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MD5(k||m) = bad MAC, vulnerable to length extension.



Side Note:

GOOD MAC SCHEME:

 $PRF_k(m) = t$

 $Ver_k(m,t) = 1$ if PMF = f [success]

0 else [failure]

Given a message and a key, you get the same tag (deterministic) (single input key will always give you the same output).

How could the adversary find a valid t without knowing k_2 ?

Extension Forgery Against Chosen Message Attacks:



HMAC MD6

 $MD5(k \text{ XOR string 1}) \parallel MD5((key EXOR string 2) \parallel m))$

SHA256 SHA256

Usually, instead of MD5, SHA256 is used and it is more secure.



t* can be obtained from m1 and t using length extension technique.

Adversary



Has access to the Encryption & Decryption Oracle.

If $Ver_{k2}(c,t) = 1$

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Output m'=Deckt®
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Else:

Fail



c=ENC_k(m)

 $t = MAC_{k2}(c)$

CPA does not have decryption oracle.

If VERk2(c,t) = 1 (true):

Output m' = DECkt©

Else:

Output "Fail"

CCA Security:



Dec is CPA secure.

Adding tag makes the decryption oracle completely useless... AKA it always outputs "fail".

Achieve CCA Security:

- Let Enc & DeC be CPA security scheme (CBC mode)
- Let MAC be source message authentication code.

Doesn't output fail -> Adversary has some c,t st $VER_{k2}(c,t) = 1$

Without knowing k, how can we find t?

We can't from the security of MAC.

MAC prevents CCA attacks.