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1.1 Introduction and Purpose

This specification is part of the DOCSIS family of specifications developed by Cable Television Laboratories (CableLabs). In particular, this specification is part of a series of specifications that define the fifth generation of high-speed data-over-cable systems, commonly referred to as the DOCSIS 3.1 specifications. This specification was developed for the benefit of the cable industry, and includes contributions by operators and vendors from North and South America, Europe, and other regions.

1.2 Background

1.2.1 Broadband Access Network

A coaxial-based broadband access network is assumed. This may take the form of either an all-coax or hybridfiber/coax network. The generic term "cable network" is used here to cover all cases.

A cable network uses a tree-and-branch architecture with analog transmission. The key functional characteristics assumed in this document are the following:

- Two-way transmission.
- A maximum optical/electrical spacing between the CMTS and the most distant CM of 100 miles (160 km) in each direction, although typical maximum separation may be 10-15 miles (16-24 km).

1.2.2 Network and System Architecture

1.2.2.1 The DOCSIS Network

The elements that participate in the provisioning of DOCSIS services are shown in [Figure 1.](#page-9-5)

Figure 1 - The DOCSIS Network

The CM connects to the operator's cable network and to a home network, bridging packets between them. Many CPE devices can connect to the CM's LAN interfaces. CPE devices can be embedded with the CM in a single device, or they can be separate, standalone devices (as shown i[n Figure 1\)](#page-9-5). CPE devices may use IPv4, IPv6, or both forms of IP addressing. Examples of typical CPE devices are home routers, set-top devices, personal computers, etc.

The CMTS connects the operator's back office and core network with the cable network. Its main function is to forward packets between these two domains, and between upstream and downstream channels on the cable network.

Various applications are used in the back office to provide configuration and other support to the devices on the DOCSIS network. These applications use IPv4 and/or IPv6, as appropriate to the particular operator's deployment. Applications include:

Provisioning Systems

- The DHCP servers provide the CM with initial configuration information, including IP address(es), when the CM boots.
- The Config File server is used to download configuration files to CMs when they boot. Configuration files are in binary format and permit the configuration of the CM's parameters.
- The Software Download server is used to download software upgrades to the CM.
- The Time Protocol server provides Time Protocol clients, typically CMs, with the current time of day.
- Certificate Revocation server provides certificate status.

Network Management System (NMS)

- The SNMP Manager allows the operator to configure and monitor SNMP Agents, typically the CM and the CMTS.
- The Syslog server collects messages pertaining to the operation of devices.
- The IPDR Collector server allows the operator to collect bulk statistics in an efficient manner.

1.2.3 Service Goals

As cable operators have widely deployed high-speed data services on cable television systems, the demand for bandwidth has increased. Additionally, networks have scaled to such a degree that IPv4 address space limitations have become a constraint on network operations. To this end, CableLabs' member companies have decided to add new features to the DOCSIS specification for the purpose of increasing channel capacity, enhancing network security, expanding addressability of network elements, and deploying new service offerings.

The DOCSIS system allows transparent bi-directional transfer of Internet Protocol (IP) traffic, between the cable system head-end and customer locations, over an all-coaxial or hybrid-fiber/coax (HFC) cable network. This is shown in simplified form in [Figure](#page-10-2) 2.

Figure 2 - Transparent IP Traffic through the Data-Over-Cable System

1.2.4 Statement of Compatibility

This specification defines the DOCSIS 3.1 interface. Prior generations of DOCSIS were commonly referred to as the DOCSIS 1.0, 1.1, 2.0 and 3.0 interfaces. DOCSIS 3.1 is backward-compatible with some equipment built to the previous specifications. DOCSIS 3.1-compliant CMs interoperate seamlessly with DOCSIS 3.1 and DOCSIS 3.0, CMTSs. DOCSIS 3.1-compliant CMTSs seamlessly support DOCSIS 3.0, DOCSIS 2.0, and DOCSIS 1.1 CMs. Refer to Annex G o[f \[DOCSIS MULPIv3.1\]](#page-13-2) for general DOCSIS interoperability requirements.

Refer to [Annex A](#page-110-0) for BPI+ compatibility requirements.

Figure 3 - Data-Over-Cable Reference Architecture

The reference architecture for data-over-cable services and interfaces is shown in [Figure](#page-11-2) 3. The lighter shaded areas are related functionality, but are out of the scope of DOCSIS specifications. Boxes represent functional components and arrows represent interfaces.

1.2.6 DOCSIS 3.1 Documents

A list of the specifications in the DOCSIS 3.1 series is provided in [Table](#page-11-3) 1. For further information, please refer to [http://www.cablemodem.com.](http://www.cablemodem.com/)

This specification defines security requirements.

Related DOCSIS specifications are listed i[n Table](#page-11-4) 2.

Table 2 - DOCSIS 3.1 Related Specifications

Designation	Title
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1.3 Requirements

Throughout this document, the words that are used to define the significance of particular requirements are capitalized. These words are:

This document defines many features and parameters, and a valid range for each parameter is usually specified. Equipment (CM and CMTS) requirements are always explicitly stated. Equipment is to comply with all mandatory (MUST and MUST NOT) requirements to be considered compliant with this specification. Support of nonmandatory features and parameter values is optional.

1.4 Conventions

In this specification the following convention applies any time a bit field is displayed in a figure. The bit field should be interpreted by reading the figure from left to right, then from top to bottom, with the MSB being the first bit so read and the LSB being the last bit so read.

MIB syntax and XML Schema syntax is represented by this code sample font.

NOTE: Notices and/or Warnings are identified by this style font and label.

2 REFERENCES

2.1 Normative References

In order to claim compliance with this specification, it is necessary to conform to the following standards and other works as indicated, in addition to the other requirements of this specification. Intellectual property rights may be required to implement these references.

2.2 Informative References

This specification uses the following informative references.

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3 TERMS AND DEFINITIONS

This specification uses the following terms:

4 ABBREVIATIONS AND ACRONYMS

This specification uses the following abbreviations and acronyms:

5 OVERVIEW

The intent of this specification is to describe security services for DOCSIS communications. It has two main goals:

- 1. To provide cable modem (CM) users with data privacy across the cable network;
- 2. To prevent unauthorized users from gaining access to the network's RF MAC services.

This specification provides operators with tools to secure the provisioning process of Cable Modems (CM) and protect Cable Modem users by encrypting traffic flows between the CM and the Cable Modem Termination System (CMTS).

The protected RF MAC data communications services fall into three categories:

- 1. Best-effort high-speed IP data services;
- 2. Data services with guaranteed QoS;
- 3. IP multicast group services.

The CMTS protects against unauthorized access to these data transport services by enforcing encryption of the associated traffic flows across the cable network. DOCSIS employs an authenticated client/server key management protocol in which the CMTS (the server) controls distribution of keying material to CMs (the clients).

The system defined by this specification is used to protect packets on the cable network and is based on the DOCSIS Baseline Privacy Plus specification [\[DOCSIS BPI+\].](#page-13-4)

This specification explicitly assumes the following to be true:

- It is acceptable that DOCSIS 3.1 security features are designed to provide a reasonable level of security for a 10 year time frame.
- The operational life of a CM will not exceed 20 years.
- The interface between the CMTS and provisioning servers is secure.
- CM provisioning servers are trusted.
- At the beginning of the provisioning process, the CM is not trusted. The CM increases its level of trust as it successfully completes different provisioning steps. These steps include device authentication, registration request validation, and service authorization. Once the CM successfully completes the provisioning process with DOCSIS 3.1 security features enabled, it is considered trusted enough to provide data services to subscribers.
- Threat to integrity of encrypted data on the cable network link is low.
- To be backward compatible with existing devices, it is acceptable to continue the support of features that are considered to have low level security characteristics. MSOs can enable/disable these features as needed.

5.1 New DOCSIS 3.1 Security Features

DOCSIS 3.1 defines a new certificate public key infrastructure (PKI) that strengthens the security of CM authentication and secures software download features.

This specification defines the Base Line Privacy Plus (BPI+) architecture which covers CM authentication, key exchange, and establishing encrypted traffic sessions between the CM and CMTS. Early Authentication and Encryption (EAE) applies BPI+, earlier in the provisioning process (see Section [8\)](#page-69-0). This specification also defines security features for the CM provisioning process, which includes Secure Software Download (SSD).

5.1.1 BPI+ Architecture

BPI+ has two component protocols:

- An encapsulation protocol for encrypting packet data across the cable network. This protocol defines:
	- 1. The frame format for carrying encrypted packet data within DOCSIS MAC frames;
	- 2. A set of supported cryptographic suites, i.e., pairings of data encryption and authentication algorithms;
	- 3. The rules for applying those algorithms to a DOCSIS MAC frame's packet data.
- A key management protocol (Baseline Privacy Key Management, BPKM) to provide secure distribution of keying data from CMTSs to CMs. Through BPKM, the CM and CMTS synchronize keying data; in addition, the CMTS uses the protocol to implement conditional access to network services.

5.1.1.1 Packet Data Encryption

DOCSIS encryption services are defined as a set of extended services within the DOCSIS MAC sublayer. Packet Header information specific to security is placed in a Baseline Privacy Extended Header element within the MAC Extended Header (see [\[DOCSIS MULPIv3.1\]\)](#page-13-2).

DOCSIS encrypts only the MAC Frame's packet data; the header of the DOCSIS MAC Frame is never encrypted. DOCSIS MAC management messages, except REG-REQ-MP messages, are always unencrypted. REG-REQ-MP messages are encrypted when EAE is enabled. Section [6](#page-25-0) specifies the format of DOCSIS MAC Frames carrying encrypted packet data payloads.

5.1.1.2 Key Management Protocol

CMs use the Baseline Privacy Key Management (BPKM) protocol (see Section [7\)](#page-32-0) to obtain authorization and traffic encryption keying material from the CMTS, and to support periodic reauthorization and key refresh. The BPKM protocol uses digital certificates, a public-key encryption algorithm, and two-key 3DES to secure key exchanges between the CM and the CMTS.

The BPKM protocol adheres to a client/server model, where the CM, a BPKM client, requests keying material, and the CMTS, a BPKM server, responds to those requests, ensuring that individual CM clients receive only keying material for which they are authorized. The BPKM protocol is transported over DOCSIS MAC management messages.

DOCSIS uses public-key cryptography to establish a shared secret (an Authorization Key) between the CM and its CMTS. The shared secret is then used to derive secondary keys which are in turn used to secure subsequent BPKM exchanges of traffic encryption keys. This two-tiered mechanism for key distribution permits traffic encryption keys to be updated without incurring the overhead of computationally-intensive public-key operations.

A CMTS authenticates a client CM during the initial authorization exchange, which occurs when Early Authentication and Encryption (EAE) is enabled, or when post registration BPI+ is enabled (see Section [8\)](#page-69-0). Each CM carries a unique digital certificate issued by the CM's manufacturer. The digital certificate contains the CM's public key, along with the CM MAC address, the identity of the manufacturer, and the CM serial number. When requesting an Authorization Key, a CM presents its digital certificate to a CMTS. The CMTS verifies the digital certificate, then uses the CM's public key to encrypt an Authorization Key, which the CMTS sends to the requesting CM.

5.1.1.3 DOCSIS Security Associations

A DOCSIS Security Association (SA) is the set of security information a CMTS, and one or more of its client CMs share, in order to support secure communications across the cable network.

There are three types of DOCSIS Security Associations: Primary, Static, and Dynamic. A Primary Security Association is tied to a single CM, and is established when that CM completes authentication. Static Security Associations can be shared by multiple CMs and are established, based on a CMTS configuration, when a CM completes authentication. Dynamic Security Associations can be shared by multiple CMs and are normally established dynamically, in response to the request of initiation of specific downstream traffic flows.

- A Security Association's shared information comprises the cryptographic suite, traffic encryption keys and CBC initialization vectors, and the lifetime of the keying information. Each Security Association is identified with a 14-bit handle, known as a Security Association Identifier (SAID).
- Each CM on which security is enabled establishes a Primary SA with its CMTS. When the CM encrypts upstream traffic, including the REG-REQ-MP MAC management message, it MUST use the CM's Primary SA. The value of the Primary SAID is established during the initial authorization exchange.
- Downstream traffic may be encrypted under any of the three types of SAs. A downstream IP multicast data packet, for example, is typically intended for multiple CMs, and hence, is usually encrypted under a Static or Dynamic SA. Downstream unicast traffic directed at CPE devices behind the CM are typically encrypted under the CM's Primary SA.

A CM MUST support:

- A Primary SA;
- A minimum of 15 SAs each of which can be used as either a Dynamic SA or Static SA.

A CMTS MUST support:

- A Primary SA for every CM;
- At least one Dynamic SA (per CMTS).

A CMTS MAY support Static SAs.

Using the BPKM protocol, a CM requests from its CMTS and SA's keying material. The CMTS ensures that each client CM accesses only those Security Associations that it is entitled to access.

An SA's keying material (e.g., key and CBC Initialization Vector) has a limited lifetime. When the CMTS delivers SA keying material to a CM, it also provides the CM with that material's remaining lifetime. It is the responsibility of the CM to request new keying material before the current keying material expires. The BPKM protocol specifies how CM and CMTS maintain key synchronization.

5.1.1.4 QoS SIDs and DOCSIS SAIDs

The BPI+ Extended Header Element in downstream DOCSIS MAC frames (see [\[DOCSIS MULPIv3.1\]\)](#page-13-2) contains the DOCSIS SAID under which the downstream frame is encrypted. If the downstream frame is a unicast packet addressed to a CPE device behind a particular CM, the frame will typically be encrypted under the CM's Primary SA. If the downstream frame is a multicast packet intended for receipt by multiple CMs, the extended header element will contain the Static or Dynamic SAID mapped to that multicast group. The SAID (Primary, Static or Dynamic), in combination with other data fields in the downstream extended header element, identifies to a receiving modem, the particular set of keying material required to decrypt the DOCSIS MAC frame's encrypted Packet Data field. See Section [6](#page-25-0) for details of the MAC frame format.

Because all upstream traffic is encrypted under the CM's Primary SA, upstream DOCSIS MAC frames do not carry a SAID in their extended headers; instead, the Baseline Privacy EH element may contain a valid QoS SID assigned to the CM (see Section [6.3](#page-25-3) for details).

The Baseline Privacy Extended Header element serves multiple purposes in upstream DOCSIS PDU MAC frames. As an alternative to identifying the particular set of keying material used to encrypt a frame's packet data, certain Baseline Privacy Extended Header elements provide a mechanism for issuing piggybacked bandwidth requests (see Section [6.3.1\)](#page-27-0); in some cases it can also carry fragmentation control data (see Section [6.4\)](#page-28-0). These two functions are tied to a particular QoS SID; for this reason, the relevant upstream Baseline Privacy Extended Header Elements contain a QoS SID rather than a Primary SAID. The SAID can be deduced by the CMTS from the QoS SID and the logical upstream on which the MAC frame was received.

The SAID associated with a Primary, Static or Dynamic SA can be any 14-bit value. A CMTS MUST NOT assign the same SAID to more than one type of SA within a MAC Domain Downstream Service Group (MD-DS-SG). In other words, if a SAID is being used as a Primary SA, the CMTS cannot use the same SAID for a Static or Dynamic SA within the same MD-DS-SG. Likewise, if a CMTS has assigned a SAID to a Static or Dynamic SA, that value

cannot be used as the Primary SAID for any modem within that MD-DS-SG. Additionally, a CMTS MUST NOT assign the same SAID to more than one non-Primary (Static or Dynamic) SA within a MD-DS-SG.

5.1.1.5 BPI+ Enforce

BPI+ authentication includes digital certificate CM MAC address validation which helps prevent CM MAC address cloning and theft of service. Hackers could modify a CM's behavior in order to bypass BPI+ authentication and steal service using MAC address cloning. Enforcing BPI+ on the CMTS will help prevent this type of attack. The CMTS MUST support the following configurable BPI+ Enforce policies per-MAC domain:

Policy 0: Disable: The CMTS does not enforce BPI+.

Policy 1: 1.1 Style Config File Parameters and Capability: The CMTS enforces BPI+ on CMs that register with BPI+ enabled (missing TLV 29 or containing TLV 29 set to enable) and with a Modem Capabilities Privacy Support TLV (5.6) set to BPI+ support.

Policy 2: 1.1 Style Config File Parameters: The CMTS enforces BPI+ on CMs that register with parameters indicating BPI+ is enabled (missing TLV 29 or containing TLV 29 set to enable).

Policy 3: 1.1 Style Config File: The CMTS enforces BPI+ on CMs that register with a DOCSIS 1.1 style configuration file; since DOCSIS 3.1 devices will only register with a DOCSIS 1.1 style configuration file, Policy 3 is the same as Policy 4 in DOCSIS 3.1.

Policy 4: Total: The CMTS enforces BPI+ on all CMs.

Policies 1, 2, and 3 support a mixed network of DOCSIS 1.1 and higher CMs. Policy 4 is the most effective configuration for preventing CM MAC address cloning.

When a CMTS enforces BPI+ on a CM, it MUST NOT forward post-registration traffic in either direction for that CM until it has successfully established a Primary SA using EAE or post-registration BPI+ provisioning; BPI+ Enforce does not conflict with EAE. A DOCSIS 3.0 or higher CM that successfully performs EAE before registration will meet the BPI+ Enforce requirements that are applied after registration.

The CMTS MUST support the capability to exclude individual CMs from BPI+ Enforce based on their MAC addresses on a per-MAC domain basis. If a CM is on the exclusion list, the CMTS MUST NOT enforce BPI+ on that CM. This means the CMTS will support BPI+ if initiated by that CM, but it will not enforce it.

5.1.2 Secure Provisioning

The processes used to provision a CM are: DHCP, ToD, and TFTP at the IP layer; and registration at the MAC layer. Securing these provisioning processes play a critical role in protecting the CMs and the network from attacks, and in preventing service theft. The CMTS can help secure these processes by assuring that traffic is only forwarded to/from CMs and CPEs, with source IP addresses that have been assigned by the MSO. The CMTS can also verify that a CM is registering with the correct service parameters by learning CM provisioning information in DHCP and TFTP messaging flows.

Securing the CM software image download process helps assure that the CM is running the correct/authorized version of code. Authenticating the source and verifying the integrity of downloaded code is vital to the overall operation and security of DOCSIS-based networks. When properly triggered, the CM downloads a software image from a Software Download server and validates the new software image's digital signature before installation.

5.2 Operation

5.2.1 Cable Modem Initialization

The [\[DOCSIS MULPIv3.1\]](#page-13-2) specification divides CM initialization into the following sequence of tasks:

- Scan for downstream channel and establish synchronization with the CMTS;
- Obtain transmit parameters;
- Perform ranging;
- Establish IP connectivity;
- Establish time of day;
- Transfer operational parameters (download configuration file);
- CMTS Registration.

BPI+ security may be established between the CM and the CMTS following CM ranging (Early Authentication and Encryption (EAE)), or following registration. Ordinarily, BPI+ is established using EAE immediately following ranging, and remains in effect at least until registration is complete. Parameters within the configuration file instruct the CM whether to maintain BPI+ security with the CMTS or to operate in an unsecured mode from that point onward. The CM runs with BPI+ security enabled, unless BPI+ is explicitly disabled in the DOCSIS configuration file.

BPI+ security initialization begins with the CM sending the CMTS an Authentication Information message containing the CM's Device CA Certificate (see Section [13\)](#page-94-0) and an Authorization Request message. The Authorization Request contains the following information:

- Data identifying the CM (e.g., MAC address and other information unique to the device);
- The CM's RSA public key;
- A digital certificate to bind the CM's identifying data to the CM's public key;
- A list of the cryptographic suites supported by the CM;
- The Initialization SAID (value 0).

If the CMTS successfully authenticates the requesting CM, it responds with an Authorization Reply containing the Primary SAID for the CM and an Authorization Key encrypted by the public key of the CM's certificate. The CM decrypts the encrypted Authorization Key using the private key of its certificate. From the Authorization Key, the CM and the CMTS derive the keys needed to secure a CM's subsequent requests for traffic encryption keys, and the CMTS's responses to these requests.

The Authorization Reply also contains a list of SA descriptors, which identify the Primary and Static SAs that the requesting CM is authorized to access. Each SA descriptor consists of a collection of SA parameters, including the SA's SAID, type and cryptographic suite. The list contains at least one entry: a descriptor describing the CM's primary SA. Additional entries are optional, and describe any Static SAs that the CM is permitted to access.

After successfully completing authentication and authorization with the CMTS, the CM sends key requests to the CMTS, requesting traffic encryption keys for each of the SA descriptors it received in the Authorization Reply. The CM's traffic key requests are authenticated using a keyed hash (the HMAC algorith[m \[RFC 2104\]\)](#page-13-5); the Message Authentication Key is derived from the Authorization Key, obtained during the authorization exchange. The CMTS responds to each key request with a Key Reply message containing Traffic Encryption Keys (TEKs); TEKs are 3DES encrypted, with a Key Encryption Key (KEK) derived from the Authorization Key. Like the Key Requests, Key Replies are authenticated with a keyed hash where the Message Authentication Key is derived from the Authorization Key.

BPI+ security Initialization ends when the CM has received the Key Reply messages associated with all the SAIDs identified in the Authorization Reply message, except those with cryptographic suites not supported by the CM.

5.2.1.1 Network Admission Control

Restricting network access to only authorized devices is an important part of maintaining security. One of the methods used to provide this function is CM authentication using [\[X.509\]](#page-14-2) certificates. Certificates are issued to trusted vendor companies for installation in their CMs. When EAE or post registration BPI+ is enabled, each CM is authenticated by the CMTS, using these certificates before completing the provisioning process. If the CMTS is not able to validate the CM, it does not allow it to access the network.

Forcing all CMs to successfully complete EAE, or post registration BPI+ before allowing them access to the network can help prevent hackers from using older CMs to bypass authentication. This capability for EAE BPI+ is defined in this specification (see Section [8\)](#page-69-0), and for post registration, BPI+ is defined in the [\[DOCSIS MULPIv3.1\]](#page-13-2) specification.

5.2.1.2 EAE and Authentication Reuse

When EAE is enabled, CM authentication normally occurs following ranging completion, followed by key exchanges and encrypted session establishment (see Section [8\)](#page-69-0). Because of this, the subsequent provisioning messages (DHCP, ToD, and TFTP) are secured between the CM and CMTS. This allows these provisioning applications to reuse the authentication and encryption functions of the CM for secure communication and avoids having to set up a separate secure session for each application, which would result in longer provisioning times and restrict other security features such as configuration file learning (see Section [9.4.2.4\)](#page-76-0).

5.2.1.3 Configuration Registration Enforcement

To help prevent theft-of-service attacks caused by alterations to the configuration file, CMTS TFTP proxy requirements are specified herein. These requirements enable the CMTS to hide the true address of the TFTP server from the CM and other devices on the cable network and for them to learn the contents of the configuration file independently of the configuration information that is sent to it by the CM. When this feature is enabled, the CMTS proxies TFTP messages between the CM and TFTP server. The CM is provisioned with the CMTS IP address instead of the actual address of the configuration file server. This helps hide the TFTP server address from exposure on the cable network where it might be captured and used for a DoS attack.

The CMTS may also learn the contents of the configuration file as it relays DHCP messages and proxies the information between the configuration file server and the CM. With this information the CMTS can verify that the CM is downloading the correct configuration file and that the registration request contains the correct CM configuration settings.

5.2.2 Cable Modem Key Update Mechanism

The Traffic Encryption Keys (TEKs) that the CMTS provides to client CMs have limited lifetimes. The CMTS delivers a key's remaining lifetime, along with the key value, in the Key Reply messages that it sends to its client CMs. The CMTS controls which keys are current by flushing expired keys and generating new keys as required. It is the responsibility of individual CMs to ensure that the keys that they are using match those that the CMTS is using. CMs do this by tracking when a particular SAID's key is scheduled to expire and issuing a new Key Request prior to that time.

In addition, CMs are required to periodically reauthorize with the CMTS (see Section [7.1.4\)](#page-36-1). As for TEKs, an Authorization Key has a finite lifetime that the CMTS provides to the CM along with the key value. It is the responsibility of each CM to reauthorize and obtain a fresh Authorization Key (and an up-to-date list of SA descriptors) before the CM's current Authorization Key expires. This intermediate period just before the expiration of the Authorization Key is called the key transition period.

5.2.3 Cable Modem Secure Software Download

To download a CM software image securely, the CM vendor and/or MSO will digitally sign the image using the appropriate code verification certificate (CVC) and place the image on a Software Download server. A CM is enabled to download a software image when it receives a valid CVC in its configuration file. Triggering the download of the software image can be done using parameters in the CM configuration file, or SNMP commands.

After a CM downloads a software image, it validates the image by verifying that the included CVC chains to the Root CA Certificate trust anchor, and by checking the image's digital signature. If this validation is successful, it installs the software image for operation.

6 ENCRYPTED DOCSIS MAC FRAME FORMATS

6.1 CM Requirements

When operating with BPI+ security enabled, the CM MUST encrypt the Protocol Data Unit (PDU) regions of all of the following types of DOCSIS MAC frames transmitted on to the cable network:

- Variable-length PDU MAC Frames;
- Fragmentation MAC Frames;
- Registration Request (REG-REQ-MP) MAC Management Message Frames.

In each of these cases, a Baseline Privacy Extended Header Element in the DOCSIS MAC Header identifies the Security Association and accompanying keying material that is used to encrypt the PDU. The CM MUST NOT encrypt (see Sectio[n 6.5\)](#page-29-0) MAC Management messages, except REG-REQ-MP messages, unless they are part of a fragment.

6.2 CMTS Requirements

When communicating with a CM for which DOCSIS security is enabled, the CMTS MUST encrypt the Protocol Data Unit (PDU) regions of variable-length PDU MAC Frames and variable-length Isolation PDU MAC Frames [\[DOCSIS MULPIv3.1\].](#page-13-2)

A Baseline Privacy Extended Header Element in the DOCSIS MAC Header identifies the Security Association and accompanying keying material that is used to encrypt the PDU. The CMTS MUST NOT encrypt (see Section [6.5\)](#page-29-0) MAC Management messages.

6.3 Variable-Length PDU MAC Frame Format

[Figure](#page-26-0) 4 depicts the format of a DOCSIS variable-length PDU MAC Frame or variable-length Isolation PDU MAC Frame, with a Privacy Extended Header (EH) Element and encrypted PDU payload.

Figure 4 - Format of DOCSIS Variable-Length PDU with Privacy EH Element

The CMTS MUST NOT encrypt the first twelve (12) octets of the PDU containing the Ethernet/802.3 destination and source addresses (DA/SA). The CM MUST NOT encrypt the first twelve (12) octets of the PDU containing the Ethernet/802.3 destination and source addresses (DA/SA). The CMTS MUST encrypt the PDU's Ethernet/802.3 CRC. The CM MUST encrypt the PDU's Ethernet/802.3 CRC.

The CM MUST include a Baseline Privacy Extended Header in all frames containing encrypted PDUs. The CM MUST make the Baseline Privacy Extended Header element the first Extended Header in an upstream frame. Upstream frames sent by the CM MUST contain the Type value BP_UP or BP_UP2 in the Baseline Privacy EH.

The CMTS MUST include a Baseline Privacy Extended Header in all frames containing encrypted PDUs. The Baseline Privacy Extended Header element MUST be the first Extended Header sent by the CMTS in a downstream frame. Downstream frames sent by the CMTS MUST contain the Type value BP_DOWN [\[DOCSIS MULPIv3.1\]](#page-13-2) in the Baseline Privacy EH. The high-order bits of a Baseline Privacy Extended Header Value field contain a key sequence number, KEY_SEQ. The CMTS manages a key sequence number independently for each SAID and distributes this key sequence number along with the SAID's keying material to client CMs. For each SAID, the CMTS MUST increment KEY_SEQ by one each time that it generates new keying material for that SAID. The Baseline Privacy EH element includes this sequence number, along with the SAID, to identify the keying material that was used to encrypt the frame's PDU.

The four (4) bits following KEY_SEQ contain a protocol version number. The CMTS MUST set the protocol version number to the value one (1). The CM MUST set the protocol version number to the value one (1).

The next two octets contain two (2) bits of encryption status (ENABLE and TOGGLE) and the fourteen (14)-bit Reserved/SID/SAID (Reserved for upstream frames with the BP_UP2 EHDR, SID for upstream frames with the BP_UP EHDR, SAID for downstream frames).

The ENABLE encryption status bit indicates whether encryption is enabled for that PDU. If the PDU is unencrypted, the CMTS MUST set the ENABLE bit to zero (0). If the PDU is unencrypted, the CM MUST set the ENABLE bit to zero (0). If the PDU is encrypted, the CMTS MUST set the ENABLE bit to one (1). If the PDU is encrypted, the CM MUST set the ENABLE bit to one (1).

The CMTS MUST make the TOGGLE bit match the value of the Least Significant Bit (LSB) of KEY_SEQ. The CM MUST make the TOGGLE bit match the value of the Least Significant Bit (LSB) of KEY_SEQ.

6.3.1 Baseline Privacy Extended Header Formats

The DOCSIS MAC protocol [\[DOCSIS MULPIv3.1\]](#page-13-2) defines a Request EH element that is used to piggyback a bandwidth request on an upstream data transmission. The last octet of the upstream Baseline Privacy EH (BP_UP) carries an optional piggybacked bandwidth allocation request.

In downstream packets, the last octet is reserved [\[DOCSIS MULPIv3.1\]](#page-13-2) and the CMTS MUST set its value to zero.

Type	Length	Value
BP UP	4	KEY_SEQ (4 bits), Version (4 bits), SID (2 octets), Request [piggyback] (1 octet)
		$ICM \rightarrow CMTS$
See [DOCSIS]		KEY_SEQ field (4 bits): Key sequence number
MULPIv3.1]		Version field (4 bits) is defined as:
		0x1
		SID field is defined as:
		Bit[15]: ENABLE: 1⇒Encryption enabled; 0⇒Encryption Disabled
		Bit[14]: TOGGLE: 1⇒Odd Key; 0⇒Even Key
		Bit[13:0]: Service ID.
		Request field contains the number of mini-slots requested for upstream bandwidth.
BP UP2	3	KEY_SEQ (4 bits), Version (4 bits), ETR (2 octets)
		$ICM \rightarrow CMTSI$
See [DOCSIS]		KEY_SEQ field (4 bits): Key sequence number
MULPIv3.1]		Version field (4 bits) is defined as:
		0x1
		ETR field is defined as:
		Bit[15]: ENABLE: 1⇒Encryption enabled; 0⇒Encryption Disabled
		Bit[14]: TOGGLE: 1⇒Odd Key; 0⇒Even Key
		Bit[13:0]: Reserved (set to 0)
BP DOWN	4	KEY_SEQ (4 bits), Version (4 bits), SAID (2 octets), Reserved (1 octet)
		$ICMTS \rightarrow CM$
See [DOCSIS]		KEY_SEQ field (4 bits): Key sequence number
MULPIv3.1]		Version field (4 bits) is defined as:
		0x1
		SAID field is defined as:
		Bit[15]: ENABLE: 1⇒Encryption enabled; 0⇒Encryption Disabled
		Bit[14]: TOGGLE: 1⇒Odd Key; 0⇒Even Key
		Bit[13:0]: Security Association ID.
		Reserved field is set to 0.

Table 3 - Summary of the Contents of Baseline Privacy Extended Headers

6.4 Fragmentation MAC Frame Format

In order to support fragmentation of upstream DOCSIS MAC frames, the Baseline Privacy EH element may carry both encryption and fragmentation control field[s \[DOCSIS MULPIv3.1\].](#page-13-2) When functioning in this role, the upstream Baseline Privacy Extended Header is extended by one octet, the additional octet serving as a fragmentation control field. [Figure](#page-28-1) 5 depicts the format of a DOCSIS Fragmentation MAC Frame with an encrypted fragmentation payload.

Figure 5 - Format of a DOCSIS MAC Fragmentation Frame with an Encrypted Payload

Frames with the frame control (FC) Type, set to 0b11 and FC PARM set to 0b00011, identify a DOCSIS MAC frame as a Fragmentation frame. The Fragmentation MAC header is followed by a Fragment Payload and a Fragment CRC. When encrypting a Fragmentation MAC frame, the CM MUST encrypt the Fragment Payload and the Fragment CRC (FCRC).

The LEN field of the Baseline Privacy EH element in Fragmentation MAC Frames is five (5), rather than four (4), accounting for the additional one (1)-octet fragmentation control field. The definitions and requirements for the KEY_SEQ field, VERSION field, ENABLE and TOGGLE flags, and SID field are unchanged from those for an upstream PDU MAC Frame.

Table 4 - Summary of the Contents of a DOCSIS Fragmentation MAC Frame's Baseline Privacy Extended Header

The CM determines whether a packet will be fragmented based on its knowledge of the grant size (i.e., the number of mini-slots a CMTS grants to a CM in an Upstream Bandwidth Allocation MAP [\[DOCSIS MULPIv3.1\]\)](#page-13-2). If an encrypted packet is to be fragmented, the CM MUST perform encryption on a fragment-by-fragment basis, not over the PDU as a whole; each fragment will, therefore, have its own fragmentation header and be encrypted separately.

6.5 Registration Request (REG-REQ-MP) MAC Management Messages

When EAE is enabled, the CM MUST encrypt REG-REQ-MP MAC management messages (see Section [9.5\)](#page-77-0). [Figure](#page-29-1) 6 depicts the format of a DOCSIS MAC management message frame with a Privacy Extended Header (EH) Element and encrypted payload.

Figure 6 - Format of a DOCSIS MAC Management Message Frame with Encrypted Payload

The CM MUST encrypt REG-REQ-MP MAC management message frames according to the following rules:

- The first twelve (12) octets of the PDU, containing the Ethernet/802.3 destination and source addresses (DA/SA) MUST NOT be encrypted;
- The CM MUST encrypt the PDU's Ethernet/802.3 CRC;
- A Baseline Privacy Extended Header MUST be included in the frame;
- The Baseline Privacy Extended Header element MUST be the first Extended Header in the upstream frame;
- The Upstream frames MUST contain the Type value BP_UP in the Baseline Privacy EH;
- The four (4) bits following KEY_SEQ contain a protocol version number, which MUST have the value one (1);
- The next two octets contain two (2) bits of encryption status (ENABLE and TOGGLE) and the fourteen (14) bit SID: The ENABLE bit MUST have the value one (1);
- • The TOGGLE bit MUST match the value of the Least Significant Bit (LSB) of KEY_SEQ.

Table 5 - Summary of the Contents of DOCSIS MAC Management Message Baseline Privacy Extended Headers

6.6 Use of the Baseline Privacy Extended Header in the MAC Header

If encryption is not enabled on a particular downstream traffic flow (e.g., a CM's unicast traffic, or a particular IP multicast group), the CMTS SHOULD NOT place a BP Extended Header element in the frame.

If encryption is not enabled for a CM's unicast traffic, the CM MUST include the Baseline Privacy Extended Header element with the ENABLE bit set to 0 in fragmented upstream frames.

If a CM sends a MAC frame consisting of only a MAC header and, optionally, an EHDR, the CM MUST disable encryption on that frame. If Baseline Privacy EHDR is present on such a frame, the CM MUST set the ENABLE bit to zero (0) .

If a CMTS sends a MAC frame consisting of only a MAC header and, optionally, an EHDR, the CMTS MUST disable encryption on that frame. If a Baseline Privacy EHDR is present on such a frame, the CMTS MUST set the ENABLE bit to zero (0).

7 BASELINE PRIVACY KEY MANAGEMENT (BPKM) PROTOCOL

7.1 State Models

7.1.1 Introduction

The BPKM protocol is controlled by two separate but interdependent state machines: an Authorization state machine and a TEK state machine. This section describes these two state machines. The state machines are presented here for explanatory purposes only, and are not to be construed as constraining an actual implementation. However, the external behavior of CMTS implementations MUST be identical to the state machines described in this section. The external behavior of CM implementations MUST be identical to the state machines described in this section.

CM authorization, controlled by the Authorization state machine, is the process of:

- the CMTS authenticating a client CM's identity;
- the CMTS providing the authenticated CM with an Authorization Key, from which a Key Encryption Key (KEK) and message authentication keys are derived;
- the CMTS providing the authenticated CM with the identities (i.e., the SAIDs) and properties of primary and static security associations for which the CM is authorized to obtain keying information.

The KEK is a two-key, 3DES encryption key that the CMTS uses to encrypt Traffic Encryption Keys (TEKs) that it sends to the CM. TEKs are used to encrypt and decrypt user data traffic, and REG-REQ-MP MAC management messages. The CM and CMTS use message authentication keys to authenticate, via a keyed message digest, the key requests and responses that they exchange.

After achieving initial authorization, a CM periodically seeks reauthorization with the CMTS; reauthorization is managed by the CM's Authorization state machine. A CM maintains its authorization status with the CMTS in order to be able to refresh TEKs. TEK state machines manage the refreshing of Traffic Encryption Keys.

7.1.1.1 Authorization State Machine Overview

A CM begins the authorization process by sending an Authentication Information message to its CMTS. The Authentication Information message contains the Device CA Certificate, issued by the Root CA. The Authentication Information message is usually informative, (i.e., the CMTS may ignore it under some circumstances); however, it does provide a mechanism for a CMTS to learn these CA certificates from its client CMs (see Section [7.1.4.2.5](#page-39-0) for more details).

Immediately after sending the Authentication Information message, the CM sends an Authorization Request message to the CMTS. This is a request for an Authorization Key and for the SAIDs that identify any Static Security Associations in which the CM is authorized to participate. The Authorization Request contains:

- The CM's manufacturer ID and serial number;
- The CM's MAC address:
- The CM's public key;
- A CM Device Certificate binding the CM's public key to its other identifying information;
- A description of the cryptographic algorithms supported by the CM. A CM's cryptographic capabilities are presented to the CMTS as a list of cryptographic suite identifiers, each indicating a particular pairing of packet data encryption and packet data authentication algorithms, supported by the CM;
- The Initialization SAID (see Sectio[n 7.2.1.1\)](#page-51-2). The CM MUST use a value of zero for the Initialization SAID. The CMTS MUST interpret a SAID value of zero as an Initialization SAID.
- In response to an Authorization Request message, the CMTS:
	- Verifies the CM Device Certificate:
	- Checks that the CMTS and the CM share at least one cryptographic suite;

• Assigns the CM's Primary SAID.

In addition, the CMTS MUST verify that the MAC-address attribute of the Auth Request, the MAC address in the CM's Device certificate, and the source MAC address of the Auth Request MAC message, all match.

Furthermore, the CMTS SHOULD, by means that are outside the scope of this specification, determine whether the CM is authorized to receive service and, if so, whether it is entitled to access services that are served by any Static SAs.

If these conditions are met, the CMTS MUST:

- 1. Create an Authorization Key for the CM;
- 2. Encrypt the Authorization Key with the CM's public key; and
- 3. Send the encrypted Authorization Key to the CM in an Authorization Reply message.

The Authorization Reply contains:

- An Authorization Key encrypted with the CM's public key;
- A four (4) bit key sequence number;
- A key lifetime;
- The identities (i.e., the SAIDs) and properties of the Primary and zero or more Static Security Associations for which the CM is authorized to obtain keying information.

If the CMTS supports Static SAs, the CMTS MUST include in the Authorization Reply the identities of all Static SAs associated with the CM, in addition to the Primary SA. The CMTS MUST NOT identify any Dynamic SAs (see Section [7.1.2\)](#page-35-0) in the Authorization Reply. Upon receiving an Authorization Reply, the CM MUST start a separate TEK state machine for each of the SAIDs identified in the Authorization Reply message (see Section [7.2.1.2\)](#page-51-3). Dynamic SAs are not included in the Authorization Reply and, therefore, are not shown in [Figure](#page-33-0) 7.

7.1.1.2 TEK State Machine Overview

Figure 7 - Relationship among Authorization and TEK State Machines

Each TEK state machine is responsible for managing the keying material associated with its respective SAID. TEK state machines send Key Request messages to the CMTS, requesting initial and subsequent keying material for their respective SAIDs. A Key Request contains:

- Identifying information unique to the CM, consisting of the manufacturer ID, serial number, MAC address and RSA Public Key;
- The SAID whose keying material is being requested;
- An HMAC keyed message digest, authenticating the Key Request.

The CMTS checks the HMAC digest of the Key Request message (see Sections [11](#page-84-0) and [12\)](#page-93-0). If the CMTS verifies the HMAC, the CMTS MUST respond with a Key Reply message containing the CMTS's active keying material for the specific SAID. This keying material includes:

- The 3DES-encrypted Traffic Encryption Key (TEK);
- A Cipher Block Chaining (CBC) initialization vector;
- The key sequence number;
- The key's remaining lifetime; and
- An HMAC keyed message digest.

The TEK in the Key Reply is 3DES (EDE mode) encrypted, using a two-key, 3DES Key Encryption Key (KEK), derived from the Authorization Key (see Section [11.2\)](#page-85-0).

At all times, the CMTS maintains two active sets (called "generations") of keying material for each SAID. A CMTS includes in its Key Replies, both of a SAID's currently-valid generations of keying material.

In addition to the TEK and CBC initialization vector, the Key Reply contains the remaining lifetime of each of the two sets of keying material. The CM uses these remaining lifetimes to estimate when to schedule Key Requests, such that the CM requests and receives new keying material before the CMTS invalidates the keying material currently held by the CM.

The operation of the TEK state machine's Key Request scheduling algorithm, combined with the CMTS's process for updating and using a SAID's keying material, ensures that the CM will be able at all times to exchange encrypted traffic with the CMTS.

Before the current Authorization Key expires, the CM obtains a new Authorization Key, by issuing an Authorization Request to the CMTS. This "reauthorization" is identical to authorization, with the exception that the CM does not send an Authentication Information message. The specification of the authorization state machine defines when Authentication Information messages are sent (see Section [7.1.4\)](#page-36-1).

To avoid service interruptions during reauthorization, successive generations of the CM's Authorization Keys have overlapping lifetimes. The CM MUST be able to support at least two simultaneously active Authorization Keys. The CMTS MUST be able to support at least two simultaneously active Authorization Keys for each registered CM. The operation of the Authorization state machine's Authorization Request scheduling algorithm, combined with the CMTS's process for updating and using a CM's Authorization Keys, ensures that CMs will be able to refresh TEK keying information without interruption over the course of the CM's reauthorization periods.

A TEK state machine remains active as long as:

- The CM has a valid Authorization Key; and
- The CMTS continues to provide fresh keying material during TEK re-key cycles.

The parent Authorization state machine stops all its child TEK state machines (see [Figure](#page-33-0) 7), when the CM receives an Authorization Reject during a reauthorization cycle. Individual TEK state machines can be started or stopped during a reauthorization cycle if a CM's Static SAID authorizations change between successive reauthorizations.

Communication between Authorization and TEK state machines occurs through the passing of events (directly or indirectly) between the two state machines. The Authorization state machine generates events ({Stop}, {Authorized}, {Authorization Pending}, and {Authorization Complete}) that are sent directly to all its child TEK state machines. TEK state machines, however, cannot directly send events to their parent Authorization state machine.

A TEK state machine affects its parent Authorization state machine indirectly through the messaging a CMTS sends in response to a CM's requests: a CMTS may respond to a TEK machine's Key Requests with a failure response (i.e., an Authorization Invalid message) that will be handled by the Authorization state machine. In other words, the TEK state machine might transmit a Key Request to the CMTS, which may respond with an Authentication Invalid message. This message is handled not by the TEK state machine responsible for transmitting the Key Request but by its parent Authorization state machine.

7.1.2 Encrypted Multicast

The message exchange between the CMTS and the CM for the signaling and initialization of multicast traffic encryption is dependent on the type of multicast session, on the capabilities of the modem, and on the multicast forwarding mode selected by the CMTS. The CMTS selects a multicast forwarding mode within the multicast forwarding capabilities reported by the CM.

Multicast sessions can be established dynamically when a Multicast Client sends a join request (IGMP for IPv4 and MLD for IPv6) message. Such multicast sessions are called Dynamically-joined Multicast Sessions. The cable operator can configure the cable modem to join multicast sessions during registration. Such multicast sessions are called Static Multicast Sessions [\[DOCSIS MULPIv3.1\].](#page-13-2)

A CM indicates support for DSID Multicast Forwarding in the Registration Request message with a Multicast DSID Forwarding capability encoding. A CM that reports in this encoding the value of either 1 (GMAC-Explicit) or 2 (GMAC-Promiscuous) is said to support Multicast DSID forwarding. A CM that omits this encoding or that reports in it a value of 0 (No Support for Multicast DSID Forwarding) is said not to support MDF. The CMTS enables MDF at a CM that supports MDF by setting the MDF capability encoding to the value 1 or 2 in the Registration Response it sends to the modem; such a CM is said to be an MDF enabled CM. The CMTS may disable MDF at a CM that supports MDF by setting the MDF capability encoding to the value 0 in the Registration Response it sends to the mode[m \[DOCSIS MULPIv3.1\];](#page-13-2) such a CM is said to be an MDF disabled CM.

Security Associations are used to support encrypted multicast sessions. SA descriptors containing the SAID, the SA type, and cryptographic suite for encrypted Multicast sessions are included in Auth Reply, REG-RSP(-MP) and DBC-REQ MAC messages and are used by the CM to create or delete the corresponding TEK state machines (see [\[DOCSIS MULPIv3.1\]\)](#page-13-2). The CMTS typically communicates in REG-RSP Dynamic SAs associated with static multicast sessions. The CMTS typically communicates in DBC-REQ Dynamic SAs associated with multicast sessions that are explicitly joined via multicast management protocols such as IGMP/MLD. Note that a REG-RSP may both enable DSID Multicast forwarding and include added Security Associations.

7.1.2.1 Signaling of Dynamic and Static Multicast Session SAs when MDF is Disabled

If a CM does not support Multicast DSID Forwarding, the CMTS MUST NOT signal Dynamic SAs to the CM in a REG-RSP or DBC-REQ message. For CMs that do not support MDF, the CMTS MUST signal SAs using the DOCSIS 1.1/2.0 Dynamic Security Association mechanism described in [Annex C.](#page-121-0)

If the CMTS disables MDF for a CM that supports MDF, the CMTS MUST NOT signal SAs used for encrypted multicast sessions using DBC-REQ to this CM. The CMTS may signal SAs for other purposes to MDF-disabled CMs using DBC-REQ or REG-RSP(-MP). The CM MUST accept SA Descriptor Encodings in REG-RSP (-MP), even if this message disables MDF. If the CMTS disables MDF on a CM that supports MDF, the CMTS MUST signal SAs for encrypting IP multicast traffic to this CM using the DOCSIS 1.1/2.0 Dynamic Security Association mechanism described in [Annex C.](#page-121-0)

Note that a CMTS may communicate static SAs to an MDF-disabled CM in the BPI+ Auth Reply. Such SAs may be used for encrypting Static Multicast sessions. The CM accepts static SAs in BPI+ Auth Reply messages, even when it operates in MDF disabled mode.

7.1.2.2 Signaling of Dynamic and Static Multicast Session SAs when MDF is Enabled

When the CMTS enables Multicast DSID Forwarding for a CM in the REG-RSP(-MP) [\[DOCSIS MULPIv3.1\],](#page-13-2) the CM MUST NOT transmit Dynamic SA MAP Requests to the CMTS. The CMTS MUST respond with an SA Map Reject message containing error code 7 if it receives an SA Map Request from an MDF enabled CM.

A CMTS MAY signal in a DBC-REQ the deletion of Dynamic SAs known to the CM. When the MDF enabled CM receives a DBC-REQ that deletes a Dynamic SA, the CM MUST terminate the corresponding TEK state machine prior to sending the DBC-RSP, and remove the Dynamic SA's keying material from the CM's key table. This CM MUST discontinue decryption on an SA deleted through a DBC-REQ message. A CM MUST indicate an error response to an attempt to delete an unknown SA.

For encrypting multicast sessions (static or dynamic) forwarded through the MDF-enabled CM, the CMTS MUST use SAs ONLY of type 'Dynamic'. The CMTS MUST NOT signal SAs for multicast sessions in BPI Auth Reply messages to an MDF-enabled CM.
The CMTS is allowed to signal SAs in BPI Auth Reply messages for purposes other than multicast encryption to an MDF-enabled CM. The CM accepts static SAs in BPI+ Auth Reply messages, even when it operates in MDF enabled mode.

7.1.2.2.1 Requirements Specific to the Signaling of Dynamic SAs for Dynamic Multicast Sessions

SA descriptors for encrypted multicast sessions joined dynamically are communicated to the MDF enabled CM in a DBC-REQ message. If a dynamic multicast session is encrypted, the CMTS MUST communicate in a DBC-REQ message the session SA Descriptor to an MDF enabled CM. The CMTS MUST set the SA Type in the DBC-REQ message to 'Dynamic' for a dynamic multicast session. A CM for which the CMTS has enabled DSID Multicast Forwarding MUST accept in a DBC-REQ one or more Security Association Encodings that add a new SA of type dynamic.

The CMTS MUST NOT send a Dynamic SA in DBC-REQ messages if BPI+ is disabled for a CM.

When an authorized CM receives a DBC-REQ that contains a Dynamic SA, the CM MUST start a TEK state machine for the Dynamic SA prior to sending a DBC-RSP message. The CMTS MUST NOT send a DBC-REQ with a Dynamic SA to a CM that is not in the "Authorized" State. If an unauthorized CM receives a DBC-REQ message that adds a Dynamic SA, the CM MUST reject the DBC-REQ message. The CMTS is allowed to send a DBC-REQ with an SA that employs a cryptographic suite unsupported by the CM. If an authorized CM receives a DBC-REQ message that adds a Dynamic SA having an unsupported cryptographic suite, the CM MUST reject the DBC-REQ message. If a CM receives a DBC-REQ message adding a Dynamic SA, in which the TEK state machine for that Dynamic SA is already active, the CM MUST reject the DBC-REQ message.

7.1.2.2.2 Requirements Specific to the Signaling of Dynamic SAs for Static Multicast Sessions

SA descriptors for encrypted multicast sessions joined statically are communicated to the MDF enabled CM in the REG-RSP(-MP) message. If the Static Multicast Session is encrypted, the CMTS MUST communicate in REG-RSP(-MP) the session SA Descriptor to an MDF enabled CM. The CMTS MUST set the SA Type in the REG-RSP(-MP) message to 'Dynamic' for a static multicast session. A CM for which the CMTS has enabled DSID Multicast Forwarding MUST accept in a REG-RSP(-MP) one or more Security Association Encodings that add a new SA of type dynamic.

The CMTS MUST NOT send a Dynamic SA in REG-RSP(-MP) if BPI+ is disabled for a CM.

When an authorized CM receives a REG-RSP(-MP) that adds a Dynamic SA, the CM MUST start a TEK state machine for that Dynamic SA. When an unauthorized CM receives a REG-RSP(-MP) that adds a Dynamic SA, the CM MUST wait until it reaches its Authorized state before starting a TEK state machine for that Dynamic SA. The CMTS is allowed to send a REG-RSP(-MP) with an SA that employs a cryptographic suite unsupported by the CM. If the CM receives a REG-RSP(-MP) message that adds a Dynamic SA having an unsupported cryptographic suite, the CM MUST reject the REG-RSP(-MP) message.

7.1.3 Selecting Cryptographic Suites

As part of their authorization exchange, the CM provides the CMTS with a list of supported cryptographic suites. The CMTS selects from this list a single suite to use with the CM's Primary SA. In the Authorization Reply, the CMTS includes a Primary SA descriptor that identifies the cryptographic suite selected by the CMTS. A CMTS MUST reject the Authorization Request if none of the offered cryptographic suites is permitted by local policy.

The Authorization Reply may contain a list of Static SA descriptors; each Static SA descriptor identifies the cryptographic suite employed by that SA. The selection of a static SA's cryptographic suite is independent of the requesting CM's cryptographic capabilities. A CMTS MAY include in its Authorization Reply Static SA descriptors identifying cryptographic suites unsupported by the CM. The CM MUST NOT start TEK state machines for SAs whose cryptographic suites the CM does not support.

7.1.4 Authorization State Machine

The Authorization Finite State Machine (FSM) contains six states and ten events. The Authorization FSM is presented below as a state flow diagram [\(Figure](#page-37-0) 8) and as a state transition matrix [\(Table](#page-37-1) 6).

Figure 8 - Authorization State Machine Flow Diagram

The state flow diagram depicts the protocol messages transmitted and internal events generated for each of the machine's state transitions; however, the diagram does not indicate additional internal actions, such as the clearing or starting of timers that accompany the specific state transitions. Accompanying the state transition matrix is a detailed description of the specific actions accompanying each state transition. The CM MUST use the text associated with the state transition matrix as the definitive specification of protocol actions associated with each state transition.

The following legend applies to [Figure](#page-37-0) 8:

States are represented by ovals;

- Events appear in italics;
- Messages appear in normal font;
- State transitions (i.e., the lines between states) are labeled in the manner of "<what causes the transition>/<messages and events triggered by the transition>." So "timeout/Auth Request" means that the state received a "timeout" event and sent an Auth Request message. If there are multiple comma-separated events or messages before the slash "/", any of them can cause the transition. If there are multiple events or messages listed after the slash, all the identified actions accompany the transition.

The Authorization state transition matrix, presented in [Table](#page-37-1) 6, lists the states in the topmost row and the events in the left-most column. Cells within the matrix represent a specific combination of state and event, with the next state (the state to which the machine transitioned) displayed within the cell. For example, one cell represents the receipt of an Authorization Reply message when in the [Auth Wait] state. Within this cell is the name of the next state, [Authorized]. Thus, when a CM's Authorization state machine is in the [Auth Wait] state and an Authorization Reply message is received, the Authorization state machine will transition to the [Authorized] state. In conjunction with this state transition, several protocol actions are taken; these are described in Section [7.1.4.7.](#page-41-0)

A shaded cell within the state transition matrix [\(Table](#page-37-1) 6), implies that the specific event should not occur within that state. If the event does occur, the CM MUST NOT transition to another state. For example, if an Authorization Reply message arrives when in the [Authorized] state, that message will not cause any state transition to occur. The CM MAY, in response to such an improper event, log the event's occurrence, generate an SNMP event, or take some other vendor-defined action.

7.1.4.1 Brief Description of States

7.1.4.1.1 [Start]

This is the initial state of the FSM. No resources are assigned to or used by the FSM, all timers are off, and no processing is scheduled.

7.1.4.1.2 [Auth Wait]

The CM has received the {Initiate Authentication} event. In response to receiving the event, the CM has sent both an Authentication Information and an Authorize Request message and is waiting for the reply.

7.1.4.1.3 [Authorized]

The CM has received an Authorization Reply message that contains a list of valid SAIDs for this CM. The CM has a valid Authorization Key and the list of SAIDs. Transition into this state triggers the creation of one TEK FSM for each of the CM's privacy-enabled SAIDs.

7.1.4.1.4 [Reauth Wait]

The CM has an outstanding reauthorization request. The CM's current authorization is about to time-out, or the CM has received an indication (an Authorization Invalid message) that its authorization is no longer valid. The CM has sent an Authorization Request message to the CMTS and is waiting for a response.

7.1.4.1.5 [Auth Reject Wait]

The CM received an Authorization Reject message in response to its last Authorization Request. The error code in the Authorization Reject indicated that the error was not permanent or that EAE is not disabled. In response to receiving this reject message, the CM sets a timer and transitioned to the [Auth Reject Wait] state. The CM remains in this state until the timer expires.

7.1.4.1.6 [Silent]

The CM received an Authorization Reject message in response to its last Authorization Request. The Authorization Reject's error code indicated that the error was permanent. This triggers a transition to the [Silent] state.

In the [Silent] state, the CM

- MUST NOT pass CPE traffic; and
- If the CM has a valid IP address, it MUST respond to SNMP management requests arriving from the cable network.

The CMTS may send unencrypted data traffic to a CM on a SAID for which it has sent an Authorization Reject message, or the CMTS may block such traffic.

7.1.4.2 Brief Description of Messages

The corresponding message formats are specified in Section [7.2.](#page-49-0)

7.1.4.2.1 Authorization Request (Auth Request)

Request an Authorization Key and a list of authorized SAIDs. The Authorization Request is sent from the CM to CMTS.

7.1.4.2.2 Authorization Reply (Auth Reply)

Receive an Authorization Key and list containing the primary SAID and static SAIDs. The Authorization Reply is sent from CMTS to CM. The Authorization Key is encrypted with the CM's public key.

7.1.4.2.3 Authorization Reject (Auth Reject)

The attempt to authorize was rejected. The Authorization Reject is sent from the CMTS to CM.

7.1.4.2.4 Authorization Invalid (Auth Invalid)

The CMTS can send an Authorization Invalid message to a client CM as:

- An unsolicited indication; or
- A response to a message received from that CM.

In either case, the Authorization Invalid message instructs the receiving CM to re-authorize with its CMTS.

The CMTS MUST respond to a Key Request with an Authorization Invalid message if:

- 1. There is no valid Authorization Key associated with the CM; or
- 2. Verification of the Key Request's keyed message digest (in the HMAC-Digest Attribute) failed.

7.1.4.2.5 Authentication Information (Auth Info)

The Authentication Information message contains the intermediate CA Certificate, issued by the Root CA (see Section [13\)](#page-94-0). The Auth Info message is a message sent by the CM to the CMTS. The CMTS MUST first use the outof-band configuration information to obtain the intermediate CA certificate (see Sectio[n 13.3.2\)](#page-95-0). If the CMTS does not learn the intermediate CA certificate from the out-of-band configuration information, then the CMTS MUST use the intermediate CA certificate from the Auth Info message sent by the CM.

7.1.4.3 Brief Description of Events

7.1.4.3.1 {Initiate Authentication}

The CM sends an {Initiate Authentication} event to the Authorization FSM upon completing CMTS registration or when it completes ranging if EAE is enabled. If the configuration file contains a BPI+ enable setting (see Annex [A.1.1\)](#page-110-0) and the CM has not yet enabled BPI+, the {Initiate Authentication} event causes the CM to begin the process of obtaining its Authorization Key and transitions to the [Auth Wait] state.

7.1.4.3.2 {Timeout}

This event indicates that a retransmission or wait timer timed out. Generally, a request is resent.

7.1.4.3.3 {Auth Grace Timeout}

This event indicates that the Authorization Grace timer fired. This timer fires a configurable duration (the Authorization Grace Time) before the current authorization expires, signaling the CM to re-authorize before its authorization actually expires. Once the configuration file has been received by the CM, the Authorization Grace Time is obtained from a value in that file; prior to that time, the value of the Authorization Grace Time MUST be the default defined i[n Annex A.](#page-110-1)

7.1.4.3.4 {Reauth}

This event is generated in response to an SNMP SET [\[DOCSIS CM-OSSIv3.1\]](#page-13-0) that is intended to trigger a reauthorization cycle because the CM's set of authorized static SAIDs may have changed.

7.1.4.3.5 {Auth Invalid}

This event is generated when there is a failure authenticating a Key Reply, Key Reject or TEK Invalid message, or when the CM receives an Authorization Invalid message. A CMTS responds to a Key Request with an Authorization Invalid message if verification of the request's message authentication code fails. Generation of an {Auth Invalid} event indicates that the CMTS and the CM have lost Authorization Key synchronization.

A CMTS MAY send an unsolicited Authorization Invalid message to a CM, forcing an {Auth Invalid} event.

7.1.4.3.6 {Perm Auth Reject}

This event indicates receipt of an Authorization Reject message containing error code 6. When a CM receives an Authorization Reject containing error code 6, the Authorization State machine moves to the [Silent] state.

7.1.4.3.7 {Auth Reject}

This event indicates that the CM has received an Authorization Reject in response to an Authorization Request, and that the error code in the Authorization Reject had some value other than 6 or 10. The CM's Authorization state machine will set a wait timer and transition into the [Auth Reject Wait] state. The CM remains in this state until the timer expires, at which time it will re-attempt authorization.

7.1.4.3.8 {EAE Disabled Auth Reject}

This event indicates that the CM has received an Authorization Reject message containing error code 10 in response to an Authorization Request that was sent to the CMTS as part of EAE. Authorization Reject error code 10 messages are sent to CMs that have been specifically configured in the CMTS to have EAE disabled. When receiving this message, the CM's Authorization state machine will transition to the [Start] state.

7.1.4.4 Events Sent to TEK State Machine

The following events are sent by the Authorization state machine to a TEK state machine.

7.1.4.4.1 {TEK Stop}

Sent by the Authorization FSM to a TEK FSM that is not in the [Start] state, to terminate the TEK FSM and remove the corresponding SAID's keying material.

7.1.4.4.2 {TEK Authorized}

Sent by the Authorization FSM to a TEK FSM that is in the [Start] state.

7.1.4.4.3 {Auth Pend}

This message is sent by the Authorization FSM to a TEK FSM to place that TEK FSM into a wait state until the Authorization FSM can complete a reauthorization operation.

7.1.4.4.4 {Auth Comp}

Sent by the Authorization FSM to a TEK FSM in the [Op Reauth Wait] or [Rekey Reauth Wait] states, to clear the wait state begun by a {Auth Pend} event.

7.1.4.5 Brief Description of Timing Parameters

All configuration parameter values are contained in the configuration file (see [Annex A\)](#page-110-1).

7.1.4.5.1 Authorize Wait Timeout (Auth Wait Timeout)

This is the timeout period between sending Authorization Request when in message the [Auth Wait] state.

7.1.4.5.2 Reauthorize Wait Timeout (Reauth Wait Timeout)

This is the timeout period between sending Authorization Request messages when in the [Reauth Wait] state.

7.1.4.5.3 Authorization Grace Time (Auth Grace Timeout)

Amount of time before authorization is scheduled to expire that the CM starts the process of reauthorization.

7.1.4.5.4 Authorize Reject Wait Timeout (Auth Reject Wait Timeout)

Amount of time that a CM's Authorization FSM remains in the [Auth Reject Wait] state before re-attempting authorization.

7.1.4.6 Timers

7.1.4.6.1 Authorization Request

Used when awaiting a response to Authorization Requests.

7.1.4.6.2 Authorization Reject

Used after receipt of an Authorization Reject.

7.1.4.6.3 Authorization Grace

Used when determining when to reauthorize.

7.1.4.7 Actions

The CM MUST take the following actions in association with state transitions:

[Start] + {Initiate Authentication} --> [Auth Wait]:

- Send Authentication Information message to CMTS;
- Send Authorization Request message to CMTS;
- Set Authorization Request timer to Authorize Wait Timeout.

[Auth Wait] + {Auth Reject} --> [Auth Reject Wait]:

- Clear Authorization Request timer;
- Set Authorization Reject timer to Authorize Reject Wait Timeout.

[Reauth Wait] + {Auth Reject} --> [Auth Reject Wait]:

- Clear Authorization Request timer;
- Generate TEK FSM {Stop} events for all active TEK state machines;
- Set Authorization Reject timer to Authorize Reject Wait Timeout.

[Auth Wait] + {Perm Auth Reject} --> [Silent]:

- Clear Authorization Request timer;
- Disable all forwarding of CPE traffic.

[Auth Wait] + {EAE Disabled Auth Reject} --> [Start]:

• Clear Authorization Request timer.

[Reauth Wait] + {Perm Auth Reject} --> [Silent]:

- Clear Authorization Request timer;
- Generate TEK FSM {Stop} events for all active TEK state machines;
- Disable all forwarding of CPE traffic.

[Auth Wait] + {Auth Reply} --> [Authorized]:

- Clear Authorization Request timer;
- Decrypt and record Authorization Key delivered with Authorization Reply;
- Start TEK FSMs for all SAIDs listed in Authorization Reply and any pending Dynamic SAIDs received in Registration Response, (provided that the CM supports the cryptographic suite that is associated with a SAID) and issue a TEK FSM {Authorized} event for each of the new TEK FSMs;
- Set the Authorization Grace timer to fire "Authorization Grace Time" seconds prior to the supplied Authorization Key's scheduled expiration.

[Reauth Wait] + {Auth Reply} --> [Authorized]:

- Clear Authorization Request timer;
- Decrypt and record Authorization Key delivered with Authorization Reply;
- Start TEK FSMs for any newly authorized SAIDs listed in Authorization Reply (provided that the CM supports the cryptographic suite that is associated with the new SAID) and issue TEK FSM {Authorized} events for each of the new TEK FSMs;
- Generate TEK FSM {Authorization Complete} events for any currently active TEK FSMs whose corresponding SAIDs were listed in Authorization Reply;
- Generate TEK FSM {Stop} events for any currently active TEK FSMs whose corresponding primary or Static SAIDs were not listed in Authorization Reply;
- Set the Authorization Grace timer to fire "Authorization Grace Time" seconds prior to the supplied Authorization Key's scheduled expiration.

 $[Author Wait] + {Timeout} \rightarrow [Author Wait].$

- Send Authentication Information message to CMTS;
- Send Authorization Request message to CMTS;
- Set Authorization Request timer to Authorize Wait Timeout.

[Reauth Wait] + {Timeout} --> [Reauth Wait]:

- Send Authorization Request message to CMTS;
- Set Authorization Request timer to Reauthorize Wait Timeout.

[Auth Reject Wait] + {Timeout} --> [Auth Wait]:

- Send Authentication Information message to CMTS;
- Send Authorization Request message to CMTS;

• Set Authorization Request timer to Authorize Wait Timeout.

[Authorized] + {Auth Grace Timeout} --> [Reauth Wait]:

- Send Authorization Request message to CMTS;
- Set Authorization Request timer to Reauthorize Wait Timeout.

[Authorized] + {Auth Invalid} --> [Reauth Wait]:

- Clear Authorization Grace timer;
- Send Authorization Request message to CMTS;
- Set Authorization Request timer to Reauthorize Wait Timeout;
- If the Authorization Invalid event is associated with a particular TEK FSM, generate a TEK FSM {Authorization Pending} event for the TEK state machine responsible for the Authorization Invalid event (i.e., the TEK FSM that either generated the event, or sent the Key Request message to which the CMTS responded with an Authorization Invalid message).

[Reauth Wait] + {Auth Invalid} --> [Reauth Wait]:

• If the Authorization Invalid event is associated with a particular TEK FSM, generate a TEK FSM {Authorization Pending} event for the TEK state machine responsible for the Authorization Invalid event (i.e., the TEK FSM that either generated the event, or sent the Key Request message to which the CMTS responded with an Authorization Invalid message).

 $[Authorized] + {Reauth}$ --> $[Reauth]$ Wait]:

- Clear Authorization Grace timer;
- Send Authorization Request message to CMTS;
- Set Authorization Request timer to Reauthorize Wait Timeout.

7.1.5 TEK State Machine

The TEK state machine contains six states and nine events. The TEK state machine is presented below as both a state flow diagram and a state transition matrix. The CM MUST use the state transition matrix, together with the required actions in Section [7.1.5.6,](#page-47-0) as the definitive specification of protocol actions associated with each state transition.

Shaded states in [Figure](#page-44-0) ({Operational}, {Rekey Wait}, and {Rekey Reauthorize Wait}), indicate that the CM holds valid keying material, so encrypted traffic can be passed.

The Authorization state machine starts an independent TEK state machine for each of its authorized SAIDs.

The CMTS maintains two active TEKs per SAID. The CMTS includes in its Key Replies both of these TEKs, along with their remaining lifetimes. The CMTS encrypts downstream traffic with the older of its two TEKs and decrypts upstream traffic with either the older or newer TEK, depending upon which of the two keys the CM used. The CM encrypts upstream traffic with the newer of its two TEKs and decrypts downstream traffic with either the older or newer key, depending upon which of the two keys the CMTS used. See Sections [10.1](#page-80-0) and [10.2](#page-82-0) for details on CMTS and CM key usage requirements respectively.

Through operation of a TEK state machine, the CM attempts to keep its copies of a SAID's TEKs, synchronized with those of its CMTS. A TEK state machine issues Key Requests to refresh copies of its SAID's keying material after the scheduled expiration time of the older of its two TEKs and before the expiration of its newer TEK. To accommodate CM/CMTS clock skew and other system processing and transmission delays, the CM schedules its Key Requests a configurable number of seconds (the TEK Grace Time) before the newer TEK expires.

When it receives a Key Reply, the CM MUST immediately begin to use the TEK Parameters from the TEKs contained in the Key Reply Message. [Figure](#page-44-0) 9 illustrates the CM's scheduling of key refreshes in conjunction with its management of an SA's active TEKs.

Figure 9 - TEK State Machine Flow Diagram

7.1.5.1 Brief Description of States

7.1.5.1.1 [Start]

This is the initial state of the FSM. No resources are assigned to or used by the FSM, all timers are off, and no processing is scheduled.

7.1.5.1.2 [Op Wait]

The TEK state machine has sent its initial Key Request for its SAID's keying material (TEK and CBC IV), and is waiting for a reply from the CMTS.

7.1.5.1.3 [Op Reauth Wait]

The Authorization state machine is in a reauthorization cycle and the CM does not have valid keying material for this SAID.

7.1.5.1.4 [Op]

The CM has valid keying material for the associated SAID.

7.1.5.1.5 [Rekey Wait]

The TEK Refresh Timer has expired and the CM has requested a key update for this SAID to replace the older of the two TEKs.

7.1.5.1.6 [Rekey Reauth Wait]

The CM has valid traffic keying material for this SAID; has an outstanding request for the latest keying material; and the Authorization state machine has initiated a reauthorization cycle.

7.1.5.2 Brief Description of Messages

The message formats are defined in detail in Sectio[n 7.2.](#page-49-0) All messages contain a keyed message digest for which the key is derived from the Authorization Key (see Sectio[n 11.4\)](#page-85-0).

7.1.5.2.1 Key Request

Request a TEK for this SAID. The Key Request is sent by the CM to the CMTS.

7.1.5.2.2 Key Reply

Response from the CMTS carrying the two active sets of traffic keying material for this SAID. It includes the SAID's TEKs, 3DES encrypted with a Key Encryption Key (KEK) derived from the Authorization Key (see Section [11.4\)](#page-85-0).

7.1.5.2.3 Key Reject

If the SAID in a Key Request message is invalid, the CMTS MUST respond with a Key Reject message.

7.1.5.2.4 TEK Invalid

If the TEK used to encrypt an upstream PDU is invalid, the CMTS MUST respond with a TEK Invalid message.

7.1.5.3 Brief Description of Events

7.1.5.3.1 {Stop}

This event is sent by the Authorization FSM to a TEK FSM not in the [Start] state to terminate the TEK FSM and remove the corresponding SAID's keying material (see Sectio[n 7.1.4.4.1\)](#page-40-0).

7.1.5.3.2 {Authorized}

This event is sent by the Authorization FSM to a TEK FSM in the [Start] state to notify the TEK FSM of successful authorization (see Section [7.1.4.4.2\)](#page-40-1).

7.1.5.3.3 {Auth Pend}

This event is sent by the Authorization FSM to a TEK FSM in order to place the TEK FSM in a wait state while the Authorization FSM completes reauthorization (see Sectio[n 7.1.4.4.3\)](#page-40-2).

7.1.5.3.4 {Auth Comp}

This event is sent by the Authorization FSM to a TEK FSM in the [Op Reauth Wait] or [Rekey Reauth Wait] states to clear the wait state begun by a prior {Auth Pend} event (see Sectio[n 7.1.4.4.4\)](#page-41-1).

7.1.5.3.5 {TEK Invalid}

This event can be triggered either by a CM's data packet decryption logic or by the receipt of a TEK Invalid message from the CMTS.

A CM triggers a {TEK Invalid} event when it recognizes loss of TEK key synchronization between itself and the encrypting CMTS; i.e., a SAID's TEK key sequence number, contained within the received downstream packet's Baseline Privacy Extended Header element, is out of the CM's range of known sequence numbers for that SAID.

A CMTS sends the CM a TEK Invalid message, triggering a {TEK Invalid} event if the CMTS recognizes a loss of TEK key synchronization between itself and the CM.

7.1.5.3.6 {Timeout}

This specifies the period of the Retry Timer timeout. Generally, the original request is retransmitted.

7.1.5.3.7 {TEK Refresh Timeout}

This is the period defined for the TEK Refresh Timer. This event instructs the TEK state machine to issue a new Key Request in order to refresh its keying material. The refresh timer can be configured for a specific length of time (the TEK Grace Time) before the expiration of the newer TEK currently held by the CM elapses.

7.1.5.4 Brief Description of Timing Parameters

All configuration parameter values are contained in the configuration file (see [Annex A\)](#page-110-1).

7.1.5.4.1 Operational Wait Timeout

This value specifies the time period between consecutive Key Request messages whenever the state machine is in the [Op Wait] state.

7.1.5.4.2 Rekey Wait Timeout

The timeout period between the sending of Key Request messages when in the [Rekey Wait] state.

7.1.5.4.3 TEK Grace Time

The time interval, in seconds, prior to the expiration of a TEK at which the CM starts re-keying for a new TEK.

7.1.5.5 Timers

7.1.5.5.1 Key Request Retry

Used when the response to a Key Request was not received by the CM.

7.1.5.5.2 TEK Refresh

Used to initiate a request for keys.

7.1.5.6 Actions

The CM MUST take the following actions in association with state transitions:

 $[Op Wait] + {Stop} \rightarrow [Start]$:

- Clear Key Request Retry timer;
- Terminate TEK FSM.

[Op Reauth Wait] $+$ {Stop} --> [Start]:

• Terminate TEK FSM.

 $[Op] + {Stop} \rightarrow [Start]$:

- Clear TEK Refresh timer;
- Terminate TEK FSM:
- Remove SAID keying material.

[Rekey Wait] $+$ {Stop} --> [Start]:

- Clear Key Request Retry timer;
- Terminate TEK FSM;
- Remove SAID keying material.

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[Rekey Reauth Wait] + {Stop} --> [Start]:
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- Terminate TEK FSM;
- Remove SAID keying material.

[Start] + {Authorized} --> [Op Wait]:

- Send Key Request Message to CMTS;
- Set Key Request Retry timer to the value of Operational Wait Timeout.

 $[Op Wait] + {Auth Pend}$ --> $[Op Reauth Wait]$:

• Clear Key Request Retry timer.

[Rekey Wait] + {Auth Pend} --> [Rekey Reauth Wait]:

• Clear Key Request Retry timer.

[Op Reauth Wait] + ${Authom}$ --> [Op Wait]:

- Send Key Request message to CMTS;
- Set Key Request Retry timer to Operational Wait Timeout.

[Rekey Reauth Wait] + {Auth Comp} --> [Rekey Wait]:

- Send Key Request message to CMTS;
- Set Key Request Retry timer to Rekey Wait Timeout.

 $[Op] + {TEK \ Invalid} \rightarrow [Op \ Wait]$:

- Clear TEK Refresh timer;
- Send Key Request message to CMTS;
- Set Key Request Retry timer to Operational Wait Timeout;
- Remove SAID keying material.

[Rekey Wait] + {TEK Invalid} --> [Op Wait]:

- Clear Key Request Retry timer;
- Send Key Request message to CMTS;
- Set Key Request Retry timer to Operational Wait Timeout;
- Remove SAID keying material.

[Rekey Reauth Wait] + {TEK Invalid} --> [Op Reauth Wait]:

• Remove SAID keying material.

 $[Op Wait] + {Timeout)} \longrightarrow [Op Wait]$:

- Send Key Request message to CMTS;
- Set Key Request Retry timer to Operational Wait Timeout.

[Rekey Wait] + {Timeout} --> [Rekey Wait]:

- Send Key Request message to CMTS;
- Set Key Request Retry timer to Rekey Wait Timeout.

[Op] + {TEK Refresh Timeout} --> [Rekey Wait]:

- Send Key Request message to CMTS;
- Set Key Request Retry timer to Rekey Wait Timeout.

[Op Wait] + {Key Reply} --> [Op] (Key Reply passed message authentication):

- Clear Key Request Retry timer;
- Process contents of Key Reply message and incorporate new keying material;
- Set the TEK Refresh timer to fire "TEK Grace Time" seconds prior to the key's scheduled expiration.

[Rekey Wait] + {Key Reply} --> [Op] (Key RejectReply passed message authentication):

- Clear Key Request Retry timer;
- Process contents of Key Reply message and incorporate new keying material;
- Set the TEK Refresh timer to fire "TEK Grace Time" seconds prior to the key's scheduled expiration.

[Op Wait] + {Key Reject} --> [Start] (Key RejectReply passed message authentication):

- Clear Key Request Retry timer;
- Terminate TEK FSM.

[Rekey Wait] + {Key Reject} --> [Start]:

- Clear Key Request Retry timer;
- Terminate TEK FSM;
- Remove SAID keying material.

7.2 Key Management Message Formats

Baseline Privacy Key Management employs two MAC message types: BPKM-REQ and BPKM-RSP. The CMTS MUST support the BPKM formats as defined in this section. The CM MUST support the BPKM formats as defined in this section. [\[DOCSIS MULPIv3.1\]](#page-13-1) defines the specific type values assigned to these messages (see also [Table](#page-49-1) 8).

7.2.1 Packet Formats

One BPKM message is encapsulated in the Management Message Payload field of a single MAC management message.

A summary of the BPKM message format follows. The CMTS MUST transmit fields and their respective contents from left to right. The CM MUST transmit fields and their respective contents from left to right.

 0 1 2 3 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 0 1 +---------------+---------------+---------------+---------------+ | Code | Identifier | Length | +---------------+---------------+---------------+---------------+ Attributes ... +---------------+----

Code

The Code field is one octet, and identifies the type of BPKM packet. When a packet is received with an invalid Code field, it SHOULD be silently discarded.

BPKM Codes (decimal) are assigned as follows:

Code	BPKM Message Type	MAC Management Message Name
$0 - 3$	Reserved	
4	Auth Request	BPKM-REQ
5	Auth Reply	BPKM-RSP
6	Auth Reject	BPKM-RSP
7	Key Request	BPKM-REQ
8	Key Reply	BPKM-RSP
9	Key Reject	BPKM-RSP
10	Auth Invalid	BPKM-RSP
11	TEK Invalid	BPKM-RSP
12	Auth Info	BPKM-REQ
13	Map Request	BPKM-REQ
14	Map Reply	BPKM-RSP
15	Map Reject	BPKM-RSP
16-255	Reserved	

Table 9 - Baseline Privacy Key Management Message Codes

Identifier

The Identifier field is one octet. A CM uses this field to match a CMTS's responses to the CM's requests.

The CM MUST change the value of the Identifier field whenever it issues a new BPKM message. A "new" message is an Authorization Request, Key Request or SA Map Request that is not a retransmission being sent in response to a {Timeout} event. For retransmissions, the CM MUST keep the Identifier field unchanged from the value in the message being retransmitted.

The Identifier field in Authentication Information messages, which are informative and do not affect any response messaging, may be set to any value.

The CMTS MUST set the Identifier field of a BPKM response message to exactly match the Identifier field of the BPKM Request message to which the CMTS is responding. The CMTS MUST set the Identifier field in TEK Invalid messages, which are not sent in response to BPKM requests, to zero. The CMTS MUST set the Identifier field in unsolicited Authorization Invalid messages to zero.

On receipt of a BPKM response message, the CM MUST associate the message with a particular state machine (the Authorization state machine in the case of Authorization Replies, Authorization Rejects and Authorization Invalids; a particular TEK state machine in the case of Key Replies, Key Rejects and TEK Invalids, using the SAID attribute in the BPKM response message; a particular SA Mapping state machine in the case of SA Map Replies and SA Map Rejects).

The CM MAY keep track of the Identifier of a pending Authorization Request. The CM MAY silently discard Authorization Replies and Authorization Rejects whose Identifier fields do not match those of pending requests.

The CM MAY keep track of the Identifier of a pending Key Request. The CM MAY silently discard Key Replies and Key Rejects whose Identifier fields do not match those of pending requests.

The CM MAY keep track of the Identifier of a pending SA Map Request. The CM MAY silently discard SA Map Replies and SA Map Rejects whose Identifier fields do not match those of pending requests.

Length

The Length field is two octets. It indicates the length of the Attribute fields, in octets. The value of the Length field does not include the length of the Code, Identifier and Length fields. If the packet contains more octets than indicated by the value of the Length field, the CMTS MUST ignore the additional octets. If the packet is shorter than indicated by the value of the Length field, the CMTS SHOULD silently discard it. If the packet contains more octets than indicated by the value of the Length field, the CM MUST ignore the additional octets. If the packet is shorter than indicated by the value of the Length field, the CM SHOULD silently discard it. The CMTS MUST set the value of the Length field to be in the range [0, 1490]. The CM MUST set the value of the Length field to be in the range [0, 1490].

Attributes

BPKM Attributes carry the specific authentication, authorization and key-management data exchanged between client and server. Each BPKM packet type has its own set of required and optional Attribute fields. Unless explicitly stated, there are no requirements on the ordering of Attribute fields in a BPKM message.

The position of the end of the Attribute fields is calculated from the value of the Length field.

Attribute fields are type/length/value (TLV) encoded:

The BPKM MAC frame format is described in Section [6,](#page-25-0) and the BPKM packet format is described in Section [7.2.1.](#page-49-2) The descriptions below list the BPKM attributes contained in each BPKM message type. The Attribute fields themselves are described in Section [7.2.2.](#page-55-0) The CMTS MUST ignore unknown attributes on receipt. The CM MUST ignore unknown attributes on receipt.

The CMTS MUST discard all messages that do not contain all the required attributes with valid values. The CM MUST discard all messages that do not contain all the required attributes with valid values.

7.2.1.1 Authorization Request (Auth Request)

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Attribute List:

Table 10 - Authorization Request Attributes

The CM-Identification attribute contains data that identifies the CM to the CMTS. The public key in the RSA-Public-Key sub-attribute of the CM-Identification attribute is identical to the public key in the CM-Certificate attribute.

The CM-Certificate attribute contains a CM Device Certificate. The CM Device Certificate binds the CM's identifying information to its RSA public key. The certificate is signed by the CableLabs Device CA, and that signature can be verified by a CMTS that knows the corresponding public key.

The Security-Capabilities attribute is a compound attribute describing the CM's security capabilities: supported data encryption algorithms, data authentication algorithms, and versions of the DOCSIS Security protocol.

A SAID attribute contains the value of a SAID. The SAID attribute contains the Initialization SAID (whose value is zero; see Section [7.1.1\)](#page-32-0) if a CM is attempting initial Authorization, and a CM's primary SAID, if a CM is attempting reauthorization.

7.2.1.2 Authorization Reply (Auth Reply)

Sent by the CMTS to a client CM in response to an Authorization Request, the Authorization Reply message contains an Authorization Key, the key's lifetime, the key's sequence number, and a list of SA-Descriptors, identifying the Primary and Static Security Associations that the CM is authorized to access, along with their particular properties (i.e., type, cryptographic suite). The CMTS MUST encrypt the Authorization Key with the CM's public key. In the SA-Descriptor list, the CMTS MUST include a descriptor for the Primary SAID contained in the Authorization Request. In the SA-Descriptor list, the CMTS MAY include descriptors of Static SAIDs that the CM is authorized to access.

Code: 5

Attribute List:

Table 11 - Authorization Reply Attributes

7.2.1.3 Authorization Reject (Auth Reject)

The CMTS responds to a CM's Authorization Request with an Authorization Reject message if the CMTS rejects the CM's authorization request.

Code: 6

Attribute List:

Table 12 - Auth Reject Attributes

The Error-Code and Display-String attributes describe the reason for the authorization failure.

7.2.1.4 Key Request

Code: 7

Attribute List:

Table 13 - Key Request Attributes

The HMAC-Digest attribute is a keyed message digest. The CM MUST ensure that the HMAC-Digest attribute is the final attribute in the Key Request's Attribute list. The message digest is performed over the packet header and all the Key Request's Attribute fields, other than the HMAC-Digest, in the order in which they appear within the packet.

HMAC-Digest's authentication key is derived from the Authorization Key (see Section [11.4](#page-85-0) for details).

7.2.1.5 Key Reply

Code: 8

Attribute List:

Table 14 - Key Reply Attributes

- The TEK-Parameters attribute is a compound attribute containing all the keying material corresponding to a particular generation of a SAID's TEK: the TEK, the TEK's remaining key lifetime, its key sequence number, and the CBC initialization vector. The TEK is encrypted (see Section [11.2](#page-85-1) for details).
	- The HMAC-Digest attribute is a keyed message digest. The CMTS MUST ensure that the HMAC-Digest attribute is the final attribute in the Key Reply's Attribute list. The message digest is performed over the BPKM message header (starting with the BPKM Code field) and all of the Key Reply's Attribute fields, other than the HMAC-Digest, in the order in which they appear within the packet.

HMAC-Digest's authentication key is derived from the Authorization Key (see Section [11.4](#page-85-0) for details).

7.2.1.6 Key Reject

Receipt of a Key Reject indicates that the recipient CM is no longer authorized to use a particular SAID.

Code: 9

Attribute List:

The HMAC-Digest attribute is a keyed message digest. The CMTS MUST ensure that the HMAC-Digest attribute is the final attribute in the Key Reject's Attribute list. The message digest is performed over the BPKM message header (starting with the BPKM Code field) and all of the Key Reject's Attribute fields, other than the HMAC-Digest, in the order in which they appear within the packet.

HMAC-Digest's authentication key is derived from the Authorization Key (see Section [11.4](#page-85-0) for details).

7.2.1.7 Authorization Invalid

The Authorization Invalid message instructs the receiving CM to re-authorize with its CMTS.

Code: 10

Attribute List:

Table 16 - Authorization Invalid Attributes

7.2.1.8 TEK Invalid

The CMTS sends a TEK Invalid message to a client CM if the CMTS determines that the CM encrypted an upstream PDU with an invalid TEK: i.e., a SAID's TEK key sequence number, contained within the received packet's Baseline Privacy Extended Header element, is out of the CMTS's range of known, valid sequence numbers for that SAID.

Code: 11

Attribute List:

Table 17 - TEK Invalid Attributes

The HMAC-Digest attribute is a keyed message digest. The CMTS MUST ensure that the HMAC-Digest attribute is the final attribute in the TEK Invalid's Attribute list. The message digest is performed over the BPKM message header (starting with the BPKM Code field) and all of the TEK Invalid's attribute fields, other than the HMAC-Digest, in the order in which they appear within the packet.

HMAC-Digest's authentication key is derived from the Authorization Key (see Section [11.4](#page-85-0) for details).

7.2.1.9 Authentication Information (Auth Info)

The Authentication Info message contains a single CA-Certificate Attribute field, which contains a legacy Manufacturer CA or Device CA Certificate. The CM's Device Certificate MUST have been issued by the certification authority identified by this certificate.

Authentication Information messages are usually informative: while the CM is required to transmit Auth Info messages as indicated by the Authentication state model (see Section [7.1.4\)](#page-36-0), the CMTS under some circumstances may ignore them.

Code: 12

Attribute:

Table 18 - Authentication Information Attributes

7.2.1.10 SA Map Request (MAP Request)

A CM sends SA Map Requests to its CMTS to request the mapping of a particular downstream traffic flow to an SA. [Annex C](#page-121-0) describes the SA Mapping state model.

Code: 13

Attribute List:

Table 19 - SA Map Request Attributes

7.2.1.11 SA Map Reply (Map Reply)

A CMTS sends an SA Map Reply as a positive response to a client CM's SA Map Request. The SA Map Reply informs the CM of a mapping between a queried address and an SA. [Annex C](#page-121-0) describes the SA Mapping state model.

Code: 14

Attribute List:

Table 20 - SA Map Reply Attributes

7.2.1.12 SA Map Reject (Map Reject)

A CMTS sends an SA Map Reject as a negative response to a client CM's SA Map Request. The SA Map Reject informs the CM that either:

- Downstream traffic flow identified in the SA-Query attribute is not being encrypted; or
- The requesting CM is not authorized to receive that traffic.

The content of an error code attribute distinguishes between these two cases. [Annex C](#page-121-0) describes the SA Mapping state model.

Code: 15

Attribute List:

Table 21 - SA MAP Reject Attributes

7.2.2 BPKM Attributes

A summary of the format of the Attribute field is:

Type

The Type field is one octet. Values of the BPKM Type field are specified below. Values between 0 and 127 inclusive are defined within this specification; values between 128 and 255 are vendor-assigned Attribute Types.

The CMTS MUST ignore attributes with an unknown value of Type field. The CMTS MAY log receipt of attributes with unknown values of the Type field.

The CM MUST ignore attributes with an unknown value of Type field. The CM MAY log receipt of attributes with unknown values of the Type field.

Some BPKM attributes are also used for the Secure Software Download code file (see Sectio[n 14\)](#page-99-0).

Table 22 - BPKM Attribute Types

Type	BPKM Attribute	
	Reserved	
	Serial-Number	
\mathcal{P}	Manufacturer-ID	
3	MAC-Address	
4	RSA-Public-Key (also used for secure software download, see Section 14)	
5	CM-Identification	
6	Display-String	
	Auth-Key	
8	TEK	
9	Key-Lifetime	

Length

The Length field is two octets, and indicates the length of this attribute's Value field, in octets. The value of the Length field does not include the length of the Type and Length fields. The CMTS MUST set the value of the Length field to be in the range [0, 1487]. The CM MUST set the value of the Length field to be in the range [0, 1487].

The CMTS SHOULD silently discard packets containing attributes with invalid values of the Length field. The CM SHOULD silently discard packets containing attributes with invalid values of the Length field.

Value

The Value field is zero or more octets and contains information specific to the particular attribute. The format and length of the Value field is determined by the contents of the Type and Length fields. All multi-octet integer quantities are in network order, i.e., the octet containing the most-significant bits is the first transmitted on the wire.

The format of the Value field is one of five data types, as shown in [Table](#page-56-0) 23.

7.2.2.1 Serial-Number

This attribute contains the serial identifier assigned by the manufacturer to a CM.

```
0 1 2 3
0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 0 1
    +---------------+---------------+---------------+---------------+
                       0 \leq Length \leq 255 | string ...
    +---------------+---------------+---------------+---------------+
```
string

The string field is zero or more octets and contains a serial identifier assigned by the manufacturer.

The CM MUST encode the serial identifier in the [\[ISO 8859-1\]](#page-13-2) character-set encoding. The CM MUST use only the following characters:

- Upper case letters, A to Z (0x41-0x5A)
- Lower case letters, a to z $(0x61-0x7A)$
- Digits, 0 to 9 (0x30-0x39)
- Dash, $-(0xD2)$

7.2.2.2 Manufacturer-ID

This attribute identifies the manufacturer. The identifier is 3 octets long and contains the 24-bit Organizationally Unique Identifier (OUI) assigned to applying organizations by the IEEE.

string

The string field is three octets in length and contains an IEEE OUI.

7.2.2.3 MAC-Address

This attribute identifies the MAC address assigned to the CM.

string

The string field contains a 6-octet MAC address.

7.2.2.4 RSA-Public-Key

This attribute is a string attribute containing a DER-encoded RSAPublicKey ASN.1 type, as defined i[n \[X.509\]:](#page-14-0)

```
RSAPublicKey ::= SEQUENCE {
                   modulus INTEGER, 
                  publicExponent INTEGER }
```
The CMTS MUST support a publicExponent of F4. The CM MUST support a publicExponent of F4.

```
0 1 2 3
0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 0 1
    +---------------+---------------+---------------+---------------+
      Type = 4 |
    +---------------+---------------+---------------+---------------+
```
Length

The length specified is 106, 140, or 270 octets (length of DER-encoded RSAPublicKey, using F4 as the public exponent and a 768-bit, 1024-bit, or 2048-bit public modulus respectively).

string

DER-encoded RSAPublicKey

7.2.2.5 CM-Identification

This is a compound attribute, consisting of a collection of sub-attributes. These sub-attributes contain information that can be used to uniquely identify a CM. The CM MUST provide the following sub-attributes:

- Serial-Number
- Manufacturer-ID
- MAC-Address
- RSA-Public-Key

CM-Identification MAY also contain optional Vendor-Defined Attributes.

7.2.2.6 Display-String

This attribute contains a textual message. It is typically used to explain a failure response, and might be logged by the receiver for later retrieval by an SNMP manager. The CMTS MUST NOT use display strings longer than 128 octets. The CM MUST NOT use display strings longer than 128 octets. This specification does not define the character set nor the language to be used in the Display-String attribute.

 $\frac{1}{2}$ 3 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 0 1 +---------------+---------------+---------------+---------------+ $Type = 6$ | 0 \leq Length \leq 128 | string... +---------------+---------------+---------------+---------------+

string

A string of octets

7.2.2.7 Auth-Key

The Authorization Key is a twenty (20)-octet value, from which other keys are derived.

This attribute contains either a ninety-six (96)-, one-hundred twenty-eight (128)-, or a two-hundred fifty-six(256) octet value that is the Authorization Key encrypted with the CM's 768-bit, 1024-bit, or 2048-bit RSA public key. Details of the RSA encryption procedure are given in Section [11.5.](#page-86-0)

 0 1 2 3 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 0 1 +---------------+---------------+---------------+---------------+ Type = 7 | Length = $96,128$ or 256 | string ... +---------------+---------------+---------------+---------------+

string

Encrypted Authorization Key

7.2.2.8 TEK

This attribute contains a TEK encrypted with a KEK derived from the Authorization Key. TEKs are encrypted using the Encrypt-Decrypt-Encrypt (EDE) mode of two-key 3DES (see Section [11.2](#page-85-1) for details).

Length

Eight (8) (DES TEK) or sixteen (16) (AES TEK)

string

Encrypted Traffic Encryption Key

7.2.2.9 Key-Lifetime

This attribute contains the lifetime, in seconds, of an Authorization Key or TEK. It is a thirty-two (32)-bit unsigned quantity representing the remaining number of seconds for which the associated key is valid.

uint32

Remaining key lifetime, in seconds

A key lifetime of zero indicates that the corresponding key is not valid.

7.2.2.10 Key-Sequence-Number

This attribute contains a 4-bit sequence number for a TEK or Authorization Key. The four (4)-bit quantity is stored in an octet. The CMTS MUST set the high-order four (4) bits to zero (0). The CM MUST set the high-order four (4) bits to zero (0) .

 0 1 2 3 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 0 1 +---------------+---------------+---------------+---------------+ | Type = 10 | Length = 1 | uint8 | +---------------+---------------+---------------+---------------+

uint8

4-bit sequence number

7.2.2.11 HMAC-Digest

This attribute contains a keyed hash, used for message authentication. The HMAC algorithm is defined i[n \[RFC](#page-13-3) [2104\];](#page-13-3) the hash algorithm is SHA-1 [\[FIPS 180-4\].](#page-13-4)

string

A 160-bit (20-octet) keyed SHA-1 hash

7.2.2.12 SAID

This attribute contains a fourteen (14)-bit Security Association ID (SAID). The CMTS MUST set the two high-order bits to zero. The CM MUST set the two high-order bits to zero.

 0 1 2 3 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 0 1 +---------------+---------------+---------------+---------------+ | uint16 ... | +---------------+---------------+---------------+---------------+ | ...uint16 | +---------------

uint16

SAID

7.2.2.13 TEK-Parameters

This is a compound attribute, consisting of a collection of sub-attributes. These sub-attributes represent all the security parameters relevant to a particular generation of a SAID's TEK.

Length

Thirty-three (33) (DES) or Forty-Nine (49) (AES)

compound

This field contains the following sub-attributes:

Table 24 - TEK-Parameters Sub-Attributes

7.2.2.14 CBC-IV

This attribute contains a Cipher Block Chaining (CBC) Initialization Vector.

Length

Eight (8) (DES) or sixteen (16) (AES)

string

Initialization Vector

7.2.2.15 Error-Code

This attribute contains a one-octet error code that provides further information about an Authorization Reject, Key Reject, Authorization Invalid, SA-MAP Reject or TEK Invalid message.

uint8

1-octet error code

The CMTS MUST include the Error-Code Attribute in all Authorization Reject, Authorization Invalid, Key Reject, TEK Invalid and SA-MAP Reject messages. [Table](#page-61-2) 25 lists code values for use with this Attribute. The CMTS MUST employ the non-zero error codes listed in the table for SA-MAP Reject messages. The CMTS MUST employ error codes listed in the table (including zero) for the other message types. The CM MUST ignore error code values other than those defined in Table 25 - [Error-Code Attribute Code Values.](#page-61-2)

Error code 6, Permanent Authorization Failure, is used to indicate a number of different error conditions affecting the BPKM authorization exchange. These include:

- An unknown manufacturer; i.e., the CMTS does not have the CA certificate belonging to the issuer of a CM Device Certificate;
- CM Device Certificate has an invalid signature;
- ASN.1 parsing failure during verification of CM Device Certificate;
- CM Device Certificate is revoked (see Sectio[n 13.4\)](#page-96-0);
- Inconsistencies between certificate data and data in accompanying BPKM attributes;
- CM and CMTS have incompatible security capabilities.

The CMTS MUST send an Authorization Reject message containing error code 6 (Permanent Authorization Failure) in response to an Authorization Request message when any of the following occurs:

- The CMTS fails to validate the CM Device Certificates per Section [13.3.2;](#page-95-0)
- The CM and the CMTS have incompatible security capabilities (see Section [7.2.1.1\)](#page-51-0).

Entries in the CMTS MIB (see [\[DOCSIS CM-OSSIv3.1\]\)](#page-13-0) control the actions that a CMTS takes in the event that any of the above error conditions occur.

The CMTS MAY report details about the cause of a Permanent Authorization Failure to the CM in an optional Display-String Attribute that may accompany the Error-Code Attribute in Authorization Reject messages. The CMTS SHOULD provide the capability to control administratively whether additional detail is sent to the CM. The CMTS MAY log these Authorization failures or otherwise make them known to the operator.

7.2.2.16 Vendor-Defined

The Vendor-Defined attribute is a compound attribute whose first sub-attribute is the Manufacturer-ID. Subsequent attribute(s) are defined by the manufacturer, with Type values assigned by the vendor identified by the Manufacturer-ID.

compound

The CMTS MUST insert the Manufacturer-ID as the first sub-attribute. The CM MUST insert the Manufacturer-ID as the first sub-attribute. Subsequent attributes can include both Types defined within this specification and vendordefined Types, defined by the vendor identified in the preceding Manufacturer-ID sub-attribute.

7.2.2.17 CA-Certificate

This attribute contains a DER-encoded legacy Manufacturer CA or Device CA certificate.

 0 1 2 3 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 0 1 +---------------+---------------+---------------+---------------+ $Type = 17$ | Length +---------------+---------------+---------------+---------------+

Length

Variable

string

DER-encoded Manufacturer CA or CableLabs Mfg CA certificate

7.2.2.18 CM-Certificate

This attribute contains the DER-encoded CM Device Certificate.

```
0 1 2 3
0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 0 1
        +---------------+---------------+---------------+---------------+
                         Length | string ...
       +---------------+---------------+---------------+---------------+
```
Length

Variable

string

DER-encoded CM Device Certificate

7.2.2.19 Security-Capabilities

This is a compound attribute whose sub-attributes identify the version of DOCSIS Security and the cryptographic suite(s) supported by a CM.

compound

This field contains the following sub-attributes:

Table 26 - Security-Capabilities Sub-Attributes

7.2.2.20 Cryptographic-Suite

uint16

A 16-bit integer identifying a pairing of a data encryption algorithm (encoded in the most significant octet) taken from [Table](#page-63-2) 27 and a data authentication algorithm (encoded in the least significant octet) taken from [Table](#page-64-2) 28. The CMTS MUST use a value that appears in Table 29 - [Cryptographic-Suite Attribute Values.](#page-64-3) The CM MUST use a value that appears in Table 29 - [Cryptographic-Suite Attribute Values.](#page-64-3)

Value	Description
	Reserved
	CBC-Mode, 56-bit DES
	CBC-Mode, 40-bit DES
	CBC-Mode, 128-bit block, 128-bit key AES

Table 27 - Data Encryption Algorithm Identifiers

Table 28 - Data Authentication Algorithm Identifiers

Table 29 - Cryptographic-Suite Attribute Values

7.2.2.21 Cryptographic-Suite-List

Length

 $2 \times n$, where *n* is the number of cryptographic suites in the list

string

A list of byte pairs identifying a collection of cryptographic suites. Each byte pair represents a supported cryptographic suite, with an encoding identical to the value field of the Cryptographic-Suite Attribute (Section [7.2.2.20\)](#page-63-3). The CMTS MUST NOT interpret the relative ordering of byte pairs in the list as a CM's preferences amongst the cryptographic suites it supports.

7.2.2.22 BPI-Version

uint8

A one (1)-octet code identifying a version of Baseline Privacy security.

Table 30 - BPI-Version Attribute Values

7.2.2.23 SA-Descriptor

This is a compound attribute whose sub-attributes describe the properties of a Security Association. These properties are: the SAID, the SA type, and the cryptographic suite employed by the SA.

compound

This field contains the sub-attributes shown in [Table](#page-65-2) 31.

Table 31 - SA-Descriptor Sub-Attributes

Attribute	Contents	See
SAID	Security Association ID	7.2.2.12
SA-Type	Type of SA	7.2.2.24
Cryptographic-Suite	Pairing of data encryption and data authentication algorithms employed within the SA	7.2.2.20

7.2.2.24 SA-Type

Identifies the type of SA. This specification defines three types of SA: Primary, Static, and Dynamic.

uint8

A 1-octet code identifying the value of SA-type as defined in [Table](#page-65-4) 32.

7.2.2.25 SA-Query

This compound attribute is used in SA Map Request messages to pass mapping query arguments. Query arguments include the query type and any addressing attributes particular to that query type. The addressing attributes identify a particular downstream traffic flow for which an SA mapping is being requested.

compound

This field contains the sub-attributes in [Table](#page-66-0) 33.

Table 33 - SA-Query Sub-Attributes

7.2.2.26 SA-Query-Type

Identifies the type of query. This specification defines two types of SA Queries: IP Multicast and Vendor Specific.

uint8

A 1-octet code identifying the value of SA-Query-Type as defined i[n Table](#page-66-3) 34.

Table 34 - SA-Query-Type Attribute Values

Value	Description
	Reserved
	IP Multicast
$2 - 127$	Reserved
128-255	Vendor Specific

7.2.2.27 IPv4-Address

This attribute identifies an IPv4 address that is used to identify an encrypted IP traffic flow. It is used, for example, to specify an IPv4 multicast group address.

uint32

Contains a thirty-two (32)-bit unsigned integer (in network order) representing an IPv4 address.

7.2.2.28 Download-Parameters

This attribute is used in the CM Code File defined in Section [14.](#page-99-0) This is a compound attribute, consisting of an ordered collection of sub-attributes.

The sub-attributes include zero or more of the following attribute(s) in this order:

Legacy PKI Attributes

- Zero or one instances of RSA-Public-Key (see Section [7.2.2.4\)](#page-57-0);
- Zero, one or more instances of CA-Certificate (see Sectio[n 7.2.2.17\)](#page-62-0);
- Zero or one instance of CVC-Root-CA-Certificate, which is deprecated (see Section [7.2.2.29\)](#page-67-1);
- Zero or one instance of CVC-CA-Certificate, which is deprecated (see Sectio[n 7.2.2.30\)](#page-67-2).

New PKI Attributes

- Zero or one instance of Device-CA-Certificate (see Section [7.2.2.31\)](#page-67-0);
- Zero or one instance of Root-CA-Certificate (see Section [7.2.2.32\)](#page-68-0).

 0 1 2 3 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 0 1 +---------------+---------------+---------------+---------------+ $|$ compound \ldots +---------------+---------------+---------------+---------------+

7.2.2.29 CVC-Root-CA-Certificate (deprecated)

This attribute contains a DER-encoded CVC Root CA certificate from the legacy PKI.

Length

Variable

string

DER-encoded CVC Root CA Certificate

7.2.2.30 CVC-CA-Certificate (deprecated)

This attribute contains a DER-encoded CVC CA certificate from the legacy PKI.

Length

Variable

string

DER-encoded CVC CA Certificate

7.2.2.31 Device-CA-Certificate

This attribute contains a DER-encoded Device CA Certificate from the new PKI.

Length

Variable

string

DER-encoded Device CA Certificate from the new PKI

7.2.2.32 Root-CA-Certificate

This attribute contains a DER-encoded Root CA Certificate from the new PKI.

Length

Variable

string

DER-encoded Root CA Certificate from the new PKI

8 EARLY AUTHENTICATION AND ENCRYPTION (EAE)

8.1 Introduction

The process of CM initialization is described i[n \[DOCSIS MULPIv3.1\].](#page-13-1) This section specifies requirements on the CM and the CMTS for securing the CM initialization process. This specification introduces early authentication and encryption (EAE) to DOCSIS CM initialization, and places the CMTS in charge of the authentication process on a modem-by-modem basis.

Early authentication functions as a network admission control; only authenticated CMs are allowed to continue their initialization process and may be subsequently admitted to the network. The results of a successful authentication are used for securing subsequent steps in the CM's initialization process.

Early Authentication and Encryption (EAE) refers to the following sequence of processes in their entirety:

- 1. The authentication of the CM (i.e., the BPI+ Authorization exchanges) following the completion of ranging and before DHCP exchanges (i.e., early authentication);
- 2. TEK key exchanges for the CM's Primary SAID;
- 3. Encryption of IP provisioning traffic and the REG-REQ-MP MAC message during CM initialization.

The CMTS MUST support EAE.

The CM MUST support EAE.

8.2 EAE Signaling

The CMTS uses TLV type 6 in the MDD MAC message to signal EAE to CMs. The CM determines whether it is required to perform EAE by detecting the MDD MAC message and inspecting TLV type 6.

When the CMTS is configured to enable EAE (see Sectio[n 8.4\)](#page-71-0), the CMTS MUST include TLV type 6 in the MDD with its value set to 1 to signal to CMs that they are to perform EAE. When the CMTS is configured to disable EAE, the CMTS MUST include TLV type 6 in the MDD with its value set to 0, to signal to CMs that they do not perform EAE.

If the CM detects a valid MDD message before or during initial ranging, and the MDD contains TLV type 6 with a nonzero value, then the CM MUST start EAE by sending a {Initiate Authentication} event to the BPI+ Auth State Machine (see Sectio[n 7\)](#page-32-1) immediately following Ranging completion. If the CM detects no MDD message before or during initial ranging, or the detected MDD message contains no TLV type 6, or the detected MDD contains TLV type 6 with value set to zero (0), then the CM MUST NOT start EAE. The CM follows procedures specified in [\[DOCSIS MULPIv3.1\]](#page-13-1) to detect MDD.

The CMTS may omit MDD messages on some downstream channels. EAE only applies to CMs initializing on downstream channels that broadcast the MDD message.

Figure 10 - EAE Signaling Flow Chart for CM

8.3 EAE Encryption

Once a CM has completed EAE Authorization, the CMTS MUST transmit all subsequent unicast DOCSIS data PDUs to that CM that are not otherwise assigned to a Security Association (SA) on the CM's primary SA, until such time BPI+ is disabled.

A CM which has completed EAE Authorization with a CMTS MUST transmit the following upstream traffic to the CMTS on the CM's primary Security Association:

- All data PDUs, including DHCP, TOD, and TFTP provisioning traffic; and
- The Registration Request (REG-REQ-MP) MAC management message.

An initializing CM does not encrypt other upstream MAC Management messages to the CMTS (see Section [6.5\)](#page-29-0).

For the purposes of supporting IPv6 managed devices, this specification requires that multicast traffic addressed to the Well-known IPv6 Addresses (see [\[DOCSIS MULPIv3.1\]\)](#page-13-1) be exempted from EAE enforcement. As such, the CMTS MUST NOT encrypt multicast traffic addressed to these Well-known IPv6 Addresses.

8.4 EAE Enforcement

When EAE is enabled, the CMTS uses EAE to perform network admission control by forcing CMs to authenticate before allowing them to proceed with the initialization process. As a result of EAE, a security association is established for the CM's primary SAID, which protects subsequent provisioning messages (see [\[DOCSIS](#page-13-1) [MULPIv3.1\]\)](#page-13-1).

The CMTS enforces EAE only for CMs that initialize on a downstream channel on which the CMTS is transmitting MDD messages. The CMTS MUST support the following configurable EAE enforcement policies:

Policy 1: No EAE enforcement, i.e., EAE is disabled, and the CMTS does not enforce EAE on any CM.

Policy 2: Ranging-Based EAE Enforcement, i.e., the CMTS enforces EAE on CMs that range with a B-INIT-RNG-REQ MAC message.

Policy 3: Capability-Based EAE Enforcement, i.e., the CMTS enforces EAE on CMs that range with a B-INIT-RNG-REQ MAC message in which the EAE capability flag is set.

Policy 4: Total EAE Enforcement, i.e., the CMTS enforces EAE on all CMs.

The EAE enforcement policies are mutually exclusive. By default, the CMTS MUST enable Ranging-Based EAE Enforcement (Policy 2). Policies 2 and 3 are referred to as Selective EAE Enforcement.

When configured for Selective EAE Enforcement the CMTS does not enforce EAE for DOCSIS 1.1/2.0 CMs since they do not support the B-INIT-RNG-REQ MAC message.

The CMTS enforces EAE on CMs based on the configured EAE enforcement policies. CMs in the EAE Exclusion List (see Section [8.4.5\)](#page-72-0), are always exempted from EAE enforcement.

8.4.1 CMTS and CM Behaviors when EAE is Enabled

When EAE is enabled on a CMTS and a CM performs EAE, the following procedures need to be performed.

- When the ranging process has been successfully completed, the CMTS MUST drop all PDUs (i.e., frames with FC type 00) (see [\[DOCSIS MULPIv3.1\]\)](#page-13-1) from the CM until it has successfully completed EAE; a CM completes EAE when it has received the Key Reply message for the Primary SAID.
- The CMTS MUST use the Primary SA to carry all IP messages involved in the provisioning of the CM (i.e., DHCP, TOD, and TFTP).
- The CM MUST use the Primary SA to carry all IP messages involved in the provisioning of the CM (i.e., DHCP, TOD, and TFTP), and its REG-REQ-MP MAC messages.

8.4.2 EAE Enforcement Determination

This section describes how the CMTS makes EAE enforcement decisions based on its configured policy.

8.4.2.1 Ranging-Based EAE Enforcement

When the CMTS is configured to enable Ranging-Based EAE Enforcement (policy 2), the CMTS enforces EAE on a CM based on the CM's ranging MAC message type, ignoring the EAE capability flag in the B-INIT-RNG-REQ. When the CMTS is configured for EAE enforcement policy 2, it MUST enforce EAE only on CMs that range with B-INIT-RNG-REQ, except for CMs on the EAE Exclusion List (see Section [8.4.5\)](#page-72-0).
8.4.2.2 Capability-Based EAE Enforcement

When the CMTS is configured to enable Capability-Based EAE Enforcement (policy 3), the CMTS enforces EAE on a CM based on its ranging MAC message type as well as the EAE capability flag in the B-INIT-RNG-REQ. When the CMTS is configured for policy 3 enforcement, it MUST enforce EAE only on CMs that range with B-INIT-RNG-REQ in which the EAE capability flag is set, except for CMs on the EAE Exclusion List (see Section [8.4.4\)](#page-72-0).

8.4.2.3 Total EAE Enforcement

When the CMTS is configured to enable Total EAE Enforcement (policy 4), the CMTS MUST enforce EAE on all CMs, except for CMs on the EAE Exclusion List (see Section [8.4.4\)](#page-72-0).

8.4.3 EAE Enforcement of DHCP Traffic

When the CMTS is configured to enable EAE with policy 2 or 3 enforcement the CMTS MUST discard DHCP packets from a CM if:

- The Vendor Class Identifier Option (option 60 for DHCPv4 and option 16 for DHCPv6) in the DHCP packets advertise DOCSIS version 3.0 or later (see [\[DOCSIS MULPIv3.1\]\)](#page-13-0); and
- The CM has not successfully completed EAE; and
- The CM is not on the EAE Exclusion List (see Section [8.4.5\)](#page-72-1).

8.4.4 CMTS and CM Behavior when EAE is Disabled

When EAE is disabled, the following procedures need to be performed.

- The CMTS MUST allow a CM to proceed with the Initialization process (see [\[DOCSIS MULPIv3.1\]\)](#page-13-0) without performing EAE;
- The CM MUST NOT initiate EAE after completing initial ranging;
- After completing initial ranging the CM MUST proceed to the next step in the CM initialization process as defined in [\[DOCSIS MULPIv3.1\];](#page-13-0)
- If the CMTS receives an Authorization Request from a CM following ranging completion, the CMTS SHOULD NOT perform authentication on the CM. The CMTS MUST respond to the Authorization Request with an Authorization Reject message containing the error code 10.

8.4.5 EAE Exclusion List

The CMTS MUST support the capability to exclude individual CMs from EAE enforcement based on their MAC addresses when policy 2, 3, or 4 is enabled on a per-MAC domain basis.

If a CM is on the exclusion list, the following procedures need to be performed:

- The CMTS MUST allow the CM to proceed with the Initialization process (se[e \[DOCSIS MULPIv3.1\]\)](#page-13-0) without performing EAE.
- If the CMTS receives an Authorization Request from the CM following ranging completion, the CMTS MUST respond with an Authorization Reject message containing the error code 10.
- If the CM sends an Authorization Request immediately after ranging completion and receives error code 10 in the Authorization Reject message in response, the CM MUST terminate its Authorization state machine and proceed to the next step in its initialization process as described in [\[DOCSIS MULPIv3.1\].](#page-13-0) The CM will later initiate Authorization and subsequent TEK key exchanges if it receives a configuration file that enables BPI+ (see Section [7\)](#page-32-0).

8.4.6 Interoperability Issues

A pre-DOCSIS 3.0 CM does not recognize the MDD message and thus will not attempt to perform EAE. The DOCSIS 3.0 CMTS MUST support initialization of pre-DOCSIS 3.0 CMs including operation of the Authorization and TEK state machines following registration as defined in [\[DOCSIS RFIv2.0\].](#page-13-1)

A DOCSIS 3.0 CM capable of EAE, when deployed against a pre-DOCSIS 3.0 CMTS, determines that EAE is disabled because it does not receive a valid MDD during initial ranging. The process by which a CM detects a valid MDD during initial ranging is described i[n \[DOCSIS MULPIv3.1\].](#page-13-0) A CM that fails to detect an MDD message proceeds directly to the "Establish IP Connectivity" phase after initial ranging.

8.5 Authentication Reuse

When EAE is enabled, CMs are authenticated immediately following successful ranging. This is early in a CM's initialization process, so a successful authentication can be used to eliminate authentication in subsequent steps during initialization. EAE is also used to secure DHCP, TOD, TFTP, and Registration over the cable network link (see Section [8.3](#page-70-0) for more details).

8.6 BPI+ Control by Configuration File

If EAE is enabled for a CM, the CM performs early authentication and establishes its Authorization and TEK state machine for the primary SAID before receiving its configuration file. If EAE is disabled, the CM receives its configuration file before it is authenticated. In either case, the BPI+ setting in the configuration file (se[e \[DOCSIS](#page-13-0) [MULPIv3.1\]\)](#page-13-0) controls all subsequent privacy operations.

8.6.1 EAE Enabled

If EAE is enabled for a CM, its Authorization state machine and the TEK state machine for its Primary SAID are operational by the time the CM receives its configuration file. Depending on the BPI+ settings in the configuration file, the CM's security state machines may continue to operate or may be terminated when the configuration file is processed by the CM.

If the configuration file does not disable BPI+, then the CM's Authorization state machine and its TEK state machine for the Primary SAID MUST continue to operate. If the configuration file enables BPI+ but contains BPI+ settings that differ from the default values listed in Table 35 - [Recommended Operational Ranges for BPI+](#page-112-0) [Configuration Parameters,](#page-112-0) then the CM MUST update its Auth and TEK state machines with any changed values it receives in the configuration file.

If the Authorization Grace Time value changes, the CM MUST Re-Authorize after registration messaging is complete. If the TEK Grace Time value changes, the CM MUST perform a TEK Refresh after registration messaging is complete. If the configuration file contains BG_CFG subtype 3 (Authorization Grace Time, se[e Annex](#page-110-0) [A\)](#page-110-0) and its value is greater than half the remaining Authorization lifetime, then the CM MUST immediately set the Authorization Grace Time to 1 second less than half the remaining Authorization lifetime. If the configuration file does not contain BPI+ settings, or BPI+ settings are present and have default values listed in [Table 35 -](#page-112-0) [Recommended Operational Ranges for BPI+ Configuration Parameters,](#page-112-0) then the CM's state machines MUST continue to operate as normal EAE (see Section [A.2\)](#page-111-0).

If EAE is enabled for a CM and its configuration file explicitly disables BPI+, then the CM MUST terminate its Authorization state machine and its TEK state machine for the Primary SAID as soon as registration is complete.

8.6.2 EAE Disabled

If EAE is disabled for a CM, then the CM does not initiate any security exchanges with the CMTS until after Registration. The CM's configuration file controls completely whether it initiates any security exchanges with the CMTS.

If EAE is disabled and the CM's configuration file enables BPI+ the following procedures need to be performed:

- The CM MUST send an {Initiate Authentication} event to the Authorization State Machine (see Section [7.1.4\)](#page-36-0) to start CM Authorization process. The Authorization and TEK exchanges between the CM and the CMTS follow the requirements in Section [7.1.1.](#page-32-1)
- The CM MUST NOT forward traffic from any attached CPE device to the cable network from the time registration completes until after the initialization of Baseline Privacy operations completes for its primary SID/SAID. Registration completion is defined in [\[DOCSIS MULPIv3.1\],](#page-13-0) and initialization of Baseline Privacy operations completion is defined in Section [5.2.1.](#page-22-0)
- The CMTS maintains the CM's Authorization state and it MUST verify that the CM completed Authorization exchanges with the CMTS before forwarding user data traffic from the CM. The CMTS MUST drop all user data traffic forwarded by the CM until the CMTS verifies that the CM has completed Authorization.

If EAE is disabled and the CM's configuration file disables BPI+, the CM MUST NOT instantiate an Authorization State Machine or start any TEK state machines.

9 SECURE PROVISIONING

9.1 Introduction

The term "secure provisioning" refers to securing the CM provisioning processes. These processes are defined in [\[DOCSIS MULPIv3.1\]](#page-13-0) and they are DHCP, ToD, and TFTP at the IP layer; and registration at the MAC layer. Secure provisioning plays a critical role in protecting the CMs and the network from attacks, and in preventing service theft. This section places requirements on the CM and CMTS to support secure provisioning.

9.2 Encryption of Provisioning Messages

When EAE is enabled for a CM, all IP provisioning messages are encrypted by the Primary SAID as the payload of DOCSIS packets. Registration Request MAC management messages are also encrypted.

Of special value is the encryption of TFTP messages. The encryption of TFTP packets protects the confidentiality of the contents of CM configuration files downloaded via TFTP. If a configuration file contains sensitive information, EAE should be enabled for that CM.

9.3 Securing DHCP

9.3.1 Securing DHCP on the Cable Network Link

DHCP is a client-server protocol. When EAE is enabled for a CM, security of unicast DHCP messages between the CMTS and the CM is provided by encrypting DHCP packets as they pass across the cable network link. It is assumed in this specification that the path between the DHCP server and the CMTS is secured through mechanisms outside the scope of this specification (see also Sectio[n 5\)](#page-19-0).

9.3.2 DHCPv6

CMs support the lightweight DHCPv6 authentication protocol for IPv6 provisioning (se[e \[DOCSIS MULPIv3.1\]\)](#page-13-0). As the lightweight DHCPv6 authentication protocol relies on DHCPv6 messages to distribute Reconfigure keys to the CMs, it is essential that DHCPv6 messages be protected. If a CM is provisioned to accept DHCPv6 Reconfigure messages, then enabling EAE adds additional protection for the value of the Reconfigure key.

9.4 TFTP Configuration File Security

9.4.1 Introduction

This section describes requirements intended to secure the CM configuration file download process, and to ensure that the CM does not receive a different level of service than described by the configuration file.

9.4.2 CMTS Security Features for Configuration File Download

The CMTS supports several features intended to secure the download of CM configuration files:

- A capability to prevent the disclosure of the IP address of the configuration file server (TFTP Proxy, see Section [9.4.2.1\)](#page-75-0);
- A capability to enforce that a CM downloads the correct configuration file according to DHCP configurations offered to the CM (Configuration File Name Authorization, see Section [9.4.2.3\)](#page-76-0);
- A capability to verify that a CM registers with settings that match those in the downloaded configuration file (Configuration File Learning, see Sectio[n 9.4.2.4\)](#page-76-1).

9.4.2.1 TFTP Proxy

The CMTS MUST implement a TFTP server and a TFTP client compliant with [\[RFC 1350\].](#page-13-2) Both the TFTP server and client in the CMTS MUST support TFTP option extension (se[e \[RFC 2347\]\)](#page-13-3), TFTP blocksize option (se[e \[RFC](#page-13-4) [2348\]\)](#page-13-4) and TFTP timeout interval option (se[e \[RFC 2349\]\)](#page-14-0). The CMTS MUST be capable of acting as the TFTP server for CMs to download configuration files. The CMTS MUST be capable of acting as a TFTP client to download configuration files from TFTP servers in the provisioning system. The CMTS MAY support other file transfer protocol clients for CM configuration file download.

When the CMTS acts as the TFTP server for a CM, and at the same time acts as a TFTP client downloading a configuration file from a TFTP server on behalf of the CM, the CMTS is referred to as a TFTP Proxy. The CMTS MUST support the capability to enable or disable TFTP Proxy. By default, the CMTS MUST enable TFTP Proxy.

9.4.2.2 Protecting TFTP Server Addresses

If TFTP Proxy is enabled on a CMTS and a CM is provisioned in IPv4 mode, then the CMTS MUST ensure that the TFTP Server Address Option and/or the siaddr field in DHCPACK messages sent to the CM is the CMTS's IP address.

If TFTP Proxy is enabled on a CMTS and a CM is provisioned in IPv6 mode, then the CMTS MUST ensure that the CL_OPTION_TFTP_SERVERS suboption of the OPTION_VENDOR_OPTS in Reply messages sent to the CM is the CMTS's IP address.

If TFTP Proxy is enabled and a valid configuration download TFTP request has been received from a CM, the CMTS MUST acquire the configuration file from the configuration server identified in the DHCPACK (DHCPv4), or Reply (DHCPv6) messages relayed to the CM, and download it to the CM.

If TFTP Proxy is enabled on a CMTS, and if the provisioning system uses multiple configuration file servers, then the CMTS SHOULD support a mechanism that uses the multiple TFTP servers. The CMTS SHOULD implement a retry mechanism that synchronizes TFTP retries by the CM and by the CMTS. These mechanisms are not defined by this specification.

9.4.2.3 Configuration File Name Authorization

The CMTS MUST support the capability to maintain a list of authorized DHCP servers.

The CMTS MUST support the capability to learn the name of a CM's configuration file from the DHCP configurations offered to the CM from an authorized DHCP server. The learned configuration file name identifies the configuration file that the CM is authorized to download.

The CMTS MUST support the capability to discard CM TFTP Requests if the name of the configuration file requested by a CM is not identical to the learned name of the configuration file. This capability is referred to as Configuration File Name Authorization. The CMTS MUST enable or disable Configuration File Name Authorization when the TFTP Proxy feature is enabled or disabled, respectively.

9.4.2.4 Configuration File Learning

When TFTP Proxy is enabled on a CMTS, the CMTS downloads configuration files on behalf of CMs, and the CMTS can learn about CMs' configuration files. The CMTS MUST support a capability to learn about the CM's configuration file. This capability is referred to as Configuration File Learning. The CMTS MUST be capable of being configured to enable or disable Configuration File Learning. By default, the CMTS MUST enable Configuration File Learning.

The CMTS MUST support the capability to enforce that a CM's Registration is consistent with what the CMTS has learned about the CM's configuration file.

If TFTP Proxy and Configuration File Learning are both enabled on a CMTS, and the CM's Registration is not consistent with what the CMTS has learned about the CM's configuration file (e.g., based on CMTS MIC calculation, or comparison of parameters used in CMTS MIC calculation), then the CMTS MUST respond with an Authentication Failure in the registration response status field (see [\[DOCSIS MULPIv3.1\]\)](#page-13-0). The CMTS MUST also log an event.

9.4.2.5 TFTP Options for CM's MAC and IP Address

When TFTP Proxy is enabled on a CMTS, the client requesting a file from the backend provisioning system is the CMTS rather than the CM. However, some provisioning systems rely on the availability of the CM MAC and IP address in the request.

In order to allow this information to reach the provisioning system, the CMTS MUST support the MAC Address and IP Address TFTP options (see [Annex B\)](#page-113-0). Enabling support for these options MUST be independently configurable on the CMTS with the default being disabled.

When a CM requests a configuration file and the IP Address option is enabled on the CMTS, the CMTS MUST include the CM's IP address in the "netaddr" TFTP option. When a CM requests a configuration file and the MAC address is enabled on the CMTS, the CMTS MUST include the CM's MAC address in the "hwaddr" TFTP option. If a TFTP packet received from a CM already includes these options, the CMTS MUST discard those options and include only the enabled TFTP options with source address values from the received packet. When either the IP address or MAC Address option is enabled, the CMTS MUST NOT cache configuration files locally.

9.5 Securing REG-REQ-MP Messages

Encryption of packet data carried in DOCSIS frames provides confidentiality of CM configuration files. A subset of the parameters contained in configuration files is communicated to the CMTS in REG-REQ-MP messages (see [\[DOCSIS MULPIv3.1\]\)](#page-13-0). To maintain confidentially of these parameters, when EAE is enabled the CM MUST encrypt the REG-REQ-MP message (see Section [6.5\)](#page-29-0). The key for encrypting the REG-REQ-MP message is the Primary SA TEK. If EAE is enabled and the configuration file disables BPI+, the CM MUST complete registration before terminating the authorization and TEK state machines.

9.6 Source Address Verification

The CMTS is responsible only for forwarding CPE packets that contain legitimate addresses. This section imposes on the CMTS requirements designed to permit an operator to ensure that CPEs located behind CMs cannot successfully spoof addresses in order to obtain unauthorized access to services or to disrupt services to others. These CMTS requirements are referred to as Source Address Verification (SAV).

A design goal of the SAV feature is that it applies in deployment scenarios where CPEs are directly connected to a CM and where CPEs are behind a router that is connected to a CM. The router may be embedded with the CM or standalone.

The CMTS MUST be capable of being configured to enable and disable SAV. By default, the CMTS MUST enable SAV. When the SAV feature is enabled, the CMTS MUST drop any received upstream packets whose IP source address has not been assigned by the operator. This includes packets whose source IP address is an IP address that has been assigned to another device. When multiple devices are assigned the same IP address, it is left to CMTS vendor implementation to determine which packet to drop when upstream packets from different devices with the same assigned source IP address are received. Source IP addresses are considered assigned by the operator when they are provisioned via DHCP messaging or identified by parameters in the configuration file.

The CM configuration file can contain the following TLV encodings (see [\[DOCSIS MULPIv3.1\]\)](#page-13-0) that are used to indicate IP addresses that have been assigned by the operator, but are not issued by a DHCP server:

- 1. An SAV Prefix Group ID Encoding that identifies a list of prefixes configured at the CMTS; or
- 2. A Static SAV Prefix Encoding that statically defines an IP prefix authorized for source IP addresses of upstream traffic from the CM.

A valid CM configuration file has a single SAV Group Encoding and may have one or more Static SAV Prefix Encodings.

The CMTS MUST consider all upstream IP packets on all SIDs assigned to a CM as containing a source IP address assigned by the operator when the source IP address:

1. Matches the Subscriber Management CPE IPv4 or IPv6 Encoding (see [\[DOCSIS MULPIv3.1\]\)](#page-13-0) signaled for that CM in a REG-REQ-MP; or

- 2. Matches a prefix in the CMTS prefix list referenced by the SAV Group ID Encoding (se[e \[DOCSIS](#page-13-0) [MULPIv3.1\]\)](#page-13-0) signaled for that CM in a REG-REQ-MP; or
- 3. Matches a Static SAV Prefix Encoding signaled for that CM in a REG-REQ-MP, or
- 4. Was learned from an authorized DHCP server. Examples include:
	- a) The CMTS extracts assigned IP address information from DHCPv4 DHCPACK message sent in response to an upstream DHCPv4 DHCPREQUEST, or from a DHCPv6 Reply message sent in response to an upstream DHCPv6 Request received from a CM's SID;
	- b) Use of a CMTS initiated DHCPv4 DHCPLEASEQUERY or DHCPv6 Leasequery response that verifies the assigned IP address for a host source MAC address;
	- c) The CMTS extracts assigned IPv6 prefix from an IPv6 prefix delegation option.

The DHCP Leasequery protocols have been specified to facilitate the exchange of data between a CMTS and DHCP server. The CMTS MAY implement the following standards to support interactions with provider DHCP server(s) related to SAV: the DHCP Leasequery protocol which is specified i[n \[RFC 4388\];](#page-14-1) the DHCPv6 Leasequery protocol and related standards which are specified i[n \[RFC 5007\]](#page-14-2) and [\[RFC 4994\].](#page-14-3) The CMTS MAY implement other mechanisms for determining whether IP addresses have been assigned by the operator, e.g., when the source IP address is within an IP subnet authorized as routed downstream to a next hop router reached through the CM.

The CMTS MUST be capable of being configured to enable and disable the use of the SAV Group ID Encoding and Static SAV Prefix Encoding for identification of operator assigned IP addresses.

When Source Address Verification is enabled, a routing CMTS MUST respond in proxy to an upstream address resolution request (IPv4 ARP Request or IPv6 Neighbor Solicitation) for downstream target IP addresses that it has verified instead of reflecting the request downstream.

Whether or not SAV is enabled, the CMTS MUST discard upstream IP packets received on a SID assigned to an initializing CM and all upstream IP packets on all SIDs of the CM after it has finished the initialization process when the source IP address does not match the IP address assigned to the CM by an authorized DHCP server. An initializing CM is one that has not yet completed registration.

The CMTS provides per-CM statistics of the number of packets discarded due to SAV failure.

9.7 Address Resolution Security Considerations

Address Resolution Protocol (ARP) (se[e \[RFC 826\]\)](#page-13-5) is a protocol for dynamically mapping an IP address to the corresponding link layer address (e.g., IEEE Ethernet MAC address) in the local network. Neighbor Discovery (ND) is an IPv6 protocol (see [\[RFC 4861\]\)](#page-14-4) that provides the same function. A routing CMTS uses ARP or ND for IP address resolution of downstream IP host addresses in a directly connected downstream IP subnet. Downstream IP subnets include the IP addresses for CMs, eSAFEs, and CPE hosts directly connected to the network segment to which a CM's external CPE interface attaches.

ARP is a broadcast protocol. ARP requests are broadcast to, and received and processed by, all devices on the network segment. An IPv6 Neighbor Solicitation message for address resolution is a multicast packet. For purposes of this section, an "address resolution request" packet is defined as an IPv4 ARP request or IPv6 Neighbor Solicitation (NS) message. An "address resolution response" packet is an IPv4 ARP reply or an IPv6 Neighbor Advertisement (NA) message. This section describes CMTS requirements concerning the monitoring and limiting of address resolution request messages.

Because the downstream and upstream are physically separate media in DOCSIS, CMs cannot directly perform address resolution with other CMs on the cable plant. As a result, the CMTS is involved in the MAC-to-IP address resolution process, either by echoing resolution request / response packets between downstream and upstream, by acting in proxy for the address resolution target, or by bridging the resolution request / response packets between the cable interfaces and the NSI interfaces.

If the CMTS knows the Ethernet MAC address corresponding to a host IP address, the host IP address is said to be "resolved" at the CMTS; otherwise, the host IP address is said to be "unresolved." When a routing CMTS attempts to forward an IP packet (upstream or downstream) to an unresolved downstream host IP address, the CMTS MAY originate a downstream address resolution request for that host IP address. When a CMTS receives an upstream address resolution request to an unresolved target, it MAY reflect that request downstream. Th[e \[DOCSIS](#page-13-0) [MULPIv3.1\]](#page-13-0) specification describes requirements for downstream forwarding of broadcast ARP requests and multicast NS requests.

Because ARP is a broadcast protocol and downstream address resolution (ARP or ND) consumes CMTS resources for pending address resolution requests, a routing CMTS is susceptible to a denial of service attack that attempts to exhaust the CMTS's resources for pending address resolutions. Furthermore, ARP "storms" can occur when large numbers of ARP requests or unresolved IP destination packets are received by the CMTS, impairing the ability of the CMTS to process legitimate traffic. ARP storms may also be caused by ill-configured or malfunctioning customer equipment and computer systems.

A characteristic of a CPE host infected with a virus is that it attempts to discover other potential victims by originating ARP / NS requests to many other hosts in its same IP subnet. During virus attacks, hundreds of packets per second to unresolved host IP addresses can be received by the CMTS. Although the Neighbor Solicitation message is a solicited-node multicast address instead of a broadcast address, the occurrence of a high rate of NS messages upstream from a CM is a likely indicator that a CPE host connected to the CM is infected with a virus that is attempting to discover other hosts on the same IPv6 link layer subnet.

This section defines CMTS requirements for mitigating ARP storms, and to assist with the discovery of which CMs attach to CPE hosts that may be infected by computer viruses.

The Source Address Verification (SAV) feature, when enabled, mitigates address resolution denial of service by requiring a routing CMTS to respond in proxy to upstream address resolution requests instead of reflecting them down stream.

The CMTS MUST support the capability to limit the rate at which it transmits downstream address resolution requests. This requirement applies to downstream address resolution requests generated either when reflecting an upstream request or to resolve the Ethernet MAC address of an IP packet to be forwarded downstream. The configuration of downstream address resolution request limiting is CMTS vendor specific.

The CMTS MUST implement a management object for each CM that accumulates the count of upstream address resolution request packets received on SIDs assigned to the CM. The upstream address resolution request packet count includes the following:

- Upstream IPv4 ARP Requests;
- Upstream IPv6 Neighbor Solicitation Requests;
- (For routing CMTSs) Upstream IPv4 or IPv6 packets to unresolved destinations in locally connected downstream subnets.

The Upstream Address Resolution Requests counter is intended to be analyzed by MSO management processes that obtain the counter via SNMP or IPDR. CMs with high rates of upstream address resolution requests are likely to have CPEs infected with viruses attempting to locate other victims.

10 USING CRYPTOGRAPHIC KEYS

10.1 CMTS

The CMTS's first receipt of an Authorization Request message from an unauthorized CM initiates the activation of a new Authorization Key (AK), which the CMTS returns to the CM in an Authorization Reply message (see Section [7\)](#page-32-0). This AK will remain active until it expires according to its predefined lifetime, Authorization Key Lifetime, which is a CMTS system configuration parameter (se[e Annex A\)](#page-110-0).

The CMTS uses keying material derived from the CM's Authorization Key for:

- Verifying the HMAC-Digest in Key Requests received from the CM;
- Encrypting (EDE mode two-key 3DES) the TEK in the Key Replies that it sends to the CM;
- Calculating the HMAC-Digests in Key Replies, Key Rejects, and TEK Invalids sent to the CM.

See Section [7](#page-32-0) for TEK messaging (Key Requests, Key Replies, Key Rejects, etc.) details.

The CMTS MUST be prepared to send an AK upon request. The CMTS MUST be able to support two simultaneously-active AKs for each client CM.

If the CMTS holds two active Authorization Keys for a CM, it responds to Authorization Requests with the newer of the two active keys. If the CMTS holds a single active Authorization Key, a received Authorization Request will trigger the activation of a new AK, as described below.

An Authorization Key "transition period" begins when the CMTS receives an Authorization Request from a CM and the CMTS has a single active AK for that CM. In response to this Authorization Request, the CMTS activates a second AK, which it returns to the requesting CM in an Authorization Reply. The CMTS MUST set the active lifetime of this second AK to be the remaining lifetime of the first AK plus the predefined Authorization Key Lifetime. The key transition period ends with the expiration of the older key. This is depicted in the top half of [Figure](#page-81-0) 11.

The Authorization Key lifetime that the CMTS reports in an Authorization reply MUST be set to the remaining lifetimes of the AKs at the time the reply message is sent.

If a CM fails to reauthorize before the expiration of its most recently-acquired AK, the CMTS will hold no active Authorization keys for the CM and will consider the CM unauthorized. A CMTS MUST deactivate all TEKs associated with an unauthorized CM.

The CMTS tracks the lifetime of its Authorization Keys; the CMTS MUST immediately deactivate a key once it has expired.

A CMTS MUST use a CM's active AK(s) to verify the HMAC-Digest in Key Requests received from the CM. If a CMTS receives a Key Request while in an AK transition period, and the AK Key Sequence Number indicates that the Request was authenticated with the newer of the two AKs, the CMTS MUST recognize this as an implicit acknowledgment that the CM has obtained the newer of the CM's two active AKs.

The CMTS MUST use an active AK when calculating HMAC-Digests in Key Replies, Key Rejects and TEK Invalids, and when encrypting the TEK in Key Replies. When sending Key Replies, Key Rejects or TEK Invalids within a key transition period and the newer key has been implicitly acknowledged, the CMTS MUST use the newer of the two active. If the newer key has not been implicitly acknowledged, the CMTS MUST use the older of the two active AKs.

[Figure](#page-81-0) 11 illustrates the CMTS's use of AKs.

The CMTS MUST be capable of maintaining two sets of active traffic encryption keys (and their associated CBC initialization vectors) per SAID. These correspond to two successive generations of keying material, and have overlapping lifetimes. The CMTS MUST make the newer TEK have a key sequence number one greater than that of the older TEK (modulo 16). Each TEK becomes active halfway through the lifetime of its predecessor and expires halfway through the lifetime of its successor. Once a TEK expires, the TEK becomes inactive and the CMTS MUST NOT use that TEK.

For each of its SAIDs, the CMTS transitions between active TEKs according to the following rules:

- For encrypting downstream traffic, the CMTS MUST use the oldest available active TEK;
- For decryption of upstream traffic, a transition period is defined that begins once the CMTS has sent the newer TEK to a CM within a Key Reply Message. The upstream transition period begins from the time the CMTS sends the newer TEK in a Key Reply Message and concludes once the older TEK expires. While in the transition period, the CMTS MUST be able to decrypt upstream traffic with whichever of the two active TEKs was used to encrypt it.

In other words, the CMTS encrypts with a given TEK for only the second half of that TEK's total lifetime; the CMTS is able, however, to decrypt with a given TEK for that TEK's entire lifetime.

The KEY_SEQ field in the Baseline Privacy EH element identifies which of the two active TEKs was used to encrypt the upstream frame's packet data. The TOGGLE bit in the Privacy EH element (which is required to be equal to the least significant bit of the KEY_SEQ field) can be used by the CMTS to identify the encrypting TEK. [Figure](#page-82-0) 12 illustrates how a CMTS manages TEKs. The Key Replies sent by a CMTS contain TEK parameters (the TEK itself, a key lifetime, a key sequence number and a CBC IV) for the two active TEKs. The key lifetimes that a CMTS reports in a Key Reply MUST be set to the remaining lifetimes of these TEKs at the time that the Key Reply message is sent.

Figure 12 - TEK Management in CMTS and CM

10.2 Cable Modem

The CM is responsible for maintaining two active Authorization Keys. A CM MUST be able to use any active AK. AKs have a limited lifetime and are periodically refreshed. A CM refreshes its Authorization Key by sending an Authorization Request to the CMTS. The Authorization state machine (Section [7.1.4\)](#page-36-0) manages the scheduling of Authorization Requests for refreshing AKs.

A CM's Authorization state machine schedules the beginning of reauthorization a configurable length of time (the Authorization Grace Time) before the CM's most-recently-acquired AK is scheduled to expire. The Authorization Grace Time is configured to provide a CM with an authorization retry period that is sufficiently long to allow for system delays and to provide adequate time for the CM to complete an Authorization exchange before the expiration of its most current AK.

The CM MUST use the most recently acquired Authorization Key when calculating the HMAC-Digests attached to Key Requests. The CM MUST be able to use either of its two most recently acquired AKs to authenticate Key Replies, Key Rejects and TEK Invalids, and to decrypt a Key Reply's encrypted TEK. The CM MUST use the AK Key Sequence Number to determine which of the two AKs to use.

The lower half of [Figure](#page-81-0) 11 illustrates a CM's maintenance and use of its Authorization Keys.

A CM MUST be capable of maintaining two sets of traffic keying material per authorized SAID. Through operation of its TEK state machines, a CM attempts to maintain a SAID's two most recent sets of traffic keying material.

For each of its authorized SAIDs, the CM:

- MUST use the newer of its two TEKs to encrypt newly received upstream traffic.
- MUST use an unexpired TEK for traffic already queued for transmission.
- MUST be able to decrypt downstream traffic encrypted with either active TEK.

10.3 Authentication of Dynamic Service Requests

10.3.1 CM

If BPI+ is enabled, the CM MUST include HMAC-Digests in the following MAC management messages:

- DSA-REQ, DSA-RSP, DSA-ACK;
- DSC-REQ, DSC-RSP, DSC-ACK;
- DSD-REQ;
- DCC-RSP;
- DBC-RSP.

These HMAC-Digests are keyed with the message authentication keys derived from the Authorization Key. The CM MUST use the current message authentication keys when generating and validating the HMAC-Digests contained in the above messages.

10.3.2 CMTS

If BPI+ is enabled for a CM, the CMTS MUST include HMAC-Digests in the following MAC management messages sent to that CM:

- DSA-REQ, DSA-RSP, DSA-ACK;
- DSC-REQ, DSC-RSP, DSC-ACK;
- DSD-REQ;
- DCC-REQ, DCC-ACK;
- DBC-REQ, DBC-ACK.

These HMAC-Digests are keyed with the message authentication keys derived from the Authorization Key. The CMTS MUST use the current message authentication keys when generating and validating the HMAC-Digests contained in the above messages.

11 CRYPTOGRAPHIC METHODS

This section specifies cryptographic algorithms and key sizes.

11.1 Packet Data Encryption

The CMTS MUST use the CBC mode (see [\[NIST-800-38A\]\)](#page-13-6) of either the Data Encryption Standard (DES) algorithm (see [\[FIPS](#page-13-7) 46-3]) or the Advanced Encryption Standard (AES) algorithm (see [\[FIPS](#page-13-8) 197]) to encrypt the Packet Data field, RF MAC PDU Frames. The CM MUST use the CBC mode (se[e \[NIST-800-38A\]\)](#page-13-6) of either the Data Encryption Standard (DES) algorithm (see [\[FIPS](#page-13-7) 46-3]), or the Advanced Encryption Standard (AES) algorithm (see [\[FIPS](#page-13-8) 197]) to encrypt the Packet Data field, RF MAC PDU Frames, and the Fragmentation Payload and Fragmentation CRC Fields in MAC Fragmentation Frames.

The CM MUST support one-hundred twenty-eight (128)-bit AES (i.e., a 128 bit key) with a one-hundred twentyeight (128)-bit block. The CM MUST support fifty-six (56)-bit DES. The CM MAY support forty (40)-bit DES.

The CMTS MUST support one-hundred twenty-eight (128)-bit AES (i.e., 128 bit key) with a one-hundred twentyeight (128)-bit block. The CMTS MUST support fifty-six (56)-bit DES. The CMTS MAY support forty (40)-bit DES.

Forty (40)-bit DES is identical to fifty-six (56)-bit DES, with the exception that sixteen (16) bits of the fifty-six (56) bit DES key are set to known, fixed values. If a CM is running the optional forty (40)-bit DES, it MUST mask off (to zero) the sixteen (16) left-most bits of any fifty-six (56)-bit DES key prior to running encryption/decryption operations. If a CMTS is running the optional forty (40)-bit DES, it MUST mask off (to zero) the sixteen (16) leftmost bits of any fifty-six (56)-bit DES key prior to running encryption/decryption operations.

NOTE: The masked bits are the sixteen (16) left-most bits that would be present after the removal of every eighth bit from the sixty-four (64)-bit TEK (i.e., the so-called parity bits). DOCSIS 1.1 or 2.0 and fifty-six (56)-bit DOCSIS 2.0 hardware running BPI+ may implement forty (40)-bit DES key masking in software.

The CMTS MUST initialize CBC mode with the initialization vector that is provided in the CMTS's Key Reply. The CMTS MUST perform chaining block-to-block within a frame. The CMTS MUST reinitialize chaining with each frame.

The CM MUST initialize CBC mode with the initialization vector that is provided in the CMTS's Key Reply. The CM MUST perform chaining block-to-block within a frame. The CM MUST reinitialize chaining with each frame.

The CMTS MUST use residual termination block processing, as defined below, to encrypt the final block of plain text when the final block is less than the block length defined for the encryption algorithm. The CM MUST use residual termination block processing, as defined below, to encrypt the final block of plain text when the final block is less than the block length defined for the encryption algorithm.

Given a final block having n bits, where n is less than the defined block length for the encryption algorithm:

- The next-to-last ciphertext block is encrypted a second time, using the ECB mode of the encryption algorithm, and the left most *n* bits of the result are XOR'd with the final *n* bits of the payload to generate the short final cipher block. In order for the receiver to decrypt the short final cipher block, the receiver encrypts the next-to-last ciphertext block using the ECB mode of the encryption algorithm, and XORs the left-most *n* bits with the short final cipher block in order to recover the short final cleartext block (see [\[SCTE 52\]](#page-14-5) for more details).
- In the special case when the frame's to-be-encrypted plaintext is less than the length of the block, the initialization vector is encrypted, and the left-most *n* bits of the resulting ciphertext corresponding to the number of bits of the payload are XORed with the *n* bits of the payload to generate the short cipher block.
- **NOTE:** This method of encrypting short payloads is vulnerable to attack: XORing two sets of ciphertext encrypted in the above manner under the same set of keying material will yield the XOR of the corresponding sets of plaintext. In the case of PDU frames, however, this is not an issue since all frames carrying protected user data will contain at least 20 bytes of IP header. In the case of Fragmentation Frames, short frames are possible and a few octets may be exposed by this XOR attack.

11.2 Encryption of the TEK

The CMTS encrypts the value fields of the TEK in Key Reply messages. This field is encrypted using two-key 3DES in the encrypt-decrypt-encrypt (EDE) mode.

Encryption: $C = E_{k1}[Dk2[E_{k1}[P]]]$

Decryption: $P = D_{k1}[E_{k2}[D_{k1}[C]]]$

 $P =$ Plaintext TEK

 $C =$ Ciphertext TEK

 $k1 = left$ -most 64 bits of the 128-bit KEK

 $k2$ = right-most 64 bits of the 128-bit KEK

 $E[\] = 56$ -bit DES ECB mode encryption

 $D[$ $] = 56$ -bit DES ECB decryption

Section [11.4](#page-85-0) describes how the KEK is derived from the Authorization key.

11.3 HMAC-Digest Algorithm

When creating or verifying the HMAC-Digest attribute, the CMTS MUST use the HMAC message authentication method (see [\[RFC 2104\]\)](#page-13-9) with the SHA-1 hash algorithm (se[e \[FIPS 180-4\]\)](#page-13-10). When creating or verifying the HMAC-Digest attribute, the CM MUST use the HMAC message authentication method (see [\[RFC 2104\]\)](#page-13-9) with the SHA-1 hash algorithm (see [\[FIPS 180-4\]\)](#page-13-10).

Upstream and downstream message authentication keys are derived from the Authorization Key (see Section [11.4](#page-85-0) for details).

11.4 TEKs, KEKs, and Message Authentication Keys

The CMTS generates Authorization Keys, TEKs and IVs. The CMTS MUST use a random or pseudo-random number generator to generate Authorization Keys, TEKs and IVs. The CMTS should follow practices recommended in [\[RFC 4086\]](#page-14-6) for generating random numbers for use within cryptographic systems[. \[FIPS 46-3\]](#page-13-7) defines DES keys as 8-octet (64-bit) quantities in which the seven most significant bits (i.e., seven left-most bits) of each octet are the independent bits of a DES key, and the least significant bit (i.e., right-most bit) of each octet is a parity bit computed on the preceding seven independent bits and adjusted so that the octet has odd parity. The CM MUST ignore the value of the least significant bit of each octet in DES keys. It is not necessary for the CMTS to calculate parity bits in generated DES keys.

The keying material for two-key 3DES consists of two distinct DES keys.

A key encryption key (KEK) and two message authentication keys (HMAC_KEY_U for authenticating upstream Key Request messages, HMAC_KEY_D for authenticating downstream Key Reply, Key Reject and TEK Invalid messages) are derived from a common Authorization Key. The CMTS MUST derive these keys, as shown below. The CM MUST derive these keys as shown below:

 $KEK = Truncate (SHA-1 (K_PAD | AUTH_KEY), 128)$ HMAC_KEY_U = SHA-1(H_PAD_U | AUTH_KEY) $HMAC$ _{_}KEY_D = SHA-1(H_PAD_D | AUTH_KEY)

Where:

 $SHA-1(x | y)$ denotes the result of applying the SHA-1 function to the concatenated bit strings x and y;

Truncate (x,n) denotes the result of truncating x to its left-most n bits;

and K_PAD, H_PAD_U and H_PAD_D are 512-bit strings:

 K ^DAD = 0x53 repeated 63 times;

 H _{PAD} $U = 0x5C$ repeated 63 times;

H_PAD_D = $0x3A$ repeated 63 times; and

AUTH_KEY is the Authorization Key.

11.5 Public-Key Encryption of Authorization Key

The CMTS MUST encrypt authorization keys in Authorization Reply messages with the CM's public key. The CM public key MUST be suitable for use with the RSA algorithm (see [\[RSA3\]\)](#page-14-7).

The CM's RSA key MUST have a public exponent of F_4 (65537 decimal, 0x010001). The CM's RSA key MUST have a modulus length of 1024 bits for the legacy PKI certificate and 2048 bits for the new PKI certificate. The CMTS MUST use the RSAES-OAEP encryption scheme defined in [\[RSA3\].](#page-14-7) When performing this encryption, the CMTS MUST use:

- 1. SHA-1 for the hash function;
- 2. MGF1 with SHA-1 for the mask-generation function; and
- 3. The empty string for the encoding parameter string.

In order to interoperate with earlier versions of this specification, the CMTS MUST support 768-bit and 1024-bit key moduli.

11.6 Digital Signatures

All DOCSIS certificates use the RSA signature algorithm (see [\[RSA3\]\)](#page-14-7) with the SHA-256 hash (se[e \[FIPS 180-4\]\)](#page-13-10).

Device CAs use signature keys with a modulus 3072 bits.

11.7 The MMH-MIC

In this section the MMH Function and the MMH MIC are described. The MMH MIC is included in the CM configuration file to verify the integrity of various encodings (see [\[DOCSIS MULPIv3.1\]\)](#page-13-0).

11.7.1 The MMH Function

The Multilinear Modular Hash (MMH) function described below is a variant of the MMH function described in [\[MMH\].](#page-13-11) Some of the computations described below use signed arithmetic whereas the computations i[n \[MMH\]](#page-13-11) use unsigned arithmetic. The signed arithmetic variant described here was selected for its computational efficiency. All of the properties shown for the MMH function in [\[MMH\]](#page-13-11) continue to hold for the signed variant.

The MMH function has three parameters: the word size, the number of words of input, and the number of words of output. MMH[*ω*, *σ*, *t*] specifies the hash function with word size *ω*, *σ* input words and *t* output words. For DOCSIS, the word size is fixed to 16 bits: $\omega = 16$. The number of output words is fixed at 4 (i.e., 8 octets): $t = 4$. Thus, DOCSIS uses MMH[16, *σ*, 4]. The following sections first describe the calculation MMH[16, *σ*, 1], followed by the method to extend this to MMH $[16, \sigma, 4]$.

11.7.1.1 MMH[16, σ, 1]

For the remainder of this section, MMH[16, σ , 1] is denoted by the symbol \mathcal{H}^1 . In addition to σ words of input, H^1 also takes as input a key of *σ* words. When H^1 is used in computing the MMH-MAC, the key is denoted by *κ* and the *i*th word of the key by κ_i :

$$
\kappa = \kappa_1, \kappa_2, ..., \kappa_{\sigma}
$$

Likewise, the input message is denoted by M and the *i*th word of the input message by M_i :

$$
M=M_1,M_2,...,M_\sigma
$$

To describe H^1 , the following definitions are needed:

For any even positive integer n , S_n is the set of n integers:

$$
S_n = \{-n/2, ..., 0, ..., (n/2)-1\}
$$

For example,

$$
S_{2^{16}} = \left\{-2^{15}, \dots, 0, \dots, 2^{15} - 1\right\}
$$

is the set of signed 16 bit integers.

For any integer *z*, *z* σ mod *n* is the unique element ω of S_n such that $\zeta \equiv \omega$, modulo *n*.

For example, if *z* is a 32-bit signed integer in 32-bit twos-complement representation, then $z \sigma \text{ mod } 2^{16}$ can be computed by taking the 16 least-significant bits of *z* and interpreting those bits in 16-bit twos-complement representation.

For any positive integer *q*, the set of *q* integers $\{0,1,\ldots,q-1\}$ is denoted Z_q .

As described above, H^1 takes as input a key of σ words (each of length 16 bits). Each of the σ words of the key is interpreted as a 16-bit signed integer, i.e., an element of $S_{2^{16}}$.

*H*¹ also takes an input message of *σ* words. Like the key, each of the *σ* words is interpreted as a 16-bit signed integer, i.e., an element of $S_{2^{16}}$.

The output of H^1 is a single unsigned 16-bit integer, i.e., an element of Z_{16} . In other words, the range of H^1 is $S_{2^{16}}^{\sigma} \times S_{2^{16}}^{\sigma}$ and the domain is $Z_{2^{16}}$.

 H^1 is defined by the following series of steps. Each step is discussed in further detail below:

For κ , $M \in S_{2^{16}}^{\sigma}$,

Define
$$
\mathcal{H}_1
$$
 as $\mathcal{H}_1(\kappa, M) = \sum_{i=1}^{\sigma} \kappa_i \cdot M_i \sigma \mod 2^{32}$.

Define \mathcal{H}_2 as $\mathcal{H}_2(\kappa, M) = \mathcal{H}_1(\kappa, M) \mod p$, where *p* is the prime number $p = 2^{16} + 1$. Define \mathcal{H}^1 as $\mathcal{H}^1(\kappa, M) = \mathcal{H}_2(\kappa, M) \mod 2^{16}$.

Equivalently,

$$
\mathcal{H}^{1}(\kappa, M) = \left(\left(\left(\sum_{i=1}^{G} \kappa_{i}, M_{i} \right) \sigma \mod 2^{32} \right) \mod p \right) \mod 2^{16}
$$

Step 1. $\mathcal{H}_1(\kappa, M)$ is the inner product of two vectors each of σ 16-bit signed integers. The result of the inner product is taken σ mod 2³² to yield an element of $S_{2^{32}}$. That is, if the inner product is in twos-complement representation of 32 or more bits, the 32 least significant bits are retained and the resulting integer is interpreted in 32-bit twos-complement representation.

Step 2. This step consists of taking an element x of $S_{2^{32}}$ and reducing it mod *p* to yield an element of Z_p . If x is represented in 32-bit twos-complement notation then this reduction can be accomplished as follows. Let a be the unsigned integer given by the 16 most significant bits of x. Let b be the unsigned integer given by the 16 least significant bits of x. There are two cases depending upon whether x is negative.

Case 1: If
$$
x \ge 0
$$
, then $x = 2^{16}a + b$, where $a \in \{0, ..., 2^{15} - 1\}$ and $b \in \{0, ..., 2^{16} - 1\}$.

From the modular equation:

$$
2^{16}a + b \equiv (2^{16}a + b - a(2^{16} + 1)) \mod (2^{16} + 1)
$$

it follows that $x \equiv b - a$, mod *p*. The quantity $b - a$ is in the range $\left\{ -2^{15} + 1, \ldots, 2^{16} - 1 \right\}$. Therefore, if $(b-a) > 0$, then $x \mod p = b-a$. If $b-a < 0$, then $x \mod p = b-a+p$.

Case 2: If $x < 0$, then $x = 2^{16}a + b - 2^{32}$, where $a \in \left\{2^{15}, ..., 2^{16} - 1\right\}$ and $b \in \left\{0, ..., 2^{16} - 1\right\}$.

From the modular equation:

$$
2^{16}a + b - 2^{32} = \left(b + 2^{16}a - a\left(2^{16} + 1\right) - 2^{32} + 2^{16}\left(2^{16} + 1\right)\right) \mod (2^{16} + 1),
$$

it follows that $x = (b - a + 2^{16}) \mod p$. The range of the quantity $b - a + 2^{16}$ is given by:

$$
1 \le b - a + 2^{16} \le 2^{17} - 2^{15} - 1 \le 2p - 1
$$

Therefore, if
$$
b-a+2^{16} < p
$$
, then $x \mod p = b-a+2^{16}$. If $b-a+2^{16} \ge p$,
then $x \mod p = b-a+2^{16} - p$

Step 3. This step takes an element of Z_p and reduces it modulo 2^{16} . This is equivalent to taking the 16 least significant bits.

11.7.1.2 MMH[16, σ, n]

This section describes the MMH function with an output length of *n* words.

For convenience, let $\mathcal{H}^n = MMH[16, \sigma, n]$. \mathcal{H}^n takes a key of $\sigma + n - 1$ words. Let $\kappa = \kappa_1, ..., \kappa_{\sigma+1}$. Furthermore, define $\kappa^{(q)}$ to be the *σ* words of κ , starting with κ_q , i.e., $\kappa^{(q)} = \kappa_q$,..., $\kappa_{\sigma+q-1}$. For any $\kappa \in S_{2^{16}}^{\sigma+1}$ and

 $M \in S_{2^{16}}^{\sigma}$, $\mathcal{H}^{n}(\kappa, M)$ is computed by computing $\mathcal{H}^{1}(\kappa^{(1)}, M)$,..., $\mathcal{H}^{1}(\kappa^{(n)}, M)$ and concatenating the results. That is:

$$
\mathcal{H}^{n}(\kappa, M) = \mathcal{H}^{1}(\kappa^{(1)}, M) \circ \mathcal{H}^{1}(\kappa^{(2)}, M) \circ ... \circ \mathcal{H}^{1}(\kappa^{(n)}, M).
$$

11.7.1.3 MMH[16, σ, 4]

It follows directly from Sectio[n 11.7.1.2](#page-88-0) that:

$$
\mathcal{H}^4(\kappa, M) \equiv MMH[16, \sigma, 4](\kappa, M)
$$

$$
\equiv \mathcal{H}^1(\kappa^{(1)}, M) \circ \mathcal{H}^1(\kappa^{(2)}, M) \circ \mathcal{H}^1(\kappa^{(3)}, M) \circ \mathcal{H}^1(\kappa^{(4)}, M)
$$

11.7.1.4 Handling Variable-Size Data

In order to handle data of all possible sizes up to a maximum value, the following rules MUST be followed for computing an MMH function:

- If the data is not a multiple of the word size, pad the data up to a multiple of the word size with octets with the value zero.
- If a key is calculated that is larger than needed for a particular message, truncate the key until it is the correct length.

11.7.2 Definition of MMH-MAC

The MMH-MAC is defined in a manner similar to PacketCable [\[PKT-SEC\];](#page-13-12) for a message *M*, keystream κ, and a one-time pad Π in $Z_{\gamma n}$, where the number of bits of output is *n*:

$$
\text{MMH-MAC}(\kappa, \text{M}, \Pi) = \mathcal{H}(\kappa, M) + \Pi
$$

where the addition is $mod 2^n$. For DOCSIS, n is 64, and $\mathcal{H}(\kappa, \mathcal{M})$ is MMH[16, σ , 4] (κ, M) .

11.7.3 Calculating the DOCSIS MMH-MAC

The following is the algorithm used for creating a DOCSIS MMH-MAC. This algorithm shares the same cryptographic properties as the algorithm used by PacketCable to protect RTP stream[s \[PKT-SEC\].](#page-13-12)

Initial conditions:

- 1. The Sender and the Receiver share a secret, *S*, that is partitioned into two secrets, S_1 and S_2 .
- 2. The Sender and Receiver share two seeds, Δ_1 and Δ_2 , which are defined in Section [11.7.5.](#page-91-0)
- 3. The message to be protected is *M*.
- 4. F(<secret>, <seed>) is a pseudo-random generator whose output depends on a shared secret (<secret>) and a seed (<seed>).
- 5. The length of the MMH MAC output is 4 words or 8 octets.

Steps to create the DOCSIS MMH-MAC:

- 1. If M is not a multiple of the word size (2 octets), pad the data up to the next multiple of the word size with octets with the value zero.
- 2. Calculate a keystream, $\kappa = F(S_1, \Delta_1)$, of sufficient length to generate the MMH function *H* over (*κ*, *M*). That is, the length of κ is the length of *M* plus 3 words or 6 octets (the output length of the MMH function, less one word).
- 3. Calculate the value A, which is the output of the MMH function $H = MMH(\kappa, M)$.
- 4. Concatenate $A \circ S_2$.
- 5. Calculate the first 8 octets of $F(A \circ S_2, \Delta_2)$.
- 6. Use the output of step 5 as the one time pad Π in the calculation of the MMH-MAC as defined in Section [11.7.2.](#page-89-0)
- 7. The DOCSIS MMH-MAC = $A + \Pi$ where the addition is mod 2^{64} .

The following test vectors were created using the initial conditions and steps described above:

[Test Vector #1] Shared Secret in ASCII = Shared secret #1 94476839 Shared Secret in Hex 53 68 61 72 65 64 20 73 65 63 72 65 74 20 23 31 20 39 34 34 37 36 38 33 39 S1 in Hex 53 61 65 20 65 72 74 23 20 34 37 38 39 S2 in Hex 68 72 64 73 63 65 20 31 39 34 36 33 Message in ASCII = DOCSIS 3.0, fulfilling the need for speed Message in Hex (padded) = 44 4f 43 53 49 53 20 33 2e 30 2c 20 66 75 6c 66 69 6c 6c 69 6e 67 20 74 68 65 20 6e 65 65 64 20 66 6f 72 20 73 70 65 65 64 00 Key in Hex 8f ea 9f 89 3e d7 f4 4d 9c 45 60 2d a9 7d be 3a 99 10 16 6c bc 1b f6 95 26 ca 04 d1 01 94 7f e1 d9 ca 65 99 fa b5 5a f4 40 6f 81 b4 0d c5 ba 7b MMH64 function output in Hex 62 37 68 38 ee 5d d0 7c Pad in Hex c7 39 8f d3 79 47 0d 04 DOCSIS MMH MAC64 output in Hex 29 70 f8 0c 67 a4 dd 80 [Test Vector #2] Shared Secret in ASCII = Shared secret #2 07782313 Shared Secret in Hex 53 68 61 72 65 64 20 73 65 63 72 65 74 20 23 32 20 30 37 37 38 32 33 31 33 S1 in Hex 53 61 65 20 65 72 74 23 20 37 38 33 33 S2 in Hex 68 72 64 73 63 65 20 32 30 37 32 31 Message in ASCII = The Magic Words are Squeamish Ossifrages Message in Hex 54 68 65 20 4d 61 67 69 63 20 57 6f 72 64 73 20 61 72 65 20 53 71 75 65 61 6d 69 73 68 20 4f 73 73 69 66 72 61 67 65 73

Key in Hex e0 9d 69 6b ec 91 d0 09 3c a7 ed 10 e2 e9 cd f2 6c 23 b8 79 d8 d7 28 b0 b9 8d 3f 6a 18 9d a7 56 b3 55 5a 1a b2 22 68 ff 21 54 fa 99 7b cd MMH64 function output in Hex 37 de 69 df da db 43 54 Pad in Hex 4b eb 8e a8 f4 71 4c 32 DOCSIS MMH MAC64 output in Hex 83 c9 f8 88 cf 4c 8f 86

11.7.4 MMH Key Derivation for CMTS Extended MIC

The CMTS MUST derive the MMH key for the CMTS Extended MIC as defined in this section. The CMTS and the backend provisioning system share a secret key, ^κ *CMTS*−*EMIC* . This is equivalent to the shared secret *S* in Section [11.7.3.](#page-89-1)

From $\kappa_{CMTS-EMIC}$, the CMTS derives two shared secrets, equivalent to S_1 and S_2 in Section [11.7.3:](#page-89-1)

 $S_1 = S[0] \circ S[2] \circ S[4] \circ ... \circ S[n-2]$ $S_2 = S[1] \circ S[3] \circ S[5] \circ ... \circ S[n-1]$

where *S*[*i*] is the ith octet of *S* (with respect to 0) and *S* contains *n* octets.

The CMTS uses the ASCII-encoded string "CMTS-EMIC" as the value of Δ_1 in the calculation of the MMH-MAC.

The CMTS uses the ASCII-encoded string "CMTS-EMIC-PAD" as the value of Δ_2 in the calculation of the MMH-MAC.

The CMTS uses the function *F* as defined in Sectio[n 11.7.6](#page-91-1) as the pseudo-random number generator when calculating the MMH-MAC.

11.7.5 Shared Secret Recommendations

Although this specification emplaces no limitations or requirements on the length or contents of the secret that is shared between the backend provisioning system and the CMTS, it assumes that the secret contains sufficient entropy to ensure adequate cryptographic security when the secret is used in the cryptographic calculations contained in this document. In order to meet this assumption, it is recommended that the shared secret:

- 1. Be a pseudo-random binary value (as opposed to ASCII or some other simple encoding system that encodes certain bit positions to predictable values); and
- 2. Have a length of at least 16 octets.

In the event that the output of a hash function over some simple ASCII-encoded message is used as the shared secret (which is *not* recommended), the input message should contain at least 160 characters.

11.7.6 Key Generation Function

Key derivation sections in this document refer to a function F(*S, seed*) where *S* is a shared secret from which keying material is derived, and seed is a constant string. The output of F() is a pseudo-random sequence suitable for use as a key. The output of F(*S, seed*) is generated as follows:

1. From *S*, generate a derived shared secret, *S*′, by accumulation as follows: the value *S*′ is obtained by XORing every 16 octets of *S*, padding with zeroes as necessary (i.e., add zeroes to the end of *S* to pad it out to a length that is an integral multiple of 16 octets).

- 2. Use *S*′ as the initial key to the AES-128 (i.e.*,* 128-bit key, 128-bit block) algorithm operating in counter (CTR) mode.
- 3. For each block of output needed, set the IV equal to the value of the seed, truncated to 128 bits or zero-extended to 128 bits as necessary, and XORed with the number of the block, starting with 1 (one) and incrementing by 1 (one) for each block processed.

The output of F(*S, seed*) is the concatenation of the blocks of output obtained in step 3. Any unused octets at the end of the last repetition of step 3 are discarded.

12 PHYSICAL PROTECTION OF KEYS IN THE CM

CMs MUST store and maintain the CM Device Certificate RSA private/public key pairs. The CM MUST store the CM Device Certificate private keys in a manner that deters unauthorized disclosure and modification. Also, CMs SHOULD prevent debugger tools from reading the CM Device Certificate private key in production devices by restricting or blocking physical access to memory containing this key.

The CM MUST meet [\[FIPS 140-2\]](#page-13-13) security requirements for all instances of private and public permanent key storage.

The CM MUST meet [\[FIPS 140-2\]](#page-13-13) Security Level 1. [\[FIPS 140-2\]](#page-13-13) Security Level 1 requires minimal physical protection through the use of production-grade enclosures. The reader should refer to the cited document for the formal requirements; however, below is a summary of those requirements.

Under the [\[FIPS 140-2\]](#page-13-13) classification of "physical embodiments" of cryptographic modules, external CMs are "multiple-chip stand-alone cryptographic modules." [\[FIPS 140-2\]](#page-13-13) specifies the following Security level 1 requirements for multiple-chip stand-alone modules:

- The chips are to be of production-grade quality, which shall include standard passivation techniques (i.e., a sealing coat over the chip circuitry to protect it against environmental or other physical damage);
- The circuitry within the module is to be implemented as a production grade multiple-chip embodiment (i.e., an IC printed circuit board, a ceramic substrate, etc.);
- The module is to be entirely contained within a metal or hard plastic production-grade enclosure, which may include doors or removable covers.

An internal CM (defined in [\[DOCSIS CMCIv3.0\]\)](#page-14-8) would be classified as a [\[FIPS 140-2\]](#page-13-13) "multiple-chip embedded cryptographic module." The Security Level 1 requirements for these devices are contained in the first two bullets above.

13 BPI+ X.509 CERTIFICATE PROFILE AND MANAGEMENT

DOCSIS employs [\[X.509\]](#page-14-9) version 3 digital certificates for authenticating key exchanges between CM and CMTS (se[e \[X.509\]\)](#page-14-9). [\[X.509\]](#page-14-9) is a general-purpose standard; the DOCSIS certificate profile, described here, further specifies the contents of the certificate's defined fields. This certificate profile also defines the hierarchy of trust for the management and validation of DOCSIS certificates.

Except where otherwise noted i[n Appendix III,](#page-179-0) DOCSIS certificates comply wit[h \[RFC 5280\].](#page-14-10)

The DOCSIS certificate profile draws extensively from the Secure Electronic Transaction (SET) system (se[e \[SET](#page-14-11) [Book 2\]\)](#page-14-11). The overall organization of this section, as well as some of the section's contents, reflect that system.

13.1 BPI+ Certificate Management Architecture Overview

The DOCSIS certificate management architecture for BPI+ CM authentication consists of two public key infrastructures (PKIs): a legacy PKI to support backward compatibility with devices implementing older versions of DOCSIS and a new PKI that provides stronger cryptography algorithms and key sizes. The legacy PKI is defined by the DOCSIS 3.0 Security specification [\[DOCSIS SECv3.0\].](#page-13-14) The new PKI is defined by this specification. The new PKI consists of a three level hierarchy of trust supporting three types of certificates:

- Root CA Certificate
- Device CA Certificate
- CM Device Certificates

The Root CA Certificate is used as a trust anchor for the PKI and issues the Device CA Certificate which issues the CM Device Certificates. The new PKI uses a "centralized" model where the Device CA is hosted by CableLabs or an approved 3rd party which issues CM Device Certificates to approved manufacturers. CableLabs manages the new PKI and the certificates issued from its CAs (CableLabs Root CA and CableLabs Device CA, see [Appendix III\)](#page-179-0). The legacy PKI is also managed by CableLabs.

The Root CA will also be used as a trust anchor for issuing and validating CA and Code Verification Certificates (CVCs) for the Secure Software Download (SSD) process specified in Section [14.](#page-99-0)

The Root CA generates and distributes to operators a Certificate Revocation List (CRL), identifying revoked manufacturer certificates. The manner in which CRLs are distributed is outside the scope of this specification. In order to reduce the burden on CM devices that are designed to work in multiple geographic regions, an effort will be made to consolidate DOCSIS 3.1 the PKI hierarchy such that the same BPI+ device certificate for DOCSIS 3.1 will also be valid for EuroDOCSIS 3.1 and other international versions of DOCSIS 3.1 and above.

13.2 Cable Modem Certificate Storage and Management in the CM

The CM MUST have two factory installed CM Device Certificates (and their associated private keys). The CM MUST have a CM Device Certificate installed that is issued from the new PKI. The CM MUST have a CM Device Certificate installed that is issued from the legacy PKI. The CM MUST have the same RSA public key in the CM Device Certificate as the RSA public key in the BPKM Attributes depending upon which CM Device Certificate is used for authentication. The CM MUST use the CM Device Certificate issued from the new PKI when authenticating with a DOCSIS 3.1 or higher CMTS. The CM is to use the CM Device Certificate issued from the legacy PKI when authenticating with a DOCSIS 3.0 or older version of DOCSIS CMTS.

The CM's non-volatile memory MUST contain a Root CA certificate for SSD image verification.

The CM's non-volatile memory MUST have two CA certificates (the Device CA Certificate from the new PKI and the Manufacturer CA Certificate from the legacy PKI) that signed the CM Device Certificates. The CM MUST use the Device CA Certificate issued from the new PKI when authenticating with a DOCSIS 3.1 or higher CMTS and use the Manufacture CA Certificate issued from the legacy PKI otherwise. The CM MAY be capable of updating or replacing the Device CA Certificate or the legacy Manufacturer CA Certificate via the DOCSIS code download file (see Section [14\)](#page-99-0). The CM may embed Device CA or legacy Manufacturer CA certificates.

The CM MUST be able to process certificate serial number values containing 20 octets or fewer. The CM MUST accept certificates that have serial numbers that are negative or zero.

13.3 Certificate Processing and Management in the CMTS

BPKM employs digital certificates to allow CMTSs to verify the binding between a CM's identity (encoded in a digital certificate's subject name) and its public key. The CMTS does this by validating the CM Device Certificate's certification path. This path will typically consist of three chained certificates: the CM Device Certificate, the Device CA certificate (Mfg CA certificate for legacy PKI), and the Root CA certificate (see Section [13.1\)](#page-94-0). Validating the chain follows the "Basic Path Validation" rules defined i[n \[RFC 5280\].](#page-14-10) The CMTS MUST support validating certificate chains from the legacy PKI defined in DOCSIS 3.0 and the new PKI defined in this specification.

[\[RFC 4131\]](#page-14-12) requires that CMTSs support administrative controls that allow the operator to override certification chain validation by identifying a particular CA or CM Device Certificate as trusted or untrusted. This section specifies the management model for the exercise of these controls, as well as the processing a CMTS undertakes to assess a CM Device Certificate's validity, and thus verify the binding between the CM's identity and its public key.

The CMTS MUST be able to process certificate serialNumber values containing 20 octets or fewer. The CMTS MUST accept certificates that have serial numbers that are negative or zero.

[Appendix III](#page-179-0) describes the format of the subject name field for each type of DOCSIS certificate. The issuer field of a certificate matches exactly the subject field of the issuing certificate. New PKI certificates transmitted by a CM in an Auth Info or Auth Request message have name fields that conform to the format described in [Appendix III.](#page-179-0) A CMTS MUST be capable of processing the name fields of a certificate if the name fields conform to the indicated format i[n Appendix III.](#page-179-0) A CMTS MAY choose to accept a certificate that has name fields that do not conform to the indicated format i[n Appendix III.](#page-179-0)

The CMTS MUST process certificate extensions as defined b[y \[RFC 5280\]](#page-14-10) (see Section [III.1](#page-179-1) for certificate profile and extension definitions).

13.3.1 CMTS Certificate Management Model

The CMTS holds copies of the Root CA, Device CA (Mfg CA for legacy PKI) and CM Device Certificates (see Section [13.1\)](#page-94-0), which it obtains through either provisioning or BPKM messaging. Each certificate learned by a CMTS MUST be assigned one of four states: Untrusted, Trusted, Chained, or Root. The CMTS MUST support the ability to provision at least two Root CA Certificates. The CMTS MUST support the ability to display the entire Root Certificate(s) and/or its thumbprint to the operator.

A CMTS learns of Device CA certificates through either the CMTS's provisioning interface or through receipt and processing of client CMs' Authentication Information messages. Regardless of how a CMTS obtains its Device CA certificates, the CMTS MUST mark them as either Untrusted, Trusted or Chained. If a CA Certificate is not selfsigned, the CMTS MUST mark the certificate as Chained. The CMTS, however, MUST support administrative controls that allow an operator to override the Chained marking and identify a given CA certificate as Trusted or Untrusted.

If a Device CA Certificate is self-signed, the CMTS MUST mark the certificate as either Trusted or Untrusted, according to administratively controlled CMTS policy.

A CMTS obtains copies of CM Device Certificates in the Authorization Requests it receives from CMs. CM Device Certificates are issued by a Device CA. Thus, the CMTS MUST mark CM Device Certificates as Chained unless overridden by CMTS administrative control and configured as Trusted or Untrusted.

13.3.2 Certificate Validation

The CMTS validates the certification paths of CA and CM Device Certificates using Basic Path Validation rules defined in [\[RFC 5280\]](#page-14-10) and the criteria below.

The CMTS MUST label CA and Cable Modem Certificates as Valid or Invalid if their certification paths are valid or invalid respectively. Trusted certificates, provisioned in the CMTS, MUST be Valid; this is true even if the current

time does not fall within the Trusted certificate's validity period. Untrusted certificates, provisioned in the CMTS, MUST be Invalid.

The CMTS MUST mark a chained certificate as Valid only if:

- 1. The certificate chains to a Root CA, Trusted, or Valid certificate that has not been revoked as defined by the Basic Path Validation section in [RFC 5280]; and
- 2. The current time falls within the validity period of each Chained or Root certificate within the certificate chain; and
- 3. The certificate is not identified as revoked (see Sectio[n 13.4\)](#page-96-0); and
- 4. In the case of a CM Device Certificate, the CM MAC address encoded in its tbsCertificate.subject field and RSA public key encoded on its tbsCertificate.subjectPublicKeyInfo field match the CM MAC address and RSA public key encoded in the Authorization Request's BPKM Attributes; and
- 5. In the case of a CM Device Certificate, if the KeyUsage extension is present, the digitalSignature and/or keyAgreement bits are turned on, the keyEncipherment bit is turned on, and the keyCertSign and cRLSign bits are off; in the case of a Device CA Certificate, if the KeyUsage extension is present, the keyCertSign bit is turned on.

Whether criterion 2 above is ignored MUST be subject to CMTS administrative control.

If validity period checking is enabled and the time of day has not been acquired by the CMTS, a (non-permanent) authorization reject message MUST be returned by the CMTS in response to an authorization request.

The CMTS MUST NOT invalidate certificates that have non-specified critical extensions (contrary to [RFC 5280]) as long as the certificates satisfy the validity criteria above.

13.4 Certificate Revocation

Providing a mechanism for certificate revocation is a normal part of PKI management. When a certificate is issued, it is expected to be in use for its entire validity period. However, various circumstances may cause a certificate to become invalid prior to the expiration of the validity period. Such circumstances include change of name, change of association between subject and CA, and compromise or suspected compromise of the corresponding private key. Under such circumstances, the CA needs to revoke the certificate. Two methods of supporting certificate revocation are defined in this specification: Certificate Revocation Lists (CRLs) and Online Certificate Status Protocol (OCSP). The CMTS MUST support configuration of none, one, or both certificate revocation methods to be enabled at the same time.

13.4.1 Certificate Revocation Lists

[\[RFC 5280\]](#page-14-10) defines a method for revoking certificates using [\[X.509\]](#page-14-9) Certificate Revocation Lists (CRLs).

[Figure](#page-96-1) 13 shows a framework for managing and distributing CRLs. A CRL is a digitally signed, timestamped list of certificate serial numbers revoked by a Certificate Authority (CA). When a CA identifies the compromised certificates, the CA could generate the CRLs itself, or a CA could delegate the CRL generation to a third party CRL Issuer. The CRL Repository is a system that maintains a database of revoked certificates. The interface between the CA or CRL Issuer and the CRL Repository is outside the scope of this specification.

Figure 13 - CRL Framework

The CMTS retrieves CRL entries from the CRL Repository and uses this information to verify if a certificate received during the CM registration process is revoked.

13.4.1.1 CMTS CRL Support

The CMTS MUST support retrieval of CRL files formatted as defined in [\[RFC 5280\].](#page-14-10) CRL files may identify revoked certificates that were issued from different CAs. Therefore, the CMTS MUST support extensions related to indirect CRL files as defined in [\[RFC 5280\].](#page-14-10) The CMTS MUST support HTTP as defined in [\[RFC 2616\]](#page-14-13) for downloading CRL files.

Before using the information in a CRL file, the CMTS MUST verify that its digital signature chains to a trusted root CA. Trusted root CAs are administratively provisioned in the CMTS. If the CRL file digital signature cannot be verified, the CMTS MUST discard the CRL file. The CMTS MUST validate if a CA certificate or CM Device Certificate is revoked during the certificate validation process specified in Sectio[n 13.3.2.](#page-95-0)

If the CRL contains the nextUpdate value the CMTS MUST refresh the CRL after the specified time has passed. If the CMTS fails to retrieve the new CRL, it MUST log an event [\[CCAP-OSSIv3.1\]](#page-13-15) and continue to use its current CRL. If the CMTS fails to retrieve the new CRL it should attempt to retry retrieval of the CRL file on a periodic basis. If the CRL does not contain the nextUpdate value, the CMTS MUST refresh the CRL according to the configured value as defined i[n \[CCAP-OSSIv3.1\].](#page-13-15)

When the CMTS is configured to use a CRL it MUST attempt to retrieve the CRL file each time it starts up. During CMTS startup it is possible that some CMs may perform BPI+ authorization before the CRL file has been retrieved. When the CMTS is configured to use a CRL and a CM's device certificate chain is validated during CMTS startup before the CRL file is retrieved the CMTS MUST log an event for that C[M \[CCAP-OSSIv3.1\]](#page-13-15) and bypass CRL checking.

13.4.2 Online Certificate Status Protocol

[\[RFC 6960\]](#page-14-14) defines an Online Certificate Status Protocol (OCSP) for querying the status of a digital certificate. The CMTS sends a certificate status request to an OCSP responder when it receives a CA certificate or a CM Device Certificate (see [Figure](#page-97-0) 14). The OCSP responder sends a status response indicating that the certificate is "good," "revoked," or "unknown." The OCSP responder checks only the revocation status of a certificate; it does not verify the validity of the certificate itself. The CMTS uses the result from the OCSP responder during certificate validation process specified in Section [13.3.2.](#page-95-0)

Figure 14 - OCSP Framework

The CMTS MUST be capable of acting as an OCSP client as defined in [\[RFC 6960\].](#page-14-14) The CMTS SHOULD cache the OCSP response status for a certificate if the nextUpdate value is present in the OCSP response. If the CMTS caches the OCSP response status for a given certificate, it MUST retrieve the revocation status from the cache. Once the nextUpdate time for that certificate has passed, the CMTS MUST continue using the revocation status value from the cache until an update is retrieved from the OCSP Responder.

If the CMTS is unable to retrieve the OCSP status for an uncached certificate or if the retrieved status is "unknown" the CMTS MUST log an event (se[e \[CCAP-OSSIv3.1\]\)](#page-13-15) and assume the certificate status to be "good". If the nextUpdate value is not present in the OCSP response, the CMTS MUST NOT cache the OCSP response status for a certificate. If the CMTS is configured with OCSP Responder information, it MUST send an OCSP request when a CA certificate or CM Device Certificate is obtained using the Authentication Information message, or Authentication Request message respectively, unless there is a valid certificate status in the cache.

When the CMTS is attempting to communicate with the OCSP Responder, the exchange should not significantly delay the CM provisioning process. If no response is received, the CMTS MUST proceed using the currently cached revocation status. For uncached certificate states, the CMTS MUST proceed as if a response with the status "good" has been received.

The CMTS MUST support OCSP over HTTP as described in [\[RFC 6960\].](#page-14-14) The CMTS MAY generate a signature in the OCSP request. The CMTS MUST bypass validation of the signature in an OCSP response based on the configured value as defined i[n \[CCAP-OSSIv3.1\].](#page-13-15)

14 SECURE SOFTWARE DOWNLOAD (SSD)

14.1 Introduction

DOCSIS supports downloading code to CMs. Authenticating the source and verifying the integrity of downloaded code is vital to the overall operation and security of DOCSIS-based networks. Code is signed with a certificate from the legacy PKI or new PKI (see Sectio[n 13.1\)](#page-94-0) and then validated by the CM. Code signature and format requirements for the legacy PKI are defined in [\[DOCSIS SECv3.0\].](#page-13-14)

The software download module is an attractive target for an attacker. If an attacker were able to mount a scalable attack against the software download module, he could potentially install code to disable all the CMs within a domain, or disrupt service on a wide scale. To thwart these attacks, the attacker is forced to overcome several security barriers.

14.2 Overview

The requirements defined in this section address these primary security goals for the code download process:

- The CM should have a means to authenticate that the originator of any download code is a known and trusted source;
- The CM should have a means to verify that the downloaded code has not been altered from the original form in which it was provided by the trusted source;
- The process should strive to simplify the operator's code file-handling requirements and provide mechanisms for the operator to upgrade or downgrade the code version of cable modems on their network;
- The process allows operators to dictate and control their policies with respect to: (a) which code files will be accepted by CMs within their network, and (b) security controls that define the security of the process on their network;
- CMs are able to move freely among systems controlled by different operators;
- Support updating the Root CA Certificate in the CM (optional);
- Support updating the Device CA Certificate in the CM (optional);
- Support updating the legacy Root CA Public Key in the CM (optional);
- Support updating the legacy Manufacturer CA Certificate in the CM (optional).

This document limits its scope to these primary system security requirements, but acknowledges that in some cases additional security may be desired. The concerns of individual operators or CM manufacturers may result in additional security related to the distribution or installation of code into a CM or other DOCSIS network element. This specification does not restrict the use of further protections, as long as they do not conflict with the requirements of this specification.

Multiple levels of protection are required to protect and verify the code download:

- The manufacturer of the CM code always applies a digital signature to the code file. The signature is verified with a certificate chain that extends up to the Root CA. The manufacturer signature affirms the source and integrity of the code file to the CM;
- Though the manufacturer always signs its code file, an operator may later apply its code signature in addition to the manufacturer signature. If a second signature is present, the CM verifies both signatures with a certificate chain that extends up to the Root CA before accepting a code file;
- OSS mechanisms for the provisioning and control of the CM are important to the proper execution of this process. The code-upgrade capability of a CM is enabled during the provisioning and registration process. Code downloads are initiated during the provisioning and registration process, or can be initiated in normal operation using an SNMP command.

The code file is built using a [\[PKCS#7\]-](#page-13-16)compliant structure that is defined below. Included in this structure are:

- The code image; i.e., the upgrade code image;
- The Code Verification Signature (CVS); i.e., the digital signature over the code image and any other authenticated attributes as defined in the structure;
- The Code Verification Certificate (CVC); i.e., an [\[X.509\]-](#page-14-9)compliant certificate that is used to deliver and validate the public code verification key that will verify the signature over the code image. The DOCSIS Certificate Authority, a trusted party whose public key is already stored in the CM, signs this certificate.

[Figure](#page-101-0) 15 shows the basic steps required for the signing of a code image when the code file is signed only by the CM manufacturer, and when the code file is signed by the CM manufacturer and co-signed by an operator.

In DOCSIS, the Root CA certificate is installed in each CM as a trust anchor. The code manufacturer builds the code file by signing the code image using a DOCSIS PKCS#7 digital signature structure with a Mfr CVC certificate and the issuing CVC CA certificate. The code file is then sent to the operator.

The operator verifies that the code file is from a trusted DOCSIS manufacturer and has not been modified. At this point, the operator has the option of loading the code file on the software download server as-is, or of adding its signature and operator CVC and issuing CVC CA certificate to the code file. During the code upgrade process, the CM will retrieve the code file from the software download server and verify the new code image using the Root CA Certificate trust anchor before installing it. See [Appendix III](#page-179-0) for CVC chain details.

Figure 15 - Typical Code Validation Hierarchy

14.3 Software Code Upgrade Requirements

The following sections define requirements of the CM software code upgrade verification process. All DOCSIS 3.1 code upgrades are prepared and verified as described. All DOCSIS 3.1 CMs MUST verify code upgrades according to this specification regardless of whether Baseline Privacy is enabled or disabled. The new PKI used for issuing CVCs consists of three types of certificates: a Root CA, CVC CA, and the CVC. CableLabs manages the new PKI and the certificates issued from its CAs (CableLabs Root CA and CableLabs CVC CA; see [Appendix III](#page-179-0) for certificate profile and extension definitions). The CM MUST process CVC extensions as defined by [\[RFC 5280\].](#page-14-10) Note: the CableLabs Root CA is used to issue both CM Device Certificates and CVC certificates. For backward compatibility, CMs MUST also support the code upgrade requirements that use the legacy PKI as defined in DOCSIS 3.0, unless stated otherwise in this specification.

14.3.1 Code File Processing Requirements

The code file format is defined in [Appendix III.](#page-179-0)

The CM MUST reject the DOCSIS [\[PKCS#7\]](#page-13-16) code file if the signedData field does not match the DER encoded structure represented in [Appendix III.](#page-179-0)

The CM MUST be able to verify DOCSIS code file signatures that are signed using key modulus lengths of 1024, 1536, and 2048 bits. The public exponent is F4 (65537 decimal).

The CM MUST reject the CVC if it does not match the DER encoded structure represented in [Appendix III.](#page-179-0)

The CM MUST NOT install the upgraded code image unless the code image has been verified as being compatible with the CM.

If the code download and installation is successful, then the CM MUST replace its currently stored Root CA Certificate with the Root CA Certificate in the SignedContent field, if one was present.

If the code download and installation is successful, then the CM MUST replace its currently stored Device CA Certificate with the Device CA Certificate received in the SignedContent field, if any were present.

If the code download and installation is successful, then the CM MUST replace its currently stored legacy Manufacturer CA certificate with the legacy Manufacturer CA certificate received in the SignedContent field, if any were present.

14.3.2 Code File Access Controls

In addition to the cryptographic controls provided by the digital signature and the certificate, special control values are included in the code file for the CM to check before it accepts a code image as valid. The conditions placed on the values of these control parameters MUST be satisfied before the CM attempts to validate the CVC and the CVS (see Sections [14.3.2.1](#page-102-0) and [14.3.2.2\)](#page-102-1). Some of these special control value conditions are maintained separately for the legacy PKI and the new PKI (see Sectio[n 13\)](#page-94-1).

14.3.2.1 Subject Organization Names

The CM MUST recognize up to two names that it considers a trusted code-signing agent if present in the subject field of a code file CVC. These are:

- **The cable modem manufacturer:** The CM MUST verify that the manufacturer name in the manufacturerCVC subject field exactly matches the manufacturer name stored in the CM's non-volatile memory by the manufacturer. A manufacturer CVC is always included in the code file. The CM MUST store separate manufacturer names, one for the legacy PKI and one for the new PKI, in non-volatile memory.
- **A co-signing agent:** As described above, DOCSIS permits another trusted organization to co-sign code files destined for the CM. In most cases this organization is the operator. The organization name of the cosigning agent is communicated to the CM via a co-signer CVC in the configuration file when initializing the CM's code verification process. The CM MUST verify that the co-signer organization name in the cosigner CVC subject field, exactly matches the co-signer organization name previously received in the cosigner initialization CVC, and stored by the CM.

14.3.2.2 Time Varying Controls

In support of the code upgrade process, the CM MUST keep two UTC time values associated with each codesigning agent. These values are known as codeAccessStart and cvcAccessStart. The CM MUST store and maintain one pair of time values for the CM manufacturer signing agent. If the CM is assigned a code co-signing agent, the CM MUST maintain a pair of time values for the code co-signing agent.

These values are used to control code file access to the cable modem by individually controlling the validity of the CVS and the CVC. Stored and maintained time values in the CM MUST have a precision of one second. Stored and maintained time values in the CM MUST be capable of representing all times (with one second precision) between midnight, Jan 1 1950, and midnight Jan 1 2050.

The CM MUST NOT allow the values of codeAccessStart and cvcAccessStart corresponding to the cable modem's manufacturer signing agent to decrease. The CM MUST NOT allow the value of codeAccessStart and cvcAccessStart corresponding to the co-signing agent to decrease as long as the co-signing agent does not change and the CM maintains the co-signer time-varying control values (see Sectio[n 14.3.3\)](#page-103-0).

For the manufacturer code signing agent, the CM MUST store and maintain separate time-varying controls values, a pair for the legacy PKI and a pair for the new PKI, in non-volatile memory.

14.3.3 Cable Modem Code Upgrade Initialization

Before the cable modem can upgrade code, it should be properly initialized. Its manufacturer first initializes the cable modem. Every time a cable modem registers on a DOCSIS network, it MUST check its current initialization state with respect to the operational needs of the particular network. It may be necessary for the cable modem to reinitialize at registration, particularly if the cable modem has moved from one network to another.

14.3.3.1 Manufacturer Initialization

It is the responsibility of the manufacturer to install the initial code version in the CM.

In support of code upgrade verification, values for the following parameters MUST be loaded into the CM's nonvolatile memory:

- CM manufacturer organizationName;
- codeAccessStart initialization value;
- cvcAccessStart initialization value.

The CM MUST initialize the values of codeAccessStart and cvcAccessStart for the legacy PKI and the new PKI to a UTCTime equal to the validity start time of the manufacturer's latest CVC. If the manufacturer has only one CVC (issued from the legacy PKI or new PKI), the CM MUST use the validity start time of this CVC to initialize both pairs of codeAccessStart and cvcAccessStart values. These values will be updated periodically under normal operation via manufacturer CVCs that are received and verified by the cable modem.

14.3.3.2 Network Initialization

The method for obtaining CM code download files is defined in [\[DOCSIS MULPIv3.1\].](#page-13-0) The CM receives settings relevant to code upgrade verification in its configuration file. The CM MUST NOT use these settings until after the CMTS has successfully registered the CM.

The configuration file normally includes the most up-to-date CVC applicable for the destination cable modem. When the configuration file is used to initiate a code upgrade, it will include a CVC to initialize the cable modem for accepting code files according to this specification. Regardless of whether a code upgrade is required, a CVC in the configuration file MUST be processed by the cable modem.

A configuration file may contain:

- No CVCs
- From legacy PKI:
	- A Manufacturer CVC (Type 32)
	- A Co-signer CVC (Type 33);
	- Both Manufacturer CVC and Co-signer CVC
- From DOCSIS 3.1 PKI:
	- A Manufacturer CVC Chain (the Manufacturer CVC and its issuing CA certificate (Type 81))
	- A Co-signer CVC Chain (the Co-signer CVC and its issuing CA certificate (Type 82))
	- Both Manufacturer CVC Chain and Co-signer CVC Chain

Before the CM will enable its ability to upgrade code files from the network, it MUST receive a valid CVC in a configuration file and successfully register with the CMTS. If the CM's configuration file does not contain a valid CVC and its ability to upgrade code files has been disabled, then the CM MUST reject any information in a CVC delivered via SNMP.

When the cable modem's configuration file does not contain a co-signer CVC, the CM MUST NOT accept code files that have been co-signed.

If the CM is configured to accept code co-signed by a code-signing agent, the following parameters MUST be stored in the CM's memory when the co-signer CVC is processed:

- Co-signing agent's organizationName;
- Co-signer cvcAccessStart;
- Co-signer codeAccessStart.

Unlike the manufacturer organizationName and time varying control values, the co-signer organizationName and time varying control values are not required to be stored in non-volatile memory.

14.3.3.2.1 Processing the Configuration File CVC

When a CVC is included in the configuration file, the CM MUST verify the CVC before accepting any of the code upgrade settings it contains. Upon receipt of the CVC the CM MUST perform the following validation and procedural steps. If any of the following verification checks fail, the CM MUST immediately halt the CVC verification process.

If the CM configuration file does not include a valid CVC, the CM MUST NOT download upgrade code files, whether triggered by the CM configuration file or via an SNMP MIB. If the CM configuration file does not include a valid CVC, the CM SHOULD NOT process CVCs subsequently delivered via an SNMP MIB. If the CM configuration file does not include a valid CVC, the CM MUST NOT accept information from a CVC subsequently delivered via an SNMP MIB.

Following receipt of a CVC in a configuration file, and after the CM has successfully registered with the CMTS, the CM MUST:

- 1. Verify that the Extended Key Usage extension is present in the CVC, as specified in [Appendix III.](#page-179-0)
- 2. Verify that the manufacturer CVC validity start time is greater than or equal to the manufacturer cvcAccessStart value currently held in the CM if the CVC is a Manufacturer CVC and the subject organizationName is identical to the CM's manufacturer name.
- 3. Reject this CVC and log an error if the CVC is a Manufacturer CVC and the subject organizationName is not identical to the cable modem's manufacturer name.
- 4. Verify that the validity start time is greater than or equal to the co-signer cvcAccessStart value currently held in the CM if the CVC is a co -signer CVC and the subject organizationName is identical to the CM's current code co-signing agent.
- 5. After the CVC has been validated (and registration is complete), make this subject organization name become the CM's new code co-signing agent if the CVC is a co -signer CVC and the subject organizationName is not identical to the current code co-signing agent name.
- 6. Verify that the CVC and any CVC CA Certificate signatures chain up to the Root CA Certificate of the new PKI or the Root CA key of the legacy PKI held by the CM.
- 7. If the CVC is issued from the new PKI and time-of-day has been acquired, verify that the validity periods for the CVC and the issuing CA certificate have not expired.
- 8. Update the CM's current value of cvcAccessStart corresponding to the CVC's subject organizationName (i.e., manufacturer or code co-signing agent) with the validity start time value from the validated CVC; if the validity start time value is greater than the CM's current value of codeAccessStart, update the CM's codeAccessStart value with the validity start time value.

14.3.3.2.2 Processing the SNMP CVC

The CM MUST process CVCs received via SNMP when it is enabled to upgrade code files. When the CM is not enabled to upgrade code files it MUST reject all CVCs received via SNMP. CVCs received via SNMP will also chain up to the same Root CA certificate or public key that was used to validate the CVC in the configuration file (see Section [14.3.5\)](#page-105-0). When validating a CVC received via SNMP, the CM MUST perform the following validation and procedural steps. If any of the following verification checks fail, the CM MUST immediately halt the CVC verification process, log the error if applicable, and remove all remnants of the process up to that step.

When a CM receives a CVC via SNMP, it MUST:

- 1. Verify that the Extended Key Usage extension is in the CVC as specified in [Appendix III.](#page-179-0)
- 2. Verify that the manufacturer CVC validity start time is greater than the manufacturer cvcAccessStart value currently held in the CM if the CVC subject organizationName is identical to the CM's manufacturer name.
- 3. Verify that the validity start time is greater than the co-signer cvcAccessStart value currently held in the CM if the CVC subject organizationName is identical to the cable modem's current code co-signing agent.
- 4. Reject this CVC if the CVC subject organizationName is not identical to CM's manufacturer or current code co-signing agent name.
- 5. Verify that the CVC and any CVC CA Certificate signatures chain up to the same Root CA Certificate or Root CA key that was used to validate the corresponding CVC (manufacturer or co-signer) in the configuration file.
- 6. If the CVC is issued from the new PKI and time-of-day has been acquired, verify that the validity periods for the CVC and the issuing CA certificate have not expired.
- 7. Update the current value of the subject's cvcAccessStart values with the validated CVC's validity start time value. If the validity start time value is greater than the CM's current value of codeAccessStart, the CM MUST replace its codeAccessStart value with the validity start value.

14.3.4 Code Signing Guidelines

Manufacturer and operator code signing guidelines are provided i[n Appendix III.](#page-179-0)

14.3.5 Code Verification Requirements

The CM MUST NOT install upgrade code unless the code has been verified.

14.3.5.1 Cable Modem Code Verification Steps

When downloading code, the CM MUST perform the verification checks presented in this section. If any of the verification checks fail, or if any section of the code file is rejected due to invalid formatting, the CM MUST immediately halt the download process and log the error if applicable, remove all remnants of the process to that step, and continue to operate with its existing code. The verification checks can be performed in any order.

- 1. The CM MUST verify that:
	- a) The value of signingTime is equal to or greater than the manufacturer codeAccessStart value currently held in the CM;
	- b) The value of signingTime is equal to or greater than the manufacturer CVC validity start time;
	- c) The value of signingTime is less than or equal to the manufacturer CVC validity end time.
- 2. The CM MUST verify that:
	- a) The manufacturer CVC subject organizationName is identical to the manufacturer name currently stored in the CM's memory;
	- b) The manufacturer CVC validity start time is equal to or greater than the manufacturer cvcAccessStart value currently held in the CM;
	- c) The Extended Key Usage extension in the Manufacturer CVC meets the requirements of [Appendix III.](#page-179-0)
- 3. The CM MUST verify that the Mfr CVC chains up to Root CA held by the CM.
- 4. If the CVC is issued from the new PKI and time-of-day has been acquired, verify that the validity periods for the CVC and the issuing CA certificate have not expired.
- 5. The CM MUST verify the manufacturer code file signature. If the signature does not verify, the CM MUST reject all components of the code file (including the code image), and any values derived from the verification process should be immediately discarded.
- 6. If the manufacturer signature verifies and a co-signing agent signature is required:
	- a) The CM MUST verify that:
		- (1) The co-signer signature information is included in the code file;
		- (2) The value of signingTime is equal to or greater than the corresponding codeAccessStart value currently held in the CM;
		- (3) The value of signingTime is equal to or greater than the corresponding CVC validity start time;
		- (4) The value of signingTime is less than or equal to the corresponding CVC validity end time.
	- b) The CM MUST verify that:
		- (1) The co-signer CVC subject organizationName is identical to the co-signer organization name currently stored in the CM's memory;
		- (2) The co-signer CVC validity start time is equal to or greater than the cvcAccessStart value currently held in the CM for the corresponding subject organizationName;
		- (3) The Extended Key Usage extension in the co -signer CVC meets the requirements of [Appendix III.](#page-179-0)
	- c) The CM MUST verify that the Co-Signing CVC Certificate chains up to the Root CA held by the CM.
	- d) If the CVC is issued from the new PKI and time-of-day has been acquired, verify that the validity periods for the CVC and the issuing CA certificate have not expired.
	- e) The CM MUST verify the co-signer code file signature. If the signature does not verify, the CM MUST reject all components of the code file (including the code image), and any values derived from the verification process should be immediately discarded.
- 7. Once the manufacturer, and optionally the co-signer, signature has been verified, the code image can be trusted and installation may proceed. Before installing the code image, all other components of the code file and any values derived from the verification process except th[e \[PKCS#7\]](#page-13-16) signingTime values and the CVC validity start values SHOULD be immediately discarded.
- 8. The CM may upgrade its software by installing the code file according to [\[DOCSIS MULPIv3.1\].](#page-13-0)
- 9. If the code installation is unsuccessful, the CM MUST discard th[e \[PKCS#7\]](#page-13-16) signingTime values and CVC validity start values it just received in the code file. The procedure for handling this failure condition is specified in [\[DOCSIS MULPIv3.1\].](#page-13-0)
- 10. Once the code installation is successful, the CM MUST:
	- a) Update the current value of manufacturer codeAccessStart with the [\[PKCS#7\]](#page-13-16) signingTime value;
	- b) Update the current value of manufacturer cvcAccessStart with the CVC validity start value.
- 11. If the code installation is successful, and if the code file was co-signed, the CM MUST:
	- a) Update the current value of the co-signer codeAccessStart with the [\[PKCS#7\]](#page-13-16) signingTime value;
	- b) Update the current value of the co-signer cvcAccessStart with the CVC validity start value.

14.3.6 DOCSIS Interoperability

Images for DOCSIS 3.1 secure software download (SSD) are to be signed using certificates from the new PKI defined in this specification. Images for legacy secure software download are signed using certificates from the legacy PKI defined in [\[DOCSIS SECv3.0\].](#page-13-14) The CM supports secure software downloads using certificates from either the new PKI or the legacy PKI.

The CM determines the version of the PKI based on the contents of the CM's configuration file. If the configuration file contains a Manufacturer CVC Chain and/or a Co-signer CVC Chain, the CM MUST perform DOCSIS 3.1 secure software download, regardless of the presence of the legacy Manufacturer or Co-signer CVC. If the configuration file contains a legacy Manufacturer CVC and/or a Co-signer CVC and no DOCSIS 3.1 Manufacturer CVC Chain or Co-signer CVC Chain, the CM MUST perform legacy secure software download.

14.3.7 Error Codes

The CM MUST log the following error events when they occur during the code verification process. DOCSIS event logging requirements and event message format are defined in [\[DOCSIS CM-OSSIv3.1\]:](#page-13-17)

1. Improper code file controls

Conditions:

- a) CVC subject organizationName for manufacturer does not match the CM's manufacturer name.
- b) CVC subject organizationName for code co-signing agent does not match the CM's current code cosigning agent.
- c) The manufacturer [\[PKCS#7\]](#page-13-16) signingTime value is less-than the codeAccessStart value currently held in the CM.
- d) The manufacturer [\[PKCS#7\]](#page-13-16) validity start time value is less-than the cycAccessStart value currently held in the CM.
- e) The manufacturer CVC validity start time is less-than the cvcAccessStart value currently held in the CM.
- f) The manufacturer [\[PKCS#7\]](#page-13-16) signingTime value is less-than the CVC validity start time.
- g) Missing or improper extended key-usage extension in the manufacturer CVC.
- h) The co-signer [\[PKCS#7\]](#page-13-16) signing Time value is less-than the codeAccessStart value currently held in the CM.
- i) The co-signer [\[PKCS#7\]](#page-13-16) validity start time value is less-than the cvcAccessStart value currently held in the CM.
- j) The co-signer CVC validity start time is less-than the cvcAccessStart value currently held in the CM.
- k) The co-signer [\[PKCS#7\]](#page-13-16) signingTime value is less-than the CVC validity start time.
- l) Missing or improper extended key-usage extension in the co-signer CVC.
- 2. Code file manufacturer CVC validation failure

Conditions:

- a) The manufacturer CVC in the code file does not chain to the same root CA as the manufacturer CVC in the configuration file.
- 3. Code file manufacturer CVS validation failure
- 4. Code file co-signer CVC validation failure
	- a) The co-signer CVC in the code file does not chain to the same root CA as the co-signer CVC in the configuration file.
- 5. Code file co-signer CVS validation failure
- 6. Improper configuration file CVC format
	- a) Missing or improper key usage attribute.
- 7. Configuration file CVC validation failure
- 8. Improper SNMP CVC format

Conditions:

- a) CVC subject organizationName for manufacturer does not match the CM's manufacturer name,.
- b) CVC subject organizationName for code co-signing agent does not match the CM's current code co-signing agent,
- c) The CVC validity start time is less-than or equal-to the corresponding subject's cvcAccessStart value currently held in the CM.
- d) Missing or improper key usage attribute.
- 9. SNMP CVC validation failure

Conditions:

- a) The manufacturer CVC received via SNMP does not chain to the same root CA as the manufacturer CVC in the configuration file.
- b) The co-signer CVC received via SNMP does not chain to the same root CA as the co-signer CVC in the configuration file.

14.4 Security Considerations (Informative)

The method(s) used to protect private keys are a critical factor in maintaining security. Users authorized to sign code, i.e., manufacturers and operators who have been issued code verification certificates (CVCs) by the DOCSIS root CA, should protect their private keys. An attacker with access to the private key of an authorized code-signing user can create, at will, code files that are potentially acceptable to a large number of CMs.

The defense against such an attack is for the operator to revoke the certificate whose associated code-signing private key has been learned by the attacker. To revoke a certificate, the operator delivers to each affected CM, an updated CVC with a validity start time that is newer than that of the certificate(s) being revoked. The new CVC can be delivered via any of the supported mechanisms: configuration file, code file, or SNMP. The new CVC implicitly revokes all certificates whose validity start time is earlier than that of the new CVC.

To reduce the vulnerability to this type of attack, operators should regularly update the CVC in each CM, at a frequency comparable to how often the operator would update a CRL if one were available. Regular updates help manage the time interval during which a compromised code-signing key is useful to an attacker. CVCs should also be updated if it is suspected that a code-signing key has been compromised. To update the CVC, the user needs a CVC whose validity start time is newer than the CVC in the CM. This implies that the DOCSIS root CA regularly issues new CVCs to all authorized code-signing manufacturers and operators, to make the CVCs available for update.

When a CM is attempting to register on the network for the first time or after being off-line for an extended period, it should receive a trusted CVC as soon as possible. This provides the CM with the opportunity to receive the most up-to-date CVC available and deny access to CVCs that needed to be revoked since the CM last initialization. The first opportunity for the CM to receive a trusted CVC is in its configuration file. If the configuration file does not include a valid CVC, the CM will not request or have the ability to remotely upgrade code files. In addition, the CM will not accept CVCs subsequently delivered via SNMP.

To mitigate the possibility of a CM receiving a previous code file via a replay attack, the code files include a signing-time value in the [\[PKCS#7\]](#page-13-0) structure that can be used to indicate the time the code image was signed. When the CM receives a code file signing-time that is later than the signing-time it last received, it will update its internal memory with this value. The CM will not accept code files with an earlier signing-time than this internally stored value. To upgrade a CM with a new code file without denying access to past code files, the signer may choose not to

update the signing-time. In this manner, multiple code files with the same code signing-time allow an operator to freely downgrade a CM's code image to a past version (that is, until the CVC is updated). This has a number of advantages for the operator, but these advantages should be weighed against the possibilities of a code file replay attack.

Without a reliable mechanism to revert back to a known good version of code, any code-update scheme, including the one in this specification, has the weakness that a single, successful forced update of an invalid code image may render the CM useless, or may cause the CM to behave in a manner harmful to the network. Such a CM may not be repairable via a remote code update, since the invalid code image may not support the update scheme.

Annex A TFTP Configuration File Extensions (Normative)

A CM's security configuration parameters are included in the CM configuration file that is downloaded from a TFTP server [\[DOCSIS MULPIv3.1\].](#page-13-1)

A.1 Encodings

The following type/length/value encodings are used for security configuration settings included in the configuration file. The security configuration settings in the RF MAC CM registration requests MUST be bitwise identical to those included in the configuration file. All multi-octet quantities are in network-byte order, i.e., the octet containing the most-significant bits is the first transmitted on the wire.

A.1.1 Baseline Privacy Plus Configuration Setting

The combination of Privacy Enable configuration setting [\[DOCSIS MULPIv3.1\]](#page-13-1) and the Privacy Support Modem Capability Setting [\[DOCSIS MULPIv3.1\]](#page-13-1) controls whether Baseline Privacy Plus is enabled or disabled in a CM. If the configuration file does not contain all the necessary BPI+ parameters, the CM MUST use the default value(s) specified in Table 35 - [Recommended Operational Ranges for BPI+ Configuration Parameters](#page-112-0) for the missing parameter(s). The separate Privacy Enable parameter allows an operator to disable or re-enable Baseline Privacy by toggling a single configuration parameter.

This field defines the parameters associated with Baseline Privacy operation. It is composed of a number of encapsulated type/length/value fields. The type fields defined are only valid within the encapsulated Baseline Privacy configuration setting string.

[\[DOCSIS MULPIv3.1\]](#page-13-1) defines the specific value of BP_CFG.

$A.1.1.1$ *Internal Baseline Privacy Encodings*

A.1.1.1.1 Authorize Wait Timeout

The value of this field specifies the retransmission interval, in seconds, of Authorization Request messages when in the Authorize Wait state.

A.1.1.1.2 Reauthorize Wait Timeout

The value of this field specifies the retransmission interval, in seconds, of Authorization Request messages when in the ReAuthorize Wait state.

A.1.1.1.3 Authorization Grace Time

The value of this field specifies the grace period for reauthorization, in seconds.

A.1.1.1.4 Operational Wait Timeout

The value of this field specifies the retransmission interval, in seconds, of Key Requests when in the Operational Wait state.

A.1.1.1.5 Rekey Wait Timeout

The value of this field specifies the retransmission interval, in seconds, of Key Requests when in the Rekey Wait state.

A.1.1.1.6 TEK Grace Time

The value of this field specifies grace period, in seconds, for re-keying the TEK.

A.1.1.1.7 Authorize Reject Wait Timeout

The value of this field specifies how long, in seconds, a CM waits in the Authorize Reject Wait state after receiving an Authorization Reject.

A.1.1.1.8 SA Map Wait Timeout

The value of this field specifies the retransmission interval, in seconds, of SA Map Requests when in the Map Wait state.

A.1.1.1.9 SA Map Max Retries

The value of this field specifies the maximum number of Map Request retries.

A.2 Parameter Guidelines

Below are recommended ranges and values for Baseline Privacy's various configuration and operational parameters. These ranges and default values may change as service providers gain operational experience running Baseline Privacy.

The valid range (vs. recommended operational range) for Authorization and TEK lifetimes are:

- Authorization Lifetime Valid Range: 1 6048000 seconds
- TEK Lifetime Valid Range: 1 604800 seconds

The CMTS MUST support the valid range for Authorization and TEK lifetimes. The CM MUST support the valid range for Authorization and TEK lifetimes.

Annex B TFTP Options (Normative)

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Abstract

 The Hardware Address and Network Address options carry the hardware address and network address respectively of a client device that performs a Trivial File Transfer Protocol (TFTP) request.

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1. Introduction

 The Trivial File Transfer Protocol [2] (TFTP) is a simple protocol that allows a client to read a file from, or write a file to, a remote server.

 In some networks, a proxy relays requests and responses between a TFTP client and a TFTP server. A router may also be present between the client and the server. In these cases, addressing information that identifies the client and that may be required by the server for authentication, file-generation or other purposes may not be readily available to the server. The options defined in this document allow the client or the proxy to provide the needed address(es) to the server.

 An example of such a network would be one in which a large service provider deploys end-user devices that are provisioned using TFTP. The service provider might use the MAC address or the IP address of the end-user device in order to create a provisioning file for that particular device, or as keys in an internal database of end-user devices. However, if the TFTP request passes through a router, the MAC address of the end-user device is no longer available to the TFTP server. Similarly, if the request is proxied through an edge-of network device the IP address of the end-user device can be unavailable to the TFTP server. By using the options defined in this document, the MAC and/or IP address(es) of the end-user device can be made available to the server.

 The general mechanism used for adding options to TFTP messages is described in [4].

2. Use of TFTP

 [6] discourages the use of TFTP, and cites several reasons for doing so. We similarly discourage use of the protocol. However, there are strictly limited scenarios in which it might be reasonable to deploy it. In particular, operators that support systems with a large deployed base and in which explicit steps have taken to address the security and other concerns of [6] may wish to continue to use TFTP. The options described in this document should be used only in such systems.

3. Terminology

 The key words MUST, MUST NOT, REQUIRED, SHALL, SHALL NOT, SHOULD, SHOULD NOT, RECOMMENDED, MAY, and OPTIONAL in this document are to be

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6. Format of the Network Address option

 The TFTP Read Request or Write Request packet is modified to include the netaddr option. All named fields except "opc" are followed by a single-octet field containing the value zero.

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7. Format of the Network Address

 A network address comprises two comma-separated ASCII fields: network type and the address value.

"1", the network address MUST be a dotted decimal IPv4 address as defined in [1]. If the network type has the value "2", the network address MUST be a case-insensitive IPv6 address in one of the formats specified by section 2.2 of [5].

8. Option Acknowledgement

 [4] allows for the possibility that TFTP options will be acknowledged explicitly with an OACK packet. A TFTP server SHOULD NOT respond to the presence of a valid Hardware Address option or Network Address option by sending an OACK as defined in [4].

9. Errors

[4] allows for the possibility that TFTP options will contain errors.

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 For the options defined in this document, the server SHOULD return a TFTP ERROR message with ErrorCode value 8 if any of the following occurs:

- 1. An error when parsing an option;
- 2. An unknown hardware or network type;
- 3. An incorrectly formatted hardware or network address.
- 10. Security Considerations

 TFTP provides no security safeguards; it relies on other layers to provide appropriate security where necessary. This document does not introduce any additional safeguards into TFTP. In the absence of other security measures, several possibilities exist for inappropriate behaviour:

- o A client could populate the options defined in this document with incorrect but legal values. This could cause the TFTP server to behave in an undesirable manner (for example, it might report an incorrect hardware address to a backoffice system). This hazard can be circumvented by having a trusted device between the client and the server check and/or overwrite the values in the option fields.
- o An attacker could replace correct option values with incorrect ones. This could cause the TFTP server to behave in an undesirable manner (for example, it might report an incorrect hardware address to a backoffice system).
- o An attacker could insert legal but incorrect option values into a request that originally did not use the options defined in this document. This could cause the TFTP server to behave in an undesirable manner (for example, it might report an incorrect hardware address to a backoffice system).
- o An attacker could return an ERROR message to the client even though there was no error in the request. This causes the requested transfer not to occur.
- o An attacker could insert an option acknowledgement into a reply that did not originally contain that option. This results in undefined behaviour at the client.

 Systems can take various steps to thwart these attacks. In general, TFTP should be used only on networks that provide either physical protection against attack or supports features such as client authentication and encryption of traffic between the client and server. The same features that allow TFTP to be used securely will generally thwart the above attacks. For example, all but the first attacks above are Man-in-the-Middle (MitM) attacks. These MitM attacks can be thwarted by properly encrypting the messages. Proper message encryption ensures that a potential attacker cannot perform any attacks that involve altering the values of the option fields.

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This document has no actions for IANA.

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Annex C DOCSIS 1.1/2.0 Dynamic Security Associations (Normative)

C.1 Introduction

Legacy CMs support the Dynamic Security Association functionality defined in this Annex when operating in DOCSIS 1.1 or 2.0 modes. DOCSIS 3.1 CMs do not support the Dynamic Security Association functionality defined in this Annex because they will never operate in DOCSIS 1.1 or 2.0 modes.

Dynamic Security Associations (Dynamic SAs) are SAs that a CMTS establishes and eliminates dynamically, in response to its enabling and disabling of downstream traffic flows that require DOCSIS security. These traffic flows may be initiated by the actions of:

- A CPE device attached to one of the CMTS's client CMs;
- An application server within the head-end;
- An OSS;
- Other unspecified mechanisms.

Regardless of what triggers the establishment of a Dynamic SA within the CMTS, client CMs need a mechanism for learning the mapping of a particular secured downstream traffic flow to that flow's SAID. The SA Mapping state machine, defined in this section, defines how CMs query a CMTS for that mapping. This state machine controls the transmission of SA Map Request messages to a CMTS.

A CMTS can establish or eliminate Dynamic SAs in response to changes in IP group membership of downstream CPE devices. IGMP management can cause the CMTS to establish Dynamic SAs. If it detects IGMPv2 (se[e \[RFC](#page-14-0) [3376\]\)](#page-14-0) join messages, the MDF-Disabled DOCSIS 3.0 CM triggers Map Request messages that query the CMTS for the mapping of the IP multicast group address contained in the IGMPv2 join message to an SA. If it detects IGMPv2 (se[e \[RFC 3376\]\)](#page-14-0) join messages, the DOCSIS 1.1/2.0 CM triggers Map Request messages that query the CMTS for the mapping of the IP multicast group address contained in the IGMPv2 join message to an SA.

The SA mapping mechanism may map an IP multicast group to a Static SA or to a particular CM's Primary SA; thus, a CMTS's response to a mapping request may return any of the three types of SAs. The SA mapping mechanism, however, is the only mechanism by which a CM can learn the identity of Dynamic SAs.

C.2 Theory of Operation

Three BPKM messages support SA mappings: SA Map Request, SA Map Reply and SA Map Reject. A CM sends a Map Request to request the mapping of a known downstream flow to a SA. The Map Request carries attributes identifying the requesting CM and the downstream traffic flow whose SA mapping is being requested.

The CMTS MUST respond to a Map Request with either:

- A Map Reply, providing the CM with the requested SA mapping; or
- A Map Reject, signaling to the CM that either:
	- The CM is not authorized to receive the traffic flow identified in the Map Request; or
	- The requested traffic flow is not mapped to an SA.

If the CM does not receive either of these responses within a configurable retry timeout period, it re-sends the Map Request. If no response is received after a configurable maximum number of retries, the CM terminates the request.

If the CM receives a Map Reject, it ceases all further attempts to obtain the mapping. In the case where access to the downstream traffic flow is mapped to an SA and the requesting CM is not authorized access for that SA, the CM will be denied access because the CM cannot obtain keying material needed to decrypt the downstream traffic flows encrypted under that SA. In the case where the requested traffic flow is not encrypted (i.e., it is not mapped to an SA), the unencrypted traffic will simply be forwarded to the attached CPE device.

If the CM receives a Map Reply identifying the SA associated with the requested downstream traffic flow, the CM launches a TEK state machine for the SA, provided that:

- The CM is not already running a TEK state machine for that SA; and
- The CM supports the cryptographic suite and SAID identified in the Map Reply.

The CM may already be running a TEK state machine if the mapped SA is:

- A Dynamic SA mapped to another protected traffic flow to which the CM already has access;
- The requesting CM's Primary SA;
- A previously-learned Static SA.

The Map Reply includes an SA-Descriptor attribute that identifies both a SAID and the cryptographic suite employed by the SA. As with Static SAs, a CMTS MAY respond to a Map Request with an SA (either Static or Dynamic) that employs a cryptographic suite that the requesting CM does not support. The CM MUST NOT start TEK state machines for SAs whose cryptographic suites the CM does not support.

The TEK state machine controls the retrieval of the mapped SA's keying material.

Receipt of a Key Reject forces the termination of the TEK state machine.

There are two mechanisms for the CMTS to inform a client CM that it is not authorized to access a particular traffic flow:

- 1. Responding to a Map Request with a Map Reject, and
- 2. Responding to a Key Request with a Key Reject.

The CMTS SHOULD check a CM's authorization status prior to responding to a Map Request and, if the CM is not authorized to receive the traffic, respond with a Map Reject. By performing this check during the mapping exchange, a CM will be prevented from needlessly launching a TEK state machine and sending a Key Request for a SAID for which it is not authorized.

C.3 SA Mapping State Model

The SA Mapping state model specifies the mechanism by which a CM learns the mapping between a traffic flow and a Dynamic SA.

An SA Mapping state machine is started when an event, external to the SA Mapping State Model, triggers the need for a traffic-flow-to-SA mapping. This external event generates an internal {Map} event in the SA Mapping state machine.

The state machine is terminated if the CM receives no response after sending the maximum number of retries, or when the CM determines that it no longer requires the mapped SA's keying material. In the latter case, an external event sends an internal {Unmap} event to the SA Mapping state machine, forcing its termination. The CM MAY implement the {Unmap} event.

The SA Mapping state machine is presented as a state flow model [\(Figure](#page-123-0) 16) and as a state transition matrix [\(Table](#page-123-1) [36\)](#page-123-1). The legacy CM use the state transition matrix and its associated text as the definitive specification of protocol actions associated with each state transition. A shaded cell within the state transition matrix implies that either the specific event should not occur within that state; if the event does occur, the legacy CM does not transition to another state.

When a CM requires access to a Dynamic SA's keying material, it establishes a TEK state machine for that Dynamic SA. While the Authorization state machine controls the establishment and termination of TEK state machines associated with Primary and Static SAIDs, it does not control the establishment and termination of TEK state machines associated with Dynamic SAs.

Figure 16 - SA Mapping State Machine Flow Diagram

Brief Description of States

[Start]

The initial state of the FSM.

[Map Wait]

The CM has sent the CMTS a Map Request and is waiting for a response.

[Mapped]

The CM has received a Map Reply and learned the requested SA mapping.

Brief Description of Messages

Map Request

Sent by CM to CMTS to request a SA mapping.

Map Reply

Positive CMTS response to a Map Request; contains the requested SA mapping.

Map Reject

Negative CMTS response to a Map Request; signals to the CM that either:

- The CM is not authorized access to the traffic flow identified in the Map Request; or
- The requested traffic flow is not mapped to an SA.

Brief Description of Events

{Map}

Triggers the start of the SA Mapping state machine. The {Map} event is linked to a CM event not defined by this specification.

{Unmap}

Terminates the SA Mapping state machine. The {Unmap} event is linked to a CM event not defined by this specification. The CM MAY implement the {Unmap} event.

{Map Reply}

CM has received an SA Map Reply message.

{Map Reject}

CM has received an SA Map Reject message.

{Timeout}

CM has timed out waiting for a response to an outstanding SA Map Request message.

{Max Retries}

CM has sent the maximum number of retries and not received a response.

Brief Description of Parameters

All configuration parameter values are obtained from the configuration file.

SA Map Wait Timeout

Timeout period between sending SA Map Request messages from SA Wait state (see [Annex A\)](#page-110-0).

SA Map Max Retries

This value specifies the maximum number of times that the CM may retry an SA Map Request.

Actions

Actions taken in association with state transitions are listed by \langle event/rcvd message> - \langle state> below:

 $[Start] + {Map} \rightarrow [Map|Wait]$:

- Send SA Map Request
- Set Map Request retry timer to SA Map Wait Timeout
- Set Map Retry Count to 0

[Map Wait] + ${Unmap}$ \rightarrow [Start]:

- Clear Map Request retry timer
- Terminate SA Mapping state machine

 $[\text{Mapped}] + {\text{Unmap}} \rightarrow [\text{Start}].$

• Terminate SA Mapping state machine

[Map Wait] + {Map Reply} \rightarrow [Mapped]:

• Clear Map Request retry timer

[Map Wait] + {Map Reject} \rightarrow [Start]:

- Clear Map Request retry timer
- Terminate SA Mapping state machine

[Map Wait] + {Timeout} \rightarrow [Map Wait]:

- Send Map Request
- Set Map Request retry timer to SA Map Wait Timeout
- Increment Map Retry Count
- If Map Retry Count > SA Map Max Retries, generate Max Retries event

[Map Wait] + {Max Retries} \rightarrow Start:

• Terminate SA Mapping state machine

Annex D Additions and Modifications for Chinese Specification (Normative)

This annex defines the Security requirements used in conjunction with the Chinese DOCSIS Architectures [\[C-](#page-13-2)[DOCSIS\].](#page-13-2)

This is an optional annex and in no way affects certification of equipment adhering to the North American technology option described in the sections referenced above.

The C-DOCSIS Cable Modem Termination System (CMTS) MUST support all the features and requirements as defined in this Security Specification. The C-DOCSIS Cable Modem (CM) MUST support all the features and requirements as defined in this Security Specification.

The following section identifies the main differences in security requirements as supported by devices deployed in C-DOCSIS architectures.

D.1 Security Requirement Differences for C-DOCSIS

- AES:
	- The CMTS MAY support Advanced Encryption Standard (AES) for traffic (packet PDU) encryption.

Appendix I Example Messages, Certificates, PDUs and Code File (Informative)

This appendix presents detailed examples that may be useful to implementers of the specification. The examples describe a typical key exchange: Authorization Info, Authorization Request, Authorization Reply, Key Request, and Key Reply. Details of the cryptographic calculations are provided at each step, and example certificates are included. The examples also include several Packet PDUs, encrypted using the keying material derived in the example key exchange.

This appendix is informative only. In the event of any discrepancy between this appendix and the main body of the specification or its associated annexes exists, the latter will take precedence.

I.1 Notation

In the examples here, packets are represented as a stream of octets, each octet in hexadecimal notation, sometimes with a text annotation. The order of transmission for the octets is left to right, top to bottom. For example, consider the following representation of a packet:

The packet consists of 9 octets, represented in hexadecimal notation as "00", "01",..., "08." The octet represented by "00" is transmitted first, and the octet represented by "08" is transmitted last.

In the discussion of the examples, integer values are represented in either hexadecimal notation using an "0x" prefix or in decimal notation with no prefix. For example, the hexadecimal notation 0x12345 and the decimal notation 74565 represent the same integer value. All integer values are non-negative. Thus, 0xff represents the integer having value 255, not a negative value.

The BPKM protocol requires that devices generate and distribute DES keys without regard to parity. Devices ignore the value of the least significant bit of each octet. In the examples here, keys are represented without parity correction.

I.2 Authentication Info

The CM sends the following Authentication Info message:

The code field has value 0x0c, which identifies this as an Authentication Info message. The Length field has a value of 0x54F (1359), which is the number of octets that follow the Length field.

The only attribute is the CA Certificate. Details of the certificate are given below.

I.2.1 Device CA Certificate Details

The fields of the Device CA Certificate in the Authorization Info message are as follows:

FA 16 A1 2A BA 78 0F 69 E1 7C 28 3F 41 4A E5 70 37 0A 7B 1D C5 C6 5B 09 5B 90 3D 63 75 A7 90 2C 5D 6B EA 68 B5 9F B0 CB 0A 6B B7 19 1B D3 C5 1A D8 E2 43

Some of the fields in this example are identical in all CA certificates. These fields are:

- Version: v3
- Signature : SHA-256 with RSA, NULL parameters
- Public key algorithm type: RSA encryption, NULL parameters
- Public key exponent: 3-octet integer, value 0x10001
- Signature algorithm: SHA-256 with RSA, NULL optional encryption parameters

This is an example of a CableLabs Device CA certificate. While the countryName and organizationName are identical for both issuer and subject, the organizationalUnitName differs between issuer and subject.

Other fields that are example values include:

- The serial number: INTEGER of 8 octets, value 0x0202020202020202 (other CA certificates may use a different length)
- Not before: 2014/09/17 20:08:28 UTC
- Not after: 2049/09/17 20:08:28 UTC
- Public key modulus: INTEGER of 3072 bits, value 0x00B6A474... 550A925B with exponent of 0x10001
- X.509 v3 certificate extensions that include keyUsage, basicConstraints, subjectKeyIdentifier, and authorityKeyIdentifier
- Signature value: A BIT STRING representing the INTEGER value 0x6F202FD3... 1AD8E243. The signature is computed over the portion of the certificate that begins with the tbsCertificate header and ends with the public key exponent.)

I.3 Authorization Request

The CM sends the following Authorization Request:

The Code field has a value of 0x04, which identifies this as an Authorization Request packet. The Identifier field has value 0x01; this is an example value. The Length field has value 0x0544 (1348), which is the number of octets that follow the Length field.

The first attribute is the CM-Identification, which is a compound attribute consisting of the following sub-attributes: Serial Number, Manufacturer ID, MAC Address, and RSA Public Key. Example values are shown for these subattributes.

The Public Key is DER encoded and is similar to the example in [\[RSA2\].](#page-14-1) The modulus is a 2048-bit integer encoded in $0x101$ (257) octets. In this example, the value of the encoded modulus is:

0x00C13223 ... 543BA085

0x00 is the most significant octet of the encoded modulus and 0x85 is the least significant. The exponent is a 3-octet integer with the value 0x010001.

The next attribute is the CM Certificate. Details of the certificate are given below.

NOTE: The MAC Address and RSA Public Key of the CM Identification match fields in the CM Certificate.

The next attribute is the Security Capabilities attribute, which is a compound attribute consisting of the Cryptographic Suite List and the BPI Version. In this example, the Cryptographic Suites listed is 56-bit DES with no authentication. The BPI Version is BPI+.

The final attribute is the CM's Primary SAID, whose value is equal to its Primary SID. In this example, the Primary SAID has value 0x0000.

I.3.1 CM Device Certificate Details

The fields of the CM Device Certificate in the Authorization Request message are as follows:

Some of the fields in this example are identical for all CM Certificates. These fields are:

- Version: v3
- Signature: SHA-256 with RSA, NULL parameters
- issuer first organizational unit name: Device CA01
- Public key algorithm type: RSA encryption, NULL optional encryption parameters
- Public key exponent: 3-octet integer, value 0x10001
- Signature algorithm: SHA-256 with RSA, NULL optional parameters

The issuer name of the CM certificate matches the subject name of the Device CA certificate. In this example, the matching issuer-name fields are:

- Country name: "US"
- Organization name: "CableLabs"
- First organizational unit name: "Device CA01"
- Common name: "Example CableLabs Device Certification Authority"

The other fields are example values. Some of these are:

- serial number: integer of 8 octets, value 0x030303030303030303 (other CM certificates may use a different length)
- Not before: 17/09/2014 20:19:57 UTC
- Not after: 17/09/2034 20:19:57 UTC
- Subject country name: "US"
- Subject organization name: "Broadcom"
- Subject organizational unit name: "Duluth, GA"
- Subject common name (MAC address): "00:10:18:01:02:03" (All CM certificates use a string of this length. The value matches the MAC Address attribute of the Authorization Request message.)
- Public key modulus: integer of length 2048 bits, encoded as 0x00C13223... 543BA085
- Signature value: BIT STRING representing the integer value 0x43E60CD1... BB3F4397. The signature is computed over the portion of the certificate that begins with the tbsCertificate header and ends with the public key exponent, inclusive.

I.4 Authorization Reply

The CMTS sends the following Authorization Reply:

The Code field has value 0x05, which identifies this as an Authorization Reply packet. The Identifier field has value 0x01, matching the Identifier field of the Authorization Request. The Length field has value 0x011F (287), which is the number of octets that follow the Length field.

The first attribute is the encrypted Authorization Key (attribute type 7). The attribute contains an authorization key which has been RSA-encrypted using the public key received by the CMTS from the CM in the Authorization Request message. The RSA-encrypted authorization key is an integer made up of $0x100$ (256) octets. In this example, the value of the RSA-encrypted authorization key is 0xa2827 ... 9520.

0x28 is the most significant octet of the RSA-encrypted authorization key and 0x20 is the least significant octet.

The second attribute is the Key Lifetime. In this example, the value is 0x00093a80 (604800) seconds, which is equivalent to 7 days.

The third attribute is the Key Sequence Number. In this example, the value is 0x07.

The remaining attributes are SA Descriptors. Each SA Descriptor is a compound attribute consisting of the following sub-attributes: SAID, SA Type, and Cryptographic Suite. In this example, a single SA Descriptor is included, corresponding to the SAID in the Authorization Request. The SA Type is Primary, and the Cryptographic Suite is 56-bit DES with no authentication.

I.4.1 Derivation of the Encryption Keys

The CM and CMTS each derive a key encryption key and two message authentication keys from the authorization key, using hashing. Details of the hashing calculations are given below. Here are the values of these keys for this example:

I.4.2 Encryption of the Authorization Key

The CMTS generates an authorization key of 20 octets. In this example, the value of the authorization key is:

4e 85 27 ff c4 12 72 8e 61 84 de c9 20 b6 e0 64 f0 bc 0b 75

The authorization key is encrypted using the RSAES-OAEP scheme in [\[RSA3\].](#page-14-2) The scheme makes use of a maskgenerating function (MGF1), based on hashing using the SHA-1 hash as well as the OAEP padding scheme. The CMTS encrypts the authorization key using the public key received by the CMTS from the CM in the Authorization Request message. In this example, the encrypted value is as show below.

28 27 55 DB F5 22 67 82 52 12 07 31 D2 B4 4D 35 8F 5F F6 51 54 7E A3 5C DD B9 11 B9 7F 92 1E B7 7E 47 77 B1 4A FE D2 AB 83 AD AE 29 8A 22 06 0A 76 F4 D7 C3 CB 80 45 1F 99 44 7E B9 50 90 F9 BD D4 B5 2E 25 D1 E6 4C A7 E9 45 0D B1 E9 63 45 38 F6 D9 83 79 82 3C 7B 93 80 8F DD 3D 0B 32 E3 4C 97 7D 8B 82 F0 16 17 FB F1 67 2E EE 39 57 39 B1 20 EB 13 B0 E1 D2 90 02 03 2C CA F9 3C A3 C1 6A CE 9A 5D BE ED F2 6E 86 2F 57 63 3B FE 13 DB D1 FE F0 1F 3E 9B D1 45 23 F6 F3 47 6F 87 61 01 01 57 C7 CE F3 D9 A1 14 05 DC 39 FA B8 BE E6 25 21 F4 FE BE 32 3D 6C 96 87 DE 17 AF F1 0A 83 35 19 93 C8 3D 89 BE 17 7B 36 CA 69 17 10 9B E1 19 24 F4 22 54 6E F3 04 38 1E B9 3C 5A 3B E0 6F 05 55 E4 85 C5 F9 81 13 9D E7 A9 8C 42 07 69 12 F8 2B 80 2D 6F 65 E9 4F 93 09 B3 C1 1E DD 89 68 95 20

Note the size of the encrypted authorization key is identical to the size of the modulus of the public key.

The CM decrypts the authorization key sent from the CMTS using its private key.

I.4.3 Hashing Details

The authorization key is hashed using the SHA-1 algorithm [\[FIPS 180-4\]](#page-13-3) to produce the Key Encryption Key (KEK), the message authentication key for upstream, and the message authentication key for downstream.

The discussion here represents a hash calculation with a table that shows the input to the hash function and the resulting hash value. For reference, displayed below, is such a table that describes the example in [\[FIPS 180-4\]:](#page-13-3)

I.4.3.1 KEK

The KEK is computed using the following hash calculation:

The input is the octet 0x53, repeated 63 times, followed by the 20 octets of the authorization key. The order in which the octets of the authorization key are digested is the same as the order in which they appear in the EM encryption block.

The hash value is 20 bytes long. The first 16 bytes are the KEK.

I.4.3.2 Message Authentication Keys

The upstream message authentication key is computed using the following hash calculation:

The input is the octet 0x5c, repeated 63 times, followed by the 20 octets of the authorization key. The order in which the octets of the authorization key are digested is the same as in the KEK calculation.

The hash value is 20 octets long. The 20 octets make up the upstream message authentication key.

The downstream message authentication key is computed using the following hash calculation:

This is similar to the computation for the upstream case, except that value 0x3a replaces value 0x5c.

I.4.3.3 Mask- Generation Function

The mask-generation function (MGF) is constructed from SHA-1 hash operations. Each hash operation generates 20 octets of mask data. The number of hash operations performed depends on the size of the mask that is needed.

Quantity SEED_MASK is formed by applying the MGF to MASKED_DB. Since SEED_MASK is 20 octets long, this requires only one hash operation:

The input data to the hash operation are the 107 octets MASKED_DB followed by four octets of value 0. The output of the hash operation is the value of SEED_MASK.

Quantity DB_MASK is formed by applying the MGF to SEED. Since DB_MASK is 107 octets long, this requires six hash operations:

Hash input							ad 9c af 8d f8 26 fe af b5 df fd 95 de 7e 97 cc e9 4b 6d 6d 00 00 00 00						
Hash value							de 10 c9 59 41 c9 ea 72 a4 35 68 79 d2 53 85 bd 13 7b a6 3b						
Hash input							ad 9c af 8d f8 26 fe af b5 df fd 95 de 7e 97 cc e9 4b 6d 6d 00 00 00 01						
Hash value							37 ac 86 06 7c b5 ec 97 d2 d0 9e 01 30 2b 10 91 3a ec 3f d9						
Hash input							ad 9c af 8d f8 26 fe af b5 df fd 95 de 7e 97 cc e9 4b 6d 6d 00 00 00 02						
Hash value							al 2f c4 e9 8d 18 88 95 f6 9c ea 17 23 9f 5d d5 f1 4d 25 8e						
Hash input							ad 9c af 8d f8 26 fe af b5 df fd 95 de 7e 97 cc e9 4b 6d 6d 00 00 00 03						
Hash value							9e 6d 7d 3c ca 55 fe 0e ee 2d 0d 7e 5b 64 b6 79 44 76 cc 3f						
Hash input							ad 9c af 8d f8 26 fe af b5 df fd 95 de 7e 97 cc e9 4b 6d 6d 00 00 00 04						
Hash value							6e ac 99 3a ae 14 3e 9a 8e df 3c 36 79 58 b2 fa 13 72 58 4c						
Hash input							ad 9c af 8d f8 26 fe af b5 df fd 95 de 7e 97 cc e9 4b 6d 6d 00 00 00 05						
Hash value							ca 04 al af c7 c4 62 3a df 6f 33 ec e2 cd 2c 7f b7 7e 48 19						

The input data to each hash operation are the 20 octets of SEED followed by a four-octet value. The four-octet value counts the integer values 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 on successive hash operations. The outputs of the six hash operations are concatenated into a 120-octet result, and the first 107 octets of the result constitute DB_MASK.

I.5 Key Request

The CM sends the following Key Request:

The code field has value 0x07, which identifies this as a Key Request packet. The identifier field has a value of 0x73, which is an example value, obtained by incrementing the Identifier value in the Authorization Request. The Length field has value 0xk00d0 (208), which is the number of octets that follow the Length field.

The first attribute is the CM Identification. This is a compound attribute, identical to that in the Authorization Request.

The second attribute is the Key Sequence Number, which identifies the authorization key. The value is identical to that in the Authorization Reply.

The third attribute is the SAID for which a key is being requested. This SAID value was contained in the Authorization Reply.

The final attribute is the HMAC Digest. The digest consists of 20 octets. It is computed using the upstream message authentication key. The digest is calculated over all octets of the Key Request packet, excluding the 23 octets of the HMAC Digest attribute itself. Details of the digest calculation are given below.

I.5.1 HMAC Digest Details

The HMAC digest is computed using the HMAC authentication method defined in [\[RFC 2104\],](#page-13-4) with SHA-1 as the hash function. Example calculations of HMAC using SHA-1 are presented i[n \[RFC 2202\].](#page-14-3)

The discussion here represents an HMAC calculation using a table that shows the key, the input to the HMAC function, and the resulting HMAC digest. For reference, here is a table that describes test case #2 of the HMAC-SHA-1 examples in [\[RFC 2202\]:](#page-14-3)

The HMAC digest of the Key Request packet is computed using the following HMAC calculation:

The key is the upstream message authentication key. The input consists of all octets of the Key Request packet, excluding the HMAC Digest attribute. The octets of the digest are the contents of the HMAC Digest attribute.

I.6 Key Reply

The CMTS sends the following Key Reply:

The Code field has value 0x08, which identifies this as a Key Reply packet. The Identifier has 0x73, matching the value in the Key Request. The Length field has value 0x68 (104), which is the number of octets that follow the Length field.

The Key Sequence Number attribute identifies the authorization key. It matches the value in the Key Request.

The SAID attribute identifies the SAID for with a TEK is being supplied. It matches the value in the Key Request.

Two TEK Parameters attributes are included, the first for the older generation of key parameters and the second for the newer. Each TEK Parameters attribute is a compound attribute consisting of the following sub-attributes: TEK Key, Key Lifetime, Key Sequence Number, and DES CBC IV.

The TEK Key consists of 8 octets. It contains the TEK, encrypted using triple-DES-ECB with the KEK derived from the authorization key. Details of the triple-DES-ECB calculation are given below.

The Key Lifetime sub-attribute refers to the TEK. In this example, the value for the older TEK is 0x0000a8c0 (43200) seconds, equivalent to 12 hours, and the value for the newer TEK is 0x00015180 (86400) seconds, equivalent to 24 hours.

The Key Sequence Number sub-attribute identifies the TEK. In this example, the value for the older TEK is 0x02, and the value for the newer TEK is 0x03.

The DES CBC IV sub-attribute consists of 8 octets. It specifies the Initialization Vector to be used with the TEK.

The final attribute is the HMAC Digest. It consists of 20 octets. It is computed in a manner similar to that in the Key Reply, except that the downstream message authentication key is used instead of the upstream key. Details of the HMAC calculation are given below.

After the CM processes the Key Reply packet, the CM and CMTS each share two generations of TEK and IV. Here are the values of these parameters for this example:

I.6.1 TEK Encryption Details

The CMTS generates a TEK of 8 octets. In this example, the value of the TEK is:

e6 60 0f d8 85 2e f5 ab.

This is the first TEK of the Key Reply message.

The TEK is encrypted using triple-DES-ECB encryption. The encryption key is the KEK:

76 b4 d4 2f 14 98 59 6a ab fe 72 94 15 7c 7d 62.

Triple-DES-ECB encryption is described here in terms of several iterations of DES-ECB encryption or decryption. DES-ECB is defined in [\[FIPS 46-3\].](#page-13-5)

The discussion here represents a DES-ECB encryption or decryption operation using a table that shows the key, the input, and the output. For reference, here are tables that describe the example in Table B1 o[f \[FIPS 46-3\]:](#page-13-5)

NOTE: [\[FIPS 46-3\]](#page-13-5) calls for the least significant bit of each octet in the key to be adjusted so that the octet has odd parity. This is evident in the key in the above example. The BPKM protocol does not require odd parity. BPKM generates and distributes 8-octet DES keys of arbitrary parity, and it requires that implementations ignore the value of the least significant bit of each octet.

The TEK is triple-DES-ECB encrypted using the following three DES-ECB operations:

The first and third operations are DES-ECB encryption; the key for each is the first eight octets of the KEK. The second operation is DES-ECB decryption; the key is the last eight octets of the KEK. The input to the first operation is the TEK to be encrypted. The input to the second operation is the output of the first, and the input to the third operation is the output of the second. The output of the third operation is the encrypted TEK; this is conveyed in the TEK Key sub-attribute of the Key Reply message.

I.6.2 HMAC Details

The HMAC digest of the Key Reply packet is computed by a method similar to that of the Key Request packet. The key is the downstream message authentication key. Here are the details of the HMAC calculation:

I.7 Packet PDU Encryption (DES)

The first 12 octets of the Packet PDU, containing the Ethernet/802.3 destination and source addresses (DA/SA), are not encrypted. The remaining octets of the Packet PDU are encrypted in this example using DES-CBC mode with special handling of residual termination blocks that are less than 64 bits. The combination of DES-CBC and residual block processing ensures that the encryption does not change the length of the packet. The encryption key is the TEK corresponding to the key sequence number of the packet's Privacy Extended Header.

This specification describes the residual block processing as follows:

The next-to-last ciphertext block is encrypted a second time, using the ECB mode of the encryption algorithm, and the least significant n bits of the result are XORed with the final n bits of the payload to generate the short final cipher block. In order for the receiver to decrypt the short final cipher block, the receiver encrypts the next-to-last ciphertext block using the ECB mode of the encryption algorithm, and XORs the left-most n bits with the short final cipher block in order to recover the short final cleartext block.

An alternative description of this procedure, which is equivalent to the description above, is as follows:

Given a final block having n bits, where n is less than the length of the defined block for the cipher, the n bits are padded up to a block of the correct length by appending bits of arbitrary value to the right of the n payload bits. The resulting block is encrypted using the CFB<n> mode (where <n> is the length, in bits, of the block for the cipher in question) with the next-to-last ciphertext block serving as initialization vector for the CFB<n> operation. The leftmost n bits of the resulting ciphertext are used as the short cipher block. In the special case where the PDU is less than the length of the block for the cipher, the procedure is the same as for a short final block, with the provided initialization vector serving as the initialization vector for the CFB<n> operation.

The alternative description produces the same ciphertext as does the description in the body of this specification. In the alternative description, however, no mention is made of combining ECB encryption with XORs. These

operations are internal to CFB, just as they are internal to CBC. The alternative description is convenient here because it allows residual block processing to be illustrated using CFB examples in [\[FIPS 46-3\].](#page-13-5)

The Packet PDU includes the DA, SA, and Type/Len fields. In the examples here, no effort is made to use correct values for these fields. As a result, the examples here are not valid packets suitable for transmission. The intent of the examples is to illustrate encryption details only.

In these examples, the TEK and IV are taken from the example Key Reply packet described above.

I.7.1 CBC Only

When the number of octets to be encrypted is a multiple of 8, the encryption mode is DES-CBC as defined in [FIPS] [46-3\].](#page-13-5) The encryption key and IV are as conveyed in the Key Reply packet.

The discussion here represents a DES-CBC encryption using a table that shows the key, IV, plaintext input, and ciphertext output. For reference, here is a table that describes the example in Table C1 of [\[FIPS 46-3\]:](#page-13-5)

Suppose that the PDU, prior to encryption, is as follows:

The DES-CBC encryption is performed as follows:

The PDU, after encryption, looks like this:

I.7.2 CBC with Residual Block Processing

When the number of octets to be encrypted is greater than 8 and is not a multiple of 8, the encryption mode is a combination of DES-CBC and DES-CFB64.

Encryption begins in DES-CBC mode. DES-CBC is used to process as many complete DES blocks as are present. The encryption key and IV are as conveyed in the Key Reply packet.

After the DES-CBC encryption, there is some number of octets that have not been encrypted. These octets are encrypted using DES-CFB64 mode. DES-CFB64 is the "64-bit Cipher Feedback Mode" defined in [\[FIPS 46-3\].](#page-13-5) The encryption key is as in the Key Reply packet. The IV is the last 8 octets of ciphertext produced by the DES-CBC processing.

The example here represents a DES-CFB64 encryption using a table that shows the key, IV, plaintext input, and ciphertext output. For reference, here is a table that describes the example in Table D3 o[f \[FIPS 46-3\]:](#page-13-5)

Suppose that the PDU, prior to encryption, is as follows:

The total number of octets to be encrypted is 19. The first 16 octets are processed using DES-CBC encryption, and the last 3 octets using DES-CFB64 encryption.

The DES-CBC encryption is performed as follows:

The DES-CFB64 encryption is performed as follows:

The key is the same as used for the DES-CBC encryption operation. The IV is the last 8 octets of ciphertext generated by the DES-CBC operation.

Notice that 5 octets of value 0 have been appended to the 3 plaintext octets. The values of these appended plaintext octets have no effect on the values of the first 3 ciphertext octets, which are the only ciphertext octets of interest. Arbitrary values can be used for the appended plaintext octets.

The PDU, after encryption, looks like this:

I.7.3 Runt Frame

When the number of octets to be encrypted is less than 8, the encryption mode is DES-CFB64. The encryption key and IV are as conveyed in the Key Reply packet.

Suppose that the PDU, prior to encryption, is as follows:

An octet of value 0 has been appended to the 7 plaintext octets. The value of this appended plaintext octet has no effect on the values of the first 7 ciphertext octets, which are the only ciphertext octets of interest. An arbitrary value can be used for the appended plaintext octet.

I.7.4 40-bit Key

The BPKM protocol always generates and distributes 56-bit DES keys. When 40-bit encryption is required, the 56 bit DES key is converted within an implementation to a 40-bit key by masking off (to zero) 16 of the 56 bits of a TEK.

A TEK has 8 octets, each octet containing 7 bits of key and 1 parity bit. Here is the procedure for converting a TEK to a 40-bit key:

- the first two octets of the TEK are set to 0;
- \bullet the two most significant bits of the third octet of the TEK are set to 0;
- the remaining five octets of the TEK are unchanged.

For example, if the TEK distributed by the BPKM protocol is:

ff ff ff ff ff ff ff ff,

then the conversion to 40 bits yields the TEK

00 00 3f ff ff ff ff ff.

Except for this conversion of the TEK value, the procedure for 40-bit encryption of a Packet PDU is identical to the case of 40-bit encryption.

To illustrate 40-bit encryption, a previous example of Packet PDU is repeated here, with the TEK converted to 40 bits.

Suppose that the Packet PDU, prior to encryption, is as follows:

The total number of octets to be encrypted is 19. The first 16 octets are processed using DES-CBC encryption, and the last 3 octets using DES-CFB64 encryption.

The DES-CBC encryption is performed as follows:

The key is the TEK conveyed in the Key Reply message, converted to a 40-bit key. The IV is as conveyed in the Key Reply message.

The key is the same as used for the DES-CBC encryption operation. The IV is the last 8 octets of ciphertext generated by the DES-CBC operation.

The Packet PDU, after encryption, looks like this:

I.8 Encryption of PDU with Payload Header Suppression (DES)

These examples show how encryption is applied to a PDU when Payload Header Suppression (PHS) is applied. The examples use an RTP [\[RFC 3550\]](#page-14-0) Voice over IP payload. In the examples, no effort is made to use correct values for the fields of the PDU. As a result, the examples here are not valid packets suitable for transmission. The intent of the examples is to illustrate encryption details only.

I.8.1 Downstream

Suppose that the PDU, after PHS and prior to encryption, is as follows:

PHS has removed the Type/Len field that would otherwise be included in the Ethernet/802.3 header. The User Data consists of the RTP header and the voice data.

Encryption is applied beginning with the first octet of the RTP header and ending with the last octet of the CRC, as follows:

The PDU, after encryption, looks like this:

I.8.2 Upstream

Suppose that the PDU, after PHS and prior to encryption, is as follows:

PHS has removed the DA, SA, and Type/Len fields that would otherwise be included in the Ethernet/802.3 header. The User Data consists of the RTP header and the voice data. The first 12 octets of the User Data are not encrypted.

Encryption is applied beginning with the first octet of the voice data and ending with the last octet of the CRC, as follows:

The PDU, after encryption, looks like this:

I.9 Fragmented Packet Encryption (DES)

When a packet is fragmented, each fragment is independently encrypted using CBC mode with residual block processing. The TEK and IV for each fragment are the same TEK and IV that are used for encrypting an unfragmented PDU. All octets of a fragment are encrypted, including the 12 octets carrying the Ethernet/802.3 destination and source addresses (DA/SA) of the Packet PDU.

In the example here, no effort is made to use meaningful values for the fields of the packet. As a result, the example here is not a valid packet suitable for transmission. The intent of the example is to illustrate encryption details only.

In this example, the TEK and IV are taken from the example Key Reply packet described above.

Suppose that packet is divided into two fragments, as follows:

Fragment 2 CRC | 48 34 45 36

The first fragment is encrypted using DES-CBC and DES-CFB64, as follows:

The first fragment, after encryption, looks like this:

The second fragment is encrypted using DES-CBC and DES-CFB64, as follows:

The second fragment, after encryption, looks like this:

I.10 Packet PDU Encryption (AES)

The first 12 octets of the Packet PDU, containing the Ethernet/802.3 destination and source addresses (DA/SA), are not encrypted. The remaining octets of the Packet PDU are encrypted in this example using AES-CBC mode with special handling of residual termination blocks that are less than 128 bits. The combination of AES-CBC and residual block processing ensures that the encryption does not change the length of the packet. The encryption key is the TEK corresponding to the key sequence number of the packet's Privacy Extended Header.

This specification describes the residual block processing as follows:

The next-to-last ciphertext block is encrypted a second time, using the ECB mode of the encryption algorithm, and the least significant *n* bits of the result are XORed with the final *n* bits of the payload to generate the short final cipher block. In order for the receiver to decrypt the short final cipher block, the receiver encrypts the next-to-last ciphertext block using the ECB mode of the encryption algorithm, and XORs the left-most *n* bits with the short final cipher block in order to recover the short final cleartext block.

An alternative description of this procedure, which is equivalent to the description above, is as follows:

Given a final block having *n* bits, where *n* is less than the length of the defined block for the cipher, the *n* bits are padded up to a block of the correct length by appending bits of arbitrary value to the right of the *n* payload bits. The resulting block is encrypted using the CFB $\langle n \rangle$ mode (where $\langle n \rangle$ is the length, in bits, of the block for the cipher in question) with the next-to-last ciphertext block serving as initialization vector for the CFB<n> operation. The leftmost *n* bits of the resulting ciphertext are used as the short cipher block. In the special case where the PDU is less than the length of the block for the cipher, the procedure is the same as for a short final block, with the provided initialization vector serving as the initialization vector for the CFB $\langle n \rangle$ operation.

The alternative description produces the same ciphertext as does the description in the body of this specification. In the alternative description, however, no mention is made of combining ECB encryption with XORs. These operations are internal to CFB, just as they are internal to CBC. The alternative description is convenient here because it allows residual block processing to be illustrated using CFB examples in [\[FIPS 46-3\].](#page-13-0)

The Packet PDU includes the DA, SA, and Type/Len fields. In the examples here, no effort is made to use correct values for these fields. As a result, the examples here are not valid packets suitable for transmission. The intent of the examples is to illustrate encryption details only.

In these examples, the TEK and IV are taken from the example Key Reply packet described above.

I.10.1 CBC Only

When the number of octets to be encrypted is a multiple of 16, the encryption mode is AES-CBC as defined in [\[FIPS 46-3\].](#page-13-0) The encryption key and IV are as conveyed in the Key Reply packet.

The following table represents an example of AES-CBC encryption:

Suppose that a PDU, prior to encryption, is as follows:

The DA and SA fields are not included in the encryption process, so the AES-CBC encryption is performed as follows:

The PDU, after encryption, looks like this:

I.10.2 CBC with Residual Block Processing

When the number of octets to be encrypted is greater than 16 and is not a multiple of 16, the encryption mode is a combination of AES-CBC and AES-CFB128.

Encryption begins in AES-CBC mode. AES-CBC is used to process as many complete AES blocks as are present. The encryption key and IV are as conveyed in the Key Reply packet.

After the AES-CBC encryption, there is some number of octets that have not been encrypted. These octets are encrypted using AES-CFB128 mode. The encryption key is as in the Key Reply packet. The IV is the last 16 octets of ciphertext produced by the AES-CBC processing.

The following table represents an example of AES-CFB128 encryption:

Suppose that the PDU, prior to encryption, is as follows:

The total number of octets to be encrypted is 19. The first 16 octets are processed using AES-CBC encryption, and the last 3 octets using AES-CFB128 encryption.

Mode	AES-CBC
Key	le6 60 Of d8 85 2e f5 ab e6 60 Of d8 85 2e f5 ab
IV	81 Oe 52 8e 1c 5f da 1a 81 Oe 52 8e 1c 5f da 1a
Plaintext	100 01 02 03 04 05 06 07 08 09 0a 0b 0c 0d 0e 91
Ciphertext	9d d1 67 4b ba 61 10 1b 56 75 64 74 36 4f 10 1d

The AES-CBC encryption is performed as follows:

The AES-CFB128 encryption is performed as follows:

Mode	CFB128	
Key	le6 60 Of d8 85 2e f5 ab e6 60 Of d8 85 2e f5 ab	
IV.	9d d1 67 4b ba 61 10 1b 56 75 64 74 36 4f 10 1d	
Plaintext	ld2 d1 9f 00 00 00 00 00 00 IOO OO OO OO OO OO OO OO	
Ciphertext	44 d4 73 dd 83 9c ee 46 4c ff 83 b7 27 96 d6 55	

The key is the same as used for the AES-CBC encryption operation. The IV is the last 16 octets of ciphertext generated by the AES-CBC operation.

Notice that 13 octets of value 0 have been appended to the 3 plaintext octets. The values of these appended plaintext octets have no effect on the values of the first 3 ciphertext octets, which are the only ciphertext octets of interest. Arbitrary values can be used for the appended plaintext octets.

The PDU, after encryption, looks like this:

I.10.3 Runt Frame

When the number of octets to be encrypted is less than 16, the encryption mode is AES-CFB128. The encryption key and IV are as conveyed in the Key Reply packet.

The AES-CFB128 encryption is performed as follows:

An octet of value 0 has been appended to the 7 plaintext octets. The value of this appended plaintext octet has no effect on the values of the first 7 ciphertext octets, which are the only ciphertext octets of interest. An arbitrary value can be used for the appended plaintext octet.

The PDU, after encryption, looks like this:

I.11 Encryption of PDU with Payload Header Suppression (AES)

These examples show how encryption is applied to a PDU when Payload Header Suppression (PHS) is applied. The examples use an RTP [\[RFC 3550\]](#page-14-0) Voice over IP payload with the Ethernet Type/Length field and the IP and UDP headers suppressed. In the examples, no effort is made to use correct values for the fields of the PDU. As a result, the examples here are not valid packets suitable for transmission. The intent of the examples is to illustrate encryption details only.

I.11.1 Downstream

Suppose that the PDU, after PHS and prior to encryption, is as follows:

PHS has removed the Type/Len field that would otherwise be included in the Ethernet/802.3 header. The User Data consists of the RTP header and the voice data. Encryption is applied beginning with the first octet of the RTP header and ending with the last octet of the CRC, as follows:

The PDU, after encryption, looks like this:

I.11.2 Upstream

Suppose that the PDU, after PHS and prior to encryption, is as follows:

PHS has removed the DA, SA, and Type/Len fields that would otherwise be included in the Ethernet/802.3 header as well as the IP and UDP headers. The User Data consists of the RTP header and the voice data. The first 12 octets of the User Data are not encrypted.

Encryption is applied beginning with the first octet of the voice data and ending with the last octet of the CRC, as follows:

The PDU, after encryption, looks like this:

I.12 Fragmented Packet Encryption (AES)

When a packet is fragmented, each fragment is independently encrypted using CBC mode with residual block processing. The TEK and IV for each fragment are the same TEK and IV that are used for encrypting an unfragmented PDU. All octets of a fragment are encrypted, including the 12 octets carrying the Ethernet/802.3 destination and source addresses (DA/SA) of the Packet PDU.

In the example here, no effort is made to use meaningful values for the fields of the packet. As a result, the example here is not a valid packet suitable for transmission. The intent of the example is to illustrate encryption details only.

In this example, the TEK and IV are taken from the example Key Reply packet described above.

Suppose that packet is divided into two fragments, as follows:

The first fragment is encrypted using AES-CBC and AES-CFB128, as follows:

The first fragment, after encryption, looks like this:

The second fragment is encrypted using AES-CBC and AES-CFB128, as follows:

The second fragment, after encryption, looks like this:

I.13 Secure Software Download CM Code File

The code file example in this section was created using example versions of the Manufacturer CVC and CVC CA certificate.

	PKCS #7 Digital Signature
0000: 30 82 0B 8D	ContentInfo header, len 2957(0xb8d)
0004: 06 09 2A 86 48 86 F7 0D	ContentType=signedData (OID: 1 2 840 113549 1 7
01 07 02	2)
0015: A0 82 0B 7E	$[0]$ EXPLICIT, len 2942 (0xb7e)
0019: 30 82 0B 7A	SignedData header, len 2938 (0xb7a)
0023: 02 01 01	Version=1

Table 37 - New PKI Code File Example

Table 38 - CVC Example

0056: A3 3B 0058:3039 0560: 30 16 0562: 06 03 55 1D 25 0567: 01 01 FF 0570:040C 0572:300A 0574: 06 08 2B 06 01 05 05 07 03 03										[3] Extensions Extensions header SEQUENCE Extension header SEOUENCE Extended Key Usage (OLD: 2 5 29 37) Critical=TRUE keyPurposeID=codeSigning (OLD: 1 3 6 1 5 5 7 3 3)
0584: 30 1F 0586: 06 03 55 1D 23 0591: 04 18 0593: 30 16 0595: 80 14 BA 30 BO DF 3A 7F		81 00 32 01 CC B0		34 62 7C B7 A6 95 A3 OF						Signature SEQUENCE Algorithm=SHA-1 with RSA (OLD: 2 5 29 35) Parameters=NULL keyid: BA: 30: B0: DF: 3A: 7F: 34: 62: 7C:B7:A6:95:A3:0F:81:00: 32:01:CC:B0
0632: 03 82 01 81 00										Signature value header
0637: 3F D3 6A F3 4B EA 89 02 C8 27 9C 43 AE 55 AF E5								7A A2 23 03 4A 29 69 78 D5 4D 4B AA E8 B2 7E 42 99 66 BC C9 82 A3 ED D2 F0 7F 77 22 E8 D7 C5 AD A0 58 DB 43 DA 6D 4B D6 1D 6E 73 38 0D 60 30 C0 9A 5F 22 62 7C BA F1 CE 44 B4 71 E6 72 D0 19 B5 5E 39 46 A9 13 00 18 7F 43 7A ED 31 A3 E5 7C FD 8B EE 4D AC 0D 46 09 59 BB 8C 6B A9 DA 44 62 35 65 4D 34 3E 41 A5 52 FE D2 A9 A2 FC 19 DF F3 70 9E 92 CD C2 24 32 BB 8A 58 45 12 17 B6 E2 AF 19 2D F5 3C 60 31 2F 71 87 F4 CA EC 7F C9 4B F4 3C 18 30 C5 B0 CF CC 45 EB C2 82 D9 3A 6D DD A4 8D E4 CD 7D 50 AA 7B FA 54 6A 36 D1 48 39 D7 D5 B2 AE 75 7D 76 DC F7 88 A5 F4 D6 C0 2D AD D6 80 5B 32 EC EA 47 20 44 A9 60 87 C4 8F 16 3F FC 83 48 B2 39 E8 46 FD 0A 91 AC CO DC C7 7A 92 00 E0 58 OC CA 96 EB EO BC OF FA 9F 6A 19 D3 9E OF 23 76 52 65 EE 5E 2B AB D8 F7 BC 9F D1 21 64 50 2C 42 C4 A3 51 47 7A 08 1E 19 BE 41 66 B0 1B 15 F7 65 5C 1C DC 3B 2F BE 37 F2 77 C2 A9 CA F6 93 73 66 1A 2E 16 03 28 84 CB A3 FA E5 FE 71 4C 07 32 54 61 20 D5 03 26 EF B7 38 ED 8E 36 38 43 6A 9A 05 1A DE 68 3A FB E9 A3 16 24 17 27 8F 39 61 49 63 DF 34 74 AB DE 3B 6F 3F FA 4E EC 50 D2 16 D4 5E CC 0A C3 07 F9 31 5A D6 AF E3 9F BD FA 98 8D 7F		Signature value

Table 39 - CVC-CA Example

Appendix II Example of Multilinear Modular Hash (MMH) Algorithm Implementation (Informative)

This appendix gives an example implementation of the MMH MAC algorithm defined in Sectio[n 11.7.2.](#page-89-0) There may be other implementations that have advantages over this example in particular operating environments. This example is for informational purposes only and does not completely follow the DOCSIS MMH MAC algorithm defined in Section [11.7.3.](#page-89-1)

A main program is included for exercising the example implementation. The output produced by the program is included.

```
// Example code for MMH algorithm as defined in the DOCSIS 3.0 security specification
// Based on code in PacketCable security specification
// Original code by Mike Sabin
// DOCSIS modifications by Doc Evans, N7DR@arrisi.com
// This code is far from optimal; it is intended to be easy to follow, not fast to 
execute
// Written for gcc 3.3.6
#include <iomanip>
#include <iostream>
#include <string>
#include <inttypes.h>
#include <stdio.h>
// Define this symbol to see intermediate values.
#define VERBOSE
// Define this symbol if you want to duplicate the PacketCable test vectors
#undef PACKETCABLE
// save ourselves some typing
using namespace std;
// Routine to reduce an int32_t value modulo F4, where F4 = 0x10001.
// Result is therefore in range [0, 0x10000]. 
const int32_t reduceModF4(const int32_t x)<br>{ int32_t rv = x;
                                              // holder for return value
// If x is negative, add a multiple of F4 to make it non-negative.
// This loop executes no more than twice.
 while (rv < 0)rv := 0x7ffff7fff;// Subtract high 16 bits of rv from low 16 bits.
  const int32_t xHi = rv >> 16;
   const int32_t xLo = rv & 0xffff;
  rv = xLo - xHi;// If x is negative, add F4.
  if (rv < 0) rv += 0x10001;
// we are done
  return rv;
}
```

```
/*
Compute and return the MMH16 MAC of the message using the
indicated key and one-time pad.
The length of the key is to be at least msgLen bytes.
The length of the pad is at least two bytes. 
*/
const uint16_t mmh16(const string& message,
                        const string& key,
                        const string& pad)
{ 
// check lengths
   if (key.length() < message.length())
     throw exception();
  if (pad.length() < 2) throw exception();
%/ ok to proceed<br>int32_t sum = 0;
                            // 32-bit accumulator
  for (unsigned int i = 0; i < message.length(); i += 2)
\mathcal{A}// Build a 16-bit factor from the next two message octets
     const int16_t x = (static_cast<uint16_t>(static_cast<unsigned char>(message[i])) 
<< 8)| 
                           static_cast<uint16_t>(static_cast<unsigned char>(message[i + 
1]));
// Build a 16-bit factor from the next two key octets
     const int16_t y = (static_cast<uint16_t>(static_cast<unsigned char>(key[i])) << 8) 
| 
                         static_cast<uint16_t>(static_cast<unsigned char>(key[i + 1]));
// Accumulate product of the factors into 32-bit sum
    sum += (static_cast<int32_t>(x) * static_cast<int32_t>(y));
#if defined(VERBOSE)
    cout << hex << " x 0x" << setw(2) << x<< " y 0x" << setw(2) << y\begin{array}{ccc} & \text{if } x \in \mathbb{R}^n, \\ & & \text{if } x \in \mathbb{R}^n, \\ & & \text{otherwise} \end{array} were sum 0x^m < \text{setw}(2) < \text{sum} < \text{det} < \text{det} < \text{end};
          // VERBOSE
   }
// Reduce sum modulo F4 and truncate to 16 bits
 uint16_t u = static_cast<uint16_t>(reduceModF4(sum));
#if defined(VERBOSE)
  cout << hex << " sum mod F4, truncated to 16 bits: 0x" << setw(2) << u << dec <<
endl;<br>#endif
         // VERBOSE
// Build the pad variable from the two pad bytes
   const uint16_t v = (static_cast<uint16_t>(static_cast<unsigned char>(pad[0])) << 8) 
| 
                         static_cast<uint16_t>(static_cast<unsigned char>(pad[1]));
#if defined(VERBOSE)
   cout << hex << " pad variable: 0x" << setw(2) << v << dec << endl;
#endif // VERBOSE
/* Accumulate pad variable, truncate to 16 bits */
 u = static\_cast<uint16_t>(u + v);
```

```
#if defined(VERBOSE)
  cout << hex << " mmh16 value: 0x'' << setw(2) << u << dec << endl;
#endif // VERBOSE
  return u;
}
/*
Compute and return the MMH32 MAC of the message using the
indicated key and pad.
The length of the message is msgLen bytes; msgLen is to be even.
The length of the key is to be at least (msgLen + 2) bytes.
The length of the pad is four bytes. The pad is to be freshly
picked from a secure random source.
*/
const uint32_t mmh32(const string& message,
                      const string& key,
                     const string& pad) 
{ 
// check lengths
   if (key.length() < (message.length() + 2))
    throw exception();
  if (pad.length() < 4) throw exception();
  const uint16_t x = mmh16(message, key, pad);
  const uint16_t y = mmh16(message, key.substr(2), pad.substr(2));const uint32_t sum = (static_cast<const uint32_t>(x) << 16) |
                         static_cast<const uint32_t>(y);
  return sum;
}
/*
Compute and return the MMH64 MAC of the message using the
indicated key and pad.
The length of the message is msgLen bytes; msgLen is to be even.
The length of the key is to be at least (msgLen + 6) bytes.
The length of the pad is eight bytes. The pad is to be freshly
picked from a secure random source.
*/
const uint64_t mmh64(const string& message,
                      const string& key,
                     const string& pad)
{ 
// check lengths
   if (key.length() < (message.length() + 6))
    throw exception();
   if (pad.length() < 8)
     throw exception();
  const uint16_t a = mmh16(message, key, pad);
  const uint16_t b = mm16(message, key.substr(2), pad.substr(2));const uint16_t c = mmh16(message, key.substr(4), pad.substr(4));
  const uint16_t d = mmh16(message, key.substr(6), pad.substr(6));
  const uint64_t sum = ((( (static\; cast<const\;uint64\; t>(a)\; <<\; 16)\; ) static_cast<const uint64_t>(b)) << 16) | 
                        static_cast<const uint64_t>(c)) << 16) \vert static_cast<const uint64_t>(d);
```

```
 return sum;
}
/*
Routine to display a byte array
*/
template<class T>
void show(const string& rubric, const T& src, const unsigned int len) 
{ const unsigned int BYTES_PER_LINE = 16;
   cout << rubric;
  for (unsigned int i = 0; i < len; i++) { if ((i % BYTES_PER_LINE) == 0)
       cout << endl;
    cout << setw(2) << hex << (unsigned int)(unsigned char)(src[i] << " ";
   }
   cout << endl;
}
// helper function for displaying results
template<class T>
const string output_octets(const T& src)
{ string rv;
  const unsigned char* cp = (const unsigned char*)(&ssc);
  for (int n = sizeof(src) - 1; n >= 0; n--)rv := cp[n]; return rv;
}
// example of use
int main(void) 
{ 
// set formatting for cout
  cout.fill('0');
   string key_;
   string pad_;
// define some test vectors
#if !defined(PACKETCABLE)
// a trivial keystream
   for (unsigned int key_nr = 0; key_nr < 100; key_nr++)
     key_ += char(key_nr);
// a similarly trivial one-time pad (that is much longer than we need);
  for (unsigned int pad_nr = 0; pad_nr < 100; pad_nr++)
    pad_ + = char(pad_nr + 1);// an historically interesting message that is to be hashed
const string message_("The Magic Words are Squeamish Ossifrage");<br>#endif // !PACKETCABLE
          // !PACKETCABLE
#if defined(PACKETCABLE)
   const string message_("Now is the time."); 
   unsigned char key[] = {
   0x35, 0x2c, 0xcf, 0x84, 0x95, 0xef, 0xd7, 0xdf, 0xb8,
```

```
 0xf5, 0x74, 0x05, 0x95, 0xeb, 0x98, 0xd6, 0xeb, 0x98,
  };
 unsigned char pad16[] = { 0xae, 0x07,
  };
 unsigned char pad32[] = { 0xbd, 0xe1, 0x89, 0x7b,
  };
  for (unsigned int key_nr = 0; key_nr < sizeof(key); key_nr++)
    key_ += key[key_nr];
 for (unsigned int pad_nr = 0; pad_nr < sizeof(pad16); pad_nr++)
pad_ += pad16[pad_nr];<br>#endif // PACKETCABLE// PACKETCABLE
// MMH16
  cout << "Example of MMH16 computation" << endl;
 show("message", message_, message_.length());
 show("key", key_, message_.length());
 show("pad", pad, 2);
  const uint16_t mac16 = mmh16(message_, key_, pad_);
 show("MMH16 MAC", output_octets(mac16), sizeof(mac16));
  cout << endl;
#if defined(PACKETCABLE)
  pad_.clear();
 for (unsigned int apad nr = 0; apad nr < sizeof(pad32); apad nr++)
pad_ += pad32[apad_nr];<br>#endif // PACKETCABLE
         // PACKETCABLE
// MMH32
  cout << "Example of MMH32 computation" << endl;
  show("message", message_, message_.length());
 show("key", key_, message_.length() + 2);
  show("pad", pad_, 4);
 const uint32_t mac32 = mmh32(message, key, pad_);
  show("MMH32 MAC", output_octets(mac32), sizeof(mac32));
  cout << endl;
#if !defined(PACKETCABLE)
// MMH64
  cout << "Example of MMH64 computation" << endl;
  show("message", message_, message_.length());
 show("key", key_, message_.length() + 6);
  show("pad", pad_, 8);
 const uint64_t mac64 = mmh64(message_, key_, pad_;
  show("MMH64 MAC", output_octets(mac64), sizeof(mac64));
  cout << endl;
#endif // !PACKETCABLE
  return 0;
```
}

/* Here is the VERBOSE output produced by the program if PACKETCABLE is defined: Example of MMH16 computation message 4e 6f 77 20 69 73 20 74 68 65 20 74 69 6d 65 2e key 35 2c cf 84 95 ef d7 df b8 f5 74 05 95 eb 98 d6 pad ae 07 x 0x4e6f y 0x352c sum 0x104a7614 x 0x7720 y 0xcf84 sum 0xf9bac294 x 0x6973 y 0x95ef sum 0xce0a23f1 x 0x2074 y 0xd7df sum 0xc8f3d4fd x 0x6865 y 0xb8f5 sum 0xabfb55a6 x 0x2074 y 0x7405 sum 0xbab087ea x 0x696d y 0x95eb sum 0x8f00bff9 x 0x652e y 0x98d6 sum 0x663aa46d sum mod F4, truncated to 16 bits: 0x3e33 pad variable: 0xae07 mmh16 value: 0xec3a MMH16 MAC ec 3a Example of MMH32 computation message 4e 6f 77 20 69 73 20 74 68 65 20 74 69 6d 65 2e key 35 2c cf 84 95 ef d7 df b8 f5 74 05 95 eb 98 d6 eb 98 pad bd e1 89 7b x 0x4e6f y 0x352c sum 0x104a7614 x 0x7720 y 0xcf84 sum 0xf9bac294 x 0x6973 y 0x95ef sum 0xce0a23f1 x 0x2074 y 0xd7df sum 0xc8f3d4fd x 0x6865 y 0xb8f5 sum 0xabfb55a6 x 0x2074 y 0x7405 sum 0xbab087ea x 0x696d y 0x95eb sum 0x8f00bff9 x 0x652e y 0x98d6 sum 0x663aa46d sum mod F4, truncated to 16 bits: 0x3e33 pad variable: 0xbde1 mmh16 value: 0xfc14 x 0x4e6f y 0xcf84 sum 0xf125323c x 0x7720 y 0x95ef sum 0xbfca091c x 0x6973 y 0xd7df sum 0xaf427949 x 0x2074 y 0xb8f5 sum 0xa640e84d x 0x6865 y 0x7405 sum 0xd590b646 x 0x2074 y 0x95eb sum 0xc81e04c2 x 0x696d y 0x98d6 sum 0x9da1dde0 x 0x652e y 0xeb98 sum 0x95912b30 sum mod F4, truncated to 16 bits: 0x959f pad variable: 0x897b mmh16 value: 0x1f1a MMH32 MAC fc 14 1f 1a

Here is the VERBOSE output produced by the program if PACKETCABLE is not defined:

Example of MMH16 computation message 54 68 65 20 4d 61 67 69 63 20 57 6f 72 64 73 20 61 72 65 20 53 71 75 65 61 6d 69 73 68 20 4f 73 73 69 66 72 61 67 65 key 00 01 02 03 04 05 06 07 08 09 0a 0b 0c 0d 0e 0f 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 1a 1b 1c 1d 1e 1f 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 pad 01 02 x 0x5468 y 0x01 sum 0x5468 x 0x6520 y 0x203 sum 0xcbc3c8 x 0x4d61 y 0x405 sum 0x202caad x 0x6769 y 0x607 sum 0x472148c x 0x6320 y 0x809 sum 0x78e90ac x 0x576f y 0xa0b sum 0xafca871 x 0x7264 y 0xc0d sum 0x105f2785 x 0x7320 y 0xe0f sum 0x16b1a665 x 0x6172 y 0x1011 sum 0x1ccf3ef7 x 0x6520 y 0x1213 sum 0x23f30057 x 0x5371 y 0x1415 sum 0x2a7eac9c x 0x7565 y 0x1617 sum 0x349fe6af x 0x616d y 0x1819 sum 0x3dcba254 x 0x6973 y 0x1a1b sum 0x488c6f75 x 0x6820 y 0x1c1d sum 0x53fbbb15 x 0x4f73 y 0x1e1f sum 0x5d54d402 x 0x7369 y 0x2021 sum 0x6bd0d48b x 0x6672 y 0x2223 sum 0x7979fa21 x 0x6167 y 0x2425 sum 0x873a8a04 x 0x6500 y 0x2627 sum 0x9647ed04 sum mod F4, truncated to 16 bits: 0x56bc pad variable: 0x102 mmh16 value: 0x57be MMH16 MAC 57 be Example of MMH32 computation message 54 68 65 20 4d 61 67 69 63 20 57 6f 72 64 73 20 61 72 65 20 53 71 75 65 61 6d 69 73 68 20 4f 73 73 69 66 72 61 67 65 key 00 01 02 03 04 05 06 07 08 09 0a 0b 0c 0d 0e 0f 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 1a 1b 1c 1d 1e 1f 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 pad 01 02 03 04 x 0x5468 y 0x01 sum 0x5468 x 0x6520 y 0x203 sum 0xcbc3c8 x 0x4d61 y 0x405 sum 0x202caad x 0x6769 y 0x607 sum 0x472148c x 0x6320 y 0x809 sum 0x78e90ac x 0x576f y 0xa0b sum 0xafca871 x 0x7264 y 0xc0d sum 0x105f2785 x 0x7320 y 0xe0f sum 0x16b1a665 x 0x6172 y 0x1011 sum 0x1ccf3ef7 x 0x6520 y 0x1213 sum 0x23f30057 x 0x5371 y 0x1415 sum 0x2a7eac9c x 0x7565 y 0x1617 sum 0x349fe6af x 0x616d y 0x1819 sum 0x3dcba254 x 0x6973 y 0x1a1b sum 0x488c6f75 x 0x6820 y 0x1c1d sum 0x53fbbb15

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x 0x4f73 y 0x1e1f sum 0x5d54d402
x 0x7369 y 0x2021 sum 0x6bd0d48b
x 0x6672 y 0x2223 sum 0x7979fa21
x 0x6167 y 0x2425 sum 0x873a8a04
x 0x6500 y 0x2627 sum 0x9647ed04
 sum mod F4, truncated to 16 bits: 0x56bc
pad variable: 0x102
mmh16 value: 0x57be
x 0x5468 y 0x203 sum 0xa9cd38
x 0x6520 y 0x405 sum 0x24046d8
x 0x4d61 y 0x607 sum 0x412aa7f
x 0x6769 y 0x809 sum 0x7519530
x 0x6320 y 0xa0b sum 0xb351790
x 0x576f y 0xc0d sum 0xf52bc33
x 0x7264 y 0xe0f sum 0x159ae80f
x 0x7320 y 0x1011 sum 0x1cd48d2f
x 0x6172 y 0x1213 sum 0x23b5cca5
x 0x6520 y 0x1415 sum 0x2ba49845
x 0x5371 y 0x1617 sum 0x32d7cd6c
x 0x7565 y 0x1819 sum 0x3de4bc49
x 0x616d y 0x1a1b sum 0x47d414c8
x 0x6973 y 0x1c1d sum 0x53689acf
x 0x6820 y 0x1e1f sum 0x5fa8f6af
x 0x4f73 y 0x2021 sum 0x69a19482
x 0x7369 y 0x2223 sum 0x79054ddd
x 0x6672 y 0x2425 sum 0x877c2457
x 0x6167 y 0x2627 sum 0x96004508
x 0x6500 y 0x2829 sum 0xa5d87208
sum mod F4, truncated to 16 bits: 0xcc30
pad variable: 0x304
mmh16 value: 0xcf34
MMH32 MAC
57 be cf 34 
Example of MMH64 computation
message
54 68 65 20 4d 61 67 69 63 20 57 6f 72 64 73 20 
61 72 65 20 53 71 75 65 61 6d 69 73 68 20 4f 73 
73 69 66 72 61 67 65 
key
00 01 02 03 04 05 06 07 08 09 0a 0b 0c 0d 0e 0f 
10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 1a 1b 1c 1d 1e 1f 
20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 2a 2b 2c 
pad
01 02 03 04 05 06 07 08 
x 0x5468 y 0x01 sum 0x5468
x 0x6520 y 0x203 sum 0xcbc3c8
x 0x4d61 y 0x405 sum 0x202caad
x 0x6769 y 0x607 sum 0x472148c
x 0x6320 y 0x809 sum 0x78e90ac
x 0x576f y 0xa0b sum 0xafca871
x 0x7264 y 0xc0d sum 0x105f2785
x 0x7320 y 0xe0f sum 0x16b1a665
x 0x6172 y 0x1011 sum 0x1ccf3ef7
x 0x6520 y 0x1213 sum 0x23f30057
x 0x5371 y 0x1415 sum 0x2a7eac9c
x 0x7565 y 0x1617 sum 0x349fe6af
x 0x616d y 0x1819 sum 0x3dcba254
x 0x6973 y 0x1a1b sum 0x488c6f75
x 0x6820 y 0x1c1d sum 0x53fbbb15
x 0x4f73 y 0x1e1f sum 0x5d54d402
x 0x7369 y 0x2021 sum 0x6bd0d48b
x 0x6672 y 0x2223 sum 0x7979fa21
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x 0x6167 y 0x2425 sum 0x873a8a04 x 0x6500 y 0x2627 sum 0x9647ed04 sum mod F4, truncated to 16 bits: 0x56bc pad variable: 0x102 mmh16 value: 0x57be x 0x5468 y 0x203 sum 0xa9cd38 x 0x6520 y 0x405 sum 0x24046d8 x 0x4d61 y 0x607 sum 0x412aa7f x 0x6769 y 0x809 sum 0x7519530 x 0x6320 y 0xa0b sum 0xb351790 x 0x576f y 0xc0d sum 0xf52bc33 x 0x7264 y 0xe0f sum 0x159ae80f x 0x7320 y 0x1011 sum 0x1cd48d2f x 0x6172 y 0x1213 sum 0x23b5cca5 x 0x6520 y 0x1415 sum 0x2ba49845 x 0x5371 y 0x1617 sum 0x32d7cd6c x 0x7565 y 0x1819 sum 0x3de4bc49 x 0x616d y 0x1a1b sum 0x47d414c8 x 0x6973 y 0x1c1d sum 0x53689acf x 0x6820 y 0x1e1f sum 0x5fa8f6af x 0x4f73 y 0x2021 sum 0x69a19482 x 0x7369 y 0x2223 sum 0x79054ddd x 0x6672 y 0x2425 sum 0x877c2457 x 0x6167 y 0x2627 sum 0x96004508 x 0x6500 y 0x2829 sum 0xa5d87208 sum mod F4, truncated to 16 bits: 0xcc30 pad variable: 0x304 mmh16 value: 0xcf34 x 0x5468 y 0x405 sum 0x1534608 x 0x6520 y 0x607 sum 0x3b4c9e8 x 0x4d61 y 0x809 sum 0x6228a51 x 0x6769 y 0xa0b sum 0xa3115d4 x 0x6320 y 0xc0d sum 0xedb9e74 x 0x576f y 0xe0f sum 0x13a8cff5 x 0x7264 y 0x1011 sum 0x1ad6a899 x 0x7320 y 0x1213 sum 0x22f773f9 x 0x6172 y 0x1415 sum 0x2a9c5a53 x 0x6520 y 0x1617 sum 0x33563033 x 0x5371 y 0x1819 sum 0x3b30ee3c x 0x7565 y 0x1a1b sum 0x472991e3 x 0x616d y 0x1c1d sum 0x51dc873c x 0x6973 y 0x1e1f sum 0x5e44c629 x 0x6820 y 0x2021 sum 0x6b563249 x 0x4f73 y 0x2223 sum 0x75ee5502 x 0x7369 y 0x2425 sum 0x8639c72f x 0x6672 y 0x2627 sum 0x957e4e8d x 0x6167 y 0x2829 sum 0xa4c6000c x 0x6500 y 0x2a2b sum 0xb568f70c sum mod F4, truncated to 16 bits: 0x41a3 pad variable: 0x506 mmh16 value: 0x46a9 x 0x5468 y 0x607 sum 0x1fcbed8 x 0x6520 y 0x809 sum 0x5294cf8 x 0x4d61 y 0xa0b sum 0x8326a23 x 0x6769 y 0xc0d sum 0xd109678 x 0x6320 y 0xe0f sum 0x12822558 x 0x576f y 0x1011 sum 0x17fee3b7 x 0x7264 y 0x1213 sum 0x20126923 x 0x7320 y 0x1415 sum 0x291a5ac3 x 0x6172 y 0x1617 sum 0x3182e801 x 0x6520 y 0x1819 sum 0x3b07c821 x 0x5371 y 0x1a1b sum 0x438a0f0c x 0x7565 y 0x1c1d sum 0x506e677d

x 0x616d y 0x1e1f sum 0x5be4f9b0 x 0x6973 y 0x2021 sum 0x6920f183 x 0x6820 y 0x2223 sum 0x77036de3 x 0x4f73 y 0x2425 sum 0x823b1582 x 0x7369 y 0x2627 sum 0x936e4081 x 0x6672 y 0x2829 sum 0xa38078c3 x 0x6167 y 0x2a2b sum 0xb38bbb10 x 0x6500 y 0x2c2d sum 0xc4f97c10 sum mod F4, truncated to 16 bits: 0xb717 pad variable: 0x708 mmh16 value: 0xbe1f MMH64 MAC 57 be cf 34 46 a9 be 1f */

Appendix III Certification Authority and Provisioning Guidelines (Informative)

III.1 Certificate Format and Extensions

This section describes the certificate format and extensions used by CableLabs certification authorities (CA) and summarizes the fields o[f \[X.509\]](#page-14-1) version 3 certificates. The CableLabs certificate PKI hierarchy is shown in [Figure](#page-179-0) [17.](#page-179-0)

Figure 17 - Certificate PKI Hierarchy

All certificates and CRLs described in this specification are signed with the RSA signature algorithm, using SHA-256 as the hash function. The RSA signature algorithm is described in PKCS #1 [\[RSA1\];](#page-14-2) SHA-256 is described in [\[FIPS 180-4\].](#page-13-1)

Names in [\[X.509\]](#page-14-1) are SEQUENCEs of RelativeDistinguishedNames, which are in turn SETs of AttributeTypeAndValue. AttributeTypeAndValue is a SEQUENCE of an AttributeType (an OBJECT IDENTIFIER) and an AttributeValue. The value of the countryName attribute is a 2-character PrintableString, chosen from [\[ISO 3166\];](#page-14-3) all other AttributeValues are encoded as either UTF8String or PrintableString character strings. The PrintableString encoding is used if the character string contains only characters from the PrintableString set, specifically:

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abcdefghijklmnopqrstuvwxyzABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ
0123456789
'() +, -./:=? and space.
```
The UTF8String type is used if the character string contains characters not in the PrintableString set.

The DER-encoded tbsCertificate.issuer field of a valid DOCSIS certificate is an exact binary match to the DERencoded tbsCertificate.subject field of its issuer certificate.
III.2 CableLabs Root CA Certificate

Table 40 - CableLabs Root CA Certificate

Version		v3			
Serial number		Unique Positive Integer assigned by the CA			
Issuer DN		$c = US$ o=CableLabs ou=Root CA01 cn=CableLabs Root Certification Authority			
Subject DN		$c = US$ o=CableLabs ou=Root CA01 cn=CableLabs Root Certification Authority			
Validity Period		50 yrs			
Public Key Algorithm		Sha256WithRSAEncryption (1 2 840 113549 1 1 11)			
Keysize		4096-bits			
Parameters		NULL			
Standard Extensions	OID	Include	Criticality	Value	
keyUsage	$\{id$ -ce 15 $\}$	X	TRUE		
keyCertSign				Set	
cRLSign				Set	
basicConstraints	$\{id-ce 19\}$	X	TRUE		
cA				Set	
subjectKeyIdentifier	$\{id-ce 14\}$	X	FALSE		
keyldentifier				Calculated per Method 1	
subjectAltName	$\{id-ce 17\}$	\circ	FALSE		
directoryName				Set by the issuing CA	

III.3 CableLabs Device CACertificate

Table 41 - CableLabs Device CACertificate

Version		٧3			
Serial number		Unique Positive Integer assigned by the CA			
Issuer DN		$c = US$			
		o=CableLabs			
		ou=Root CA01			
		cn=CableLabs Root Certification Authority			
Subject DN		$c = US$			
		o=CableLabs			
		ou=Device CA01			
		cn=CableLabs Device Certification Authority			
Validity Period		35 yrs			
Public Key Algorithm		Sha256WithRSAEncryption (1 2 840 113549 1 1 11)			
Keysize		3072-bits			
Parameters		NULL			
Standard Extensions	OID	Include	Criticality	Value	
keyUsage	$\{id$ -ce 15 $\}$	X	TRUE		
keyCertSign				Set	

III.4 CM Device Certificate

Table 42 - CM Device Certificate

Values in angle brackets (<>) indicate that appropriate text as indicated below is present:

<Country of Manufacturer>: two-letter country code;

<Company Name>: name that identifies the company;

<Manufacturing Location>: name that identifies the location of manufacture;

<MAC Address>: MAC address of the CM.

The MAC address in the CM Certificate will be the same as the MAC address in the BPKM Attributes field.

The MAC Address is expressed as six pairs of hexadecimal digits separated by single colons (:), e.g., 00:60:21:A5:0A:23. Hexadecimal digits greater than 9 are expressed as uppercase letters.

III.5 CableLabs DOCSIS CVC CA Certificate

Table 43 - CableLabs DOCSIS CVC CA Certificate

Version		v3			
Serial number		Unique Positive Integer assigned by the CA			
Issuer DN		$c = US$ o=CableLabs ou=Root CA01 cn=CableLabs Root Certification Authority			
Subject DN		$c = US$ o=CableLabs ou=CVC CA01 cn=CableLabs CVC Certification Authority			
Validity Period		35 yrs			
Public Key Algorithm		Sha256WithRSAEncryption (1 2 840 113549 1 1 11)			
Keysize		3072-bits			
Parameters		NULL			
Standard Extensions	OID	Include	Criticality	Value	
keyUsage	$\{id$ -ce 15 $\}$	X	TRUE		
keyCertSign				Set	
cRLSign				Set	
basicConstraints	$\{id$ -ce 19}	X	TRUE		
cA				Set	
pathLenConstraint				$\mathbf 0$	
subjectKeyIdentifier	$\{id-ce 14\}$	X	FALSE		
keyldentifier				Calculated per Method 1	
authorityKeyIdentifier	$\{id$ -ce 35 $\}$	X	FALSE		
keyldentifier				Calculated per Method 1	
subjectAltName	$\{id$ -ce 17 $\}$	O	FALSE		
directoryName				Set by the issuing CA for online CAs	

III.6 Code Verification Certificate

Table 44 - Code Verification Certificate

Values in angle brackets (<>) indicate that appropriate text as indicated below is present:

<Country of Manufacturer>: two-letter country code;

<Company Name>: name that identifies the company

Co-signer CVCs will have a unique numeric value for the <Company Name> which is assigned by CableLabs. The value is a printable string of eight hexadecimal digits. Each hexadecimal digit in the name is chosen from the ranges 0x30 to 0x39 or 0x41 to 0x46. The string 0x3030303030303030 is not assigned.

When a CVC is renewed the orgname and validity start time of the old CVC will be used for the new CVC. The validity end time will be extended up to 10 years from the current date.

III.7 Certificate Installation

Cable operators or CMTS vendors install the CableLabs Root CA Certificate in the CMTS as a trust anchor for validating certificates sent by the CM.

The following certificates are installed in the CM during manufacturing:

- CableLabs Root CA Certificate (used for validating code download images)
- CableLabs Device CA Certificate
- CM Device Certificate and its corresponding private key
- Legacy certificates and keys as defined by DOCSIS 3.0

III.8 CM Code File Signing Policy and Format

CM vendors and cable operators can control the Secure Software Download process based on their policies by updating the Manufacturer/Co-Signer CVC or by changing the signingTime in the Manufacturer/Co-Signer CVS (Code Verification Signature). At this time, the DOCSIS 3.0 specifications do not specify the policy related to the CM Code File signing process. However, an example of the policy is specified in this section.

III.8.1 Manufacturer CM Code File Signing Policy

In order to sign code files, the manufacturer obtains a valid CVC from the DOCSIS Root CA.

When signing a code file, a manufacturer may choose not to update the [\[PKCS#7\]](#page-13-0) signingTime value in the manufacturer signing information. The [\[PKCS#7\]](#page-13-0) signingTime value should be equal to or greater than the CVC's validity start time. Th[e \[PKCS#7\]](#page-13-0) signingTime value is not less than the CVC's validity start time.

The CM vendor and its Manufacturer Code Signing Agent (Mfg CSA), which securely stores the RSA private key corresponding to the RSA public key in the Manufacturer CVC and generates the CVS for the CM Code File, might employ the following policy for the CM Code File signing process.

The Mfg CSA continues to put exactly the same date and time value (T1) in the signingTime field in the Mfg CVS of the CM Code File as long as the vendor does not have any CM Code File to revoke.

Once the vendor realizes there are certain issues in one or more CM Code File(s) and wants to revoke them, the vendor chooses the current date and time value (T2) and starts using T2 as the signingTime value in the Mfg CVS for all the newly created CM Code File from that point. In addition, any CM Code files signed with T1 that are still good are re-signed using T2.

Under this policy, because the multiple CM Code Files make a group of the CM Code Files with the exact same signingTime value in the Msg CVS, the operator can download any CM Code File in the group in any order. That is, among the CM Code Files in the same group, the CM's software can be downgraded if necessary.

III.8.2 Operator CM Code File Signing Policy

Operators should verify that the code image as received from a vendor is exactly as built by the trusted manufacturer.

The operator may choose to co-sign code images destined for use on its network.

All code images downloaded to a CM across the network are signed in accordance with this specification.

III.8.3 CM Code File Format

A single file is used to encapsulate the code for the cable modem.

The code file is a DOCSIS [\[PKCS#7\]](#page-13-0) signed data message that includes:

- The Manufacturer Code Verification Signature (CVS);
- The Manufacturer Code Verification Certificate (CVC);
- The issuing CVC CA Certificate;
- The code image (compatible with the destination CM) as signed content;
- Optionally, when the MSO co-signs the code file:
	- a) The Co-Signer CVS;
	- b) The Co-signer CVC;
	- c) The issuing CVC CA Certificate; this certificate does not need to be separately added when it is identical to the issuing CVC CA certificate of the Manufacturer CVC.
- Optional Device CA Certificate
- Optional Root CA Certificate

For upgrades using a legacy code file, the code file is a DOCSIS [\[PKCS#7\]](#page-13-0) signed data message that includes:

- The Manufacturer Code Verification Signature (CVS);
- The Manufacturer Code Verification Certificate (CVC), signed by the DOCSIS Root CA;
- The code image (compatible with the destination CM) as signed content;
- Optionally, when the MSO co-signs the code file:
	- a) The Co-signer CVS;
	- b) The Co-signer CVC signed by the DOCSIS Root CA.
- Optional Root CA Public Key for the CVC verification;
- Optional Manufacturer Certificate(s).

The code file complies with [\[PKCS#7\]](#page-13-0) and is DER encoded. The code file matches the structure shown below. A code file example is shown i[n Annex D.](#page-126-0)

Table 45 CM Code File

III.8.3.1 DOCSIS PKCS#7 Signed Data

The signedData field of the DOCSIS [\[PKCS#7\]](#page-13-0) Digital Signature matches the DER encoded structure defined in [Appendix III.](#page-179-0)

III.8.3.1.1 Code Signing Keys

The digital signature uses the RSA Encryption Algorith[m \[RSA3\]](#page-14-1) with SHA-256 [\[FIPS 180-4\].](#page-13-1) The RSA key modulus is at least 2048 bits in length.

PKCS#7 Field	Description		
signedData {			
Version	version $= 1$		
digestAlgorithmIdentifiers	SHA-256		
contentinfo			
contentType	data (SignedContent is concatenated at the end of the [PKCS#7] structure)		
certificates {	DOCSIS Code Verification Certification (CVC)		
mfgCVC()	Required for all code files		
mfgCVCCA()	Required for all code files using the new PKI		
cosignerCVC()	Optional; required for cable operator co-signatures		
cosignerCVCCA()	Optional; required for cable operator co-signatures using the new PKI when cosignerCVCCA certificate is not identical to the mfgCVCCA certificate.		
end certificates			
SignerInfo{			
MfgSignerInfo {	Required for all code files		

Table 46 - DOCSIS PKCS#7 Signed Data

III.8.3.1.2 Code Verification Certificate Format

The format used for the CVC is defined in Appendix [III.6.](#page-182-0)

III.8.3.1.3 Code Verification Certificate Revocation

The CM is not required to support CVC revocation.

However, there is a method for revoking CVCs based on the validity start date of the certificate. This method requires that an updated CVC be delivered to the cable modem with an updated validity start time. Once the CVC is successfully validated, the validity start time will update the CM's current value of cvcAccessStart (see Section [14.3.2.2\)](#page-102-0).

To expedite the delivery of an updated CVC without requiring the cable modem to process a code upgrade, the CVC may be delivered in either the CM's configuration file or an SNMP MIB. The format of a DOCSIS CVC is the same whether it is in a code file, configuration file, or SNMP MIB.

III.8.3.2 Signed Content

The SignedContent field of the code file contains the CodeImage and the DownloadParameters fields, which may contain up to three items: a Root CA Certificate, a legacy Manufacturer CA certificate, and a Device CA Certificate. The final code image is in a binary format compatible with the destination CM. In support of th[e \[PKCS#7\]](#page-13-0) signature requirements, the code content is encoded as an OCTET STRING.

Each manufacturer should build their code with additional mechanisms to verify that an upgrade code image is compatible with the destination CM.

Appendix IV Acknowledgements (Informative)

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