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1 Crypto User's Guide

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Application

The purpose of the Crypto application is to provide an Erlang API to cryptographic functions, see crypto(3). Note that the API is on a fairly low level and there are some corresponding API functions available in $public_key(3)$, on a higher abstraction level, that uses the crypto application in its implementation.

DEPENDENCIES

The current crypto implementation uses nifs to interface OpenSSLs crypto library and requires *OpenSSL* package version 0.9.8 or higher.

Source releases of OpenSSL can be downloaded from the **OpenSSL** project home page, or mirror sites listed there.

SEE ALSO

application(3)

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Erlang module

This module provides a set of cryptographic functions.

- Hash functions Secure Hash Standard, The MD5 Message Digest Algorithm (RFC 1321) and The MD4
 Message Digest Algorithm (RFC 1320)
- Hmac functions Keyed-Hashing for Message Authentication (RFC 2104)
- Block ciphers DES and AES in Block Cipher Modes ECB, CBC, CFB, OFB and CTR
- RSA encryption RFC 1321
- Digital signatures Digital Signature Standard (DSS) and Elliptic Curve Digital Signature Algorithm (ECDSA)
- Secure Remote Password Protocol (SRP RFC 2945)

DATA TYPES

```
key_value() = integer() | binary()
```

Always binary() when used as return value

```
rsa_public() = [key_value()] = [E, N]
```

Where E is the public exponent and N is public modulus.

```
rsa_private() = [key_value()] = [E, N, D] | [E, N, D, P1, P2, E1, E2, C]
```

Where E is the public exponent, N is public modulus and D is the private exponent. The longer key format contains redundant information that will make the calculation faster. P1,P2 are first and second prime factors. E1,E2 are first and second exponents. C is the CRT coefficient. Terminology is taken from **RFC 3447**.

```
dss_public() = [key_value()] = [P, Q, G, Y]
```

Where P, Q and G are the dss parameters and Y is the public key.

```
dss_private() = [key_value()] = [P, Q, G, X]
```

Where P, Q and G are the dss parameters and X is the private key.

```
srp_public() = key_value()
```

Where is A or B from **SRP design**

```
srp_private() = key_value()
```

Where is a or b from SRP design

Where Verifier is v, Generator is g and Prime is N, DerivedKey is X, and Scrambler is u (optional will be generated if not provided) from **SRP design** Version = |3'| |6'| |6a'|

```
dh_public() = key_value()
dh_private() = key_value()
dh_params() = [key_value()] = [P, G]
ecdh public() = key value()
ecdh private() = key value()
ecdh_params() = ec_named_curve() | ec_explicit_curve()
ec explicit curve() =
    {ec_field(), Prime :: key_value(), Point :: key_value(), Order :: integer(), CoFactor :: none | integer()}
ec field() = {prime field, Prime :: integer()} |
    {characteristic_two_field, M :: integer(), Basis :: ec_basis()}
ec_basis() = {tpbasis, K :: non_neg_integer()} |
    {ppbasis, K1 :: non_neg_integer(), K2 :: non_neg_integer(), K3 :: non_neg_integer()} |
    onbasis
ec named curve() ->
       sect571r1| sect571k1| sect409r1| sect409k1| secp521r1| secp384r1| secp224r1| secp224k1|
       secp192k1| secp160r2| secp128r2| secp128r1| sect233r1| sect233k1| sect193r2| sect193r1|
      sect131r2| sect131r1| sect283r1| sect283k1| sect163r2| secp256k1| secp160k1| secp160r1| secp112r2| secp112r1| sect113r2| sect113r1| sect239k1| sect163r1| sect163k1| secp256r1|
       secp192r1
      brainpoolP160r1| brainpoolP160t1| brainpoolP192r1| brainpoolP192t1| brainpoolP224r1| brainpoolP224t1| brainpoolP256r1| brainpoolP256t1| brainpoolP320r1| brainpoolP320t1|
       brainpoolP384r1| brainpoolP384t1| brainpoolP512r1| brainpoolP512t1
```

Note that the *sect* curves are GF2m (characteristic two) curves and are only supported if the underlying OpenSSL has support for them. See also *crypto:supports/0*

```
stream_cipher() = rc4 | aes_ctr

block_cipher() = aes_cbc128 | aes_cfb8 | aes_cfb128 | aes_ige256 | blowfish_cbc |
    blowfish_cfb64 | des_cbc | des_cfb | des3_cbc | des3_cbf
    | des_ede3 | rc2_cbc
```

```
stream_key() = aes_key() | rc4_key()

block_key() = aes_key() | blowfish_key() | des_key()| des3_key()

aes_key() = iodata()

Key length is 128, 192 or 256 bits
```

```
rc4_key() = iodata()
```

Variable key length from 8 bits up to 2048 bits (usually between 40 and 256)

```
blowfish_key() = iodata()
```

Variable key length from 32 bits up to 448 bits

```
des_key() = iodata()
```

Key length is 64 bits (in CBC mode only 8 bits are used)

```
des3_key() = [binary(), binary()]
```

Each key part is 64 bits (in CBC mode only 8 bits are used)

```
digest_type() = md5 | sha | sha224 | sha256 | sha384 | sha512
hash_algorithms() = md5 | ripemd160 | sha | sha224 | sha256 | sha384 | sha512
```

md4 is also supported for hash_init/1 and hash/2. Note that both md4 and md5 are recommended only for compatibility with existing applications.

```
cipher_algorithms() = des_cbc | des_cfb | des3_cbc | des3_cbf | des_ede3 |
    blowfish_cbc | blowfish_cfb64 | aes_cbc128 | aes_cfb8 | aes_cfb128 | aes_cbc256 | aes_ige256 | rc2_cbc |
```

```
public_key_algorithms() = rsa |dss | ecdsa | dh | ecdh | ec_gf2m
```

Note that ec_gf2m is not strictly a public key algorithm, but a restriction on what curves are supported with ecdsa and ecdh.

Exports

```
block_encrypt(Type, Key, Ivec, PlainText) -> CipherText
Types:
    Type = block_cipher()
    Key = block_key()
```

PlainText = iodata()

```
IVec = CipherText = binary()
Encrypt PlainTextaccording to Type block cipher. IVec is an arbitrary initializing vector.
May throw exception not sup in case the chosen Type is not supported by the underlying OpenSSL implementation.
block decrypt(Type, Key, Ivec, CipherText) -> PlainText
Types:
   Type = block_cipher()
   Key = block_key()
   PlainText = iodata()
   IVec = CipherText = binary()
Decrypt CipherTextaccording to Type block cipher. IVec is an arbitrary initializing vector.
May throw exception not sup in case the chosen Type is not supported by the underlying OpenSSL implementation.
bytes to integer(Bin) -> Integer
Types:
   Bin = binary() - as returned by crypto functions
   Integer = integer()
Convert binary representation, of an integer, to an Erlang integer.
compute key(Type, OthersPublicKey, MyKey, Params) -> SharedSecret
Types:
   Type = dh | ecdh | srp
   OthersPublicKey = dh_public() | ecdh_public() | srp_public()
   MyKey = dh_private() | ecdh_private() | {srp_public(),srp_private()}
   Params = dh_params() | ecdh_params() | SrpUserParams | SrpHostParams
   SrpUserParams = {user, [DerivedKey::binary(), Prime::binary(),
   Generator::binary(), Version::atom() | [Scrambler:binary()]]}
   SrpHostParams = {host, [Verifier::binary(), Prime::binary(),
   Version::atom() | [Scrambler::binary]]}
   SharedSecret = binary()
Computes the shared secret from the private key and the other party's public key. See also public_key:compute_key/2
exor(Data1, Data2) -> Result
Types:
   Data1, Data2 = iodata()
   Result = binary()
Performs bit-wise XOR (exclusive or) on the data supplied.
generate key(Type, Params) -> {PublicKey, PrivKeyOut}
generate key(Type, Params, PrivKeyIn) -> {PublicKey, PrivKeyOut}
Types:
   Type = dh | ecdh | srp
```

```
Params = dh_params() | ecdh_params() | SrpUserParams | SrpHostParams
SrpUserParams = {user, [Generator::binary(), Prime::binary(),
Version::atom()]}
SrpHostParams = {host, [Verifier::binary(), Generator::binary(),
Prime::binary(), Version::atom()]}
PublicKey = dh_public() | ecdh_public() | srp_public()
PrivKeyIn = undefined | dh_private() | srp_private()
PrivKeyOut = dh_private() | ecdh_private() | srp_private()
Generates public keys of type Type. See also public_key:generate_key/I

hash(Type, Data) -> Digest
Types:
   Type = md4 | hash_algorithms()
   Data = iodata()
   Digest = binary()
```

Computes a message digest of type Type from Data.

May throw exception not sup in case the chosen Type is not supported by the underlying OpenSSL implementation.

```
hash_init(Type) -> Context
Types:
    Type = md4 | hash_algorithms()
```

Initializes the context for streaming hash operations. Type determines which digest to use. The returned context should be used as argument to *hash_update*.

May throw exception not sup in case the chosen Type is not supported by the underlying OpenSSL implementation.

```
hash_update(Context, Data) -> NewContext
Types:
    Data = iodata()
```

Updates the digest represented by Context using the given Data. Context must have been generated using *hash_init* or a previous call to this function. Data can be any length. NewContext must be passed into the next call to hash_update or *hash_final*.

```
hash_final(Context) -> Digest
Types:
   Digest = binary()
```

Finalizes the hash operation referenced by Context returned from a previous call to *hash_update*. The size of Digest is determined by the type of hash function used to generate it.

```
hmac(Type, Key, Data) -> Mac
hmac(Type, Key, Data, MacLength) -> Mac
Types:
    Type = hash_algorithms() - except ripemd160
    Key = iodata()
    Data = iodata()
```

```
MacLength = integer()
Mac = binary()
```

Computes a HMAC of type Type from Data using Key as the authentication key.

MacLength will limit the size of the resultant Mac.

```
hmac_init(Type, Key) -> Context
Types:
    Type = hash_algorithms() - except ripemd160
    Key = iodata()
    Context = binary()
```

Initializes the context for streaming HMAC operations. Type determines which hash function to use in the HMAC operation. Key is the authentication key. The key can be any length.

```
hmac_update(Context, Data) -> NewContext
Types:
    Context = NewContext = binary()
    Data = iodata()
```

Updates the HMAC represented by Context using the given Data. Context must have been generated using an HMAC init function (such as $hmac_init$). Data can be any length. NewContext must be passed into the next call to hmac update or to one of the functions $hmac_final$ and $hmac_final$ n

Warning:

Do not use a Context as argument in more than one call to hmac_update or hmac_final. The semantics of reusing old contexts in any way is undefined and could even crash the VM in earlier releases. The reason for this limitation is a lack of support in the underlying OpenSSL API.

```
hmac_final(Context) -> Mac
Types:
    Context = Mac = binary()
```

Finalizes the HMAC operation referenced by Context. The size of the resultant MAC is determined by the type of hash function used to generate it.

```
hmac_final_n(Context, HashLen) -> Mac
Types:
    Context = Mac = binary()
    HashLen = non_neg_integer()
```

Finalizes the HMAC operation referenced by Context. HashLen must be greater than zero. Mac will be a binary with at most HashLen bytes. Note that if HashLen is greater than the actual number of bytes returned from the underlying hash, the returned hash will have fewer than HashLen bytes.

```
info_lib() -> [{Name, VerNum, VerStr}]
Types:
```

```
Name = binary()
VerNum = integer()
VerStr = binary()
```

Provides the name and version of the libraries used by crypto.

Name is the name of the library. VerNum is the numeric version according to the library's own versioning scheme. VerStr contains a text variant of the version.

```
> info_lib().
[{<<"OpenSSL">>,9469983,<<"OpenSSL 0.9.8a 11 Oct 2005">>>}]
```

Note:

From OTP R16 the *numeric version* represents the version of the OpenSSL *header files* (openssl/opensslv.h) used when crypto was compiled. The text variant represents the OpenSSL library used at runtime. In earlier OTP versions both numeric and text was taken from the library.

```
mod_pow(N, P, M) -> Result
Types:
    N, P, M = binary() | integer()
    Result = binary() | error

Computes the function N^P mod M.

next_iv(Type, Data) -> NextIVec
next_iv(Type, Data, IVec) -> NextIVec
Types:
    Type = des_cbc | des3_cbc | aes_cbc | des_cfb
    Data = iodata()
    IVec = NextIVec = binary()
```

PlainText = binary()

Returns the initialization vector to be used in the next iteration of encrypt/decrypt of type Type. Data is the encrypted data from the previous iteration step. The IVec argument is only needed for des_cfb as the vector used in the previous iteration step.

```
private_decrypt(Type, CipherText, PrivateKey, Padding) -> PlainText
Types:
    Type = rsa
    CipherText = binary()
    PrivateKey = rsa_private()
    Padding = rsa_pkcs1_padding | rsa_pkcs1_oaep_padding | rsa_no_padding
```

Decrypts the CipherText, encrypted with *public_encrypt/4* (or equivalent function) using the PrivateKey, and returns the plaintext (message digest). This is a low level signature verification operation used for instance by older versions of the SSL protocol. See also *public_key:decrypt_private/[2,3]*

```
private_encrypt(Type, PlainText, PrivateKey, Padding) -> CipherText
Types:
```

```
Type = rsa
PlainText = binary()
```

The size of the PlainText must be less than byte_size(N)-11 if rsa_pkcsl_padding is used, and byte_size(N) if rsa_no_padding is used, where N is public modulus of the RSA key.

```
PrivateKey = rsa_private()
Padding = rsa_pkcsl_padding | rsa_no_padding
CipherText = binary()
```

Encrypts the PlainText using the PrivateKey and returns the ciphertext. This is a low level signature operation used for instance by older versions of the SSL protocol. See also *public_key:encrypt_private/[2,3]*

```
public_decrypt(Type, CipherText, PublicKey, Padding) -> PlainText
Types:
```

```
Type = rsa
CipherText = binary()
PublicKey = rsa_public()
Padding = rsa_pkcs1_padding | rsa_no_padding
PlainText = binary()
```

Decrypts the CipherText, encrypted with *private_encrypt/4*(or equivalent function) using the PrivateKey, and returns the plaintext (message digest). This is a low level signature verification operation used for instance by older versions of the SSL protocol. See also *public_key:decrypt_public/[2,3]*

```
public_encrypt(Type, PlainText, PublicKey, Padding) -> CipherText
Types:
```

```
Type = rsa
PlainText = binary()
```

The size of the PlainText must be less than byte_size(N)-11 if rsa_pkcs1_padding is used, and byte_size(N) if rsa_no_padding is used, where N is public modulus of the RSA key.

```
PublicKey = rsa_public()
Padding = rsa_pkcsl_padding | rsa_pkcsl_oaep_padding | rsa_no_padding
CipherText = binary()
```

Encrypts the PlainText (message digest) using the PublicKey and returns the CipherText. This is a low level signature operation used for instance by older versions of the SSL protocol. See also *public_key:encrypt_public/[2,3]*

```
rand_bytes(N) -> binary()
Types:
   N = integer()
```

Generates N bytes randomly uniform 0..255, and returns the result in a binary. Uses the crypto library pseudorandom number generator.

```
rand_seed(Seed) -> ok
Types:
    Seed = binary()
```

Set the seed for PRNG to the given binary. This calls the RAND_seed function from openssl. Only use this if the system you are running on does not have enough "randomness" built in. Normally this is when <code>stong_rand_bytes/1</code> returns <code>low_entropy</code>

```
rand uniform(Lo, Hi) -> N
Types:
   Lo, Hi, N = integer()
Generate a random number N, Lo = N < Hi. Uses the crypto library pseudo-random number generator.
Hi must be larger than Lo.
sign(Algorithm, DigestType, Msg, Key) -> binary()
Types:
   Algorithm = rsa | dss | ecdsa
   Msg = binary() | {digest,binary()}
   The msg is either the binary "cleartext" data to be signed or it is the hashed value of "cleartext" i.e. the digest
   (plaintext).
   DigestType = digest_type()
   Key = rsa_private() | dss_private() | [ecdh_private(),ecdh_params()]
Creates a digital signature.
Algorithm dss can only be used together with digest type sha.
See also public_key:sign/3
start() -> ok
Equivalent to application:start(crypto).
stop() -> ok
Equivalent to application:stop(crypto).
strong_rand_bytes(N) -> binary()
Types:
   N = integer()
```

Generates N bytes randomly uniform 0..255, and returns the result in a binary. Uses a cryptographically secure prng seeded and periodically mixed with operating system provided entropy. By default this is the RAND_bytes method from OpenSSL.

May throw exception low_entropy in case the random generator failed due to lack of secure "randomness".

```
stream_init(Type, Key) -> State
Types:
   Type = rc4
   State = opaque()
   Key = iodata()
```

Initializes the state for use in RC4 stream encryption stream_encrypt and stream_decrypt

```
stream init(Type, Key, IVec) -> State
Types:
   Type = aes_ctr
   State = opaque()
   Key = iodata()
   IVec = binary()
Initializes the state for use in streaming AES encryption using Counter mode (CTR). Key is the AES key and must
be either 128, 192, or 256 bts long. IVec is an arbitrary initializing vector of 128 bits (16 bytes). This state is for use
```

with *stream_encrypt* and *stream_decrypt*.

```
stream encrypt(State, PlainText) -> { NewState, CipherText}
Types:
   Text = iodata()
   CipherText = binary()
```

Encrypts PlainText according to the stream cipher Type specified in stream_init/3. Text can be any number of bytes. The initial State is created using stream_init. NewState must be passed into the next call to stream_encrypt.

```
stream decrypt(State, CipherText) -> { NewState, PlainText }
Types:
   CipherText = iodata()
   PlainText = binary()
```

Decrypts CipherText according to the stream cipher Type specified in stream_init/3. PlainText can be any number of bytes. The initial State is created using stream_init. NewState must be passed into the next call to stream_encrypt.

```
supports() -> AlgorithmList
Types:
   AlgorithmList = [{hashs, [hash_algorithms()]}, {ciphers,
   [cipher_algorithms()]}, {public_keys, [public_key_algorithms()]}
```

Can be used to determine which crypto algorithms that are supported by the underlying OpenSSL library

```
ec curves() -> EllipticCurveList
Types:
   EllipticCurveList = [ec_named_curve()]
```

Can be used to determine which named elliptic curves are supported.

```
ec curve(NamedCurve) -> EllipticCurve
Types:
   NamedCurve = ec_named_curve()
   EllipticCurve = ec_explicit_curve()
```

Return the defining parameters of a elliptic curve.

```
verify(Algorithm, DigestType, Msg, Signature, Key) -> boolean()
Types:
    Algorithm = rsa | dss | ecdsa
    Msg = binary() | {digest,binary()}
    The msg is either the binary "cleartext" data or it is the hashed value of "cleartext" i.e. the digest (plaintext).
    DigestType = digest_type()
    Signature = binary()
    Key = rsa_public() | dss_public() | [ecdh_public(),ecdh_params()]
Verifies a digital signature
Algorithm dss can only be used together with digest type sha.
```

See also public_key:verify/4