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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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\*I-D.ietf-netconf-trust-anchors

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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.

### 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.

## 2. The "ietf-sztp-csr" Module

This section defines a YANG 1.1 [[RFC7950](#)] module that augments the "ietf-sztp-bootstrap-server" module defined in [[RFC8572](#)] and defines a YANG "structure".

The augmentation adds two nodes ("csr-support" and "csr") to the "input" parameter of the "get-bootstrapping-data" RPC defined in [[RFC8572](#)].

The YANG structure, "request-info", defines data returned in the "error-info" node defined in [Section 8](#) of [[RFC8572](#)].

### 2.1. Data Model Overview

The following tree diagram [[RFC8340](#)] illustrates the "ietf-sztp-csr" module. The diagram shows the definition of an augmentation adding descendent nodes "csr-support" and "csr" and the definition of a structure called "request-info".

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, per this specification. The "csr-support" parameter carries details regarding the SZTP-client's ability to generate CSRs.

- \*The "request-info" structure is used by the SZTP-server to signal back to the SZTP-client its desire to sign a CSR. The "request-info" structure additionally communicates details about the CSR the SZTP-client is to generate.

- \*The "csr" node is used by the SZTP-client to communicate its CSR to the SZTP-server. Not shown is how the SZTP-server communicates the signed certificate to the SZTP-client; how to do this is discussed later in this document.

===== NOTE: '\ ' line wrapping per BCP XXX (RFC XXXX) =====

module: ietf-sztp-csr

augment /ietf-sztp-bootstrap-server:get-bootstrapping-data/ietf-sz\tp-bootstrap-server:input:

```
+---- csr-support!
| +---- key-generation!
| | +---- supported-algorithms
| |   +---- algorithm-identifier*  binary
| +---- csr-generation
|   +---- supported-formats
|     +---- format-identifier*  identityref
+---- csr!
  +---- (request-type)
    +--:(p10)
    | +---- p10?  ietf-crypto-types:csr
    +--:(cmc)
    | +---- cmc?  binary
    +--:(cmp)
      +---- cmp?  binary
```

structure: request-info

```
+-- key-generation!
| +-- selected-algorithm
|   +-- algorithm-identifier  binary
+-- csr-generation
| +-- selected-format
|   +-- format-identifier  identityref
+-- cert-req-info?  binary
```

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.

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

```

## 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 BCP XXX (RFC XXXX) =====

```
POST /restconf/operations/ietf-sztp-bootstrap-server:get-bootstrapi\
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": [
            "base64encodedvalue1=",
            "base64encodedvalue2=",
            "base64encodedvalue3="
          ]
        }
      },
      "csr-generation": {
        "supported-formats": {
          "format-identifier": [
            "ietf-sztp-csr:p10",
            "ietf-sztp-csr:cmc",
            "ietf-sztp-csr:cmp"
          ]
        }
      }
    }
  }
}
```

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:request-info": {
            "key-generation": {
              "selected-algorithm": {
                "algorithm-identifier": "base64EncodedValue=="
              }
            },
            "csr-generation": {
              "selected-format": {
                "format-identifier": "ietf-sztp-csr:cmc"
              }
            },
            "cert-req-info": "base64EncodedValue=="
          }
        }
      }
    ]
  }
}
```

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

REQUEST

===== NOTE: '\ ' line wrapping per BCP XXX (RFC XXXX) =====

```
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": {
      "p10": "base64encodedvalue=="
    }
  }
}
```

The SZTP-server responds with "onboarding-information" (conveyed 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": "base64encodedvalue=="
  }
}
```

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 convey it inside the SZTP "configuration" node.

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). As such, the configuration needs to associate the newly signed certificate with the existing asymmetric key:

===== NOTE: '\ ' line wrapping per BCP XXX (RFC XXXX) =====

```
{
  "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": "base64encodedvalue==",
          "hidden-private-key": [null],
          "certificates": {
            "certificate": [
              {
                "name": "Manufacturer-Generated IDevID Cert",
                "cert": "base64encodedvalue=="
              },
              {
                "name": "Newly-Generated LDevID Cert",
                "cert": "base64encodedvalue=="
              }
            ]
          }
        }
      ]
    }
  }
}
```

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 BCP XXX (RFC XXXX) =====

```
{
  "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": "base64encodedvalue==",
          "hidden-private-key": [null],
          "certificates": {
            "certificate": [
              {
                "name": "Manufacturer-Generated IDevID Cert",
                "cert": "base64encodedvalue=="
              }
            ]
          }
        },
        {
          "name": "Newly-Generated Hidden Key",
          "public-key-format": "ietf-crypto-types:subject-public-key\
-info-format",
          "public-key": "base64encodedvalue==",
          "hidden-private-key": [null],
          "certificates": {
            "certificate": [
              {
                "name": "Newly-Generated LDevID Cert",
                "cert": "base64encodedvalue=="
              }
            ]
          }
        }
      ]
    }
  }
}
```

In addition to configuring the signed certificate, it is often necessary to also configure the Issuer's signing certificate so that the 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](#)], uses a data type defined in [[I-D.ietf-netconf-crypto-types](#)], has a normative reference to [[RFC2986](#)] and [[ITU.X690.2015](#)], and an informative reference to [[Std-802.1AR-2018](#)].

```
<CODE BEGINS> file "ietf-sztp-csr@2020-06-10.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 BBBB: YANG Data Structure Extensions";
  }

  import ietf-crypto-types {
    prefix ct;
    reference "RFC AAAA: Common YANG Data Types 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 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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```
revision 2020-06-10 {
  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 SZTP-client.

      Additional derived identities MAY be defined by
      future efforts.";
}
```

```
identity p10 {
  base "certificate-request-format";
  description
    "Indicates that the SZTP-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 cmc {
  base "certificate-request-format";
  description
    "Indicates that the SZTP-client supports generating
      requests using a constrained version of the 'Full
      PKI Request' structure defined in RFC 5272.";
  reference
    "RFC 5272: Certificate Management over CMS (CMC)";
}
```

```
identity cmp {
```

```

base "certificate-request-format";
description
  "Indicates that the SZTP-client supports generating
  requests that contain a PKCS#10 Certificate Signing
  Request (p10cr), as defined in RFC 2986, encapsulated
  in a Nested Message Content (nested), as defined in
  RFC 4210.";
reference
  "RFC 2986: PKCS #10: Certification Request Syntax
  Specification Version 1.7
  RFC 4210: Internet X.509 Public Key Infrastructure
  Certificate Management Protocol (CMP)";
}

// 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)";

  container csr-support {
    presence
      "Indicates that the SZTP-client is capable of sending CSRs.";
    description
      "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.

      When present, the SZTP-server MAY respond with the HTTP
      error 400 (Bad Request) with an 'ietf-restconf:errors'

```

```

    document having the 'error-tag' value 'missing-attribute'
    and the 'error-info' node containing the 'request-info'
    structure described in this module.";
container key-generation {
  presence
    "Indicates that the SZTP-client is capable of
    generating a new asymmetric key pair.

    If this node is not present, the SZTP-server MAY
    request a CSR using the asymmetric key associated
    with the device's existing identity certificate
    (e.g., an LDevID from IEEE 802.1AR).";
  description
    "Specifies details for the SZTP-client's ability to
    generate a new asymmetric key pair.";
container supported-algorithms {
  description
    "A list of public key algorithms supported by the
    SZTP-client for generating a new 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 SZTP-client's ability to
    generate a certificate signing requests.";
container supported-formats {
  description
    "A list of certificate request formats supported
    by the SZTP-client for generating a new key.";
  leaf-list format-identifier {
    type identityref {
      base certificate-request-format;
    }
  }
}
}

```

```

        min-elements 1;
        description
            "A certificate request format supported by the
            SZTP-client.";
    }
}
}
}

container csr {
    presence
        "Indicates that the SZTP-client has sent a CSR.";
    description
        "The 'csr' node enables the SZTP-client to convey
        a certificate signing request, using the encoding
        format selected by the SZT-server's 'request-info'
        response to the SZTP-client's previously sent
        'get-bootstrapping-data' request containing the
        'csr-support' node.

        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 'request-info', in
        which case the SZTP-client MUST invalidate the CSR
        sent in this node.";
    choice request-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 {
            leaf p10 {
                type ct:csr;
                description
                    "A CertificationRequest structure, per RFC 2986.
                    Please see 'csr' in RFC AAAAA for encoding details.";
                reference
                    "RFC 2986:
                    PKCS #10: Certification Request Syntax Specification
                    RFC AAAAA:
                    Common YANG Data Types for Cryptography";
            }
        }
        case cmc {
            leaf cmc {

```

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 controlSequence, 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.

For asymmetric key-based origin authentication based on the IDevID's private key that encapsulates a CSR signed by the LDevID's private key, the PKIData contains one cmsSequence element and no controlSequence, reqSequence, or otherMsgSequence elements. 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 controlSequence, 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.

For shared secret-based origin authentication of a CSR signed by the LDevID's private key, the PKIData contains one cmsSequence element and no controlSequence, 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 controlSequence, 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

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        private key.";
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).";
}
}

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case cmp {
  leaf cmp {
    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.

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The PKIMessage structure contains a PKCS#10 Certificate Signing Request (p10cr), as defined in RFC 2986, encapsulated in a Nested Message Content (nested) structure, as defined in RFC 4210.";

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 one body element, a header element that is an empty sequence, and no protection or extraCerts elements. The body element contains a p10cr CHOICE.

For asymmetric key-based origin authentication based on the IDevID's private key that encapsulates a CSR signed by the LDevID's private key, PKIMessages contains one PKIMessage with one header element, one body element, one protection element, and one extraCerts element. The header element contains pvno, sender, recipient, and protectionAlg elements and no other elements. The body element contains the nested CHOICE. The nested element's PKIMessages contains one PKIMessage with one body element, one header element that is an empty sequence, and no protection or extraCerts elements. The nested element's body element contains a p10cr CHOICE. The protection element contains the digital signature generated with the IDevID's private key. The extraCerts element contains the IDevID certificate.

For shared secret-based origin authentication of a

CSR signed by the LDevID's private key, PKIMessages contains one PKIMessage with one header element, one body element, one protection element, and no extraCerts element. The header element contains pvno, sender, recipient, and protectionAlg elements and no other elements. The body element contains the nested CHOICE. The nested element's PKIMessages contains one PKIMessage with one body element, one header element that is an empty sequence, and no protection or extraCerts elements. The body element contains a p10cr CHOICE. The protection element contains the MAC value generated with the shared secret.";

reference

"RFC 2986:

PKCS #10: Certification Request Syntax  
Specification Version 1.7

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).";

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}  
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sx:structure request-info {  
  container key-generation {  
    presence  
    "Indicates that the SZTP-client is to generate a new  
    asymmetric key. If missing, then the SZTP-client  
    MUST reuse the key associated with its existing  
    identity certificate (e.g., IDevID).  
  
    This leaf MUST only appear if the SZTP-clients  
    'csr-support' included the 'key-generation' node.";  
  description  
    "Specifies details for the key that the SZTP-client  
    is to generate.";  
  container selected-algorithm {  
    description  
    "The key algorithm selected by the SZTP-server. The  
    algorithm MUST be one of the algorithms specified  
    by the 'supported-algorithms' node in the
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SZTP-client's request message.";
leaf algorithm-identifier {
  type binary;
  mandatory true;
  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 CSR that the SZTP-client
    is to generate.";
  container selected-format {
    description
      "The CSR format selected by the SZTP-server. The
      format MUST be one of the formats specified by
      the 'supported-formats' node in the SZTP-client's
      request message.";
    leaf format-identifier {
      type identityref {
        base certificate-request-format;
      }
      mandatory true;
      description
        "A certificate request format to be used by the
        SZTP-client.";
    }
  }
}
}
leaf cert-req-info {
  type binary;
  description
    "A CertificationRequestInfo structure, as defined in
    RFC 2986, encoded using ASN.1 distinguished encoding
    rules (DER), as specified in ITU-T X.690.

    Enables the SZTP-server to provide a fully-populated
    CertificationRequestInfo structure that the SZTP-client

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only needs to sign in order to generate the complete 'CertificationRequest' structure to send to SZTP-server in its next 'get-bootstrapping-data' request message.

When provided, the SZTP-client SHOULD use this structure to generate its CSR; failure to do so MAY result in another 400 (Bad Request) response.

When not provided, the SZTP-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 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).";

}  
}  
}

<CODE ENDS>

### 3. 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.

#### 3.1. SZTP-Client Considerations

##### 3.1.1. 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 device 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.

##### 3.1.2. Reuse of a Manufacturer-generated Private Key

It is RECOMMENDED in [[RFC8572](#)] that devices are shipped from manufacturing with a secure device identity certificate (e.g., an IDevID, from [[Std-802.1AR-2018](#)]). It is also RECOMMENDED that the private key for these necessarily long-lived certificates be stored in an HSM, such as a TPM. Lastly, per the previous consideration, when devices generate a new private key, it is also RECOMMENDED that the private key is protected by the HSM.

However, it is understood that space on an HSM chip may be limited, potentially to the point of not being able to store an additional private key for the CSR described in this document, and that it may not be possible to store hardware-protected keys outside the TPM (e.g., a TPM-encrypted key stored in non-volatile memory). In such cases, it is RECOMMENDED to reuse the existing hardware-protected private key rather than generate a second private key outside of protection afforded by the hardware.

### 3.1.3. Replay Attack Protection

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

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

Generating a new key each time enables the random bytes used to create the key to serve the dual-purpose of also 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 IDevID 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.

### 3.1.4. 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].

### 3.1.5. 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 of the certificate request formats defined in this document (e.g., CMS, 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 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.

### 3.1.6. 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 device is reset to its factory default state, such as by the "factory-reset" RPC defined in [\[I-D.ietf-netmod-factory-default\]](#).

## 3.2. SZTP-Server Considerations

### 3.2.1. Conveying Proof of Possession to a CA

### 3.2.2. 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 3.1.4](#) 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 [\[RFC8572\]](#).

### 3.2.3. YANG Module Considerations

The recommended format for documenting the Security Considerations for YANG modules is described in [Section 3.7](#) of [\[RFC8407\]](#). However, the module defined in this document 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. IANA Considerations

### 4.1. The IETF XML Registry

This document registers one URI 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 registration is 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.

### 4.2. The YANG Module Names Registry

This document registers one YANG module 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 registration is requested:

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

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