

IETF 119

Persistent Symmetric Keys

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What & Why?

- Encrypt messages using long-term symmetric keys, e.g. for archival
- Create attestations using long-term symmetric keys, e.g. to record signature verifications
- Faster & smaller than asymmetric crypto, & post-quantum secure

How?

- The semantics we need are those of PKESK and signature packets
- So: retcon “Public Key Algorithms” to “Persistent Key Algorithms”
- Define two new Persistent Key Algorithms: AEAD and HMAC

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Current Status

- Personal draft: draft-huigens-openpgp-persistent-symmetric-keys
- <https://twisstle.gitlab.io/openpgp-persistent-symmetric-keys/>
- Experimental implementations in forks/branches of OpenPGP.js and go-crypto

Questions for the WG

- Feedback?
- Call for adoption soon?



Thanks!
Questions?