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Abstract

The EST (Enrollment over Secure Transport) protocol defined a Well-Known URI (Uniform Resource Identifier): `/.well-known/est` along with a number of other path components that clients use for PKI (Public Key Infrastructure) services, namely certificate enrollment (e.g., `/simpleenroll`). This document defines a number of other PKI services as additional path components, specifically firmware and trust anchors as well as symmetric, asymmetric, and encrypted keys. This document also specifies the PAL (Package Availability List), which is an XML (Extensible Markup Language) file or JSON (JavaScript Object Notation) object that clients use to retrieve packages available and authorized for them. This document extends the EST server path components to provide these additional services.

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**1. Introduction**

The EST (Enrollment over Secure Transport) protocol [[RFC7030](#)] defines the Well-Known URI (Uniform Resource Identifier) `/.well-known/est` to support selected PKI (Public Key Infrastructure) related services with path components (PCs) such as simple enrollment with `/simpleenroll`, rekey or renew with `/simplereenroll`, etc. A server that wishes to support additional PKI-related services and other security-related packages could use the same `.well-known` URI by defining additional PCs. This document defines six such PCs:

- o `/pal` - The PAL (Package Availability List) provides a list of all known packages available and authorized for a client. By accessing the service provided by this PC first, the client can walk through the PAL and download all the packages necessary to begin operating securely. The PAL essentially points to other PCs including the ones defined in this document as well as those defined in [[RFC7030](#)], which include `/cacerts`, `/simpleenroll`, `/simplereenroll`, `/fullcmc`, `/serverkeygen`, and `/csrattrs`. The `/pal` PC is described in [Section 2](#).
- o `/ecerts` - EE (End-Entity) certificates [[RFC5280](#)] are needed by the client when they invoke a security protocol for communicating with a peer (i.e., they become operational and do something

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meaningful as opposed to just communicating with the infrastructure). If the infrastructure knows the certificate(s) needed by the client, then providing the peer's certificate avoids the client having to discover the peer's certificate. This service is not meant to be a general purpose repository to which clients query a "repository" and then get a response; this is purely a push mechanism. The /ecerts PC is described in [Section 3](#).

- o /crls - CRLs (Certificate Revocation Lists) and Authority Revocation Lists (ARLs) [[RFC5280](#)] are also needed by the client when they validate certificate paths. CRLs (and ARLs) from TAs (Trust Anchors) and intermediate CAs (Certification Authorities) are needed to validate the certificates used to generate the client's certificate or the peer's certificate, which is provided by the /ecerts PC, and providing them saves the client from having to "discover" them and then retrieve them. CRL "discovery" is greatly aided by the inclusion of the CRL Distribution Point certificate extension [[RFC5280](#)], but this extension is not always present in certificates and requires another connection to retrieve them. Like the /ecerts PC, this service is not meant to be a general purpose repository to which clients query a repository and then get a response; this is purely a push mechanism. The /crls PC is described in [Section 4](#).
- o /symmetrickeys - In some cases, clients use symmetric keys [[RFC6031](#)] when communicating with their peers. If the client's peers are known by the server a priori, then providing them saves the client or an administrator from later having to find, retrieve and install them. Like the /ecerts and /crls PCs, this service is not meant to be a general purpose repository to which clients query a repository and then get a response; this is purely a push mechanism for the keys themselves. However, things do not always go as planned and clients need to inform the server about any errors. If things did go well, then the client, if requested, needs to provide a receipt [[RFC7191](#)]. The /symmetrickeys and /symmetrickeys/return PCs are described in [Section 5](#).
- o /firmware - Some client firmware and software support automatic update mechanisms and some do not. For those that do not, the /firmware PC provides a mechanism for the infrastructure to inform the client that firmware and software updates [[RFC4108](#)] are available. Because updates do not always go as planned and because sometimes the server needs to know whether the firmware was received and processed, this PC also provides a mechanism to return errors and receipts. The /firmware and /firmware/return PCs are defined in [Section 6](#).

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- o /tamp - To control the TAs in client TA databases, servers use the /tamp PC to request that clients retrieve a TAMP (Trust Anchor Management Protocol) query, update, and adjust packages [RFC5934] and clients use the /tamp/return PC to return TAMP response, confirm, and error [RFC5934]. The /tamp and /tamp/return PCs are defined in [Section 7](#).

This document also extends the /est/serverkeygen PC [RFC7030] to support (see [Section 8](#)):

- o Returning asymmetric key package receipts and errors [RFC7191].
- o Encapsulating returned asymmetric keys in additional CMS content types [RFC7193].
- o Returning server-generated public key pairs encapsulated in PKCS#12 [RFC7292].

While the motivation is to provide packages to clients during enrollment so that they can perform securely after enrollment, the services defined in this specification can be used after enrollment.

### **[1.1](#). Definitions**

Familiarity with Using Cryptographic Message Syntax (CMS) to Protect Firmware Packages [RFC4108], Certificate Management over CMS (CMC) [RFC5272], Cryptographic Message Syntax (CMS) Encrypted Key Package [RFC6032], Cryptographic Message Syntax (CMS) [RFC5652][RFC6268], Trust Anchor Management Protocol (TAMP) [RFC5934], Cryptographic Message Syntax (CMS) Content Constraints Extension [RFC6010], CMS Symmetric Key Package Content Type [RFC6031], Enrollment over Secure Transport protocol [RFC7030], CMS Key Package Receipt and Error Content Types [RFC7191] is assumed. Also, familiarity with the CMS protecting content types signed data and encrypted data is assumed; CMS signed data and encrypted data are defined in [RFC5652] and CMS encrypted key package is defined in [RFC6032].

In addition to the definitions found in [RFC7030], the following definitions are used in this document:

Agent: An entity that performs functions on behalf of a client. Agents can service a) one or more clients on the same network as the server, b) clients on non-IP based networks, or c) clients that have a non-electronic air gap [RFC4949] between themselves and the server. Interactions between the agent and client in the last two cases are beyond the scope of this document. Before an agent can service clients, the agent must have a trust relationship with the server, be authorized to act on behalf of clients.





Client: A device that ultimately consumes and uses the packages to enable communications. In other words, the client is the end-point for the packages and an agent may have one or more clients. To avoid confusion, this document henceforth uses the term client to refer to both agents and clients.

Package: An object that contains one or more content types. There are numerous types of packages: Asymmetric Keys, Symmetric Keys, Encrypted Keys, CRLs, Public Key Certificate Management, Firmware, Public Key Certificates, and TAMP packages. All of these packages are digitally signed by their creator and encapsulated in a CMS signed data [[RFC5652](#)][RFC6268] (except the public key certificates and CRLs that are already digitally signed by a CA); Firmware receipts and errors, TAMP responses, confirms, and errors, as well as Key Package receipts and errors that can be optionally signed. Certificate and CRLs are included in a package that uses signed data, which is often referred to as a degenerate CMS or "certs-only" or "crls-only" message [[RFC5751](#)][RFC6268], but no signature or content is present; hence the name certs-only and crls-only.

Note: As per [[RFC7030](#)], the creator may or may not be the EST server or the EST CA.

## **[1.2.](#) Authentication and Authorization**

Client and server authentication as well as client and server authorization are as defined in [[RFC7030](#)]. The requirements for each are discussed in the request and response sections of each of the PCs defined by this document.

The requirements for the TA databases are as specified in [[RFC7030](#)] as well.

## **[1.3.](#) TLS Cipher Suites**

TLS cipher suite and issues associated with them are as defined in [[RFC7030](#)].

## **[1.4.](#) URI Configuration**

As specified in [Section 3.1 of \[RFC7030\]](#), the client is configured with sufficient information to form the server URI [[RFC3986](#)]. Like EST, this configuration mechanism is beyond the scope of this document.

## **[1.5.](#) Message Types**

This document uses existing media types for the messages as specified



by "Internet X.509 Public Key Infrastructure Protocol: FTP and HTTP" [[RFC2585](#)], "The application/pkcs10 Media Type" [[RFC5967](#)], and CMC [[RFC5272](#)].

For consistency with [[RFC5273](#)], each distinct EST message type uses an HTTP Content-Type header with a specific media type.

The EST messages and their corresponding media types for each operation are:

Message type (per operation)	Request media type Response media type(s) Source(s) of types	Request section(s) Response section
Locate Available Packages /pal	N/A application/xml or application/json [ <a href="#">RFC7303</a> ][RFC7159]	<a href="#">Section 2.2</a> <a href="#">Section 2.3</a>
Distribute EE Certificates /eecerts	N/A application/pkcs7-mime [ <a href="#">RFC5751</a> ]	<a href="#">Section 3.1</a> <a href="#">Section 3.2</a>
Distribute CRLs /crls	N/A application/pkcs7-mime [ <a href="#">RFC5751</a> ]	<a href="#">Section 4.1</a> <a href="#">Section 4.2</a>
Symmetric Key Distribution /symmetrickeys	N/A application/cms [ <a href="#">RFC7193</a> ]	<a href="#">Section 5.1.1</a> <a href="#">Section 5.1.2</a>
Return Symmetric Key Receipts/Errors /symmetrickeys/ return	application/cms N/A [ <a href="#">RFC7193</a> ]	<a href="#">Section 5.2.1</a> <a href="#">Section 5.2.2</a>
Firmware Distribution /firmware	N/A application/cms [ <a href="#">RFC7193</a> ]	<a href="#">Section 6.1.1</a> <a href="#">Section 6.1.2</a>

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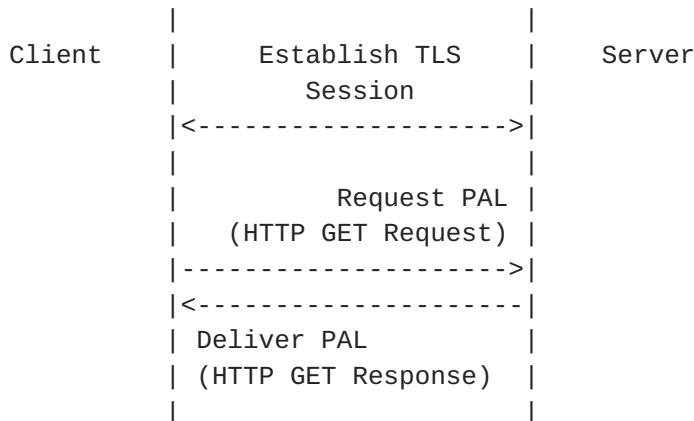
The key words "MUST", "MUST NOT", "REQUIRED", "SHALL", "SHALL NOT", "SHOULD", "SHOULD NOT", "RECOMMENDED", "NOT RECOMMENDED", "MAY", and "OPTIONAL" in this document are to be interpreted as described in [RFC2119].

2. Locate Available Packages

The PAL (Package Availability List) is either an XML (Extensible Markup Language) [XML] or JSON (JavaScript Object Notation) [RFC7159] object available through the /pal PC that furnishes the following information to clients:

- o Advertisements for available packages that can be retrieved from the server;
- o Notifications to begin public key certificate management or to return package receipts and errors; and
- o Advertisement for another PAL.

After being configured (see Section 1.4), the client can use this service to retrieve their PAL (see Section 2.1) that, if properly constructed (see Section 2.3), allows the client to determine some or all of the security-related packages needed for bootstrapping. Each PAL entry refers to other PCs, defined in this document as well as those defined in [RFC7030], that clients use to retrieve packages, e.g., CA certificates, firmware, trust anchors, symmetric keys, and asymmetric keys, available for it or to be notified to initiate public key certificate enrollment. PAL entries can also be used to notify clients they are to return receipts or errors for certain packages (see Section 2.1.1). Placing these entries after entries that clients used to retrieve the packages is the same as requesting receipts in the originally distributed package. Figure 1 provides a ladder diagram for the /pal PC protocol flow. Appendix A provides a detailed example.









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Figure 1 - /pal Message Sequence

PALs are designed to support an arbitrary number of entries, but for PALs that need to be divided for whatever reason there is a special PAL entry type, which are collectively referred to as PAL Package Types (see Sections [2.1](#) and [2.1.1](#)), number 0001 is defined that refers to another PAL. If present, the 0001 package type is always last because other entries after it are ignored. Also, the 0001 package type cannot be the only PAL entry to avoid needlessly dereferencing URIs.

In addition to using the PAL during bootstrapping, clients can be configured to periodically poll the server to determine if there are updated packages available for it. Note that the mechanism to configure how often clients poll the server is out-of-scope. However, there are some services that support indicating when to return (e.g., simple enrollment and re-enroll responses include the Retry-After header [[RFC7030](#)]).

As noted earlier, the PAL support two variants: XML and JSON. Clients include the HTTP Accept header [[RFC7231](#)] when they connect to the server to indicate whether they support XML or JSON.

The client MUST authenticate the server as specified in [[RFC7030](#)] and the client MUST check the server's authorization as specified in [[RFC7030](#)].

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PAL support is OPTIONAL. It is shown in figures throughout this document but clients need not support the PAL to access services offered by the server.



## [2.1.](#) PAL Format

Each PAL is composed of zero or more entries. Each entry is composed of four fields, type, date, size, and info, whose semantics follow:

Note: Both XML elements and JSON values are described below. XML elements are enclosed in angle brackets <> and JSON values are enclosed in single quotes '. When described together they are enclosed in brackets [] separated by |.

- o [<type> | 'type'] uniquely identifies each package that a client may retrieve from the server with a 4-digit string. [<type> | 'type'] MUST be present. The PAL Package Types are defined in [Section 2.1.1](#).
- o [<date> | 'date'] either indicates:
  - \* The date and time that the client last successfully downloaded the identified package from the server. [<date> | 'date'] MUST be represented as Generalized Time with 20 characters: YYYY-MM-DDTHH:MM:SSZ; <date> matches the dateTime production in "canonical representation" [[XMLSCHEMA](#)]; 'date' is a string. Implementations SHOULD NOT rely on time resolution finer than seconds and MUST NOT generate time instants that specify leap seconds.
  - \* The omission of [<date> | 'date'] indicates that:
    - There is no indication the client has successfully downloaded the identified package, or
    - The PAL entry corresponds to a pointer to the next PAL or the server is requesting a package from the client (e.g., certification request, receipt, error).
- o [<size> | 'size'] indicates the size in bytes of the package; <size> is a nonNegativeInteger and 'size' is a number. A package size of zero (i.e., "0" without the quotes) indicates that the client needs to begin a transaction or return an error or receipt. [<size> | 'size'] MUST be present.
- o [<info> | 'info'] provides either an SKI (Subject Key Identifier), a DN (Distinguished Name), an Issuer and Serial Number tuple or a URI, i.e., it is a choice between these four all of which are defined in [[RFC5280](#)]. When a URI [[RFC3986](#)] is included, [<uri> | 'uri'] indicates the location where the identified package can be retrieved. When a DN, an SKI, or an Issuer Name and Serial Number tuple is included it points to a



certificate that is the subject of the notification (i.e., the certificate to be rekeyed or renewed); [`<dn>` | `'dn'`] is encoded as a string with the format defined in [RFC4514]; `<ski>` is a hexBinary and `'ski'` is a string of hex digits (i.e., 0-9, a-f, and A-F); [`<iasn>` | `'iasn'`] includes both [`<issuer>` | `'issuer'`] and [`<serial>` | `'serial'`] as a complexType in XML and an object in JSON. [`<issuer>` | `'issuer'`] is a DN encoded as a string with the format defined in [RFC4514]; `<serial>` is a positiveInteger and `'serial'` is a number. [`<info>` | `'info'`] MUST be present and [`<info>` | `'info'`] MUST include exactly one [`<dn>` | `'dn'`], [`<ski>` | `'ski'`], [`<iasn>` | `'iasn'`], or [`<uri>` | `'uri'`].

Clients are often limited by the size of objects they can consume, the PAL is not immune to these limitations. As opposed to picking a limit for all clients, a special package type is defined, see [Section 2.1.1](#), to indicate that another PAL is available. Servers can use this value to limit the size of the PALs provided to clients. The mechanism for servers to know client PAL size limits is beyond the scope of the document; one possible solution is through provisioned information.

### 2.1.1. PAL Package Types

Table 1 lists the PAL package types that are defined by this document:

NOTE: CSR is Certificate Signing Request, DS is Digital Signature and KE is Key Establishment.

Package Number	Package Description
0000:	Reserved
0001:	Additional PAL value present
0002:	X.509 CA certificate
0003:	X.509 EE certificate
0004:	X.509 ARL
0005:	X.509 CRL
0006:	Start DS certificate enrollment with CSR attribute
0007:	Start DS certificate enrollment
0008:	DS certificate enrollment (success)
0009:	DS certificate enrollment (failure)
0010:	Start DS certificate re-enrollment
0011:	DS certificate re-enrollment (success)
0012:	DS certificate re-enrollment (failure)
0013:	Start KE certificate enrollment with CSR attribute
0014:	Start KE certificate enrollment
0015:	KE certificate enrollment (success)

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0016:	KE certificate enrollment (failure)
0017:	Start KE certificate re-enrollment
0018:	KE certificate re-enrollment (success)
0019:	KE certificate re-enrollment (failure)
0020:	Asymmetric Key Package (PKCS#8)
0021:	Asymmetric Key Package (CMS)
0022:	Asymmetric Key Package (PKCS#12)
0023:	Asymmetric Key Package Receipt or Error
0024:	Symmetric Key Package
0025:	Symmetric Key Package Receipt or Error
0026:	Firmware Package
0027:	Firmware Package Receipt or Error
0028:	TAMP Status Query
0029:	TAMP Status Query Response or Error
0030:	Trust Anchor Update
0031:	Trust Anchor Update Confirm or Error
0032:	Apex Trust Anchor Update
0033:	Apex Trust Anchor Update Confirm or Error
0034:	Community Update
0035:	Community Update Confirm or Error
0036:	Sequence Number Adjust
0037:	Sequence Number Adjust Confirm or Error

Table 1 - PAL Package Types

PAL package types are essentially hints about the type of package the client is about to retrieve or is asked to return. Savvy clients can parse the packages to determine what has been provided, but in some instances it is better to know before retrieving the package. The hint provided here does not obviate the need for clients to check the type of package provided before they store it possibly in specially allocated locations (i.e., some clients might store Root ARLs separately from intermediate CRLs). For packages provided by the client, the server is asking the client to provide an enrollment package, receipt, response, confirm or error.

The PAL package types have the following meaning:

NOTE: The semantics behind Codes 0002 and 0006-0021 are defined in [\[RFC7030\]](#).

0000 Reserved: Reserved for future use.

0001 Additional PAL value present: Indicates that this PAL entry refers to another PAL by referring to another /pal URI, which is defined in this section. This PAL package type limits the size of PALs to a more manageable size for clients. If this PAL Package Type appears it MUST be the last entry in the PAL.



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Additionally, this PAL Package Type MUST NOT be the only entry to avoid endless dereferencing URIs.

0002 X.509 CA certificate: Indicates that one or more CA certificates [[RFC5280](#)] are available for the client by pointing to a /cacerts URI, which is defined in [[RFC7030](#)].

0003 X.509 EE certificate: Indicates that one or more EE certificate [[RFC5280](#)] is available for the client by pointing to an /eecerts URI, which is defined in [Section 3](#).

0004 X.509 ARL: Indicates that one or more ARL (Authority Revocation List) [[RFC5280](#)] is available for the client by pointing to a /crls URI, which is defined in [Section 4](#).

0005 X.509 CRL: Indicates that one or more CRL (Certificate Revocation List) [[RFC5280](#)] is available for the client by pointing to a /crls URI, which is defined in [Section 4](#).

NOTE: See [Section 9](#) for additional information about PAL and certificate enrollment interaction. See [Appendix B](#) for additional informative information.

0006 Start DS (Digital Signature) certificate enrollment with CSR: Indicates that the client begin enrolling their DS certificate (i.e., those certificates for which the key usage extension will have digital signature set) using a template provided by the server with a CSR (Certificate Signing Request) attribute (see [Appendix B](#)). The PAL entry points to a /csrattrs URI, which is defined in [[RFC7030](#)].

0007 Start DS (Digital Signature) certificate enrollment: Indicates that the client begin enrolling their DS certificate. The PAL entry points to a /simpleenroll URI, which is defined in [[RFC7030](#)].

0008 DS certificate enrollment (success): Indicates that the client retrieve a successful certification response. The PAL entry points to a /simpleenroll or a /fullcmc URI, which are both defined in [[RFC7030](#)].

0009 DS certificate enrollment (failure): Indicates that the client retrieve a failed certification response for a DS certificate. This PAL entry points to a /simpleenroll or a /fullcmc URI.

0010 Start DS certificate re-enrollment: Indicates that the client rekey or renew a DS certificate. The PAL entry points to a /simplereenroll or a /fullcmc URI.



0011 DS certificate re-enrollment (success): See PAL package type 0008.

0012 DS certificate re-enrollment (failure): See PAL package type 0009.

NOTE: The KE (Key Establishment) responses that follow use the same URIs as DS certificates except in the requested certificates the key usage extension request will have only either key agreement or key transport set.

0013 Start KE certificate enrollment with CSR: See PAL package type 0006.

0014 Start KE certificate enrollment: See PAL package type 0007.

0015 KE certificate enrollment (success): See PAL package type 0008.

0016 KE certificate enrollment (failure): See PAL package type 0009.

0017 Start KE certificate re-enrollment: See PAL package type 0010.

0018 KE certificate re-enrollment (success): See PAL package type 0008.

0019 KE certificate re-enrollment (failure): See PAL package type 0009.

NOTE: The variations on the asymmetric key packages is due to the number of CMS content types that can be used to protect the asymmetric key; the syntax for the asymmetric key is the same but additional ASN.1 is needed to include it in a signed data (i.e., the ASN.1 needs to be a CMS content type not the private key info type). See [Section 8](#) of this document for additional information.

0020 Asymmetric Key Package (PKCS#8): Indicates that an asymmetric key generated by the server is available for the client; the package is an asymmetric key without additional encryption as specified in [Section 4.4.2 of \[RFC7030\]](#). The PAL entry points to a /serverkeygen or a /fullcmc URI, which are defined in [\[RFC7030\]](#).

0021 Asymmetric Key Package (CMS): See PAL package type 0020. The difference being that the package available is an asymmetric key package [\[RFC5958\]](#) that is signed and encapsulated in a signed data content type, as specified in [Section 4.4.2 of \[RFC7030\]](#). Also, see [Section 8.1](#) of this document.



- 0022 Asymmetric Key Package (PKCS#12): See PAL package type 0020. The difference being that the package available is PKCS12 [[RFC7292](#)] content type. See [Section 8.3](#) of this document.
- 0023 Asymmetric Key Package Receipt or Error: Indicates that the server wants the client to return a key package receipt or error [[RFC7191](#)] to the /serverkeygen/return URI, which is defined in [Section 8](#).
- 0024 Symmetric Key Package: Indicates that a symmetric key package [[RFC6031](#)] is available for the client by pointing to a /symmetrickeys URI, which is defined in [Section 5](#).
- 0025 Symmetric Key Package Receipt or Error: Indicates that the server wants the client to return a key package receipt or an error [[RFC7191](#)] to the /symmetrickeys/return URI, which is defined in [Section 5](#).
- 0026 Firmware Package: Indicates that a firmware package [[RFC4108](#)] is available for the client using the /firmware URI, which is defined in [Section 6](#).
- 0027 Firmware Package Receipt or Error: Indicates that the server wants the client to return a firmware package load receipt or error [[RFC4108](#)] to the /firmware/return URI, which is defined in [Section 6](#).
- NOTE: The /tamp and tamp/return URIs are defined in [Section 7](#).
- 0028 TAMP Status Query: Indicates that a TAMP Status Query package [[RFC5934](#)] is available for the client using the /tamp URI.
- 0029 TAMP Status Query Response or Error: Indicates that the server wants the client to return a TAMP Status Query Response or Error [[RFC5934](#)] to the /tamp/return URI.
- 0030 Trust Anchor Update: Indicates that a Trust Anchor Update package [[RFC5934](#)] is available for the client using the /tamp URI.
- 0031 Trust Anchor Update Confirm or Error: Indicates that the server wants the client to return a Trust Anchor Update Confirm or Error [[RFC5934](#)] to the /tamp/return URI.
- 0032 Apex Trust Anchor Update: Indicates that an Apex Trust Anchor Update package [[RFC5934](#)] is available for the client using the /tamp URI.



- 0033 Apex Trust Anchor Update Confirm or Error: Indicates that the server wants the client to return an Apex Trust Anchor Update Confirm or Error [[RFC5934](#)] to the /tamp/return URI.
- 0034 Community Update: Indicates that a Community Update package [[RFC5934](#)] is available for the client using the /tamp URI.
- 0035 Community Update Confirm or Error: Indicates that the server wants the client to return a Community Update Confirm or Error [[RFC5934](#)] to the /tamp/return URI.
- 0036 Sequence Number Adjust: Indicates that a Sequence Number Adjust package [[RFC5934](#)] is available for the client using the /tamp URI.
- 0037 Sequence Number Adjust Confirm or Error: Indicates that the server wants the client to return a Sequence Number Adjust Confirm or Error [[RFC5934](#)] to the /tamp/return URI.

### **[2.1.2.](#) PAL XML Schema**

The name space is specified in [Section 11.1](#). The fields in the schema were discussed earlier in Sections [2.1](#) and [2.1.1](#).

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>
<xsd:schema xmlns:xsd="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema"
  xmlns:pal="urn:ietf:params:xml:ns:pal"
  targetNamespace="urn:ietf:params:xml:ns:pal"
  elementFormDefault="qualified" attributeFormDefault="unqualified"
  version="1.0">
  <xsd:annotation>
    <xsd:documentation>
      This schema defines the types and elements needed
      to retrieve client packages from the server or for the
      client to post packages to the server.
    </xsd:documentation>
  </xsd:annotation>

  <!-- ===== Element Declarations ===== -->

  <xsd:element name="pal" type="pal:PAL" />

  <!-- ===== Complex Data Element Type Definitions ===== -->

  <xsd:complexType name="PAL">
    <xsd:annotation>
      <xsd:documentation>
        This type defines the Package Availability List (PAL).
      </xsd:documentation>
    </xsd:annotation>
  </xsd:complexType>
</xsd:schema>
```





```
</xsd:documentation>
</xsd:annotation>
<xsd:sequence>
  <xsd:element name="message" type="pal:PALEntry"
    minOccurs="0" maxOccurs="unbounded">
    <xsd:annotation>
      <xsd:documentation>
        Contains information about the package and a link that
        the client uses to download or post the package.
      </xsd:documentation>
    </xsd:annotation>
  </xsd:element>
</xsd:sequence>
</xsd:complexType>

<xsd:complexType name="PALEntry">
  <xsd:annotation>
    <xsd:documentation>
      This type defines a product in the PAL.
    </xsd:documentation>
  </xsd:annotation>
  <xsd:sequence>
    <xsd:element name="type" type="pal:PackageType" />
    <xsd:element name="date" type="pal:GeneralizedTimeType"
      minOccurs="0" />
    <xsd:element name="size" type="xsd:nonNegativeInteger">
      <xsd:annotation>
        <xsd:documentation>
          Indicates the package's size.
        </xsd:documentation>
      </xsd:annotation>
    <xsd:element name="info" type="pal:PackageInfoType" />
  </xsd:sequence>
</xsd:complexType>

<xsd:complexType name="PackageInfoType">
  <xsd:annotation>
    <xsd:documentation>
      This type allows a choice of X.500 Distinguished Name,
      Subject Key Identifier, Issuer and Serial Number tuple,
      or URI.
    </xsd:documentation>
  </xsd:annotation>
  <xsd:choice>
    <xsd:element name="dn" type="pal:DistinguishedName" />
    <xsd:element name="ski" type="pal:SubjectKeyIdentifier" />
    <xsd:element name="iasn" type="pal:IssuerAndSerialNumber" />
    <xsd:element name="uri" type="pal:ThisURI" />
  </xsd:choice>
</xsd:complexType>
```



```
</xsd:choice>
</xsd:complexType>

<xsd:complexType name="IssuerAndSerialNumber">
  <xsd:annotation>
    <xsd:documentation>
      This type holds the issuer Distinguished Name and
      serial number of a referenced certificate.
    </xsd:documentation>
  </xsd:annotation>
  <xsd:sequence>
    <xsd:element name="issuer" type="pal:DistinguishedName" />
    <xsd:element name="serial" type="xsd:positiveInteger" />
  </xsd:sequence>
</xsd:complexType>

<!-- =====Simple Data Element Type Definitions ===== -->

<xsd:simpleType name="PackageType">
  <xsd:annotation>
    <xsd:documentation>
      Identifies each package that a client may retrieve from
      the server with a 4-digit string.
    </xsd:documentation>
  </xsd:annotation>
  <xsd:restriction base="xsd:string">
    <xsd:pattern value="d{4}" />
  </xsd:restriction>
</xsd:simpleType>

<xsd:simpleType name="GeneralizedTimeType">
  <xsd:annotation>
    <xsd:documentation>
      Indicates the date and time (YYYY-MM-DDTHH:MM:SSZ) the
      client last acknowledged successful receipt of the
      package or is absent if a) there is no indication
      the package has been downloaded or b) the PAL entry
      corresponds to a pointer to the next PAL.
    </xsd:documentation>
  </xsd:annotation>
  <xsd:restriction base="xsd:dateTime">
    <xsd:pattern value=".*:d{2}Z" />
    <xsd:minInclusive value="2013-05-23T00:00:00Z" />
  </xsd:restriction>
</xsd:simpleType>

<xsd:simpleType name="DistinguishedName">
  <xsd:annotation>
```



```
<xsd:documentation>
  This type holds an X.500 Distinguished Name.
</xsd:documentation>
</xsd:annotation>
<xsd:restriction base="xsd:string">
  <xsd:maxLength value="1024" />
</xsd:restriction>
</xsd:simpleType>

<xsd:simpleType name="SubjectKeyIdentifier">
  <xsd:annotation>
    <xsd:documentation>
      This type holds a hex string representing the value of a
      certificate's SubjectKeyIdentifier.
    </xsd:documentation>
  </xsd:annotation>
  <xsd:restriction base="xsd:hexBinary">
    <xsd:maxLength value="1024" />
  </xsd:restriction>
</xsd:simpleType>

<xsd:simpleType name="ThisURI">
  <xsd:annotation>
    <xsd:documentation>
      This type holds a URI, but is length limited.
    </xsd:documentation>
  </xsd:annotation>
  <xsd:restriction base="xsd:anyURI" />
  <xsd:maxLength value="1024" />
</xsd:simpleType>

</xsd:schema>
```

### **2.1.3. PAL JSON Object**

The following is an example PAL JSON object. The fields in the object were discussed earlier in Sections [2.1](#) and [2.1.1](#).

```
[
  {
    "type": "0003",
    "date": "2016-12-29T09:28:00Z",
    "size": 1234,
    "info":
      {
        "uri": "https://www.example.com/.well-known/est/eecerts/1234"
      }
  },
]
```



```
{
  "type": "0006",
  "date": "2016-12-29T09:28:00Z",
  "size": 1234,
  "info":
  {
    "iasn":
    {
      "issuer": "CN=Sean Turner,O=sn3rd,C=US",
      "serial": 0
    }
  }
}
```

## 2.2. Request PAL

Clients request their PAL with an HTTP GET [[RFC7231](#)] using an operation path of `/pal`. Clients indicate whether they would prefer XML or JSON by including the HTTP Accept header [[RFC7231](#)] with either `application/xml` or `application/json`, respectively.

## 2.3. Provide PAL

If the server has a PAL for the client, the server response MUST contain an HTTP 200 response code with a content-type of `application/xml` [[RFC7303](#)] or `application/json` [[RFC7159](#)].

When the server constructs a PAL, an order of precedence for PAL offerings is based on the following rationale:

- o `/cacerts` and `/crls` packages are the most important because they support validation decisions on certificates used to sign and encrypt other listed PAL items.
  - o `/csrattrs` are the next in importance, since they provide information that the server would like the client to include in its certificate enrollment request.
  - o `/simpleenroll`, `/simplereenroll`, and `/fullcmc` packages items are next in importance, since they can impact a certificate used by the client to sign CMS content or a certificate to establish keys for encrypting content exchanged with the client.
- \* A client engaged in a certificate management SHOULD accept and process CA-provided transactions as soon as possible to avoid undue delays that might lead to protocol failure.





- o /symmetrickeys, /firmware, /tamp, and /eecerts packages containing keys and other types of products are last. Precedence SHOULD be given to packages that the client has not previously downloaded. The items listed in a PAL may not identify all of the packages available for a device. This can be for any of the following reasons:

- \* The server may temporarily withhold some outstanding PAL items to simplify client processing.
- \* If a CA has more than one certificate ready for the client, the server will provide a notice for one at a time. Pending notices will be serviced in order of the earliest date when the certificate will be used.

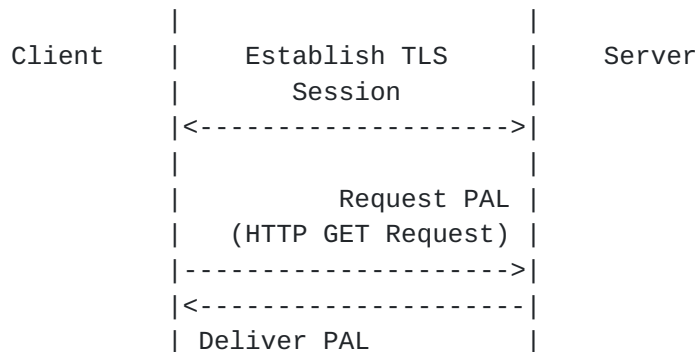
When rejecting a request the server specifies either an HTTP 4xx error, or an HTTP 5xx error.

All other return codes are handled as specified in [Section 4.2.3 of \[RFC7030\]](#) (i.e., 202 handling and all other HTTP response codes).

### 3. Distribute EE Certificates

Numerous mechanisms exist for clients to query repositories for certificates. The service provided by the /eecerts PC is different in that it is not a general purpose query for client certificates instead it allows the server to provide peer certificates to a client that the server knows through an out-of-band mechanism that the client will be communicating with. For example, a router being provisioned that connects to two peers can be provisioned with not only its certificate but also with the peers' certificates.

The server need not authenticate or authorize the client for distributing an EE certificate because the package contents are already signed by a CA (i.e., the certificate(s) in a certs-only message have already been signed by a CA). The message flow is similar to Figure 1 except that the connection need not be HTTPS:





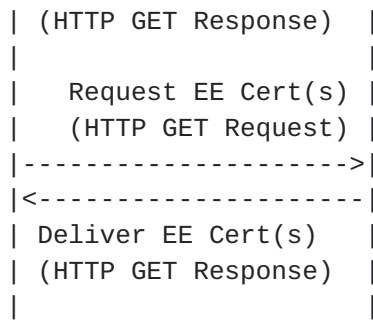


Figure 2 - /eecerts Message Sequence

**3.1. EE Certificate Request**

Clients request EE certificates with an HTTP GET [[RFC7231](#)] using an operation path of "/eecerts".

**3.2. EE Certificate Response**

The response and processing of the returned error codes is identical to that in [Section 4.1.3 of \[RFC7030\]](#) except that the certificate provided is not the one issued to the client but instead one or more client's peer certificates is returned in the certs-only message.

Clients MUST reject EE certificates that do not validate to an authorized TA.

**4. Distribute CRLs and ARLs**

CRLs (and ARLs) are needed in many instances to perform certificate path validation [[RFC5280](#)]. They can be obtained from repositories if their location is provided in the certificate. However, the client needs to parse the certificate and perform an additional round trip to retrieve them. Providing CRLs at the time of bootstrap obviates the need for the client to parse certificate and aid those clients who might be unable to retrieve the CRL. Clients are free to obtain CRLs on which they rely from sources other than the server (e.g., a local directory). The /crls PC allows servers to distribute CRLs at the same time clients retrieve their certificate(s) and CA certificate(s) as well as peer certificates.

The server need not authenticate or authorize the client for distributing a CRL because the package content is already signed by a CA (i.e., the CRLs in a crls-only message have already been signed by a CA). The message flow is as depicted in Figure 2 but with "CRL(s)" instead of "EE Cert(s)".

**4.1. CRL Request**



Clients request CRLs with an HTTP GET [[RFC7231](#)] using an operation path of "/crls".

#### **4.2. CRL Response**

The response and processing of the response is identical to that in [Section 4.1.3 of \[RFC7030\]](#) except that instead of providing the issued certificate one of more CRLs are returned in the crls-only message.

Clients MUST reject CRLs that do not validate to an authorized TA.

### **5. Symmetric Keys, Receipts, and Errors**

In addition to public keys, clients often need one or more symmetric keys to communicate with their peers. The /symmetrickeys PC allows the server to distribute symmetric keys to clients.

Distribution of keys does not always work as planned and clients need a way to inform the server that something has gone wrong; they also need a way to inform the server, if asked, that the distribution process has successfully completed. The /symmetrickeys/return PC allows client to provide errors and receipts.

Clients MUST authenticate the server and clients MUST check the server's authorization.

The server MUST authenticate clients and the server MUST check the client's authorization.

HTTP GET [[RFC7231](#)] is used when the server provides the key to the client (see [Section 5.1](#)) using the /symmetrickeys PC; HTTP POST [[RFC7231](#)] is used when the client provides a receipt (see [Section 5.2](#)) or an error (see [Section 5.2](#)) to the server with the /symmetrickeys/return PC.

#### **5.1. Symmetric Keys**

Servers use /symmetrickeys to provide clients symmetric keys; symmetric key package is defined in [[RFC6031](#)].

As with the /serverkeygen PC defined in [[RFC7030](#)], the default distribution method of the symmetric key uses the encryption mode of the negotiated TLS cipher suite. Keys are not protected by preferred key wrapping methods such as AES Key Wrap [[RFC3394](#)] or AES Key Wrap with Padding [[RFC5649](#)] because encryption of the symmetric key beyond that provided by TLS is OPTIONAL. Therefore, the cipher suite used to return the symmetric key MUST offer commensurate cryptographic



strength with the symmetric key being delivered to the client. The cipher suite used MUST NOT have NULL encryption algorithm as this will disclose the unprotected symmetric key. It is strongly RECOMMENDED that servers always return encrypted symmetric keys.

The following depicts the protocol flow:

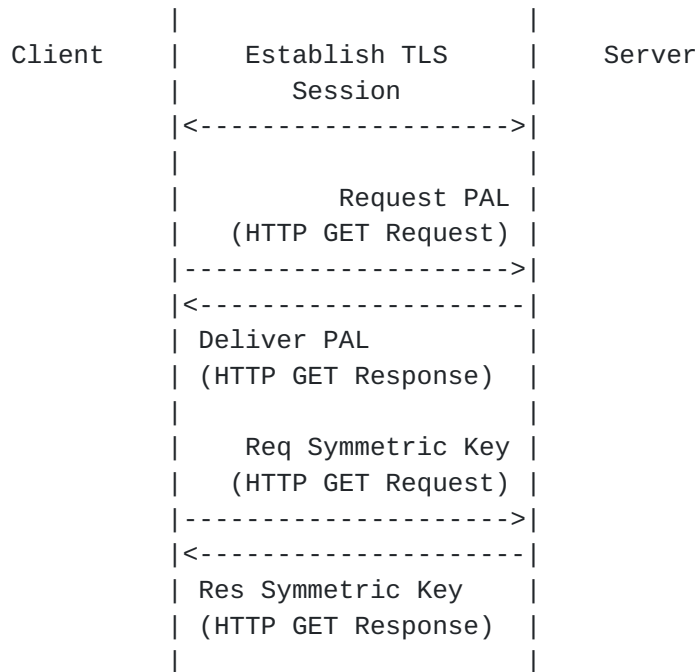


Figure 3 - /symmetrickeys Message Sequence

**5.1.1. Distribute Symmetric Keys**

Clients request the symmetric key from the server with an HTTP GET [RFC7231] using an operation path of "/symmetrickeys".

**5.1.2. Symmetric Key Response**

If the request is successful, the server response MUST have an HTTP 200 response code with a Content-Type of application/cms [RFC7193]. The optional application/cms encapsulatingContent and innerContent parameters SHOULD be included with the Content-Type to indicate the protection afforded to the returned symmetric key. The returned content varies:

- o If additional encryption is not being employed, the content associated with application/cms is a DER-encoded [X.690] symmetric key package.
- o If additional encryption is employed, the content associated with





application/cms is DER-encoded enveloped data that encapsulates a signed data that further encapsulates a symmetric key package.

- o If additional encryption and origin authentication are employed, the content associated with application/cms is a DER-encoded signed data that encapsulates an enveloped data that encapsulates a signed data that further encapsulates a symmetric key package.
- o If CCC (CMS Content Constraints) [[RFC6010](#)] is supported the content associated with application/cms is a DER-encoded encrypted key package [[RFC6032](#)]. Encrypted key package provides three choices to encapsulate keys: encrypted data, enveloped data, and authenticated enveloped data. Prior to employing one of these three encryption choices the key package can be encapsulated in a signed data.

How the server knows whether the client supports the encrypted key package is beyond the scope of this document.

When rejecting a request, the server specifies either an HTTP 4xx error, or an HTTP 5xx error.

If a symmetric key package (which might be signed) or an encrypted key package (which might be signed before and after encryption) is digitally signed, the client MUST reject it if the digital signature does not validate back to an authorized TA.

Note: absent a policy on the client side requiring signature, a malicious EST server can simply strip the signature, thus bypassing that check. In that case, this requirement is merely a sanity check, serving to detect mis-signed packages or misconfigured clients.

[[RFC3370](#)], [[RFC5753](#)], [[RFC5754](#)], [[RFC6033](#)], [[RFC6160](#)], and [[RFC6161](#)] provide algorithm details for use when protecting the symmetric key package and encrypted key package.

## **5.2. Symmetric Key Receipts and Errors**

Clients use /symmetrickeys/return to provide symmetric key package receipts; the key package receipt content type is defined in [[RFC7191](#)]. Clients can be configured to automatically return receipts after processing a symmetric key package, return receipts based on processing of the key-package-identifier-and-receipt-request attribute [[RFC7191](#)], or return receipts when prompted by a PAL entry.

Servers can indicate that clients return a receipt by including the key-package-identifier-and-receipt-request attribute in a signed data as a signed attribute. However, this attribute only appears when



additional encryption is employed (see [Section 5.1.2](#)).

Clients also use `/symmetrickeys/return` to return symmetric key package errors; the key package error content type is defined in [\[RFC7191\]](#). Clients can be configured to automatically return errors after processing a symmetric key package or based on a PAL entry.

The following depicts the protocol flow:

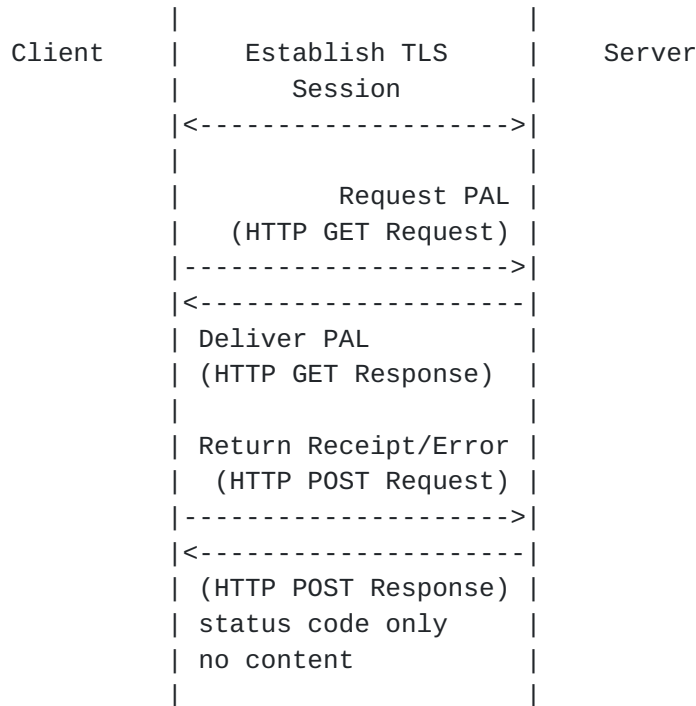


Figure 4 - `/symmetrickeys/return` Message Sequence

**5.2.1. Provide Symmetric Key Receipt or Error**

Clients return symmetric key receipts and errors to the server with an HTTP POST [\[RFC7231\]](#) using an operation path of `"/symmetrickeys/return"`. The returned content varies:

- o The key package receipt is digitally signed [\[RFC7191\]](#), the Content-Type is `application/cms` [\[RFC7193\]](#) and the associated content is signed data, which encapsulates a key package receipt.
- o If the key package error is not digitally signed, the Content-Type is `application/cms` and the associated content is key package error. If the key package error is digitally signed, the Content-Type is `application/cms` and the associated content is signed data, which encapsulates a key package error.



The optional application/cms encapsulatingContent and innerContent parameters SHOULD be included with the Content-Type to indicate the protection afforded to the receipt or error.

[[RFC3370](#)], [[RFC5753](#)], [[RFC5754](#)], and [[RFC7192](#)] provide algorithm details for use when protecting the key package receipt or key package error.

### **[5.2.2.](#) Symmetric Key Receipt or Error Response**

If the client successfully provides a receipt or error, the server response has an HTTP 204 response code (i.e., no content is returned).

When rejecting a request, the server specifies either an HTTP 4xx error, or an HTTP 5xx error.

If a key package receipt or key package error is digitally signed, the server MUST reject it if the digital signature does not validate back to an authorized TA.

## **[6.](#) Firmware, Receipts, and Errors**

Servers can distribute object code for cryptographic algorithms and software with the firmware package [[RFC4108](#)].

Clients MUST authenticate the server and clients MUST check the server's authorization.

The server MUST authenticate the client and the server MUST check the client's authorization.

The /firmware PC uses an HTTP GET [[RFC7231](#)] and the /firmware/return PC uses an HTTP POST [[RFC7231](#)]. GET is used when the client retrieves firmware from the server (see [Section 6.1](#)); POST is used when the client provides a receipt (see [Section 6.2](#)) or an error (see [Section 6.2](#)).

### **[6.1.](#) Firmware**

The /firmware URI is used by servers to provide firmware packages to clients.

The message flow is as depicted in Figure 3 modulo replacing "Symmetric Key" with "Firmware Package".

#### **[6.1.1.](#) Distribute Firmware**



Clients request firmware from the server with an HTTP GET [[RFC7231](#)] using an operation path of `"/firmware"`.

### **6.1.2. Firmware Response**

If the request is successful, the server response MUST have an HTTP 200 response code with a Content-Type of `"application/cms"` [[RFC7193](#)].

The optional `encapsulatingContent` and `innerContent` parameters SHOULD be included with Content-Type to indicate the protection afforded to the returned firmware. The returned content varies:

- o If the firmware is unprotected, then the Content-Type is `application/cms` and the content is the DER-encoded [[X.690](#)] firmware package.
- o If the firmware is compressed, then the Content-Type is `application/cms` and the content is the DER-encoded [[X.690](#)] compressed data that encapsulates the firmware package.
- o If the firmware is encrypted, then the Content-Type is `application/cms` and the content is the DER-encoded [[X.690](#)] encrypted data that encapsulates the firmware package (which might be compressed prior to encryption).
- o If the firmware is signed, then the Content-Type is `application/cms` and the content is the DER-encoded [[X.690](#)] signed data that encapsulates the firmware package (which might be compressed, encrypted, or compressed and then encrypted prior to signature).

How the server knows whether the client supports the unprotected, signed, compressed and/or encrypted firmware package is beyond the scope of this document

When rejecting a request, the server specifies either an HTTP 4xx error, or an HTTP 5xx error.

If a firmware package is digitally signed, the client MUST reject it if the digital signature does not validate back to an authorized TA.

[[RFC3370](#)], [[RFC5753](#)], and [[RFC5754](#)] provide algorithm details for use when protecting the firmware package.

### **6.2. Firmware Receipts and Errors**

Clients use the `/firmware/return` PC to provide firmware package load receipts and errors [[RFC4108](#)]. Clients can be configured to automatically return receipts and errors after processing a firmware





package or based on a PAL entry.

The message flow is as depicted in Figure 4 modulo the receipt or error is for a firmware package.

#### **6.2.1. Provide Firmware Receipt or Error**

Clients return firmware receipts and errors to the server with an HTTP POST [[RFC7231](#)] using an operation path of "/firmware/return". The optional `encapsulatingContent` and `innerContent` parameters SHOULD be included with `Content-Type` to indicate the protection afforded to the returned firmware receipt or error. The returned content varies:

- o If the firmware receipt is not digitally signed, the `Content-Type` is `application/cms` [[RFC7193](#)] and the content is the DER-encoded firmware receipt.
- o If the firmware receipt is digitally signed, the `Content-Type` is `application/cms` and the content is the DER-encoded signed data encapsulating the firmware receipt.
- o If the firmware error is not digitally signed, the `Content-Type` is `application/cms` and the content is the DER-encoded firmware error.
- o If the firmware error is digitally signed, the `Content-Type` is `application/cms` and the content is the DER-encoded signed data encapsulating the firmware error.

[[RFC3370](#)], [[RFC5753](#)], and [[RFC5754](#)] provide algorithm details for use when protecting the firmware receipt or firmware error.

#### **6.2.2. Firmware Receipt or Error Response**

If the request is successful, the server response MUST have an HTTP 204 response code (i.e., no content is returned).

When rejecting a request, the server MUST specify either an HTTP 4xx error, or an HTTP 5xx error.

If a firmware receipt or firmware error is digitally signed, the server MUST reject it if the digital signature does not validate back to an authorized TA.

### **7. Trust Anchor Management Protocol**

Servers distribute TAMP packages to manage TAs in a client's trust anchor databases; TAMP packages are defined in [[RFC5934](#)]. TAMP will



allow the flexibility for a device to load authorities while maintaining an operational state. Unlike other systems that require new software loads when new PKI Roots are authorized for use, TAMP allows for automated management of roots for provisioning or replacement as needed.

Clients MUST authenticate the server and clients MUST check the server's authorization.

The server MUST authenticate the client and the server MUST check the client's authorization.

The /tamp PC uses an HTTP GET [[RFC7231](#)] and the tamp/return PC uses an HTTP POST [[RFC7231](#)]. GET is used when the server requests that the client retrieve a TAMP package (see [Section 7.1](#)); POST is used when the client provides a confirm (see [Section 7.2](#)), provides a response (see [Section 7.2](#)), or provides an error (see [Section 7.2](#)) for the TAMP package.

### **[7.1](#). TAMP Status Query, Trust Anchor Update, Apex Trust Anchor Update, Community Update, and Sequence Number Adjust**

Clients use the /tamp PC to retrieve the TAMP packages: TAMP Status Query, Trust Anchor Update, Apex Trust Anchor Update, Community Update, and Sequence Number Adjust. Clients can be configured to periodically poll the server for these packages or contact the server based on a PAL entry.

The message flow is as depicted in Figure 3 modulo replacing "Symmetric Key" with the appropriate TAMP message.

#### **[7.1.1](#). Request TAMP Packages**

Clients request the TAMP packages from the server with an HTTP GET [[RFC7231](#)] using an operation path of "/tamp".

#### **[7.1.2](#). Return TAMP Packages**

If the request is successful, the server response MUST have an HTTP 200 response code and a Content-Type of:

- o application/tamp-status-query for TAMP Status Query
- o application/tamp-update for Trust Anchor Update
- o application/tamp-apex-update for Apex Trust Anchor Update
- o application/tamp-community-update for Community Update
- o application/tamp-sequence-adjust for Sequence Number Adjust

As specified in [[RFC5934](#)], these content types are digitally signed and clients must support validating the packages directly signed by



TAs. For this specification, clients MUST support validation with a certificate and clients MUST reject it if the digital signature does not validate back to an authorized TA.

[RFC3370], [RFC5753], and [RFC5754] provide algorithm details for use when protecting the TAMP packages.

## **7.2. TAMP Response, Confirm, and Errors**

Clients return the TAMP Status Query Response, Trust Anchor Update Confirm, Apex Trust Anchor Update Confirm, Community Update Confirm, Sequence Number Adjust Confirm, and TAMP Error to servers using the /tamp/return PC. Clients can be configured to automatically return responses, confirms, and errors after processing a TAMP package or based on a PAL entry.

The message flow is as depicted in Figure 4 modulo replacing "Receipt/Error" with the appropriate TAMP response, confirm, or error.

### **7.2.1. Provide TAMP Response, Confirm, or Error**

Clients provide the TAMP responses, confirms, and errors to the server with an HTTP POST using an operation path of "/tamp/return". Content-Type is:

- o application/tamp-status-query-response for TAMP Status Query Response
- o application/tamp-update-confirm for Trust Anchor Update Confirm
- o application/tamp-apex-update-confirm for Apex Trust Anchor Update Confirm
- o application/tamp-community-update-confirm for Community Update Confirm
- o application/tamp-sequence-adjust-confirm for Sequence Number Adjust Confirm
- o application/tamp-error for TAMP Error

As specified in [RFC5934], these content types should be signed. If signed, a signed data encapsulates the TAMP content.

[RFC3370], [RFC5753], and [RFC5754] provide algorithm details for use when protecting the TAMP packages.

### **7.2.2. TAMP Response, Confirm, and Error Response**

If the request is successful, the server response MUST have an HTTP 204 response code (i.e., no content is returned).



When rejecting a request, the server MUST specify either an HTTP 4xx error, or an HTTP 5xx error.

If the package is digitally signed, the server MUST reject it if digital signature does not validate back to an authorized TA.

## **8. Asymmetric Keys, Receipts, and Errors**

[RFC7030] defines the /serverkeygen PC to support server-side generation of asymmetric keys. Keys are returned either as an unprotected PKCS#8 when additional security beyond TLS is not employed or as a CMS asymmetric key package content type that is encapsulated in a signed data content type that is further encapsulated in an enveloped data content type when additional security beyond TLS is requested. Some implementations prefer the use of other CMS content types to encapsulate the asymmetric key package; this document extends the content types that can be returned in [Section 8.1](#).

[RFC7191] defines content types for key package receipts and errors. This document defines the /serverkeygen/return PC to add support for returning receipts and errors for asymmetric key packages in [Section 8.2](#).

PKCS#12 [[RFC7292](#)], sometimes referred to as "PFX" (Personal inFormation eXchange), "P12", and "PKCS#12" files, are often used to distribute asymmetric private keys and the associated certificate. This document extends the /serverkeygen PC to allow servers to distribute using PKCS#12 server-generated asymmetric private keys and the associated certificate to clients in [Section 8.3](#).

### **8.1. Asymmetric Key Encapsulation**

CMS supports a number of content types to encapsulate other CMS content types; [[RFC7030](#)] includes one such possibility; note that when only relying on TLS the returned key is not a CMS content type. This document extends the CMS content types that can be returned.

If the client supports CCC [[RFC6010](#)], then the client can indicate that it supports encapsulated asymmetric keys in the encrypted key package [[RFC5958](#)] by including the encrypted key package's OID in a content type attribute [[RFC2985](#)] in the CSR (Certificate Signing Request), aka the certification request, it provides to the server. If the client knows a priori that the server supports the encrypted key package content type, then the client need not include the content type attribute in the CSR.

In all instances defined herein, the Content-Type is





"application/cms" [[RFC7193](#)]. The optional `encapsulatingContent` and `innerContent` parameters SHOULD be included with `Content-Type` to indicate the protection afforded to the returned asymmetric key package.

If additional encryption and origin authentication is employed, the content associated with `application/cms` is a DER-encoded signed data that encapsulates an enveloped data that encapsulates a signed data that further encapsulates an asymmetric key package.

If CCC (CMS Content Constraints) is supported and additional encryption is employed, the content associated with `application/cms` is a DER-encoded encrypted key package [[RFC6032](#)] content type that encapsulates a signed data that further encapsulates an asymmetric key package.

If CCC is supported and additional encryption and additional origin authentication is employed, the content associated with `application/cms` is a DER-encoded signed data that encapsulates an encrypted key package content type that encapsulates a signed data that further encapsulates an asymmetric key package.

Encrypted key package [[RFC6032](#)] provides three choices to encapsulate keys, encrypted data, enveloped data, and authenticated data, with enveloped data being the mandatory to implement choice.

When rejecting a request, the server specifies either an HTTP 4xx error, or an HTTP 5xx error.

If an asymmetric key package or an encrypted key package is digitally signed, the client MUST reject it if the digital signature does not validate back to an authorized TA.

Note: absent a policy on the client side requiring signature, a malicious EST server can simply strip the signature, thus bypassing that check. In that case, this requirement is merely a sanity check, serving to detect mis-signed packages or misconfigured clients.

[[RFC3370](#)], [[RFC5753](#)], [[RFC5754](#)], [[RFC6033](#)], [[RFC6161](#)], and [[RFC6162](#)] provide algorithm details for use when protecting the asymmetric key package and encrypted key package.

## **8.2. Asymmetric Key Package Receipts and Errors**

Clients can be configured to automatically return receipts after processing an asymmetric key package, return receipts based on processing of the `key-package-identifier-and-receipt-request` attribute [[RFC7191](#)], or return receipts when prompted by a PAL entry.



Servers can indicate that clients return a receipt by including the key-package-identifier-and-receipt-request attribute [[RFC7191](#)] in a signed data as a signed attribute.

The protocol flow is identical to that depicted in Figure 4 modulo the receipt or error is for asymmetric keys.

The server and client processing is as described in [Section 5.2.1](#) and 5.2.2 modulo the PC, which for Asymmetric Key Packages is `"/serverkeygen/return"`.

### **[8.3.](#) PKCS#12**

PFX is widely deployed and supports protecting keys in the same fashion as CMS but it does so differently.

#### **[8.3.1.](#) Server-Side Key Generation Request**

Similar to the other server-generated asymmetric keys provided through the `/serverkeygen` PC:

- o The certificate request is HTTPS POSTed and is the same format as for the `"/simpleenroll"` and `"/simplereenroll"` path extensions with the same content-type and transfer encoding.
- o In all respects, the server SHOULD treat the CSR as it would any enroll or re-enroll CSR; the only distinction here is that the server MUST ignore the public key values and signature in the CSR. These are included in the request only to allow re-use of existing codebases for generating and parsing such requests.

PBE (password based encryption) shrouding of PKCS#12 is supported and this specification makes no attempt to alter this de facto standard. As such, there is no support of the `DecryptKeyIdentifier` specified in [[RFC7030](#)] for use with PKCS#12 (i.e., "enveloping" is not supported).

NOTE: Use of PBE requires the password be distributed to the client; methods to distribute this password are out-of-scope.

#### **[8.3.2.](#) Server-Side Key Generation Response**

If the request is successful, the server response MUST have an HTTP 200 response code with a content-type of `"application/pkcs12"` that consists of a base64-encoded DER-encoded [[X.690](#)] PFX [[RFC7292](#)].

Note that this response is different than the response returned in [Section 4.4.2 of \[RFC7030\]](#) because here the private key and the certificate are included in the same PFX.



When rejecting a request, the server MUST specify either an HTTP 4xx error or an HTTP 5xx error. The response data's content-type MAY be "text/plain" [[RFC2046](#)] to convey human-readable error messages.

## 9. PAL & Certificate Enrollment

The /fullcmc PC is defined in [[RFC7030](#)]; the CMC (Certificate Management over Cryptographic Message Syntax) requirements and packages are defined in [[RFC5272](#)], [[RFC5273](#)], [[RFC5274](#)], and [[RFC6402](#)]. This section describes PAL interactions.

Under normal circumstances the client-server interactions for PKI enrollment are as follows:

```

Client                               Server
----->
POST req: PKIRequest
Content-Type: application/pkcs10
or
POST req: PKIRequest
Content-Type: application/pkcs7-mime
              smime-type=CMC-request

<-----
      POST res: PKIResponse
      Content-Type: application/pkcs7-mime
                  smime-type=certs-only
or
      POST res: PKIResponse
      Content-Type: application/pkcs7-mime
                  smime-type=CMC-response

```

if the response is rejected during the same session:

```

Client                               Server
----->
POST req: PKIRequest
Content-Type: application/pkcs10
or
POST req: PKIRequest
Content-Type: application/pkcs7-mime
              smime-type=CMC-request

<-----
      POST res: empty
      HTTPS Status Code
or
      POST res: PKIResponse

```









```

<-----
      GET res: PAL
      Content-Type: application/xml

```

The client then proceeds as above with a simple PKI Enroll, Full CMC Enrollment, or begin enrollment assisted with a CSR:

```

Client                                Server
----->
      GET req: DS certificate with CSR

<-----
      GET res: PAL
      Content-Type: application/csr-attrs

```

For immediately rejected request, CMC works well. If the server prematurely closes the connection, then the procedures in [Section 8.2.4 of \[RFC7231\]](#) apply. But, this might leave the client and server in a different state. The client could merely resubmit the request but another option, documented herein, is for the client to instead download the PAL to see if the server has processed the request. Clients might also use this process when they are unable to remain connected to the server for the entire enrollment process; if the server does not or is not able to return a PKIData indicating a status of pending, then the client will not know whether the request was received. If a client uses the PAL and reconnects to determine if the certification or rekey or renew request was processed:

- o Clients MUST authenticate the server and clients MUST check the server's authorization.
- o Server MUST authenticate the client and the server MUST check the client's authorization.
- o Clients retrieve the PAL using the /pal URI.
- o Clients and servers use the operation path of "/simpleenroll", "simplereenroll", or "/fullcmc", based on the PAL entry, with an HTTP GET [\[RFC7231\]](#) to get the success or failure response.

Responses are as specified in [\[RFC7030\]](#).

## **10. Security Considerations**

This document relies on many other specifications; however, all of the security considerations [\[RFC7030\]](#) apply. For HTTP, HTTPS, and TLS security considerations see [\[RFC7231\]](#), [\[RFC2818\]](#), and [\[RFC5246\]](#); for URI security considerations see [\[RFC3986\]](#); for content type



security considerations see [[RFC4073](#)], [[RFC4108](#)], [[RFC5272](#)], [[RFC5652](#)], [[RFC5751](#)], [[RFC5934](#)], [[RFC5958](#)] [[RFC6031](#)], [[RFC6032](#)], [[RFC6268](#)], [[RFC6402](#)], [[RFC7191](#)], and [[RFC7292](#)]; for algorithms used to protect packages see [[RFC3370](#)], [[RFC5649](#)], [[RFC5753](#)], [[RFC5754](#)], [[RFC5959](#)], [[RFC6033](#)], [[RFC6160](#)], [[RFC6161](#)], [[RFC6162](#)] and [[RFC7192](#)]; for random numbers see [[RFC4086](#)]; for server-generated asymmetric key pairs see [[RFC7030](#)].

## **11. IANA Considerations**

IANA is requested to create the PAL Package Type registry and perform three registrations: PAL Name Space, PAL XML Schema, and PAL Package Types.

### **11.1. PAL Name Space**

This section registers a new XML namespace [[XMLNS](#)], "urn:ietf:params:xml:ns:pal" per the guidelines in [[RFC3688](#)]:

```
URI: urn:ietf:params:xml:ns:pal
Registrant Contact: Sean Turner (sean@sn3rd.com)
XML:
  BEGIN
    <?xml version="1.0"?>
    <!DOCTYPE html PUBLIC "-//W3C//DTD XHTML 1.0 Strict//EN"
      "http://www.w3.org/TR/xhtml1/DTD/xhtml1-strict.dtd">
    <html xmlns="http://www.w3.org/1999/xhtml" xml:lang="en">
    <head>
      <title>Package Availability List</title>
    </head>
    <body>
      <h1>Namespace for Package Availability List</h1>
      <h2>urn:ietf:params:xml:ns:pal</h2>
      <p>See RFC TBD</p>
    </body>
    </html>
  END
```

### **11.2. PAL XML Schema**

This section registers an XML schema as per the guidelines in [[RFC3688](#)].

```
URI: urn:ietf:params:xml:schema:pal

Registrant Contact: Sean Turner sean@sn3rd.com

XML: See Section 2.1.2.
```



### **11.3. PAL Package Types**

IANA is kindly requested to create a new registry named: PAL Package Type. This registry is for PAL Package Types whose initial values are found in [Section 2.1.1](#). Future PAL Package Types registrations are to be subject to Expert Review, as defined in [RFC 8126](#) [[RFC8126](#)]. Package types MUST be paired with a media type; package types specify the path component to be used that in turn specify the media type used.

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```

----->
GET req:                               | /cacerts
<-----
      GET res: CA Certificates         |
      Content-Type: application/pkcs7-smime |
                        smime-type=certs-only |
----->
GET req:                               | /crls
<-----
      GET res: CRLs                   |
      Content-Type: application/pkcs7-smime |
                        smime-type=crls-only |
----->
GET req:                               | /csrattrs
<-----
      GET res: attributes              |
----->
POST req: PKIRequest                   | /simpleenroll &
Content-Type: application/pkcs10       | /simplereenroll
                                        |
Content-Type: application/pkcs7-mime   | /fullcmc
      smime-type=CMC-request          |
<-----
      (success or failure)            |
      POST res: PKIResponse            | /simpleenroll
      Content-Type: application/pkcs7-mime | /simplereenroll
                        smime-type=certs-only | /fullcmc
                                        |
      Content-Type: application/pkcs7-mime | /fullcmc
                        smime-type=CMC-response |
----->
GET req:                               | /firmware
<-----
      GET res:  Firmware, TAMP Query    | /tamp
                        + Updates, Symmetric Keys | /symmetrickeys
      Content-Type: application/cms     |
----->
POST res: Firmware Receipts or Errors, | /firmware/return
TAMP Response or Confirms or Errors,  | /tamp/return
Symmetric Key Receipts or Errors,     | /symmetrickeys/
                                        |   return

```

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```

Content-Type: application/cms |
<----- |
      POST res: empty |
      (success or failure) |
-----> -+
GET req: | /eecerts
<----- |
      GET res: Other EE certificates |
      Content-Type: application/pkcs7-mime |
      smime-type=certs-only |

```

The figure above shows /eecerts after /\*/return, but this is for illustrative purposes only.

### [Appendix B](#). Additional CSR Attributes

This is an informative appendix.

In some cases, the client is severely limited in its ability to encode and decode ASN.1 objects. If the client knows a csr template is being provided during enrollment, then it can peel the returned csr attribute, generate its keys, place the public key in the certification request, and then sign the request. To accomplish this, the server returns a PKCS7PDU attribute [[RFC2985](#)] in as part of the /csrattrs (the following is pseudo ASN.1 and is only meant to show the fields needed to accomplish returning a template certification request):

```

pkcs7PDU ATTRIBUTE ::= {
  WITH SYNTAX ContentInfo
  ID pkcs-9-at-pkcs7PDU
}

pkcs-9-at-pkcs7PDU OBJECT IDENTIFIER ::= {
  iso(1) member-body(2) us(840) rsadsi(113549) pkcs(1) pkcs9(9)
  at(25) 5
}

```

The ContentInfo is a PKIData:

```

PKIData ::= SEQUENCE {
  reqSequence SEQUENCE SIZE(0..MAX) OF TaggedRequest,
}

```

Where TaggedRequest is a choice between the PKCS #10 or CRMF requests.

```

TaggedRequest ::= CHOICE {

```



```
tcr      [0] TaggedCertificationRequest,  
crm      [1] CertReqMsg,  
}
```

Or, the Content Info can be a signed data content type that further encapsulates a PKIData.

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