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Abstract

This document defines a YANG module called "ietf-keystore" that enables centralized configuration of both symmetric and asymmetric keys. The secret value for both key types may be encrypted or hidden. Asymmetric keys may be associated with certificates. Notifications are sent when certificates are about to expire.

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1. Introduction

This document defines a YANG 1.1 [[RFC7950](#)] module called "ietf-keystore" that enables centralized configuration of both symmetric and asymmetric keys. The secret value for both key types may be encrypted or hidden (see [[I-D.ietf-netconf-crypto-types](#)]). Asymmetric keys may be associated with certificates. Notifications are sent when certificates are about to expire.

The "ietf-keystore" module defines many "grouping" statements intended for use by other modules that may import it. For instance, there are groupings that define enabling a key to be either configured locally (within the defining data model) or be a reference to a key in the keystore.

Special consideration has been given for systems that have cryptographic hardware, such as a Trusted Platform Module (TPM). These systems are unique in that the cryptographic hardware hides the secret key values. Additionally, such hardware is commonly initialized when manufactured to protect a "built-in" asymmetric key for which the public half is conveyed in an identity certificate (e.g., an IDevID [[Std-802.1AR-2009](#)] certificate). Please see [Section 3](#) to see how built-in keys are supported.

This document intends to support existing practices; it does not intend to define new behavior for systems to implement. To simplify implementation, advanced key formats may be selectively implemented.

Implementations may utilize zero or more operating system level keystore utilities and/or hardware security modules (HSMs).

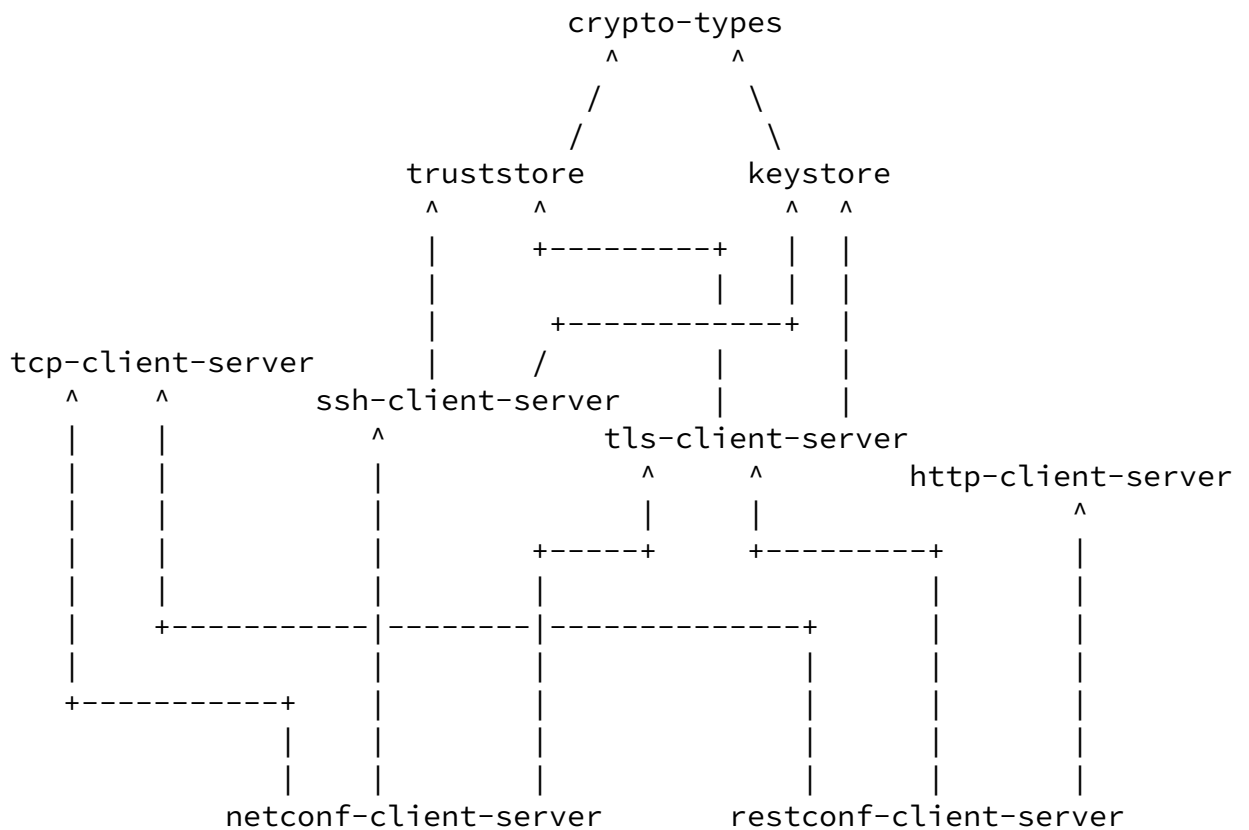
[1.1](#). Relation to other RFCs

This document presents one or more YANG modules [[RFC7950](#)] that are part of a collection of RFCs that work together to, ultimately, enable the configuration of the clients and servers of both the NETCONF [[RFC6241](#)] and RESTCONF [[RFC8040](#)] protocols.

The modules have been defined in a modular fashion to enable their use by other efforts, some of which are known to be in progress at the time of this writing, with many more expected to be defined in time.

The normative dependency relationship between the various RFCs in the

collection is presented in the below diagram. The labels in the diagram represent the primary purpose provided by each RFC. Hyperlinks to each RFC are provided below the diagram.



Label in Diagram	Originating RFC
crypto-types	[I-D.ietf-netconf-crypto-types]
truststore	[I-D.ietf-netconf-trust-anchors]
keystore	[I-D.ietf-netconf-keystore]
tcp-client-server	[I-D.ietf-netconf-tcp-client-server]
ssh-client-server	[I-D.ietf-netconf-ssh-client-server]
tls-client-server	[I-D.ietf-netconf-tls-client-server]
http-client-server	[I-D.ietf-netconf-http-client-server]
netconf-client-server	[I-D.ietf-netconf-netconf-client-server]
restconf-client-server	[I-D.ietf-netconf-restconf-client-server]

Table 1: Label to RFC Mapping

[1.2.](#) Specification 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.

[1.3.](#) Terminology

The terms "client" and "server" are defined in [[RFC6241](#)] and are not redefined here.

The term "keystore" is defined in this draft as a mechanism that intends safeguard secrets placed into it for protection.

The nomenclature "<running>" and "<operational>" are defined in [\[RFC8342\]](#).

The sentence fragments "augmented" and "augmented in" are used herein as the past tense verbified form of the "augment" statement defined in [Section 7.17 of \[RFC7950\]](#).

[1.4.](#) Adherence to the NMDA

This document is compliant with Network Management Datastore Architecture (NMDA) [\[RFC8342\]](#). For instance, keys and associated certificates installed during manufacturing (e.g., for an IDevID certificate) are expected to appear in <operational> (see [Section 3](#)).

[2.](#) The "ietf-keystore" Module

This section defines a YANG 1.1 [\[RFC7950\]](#) module called "ietf-keystore". A high-level overview of the module is provided in [Section 2.1](#). Examples illustrating the module's use are provided in [Section 2.2](#). The YANG module itself is defined in [Section 2.3](#).

[2.1.](#) Data Model Overview

This section provides an overview of the "ietf-keystore" module in terms of its features, typedefs, groupings, and protocol-accessible nodes.

[2.1.1.](#) Features

The following diagram lists all the "feature" statements defined in the "ietf-keystore" module:

Features:

- +-- central-keystore-supported
- +-- local-definitions-supported

| The diagram above uses syntax that is similar to but not
| defined in [\[RFC8340\]](#).

[2.1.2.](#) Typedefs

The following diagram lists the "typedef" statements defined in the "ietf-keystore" module:

Typedefs:

```
leafref
  +-- symmetric-key-ref
  +-- asymmetric-key-ref
```

| The diagram above uses syntax that is similar to but not
| defined in [[RFC8340](#)].

Comments:

- * All of the typedefs defined in the "ietf-keystore" module extend the base "leafref" type defined in [[RFC7950](#)].
- * The leafrefs refer to symmetric and asymmetric keys in the central keystore, when this module is implemented.
- * These typedefs are provided as an aid to downstream modules that import the "ietf-keystore" module.

[2.1.3.](#) Groupings

The "ietf-keystore" module defines the following "grouping" statements:

- * encrypted-by-choice-grouping
- * asymmetric-key-certificate-ref-grouping
- * local-or-keystore-symmetric-key-grouping
- * local-or-keystore-asymmetric-key-grouping
- * local-or-keystore-asymmetric-key-with-certs-grouping
- * local-or-keystore-end-entity-cert-with-key-grouping
- * keystore-grouping

Each of these groupings are presented in the following subsections.

[2.1.3.1.](#) The "encrypted-by-choice-grouping" Grouping

The following tree diagram [[RFC8340](#)] illustrates the "encrypted-by-choice-grouping" grouping:

```
| The grouping's name is intended to be parsed "(encrypted-
| by)-(choice)-(grouping)", not as "(encrypted)-(by-
| choice)-(grouping)".
```

```
grouping encrypted-by-choice-grouping
  +-- (encrypted-by-choice)
    +--:(symmetric-key-ref)
      | +-- symmetric-key-ref?    ks:symmetric-key-ref
    +--:(asymmetric-key-ref)
      +-- asymmetric-key-ref?    ks:asymmetric-key-ref
```

Comments:

- * This grouping defines a "choice" statement with options to reference either a symmetric or an asymmetric key configured in the keystore.
- * This grouping is usable only when the keystore module is implemented. Servers defining custom keystore locations MUST augment in alternate "encrypted-by" references to the alternate locations.

[2.1.3.2](#). The "asymmetric-key-certificate-ref-grouping" Grouping

The following tree diagram [[RFC8340](#)] illustrates the "asymmetric-key-certificate-ref-grouping" grouping:

```
grouping asymmetric-key-certificate-ref-grouping
  +-- asymmetric-key?    ks:asymmetric-key-ref
  +-- certificate?      leafref
```

Comments:

- * This grouping defines a reference to a certificate in two parts: the first being the name of the asymmetric key the certificate is associated with, and the second being the name of the certificate itself.
- * This grouping is usable only when the keystore module is implemented. Servers defining custom keystore locations MAY define an alternate grouping for references to the alternate locations.

[2.1.3.3](#). The "local-or-keystore-symmetric-key-grouping" Grouping

The following tree diagram [[RFC8340](#)] illustrates the "local-or-keystore-symmetric-key-grouping" grouping:

```

grouping local-or-keystore-symmetric-key-grouping
  +-- (local-or-keystore)
    +--:(local) {local-definitions-supported}?
      | +-- local-definition
      |   +---u ct:symmetric-key-grouping
    +--:(keystore) {central-keystore-supported}?
      +-- keystore-reference?   ks:symmetric-key-ref
  
```

Comments:

- * The "local-or-keystore-symmetric-key-grouping" grouping is provided solely as convenience to downstream modules that wish to offer an option for whether a symmetric key is defined locally or as a reference to a symmetric key in the keystore.
- * A "choice" statement is used to expose the various options. Each option is enabled by a "feature" statement. Additional "case" statements MAY be augmented in if, e.g., there is a need to reference a symmetric key in an alternate location.
- * For the "local-definition" option, the definition uses the "symmetric-key-grouping" grouping discussed in Section 2.1.4.3 of [[I-D.ietf-netconf-crypto-types](#)].
- * For the "keystore" option, the "keystore-reference" is an instance of the "symmetric-key-ref" discussed in [Section 2.1.2](#).

[2.1.3.4](#). The "local-or-keystore-asymmetric-key-grouping" Grouping

The following tree diagram [[RFC8340](#)] illustrates the "local-or-keystore-asymmetric-key-grouping" grouping:

```

grouping local-or-keystore-asymmetric-key-grouping
  +-- (local-or-keystore)
    +--:(local) {local-definitions-supported}?
      | +-- local-definition
      |   +---u ct:asymmetric-key-pair-grouping
    +--:(keystore) {central-keystore-supported}?
      +-- keystore-reference?   ks:asymmetric-key-ref
  
```

Comments:

- * The "local-or-keystore-asymmetric-key-grouping" grouping is provided solely as convenience to downstream modules that wish to offer an option for whether an asymmetric key is defined locally or as a reference to an asymmetric key in the keystore.
- * A "choice" statement is used to expose the various options. Each option is enabled by a "feature" statement. Additional "case" statements MAY be augmented in if, e.g., there is a need to reference an asymmetric key in an alternate location.
- * For the "local-definition" option, the definition uses the "asymmetric-key-pair-grouping" grouping discussed in Section 2.1.4.5 of [[I-D.ietf-netconf-crypto-types](#)].
- * For the "keystore" option, the "keystore-reference" is an instance of the "asymmetric-key-ref" typedef discussed in [Section 2.1.2](#).

[2.1.3.5](#). The "local-or-keystore-asymmetric-key-with-certs-grouping" Grouping

The following tree diagram [[RFC8340](#)] illustrates the "local-or-keystore-asymmetric-key-with-certs-grouping" grouping:

```
grouping local-or-keystore-asymmetric-key-with-certs-grouping
  +-- (local-or-keystore)
    +--:(local) {local-definitions-supported}?
      |   +-- local-definition
      |     +---u ct:asymmetric-key-pair-with-certs-grouping
    +--:(keystore) {central-keystore-supported}?
      +-- keystore-reference?   ks:asymmetric-key-ref
```

Comments:

- * The "local-or-keystore-asymmetric-key-with-certs-grouping" grouping is provided solely as convenience to downstream modules that wish to offer an option for whether an asymmetric key is defined locally or as a reference to an asymmetric key in the keystore.

- * A "choice" statement is used to expose the various options. Each option is enabled by a "feature" statement. Additional "case" statements MAY be augmented in if, e.g., there is a need to reference an asymmetric key in an alternate location.
- * For the "local-definition" option, the definition uses the "asymmetric-key-pair-with-certs-grouping" grouping discussed in Section 2.1.4.11 of [[I-D.ietf-netconf-crypto-types](#)].

- * For the "keystore" option, the "keystore-reference" is an instance of the "asymmetric-key-ref" typedef discussed in [Section 2.1.2](#).

[2.1.3.6](#). The "local-or-keystore-end-entity-cert-with-key-grouping" Grouping

The following tree diagram [[RFC8340](#)] illustrates the "local-or-keystore-end-entity-cert-with-key-grouping" grouping:

```

grouping local-or-keystore-end-entity-cert-with-key-grouping
  +-- (local-or-keystore)
    +--:(local) {local-definitions-supported}?
      |  +-- local-definition
      |    +---u ct:asymmetric-key-pair-with-cert-grouping
    +--:(keystore) {central-keystore-supported}?
      +-- keystore-reference
        +---u asymmetric-key-certificate-ref-grouping
  
```

Comments:

- * The "local-or-keystore-end-entity-cert-with-key-grouping" grouping is provided solely as convenience to downstream modules that wish to offer an option for whether a symmetric key is defined locally or as a reference to a symmetric key in the keystore.
- * A "choice" statement is used to expose the various options. Each option is enabled by a "feature" statement. Additional "case" statements MAY be augmented in if, e.g., there is a need to reference a symmetric key in an alternate location.
- * For the "local-definition" option, the definition uses the "asymmetric-key-pair-with-certs-grouping" grouping discussed in

Section 2.1.4.11 of [[I-D.ietf-netconf-crypto-types](#)].

- * For the "keystore" option, the "keystore-reference" uses the "asymmetric-key-certificate-ref-grouping" grouping discussed in [Section 2.1.3.2](#).

[2.1.3.7](#). The "keystore-grouping" Grouping

The following tree diagram [[RFC8340](#)] illustrates the "keystore-grouping" grouping:

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```
grouping keystore-grouping
  +-- asymmetric-keys
  |   +-- asymmetric-key* [name]
  |       +-- name?
  |           +---u ct:asymmetric-key-pair-with-certs-grouping
  |               string
  +-- symmetric-keys
      +-- symmetric-key* [name]
          +-- name?
          +---u ct:symmetric-key-grouping
              string
```

Comments:

- * The "keystore-grouping" grouping defines a keystore instance as being composed of symmetric and asymmetric keys. The structure for the symmetric and asymmetric keys is essentially the same, being a "list" inside a "container".
- * For asymmetric keys, each "asymmetric-key" uses the "asymmetric-key-pair-with-certs-grouping" grouping discussed in Section 2.1.4.11 of [[I-D.ietf-netconf-crypto-types](#)].
- * For symmetric keys, each "symmetric-key" uses the "symmetric-key-grouping" grouping discussed in Section 2.1.4.3 of [[I-D.ietf-netconf-crypto-types](#)].

2.1.4. Protocol-accessible Nodes

The following tree diagram [RFC8340] lists all the protocol-accessible nodes defined in the "ietf-keystore" module, without expanding the "grouping" statements:

```
module: ietf-keystore
  +--rw keystore
    +---u keystore-grouping
```

The following tree diagram [RFC8340] lists all the protocol-accessible nodes defined in the "ietf-keystore" module, with all "grouping" statements expanded, enabling the keystore's full structure to be seen:

```
module: ietf-keystore
  +--rw keystore
    +--rw asymmetric-keys
      | +--rw asymmetric-key* [name]
      |   +--rw name string
      |   +--rw public-key-format identityref
      |   +--rw public-key binary
      |   +--rw private-key-format? identityref
```

```
| +--rw (private-key-type)
| | +--:(cleartext-private-key)
| | | +--rw cleartext-private-key? binary
| | +--:(hidden-private-key)
| | | +--rw hidden-private-key? empty
| | +--:(encrypted-private-key) {private-key-encryption}?
| | | +--rw encrypted-private-key
| | | | +--rw encrypted-by
| | | | | +--rw (encrypted-by-choice)
| | | | | | +--:(symmetric-key-ref)
| | | | | | | +--rw symmetric-key-ref?
| | | | | | | | ks:symmetric-key-ref
| | | | | | +--:(asymmetric-key-ref)
| | | | | | | +--rw asymmetric-key-ref?
| | | | | | | | ks:asymmetric-key-ref
| | | | +--rw encrypted-value-format identityref
| | | | +--rw encrypted-value binary
| | +--rw certificates
```

```

|         |--rw certificate* [name]
|         |--rw name                string
|         |--rw cert-data            end-entity-cert-cms
|         +---n certificate-expiration
|             {certificate-expiration-notification}?
|             |-- expiration-date    yang:date-and-time
+---x generate-certificate-signing-request
    {certificate-signing-request-generation}?
    +---w input
    | +---w csr-info    ct:csr-info
    |--ro output
    |--ro certificate-signing-request    ct:csr
+--rw symmetric-keys
  +--rw symmetric-key* [name]
  |--rw name                string
  |--rw key-format?         identityref
  |--rw (key-type)
  +--:(cleartext-key)
  | +--rw cleartext-key?    binary
  +--:(hidden-key)
  | +--rw hidden-key?      empty
  +--:(encrypted-key) {symmetric-key-encryption}?
  |--rw encrypted-key
  +--rw encrypted-by
  | +--rw (encrypted-by-choice)
  |   +--:(symmetric-key-ref)
  |   | +--rw symmetric-key-ref?
  |   |   ks:symmetric-key-ref
  |   +--:(asymmetric-key-ref)
  |   +--rw asymmetric-key-ref?

```

```

|           ks:asymmetric-key-ref
+--rw encrypted-value-format    identityref
+--rw encrypted-value           binary

```

Comments:

- * Protocol-accessible nodes are those nodes that are accessible when the module is "implemented", as described in [Section 5.6.5 of \[RFC7950\]](#).
- * The protocol-accessible nodes for the "ietf-keystore" module are

an instance of the "keystore-grouping" grouping discussed in [Section 2.1.3.7](#).

- * The reason for why "keystore-grouping" exists separate from the protocol-accessible nodes definition is so as to enable instances of the keystore to be instantiated in other locations, as may be needed or desired by some modules.

[2.2](#). Example Usage

The examples in this section are encoded using XML, such as might be the case when using the NETCONF protocol. Other encodings MAY be used, such as JSON when using the RESTCONF protocol.

[2.2.1](#). A Keystore Instance

The following example illustrates keys in <running>. Please see [Section 3](#) for an example illustrating built-in values in <operational>.

===== NOTE: '\ ' line wrapping per [RFC 8792](#) =====

```
<keystore xmlns="urn:ietf:params:xml:ns:yang:ietf-keystore"
  xmlns:ct="urn:ietf:params:xml:ns:yang:ietf-crypto-types">
  <symmetric-keys>
    <symmetric-key>
      <name>cleartext-symmetric-key</name>
      <key-format>ct:octet-string-key-format</key-format>
      <cleartext-key>base64encodedvalue==</cleartext-key>
    </symmetric-key>
    <symmetric-key>
      <name>hidden-symmetric-key</name>
      <hidden-key/>
    </symmetric-key>
    <symmetric-key>
      <name>encrypted-symmetric-key</name>
```

```
<key-format>ct:one-symmetric-key-format</key-format>
<encrypted-key>
  <encrypted-by>
    <asymmetric-key-ref>hidden-asymmetric-key</asymmetric-k\
```



```

ey-ref>
    </encrypted-by>
    <encrypted-value-format>
        ct:cms-enveloped-data-format
    </encrypted-value-format>
    <encrypted-value>base64encodedvalue==</encrypted-value>
</encrypted-key>
</symmetric-key>
</symmetric-keys>

<asymmetric-keys>
    <asymmetric-key>
        <name>ssh-rsa-key</name>
        <public-key-format>
            ct:ssh-public-key-format
        </public-key-format>
        <public-key>base64encodedvalue==</public-key>
        <private-key-format>
            ct:rsa-private-key-format
        </private-key-format>
        <cleartext-private-key>base64encodedvalue==</cleartext-priv\
ate-key>
    </asymmetric-key>
    <asymmetric-key>
        <name>ssh-rsa-key-with-cert</name>
        <public-key-format>
            ct:subject-public-key-info-format
        </public-key-format>
        <public-key>base64encodedvalue==</public-key>
        <private-key-format>
            ct:rsa-private-key-format
        </private-key-format>
        <cleartext-private-key>base64encodedvalue==</cleartext-priv\
ate-key>
    <certificates>
        <certificate>
            <name>ex-rsa-cert2</name>
            <cert-data>base64encodedvalue==</cert-data>
        </certificate>
    </certificates>
</asymmetric-key>
<asymmetric-key>
    <name>raw-private-key</name>
    <public-key-format>

```

```

        ct:subject-public-key-info-format
    </public-key-format>
    <public-key>base64encodedvalue==</public-key>
    <private-key-format>
        ct:rsa-private-key-format
    </private-key-format>
    <cleartext-private-key>base64encodedvalue==</cleartext-priv\
ate-key>
</asymmetric-key>
<asymmetric-key>
    <name>rsa-asymmetric-key</name>
    <public-key-format>
        ct:subject-public-key-info-format
    </public-key-format>
    <public-key>base64encodedvalue==</public-key>
    <private-key-format>
        ct:rsa-private-key-format
    </private-key-format>
    <cleartext-private-key>base64encodedvalue==</cleartext-priv\
ate-key>
    <certificates>
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            <cert-data>base64encodedvalue==</cert-data>
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    </certificates>
</asymmetric-key>
<asymmetric-key>
    <name>ec-asymmetric-key</name>
    <public-key-format>
        ct:subject-public-key-info-format
    </public-key-format>
    <public-key>base64encodedvalue==</public-key>
    <private-key-format>
        ct:ec-private-key-format
    </private-key-format>
    <cleartext-private-key>base64encodedvalue==</cleartext-priv\
ate-key>
    <certificates>
        <certificate>
            <name>ex-ec-cert</name>
            <cert-data>base64encodedvalue==</cert-data>
        </certificate>
    </certificates>
</asymmetric-key>
<asymmetric-key>
    <name>hidden-asymmetric-key</name>

```

<public-key-format>

```
        ct:subject-public-key-info-format
    </public-key-format>
    <public-key>base64encodedvalue==</public-key>
    <hidden-private-key/>
    <certificates>
        <certificate>
            <name>builtin-idevid-cert</name>
            <cert-data>base64encodedvalue==</cert-data>
        </certificate>
        <certificate>
            <name>my-ldevid-cert</name>
            <cert-data>base64encodedvalue==</cert-data>
        </certificate>
    </certificates>
</asymmetric-key>
<asymmetric-key>
    <name>encrypted-asymmetric-key</name>
    <public-key-format>
        ct:subject-public-key-info-format
    </public-key-format>
    <public-key>base64encodedvalue==</public-key>
    <private-key-format>
        ct:one-asymmetric-key-format
    </private-key-format>
    <encrypted-private-key>
        <encrypted-by>
            <symmetric-key-ref>encrypted-symmetric-key</symmetric-k\
ey-ref>
        </encrypted-by>
        <encrypted-value-format>
            ct:cms-encrypted-data-format
        </encrypted-value-format>
        <encrypted-value>base64encodedvalue==</encrypted-value>
    </encrypted-private-key>
</asymmetric-key>
</asymmetric-keys>
</keystore>
```

[2.2.2.](#) A Certificate Expiration Notification

The following example illustrates a "certificate-expiration" notification for a certificate associated with a key configured in the keystore.

===== NOTE: '\ ' line wrapping per [RFC 8792](#) =====

```
<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>hidden-asymmetric-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>
```

[2.2.3](#). The "Local or Keystore" Groupings

This section illustrates the various "local-or-keystore" groupings defined in the "ietf-keystore" module, specifically the "local-or-keystore-symmetric-key-grouping" ([Section 2.1.3.3](#)), "local-or-keystore-asymmetric-key-grouping" ([Section 2.1.3.4](#)), "local-or-keystore-asymmetric-key-with-certs-grouping" ([Section 2.1.3.5](#)), and "local-or-keystore-end-entity-cert-with-key-grouping" ([Section 2.1.3.6](#)) groupings.

These examples assume the existence of an example module called "ex-keystore-usage" having the namespace "http://example.com/ns/example-keystore-usage".

The ex-keystore-usage module is first presented using tree diagrams [[RFC8340](#)], followed by an instance example illustrating all the "local-or-keystore" groupings in use, followed by the YANG module itself.

The following tree diagram illustrates "ex-keystore-usage" without expanding the "grouping" statements:

```
module: ex-keystore-usage
  +--rw keystore-usage
    +--rw symmetric-key* [name]
      | +--rw name string
      | +---u ks:local-or-keystore-symmetric-key-grouping
    +--rw asymmetric-key* [name]
      | +--rw name string
      | +---u ks:local-or-keystore-asymmetric-key-grouping
    +--rw asymmetric-key-with-certs* [name]
      | +--rw name
      | | string
      | +---u ks:local-or-keystore-asymmetric-key-with-certs-grouping
    +--rw end-entity-cert-with-key* [name]
      +--rw name
      | string
      +---u ks:local-or-keystore-end-entity-cert-with-key-grouping
```

The following tree diagram illustrates the "ex-keystore-usage" module, with all "grouping" statements expanded, enabling the usage's full structure to be seen:

```
module: ex-keystore-usage
  +--rw keystore-usage
    +--rw symmetric-key* [name]
      | +--rw name string
      | +--rw (local-or-keystore)
```

```

|   +---:(local) {local-definitions-supported}?
|   |   +---rw local-definition
|   |   |   +---rw key-format?          identityref
|   |   |   +---rw (key-type)
|   |   |   |   +---:(cleartext-key)
|   |   |   |   |   +---rw cleartext-key?  binary
|   |   |   |   +---:(hidden-key)
|   |   |   |   |   +---rw hidden-key?    empty
|   |   |   |   +---:(encrypted-key) {symmetric-key-encryption}?
|   |   |   |   |   +---rw encrypted-key
|   |   |   |   |   |   +---rw encrypted-by
|   |   |   |   |   |   +---rw encrypted-value-format  identityref
|   |   |   |   |   |   +---rw encrypted-value          binary
|   |   +---:(keystore) {central-keystore-supported}?
|   |   |   +---rw keystore-reference?  ks:symmetric-key-ref
+---rw asymmetric-key* [name]
|   +---rw name                          string
|   +---rw (local-or-keystore)
|   |   +---:(local) {local-definitions-supported}?
|   |   |   +---rw local-definition
|   |   |   |   +---rw public-key-format      identityref
|   |   |   |   +---rw public-key            binary

```

```

|   |   +---rw private-key-format?          identityref
|   |   +---rw (private-key-type)
|   |   |   +---:(cleartext-private-key)
|   |   |   |   +---rw cleartext-private-key?  binary
|   |   |   +---:(hidden-private-key)
|   |   |   |   +---rw hidden-private-key?    empty
|   |   |   +---:(encrypted-private-key)
|   |   |   |   {private-key-encryption}?
|   |   |   |   +---rw encrypted-private-key
|   |   |   |   |   +---rw encrypted-by
|   |   |   |   |   |   +---rw encrypted-value-format  identityref
|   |   |   |   |   |   +---rw encrypted-value          binary
|   |   +---:(keystore) {central-keystore-supported}?
|   |   |   +---rw keystore-reference?  ks:asymmetric-key-ref
+---rw asymmetric-key-with-certs* [name]
|   +---rw name                          string
|   +---rw (local-or-keystore)
|   |   +---:(local) {local-definitions-supported}?
|   |   |   +---rw local-definition

```



```

|         identityref
+---rw (private-key-type)
|   +---:(cleartext-private-key)
|     | +---rw cleartext-private-key?           binary
|     +---:(hidden-private-key)
|       | +---rw hidden-private-key?           empty
|       +---:(encrypted-private-key)
|         {private-key-encryption}?
|         +---rw encrypted-private-key
|           +---rw encrypted-by
|             +---rw encrypted-value-format     identityref
|             +---rw encrypted-value           binary
+---rw cert-data?
|   end-entity-cert-cms
+---n certificate-expiration
|   {certificate-expiration-notification}?
|   +--- expiration-date     yang:date-and-time
+---x generate-certificate-signing-request
|   {certificate-signing-request-generation}?
+---w input
|   +---w csr-info     ct:csr-info
+---ro output
|   +---ro certificate-signing-request     ct:csr
+---:(keystore) {central-keystore-supported}?
+---rw keystore-reference
+---rw asymmetric-key?     ks:asymmetric-key-ref
+---rw certificate?       leafref

```

The following example provides two equivalent instances of each grouping, the first being a reference to a keystore and the second being locally-defined. The instance having a reference to a keystore is consistent with the keystore defined in [Section 2.2.1](#). The two instances are equivalent, as the locally-defined instance example contains the same values defined by the keystore instance referenced by its sibling example.

===== NOTE: '\ ' line wrapping per [RFC 8792](#) =====

```

<keystore-usage
  xmlns="http://example.com/ns/example-keystore-usage"
  xmlns:ct="urn:ietf:params:xml:ns:yang:ietf-crypto-types">

```



```

<!-- The following two equivalent examples illustrate the -->
<!-- "local-or-keystore-symmetric-key-grouping" grouping: -->

<symmetric-key>
  <name>example 1a</name>
  <keystore-reference>cleartext-symmetric-key</keystore-reference>
</symmetric-key>

<symmetric-key>
  <name>example 1b</name>
  <local-definition>
    <key-format>ct:octet-string-key-format</key-format>
    <cleartext-key>base64encodedvalue==</cleartext-key>
  </local-definition>
</symmetric-key>

```

```

<!-- The following two equivalent examples illustrate the -->
<!-- "local-or-keystore-asymmetric-key-grouping" grouping: -->

```

```

<asymmetric-key>
  <name>example 2a</name>
  <keystore-reference>rsa-asymmetric-key</keystore-reference>
</asymmetric-key>

<asymmetric-key>
  <name>example 2b</name>
  <local-definition>
    <public-key-format>
      ct:subject-public-key-info-format
    </public-key-format>
    <public-key>base64encodedvalue==</public-key>
    <private-key-format>
      ct:rsa-private-key-format
    </private-key-format>
    <cleartext-private-key>base64encodedvalue==</cleartext-private\
-key>
  </local-definition>
</asymmetric-key>

```

```

<!-- the following two equivalent examples illustrate -->

```

```

<!-- "local-or-keystore-asymmetric-key-with-certs-grouping": -->

<asymmetric-key-with-certs>
  <name>example 3a</name>
  <keystore-reference>rsa-asymmetric-key</keystore-reference>
</asymmetric-key-with-certs>

<asymmetric-key-with-certs>
  <name>example 3b</name>
  <local-definition>
    <public-key-format>
      ct:subject-public-key-info-format
    </public-key-format>
    <public-key>base64encodedvalue==</public-key>
    <private-key-format>
      ct:rsa-private-key-format
    </private-key-format>
    <cleartext-private-key>base64encodedvalue==</cleartext-private\
-key>
  <certificates>
    <certificate>
      <name>a locally-defined cert</name>
      <cert-data>base64encodedvalue==</cert-data>
    </certificate>
  </certificates>
</local-definition>
</asymmetric-key-with-certs>

<!-- The following two equivalent examples illustrate -->
<!-- "local-or-keystore-end-entity-cert-with-key-grouping": -->

<end-entity-cert-with-key>
  <name>example 4a</name>
  <keystore-reference>
    <asymmetric-key>rsa-asymmetric-key</asymmetric-key>
    <certificate>ex-rsa-cert</certificate>
  </keystore-reference>
</end-entity-cert-with-key>

<end-entity-cert-with-key>
  <name>example 4b</name>
  <local-definition>
    <public-key-format>
      ct:subject-public-key-info-format
    </public-key-format>
    <public-key>base64encodedvalue==</public-key>
    <private-key-format>

```

```
        ct:rsa-private-key-format
      </private-key-format>
      <cleartext-private-key>base64encodedvalue==</cleartext-private\
-key>
      <cert-data>base64encodedvalue==</cert-data>
    </local-definition>
  </end-entity-cert-with-key>

</keystore-usage>
```

Following is the "ex-keystore-usage" module's YANG definition:

```
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 CCCC: A YANG Data Model for a Keystore";
  }

  organization
    "Example Corporation";

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

  description
    "This module illustrates notable groupings defined in
    the 'ietf-keystore' module.";

  revision 2021-05-18 {
    description
      "Initial version";
    reference
      "RFC CCCC: A YANG Data Model for a Keystore";
  }

  container keystore-usage {
    description
```

```
    "An illustration of the various keystore groupings.";
list symmetric-key {
  key "name";
  leaf name {
    type string;
    description
```

```
    "An arbitrary name for this key.";
  }
  uses ks:local-or-keystore-symmetric-key-grouping;
  description
    "An symmetric key that may be configured locally or be a
    reference to a symmetric key in the keystore.";
}
list asymmetric-key {
  key "name";
  leaf name {
    type string;
    description
      "An arbitrary name for this key.";
  }
  uses ks:local-or-keystore-asymmetric-key-grouping;
  description
    "An asymmetric key, with no certs, that may be configured
    locally or be a reference to an asymmetric key in the
    keystore. The intent is to reference just the asymmetric
    key, not any certificates that may also be associated
    with the asymmetric key.";
}
list asymmetric-key-with-certs {
  key "name";
  leaf name {
    type string;
    description
      "An arbitrary name for this key.";
  }
  uses ks:local-or-keystore-asymmetric-key-with-certs-grouping;
  description
    "An asymmetric key and its associated certs, that may be
    configured locally or be a reference to an asymmetric key
    (and its associated certs) in the keystore.";
}
```

```

list end-entity-cert-with-key {
  key "name";
  leaf name {
    type string;
    description
      "An arbitrary name for this key.";
  }
  uses ks:local-or-keystore-end-entity-cert-with-key-grouping;
  description
    "An end-entity certificate and its associated asymmetric
    key, that may be configured locally or be a reference
    to another certificate (and its associated asymmetric
    key) in the keystore.";
}

```

```

}
}
}

```

[2.3.](#) YANG Module

This YANG module has normative references to [[RFC8341](#)] and [[I-D.ietf-netconf-crypto-types](#)].

<CODE BEGINS> file "ietf-keystore@2021-05-18.yang"

```

module ietf-keystore {
  yang-version 1.1;
  namespace "urn:ietf:params:xml:ns:yang:ietf-keystore";
  prefix ks;

  import ietf-netconf-acm {
    prefix nacm;
    reference
      "RFC 8341: Network Configuration Access Control Model";
  }

  import ietf-crypto-types {
    prefix ct;
    reference
      "RFC AAAA: YANG Data Types and Groupings for Cryptography";
  }
}

```

organization
"IETF NETCONF (Network Configuration) Working Group";

contact
"WG Web: <<http://datatracker.ietf.org/wg/netconf/>>
WG List: <<mailto:netconf@ietf.org>>
Author: Kent Watsen <<mailto:kent+ietf@watsen.net>>"

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

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```
revision 2021-05-18 {  
  description  
    "Initial version";  
  reference  
    "RFC CCCC: A YANG Data Model for a Keystore";  
}
```

```
/*****/
```

```

/* Features */
/*****/

feature central-keystore-supported {
  description
    "The 'central-keystore-supported' feature indicates that
    the server supports the keystore.";
}

feature local-definitions-supported {
  description
    "The 'local-definitions-supported' feature indicates that
    the server supports locally-defined keys.";
}

/*****/
/* Typedefs */
/*****/

typedef symmetric-key-ref {
  type leafref {
    path "/ks:keystore/ks:symmetric-keys/ks:symmetric-key"
      + "/ks:name";
  }
  description
    "This typedef enables modules to easily define a reference
    to a symmetric key stored in the keystore, when this

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```

    module is implemented.";
}

typedef asymmetric-key-ref {
  type leafref {
    path "/ks:keystore/ks:asymmetric-keys/ks:asymmetric-key"
      + "/ks:name";
  }
  description
    "This typedef enables modules to easily define a reference
    to an asymmetric key stored in the keystore, when this
    module is implemented.";
}

```

```

/*****/
/*  Groupings  */
/*****/

grouping encrypted-by-choice-grouping {
  description
    "A grouping that defines a 'choice' statement that can be
    augmented into the 'encrypted-by' node, present in the
    'symmetric-key-grouping' and 'asymmetric-key-pair-grouping'
    groupings defined in RFC AAAA, enabling references to keys
    in the keystore, when this module is implemented.";
  choice encrypted-by-choice {
    nacm:default-deny-write;
    mandatory true;
    description
      "A choice amongst other symmetric or asymmetric keys.";
    case symmetric-key-ref {
      leaf symmetric-key-ref {
        type ks:symmetric-key-ref;
        description
          "Identifies the symmetric key used to encrypt the
          associated key.";
      }
    }
    case asymmetric-key-ref {
      leaf asymmetric-key-ref {
        type ks:asymmetric-key-ref;
        description
          "Identifies the asymmetric key whose public key
          encrypted the associated key.";
      }
    }
  }
}

```

```

grouping asymmetric-key-certificate-ref-grouping {
  description
    "This grouping defines a reference to a specific certificate
    associated with an asymmetric key stored in the keystore,
    when this module is implemented.";
  leaf asymmetric-key {
    nacm:default-deny-write;

```



```

    type ks:asymmetric-key-ref;
    must '../certificate';
    description
        "A reference to an asymmetric key in the keystore.";
}
leaf certificate {
    nacm:default-deny-write;
    type leafref {
        path "/ks:keystore/ks:asymmetric-keys/ks:asymmetric-key"
            + "[ks:name = current()../asymmetric-key]/"
            + "ks:certificates/ks:certificate/ks:name";
    }
    must '../asymmetric-key';
    description
        "A reference to a specific certificate of the
        asymmetric key in the keystore.";
}
}

// local-or-keystore-* groupings

grouping local-or-keystore-symmetric-key-grouping {
    description
        "A grouping that expands to allow the symmetric key to be
        either stored locally, i.e., within the using data model,
        or a reference to a symmetric key stored in the keystore.

        Servers that do not 'implement' this module, and hence
        'central-keystore-supported' is not defined, SHOULD
        augment in custom 'case' statements enabling references
        to the alternate keystore locations.";
    choice local-or-keystore {
        nacm:default-deny-write;
        mandatory true;
        description
            "A choice between an inlined definition and a definition
            that exists in the keystore.";
        case local {
            if-feature "local-definitions-supported";
            container local-definition {
                description

```

```

        "Container to hold the local key definition.";
    uses ct:symmetric-key-grouping;
}
}
case keystore {
    if-feature "central-keystore-supported";
    leaf keystore-reference {
        type ks:symmetric-key-ref;
        description
            "A reference to an symmetric key that exists in
            the keystore, when this module is implemented.";
    }
}
}
}
}

grouping local-or-keystore-asymmetric-key-grouping {
    description
        "A grouping that expands to allow the asymmetric key to be
        either stored locally, i.e., within the using data model,
        or a reference to an asymmetric key stored in the keystore.

        Servers that do not 'implement' this module, and hence
        'central-keystore-supported' is not defined, SHOULD
        augment in custom 'case' statements enabling references
        to the alternate keystore locations.";
    choice local-or-keystore {
        nacm:default-deny-write;
        mandatory true;
        description
            "A choice between an inlined definition and a definition
            that exists in the keystore.";
        case local {
            if-feature "local-definitions-supported";
            container local-definition {
                description
                    "Container to hold the local key definition.";
                uses ct:asymmetric-key-pair-grouping;
            }
        }
        case keystore {
            if-feature "central-keystore-supported";
            leaf keystore-reference {
                type ks:asymmetric-key-ref;
                description
                    "A reference to an asymmetric key that exists in
                    the keystore, when this module is implemented. The
                    intent is to reference just the asymmetric key

```

```
        without any regard for any certificates that may
        be associated with it.";
    }
  }
}

grouping local-or-keystore-asymmetric-key-with-certs-grouping {
  description
    "A grouping that expands to allow an asymmetric key and
    its associated certificates to be either stored locally,
    i.e., within the using data model, or a reference to an
    asymmetric key (and its associated certificates) stored
    in the keystore.

    Servers that do not 'implement' this module, and hence
    'central-keystore-supported' is not defined, SHOULD
    augment in custom 'case' statements enabling references
    to the alternate keystore locations.";
  choice local-or-keystore {
    nacm:default-deny-write;
    mandatory true;
    description
      "A choice between an inlined definition and a definition
      that exists in the keystore.";
    case local {
      if-feature "local-definitions-supported";
      container local-definition {
        description
          "Container to hold the local key definition.";
        uses ct:asymmetric-key-pair-with-certs-grouping;
      }
    }
    case keystore {
      if-feature "central-keystore-supported";
      leaf keystore-reference {
        type ks:asymmetric-key-ref;
        description
          "A reference to an asymmetric-key (and all of its
          associated certificates) in the keystore, when
          this module is implemented.";
      }
    }
  }
}
```

```
}  
}
```

```
grouping local-or-keystore-end-entity-cert-with-key-grouping {  
  description
```

"A grouping that expands to allow an end-entity certificate (and its associated asymmetric key pair) to be either stored locally, i.e., within the using data model, or a reference to a specific certificate in the keystore.

Servers that do not 'implement' this module, and hence 'central-keystore-supported' is not defined, SHOULD augment in custom 'case' statements enabling references to the alternate keystore locations.";

```
choice local-or-keystore {  
  nacm:default-deny-write;  
  mandatory true;  
  description  
    "A choice between an inlined definition and a definition  
    that exists in the keystore.";  
  case local {  
    if-feature "local-definitions-supported";  
    container local-definition {  
      description  
        "Container to hold the local key definition.";  
      uses ct:asymmetric-key-pair-with-cert-grouping;  
    }  
  }  
  case keystore {  
    if-feature "central-keystore-supported";  
    container keystore-reference {  
      uses asymmetric-key-certificate-ref-grouping;  
      description  
        "A reference to a specific certificate associated with  
        an asymmetric key stored in the keystore, when this  
        module is implemented.";  
    }  
  }  
}
```

```

grouping keystore-grouping {
  description
    "Grouping definition enables use in other contexts.  If ever
    done, implementations MUST augment new 'case' statements
    into the various local-or-keystore 'choice' statements to
    supply leafrefs to the model-specific location(s).";
  container asymmetric-keys {
    nacm:default-deny-write;
    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 ct:asymmetric-key-pair-with-certs-grouping;
  }
}
container symmetric-keys {
  nacm:default-deny-write;
  description
    "A list of symmetric keys.";
  list symmetric-key {
    key "name";
    description
      "A symmetric key.";
    leaf name {
      type string;
      description
        "An arbitrary name for the symmetric key.";
    }
    uses ct:symmetric-key-grouping;
  }
}
}

```

/*****/

```

/* Protocol accessible nodes */
/*****/

container keystore {
  description
    "A central keystore containing a list of symmetric keys and
    a list of asymmetric keys.";
  nacm:default-deny-write;
  uses keystore-grouping {
    augment "symmetric-keys/symmetric-key/key-type/encrypted-key/"
      + "encrypted-key/encrypted-by" {
      description
        "Augments in a choice statement enabling the encrypting
        key to be any other symmetric or asymmetric key in the
        central keystore.";
      uses encrypted-by-choice-grouping;
    }
    augment "asymmetric-keys/asymmetric-key/private-key-type/"
      + "encrypted-private-key/encrypted-private-key/"

```

```

      + "encrypted-by" {
      description
        "Augments in a choice statement enabling the encrypting
        key to be any other symmetric or asymmetric key in the
        central keystore.";
      uses encrypted-by-choice-grouping;
    }
  }
}
}
}

```

<CODE ENDS>

[3.](#) Support for Built-in Keys

In some implementations, a server may support built-in keys. Built-in keys MAY be set during the manufacturing process or be dynamically generated the first time the server is booted or a particular service (e.g., SSH) is enabled.

The primary characteristic of the built-in keys is that they are provided by the system, as opposed to configuration. As such, they

are present in <operational>. The example below illustrates what the keystore in <operational> might look like for a server in its factory default state.

```
<keystore xmlns="urn:ietf:params:xml:ns:yang:ietf-keystore"
  xmlns:ct="urn:ietf:params:xml:ns:yang:ietf-crypto-types"
  xmlns:or="urn:ietf:params:xml:ns:yang:ietf-origin"
  or:origin="or:intended">
  <asymmetric-keys>
    <asymmetric-key or:origin="or:system">
      <name>Manufacturer-Generated Hidden Key</name>
      <public-key-format>
        ct:subject-public-key-info-format
      </public-key-format>
      <public-key>base64encodedvalue==</public-key>
      <hidden-private-key/>
      <certificates>
        <certificate>
          <name>Manufacturer-Generated IDevID Cert</name>
          <cert-data>base64encodedvalue==</cert-data>
        </certificate>
      </certificates>
    </asymmetric-key>
  </asymmetric-keys>
</keystore>
```

In order for the built-in keys (and their associated built-in certificates) to be referenced by configuration, the referenced keys and associated certificates MUST first be copied into <running>.

Built-in keys that are "hidden" MUST be copied into <running> using the same key values, so that the server can bind them to the built-in entries.

Built-in keys that are "encrypted" MAY be copied into other parts of the configuration so long as they are otherwise unmodified (e.g., the "encrypted-by" reference cannot be altered).

Built-in keys that are "cleartext" MAY be copied into other parts of the configuration but, by doing so, they lose their association to the built-in entries and any assurances afforded by knowing they are/

were built-in.

The built-in keys and built-in associated certificates are immutable by configuration operations. With exception to additional/custom certificates associated to a built-in key, servers MUST ignore attempts to modify any aspect of built-in keys and/or built-in associated certificates.

The following example illustrates how a single built-in key definition from the previous example has been propagated to <running>:

```
<keystore xmlns="urn:ietf:params:xml:ns:yang:ietf-keystore"
  xmlns:ct="urn:ietf:params:xml:ns:yang:ietf-crypto-types">
  <asymmetric-keys>
    <asymmetric-key>
      <name>Manufacturer-Generated Hidden Key</name>
      <public-key-format>
        ct:subject-public-key-info-format
      </public-key-format>
    </asymmetric-key>
  </asymmetric-keys>
</keystore>
```



```
<public-key>base64encodedvalue==</public-key>
<hidden-private-key/>
<certificates>
  <certificate>
    <name>Manufacturer-Generated IDevID Cert</name>
    <cert-data>base64encodedvalue==</cert-data>
  </certificate>
  <certificate>
    <name>Deployment-Specific LDevID Cert</name>
    <cert-data>base64encodedvalue==</cert-data>
  </certificate>
</certificates>
</asymmetric-key>
</asymmetric-keys>
</keystore>
```

After the above configuration is applied, <operational> should appear as follows:

```
<keystore xmlns="urn:ietf:params:xml:ns:yang:ietf-keystore"
```

```

xmlns:ct="urn:ietf:params:xml:ns:yang:ietf-crypto-types"
xmlns:or="urn:ietf:params:xml:ns:yang:ietf-origin"
or:origin="or:intended">
<asymmetric-keys>
  <asymmetric-key or:origin="or:system">
    <name>Manufacturer-Generated Hidden Key</name>
    <public-key-format>
      ct:subject-public-key-info-format
    </public-key-format>
    <public-key>base64encodedvalue==</public-key>
    <hidden-private-key/>
    <certificates>
      <certificate>
        <name>Manufacturer-Generated IDevID Cert</name>
        <cert-data>base64encodedvalue==</cert-data>
      </certificate>
      <certificate or:origin="or:intended">
        <name>Deployment-Specific LDevID Cert</name>
        <cert-data>base64encodedvalue==</cert-data>
      </certificate>
    </certificates>
  </asymmetric-key>
</asymmetric-keys>
</keystore>

```

4. Encrypting Keys in Configuration

This section describes an approach that enables both the symmetric and asymmetric keys on a server to be encrypted, such that traditional backup/restore procedures can be used without concern for the keys being compromised when in transit.

4.1. Key Encryption Key

The ability to encrypt configured keys is predicated on the existence of a "key encryption key" (KEK). There may be any number of KEKs in a system. A KEK, by its namesake, is a key that is used to encrypt other keys. A KEK MAY be either a symmetric key or an asymmetric key.

If a KEK is a symmetric key, then the server MUST provide an API for administrators to encrypt other keys without needing to know the symmetric key's value. If the KEK is an asymmetric key, then the server MAY provide an API enabling the encryption of other keys or, alternatively, let the administrators do so themselves using the asymmetric key's public half.

A server MUST possess (or be able to possess, in case the KEK has been encrypted by another KEK) a KEK's cleartext value so that it can decrypt the other keys in the configuration at runtime.

[4.2.](#) Configuring Encrypted Keys

Each time a new key is configured, it SHOULD be encrypted by a KEK.

In "ietf-crypto-types" [[I-D.ietf-netconf-crypto-types](#)], the format for encrypted values is described by identity statements derived from the "symmetrically-encrypted-value-format" and "symmetrically-encrypted-value-format" identity statements.

Implementations SHOULD provide an API that simultaneously generates and encrypts a key (symmetric or asymmetric) using a KEK. Thusly newly generated key cleartext values may never be known to the administrators generating the keys.

In case the server implementation does not provide such an API, then the generating and encrypting steps MAY be performed outside the server, e.g., by an administrator with special access control rights (e.g., an organization's crypto officer).

In either case, the encrypted key can be configured into the keystore using either the "encrypted-key" (for symmetric keys) or the "encrypted-private-key" (for asymmetric keys) nodes. These two nodes contain both the encrypted value as well as a reference to the KEK that encrypted the key.

[4.3.](#) Migrating Configuration to Another Server

When a KEK is used to encrypt other keys, migrating the configuration to another server is only possible if the second server has the same KEK. How the second server comes to have the same KEK is discussed in this section.

In some deployments, mechanisms outside the scope of this document may be used to migrate a KEK from one server to another. That said, beware that the ability to do so typically entails having access to the first server but, in many scenarios, the first server may no longer be operational.

In other deployments, an organization's crypto officer, possessing a KEK's cleartext value, configures the same KEK on the second server, presumably as a hidden key or a key protected by access-control (e.g., NACM's "default-deny-all"), so that the cleartext value is not disclosed to regular administrators. However, this approach creates high-coupling to and dependency on the crypto officers that doesn't scale in production environments.

In order to decouple the crypto officers from the regular administrators, a special KEK, called the "master key" (MK), may be used.

A MK is commonly a globally-unique built-in (see [Section 3](#)) asymmetric key. The private key, due to its long lifetime, is hidden (i.e., "hidden-private-key" in Section 2.1.4.5. of [\[I-D.ietf-netconf-crypto-types\]](#)). The public key is often contained in an identity certificate (e.g., IDevID). How to configure a MK during the manufacturing process is outside the scope of this document.

It is RECOMMENDED that MKs are built-in and hidden but, if this is not possible, access control mechanisms like NACM SHOULD be used to limit access to the MK's secret data only to the most trusted authorized clients (e.g., an organization's crypto officer). In this case, it is RECOMMENDED that the MK is not built-in and hence is, effectively, just like a KEK.

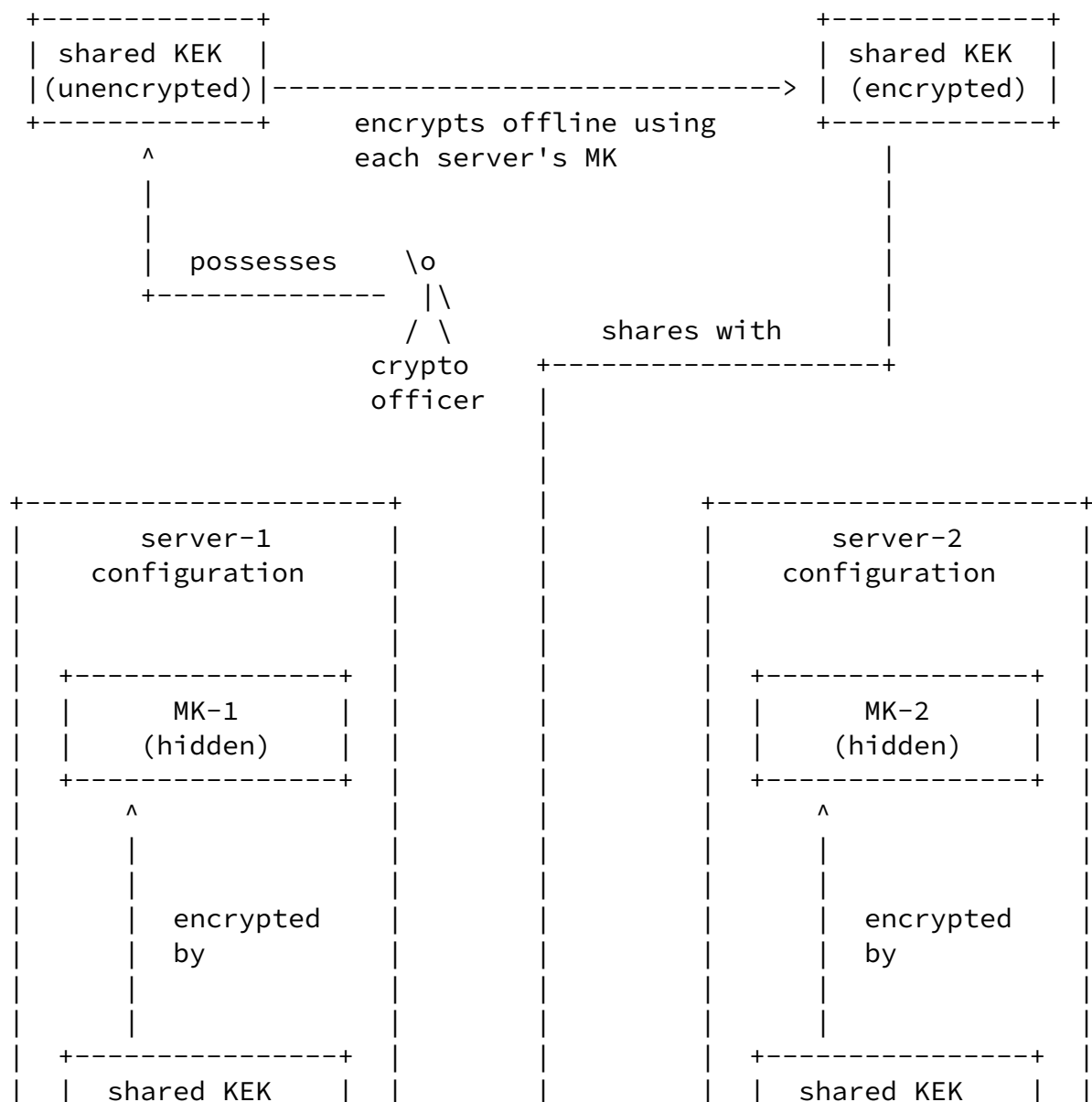
Assuming the server has a MK, the MK can be used to encrypt a "shared KEK", which is then used to encrypt the keys configured by regular administrators.

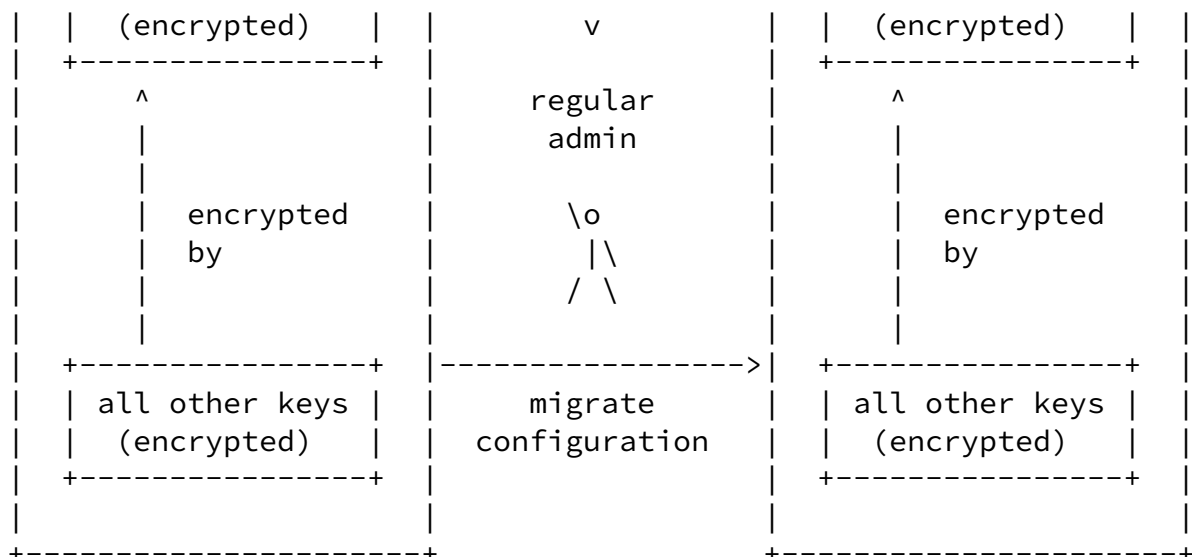
With this extra level of indirection, it is possible for a crypto officer to encrypt the same KEK for a multiplicity of servers offline using the public key contained in their identity certificates. The crypto officer can then safely handoff the encrypted KEKs to the regular administrators responsible for server installations, including migrations.

In order to migrate the configuration from a first server, an

administrator would need to make just a single modification to the configuration before loading it onto a second server, which is to replace the encrypted KEK keystore entry from the first server with the encrypted KEK for the second server. Upon doing this, the configuration (containing many encrypted keys) can be loaded into the second server while enabling the second server to decrypt all the encrypted keys in the configuration.

The following diagram illustrates this idea:





5. Security Considerations

5.1. Security of Data at Rest

The YANG module defined in this document defines a mechanism called a "keystore" that, by its name, suggests that it will protect its contents from unauthorized disclosure and modification.

Security controls for the API (i.e., data in motion) are discussed in [Section 5.3](#), but controls for the data at rest cannot be specified by the YANG module.

In order to satisfy the expectations of a "keystore", it is RECOMMENDED that implementations ensure that the keystore contents are encrypted when persisted to non-volatile memory.

5.2. Unconstrained Private Key Usage

This module enables the configuration of private keys without constraints on their usage, e.g., what operations the key is allowed to be used for (e.g., signature, decryption, both).

This module also does not constrain the usage of the associated public keys, other than in the context of a configured certificate (e.g., an identity certificate), in which case the key usage is

constrained by the certificate.

[5.3.](#) The "ietf-keystore" YANG Module

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) [[RFC8341](#)] provides the means to restrict access for particular users to a pre-configured subset of all available protocol operations and content.

None of the readable data nodes defined in this YANG module are considered sensitive or vulnerable in network environments. The NACM "default-deny-all" extension has not been set for any data nodes defined in this module.

| Please be aware that this module uses the "cleartext-key" and
| "cleartext-private-key" nodes from the "ietf-crypto-types"
| module [[I-D.ietf-netconf-crypto-types](#)], where said nodes have
| the NACM extension "default-deny-all" set, thus preventing
| uncontrolled read-access to the cleartext key values.

All of the writable data nodes defined by this module, both in the "grouping" statements as well as the protocol-accessible "keystore" instance, may be considered sensitive or vulnerable in some network environments.. For instance, any modification to a key or reference to a key may dramatically alter the implemented security policy. For this reason, the NACM extension "default-deny-write" has been set for all data nodes defined in this module.

This module does not define any "rpc" or "action" statements, and thus the security considerations for such is not provided here.

[6.](#) IANA Considerations

[6.1.](#) The "IETF XML" Registry

This document registers one URI in the "ns" subregistry of 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 IESG
XML: N/A, the requested URI is an XML namespace.

[6.2.](#) The "YANG Module Names" Registry

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

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

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[Appendix A](#). Change Log

This section is to be removed before publishing as an RFC.

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

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

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

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

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

- * Changed draft's title.
- * Added missing references.

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

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

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

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

- * Removed trust anchors (now in their own draft)
- * Added back global keystore structure
- * Added groupings enabling keys to either be locally defined or a reference to the keystore.

[A.6.](#) 05 to 06

- * Added feature "local-keys-supported"
- * Added nacm:default-deny-all and nacm:default-deny-write
- * Renamed generate-asymmetric-key to generate-hidden-key
- * Added an install-hidden-key action

- * Moved actions inside fo the "asymmetric-key" container
- * Moved some groupings to [draft-ietf-netconf-crypto-types](#)

[A.7.](#) 06 to 07

- * Removed a "require-instance false"

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- * Clarified some description statements
- * Improved the keystore-usage examples

[A.8.](#) 07 to 08

- * Added "local-definition" containers to avoid possibility of the action/notification statements being under a "case" statement.
- * Updated copyright date, boilerplate template, affiliation, folding algorithm, and reformatted the YANG module.

[A.9.](#) 08 to 09

- * Added a 'description' statement to the 'must' in the /keystore/asymmetric-key node explaining that the descendent values may exist in <operational> only, and that implementation MUST assert that the values are either configured or that they exist in <operational>.
- * Copied above 'must' statement (and description) into the local-or-keystore-asymmetric-key-grouping, local-or-keystore-asymmetric-key-with-certs-grouping, and local-or-keystore-end-entity-cert-with-key-grouping statements.

[A.10.](#) 09 to 10

- * Updated draft title to match new truststore draft title
- * Moved everything under a top-level 'grouping' to enable use in other contexts.
- * Renamed feature from 'local-keys-supported' to 'local-definitions-

supported' (same name used in truststore)

- * Removed the either-all-or-none 'must' expressions for the key's 3-tuple values (since the values are now 'mandatory true' in crypto-types)
- * Example updated to reflect 'mandatory true' change in crypto-types draft

[A.11.](#) 10 to 11

- * Replaced typedef `asymmetric-key-certificate-ref` with grouping `asymmetric-key-certificate-ref-grouping`.
- * Added feature `key-generation`.

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- * Cloned groupings `symmetric-key-grouping`, `asymmetric-key-pair-grouping`, `asymmetric-key-pair-with-cert-grouping`, and `asymmetric-key-pair-with-certs-grouping` from `crypto-keys`, augmenting into each new case statements for values that have been encrypted by other keys in the keystore. Refactored keystore model to use these groupings.
- * Added new 'symmetric-keys' lists, as a sibling to the existing 'asymmetric-keys' list.
- * Added RPCs (not actions) 'generate-symmetric-key' and 'generate-asymmetric-key' to *return* a (potentially encrypted) key.

[A.12.](#) 11 to 12

- * Updated to reflect crypto-type's draft using enumerations over identities.
- * Added examples for the 'generate-symmetric-key' and 'generate-asymmetric-key' RPCs.
- * Updated the Introduction section.

[A.13.](#) 12 to 13

- * Updated examples to incorporate new "key-format" identities.

- * Made the two "generate-*key" RPCs be "action" statements instead.

[A.14.](#) 13 to 14

- * Updated YANG module and examples to incorporate the new iana-*algorithm modules in the crypto-types draft..

[A.15.](#) 14 to 15

- * Added new "Support for Built-in Keys" section.
- * Added 'must' expressions asserting that the 'key-format' leaf whenever an encrypted key is specified.
- * Added local-or-keystore-symmetric-key-grouping for PSK support.

[A.16.](#) 15 to 16

- * Moved the generate key actions to ietf-crypt-types as RPCs, which are augmented by ietf-keystore to support encrypted keys. Examples updated accordingly.

- * Added a SSH certificate-based key ([RFC 6187](#)) and a raw private key to the example instance document (partly so they could be referenced by examples in the SSH and TLS client/server drafts.

[A.17.](#) 16 to 17

- * Removed augments to the "generate-symmetric-key" and "generate-asymmetric-key" groupings.
- * Removed "generate-symmetric-key" and "generate-asymmetric-key" examples.
- * Removed the "algorithm" nodes from remaining examples.
- * Updated the "Support for Built-in Keys" section.
- * Added new section "Encrypting Keys in Configuration".
- * Added a "Note to Reviewers" note to first page.

[A.18.](#) 17 to 18

- * Removed dangling/unnecessary ref to [RFC 8342](#).
- * r/MUST/SHOULD/ wrt strength of keys being configured over transports.
- * Added an example for the "certificate-expiration" notification.
- * Clarified that OS MAY have a multiplicity of underlying keystores and/or HSMS.
- * Clarified expected behavior for "built-in" keys in <operational>
- * Clarified the "Migrating Configuration to Another Server" section.
- * Expanded "Data Model Overview section(s) [remove "wall" of tree diagrams].
- * Updated the Security Considerations section.

[A.19.](#) 18 to 19

- * Updated examples to reflect new "cleartext-" prefix in the cryptotypes draft.

[A.20.](#) 19 to 20

- * Addressed SecDir comments from Magnus Nystroem and Sandra Murphy.

[A.21.](#) 20 to 21

- * Added a "Unconstrained Private Key Usage" Security Consideration to address concern raised by SecDir.
- * (Editorial) Removed the output of "grouping" statements in the tree diagrams for the "ietf-keystore" and "ex-keystore-usage" modules.
- * Addressed comments raised by YANG Doctor.

[A.22.](#) 21 to 22

- * Added prefixes to 'path' statements per trust-anchors/issues/1
- * Renamed feature "keystore-supported" to "central-keystore-supported".
- * Associated with above, generally moved text to refer to a "central" keystore.
- * Aligned modules with `pyang -f` formatting.
- * Fixed nits found by YANG Doctor reviews.

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