

RMEx 4.0 – Encryption Changes

We have been encrypting sensitive information for close to 10 years. We encrypt all socials, credit card and bank account information. There is a special option to encrypt client account numbers too. The plain text is encrypted and stored in the same file or in a different file. When information needs to be decrypted, we call special programs which convert the encrypted data, back onto plain text. The information can not be accessed without the special programs and the key used to encrypt the data.

We described our encryption as follows.

We offer 128-bit encryption (which is very very strong). Key size can indicate how weak or strong the encryption is. As a general rule, the greater the key size, the better the data is protected (e.g., a 256-bit key generally provides better protection than a 128-bit key). However, this is not always true. For example, data encrypted with the RSA algorithm using a 256-bit key is not as safe as data encrypted using the AES algorithm using a 128-bit key.

We had described our algorithm as the Rijndael Algorithm in Counter mode of operation. Important features of this algorithm were as follows:

- It supported key lengths of 64 bits, 128 bits or 256 bits.
- Symmetric Algorithm (Same key was used for encryption and decryption)
- It was free and not patented
- It was the algorithm that was considered the Advanced Encryption Standard (AES)
- It was a block cipher which encrypted 64 bits blocks at a time.
- Counter mode of operation allowed the block cipher to work as a stream cipher. Thus the input length did not have to be a multiple of block size.

Even though we had stated that we were using the 128-bit AES standard, we recently discovered that this was not the case. While data was encrypted, it was not using the standard we has said we were utilizing. As importantly, recent changes have introduced a new requirement of 256-bit encryption for encrypting data in the collection industry. This would also have required major changes to the existing code.

We have taken this opportunity to change our encryption programs and utilize the 256-bit AES standard, which is very strong. This involves changes to many base programs,

and will also affect some custom code. Quantrax will make these changes at no cost to you, as long as the code was written by Quantrax.

If you had previously written custom code (using your own programming team), you will need to change some of the programs that would decrypt any existing encrypted information. The most common use of this was for extracting the consumer social security numbers. The following explains how the changes need to be made with code examples.

Handling custom modifications

We are now using only one C program for the encryption and decryption process.

The encryption and decryption programs are explained below. The programs to call and parameters to be passed are described.

Direct checks

1. Checking account number

Encrypting - Calling the below program with the given parameters will return the encrypted value for the checking account number

ENCRYACC -

XNCLEN 2 (the length.. 18 in this case)

XCKAC# 18 (Checking account number)

ZCKAC# 18 (Checking account number-return value-encrypted)

Company 2 (Comp)

Case number 9 (Case number)



Decrypting - Calling the below program with the given parameters will return the decrypted value for the checking account number

DECRYACC -

XNCLEN 2 (the length.. 18 in this case)

XCKAC# 18 (Checking account number)

ZCKAC# 18 (Checking account number-return value-decrypted)

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O* DECRYPT ACCOUNT#	(DCKAC#)			
	MOVE	*BLANKS	XCKAC#	18
2	MOVE	*BLANKS	ICKAC#	18
•	MOVE	*BLANKS	ENCLEN	2
o	MOVE	DCKAC#	ICKAC#	2
C**** DCKAC#	IFNE	*BLANKS	IGNIIG#	
Ა ᲚᲚᲚᲚ UUN∏U# ^			ENGLEN	
J	MOVE	'18'	ENCLEN	2
^ •	If	DCKCOM <> *z	enos	
<u>, </u>	Move	DCKCOM	zzcompn	2
n J	Move	DCKCAS	zzdebtn	9
o J	Else			
n J	MOVE	LCOMP	zzcompn	
, ,	MOVE	LDEBT#	zzdebtn	
n J	Endif			
^ J	CALL	'DECRYACC'		
0	PARM		ENCLEN	
0	PARM		ICKAC#	
0	PARM		XCKAC#	
0	PARM		zzcompn	
	PARM		zzdebtn	

2. Routing number

Encrypting - Calling the below program with the given parameters will return the encrypted value for the routing number

ENCRYROU -

XNCLEN 2

XCKAC# 9

ZCKAC# 9

Company 2

Case number 9



Decrypting - Calling the below program with the given parameters will return the decrypted value for the routing number

DECRYROU -

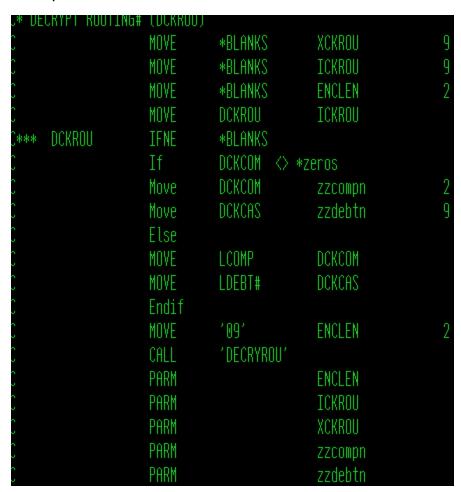
XNCLEN 2

XCKAC# 9

ZCKAC# 9

Company 2

Case number 9



Credit cards

1. Credit card number

Encrypting - Calling the below program with the given parameters will return the encrypted value for the credit card number

ENCRYCCN -

XNCLEN	2
XCKAC#	20
ZCKAC#	20
COMP	2

DEBT

9



Decrypting - Calling the below program with the given parameters will return the decrypted value for the credit card number

DECRYCCN -

XNCLEN 2

XCKAC# 20

ZCKAC# 20

COMP 2

DEBT 9



Other sensitive information/ other programs

1. SSN or routing number

Encrypting - Calling the below program with the given parameters will return the encrypted values for the SSN or the routing number

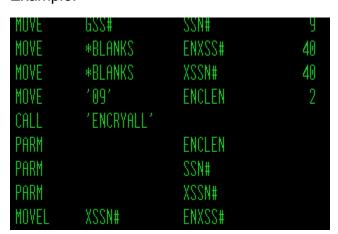
ENCRYALL -

XNCLEN 2

XCKAC# 9

ZCKAC#N 40

Example:



Decrypting guarantor SSN - Calling the below program with the given parameters will return the decrypted value for the Guarantor SSN

RTVASSNRN -

COMP 2

DEBT 9

SSN# 9

Example:

C∗Ret	rieve SSN	FROM FILE SCE	NCRYP (ENCRY	PTED)	
CSR	RTVASN	BEGSR			
CSR		MOVE	*ZEROS	#22XX	90
CSR		MOVE	*BLANKS	RXSS#	9
CSR		MOVE	GCOMP	PARM1X	2
CSR		MOVE	GDEBT#	PARM2X	9
CSR		MOVE	SSNTYP	PARM3X	3
CSR		CALL	'RTVASSNRN		
CSR		PARM		PARM1X	
CSR		PARM		PARM2X	
CSR		PARM		PARM3X	
CSR		PARM		RXSS#	
CSR		TESTN		RXSS#	20
CSR	*IN20	IFEQ	'1'		
CSR		MOVE	RXSS#	#22XX	
CSR		ENDIF			
CSR		ENDSR			

2. Add and update Guarantor SSN#(Encrypting)

UPDSSNRN -

COMP 2

DEBT 9

SSN# 9

Example:



3. Add and update SSN# other than Guarantor

-Encrypting-

UPDASSNN -

COMP 2

DEBT 9

SSNTYP 3 (SSN type*****)

SSN# 9



-Decrypting-

RTVASSNRN - Retrieve SSN other than Guarantor

COMP 2

DEBT 9

SSNTYP 3 (SSN type*****)

SSN# 9

l∗Ket	rieve 22N EKAM	FILE 2CEN	URYP (ENURYPIE	U)		
CSR	RTVASN	BEGSR				
CSR		MOVE	*ZEROS	XXSS#	9	0
CSR		MOVE	*BLANKS	RXSS#	9	
CSR		MOVE	GCOMP	PARM1X	2	
CSR		MOVE	GDEBT#	PARM2X	9	
CSR		MOVE	SSNTYP	PARM3X	3	
CSR		CALL	'RTVASSNRN'			
CSR		PARM		PARM1X		
CSR		PARM		PARM2X		
CSR		PARM		PARM3X		
CSR		PARM		RXSS#		
CSR		TESTN		RXSS#		20
CSR	*IN20	IFEQ	'1'			
CSR		MOVE	RXSS#	#22XX		
CSR		ENDIF				

DATA TYPE CODES

We have assigned codes for each type of information stored on one file (SCENCPPT) that keeps track of all of the encrypted information. These codes are as follows, and they have been used in some of the examples above.

- 001 SPOUSE SSN
- 002 PATIENT SSN
- 003 BANKRUPTCY SSN
- 004 COMAKER SSN 1
- 005 COMAKER SSN 2
- 006 COMAKER SSN 3
- 007 PURGE FILE SSN
- 008 Bankruptcy & Deceased lookup
- 009 EMPLOYER FILE SSN
- 010 LEGAL SSN 1

011 - LEGAL SSN 2

012 - LEGAL SSN 3