

Agents

A - Alice
M - Webauthn authenticator (passkey manager)
B - Browser with Session storage, SubtleCrypto API, and libsodium library
S - Quick Crypt server

Browser and Libsodium Functions

E_a - Symmetric cipher using AEAD algorithm *a*. One of:
1. AES-256 in Galois/Counter mode from SubtleCrypto
2. XChaCha20 with Poly1305 MAC from libsodium
3. AEGIS 256 from libsodium
D_H - BLAKE2b-512 KDF from libsodium
D_P - PBKDF2-HMAC-SHA512 key derivation FIPS-180-4 from SubtleCrypto
H - BLAKE2b keyed hash (MAC) generator from libsodium
V - Constant-time hash (MAC) validator from libsodium
G - Cryptographic pseudo-random generator from libsodium

Cipher Variables

N - Block number
m - Clear text message
m₀ - Clear text block 0
m_N - Clear text block N
m_E - Block of encrypted message
p - Password text
h - Password hint text
u_c - 256 bit user credential
a - Symmetric AEAD cipher and mode: [1, 2, 3]
i - PBKDF2-HMAC-SHA512 iteration count: min 420,000 max 4,294,000,000
k_M - 256 bit ephemeral master message cipher key
k_{BN} - 256 bit ephemeral block message cipher key
k_H - 256 bit ephemeral hint cipher key
k_S - 256 bit ephemeral MAC key
k_{pB} - Key purpose text: “block encryption key”
k_{pS} - Key purpose text: “cipherdata signing key”
k_{pH} - Key purpose text: “hint encryption key”
r - 384 bits of pseudo random data
n_{IV} - Pseudo random initialization vector
n_{IVl} - *n_{IV}* bit length: [96, 192, 256]
n_S - 128 bit pseudo random salt
lp - Loop count (0-15)
le - Loop end (0-15)
ad - Additional data
v - Cipher data version
h_E - Encrypted hint
h_{EL} - Encrypted hint length
t - 256 bit MAC tag
t_L - Last 256 bit MAC tag
l - Payload length
f - Block flags
b - Valid or invalid MAC tag
cd - Cipher data
cd₀ - Cipher data block 0
cd_N - Cipher data block N
err - Error message and exit

Message Encryption by A

$A \xrightarrow{\text{webauthn}} B, M \xrightarrow{\text{webauthn}} S$

$B \leftarrow S : u_c$

$A \rightarrow B : m, i, le$

$v = 5$

$lp = 0$

$t_L = \emptyset$

$LOOP : B \text{ compute}$

$A \rightarrow B : p, h, a$

$r = G(384)$

$n_S = r[0 : 128]$

$n_{IV} = r[128 : 128 + n_{IV}l]$

$k_M = D_P(p \parallel u_c, n_S, i)$

$k_S = D_H(u_c, kps)$

$cd = cd_0 \parallel \dots \parallel cd_N$

$m = cd$

$lp = lp + 1$

goto LOOP if $lp < le$

$A \leftarrow B : cd$

Block 0 Encryption by B

$k_H = D_H(u_c, kp_H)$

$h_E = E_a(h, n_{IV}, k_H)$

$h_{El} = \text{len}(h_E)$

$f = 1 \text{ if } [\text{TERM}] \text{ else } 0$

$ad = f \parallel a \parallel n_{IV} \parallel n_S \parallel i \parallel le \parallel lp \parallel h_{El} \parallel h_E$

$m_E = E_a(m_0, n_{IV}, ad, k_M)$

$l = \text{len}(ad \parallel m_E)$

$t = H(v, l, ad, m_E, t_L, k_S)$

$t_L = t$

$cd_0 = t \parallel v \parallel l \parallel ad \parallel m_E$

Block N Encryption by B

$r = G(384)$

$n_{IV} = r[0 : n_{IV}l]$

$f = 1 \text{ if } [\text{TERM}] \text{ else } 0$

$ad = f \parallel a \parallel n_{IV}$

$k_{BN} = D_H(k_M, kp_B, N)$

$m_E = E_a(m_N, n_{IV}, ad, k_{BN})$

$l = \text{len}(ad \parallel m_E)$

$t = H(v, l, ad, m_E, t_L, k_S)$

$t_L = t$

$cd_N = t \parallel v \parallel l \parallel ad \parallel m_E$

Message Decryption by A

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A  $\xleftrightarrow{\text{webauthn}}$  B, M  $\xleftrightarrow{\text{webauthn}}$  S
B  $\leftarrow$  S :  $u_c$ 
A  $\rightarrow$  B : cd
lp = 0
 $t_L = \emptyset$ 
LOOP : B compute
  t, v, l, ad, m_E = cd_0
  f, a, n_{IV}, n_S, i, le, lp, h_E l, h_E = ad
  k_S = D_H(u_c, k_{PS})
  b = V(v, l, ad, m_E, t_L, k_S, t)
  t_L = t
  if !b :
    A  $\leftarrow$  B : err
    k_H = D_H(u_c, k_{PH})
    h = E_a^{-1}(h_E, n_{IV}, k_H)
    B  $\rightarrow$  A : h
    B  $\leftarrow$  A : p
    k_M = D_P(p || u_c, n_S, i)
    m = m_0 || ... || m_N
    cd = m
    lp = lp + 1
    goto LOOP if lp < le
A  $\leftarrow$  B : m
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Block 0 Decryption by B

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 $m_o = E_a^{-1}(m_E, n_{IV}, ad, k_M)$ 
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Block N Decryption by B

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t, v, l, ad, m_E = cd_N
f, a, n_{IV} = ad
b = V(v, l, ad, m_E, t_L, k_S, t)
t_L = t
if !b :
  A  $\leftarrow$  B : err
  k_{BN} = D_H(k_M, k_{PB}, N)
  m_N = E_a^{-1}(m_E, n_{IV}, ad, k_{BN})
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Authentication Variables

u_n - A's chosen user name
 u_i - 128 bit user id guaranteed to be unique
 u_r - 128 bit recovery id
 u_c - 256 bit user credential
 o - Quick Crypt origin "https://quickcrypt.org"
 ch - 256 bit challenge value
 ro - Registration options, including o, ch, u_i
 rr - Registration response, including signed ch
 ao - Authentication options, including o, ch
 ar - Authentication response, including signed ch
 cw - Alice's webauthn authenticator credentials

Registration by A

$A \rightarrow B : u_n$
 $B \rightarrow S : u_n, o$
 S create and store :
 $u_i = G(128)$
 $u_c = G(256)$
 $ch = G(256)$
 $B \leftarrow S : ro$
 $B \rightarrow M : ro$
 $A \rightarrow M : cw$
 M create and store passkey, sign ch
 $B \leftarrow M : rr$
 $B \rightarrow S : rr, u_i, ch$
 S verify signature, store rr , remove ch
 $B \leftarrow S : u_i, u_n, u_r, u_c$
 $A \leftarrow B : u_r \| u_i$ as BIP39

Authentication by A

$B \rightarrow S : o[, u_i]$
 S create and store :
 $ch = G(256)$
 $B \leftarrow S : ao$
 $B \rightarrow M : ao$
 $A \rightarrow M : cw$
 M sign ch
 $B \leftarrow M : ar$
 $B \rightarrow S : ar, ch$
 S verify signature, remove ch
 $B \leftarrow S : u_i, u_n, u_c$

Recovery from Lost Passkey by A

$A \rightarrow B : u_r \| u_i$ as BIP39
 $B \rightarrow S : u_i, u_r, o$
 S delete existing rr , create and store :
 $ch = G(256)$
 $B \leftarrow S : ro$
 $B \rightarrow M : ro$
 $A \rightarrow M : cw$
 M create and store passkey, sign ch
 $B \leftarrow M : rr$
 $B \rightarrow S : rr, u_i, ch$
 S verify signature, store rr , remove ch
 $B \leftarrow S : u_i, u_n, u_c$