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JWCArypto is an implementation of the Javascript Object Signing and Encryption (JOSE) Web Standards as they are being developed in the [JOSE](#) IETF Working Group and related technology.

JWCArypto uses the [Cryptography](#) package for all the crypto functions.

Contents:

JSON WEB KEY (JWK)

The `jwk` Module implements the [JSON Web Key](#) standard. A JSON Web Key is represented by a JWK object, related utility classes and functions are available in this module too.

1.1 Classes

```
class jwcrypto.jwk.JWK(**kwargs)
```

Bases: dict

JSON Web Key object

This object represents a Key. It must be instantiated by using the standard defined key/value pairs as arguments of the initialization function.

Creates a new JWK object.

The function arguments must be valid parameters as defined in the ‘IANA JSON Web Key Set Parameters registry’ and specified in the [JWKParamsRegistry](#) variable. The ‘`kty`’ parameter must always be provided and its value must be a valid one as defined by the ‘IANA JSON Web Key Types registry’ and specified in the [JWKTypesRegistry](#) variable. The valid key parameters per key type are defined in the [JWKValuesRegistry](#) variable.

To generate a new random key call the class method `generate()` with the appropriate ‘`kty`’ parameter, and other parameters as needed (key size, public exponents, curve types, etc..)

Valid options per type, when generating new keys:

- `oct`: `size(int)`
- `RSA`: `public_exponent(int)`, `size(int)`
- `EC`: `crv(str)` (one of P-256, P-384, P-521, secp256k1)
- `OKP`: `crv(str)` (one of Ed25519, Ed448, X25519, X448)

Deprecated: Alternatively if the ‘`generate`’ parameter is provided with a valid key type as value then a new key will be generated according to the defaults or provided key strength options (type specific).

Parameters

`**kwargs` – parameters (optional).

Raises

- [InvalidJWKType](#) – if the key type is invalid
- [InvalidJWKValue](#) – if incorrect or inconsistent parameters are provided.

export(*private_key=True, as_dict=False*)

Exports the key in the standard JSON format. Exports the key regardless of type, if *private_key* is *False* and the key is *_symmetric* an exception is raised.

Parameters

private_key(*bool*) – Whether to export the private key. Defaults to *True*.

Returns

A portable representation of the key. If *as_dict* is *True* then a dictionary is returned. By default a json string

Return type

str or *dict*

export_private(*as_dict=False*)

Export the private key in the standard JSON format. It fails for a JWK that has only a public key or is symmetric.

Parameters

as_dict(*bool*) – If set to *True* export as python dict not JSON

Returns

A portable representation of a private key. If *as_dict* is *True* then a dictionary is returned. By default a json string

Return type

str or *dict*

export_public(*as_dict=False*)

Exports the public key in the standard JSON format. It fails if one is not available like when this function is called on a symmetric key.

Parameters

as_dict(*bool*) – If set to *True* export as python dict not JSON

Returns

A portable representation of the public key only. If *as_dict* is *True* then a dictionary is returned. By default a json string

Return type

str or *dict*

export_to_pem(*private_key=False, password=False*)

Exports keys to a data buffer suitable to be stored as a PEM file. Either the public or the private key can be exported to a PEM file. For private keys the PKCS#8 format is used. If a password is provided the best encryption method available as determined by the cryptography module is used to wrap the key.

Parameters

- **private_key** – Whether the private key should be exported. Defaults to *False* which means the public key is exported by default.
- **password**(*bytes*) – A password for wrapping the private key. Defaults to *False* which will cause the operation to fail. To avoid encryption the user must explicitly pass *None*, otherwise the user needs to provide a password in a bytes buffer.

Returns

A serialized bytes buffer containing a PEM formatted key.

Return type

bytes

classmethod `from_json(key)`

Creates a RFC 7517 JWK from the standard JSON format.

Parameters

key – The RFC 7517 representation of a JWK.

Returns

A JWK object that holds the json key.

Return type

JWK

classmethod `from_password(password)`

Creates a symmetric JWK key from a user password.

Parameters

password – A password in utf8 format.

Returns

a JWK object

Return type

JWK

classmethod `from_pem(data, password=None)`

Creates a key from PKCS#8 formatted data loaded from a PEM file.

See the function *import_from_pem* for details.

Parameters

- **data(bytes)** – The data contained in a PEM file.
- **password(bytes)** – An optional password to unwrap the key.

Returns

A JWK object.

Return type

JWK

get_curve(arg)

Gets the Elliptic Curve associated with the key.

Parameters

arg – an optional curve name

Raises

- *InvalidJWKType* – the key is not an EC or OKP key.
- *InvalidJWKValue* – if the curve name is invalid.

Returns

An EllipticCurve object

Return type

EllipticCurve

get_op_key(operation=None, arg=None)

Get the key object associated to the requested operation. For example the public RSA key for the ‘verify’ operation or the private EC key for the ‘decrypt’ operation.

Parameters

- **operation** – The requested operation. The valid set of operations is available in the [JWKOperationsRegistry](#) registry.
- **arg** – An optional, context specific, argument. For example a curve name.

Raises

- [InvalidJWKOperation](#) – if the operation is unknown or not permitted with this key.
- [InvalidJWKUsage](#) – if the use constraints do not permit the operation.

Returns

A Python Cryptography key object for asymmetric keys or a baseurl64_encoded octet string for symmetric keys

import_from_pem(data, password=None, kid=None)

Imports a key from data loaded from a PEM file. The key may be encrypted with a password. Private keys (PKCS#8 format), public keys, and X509 certificate's public keys can be imported with this interface.

Parameters

- **data(bytes)** – The data contained in a PEM file.
- **password(bytes)** – An optional password to unwrap the key.

setdefault(key, default=None)

Insert key with a value of default if key is not in the dictionary.

Return the value for key if key is in the dictionary, else default.

thumbprint(hashalg=<cryptography.hazmat.primitives.hashes.SHA256 object>)

Returns the key thumbprint as specified by RFC 7638.

Parameters

hashalg – A hash function (defaults to SHA256)

Returns

A base64url encoded digest of the key

Return type

str

thumbprint_uri(hname='sha-256')

Returns the key thumbprint URI as specified by RFC 9278.

Parameters

hname – A hash function name as specified in IANA's Named Information registry: <https://www.iana.org/assignments/named-information/> Values from *IANANamedInformationHashAlgorithmRegistry*

Returns

A JWK Thumbprint URI

Return type

str

update(*args, **kwargs)

Parameters

- ***args** – arguments
- ****kwargs** – keyword arguments

property has_private

Whether this JWK has an asymmetric Private key value.

property has_public

Whether this JWK has an asymmetric Public key value.

property is_symmetric

Whether this JWK is a symmetric key.

property key_curve

The Curve Name.

property key_id

The Key ID. Provided by the kid parameter if present, otherwise returns None.

property key_type

The Key type

class jwcauto.jwk.JWKSet(*args, **kwargs)

Bases: dict

A set of JWK objects.

Inherits from the standard 'dict' builtin type. Creates a special key 'keys' that is of a type derived from 'set' The 'keys' attribute accepts only *jwcauto.jwk.JWK* elements.

export(private_keys=True, as_dict=False)

Exports a RFC 7517 key set.

Exports as json by default, or as dict if requested.

Parameters

- **private_key**(bool) – Whether to export private keys. Defaults to True.
- **as_dict**(bool) – Whether to return a dict instead of a JSON object

Returns

A portable representation of the key set. If as_dict is True then a dictionary is returned. By default a json string

Return type

str or *dict*

classmethod from_json(keyset)

Creates a RFC 7517 key set from the standard JSON format.

Parameters

keyset – The RFC 7517 representation of a JOSE key set.

Returns

A JWKSet object.

Return type

JWKSet

get_key(kid)

Gets a key from the set. :param kid: the 'kid' key identifier.

Returns

A JWK from the set

Return type*JWK***get_keys**(*kid*)

Gets keys from the set with matching kid. :param kid: the 'kid' key identifier.

Returns

a List of keys

Return type*list***import_keyset**(*keyset*)

Imports a RFC 7517 key set using the standard JSON format.

Parameters

keyset – The RFC 7517 representation of a JOSE key set.

setdefault(*key*, *default=None*)

Insert key with a value of default if key is not in the dictionary.

Return the value for key if key is in the dictionary, else default.

update(**args*, ***kwargs*)**Parameters**

- ***args** – arguments
- ****kwargs** – keyword arguments

1.2 Exceptions

class jwcrypto.jwk.InvalidJWKType(*value=None*)

Bases: *JWException*

Invalid JWK Type Exception.

This exception is raised when an invalid parameter type is used.

class jwcrypto.jwk.InvalidJWKValue

Bases: *JWException*

Invalid JWK Value Exception.

This exception is raised when an invalid/unknown value is used in the context of an operation that requires specific values to be used based on the key type or other constraints.

class jwcrypto.jwk.InvalidJWKOperation(*operation*, *values*)

Bases: *JWException*

Invalid JWK Operation Exception.

This exception is raised when an invalid key operation is requested, based on the key type and declared usage constraints.

class jwcrypto.jwk.InvalidJWKUsage(*use*, *value*)

Bases: *JWException*

Invalid JWK usage Exception.

This exception is raised when an invalid key usage is requested, based on the key type and declared usage constraints.

1.3 Registries

`jwcarypto.jwk.JWKTypesRegistry`

Registry of valid Key Types

`jwcarypto.jwk.JWKValuesRegistry`

Registry of valid key values

`jwcarypto.jwk.JWKParamsRegistry`

Registry of valid key parameters

`jwcarypto.jwk.JWKEllipticCurveRegistry`

Registry of allowed Elliptic Curves

`jwcarypto.jwk.JWKUseRegistry`

Registry of allowed uses

`jwcarypto.jwk.JWKOperationsRegistry`

Registry of allowed operations

1.4 Examples

Create a 256bit symmetric key::

```
>>> from jwcarypto import jwk
>>> key = jwk.JWK.generate(kty='oct', size=256)
```

Export the key with::

```
>>> key.export()
'{"k":"...", "kty":"oct"}'
```

Create a 2048bit RSA key pair::

```
>>> jwk.JWK.generate(kty='RSA', size=2048)
{'kid':"Missing Key ID", "thumbprint":"..."}
```

Create a P-256 EC key pair and export the public key::

```
>>> key = jwk.JWK.generate(kty='EC', crv='P-256')
>>> key.export(private_key=False)
'{"crv":"P-256", "kty":"EC", "x":"...", "y":"..."}'
```

Import a P-256 Public Key::

```
>>> expkey = {"y": "VY1YwBfOTIICojCPfdUjnmkpN-g-lzZKxzjAoFmDRm8",
...          "x": "3mdE0rODWRju6qqU01Kw5oPYdNxBOMisFvJFH1vEu9Q",
...          "crv": "P-256", "kty": "EC"}
>>> key = jwk.JWK(**expkey)
```

Import a Key from a PEM file::

```
>>> with open("public.pem", "rb") as pemfile:  
...     key = jwk.JWK.from_pem(pemfile.read())
```

JSON WEB SIGNATURE (JWS)

The `jws` Module implements the [JSON Web Signature](#) standard. A JSON Web Signature is represented by a JWS object, related utility classes and functions are available in this module too.

2.1 Classes

class `jwcrypto.jws.JWS`(*payload=None, header_registry=None*)

Bases: `object`

JSON Web Signature object

This object represent a JWS token.

Creates a JWS object.

Parameters

- **payload(bytes)** – An arbitrary value (optional).
- **header_registry** – Optional additions to the header registry

add_signature(*key, alg=None, protected=None, header=None*)

Adds a new signature to the object.

Parameters

- **key** – A (`jwcrypto.jwk.JWK`) key of appropriate for the “alg” provided.
- **alg** – An optional algorithm name. If already provided as an element of the protected or unprotected header it can be safely omitted.
- **protected** – The Protected Header (optional)
- **header** – The Unprotected Header (optional)

Raises

- **InvalidJWSObject** – if invalid headers are provided.
- **ValueError** – if the key is not a (`jwcrypto.jwk.JWK`)
- **ValueError** – if the algorithm is missing or is not provided by one of the headers.
- **InvalidJWAAlgorithm** – if the algorithm is not valid, is unknown or otherwise not yet implemented.

deserialize(*raw_jws*, *key=None*, *alg=None*)

Deserialize a JWS token.

NOTE: Destroys any current status and tries to import the raw JWS provided.

If a key is provided a verification step will be attempted after the object is successfully deserialized.

Parameters

- **raw_jws** – a ‘raw’ JWS token (JSON Encoded or Compact notation) string.
- **key** – A (*jwcrypto.jwk.JWK*) verification or a (*jwcrypto.jwk.JWKSet*) that contains a key indexed by the ‘kid’ header (optional).
- **alg** – The signing algorithm (optional). Usually the algorithm is known as it is provided with the JOSE Headers of the token.

Raises

- *InvalidJWSObject* – if the raw object is an invalid JWS token.
- *InvalidJWSSignature* – if the verification fails.
- *JWKKeyNotFound* – if key is a JWKSet and the key is not found.

classmethod from_jose_token(*token*)

Creates a JWS object from a serialized JWS token.

Parameters

token – A string with the json or compat representation of the token.

Raises

InvalidJWSObject – if the raw object is an invalid JWS token.

Returns

A JWS token

Return type

JWS

serialize(*compact=False*)

Serializes the object into a JWS token.

Parameters

compact(boolean) – if True generates the compact representation, otherwise generates a standard JSON format.

Raises

- *InvalidJWSOperation* – if the object cannot be serialized with the compact representation and *compact* is True.
- *InvalidJWSSignature* – if no signature has been added to the object, or no valid signature can be found.

Returns

A json formatted string or a compact representation string

Return type

str

verify(*key*, *alg=None*, *detached_payload=None*)

Verifies a JWS token.

Parameters

- **key** – A (*jwtcrypto.jwk.JWK*) verification or a (*jwtcrypto.jwk.JWKSet*) that contains a key indexed by the ‘kid’ header.
- **alg** – The signing algorithm (optional). Usually the algorithm is known as it is provided with the JOSE Headers of the token.
- **detached_payload** – A detached payload to verify the signature against. Only valid for tokens that are not carrying a payload.

Raises

- *InvalidJWSSignature* – if the verification fails.
- *InvalidJWSOperation* – if a detached_payload is provided but an object payload exists
- *JWKKeyNotFound* – if key is a JWKSet and the key is not found.

property allowed_algs

Allowed algorithms.

The list of allowed algorithms. Can be changed by setting a list of algorithm names.

class jwtcrypto.jws.JWSCore(*alg, key, header, payload, algs=None*)

Bases: object

The inner JWS Core object.

This object SHOULD NOT be used directly, the JWS object should be used instead as JWS perform necessary checks on the validity of the object and requested operations.

Core JWS token handling.

Parameters

- **alg** – The algorithm used to produce the signature. See RFC 7518
- **key** – A (*jwtcrypto.jwk.JWK*) verification or a (*jwtcrypto.jwk.JWKSet*) that contains a key indexed by the ‘kid’ header. A JWKSet is allowed only for verification operations.
- **header** – A JSON string representing the protected header.
- **payload(bytes)** – An arbitrary value
- **algs** – An optional list of allowed algorithms

Raises

- **ValueError** – if the key is not a (*jwtcrypto.jwk.JWK*)
- *InvalidJWAAlgorithm* – if the algorithm is not valid, is unknown or otherwise not yet implemented.
- *InvalidJWSOperation* – if the algorithm is not allowed.

sign()

Generates a signature

verify(signature)

Verifies a signature

Raises

- *InvalidJWSSignature* – if the verification fails.

Returns

Returns True or an Exception

Return type
bool

2.2 Variables

```
jwcrypto.jws.default_allowed_algs = ['HS256', 'HS384', 'HS512', 'RS256', 'RS384', 'RS512', 'ES256', 'ES384', 'ES512', 'PS256', 'PS384', 'PS512', 'EdDSA', 'ES256K']
```

Default allowed algorithms

2.3 Exceptions

```
class jwcrypto.jws.InvalidJWSSignature(message=None, exception=None)
```

Bases: *JWException*

Invalid JWS Signature.

This exception is raised when a signature cannot be validated.

```
class jwcrypto.jws.InvalidJWSObject(message=None, exception=None)
```

Bases: *JWException*

Invalid JWS Object.

This exception is raised when the JWS Object is invalid and/or improperly formatted.

```
class jwcrypto.jws.InvalidJWSOperation(message=None, exception=None)
```

Bases: *JWException*

Invalid JWS Object.

This exception is raised when a requested operation cannot be execute due to unsatisfied conditions.

2.4 Registries

```
jwcrypto.jws.JWSHeaderRegistry
```

Registry of valid header parameters

2.5 Examples

Sign a JWS token::

```
>>> from jwcrypto import jwk, jws
>>> from jwcrypto.common import json_encode
>>> key = jwk.JWK.generate(kty='oct', size=256)
>>> payload = "My Integrity protected message"
>>> jwstoken = jws.JWS(payload.encode('utf-8'))
>>> jwstoken.add_signature(key, None,
...                       json_encode({"alg": "HS256"}),
...                       json_encode({"kid": key.thumbprint()}))
>>> sig = jwstoken.serialize()
```

Verify a JWS token::

```
>>> jwstoken = jws.JWS()  
>>> jwstoken.deserialize(sig)  
>>> jwstoken.verify(key)  
>>> payload = jwstoken.payload
```


JSON WEB ENCRYPTION (JWE)

The `jwe` Module implements the [JSON Web Encryption](#) standard. A JSON Web Encryption is represented by a JWE object, related utility classes and functions are available in this module too.

3.1 Classes

```
class jwcrypto.jwe.JWE(plaintext=None, protected=None, unprotected=None, aad=None, algs=None,  
                      recipient=None, header=None, header_registry=None, flattened=True)
```

Bases: `object`

JSON Web Encryption object

This object represent a JWE token.

Creates a JWE token.

Parameters

- **plaintext(bytes)** – An arbitrary plaintext to be encrypted.
- **protected** – A JSON string with the protected header.
- **unprotected** – A JSON string with the shared unprotected header.
- **aad(bytes)** – Arbitrary additional authenticated data
- **algs** – An optional list of allowed algorithms
- **recipient** – An optional, default recipient key
- **header** – An optional header for the default recipient
- **header_registry** – Optional additions to the header registry
- **flattened** – Use flattened serialization syntax (default True)

```
add_recipient(key, header=None)
```

Encrypt the plaintext with the given key.

Parameters

- **key** – A JWK key or password of appropriate type for the ‘alg’ provided in the JOSE Headers.
- **header** – A JSON string representing the per-recipient header.

Raises

- **ValueError** – if the plaintext is missing or not of type bytes.

- **ValueError** – if the compression type is unknown.
- **InvalidJWAAlgorithm** – if the ‘alg’ provided in the JOSE headers is missing or unknown, or otherwise not implemented.

decrypt(*key*)

Decrypt a JWE token.

Parameters

- **key** – The (*jwtcrypto.jwk.JWK*) decryption key.
- **key** – A (*jwtcrypto.jwk.JWK*) decryption key, or a (*jwtcrypto.jwk.JWKSet*) that contains a key indexed by the ‘kid’ header or (deprecated) a string containing a password.

Raises

- **InvalidJWEOperation** – if the key is not a JWK object.
- **InvalidJWEData** – if the ciphertext can’t be decrypted or the object is otherwise malformed.
- **JWKKeyNotFound** – if key is a JWKSet and the key is not found.

deserialize(*raw_jwe*, *key=None*)

Deserialize a JWE token.

NOTE: Destroys any current status and tries to import the raw JWE provided.

If a key is provided a decryption step will be attempted after the object is successfully deserialized.

Parameters

- **raw_jwe** – a ‘raw’ JWE token (JSON Encoded or Compact notation) string.
- **key** – A (*jwtcrypto.jwk.JWK*) decryption key, or a (*jwtcrypto.jwk.JWKSet*) that contains a key indexed by the ‘kid’ header or (deprecated) a string containing a password (optional).

Raises

- **InvalidJWEData** – if the raw object is an invalid JWE token.
- **InvalidJWEOperation** – if the decryption fails.

classmethod from_jose_token(*token*)

Creates a JWE object from a serialized JWE token.

Parameters

token – A string with the json or compat representation of the token.

Raises

InvalidJWEData – if the raw object is an invalid JWE token.

Returns

A JWE token

Return type

JWE

serialize(*compact=False*)

Serializes the object into a JWE token.

Parameters

compact(boolean) – if True generates the compact representation, otherwise generates a standard JSON format.

Raises

- **`InvalidJWEOperation`** – if the object cannot be serialized with the compact representation and *compact* is *True*.
- **`InvalidJWEOperation`** – if no recipients have been added to the object.

Returns

A json formatted string or a compact representation string

Return type

str

property allowed_algs

Allowed algorithms.

The list of allowed algorithms. Can be changed by setting a list of algorithm names.

3.2 Variables

```
jwcrypto.jwe.default_allowed_algs = ['RSA-OAEP', 'RSA-OAEP-256', 'A128KW', 'A192KW',
'A256KW', 'dir', 'ECDH-ES', 'ECDH-ES+A128KW', 'ECDH-ES+A192KW', 'ECDH-ES+A256KW',
'A128GCMKW', 'A192GCMKW', 'A256GCMKW', 'PBES2-HS256+A128KW', 'PBES2-HS384+A192KW',
'PBES2-HS512+A256KW', 'A128CBC-HS256', 'A192CBC-HS384', 'A256CBC-HS512', 'A128GCM',
'A192GCM', 'A256GCM']
```

Default allowed algorithms

3.3 Exceptions

```
class jwcrypto.jwe.InvalidJWEOperation(message=None, exception=None)
```

Bases: *JWEException*

Invalid JWS Object.

This exception is raised when a requested operation cannot be execute due to unsatisfied conditions.

```
class jwcrypto.jwe.InvalidJWEData(message=None, exception=None)
```

Bases: *JWEException*

Invalid JWE Object.

This exception is raised when the JWE Object is invalid and/or improperly formatted.

```
class jwcrypto.jwe.InvalidJWEKeyType(expected, obtained)
```

Bases: *JWEException*

Invalid JWE Key Type.

This exception is raised when the provided JWK Key does not match the type required by the specified algorithm.

```
class jwcrypto.jwe.InvalidJWEKeyLength(expected, obtained)
```

Bases: *JWEException*

Invalid JWE Key Length.

This exception is raised when the provided JWK Key does not match the length required by the specified algorithm.

class `jwcrypto.jwe.InvalidCEKeyLength`(*expected, obtained*)

Bases: `JWException`

Invalid CEK Key Length.

This exception is raised when a Content Encryption Key does not match the required length.

3.4 Registries

`jwcrypto.jwe.JWEHeaderRegistry`

Registry of valid header parameters

3.5 Examples

3.5.1 Symmetric keys

Encrypt a JWE token::

```
>>> from jwcrypto import jwk, jwe
>>> from jwcrypto.common import json_encode
>>> key = jwk.JWK.generate(kty='oct', size=256)
>>> payload = "My Encrypted message"
>>> jwetoken = jwe.JWE(payload.encode('utf-8'),
...                     json_encode({"alg": "A256KW",
...                                   "enc": "A256CBC-HS512"}))
>>> jwetoken.add_recipient(key)
>>> enc = jwetoken.serialize()
```

Decrypt a JWE token::

```
>>> jwetoken = jwe.JWE()
>>> jwetoken.deserialize(enc)
>>> jwetoken.decrypt(key)
>>> payload = jwetoken.payload
```

3.5.2 Asymmetric keys

Encrypt a JWE token::

```
>>> from jwcrypto import jwk, jwe
>>> from jwcrypto.common import json_encode, json_decode
>>> public_key = jwk.JWK()
>>> private_key = jwk.JWK.generate(kty='RSA', size=2048)
>>> public_key.import_key(**json_decode(private_key.export_public()))
>>> payload = "My Encrypted message"
>>> protected_header = {
...     "alg": "RSA-OAEP-256",
...     "enc": "A256CBC-HS512",
...     "typ": "JWE",
```

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```
...     "kid": public_key.thumbprint(),
... }
>>> jwtoken = jwe.JWE(payload.encode('utf-8'),
...                     recipient=public_key,
...                     protected=protected_header)
>>> enc = jwtoken.serialize()
```

Decrypt a JWE token::

```
>>> jwtoken = jwe.JWE()
>>> jwtoken.deserialize(enc, key=private_key)
>>> payload = jwtoken.payload
```


JSON WEB TOKEN (JWT)

The `jwt` Module implements the [JSON Web Token](#) standard. A JSON Web Token is represented by a `JWT` object, related utility classes and functions are available in this module too.

4.1 Classes

class `jwtcrypto.jwt.JWT`(*header=None, claims=None, jwt=None, key=None, algs=None, default_claims=None, check_claims=None, expected_type=None*)

Bases: `object`

JSON Web token object

This object represent a generic token.

Creates a `JWT` object.

Parameters

- **header** – A dict or a JSON string with the JWT Header data.
- **claims** – A dict or a string with the JWT Claims data.
- **jwt** – a ‘raw’ JWT token
- **key** – A (`jwtcrypto.jwk.JWK`) key to deserialize the token. A (`jwtcrypto.jwk.JWKSet`) can also be used.
- **algs** – An optional list of allowed algorithms
- **default_claims** – An optional dict with default values for registered claims. A `None` value for `NumericDate` type claims will cause generation according to system time. Only the values from RFC 7519 - 4.1 are evaluated.
- **check_claims** – An optional dict of claims that must be present in the token, if the value is not `None` the claim must match exactly.
- **expected_type** – An optional string that defines what kind of token to expect when validating a deserialized token. Supported values: “JWS” or “JWE” If left to `None` the code will try to detect what the expected type is based on other parameters like ‘algs’ and will default to JWS if no hints are found. It has no effect on token creation.

Note: either the `header`, `claims` or `jwt`, `key` parameters should be provided as a deserialization operation (which occurs if the `jwt` is provided) will wipe any header or claim provided by setting those obtained from the deserialization of the `jwt` token.

Note: if `check_claims` is not provided the ‘exp’ and ‘nbf’ claims are checked if they are set on the token but not enforced if not set. Any other RFC 7519 registered claims are checked only for format conformance.

deserialize(*jwt*, *key=None*)

Deserialize a JWT token.

NOTE: Destroys any current status and tries to import the raw token provided.

Parameters

- **jwt** – a ‘raw’ JWT token.
- **key** – A ([jwcrypto.jwk.JWK](#)) verification or decryption key, or a ([jwcrypto.jwk.JWKSet](#)) that contains a key indexed by the ‘kid’ header.

classmethod from_jose_token(*token*)

Creates a JWT object from a serialized JWT token.

Parameters

token – A string with the json or compat representation of the token.

Raises

[InvalidJWEData](#) or [InvalidJWSObject](#) – if the raw object is an invalid JWT token.

Returns

A JWT token

Return type

[JWT](#)

make_encrypted_token(*key*)

Encrypts the payload.

Creates a JWE token with the header as the JWE protected header and the claims as the plaintext. See ([jwcrypto.jwe.JWE](#)) for details on the exceptions that may be raised.

Parameters

key – A ([jwcrypto.jwk.JWK](#)) key.

make_signed_token(*key*)

Signs the payload.

Creates a JWS token with the header as the JWS protected header and the claims as the payload. See ([jwcrypto.jws.JWS](#)) for details on the exceptions that may be raised.

Parameters

key – A ([jwcrypto.jwk.JWK](#)) key.

serialize(*compact=True*)

Serializes the object into a JWS token.

Parameters

compact (boolean) – must be True.

Note: the compact parameter is provided for general compatibility with the `serialize()` functions of [jwcrypto.jws.JWS](#) and [jwcrypto.jwe.JWE](#) so that these objects can all be used interchangeably. However the only valid JWT representation is the compact representation.

Returns

A json formatted string or a compact representation string

Return type

str

validate(key)

Validate a JWT token that was deserialized w/o providing a key

Parameters

key – A (*jwtcrypto.jwk.JWK*) verification or decryption key, or a (*jwtcrypto.jwk.JWKSet*) that contains a key indexed by the ‘kid’ header.

4.2 Variables

```
jwtcrypto.jwt.JWTClaimsRegistry = {'aud': 'Audience', 'exp': 'Expiration Time', 'iat': 'Issued At', 'iss': 'Issuer', 'jti': 'JWT ID', 'nbf': 'Not Before', 'sub': 'Subject'}
```

Registry of RFC 7519 defined claims

```
jwtcrypto.jwt.JWT_expect_type = True
```

This module parameter can disable the use of the expectation feature that has been introduced to fix CVE-2022-3102. This knob has been added as a workaround for applications that can’t be immediately refactored to deal with the change in behavior but it is considered deprecated and will be removed in a future release.

4.3 Examples

Create a symmetric key::

```
>>> from jwtcrypto import jwt, jwk
>>> key = jwk.JWK(generate='oct', size=256)
>>> key.export()
'{"k": "...", "kty": "oct"}'
```

Create a signed token with the generated key::

```
>>> Token = jwt.JWT(header={"alg": "HS256"},
...                  claims={"info": "I'm a signed token"})
>>> Token.make_signed_token(key)
>>> Token.serialize()
'eyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiJ9.eyJpbnVzIjoiaS5SdGEgc2lnbmVkaHRva2VuIn0...''
```

Further encrypt the token with the same key::

```
>>> Etoken = jwt.JWT(header={"alg": "A256KW", "enc": "A256CBC-HS512"},
...                  claims=Token.serialize())
>>> Etoken.make_encrypted_token(key)
>>> Etoken.serialize()
'eyJhbGciOiJBMjU2S1ciLCJlbmMiOiJBMjU2Q0JDLUhTNTYIn0...''
```

Now decrypt and verify::

```
>>> from jwtcrypto import jwt, jwk
>>> k = {"k": "Wal4ZHCBSml0Al_Y8faoNTKsXCkw8eefKXYFuwTB0pA", "kty": "oct"}
>>> key = jwk.JWK(**k)
>>> e = 'eyJhbGciOiJBMjU2S1ciLCJlbmMiOiJBMjU2Q0JDLUhTNTYIn0.
↪ST5RmjQDLj696xo7YFTFuKUhd3naCrm6yMjBM3cqWiFD6U8j2JIsbclsF7ryNg8Ktmt1kQJRKavV6DaTl1T840tP3sIs1qz.
↪wSxVhZH5GyzbJnPBAUMdzQ.6uiVYwrRBzAm7Uge9rEUjExPWGgberF177A7tMuQurJAqBhgk3_
```

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```
↪5vee5DRH84kHSapFOxcEuDdMBEQLI7V2E0F57-d01TFStHzwtgtSmeZRQ6JSIL5XlgJouwHfSxn9Z_  
↪TGl5xxq4TksORHED1vnRA.5jPyPWanJVqlOohApEbHmxi3JHp1MXbmVqe2_dVd8FI'  
>>> ET = jwt.JWT(key=key, jwt=e, expected_type="JWE")  
>>> ST = jwt.JWT(key=key, jwt=ET.claims)  
>>> ST.claims  
'{"info":"I\'m a signed token"}'
```

5.1 Functions

```
jwcrypto.common.base64url_encode(payload)
```

```
jwcrypto.common.base64url_decode(payload)
```

```
jwcrypto.common.json_encode(string)
```

```
jwcrypto.common.json_decode(string)
```

5.2 Classes

```
class jwcrypto.common.JWSEHeaderRegistry(init_registry=None)
```

5.3 Exceptions

```
class jwcrypto.common.JWException
```

```
class jwcrypto.common.InvalidJWAAlgorithm(message=None)
```

Bases: *JWException*

```
class jwcrypto.common.InvalidCEKeyLength(expected, obtained)
```

Bases: *JWException*

Invalid CEK Key Length.

This exception is raised when a Content Encryption Key does not match the required length.

```
class jwcrypto.common.InvalidJWEOperation(message=None, exception=None)
```

Bases: *JWException*

Invalid JWS Object.

This exception is raised when a requested operation cannot be execute due to unsatisfied conditions.

```
class jwcrypto.common.InvalidJWEKeyType(expected, obtained)
```

Bases: *JWException*

Invalid JWE Key Type.

This exception is raised when the provided JWK Key does not match the type required by the specified algorithm.

class jwcrypto.common.InvalidJWEKeyLength(*expected, obtained*)

Bases: *JWException*

Invalid JWE Key Length.

This exception is raised when the provided JWK Key does not match the length required by the specified algorithm.

class jwcrypto.common.InvalidJWSERegOperation(*message=None, exception=None*)

Bases: *JWException*

Invalid JWSE Header Registry Operation.

This exception is raised when there is an error in trying to add a JW Signature or Encryption header to the Registry.

class jwcrypto.common.JWKKeyNotFound(*message=None*)

Bases: *JWException*

The key needed to complete the operation was not found.

This exception is raised when a JWKeySet is used to perform some operation and the key required to successfully complete the operation is not found.

Note: In the examples, random or generated output values are replaced with ‘...’ to allow for doctesting. Where possible the immutable part of a token has been preserved, and only the variable part replaced with ‘...’

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