

# Use of HPKE with JOSE

[draft-ietf-jose-hpke-encrypt](#)

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# Updates Since IETF 123



- -14
  - Add HPKE-7
  - Update to Recipient\_structure
  - Removed text related to apu and apv.
  - Updated description of mutually known private information.
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  - Switched reference from RFC 9180 to draft-ietf-hpke-hpke
  - Editorial improvements to abstract and introduction.
  - Removed Section 8.2 "Static Asymmetric Authentication in HPKE"
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  - Added the recipient\_structure

# Use of HPKE info & AAD Parameters



- Changed how HPKE info and AAD parameters are populated
- Incorporates feedback from IETF 123
- Info is now populated with Recipient\_structure
- AAD is now empty unless externally provided information is used

# Recipient\_structure



```
Recipient_structure = ASCII("JOSE-HPKE rcpt") ||  
    BYTE(255) ||  
    ASCII(content_encryption_alg) ||  
    BYTE(255) ||  
    recipient_extra_info
```

- Binds the content encryption algorithm into the HPKE computation
- Enable application to bind additional information into the computation
- Aligned with parallel changes to COSE HPKE

# HPKE-7 Algorithm Added



- Algorithm Name: HPKE-7
- Algorithm Description: Cipher suite for JOSE-HPKE using the DHKEM(P-256, HKDF-SHA256) KEM, the HKDF-SHA256 KDF, and the A256GCM AEAD
- Requested by Chanda

# Integration with JWE Instructions



- Late breaking development...
- PR #83 defines the JWE Key Management Modes
  - HPKE Integrated Encryption
  - HPKE Key Encryption
- Integrates them into complete set of JWE encryption & decryption instructions
  - This was an ask from IETF 123
  - Was surprisingly straightforward to do
  - JOSE HPKE modes now uses same set of instructions as all other modes
  - Simplified draft by removing HPKE-specific encryption & decryption instructions
- Thanks to Richard Barnes for suggesting this unified approach

# Next Steps



- Confer with WG members during IETF 124 about solutions applied
  - Solutions applied in response to feedback received during IETF 123
- Review PR #83 integrating instructions with JWE
  - Filip Skokan, Brian Campbell, and Josph Heenan already explicitly invited to review
  - Apply review suggestions and merge
- Then I believe it will be time for second WGLC
  - *Note that COSE HPKE appears to be ready for second WGLC*