

HMAC

HMAC based on hashing is faster and works using variable length hash functions.

The HMAC algorithm works as follows -

$$\text{HMAC}_K(m) = H^S_{IV}((K \oplus \text{opad}) \parallel H^S_{IV}((K \oplus \text{ipad}) \parallel m))$$

where $H^S_{IV}(x)$ is the variable length hash of x &

$\text{opad} = 0x36$ repeated as many times as req.

$\text{ipad} = 0x5C$ repeated " " " " "

Visually this looks like,

