

EMU PQC for 802.1

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EAP Method Update (EMU)

- See <https://datatracker.ietf.org/wg/emu/>
 - This working group has been chartered to provide updates to some commonly used Extensible Authentication Protocol methods including of EAP-TLS, EAP-AKA, EAP-AKA' (for 5G), EAP-SIM, etc.
 - The group should document any recently gained new knowledge on vulnerabilities or the possible implications of pervasive surveillance or other new concerns.
- **Updates**
 - New: Post-Quantum Key Encapsulation Mechanisms (PQ KEMs) in EAP-AKA prime: <https://datatracker.ietf.org/doc/draft-ietf-emu-pqc-eapaka/> (July 2025)
 - New: Enhancing Security in EAP-AKA' with Hybrid Post-Quantum Cryptography: <https://datatracker.ietf.org/doc/draft-ietf-emu-hybrid-pqc-eapaka/> (July 2025)
 - Not yet adopted: Post-Quantum Enhancements to EAP-TLS and EAP-TTLS: <https://datatracker.ietf.org/doc/draft-reddy-emu-pqc-eap-tls/> (July 2025)

PQC for EAP-TLS and EAP-TTLS

- Presentation to the EMU WG at IETF 123:
<https://datatracker.ietf.org/meeting/123/materials/slides-123-emu-post-quantum-enhancements-to-eaptls-and-eapttls-00>
- Builds on RFC 9191 (Handling Large Certificates and Long Certificate Chains in TLS-Based EAP Methods)
- Recommendations:
 - Mandate Hybrid/PQ for key exchange in EAP-TLS/TTLS
 - Mandate PQ or hybrid certificates for authentication
 - Use cert chain optimization to avoid fragmentation
- Leverages key exchange optimizations in [draft-reddy-uta-pqc-app](#)
- Modifies EST (RFC 7030) to support EAP client and server intermediate cert chain retrieval