

An Exploration of S/MIME Error Conditions in Popular Mail User Agent Interfaces

Bachelor Arbeit

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S/MIME

A set of standards for secure email messaging defined by IETF.

Uses:

1. digital signatures
2. encryption

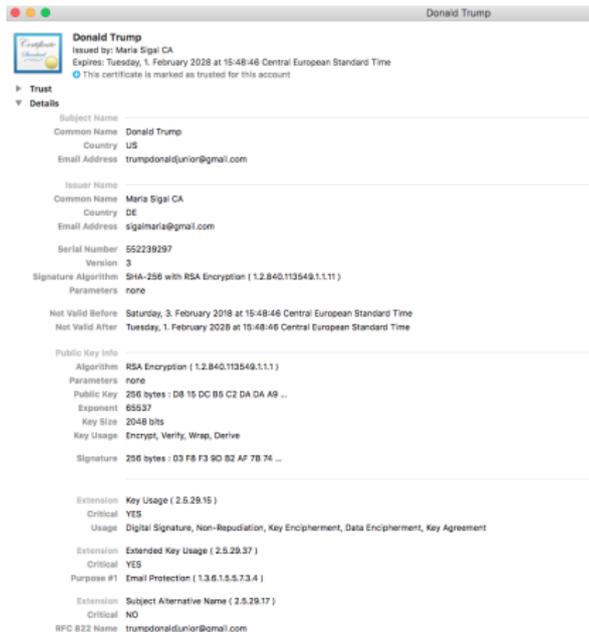
S/MIME

S/MIME provides:

1. authentication
2. message integrity
3. non-repudiation of origin
4. data confidentiality

S/MIME Certificates

Bindings between public key and identities



Donald Trump
Issued by: Maria Sigal CA
Expires: Tuesday, 1. February 2028 at 15:48:46 Central European Standard Time
This certificate is marked as trusted for this account

Trust
Details

Subject Name
Common Name **Donald Trump**
Country **US**
Email Address **trumpdonald@junior@gmail.com**

Issuer Name
Common Name **Maria Sigal CA**
Country **DE**
Email Address **sigalmaria@gmail.com**

Serial Number **552239297**
Version **3**
Signature Algorithm **SHA-256 with RSA Encryption (1.2.840.113549.1.1.1)**
Parameters **none**

Not Valid Before **Saturday, 3. February 2018 at 15:48:46 Central European Standard Time**
Not Valid After **Tuesday, 1. February 2028 at 15:48:46 Central European Standard Time**

Public Key Info
Algorithm **RSA Encryption (1.2.840.113549.1.1.1)**
Parameters **none**
Public Key **256 bytes : D8 15 DC B5 C2 DA DA A9 ...**
Exponent **65537**
Key Size **2048 bits**
Key Usage **Encrypt, Verify, Wrap, Derive**
Signature **256 bytes : 03 F8 F3 90 82 AF 78 74 ...**

Extension **Key Usage (2.5.29.15)**
Critical **YES**
Usage **Digital Signature, Non-Repudiation, Key Encipherment, Data Encipherment, Key Agreement**

Extension **Extended Key Usage (2.5.29.37)**
Critical **YES**
Purpose #1 **Email Protection (1.3.6.1.5.5.7.3.4)**

Extension **Subject Alternative Name (2.5.29.17)**
Critical **NO**
RFC 822 Name **trumpdonald@junior@gmail.com**

S/MIME in Mail on MacOs

for example:

☆ **Maria Sigal**

Inbox - ki...n84k@gmail.com 1. April 2018 at 19:45

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Test Case #14

To: Kim Jong Un

Security:  Signed (Maria Sigal),  Encrypted

Hi Kim,
I am throwing a big party with fireworks tonight, please come.
The location:
Rothschild Boulevard 32, Tel Aviv

Errors in Implementation

1. the program has to be vulnerability-free
2. developer do implementation mistakes

find exploit to :

1. forge a signature on an arbitrary email message
2. obtain decrypted content.
3. disrupt email client services.

Methods:

create complex email message structures:

1. manipulating S/MIME objects.
2. manipulating other objects related to S/MIME such as MIME, CMS.
3. applying a different combination of security operations.

MIME

The Multipurpose Internet Mail Extensions (MIME) is RFC Internet standard RFC which defines the data format of emails.

1. textual message bodies in character set other than US-ASCII.
2. an extensible set of different formats for non-textual message bodies like images, application programs, videos.
3. messages bodies with multiple parts.
4. textual header information in character sets other than US-ASCII

Multipart alternative

From: Maria Sigal <sigalmaria@gmail.com>
Content-Type: multipart/alternative;
 boundary="Apple-Mail=_0986B0D4-DE68-4489-80E6-DC7266BE5142"
Mime-Version: 1.0 (Mac OS X Mail 10.3 \ (3273\))
Subject: Html
X-Universally-Unique-Identifier: B71EE87B-E4F0-4A2F-8EFF-ED6050BB6439
Message-Id: <8DBCBFC9-829D-4690-AB17-ECAE09280F24@gmail.com>
Date: Wed, 4 Apr 2018 14:48:36 +0200
To: Maria Sigal <sigalmaria@gmail.com>

--Apple-Mail=_0986B0D4-DE68-4489-80E6-DC7266BE5142
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit
Content-Type: text/plain;
 charset=us-ascii

Kishuf
Ze kishuf

--Apple-Mail=_0986B0D4-DE68-4489-80E6-DC7266BE5142
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit
Content-Type: text/html;
 charset=us-ascii

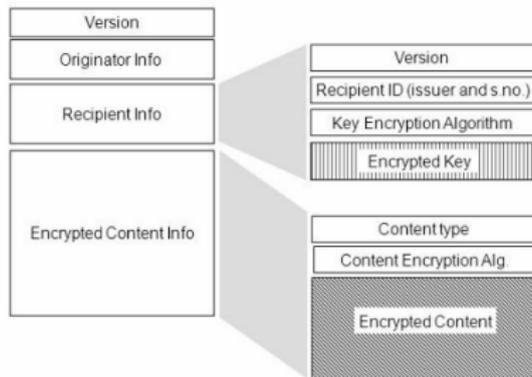
```
<html><body style="word-wrap: break-word; -webkit-nspace-mode: space; -webkit-line-break: after-white-space;" class="">Kishuf&nbsp;&nbsp;&nbsp;<div class="">Ze<font color="#9929bd" class=""> kishuf</font>&nbsp;&nbsp;&nbsp;</div><div class=""><br class=""></div><div class=""><br class=""></div></body></html>
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--Apple-Mail=_0986B0D4-DE68-4489-80E6-DC7266BE5142--

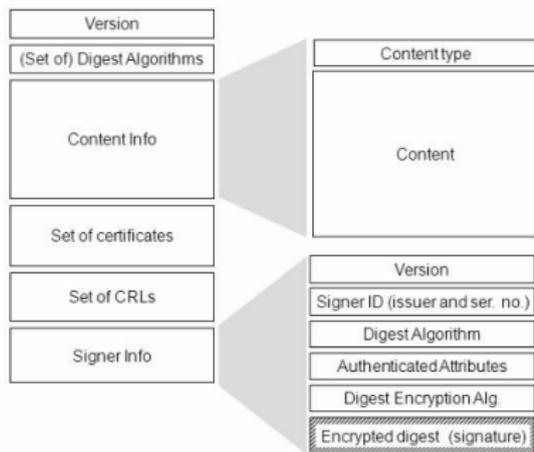
cryptographic message syntax(CMS)

1. IETF standard for cryptographically protected messages.
2. can sign and encrypt arbitrary message content.
3. allows multiple encapsulations.

CMS EnvelopedData



CMS SignedData



nested CMS

1. any combination of cryptographic operations could be applied to the message.
2. $\text{signBy}(\text{Maria}) \rightarrow \text{signBy}(\text{Donald}) \rightarrow \text{encrypt}$
3. $\text{encrypt} \rightarrow \text{encrypt} \rightarrow \text{sign}$
4. etc.

encrypted message with S/MIME

Content-Type: application/pkcs7-mime; name="smime.p7m"; smime-type=enveloped-data
Content-Transfer-Encoding: base64
Content-Disposition: attachment; filename="smime.p7m"
Content-Description: S/MIME Encrypted Message

MIAGCSqGSIB3DQEHAA6CAMIACAQAxggFvMIIBawIBADBTMEsxFzAVBgNVBAMMDk1hcm1hIFNpZ2Fs
IENBMQswCQYDVQQGEwJERTEjMCEGCSqGSIB3DQEJARYUc2lnYWxtYXJpYUBnbWFPbC5jb20CBDRn
XYEwDQYJKoZIhvcNAQEBBQAEggEAdkYz5GkttFzLJzbJRh28x2gQKEWuc/fo8ljUNHW6jech3xv5
bc0GcMqNVwHRaYAovu0yeSgviAN5TtAkSAMmBK1bZbsY4QmX3qnvJHki/ZkCAfRvKfZ9W9My/BRH
/gSur0MvX+60nF0Ay0ow03EFyVd8tYJIAuz2GCj901b7CLEJgclR2ONZwnDLG01WsC+ySyqfvzY8
BIF/E3o4edMheaV1D031GnVKrdkUDSjzAwH3tThkfrniOKPiCF4x5i6lkVouTgBN30dCio+SQeKK
D+7qFDB+50eLrFC+mUE7XQs/88BYD16sYh9SLWTUEHDYtxftVCo0BExcUpfm3dNZcZCABgkqhkiG
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ftLP2JjTInksWlbo887hRWhNqYj1tpFV029g3Ms+t0aK0nzFBy+J0RSUXvCUoImbbPLmPA9ZAAAX
DakEwARkT8d4/4u/E15tbaDFTkx0uDT84x5EiUVXy1z0iHkVQUR40Kul5aPK0v0D3+7u0bCTA

S/MIME could be also nested

According to the standard, each individual layer of CMS is wrapped with MIME. For example, for sign →encrypt

1. a MIME entity of type text/plain is created.
2. the MIME entity is processed to the CMS SignedData object.
3. the CMS SignedData is encoded with base64 and wrapped with S/MIME.
4. S/MIME message is processed to the CMS EnvelopedData object.
5. the CMS EnvelopedData is encoded with base64 and wrapped with S/MIME.

Test cases

Test Suite Name	Test Suite Id	Test Case Id
S/MIME basic functionality	101	1, 2, 3
S/MIME sign & encrypt flaw	102	33, 34, 36,38
S/MIME standards violation	103	25, 26
S/MIME encapsulation	104	11, 12, 13, 14, 27, 33, 34,36,37
CMS encapsulation	105	18, 19, 20, 21 ,30, 31, 32
S/MIME as an email attachment	106	16, 17, 22,
S/MIME with "multipart/alternative" messages	107	4,5 ,6, 10, 15
S/MIME with "multipart/mixed"	108	7, 8, 9 , 23, 24, 28
S/MIME with multiple certificates	109	11, 12,13 ,14

S/MIME test tool development

1. importing of sender and recipient certificates.
2. generation of email messages according to properties defined.
3. sending generated email messages to the recipient.
4. saving the sent messages as a text file.

S/MIME test tool development

1. jdk 1.8
2. bcmail-jdk15on library of BouncyCastle
3. JavaMail API version 1.6.0.
4. java.security

Tested Email Clients

1. Mail on IOS 11.2.5
2. Thunderbird 52.6.0 on macOS Sierra 10.12.16
3. Mail 10.03 on macOS Sierra 10.12.16

running the tests

```
gatter:smimetesting berutiel$ java -jar target/SmimeTest.jar -prop "config/config.properties" -test 14
Connecting to smtp server
mail.smtp.host: smtp.gmail.com
mail.smtp.port: 587
Executing Test Case 14
```

The following message sent:

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[
[Date: Fri, 23 Feb 2018 14:02:42 +0100 (CET)
From: trumpdonaldjunior@gmail.com
To: kimjongun84k@gmail.com
Message-ID: <1564078808.5.1519390962772@gmail.com>
Subject: Test Case #14
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: application/pkcs7-mime; name=smime.p7m; smime-type=signed-data
Content-Transfer-Encoding: base64
```

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MIAGCSqGSIb3DQEHAQCAMIACAQExDzANBg1ghkgBZQMEAgEFADCABgkqhkiG9w0BBwGggCSABIID
6EnVbnRlbnQtVHlwZTogYXh0bG1jYXRpb24vc0tjczctbWltZTsgbWtZT0ic21pbWUucDdtIjsg
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U1lVYzJsbl1XeHRZwEppwVVCbmJXRnBiQzVqYjIwQ0JEUm4NC1hZRXkdEU1K529aSwH2Y05BUUVC
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Q3V2cj1NC1hQNE96a311VHJLz112V0aE1TYWByVFo2cmh1SjVYUms3RX1mbE4cFmF1QwaG5E
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YmVhbElNWDRjUTANcmBZUSQ2o2sdZt1VjBqRERt0Fjckd0NE91Y3IzUXoyc0gzZwDY4bVjZV2Hw
S0pYb1RSQ1Q5d3MpzYk5DdmZsVEkx0WNI1MFZMeGgEgP0dQprczhBNjcwlp6eWNSZzNURjhV
bS1U3Hvbc9RRUFVT0Rte0h0FFQYThuJ3VBZz1Pm45c0t1cm0eTHA4c0oyNE5HU2YwMdBXcnJB
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bmdZeh4MjgycjwUEZIMjwB3BN1Q0SHXk0GVPZ3RhUK3CdDjXN1FLcwc0R2sz0VBhZ5S4a0hp
UD0E5FMDQ0zr1RuWkYyM9KZDLWuHw0ZRQZFPmZA4Yz11W6R6emJztF1I2mTqjhhR1ZNGTQZ
T2zKujZRk1Kbz2tGtZ0z1M1VhVFTE0K1NaDQqaC9y0eTRZTCtU3Yxw1QzU0Hw03S2VJF00z
```

SMIME test is conneurable to run with arbitrary .p12 .cer certificates, send an

Results

36 out of 111 tests failed.

signed S/MIME as an email attachment 1

We sent the following message:

1. a MIME entity of type text/plain with some text is created and signed with S/MIME multipart/signedformat.
2. another MIME entity of type text/plain with some text is created.
3. an email message of type multipart/mixed is created.
4. a MIME entity from step 2 is appended to the message from step 3.
5. a MIME entity from step 1 is appended as message/rfc822 (email attachment) to message from step 3

Output in Mail MacOS

☆ Donald Trump

Test Case #16

To: Kim Jong Un

Inbox - ki...n84k@gmail.com 22:20

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Update on location:
Franz Merhing Platz 3, Berlin

Nada

From: trumpdonaldjunior@gmail.com

Subject: **signedMessageForAttachment**

Date: 3. April 2018 at 22:20:13 GMT+2

To: kimjongun84k@gmail.com

Hi Kim,

I am throwing a big party with fireworks tonight, please come.

The location:

Rothschild Boulevard 32, Tel Aviv

Donald Trump

signed S/MIME as an email attachment 2

Now we did additional manipulations:

1. the external body part of type text/html ending with the tag `<div style='visibility:hidden'>`
2. the external body part was signed by Maria Sigal.
3. email message is spoofed to make it look coming from Donal Trump

Output in Mail MacOs

☆ **Donald Trump**

Test Case #17

To: Kim Jong Un

Security:  Signed (Maria Sigal, Donald Trump)

Inbox - ki...n84k@gmail.com 22:23



Hi Kim, The party is canceled. Donald

Output in Thunderbird MacOs

Von Mir <trumpdonaldjunior@gmail.com> ★

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Betreff Test Case #17

An Mich <kimjongun84k@gmail.com> ★

Hi Kim, The party is canceled. Donald

— ForwardedMessage.eml —

Betreff: sendSignedEmailAsAttachment2Certificates

Von: trumpdonaldjunior@gmail.com

Datum: 03.04.18, 22:23

An: kimjongun84k@gmail.com

Hi Kim,

I am throwing a big party with fireworks tonight, please come.

Location:

Rothschild Boulevard 32, Tel Aviv

Donald Trump

encrypted S/MIME as an email attachment

1. the external message has some text
2. the email message has an encrypted email message as attachment

Mail MacOS

no indication for encryption performed.

☆ Donald Trump

Inbox - ki...n84k@gmail.com 22:39

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Test Case #22

To: Kim Jong Un

Hi,
Have you seen my last message ? waiting for reply.

Donald Trump

From: trumpdonaldjunior@gmail.com

Subject: **Test Case 22 attached email**

Date: 3. April 2018 at 22:39:02 GMT+2

To: kimjongun84k@gmail.com

Hi Kim,
I am throwing a big party with fireworks tonight, please come.
Here is the location:
Rothschild Boulevard 32, Tel Aviv
Donald Trump

Mail MacOs

The email attachment is included in the reply message.

To: **Donald Trump** ▾

Cc:

Subject: **Re: Test Case #22**



From: Kim Jong Un – kimjongun84k@gmail.com

On 3. Apr 2018, at 22:39, uplietrump100@gmail.com wrote:

Hi,
Have you seen my last message ? waiting for reply.

Donald Trump
From: trumpdonaldjunior@gmail.com
Subject: **Test Case 22 attached email**
Date: 3. April 2018 at 22:39:02 GMT+2
To: kimjongun84k@gmail.com

Hi Kim,
I am throwing a big party with fireworks tonight, please come.
Here is the location:
Rothschild Boulevard 32, Tel Aviv
Donald Trump

Sign → Encrypt → Sign

1. the MIME entity of type text/plain is signed by Donald Trump
2. The result of 1 is encrypted for Kim
3. the result of 2 is signed by Maria Sigal

Sign → Encrypt → Sign in Mail MacOS

☆ **Maria Sigal**

Inbox - ki...n84k@gmail.com 23:28

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Test Case #14

To: Kim Jong Un

Security:  Signed (Maria Sigal),  Encrypted

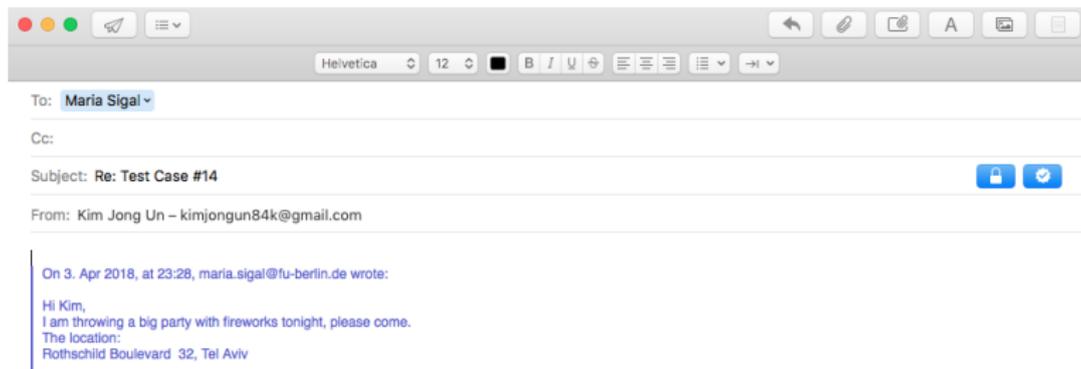
Hi Kim,

I am throwing a big party with fireworks tonight, please come.

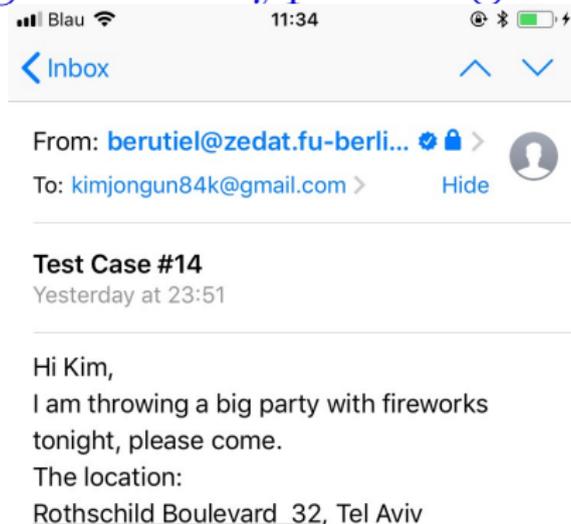
The location:

Rothschild Boulevard 32, Tel Aviv

Mail MacOs - reply message



Mail IOS - Sign → Encrypt → Sign



Sign → Encrypt → Sign in Thunderbird MacOs

Von Mir <maria.siga@fu-berlin.de> ☆

Betreff **Test Case #14**

An Mich <kimjongunB4k@gmail.com> ☆

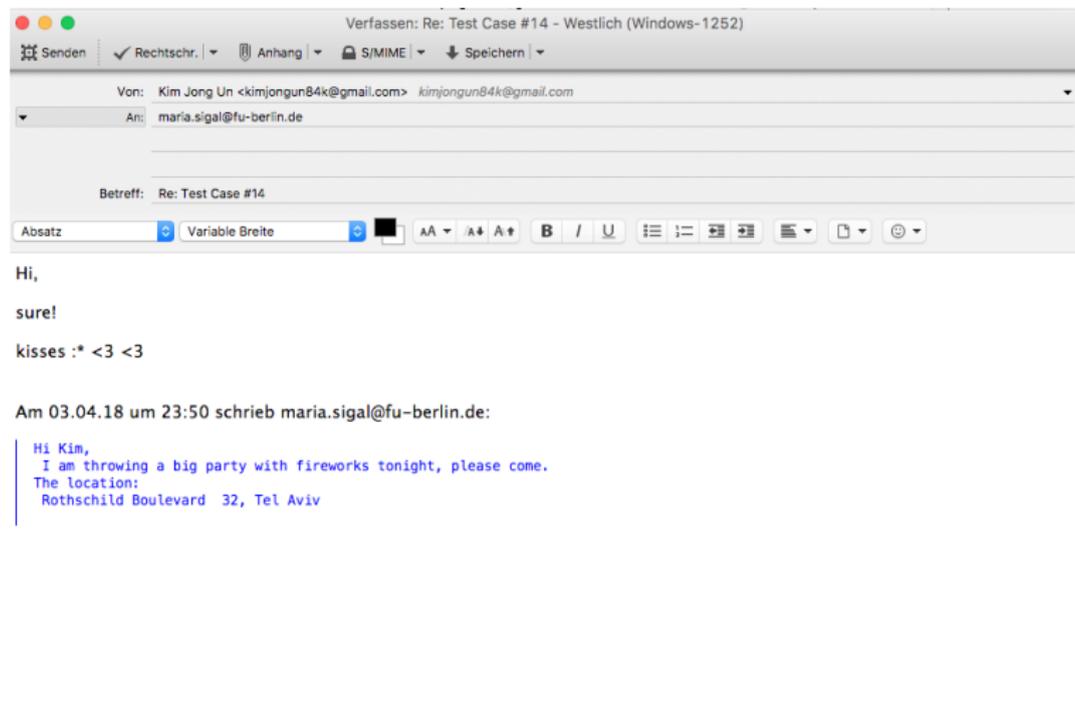
↩ Antworten → Weiterleiten 📁 Archivieren 🗑️ Junk 🗑️ Löschen ⌵ Mehr



03.04.18, 23:50

Hi Kim,
I am throwing a big party with fireworks tonight, please come.
The location:
Rothschild Boulevard 32, Tel Aviv

Thunderbird MacOs - reply message



The screenshot shows a Thunderbird email client window on macOS. The title bar reads "Verfassen: Re: Test Case #14 - Westlich (Windows-1252)". The menu bar includes "Senden", "Rechtschr.", "Anhang", "S/MIME", and "Speichern". The email header shows the sender as "Kim Jong Un <kimjongun84k@gmail.com>" and the recipient as "maria.sigal@fu-berlin.de". The subject is "Re: Test Case #14". The text area contains the following content:

Hi,
sure!
kisses :* <3 <3

Am 03.04.18 um 23:50 schrieb maria.sigal@fu-berlin.de:

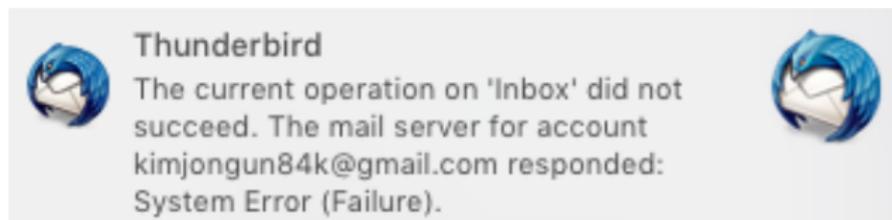
Hi Kim,
I am throwing a big party with fireworks tonight, please come.
The location:
Rothschild Boulevard 32, Tel Aviv

CMS encapsulation

1. the MIME entity is packed in the CMS Enveloped]Data.
2. the CMS EnvelopedData is signed with CMS SingedData by Donald Trump.
3. The result is wrapped with S/MIME.

CMS encapsulation in Thunderbird MacOs

Messages are not downloaded from the server.



CMS encapsulation in Mail IOS

Denial-of-service - any messages later sent to the recipient also not downloaded.

Surreptitious Forwarding Attack

$$A \rightarrow B\{\{\text{"sales strategy "}\}^a\}^B$$
$$B \rightarrow C\{\{\text{"sales strategy "}\}^a\}^C$$

Encrypt-and-Sign Attack

$$\begin{aligned} A &\rightarrow B\{\{\text{"new invention"}\}^B\}^a \\ B &\rightarrow C\{\{\text{"new invention"}\}^B\}^c \end{aligned}$$

Repairs

1. Sign the recipient's name into the plaintext
2. Encrypt the sender's name into the plaintext
3. Incorporate both names
4. Sign the signed and encrypted message again
5. Encrypt the signed ciphertext again

Sign → Encrypt → Sign

Not supported. The same output as with the sign-then-encrypt message.

☆ **Donald Trump**

Inbox - ki...n84k@gmail.com 6. February 2018 at 22:46



Test Case #33

To: Kim Jong Un

Security: Signed (Donald Trump), Encrypted

Hi Kim,
i am throwing a big party with fireworks tonight, please come.
Location, Top Secret :
Franz Mehring Platz 3, Berlin

Encrypt → Sign → Encrypt

Not supported. The same output as with the sign-then-encrypt message.

☆ **Donald Trump**

Test Case #34

To: Kim Jong Un

Security:  Signed (Donald Trump),  Encrypted

 Important 29. March 2018 at 18:07

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Hi Kim,
I am throwing a big party with fireworks tonight, please come.
Location, Top Secret:
Rothschild Boulevard 32, Tel Aviv

Danke