

S/MIME Capabilities

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RSA Public Keys

- Same structure for RSA v1.5, PSS, OAEP

```
RSAPublicKeyCapabilities ::= SEQUENCE {  
    minKeySize      RSAKeySize,  
    maxKeySize      RSAKeySize OPTIONAL  
}
```

Elliptical Curve Keys

- Used for all elliptical curve keys

```
ECParameters ::= CHOICE {  
    namedCurve    CURVE.&id({NamedCurve})  
    -- implicitCurve  NULL  
    -- implicitCurve MUST NOT be used in PKIX  
    -- specifiedCurve SpecifiedCurve  
    -- specifiedCurve MUST NOT be used in PKIX  
    -- Details for specifiedCurve can be found in [X9.62]  
}
```

Diffie-Hellman Keys

- Used for DSA and DH

```
DSAKeyCapabilities ::= CHOICE {  
    keySizes      [0] SEQUENCE {  
        minKeySize      DSAKeySize,  
        maxKeySize      DSAKeySize OPTIONAL  
    },  
    keyParams      [1] DSA-Params (i.e. P, Q, G)  
}
```

RSASSA-PSS Signature

- No explicit hash algorithm

```
RsaSsa-Pss-sig-caps ::= SEQUENCE {  
    hashAlg  SMIMECapability{{ HashAlgorithms }},  
    maskAlg  SMIMECapability{{ MaskAlgorithmSet }}  
            OPTIONAL,  
    trailerField INTEGER DEFAULT 1  
}
```

Open Issue

- OCSP Algorithm Agility Document
 - Now in RFC Editor Queue
 - Uses AlgorithmIdentifier not S/MIME Capability for signature algorithm identifier
 - Options:
 - Fix in OCSP update document
 - Pull back and fix agility document
 - Don't worry about it