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Conveying a Certificate Signing Request (CSR) in a Secure Zero Touch Provisioning (SZTP) Bootstrapping Request

Abstract

This draft extends the "get-bootstrapping-data" RPC defined in RFC 8572 to include an optional certificate signing request (CSR), enabling a bootstrapping device to additionally obtain an identity certificate (e.g., an LDevID, from IEEE 802.1AR) as part of the "onboarding information" response provided in the RPC-reply.

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1. Introduction

1.1. Overview

This draft extends the "get-bootstrapping-data" RPC defined in [RFC8572] to include an optional certificate signing request (CSR) [RFC2986], enabling a bootstrapping device to additionally obtain an identity certificate (e.g., an LDevID [Std-802.1AR-2018]) as part of the "onboarding information" response provided in the RPC-reply.

The ability to provision an identity certificate that is purpose-built for a production environment during the bootstrapping process removes reliance on the manufacturer CA, and it also enables the bootstrapped device to join the production environment with an appropriate identity and other attributes in its LDevID certificate.

Two YANG [RFC7950] modules are defined. The "ietf-ztp-types" module defines three YANG groupings for the various messages defined in this document. The "ietf-sztp-csr" module augments two groupings into the "get-bootstrapping-data" RPC and defines a YANG Data Structure [RFC8791] around the third grouping.

1.2. Terminology

This document uses the following terms from [RFC8572]:

*Bootstrap Server

- *Bootstrapping Data
- *Conveyed Information
- *Device
- *Manufacturer
- *Onboarding Information
- *Signed Data

This document defines the following new terms:

SZTP-client The term "SZTP-client" refers to a "device" that is using a "bootstrap server" as a source of "bootstrapping data".

SZTP-server The term "SZTP-server" is an alternative term for "bootstrap server" that is symmetric with the "SZTP-client" term.

1.3. 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.

1.4. Conventions

Various examples used in this document use a placeholder value for binary data that has been base64 encoded (e.g., "BASE64VALUE="). This placeholder value is used as real base64 encoded structures are often many lines long and hence distracting to the example being presented.

2. The "ietf-sztp-csr" Module

The "ietf-sztp-csr" module is a YANG 1.1 [[RFC7950](#)] module that augments the "ietf-sztp-bootstrap-server" module defined in [[RFC8572](#)] and defines a YANG "structure" that is to be conveyed in the "error-info" node defined in [Section 7.1](#) of [[RFC8040](#)].

2.1. Data Model Overview

The following tree diagram [[RFC8340](#)] illustrates the "ietf-sztp-csr" module.

```
module: ietf-sztp-csr
```

```
augment /sztp-svr:get-bootstrapping-data/sztp-svr:input:
```

```
+---w (msg-type)?
  +--:(csr-support)
    | +---w csr-support
    |   +---w key-generation!
    |   | +---w supported-algorithms
    |   |   +---w algorithm-identifier*   binary
    |   +---w csr-generation
    |     +---w supported-formats
    |       +---w format-identifier*   identityref
  +--:(csr)
    +---w (csr-type)
    +--:(p10-csr)
    | +---w p10-csr?   ct:csr
    +--:(cmc-csr)
    | +---w cmc-csr?   binary
    +--:(cmp-csr)
    +---w cmp-csr?   binary
```

```
structure: csr-request
```

```
+--ro key-generation!
| +--ro selected-algorithm
|   +--ro algorithm-identifier   binary
+--ro csr-generation
| +--ro selected-format
|   +--ro format-identifier   identityref
+--ro cert-req-info?   ietf-crypto-types:csr-info
```

The augmentation defines two kinds of parameters that an SZTP-client can send to an SZTP-server. The YANG structure defines one collection of parameters that an SZTP-server can send to an SZTP-client.

In the order of their intended use:

*The "csr-support" node is used by the SZTP-client to signal to the SZTP-server that it supports the ability to generate CSRs. This parameter conveys if the SZTP-client is able to generate a new asymmetric key and, if so, which key algorithms it supports, as well as conveys what kinds of CSR structures the SZTP-client is able to generate.

*The "csr-request" structure is used by the SZTP-server to request the SZTP-client to generate a CSR. This structure is used to select the key algorithm the SZTP-client should use to generate a new asymmetric key, if supported, the kind of CSR structure the

SZTP-client should generate and, optionally, the content for the CSR itself.

*The various "csr" nodes are used by the SZTP-client to communicate a CSR to the SZTP-server.

No data model is defined enabling an SZTP-server to communicate the signed certificate to the SZTP-client. How to do this is discussed in [Section 2.2](#).

To further illustrate how the augmentation and structure defined by the "ietf-sztp-csr" module are used, below are two additional tree diagrams showing these nodes placed where they are used.

The following tree diagram [[RFC8340](#)] illustrates SZTP's "get-bootstrapping-data" RPC with the augmentation in place.

===== NOTE: '\' line wrapping per RFC 8792 =====

module: ietf-sztp-bootstrap-server

```
rpcs:
  +---x get-bootstrapping-data
    +---w input
      | +---w signed-data-preferred?      empty
      | +---w hw-model?                   string
      | +---w os-name?                     string
      | +---w os-version?                  string
      | +---w nonce?                       binary
      | +---w (sztp-csr:msg-type)?
      |   +---:(sztp-csr:csr-support)
      |     | +---w sztp-csr:csr-support
      |     |   +---w sztp-csr:key-generation!
      |     |     | +---w sztp-csr:supported-algorithms
      |     |     |   +---w sztp-csr:algorithm-identifier*  bina\
ry
      |     |       +---w sztp-csr:csr-generation
      |     |       +---w sztp-csr:supported-formats
      |     |       +---w sztp-csr:format-identifier*  identit\
yref
      |   +---:(sztp-csr:csr)
      |     +---w (sztp-csr:csr-type)
      |       +---:(sztp-csr:p10-csr)
      |         | +---w sztp-csr:p10-csr?  ct:csr
      |         +---:(sztp-csr:cmc-csr)
      |           | +---w sztp-csr:cmc-csr?  binary
      |           +---:(sztp-csr:cmp-csr)
      |             +---w sztp-csr:cmp-csr?  binary
      +---ro output
        +---ro reporting-level?    enumeration {onboarding-server}?
        +---ro conveyed-information  cms
        +---ro owner-certificate?    cms
        +---ro ownership-voucher?    cms
```

The following tree diagram [[RFC8340](#)] illustrates RESTCONF's "errors" RPC-reply message with the "csr-request" structure in place.

```

module: ietf-restconf
+--ro errors
  +--ro error* []
    +--ro error-type      enumeration
    +--ro error-tag       string
    +--ro error-app-tag?  string
    +--ro error-path?     instance-identifier
    +--ro error-message?  string
    +--ro error-info
      +--ro csr-request
        +--ro key-generation!
          | +--ro selected-algorithm
          |   +--ro algorithm-identifier  binary
        +--ro csr-generation
          | +--ro selected-format
          |   +--ro format-identifier  identityref
        +--ro cert-req-info?  ct:csr-info

```

2.2. Example Usage

The examples below are encoded using JSON, but they could equally well be encoded using XML, as is supported by SZTP.

An SZTP-client implementing this specification would signal to the bootstrap server its willingness to generate a CSR by including the "csr-support" node in its "get-bootstrapping-data" RPC, as illustrated below.

REQUEST

===== NOTE: '\\' line wrapping per RFC 8792 =====

POST /restconf/operations/ietf-sztp-bootstrap-server:get-bootstrappi\ng-data HTTP/1.1
HOST: example.com
Content-Type: application/yang.data+json

```
{
  "ietf-sztp-bootstrap-server:input" : {
    "hw-model": "model-x",
    "os-name": "vendor-os",
    "os-version": "17.3R2.1",
    "nonce": "extralongbase64encodedvalue=",
    "ietf-sztp-csr:csr-support": {
      "key-generation": {
        "supported-algorithms": {
          "algorithm-identifier": [
            "BASE64VALUE1",
            "BASE64VALUE2",
            "BASE64VALUE3"
          ]
        }
      },
      "csr-generation": {
        "supported-formats": {
          "format-identifier": [
            "ietf-ztp-types:p10-csr",
            "ietf-ztp-types:cmc-csr",
            "ietf-ztp-types:cmp-csr"
          ]
        }
      }
    }
  }
}
```

Assuming the SZTP-server wishes to prompt the SZTP-client to provide a CSR, then it would respond with an HTTP 400 Bad Request error code:

RESPONSE

HTTP/1.1 400 Bad Request
Date: Sat, 31 Oct 2015 17:02:40 GMT
Server: example-server
Content-Type: application/yang.data+json

```
{
  "ietf-restconf:errors" : {
    "error" : [
      {
        "error-type": "application",
        "error-tag": "missing-attribute",
        "error-message": "Missing input parameter",
        "error-info": {
          "ietf-sztp-csr:csr-request": {
            "key-generation": {
              "selected-algorithm": {
                "algorithm-identifier": "BASE64VALUE="
              }
            },
            "csr-generation": {
              "selected-format": {
                "format-identifier": "ietf-ztp-types:p10-csr"
              }
            },
            "cert-req-info": "BASE64VALUE="
          }
        }
      }
    ]
  }
}
```

Upon being prompted to provide a CSR, the SZTP-client would POST another "get-bootstrapping-data" request, but this time including one of the "csr" nodes to convey its CSR to the SZTP-server:

REQUEST

===== NOTE: '\\' line wrapping per RFC 8792 =====

```
POST /restconf/operations/ietf-sztp-bootstrap-server:get-bootstrappi\
ng-data HTTP/1.1
HOST: example.com
Content-Type: application/yang.data+json
```

```
{
  "ietf-sztp-bootstrap-server:input" : {
    "hw-model": "model-x",
    "os-name": "vendor-os",
    "os-version": "17.3R2.1",
    "nonce": "extralongbase64encodedvalue=",
    "ietf-sztp-csr:p10-csr": "BASE64VALUE="
  }
}
```

The SZTP-server responds with "onboarding-information" (encoded inside the "conveyed-information" node) containing a signed identity certificate for the CSR provided by the SZTP-client:

RESPONSE

```
HTTP/1.1 200 OK
Date: Sat, 31 Oct 2015 17:02:40 GMT
Server: example-server
Content-Type: application/yang.data+json
```

```
{
  "ietf-sztp-bootstrap-server:output" : {
    "reporting-level": "verbose",
    "conveyed-information": "BASE64VALUE="
  }
}
```

How the signed certificate is conveyed inside the onboarding information is outside the scope of this document. Some implementations may choose to convey it inside a script (e.g., SZTP's "pre-configuration-script"), while other implementations may choose to convey it inside the SZTP "configuration" node. SZTP onboarding information is described in [Section 2.2](#) of [\[RFC8572\]](#).

Following are two examples of conveying the signed certificate inside the "configuration" node. Both examples assume that the SZTP-client understands the "ietf-keystore" module defined in [\[I-D.ietf-netconf-keystore\]](#).

This first example illustrates the case where the signed certificate is for the same asymmetric key used by the SZTP-client's manufacturer-generated identity certificate (e.g., an IDevID, from

[[Std-802.1AR-2018](#)]). As such, the configuration needs to associate the newly signed certificate with the existing asymmetric key:

===== NOTE: '\\' line wrapping per RFC 8792 =====

```
{
  "ietf-keystore:keystore": {
    "asymmetric-keys": {
      "asymmetric-key": [
        {
          "name": "Manufacturer-Generated Hidden Key",
          "public-key-format": "ietf-crypto-types:subject-public-key\
-info-format",
          "public-key": "BASE64VALUE=",
          "hidden-private-key": [null],
          "certificates": {
            "certificate": [
              {
                "name": "Manufacturer-Generated IDevID Cert",
                "cert-data": "BASE64VALUE="
              },
              {
                "name": "Newly-Generated LDevID Cert",
                "cert-data": "BASE64VALUE="
              }
            ]
          }
        }
      ]
    }
  }
}
```

This second example illustrates the case where the signed certificate is for a newly generated asymmetric key. As such, the configuration needs to associate the newly signed certificate with the newly generated asymmetric key:

===== NOTE: '\' line wrapping per RFC 8792 =====

```
{
  "ietf-keystore:keystore": {
    "asymmetric-keys": {
      "asymmetric-key": [
        {
          "name": "Manufacturer-Generated Hidden Key",
          "public-key-format": "ietf-crypto-types:subject-public-key\
-info-format",
          "public-key": "BASE64VALUE=",
          "hidden-private-key": [null],
          "certificates": {
            "certificate": [
              {
                "name": "Manufacturer-Generated IDevID Cert",
                "cert-data": "BASE64VALUE="
              }
            ]
          }
        },
        {
          "name": "Newly-Generated Hidden Key",
          "public-key-format": "ietf-crypto-types:subject-public-key\
-info-format",
          "public-key": "BASE64VALUE=",
          "hidden-private-key": [null],
          "certificates": {
            "certificate": [
              {
                "name": "Newly-Generated LDevID Cert",
                "cert-data": "BASE64VALUE="
              }
            ]
          }
        }
      ]
    }
  }
}
```

In addition to configuring the signed certificate, it is often necessary to also configure the Issuer's signing certificate so that the device (i.e., STZP-client) can authenticate certificates presented by peer devices signed by the same issuer as its own. While outside the scope of this document, one way to do this would be to use the "ietf-truststore" module defined in [[I-D.ietf-netconf-trust-anchors](#)].

2.3. YANG Module

This module augments an RPC defined in [[RFC8572](#)]. The module uses a data types and groupings defined in [[RFC8572](#)], [[RFC8791](#)], and [[I-D.ietf-netconf-crypto-types](#)]. The module has additional normative references to [[RFC2986](#)], [[RFC5272](#)], [[RFC4210](#)], and [[ITU.X690.2015](#)], and an informative reference to [[Std-802.1AR-2018](#)].

```
<CODE BEGINS> file "ietf-sztp-csr@2021-08-15.yang"
```

```

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

  import ietf-sztp-bootstrap-server {
    prefix sztp-svr;
    reference
      "RFC 8572: Secure Zero Touch Provisioning (SZTP)";
  }

  import ietf-yang-structure-ext {
    prefix sx;
    reference
      "RFC 8791: YANG Data Structure Extensions";
  }

  import ietf-ztp-types {
    prefix zt;
    reference
      "RFC XXXX: Conveying a Certificate Signing Request (CSR)
      in a Secure Zero Touch Provisioning (SZTP)
      Bootstrapping Request";
  }

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```

description

"This module augments the 'get-bootstrapping-data' RPC, defined in the 'ietf-sztp-bootstrap-server' module from SZTP (RFC 8572), enabling the SZTP-client to obtain a signed identity certificate (e.g., an LDevID from IEEE 802.1AR) as part of the SZTP onboarding information response.

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'NOT RECOMMENDED', 'MAY', and 'OPTIONAL' in this
document are to be interpreted as described in BCP 14
(RFC 2119) (RFC 8174) when, and only when, they appear
in all capitals, as shown here.";

```
revision 2021-08-15 {  
  description  
    "Initial version";  
  reference  
    "RFC XXXX: Conveying a Certificate Signing Request (CSR)  
      in a Secure Zero Touch Provisioning (SZTP)  
      Bootstrapping Request";  
}
```

// Protocol-accessible nodes

```
augment "/sztp-svr:get-bootstrapping-data/sztp-svr:input" {  
  description  
    "This augmentation adds the 'csr-support' and 'csr' nodes to  
    the SZTP (RFC 8572) 'get-bootstrapping-data' request message,  
    enabling the SZTP-client to obtain an identity certificate  
    (e.g., an LDevID from IEEE 802.1AR) as part of the onboarding  
    information response provided by the SZTP-server.  
  
    The 'csr-support' node enables the SZTP-client to indicate  
    that it supports generating certificate signing requests  
    (CSRs), and to provide details around the CSRs it is able  
    to generate.  
  
    The 'csr' node enables the SZTP-client to relay a CSR to  
    the SZTP-server.";  
  reference  
    "IEEE 802.1AR: IEEE Standard for Local and metropolitan  
      area networks - Secure Device Identity  
    RFC 8572: Secure Zero Touch Provisioning (SZTP)";  
  choice msg-type {  
    description  
      "Messages are mutually exclusive.";  
    case csr-support {  
      description
```



```

    "Indicates how the SZTP-client supports generating CSRs.

    If present and a SZTP-server wishes to request the
    SZTP-client generate a CSR, the SZTP-server MUST
    respond with HTTP code 400 Bad Request with an
    'ietf-restconf:errors' message having the 'error-tag'
    value 'missing-attribute' and the 'error-info' node
    containing the 'csr-request' structure described
    in this module.";
    uses zt:csr-support-grouping;
}
case csr {
    description
        "Provides the CSR generated by the SZTP-client.

        When present, the SZTP-server SHOULD respond with
        an SZTP onboarding information message containing
        a signed certificate for the conveyed CSR. The
        SZTP-server MAY alternatively respond with another
        HTTP error containing another 'csr-request', in
        which case the SZTP-client MUST invalidate the
        previously generated CSR.";
        uses zt:csr-grouping;
    }
}
}

sx:structure csr-request {
    description
        "A YANG data structure, per RFC 8791, that specifies
        details for the CSR that the ZTP-client is to generate.";
    reference
        "RFC 8791: YANG Data Structure Extensions";
    uses zt:csr-request-grouping;
}
}

```

<CODE ENDS>

3. The "ietf-ztp-types" Module

This section defines a YANG 1.1 [\[RFC7950\]](#) module that defines three YANG groupings, one each for messages sent between a ZTP-client and ZTP-server. This module is defined independently of the "ietf-sztp-csr" module so that its groupings may be used by bootstrapping protocols other than SZTP [\[RFC8572\]](#).

3.1. Data Model Overview

The following tree diagram [\[RFC8340\]](#) illustrates the three groupings defined in the "ietf-ztp-types" module.

module: ietf-ztp-types

```
grouping csr-support-grouping
  +-- csr-support
    +-- key-generation!
      | +-- supported-algorithms
      |   +-- algorithm-identifier*   binary
    +-- csr-generation
      +-- supported-formats
        +-- format-identifier*   identityref
grouping csr-request-grouping
  +-- key-generation!
    | +-- selected-algorithm
    |   +-- algorithm-identifier   binary
  +-- csr-generation
    | +-- selected-format
    |   +-- format-identifier   identityref
  +-- cert-req-info?   ct:csr-info
grouping csr-grouping
  +-- (csr-type)
    +--:(p10-csr)
      | +-- p10-csr?   ct:csr
    +--:(cmc-csr)
      | +-- cmc-csr?   binary
    +--:(cmp-csr)
      +-- cmp-csr?   binary
```

3.2. YANG Module

This module uses a data types and groupings [\[RFC8791\]](#) and [\[I-D.ietf-netconf-crypto-types\]](#). The module has additional normative references to [\[RFC2986\]](#), [\[RFC4210\]](#), [\[RFC5272\]](#), and [\[ITU.X690.2015\]](#), and an informative reference to [\[Std-802.1AR-2018\]](#).

<CODE BEGINS> file "ietf-ztp-types@2021-08-15.yang"

```

module ietf-ztp-types {
  yang-version 1.1;
  namespace "urn:ietf:params:xml:ns:yang:ietf-ztp-types";
  prefix zt;

  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://tools.ietf.org/wg/netconf
    WG List:  <mailto:netconf@ietf.org>
    Authors:  Kent Watsen <mailto:kent+ietf@watsen.net>
              Russ Housley <mailto:housley@vigilsec.com>
              Sean Turner <mailto:sean@sn3rd.com>";

  description
    "This module defines three groupings that enable
    bootstrapping devices to 1) indicate if and how they
    support generating CSRs, 2) obtain a request to
    generate a CSR, and 3) communicate the requested CSR.

    The terms 'IDevID' and 'LDevID' are used herein to
    mean 'initial device identifier' and 'local device
    identifier'.  These terms are defined consistent with
    the IEEE 802.1AR specification, though there is no
    requirement that a ZTP-client's identity certificate
    conform to IEEE 802.1AR.

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    BSD License set forth in Section 4.c of the IETF Trust's
    Legal Provisions Relating to IETF Documents
    (https://trustee.ietf.org/license-info).

    This version of this YANG module is part of RFC XXXX
    (https://www.rfc-editor.org/info/rfcXXXX); see the RFC
    itself for full legal notices.

    The key words 'MUST', 'MUST NOT', 'REQUIRED', 'SHALL',
    'SHALL NOT', 'SHOULD', 'SHOULD NOT', 'RECOMMENDED',

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'NOT RECOMMENDED', 'MAY', and 'OPTIONAL' in this document are to be interpreted as described in BCP 14 (RFC 2119) (RFC 8174) when, and only when, they appear in all capitals, as shown here.";

```
revision 2021-08-15 {  
  description  
    "Initial version";  
  reference  
    "RFC XXXX: Conveying a Certificate Signing Request (CSR)  
      in a Secure Zero Touch Provisioning (SZTP)  
      Bootstrapping Request";  
}
```

```
identity certificate-request-format {  
  description  
    "A base identity for the request formats supported  
      by the ZTP-client.  
  
      Additional derived identities MAY be defined by  
      future efforts.";  
}
```

```
identity p10-csr {  
  base certificate-request-format;  
  description  
    "Indicates that the ZTP-client supports generating  
      requests using the 'CertificationRequest' structure  
      defined in RFC 2986.";  
  reference  
    "RFC 2986: PKCS #10: Certification Request Syntax  
      Specification Version 1.7";  
}
```

```
identity cmp-csr {  
  base certificate-request-format;  
  description  
    "Indicates that the ZTP-client supports generating  
      requests using a constrained version of the PKIMessage  
      containing a p10cr structure defined in RFC 4210.";  
  reference  
    "RFC 4210: Internet X.509 Public Key Infrastructure  
      Certificate Management Protocol (CMP)";  
}
```

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identity cmc-csr {  
  base certificate-request-format;  
  description  
    "Indicates that the ZTP-client supports generating
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        requests using a constrained version of the 'Full
        PKI Request' structure defined in RFC 5272.";
reference
    "RFC 5272: Certificate Management over CMS (CMC)";
}

// Protocol-accessible nodes

grouping csr-support-grouping {
    description
        "A grouping enabling use by other efforts.";
    container csr-support {
        description
            "Enables a ZTP-client to indicate that it supports
            generating certificate signing requests (CSRs) and
            provides details about the CSRs it is able to
            generate.";
        container key-generation {
            presence
                "Indicates that the ZTP-client is capable of
                generating a new asymmetric key pair.

                If this node is not present, the ZTP-server MAY
                request a CSR using the asymmetric key associated
                with the device's existing identity certificate
                (e.g., an IDevID from IEEE 802.1AR).";
            description
                "Specifies details for the ZTP-client's ability to
                generate a new asymmetric key pair.";
            container supported-algorithms {
                description
                    "A list of public key algorithms supported by the
                    ZTP-client for generating a new asymmetric key.";
                leaf-list algorithm-identifier {
                    type binary;
                    min-elements 1;
                    description
                        "An AlgorithmIdentifier, as defined in RFC 2986,
                        encoded using 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).";
                }
            }
        }
    }
}

```

```

    }
  }
  container csr-generation {
    description
      "Specifies details for the ZTP-client's ability to
      generate a certificate signing requests.";
    container supported-formats {
      description
        "A list of certificate request formats supported
        by the ZTP-client for generating a new key.";
      leaf-list format-identifier {
        type identityref {
          base zt:certificate-request-format;
        }
        min-elements 1;
        description
          "A certificate request format supported by the
          ZTP-client.";
      }
    }
  }
}

grouping csr-request-grouping {
  description
    "A grouping enabling use by other efforts.";
  container key-generation {
    presence
      "Provided by a ZTP-server to indicate that it wishes
      the ZTP-client to generate a new asymmetric key.

      This statement is present so the mandatory descendant
      nodes do not imply that this node must be configured.";
    description
      "The key generation parameters selected by the ZTP-server.

      This leaf MUST only appear if the ZTP-client's
      'csr-support' included the 'key-generation' node.";
    container selected-algorithm {
      description
        "The key algorithm selected by the ZTP-server. The
        algorithm MUST be one of the algorithms specified by
        the 'supported-algorithms' node in the ZTP-client's
        message containing the 'csr-support' structure.";
      leaf algorithm-identifier {
        type binary;
        mandatory true;
        description

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        "An AlgorithmIdentifier, as defined in RFC 2986,
        encoded using 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).";
    }
}
}
container csr-generation {
    description
        "Specifies details for the CSR that the ZTP-client
        is to generate.";
    container selected-format {
        description
            "The CSR format selected by the ZTP-server. The
            format MUST be one of the formats specified by
            the 'supported-formats' node in the ZTP-client's
            request message.";
        leaf format-identifier {
            type identityref {
                base zt:certificate-request-format;
            }
            mandatory true;
            description
                "A certificate request format to be used by the
                ZTP-client.";
        }
    }
}
leaf cert-req-info {
    type ct:csr-info;
    description
        "A CertificationRequestInfo structure, as defined in
        RFC 2986, and modeled via a 'typedef' statement by
        RFC AAAA.

        Enables the ZTP-server to provide a fully-populated
        CertificationRequestInfo structure that the ZTP-client
        only needs to sign in order to generate the complete
        'CertificationRequest' structure to send to ZTP-server
        in its next 'get-bootstrapping-data' request message.

        When provided, the ZTP-client SHOULD use this

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structure to generate its CSR; failure to do so MAY result in a 400 Bad Request response containing another 'csr-request' structure.

When not provided, the ZTP-client SHOULD generate a CSR using the same structure defined in its existing identity certificate (e.g., IDevID).

It is an error if the 'AlgorithmIdentifier' field contained inside the 'SubjectPublicKeyInfo' field does not match the algorithm identified by the 'selected-algorithm' node.";

reference

"RFC 2986:

PKCS #10: Certification Request Syntax Specification

RFC AAAA:

YANG Data Types and Groupings for Cryptography";

}

}

grouping csr-grouping {

description

"Enables a ZTP-client to convey a certificate signing request, using the encoding format selected by a ZTP-server's 'csr-request' response to the ZTP-client's previously sent 'get-bootstrapping-data' request containing the 'csr-support' node.";

choice csr-type {

mandatory true;

description

"A choice amongst certificate signing request formats.

Additional formats MAY be augmented into this 'choice' statement by future efforts.";

case p10-csr {

leaf p10-csr {

type ct:csr;

description

"A CertificationRequest structure, per RFC 2986.";

reference

"RFC 2986: PKCS #10: Certification
Request Syntax Specification";

}

}

case cmc-csr {

leaf cmc-csr {

type binary;

description

"A constrained version of the 'Full PKI Request'

message defined in RFC 5272, encoded using ASN.1 distinguished encoding rules (DER), as specified in ITU-T X.690.

For asymmetric key-based origin authentication of a CSR based on the IDevID's private key for the associated IDevID's public key, the PKIData contains one reqSequence element and no cmsSequence or otherMsgSequence elements. The reqSequence is the TaggedRequest and it is the tcr CHOICE. The tcr is the TaggedCertificationRequest and it a bodyPartId and the certificateRequest elements. The certificateRequest is signed with the IDevID's private key. The IDevID certificate and optionally its certificate chain is included in the SignedData certificates that encapsulates the PKIData.

For asymmetric key-based origin authentication based on the IDevID's private key that signs the encapsulated CSR signed by the LDevID's private key, the PKIData contains one cmsSequence element and no otherMsgSequence element. The cmsSequence is the TaggedContentInfo and it includes a bodyPartID element and a contentInfo. The contentInfo is a SignedData encapsulating a PKIData with one reqSequence element and no cmsSequence or otherMsgSequence elements. The reqSequence is the TaggedRequest and it is the tcr CHOICE. The tcr is the TaggedCertificationRequest and it a bodyPartId and the certificateRequest elements. The certificateRequest is signed with the LDevID's private key. The IDevID certificate and optionally its certificate chain is included in the SignedData certificates that encapsulates the PKIData.

For shared secret-based origin authentication of a CSR signed by the LDevID's private key, the PKIData contains one cmsSequence element and no reqSequence or otherMsgSequence elements. The cmsSequence is the TaggedContentInfo and it includes a bodyPartID element and a contentInfo. The contentInfo is an AuthenticatedData encapsulating a PKIData with one reqSequence element and no cmsSequences or otherMsgSequence elements. The reqSequence is the TaggedRequest and it is the tcr CHOICE. The tcr is the TaggedCertificationRequest and it a bodyPartId and the certificateRequest elements. The certificateRequest is signed with the LDevID's private key. The IDevID certificate and optionally

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        its certificate chain is included in the SignedData
        certificates that encapsulates the PKIData.";
reference
    "RFC 5272: Certificate Management over CMS (CMC)
    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).";
    }
}
case cmp-csr {
    leaf cmp-csr {
        type binary;
        description
            "A PKIMessage structure, as defined in RFC 4210,
            encoded using ASN.1 distinguished encoding rules
            (DER), as specified in ITU-T X.690.

```

For asymmetric key-based origin authentication of a CSR based on the IDevID's private key for the associated IDevID's public key, PKIMessages contains one PKIMessage with the header and body elements, no protection element, and should contain the extraCerts element. The header element contains the pvno, sender, and recipient elements. The pvno contains cmp2000, and the sender contains the subject of the IDevID certificate. The body element contains a p10cr CHOICE of type CertificationRequet. It is signed with the IDevID's private key. The extraCerts element contains the IDevID certificate, optionally followed by its certificate chain excluding the trust anchor.

For asymmetric key-based origin authentication based on the IDevID's private key that signs the encapsulated CSR signed by the LDevID's private key, PKIMessages contains one PKIMessage with the header, body, and protection elements, and should contain the extraCerts element. The header element contains the pvno, sender, recipient, protectionAlg, and optionally senderKID elements. The pvno contains cmp2000, the sender contains the subject of the IDevID certificate, the protectionAlg contains the AlgorithmIdentifier of the used signature algorithm, and the senderKID contains the subject key identifier of the IDevID certificate. The body element contains a p10cr CHOICE of type CertificationRequet. It is signed with the LDevID's

private key. The protection element contains the digital signature generated with the IDevID's private key. The extraCerts element contains the IDevID certificate, optionally followed by its certificate chain excluding the trust anchor.

For shared secret-based origin authentication of a CSR signed by the LDevID's private key, PKIMessages contains one PKIMessage with the header, body, and protection element, and no extraCerts element. The header element contains the pvno, sender, recipient, protectionAlg, and senderKID elements. The pvno contains cmp2000, the protectionAlg contains the AlgorithmIdentifier of the used MAC algorithm, and the senderKID contains a reference the recipient can use to identify the shared secret. The body element contains a p10cr CHOICE of type CertificationRequest. It is signed with the LDevID's private key. The protection element contains the MAC value generated with the shared secret.";

reference

"RFC 4210:

Internet X.509 Public Key Infrastructure
Certificate Management Protocol (CMP)

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).";

}
}
}
}
}

<CODE ENDS>

4. Security Considerations

This document builds on top of the solution presented in [\[RFC8572\]](#) and therefore all the Security Considerations discussed in RFC 8572 apply here as well.

4.1. SZTP-Client Considerations

4.1.1. Ensuring the Integrity of Asymmetric Private Keys

The private key the SZTP-client uses for the dynamically-generated identity certificate **MUST** be protected from inadvertent disclosure in order to prevent identity fraud.

The security of this private key is essential in order to ensure the associated identity certificate can be used as a root of trust.

It is **RECOMMENDED** that devices are manufactured with an HSM (hardware security module), such as a TPM (trusted platform module), to generate and forever contain the private key within the security perimeter of the HSM. In such cases, the private key, and its associated certificates, **MAY** have long validity periods.

In cases where the SZTP-client does not possess an HSM, or otherwise is unable to use an HSM for the private key, it is **RECOMMENDED** to regenerate the private key (and associated identity certificates) periodically. Details for how to generate a new private key and associate a new identity certificate are outside the scope of this document.

4.1.2. Reuse of a Manufacturer-generated Private Key

It is **RECOMMENDED** that a new private key is generated for each CSR described in this document.

This private key **SHOULD** be protected as well as the built-in private key associated with the SZTP-client's initial device identity certificate (e.g., the IDevID, from [\[Std-802.1AR-2018\]](#)).

In cases where it is not possible to generate a new private key that is protected as well as the built-in private key, it is **RECOMMENDED** to reuse the built-in private key rather than generate a new private key that is not as well protected.

4.1.3. Replay Attack Protection

This RFC enables an SZTP-client to announce an ability to generate a new key to use for its CSR.

When the SZTP-server responds with a request for the SZTP-client to generate a new key, it is essential that the SZTP-client actually generates a new key.

Generating a new key each time enables the random bytes used to create the key to also serve the dual-purpose of acting like a "nonce" used in other mechanisms to detect replay attacks.

When a fresh public/private key pair is generated for the request, confirmation to the SZTP-client that the response has not been replayed is enabled by the SZTP-client's fresh public key appearing in the signed certificate provided by the SZTP-server.

When a public/private key pair associated with the manufacturer-generated identity certificate (e.g., IDevID) is used for the request, there may not be confirmation to the SZTP-client that the response has not been replayed; however, the worst case result is a lost certificate that is associated to the private key known only to the SZTP-client.

4.1.4. Connecting to an Untrusted Bootstrap Server

[[RFC8572](#)] allows SZTP-clients to connect to untrusted SZTP-servers, by blindly authenticating the SZTP-server's TLS end-entity certificate.

As is discussed in [Section 9.5](#) of [[RFC8572](#)], in such cases the SZTP-client MUST assert that the bootstrapping data returned is signed, if the SZTP-client is to trust it.

However, the HTTP error message used in this document cannot be signed data, as described in RFC 8572.

Therefore, the solution presented in this document cannot be used when the SZTP-client connects to an untrusted SZTP-server.

Consistent with the recommendation presented in [Section 9.6](#) of [[RFC8572](#)], SZTP-clients SHOULD NOT pass the "csr-support" input parameter to an untrusted SZTP-server. SZTP-clients SHOULD pass instead the "signed-data-preferred" input parameter, as discussed in [Appendix B](#) of [[RFC8572](#)].

4.1.5. Selecting the Best Origin Authentication Mechanism

When generating a new key, it is important that the client be able to provide additional proof to the CA that it was the entity that generated the key.

All the certificate request formats defined in this document (e.g., CMC, CMP, etc.), not including a raw PKCS#10, support origin authentication.

These formats support origin authentication using both PKI and shared secret.

Typically, only one possible origin authentication mechanism can possibly be used but, in the case that the SZTP-client authenticates itself using both TLS-level (e.g., IDevID) and HTTP-level credentials (e.g., Basic), as is allowed by [Section 5.3](#) of [\[RFC8572\]](#), then the SZTP-client may need to choose between the two options.

In the case that the SZTP-client must choose between the asymmetric key option versus a shared secret for origin authentication, it is RECOMMENDED that the SZTP-client choose using the asymmetric key option.

4.1.6. Clearing the Private Key and Associated Certificate

Unlike a manufacturer-generated identity certificate (e.g., IDevID), the deployment-generated identity certificate (e.g., LDevID) and the associated private key (assuming a new private key was generated for the purpose), are considered user data and SHOULD be cleared whenever the SZTP-client is reset to its factory default state, such as by the "factory-reset" RPC defined in [\[I-D.ietf-netmod-factory-default\]](#).

4.2. SZTP-Server Considerations

4.2.1. Conveying Proof of Possession to a CA

When the bootstrapping device's manufacturer-generated private key (e.g., the IDevID key) is reused, a CA may validate that the CSR was signed by that key.

Both the CMP and CMC formats entail the bootstrapping device signing the request once with its (e.g., LDevID) key and then again with its (e.g., IDevID) key, which enables a downstream CA to be assured that the bootstrapping device possesses the public key being signed.

4.2.2. Supporting SZTP-Clients that don't trust the SZTP-Server

[\[RFC8572\]](#) allows SZTP-clients to connect to untrusted SZTP-servers, by blindly authenticating the SZTP-server's TLS end-entity certificate.

As is recommended in [Section 4.1.4](#) in this document, in such cases, SZTP-clients SHOULD pass the "signed-data-preferred" input parameter.

The reciprocal of this statement is that SZTP-servers, wanting to support SZTP-clients that don't trust them, SHOULD support the "signed-data-preferred" input parameter, as discussed in [Appendix B](#) of [\[RFC8572\]](#).

4.3. Security Considerations for the "ietf-sztp-csr" YANG Module

The recommended format for documenting the Security Considerations for YANG modules is described in [Section 3.7](#) of [\[RFC8407\]](#). However, this module only augments two input parameters into the "get-bootstrapping-data" RPC in [\[RFC8572\]](#), and therefore only needs to point to the relevant Security Considerations sections in that RFC.

*Security considerations for the "get-bootstrapping-data" RPC are described in [Section 9.16](#) of [\[RFC8572\]](#).

*Security considerations for the "input" parameters passed inside the "get-bootstrapping-data" RPC are described in [Section 9.6](#) of [\[RFC8572\]](#).

4.4. Security Considerations for the "ietf-ztp-types" YANG Module

The recommended format for documenting the Security Considerations for YANG modules is described in [Section 3.7](#) of [\[RFC8407\]](#). However, this module does not define any protocol-accessible nodes (it only defines "identity" and "grouping" statements) and therefore there are no Security considerations to report.

5. IANA Considerations

5.1. The "IETF XML" Registry

This document registers two URIs in the "ns" subregistry of the IETF XML Registry [\[RFC3688\]](#) maintained at <https://www.iana.org/assignments/xml-registry/xml-registry.xhtml#ns>. Following the format in [\[RFC3688\]](#), the following registrations are requested:

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

URI: urn:ietf:params:xml:ns:yang:ietf-ztp-types
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 two YANG modules in the YANG Module Names registry [RFC6020] maintained at <https://www.iana.org/assignments/yang-parameters/yang-parameters.xhtml>. Following the format defined in [RFC6020], the below registrations are requested:

name: ietf-sztp-csr
namespace: urn:ietf:params:xml:ns:yang:ietf-sztp-csr
prefix: sztp-csr
reference: RFC XXXX

name: ietf-ztp-types
namespace: urn:ietf:params:xml:ns:yang:ietf-ztp-types
prefix: ztp-types
reference: RFC XXXX

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