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Abstract

Composite ML-DSA defines combinations of ML-DSA, as defined by NIST in FIPS 204, with RSA, ECDSA, and EdDSA. This document specifies the conventions for using Composite ML-DSA algorithms within the Cryptographic Message Syntax (CMS).

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1. Introduction

[I-D.ietf-lamps-pq-composite-sigs] defines a collection of signature algorithms, referred to as Composite ML-DSA, which combine ML-DSA [FIPS204] with traditional algorithms RSASSA-PKCS1-v1.5, RSASSA-PSS, ECDSA, Ed25519, and Ed448. This document acts as a companion to [I-D.ietf-lamps-pq-composite-sigs] by providing conventions for using Composite ML-DSA algorithms within the Cryptographic Message Syntax (CMS) [RFC5652].

1.1. Conventions and 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. These words may also appear in this document in lower case as plain English words, absent their normative meanings.

This document is consistent with the terminology defined in [RFC9794].

2. Composite ML-DSA Algorithm Identifiers

Many ASN.1 data structure types use the AlgorithmIdentifier type to identify cryptographic algorithms. In the CMS, AlgorithmIdentifiers are used to identify Composite ML-DSA signatures in the signed-data content type. They may also appear in X.509 certificates used to verify those signatures. The same AlgorithmIdentifiers are used to identify Composite ML-DSA public keys and signature algorithms. [I-D.ietf-lamps-pq-composite-sigs] describes the use of Composite ML-DSA in X.509 certificates. The AlgorithmIdentifier type is defined as follows:

```
AlgorithmIdentifier{ALGORITHM-TYPE, ALGORITHM-TYPE:AlgorithmSet} ::=
    SEQUENCE {
        algorithm    ALGORITHM-TYPE.&id({AlgorithmSet}),
        parameters   ALGORITHM-TYPE.
                        &Params({AlgorithmSet}{@algorithm}) OPTIONAL
    }
```

| NOTE: The above syntax is from [RFC5911] and is compatible with
| the 2021 ASN.1 syntax [X680]. See [RFC5280] for the 1988 ASN.1
| syntax.

The fields in the AlgorithmIdentifier type have the following meanings:

algorithm: The algorithm field contains an OID that identifies the cryptographic algorithm in use. The OIDs for Composite ML-DSA algorithms are described below.

parameters: The parameters field contains parameter information for the algorithm identified by the OID in the algorithm field. Each Composite ML-DSA parameter set is identified by its own algorithm OID, so there is no relevant information to include in this field. As such, parameters MUST be omitted when encoding a Composite ML-DSA AlgorithmIdentifier.

The object identifiers for Composite ML-DSA algorithms are defined in [I-D.ietf-lamps-pq-composite-sigs], and are reproduced here for convenience.

```
id-MLDSA44-RSA2048-PSS-SHA256 OBJECT IDENTIFIER ::= {
    iso(1) org(3) dod(6) internet(1) security(5) mechanisms(5)
    pkix(7) alg(6) 37 }
id-MLDSA44-RSA2048-PKCS15-SHA256 OBJECT IDENTIFIER ::= {
    iso(1) org(3) dod(6) internet(1) security(5) mechanisms(5)
    pkix(7) alg(6) 38 }
id-MLDSA44-Ed25519-SHA512 OBJECT IDENTIFIER ::= {
    iso(1) org(3) dod(6) internet(1) security(5) mechanisms(5)
    pkix(7) alg(6) 39 }
id-MLDSA44-ECDSA-P256-SHA256 OBJECT IDENTIFIER ::= {
    iso(1) org(3) dod(6) internet(1) security(5) mechanisms(5)
    pkix(7) alg(6) 40 }
id-MLDSA65-RSA3072-PSS-SHA512 OBJECT IDENTIFIER ::= {
    iso(1) org(3) dod(6) internet(1) security(5) mechanisms(5)
    pkix(7) alg(6) 41 }
id-MLDSA65-RSA3072-PKCS15-SHA512 OBJECT IDENTIFIER ::= {
    iso(1) org(3) dod(6) internet(1) security(5) mechanisms(5)
    pkix(7) alg(6) 42 }
id-MLDSA65-RSA4096-PSS-SHA512 OBJECT IDENTIFIER ::= {
    iso(1) org(3) dod(6) internet(1) security(5) mechanisms(5)
    pkix(7) alg(6) 43 }
id-MLDSA65-RSA4096-PKCS15-SHA512 OBJECT IDENTIFIER ::= {
    iso(1) org(3) dod(6) internet(1) security(5) mechanisms(5)
    pkix(7) alg(6) 44 }
id-MLDSA65-ECDSA-P256-SHA512 OBJECT IDENTIFIER ::= {
    iso(1) org(3) dod(6) internet(1) security(5) mechanisms(5)
    pkix(7) alg(6) 45 }
id-MLDSA65-ECDSA-P384-SHA512 OBJECT IDENTIFIER ::= {
    iso(1) org(3) dod(6) internet(1) security(5) mechanisms(5)
    pkix(7) alg(6) 46 }
id-MLDSA65-ECDSA-brainpoolP256r1-SHA512 OBJECT IDENTIFIER ::= {
    iso(1) org(3) dod(6) internet(1) security(5) mechanisms(5)
    pkix(7) alg(6) 47 }
```

```
id-MLDSA65-Ed25519-SHA512 OBJECT IDENTIFIER ::= {
    iso(1) org(3) dod(6) internet(1) security(5) mechanisms(5)
    pkix(7) alg(6) 48 }
id-MLDSA87-ECDSA-P384-SHA512 OBJECT IDENTIFIER ::= {
    iso(1) org(3) dod(6) internet(1) security(5) mechanisms(5)
    pkix(7) alg(6) 49 }
id-MLDSA87-ECDSA-brainpoolP384r1-SHA512 OBJECT IDENTIFIER ::= {
    iso(1) org(3) dod(6) internet(1) security(5) mechanisms(5)
    pkix(7) alg(6) 50 }
id-MLDSA87-Ed448-SHAKE256 OBJECT IDENTIFIER ::= {
    iso(1) org(3) dod(6) internet(1) security(5) mechanisms(5)
    pkix(7) alg(6) 51 }
id-MLDSA87-RSA3072-PSS-SHA512 OBJECT IDENTIFIER ::= {
    iso(1) org(3) dod(6) internet(1) security(5) mechanisms(5)
    pkix(7) alg(6) 52 }
id-MLDSA87-RSA4096-PSS-SHA512 OBJECT IDENTIFIER ::= {
    iso(1) org(3) dod(6) internet(1) security(5) mechanisms(5)
    pkix(7) alg(6) 53 }
id-MLDSA87-ECDSA-P521-SHA512 OBJECT IDENTIFIER ::= {
    iso(1) org(3) dod(6) internet(1) security(5) mechanisms(5)
    pkix(7) alg(6) 54 }
```

3. Signed-Data Conventions

3.1. Pre-Hashing

[RFC5652] specifies that digital signatures for CMS are produced using a digest of the message to be signed and the signer's private key. At the time RFC 5652 was published, all signature algorithms supported in the CMS required a message digest to be calculated externally to that algorithm, which would then be supplied to the algorithm implementation when calculating and verifying signatures. Since then, EdDSA [RFC8032] and ML-DSA [FIPS204] have also been standardized, and these algorithms support both a "pure" and "pre-hash" mode, although their use in CMS has only been defined for "pure" mode.

Composite ML-DSA operates only in a "pre-hash" mode. However, unlike RSA and ECDSA each Composite ML-DSA algorithm is defined to be used with a single digest algorithm which is identified in the Composite ML-DSA algorithm name. For example, id-MLDSA87-ECDSA-P521-SHA512 uses SHA-512 as its pre-hash digest algorithm.

When Composite ML-DSA is used in CMS, the digest algorithm used by CMS SHALL be the same pre-hash digest algorithm used by the Composite ML-DSA algorithm. A Composite ML-DSA algorithm might use additional digest algorithms for the internal component algorithms, these digest algorithms are irrelevant to Composite ML-DSA's use in CMS.

3.2. SignedData digestAlgorithms

The SignedData digestAlgorithms field includes the identifiers of the message digest algorithms used by one or more signer. There MAY be any number of elements in the collection, including zero. When signing with a Composite ML-DSA algorithm, the list of identifiers MAY include a digest algorithm from Table 1. The digest algorithm(s) included will depend on the Composite ML-DSA algorithm(s) used for signing. If such a digest algorithm is present, the algorithm parameters field MUST be absent.

3.3. Signature Generation and Verification

[RFC5652] describes the two methods that are used to calculate and verify signatures in the CMS. One method is used when signed attributes are present in the signedAttrs field of the relevant SignerInfo, and another is used when signed attributes are absent. Use of signed attributes is preferred, but the conventions for signed-data without signed attributes is also described below for completeness.

When signed attributes are absent, Composite ML-DSA signatures are computed over the content of the signed-data. As described in Section 5.4 of [RFC5652], the "content" of a signed-data is the value of the encapContentInfo eContent OCTET STRING. The tag and length octets are not included.

When signed attributes are included, Composite ML-DSA signatures are computed over the complete DER encoding of the SignedAttrs value contained in the SignerInfo's signedAttrs field. As described in Section 5.4 of [RFC5652], this encoding includes the tag and length octets, but an EXPLICIT SET OF tag is used rather than the IMPLICIT [0] tag that appears in the final message. At a minimum, the signedAttrs field MUST include a content-type attribute and a message-digest attribute. The message-digest attribute contains a hash of the content of the signed-data, where the content is as described for the absent signed attributes case above. Recalculation of the hash value by the recipient is an important step in signature verification.

Composite ML-DSA has a contextstring input that can be used to ensure that different signatures are generated for different application contexts. When using Composite ML-DSA as specified in this document, the context string is set to the empty string.

3.4. SignerInfo Content

When using Composite ML-DSA, the fields of a SignerInfo are used as follows:

digestAlgorithm: Per Section 5.3 of [RFC5652], the `digestAlgorithm` field identifies the message digest algorithm used by the signer and any associated parameters. This MUST be the same digest algorithm used by the Composite ML-DSA algorithm. Per [RFC8933], if the `signedAttrs` field is present in the SignerInfo, then the same digest algorithm MUST be used to compute both the digest of the SignedData `encapContentInfo` `eContent`, which is carried in the message-digest attribute, and the digest of the DER-encoded `signedAttrs`, which is passed to the signature algorithm. See Table 1 for exact algorithm mappings.

[RFC5754] defines the use of SHA-256 [FIPS180] (`id-sha256`) and SHA-512 [FIPS180] (`id-sha512`) in CMS. [RFC8702] defines the use of SHAKE256 [FIPS202] in CMS (`id-shake256`). When `id-sha256` or `id-sha512` is used, the `parameters` field MUST be omitted. When `id-shake256` is used the `parameters` field MUST be omitted and the digest length MUST be 64 bytes.

Signature Algorithm	Digest Algorithms
id-MLDSA44-RSA2048-PSS-SHA256	id-sha256
id-MLDSA44-RSA2048-PKCS15-SHA256	id-sha256
id-MLDSA44-Ed25519-SHA512	id-sha512
id-MLDSA44-ECDSA-P256-SHA256	id-sha256
id-MLDSA65-RSA3072-PSS-SHA512	id-sha512
id-MLDSA65-RSA3072-PKCS15-SHA512	id-sha512
id-MLDSA65-RSA4096-PSS-SHA512	id-sha512
id-MLDSA65-RSA4096-PKCS15-SHA512	id-sha512
id-MLDSA65-ECDSA-P256-SHA512	id-sha512
id-MLDSA65-ECDSA-P384-SHA512	id-sha512
id-MLDSA65-ECDSA-brainpoolP256r1-SHA512	id-sha512
id-MLDSA65-Ed25519-SHA512	id-sha512
id-MLDSA87-ECDSA-P384-SHA512	id-sha512
id-MLDSA87-ECDSA-brainpoolP384r1-SHA512	id-sha512
id-MLDSA87-Ed448-SHAKE256	id-shake256
id-MLDSA87-RSA3072-PSS-SHA512	id-sha512
id-MLDSA87-RSA4096-PSS-SHA512	id-sha512
id-MLDSA87-ECDSA-P521-SHA512	id-sha512

Table 1: Digest Algorithms for Composite ML-DSA

signatureAlgorithm: The signatureAlgorithm field MUST contain one of the Composite ML-DSA signature algorithm OIDs, and the parameters field MUST be absent. The algorithm OID MUST be one of the OIDs described in Section 2.

signature: The signature field contains the signature value

resulting from the use of the Composite ML-DSA signature algorithm identified by the signatureAlgorithm field. The Composite ML-DSA signature-generation operation is specified in Section 4.2 of [I-D.ietf-lamps-pq-composite-sigs], and the signature-verification operation is specified in Section 4.3 of [I-D.ietf-lamps-pq-composite-sigs]. Note that Section 5.6 of [RFC5652] places further requirements on the successful verification of a signature.

4. ASN.1 Module

```
<CODE BEGINS>
Composite-MLDSA-CMS-2026
{ iso(1) identified-organization(3) dod(6) internet(1)
  security(5) mechanisms(5) pkix(7) id-mod(0)
  id-mod-composite-mldsa-cms-2026(TBDMOD) }

DEFINITIONS IMPLICIT TAGS ::= BEGIN

EXPORTS ALL;

IMPORTS
  SIGNATURE-ALGORITHM, SMIME-CAPS
    FROM AlgorithmInformation-2009 -- [RFC5911]
    { iso(1) identified-organization(3) dod(6) internet(1)
      security(5) mechanisms(5) pkix(7) id-mod(0)
      id-mod-algorithmInformation-02(58) }

sa-MLDSA44-RSA2048-PSS-SHA256, sa-MLDSA44-RSA2048-PKCS15-SHA256,
sa-MLDSA44-Ed25519-SHA512, sa-MLDSA44-ECDSA-P256-SHA256,
sa-MLDSA65-RSA3072-PSS-SHA512, sa-MLDSA65-RSA3072-PKCS15-SHA512,
sa-MLDSA65-RSA4096-PSS-SHA512, sa-MLDSA65-RSA4096-PKCS15-SHA512,
sa-MLDSA65-ECDSA-P256-SHA512, sa-MLDSA65-ECDSA-P384-SHA512,
sa-MLDSA65-ECDSA-brainpoolP256r1-SHA512, sa-MLDSA65-Ed25519-SHA512,
sa-MLDSA87-ECDSA-P384-SHA512, sa-MLDSA87-ECDSA-brainpoolP384r1-SHA512,
sa-MLDSA87-Ed448-SHAKE256, sa-MLDSA87-RSA3072-PSS-SHA512,
sa-MLDSA87-RSA4096-PSS-SHA512, sa-MLDSA87-ECDSA-P521-SHA512
  FROM Composite-MLDSA-2025
  { iso(1) identified-organization(3) dod(6) internet(1)
    security(5) mechanisms(5) pkix(7) id-mod(0)
    id-mod-composite-mldsa-2025(TBDCOMPOSITEMOD) }
;

--
-- Expand the signature algorithm set used by CMS [RFC5911]
--

SignatureAlgorithmSet SIGNATURE-ALGORITHM ::= {
```

```
sa-MLDSA44-RSA2048-PSS-SHA256 |
sa-MLDSA44-RSA2048-PKCS15-SHA256 |
sa-MLDSA44-Ed25519-SHA512 |
sa-MLDSA44-ECDSA-P256-SHA256 |
sa-MLDSA65-RSA3072-PSS-SHA512 |
sa-MLDSA65-RSA3072-PKCS15-SHA512 |
sa-MLDSA65-RSA4096-PSS-SHA512 |
sa-MLDSA65-RSA4096-PKCS15-SHA512 |
sa-MLDSA65-ECDSA-P256-SHA512 |
sa-MLDSA65-ECDSA-P384-SHA512 |
sa-MLDSA65-ECDSA-brainpoolP256r1-SHA512 |
sa-MLDSA65-Ed25519-SHA512 |
sa-MLDSA87-ECDSA-P384-SHA512 |
sa-MLDSA87-ECDSA-brainpoolP384r1-SHA512 |
sa-MLDSA87-Ed448-SHAKE256 |
sa-MLDSA87-RSA3072-PSS-SHA512 |
sa-MLDSA87-RSA4096-PSS-SHA512 |
sa-MLDSA87-ECDSA-P521-SHA512,
... }

--
-- Expand the S/MIME capabilities set used by CMS [RFC5911]
--

SMimeCaps SMIME-CAPS ::= {
  sa-MLDSA44-RSA2048-PSS-SHA256.&smimeCaps |
  sa-MLDSA44-RSA2048-PKCS15-SHA256.&smimeCaps |
  sa-MLDSA44-Ed25519-SHA512.&smimeCaps |
  sa-MLDSA44-ECDSA-P256-SHA256.&smimeCaps |
  sa-MLDSA65-RSA3072-PSS-SHA512.&smimeCaps |
  sa-MLDSA65-RSA3072-PKCS15-SHA512.&smimeCaps |
  sa-MLDSA65-RSA4096-PSS-SHA512.&smimeCaps |
  sa-MLDSA65-RSA4096-PKCS15-SHA512.&smimeCaps |
  sa-MLDSA65-ECDSA-P256-SHA512.&smimeCaps |
  sa-MLDSA65-ECDSA-P384-SHA512.&smimeCaps |
  sa-MLDSA65-ECDSA-brainpoolP256r1-SHA512.&smimeCaps |
  sa-MLDSA65-Ed25519-SHA512.&smimeCaps |
  sa-MLDSA87-ECDSA-P384-SHA512.&smimeCaps |
  sa-MLDSA87-ECDSA-brainpoolP384r1-SHA512.&smimeCaps |
  sa-MLDSA87-Ed448-SHAKE256.&smimeCaps |
  sa-MLDSA87-RSA3072-PSS-SHA512.&smimeCaps |
  sa-MLDSA87-RSA4096-PSS-SHA512.&smimeCaps |
  sa-MLDSA87-ECDSA-P521-SHA512.&smimeCaps,
  ... }

END
<CODE ENDS>
```

5. IANA Considerations

IANA is requested to allocate a value from the "SMI Security for PKIX Module Identifier" registry for the included ASN.1 module.

- * Decimal: IANA Assigned - *Replace TBDCOMPOSITEMOD*
- * Description: Composite-Signatures-CMS-2026 - id-mod-composite-mldsa-cms-2026
- * References: This Document

6. Security Considerations

All security considerations from [I-D.ietf-lamps-pq-composite-sigs] apply.

Security of the Composite ML-DSA private key is critical. Compromise of the private key will enable an adversary to forge arbitrary signatures.

Composite ML-DSA depends on high-quality random numbers that are suitable for use in cryptography. The use of inadequate pseudo-random number generators (PRNGs) to generate such values can significantly undermine the security properties offered by a cryptographic algorithm. For instance, an attacker may find it much easier to reproduce the PRNG environment that produced any private keys, searching the resulting small set of possibilities, rather than brute-force searching the whole key space. The generation of random numbers of a sufficient level of quality for use in cryptography is difficult; see Section 3.6.1 of [FIPS204] for some additional information.

To avoid algorithm substitution attacks, the CMSAlgorithmProtection attribute defined in [RFC6211] SHOULD be included in signed attributes.

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Appendix A. Examples

This appendix contains an example signed-data encoding with the id-MLDSA65-ECDSA-P256-SHA512 signature algorithm.

It can be verified using the example public keys and certificates specified in Appendix E of [I-D.ietf-lamps-pq-composite-sigs]. Specifically, the following example:

- * tcId: id-MLDSA65-ECDSA-P256-SHA512
- * x5c: Base64 of the DER encoding of the certificate. Wrap this in PEM headers and footers to get a PEM certificate.

To keep example size down, the signing certificate is not included in the CMS encoding. The example certificate from [I-D.ietf-lamps-pq-composite-sigs] used to sign the CMS content is self-signed.

The following is an example of a signed-data with a single id-MLDSA65-ECDSA-P256-SHA512 signer, with signed attributes included:

```
-----BEGIN CMS-----
MIIIOxQYJKoZIhvcNAQcCoIIOTjCCDrICAQExDTALBgIghkgBZQMEAgMwVgYJKoZI
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