| | Score BEFORE mitigation | | | | Score AFTER mitigation | | | |
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| Item Risk description | Probability | Impact | Rating | Mitigation | Probability | Impact | Rating | Comments |
| 1 A relying party doesn't understand the relationship between the OU and the certificate | 3 | 2 | 5 | The OU may only be included when the certificate includes an validated organization and the existence of and affiliation of the organizational unit with the subscriber is verified. Self-reported values shall be preceded or followed by a whitespace and the word "department", "division", "unit" or the equivalent in a language other than English. | 1 | 1 | 2 | |
| A self-reported value is used to reference a name, DBA, tradename, trademark, address, location, or other text that refers to a specific natural person or Legal Entity and the CA has not identified the value as such. | 3 | 3 | 6 | See item 1; Affiliation must be verified and pre/suffix emphasizes this relationship further. | 2 | 2 | 4 | |
| Example: O="ACME Company Inc.", OU="{trademark} division", | | | | According to the subscriber agreement the subscriber must provide accurate information and should be liable for any IP conflicts as result of included information. | | | | |
| 3 A commonly recognized organizational unit name where the existence of and affiliation with the Applicant is not verified; a certificate listing the "Procurement" department in the OU field is obtained by the "Information Technology" department. | 2 | 1 | 3 | When pre-approving values the risk of the department name can be taken into consideration, e.g. a CA might not want to allow aything related to a financial department to be on this list. | 1 | 1 | 2 | |
| 4 A utility bill, bank statement, credit card statement, government-issued tax document, or other form of identification that the CA determines to be reliable can easily be modified or contain a freefrom data field. | 3 | 3 | 6 | | 3 | 3 | 6 | Should we remove this option? This option could make sense for governmental divisions. |
| 5 Abbreviated values can be misinterpreted. | 3 | 2 | 5 | The value SHALL not be abbreviated unless this would exceed the maximum length of the 'subject:organizationalUnitName' field, in which case it SHALL only use locally accepted abbreviation. The pre/suffix emphasizes this relationship with the organization and should reduce the impact. | 1 | 1 | 2 | |
| 6 When using a connection to the applicants directory system (e.g. Adctive Directory) any unit can be created. | 2 | 1 | 3 | See item 1 and 2; Affiliation is verified by establishing the connection and because these values are self-reported a pre/suffix emphasizes the relationship further is still required. | 1 | 1 | 2 | |
| 7 An Organizational Chart can be created or modified by anyone with the only purpose to pass the validation. | 2 | 1 | 3 | According to the subscriber agreement the subscriber (listed as organization in the certificate) must provide accurate information and should be liable for any IP conflicts as result of included information. | 1 | 1 | 2 | |
| 8 A sequence refers to a specific natural person or Legal Entity | 2 | 2 | 4 | By using a minimal length of 5 numbers in the sequence this should become unlikely. | 1 | 2 | 3 | |
| 9 A Government, standard, or regulatory body had no clear definition of what values are allowed. | 1 | 3 | 4 | The CA MAY allow values or series as defined by a Government, standard, or regulatory body. Undefined values are not allow. | 1 | 1 | 2 | Should we make it more clear that there needs to be a specific definition of what is allowed/required? |