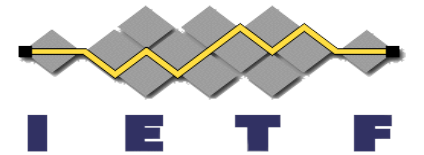


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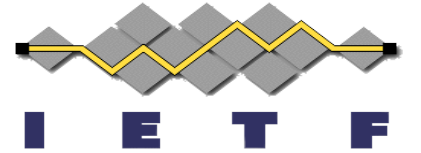
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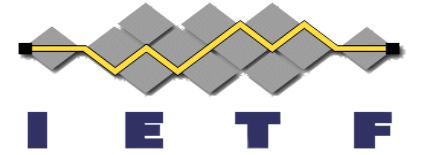


What Does It Do?



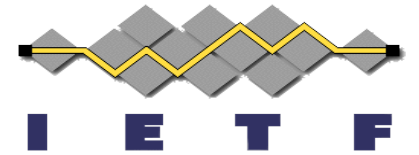
- A kind of “Direct Encryption” to a single recipient.
- A kind of “Key Encryption” for symmetric encryption to multiple recipients.

Why Do It?



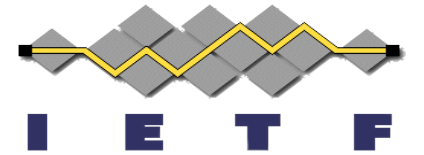
- HPKE security baseline is better than status quo in COSE.
- HPKE interfaces are friendly to post quantum and hybrid encryption.
- Consistent post quantum encrypted JWT and CWT support.

Status



- Useful discussion – approaching consensus on the following
- Agree to defend against cross-mode attack (described in LAMPS WG in Prague)
- Eliminate use of COSE_KDF_CONTEXT
 - Very confusing, much of it very unnecessary with HPKE
 - Alternate mechanism for useful parts of it
- Define new Enc_Structure for COSE_Recipients that
 - Protects COSE_Recipient headers
 - Addresses cross-mode attack
 - Has useful parts of COSE_KDF_CONTEXT
- Next step is a PR
- Should we align with JOSE HPKE?... Decision Yes (please)

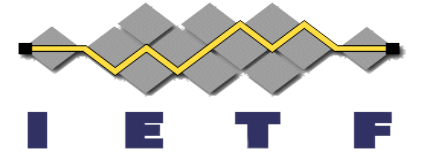
Example: Single Recipient (HPKE Direct Encryption)



```
16([ / Single Recipient Encryption /  
  / Protected Headers alg: 35 / h'a1011823',  
  { / Unprotected Header /  
    / kid / 4: "urn:iETF:params:oauth:ckt:sha-256:KV_398FhP...XBNQM",  
    / ek / -4: h'048024424acb...71a9117db7abf19a '  
  },  
  / Ciphertext / h'693181d2479...64745eceb97f3bbf '  
])
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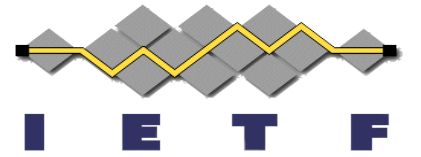
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Example: Multiple Recipients (HPKE Key Encryption)



```
96([ / Multiple Recipient Encrypted Message /
  / Protected Headers alg: 1 / h'a10101',
  {
    / IV / 5: h'335552a987fd47dc85016ccc760bb541'
  },
  / Ciphertext / h'a0d7678a14400...1a39c311554970c7bdaa40d4c1',
  [ / Recipients /
    [ / Recipient 0 /
      / Recipient Protected Headers (alg: 35) / h'a1011823',
      { / Recipient Unprotected Header /
        / kid / 4: "urn:iETF:params:oauth:ckt:sha-256:KV_398FhP...0XBNQM",
        / ek / -4: h'044e73351...45d9dfea583ef14e0f'
      },
    ]
  ]
])
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example from [draft-steele-jose-cose-hpke-cookbook](#)



Next Steps

- Lots of discussions, little progress.
- Should we protect against cross mode attacks caused by AES-CBC? ... Decision Yes.
 - Should we define a new Enc_Structure?
 - Use in HPKE AAD? ... Decision Yes.
 - Should we define mandatory COSE_KDF_CONTEXT?
 - Use in HPKE Info? ... Decision No.
- Should we align with JOSE HPKE?... Decision Yes.