

TLS out-of-band public key validation

draft-ietf-tls-oob-pubkey-04

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Changes between draft-ietf-tls-oob-pubkey-02 / -03

- Clarification on requirements with (CoAP) [I-D.ietf-core-coap]
- Hash support moved to [I-D.ietf-tls-cached-info]
- Proposed a new Certificate Type
- Very limited client authentication support (by pubkey blob lookup only)
- Required cert_type registry of RFC 6091
- Which required uplifting of RFC 6091 to standards-track
- A bis draft of RFC 6091 only produced yawns
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Changes between draft-ietf-tls-oob-pubkey-03 / -04

- Instead of new Certificate Type, proposes a new TLS Extension containing the CertificateType
- Add a cert-send / cert-receive extension to exchange which certificate types are supported
- Require new IANA registry for CertificateType
- No dependancy on RFC 6091
- Allow more elaborate client authentication (eg Hybrid X.509/Raw)

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```
client_hello,  
cert-receive=(RawPublicKey) ->  
    <- server_hello,  
       cert-send=RawPublicKey,  
       certificate,  
       certificate_request,  
       cert-receive=(RawPublicKey, X.509)  
       server_key_exchange,  
       server_hello_done  
  
cert-send=RawPublicKey,  
certificate,  
client_key_exchange,  
change_cipher_spec,  
finished ->  
  
    <- change_cipher_spec,  
       finished  
  
Application Data <-----> Application Data
```

Open issues

- Example 2 (Fig. 3) conflicts with RFC 5246:
 - RFC 5246 states TLS extensions can only be included into the ClientHello or the ServerHello handshake message.
 - The draft states, that the client must send a 'cert-send' before its Certificate message, but after having received the server's 'cert-receive'.
- If introducing a new TLS extension, why not add a client id identifier? (i.e. key from dns like draft-dane-fanf-smtp or draft-hoffman-dane-smime)
- Clarification on wire format of SubjectPublicKeyInfo (ASN.1 variable-length vector, i.e., preceded by its length)