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Additional Hash Algorithms for HTTP Instance Digests

Abstract

The IANA registry named "Hypertext Transfer Protocol (HTTP) Digest Algorithm Values" defines values for digest algorithms used by Instance Digests in HTTP. Instance Digests in HTTP provide a digest, also known as a checksum or hash, of an entire representation of the current state of a resource. This document adds new values to the registry and updates previous values.

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1. Introduction

The IANA registry named "Hypertext Transfer Protocol (HTTP) Digest Algorithm Values" defines values for digest algorithms used by Instance Digests in HTTP.

Note: This is unrelated to HTTP Digest Authentication. Instance Digests in HTTP provide a digest, also known as a checksum or hash, of an entire representation of the current state of a resource.

The registry was created by [RFC3230] in 2002. This document adds new values to the registry and updates previous values that had redundant or outdated references.

1.1. Example

Example of Instance Digest for SHA-256:

Digest: SHA-256=MWVkMWQxYTRiMzk5MDQ0MzI3NGU5NDEyZTk5OWY1ZGFmNzgyZTJlO
DYzYjRjYzFhOTlmNTQwYzI2M2QwM2U2MQ==

2. IANA Considerations

This document makes use of the IANA registry named "Hypertext Transfer Protocol (HTTP) Digest Algorithm Values" specified in [RFC3230].

2.1. Previous Registrations Updated

Accordingly, IANA has updated the following registrations:

Digest Algorithm: MD5

Description: The MD5 algorithm, as specified in [RFC1321]. The output of this algorithm is encoded using the base64 encoding [RFC4648].

Reference: [RFC1321], [RFC4648], this document.

Digest Algorithm: SHA

Description: The SHA-1 algorithm [FIPS-180-3]. The output of this algorithm is encoded using the base64 encoding [RFC4648].

Reference: [FIPS-180-3], [RFC4648], this document.

2.2. New Registrations

Accordingly, IANA has made the following registrations:

Digest Algorithm: SHA-256

Description: The SHA-256 algorithm [FIPS-180-3]. The output of this algorithm is encoded using the base64 encoding [RFC4648].

Reference: [FIPS-180-3], [RFC4648], this document.

Digest Algorithm: SHA-512

Description: The SHA-512 algorithm [FIPS-180-3]. The output of this algorithm is encoded using the base64 encoding [RFC4648].

Reference: [FIPS-180-3], [RFC4648], this document.

3. Security Considerations

Same as [RFC3230].

4. Changes Compared to RFC 3230

The reference for base64 encoding has been updated for both MD5 and SHA.

The reference for SHA has been updated.

The SHA-256 and SHA-512 algorithms have been added to the registry.

All other previous values to the registry are still valid.

5. Normative References

[FIPS-180-3] National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST), "Secure Hash Standard (SHS)", FIPS PUB 180-3, October 2008.

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[RFC3230] Mogul, J. and A. Van Hoff, "Instance Digests in HTTP", RFC 3230, January 2002.

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