            The Lightweight Online Certificate Status Protocol (OCSP) Profile
                            for High-Volume Environments

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Abstract

   This specification defines a profile of the Online Certificate Status
   Protocol (OCSP) that addresses the scalability issues inherent when
   using OCSP in large scale (high volume) Public Key Infrastructure
   (PKI) environments and/or in PKI environments that require a
   lightweight solution to minimize communication bandwidth and client-
   side processing.

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1. Introduction

   The Online Certificate Status Protocol [OCSP] specifies a mechanism
   used to determine the status of digital certificates, in lieu of
   using Certificate Revocation Lists (CRLs). Since its definition in
   1999, it has been deployed in a variety of environments and has
   proven to be a useful certificate status checking mechanism. (For
   brevity we refer to OCSP as being used to verify certificate status,
   but only the revocation status of a certificate is checked via this
   protocol.)

   To date, many OCSP deployments have been used to ensure timely and
   secure certificate status information for high-value electronic
   transactions or highly sensitive information, such as in the banking
   and financial environments. As such, the requirement for an OCSP
   responder to respond in "real time" (i.e., generating a new OCSP
   response for each OCSP request) has been important. In addition,
   these deployments have operated in environments where bandwidth usage
   is not an issue, and have run on client and server systems where
   processing power is not constrained.

   As the use of PKI continues to grow and move into diverse
   environments, so does the need for a scalable and cost-effective
   certificate status mechanism. Although OCSP as currently defined and
   deployed meets the need of small to medium-sized PKIs that operate on
   powerful systems on wired networks, there is a limit as to how these
   OCSP deployments scale from both an efficiency and cost perspective.
   Mobile environments, where network bandwidth may be at a premium and
   client-side devices are constrained from a processing point of view,
   require the careful use of OCSP to minimize bandwidth usage and
   client-side processing complexity. [OCSPMP]

   PKI continues to be deployed into environments where millions if not
   hundreds of millions of certificates have been issued. In many of
   these environments, an even larger number of users (also known as
   relying parties) have the need to ensure that the certificate they
   are relying upon has not been revoked. As such, it is important that
   OCSP is used in such a way that ensures the load on OCSP responders
   and the network infrastructure required to host those responders are
   kept to a minimum.

   This document addresses the scalability issues inherent when using
   OCSP in PKI environments described above by defining a message
   profile and clarifying OCSP client and responder behavior that will
   permit:

   1) OCSP response pre-production and distribution.
   2) Reduced OCSP message size to lower bandwidth usage.
   3) Response message caching both in the network and on the client.

   It is intended that the normative requirements defined in this
   profile will be adopted by OCSP clients and OCSP responders operating
   in very large-scale (high-volume) PKI environments or PKI
   environments that require a lightweight solution to minimize
   bandwidth and client-side processing power (or both), as described
   above. As OCSP does not have the means to signal responder
   capabilities within the protocol, clients needing to differentiate
   between OCSP responses produced by responders conformant with this
   profile and those that are not need to rely on out-of-band mechanisms
   to determine when a responder operates according to this profile and,
   as such, when the requirements of this profile apply. In the case
   where out-of-band mechanisms may not be available, this profile
   ensures that interoperability will still occur between a fully
   conformant OCSP 2560 client and a responder that is operating in a
   mode as described in this specification.

1.1. Requirements Terminology

   The key words "MUST", "MUST NOT", "REQUIRED", "SHALL", "SHALL NOT",
   "SHOULD", "SHOULD NOT", "RECOMMENDED", "MAY", and "OPTIONAL" in this
   document are to be interpreted as described in [RFC2119].

2. OCSP Message Profile

   This section defines a subset of OCSPRequest and OCSPResponse
   functionality as defined in [OCSP].

2.1. OCSP Request Profile

2.1.1. OCSPRequest Structure

   OCSPRequests conformant to this profile MUST include only one Request
   in the OCSPRequest.RequestList structure.

   Clients MUST use SHA1 as the hashing algorithm for the
   CertID.issuerNameHash and the CertID.issuerKeyHash values.

   Clients MUST NOT include the singleRequestExtensions structure.

   Clients SHOULD NOT include the requestExtensions structure. If a
   requestExtensions structure is included, this profile RECOMMENDS that
   it contain only the nonce extension (id-pkix-ocsp-nonce). See
   Section 4 for issues concerning the use of a nonce in high-volume
   OCSP environments.

2.1.2. Signed OCSPRequests

   Clients SHOULD NOT send signed OCSPRequests. Responders MAY ignore
   the signature on OCSPRequests.

   If the OCSPRequest is signed, the client SHALL specify its name in
   the OCSPRequest.requestorName field; otherwise, clients SHOULD NOT
   include the requestorName field in the OCSPRequest. OCSP servers
   MUST be prepared to receive unsigned OCSP requests that contain the
   requestorName field, but must realize that the provided value is not
   authenticated.

2.2. OCSP Response Profile

2.2.1. OCSPResponse Structure

   Responders MUST generate a BasicOCSPResponse as identified by the
   id-pkix-ocsp-basic OID. Clients MUST be able to parse and accept a
   BasicOCSPResponse. OCSPResponses conformant to this profile SHOULD
   include only one SingleResponse in the ResponseData.responses
   structure, but MAY include additional SingleResponse elements if
   necessary to improve response pre-generation performance or cache
   efficiency.

   The responder SHOULD NOT include responseExtensions. As specified in
   [OCSP], clients MUST ignore unrecognized non-critical
   responseExtensions in the response.

   In the case where a responder does not have the ability to respond to
   an OCSP request containing a option not supported by the server, it
   SHOULD return the most complete response it can. For example, in the
   case where a responder only supports pre-produced responses and does
   not have the ability to respond to an OCSP request containing a
   nonce, it SHOULD return a response that does not include a nonce.

   Clients SHOULD attempt to process a response even if the response
   does not include a nonce. See Section 4 for details on validating
   responses that do not contain a nonce. See also Section 7 for
   relevant security considerations.

   Responders that do not have the ability to respond to OCSP requests
   that contain an unsupported option such as a nonce MAY forward the
   request to an OCSP responder capable of doing so.

   The responder MAY include the singleResponse.singleResponse
   extensions structure.

2.2.2. Signed OCSPResponses

   Clients MUST validate the signature on the returned OCSPResponse.

   If the response is signed by a delegate of the issuing certification
   authority (CA), a valid responder certificate MUST be referenced in
   the BasicOCSPResponse.certs structure.

   It is RECOMMENDED that the OCSP responder's certificate contain the
   id-pkix-ocsp-nocheck extension, as defined in [OCSP], to indicate to
   the client that it need not check the certificate's status. In
   addition, it is RECOMMENDED that neither an OCSP authorityInfoAccess
   (AIA) extension nor cRLDistributionPoints (CRLDP) extension be
   included in the OCSP responder's certificate. Accordingly, the
   responder's signing certificate SHOULD be relatively short-lived and
   renewed regularly.

   Clients MUST be able to identify OCSP responder certificates using
   both the byName and byKey ResponseData.ResponderID choices.
   Responders SHOULD use byKey to further reduce the size of the
   response in scenarios where reducing bandwidth is an issue.

2.2.3. OCSPResponseStatus Values

   As long as the OCSP infrastructure has authoritative records for a
   particular certificate, an OCSPResponseStatus of "successful" will be
   returned. When access to authoritative records for a particular
   certificate is not available, the responder MUST return an
   OCSPResponseStatus of "unauthorized". As such, this profile extends
   the RFC 2560 [OCSP] definition of "unauthorized" as follows:

      The response "unauthorized" is returned in cases where the client
      is not authorized to make this query to this server or the server
      is not capable of responding authoritatively.

   For example, OCSP responders that do not have access to authoritative
   records for a requested certificate, such as those that generate and
   distribute OCSP responses in advance and thus do not have the ability
   to properly respond with a signed "successful" yet "unknown"
   response, will respond with an OCSPResponseStatus of "unauthorized".
   Also, in order to ensure the database of revocation information does
   not grow unbounded over time, the responder MAY remove the status
   records of expired certificates. Requests from clients for
   certificates whose record has been removed will result in an
   OCSPResponseStatus of "unauthorized".

   Security considerations regarding the use of unsigned responses are
   discussed in [OCSP].

2.2.4. thisUpdate, nextUpdate, and producedAt

   When pre-producing OCSPResponse messages, the responder MUST set the
   thisUpdate, nextUpdate, and producedAt times as follows:

   thisUpdate   The time at which the status being indicated is known
                 to be correct.

   nextUpdate   The time at or before which newer information will be
                 available about the status of the certificate.
                 Responders MUST always include this value to aid in
                 response caching. See Section 6 for additional
                 information on caching.

   producedAt   The time at which the OCSP response was signed.

   Note: In many cases the value of thisUpdate and producedAt will be
   the same.

   For the purposes of this profile, ASN.1-encoded GeneralizedTime
   values such as thisUpdate, nextUpdate, and producedAt MUST be
   expressed Greenwich Mean Time (Zulu) and MUST include seconds (i.e.,
   times are YYYYMMDDHHMMSSZ), even where the number of seconds is zero.
   GeneralizedTime values MUST NOT include fractional seconds.

3. Client Behavior

3.1. OCSP Responder Discovery

   Clients MUST support the authorityInfoAccess extension as defined in
   [PKIX] and MUST recognize the id-ad-ocsp access method. This enables
   CAs to inform clients how they can contact the OCSP service.

   In the case where a client is checking the status of a certificate
   that contains both an authorityInformationAccess (AIA) extension
   pointing to an OCSP responder and a cRLDistributionPoints extension
   pointing to a CRL, the client SHOULD attempt to contact the OCSP
   responder first. Clients MAY attempt to retrieve the CRL if no
   OCSPResponse is received from the responder after a locally
   configured timeout and number of retries.

3.2. Sending an OCSP Request

   To avoid needless network traffic, applications MUST verify the
   signature of signed data before asking an OCSP client to check the
   status of certificates used to verify the data. If the signature is
   invalid or the application is not able to verify it, an OCSP check
   MUST NOT be requested.

Similarly, an application MUST validate the signature on certificates
in a chain, before asking an OCSP client to check the status of the
certificate. If the certificate signature is invalid or the
application is not able to verify it, an OCSP check MUST NOT be
requested. Clients SHOULD NOT make a request to check the status of
expired certificates.

4. Ensuring an OCSPResponse Is Fresh

   In order to ensure that a client does not accept an out-of-date
   response that indicates a 'good' status when in fact there is a more
   up-to-date response that specifies the status of 'revoked', a client
   must ensure the responses they receive are fresh.

   In general, two mechanisms are available to clients to ensure a
   response is fresh. The first uses nonces, and the second is based on
   time. In order for time-based mechanisms to work, both clients and
   responders MUST have access to an accurate source of time.

   Because this profile specifies that clients SHOULD NOT include a
   requestExtensions structure in OCSPRequests (see Section 2.1),
   clients MUST be able to determine OCSPResponse freshness based on an
   accurate source of time. Clients that opt to include a nonce in the
   request SHOULD NOT reject a corresponding OCSPResponse solely on the
   basis of the nonexistent expected nonce, but MUST fall back to
   validating the OCSPResponse based on time.

   Clients that do not include a nonce in the request MUST ignore any
   nonce that may be present in the response.

   Clients MUST check for the existence of the nextUpdate field and MUST
   ensure the current time, expressed in GMT time as described in
   Section 2.2.4, falls between the thisUpdate and nextUpdate times. If
   the nextUpdate field is absent, the client MUST reject the response.

   If the nextUpdate field is present, the client MUST ensure that it is
   not earlier than the current time. If the current time on the client
   is later than the time specified in the nextUpdate field, the client
   MUST reject the response as stale. Clients MAY allow configuration
   of a small tolerance period for acceptance of responses after
   nextUpdate to handle minor clock differences relative to responders
   and caches. This tolerance period should be chosen based on the
   accuracy and precision of time synchronization technology available
   to the calling application environment. For example, Internet peers
   with low latency connections typically expect NTP time
   synchronization to keep them accurate within parts of a second;
   higher latency environments or where an NTP analogue is not available
   may have to be more liberal in their tolerance.

See the security considerations in Section 7 for additional details
on replay and man-in-the-middle attacks.

5. Transport Profile

The OCSP responder MUST support requests and responses over HTTP.
When sending requests that are less than or equal to 255 bytes in
total (after encoding) including the scheme and delimiters (http://),
server name and base64-encoded OCSPRequest structure, clients MUST
use the GET method (to enable OCSP response caching). OCSP requests
larger than 255 bytes SHOULD be submitted using the POST method. In
all cases, clients MUST follow the descriptions in A.1.1 of [OCSP]
when constructing these messages.

When constructing a GET message, OCSP clients MUST base64 encode the
OCSPRequest structure and append it to the URI specified in the AIA
extension [PKIX]. Clients MUST NOT include CR or LF characters in
the base64-encoded string. Clients MUST properly URL-encode the
base64 encoded OCSPRequest. For example:

    http://ocsp.example.com/MEowSDBGMEQwQjAKBggqhkiG9w0CBQQQ7sp6GTKpL
    2dAdeGaW267owQQqInESWQD0mGeBArSgv%2FBWQIQLJx%2Fg9xF8oySYzol80Mbpg
    %3D%3D

In response to properly formatted OCSPRequests that are cachable
(i.e., responses that contain a nextUpdate value), the responder will
include the binary value of the DER encoding of the OCSPResponse
preceded by the following HTTP [HTTP] headers.

    content-type: application/ocsp-response
    content-length: <OCSP response length>
    last-modified: <producedAt [HTTP] date>
    ETag: "<strong validator>"
    expires: <nextUpdate [HTTP] date>
    cache-control: max-age=<n>, public, no-transform, must-revalidate
    date: <current [HTTP] date>

See Section 6.2 for details on the use of these headers.

6. Caching Recommendations

The ability to cache OCSP responses throughout the network is an
important factor in high volume OCSP deployments. This section
discusses the recommended caching behavior of OCSP clients and HTTP
proxies and the steps that should be taken to minimize the number of
times that OCSP clients "hit the wire". In addition, the concept of
including OCSP responses in protocol exchanges (aka stapling or
piggybacking), such as has been defined in TLS, is also discussed.

6.1. Caching at the Client

   To minimize bandwidth usage, clients MUST locally cache authoritative
   OCSP responses (i.e., a response with a signature that has been
   successfully validated and that indicate an OCSPResponseStatus of
   'successful').

   Most OCSP clients will send OCSPRequests at or near the nextUpdate
   time (when a cached response expires). To avoid large spikes in
   responder load that might occur when many clients refresh cached
   responses for a popular certificate, responders MAY indicate when the
   client should fetch an updated OCSP response by using the cache-
   control:max-age directive. Clients SHOULD fetch the updated OCSP
   Response on or after the max-age time. To ensure that clients
   receive an updated OCSP response, OCSP responders MUST refresh the
   OCSP response before the max-age time.

6.2. HTTP Proxies

   The responder SHOULD set the HTTP headers of the OCSP response in
   such a way as to allow for the intelligent use of intermediate HTTP
   proxy servers. See [HTTP] for the full definition of these headers
   and the proper format of any date and time values.

   HTTP Header   Description
   ===========   ==
   date   The date and time at which the OCSP server generated
                     the HTTP response.

   last-modified   This value specifies the date and time at which the
                     OCSP responder last modified the response. This date
                     and time will be the same as the thisUpdate timestamp
                     in the request itself.

   expires   Specifies how long the response is considered fresh.
                     This date and time will be the same as the nextUpdate
                     timestamp in the OCSP response itself.

   ETag   A string that identifies a particular version of the
                     associated data. This profile RECOMMENDS that the
                     ETag value be the ASCII HEX representation of the
                     SHA1 hash of the OCSPResponse structure.

   cache-control   Contains a number of caching directives.

               * max-age=<n>   -where n is a time value later than
                                    thisUpdate but earlier than
                                    nextUpdate.

                   * public   -makes normally uncachable response
                                        cachable by both shared and nonshared
                                        caches.

                   * no-transform   -specifies that a proxy cache cannot
                                        change the type, length, or encoding
                                        of the object content.

                   * must-revalidate -prevents caches from intentionally
                                        returning stale responses.

    OCSP responders MUST NOT include a "Pragma: no-cache", "Cache-
    Control: no-cache", or "Cache-Control: no-store" header in
    authoritative OCSP responses.

    OCSP responders SHOULD include one or more of these headers in non-
    authoritative OCSP responses.

    For example, assume that an OCSP response has the following timestamp
    values:

       thisUpdate = May 1, 2005 01:00:00 GMT
       nextUpdate = May 3, 2005 01:00:00 GMT
       productedAt = May 1, 2005 01:00:00 GMT

    and that an OCSP client requests the response on May 2, 2005 01:00:00
    GMT. In this scenario, the HTTP response may look like this:

       content-type: application/ocsp-response
       content-length: 1000
       date: Fri, 02 May 2005 01:00:00 GMT
       last-modified: Thu, 01 May 2005 01:00:00 GMT
       ETag: "c66c0341abd7b9346321d5470fd0ec7cc4dae713"
       expires: Sat, 03 May 2005 01:00:00 GMT
       cache-control: max-age=86000,public,no-transform,must-revalidate
       <...>

    OCSP clients MUST NOT include a no-cache header in OCSP request
    messages, unless the client encounters an expired response which may
    be a result of an intermediate proxy caching stale data. In this
    situation, clients SHOULD resend the request specifying that proxies
    should be bypassed by including an appropriate HTTP header in the
    request (i.e., Pragma: no-cache or Cache-Control: no-cache).

6.3. Caching at Servers

   In some scenarios, it is advantageous to include OCSP response
   information within the protocol being utilized between the client and
   server. Including OCSP responses in this manner has a few attractive
   effects.

   First, it allows for the caching of OCSP responses on the server,
   thus lowering the number of hits to the OCSP responder.

   Second, it enables certificate validation in the event the client is
   not connected to a network and thus eliminates the need for clients
   to establish a new HTTP session with the responder.

   Third, it reduces the number of round trips the client needs to make
   in order to complete a handshake.

   Fourth, it simplifies the client-side OCSP implementation by enabling
   a situation where the client need only the ability to parse and
   recognize OCSP responses.

   This functionality has been specified as an extension to the TLS
   [TLS] protocol in Section 3.6 [TLSEXT], but can be applied to any
   client-server protocol.

   This profile RECOMMENDS that both TLS clients and servers implement
   the certificate status request extension mechanism for TLS.

   Further information regarding caching issues can be obtained from RFC
   3143 [RFC3143].

7. Security Considerations

   The following considerations apply in addition to the security
   considerations addressed in Section 5 of [OCSP].

7.1. Replay Attacks

   Because the use of nonces in this profile is optional, there is a
   possibility that an out of date OCSP response could be replayed, thus
   causing a client to accept a good response when in fact there is a
   more up-to-date response that specifies the status of revoked. In
   order to mitigate this attack, clients MUST have access to an
   accurate source of time and ensure that the OCSP responses they
   receive are sufficiently fresh.

Clients that do not have an accurate source of date and time are
vulnerable to service disruption. For example, a client with a
sufficiently fast clock may reject a fresh OCSP response. Similarly
a client with a sufficiently slow clock may incorrectly accept
expired valid responses for certificates that may in fact be revoked.

Future versions of the OCSP protocol may provide a way for the client
to know whether the server supports nonces or does not support
nonces. If a client can determine that the server supports nonces,
it MUST reject a reply that does not contain an expected nonce.
Otherwise, clients that opt to include a nonce in the request SHOULD
NOT reject a corresponding OCSPResponse solely on the basis of the
nonexistent expected nonce, but MUST fall back to validating the
OCSPResponse based on time.

7.2. Man-in-the-Middle Attacks

   To mitigate risk associated with this class of attack, the client
   must properly validate the signature on the response.

   The use of signed responses in OCSP serves to authenticate the
   identity of the OCSP responder and to verify that it is authorized to
   sign responses on the CA's behalf.

   Clients MUST ensure that they are communicating with an authorized
   responder by the rules described in [OCSP], Section 4.2.2.2.

7.3. Impersonation Attacks

   The use of signed responses in OCSP serves to authenticate the
   identity of OCSP responder.

   As detailed in [OCSP], clients must properly validate the signature
   of the OCSP response and the signature on the OCSP response signer
   certificate to ensure an authorized responder created it.

7.4. Denial-of-Service Attacks

   OCSP responders should take measures to prevent or mitigate denial-
   of-service attacks. As this profile specifies the use of unsigned
   OCSPRequests, access to the responder may be implicitly given to
   everyone who can send a request to a responder, and thus the ability
   to mount a denial-of-service attack via a flood of requests may be
   greater. For example, a responder could limit the rate of incoming
   requests from a particular IP address if questionable behavior is
   detected.

7.5. Modification of HTTP Headers

   Values included in HTTP headers, as described in Sections 5 and 6,
   are not cryptographically protected; they may be manipulated by an
   attacker. Clients SHOULD use these values for caching guidance only
   and ultimately SHOULD rely only on the values present in the signed
   OCSPResponse. Clients SHOULD NOT rely on cached responses beyond the
   nextUpdate time.

7.6. Request Authentication and Authorization

   The suggested use of unsigned requests in this environment removes an
   option that allows the responder to determine the authenticity of
   incoming request. Thus, access to the responder may be implicitly
   given to everyone who can send a request to a responder.
   Environments where explicit authorization to access the OCSP
   responder is necessary can utilize other mechanisms to authenticate
   requestors or restrict or meter service.

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Appendix A. Example OCSP Messages

A.1. OCSP Request

```
    SEQUENCE {
       SEQUENCE {
          SEQUENCE {
             SEQUENCE {
                SEQUENCE {
                   SEQUENCE {
                      OBJECT IDENTIFIER sha1 (1 3 14 3 2 26)
                      NULL
                      }
                   OCTET STRING
                      C0 FE 02 78 FC 99 18 88 91 B3 F2 12 E9 C7 E1 B2
                      1A B7 BF C0
                   OCTET STRING
                      0D FC 1D F0 A9 E0 F0 1C E7 F2 B2 13 17 7E 6F 8D
                      15 7C D4 F6
                   INTEGER
                      09 34 23 72 E2 3A EF 46 7C 83 2D 07 F8 DC 22 BA
                   }
                }
             }
          }
       }
```

A.2. OCSP Response

```
    SEQUENCE {
       ENUMERATED 0
       [0] {
          SEQUENCE {
             OBJECT IDENTIFIER ocspBasic (1 3 6 1 5 5 7 48 1 1)
             OCTET STRING, encapsulates {
                SEQUENCE {
                   SEQUENCE {
                      [0] {
                         INTEGER 0
                         }
                      [1] {
                         SEQUENCE {
                            SET {
                               SEQUENCE {
                                  OBJECT IDENTIFIER organizationName (2 5 4 10)
                                  PrintableString 'Example Trust Network'
                                  }
                               }
```

```
                    SET {
                      SEQUENCE {
                        OBJECT IDENTIFIER
                          organizationalUnitName (2 5 4 11)
                        PrintableString 'Example, Inc.'
                        }
                      }
                    SET {
                      SEQUENCE {
                        OBJECT IDENTIFIER
                          organizationalUnitName (2 5 4 11)
                        PrintableString
                      'Example OCSP Responder'
                        }
                      }
                    }
                  }
                GeneralizedTime 07/11/2005 23:52:44 GMT
                SEQUENCE {
                  SEQUENCE {
                    SEQUENCE {
                      SEQUENCE {
                        OBJECT IDENTIFIER sha1 (1 3 14 3 2 26)
                        NULL
                        }
                      OCTET STRING
                      C0 FE 02 78 FC 99 18 88 91 B3 F2 12 E9 C7 E1 B2
                      1A B7 BF C0
                      OCTET STRING
                      0D FC 1D F0 A9 E0 F0 1C E7 F2 B2 13 17 7E 6F 8D
                      15 7C D4 F6
                      INTEGER
                      09 34 23 72 E2 3A EF 46 7C 83 2D 07 F8 DC 22 BA
                      }
                    [0]
                      Error: Object has zero length.
                      GeneralizedTime 07/11/2005 23:52:44 GMT
                    [0] {
                      GeneralizedTime 14/11/2005 23:52:44 GMT
                      }
                    }
                  }
                }
              SEQUENCE {
                OBJECT IDENTIFIER
                  sha1withRSAEncryption (1 2 840 113549 1 1 5)
                NULL
                }
```

```
                    BIT STRING
                      0E 9F F0 52 B1 A7 42 B8 6E C1 35 E1 0E D5 A9 E2
                      F5 C5 3C 16 B1 A3 A7 A2 03 8A 2B 4D 2C F1 B4 98
                      8E 19 DB BA 1E 1E 72 FF 32 F4 44 E0 B2 77 1C D7
                      3C 9E 78 F3 D1 82 68 86 63 12 7F A4 6F F0 4D 84
                      EA F8 E2 F7 5D E3 48 44 57 28 80 C7 57 3C FE E1
                      42 0E 5E 17 FC 60 D8 05 D9 EF E2 53 E7 AB 7F 3A
                      A8 84 AA 5E 46 5B E7 B8 1F C6 B1 35 AD FF D1 CC
                      BA 58 7D E8 29 60 79 F7 41 02 EA E0 82 0E A6 30
                    [0] {
                      SEQUENCE {
                        SEQUENCE {
                          SEQUENCE {
                            [0] {
                              INTEGER 2
                              }
                            INTEGER
                            49 4A 02 37 1B 1E 70 67 41 6C 9F 06 2F D8 FE DA
                            SEQUENCE {
                              OBJECT IDENTIFIER
                                sha1withRSAEncryption (1 2 840 113549 1 1 5)
                              NULL
                              }
                            SEQUENCE {
                              SET {
                                SEQUENCE {
                                  OBJECT IDENTIFIER
                                    organizationName (2 5 4 10)
                                  PrintableString 'Example Trust Network'
                                  }
                                }
                              SET {
                                SEQUENCE {
                                  OBJECT IDENTIFIER
                                    organizationalUnitName (2 5 4 11)
                                  PrintableString 'Example, Inc.'
                                  }
                                }
                              SET {
                                SEQUENCE {
                                  OBJECT IDENTIFIER
                                    organizationalUnitName (2 5 4 11)
                                  PrintableString
                                    'Example CA'
                                  }
                                }
                              }
                            SEQUENCE {
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                        UTCTime 08/10/2005 00:00:00 GMT
                        UTCTime 06/01/2006 23:59:59 GMT
                        }
                      SEQUENCE {
                        SET {
                          SEQUENCE {
                            OBJECT IDENTIFIER
                              organizationName (2 5 4 10)
                            PrintableString 'Example Trust Network'
                            }
                          }
                        SET {
                          SEQUENCE {
                            OBJECT IDENTIFIER
                              organizationalUnitName (2 5 4 11)
                            PrintableString 'Example, Inc.'
                            }
                          }
                        SET {
                          SEQUENCE {
                            OBJECT IDENTIFIER
                              organizationalUnitName (2 5 4 11)
                            PrintableString
                              'Example OCSP Responder'
                            }
                          }
                        }
                      SEQUENCE {
                        SEQUENCE {
                          OBJECT IDENTIFIER
                            rsaEncryption (1 2 840 113549 1 1 1)
                          NULL
                          }
                        BIT STRING, encapsulates {
                          SEQUENCE {
                            INTEGER
                  00 AF C9 7A F5 09 CA D1 08 8C 82 6D AC D9 63 4D
                  D2 64 17 79 CB 1E 1C 1C 0C 6E 28 56 B5 16 4A 4A
                  00 1A C1 B0 74 D7 B4 55 9D 2A 99 1F 0E 4A E3 5F
                  81 AF 8D 07 23 C3 30 28 61 3F B0 C8 1D 4E A8 9C
                  A6 32 B4 D2 63 EC F7 C1 55 7A 73 2A 51 99 00 D5
                  0F B2 4E 11 5B 83 55 83 4C 0E DD 12 0C BD 7E 41
                  04 3F 5F D9 2A 65 88 3C 2A BA 20 76 1D 1F 59 3E
                  D1 85 F7 4B E2 81 50 9C 78 96 1B 37 73 12 1A D2
                            [ Another 1 bytes skipped ]
                            INTEGER 65537
                            }
                          }
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                    }
                 [3] {
                   SEQUENCE {
                     SEQUENCE {
                       OBJECT IDENTIFIER
                         basicConstraints (2 5 29 19)
                       OCTET STRING, encapsulates {
                         SEQUENCE {}
                         }
                       }
                     SEQUENCE {
                       OBJECT IDENTIFIER extKeyUsage (2 5 29 37)
                       OCTET STRING, encapsulates {
                         SEQUENCE {
                           OBJECT IDENTIFIER
                             ocspSigning (1 3 6 1 5 5 7 3 9)
                           }
                         }
                       }
                     SEQUENCE {
                       OBJECT IDENTIFIER keyUsage (2 5 29 15)
                       OCTET STRING, encapsulates {
                         BIT STRING 7 unused bits
                           '1'B (bit 0)
                         }
                       }
                     SEQUENCE {
                       OBJECT IDENTIFIER
                         ocspNoCheck (1 3 6 1 5 5 7 48 1 5)
                       OCTET STRING, encapsulates {
                         NULL
                         }
                       }
                     }
                   }
                 }
               SEQUENCE {
                 OBJECT IDENTIFIER
                   sha1withRSAEncryption (1 2 840 113549 1 1 5)
                 NULL
                 }
               BIT STRING
                 3A 68 5F 6A F8 87 36 4A E2 22 46 5C C8 F5 0E CE
                 1A FA F2 25 E1 51 AB 37 BE D4 10 C8 15 93 39 73
                 C8 59 0F F0 39 67 29 C2 60 20 F7 3F FE A0 37 AB
                 80 0B F9 3D 38 D4 48 67 E4 FA FD 4E 12 BF 55 29
                 14 E9 CC CB DD 13 82 E9 C4 4D D3 85 33 C1 35 E5
                 8F 38 01 A7 F7 FD EB CD DE F2 F7 85 86 AE E3 1B
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                        9C FD 1D 07 E5 28 F2 A0 5E AC BF 9E 0B 34 A1 B4
                        3A A9 0E C5 8A 34 3F 65 D3 10 63 A4 5E 21 71 5A
                    }
                }
            }
        }
    }
}
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