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1 Crypto User's Guide

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Application

The purpose of the Crypto application is to provide an Erlang API to cryptographic functions, see *crypto(3)*. Note that the API is on a fairly low level and there are some corresponding API functions available in *public_key(3)*, on a higher abstraction level, that uses the crypto application in its implementation.

DEPENDENCIES

The current crypto implementation uses nifs to interface OpenSSLs crypto library and requires *OpenSSL* package version 0.9.8 or higher.

Source releases of OpenSSL can be downloaded from the **OpenSSL** project home page, or mirror sites listed there.

SEE ALSO

application(3)

crypto

Erlang module

This module provides a set of cryptographic functions.

- Hash functions - **Secure Hash Standard**, **The MD5 Message Digest Algorithm (RFC 1321)** and **The MD4 Message Digest Algorithm (RFC 1320)**
- Hmac functions - **Keyed-Hashing for Message Authentication (RFC 2104)**
- Block ciphers - DES and AES in Block Cipher Modes - **ECB, CBC, CFB, OFB and CTR**
- **RSA encryption RFC 1321**
- Digital signatures **Digital Signature Standard (DSS)** and **Elliptic Curve Digital Signature Algorithm (ECDSA)**
- **Secure Remote Password Protocol (SRP - RFC 2945)**

DATA TYPES

```
key_value() = integer() | binary()
```

Always `binary()` when used as return value

```
rsa_public() = [key_value()] = [E, N]
```

Where E is the public exponent and N is public modulus.

```
rsa_private() = [key_value()] = [E, N, D] | [E, N, D, P1, P2, E1, E2, C]
```

Where E is the public exponent, N is public modulus and D is the private exponent. The longer key format contains redundant information that will make the calculation faster. P1,P2 are first and second prime factors. E1,E2 are first and second exponents. C is the CRT coefficient. Terminology is taken from **RFC 3447**.

```
dss_public() = [key_value()] = [P, Q, G, Y]
```

Where P, Q and G are the dss parameters and Y is the public key.

```
dss_private() = [key_value()] = [P, Q, G, X]
```

Where P, Q and G are the dss parameters and X is the private key.

```
srp_public() = key_value()
```

Where is A or B from **SRP design**

```
srp_private() = key_value()
```

Where is a or b from **SRP design**

Where Verifier is v , Generator is g and Prime is N , DerivedKey is X , and Scrambler is u (optional will be generated if not provided) from **SRP design** Version = '3' | '6' | '6a'

```
dh_public() = key_value()
```

```
dh_private() = key_value()
```

```
dh_params() = [key_value()] = [P, G]
```

```
ecdh_public() = key_value()
```

```
ecdh_private() = key_value()
```

```
ecdh_params() = ec_named_curve() | ec_explicit_curve()
```

```
ec_explicit_curve() =  
  {ec_field(), Prime :: key_value(), Point :: key_value(), Order :: integer(), CoFactor :: none | integer()}
```

```
ec_field() = {prime_field, Prime :: integer()} |  
  {characteristic_two_field, M :: integer(), Basis :: ec_basis()}
```

```
ec_basis() = {tpbasis, K :: non_neg_integer()} |  
  {ppbasis, K1 :: non_neg_integer(), K2 :: non_neg_integer(), K3 :: non_neg_integer()} |  
  onbasis
```

```
ec_named_curve() ->  
  sect571r1| sect571k1| sect409r1| sect409k1| secp521r1| secp384r1| secp224r1| secp224k1|  
  secp192k1| secp160r2| secp128r2| secp128r1| sect233r1| sect233k1| sect193r2| sect193r1|  
  sect131r2| sect131r1| sect283r1| sect283k1| sect163r2| secp256k1| secp160k1| secp160r1|  
  secp112r2| secp112r1| sect113r2| sect113r1| sect239k1| sect163r1| sect163k1| secp256r1|  
  secp192r1|  
  brainpoolP160r1| brainpoolP160t1| brainpoolP192r1| brainpoolP192t1| brainpoolP224r1|  
  brainpoolP224t1| brainpoolP256r1| brainpoolP256t1| brainpoolP320r1| brainpoolP320t1|  
  brainpoolP384r1| brainpoolP384t1| brainpoolP512r1| brainpoolP512t1
```

Note that the *sect* curves are GF₂^m (characteristic two) curves and are only supported if the underlying OpenSSL has support for them. See also *crypto:supports/0*

```
stream_cipher() = rc4 | aes_ctr
```

```
block_cipher() = aes_cbc128 | aes_cfb8 | aes_cfb128 | aes_ige256 | blowfish_cbc |  
  blowfish_cfb64 | des_cbc | des_cfb | des3_cbc | des3_cbf  
  | des_ede3 | rc2_cbc
```

```
stream_key() = aes_key() | rc4_key()
```

```
block_key() = aes_key() | blowfish_key() | des_key() | des3_key()
```

```
aes_key() = iodata()
```

Key length is 128, 192 or 256 bits

```
rc4_key() = iodata()
```

Variable key length from 8 bits up to 2048 bits (usually between 40 and 256)

```
blowfish_key() = iodata()
```

Variable key length from 32 bits up to 448 bits

```
des_key() = iodata()
```

Key length is 64 bits (in CBC mode only 8 bits are used)

```
des3_key() = [binary(), binary(), binary()]
```

Each key part is 64 bits (in CBC mode only 8 bits are used)

```
digest_type() = md5 | sha | sha224 | sha256 | sha384 | sha512
```

```
hash_algorithms() = md5 | ripemd160 | sha | sha224 | sha256 | sha384 | sha512
```

md4 is also supported for hash_init/1 and hash/2. Note that both md4 and md5 are recommended only for compatibility with existing applications.

```
cipher_algorithms() = des_cbc | des_cfb | des3_cbc | des3_cbf | des_ede3 |  
    blowfish_cbc | blowfish_cfb64 | aes_cbc128 | aes_cfb8 | aes_cfb128 | aes_cbc256 | aes_ige256 | rc2_cbc |
```

```
public_key_algorithms() = rsa | dss | ecdsa | dh | ecdh | ec_gf2m
```

Note that ec_gf2m is not strictly a public key algorithm, but a restriction on what curves are supported with ecdsa and ecdh.

Exports

block_encrypt(Type, Key, Ivec, PlainText) -> CipherText

Types:

Type = block_cipher()

Key = block_key()

```
PlainText = iodata()
Ivec = CipherText = binary()
```

Encrypt PlainText according to Type block cipher. Ivec is an arbitrary initializing vector.

May throw exception `notsup` in case the chosen Type is not supported by the underlying OpenSSL implementation.

`block_decrypt(Type, Key, Ivec, CipherText) -> PlainText`

Types:

```
Type = block_cipher()
Key = block_key()
PlainText = iodata()
Ivec = CipherText = binary()
```

Decrypt CipherText according to Type block cipher. Ivec is an arbitrary initializing vector.

May throw exception `notsup` in case the chosen Type is not supported by the underlying OpenSSL implementation.

`bytes_to_integer(Bin) -> Integer`

Types:

```
Bin = binary() - as returned by crypto functions
Integer = integer()
```

Convert binary representation, of an integer, to an Erlang integer.

`compute_key(Type, OthersPublicKey, MyKey, Params) -> SharedSecret`

Types:

```
Type = dh | ecdh | srp
OthersPublicKey = dh_public() | ecdh_public() | srp_public()
MyKey = dh_private() | ecdh_private() | {srp_public(),srp_private()}
Params = dh_params() | ecdh_params() | SrpUserParams | SrpHostParams
SrpUserParams = {user, [DerivedKey::binary(), Prime::binary(),
Generator::binary(), Version::atom() | [Scrambler::binary()]]}
SrpHostParams = {host, [Verifier::binary(), Prime::binary(),
Version::atom() | [Scrambler::binary()]]}
SharedSecret = binary()
```

Computes the shared secret from the private key and the other party's public key. See also *public_key:compute_key/2*

`exor(Data1, Data2) -> Result`

Types:

```
Data1, Data2 = iodata()
Result = binary()
```

Performs bit-wise XOR (exclusive or) on the data supplied.

`generate_key(Type, Params) -> {PublicKey, PrivKeyOut}`

`generate_key(Type, Params, PrivKeyIn) -> {PublicKey, PrivKeyOut}`

Types:

```
Type = dh | ecdh | srp
```

```

Params = dh_params() | ecdh_params() | SrpUserParams | SrpHostParams
SrpUserParams = {user, [Generator::binary(), Prime::binary(),
Version::atom()]}
SrpHostParams = {host, [Verifier::binary(), Generator::binary(),
Prime::binary(), Version::atom()]}
PublicKey = dh_public() | ecdh_public() | srp_public()
PrivKeyIn = undefined | dh_private() | srp_private()
PrivKeyOut = dh_private() | ecdh_private() | srp_private()

```

Generates public keys of type `Type`. See also `public_key:generate_key/1`

`hash(Type, Data) -> Digest`

Types:

```

Type = md4 | hash_algorithms()
Data = iodata()
Digest = binary()

```

Computes a message digest of type `Type` from `Data`.

May throw exception `notsup` in case the chosen `Type` is not supported by the underlying OpenSSL implementation.

`hash_init(Type) -> Context`

Types:

```

Type = md4 | hash_algorithms()

```

Initializes the context for streaming hash operations. `Type` determines which digest to use. The returned context should be used as argument to `hash_update`.

May throw exception `notsup` in case the chosen `Type` is not supported by the underlying OpenSSL implementation.

`hash_update(Context, Data) -> NewContext`

Types:

```

Data = iodata()

```

Updates the digest represented by `Context` using the given `Data`. `Context` must have been generated using `hash_init` or a previous call to this function. `Data` can be any length. `NewContext` must be passed into the next call to `hash_update` or `hash_final`.

`hash_final(Context) -> Digest`

Types:

```

Digest = binary()

```

Finalizes the hash operation referenced by `Context` returned from a previous call to `hash_update`. The size of `Digest` is determined by the type of hash function used to generate it.

`hmac(Type, Key, Data) -> Mac`

`hmac(Type, Key, Data, MacLength) -> Mac`

Types:

```

Type = hash_algorithms() - except ripemd160
Key = iodata()
Data = iodata()

```

```
MacLength = integer()  
Mac = binary()
```

Computes a HMAC of type `Type` from `Data` using `Key` as the authentication key.

`MacLength` will limit the size of the resultant `Mac`.

```
hmac_init(Type, Key) -> Context
```

Types:

```
Type = hash_algorithms() - except ripemd160  
Key = iodata()  
Context = binary()
```

Initializes the context for streaming HMAC operations. `Type` determines which hash function to use in the HMAC operation. `Key` is the authentication key. The key can be any length.

```
hmac_update(Context, Data) -> NewContext
```

Types:

```
Context = NewContext = binary()  
Data = iodata()
```

Updates the HMAC represented by `Context` using the given `Data`. `Context` must have been generated using an HMAC init function (such as `hmac_init`). `Data` can be any length. `NewContext` must be passed into the next call to `hmac_update` or to one of the functions `hmac_final` and `hmac_final_n`.

Warning:

Do not use a `Context` as argument in more than one call to `hmac_update` or `hmac_final`. The semantics of reusing old contexts in any way is undefined and could even crash the VM in earlier releases. The reason for this limitation is a lack of support in the underlying OpenSSL API.

```
hmac_final(Context) -> Mac
```

Types:

```
Context = Mac = binary()
```

Finalizes the HMAC operation referenced by `Context`. The size of the resultant MAC is determined by the type of hash function used to generate it.

```
hmac_final_n(Context, HashLen) -> Mac
```

Types:

```
Context = Mac = binary()  
HashLen = non_neg_integer()
```

Finalizes the HMAC operation referenced by `Context`. `HashLen` must be greater than zero. `Mac` will be a binary with at most `HashLen` bytes. Note that if `HashLen` is greater than the actual number of bytes returned from the underlying hash, the returned hash will have fewer than `HashLen` bytes.

```
info_lib() -> [{Name, VerNum, VerStr}]
```

Types:

```

Name = binary()
VerNum = integer()
VerStr = binary()

```

Provides the name and version of the libraries used by crypto.

Name is the name of the library. VerNum is the numeric version according to the library's own versioning scheme. VerStr contains a text variant of the version.

```

> info_lib().
[{"<"OpenSSL">,>,9469983,<"OpenSSL 0.9.8a 11 Oct 2005">}]

```

Note:

From OTP R16 the *numeric version* represents the version of the OpenSSL *header files* (openssl/opensslv.h) used when crypto was compiled. The text variant represents the OpenSSL library used at runtime. In earlier OTP versions both numeric and text was taken from the library.

mod_pow(N, P, M) -> Result

Types:

```

N, P, M = binary() | integer()
Result = binary() | error

```

Computes the function $N^P \bmod M$.

next_iv(Type, Data) -> NextIVec

next_iv(Type, Data, IVec) -> NextIVec

Types:

```

Type = des_cbc | des3_cbc | aes_cbc | des_cfb
Data = iodata()
IVec = NextIVec = binary()

```

Returns the initialization vector to be used in the next iteration of encrypt/decrypt of type Type. Data is the encrypted data from the previous iteration step. The IVec argument is only needed for des_cfb as the vector used in the previous iteration step.

private_decrypt(Type, CipherText, PrivateKey, Padding) -> PlainText

Types:

```

Type = rsa
CipherText = binary()
PrivateKey = rsa_private()
Padding = rsa_pkcs1_padding | rsa_pkcs1_oaep_padding | rsa_no_padding
PlainText = binary()

```

Decrypts the CipherText, encrypted with *public_encrypt/4* (or equivalent function) using the PrivateKey, and returns the plaintext (message digest). This is a low level signature verification operation used for instance by older versions of the SSL protocol. See also *public_key:decrypt_private/2,3*

`private_encrypt(Type, PlainText, PrivateKey, Padding) -> CipherText`

Types:

```
Type = rsa
PlainText = binary()
The size of the PlainText must be less than byte_size(N)-11 if rsa_pkcs1_padding is used, and
byte_size(N) if rsa_no_padding is used, where N is public modulus of the RSA key.
PrivateKey = rsa_private()
Padding = rsa_pkcs1_padding | rsa_no_padding
CipherText = binary()
```

Encrypts the PlainText using the PrivateKey and returns the ciphertext. This is a low level signature operation used for instance by older versions of the SSL protocol. See also *public_key:encrypt_private/[2,3]*

`public_decrypt(Type, CipherText, PublicKey, Padding) -> PlainText`

Types:

```
Type = rsa
CipherText = binary()
PublicKey = rsa_public()
Padding = rsa_pkcs1_padding | rsa_no_padding
PlainText = binary()
```

Decrypts the CipherText, encrypted with *private_encrypt/4*(or equivalent function) using the PrivateKey, and returns the plaintext (message digest). This is a low level signature verification operation used for instance by older versions of the SSL protocol. See also *public_key:decrypt_public/[2,3]*

`public_encrypt(Type, PlainText, PublicKey, Padding) -> CipherText`

Types:

```
Type = rsa
PlainText = binary()
The size of the PlainText must be less than byte_size(N)-11 if rsa_pkcs1_padding is used, and
byte_size(N) if rsa_no_padding is used, where N is public modulus of the RSA key.
PublicKey = rsa_public()
Padding = rsa_pkcs1_padding | rsa_pkcs1_oaep_padding | rsa_no_padding
CipherText = binary()
```

Encrypts the PlainText (message digest) using the PublicKey and returns the CipherText. This is a low level signature operation used for instance by older versions of the SSL protocol. See also *public_key:encrypt_public/[2,3]*

`rand_bytes(N) -> binary()`

Types:

```
N = integer()
```

Generates N bytes randomly uniform 0..255, and returns the result in a binary. Uses the `crypto` library pseudo-random number generator.

`rand_seed(Seed) -> ok`

Types:

```
Seed = binary()
```


Set the seed for PRNG to the given binary. This calls the `RAND_seed` function from openssl. Only use this if the system you are running on does not have enough "randomness" built in. Normally this is when `strong_rand_bytes/1` returns `low_entropy`

`rand_uniform(Lo, Hi) -> N`

Types:

Lo, Hi, N = integer()

Generate a random number `N`, `Lo <= N < Hi`. Uses the `crypto` library pseudo-random number generator. `Hi` must be larger than `Lo`.

`sign(Algorithm, DigestType, Msg, Key) -> binary()`

Types:

Algorithm = rsa | dss | ecdsa

Msg = binary() | {digest,binary()}

The msg is either the binary "cleartext" data to be signed or it is the hashed value of "cleartext" i.e. the digest (plaintext).

DigestType = digest_type()

Key = rsa_private() | dss_private() | [ecdh_private(),ecdh_params()]

Creates a digital signature.

Algorithm `dss` can only be used together with digest type `sha`.

See also `public_key:sign/3`

`start() -> ok`

Equivalent to `application:start(crypto)`.

`stop() -> ok`

Equivalent to `application:stop(crypto)`.

`strong_rand_bytes(N) -> binary()`

Types:

N = integer()

Generates `N` bytes randomly uniform 0..255, and returns the result in a binary. Uses a cryptographically secure prng seeded and periodically mixed with operating system provided entropy. By default this is the `RAND_bytes` method from OpenSSL.

May throw exception `low_entropy` in case the random generator failed due to lack of secure "randomness".

`stream_init(Type, Key) -> State`

Types:

Type = rc4

State = opaque()

Key = iodata()

Initializes the state for use in RC4 stream encryption `stream_encrypt` and `stream_decrypt`

`stream_init(Type, Key, IVec) -> State`

Types:

```
    Type = aes_ctr
    State = opaque()
    Key = iodata()
    IVec = binary()
```

Initializes the state for use in streaming AES encryption using Counter mode (CTR). Key is the AES key and must be either 128, 192, or 256 bits long. IVec is an arbitrary initializing vector of 128 bits (16 bytes). This state is for use with *stream_encrypt* and *stream_decrypt*.

`stream_encrypt(State, PlainText) -> { NewState, CipherText }`

Types:

```
    Text = iodata()
    CipherText = binary()
```

Encrypts PlainText according to the stream cipher Type specified in *stream_init*/3. Text can be any number of bytes. The initial State is created using *stream_init*. NewState must be passed into the next call to *stream_encrypt*.

`stream_decrypt(State, CipherText) -> { NewState, PlainText }`

Types:

```
    CipherText = iodata()
    PlainText = binary()
```

Decrypts CipherText according to the stream cipher Type specified in *stream_init*/3. PlainText can be any number of bytes. The initial State is created using *stream_init*. NewState must be passed into the next call to *stream_encrypt*.

`supports() -> AlgorithmList`

Types:

```
    AlgorithmList = [{hashs, [hash_algorithms()]}, {ciphers,
    [cipher_algorithms()]}, {public_keys, [public_key_algorithms()]}
```

Can be used to determine which crypto algorithms that are supported by the underlying OpenSSL library

`ec_curves() -> EllipticCurveList`

Types:

```
    EllipticCurveList = [ec_named_curve()]
```

Can be used to determine which named elliptic curves are supported.

`ec_curve(NamedCurve) -> EllipticCurve`

Types:

```
    NamedCurve = ec_named_curve()
    EllipticCurve = ec_explicit_curve()
```

Return the defining parameters of a elliptic curve.

`verify(Algorithm, DigestType, Msg, Signature, Key) -> boolean()`

Types:

`Algorithm = rsa | dss | ecdsa`

`Msg = binary() | {digest,binary()}`

The msg is either the binary "cleartext" data or it is the hashed value of "cleartext" i.e. the digest (plaintext).

`DigestType = digest_type()`

`Signature = binary()`

`Key = rsa_public() | dss_public() | [ecdh_public(),ecdh_params()]`

Verifies a digital signature

Algorithm dss can only be used together with digest type sha.

See also *public_key:verify/4*