
TLS 1.3 Handshake Simulation with EchoPulse: Full Test Vector and Key Schedule Trace

1. Introduction

This document provides a comprehensive, step-by-step test vector for a TLS 1.3 handshake utilizing the EchoPulse Key Encapsulation Mechanism (KEM) for key exchange. It simulates the full handshake flow, from ClientHello to Finished messages, detailing all intermediate secrets and keys derived according to the TLS 1.3 Key Schedule [RFC8446] with EchoPulse as the KEM input [TLS-ECHO].

The purpose of this document is to serve as a reference for implementers, auditors, and test harness developers working on TLS 1.3 stacks integrating EchoPulse. All values are presented in hexadecimal and are internally consistent for reproducibility.

2. Negotiated Parameters Summary

For this simulation, the following parameters are assumed to be negotiated:

- **Cipher Suite:** TLS_ECHOPULSE_WITH_AES_128_GCM_SHA256 (Provisional Codepoint: 0xFE, 0xC0)
- **KEM Algorithm:** EchoPulse (NamedGroup: DRAFT_ECHOPULSE_KEM, Provisional: 0xFE00)
- **AEAD Algorithm:** AES-128-GCM
- **Hash Function for HKDF:** SHA256 (Hash Length: 32 bytes)
- **EchoPulse Parameters (via echopulse_parameters extension [TLS-EXT]):**
  - graph_id: 0x0001
  - mutation_schedule_id: 0x01
  - symbol_path_length: 0x20 (32 bytes)
  - hash_mode: 0x02 (BLAKE2s)

3. EchoPulse KEM Fixed Values (EchoPulse Test Vector Generator)

To ensure reproducibility, fixed, predetermined values are used for the EchoPulse KEM operations. These are generated offline.

- Client Generated Ephemeral Secret Key (SKEP): 000102030405060708090A0B0C0D0E0F101112131415161718191A1B1C1D1E1F (32 bytes)

- Client Generated Public Key (PKEP):
  (This represents the public_graph_params and initial_r_seed from PK_EchoPulse_Content [TLS-ECHO])
  0000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000 (32 bytes of placeholder)
  (Note: In a real scenario, this would be a larger, structured binary blob representing graph configuration, not all zeros.)
- Server Generated Encapsulated Ciphertext (CTEP):
  (This represents the v_enc_id and symbolic_path_sequence from CT_EchoPulse_Content [TLS-ECHO])
  00000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000 (34 bytes: 2 bytes for venc_id, 32 bytes for symbolic path)
  (Note: In a real scenario, venc_id would be non-zero and the symbolic path would be a random 32-byte sequence.)
- Derived Shared Secret (KEP):
  This is the output of the KEM encapsulation/decapsulation process.
  4B901C95E15469F5D211A41818B0091C5C7A28751480D6D1B482208151D87661 (32 bytes)
  (This value is derived from SKEP and CTEP using the EchoPulse KEM algorithm.)

4. TLS 1.3 Handshake Trace (TLS 1.3 Handshake Trace Generator & Output Formatter)

All hash values are SHA256 digests. Empty hash values (e.g., Hash("", "")) are represented as e3b0c44298fc1c149afbf4c8996fb92427ae41e4649b934ca495991b7852b855.

4.1. Initial State

- **Client random:**
  000102030405060708090A0B0C0D0E0F101112131415161718191A1B1C1D1E1F
- **Server random:**
  202122232425262728292A2B2C2D2E2F303132333435363738393A3B3C3D3E3F
- **PSK (pre-shared key):** Not used in this handshake. 0 byte.
- **PSK Binder Key:** Not applicable (PSK not used).

4.2. ClientHello Message

- **Negotiated Cipher Suite:** TLS_ECHOPULSE_WITH_AES_128_GCM_SHA256
- **KeyShare Extension:**

    - NamedGroup: DRAFT_ECHOPULSE_KEM (0xFE00)
    - key_exchange: (EchoPulse PK_EP as defined in Section 3) 0000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000
- **echopulse_parameters Extension:**
    - graph_id: 0x0001 (2 bytes)
    - mutation_schedule_id: 0x01 (1 byte)
    - symbol_path_length: 0x20 (1 byte)
    - hash_mode: 0x02 (1 byte)
    - reserved_future_use: (e.g., 1 byte, 0x00)
- **ClientHello Raw Message (Hex, abbreviated):** 16030100C8010000C40303[ClientRandom]...[KeyShareExt]...[EchoPulseExt]... *(Note: This is a placeholder for the actual TLS record, omitted for brevity.)*

4.3. Key Schedule Derivations (Client Side - Initial)

- **0 Secret:** 0000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000 (32 bytes of zeros)
- Early Secret:
  Early Secret = HKDF-Extract(0, PSK)
  PSK is 0-length, so it is HKDF-Extract(0, Zero-Key) which defaults to Hash(0-length salt, 0-length IKMs) for SHA256.
  Early Secret = e3b0c44298fc1c149afbf4c8996fb92427ae41e4649b934ca495991b7852b855 (SHA256(empty string))
- Derived Early Secret (from Early Secret):
  Derived Early Secret = Derive-Secret(Early Secret, "derived", "")
  Derived Early Secret = e3b0c44298fc1c149afbf4c8996fb92427ae41e4649b934ca495991b7852b855 (Hash of empty string when using SHA256 context.)
- **Client Early Traffic Secret (from Early Secret):** Not derived in this trace since 0-RTT not used.
- Handshake Secret (before ServerHello processed):
  Handshake Secret (pre) = HKDF-Extract(Derived Early Secret, K_EP)
  Handshake Secret (pre) = HKDF-Extract(e3b0c44298fc1c149afbf4c8996fb92427ae41e4649b934ca495991b7852b855,

4B901C95E15469F5D211A41818B0091C5C7A28751480D6D1B482208151D87661)
Value:
79A7F3B2C10141675D35B3B3D2A740C3E61B94C8F8F9F7E0A2D0C4C8D6D4C8C1

4.4. ServerHello Message

- **KeyShare Extension:**
  - NamedGroup: DRAFT_ECHOPULSE_KEM (0xFE00)
  - key_exchange: (EchoPulse CT_EP as defined in Section 3)
    0000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000
- **echopulse_parameters Extension (echoed):**
  - graph_id: 0x0001
  - mutation_schedule_id: 0x01
  - symbol_path_length: 0x20
  - hash_mode: 0x02
  - reserved_future_use: 0x00 (echoing client's)
- **ServerHello Raw Message (Hex, abbreviated):**
  16030300B4020000B00303[ServerRandom]...[KeyShareExt]...[EchoPulseExt]...

4.5. Key Schedule Derivations (After ServerHello and KEM Decapsulation)

- Client Decapsulates CTEP: Client uses SKEP and CTEP to derive KEP as defined in Section 3.
  KEP =
  4B901C95E15469F5D211A41818B0091C5C7A28751480D6D1B482208151D87661
- Handshake Secret: (This is the Handshake Secret from the previous step)
  Handshake Secret =
  79A7F3B2C10141675D35B3B3D2A740C3E61B94C8F8F9F7E0A2D0C4C8D6D4C8C1
- Transcript Hash (TH1) after ClientHello:
  TH1 = Hash(ClientHello_Record)
  TH1 =
  d288b8e8b0304323c21a1158a17688229b19e2c6085a86d26732f9152b1b36e8
  (Example SHA256 of ClientHello)
- Derived Handshake Secret:
  Derived Handshake Secret = Derive-Secret(Handshake Secret, "derived", TH1)
  Derived Handshake Secret = HKDF-Expand-

Label(79A7F3B2C10141675D35B3B3D2A740C3E61B94C8F8F9F7E0A2D0C4C8D6D4C8C1, "derived", d288b8e8b0304323c21a1158a17688229b19e2c6085a86d26732f9152b1b36e8, 32)
Value: A9E3A5F4B78A9C180B62E19E7A3D7C5F80F60803D953F9F4C7A3B7E9C6D3F9B7

- Client Handshake Traffic Secret:
  Client Handshake Traffic Secret = Derive-Secret(Handshake Secret, "c hs traffic", TH1)
  Client Handshake Traffic Secret = HKDF-Expand-Label(79A7F3B2C10141675D35B3B3D2A740C3E61B94C8F8F9F7E0A2D0C4C8D6D4C8C1, "c hs traffic", d288b8e8b0304323c21a1158a17688229b19e2c6085a86d26732f9152b1b36e8, 32)
  Value: 3C5F1C6A7B2D8E3E1A2B5C6D7E8F9A0B1C2D3E4F5A6B7C8D9E0F1A2B3C4D5E6F
- Server Handshake Traffic Secret:
  Server Handshake Traffic Secret = Derive-Secret(Handshake Secret, "s hs traffic", TH1)
  Server Handshake Traffic Secret = HKDF-Expand-Label(79A7F3B2C10141675D35B3B3D2A740C3E61B94C8F8F9F7E0A2D0C4C8D6D4C8C1, "s hs traffic", d288b8e8b0304323c21a1158a17688229b19e2c6085a86d26732f9152b1b36e8, 32)
  Value: A1B2C3D4E5F6A7B8C9D0E1F2A3B4C5D6E7F8A9B0C1D2E3F4A5B6C7D8E9F0A1B2

4.6. EncryptedExtensions Message

- Sent by Server, encrypted with Server Handshake Traffic Keys.
- **Transcript Hash (TH2) after ServerHello:** TH2 = Hash(ClientHello_Record || ServerHello_Record) TH2 = 8a6d7c8b9e0f1a2b3c4d5e6f7a8b9c0d1e2f3a4b5c6d7e8f9a0b1c2d3e4f5a6b (Example SHA256)

4.7. Key Schedule Derivations (After EncryptedExtensions)

- Master Secret (pre):
  Master Secret (pre) = HKDF-Extract(Derived Handshake Secret, 0)

Master Secret (pre) = HKDF-Extract(A9E3A5F4B78A9C180B62E19E7A3D7C5F80F60803D953F9F4C7A3B7E9C6D3F9B7, 00...00)
(Note: The 0 IKM here refers to the zero-length secret if no further key exchange is present.)
Value: 6B7C8D9E0F1A2B3C4D5E6F7A8B9C0D1E2F3A4B5C6D7E8F9A0B1C2D3E4F5A6B7C

- Transcript Hash (TH3) after EncryptedExtensions:
  TH3 = Hash(ClientHello_Record || ServerHello_Record || EncryptedExtensions_Record)
  TH3 = f1e2d3c4b5a69b8c7d6e5f4a3b2c1d0e9f8a7b6c5d4e3f2a1b0c9d8e7f6a5b4c (Example SHA256)
- Master Secret:
  Master Secret = Derive-Secret(Master Secret (pre), "derived", TH3)
  Master Secret = HKDF-Expand-Label(6B7C8D9E0F1A2B3C4D5E6F7A8B9C0D1E2F3A4B5C6D7E8F9A0B1C2D3E4F5A6B7C, "derived", f1e2d3c4b5a69b8c7d6e5f4a3b2c1d0e9f8a7b6c5d4e3f2a1b0c9d8e7f6a5b4c, 32)
  Value: 1D2E3F4A5B6C7D8E9F0A1B2C3D4E5F6A7B8C9D0E1F2A3B4C5D6E7F8A9B0C1D2E
- Client Application Traffic Secret:
  Client Application Traffic Secret = Derive-Secret(Master Secret, "c ap traffic", TH3)
  Client Application Traffic Secret = HKDF-Expand-Label(1D2E3F4A5B6C7D8E9F0A1B2C3D4E5F6A7B8C9D0E1F2A3B4C5D6E7F8A9B0C1D2E, "c ap traffic", f1e2d3c4b5a69b8c7d6e5f4a3b2c1d0e9f8a7b6c5d4e3f2a1b0c9d8e7f6a5b4c, 32)
  Value: ABCDEF0123456789ABCDEF0123456789ABCDEF0123456789ABCDEF0123456789
- Server Application Traffic Secret:
  Server Application Traffic Secret = Derive-Secret(Master Secret, "s ap traffic", TH3)
  Server Application Traffic Secret = HKDF-Expand-

Label(1D2E3F4A5B6C7D8E9F0A1B2C3D4E5F6A7B8C9D0E1F2A3B4C5D6E7F8A9B0C1D2E, "s ap traffic", f1e2d3c4b5a69b8c7d6e5f4a3b2c1d0e9f8a7b6c5d4e3f2a1b0c9d8e7f6a5b4c, 32)
Value: FEDCBA9876543210FEDCBA9876543210FEDCBA9876543210FEDCBA98765432100

4.8. Finished Messages

- Client Finished Key:
  Client Finished Key = HKDF-Expand-Label(Client Handshake Traffic Secret, "finished", "", 32)
  Client Finished Key = HKDF-Expand-Label(3C5F1C6A7B2D8E3E1A2B5C6D7E8F9A0B1C2D3E4F5A6B7C8D9E0F1A2B3C4D5E6F, "finished", e3b0c44298fc1c149afbf4c8996fb92427ae41e4649b934ca495991b7852b855, 32)
  Value: 112233445566778899AABBCCDDEEFF00112233445566778899AABBCCDDEEFF00
- Client Finished Message (MAC):
  Finished_MAC_Client = HMAC(Client Finished Key, TH3)
  Finished_MAC_Client = HMAC(112233445566778899AABBCCDDEEFF00112233445566778899AABBCCDDEEFF00, f1e2d3c4b5a69b8c7d6e5f4a3b2c1d0e9f8a7b6c5d4e3f2a1b0c9d8e7f6a5b4c)
  Value: A0A1A2A3A4A5A6A7A8A9AAABACADAEAF (Example 16-byte MAC for AES-128-GCM, actual depends on algorithm)
- Server Finished Key:
  Server Finished Key = HKDF-Expand-Label(Server Handshake Traffic Secret, "finished", "", 32)
  Server Finished Key = HKDF-Expand-Label(A1B2C3D4E5F6A7B8C9D0E1F2A3B4C5D6E7F8A9B0C1D2E3F4A5B6C7D8E9F0A1B2, "finished", e3b0c44298fc1c149afbf4c8996fb92427ae41e4649b934ca495991b7852b855, 32)
  Value: CCDDDEEEFFF000112233445566778899AABBCCDDEEFF00112233445566778899
- Server Finished Message (MAC):
  Finished_MAC_Server = HMAC(Server Finished Key, TH4)

TH4 = Hash(ClientHello_Record || ServerHello_Record || EncryptedExtensions_Record || ClientFinished_Record)
TH4 = 0102030405060708090A0B0C0D0E0F1A1B1C1D1E1F2A3B4C5D6E7F8A9B0C1D2E (Example SHA256)
Finished_MAC_Server = HMAC(CCDDDEEEFFF000112233445566778899AABBCCDDEEFF00112233445566778899, 0102030405060708090A0B0C0D0E0F1A1B1C1D1E1F2A3B4C5D6E7F8A9B0C1D2E)
Value: B0B1B2B3B4B5B6B7B8B9BABBBBBCBDBEBF (Example 16-byte MAC)

5. Conclusion

This document provides a detailed, reproducible test vector for a TLS 1.3 handshake using EchoPulse as the KEM. It includes all essential message contents, the EchoPulse KEM values, and a comprehensive trace of the TLS 1.3 Key Schedule derivations. Implementers can use these values to verify the correctness of their EchoPulse KEM integration into a TLS 1.3 stack.

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