

# **JOSE Key Wrapping**

draft-barnes-jose-key-wrapping

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**???**

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## JWE wrapped key

```
{
  "recipients": [{
    "alg": "A128KW",
    "kid": "thatone",
    "encrypted_key": /* key */
  }],
  /* Remainder of JWE */
}
```

## JWK within JWE

```
{
  "alg": "dir",
  "recipients": [{
    "enc": "A128KW",
    "kid": "thatone",
  }],
  "ciphertext": /* key */
}
```

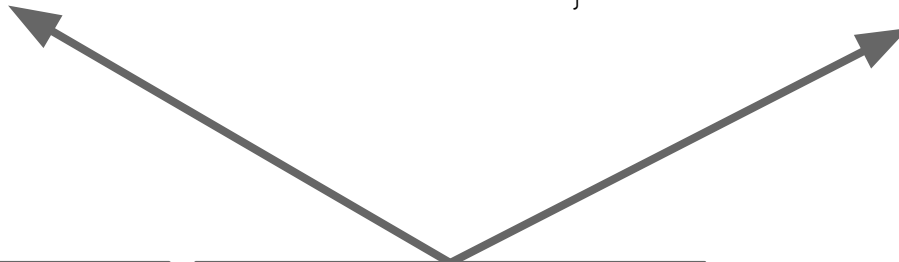
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**No [obvious way to do]  
AEAD Key Wrap**

**Distinction without  
difference!**



**Wrapped Key == JWE(JWK)**

... always and everywhere  
... even in JWE

# Basic Example

## JWE wrapped key

```
{  
  "enc": "A128GCM",  
  "alg": "A128KW",  
  "kid": "thatone",  
  "encrypted_key": /* key */  
  "initialization_vector": "...",  
  "ciphertext": "...",  
  "authentication_tag": "..."  
}
```

## JWK within JWE

```
{  
  "enc": "A128GCM",  
  "key": {  
    "enc": "A128KW",  
    "kid": "thatone",  
    "ciphertext": /* key */  
  },  
  "initialization_vector": "...",  
  "ciphertext": "...",  
  "authentication_tag": "..."  
}
```

# GCM Key Wrapping

## JWE wrapped key

```
/* Not allowed by syntax */
```

## JWK within JWE

```
{  
  "enc": "A128GCM",  
  "key": {  
    "enc": "A128GCM",  
    "kid": "thatone",  
    "initialization_vector": "...",  
    "ciphertext": /* key */  
    "authentication_tag": "..."  
  },  
  "initialization_vector": "...",  
  "ciphertext": "...",  
  "authentication_tag": "..."  
}
```



# Compact Serialization

## JWE wrapped key

```
{
  "enc": "A128GCM",
  "alg": "A128KW",
  "kid": "thatone",
  "encrypted_key": /* key */
  "initialization_vector": "...",
  "ciphertext": "...",
  "authentication_tag": "..."
}
```

```
base64({"enc":"A128GCM","alg":"
A128KW","kid":"thatone"})
. encrypted_key
. initialization_vector
. ciphertext
. authentication_tag
```

## JWK within JWE

```
{
  "enc": "A128GCM",
  "key": {
    "enc": "A128KW",
    "kid": "thatone",
    "ciphertext": /* key */
  },
  "initialization_vector": "...",
  "ciphertext": "...",
  "authentication_tag": "..."
}
```

```
base64({"enc":"A128GCM","key":
{"enc":"A128KW","kid":"thatone"}})
. key.ciphertext
. initialization_vector
. ciphertext
. authentication_tag
```

# Compact Serialization [Overhead]

```
base64({"enc":"A128GCM","alg":"  
A128KW","kid":"thatone"})  
. encrypted_key  
. initialization_vector  
. ciphertext  
. authentication_tag
```

```
base64({"enc":"A128GCM","key":  
{"enc":"A128KW","kid":"thatone"}})  
. key.ciphertext  
. initialization_vector  
. ciphertext  
. authentication_tag
```

```
eyJlbnMiOiJBMTI4R0NNIiwiaWxnIjoiQTEyOEtXIiwia2lkIjoidGhhdG9uZSJ9Cg  
- eyJlbnMiOiJBMTI4R0NNIiwia2V5Ijpw7ImVuYyI6IkExMjhLVyIsImtpZCI6InRoYXRvbmUifX0K  
=====
```

**10 octets**

# Compact Serialization [GCM]

## JWE wrapped key

```
/* Not allowed by syntax */
```

## JWK within JWE

```
{  
  "enc": "A128GCM",  
  "key": {  
    "enc": "A128GCM",  
    "kid": "thatone",  
    "initialization_vector": "...",  
    "ciphertext": /* key */,  
    "authentication_tag": "..."  
  },  
  "initialization_vector": "...",  
  "ciphertext": "...",  
  "authentication_tag": "..."  
}
```

```
base64({  
  "enc": "A128GCM",  
  "key": {  
    "enc": "A128GCM",  
    "kid": "thatone",  
    "initialization_vector":  
    "...",  
    "authentication_tag": "..."  
  }  
})  
. key.ciphertext  
. initialization_vector  
. ciphertext  
. authentication_tag
```

Large header, but now possible

# Incremental complexity

Use "cty" to scale complexity / compactness

No "cty": octet string => symmetric key, !attrs

"cty": "application/jwk+json"

"cty": "application/jwk+cbor" [?]

# Key Management for MAC

Having a consolidated wrapped key object makes this trivial

Just add a field "key": { ... } to JWS/MAC

Multiple recipients == multiple "key" values  
(for both JWE and JWS/MAC)

# Proposal Summary

Wrapped key in JWE == JWE(JWK)

Add "key" field to JWE (and possibly JWS/MAC)

Adjust compactification algorithm to use key.  
ciphertext instead of encrypted\_key

Remove "alg" field from JWE (since "alg"  
becomes "key.enc")

**Further down the rabbit  
hole...**

# Object Model

```
key := JWE / kid / jwk / jku / x5c / x5t
algorithm := name (parameter)+
JWE := algorithm authenticated_attrs? key+ data icv
JWMAC := JWE
JWS := data (algorithm signed_attrs? key icv)+
```

```
/*
-- Define the JSON format based on an object model
-- Define a compactification of JWE / JWMAC / JWS
   -- For single recipient, essentially no change
*/
```