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Abstract

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[1.](#) Introduction

This document defines a YANG 1.1 [[RFC7950](#)] module called "ietf-keystore" that enables centralized configuration of asymmetric keys and their associated certificates, and notification for when configured certificates are about to expire.

This module also defines Six groupings designed for maximum reuse. These groupings include one for the public half of an asymmetric key, one for both the public and private halves of an asymmetric key, one for both halves of an asymmetric key and a list of associated certificates, one for an asymmetric key that may be configured locally or via a reference to an asymmetric key in the keystore, one for a trust anchor certificate and, lastly, one for an end entity certificate.

Special consideration has been given for systems that have cryptographic hardware, such as a Trusted Protection Module (TPM). These systems are unique in that the cryptographic hardware completely hides the private keys and must perform all private key operations. To support such hardware, the "private-key" can be the special value "hardware-protected" and the actions "generate-private-key" and "generate-certificate-signing-request" can be used to direct these operations to the hardware .

This document is compliant with Network Management Datastore Architecture (NMDA) [[RFC8342](#)]. For instance, to support keys and associated certificates installed during manufacturing (e.g., for a IDevID [[Std-802.1AR-2009](#)] certificate), it is expected that such data may appear only in <operational>.

While only asymmetric keys are currently supported, the module has been designed to enable other key types to be introduced in the future.

The module does not support protecting the contents of the keystore

(e.g., via encryption), though it could be extended to do so in the future.

It is not required that a system has an operating system level keystore utility to implement this module.

2. Requirements Language

The key words "MUST", "MUST NOT", "REQUIRED", "SHALL", "SHALL NOT", "SHOULD", "SHOULD NOT", "RECOMMENDED", "NOT RECOMMENDED", "MAY", and "OPTIONAL" in this document are to be interpreted as described in BCP

14 [[RFC2119](#)] [[RFC8174](#)] when, and only when, they appear in all capitals, as shown here.

3. The Keystore Model

3.1. Tree Diagram

This section provides a tree diagrams [[RFC8340](#)] for the "ietf-keystore" module that presents both the protocol-accessible "keystore" as well the all the groupings intended for external usage.

```
module: ietf-keystore
  +--rw keystore
    +--rw asymmetric-keys
      +--rw asymmetric-key* [name]
        | +--rw name string
        | +--rw algorithm
        | |   ct:key-algorithm-ref
        | +--rw public-key binary
        | +--rw private-key union
        | +--rw certificates
        | |   +--rw certificate* [name]
        | |     +--rw name string
        | |     +--rw cert
        | |       |   ct:end-entity-cert-cms
        | |       +----n certificate-expiration
        | |         +-- expiration-date? yang:date-and-time
        | +----x generate-certificate-signing-request
        |   +----w input
```

```

|     | +---w subject      binary
|     | +---w attributes?  binary
|     +---ro output
|         +---ro certificate-signing-request    binary
+----x generate-asymmetric-key
    +---w input
        +---w name          string
        +---w algorithm     ct:key-algorithm-ref

grouping end-entity-cert-grouping
  +-- cert                    ct:end-entity-cert-cms
  +---n certificate-expiration
    +-- expiration-date?    yang:date-and-time
grouping local-or-keystore-end-entity-certificate-grouping
  +-- (local-or-keystore)
    +--:(local)
      | +-- algorithm          ct:key-algorithm-ref
      | +-- public-key        binary
      | +-- private-key       union

```

```

| +-- cert                    ct:end-entity-cert-cms
| +---n certificate-expiration
|   +-- expiration-date?    yang:date-and-time
+--:(keystore) {keystore-implemented}?
  +-- reference
      ks:asymmetric-key-certificate-ref
grouping local-or-keystore-asymmetric-key-with-certs-grouping
  +-- (local-or-keystore)
    +--:(local)
      | +-- algorithm
      | |   ct:key-algorithm-ref
      | +-- public-key        binary
      | +-- private-key       union
      | +-- certificates
      | | +-- certificate* [name]
      | |   +-- name?          string
      | |   +-- cert            ct:end-entity-cert-cms
      | |   +---n certificate-expiration
      | |     +-- expiration-date?  yang:date-and-time
      | +---x generate-certificate-signing-request
      |   +---w input
      |   | +---w subject      binary

```

```

|      | +---w attributes?  binary
|      +---ro output
|      +---ro certificate-signing-request  binary
+--:(keystore) {keystore-implemented}?
    +-- reference
        ks:asymmetric-key-ref
grouping trust-anchor-cert-grouping
  +-- cert      ct:trust-anchor-cert-cms
grouping asymmetric-key-pair-grouping
  +-- algorithm      ct:key-algorithm-ref
  +-- public-key     binary
  +-- private-key    union
grouping public-key-grouping
  +-- algorithm      ct:key-algorithm-ref
  +-- public-key     binary
grouping asymmetric-key-pair-with-certs-grouping
  +-- algorithm      ct:key-algorithm-ref
  +-- public-key     binary
  +-- private-key    union
  +-- certificates
  | +-- certificate* [name]
  |   +-- name?      string
  |   +-- cert       ct:end-entity-cert-cms
  |   +---n certificate-expiration
  |       +-- expiration-date?  yang:date-and-time
+---x generate-certificate-signing-request

```

```

+---w input
| +---w subject      binary
| +---w attributes?  binary
+--ro output
    +--ro certificate-signing-request  binary
grouping local-or-keystore-asymmetric-key-grouping
  +-- (local-or-keystore)
  +--:(local)
  | +-- algorithm      ct:key-algorithm-ref
  | +-- public-key     binary
  | +-- private-key    union
  +--:(keystore) {keystore-implemented}?
    +-- reference      ks:asymmetric-key-ref

```

[3.2.](#) Example Usage

The following example illustrates what a fully configured keystore might look like in <operational>, as described by [Section 5.3 in \[RFC8342\]](#). This datastore view illustrates data set by the manufacturing process alongside conventional configuration. This keystore instance has three keys, two having one associated certificate and one having two associated certificates.

```
<keystore xmlns="urn:ietf:params:xml:ns:yang:ietf-keystore"
          xmlns:or="urn:ietf:params:xml:ns:yang:ietf-origin"
          xmlns:ct="urn:ietf:params:xml:ns:yang:ietf-crypto-types">
  <asymmetric-keys>

    <asymmetric-key or:origin="or:intended">
      <name>ex-rsa-key</name>
      <algorithm>ct:rsa1024</algorithm>
      <private-key>base64encodedvalue==</private-key>
      <public-key>base64encodedvalue==</public-key>
      <certificates>
        <certificate>
          <name>ex-rsa-cert</name>
          <cert>base64encodedvalue==</cert>
        </certificate>
      </certificates>
    </asymmetric-key>

    <asymmetric-key or:origin="or:intended">
      <name>tls-ec-key</name>
      <algorithm>ct:secp256r1</algorithm>
      <private-key>base64encodedvalue==</private-key>
      <public-key>base64encodedvalue==</public-key>
      <certificates>
        <certificate>
```

```
        <name>tls-ec-cert</name>
        <cert>base64encodedvalue==</cert>
      </certificate>
    </certificates>
  </asymmetric-key>

  <asymmetric-key or:origin="or:system">
    <name>tpm-protected-key</name>
```

```
<algorithm>ct:rsa2048</algorithm>
<private-key>hardware-protected</private-key>
<public-key>base64encodedvalue==</public-key>
<certificates>
  <certificate>
    <name>builtin-idevid-cert</name>
    <cert>base64encodedvalue==</cert>
  </certificate>
  <certificate or:origin="or:intended">
    <name>my-ldevid-cert</name>
    <cert>base64encodedvalue==</cert>
  </certificate>
</certificates>
</asymmetric-key>

</asymmetric-keys>
</keystore>
```

The following example illustrates the "generate-private-key" action in use with the NETCONF protocol.

```
-----
<rpc message-id="101"
  xmlns="urn:ietf:params:xml:ns:netconf:base:1.0">
  <action xmlns="urn:ietf:params:xml:ns:yang:1">
    <keystore xmlns="urn:ietf:params:xml:ns:yang:ietf-keystore">
      <asymmetric-keys>
        <generate-asymmetric-key>
          <name>ex-key-sect571r1</name>
          <algorithm
            xmlns:ct="urn:ietf:params:xml:ns:yang:ietf-crypto-types">
            ct:secp521r1
          </algorithm>
        </generate-asymmetric-key>
      </asymmetric-keys>
    </keystore>
  </action>
</rpc>
```

RESPONSE

```
-----
<rpc-reply message-id="101"
  xmlns="urn:ietf:params:xml:ns:netconf:base:1.0">
  <ok/>
</rpc-reply>
```

The following example illustrates the "generate-certificate-signing-request" action in use with the NETCONF protocol.

REQUEST

```
<rpc message-id="101"
  xmlns="urn:ietf:params:xml:ns:netconf:base:1.0">
  <action xmlns="urn:ietf:params:xml:ns:yang:1">
    <keystore xmlns="urn:ietf:params:xml:ns:yang:ietf-keystore">
      <asymmetric-keys>
        <asymmetric-key>
          <name>ex-key-sect571r1</name>
          <generate-certificate-signing-request>
            <subject>base64encodedvalue==</subject>
            <attributes>base64encodedvalue==</attributes>
          </generate-certificate-signing-request>
        </asymmetric-key>
      </asymmetric-keys>
    </keystore>
  </action>
</rpc>
```

RESPONSE

```
<rpc-reply message-id="101"
  xmlns="urn:ietf:params:xml:ns:netconf:base:1.0">
  <certificate-signing-request
    xmlns="urn:ietf:params:xml:ns:yang:ietf-keystore">
    base64encodedvalue==
  </certificate-signing-request>
</rpc-reply>
```

The following example illustrates the "certificate-expiration" notification in use with the NETCONF protocol.

```
<notification
  xmlns="urn:ietf:params:xml:ns:netconf:notification:1.0">
  <eventTime>2018-05-25T00:01:00Z</eventTime>
  <keystore xmlns="urn:ietf:params:xml:ns:yang:ietf-keystore">
    <asymmetric-keys>
      <asymmetric-key>
        <name>tpm-protected-key</name>
        <certificates>
          <certificate>
            <name>my-ldevid-cert</name>
            <certificate-expiration>
              <expiration-date>
                2018-08-05T14:18:53-05:00
              </expiration-date>
            </certificate-expiration>
          </certificate>
        </certificates>
      </asymmetric-key>
    </asymmetric-keys>
  </keystore>
</notification>
```

The following example module has been constructed to illustrate the "local-or-keystore-asymmetric-key-grouping" grouping defined in the "ietf-keystore" module.

```
module ex-keystore-usage {
  yang-version 1.1;

  namespace "http://example.com/ns/example-keystore-usage";
  prefix "eku";

  import ietf-keystore {
    prefix ks;
    reference
      "RFC VVVV: YANG Data Model for a 'Keystore' Mechanism";
  }

  organization
    "Example Corporation";

  contact
    "Author: YANG Designer <mailto:yang.designer@example.com>";

  description
    "This module illustrates the grouping defined in the keystore
    draft called 'local-or-keystore-asymmetric-key-grouping'.";

  revision "YYYY-MM-DD" {
    description
      "Initial version";
    reference
      "RFC XXXX: YANG Data Model for a 'Keystore' Mechanism";
  }

  container keys {
    description
      "A container of keys.";
```

```

list key {
  key name;
  leaf name {
    type string;
    description
      "An arbitrary name for this key.";
  }
  uses ks:local-or-keystore-asymmetric-key-grouping;
  description
    "A key which may be configured locally or be a reference to
    a key in the keystore.";
}
}
}

```

The following example illustrates what two configured keys, one local and the other remote, might look like. This example consistent with other examples above (i.e., the referenced key is in an example above).

```

<keys xmlns="http://example.com/ns/example-keystore-usage">
  <key>
    <name>locally-defined key</name>
    <algorithm
      xmlns:ct="urn:ietf:params:xml:ns:yang:ietf-crypto-types">
      ct:secp521r1
    </algorithm>
    <private-key>base64encodedvalue==</private-key>
    <public-key>base64encodedvalue==</public-key>
  </key>
  <key>
    <name>keystore-defined key</name>
    <reference>ex-rsa-key</reference>
  </key>
</keys>

```

[3.3.](#) YANG Module

This YANG module imports modules defined in [\[RFC6536\]](#), [\[RFC6991\]](#), and [\[I-D.ietf-netconf-crypto-types\]](#). This module uses data types defined

in [RFC2986], [RFC3447], [RFC5652], [RFC5915], [RFC6125], and [ITU.X690.2015].

```
<CODE BEGINS> file "ietf-keystore@2018-06-04.yang"
module ietf-keystore {
  yang-version 1.1;

  namespace "urn:ietf:params:xml:ns:yang:ietf-keystore";
  prefix "ks";

  import ietf-yang-types {
    prefix yang;
    reference
      "RFC 6991: Common YANG Data Types";
  }

  import ietf-crypto-types {
    prefix ct;
    reference
      "RFC CCCC: Common YANG Data Types for Cryptography";
  }

  organization
```

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description

"This module defines a keystore to centralize management of security credentials.

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```
revision "2018-06-04" {
  description
    "Initial version";
  reference
    "RFC VVVV: YANG Data Model for a 'Keystore' Mechanism";
}

// Features

feature keystore-implemented {
  description
    "The 'keystore-implemented' feature indicates that the server
    implements the keystore, and therefore groupings defined in
    this module that reference the keystore are usable.";
}

// Typedefs

typedef asymmetric-key-ref {
  type leafref {
```

```
  path "/ks:keystore/ks:asymmetric-keys/ks:asymmetric-key"
    + "/ks:name";
  require-instance false;
}
description
  "This typedef enables modules to easily define a reference
  to an asymmetric key stored in the keystore. The require
  instance attribute is false to enable the referencing of
  asymmetric keys that exist only in <operational>.";
reference
  "RFC 8342: Network Management Datastore Architecture (NMDA)";
```

```

}

typedef asymmetric-key-certificate-ref {
  type leafref {
    path "/ks:keystore/ks:asymmetric-keys/ks:asymmetric-key"
      + "/ks:certificates/ks:certificate/ks:name";
    require-instance false;
  }
  description
    "This typedef enables modules to easily define a reference
    to a specific certificate associated with an asymmetric key
    stored in the keystore. The require instance attribute is
    false to enable the referencing of certificates that exist
    only in <operational>.";
  reference
    "RFC 8342: Network Management Datastore Architecture (NMDA)";
}

// Groupings
//
// These groupings are factored out more than needed for
// reusability purposes.

grouping public-key-grouping {
  description
    "A public key.";
  leaf algorithm {
    type ct:key-algorithm-ref;
    mandatory true;
    description
      "Identifies the key's algorithm. More specifically,
      this leaf specifies how the 'public-key' binary leaf
      is encoded.";
    reference
      "RFC CCCC: Common YANG Data Types for Cryptography";
  }
}

```

```

leaf public-key {
  type binary;
  mandatory true;
  description

```

```

    "A binary that contains the value of the public key. The
    interpretation of the content is defined by the key
    algorithm. For example, a DSA key is an integer, an RSA
    key is represented as RSAPublicKey as defined in
    RFC 3447, and an Elliptic Curve Cryptography (ECC) key
    is represented using the 'publicKey' described in
    RFC 5915.";
  reference
    "RFC 3447: Public-Key Cryptography Standards (PKCS) #1:
    RSA Cryptography Specifications Version 2.1.
    RFC 5915: Elliptic Curve Private Key Structure.";
}
}

grouping asymmetric-key-pair-grouping {
  description
    "A private/public key pair.";
  uses public-key-grouping;
  leaf private-key {
    type union {
      type binary;
      type enumeration {
        enum "hardware-protected" {
          description
            "The private key is inaccessible due to being
            protected by a cryptographic hardware module
            (e.g., a TPM).";
        }
      }
    }
  }
  mandatory true;
  description
    "A binary that contains the value of the private key. The
    interpretation of the content is defined by the key
    algorithm. For example, a DSA key is an integer, an RSA
    key is represented as RSAPrivateKey as defined in
    RFC 3447, and an Elliptic Curve Cryptography (ECC) key
    is represented as ECPrivateKey as defined in RFC 5915.";
  reference
    "RFC 3447: Public-Key Cryptography Standards (PKCS) #1:
    RSA Cryptography Specifications Version 2.1.
    RFC 5915: Elliptic Curve Private Key Structure.";
}
}

```

```
grouping trust-anchor-cert-grouping {
  description
    "A certificate, and a notification for when it might expire.";
  leaf cert {
    type ct:trust-anchor-cert-cms;
    mandatory true;
    description
      "The binary certificate data for this certificate.";
    reference
      "RFC YYYY: Common YANG Data Types for Cryptography";
  }
}

grouping end-entity-cert-grouping {
  description
    "A certificate, and a notification for when it might expire.";
  leaf cert {
    type ct:end-entity-cert-cms;
    mandatory true;
    description
      "The binary certificate data for this certificate.";
    reference
      "RFC YYYY: Common YANG Data Types for Cryptography";
  }
  notification certificate-expiration {
    description
      "A notification indicating that the configured certificate
      is either about to expire or has already expired.  When to
      send notifications is an implementation specific decision,
      but it is RECOMMENDED that a notification be sent once a
      month for 3 months, then once a week for four weeks, and
      then once a day thereafter until the issue is resolved.";
    leaf expiration-date {
      type yang:date-and-time;
      //mandatory true;
      description
        "Identifies the expiration date on the certificate.";
    }
  }
}

grouping asymmetric-key-pair-with-certs-grouping {
  description
    "A private/public key pair and associated certificates.";
  uses asymmetric-key-pair-grouping;
  container certificates {
    description
```

"Certificates associated with this asymmetric key.

```
    More than one certificate supports, for instance,
    a TPM-protected asymmetric key that has both IDevID
    and LDevID certificates associated.";
list certificate {
  key name;
  description
    "A certificate for this asymmetric key.";
  leaf name {
    type string;
    description
      "An arbitrary name for the certificate.";
  }
  uses end-entity-cert-grouping;
} // end certificate
} // end certificates
action generate-certificate-signing-request {
  description
    "Generates a certificate signing request structure for
    the associated asymmetric key using the passed subject
    and attribute values. The specified assertions need
    to be appropriate for the certificate's use. For
    example, an entity certificate for a TLS server
    SHOULD have values that enable clients to satisfy
    RFC 6125 processing.";
  input {
    leaf subject {
      type binary;
      mandatory true;
      description
        "The 'subject' field per the CertificationRequestInfo
        structure as specified by RFC 2986, Section 4.1
        encoded using the ASN.1 distinguished encoding
        rules (DER), as specified in ITU-T X.690.";
      reference
        "RFC 2986:
          PKCS #10: Certification Request Syntax
          Specification Version 1.7.
        ITU-T X.690:
          Information technology - ASN.1 encoding rules:
          Specification of Basic Encoding Rules (BER),
```

```
        Canonical Encoding Rules (CER) and Distinguished
        Encoding Rules (DER).";
    }
    leaf attributes {
        type binary;
        description
            "The 'attributes' field from the structure
            CertificationRequestInfo as specified by RFC 2986,
```

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```
        Section 4.1 encoded using the ASN.1 distinguished
        encoding rules (DER), as specified in ITU-T X.690.";
    reference
        "RFC 2986:
        PKCS #10: Certification Request Syntax
        Specification Version 1.7.
        ITU-T X.690:
        Information technology - ASN.1 encoding rules:
        Specification of Basic Encoding Rules (BER),
        Canonical Encoding Rules (CER) and Distinguished
        Encoding Rules (DER).";
    }
}
output {
    leaf certificate-signing-request {
        type binary;
        mandatory true;
        description
            "A CertificationRequest structure as specified by
            RFC 2986, Section 4.2 encoded using the ASN.1
            distinguished encoding rules (DER), as specified
            in ITU-T X.690.";
        reference
            "RFC 2986:
            PKCS #10: Certification Request Syntax
            Specification Version 1.7.
            ITU-T X.690:
            Information technology - ASN.1 encoding rules:
            Specification of Basic Encoding Rules (BER),
            Canonical Encoding Rules (CER) and Distinguished
            Encoding Rules (DER).";
    }
}
```

```

    } // end output
  } // end generate-certificate-signing-request
}

grouping local-or-keystore-asymmetric-key-grouping {
  description
    "A grouping that expands to allow the key to be either stored
    locally within the using data model, or be a reference to an
    asymmetric key stored in the keystore.";
  choice local-or-keystore {
    mandatory true;
    case local {
      uses asymmetric-key-pair-grouping;
    }
    case keystore {

```

```

    if-feature "keystore-implemented";
    leaf reference {
      type ks:asymmetric-key-ref;
      mandatory true;
      description
        "A reference to a value that exists in the keystore.";
    }
  }
  description
    "A choice between an inlined definition and a definition
    that exists in the keystore.";
}
}

grouping local-or-keystore-asymmetric-key-with-certs-grouping {
  description
    "A grouping that expands to allow the key to be either stored
    locally within the using data model, or be a reference to an
    asymmetric key stored in the keystore.";
  choice local-or-keystore {
    mandatory true;
    case local {
      uses asymmetric-key-pair-with-certs-grouping;
    }
    case keystore {
      if-feature "keystore-implemented";

```

```

    leaf reference {
      type ks:asymmetric-key-ref;
      mandatory true;
      description
        "A reference to a value that exists in the keystore.";
    }
  }
  description
    "A choice between an inlined definition and a definition
      that exists in the keystore.";
}
}

```

```

grouping local-or-keystore-end-entity-certificate-grouping {
  description
    "A grouping that expands to allow the end-entity certificate
      (and the associated private key) to be either stored locally
      within the using data model, or be a reference to a specific
      certificate in the keystore.";
  choice local-or-keystore {
    mandatory true;
    case local {

```

```

    uses ks:asymmetric-key-pair-grouping;
    uses ks:end-entity-cert-grouping;
  }
  case keystore {
    if-feature "keystore-implemented";
    leaf reference {
      type ks:asymmetric-key-certificate-ref;
      mandatory true;
      description
        "A reference to a value that exists in the keystore.";
    }
  }
  description
    "A choice between an inlined definition and a definition
      that exists in the keystore.";
}
}

```

```

// protocol accessible nodes

container keystore {
  description
    "The keystore contains a list of keys.";

  container asymmetric-keys {
    description
      "A list of asymmetric keys.";
    list asymmetric-key {
      key name;
      description
        "An asymmetric key.";
      leaf name {
        type string;
        description
          "An arbitrary name for the asymmetric key.";
      }
      uses asymmetric-key-pair-with-certs-grouping;
    } // end asymmetric-key

  action generate-asymmetric-key {
    description
      "Requests the device to generate an asymmetric key using
      the specified asymmetric key algorithm. This action is
      primarily to support cryptographic processors that must
      generate the asymmetric key themselves. The resulting
      asymmetric key is considered operational state and hence
      present only in <operational>.";
  }
}

```

```

input {
  leaf name {
    type string;
    mandatory true;
    description
      "The name the asymmetric key should have when listed
      in /keystore/asymmetric-keys/asymmetric-key, in
      <operational>.";
  }
  leaf algorithm {
    type ct:key-algorithm-ref;
    mandatory true;
  }
}

```

```

        description
            "The algorithm to be used when generating the
            asymmetric key.";
        reference
            "RFC CCCC: Common YANG Data Types for Cryptography";
    }
}
} // end generate-asymmetric-key
} // end asymmetric-keys
} // end keystore

}
<CODE ENDS>

```

4. Security Considerations

The YANG module defined in this document is designed to be accessed via YANG based management protocols, such as NETCONF [[RFC6241](#)] and RESTCONF [[RFC8040](#)]. Both of these protocols have mandatory-to-implement secure transport layers (e.g., SSH, TLS) with mutual authentication.

The NETCONF access control model (NACM) [[RFC6536](#)] provides the means to restrict access for particular users to a pre-configured subset of all available protocol operations and content.

There are a number of data nodes defined in this YANG module that are writable/creatable/deletable (i.e., config true, which is the default). These data nodes may be considered sensitive or vulnerable in some network environments. Write operations (e.g., edit-config) to these data nodes without proper protection can have a negative effect on network operations. These are the subtrees and data nodes and their sensitivity/vulnerability:

/: The entire data tree defined by this module is sensitive to write operations. For instance, the addition or removal of keys, certificates, trusted anchors, etc., can dramatically alter the implemented security policy. However, no NACM annotations are applied as the data SHOULD be editable by users

other than a designated 'recovery session'.

/keystore/asymmetric-keys/asymmetric-key/private-key: When writing this node, implementations MUST ensure that the strength of the key being configured is not greater than the strength of the underlying secure transport connection over which it is communicated. Implementations SHOULD fail the write-request if ever the strength of the private key is greater than the strength of the underlying transport, and alert the client that the strength of the key may have been compromised. Additionally, when deleting this node, implementations SHOULD automatically (without explicit request) zeroize these keys in the most secure manner available, so as to prevent the remnants of their persisted storage locations from being analyzed in any meaningful way.

Some of the readable data nodes in this YANG module may be considered sensitive or vulnerable in some network environments. It is thus important to control read access (e.g., via get, get-config, or notification) to these data nodes. These are the subtrees and data nodes and their sensitivity/vulnerability:

/keystore/asymmetric-keys/asymmetric-key/private-key: This node is additionally sensitive to read operations such that, in normal use cases, it should never be returned to a client. The best reason for returning this node is to support backup/restore type workflows. However, no NACM annotations are applied as the data SHOULD be editable by users other than a designated 'recovery session'.

Some of the operations in this YANG module may be considered sensitive or vulnerable in some network environments. It is thus important to control access to these operations. These are the operations and their sensitivity/vulnerability:

generate-certificate-signing-request: For this action, it is RECOMMENDED that implementations assert channel binding [[RFC5056](#)], so as to ensure that the application layer that sent the request is the same as the device authenticated when the secure transport layer was established.

This document uses PKCS #10 [[RFC2986](#)] for the "generate-certificate-signing-request" action. The use of Certificate Request Message

Format (CRMF) [[RFC4211](#)] was considered, but it was unclear if there was market demand for it. If it is desired to support CRMF in the future, placing a "choice" statement in both the input and output statements, along with an "if-feature" statement on the CRMF option, would enable a backwards compatible solution.

[5.](#) IANA Considerations

[5.1.](#) The IETF XML Registry

This document registers one URI in the IETF XML registry [[RFC3688](#)]. Following the format in [[RFC3688](#)], the following registration is requested:

URI: urn:ietf:params:xml:ns:yang:ietf-keystore
Registrant Contact: The NETCONF WG of the IETF.
XML: N/A, the requested URI is an XML namespace.

[5.2.](#) The YANG Module Names Registry

This document registers one YANG module in the YANG Module Names registry [[RFC6020](#)]. Following the format in [[RFC6020](#)], the the following registration is requested:

name: ietf-keystore
namespace: urn:ietf:params:xml:ns:yang:ietf-keystore
prefix: ks
reference: RFC VVVV

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[Appendix A](#). Change Log

[A.1](#). 00 to 01

- o Replaced the 'certificate-chain' structures with PKCS#7 structures. (Issue #1)
- o Added 'private-key' as a configurable data node, and removed the 'generate-private-key' and 'load-private-key' actions. (Issue #2)
- o Moved 'user-auth-credentials' to the ietf-ssh-client module. (Issues #4 and #5)

[A.2](#). 01 to 02

- o Added back 'generate-private-key' action.
- o Removed 'RESTRICTED' enum from the 'private-key' leaf type.
- o Fixed up a few description statements.

[A.3](#). 02 to 03

- o Changed draft's title.
- o Added missing references.
- o Collapsed sections and levels.

- o Added [RFC 8174](#) to Requirements Language Section.
- o Renamed 'trusted-certificates' to 'pinned-certificates'.
- o Changed 'public-key' from config false to config true.
- o Switched 'host-key' from OneAsymmetricKey to definition from [RFC 4253](#).

[A.4.](#) 03 to 04

- o Added typedefs around leafrefs to common keystore paths
- o Now tree diagrams reference ietf-netmod-yang-tree-diagrams
- o Removed Design Considerations section
- o Moved key and certificate definitions from data tree to groupings

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[A.5.](#) 04 to 05

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