

# :mod:`hmac` --- Keyed-Hashing for Message Authentication

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.. module:: hmac
   :synopsis: Keyed-Hashing for Message Authentication (HMAC) implementation
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Source code: `:source:`Lib/hmac.py``

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This module implements the HMAC algorithm as described by [RFC 2104](#).

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.. function:: new(key, msg=None, digestmod='')
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Return a new hmac object. \*key\* is a bytes or bytearray object giving the secret key. If \*msg\* is present, the method call ``update(msg)`` is made. \*digestmod\* is the digest name, digest constructor or module for the HMAC object to use. It may be any name suitable to :func:`hashlib.new`. Despite its argument position, it is required.

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   Parameter *key* can be a bytes or bytearray object.
   Parameter *msg* can be of any type supported by :mod:`hashlib`.
   Parameter *digestmod* can be the name of a hash algorithm.
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   MD5 as implicit default digest for *digestmod* is deprecated.
   The digestmod parameter is now required. Pass it as a keyword
   argument to avoid awkwardness when you do not have an initial msg.
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.. function:: digest(key, msg, digest)
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Return digest of *\*msg\** for given secret *\*key\** and *\*digest\**. The function is equivalent to ```HMAC(key, msg, digest).digest()```, but uses an optimized C or inline implementation, which is faster for messages that fit into memory. The parameters *\*key\**, *\*msg\**, and *\*digest\** have the same meaning as in `:func:`~hmac.new``.

CPython implementation detail, the optimized C implementation is only used when *\*digest\** is a string and name of a digest algorithm, which is supported by OpenSSL.

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An HMAC object has the following methods:

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.. method:: HMAC.update(msg)
```

Update the hmac object with *\*msg\**. Repeated calls are equivalent to a single call with the concatenation of all the arguments:  
```m.update(a); m.update(b)``` is equivalent to ```m.update(a + b)```.

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   Parameter *msg* can be of any type supported by :mod:`hashlib`.
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```
.. method:: HMAC.digest()
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Return the digest of the bytes passed to the `:meth:`update`` method so far. This bytes object will be the same length as the *\*digest\_size\** of the digest given to the constructor. It may contain non-ASCII bytes, including NUL bytes.

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When comparing the output of `:meth:`digest`` to an externally-supplied digest during a verification routine, it is recommended to use the `:func:`compare_digest`` function instead of the ```==``` operator to reduce the vulnerability to timing attacks.

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.. method:: HMAC.hexdigest()
```

Like `:meth:`digest`` except the digest is returned as a string twice the length containing only hexadecimal digits. This may be used to exchange the value safely in email or other non-binary environments.

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When comparing the output of `:meth:`hexdigest`` to an externally-supplied digest during a verification routine, it is recommended to use the `:func:`compare_digest`` function instead of the ```==``` operator to reduce the vulnerability to timing attacks.

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.. method:: HMAC.copy()
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Return a copy ("clone") of the hmac object. This can be used to efficiently compute the digests of strings that share a common initial substring.

A hash object has the following attributes:

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.. attribute:: HMAC.digest_size
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The size of the resulting HMAC digest in bytes.

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.. attribute:: HMAC.block_size
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The internal block size of the hash algorithm in bytes.

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.. attribute:: HMAC.name
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The canonical name of this HMAC, always lowercase, e.g. ``hmac-md5``.

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The undocumented attributes ``HMAC.digest\_cons``, ``HMAC.inner``, and ``HMAC.outer`` are internal implementation details and will be removed in Python 3.10.

This module also provides the following helper function:

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.. function:: compare_digest(a, b)
```

Return ``a == b``. This function uses an approach designed to prevent timing analysis by avoiding content-based short circuiting behaviour, making it appropriate for cryptography. \*a\* and \*b\* must both be of the same type: either :class:`str` (ASCII only, as e.g. returned by :meth:`HMAC.hexdigest`), or a :term:`bytes-like object`.

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.. note::
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If `*a*` and `*b*` are of different lengths, or if an error occurs, a timing attack could theoretically reveal information about the types and lengths of `*a*` and `*b*` but not their values.

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The function uses OpenSSL's `CRYPTO_memcmp()` internally when available.

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.. seealso::
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Module :mod:`hashlib`
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The Python module providing secure hash functions.