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Foreword

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This second edition cancels and replaces the first edition (ISO/IEC 9796-3:2000), which has been technically revised. New mechanisms and object identifiers have been specified.

ISO/IEC 9796 consists of the following parts, under the general title *Information technology — Security techniques — Digital signature schemes giving message recovery*:

— *Part 2: Integer factorization based mechanisms*

— *Part 3: Discrete logarithm based mechanisms*

Introduction

Digital signature mechanisms can be used to provide services such as entity authentication, data origin authentication, non-repudiation, and integrity of data.

A digital signature mechanism satisfies the following requirements:

- given only the public verification key and not the private signature key, it is computationally infeasible to produce a valid signature for any given message;
- the signatures produced by a signer can neither be used for producing a valid signature for any new message nor for recovering the signature key;
- it is computationally infeasible, even for the signer, to find two different messages with the same signature.

Most digital signature mechanisms are based on asymmetric cryptographic techniques and involve three basic operations:

- a process for generating pairs of keys, where each pair consists of a private signature key and the corresponding public verification key;
- a process using the private signature key, called the ***signature generation process***;
- a process using the public verification key, called the ***signature verification process***.

There are two types of digital signature mechanisms:

- when, for each given private signature key, the signatures produced for the same message are the same, the mechanism is said to be ***non-randomized*** (or ***deterministic***) [see ISO/IEC 14888-1];
- when, for a given message and a given private signature key, each application of the signature process produces a different signature, the mechanism is said to be ***randomized***.

This part of ISO/IEC 9796 specifies randomized mechanisms.

Digital signature schemes can also be divided into the following two categories:

- when the whole message has to be stored and/or transmitted along with the signature, the mechanism is named a ***signature mechanism with appendix*** [see ISO/IEC 14888];
- when the whole message or a part of it is recovered from the signature, the mechanism is named a ***signature mechanism giving message recovery***.

If the message is short enough, then the entire message can be included in the signature, and recovered from the signature in the signature verification process. Otherwise, a part of the message can be included in the signature and the rest of it is stored and/or transmitted along with the signature. The mechanisms specified in ISO/IEC 9796 give either total or partial recovery, aiming at reducing storage and transmission overhead.

This part of ISO/IEC 9796 includes six mechanisms, one of which was in ISO/IEC 9796-3:2000 and five of which are in ISO/IEC 15946-4:2004. The mechanisms specified in this part of ISO/IEC 9796 use a hash-function to hash the entire message. ISO/IEC 10118 specifies hash-functions. Some of the mechanisms specified in this part of ISO/IEC 9796 use a group on an elliptic curve over finite field. ISO/IEC 15946-1:2002 describes the mathematical background and general techniques necessary for implementing cryptosystems based on elliptic curves defined over finite fields.

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NOTE 1 Computational feasibility depends on the specific security requirements and environment.

NOTE 2 Any signature mechanism giving message recovery — for example, the mechanisms specified in this part of ISO/IEC 9796 — can be converted for provision of digital signatures with appendix. In this case, the signature is produced by application of the signature mechanism to a hash-token of the message.

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Part 3: Discrete logarithm based mechanisms

1 Scope

This part of ISO/IEC 9796 specifies six digital signature schemes giving message recovery. The security of these schemes is based on the difficulty of the discrete logarithm problem, which is defined on a finite field or an elliptic curve over a finite field.

This part of ISO/IEC 9796 also defines an optional control field in the hash-token, which can provide added security to the signature.

This part of ISO/IEC 9796 specifies randomized mechanisms.

The mechanisms specified in this part of ISO/IEC 9796 give either total or partial message recovery.

NOTE For discrete logarithm based digital signature schemes with appendix, see ISO/IEC 14888-3.