Addition of Camellia Cipher Suites to Transport Layer Security (TLS)

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Abstract

This document proposes the addition of new cipher suites to the
Transport Layer Security (TLS) protocol to support the Camellia
encryption algorithm as a bulk cipher algorithm.

1. Introduction

This document proposes the addition of new cipher suites to the TLS
protocol [TLS] to support the Camellia encryption algorithm as a bulk
cipher algorithm. This proposal provides a new option for fast and
efficient bulk cipher algorithms.

Note: This work was done when the first author worked for NTT.

1.1. Camellia

Camellia was selected as a recommended cryptographic primitive by the
EU NESSIE (New European Schemes for Signatures, Integrity and
Encryption) project [NESSIE] and included in the list of
cryptographic techniques for Japanese e-Government systems, which
were selected by the Japan CRYPTREC (Cryptography Research and
Evaluation Committees) [CRYPTREC]. Camellia is also included in
specification of the TV-Anytime Forum [TV-ANYTIME]. The TV-Anytime
Forum is an association of organizations that seeks to develop
specifications to enable audio-visual and other services based on mass-market high-volume digital storage in consumer platforms. Camellia is specified as Cipher Suite in TLS used by Phase 1 S-7 (Bi-directional Metadata Delivery Protection) specification and S-5 (TV-Anytime Rights Management and Protection Information for Broadcast Applications) specification. Camellia has been submitted to other several standardization bodies such as ISO (ISO/IEC 18033) and IETF S/MIME Mail Security Working Group [Camellia-CMS].

Camellia supports 128-bit block size and 128-, 192-, and 256-bit key sizes; i.e., the same interface specifications as the Advanced Encryption Standard (AES) [AES].

Camellia was jointly developed by NTT and Mitsubishi Electric Corporation in 2000 [CamelliaTech]. It was carefully designed to withstand all known cryptanalytic attacks and even to have a sufficiently large security leeway. It has been scrutinized by worldwide cryptographic experts.

Camellia was also designed to be suitable for both software and hardware implementations and to cover all possible encryption applications, from low-cost smart cards to high-speed network systems. Compared to the AES, Camellia offers at least comparable encryption speed in software and hardware. In addition, a distinguishing feature is its small hardware design. Camellia perfectly meets one of the current TLS market requirements, for which low power consumption is mandatory.

The algorithm specification and object identifiers are described in [Camellia-Desc]. The Camellia homepage, http://info.isl.ntt.co.jp/camellia/, contains a wealth of information about camellia, including detailed specification, security analysis, performance figures, reference implementation, and test vectors.

1.2. Terminology

The key words "MUST", "MUST NOT", "REQUIRED", "SHOULD", "SHOULD NOT", "RECOMMENDED", "MAY", and "OPTIONAL" in this document (in uppercase, as shown) are to be interpreted as described in [RFC2119].

2. Proposed Cipher Suites

The new cipher suites proposed here have the following definitions:

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CipherSuite TLS_RSA_WITH_CAMELLIA_128_CBC_SHA   = { 0x00,0x41 };  
CipherSuite TLS_DH_DSS_WITH_CAMELLIA_128_CBC_SHA = { 0x00,0x42 };  
CipherSuite TLS_DH_RSA_WITH_CAMELLIA_128_CBC_SHA = { 0x00,0x43 };  
CipherSuite TLS_DHE_DSS_WITH_CAMELLIA_128_CBC_SHA = { 0x00,0x44 };  
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CipherSuite TLS_DHE_RSA_WITH_CAMELLIA_128_CBC_SHA = { 0x00,0x45 };
CipherSuite TLS_DH_anon_WITH_CAMELLIA_128_CBC_SHA = { 0x00,0x46 };

CipherSuite TLS_RSA_WITH_CAMELLIA_256_CBC_SHA      = { 0x00,0x84 };
CipherSuite TLS_DH_DSS_WITH_CAMELLIA_256_CBC_SHA    = { 0x00,0x85 };
CipherSuite TLS_DH_RSA_WITH_CAMELLIA_256_CBC_SHA    = { 0x00,0x86 };
CipherSuite TLS_DHE_DSS_WITH_CAMELLIA_256_CBC_SHA   = { 0x00,0x87 };
CipherSuite TLS_DHE_RSA_WITH_CAMELLIA_256_CBC_SHA   = { 0x00,0x88 };
CipherSuite TLS_DH_anon_WITH_CAMELLIA_256_CBC_SHA   = { 0x00,0x89 };

3. Cipher Suite Definitions

3.1. Cipher

All the cipher suites described here use Camellia in cipher block chaining (CBC) mode as a bulk cipher algorithm. Camellia is a 128-bit block cipher with 128-, 192-, and 256-bit key sizes; i.e., it supports the same block and key sizes as the Advanced Encryption Standard (AES). However, this document only defines cipher suites for 128- and 256-bit keys as well as AES cipher suites for TLS [AES-TLS]. These cipher suites are efficient and practical enough for most uses, including high-security applications.

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  Cipher       Type  Expanded    Effective   IV Block
              Material Type  Key Material Material  Size  Bits  Size
CAMELLIA_128_CBC Block  16          16          128       16    16
CAMELLIA_256_CBC Block  32          32          256       16    16
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3.2. Hash

All the cipher suites described here use SHA-1 [SHA-1] in a Hashed Message Authentication Code (HMAC) construction, as described in section 5 of [TLS].

3.3. Key Exchange

The cipher suites defined here differ in the type of certificate and key exchange method. They use the following options:

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Cipher Suite                              Key Exchange Algorithm
TLS_RSA_WITH_CAMELLIA_128_CBC_SHA         RSA
TLS_DH_DSS_WITH_CAMELLIA_128_CBC_SHA      DH_DSS
TLS_RSA_WITH_CAMELLIA_128_CBC_SHA         DH_RSA
TLS_DHE_DSS_WITH_CAMELLIA_128_CBC_SHA     DHE_DSS
TLS_DHE_RSA_WITH_CAMELLIA_128_CBC_SHA     DHE_RSA
TLS_DH_anon_WITH_CAMELLIA_128_CBC_SHA     DH_anon
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For the meanings of the terms RSA, DH_DSS, DH_RSA, DHE_DSS, DHE_RSA, and DH_anon, please refer to sections 7.4.2 and 7.4.3 of [TLS].

4. Security Considerations

It is not believed that the new cipher suites are ever less secure than the corresponding older ones. Camellia is considered secure, and it has withstood extensive cryptanalytic efforts in several open, worldwide cryptographic evaluation projects [CRYPTREC][NESSIE].

At the time of writing this document, there are no known weak keys for Camellia.

For other security considerations, please refer to the security considerations of the corresponding older cipher suites described in [TLS] and [AES-TLS].

5. References

5.1. Normative References


5.2. Informative References


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