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Cryptographic Techniques Overview

1. Name of Cryptographic Technique Hierocrypt-L1

Categories 2.Symmetric Ciphers

Security Functions of Asymmetric Cryptographic Schemes 1.confidentiality 2. Authentication 3. signature 4. key- sharing

Subcategories of Symmetric Ciphers 2. 64-bits block ciphers

2. Cryptographic Techniques Overview

2.1 Design policy

- The algorithm was designed to be sufficiently secure against major cryptanalytical attacks, fast in major platforms, and compact in implementation.
- In order to achieve both a high calculational efficiency and a high security, the nested SPN structure is applied to the data randomizing part, which is a recusive version of SPN structure.
- The nested SPN strucure is very simple and makes it possible to achieve a sufficient security and to design algorithmic components independently to some extent.
- The S-box is designed based on the power function over the Galois field $GF(2^8)$, which is the most secure agaist the differential/linear cryptanalysis.
- The diffusion layers are chosen from many candidates with the maximum branch number by criteria on security and performance.
- The fundamental structure of key scheduling part is a 64-bit Feistel network and an iterative 64-bit linear transformation.
- The round key is generated as a linear combination of their intermediate states. A round-trip structure is applied to the fundamental structure, where an intermediate state sequence turn back halfway, so that an initial delay is short for decryption in the on-the-fly implementation.

2.2 Intended applications

• General applications utilized by the electrical government

- · Implementation into middleware and LSI utilized by electronic commerce
- \cdot System integration business

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