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POWER SYSTEMS MANAGEMENT AND ASSOCIATED INFORMATION EXCHANGE – DATA AND COMMUNICATIONS SECURITY –

Part 9: Cyber security key management for power system equipment

1 Scope

This part of IEC 62351 specifies cryptographic key management, namely how to generate, distribute, revoke, and handle public-key certificates and cryptographic keys to protect digital data and its communication. Included in the scope is the handling of asymmetric keys (e.g. private keys and public-key certificates), as well as symmetric keys for groups (GDOI).

This part of IEC 62351 assumes that other standards have already chosen the type of keys and cryptography that will be utilized, since the cryptography algorithms and key materials chosen will be typically mandated by an organization's own local security policies and by the need to be compliant with other international standards. This document therefore specifies only the management techniques for these selected key and cryptography infrastructures. The objective is to define requirements and technologies to achieve interoperability of key management.

The purpose of this part of IEC 62351 is to guarantee interoperability among different vendors by specifying or limiting key management options to be used. This document assumes that the reader understands cryptography and PKI principles.

2 Normative references

The following documents are referred to in the text in such a way that some or all of their content constitutes requirements of this document. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

IEC TS 62351-2, *Power systems management and associated information exchange – Data and communications security – Part 2: Glossary of terms*

ISO/IEC 9594-8:2017 | Rec. ITU-T X.509 (2016), *Information technology – Open systems interconnection – The Directory: Public-key and attribute certificate frameworks*

ISO/IEC 9834-1:2012 | Rec. ITU-T X.660 (2011), *Information technology – Procedures for the operation of object identifier registration authorities: General procedures and top arcs of the international object identifier tree*

SCEP IETF Draft, *Simple Certificate Enrolment Protocol, draft-gutmann-scep-04.txt*

RFC 5246, *The Transport Layer Security (TLS) Protocol Version 1.2*

RFC 5272, *Certificate Management over CMS (CMC)*

RFC 5934, *Trust Anchor Management Protocol (TAMP)*

RFC 6407, *The Group Domain of Interpretation*

RFC 6960, *X.509 Internet Public Key Infrastructure Online Certificate Status Protocol – OCSP*

RFC 7030, *Enrolment over Secure Transport*

3 Terms and definitions

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- IEC Electropedia: available at http://www.electropedia.org/
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3.1
asymmetric keys
two related keys, a public key and a private key, that are used to perform complementary operations, such as encryption and decryption or signature generation and signature verification

3.2
authorization and validation list
AVL
signed list containing information to an AVL entity about potential communications entities and possible restrictions on the communications with such entities

[SOURCE: ISO/IEC 9594-8:2017 | Rec. ITU-T X.509 (2016), 3.5.9]

3.3
authorization and validation list entity
AVL entity
entity, when acting as a relying party, which is dependent on an AVL issued by a designated authorizer

[SOURCE: ISO/IEC 9594-8:2017 | Rec. ITU-T X.509 (2016), 3.5.10]

3.4
authorizer
entity trusted by one or more entities operating as AVL entities to create, maintain and sign authorization and validation lists

[SOURCE: ISO/IEC 9594-8:2017 | Rec. ITU-T X.509 (2016), 3.5.11]

3.5
certification path
ordered list of one or more public-key certificates, starting with a public-key certificate signed by the trust anchor, and ending with the end-entity public-key certificate to be validated

Note 1 to entry: All intermediate public-key certificates, if any, are CA certificates in which the subject of the preceding public-key certificate is the issuer of the following public-key certificate.

[SOURCE: ISO/IEC 9594-8:2017, 3.5.18 | Rec. ITU-T X.509 (2016), 3.5.21]

3.6
certificate signing request
CSR
request issued when a new certificate or renewal of a certificate is required

Note 1 to entry: When the generated CSR is submitted to a CA, the CA signs the CSR using its private key and the CSR becomes the certificate.

[SOURCE: RFC 2986]

3.7
controllership
intersection of legal ownership, physical control, and logical control over a device or system, in which the nature of any contractual agreements between ownership and control of the device or system is not important in the context

3.8
cryptographic binding
use of one or more cryptographic techniques by a CKMS to establish a trusted association between a key and selected metadata elements

[SOURCE: NIST SP 800-130]

3.9
cryptographic key management system
CKMS
system for the management (e.g., generation, distribution, storage, backup, archive, recovery, use, revocation, and destruction) of cryptographic keys and their metadata

[SOURCE: NIST SP 800-130]

3.10
dataset
collection of data

3.11
digital signature
result of a cryptographic transformation of data that, when properly implemented, provides a mechanism for verifying origin authentication, data integrity, and signatory non-repudiation

[SOURCE: FIPS 186]

3.12
entity
generic term that covers human users, automation systems, software applications, communication nodes, field devices, and other types of assets

3.13
group controller/key server
GCKS
device that defines group policy and distributes keys for that policy

[SOURCE: RFC 3740]

3.14
group domain of interpretation
GDOI
domain that manages group security associations, which are used by IPsec and potentially other data security protocols

Note 1 to entry: These security associations protect one or more key-encrypting keys (KEK), traffic-encrypting keys (TEK), or data shared by group members. GDOI uses the notion of a group controller, which is used to support the establishment of security associations between members of a group.

[SOURCE: RFC 6407]

3.15
group member
GM
authorized member of a secure group, sending and/or receiving IP packets related to the group

3.16
hash function
(mathematical) function which maps data of arbitrary size into data of a fixed size called a digest

Note 1 to entry: Approved hash functions satisfy the following properties:

1) One-Way. It is computationally infeasible to find any input that maps to any pre-specified output.
2) Collision Resistant. It is computationally infeasible to find any two distinct inputs that map to the same output.

[SOURCE: ISO/IEC 9598-8:2017 | Rec. ITU-T X.509 (2016), 3.5.36]

3.17
hash message authentication code
HMAC
cryptographic code used for authentication with symmetric keys and for data integrity

[SOURCE: RFC 2104]

3.18
key distribution centre
KDC
centre which, in an IEC 62351-9 context, provides a network service that supplies temporary (symmetrical) session keys to predefined set of peers after successful authentication

Note 1 to entry: This is also known as Group Controller/Key Server (GCKS) (See GDOI).

3.19
message authentication code
MAC
cryptographic checksum on data that uses a symmetric key to detect both accidental and intentional modification of the data

[SOURCE: SP 800-63; FIPS 201]

3.20
object identifier
ordered list of primary integer values from the root of the international object identifier tree to a node, which unambiguously identifies that node

[SOURCE: ISO/IEC 9834-1:2012 | Rec. ITU-T X.660 (2011), 3.5.11]

3.21
online certificate status protocol
OCSP
protocol that enables applications to determine the (revocation) state of an identified certificate

Note 1 to entry: OCSP may be used to satisfy some of the operational requirements of providing more timely revocation information than is possible with CRLs and may be used to obtain additional status information. An OCSP client issues a status request to an OCSP responder and suspends acceptance of the certificate in question until the responder provides a response.

[SOURCE: RFC 6960]

3.22
pre-shared key
PSK
secret which is shared in advanced between the two entities, such as software applications or devices, to be able to authenticate themselves after establishing a secure connection

3.23
private key
(in a public-key cryptosystem) that key of an entity's key pair which is known only by that entity

[SOURCE: ISO/IEC 9594-8:2017 | Rec. ITU-T X.509 (2016), 3.5.49]

3.24
public-key certificate
public key of an entity, together with some other information, rendered unforgeable by digital signature with the private key of the CA which issued it

Note 1 to entry: A public-key certificate is often called an X.509 certificate or a digital certificate. However, such terms are ambiguous, as they could also mean attribute certificates, which are also defined by ISO/IEC 9594-8:2017 | Rec. ITU-T X.509 (2016).

[SOURCE: ISO/IEC 9594-8:2017 | Rec. ITU-T X.509 (2016), 3.5.57]

3.25
public-key cryptography standards
PKCS
specifications produced by RSA Laboratories in cooperation with secure systems developers worldwide for the purpose of accelerating the deployment of public-key cryptography

[SOURCE: www.rsa.com]

3.26
random number generation
RNG
process used to generate an unpredictable series of numbers

Note 1 to entry: Each individual value is called random if each of the values in the total population of values has an equal probability of being selected.

[SOURCE: NIST SP 800-57]

3.27
registration authority
those aspects of the responsibilities of a certification authority that are related to identification and authentication of the subject of a public-key certificate to be issued by that certification authority