



IOS Common Cryptographic Module (IC2M)

Firmware version: Rel5a

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1 Introduction

1.1 Purpose

This is a non-proprietary Cryptographic Module Security Policy for Cisco's IOS Common Cryptographic Module (IC2M), Firmware Version: Rel5a. This security policy describes how the module meets the security requirements of FIPS 140-2 Level 1 and how to run the modules in a FIPS 140-2 mode of operation and may be freely distributed.

FIPS 140-2 (Federal Information Processing Standards Publication 140-2 — *Security Requirements for Cryptographic Modules*) details the U.S. Government requirements for cryptographic modules. More information about the FIPS 140-2 standard and validation program is available on the NIST website at <http://csrc.nist.gov/groups/STM/index.html>.

1.2 Module Validation Level

The following table lists the level of validation for each area in the FIPS PUB 140-2.

No.	Area Title	Level
1	Cryptographic Module Specification	1
2	Cryptographic Module Ports and Interfaces	1
3	Roles, Services, and Authentication	1
4	Finite State Model	1
5	Physical Security	1
6	Operational Environment	N/A
7	Cryptographic Key management	1
8	Electromagnetic Interface/Electromagnetic Compatibility	1
9	Self-Tests	1
10	Design Assurance	1
11	Mitigation of Other Attacks	N/A
	Overall module validation level	1

Table 1 Module Validation Level

1.3 References

This document deals only with operations and capabilities of the IC2M (Firmware Version: Rel5a) listed above in section 1 in the technical terms of a FIPS 140-2 cryptographic module security policy. More information is available on the routers from the following sources:

For answers to technical or sales related questions please refer to the contacts listed on the Cisco Systems website at www.cisco.com.

The NIST Validated Modules website (<http://csrc.nist.gov/groups/STM/cmvp/validation.html>) contains contact information for answers to technical or sales-related questions for the module.

1.4 Terminology

In this document, Cisco IOS Common Cryptographic Module is referred to as IC2M or the module.

1.5 Document Organization

The Security Policy document is part of the FIPS 140-2 Submission Package. In addition to this document, the Submission Package contains:

- Vendor Evidence document
- Finite State Machine
- Other supporting documentation as additional references

This document provides an overview of the IC2M identified in section 1 above and explains the secure configuration and operation of the module. This introduction section is followed by Section 2, which details the general features and functionality of the appliances. Section 3 specifically addresses the required configuration for the FIPS-mode of operation.

With the exception of this Non-Proprietary Security Policy, the FIPS 140-2 Validation Submission Documentation is Cisco-proprietary and is releasable only under appropriate non-disclosure agreements. For access to these documents, please contact Cisco Systems.

2 Cisco IOS Common Cryptographic Module (IC2M)

This module provides the FIPS validated cryptographic algorithms for services requiring those algorithms. The module does not implement any protocols directly. Instead, it provides the cryptographic primitives and functions to allow IOS to implement those various protocols.

2.1 Cryptographic Module Characteristics

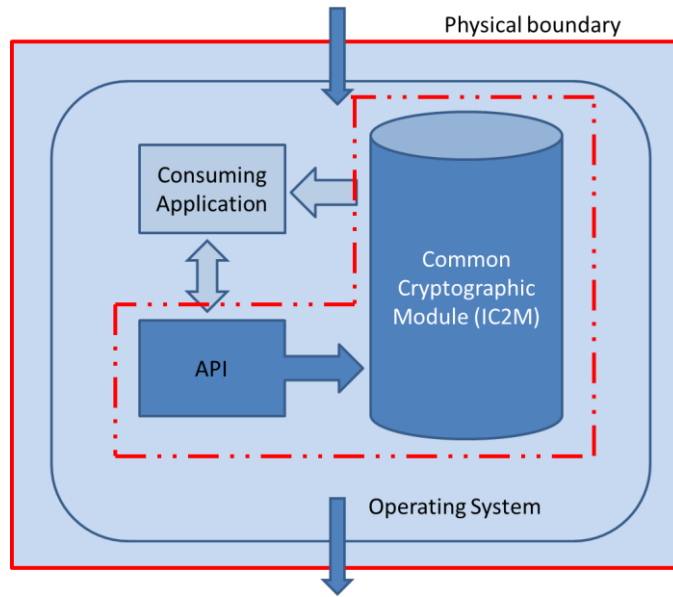


Figure 1 - Cisco IC2M logical block diagram

The module’s logical block diagram is shown in Figure 1 above. The red dashed line area denotes the logical cryptographic boundary of the module. While the red solid line denotes the physical cryptographic boundary of the module which is the enclosure of the system on which the module is executed.

The IC2M is a single binary object file, sub_crypto_ic2m_k9.o (Cisco IOS) classed as a multi-chip standalone firmware, cryptographic module. It is capable of being utilized and is validated on any platform running Cisco IOS containing the hardware listed in table 2:

Processor	Operating System	Platform
Intel Xeon L52XX	IOS-XE 17.3	Cisco ASR1K RP2
Intel Xeon D-15XX		Cisco ASR1K RP3
Intel Atom C25XX		Cisco ISR 4321

Table 2 - Tested Platforms

2.2 Module Interfaces

The physical ports of the Module are the same as the system on which it is executing. The logical interface is a C-language application program interface (API).

The Data Input interface consists of the input parameters of the API functions. The Data Output interface consists of the output parameters of the API functions. The Control Input interface consists of the actual API functions. The Status Output interface includes the return values of the API functions.

The module provides logical interfaces to the system, and is mapped to the following FIPS 140-2 defined logical interfaces: data input, data output, control input, status output, and power. The logical interfaces and their mapping are described in the following table:

Interface	Description
Date Input	API input parameters plaintext and/or ciphertext data
Data Output	API output parameters plaintext and/or ciphertext data
Control Input	API function calls function calls, or input arguments that specify commands and control data used to control the operation of the module
Status Output	API return codes function return codes, error codes, or output arguments that receive status information used to indicate the status of the module

Table 3 - Logical Interfaces Details

2.3 Roles and Services

The Module meets all FIPS 140-2 level 1 requirements for Roles and Services, implementing both Crypto Officer and User roles, which are classed as processes. As allowed by FIPS 140-2, the Module does not support user authentication for these roles, which is handled by the system implementing IC2M. Only one role may be active at a time and the Module does not allow concurrent operators.

The User and Crypto Officer roles are implicitly assumed by the entity accessing services implemented by the Module.

- Installation of the Crypto Module which is embedded in the IOS image and installed on the IOS platform is assumed implicitly as the Crypto Officer when install occurs.

The services available only in FIPS mode to the Crypto Officer and User roles consist of the following:

Services	Access	CSPs	Crypto Officer	User
Encryption/decryption*	execute	Symmetric keys AES, Triple-DES	X	X
Hash (HMAC)**	execute	HMAC SHA-1 key	X	X
Key agreement***	execute	DH and ECDH public/private key	X	X
Key generation*	Write/execute	Symmetric key AES, Triple-DES	X	X
Key transport***	execute	Asymmetric private key RSA	X	X
Message Digest (SHS)**	execute	None	X	X
Perform Self-Tests	Execute/read	N/A	X	X
Random number generator	execute	seed	X	X
Show Status	Execute	N/A	X	X
Signature signing***	execute	Asymmetric private key ECDSA, RSA	X	X
Signature verification***	execute	Asymmetric public key ECDSA, RSA	X	X
IKE/IPsec, SSH, SNMP, sRTP Key Establishment	execute	skeyid, skeyid_d, IKE session encrypt key, IKE session authentication key, IPsec encryption key, IPsec authentication key, SSH Session Key, SNMPv3 Password, snmpEngineID, SNMP session key, sRTP master key, sRTP encryption key, sRTP authentication key	X	X
Zeroization	execute	Symmetric key, asymmetric key, HMAC-SHA-1 key, seed, skeyid, skeyid_d, IKE session encrypt key, IKE session authentication key, IPsec encryption key, IPsec authentication key, SSH Session Key, SNMPv3 Password, snmpEngineID, SNMP session key, sRTP master key, sRTP encryption key, sRTP authentication key	X	X

Table 4 – Services

Note: Services marked with a single asterisk (*) may use non-compliant encryption algorithms (DES, RC2, RC4, or SEAL). Use of these algorithms are prohibited in a FIPS-approved mode of operation.

Note: Services marked with a double asterisk (**) may use non-compliant hashing algorithms (HMAC-MD5, MD2, or MD5). Use of these non-compliant hashing algorithms are prohibited in a FIPS-approved mode of operation and shall not be used.

Note: Services marked with a triple asterisk (***) may use non-compliant encryption strengths for EC Diffie-Hellman, Diffie-Hellman and RSA. Use of these non-compliant encryption strengths are prohibited in a FIPS-approved mode of operation and shall not be used. Refer to section 2.6 for descriptions of the minimum required encryption strengths for compliance.

2.4 Physical Security

The module obtains its physical security from any platform running Cisco IOS with production grade components as allowed by FIPS 140-2 level 1.

2.5 Cryptographic Key Management

Keys that reside in internally allocated data structures can only be accessed using the Module defined API. The operating system protects memory and process space from unauthorized access. Zeroization of sensitive data is performed automatically by API function calls for intermediate data items, and on demand by the calling process using the module provided API function calls provided for that purpose.

Zeroization consists of overwriting the memory that store the key or refreshing the volatile memory. Keys can also be zeroized by cycling the power.

The module supports the following keys and critical security parameters (CSPs):

Key/CSP Name	Generation/Algorithm	Description	Storage and Zeroization
Asymmetric private key	RSA, ECDSA	RSA: 2048-4096 bits ECDSA: P-256, P-384 Used for signature generation	Stored and zeroized outside the module in the host OS
Diffie-Hellman private key	DH	DH: 2048-4096 bits Used for key agreement	Stored and zeroized outside the module in the host OS
EC Diffie-Hellman private key	ECDH	ECDH: P-256, P-384, P-521 Used for key agreement	Stored and zeroized outside the module in the host OS
Firmware integrity key	HMAC-SHA-256	Integrity test at power-on. Key embedded within module	Stored in plaintext and zeroized by uninstalling the module

HMAC-SHS Key	FIPS 198	SHA-1, 256, 384 and 512 Message authentication code key	Stored and zeroized outside the module in the host OS
Symmetric Key	AES, Triple-DES	AES: 128, 192, 256 bits Triple-DES: 168 bits Used for symmetric encryption/decryption	Stored and zeroized outside the module in the host OS
DRBG entropy input	SP 800-90A CTR_DRBG	This is the entropy for SP 800-90A RNG.	Zeroized with generation of new seed
DRBG seed	SP 800-90A CTR_DRBG	This is the seed for SP 800-90A RNG.	Zeroized with generation of new seed
DRBG V	SP 800-90A CTR_DRBG	Internal V value used as part of SP 800-90A CTR_DRBG	Zeroized with generation of new seed
DRBG Key	SP 800-90A CTR_DRBG	Internal Key value used as part of SP 800-90A CTR_DRBG	Zeroized with generation of new seed
Diffie-Hellman public key	DH	DH: 2048-4096 bits Used for key agreement	Stored and zeroized outside the module in the host OS
EC Diffie-Hellman public key	ECDH	ECDH:, P-256, P-384, P-521 Used for key agreement	Stored and zeroized outside the module in the host OS
Asymmetric public key	RSA, ECDSA	RSA: 2048-4096 bits ECDSA: P-256, P-384 Used for signature verification. RSA: Also used for key transport	Stored and zeroized outside the module in the host OS
skeyid	HMAC-SHA-1 (160-bits)	Value derived from the shared secret within IKE exchange. Zeroized when IKE session is terminated.	Stored and zeroized outside the module in the host OS
skeyid_d	HMAC-SHA-1 (160-bits)	The IKE key derivation key for non ISAKMP security associations.	Stored and zeroized outside the module in the host OS
IKE session encrypt key	Triple-DES (168-bits)/AES (128/192/256-bits)	The IKE session encrypt key.	Stored and zeroized outside the module in the host OS
IKE session authentication key	HMAC-SHA-1 (160-bits)	The IKE session authentication key.	Stored and zeroized outside the module in the host OS
IPsec encryption key	Triple-DES (168-bits)/AES (128/192/256-bits)	The IPsec encryption key.	Stored and zeroized outside the module in the host OS
IPsec authentication key	HMAC-SHA-1 (160-bits)	The IPsec authentication key.	Stored and zeroized outside the module in the host OS

SSH Session Key	Triple-DES (168-bits/AES (128/192/256-bits)	This is the SSH v2 session key.	Stored and zeroized outside the module in the host OS
SNMPv3 Password	Shared Secret (8 – 25 characters)	The password use to setup SNMP v3 connection.	Stored and zeroized outside the module in the host OS
snmpEngineID	Shared Secret (32-bits)	A unique string used to identify the SNMP engine.	Stored and zeroized outside the module in the host OS
SNMP session key	AES (128 bits)	Encryption key used to protect SNMP traffic.	Stored and zeroized outside the module in the host OS
sRTP master key	AES (128 bits)	Key used to generate sRTP session keys	Stored and zeroized outside the module in the host OS
sRTP encryption key	AES (128 bits)	Key used to encrypt/decrypt sRTP packets	Stored and zeroized outside the module in the host OS
sRTP authentication key	HMAC	Key used to authenticate sRTP packets	Stored and zeroized outside the module in the host OS

Table 5 - Cryptographic Keys and CSPs

Note: The minimum 256-bits of random data from application will be required to be loaded. Failure to do this will result in an error when the DRBG is instantiated. No assurance of the minimum strength of generated key.

All cryptographic keys are provided to the Module by the calling process and are destroyed when released by the appropriate API function calls. The Module does not perform persistent storage of keys.

2.6 Cryptographic Algorithms

The module implements a variety of approved and non-approved algorithms.

Approved Cryptographic Algorithms

The cryptographic module supports the following FIPS-140-2 approved algorithm implementations:

Algorithm	Algorithm Certificate Number
AES	A1462
KTS (800-38F) ¹	A1462

¹ KTS (AES Cert. #A1462; key establishment methodology provides 128 bits of encryption strength); AES Key Wrap 128-bit.

Algorithm	Algorithm Certificate Number
DRBG	A1462
CVL ² (800-135 KDF)	A1462
KAS-SSC (SP800-56a rev3)	A1462
ECDSA	A1462
HMAC	A1462
RSA	A1462
SHS	A1462
Triple-DES	A1462
KBKDF (SP 800-108)	A1462
CKG ³	Vendor affirmed

Table 6 - Approved Cryptographic Algorithms

Note 1: Per NIST SP 800-131A, Two-key Triple-DES is no longer be allowed for use in an approved mode of operation after 1 January 2015.

Note 2: Please note that 3-key Triple-DES has been implemented in the module and is FIPS approved until December 31, 2023. Should the CMVP disallow the usage of Triple-DES post-December 31, 2023, then users must not configure Triple-DES beyond this date.

Non-FIPS Approved Algorithms Allowed in FIPS Mode:

The module supports the following non-FIPS approved algorithms which are permitted for use in the FIPS approved mode:

- RSA (key wrapping; key establishment methodology provides 112 or 128 bits of encryption strength; non-compliant less than 112 bits of encryption strength)

Non-Approved Cryptographic Algorithms

- DES
- HMAC-MD5
- MD2
- MD5
- RC2
- RC4
- SEAL
- TLS 1.0/1.1 KDF

² There is no other part of protocols (IKEv2, SSH, sRTP and SNMPv3), except the KDF, have been reviewed or tested by the CAVP and CMVP. Please refer IG D.11, bullet 2 for more information.

³ The resulting symmetric key or a generated seed is an unmodified output from the DRBG.

2.7 Self-Tests

The modules include an array of self-tests that are run automatically during startup and periodically when called during operations to prevent any secure data from being released and to insure all components are functioning correctly.

Self-tests performed

- IC2M Self Tests
 - POSTs - IOS Common Crypto Module algorithm implementation
 - Firmware Integrity Test (HMAC SHA-256)
 - AES-CBC (encrypt/decrypt) KATs
 - AES-GCM (encrypt/decrypt) KATs
 - AES-CMAC KAT
 - DRBG KAT
 - ECDSA Sign/Verify PWCT
 - HMAC-SHA-1 KAT
 - HMAC-SHA-256 KAT
 - HMAC-SHA-384 KAT
 - HMAC-SHA-512 KAT
 - DH (Diffie-Hellman) Shared Secret Computation KAT (SP800-56arev3)
 - ECDH Shared Secret Computation KAT (SP800-56arev3)
 - RSA KAT
 - SHA-1 KAT
 - SHA-256 KAT
 - SHA-384 KAT
 - SHA-512 KAT
 - Triple-DES (encrypt/decrypt) KATs
 - KBKDF KAT
 - SP800-135 KDF: IKEv2 KDF, SNMP v3 KDF, SSH KDF, SRTP KDF
- Conditional tests
 - Pairwise consistency test for RSA Sign/Verify
 - Pairwise consistency test for RSA Key Wrapping
 - Pairwise consistency test for ECDSA
 - Continuous random number generation test for approved DRBG

The module inhibits all access to cryptographic algorithms during initialization and self-tests due to the process architecture in use. Additionally, the power-on self-tests are performed after the cryptographic systems are initialized but prior to the underlying OS initialization of external interfaces; this prevents the security appliances from passing any data before completing self-tests and entering FIPS mode. In the event of a power-on self-test failure, the cryptographic

module will force the IOS platform to reload and reinitialize the operating system and cryptographic module. This operation ensures no cryptographic algorithms can be accessed unless all power on self-tests are successful.

In addition to the automatic operation at cryptographic module initialization time, self-tests can also be initiated on demand by the Crypto Officer or User by issuing the operating system command which invokes the module's "crypto_engine_nist_run_self_tests() function."

2.8 AES GCM IV Generation

The module's AES-GCM implementation conforms to IG A.5, scenario #3: When operating in a FIPS approved mode of operation, the IV is constructed in its entirety internally deterministically, consisting of 96 bits as specified in SP800-38D, section 8.2.1.⁴

3 Secure Operation of the IC2M

The module is completely and permanently embedded into the greater IOS operating system. There are no installation considerations besides the typical loading of the larger IOS system. That is, the imbedded IC2M firmware module cannot be modified, replaced or upgraded except by loading a new IOS version in its entirety.

The Module functions entirely within the process space of the process that invokes it, and thus satisfies the FIPS 140-2 requirement for a single user mode of operation.

The following policy must always be followed in order to achieve a FIPS 140-2 mode of operation:

- Calling the function `ic2m_init()` initializes the cryptographic module and place the module in the FIPS-approved mode of operation. During system bring up the O/S(IOS) will call init functions for each of its subsystems, in this case `ic2m_init()`. `ic2m_init()` is the default entry point for IC2M. `ic2m_init()` then calls the POST and does not return to the O/S until the POST completes. No other tasks are being run at this time, so no data is passed.
- Only FIPS approved or allowed algorithms and key sizes shall be used. Please refer to section 2.6 for more information.
- In the event that the Module power is lost and restored, a new key for use with the AES GCM encryption/decryption shall be established.

⁴ The module uses 32 bits of the IV field as a name and uses 64 bits as a deterministic non-repetitive counter for combined IV length of 96 bits.

• In accordance with CMVP IG A.13, when operating in a FIPS approved mode of operation, the same Triple-DES key shall not be used to encrypt more than 2²⁰ 64-bit data blocks. Each of SSH and IPSec protocols governs the generation of the respective Triple-DES keys. Refer to RFC 4253 (SSH) and RFC 6071 (IPSec) for details relevant to the generation of the individual Triple-DES encryption keys. The user is responsible for ensuring the module limits the number of encryptions with the same key to 2²⁰.

Upon power-up the Module, the module will run its power-up self-tests. Successful completion of the power-up self-tests indicates the module has passed the self-tests and is ready within the IOS. If an error occurs during the self-test the module outputs the following message:

requesting a reload of the OS. %CRYPTO-0-SELF_TEST_FAILURE: Encryption self-test failed (<failing test description>) where <failing test description> identifies the name of the self-test that failed.

4 Considerations for using IC2M

The IC2M cryptographic module will function the same way and provide the same security services on any Cisco product using IOS or IOS-XE software, including:

- Cisco 1000 Series Aggregated Services Routers (ASR)
- Cisco 900 Series Aggregated Services Routers (ASR)
- Cisco 901 Series Aggregated Services Routers (ASR)
- Cisco 800 Series Integrated Services Routers (ISR)
- Cisco 1900 Series Integrated Services Routers (ISR)
- Cisco 2900 Series Integrated Services Routers (ISR)
- Cisco 3900 Series Integrated Services Routers (ISR)
- Cisco 4000 Series Integrated Services Routers (ISR)
- Cisco 5900 Series Embedded Services Routers (ESR)
- Cisco Catalyst 2960 Series Switches
- Cisco Catalyst 3560 Series Switches
- Cisco Catalyst 3650 Series Switches
- Cisco Catalyst 3750 Series Switches
- Cisco Catalyst 3850 Series Switches
- Cisco Catalyst 4500 Series Switches
- Cisco IE 2000 Series Switches
- Cisco IE 3000 Series Switches
- Cisco IE 4000 Series Switches
- Cisco IE 5000 Series Switches
- Cisco Aironet 3700 Series Access Points
- Cisco Aironet 2700 Series Access Points
- Cisco Aironet 1700 Series Access Points
- Cisco Aironet 3600 Series Access Points
- Cisco Aironet 2600 Series Access Points

- Cisco Aironet 1600 Series Access Points
- Cisco Aironet 700w Series Access Points
- Cisco Aironet 700 Series Access Points
- VG300 Series Analog Voice Gateway

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