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Abstract	Remove all higher keys than AK from AK context and clarify Context usage	
Purpose	Keys AK derived from may be located in different entity than AK to avoid key-sharing thus these keys should not be part of the context	
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AK context refinements

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1. Motivation

The AK context defined in the standard to hold parameters related to AK key and sub-keys.

Keys which AK is derived from are higher hierarchy keys which may be used to derive AKs for other BSs.

In order to avoid key-sharing between BSs, these keys may be in different entity than the AK thus they should not be part of the context.

2. Proposed solution

remove PMK and PAK from AK context

3. Changes summary

[change 7.2.2.4.1 ak-context]

7.2.2.4.1 AK-context

The context of AK includes all the parameters connected to AK and keys derived directly from it.

When one parameter from this context expires, a new AK should be obtained in order to start a new context.

Obtaining of new AK means re-authentication - doing the whole EAP **and**/or PAK due to the authorization

policies negotiated between the MS and BS until obtaining a new PMK **and**/or PAK which AK may be derived from.

Derivation of AK after HO is done separately in the MS and network from a common PMK **or** PAK, SSID and BSID. The PMK **and**/or PAK may be used to derive keys to several BSs sharing the same PMK **and**/or PAK.

In HO scenario, if the MS was previously connected to the TBS, the derived AK will be identical to the last one, as long as the PMK stays the same. In order to maintain security in this scenario: the context of the AK must be cached by both sides and to be used from the point it stopped, if context lost by one side, **re-authentication is needed to establish new PMK and new AK context**, **this side must validate that this PMK or PAK will never be used to derive AK again for this SS-BS tuple.**

The AK context is described in the table:

Table 133 – AK context Parameter	Size	Usage

Primary AK (PAK)	160 bits	A key yielded from the mutual authorization exchange. Only present at initial network entry and only if the certificated RSA exchange took place, as a result of the mutual authorization policy negotiation.
PAKID	64 bits	Derived from the mutual authorization, present when PAK is present.
PAK lifetime		Derived from the mutual authorization, present when PAK is present.
PMK	160 bits	A key yielded from the EAP authentication.
PMK lifetime		The lifetime of PMK derived from EAP
PMKID	64 bits	hash-64(EAP-session-id)
AK	160 bits	The authentication key, calculated as $f(\text{PAK}, \text{PMK})$, if only EAP, $\text{AK} = f(\text{PMK})$.

AKID	64 bits	Calculated according to the keys that contributed to AK: - If $AK=f(PMK,PAK)$ then $AKID=hash\ 64(EAP\ session-id\ \ PAKID\ \ BSID)$ - If $AK=f(PMK)$ then $AKID=hash\ 64(EAP\ session-id\ \ BSID)$ - If $AK=PAK$ then $AKID = PAKID$
AK lifetime		This is the time this key is valid, it is calculated $AK\ lifetime=MIN(PAK\ lifetime, PMK\ lifetime)$ – when this expires re-authentication is needed
H/OMAC_KEY_U	160 bits	The key which is used for signing UL management messages
H/OMAC_PN_U	32 bits	Used to avoid UL replay attack on management – when this expires re-authentication is needed
H/OMAC_KEY_D	160 bits	The key which is used for signing DL management messages
H/OMAC_PN_D	32 bits	Used to avoid DL reply attack on management – when this expires re-authentication is needed

KEK	1 6 0 b i t	Used to encrypt transport keys from the BS to the SS
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