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GOST R 34.12-2015: Block Cipher "Magma"

Abstract

In addition to a new cipher with a block length of $n=128$ bits (referred to as "Kuznyechik" and described in RFC 7801), Russian Federal standard GOST R 34.12-2015 includes an updated version of the block cipher with a block length of $n=64$ bits and key length of $k=256$ bits, which is also referred to as "Magma". The algorithm is an updated version of an older block cipher with a block length of $n=64$ bits described in GOST 28147-89 (RFC 5830). This document is intended to be a source of information about the updated version of the 64-bit cipher. It may facilitate the use of the block cipher in Internet applications by providing information for developers and users of the GOST 64-bit cipher with the revised version of the cipher for encryption and decryption.

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1. Introduction

The Russian Federal standard [[GOSTR3412-2015](#)] specifies basic block ciphers used as cryptographic techniques for information processing and information protection, including the provision of confidentiality, authenticity, and integrity of information during information transmission, processing, and storage in computer-aided systems.

The cryptographic algorithms defined in this specification are designed both for hardware and software implementation. They comply with modern cryptographic requirements and put no restrictions on the confidentiality level of the protected information.

This document is intended to be a source of information about the updated version of the 64-bit cipher. It may facilitate the use of the block cipher in Internet applications by providing information for developers and users of a GOST 64-bit cipher with the revised version of the cipher for encryption and decryption.

2. General Information

The Russian Federal standard [[GOSTR3412-2015](#)] was developed by the Center for Information Protection and Special Communications of the Federal Security Service of the Russian Federation, with participation of the open joint-stock company "Information Technologies and Communication Systems" (InfoTeCS JSC). GOST R 34.12-2015 was approved and introduced by Decree #749 of the Federal Agency on Technical Regulating and Metrology on June 19, 2015.

Terms and concepts in the specification comply with the following international standards:

- ISO/IEC 10116 [[ISO-IEC10116](#)]
- series of standards ISO/IEC 18033 [[ISO-IEC18033-1](#)][[ISO-IEC18033-3](#)]

3. Definitions and Notation

The following terms and their corresponding definitions are used in the specification.

3.1. Definitions

encryption algorithm: process that transforms plaintext into ciphertext (Clause 2.19 of [[ISO-IEC18033-1](#)])

decryption algorithm: process that transforms ciphertext into plaintext (Clause 2.14 of [[ISO-IEC18033-1](#)])

basic block cipher: block cipher that, for a given key, provides a single invertible mapping of the set of fixed-length plaintext blocks into ciphertext blocks of the same length

block: string of bits of a defined length (Clause 2.6 of [[ISO-IEC18033-1](#)])

block cipher: symmetric encipherment system with the property that the encryption algorithm operates on a block of plaintext -- i.e., a string of bits of a defined length -- to yield a block of ciphertext (Clause 2.7 of [ISO-IEC18033-1])

Note: In GOST R 34.12-2015, it is established that the terms "block cipher" and "block encryption algorithm" are synonyms.

encryption: reversible transformation of data by a cryptographic algorithm to produce ciphertext -- i.e., to hide the information content of the data (Clause 2.18 of [ISO-IEC18033-1])

round key: sequence of symbols that is calculated from the key and controls a transformation for one round of a block cipher

key: sequence of symbols that controls the operation of a cryptographic transformation (e.g., encipherment, decipherment) (Clause 2.21 of [ISO-IEC18033-1])

Note: In GOST R 34.12-2015, the key must be a binary sequence.

plaintext: unencrypted information (Clause 3.11 of [ISO-IEC10116])

key schedule: calculation of round keys from the key,

decryption: reversal of a corresponding encipherment (Clause 2.13 of [ISO-IEC18033-1])

symmetric cryptographic technique: cryptographic technique that uses the same secret key for both the originator's and the recipient's transformation (Clause 2.32 of [ISO-IEC18033-1])

cipher: alternative term for encipherment system (Clause 2.20 of [ISO-IEC18033-1])

ciphertext: data that has been transformed to hide its information content (Clause 3.3 of [ISO-IEC10116])

3.2. Notation

The following notation is used in the specification:

V^* the set of all binary vector strings of a finite length (hereinafter referred to as the strings), including the empty string

V_s the set of all binary strings of length s , where s is a nonnegative integer; substrings and string components are enumerated from right to left, starting from zero

$U[*]W$ direct (Cartesian) product of two sets U and W

$|A|$ the number of components (the length) of a string A belonging to V^* (if A is an empty string, then $|A| = 0$)

$A|B$ concatenation of strings A and B both belonging to V^* -- i.e., a string from $V_{(|A|+|B|)}$, where the left substring from $V_{|A|}$ is equal to A and the right substring from $V_{|B|}$ is equal to B

$A_{\lll 11}$ cyclic rotation of string A belonging to V_{32} by 11 components in the direction of components having greater indices

$Z_{(2^n)}$ ring of residues modulo 2^n

(xor) exclusive-or of two binary strings of the same length

[+] addition in the ring $Z_{(2^{32})}$

$Vec_s: Z_{(2^s)} \rightarrow V_s$ bijective mapping that maps an element from ring $Z_{(2^s)}$ into its binary representation; i.e., for an element z of the ring $Z_{(2^s)}$, represented by the residue $z_0 + (2 \cdot z_1) + \dots + (2^{(s-1)} \cdot z_{(s-1)})$, where $z_i \in \{0, 1\}$, $i = 0, \dots, s-1$, the equality $Vec_s(z) = z_{(s-1)} || \dots || z_1 || z_0$ holds

$Int_s: V_s \rightarrow Z_{(2^s)}$ the mapping inverse to the mapping Vec_s , i.e., $Int_s = Vec_s^{-1}$

PS composition of mappings, where the mapping S applies first

P^s composition of mappings $P^{(s-1)}$ and P , where $P^1 = P$

4. Parameter Values

4.1. Nonlinear Bijection

The bijective nonlinear mapping is a set of substitutions:

$$Pi_i = Vec_4 Pi'_i Int_4: V_4 \rightarrow V_4,$$

where

$$Pi'_i: Z_{(2^4)} \rightarrow Z_{(2^4)}, i = 0, 1, \dots, 7.$$

The values of the substitution Pi' are specified below as arrays.

$$Pi'_i = (Pi'_i(0), Pi'_i(1), \dots, Pi'_i(15)), i = 0, 1, \dots, 7:$$

$$Pi'_0 = (12, 4, 6, 2, 10, 5, 11, 9, 14, 8, 13, 7, 0, 3, 15, 1);$$

$$Pi'_1 = (6, 8, 2, 3, 9, 10, 5, 12, 1, 14, 4, 7, 11, 13, 0, 15);$$

$$Pi'_2 = (11, 3, 5, 8, 2, 15, 10, 13, 14, 1, 7, 4, 12, 9, 6, 0);$$

$$Pi'_3 = (12, 8, 2, 1, 13, 4, 15, 6, 7, 0, 10, 5, 3, 14, 9, 11);$$

$$Pi'_4 = (7, 15, 5, 10, 8, 1, 6, 13, 0, 9, 3, 14, 11, 4, 2, 12);$$

$$Pi'_5 = (5, 13, 15, 6, 9, 2, 12, 10, 11, 7, 8, 1, 4, 3, 14, 0);$$

$$Pi'_6 = (8, 14, 2, 5, 6, 9, 1, 12, 15, 4, 11, 0, 13, 10, 3, 7);$$

$$Pi'_7 = (1, 7, 14, 13, 0, 5, 8, 3, 4, 15, 10, 6, 9, 12, 11, 2);$$

4.2. Transformations

The following transformations are applicable for encryption and decryption algorithms:

$t: V_{32} \rightarrow V_{32}$

$t(a) = t(a_7 || \dots || a_0) = \text{Pi}_7(a_7) || \dots || \text{Pi}_0(a_0)$, where $a = a_7 || \dots || a_0$ belongs to V_{32} , a_i belongs to V_4 , $i=0, 1, \dots, 7$.

$g[k]: V_{32} \rightarrow V_{32}$

$g[k](a) = (t(\text{Vec}_{32}(\text{Int}_{32}(a) [+] \text{Int}_{32}(k)))) \lll 11$, where k, a belong to V_{32}

$G[k]: V_{32}[*]V_{32} \rightarrow V_{32}[*]V_{32}$

$G[k](a_1, a_0) = (a_0, g[k](a_0) \text{ (xor) } a_1)$, where k, a_0, a_1 belong to V_{32}

$G^{*}[k]: V_{32}[*]V_{32} \rightarrow V_{64}$

$G^{*}[k](a_1, a_0) = (g[k](a_0) \text{ (xor) } a_1) || a_0$, where k, a_0, a_1 belong to V_{32} .

4.3. Key Schedule

Round keys K_i belonging to V_{32} , $i=1, 2, \dots, 32$ are derived from key $K = k_{255} || \dots || k_0$ belonging to V_{256} , k_i belongs to V_1 , $i=0, 1, \dots, 255$, as follows:

```

K_1 = k_255 || ... || k_224;
K_2 = k_223 || ... || k_192;
K_3 = k_191 || ... || k_160;
K_4 = k_159 || ... || k_128;
K_5 = k_127 || ... || k_96;
K_6 = k_95 || ... || k_64;
K_7 = k_63 || ... || k_32;
K_8 = k_31 || ... || k_0;
K_(i+8) = K_i, i = 1, 2, ..., 8;
K_(i+16) = K_i, i = 1, 2, ..., 8;
K_(i+24) = K_(9-i), i = 1, 2, ..., 8.

```

5. Basic Encryption Algorithm

5.1. Encryption

Depending on the values of round keys K_1, \dots, K_{32} , the encryption algorithm is a substitution $E_{(K_1, \dots, K_{32})}$ defined as follows:

$$E_{(K_1, \dots, K_{32})}(a) = G^{*}[K_{32}]G[K_{31}] \dots G[K_2]G[K_1](a_1, a_0),$$

where $a = (a_1, a_0)$ belongs to V_{64} , and a_0, a_1 belong to V_{32} .

5.2. Decryption

Depending on the values of round keys K_1, \dots, K_{32} , the decryption algorithm is a substitution $D_{(K_1, \dots, K_{32})}$ defined as follows:

$$D_{(K_1, \dots, K_{32})}(a) = G^{*}[K_1]G[K_2] \dots G[K_{31}]G[K_{32}](a_1, a_0),$$

where $a = (a_1, a_0)$ belongs to V_{64} , and a_0, a_1 belong to V_{32} .

6. IANA Considerations

This document has no IANA actions.

7. Security Considerations

This entire document is about security considerations.

Unlike [RFC5830] (GOST 28147-89), but like [RFC7801], this specification does not define exact block modes that should be used together with the updated Magma cipher. One is free to select block modes depending on the protocol and necessity.

8. References

8.1. Normative References

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Appendix A. Test Examples

This section is for information only and is not a normative part of the specification.

A.1. Transformation t

```
t(fdb97531) = 2a196f34,  
t(2a196f34) = ebd9f03a,  
t(ebd9f03a) = b039bb3d,  
t(b039bb3d) = 68695433.
```

A.2. Transformation g

```
g[87654321](fedcba98) = fdcbc20c,  
g[fdcbc20c](87654321) = 7e791a4b,  
g[7e791a4b](fdcbc20c) = c76549ec,  
g[c76549ec](7e791a4b) = 9791c849.
```

A.3. Key Schedule

With key set to

```
K = ffeeddccbbaa99887766554433221100f0f1f2f3f4f5f6f7f8f9fafbfcfdfeff,
```

the following round keys are generated:

```
K_1 = ffeeddcc,  
K_2 = bbaa9988,  
K_3 = 77665544,  
K_4 = 33221100,  
K_5 = f0f1f2f3,  
K_6 = f4f5f6f7,  
K_7 = f8f9fafb,  
K_8 = fcfdfeff,  
  
K_9 = ffeeddcc,  
K_10 = bbaa9988,  
K_11 = 77665544,  
K_12 = 33221100,  
K_13 = f0f1f2f3,  
K_14 = f4f5f6f7,  
K_15 = f8f9fafb,  
K_16 = fcfdfeff,  
  
K_17 = ffeeddcc,  
K_18 = bbaa9988,  
K_19 = 77665544,  
K_20 = 33221100,  
K_21 = f0f1f2f3,  
K_22 = f4f5f6f7,  
K_23 = f8f9fafb,  
K_24 = fcfdfeff,  
  
K_25 = fcfdfeff,  
K_26 = f8f9fafb,  
K_27 = f4f5f6f7,  
K_28 = f0f1f2f3,  
K_29 = 33221100,  
K_30 = 77665544,  
K_31 = bbaa9988,  
K_32 = ffeeddcc.
```

A.4. Test Encryption

In this test example, encryption is performed on the round keys specified in Clause A.3. Let the plaintext be

```
a = fedcba9876543210,
```

then

```
(a_1, a_0) = (fedcba98, 76543210),
G[K_1](a_1, a_0) = (76543210, 28da3b14),
G[K_2]G[K_1](a_1, a_0) = (28da3b14, b14337a5),
G[K_3]...G[K_1](a_1, a_0) = (b14337a5, 633a7c68),
G[K_4]...G[K_1](a_1, a_0) = (633a7c68, ea89c02c),
G[K_5]...G[K_1](a_1, a_0) = (ea89c02c, 11fe726d),
G[K_6]...G[K_1](a_1, a_0) = (11fe726d, ad0310a4),
G[K_7]...G[K_1](a_1, a_0) = (ad0310a4, 37d97f25),
G[K_8]...G[K_1](a_1, a_0) = (37d97f25, 46324615),
G[K_9]...G[K_1](a_1, a_0) = (46324615, ce995f2a),
G[K_10]...G[K_1](a_1, a_0) = (ce995f2a, 93c1f449),
G[K_11]...G[K_1](a_1, a_0) = (93c1f449, 4811c7ad),
G[K_12]...G[K_1](a_1, a_0) = (4811c7ad, c4b3edca),
G[K_13]...G[K_1](a_1, a_0) = (c4b3edca, 44ca5ce1),
G[K_14]...G[K_1](a_1, a_0) = (44ca5ce1, fef51b68),
G[K_15]...G[K_1](a_1, a_0) = (fef51b68, 2098cd86),
G[K_16]...G[K_1](a_1, a_0) = (2098cd86, 4f15b0bb),
G[K_17]...G[K_1](a_1, a_0) = (4f15b0bb, e32805bc),
G[K_18]...G[K_1](a_1, a_0) = (e32805bc, e7116722),
G[K_19]...G[K_1](a_1, a_0) = (e7116722, 89cadf21),
G[K_20]...G[K_1](a_1, a_0) = (89cadf21, bac8444d),
G[K_21]...G[K_1](a_1, a_0) = (bac8444d, 11263a21),
G[K_22]...G[K_1](a_1, a_0) = (11263a21, 625434c3),
G[K_23]...G[K_1](a_1, a_0) = (625434c3, 8025c0a5),
G[K_24]...G[K_1](a_1, a_0) = (8025c0a5, b0d66514),
G[K_25]...G[K_1](a_1, a_0) = (b0d66514, 47b1d5f4),
G[K_26]...G[K_1](a_1, a_0) = (47b1d5f4, c78e6d50),
G[K_27]...G[K_1](a_1, a_0) = (c78e6d50, 80251e99),
G[K_28]...G[K_1](a_1, a_0) = (80251e99, 2b96eca6),
G[K_29]...G[K_1](a_1, a_0) = (2b96eca6, 05ef4401),
G[K_30]...G[K_1](a_1, a_0) = (05ef4401, 239a4577),
G[K_31]...G[K_1](a_1, a_0) = (239a4577, c2d8ca3d).
```

Then the ciphertext is

$$b = G^{*}[K_{32}]G[K_{31}] \dots G[K_1](a_1, a_0) = 4ee901e5c2d8ca3d.$$

A.5. Test Decryption

In this test example, decryption is performed on the round keys specified in [Appendix A.3](#). Let the ciphertext be

$$b = 4ee901e5c2d8ca3d,$$

then

```
(b_1, b_0) = (4ee901e5, c2d8ca3d),
G[K_32](b_1, b_0) = (c2d8ca3d, 239a4577),
G[K_31]G[K_32](b_1, b_0) = (239a4577, 05ef4401),
G[K_30]...G[K_32](b_1, b_0) = (05ef4401, 2b96eca6),
G[K_29]...G[K_32](b_1, b_0) = (2b96eca6, 80251e99),
G[K_28]...G[K_32](b_1, b_0) = (80251e99, c78e6d50),
G[K_27]...G[K_32](b_1, b_0) = (c78e6d50, 47b1d5f4),
G[K_26]...G[K_32](b_1, b_0) = (47b1d5f4, b0d66514),
G[K_25]...G[K_32](b_1, b_0) = (b0d66514, 8025c0a5),
G[K_24]...G[K_32](b_1, b_0) = (8025c0a5, 625434c3),
G[K_23]...G[K_32](b_1, b_0) = (625434c3, 11263a21),
G[K_22]...G[K_32](b_1, b_0) = (11263a21, bac8444d),
G[K_21]...G[K_32](b_1, b_0) = (bac8444d, 89cadf21),
G[K_20]...G[K_32](b_1, b_0) = (89cadf21, e7116722),
G[K_19]...G[K_32](b_1, b_0) = (e7116722, e32805bc),
G[K_18]...G[K_32](b_1, b_0) = (e32805bc, 4f15b0bb),
G[K_17]...G[K_32](b_1, b_0) = (4f15b0bb, 2098cd86),
G[K_16]...G[K_32](b_1, b_0) = (2098cd86, fef51b68),
G[K_15]...G[K_32](b_1, b_0) = (fef51b68, 44ca5ce1),
G[K_14]...G[K_32](b_1, b_0) = (44ca5ce1, c4b3edca),
G[K_13]...G[K_32](b_1, b_0) = (c4b3edca, 4811c7ad),
G[K_12]...G[K_32](b_1, b_0) = (4811c7ad, 93c1f449),
G[K_11]...G[K_32](b_1, b_0) = (93c1f449, ce995f2a),
G[K_10]...G[K_32](b_1, b_0) = (ce995f2a, 46324615),
G[K_9]...G[K_32](b_1, b_0) = (46324615, 37d97f25),
G[K_8]...G[K_32](b_1, b_0) = (37d97f25, ad0310a4),
G[K_7]...G[K_32](b_1, b_0) = (ad0310a4, 11fe726d),
G[K_6]...G[K_32](b_1, b_0) = (11fe726d, ea89c02c),
G[K_5]...G[K_32](b_1, b_0) = (ea89c02c, 633a7c68),
G[K_4]...G[K_32](b_1, b_0) = (633a7c68, b14337a5),
G[K_3]...G[K_32](b_1, b_0) = (b14337a5, 28da3b14),
G[K_2]...G[K_32](b_1, b_0) = (28da3b14, 76543210).
```

Then the plaintext is

```
a = G*[K_1]G[K_2]...G[K_32](b_1, b_0) = fedcba9876543210.
```

Appendix B. Background

This specification is a translation of relevant parts of the [GOSTR3412-2015] standard. The order of terms in both parts of Section 3 comes from the original text. Combining [RFC7801] with this document will create a complete translation of [GOSTR3412-2015] into English.

Algorithmically, Magma is a variation of the block cipher defined in [RFC5830] ([GOST28147-89]) with the following clarifications and minor modifications:

1. S-BOX set is fixed at id-tc26-gost-28147-param-Z (See Appendix C of [RFC7836]);
2. key is parsed as a single big-endian integer (compared to the little-endian approach used in [GOST28147-89]), which results in different subkey values being used;

3. data bytes are also parsed as a single big-endian integer (instead of being parsed as little-endian integer).

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