

Blake3 Hash Scheme Documentation

What is BLAKE3?

BLAKE3 is a cryptographic hash function that is fast, widely supported, and does not have any variants unlike its previous version Blake2. Blake2 had many variants: Blake2bp, Blake2sp etc. While Blake2b was widely supported, it was not fast and Blake2bp, Blake2sp were fast, but not widely supported. Blake3 solves all these drawbacks.

Overview of the Implementation

Functions:

1. `quarter_round`
2. `blake3_compress`
3. `blake3_hash`

1. `quarter_round(a, b, c, d)`

The `quarter_round` function is a main component of the hash function's mixing process. It takes four integers and performs a series of operations to mix them.

Parameters:

- `a, b, c, d`: Four integers to be mixed.

Returns:

- A tuple of four integers after mixing.

Explanation:

- The function adds, XORs, and rotates the bits of the input integers to ensure thorough mixing.

Example Usage:

```
a, b, c, d = quarter_round(1, 2, 3, 4)
```

Preview:

```

3  def quarter_round(a, b, c, d):
4      a = (a + b) & 0xFFFFFFFF
5      d ^= a
6      d = ((d << 16) | (d >> 16)) & 0xFFFFFFFF
7
8      c = (c + d) & 0xFFFFFFFF
9      b ^= c
10     b = ((b << 12) | (b >> 20)) & 0xFFFFFFFF
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12     a = (a + b) & 0xFFFFFFFF
13     d ^= a
14     d = ((d << 8) | (d >> 24)) & 0xFFFFFFFF
15
16     c = (c + d) & 0xFFFFFFFF
17     b ^= c
18     b = ((b << 7) | (b >> 25)) & 0xFFFFFFFF
19
20     return a, b, c, d
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2. blake3_compress(state)

The `blake3_compress` function applies the `quarter_round` function repeatedly to compress the state.

Parameters:

- state: A list of integers representing the state.

Returns:

- A list of integers after compression.

Explanation:

- The function performs 12 rounds of mixing using the `quarter_round` function on different parts of the state.
- It then adds the initial state to the final state to mix in the original values.

Example Usage:

```

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56 compressed_state = blake3_compress([0x6A09E667, 0xBB67AE85, 0x3C6EF372, 0xA54FF53A, ...])

```

Preview:

```
22 def blake3_compress(state):
23     for _ in range(12):
24         state[0], state[4], state[8], state[12] = quarter_round(state[0], state[4], state[8], state[12])
25         state[1], state[5], state[9], state[13] = quarter_round(state[1], state[5], state[9], state[13])
26         state[2], state[6], state[10], state[14] = quarter_round(state[2], state[6], state[10], state[14])
27         state[3], state[7], state[11], state[15] = quarter_round(state[3], state[7], state[11], state[15])
28
29     for i in range(16):
30         state[i] = (state[i] + state[i % 16]) & 0xFFFFFFFF
31
32     return state
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3. blake3_hash(key, counter, message)

The blake3_hash function initializes the state with a key and counter, compresses the state, and produces a hash output.

Parameters:

- key: A byte string used as the key for hashing.
- counter: A counter value for domain separation.
- message: The message to be hashed.

Returns:

- A byte string representing the hash output.

Explanation:

- The function initializes the state with predefined constants, the key, and the counter.
- It calls blake3_compress to process the state.
- Finally, it converts the state to a byte string to produce the hash output.

Example Usage:

```

49 key_hex = "112233445566778899AABBCCDDEEFF00112233445566778899AABBCCDDEEFF00"
50 key_bytes = bytes.fromhex(key_hex)
51 counter = 0
52 message = b"example message"
53 hash_result = blake3_hash(key_bytes, counter, message)
54 print(f"Hash result: {hash_result.hex()}")
55

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Preview:

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36 def blake3_hash(key, counter, message):
37     state = [0x6A09E667, 0xBB67AE85, 0x3C6EF372, 0xA54FF53A]
38     key_words = [int.from_bytes(key[i:i+4], 'little') for i in range(0, len(key), 4)]
39     state += key_words + [counter] + [0] * (16 - len(state) - len(key_words))
40
41     state = blake3_compress(state)
42
43     result = b''.join(word.to_bytes(4, 'little') for word in state[:8])
44     return result
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The whole code:

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