

Aim - calculate the message digest of a text using the MD5 algorithm in Java theory.

- 1] The MD5 hashing algorithm is a one-way cryptographic function that accepts a message of any length as input and returns as output.
- 2] A fixed-length digest value to be used for authenticating the original message. The MD5 hash function was originally designed for use as a secure cryptographic hash algorithm for authentically digital signatures. MD5 is used for storing securing password in database server. MD5 generated message digest of 128 bits.
- 3] MD5 is the third message-digest algorithm. Rivest created MD2, MD4, and MD5 have similar structures but MD2 was optimized for 8-bit machines in comparison with the two later algorithms which are designed for 32-bit machines.
- 4] The MD5 algorithm is an extension of MD4 which the critical review found to be fast but potentially insecure.



- 5] In comparison MD5 is not quite as fast as the MD4 algorithm but offered much more assurance of data security.
- 6] The MD5 message-digest hashing algorithm processes data in 512-bit strings broken down into 16 words composed of 32 bits each. The output from MD5 is a 128-bit message digest value.
- 7] The digest size is always 128 bits and thanks to hashing function guidelines a minor change in the input string generate a drastically different digest.
- 8] This is essential to prevent similar hash generation as much as possible also known as a hash collision.
- 9] The MD5 hash fun<sup>n</sup> was originally designed for use as a secure cryptographic hash algorithm for authenticating digital signatures.
- 10] MD5 is a cryptographic hash algorithm used to generate a 128-bit digest from a string of any length. It represents the digest as 32-digit hexadecimal



numbers.

### Advantages of MD5 Algorithm

- 1] It's easier to compare and store smaller hashes using MD5 Algorithm than it is to store a large variable-length text.
- 2] By using MD5 passwords are stored in 128 bit format.
- 3] A message digest can easily be created from an original message using MD5.
- 4] A relatively low memory footprint is necessary to integrate multiple services into the same framework without a CPU overhead.

### Disadvantages of MD5

- ① When compared to other algorithms like the SHA algorithm MD5 is comparatively slow.
- ② It is possible to construct the same hash function for two distinct inputs using MD5.
- ③ MD5 is less secure when compared to the SHA algorithm.



### Algorithm -

Step 1 - create a message digest object.

Step 2 - pass data to the created message digest object.

Step 3 - Generate the message digest.

### Conclusion -

We learned how to implement MD5 Algorithm.

