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1 Crypto User's Guide

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1.2 FIPS mode

This chapter describes FIPS mode support in the crypto application.

1.2.1 Background

OpenSSL can be built to provide FIPS 140-2 validated cryptographic services. It is not the OpenSSL application that is validated, but a special software component called the OpenSSL FIPS Object Module. However applications do not use this Object Module directly, but through the regular API of the OpenSSL library.

The crypto application supports using OpenSSL in FIPS mode. In this scenario only the validated algorithms provided by the Object Module are accessible, other algorithms usually available in OpenSSL (like md5) or implemented in the Erlang code (like SRP) are disabled.

1.2.2 Enabling FIPS mode

• Build or install the FIPS Object Module and a FIPS enabled OpenSSL library.

You should read and precisely follow the instructions of the Security Policy and User Guide.

Warning:

It is very easy to build a working OpenSSL FIPS Object Module and library from the source. However it **does not** qualify as FIPS 140-2 validated if the numerous restrictions in the Security Policy are not properly followed.

• Configure and build Erlang/OTP with FIPS support:

```
$ cd $ERL_TOP
$ ./otp_build configure --enable-fips
...
checking for FIPS_mode_set... yes
...
$ make
```

If FIPS_mode_set returns no the OpenSSL library is not FIPS enabled and crypto won't support FIPS mode either.

- Set the fips_mode configuration setting of the crypto application to true **before loading the crypto module**. The best place is in the sys.config system configuration file of the release.
- Start and use the crypto application as usual. However take care to avoid the non-FIPS validated algorithms, they will all throw exception not_supported.

Entering and leaving FIPS mode on a node already running crypto is not supported. The reason is that OpenSSL is designed to prevent an application requesting FIPS mode to end up accidentally running in non-FIPS mode. If entering FIPS mode fails (e.g. the Object Module is not found or is compromised) any subsequent use of the OpenSSL API would terminate the emulator.

An on-the-fly FIPS mode change would thus have to be performed in a critical section protected from any concurrently running crypto operations. Furthermore in case of failure all crypto calls would have to be disabled from the Erlang or nif code. This would be too much effort put into this not too important feature.

1.2.3 Incompatibilities with regular builds

The Erlang API of the crypto application is identical regardless of building with or without FIPS support. However the nif code internally uses a different OpenSSL API.

This means that the context (an opaque type) returned from streaming crypto functions (hash_(init|update|final), hmac_(init|update|final) and stream_(init|encrypt|decrypt)) is different and incompatible with regular builds when compiling crypto with FIPS support.

1.2.4 Common caveats

In FIPS mode non-validated algorithms are disabled. This may cause some unexpected problems in application relying on crypto.

Warning:

Do not try to work around these problems by using alternative implementations of the missing algorithms! An application can only claim to be using a FIPS 140-2 validated cryptographic module if it uses it exclusively for every cryptographic operation.

Restrictions on key sizes

Although public key algorithms are supported in FIPS mode they can only be used with secure key sizes. The Security Policy requires the following minimum values:

RSA 1024 bit DSS 1024 bit EC algorithms 160 bit

Restrictions on elliptic curves

The Erlang API allows using arbitrary curve parameters, but in FIPS mode only those allowed by the Security Policy shall be used.

Avoid md5 for hashing

Md5 is a popular choice as a hash function, but it is not secure enough to be validated. Try to use sha instead wherever possible.

For exceptional, non-cryptographic use cases one may consider switching to erlang:md5/1 as well.

Certificates and encrypted keys

As md5 is not available in FIPS mode it is only possible to use certificates that were signed using sha hashing. When validating an entire certificate chain all certificates (including the root CA's) must comply with this rule.

For similar dependency on the md5 and des algorithms most encrypted private keys in PEM format do not work either. However, the PBES2 encryption scheme allows the use of stronger FIPS verified algorithms which is a viable alternative.

SNMP v3 limitations

It is only possible to use usmHMACSHAAuthProtocol and usmAesCfb128Protocol for authentication and privacy respectively in FIPS mode. The snmp application however won't restrict selecting disabled protocols in any way, and using them would result in run time crashes.

TLS 1.2 is required

All SSL and TLS versions prior to TLS 1.2 use a combination of md5 and sha1 hashes in the handshake for various purposes:

- Authenticating the integrity of the handshake messages.
- In the exchange of DH parameters in cipher suites providing non-anonymous PFS (perfect forward secrecy).
- In the PRF (pseud-random function) to generate keying materials in cipher suites not using PFS.

OpenSSL handles these corner cases in FIPS mode, however the Erlang crypto and ssl applications are not prepared for them and therefore you are limited to TLS 1.2 in FIPS mode.

On the other hand it worth mentioning that at least all cipher suites that would rely on non-validated algorithms are automatically disabled in FIPS mode.

Note:

Certificates using weak (md5) digests may also cause problems in TLS. Although TLS 1.2 has an extension for specifying which type of signatures are accepted, and in FIPS mode the ssl application will use it properly, most TLS implementations ignore this extension and simply send whatever certificates they were configured with.

1.3 Engine Load

This chapter describes the support for loading encryption engines in the crypto application.

1.3.1 Background

OpenSSL exposes an Engine API, which makes it possible to plug in alternative implementations for some or all of the cryptographic operations implemented by OpenSSL. When configured appropriately, OpenSSL calls the engine's implementation of these operations instead of its own.

Typically, OpenSSL engines provide a hardware implementation of specific cryptographic operations. The hardware implementation usually offers improved performance over its software-based counterpart, which is known as cryptographic acceleration.

Note:

The file name requirement on the engine dynamic library can differ between SSL versions.

1.3.2 Use Cases

Dynamically load an engine from default directory

If the engine is located in the OpenSSL/LibreSSL installation engines directory.

```
1> {ok, Engine} = crypto:engine_load(<<"otp_test_engine">>, [], []).
{ok, #Ref}
```

Load an engine with the dynamic engine

Load an engine with the help of the dynamic engine by giving the path to the library.

Load an engine and replace some methods

Load an engine with the help of the dynamic engine and just replace some engine methods.

Load with the ensure loaded function

This function makes sure the engine is loaded just once and the ID is added to the internal engine list of OpenSSL. The following calls to the function will check if the ID is loaded and then just get a new reference to the engine.

To remove the tag from the OpenSSL engine list use crypto:engine_remove/1.

```
6> crypto:engine_remove(Engine).
ok
```

To unload it use crypto: engine_unload/1 which removes the references to the engine.

```
6> crypto:engine_unload(Engine).
ok
```

List all engines currently loaded

```
8> crypto:engine_list().
[<<"dynamic">>>, <<"MD5">>]
```

1.4 Engine Stored Keys

This chapter describes the support in the crypto application for using public and private keys stored in encryption engines.

1.4.1 Background

OpenSSL exposes an Engine API, which makes it possible to plug in alternative implementations for some of the cryptographic operations implemented by OpenSSL. See the chapter Engine Load for details and how to load an Engine.

An engine could among other tasks provide a storage for private or public keys. Such a storage could be made safer than the normal file system. Those techniques are not described in this User's Guide. Here we concentrate on how to use private or public keys stored in such an engine.

```
The storage engine must call ENGINE_set_load_privkey_function and ENGINE_set_load_pubkey_function. See the OpenSSL cryptolib's manpages.
```

OTP/Crypto requires that the user provides two or three items of information about the key. The application used by the user is usually on a higher level, for example in SSL. If using the crypto application directly, it is required that:

- an Engine is loaded, see the chapter on Engine Load or the Reference Manual
- a reference to a key in the Engine is available. This should be an Erlang string or binary and depends on the Engine loaded

• an Erlang map is constructed with the Engine reference, the key reference and possibly a key passphrase if needed by the Engine. See the Reference Manual for details of the map.

1.4.2 Use Cases

Sign with an engine stored private key

This example shows how to construct a key reference that is used in a sign operation. The actual key is stored in the engine that is loaded at prompt 1.

Verify with an engine stored public key

Here the signature and message in the last example is verifyed using the public key. The public key is stored in an engine, only to exemplify that it is possible. The public key could of course be handled openly as usual.

Using a password protected private key

The same example as the first sign example, except that a password protects the key down in the Engine.

1.5 Algorithm Details

This chapter describes details of algorithms in the crypto application.

The tables only documents the supported cryptos and key lengths. The user should not draw any conclusion on security from the supplied tables.

1.5.1 Ciphers

A cipher in the new api is categorized as either cipher_no_iv(), cipher_iv() or cipher_aead(). The letters IV are short for *Initialization Vector* and AEAD is an abbreviation of *Authenticated Encryption with Associated Data*.

Due to irregular naming conventions, some cipher names in the old api are substituted by new names in the new api. For a list of retired names, see Retired cipher names.

To dynamically check availability, check that the name in the *Cipher and Mode* column is present in the list returned by crypto:supports(ciphers).

Ciphers without an IV - cipher_no_iv()

To be used with:

- crypto_one_time/4
- crypto_init/3

The ciphers are:

Cipher and Mode	Key length [bytes]	Block size [bytes]
aes_128_ecb	16	16
aes_192_ecb	24	16
aes_256_ecb	32	16
blowfish_ecb	16	8
des_ecb	8	8
rc4	16	1

Table 5.1: Ciphers without IV

Ciphers with an IV - cipher_iv()

To be used with:

- crypto_one_time/5
- crypto_init/4
- crypto_dyn_iv_init/3

The ciphers are:

Cipher and Mode	Key length [bytes]	IV length [bytes]	Block size [bytes]	Limited to OpenSSL versions
aes_128_cbc	16	16	16	
aes_192_cbc	24	16	16	
aes_256_cbc	32	16	16	
aes_128_cfb8	16	16	1	
aes_192_cfb8	24	16	1	
aes_256_cfb8	32	16	1	

16	16	1	
24	16	1	
32	16	1	
16	16	1	
24	16	1	
32	16	1	
16	16	1	
24	16	1	
32	16	1	
16	8	8	
16	8	1	
16	8	1	
32	16	1	#1.1.0d
8	8	8	
24	8	8	
8	8	1	
24	8	1	
16	8	8	
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Table 5.2: Ciphers with IV

Ciphers with AEAD - cipher_aead()

To be used with:

- crypto_one_time_aead/6
- crypto_one_time_aead/7

The ciphers are:

Cipher and Mode	Key length [bytes]	IV length [bytes]	AAD length [bytes]	Tag length [bytes]	Block size [bytes]	Limited to OpenSSL versions
aes_128_ccr	n16	7-13	any	even 4-16 default: 12	any	#1.0.1

aes_192_ccm	n24	7-13	any	even 4-16 default: 12	any	#1.0.1
aes_256_ccm	n32	7-13	any	even 4-16 default: 12	any	#1.0.1
aes_128_gcm	n16	#1	any	1-16 default: 16	any	#1.0.1
aes_192_gcm	n24	#1	any	1-16 default: 16	any	#1.0.1
aes_256_gcm	n32	#1	any	1-16 default: 16	any	#1.0.1
chacha20_po	32√1305	1-16	any	16	any	#1.1.0

Table 5.3: AEAD ciphers

1.5.2 Message Authentication Codes (MACs)

To be used in mac/4 and related functions.

CMAC

CMAC with the following ciphers are available with OpenSSL 1.0.1 or later if not disabled by configuration.

To dynamically check availability, check that the name cmac is present in the list returned by crypto:supports(macs). Also check that the name in the *Cipher and Mode* column is present in the list returned by crypto:supports(ciphers).

Cipher and Mode	Key length [bytes]	Max Mac Length (= default length) [bytes]
aes_128_cbc	16	16
aes_192_cbc	24	16
aes_256_cbc	32	16
aes_128_ecb	16	16
aes_192_ecb	24	16
aes_256_ecb	32	16
blowfish_cbc	16	8
blowfish_ecb	16	8
des_cbc	8	8
des_ecb	8	8

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des_ede3_cbc	24	8
rc2_cbc	16	8

Table 5.4: CMAC cipher key lengths

HMAC

Available in all OpenSSL compatible with Erlang CRYPTO if not disabled by configuration.

To dynamically check availability, check that the name hmac is present in the list returned by crypto:supports(macs) and that the hash name is present in the list returned by crypto:supports(hashs).

Hash	Max Mac Length (= default length) [bytes]
sha	20
sha224	28
sha256	32
sha384	48
sha512	64
sha3_224	28
sha3_256	32
sha3_384	48
sha3_512	64
shake128	64
shake256	64
blake2b	64
blake2s	32
md4	16
md5	16
ripemd160	20

Table 5.5: HMAC output sizes

POLY1305

POLY1305 is available with OpenSSL 1.1.1 or later if not disabled by configuration.

To dynamically check availability, check that the name poly1305 is present in the list returned by crypto:supports(macs).

The poly1305 mac wants an 32 bytes key and produces a 16 byte MAC by default.

1.5.3 Hash

To dynamically check availability, check that the wanted name in the *Names* column is present in the list returned by crypto:supports(hashs).

Туре	Names	Limited to OpenSSL versions
SHA1	sha	
SHA2	sha224, sha256, sha384, sha512	
SHA3	sha3_224, sha3_256, sha3_384, sha3_512, shake128, shake256	#1.1.1
MD4	md4	
MD5	md5	
RIPEMD	ripemd160	

Table 5.6:

1.5.4 Public Key Cryptography

RSA

RSA is available with all OpenSSL versions compatible with Erlang CRYPTO if not disabled by configuration. To dynamically check availability, check that the atom rsa is present in the list returned by crypto:supports(public_keys).

Warning:

The RSA options are experimental.

The exact set of options and there syntax may be changed without prior notice.

Option	sign/verify	public encrypt private decrypt	private encrypt public decrypt
{rsa_padding,rsa_x931_pad	ding}		x
{rsa_padding,rsa_pkcs1_pad	lding}	х	x
{rsa_padding,rsa_pkcs1_pss {rsa_pss_saltlen, -2}	xp@dding} x (2)		

{rsa_mgf1_md, atom()}	x (2)		
{rsa_padding,rsa_pkcs1_oae} {rsa_mgf1_md, atom()} {rsa_oaep_label, binary()}} {rsa_oaep_md, atom()}	p_padding}	x (2) x (2) x (3) x (3)	
{rsa_padding,rsa_no_paddir	gs}(1)		

Table 5.7:

Notes:

- (1) OpenSSL # 1.0.0
- (2) OpenSSL # 1.0.1
- (3) OpenSSL # 1.1.0

DSS

DSS is available with OpenSSL versions compatible with Erlang CRYPTO if not disabled by configuration. To dynamically check availability, check that the atom dss is present in the list returned by crypto:supports(public_keys).

ECDSA

ECDSA is available with OpenSSL 0.9.80 or later if not disabled by configuration. To dynamically check availability, check that the atom ecdsa is present in the list returned by crypto:supports(public_keys). If the atom ec_gf2m also is present, the characteristic two field curves are available.

The actual supported named curves could be checked by examining the list returned by crypto:supports(curves).

EdDSA

EdDSA is available with OpenSSL 1.1.1 or later if not disabled by configuration. To dynamically check availability, check that the atom eddsa is present in the list returned by crypto:supports(public_keys).

Support for the curves ed25519 and ed448 is implemented. The actual supported named curves could be checked by examining the list with the list returned by crypto:supports(curves).

Diffie-Hellman

Diffie-Hellman computations are available with OpenSSL versions compatible with Erlang CRYPTO if not disabled by configuration. To dynamically check availability, check that the atom dh is present in the list returned by crypto:supports(public_keys).

Elliptic Curve Diffie-Hellman

Elliptic Curve Diffie-Hellman is available with OpenSSL 0.9.80 or later if not disabled by configuration. To dynamically check availability, check that the atom ecdh is present in the list returned by crypto:supports(public_keys).

The Edward curves x25519 and x448 are supported with OpenSSL 1.1.1 or later if not disabled by configuration.

The actual supported named curves could be checked by examining the list returned by crypto:supports(curves).

1.6 New and Old API

This chapter describes the new api to encryption and decryption.

1.6.1 Background

The CRYPTO app has evolved during its lifetime. Since also the OpenSSL cryptolib has changed the API several times, there are parts of the CRYPTO app that uses a very old one internally and other parts that uses the latest one. The internal definitions of e.g cipher names was a bit hard to maintain.

It turned out that using the old api in the new way (more about that later), and still keep it backwards compatible, was not possible. Specially as more precision in the error messages is desired it could not be combined with the old standard.

Therefore the old api (see next section) is kept for now but internally implemented with new primitives.

1.6.2 The old API

The old functions - deprecated from 23.0 and removed from OTP 24.0 - are for ciphers:

- block_encrypt/3
- block_encrypt/4
- block_decrypt/3
- block_decrypt/4
- stream init/2
- stream init/3
- stream_encrypt/2
- stream_decrypt/2
- next_iv/2
- next_iv/3

for lists of supported algorithms:

• supports/0

and for MACs (Message Authentication Codes):

- cmac/3
- cmac/4
- hmac/3
- hmac/4
- hmac_init/2
- hmac_update/2
- hmac_final/1
- hmac_final_n/2
- poly1305/2

1.6.3 The new API

Encryption and decryption

The new functions for encrypting or decrypting one single binary are:

- crypto_one_time/4
- crypto_one_time/5
- crypto_one_time_aead/6
- crypto_one_time_aead/7

In those functions the internal crypto state is first created and initialized with the cipher type, the key and possibly other data. Then the single binary is encrypted or decrypted, the crypto state is de-allocated and the result of the crypto operation is returned.

The crypto_one_time_aead functions are for the ciphers of mode ccm or gcm, and for the cipher chacha20-poly1305.

For repeated encryption or decryption of a text divided in parts, where the internal crypto state is initialized once, and then many binaries are encrypted or decrypted with the same state, the functions are:

- crypto_init/4
- crypto_init/3
- crypto_update/2
- crypto_final/1

The crypto_init initialies an internal cipher state, and one or more calls of crypto_update does the actual encryption or decryption. Note that AEAD ciphers can't be handled this way due to their nature.

For repeated encryption or decryption of a text divided in parts where the same cipher and same key is used, but a new initialization vector (nounce) should be applied for each part, the functions are:

- crypto_dyn_iv_init/3
- crypto_dyn_iv_update/3

An example of where those functions are needed, is when handling the TLS protocol.

If padding was not enabled, the call to crypto_final/1 may be excluded.

For information about available algorithms, use:

- supports/1
- hash_info/1
- cipher_info/1

The $next_iv/2$ and $next_iv/3$ are not needed since the $crypto_init$ and $crypto_update$ includes this functionality.

MACs (Message Authentication Codes)

The new functions for calculating a MAC of a single piece of text are:

- mac/3
- mac/4
- macN/4
- macN/5

For calculating a MAC of a text divided in parts use:

- mac init/2
- mac_init/3
- mac_update/2
- mac_final/1
- mac_finalN/2

1.6.4 Examples of the new api

Examples of crypto_init/4 and crypto_update/2

The functions crypto_init/4 and crypto_update/2 are intended to be used for encrypting or decrypting a sequence of blocks. First one call of crypto_init/4 initialises the crypto context. One or more calls crypto_update/2 does the actual encryption or decryption for each block.

This example shows first the encryption of two blocks and then decryptions of the cipher text, but divided into three blocks just to show that it is possible to divide the plain text and cipher text differently for some ciphers:

```
1> crypto:start().
2 \times Key = <<1:128>>.
<<0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,1>>
3> IV = <<0:128>>
4> StateEnc = crypto:crypto init(aes 128 ctr, Key, IV, true). % encrypt -> true
#Ref<0.3768901617.1128660993.124047>
5> crypto:crypto_update(StateEnc, <<"First bytes">>).
<<67,44,216,166,25,130,203,5,66,6,162>>
6> crypto:crypto_update(StateEnc, <<"Second bytes">>).
<<16,79,94,115,234,197,94,253,16,144,151,41>>
7> StateDec = crypto:crypto init(aes 128 ctr, Key, IV, false). % decrypt -> false
#Ref<0.3768901617.1128660994.124255>
8> crypto:crypto update(StateDec, <<67,44,216,166,25,130,203>>).
<<"First b">>
9> crypto:crypto_update(StateDec, <<5,66,6,162,16,79,94,115,234,197,
      94,253,16,144,151>>).
<<"ytesSecond byte">>
10> crypto:crypto_update(StateDec, <<41>>).
<<"s">>>
11>
```

Note that the internal data that the StateEnc and StateDec references are destructivly updated by the calls to crypto_update/2. This is to gain time in the calls of the nifs interfacing the cryptolib. In a loop where the state is saved in the loop's state, it also saves one update of the loop state per crypto operation.

For example, a simple server receiving text parts to encrypt and send the result back to the one who sent them (the Requester):

Example of crypto one time/5

The same example as in the previous section, but now with one call to crypto_one_time/5:

The [<<"First bytes">>, <<"Second bytes">>] could of course have been one single binary: <<"First bytesSecond bytes">>.

Example of crypto one time aead/6

The same example as in the previous section, but now with one call to crypto_one_time_aead/6:

The [<<"First bytes">>, <<"Second bytes">>] could of course have been one single binary: <<"First bytesSecond bytes">>.

Example of mac_init mac_update and mac_final

and compare the result with a single calculation just for this example:

```
7> crypto:mac(cmac, aes_128_cbc, Key, "First bytes last bytes"). <<68,191,219,128,84,77,11,193,197,238,107,6,214,141,160, 249>> 8> v(7) == v(6). true 9>
```

1.6.5 Retired cipher names

This table lists the retired cipher names in the first column and suggests names to replace them with in the second column.

The new names follows the OpenSSL libcrypto names. The format is ALGORITM_KEYSIZE_MODE.

Examples of algorithms are aes, chacha20 and des. The keysize is the number of bits and examples of the mode are cbc, ctr and gcm. The mode may be followed by a number depending on the mode. An example is the ccm mode which has a variant called ccm8 where the so called tag has a length of eight bits.

The old names had by time lost any common naming convention which the new names now introduces. The new names include the key length which improves the error checking in the lower levels of the crypto application.

Instead of:	Use:
aes_cbc128	aes_128_cbc
aes_cbc256	aes_256_cbc
aes_cbc	aes_128_cbc, aes_192_cbc, aes_256_cbc
aes_ccm	aes_128_ccm, aes_192_ccm, aes_256_ccm
aes_cfb128	aes_128_cfb128, aes_192_cfb128, aes_256_cfb128
aes_cfb8	aes_128_cfb8, aes_192_cfb8, aes_256_cfb8
aes_ctr	aes_128_ctr, aes_192_ctr, aes_256_ctr
aes_gcm	aes_128_gcm, aes_192_gcm, aes_256_gcm
des3_cbc	des_ede3_cbc
des3_cbf	des_ede3_cfb
des3_cfb	des_ede3_cfb
des_ede3	des_ede3_cbc
des_ede3_cbf	des_ede3_cfb

Table 6.1:

2 Reference Manual

The Crypto Application provides functions for computation of message digests, and encryption and decryption functions.

This product includes software developed by the OpenSSL Project for use in the OpenSSL Toolkit (http://www.openssl.org/).

This product includes cryptographic software written by Eric Young (eay@cryptsoft.com).

This product includes software written by Tim Hudson (tjh@cryptsoft.com).

For full OpenSSL and SSLeay license texts, see Licenses.

crypto

Application

The purpose of the Crypto application is to provide an Erlang API to cryptographic functions, see crypto(3). Note that the API is on a fairly low level and there are some corresponding API functions available in public_key(3), on a higher abstraction level, that uses the crypto application in its implementation.

DEPENDENCIES

The current crypto implementation uses nifs to interface OpenSSLs crypto library and may work with limited functionality with as old versions as **OpenSSL** 0.9.8c. FIPS mode support requires at least version 1.0.1 and a FIPS capable OpenSSL installation. We recommend using a version that is officially supported by the OpenSSL project. API compatible backends like LibreSSL should also work.

The crypto app is tested daily with at least one version of each of the OpenSSL 1.0.1, 1.0.2, 1.1.0, 1.1.1 and 3.0. FIPS mode is also tested for 1.0.1, 1.0.2 and 3.0.

Using OpenSSL 3.0 with Engines is supported since OTP 26.2.

Source releases of OpenSSL can be downloaded from the **OpenSSL** project home page, or mirror sites listed there.

CONFIGURATION

The following configuration parameters are defined for the crypto application. See app (3) for more information about configuration parameters.

```
fips_mode = boolean()
```

Specifies whether to run crypto in FIPS mode. This setting will take effect when the nif module is loaded. If FIPS mode is requested but not available at run time the nif module and thus the crypto module will fail to load. This mechanism prevents the accidental use of non-validated algorithms.

```
rand_cache_size = integer()
```

Sets the cache size in bytes to use by crypto:rand_seed_alg(crypto_cache) and crypto:rand_seed_alg_s(crypto_cache). This parameter is read when a seed function is called, and then kept in generators state object. It has a rather small default value that causes reads of strong random bytes about once per hundred calls for a random value. The set value is rounded up to an integral number of words of the size these seed functions use.

SEE ALSO

application(3)

crypto

Erlang module

This module provides a set of cryptographic functions.

Hash functions

SHA1, SHA2

Secure Hash Standard [FIPS PUB 180-4]

SHA3

SHA-3 Standard: Permutation-Based Hash and Extendable-Output Functions [FIPS PUB 202]

BLAKE2

BLAKE2 — fast secure hashing

MD5

The MD5 Message Digest Algorithm [RFC 1321]

MD4

The MD4 Message Digest Algorithm [RFC 1320]

MACs - Message Authentication Codes

Hmac functions

Keyed-Hashing for Message Authentication [RFC 2104]

Cmac functions

The AES-CMAC Algorithm [RFC 4493]

POLY1305

ChaCha20 and Poly1305 for IETF Protocols [RFC 7539]

Symmetric Ciphers

DES, 3DES and AES

Block Cipher Techniques [NIST]

Blowfish

Fast Software Encryption, Cambridge Security Workshop Proceedings (December 1993), Springer-Verlag, 1994, pp. 191-204.

Chacha20

ChaCha20 and Poly1305 for IETF Protocols [RFC 7539]

Chacha20_poly1305

ChaCha20 and Poly1305 for IETF Protocols [RFC 7539]

Modes

ECB, CBC, CFB, OFB and CTR

Recommendation for Block Cipher Modes of Operation: Methods and Techniques [NIST SP 800-38A]

GCM

Recommendation for Block Cipher Modes of Operation: Galois/Counter Mode (GCM) and GMAC [NIST SP 800-38D]

CCM

Recommendation for Block Cipher Modes of Operation: The CCM Mode for Authentication and Confidentiality [NIST SP 800-38C]

Asymmetric Ciphers - Public Key Techniques

```
RSA
    PKCS #1: RSA Cryptography Specifications [RFC 3447]
DSS
    Digital Signature Standard (DSS) [FIPS 186-4]
ECDSA
    Elliptic Curve Digital Signature Algorithm [ECDSA]
SRP
    The SRP Authentication and Key Exchange System [RFC 2945]
```

Note:

The actual supported algorithms and features depends on their availability in the actual liberypto used. See the crypto (App) about dependencies.

Enabling FIPS mode will also disable algorithms and features.

The CRYPTO User's Guide has more information on FIPS, Engines and Algorithm Details like key lengths.

Data Types

Ciphers

```
cipher() = cipher no iv() | cipher iv() | cipher aead()
cipher_no_iv() =
    aes_128_ecb | aes_192_ecb | aes_256_ecb | aes_ecb |
    blowfish_ecb | des_ecb | rc4
cipher iv() =
    aes_128_cbc | aes_192_cbc | aes_256_cbc | aes_cbc |
    aes_128_ofb | aes_192_ofb | aes_256_ofb | aes_128_cfb128 |
    aes_192_cfb128 | aes_256_cfb128 | aes_cfb128 | aes_128_cfb8 |
    aes_192_cfb8 | aes_256_cfb8 | aes_cfb8 | aes_128_ctr |
    aes_192_ctr | aes_256_ctr | aes_ctr | blowfish_cbc |
    blowfish_cfb64 | blowfish_ofb64 | chacha20 | des_ede3_cbc |
    des ede3 cfb | des cbc | des cfb | rc2 cbc
cipher aead() =
    aes 128 ccm | aes 192 ccm | aes 256 ccm | aes ccm |
    aes 128 gcm | aes 192 gcm | aes 256 gcm | aes gcm |
    chacha20 poly1305
Ciphers known by the CRYPTO application.
```

Note that this list might be reduced if the underlying libcrypto does not support all of them.

```
crypto opts() = boolean() | [crypto opt()]
crypto_opt() = {encrypt, boolean()} | {padding, padding()}
Selects encryption ({encrypt, true}) or decryption ({encrypt, false}).
padding() = cryptolib_padding() | otp_padding()
```

This option handles padding in the last block. If not set, no padding is done and any bytes in the last unfilled block is silently discarded.

```
cryptolib_padding() = none | pkcs_padding
```

The cryptolib_padding are paddings that may be present in the underlying cryptolib linked to the Erlang/OTP crypto app.

For OpenSSL, see the **OpenSSL documentation**. and find EVP_CIPHER_CTX_set_padding() in cryptolib for your linked version.

```
otp padding() = zero | random
```

Erlang/OTP adds a either padding of zeroes or padding with random bytes.

Data Types

Digests and hash

```
hash algorithm() =
    sha1()
    sha2()
    sha3()
    sha3_xof() |
    blake2() |
    ripemd160 |
    compatibility_only_hash()
hash xof algorithm() = sha3 xof()
hmac hash algorithm() =
    sha1() | sha2() | sha3() | compatibility_only_hash()
cmac cipher algorithm() =
    aes 128 cbc | aes 192 cbc | aes 256 cbc | aes cbc |
    blowfish_cbc | des_cbc | des_ede3_cbc | rc2_cbc
rsa digest type() = sha1() | sha2() | md5 | ripemd160
dss_digest_type() = sha1() | sha2()
ecdsa digest type() = sha1() | sha2()
sha1() = sha
sha2() = sha224 | sha256 | sha384 | sha512
sha3() = sha3 224 | sha3 256 | sha3 384 | sha3 512
sha3 xof() = shake128 | shake256
blake2() = blake2b | blake2s
compatibility only hash() = md5 | md4
```

The $compatibility_only_hash()$ algorithms are recommended only for compatibility with existing applications.

Data Types

Elliptic Curves

```
ec_named_curve() =
    brainpoolP160r1 | brainpoolP160t1 | brainpoolP192r1 |
    brainpoolP192t1 | brainpoolP224r1 | brainpoolP224t1 |
    brainpoolP256r1 | brainpoolP256t1 | brainpoolP320r1 |
    brainpoolP320t1 | brainpoolP384r1 | brainpoolP384t1 |
    brainpoolP512r1 | brainpoolP512t1 | c2pnb163v1 | c2pnb163v2 |
    c2pnb163v3 | c2pnb176v1 | c2pnb208w1 | c2pnb272w1 |
```

```
c2pnb304w1 | c2pnb368w1 | c2tnb191v1 | c2tnb191v2 |
    c2tnb191v3 | c2tnb239v1 | c2tnb239v2 | c2tnb239v3 |
    c2tnb359v1 | c2tnb431r1 | ipsec3 | ipsec4 | prime192v1 |
    prime192v2 | prime192v3 | prime239v1 | prime239v2 |
    prime239v3 | prime256v1 | secp112r1 | secp112r2 | secp128r1 |
    secp128r2 | secp160k1 | secp160r1 | secp160r2 | secp192k1
    secp192r1 | secp224k1 | secp224r1 | secp256k1 | secp256r1
    secp384r1 | secp521r1 | sect113r1 | sect113r2 | sect131r1
    sect131r2 | sect163k1 | sect163r1 | sect163r2 | sect193r1
    sect193r2 | sect233k1 | sect233r1 | sect239k1 | sect283k1
    sect283r1 | sect409k1 | sect409r1 | sect571k1 | sect571r1 |
    wtls1 | wtls10 | wtls11 | wtls12 | wtls3 | wtls4 | wtls5 |
    wtls6 | wtls7 | wtls8 | wtls9
edwards curve dh() = x25519 \mid x448
edwards curve ed() = ed25519 | ed448
Note that some curves are disabled if FIPS is enabled.
ec explicit curve() =
    {Field :: ec_field(),
     Curve :: ec curve(),
     BasePoint :: binary(),
     Order :: binary(),
     CoFactor :: none | binary()}
ec_field() = ec_prime_field() | ec_characteristic two field()
ec curve() =
    {A :: binary(), B :: binary(), Seed :: none | binary()}
Parametric curve definition.
ec_prime_field() = {prime_field, Prime :: integer()}
ec_characteristic_two_field() =
    {characteristic two field,
     M :: integer(),
     Basis :: ec_basis()}
ec basis() =
    {tpbasis, K :: integer() >= 0} |
    {ppbasis,
     K1 :: integer() >= 0,
     K2 :: integer() >= 0,
     K3 :: integer() >= 0 
    onbasis
Curve definition details.
Data Types
Keys
key integer() = integer() | binary()
```

Always binary() when used as return value

Data Types

```
Public/Private Keys
rsa public() = [key integer()]
rsa_private() = [key integer()]
rsa params() =
     {ModulusSizeInBits :: integer(),
     PublicExponent :: key_integer()}
 rsa_public() = [E, N]
 rsa_private() = [E, N, D] \mid [E, N, D, P1, P2, E1, E2, C]
Where E is the public exponent, N is public modulus and D is the private exponent. The longer key format contains
redundant information that will make the calculation faster. P1 and P2 are first and second prime factors. E1 and E2
are first and second exponents. C is the CRT coefficient. The terminology is taken from RFC 3447.
dss public() = [key integer()]
dss private() = [key integer()]
 dss_public() = [P, Q, G, Y]
Where P, Q and G are the dss parameters and Y is the public key.
 dss private() = [P, Q, G, X]
Where P, Q and G are the dss parameters and X is the private key.
ecdsa public() = key integer()
ecdsa private() = key integer()
ecdsa_params() = ec_named_curve() | ec_explicit_curve()
eddsa public() = key integer()
eddsa_private() = key_integer()
eddsa params() = edwards curve ed()
srp public() = key integer()
srp_private() = key_integer()
 srp_public() = key_integer()
Where is A or B from SRP design
 srp_private() = key_integer()
Where is a or b from SRP design
srp gen params() =
     {user, srp_user_gen_params()} | {host, srp_host_gen_params()}
srp comp params() =
     {user, srp user comp params()} |
     {host, srp host comp params()}
srp user gen params() = [DerivedKey::binary(), Prime::binary(),
```

Generator::binary(), Version::atom()]srp_host_gen_params() =

= [DerivedKey::binary(), Prime::binary(), Generator::binary(),

[Verifier::binary(), Prime::binary(), Version::atom()]srp_user_comp_params()

```
Version::atom() | ScramblerArg::list()]srp_host_comp_params() =
[Verifier::binary(), Prime::binary(), Version::atom() | ScramblerArg::list()]
```

Where Verifier is v, Generator is g and Prime is N, DerivedKey is X, and Scrambler is u (optional will be generated if not provided) from **SRP design** Version = '3' | '6' | '6a'

Data Types

Public Key Ciphers

Options for public key encrypt/decrypt. Only RSA is supported.

Warning:

The RSA options are experimental.

The exact set of options and there syntax **may** be changed without prior notice.

```
rsa_compat_opts() = [{rsa_pad, rsa_padding()}] | rsa_padding()
```

Those option forms are kept only for compatibility and should not be used in new code.

Data Types

Public Key Sign and Verify

Options for sign and verify.

Warning:

The RSA options are experimental.

The exact set of options and there syntax **may** be changed without prior notice.

Data Types

```
Diffie-Hellman Keys and parameters
dh public() = key integer()
dh_private() = key_integer()
dh_params() = [key_integer()]
 dh_params() = [P, G] | [P, G, PrivateKeyBitLength]
ecdh public() = key integer()
ecdh_private() = key_integer()
ecdh params() =
    ec_named_curve() | edwards_curve_dh() | ec_explicit_curve()
Data Types
Types for Engines
engine key ref() =
    #{engine := engine ref(),
      key id := key id(),
      password => password(),
      term() => term()}
engine ref() = term()
The result of a call to engine_load/3.
key id() = string() | binary()
Identifies the key to be used. The format depends on the loaded engine. It is passed to the
ENGINE_load_(private|public)_key functions in libcrypto.
password() = string() | binary()
The password of the key stored in an engine.
engine method type() =
    engine_method_rsa | engine_method_dsa | engine_method_dh |
    engine_method_rand | engine_method_ecdh |
    engine method ecdsa | engine method ciphers |
    engine method digests | engine method store |
    engine_method_pkey_meths | engine_method_pkey_asn1_meths |
    engine_method_ec
engine cmnd() = {unicode:chardata(), unicode:chardata()}
```

Pre and Post commands for engine_load/3 and /4.

Data Types

Internal data types

```
crypto_state()
hash_state()
mac_state()
```

Contexts with an internal state that should not be manipulated but passed between function calls.

Exceptions

Atoms - the older style

The exception error: badarg signifies that one or more arguments are of wrong data type, or are otherwise badly formed.

The exception error:notsup signifies that the algorithm is known but is not supported by current underlying liberypto or explicitly disabled when building that.

For a list of supported algorithms, see supports(ciphers).

3-tuples - the new style

The exception is:

```
error:{Tag, C_FileInfo, Description}

Tag = badarg | notsup | error
C_FileInfo = term() % Usually only useful for the OTP maintainer
Description = string() % Clear text, sometimes only useful for the OTP maintainer
```

The exception tags are:

badarg

Signifies that one or more arguments are of wrong data type or are otherwise badly formed.

notsup

Signifies that the algorithm is known but is not supported by current underlying libcrypto or explicitly disabled when building that one.

error

An error condition that should not occur, for example a memory allocation failed or the underlying cryptolib returned an error code, for example "Can't initialize context, step 1". Those text usually needs searching the C-code to be understood.

Usually there are more information in the call stack about which argument caused the exception and what the values where.

To catch the exception, use for example:

```
try crypto:crypto_init(Ciph, Key, IV, true)
    catch
    error:{Tag, _C_FileInfo, Description} ->
        do_something(.....)
    .....
end
```

Exports

```
crypto_init(Cipher, Key, FlagOrOptions) -> State
Types:
   Cipher = cipher_no_iv()
   Key = iodata()
   FlagOrOptions = crypto_opts() | boolean()
   State = crypto_state()
```

Uses the 3-tuple style for error handling.

Equivalent to the call $crypto_init(Cipher, Key, <<>>, FlagOrOptions)$. It is intended for ciphers without an IV (nounce).

```
crypto_init(Cipher, Key, IV, FlagOrOptions) -> State
Types:
    Cipher = cipher_iv()
    Key = IV = iodata()
    FlagOrOptions = crypto_opts()
    State = crypto state()
```

Uses the 3-tuple style for error handling.

Initializes a series of encryptions or decryptions and creates an internal state with a reference that is returned.

If IV = <<>>, no IV is used. This is intended for ciphers without an IV (nounce). See crypto init/3.

If IV = undefined, the IV must be added by calls to crypto_dyn_iv_update/3. This is intended for cases where the IV (nounce) need to be changed for each encryption and decryption. See crypto_dyn_iv_init/3.

The actual encryption or decryption is done by crypto_update/2 (or crypto_dyn_iv_update/3).

For encryption, set the FlagOrOptions to true or [{encrypt,true}]. For decryption, set it to false or [{encrypt,false}].

Padding could be enabled with the option {padding,Padding}. The cryptolib_padding enables pkcs_padding or no padding (none). The paddings zero or random fills the last part of the last block with zeroes or random bytes. If the last block is already full, nothing is added.

In decryption, the cryptolib_padding removes such padding, if present. The otp_padding is not removed - it has to be done elsewhere.

If padding is {padding, none} or not specified and the total data from all subsequent crypto_updates does not fill the last block fully, that last data is lost. In case of {padding, none} there will be an error in this case. If padding is not specified, the bytes of the unfilled block is silently discarded.

The actual padding is performed by crypto_final/1.

For blocksizes call cipher_info/1.

See examples in the User's Guide.

```
crypto_update(State, Data) -> Result
Types:
```

```
State = crypto_state()
Data = iodata()
Result = binary()
```

Uses the 3-tuple style for error handling.

It does an actual crypto operation on a part of the full text. If the part is less than a number of full blocks, only the full blocks (possibly none) are encrypted or decrypted and the remaining bytes are saved to the next crypto_update operation. The State should be created with crypto_init/3 or crypto_init/4.

See examples in the User's Guide.

```
crypto_dyn_iv_init(Cipher, Key, FlagOrOptions) -> State
Types:
    Cipher = cipher_iv()
    Key = iodata()
    FlagOrOptions = crypto_opts() | boolean()
    State = crypto state()
```

Uses the 3-tuple style for error handling.

Initializes a series of encryptions or decryptions where the IV is provided later. The actual encryption or decryption is done by crypto_dyn_iv_update/3.

The function is equivalent to crypto_init(Cipher, Key, undefined, FlagOrOptions).

```
crypto_final(State) -> FinalResult
Types:
    State = crypto_state()
    FinalResult = binary()
```

Uses the 3-tuple style for error handling.

Finalizes a series of encryptions or decryptions and delivers the final bytes of the final block. The data returned from this function may be empty if no padding was enabled in crypto_init/3,4 or crypto_dyn_iv_init/3.

```
crypto_get_data(State) -> Result
Types:
    State = crypto_state()
    Result = map()
```

Uses the 3-tuple style for error handling.

Returns information about the State in the argument. The information is the form of a map, which currently contains at least:

```
size
```

The number of bytes encrypted or decrypted so far.

```
padding_size
```

After a call to crypto_final/1 it contains the number of bytes padded. Otherwise 0. padding_type

The type of the padding as provided in the call to crypto_init/3,4. encrypt

Is true if encryption is performed. It is false otherwise.

```
crypto_dyn_iv_update(State, Data, IV) -> Result
Types:
   State = crypto_state()
   Data = IV = iodata()
   Result = binary()
```

Uses the 3-tuple style for error handling.

Do an actual crypto operation on a part of the full text and the IV is supplied for each part. The State should be created with crypto_dyn_iv_init/3.

```
crypto one time(Cipher, Key, Data, FlagOrOptions) -> Result
Types:
   Cipher = cipher_no_iv()
   Key = Data = iodata()
   FlagOrOptions = crypto opts() | boolean()
   Result = binary()
Uses the 3-tuple style for error handling.
As crypto_one_time/5 but for ciphers without IVs.
```

```
crypto one time(Cipher, Key, IV, Data, FlagOrOptions) -> Result
Types:
   Cipher = cipher_iv()
   Kev = IV = Data = iodata()
   FlagOrOptions = crypto opts() | boolean()
   Result = binary()
```

Uses the 3-tuple style for error handling.

Do a complete encrypt or decrypt of the full text in the argument Data.

For encryption, set the FlagOrOptions to true. For decryption, set it to false. For setting other options, see crypto_init/4.

See examples in the User's Guide.

```
crypto one time aead(Cipher, Key, IV, InText, AAD,
                     EncFlag :: true) ->
                        Result
crypto_one_time_aead(Cipher, Key, IV, InText, AAD, TagOrTagLength,
                     EncFlag) ->
                        Result
```

Types:

```
Cipher = cipher_aead()
Key = IV = InText = AAD = iodata()
TagOrTagLength = EncryptTagLength | DecryptTag
EncryptTagLength = integer() >= 0
DecryptTag = iodata()
EncFlag = boolean()
Result = EncryptResult | DecryptResult
EncryptResult = {OutCryptoText, OutTag}
DecryptResult = OutPlainText | error
OutCryptoText = OutTag = OutPlainText = binary()
```

Uses the 3-tuple style for error handling.

Do a complete encrypt or decrypt with an AEAD cipher of the full text.

For encryption, set the EncryptFlag to true and set the TagOrTagLength to the wanted size (in bytes) of the tag, that is, the tag length. If the default length is wanted, the crypto_aead/6 form may be used.

For decryption, set the EncryptFlag to false and put the tag to be checked in the argument TagOrTagLength. See examples in the User's Guide.

```
supports(Type) -> Support
Types:
   Type = hashs | ciphers | public keys | macs | curves | rsa opts
   Support = Hashs | Ciphers | PKs | Macs | Curves | RSAopts
   Hashs =
       [sha1() |
        sha2() |
        sha3() |
        sha3 xof() |
        blake2() |
        ripemd160 |
        compatibility_only_hash()]
   Ciphers = [cipher()]
   PKs = [rsa | dss | ecdsa | dh | ecdh | eddh | ec_gf2m]
   Macs = [hmac | cmac | poly1305]
   Curves =
       [ec named curve() | edwards curve dh() | edwards curve ed()]
   RSAopts = [rsa_sign_verify_opt() | rsa_opt()]
```

Can be used to determine which crypto algorithms that are supported by the underlying libcrypto library See hash_info/1 and cipher_info/1 for information about the hash and cipher algorithms.

```
mac(Type :: poly1305, Key, Data) -> Mac
Types:
    Key = Data = iodata()
    Mac = binary()
```

Uses the 3-tuple style for error handling.

Short for mac(Type, undefined, Key, Data).

Uses the 3-tuple style for error handling.

Computes a MAC (Message Authentication Code) of type Type from Data.

SubType depends on the MAC Type:

- For hmac it is a hash algorithm, see Algorithm Details in the User's Guide.
- For cmac it is a cipher suitable for cmac, see Algorithm Details in the User's Guide.
- For poly1305 it should be set to undefined or the mac/2 function could be used instead, see Algorithm
 Details in the User's Guide.

Key is the authentication key with a length according to the Type and SubType. The key length could be found with the hash_info/1 (hmac) for and cipher_info/1 (cmac) functions. For poly1305 the key length is 32 bytes. Note that the cryptographic quality of the key is not checked.

The Mac result will have a default length depending on the Type and SubType. To set a shorter length, use macN/4 or macN/5 instead. The default length is documented in Algorithm Details in the User's Guide.

Computes a MAC (Message Authentication Code) as mac/3 and mac/4 but MacLength will limit the size of the resultant Mac to at most MacLength bytes. Note that if MacLength is greater than the actual number of bytes returned from the underlying hash, the returned hash will have that shorter length instead.

The max MacLength is documented in Algorithm Details in the User's Guide.

Initializes the context for streaming MAC operations.

Type determines which mac algorithm to use in the MAC operation.

SubType depends on the MAC Type:

- For hmac it is a hash algorithm, see Algorithm Details in the User's Guide.
- For cmac it is a cipher suitable for cmac, see Algorithm Details in the User's Guide.
- For poly1305 it should be set to undefined or the mac/2 function could be used instead, see Algorithm Details in the User's Guide.

Key is the authentication key with a length according to the Type and SubType. The key length could be found with the hash_info/1 (hmac) for and cipher_info/1 (cmac) functions. For poly1305 the key length is 32 bytes. Note that the cryptographic quality of the key is not checked.

The returned State should be used in one or more subsequent calls to mac_update/2. The MAC value is finally returned by calling mac_final/1 or mac_finalN/2.

See examples in the User's Guide.

```
mac_update(State0, Data) -> State
Types:
    Data = iodata()
    State0 = State = mac_state()
```

Uses the 3-tuple style for error handling.

Updates the MAC represented by State0 using the given Data which could be of any length.

The StateO is the State value originally from a MAC init function, that is mac_init/2, mac_init/3 or a previous call of mac_update/2. The value StateO is returned unchanged by the function as State.

```
mac_final(State) -> Mac
Types:
```

```
State = mac state()
Mac = binary()
```

Finalizes the MAC operation referenced by State. The Mac result will have a default length depending on the Type and SubType in the mac_init/2,3 call. To set a shorter length, use mac_finalN/2 instead. The default length is documented in Algorithm Details in the User's Guide.

```
mac finalN(State, MacLength) -> Mac
Types:
   State = mac state()
   MacLength = integer() >= 1
   Mac = binary()
```

Uses the 3-tuple style for error handling.

Finalizes the MAC operation referenced by State.

Mac will be a binary with at most MacLength bytes. Note that if MacLength is greater than the actual number of bytes returned from the underlying hash, the returned hash will have that shorter length instead.

The max MacLength is documented in Algorithm Details in the User's Guide.

```
bytes to integer(Bin :: binary()) -> integer()
Convert binary representation, of an integer, to an Erlang integer.
compute key(Type, OthersPublicKey, MyPrivateKey, Params) ->
                SharedSecret
Types:
   Type = dh | ecdh | eddh | srp
   SharedSecret = binary()
   OthersPublicKey = dh_public() | ecdh_public() | srp_public()
   MvPrivateKev =
       dh private() | ecdh private() | {srp public(), srp private()}
   Params = dh_params() | ecdh_params() | srp_comp_params()
```

Uses the 3-tuple style for error handling.

Computes the shared secret from the private key and the other party's public key. See also public_key:compute_key/2

```
exor(Bin1 :: iodata(), Bin2 :: iodata()) -> binary()
Performs bit-wise XOR (exclusive or) on the data supplied.
generate key(Type, Params) -> {PublicKey, PrivKeyOut}
generate_key(Type, Params, PrivKeyIn) -> {PublicKey, PrivKeyOut}
Types:
   Type = dh | ecdh | eddh | eddsa | rsa | srp
   PublicKey =
       dh_public() | ecdh_public() | rsa_public() | srp_public()
   PrivKeyIn =
```

```
undefined |
    dh_private()
    ecdh private() |
    rsa private() |
    {srp_public(), srp_private()}
PrivKeyOut =
    dh private() |
    ecdh private() |
    rsa_private() |
    {srp public(), srp private()}
Params =
    dh_params() |
    ecdh_params() |
    eddsa params() |
    rsa params() |
    srp_comp_params()
```

Generates a public key of type Type. See also public_key:generate_key/1.

Note:

If the linked version of cryptolib is OpenSSL 3.0

- and the Type is dh (diffie-hellman)
- and the parameter P (in dh_params()) is one of the MODP groups (see RFC 3526)
- and the optional PrivateKeyBitLength parameter (in dh_params()) is present,

then the optional key length parameter must be at least 224, 256, 302, 352 and 400 for group sizes of 2048, 3072, 4096, 6144 and 8192, respectively.

Note:

RSA key generation is only available if the runtime was built with dirty scheduler support. Otherwise, attempting to generate an RSA key will raise the exception error:notsup.

```
hash(Type, Data) -> Digest
Types:
    Type = hash_algorithm()
    Data = iodata()
    Digest = binary()
Uses the 3-tuple style for error handling.
Computes a message digest of type Type from Data.
hash_xof(Type, Data, Length) -> Digest
Types:
```

```
Type = hash_xof_algorithm()
Data = iodata()
Length = integer() >= 0
Digest = binary()
```

Computes a message digest of type Type from Data of Length for the chosen xof_algorithm.

May raise exception error:notsup in case the chosen Type is not supported by the underlying liberypto implementation.

```
hash_init(Type) -> State
Types:
    Type = hash_algorithm()
    State = hash_state()
```

Uses the 3-tuple style for error handling.

Initializes the context for streaming hash operations. Type determines which digest to use. The returned context should be used as argument to hash_update.

```
hash_update(State, Data) -> NewState
Types:
    State = NewState = hash_state()
    Data = iodata()
```

Uses the 3-tuple style for error handling.

Updates the digest represented by Context using the given Data. Context must have been generated using hash_init or a previous call to this function. Data can be any length. NewContext must be passed into the next call to hash_update or hash_final.

```
hash_final(State) -> Digest
Types:
    State = hash_state()
    Digest = binary()
```

Uses the 3-tuple style for error handling.

Finalizes the hash operation referenced by Context returned from a previous call to hash_update. The size of Digest is determined by the type of hash function used to generate it.

```
info fips() -> not supported | not enabled | enabled
```

Provides information about the FIPS operating status of crypto and the underlying libcrypto library. If crypto was built with FIPS support this can be either enabled (when running in FIPS mode) or not_enabled. For other builds this value is always not_supported.

See enable_fips_mode/1 about how to enable FIPS mode.

Warning:

In FIPS mode all non-FIPS compliant algorithms are disabled and raise exception error:notsup. Check supports(ciphers) that in FIPS mode returns the restricted list of available algorithms.

```
enable_fips_mode(Enable) -> Result
Types:
    Enable = Result = boolean()
```

Enables (Enable = true) or disables (Enable = false) FIPS mode. Returns true if the operation was successful or false otherwise.

Note that to enable FIPS mode successfully, OTP must be built with the configure option --enable-fips, and the underlying liberypto must also support FIPS.

See also info_fips/0.

Provides a map with information about the compilation and linking of crypto.

Example:

```
1> crypto:info().
#{compile_type => normal,
    cryptolib_version_compiled => "OpenSSL 3.0.0 7 sep 2021",
    cryptolib_version_linked => "OpenSSL 3.0.0 7 sep 2021",
    link_type => dynamic,
    otp_crypto_version => "5.0.2"}
2>
```

More association types than documented may be present in the map.

```
info_lib() -> [{Name, VerNum, VerStr}]
Types:
   Name = binary()
   VerNum = integer()
   VerStr = binary()
```

Provides the name and version of the libraries used by crypto.

Name is the name of the library. VerNum is the numeric version according to the library's own versioning scheme. VerStr contains a text variant of the version.

```
> info_lib().
[{<<"OpenSSL">>,269484095,<<"OpenSSL 1.1.0c 10 Nov 2016"">>}]
```

Note:

From OTP R16 the **numeric version** represents the version of the OpenSSL **header files** (openssl/opensslv.h) used when crypto was compiled. The text variant represents the liberary used at runtime. In earlier OTP versions both numeric and text was taken from the library.

```
hash_info(Type) -> Result
Types:
    Type = hash_algorithm()
    Result =
        #{size := integer(),
            block_size := integer(),
            type := integer()}
```

Provides a map with information about block_size, size and possibly other properties of the hash algorithm in question.

For a list of supported hash algorithms, see supports(hashs).

```
cipher_info(Type) -> Result
Types:
    Type = cipher()
    Result =
        #{key_length := integer(),
            iv_length := integer(),
            block_size := integer(),
            mode := CipherModes,
            type := undefined | integer(),
            prop_aead := boolean()}
CipherModes =
          undefined | cbc_mode | ccm_mode | cfb_mode | ctr_mode |
            ecb_mode | gcm_mode | ige_mode | ocb_mode | ofb_mode |
            wrap mode | xts mode
```

Provides a map with information about block_size, key_length, iv_length, aead support and possibly other properties of the cipher algorithm in question.

Note:

The ciphers aes_cbc, aes_cfb8, aes_cfb128, aes_ctr, aes_ecb, aes_gcm and aes_ccm has no keylength in the Type as opposed to for example aes_128_ctr. They adapt to the length of the key provided in the encrypt and decrypt function. Therefore it is impossible to return a valid keylength in the map.

Always use a Type with an explicit key length,

For a list of supported cipher algorithms, see supports(ciphers).

```
mod_pow(N, P, M) -> Result
Types:
```

Decrypts the CipherText, encrypted with public_encrypt/4 (or equivalent function) using the PrivateKey, and returns the plaintext (message digest). This is a low level signature verification operation used for instance by older versions of the SSL protocol. See also public_key:decrypt_private/[2,3]

Uses the 3-tuple style for error handling.

Encrypts the PlainText using the PrivateKey and returns the ciphertext. This is a low level signature operation used for instance by older versions of the SSL protocol. See also public_key:encrypt_private/[2,3]

Uses the 3-tuple style for error handling.

Decrypts the CipherText, encrypted with private_encrypt/4(or equivalent function) using the PrivateKey, and returns the plaintext (message digest). This is a low level signature verification operation used for instance by older versions of the SSL protocol. See also public_key:decrypt_public/[2,3]

```
public_encrypt(Algorithm, PlainText, PublicKey, Options) ->
```

CipherText

Types:

```
Algorithm = pk_encrypt_decrypt_algs()
PlainText = binary()
PublicKey = rsa_public() | engine_key_ref()
Options = pk_encrypt_decrypt_opts()
CipherText = binary()
```

Uses the 3-tuple style for error handling.

Encrypts the PlainText (message digest) using the PublicKey and returns the CipherText. This is a low level signature operation used for instance by older versions of the SSL protocol. See also public_key:encrypt_public/[2,3]

```
rand seed(Seed :: binary()) -> ok
```

Set the seed for PRNG to the given binary. This calls the RAND_seed function from openssl. Only use this if the system you are running on does not have enough "randomness" built in. Normally this is when strong_rand_bytes/1 raises error:low_entropy

```
rand_uniform(Lo, Hi) -> N
Types:
    Lo, Hi, N = integer()
```

Generate a random number N , Lo =< N < Hi . Uses the crypto library pseudo-random number generator. Hi must be larger than Lo.

```
start() -> ok | {error, Reason :: term()}
```

Use application:start(crypto) instead.

Warning:

This function does not work if FIPS mode is to be enabled. FIPS mode will be disabled even if configuration parameter fips_mode is set to true. Use application:start(crypto) instead.

```
stop() -> ok | {error, Reason :: term()}
```

Use application:stop(crypto) instead.

```
strong rand bytes(N :: integer() >= 0) -> binary()
```

Generates N bytes randomly uniform 0..255, and returns the result in a binary. Uses a cryptographically secure prng seeded and periodically mixed with operating system provided entropy. By default this is the RAND_bytes method from OpenSSL.

May raise exception error: low_entropy in case the random generator failed due to lack of secure "randomness".

```
rand_seed() -> rand:state()
```

Creates state object for random number generation, in order to generate cryptographically strong random numbers (based on OpenSSL's BN_rand_range), and saves it in the process dictionary before returning it as well. See also rand:seed/1 and rand_seed_s/0.

When using the state object from this function the rand functions using it may raise exception error: low_entropy in case the random generator failed due to lack of secure "randomness".

Example

```
_ = crypto:rand_seed(),
_IntegerValue = rand:uniform(42), % [1; 42]
_FloatValue = rand:uniform(). % [0.0; 1.0[
```

```
rand seed s() -> rand:state()
```

Creates state object for random number generation, in order to generate cryptographically strongly random numbers (based on OpenSSL's BN_rand_range). See also rand:seed_s/1.

When using the state object from this function the rand functions using it may raise exception error:low_entropy in case the random generator failed due to lack of secure "randomness".

Note:

The state returned from this function cannot be used to get a reproducible random sequence as from the other rand functions, since reproducibility does not match cryptographically safe.

The only supported usage is to generate one distinct random sequence from this start state.

```
rand_seed_alg(Alg) -> rand:state()
Types:
```

```
Alg = crypto | crypto_cache
```

Creates state object for random number generation, in order to generate cryptographically strong random numbers, and saves it in the process dictionary before returning it as well. See also rand:seed/1 and rand_seed_alg_s/1.

When using the state object from this function the rand functions using it may raise exception error: low_entropy in case the random generator failed due to lack of secure "randomness".

Example

```
_ = crypto:rand_seed_alg(crypto_cache),
_IntegerValue = rand:uniform(42), % [1; 42]
_FloatValue = rand:uniform(). % [0.0; 1.0[
```

```
rand_seed_alg(Alg, Seed) -> rand:state()
Types:
```

```
Alg = crypto_aes
```

Creates a state object for random number generation, in order to generate cryptographically unpredictable random numbers, and saves it in the process dictionary before returning it as well. See also rand_seed_alg_s/2.

Example

```
rand_seed_alg_s(Alg) -> rand:state()
Types:
```

```
Alg = crypto | crypto_cache
```

Creates state object for random number generation, in order to generate cryptographically strongly random numbers. See also rand:seed_s/1.

If Alg is crypto this function behaves exactly like rand_seed_s/0.

If Alg is crypto_cache this function fetches random data with OpenSSL's RAND_bytes and caches it for speed using an internal word size of 56 bits that makes calculations fast on 64 bit machines.

When using the state object from this function the rand functions using it may raise exception error: low_entropy in case the random generator failed due to lack of secure "randomness".

The cache size can be changed from its default value using the crypto app's configuration parameter rand_cache_size.

When using the state object from this function the rand functions using it may throw exception low_entropy in case the random generator failed due to lack of secure "randomness".

Note:

The state returned from this function cannot be used to get a reproducible random sequence as from the other rand functions, since reproducibility does not match cryptographically safe.

In fact since random data is cached some numbers may get reproduced if you try, but this is unpredictable.

The only supported usage is to generate one distinct random sequence from this start state.

```
rand_seed_alg_s(Alg, Seed) -> rand:state()
Types:
```

```
Alg = crypto_aes
```

Creates a state object for random number generation, in order to generate cryptographically unpredictable random numbers. See also rand_seed_alg/1.

To get a long period the Xoroshiro928 generator from the rand module is used as a counter (with period 2^928 - 1) and the generator states are scrambled through AES to create 58-bit pseudo random values.

The result should be statistically completely unpredictable random values, since the scrambling is cryptographically strong and the period is ridiculously long. But the generated numbers are not to be regarded as cryptographically strong since there is no re-keying schedule.

- If you need cryptographically strong random numbers use rand_seed_alg_s/1 with Alg =:= crypto or Alg =:= crypto_cache.
- If you need to be able to repeat the sequence use this function.
- If you do not need the statistical quality of this function, there are faster algorithms in the rand module.

Thanks to the used generator the state object supports the rand: jump/0, 1 function with distance 2^512.

Numbers are generated in batches and cached for speed reasons. The cache size can be changed from its default value using the crypto app's configuration parameter rand_cache_size.

```
ec_curves() -> [EllipticCurve]
Types:
   EllipticCurve =
        ec_named_curve() | edwards_curve_dh() | edwards curve ed()
Can be used to determine which named elliptic curves are supported.
ec curve(CurveName) -> ExplicitCurve
Types:
   CurveName = ec named curve()
   ExplicitCurve = ec explicit curve()
Return the defining parameters of a elliptic curve.
sign(Algorithm, DigestType, Msg, Key) -> Signature
sign(Algorithm, DigestType, Msg, Key, Options) -> Signature
Types:
   Algorithm = pk_sign_verify_algs()
   DigestType =
        rsa digest type() |
        dss digest type() |
        ecdsa_digest_type() |
        none
   Msg = iodata() | {digest, iodata()}
   Key =
        rsa_private() |
        dss_private() |
        [ecdsa_private() | ecdsa_params()] |
        [eddsa_private() | eddsa_params()] |
        engine_key_ref()
   Options = pk sign verify opts()
   Signature = binary()
Uses the 3-tuple style for error handling.
Creates a digital signature.
The msg is either the binary "cleartext" data to be signed or it is the hashed value of "cleartext" i.e. the digest (plaintext).
Algorithm dss can only be used together with digest type sha.
See also public_key:sign/3.
verify(Algorithm, DigestType, Msg, Signature, Key) -> Result
verify(Algorithm, DigestType, Msg, Signature, Key, Options) ->
           Result
Types:
```

```
Algorithm = pk_sign_verify_algs()
DigestType =
    rsa_digest_type() |
    dss_digest_type() |
    ecdsa_digest_type() |
    none

Msg = iodata() | {digest, iodata()}
Signature = binary()
Key =
    rsa_public() |
    dss_public() |
    [ecdsa_public() | ecdsa_params()] |
    [eddsa_public() | eddsa_params()] |
    engine_key_ref()
Options = pk_sign_verify_opts()
Result = boolean()
```

Verifies a digital signature

The msg is either the binary "cleartext" data to be signed or it is the hashed value of "cleartext" i.e. the digest (plaintext).

Algorithm dss can only be used together with digest type sha.

See also public_key:verify/4.

Exports

```
privkey_to_pubkey(Type, EnginePrivateKeyRef) -> PublicKey
Types:
    Type = rsa | dss
    EnginePrivateKeyRef = engine_key_ref()
    PublicKey = rsa public() | dss public()
```

Fetches the corresponding public key from a private key stored in an Engine. The key must be of the type indicated by the Type parameter.

```
engine_get_all_methods() -> Result
Types:
    Result = [engine_method_type()]
```

Returns a list of all possible engine methods.

 $May\ raise\ exception\ \verb|error:notsup|\ in\ case\ there\ is\ no\ engine\ support\ in\ the\ underlying\ OpenSSL\ implementation.$

See also the chapter Engine Load in the User's Guide.

```
engine_load(EngineId, PreCmds, PostCmds) -> Result
Types:
    EngineId = unicode:chardata()
    PreCmds = PostCmds = [engine_cmnd()]
    Result =
```

```
{ok, Engine :: engine_ref()} | {error, Reason :: term()}
```

Loads the OpenSSL engine given by EngineId if it is available and intialize it. Returns ok and an engine handle, if the engine can't be loaded an error tuple is returned.

The function raises a error:badarg if the parameters are in wrong format. It may also raise the exception error:notsup in case there is no engine support in the underlying OpenSSL implementation.

See also the chapter Engine Load in the User's Guide.

```
engine_unload(Engine) -> Result
Types:
    Engine = engine_ref()
    Result = ok | {error, Reason :: term()}
```

Unloads the OpenSSL engine given by Engine. An error tuple is returned if the engine can't be unloaded.

The function raises a error:badarg if the parameter is in wrong format. It may also raise the exception error:notsup in case there is no engine support in the underlying OpenSSL implementation.

See also the chapter Engine Load in the User's Guide.

Get a reference to an already loaded engine with EngineId. An error tuple is returned if the engine can't be unloaded.

The function raises a error:badarg if the parameter is in wrong format. It may also raise the exception error:notsup in case there is no engine support in the underlying OpenSSL implementation.

See also the chapter Engine Load in the User's Guide.

```
engine_ctrl_cmd_string(Engine, CmdName, CmdArg) -> Result
Types:
    Engine = term()
    CmdName = CmdArg = unicode:chardata()
    Result = ok | {error, Reason :: term()}
```

Sends ctrl commands to the OpenSSL engine given by Engine. This function is the same as calling engine_ctrl_cmd_string/4 with Optional set to false.

The function raises a error:badarg if the parameters are in wrong format. It may also raise the exception error:notsup in case there is no engine support in the underlying OpenSSL implementation.

Types:

```
Engine = term()
CmdName = CmdArg = unicode:chardata()
Optional = boolean()
Result = ok | {error, Reason :: term()}
```

Sends ctrl commands to the OpenSSL engine given by Engine. Optional is a boolean argument that can relax the semantics of the function. If set to true it will only return failure if the ENGINE supported the given command name but failed while executing it, if the ENGINE doesn't support the command name it will simply return success without doing anything. In this case we assume the user is only supplying commands specific to the given ENGINE so we set this to false.

The function raises a error:badarg if the parameters are in wrong format. It may also raise the exception error:notsup in case there is no engine support in the underlying OpenSSL implementation.

```
engine_add(Engine) -> Result
Types:
    Engine = engine_ref()
    Result = ok | {error, Reason :: term()}
Add the engine to OpenSSL's internal list.
```

The function raises a error:badarg if the parameters are in wrong format. It may also raise the exception error:notsup in case there is no engine support in the underlying OpenSSL implementation.

```
engine_remove(Engine) -> Result
Types:
    Engine = engine_ref()
    Result = ok | {error, Reason :: term()}
```

Remove the engine from OpenSSL's internal list.

The function raises a error:badarg if the parameters are in wrong format. It may also raise the exception error:notsup in case there is no engine support in the underlying OpenSSL implementation.

```
engine_register(Engine, EngineMethods) -> Result
Types:
    Engine = engine_ref()
    EngineMethods = [engine_method_type()]
    Result = ok | {error, Reason :: term()}
```

Register engine to handle some type of methods, for example engine_method_digests.

The function raises a error:badarg if the parameters are in wrong format. It may also raise the exception error:notsup in case there is no engine support in the underlying OpenSSL implementation.

```
engine_unregister(Engine, EngineMethods) -> Result
Types:
    Engine = engine_ref()
    EngineMethods = [engine_method_type()]
    Result = ok | {error, Reason :: term()}
```

Unregister engine so it don't handle some type of methods.

The function raises a error:badarg if the parameters are in wrong format. It may also raise the exception error:notsup in case there is no engine support in the underlying OpenSSL implementation.

```
engine_get_id(Engine) -> EngineId
Types:
    Engine = engine_ref()
    EngineId = unicode:chardata()
```

Return the ID for the engine, or an empty binary if there is no id set.

The function raises a error:badarg if the parameters are in wrong format. It may also raise the exception error:notsup in case there is no engine support in the underlying OpenSSL implementation.

```
engine_get_name(Engine) -> EngineName
Types:
    Engine = engine_ref()
    EngineName = unicode:chardata()
```

Return the name (eg a description) for the engine, or an empty binary if there is no name set.

The function raises a error:badarg if the parameters are in wrong format. It may also raise the exception error:notsup in case there is no engine support in the underlying OpenSSL implementation.

```
engine_list() -> Result
Types:
    Result = [EngineId :: unicode:chardata()]
```

List the id's of all engines in OpenSSL's internal list.

It may also raise the exception error:notsup in case there is no engine support in the underlying OpenSSL implementation.

See also the chapter Engine Load in the User's Guide.

May raise exception error:notsup in case engine functionality is not supported by the underlying OpenSSL implementation.

Loads an engine given by EngineId and the path to the dynamic library implementing the engine. An error tuple is returned if the engine can't be loaded.

This function differs from the normal engine_load in the sense that it also add the engine id to OpenSSL's internal engine list. The difference between the first call and the following is that the first loads the engine with the dynamical engine and the following calls fetch it from the OpenSSL's engine list. All references that is returned are equal.

Use engine_unload/1 function to remove the references. But remember that engine_unload/1 just removes the references to the engine and not the tag in OpenSSL's engine list. That has to be done with the engine_remove/1 function when needed (just called once, from any of the references you got).

The function raises a error:badarg if the parameters are in wrong format. It may also raise the exception error:notsup in case there is no engine support in the underlying OpenSSL implementation.

See also the chapter Engine Load in the User's Guide.

```
hash_equals(BinA, BinB) -> Result
Types:
    BinA = BinB = binary()
    Result = boolean()
```

Constant time memory comparison for fixed length binaries, such as results of HMAC computations.

Returns true if the binaries are identical, false if they are of the same length but not identical. The function raises an error:badarg exception if the binaries are of different size.

```
pbkdf2_hmac(Digest, Pass, Salt, Iter, KeyLen) -> Result
Types:
   Digest = sha | sha224 | sha256 | sha384 | sha512
   Pass = Salt = binary()
   Iter = KeyLen = integer() >= 1
   Result = binary()
```

Uses the 3-tuple style for error handling.

PKCS #5 PBKDF2 (Password-Based Key Derivation Function 2) in combination with HMAC.