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SOLUTIONS FOR DERIVING KEY(S)

SLEEP BETTER WITH CONTENT ENCRYPTION

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   (DB) record id target record DB id
// Output:
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// salt for encrypting target record
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                            record id record version, 256 bit)
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byte[16] derived key = keyAndIV[16..31]
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HMAC sha256 is an example of derive_key, as is scrypt or argon2.
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No need to store the generated IV value.

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NEVER REUSE KEYS!



- Encrypting <u>different data</u> with the <u>same key and IV</u> can lead to complete loss of confidentiality / integrity (*)
- When updating encrypted records a new IV must be used (better: a new key and IV)
- This can be achieved by incrementing a record-version on each encryption and using it in the key derivation.

(*) This is because of the way CTR/GCM/CBC/... work. See e.g Appendix B of NIST Sp. Pub. 800-38A

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