ACVP IKEv1 Key Derivation Function JSON Specification

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Abstract

This document defines the JSON schema for testing SP800-135 IKEv1 KDF implementations with the ACVP specification.

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Executive Summary

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capabilities negotiation, session management, authentication, vector processing and more. The ACVP specification does not define algorithm specific JSON constructs for performing the crypto validation. A series of ACVP sub-specifications define the constructs for testing individual crypto algorithms. Each sub-specification addresses a specific class of crypto algorithms. This sub-specification defines the JSON constructs for testing SP800-135 IKEv1 KDF implementations using ACVP.

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1.   Introduction

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2.   Supported KDFs

The following key derivation functions **MAY** be advertised by the ACVP compliant
cryptographic module:

- kdf-components / ikev1

3.   Test Types and Test Coverage

This section describes the design of the tests used to validate SP800-135 IKEv1 KDF implementations. There is only one test type: functional tests. Each has a specific value to be used in the testType field. The testType field definitions are:

"AFT"—Algorithm Functional Test. These tests can be processed by the client using a normal 'derive_key' operation. AFTs cause the implementation under test to exercise normal operations on a single block, multiple blocks, or partial blocks. In all cases, random data is used. The functional tests are designed to verify that the logical components of the key deriviation process are operating correctly.

3.1. Test Coverage

The tests described in this document have the intention of ensuring an implementation is conformant to XXX.

4.   Capabilities Registration

ACVP requires crypto modules to register their capabilities. This allows the crypto module to advertise support for specific algorithms, notifying the ACVP server which algorithms need test vectors generated for the validation process. This section describes the constructs for advertising support of IKEv1 KDF algorithms to the ACVP server.

The algorithm capabilities **MUST** be advertised as JSON objects within the 'algorithms' value of the ACVP registration message. The 'algorithms' value is an array, where each array element is an individual JSON object defined in this section. The 'algorithms' value is part of the 'capability_exchange' element of the ACVP JSON registration message. See the ACVP specification [ACVP] for more details on the registration message.

4.1.   Prerequisites

Each algorithm implementation **MAY** rely on other cryptographic primitives. For example, RSA Signature algorithms depend on an underlying hash function. Each of these underlying algorithm primitives must be validated, either separately or as part of the same submission. ACVP provides a mechanism for specifying the required prerequisites:

Prerequisites, if applicable, **MUST** be submitted in the registration as the `prereqVals` JSON property array inside each element of the `algorithms` array. Each element in the `prereqVals` array **MUST** contain the following properties

Table 1 — Prerequisite Properties

JSON Property	Description	JSON Type
algorithm	a prerequisite algorithm	string
valValue	algorithm validation number	string

A "valValue" of "same" **SHALL** be used to indicate that the prerequisite is being met by a different algorithm in the capability exchange in the same registration.

An example description of prerequisites within a single algorithm capability exchange looks like this

```
"prereqVals":
[
  {
    "algorithm": "Alg1",
    "valValue": "Val-1234"
  },
  {
    "algorithm": "Alg2",
    "valValue": "same"
  }
```

]

Figure 1

4.2. Property Registration

The IKEv1 KDF mode capabilities are advertised as JSON objects within the
'capabilities_exchange' property.

4.3. Registration Example

A registration **SHALL** use these properties

Table 2 — IKEv1 KDF Mode Capabilities JSON Values

JSON Property	Description	JSON Type	Valid Values
algorithm	Name of the algorithm to be validated	string	"kdf-components"
mode	Mode of the algorithm to be validated	string	"ikev1"
revision	ACVP Test version	string	"1.0"
capabilities	Array of objects describing capabilities	array	Contains each of the below properties
authenticationMethod	The mode of authentication used by the IUT	string	"dsa", "psk", or "pke"
initiatorNonceLength	The supported initiator nonce lengths used by the IUT in bits	domain	Min: 64, Max: 2048
responderNonceLength	The lengths of data the IUT supports in bits	domain	Min: 64, Max: 2048
diffieHellmanSharedSecretLength	The lengths of Diffie Hellman shared secrets the IUT supports in bits	domain	Min: 224, Max: 8192
preSharedKeyLength	The lengths of pre-shared key the IUT supports in bits	domain	Min: 8, Max: 8192. Note this property is only required when

JSON Property	Description	JSON Type	Valid Values
			"authenticationMethod" is "psk"
hashAlg	Valid hash algorithms used by the IUT	array	See Section 4.3.1

An example registration within an algorithm capability exchange looks like this

```
"capability_exchange":
[
    {
        "algorithm": "kdf-components",
        "mode": "ikev1",
        "revision": "1.0",
        "prereqVals": [
            {
                "algorithm": "SHA",
                "valValue": "same"
            }
        ],
        "capabilities": [
            {
                "authenticationMethod": "dsa",
                "initiatorNonceLength": [
                    {
                        "min": 64,
                        "max": 2048,
                        "increment": 1
                    }
                ],
                "responderNonceLength": [
                    {
                        "min": 64,
                        "max": 2048,
                        "increment": 1
                    }
                ],
                "diffieHellmanSharedSecretLength": [
                    {
                        "min": 224,
                        "max": 8192,
                        "increment": 1
                    }
                ],
```

```json
            "hashAlg": [
                "sha-1",
                "sha2-224",
                "sha2-256",
                "sha2-384",
                "sha2-512"
            ]
        },
        {

            "authenticationMethod": "psk",
            "initiatorNonceLength": [
                {
                    "min": 64,
                    "max": 2048,
                    "increment": 1
                }
            ],
            "responderNonceLength": [
                {
                    "min": 64,
                    "max": 2048,
                    "increment": 1
                }
            ],
            "preSharedKeyLength": [
                {
                    "min": 8,
                    "max": 8192,
                    "increment": 1
                }
            ],
            "diffieHellmanSharedSecretLength": [
                {
                    "min": 224,
                    "max": 8192,
                    "increment": 1
                }
            ],
            "hashAlg": [
                "sha-1",
                "sha2-224",
                "sha2-256",
                "sha2-384",
                "sha2-512"
            ]
        },
```

```
            {
                "authenticationMethod": "pke",
                "initiatorNonceLength": [
                    {
                        "min": 64,
                        "max": 2048,
                        "increment": 1
                    }
                ],
                "responderNonceLength": [
                    {
                        "min": 64,
                        "max": 2048,
                        "increment": 1
                    }
                ],
                "diffieHellmanSharedSecretLength": [
                    {
                        "min": 224,
                        "max": 8192,
                        "increment": 1
                    }
                ],
                "hashAlg": [
                    "sha-1",
                    "sha2-224",
                    "sha2-256",
                    "sha2-384",
                    "sha2-512"
                ]
            }
        ]
    }
]
```

Figure 2

4.3.1. Valid Hash Functions

The following hash functions **MAY** be advertised by an ACVP compliant client under the 'hashAlg' property

- SHA-1
- SHA2-224
- SHA2-256
- SHA2-384

- SHA2-512

5.   Test Vectors

The ACVP server provides test vectors to the ACVP client, which are then processed and returned to the ACVP server for validation. A typical ACVP validation test session would require multiple test vector sets to be downloaded and processed by the ACVP client. Each test vector set represents an individual algorithm defined during the capability exchange. This section describes the JSON schema for a test vector set used with SP800-135 IKEv1 KDF algorithms.

The test vector set JSON schema is a multi-level hierarchy that contains meta data for the entire vector set as well as individual test vectors to be processed by the ACVP client. The following table describes the JSON elements at the top level of the hierarchy.

Table 3 — Top Level Test Vector JSON Elements

JSON Values	Description	JSON Type
acvVersion	Protocol version identifier	string
vsId	Unique numeric vector set identifier	integer
algorithm	Algorithm defined in the capability exchange	string
mode	Mode defined in the capability exchange	string
revision	Protocol test revision selected	string
testGroups	Array of test groups containing test data, see Section 5.1	array

An example of this would look like this

```
{
  "acvVersion": "version",
  "vsId": 1,
  "algorithm": "Alg1",
  "mode": "Mode1",
  "revision": "Revision1.0",
  "testGroups": [ ... ]
}
```

Figure 3

5.1. Test Groups

The testGroups element at the top level in the test vector JSON object is an array of test groups. Test vectors are grouped into similar test cases to reduce the amount of data transmitted in the vector set. For instance, all test vectors that use the same key size would be grouped together. The Test Group JSON object contains meta data that applies to all test vectors within the group. The following table describes the SP800-135 IKEv1 KDF JSON elements of the Test Group JSON object

Table 4 — Test Group JSON Object

JSON Value	Description	JSON Type
tgId	Test group identifier	integer
testType	Test operations to be performed	string
authenticationMethod	The method used for the test vectors. See Section 4.3 for possible values	string
dhLength	Diffie-Hellman shared secret length in bits	integer
hashAlg	The SHA value used	string
nInitLength	Length of initiator nonce in bits	integer
nRespLength	Length of responder nonce in bits	integer
preSharedKeyLength	Pre-shared key length in bits	integer
tests	Array of individual test cases	array

The 'tgId', 'testType' and 'tests' objects **MUST** appear in every test group element communicated from the server to the client as a part of a prompt. Other properties are dependent on which 'testType' (see Section 3) the group is addressing.

The 'preSharedKeyLength' **SHALL** only be present when the 'authenticationMethod' is "psk".

5.2. Test Cases

Each test group contains an array of one or more test cases. Each test case is a JSON object that represents a single test vector to be processed by the ACVP client. The following table describes the JSON elements for each SP800-135 IKEv1 KDF test vector.

Table 5 — Test Case JSON Object

JSON Value	Description	JSON Type
tcId	Test case idenfitier	integer
ckyInit	Initiator's cookie	hex
ckyResp	Responder's cookie	hex
nInit	Value of the initiator nonce	hex
nResp	Value of the responder nonce	hex
gxy	Diffie-Hellman shared secret	hex
preSharedKey	Value of the pre-shared key	hex

The 'preSharedKey' **SHALL** only be present when the 'authenticationMethod' is "psk".

Here is an abbreviated yet fully constructed example of the prompt with all possible
'authenticationMethod' values.

```
{
  "vsId": 1,
  "algorithm": "kdf-components",
  "mode": "IKEv1",
  "revision": "1.0",
  "testGroups": [
    {
      "tgId": 1,
      "hashAlg": "SHA-1",
      "authenticationMethod": "dsa",
      "dhLength": 6660,
      "nInitLength": 2048,
      "nRespLength": 2048,
      "testType": "AFT",
      "tests": [
        {
          "tcId": 1,
          "ckyInit": "F16761897EFB81E5",
          "ckyResp": "4F3BA0B9C946172D",
          "nInit": "6F85B4C66C71791...",
          "nResp": "EAE7F83DBD83C18...",
          "gxy": "9BA5CEDAE8B3FD641..."
        },
        {
          "tcId": 2,
          "ckyInit": "0CE83D37791E6EFD",
          "ckyResp": "8FA2F406395E8110",
          "nInit": "739D1D7AB9D1878...",
          "nResp": "BF3450BFCF442D1...",
          "gxy": "8810324F9E3405F23..."
        }
      ]
    },
    {
      "tgId": 2,
      "hashAlg": "SHA-1",
      "authenticationMethod": "psk",
      "dhLength": 8192,
      "nInitLength": 989,
      "nRespLength": 64,
      "preSharedKeyLength": 8,
      "testType": "AFT",
      "tests": [
```

```
      {
        "tcId": 3,
        "ckyInit": "AF501BE6A9CFDA3D",
        "ckyResp": "5D493412A02AC0B0",
        "nInit": "8C4F7093000AEC0...",
        "nResp": "049FBB8AD5DC5D20",
        "gxy": "A0DE670D5D668E930...",
        "preSharedKey": "C1"
      },
      {
        "tcId": 4,
        "ckyInit": "0186060C1B45404E",
        "ckyResp": "205F3A38BFC363E1",
        "nInit": "B22CC4105FA8947...",
        "nResp": "3CCC6D447E8BC305",
        "gxy": "A281621748E344135...",
        "preSharedKey": "01"
      }
    ]
  },
  {
    "tgId": 3,
    "hashAlg": "SHA-1",
    "authenticationMethod": "pke",
    "dhLength": 2165,
    "nInitLength": 142,
    "nRespLength": 64,
    "testType": "AFT",
    "tests": [
      {
        "tcId": 5,
        "ckyInit": "D4B54A5C60ACD6A7",
        "ckyResp": "CA7528CD8DD8B254",
        "nInit": "D36A36DD6C69210...",
        "nResp": "AB4A4695F4866699",
        "gxy": "F04CDFA8A03E74481..."
      },
      {
        "tcId": 6,
        "ckyInit": "14CA6041304FE168",
        "ckyResp": "71D6F8110638EB79",
        "nInit": "230F3C54635B3E8...",
        "nResp": "0C5A851874EE4131",
        "gxy": "ACFF1F744BB3D2415..."
      }
    ]
```

```
        }
    ]
}
```

Figure 4

6.   Responses

After the ACVP client downloads and processes a vector set, it must send the response vectors back to the ACVP server. The following table describes the JSON object that represents a vector set response.

Table 6 — Vector Set Response JSON Object

JSON Property	Description	JSON Type
acvVersion	The version of the protocol	string
vsId	The vector set identifier	integer
testGroups	The test group data	array

An example of this is the following

```
{
    "acvVersion": "version",
    "vsId": 1,
    "testGroups": [ ... ]
}
```

Figure 5

The testGroups section is used to organize the ACVP client response in a similar manner to how it receives vectors. Several algorithms **SHALL** require the client to send back group level properties in their response. This structure helps accommodate that.

Table 7 — Vector Set Group Response JSON Object

JSON Property	Description	JSON Type
tgId	The test group identifier	integer
tests	The test case data	array

An example of this is the following

```
{
    "tgId": 1,
    "tests": [ ... ]
}
```

Figure 6

The following table describes the JSON object that represents a test case response for a SP800-135 IKEv1 KDF.

Table 8 — Test Case Results JSON Object

JSON Property	Description	JSON Type
tcId	The test case identifier	integer

JSON Property	Description	JSON Type
sKeyId	Results of the extraction step	hex
sKeyIdD	Results of the expansion step	hex
sKeyIdA	Results of the expansion step	hex
sKeyIdE	Results of the expansion step	hex

Here is an abbreviated example of the response

```
{
  "vsId": 1,
  "algorithm": "kdf-components",
  "mode": "IKEv1",
  "revision": "1.0",
  "testGroups": [
    {
      "tgId": 1,
      "tests": [
        {
          "tcId": 1,
          "sKeyId": "FC3A8E843CC28415C6113CEAAA763CD486615465",
          "sKeyIdD": "27A3DF58BF1CADF914CDCCB0F975D62486EA12BF",
          "sKeyIdA": "4D49AF6F8F23F4068FDDD53D505667BE54AAB91C",
          "sKeyIdE": "D0A2F20796D66A2875477F33DEA577F98A0C2F7B"
        },
        {
          "tcId": 2,
          "sKeyId": "7E1DB4F5571B9CC856DA9DA442431A50AA9799AD",
          "sKeyIdD": "65D6E37837A89C21D4DE1D6AA36CEBF103BA51F3",
          "sKeyIdA": "B9D7E7DBDBEA0203BFE7EC073BB140FE129A0D72",
          "sKeyIdE": "FCB7F5662704E89F1B151512F5B555D95F29B356"
        }
      ]
    },
    {
      "tgId": 2,
      "tests": [
        {
          "tcId": 3,
          "sKeyId": "1E7A2129CF7D0E3FC22E32BF1DFF414258342BA9",
          "sKeyIdD": "4B2E07B4C446DF40C90C06F294C9F05B2A174A8B",
          "sKeyIdA": "90682451AA897E7F9BC6E670F205929D2EBA2FD8",
          "sKeyIdE": "2B138E6AB5FFCE8D345F9C69313DC4798A14E709"
        },
        {
          "tcId": 4,
          "sKeyId": "DCF270CE93FDD59B903CD60434AF075C8F9547A5",
```

```json
        "sKeyIdD": "E5DF0DE718321B9C7A0BEB953B05D7B088699F3F",
        "sKeyIdA": "64816D06241E98E0B18945112CBDB17B48BB3310",
        "sKeyIdE": "63E7A74ACD8B9549182C06E37D01CB82B8DC6B44"
      },
    ]
  },
  {
    "tgId": 3,
    "tests": [
      {
        "tcId": 5,
        "sKeyId": "CA0226BF4066CA296DCC3EDB9A84F14A3F2B72B1",
        "sKeyIdD": "77EAE9AAB8E9CD74B5A423A3D3C7D271FB192CA4",
        "sKeyIdA": "5BCFA7A2A116DB14F003DC3EDC169D4FABDE8AF7",
        "sKeyIdE": "27C368F57B4219D989DBB52FDFF0999B34E29787"
      },
      {
        "tcId": 7,
        "sKeyId": "BD7120223435EF4E8A818F1322CC9DDAF9675682",
        "sKeyIdD": "87DB18ED75177847B1F7FE63B0C4C8AB5715EBFF",
        "sKeyIdA": "844EE67A460FF7F0F9EA36A5308DA4108C7A6434",
        "sKeyIdE": "2094E6217E39224B8D2C98BE3FE24959632F1BAF"
      },
    ]
  }
 ]
}
```

Figure 7

7.   Security Considerations

There are no additional security considerations outside of those outlined in the ACVP document.

8.   Example IKEv1 Capabilities JSON Object

The following is a example JSON object advertising support for SHA-256.

{ "algorithm": "kdf-components", "mode": "ikev1", "revision": "1.0", "prereqVals":
[{ "algorithm": "SHA", "valValue": "123456" }, { "algorithm": "HMAC", "valValue":
"123456" }], "capabilities": [{ "authenticationMethod": "dsa", "initiatorNonceLength":
[{ "min": 64, "max": 2048, "increment": 1 }], "responderNonceLength": [{ "min": 64,
"max": 2048, "increment": 1 }], "diffieHellmanSharedSecretLength": [{ "min": 224,
"max": 8192, "increment": 1 }], "hashAlg": ["SHA-1", "SHA2-224", "SHA2-256",
"SHA2-384", "SHA2-512"] }, { "authenticationMethod": "psk", "initiatorNonceLength":
[{ "min": 64, "max": 2048, "increment": 1 }], "responderNonceLength": [{ "min": 64,
"max": 2048, "increment": 1 }], "preSharedKeyLength": [{ "min": 8, "max": 8192,
"increment": 1 }], "increment": 1 }], "responderNonceLength": [{ "min": 64, "max":
2048, "increment": 1 }], "diffieHellmanSharedSecretLength": [{ "min": 224, "max":
8192, "increment": 1 }], "hashAlg": ["SHA-1", "SHA2-224", "SHA2-256", "SHA2-384",
"SHA2-512"] }, { "authenticationMethod": "psk", "initiatorNonceLength": [{ "min":
64, "max": 2048, "increment": 1 }], "responderNonceLength": [{ "min": 64, "max":
2048, "increment": 1 }], "preSharedKeyLength": [{ "min": 8, "max": 8192, "increment":
1 }], "diffieHellmanSharedSecretLength": [{ "min": 224, "max": 8192, "increment":
1 }], "hashAlg": ["sha-1", "SHA2-224", "SHA2-256", "SHA2-384", "SHA2-512"] },
{ "authenticationMethod": "pke", "initiatorNonceLength": [{ "min": 64, "max": 2048,
"increment": 1 }], "responderNonceLength": [{ "min": 64, "max": 2048, "increment": 1 }],
"diffieHellmanSharedSecretLength": [{ "min": 224, "max": 8192, "increment": 1 }], "hashAlg":
["SHA-1", "SHA2-224", "SHA2-256", "SHA2-384", "SHA2-512"] }] }
Figure 8

9.   Example Vector Set Request/Responses JSON Object

The following is a example JSON object for SP800-135 IKEv1 KDF test vectors sent from the
ACVP server to the crypto module.

[{ "acvVersion": <acvp-version> }, { "vsId": 1564, "algorithm": "kdf-components",
"mode": "ikev1", "revision": "1.0", "testGroups": [{ "tgId": 1, "authenticationMethod":
"dsa", "hashAlg": "SHA-1", "nInitLength": 64, "nRespLength": 64, "dhLength": 3794,
"tests": [{ "tcId": 1, "nInit": "D7965167F186B5C1", "nResp": "F3B1CD728B9BE97D",
"ckyInit": "D93E766AC69F5B3C", "ckyResp": "E6552343EF4C3676", "gxy":
"648A4DF592307C667D9EE9F286EFF27B7C3A3E1313C2CBEE595FCF24877A4CCFF64A847E1FA20990A
{ "tgId": 2, "authenticationMethod": "psk", "hashAlg": "SHA-1", "nInitLength": 227,
"nRespLength": 64, "dhLength": 224, "preSharedKeyLength": 8, "tests": [{ "tcId": 1501, "nInit":
"42C0DE5D47C2CF363EBFE6847D4B55D8F8EC1F58867B51070EC0E0BB00", "nResp":
"3192D20E80961883", "ckyInit": "0745FD92564BE166", "ckyResp": "2C59CB8F0199A372",
"gxy": "4F7837D07B1E9EB353BDB8C7DCB947CAE24049C382458BC8EE5EB46E",
"preSharedKey": "6C" }] }, { "tgId": 3, "authenticationMethod": "pke", "hashAlg": "SHA-1",
"nInitLength": 784, "nRespLength": 64, "dhLength": 224, "tests": [{ "tcId": 3001, "nInit":
"1FD16DF313FAE5942265310E8D0061478DC77B62D76FB65DA278AB8A2C3503B0809DC54921B42BC2
"nResp": "9C47D2D26D608781", "ckyInit": "46D07016FC2D03E5", "ckyResp":
"7E7110C5E8D92764", "gxy":
"CCAFB314240C68040AA7641975BA591ADA5650E4EFAE65B1A597129D" }] }] }]

Figure 9

10. Example Test Results JSON Object

The following is a example JSON object for SP800-135 IKEv1 KDF test results sent from the crypto module to the ACVP server.

[{ "acvVersion": <acvp-version> }, { "vsId": 1564, "testGroups": [{ "tgId": 1, "tests": [{ "tcId": 1, "sKeyId": "F4818718FC105FACF05F5C77ED7648531FA3CBD9", "sKeyIdD": "2416325BA038A28B8263060A8C33B0DAB0C369BD", "sKeyIdA": "514EEBEF3A8135ADB8FF3514ED1F6E524BBBEBB9", "sKeyIdE": "6AC021B419C196EA83E9052DCC0DF87B0F19BDD6" }] }, { "tgId": 2, "tests": [{ "tcId": 1501, "sKeyId": "01EACF38DE6D5FC8BBF36D7D8EB8075DF0B462BF", "sKeyIdD": "8AD25FBE26F21C0E3ADA9ECA02999BB666E1A4E4", "sKeyIdA": "F8820DC28C0ABCF87DF32630A69AE51394291495", "sKeyIdE": "B9E283B6DA93A875A43BDD28FCD0CAE7B452C1B9" }] }, { "tgId": 3, "tests": [{ "tcId": 3001, "sKeyId": "3DB972E5BECC0382FBE8A8E373F6560541D78394", "sKeyIdD": "0A962B834E0FF947ADD64596C6291B8614D2C7C0", "sKeyIdA": "A82E520D6DA16DEF41B0C75A5B92F5FD31A5EFBA", "sKeyIdE": "65A1254642B871147BB4D1EABCD6286F3CF131E6" }] }] }]

Figure 10

Appendix A — Terminology

For the purposes of this document, the following terms and definitions apply.

A.1.

Prompt
JSON sent from the server to the client describing the tests the client performs
Registration
The initial request from the client to the server describing the capabilities of one or several
algorithm, mode and revision combinations
Response
JSON sent from the client to the server in response to the prompt
Test Case
An individual unit of work within a prompt or response
Test Group
A collection of test cases that share similar properties within a prompt or response
Test Vector Set
A collection of test groups under a specific algorithm, mode, and revision
Validation
JSON sent from the server to the client that specifies the correctness of the response

Appendix B — Abbreviations and Acronyms

ACVP   Automated Crypto Validation Protocol

JSON   Javascript Object Notation

Appendix C — Revision History

Table C-1

Version	Release Date	Updates
1	2019-06-05	Initial Release

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