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Abstract

A number of URIs intended for use with XML Digital Signatures,
Encryption, and Canonicalization are defined. These URIs identify
algorithms and types of keying information.

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1. Introduction

XML Digital Signatures, Canonicalization, and Encryption have been standardized by the W3C and by the joint IETF/W3C XMLDSIG working group [W3C]. All of these are now W3C Recommendations and IETF Informational or Standards Track documents. They are available as follows:

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<tr>
<th>IETF level</th>
<th>W3C REC</th>
<th>Topic</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>[RFC 3076] Info [CANON]</td>
<td>Canonical XML</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>- - - - -</td>
<td>[XMLENC]</td>
<td>XML Encryption</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>[RFC 3741] Info [EXCANON]</td>
<td>Exclusive XML Canonicalization</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

All of these standards and recommendations use URIs [RFC 2396] to identify algorithms and keying information types. This document is a convenient reference list of URIs and descriptions for algorithms in which there is substantial interest but which can not or have not been included in the main documents for some reason. Note in particular that raising XML digital signature to Draft Standard in the IETF required remove of any algorithms for which there was not demonstrated interoperability from the main standards document. This required removal of the Minimal Canonicalization algorithm, in which there appears to be continued interest, to be dropped from the standards track specification. It is included here.
2. Algorithms and Identifiers

The URI [RFC 2396] being dropped from the standard due to the transition from Proposed Standard to Draft Standard is included herein with its original http://www.w3.org/2000/09/xmldsig# prefix so as to avoid changing the XMLDSIG standard’s namespace. Additional algorithms, particularly those based on USA Government and W3C standards, are given URIs that start with http://www.w3.org/2001/04/xmldsig-more

An "xmlsig-more" URI does not imply any official W3C status for these algorithms or identifiers nor does it imply that they are only useful in digital signatures. Currently, dereferencing such URIs may or may not produce a temporary placeholder document. Permission to use these this URI prefix has been given by the W3C.

2.1 DigestMethod Algorithms

These algorithms are usable wherever a DigestMethod element occurs.

2.1.1 MD5

Identifier: http://www.w3.org/2001/04/xmldsig-more#md5

The MD5 algorithm [RFC 1321] takes no explicit parameters. An example of an MD5 DigestAlgorithm element is:

http://www.w3.org/2001/04/xmldsig-more#md5"/>

An MD5 digest is a 128-bit string. The content of the DigestValue element shall be the base64 [RFC 2045] encoding of this bit string viewed as a 16-octet octet stream.

2.1.2 SHA-224

Identifier: http://www.w3.org/2001/04/xmldsig-more#sha224

The SHA-224 algorithm [RFC sha224] takes no explicit parameters. An
example of a SHA-224 DigestAlgorithm element is:

```
<DigestAlgorithm
    Algorithm="http://www.w3.org/2001/04/xmldsig-more#sha224" />
```

A SHA-224 digest is a 224 bit string. The content of the DigestValue element shall be the base64 [RFC2045] encoding of this string viewed as a 28-octet stream. Because it takes roughly the same amount of effort to compute a SHA-224 message digest as a SHA-256 digest and terseness is usually not a criteria in XML application, consideration should be given to the use of SHA-256 as an alternative.

### 2.1.3 SHA-384

Identifier:  
http://www.w3.org/2001/04/xmldsig-more#sha384

The SHA-384 algorithm [FIPS 180-2] takes no explicit parameters. An example of a SHA-384 DigestAlgorithm element is:

```
<DigestAlgorithm
    Algorithm="http://www.w3.org/2001/04/xmldsig-more#sha384" />
```

A SHA-384 digest is a 384 bit string. The content of the DigestValue element shall be the base64 [RFC2045] encoding of this string viewed as a 48-octet stream. Because it takes roughly the same amount of effort to compute a SHA-384 message digest as a SHA-512 digest and terseness is usually not a criteria in XML application, consideration should be given to the use of SHA-512 as an alternative.

### 2.2 SignatureMethod Message Authentication Code Algorithms

Note: Some text in this section is duplicated from [RFC 3275] for the convenience of the reader.

#### 2.2.1 HMAC-MD5

Identifier:  
http://www.w3.org/2001/04/xmldsig-more#hmac-md5

The HMAC algorithm [RFC 2104] takes the truncation length in bits as a parameter; if the parameter is not specified then all the bits of the hash are output. An example of an HMAC-MD5 SignatureMethod element is as follows:
<SignatureMethod
   Algorithm="http://www.w3.org/2001/04/xmldsig-more#hmac-md5">
   <HMACOutputLength>112</HMACOutputLength>
</SignatureMethod>

The output of the HMAC algorithm is ultimately the output (possibly
truncated) of the chosen digest algorithm. This value shall be base64
[RFC 2405] encoded in the same straightforward fashion as the output
of the digest algorithms. Example: the SignatureValue element for the
HMAC-MD5 digest

   9294727A 3638BB1C 13F48EF8 158BFC9D

from the test vectors in [RFC 2104] would be

   kpRyejY4uxwT9I74FYv8nQ==

Schema Definition:

   <simpleType name="HMACOutputLength">
      <restriction base="integer">
      </restriction>
   </simpleType>

DTD:

   <!ELEMENT HMACOutputLength (#PCDATA) >

The Schema Definition and DTD immediately above are copied from [RFC
3275].

Although some cryptographic suspicions have recently been cast on MD5
for use in signatures such as RSA-MD5 below, this does not effect use
of MD5 in HMAC.

2.2.2 HMAC SHA Variations

Identifiers:

   http://www.w3.org/2001/04/xmldsig-more#hmac-sha224
   http://www.w3.org/2001/04/xmldsig-more#hmac-sha256
   http://www.w3.org/2001/04/xmldsig-more#hmac-sha384
   http://www.w3.org/2001/04/xmldsig-more#hmac-sha512

SHA-224, SHA-256, SHA-384, and SHA-512 [FIPS 180-2, RFC sha224] can
also be used in HMAC as described in section 2.2.1 above for HMAC-
MD5.
2.2.3 HMAC-RIPEMD160

Identifier:  
http://www.w3.org/2001/04/xmldsig-more#hmac-ripemd160

RIPEMD-160 [RIPEMD-160] can also be used in HMAC as described in section 2.2.1 above for HMAC-MD5.

2.3 SignatureMethod Public Key Signature Algorithms

These algorithms are distinguished from those in Section 2.2 above in that they use public key methods. That is to say, the verification key is different from and not feasibly derivable from the signing key.

2.3.1 RSA-MD5

Identifier:  
http://www.w3.org/2001/04/xmldsig-more#rsa-md5

This implies the PKCS#1 v1.5 padding algorithm described in [RFC 2437]. An example of use is

<SignatureMethod  
  Algorithm="http://www.w3.org/2001/04/xmldsig-more#rsa-md5" />

The SignatureValue content for an RSA-MD5 signature is the base64 [RFC 2405] encoding of the octet string computed as per [RFC 2437], section 8.1.1.

Signature generation for the RSASSA-PKCS1-v1_5 signature scheme. As specified in the EMSA-PKCS1-V1_5-ENCOD function in [RFC 2437, section 9.2.1], the value input to the signature function MUST contain a pre-pended algorithm object identifier for the hash function, but the availability of an ASN.1 parser and recognition of OIDs is not required of a signature verifier. The PKCS#1 v1.5 representation appears as:

CRYPT (PAD (ASN.1 (OID, DIGEST (data))))

Note that the padded ASN.1 will be of the following form:

01 | FF* | 00 | prefix | hash

where "|" is concatenation, "01", "FF", and "00" are fixed octets of the corresponding hexadecimal value, "hash" is the MD5 digest of the
data, and "prefix" is the ASN.1 BER MD5 algorithm designator prefix required in PKCS #1 [RFC 2437], that is,

hex 30 20 30 0c 06 08 2a 86 86 f7 02 05 00 04 10

This prefix is included to make it easier to use standard cryptographic libraries. The FF octet MUST be repeated the maximum number of times such that the value of the quantity being CRYPTed is one octet shorter than the RSA modulus.

Due to increases in computer processor power and advances in cryptography, use of RSA-MD5 is NOT RECOMMENDED.

2.3.2 RSA-SHA256

Identifier:

http://www.w3.org/2001/04/xmldsig-more#rsa-sha256

This implies the PKCS#1 v1.5 padding algorithm [RFC 2437] as described in section 2.3.1 but with the ASN.1 BER SHA-256 algorithm designator prefix. An example of use is

<SignatureMethod
    Algorithm="http://www.w3.org/2001/04/xmldsig-more#rsa-sha256" />

2.3.3 RSA-SHA384

Identifier:

http://www.w3.org/2001/04/xmldsig-more#rsa-sha384

This implies the PKCS#1 v1.5 padding algorithm [RFC 2437] as described in section 2.3.1 but with the ASN.1 BER SHA-384 algorithm designator prefix. An example of use is

<SignatureMethod
    Algorithm="http://www.w3.org/2001/04/xmldsig-more#rsa-sha384" />

Because it takes about the same effort to calculate a SHA-384 message digest as it does a SHA-512 message digest, it is suggested that RSA-SHA512 be used in preference to RSA-SHA384 where possible.
2.3.4 RSA-SHA512

Identifier:
http://www.w3.org/2001/04/xmldsig-more#rsa-sha512

This implies the PKCS#1 v1.5 padding algorithm [RFC 2437] as described in section 2.3.1 but with the ASN.1 BER SHA-512 algorithm designator prefix. An example of use is

```xml
<SIGNATUREMETHOD
  ALGORITHM="http://www.w3.org/2001/04/xmldsig-more#rsa-sha512"/>
```

2.3.5 RSA-RIPEMD160

Identifier:
http://www.w3.org/2001/04/xmldsig-more/rsa-ripemd160

This implies the PKCS#1 v1.5 padding algorithm [RFC 2437] as described in section 2.3.1 but with the ASN.1 BER RIPEMD160 algorithm designator prefix. An example of use is

```xml
<SIGNATUREMETHOD
  ALGORITHM="http://www.w3.org/2001/04/xmldsig-more/rsa-ripemd160"/>
```

2.3.6 ECDSA-SHA*

Identifiers
- http://www.w3.org/2001/04/xmldsig-more#ecdsa-sha1
- http://www.w3.org/2001/04/xmldsig-more#ecdsa-sha224
- http://www.w3.org/2001/04/xmldsig-more#ecdsa-sha256
- http://www.w3.org/2001/04/xmldsig-more#ecdsa-sha384
- http://www.w3.org/2001/04/xmldsig-more#ecdsa-sha512

The Elliptic Curve Digital Signature Algorithm (ECDSA) [FIPS 186-2] is the elliptic curve analogue of the DSA (DSS) signature method. For a detailed specifications of how to use it with SHA hash functions and XML Digital Signature, please see [X9.62] and [ECDSA].

2.3.7 ESIGN-SHA1

Identifier
http://www.w3.org/2001/04/xmldsig-more#esign-sha1
The ESIGN algorithm specified in [IEEE P1363a] is a signature scheme based on the integer factorization problem. It is much faster than previous digital signature schemes so ESIGN can be implemented on smart cards without special co-processors.

An example of use is

```xml
<SignatureMethod
    Algorithm="http://www.w3.org/2001/04/xmldsig-more#esign-sha1" />
```

### 2.4 Minimal Canonicalization

Thus far two independent interoperable implementations of Minimal Canonicalization have not been announced. Therefore, when XML Digital Signature was advanced from Proposed Standard [RFC 3075] to Draft Standard [RFC 3275], Minimal Canonicalization was dropped from the standard track documents. However, there is still interest and indicates of possible future use for Minimal Canonicalization. For its definition, see [RFC 3075], Section 6.5.1.

For reference, it’s identifier remains:

http://www.w3.org/2000/09/xmldsig#minimal

### 2.5 Transform Algorithms

Note that all CanonicalizationMethod algorithms can also be used as Transform algorithms.

#### 2.5.1 XPointer

Identifier:

http://www.w3.org/2001/04/xmldsig-more/xptr

This transform algorithm takes an [XPointer] as an explicit parameter. An example of use is:

```xml
<Transform
    Algorithm="http://www.w3.org/2001/04/xmldsig-more/xptr"/>
```
<XPointer
    xmlns="http://www.w3.org/2001/04/xmldsig-more/xptr">
    xpointer(id("foo")) xmlns(bar=urn:baz)
    xpointer(//bar:Zab[@Id="foo"])
</XPointer>

Schema Definition:

<element name="XPointer" type="string">

DTD:

<!ELEMENT XPointer (#PCDATA) >

Input to this transform is an octet stream (which is then parsed into XML).

Output from this transform is a node set; the results of the XPointer are processed as defined in the XMLDSIG specification [RFC 3275] for a same-document XPointer.

2.6 EncryptionMethod Algorithms

2.6.1 ARCFOUR Encryption Algorithm

Identifier:
    http://www.w3.org/2001/04/xmldsig-more#arcfour

ARCFOUR is a fast, simple stream encryption algorithm that is compatible with RSA Security’s RC4 algorithm. An example EncryptionMethod element using ARCFOUR is

    <EncryptionMethod
        Algorithm="http://www.w3.org/2001/04/xmldsig-more#arcfour">
        <KeySize>40</KeySize>
    </EncryptionMethod>

2.6.2 Camellia Block Encryption

Identifiers:
    http://www.w3.org/2001/04/xmldsig-more#camellia128-cbc
    http://www.w3.org/2001/04/xmldsig-more#camellia192-cbc
    http://www.w3.org/2001/04/xmldsig-more#camellia256-cbc
Camellia is an efficient and secure block cipher with the same interface as the AES [Camellia, RFC 3713], that is 128-bit block size and 128, 192, and 256 bit key sizes. In XML Encryption Camellia is used in the same way as the AES: It is used in the Cipher Block Chaining (CBC) mode with a 128-bit initialization vector (IV). The resulting cipher text is prefixed by the IV. If included in XML output, it is then base64 encoded. An example Camellia EncryptionMethod is as follows:

```xml
<EncryptionMethod
   Algorithm="http://www.w3.org/2001/04/xmldsig-more#camellia128-cbc"/>
```

### 2.6.3 Camellia Key Wrap

Identifiers:

- http://www.w3.org/2001/04/xmldsig-more#kw-camellia128
- http://www.w3.org/2001/04/xmldsig-more#kw-camellia192
- http://www.w3.org/2001/04/xmldsig-more#kw-camellia256

Camellia [Camellia, RFC 3713] key wrap is identical to the AES key wrap algorithm [RFC 3394] specified in the XML Encryption standard with "AES" replaced by "Camellia". As with AES key wrap, the check value is 0xA6A6A6A6A6A6A6A6.

The algorithm is the same whatever the size of the Camellia key used in wrapping, called the key encrypting key or KEK. The implementation of Camellia is OPTIONAL. However, if it is supported, the same implementation guidelines as to which combinations of KEK size and wrapped key size should be required to be supported and which are optional to be supported should be followed. That is to say, if Camellia key wrap is supported, they wrapping 128-bit keys with a 128-bit KEK and wrapping 256-bit keys with a 256-bit KEK are REQUIRED and all other combinations are OPTIONAL.

### 2.6.4 PSEC-KEM

Identifier:

- http://www.w3.org/2001/04/xmldsig-more#psec-kem

The PSEC-KEM algorithm, specified in [ISO/IEC 18033-2], is a key encapsulation mechanism using elliptic curve encryption.

An example of use is:
<EncryptionMethod
    Algorithm="http://www.w3.org/2001/04/xmlenc#psec-kem">
    <ECParameters>
        <Version>version</Version>
        <FieldID>id</FieldID>
        <Curve>curve</Curve>
        <Base>base</Base>
        <Order>order</Order>
        <Cofactor>cofactor</Cofactor>
    </ECParameters>
</EncryptionMethod>

3. KeyInfo

In section 3.1 below a new KeyInfo element child is specified while in section 3.2 additional KeyInfo Type values for use in RetrievalMethod are specified.

3.1 PKCS #7 Bag of Certificates and CRLs

A PKCS #7 [RFC 2315] "signedData" can also be used as a bag of certificates and/or certificate revocation lists (CRLs). The PKCS7signedData element is defined to accommodate such structures within KeyInfo. The binary PKCS #7 structure is base64 [RFC 2405] encoded. Any signer information present is ignored. The following is an example, eliding the base64 data:

    <foo:PKCS7signedData
        xmlns="http://www.w3.org/2001/04/xmldsig-more">
        ...
    </foo:PKCS7signedData>

3.2 Additional RetrievalMethod Type Values

The Type attribute of RetrievalMethod is an optional identifier for the type of data to be retrieved. The result of de-referencing a RetrievalMethod reference for all KeyInfo types with an XML structure is an XML element or document with that element as the root. The various "raw" key information types return a binary value. Thus they require a Type attribute because they are not unambiguously parseable.
Identifiers:

http://www.w3.org/2000/09/xmldsig-more#KeyValue
http://www.w3.org/2000/09/xmldsig-more#RetrievalMethod
http://www.w3.org/2000/09/xmldsig-more#KeyName
http://www.w3.org/2000/09/xmldsig-more#rawX509CRL
http://www.w3.org/2000/09/xmldsig-more#rawPGPKeyPacket
http://www.w3.org/2000/09/xmldsig-more#rawSPKISexp
http://www.w3.org/2000/09/xmldsig-more#PKCS7signedData
http://www.w3.org/2000/09/xmldsig-more#rawPKCS7signedData
4. IANA Considerations

None.

As it is easy for people to construct their own unique URIs [RFC 2396] and, possible, if appropriate, to obtain a URI from the W3C, it is not intended that any additional "http://www.w3.org/2000/09/xmldsig-more#" URIs be created beyond those enumerated in this document.

5. Security Considerations

Due to computer speed and cryptographic advances, the use of MD5 as a DigestMethod or in the RSA-MD5 SignatureMethod is NOT RECOMMENDED. The cryptographic advances concerned do not effect the security of HMAC-MD5; however, there is little reason not to go for one of the SHA series of algorithms.

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Normative References


[RFC 3075] - "XML-Signature Syntax and Processing", D. Eastlake, J. Reagle, D. Solo, March 2001. (RFC 3075 was obsoleted by RFC 3275 but is referenced in this document for its description of Minimal Canonicalization which was dropped in RFC 3275.)


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