

# draft-josefsson-kitten-crotp-00

- It is an GSS-API/SASL mechanism to do username/password/OTP authentication.
- Based on SCRAM – only minor modifications to protocol for sending the OTP to server
- Use-case 1: sites with username/password authentication (CRAM-MD5 or SCRAM) used for IMAP+SMTP that wants to add an OTP factor easily
  - “easily” means (at least) without having to change existing credentials (username/password)

:: from RFC 5802

client-final-message-without-proof =  
channel-binding "," nonce [" ,"  
extensions]

:: variant used by CROTP

otp = "o=" saslname  
client-final-message-without-proof =  
channel-binding "," nonce " ,"  
otp  
[" ,"  
extensions]

Examples:

o=755224 (OATH HOTP)

o=dteffujedcflcindvdbrblehecuitvjkjevvehjd (YubiKey)

# Open questions

- How important is confidentiality of the OTP?  
Validation protocols and deployments rarely confidentiality protect OTPs and it “works”. TLS?  
GSS\_Wrap?
- Could an EAP mechanism be used together with GSS-EAP instead? EAP-GTC “kind of” supports OTP but it works poorly in practice.
- Generally, is there support for working on two-factor authentication in GSS-API/SASL?