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Secure Frame (SFrame)

Abstract

This document describes the Secure Frame (SFrame) end-to-end encryption and authentication mechanism for media frames in a multiparty conference call, in which central media servers (Selective Forwarding Units or SFUs) can access the media metadata needed to make forwarding decisions without having access to the actual media.

This mechanism differs from the Secure Real-Time Protocol (SRTP) in that it is independent of RTP (thus compatible with non-RTP media transport) and can be applied to whole media frames in order to be more bandwidth efficient.

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1. Introduction

Modern multiparty video call systems use Selective Forwarding Unit (SFU) servers to efficiently route media streams to call endpoints based on factors such as available bandwidth, desired video size, codec support, and other factors. An SFU typically does not need access to the media content of the conference, which allows the media to be encrypted "end to end" so that it cannot be decrypted by the SFU. In order for the SFU to work properly, though, it usually needs to be able to access RTP metadata and RTCP feedback messages, which is not possible if all RTP/RTCP traffic is end-to-end encrypted.

As such, two layers of encryption and authentication are required:

1. Hop-by-hop (HBH) encryption of media, metadata, and feedback messages between the endpoints and SFU
2. End-to-end (E2E) encryption (E2EE) of media between the endpoints

The Secure Real-Time Protocol (SRTP) is already widely used for HBH encryption [RFC3711]. The SRTP "double encryption" scheme defines a way to do E2E encryption in SRTP [RFC8723]. Unfortunately, this scheme has poor efficiency and high complexity, and its entanglement with RTP makes it unworkable in several realistic SFU scenarios.

This document proposes a new E2EE protection scheme known as SFrame, specifically designed to work in group conference calls with SFUs. SFrame is a general encryption framing that can be used to protect media payloads, agnostic of transport.

2. Terminology

The key words "MUST", "MUST NOT", "REQUIRED", "SHALL", "SHALL NOT", "SHOULD", "SHOULD NOT", "RECOMMENDED", "NOT RECOMMENDED", "MAY", and "OPTIONAL" in this document are to be interpreted as described in BCP 14 [RFC2119] [RFC8174] when, and only when, they appear in all capitals, as shown here.

MAC: Message Authentication Code

E2EE: End-to-End Encryption

HBH: Hop-By-Hop

We use "Selective Forwarding Unit (SFU)" and "media stream" in a less formal sense than in [RFC7656]. An SFU is a selective switching function for media payloads, and a media stream a sequence of media payloads, in both cases regardless of whether those media payloads are transported over RTP or some other protocol.

3. Goals

SFrame is designed to be a suitable E2EE protection scheme for conference call media in a broad range of scenarios, as outlined by the following goals:

1. Provide a secure E2EE mechanism for audio and video in conference calls that can be used with arbitrary SFU servers.
2. Decouple media encryption from key management to allow SFrame to be used with an arbitrary key management system.
3. Minimize packet expansion to allow successful conferencing in as many network conditions as possible.
4. Independence from the underlying transport, including use in non-RTP transports, e.g., WebTransport [[I-D.ietf-webtrans-overview](#)].
5. When used with RTP and its associated error-resilience mechanisms, i.e., RTX and Forward Error Correction (FEC), require no special handling for RTX and FEC packets.
6. Minimize the changes needed in SFU servers.
7. Minimize the changes needed in endpoints.
8. Work with the most popular audio and video codecs used in conferencing scenarios.

4. SFrame

This document defines an encryption mechanism that provides effective E2EE, is simple to implement, has no dependencies on RTP, and minimizes encryption bandwidth overhead. This section describes how the mechanism works and includes details of how applications utilize SFrame for media protection as well as the actual mechanics of E2EE for protecting media.

4.1. Application Context

SFrame is a general encryption framing, intended to be used as an E2EE layer over an underlying HBH-encrypted transport such as SRTP or QUIC [[RFC3711](#)][[I-D.ietf-moq-transport](#)].

The scale at which SFrame encryption is applied to media determines the overall amount of overhead that SFrame adds to the media stream as well as the engineering complexity involved in integrating SFrame into a particular environment. Two patterns are common: using SFrame to encrypt either whole media frames (per frame) or individual transport-level media payloads (per packet).

For example, [Figure 1](#) shows a typical media sender stack that takes media from some source, encodes it into frames, divides those frames into media packets, and then sends those payloads in SRTP packets. The receiver stack performs the reverse operations, reassembling frames from SRTP packets and decoding. Arrows indicate two different ways that SFrame protection could be integrated into this media stack: to encrypt whole frames or individual media packets.

Applying SFrame per frame in this system offers higher efficiency but may require a more complex integration in environments where depacketization relies on the content of media packets. Applying SFrame per packet avoids this complexity at the cost of higher bandwidth consumption. Some quantitative discussion of these trade-offs is provided in [Appendix B](#).

As noted above, however, SFrame is a general media encapsulation and can be applied in other scenarios. The important thing is that the sender and receivers of an SFrame-encrypted object agree on that object's semantics. SFrame does not provide this agreement; it must be arranged by the application.

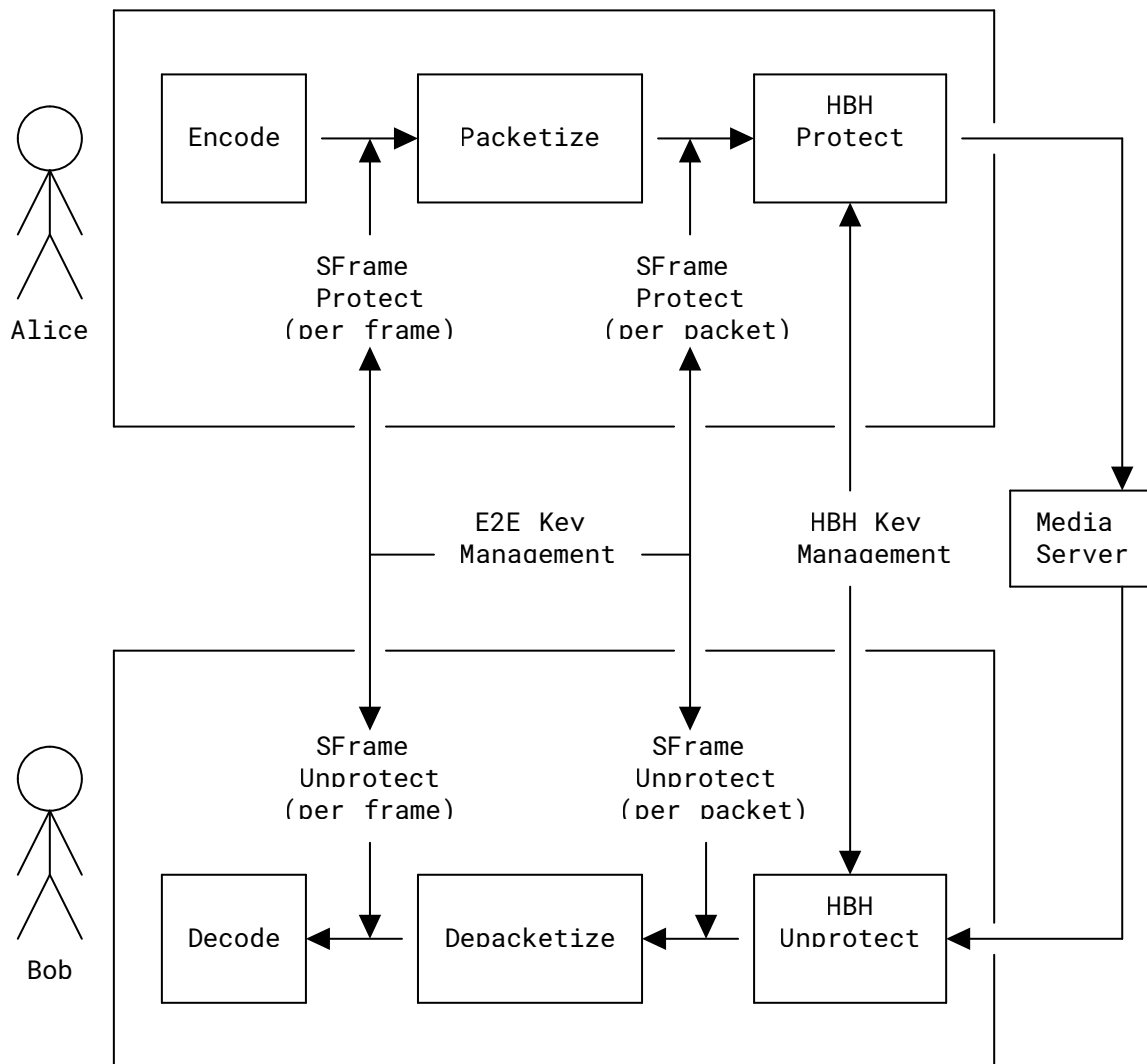


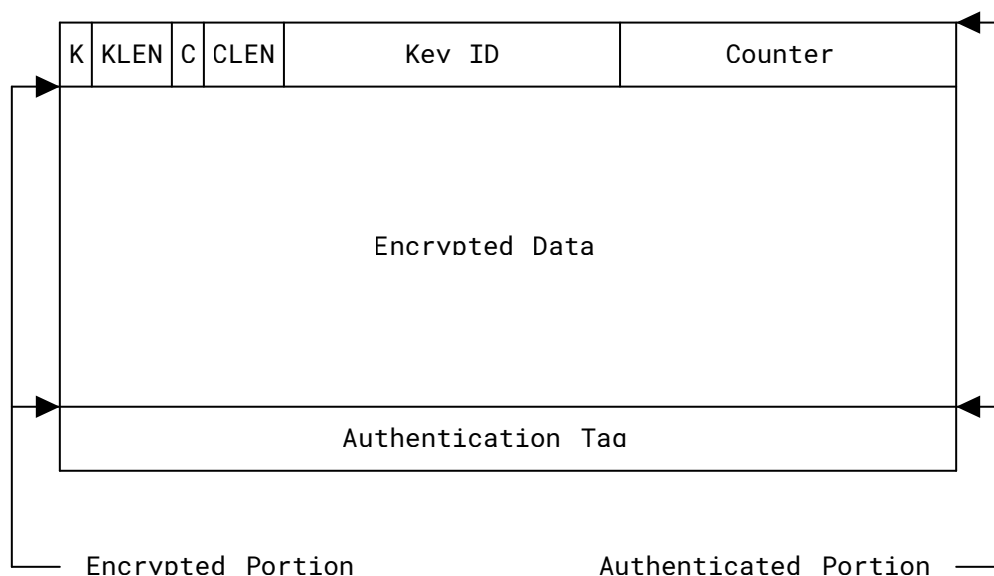
Figure 1: Two Options for Integrating SFrame in a Typical Media Stack

Like SRTP, SFrame does not define how the keys used for SFrame are exchanged by the parties in the conference. Keys for SFrame might be distributed over an existing E2E-secure channel (see [Section 5.1](#)) or derived from an E2E-secure shared secret (see [Section 5.2](#)). The key management system **MUST** ensure that each key used for encrypting media is used by exactly one media sender in order to avoid reuse of nonces.

4.2. SFrame Ciphertext

An SFrame ciphertext comprises an SFrame header followed by the output of an Authenticated Encryption with Associated Data (AEAD) encryption of the plaintext [[RFC5116](#)], with the header provided as additional authenticated data (AAD).

The SFrame header is a variable-length structure described in detail in [Section 4.3](#). The structure of the encrypted data and authentication tag are determined by the AEAD algorithm in use.



When SFrame is applied per packet, the payload of each packet will be an SFrame ciphertext. When SFrame is applied per frame, the SFrame ciphertext representing an encrypted frame will span several packets, with the header appearing in the first packet and the authentication tag in the last packet. It is the responsibility of the application to reassemble an encrypted frame from individual packets, accounting for packet loss and reordering as necessary.

4.3. SFrame Header

The SFrame header specifies two values from which encryption parameters are derived:

- A Key ID (KID) that determines which encryption key should be used
- A counter (CTR) that is used to construct the nonce for the encryption

Applications **MUST** ensure that each (KID, CTR) combination is used for exactly one SFrame encryption operation. A typical approach to achieve this guarantee is outlined in [Section 9.1](#).

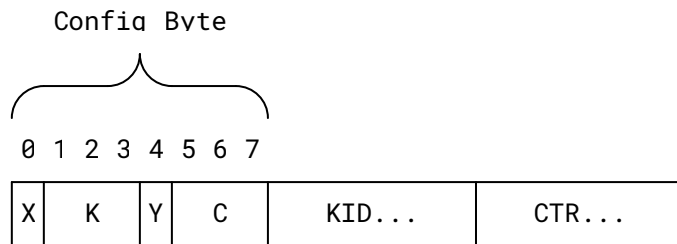


Figure 2: SFrame Header

The SFrame header has the overall structure shown in [Figure 2](#). The first byte is a "config byte", with the following fields:

Extended Key ID Flag (X, 1 bit): Indicates if the K field contains the Key ID or the Key ID length.

Key or Key Length (K, 3 bits): If the X flag is set to 0, this field contains the Key ID. If the X flag is set to 1, then it contains the length of the Key ID, minus one.

Extended Counter Flag (Y, 1 bit): Indicates if the C field contains the counter or the counter length.

Counter or Counter Length (C, 3 bits): This field contains the counter (CTR) if the Y flag is set to 0, or the counter length, minus one, if set to 1.

The Key ID and Counter fields are encoded as compact unsigned integers in network (big-endian) byte order. If the value of one of these fields is in the range 0-7, then the value is carried in the corresponding bits of the config byte (K or C) and the corresponding flag (X or Y) is set to zero. Otherwise, the value **MUST** be encoded with the minimum number of bytes required and appended after the config byte, with the Key ID first and Counter second. The header field (K or C) is set to the number of bytes in the encoded value, minus one. The value 000 represents a length of 1, 001 a length of 2, etc. This allows a 3-bit length field to represent the value lengths 1-8.

The SFrame header can thus take one of the four forms shown in [Figure 3](#), depending on which of the X and Y flags are set.

KID < 8, CTR < 8:

0	KID	0	CTR
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KID < 8, CTR >= 8:

0	KID	1	CLEN	CTR... (lenath=CLEN)
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KID >= 8, CTR < 8:

1	KLEN	0	CTR	KID... (lenath=KLEN)
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KID >= 8, CTR >= 8:

1	KLEN	1	CLEN	KID... (lenath=KLEN)	CTR... (lenath=CLEN)
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Figure 3: Forms of Encoded SFrame Header

4.4. Encryption Schema

SFrame encryption uses an AEAD encryption algorithm and hash function defined by the cipher suite in use (see [Section 4.5](#)). We will refer to the following aspects of the AEAD and the hash algorithm below:

AEAD.Encrypt and **AEAD.Decrypt**: The encryption and decryption functions for the AEAD. We follow the convention of RFC 5116 [[RFC5116](#)] and consider the authentication tag part of the ciphertext produced by **AEAD.Encrypt** (as opposed to a separate field as in SRTP [[RFC3711](#)]).

AEAD.Nk: The size in bytes of a key for the encryption algorithm

AEAD.Nn: The size in bytes of a nonce for the encryption algorithm

AEAD.Nt: The overhead in bytes of the encryption algorithm (typically the size of a "tag" that is added to the plaintext)

AEAD.Nka: For cipher suites using the compound AEAD described in [Section 4.5.1](#), the size in bytes of a key for the underlying Advanced Encryption Standard Counter Mode (AES-CTR) algorithm

Hash.Nh: The size in bytes of the output of the hash function

4.4.1. Key Selection

Each SFrame encryption or decryption operation is premised on a single secret `base_key`, which is labeled with an integer KID value signaled in the SFrame header.

The sender and receivers need to agree on which `base_key` should be used for a given KID. Moreover, senders and receivers need to agree on whether a `base_key` will be used for encryption or decryption only. The process for provisioning `base_key` values and their KID values is beyond the scope of this specification, but its security properties will bound the assurances that SFrame provides. For example, if SFrame is used to provide E2E security against intermediary media nodes, then SFrame keys need to be negotiated in a way that does not make them accessible to these intermediaries.

For each known KID value, the client stores the corresponding symmetric key `base_key`. For keys that can be used for encryption, the client also stores the next counter value CTR to be used when encrypting (initially 0).

When encrypting a plaintext, the application specifies which KID is to be used, and the counter is incremented after successful encryption. When decrypting, the `base_key` for decryption is selected from the available keys using the KID value in the SFrame header.

A given `base_key` **MUST NOT** be used for encryption by multiple senders. Such reuse would result in multiple encrypted frames being generated with the same (key, nonce) pair, which harms the protections provided by many AEAD algorithms. Implementations **MUST** mark each `base_key` as usable for encryption or decryption, never both.

Note that the set of available keys might change over the lifetime of a real-time session. In such cases, the client will need to manage key usage to avoid media loss due to a key being used to encrypt before all receivers are able to use it to decrypt. For example, an application may make decryption-only keys available immediately, but delay the use of keys for encryption until (a) all receivers have acknowledged receipt of the new key, or (b) a timeout expires.

4.4.2. Key Derivation

SFrame encryption and decryption use a key and salt derived from the `base_key` associated with a KID. Given a `base_key` value, the key and salt are derived using HMAC-based Key Derivation Function (HKDF) [RFC5869] as follows:

```
def derive_key_salt(KID, base_key):
    sframe_secret = HKDF-Extract("", base_key)

    sframe_key_label = "SFrame 1.0 Secret key " + KID + cipher_suite
    sframe_key = HKDF-Expand(sframe_secret, sframe_key_label, AEAD.Nk)

    sframe_salt_label = "SFrame 1.0 Secret salt " + KID + cipher_suite
    sframe_salt = HKDF-Expand(sframe_secret, sframe_salt_label, AEAD.Nn)

    return sframe_key, sframe_salt
```

In the derivation of `sframe_secret`:

- The `+` operator represents concatenation of byte strings.
- The KID value is encoded as an 8-byte big-endian integer, not the compressed form used in the SFrame header.
- The `cipher_suite` value is a 2-byte big-endian integer representing the cipher suite in use (see [Section 8.1](#)).

The hash function used for HKDF is determined by the cipher suite in use.

4.4.3. Encryption

SFrame encryption uses the AEAD encryption algorithm for the cipher suite in use. The key for the encryption is the `sframe_key` and the nonce is formed by XORing the `sframe_salt` with the current counter, encoded as a big-endian integer of length `AEAD.Nn`.

The encryptor forms an SFrame header using the CTR and KID values provided. The encoded header is provided as AAD to the AEAD encryption operation, together with application-provided metadata about the encrypted media (see [Section 9.4](#)).

```
def encrypt(CTR, KID, metadata, plaintext):
    sframe_key, sframe_salt = key_store[KID]

    # encode_big_endian(x, n) produces an n-byte string encoding the
    # integer x in big-endian byte order.
    ctr = encode_big_endian(CTR, AEAD.Nn)
    nonce = xor(sframe_salt, CTR)

    # encode_sframe_header produces a byte string encoding the
    # provided KID and CTR values into an SFrame header.
    header = encode_sframe_header(CTR, KID)
    aad = header + metadata

    ciphertext = AEAD.Encrypt(sframe_key, nonce, aad, plaintext)
    return header + ciphertext
```

For example, the metadata input to encryption allows for frame metadata to be authenticated when SFrame is applied per frame. After encoding the frame and before packetizing it, the necessary media metadata will be moved out of the encoded frame buffer to be sent in some channel visible to the SFU (e.g., an RTP header extension).

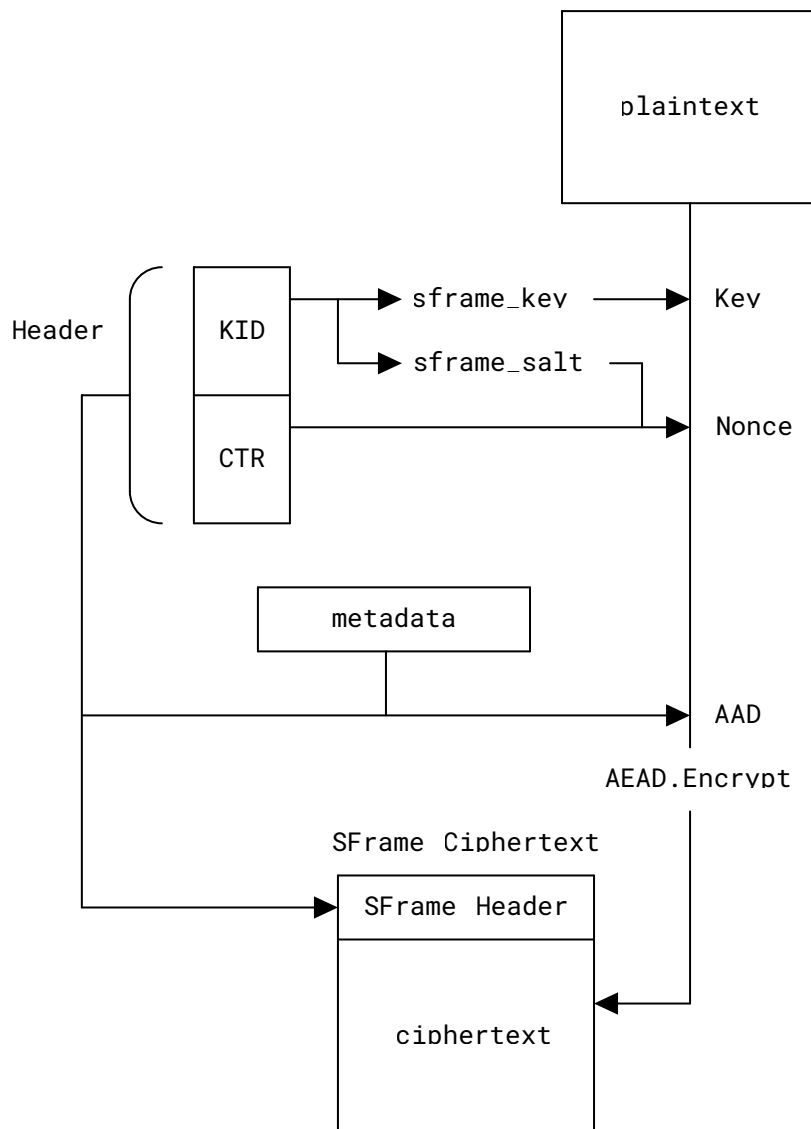


Figure 4: Encrypting an SFrame Ciphertext

4.4.4. Decryption

Before decrypting, a receiver needs to assemble a full SFrame ciphertext. When an SFrame ciphertext is fragmented into multiple parts for transport (e.g., a whole encrypted frame sent in multiple SRTP packets), the receiving client collects all the fragments of the ciphertext, using appropriate sequencing and start/end markers in the transport. Once all of the required fragments are available, the client reassembles them into the SFrame ciphertext, then it passes the ciphertext to SFrame for decryption.

The KID field in the SFrame header is used to find the right key and salt for the encrypted frame, and the CTR field is used to construct the nonce. The SFrame decryption procedure is as follows:

```
def decrypt(metadata, sframe_ciphertext):
    KID, CTR, header, ciphertext = parse_ciphertext(sframe_ciphertext)

    sframe_key, sframe_salt = key_store[KID]

    ctr = encode_big_endian(CTR, AEAD.Nn)
    nonce = xor(sframe_salt, ctr)
    aad = header + metadata

    return AEAD.Decrypt(sframe_key, nonce, aad, ciphertext)
```

If a ciphertext fails to decrypt because there is no key available for the KID in the SFrame header, the client **MAY** buffer the ciphertext and retry decryption once a key with that KID is received. If a ciphertext fails to decrypt for any other reason, the client **MUST** discard the ciphertext. Invalid ciphertexts **SHOULD** be discarded in a way that is indistinguishable (to an external observer) from having processed a valid ciphertext. In other words, the SFrame decrypt operation should be constant time, regardless of whether decryption succeeds or fails.

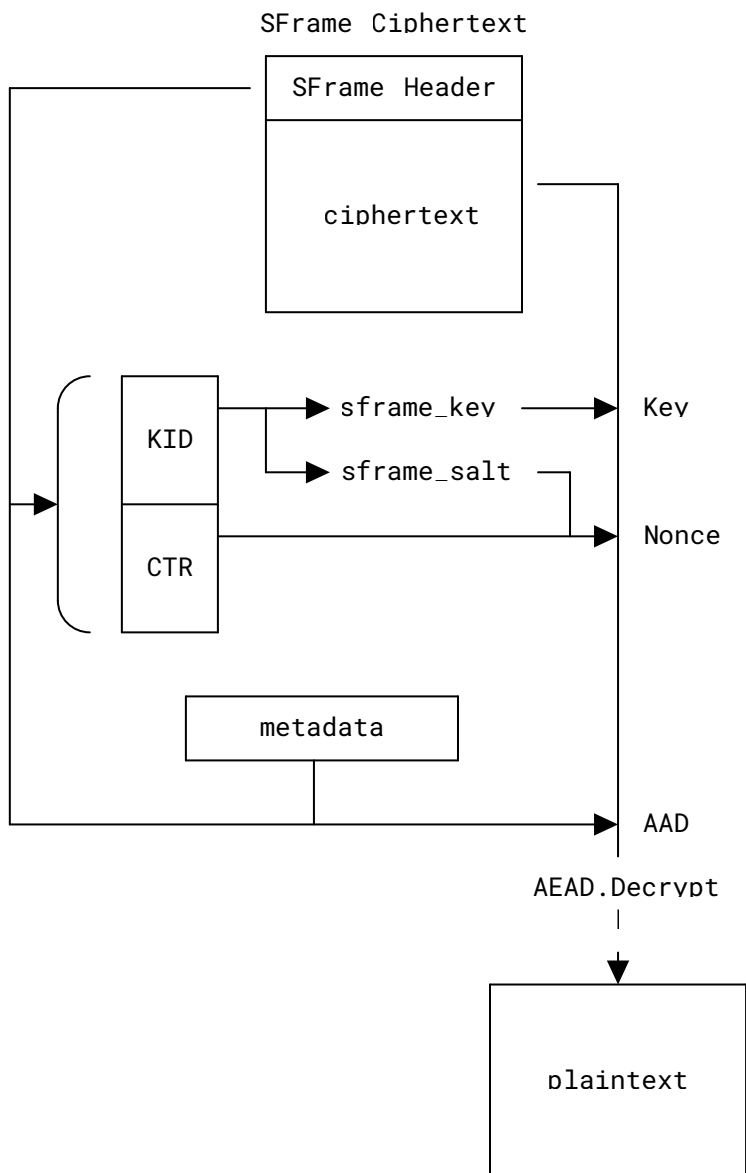


Figure 5: Decrypting an SFrame Ciphertext

4.5. Cipher Suites

Each SFrame session uses a single cipher suite that specifies the following primitives:

- A hash function used for key derivation
- An AEAD encryption algorithm [RFC5116] used for frame encryption, optionally with a truncated authentication tag

This document defines the following cipher suites, with the constants defined in [Section 4.4](#):

Name	Nh	Nka	Nk	Nn	Nt
AES_128_CTR_HMAC_SHA256_80	32	16	48	12	10
AES_128_CTR_HMAC_SHA256_64	32	16	48	12	8
AES_128_CTR_HMAC_SHA256_32	32	16	48	12	4
AES_128_GCM_SHA256_128	32	n/a	16	12	16
AES_256_GCM_SHA512_128	64	n/a	32	12	16

Table 1: SFrame Cipher Suite Constants

Numeric identifiers for these cipher suites are defined in the IANA registry created in [Section 8.1](#).

In the suite names, the length of the authentication tag is indicated by the last value: "_128" indicates a 128-bit tag, "_80" indicates an 80-bit tag, "_64" indicates a 64-bit tag, and "_32" indicates a 32-bit tag.

In a session that uses multiple media streams, different cipher suites might be configured for different media streams. For example, in order to conserve bandwidth, a session might use a cipher suite with 80-bit tags for video frames and another cipher suite with 32-bit tags for audio frames.

4.5.1. AES-CTR with SHA2

In order to allow very short tag sizes, we define a synthetic AEAD function using the authenticated counter mode of AES together with HMAC for authentication. We use an encrypt-then-MAC approach, as in SRTP [\[RFC3711\]](#).

Before encryption or decryption, encryption and authentication subkeys are derived from the single AEAD key. The overall length of the AEAD key is $Nka + Nh$, where Nka represents the key size for the AES block cipher in use and Nh represents the output size of the hash function (as in [Table 1](#)). The encryption subkey comprises the first Nka bytes and the authentication subkey comprises the remaining Nh bytes.

```
def derive_subkeys(sframe_key):
    # The encryption key comprises the first Nka bytes
    enc_key = sframe_key[..Nka]

    # The authentication key comprises Nh remaining bytes
    auth_key = sframe_key[Nka..]

    return enc_key, auth_key
```

The AEAD encryption and decryption functions are then composed of individual calls to the CTR encrypt function and HMAC. The resulting MAC value is truncated to a number of bytes N_t fixed by the cipher suite.

```
def truncate(tag, n):
    # Take the first `n` bytes of `tag`
    return tag[..n]

def compute_tag(auth_key, nonce, aad, ct):
    aad_len = encode_big_endian(len(aad), 8)
    ct_len = encode_big_endian(len(ct), 8)
    tag_len = encode_big_endian(Nt, 8)
    auth_data = aad_len + ct_len + tag_len + nonce + aad + ct
    tag = HMAC(auth_key, auth_data)
    return truncate(tag, Nt)

def AEAD.Encrypt(key, nonce, aad, pt):
    enc_key, auth_key = derive_subkeys(key)
    initial_counter = nonce + 0x00000000 # append four zero bytes
    ct = AES-CTR.Encrypt(enc_key, initial_counter, pt)
    tag = compute_tag(auth_key, nonce, aad, ct)
    return ct + tag

def AEAD.Decrypt(key, nonce, aad, ct):
    inner_ct, tag = split_ct(ct, tag_len)

    enc_key, auth_key = derive_subkeys(key)
    candidate_tag = compute_tag(auth_key, nonce, aad, inner_ct)
    if !constant_time_equal(tag, candidate_tag):
        raise Exception("Authentication Failure")

    initial_counter = nonce + 0x00000000 # append four zero bytes
    return AES-CTR.Decrypt(enc_key, initial_counter, inner_ct)
```

5. Key Management

SFrame must be integrated with an E2E key management framework to exchange and rotate the keys used for SFrame encryption. The key management framework provides the following functions:

- Provisioning KID / base_key mappings to participating clients
- Updating the above data as clients join or leave

It is the responsibility of the application to provide the key management framework, as described in [Section 9.2](#).

5.1. Sender Keys

If the participants in a call have a preexisting E2E-secure channel, they can use it to distribute SFrame keys. Each client participating in a call generates a fresh `base_key` value that it will use to encrypt media. The client then uses the E2E-secure channel to send their encryption key to the other participants.

In this scheme, it is assumed that receivers have a signal outside of SFrame for which client has sent a given frame (e.g., an RTP synchronization source (SSRC)). SFrame KID values are then used to distinguish between versions of the sender's `base_key`.

Key IDs in this scheme have two parts: a "key generation" and a "ratchet step". Both are unsigned integers that begin at zero. The "key generation" increments each time the sender distributes a new key to receivers. The "ratchet step" is incremented each time the sender ratchets their key forward for forward secrecy:

```
base_key[i+1] = HKDF-Expand(
    HKDF-Extract("", base_key[i]),
    "SFrame 1.0 Ratchet", CipherSuite.Nh)
```

For compactness, we do not send the whole ratchet step. Instead, we send only its low-order R bits, where R is a value set by the application. Different senders may use different values of R , but each receiver of a given sender needs to know what value of R is used by the sender so that they can recognize when they need to ratchet (vs. expecting a new key). R effectively defines a reordering window, since no more than 2^R ratchet steps can be active at a given time. The key generation is sent in the remaining $64 - R$ bits of the Key ID.

```
KID = (key_generation << R) + (ratchet_step % (1 << R))
```

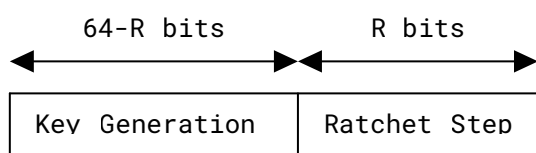


Figure 6: Structure of a KID in the Sender Keys Scheme

The sender signals such a ratchet step update by sending with a KID value in which the ratchet step has been incremented. A receiver who receives from a sender with a new KID computes the new key as above. The old key may be kept for some time to allow for out-of-order delivery, but should be deleted promptly.

If a new participant joins in the middle of a session, they will need to receive from each sender (a) the current sender key for that sender and (b) the current KID value for the sender. Evicting a participant requires each sender to send a fresh sender key to all receivers.

It is up to the application to decide when sender keys are updated. A sender key may be updated by sending a new `base_key` (updating the key generation) or by hashing the current `base_key` (updating the ratchet step). Ratcheting the key forward is useful when adding new receivers to an SFrame-based interaction, since it ensures that the new receivers can't decrypt any media encrypted before they were added. If a sender wishes to assure the opposite property when removing a receiver (i.e., ensuring that the receiver can't decrypt media after they are removed), then the sender will need to distribute a new sender key.

5.2. MLS

The Messaging Layer Security (MLS) protocol provides group authenticated key exchange [MLS-ARCH] [MLS-PROTO]. In principle, it could be used to instantiate the sender key scheme above, but it can also be used more efficiently directly.

MLS creates a linear sequence of keys, each of which is shared among the members of a group at a given point in time. When a member joins or leaves the group, a new key is produced that is known only to the augmented or reduced group. Each step in the lifetime of the group is known as an "epoch", and each member of the group is assigned an "index" that is constant for the time they are in the group.

To generate keys and nonces for SFrame, we use the MLS exporter function to generate a `base_key` value for each MLS epoch. Each member of the group is assigned a set of KID values so that each member has a unique `sframe_key` and `sframe_salt` that it uses to encrypt with. Senders may choose any KID value within their assigned set of KID values, e.g., to allow a single sender to send multiple, uncoordinated outbound media streams.

```
base_key = MLS-Exporter("SFrame 1.0 Base Key", "", AEAD.Nk)
```

For compactness, we do not send the whole epoch number. Instead, we send only its low-order E bits, where E is a value set by the application. E effectively defines a reordering window, since no more than 2^E epochs can be active at a given time. Receivers **MUST** be prepared for the epoch counter to roll over, removing an old epoch when a new epoch with the same E lower bits is introduced.

Let S be the number of bits required to encode a member index in the group, i.e., the smallest value such that `group_size` $\leq (1 \ll S)$. The sender index is encoded in the S bits above the epoch. The remaining $64 - S - E$ bits of the KID value are a context value chosen by the sender (context value 0 will produce the shortest encoded KID).

```
KID = (context << (S + E)) + (sender_index << E) + (epoch % (1 << E))
```

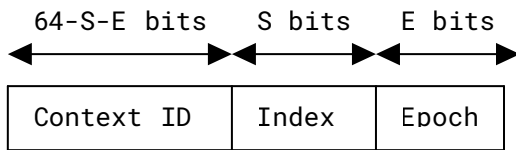


Figure 7: Structure of a KID for an MLS Sender

Once an SFrame stack has been provisioned with the `sframe_epoch_secret` for an epoch, it can compute the required KID values on demand (as well as the resulting SFrame keys/nonces derived from the `base_key` and KID) as it needs to encrypt or decrypt for a given member.

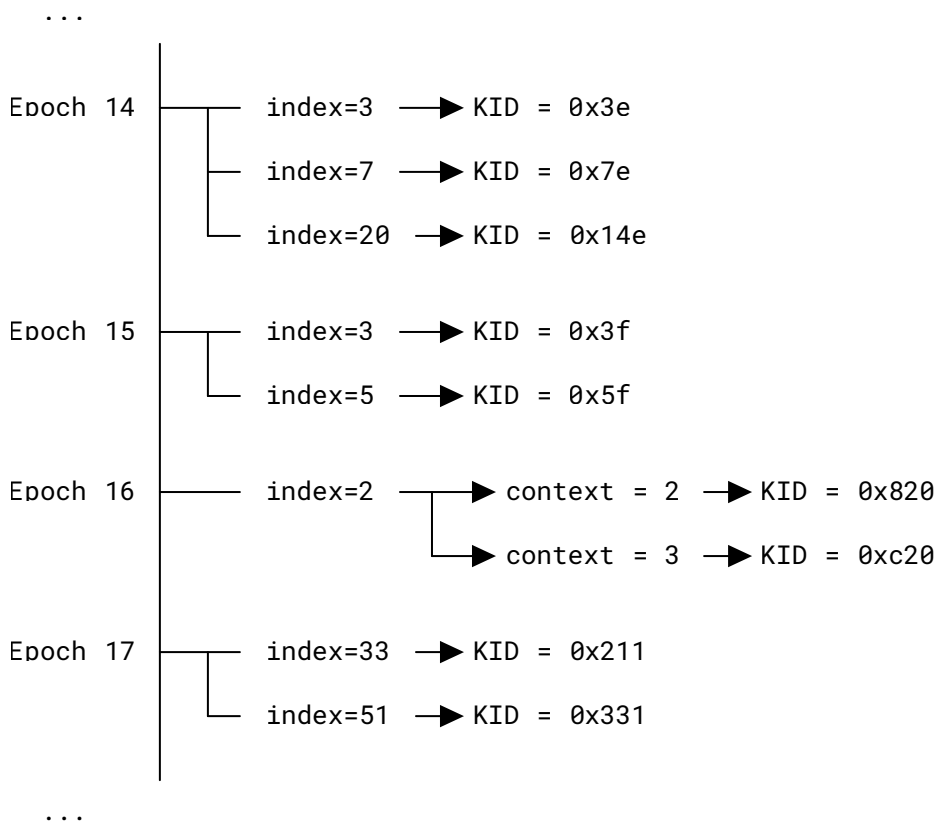


Figure 8: An Example Sequence of KIDs for an MLS-based SFrame Session (E=4; S=6, Allowing for 64 Group Members)

6. Media Considerations

6.1. Selective Forwarding Units

SFUs (e.g., those described in [Section 3.7](#) of [RFC7667]) receive the media streams from each participant and select which ones should be forwarded to each of the other participants. There are several approaches for stream selection, but in general, the SFU needs to access metadata associated with each frame and modify the RTP information of the incoming packets when they are transmitted to the received participants.

This section describes how these normal SFU modes of operation interact with the E2EE provided by SFrame.

6.1.1. LastN and RTP Stream Reuse

The SFU may choose to send only a certain number of streams based on the voice activity of the participants. To avoid the overhead involved in establishing new transport streams, the SFU may decide to reuse previously existing streams or even pre-allocate a predefined number of streams and choose in each moment in time which participant media will be sent through it.

This means that in the same transport-level stream (e.g., an RTP stream defined by either SSRC or Media Identification (MID)) may carry media from different streams of different participants. As different keys are used by each participant for encoding their media, the receiver will be able to verify which is the sender of the media coming within the RTP stream at any given point in time, preventing the SFU trying to impersonate any of the participants with another participant's media.

Note that in order to prevent impersonation by a malicious participant (not the SFU), a mechanism based on digital signature would be required. SFrame does not protect against such attacks.

6.1.2. Simulcast

When using simulcast, the same input image will produce N different encoded frames (one per simulcast layer), which would be processed independently by the frame encryptor and assigned an unique counter for each.

6.1.3. SVC

In both temporal and spatial scalability, the SFU may choose to drop layers in order to match a certain bitrate or to forward specific media sizes or frames per second. In order to support the SFU selectively removing layers, the sender **MUST** encapsulate each layer in a different SFrame ciphertext.

6.2. Video Key Frames

Forward security and post-compromise security require that the E2EE keys (base keys) are updated any time a participant joins or leaves the call.

The key exchange happens asynchronously and on a different path than the SFU signaling and media. So it may happen that, when a new participant joins the call and the SFU side requests a key frame, the sender generates the E2EE frame with a key that is not known by the receiver, so it will be discarded. When the sender updates his sending key with the new key, it will send it in a non-key frame, so the receiver will be able to decrypt it, but not decode it.

The new receiver will then re-request a key frame, but due to sender and SFU policies, that new key frame could take some time to be generated.

If the sender sends a key frame after the new E2EE key is in use, the time required for the new participant to display the video is minimized.

Note that this issue does not arise for media streams that do not have dependencies among frames, e.g., audio streams. In these streams, each frame is independently decodable, so there is never a need to process together two frames that might be on two sides of a key rotation.

6.3. Partial Decoding

Some codecs support partial decoding, where individual packets can be decoded without waiting for the full frame to arrive. When SFrame is applied per frame, partial decoding is not possible because the decoder cannot access data until an entire frame has arrived and has been decrypted.

7. Security Considerations

7.1. No Header Confidentiality

SFrame provides integrity protection to the SFrame header (the Key ID and counter values), but it does not provide confidentiality protection. Parties that can observe the SFrame header may learn, for example, which parties are sending SFrame payloads (from KID values) and at what rates (from CTR values). In cases where SFrame is used for end-to-end security on top of hop-by-hop protections (e.g., running over SRTP as described in [Appendix B.5](#)), the hop-by-hop security mechanisms provide confidentiality protection of the SFrame header between hops.

7.2. No per-Sender Authentication

SFrame does not provide per-sender authentication of media data. Any sender in a session can send media that will be associated with any other sender. This is because SFrame uses symmetric encryption to protect media data, so that any receiver also has the keys required to encrypt packets for the sender.

7.3. Key Management

The key exchange mechanism is out of scope of this document; however, every client **SHOULD** change their keys when new clients join or leave the call for forward secrecy and post-compromise security.

7.4. Replay

The handling of replay is out of the scope of this document. However, senders **MUST** reject requests to encrypt multiple times with the same key and nonce since several AEAD algorithms fail badly in such cases (see, e.g., [Section 5.1.1](#) of [\[RFC5116\]](#)).

7.5. Risks Due to Short Tags

The SFrame cipher suites based on AES-CTR allow for the use of short authentication tags, which bring a higher risk that an attacker will be able to cause an SFrame receiver to accept an SFrame ciphertext of the attacker's choosing.

Assuming that the authentication properties of the cipher suite are robust, the only attack that an attacker can mount is an attempt to find an acceptable (ciphertext, tag) combination through brute force. Such a brute-force attack will have an expected success rate of the following form:

$$\text{attacker_success_rate} = \text{attempts_per_second} / 2^{(8*Nt)}$$

For example, a gigabit Ethernet connection is able to transmit roughly 2^{20} packets per second. If an attacker saturated such a link with guesses against a 32-bit authentication tag ($Nt=4$), then the attacker would succeed on average roughly once every 2^{12} seconds, or about once an hour.

In a typical SFrame usage in a real-time media application, there are a few approaches to mitigating this risk:

- Receivers only accept SFrame ciphertexts over HBH-secure channels (e.g., SRTP security associations or QUIC connections). If this is the case, only an entity that is part of such a channel can mount the above attack.
- The expected packet rate for a media stream is very predictable (and typically far lower than the above example). On the one hand, attacks at this rate will succeed even less often than the high-rate attack described above. On the other hand, the application may use an elevated packet-arrival rate as a signal of a brute-force attack. This latter approach is common in other settings, e.g., mitigating brute-force attacks on passwords.
- Media applications typically do not provide feedback to media senders as to which media packets failed to decrypt. When media-quality feedback mechanisms are used, decryption failures will typically appear as packet losses, but only at an aggregate level.
- Anti-replay mechanisms (see [Section 7.4](#)) prevent the attacker from reusing valid ciphertexts (either observed or guessed by the attacker). A receiver applying anti-replay controls will only accept one valid plaintext per CTR value. Since the CTR value is covered by SFrame authentication, an attacker has to do a fresh search for a valid tag for every forged ciphertext, even if the encrypted content is unchanged. In other words, when the above brute-force attack succeeds, it only allows the attacker to send a single SFrame ciphertext; the ciphertext cannot be reused because either it will have the same CTR value and be discarded as a replay, or else it will have a different CTR value and its tag will no longer be valid.

Nonetheless, without these mitigations, an application that makes use of short tags will be at heightened risk of forgery attacks. In many cases, it is simpler to use full-size tags and tolerate slightly higher-bandwidth usage rather than to add the additional defenses necessary to safely use short tags.

8. IANA Considerations

IANA has created a new registry called "SFrame Cipher Suites" ([Section 8.1](#)) under the "SFrame" group registry heading. Assignments are made via the Specification Required policy [[RFC8126](#)].

8.1. SFrame Cipher Suites

The "SFrame Cipher Suites" registry lists identifiers for SFrame cipher suites as defined in [Section 4.5](#). The cipher suite field is two bytes wide, so the valid cipher suites are in the range 0x0000 to 0xFFFF.

The registration template is as follows:

- Value: The numeric value of the cipher suite
- Name: The name of the cipher suite
- Recommended: Whether support for this cipher suite is recommended by the IETF. Valid values are "Y", "N", and "D" as described in [Section 17.1](#) of [[MLS-PROTO](#)]. The default value of the "Recommended" column is "N". Setting the Recommended item to "Y" or "D", or changing an item whose current value is "Y" or "D", requires Standards Action [[RFC8126](#)].
- Reference: The document where this cipher suite is defined
- Change Controller: Who is authorized to update the row in the registry

Initial contents:

Value	Name	R	Reference	Change Controller
0x0000	Reserved	-	RFC 9605	IETF
0x0001	AES_128_CTR_HMAC_SHA256_80	Y	RFC 9605	IETF
0x0002	AES_128_CTR_HMAC_SHA256_64	Y	RFC 9605	IETF
0x0003	AES_128_CTR_HMAC_SHA256_32	Y	RFC 9605	IETF
0x0004	AES_128_GCM_SHA256_128	Y	RFC 9605	IETF
0x0005	AES_256_GCM_SHA512_128	Y	RFC 9605	IETF
0xF000 - 0xFFFF	Reserved for Private Use	-	RFC 9605	IETF

Table 2: SFrame Cipher Suites

9. Application Responsibilities

To use SFrame, an application needs to define the inputs to the SFrame encryption and decryption operations, and how SFrame ciphertexts are delivered from sender to receiver (including any fragmentation and reassembly). In this section, we lay out additional requirements that an implementation must meet in order for SFrame to operate securely.

In general, an application using SFrame is responsible for configuring SFrame. The application must first define when SFrame is applied at all. When SFrame is applied, the application must define which cipher suite is to be used. If new versions of SFrame are defined in the future, it will be up to the application to determine which version should be used.

This division of responsibilities is similar to the way other media parameters (e.g., codecs) are typically handled in media applications, in the sense that they are set up in some signaling protocol and not described in the media. Applications might find it useful to extend the protocols used for negotiating other media parameters (e.g., Session Description Protocol (SDP) [RFC8866]) to also negotiate parameters for SFrame.

9.1. Header Value Uniqueness

Applications **MUST** ensure that each (base_key, KID, CTR) combination is used for at most one SFrame encryption operation. This ensures that the (key, nonce) pairs used by the underlying AEAD algorithm are never reused. Typically this is done by assigning each sender a KID or set of KIDs, then having each sender use the CTR field as a monotonic counter, incrementing for each plaintext that is encrypted. In addition to its simplicity, this scheme minimizes overhead by keeping CTR values as small as possible.

In applications where an SFrame context might be written to persistent storage, this context needs to include the last-used CTR value. When the context is used later, the application should use the stored CTR value to determine the next CTR value to be used in an encryption operation, and then write the next CTR value back to storage before using the CTR value for encryption. Storing the CTR value before usage (vs. after) helps ensure that a storage failure will not cause reuse of the same (base_key, KID, CTR) combination.

9.2. Key Management Framework

It is up to the application to provision SFrame with a mapping of KID values to base_key values and the resulting keys and salts. More importantly, the application specifies which KID values are used for which purposes (e.g., by which senders). An application's KID assignment strategy **MUST** be structured to assure the non-reuse properties discussed in [Section 9.1](#).

It is also up to the application to define a rotation schedule for keys. For example, one application might have an ephemeral group for every call and keep rotating keys when endpoints join or leave the call, while another application could have a persistent group that can be used for multiple calls and simply derives ephemeral symmetric keys for a specific call.

It should be noted that KID values are not encrypted by SFrame and are thus visible to any application-layer intermediaries that might handle an SFrame ciphertext. If there are application semantics included in KID values, then this information would be exposed to intermediaries. For example, in the scheme of [Section 5.1](#), the number of ratchet steps per sender is exposed, and in the scheme of [Section 5.2](#), the number of epochs and the MLS sender ID of the SFrame sender are exposed.

9.3. Anti-Replay

It is the responsibility of the application to handle anti-replay. Replay by network attackers is assumed to be prevented by network-layer facilities (e.g., TLS, SRTP). As mentioned in [Section 7.4](#), senders **MUST** reject requests to encrypt multiple times with the same key and nonce.

It is not mandatory to implement anti-replay on the receiver side. Receivers **MAY** apply time- or counter-based anti-replay mitigations. For example, [Section 3.3.2](#) of [RFC3711] specifies a counter-based anti-replay mitigation, which could be adapted to use with SFrame, using the CTR field as the counter.

9.4. Metadata

The metadata input to SFrame operations is pure application-specified data. As such, it is up to the application to define what information should go in the metadata input and ensure that it is provided to the encryption and decryption functions at the appropriate points. A receiver **MUST NOT** use SFrame-authenticated metadata until after the SFrame decrypt function has authenticated it, unless the purpose of such usage is to prepare an SFrame ciphertext for SFrame decryption. Essentially, metadata may be used "upstream of SFrame" in a processing pipeline, but only to prepare for SFrame decryption.

For example, consider an application where SFrame is used to encrypt audio frames that are sent over SRTP, with some application data included in the RTP header extension. Suppose the application also includes this application data in the SFrame metadata, so that the SFU is allowed to read, but not modify, the application data. A receiver can use the application data in the RTP header extension as part of the standard SRTP decryption process since this is required to recover the SFrame ciphertext carried in the SRTP payload. However, the receiver **MUST NOT** use the application data for other purposes before SFrame decryption has authenticated the application data.

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Appendix A. Example API

This section is not normative.

This section describes a notional API that an SFrame implementation might expose. The core concept is an "SFrame context", within which KID values are meaningful. In the key management scheme described in [Section 5.1](#), each sender has a different context; in the scheme described in [Section 5.2](#), all senders share the same context.

An SFrame context stores mappings from KID values to "key contexts", which are different depending on whether the KID is to be used for sending or receiving (an SFrame key should never be used for both operations). A key context tracks the key and salt associated to the KID, and the current CTR value. A key context to be used for sending also tracks the next CTR value to be used.

The primary operations on an SFrame context are as follows:

- **Create an SFrame context:** The context is initialized with a cipher suite and no KID mappings.
- **Add a key for sending:** The key and salt are derived from the base key, and are used to initialize a send context, together with a zero counter value.
- **Add a key for receiving:** The key and salt are derived from the base key, and are used to initialize a send context.
- **Encrypt a plaintext:** Encrypt a given plaintext using the key for a given KID, including the specified metadata.
- **Decrypt an SFrame ciphertext:** Decrypt an SFrame ciphertext with the KID and CTR values specified in the SFrame header, and the provided metadata.

Figure 9 shows an example of the types of structures and methods that could be used to create an SFrame API in Rust.

```
type KeyId = u64;
type Counter = u64;
type CipherSuite = u16;

struct SendKeyContext {
    key: Vec<u8>,
    salt: Vec<u8>,
    next_counter: Counter,
}

struct RecvKeyContext {
    key: Vec<u8>,
    salt: Vec<u8>,
}

struct SFrameContext {
    cipher_suite: CipherSuite,
    send_keys: HashMap<KeyId, SendKeyContext>,
    recv_keys: HashMap<KeyId, RecvKeyContext>,
}

trait SFrameContextMethods {
    fn create(cipher_suite: CipherSuite) -> Self;
    fn add_send_key(&self, kid: KeyId, base_key: &[u8]);
    fn add_recv_key(&self, kid: KeyId, base_key: &[u8]);
    fn encrypt(&mut self, kid: KeyId, metadata: &[u8],
              plaintext: &[u8]) -> Vec<u8>;
    fn decrypt(&self, metadata: &[u8], ciphertext: &[u8]) -> Vec<u8>;
}
```

Figure 9: An Example SFrame API

Appendix B. Overhead Analysis

Any use of SFrame will impose overhead in terms of the amount of bandwidth necessary to transmit a given media stream. Exactly how much overhead will be added depends on several factors:

- The number of senders involved in a conference (length of KID)
- The duration of the conference (length of CTR)
- The cipher suite in use (length of authentication tag)
- Whether SFrame is used to encrypt packets, whole frames, or some other unit

Overall, the overhead rate in kilobits per second can be estimated as:

$$\text{OverheadKbps} = (1 + |\text{CTR}| + |\text{KID}| + |\text{TAG}|) * 8 * \text{CTPerSecond} / 1024$$

Here the constant value 1 reflects the fixed SFrame header; $|CTR|$ and $|KID|$ reflect the lengths of those fields; $|TAG|$ reflects the cipher overhead; and $CTPerSecond$ reflects the number of SFrame ciphertexts sent per second (e.g., packets or frames per second).

In the remainder of this section, we compute overhead estimates for a collection of common scenarios.

B.1. Assumptions

In the below calculations, we make conservative assumptions about SFrame overhead so that the overhead amounts we compute here are likely to be an upper bound of those seen in practice.

Field	Bytes	Explanation
Fixed header	1	Fixed
Key ID (KID)	2	>255 senders; or MLS epoch (E=4) and >16 senders
Counter (CTR)	3	More than 24 hours of media in common cases
Cipher overhead	16	Full Galois/Counter Mode (GCM) tag (longest defined here)

Table 3: Overhead Analysis Assumptions

In total, then, we assume that each SFrame encryption will add 22 bytes of overhead.

We consider two scenarios: applying SFrame per frame and per packet. In each scenario, we compute the SFrame overhead in absolute terms (kbps) and as a percentage of the base bandwidth.

B.2. Audio

In audio streams, there is typically a one-to-one relationship between frames and packets, so the overhead is the same whether one uses SFrame at a per-packet or per-frame level.

Table 4 considers three scenarios that are based on recommended configurations of the Opus codec [RFC6716]:

- Narrow-band (NB) speech: 120 ms packets, 8 kbps
- Full-band (FB) speech: 20 ms packets, 32 kbps
- Full-band stereo music: 10 ms packets, 128 kbps

Scenario	Frames per Second (fps)	Base kbps	Overhead kbps	Overhead %
NB speech, 120 ms packets	8.3	8	1.4	17.9%

Scenario	Frames per Second (fps)	Base kbps	Overhead kbps	Overhead %
FB speech, 20 ms packets	50	32	8.6	26.9%
FB stereo, 10 ms packets	100	128	17.2	13.4%

Table 4: SFrame Overhead for Audio Streams

B.3. Video

Video frames can be larger than an MTU and thus are commonly split across multiple frames. Table 5 and Table 6 show the estimated overhead of encrypting a video stream, where SFrame is applied per frame and per packet, respectively. The choices of resolution, frames per second, and bandwidth roughly reflect the capabilities of modern video codecs across a range from very-low to very-high quality.

Scenario	fps	Base kbps	Overhead kbps	Overhead %
426 x 240	7.5	45	1.3	2.9%
640 x 360	15	200	2.6	1.3%
640 x 360	30	400	5.2	1.3%
1280 x 720	30	1500	5.2	0.3%
1920 x 1080	60	7200	10.3	0.1%

Table 5: SFrame Overhead for a Video Stream Encrypted per Frame

Scenario	fps	Packets per Second (pps)	Base kbps	Overhead kbps	Overhead %
426 x 240	7.5	7.5	45	1.3	2.9%
640 x 360	15	30	200	5.2	2.6%
640 x 360	30	60	400	10.3	2.6%
1280 x 720	30	180	1500	30.9	2.1%
1920 x 1080	60	780	7200	134.1	1.9%

Table 6: SFrame Overhead for a Video Stream Encrypted per Packet

In the per-frame case, the SFrame percentage overhead approaches zero as the quality of the video improves since bandwidth is driven more by picture size than frame rate. In the per-packet case, the SFrame percentage overhead approaches the ratio between the SFrame overhead per packet and the MTU (here 22 bytes of SFrame overhead divided by an assumed 1200-byte MTU, or about 1.8%).

B.4. Conferences

Real conferences usually involve several audio and video streams. The overhead of SFrame in such a conference is the aggregate of the overhead of all the individual streams. Thus, while SFrame incurs a large percentage overhead on an audio stream, if the conference also involves a video stream, then the audio overhead is likely negligible relative to the overall bandwidth of the conference.

For example, [Table 7](#) shows the overhead estimates for a two-person conference where one person is sending low-quality media and the other is sending high-quality media. (And we assume that SFrame is applied per frame.) The video streams dominate the bandwidth at the SFU, so the total bandwidth overhead is only around 1%.

Stream	Base Kbps	Overhead Kbps	Overhead %
Participant 1 audio	8	1.4	17.9%
Participant 1 video	45	1.3	2.9%
Participant 2 audio	32	9	26.9%
Participant 2 video	1500	5	0.3%
Total at SFU	1585	16.5	1.0%

Table 7: SFrame Overhead for a Two-Person Conference

B.5. SFrame over RTP

SFrame is a generic encapsulation format, but many of the applications in which it is likely to be integrated are based on RTP. This section discusses how an integration between SFrame and RTP could be done, and some of the challenges that would need to be overcome.

As discussed in [Section 4.1](#), there are two natural patterns for integrating SFrame into an application: applying SFrame per frame or per packet. In RTP-based applications, applying SFrame per packet means that the payload of each RTP packet will be an SFrame ciphertext, starting with an SFrame header, as shown in [Figure 10](#). Applying SFrame per frame means that different RTP payloads will have different formats: the first payload of a frame will contain the SFrame headers, and subsequent payloads will contain further chunks of the ciphertext, as shown in [Figure 11](#).

In order for these media payloads to be properly interpreted by receivers, receivers will need to be configured to know which of the above schemes the sender has applied to a given sequence of RTP packets. SFrame does not provide a mechanism for distributing this configuration information. In applications that use SDP for negotiating RTP media streams [RFC8866], an appropriate extension to SDP could provide this function.

Applying SFrame per frame also requires that packetization and depacketization be done in a generic manner that does not depend on the media content of the packets, since the content being packetized/depacketized will be opaque ciphertext (except for the SFrame header). In order for such a generic packetization scheme to work interoperably, one would have to be defined, e.g., as proposed in [I-D.codec-agnostic-rtp-payload-format].

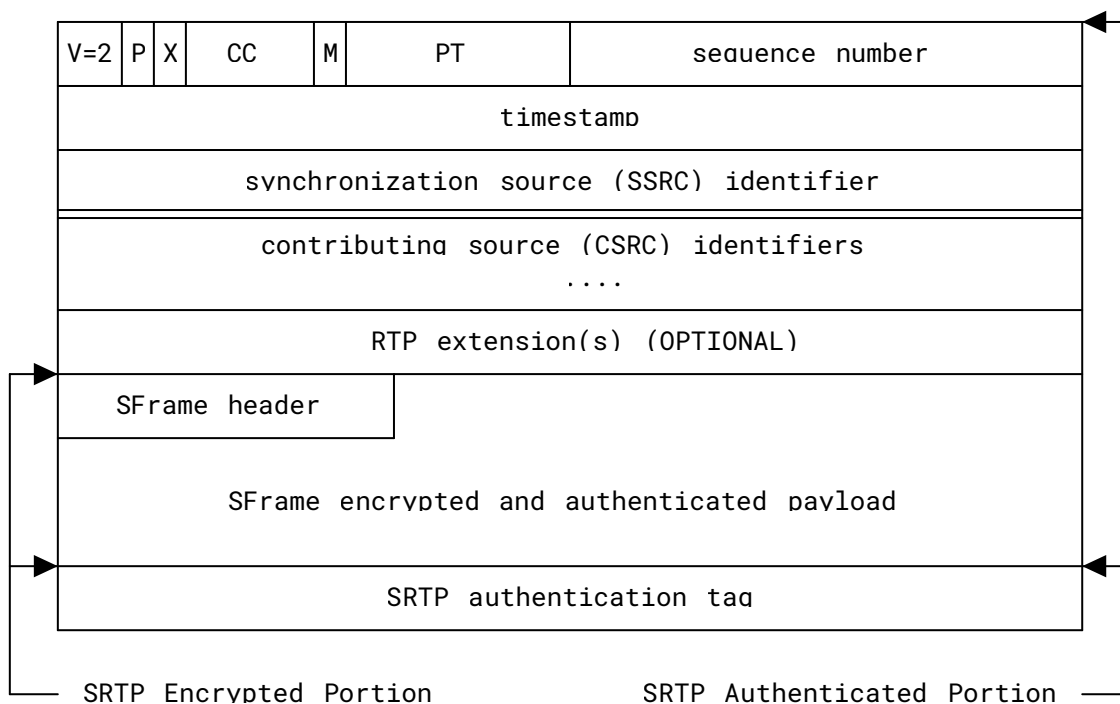


Figure 10: SRTP Packet with SFrame-Protected Payload

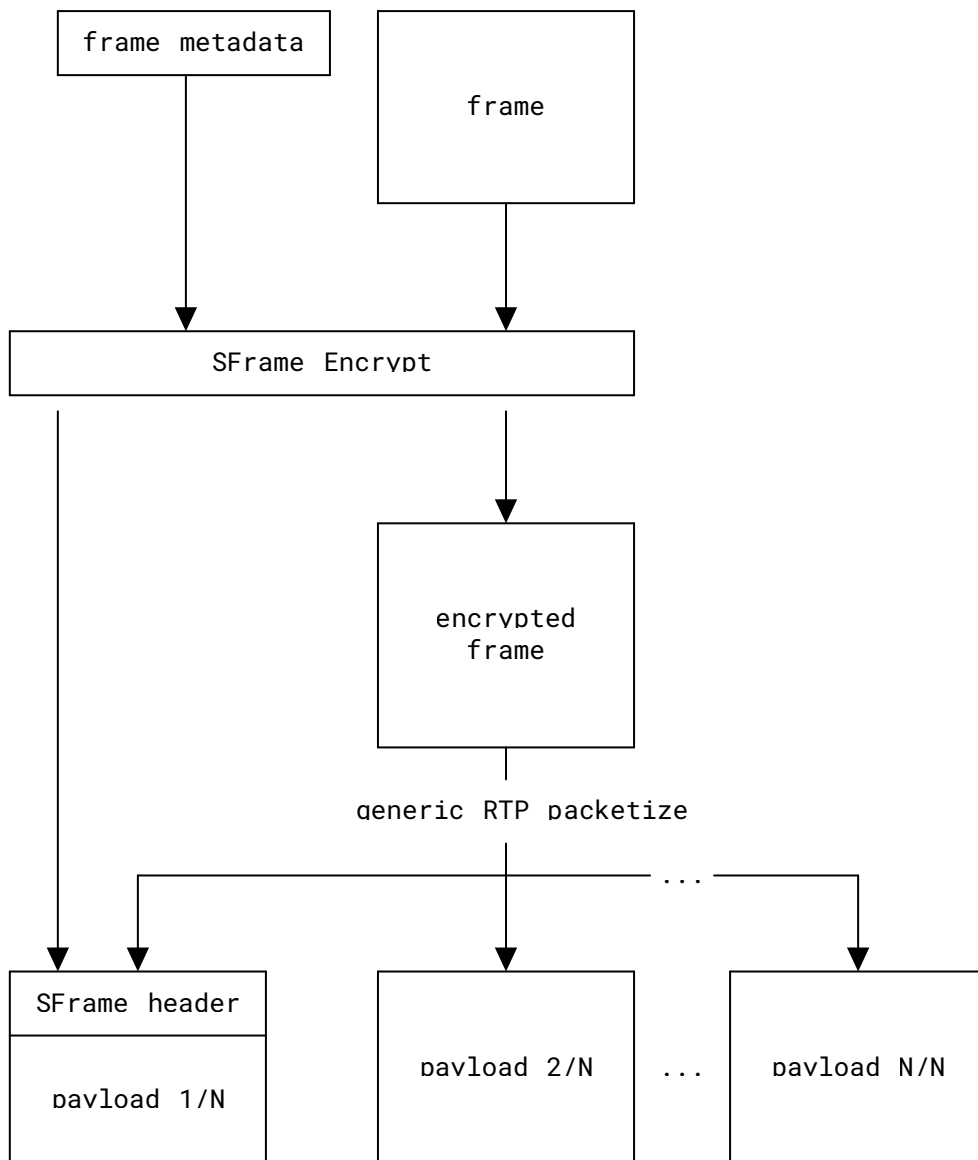


Figure 11: Encryption Flow with per-Frame Encryption for RTP

Appendix C. Test Vectors

This section provides a set of test vectors that implementations can use to verify that they correctly implement SFrame encryption and decryption. In addition to test vectors for the overall process of SFrame encryption/decryption, we also provide test vectors for header encoding/decoding, and for AEAD encryption/decryption using the AES-CTR construction defined in [Section 4.5.1](#).

All values are either numeric or byte strings. Numeric values are represented as hex values, prefixed with 0x. Byte strings are represented in hex encoding.

Line breaks and whitespace within values are inserted to conform to the width requirements of the RFC format. They should be removed before use.

These test vectors are also available in JSON format at [\[TestVectors\]](#). In the JSON test vectors, numeric values are JSON numbers and byte string values are JSON strings containing the hex encoding of the byte strings.

C.1. Header Encoding/Decoding

For each case, we provide:

- kid: A KID value
- ctr: A CTR value
- header: An encoded SFrame header

An implementation should verify that:

- Encoding a header with the KID and CTR results in the provided header value
- Decoding the provided header value results in the provided KID and CTR values

```
kid: 0x0000000000000000  
ctr: 0x0000000000000000  
header: 00
```

```
kid: 0x0000000000000000  
ctr: 0x0000000000000001  
header: 01
```

```
kid: 0x0000000000000000  
ctr: 0x00000000000000ff  
header: 08ff
```

```
kid: 0x0000000000000000  
ctr: 0x0000000000000100  
header: 090100
```

```
kid: 0x0000000000000000  
ctr: 0x000000000000ffff  
header: 09ffff
```

```
kid: 0x0000000000000000  
ctr: 0x0000000000010000  
header: 0a010000
```

```
kid: 0x0000000000000000  
ctr: 0x0000000000ffffff  
header: 0affffff
```

```
kid: 0x0000000000000000  
ctr: 0x0000000001000000  
header: 0b01000000
```

```
kid: 0x0000000000000000  
ctr: 0x00000000ffffff  
header: 0bfffffff
```

```
kid: 0x0000000000000000  
ctr: 0x0000000100000000  
header: 0c0100000000
```

```
kid: 0x0000000000000000  
ctr: 0x000000ffffff  
header: 0cffffffff
```

```
kid: 0x0000000000000000  
ctr: 0x0000010000000000  
header: 0d010000000000
```

```
kid: 0x0000000000000000  
ctr: 0x0000ffffffff  
header: 0dffffffff
```

```
kid: 0x0000000000000000  
ctr: 0x0001000000000000  
header: 0e01000000000000
```

```
kid: 0x0000000000000000  
ctr: 0x00ffffffff  
header: 0effffffffff
```

```
kid: 0x0000000000000000  
ctr: 0x0100000000000000  
header: 0f01000000000000
```

```
kid: 0x0000000000000000  
ctr: 0xffffffffffffffff  
header: 0xffffffffffffffff
```

```
kid: 0x0000000000000001  
ctr: 0x0000000000000000  
header: 10
```

```
kid: 0x0000000000000001  
ctr: 0x0000000000000001  
header: 11
```

```
kid: 0x0000000000000001  
ctr: 0x00000000000000ff  
header: 18ff
```

```
kid: 0x0000000000000001  
ctr: 0x0000000000000100  
header: 190100
```

```
kid: 0x0000000000000001  
ctr: 0x000000000000ffff  
header: 19ffff
```

```
kid: 0x0000000000000001  
ctr: 0x0000000000010000  
header: 1a010000
```

```
kid: 0x0000000000000001  
ctr: 0x0000000000ffffff  
header: 1affffff
```

```
kid: 0x0000000000000001  
ctr: 0x0000000001000000  
header: 1b01000000
```

```
kid: 0x0000000000000001
ctr: 0x00000000ffffffff
header: 1bffffffff
```

```
kid: 0x0000000000000001
ctr: 0x0000000100000000
header: 1c0100000000
```

```
kid: 0x0000000000000001
ctr: 0x000000ffffffff
header: 1cffffffff
```

```
kid: 0x0000000000000001
ctr: 0x0000010000000000
header: 1d010000000000
```

```
kid: 0x0000000000000001
ctr: 0x0000ffffffff
header: 1dffffffff
```

```
kid: 0x0000000000000001
ctr: 0x0001000000000000
header: 1e01000000000000
```

```
kid: 0x0000000000000001
ctr: 0x00ffffffff
header: 1effffffffff
```

```
kid: 0x0000000000000001
ctr: 0x0100000000000000
header: 1f01000000000000
```

```
kid: 0x0000000000000001
ctr: 0xffffffff
header: 1ffffffff
```

```
kid: 0x00000000000000ff
ctr: 0x0000000000000000
header: 80ff
```

```
kid: 0x00000000000000ff
ctr: 0x0000000000000001
header: 81ff
```

```
kid: 0x00000000000000ff
ctr: 0x00000000000000ff
header: 88ffff
```

```
kid: 0x00000000000000ff
ctr: 0x0000000000000100
header: 89ff0100
```

```
kid: 0x00000000000000ff
ctr: 0x000000000000ffff
header: 89ffffff
```

```
kid: 0x00000000000000ff
ctr: 0x0000000000010000
header: 8aff010000
```

```
kid: 0x00000000000000ff
ctr: 0x0000000000ffffff
header: 8affffffff
```

```
kid: 0x00000000000000ff
ctr: 0x0000000001000000
header: 8bff01000000
```

```
kid: 0x00000000000000ff
ctr: 0x00000000ffffffff
header: 8bfffffffffff
```

```
kid: 0x00000000000000ff
ctr: 0x0000000100000000
header: 8cff0100000000
```

```
kid: 0x00000000000000ff
ctr: 0x000000fffffffffff
header: 8cfffffffffffff
```

```
kid: 0x00000000000000ff
ctr: 0x0000010000000000
header: 8dff010000000000
```

```
kid: 0x00000000000000ff
ctr: 0x0000ffffffffffff
header: 8dffffffffffffff
```

```
kid: 0x00000000000000ff
ctr: 0x0001000000000000
header: 8eff010000000000
```

```
kid: 0x00000000000000ff
ctr: 0x00ffffffffffffff
header: 8effffffffffffff
```

```
kid: 0x00000000000000ff
ctr: 0x0100000000000000
header: 8fff010000000000
```

```
kid: 0x00000000000000ff
ctr: 0xffffffffffffff
header: 8ffffffffffffff
```

```
kid: 0x0000000000000100
ctr: 0x0000000000000000
header: 900100
```

```
kid: 0x0000000000000100
ctr: 0x0000000000000001
header: 910100
```

```
kid: 0x0000000000000100
ctr: 0x00000000000000ff
header: 980100ff
```

```
kid: 0x0000000000000100
ctr: 0x0000000000000100
header: 9901000100
```

```
kid: 0x00000000000000100  
ctr: 0x000000000000ffff  
header: 990100ffff
```

```
kid: 0x00000000000000100  
ctr: 0x0000000000010000  
header: 9a0100010000
```

```
kid: 0x00000000000000100  
ctr: 0x0000000000ffffff  
header: 9a0100ffffff
```

```
kid: 0x00000000000000100  
ctr: 0x0000000001000000  
header: 9b010001000000
```

```
kid: 0x00000000000000100  
ctr: 0x00000000ffffffff  
header: 9b0100ffffffff
```

```
kid: 0x00000000000000100  
ctr: 0x0000000100000000  
header: 9c01000100000000
```

```
kid: 0x00000000000000100  
ctr: 0x000000ffffffffffff  
header: 9c0100ffffffffffff
```

```
kid: 0x00000000000000100  
ctr: 0x0000010000000000  
header: 9d0100010000000000
```

```
kid: 0x00000000000000100  
ctr: 0x0000ffffffffffff  
header: 9d0100ffffffffffff
```

```
kid: 0x00000000000000100  
ctr: 0x0001000000000000  
header: 9e010001000000000000
```



```
kid: 0x0000000000000100
ctr: 0x00ffffffffffffff
header: 9e0100ffffffffffffff
```

```
kid: 0x0000000000000100
ctr: 0x0100000000000000
header: 9f01000100000000000000
```

```
kid: 0x0000000000000100
ctr: 0xffffffffffffff
header: 9f0100ffffffffffffff
```

```
kid: 0x000000000000ffff
ctr: 0x0000000000000000
header: 90ffff
```

```
kid: 0x000000000000ffff
ctr: 0x0000000000000001
header: 91ffff
```

```
kid: 0x000000000000ffff
ctr: 0x00000000000000ff
header: 98ffffff
```

```
kid: 0x000000000000ffff
ctr: 0x0000000000000100
header: 99ffff0100
```

```
kid: 0x000000000000ffff
ctr: 0x000000000000ffff
header: 99ffffff
```

```
kid: 0x000000000000ffff
ctr: 0x0000000000010000
header: 9affff010000
```

```
kid: 0x000000000000ffff
ctr: 0x0000000000ffffff
header: 9affffffff
```

```
kid: 0x000000000000ffff
ctr: 0x000000001000000
header: 9bffff01000000
```

```
kid: 0x000000000000ffff
ctr: 0x00000000ffffffff
header: 9bffffffffffff
```

```
kid: 0x000000000000ffff
ctr: 0x000000100000000
header: 9cffff0100000000
```

```
kid: 0x000000000000ffff
ctr: 0x000000ffffffffffff
header: 9cffffffffffff
```

```
kid: 0x000000000000ffff
ctr: 0x000001000000000
header: 9dffff010000000000
```

```
kid: 0x000000000000ffff
ctr: 0x0000ffffffffffff
header: 9dffffffffffff
```

```
kid: 0x000000000000ffff
ctr: 0x000100000000000
header: 9effff01000000000000
```

```
kid: 0x000000000000ffff
ctr: 0x00ffffffffffff
header: 9effffffffffffff
```

```
kid: 0x000000000000ffff
ctr: 0x010000000000000
header: 9ffffff010000000000000
```

```
kid: 0x000000000000ffff
ctr: 0xffffffffffff
header: 9ffffffffffff
```

```
kid: 0x0000000000010000  
ctr: 0x0000000000000000  
header: a0010000
```

```
kid: 0x0000000000010000  
ctr: 0x0000000000000001  
header: a1010000
```

```
kid: 0x0000000000010000  
ctr: 0x00000000000000ff  
header: a8010000ff
```

```
kid: 0x0000000000010000  
ctr: 0x0000000000000100  
header: a90100000100
```

```
kid: 0x0000000000010000  
ctr: 0x000000000000ffff  
header: a9010000ffff
```

```
kid: 0x0000000000010000  
ctr: 0x0000000000010000  
header: aa010000010000
```

```
kid: 0x0000000000010000  
ctr: 0x0000000000ffffff  
header: aa010000ffffff
```

```
kid: 0x0000000000010000  
ctr: 0x0000000001000000  
header: ab01000001000000
```

```
kid: 0x0000000000010000  
ctr: 0x00000000ffffffff  
header: ab010000ffffffff
```

```
kid: 0x0000000000010000  
ctr: 0x0000000100000000  
header: ac0100000100000000
```

```
kid: 0x0000000000010000  
ctr: 0x000000ffffffffffff  
header: ac010000ffffffffffff
```

```
kid: 0x0000000000010000  
ctr: 0x0000010000000000  
header: ad010000010000000000
```

```
kid: 0x0000000000010000  
ctr: 0x0000ffffffffffff  
header: ad010000ffffffffffff
```

```
kid: 0x0000000000010000  
ctr: 0x0001000000000000  
header: ae01000001000000000000
```

```
kid: 0x0000000000010000  
ctr: 0x00ffffffffffff  
header: ae010000ffffffffffff
```

```
kid: 0x0000000000010000  
ctr: 0x0100000000000000  
header: af0100000100000000000000
```

```
kid: 0x0000000000010000  
ctr: 0xffffffffffff  
header: af010000ffffffffffff
```

```
kid: 0x0000000000ffff  
ctr: 0x0000000000000000  
header: a0ffffff
```

```
kid: 0x0000000000ffff  
ctr: 0x0000000000000001  
header: a1ffffff
```

```
kid: 0x0000000000ffff  
ctr: 0x00000000000000ff  
header: a8ffffff
```

```
kid: 0x000000000000ffffff
ctr: 0x0000000000000100
header: a9ffffff0100
```

```
kid: 0x000000000000ffffff
ctr: 0x000000000000ffff
header: a9fffffffffff
```

```
kid: 0x000000000000ffffff
ctr: 0x0000000000010000
header: aaffffffff010000
```

```
kid: 0x000000000000ffffff
ctr: 0x000000000000ffffff
header: aafffffffffffff
```

```
kid: 0x000000000000ffffff
ctr: 0x0000000001000000
header: abffffff01000000
```

```
kid: 0x000000000000ffffff
ctr: 0x00000000ffffffff
header: abfffffffffffffff
```

```
kid: 0x000000000000ffffff
ctr: 0x0000000100000000
header: acffffff0100000000
```

```
kid: 0x000000000000ffffff
ctr: 0x000000ffffffff
header: acfffffffffffffff
```

```
kid: 0x000000000000ffffff
ctr: 0x0000010000000000
header: adffffff010000000000
```

```
kid: 0x000000000000ffffff
ctr: 0x0000ffffffff
header: adfffffffffffffff
```

```
kid: 0x000000000000ffffff
ctr: 0x0001000000000000
header: aeffffffff01000000000000
```

```
kid: 0x000000000000ffffff
ctr: 0x00ffffffffffffff
header: aeffffffffffffffffffffff
```

```
kid: 0x000000000000ffffff
ctr: 0x0100000000000000
header: affffffff010000000000000
```

```
kid: 0x000000000000ffffff
ctr: 0xffffffffffffff
header: afffffffffffffffffffffffff
```

```
kid: 0x0000000001000000
ctr: 0x0000000000000000
header: b001000000
```

```
kid: 0x0000000001000000
ctr: 0x0000000000000001
header: b101000000
```

```
kid: 0x0000000001000000
ctr: 0x00000000000000ff
header: b801000000ff
```

```
kid: 0x0000000001000000
ctr: 0x0000000000000100
header: b9010000000100
```

```
kid: 0x0000000001000000
ctr: 0x000000000000ffff
header: b901000000ffff
```

```
kid: 0x0000000001000000
ctr: 0x0000000000010000
header: ba01000000010000
```

```
kid: 0x0000000001000000  
ctr: 0x000000000ffffff  
header: ba0100000ffffff
```

```
kid: 0x0000000001000000  
ctr: 0x0000000001000000  
header: bb0100000001000000
```

```
kid: 0x0000000001000000  
ctr: 0x000000000ffffff  
header: bb0100000ffffff
```

```
kid: 0x0000000001000000  
ctr: 0x0000000100000000  
header: bc010000000100000000
```

```
kid: 0x0000000001000000  
ctr: 0x0000000ffffff  
header: bc0100000ffffff
```

```
kid: 0x0000000001000000  
ctr: 0x0000010000000000  
header: bd01000000010000000000
```

```
kid: 0x0000000001000000  
ctr: 0x0000ffffff  
header: bd0100000ffffff
```

```
kid: 0x0000000001000000  
ctr: 0x0001000000000000  
header: be0100000001000000000000
```

```
kid: 0x0000000001000000  
ctr: 0x00ffffff  
header: be0100000ffffff
```

```
kid: 0x0000000001000000  
ctr: 0x0100000000000000  
header: bf010000000100000000000000
```

```
kid: 0x000000001000000
ctr: 0xfffffffffffffff
header: bf01000000fffffffffffffff
```

```
kid: 0x00000000ffffffff
ctr: 0x0000000000000000
header: b0ffffffff
```

```
kid: 0x00000000ffffffff
ctr: 0x0000000000000001
header: b1ffffffff
```

```
kid: 0x00000000ffffffff
ctr: 0x00000000000000ff
header: b8ffffffff
```

```
kid: 0x00000000ffffffff
ctr: 0x0000000000000100
header: b9ffffffff0100
```

```
kid: 0x00000000ffffffff
ctr: 0x000000000000ffff
header: b9ffffffff
```

```
kid: 0x00000000ffffffff
ctr: 0x0000000000010000
header: bafffffffff010000
```

```
kid: 0x00000000ffffffff
ctr: 0x000000000000ffff
header: bafffffffff
```

```
kid: 0x00000000ffffffff
ctr: 0x000000001000000
header: bbfffffff01000000
```

```
kid: 0x00000000ffffffff
ctr: 0x00000000ffffffff
header: bbfffffff
```



```
kid: 0x00000000ffffffff
ctr: 0x0000000100000000
header: bcfffffffff0100000000
```

```
kid: 0x00000000ffffffff
ctr: 0x0000000fffffffffff
header: bcffffffffffffffffffff
```

```
kid: 0x00000000ffffffff
ctr: 0x0000010000000000
header: bdffffffffff01000000000
```

```
kid: 0x00000000ffffffff
ctr: 0x0000fffffffffffff
header: bdfffffffffffffffffffff
```

```
kid: 0x00000000ffffffff
ctr: 0x0001000000000000
header: befffffffff0100000000000
```

```
kid: 0x00000000ffffffff
ctr: 0x00fffffffffffff
header: befffffffffffffffffffff
```

```
kid: 0x00000000ffffffff
ctr: 0x0100000000000000
header: bfffffffff010000000000000
```

```
kid: 0x00000000ffffffff
ctr: 0xfffffffffffff
header: bfffffffffffffffffffff
```

```
kid: 0x0000000100000000
ctr: 0x0000000000000000
header: c00100000000
```

```
kid: 0x0000000100000000
ctr: 0x0000000000000001
header: c10100000000
```

```
kid: 0x0000000100000000  
ctr: 0x00000000000000ff  
header: c80100000000ff
```

```
kid: 0x0000000100000000  
ctr: 0x0000000000000100  
header: c90100000000100
```

```
kid: 0x0000000100000000  
ctr: 0x000000000000ffff  
header: c90100000000ffff
```

```
kid: 0x0000000100000000  
ctr: 0x0000000000010000  
header: ca010000000010000
```

```
kid: 0x0000000100000000  
ctr: 0x0000000000ffffff  
header: ca0100000000ffffff
```

```
kid: 0x0000000100000000  
ctr: 0x0000000001000000  
header: cb0100000000100000
```

```
kid: 0x0000000100000000  
ctr: 0x00000000ffffff  
header: cb0100000000ffffff
```

```
kid: 0x0000000100000000  
ctr: 0x0000000100000000  
header: cc010000000010000000
```

```
kid: 0x0000000100000000  
ctr: 0x000000ffffff  
header: cc0100000000ffffff
```

```
kid: 0x0000000100000000  
ctr: 0x0000010000000000  
header: cd01000000001000000000
```

```
kid: 0x0000000100000000
ctr: 0x0000fffffffffffff
header: cd0100000000fffffffffffff
```

```
kid: 0x0000000100000000
ctr: 0x0001000000000000
header: ce010000000001000000000000
```

```
kid: 0x0000000100000000
ctr: 0x00fffffffffffff
header: ce0100000000fffffffffffff
```

```
kid: 0x0000000100000000
ctr: 0x0100000000000000
header: cf01000000000100000000000000
```

```
kid: 0x0000000100000000
ctr: 0xfffffffffffff
header: cf0100000000fffffffffffff
```

```
kid: 0x000000fffffffff
ctr: 0x0000000000000000
header: c0fffffffff
```

```
kid: 0x000000fffffffff
ctr: 0x0000000000000001
header: c1fffffffff
```

```
kid: 0x000000fffffffff
ctr: 0x00000000000000ff
header: c8fffffffff
```

```
kid: 0x000000fffffffff
ctr: 0x0000000000000100
header: c9fffffffff0100
```

```
kid: 0x000000fffffffff
ctr: 0x000000000000ffff
header: c9fffffffffffff
```

```
kid: 0x000000fffffffffff  
ctr: 0x0000000000010000  
header: cafffffffffff010000
```

```
kid: 0x000000fffffffffff  
ctr: 0x0000000000ffffff  
header: cafffffffffffffffffff
```

```
kid: 0x000000fffffffffff  
ctr: 0x000000001000000  
header: cbfffffffffff01000000
```

```
kid: 0x000000fffffffffff  
ctr: 0x00000000ffffff  
header: cbfffffffffffffffffff
```

```
kid: 0x000000fffffffffff  
ctr: 0x000000100000000  
header: ccfffffffffff010000000
```

```
kid: 0x000000fffffffffff  
ctr: 0x000000ffffff  
header: ccfffffffffffffffffff
```

```
kid: 0x000000fffffffffff  
ctr: 0x000001000000000  
header: cdfffffffffff01000000000
```

```
kid: 0x000000fffffffffff  
ctr: 0x0000ffffff  
header: cdfffffffffffffffffff
```

```
kid: 0x000000fffffffffff  
ctr: 0x000100000000000  
header: cefffffffffff010000000000
```

```
kid: 0x000000fffffffffff  
ctr: 0x00ffffffff  
header: cefffffffffffffffffff
```

```
kid: 0x000000fffffffffff
ctr: 0x0100000000000000
header: cfffffffffff0100000000000000
```

```
kid: 0x000000fffffffffff
ctr: 0xfffffffffffffffffff
header: cfffffffffff0100000000000000
```

```
kid: 0x0000010000000000
ctr: 0x0000000000000000
header: d001000000000000
```

```
kid: 0x0000010000000000
ctr: 0x0000000000000001
header: d101000000000000
```

```
kid: 0x0000010000000000
ctr: 0x00000000000000ff
header: d8010000000000ff
```

```
kid: 0x0000010000000000
ctr: 0x0000000000000100
header: d9010000000000100
```

```
kid: 0x0000010000000000
ctr: 0x000000000000ffff
header: d90100000000ffff
```

```
kid: 0x0000010000000000
ctr: 0x0000000000010000
header: da01000000000010000
```

```
kid: 0x0000010000000000
ctr: 0x0000000000ffff
header: da0100000000ffff
```

```
kid: 0x0000010000000000
ctr: 0x0000000001000000
header: db010000000000100000
```

```
kid: 0x0000010000000000
ctr: 0x00000000ffffffff
header: db010000000000ffffffff
```

```
kid: 0x0000010000000000
ctr: 0x0000000100000000
header: dc0100000000001000000000
```

```
kid: 0x0000010000000000
ctr: 0x000000ffffffff
header: dc010000000000ffffffff
```

```
kid: 0x0000010000000000
ctr: 0x0000010000000000
header: dd0100000000001000000000
```

```
kid: 0x0000010000000000
ctr: 0x0000ffffffff
header: dd010000000000ffffffff
```

```
kid: 0x0000010000000000
ctr: 0x0001000000000000
header: de010000000000100000000000
```

```
kid: 0x0000010000000000
ctr: 0x00ffffffff
header: de010000000000ffffffff
```

```
kid: 0x0000010000000000
ctr: 0x0100000000000000
header: df010000000000100000000000
```

```
kid: 0x0000010000000000
ctr: 0xffffffff
header: df010000000000ffffffff
```

```
kid: 0x0000ffffffff
ctr: 0x0000000000000000
header: d0ffffffff
```

```
kid: 0x0000fffffffffffff
ctr: 0x0000000000000001
header: d1fffffffffffff
```

```
kid: 0x0000fffffffffffff
ctr: 0x00000000000000ff
header: d8fffffffffffff
```

```
kid: 0x0000fffffffffffff
ctr: 0x0000000000000100
header: d9fffffffffffff0100
```

```
kid: 0x0000fffffffffffff
ctr: 0x000000000000ffff
header: d9fffffffffffff
```

```
kid: 0x0000fffffffffffff
ctr: 0x0000000000010000
header: dafffffffffffff010000
```

```
kid: 0x0000fffffffffffff
ctr: 0x0000000000ffff
header: dafffffffffffff
```

```
kid: 0x0000fffffffffffff
ctr: 0x0000000001000000
header: dbfffffffffffff01000000
```

```
kid: 0x0000fffffffffffff
ctr: 0x00000000ffff
header: dbfffffffffffff
```

```
kid: 0x0000fffffffffffff
ctr: 0x0000000100000000
header: dcfffffffffffff010000000
```

```
kid: 0x0000fffffffffffff
ctr: 0x000000ffff
header: dcfffffffffffff
```

```
kid: 0x0000fffffffffffff
ctr: 0x0000010000000000
header: dfffffffffffff010000000000
```

```
kid: 0x0000fffffffffffff
ctr: 0x0000fffffffffffff
header: dfffffffffffff010000000000
```

```
kid: 0x0000fffffffffffff
ctr: 0x0001000000000000
header: deffffffffffffff010000000000
```

```
kid: 0x0000fffffffffffff
ctr: 0x00fffffffffffff
header: deffffffffffffff010000000000
```

```
kid: 0x0000fffffffffffff
ctr: 0x0100000000000000
header: dfffffffffffff01000000000000
```

```
kid: 0x0000fffffffffffff
ctr: 0xfffffffffffff
header: dfffffffffffff01000000000000
```

```
kid: 0x0001000000000000
ctr: 0x0000000000000000
header: e001000000000000
```

```
kid: 0x0001000000000000
ctr: 0x0000000000000001
header: e101000000000000
```

```
kid: 0x0001000000000000
ctr: 0x00000000000000ff
header: e8010000000000ff
```

```
kid: 0x0001000000000000
ctr: 0x0000000000000100
header: e90100000000000100
```



```
kid: 0x0001000000000000  
ctr: 0x000000000000ffff  
header: e9010000000000ffff
```

```
kid: 0x0001000000000000  
ctr: 0x0000000000010000  
header: ea010000000000010000
```

```
kid: 0x0001000000000000  
ctr: 0x00000000ffffff  
header: ea010000000000ffffff
```

```
kid: 0x0001000000000000  
ctr: 0x0000000010000000  
header: eb01000000000001000000
```

```
kid: 0x0001000000000000  
ctr: 0x00000000ffffffff  
header: eb010000000000ffffffff
```

```
kid: 0x0001000000000000  
ctr: 0x0000000100000000  
header: ec0100000000000100000000
```

```
kid: 0x0001000000000000  
ctr: 0x000000ffffffff  
header: ec010000000000ffffffff
```

```
kid: 0x0001000000000000  
ctr: 0x0000010000000000  
header: ed010000000000010000000000
```

```
kid: 0x0001000000000000  
ctr: 0x0000ffffffff  
header: ed010000000000ffffffff
```

```
kid: 0x0001000000000000  
ctr: 0x0001000000000000  
header: ee010000000000010000000000
```

```
kid: 0x0001000000000000  
ctr: 0x00ffffffffffffff  
header: ee01000000000000ffffffffffffff
```

```
kid: 0x0001000000000000  
ctr: 0x0100000000000000  
header: ef0100000000000010000000000000
```

```
kid: 0x0001000000000000  
ctr: 0xffffffffffffff  
header: ef01000000000000ffffffffffffff
```

```
kid: 0x00ffffffffffffff  
ctr: 0x0000000000000000  
header: e0ffffffffffffff
```

```
kid: 0x00ffffffffffffff  
ctr: 0x0000000000000001  
header: e1ffffffffffffff
```

```
kid: 0x00ffffffffffffff  
ctr: 0x00000000000000ff  
header: e8ffffffffffffff
```

```
kid: 0x00ffffffffffffff  
ctr: 0x0000000000000100  
header: e9ffffffffffffff0100
```

```
kid: 0x00ffffffffffffff  
ctr: 0x000000000000ffff  
header: e9ffffffffffffff
```

```
kid: 0x00ffffffffffffff  
ctr: 0x000000000010000  
header: eaffffffffffffffff010000
```

```
kid: 0x00ffffffffffffff  
ctr: 0x0000000000ffffff  
header: eaffffffffffffffff
```

```
kid: 0x00fffffffffffffff
ctr: 0x000000001000000
header: ebfffffffffffffff01000000
```

```
kid: 0x00fffffffffffffff
ctr: 0x00000000fffffffff
header: ebfffffffffffffff
```

```
kid: 0x00fffffffffffffff
ctr: 0x0000000100000000
header: ecfffffffffffffff0100000000
```

```
kid: 0x00fffffffffffffff
ctr: 0x000000fffffffffff
header: ecfffffffffffffff
```

```
kid: 0x00fffffffffffffff
ctr: 0x0000010000000000
header: edfffffffffffffff010000000000
```

```
kid: 0x00fffffffffffffff
ctr: 0x0000fffffffffffff
header: edfffffffffffffff
```

```
kid: 0x00fffffffffffffff
ctr: 0x0001000000000000
header: eefffffffffffffffff01000000000000
```

```
kid: 0x00fffffffffffffff
ctr: 0x00fffffffffffff
header: eefffffffffffffffff
```

```
kid: 0x00fffffffffffffff
ctr: 0x0100000000000000
header: eefffffffffffffffff0100000000000000
```

```
kid: 0x00fffffffffffffff
ctr: 0xfffffffffffff
header: eefffffffffffffffff
```

```
kid: 0x0100000000000000
ctr: 0x0000000000000000
header: f00100000000000000
```

```
kid: 0x0100000000000000
ctr: 0x0000000000000001
header: f10100000000000000
```

```
kid: 0x0100000000000000
ctr: 0x00000000000000ff
header: f801000000000000ff
```

```
kid: 0x0100000000000000
ctr: 0x0000000000000100
header: f901000000000000100
```

```
kid: 0x0100000000000000
ctr: 0x000000000000ffff
header: f9010000000000ffff
```

```
kid: 0x0100000000000000
ctr: 0x0000000000010000
header: fa0100000000000010000
```

```
kid: 0x0100000000000000
ctr: 0x0000000000ffffff
header: fa010000000000ffffff
```

```
kid: 0x0100000000000000
ctr: 0x0000000001000000
header: fb01000000000000100000
```

```
kid: 0x0100000000000000
ctr: 0x00000000ffffff
header: fb010000000000ffffff
```

```
kid: 0x0100000000000000
ctr: 0x0000000100000000
header: fc0100000000000010000000
```

```
kid: 0x0100000000000000  
ctr: 0x000000ffffffffffff  
header: fc01000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000
```

```
kid: 0x0100000000000000  
ctr: 0x0000010000000000  
header: fd01000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000
```

```
kid: 0x0100000000000000  
ctr: 0x0000ffffffffffff  
header: fd01000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000
```

```
kid: 0x0100000000000000  
ctr: 0x0001000000000000  
header: fe01000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000
```

```
kid: 0x0100000000000000  
ctr: 0x00ffffffffffff  
header: fe010000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000
```

```
kid: 0x0100000000000000  
ctr: 0x0100000000000000  
header: ff01000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000  
00
```

```
kid: 0x0100000000000000  
ctr: 0xffffffffffff  
header: ff01000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000  
ff
```

```
kid: 0xffffffffffff  
ctr: 0x0000000000000000  
header: f0ffffffffffff
```

```
kid: 0xffffffffffff  
ctr: 0x0000000000000001  
header: f1ffffffffffff
```

```
kid: 0xfffffffffffffffff
ctr: 0x00000000000000ff
header: f8fffffffffffffffff
```

```
kid: 0xfffffffffffffffff
ctr: 0x0000000000000100
header: f9fffffffffffffffff0100
```

```
kid: 0xfffffffffffffffff
ctr: 0x000000000000ffff
header: f9fffffffffffffffff
```

```
kid: 0xfffffffffffffffff
ctr: 0x0000000000010000
header: fafffffffffffffffff010000
```

```
kid: 0xfffffffffffffffff
ctr: 0x0000000000ffffff
header: fafffffffffffffffff
```

```
kid: 0xfffffffffffffffff
ctr: 0x0000000001000000
header: fbfffffffffffffffff01000000
```

```
kid: 0xfffffffffffffffff
ctr: 0x00000000ffffff
header: fbfffffffffffffffff
```

```
kid: 0xfffffffffffffffff
ctr: 0x0000000100000000
header: fcfffffffffffffffff0100000000
```

```
kid: 0xfffffffffffffffff
ctr: 0x000000ffffffff
header: fcfffffffffffffffff
```

```
kid: 0xfffffffffffffffff
ctr: 0x0000010000000000
header: fdfffffffffffffffff010000000000
```

```
kid: 0xffffffffffffffff
ctr: 0x0000ffffffffffff
header: fdffffffffffffffffffffffffffff
```

```
kid: 0xffffffffffffffff
ctr: 0x0001000000000000
header: fefffffffffffffffff0100000000000
```

```
kid: 0xffffffffffffffff
ctr: 0x00ffffffffffff
header: feffffffffffffffffffffffffffff
```

```
kid: 0xffffffffffffffff
ctr: 0x0100000000000000
header: ffffffffffffffffff01000000000000
      00
```

```
kid: 0xffffffffffffffff
ctr: 0xffffffffffff
header: fffffffffffffffffffffffffff
      ff
```

C.2. AEAD Encryption/Decryption Using AES-CTR and HMAC

For each case, we provide:

- `cipher_suite`: The index of the cipher suite in use (see [Section 8.1](#))
- `key`: The key input to encryption/decryption
- `enc_key`: The encryption subkey produced by the `derive_subkeys()` algorithm
- `auth_key`: The encryption subkey produced by the `derive_subkeys()` algorithm
- `nonce`: The nonce input to encryption/decryption
- `aad`: The aad input to encryption/decryption
- `pt`: The plaintext
- `ct`: The ciphertext

An implementation should verify that the following are true, where `AEAD.Encrypt` and `AEAD.Decrypt` are as defined in [Section 4.5.1](#):

- `AEAD.Encrypt(key, nonce, aad, pt) == ct`
- `AEAD.Decrypt(key, nonce, aad, ct) == pt`

The other values in the test vector are intermediate values provided to facilitate debugging of test failures.

```
cipher_suite: 0x0001
key: 000102030405060708090a0b0c0d0e0f
    101112131415161718191a1b1c1d1e1f
    202122232425262728292a2b2c2d2e2f
enc_key: 000102030405060708090a0b0c0d0e0f
auth_key: 101112131415161718191a1b1c1d1e1f
    202122232425262728292a2b2c2d2e2f
nonce: 101112131415161718191a1b
aad: 4945544620534672616d65205747
pt: 64726166742d696574662d736672616d
    652d656e63
ct: 6339af04ada1d064688a442b8dc69d5b
    6bfa40f4bef0583e8081069cc60705
```

```
cipher_suite: 0x0002
key: 000102030405060708090a0b0c0d0e0f
    101112131415161718191a1b1c1d1e1f
    202122232425262728292a2b2c2d2e2f
enc_key: 000102030405060708090a0b0c0d0e0f
auth_key: 101112131415161718191a1b1c1d1e1f
    202122232425262728292a2b2c2d2e2f
nonce: 101112131415161718191a1b
aad: 4945544620534672616d65205747
pt: 64726166742d696574662d736672616d
    652d656e63
ct: 6339af04ada1d064688a442b8dc69d5b
    6bfa40f4be6e93b7da076927bb
```

```
cipher_suite: 0x0003
key: 000102030405060708090a0b0c0d0e0f
    101112131415161718191a1b1c1d1e1f
    202122232425262728292a2b2c2d2e2f
enc_key: 000102030405060708090a0b0c0d0e0f
auth_key: 101112131415161718191a1b1c1d1e1f
    202122232425262728292a2b2c2d2e2f
nonce: 101112131415161718191a1b
aad: 4945544620534672616d65205747
pt: 64726166742d696574662d736672616d
    652d656e63
ct: 6339af04ada1d064688a442b8dc69d5b
    6bfa40f4be09480509
```

C.3. SFrame Encryption/Decryption

For each case, we provide:

- `cipher_suite`: The index of the cipher suite in use (see [Section 8.1](#))
- `kid`: A KID value
- `ctr`: A CTR value
- `base_key`: The `base_key` input to the `derive_key_salt` algorithm

- `sframe_key_label`: The label used to derive `sframe_key` in the `derive_key_salt` algorithm
- `sframe_salt_label`: The label used to derive `sframe_salt` in the `derive_key_salt` algorithm
- `sframe_secret`: The `sframe_secret` variable in the `derive_key_salt` algorithm
- `sframe_key`: The `sframe_key` value produced by the `derive_key_salt` algorithm
- `sframe_salt`: The `sframe_salt` value produced by the `derive_key_salt` algorithm
- `metadata`: The `metadata` input to the SFrame encrypt algorithm
- `pt`: The plaintext
- `ct`: The SFrame ciphertext

An implementation should verify that the following are true, where `encrypt` and `decrypt` are as defined in [Section 4.4](#), using an SFrame context initialized with `base_key` assigned to `kid`:

- `encrypt(ctr, kid, metadata, plaintext) == ct`
- `decrypt(metadata, ct) == pt`

The other values in the test vector are intermediate values provided to facilitate debugging of test failures.

```
cipher_suite: 0x0001
kid: 0x0000000000000123
ctr: 0x0000000000004567
base_key: 000102030405060708090a0b0c0d0e0f
sframe_key_label: 534672616d6520312e30205365637265
                  74206b657920000000000001230001
sframe_salt_label: 534672616d6520312e30205365637265
                  742073616c74200000000000012300
                  01
sframe_secret: d926952ca8b7ec4a95941d1ada3a5203
               ceff8ccee34f574d23909eb314c40c0
sframe_key: 3f7d9a7c83ae8e1c8a11ae695ab59314
            b367e359fadac7b9c46b2bc6f81f46e1
            6b96f0811868d59402b7e870102720b3
sframe_salt: 50b29329a04dc0f184ac3168
metadata: 4945544620534672616d65205747
nonce: 50b29329a04dc0f184ac740f
aad: 99012345674945544620534672616d65
     205747
pt: 64726166742d696574662d736672616d
    652d656e63
ct: 9901234567449408b6f490086165b9d6
    f62b24ae1a59a56486b4ae8ed036b889
    12e24f11
```

```
cipher_suite: 0x0002
kid: 0x00000000000000123
ctr: 0x00000000000004567
base_key: 000102030405060708090a0b0c0d0e0f
sframe_key_label: 534672616d6520312e30205365637265
                    74206b6579200000000000001230002
sframe_salt_label: 534672616d6520312e30205365637265
                    742073616c74200000000000000012300
                    02
sframe_secret: d926952ca8b7ec4a95941d1ada3a5203
                ceff8ccee34f574d23909eb314c40c0
sframe_key: e2ec5c797540310483b16bf6e7a570d2
             a27d192fe869c7ccd8584a8d9dab9154
             9fbe553f5113461ec6aa83bf3865553e
sframe_salt: e68ac8dd3d02fbcd368c5577
metadata: 4945544620534672616d65205747
nonce: e68ac8dd3d02fbcd368c1010
aad: 99012345674945544620534672616d65
     205747
pt: 64726166742d696574662d736672616d
    652d656e63
ct: 99012345673f31438db4d09434e43afa
    0f8a2f00867a2be085046a9f5cb4f101
    d607
```

```
cipher_suite: 0x0003
kid: 0x00000000000000123
ctr: 0x00000000000004567
base_key: 000102030405060708090a0b0c0d0e0f
sframe_key_label: 534672616d6520312e30205365637265
                    74206b6579200000000000001230003
sframe_salt_label: 534672616d6520312e30205365637265
                    742073616c74200000000000000012300
                    03
sframe_secret: d926952ca8b7ec4a95941d1ada3a5203
                ceff8ccee34f574d23909eb314c40c0
sframe_key: 2c5703089cbb8c583475e4fc461d97d1
             8809df79b6d550f78eb6d50ffa80d892
             11d57909934f46f5405e38cd583c69fe
sframe_salt: 38c16e4f5159700c00c7f350
metadata: 4945544620534672616d65205747
nonce: 38c16e4f5159700c00c7b637
aad: 99012345674945544620534672616d65
     205747
pt: 64726166742d696574662d736672616d
    652d656e63
ct: 990123456717fc8af28a5a695afcfc6c
    8df6358a17e26b2fcb3bae32e443
```

```
cipher_suite: 0x0004
kid: 0x0000000000000123
ctr: 0x00000000000004567
base_key: 000102030405060708090a0b0c0d0e0f
sframe_key_label: 534672616d6520312e30205365637265
                    74206b6579200000000000001230004
sframe_salt_label: 534672616d6520312e30205365637265
                    742073616c74200000000000000012300
                    04
sframe_secret: d926952ca8b7ec4a95941d1ada3a5203
                ceff8ccee34f574d23909eb314c40c0
sframe_key: d34f547f4ca4f9a7447006fe7fcbf768
sframe_salt: 75234edefe07819026751816
metadata: 4945544620534672616d65205747
nonce: 75234edefe07819026755d71
aad: 99012345674945544620534672616d65
     205747
pt: 64726166742d696574662d736672616d
    652d656e63
ct: 9901234567b7412c2513a1b66dbb4884
    1bbaf17f598751176ad847681a69c6d0
    b091c07018ce4adb34eb
```

```
cipher_suite: 0x0005
kid: 0x0000000000000123
ctr: 0x00000000000004567
base_key: 000102030405060708090a0b0c0d0e0f
sframe_key_label: 534672616d6520312e30205365637265
                    74206b6579200000000000001230005
sframe_salt_label: 534672616d6520312e30205365637265
                    742073616c74200000000000000012300
                    05
sframe_secret: 0fc3ea6de6aac97a35f194cf9bed94d4
                b5230f1cb45a785c9fe5dce9c188938a
                b6ba005bc4c0a19181599e9d1bcf7b74
                aca48b60bf5e254e546d809313e083a3
sframe_key: d3e27b0d4a5ae9e55df01a70e6d4d28d
            969b246e2936f4b7a5d9b494da6b9633
sframe_salt: 84991c167b8cd23c93708ec7
metadata: 4945544620534672616d65205747
nonce: 84991c167b8cd23c9370cba0
aad: 99012345674945544620534672616d65
     205747
pt: 64726166742d696574662d736672616d
    652d656e63
ct: 990123456794f509d36e9beacb0e261d
    99c7d1e972f1fed787d4049f17ca2135
    3c1cc24d56ceabced279
```

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