
Liboath API Reference Manual

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Chapter 1

Liboath API Reference Manual

Liboath is a shared and static C library for handling OATH related technology such as HOTP.

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1.1 oath

oath —

Synopsis

```
#define OATHAPI
#define OATH_VERSION
#define OATH_VERSION_NUMBER
enum oath_rc;
int oath_init (void);
int oath_done (void);
const char * oath_check_version (const char *req_version);
int oath_hex2bin (char *hexstr, char *binstr, size_t *binlen);

#define OATH_HOTP_LENGTH
#define OATH_HOTP_DYNAMIC_TRUNCATION
int oath_hotp_generate (const char *secret, size_t secret_length, uint64_t moving_factor, unsigned digits, bool add_checksum, size_t truncation_offset, char *output_otp);

int oath_hotp_validate (const char *secret, size_t secret_length, uint64_t start_moving_factor, size_t window, const char *otp);

int oath_authenticate_usersfile (const char *usersfile, const char *username,
```

```
const char *otp,  
size_t window,  
const char *passwd,  
time_t *last_otp);
```

Description

Details

OATHAPI

```
#define OATHAPI
```

OATH_VERSION

```
# define OATH_VERSION "1.2.1"
```

Pre-processor symbol with a string that describe the header file version number. Used together with [oath_check_version\(\)](#) to verify header file and run-time library consistency.

OATH_VERSION_NUMBER

```
# define OATH_VERSION_NUMBER 0x010201
```

Pre-processor symbol with a hexadecimal value describing the header file version number. For example, when the header version is 1.2.3 this symbol will have the value 0x010203.

enum oath_rc

```
typedef enum  
{  
    OATH_OK = 0,  
    OATH_CRYPTO_ERROR = -1,  
    OATH_INVALID_DIGITS = -2,  
    OATH_PRINTF_ERROR = -3,  
    OATH_INVALID_HEX = -4,  
    OATH_TOO_SMALL_BUFFER = -5,  
    OATH_INVALID_OTP = -6,  
    OATH_REPLAYED_OTP = -7,  
    OATH_BAD_PASSWORD = -8,  
    OATH_INVALID_COUNTER = -9,  
    OATH_INVALID_TIMESTAMP = -10,  
    OATH_NO_SUCH_FILE = -11,  
    OATH_UNKNOWN_USER = -12,  
    OATH_FILE_SEEK_ERROR = -13,  
    OATH_FILE_CREATE_ERROR = -14,  
    OATH_FILE_LOCK_ERROR = -15,  
    OATH_FILE_RENAME_ERROR = -16,  
    OATH_FILE_UNLINK_ERROR = -17,  
    OATH_TIME_ERROR = -18,  
} oath_rc;
```

Return codes for OATH functions. All return codes are negative except for the successful code OATH_OK which are guaranteed to be 0. Positive values are reserved for non-error return codes.

Note that the [oath_rc](#) enumeration may be extended at a later date to include new return codes.

OATH_OK Successful return

OATH_CRYPTO_ERROR Internal error in crypto functions

OATH_INVALID_DIGITS Unsupported number of OTP digits

OATH_PRINTF_ERROR Error from system printf call

OATH_INVALID_HEX Hex string is invalid

OATH_TOO_SMALL_BUFFER The output buffer is too small

OATH_INVALID_OTP The OTP is not valid

OATH_REPLAYED_OTP The OTP has been replayed

OATH_BAD_PASSWORD The password does not match

OATH_INVALID_COUNTER The counter value is corrupt

OATH_INVALID_TIMESTAMP The timestamp is corrupt

OATH_NO_SUCH_FILE The supplied filename does not exist

OATH_UNKNOWN_USER Cannot find information about user

OATH_FILE_SEEK_ERROR System error when seeking in file

OATH_FILE_CREATE_ERROR System error when creating file

OATH_FILE_LOCK_ERROR System error when locking file

OATH_FILE_RENAME_ERROR System error when renaming file

OATH_FILE_UNLINK_ERROR System error when removing file

OATH_TIME_ERROR System error for time manipulation

oath_init ()

```
int                oath_init                (void);
```

Returns :

oath_done ()

```
int                oath_done                (void);
```

Returns :

oath_check_version ()

```
const char *       oath_check_version      (const char *req_version);
```

Check OATH library version.

See **OATH_VERSION** for a suitable *req_version* string.

This function is one of few in the library that can be used without a successful call to **oath_init()**.

req_version: version string to compare with, or **NULL**.

Returns : Check that the version of the library is at minimum the one given as a string in *req_version* and return the actual version string of the library; return **NULL** if the condition is not met. If **NULL** is passed to this function no check is done and only the version string is returned.

oath_hex2bin ()

```
int                oath_hex2bin                (char *hexstr,
                                                char *binstr,
                                                size_t *binlen);
```

Convert string with hex data to binary data.

Non-hexadecimal data are not ignored but instead will lead to an **OATH_INVALID_HEX** error.

If *binstr* is **NULL**, then *binlen* will be populated with the necessary length. If the *binstr* buffer is too small, **OATH_TOO_SMALL** is returned and *binlen* will contain the necessary length.

hexstr : input string with hex data

binstr : output string that holds binary data, or **NULL**

binlen : output variable holding needed length of *binstr*

Returns : On success, **OATH_OK** (zero) is returned, otherwise an error code is returned.

OATH_HOTP_LENGTH()

```
#define OATH_HOTP_LENGTH(digits, checksum) (digits + (checksum ? 1 : 0))
```

digits :

checksum :

OATH_HOTP_DYNAMIC_TRUNCATION

```
#define OATH_HOTP_DYNAMIC_TRUNCATION SIZE_MAX
```

oath_hotp_generate ()

```
int                oath_hotp_generate          (const char *secret,
                                                size_t secret_length,
                                                uint64_t moving_factor,
                                                unsigned digits,
                                                bool add_checksum,
                                                size_t truncation_offset,
                                                char *output_otp);
```

Generate a one-time-password using the HOTP algorithm as described in RFC 4226.

Use a value of **OATH_HOTP_DYNAMIC_TRUNCATION** for *truncation_offset* unless you really need a specific truncation offset.

To find out the size of the OTP you may use the **OATH_HOTP_LENGTH()** macro. The *output_otp* buffer must be have room for that length plus one for the terminating NUL.

Currently only values 6, 7 and 8 for *digits* are supported, and the *add_checksum* value is ignored. These restrictions may be lifted in future versions, although some limitations are inherent in the protocol.

secret : the shared secret string

secret_length : length of *secret*

moving_factor : a counter indicating the current OTP to generate

digits : number of requested digits in the OTP, excluding checksum

add_checksum : whether to add a checksum digit or not

truncation_offset : use a specific truncation offset

output_otp : output buffer, must have room for the output OTP plus zero

Returns : On success, **OATH_OK** (zero) is returned, otherwise an error code is returned.

oath_hotp_validate ()

```
int                oath_hotp_validate      (const char *secret,
                                           size_t secret_length,
                                           uint64_t start_moving_factor,
                                           size_t window,
                                           const char *otp);
```

Validate an OTP according to OATH HOTP algorithm per RFC 4226.

Currently only OTP lengths of 6, 7 or 8 digits are supported. This restrictions may be lifted in future versions, although some limitations are inherent in the protocol.

secret : the shared secret string

secret_length : length of *secret*

start_moving_factor : start counter in OTP stream

window : how many OTPs from start counter to test

otp : the OTP to validate.

Returns : Returns position in OTP window (zero is first position), or **OATH_INVALID_OTP** if no OTP was found in OTP window, or an error code.

oath_authenticate_usersfile ()

```
int                oath_authenticate_usersfile  (const char *usersfile,
                                                const char *username,
                                                const char *otp,
                                                size_t window,
                                                const char *passwd,
                                                time_t *last_otp);
```

Authenticate user named *username* with the one-time password *otp* and (optional) password *passwd*. Credentials are read (and updated) from a text file named *usersfile*.

usersfile : string with user credential filename, in UsersFile format

username : string with name of user

otp : string with one-time password to authenticate

window : how many future OTPs to search

passwd : string with password, or **NULL** to disable password checking

last_otp : output variable holding last successful authentication

Returns : On successful validation, **OATH_OK** is returned. If the supplied *otp* is the same as the last successfully authenticated one-time password, **OATH_REPLAYED_OTP** is returned and the timestamp of the last authentication is returned in *last_otp*. If the one-time password is not found in the indicated search window, **OATH_INVALID_OTP** is returned. Otherwise, an error code is returned.

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