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Subject: Cypher package - An extensible Encryption package

Posted by [mdelfede](#) on Sat, 02 Oct 2010 23:42:41 GMT

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I uploaded the very first implementation of a generic encryption package, as discussed in topic

<http://www.ultimatepp.org/forum/index.php?t=msg&th=5568& amp; amp; amp;start=0&>

I tried to have an interface as modular as possible in order to be able to merge all current Encryption packages.

It has a base class defining the interface; supports String, Block and Streaming encryption. By now it implements RC4 and Snow2 Streaming symmetric encryptors.

Other modules should derive from CypherBase class and implement ALL of its pure virtual functions in order to keep the interface identical.

Package still miss error handling, it'll implemented when we'll agree on the interface proposed. Docs are missing too, for the same reason.

There's also an extensible testing application, which allow to select the encryption module, the encryption mode and some more.

Pavel, could you look if the interface meets your needs too ?

It still miss the Initialization Vector handling, I've got some ideas on how to make it fit yours and my needs, but before implementing it I'd like the interface to be stable enough.

Ciao

Max

EDIT : Please wait to review package... I'm making still many changes in interface and moving most routines to base class.

Max

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Subject: Re: Cypher package - An extensible Encryption package

Posted by [mdelfede](#) on Sun, 03 Oct 2010 18:38:46 GMT

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Interface should be stable enough, also the streaming part is working.

There are 2 functions to define in derived classes :

```
// main encoding/decoding function
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// must be redefined on each derived class
virtual void Cypher(byte const *sourceBuf, byte *destBuf, size_t bufLen) = 0;

// main key setting function
// must be redefined on each derived class
virtual bool CypherKey(byte const *keyBuf, size_t keyLen, byte const *nonce, size_t
nonceLen) = 0;
```

Plus, you must give BlockSize in constructor in case of Block Cyphers like AES.

Streaming is done with << operator (stream in) and >> operator (stream out).  
For block cyphers, there's a Flush() function which pads last block with random data and returns size of encoded stream (true size, without padding). When decoding, using SetStreamSize(size) allows the decoder to un-pad the last block and return cleaned stream.

Block mode is fully supported, with checking of block size in case of Block-Cyphers.  
Encoding/Decoding in block mode is done by some overloaded operator() which supports String encoding and binary buffer encoding, in place and out of place.

The test app CypherTest now supports both test with block and streaming modes.

Still missing a couple of small stuffs, but it should be stable enough now.

Ciao

Max

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Subject: Re: Cypher package - An extensible Encryption package  
Posted by [Mindtraveller](#) on Tue, 05 Oct 2010 07:00:00 GMT  
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Thanks! I'll look at it today and write ASAP.

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Subject: Re: Cypher package - An extensible Encryption package  
Posted by [mdelfede](#) on Tue, 05 Oct 2010 12:20:05 GMT  
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I guess I need to add an option to have embedded in encoded stream both the IV and the data size.... Not too difficult indeed.  
I'll wait for your feedback before.

Max

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Subject: Re: Cypher package - An extensible Encryption package

Posted by [koldo](#) on Tue, 05 Oct 2010 14:28:15 GMT

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Hello all

It would be great if Cypher package would include SHA2 functions, like in AESStream, but not depending on OpenSSL.

If you do not know where to get a BSD or better licensed implementation I would do it.

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Subject: Re: Cypher package - An extensible Encryption package

Posted by [mdelfede](#) on Tue, 05 Oct 2010 20:02:40 GMT

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koldo wrote on Tue, 05 October 2010 16:28Hello all

It would be great if Cypher package would include SHA2 functions, like in AESStream, but not depending on OpenSSL.

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Hi Koldo,

If you find some source about it, I'll be glad to add to cypher package.  
I agree with you that we should avoid external dependencies at most.

Ciao

Max

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Subject: Re: Cypher package - An extensible Encryption package

Posted by [koldo](#) on Wed, 06 Oct 2010 07:00:32 GMT

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Hello Massimo and Mindtraveller

A possible source is Crypto++ (<http://www.cryptopp.com/>  
<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Crypto%2B%2B>).

It is one of the fastest as includes a lot of assembler (for gcc and msvc) and AES-NI, FIPS compliant and using parts of it, it is public domain.

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Subject: Re: Cypher package - An extensible Encryption package

Posted by [mdelfede](#) on Sat, 09 Oct 2010 22:14:24 GMT

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Small change in interface : now base class is Cypher and not CypherBase.  
That was needed to make more intuitive the usage of generic Cypher pointers.

Because of that change, virtual function Cypher() (the one that must be redefined in derived classes) now names CypherCypher.

Max

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Subject: Re: Cypher package - An extensible Encryption package

Posted by [koldo](#) on Fri, 15 Oct 2010 10:12:47 GMT

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Hello

Anything about Crypto++?.

May I submit SHA-2 code based on it?

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Subject: Re: Cypher package - An extensible Encryption package

Posted by [mdelfede](#) on Fri, 15 Oct 2010 10:16:27 GMT

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koldo wrote on Fri, 15 October 2010 12:12Hello

Anything about Crypto++?.

May I submit SHA-2 code based on it?

Yes, with pleasure

I've no time to do it right now, if you like to do I'll be happy.

But please, please.... comment it the most you can !

Ciao

Max

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