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Abstract

Enrollment over Secure Transport (EST) is used as a certificate provisioning protocol over HTTPS. Low-resource devices often use the lightweight Constrained Application Protocol (CoAP) for message exchanges. This document defines how to transport EST payloads over secure CoAP (EST-coaps), which allows low-resource constrained devices to use existing EST functionality for provisioning certificates.

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## [1.](#) Introduction

"Classical" Enrollment over Secure Transport (EST) [[RFC7030](#)] is used for authenticated/authorized endpoint certificate enrollment (and optionally key provisioning) through a Certificate Authority (CA) or Registration Authority (RA). EST messages run over HTTPS.

This document defines a new transport for EST based on the Constrained Application Protocol (CoAP) since some Internet of Things (IoT) devices use CoAP instead of HTTP. Therefore, this specification utilizes DTLS [[RFC6347](#)], CoAP [[RFC7252](#)], and UDP instead of TLS [[RFC5246](#)], HTTP [[RFC7230](#)] and TCP.

EST messages may be relatively large and for this reason this document also uses CoAP Block-Wise Transfer [[RFC7959](#)] to offer a fragmentation mechanism of EST messages at the CoAP layer.

This specification also profiles the use of EST to only support certificate-based client Authentication. HTTP Basic or Digest authentication (as described in [Section 3.2.3 of \[RFC7030\]](#)) are not supported.

## [2.](#) 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](#)].

Many of the concepts in this document are taken over from [[RFC7030](#)]. Consequently, much text is directly traceable to [[RFC7030](#)]. The same document structure is followed to point out the differences and commonalities between EST and EST-coaps.

## [3.](#) Conformance to [RFC7925](#) profiles

This section shows how EST-coaps fits into the profiles of low-resource devices described in [[RFC7925](#)].

EST-coaps can transport certificates and private keys. Certificates are responses to (re-)enrollment requests or request for a trusted certificate list. Private keys can be transported as responses to a



request to a server-side keygeneration as described in [section 4.4 of \[RFC7030\]](#) and discussed in [Section 4.5](#) of this document.

As per [\[RFC7925\] section 3.3](#) and [section 4.4](#), the mandatory cipher suite for DTLS in EST-coaps is TLS\_ECDHE\_ECDSA\_WITH\_AES\_128\_CCM\_8 defined in [\[RFC7251\]](#), and the curve secp256r1 MUST be supported [\[RFC4492\]](#); this curve is equivalent to the NIST P-256 curve. Crypto agility is important, and the recommendations in [\[RFC7925\] section 4.4](#) and any updates to [RFC7925](#) concerning Curve25519 and other CFRG curves also applies.

DTLS1.2 implementations MUST use the Supported Elliptic Curves and Supported Point Formats Extensions [\[RFC4492\]](#). Uncompressed point format MUST also be supported. [\[RFC6090\]](#) can be used as summary of the ECC algorithms. DTLS 1.3 implementations differ from DTLS 1.2 because they do not support point format negotiation in favor of a single point format for each curve and thus support for DTLS 1.3 does not mandate point formation extensions and negotiation.

The EST-coaps client MUST be configured with at least an implicit TA database from its manufacturer. The authentication of the EST-coaps server by the EST-coaps client is based on certificate authentication in the DTLS handshake.

The authentication of the EST-coaps client is based on a client certificate in the DTLS handshake. This can either be

- o a previously issued client certificate (e.g., an existing certificate issued by the EST CA); this could be a common case for simple re-enrollment of clients;
- o a previously installed certificate (e.g., manufacturer-installed certificate or a certificate issued by some other party); the server is expected to trust the manufacturer's root CA certificate in this case.

#### **[4. Protocol Design](#)**

EST-coaps uses CoAP to transfer EST messages, aided by Block-Wise Transfer [\[RFC7959\]](#) to transport CoAP messages in blocks thus avoiding (excessive) fragmentation of UDP datagrams. The use of "Block" for the transfer of larger EST messages is specified in [Section 4.6](#). The Figure 1 below shows the layered EST-coaps architecture.



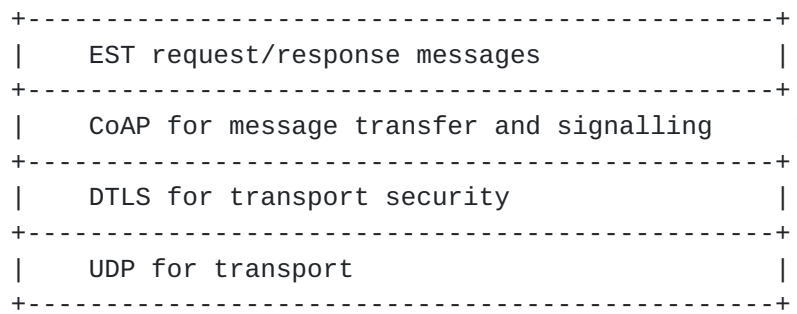


Figure 1: EST-coaps protocol layers

The EST-coaps protocol design follows closely the EST design. The actions supported by EST-coaps are identified by their message types:

- o CA certificate retrieval, needed to receive the complete set of CA certificates.
- o Simple enroll and reenroll, for CA to sign public client-identity key.
- o Certificate Signing Request (CSR) Attributes request messages, informs the client of the fields to include in generated CSR.
- o Server-side key generation messages, to provide a private client-identity key when the client choses for an external entity to generate its private key.

#### 4.1. Payload format

The content-format (media type equivalent) of the CoAP message determines which EST message is transported in the CoAP payload. The media types specified in the HTTP Content-Type header ([section 3.2.2 of \[RFC7030\]](#)) are in EST-coaps specified by the Content-Format Option (12) of CoAP. The combination of URI path and content-format used for CoAP MUST map to an allowed combination of URI and media type as defined for EST. The required content-formats for these requests and response messages are defined in [Section 9](#). The CoAP response codes are defined in [Section 4.3](#).

EST-coaps is designed for use between low-resource devices and hence does not need to send base64-encoded data. Simple binary is more efficient (30% smaller payload) and well supported by CoAP. Therefore, the content formats specification in [Section 4.1.1](#) specifies that the binary payload is transported as a CBOR major type 2, a byte string, for all EST-coaps Content-Formats. In the examples of [Appendix A](#), the base16 diagnostic notation is used for CBOR major type 2, where h'450aafbb' represents an example binary payload.





#### **4.1.1. Content Format application/multipart-core**

A representation with content format ID TBD8 contains a collection of representations along with their respective content format. The content-format identifies the media-type application/multipart-core specified in [[I-D.fossati-core-multipart-ct](#)].

The collection is encoded as a CBOR array [[RFC7049](#)] with an even number of elements. The second, fourth, sixth, etc. element is a binary string containing a representation. The first, third, fifth, etc. element is an unsigned integer specifying the content format ID of the following representation.

For example, a collection containing two representations, one with content format ID TBD5 and one with content format ID TBD2, looks like this in diagnostic CBOR notation:  
[TBD5,h'0123456789abcdef',TBD2,h'fedcba9876543210']. An example is shown in [Appendix A.4](#).

#### **4.2. Message Bindings**

The general EST CoAP message characteristics are:

- o All EST-coaps messages expect a response from the server, thus the client MUST send the requests over confirmable CON CoAP messages.
- o The Ver, TKL, Token, and Message ID values of the CoAP header are not affected by EST.
- o The CoAP options used are Uri-Host, Uri-Path, Uri-Port, Content-Format, and Location-Path in CoAP. These CoAP Options are used to communicate the HTTP fields specified in the EST REST messages.
- o EST URLs are HTTPS based (https://), in CoAP these will be assumed to be transformed to coaps (coaps://)

[Appendix A](#) includes some practical examples of EST messages translated to CoAP.

#### **4.3. CoAP response codes**

[Section 5.9 of \[RFC7252\]](#) specifies the mapping of HTTP response codes to CoAP response codes. Every time the HTTP response code 200 is specified in [[RFC7030](#)] in response to a GET request, in EST-coaps the equivalent CoAP response code 2.05 or 2.03 MUST be used. Similarly, 2.01, 2.02 or 2.04 MUST be used in response to POST EST requests. Response code HTTP 202 has no equivalent in CoAP. In [Section 4.4](#) it is specified how EST requests over CoAP handle delayed messages.



All other HTTP 2xx response codes are not used by EST. For the following HTTP 4xx error codes that may occur: 400, 401, 403, 404, 405, 406, 412, 413, 415; the equivalent CoAP response code for EST-coaps is 4.xx. For the HTTP 5xx error codes: 500, 501, 502, 503, 504 the equivalent CoAP response code is 5.xx.

#### **4.4. Delayed Results**

Using the enroll request with CSR response, examples are shown for a server without delay, a short delay and a long delay.

When the server can respond immediately, and multiple blocks need to be sent, [Appendix B.2](#) shows the corresponding exchange of blocks.

According to [section 5.2.2 of \[RFC7252\]](#), a slow server can acknowledge the request and respond later with the requested resource representation.

In particular, A slow server can respond to a CSR request with an empty ACK with code 0.00, before sending the certificate to the server after a short delay. Consecutively, the server will need more than one "Block2" blocks to respond. This situation is shown in Figure 2 where a client sends an enrollment request that uses more than one "Block1" blocks. The server uses an empty 0.00 ACK to announce the response which will be provided later with 2.04 messages containing "Block2" options. Having received the first 128 bytes in the first "block2" block, the client asks for a block reduction to 128 bytes in all following "block2" blocks, starting with the second block (NUM=1).



```

POST [2001:db8::2:1]:61616/est/sen (CON)(1:0/1/256) {CSR req} -->
    <-- (ACK) (1:0/1/256) (2.31 Continue)
POST [2001:db8::2:1]:61616/est/sen (CON)(1:1/1/256) {CSR req} -->
    <-- (ACK) (1:1/1/256) (2.31 Continue)
    .
    .
    .
POST [2001:db8::2:1]:61616/est/sen (CON)(1:N1/0/256){CSR req} -->
    <-- (0.00 empty ACK)
        |
        ..... short delay before certificate is ready.....
        |
    <-- (CON) (1:N1/0/256)(2:0/1/256)(2.04 Changed) {Cert resp}
        (ACK)                                     -->
POST [2001:db8::2:1]:61616/est/sen (CON)(2:1/0/128)         -->
    <-- (ACK) (2:1/1/128) (2.04 Changed) {Cert resp}
        .
        .
        .
POST [2001:db8::2:1]:61616/est/sen (CON)(2:N2/0/128)         -->
    <-- (ACK) (2:N2/0/128) (2.04 Changed) {Cert resp}

```

Figure 2: EST-COAP enrolment with short wait

If the server is very slow providing the response (say minutes, possible when a manual intervention is wanted), the server SHOULD respond with an empty ACK containing response code 5.03 (Service unavailable) and a Max-Age option to indicate the time the client SHOULD wait to request the content later.

In particular, when the server is not ready to return the certificate after an enrolment request, the server responds with response code 5.03 (Service Unavailable) including the Max-Age option. After a delay of Max-Age, the client SHOULD send the identical CSR to the server. As long as the server responds with response code 5.03 (Service Unavailable), the client can resend the enrolment request until the server responds with the certificate or the client abandons for other reasons.

To demonstrate this situation, Figure 3 shows a client sending an enrolment request that will use more than one "Block1" block to send the CSR to the server. The server needs more than one "Block2" blocks to respond, but also needs to take a long delay (minutes) to provide the response. Consequently, the server will use a 5.03 ACK for the response. The client can be requested to wait multiple times for a period of Max-Age. Note that in the example below the server asks for a decrease in the block size when acknowledging the first Block2.



Figure 5 can be compared with Figure 3 to see the extra requests after a Max-Age wait.

```

POST [2001:db8::2:1]:61616/est/sen (CON)(1:0/1/256) {CSR req} -->
    <-- (ACK) (1:0/1/256) (2.31 Continue)
POST [2001:db8::2:1]:61616/est/sen (CON)(1:1/1/256) {CSR req} -->
    <-- (ACK) (1:1/1/256) (2.31 Continue)
    .
    .
POST [2001:db8::2:1]:61616/est/sen (CON)(1:N1/0/256){CSR req} -->
    <-- (ACK) (1:N1/0/256) (2:0/0/128) (5.03 Service Unavailable)
                                                (Max-Age)
    |
    |
Client tries one or more times after Max-Age with identical payload
    |
    |
POST [2001:db8::2:1]:61616/est/sen (CON)(1:N1/0/256){CSR req} -->
    <-- (ACK) (1:N1/0/256) (2:0/1/128) (2.04 Changed){Cert resp}
POST [2001:db8::2:1]:61616/est/sen (CON)(2:1/0/128) -->
    <-- (ACK) (2:1/1/128) (2.04 Changed) {Cert resp}
    .
    .
    .
POST [2001:db8::2:1]:61616/est/sen (CON)(2:N2/0/128) -->
    <-- (ACK) (2:N2/0/128) (2.04 Changed) {Cert resp}

```

Figure 3: EST-COAP enrolment with long wait

#### [4.5. Server-side Key Generation](#)

Constrained devices sometimes do not have the necessary hardware to generate statistically random numbers for private keys and DTLS ephemeral keys. Past experience has shown that low-resource endpoints sometimes generate numbers which could allow someone to decrypt the communication or guess the private key and impersonate as the device. Studies have shown that the same keys are generated by the same model devices deployed on-line.

Additionally, random number key generation is costly, thus energy draining. Even though the random numbers that constitute the identity/cert do not get generated often, an endpoint may not want to spend time and energy generating keypairs, and just ask for one from the server.





In these scenarios, server-side key generation can be used. The client asks for the server or proxy to generate the private key and the certificate which is transferred back to the client in the server-side key generation response.

[RFC7030] recommends for the private key returned by the server to be encrypted. The specification provides two methods to encrypt the generated key, symmetric and asymmetric. The methods are signalled by the client by using the relevant attributes (SMIMECapabilities and DecryptKeyIdentifier or AsymmetricDecryptKeyIdentifier) in the CSR request. In the symmetric key case, the key can be established out-of-band or alternatively derived by the established TLS connection as described in [\[RFC5705\]](#).

The sever-side key generation response is returned using a CBOR array [Section 4.1.1](#). The certificate part exactly matches the response from a enrollment response. The private key is placed inside of a CMS SignedData. The SignedData is signed by the party that generated the private key, which may or may not be the EST server or the EST CA. The SignedData is further protected by placing it inside of a CMS EnvelopedData as explained in [Section 4.4.2 of \[RFC7030\]](#).

#### **4.6. Message fragmentation**

DTLS defines fragmentation only for the handshake part and not for secure data exchange (DTLS records). [\[RFC6347\]](#) states that to avoid using IP fragmentation, which involves error-prone datagram reconstitution, invokers of the DTLS record layer SHOULD size DTLS records so that they fit within any Path MTU estimates obtained from the record layer. In addition, invokers residing on a 6LoWPAN over IEEE 802.15.4 network SHOULD attempt to size CoAP messages such that each DTLS record will fit within one or two IEEE 802.15.4 frames.

That is not always possible. Even though ECC certificates are small in size, they can vary greatly based on signature algorithms, key sizes, and OID fields used. For 256-bit curves, common ECDSA cert sizes are 500-1000 bytes which could fluctuate further based on the algorithms, OIDs, SANS and cert fields. For 384-bit curves, ECDSA certs increase in size and can sometimes reach 1.5KB. Additionally, there are times when the EST cacerts response from the server can include multiple certs that amount to large payloads. [Section 4.6 of CoAP \[RFC7252\]](#) describes the possible payload sizes: "if nothing is known about the size of the headers, good upper bounds are 1152 bytes for the message size and 1024 bytes for the payload size". [Section 4.6 of \[RFC7252\]](#) also suggests that IPv4 implementations may want to limit themselves to more conservative IPv4 datagram sizes such as 576 bytes. From [\[RFC0791\]](#) follows that the absolute minimum value of the IP MTU for IPv4 is as low as 68 bytes, which would leave



only 40 bytes minus security overhead for a UDP payload. Thus, even with ECC certs, EST-coaps messages can still exceed sizes in MTU of 1280 for IPv6 or 60-80 bytes for 6LoWPAN [RFC4919] as explained in [section 2 of \[RFC7959\]](#). EST-coaps needs to be able to fragment EST messages into multiple DTLS datagrams. Fine-grained fragmentation of EST messages is essential.

To perform fragmentation in CoAP, [RFC7959] specifies the "Block1" option for fragmentation of the request payload and the "Block2" option for fragmentation of the return payload of a CoAP flow.

The BLOCK draft defines SZX in the Block1 and Block2 option fields. These are used to convey the size of the blocks in the requests or responses.

The CoAP client MAY specify the Block1 size and MAY also specify the Block2 size. The CoAP server MAY specify the Block2 size, but not the Block1 size. As explained in [Section 1 of \[RFC7959\]](#), blockwise transfers SHOULD be used in Confirmable CoAP messages to avoid the exacerbation of lost blocks.

The Size1 response MAY be parsed by the client as a size indication of the Block2 resource in the server response or by the server as a request for a size estimate by the client. Similarly, Size2 option defined in BLOCK should be parsed by the server as an indication of the size of the resource carried in Block1 options and by the client as a maximum size expected in the 4.13 (Request Entity Too Large) response to a request.

Examples of fragmented messages are shown in [Appendix B](#).

#### [4.7.](#) Deployment limits

Although EST-coaps paves the way for the utilization of EST for constrained devices on constrained networks, some devices will not have enough resources to handle the large payloads that come with EST-coaps. The specification of EST-coaps is intended to ensure that EST works for networks of constrained devices that choose to limit their communications stack to UDP/CoAP. It is up to the network designer to decide which devices execute the EST protocol and which do not.

### [5.](#) Discovery and URI

EST-coaps is targeted to low-resource networks with small packets. Saving header space is important and an additional EST-coaps URI is specified that is shorter than the EST URI.



In the context of CoAP, the presence and location of (path to) the management data are discovered by sending a GET request to `"/.well-known/core"` including a resource type (RT) parameter with the value `"ace.est"` [RFC6690]. Upon success, the return payload will contain the root resource of the EST resources. It is up to the implementation to choose its root resource; throughout this document the example root resource `/est` is used.

The individual EST-coaps server URIs differ from the EST URI by replacing the scheme `https` by `coaps` and by specifying shorter resource path names:

`coaps://www.example.com/.well-known/est/ArbitraryLabel/<short-est>`.

The ArbitraryLabel Path-Segment SHOULD be of the shortest length possible.

Figure 5 in [section 3.2.2 of \[RFC7030\]](#) enumerates the operations and corresponding paths which are supported by EST. Table 1 provides the mapping from the EST URI path to the shorter EST-coaps URI path.

EST	EST-coaps
/cacerts	/crt
/simpleenroll	/sen
/simplereenroll	/sren
/csrattrs	/att
/serverkeygen	/skg

Table 1

The short resource URIs MUST be supported. The corresponding longer URIs specified in [RFC7030] MAY be supported.

When discovering the root path for the EST resources, the server MAY return all available resource paths and the used content types. This is useful when multiple content types are specified for EST-coaps server. The example below shows the discovery of the presence and location of management data.



```
REQ: GET /.well-known/core?rt=ace.est
```

```
RES: 2.05 Content
</est>; rt="ace.est"
</est/crts>;ct=TBD2
</est/sen>;ct=TBD2 TBD7
</est/sren>;ct=TBD2 TBD7
</est/att>;ct=TBD6
</est/skg>;ct=TBD1 TBD7 TBD8
```

The first line of the discovery response MUST be returned. The five consecutive lines MAY be returned. The return of the content-types in the last four lines allows the client to choose the most appropriate one from multiple content types.

## 6. DTLS Transport Protocol

EST-coaps depends on a secure transport mechanism over UDP that can secure (confidentiality, authenticity) the exchanged CoAP messages.

DTLS is one such secure protocol. When "TLS" is referred to in the context of EST, it is understood that in EST-coaps, security is provided using DTLS instead. No other changes are necessary (all provisional modes etc. are the same as for TLS).

CoAP was designed to avoid fragmentation. DTLS is used to secure CoAP messages. However, fragmentation is still possible at the DTLS layer during the DTLS handshake when using ECC ciphersuites. If fragmentation is necessary, "DTLS provides a mechanism for fragmenting a handshake message over several records, each of which can be transmitted separately, thus avoiding IP fragmentation" [[RFC6347](#)].

CoAP and DTLS can provide proof of identity for EST-coaps clients and server with simple PKI messages conformant to [section 3.1 of \[RFC5272\]](#). EST-coaps supports the certificate types and Trust Anchors (TA) that are specified for EST in [section 3 of \[RFC7030\]](#).

Channel-binding information for linking proof-of-identity with connection-based proof-of-possession is optional for EST-coaps. When proof-of-possession is desired, a set of actions are required regarding the use of tls-unique, described in [section 3.5 in \[RFC7030\]](#). The tls-unique information translates to the contents of the first "Finished" message in the (D)TLS handshake between server and client [[RFC5929](#)]. The client is then supposed to add this "Finished" message as a ChallengePassword in the attributes section of the PKCS#10 Request Info to prove that the client is indeed in control of the private key at the time of the TLS session when





performing a /simpleenroll, for example. In the case of EST-coaps, the same operations can be performed during the DTLS handshake. For DTLS 1.2, in the event of handshake message fragmentation, the Hash of the handshake messages used in the MAC calculation of the Finished message

```
PRF(master_secret, finished_label, Hash(handshake_messages))
  [0..verify_data_length-1];
```

MUST be computed as if each handshake message had been sent as a single fragment [[RFC6347](#)]. Similarly, for DTLS 1.3, the Finished message

```
HMAC(finished_key,
      Transcript-Hash(Handshake Context,
                      Certificate*, CertificateVerify*))
```

\* Only included if present.

MUST be computed as if each handshake message had been sent as a single fragment following the algorithm described in 4.4.4 of [[I-D.ietf-tls-tls13](#)].

In a constrained CoAP environment, endpoints can't afford to establish a DTLS connection for every EST transaction. Authenticating and negotiating DTLS keys requires resources on low-end endpoints and consumes valuable bandwidth. The DTLS connection SHOULD remain open for persistent EST connections. For example, an EST cacerts request that is followed by a simpleenroll request can use the same authenticated DTLS connection. Given that after a successful enrollment, it is more likely that a new EST transaction will take place after a significant amount of time, the DTLS connections SHOULD only be kept alive for EST messages that are relatively close to each other. In some cases, such as NAT rebinding, keeping the state of a connection is not possible when devices sleep for extended periods of time. In such occasions, [[I-D.rescorla-tls-dtls-connection-id](#)] negotiates a connection ID that can eliminate the need for new handshake and its additional cost.

## **7. HTTPS-CoAPS Registrar**

In real-world deployments, the EST server will not always reside within the CoAP boundary. The EST-server can exist outside the constrained network in a non-constrained network that supports TLS/HTTP. In such environments EST-coaps is used by the client within the CoAP boundary and TLS is used to transport the EST messages outside the CoAP boundary. A Registrar at the edge is required to operate between the CoAP environment and the external HTTP network.

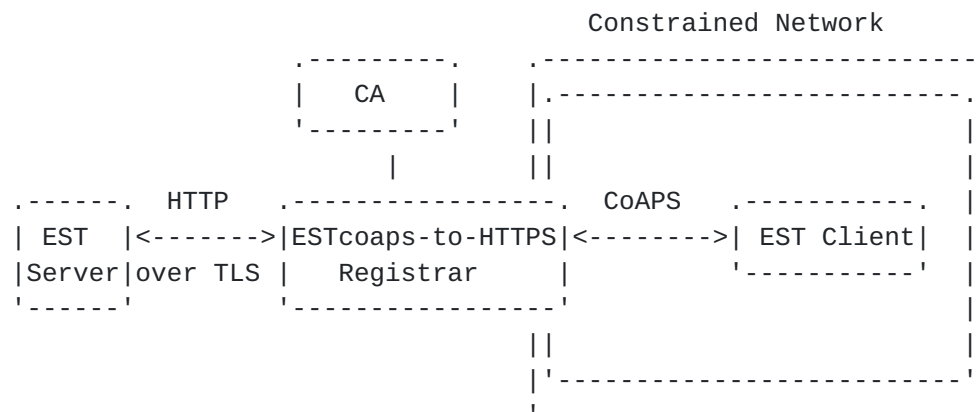


The EST coaps-to-HTTPS Registrar MUST terminate EST-coaps and authenticate the client downstream and initiate EST connections over TLS upstream.

The Registrar SHOULD authenticate the client downstream and it should be authenticated by the EST server or CA upstream. The Registration Authority (re-)creates the secure connection from DTLS to TLS and vice versa. A trust relationship SHOULD be pre-established between the Registrar and the EST servers to be able to proxy these connections on behalf of various clients.

When enforcing Proof-of-Possession (POP), the (D)TLS tls-unique value of the (D)TLS session needs to be used to prove that the private key corresponding to the public key is in the possession of and can be used by an end-entity or client. In other words, the CSR the client is using needs to include information from the DTLS connection the client establishes with the server. In EST, that information is the (D)TLS tls-unique value of the (D)TLS session. In the presence of ESTcoaps-to-HTTPS Registrar, the EST-coaps client MUST be authenticated and authorized by the Registrar and the Registrar MUST be authenticated as an EST Registrar client to the EST server. Thus the POP information is lost between the EST-coaps client and the EST server. The EST server becomes aware of the presence of an EST Registrar from its TLS client certificate that includes id-kp-cmcRA [RFC6402] extended key usage extension. As explained in [Section 3.7 of \[RFC7030\]](#), the EST server SHOULD apply an authorization policy consistent with a Registrar client. For example, it could be configured to accept POP linking information that does not match the current TLS session because the authenticated EST client Registrar has verified this information when acting as an EST server.

One possible use-case, shown in one figure below, is expected to be deployed in practice:



ESTcoaps-to-HTTPS Registrar at the CoAP boundary.



Table 1 contains the URI mapping between the EST-coaps and EST the Registrar SHOULD adhere to. [Section 7 of \[RFC8075\]](#) and [Section 4.3](#) define the mapping between EST-coaps and HTTP response codes, that determines how the Registrar translates CoAP response codes from/to HTTP status codes. The mapping from Content-Type to media type is defined in [Section 9](#). The conversion from CBOR major type 2 to base64 encoding needs to be done in the Registrar. Conversion is possible because a TLS link exists between EST-coaps-to-HTTP Registrar and EST server and a corresponding DTLS link exists between EST-coaps-to-HTTP Registrar and EST client.

Due to fragmentation of large messages into blocks, an EST-coaps-to-HTTP Registrar SHOULD reassemble the BLOCKs before translating the binary content to Base-64, and consecutively relay the message upstream.

For the discovery of the EST server by the EST client in the coap environment, the EST-coaps-to-HTTP Registrar MUST announce itself according to the rules of [Section 5](#). The available actions of the Registrars MUST be announced with as many resource paths. The discovery of EST server in the http environment follow the rules specified in [\[RFC7030\]](#).

When server-side key generation is used, if the private key is protected using symmetric keys then the Registrar needs to encrypt the private key down to the client with one symmetric key and decrypt it from the server with another. If no private key encryption takes place the Registrar will be able to see the key as it establishes a separate connection to the server. In the case of asymmetrically encrypted private key, the Registrar may not be able to decrypt it if the server encrypted it with a public key that corresponds to a private key that belongs to the client.

## 8. Parameters

This section addresses transmission parameters described in sections 4.7 and 4.8 of the CoAP document [\[RFC7252\]](#).

ACK_TIMEOUT	2 seconds	
ACK_RANDOM_FACTOR	1.5	
MAX_RETRANSMIT	4	
NSTART	1	
DEFAULT_LEISURE	5 seconds	
PROBING_RATE	1 byte/second	

Figure 4: EST-COAP protocol parameters



EST does not impose any unique parameters that affect the CoAP parameters in Table 2 and 3 in the CoAP draft but the ones in CoAP could be affecting EST. For example, the processing delay of CAs could be less than 2s, but in this case they should send a CoAP ACK every 2s while processing.

The main recommendation, based on experiments using Nexus Certificate Manager with Californium for CoAP support, communicating with a ContikiOS and tinyDTLS based client, from RISE SICS, is to start with the default CoAP configuration parameters.

However, depending on the implementation scenario, resending and timeouts can also occur on other networking layers, governed by other configuration parameters.

Some further comments about some specific parameters, mainly from Table 2 in [[RFC7252](#)]:

- o `DEFAULT_LEISURE`: This setting is only relevant in multicast scenarios, outside the scope of the EST-coaps draft.
- o `NSTART`: Limit the number of simultaneous outstanding interactions that a client maintains to a given server. The default is one, hence is the risk of congestion or out-of-order messages already limited.
- o `PROBING_RATE`: A parameter which specifies the rate of re-sending non-confirmable messages. The EST messages are defined to be sent as CoAP confirmable messages, hence the `PROBING_RATE` setting is not applicable.

Finally, the Table 3 parameters are mainly derived from the more basic Table 2 parameters. If the CoAP implementation allows setting them directly, they might need to be updated if the table 2 parameters are changed.

## **9. IANA Considerations**

### **9.1. Content-Format Registry**

Additions to the sub-registry "CoAP Content-Formats", within the "CoRE Parameters" registry are specified in Table 2. These can be registered either in the Expert Review range (0-255) or IETF Review range (256-9999).





Media type	Encoding	ID	Reference
application/pkcs7-mime; smime-type=server-generated-key	-	TBD 1	[RFC5751] [RFC7030]
application/pkcs7-mime; smime-type=certs-only	-	TBD 2	[RFC5751]
application/pkcs7-mime; smime-type=CMC-request	-	TBD 3	[RFC5751] [RFC5273]
application/pkcs7-mime; smime-type=CMC-response	-	TBD 4	[RFC5751] [RFC5273]
application/pkcs8	-	TBD 5	[RFC5751] [RFC5958]
application/csrattrs	-	TBD 6	[RFC7030] [RFC7231]
application/pkcs10	-	TBD 7	[RFC5751] [RFC5967]
application/multipart-core	-	TBD 8	[I-D.fossati-core-multipart-ct]

Table 2: New CoAP Content-Formats

## 9.2. Resource Type registry

Additions to the sub-registry "CoAP Resource Type", within the "CoRE Parameters" registry are needed for a new resource type.

- o rt="ace.est" needs registration with IANA.

## 10. Security Considerations

### 10.1. EST server considerations

The security considerations of [Section 6 of \[RFC7030\]](#) are only partially valid for the purposes of this document. As HTTP Basic Authentication is not supported, the considerations expressed for using passwords do not apply.

Given that the client has only limited resources and may not be able to generate sufficiently random keys to encrypt its identity, it is possible that the client uses server generated private/public keys to encrypt its certificate. The transport of these keys is inherently risky. A full probability analysis MUST be done to establish whether server side key generation enhances or decreases the probability of identity stealing.



When a client uses the Implicit TA database for certificate validation, the client cannot verify that the implicit database can act as an RA. It is RECOMMENDED that such clients include "Linking Identity and POP Information" [Section 6](#) in requests (to prevent such requests from being forwarded to a real EST server by a man in the middle). It is RECOMMENDED that the Implicit Trust Anchor database used for EST server authentication be carefully managed to reduce the chance of a third-party CA with poor certification practices from being trusted. Disabling the Implicit Trust Anchor database after successfully receiving the Distribution of CA certificates response ([Section 4.1.3 of \[RFC7030\]](#)) limits any risk to the first DTLS exchange.

In accordance with [\[RFC7030\]](#), TLS cipher suites that include "\_EXPORT\_" and "\_DES\_" in their names MUST NOT be used. More information about recommendations of TLS and DTLS are included in [\[RFC7525\]](#).

As described in CMC, [Section 6.7 of \[RFC5272\]](#), "For keys that can be used as signature keys, signing the certification request with the private key serves as a POP on that key pair". The inclusion of tls-unique in the certification request links the proof-of-possession to the TLS proof-of-identity. This implies but does not prove that the authenticated client currently has access to the private key.

Regarding the Certificate Signing Request (CSR), an adversary could exclude attributes that a server may want, include attributes that a server may not want, and render meaningless other attributes that a server may want. The CA is expected to be able to enforce policies to recover from improper CSR requests.

Interpreters of ASN.1 structures should be aware of the use of invalid ASN.1 length fields and should take appropriate measures to guard against buffer overflows, stack overruns in particular, and malicious content in general.

## **[10.2.](#) HTTPS-CoAPS Registrar considerations**

The Registrar proposed in [Section 7](#) must be deployed with care, and only when the recommended connections are impossible. When POP is used the Registrar terminating the TLS connection establishes a new one with the upstream CA. Thus, it is impossible for POP to be enforced throughout the EST transaction. The EST server could be configured to accept POP linking information that does not match the current TLS session because the authenticated EST Registrar client has verified this information when acting as an EST server. The introduction of an EST-coaps-to-HTTP Registrar assumes the client can trust the registrar using its implicit or explicit TA database. It



also assumes the Registrar has a trust relationship with the upstream EST server in order to act on behalf of the clients.

In a server-side key generation case, depending on the private key encryption method, the Registrar may be able to see the private key as it acts as a man-in-the-middle. Thus, the client puts its trust on the Registrar not exposing the private key.

For some use cases, clients that leverage server-side key generation might prefer for the enrolled keys to be generated by the Registrar if the CA does not support server-side key generation. In these cases the Registrar must support the random number generation using proper entropy. Since the client has no knowledge if the Registrar will be generating the keys and enrolling the certificates with the CA or if the CA will be responsible for generating the keys, the existence of a Registrar requires the client to put its trust on the registrar doing the right thing if it is generating their private keys.

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## **12. Change Log**

-03:

Removed observe and simplified long waits

Repaired content-format specification

-02:

Added parameter discussion in [section 8](#)

Concluded content-format specification using multipart-ct draft

examples updated

-01:



Editorials done.

Redefinition of proxy to Registrar in [Section 7](#). Explained better the role of https-coaps Registrar, instead of "proxy"

Provide "observe" option examples

extended block message example.

inserted new server key generation text in [Section 4.5](#) and motivated server key generation.

Broke down details for DTLS 1.3

New media type uses CBOR array for multiple content-format payloads

provided new content format tables

new media format for IANA

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## **[Appendix A](#). EST messages to EST-coaps**

This section takes all examples from [Appendix A of \[RFC7030\]](#), changes the payload from Base64 to binary and replaces the http headers by their CoAP equivalents.

The corresponding CoAP headers are only shown in [Appendix A.1](#). Creating CoAP headers are assumed to be generally known.

Binary payload is a CBOR major type 2 (byte array), that is shown with a base16 (hexadecimal) CBOR diagnostic notation.

[EDNOTE: The payloads of the examples need to be re-generated with appropriate tools and example certificates.]



### [A.1.](#) cacerts

These examples assume that the resource discovery, returned a short URL of "/est".

In EST-coaps, a coaps cacerts IPv4 message can be:

GET coaps://192.0.2.1:8085/est/crts

The corresponding CoAP header fields are shown below. The use of block and DTLS are worked out in [Appendix B](#).

```
Ver = 1
T = 0 (CON)
Code = 0x01 (0.01 is GET)
Token = 0x9a (client generated)
Options
  Option1 (Uri-Host) [optional]
    Option Delta = 0x3 (option nr = 3)
    Option Length = 0x9
    Option Value = 192.0.2.1
  Option2 (Uri-Port) [optional]
    Option Delta = 0x4 (option nr = 3+4=7)
    Option Length = 0x4
    Option Value = 8085
  Option3 (Uri-Path)
    Option Delta = 0x4 (option nr = 7+4= 11)
    Option Length = 0x5
    Option Value = "est"
  Option4 (Uri-Path)
    Option Delta = 0x0 (option nr = 11+0= 11)
    Option Length = 0x6
    Option Value = "crts"
  Option5 (Max-Age)
    Option Delta = 0x3 (option nr = 11+3= 14)
    Option Length = 0x1
    Option Value = 0x1 (1 minute)
Payload = [Empty]
```

A 2.05 Content response with a cert in EST-coaps will then be:

```
2.05 Content (Content-Format: TBD2)
  {payload}
```

with CoAP fields

```
Ver = 1
```





T = 2 (ACK)

Code = 0x45 (2.05 Content)

Token = 0x9a (copied by server)

Options

Option1 (Content-Format)

Option Delta = 0xC (option nr =12)

Option Length = 0x2

Option Value = TBD2 (defined in this document)

Payload =

h'30233906092a6206734107028c2a3023260201013100300b06092a6206734107018  
c0c3020bb302063c20102020900a61e75193b7acc0d06092a620673410105050030  
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The hexadecimal dump of the CBOR payload looks like:

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3116F58403100
```

## [A.2.](#) **csrattrs**

In the following valid /csrattrs exchange, the EST-coaps client authenticates itself with a certificate issued by the connected CA.

The initial DTLS handshake is identical to the enrollment example.  
The IPv6 CoAP GET request looks like:

```
REQ:
GET coaps://[2001:db8::2:1]:61616/est/att
(Content-Format: TBD6)
```

A 2.05 Content response contains attributes which are relevant for the authenticated client. In this example, the EST-coaps server returns two attributes that the client can ignore when they are unknown to him.

## [A.3.](#) **enroll / reenroll**

During the Enroll/Reenroll exchange, the EST-coaps client uses a CSR (Content-Format TBD7) request in the POST request payload.





After verification of the CSR by the server, a 2.05 Content response with the issued certificate will be returned to the client. As described in [Section 4.4](#), if the server is not able to provide a response immediately, it sends an empty ACK with response code 5.03 (Service Unavailable) and the Max-Age option. See Figure 3 for an example exchange.

[EDNOTE: When redoing this example, given that proof of possession (POP) is also used, make sure it is obvious that the ChallengePassword attribute in the CSR is valid HMAC output. HMAC-REAL.]



POST [2001:db8::2:1]:61616/est/sen

(token 0x45)

(Content-Format: TBD7)

h'30208530206d020100301f311d301b0603550403131464656d6f7374657034203  
1333638313431333532302062300d06092a620673410101050003204f0030204a  
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54231734795b4c09b9c6d75d408311307a81f7adef7f5d241f7d5be85620c5d44  
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17071103407553155cddc75481e272b5ed553a8593fb7e25100a6f7605085dab4  
fc7e0731f0e7fe305703791362d5157e92e6b5c2e3edbcadb40'

RET:

(Content-Format: TBD2)(token =0x45)

2.01 Created

h'3020f806092a62067341070283293020e50201013100300b06092a62067341070  
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78560950b355c35b8e34726dd376454231734795b4c09b9c6d75d408311307a81  
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a2583aac9024075113db4990b1786b871691e0f020301000134b050300e060355  
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258760a303f1102db26327f929b7c5a60173e1799491b69150248756026b80553  
171e4733ad3d13c0103100'



#### [A.4.](#) serverkeygen

During this valid /serverkeygen exchange, the EST-coaps client authenticates itself using the certificate provided by the connected CA.

The initial DTLS handshake is identical to the enrollment example. The CoAP GET request looks like:

[EDNOTE: same comment as HMAC-REAL above applies.]

[EDNOTE: Suggestion to have only one example with complete encrypted payload (the short one) and point out the different fields. Update this example according to the agreed upon solution from [Section 4.5](#).]

```
POST coaps://192.0.2.1:8085/est/skg
(token 0xa5)
(Content-Format: TBD7)(Max-Age=120)
```

```
h'302081302069020100305b313e303c060355040313357365727665724b6579476
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4823dbd2d6a98445b46305c10637e202856611'
```

RET:

```
2.01 Content (Content-Format: TBD8)
(token=0xa5)
```

[TBD5,

```
h'30213e020100300d06092a6206734101010500042128302124020100022041003
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```



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0bc2748f2003e3e8ea15f746f2a71e83f585412b92cf6f8e64de02e056153274d  
d01c95dd9cff3112aa141774ab655c3d56359c3b3df055294692ed848e7e30a11  
bf14e47e0693d93017022b4cdb3e6d40325356152b213c8b535851e681a7074c0  
c6d2b60e7c32fc0336b28e743eba4e5921074d47195d3c05e43c527526e692d54  
5e562578d2d4b5f2191bfff89d3eef0222764a2674637a1f99257216647df6704e  
fec5adbf54dab24231844eb595875795000e673dd6862310a146ad7e310830100  
0134b050300e0603551d0f0101f104030204c1d0603551d0e04160414764b1bd5  
e69935626e476b195a1a8c1f0603551d230418301653112966e304761732fbfe6  
a2c823c300d06092a620673410105050003204100474e5100a9cdaaa813b30f48  
40340fb17e7d6d6063064a5a7f2162301c464b5a8176623dfb1a4a484e618de1c  
3c3c5927cf590f4541233ff3c251e772a9a3f2c5fc6e5ef2fe155e5e385deb846  
b36eb4c3c7ef713f2d137ae8be4c022715fd033a818d55250f4e6077718180755  
a4fa677130da60818175ca4ab2af1d15563624c51e13dfdcf381881b72327e2f4  
9b7467e631a27b5b5c7d542bd2edaf78c0ac294f3972278996bdf673a334ff74c  
84aa7d65726310252f6a4f41281ec10ca2243864e3c5743103100']





Without the DecryptKeyIdentifier attribute, the response has no additional encryption beyond DTLS.

The response contains first a preamble that can be ignored. The EST-coaps server can use the preamble to include additional explanations, like ownership or support information

## **Appendix B. EST-coaps Block message examples**

Two examples are presented: (1) a cacerts exchange shows the use of Block2 and the block headers, and (2) a enroll exchange shows the Block1 and Block2 size negotiation for request and response payloads.

### **B.1. cacerts block example**

This section provides a detailed example of the messages using DTLS and BLOCK option Block2. The minimum PMTU is 1280 bytes, which is the example value assumed for the DTLS datagram size. The example block length is taken as 64 which gives an SZX value of 2.

The following is an example of a valid /cacerts exchange over DTLS. The content length of the cacerts response in [appendix A.1 of \[RFC7030\]](#) is 4246 bytes using base64. This leads to a length of 2509 bytes in binary. The CoAP message adds around 10 bytes, the DTLS record 29 bytes. To avoid IP fragmentation, the CoAP block option is used and an MTU of 127 is assumed to stay within one IEEE 802.15.4 packet. To stay below the MTU of 127, the payload is split in 39 packets with a payload of 64 bytes each, followed by a packet of 13 bytes. The client sends an IPv6 packet containing the UDP datagram with the DTLS record that encapsulates the CoAP Request 40 times. The server returns an IPv6 packet containing the UDP datagram with the DTLS record that encapsulates the CoAP response. The CoAP request-response exchange with block option is shown below. Block option is shown in a decomposed way (block-option:NUM/M/size) indicating the kind of Block option (2 in this case because used in the response) followed by a colon, and then the block number (NUM), the more bit (M = 0 in lock2 response means last block), and block size with exponent ( $2^{SZX+4}$ ) separated by slashes. The Length 64 is used with SZX= 2 to avoid IP fragmentation. The CoAP Request is sent with confirmable (CON) option and the content format of the Response is /application/cacerts.



```

GET /192.0.2.1:8085/est/crts (2:0/0/64) -->
    <-- (2:0/1/64) 2.05 Content
GET /192.0.2.1:8085/est/crts (2:1/0/64) -->
    <-- (2:1/1/64) 2.05 Content
    |
    |
    |
GET /192.0.2.1:8085/est/crts (2:39/0/64) -->
    <-- (2:39/0/64) 2.05 Content

```

40 blocks have been sent with partially filled block NUM=39 as last block.

For further detailing the CoAP headers, the first two blocks are written out.

The header of the first GET looks like:

```

Ver = 1
T = 0 (CON)
Code = 0x01 (0.1 GET)
Token = 0x9a (client generated)
Options
Option1 (Uri-Host) [optional]
    Option Delta = 0x3 (option nr = 3)
    Option Length = 0x9
    Option Value = 192.0.2.1
Option2 (Uri-Port) [optional]
    Option Delta = 0x4 (option nr = 3+4=7)
    Option Length = 0x4
    Option Value = 8085
Option3 (Uri-Path)
    Option Delta = 0x4 (option nr = 7+4=11)
    Option Length = 0x5
    Option Value = "est"
Option4 (Uri-Path)
    Option Delta = 0x0 (option nr = 11+0=11)
    Option Length = 0x6
    Option Value = "crts"
Payload = [Empty]

```

The header of the first response looks like:



```
Ver = 1
T = 2 (ACK)
Code = 0x45 (2.05 Content)
Token = 0x9a      (copied by server)
Options
  Option1 (Content-Format)
    Option Delta = 0xC (option nr =12)
    Option Length = 0x2
    Option Value = TBD2
  Option2 (Block2)
    Option Delta = 0xB (option 23 = 12 + 11)
    Option Length = 0x1
    Option Value = 0x0A (block number = 0, M=1, SZX=2)
Payload =
h'30233906092a6206734107028c2a3023260201013100300b06092a6206734107018
c0c3020bb302063c20102020900a61e75193b7acc0d06092a6206734101'
```

The second Block2:

```
Ver = 1
T = 2 (means ACK)
Code = 0x45 (2.05 Content)
Token = 0x9a      (copied by server)
Options
  Option1 (Content-Format)
    Option Delta = 0xC (option nr =12)
    Option Length = 0x2
    Option Value = TBD2
  Option2 (Block2)
    Option Delta = 0xB (option 23 = 12 + 11)
    Option Length = 0x1
    Option Value = 0x1A (block number = 1, M=1, SZX=2)
Payload =
h'05050030
1b31193017060355040313106573744578616d706c654341204f774f301e170d313
3303530393033353333315a170d3134303530393033353333315a'
```

The 40th and final Block2:



```
Ver = 1
T = 2 (means ACK)
Code = 0x45      (2.05 Content)
Token = 0x9a     (copied by server)
Options
  Option1 (Content-Format)
    Option Delta = 0xC (option nr =12)
    Option Length = 0x2
    Option Value = TBD2
  Option2 (Block2)
    Option Delta = 0xB (option 23 = 12 + 11)
    Option Length = 0x2
    Option Value = 0x272 (block number = 39, M=0, SZX=2)
Payload = h'73a30d0c006343116f58403100'
```

## **[B.2.](#) enroll block example**

In this example the requested block2 size of 256 bytes, required by the client, is transferred to the server in the very first request message. The request/response consists of two parts: part1 containing the CSR transferred to the server, and part2 contains the certificate transferred back to the client. The block size  $256 = (2^{SZX+4})$  which gives  $SZX=4$ . The notation for block numbering is the same as in [Appendix B.1](#). It is assumed that CSR takes  $N1+1$  blocks and Cert response takes  $N2+1$  blocks. The header fields and the payload are omitted to show the block exchange. The type of payload is shown within curly brackets.





```
POST [2001:db8::2:1]:61616/est/sen (CON)(1:0/1/256) {CSR req} -->
    <-- (ACK) (1:0/1/256) (2.31 Continue)
POST [2001:db8::2:1]:61616/est/sen (CON)(1:1/1/256) {CSR req} -->
    <-- (ACK) (1:1/1/256) (2.31 Continue)
    .
    .
    .
POST [2001:db8::2:1]:61616/est/sen (CON)(1:N1/0/256){CSR req} -->
    <-- (ACK) (1:N1/0/256) (2:0/1/256) (2.04 Changed){Cert resp}
POST [2001:db8::2:1]:61616/est/sen (CON)(2:1/0/256) -->
    <-- (ACK) (2:1/1/256) (2.04 Changed) {Cert resp}
    .
    .
    .
POST [2001:db8::2:1]:61616/est/sen (CON)(2:N2/0/256) -->
    <-- (ACK) (2:N2/0/256) (2.04 Changed) {Cert resp}
```

Figure 5: EST-COAP enrolment with multiple blocks

N1+1 blocks have been transferred from client to server and N2+1 blocks have been transferred from server to client.

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