

Summer 2022 CA/B Forum F2F

Validation Sub-committee

Progress since Spring F2F

- SC-54 (Onion cleanup) passed and became effective late April
- Identification and discussion of several EVG “cleanup” items
 - EV CRL “3-second rule”
 - Enterprise RA language cleanup
- Certificate Profiles
 - Revisiting discussions
 - Establishing a transition plan
 - Pushing back some items to version 2
- Migration from Trello to Github Project for tracking

Certificate Profiles

- Major reformat of BR Section 7.1
- Some normative changes are introduced
 - Every CA should be analyzing this draft ballot to determine impact
- <https://github.com/sleeve/cabforum-docs/pull/36>

Impact Analysis – A few caveats

- The affected Certificate counts are not exact but give a rough estimate
 - Censys.io may not have an accurate, up-to-date calculation of whether a particular Certificate is trusted by at least one Root Program
 - There is double-counting of pre-certificate/final Certificate pairs if the final Certificate is logged to CT and/or ingested by a Censys.io scan
 - Sometimes, an expired Certificate is mistakenly flagged as still valid/trusted

MUST (NOT)-level changes - Validity

- There are now restrictions on backdating for Certificates
 - The exact requirements are dependent on the type of Certificate (Root, Subordinate CA, Subscriber, etc.)
- There are now restrictions on forward-dating for Certificates
 - Prohibited entirely for CA Certificates
 - Allowed for up to 48 hours for Subscriber Certificates
- Root validity period is now capped at 25 years (matches MSFT Root Policy requirement)

MUST (NOT)-level changes - Subject

- There is now a specific, well-defined ordering of attributes that MUST be followed
- Multiple instances of the same attribute are prohibited
 - GRID Certificates are now prohibited. ~13K Certificates affected:
https://search.censys.io/certificates?q=parsed.extensions.extended_key_usage.server_auth%3A+true+and+tags.raw%3Atrusted+and+parsed.subject.domain_component%3A+%2A

MUST (NOT)-level changes - Subject

- Domain Names and IP Addresses in any attribute must be validated per section 3.2.2.4/3.2.2.5
 - Example: "Co.Ltd" is a Domain Name within "O=ACME Enterprises Co.Ltd", so the Applicant MUST validate "co.ltd" per 3.2.2.4
 - Rough estimate of ~392K certificates may be affected
https://search.censys.io/certificates?q=%28parsed.extensions.extended_key_usage.server_auth%3A+true+and+tags.raw%3Atrusted+and+parsed.subject.organization.raw%3A%2F.%2A%5B0-9a-zA-Z%5D%7B2%2C63%7D%5C.%5B0-9a-zA-Z%5D%7B2%2C63%7D.%2A%2F%29

MUST (NOT)-level changes - KeyUsage

- Subscriber Certificates:
 - All bits MUST be unset except for the following:
 - RSA: digitalSignature (SHOULD), keyEncipherment (MAY) (but both together are NOT RECOMMENDED)
 - 14.31M certs with dataEncipherment:
https://search.censys.io/certificates?q=parsed.extensions.extended_key_usage.server_auth%3A+true+and+tags.raw%3Atrusted+and+parsed.extensions.key_usage.data_encipherment%3A+true
 - ECDSA: digitalSignature (MUST)
 - 14.01 K ECDSA certs with keyAgreement:
https://search.censys.io/certificates?q=parsed.extensions.extended_key_usage.server_auth%3A+true+and+tags.raw%3Atrusted+and+parsed.subject_key_info.ecdsa_public_key.curve%3A+%2A+and+parsed.extensions.key_usage.key_agreement%3A+true

MUST (NOT)-level changes - KeyUsage

- OCSP Responders:

- All bits MUST be unset except for digitalSignature

- 396 certs with contentCommitment

- https://search.censys.io/certificates?q=%28parsed.extensions.extended_key_usage.ocsp_signing%3A+true+and+parsed.extensions.key_usage.content_commitment%3A+true%29+AND+tags.raw%3A+%22trusted%22&

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MUST (NOT)-level changes - certPolicies

- All Certificates:

- userNotice (i.e., explicitText) is prohibited
- 1.63 million Certificates affected

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MUST (NOT)-level changes - certPolicies

- OCSP Responders:
 - Effective 2022-11-01, the inclusion of this extension is prohibited
 - 815 affected Certificates
 - https://search.censys.io/certificates?q=parsed.extensions.extended_key_usage.ocsp_signing%3Atrue+and+tags.raw%3Atrusted+and+parsed.extensions.certificate_policies.id%3A%2A+and+not+parsed.extensions.basic_constraints.is_ca%3Atrue

MUST (NOT)-level changes - EKU

- Subscriber Certificates:
 - Inclusion of non-TLS –related EKUs is prohibited (e.g., id-kp-emailProtection)
- Cross Certificates:
 - The entirety of the Certificate profile MUST follow the relevant specification that defines the extension, even if deviations from that profile are compliant with the BRs

MUST (NOT)-level changes – Authority Information Access

- Non-HTTP (i.e., LDAP and FTP) OCSP and CA Issuers URIs are prohibited
 - 17.30K affected certificates
https://search.censys.io/certificates?q=parsed.extensions.extended_key_usage.server_auth%3A+true+and+tags.raw%3Atrusted+and+%28parsed.extensions.authority_info_access.ocsp_urls.raw%3A%2Fldap%3A.%2B%2F+or+parsed.extensions.authority_info_access.ocsp_urls.raw%3A%2Fftp%3A.%2B%2F+or+parsed.extensions.authority_info_access.issuer_urls.raw%3A%2Fldap%3A.%2B%2F+or+parsed.extensions.authority_info_access.issuer_urls.raw%3A%2Fftp%3A.%2B%2F%29
- Multiple OCSP and CA Issuers URIs MUST be encoded in order of preference (weight) by the CA

MUST (NOT)-level changes – CRL Distribution Points

- Non-HTTP (i.e., LDAP and FTP) URIs are prohibited
 - 69.29K affected certificates
https://search.censys.io/certificates?q=parsed.extensions.extended_key_usage.server_auth%3A+true+and+tags.raw%3Atrusted+and+%28parsed.extensions.crl_distribution_points.raw%3A%2Fldap%3A.%2B%2F+or+parsed.extensions.crl_distribution_points.raw%3A%2Fftp%3A.%2B%2F%29

MUST (NOT)-level changes – Subject Key Identifier

- MUST be a unique value (within the scope of the Issuing CA) corresponding to the certified Public Key

MUST (NOT)-level changes – Non-TLS ICAs

- The Subject of a non-TLS ICA MUST be validated and encoded according to the TLS BRs
 - Even if another specification (e.g., S/MIME BRs) defines its own validation and encoding requirements, the TLS BRs prevail
- Required conformance to RFC 5280 (RFC 6818 not allowed)
- All IP Addresses and Domain Names in nameConstraints MUST be validated per 3.2.2.4/3.2.2.5
- All dirName NameConstraints MUST be validated per 3.2
- If a rfc822Name Name Constraint contains a Mailbox Address, the CA MUST validate the domain-part per 3.2.2.4
- Subject Public Key types are restricted to those allowed by the BRs (e.g., EdDSA, Brainpool, etc. is prohibited)
- certificatePolicies MUST NOT contain anyPolicy if the Subordinate CA is not issued to an Affiliate (mirrors TLS ICA profile)

SHOULD (NOT)-level changes – Subject

- streetAddress is now a SHOULD NOT
 - 23.78K affected Certificates
https://search.censys.io/certificates?q=parsed.extensions.extended_key_usage.server_auth%3A+true+and+tags.raw%3Atrusted+and+tags.raw%3Aleaf+and+parsed.subject.street_address%3A+%2A
- postalCode is now a SHOULD NOT
 - 23.5K affected Certificates
https://search.censys.io/certificates?q=parsed.extensions.extended_key_usage.server_auth%3A+true+and+tags.raw%3Atrusted+and+tags.raw%3Aleaf+and+parsed.subject.postal_code%3A+%2A
- Any attribute not explicitly listed in the ordering table SHOULD NOT be included

SHOULD (NOT)-level changes – KeyUsage

- RSA: digitalSignature and keyEncipherment together is now a SHOULD NOT

614.74 million affected Certificates

<https://search.censys.io/certificates?q=tags.raw%3Atrusted+and+parsed.extensions.extended+key+usage.server+auth%3A+true+and+parsed.extensions.key+usage.digital+signature%3A+true+and+parsed.extensions.key+usage.key+encipherment%3A+true>

SHOULD (NOT)-level changes – certPolicies

- The first policy OID SHOULD be a reserved CABF policy OID

SHOULD (NOT)-level changes – Authority Key Identifier

- SHOULD be included in Root Certificates
 - 224 affected Root Certificates
https://search.censys.io/certificates?q=tags.raw%3Aroot+and+not+parsed.extensions.authority_key_id%3A+%2A+and+tags.raw%3Atrusted

SHOULD (NOT)-level changes – Name Constraints

- SHOULD not contain permittedSubtrees or excludedSubtrees that are not of type dirName, ipAddress, or dSName

SHOULD (NOT)-level changes – Other Extensions

- SHOULD NOT contain extensions that are not explicitly listed in the Extensions table
 - MSFT Template Name, etc.
 - QCStatements
 - TLSFeature (OCSP Must-Staple)

Profiles v2

- Tackling some of the items deferred from v1

Who defines OIDs?

- 7.1.2.4 (the “any other extension” requirement) and 7.1.2.3 (a) (Policy OID requirement) refer to an Applicant “owning an OID” or the CA “defining an OID”, respectively
- How is ownership determined?
 - Can use be granted?

Certificate Policies

- V1 of Profiles allows for cPSUri across the board (in all non-Root Certificate types)
 - It has been proposed to disallow all qualifiers for Sub CA Certificates with anyPolicy in v2
- V1 allows for Certificate Policies extension in OCSP responders until the sunset date

Naming

- V1 of Profiles makes OrganizationName in IV certificates “NOT RECOMMENDED”
 - Proposed in v2 to make MUST NOT
- Defining Naming requirements for OCSP responders
- Define requirements for dnQualifier attribute to enable sunset of CN

Other items

- Define requirements for several extensions
 - QCStatements
 - TLSFeature
 - CABFOrganizationId
- Prohibit all non-TLS issuance

Questions?