       Internet X.509 Public Key Infrastructure -- Certificate Image

Abstract

   This document specifies a method to bind a visual representation of a
   certificate in the form of a certificate image to a public key
   certificate as defined in RFC 5280, by defining a new "otherLogos"
   image type according to RFC 3709.

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1.  Introduction

   This standard specifies how to bind a certificate image to a
   certificate (defined in [RFC5280]), providing a visual representation
   of that certificate using the Logotype extension defined in [RFC3709]
   and specifying the certificate image as a new "otherLogos" type.

   The purpose of the certificate image is to aid human interpretation
   of a certificate by providing meaningful visual information to the
   user interface (UI).

   Typical situations when a human needs to examine the visual
   representation of a certificate are:

   -  A person establishes a secured channel with an authenticated
      service.  The person needs to determine the identity of the
      service based on the authenticated credentials.

   -  A person validates the signature on critical information, such as
      signed executable code, and needs to determine the identity of the
      signer based on the signer's certificate.

   -  A person is required to select an appropriate certificate to be
      used when authenticating to a service or Identity Management
      infrastructure.  The person needs to see the available
      certificates in order to distinguish between them in the selection
      process.

The display of certificate information to humans is challenging due
to lack of well-defined semantics for critical identity attributes.
Unless the application has out-of-band knowledge about a particular
certificate, the application will not know the exact nature of the
data stored in common identification attributes such as serialNumber,
organizationName, country, etc.  Consequently, the application can
display the actual data, but faces the problem of labeling that data
in the UI and informing the human about the exact nature (semantics)
of that data.  It is also challenging for the application to
determine which identification attributes are important to display
and how to organize them in a logical order.

RFC 3709 [RFC3709] defines a certificate extension for binding images
to a certificate, such as a community logo and issuer logo, enhancing
the display of certificate information.  The syntax is extensible and
allows inclusion of new image types using the otherLogos structure.
This standard defines how to include a complete certificate image
using the extensibility mechanism of RFC 3709.

## 1.1.  Terminology

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 [RFC2119].

## 2.  Certificate Image

This section defines the certificate image as a new otherLogos type
according to Section 4.1 of [RFC3709].

The certificate image otherLogos type is identified by the Object
Identifier (OID) id-logo-certimage.

```
id-pkix  OBJECT IDENTIFIER  ::=
    { iso(1) identified-organization(3) dod(6) internet(1)
    security(5) mechanisms(5) pkix(7) }

id-logo OBJECT IDENTIFIER ::= { id-pkix 20 }

id-logo-certimage OBJECT IDENTIFIER ::= { id-logo 3 }
```

When present, the certificate image MUST be a complete visual
representation of the certificate.  This means that the display of
this certificate image represents all information about the
certificate that the issuer subjectively defines as relevant to show
to a typical human user within the typical intended use of the
certificate, giving adequate information about at least the following
three aspects of the certificate:

- Certificate Context

- Certificate Issuer

- Certificate Subject

Certificate Context information is visual marks and/or textual
information that helps the typical user to understand the typical
usage and/or purpose of the certificate.

It is up to the issuer to decide what information -- in the form of
text, graphical symbols, and elements -- represents a complete visual
representation of the certificate.  However, the visual
representation of Certificate Subject and Certificate Issuer
information from the certificate MUST have the same meaning as the
textual representation of that information in the certificate itself.

Applications providing a Graphical User Interface (GUI) to the
certificate user MAY present a certificate image according to this
standard in any given application interface, as the only visual
representation of a certificate.

3.  LogotypeImageInfo

The optional LogotypeImageInfo structure is defined in [RFC3709] and
is included here for convenience:

```
LogotypeImageInfo ::= SEQUENCE {
    type          [0] LogotypeImageType DEFAULT color,
    fileSize      INTEGER,  -- In octets
    xSize         INTEGER,  -- Horizontal size in pixels
    ySize         INTEGER,  -- Vertical size in pixels
    resolution    LogotypeImageResolution OPTIONAL,
    language      [4] IA5String OPTIONAL }  -- RFC 3066 Language Tag
```

NOTE: The referenced RFC 3066 in the structure above (from RFC 3709)
      is obsolete and is currently replaced by RFC 5646 [RFC5646].
      The language tag may carry information about the language used
      to express any textual elements within the image as well as any
      audio information associated with the image.

When the optional LogotypeImageInfo is included with a certificate
image, the parameters shall be used with the following semantics and
restrictions.

xSize and ySize represent the recommended display size for the image.
When a value of 0 (zero) is present, no recommended display size is
specified.  When non-zero values are present and these values differ

   from corresponding size values in the referenced image file, then the
   referenced image SHOULD be scaled to fit within the size parameters
   of LogotypeImageInfo, while keeping the x and y ratio intact.

   The resolution parameter is redundant for all image formats that are
   relevant for certificate images and MUST NOT be specified.

4.  Embedded Images

   The certificate image otherLogos type defined in this specification
   and all logotype types defined in RFC 3709 [RFC3709] MAY be stored
   within the logotype extension using the "data" URL scheme defined in
   RFC 2397 [RFC2397] if the logotype image is provided through direct
   addressing, i.e., the image is referenced using the LogotypeDetails
   structure.

   The syntax of Logotype details defined in RFC 3709 is included here
   for convenience:

      LogotypeDetails ::= SEQUENCE {
         mediaType        IA5String, -- MIME media type name and optional
                                     -- parameters (see Section 5)
         logotypeHash     SEQUENCE SIZE (1..MAX) OF HashAlgAndValue,
         logotypeURI      SEQUENCE SIZE (1..MAX) OF IA5String }

   The syntax of the "data" URL scheme defined in RFC 2397 is included
   here for convenience:

      dataurl    := "data:" [ mediatype ] [ ";base64" ] "," data
      mediatype  := [ type "/" subtype ] *( ";" parameter )
      data       := *urlchar
      parameter  := attribute "=" value

   When including the image data in the logotype extension using the
   "data" URL scheme, the following conventions apply.

   -  The value of mediaType in LogotypeDetails MUST be identical to the
      media type value in the "data" URL.

   -  The hash of the image MUST be included in logotypeHash and MUST be
      calculated over the same data as it would have been, had the image
      been referenced through a link to an external resource.

   NOTE: As the "data" URL scheme is processed as a data source rather
         than as a URL, the image data is typically not limited by any
         URL length limit settings that otherwise apply to URLs in
         general.

NOTE: Implementations need to be cautious about the size of images
      included in a certificate in order to ensure that the size of
      the certificate does not prevent the certificate from being
      used as intended.

5.  Certificate Image Formats

   Implementations of this specification MUST support JPEG and GIF as
   defined in RFC 3709 [RFC3709].  In addition to these mandatory-to-
   implement formats, this specification specifies the use of the
   Portable Document Format (PDF), Scalable Vector Graphics (SVG), and
   Portable Network Graphics (PNG) as image formats.

5.1.  PDF

   A certificate image MAY be provided in the form of a Portable
   Document Format (PDF) document according to [ISO32000] and following
   the conventions defined in this section.  When a certificate image is
   formatted as a PDF document, it MUST also be formatted according to
   the profile PDF/A [ISO19005].

   When including a PDF document as a certificate image, the following
   MIME media type as specified in [RFC3778] MUST be used as mediaType
   in LogotypeDetails:

      application/pdf

5.2.  SVG

   A certificate image MAY be provided in the form of a Scalable Vector
   Graphics (SVG) image, which MUST follow the SVG Tiny profile [SVGT]
   with the following amendments:

   -  The SVG image MUST NOT contain any Internationalized Resource
      Identifier (IRI) references to information stored outside of the
      SVG image of type B, C, or D, according to Section 14.1.4 of SVG
      Tiny 1.2 [SVGT].

   -  The SVG image MUST NOT contain any 'script' element, according to
      Section 15.2 of SVG Tiny 1.2 [SVGT].

   -  The XML structure in the SVG file MUST use <LF> (linefeed 0x0A) as
      the end-of-line (EOL) character when calculating a hash over the
      SVG image.

   The referenced SVG file MAY be provided in GZIP-compressed [RFC1952]
   form as an SVGZ file.  In this case, the extension 'svgz' is used as
   an alias for 'svg.gz' [RFC1952], i.e., octet streams of type

image/svg+xml, subsequently compressed with gzip as specified in
[SVGR].  The hash over the SVGZ file is calculated over the
decompressed SVG content with canonicalized EOL characters (<LF>) as
specified above.

The following MIME media type, defined in Appendix M of [SVGT], MUST
be included as mediaType in LogotypeDetails for all SVG and SVGZ
images:

    image/svg+xml

When the SVG image is embedded using the "data" URL scheme as defined
in Section 4, SVG image data MUST be provided in SVGZ (GZIP
compressed) form (i.e., it MUST NOT be provided in uncompressed SVG
form).

Compliant implementations of this specification SHOULD be able to
process SVG images that are formatted according to this section.

## 5.3.  PNG

If a certificate image is provided as a bitmapped image, the PNG
[ISO15948] format SHOULD be used.

PNG images are identified by the following mediaType in
LogotypeDetails:

    image/png

## 6.  Security Considerations

This document is based on and inherits all security considerations
from RFC 3709 [RFC3709].  In particular, RFC 3709 discusses several
issues a Certificate Authority (CA) should take into consideration
when evaluating a request to issue a certificate with a certificate
image.

Images incorporated according to RFC 3709 provide an additional
possibility for a CA with bad intentions or bad security procedures
to include false, conflicting, or malicious information to relying
parties.  Such a CA may, for example:

-  include information in graphical form that is in conflict with
   information in provided text-based attributes or other name forms,
   and

-  include malicious data that could exploit known security bugs in
   common software libraries used to render graphical images.

This underlines the necessity for CAs to provide reliable services, and the relying party's responsibility and need to carefully select which CAs are trusted to provide public key certificates.

This also underlines the general necessity for relying parties to use up-to-date software libraries to render or dereference data from external sources (such as certificates), to minimize risks related to processing potentially malicious data before the data has been adequately verified and validated.

Referenced image files are hashed in order to bind the image to the signature of the certificate.  Some image types, such as SVG, allow part of the image to be collected from an external source by incorporating a reference to an external image file.  If this feature were used within a certificate image file, the hash of the image file would only cover the URI reference to the external image file, but not the referenced image data.  Clients SHOULD verify that SVGT images meet all requirements listed in Section 5.2 and reject images that contain references to external data.

CAs issuing certificates with embedded certificate images should be cautious when accepting graphics from the certificate requestor for inclusion in the certificate if the hash algorithm used to sign the certificate is vulnerable to collision attacks.  In such a case, the accepted image may contain data that could help an attacker to obtain colliding certificates with identical certificate signatures.

Certificates, and hence their certificate images, are commonly public objects and as such usually will not contain privacy-sensitive information.  However, when a certificate image that is referenced from a certificate contains privacy-sensitive information, appropriate security controls should be in place to protect the privacy of that information.  Details of such controls are outside the scope of this document.

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Appendix A.  ASN.1 Module

```
CERT-IMAGE-MODULE { iso(1) identified-organization(3) dod(6)
    internet(1) security(5) mechanisms(5) pkix(7) id-mod(0)
    id-mod-logotype-certimage(68) }

DEFINITIONS EXPLICIT TAGS ::=
BEGIN

  EXPORTS ALL;   -- export all items from this module

    id-logo-certImage  OBJECT IDENTIFIER  ::=
        { iso(1) identified-organization(3) dod(6) internet(1)
        security(5) mechanisms(5) pkix(7) id-logo(20) 3 }

  END
```

Appendix B.  Example

    The following example stores an embedded svgz-encoded SVG image using
    the "data" URL scheme.

        data:image/svg+xml;base64,H4sICLXutU0AA0NlcnRJbWFnZURlbW8uc3ZnANVa
        W2/bOBZ+n19BqBigwdoS7xK9jmeapB0EWHQHzez2WZZoR1tZMiQ5jvvr95CSL7Gl1E
        m8C9d9iERSPOd85+O5EB3+9jhL0YMuyiTPLh3iYgfpLMrjJJteOv/661M/cFBZhVkc
        pnmmL50sd34b/TIsH6YoiS+da11UySSJwkqj21k41Q6CDbNyUMSTS+e+quYDz1sul+
        6SuXkx9YhSysPUo7QPK/rlKqvCx35Wvmu+a/uGYow9EOigh0Qvr/LHSwcjjDjGiGHQ
        914n0/sKlMf4Vwctk7i6X7/sGEYdNA5L/WeRT5IUDKmSbLVWNoo2cqNCh1XyoKN8Ns
        uz0iqwVW8Qb1fOF0Vqp+PI06me6awqPeISzxn9goYzXYVxWIUWpfWLCMwcGoLpgy83
        n8wzGkbR4GtefENmMBznC7DEroKpOBpM8mIWVqPEYGtA+BvoMfS2E5uF1Wqu7R6FLv
        NFEelWReNolpiV3l2VpGntMW9nk6RKdf0+9BrFrMbeVuWhtzbHvMR6UlobPyVpBWjX
        Bk7six2vH5nCwY6nXCo5xb7YusvFVPqCOGh16fSxSxglmPkScLfvmDDmC4FlDc1wov
        8IF2WZhNlVumgEPRliimDD3PhGPyTgUUMC6lKqKAjxaptq1boUJvQFsvi+LOJyxZkP
        E/vCwHuAmXmoj1AarnRBatzqkbv7cK5Ls2ORfwM/vsOG5lURZqXx0nDXPKZw5t5jVz
        IhFK00B6D6hARSXDR6Fzqq7H7mQeJAOQiUSPvFIrUHOfuui3zrFI5dYVeAmpcOcOb9
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        zlRAl+cZSKhB6qSIVa80fsqMnWOqZJpmsXwAPoyNaQ95uNIGasKPwhxGzQzOXzMIIz
        BKabmLIil470zfSjWWn+kvpvLQ9g1l3yRIc8gukz0uysEcakcDfy3KMk+l0SOXlOop
        ltJL7EPtUlzZfP4tnM70k8xkKCySt92MwfIXPoTe0pnu4dYbp7hJ/kxWySN0ey0o/1
        qbiCsxDXJMWWo37QekBcAUFPSGkPCnUJF5wwBacDK5cGlEp4BC2lYoJcrNNGVc7DzI
        qxT4CKsPlrAG8mL8whRejiQe9EmImIAoz3sds9NxP4RZEzugqzb7c3Q89u3WQKY9ae
        gbsA/AUJB/bJs6pfJt9BHFEuk5DWITzOH5uZSThLUsDjQ5GE6RMsyihMTaQLfA6BIi
        AQMAhnHHN1sd61WtUhDVJiuhkrdBXd740+hLB9Vm1HjQe4ywLOBLWOMMiyQAXNB8sm
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        tTcbQhK6F14YFUp+Yn7WgmzwpZCDf5DDiXT9B7U6RdHAHpdb7IqmLVjqZSLnTW61zj
        Q7/G7D3hm9E846uTDZoNMADmLlm7IG2ieXfUtu1US9TeNGUHibE9Nv//2jRJGZfQmK
        3v7ykJJOv1IXjBsDCPpmgWppe6sHxR3KVSQKqp+WIqammuJbtqkxZmMHry4oS/9pLh
        dCXKq8uR0R+LDEqCKRxqc5VXdvPvIP+ggwR0RkyBfO9iKZvrWGAKVdz31cuocvoO/q
        emClFMYEFEH7oI+vpkek4s4bCMBqK+5mHQUlDpE/oylpy+2/6pWXK31PEYagP04epV
        1cE50UMy6IQZeQM7+0l74Z+eHfpHNc7OjffQ/HeV0X8BopoDkGEkAAA=

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