

Asymmetric key management



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Asymmetric key management : Goals

- ▷ Key pair generation
 - ♦ When and how should they be generated
- ▷ Exploitation of private keys
 - ♦ How can they be kept private
- ▷ Distribution of public keys
 - ♦ How can them be distributed correctly worldwide
- ▷ Lifetime of key pairs
 - ♦ Until when should they be used
 - ♦ How can one check the obsolescence of a key pair



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Generation of key pairs: Design principles

- ▷ Good random generators for producing secrets
 - ♦ Bernoulli $\frac{1}{2}$ generator
 - Memoryless generator, unpredictability is crucial!!
 - $P(b=1) = P(b=0) = 1/2$
- ▷ Facilitate without compromising security
 - ♦ Efficient RSA public keys
 - Few bits, typically 2^k+1 values (3, 17, $65537 = 2^{16} + 1$)
 - Accelerates operations with public keys
 - No security issues
- ▷ Self-generation of private keys
 - ♦ To maximize privacy
 - ♦ This principle can be relaxed when not involving signatures



Exploitation of private keys

- ▷ Correctness
 - ♦ The private key represents a subject
 - Its compromise must be minimized
 - Physically secure backup copies can exist in some cases
 - ♦ The access path to the private key must be controlled
 - Access protection with password or PIN
 - Correctness of applications
- ▷ Confinement
 - ♦ Protection of the private key inside a (reduced) security domain (ex. cryptographic token)
 - The token generates key pairs
 - The token exports the public key but never the private key
 - The token internally encrypts/decrypts with the private key

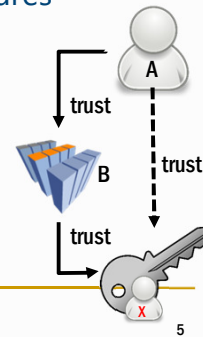


Distribution of public keys

- ▷ Distribution to all **senders** of confidential data
 - ♦ Manual
 - ♦ Using a shared secret
 - ♦ Ad-hoc using digital certificates
- ▷ Distribution to all **receivers** of digital signatures
 - ♦ Ad-hoc using digital certificates
- ▷ Trustworthy dissemination of public keys
 - ♦ Transitive trust paths / graphs

If entity A trusts entity B and B trust in K_x^+ ,
then A trusts in K_x^+

- ♦ Certification hierarchies / graphs



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Public key (digital) certificates

- ▷ Documents issued by a Certification Authority (CA)
 - ♦ Bind a public key to an entity
 - Person, server or service
 - ♦ Are public documents
 - Do not contain private information, only public one
 - ♦ Are cryptographically secure
 - Digitally signed by the issuer, cannot be changed
- ▷ Can be used to distribute public keys in a trustworthy way
 - ♦ A certificate receiver can validate it
 - With the CA's public key
 - ♦ If the signer (CA) public key is trusted, and the signature is correct, then the receiver can trust the (certified) public key
 - As the CA trust the public key, if the receiver trusts on the CA public key, the receiver can trust on the public key



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Public key (digital) certificates

- ▷ X.509v3 standard
 - ♦ **Mandatory fields**
 - Version
 - Subject
 - Public key
 - Dates (issuing, deadline)
 - Issuer
 - Signature
 - etc.
 - ♦ **Extensions**
 - Critical or non-critical
- ▷ PKCS #6
 - ♦ **Extended-Certificate Syntax Standard**
- ▷ Binary formats
 - ♦ **ASN.1 (Abstract Syntax Notation)**
 - DER, CER, BER, etc.
 - ♦ **PKCS #7**
 - Cryptographic Message Syntax Standard
 - ♦ **PKCS #12**
 - Personal Information Exchange Syntax Standard
- ▷ Other formats
 - ♦ **PEM (Privacy Enhanced Mail)**
 - ♦ **base64 encodings of X.509**



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Key pair usage

- ▷ A key pair is bound to a usage profile by its public key certificate
 - ♦ **Public keys are seldom multi-purpose**
- ▷ Typical usages
 - ♦ **Authentication / key distribution**
 - Digital signature, Key encipherment, Data encipherment, Key agreement
 - ♦ **Document signing**
 - Digital signature, Non-repudiation
 - ♦ **Certificate issuing**
 - Certificate signing, CRL signing
- ▷ Public key certificates have an extension for this
 - ♦ **Key usage (critical)**



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Certification Authorities (CA)

- ▷ Organizations that manage public key certificates
- ▷ Define policies and mechanisms for
 - ♦ Issuing certificates
 - ♦ Revoking certificates
 - ♦ Distributing certificates
 - ♦ Issuing and distributing the corresponding private keys
- ▷ Manage certificate revocation lists
 - ♦ Lists of revoked certificates



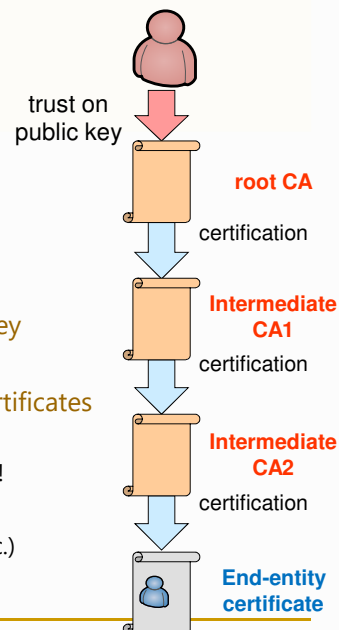
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CA types

- ▷ Intermediate CAs
 - ♦ CAs certified by other CAs
- ▷ Root CAs
 - ♦ CAs for which one has a **trusted** public key
 - ♦ **Trust anchor**
 - ♦ Usually implemented by **self-certified** certificates
 - Issuer = Subject
 - Self-certification is not a reason for trusting!
 - ♦ **Manual distribution**
 - Tools' repositories (Firefox, Thunderbird, etc.)
 - Operating systems' repositories

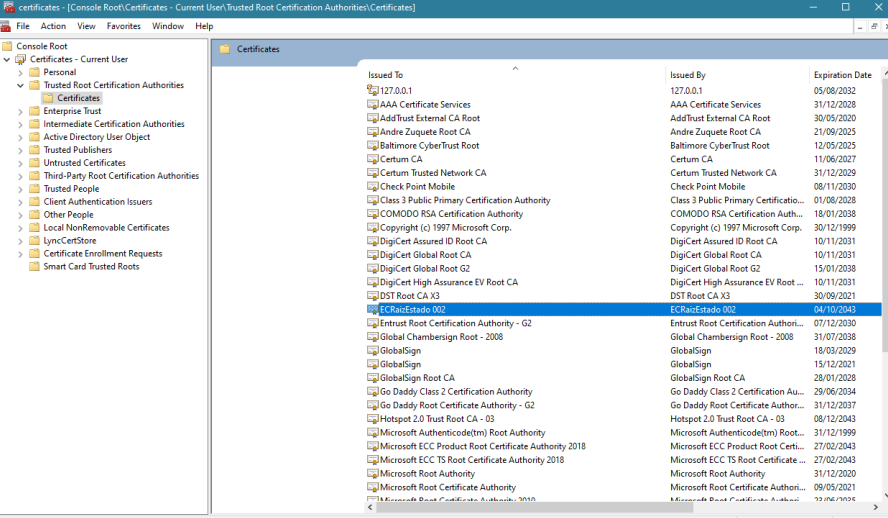


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Certificates of Root CAs: Windows 10



Issued To	Issued By	Expiration Date
127.0.0.1	127.0.0.1	05/08/2032
AAA Certificate Services	AAA Certificate Services	31/12/2028
AddTrust External CA Root	AddTrust External CA Root	30/05/2020
Andre Zuquete Root CA	Andre Zuquete Root CA	21/09/2025
Baltimore CyberTrust Root	Baltimore CyberTrust Root	12/05/2025
Certum CA	Certum CA	11/06/2027
Certum Trusted Network CA	Certum Trusted Network CA	31/12/2029
Check Point Mobile	Check Point Mobile	08/11/2030
Class 3 Public Primary Certification Authority	Class 3 Public Primary Certification Authority	01/06/2028
COMODO RSA Certification Authority	COMODO RSA Certification Authority	18/01/2038
Copyright (c) 1997 Microsoft Corp.	Copyright (c) 1997 Microsoft Corp.	30/12/1999
DigiCert Assured ID Root CA	DigiCert Assured ID Root CA	10/11/2031
DigiCert Global Root CA	DigiCert Global Root CA	10/11/2031
DigiCert Global Root G2	DigiCert Global Root G2	15/01/2038
DigiCert High Assurance EV Root CA	DigiCert High Assurance EV Root CA	10/11/2031
DST Root CA X3	DST Root CA X3	30/06/2021
ECRAIEstado 002	ECRAIEstado 002	04/10/2043
Entrust Root Certification Authority - G2	Entrust Root Certification Authority - G2	07/12/2030
Global Chambersign Root - 2008	Global Chambersign Root - 2008	31/07/2038
GlobalSign	GlobalSign	18/03/2029
GlobalSign Root CA	GlobalSign Root CA	15/12/2021
Go Daddy Class 2 Certification Authority	Go Daddy Class 2 Certification Authority	28/01/2028
Go Daddy Root Certificate Authority - G2	Go Daddy Root Certificate Authority - G2	29/06/2034
Hotspot 2.0 Trust Root CA - 03	Hotspot 2.0 Trust Root CA - 03	31/12/2037
Microsoft Authenticode(m) Root Authority	Microsoft Authenticode(m) Root Authority	08/12/2043
Microsoft ECC Product Root Certificate Authority 2018	Microsoft ECC Product Root Certificate Authority 2018	31/12/1999
Microsoft ECC TS Root Certificate Authority 2018	Microsoft ECC TS Root Certificate Authority 2018	27/02/2043
Microsoft Root Certificate Authority	Microsoft Root Certificate Authority	27/02/2043
Microsoft Root Certificate Authority	Microsoft Root Certificate Authority	31/12/2020
Microsoft Root Certificate Authority	Microsoft Root Certificate Authority	09/05/2021
Microsoft Root Certificate Authority	Microsoft Root Certificate Authority	19/06/2034

Trusted Root Certification Authorities store contains 45 certificates.

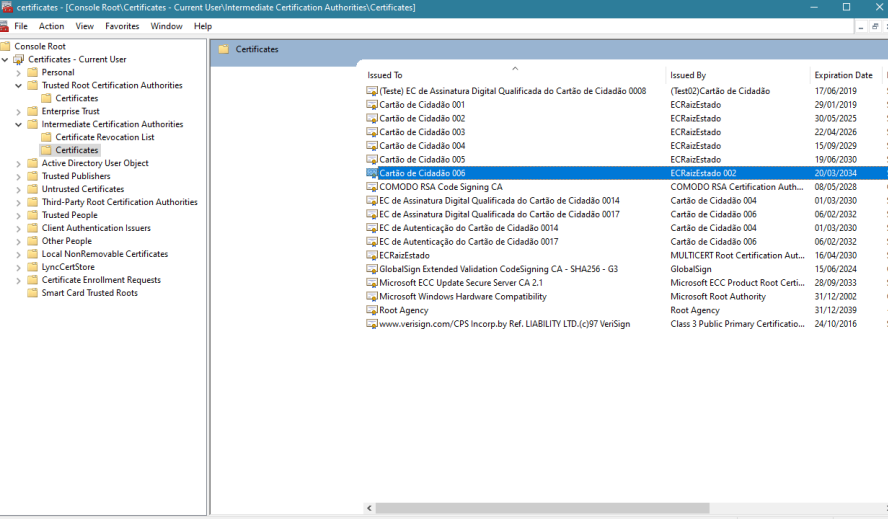


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Certs. of Intermediate CAs: Windows 10



Issued To	Issued By	Expiration Date
(Teste) EC de Assinatura Digital Qualificada do Cartão de Cidadão 0008	(Teste)EC de Assinatura Digital Qualificada do Cartão de Cidadão	17/06/2019
Cartão de Cidadão 001	ECRAIEstado	29/01/2019
Cartão de Cidadão 002	ECRAIEstado	30/05/2025
Cartão de Cidadão 003	ECRAIEstado	22/04/2026
Cartão de Cidadão 004	ECRAIEstado	15/09/2029
Cartão de Cidadão 005	ECRAIEstado	19/06/2030
Cartão de Cidadão 006	ECRAIEstado 002	20/01/2034
COMODO RSA Code Signing CA	COMODO RSA Certification Authority	08/05/2028
EC de Assinatura Digital Qualificada do Cartão de Cidadão 0014	Cartão de Cidadão 004	01/03/2030
EC de Assinatura Digital Qualificada do Cartão de Cidadão 0017	Cartão de Cidadão 006	06/02/2032
EC de Autenticação do Cartão de Cidadão 0014	Cartão de Cidadão 004	01/03/2030
EC de Autenticação do Cartão de Cidadão 0017	Cartão de Cidadão 006	06/02/2032
ECRAIEstado	MULTICERT Root Certification Authority	16/04/2030
GlobalSign Extended Validation CodeSigning CA - SHA256 - G3	GlobalSign	15/06/2024
Microsoft ECC Update Secure Server CA 2.1	Microsoft ECC Product Root Certificate Authority	28/09/2033
Microsoft Windows Hardware Compatibility	Microsoft Root Authority	31/12/2002
Root Agency	Root Agency	31/12/2039
www.verisign.com/CPS Incomp.by Ref. LIABILITY LTD.(c)97 VeriSign	Class 3 Public Primary Certification Authority	24/10/2016

Intermediate Certification Authorities store contains 18 certificates.

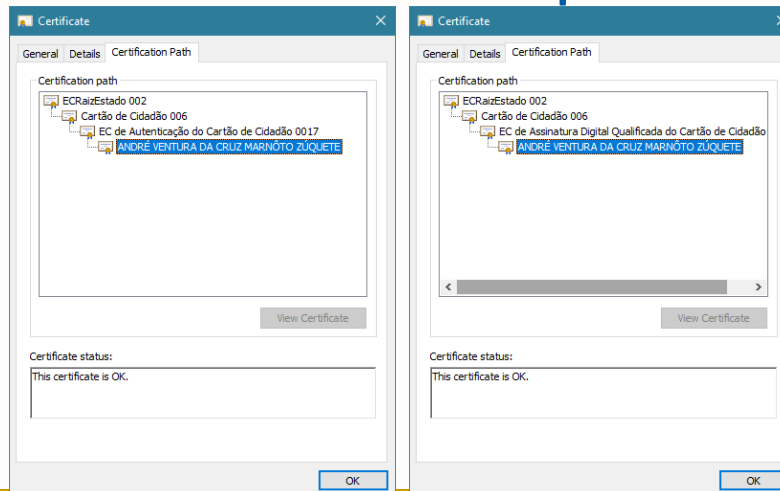


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Certification hierarchies (or chains, paths): Cartão de Cidadão example



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Certification hierarchies: PEM (Privacy Enhanced Mail) model

- ▷ Distribution of certificates for PEM (secure e-mail)
 - ♦ Worldwide hierarchy (**monopoly**)
 - ♦ Single root (IPRA)
 - ♦ Several PCA (Policy Creation Authorities) bellow the root
 - ♦ Several CA below each PCA
 - Possibly belonging to organizations or companies
- ▷ Never implemented
 - ♦ Forest of hierarchies
 - Each with its independent root CA
 - **Oligarchy**
 - ♦ Each root CA negotiates the distribution of its public key along with some applications or operating systems
 - ex. Browsers, Windows



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Certification hierarchies: PGP (Pretty Good Privacy) model

▷ Web of trust

- No central trustworthy authorities
 - Each person is a potential certifier
 - Can certify a public key (issue a certificate) and publish it
- People uses 2 kinds of trust
 - Trust in the **keys they know**
 - Validated using any means (FAX, telephone, etc.)
 - Trust in the **behavior of certifiers**
 - Assumption that they know what they are doing when issuing a certificate

▷ Transitive trust

- If

Alice trusts Bob is a correct certifier; and
Bob certified the public key of Carl,
- then

Alice trusts the public key belongs to Carl

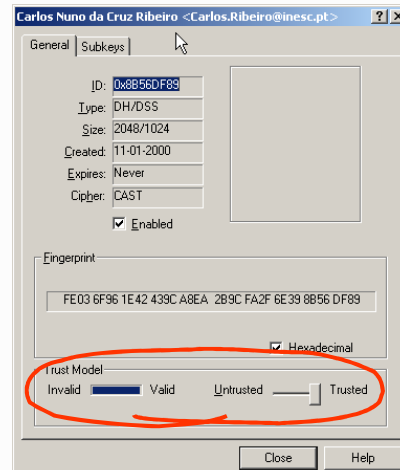
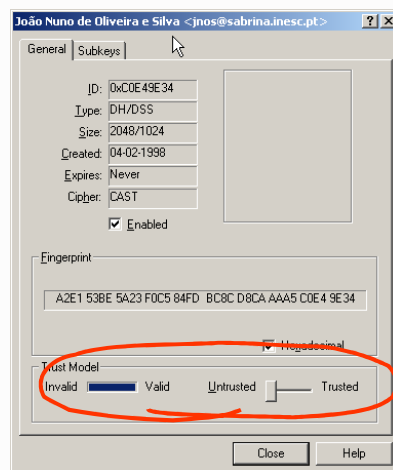


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PGP public key certificates: Validity vs. trust



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Refreshing of asymmetric key pairs

- ▷ Key pairs should have a limited lifetime
 - ♦ Because private keys can be lost or discovered
 - ♦ To implement a regular update policy
- ▷ Problem
 - ♦ Certificates can be freely copied and distributed
 - ♦ The universe of certificate holders is unknown!
 - Thus, cannot be told to eliminate specific certificates
- ▷ Solutions
 - ♦ Certificates with a validity period
 - ♦ Certificate revocation lists
 - To revoke certificates before expiring their validity



Certificate revocation lists (CRL)

- ▷ **Base or delta**
 - ♦ Complete / differences
- ▷ Signed list of identifiers of **prematurely invalidated** certificates
 - ♦ Can tell the revocation reason
 - ♦ Must be regularly fetched by verifiers
 - e.g. once a day
- ▷ Single certificate validations
 - ♦ OSCP (RFC 6960) query/response
 - ♦ OSCP stapling (RFCs 6066, 6961, 8446)
- ▷ Publication and distribution of CRLs
 - ♦ Each CA keeps its CRL and allows public access to it
 - ♦ CAs exchange CRLs to facilitate their widespreading

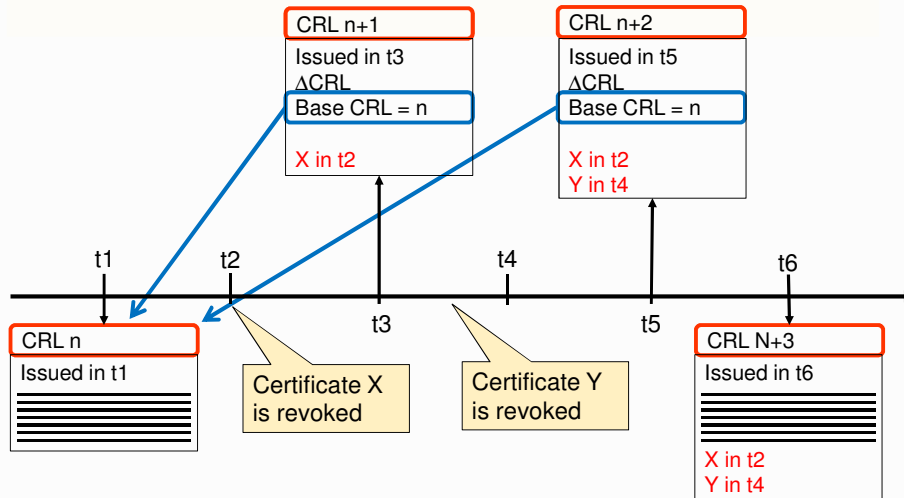
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unspecified (0)
keyCompromise (1)
CACompromise (2)
affiliationChanged (3)
superseded (4)
cessationOfOperation (5)
certificateHold (6)

removeFromCRL (8)
privilegeWithdrawn (9)
AACompromise (10)



CRL and Delta CRL

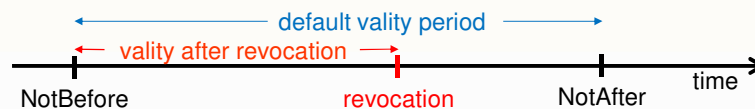


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Validity of signatures



- ▷ A signature is **valid** if it was generated during the **validity period** of the corresponding pub key certificate
 - ♦ The validity period starts on the certificate's **NotBefore** date field
 - ♦ By default, the validity ends on the **NotAfter** date field
 - Unless revoked
- ▷ A private key can be used out of that period
 - ♦ But the signature it produces is invalid
- ▷ A public key certificate can be used anytime
 - ♦ Namely, after the validity period to check past signatures



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Distribution of public key certificates

- ▷ Integrated with systems or applications
- ▷ Directory systems
 - ♦ Large scale
 - ex. X.500 through LDAP
 - ♦ Organizational
 - ex. Windows 2000 Active Directory (AD)
- ▷ Together with signatures
 - ♦ Within protocols using certificates for peer authentication
 - e.g. secure communication protocols (SSL, IPSec, etc.)
 - ♦ As part of document signatures
 - PDF/Word/XML, etc. documents, MIME mail messages



Distribution of public key certificates

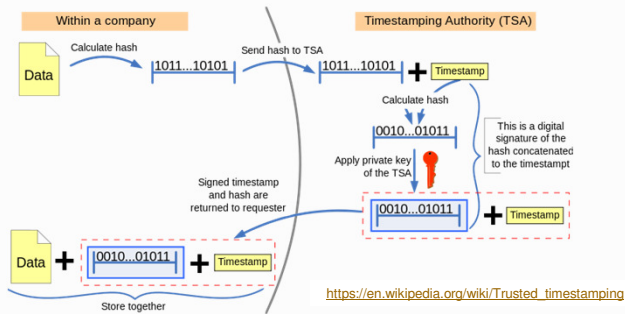
- ▷ Explicit (voluntarily triggered by users)
- ▷ User request to a service for getting a required certificate
 - ♦ e.g. request sent by e-mail
 - ♦ e.g. access to a personal HTTP page
- ▷ Useful for creating certification chains for frequently used terminal certificates
 - ♦ e.g. certificate chains for authenticating with the Cartão de Cidadão



Time Stamping Authority (TSA)

- ▷ A service that provides signatures over a timestamp

- ♦ Linked with a data digest **Trusted timestamping**



- ▷ This is useful for adding trust to a data signature date

- ♦ The signature date becomes linked to the signed data



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PKI (Public Key Infrastructure)

- ▷ Infrastructure for enabling the use of keys pairs and certificates

- ♦ Creation of asymmetric key pairs for each enrolled entity
 - Enrolment policies
 - Key pair generation policies
 - ♦ Creation and distribution of public key certificates
 - Enrolment policies
 - Definition of certificate attributes
 - ♦ Definition and use of certification chains (or paths)
 - Insertion in a certification hierarchy
 - Certification of other CAs
 - ♦ Update, publication and consultation of CRLs
 - Policies for revoking certificates
 - Online CRL distribution services
 - Online OCSP services
 - ♦ Use of data structures and protocols enabling inter-operation among components / services / people



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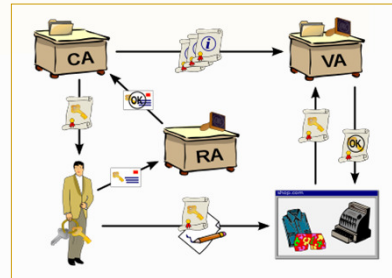
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PKI entities: Registration Authority (RA)

▷ The actual interface with certificate owners

- ♦ Identification and authentication of certificate applicants
- ♦ Approval or rejection of certificate applications
- ♦ Initiating certificate revocations or suspensions under certain circumstances
- ♦ Processing subscriber requests to revoke or suspend their certificates
- ♦ Approving or rejecting requests by subscribers to renew or re-key their certificates



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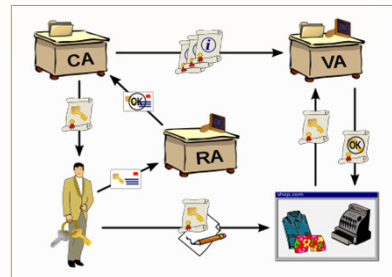
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PKI entities: Validation Authority (VA)

▷ A service that helps to validate certificates

- ♦ OCSP service



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PKI:

Example: Cartão de Cidadão policies

▷ Enrollment

- ♦ In loco, personal enrolment

▷ Multiple key pairs per person

- ♦ One for authentication
- ♦ One for signing data
- ♦ Generated in smartcard, not exportable
- ♦ Require a PIN in each operation

▷ Certificate usage (authorized)

- ♦ Authentication
 - SSL Client Certificate, Email (**Netscape cert. type**)
 - Signing, Key Agreement (**key usage**)
- ♦ Signature
 - Email (**Netscape cert. type**)
 - Non-repudiation (**key usage**)

▷ Certification path

- ♦ **PT root CA** below global root (**before 2020**)
- ♦ **PT root CA** (**after 2020**)
- ♦ **CC root CA** below PT root CA
- ♦ **CC Authentication CA** and **CC signature CA** below CC root CA

▷ CRLs

- ♦ Signature certificate revoked by default
 - Removed if owner explicitly requires the usage of signatures
- ♦ Certificates revoked upon a owner request
 - Requires a revocation PIN
- ♦ CRL distribution points explicitly mentioned in each certificate



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PKI:

Trust relationships

▷ A PKI defines trust relationships in two different ways

- ♦ By issuing certificates for the public key of other CAs
 - Hierarchically below; or
 - Not hierarchically related
- ♦ By requiring the certification of its public key by another CA
 - Above in the hierarchy; or
 - Not hierarchically related

▷ Usual trust relationships

- ♦ Hierarchical
- ♦ Crossed (A certifies B and vice-versa)
- ♦ Ad-hoc (mesh)
 - More or less complex certification graphs



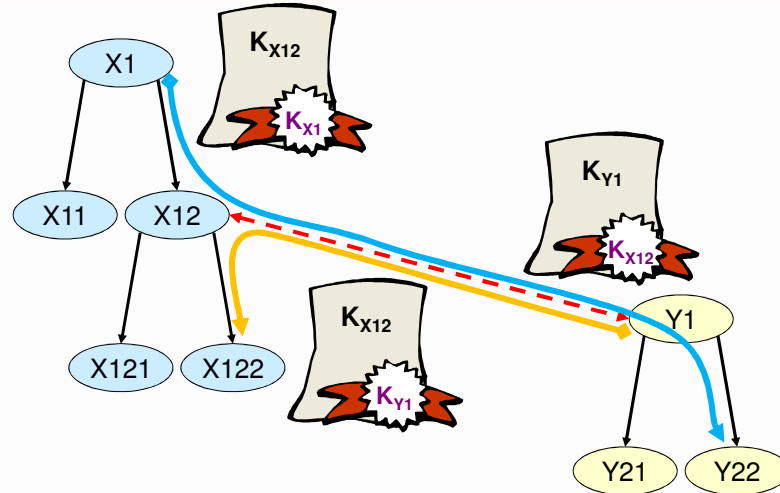
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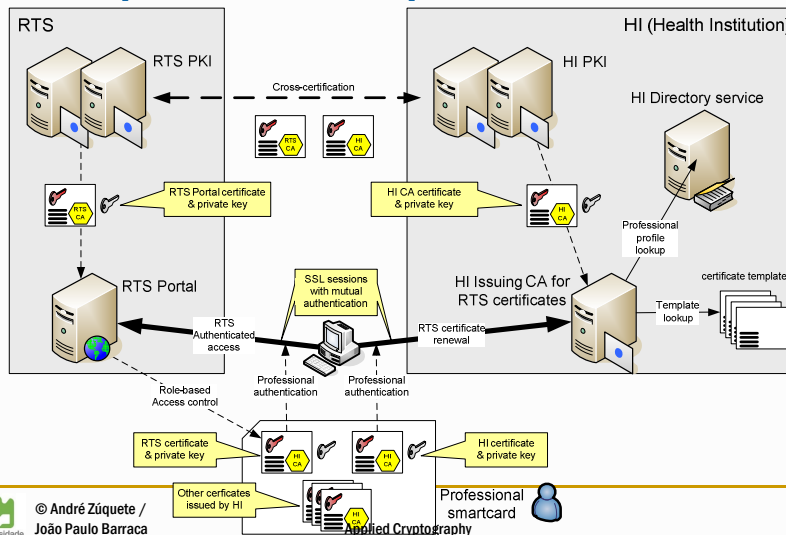
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PKI:

Hierarchical and crossed certifications



Cross-certification of PKIs: A practical example



Additional documentation

- ▷ [\[RFC 3280\]](#) Internet X.509 Public Key Infrastructure: Certificate and CRL Profile
- ▷ Other RFCs
 - [\[RFC 4210\]](#) Internet X.509 Public Key Infrastructure Certificate Management Protocol (CMP)
 - [\[RFC 4211\]](#) Internet X.509 Public Key Infrastructure Certificate Request Message Format (CRMF)
 - [\[RFC 3494\]](#) Lightweight Directory Access Protocol version 2 (LDAPv2) to Historic Status
 - [\[RFC 6960\]](#) X.509 Internet Public Key Infrastructure Online Certificate Status Protocol - OCSP
 - [\[RFC 2585\]](#) Internet X.509 PKI Operational Protocols: FTP and HTTP
 - [\[RFC 2587\]](#) Internet X.509 PKI LDAPv2 Schema
 - [\[RFC 3029\]](#) Internet X.509 PKI Data Validation and Certification Server Protocols
 - [\[RFC 3161\]](#) Internet X.509 PKI Time-Stamp Protocol (TSP)
 - [\[RFC 3279\]](#) Algorithms and Identifiers for the Internet X.509 PKI Certificate and Certificate Revocation List (CRL) Profile
 - [\[RFC 3281\]](#) An Internet Attribute Certificate Profile for Authorization
 - [\[RFC 3647\]](#) Internet X.509 PKI Certificate Policy and Certification Practices Framework
 - [\[RFC 3709\]](#) Internet X.509 PKI: Logotypes in X.509 Certificates
 - [\[RFC 3739\]](#) Internet X.509 PKI: Qualified Certificates Profile
 - [\[RFC 3779\]](#) X.509 Extensions for IP Addresses and AS Identifiers
 - [\[RFC 3820\]](#) Internet X.509 PKI Proxy Certificate Profile

