

Verschlüsselung - PGP vs. S/MIME

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PGP

PGP (Pretty Good Privacy) is an encryption protocol which provides cryptographic privacy and authentication. PGP can sign, encrypt and decrypt data.

PGP's Features:

- Confidentiality (Encryption)
- Digital signatures (Authentication)







S/MIME (Secure/Multipurpose Internet Mail Extensions) is a protocol for sending signed and encrypted messages. S/MIME helps to digitally sign and encrypt a message and make sure the received message is originated from the sender.

Basically, S/MIME provides two main services:

- Digital signature
- Message encryption







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- Authentication: To validate an identity
- Non-repudiation: The uniqueness of a signature
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Message Encryption

S/MIME encryption provides two features:

- Confidentiality
- Data integrity





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Similar features – what are the differences?

PGP

- + Private key stays in browser
- + More secure solution
- Key exchange & validation
- Browser plugin (Mailvelope) needed
- Client support specially mobile

S/MIME

- + Wide client support
- + Ease of use & deployment
- + Key exchange & validation via CA
- Security of CA infrastructure
- Security relies trust in server





THANK YOU!





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Bei Fragen sprechen Sie uns gerne an!

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us!

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