End-to-End Cryptographic E-mail Guidance

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- Useful concepts (Cryptographic Envelope, Cryptographic Payload, Cryptographic Layer)
- Common user expectations
- Guidance for composing messages
- Guidance for interpreting messages
- Common pitfalls and suggestions
- Test Vectors

Example guidance

- Generate only simple, whole-message MIME structure
- Don't render failed signatures (similar to DKIM)
- Don't send encrypted-but-unsigned messages
- Avoiding cleartext leaks on replies to encrypted mail
- Enumerating ways that signatures can fail
- How to deal with an incoming message with bad MIME structure

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How can you help?

- Review current draft
- Contribute suggestions
- Large to-do list already (§7) pick one!

https://gitlab.com/dkg/e2e-mail-guidance

Call for adoption

- Willing to act as editor
- Happy to have interested co-editors
- Happy to be replaced as editor