

# Stateless OpenPGP Interface

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[draft-dkg-openpgp-stateless-cli](#)

# What is **sop**

- Abstract interface for OpenPGP
- "Stateless" -- all arguments are explicitly specified
- Not in-charter for WG

# Why **sop**?

- Interop testing
- Clarify concepts
- Encourage best practices

# Why "stateless"? Why command line?

- Specify all parts explicitly
- Avoid hidden side effects
- CLI is a "common denominator"

# Focus on data management

- key/cert generation
- encrypt/decrypt
- sign/verify

# sop Examples

```
sop generate-key "Alice <alice@openpgp.example>" > alice.sec  
sop extract-cert < alice.sec > alice.pgp
```

```
sop sign --as=text alice.sec < notes.txt > notes.txt.asc  
sop verify notes.txt.asc alice.pgp < notes.txt
```

```
sop encrypt --sign-with=alice.sec --as=mime bob.pgp\  
  < msg.eml > encrypted.asc  
sop decrypt alice.sec < ciphertext.asc > cleartext.out
```

# Interaction with Crypto Refresh

- Generic interface explicitly does *not* expose algorithm- or version-specific details.
- Can implementation **X** deal with/interact with wire format object **Y**?

# Missing: Inline Signatures?

- Currently expects and works with detached signatures
- How to deal with bundled message+signature objects?
- See [issue 25](#)



# Next (1/2): language-specific frameworks

- [Java](#)
- [Rust](#)
- [Python](#)
- C (shared object)?
- Your preferred language?

# Next (2/2): Certificate Management

- Merge
- Validate
- Maintain
- Revoke
- Certify
- ...?

# Recent `sop` Changes

(from -02 to -03: minor changes)

- added `--micalg-out` to `sop sign`
- change from `KEY` to `KEYS`
- new error code `KEY_CANNOT_SIGN`
- `sop version` expanded for more detailed output

# Critique, Suggest, Contribute!

<https://gitlab.com/dkg/openpgp-stateless-cli>