

A tale of daemons, wizards and a magic carpet



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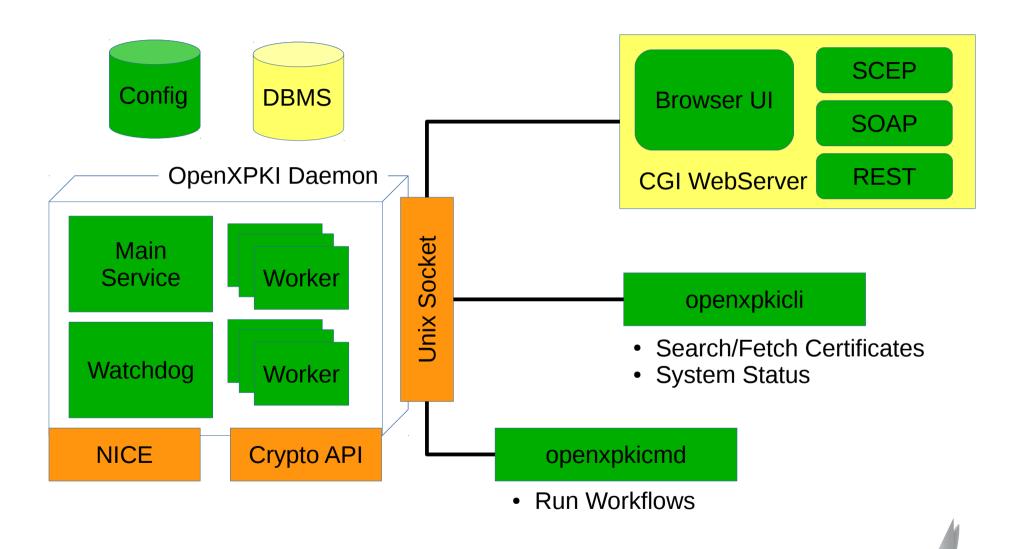
Agenda

- OpenXPKI Core Architecture
- Client API and Interfaces
- NICE Backend API

- Wizard-Like User Interface
- Workflow Engine OpenXPKI's magic carpet



OpenXPKI Core Architecture





Client API and Interfaces / SCEP

- "Industry Standard", invented by Cisco
- anonymous initial enrollment
- initial enrollment with password, OnBehalf certificate
- signed renewal
- support for revocation information (GetCRL)
- support for root CA rollover (GetNextCA)



Client API and Interfaces / SOAP

- automated revocation of certificates
- anonymous
- authenticated via HTTPS with client certificate
- revocation by certificate identifier or IssuerSerial
- easily extensible (e.g. revoke by Smartcard ID)
- planned: request certificates via SOAP



Client API and Interfaces / REST

- manage certificates using REST over HTTPS
- fetch certificate details using GET
- request/renew certificate using POST/PUT
- revoke certificate using DELETE
- easy integration of full certificate lifecycle into 3rd party applications with few knowledge on "crypto things"



Client API and Interfaces / Browser UI

- works in any modern browser (based on Ember.js)
- login using different authentication backends
- download of entity and ca certificates, revocation lists
- search for certificates and workflows
- request / revoke certificates
- reports and statistics



NICE

Nice Interface for Certificate Enrollment



NICE Backend API

- abstraction layer for "atomic" CA operations
- default backend uses local OpenSSL
- can delegate CA operations to a remote system
- 3rd party connectors (available on request)
 - SwissSign (server and user certificates)
 - Verisign (server certs only, NDA required)
 - PSW Group (reseller of several public CAs)



NICE Backend API

- why use OpenXPKI to talk to 3rd party CAs?
- accessible inside company network
- automation interfaces available (SCEP, SOAP)
- enforce process and policies
- easy monitoring of existing / expiring certificates



User Interface

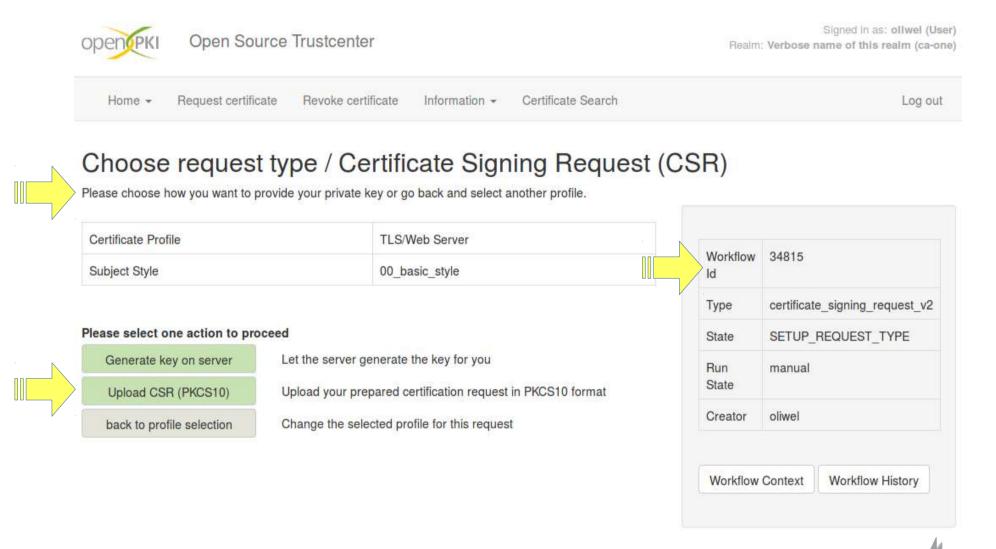


User Interface

- all logic is done on the server
- many aspects can be configured
- extension possible without "hacking the core"
- "step by step" user guidance



User Interface / Certificate Request





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User Interface / Certificate Request

Edit Subject / Certificate Signing Request (CSR)

Edit the items in the main subject of the certification request. The final subject will be composed from your input based on the selected profile and the PKIs posterior the subject before final submission.

Hostname	fully.qualified.example.com	
	Please specify a value	
Additional Hostnames	fully.qualified.example.com	+
Port		
	continue	



User Interface / Certificate Request

Review Request / Certificate Signing Request (CSR)

Your request is ready to be submitted. Please check if the information shown is correct. You can update information using the buttons believe button to enqueue the request for further processing.

Certificate Subject	CN=www.example.com,DC=Test Deploy	ment,DC=OpenXPKI,DC=org
Subject Alternative Name	DNS: www.example.com (ok) DNS: www.example.dw (FAIL)	 make problems visible to
Failed Policy Check DNS	www.example.dw (FAIL)	the user early!
Certificate Profile	TLS/Web Server	
Requestor Information	Firstname	 catch errors before they
	Lastname	reach your backoffice
	T	reach your backonice
	Email address mail@oliwel.de	
	Affiliation	
	System Owner	 reduce support effort



Re-Evaluate Policy

Edit Subject

Edit SAN

Edit Certificate Info

Cancel Request





User Interface / Operator View



Open Source Trustcenter

Signed in as: raop (RA Operator)
Realm: Verbose name of this realm (ca-one)

Home →

Request +

PKI Operation -

Information -

Certificate Search

Workflow Search

Log out

Outstanding tasks

Certification Requests

Certificate requests awaiting approval.

Serial	Updated	State	Subject	Creator
34815	2015-10-18 11:28:01	PENDING_POLICY_VIOLATION	CN=www.example.com,DC=Test Deployment,DC=OpenXPKI,DC=org	oliwel / mail@oliwel.de
28671	2015-10-14 13:38:29	PENDING	CN=ich+UID=ich,DC=hier,DC=Test Deployment,DC=OpenXPKI,DC=org	ich /

Revocation Requests

Revocation workflows awaiting approval.

Serial	Updated	Туре	State
32511	2015-10-16 12:13:28	certificate_revocation_request_v2	PENDING





User Interface / Operator View

Certification Requests

Certificate requests awaiting approval.

Serial	Updated	State	Subject	Creator
28671	2015-10-14 13:38:29	PENDING	CN=ich+UID=ich,DC=hier,DC=Test Deployment,DC=OpenXPKI,DC=org	ich /

Requests with Policy Expcetion

Those requests violate the PKI policy and await exceptional approval.

Serial	Updated	User Comment for Exceptional approval	Subject	Creator
34815	2015-10-18 11:28:01	New Domain not in DNS	CN=www.example.com,DC=Test Deployment,DC=OpenXPKI,DC=org	oliwel / mail@oliwel.de

- trim the frontend to fit your support needs
- faster turnaround time, less errors
- it's only config (auditors love it!)



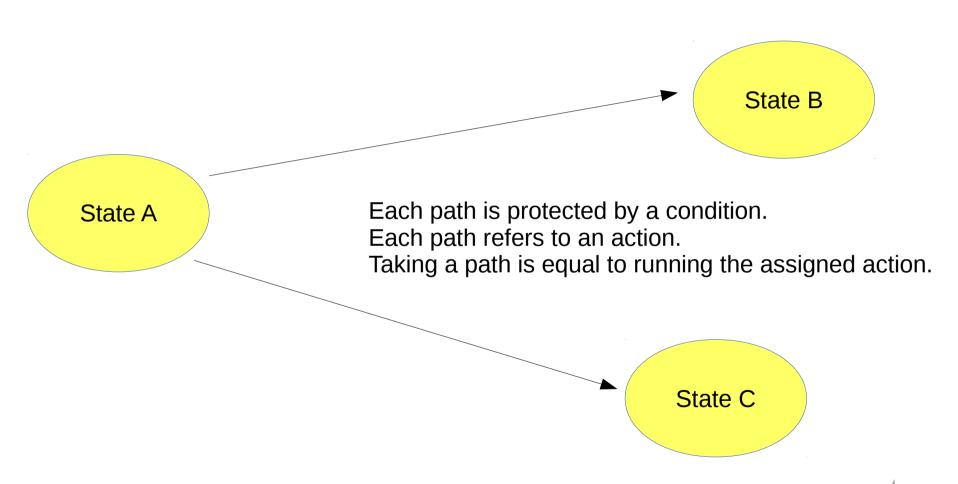
Workflow Engine

A magic carpet ... can be used to transport humans ... instantaneously or quickly to their destination.

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Magic_carpet



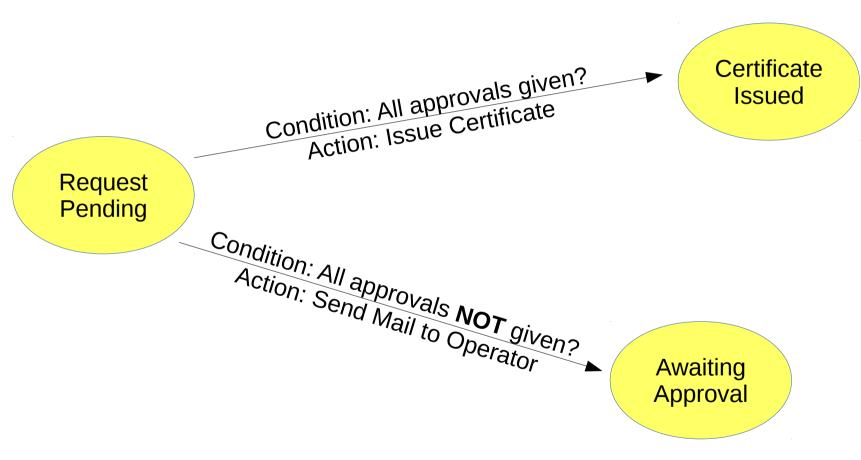
Workflow Engine / How it works





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Workflow Engine / How it works





Workflow Engine / Building Blocks

- state machine
- workflow graph
- pre-defined code blocks
- configuration layer
- workflow context (scratchpad to store key/value pairs)
- scheduled execution in background



Workflow Engine / Building Conditions

simple inline evaluation of context values

query external datasources using values from context

```
profile_has_san_section:|
    class: OpenXPKI::Server::Workflow::Condition::Connector::Exists
    param:
        _map_config_path: profile.[% context.cert_profile %].style.[% context.cert_subject_style %].ui.san
```

- run custom code (defined in a custom class)
- conditions must give boolean answers (yes/no)



Workflow Engine / State-Action-Graph

state with single condition and two paths

```
LOAD_NEXT_CA:
    autorun: 1
    action:
    - get_next_ca > ISSUE_CRL ? !is_ca_list_empty
    - global_noop > SUCCESS ? is_ca_list_empty
```

define action

```
get_next_ca:
    class: OpenXPKI::Server::Workflow::Activity::Tools::WFArray
    param:
        array_name: ca_alias_list
        context_key: ca_alias
        function: shift
```



Workflow Engine / User Interaction



Open Source Trustcenter

Signed in as: ollwel (User)
Realm: Verbose name of this realm (ca-one)

Home +

Request certificate

Revoke certificate

Information -

Certificate Search

Loa out

Choose request type / Certificate Signing Request (CSR)

Please choose how you want to provide your private key or go back and select another profile.

Certificate Profile	TLS/Web Server
Subject Style	00_basic_style

Please select one action to proceed

Generate key on server
Upload CSR (PKCS10)

Let the server generate the key for you

Upload your prepared certification request in PKCS10 format

back to profile selection Change the selected profile for this request

Workflow Id	34815		
Туре	certificate_signing_request_v2		
State	SETUP_REQUEST_TYPE		
Run State	manual		
Creator	oliwel		
Workflow	Context	Workflow History	





Workflow Engine / User Interaction

```
SETUP REQUEST TYPE:
    label: I18N_OPENXPKI_UI_WORKFLOW_STATE_CSR_SETUP_REQUEST_TYPE_LABEL Choose request type / Certificate Signing Request (CSR)
    description: I18N OPENXPKI UI WORKFLOW STATE CSR_SETUP_REQUEST_TYPE_D Please choose how you want to provide your private key or go back and select another profile.
     action:
       - provide server key params > ENTER KEY PASSWORD ? can use server key
       - upload pkcs10 > ENTER SUBJECT ? can use client key
       - select profile > SETUP REQUEST TYPE
     output:
                                                                                        Certificate Profile
                                                                                                                   People (Secure eMail / Authentication)
       - cert profile
       - cert subject style
                                                                                        Subject Style
                                                                                                                  00 user basic style
     button:
       head: I18N OPENXPKI UI WORKFLOW HINT SELECT TO PROCEED
       provide server key params:
         description: I18N OPENXPKI UI WORKFLOW HINT SERVER KEY PARAMS
                                                                                        Please select one action to proceed
         format: expected
       upload pkcs10:
                                                                                              Generate key on server
                                                                                                                      Let the server generate the key for
         description: I18N OPENXPKI UI WORKFLOW HINT PKCS10 UPLOAD
                                                                                                                      Upload your prepared certification
                                                                                              Upload CSR (PKCS10)
         format: expected
       select profile:
                                                                                                                      Change the selected profile for th
                                                                                             back to profile selection
         label: I18N OPENXPKI UI WORKFLOW HINT CHANGE PROFILE LABEL
         description: I18N OPENXPKI UI WORKFLOW HINT CHANGE PROFILE
```



format: optional

Workflow Engine / Summary

- customization of shipped workflows possible
- write your own workflow using pre-defined code blocks
- create new code for actions and conditions
- · user interface auto-generated from workflow config



Thank You!



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