Using Resource Certificates
Progress Report on the Trial of Resource Certification

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What would be good …

To be able to use a reliable infrastructure to validate assertions about addresses and their use:

– Publish routing authorities authored by a resource holder that cannot be altered or forged

– Allow third parties to authenticate that an address or routing assertion was made by the current right-of-use holder of the number resource
What would be even gooder …

• Is to have a reliable, efficient, and effective way to underpin the integrity of the Internet’s address resource distribution structure and our use of these resources in the operational Internet

• Is to replace various forms of risk-prone assertions, rumours, implicit trust and fuzzy traditions about addresses and their use with demonstrated validated authority
Resource Certificate Trial

Approach:
- Use X.509 v3 Public Key Certificates (RFC3280) with IP address and ASN extensions (RFC3779)

Parameters:
- Use existing technologies where possible
- Leverage on existing open source software tools and deployed systems
- Contribute to open source solutions and open standards

OpenSSL as the foundational platform
- Add RFC3779 (resource extension) support

Design of a Certification framework
- anchored on the IP resource distribution function
Resource Public Key Certificates

The certificate’s Issuer certifies that:

the certificate’s Subject

*whose public key is contained in the certificate*

is the current controller of a collection of IP address and AS resources

*that are listed in the certificate’s resource extension*

This is not an attestation relating to identity or role – it is an attestation that in effect binds a private key to a right-of-use of a number resource collection

This is not an attestation about any form of related routing policies
Resource Certificates}

Resource Allocation Hierarchy

IANA

AFRINIC  RIPE NCC  ARIN  APNIC  LACNIC

LIR1  LIR2

ISP  ISP  ISP  ISP  ISP  ISP  ISP  ISP
Resource Certificates

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ISP ISP ISP ISP ISP ISP ISP ISP

Issued Certificates match allocation actions
Resource Certificates

Issuer: APNIC
Subject: NIR2
Resources: 192.2.0.0/16
Key Info: <nir2-key-pub>
Signed: <apnic-key-priv>
Resource Certificates

Resource Allocation Hierarchy

Issuer: APNIC
Subject: NIR2
Resources: 192.2.0.0/16
Key Info: <nir2-key-pub>
Signed: <apnic-key-priv>

Issuer: NIR2
Subject: ISP4
Resources: 192.2.200.0/24
Key Info: <isp4-key-pub>
Signed: <nir2-key-priv>
Resource Certificates

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Issued Certificates

Resource
Allocation
Hierarchy

Issuer: APNIC
Subject: NIR2
Resources: 192.2.0.0/16
Key Info: <nir2-key>
Signed: <apnic-key-priv>

Issuer: NIR2
Subject: ISP4
Resources: 192.2.0.0/16
Key Info: <isp4-key>
Signed: <nir2-key-priv>

Issuer: ISP4
Subject: ISP4-EE
Resources: 192.2.200.0/24
Key Info: <isp4-ee-key>
Signed: <isp4-key-priv>
**Base Object in a Routing Authority**

**Context**

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Issued Certificates

**Route Origination Authority**

“ISP4 permits AS65000 to originate a route for the prefix 192.2.200.0/24”
Signed Objects

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Issued Certificates

Route Origination Authority
“ISP4 permits AS65000 to originate a route for the prefix 192.2.200.0/24”
Attachment: <isp4-ee-cert>
Signed, ISP4 <isp4-ee-key-priv>
1. Did the matching private key sign this text?
Signed Object Validation

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Issued Certificates

Route Origination Authority
“ISP4 permits AS65000 to originate a route for the prefix 192.2.200.0/24”

Attachment: <isp4-ee-cert>

Signed,
ISP4 <isp4-ee-key-priv>

2. Is this certificate valid?
3. Is there a valid certificate path from a Trust Anchor to this certificate?
Signed Object Validation

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Validation Outcomes

1. ISP4 authorized this Authority document
2. 192.2.200.0/24 is a **valid** address, derived from an APNIC allocation
3. ISP4 holds a current right-of-use of 192.2 200.0/24
4. A route object, where AS65000 originates an advertisement for the address prefix 192.2.200.0/24, has the explicit authority of ISP4, who is the current holder of this address prefix

Route Origination Authority

“ISP4 permits AS65000 to originate a route for the prefix 192.2.200.0/24”

Attachment: <isp4-ee-cert>

Signed,
ISP4 <isp4-ee-key-priv>
Example of a Signed Object

| netnum-set:   | RS-TELSTRA-AU-EX1                                           |
| descr:        | Example routes for customer with space under apnic          |
| members:      | **58.160.1.0-58.160.16.255,203.34.33.0/24**                 |
| tech-c:       | GM85-AP                                                    |
| admin-c:      | GM85-AP                                                   |
| notify:       | test@telstra.net                                          |
| mnt-by:       | MAINT-AU-TELSTRA-AP                                       |
| sigcert:      | rsync://repository.apnic.net/TELSTRA-AU-IANA/cbh3Sk-iwj8Yd8uqaB5Ck010p5Q/Hc4yxwhTamNXW-cDWrQcmvOVGjU.cer |
| sigblk:       | -----BEGIN PKCS7-----                                     |
|              | MIIbDQYJKoZIhvcNAQcCoIBZjCCAWICAQExCzAJBgUrDgMCGgUAMASGSqGSIb3DQEHAQGCAWggE9AgEBMBowFTETMBEGA1UEAxMKdGVsc3RsY1hdQIBATAJBgUrDgMCGgUAMASGSqGSIb3DQEBAQUAIB acquiring the certificate from the repository. |
|              | -----END PKCS7-----                                       |
| changed:      | test@telstra.net 20060822                                   |
| source:       | APNIC                                                      |
Signer’s certificate

Version: 3
Serial: 1
Issuer: CN=telstra-au


Subject: CN=An example sub-space from Telstra IANA, E=apnic-ca@apnic.net
Subject Key Identifier g(SKI): Hc4yxwhTamNXW-cDWtQcmvOVGjU
Subject Info Access: caRepository – rsync://repository.apnic.net/TELSTRA-AU-IANA/cbh3Sk-iwj8Yd8uqaB5Ck010p5Q/Hc4yxwhTamNXW-cDWtQcmvOVGjU

Key Usage: DigitalSignature, nonRepudiation
CRL Distribution Points:
rsync://repository.apnic.net/TELSTRA-AU-IANA/cbh3Sk-iwj8Yd8uqaB5Ck010p5Q.crl

Authority Info Access: caIssuers – rsync://repository.apnic.net/TELSTRA-AU-IANA/cbh3Sk-iwj8Yd8uqaB5Ck010p5Q.cer

Authority Key Identifier:
Key Identifier g(AKI): cbh3Sk-iwj8Yd8uqaB5Ck010p5Q

Certificate Policies: 1.3.6.1.5.5.7.14.2
IPv4: 58.160.1.0-58.160.16.255, 203.34.33.0/24
Trial Status

✓ Specification of X.509 Resource Certificates
✓ Generation of resource certificate repositories aligned with existing resource allocations and assignments
✓ Tools for Registration Authority / Certificate Authority interaction (undertaken by RIPE NCC)
✓ Tools to perform validation of resource certificates

Current Activities
★ Extensions to OpenSSL for Resource Certificates (open source development activity, supported by ARIN)
★ Tools for resource collection management, object signing and signed object validation (APNIC, and also open source development activity, supported by ARIN)
★ LIR / ISP Tools for certificate management
★ Testing, Testing, Testing
★ Operational service profile specification

Working notes and related material we’ve been working on in this trial activity:

http://mirin.apnic.net/resourcecerts