

## Ruby master - Feature #6980

### OpenSSL support for AEAD additional authenticated data and tags

09/05/2012 04:11 AM - stouset (Stephen Touset)

<b>Status:</b>	Closed
<b>Priority:</b>	Normal
<b>Assignee:</b>	MartinBosslet (Martin Bosslet)
<b>Target version:</b>	2.0.0
<b>Description</b>	
<p>=begin I've added support to OpenSSL::Cipher to support AEAD modes of operation. AEAD modes allow for plaintext additional authentication data to be combined with a ciphertext to generate a "tag" (e.g., a MAC). This tag can then be verified during decryption to ensure the secret key, nonce (IV), additional authentication data, ciphertext, and tag have not been changed or manipulated.</p> <p>Usage can be inferred through documentation and tests.</p> <pre>cipher = OpenSSL::Cipher.new('aes-256-gcm') cipher.encrypt cipher.key = 'key' cipher.iv = 'iv' cipher.aad = 'aad'  ct = cipher.update('plain') tag = cipher.gcm_tag  cipher.reset cipher.decrypt cipher.key = 'key' cipher.iv = 'iv' cipher.gcm_tag = 'tag' cipher.aad = 'aad'  cipher.update(ct) + cipher.verify + cipher.final # =&gt; 'plain'  cipher.reset cipher.decrypt cipher.key = 'key' cipher.iv = 'iv' cipher.gcm_tag = 'tag' cipher.aad = 'aad'  cipher.update(ct[0..-2] &lt;&lt; ct[-1].succ) + cipher.verify + cipherfinal # =&gt; OpenSSL::Cipher::CipherError =end</pre>	

#### Associated revisions

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## History

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### #1 - 09/05/2012 04:14 AM - stouset (Stephen Touset)

- File `openssl_aead_ciphers.patch` added

Sorry, patch included unintentional whitespace changes. Reuploaded without whitespace changes.

### #2 - 09/05/2012 05:46 AM - MartinBosslet (Martin Bosslet)

- Status changed from *Open* to *Assigned*

- Assignee set to *MartinBosslet* (*Martin Bosslet*)

- Target version changed from *1.9.3* to *2.0.0*

### #3 - 09/05/2012 07:39 AM - stouset (Stephen Touset)

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=begin
I'm not necessarily happy with a GCM-specific (gcm_tag), and an (unimplemented but hypothetical) (ccm_tag) et al. But having a single (tag)
method that probed for which mode it was currently in seemed too magical. I'm open to ideas.
=end
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### #4 - 10/25/2012 08:27 AM - stouset (Stephen Touset)

I take it given the recent feature freeze that this will *not* make it into 2.0?

### #5 - 10/27/2012 07:35 AM - ko1 (Koichi Sasada)

Marin, how about this ticket?

### #6 - 11/14/2012 11:07 AM - MartinBosslet (Martin Bosslet)

This would definitely be on my list for 2.0. Sorry for not having been more responsive. I talked with nahi at RubyConf about the tickets that are still open at the moment. I will ask if it is possible to extend the feature freeze for some of the items, there might be a chance. I, too, would like to see this make it into 2.0!

### #7 - 11/24/2012 10:39 AM - mame (Yusuke Endoh)

- Priority changed from *Normal* to *5*

Please commit it before preview2, i.e., in this month, and make sure that it causes no problem.

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Yusuke Endoh [mame@tsq.ne.jp](mailto:mame@tsq.ne.jp)

### #8 - 12/20/2012 03:03 PM - Anonymous

- Status changed from *Assigned* to *Closed*

- % Done changed from *0* to *100*

This issue was solved with changeset r38488.

Stephen, thank you for reporting this issue.  
Your contribution to Ruby is greatly appreciated.  
May Ruby be with you.

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**#9 - 12/20/2012 03:10 PM - MartinBosslet (Martin Bosslet)**

Thanks again, Stephen! I changed the interface a bit to make it possible to support CCM mode as well once it will be available through the EVP interface. Instead of Cipher#gcm\_tag, it is now called Cipher#auth\_tag. Because of this change, I also made it Cipher#auth\_data=, to indicate that both belong together conceptually.

I also omitted the additional Cipher#verify method, since tag verification will be performed during the call to Cipher#final. I didn't want to introduce an additional method - this way the overall Cipher interface stays coherent.

**Files**

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openssl_aead_ciphers.patch	13.2 KB	09/05/2012	stouset (Stephen Touset)
openssl_aead_ciphers.patch	5.83 KB	09/05/2012	stouset (Stephen Touset)