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Message Authentication HMAC & CMAC

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HMAC Algorithm:

- H = embedded hash function (e.g., MD5, SHA-1, RIPEMD-160)
- IV = initial value input to hash function
- M =message input to HMAC (including the padding specified in the embedded hash function)
- $Y_i = i$ th block of M, $0 \le i \le (L 1)$
- L = number of blocks in M
- b = number of bits in a block
- n =length of hash code produced by embedded hash function
- K = secret key; recommended length is $\ge n$; if key length is greater than b, the key is input to the hash function to produce an *n*-bit key
- $K^+ = K$ padded with zeros on the left so that the result is b bits in length

We can describe the algorithm as follows.

- 1. Append zeros to the left end of K to create a b-bit string K^+
- 2. XOR (bitwise exclusive-OR) K^+ with ipad to produce the *b*-bit block S_i .
- 3. Append M to S_i .
- 4. Apply H to the stream generated in step 3.
- 5. XOR K^+ with opad to produce the b-bit block S_o .
- 6. Append the hash result from step 4 to S_o .
- 7. Apply H to the stream generated in step 6 and output the result.

K ipad b bits b bits b bits Si Yo Y_1 Y_{L-1} n bits IV Hash K^+ n bits opad $H(S_i \parallel M)$ b bits Pad to b bits So n bits IV-Hash n bits HMAC(K, M)

ipad = 00110110 (36 in hexadecimal) repeated *b*/8 times opad = 01011100 (5C in hexadecimal) repeated *b*/8 times

Then HMAC can be expressed as

 $HMAC(K, M) = H[(K^+ \oplus opad) || H[(K^+ \oplus ipad) || M]]$

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MACs based on block ciphers: DAA and CMAC:

There are two MACs that are based on the use of a block cipher mode of operation: The **Data Authentication Algorithm** (**DAA**), which is now obsolete, and the **Cipher-Based Message Authentication Code** (**CMAC**), which is designed to overcome the deficiencies of the DAA.

Data Authentication Algorithm

The **Data Authentication Algorithm** (**DAA**), based on **DES**, has been one of the most widely used MACs for a number of years. The algorithm is both a **FIPS** publication (**FIPS PUB 113**) and an **ANSI** standard (**X9.17**). The algorithm can be defined as using the cipher block chaining (**CBC**) mode of operation of **DES** with an initialization vector of zero. The data (e.g., message, record, file, or program) to be authenticated are grouped into contiguous 64-bit blocks: D_1 , D_2 , ..., D_N . If necessary, the final block is padded on the right with zeroes to form a full 64-bit block. Using the **DES** encryption algorithm **E** and a secret key *K*, a data authentication code (DAC) is calculated as follows



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Cipher-Based Message Authentication Code (CMAC):

- □ It is a MAC that is based on the use of a block cipher mode of operations for use with AES and triple DES. It is also adopted by NIST.
- The **CMAC** overcomes the limitations of the Data Authentication Algorithm (DAA) which is based on DES.

□ The operation of the CMAC can be defined as follows:

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when the message is an integer multiple **n** of the cipher block length **b**. For AES, **b** = 128, and for triple DES, **b** = 64. The message is divided into **n** blocks (M_1 , M_2 ,..., M_n). The algorithm makes use of a **k**-bit encryption key K and a b-bit constant, K₁. For AES, the key size k is 128, 192, or 256 bits; for triple DES, the key size is 112 or 168 bits. M Ma M_n



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Authenticated Encryption (AE):

Authenticated encryption (**AE**) is a term used to describe encryption systems that simultaneously protect confidentiality and authenticity (integrity) of communications. Many applications and protocols require both forms of security.

□ There are four common approaches to providing both confidentiality and encryption for a message M.

• Hashing followed by encryption ($H \rightarrow E$): First compute the cryptographic hash function over M as h = H(M). Then encrypt the message plus hash function: E(K, (M || h)).

• Authentication followed by encryption (A \rightarrow E): Use two keys. First authenticate the plaintext by computing the MAC value as T = MAC(K1, M). Then encrypt the message plus tag: E(K2, [M||T]). This approach is taken by the SSL/TLS protocol.

• Encryption followed by authentication ($E \rightarrow A$): Use two keys. First encrypt the message to yield the ciphertext C = E(K2, M). Then authenticate the ciphertext with T = MAC(K1, C) to yield the pair (C, T). This approach is used in the IPSec protocol.

• Independently encrypt and authenticate ($E \rightarrow A$). Use two keys. Encrypt the message to yield the ciphertext C = E(K2, M). Authenticate the plaintext with T = MAC(K1, M) to yield the pair (C, T). These operations can be performed in either order. This approach is used by the SSH protocol.