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Foreword

This is a Supporting Document (SD), intended to complement the Common Criteria version 3 and the associated Common Evaluation Methodology for Information Technology Security Evaluation.

SDs may be “Guidance Documents”, that highlight specific approaches and application of the standard to areas where no mutual recognition of its application is required, and as such, are not of normative nature, or “Mandatory Technical Documents”, whose application is mandatory for evaluations whose scope is covered by that of the SD. The usage of the latter class is not only mandatory, but certificates issued as a result of their application are recognized under the CCRA.

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General Purpose:

The purpose of this SD is to define evaluation methods for the functional behavior of Email Client products.

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1 Introduction

1.1 Technology Area and Scope of Supporting Document

The scope of the PP-Module for Email Client is to describe the security functionality of Email Client products in terms of [CC] and to define functional and assurance requirements for them. The PP-Module is intended for use with the following Base-PP:

- Application Software, version 2.0.

This SD is mandatory for evaluations of TOEs that claim conformance to a PP-Configuration that includes the PP-Module for :

- Email Client, Version 1.0

As such it defines Evaluation Activities for the functionality described in the PP-Module as well as any impacts to the Evaluation Activities to the Base-PP(s) it modifies.

Although Evaluation Activities are defined mainly for the evaluators to follow, in general they also help developers to prepare for evaluation by identifying specific requirements for their TOE. The specific requirements in Evaluation Activities may in some cases clarify the meaning of Security Functional Requirements (SFR), and may identify particular requirements for the content of Security Targets (ST) (especially the TOE Summary Specification), user guidance documentation, and possibly supplementary information (e.g. for entropy analysis or cryptographic key management architecture).

1.2 Structure of the Document

Evaluation Activities can be defined for both SFRs and Security Assurance Requirements (SAR), which are themselves defined in separate sections of the SD.

If any Evaluation Activity cannot be successfully completed in an evaluation, then the overall verdict for the evaluation is a 'fail'. In rare cases there may be acceptable reasons why an Evaluation Activity may be modified or deemed not applicable for a particular TOE, but this must be approved by the Certification Body for the evaluation.

In general, if all Evaluation Activities (for both SFRs and SARs) are successfully completed in an evaluation then it would be expected that the overall verdict for the evaluation is a 'pass'. To reach a 'fail' verdict when the Evaluation Activities have been successfully completed would require a specific justification from the evaluator as to why the Evaluation Activities were not sufficient for that TOE.

Similarly, at the more granular level of assurance components, if the Evaluation Activities for an assurance component and all of its related SFR Evaluation Activities are successfully completed in an evaluation then it would be expected that the verdict for the assurance component is a 'pass'. To reach a 'fail' verdict for the assurance component when these Evaluation Activities have been successfully completed would require a specific justification from the evaluator as to why the Evaluation Activities were not sufficient for that TOE.

1.3 Terms

The following sections list Common Criteria and technology terms used in this document.

1.3.1 Common Criteria Terms

Assurance Grounds for confidence that a TOE meets the SFRs [CC].

Base

Protection Profile (Base-PP)	Protection Profile used as a basis to build a PP-Configuration.
Collaborative Protection Profile (cPP)	A Protection Profile developed by international technical communities and approved by multiple schemes.
Common Criteria (CC)	Common Criteria for Information Technology Security Evaluation (International Standard ISO/IEC 15408).
Common Criteria Testing Laboratory	Within the context of the Common Criteria Evaluation and Validation Scheme (CCEVS), an IT security evaluation facility accredited by the National Voluntary Laboratory Accreditation Program (NVLAP) and approved by the NIAP Validation Body to conduct Common Criteria-based evaluations.
Common Evaluation Methodology (CEM)	Common Evaluation Methodology for Information Technology Security Evaluation.
Direct Rationale	A type of Protection Profile, PP-Module, or Security Target in which the security problem definition (SPD) elements are mapped directly to the SFRs and possibly to the security objectives for the operational environment. There are no security objectives for the TOE.
Extended Package (EP)	A deprecated document form for collecting SFRs that implement a particular protocol, technology, or functionality. See Functional Packages.
Functional Package (FP)	A document that collects SFRs for a particular protocol, technology, or functionality.
Operational Environment (OE)	Hardware and software that are outside the TOE boundary that support the TOE functionality and security policy.
Protection Profile (PP)	An implementation-independent set of security requirements for a category of products.
Protection Profile Configuration (PP-Configuration)	A comprehensive set of security requirements for a product type that consists of at least one Base-PP and at least one PP-Module.
Protection Profile Module (PP-Module)	An implementation-independent statement of security needs for a TOE type complementary to one or more Base-PPs.
Security Assurance Requirement (SAR)	A requirement to assure the security of the TOE.
Security Functional Requirement (SFR)	A requirement for security enforcement by the TOE.
Security Target (ST)	A set of implementation-dependent security requirements for a specific product.
Target of Evaluation (TOE)	The product under evaluation.
TOE Security Functionality (TSF)	The security functionality of the product under evaluation.
TOE Summary Specification (TSS)	A description of how a TOE satisfies the SFRs in an ST.

1.3.2 Technical Terms

ActiveSync	mobile clients and email servers.
Add-on	Capability or functionality added to an application including plug-ins, extensions or other controls.
Email Client	Application used to send, receive, access and manage email provided by an email server. The terms email client and TOE are interchangeable in this document.
Internet Message Access Protocol (IMAP)	Protocol for an email client to retrieve email from an email server over TCP/IP; IMAP4 defined in RFC 3501.
Messaging Application Programming Interface (MAPI)	Open specification used by email clients such as Microsoft Outlook and Thunderbird; defined in [MS-OXCMAPHTTP] .
Post Office Protocol (POP)	Protocol for an email client to retrieve email from an email server over TCP/IP; POP3 defined in RFC 1939.
Remote Procedure Call (RPC)	Protocol used by Microsoft Exchange to send/receive MAPI commands; defined in [MS-OXCRPC] .
Secure/Multipurpose Internet Mail Extensions (S/MIME)	Used to sign or encrypt messages at the request of the user upon sending email and to verify digital signature on a signed message upon receipt.
Simple Mail Transfer Protocol (SMTP)	Protocol for an email client to send email to an email server over TCP/IP; SMTP defined in RFC 5321.

2 Evaluation Activities for SFRs

The EAs presented in this section capture the actions the evaluator performs to address technology specific aspects covering specific SARs (e.g. ASE_TSS.1, ADV_FSP.1, AGD_OPE.1, and ATE_IND.1) - this is in addition to the CEM workunits that are performed in [Section 3 Evaluation Activities for SARs](#).

Regarding design descriptions (designated by the subsections labeled TSS, as well as any required supplementary material that may be treated as proprietary), the evaluator must ensure there is specific information that satisfies the EA. For findings regarding the TSS section, the evaluator's verdicts will be associated with the CEM workunit ASE_TSS.1-1. Evaluator verdicts associated with the supplementary evidence will also be associated with ASE_TSS.1-1, since the requirement to provide such evidence is specified in ASE in the PP.

For ensuring the guidance documentation provides sufficient information for the administrators/users as it pertains to SFRs, the evaluator's verdicts will be associated with CEM workunits ADV_FSP.1-7, AGD_OPE.1-4, and AGD_OPE.1-5.

Finally, the subsection labeled Tests is where the authors have determined that testing of the product in the context of the associated SFR is necessary. While the evaluator is expected to develop tests, there may be instances where it is more practical for the developer to construct tests, or where the developer may have existing tests. Therefore, it is acceptable for the evaluator to witness developer-generated tests in lieu of executing the tests. In this case, the evaluator must ensure the developer's tests are executing both in the manner declared by the developer and as mandated by the EA. The CEM workunits that are associated with the EAs specified in this section are: ATE_IND.1-3, ATE_IND.1-4, ATE_IND.1-5, ATE_IND.1-6, and ATE_IND.1-7.

2.1 Application Software

The EAs defined in this section are only applicable in cases where the TOE claims conformance to a PP-Configuration that includes the App PP.

2.1.1 Modified SFRs

2.1.1.1 Cryptographic Support (FCS)

FCS_CKM_EXT.1 Cryptographic Key Generation Services

FCS_CKM_EXT.1

There is no change to the Base-PP EAs for this SFR when this PP-Module is claimed, aside from the fact that the materials for the selections that have been refined out of this SFR are not applicable.

FCS_RBG_EXT.1 Random Bit Generation Services

FCS_RBG_EXT.1

There is no change to the Base-PP EAs for this SFR when this PP-Module is claimed, aside from the fact that the materials for the selections that have been refined out of this SFR are not applicable.

2.1.1.2 Identification and Authentication (FIA)

FIA_X509_EXT.1 X.509 Certificate Validation

FIA_X509_EXT.1

As defined in the [Functional Package for X.509, version 1.0](#).

FIA_X509_EXT.2 X.509 Certificate Authentication

FIA_X509_EXT.2

As defined in the [Functional Package for X.509, version 1.0](#).

2.1.1.3 Trusted Path/Channels (FTP)

FTP_DIT_EXT.1 Protection of Data in Transit

FTP_DIT_EXT.1

There is no change to the Base-PP EAs for this SFR when this PP-Module is claimed, aside from the fact that the materials for the selections that have been refined out of this SFR are not applicable.

2.2 TOE SFR Evaluation Activities

2.2.1 Cryptographic Support (FCS)

FCS_CKM_EXT.3 Protection of Key and Key Material

FCS_CKM_EXT.3

TSS

The evaluator shall verify the TSS includes a high-level description of the method used to protect keys stored in non-volatile memory.

The evaluator shall ensure that the TSS describes the storage location of all keys and the protection of all keys stored in non-volatile memory. The evaluator shall ensure that the description of the key chain follows FCS_COP_EXT.2 for the storage of wrapped or encrypted keys in non-volatile memory and plaintext keys in non-volatile memory meet one of the criteria for storage.

Guidance

There are no additional Guidance evaluation activities for this component.

Tests

There are no test activities for this component.

FCS_CKM.6 Cryptographic Key Destruction

FCS_CKM.6

TSS

If the platform provides the key destruction, then the evaluator shall verify that the TSS describes how the key destruction functionality is invoked.

If "destruction of reference..." (for volatile memory) is selected, then the evaluator shall ensure that the relevant interface definition supports the selection and description in the TSS.

If the application invokes key destruction, the evaluator shall ensure the TSS describes each of the secret keys (keys used for symmetric encryption or data authentication), private keys, and critical security parameters (CSPs) used to generate keys; when they are zeroized (for example, immediately after use, on system shutdown, etc.); and the type of zeroization procedure that is performed (overwrite with zeroes, overwrite three times with random pattern, etc.). If different types of memory are used to store the materials to be protected, the evaluator shall ensure that the TSS describes the zeroization procedure in terms of the memory in which the data are stored (for example, "secret keys stored on a drive are zeroized by overwriting once with zeros, while secret keys stored on the internal hard drive are zeroized by overwriting three times with a random pattern that is changed before each write").

Guidance

There are no additional Guidance evaluation activities for this component.

Tests

If the TSF performs its own key destruction, the evaluator shall perform the following test:

- Test FCS_CKM.6.1: For each type of authorization service, encryption mode, and encryption operation, a known authorization factor and chain of keys must be provided to the evaluator with an associated ciphertext data set (e.g., if a passphrase is used to create an intermediate key, then the ciphertext containing the encrypted key as well as the intermediate key itself must be provided to the evaluator). The evaluator shall use the email client in conjunction with a debugging or forensics utility to attempt to authorize themselves, resulting in the generation of a key or decryption of a key. The evaluator shall ascertain from the TSS what the vendor defines as "no longer needed" and execute the sequence of actions via the email client to invoke this state. At this point, the evaluator shall dump the volatile memory and search the retrieved dump for the provided authorization credentials or keys (e.g., if the password was "PaSSw0rd," perform a string search of the forensics dump for "PaSSw0rd"). The evaluator shall document each command, program, or action taken during this process, and must confirm that no plaintext keying material resides in volatile memory. The evaluator shall perform this test three times to ensure repeatability. If during the course of this testing the evaluator finds that keying material remains in volatile memory, they should be able to identify the cause (i.e., execution of the grep command for "PaSSw0rd" caused a false positive) and document the reason for failure to comply with this requirement. The evaluator shall repeat this same test, but looking for keying material in non-volatile memory.

FCS_KYC_EXT.1 Key Chaining

FCS_KYC_EXT.1

TSS

The evaluator shall verify that the TSS* includes a high-level description of the key hierarchy for all authorization methods that are used to protect the encryption keys. The evaluator shall ensure that the TSS describes the key chain in detail. The evaluator shall ensure that the description of the key chain maintains a chain of keys using key wrap that meets FCS_COP_EXT.2.

The evaluator shall verify that the TSS* describes how the process of the key chain functions, such that it does not expose any material that might compromise any key in the chain. A high-level description should include a diagram illustrating the key hierarchy implemented and detail where all keys and keying material is stored or what it is derived from. The evaluator shall ensure that at no point does the key hierarchy allow for the chain could be broken without a cryptographic exhaust or knowledge of the key within the chain, and the effective strength of the data encryption key is maintained throughout the key chain.

*If necessary, this information may be presented in a proprietary document rather than the TSS.

Guidance

There are no additional Guidance evaluation activities for this component.

Tests

There are no test activities for this component.

FCS_SMIME_EXT.1 Secure/Multipurpose Internet Mail Extensions (S/MIME)

FCS_SMIME_EXT.1

TSS

The evaluator shall verify that the version of S/MIME implemented by the email client is present in the TSS. The evaluator shall also verify that the algorithms supported are specified, and that the algorithms specified are those listed for this component.

The evaluator shall verify that the TSS describes the ContentEncryptionAlgorithmIdentifier and whether the required behavior is performed by default or may be configured.

The evaluator shall verify that the TSS describes the digestAlgorithm and whether the required behavior is performed by default or may be configured.

The evaluator shall verify that the TSS describes the AlgorithmIdentifier and whether the required behavior is performed by default or may be configured.

The evaluator shall verify that the TSS describes the retrieval mechanisms for both certificates and certificate revocation, as well as the frequency at which these mechanisms are implemented.

Guidance

The evaluator shall ensure that the operational guidance contains instructions on configuring the email client such that it complies with the description in the TSS.

If the TSS indicates that the algorithms in FCS_SMIME_EXT.1.2 must be configured to meet the requirement, the evaluator shall verify that the operational guidance includes the configuration of this ID.

If the TSS indicates that the algorithms in FCS_SMIME_EXT.1.3 must be configured to meet the requirement, the evaluator shall verify that the operational guidance includes the configuration.

If the TSS indicates that the algorithms in FCS_SMIME_EXT.1.4 must be configured to meet the requirement, the evaluator shall verify that the operational guidance includes the configuration of this ID.

If the TSS indicates that the mechanisms in FCS_SMIME_EXT.1.7 are configurable, the evaluator shall verify that the operational guidance includes the configuration of these mechanisms.

Tests

The evaluator shall perform the tests listed below. These tests can be performed in conjunction with the tests specified in FIA_X509_EXT.1 (defined in the Base-PP) for certificate and certificate chain verification and in FDP_NOT_EXT.1.

- Test FCS_SMIME_EXT.1:1: The evaluator shall both send and receive a message with no protection (no signature or encryption) and verify that the message is transmitted properly and can be viewed at the receiving agent. This transmission can be performed as part of a number of mechanisms; it is sufficient to observe that the message arrives at the intended recipient with the same content as when sent.
- Test FCS_SMIME_EXT.1:2: The evaluator shall both send and receive a signed message using each of the algorithms specified in the ST corresponding to the requirement and verify that the signature is valid for both sent and received messages. After verifying the signatures are valid, the evaluator shall send a signed message using each of the algorithms specified in the ST and use a man-in-the-middle tool to modify at least one byte of the message such that the signature is no longer valid. This can be done by modifying the content of the message over which the signature is calculated or by modifying the signature itself. The evaluator shall then verify that the received message fails the signature validation check.
- Test FCS_SMIME_EXT.1:3: The evaluator shall send an encrypted message from the TOE to an OE receiver using each of the algorithms specified in the ST. The evaluator shall verify that each message is encrypted and the OE receiver can successfully decrypt each message. The evaluator shall then use the OE receiver to send an encrypted reply back to the TOE for each message sent at the start of this test. The evaluator shall verify that each reply is encrypted and the TOE can successfully decrypt each reply.
- Test FCS_SMIME_EXT.1:4: The evaluator shall verify that the contents are encrypted in transit and that the received message decrypts.
- Test FCS_SMIME_EXT.1:5: After verifying the message decrypts, the evaluator shall send an encrypted message using each of the algorithms specified in the ST and use a man-in-the-middle tool to modify at least one byte of the message such that the encryption is no longer valid. The evaluator shall then verify that the received message fails to decrypt.
- Test FCS_SMIME_EXT.1:6: The evaluator shall send an encrypted message to the email client using an encryption algorithm not supported according to the signatureAlgorithm field. The evaluator shall verify that the email client does not display or decrypt the contents of the message.
- Test FCS_SMIME_EXT.1:7: The evaluator shall send a signed message to the email client using a signature algorithm not supported according to the digestAlgorithm ID (e.g., SHA1). The evaluator shall then verify that the email client provides a notification that the contents cannot be verified because the signature algorithm is not supported.
- Test FCS_SMIME_EXT.1:8: The evaluator shall send an encrypted message to the email client using an encryption algorithm not supported according to the AlgorithmIdentifier field. The evaluator shall then verify that the email client does not display or decrypt the contents of the message.
- Test FCS_SMIME_EXT.1:9: The evaluator shall send the email client a message signed by a certificate without the digitalSignature bit set. The evaluator shall then verify that the email client notifies the user that the signature is invalid.
- Test FCS_SMIME_EXT.1:10: The evaluator shall send the email client a message signed by a certificate without the Email Protection purpose in the extendedKeyUsage. The evaluator shall then verify that the email client notifies the user that the signature is invalid.
- Test FCS_SMIME_EXT.1:11: The evaluator shall verify that the email client uses OCSP or downloads the CRL at the assigned frequency.

2.2.2 User Data Protection (FDP)

FDP_NOT_EXT.1 Notification of S/MIME Status

FDP_NOT_EXT.1

TSS

The evaluator shall ensure that the TSS describes notifications of S/MIME status, including whether S/MIME status is also indicated upon viewing a list of emails.

Guidance

The evaluator shall verify that the operational guidance provides a description (with appropriate visual figures) of the S/MIME status notifications, including how each of the following are indicated: encryption, verified and validated signature, and unverified and unvalidated signature.

Tests

The evaluator shall perform the following tests and may perform them in conjunction with the tests for FCS_SMIME_EXT.1:

- Test FDP_NOT_EXT.1:1: The evaluator shall send the client an unencrypted and unsigned email and verify that no notifications are present upon viewing.
- Test FDP_NOT_EXT.1:2: The evaluator shall send the client an encrypted email and verify that the encrypted notification is present upon viewing.
- Test FDP_NOT_EXT.1:3: The evaluator shall send the client a valid signed email and verify that the signed notification is present upon viewing.
- Test FDP_NOT_EXT.1:4: The evaluator shall send the client an invalid signed email (for example, using a certificate that does not contain the correct email address or a certificate that does not chain to the root store) and verify that the invalid signature notification is present upon viewing.

FDP_SMIME_EXT.1 S/MIME

FDP_SMIME_EXT.1

TSS

The evaluator shall verify that the TSS contains a description of the S/MIME implementation and its use to protect mail from undetected modification using digital signatures and unauthorized disclosure using encryption. The evaluator shall also verify that the TSS describes whether signature verification and decryption occur at receipt or viewing of the message contents, and whether messages are stored with their S/MIME envelopes.

Guidance

The evaluator shall ensure that the operational guidance includes instructions for configuring a certificate for S/MIME use and instructions for signing and encrypting email.

Tests

Tests for this component are performed in conjunction with tests for FCS_SMIME_EXT.1 and FDP_NOT_EXT.1.

2.2.3 Identification and Authentication (FIA)

FIA_X509_EXT.2/SMIME X.509 Certificate Support for Functions (S/MIME)

FIA_X509_EXT.2/SMIME

TSS

The evaluator shall ensure that the TSS describes how the email client chooses which certificates to use so that the email client can use the certificates.

The evaluator shall confirm that the TSS describes the behavior of the email client when a connection cannot be established during the validity check of a certificate used in establishing a trusted channel and protecting email.

Guidance

The evaluator shall verify that the administrative guidance contains any necessary instructions for configuring the operating environment so that the email client can use the certificates.

Tests

The evaluator shall perform the following tests:

- Test FIA_X509_EXT.2/SMIME:1: The evaluator shall perform this test for each function listed in FIA_X509_EXT.2.1 (from the Base-PP) that requires the use of certificates. The evaluator shall demonstrate that using a certificate without a valid certification path results in the function failing. The evaluator shall then load into the platform's root store any certificates needed to validate the certificate to be used in the function, and demonstrate that the function succeeds.
- Test FIA_X509_EXT.2/SMIME:2: The evaluator shall use the TOE to communicate with a non-TOE IT entity that presents a certificate that can be validated. The evaluator shall then manipulate the environment so that the TOE is unable to verify the validity of the presented certificate (e.g., by deliberately making the method of revocation checking unavailable), and observe that the action selected in FIA_X509_EXT.2.2 (from [Functional Package for X.509, version 1.0](#)) is performed. If the selected action is administrator-configurable, then the evaluator shall verify that all supported administrator-configurable options behave in their documented manner by following the operational guidance.

2.2.4 Security Management (FMT)

FMT_SMF.1/EmailClient Specification of Management Functions

FMT_SMF.1/EmailClient

The evaluation activities for this component will be driven by the selections made by the ST author. If a capability is not selected in the ST, the noted evaluation activity does not need to be performed.

TSS

The evaluator shall verify that the TSS describes those management functions that can only be configured by the email client platform administrator and cannot be overridden by the user when set according to policy.

Change Password: The evaluator ensure that the operational guidance describes how the password or passphrase-based authorization factor is to be changed.

Disable Key Recovery: If the email client supports key recovery, this must be stated in the TSS. The TSS shall also describe how to disable this functionality. This includes a description of how the recovery material is provided to the recovery holder.

Cryptographic Configuration: The evaluator shall determine from the TSS for other requirements (FCS_*) what portions of the cryptographic functionality are configurable.

Guidance

The evaluator shall verify that the operational guidance includes instructions for an email client platform administrator to configure the functions listed in FMT_SMF.1/EmailClient.

Disable Key Recovery: If the email client supports key recovery, the guidance for disabling this capability shall be described in the operational guidance.

Cryptographic Configuration: The evaluator shall verify that the operational guidance has instructions for manipulating all of the claimed mechanisms.

Tests

The evaluator shall perform the following tests:

- Test FMT_SMF.1/EmailClient:1: The evaluator shall verify that all functions perform as intended by enabling, disabling, and configuring the functions.
- Test FMT_SMF.1/EmailClient:2: The evaluator shall set management functions which are controlled by the (enterprise) administrator and cannot be overridden by the user. The evaluator shall apply these functions to the client, attempt to override each setting as the user, and ensure that the email client does not permit it.
- Test FMT_SMF.1/EmailClient:3: [Conditional: the TSF has a key recovery capability] The evaluator shall devise a test that ensures that the key recovery capability has been or can be disabled following the guidance provided by the vendor

2.2.5 Protection of the TSF (FPT)

FPT_AON_EXT.1 Support for Only Trusted Add-ons

FPT_AON_EXT.1

TSS

The evaluator shall verify that the TSS describes whether the email client is capable of loading trusted add-ons.

Guidance

The evaluator shall verify that the operational guidance includes instructions on loading trusted add-on sources.

Tests

The evaluator shall create or obtain an untrusted add-on and attempt to load it. The evaluator shall then verify that the untrusted add-on is rejected and cannot be loaded.

2.2.6 Trusted Path/Channels (FTP)

FTP_ITC.1 Inter-TSF Trusted Channel

FTP_ITC.1

TSS

The evaluator shall verify that the TSS describes the details of the email client connecting to a Mail Transfer Agent in terms of the trusted connection (i.e., TLS) according to FTP_DIT_EXT.1 in the Base-PP, along with email client-specific options or procedures that might not be reflected in the specification.

Guidance

The evaluator shall confirm that the operational guidance contains instructions for establishing the connection to the Mail Transfer Agent.

Tests

The evaluator shall perform the following tests:

- Test FTP_ITC.1:1: The evaluator shall ensure that the email client is able to initiate or receive communications using any selected or assigned protocols specified in the requirement over TLS, setting up the connections as described in the operational guidance and ensuring that communication is successful.
- Test FTP_ITC.1:2: The evaluator shall ensure that the email client is able to initiate or receive communications with a Mail Transfer Agent using any assigned protocols specified in the requirement over TLS, setting up the connections as described in the operational guidance and ensuring that communication is successful.
- Test FTP_ITC.1:3: The evaluator shall ensure, for each communication channel with an authorized IT entity in tests 1 and 2, the channel data is not sent in plaintext. To perform this test, the evaluator shall use a sniffer and a packet analyzer. The packet analyzer must indicate that the protocol in use is TLS.

2.3 Evaluation Activities for Optional SFRs

2.3.1 Cryptographic Support (FCS)

FCS_IVG_EXT.1 Initialization Vector Generation

FCS_IVG_EXT.1

TSS

The evaluator shall ensure the TSS describes how IVs and tweaks are handled (based on the AES mode). The evaluator shall confirm that the IVs and tweaks meet the stated requirements.

If the platform provides the IV generation, then the evaluator shall verify that the TSS describes how the IV generation is invoked.

Guidance

There are no additional Guidance evaluation activities for this component.

Tests

There are no test activities for this component.

FCS_NOG_EXT.1 Cryptographic Nonce Generation

FCS_NOG_EXT.1

TSS

The evaluator shall verify that the TSS describes how unique nonces are created.

Guidance

There are no additional Guidance evaluation activities for this component.

Tests

There are no test activities for this component.

FCS_SAG_EXT.1 Cryptographic Salt Generation

FCS_SAG_EXT.1

TSS

The evaluator shall ensure the TSS describes how salts are generated. The evaluator shall confirm that the salt is generated using a DRBG as described in FCS_RBG_EXT.1 in [\[App PP\]](#) or by the Operational Environment. If an external function is used for this purpose, the evaluator shall ensure that the TSS references the specific API that is called with inputs.

If the email client is relying on random bit generation from the host platform, the evaluator shall verify that the TSS includes the name and manufacturer of the external DRBG and describes the function call and parameters used when calling the external DRBG function. If different external DRBGs are used for different platforms, the evaluator shall ensure that the TSS identifies each RBG for each platform.

For all cases where the TSF relies on an external DRBG, the evaluator shall ensure that the TSS includes a short description of the TOE developer's assumption for the amount of entropy that is used to seed the external DRBG.

Guidance

There are no additional Guidance evaluation activities for this component.

Tests

There are no test activities for this component.

2.3.2 User Data Protection (FDP)

FDP_NOT_EXT.2 Notification of URI

FDP_NOT_EXT.2

TSS

The evaluator shall verify that the TSS includes a description of how embedded links are rendered and the method by which the URI of the link is displayed.

Guidance

The evaluator shall ensure that the operational guidance includes instructions (with any appropriate visual figures) for viewing the URI of an embedded link.

Tests

The evaluator shall send the client an HTML message with an embedded link whose tag is not the URI itself (for example, "click here"). The evaluator shall view the message and verify that the full URI of the embedded link is displayed by following the instructions in the operational guidance.

FDP_PST_EXT.1 Storage of Persistent Information

FDP_PST_EXT.1

TSS

The evaluator shall verify that the TSS describes all persistent information stored on the platform and the locations on the platform where these data are stored. The evaluator shall confirm that the persistent data described is limited to the data identified in the selection.

Guidance

There are no additional Guidance evaluation activities for this component.

Tests

The evaluator shall operate the email client so that several signed and encrypted messages and several unsigned messages are processed. The evaluator shall also exercise functionality such as moving messages to folders, writing unsent drafts of messages, etc., as provided by the client. The evaluator shall verify that the only persistent information stored on the client platform is that which is identified in the TSS.

FDP_REN_EXT.1 Rendering of Message Content

FDP_REN_EXT.1

TSS

The evaluator shall ensure that the TSS describes plaintext-only mode for sending and receiving messages. The evaluator shall verify that the TSS describes whether the email client is capable of rendering and executing HTML or JavaScript. If the email client can render or execute HTML or JavaScript, this description

shall indicate how the email client handles received messages that contain HTML or JavaScript while in plaintext-only mode. The evaluator shall then ensure that the description indicates that embedded objects of these types are not rendered or executed and images and external resources are not automatically downloaded.

Guidance

The evaluator shall ensure that the operational guidance contains instructions for enabling plaintext-only mode.

Tests

The evaluator shall perform the following tests:

- Test FDP_REN_EXT.1:1: [Conditional: HTML is selected in FDP_REN_EXT.1.1] The evaluator shall send a message to the client containing HTML embedded objects and shall verify that the HTML renders. The evaluator shall then enable plaintext-only mode and verify that the HTML does not render.
- Test FDP_REN_EXT.1:2: [Conditional: JavaScript is selected in FDP_REN_EXT.1.1] The evaluator shall send a message to the client containing JavaScript embedded objects and shall verify that the JavaScript renders and executes. The evaluator shall then enable plaintext-only mode and verify that the JavaScript does not render or execute.

2.4 Evaluation Activities for Selection-Based SFRs

2.4.1 Cryptographic Support (FCS)

FCS_CKM_EXT.5 Cryptographic Key Derivation (password/passphrase Conditioning)

FCS_CKM_EXT.5

TSS

There are two aspects of this component that require evaluation: passwords/passphrases of the length specified in the requirement (at least 64 characters) are supported, and that the characters that are input are subject to the selected conditioning function. These activities are separately addressed in the text below.

Support for Password/Passphrase length: The evaluator shall check to ensure that the TSS describes the allowable ranges for password/passphrase lengths, and that at least 64 characters may be specified by the user.

Support for PBKDF: The evaluator shall examine the password hierarchy TSS to ensure that the formation of all keys is described and that the key sizes match that described by the ST author.

The evaluator shall check that the TSS describes the method by which the password/passphrase is first encoded and then fed to the SHA algorithm. The settings for the algorithm (padding, blocking, etc.) shall be described, and the evaluator shall verify that these are supported by the selections in this component as well as the selections concerning the hash function itself. The evaluator shall verify that the TSS contains a description of how the output of the hash function is used to form the submask that will be input into the function and is the same length as the KEK as specified in FCS_CKM.6.

For the NIST SP 800-132-based conditioning of the password/passphrase, the required assurance activities will be performed when doing the assurance activities for the appropriate requirements (FCS_COP.1.1(4) from the [App PP]). If any manipulation of the key is performed in forming the submask that will be used to form the FEK or KEK, that process shall be described in the TSS.

No explicit testing of the formation of the submask from the input password is required.

Conditioning: No explicit testing of the formation of the authorization factor from the input password/passphrase is required. Iteration count: The evaluator shall verify that the iteration count for PBKDFs performed by the TOE comply with NIST SP 800-132 by ensuring that the TSS contains a description of the estimated time required to derive key material from passwords and how the TOE increases the computation time for password-based key derivation (including but not limited to increasing the iteration count).

Guidance

The evaluator shall check the Operational Guidance to determine that there are instructions on how to generate large passwords/passphrases, and instructions on how to configure the password/passphrase length (and optional complexity settings) to provide entropy commensurate with the keys that the authorization factor is protecting. This is important because many default settings for passwords/passphrases will not meet the necessary entropy needed as specified in this PP-Module.

Tests

The evaluator shall compose passwords that either meet the requirements, or fail to meet the requirements, and shall verify that the TOE's behavior is consistent with the requirements. While the evaluator is not required (nor is it feasible) to test all possible compositions of passwords, the evaluator shall ensure that all characters, and minimum and maximum lengths listed in the requirement, are supported, and justify the subset of those characters chosen for testing.

Support for Password/Passphrase characteristics: In addition to the analysis above, the evaluator shall also perform the following tests on a TOE configured according to the Operational Guidance.

- Test FCS_CKM_EXT.5:1: Ensure that the TOE supports passwords/passphrases of 64 characters.

- Test FCS_CKM_EXT.5.2: Ensure that the TOE does not accept more than the maximum number of characters specified in FCS_CKM_EXT.5.1.
- Test FCS_CKM_EXT.5.3: Ensure that the TOE does not accept less than the minimum number of characters specified in FCS_CKM_EXT.5.4. If the minimum length is settable by the administrator, the evaluator determines the minimum length or lengths to test.
- Test FCS_CKM_EXT.5.4: Ensure that the TOE supports passwords consisting of all characters listed in FCS_CKM_EXT.5.2 and of varying lengths within the range specified in FCS_CKM_EXT.5.4.

FCS_COP_EXT.2 Key Wrapping

FCS_COP_EXT.2

TSS

The evaluator shall ensure that the TSS has a high-level description of how the key is protected and meets the appropriate specification.

Guidance

There are no additional Guidance evaluation activities for this component.

Tests

There are no test activities for this component.

FCS_SMC_EXT.1 Key Combining

FCS_SMC_EXT.1

TSS

If keys are XORed together to form an intermediate key, the evaluator shall verify that the TSS describes how this is performed (e.g., if there are ordering requirements, checks performed, etc.).

The evaluator shall also confirm that the TSS describes how the length of the output produced is at least the same as that of the data encryption key.

Guidance

There are no additional Guidance evaluation activities for this component.

Tests

There are no test activities for this component.

2.4.2 Identification and Authentication (FIA)

FIA_SASL_EXT.1 Simple Authentication and Security Layer (SASL)

FIA_SASL_EXT.1

TSS

The evaluator shall verify that the TSS describes the details of the email client connecting to a Mail Transfer Agent in terms of the SASL connection, along with email client-specific options or procedures that might not be reflected in the specification.

Guidance

The evaluator shall confirm that the operational guidance contains instructions for establishing the connection to the Mail Transfer Agent.

Tests

The evaluator shall also perform the following tests:

- Test FIA_SASL_EXT.1:1: The evaluator shall ensure that the email client is able to initiate communications that require SASL (i.e., POP, IMAP, and SMTP), setting up the connections as described in the operational guidance and ensuring that communication is successful.
- Test FIA_SASL_EXT.1:2: The evaluator shall ensure, for each communication channel with an authorized IT entity in [Test FIA_SASL_EXT.1:1](#), that a valid SASL handshake is performed. To perform this test, the evaluator shall use a sniffer and a packet analyzer. The sniffer and packet analyzer must allow the evaluator to view the plaintext email protocol (e.g., proxy, loading the server private key). The evaluator shall identify the SASL handshake within the email protocol.

2.4.3 Protection of the TSF (FPT)

FPT_AON_EXT.2 Trusted Installation and Update for Add-ons

FPT_AON_EXT.2

TSS

The evaluator shall verify that the TSS states that the email client will reject add-ons from untrusted sources.

Guidance

The evaluator shall verify that the operational guidance includes instructions on how to configure the email client with trusted add-on sources.

Tests

The evaluator shall perform the following tests:

- Test FPT_AON_EXT.2:1: The evaluator shall create or obtain an add-on signed by a trusted source and attempt to install it. The evaluator shall then verify that the signature on the add-on is valid and that the

add-on can be installed.

- Test FPT_AON_EXT.2:2: The evaluator shall create or obtain an add-on signed with an invalid certificate and attempt to install it. The evaluator shall then verify that the signed add-on is rejected and cannot be installed.
- Test FPT_AON_EXT.2:3: The evaluator shall create or obtain an add-on signed by a trusted source, modify the add-on without resigning it, and attempt to install it. The evaluator shall then verify that the signed add-on is rejected and cannot be installed.

2.5 Evaluation Activities for Objective SFRs

The PP-Module does not define any objective requirements.

2.6 Evaluation Activities for Implementation-dependent SFRs

The PP-Module does not define any implementation-dependent requirements.

3 Evaluation Activities for SARs

The PP-Module does not define any SARs beyond those defined within the base App PP to which it must claim conformance. It is important to note that a TOE that is evaluated against the PP-Module is inherently evaluated against this Base-PP as well. The App PP includes a number of Evaluation Activities associated with both SFRs and SARs. Additionally, the PP-Module includes a number of SFR-based Evaluation Activities that similarly refine the SARs of the Base-PPs. The evaluation laboratory will evaluate the TOE against the Base-PP and supplement that evaluation with the necessary SFRs that are taken from the PP-Module.

4 Required Supplementary Information

This Supporting Document has no required supplementary information beyond the ST, operational guidance, and testing.

Appendix A - References

Identifier	Title
[CC]	Common Criteria for Information Technology Security Evaluation -
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[MS-OXCRPC]	Wire Format Protocol