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1 Scope

The present document describes the security features and a mechanism to bootstrap authentication and key agreement for application security from the 3GPP AKA mechanism. Candidate applications to use this bootstrapping mechanism include but are not restricted to subscriber certificate distribution, etc. Subscriber certificates support services whose provision mobile operator assists, as well as services that mobile operator provides.

The scope of this specification includes two parts. The first part presents a generic AKA bootstrapping function, an architecture overview and the detailed procedure how to bootstrap the credential. The second part is the requirement for applications utilizing the bootstrapping function, as well as the procedure of the utilization. Specifically the present document presents signalling procedures for support of issuing certificates to subscribers and the standard format of certificates and digital signatures. It is not intended to duplicate existing standards being developed by other groups on these topics, and will reference these where appropriate.

Editor's note: The specification objects are scheduled currently in phases. For the first phase of standardisation, only the case is considered where bootstrapping server functionality and network application function are located in the same network as the HSS. In later phases, other configurations may be considered.

2 References

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3 Definitions, symbols and abbreviations

*Delete from the above heading those words which are not applicable.
Subclause numbering depends on applicability and should be renumbered accordingly.*

3.1 Definitions

For the purposes of the present document, the [following] terms and definitions [given in ... and the following] apply.

Subscriber certificate: a certificate issued to a subscriber. It contains subscriber's own public key and possibly other information such as subscriber's identity in some form.

CA certificate: A Certificate Authority signs all certificates that it issues with its private key. The corresponding Certificate Authority public key is itself contained within a certificate, called a CA Certificate.

example: text used to clarify abstract rules by applying them literally.

3.2 Symbols

For the purposes of the present document, the following symbols apply:

Symbol format

<symbol> <Explanation>

3.3 Abbreviations

For the purposes of the present document, the following abbreviations apply:

AK	Anonymity Key
AKA	Authentication and Key Agreement
BSF	Bootstrapping server functionality BSF is hosted in a network element under the control of an MNO.
BSP	BootStrapping Procedure
CA	Certificate Authority
CMP	Certificate Management Protocols
HSS	Home Subscriber System
IK	Integrity Key
MNO	Mobile network operator
NAF	Operator-controlled network application function functionality. NAF is hosted in a network element under the control of an MNO.
PKCS	Public-Key Cryptography Standards
PKI	Public Key Infrastructure
SCP	Subscriber Certificate Procedure
UE	User Equipment

4 Generic AKA bootstrapping functions

The 3GPP authentication infrastructure, including the 3GPP Authentication Centre (AuC), the USIM and the 3GPP AKA protocol run between them, is a very valuable asset of 3GPP operators. It has been recognised that this infrastructure could be leveraged to enable application functions in the network and on the user side to communicate in situations where they would not be able to do so without the support of the 3GPP authentication infrastructure. Therefore, 3GPP can provide the “bootstrapping of application security” to authenticate the subscriber by defining a generic bootstrapping function based on AKA protocol.

4.1 Requirements and principles for bootstrapping

Editor’s note: The description of AKA bootstrapping shall be added here.

- The bootstrapping function shall not depend on the particular network application function
- The server implementing the bootstrapping function needs to be trusted by the home operator to handle authentication vectors.
- The server implementing the network application function needs only to be trusted by the home operator to handle derived key material.
- It shall be possible to support network application functions in the operator’s home network
- The architecture shall not preclude the support of network application function in the visited network, or possibly even in a third network.
- To the extent possible, existing protocols and infrastructure should be reused.
- In order to ensure wide applicability, all involved protocols are preferred to run over IP.

4.1.1 Access Independence

Bootstrapping procedure is access independent. Bootstrapping procedure requires IP connectivity from UE.

4.1.2 Authentication methods

Authentication method that is used to authenticate the bootstrapping function must be dependent on cellular subscription. In other words, authentication to bootstrapping function shall not be possible without valid cellular subscription. Authentication shall be based on AKA protocol.

4.1.3 Roaming

The roaming subscriber shall be able to utilize the bootstrapping function in home network.

Editor’s note: For the first phase of standardisation, only the case is considered where bootstrapping server functionality and network application function are located in the same network as the HSS. In later phases, other configurations may be considered.

4.2 Bootstrapping architecture

4.2.1 Reference model

Figure 1 shows a simple network model of the entities involved in the bootstrapping approach, and the protocols used among them.

Editor's note: The names for the reference points, A, B, C, and D need to be decided.

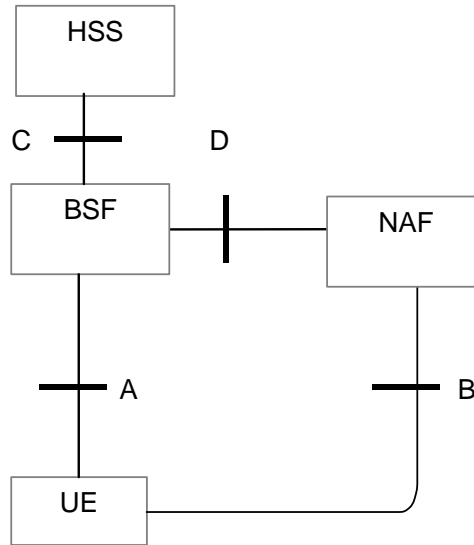


Figure 1: Simple network model for bootstrapping

Figure 2 illustrates a protocol stacks structure in network elements that are involved in bootstrapping of application security from 3G AKA and support for subscriber certificates.

Editor's note: The current protocol stack figure is placed here as a holder. The actual protocols will be defined later.

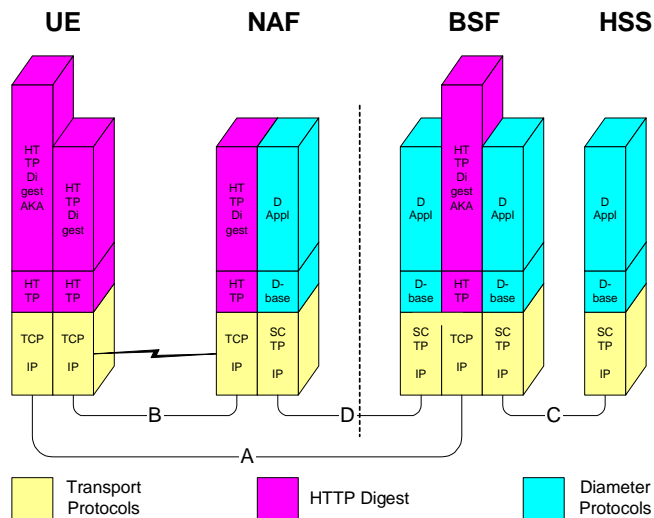


Figure 2: Protocol stack architecture

4.2.2 Network elements

4.2.2.1 Bootstrapping server function (BSF)

A generic bootstrapping server function (BSF) and the UE shall mutually authenticate using the AKA protocol, and agree on session keys that are afterwards applied between UE and an operator-controlled network application function (NAF). The key material must be generated specifically for each NAF independently.

Editor's note: key generation for NAF is ffs. Potential solutions may include:

- *Separate run of protocol A for each request of key material from a NAF*
- *Derivation of NAF-specific keys in BSF*

4.2.2.2 Network application function (NAF)

After the bootstrapping has been completed, the UE and an operator-controlled network application function (NAF) can run some application specific protocol where the authentication of messages will be based on those session keys generated during the mutual authentication between UE and BSF.

General assumptions for the functionality of an operator-controlled network application function (NAF):

- There is no previous security association between the UE and the NAF.
- NAF shall able to locate and communicate securely with subscriber's BSF.
- NAF shall be able to acquire a shared key material established between UE and the bootstrapping server function (BSF) during running application-specific protocol.

4.2.2.3 HSS

HSS shall store new parameters in subscriber profile related to the usage of bootstrapping function. Possibly also parameters related to the usage of some network application function are stored in HSS.

Editor's note: Needed new parameters are FFS.

4.2.2.4 UE

The required new functionalities from UE are:

- The support of HTTP Digest AKA protocol,
- The capability to derive new key material to be used with protocol B from CK and IK, and
- Support of NAF specific application protocol (see annex A).

4.2.3 Reference points

4.2.3.1 A

The reference point A is between the UE and the BSF. The functionality is radio access independent and can be run in both CS and PS domains.

Editor's notes: The solution for CS domain is ffs.

4.2.3.1.1 Functionality

Reference point A provides mutual authentication between the UE and the BSF entities. It allows the UE to bootstrap the session keys based on the 3G infrastructure. The session key as result of key agreement functionality, is used to support further applications e.g. certificate issuer.

4.2.3.1.2 Protocol

Protocol A is in format of HTTP Digest AKA, which is specified in [RFC3310]. It is based on the 3GPP AKA [4] protocol that requires information from USIM and/or ISIM. The interface to the USIM is as specified for 3G [3].

4.2.3.2 B

Protocol B is the application protocol which is secured using the keys material agreed between UE and BSF as a result of the run of protocol A. For instance, in the case of support for subscriber certificates, it is a protocol, which allows the user to request certificates from the NAF. In this case NAF would be the PKI portal.

4.2.3.3 C

Protocol C is used between the BSF and the HSS to allow the BSF to fetch the required authentication information and subscriber profile information from the HSS. The interface to the 3G Authentication Centre is HSS-internal, and it need not be standardised as part of this architecture.

4.2.3.4 D

Protocol D is used by the NAF to fetch the key material agreed in protocol A from the BSF. It may also be used to fetch subscriber profile information from BSF.

4.3 Procedures

This chapter specifies in detail the format of the bootstrapping procedure that is further utilized by various applications. It contains the AKA authentication procedure with BSF, and latter the key material generation procedure.

4.3.1 Bootstrapping procedures

When a UE wants to interact with an NAF, it shall first perform a bootstrapping authentication (see Figure 3): Editor's notes: Protocol C related procedure will be added here in future development. It may re-use Cx interface that is specified in TS 29.228.

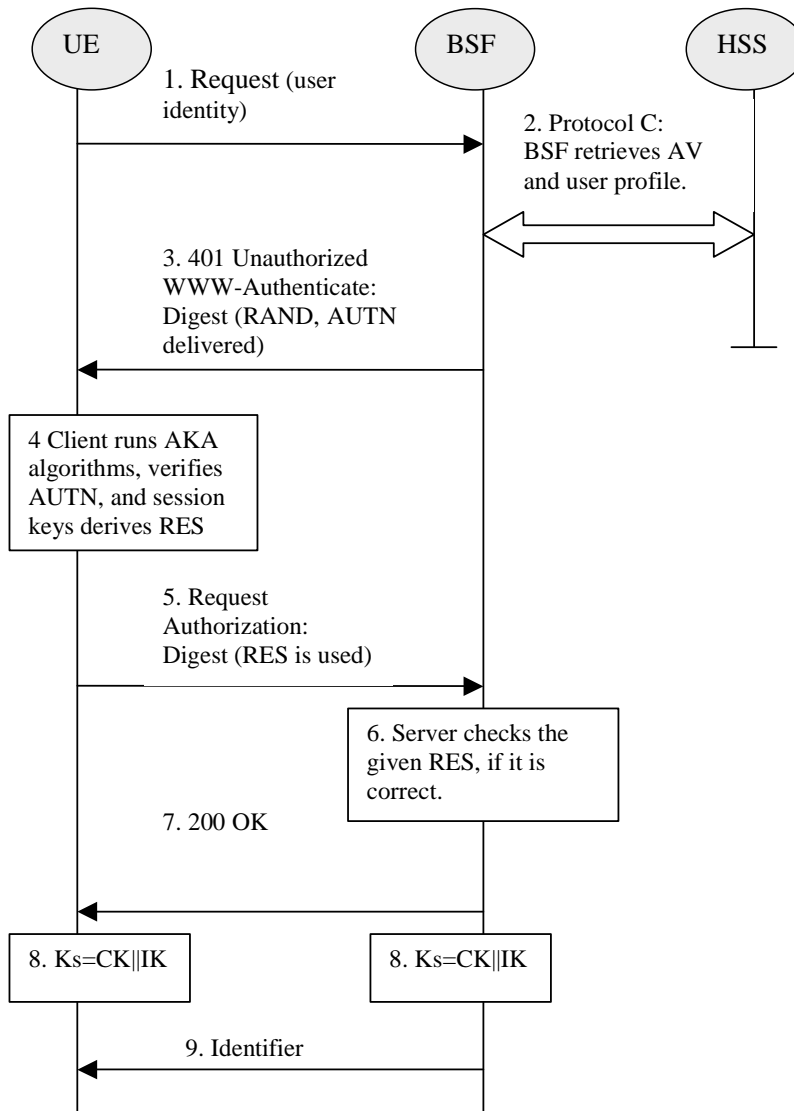


Figure 3: The bootstrapping procedure

- 1: The UE sends an HTTP request towards the BSF.
 2. BSF retrieves the user profile and a challenge, i.e. the Authentication Vector (AV, AV = RAND||AUTN||XRES||CK||IK) by protocol C from the HSS.
 3. Then BSF forwards the RAND and AUTN to the UE in the 401 message (without the CK, IK and XRES). This is to demand the UE to authenticate itself.
 - 4: The UE calculates the message authentication code (MAC) so as to verify the challenge from authenticated network; the UE also calculates CK, IK and RES. This will result in session keys IK and CK in both BSF and UE.
 5. The UE sends request again, with the Digest AKA RES as the response to the BSF.
 - 6: If the RES equals to the XRES that is in the AV, the UE is authenticated.
 7. The BSF shall send 200 OK message to the UE to indicate the success of the authentication.
 8. The key material Ks is generated in both BSF and UE by concatenating CK and IK. The Ks is used for securing the protocol B.
- Editor's note: The key material Ks is 256 bits long. It is up each NAF to make the usage of the key material specifically.*
9. BSF may supply a transaction identifier to UE in the cause of protocol A.

4.3.2 Procedures using bootstrapped Security Association

After UE is authenticated with the BSF, every time the UE wants to interact with an NAF the following steps are executed as depicted in Figure4:

UE starts protocol B with the NAF

- In general, UE and NAF will not yet share the key(s) required to protect protocol B. If they already do, there is no need for NAF to invoke protocol D.
- It is assumed that UE supplies sufficient information to NAF, e.g. a transaction identifier, to allow the NAF to retrieve specific key material from BSF.
- The UE derives the keys required to protect protocol B from the key material.

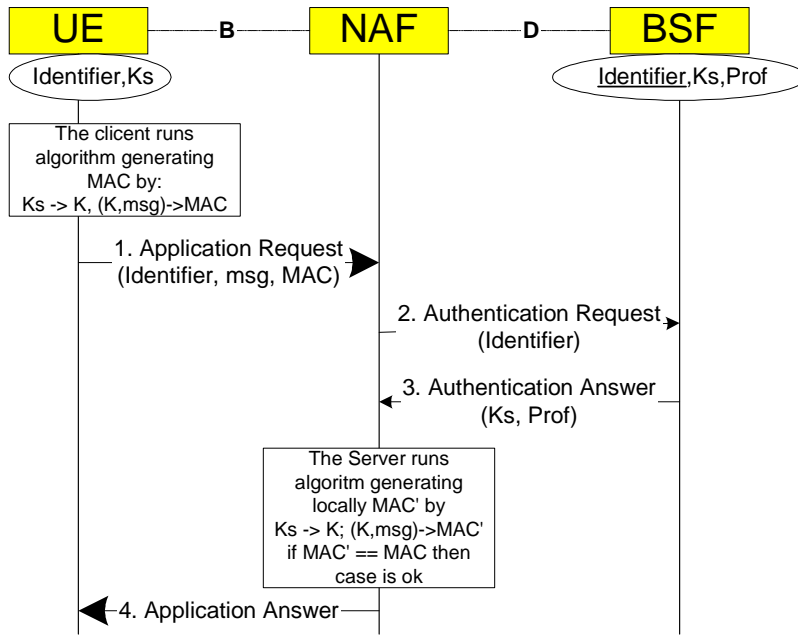
NAF starts protocol D with BSF

- The NAF requests key material corresponding to the information supplied by the UE to the NAF (e.g. a transaction identifier) in the start of protocol B.
- The BSF supplies to NAF the requested key material.
- The NAF derives the keys required to protect protocol B from the key material in the same way as the UE did.

NAF continues protocol B with UE

Once the run of protocol B is completed the purpose of bootstrapping is fulfilled as it enabled UE and NAF to run protocol B in a secure way.

Editor's note: Message sequence diagram presentation and its details will be finalized later.



MAC represents all credentials **msg** is appl. specific dataset
Prof is application specific part of user profile

Figure 4: The bootstrapping usage procedure

5 Application specific functions using bootstrapping

5.1 Support for subscriber certificates

5.1.1 Introduction

Digital signatures can be used, for instance, to secure mobile commerce, service authorization and accounting. But digital signature by itself is not enough; there is need of a global support for authorization and charging. Thus 3GPP shall use global and secure authorization and charging infrastructure of mobile networks to support local architecture for digital signatures.

Subscriber certificates provide a migration path towards global Public Key Infrastructure (PKI). Local architecture for digital signatures can be deployed incrementally; an operator can choose to deploy independently of the others. On the other hand, the existence of subscribers and service providers that use digital signatures makes it easier to build global PKI.

3GPP systems shall issue subscriber certificates in order to authorize and account for service usage both in home and in visited network. This requires specification of:

1. Procedures to issue temporary or long-term certificates to subscribers.
2. Standard format of certificates and digital signatures, e.g. re-using wireless PKI.

The mechanism shall allow a cost efficient implementation of the security support of the UE. It will also enable a user's anonymity towards the service provider, whilst the user who invoking the service, can be identified by the network.

Subscriber certificates support services whose provision mobile operator assists, as well as services that mobile operator provides. There is no need to standardize those services. Also, the communication between service provider and the operator (in the role of certificate issuer) need not be standardized.

5.1.2 Requirements and principles for issuing subscriber certificates

The following prerequisites for issuing of subscriber certificates exists:

- The shared key material is available for the UE application, which does the certificate request and operator CA certificate retrieval.

5.1.2.1 Requirements on protocol B

The requirements for protocol B are:

- UE is able to request for subscriber's certification from the PKI portal that plays the role of the NAF over a network connection.
- NAF is able to authenticate UE's certificate request.
- UE is able to acquire an operator's CA certificate over the network connection.
- UE is able to authenticate the NAF response (i.e., operator CA certificate delivery).
- The procedure is independent of the access network used.
- The NAF should have access to the subscriber profile to check the certification policies. This means that the protocol D (cf. clause 5.1.2.2) should have support for retrieving a subset of the subscriber profile.
- The response and delivery of certificate to UE must be within a few seconds after the initial certification request.

5.1.2.2 Requirements on protocol D

The requirements for protocol D are:

- NAF is able to communicate securely with a subscriber's BSF.
- The NAF is able to send a key material request to the BSF.
- The BSF is able to send the requested key material to the NAF.
- The NAF is able to get the subscriber profile from BSF.

Editor's note: in later phases there is an additional requirement that the NAF and the BSF may be in different operators' networks.

5.1.3 Certificate issuing

Annex <A> (informative): Support for subscriber certificates based on bootstrapping

A.1 Introduction

This annex describes how operators issue the subscriber certificates and deliver operator CA certificates to subscribers.

A.2 Additional requirements and principles

A.2.1 Usage of Bootstrapping

Issuing procedures of the subscriber certificate and operator CA certificate shall be secured by using shared keys obtained from bootstrapping function.

A.2.2 Access independence

Subscriber certificate and operator CA certificate issuing procedures are access independent. Certificate issuing procedures require IP connectivity from UE.

A.2.3 Roaming and service network support

The roaming subscriber shall be able to request subscriber certificates and operator CA certificates from home network.

Editor's note: Certificate requests to any than home network may be supported in later phase of the present specification.

A.2.4 Home operator control

Home operator shall be able to control the issuing of subscriber certificates. The control includes to whom the certificates are allowed to issue and the types of issued certificates.

Delivery of operator CA certificates is always allowed.

Editor's note: For the first phase of standardisation, only the case is considered where bootstrapping server functionality and network application function are located in the same network as the HSS. Thus is the first phase the home network control does not require any communication between home and visited networks. In later phases, when also visited network may issue certificates, standardized way of transferring the control information from home network to visited network is needed.

A.2.5 Charging principles

The operator shall be capable to charge issuing of subscriber certificates or delivery of operator CA certificates.

Editor's note: The charging mechanism and whether it needs to be standardized in 3GPP is FFS.

A.2.6 Subscriber Certificate Profile

Subscriber certificate profile shall be based on WAP Certificate and CRL Profile [WAPCert], which in turn is based on profiles defined in [RFC3280] and [X.509]. A certificate profile defines the format and semantics of certificates in a specific context.

Editor's note: Applicability of other certificate profile specifications, e.g. RFC 3281, ETSI QC profile is FFS.

The following certificate extensions shall be filled with the information given by the UE in the certification request:

- Intended certificate usage (i.e., using keyUsage and/or extKeyUsage extensions [WAPCert]).
- Subscriber identities (i.e., subject name field, and possible additional identities defined in the subjectAltName extension [WAPCert]). Operator CA shall authorize each suggested subscriber identity.
- Proof of key origin (i.e., keyGenAssertion). Operator CA shall verify the proof of key origin if it is presented.

Note: It is not mandatory for Operator CA to insert these suggested extensions by UE to the certificate. Rather, Operator CA shall issue certificates based on its certification policies. It may write a certification practice statement (CPS) [RFC2527], where it describes the general requirements and steps taken during the certificate issuing.

A.2.7 Service Discovery

The addresses of bootstrapping server and PKI portal may be pre-configured to the UE or UICC. The possible service discovery or over-the-air configuration mechanism are FFS.

Editor's note: For the first phase of standardisation, when bootstrapping server functionality and network application function are always located in home network, therefore pre-configuration of addresses is sufficient. In later phases, however, when UE needs to address of PKI Portal in the visited network, more flexible is needed in the solution.

A.3 Certificate issuing architecture

A.3.1 Reference model

5 Figure 5 below shows a simple network model of the entities involved in the certificate issuing, and the protocols used between the network entities.

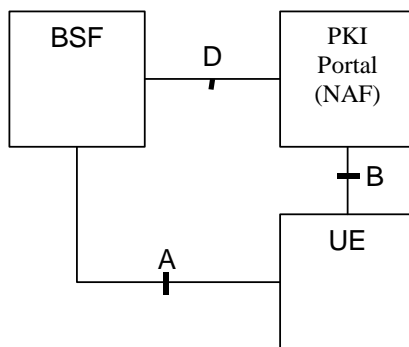


Figure 5: Simple network model for certificate issuing.

A.3.2 Network elements

A.3.2.1 PKI Portal

A PKI Portal shall issue a certificate for UE and deliver an operator CA certificate. In both cases, requests and responses are protected by shared key material that has been previously established between UE and a BSF

In PKI terms, the PKI portal is a Registration Authority (RA) who authenticates the certification request based on cellular subscription (using protocol A). PKI Portal may also function as a Certification Authority (CA) who will issue certificates. However, this task may also be done in an existing PKI infrastructure towards which the PKI Portal would function as a RA only, and the CA would be in the PKI infrastructure.

A.3.2.2 Bootstrapping Server Function

The bootstrapping server function (BSF) shall support the PKI portal by providing the authentication (c.f. section 4.2.2.1) and subscriber profile information (i.e., whether subscriber is able to enrol a certain types of subscriber certificate).

A.3.2.3 UE

The required new functionality from UE is the support of the protocol B (i.e. certification enrolment protocol) that is protected using the shared keys established during bootstrapping function.

In addition UE may have the capability to generate public and private key pairs, store the private key part to a non-volatile memory (e.g., in UICC), and protect the usage of the private key part (e.g., with a PIN).

A.3.3 Reference points

A.3.3.1 B

A.3.3.1.1 General description

In the certificate issuing, protocol B is used to for:

- The operator CA certifying subscriber's public keys in format of certificates, and
- The delivery of the Operator CA certificate to the UE.

During subscriber certificate issuing, UE may request a certification of a public key. The supported request formats shall include PKCS#10. It is used to encapsulate the public key and other attributes (i.e., subject name, intended key usage, etc.). The request is transported from the UE to the PKI Portal using protocol B. Upon receiving the certification request, PKI portal will certify the public key according to its own certification practice policies and subscriber profile which is fetched through BSF from HSS. If PKI Portal decides to certify the public key, it will digitally sign it, and generate the corresponding certificate, which is returned from PKI Portal to the UE, using protocol B.

During operator CA certificate delivery, the UE may request the PKI Portal to deliver operator CA's certificate. In the corresponding response, the PKI Portal will deliver the CA's certificate to the UE. Since the operator's CA certificate is typically a self-signed certificate and the validation of certificates signed by this CA is based on this particular CA certificate, it needs to be delivered over authenticated and secured channel.

Authentication, integrity protection, and possibly encryption of the protocol B messages are based on the BSF generated shared secret.

A.3.3.1.2 Functionality and protocols

Editor's note: From five alternatives investigated in S3-030073 and S3-030036, only the following two have been agreed to add to the present document as potential solutions.

A.3.3.1.2.1 PKCS#10 with HTTP Digest Authentication

HTTP Digest Authentication scheme [RFC2617] may be done with BSF shared key material the following way.

- UE makes a blank HTTP request to the NAF
- NAF returns a HTTP response with "WWW-Authenticate" header indicating that HTTP Digest Authentication is needed. Quality of protection (qop) attribute is set to "auth-int" meaning that the content in following HTTP requests and responses are integrity protected.
- UE calculates the correct response to the "WWW-Authenticate" header using the *identifier* (base64 encoded) as the username and the session key K (base64 encoded) as the password. The session key K is has been previously derived from the key material Ks that resulted from running protocol A. HTTP Digest Authentication parameters are returned in the "Authorization" header of HTTP Response.
- NAF validates the "Authorization" header and upon successful validation, performs the requested task. In the corresponding HTTP response, NAF calculates the relevant values for "Authentication-Info" header, which is used to authenticate and integrity protect the NAF response.
- UE validates the "Authentication-Info" header and upon successful validation, accepts the payload in the HTTP response.

A PKCS#10 [PKCS10] based certification request is sent to the CA NAF using a HTTP POST request, which MUST be authenticated and integrity protected by HTTP Digest Authentication.

Certificate is delivered using the HTTP response, which MAY be authenticated and integrity protected by HTTP Digest Authentication. The content-type of the HTTP response is either "application/x-x509-user-cert" or "application/vnd.wap.cert-response" as specified in [WPKI].

The UE requests a CA certificate delivery by sending a plain HTTP GET request with specific parameters in the request URI . The request MAY be authenticated and integrity protected by HTTP Digest Authentication.

CA certificate is delivered using the HTTP response, which MUST be authenticated and integrity protected by HTTP Digest Authentication. The content-type of the HTTP response would be “application/x-x509-ca-cert”. Note that the user should always be notified when a new CA certificate is taken into use.

A.3.3.1.2.2 Certificate Management Protocols (CMP)

Certificate Management Protocols (CMP) [RFC2510] describes a set of messages that can be used between different PKI components, e.g., between the CA and the end entity as well as between two CAs. The messages used in the specification have the following general message structure called PKIMessage. PKIMessage contains four fields: PKIHeader, PKIBody, optional PKIProtection, and optional certificate list. The PKIHeader contains information, which is common to many PKI messages. The PKIBody contains the message-specific information. The PKIProtection, when used, contains bits that protect the PKI message. The certificate list can contain certificates that may be useful to the recipient. [RFC2510]

In CMP, authentication is achieved by the PKI issuing the end entity with a secret value (initial authentication key) and reference value (used to identify the transaction) via some out-of-band means. The initial authentication key can then be used to protect relevant PKI messages (see chapters 2.2.1.2. and 3.1.3 of [RFC2510] for details). Also a replay prevention mechanism is specified.

The supported certificate request formats are PKCS#10 [PKCS10] and CRMF [RFC 2511]. The certificate request is inserted in the PKIBody field of the PKIMessage. The response to the certificate request is a CertRespMessage that is inserted in the PKIBody field of the PKIMessage. The CertRespMessage contains the status of the response, and if certificate request was approved the certificate itself. CMP supports also a certification procedure where the key generation happens in the CA rather than in the UE. However, CMP states that this procedure is only optionally implemented by CAs. See more details in [RFC2510].

CMP defines data structures, which can support mechanism where the CA is able to publish its current public key using self-signed certificates that are distributed via some “out-of-band” means. Alternatively the self-signed CA certificate can be published on a directory server and a hash of the certificate can be distributed via some out-of-band means. The idea is that anyone who has securely received a hash value can verify the authenticity of the CA certificate. The structure of such a self-signed out-of-band certificate or hash is specified in the RFC. However, the way how the CA publishes the self-signed certificate and/or securely delivers the hash value is considered out-of-scope for CMP (see chapter 3.2.5 of [RFC2510]).

A.4 Certificate issuing procedures

A.4.1 Certificate issuing

Editor's note: From five alternatives investigated in S3-030073 and S3-030036, only the following two have been agreed to add to the present document as potential solutions.

A.4.1.1 Certificate issuing using PKCS#10 with HTTP Digest Authentication

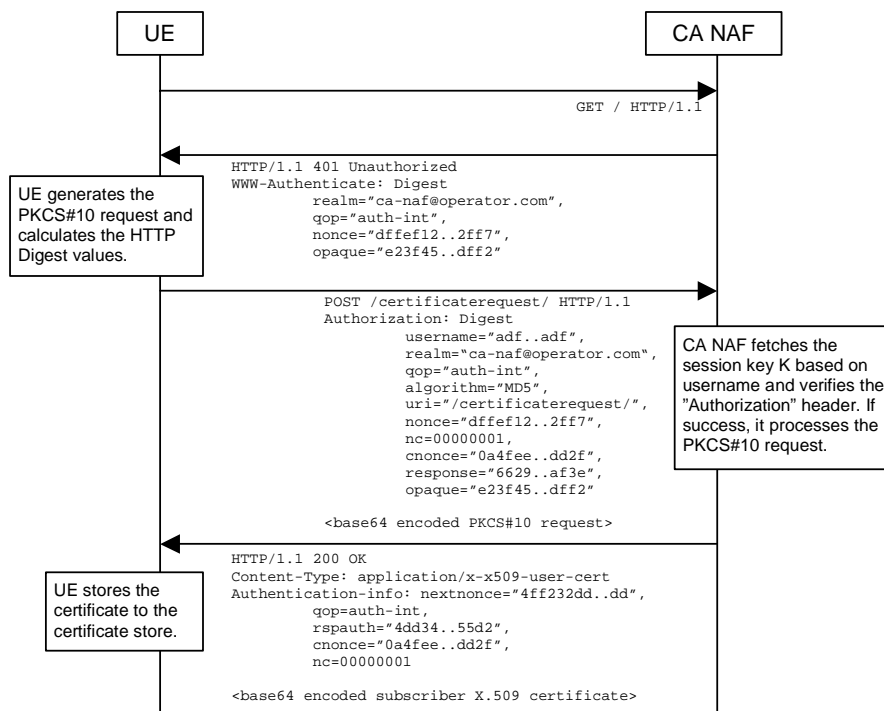


Figure 6: Certificate request using PKCS#10 with HTTP Digest Authentication.

The sequence diagram above describes the certificate request when using PKCS#10 with HTTP Digest. The sequence starts with an empty HTTP request to CA NAF. The CA NAF responds with HTTP response code 401 “Unauthorized” which contains a WWW-Authenticate header. The header instructs the UE to use HTTP Digest authentication.

The UE generates a PKCS#10 request with the subject name, public key, additional attributes and extensions. Then it will generate the HTTP request by calculating the Authorization header values using the identifier it received from the BSF as username and the session key K.

When CA NAF receives the request, it will verify the Authorization header by fetching the session key K from the bootstrapping server using the identifier, then calculating the corresponding digest values using K, and finally comparing the calculated values with the received values in the Authorization header. If the verification succeeds, the incoming PKCS#10 request is taken in for further processing. If the CA NAF is actually a registration authority (RA NAF), the PKCS#10 request is forwarded to CA using any protocol available (e.g., CMC or CMP). After the PKCS#10 request has been processed and a certificate has been created, the new certificate is returned to the CA NAF. It will generate a HTTP response containing the certificate. The CA NAF may use session key K to integrity protect and authenticate the response.

When UE receives the subscriber certificate, it is stored to local certificate management system.

NOTE: On board key generation is already defined in the WIM specification [WIM] issued by Open Mobile Alliance (OMA) group.”

A.4.1.2 Certificate issuing with CMP

CMP defines two methods to do the certificate issuing: basic authenticated scheme and centralized scheme. In the basic authenticated scheme the key generation happens in the UE while in the centralized scheme the key generation is done in the CA (or RA). CMP states that the support for the basic authenticated scheme for certificate issuing is mandatory for CAs while the support for the centralized scheme is optional. See more details in chapters 2.2 and B8 of [RFC2510].

The messages can be transported using various methods such as file based protocol, (such files can be used to transport PKI messages e.g. using FTP, HTTP, email etc.), direct TCP-based management protocol, management protocol via e-mail, and management protocol via HTTP mentioned in section 5 of [RFC2510].

A.4.1.2.1 Basic authenticated scheme

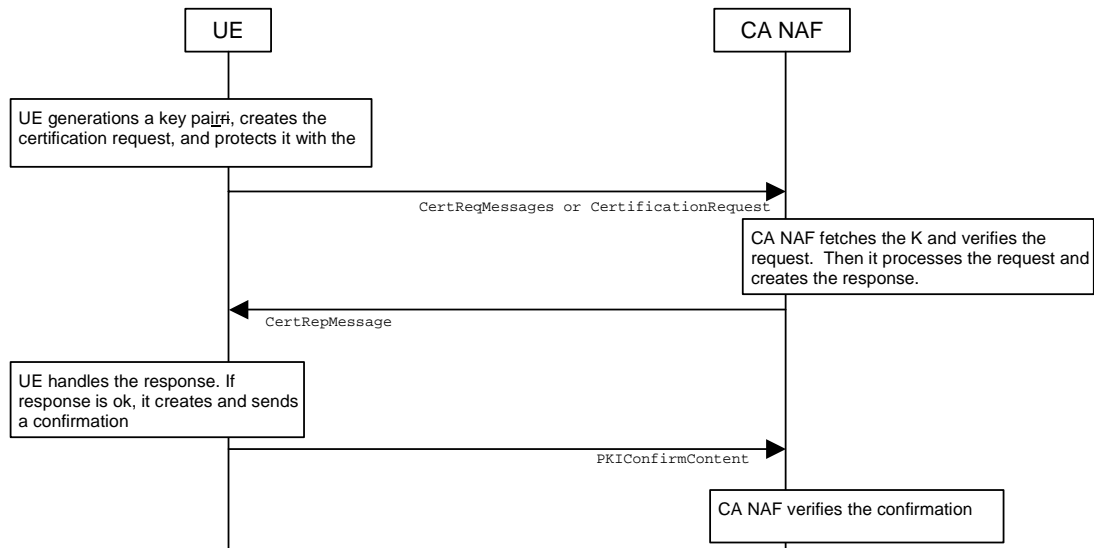


Figure 7: Certificate request using basic authentication scheme of CMP.

The sequence diagram above describes the certificate request and delivery procedure when using CMP and basic authenticated scheme [RFC2510]. The sequence starts with UE generating a key pair, creating the certificate request message format (CRMF) message, inserting it to CertReqMessages message, and integrity protecting this message with the initial authentication key (IAK). The session key K, which has been derived earlier using protocol A, can be used as IAK.

The certificate request message is sent to CA NAF who fetches the corresponding K based on the identifier received in the request. CA NAF verifies the request with the K. If the verification succeeds, the CA NAF processes the request, i.e. generates and signs the certificate and sends the certification response to the UE.

UE verifies the certificate response message with the K. If the message verification is successful, the issued certificate is stored to the device, and UE sends a confirmation message to the CA NAF.

CA NAF verifies the confirmation message. If the verification fails or CA NAF never receives the confirmation message, CA NAF must revoke the newly issued certificate if it has been already published.

A.4.1.2.2 Centralized scheme initiated by the UE

The centralized scheme provides a mechanism where the public/private key pair is generated outside the UE, e.g. by the CA.

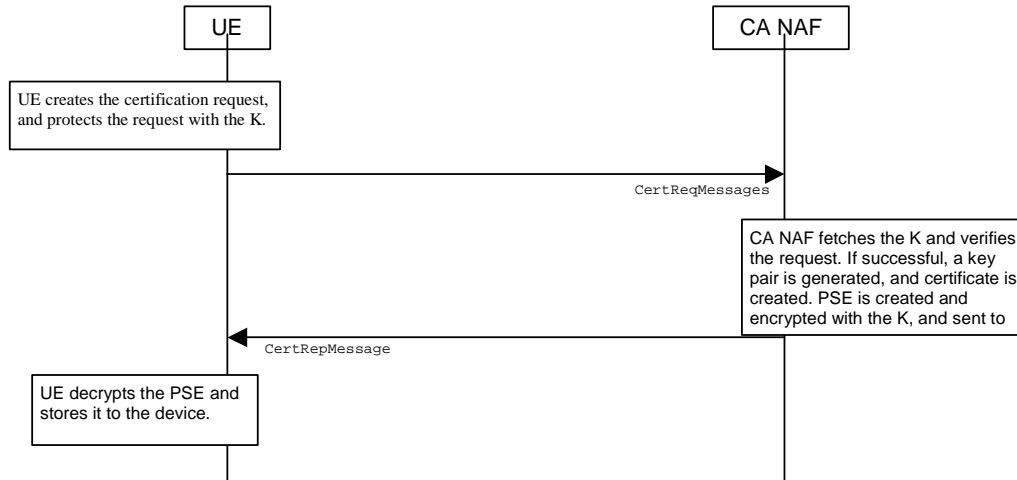


Figure 8: Certificate request using centralized scheme of CMP.

The sequence diagram above describes the delivery mechanism initiated by the UE using CMP in centralized scheme. This scheme is optional in CMP [RFC2510]. The sequence starts with the UE by creating CertReqMessages message with certain parameters, and protecting this message with initial authentication key (IAK). The session key K, which has been derived earlier using protocol A, can be used as IAK.

The certificate request message is sent to CA NAF who fetches the corresponding K based on the identifier received in the request. CA NAF verifies the request with the K. If the verification succeeds, CA NAF processes the request, i.e. generates a key pair, generates and signs the certificate, and sends the certification response containing the Personal Security Environment (PSE) encrypted to the UE. PSE typically contains the generated private key and newly issued certificate with corresponding public key.

UE verifies the certificate response message with the K. If the message verification is successful, the issued PSE is decrypted and stored to the device. A confirmation message is not sent in the centralized scheme.

A.4.2 CA Certificate delivery

A.4.2.1 CA Certificate delivery with HTTP Digest Authentication

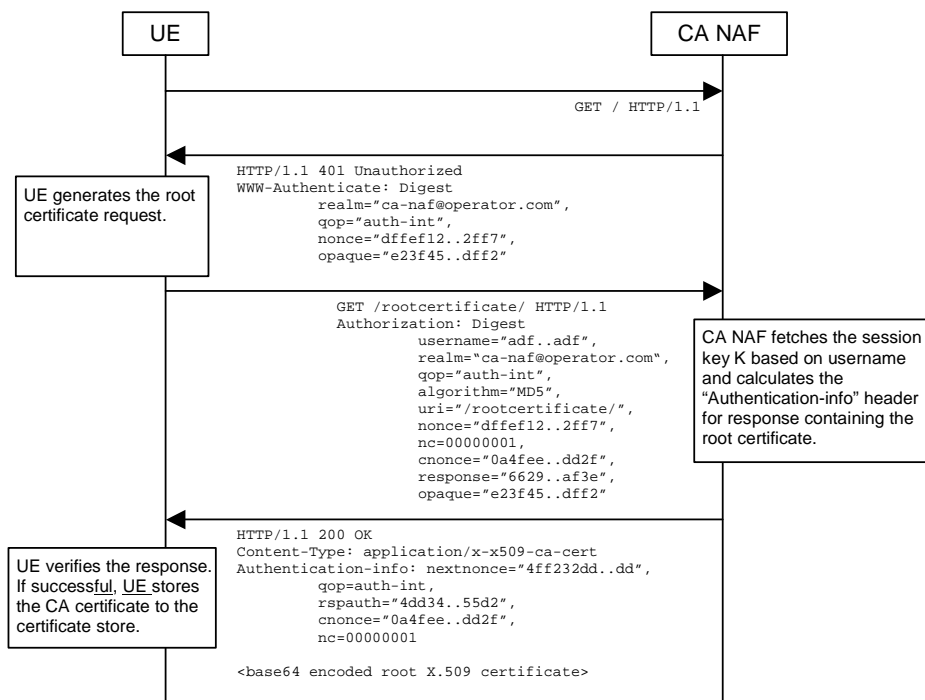


Figure 9: CA certificate delivery with HTTP Digest authentication.

The sequence diagram above describes the CA certificate delivery when using HTTP Digest authentication. The sequence starts with an empty HTTP request to CA NAF. The CA NAF responds with HTTP response code 401 “Unauthorized” which contains a WWW-Authenticate header. The header instructs the UE to use HTTP Digest for authentication.

The UE generates another empty HTTP request for requesting the CA certificate. The Authorization header values are calculated using the identifier and the session key K. The authentication of this HTTP request is not necessary, but it is done in order to follow HTTP Digest authentication specification. Also, the identifier needs to be transported to the CA, i.e. the NAF. A request of subscriber’s certificate is specified in section A.4.1.1.

When CA NAF receives the request, it may verify the Authorization header by fetching the session key K from the bootstrapping server using the identifier. CA NAF will generate a HTTP response containing the CA certificate and use the session key K to authenticate and integrity protect the HTTP response using the Authentication-info header. Essentially, the response could also be other delivery protocol in HTTP format, e.g. PKCS#7 cryptographic message with content type signedData.

When UE receives the new CA certificate, it must validate the Authentication-info header. If validation succeeds, the user is notified that a new CA certificate is taken into use. If user accepts the new CA certificate, it is stored to the local certificate management system and marked as “trusted” CA certificate.

A.4.2.2 CA Certificate delivery with CMP

CMP defines only out-of-band method for delivering CA certificates. CA certificate may be delivered as part of the certificate request, where the response could contain certificates that may be useful to the recipient. It can contain the whole certificate chain (including the CA certificate). The root CA produces a “self-certificate” and also produces a fingerprint of its public key. End entities that acquire this fingerprint securely via some out-of-band means can then verify the CA’s self-certificate and hence the other attributes contained therein.

A.5 Functionality in presence of preloaded, long-lasting key pair

Editor's notes: Based on contribution S3-030037, it was agreed to add this part into the present document for ffs.

In this alternative solution, the UE equipped with a UICC, is previously issued with a pre-loaded, long lasting, public/private key pair from the home network. This phase would occur out of band, and would result in the UE possessing a long lasting key pair stored in the UICC for the purposes of certificate request authentication. Open Mobile Alliance (OMA) group offers standardized solutions by means of WPKI specification [WPKI] and WIM specification [WIM] for the storage and the use of long-lasting key pair. USIM and WIM are examples of applications on the UICC that can deal with the long-lasting keys.

The UE can issue a request for a certificate to the CA, signing the request with the long lasting private key. The certificate request itself could contain a newly generated public key that is to be certified by the CA. This assumes that the new key pair is generated in the UICC. Or it is also possible for the CA to generate the new key pair and send it (protected) to the UICC. Access control security for the pre-loaded long-lasting private key should be at least as good as for access control for USIM.

Two options can be envisaged. Though the public/private key pair is long lasting, the validity of the subscriber certificates issued to the UE could be short-lived. In this case the long lasting public/private key pair is used for PKI applications (e.g. in mobile-commerce) in combination with the short-lived certificates. Alternatively, the long lasting public/private key pair could come with a long-term certificate. The long-term private key would then have a restricted purpose, e.g. only to be used to authenticate subscriber certificate requests. The latter would be used to obtain another, short-lived certificate on a short-lived public/private key pair. It would then be the short-lived keys that could be used for e.g. m-commerce and other 3G PKI applications.

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