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Apple corecrypto Module v12.0 [Apple silicon, User, Software, SL1] FIPS 140-3 Non-Proprietary Security Policy

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1 General

This document is the non-proprietary FIPS 140-3 Security Policy for Apple corecrypto Module v12.0 [Apple silicon, User, Software, SL1] cryptographic module. It contains the security rules under which the module must operate and describes how this module meets the requirements as specified in FIPS PUB 140-3 (Federal Information Processing Standards Publication 140-3) for a Security Level 1 module.

This document provides all tables and diagrams (when applicable) required by NIST SP 800-140B. The column names of the tables follow the template tables provided in NIST SP 800-140B.

Table 1 describes the individual security areas of FIPS 140-3, as well as the Security Levels of those individual areas.

Table 1 - Security Levels

Cryptographic Module Specification

The Apple corecrypto Module v12.0 [Apple silicon, User, Software, SL1] cryptographic module (hereafter referred to as "the module") is a Software module running on a multi-chip standalone general-purpose computing platform. The version of module is 12.0. The module provides implementations of low-level cryptographic primitives to the Device OS's (iOS 15, iPadOS 15, watchOS 8, tvOS 15, T2OS 12 and macOS 12 Monterey) Security Framework and Common Crypto.

2.1 Tested Operational Environments

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2.2 Vendor-affirmed Operational Environments

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20	iOS 15	iPhone 12 Pro
21	iOS 15	iPhone 12 Pro Max
22	iOS 15	iPhone 13 mini
23	iOS 15	iPhone 13
24	iOS 15	iPhone 13 Pro
25	watchOS 8	Apple Watch SE
26	macOS 12 Monterey	MacBook Air
27	macOS 12 Monterey	Mac mini
28	macOS 12 Monterey	iMac (24-inch)

Table 3 - Vendor Affirmed Operational Environments

The CMVP makes no statement as to the correct operation of the module or the security strengths of the generated keys when so ported if the specific operational environment is not listed on the validation certificate.

2.3 Modes of operation

The module operates in Approved and Non-Approved mode of operation. The mode is implicit and is based on the service utilized.

The module is in the Approved mode of operation when the module utilizes the services that use the security functions listed in the Table 5 ,Table 6 and Table 7. The Approved mode of operation is configured in the system by default and can only be transitioned into the non-Approved mode by calling one of the non-Approved services listed in Table 14 - Non-Approved Services. If the device starts up successfully, then the module has passed all self-tests and is operating in the Approved mode.

Table 4 - Modes of Operation

2.4 Vendor Affirmed Algorithms

Table 5 - Vendor Affirmed Approved Algorithms

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2.5 Approved Algorithms

The table below lists all Approved security functions of the module, including specific key size(s) -in bits otherwise noted- employed for approved services. Not all algorithms tested with CAVP are used by the module.

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Table 6 - Approved Algorithms

2.6 Non-Approved Algorithms Allowed in the Approved Mode of Operation

There are no non-Approved but "Allowed functions" with security claimed algorithms in approved mode.

2.7 Non-Approved Algorithms Allowed in the Approved Mode of Operation with No Security Claimed

Table 7 - Non-Approved Algorithms Allowed in the Approved Mode of Operation with No Security Claimed

2.8 Non-Approved Algorithms Not Allowed in the Approved Mode of Operation

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Table 8 - Non-Approved Algorithms Not Allowed in the Approved Mode of Operation

2.9 Module components

Table 9 - Executable Code Sets

The module cryptographic boundary is delineated by the dotted green rectangle in the Figure 1. The Apple corecrypto Module v12.0 [Apple silicon, User, Software, SL1] executes within the user space of the computing platforms and operating systems listed in Table 2.

The tested operational environment's physical perimeter (TOEPP) is represented by the most exterior black line in the block diagram Figure 1.

Figure 1 - Block diagram

3 Cryptographic Module Interfaces

The underlying logical interfaces of the module are the C language Application Programming Interfaces (APIs). In detail these interfaces are described in (Table 10):

Table 10 - Ports and Interfaces

The module is optimized for library use within the Device OS user space and does not contain any terminating assertions or exceptions. It is implemented as a Device OS dynamically loadable library. After the dynamically loadable library is loaded, its cryptographic functions are made available to the Device OS application. Any internal error detected by the module is returned to the caller with an appropriate return code. The calling Device OS application must examine the return code and act accordingly.

The module communicates any error status synchronously through the use of its documented return codes, thus indicating the module's status.

Caller-induced or internal errors do not reveal any sensitive material to callers.

¹ The module does not implement a Control Output Logical Interface

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4 Roles, services, and authentication

4.1 Roles

The module supports a single instance of one authorized role: the Crypto Officer. No support is provided for multiple concurrent operators.

Table 11 - Roles

4.2 Authentication

FIPS 140-3 does not require an authentication mechanism for level 1 modules. Therefore, the module does not support an authentication mechanism for Crypto Officer. The Crypto Officer role is authorized to access all services provided by the module (see - Approved Services and - Non-Approved Services below).

4.3 Services

Table 12 - Security Function Implementations

The module implements a dedicated API function (section "Modes of Operation" above) to indicate if a requested service utilizes an approved security function. For services listed in Table Approved Services, the indicator function returns 1.

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² non-approved but allowed for TLS 1.0/1.1. Used in the context of TLS in conjunction with the approved algorithm SHA-1. No security claimed.

Table 13 - Approved Services

The abbreviations of the access rights to SSPs have the following interpretation:

- G = Generate: The module generates or derives the SSP.
- $R = Read$: The SSP is read from the module (e.g., the SSP is output).
- W = Write: The SSP is updated, imported, or written to the module.
- E = Execute: The module uses the SSP in performing a cryptographic operation.
- $Z =$ Zeroise: The module zeroises the SSP.

N/A = The service does not access any SSP during its operation.

Name	Description	Algorithms Accessed Role	
	Triple-DES encryption / decryption Modes CBC, CTR, CFB64, ECB, CFB8, OFB	Triple-DES	
RSA Key Encapsulation	The CAST does not perform the full KTS, only the raw RSA encrypt/ RSA encrypt/ decrypt decrypt.		ICO

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Table 14 - Non-Approved Services

5 Software/Firmware security

5.1 Integrity Techniques

The Apple corecrypto Module v12.0 [Apple silicon, User, Software, SL1] which is made up of a single component, is provided in the form of binary executable code. A software integrity test is performed on the runtime image of the module. The HMAC-SHA256 implemented in the module is used as the approved algorithm for the integrity test. If the test fails, the module enters an error state where no cryptographic services are provided, and data output is prohibited i.e., the module is not operational.

5.2 On-Demand Integrity Test

The module's integrity test can be performed on demand by power-cycling the computing platform. Integrity test on demand is performed as part of the Pre-Operational Self-Tests, automatically executed at power-on.

6 Operational Environment

The Apple corecrypto Module v12.0 [Apple silicon, User, Software, SL1] operates in a modifiable operational environment per FIPS 140-3 level 1 specifications. The module is supplied as part of Device OS, a commercially available general-purpose operating system executing on the computing platforms specified in section 2.

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7 Physical Security

The FIPS 140-3 physical security requirements do not apply to the Apple corecrypto Module v12.0 [Apple silicon, User, Software, SL1] since it is a software module.

8 Non-invasive Security

Currently, the ISO/IEC 19790:2012 non-invasive security area is not required by FIPS 140-3 (see NIST SP 800- 140F). The requirements of this area are not applicable to the module.

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9 Sensitive Security Parameter Management

The following table summarizes the keys and Sensitive Security Parameters (SSPs) that are used by the cryptographic services implemented in the module:

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Table 15 - SSPs

9.1 Random Number Generation

The NIST SP 800-90Arev1 approved deterministic random bit generator is a CTR_DRBG based on block cipher. The CTR_DRBG is using AES-256 with derivation function and without prediction resistance. The module performs DRBG health tests according to section 11.3 of [SP800-90Arev1]. The deterministic random bit generators are seeded by /dev/random. The /dev/random is the User Space interface.

No non-DRBG functions or instances are able to access the DRBG internal state

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Two entropy sources (one non-physical entropy source and one physical entropy source) residing within the TOEPP provide the random bits. The operator does not have the ability to modify the F5 entropy source (ES) configuration settings (see details in Public Use Document referenced in section 11.2).

The output of entropy pool provides 256-bits of entropy to seed and reseed SP800-90Arev1 DRBG during initialization (seed) and reseeding (reseed).

Table 16 – Non-Deterministic Random Number Generation Specification

9.2 Key / SSP Generation

The module generates Keys and SSPs in accordance with FIPS 140-3 IG D.H. The cryptographic module performs Cryptographic Key Generation (CKG) for asymmetric keys (RSA/ EC and DH) per [SP800-133r2] section 4 example 1 (vendor affirmed), compliant with [FIPS186-4], and using DRBG compliant with [SP800-90A]. A seed (i.e., the random value) used in asymmetric key generation is obtained from [SP800-90A] DRBG. The key generation service for RSA, ECDSA, Diffie-Hellman and EC Diffie-Hellman as well as the [SP 800-90A] DRBG have been ACVT tested with algorithm certificates found in Table 6.

The key derivation functions are as follows:

• PBKDF Key Derivation

The module implements a CAVP compliance tested key derivation function compliant to [SP800- 132], IG D.N. The service returns the key derived from the provided password to the caller. The length of the password used as input to PBKDFv2 shall be at least 8 characters and the worst-case probability of quessing the value is 10^8 assuming all characters are digits only. The user shall choose the password length and the iteration count in such a way that the combination will make the key derivation computationally intensive. PBKDFv2 is implemented to support the option 1a specified in section 5.4 of [SP800-132]. The keys derived from [SP800-132] maps to section 4.1 of [SP800-133rev2] as indirect generation from DRBG. The derived keys may only be used in storage applications.

• KBKDF Key Derivation

The KBKDF is compliant to [SP800-108rev1] and IG D.M. The module implements both Counter and Feedback modes with HMAC-SHA-1, HMAC-SHA2-224, HMAC-SHA2-256, HMAC-SHA2-384, or HMAC-SHA2-512 as the Pseudorandom Function (PRF). The module implements Counter mode with CMAC-AES128, CMAC-AES192, CMAC-AES256 as the PRFs.

9.3 Keys/ SSPs Establishment

The module provides the following key/SSP establishment services in the Approved mode:

• AES-Key Wrapping

The module implements a Key Transport Scheme (KTS) using AES-KW compliant to [SP800-38F], IG D.G. The SSP establishment methodology provides between 128 and 256 bits of encryption strength.

• Diffie-Hellman Shared Secret Computation

The module provides SP800-56Arev3 compliant key establishment according to FIPS 140-3 IG D.F scenario 2 path (1) with DH shared secret computation. The shared secret computation provides between 112 and 200 bits of encryption strength.

• EC Diffie-Hellman Shared Secret Computation

The module provides SP800-56Arev3 compliant key establishment according to FIPS 140-3 IG D.F scenario 2 path (1) with ECDH shared secret computation. The shared secret computation provides between 112 and 256 bits of encryption strength.

9.4 Keys/SSPs Import/Export

All keys and SSPs that are entered from, or output to module, are entered from or output to the invoking application running on the same device. Keys/SSPs entered into the module are electronically entered in plain text form. The module only outputs asymmetric keys in plain text form when key generation service is requested by the calling application.

9.5 Keys/SSPs Storage

Table 17 - Storage Areas

9.6 Keys/SSPs Zeroization

Keys and SSPs are explicitly zeroised when the appropriate context object is destroyed or when the system is powered down. Input and output interfaces are inhibited while zeroisation is performed.

10 Self-tests

While the module is executing the self-tests, services are not available, and input and output are inhibited. If the test fails either pre-operational and conditional self-tests, the module reports an error message indicating the cause of the failure and enters the Error State (See section 10.3). The module permits operators to initiate the pre-operational or conditional self-tests for on demand and periodic testing by rebooting the system (i.e., power-cycling).

10.1 Pre-operational Software Integrity Test

The module performs a pre-operational software integrity test automatically when the module is loaded into memory (i.e., at power on) before the module transitions to the operational state. A software integrity test is performed on the runtime image of the Apple corecrypto Module v12.0 [Apple silicon, User, Software, SL1] with HMAC-SHA256 which is an approved integrity technique.

Table 18 - Preoperational Self-Tests

10.2 Conditional Self-Tests

10.2.1 Conditional Cryptographic Algorithm Self-Tests

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Table 19 – Conditional Self-Tests

10.2.2 Conditional Pairwise Consistency Test

The Apple corecrypto Module v12.0 [Apple silicon, User, Software, SL1] generates RSA, Diffie-Hellman, EC Diffie-Hellman and ECDSA asymmetric keys and performs a pair-wise consistency tests on the newly generated key pairs.

10.3 Error States

If any of the above-mentioned self-tests described in Sections 10.1, 10.2.1 or 10.2.2 fail, the module reports the cause of the error and enters an error state. In the Error State, no cryptographic services are provided, and data output is prohibited. The only method to recover from the error state is to power cycle the device which results in the module being reloaded into memory and reperforming the pre-operational self-test and the conditional

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algorithm self-tests. The module will only enter into the operational state after successfully passing the preoperational self-test and the conditional self-tests.

Table 20- Error states

11 Life-cycle assurance

11.1 Installation, Initialization, and Startup Procedures

Startup Procedures: The module is built into Device OS defined in section 2 and delivered with the respective Device OS. There is no standalone delivery of the module as a software library.

Installation Process and Authentication Mechanisms: The vendor's internal development process guarantees that the correct version of module goes with its intended Device OS version. For additional assurance, the module is digitally signed by vendor, and it is verified during the integration into Host Device OS.

This digital signature-based integrity protection during the delivery/integration process is not to be confused with the HMAC-256 based integrity check performed by the module itself as part of its pre-operational self-tests.

11.2 Crypto Officer Guidance

The Approved mode of operation is configured in the system by default and can only be transitioned into the non-Approved mode by calling one of the non-Approved services listed in Table 14 - Non-Approved Services. If the device starts up successfully, then the module has passed all self-tests and is operating in the Approved mode.

The ESV Public Use Document (PUD) reference for physical entropy source is: https://csrc.nist.gov/CSRC/media/projects/cryptographic-module-validationprogram/documents/entropy/E14_PublicUse.pdf

The ESV Public Use Document (PUD) reference for non-physical entropy source is: https://csrc.nist.gov/projects/cryptographic-module-validation-program/entropy-validations/certificate/15

Apple Platform Certifications guide [platform certifications] and Apple Platform Security guide [SEC] are provided by Apple which offers IT System Administrators with the necessary technical information to ensure FIPS 140-3 Compliance of the deployed systems. This guide walks the reader through the system's assertion of cryptographic module integrity and the steps necessary if module integrity requires remediation.

11.3 Non-Administrator Guidance

Not Applicable

11.4 Design and Rules

The Crypto Officer shall consider the following requirements and restrictions when using the module.

• AES-GCM internal IV is constructed in compliance with IG C.H scenario 1.

The GCM IV generation follows RFC 5288 and shall only be used for the TLS protocol version 1.2; thus, the module is compliant with Section 3.3.1 SP 800-52r2. The counter portion of the IV is set by the module within its cryptographic boundary. The module does not implement the TLS protocol. The module's implementation of AES-GCM is used together with an application that runs outside the module's cryptographic boundary. The design of the TLS protocol implicitly ensures that the nonce_explicit, or counter portion of the IV will not exhaust all of its possible values.

The GCM IV generation follows RFC 4106 and shall only be used for the IPsec-v3 protocol version 3. The counter portion of the IV is set by the module within its cryptographic boundary. The module does not implement the IPsec protocol. The module's implementation of AES-GCM is used together with an application that runs outside the module's cryptographic boundary. The design of the IPsec protocol implicitly ensures that the nonce explicit, or counter portion of the IV will not exhaust all of its possible values.

In both protocols in case the module's power is lost and then restored, the key used for the AES GCM encryption/decryption shall be re-distributed. This condition is not enforced by the module; however, it is met implicitly. The module does not retain any state when power is lost. As indicated in Table 11, column Storage, the module exclusively uses volatile storage. This means that AES-GCM key/IVs are not persistently stored during power off: therefore, there is no re-connection possible when the power is back on with re-generation of the key used for GCM. After restoration of the power, the user of the module (e.g., TLS, IKE) along with User application that implements the protocol, must perform a complete new key establishment operation using new random numbers (Entropy input string, DRBG seed, DRBG internal state V and Key, shared secret values that are not retained during power cycle, see table 11) with subsequent KDF operations to establish a new GCM key/IV pair on either side of the network communication channel.

These protocols have not been reviewed or tested by the CAVP and CMVP.

- AES-XTS mode is only approved for hardware storage applications. The length of the AES-XTS data unit does not exceed 2²⁰ blocks. The module checks explicitly that Key_1 \neq Key_2 before using the keys in the XTS-Algorithm to process data with them compliant with IG C.I.
- RSA modulus size (IG C.F): In compliance with FIPS 186-4, the RSA signature verification is greater or equal to 1024 bits. All supported RSA modulus sizes have been CAVP tested.
- Legacy use (IG C.M): Per SP800-131r2, the SHA-1 within FIPS 186-4 RSA and ECDSA Digital Signature Verification is used in approved mode (for legacy use), the RSA 1024-bit modulus is used in approved mode for FIPS 186-4 signature verification (for legacy use).
- PBKDF see section 9.2
- KBKDF see section 9.2

11.5 End of Life

The module secure sanitization is accomplished by first powering the module down, which will zeroize all SSPs within volatile memory. Following the power-down, an uninstall by way of system wipe or system update will zeroize the binary file listed in section 2.9.

12 Mitigation of other attacks

The module does not claim mitigation of other attacks.

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Appendix A. Glossary and Abbreviations

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Appendix B. References

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