The application/cms Media Type

Abstract

This document registers the application/cms media type for use with the corresponding CMS (Cryptographic Message Syntax) content types.

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1. Introduction

[RFC5751] registered the application/pkc7-mime media type. That
document defined five optional smime-type parameters. The smime-type
parameter originally conveyed details about the security applied to
the data content type, indicating whether it was signed or enveloped,
as well as the name of the data content; it was later expanded to
indicate whether the data content is compressed and whether the data
content contained a certs-only message. This document does not
affect those registrations as this document places no requirements on
S/MIME (Secure Multipurpose Internet Mail Extensions) agents.

The registration done by the S/MIME documents was done assuming that
there would be a MIME (Multipurpose Internet Mail Extensions)
wrapping layer around each of the different enveloping contents;
thus, there was no need to include more than one item in each smime-
type. This is no longer the case with some of the more advanced
enveloping types. Some protocols such as the CMC (Certificate
Management over Cryptographic Message Syntax) [RFC5273] have defined
additional S/MIME types. New protocols that intend to wrap MIME
content should continue to define a smime-type string; however, new
protocols that intend to wrap non-MIME types should use this
mechanism instead.

CMS (Cryptographic Message Syntax) [RFC5652] associates a content
type identifier (OID) with specific content; CMS content types have
been widely used to define contents that can be enveloped using other
CMS content types and to define enveloping content types some of
which provide security services. CMS protecting content types, those
that provide security services, include: Signed-Data [RFC5652],
Enveloped-Data [RFC5652], Digested-Data [RFC5652], Encrypted-Data
[RFC5652], Authenticated-Data [RFC5652], Authenticated-Enveloped-Data
[RFC5083], and Encrypted Key Package [RFC6032]. CMS non-protecting
content types, those that provide no security services but
encapsulate other CMS content types, include: Content Information
[RFC5652], Compressed Data [RFC3274], Content Collection [RFC4073],
and Content With Attributes [RFC4073]. Then, there are the innermost
content types that include: Data [RFC5652], Asymmetric Key Package
[RFC5958], Symmetric Key Package [RFC6031], Firmware Package
[RFC4108], Firmware Package Load Receipt [RFC4108], Firmware Package
Load Error [RFC4108], Trust Anchor List [RFC5914], TAMP Status Query,
TAMP Status Response, TAMP Update, TAMP Update Confirm, TAMP Apex
Update, TAMP Apex Update Confirmation, TAMP Community Update, TAMP
Community Update Confirm, TAMP Sequence Adjust, TAMP Sequence Adjust
Confirmation, TAMP Error [RFC5934], Key Package Error, and Key
Package Receipt [RFC7191].
To support conveying CMS content types, this document defines a media type and parameters that indicate the enveloping and embedded CMS content types.

New CMS content types should be affirmative in defining the string that identifies the new content type and should additionally define if the new content type is expected to appear in the encapsulatedContent or innerContent parameter.

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. CMS Media Type Registration Applications

This section provides the media type registration application for the application/cms media type (see [RFC6838], Section 5.6).

Type name: application

Subtype name: cms

Required parameters: None.

Optional parameters:

encapsulatingContent=y; where y is one or more CMS ECT (Encapsulating Content Type) identifiers; multiple values are encapsulated in quotes and separated by a folding-whitespace, a comma, and folding-whitespace. ECT values are based on content types found in [RFC3274], [RFC4073], [RFC5083], [RFC5652], and [RFC6032]. This list can later be extended; see Section 4.

authData
compressedData
contentCollection
contentInfo
contentWithAttrs
authEnvelopedData
encryptedKeyPkg
digestData
encryptedData
envelopedData
signedData
innerContent=x; where x is one or more CMS ICT (Inner Content Type) identifiers; multiple values encapsulated in quotes and are separated by a folding-whitespace, a comma, and folding-whitespace. ICT values are based on content types found in [RFC4108], [RFC5914], [RFC5934], [RFC5958], [RFC6031], and [RFC7191]. This list can later be extended; see Section 4.

firmwarePackage
firmwareLoadReceipt
firmwareLoadError
aKeyPackage
sKeyPackage
trustAnchorList
TAMP-statusQuery
TAMP-statusResponse
TAMP-update
TAMP-updateConfirm
TAMP-apexUpdate
TAMP-apexUpdateConfirm
TAMP-communityUpdate
TAMP-communityUpdateConfirm
TAMP-seqNumAdjust
TAMP-seqNumAdjustConfirm
TAMP-error
keyPackageReceipt
keyPackageError

The optional parameters are case sensitive.

Encoding considerations:

Binary.

[ RFC5652 ] requires that the outermost encapsulation be ContentInfo.
Security considerations:

The following security considerations apply:

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<th>CMS Protecting Content Type and Algorithms</th>
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<td>digestedData, encryptedData, and</td>
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<td>[RFC7191]</td>
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In some circumstances, significant information can be leaked by disclosing what the innermost ASN.1 structure is. In these cases, it is acceptable to disclose the wrappers without disclosing the inner content type.

ASN.1 encoding rules (e.g., DER and BER) have a type-length-value structure, and it is easy to construct malicious content with invalid length fields that can cause buffer overrun conditions. ASN.1 encoding rules allows for arbitrary levels of nesting, which may make it possible to construct malicious content that will cause a stack overflow. Interpreters of ASN.1 structures should be aware of these issues and should take appropriate measures to guard against buffer overflows and stack overruns in particular and malicious content in general.

Interoperability considerations:

See [RFC3274], [RFC4073], [RFC4108], [RFC5083], [RFC5652], [RFC5914], [RFC5934], [RFC5958], [RFC6031], [RFC6032], and [RFC7191].

In all cases, CMS content types are encapsulated within ContentInfo structures [RFC5652]; that is the outermost enveloping structure is ContentInfo.

CMS [RFC5652] defines slightly different processing rules for SignedData than does PKCS #7 [RFC2315]. This media type employs the CMS processing rules.

The Content-Type header field of all application/cms objects SHOULD include the optional "encapsulatingContent" and "innerContent" parameters.

The Content-Disposition header field [RFC4021] can also be included along with Content-Type’s optional name parameter.

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Applications that use this media type:

Applications that support CMS (Cryptographic Message Syntax) content types.

Fragment identifier considerations: N/A
Additional information:

Magic number(s): None
File extension(s): .cmsc
Macintosh File Type Code(s):

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Intended usage: COMMON

Restrictions on usage: none

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3. Example

The following is an example encrypted status response message:

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MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: cms; encapsulatingContent=encryptedData;
              innerContent=TAMP-statusResponse; name=status.cmsc
Content-Transfer-Encoding: base64
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fkeXt
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4. IANA Considerations

IANA has registered the media type application/cms in the Standards tree using the applications provided in Section 2 of this document.
IANA has established two subtype registries called "CMS Encapsulating Content Types" and "CMS Inner Content Types". Entries in these registries are allocated by Expert Review [RFC5226]. The Expert will determine whether the content is an ECT or an ICT, where the rule is that an ICT does not encapsulate another content type while an ECT does encapsulate another content type.

Initial values are as follows:

### CMS Encapsulating Content Types

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5. Security Considerations

See the answer to the Security Considerations template questions in Section 2.

6. Acknowledgments

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7. References

7.1. Normative References


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