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Abstract

The cryptographic algorithms employed in internet security must be able to handle packets which may vary in size over a large range. Most of the cryptographic algorithms process messages by partitioning them into large blocks. Due to this fact the messages have to be prepared by padding the required amount of zero bits to get an integer number of blocks. This process contributes a considerable overhead when the short messages are more dominant in the message stream. Here in this thesis, analyses is focused on the performance of different message authentication code generator algorithm based on cipher block. These all variants of cipher based must have to share symmetric key before creating message authentication code. All variants of CBC MAC are implemented in JAVA. The result of empirical performance shows that two variants namely TMAC perform better for AES Encryption algorithm in larger size otherwise EMAC show the better result with the Triple DES symmetric algorithm. The result shows that, when consider only on the performance aspect. Cycle/byte is calculated for comparing different variants of CBC MAC. Cycle/byte is decreased when input size of message is increased. Advanced Encryption Standard (AES) algorithm shows good performance than TDES and it has better security features than DES. CBC-MAC is likely to be standardized as an AES mode of operation.

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LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

AES	Advanced Encryption Standard
API	Application Programming Interface
CBC MAC	Cipher block chaining Message Authentication Code
DES	Data Encryption Standard
EMAC	Encrypted Message Authentication Code
JVM	Java Virtual Machine
IDE	Integrated Development Environment
MAC	Message Authentication Code
OMAC	One- key Message Authentication Code
PKI	Public Key Infrastructure
PMAC	Parallelizable Message Authentication Code
SHA	Secure Hash Function
TDES	Triple Data Encryption Standard
TMAC	Two –key Message Authentication Code