

Elliptic Curve Diffie Hellman Key Exchange

If Alice and Bob wish to exchange a key using ECDHE they do the following:

They choose a prime p and an elliptic curve $E : y^2 = x^3 + ax + b \pmod{p}$. They pick a point P on the curve. (The analogue of the primitive root in the regular Diffie-Hellman exchange).

Let's say they choose $p = 23$, $E : y^2 = x^3 + 5x + 1$ and $P = (5, 6)$.

(1) Check that P is a point on their curve.

(2) To exchange a key using ECDHA with your partner, pick a secret number r : _____.
 (Pick a number between 9 and 15, don't pick the same number as your partner.)

Write r in binary: _____.

(3) You wish to compute rP (P added to itself r times.) We compute this using repeated doubling. Work out the values in the table. Recall to add $P_1 = (x_1, y_1)$ to $P_2 = (x_2, y_2)$, and get $P_3 = (x_3, y_3) = P_1 + P_2$ we compute

$$m = \begin{cases} (y_2 - y_1)(x_2 - x_1)^{-1} \pmod{p} & P_1 \neq P_2 \\ (3x_1^2 + a)(2y_1)^{-1} \pmod{p} & P_1 = P_2 \end{cases}$$

$$x_3 = m^2 - x_1 - x_2 \pmod{p}$$

$$y_3 = m(x_1 - x_3) - y_1 \pmod{p}$$

P	(5,6)
$2P = P + P$	
$4P = 2P + 2P$	
$8P = 4P + 4P$	

(4) Now add together the relevant entries to produce your rP .

(5) Exchange this number with your partner and write down the number they send you Q : _____ . Now compute rQ , again using repeated doubling. Work out the values in the table:

Q	
2Q	
4Q	
8Q	

(6) Finally add together the relevant entries to produce rQ . Do you and your partner get the same point? This point (or one of its coordinates, say the x-coordinate) is your secret key.