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CHAPTER 1

API specifications

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Master key support

Utilities for using master keys.

The master key id and secret may be obtained with the `create_master_key` API action. The `key` argument taken by all functions is a pair (e.g. a tuple) consisting of the id and the secret.

The signatures and secured metadata may be used once before the expiration time. Expiration time is specified in Unix time (seconds since 1970-01-01 UTC), and may not be more than one week in the future.

Signature generation

The following functions create values for the `master_sign` parameter of some API actions. The `member_attrs` argument is expected to be an iterable with pair (e.g. tuple) elements, as opposed to the API actions which expect it as a dict.

For use with the `create_session` action:

```
ninchat.master.sign_create_session(key, expire, puppet_attrs=None)
```

Use when creating a new user. The user will become a puppet of the master. The `puppet_attrs` specified here must be repeated in the API call.

```
ninchat.master.sign_create_session_for_user(key, expire, user_id)
```

Use when authenticating an existing user. The user must be a puppet of the master. The `user_id` specified here must be repeated in the API call.

For use with the `join_channel` action:

```
ninchat.master.sign_join_channel(key, expire, channel_id, member_attrs=None)
```

For use by any user. The master must own the channel. The `channel_id` and `member_attrs` specified here must be repeated in the API call.

```
ninchat.master.sign_join_channel_for_user(key, expire, channel_id, user_id, member_attrs=None)
```

For use by the specified user only. The master must own the channel. The `channel_id` and `member_attrs` specified here must be repeated in the API call.

Metadata encryption

The following functions create values for the “secure” property of the `audience_metadata` parameter of the `request_audience` API action. The `metadata` argument should be a dict or None.

(The functions are unavailable if cryptography or PyCrypto can't be found.)

`ninchat.master.secure_metadata` (*key, expire, metadata*)

For use by any user.

`ninchat.master.secure_metadata_for_user` (*key, expire, metadata, user_id*)

For use by the specified user only.

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Note: session classes with the same name have the same interface.

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