

API Gateway Verification and Security Product Documentation





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Verification and Security Overview

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Various API verification methods and protection policies are provided to protect your APIs, helping avoid data and asset losses caused by malicious access, unauthorized access, application vulnerabilities, and attacks. Currently, API Gateway supports application-enabled, OAuth2.0, and key pair authentication methods. The key pair method is a historical feature, and the application-enabled method is recommended.

Application-Enabled Authentication Method

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If a published API uses the application-enabled authentication method (ApiAppKey and ApiAppSecret), when a client calls the API, it needs to use the signature key to perform signature calculation on the request content and transfer the signature to the server for signature verification. This document describes how to implement the signature calculation process on the client.

Note:

For application-enabled authentication signature demos for common programming languages, see Development Guide - Generating Application Authentication Signature.

Overview

API Gateway provides a frontend signature calculation and verification feature, which can:

Verify the validity of a client request and confirm that the request carries the signature generated by the authorized ApiAppKey .

Prevent the request data from being tampered with during network transfer.

The owner of an API can generate an application on the application management page in the API Gateway console. Each application carries a signature key pair (ApiAppKey and ApiAppSecret). After the API owner authorizes the API to the specified application (which can be issued by the API owner or owned by an API caller), the API caller can use the application's signature key to call the API.

When the client calls the API, it needs to use the authorized signature key to perform encrypted signature calculation on the critical request content, put the ApiAppKey and the encrypted signature string in the header of the request, and transfer it to API Gateway. API Gateway will read the header information of the ApiAppKey in the request, query the value of the ApiAppSecret corresponding to the value of the ApiAppKey , use the

ApiAppSecret to perform signature calculation on the critical data in the received request, and compare the generated signature with the signature sent by the client to verify the correctness of the signature. Only if the request passes the signature verification will it be sent to the backend service; otherwise, API Gateway will deem the request invalid and directly return an error.

Signature Generation and Verification Process

Prerequisites

The security authentication type of the called API is "application authentication".

The API caller needs to get the authorization granted to the application by the API before calling the API.

Signature generation on client

- 1. Extract the critical data from the original request and get a string for signing.
- 2. Use the encryption algorithm plus ApiAppSecret to encrypt the critical data signature string to get a signature.
- 3. Add all headers related to the signature to the original HTTP request to get the final HTTP request.

Signature verification on server

- 1. Extract the critical data from the received request and get a string for signing.
- 2. Read the ApiAppKey from the received request and query the corresponding ApiAppSecret through the ApiAppKey .
- 3. Use the encryption algorithm plus ApiAppSecret to encrypt the critical data signature string to get a signature.

4. Read the client signature from the received request and check whether the server signature and the client signature are the same.

Signature Generation and Transfer

Signature string extraction

The client needs to extract the critical data from the HTTP request and splice it into a signature string in the following format:





Headers HTTPMethod Accept Content-Type Content-MD5 PathAndParameters

The above 6 fields constitute the entire signature string. They need to be separated with $\$ $\$. Headers must contain X-Date . There is no need to add $\$ after PathAndParameters . Even if other fields are empty, $\$ should still be retained. The signature is case sensitive. The extraction rules for each field are as follows:

Headers: you can select specified headers to participate in the signature calculation. The keys of the selected headers are sorted in lexicographical order and then spliced as follows:



```
HeaderKey1 + ": " + HeaderValue1 + "\\n"\\+
HeaderKey2 + ": " + HeaderValue2 + "\\n"\\+
...
HeaderKeyN + ": " + HeaderValueN + "\\n"
```

The headers in Authorization are the ones involved in signature calculation. We recommend you convert them to the lowercase and separate them by ASCII spaces. For example, if the headers involved in the calculation are

dateandsource, the format should beheaders="date source"; if only thex-dateheaderparticipates in the calculation, the format should beheaders="x-date".

HTTPMethod: HTTP method. The value should be in all caps (such as POST).

Accept: value of the Accept header in the request, which can be empty. We recommend you explicitly set the Accept header. If it is empty, some HTTP clients will set the default value of / for it, causing signature verification to fail.

Content-Type: value of the Content-Type header in the request, which can be empty.

Content-MD5: value of the Content-MD5 header in the request, which can be empty. The Content-MD5 header is calculated only when the request has a Body in a non-Form format. The calculation method of the Content-MD5 value in Java is as follows:





String content-MD5 = Base64.encodeBase64(MD5(bodyStream.getbytes("UTF-8")));

PathAndParameters: it contains all the parameters in Path , Query , and Form in the following format: path does not contain release environment (release, prepub, test) information.

The keys of the Query and Form parameter pair are sorted in lexicographical order and then spliced in the above-mentioned method.

If Query and Form parameters are empty, use Path directly without adding ? .

If the value of a parameter is empty, only the key is kept to participate in the signature calculation, and the equal sign does not need to be added in the signature.

If there are array parameters in Query and Form (i.e., parameters with the same key but different values), the values need to be sorted in lexicographical order and then spliced in the above-mentioned method. Take a general HTTP request as an example:



```
POST / HTTP/1.1
host:service-3rmwxxxx-1255968888.cq.apigw.tencentcs.com
accept:application/json
content-type:application/x-www-form-urlencoded
source:apigw test
x-date:Thu, 11 Mar 2021 08:29:58 GMT
content-length:8
```



p=test

The generated correct signature string is as follows:



source: apigw test
x-date: Thu, 11 Mar 2021 08:29:58 GMT
POST
application/json
application/x-www-form-urlencoded

/?p=test

Signature calculation

After the client extracts the critical data from the HTTP request and splices it into a signature string, it needs to encrypt and encode the signature string to form the final signature in the following steps:

- 1. Use UTF-8 to decode the signature string (signing_str signing information) to get a byte array.
- 2. Use the encryption algorithm to encrypt the byte array.
- 3. Base64-encode the encrypted byte array to form the final signature.

Signature transfer

The client needs to put the Authorization in the HTTP request and transfer it to API Gateway for signature verification.

The format of the Authorization header is as follows:





Authorization: hmac id="secret_id", algorithm="hmac-sha1", headers="date source", s

Description	
Fixed and used to indicate the calculation method	
Value of the secret_id in the key	
Encryption algorithm. HMAC-SHA1 and HMAC-SHA256 are supported currently	

The parameters in Authorization are described as follows:

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headers	Headers involved in the signature calculation		
signature	Signature obtained after signature calculation is completed, with	signing_str	as its content

Below is an example of an HTTP request with a signature:



```
POST / HTTP/1.1
host:service-3rmwxxxx-1255968888.cq.apigw.tencentcs.com
accept:application/json
content-type:application/x-www-form-urlencoded
source:apigw test
```

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```
x-date:Thu, 11 Mar 2021 08:29:58 GMT
Authorization:hmac id="xxxxxxx", algorithm="hmac-sha1", headers="source x-date", si
content-length:8
p=test
```

Signature Troubleshooting

Question:

If the API Gateway signature verification fails, the server's signature string (StringToSign) will be put in the HTTP response header and returned to the client with an error code of 401.

Solution:

1. Check whether the locally calculated signature string (StringToSign) is the same as that returned by the server.

2. Check whether the ApiAppSecret used for signature calculation is correct.

Since line breaks cannot be expressed in HTTP headers, line breaks in StringToSign are replaced with # .





"message":"HMAC signature does not match, Server StringToSign:source: apigw test#x-

This means that the server signature is:





source: apigw test
x-date: Thu, 11 Mar 2021 08:29:58 GMT
POST
application/json
application/x-www-form-urlencoded

/?p=test

Authentication-Free Mode

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You can select "Authentication-Free" for your API when creating it.

If "Authentication-Free" is checked, authentication will succeed and the bound usage plan will take effect when API Gateway receives an anonymous request.

If signature authentication is performed with the key in the usage plan, the traffic limit in the usage plan will take effect. In case of access by an anonymous user, the maximum traffic limit imposed on each API by Tencent Cloud will take effect.

OAuth2.0

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Overview

This topic describes how to configure OAuth 2.0 authorization access for APIs in the API Gateway console to meet your personalized security setting needs.

OAuth 2.0 Overview

OAuth 2.0 is an open authorization standard that enables you to allow **third-party applications** to access your **specific private resources** in a service without **providing the account and password** to the applications. OAuth 2.0 is an authorization protocol rather than an authentication protocol.

OAuth 2.0 roles

OAuth 2.0 has the following 4 roles:

Role	Description
Resource owner	Owner of the resource
Resource server	Server where the resource is stored
Client	Third-party application client, which can be any third-party application that can consume the resource server
Authorization server	Intermediate layer that manages the above 3 roles

OAuth 2.0 authorization process



(A) The client initiates a request to the resource owner for authorization.

(B) The resource owner approves the authorization.

(C) The client applies to the authorization server for an authorization token after getting the resource owner's authorization.

- (D) The authorization server grants the authorization token after authenticating the client.
- (E) The client requests the resource server to send the user information after getting the authorization token.
- (F) The resource server sends the user information to the client after verifying that the token is correct.

Prerequisites

An authorization server for distributing tokens is available. (You need to build an authorization server. The API Gateway provides the Python3 Demo and the Golang Demo for your reference.) You have created an API Gateway service (for more information, see Creating Services).

Directions

Step 1: build an authorization server (Python3 Demo is used as an example).

1. Download the Python3 Demo from the official repository of the API Gateway.

2. Generate the RSA public and private keys and run produce_key.py in Python 3 to generate 3 files:



public_pem: public key in PEM format.

priv_pem: private key in PEM format.

pulic: public key in JSON format. The file content is used to configure the authorization API of API Gateway and is in the following format:



{"e":"AQAB","kty":"RSA","n":"43nSuC61mGLogEPgFVwaaxAmPDzmZcocRB4Jed_dHc-sV7rcAcNB0i

3. Start the service. After installing the bottle library by running pip3 install bottle , run server.py in Python 3 to generate a token. Then, you can simply check whether the token is successfully generated.





curl localhost:8080/token
eyJhbGciOiJSUzI1NiIsInR5cCI6IkpXVCJ9.eyJleHAiOjE10TIyNzgwODksImZvbyI6ImJhciIsImlhdC

Step 2: configure a Tencent Cloud API Gateway authorization API.

1. In the created service, create an authorization API. When you are configuring the frontend, select **OAuth 2.0** as the authentication type and **Authorization API** as the OAuth mode.

1 Frontend Configuration	> 2 Backend Configura	> tion	3 Response Re	esult
Service	testapigateway			
API Name	outhapi			
	Up to 60 chars			
Frontend Type	http 💌			
Path				
	1. It starts with "/", "=/" or " $^{/"}$, and s 2. The request parameter of Path type	supports uppercase and lo must be enclosed with {}, a	wercase letters, digits, and should be an indepe	nd \$+!*'(),/%. endent component of the path
Request Method	GET -			
Authentication Type	OAuth 2.0 💌			
OAuth Mode	Authorization API 🔹			
CORS is supported				
Remarks	Please enter remarks			
Parameter Configuration	Parameter Name	Parameter Location	r Type	Default Value 🛈
	Newly added parameter configuration	1 (0/30)		

2. When you are configuring the backend, select your own server address as the authentication server, select **Header** as the token location, and enter the content in the public file generated by running produce_key.py as the public key. After the API is created, click **Complete**.

Configuration	Configuration
Backend Type	OAuth 2.0
VPC Info	Disable VPC 🔹
Backend Domain Name(i)	http:// 🔻 8000
	It starts with http or https and contains domain content, and "/" is not required at the end
Backend Path	
	1. It starts with "/", and supports uppercase and lowercase letters, digits, and $-+1*0,/\%$. 2. "=" and "^~" in the frontend parameters are used for exact match to the frontend path, which are not available to the 3. The request parameter of Path type must be enclosed with $\{\}$, and should be an independent component of the path (
Request Method	GET
Request Method Token Location	GET 🔹
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Step 3: configure a Tencent Cloud API Gateway business API.

1. In the authorization API service, create a business API. When you are configuring the frontend, select **OAuth 2.0** as the authentication type, **Business API** as the OAuth mode, and the created authorization API as the associated authorization API.

2. When you are configuring the backend, select **mock** as the backend type and enter hello world as the returned data.

Step 4: perform verification.

1. Request the authorization API to get the token:





curl http://service-cmrrdq86-1251890925.gz.apigw.tencentcs.com:80/token

Returned result:



eyJhbGciOiJSUzI1NiIsInR5cCI6IkpXVCJ9.eyJleHAiOjE1OTIyNzk3MTAsImZvbyI6ImJhciIsImlhdC

Note:

You can get the token using either of the following methods: 1. send a request to the API Gateway authorization API address to get the token; 2. quickly get the token directly from the authorization server. The first method is used in this document to protect the authorization server.

2. Use the token to request the business API. As you can see, the business API can be requested successfully.





curl http://service-cmrrdq86-1251890925.gz.apigw.tencentcs.com:80/work -H'Authoriza

Returned result:





hello world

Using the authorization code to get the token

In the sample above, no authorization code is used to get the token. To ensure that only specified users can get the token, the authorization code needs to be obtained from the resource owner according to the authorization process. As can be seen in the server.py file, you can first request the authorization code path to get the code and then register the distributed code to verify its validity when getting the token.

CAM Policy

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CAM Introduction

Basic concepts

The root account authorizes sub-accounts by binding policies. The policy setting can be accurate to "API, Resource, User/User Group, Allow/Deny, Condition".

Account

Root account: As the fundamental owner of Tencent Cloud resources, root account acts as the basis for resource usage fee calculation and billing, and can be used to log in to Tencent Cloud services.

Sub-account: An account created by the root account, which has a specific ID and identity credential that can be used to log in to Tencent Cloud console. A root account can create multiple sub-accounts (users). **A sub-account does not own any resources by default, and must be authorized by its root**

account.Identity credential: Includes login credential and access certificate. **Login credential** refers to a user's login name and password, while **access certificate** refers to the Cloud API key (SecretID and SecretKey).

Resources and permission

Resource: Resources are objects that the cloud services operate on, such as the CVM instance, COS bucket and VPC instance.

Permission : Permission is an authorization to allow or forbid users to perform certain operations. By default, **root** account has full access to all resources under the account, while sub-accounts do not have access to any resources under its root account.

Policy: Policy is the syntax rule used to define and describe one or more permissions. **Root account** performs authorization by **associating policies** with users/user groups.

Related Documents

Content	Link
Relationship between policy and user	Policy Management
Basic structure of policy	Policy Syntax
More products that support CAM	CAM-Enabled Products

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API Gateway Resources



- qcs::APIgateway:_`region`_:uin/_`uin-id`_:service/_`serviceid`_
- qcs::APIgateway:_`region`_:uin/_`uin-id`_:service/_`serviceid`_/API/_`apiid`_
- qcs::APIgateway:_`region`_:uin/_`uin-id`_:usagePlan/_`usagePlanid`_
- qcs::APIgateway:_`region`_:uin/_`uin-id`_:secret/_`secretid`_
- qcs::APIgateway:_`region`_:uin/_`uin-id`_:IPStrategy/_`IPStrategyId`_
- qcs::APIgateway:_`region`_:uin/_`uin-id`_:logRule/_`logRuleId`_

All creation APIs are at account level, while other APIs are at resource level.

CAM Policy Examples

Full read-write policy for any API Gateway resources

The following policy statement gives the sub-user permission to fully manage (creating, managing, etc.) any API services.



```
"action": [
          "apigw:*"
],
          "resource": "*",
          "effect": "allow"
}
]
```

You can also configure the system's full read-write policy to support this permission.

Create by	/ Policy Syntax
	Select policy template > 2 Edit Policy
	Template Type: System APIGW Q
	Select template type System Template Search "APIGW", 2 result(s) found.Back to the original list
	QcloudAPIGWFullAccess System Full read-write access to API Gateway QcloudAPIGWReadOnlyAccess Read-only access to API Gateway

Full management policy for single API Gateway service

The following policy statement gives the sub-user permission to fully manage (creating, managing, etc.) a specified API service:





```
{
    "version": "2.0",
    "statement": [
        {
            "action": [
               "apigw:*"
            ],
            "resource":"qcs::apigw:ap-guangzhou:uin/{ownerUin}:service/service-id/A
            "effect": "allow"
        }
    ]
```

}

Read-only policy for single API Gateway service

1. Create a policy with policy generator, and grant the permissions to list information for all resources and product monitoring. The following policy statement will grant read-only permission to all resources of the account.



{ "version": "2.0", "statement": [{

```
"action": [
    "apigw:Describe*",
    "apigw:GenerateApiDocument"
],
    "resource": "*",
    "effect": "allow"
}
]
```

2. Grant read-only permission to a single API.



```
{
  "version": "2.0",
  "statement": [
        {
            "action": [
               "ckafka:Get*",
              "ckafka:List*"
            ],
            "resource": "qcs::apigw:ap-guangzhou:uin/{ownerUin}:service/service-id/API
            "effect": "allow"
        }
   ]
}
```