Dragonfly (SAE)

Simultaneous Authentication of Equals

Resistant to offline attacks, as WPA3's handshake uses fresh random values each time.

Preventing password guessing without real-time interaction.

Also introduces :

- Forward Secrecy
- FMP (Frame Management Protection)
- Stronger encryption

DragonBlood

Mathy Vanhoef and Eyal Ronen, 2019

1. Timing attack
2. Cache attack
3. Downgrade attack

Timing attack

Exploits **timing** differences in **SAE's** *hash-to-group* to partition the password candidate space and accelerate guessing.

The method to retrieve a password is :

- Trigger or observe SAE commit and **measure response time**.
- Assign each timing observation to a group corresponding to the **iteration count**.
- Keep candidates whose simulated timing matches the group, discard incompatible groups.
- Repeat until the candidate set is small enough for cracking.

Cache attack

WPA3 use the Dragonfly handshake to **derive keys** from the password.

This process can leak information through CPU cache behavior:

- Secret-dependent operations cause different **cache access time**.
- An attacker observe the **cache** access delays (ex: local browser/JS)
- The attacker can then **infer partial information** about the password and **reduce** the search space.
- **Crack the password** faster.



	Dict. size	Cost on AWS	Avg traces for full reduction
Rockyou	$1.4 \cdot 10^7$	0,00037 €	16
CrackStation	$3.5 \cdot 10^7$	0,0011 €	17
HaveIBeenPwned	$5.5 \cdot 10^8$	0,014 €	20
8 characters	$4.6 \cdot 10^{14}$	11848,2 €	32

Number of the Required Traces / Cost to Prune all Wrong Passwords

Downgrade attack

Some access points are in **WPA2/WPA3** transition mode to allow not WPA3 compatible devices to use the access point.

It causes a **downgrade** vulnerability:

- Create a fake AP using same SSID in WPA2.
- Send DeAuth messages to target client.
- The client could connect to the rogue AP and we can collect the WPA2 4-way handshake.
- Crack the password offline.

Note: FMP need to be disabled.

Demo

