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Abstract

The delivery of content over HTTPS involving multiple CDNs raises credential management issues. This document proposes extensions in CDNI Control and Metadata interfaces to setup HTTPS delegation from an Upstream CDN (uCDN) to a Downstream CDN (dCDN).

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[1.](#) Introduction

Content delivery over HTTPS using one or more CDNs along the path requires credential management. This specifically applies when an entity delegates delivery of encrypted content to another trusted entity.

Several delegation methods are currently proposed within different IETF working groups. They specify different methods for provisioning HTTPS delivery credentials.

This document extends the CDNI Metadata interface to setup HTTPS delegation between an upstream CDN (uCDN) and downstream CDN (dCDN) using the Standardized delegation methods. Furthermore, it includes a proposal of IANA registry to enable adding of new methods.

[Section 2](#) is about terminology used in this document. [Section 3](#) presents delegation methods specified at the IETF. [Section 4](#)

addresses the extension for handling HTTPS delegation in CDNI. [Section 5](#) describes simple data types. [Section 6](#) addresses IANA registry for delegation methods. [Section 7](#) covers the security issues. [Section 8](#) is about comments and questions.

[2.](#) Terminology

This document uses terminology from CDNI framework documents such as: CDNI framework document [[RFC7336](#)], CDNI requirements [[RFC7337](#)] and CDNI interface specifications documents: CDNI Metadata interface [[RFC8006](#)] and CDNI Control interface / Triggers [[RFC8007](#)].

[3.](#) Known delegation methods

There are currently two Internet drafts within the TLS and ACME working groups adopted to handle delegation of HTTPS delivery between entities.

This Internet Draft (I-D) proposes standardizing HTTPS delegation between the entities using CDNI interfaces.

This document considers the following two I-Ds that deals with HTTPS delegation:

- Delegated credentials [[I-D.ietf-tls-subcerts](#)] in the TLS Working Group.
- Short-term, Automatically-Renewed (STAR) certificates in Automated Certificate Management Environment(ACME) [[RFC8739](#)]

[4.](#) Extending the CDNI metadata model

This section defines a CDNI extension to the current Metadata interface model that allows bootstrapping delegation methods between a uCDN and a delegate dCDN.

[4.1.](#) Extension to PathMetadata object

This extension reuses PathMetadata object, as defined in [[RFC8006](#)], and adds new "Delegation methods" objects as specified in the following sections.

This allows to explicitly indicate support for a given method. Therefore, the presence (or lack thereof) of an `AcmeStarDelegationMethod`, `DelegatedCredentialsDelegationMethod`, and/or further delegation methods, imply support (or lack thereof) for the given method.

Example:

The `PathMatch` object can reference a path-metadata that points at the delegation information. Delegation metadata are added to `PathMetaData` object.

Below shows both `PathMatch` and `PathMetaData` objects related to a path, for example, here `/movies/*` located at <https://metadata.ucdn.example/video.example.com/movies>

`PathMatch`:

```
{
  "path-pattern": {
    "pattern": "/movies/*",
    "case-sensitive": true
  },
  "path-metadata": {
    "type": "MI.PathMetadata",
    "href": "https://metadata.ucdn.example/video.example.com/movies"
  }
}
```

Following the example above, the `PathMetadata` can be modeled for `ACMEStarDelegationMethod` as:

`PathMetadata`:

```
{
  "metadata": [
    {
      "generic-metadata-type": "MI.AcmeStarDelegationMethod",
      "generic-metadata-value": {
        "star-proxy": "10.2.2.2",
        "acme-server": "10.2.3.3",
        "credentials-location-uri": "www.ucdn.com/credentials",

```

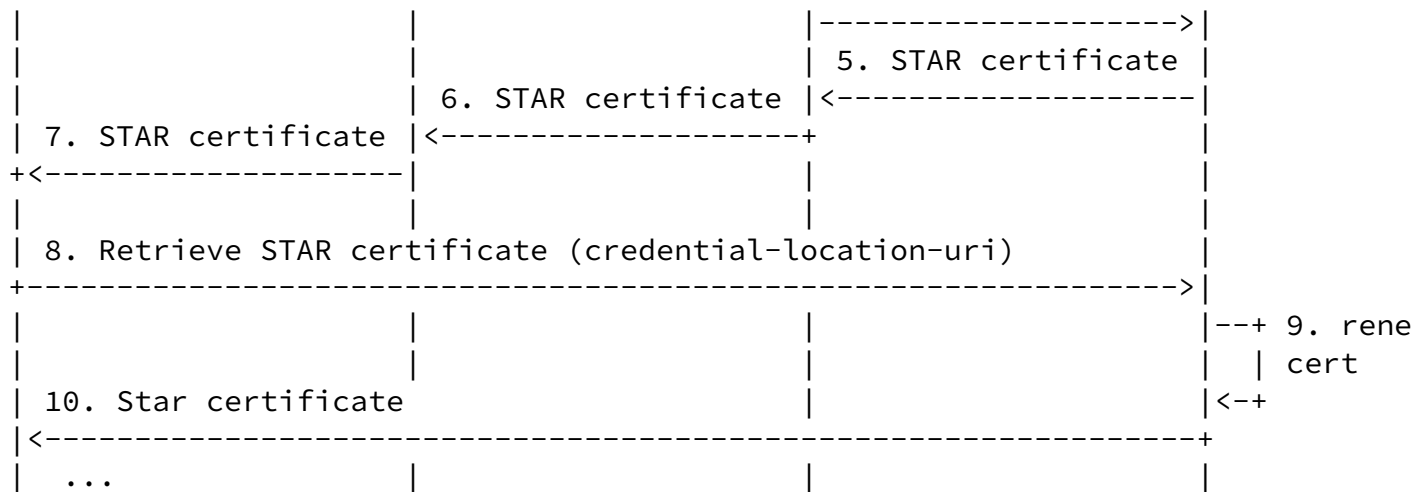



Figure 1: Example call-flow of STAR delegation in CDNI showing 2 levels of delegation

Property: star-proxy

Description: Used to advertise the STAR Proxy to the dCDN.
 Endpoint type defined in [RFC8006, Section 4.3.3](#).

Type: Endpoint

Mandatory-to-Specify: Yes

Property: acme-server

Description: used to advertise the ACME server to the dCDN.
 Endpoint type is defined in [RFC8006, Section 4.3.3](#).

Type: Endpoint

Mandatory-to-Specify: Yes

Property: credentials-location-uri

Description: expresses the location of the credentials to be
 fetched by the dCDN. Link type is as defined in [RFC8006,
 Section 4.3.1](#).

Type: Link

Mandatory-to-Specify: Yes

Property: periodicity

Description: expresses the credentials renewal periodicity. See [Section 5.1](#).

Type: Periodicity

Mandatory-to-Specify: Yes

Property: CSR-template

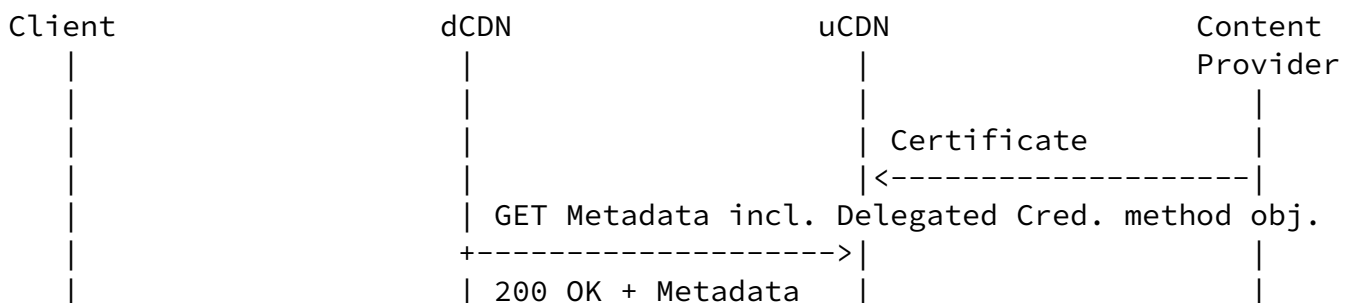
Description: The CSR template must be included in the metadata when dealing with AcmeStarDelegation Methods. It shall follow the description in [\[RFC8739\] section 3](#). It should be included in JSON/text format.

Type: JSON

Mandatory-to-Specify: Yes

[4.2.2](#). DelegatedCredentialsMethod object

This section defines the DelegatedCredentialsMethod object which describes metadata related to the use of Delegated credentials as presented in [\[I-D.ietf-tls-subcerts\]](#)



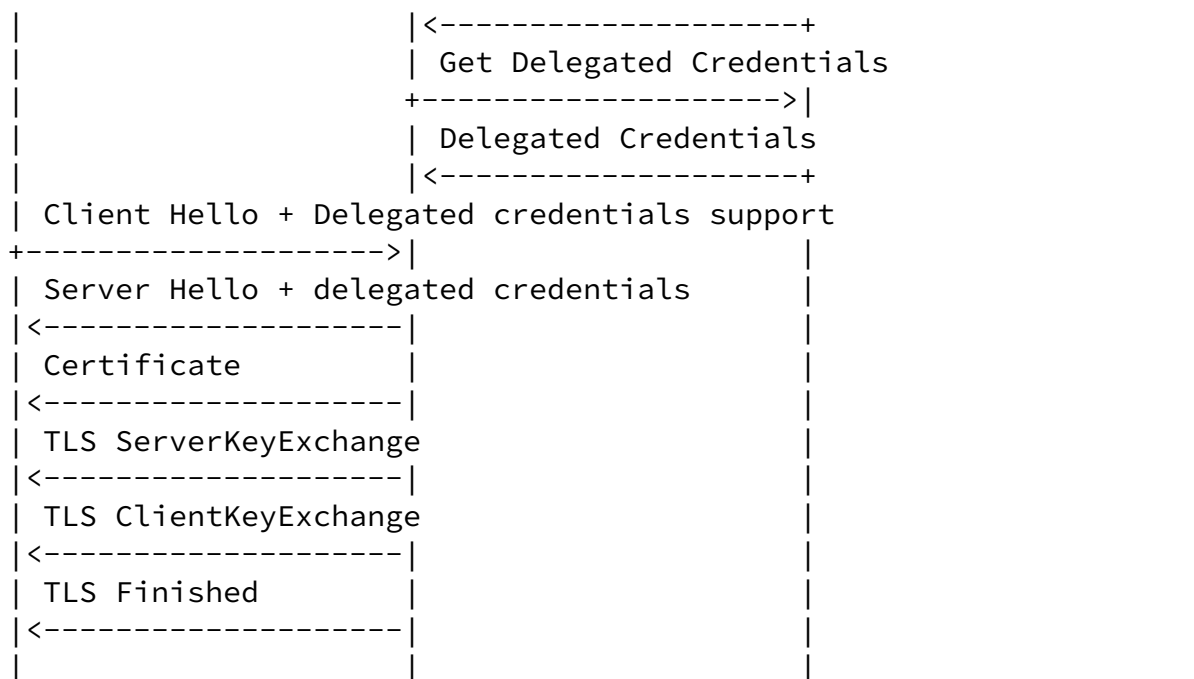


Figure 2: Example call-flow of Delegated credentials in CDNI

As expressed in [[I-D.ietf-tls-subcerts](#)], when an origin has set a delegation to a downstream entity such as a downstream CDN (i.e. dCDN), the dCDN should present the Origin or uCDN certificate or "delegated_credential" during the TLS handshake [[RFC8446](#)] to the end-user client application, instead of its own certificate.

Property: credentials-delegating-entity

Description: Endpoint ID (IP) of the delegating Entity (uCDN).
Endpoint type defined in [RFC8006, Section 4.3.3](#).

Type: Endpoint

Mandatory-to-Specify: Yes

Property: credential-recipient-entity

Description: Endpoint ID (IP) of the delegated entity (dCDN).

Endpoint type is defined in [RFC8006, Section 4.3.3](#).

Type: Endpoint

Mandatory-to-Specify: Yes

Property: credentials-location-uri

Description: expresses the location of the credentials to be fetched by the dCDN. Link type is as defined in [RFC8006, Section 4.3.1](#).

Type: Link

Mandatory-to-Specify: Yes

Property: periodicity

Description: expresses the credentials renewal periodicity. See [Section 5.1](#).

Type: Periodicity

Mandatory-to-Specify: Yes

[5](#). Metadata Simple Data Type Descriptions

This section describes the simple data types that are used for properties for objects in this document.

[5.1](#). Periodicity

A time value expressed in seconds to indicate a periodicity.

Type: Integer

[6](#). IANA considerations

This document requests the registration of the following entries under the "CDNI Payload Types" registry hosted by IANA regarding "CDNI delegation":

Payload Type	Specification
MI.AcmeStarDelegationMethod	RFCthis
MI.DelegatedCredentialsMethod	RFCthis

[RFC Editor: Please replace RFCthis with the published RFC number for this document.]

[6.1.](#) CDNI MI AcmeStarDelegationMethod Payload Type

Purpose: The purpose of this Payload Type is to distinguish AcmeStarDelegationMethod MI objects (and any associated capability advertisement)

Interface: MI/FCI

Encoding: see [Section 4.2.1](#)

[6.2.](#) CDNI MI DelegatedCredentialsMethod Payload Type

Purpose: The purpose of this Payload Type is to distinguish DelegatedCredentialsMethod MI objects (and any associated capability advertisement)

Interface: MI/FCI

Encoding: see [Section 4.2.2](#)

[7.](#) Security considerations

Extensions proposed here do not alter nor change Security Considerations as outlined in the CDNI Metadata and Footprint and Capabilities RFCs [[RFC8006](#)].

[8.](#) Comments and questions

Should dCDN be visible from the Content Provider or not? This would lead to different solutions to handle delegation towards the CP. In most cases, the dCDNs should never be visible to the CP, in order to reduce the burden of certificates generation for dCDN.

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