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Chapter 1

Libhotp API Reference Manual

Libhotp is a shared and static C library for handling of HOTPs.

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1.1 hotp

hotp —

Synopsis

```
#define HOTPAPI
#define HOTP_VERSION
#define HOTP_VERSION_MAJOR
#define HOTP_VERSION_MINOR
#define HOTP_VERSION_PATCH
#define HOTP_VERSION_NUMBER
enum hotp_rc;
#define HOTP_DYNAMIC_TRUNCATION
#define HOTP_OTP_LENGTH (digits,
                          checksum)

int hotp_init (void);
int hotp_done (void);
const char * hotp_check_version (const char *req_version);
int hotp_hex2bin (char *hexstr,
                  char *binstr,
                  size_t *binlen);

int hotp_generate_otp (const char *secret,
                      size_t secret_length,
                      uint64_t moving_factor,
                      unsigned digits,
                      bool add_checksum,
                      size_t truncation_offset,
                      char *output_otp);

int hotp_validate_otp (const char *secret,
                      size_t secret_length,
                      uint64_t start_moving_factor,
                      size_t window,
```

```
int hotp_authenticate_usersfile(const char *otp);
                                (const char *usersfile,
                                 const char *username,
                                 const char *otp,
                                 size_t window,
                                 const char *passwd,
                                 time_t *last_otp);
```

Description

Details

HOTPAPI

```
#define HOTPAPI
```

HOTP_VERSION

```
# define HOTP_VERSION "1.0.1"
```

Pre-processor symbol with a string that describe the header file version number. Used together with [hotp_check_version\(\)](#) to verify header file and run-time library consistency.

HOTP_VERSION_MAJOR

```
# define HOTP_VERSION_MAJOR 0
```

Pre-processor symbol with a decimal value that describe the major level of the header file version number. For example, when the header version is 1.2.3 this symbol will be 1.

HOTP_VERSION_MINOR

```
# define HOTP_VERSION_MINOR 0
```

Pre-processor symbol with a decimal value that describe the minor level of the header file version number. For example, when the header version is 1.2.3 this symbol will be 2.

HOTP_VERSION_PATCH

```
# define HOTP_VERSION_PATCH 1
```

Pre-processor symbol with a decimal value that describe the patch level of the header file version number. For example, when the header version is 1.2.3 this symbol will be 3.

HOTP_VERSION_NUMBER

```
# define HOTP_VERSION_NUMBER 0x010001
```

Pre-processor symbol with a hexadecimal value describing the header file version number. For example, when the header version is 1.2.3 this symbol will have the value 0x010203.

enum hotp_rc

```
typedef enum
{
    HOTP_OK = 0,
    HOTP_CRYPTO_ERROR = -1,
    HOTP_INVALID_DIGITS = -2,
    HOTP_PRINTF_ERROR = -3,
    HOTP_INVALID_HEX = -4,
    HOTP_TOO_SMALL_BUFFER = -5,
    HOTP_INVALID_OTP = -6,
    HOTP_REPLAYED_OTP = -7,
    HOTP_BAD_PASSWORD = -8,
    HOTP_INVALID_COUNTER = -9,
    HOTP_INVALID_TIMESTAMP = -10,
    HOTP_NO_SUCH_FILE = -11,
    HOTP_UNKNOWN_USER = -12,
    HOTP_FILE_SEEK_ERROR = -13,
    HOTP_FILE_CREATE_ERROR = -14,
    HOTP_FILE_LOCK_ERROR = -15,
    HOTP_FILE_RENAME_ERROR = -16,
    HOTP_FILE_UNLINK_ERROR = -17,
    HOTP_TIME_ERROR = -18,
} hotp_rc;
```

Return codes for HOTP functions. All return codes are negative except for the successful code **HOTP_OK** which are guaranteed to be 0. Positive values are reserved for non-error return codes.

Note that the **hotp_rc** enumeration may be extended at a later date to include new return codes.

HOTP_OK Successful return

HOTP_CRYPTO_ERROR Internal error in crypto functions

HOTP_INVALID_DIGITS Unsupported number of OTP digits

HOTP_PRINTF_ERROR Error from system printf call

HOTP_INVALID_HEX Hex string is invalid

HOTP_TOO_SMALL_BUFFER The output buffer is too small

HOTP_INVALID_OTP The OTP is not valid

HOTP_REPLAYED_OTP The OTP has been replayed

HOTP_BAD_PASSWORD The password does not match

HOTP_INVALID_COUNTER The counter value is corrupt

HOTP_INVALID_TIMESTAMP The timestamp is corrupt

HOTP_NO_SUCH_FILE The supplied filename does not exist

HOTP_UNKNOWN_USER Cannot find information about user

HOTP_FILE_SEEK_ERROR System error when seeking in file

HOTP_FILE_CREATE_ERROR System error when creating file

HOTP_FILE_LOCK_ERROR System error when locking file

HOTP_FILE_RENAME_ERROR System error when renaming file

HOTP_FILE_UNLINK_ERROR System error when removing file

HOTP_TIME_ERROR System error for time manipulation

HOTP_DYNAMIC_TRUNCATION

```
#define HOTP_DYNAMIC_TRUNCATION SIZE_MAX
```

HOTP_OTP_LENGTH()

```
#define HOTP_OTP_LENGTH(digits, checksum) (digits + (checksum ? 1 : 0))
```

digits:*checksum*:**hotp_init ()**

```
int hotp_init (void);
```

Returns :**hotp_done ()**

```
int hotp_done (void);
```

Returns :**hotp_check_version ()**

```
const char * hotp_check_version (const char *req_version);
```

Check HOTP library version.

See **HOTP_VERSION** for a suitable *req_version* string.

This function is one of few in the library that can be used without a successful call to **hotp_init()**.

req_version: version string to compare with, or **NULL**.

Returns: Check that the version of the library is at minimum the one given as a string in *req_version* and return the actual version string of the library; return **NULL** if the condition is not met. If **NULL** is passed to this function no check is done and only the version string is returned.

hotp_hex2bin ()

```
int hotp_hex2bin (char *hexstr, char *binstr, size_t *binlen);
```

Convert string with hex data to binary data.

Non-hexadecimal data are not ignored but instead will lead to an **HOTP_INVALID_HEX** error.

If *binstr* is **NULL**, then *binlen* will be populated with the necessary length. If the *binstr* buffer is too small, **HOTP_TOO_SMALL_BUFFER** is returned and *binlen* will contain the necessary length.

hexstr: input string with hex data

binstr: output string that holds binary data, or **NULL**

binlen: output variable holding needed length of *binstr*

Returns: On success, **HOTP_OK** (zero) is returned, otherwise an error code is returned.

hotp_generate_otp ()

```
int                hotp_generate_otp                (const char *secret,
                                                    size_t secret_length,
                                                    uint64_t moving_factor,
                                                    unsigned digits,
                                                    bool add_checksum,
                                                    size_t truncation_offset,
                                                    char *output_otp);
```

Generate a one-time-password using the HOTP algorithm as described in RFC 4226.

Use a value of **HOTP_DYNAMIC_TRUNCATION** for *truncation_offset* unless you really need a specific truncation offset.

To find out the size of the OTP you may use the **HOTP_OTP_LENGTH()** macro. The *output_otp* buffer must have room for that length plus one for the terminating NUL.

Currently only values 6, 7 and 8 for *digits* are supported, and the *add_checksum* value is ignored. These restrictions may be lifted in future versions, although some limitations are inherent in the protocol.

secret : the shared secret string

secret_length : length of *secret*

moving_factor : a counter indicating the current OTP to generate

digits : number of requested digits in the OTP, excluding checksum

add_checksum : whether to add a checksum digit or not

truncation_offset : use a specific truncation offset

output_otp : output buffer, must have room for the output OTP plus zero

Returns : On success, **HOTP_OK** (zero) is returned, otherwise an error code is returned.

hotp_validate_otp ()

```
int                hotp_validate_otp                (const char *secret,
                                                    size_t secret_length,
                                                    uint64_t start_moving_factor,
                                                    size_t window,
                                                    const char *otp);
```

Validate an OTP according to OATH HOTP algorithm per RFC 4226.

Currently only OTP lengths of 6, 7 or 8 digits are supported. This restrictions may be lifted in future versions, although some limitations are inherent in the protocol.

secret : the shared secret string

secret_length : length of *secret*

start_moving_factor : start counter in OTP stream

window : how many OTPs from start counter to test

otp : the OTP to validate.

Returns : Returns position in OTP window (zero is first position), or **HOTP_INVALID_OTP** if no OTP was found in OTP window, or an error code.

hotp_authenticate_usersfile ()

```
int             hotp_authenticate_usersfile      (const char *usersfile,  
                                                  const char *username,  
                                                  const char *otp,  
                                                  size_t window,  
                                                  const char *passwd,  
                                                  time_t *last_otp);
```

Authenticate user named *username* with the one-time password *otp* and (optional) password *passwd*. Credentials are read (and updated) from a text file named *usersfile*.

usersfile : string with user credential filename, in UsersFile format

username : string with name of user

otp : string with one-time password to authenticate

window : how many future OTPs to search

passwd : string with password, or **NULL** to disable password checking

last_otp : output variable holding last successful authentication

Returns : On successful validation, **HOTP_OK** is returned. If the supplied *otp* is the same as the last successfully authenticated one-time password, **HOTP_REPLAYED_OTP** is returned and the timestamp of the last authentication is returned in *last_otp*. If the one-time password is not found in the indicated search window, **HOTP_INVALID_OTP** is returned. Otherwise, an error code is returned.

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