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EdDSA Value for IPSECKEY

Abstract

This document assigns a value for Edwards-Curve Digital Signature Algorithm (EdDSA) Public Keys to the "IPSECKEY Resource Record Parameters" registry.

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1. Introduction

IPSECKEY [[RFC4025](#)] is a resource record (RR) for the Domain Name System (DNS) that is used to store public keys for use in IP security (IPsec) systems. The IPSECKEY RR relies on the IPSECKEY "Algorithm Type Field" registry [[IANA-IPSECKEY](#)] to enumerate the permissible formats for the public keys.

This document adds support for Edwards-Curve Digital Security Algorithm (EdDSA) public keys in the format defined in [[RFC8080](#)] to the IPSECKEY RR.

2. IPSECKEY Support for EdDSA

When using the EdDSA public key in the IPSECKEY RR, the value 4 is used as an algorithm and the public key is formatted as specified in "Edwards-Curve Digital Security Algorithm (EdDSA) for DNSSEC" ([Section 3](#) of [[RFC8080](#)]).

Value	Description	Format Description	Reference
4	An EdDSA Public Key	[RFC8080], Section 3	This RFC

Table 1

3. IANA Considerations

3.1. Update to the IANA IPSECKEY Registry

3.1.1. Reformat the Algorithm Type Field Registry

Per this document, IANA has added the "Format Description" field to the "Algorithm Type Field" registry of the "IPSECKEY Resource Record Parameters" [IANA-IPSECKEY]. In addition, IANA has updated the "Description" field in existing entries of that registry to explicitly state that they are for "Public" keys:

Value	Description	Format Description	Reference
0	No Public key is present		[RFC4025]
1	A DSA Public Key	[RFC2536], Section 2	[RFC4025]
2	An RSA Public Key	[RFC3110], Section 2	[RFC4025]
3	An ECDSA Public Key	[RFC6605], Section 4	[RFC8005]

Table 2

IANA added a reference to this document to the "Algorithm Type Field" registry.

3.1.2. Add to the Algorithm Type Field Registry

Further, IANA has made the following addition to the "Algorithm Type Field" registry within the "IPSECKEY Resource Record Parameters" [IANA-IPSECKEY]:

Value	Description	Format Description	Reference
4	An EdDSA Public Key	[RFC8080], Section 3	This RFC

Table 3

4. Security Considerations

The security considerations discussed in [RFC4025] apply. This document does not introduce any new security considerations.

5. References

5.1. Normative References

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Appendix A. IPSECKEY EdDSA Example

The following is an example of an IPSECKEY RR with no gateway, and an EdDSA public key. It uses the IPSECKEY presentation format which is base64.

```
foo.example.com. IN IPSECKEY (  
  10 0 4 . 3WTXgUvpn1RlCXnm80gGY2LZ/ErUUEZtZ33IDi8yfhM= )
```

The associated EdDSA private key (in hex) is as follows:

```
c7be71a45cbf87785f639dc4fd1c82637c21b5e02488939976ece32b9268d0b7
```

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