

RFC 5280 Clarifications

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Changes Since IETF 77

- Added BMPString as an acceptable encoding for explicitText field of user notice policy qualifier.
 - An explicitText field includes the textual statement directly in the certificate. The explicitText field is a string with a maximum size of 200 characters. Conforming CAs SHOULD use the UTF8String encoding for explicitText, but MAY use VisibleString [or BMPString](#). Conforming CAs MUST NOT encode explicitText as IA5String. The explicitText string SHOULD NOT include any control characters (e.g., U+0000 to U+001F and U+007F to U+009F).
When the UTF8String encoding is used, all character sequences SHOULD be normalized according to Unicode normalization form C (NFC) [NFC].
- Should final sentence recommend normalization for BMPString encoding?

Status

- Last call initiated on June 8.
- Some comments received suggesting clarifications to other portions of RFC 5280.
 - These suggestions were deemed to be out-of-scope for this document.
 - Will be considered for inclusion in RFC 5280bis.

Questions

