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Abstract

This document specifies a protocol useful in determining the current status of a digital certificate without requiring Certificate Revocation Lists (CRLs). Additional mechanisms addressing PKIX operational requirements are specified in separate documents. This document obsoletes RFCs 2560 and 6277. It also updates [RFC 5912](#).

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1. Introduction

This document specifies a protocol useful in determining the current status of a digital certificate without requiring CRLs. Additional mechanisms addressing PKIX operational requirements are specified in separate documents.

This specification obsoletes [RFC2560] and [RFC6277]. The primary reason for the publication of this document is to address ambiguities that have been found since the publication of RFC 2560. This document differs from RFC 2560 in only a few areas:

- o Section 2.2 extends the use of the "revoked" response to allow this response status for certificates that have never been issued.
- o Section 2.3 extends the use of the "unauthorized" error response, as specified in [RFC5019].
- o Sections 4.2.1 and 4.2.2.3 state that a response may include revocation status information for certificates that were not included in the request, as permitted in [RFC5019].
- o Section 4.2.2.2 clarifies when a responder is considered an Authorized Responder.
- o Section 4.2.2.3 clarifies that the ResponderID field corresponds to the OSCP responder signer certificate.
- o Section 4.3 changes the set of cryptographic algorithms that clients must support and the set of cryptographic algorithms that clients should support as specified in [RFC6277].
- o Section 4.4.1 specifies, for the nonce extension, ASN.1 syntax that was missing in RFC 2560.
- o Section 4.4.7 specifies a new extension that may be included in a request message to specify signature algorithms the client would prefer the server use to sign the response as specified in [RFC6277].
- o Section 4.4.8 specifies a new extension that indicates that the responder supports the extended use of the "revoked" response for non-issued certificates defined in Section 2.2.
- o Appendix B.2 provides an ASN.1 module using the 2008 syntax of ASN.1, which updates [RFC5912].

An overview of the protocol is provided in [Section 2](#). Functional requirements are specified in [Section 3](#). Details of the protocol are discussed in [Section 4](#). We cover security issues with the protocol in [Section 5](#). [Appendix A](#) defines OCSF over HTTP, [Appendix B](#) provides ASN.1 syntactic elements, and [Appendix C](#) specifies the MIME types for the messages.

1.1. Requirements Language

The key words "MUST", "MUST NOT", "REQUIRED", "SHALL", "SHALL NOT", "SHOULD", "SHOULD NOT", "RECOMMENDED", "MAY", and "OPTIONAL" in this document are to be interpreted as described in [RFC 2119](#) [[RFC2119](#)].

2. Protocol Overview

In lieu of, or as a supplement to, checking against a periodic CRL, it may be necessary to obtain timely information regarding the revocation status of certificates (cf. [[RFC5280](#)], [Section 3.3](#)). Examples include high-value funds transfers or large stock trades.

The Online Certificate Status Protocol (OCSF) enables applications to determine the (revocation) state of identified certificates. OCSF may be used to satisfy some of the operational requirements of providing more timely revocation information than is possible with CRLs and may also be used to obtain additional status information. An OCSF client issues a status request to an OCSF responder and suspends acceptance of the certificates in question until the responder provides a response.

This protocol specifies the data that needs to be exchanged between an application checking the status of one or more certificates and the server providing the corresponding status.

2.1. Request

An OCSF request contains the following data:

- protocol version
- service request
- target certificate identifier
- optional extensions, which MAY be processed by the OCSF responder

Upon receipt of a request, an OCSF responder determines if:

1. the message is well formed,
2. the responder is configured to provide the requested service, and
3. the request contains the information needed by the responder.

If any one of these conditions is not met, the OCSF responder produces an error message; otherwise, it returns a definitive response.

2.2. Response

OCSF responses can be of various types. An OCSF response consists of a response type and the bytes of the actual response. There is one basic type of OCSF response that **MUST** be supported by all OCSF servers and clients. The rest of this section pertains only to this basic response type.

All definitive response messages **SHALL** be digitally signed. The key used to sign the response **MUST** belong to one of the following:

- the CA who issued the certificate in question
- a Trusted Responder whose public key is trusted by the requestor
- a CA Designated Responder (Authorized Responder, defined in [Section 4.2.2.2](#)) who holds a specially marked certificate issued directly by the CA, indicating that the responder may issue OCSF responses for that CA

A definitive response message is composed of:

- version of the response syntax
- identifier of the responder
- time when the response was generated
- responses for each of the certificates in a request
- optional extensions
- signature algorithm OID
- signature computed across a hash of the response

The response for each of the certificates in a request consists of:

- target certificate identifier
- certificate status value
- response validity interval
- optional extensions

This specification defines the following definitive response indicators for use in the certificate status value:

- good
- revoked
- unknown

The "good" state indicates a positive response to the status inquiry. At a minimum, this positive response indicates that no certificate with the requested certificate serial number currently within its validity interval is revoked. This state does not necessarily mean that the certificate was ever issued or that the time at which the response was produced is within the certificate's validity interval. Response extensions may be used to convey additional information on assertions made by the responder regarding the status of the certificate, such as a positive statement about issuance, validity, etc.

The "revoked" state indicates that the certificate has been revoked, either temporarily (the revocation reason is `certificateHold`) or permanently. This state MAY also be returned if the associated CA has no record of ever having issued a certificate with the certificate serial number in the request, using any current or previous issuing key (referred to as a "non-issued" certificate in this document).

The "unknown" state indicates that the responder doesn't know about the certificate being requested, usually because the request indicates an unrecognized issuer that is not served by this responder.

NOTE: The "revoked" status indicates that a certificate with the requested serial number should be rejected, while the "unknown" status indicates that the status could not be determined by this responder, thereby allowing the client to decide whether it wants to try another source of status information (such as a

CRL). This makes the "revoked" response suitable for non-issued certificates (as defined above) where the intention of the responder is to cause the client to reject the certificate rather than trying another source of status information. The "revoked" status is still optional for non-issued certificates in order to maintain backwards compatibility with deployments of [RFC 2560](#). For example, the responder may not have any knowledge about whether a requested serial number has been assigned to any issued certificate, or the responder may provide pre-produced responses in accordance with [RFC 5019](#) and, for that reason, is not capable of providing a signed response for all non-issued certificate serial numbers.

When a responder sends a "revoked" response to a status request for a non-issued certificate, the responder MUST include the extended revoked definition response extension ([Section 4.4.8](#)) in the response, indicating that the OCSP responder supports the extended definition of the "revoked" state to also cover non-issued certificates. In addition, the SingleResponse related to this non-issued certificate:

- MUST specify the revocation reason certificateHold (6),
- MUST specify the revocationTime January 1, 1970, and
- MUST NOT include a CRL references extension ([Section 4.4.2](#)) or any CRL entry extensions ([Section 4.4.5](#)).

2.3. Exception Cases

In case of errors, the OCSP responder may return an error message. These messages are not signed. Errors can be of the following types:

- malformedRequest
- internalError
- tryLater
- sigRequired
- unauthorized

A server produces the "malformedRequest" response if the request received does not conform to the OCSP syntax.

The response "internalError" indicates that the OCSF responder reached an inconsistent internal state. The query should be retried, potentially with another responder.

In the event that the OCSF responder is operational but unable to return a status for the requested certificate, the "tryLater" response can be used to indicate that the service exists but is temporarily unable to respond.

The response "sigRequired" is returned in cases where the server requires that the client sign the request in order to construct a response.

The response "unauthorized" is returned in cases where the client is not authorized to make this query to this server or the server is not capable of responding authoritatively (cf. [\[RFC5019\]](#), Section 2.2.3).

2.4. Semantics of thisUpdate, nextUpdate, and producedAt

Responses defined in this document can contain four times -- thisUpdate, nextUpdate, producedAt, and revocationTime. The semantics of these fields are:

thisUpdate	The most recent time at which the status being indicated is known by the responder to have been correct.
nextUpdate	The time at or before which newer information will be available about the status of the certificate.
producedAt	The time at which the OCSF responder signed this response.
revocationTime	The time at which the certificate was revoked or placed on hold.

2.5. Response Pre-Production

OCSF responders MAY pre-produce signed responses specifying the status of certificates at a specified time. The time at which the status was known to be correct SHALL be reflected in the thisUpdate field of the response. The time at or before which newer information will be available is reflected in the nextUpdate field, while the time at which the response was produced will appear in the producedAt field of the response.

2.6. OCSF Signature Authority Delegation

The key that signs a certificate's status information need not be the same key that signed the certificate. A certificate's issuer explicitly delegates OCSF signing authority by issuing a certificate containing a unique value for the extended key usage extension (defined in [RFC5280], Section 4.2.1.12) in the OCSF signer's certificate. This certificate MUST be issued directly to the responder by the cognizant CA. See Section 4.2.2.2 for details.

2.7. CA Key Compromise

If an OCSF responder knows that a particular CA's private key has been compromised, it MAY return the "revoked" state for all certificates issued by that CA.

3. Functional Requirements

3.1. Certificate Content

In order to convey to OCSF clients a well-known point of information access, CAs SHALL provide the capability to include the authority information access extension (defined in [RFC5280], Section 4.2.2.1) in certificates that can be checked using OCSF. Alternatively, the accessLocation for the OCSF provider may be configured locally at the OCSF client.

CAs that support an OCSF service, either hosted locally or provided by an Authorized Responder, MUST provide for the inclusion of a value for a Uniform Resource Identifier (URI) [RFC3986] accessLocation and the OID value id-ad-ocsp for the accessMethod in the AccessDescription SEQUENCE.

The value of the accessLocation field in the subject certificate defines the transport (e.g., HTTP) used to access the OCSF responder and may contain other transport-dependent information (e.g., a URL).

3.2. Signed Response Acceptance Requirements

Prior to accepting a signed response for a particular certificate as valid, OCSF clients SHALL confirm that:

1. The certificate identified in a received response corresponds to the certificate that was identified in the corresponding request;
2. The signature on the response is valid;

3. The identity of the signer matches the intended recipient of the request;
4. The signer is currently authorized to provide a response for the certificate in question;
5. The time at which the status being indicated is known to be correct (thisUpdate) is sufficiently recent;
6. When available, the time at or before which newer information will be available about the status of the certificate (nextUpdate) is greater than the current time.

4. Details of the Protocol

The ASN.1 syntax imports terms defined in [RFC5280]. For signature calculation, the data to be signed is encoded using the ASN.1 distinguished encoding rules (DER) [X.690].

ASN.1 EXPLICIT tagging is used as a default unless specified otherwise.

The terms imported from elsewhere are Extensions, CertificateSerialNumber, SubjectPublicKeyInfo, Name, AlgorithmIdentifier, and CRLReason.

4.1. Request Syntax

This section specifies the ASN.1 specification for a confirmation request. The actual formatting of the message could vary, depending on the transport mechanism used (HTTP, SMTP, LDAP, etc.).

4.1.1. ASN.1 Specification of the OSCP Request

The ASN.1 structure corresponding to the OSCPRequest is:

```
OSCPRequest ::= SEQUENCE {
    tbsRequest      TBSRequest,
    optionalSignature [0] EXPLICIT Signature OPTIONAL }

TBSRequest ::= SEQUENCE {
    version          [0] EXPLICIT Version DEFAULT v1,
    requestorName    [1] EXPLICIT GeneralName OPTIONAL,
    requestList      SEQUENCE OF Request,
    requestExtensions [2] EXPLICIT Extensions OPTIONAL }
```

```
Signature      ::=      SEQUENCE {
    signatureAlgorithm      AlgorithmIdentifier,
    signature               BIT STRING,
    certs                   [0] EXPLICIT SEQUENCE OF Certificate
OPTIONAL}

Version        ::=      INTEGER  {  v1(0)  }

Request        ::=      SEQUENCE {
    reqCert               CertID,
    singleRequestExtensions  [0] EXPLICIT Extensions OPTIONAL }

CertID         ::=      SEQUENCE {
    hashAlgorithm         AlgorithmIdentifier,
    issuerNameHash        OCTET STRING, -- Hash of issuer's DN
    issuerKeyHash         OCTET STRING, -- Hash of issuer's public key
    serialNumber          CertificateSerialNumber }

```

The fields in OCSPRequest have the following meanings:

- o tbsRequest is the optionally signed OCSP request.
- o optionalSignature contains the algorithm identifier and any associated algorithm parameters in signatureAlgorithm; the signature value in signature; and, optionally, certificates the server needs to verify the signed response (normally up to but not including the client's root certificate).

The contents of TBSRequest include the following fields:

- o version indicates the version of the protocol, which for this document is v1(0).
- o requestorName is OPTIONAL and indicates the name of the OCSP requestor.
- o requestList contains one or more single certificate status requests.
- o requestExtensions is OPTIONAL and includes extensions applicable to the requests found in reqCert. See [Section 4.4](#).

The contents of Request include the following fields:

- o reqCert contains the identifier of a target certificate.
- o singleRequestExtensions is OPTIONAL and includes extensions applicable to this single certificate status request. See [Section 4.4](#).

The contents of CertID include the following fields:

- o hashAlgorithm is the hash algorithm used to generate the issuerNameHash and issuerKeyHash values.
- o issuerNameHash is the hash of the issuer's distinguished name (DN). The hash shall be calculated over the DER encoding of the issuer's name field in the certificate being checked.
- o issuerKeyHash is the hash of the issuer's public key. The hash shall be calculated over the value (excluding tag and length) of the subject public key field in the issuer's certificate.
- o serialNumber is the serial number of the certificate for which status is being requested.

4.1.2. Notes on OCSF Requests

The primary reason to use the hash of the CA's public key in addition to the hash of the CA's name to identify the issuer is that it is possible that two CAs may choose to use the same Name (uniqueness in the Name is a recommendation that cannot be enforced). Two CAs will never, however, have the same public key unless the CAs either explicitly decided to share their private key or the key of one of the CAs was compromised.

Support for any specific extension is OPTIONAL. The critical flag SHOULD NOT be set for any of them. [Section 4.4](#) suggests several useful extensions. Additional extensions MAY be defined in additional RFCs. Unrecognized extensions MUST be ignored (unless they have the critical flag set and are not understood).

The requestor MAY choose to sign the OCSF request. In that case, the signature is computed over the tbsRequest structure. If the request is signed, the requestor SHALL specify its name in the requestorName field. Also, for signed requests, the requestor MAY include certificates that help the OCSF responder verify the requestor's signature in the certs field of Signature.

4.2. Response Syntax

This section specifies the ASN.1 specification for a confirmation response. The actual formatting of the message could vary, depending on the transport mechanism used (HTTP, SMTP, LDAP, etc.).

4.2.1. ASN.1 Specification of the OSCP Response

An OSCP response at a minimum consists of a `responseStatus` field indicating the processing status of the prior request. If the value of `responseStatus` is one of the error conditions, the `responseBytes` field is not set.

```
OCSPResponse ::= SEQUENCE {
    responseStatus      OCSPResponseStatus,
    responseBytes       [0] EXPLICIT ResponseBytes OPTIONAL }

OCSPResponseStatus ::= ENUMERATED {
    successful          (0), -- Response has valid confirmations
    malformedRequest    (1), -- Illegal confirmation request
    internalError       (2), -- Internal error in issuer
    tryLater            (3), -- Try again later
                        -- (4) is not used
    sigRequired         (5), -- Must sign the request
    unauthorized        (6)  -- Request unauthorized
}
```

The value for `responseBytes` consists of an OBJECT IDENTIFIER and a response syntax identified by that OID encoded as an OCTET STRING.

```
ResponseBytes ::= SEQUENCE {
    responseType    OBJECT IDENTIFIER,
    response        OCTET STRING }
```

For a basic OSCP responder, `responseType` will be `id-pkix-ocsp-basic`.

```
id-pkix-ocsp          OBJECT IDENTIFIER ::= { id-ad-ocsp }
id-pkix-ocsp-basic    OBJECT IDENTIFIER ::= { id-pkix-ocsp 1 }
```

OCSP responders SHALL be capable of producing responses of the `id-pkix-ocsp-basic` response type. Correspondingly, OSCP clients SHALL be capable of receiving and processing responses of the `id-pkix-ocsp-basic` response type.

The value for response SHALL be the DER encoding of BasicOCSPResponse.

```
BasicOCSPResponse ::= SEQUENCE {  
    tbsResponseData      ResponseData,  
    signatureAlgorithm    AlgorithmIdentifier,  
    signature             BIT STRING,  
    certs                 [0] EXPLICIT SEQUENCE OF Certificate OPTIONAL }
```

The value for signature SHALL be computed on the hash of the DER encoding of ResponseData. The responder MAY include certificates in the certs field of BasicOCSPResponse that help the OCSP client verify the responder's signature. If no certificates are included, then certs SHOULD be absent.

```
ResponseData ::= SEQUENCE {  
    version                [0] EXPLICIT Version DEFAULT v1,  
    responderID            ResponderID,  
    producedAt             GeneralizedTime,  
    responses              SEQUENCE OF SingleResponse,  
    responseExtensions     [1] EXPLICIT Extensions OPTIONAL }
```

```
ResponderID ::= CHOICE {  
    byName                 [1] Name,  
    byKey                  [2] KeyHash }
```

KeyHash ::= OCTET STRING -- SHA-1 hash of responder's public key (excluding the tag and length fields)

```
SingleResponse ::= SEQUENCE {  
    certID                 CertID,  
    certStatus             CertStatus,  
    thisUpdate             GeneralizedTime,  
    nextUpdate             [0] EXPLICIT GeneralizedTime OPTIONAL,  
    singleExtensions       [1] EXPLICIT Extensions OPTIONAL }
```

```
CertStatus ::= CHOICE {  
    good                   [0] IMPLICIT NULL,  
    revoked                [1] IMPLICIT RevokedInfo,  
    unknown                [2] IMPLICIT UnknownInfo }
```

```
RevokedInfo ::= SEQUENCE {  
    revocationTime         GeneralizedTime,  
    revocationReason       [0] EXPLICIT CRLReason OPTIONAL }
```

UnknownInfo ::= NULL

4.2.2. Notes on OSCP Responses

4.2.2.1. Time

Responses can contain four times -- `thisUpdate`, `nextUpdate`, `producedAt`, and `revocationTime`. The semantics of these fields are defined in [Section 2.4](#). The format for `GeneralizedTime` is as specified in [Section 4.1.2.5.2 of \[RFC5280\]](#).

The `thisUpdate` and `nextUpdate` fields define a recommended validity interval. This interval corresponds to the `{thisUpdate, nextUpdate}` interval in CRLs. Responses whose `nextUpdate` value is earlier than the local system time value SHOULD be considered unreliable. Responses whose `thisUpdate` time is later than the local system time SHOULD be considered unreliable.

If `nextUpdate` is not set, the responder is indicating that newer revocation information is available all the time.

4.2.2.2. Authorized Responders

The key that signs a certificate's status information need not be the same key that signed the certificate. It is necessary, however, to ensure that the entity signing this information is authorized to do so. Therefore, a certificate's issuer MUST do one of the following:

- sign the OSCP responses itself, or
- explicitly designate this authority to another entity

OCSP signing delegation SHALL be designated by the inclusion of `id-kp-OCSPSigning` in an extended key usage certificate extension included in the OSCP response signer's certificate. This certificate MUST be issued directly by the CA that is identified in the request.

The CA SHOULD use the same issuing key to issue a delegation certificate as that used to sign the certificate being checked for revocation. Systems relying on OSCP responses MUST recognize a delegation certificate as being issued by the CA that issued the certificate in question only if the delegation certificate and the certificate being checked for revocation were signed by the same key.

Note: For backwards compatibility with RFC 2560 [RFC2560], it is not prohibited to issue a certificate for an Authorized Responder using a different issuing key than the key used to issue the certificate being checked for revocation. However, such a practice is strongly discouraged, since clients are not required to recognize a responder with such a certificate as an Authorized Responder.

id-kp-OCSPSigning OBJECT IDENTIFIER ::= {id-kp 9}

Systems or applications that rely on OCSF responses MUST be capable of detecting and enforcing the use of the id-kp-OCSPSigning value as described above. They MAY provide a means of locally configuring one or more OCSF signing authorities and specifying the set of CAs for which each signing authority is trusted. They MUST reject the response if the certificate required to validate the signature on the response does not meet at least one of the following criteria:

1. Matches a local configuration of OCSF signing authority for the certificate in question, or
2. Is the certificate of the CA that issued the certificate in question, or
3. Includes a value of id-kp-OCSPSigning in an extended key usage extension and is issued by the CA that issued the certificate in question as stated above.

Additional acceptance or rejection criteria may apply to either the response itself or to the certificate used to validate the signature on the response.

4.2.2.2.1. Revocation Checking of an Authorized Responder

Since an authorized OCSF responder provides status information for one or more CAs, OCSF clients need to know how to check that an Authorized Responder's certificate has not been revoked. CAs may choose to deal with this problem in one of three ways:

- A CA may specify that an OCSF client can trust a responder for the lifetime of the responder's certificate. The CA does so by including the extension id-pkix-ocsp-nocheck. This SHOULD be a non-critical extension. The value of the extension SHALL be NULL. CAs issuing such a certificate should realize that a compromise of the responder's key is as serious as the compromise of a CA key

used to sign CRLs, at least for the validity period of this certificate. CAs may choose to issue this type of certificate with a very short lifetime and renew it frequently.

id-pkix-ocsp-nocheck OBJECT IDENTIFIER ::= { id-pkix-ocsp 5 }

- A CA may specify how the responder's certificate is to be checked for revocation. This can be done by using CRL Distribution Points if the check should be done using CRLs, or by using Authority Information Access if the check should be done in some other way. Details for specifying either of these two mechanisms are available in [RFC5280].
- A CA may choose not to specify any method of revocation checking for the responder's certificate, in which case it would be up to the OCSP client's local security policy to decide whether that certificate should be checked for revocation or not.

4.2.2.3. Basic Response

The basic response type contains:

- o the version of the response syntax, which MUST be v1 (value is 0) for this version of the basic response syntax;
- o either the name of the responder or a hash of the responder's public key as the ResponderID;
- o the time at which the response was generated;
- o responses for each of the certificates in a request;
- o optional extensions;
- o a signature computed across a hash of the response; and
- o the signature algorithm OID.

The purpose of the ResponderID information is to allow clients to find the certificate used to sign a signed OCSP response. Therefore, the information MUST correspond to the certificate that was used to sign the response.

The responder MAY include certificates in the certs field of BasicOCSPResponse that help the OCSP client verify the responder's signature.

The response for each of the certificates in a request consists of:

- o an identifier of the certificate for which revocation status information is being provided (i.e., the target certificate);
- o the revocation status of the certificate (good, revoked, or unknown); if revoked, it indicates the time at which the certificate was revoked and, optionally, the reason why it was revoked;
- o the validity interval of the response; and
- o optional extensions.

The response MUST include a `SingleResponse` for each certificate in the request. The response SHOULD NOT include any additional `SingleResponse` elements, but, for example, OSCP responders that pre-generate status responses might include additional `SingleResponse` elements if necessary to improve response pre-generation performance or cache efficiency (according to [\[RFC5019\]](#), [Section 2.2.1](#)).

4.3. Mandatory and Optional Cryptographic Algorithms

Clients that request OSCP services SHALL be capable of processing responses signed using RSA with SHA-256 (identified by the `sha256WithRSAEncryption` OID specified in [\[RFC4055\]](#)). Clients SHOULD also be capable of processing responses signed using RSA with SHA-1 (identified by the `sha1WithRSAEncryption` OID specified in [\[RFC3279\]](#)) and the Digital Signature Algorithm (DSA) with SHA-1 (identified by the `id-dsa-with-sha1` OID specified in [\[RFC3279\]](#)). Clients MAY support other algorithms.

4.4. Extensions

This section defines some standard extensions, based on the extension model employed in X.509 version 3 certificates (see [\[RFC5280\]](#)). Support for all extensions is optional for both clients and responders. For each extension, the definition indicates its syntax, processing performed by the OSCP responder, and any extensions that are included in the corresponding response.

4.4.1. Nonce

The nonce cryptographically binds a request and a response to prevent replay attacks. The nonce is included as one of the requestExtensions in requests, while in responses it would be included as one of the responseExtensions. In both the request and the response, the nonce will be identified by the object identifier id-pkix-ocsp-nonce, while the extnValue is the value of the nonce.

```
id-pkix-ocsp          OBJECT IDENTIFIER ::= { id-ad-ocsp }
id-pkix-ocsp-nonce   OBJECT IDENTIFIER ::= { id-pkix-ocsp 2 }
```

```
Nonce ::= OCTET STRING
```

4.4.2. CRL References

It may be desirable for the OCSF responder to indicate the CRL on which a revoked or onHold certificate is found. This can be useful where OCSF is used between repositories, and also as an auditing mechanism. The CRL may be specified by a URL (the URL at which the CRL is available), a number (CRL number), or a time (the time at which the relevant CRL was created). These extensions will be specified as singleExtensions. The identifier for this extension will be id-pkix-ocsp-crl, while the value will be CrlID.

```
id-pkix-ocsp-crl      OBJECT IDENTIFIER ::= { id-pkix-ocsp 3 }

CrlID ::= SEQUENCE {
    crlUrl              [0]      EXPLICIT IA5String OPTIONAL,
    crlNum              [1]      EXPLICIT INTEGER OPTIONAL,
    crlTime             [2]      EXPLICIT GeneralizedTime OPTIONAL }
```

For the choice crlUrl, the IA5String will specify the URL at which the CRL is available. For crlNum, the INTEGER will specify the value of the CRL number extension of the relevant CRL. For crlTime, the GeneralizedTime will indicate the time at which the relevant CRL was issued.

4.4.3. Acceptable Response Types

An OCSF client MAY wish to specify the kinds of response types it understands. To do so, it SHOULD use an extension with the OID id-pkix-ocsp-response and the value AcceptableResponses. This extension is included as one of the requestExtensions in requests. The OIDs included in AcceptableResponses are the OIDs of the various response types this client can accept (e.g., id-pkix-ocsp-basic).

id-pkix-ocsp-response OBJECT IDENTIFIER ::= { id-pkix-ocsp 4 }

AcceptableResponses ::= SEQUENCE OF OBJECT IDENTIFIER

As noted in [Section 4.2.1](#), OCSF responders SHALL be capable of responding with responses of the id-pkix-ocsp-basic response type. Correspondingly, OCSF clients SHALL be capable of receiving and processing responses of the id-pkix-ocsp-basic response type.

4.4.4. Archive Cutoff

An OCSF responder MAY choose to retain revocation information beyond a certificate's expiration. The date obtained by subtracting this retention interval value from the producedAt time in a response is defined as the certificate's "archive cutoff" date.

OCSF-enabled applications would use an OCSF archive cutoff date to contribute to a proof that a digital signature was (or was not) reliable on the date it was produced even if the certificate needed to validate the signature has long since expired.

OCSF servers that provide support for such a historical reference SHOULD include an archive cutoff date extension in responses. If included, this value SHALL be provided as an OCSF singleExtensions extension identified by id-pkix-ocsp-archive-cutoff and of syntax GeneralizedTime.

id-pkix-ocsp-archive-cutoff OBJECT IDENTIFIER ::= {id-pkix-ocsp 6}

ArchiveCutoff ::= GeneralizedTime

To illustrate, if a server is operated with a 7-year retention interval policy and status was produced at time t1, then the value for ArchiveCutoff in the response would be (t1 - 7 years).

4.4.5. CRL Entry Extensions

All the extensions specified as CRL entry extensions -- in [Section 5.3 of \[RFC5280\]](#) -- are also supported as singleExtensions.

4.4.6. Service Locator

An OSCP server may be operated in a mode whereby the server receives a request and routes it to the OSCP server that is known to be authoritative for the identified certificate. The serviceLocator request extension is defined for this purpose. This extension is included as one of the singleRequestExtensions in requests.

```
id-pkix-ocsp-service-locator OBJECT IDENTIFIER ::= {id-pkix-ocsp 7}
```

```
ServiceLocator ::= SEQUENCE {  
    issuer      Name,  
    locator     AuthorityInfoAccessSyntax OPTIONAL }
```

Values for these fields are obtained from the corresponding fields in the subject certificate.

4.4.7. Preferred Signature Algorithms

Since algorithms other than the mandatory-to-implement algorithms are allowed, and since a client currently has no mechanism to indicate its algorithm preferences, there is always a risk that a server choosing a non-mandatory algorithm will generate a response that the client may not support.

While an OSCP responder may apply rules for algorithm selection, e.g., using the signature algorithm employed by the CA for signing CRLs and certificates, such rules may fail in common situations:

- o The algorithm used to sign the CRLs and certificates may not be consistent with the key pair being used by the OSCP responder to sign responses.
- o A request for an unknown certificate provides no basis for a responder to select from among multiple algorithm options.

The last criterion cannot be resolved through the information available from in-band signaling using the [RFC 2560](#) [RFC2560] protocol without modifying the protocol.

In addition, an OCSF responder may wish to employ different signature algorithms than the one used by the CA to sign certificates and CRLs for two reasons:

- o The responder may employ an algorithm for certificate status response that is less computationally demanding than for signing the certificate itself.
- o An implementation may wish to guard against the possibility of a compromise resulting from a signature algorithm compromise by employing two separate signature algorithms.

This section describes:

- o An extension that allows a client to indicate the set of preferred signature algorithms.
- o Rules for signature algorithm selection that maximize the probability of successful operation in the case that no supported preferred algorithm(s) are specified.

4.4.7.1. Extension Syntax

A client MAY declare a preferred set of algorithms in a request by including a preferred signature algorithms extension in requestExtensions of the OCSPRequest.

```
id-pkix-ocsp-pref-sig-algs OBJECT IDENTIFIER ::= { id-pkix-ocsp 8 }
```

```
PreferredSignatureAlgorithms ::= SEQUENCE OF  
    PreferredSignatureAlgorithm
```

```
PreferredSignatureAlgorithm ::= SEQUENCE {  
    sigIdentifier      AlgorithmIdentifier,  
    pubKeyAlgIdentifier SMIMECapability OPTIONAL  
}
```

The syntax of AlgorithmIdentifier is defined in [Section 4.1.1.2 of RFC 5280 \[RFC5280\]](#). The syntax of SMIMECapability is defined in [RFC 5751 \[RFC5751\]](#).

sigIdentifier specifies the signature algorithm the client prefers, e.g., algorithm=ecdsa-with-sha256. Parameters are absent for most common signature algorithms.

pubKeyAlgIdentifier specifies the subject public key algorithm identifier the client prefers in the server's certificate used to validate the OCSF response, e.g., algorithm=id-ecPublicKey and parameters= secp256r1.

pubKeyAlgIdentifier is OPTIONAL and provides a means to specify parameters necessary to distinguish among different usages of a particular algorithm, e.g., it may be used by the client to specify what curve it supports for a given elliptic curve algorithm.

The client MUST support each of the specified preferred signature algorithms, and the client MUST specify the algorithms in the order of preference, from the most preferred to the least preferred.

Section 4.4.7.2 of this document describes how a server selects an algorithm for signing OCSF responses to the requesting client.

4.4.7.2. Responder Signature Algorithm Selection

RFC 2560 [RFC2560] did not specify a mechanism for deciding the signature algorithm to be used in an OCSF response. This does not provide a sufficient degree of certainty as to the algorithm selected to facilitate interoperability.

4.4.7.2.1. Dynamic Response

A responder MAY maximize the potential for ensuring interoperability by selecting a supported signature algorithm using the following order of precedence, as long as the selected algorithm meets all security requirements of the OCSF responder, where the first selection mechanism has the highest precedence:

1. Select an algorithm specified as a preferred signature algorithm in the client request.
2. Select the signature algorithm used to sign a certificate revocation list (CRL) issued by the certificate issuer providing status information for the certificate specified by CertID.
3. Select the signature algorithm used to sign the OCSFRequest.
4. Select a signature algorithm that has been advertised as being the default signature algorithm for the signing service using an out-of-band mechanism.
5. Select a mandatory or recommended signature algorithm specified for the version of OCSF in use.

A responder SHOULD always apply the lowest-numbered selection mechanism that results in the selection of a known and supported algorithm that meets the responder's criteria for cryptographic algorithm strength.

4.4.7.2.2. Static Response

For purposes of efficiency, an OCSP responder is permitted to generate static responses in advance of a request. The case may not permit the responder to make use of the client request data during the response generation; however, the responder SHOULD still use the client request data during the selection of the pre-generated response to be returned. Responders MAY use the historical client requests as part of the input to the decisions of what different algorithms should be used to sign the pre-generated responses.

4.4.8. Extended Revoked Definition

This extension indicates that the responder supports the extended definition of the "revoked" status to also include non-issued certificates according to [Section 2.2](#). One of its main purposes is to allow audits to determine the responder's type of operation. Clients do not have to parse this extension in order to determine the status of certificates in responses.

This extension MUST be included in the OCSP response when that response contains a "revoked" status for a non-issued certificate. This extension MAY be present in other responses to signal that the responder implements the extended revoked definition. When included, this extension MUST be placed in responseExtensions, and it MUST NOT appear in singleExtensions.

This extension is identified by the object identifier id-pkix-ocsp-extended-revoke.

id-pkix-ocsp-extended-revoke OBJECT IDENTIFIER ::= {id-pkix-ocsp 9}

The value of the extension SHALL be NULL. This extension MUST NOT be marked critical.

5. Security Considerations

For this service to be effective, certificate-using systems must connect to the certificate status service provider. In the event such a connection cannot be obtained, certificate-using systems could implement CRL processing logic as a fall-back position.

A vulnerability to denial of service is evident with respect to a flood of queries. The production of a cryptographic signature significantly affects response generation cycle time, thereby exacerbating the situation. Unsigned error responses open up the protocol to another denial-of-service attack, where the attacker sends false error responses.

The use of precomputed responses allows replay attacks in which an old (good) response is replayed prior to its expiration date but after the certificate has been revoked. Deployments of OSCP should carefully evaluate the benefit of precomputed responses against the probability of a replay attack and the costs associated with its successful execution.

Requests do not contain the responder they are directed to. This allows an attacker to replay a request to any number of OSCP responders.

The reliance of HTTP caching in some deployment scenarios may result in unexpected results if intermediate servers are incorrectly configured or are known to possess cache management faults. Implementors are advised to take the reliability of HTTP cache mechanisms into account when deploying OSCP over HTTP.

Responding with a "revoked" state to a certificate that has never been issued may enable someone to obtain a revocation response for a certificate that is not yet issued, but soon will be issued, if the certificate serial number of the certificate that will be issued can be predicted or guessed by the requestor. Such a prediction is easy for a CA that issues certificates using sequential certificate serial number assignment. This risk is handled in the specification by requiring compliant implementations to use the certificateHold reason code, which avoids permanently revoking the serial number. For CAs that support "revoked" responses to status requests for non-issued certificates, one way to completely avoid this issue is to assign random certificate serial number values with high entropy.

5.1. Preferred Signature Algorithms

The mechanism used to choose the response signing algorithm **MUST** be considered to be sufficiently secure against cryptanalytic attack for the intended application.

In most applications, it is sufficient for the signing algorithm to be at least as secure as the signing algorithm used to sign the original certificate whose status is being queried. However, this criterion may not hold in long-term archival applications, in which the status of a certificate is being queried for a date in the distant past, long after the signing algorithm has ceased being considered trustworthy.

5.1.1. Use of Insecure Algorithms

It is not always possible for a responder to generate a response that the client is expected to understand and that meets contemporary standards for cryptographic security. In such cases, an OSCP responder operator **MUST** balance the risk of employing a compromised security solution and the cost of mandating an upgrade, including the risk that the alternative chosen by end users will offer even less security or no security.

In archival applications, it is quite possible that an OSCP responder might be asked to report the validity of a certificate on a date in the distant past. Such a certificate might employ a signing method that is no longer considered acceptably secure. In such circumstances, the responder **MUST NOT** generate a signature using a signing mechanism that is not considered acceptably secure.

A client **MUST** accept any signing algorithm in a response that it specified as a preferred signing algorithm in the request. It follows, therefore, that a client **MUST NOT** specify as a preferred signing algorithm any algorithm that is either not supported or not considered acceptably secure.

5.1.2. Man-in-the-Middle Downgrade Attack

The mechanism to support client indication of preferred signature algorithms is not protected against a man-in-the-middle downgrade attack. This constraint is not considered to be a significant security concern, since the OSCP responder **MUST NOT** sign OSCP responses using weak algorithms even if requested by the client. In addition, the client can reject OSCP responses that do not meet its own criteria for acceptable cryptographic security no matter what mechanism is used to determine the signing algorithm of the response.

5.1.3. Denial-of-Service Attack

Algorithm agility mechanisms defined in this document introduce a slightly increased attack surface for denial-of-service attacks where the client request is altered to require algorithms that are not supported by the server. Denial-of-service considerations as discussed in [RFC 4732](#) [[RFC4732](#)] are relevant for this document.

6. IANA Considerations

This document includes media type registrations (in [Appendix C](#)) for ocsf-request and ocsf-response that were registered when [RFC 2560](#) was published. Because this document obsoletes [RFC 2560](#), IANA has updated the references in the "Application Media Types" registry for ocsf-request and ocsf-response to point to this document.

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Appendix A. OCSF over HTTP

This section describes the formatting that will be done to the request and response to support HTTP [RFC2616].

A.1. Request

HTTP-based OCSF requests can use either the GET or the POST method to submit their requests. To enable HTTP caching, small requests (that after encoding are less than 255 bytes) MAY be submitted using GET. If HTTP caching is not important or if the request is greater than 255 bytes, the request SHOULD be submitted using POST. Where privacy is a requirement, OCSF transactions exchanged using HTTP MAY be protected using either Transport Layer Security/Secure Socket Layer (TLS/SSL) or some other lower-layer protocol.

An OCSF request using the GET method is constructed as follows:

```
GET {url}/{url-encoding of base-64 encoding of the DER encoding of
the OCSPRequest}
```

where {url} may be derived from the value of the authority information access extension in the certificate being checked for revocation, or other local configuration of the OCSF client.

An OCSF request using the POST method is constructed as follows: The Content-Type header has the value "application/ocsp-request", while the body of the message is the binary value of the DER encoding of the OCSPRequest.

A.2. Response

An HTTP-based OCSF response is composed of the appropriate HTTP headers, followed by the binary value of the DER encoding of the OCSPResponse. The Content-Type header has the value "application/ocsp-response". The Content-Length header SHOULD specify the length of the response. Other HTTP headers MAY be present and MAY be ignored if not understood by the requestor.

Appendix B. ASN.1 Modules

This appendix includes the ASN.1 modules for OCSF. [Appendix B.1](#) includes an ASN.1 module that conforms to the 1998 version of ASN.1 for all syntax elements of OCSF, including the preferred signature algorithms extension that was defined in [RFC6277]. This module replaces the modules in [Appendix B of \[RFC2560\]](#) and [Appendix A.2 of \[RFC6277\]](#). [Appendix B.2](#) includes an ASN.1 module, corresponding to the module present in B.1, that conforms to the 2008 version of

ASN.1. This module replaces the modules in [Section 12 of \[RFC5912\]](#) and [Appendix A.1 of \[RFC6277\]](#). Although a 2008 ASN.1 module is provided, the module in [Appendix B.1](#) remains the normative module as per the policy of the PKIX working group.

B.1. OCSF in ASN.1 - 1998 Syntax

OCSF-2013-88

```
{iso(1) identified-organization(3) dod(6) internet(1)
security(5) mechanisms(5) pkix(7) id-mod(0)
id-mod-ocsp-2013-88(81)}
```

DEFINITIONS EXPLICIT TAGS ::=

BEGIN

IMPORTS

```
-- PKIX Certificate Extensions
AuthorityInfoAccessSyntax, CRLReason, GeneralName
FROM PKIX1Implicit88 { iso(1) identified-organization(3)
dod(6) internet(1) security(5) mechanisms(5) pkix(7)
id-mod(0) id-pkix1-implicit(19) }

Name, CertificateSerialNumber, Extensions,
id-kp, id-ad-ocsp, Certificate, AlgorithmIdentifier
FROM PKIX1Explicit88 { iso(1) identified-organization(3)
dod(6) internet(1) security(5) mechanisms(5) pkix(7)
id-mod(0) id-pkix1-explicit(18) };
```

```
OCSFRequest ::= SEQUENCE {
    tbsRequest          TBSRequest,
    optionalSignature   [0] EXPLICIT Signature OPTIONAL }
```

```
TBSRequest ::= SEQUENCE {
    version              [0] EXPLICIT Version DEFAULT v1,
    requestorName        [1] EXPLICIT GeneralName OPTIONAL,
    requestList           SEQUENCE OF Request,
    requestExtensions    [2] EXPLICIT Extensions OPTIONAL }
```

```
Signature ::= SEQUENCE {
    signatureAlgorithm    AlgorithmIdentifier,
    signature             BIT STRING,
    certs                 [0] EXPLICIT SEQUENCE OF Certificate OPTIONAL }
```

```
Version ::= INTEGER { v1(0) }
```

```
Request ::= SEQUENCE {
    reqCert                CertID,
    singleRequestExtensions [0] EXPLICIT Extensions OPTIONAL }

CertID ::= SEQUENCE {
    hashAlgorithm          AlgorithmIdentifier,
    issuerNameHash         OCTET STRING, -- Hash of issuer's DN
    issuerKeyHash          OCTET STRING, -- Hash of issuer's public key
    serialNumber           CertificateSerialNumber }

OCSPResponse ::= SEQUENCE {
    responseStatus         OCSPResponseStatus,
    responseBytes          [0] EXPLICIT ResponseBytes OPTIONAL }

OCSPResponseStatus ::= ENUMERATED {
    successful             (0), -- Response has valid confirmations
    malformedRequest       (1), -- Illegal confirmation request
    internalError          (2), -- Internal error in issuer
    tryLater               (3), -- Try again later
                           -- (4) is not used
    sigRequired            (5), -- Must sign the request
    unauthorized           (6)  -- Request unauthorized
}

ResponseBytes ::= SEQUENCE {
    responseType          OBJECT IDENTIFIER,
    response              OCTET STRING }

BasicOCSPResponse ::= SEQUENCE {
    tbsResponseData       ResponseData,
    signatureAlgorithm     AlgorithmIdentifier,
    signature             BIT STRING,
    certs                 [0] EXPLICIT SEQUENCE OF Certificate OPTIONAL }

ResponseData ::= SEQUENCE {
    version                [0] EXPLICIT Version DEFAULT v1,
    responderID            ResponderID,
    producedAt            GeneralizedTime,
    responses              SEQUENCE OF SingleResponse,
    responseExtensions     [1] EXPLICIT Extensions OPTIONAL }

ResponderID ::= CHOICE {
    byName                 [1] Name,
    byKey                  [2] KeyHash }
```



```
KeyHash ::= OCTET STRING -- SHA-1 hash of responder's public key
-- (i.e., the SHA-1 hash of the value of the
-- BIT STRING subjectPublicKey [excluding
-- the tag, length, and number of unused
-- bits] in the responder's certificate)

SingleResponse ::= SEQUENCE {
    certID          CertID,
    certStatus      CertStatus,
    thisUpdate      GeneralizedTime,
    nextUpdate      [0] EXPLICIT GeneralizedTime OPTIONAL,
    singleExtensions [1] EXPLICIT Extensions OPTIONAL }

CertStatus ::= CHOICE {
    good          [0] IMPLICIT NULL,
    revoked       [1] IMPLICIT RevokedInfo,
    unknown       [2] IMPLICIT UnknownInfo }

RevokedInfo ::= SEQUENCE {
    revocationTime      GeneralizedTime,
    revocationReason    [0] EXPLICIT CRLReason OPTIONAL }

UnknownInfo ::= NULL

ArchiveCutoff ::= GeneralizedTime

AcceptableResponses ::= SEQUENCE OF OBJECT IDENTIFIER

ServiceLocator ::= SEQUENCE {
    issuer          Name,
    locator         AuthorityInfoAccessSyntax }

CrlID ::= SEQUENCE {
    crlUrl          [0] EXPLICIT IA5String OPTIONAL,
    crlNum          [1] EXPLICIT INTEGER OPTIONAL,
    crlTime         [2] EXPLICIT GeneralizedTime OPTIONAL }

PreferredSignatureAlgorithms ::= SEQUENCE OF PreferredSignatureAlgorithm

PreferredSignatureAlgorithm ::= SEQUENCE {
    sigIdentifier    AlgorithmIdentifier,
    certIdentifier   AlgorithmIdentifier OPTIONAL }
```

-- Object Identifiers

```
id-kp-OCSPSigning          OBJECT IDENTIFIER ::= { id-kp 9 }
id-pkix-ocsp               OBJECT IDENTIFIER ::= { id-ad-ocsp }
id-pkix-ocsp-basic        OBJECT IDENTIFIER ::= { id-pkix-ocsp 1 }
id-pkix-ocsp-nonce        OBJECT IDENTIFIER ::= { id-pkix-ocsp 2 }
id-pkix-ocsp-crl          OBJECT IDENTIFIER ::= { id-pkix-ocsp 3 }
id-pkix-ocsp-response     OBJECT IDENTIFIER ::= { id-pkix-ocsp 4 }
id-pkix-ocsp-nocheck      OBJECT IDENTIFIER ::= { id-pkix-ocsp 5 }
id-pkix-ocsp-archive-cutoff OBJECT IDENTIFIER ::= { id-pkix-ocsp 6 }
id-pkix-ocsp-service-locator OBJECT IDENTIFIER ::= { id-pkix-ocsp 7 }
id-pkix-ocsp-pref-sig-algs OBJECT IDENTIFIER ::= { id-pkix-ocsp 8 }
id-pkix-ocsp-extended-revoke OBJECT IDENTIFIER ::= { id-pkix-ocsp 9 }
```

END

B.2. OCSP in ASN.1 - 2008 Syntax

OCSP-2013-08

```
{iso(1) identified-organization(3) dod(6) internet(1) security(5)
mechanisms(5) pkix(7) id-mod(0) id-mod-ocsp-2013-08(82)}
```

DEFINITIONS EXPLICIT TAGS ::=

BEGIN

IMPORTS

Extensions{}, EXTENSION, ATTRIBUTE

FROM PKIX-CommonTypes-2009 -- From [RFC5912]

```
{iso(1) identified-organization(3) dod(6) internet(1) security(5)
mechanisms(5) pkix(7) id-mod(0) id-mod-pkixCommon-02(57)}
```

AlgorithmIdentifier{}, DIGEST-ALGORITHM, SIGNATURE-ALGORITHM, PUBLIC-KEY

FROM AlgorithmInformation-2009 -- From [RFC5912]

```
{iso(1) identified-organization(3) dod(6) internet(1) security(5)
mechanisms(5) pkix(7) id-mod(0)
id-mod-algorithmInformation-02(58)}
```

AuthorityInfoAccessSyntax, GeneralName, CrlEntryExtensions

FROM PKIX1Implicit-2009 -- From [RFC5912]

```
{iso(1) identified-organization(3) dod(6) internet(1) security(5)
mechanisms(5) pkix(7) id-mod(0) id-mod-pkix1-implicit-02(59)}
```

Name, CertificateSerialNumber, id-kp, id-ad-ocsp, Certificate

FROM PKIX1Explicit-2009 -- From [RFC5912]

```
{iso(1) identified-organization(3) dod(6) internet(1) security(5)
mechanisms(5) pkix(7) id-mod(0) id-mod-pkix1-explicit-02(51)}
```

```
sa-dsaWithSHA1, sa-rsaWithMD2, sa-rsaWithMD5, sa-rsaWithSHA1
FROM PKIXAlgs-2009 -- From [RFC5912]
    {iso(1) identified-organization(3) dod(6) internet(1) security(5)
    mechanisms(5) pkix(7) id-mod(0)
    id-mod-pkix1-algorithms2008-02(56)};

OCSPRequest ::= SEQUENCE {
    tbsRequest          TBSRequest,
    optionalSignature   [0] EXPLICIT Signature OPTIONAL }

TBSRequest ::= SEQUENCE {
    version              [0] EXPLICIT Version DEFAULT v1,
    requestorName        [1] EXPLICIT GeneralName OPTIONAL,
    requestList          SEQUENCE OF Request,
    requestExtensions    [2] EXPLICIT Extensions {{re-ocsp-nonce |
                                re-ocsp-response, ...,
                                re-ocsp-preferred-signature-algorithms}} OPTIONAL }

Signature ::= SEQUENCE {
    signatureAlgorithm   AlgorithmIdentifier
                        { SIGNATURE-ALGORITHM, {...}},
    signature            BIT STRING,
    certs                [0] EXPLICIT SEQUENCE OF Certificate OPTIONAL }

Version ::= INTEGER { v1(0) }

Request ::= SEQUENCE {
    reqCert              CertID,
    singleRequestExtensions [0] EXPLICIT Extensions
                        { {re-ocsp-service-locator,
                          ...}} OPTIONAL }

CertID ::= SEQUENCE {
    hashAlgorithm        AlgorithmIdentifier
                        {DIGEST-ALGORITHM, {...}},
    issuerNameHash       OCTET STRING, -- Hash of issuer's DN
    issuerKeyHash        OCTET STRING, -- Hash of issuer's public key
    serialNumber         CertificateSerialNumber }

OCSPResponse ::= SEQUENCE {
    responseStatus       OCSPResponseStatus,
    responseBytes        [0] EXPLICIT ResponseBytes OPTIONAL }
```

```
OCSPResponseStatus ::= ENUMERATED {
    successful          (0), -- Response has valid confirmations
    malformedRequest    (1), -- Illegal confirmation request
    internalError       (2), -- Internal error in issuer
    tryLater            (3), -- Try again later
                        -- (4) is not used
    sigRequired         (5), -- Must sign the request
    unauthorized        (6)  -- Request unauthorized
}

RESPONSE ::= TYPE-IDENTIFIER

ResponseSet RESPONSE ::= {basicResponse, ...}

ResponseBytes ::= SEQUENCE {
    responseType        RESPONSE,
                        &id ({ResponseSet}),
    response            OCTET STRING (CONTAINING RESPONSE.
                        &Type ({ResponseSet} {@responseType}))}

basicResponse RESPONSE ::=
    { BasicOCSPResponse IDENTIFIED BY id-pkix-ocsp-basic }

BasicOCSPResponse ::= SEQUENCE {
    tbsResponseData      ResponseData,
    signatureAlgorithm    AlgorithmIdentifier{SIGNATURE-ALGORITHM,
                        {sa-dsaWithSHA1 | sa-rsaWithSHA1 |
                          sa-rsaWithMD5 | sa-rsaWithMD2, ...}},
    signature            BIT STRING,
    certs                [0] EXPLICIT SEQUENCE OF Certificate OPTIONAL }

ResponseData ::= SEQUENCE {
    version              [0] EXPLICIT Version DEFAULT v1,
    responderID          ResponderID,
    producedAt           GeneralizedTime,
    responses            SEQUENCE OF SingleResponse,
    responseExtensions   [1] EXPLICIT Extensions
                        {{re-ocsp-nonce, ...,
                          re-ocsp-extended-revoke}} OPTIONAL }

ResponderID ::= CHOICE {
    byName              [1] Name,
    byKey               [2] KeyHash }

KeyHash ::= OCTET STRING -- SHA-1 hash of responder's public key
                        -- (excluding the tag and length fields)
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SingleResponse ::= SEQUENCE {
    certID                CertID,
    certStatus            CertStatus,
    thisUpdate            GeneralizedTime,
    nextUpdate            [0] EXPLICIT GeneralizedTime OPTIONAL,
    singleExtensions      [1] EXPLICIT Extensions{{re-ocsp-crl |
                                re-ocsp-archive-cutoff |
                                CrlEntryExtensions, ...}
                                } OPTIONAL }

CertStatus ::= CHOICE {
    good                  [0] IMPLICIT NULL,
    revoked               [1] IMPLICIT RevokedInfo,
    unknown               [2] IMPLICIT UnknownInfo }

RevokedInfo ::= SEQUENCE {
    revocationTime        GeneralizedTime,
    revocationReason      [0] EXPLICIT CRLReason OPTIONAL }

UnknownInfo ::= NULL

ArchiveCutoff ::= GeneralizedTime

AcceptableResponses ::= SEQUENCE OF RESPONSE.&id({ResponseSet})

ServiceLocator ::= SEQUENCE {
    issuer      Name,
    locator     AuthorityInfoAccessSyntax }

CrlID ::= SEQUENCE {
    crlUrl      [0] EXPLICIT IA5String OPTIONAL,
    crlNum      [1] EXPLICIT INTEGER OPTIONAL,
    crlTime     [2] EXPLICIT GeneralizedTime OPTIONAL }

PreferredSignatureAlgorithms ::= SEQUENCE OF PreferredSignatureAlgorithm

PreferredSignatureAlgorithm ::= SEQUENCE {
    sigIdentifier AlgorithmIdentifier{SIGNATURE-ALGORITHM, {...}},
    certIdentifier AlgorithmIdentifier{PUBLIC-KEY, {...}} OPTIONAL
}

-- Certificate Extensions

ext-ocsp-nocheck EXTENSION ::= { SYNTAX NULL IDENTIFIED
    BY id-pkix-ocsp-nocheck }
```

-- Request Extensions

re-ocsp-nonce EXTENSION ::= { SYNTAX OCTET STRING IDENTIFIED
BY id-pkix-ocsp-nonce }

re-ocsp-response EXTENSION ::= { SYNTAX AcceptableResponses IDENTIFIED
BY id-pkix-ocsp-response }

re-ocsp-service-locator EXTENSION ::= { SYNTAX ServiceLocator
IDENTIFIED BY
id-pkix-ocsp-service-locator }

re-ocsp-preferred-signature-algorithms EXTENSION ::= {
SYNTAX PreferredSignatureAlgorithms
IDENTIFIED BY id-pkix-ocsp-pref-sig-algs }

-- Response Extensions

re-ocsp-crl EXTENSION ::= { SYNTAX CrlID IDENTIFIED BY
id-pkix-ocsp-crl }

re-ocsp-archive-cutoff EXTENSION ::= { SYNTAX ArchiveCutoff
IDENTIFIED BY
id-pkix-ocsp-archive-cutoff }

re-ocsp-extended-revoke EXTENSION ::= { SYNTAX NULL IDENTIFIED BY
id-pkix-ocsp-extended-revoke }

-- Object Identifiers

id-kp-OCSPSigning	OBJECT IDENTIFIER ::= { id-kp 9 }
id-pkix-ocsp	OBJECT IDENTIFIER ::= id-ad-ocsp
id-pkix-ocsp-basic	OBJECT IDENTIFIER ::= { id-pkix-ocsp 1 }
id-pkix-ocsp-nonce	OBJECT IDENTIFIER ::= { id-pkix-ocsp 2 }
id-pkix-ocsp-crl	OBJECT IDENTIFIER ::= { id-pkix-ocsp 3 }
id-pkix-ocsp-response	OBJECT IDENTIFIER ::= { id-pkix-ocsp 4 }
id-pkix-ocsp-nocheck	OBJECT IDENTIFIER ::= { id-pkix-ocsp 5 }
id-pkix-ocsp-archive-cutoff	OBJECT IDENTIFIER ::= { id-pkix-ocsp 6 }
id-pkix-ocsp-service-locator	OBJECT IDENTIFIER ::= { id-pkix-ocsp 7 }
id-pkix-ocsp-pref-sig-algs	OBJECT IDENTIFIER ::= { id-pkix-ocsp 8 }
id-pkix-ocsp-extended-revoke	OBJECT IDENTIFIER ::= { id-pkix-ocsp 9 }

END

Appendix C. MIME Registrations

C.1. application/ocsp-request

To: ietf-types@iana.org

Subject: Registration of MIME media type application/ocsp-request

MIME media type name: application

MIME subtype name: ocsp-request

Required parameters: None

Optional parameters: None

Encoding considerations: binary

Security considerations: Carries a request for information. This request may optionally be cryptographically signed.

Interoperability considerations: None

Published specification: IETF PKIX Working Group document on the Online Certificate Status Protocol - OCSP

Applications which use this media type: OCSP clients

Additional information:

 Magic number(s): None

 File extension(s): .ORQ

 Macintosh File Type Code(s): none

Person & email address to contact for further information:

 Stefan Santesson <sts@aaa-sec.com>

Intended usage: COMMON

Author/Change controller: IETF

C.2. application/ocsp-response

To: ietf-types@iana.org

Subject: Registration of MIME media type application/ocsp-response

MIME media type name: application

MIME subtype name: ocsp-response

Required parameters: None

Optional parameters: None

Encoding considerations: binary

Security considerations: Carries a cryptographically signed response.

Interoperability considerations: None

Published specification: IETF PKIX Working Group document on the
Online Certificate Status Protocol - OCSF

Applications which use this media type: OCSF servers

Additional information:

 Magic number(s): None

 File extension(s): .ORS

 Macintosh File Type Code(s): none

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