

wpkops WG Charter Review

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WG Goal

- Describe how the Web PKI "actually" works in the set of browsers and servers that are in common use today
- To that end, the working group will document current and historic browser and server behavior, including
 - The trust model on which it is based
 - The contents and processing of fields and extensions
 - The processing of the various revocation schemes
 - How the TLS stack deals with PKI
 - The state changes that are visible to and/or controlled by the user
 - Identification of when Web PKI mechanisms are reused by other applications and implications of that reuse

Constraints

- Where appropriate, specific products and specific versions of those products will be identified, but recording the design details of the user interfaces of specific products is not necessary
- Only server-authentication behavior encountered in more than 0.1 percent of connections made by desktop and mobile browsers is to be considered
 - While it is not intended to apply the threshold with any precision, it will be used to justify the inclusion or exclusion of a technique

Outside Scope

- Describe how the Web PKI "should" work
- Examine the certification practices of certificate issuers
- Investigate applications (such as client authentication, document signing, code signing, and email) that often use the same trust anchors and certificate processing mechanisms as those used for Web server authentication

Document Milestones

Document	1st WG draft	IESG submission
Trust Model	June 2013	June 2014
TLS Stack Operation	Oct 2013	June 2014
Certificate Revocation	Oct 2013	Oct 2014
Field and Extension Processing for Certificates, CRLs and OCSP responses	Feb 2014	Feb 2015