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Exporting Public key from HSM as X9.62

Apple and Google require a X9.62 style key for GAEN. The HSM its current PKCS#11 implementation does not seem to support ECDSA keys[1] export. The proprietary `cxitool` outputs the public key as a 65 byte hex blob.

With that blob an ASN1 X9.62 can be constructed by taking the ASN1 of the algorithm identifier (id-ecPublicKey0 and parameter (secp256r1) and postfixing this by the public key (as the length is known already).

```
cxitool Dev=<hsmport>}@<hsmhost> \
        LogonPass=USR_<userid>,<pin> \
        Group=SLOT_<slotid> Spec=<specid> \
        ExportPubKeyFile=/tmp/ec.$$

(
        echo −−−−−BEGIN PUBLIC KEY−−−−−
        (
                #construct prefix
                openssl ecparam −name secp256r1 −genkey −noout | \
                        openssl ec −pubout  | tail +2 | head −2 |\
                        base64 −d  | xxd −p −l 26
                # extract key
                PUB=`tail −1 /tmp/ec.$$ | sed −e 's/.*PUB=//'`
        ) | xxd −r −p | base64
        echo −−−−−END PUBLIC KEY−−−−−
) | openssl ec −pubin > /etc/keys/ecdsa.pem

openssl ec −text −pubin < /etc/keys/ecdsa.pem

# This rm is fairly crucial − as cxitool will silently fail on the next
# run (but still having changed the key − so they are now out of sync).
rm −f /tmp/ec.$$
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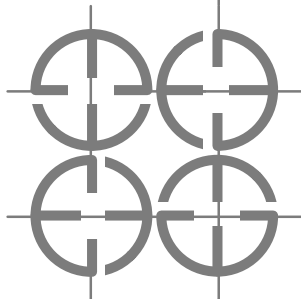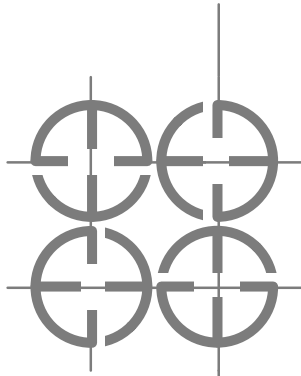
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[1]The various export operations yields a truncated key. Cause unclear

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