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# Thailand PROMPTPAY API Specification

Version: 1.1

# Description

This document introduces the **OpenAPI specification** which describes the REST APIs for HSBCs Collection of digital payments - Thailand PROMPTPAY QR Code.

The target audience of this document are Developers, Business Analysts and other Project Team Members.

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## How to Read this Document

First of all, get to know what features we can offer in Features Overview and then get the key idea of our API operations in here. Before you connect to our API, remember to collect all prerequisites and go through all requirements in How to Connect section. So, let's get started!

### **Features Overview**

## Webhooks for Payment

Asynchronous callback will be pushed back to Merchant regarding to different payment events such as a captured payment or a settled payment. Please see Webhooks for details.

## How to Connect

API Connectivity refers to all measures and their components that establishes connection between HSBC, the API Provider and Merchant, the API Consumer.

	Definition	Components
API Authentication	HTTP BASIC Authentication	Username     Password
	Locate API Gateway Policy of the corresponding user	Client ID     Client Secret
User Identification	A Merchant Profile	Merchant ID     Merchant Profile
Connection Security	HTTPS Connection (TLS 1.2) and Network Whitelisting	SSL Certificate     Network Whitelist
Message Security	Digital Signing and Data Encryption	A pair of Private Key &     Public Key Certificate (PKI     Model)     JWS Key ID     JWE Key ID

# **API Gateway URL**

You need to include this before each API endpoint to make API calls.

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https://cmb-api.hsbc.com.hk/glcm-mobilecoll-mcth-ea-merchantservices-prod-proxy/v1

#### Sandbox

https://devclustercmb.api.p2g.netd2.hsbc.com.hk/glcm-mobilecoll-mcth-eamerchantservices-cert-proxy/v1

# **API** Authentication

Username & Password		
Purpose	All APIs are authorized using	Basic Authorization
Components	Username	Password
Where to get it?	Delivered by HSBC via securing procedure	e email during onboarding
Implementation	In HTTP header: Authorization: Basic [B	ase64-encoded Credential]

Client ID & Client Secret		
Purpose	API Gateway locates the conconsumer	rresponding policy of the specific API
Components	Client ID	Client Secret
Where to get it?	Delivered by HSBC via secu procedure	re email during onboarding
Implementation	<pre>In HTTP header:    x-hsbc-client-id:    [Client ID]</pre>	In HTTP header:  x-hsbc-client-secret:  [Client Secret]

## User Identification

Merchant Profile	ant Profile & Merchant ID		
Purpose	Merchant Profile contains all necessary information from a Merchant in order to enable payment service.	Merchant ID is used for Merchant identification in each API call.	
Components	Merchant Profile	Merchant ID	
Where to get it?	Set up by HSBC team after collect information from Merchant	Delivered by HSBC via secure email during onboarding procedure	
Implementation	nil	In HTTP header:  x-hsbc-msg- encrypt-id: [Merchant ID]+[JWS ID]+[JWE ID]	

# Connection Security

SSL Certificate	SSL Certificate & Network Whitelist		
Purpose	Request HSBC     API over HTTPS     connection (TLS     1.2)	Accept Callback API request over HTTPS connection (TLS 1.2)	
Components	Public SSL Certificate issued by HSBC	Merchant's     web server     or domain     whose     HTTPS     Connection     is enabled     Metwork     Whitelist on     HSBC system	

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SSL Certificate &	SSL Certificate & Network Whitelist			
Where to get it?	Downloaded automatically by Browsers or API Tools, if any problem found, please contact HSBC	nil	nil	
Implementation	nil	nil	Merchant's domain URL will be configured in HSBC's network whitelist by HSBC team	

# Message Security - Data Encryption and Signing

In addition to the Transport Layer Security, HSBC adopts additional security - Data Encryption on the message being passed across the session. This serves as a type of locked briefcase containing the data (the API message) within the HTTPS "tunnel". In other words, the communication has double protection.

#### DID YOU KNOW?

Javascript Object Signing and Encryption (JOSE $^{TM}$ ), is a framework that secures information transferred between parties. To achieve this, the JOSE framework provides a collection of specifications, including JSON Web Signature (JWS $^{TM}$ ) and JSON Web Encryption (JWE $^{TM}$ ).

HSBC uses JWS to sign message payloads, and JWE to encrypt the signed message. These are created by using the Private Key & Public Key Certificate (PKI Model).

#### Private Key & Public Key Certificate (PKI Model) · Encrypt the signed Digitally sign a API request API request message message Purpose • Decrypt a API response message Verify a signed API response message Public Key Private Key issued by Merchant Certificate issued Components by HSBC Exchanged with Created by any Public Key HSBC with the Infrastructure (PKI) toolkits, such Where to get Public Key as Kevtool™ and OpenSSL™. it? Certificate issued Technical detail is in here by Merchant Implementation Please see the technical detail in here

#### NOTE:

Technically, an X.509 certificate can serve as a SSL Certificate as well as a Public Key Certificate for Data Encryption. However, for segregation of certificate usage, HSBC recommends that the Merchant uses a different X.509 Certificate for Data Encryption. Moreover, the Public Key Certificate does not have to be CA-signed. However, if the Merchant decides to enhance security, a CA-Signed Certificate is acceptable.

# keyID of JWS™ & JWE™

The unique identifier to bind Merchant's Private Key in order to create a JWS object - a signed Message Payload

 The unique identifier to bind HSBC's Public Key Certificate in order to create a JWE object - an encrypted JWS object

Components

- keyID of JWS™
- keyID of JWE™

Where to get it?

- Mutual agreed between Merchant and HSBC
- Mutual agreed between Merchant and HSBC

Implementation Define in program coding, see demo in here

NOTE:

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For security purposes, [HSBC's Public Key Certificate] and its associated [keyID] is renewed every year and a Certificate Renewal process is triggered. More detail is covered in the section Key Renewal

# How to Sign and Encrypt Outgoing Message

Every message sent to HSBC must be signed and encrypted. From the Merchant's perspective, an **Outgoing Message** means:

- · the Request Message of a Service API, or
- the Respond Message of a Callback API.

To help you understand how to construct a Signed and Encrypted Message, let's take the Java program below as an example. Don't worry if you are not familiar with Java, the idea is to let you know the steps and the required components:

NOTE: These Java codes are for demonstration only - it's not plug and play.

- 1. Prepare your **Message Payload**, that is, the plain json request message.
- 2. Create a **JWS Header** where the parameters are as follows:

```
{
    "alg": "RS256", //Signing Algorithm is RS256
    "kid": "0001", //Put your own Key ID value, "0001" i
    "iat": "1625587913" //Issued At - the time this request i
}
```

- 3. Create a JWS Object by combining JWS Header and Message Payload.
- 4. Retrieve your Private Key as the signer.
- Create a Signed JWS Object by signing it with the Private Key.

Next, Encrypt the Signed JWS Object:

- 1. Prepare your JWE Payload, that is, the Signed JWS Object.
- Create the **JWE Header**. The algorithm used to encrypt the message body is

  A1286CM while the algorithm used to encrypt the encryption key is

  RSA\_0AEP\_256 . **JWE keyID** is 0002 .
- 3. Create the JWE Object by combining JWE Header and JWE Payload.
- 4. Retrieve the **HSBC's Public Key** as the encrypter.
- 5. Create the **Encrypted JWE Object** by encrypting it with HSBC's Public Key.

You are now ready to put the Encrypted JWE Object in the message body (you may need to first serialize it into String format, depends on your program code design) of any API call.

# How to Decrypt Message and Verify Signature of an Incoming Message

Every message sent from HSBC must be decrypted and verified. From the Merchant's perspective, an **Incoming Message** means:

- the Respond Message of a Service API, or
- the Request Message of a Callback API.

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Let's look into the following example to see how to decrypt a response message from HSBC:

```
private String decryptMessage(String respMsgPayload, KeyStoreFa
throws KeyStoreException, NoSuchAlgorithmException, Certifica
java.text.ParseException, UnrecoverableKeyException, J
#1 JWEObject jweObject = JWEObject.parse(respMsgPayload);
        PrivateKey privateKey = (PrivateKey) keyStore.getPrivateKey
        JWEDecrypter decrypter = new RSADecrypter(privateKey);
jweObject.decrypt(decrypter);
        String signedMessage = jweObject.getPayload().toString();
return signedMessage;
```

- 1. Create an **Encrypted JWE Object** by parsing the encrypted response message payload.
- 2. Retrieve the Private Key as the decrypter.
- 3. Decrypt the JWE Object using your Private Key.
- 4. Get the Signed Message from the decrypted JWE Object.

You are now able to extract the plain <code>[json]</code> message, but first you **must** verify the signature to guarantee data integrity.

```
String verifySignature(String signedMessage, KeyStore
throws KeyStoreException, JOSEException, ParseException {
   JWSObject jwsObject = JWSObject.parse(signedMessage);
  Certificate certificate = ks.getCertificate(keyAlias);
JWSVerifier verifier = new RSASSAVerifier((RSAPublicKey) ce
  if (!jwsObject.verify(verifier)) {
   throw new ValidationException("Invalid Signature");
     eturn jwsObject.getPayload().toString();
```

- 1. Create a JWS Object by parsing the Signed Message.
- 2. Retrieve the HSBC's Public Key as the verifier.
- 3. Verify the signed JWS Object. Invoke error handling if an invalid signature is found (depends on your code design).
- 4. Get the plain json message for further actions.

# Summary

Components \ Steps	Message Signing	Message Encryption	Message Decryption	Verify Signature
JWS Object	Signing Algorithm: RS256			
JWE Object		JWE Algorithm: RSA_0AEP_256  Encryption Method: A1286CM		
KeyID	0002	0002		
Merchant's Private Key	Used as Signer		Used as Decrypter	
HSBC's Public Key		Used as Encrypter		Used as Verifier

# How to Make an API Request

An API request can be submitted without Message Encryption, in case you want

- · learn about the basic API Call;
- · test API connectivity before spending substantial development effort on Message Encryption.

Data encryption is a required data security imposed by HSBC standards. The Merchant has to invoke the encryption logic before moving to Production and must be fully tested during the testing phase

# Make Your API Request with Plain Messages

NOTE

However, this is for testing purpose only.

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#### Submit an example API request using $\mathbf{cURL}^{\scriptscriptstyle\mathsf{TM}}$

cURL  $^{\text{TM}}$  is a simple command-line tool that enables you to make any HTTP request. Merchant can choose any other GUI tool such as Postman  $^{\text{TM}}$  and Span II  $^{\text{TM}}$ 

In the Sandbox Environment you can skip message encryption

#### Step 1. Run this command on your platform:

```
#1 curl -X POST "https://devclustercmb.api.p2g.netd2.hsbc.c
#2 -H "message_encrypt: false"
#3 -H "Authorization: Basic eW91cl91c2VybmFtZTp5b3VyX3Bhc3
#4 -H "x-HSBC-client-id: 8b915a4f5b5047f991f210e2232b5ced"
#5 -H "x-HSBC-client-secret: 1bb456a541dc416dB6016B5F9583C
#6 -H "x-HSBC-msg-encrypt-id: 42298549900001+0001+0002"
#7 -H "Content-Type: application/json"
#8 -d "{ \"txnRef\": \"PAY-QJZV956664\", \"merId\": \"4229
```

- 1. Submit the POST request to the API URL endpoint.
- Set the secret header message\_encrypt: false to indicate this API request is without message encryption. This header is only applicable in Sandbox environment.
- 3. Put the Basic Authorization in HTTP header Authorization.
- 4. Put the Client ID in HTTP header x-HSBC-client-id
- 5. Put the Client Secret in HTTP header x-HSBC-client-secret .
- 6. Put the Merchant ID, the JWS ID and the JWE ID in HTTP header x-HSBC-msg-encrypt-id respectively.
- 7. Set the Content-Type to JSON format.
- 8. Plain json message payload.

```
#1 curl -X GET "https://devclustercmb.api.p2g.netd2.hsbc.co
#2 -H "message_encrypt: false"
#3 -H "Authorization: Basic eW91cl91c2VybmFtZTp5b3VyX3Bhc3
#4 -H "x-HSBC-client-is sb915a4f5b5047f091f210e2232b5ced"
#5 -H "x-HSBC-client-secret: 1bb456a541dc416dB6016B5F9583C
#6 -H "x-HSBC-msg-encrypt-id: 42298549900001+0001+0002"
#7 -H "Content-Type: application/json"

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5. Put the Client Secret in HTTP header x-HSBC-client-secret.
6. Put the Merchant ID, the JWS ID and the JWE ID in HTTP header x-
```

Step 2. Receive the response message in plain json format.

HSBC-msg-encrypt-id respectively.

7. Set Content-Type to JSON format.

# Making API Request with Message Encryption

Step 1. Run this cURL™ command on your platform:

```
#1 curl -X POST "https://devclustercmb.api.p2g.netd2.hsbc.c
#2 -H "Authorization: Basic eW91cl91c2VybmFtZTp5b3VyX3Bhc3
#3 -H "x-HS8C-client-id: 8b915a4f5b5047f091f210e2232b5ced"
#4 -H "x-HS8C-client-secret: 1bb456a541dc416d8e016B5F95830
#5 -H "X-HS8C-mg-encrypt-id: 42298549900001+0001+0002"
#6 -H "Content-Type: application/json"
#7 -d "eyJrawQ101IwMDAXIIwIZW5JIJ01QTEYOEdDTSISImFsZy16IIJ

1. Submit the POST request to the API URL endpoint. Any {id} adhered in the URL must be encrypted.
2. Put the Basic Authorization in HTTP header x-HSBC-client-secret.
5. Put the Client Secret in HTTP header x-HSBC-client-secret.
5. Put the Merchant ID, the JWS ID and the JWE ID in HTTP header x-HSBC-msg-encrypt-id respectively.
6. Set the Content-Type to JSON format.
7. The Encrypted Message Payload.
```

curl -X GET "https://devclustercmb.api.p2g.netd2.hsbc.cd
-H "Authorization: Basic eW9icl91c2VybmFtZTp5b3VyX3Bhc3
-H "X-HSBC-client-id: 8b915a4f5b5047f991f210e2232b5ced"
-H "x-HSBC-client-secret: 1bb456a541dc416dB6016B5F95830

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- 4. Put the Client Secret in HTTP header x-HSBC-client-secret .
- 5. Put the Merchant ID, the JWS ID and the JWE ID in HTTP header  $$\rm x$-$\rm HSBC-msg-encrypt-id |$  respectively.
- 6. Set the Content-Type to JSON format.

#### NOTE:

Data Encryption invokes compulsory prerequisites, such as JOSE library and program coding, please make sure the section on Message Security has been gone through thoroughly.

Step 2. For a successful request (HTTP Status Code 200), an encrypted response message is returned, otherwise, a plain json with failure message is returned.

# **Data Type Overview**

## Data Type Control:

Data Type	Allowed Characters	Definition & Important Notice
String (For general field)	Alphanumeric and Symbols	General field means field which is <b>NOT</b> a critical field. HSBC system will execute characters checking upon all string fields we received in order to tackle security vulnerability, such as Cross-site Scripting. Yet, we recommend you to try use Alphanumeric only for most cases.
String (For critical field)	0-9 a-z A-Z -	Critical field is used to be either a key or search criteria in HSBC backend system and hence tight restriction is applied to the allowed characters.  Moreover, the starting and ending space of the string value will be trimmed before stored in HSBC system. For example, string "example 12 34" will be trimmed to "example 12 34".  List of Critical Fields: All [id] (s)
		All III (5)
Integer	0-9	Instead of having Max Length check for String, integer range will be checked, e.g. $0 \le x \le 9999$

#### Field Mandatory Control:

Field Mandatory Type	Definition & Important Notice
Mandatory	Annotated with required tag in field definition section.
,	Field & value must be present in the request with valid JSON format.
	Annotated with optional tag in field definition section.
	If you don't want to pass fields that are optional, your handler should not pass neither empty strings $\label{eq:continuous} \begin{tabular}{ll} & & & & & & \\ & & & & & & \\ & & & & & $
	Annotated with conditional tag in field definition section.
Conditional	Required under a specific condition whose logic is always provided in the field definition if it is a Conditional Field.

### Time Zone Control:

Aspect	Format	Definition & Important Notice
In Request Message	yyyy-MM- dd'T'HH:mm:ssZ	Time zone is expected to be GMT+8 (Malaysia standard time). Merchant is required to perform any necessary time zone conversion before submit request if needed.
In Response Message	yyyy-MM- dd'T'HH:mm:ss±hh:mm	Timezone returned in api_gw object is generated from HSBC API Gateway which located in Cloud and hence is calculated in GMT+0 .  On the other hand, time field in response object will be returned together with timezone information. For more details, please read each field definition carefully.

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# **FAQ**

### SSL Connection Questions

#### Where can I find the HSBC SSL server certificates?

The Merchant developer can export SSL server certificates installed in your browser. To achieve this, visit the domain of the corresponding API endpoint in your browser. For example, to get the SSL certificate of sandbox environment, use the domain name <a href="https://devcluster.api.p2g.netd2.HSBC.com.hk/">https://devcluster.api.p2g.netd2.HSBC.com.hk/</a>

However, in production, we provide a certificate and require TLS 1.2 implementation.

# Message Encryption Questions

# What certificates do I need to work with Message Encryption in HSBC's sandbox and production environments?

A self-sign certificate is acceptable. However, if the Merchant decides to enhance security, a CA-Signed Certificate is also acceptable.

# Javascript Object Signing and Encryption (JOSE) Framework Questions

# Where can I get more information about JOSE Framework?

If you want to fully understand the framework, you can read here for more details.

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# Where can I download JOSE libraries for development?

For your reference, you may find the following JOSE libraries of different programming languages.

- Ruby
- Python
- PHP
- JavaNode
- .NET

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# Webhooks

### What is a Webhook

Webhooks (Web Callback, HTTP Push API or Reverse API) is one way one web application can send information to another application in real-time when a specific event happens.

You can use HSBC Omni Collect Webhooks to receive notifications when a specific event occurs. When one of these events is triggered, we send an HTTP POST payload in encrypted JSON to the webhook's configured URL.

#### Set Up

Entity	Event	URL Set Up
Payments	<ul><li>payment.success</li><li>payment.settled</li></ul>	Contact our support team for configuration

### **Exception Handling**

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Every event that receives a non-2xx response is considered as an event delivery failure and retry mechanism will be triggered. Up to 4 retries will be triggered in every 2 minutes. Maximum 5 calls including the 1st attempt.

#### Idempotency

There could be scenarios where your endpoint might receive the same webhook multiple times. This could happen as an expected behaviour such as the retry mechanism or any other exceptional behaviour such as network problem.

To handle duplicate webhooks, we offer a unique webhook ID x-hsbcwebhook-id where you can find it in the HTTP header on every webhook.

# Webhooks for Payments

/<Callback URL predefined by Merchant>

#### DESCRIPTION

The table below lists the Webhook events available for payments

Webhook Event	Definition
payment.success	Triggered when a payment is successfully captured.
payment.settled	Triggered when a payment is settled.

#### REQUEST PARAMETERS

x-hsbc-webhook-id UUID in heade Content-Type: string text/plain in heade REQUEST BODY

PaymentWebhook

Data Encryption is enforced. API Schema intends to demonstrate the skeleton of the message payload only

#### RESPONSES

200 OK Callback

Successful operation.

Data Encryption is enforced. API Schema intends to demonstrate the skeleton of the message payload only.

## Schema Definitions

# PaymentWebhook: object

#### **PROPERTIES**

webhook: object required

## **PROPERTIES**

event: string enum: [ payment.success, payment.settled ] range: (up to 100 chars) required

Event Type

entities: string[] required

The list of Entities contained in this Webhook

### Request Content-Types: text/plain

Request Example

```
{
"payment.success",
"payment"
      ": "14627849160897986",
n": "14627849160897986",
rchant_id": "T014570T8280000",
                _bank_code": "003 ,
s": "SUCCESS",
stetime": "2020-01-01T13:02:00+07:00",
y_datetime": "2020-01-01T13:02:00+07:00",
_date": "2020-01-01",
: "CREDIT_TRANSFER",
J_account": "******570001",
                : {
"*****642001",
                ': "ANY_ID'
               l": "MOBILE",
```

Response Content-Types: application/json

Response Example (200 OK)

```
"status": "SUCCESS"
```

#### Example

```
{
"payment.success",
```

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```
string enum: [ payment ]
payload: object required
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```

payment: Payment required

# Payment: object

### **PROPERTIES**

id: string range: (up to 36 chars) required

Unique Entity ID of a Payment

sqn: string range: (up to 36 chars) required

A reference number for payment

merchant\_id: string range: (up to 35 chars) required

Merchant ID

master\_merchant\_id: string range: (up to 35 chars) required

Master Merchant ID

**amount:** integer range: 1 = x = 99999999999 required

Payment Amount

• Format: Eliminate punctuation and sign, support 2 decimal places according to ISO 4217, e.g. \$10.50 = 1050

currency: string enum: [ THB ] range: (up to 3 chars) required

Payment Currency

payer\_bank\_code: string range: (up to 3 chars) required

status: string enum: [ SUCCESS, SETTLED ] range: (up to 20 chars) required

Payment Status

txn\_datetime: string range: (up to 25 chars) required

Transaction time for the inward credit payment

 Bank system local time. A GMT+7 timezone information is appended to the end of the timestamp to indicate this time is a Thailand local time. Format: yyyy-MM-dd'T'HH:mm:ss±hh:mm

notify\_datetime: string range: (up to 25 chars) required

Notification time for the inward credit payment

• Bank system local time. A GMT+7 timezone information is appended to the end of the timestamp to indicate this time is a Thailand local time. Format: yyyy-MM-dd'T'HH:mm:ss±hh:mm

value\_date: string range: (up to 10 chars) required

Value Date

type: string enum: [ CREDIT\_TRANSFER, BILL\_PAYMENT ] range: (up to 30

chars) required

Payment Type

credit\_account: string range: (up to 35 chars) required

proxy: object required

**PROPERTIES** 

id: string range: (up to 128 chars) required

type: string enum: [ ANY\_ID, BILLER\_ID, SETTLEMENT\_ACCOUNT,

VIRTUAL\_ACCOUNT ] range: (up to 30 chars) required

Proxy Type

channel: string enum: [ KIOSK, EDC\_POS, INTERNET, MOBILE, OTHERS ]

range: (up to 30 chars) required

terminal\_id: string range: (up to 16 chars) required

Terminal ID

ref1: string range: (up to 24 chars) required

Reference 1

ref2: string range: (up to 24 chars) required

ref3: string range: (up to 24 chars) required

Reference 3

Callback: object

**PROPERTIES** 

```
Example
```

```
id": "14627849160897986",
             merch.
": 1000,
cv": "THB",
...de": "003",
              ank_code .
: "SUCCESS",
etime": "2020-01-01T13:02:00+07:00",
datetime": "2020-01-01T13:02:00+07:00",
              datetime": "2020-01
|ate": "2020-01-01",
"CREDIT_TRANSFER",
"-------": "*****570001",
             _
| '******642001",
| '': "ANY_ID"
```

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status: string range: (up to 30 chars) required
Return Message

# Lifecycle of Cryptographic Keys

This section highlights the Lifecycle of cryptographic keys in the following stages:

- 1. Generate keys pair (Private Key and Public Key Certificate)
- Optional: Export CSR (Certificate Signing Request) and sign using a CA (Certificate Authority)

#### DID YOU KNOW?

In public key infrastructure (PKI) systems, a certificate signing request is a message sent from an applicant to a certificate authority in order to apply for a digital identity certificate. It usually contains the public key for which the certificate should be issued.

- 3. Exchange Certificate with HSBC
- 4. Certificate and Keys Maintenance
- 5. Certificate and Keys Renewal Process

The Key Renewal Process Command line tool Java Keytool™ is used in the demonstration. The tool can generate public key / private key pairs and store them into a Java KeyStore. The Keytool executable is distributed with the Java SDK (or JRE)™, so if you have an SDK installed you will also have the Keytool executable. The Merchant is free to choose any other tool to generate and manage keys, such as OpenSSL™.

# Key Generation and Certificate Exchange with HSBC

 Create a new keys pair (Private Key and Public Key Certificate) with a new or existing Keystore.

```
keytool -genkey
   -alias merchant_key_pair
   -keyalg RSA
   -keystore merchant_keystore.jks
   -keysize 2048
   -validity 3650
   -storepass <your keystore password>
```

- -genkey command to generate keys pair.
- -alias define the alias name (or unique identifier) of the keys pair stored inside the keystore.
- -keyalg key algorithm, it must be RSA regarding to HSBC standard. If

  RSA is taken, the default hashing algorithm will be SHA-256.
- -keystore file name of the keystore. If the file already exists in your system location, the key will be created inside your existing keystore, otherwise, a new keystore with the defined name will be created.

#### DID YOU KNOW?

Keystore is a password-protected repository of keys and certificates. A file with extension jks means it is a Java Keystore which is originally supported and executable with

There are several keystore formats in the industry like [PKCS12] with file extension [p12] which is executable with Microsoft Windows™, merchant can always pick the one most fit their application.

- -keysize key size, it must be 2048 regarding to HSBC standard.
- -validity the validity period of the private key and its associated certificate. The unit is day, 3650 means 10 years.
- -storepass password of the keystore.
- 1.1. Provide the Distinguished Name information after running the command:

```
Information required for CSR generation

What is your first and last name?
[Unknown]: MERCHANT INFO
What is the name of your organizational unit?
[Unknown]: MERCHANT INFO
What is the name of your organization?
[Unknown]: MERCHANT INFO
What is the name of your City or Locality?
[Unknown]: HK
What is the name of your State or Province?
[Unknown]: HK
What is the two-letter country code for this unit?
[Unknown]: HK
IS CN=XXX, OU=XXXX, C=XXX, L=HK, ST=HK, C=HK correct? (type ")
[nol]: yes
```

```
{
  "status": "SUCCESS"
}
```

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(RETURN if same as keystore password): Re-enter new password:

NOTE:

The Private Key password and Keystore password can be identical, however to be more secure, the Merchant should set them differently.

2. Optional: Export CSR and get signed with CA. This step can be skipped if the Merchant decides to work with a Self-Signed Certificate.

```
keytool -certreq
  -alias merchant_key_pair
  -keyalg RSA
  -file merchant_csr.csr
  -keystore merchant_keystore.jks
```

- · -certreq command to generate and export CSR.
- · -alias the name of the associated keys pair.
- -keyalg key algorithm, it must be RSA regarding to HSBC standard.
- -file file name of the CSR. This will be generated at the location where the command is run.
- · -keystore specify the keystore which you are working on.
- 2.1. Select and purchase a plan at Certificate Authority and then submit the CSR accordingly. After a signed Certificate is issued by CA, import the Certificate back to the Merchant's keystore.

```
keytool -import
         -alias merchant_signed_cert_0001
-trustcacerts -file CA_signed_cert.p7b
-keystore merchant_keystore.jks
```

- -import command to import object into a specific keystore.
- -alias define the alias name (or unique identifier) of the signed Certificate.
- -trustcacerts -file specify the file name of the signed Certificate in Merchant's local file system.

NOTE: PKCS#7 is one of the common formats that contains certificates and has a file extension of .p7b or .p7c . The certificate format may be varied depending on the policy of the issuing CA.

- -keystore specify the keystore which you are working on.
- 3. Export the Certificate and send it to HSBC for key exchange.

DID YOU KNOW:

A Certificate or Public Key Certificate is an electronic document that contains a public key and additional information that prove the ownership and maintains integrity of the public key. It is essential for the sender to ensure the key is not altered by any chance during delivery.

```
keytool -export
-alias merch
-file merch
         -keystore
```

- · -export command to export object from a specific keystore.
- -alias the name of the associated keys pair.

NOTE: If the Merchant associates the original keys pair merchant\_key\_pair , the exported Certificate is without CAsigned, and hence, Self-Signed. However, if the Merchant associates the imported Certificate merchant\_signed\_cert\_0001 mentioned in step #2, the exported Certificate is CA-signed.

• -file - specify the file name of the Certificate where the file will be exported to Merchant's local file system.

The default Certificate file encoding is binary. HSBC accepts both binary and base64 encoding. To export a printable base64 encoding file, please attach an extra parameter -rfc in the e.g. -file merchant\_cert\_0001.crt -rfc

• -keystore - specify the keystore which you are working on.

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4. Import HSBC's Certificate into the merchant's Keystore

```
keytool -import
-alias hsbc_cert_0002
-file hsbc_cert_0002.cer
-keystore merchant_keystore.jks
```

- -import command to import object into a specific keystore.
- -alias define the alias name of HSBC's Certificate in your keystore.
- -file specify the file name of HSBC's Certificate in Merchant's local file system.
- -keystore specify the keystore which you are working on.
- 5. Optional: List keystore objects. Merchant is suggested to verify that all required objects are properly maintained. 2 - 3 entries should be found in your Java Keystore: (Entries may be varied if other key repository format is used)

Alias name	Corresponding Object	Remark
merchant_key_pair	Merchant's Private Key     Merchant's Public Certificate (Self-Signed)	These two objects appear to be one entry in a JAVA Keystore. Merchant can still export them separatel into two objects (files) on your loca file syster dependin on your application design.
merchant_signed_cert_0001	Merchant's Public Certificate (CA- Signed)	Not exist Merchant skips ster #2
hsbc_cert_0002	HSBC's Public Certificate	

# Certificates and Keys Maintenance

Here are some recommendations to Merchant of how to properly maintain certificates and keys:

Component	Storage	Validity
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Component	Storage	Validity
Merchant's Private Key	Private Key should be maintained and handled with the most secure approach that a Merchant can apply. The most common and yet secure enough approach is:  • key password - Do not save the password in plain text or hard-coded in application. Recommend to encrypt it by any Password Encryption Tools  • key storage - Store inside password-protected key repository, such as JKS or PKCS12 keystore. Keystore password should also be encrypted.	No restriction on the Validity Period. However, if Merchant suspects there is any chance that the key is leaked or for any other security reason, a new Private Key and its associated Public Key Certificate should be generated.
Merchant's Public Key Certificate	Since Public Key Certificate is publicly distributed, a comparative moderate secure storage approach is acceptable. Merchant can store the physical file in any system's file system or store all keys and certificates in one single key repository for a centralised key management.	For a self-signed Certificate, the same condition has been mentioned as above.  However, the validity period of a CA-signed Certificate is depended on the purchase plan of the issuing CA. The most common standard is 1 to 2 years.
HSBC's Public Key Certificate	Same as the above	1 Year  NOTE: Technically, the validity period is usually 1 Year plus 1 to 2 months more. The spare period is a buffer for a merchant to switch a "to-be-expired" Certificate to the new one during the Certificate Renewal Process. More technical detail will be covered in later section.

# Certificates and Keys Renewal

Every Public Key Certificate has an expiration date. When either the Merchant's or HSBC's Certificate is about to expire, a key renewal process takes place. Please see the Key Renewal Process Flow below:

## SOME RULES YOU SHOULD KNOW:

- Keys Repository: This is a mock-up for demonstration purpose
  only.
- Keys Name: Using a Key Name KeyID naming convention makes for a simpler demonstration. The suggested identifier of one key should be the alias name inside a key repository.
- KeyID Value: HSBC uses the naming convention 0001, 0002,
   0003 ... n + 1, each time the HSBC certificate is renewed, the
   KevID value is n + 1.
- KeyID Binding: The binding between the KeyID and the corresponding Keys Pair | in the merchant's system can make use of any key/value logic, such as a Database table. In our example below, KeyID [000X] binds to | Private Key v.000X] and | Public Certificate v.000X | etc.
- Validity Date: All dates are made-up for demonstration purposes only.

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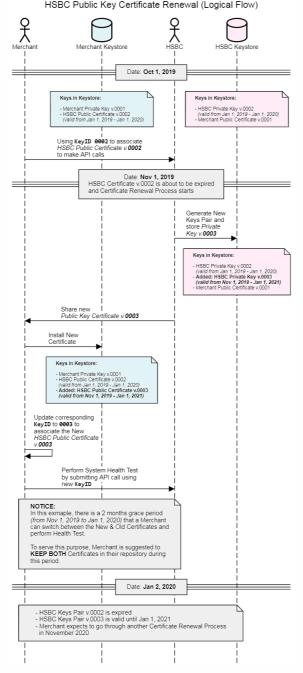
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Below is the technical flow showing how Certificates , Alias Names and KeyIDs work together during a normal process or a key renewal process:

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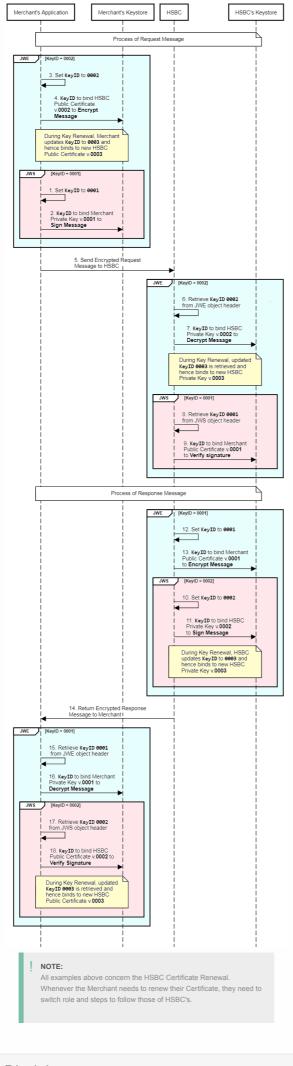
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