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# Algorithm Agility

## – Discussion on TPM 2.0 ECC Functionalities

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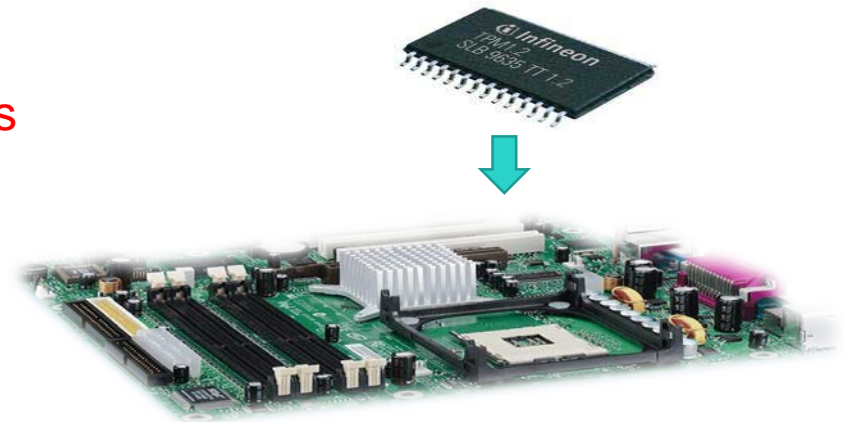
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# Trusted Platform Modules (TPMs)



- TPM specifications were developed by the Trusted Computing Group
- TPMs are used as a cryptographic engine in various computers
- Over a billion TPMs have been shipped
- A number of major applications, e.g. Microsoft BitLocker, FIDO and Secure Boot
- ISO/IEC 11889
- Two versions of TPMs:
  - TPM v1.2, supporting limited algorithms
  - TPM v2.0, supporting algorithm agility





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**Why is algorithm agility  
necessary?**

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# Cryptographic algorithms in TPM 1.2

TPM 1.2 only supports a few cryptographic algorithms

- One hash algorithm –  
SHA1 (also used for HMAC)
- One asymmetric algorithm –  
RSA (for encryption and signature)
- One specially designed privacy-preserving signature algorithm –  
DAA (direct anonymous attestation)
- AES (not included in the early versions) and  
one-time-pad with XOR



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## Necessary Changes to TPM 1.2

The following are views on 2005 .....

- SHA1: signs of weakness and it is being deprecated
- NIST and ISO's action to respond
- Different geographies want different algorithms to be available
- Nobody trusts anybody else's algorithms
- Support the shift from RSA to ECC for asymmetric cryptography
- World's infrastructures still use a lot of RSA
- It was expected that change was happening



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# TCG's Reaction: Algorithm Agility in TPM 2.0

Each primitive can be implemented with different algorithms

– Mandatory algorithms:

- RSA encryption and signature
- ECC encryption and signature
- ECC-DAA (RSA-DAA is no longer supported)
- SHA-1 (not for signatures), SHA-256 and HMAC
- AES and one-time-pad with XOR

– TCG Algorithm Registry

– Manufacturer can add any algorithms, e.g.,

- China: SM2, SM3, SM4
- Banks: Triple DES





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**How to achieve algorithm agility?**

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# A naïve solution

- Each algorithm is implemented individually with specific commands

Any problem with this solution?

- Inflexible: many TPM versions are not compatible to each other
- Bad manageability: the specification can be too complex
- Bad performance: TPMs need to figure out which algorithm to perform
- Too expensive: it is not affordable





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# The TCG solution

- Each primitive is implemented with multiple choices of algorithms
- Multiple algorithms share the same set of TPM commands

Example: TPM2\_Sign()

- RSA signature
- ECDSA
- EC-Schnorr
- SM2
- ECDAA
  - CL-ECDAA
  - q-SDH-ECDAA
- .....





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**What does this paper introduce?**

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# Overview of TPM 2.0 Functionalities

- TPM commands for key handling:
  - TPM2\_Create()
  - TPM2\_Load()
  
- TPM commands for cryptographic algorithms:
  - TPM2\_Commit()
  - TPM2\_Sign()
  - TPM2\_ECDH\_KeyGen()
  - TPM2\_ECDH\_ZGen()



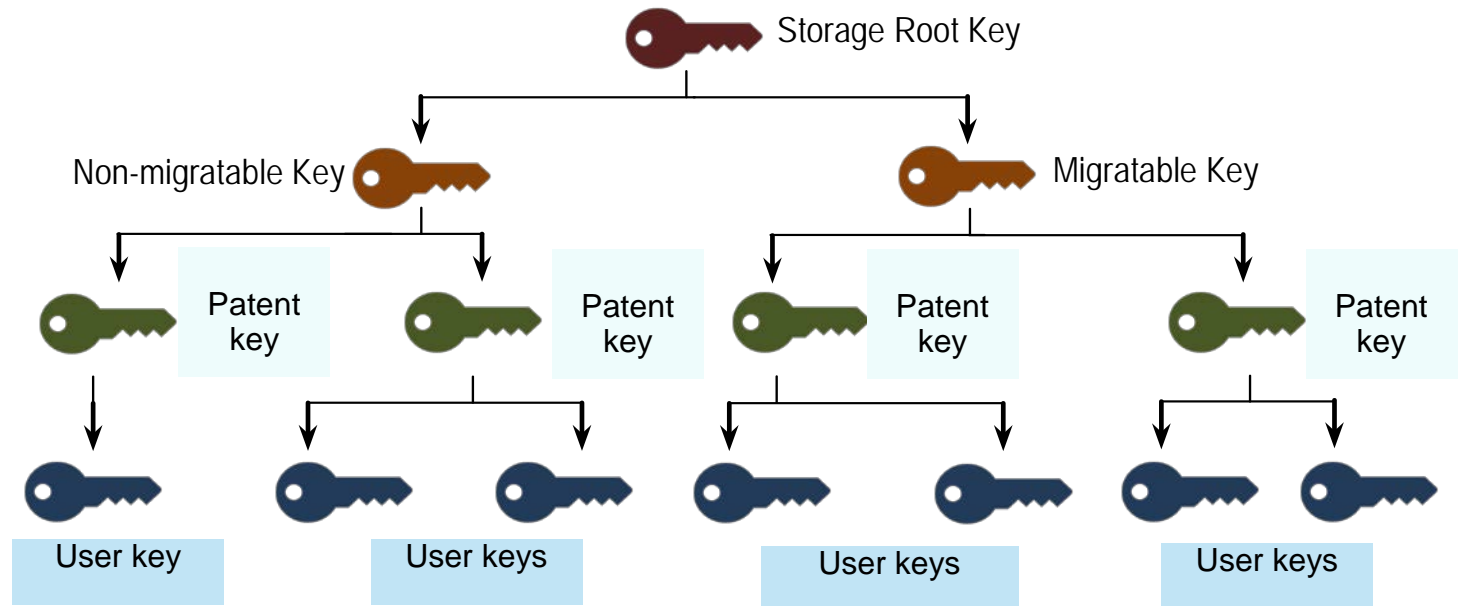
# Overview of TPM 2.0 Key Structures

TPM key structure: keys are stored in a key hierarchy

– key.name – external identity

– key.handle – internal identity

– key.blob –  $(tsk)_{ek} || tpk || mac_{mk}((tsk)_{ek} || tpk.name)$ ;  $(ek, mk) = kdf(parentK)$



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# Known ECC Cryptographic Use Cases for the TPM 2.0

- Conventional digital signatures
- Direct Anonymous Attestation (DAA)
- DAA with attributes (DAA-A)
- U-Prove
- Key exchange



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# New ECC Use Cases for the TPM 2.0

Asymmetric encryption

(Key Encapsulation Mechanism – KEM)

Four algorithms specified in ISO/IEC 18033-2:

- ECIES (Elliptic Curve Integrated Encryption Scheme)
- PSEC (Provably Secure Elliptic Curve encryption)
- ACE (Advanced Cryptographic Engine)
- FACE (Fast ACE)



# ECIES (Elliptic Curve Integrated Encryption Scheme)

	KEM.KeyGen( $q, G$ )	KEM.Encrypt( $pk$ )	KEM.Decrypt( $sk, C$ )
ECIES	$x \in [1, q)$ $Y = [x]G$ $sk \leftarrow x$ $pk \leftarrow Y$ Return ( $pk, sk$ )	$r \in [1, q)$ $C = [r]G$ $D = [r]Y$ $K = \text{kdf}(C  D)$ Return ( $K, C$ )	$D = [x]C$ $K = \text{kdf}(C  D)$ Return $K$

– In KEM.KeyGen(), perform

– choose a parentK, run TPM2\_Create(), return key.blob

$(ek, mk) = \text{kdf}(\text{parentK}); (x)_{ek} || Y || \text{mac}_{mk}((x)_{ek} || \text{key.name})$

– In KEM.Decrypt(), perform

– TPM2\_Load(key.blob)

– TPM2\_ECDH\_ZGen( $C$ ), return  $[x]C$



# FACE (Fast Advanced Cryptographic Engine)

	KEM.KeyGen( $q, G_1$ )	KEM.Encrypt(pk)	KEM.Decrypt(sk, C)
F A C E	$a_1, a_2 \in [0, q)$ $G_1 = [a_1]G$ $G_2 = [a_2]G$ $x_1, x_2, y_1, y_2 \in [0, q)$ $C = [x_1]G_1 + [x_2]G_2$ $D = [y_1]G_1 + [y_2]G_2$ $sk \leftarrow (x_1, x_2, y_1, y_2)$ $pk \leftarrow (C, D)$ Return (pk, sk)	$r \in [0, q)$ $U_1 = [r]G_1$ $U_2 = [r]G_2$ $\alpha = \text{hash}(U_1    U_2)$ $r' = \alpha \cdot r \text{ mod } q$ $V = [r]C + [r']D$ $K    T = \text{kdf}(V)$ $C = U_1    U_2    T$ Return (K, C)	Parse $C = U_1    U_2    T$ $\alpha = \text{hash}(U_1    U_2)$ $t_1 = x_1 + y_1 \cdot \alpha \text{ mod } q$ $t_2 = x_2 + y_2 \cdot \alpha \text{ mod } q$ $V = t_1 \cdot U_1 + t_2 \cdot U_2$ $K    T' = \text{kdf}(V)$ Return K, if $T = T'$ Otherwise, return Fail

– In KEM.KeyGen(), call

– TPM2\_Create() 4 time to get  $[x_1]G$ ,  $[x_2]G$ ,  $[y_1]G$ ,  $[y_2]G$

– TPM2\_ECDH\_KeyGen() twice to get  $G_1$  and  $G_2$

– TPM2\_ECDH\_ZGen() 4 times to get  $[x_1]G_1$ ,  $[x_2]G_2$ ,  $[y_1]G_1$ ,  $[y_2]G_2$

– In KEM.Decrypt(), call TPM2\_ECDH\_ZGen() 4 time to get

$$X_1 = [x_1]U_1, X_2 = [x_2]U_2, Y_1 = [y_1]U_1, Y_2 = [y_2]U_2$$





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## Discussion on

- Limitations of algorithm agility, for EC digital signatures
  - ECDSA, EC-GDSA, EC-KCDSA, EC-RDSA, SM2
  - TPM implementation of these algorithms are not much integrated
- Compatibility issue
  - EC-Schnorr in ISO/IEC 14888-3, ISO/IEC 11889, BSI TR-03111 and New TCG proposal are not compatible
- Performance
  - difficult to provide meaningful performance measurements for TPM





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**What does this paper not cover?**

Rigorous security analysis



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**Thank you!**

