

IETF-113 OpenPGP WG meeting  
draft-ietf-openpgp-crypto-refresh

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- When: Monday March 21 0900-1100 UTC (1000-1200 meeting local time)
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- Everyone:
  - Be patient:-)
  - This is the 1st "hybrid" IETF meeting, and we're in the first session slot, so let's be ok with learning as we go

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# Agenda

- Administrivia & Agenda bash (chairs, 5)
- Chartered work:
  - Design team modus operandi (chairs, 5)
  - Latest I-D (Justus Winter, 20)
    - <https://datatracker.ietf.org/doc/draft-ietf-openpgp-crypto-refresh/>
  - Issues/Merge-requests for discussion (various DT members, 45)
    - <https://gitlab.com/openpgp-wg/rfc4880bis>
  - Next steps (chairs, 5)
- Other presentations (time may shift if above takes longer):
  - A post-quantum approach for openpgp (Falko Strenzke, 20)
  - End-to-end encryption definition (Mallory Knodel, 20)
    - <https://datatracker.ietf.org/doc/draft-knodel-e2ee-definition/>
- "if time allows" (late request)
  - Key transparency (Aron Wussler)

- List + Public Archive:  
<https://mailarchive.ietf.org/arch/browse/openpgp-dt/>
- Members: Daniel Huigens, Daniel Kahn Gillmor, Jeffrey Lau, Justus Winter, Niibe Yukata, Paul Wouters, Stephen Farrell, Werner Koch (for earlier meetings)
- Met most weeks, ~29 times
- Worked well: productive processing merge requests
- Goal: declare victory soon, once we think ready for WGLC
- Chairs likely to re-use mechanism (if people willing) if/when WG re-chartered for more work



## Who's read the draft?

We'd like to get a sense as to how many people have read -05?  
Are there specific problems/issues with that you'd like to mention now (we can talk about 'em in a bit)



## 5.14.2. v2 SEIP Data Packet Format

- AEAD
- SEIPDv2 better than AEDv2
  - Tag 20: Reserved (formerly AEAD Encrypted Data Packet)
- Fields!
  - cipher
  - AEAD mode
  - salt
- HKDF<sub>SHA256</sub>
  - authenticates context → key separation
  - per-message key → robust encrypted reply

# Message Key Derivation

- SK from v5 PKESK or v5 SKESK
- HKDF<sub>SHA256</sub>
  - salt from v2 SEIPD (32 octets)
  - info:
    - packet tag
    - packet version
    - cipher
    - AEAD mode
    - chunk size
  - out:
    - message key
    - left-most parts of nonce

# v2 SEIPD Chunked AEAD

- cipher setup
  - message key from HKDF
  - nonce:
    - (NLEN - 8) octets from HKDF
    - 8 octet BE counter from 0
  - AAD:
    - packet tag
    - packet version
    - cipher
    - AEAD mode
    - chunk size
    - (final chunk only) plaintext length
- chunking
  - chunk size: power of two, 64 bytes to 4 megabytes
  - one or more chunks
    - last one may be shorter
  - followed by tag
  - final zero-sized chunk

## Example v4 and v5 messages

v4 SKESK Packet

S2K

AES-128

ESK (plain: cipher+sk)

v1 SEIPD Packet

AES-128, CFB mode

(cipher from ESK)

| Literal Data Packet

| MDC Packet

v5 SKESK Packet

S2K

AES-128, OCB mode

IV

ESK

v2 SEIPD Packet

AES-128, OCB mode

Chunk size

Salt

| Literal Data Packet

| Padding Packet

## GnuPG

- NIIBE has an interoperable implementation

## Sequoia

- Justus has an interoperable implementation
- EAX good, GCM not great, OCB problematic
- used to generate test vectors

## Ecosystem

- need reply-to-message API

## v5 sigs and v5 keys; v5 ESKs and v2 SEIP

### Signature matches Pubkey version

- v5 keys make v5 sigs/certifications
- v4 keys make v4 sigs/certifications

### Encrypted Session Keys match SEIP version

- v2 SEIP uses v5 PKESK and v5 SKESK
- v1 SEIP uses v3 PKESK and v4 SKESK

### Which Pubkeys take which SEIP version?

- Advertised in Features subpacket, as before

## 5.3 v5 SKESK

- AEAD
- key separation (also  $\text{HKDF}_{\text{SHA256}}$ )
- robust parsing

### Sequoia

- branch exists
- Much nicer SKESK5 API

### 3.7.2.1. Secret-Key Encryption

- key separation (also  $\text{HKDF}_{\text{SHA256}}$ )
- robust parsing



## 5.5. v5 Key Material Packets

- public parameter octet count

### OpenPGP.js

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- used to generate test vectors

- Recipient fingerprint

### 3.7.1.4. Argon2

- Argon2id
- RFC9106
  - parameter recommendation:  $t=1$ ,  $p=4$ ,  $m=2^{21}$
  - $m$  in kibibytes (KiB)

Octet 0: 0x04 (the S2K tag)

Octets 1-16: 16-octet salt value

Octet 17: one-octet number of passes  $t$

Octet 18: one-octet degree of parallelism  $p$

Octet 19: one-octet exponent indicating the memory size  $m$

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## 5.2.3. v5 Signature Packet Format

- prefix salt, defends against
  - attacks on hash function collision resistance
  - the evil web-app attack
  - EdDSA fault injection attack
- related: 5.4. v5 One-Pass Signature Packet
  - issuer fingerprint (v3 had Key ID)
  - includes salt

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## 5.15. Padding Packet (Tag 21)

- like the Marker packet, but free form
- can appear anywhere
  - guidance for backwards compatibility
- body SHOULD be random

### Sequoia

- branch exists

# General improvements

- 3.2.1. Using MPIs to encode other data
- 4.2.2. Legacy Format Packet Lengths
- 5.2.3.33. Intended Recipient Fingerprint
- 11.1. Transferable Public Keys
  - valid w/o User ID
  - ongoing discussion wrt mandatory self-sig
- newer toolchain
  - markdown
  - one sentence per line
  - Gitlab-supported workflow
- tables
- structure

# Algorithms

- public key algorithms
  - MTI: EdDSA and ECDH
- curves
  - MTI: Ed25519 and "ECDH using Curve25519"
  - SHOULD: Ed448 and X448
- ciphers
  - MTI: AES-128
  - in: Camellia-\*
  - out (archive exception): IDEA, TripleDES, or CAST5
- AEAD modes
  - MTI: OCB
  - in: GCM (FIPS approved)
- hash algorithms
  - MTI: SHA2-256
  - in: SHA{2,3}-\*
  - out: MD5, SHA-1, and RIPE-MD/160

## 12.2. Key IDs and Fingerprints

- v5 fingerprints are 32 octets
- v5 Key IDs are the left-most 8 octets

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- Certificate structure (Daniel Huigens)
- KeyIDs and fingerprints (Paul Wouters/Stephen Farrell)
- SHA-1/sha1collisiondetect (Daniel Kahn Gillmor)

## Certificate structure (Daniel Huigens)

- Some implementations today require a self-signed User ID
- For some use cases it's useful not to publish a User ID
  - Publishing keys where the User ID has not been verified
  - Publishing keys without revealing personal details in the User ID
  - Making it easier to hide whether an email address exists or not

## Certificate structure (II)

- RFC4880 required a User ID, but not a self-signature
- Crypto refresh requires neither a User ID nor a self-signature

## Certificate structure (III)

- Do we need a User ID?
  - When encrypting to a key, you need to verify ownership some other way anyway
  - When verifying using a key, you need to verify that the signer is the sender
    - Sign email headers?
    - "Signer's User ID" subpacket?
  - Catch mistakes?

## Certificate structure (IV)

- Do we need a self-signature?
  - A place to store expiration, preferences, flags, features, etc.
  - Can't be removed (unless you have another signature without them)

# Certificate structure (V)

- Tentative proposal:
  - Require a direct-key signature
  - Only look at key properties in the direct-key signature
  - User IDs are optional
  - If sender identity is important, sign it as part of the message (e.g. email headers)

## Certificate structure (VI)

- Questions to the WG:
  - Is this even in charter?
    - Some of this is not very crypto-refresh-related
    - Algorithm preferences are crypto-adjacent
    - V5 keys are a nice opportunity to fix this
  - Do we care about User ID-specific preferences?
    - If yes → still look at key properties in User ID self-signatures?
  - Do we care about PGP/Inline, and clearsigned messages, where the sender is not signed?
    - If yes → use "Signer's User ID" subpacket?

## KeyIDs and fingerprints (Paul Wouters/Stephen Farrell)

- Fingerprint is full-sized hash output (256 bits)
- KeyIDs have historically been shorter in a (possibly unwise) attempt to make them human-consumable
- DT didn't reach consensus on a sufficiently good change to this situation
  - Perhaps closest we came was roughly: "don't recommend any specific form of KeyID but do document the security considerations of some of the possible approaches to KeyIDs"



# SHA-1/sha1collisiondetect (Daniel Kahn Gillmor)

<https://gitlab.com/openpgp-wg/rfc4880bis/-/issues/99>

<https://marc-stevens.nl/research/papers/C13-S.pdf>

## SHA-1 is trouble

- Known mechanism for collisions
  - (but probably not a problem for primary key fingerprints)
- Still necessary in OpenPGP as long as v4 keys circulate

## sha1collisiondetect is SHA-1 except during known collisions

- Noisy breakage better than silent breakage
- Not a formally-specified standard

## Driving out SHA-1

- Encourage sha1cd (or similar) where implementations use SHA-1?

- DT members would like to declare victory - meaning offering a draft that could be input for WGLC
  - At that point DT will dissolve
- We're not there yet but closing in on that
- Once we get there it'll be time to consider re-chartering if there's an appetite for that.
  - If we get there chairs might constitute another DT (current one having worked well)