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Intro

- I'm Vincent
- Developer of OpenKeychain
- OpenPGP support in K-9 Mail
- More holistic approach required



Overview - Goals



1. Make it easy to encrypt e-mail
2. Don't rely on infrastructure
3. Minimize implementation complexity
4. Work on multiple devices

More importantly: Non-Goals

1. Disregard active attackers (for now)
2. Stick to a simple trust model
3. Don't impose encryption by default



UX: Writing Mail

From: Alice <alice@example.org>
To: Bob <bob@example.net>
Subject: Followup from Thursday's Meeting

Encrypt this message

I think Susan was mistaken |

Overview - Governance



1. This is a community effort!
2. Workflow via Github PRs
3. Where possible, sprints in meetings
4. Spec and implementation side-by-side

The Autocrypt Header



| Autocrypt: addr=alice@gmail.com; keydata=BASE64

- Simple attribute-based format
- Typically ~2KiB in size
 - For an RSA3072+RSA3072 key
 - Currently moving to Ed25519+Cv25519
- Optional and critical attributes
 - basic forward and backward compatibility

Recommendation Algorithm



- "Unavailable"
- "Available"
- "Discouraged"
- "Encrypt"

The Autocrypt-Gossip Header



| Autocrypt-Gossip: addr=bob@autocrypt.org; keydata=BASE64

- Lives in header of encrypted MIME part
- Contains keys of all Cc'ed recipients
 - This ensures "reply to all" works
- Direct Autocrypt headers take priority!

Current status



- It works
- Autocrypt headers coming up "in the wild"

Support released in:

- Enigmail
- K-9 Mail
- delta.chat



<https://autocrypt.org>
autocrypt@lists.mayfirst.org
#autocrypt on irc.freenode.net



Autocrypt Setup Message



- Transfer secret key as self-sent message via user's own inbox
- Symmetric encryption with strong setup code

Please enter the Setup Code displayed by
your other e-mail app to proceed:

17__ - ____ - ____ -
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[Cancel] [Import Settings]

The Future



Beyond "Level 1"

- Verification
- Better multi-device