

Format of portable serialization of org.owasp.esapi.crypto.CipherText object

This spreadsheet describes the portable serialization for the ESAPI for Java 2.0's CipherText object.

This serialization is intended to be platform and operating system independent.

It is expected that other ESAPI language implementations will implement this portable serialization to make it possible to exchange data with encrypted data with other ESAPI implementations.

NOTE: All data is serialized as "network byte order", which is the same as big-endian byte order.

String type: All strings are written out as UTF-8 encoded byte arrays in network byte order (i.e., big-endian) and are prepended by a signed 2-octet length. Note that strings are *not* null terminated.

The values of the integral types in Java are integers in the following ranges:

For byte, 1 octet, range from -128 to 127, inclusive

For short, 2 octets, range from -32768 to 32767, inclusive

For int, 4 octets, range from -2147483648 to 2147483647, inclusive

For long, 8 octets, range from -9223372036854775808 to 9223372036854775807, inclusive

Memory Layout:

Ordered as a byte array. All fields are written in network byte order (i.e., big endian).

Notation: Fields shown in *italics* are considered optional. If they are omitted, the length preceding that field will be 0.

Order	Size (in octets)	Field	Detailed Description
1	4	KDF PRF & version #	Key Derivation Function (KDF) Pseudo Random Function (PRF) & serialization version #: represented as int as YYYYMMDD. See 'KDF PRF&/ vers' worksheet.
2	8	timestamp	
3	2	xformLen	strlen of cipherXform; always > 0.
4	xformLen octets	cipherXform	cipher transformation string, in form of cipherAlgorithm/cipherMode/paddingScheme; e.g., "AES/CBC/PKCS5Padding".
5	2	keysize	key size of cipher, in bits.
6	2	blocksize	cipher block size, given in octets.
7	2	ivLen	IV length, in octets; 0 if no IV present.
8	ivLen octets	IV	Initialization vector, if ivLen > 0; otherwise omitted.
9	4	ciphertextLen	length of raw cipher text, in octets.
10	ciphertextLen octets	rawCiphertext	raw cipher text (for ciphertextLen octets).
11	2	macLen	length of MAC, in octets; set to 0 if no MAC used.
12	macLen octets	MAC	Message Authentication Code (MAC) value if macLen > 0 (i.e., if MAC present); otherwise omitted.

Calculation of MAC:

MAC is calculated by computing a derived key using the Key Derivation Function (KDF) Pseudo Random Function (PRF), via JavaEncryptor's private method, computeDerivedKey(), which in turn calls KeyDerivationFunction.computeDerivedKey() with "authenticity" as the 'purpose' parameter.

This authKey is then passed to CipherText.computeAndStoreMAC() for the CipherText object.

The MAC (implemented in KeyDerivationFunction.computeDerivedKey()) is calculated based on NIST SP 800-108, section 5.1:

$$\text{MAC} = \text{PRF}(\text{authKey}, \text{IV} || \text{rawCipherText});$$

Where '||' denotes concatenation, and PRF is a suitable pseudo random function.

The following PRFs are currently supported: HmacSHA1, HmacSHA256, HmacSHA384, & HmacSHA512.

KDF PRF & vers

Memory layout for use the first 4-byte 'int' (shown in network byte order [aka, big-endian]).

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===== Big-Endian Bit Ordering =====
|<----- Byte[0] ----->|<----- Byte[1] ----->|<----- Byte[2] ----->|<----- Byte[3] ----->| | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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|-----|
|                                                                                               |Un|   MAC   |
|<----- Version Date Indicator in form of YYYYMMDD ----->|us| Algorithm |
|                                                                                               |ed| Indicator |
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Version is KDF version and MAC algorithm indicator specifies which PRF to use.

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// Proposal for bits 29-32
//
// Allowed MAC algorithms and there respective key sizes.
//
// Value      MAC Alg name      hash size (bits)      Notes /Comments
// =====
00      HmacSHA1                120                Default?
01      HmacSHA256              256
02      HmacSHA384              384
03      HmacSHA512              512
04      Reserved for SHA-3 winner 224                SHA-3 must provide
05      Reserved for SHA-3 winner 256                msg digests of 224,
06      Reserved for SHA-3 winner 384                256, 384, & 512 bits.
07      Reserved for SHA-3 winner 512                Names for SHA-3 TBD.
08      OtherReservedFuture01    ???                Thus leaving us room
09      OtherReservedFuture02    ???                for 8 other MACs in
...      ...                    ...                the future.
15      OtherReservedFuture08    8192              Uncle Albert's MACjik Elixir
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