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1 User's Guide

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Application

The purpose of the Crypto application is to provide message digest and DES encryption for SMNPv3. It provides computation of message digests MD5 and SHA, and CBC-DES encryption and decryption.

Configuration

The following environment configuration parameters are defined for the Crypto application. Refer to `application(3)` for more information about configuration parameters.

`debug = true | false <optional>`

Causes debug information to be written to standard error or standard output. Default is `false`.

OpenSSL libraries

The current implementation of the Erlang Crypto application is based on the *OpenSSL* package version 0.9.7 or higher. There are source and binary releases on the web.

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

The same URL also contains links to some compiled binaries and libraries of OpenSSL (see the **Related/Binaries** menu) of which the **Shining Light Productions Win32 and OpenSSL** pages are of interest for the Win32 user.

For some Unix flavours there are binary packages available on the net.

If you cannot find a suitable binary OpenSSL package, you have to fetch an OpenSSL source release and compile it.

You then have to compile and install the library `libcrypto.so` (Unix), or the library `libeay32.dll` (Win32).

For Unix The `crypto_drv` dynamic driver is delivered linked to OpenSSL libraries in `/usr/local/lib`, but the default dynamic linking will also accept libraries in `/lib` and `/usr/lib`.

If that is not applicable to the particular Unix operating system used, the example `Makefile` in the `Crypto priv/obj` directory, should be used as a basis for relinking the final version of the port program.

For Win32 it is only required that the library can be found from the `PATH` environment variable, or that they reside in the appropriate `SYSTEM32` directory; hence no particular relinking is need. Hence no example `Makefile` for Win32 is provided.

SEE ALSO

`application(3)`

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Erlang module

This module provides a set of cryptographic functions.

References:

- md4: The MD4 Message Digest Algorithm (RFC 1320)
- md5: The MD5 Message Digest Algorithm (RFC 1321)
- sha: Secure Hash Standard (FIPS 180-2)
- hmac: Keyed-Hashing for Message Authentication (RFC 2104)
- des: Data Encryption Standard (FIPS 46-3)
- aes: Advanced Encryption Standard (AES) (FIPS 197)
- ecb, cbc, cfb, ofb, ctr: Recommendation for Block Cipher Modes of Operation (NIST SP 800-38A).
- rsa: Recommendation for Block Cipher Modes of Operation (NIST 800-38A)
- dss: Digital Signature Standard (FIPS 186-2)

The above publications can be found at **NIST publications**, at **IETF**.

Types

```
byte() = 0 ... 255
ioelem() = byte() | binary() | iolist()
iolist() = [ioelem()]
Mpaint() = <<ByteLen:32/integer-big, Bytes:ByteLen/binary>>
```

Exports

start() -> ok

Starts the crypto server.

stop() -> ok

Stops the crypto server.

info() -> [atom()]

Provides the available crypto functions in terms of a list of atoms.

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">>, 9469983, <<"OpenSSL 0.9.8a 11 Oct 2005">>}]
```

md4(Data) -> Digest

Types:

Data = iolist() | binary()

Digest = binary()

Computes an MD4 message digest from Data, where the length of the digest is 128 bits (16 bytes).

md4_init() -> Context

Types:

Context = binary()

Creates an MD4 context, to be used in subsequent calls to md4_update/2.

md4_update(Context, Data) -> NewContext

Types:

Data = iolist() | binary()

Context = **NewContext** = binary()

Updates an MD4 Context with Data, and returns a NewContext.

md4_final(Context) -> Digest

Types:

Context = **Digest** = binary()

Finishes the update of an MD4 Context and returns the computed MD4 message digest.

md5(Data) -> Digest

Types:

Data = iolist() | binary()

Digest = binary()

Computes an MD5 message digest from Data, where the length of the digest is 128 bits (16 bytes).

md5_init() -> Context

Types:

Context = binary()

Creates an MD5 context, to be used in subsequent calls to md5_update/2.

md5_update(Context, Data) -> NewContext

Types:

Data = iolist() | binary()

Context = NewContext = binary()

Updates an MD5 Context with Data, and returns a NewContext.

md5_final(Context) -> Digest

Types:

Context = Digest = binary()

Finishes the update of an MD5 Context and returns the computed MD5 message digest.

sha(Data) -> Digest

Types:

Data = iolist() | binary()

Digest = binary()

Computes an SHA message digest from Data, where the length of the digest is 160 bits (20 bytes).

sha_init() -> Context

Types:

Context = binary()

Creates an SHA context, to be used in subsequent calls to sha_update/2.

sha_update(Context, Data) -> NewContext

Types:

Data = iolist() | binary()

Context = NewContext = binary()

Updates an SHA Context with Data, and returns a NewContext.

sha_final(Context) -> Digest

Types:

Context = Digest = binary()

Finishes the update of an SHA Context and returns the computed SHA message digest.

md5_mac(Key, Data) -> Mac

Types:

Key = Data = iolist() | binary()

Mac = binary()

Computes an MD5 MAC message authentication code from Key and Data, where the length of the Mac is 128 bits (16 bytes).

md5_mac_96(Key, Data) -> Mac

Types:

Key = Data = iolist() | binary()

Mac = binary()

Computes an MD5 MAC message authentication code from Key and Data, where the length of the Mac is 96 bits (12 bytes).

hmac_init(Type, Key) -> Context

Types:

Type = sha | md5 | ripemd160

Key = iolist() | binary()

Context = binary()

Initializes the context for streaming HMAC operations. **Type** determines which hash function to use in the HMAC operation. **Key** is the authentication key. The key can be any length.

hmac_update(Context, Data) -> NewContext

Types:

Context = **NewContext** = binary()

Data = iolist() | binary()

Updates the HMAC represented by **Context** using the given **Data**. **Context** must have been generated using an HMAC init function (such as *hmac_init*). **Data** can be any length. **NewContext** must be passed into the next call to *hmac_update*.

hmac_final(Context) -> Mac

Types:

Context = **Mac** = binary()

Finalizes the HMAC operation referenced by **Context**. The size of the resultant MAC is determined by the type of hash function used to generate it.

hmac_final_n(Context, HashLen) -> Mac

Types:

Context = **Mac** = binary()

HashLen = non_neg_integer()

Finalizes the HMAC operation referenced by **Context**. **HashLen** must be greater than zero. **Mac** will be a binary with at most **HashLen** bytes. Note that if **HashLen** is greater than the actual number of bytes returned from the underlying hash, the returned hash will have fewer than **HashLen** bytes.

sha_mac(Key, Data) -> Mac

Types:

Key = **Data** = iolist() | binary()

Mac = binary()

Computes an SHA MAC message authentication code from **Key** and **Data**, where the length of the **Mac** is 160 bits (20 bytes).

sha_mac_96(Key, Data) -> Mac

Types:

Key = **Data** = iolist() | binary()

Mac = binary()

Computes an SHA MAC message authentication code from **Key** and **Data**, where the length of the **Mac** is 96 bits (12 bytes).

des_cbc_encrypt(Key, IVec, Text) -> Cipher

Types:

Key = Text = iolist() | binary()**IVec = Cipher = binary()**

Encrypts `Text` according to DES in CBC mode. `Text` must be a multiple of 64 bits (8 bytes). `Key` is the DES key, and `IVec` is an arbitrary initializing vector. The lengths of `Key` and `IVec` must be 64 bits (8 bytes).

des_cbc_decrypt(Key, IVec, Cipher) -> Text

Types:

Key = Cipher = iolist() | binary()**IVec = Text = binary()**

Decrypts `Cipher` according to DES in CBC mode. `Key` is the DES key, and `IVec` is an arbitrary initializing vector. `Key` and `IVec` must have the same values as those used when encrypting. `Cipher` must be a multiple of 64 bits (8 bytes). The lengths of `Key` and `IVec` must be 64 bits (8 bytes).

des_cbc_ivec(Data) -> IVec

Types:

Data = iolist() | binary()**IVec = binary()**

Returns the `IVec` to be used in a next iteration of `des_cbc_[encrypt | decrypt]`. `Data` is the encrypted data from the previous iteration step.

des3_cbc_encrypt(Key1, Key2, Key3, IVec, Text) -> Cipher

Types:

Key1 = Key2 = Key3 = Text = iolist() | binary()**IVec = Cipher = binary()**

Encrypts `Text` according to DES3 in CBC mode. `Text` must be a multiple of 64 bits (8 bytes). `Key1`, `Key2`, `Key3`, are the DES keys, and `IVec` is an arbitrary initializing vector. The lengths of each of `Key1`, `Key2`, `Key3` and `IVec` must be 64 bits (8 bytes).

des3_cbc_decrypt(Key1, Key2, Key3, IVec, Cipher) -> Text

Types:

Key1 = Key2 = Key3 = Cipher = iolist() | binary()**IVec = Text = binary()**

Decrypts `Cipher` according to DES3 in CBC mode. `Key1`, `Key2`, `Key3` are the DES key, and `IVec` is an arbitrary initializing vector. `Key1`, `Key2`, `Key3` and `IVec` must and `IVec` must have the same values as those used when encrypting. `Cipher` must be a multiple of 64 bits (8 bytes). The lengths of `Key1`, `Key2`, `Key3`, and `IVec` must be 64 bits (8 bytes).

des_ecb_encrypt(Key, Text) -> Cipher

Types:

Key = Text = iolist() | binary()**Cipher = binary()**

Encrypts `Text` according to DES in ECB mode. `Key` is the DES key. The lengths of `Key` and `Text` must be 64 bits (8 bytes).

`des_ecb_decrypt(Key, Cipher) -> Text`

Types:

`Key = Cipher = iolist() | binary()`

`Text = binary()`

Decrypts `Cipher` according to DES in ECB mode. `Key` is the DES key. The lengths of `Key` and `Cipher` must be 64 bits (8 bytes).

`blowfish_ecb_encrypt(Key, Text) -> Cipher`

Types:

`Key = Text = iolist() | binary()`

`Cipher = binary()`

Encrypts the first 64 bits of `Text` using Blowfish in ECB mode. `Key` is the Blowfish key. The length of `Text` must be at least 64 bits (8 bytes).

`blowfish_ecb_decrypt(Key, Text) -> Cipher`

Types:

`Key = Text = iolist() | binary()`

`Cipher = binary()`

Decrypts the first 64 bits of `Text` using Blowfish in ECB mode. `Key` is the Blowfish key. The length of `Text` must be at least 64 bits (8 bytes).

`blowfish_cbc_encrypt(Key, IVec, Text) -> Cipher`

Types:

`Key = Text = iolist() | binary()`

`IVec = Cipher = binary()`

Encrypts `Text` using Blowfish in CBC mode. `Key` is the Blowfish key, and `IVec` is an arbitrary initializing vector. The length of `IVec` must be 64 bits (8 bytes). The length of `Text` must be a multiple of 64 bits (8 bytes).

`blowfish_cbc_decrypt(Key, IVec, Text) -> Cipher`

Types:

`Key = Text = iolist() | binary()`

`IVec = Cipher = binary()`

Decrypts `Text` using Blowfish in CBC mode. `Key` is the Blowfish key, and `IVec` is an arbitrary initializing vector. The length of `IVec` must be 64 bits (8 bytes). The length of `Text` must be a multiple 64 bits (8 bytes).

`blowfish_cfb64_encrypt(Key, IVec, Text) -> Cipher`

Types:

`Key = Text = iolist() | binary()`

`IVec = Cipher = binary()`

Encrypts `Text` using Blowfish in CFB mode with 64 bit feedback. `Key` is the Blowfish key, and `IVec` is an arbitrary initializing vector. The length of `IVec` must be 64 bits (8 bytes).

blowfish_cfb64_decrypt(Key, IVec, Text) -> Cipher

Types:

Key = Text = iolist() | binary()**IVec = Cipher = binary()**

Decrypts `Text` using Blowfish in CFB mode with 64 bit feedback. `Key` is the Blowfish key, and `IVec` is an arbitrary initializing vector. The length of `IVec` must be 64 bits (8 bytes).

blowfish_ofb64_encrypt(Key, IVec, Text) -> Cipher

Types:

Key = Text = iolist() | binary()**IVec = Cipher = binary()**

Encrypts `Text` using Blowfish in OFB mode with 64 bit feedback. `Key` is the Blowfish key, and `IVec` is an arbitrary initializing vector. The length of `IVec` must be 64 bits (8 bytes).

aes_cfb_128_encrypt(Key, IVec, Text) -> Cipher**aes_cbc_128_encrypt(Key, IVec, Text) -> Cipher**

Types:

Key = Text = iolist() | binary()**IVec = Cipher = binary()**

Encrypts `Text` according to AES in Cipher Feedback mode (CFB) or Cipher Block Chaining mode (CBC). `Text` must be a multiple of 128 bits (16 bytes). `Key` is the AES key, and `IVec` is an arbitrary initializing vector. The lengths of `Key` and `IVec` must be 128 bits (16 bytes).

aes_cfb_128_decrypt(Key, IVec, Cipher) -> Text**aes_cbc_128_decrypt(Key, IVec, Cipher) -> Text**

Types:

Key = Cipher = iolist() | binary()**IVec = Text = binary()**

Decrypts `Cipher` according to Cipher Feedback Mode (CFB) or Cipher Block Chaining mode (CBC). `Key` is the AES key, and `IVec` is an arbitrary initializing vector. `Key` and `IVec` must have the same values as those used when encrypting. `Cipher` must be a multiple of 128 bits (16 bytes). The lengths of `Key` and `IVec` must be 128 bits (16 bytes).

aes_cbc_ivec(Data) -> IVec

Types:

Data = iolist() | binary()**IVec = binary()**

Returns the `IVec` to be used in a next iteration of `aes_cbc_*_[encrypt|decrypt]`. `Data` is the encrypted data from the previous iteration step.

aes_ctr_encrypt(Key, IVec, Text) -> Cipher

Types:

Key = Text = iolist() | binary()

IVec = Cipher = binary()

Encrypts **Text** according to AES in Counter mode (CTR). **Text** can be any number of bytes. **Key** is the AES key and must be either 128, 192 or 256 bits long. **IVec** is an arbitrary initializing vector of 128 bits (16 bytes).

aes_ctr_decrypt(Key, IVec, Cipher) -> Text

Types:

Key = Cipher = iolist() | binary()

IVec = Text = binary()

Decrypts **Cipher** according to AES in Counter mode (CTR). **Cipher** can be any number of bytes. **Key** is the AES key and must be either 128, 192 or 256 bits long. **IVec** is an arbitrary initializing vector of 128 bits (16 bytes).

aes_ctr_stream_init(Key, IVec) -> State

Types:

State = { K, I, E, C }

Key = K = iolist()

IVec = I = E = binary()

C = integer()

Initializes the state for use in streaming AES encryption using Counter mode (CTR). **Key** is the AES key and must be either 128, 192, or 256 bits long. **IVec** is an arbitrary initializing vector of 128 bits (16 bytes). This state is for use with *aes_ctr_stream_encrypt* and *aes_ctr_stream_decrypt*.

aes_ctr_stream_encrypt(State, Text) -> { NewState, Cipher }

Types:

Text = iolist() | binary()

Cipher = binary()

Encrypts **Text** according to AES in Counter mode (CTR). This function can be used to encrypt a stream of text using a series of calls instead of requiring all text to be in memory. **Text** can be any number of bytes. State is initialized using *aes_ctr_stream_init*. **NewState** is the new streaming encryption state that must be passed to the next call to *aes_ctr_stream_encrypt*. **Cipher** is the encrypted cipher text.

aes_ctr_stream_decrypt(State, Cipher) -> { NewState, Text }

Types:

Cipher = iolist() | binary()

Text = binary()

Decrypts **Cipher** according to AES in Counter mode (CTR). This function can be used to decrypt a stream of ciphertext using a series of calls instead of requiring all ciphertext to be in memory. **Cipher** can be any number of bytes. State is initialized using *aes_ctr_stream_init*. **NewState** is the new streaming encryption state that must be passed to the next call to *aes_ctr_stream_encrypt*. **Text** is the decrypted data.

erlint(Mpint) -> N

mpint(N) -> Mpint

Types:

Mpint = binary()

N = integer()

Convert a binary multi-precision integer `Mpint` to and from an erlang big integer. A multi-precision integer is a binary with the following form: `<<ByteLen:32/integer, Bytes:ByteLen/binary>>` where both `ByteLen` and `Bytes` are big-endian. `Mpints` are used in some of the functions in `crypto` and are not translated in the API for performance reasons.

rand_bytes(N) -> binary()

Types:

N = integer()

Generates `N` bytes randomly uniform 0..255, and returns the result in a binary. Uses the `crypto` library pseudo-random number generator.

strong_rand_bytes(N) -> binary()

Types:

N = integer()

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 throw exception `low_entropy` in case the random generator failed due to lack of secure "randomness".

rand_uniform(Lo, Hi) -> N

Types:

Lo, Hi, N = Mpint | integer()

Mpint = binary()

Generate a random number `N`, `Lo <= N < Hi`. Uses the `crypto` library pseudo-random number generator. The arguments (and result) can be either erlang integers or binary multi-precision integers.

strong_rand_mpint(N, Top, Bottom) -> Mpint

Types:

N = non_neg_integer()

Top = -1 | 0 | 1

Bottom = 0 | 1

Mpint = binary()

Generate an `N` bit random number using OpenSSL's cryptographically strong pseudo random number generator `BN_rand`.

The parameter `Top` places constraints on the most significant bits of the generated number. If `Top` is 1, then the two most significant bits will be set to 1, if `Top` is 0, the most significant bit will be 1, and if `Top` is -1 then no constraints are applied and thus the generated number may be less than `N` bits long.

If `Bottom` is 1, then the generated number is constrained to be odd.

May throw exception `low_entropy` in case the random generator failed due to lack of secure "randomness".

mod_exp(N, P, M) -> Result

Types:

N, P, M, Result = Mpint

Mpint = binary()

This function performs the exponentiation $N^P \bmod M$, using the crypto library.

rsa_sign(Data, Key) -> Signature

rsa_sign(DigestType, Data, Key) -> Signature

Types:

Data = Mpint

Key = [E, N, D]

E, N, D = Mpint

Where E is the public exponent, N is public modulus and D is the private exponent.

DigestType = md5 | sha

The default DigestType is sha.

Mpint = binary()

Signature = binary()

Calculates a DigestType digest of the Data and creates a RSA signature with the private key Key of the digest.

rsa_verify(Data, Signature, Key) -> Verified

rsa_verify(DigestType, Data, Signature, Key) -> Verified

Types:

Verified = boolean()

Data, Signature = Mpint

Key = [E, N]

E, N = Mpint

Where E is the public exponent and N is public modulus.

DigestType = md5 | sha

The default DigestType is sha.

Mpint = binary()

Calculates a DigestType digest of the Data and verifies that the digest matches the RSA signature using the signer's public key Key.

rsa_public_encrypt(PlainText, PublicKey, Padding) -> ChipherText

Types:

PlainText = binary()

PublicKey = [E, N]

E, N = Mpint

Where E is the public exponent and N is public modulus.

Padding = rsa_pkcs1_padding | rsa_pkcs1_oaep_padding | rsa_no_padding

ChipherText = binary()

Encrypts the PlainText (usually a session key) using the PublicKey and returns the cipher. The Padding decides what padding mode is used, rsa_pkcs1_padding is PKCS #1 v1.5 currently the most used mode and rsa_pkcs1_oaep_padding is EME-OAEP as defined in PKCS #1 v2.0 with SHA-1, MGF1 and an empty encoding parameter. This mode is recommended for all new applications. The size of the Msg must be less than

byte_size(N)-11 if `rsa_pkcs1_padding` is used, byte_size(N)-41 if `rsa_pkcs1_oaep_padding` is used and byte_size(N) if `rsa_no_padding` is used. Where byte_size(N) is the size part of an Mpint -1.

rsa_private_decrypt(ChipherText, PrivateKey, Padding) -> PlainText

Types:

ChipherText = binary()

PrivateKey = [E, N, D]

E, N, D = Mpint

Where E is the public exponent, N is public modulus and D is the private exponent.

Padding = `rsa_pkcs1_padding` | `rsa_pkcs1_oaep_padding` | `rsa_no_padding`

PlainText = binary()

Decrypts the ChipherText (usually a session key encrypted with `rsa_public_encrypt/3`) using the PrivateKey and returns the message. The Padding is the padding mode that was used to encrypt the data, see `rsa_public_encrypt/3`.

rsa_private_encrypt(PlainText, PrivateKey, Padding) -> ChipherText

Types:

PlainText = binary()

PrivateKey = [E, N, D]

E, N, D = Mpint

Where E is the public exponent, N is public modulus and D is the private exponent.

Padding = `rsa_pkcs1_padding` | `rsa_no_padding`

ChipherText = binary()

Encrypts the PlainText using the PrivateKey and returns the cipher. The Padding decides what padding mode is used, `rsa_pkcs1_padding` is PKCS #1 v1.5 currently the most used mode. The size of the Msg must be less than byte_size(N) -11 if `rsa_pkcs1_padding` is used, and byte_size(N) if `rsa_no_padding` is used. Where byte_size(N) is the size part of an Mpint -1.

rsa_public_decrypt(ChipherText, PublicKey, Padding) -> PlainText

Types:

ChipherText = binary()

PublicKey = [E, N]

E, N = Mpint

Where E is the public exponent and N is public modulus

Padding = `rsa_pkcs1_padding` | `rsa_no_padding`

PlainText = binary()

Decrypts the ChipherText (encrypted with `rsa_private_encrypt/3`) using the PrivateKey and returns the message. The Padding is the padding mode that was used to encrypt the data, see `rsa_private_encrypt/3`.

dss_sign(Data, Key) -> Signature

dss_sign(DigestType, Data, Key) -> Signature

Types:

DigestType = `sha` | `none` (default is sha)

Data = Mpint | ShaDigest

Key = [P, Q, G, X]

P, Q, G, X = Mpint

Where P, Q and G are the dss parameters and X is the private key.

ShaDigest = binary() with length 20 bytes

Signature = binary()

Creates a DSS signature with the private key Key of a digest. If DigestType is 'sha', the digest is calculated as SHA1 of Data. If DigestType is 'none', Data is the precalculated SHA1 digest.

dss_verify(Data, Signature, Key) -> Verified

dss_verify(DigestType, Data, Signature, Key) -> Verified

Types:

Verified = boolean()

DigestType = sha | none

Data = Mpint | ShaDigest

Signature = Mpint

Key = [P, Q, G, Y]

P, Q, G, Y = Mpint

Where P, Q and G are the dss parameters and Y is the public key.

ShaDigest = binary() with length 20 bytes

Verifies that a digest matches the DSS signature using the public key Key. If DigestType is 'sha', the digest is calculated as SHA1 of Data. If DigestType is 'none', Data is the precalculated SHA1 digest.

rc4_encrypt(Key, Data) -> Result

Types:

Key, Data = iolist() | binary()

Result = binary()

Encrypts the data with RC4 symmetric stream encryption. Since it is symmetric, the same function is used for decryption.

dh_generate_key(DHParams) -> {PublicKey, PrivateKey}

dh_generate_key(PrivateKey, DHParams) -> {PublicKey, PrivateKey}

Types:

DHParameters = [P, G]

P, G = Mpint

Where P is the shared prime number and G is the shared generator.

PublicKey, PrivateKey = Mpint()

Generates a Diffie-Hellman PublicKey and PrivateKey (if not given).

dh_compute_key(OtherPublicKey, MyPrivateKey, DHParams) -> SharedSecret

Types:

DHParameters = [P, G]

P, G = Mpint

Where P is the shared prime number and G is the shared generator.

OthersPublicKey, MyPrivateKey = Mpint()

SharedSecret = binary()

Computes the shared secret from the private key and the other party's public key.

exor(Data1, Data2) -> Result

Types:

Data1, Data2 = iolist() | binary()

Result = binary()

Performs bit-wise XOR (exclusive or) on the data supplied.

DES in CBC mode

The Data Encryption Standard (DES) defines an algorithm for encrypting and decrypting an 8 byte quantity using an 8 byte key (actually only 56 bits of the key is used).

When it comes to encrypting and decrypting blocks that are multiples of 8 bytes various modes are defined (NIST SP 800-38A). One of those modes is the Cipher Block Chaining (CBC) mode, where the encryption of an 8 byte segment depend not only of the contents of the segment itself, but also on the result of encrypting the previous segment: the encryption of the previous segment becomes the initializing vector of the encryption of the current segment.

Thus the encryption of every segment depends on the encryption key (which is secret) and the encryption of the previous segment, except the first segment which has to be provided with an initial initializing vector. That vector could be chosen at random, or be a counter of some kind. It does not have to be secret.

The following example is drawn from the old FIPS 81 standard (replaced by NIST SP 800-38A), where both the plain text and the resulting cipher text is settled. The following code fragment returns `true`.

```
Key = <<16#01,16#23,16#45,16#67,16#89,16#ab,16#cd,16#ef>>,
IVec = <<16#12,16#34,16#56,16#78,16#90,16#ab,16#cd,16#ef>>,
P = "Now is the time for all ",
C = crypto:des_cbc_encrypt(Key, IVec, P),
    % Which is the same as
P1 = "Now is t", P2 = "he time ", P3 = "for all ",
C1 = crypto:des_cbc_encrypt(Key, IVec, P1),
C2 = crypto:des_cbc_encrypt(Key, C1, P2),
C3 = crypto:des_cbc_encrypt(Key, C2, P3),

C = <<C1/binary, C2/binary, C3/binary>>,
C = <<16#e5,16#c7,16#cd,16#de,16#87,16#2b,16#f2,16#7c,
    16#43,16#e9,16#34,16#00,16#8c,16#38,16#9c,16#0f,
    16#68,16#37,16#88,16#49,16#9a,16#7c,16#05,16#f6>>,
<<"Now is the time for all ">> ==
    crypto:des_cbc_decrypt(Key, IVec, C).
```

The following is true for the DES CBC mode. For all decompositions $P1 \mathrel{++} P2 = P$ of a plain text message P (where the length of all quantities are multiples of 8 bytes), the encryption C of P is equal to $C1 \mathrel{++} C2$, where C1 is obtained by encrypting P1 with Key and the initializing vector IVec, and where C2 is obtained by encrypting P2 with Key and the initializing vector $\text{last8}(C1)$, where $\text{last}(\text{Binary})$ denotes the last 8 bytes of the binary Binary.

Similarly, for all decompositions $C1 \mathrel{++} C2 = C$ of a cipher text message C (where the length of all quantities are multiples of 8 bytes), the decryption P of C is equal to $P1 \mathrel{++} P2$, where $P1$ is obtained by decrypting $C1$ with Key and the initializing vector $IVec$, and where $P2$ is obtained by decrypting $C2$ with Key and the initializing vector $last8(C1)$, where $last8(Binary)$ is as above.

For DES3 (which uses three 64 bit keys) the situation is the same.