Abstract

Enrollment over Secure Transport (EST) is used as a certificate provisioning protocol over HTTPS. Low-resource devices often use the lightweight Constrained Application Protocol (CoAP) for message exchanges. This document defines how to transport EST payloads over secure CoAP (EST-coaps), which allows constrained devices to use existing EST functionality for provisioning certificates.

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1. Change Log

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Use of response codes clarified.
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Accept Option explained for est/skg and added in enroll example
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Persistence of DTLS connection clarified.
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provided new Content-Format tables

new media format for IANA

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2. Introduction

"Classical" Enrollment over Secure Transport (EST) [RFC7030] is used for authenticated/authorized endpoint certificate enrollment (and optionally key provisioning) through a Certificate Authority (CA) or Registration Authority (RA). EST transports messages over HTTPS.

This document defines a new transport for EST based on the Constrained Application Protocol (CoAP) since some Internet of Things (IoT) devices use CoAP instead of HTTP. Therefore, this specification utilizes DTLS [RFC6347] and CoAP [RFC7252] instead of TLS [RFC8446] and HTTP [RFC7230].

EST responses can be relatively large and for this reason this specification also uses CoAP Block-Wise Transfer [RFC7959] to offer a fragmentation mechanism of EST messages at the CoAP layer.

This document also profiles the use of EST to only support certificate-based client authentication. HTTP Basic or Digest authentication (as described in Section 3.2.3 of [RFC7030]) are not supported.
3. Terminology

The key words "MUST", "MUST NOT", "REQUIRED", "SHALL", "SHALL NOT", "SHOULD", "SHOULD NOT", "RECOMMENDED", "NOT RECOMMENDED", "MAY", and "OPTIONAL" in this document are to be interpreted as described in BCP 14 [RFC2119] [RFC8174] when, and only when, they appear in all capitals, as shown here.

Many of the concepts in this document are taken from [RFC7030]. Consequently, much text is directly traceable to [RFC7030].

4. DTLS and conformance to RFC7925 profiles

This section describes how EST-coaps fits into the profiles of low-resource devices described in [RFC7925]. EST-coaps can transport certificates and private keys. Certificates are responses to (re-)enrollment requests or requests for a trusted certificate list. Private keys can be transported as responses to a server-side key generation request as described in Section 4.4 of [RFC7030] and discussed in Section 5.8 of this document.

EST-coaps depends on a secure transport mechanism that secures the exchanged CoAP messages. DTLS is one such secure protocol. No other changes are necessary regarding the secure transport of EST messages.

| +------------------------------------------------+ |
| | EST request/response messages                  |
| +------------------------------------------------+ |
| | CoAP for message transfer and signaling         |
| +------------------------------------------------+ |
| | Secure Transport                                |
| +------------------------------------------------+ |

Figure 1: EST-coaps protocol layers

As per sections 3.3 and 4.4 of [RFC7925], the mandatory cipher suite for DTLS in EST-coaps is TLS_ECDHE_ECDSA_WITH_AES_128_CCM_8 [RFC7251]. Curve secp256r1 MUST be supported [RFC8422]; this curve is equivalent to the NIST P-256 curve. Additionally, crypto agility is important, and the recommendations in Section 4.4 of [RFC7925] and any updates to it concerning Curve25519 and other curves also apply.

DTLS 1.2 implementations must use the Supported Elliptic Curves and Supported Point Formats Extensions in [RFC8422]. Uncompressed point format must also be supported. DTLS 1.3 [I-D.ietf-tls-dtls13] implementations differ from DTLS 1.2 because they do not support point format negotiation in favor of a single point format for each
curve. Thus, support for DTLS 1.3 does not mandate point format extensions and negotiation.

CoAP was designed to avoid IP fragmentation. DTLS is used to secure CoAP messages. However, fragmentation is still possible at the DTLS layer during the DTLS handshake when using ECC ciphersuites. If fragmentation is necessary, "DTLS provides a mechanism for fragmenting a handshake message over several records, each of which can be transmitted separately, thus avoiding IP fragmentation" [RFC6347].

The authentication of the EST-coaps server by the EST-coaps client is based on certificate authentication in the DTLS handshake. The EST-coaps client MUST be configured with at least an Implicit TA database which will enable the authentication of the server the first time before updating its trust anchor (Explicit TA) [RFC7030].

The authentication of the EST-coaps client MUST be with a client certificate in the DTLS handshake. This can either be

- a previously issued client certificate (e.g., an existing certificate issued by the EST CA); this could be a common case for simple re-enrollment of clients.

- a previously installed certificate (e.g., manufacturer IDevID [ieee802.1ar] or a certificate issued by some other party); the server is expected to trust that certificate. IDevID’s are expected to have a very long life, as long as the device, but under some conditions could expire. In that case, the server MAY want to authenticate a client certificate against its trust store although the certificate is expired (Section 10).

EST-coaps supports the certificate types and Trust Anchors (TA) that are specified for EST in Section 3 of [RFC7030].

As described in Section 2.1 of [RFC5272] proof-of-identity refers to a value that can be used to prove that the private key corresponding to the public key is in the possession of and can be used by an end-entity or client. Additionally, channel-binding information can link proof-of-identity with an established connection. Connection-based proof-of-possession is OPTIONAL for EST-coaps clients and servers. When proof-of-possession is desired, a set of actions are required regarding the use of tls-unique, described in Section 3.5 in [RFC7030]. The tls-unique information consists of the contents of the first "Finished" message in the (D)TLS handshake between server and client [RFC5929]. The client adds the "Finished" message as a ChallengePassword in the attributes section of the PKCS#10 Request

In the case of EST-coaps, the same operations can be performed during the DTLS handshake. For DTLS 1.2, in the event of handshake message fragmentation, the Hash of the handshake messages used in the MAC calculation of the Finished message must be computed as if each handshake message had been sent as a single fragment (Section 4.2.6 of [RFC6347]). The Finished message is calculated as shown in Section 7.4.9 of [RFC5246]. Similarly, for DTLS 1.3, the Finished message must be computed as if each handshake message had been sent as a single fragment (Section 5.8 of [I-D.ietf-tls-dtls13]) following the algorithm described in 4.4.4 of [RFC8446].

In a constrained CoAP environment, endpoints can’t always afford to establish a DTLS connection for every EST transaction. Authenticating and negotiating DTLS keys requires resources on low-end endpoints and consumes valuable bandwidth. To alleviate this situation, an EST-coaps DTLS connection MAY remain open for sequential EST transactions. For example, an EST csrattrs request that is followed by a simpleenroll request can use the same authenticated DTLS connection. However, when a cacerts request is included in the set of sequential EST transactions, some additional security considerations apply regarding the use of the Implicit and Explicit TA database as explained in Section 10.1.

Given that after a successful enrollment, it is more likely that a new EST transaction will take place after a significant amount of time, the DTLS connections SHOULD only be kept alive for EST messages that are relatively close to each other. In some cases, like NAT rebinding, keeping the state of a connection is not possible when devices sleep for extended periods of time. In such occasions, [I-D.ietf-tls-dtls-connection-id] negotiates a connection ID that can eliminate the need for new handshake and its additional cost.

5. Protocol Design

EST-coaps uses CoAP to transfer EST messages, aided by Block-Wise Transfer [RFC7959] to avoid IP fragmentation. The use of Blocks for the transfer of larger EST messages is specified in Section 5.6. Figure 1 shows the layered EST-coaps architecture.

The EST-coaps protocol design follows closely the EST design. The supported message types in EST-coaps are:

- CA certificate retrieval needed to receive the complete set of CA certificates.
o Simple enroll and re-enroll for a CA to sign public client identity key.

o Certificate Signing Request (CSR) attribute messages that inform the client of the fields to include in a CSR.

o Server-side key generation messages to provide a private client identity key when the client chooses so.

5.1. Discovery and URIs

EST-coaps is targeted for low-resource networks with small packets. Saving header space is important and short EST-coaps URIs are specified in this document. These URIs are shorter than the ones in [RFC7030]. Two example EST-coaps resource path names are:

coaps://example.com:<port>/.well-known/est/<short-est>
coaps://example.com:<port>/.well-known/est/
ArbitraryLabel/<short-est>

The short-est strings are defined in Table 1. Arbitrary Labels are usually defined and used by EST CAs in order to route client requests to the appropriate certificate profile. Implementers should consider using short labels to minimize transmission overhead.

The EST-coaps server URIs, obtained through discovery of the EST-coaps resource(s) as shown below, are of the form:

coops://example.com:<port>/<root-resource>/<short-est>
coops://example.com:<port>/<root-resource/>
ArbitraryLabel/<short-est>

Figure 5 in Section 3.2.2 of [RFC7030] enumerates the operations and corresponding paths which are supported by EST. Table 1 provides the mapping from the EST URI path to the shorter EST-coaps URI path.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>EST</th>
<th>EST-coaps</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>/cacerts</td>
<td>/crts</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>/simpleenroll</td>
<td>/sen</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>/simplereenroll</td>
<td>/sren</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>/csrattrs</td>
<td>/att</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>/serverkeygen</td>
<td>/skg (PKCS#7)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>/serverkeygen</td>
<td>/skc (application/pkix-cert)</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Table 1: Short EST-coaps URI path
The /skg message is the EST /serverkeygen equivalent where the client requests for a certificate in PKCS#7 format and a private key. If the client prefers a single application/pkix-cert certificate instead of PKCS#7, she will make an /skc request.

Clients and servers MUST support the short resource EST-coaps URIs.

In the context of CoAP, the presence and location of (path to) the EST resources are discovered by sending a GET request to "/.well-known/core" including a resource type (RT) parameter with the value "ace.est*" [RFC6690]. The example below shows the discovery over CoAPS of the presence and location of EST-coaps resources. Linefeeds are included only for readability.

REQ: GET /.well-known/core?rt=ace.est*

RES: 2.05 Content
</est/crts>;rt="ace.est.crts";ct="281 TBD287",
</est/sen>;rt="ace.est.sen";ct="281 TBD287",
</est/sren>;rt="ace.est.sren";ct="281 TBD287",
</est/att>;rt="ace.est.att";ct=285,
</est/skg>;rt="ace.est.skg";ct=62,
</est/skc>;rt="ace.est.skc";ct=62

The first three lines of the discovery response above MUST be returned if the server supports resource discovery. The last three lines are only included if the corresponding EST functions are implemented. The Content-Formats in the response allow the client to request one that is supported by the server. These are the values that would be sent in the client request with an Accept option.

Discoverable port numbers can be returned in the response payload. An example response payload for non-default CoAPS server port 61617 follows below. Linefeeds are included only for readability.
REQ: GET /.well-known/core?rt=ace.est*

RES: 2.05 Content
<coaps://[2001:db8:3::123]:61617/est/crts>;rt="ace.est.cts";
ct="281 TBD287",
<coaps://[2001:db8:3::123]:61617/est/sen>;rt="ace.est.sen";
ct="281 TBD287",
<coaps://[2001:db8:3::123]:61617/est/sren>;rt="ace.est.sren";
ct="281 TBD287",
<coaps://[2001:db8:3::123]:61617/est/att>;rt="ace.est.att";
ct=285,
<coaps://[2001:db8:3::123]:61617/est/skg>;rt="ace.est.skg";
ct=62,
<coaps://[2001:db8:3::123]:61617/est/skc>;rt="ace.est.skc";
ct=62

The server MUST support the default /.well-known/est root resource. The server SHOULD support resource discovery when he supports non-default URIs (like /est or /est/ArbitraryLabel) or ports. The client SHOULD use resource discovery when she is unaware of the available EST-coaps resources.

Throughout this document the example root resource of /est is used.

5.2. Mandatory/optional EST Functions

This specification contains a set of required-to-implement functions, optional functions, and not specified functions. The latter ones are deemed too expensive for low-resource devices in payload and calculation times.

Table 2 specifies the mandatory-to-implement or optional implementation of the EST-coaps functions. Discovery of the existence of optional functions is described in Section 5.1.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>EST Functions</th>
<th>EST-coaps implementation</th>
</tr>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>/cacerts</td>
<td>MUST</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>/simpleenroll</td>
<td>MUST</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>/simplereenroll</td>
<td>MUST</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>/csrattrs</td>
<td>OPTIONAL</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>/serverkeygen</td>
<td>OPTIONAL</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>/fullcmc</td>
<td>Not specified</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Table 2: List of EST-coaps functions
While [RFC7030] permits a number of these functions to be used without authentication, this specification requires that the client MUST be authenticated for all functions.

5.3. Payload formats

EST-coaps is designed for low-resource devices and hence does not need to send Base64-encoded data. Simple binary is more efficient (30% smaller payload) and well supported by CoAP. Thus, the payload for a given Media-Type follows the ASN.1 structure of the Media-Type and is transported in binary format.

The Content-Format (HTTP Media-Type equivalent) of the CoAP message determines which EST message is transported in the CoAP payload. The Media-Types specified in the HTTP Content-Type header (Section 3.2.2 of [RFC7030]) are specified by the Content-Format Option (12) of CoAP. The combination of URI-Path and Content-Format in EST-coaps MUST map to an allowed combination of URI and Media-Type in EST. The required Content-Formats for these requests and response messages are defined in Section 9.1. The CoAP response codes are defined in Section 5.5.

Content-Format TBD287 can be used in place of 281 to carry a single certificate instead of a PKCS#7 container in a /crt, /sen, /sren or /skg response. Content-Format 281 MUST be supported by EST-coaps servers. Servers MAY also support Content-Format TBD287. It is up to the client to support only Content-Format 281, TBD287 or both. The client will use a COAP Accept Option in the request to express the preferred response Content-Format. If an Accept Option is not included in the request, the client is not expressing any preference and the server SHOULD choose format 281.

Content-Format 286 is used in /sen, /sren and /skg requests and 285 in /att responses.

A representation with Content-Format identifier 62 contains a collection of representations along with their respective Content-Format. The Content-Format identifies the Media-Type application/multipart-core specified in [I-D.ietf-core-multipart-ct]. For example, a collection, containing two representations in response to an EST-coaps server-side key generation /skg request, could include a private key in PKCS#8 [RFC5958] with Content-Format identifier 284 (0x011C) and a single certificate in a PKCS#7 container with Content-Format identifier 281 (0x0119). Such a collection would look like [284,h'0123456789abcdef', 281,h'fedcba9876543210'] in diagnostic CBOR notation. The serialization of such CBOR content would be
When the client makes an /skc request the certificate returned with the private key is a single X.509 certificate (not a PKCS#7 container) with Content-Format identifier TBD287 (0x011F) instead of 281. In cases where the private key is encrypted with CMS (as explained in Section 5.8) the Content-Format identifier is 280 (0x0118) instead of 284. The key and certificate representations are ASN.1 encoded in binary format. An example is shown in Appendix A.3.

5.4. Message Bindings

The general EST-coaps message characteristics are:

- EST-coaps servers sometimes need to provide delayed responses which are conveyed with an empty ACK or an ACK containing response code 5.03 as explained in Section 5.7. Thus, it is RECOMMENDED for implementers to send EST-coaps requests in confirmable CON CoAP messages.

- The CoAP Options used are Uri-Host, Uri-Path, Uri-Port, Content-Format, Block1, Block2, and Accept. These CoAP Options are used to communicate the HTTP fields specified in the EST REST messages. The Uri-host and Uri-Port Options can be omitted from the COAP message sent on the wire. When omitted, they are logically assumed to be the transport protocol destination address and port respectively. Explicit Uri-Host and Uri-Port Options are typically used when an endpoint hosts multiple virtual servers and uses the Options to route the requests accordingly. Other COAP Options should be handled in accordance with [RFC7252].

- EST URLs are HTTPS based (https://), in CoAP these are assumed to be translated to CoAPS (coaps://)

Table 1 provides the mapping from the EST URI path to the EST-coaps URI path. Appendix A includes some practical examples of EST messages translated to CoAP.
5.5. CoAP response codes

Section 5.9 of [RFC7252] and Section 7 of [RFC8075] specify the mapping of HTTP response codes to CoAP response codes. The success code in response to an EST-coaps GET request (/crts, /att), is 2.05. Similarly, 2.04 is used in successfull response to EST-coaps POST requests (/sen, /sren, /skg, /skc).

EST makes use of HTTP 204 or 404 responses when a resource is not available for the client. In EST-coaps 2.04 is used in response to a POST (/sen, /sren, /skg, /skc). 4.04 is used when the resource is not available for the client.

HTTP response code 202 with a Retry-After header in [RFC7030] has no equivalent in CoAP. HTTP 202 with Retry-After is used in EST for delayed server responses. Section 5.7 specifies how EST-coaps handles delayed messages with 5.03 responses with a Max-Age Option.

Additionally, EST’s HTTP 400, 401, 403, 404 and 503 status codes have their equivalent CoAP 4.00, 4.01, 4.03, 4.04 and 5.03 response codes in EST-coaps. Table 3 summarizes the EST-coaps response codes.

+-----------------+-----------------+-------------------------------+
| operation       | EST-coaps       | Description                   |
|                 | response code   |                               |
+-----------------+-----------------+-------------------------------+
| /crts, /att     | 2.05            | Success. Certs included in the response payload. |
|                 | 4.xx / 5.xx     | Failure.                      |
| /sen, /skg,     | 2.04            | Success. Cert included in the response payload. |
| /sren, /skc     | 5.03            | Retry in Max-Age Option time. |
|                 | 4.xx / 5.xx     | Failure.                      |
+-----------------+-----------------+-------------------------------+

Table 3: EST-coaps response codes

5.6. Message fragmentation

DTLS defines fragmentation only for the handshake and not for secure data exchange (DTLS records). [RFC6347] states that to avoid using IP fragmentation, which involves error-prone datagram reconstitution, invokers of the DTLS record layer should size DTLS records so that they fit within any Path MTU estimates obtained from the record layer. In addition, invokers residing on a 6LoWPAN over IEEE 802.15.4 [ieee802.15.4] network should attempt to size CoAP messages such that each DTLS record will fit within one or two IEEE 802.15.4 frames.
That is not always possible in EST-coaps. Even though ECC certificates are small in size, they can vary greatly based on signature algorithms, key sizes, and Object Identifier (OID) fields used. For 256-bit curves, common ECDSA cert sizes are 500–1000 bytes which could fluctuate further based on the algorithms, OIDs, Subject Alternative Names (SAN) and cert fields. For 384-bit curves, ECDSA certificates increase in size and can sometimes reach 1.5KB. Additionally, there are times when the EST cacerts response from the server can include multiple certificates that amount to large payloads. Section 4.6 of CoAP [RFC7252] describes the possible payload sizes: "if nothing is known about the size of the headers, good upper bounds are 1152 bytes for the message size and 1024 bytes for the payload size". Section 4.6 of [RFC7252] also suggests that IPv4 implementations may want to limit themselves to more conservative IPv4 datagram sizes such as 576 bytes. Even with ECC, EST-coaps messages can still exceed MTU sizes on the Internet or 6LoWPAN [RFC4919] (Section 2 of [RFC7959]). EST-coaps needs to be able to fragment messages into multiple DTLS datagrams.

To perform fragmentation in CoAP, [RFC7959] specifies the Block1 Option for fragmentation of the request payload and the Block2 Option for fragmentation of the return payload of a CoAP flow. As explained in Section 1 of [RFC7959], block-wise transfers should be used in Confirmable CoAP messages to avoid the exacerbation of lost blocks. Both EST-coaps clients and servers MUST support Block2. EST-coaps servers MUST also support Block1. The EST-coaps client MUST support Block1 only if it sends EST-coaps requests with an IP packet size that exceeds the Path MTU.

[RFC7959] also defines Size1 and Size2 Options to provide size information about the resource representation in a request and response. EST-client and server MAY support Size1 and Size2 Options.

Examples of fragmented EST-coaps messages are shown in Appendix B.

5.7. Delayed Responses

Server responses can sometimes be delayed. According to Section 5.2.2 of [RFC7252], a slow server can acknowledge the request and respond later with the requested resource representation. In particular, a slow server can respond to an EST-coaps enrollment request with an empty ACK with code 0.00, before sending the certificate to the client after a short delay. If the certificate response is large, the server will need more than one Block2 blocks to transfer it.

This situation is shown in Figure 2. The client sends an enrollment request that uses N1+1 Block1 blocks. The server uses an empty 0.00
ACK to announce the delayed response which is provided later with 2.04 messages containing N2+1 Block2 Options. The first 2.04 is a confirmable message that is acknowledged by the client. Onwards, having received the first 256 bytes in the first Block2 block, the client asks for a block reduction to 128 bytes in a confirmable enrollment request and acknowledges the Block2 blocks sent up to that point.

POST [2001:db8::2:1]:61616/est/sen (CON)(1:0/1/256) {CSR (frag# 1)} -->
-- (ACK) (1:0/1/256) (2.31 Continue)
POST [2001:db8::2:1]:61616/est/sen (CON)(1:1/1/256) {CSR (frag# 2)} -->
-- (ACK) (1:1/1/256) (2.31 Continue)

... Short delay before the certificate is ready ...

POST [2001:db8::2:1]:61616/est/sen (CON)(1:N1/0/256) {CSR (frag# N1+1)}-->
-- (0.00 empty ACK)

|... Service unavailable, Max-Age set, resend enrollment request |
|<-- (CON) (1:N1/0/256) (2:0/1/256) (2.04 Changed) {Cert resp (frag# 1)} |
| (ACK) -->

POST [2001:db8::2:1]:61616/est/sen (CON)(2:1/0/128) -->
-- (ACK) (2:1/1/128) (2.04 Changed) {Cert resp (frag# 2)}

|... Service unavailable, Max-Age set, resend enrollment request |
|<-- (CON) (2:N2/0/128) (2:N2/0/128) (2.04 Changed) {Cert resp (frag# N2+1)} |

Figure 2: EST-COAP enrollment with short wait

If the server is very slow (i.e. minutes) in providing the response (i.e. when a manual intervention is needed), the client SHOULD respond with an ACK containing response code 5.03 (Service unavailable) and a Max-Age Option to indicate the time the client SHOULD wait to request the content later. After a delay of Max-Age, the client SHOULD resend the identical CSR to the server. As long as the server responds with response code 5.03 (Service Unavailable) with a Max-Age Option, the client SHOULD keep resending the enrollment request until the server responds with the certificate or the client abandons for other reasons.

To demonstrate this scenario, Figure 3 shows a client sending an enrollment request that uses N1+1 Block1 blocks to send the CSR to the server. The server needs N2+1 Block2 blocks to respond, but also needs to take a long delay (minutes) to provide the response.
Consequently, the server uses a 5.03 ACK response with a Max-Age Option. The client waits for a period of Max-Age as many times as she receives the same 5.03 response and retransmits the enrollment request until she receives a certificate in a fragmented 2.04 response. Note that the server asks for a decrease in the block size when acknowledging the first Block2.

```
POST [2001:db8::2:1]:61616/est/sen (CON)(1:0/1/256) {CSR (frag# 1)}  -->  
  <-- (ACK) (1:0/1/256) (2.31 Continue)

POST [2001:db8::2:1]:61616/est/sen (CON)(1:1/1/256) {CSR (frag# 2)}  -->  
  <-- (ACK) (1:1/1/256) (2.31 Continue)

... Client tries again after Max-Age with identical payload ...

POST [2001:db8::2:1]:61616/est/sen(CON)(1:N1/0/256){CSR (frag# N1+1)}-->  
  <-- (ACK) (1:N1/0/256) (5.03 Service Unavailable) (Max-Age)

POST [2001:db8::2:1]:61616/est/sen(CON)(1:N1/0/256){CSR (frag# 1)}-->  
  <-- (ACK) (1:N1/0/256) (2.31 Continue)

POST [2001:db8::2:1]:61616/est/sen(CON)(1:1/1/256){CSR (frag# 2)}  -->  
  <-- (ACK) (1:1/1/256) (2.31 Continue)

... Client tries again after Max-Age with identical payload ...

POST [2001:db8::2:1]:61616/est/sen(CON)(1:N1/0/256){CSR (frag# N1+1)}-->  
  <-- (ACK) (1:N1/0/256) (2.04 Changed){Cert resp (frag# 1)}

POST [2001:db8::2:1]:61616/est/sen(CON)(2:1/0/128)  -->  
  <-- (ACK) (2:1/1/128) (2.04 Changed) {Cert resp (frag# 2)}

Figure 3: EST-COAP enrollment with long wait

5.8. Server-side Key Generation

In scenarios where it is desirable that the server generates the private key, server-side key generation should be used. Such scenarios could be when it is considered more secure to generate at the server the long-lived random private key that identifies the client, or when the resources spent to generate a random private key
at the client are considered scarce, or when the security policy requires that the certificate public and corresponding private keys are centrally generated and controlled. Of course, that does not eliminate the need for proper random numbers in various protocols like (D)TLS (Section 10.1).

When requesting server-side key generation, the client asks for the server or proxy to generate the private key and the certificate which are transferred back to the client in the server-side key generation response. In all respects, the server SHOULD treat the CSR as it would treat any enroll or re-enroll CSR; the only distinction here is that the server MUST ignore the public key values and signature in the CSR. These are included in the request only to allow re-use of existing codebases for generating and parsing such requests.

The client /skg request is for a certificate in a PKCS#7 container and private key in two application/multipart-core elements. Respectively, an /skc request is for a single application/pkix-cert certificate and a private key. The private key Content-Format requested by the client is depicted in the PKCS#10 CSR request. If the request contains SMIMECapabilities and DecryptKeyIdentifier or AsymmetricDecryptKeyIdentifier the client is expecting Content-Format 280 for the private key. Then the private key is encrypted symmetrically or asymmetrically as per [RFC7030]. The symmetric key or the asymmetric keypair establishment method is out of scope of the specification. A /skg or /skc request with a CSR without SMIMECapabilities expects an application/multipart-core with an unencrypted PKCS#8 private key with Content-Format 284.

The EST-coaps server-side key generation response is returned with Content-Format application/multipart-core [I-D.ietf-core-multipart-ct] containing a CBOR array with four items (Section 5.3). The two representations (each consisting of two CBOR array items) do not have to be in a particular order since each representation is preceded by its Content-Format ID. The private key can be in unprotected PKCS#8 [RFC5958] format (Content-Format 284) or protected inside of CMS SignedData (Content-Format 280). The SignedData is signed by the party that generated the private key, which may be the EST server or the EST CA. The SignedData is further protected by placing it inside of a CMS EnvelopedData as explained in Section 4.4.2 of [RFC7030]. In summary, the symmetrically encrypted key is included in the encryptedKey attribute in a KEKRecipientInfo structure. In the case where the asymmetric encryption key is suitable for transport key operations the generated private key is encrypted with a symmetric key which is encrypted by the client defined (in the CSR) asymmetric public key and is carried in an encryptedKey attribute in a KeyTransRecipientInfo structure. Finally, if the asymmetric encryption key is suitable for key
agreement, the generated private key is encrypted with a symmetric key which is encrypted by the client defined (in the CSR) asymmetric public key and is carried in an recipientEncryptedKeys attribute in a KeyAgreeRecipientInfo.

[RFC7030] recommends the use of additional encryption of the returned private key. For the context of this specification, clients and servers that choose to support server-side key generation MUST support unprotected (PKCS#8) private keys (Content-Format 284). Symmetric or asymmetric encryption of the private key (CMS EnvelopedData, Content-Format 280) SHOULD be supported for deployments where end-to-end encryption needs to be provided between the client and a server. Such cases could include architectures where an entity between the client and the CA terminates the DTLS connection (Registrar in Figure 4).

6. HTTPS-CoAPS Registrar

In real-world deployments, the EST server will not always reside within the CoAP boundary. The EST server can exist outside the constrained network in which case it will support TLS/HTTP instead of CoAPS. In such environments EST-coaps is used by the client within the CoAP boundary and TLS is used to transport the EST messages outside the CoAP boundary. A Registrar at the edge is required to operate between the CoAP environment and the external HTTP network as shown in Figure 4.

![Figure 4: EST-coaps-to-HTTPS Registrar at the CoAP boundary.](image-url)

The EST-coaps-to-HTTPS Registrar MUST terminate EST-coaps downstream and initiate EST connections over TLS upstream. The Registrar MUST authenticate and OPTIONALLY authorize the clients and it MUST be authenticated by the EST server or CA. The trust relationship between the Registrar and the EST server SHOULD be pre-established...
for the Registrar to proxy these connections on behalf of various clients.

When enforcing Proof-of-Possession (POP) linking, the DTLS tls-unique value of the (D)TLS session is used to prove that the private key corresponding to the public key is in the possession of the client and was used to establish the connection as explained in Section 4. The POP linking information is lost between the EST-coaps client and the EST server when a Registrar is present. The EST server becomes aware of the presence of a Registrar from its TLS client certificate that includes id-kp-cmcRA [RFC6402] extended key usage extension (EKU). As explained in Section 3.7 of [RFC7030], the EST server SHOULD apply an authorization policy consistent with a Registrar client. For example, it could be configured to accept POP linking information that does not match the current TLS session because the authenticated EST client Registrar has verified this information when acting as an EST server.

For some use cases, clients that leverage server-side key generation might prefer for the enrolled keys to be generated by the Registrar if the CA does not support server-side key generation. Such Registrar is responsible for generating a new CSR signed by a new key which will be returned to the client along with the certificate from the CA. In these cases, the Registrar MUST support random number generation using proper entropy.

Table 1 contains the URI mappings between EST-coaps and EST that the Registrar MUST adhere to. Section 5.5 of this specification and Section 7 of [RFC8075] define the mappings between EST-coaps and HTTP response codes, that determine how the Registrar MUST translate CoAP response codes from/to HTTP status codes. The mapping from CoAP Content-Format to HTTP Media-Type is defined in Section 9.1. Additionally, a conversion from CBOR major type 2 to Base64 encoding MUST take place at the Registrar when server-side key generation is supported. If CMS end-to-end encryption is employed for the private key, the encrypted CMS EnvelopedData blob MUST be converted to binary in CBOR type 2 downstream to the client.

Due to fragmentation of large messages into blocks, an EST-coaps-to-HTTP Registrar MUST reassemble the BLOCKs before translating the binary content to Base64, and consecutively relay the message upstream.

The EST-coaps-to-HTTP Registrar MUST support resource discovery according to the rules in Section 5.1. Section 5.1.
7. Parameters

This section addresses transmission parameters described in sections 4.7 and 4.8 of [RFC7252]. EST does not impose any unique values on the CoAP parameters in [RFC7252], but the EST parameter values need to be tuned to the CoAP parameter values.

It is recommended, based on experiments, to follow the default CoAP configuration parameters ([RFC7252]). However, depending on the implementation scenario, retransmissions and timeouts can also occur on other networking layers, governed by other configuration parameters. A change in a server parameter MUST ensure the adjusted value is also available to all the endpoints with which these adjusted values are to be used to communicate.

Some further comments about some specific parameters, mainly from Table 2 in [RFC7252]:

- **NSTART**: A parameter that controls the number of simultaneous outstanding interactions that a client maintains to a given server. An EST-coaps client is not expected to interact with more than one servers at the same time, which is the default NSTART value defined in [RFC7252].

- **DEFAULT_LEISURE**: This setting is only relevant in multicast scenarios, outside the scope of EST-coaps.

- **PROBING_RATE**: A parameter which specifies the rate of re-sending non-confirmable messages. The EST messages are defined to be sent as CoAP confirmable messages, hence this setting is not applicable.

Finally, the Table 3 parameters in [RFC7252] are mainly derived from Table 2. Directly changing parameters on one table would affect parameters on the other.

8. Deployment limitations

Although EST-coaps paves the way for the utilization of EST by constrained devices in constrained networks, some classes of devices [RFC7228] will not have enough resources to handle the payloads that come with EST-coaps. The specification of EST-coaps is intended to ensure that EST works for networks of constrained devices that choose to limit their communications stack to DTLS/CoAP. It is up to the network designer to decide which devices execute the EST protocol and which do not.
9. IANA Considerations

9.1. Content-Format Registry

Additions to the sub-registry "CoAP Content-Formats", within the "CoRE Parameters" registry [COREparams] are specified in Table 4. These have been registered provisionally in the IETF Review or IESG Approval range (256-9999).

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<tr>
<th>HTTP Media-Type</th>
<th>ID</th>
<th>Reference</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>application/pkcs7-mime; key</td>
<td>280</td>
<td>[RFC7030] [I-D.ietf-lamps-rfc5751-bis]</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>application/pkcs7-mime; smime-type=certs-only</td>
<td>281</td>
<td>[I-D.ietf-lamps-rfc5751-bis]</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>application/pkcs8</td>
<td>284</td>
<td>[RFC5958] [I-D.ietf-lamps-rfc5751-bis]</td>
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<tr>
<td>application/csrattrs</td>
<td>285</td>
<td>[RFC7030] [RFC7231]</td>
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<td>application/pkcs10</td>
<td>286</td>
<td>[RFC5967] [I-D.ietf-lamps-rfc5751-bis]</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>application/pkix-cert</td>
<td>TBD28</td>
<td>[RFC2585]</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Table 4: New CoAP Content-Formats

It is suggested that 287 is allocated to TBD287.

9.2. Resource Type registry

This memo registers new Resource Type (rt=) Link Target Attributes in the "Resource Type (rt=) Link Target Attribute Values" subregistry under the "Constrained RESTful Environments (CoRE) Parameters" registry.

- rt="ace.est.crts". This resource depicts the support of EST get cacerts.
- rt="ace.est.sen". This resource depicts the support of EST simple enroll.
- rt="ace.est.sren". This resource depicts the support of EST simple reenroll.
- rt="ace.est.att". This resource depicts the support of EST CSR attributes.
10. Security Considerations

10.1. EST server considerations

The security considerations of Section 6 of [RFC7030] are only partially valid for the purposes of this document. As HTTP Basic Authentication is not supported, the considerations expressed for using passwords do not apply.

Modern security protocols require random numbers to be available during the protocol run, for example for nonces, ephemeral (EC) Diffie-Hellman key generation. This capability to generate random numbers is also needed when the constrained device generates the private key (that corresponds to the public key enrolled in the CSR). When server-side key generation is used, the constrained device depends on the server to generate the private key randomly, but it still needs locally generated random numbers for use in security protocols, as explained in Section 12 of [RFC7925]. Additionally, the transport of keys generated at the server is inherently risky. Analysis SHOULD be done to establish whether server-side key generation increases or decreases the probability of digital identity theft.

It is important to note that sources contributing to the randomness pool used to generate random numbers on laptops or desktop PCs are not available on many constrained devices, such as mouse movement, timing of keystrokes, air turbulence on the movement of hard drive heads, as pointed out in [PsQs]. Other sources have to be used or dedicated hardware has to be added. Selecting hardware for an IoT device that is capable of producing high-quality random numbers is therefore important [RSAfact].

It is also RECOMMENDED that the Implicit Trust Anchor database used for EST server authentication is carefully managed to reduce the chance of a third-party CA with poor certification practices jeopardizing authentication. Disabling the Implicit Trust Anchor database after successfully receiving the Distribution of CA certificates response (Section 4.1.3 of [RFC7030]) limits any risk to the first DTLS exchange. Alternatively, in a case where a /sen request immediately follows a /crls, a client MAY choose to keep the
connection authenticated by the Implicit TA open for efficiency reasons (Section 4). A client that pipelines EST-coaps /crts request with other requests in the same DTLS connection SHOULD revalidate the server certificate chain against the updated Explicit TA from the /crts response before proceeding with the subsequent requests. If the server certificate chain does not authenticate against the database, the client SHOULD close the connection without completing the rest of the requests. The updated Explicit TA MUST continue to be used in new DTLS connections.

In cases where the IDevID used to authenticate the client is expired the server MAY still authenticate the client because IDevIDs are expected to live as long as the device itself (Section 4). In such occasions, checking the certificate revocation status or authorizing the client using another method is important for the server to ensure that the client is to be trusted.

In accordance with [RFC7030], TLS cipher suites that include "_EXPORT_" and "_DES_" in their names MUST NOT be used. More information about recommendations of TLS and DTLS are included in [RFC7525].

As described in CMC, Section 6.7 of [RFC5272], "For keys that can be used as signature keys, signing the certification request with the private key serves as a POP on that key pair". The inclusion of tls-unique in the certificate request links the proof-of-possession to the TLS proof-of-identity. This implies but does not prove that only the authenticated client currently has access to the private key.

What’s more, POP linking uses tls-unique as it is defined in [RFC5929]. The 3SHAKE attack [tripleshake] poses a risk by allowing a man-in-the-middle to leverage session resumption and renegotiation to inject himself between a client and server even when channel binding is in use. The attack was possible because of certain (D)TLS implementation imperfections. In the context of this specification, an attacker could invalidate the purpose of the POP linking ChallengePassword in the client request by resuming an EST-coaps connection. Even though the practical risk of such an attack to EST-coaps is not devastating, we would rather use a more secure channel binding mechanism. Such a mechanism could include an updated tls-unique value generation like the tls-unique-prf defined in [I-D.josefsson-sasl-tls-cb] by using a TLS exporter [RFC5705] in TLS 1.2 or TLS 1.3’s updated exporter (Section 7.5 of [RFC8446]). Such mechanism has not been standardized yet. Adopting a channel binding value generated from an exporter would break backwards compatibility. Thus, in this specification we still depend on the tls-unique mechanism defined in [RFC5929], especially since a 3SHAKE attack does not expose messages exchanged with EST-coaps.
Regarding the Certificate Signing Request (CSR), an EST-coaps server is expected to be able to recover from improper CSR requests.

Interpreters of ASN.1 structures should be aware of the use of invalid ASN.1 length fields and should take appropriate measures to guard against buffer overflows, stack overruns in particular, and malicious content in general.

10.2. HTTPS-CoAPS Registrar considerations

The Registrar proposed in Section 6 must be deployed with care, and only when the recommended connections are impossible. When POP linking is used the Registrar terminating the TLS connection establishes a new one with the upstream CA. Thus, it is impossible for POP linking to be enforced end-to-end for the EST transaction. The EST server could be configured to accept POP linking information that does not match the current TLS session because the authenticated EST Registrar client has verified this information when acting as an EST server.

The introduction of an EST-coaps-to-HTTP Registrar assumes the client can trust the registrar using its implicit or explicit TA database. It also assumes the Registrar has a trust relationship with the upstream EST server in order to act on behalf of the clients. When a client uses the Implicit TA database for certificate validation, she SHOULD confirm if the server is acting as an RA by the presence of the id-kp-cmcRA EKU [RFC6402] in the server certificate.

In a server-side key generation case, if no end-to-end encryption is used, the Registrar may be able see the private key as it acts as a man-in-the-middle. Thus, the client puts its trust on the Registrar not exposing the private key.

Clients that leverage server-side key generation without end-to-end encryption of the private key (Section 5.8) have no knowledge if the Registrar will be generating the private key and enrolling the certificates with the CA or if the CA will be responsible for generating the key. In such cases, the existence of a Registrar requires the client to put its trust on the registrar doing the right thing if it is generating the private key.

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13.1. Normative References

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13.2. Informative References


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[I-D.josefsson-sasl-tls-cb]

[I-D.moskowitz-ecdsa-pki]

[ieee802.15.4]

[ieee802.1ar]

[PsQs]


Appendix A. EST messages to EST-coaps

This section shows similar examples to the ones presented in Appendix A of [RFC7030]. The payloads in the examples are the hex encoded binary, generated with ‘xxd -p’, of the PKI certificates created following [I-D.moskowitz-ecdsa-pki]. Hex is used for visualization purposes because a binary representation cannot be rendered well in text. The hexadecimal representations would not be transported in hex, but in binary. The payloads are shown unencrypted. In practice the message content would be transferred over an encrypted DTLS tunnel.

The certificate responses included in the examples contain Content-Format 281 (application/pkcs7). If the client had requested Content-Format TBD287 (application/pkix-cert) by querying /est/skc, the server would respond with a single DER binary certificate.

These examples assume a short resource path of "/est". Even though omitted from the examples for brevity, before making the EST-coaps requests, a client would learn about the server supported EST-coaps resources with a GET request for /.well-known/core?rt=ace.est* as explained in Section 5.1.

The corresponding CoAP headers are only shown in Appendix A.1. Creating CoAP headers is assumed to be generally understood.

The message content breakdown is presented in Appendix C.

A.1. cacerts

In EST-coaps, a cacerts message can be:

GET example.com:9085/est/crts
(Accept: 281)

The corresponding CoAP header fields are shown below. The use of block and DTLS are worked out in Appendix B.
Ver = 1  
T = 0 (CON)  
Code = 0x01 (0.01 is GET)  
Token = 0x9a (client generated)  
Options  
  Option (Uri-Host)  
    Option Delta = 0x3  (option# 3)  
    Option Length = 0xD  
    Option Value = "example.com"  
  Option (Uri-Port)  
    Option Delta = 0x4  (option# 3+4=7)  
    Option Length = 0x4  
    Option Value = 9085  
  Option (Uri-Path)  
    Option Delta = 0x4  (option# 7+4=11)  
    Option Length = 0x5  
    Option Value = "est"  
  Option (Uri-Path)  
    Option Delta = 0x0  (option# 11+0=11)  
    Option Length = 0x6  
    Option Value = "crts"  
  Option (Accept)  
    Option Delta = 0x6  (option# 11+6=17)  
    Option Length = 0x2  
    Option Value = 281  
Payload = [Empty]  

The Uri-Host and Uri-Port Options can be omitted if they coincide with the transport protocol destination address and port respectively. Explicit Uri-Host and Uri-Port Options are typically used when an endpoint hosts multiple virtual servers and uses the Options to route the requests accordingly.

A 2.05 Content response with a cert in EST-coaps will then be

2.05 Content (Content-Format: 281)  
{payload with certificate in binary format}  

with CoAP fields
Ver = 1
T = 2 (ACK)
Code = 0x45 (2.05 Content)
Token = 0x9a   (copied from request by server)

Options
Option (Content-Format)
  Option Delta = 0xC  (option# 12)
  Option Length = 0x2
  Option Value = 281

[ The hexadecimal representation below would NOT be transported in hex, but in binary. Hex is used because a binary representation cannot be rendered well in text. ]

Payload =

The breakdown of the payload is shown in Appendix C.1.

A.2. enroll / reenroll

During the (re-)enroll exchange the EST-coaps client uses a CSR (Content-Format 286) request in the POST request payload. The Accept option tells the server that the client is expecting Content-Format 281 (PKCS#7) in the response. As shown in Appendix C.2, the CSR contains a ChallengePassword which is used for POP linking (Section 4).
POST [2001:db8::2:321]:61616/est/sen
(Token: 0x45)
(Accept: 281)
(Content-Format: 286)

[ The hexadecimal representation below would NOT be transported in hex, but in binary. Hex is used because a binary representation cannot be rendered well in text. ]

3082018b3082013020100305c310b3009060355040613025553310b3009
06035504080c024341310b300906035504070c024c413014310206035504
0a0c0b6578616d706c6520496e63310c300a060355040b0c03496f54310f
300d06035504051306574313233343059301306072a8648ce3d02010608
2a8648ce3d0301070320004c8b421f1c25e47e3ac5712bf2d9f4c9f4f
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f602f9152168f856e2b23b5638e59fd9a073303406092a864886f70d0109
0731270c2576437630292a264a4b4a3bc3a22c280c2992f3e3c2e2c3d6b6e
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2a0603551d104233021a01f06082b061005070804a013301106092b06
010401b43b0a01060401020304300a06082a8648ce3d040320348003045
02210092563a546463bd9ecff170d0fd1f2ef0d3d012160e5ee90ccfedab
eb0b9a3892020179f10a3436b10951abadd17590a09bc87c4dce5453a6fc
1135a1e84eed754377

After verification of the CSR by the server, a 2.04 Changed response with the issued certificate will be returned to the client.
2.04 Changed
(Token: 0x45)
(Content-Format: 281)

[ The hexadecimal representation below would NOT be transported in hex, but in binary. Hex is used because a binary representation cannot be rendered well in text. ]

3082026e06092a864886f70d010702a082025f3082025b0b0201013100300b
06092a864886f70d010701a08202413082023d308201e2a0030201020208
7e7661d7b5e4632300a06082a8648ce3d040302305d310b300906035504
061302553310b300906035504080c02434131143012060355040a0c0b45
78616d706c6520496e6331163014060355040b0c0d636572746966696631
74696e6311301106035504030c0a3830322e31452204341302017d31
393031333131323931365a180f39393939393933333333333333333539a30
5c310b00b00906035504061302553310b300906035504080c024341310b30
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91bda6db214099d9817c63b361374cd86022100a774989f4c321a5cf25d
8324d336a08ad67df20f1506421188a0ade6d349236a1003100

The breakdown of the request and response is shown in Appendix C.2.

A.3. serverkeygen

In a serverkeygen exchange the CoAP POST request looks like
POST 192.0.2.1:8085/est/skg
(Token: 0xa5)
(Accept: 62)
(Content-Format: 286)

[ The hexadecimal representation below would NOT be transported in hex, but in binary. Hex is used because a binary representation cannot be rendered well in text. ]

3081cf3078020100301631143012060355040a0c0b736b67206578616d70
6c653059301306072a8648ce3d020106082a8648ce3d030107034200041b
b8c1117896f98e4506c03d70efbe820d8e38ea97e9d65c836c5852c5
1dd89a61370a2843760fc859799d78cd33f3c1846e304f1717f8123f1a28
4cc99faa00300a0682a8648ce3d0403203470030440220387cd4e9cf62
8d4af77f92ebed4890d9d14dca86cd2757dd14cbd59cfd6961802202f24
5e828c77754378b66660a4977f113cacdaa0cc7bad7d1474a7fd155d090d

The response would follow [I-D.ietf-core-multipart-ct] and could look like
2.04 Changed
(Token: 0xa5)
(Content-Format: 62)

[ The hexadecimal representations below would NOT be transported in hex, but in binary. Hex is used because a binary representation cannot be rendered well in text. ]

84 # array(4)
19 011C # unsigned(284)
58 8A # bytes(138)
3081702010030130672a8648ce3d020100682a8648ce3d030107046d30
6b02010104200b9a67785b65e07360b6d28cfc1d3f3925c0755799deeca7
45372b01697bd8a6a14403420041bb8c1117896f98e4506c03d70efbe82
0d8e38ea97e965d52c8640c5852c51dd89a61370a2843760fc859799d78
cd33f3c1846e304f1717f8123f1a284cc9f9
19 0119 # unsigned(281)
59 01D3 # bytes(467)
308201cf06092a864886f70d010702a08201c0308201bc020101300300b
06092a864886f70d010701a08201a23082019e30820143a0030201020208
126de8571518524b300a06082a8648ce3d0403020301631314301206035504
0ac0cb736b67206578616d706c65301e170d313930310303835373038
5a170d33393031303403038353730385a301631134301206035504a00b73
6b76206578616d706c653059301306072a8648ce3d020100682a8648ce3d
030107034200041bb8c1117896f98e4506c03d70efbe820d8e38ea97e96d
5d52c8460c5852c51dd89a61370a2843760fc859799d78cd33f3c1846e30
4f1717f8123f1a284cc9f9fa37b307930090603551d13040230003020c609
6086480186f842010d041f161d4f70656e53534c2047656e6775726656
20436572746966696361746530d603551d0e0416041494be598dc8dbc
0dbc071c486b777460e5c621301f0603551d23041830168014494b5e98
dc8dbc0dcb071c486b777460e5c621300a06082a86c85301306072a8648ce3d
030107034200041bb8c1117896f98e4506c03d70efbe820d8e38ea97e96d
5d52c8460c5852c51dd89a61370a2843760fc859799d78cd33f3c1846e30
4f1717f8123f1a284cc9f9fa37b307930090603551d13040230003020c609
6086480186f842010d041f161d4f70656e53534c2047656e6775726656
20436572746966696361746530d603551d0e0416041494be598dc8dbc
0dbc071c486b777460e5c621301f0603551d23041830168014494b5e98
dc8dbc0dcb071c486b777460e5c621300a06082a86c85301306072a8648ce3d
030107034200041bb8c1117896f98e4506c03d70efbe820d8e38ea97e96d
5d52c8460c5852c51dd89a61370a2843760fc859799d78cd33f3c1846e30
4f1717f8123f1a284cc9f9fa37b307930090603551d13040230003020c609
6086480186f842010d041f161d4f70656e53534c2047656e6775726656
20436572746966696361746530d603551d0e0416041494be598dc8dbc
0dbc071c486b777460e5c621301f0603551d23041830168014494b5e98
dc8dbc0dcb071c486b777460e5c621300a06082a86c85301306072a8648ce3d
030107034200041bb8c1117896f98e4506c03d70efbe820d8e38ea97e96d
5d52c8460c5852c51dd89a61370a2843760fc859799d78cd33f3c1846e30
4f1717f8123f1a284cc9f9fa37b307930090603551d13040230003020c609
6086480186f842010d041f161d4f70656e53534c2047656e6775726656
20436572746966696361746530d603551d0e0416041494be598dc8dbc
0dbc071c486b777460e5c621301f0603551d23041830168014494b5e98
The private key in the response above is without CMS EnvelopedData and has no additional encryption beyond DTLS (Section 5.8).

The breakdown of the request and response is shown in Appendix C.3

A.4. csrattrs

Below is a csrattrs exchange
REQ:
GET example.com:61616/est/att

RES:
2.05 Content
(Content-Format: 285)

[ The hexadecimal representation below would NOT be transported in hex, but in binary. Hex is used because a binary representation cannot be rendered well in text. ]

307c06072b06010101011630220603883701311b131950617273652053455420617320322e3939392e31206461746106092a864886f70d010907302c0603883702312506038837030603883704131950617273652053455420617320322e3939392e31206461746106092b240303020801010b0609608648016503040202

A 2.05 Content response should contain attributes which are relevant for the authenticated client. This example is copied from Section A.2 in [RFC7030], where the base64 representation is replaced with a hexadecimal representation of the equivalent binary format. The EST-coaps server returns attributes that the client can ignore if they are unknown to him.

Appendix B. EST-coaps Block message examples

Two examples are presented in this section:

1. a cacerts exchange shows the use of Block2 and the block headers
2. an enroll exchange shows the Block1 and Block2 size negotiation for request and response payloads.

The payloads are shown unencrypted. In practice the message contents would be binary formatted and transferred over an encrypted DTLS tunnel. The corresponding CoAP headers are only shown in Appendix B.1. Creating CoAP headers is assumed to be generally known.

B.1. cacerts

This section provides a detailed example of the messages using DTLS and BLOCK option Block2. The minimum PMTU is 1280 bytes, which is the example value assumed for the DTLS datagram size. The example block length is taken as 64 which gives an SZX value of 2.

The following is an example of a cacerts exchange over DTLS. The content length of the cacerts response in appendix A.1 of [RFC7030]
contains 639 bytes in binary. The CoAP message adds around 10 bytes, the DTLS record 29 bytes. To avoid IP fragmentation, the CoAP Block Option is used and an MTU of 127 is assumed to stay within one IEEE 802.15.4 packet. To stay below the MTU of 127, the payload is split in 9 packets with a payload of 64 bytes each, followed by a last tenth packet of 63 bytes. The client sends an IPv6 packet containing the UDP datagram with the DTLS record that encapsulates the CoAP request 10 times. The server returns an IPv6 packet containing the UDP datagram with the DTLS record that encapsulates the CoAP response. The CoAP request-response exchange with block option is shown below. Block Option is shown in a decomposed way (block-option:NUM/M/size) indicating the kind of Block Option (2 in this case) followed by a colon, and then the block number (NUM), the more bit (M = 0 in Block2 response means it is last block), and block size with exponent (2**(SZX+4)) separated by slashes. The Length 64 is used with SZX=2 to avoid IP fragmentation. The CoAP Request is sent confirmable (CON) and the Content-Format of the response, even though not shown, is 281 (application/pkcs7-mime; smime-type=certs-only). The transfer of the 10 blocks with partially filled block NUM=9 is shown below

GET example.com:9085/est/crts (2:0/0/64) -->
    (2:0/1/64) 2.05 Content
GET example.com:9085/est/crts (2:1/0/64) -->
    (2:1/1/64) 2.05 Content

GET example.com:9085/est/crts (2:9/0/64) -->
    (2:9/0/64) 2.05 Content

The header of the GET request looks like
Ver = 1
T = 0 (CON)
Code = 0x01 (0.1 GET)
Token = 0x9a    (client generated)
Options
  Option (Uri-Host)
    Option Delta = 0x3  (option# 3)
    Option Length = 0xD
    Option Value = "example.com"
  Option (Uri-Port)
    Option Delta = 0x4   (option# 3+4=7)
    Option Length = 0x4
    Option Value = 9085
  Option (Uri-Path)
    Option Delta = 0x4    (option# 7+4=11)
    Option Length = 0x5
    Option Value = "est"
  Option (Uri-Path)
    Option Delta = 0x0    (option# 11+0=11)
    Option Length = 0x6
    Option Value = "crts"
  Option (Accept)
    Option Delta = 0x6   (option# 11+6=17)
    Option Length = 0x2
    Option Value = 281
Payload = [Empty]

The Uri-Host and Uri-Port Options can be omitted if they coincide with the transport protocol destination address and port respectively. Explicit Uri-Host and Uri-Port Options are typically used when an endpoint hosts multiple virtual servers and uses the Options to route the requests accordingly.

For further detailing the CoAP headers, the first two and the last blocks are written out below. The header of the first Block2 response looks like
Ver = 1
T = 2 (ACK)
Code = 0x45 (2.05 Content)
Token = 0x9a (copied from request by server)
Options
  Option
    Option Delta = 0xC (option# 12 Content-Format)
    Option Length = 0x2
    Option Value = 281
  Option
    Option Delta = 0xB (option# 12+11=23 Block2)
    Option Length = 0x1
    Option Value = 0x0A (block#=0, M=1, SZX=2)

[ The hexadecimal representation below would NOT be transported in hex, but in binary. Hex is used because a binary representation cannot be rendered well in text. ]

Payload =
3082027b06092a864886f70d010702a08202680201013100300b
06092a864886f70d010701a082024e3082024a308201f0a0030201020209
009189bc

The second Block2:

Ver = 1
T = 2 (means ACK)
Code = 0x45 (2.05 Content)
Token = 0x9a (copied from request by server)
Options
  Option
    Option Delta = 0xC (option# 12 Content-Format)
    Option Length = 0x2
    Option Value = 281
  Option
    Option Delta = 0xB (option 12+11=23 Block2)
    Option Length = 0x1
    Option Value = 0x1A (block#=1, M=1, SZX=2)

[ The hexadecimal representation below would NOT be transported in hex, but in binary. Hex is used because a binary representation cannot be rendered well in text. ]

Payload =
df9c9924b300a06082a8648ce3d0403023067310b300906035504061302
5553310b300906035504080c024341310b300906035504070c024c413114
30120603
The 10th and final Block2:

Ver = 1
T = 2 (means ACK)
Code = 0x45 (2.05 Content)
Token = 0x9a (copied from request by server)
Options
  Option
    Option Delta = 0xC (option# 12 Content-Format)
    Option Length = 0x2
    Option Value = 281
  Option
    Option Delta = 0xB (option# 12+11=23 Block2 )
    Option Length = 0x1
    Option Value = 0x92 (block#=9, M=0, SZX=2)

[ The hexadecimal representation below would NOT be transported in hex, but in binary. Hex is used because a binary representation cannot be rendered well in text. ]

Payload =
2ec0b4af52d46f3b7ecc9687ddf267bcec368f7b7f1353272f022047a28a
e5c7306163b3c3834bab3c103f743070594c089aaa0ac870cd13b902caaa1
003100

B.2. enroll / reenroll

In this example, the requested Block2 size of 256 bytes, required by the client, is transferred to the server in the very first request message. The block size 256=(2**(SZX+4)) which gives SZX=4. The notation for block numbering is the same as in Appendix B.1. The header fields and the payload are omitted for brevity.
Figure 5: EST-COAP enrollment with multiple blocks

N1+1 blocks have been transferred from client to the server and N2+1 blocks have been transferred from server to client.

Appendix C. Message content breakdown

This appendix presents the breakdown of the hexadecimal dumps of the binary payloads shown in Appendix A.

C.1. cacerts

The breakdown of cacerts response containing one root CA certificate is
Certificate:

Data:

Version: 3 (0x2)
Signature Algorithm: ecdsa-with-SHA256
Issuer: C=US, ST=CA, L=LA, O=Example Inc, OU=certification, CN=Root CA

Validity
Not Before: Jan 7 10:40:41 2019 GMT
Not After : Jan 2 10:40:41 2039 GMT
Subject: C=US, ST=CA, L=LA, O=Example Inc, OU=certification, CN=Root CA

Subject Public Key Info:
Public Key Algorithm: id-ecPublicKey
Public-Key: (256 bit)
pub:

e6:98:97:33:35:20:00:23:dd:f7:8c:2d:7a:44:3f:
f6:bb:ff:04:c9
ASN1 OID: prime256v1
NIST CURVE: P-256

X509v3 extensions:
X509v3 Subject Key Identifier:
X509v3 Authority Key Identifier:
keyid:

X509v3 Basic Constraints: critical
CA:TRUE
X509v3 Key Usage: critical
  Certificate Sign, CRL Sign
X509v3 Subject Alternative Name:
  email:certify@example.com
Signature Algorithm: ecdsa-with-SHA256

C.2. enroll / reenroll

The breakdown of the enrollment request is

Certificate Request:
  Data:
    Version: 0 (0x0)
    Subject: C=US, ST=CA, L=LA, O=example Inc, OU=IoT/serialNumber=Wt1234
    Subject Public Key Info:
      Public Key Algorithm: id-ecPublicKey
      Public-Key: (256 bit)
        pub:
          9f:dc:49:4f:02:8b:c3:51:cc:80:c0:3f:15:0b:f5:
          56:38:e5:9f:d9
      ASN1 OID: prime256v1
    NIST CURVE: P-256
    Attributes:
      challengePassword : <256-bit POP linking value>
    Requested Extensions:
      X509v3 Subject Alternative Name:
        othername:<unsupported>
    Signature Algorithm: ecdsa-with-SHA256
      30:45:02:21:00:92:56:3a:54:64:63:bd:9e:cf:f1:70:d0:fd:
      1f:2e:f0:d3:d0:12:16:0e:5e:e9:0c:ff:ed:ab:ec:9b:9a:38:

The CSR contained a ChallengePassword which is used for POP linking (Section 4).

The breakdown of the issued certificate is
Certificate:
  Data:
    Version: 3 (0x2)
    Serial Number: 9112578475118446130 (0x7e61d7b54e4632)
    Signature Algorithm: ecdsa-with-SHA256
    Issuer: C=US, ST=CA, O=Example Inc, OU=certification, CN=802.1AR CA
  Validity
    Not Before: Jan 31 11:29:16 2019 GMT
    Not After : Dec 31 23:59:59 9999 GMT
  Subject: C=US, ST=CA, L=LA, O=example Inc,
    OU=IoT/serialNumber=Wt1234
  Subject Public Key Info:
    Public Key Algorithm: id-ecPublicKey
    Public-Key: (256 bit)
        9f:dc:49:4f:02:8b:c3:51:cc:80:c0:3f:15:0b:f5:
        56:38:e5:9f:db
    ASN1 OID: prime256v1
    NIST CURVE: P-256
  X509v3 extensions:
    X509v3 Basic Constraints:
      CA:FALSE
    X509v3 Subject Key Identifier:
    X509v3 Authority Key Identifier:
      keyid:
    X509v3 Key Usage: critical
      Digital Signature, Key Encipherment
    X509v3 Subject Alternative Name:
      othername:<unsupported>
    Signature Algorithm: ecdsa-with-SHA256

C.3. serverkeygen

The following is the breakdown of the server-side key generation request.

Certificate Request:
  Data:
    Version: 0 (0x0)
    Subject: O=skg example
    Subject Public Key Info:
      Public Key Algorithm: id-ecPublicKey
      Public-Key: (256 bit)
        pub:
          04:1b:b8:c1:11:78:96:f9:8e:45:06:c0:3d:70:ef:
          be:82:0d:8e:38:ea:97:e9:d6:5d:52:c8:46:0c:58:
          1a:28:4c:c9:9f
      ASN1 OID: prime256v1
      NIST CURVE: P-256
      Attributes:
        a0:00
    Signature Algorithm: ecdsa-with-SHA256

Following is the breakdown of the private key content of the server-side key generation response.

Private-Key: (256 bit)
priv:
  d8:a6
pub:
  04:1b:b8:c1:11:78:96:f9:8e:45:06:c0:3d:70:ef:
  be:82:0d:8e:38:ea:97:e9:d6:5d:52:c8:46:0c:58:
  1a:28:4c:c9:9f
ASN1 OID: prime256v1
NIST CURVE: P-256

The following is the breakdown of the certificate in the server-side key generation response payload.
Certificate:
  Data:
    Version: 3 (0x2)
    Serial Number: 1327972925857878603 (0x126de8571518524b)
    Signature Algorithm: ecdsa-with-SHA256
    Issuer: O=skg example
    Validity
      Not Before: Jan 9 08:57:08 2019 GMT
      Not After : Jan 4 08:57:08 2039 GMT
    Subject: O=skg example
    Subject Public Key Info:
      Public Key Algorithm: id-ecPublicKey
      Public-Key: (256 bit)
      pub:
        04:1b:b8:c1:11:78:96:f9:8e:45:06:c0:3d:70:ef:
        be:82:0d:8e:38:ea:97:e9:d6:5d:52:c8:46:0c:58:
        1a:28:4c:9:9f
      ASN1 OID: prime256v1
      NIST CURVE: P-256
    X509v3 extensions:
      X509v3 Basic Constraints:
        CA:FALSE
      Netscape Comment:
        OpenSSL Generated Certificate
      X509v3 Subject Key Identifier:
      X509v3 Authority Key Identifier:
        keyid:
      Signature Algorithm: ecdsa-with-SHA256

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