



Advanced Cryptography Concepts



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Goals of Cryptography
Confidentiality
Integrity
Availability
Non-Repudiation





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Applicable Standards and Agencies

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National Institute for Standard Technology (NIST) Responsible for developing cryptographic standards and guidelines for non-national security systems for the Federal Government

National Security Agency (NSA)- The NSA has lots classified algorithms, participates in standards and works closely with other agencies such as NIST and categorizes encryption into four types and two suites.

Federal Information Processing Standards (FIPS)

Standards that describe encryption algorithms and other information technology standards for use within non-military government agencies.

Public Key Cryptography Standards (PKCS) A group of public key cryptography standards developed and published by RSA.

Request for Comment (RFC)- Publications from the Internet Engineering Task Force (IETF), the principal technical development and standards setting bodies for the Internet. RFCs generally informational or experimental in nature and are not standards.

Committee on National Security Systems

Provides guidance for security standards for federal agencies on national security systems.

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National Institute for Standard Technology (NIST) Special Publications (SP)

- **SP 800-32 Introduction for Public Key Technology and the Federal PKI Infrastructure**
 - PKI functions, Security Services, PKI Infrastructure, Federal PKI, Policies and Procedures
 - **SP 800-57 Part 1 Recommendation for Key Management**
 - Provides general key-management guidance for developers and system administrators
 - **SP 800-57 Part 2 Recommendation for Key Management**
 - **SP 800-57 Part 3 Recommendation for Key Management**
 - Addresses key management issues with cryptographic mechanisms, provides guidance to system installers, system administrators, purchasers of PKI systems
 - *List goes on -*

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Public Key Cryptography Standards (PKCS)

PKCS #1- RSA Cryptography Standard- provided standards for RSA

PKCS

PKCS #3 DH- Key Agreement Protocol

PKCS PKCS # 5 Password Based Encryption standard

PKCS # 6 Extended Certificate Syntax Standard

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PKCS #9 PKCS DS

PKCS # 10 Certificate Request

PKCS

PKCS

PKCS # 13 ECC

PKCS # 14 PRNG

PKCS



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Request for Comment (RFC)-
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are informational purposes and
are not standards are generally
standards are “born” from them



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Request for Comment (RFC)-examples

RFC 8221- Cryptographic Algorithm Implementation Requirements and Usage Guidance

- For Encapsulating Security Payload (ESP) and Authentication Header (AH)

RFC 1704- Authentication requirements of computing systems and network protocols

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Committee on National Security Systems

- CNSSI 1300 Instruction for National Security Systems Public Key Infrastructure X.509 Certificate Policy Under CNSS Policy No. 25
 - Provides guidance for security for TS intelligence PKI community

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NSA is the de facto Standard

Suite A

Not Published

Classified

Contains algorithms that will not be released

Used to encrypt especially sensitive
information , ECDSA, ECDH, SHA-256,
SHA-384)

Suite B

Published

Included AES with key size of 128 and 256



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4 Types

1. Type 1

Used for classified or sensitive government information, to include crypto equipment NSA certified Type 1 products include:

- Juniper- Block Ciphers
- MAYFLY Asymmetric
- Walburn, High Band Link Encryption
- FASTHASH, Hashing
- PEGAGUS, Satellite Telemetry

2. Type 2

Used for unclassified cryptographic equipment *endorsed* by NSA

SkipJack

KEA

3. Type 3

(SBU), excluding National Security Systems

- AES, 3DES, SHA

4. Type 4

Algorithms that are registered by NIST, but are NOT published by FIPS



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“The strength in cryptographic systems comes by following standards”

