Simple Certificate Validation Protocol (SCVP)

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Abstract

SCVP allows a client to delegate certificate path construction and certificate path validation to a server. The path construction or validation (e.g. making sure that none of the certificates in the path are revoked) is performed according to a validation policy, which contains one or more trust anchors. It allows simplification of client implementations and use of a set of predefined validation policies.
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1 Introduction

Certificate validation is complex. If certificate handling is to be widely deployed in a variety of applications and environments, the amount of processing an application needs to perform before it can accept a certificate needs to be reduced. There are a variety of applications that can make use of public key certificates, but these applications are burdened with the overhead of constructing and validating the certification paths. SCVP reduces this overhead for two classes of certificate-using applications.

The first class of applications wants just two things: confirmation that the public key belongs to the identity named in the certificate and confirmation that the public key can be used for the intended purpose. Such clients can completely delegate certification path construction and validation to the SCVP server. This is often referred to as delegated path validation (DPV).

The second class of applications can perform certification path validation, but they lack a reliable or efficient method of constructing a valid certification path. Such clients delegate certification path construction to the SCVP server, but not validation of the returned certification path. This is often referred to as delegated path discovery (DPD).

1.1 SCVP overview and requirements

SCVP meets the mandatory requirements documented in [RQMTS].

The primary goals of SCVP are to make it easier to deploy PKI-enabled applications by delegating path discovery and/or validation processing to a server, and to allow central administration of validation policies within an organization. SCVP can be used by clients that do much of the certificate processing themselves but simply want an untrusted server to collect information for them. However, when the client has complete trust in the SCVP server, SCVP can be used to delegate the work of certification path construction and validation, and SCVP can be used to ensure that policies are consistently enforced throughout an organization.

Untrusted SCVP servers can provide clients the certification paths. They can also provide clients the revocation information, such as CRLs and OCSP responses, that the clients need to validate the certification paths constructed by the SCVP server. These services can be valuable to clients that do not include the protocols needed to find and download intermediate certificates, CRLs, and OCSP responses.
Trusted SCVP servers can perform certification path construction and validation for the client. For a client that uses these services, the client inherently trusts the SCVP server as much as it would its own certification path validation software (if it contained such software). There are two main reasons that a client may want to trust such an SCVP server:

1. The client does not want to incur the overhead of including certification path validation software and running it for each certificate it receives.

2. The client is in an organization or community that wants to centralize management of validation policies. These policies might dictate that particular trust anchors are to be used and the types of policy checking that are to be performed during certification path validation.

1.2 Terminology

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

1.3 Validation Policies

A validation policy (as defined in RFC 3379 [RQMTS]) specifies the rules and parameters to be used by the SCVP server when validating a certificate. In SCVP, the validation policy to be used by the server can either be fully referenced in the request by the client (and thus no additional parameters are necessary) or it can be referenced in the request by the client with additional parameters.

Policy definitions can be quite long and complex, and some policies may allow for the setting of a few parameters. The request can therefore be very simple if an OBJECT IDENTIFIER (OID) or URI is used to specify both the algorithm to be used and all the associated parameters of the validation policy. The request can be more complex if the validation policy fixes many of the parameters but allows the client to specify some of them. When the validation policy defines every parameter necessary, an SCVP request needs only to contain the certificate to be validated, the referenced validation policy, and any run-time parameters for the request.

A server publishes the references of the validation policies it supports. When these policies have parameters that may be overridden, the server communicates the default values for these parameters as well. The client can simplify the request by omitting a parameter from a request if the default value published by the server for a given validation policy reference is acceptable.
However, if there is a desire to demonstrate to someone else that a specific validation policy with all its parameters has been used, the client will need to ask the server for the inclusion of the full validation policy with all the parameters in the response.

The inputs to the basic certification path processing algorithm used by SCVP are defined by [PKIX-1] in section 6.1.1 and comprise:

Certificate to be validated (by value or by reference);
Validation time;
The initial policy set;
Initial inhibit policy mapping setting;
Initial inhibit anyPolicy setting; and
Initial require explicit policy setting.

The basic certification path processing algorithm also supports specification of one or more Trust Anchors (by value or reference) as an input. Where the client demands a certification originating with a specific CA, a single Trust Anchor is specified. Where the client is willing to accept paths beginning with any of several CAs, a set of Trust anchors is specified.

The basic certification path processing algorithm also supports the following parameters, which are defined in [PKIX-1] section 4:

The usage of the key contained in the certificate (e.g., key encipherment, key agreement, signature); and
Other application-specific purposes for which the certified public key may be used.

1.4 Validation Algorithm

The validation algorithm is determined by agreement between the client and the server and is represented as an OID. The algorithm defines the checking that will be performed by the server to determine whether the certificate is valid. A validation algorithm is one of the parameters to a validation policy. SCVP defines a basic validation algorithm which implements the basic path validation algorithm as defined in [PKIX-1], and permits the client to request additional information about the certificate to be validated. New validation algorithms can be specified that define additional checks if needed. These new validation algorithms may specify additional parameters. The values for these parameters may
be defined by any validation policy that uses the algorithm or may be included by the client in the request.

Application-specific validation algorithms in addition to those defined in this document can be defined to meet specific requirements not covered by the basic validation algorithm. The validation algorithms documented here should serve as a guide for the development of further application-specific validation algorithms. For example, a new application-specific validation algorithm might require the presence of a particular name form in the subject alternative name extension of the certificate.

1.5 Validation Requirements

For a certification path to be considered valid under a particular validation policy it MUST be a valid certification path as defined in [PKIX-1] and all validation policy constraints that apply to the certification path MUST be verified.

Revocation checking is one aspect of certification path validation defined in [PKIX-1]. However, revocation checking is an optional feature in [PKIX-1], and revocation information is distributed in multiple formats. Clients specify in requests whether revocation checking should be performed and whether revocation information should be returned in the response.

Servers MUST be capable of indicating the sources of revocation information that they are capable of processing:

1. full CRLs (or full Authority Revocation Lists);
2. OCSP responses, using [OCSP];
3. delta CRLs; and
4. indirect CRLs.

2 Protocol Overview

SCVP uses a simple request-response model. That is, the SCVP client creates a request and sends it to the SCVP server, and then the SCVP server creates a single response and sends it to the client. The typical use of SCVP is expected to be over HTTP [HTTP], but it can also be used with email or any other protocol that can transport digitally signed objects. Appendices A and B provide the details necessary to use SCVP with HTTP.

SCVP includes two request-response pairs. The primary request-response pair handles certificate validation. The secondary
request-response pair is used to determine the list of validation policies and default parameters supported by a specific SCVP server.

Section 3 defines the certificate validation request.

Section 4 defines the corresponding certificate validation response.

Section 5 defines the validation policies request.

Section 6 defines the corresponding validation policies response.

Appendix A registers MIME types for SCVP requests and responses, and Appendix B describes the use of these MIME types with HTTP.

3 Validation Request

An SCVP client request to the server MUST be a single CVRequest item. When a CVRequest is encapsulated in a MIME body part, application/cv-request MUST be used.

There are two forms of SCVP request: unprotected and protected. A protected request is used to authenticate the client to the server or to provide anonymous client integrity over the request-response pair. The protection is provided by a digital signature or message authentication code (MAC). In the later case, the MAC key is derived using a key agreement algorithm, such as Diffie-Hellman. If the client’s public key is contained in a certificate, then it may be used to authenticate the client. More commonly, the client’s key agreement public key will be ephemeral, supporting anonymous client integrity.

A server MAY require all requests to be protected, and a server MAY discard all unprotected requests. Alternatively, a server MAY choose to process unprotected requests.

The unprotected request consists of a CVRequest encapsulated in a CMS ContentInfo [CMS]. An overview of these structures is provided below and is only intended as illustrative. The definitive ASN.1 is found in [CMS]. Many details are not shown, but the way that SCVP makes use of CMS is clearly illustrated.

```plaintext
ContentInfo {
    contentType        id-ct-scvp-certValRequest,
    -- (1.2.840.113549.1.9.16.1.10)
    content            CVRequest } 
```

The protected request consists of a CVRequest encapsulated in either a SignedData or AuthenticatedData, which is in turn encapsulated in a ContentInfo. SignedData is used when the request is digitally
signed. AuthenticatedData is used with a message authentication code (MAC). An overview of these structures is provided below. Again, many details are not shown, but the way that SCVP makes use of CMS is clearly illustrated.

SignedData example:

```
ContentInfo {
    contentType   id-signedData, -- (1.2.840.113549.1.7.2)
    content       SignedData }

SignedData {
    version       CMSVersion,
    digestAlgorithms DigestAlgorithmIdentifiers,
    encapContentInfo EncapsulatedContentInfo,
    certificates   [0] IMPLICIT CertificateSet, -- Optional
    crls          [1] IMPLICIT CertificateRevocationLists,
                   -- Optional
    signerInfos    SET OF SignerInfo } -- Only one in SCVP

SignerInfo {
    version       CMSVersion,
    sid           SignerIdentifier,
    digestAlgorithm DigestAlgorithmIdentifier,
    signedAttrs   SignedAttributes, -- Required in SCVP
    signatureAlgorithm SignatureAlgorithmIdentifier,
    signature     SignatureValue,
    unsignedAttrs UnsignedAttributes } -- not used in SCVP

EncapsulatedContentInfo {
    eContentType  id-ct-scvp-certValRequest,
                   -- (1.2.840.113549.1.9.16.1.10)
    eContent      OCTET STRING } -- Contains CVRequest
```

AuthenticatedData example:

```
ContentInfo {
    contentType   id-ct-authData, -- (1.2.840.113549.1.9.16.1.2)
    content       AuthenticatedData }

AuthenticatedData {
    version       CMSVersion,
    originatorInfo OriginatorInfo, -- Optional
    recipientInfos RecipientInfos, -- Only SCVP server
    macAlgorithm  MessageAuthenticationCodeAlgorithm,
    digestAlgorithm DigestAlgorithmIdentifier, -- Optional
    encapContentInfo EncapsulatedContentInfo,
    authAttrs     AuthAttributes, -- Required in SCVP
```
All SCVP clients MUST support SignedData for signed requests and responses. SCVP clients SHOULD support AuthenticatedData for MAC protected requests and responses.

If the client uses SignedData it MUST have a public key that has been bound to a subject identity by a certificate that conforms to the PKIX profile [PKIX-1] and that certificate MUST be suitable for signing the SCVP request. That is:

1. If the key usage extension is present, either the digital signature or the non-repudiation bit MUST be asserted.

2. If the extended key usage extension is present, it MUST contain either the SCVP client OID (see Section 3.7) or another OID acceptable to the SCVP server.

The client MUST put an unambiguous reference to its certificate in the SignedData that encapsulates the request. The client SHOULD include its certificate in the request, but MAY omit the certificate to reduce the size of the request. The client MAY include other certificates in the request to aid the validation of its certificates by the SCVP server.

The client MUST put its key agreement public key or an unambiguous reference to a certificate that contains its key agreement public key in the AuthenticatedData that encapsulates the request. If an ephemeral key agreement key pair is used, then the ephemeral key agreement public key is carried in the originatorKey field of KeyAgreeRecipientInfo, which requires the client to obtain the server’s key agreement public key before computing the message authentication code (MAC).

The syntax and semantics for SignedData, AuthenticatedData, and ContentInfo are defined in [CMS]. The syntax and semantics for CVRequest are defined below. The CVRequest item contains the client request. The CVRequest contains the cvRequestVersion and query items; the CVRequest MAY also contain the requestorRef, requestNonce, requestorName, and requestExtensions items.

The CVRequest MUST have the following syntax:
CVRequest ::= SEQUENCE {
  cvRequestVersion INTEGER DEFAULT 1,
  query Query,
  requestorRef [0] GeneralNames OPTIONAL,
  requestNonce [1] OCTET STRING OPTIONAL,
  requestorName [2] GeneralName OPTIONAL,
  requestExtensions [3] Extensions OPTIONAL }

Each of the items within the CVRequest is described in the following sections.

3.1 cvRequestVersion

The cvRequestVersion item defines the version of the SCVP CVRequest used in a request. The subsequent response MUST use the same version number. The value of the cvRequestVersion item MUST be one (1) for a client implementing this specification. Future updates to this specification must specify other values if there are any changes to syntax or semantics.

3.2 query

The query item specifies one or more certificates that are the subject of the request; the certificates can be either public key certificates [PKIX-1] or attribute certificates [PKIX-AC]. A query MUST contain a queriedCerts item as well as one checks, one wantBack, and one validationPolicy item; a query MAY also contain responseFlags, serverContextInfo, validationTime, intermediateCerts, revInfos, producedAt, and queryExtensions items.

Query MUST have the following syntax:

Query ::= SEQUENCE {
  queriedCerts CertReferences,
  checks CertChecks,
  wantBack WantBack,
  validationPolicy ValidationPolicy,
  responseFlags ResponseFlags OPTIONAL,
  serverContextInfo [2] OCTET STRING OPTIONAL,
  intermediateCerts [4] CertBundle OPTIONAL,
  revInfos [5] RevocationInfos OPTIONAL,
  producedAt [6] GeneralizedTime OPTIONAL,
  queryExtensions [7] Extensions OPTIONAL }

The list of certificate references in the queriedCerts item tells the server the certificate(s) for which the client wants information. The checks item specifies the checking that the client wants performed. The wantBack item specifies the objects that the client
wants the server to return in the response. The validationPolicy item specifies the validation policy that the client wants the server to employ. The responseFlags item allows the client to request optional features for the response. The serverContextInfo item tells the server that additional information from a previous request-response is desired. The validationTime item tells the date and time relative to which the client wants the server to perform the checks. The intermediateCerts and revInfos items provide context for the client request. The queryExtensions item provides for future expansion of the query syntax. The syntax and semantics of each of these items is discussed in the following sections.

3.2.1 queriedCerts

The queriedCerts field is a SEQUENCE of one or more certificates, each of which is a subject of the request. The specified certificates are either public key certificates or attribute certificates; if more than one certificate is specified, all must be of the same type. Each certificate is either directly included or it is referenced. When referenced, a SHA-1 hash value [SHA-1] of the referenced item is included to ensure that the SCVP client and the SCVP server both obtain the same certificate when the referenced certificate is fetched. Certificate references use the ESSCertID type defined in [ESS]. A single request MAY contain both directly included and referenced certificates.

CertReferences has the following syntax:

```
CertReferences ::= CHOICE {
  pkcRefs           [0] SEQUENCE SIZE (1..MAX) OF PKCReference,
  acRefs            [1] SEQUENCE SIZE (1..MAX) OF ACReference }

PKCReference ::= CHOICE {
  cert              [0] Certificate,
  pkcRef            [1] ESSCertID }

ACReference ::= CHOICE {
  attrCert          [2] AttributeCertificate,
  acRef             [3] ESSCertID }
```

The ASN.1 definition of Certificate is imported from [PKIX-1]; the definition of AttributeCertificate is imported from [PKIX-AC]; and the definition of ESSCertID is imported from [ESS].

3.2.2 checks

The checks item describes the checking that the SCVP client wants the SCVP server to perform on the certificate(s) in the queriedCerts item. The checks item contains a sequence of object identifiers
(OIDs). Each OID tells the SCVP server what checking the client expects the server to perform. For each check specified in the request, the SCVP server MUST perform the requested check, or return an error. A server may choose to perform additional checks (e.g., a server that is only asked to build a validated certification path may choose to also perform revocation status checks), although the server cannot indicate in the response that the additional checks have been performed.

The checks item uses the CertChecks type, which has the following syntax:

```
CertChecks ::= SEQUENCE SIZE (1..MAX) OF OBJECT IDENTIFIER
```

For public key certificates, the following checks are defined:

- id-stc-build-pkc-path: Build a prospective certification path to a trust anchor (as defined in section 6.1 of [PKIX-1]);

- id-stc-build-valid-pkc-path: Build a validated certification path to a trust anchor (revocation checking not required);

- id-stc-build-status-checked-pkc-path: Build a validated certification path to a trust anchor and perform revocation status checks on the certification path.

Conforming SCVP server implementations that support delegated path discovery (DPD) as defined in [RQMTS] MUST support the id-stc-build-pkc-path check. Conforming SCVP server implementations that support delegated path validation (DPV) as defined in [RQMTS] MUST support the id-stc-build-valid-pkc-path and id-stc-build-status-checked-pkc-path checks.

For attribute certificates, the following checks are defined:

- id-stc-build-aa-path: Build a certification path to a trust anchor for the AC issuer;

- id-stc-build-valid-aa-path: Build a validated certification path to a trust anchor for the AC issuer;

- id-stc-build-status-checked-aa-path: Build a validated certification path to a trust anchor for the AC issuer and perform revocation status checks on the certification path for the AC issuer;

- id-stc-status-check-ac-and-build-status-checked-aa-path: Build a validated certification path to a trust anchor for the AC issuer and perform revocation status checks on the certification path for the AC issuer;
issuer and perform revocation status checks on the AC as well as the certification path for the AC issuer.

Conforming SCVP server implementations MAY support the attribute certificates checks.

For these purposes, the following OIDs are defined:

```
id-stc OBJECT IDENTIFIER ::= { iso(1) identified-organization(3) dod(6) internet(1) security(5) mechanisms(5) pkix(7) 17 }

id-stc-build-pkc-path OBJECT IDENTIFIER ::= { id-stc 1 }
id-stc-build-valid-pkc-path OBJECT IDENTIFIER ::= { id-stc 2 }
id-stc-build-status-checked-pkc-path OBJECT IDENTIFIER ::= { id-stc 3 }
id-stc-build-aa-path OBJECT IDENTIFIER ::= { id-stc 4 }
id-stc-build-valid-aa-path OBJECT IDENTIFIER ::= { id-stc 5 }
id-stc-build-status-checked-aa-path OBJECT IDENTIFIER ::= { id-stc 6 }
id-stc-status-check-ac-and-build-status-checked-aa-path OBJECT IDENTIFIER ::= { id-stc 7 }
```

### 3.2.3 wantBack

The wantBack item describes the kind of information the SCVP client wants from the SCVP server for the certificate(s) in the queriedCerts item. The wantBack item MUST contain a sequence of object identifiers (OIDs). Each OID tells the SCVP server what the client wants to know about the queriedCerts item. For each type of information specified in the request, the server MUST return information regarding its finding (in a successful response).

For example, a request might include a checks item that only specifies certification path building and include a wantBack item that requests the return of the certification path built by the server. In this case, the response would not include a status for the validation of the certification path, but it would include a certification path that the server considers to be valid. A client that wants to perform its own certification path validation might use a request of this form.

Alternatively, a request might include a checks item that requests the server to build a certification path and validate it, including revocation checking, and include a wantBack item that requests the return of the status. In this case, the response would include only a status for the validation of the certification path. A client that completely delegates certification path validation might use a request of this form.
The wantBack item uses the WantBack type, which has the following syntax:

\[
\text{WantBack} ::= \text{SEQUENCE SIZE (1..MAX) OF OBJECT IDENTIFIER}
\]

For public key certificates, the types of information that can be requested are:

- **id-swb-pkc-cert**: The certificate that was the subject of the request;

- **id-swb-pkc-best-cert-path**: The certification path built for the certificate including the certificate that was validated;

- **id-swb-pkc-revocation-info**: Proof of revocation status for each certificate in the certification path;

- **id-swb-pkc-cert-status**: Status indication;

- **id-swb-pkc-public-key-info**: The public key from the certificate; and

- **id-swb-pkc-all-cert-paths**: A set of certification paths for the certificate.

All conforming SCVP server implementations MUST support the **id-swb-pkc-cert** and **id-swb-pkc-public-key-info** wantBacks. Conforming SCVP server implementations that support delegated path discovery (DPD) as defined in [RQMTS] MUST support the **id-swb-pkc-best-cert-path** and **id-swb-pkc-revocation-info** wantBacks. Conforming SCVP server implementations that support delegated path validation (DPV) as defined in [RQMTS] MUST support the **id-swb-pkc-cert-status** wantBack.

The SCVP protocol provides two methods for a client to obtain multiple certification paths for a certificate. The client could use serverContextInfo to request one path at a time (see section 3.2.6). After obtaining each path, the client could submit the serverContextInfo from the previous request to obtain another path until the client either found a suitable path or the server indicated (by not returning a serverContextInfo) that no more paths were available. Alternatively, the client could send a single request with an **id-swb-pkc-all-cert-paths** wantBack, in which case the server would return all of the available paths in a single response.

The server may, at its discretion, limit the number of paths that it returns in response to the **id-swb-pkc-all-cert-paths** wantBack. When the

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request includes an id-swb-pkc-all-cert-paths wantBack, the response should not include a serverContextInfo.

For attribute certificates, the types of information that can be requested are:

- id-swb-ac-cert: The attribute certificate that was the subject of the request;
- id-swb-aa-cert-path: The certification path built for the AC issuer certificate;
- id-swb-ac-revocation-info: Proof of revocation status for each certificate in the AC issuer certification path;
- id-swb-aa-revocation-info: Proof of revocation status for the attribute certificate; and
- id-swb-ac-cert-status: Status indication.

For these purposes, the following OIDs are defined:

\[
\text{id-swb OBJECT IDENTIFIER ::= } \{ \text{iso(1) identified-organization(3) dod(6) internet(1) security(5) mechanisms(5) pkix(7) 18 } \}
\]

\[
\begin{align*}
\text{id-swb-pkc-best-cert-path} & \quad \text{OBJECT IDENTIFIER ::= } \{ \text{id-swb 1 } \} \\
\text{id-swb-pkc-revocation-info} & \quad \text{OBJECT IDENTIFIER ::= } \{ \text{id-swb 2 } \} \\
\text{id-swb-pkc-cert-status} & \quad \text{OBJECT IDENTIFIER ::= } \{ \text{id-swb 3 } \} \\
\text{id-swb-pkc-public-key-info} & \quad \text{OBJECT IDENTIFIER ::= } \{ \text{id-swb 4 } \} \\
\text{id-swb-aa-cert-path} & \quad \text{OBJECT IDENTIFIER ::= } \{ \text{id-swb 5 } \} \\
\text{id-swb-aa-revocation-info} & \quad \text{OBJECT IDENTIFIER ::= } \{ \text{id-swb 6 } \} \\
\text{id-swb-ac-revocation-info} & \quad \text{OBJECT IDENTIFIER ::= } \{ \text{id-swb 7 } \} \\
\text{id-swb-ac-cert-status} & \quad \text{OBJECT IDENTIFIER ::= } \{ \text{id-swb 8 } \} \\
\text{id-swb-pkc-cert} & \quad \text{OBJECT IDENTIFIER ::= } \{ \text{id-swb 10 } \} \\
\text{id-swb-ac-cert} & \quad \text{OBJECT IDENTIFIER ::= } \{ \text{id-swb 11 } \} \\
\text{id-swb-pkc-all-cert-paths} & \quad \text{OBJECT IDENTIFIER ::= } \{ \text{id-swb 12 } \}
\end{align*}
\]

3.2.4 validationPolicy

The validationPolicy item defines the validation policy that the client wants the SCVP server to use during certificate validation. If this policy cannot be used for any reason, then the server MUST return an error response.

A validation policy MUST define default values for all parameters necessary for processing an SCVP request. For each parameter, a validation policy may either allow the client to specify a non-default value or forbid the use of a non-default value. If the
client wishes to use the default values for all of the parameters, then the client need only supply a reference to the policy in this item. If the client wishes to use non-default values for one or more parameters, then the client supplies a reference to the policy plus whatever parameters are necessary to complete the request in this item. If there are any conflicts between the policy referenced in the request and any supplied parameter values in the request, then the server MUST return an error response.

The syntax of the validationPolicy item is:

ValidationPolicy ::= SEQUENCE {
  validationPolRef         ValidationPolRef,
  validationAlg           [0] ValidationAlg OPTIONAL,
  userPolicySet           [1] SEQUENCE SIZE (1..MAX) OF OBJECT
                        IDENTIFIER OPTIONAL,
  inhibitPolicyMapping    [2] BOOLEAN OPTIONAL,
  requireExplicitPolicy   [3] BOOLEAN OPTIONAL,
  inhibitAnyPolicy        [4] BOOLEAN OPTIONAL,
  trustAnchors            [5] TrustAnchors OPTIONAL,
  keyUsages               [6] SEQUENCE of KeyUsage OPTIONAL,
  extendedKeyUsages       [7] SEQUENCE OF KeyPurposeId OPTIONAL
}

The validationPolRef item is required, but the remaining items are optional. The optional items are used to provide validation policy parameters. When the client uses the validation policy’s default values for all parameters, all of the optional items are absent. The validationAlg item specifies the validation algorithm. The userPolicySet item provides an acceptable set of certificate policies. The inhibitPolicyMapping item inhibits certificate policy mapping during certification path validation. The requireExplicitPolicy item requires at least one valid certificate policy in the certificate policies extension. The inhibitAnyPolicy item indicates whether the anyPolicy certificate policy OID is processed or ignored when evaluating certificate policy. The trustAnchors item indicates the trust anchors that are acceptable to the client. The keyUsages item indicates the technical usage of the public key that is to be confirmed by the server as acceptable. The extendedKeyUsages item indicates the application-specific usage of the public key that is to be confirmed by the server as acceptable. The syntax and semantics of each of these items is discussed in the following sections.

3.2.4.1 validationPolRef

The reference to the validation policy can be either an OID or a URI. In either case, the client and server have agreed that the value represents a particular validation policy. The URI can point to a
human readable definition of the policy to facilitate correct configuration.

The syntax of the ValidationPolRef item is:

ValidationPolRef ::= CHOICE {
  valPolRefByOID OBJECT IDENTIFIER,
  valPolRefByURI IA5String}

There is no requirement for either the client or the server to dereference the URI during SCVP request processing. The URI is simply used as a reference for the validation policy. Clients and server MAY dereference the URI as part of configuration. See Section 9 for security considerations that apply when referencing policies using URIs.

3.2.4.1.1 Default Validation Policy

The client can request the SCVP server’s default validation policy or another validation policy. The object identifier to identify the default validation policy is:

id-svp OBJECT IDENTIFIER ::= { iso(1) identified-organization(3)
dod(6) internet(1) security(5) mechanisms(5) pkix(7) 19 }

id-svp-defaultValPolicy OBJECT IDENTIFIER ::= { id-svp 1 }

The default validation policy MUST use the basic validation algorithm as its default validation algorithm (see section 3.2.4.2.1).

When using the default validation policy, the client can override any of the default parameter values by supplying a specific value in the request. The SCVP server MUST make use of the provided parameter values or return an error response.

Conforming implementations of SCVP servers MUST support the default policy. However, an SCVP server may be configured to send an error response to all requests using the default policy to meet local security requirements.

3.2.4.2 validationAlg

The optional validationAlg item defines the validation algorithm to be used by the SCVP server during certificate validation. The value of this item can be determined by agreement between the client and the server. The validation algorithm is represented by an object identifier.
The syntax of the validationAlg is:

```
ValidationAlg ::= SEQUENCE {
    valAlgId              OBJECT IDENTIFIER,
    parameters            ANY DEFINED BY valAlgId OPTIONAL }
```

The following section specifies the basic validation algorithm and the name validation algorithm.

SCVP servers MUST support both validation algorithms defined in this section. SCVP clients MUST support the basic validation algorithm and SHOULD support the name validation algorithm. Other validation algorithms can be specified in other documents for use with specific applications. SCVP clients and servers MAY support any such validation algorithms.

### 3.2.4.2.1 Basic Validation Algorithm

The client can request use of the SCVP basic validation algorithm or another algorithm. For identity certificates, the basic validation algorithm MUST implement the certification path validation algorithm as defined in section 6 of [PKIX-1]. For attribute certificates, the basic validation algorithm MUST implement certificate path validation as defined in section 5 of [PKIX-AC]. Other validation algorithms MAY implement functions over and above those in the basic algorithm, but validation algorithms MUST generate results compliant with the basic validation algorithm. That is, none of the validation requirements in the basic algorithm may be omitted from any newly defined validation algorithms. However, other validation algorithms MAY reject paths that are valid using the basic validation algorithm. The object identifier to identify the basic validation algorithm is:

```
id-svp-basicValAlg OBJECT IDENTIFIER ::= { id-svp 3 }
```

When id-svp-basicValAlg appears in valAlgId, the parameters item MUST be absent.

### 3.2.4.2.2 Basic Validation Algorithm Errors

The following errors are defined for the basic validation algorithm for inclusion in the validationErrors item in the response (see section 4.9.6). These errors can be used by any other validation algorithm since all validation algorithms MUST implement the functionality of the basic validation algorithm.

```
id-bvae OBJECT IDENTIFIER ::= id-svp-basicValAlg
```
The id-bvae-expired value means that the validation time used for the request was later than the notAfter time in the end certificate (the certificate specified in the queriedCerts item).

The id-bvae-not-yet-valid value means that the validation time used for the request was before the notBefore time in the end certificate.

The id-bvae-wrong-anchor value means that a certification path could not be constructed for the client specified trust anchor(s), but a path exists for one of the trust anchors specified in the server’s default validation policy.

The id-bvae-invalid-key-usage value means that the keyUsage extension (PKIX-1 section 4.2.1.3) in the end certificate does not satisfy the validation policy. For example, the keyUsage extension in the certificate may assert only the keyEncipherment bit, but the validation policy specifies in the keyUsages field that digitalSignature is required.

The id-bvae-invalid-purpose value means that the extended key usage extension (PKIX-1 section 4.2.1.13) in the end certificate does not satisfy the validation policy.

The id-bvae-revoked value means that the end certificate was revoked.

3.2.4.2.3 Name Validation Algorithm

The name validation algorithm allows the client to specify one or more subject names that MUST appear in the end certificate in addition to the requirements specified for the basic validation algorithm. The name validation algorithm allows the client to supply an application identifier and a name to the server. The application identifier defines the name matching rules to use in comparing the name supplied in the request with the names in the certificate.

id-svp-nameValAlg OBJECT IDENTIFIER ::= { id-svp 2 }

When the id-svp-nameValAlg appears as a valAlgId, the parameters MUST use the NameValidationAlgParms syntax:

NameValidationAlgParms ::= SEQUENCE {
nameCompAlgId OBJECT IDENTIFIER,
validationNames GeneralNames )

GeneralNames is defined in [PKIX-1].

If more than one name is supplied in the validationNames value, all
names MUST be of the same type. The certificate must contain a
matching name for each of the names supplied in validationNames
according to the name matching rules associated with the
nameCompAlgId. This specification defines three sets of name
matching rules.

If the nameCompAlgId supplied in the request is id-nva-dnCompAlg,
then GeneralNames supplied in the request MUST be a directoryName,
and the matching rules to be used are defined in [PKIX-1]. The
certificate must contain a matching name in either the subject field
or a directoryName in the subjectAltName extension. This
specification defines the OID for id-nva-dnCompAlg as follows:

    id-nva-dnCompAlg OBJECT IDENTIFIER ::= { id-svp 4 }

If the nameCompAlgId supplied in the request is id-kp-serverAuth
[PKIX-1], then GeneralNames supplied in the request MUST be a
dNSName, and the matching rules to be used are defined in [HTTP-TLS].

If the nameCompAlgId supplied in the request is id-kp-mailProtection
[PKIX-1], then GeneralNames supplied in the request MUST be an
rfc822Name, and the matching rules are defined in [SMIME-CERT].

Conforming SCVP servers MUST support the name validation algorithm
and the matching rules associated with id-nva-dnCompAlg, id-kp-
serverAuth, id-kp-mailProtection. SCVP server MAY support other
name matching rules.

### 3.2.4.2.4 Name Validation Algorithm Errors

The following errors are defined for the Name Validation Algorithm:

    id-nvae OBJECT IDENTIFIER ::= id-svp-nameValAlg

    id-nvae-name-mismatch OBJECT IDENTIFIER ::= { id-nvae 1 }
    id-nvae-no-name OBJECT IDENTIFIER ::= { id-nvae 2 }
    id-nvae-unknown-alg OBJECT IDENTIFIER ::= { id-nvae 3 }
    id-nvae-bad-name OBJECT IDENTIFIER ::= { id-nvae 4 }
    id-nvae-bad-name-type OBJECT IDENTIFIER ::= { id-nvae 5 }
    id-nvae-mixed-names OBJECT IDENTIFIER ::= { id-nvae 6 }

The id-nvae-name-mismatch value means the client supplied a name
with the request, which the server recognized and the server found
corresponding name type in the certificate, but was unable to find a match to the name supplied. For example, the client supplied a DNS name of example1.com, the certificate contained a DNS name of example.com.

The id-nvae-no-name value means the client supplied a name with the request, which the server recognized, but the server could not find the corresponding name type in the certificate. For example, the client supplied a DNS name of example1.com, the certificate only contained a rfc822Name of user@example.com.

The id-nvae-unknown-alg value means the client supplied a nameCompAlgId which the server does not recognize.

The id-nvae-bad-name value means the client supplied either an empty or malformed name in the request.

The id-nvae-bad-name-type value means the client supplied an inappropriate name type for the application identifier. For example, the client specified a nameCompAlgId of id-kp-serverAuth, and an rfc822Name of user@example.com.

The id-nvae-mixed-names value means the client supplied multiple names in the request of different types.

### 3.2.4.3 userPolicySet

The userPolicySet item specifies a list of certificate policy identifiers that the SCVP server MUST use when constructing and validating a certification path. The userPolicySet item specifies the user-initial-policy-set as defined in Section 6 of [PKIX-1]. A userPolicySet containing the anyPolicy OID indicates a user-initial-policy-set of any-policy.

SCVP clients SHOULD support userPolicySet item in requests, and SCVP servers MUST support userPolicySet item in requests.

### 3.2.4.4 inhibitPolicyMapping

The inhibitPolicyMapping item specifies an input to the certification path validation algorithm, and it controls whether policy mapping is allowed during certification path validation (see [PKIX-1], section 6.1.1). If the client wants the server to inhibit policy mapping, inhibitPolicyMapping is set to TRUE in the request.

SCVP clients MAY support inhibiting policy mapping. SCVP servers SHOULD support inhibiting policy mapping.
3.2.4.5 requireExplicitPolicy

The requireExplicitPolicy item specifies an input to the certification path validation algorithm, and it controls whether there must be at least one valid policy in the certificate policies extension (see [PKIX-1], section 6.1.1). If the client wants the server to require at least one policy, requireExplicitPolicy is set to TRUE in the request.

SCVP clients MAY support requiring explicit policies. SCVP servers SHOULD support requiring explicit policies.

3.2.4.6 inhibitAnyPolicy

The inhibitAnyPolicy item specifies an input to the certification path validation algorithm (see [PKIX-1], section 6.1.1), and it controls whether the anyPolicy OID is processed or ignored when evaluating certificate policy. If the client wants the server to ignore the anyPolicy OID, inhibitAnyPolicy MUST be set to TRUE in the request.

SCVP clients MAY support ignoring the anyPolicy OID. SCVP servers SHOULD support ignoring the anyPolicy OID.

3.2.4.7 trustAnchors

The trustAnchors item specifies the trust anchors at which the certification path must terminate if the path is to be considered valid by the SCVP server for the request. If a trustAnchors item is present, the server MUST NOT consider any certification paths ending in other trust anchors as valid.

The TrustAnchors type contains one or more trust anchor specifications. A certificate reference can be used to identify the trust anchor by certificate hash and optionally a distinguished name with serial number. Alternatively, trust anchors can be provided directly. The order of trust anchor specifications within the sequence is not important. Any CA certificate that meets the requirements of [PKIX-1] for signing certificates can be provided as a trust anchor. If a trust anchor is supplied which does not meet these requirements, the server MUST return an error response.

The trust anchor itself, regardless of its form, MUST NOT be included in any certification path returned by the SCVP server.

TrustAnchors has the following syntax:

TrustAnchors ::= SEQUENCE SIZE (1..MAX) OF PKCReference
SCVP server MUST support trustAnchors. SCVP clients SHOULD support trustAnchors.

3.2.4.8  keyUsages

The key usage extension [PKIX-1, section 4.2.1.3] in the certificate defines the technical purpose (such as encipherment, signature, and CRL signing) of the key contained in the certificate. If the client wishes to confirm the technical usage, then it can communicate the usage it wants to validate by the same structure using the same semantics as defined in [PKIX-1]. For example, if the client obtained the certificate in the context of a digital signature, it can confirm this use by including a keyUsage structure with the digital signature bit set.

If the keyUsages item is present and contains an empty sequence, it indicates that the client does not require any particular key usage.

If the keyUsages item contains one or more keyUsage definitions, then the certificate MUST satisfy at least one of the specified keyUsage definitions. If the client is willing to accept multiple possibilities then the client passes in a sequence of possible patterns. Each keyUsage can contain a set of one or more bits set in the request, all bits MUST be present in the certificate to match against an instance of the keyUsage in the SCVP request. If the certificate key usage extension contains more usages than requested, then the certificate MUST be considered a match. For example, if a client wishes to check for either digital signature or non-repudiation, then the client provides two keyUsage values, one with digital signature set and the other with non-repudiation set. If the key usage extension is absent from the certificate, the certificate MUST be considered good for all usages and therefore any pattern in the SCVP request will match.

SCVP clients SHOULD support keyUsages, and SCVP servers MUST support keyUsages.

3.2.4.9  extendedKeyUsages

The extended key usage extension [PKIX-1, section 4.2.1.13] defines more specific technical purposes, in addition to or in place of the purposes indicated in the key usage extension, for which the certified public key may be used. If the client wishes to confirm the extended key usage, then it can communicate the usage it wants to validate by the same extension using the same semantics as defined in [PKIX-1]. For example, if the client obtained the certificate in the context of a TLS server, it can confirm this usage by including the extended key usage structure with the id-kp-serverAuth object identifier. If the extension is absent or is
present and asserts the anyExtendedKeyUsage OID, then all usages specified in the request are a match. If the extension is present and more than one usage is set in the request, all usages MUST be present in the certificate. If the certificate extension contains more usages than requested, then the certificate MUST be considered a match.

Where the client does not require any particular extended key usage, the client can specify an empty SEQUENCE. This may be used to override extended key usage requirements imposed in the validation policy specified by validationPolRef.

SCVP clients SHOULD support extendedKeyUsages, and SCVP servers MUST support extendedKeyUsages.

3.2.5 responseFlags

The optional response flags item allows the client to indicate which optional features in the CVResponse it wants the server to include. If the default values for all of the flags are used, then the response flags item MUST NOT be included in the request.

The syntax of the responseFlags is:

ResponseFlags ::= SEQUENCE {
  fullRequestInResponse      [0] BOOLEAN DEFAULT FALSE,
  responseValidationPolByRef [1] BOOLEAN DEFAULT TRUE,
  protectResponse            [2] BOOLEAN DEFAULT TRUE,
  cachedResponse             [3] BOOLEAN DEFAULT TRUE }

Each of the response flags is described in the following sections.

3.2.5.1 fullRequestInResponse

By default, the server includes a hash of the request in non-cached responses to allow the client to identify the response. If the client wants the server to include the full request in the non-cached response, fullRequestInResponse is set to TRUE. The main reason a client would request the server to include the full request in the response is to archive the request-response exchange in a single object. That is, the client wants to archive a single object that includes both request and response.

SCVP clients and servers MUST support the default behavior. SCVP clients MAY support requesting and processing the full request. SCVP servers SHOULD support returning the full request.

3.2.5.2 responseValidationPolByRef
The responseValidationPolByRef item controls whether the response includes just a reference to the policy or a reference to the policy plus all the parameters by value of the policy used to process the request. The response MUST contain a reference to the validation policy. If the client wants the validation policy parameters to be also included by value, then responseValidationPolByRef is set to FALSE. The main reason a client would request the server to include validation policy to be included by value is to archive the request-response exchange in a single object. That is, the client wants to archive the CVResponse and have it include every aspect of the validation policy.

SCVP clients and servers MUST support the default behavior. SCVP clients MAY support requesting and processing the validation policy by values. SCVP server SHOULD support returning the validation policy by values.

3.2.5.3 protectResponse

The protectResponse item indicates whether the client requires the server to protect the response. If the client is performing full certification path validation on the response and it is not concerned about the source of the response, then the client does not benefit from a digital signature or MAC on the response. In this case, the client can indicate to the server that protecting the message is unnecessary. However, the server is always permitted to return a protected response.

SCVP clients that support delegated path discovery (DPD) as defined in [RQMTS] MUST support setting this value to FALSE.

SCVP clients that support delegated path validation (DPV) as defined in [RQMTS] require an authenticated response. Unless a protected transport mechanism (such a TLS) is used, such clients MUST always set this value to TRUE or omit the responseFlags item entirely, which requires the server to return a protected response.

SCVP servers MUST support returning protected responses, and SCVP servers SHOULD support returning unprotected responses. Based on local policy, the server can be configured to return protected or unprotected responses if this value is set to FALSE. If based on local policy the server is unable to return protected responses, then the server MUST return an error if this value is set to TRUE.

3.2.5.4 cachedResponse

The cachedResponse item indicates whether the client will accept a cached response. To enhance performance and limit the exposure of signing keys, an SCVP service may be designed to cache responses
until new revocation information is expected. Where cachedResponse is set to TRUE, the client will accept a previously cached response.

Clients may insist on creation of a fresh response to protect against a replay attack and ensure information is up to date. Where cachedResponse is FALSE, the client will not accept a cached response. To ensure that a response is fresh, the client MUST also include the requestNonce as defined in Section 3.4.

Servers MUST process the cachedResponse flag. Where cachedResponse is FALSE, servers that cannot produce fresh responses MUST reply with an error message. Servers MAY choose to provide fresh responses even where cachedResponse is set to TRUE.

3.2.6 serverContextInfo

The optional serverContextInfo item, if present, contains context from a previous request-response exchange with the same SCVP server. It allows the server to return more than one certification path for the same certificate to the client. For example, if a server constructs a particular certification path for a certificate, but the client finds it unacceptable, the client can then send the same query back to the server with the serverContextInfo from the first response, and the server will be able to provide a different certification path (if another one can be found).

Contents of the serverContextInfo are opaque to the SCVP client. That is, the client only knows that it needs to return the value provided by the server with the subsequent request to get a different certification path. Note that the subsequent query needs to be identical to the previous query with the exception of the following:

- requestNonce;
- serverContextInfo; and
- the client’s digital signature or MAC on the request.

SCVP clients MAY support serverContextInfo, and SCVP servers SHOULD support serverContextInfo.

3.2.7 validationTime

The optional validationTime item, if present, tells the date and time relative to which the SCVP client wants the server to perform the checks. If the validationTime is not present, the server MUST perform the validation using the date and time at which the server processes the request. If the validationTime is present, it MUST be
encoded as GeneralizedTime. The validationTime provided MUST be a retrospective time since the server can only perform a validity check using the current time (default) or previous time. A server can ignore the validationTime provided in the request if the time is within the clock skew of the server's current time.

The revocation status information is obtained with respect to the validation time. When specifying a validation time other than the current time, the validation time should not necessarily be identical to the time when the private key was used. The validation time specified by the client may be adjusted to compensate for:

1) time for the end-entity to realize that its private key has been or could possibly be compromised, and/or

2) time for the end-entity to report the key compromise, and/or

3) time for the revocation authority to process the revocation request from the end-entity, and/or

4) time for the revocation authority to update and distribute the revocation status information.

GeneralizedTime values MUST be expressed in Universal Coordinated Time (UTC) (which is also known as Greenwich Mean Time and Zulu time) and MUST include seconds (i.e., times are YYYYMMDDHHMMSSZ), even when the number of seconds is zero. GeneralizedTime values MUST NOT include fractional seconds.

The information in the corresponding CertReply item in the response MUST be formatted as if the server created the response at the time indicated in the validationTime. However, if the server does not have appropriate historical information, the server MUST return an error response.

SCVP servers MUST apply a clock skew to the validity time to allow for minor time synchronization errors. The default value is 10 minutes. If the server uses a value other than the default it MUST include the clock skew value in the validation policy response.

SCVP clients MAY support validationTime other than the current time. SCVP servers MUST support using its current time, and SHOULD support the client setting the validationTime in the request.

3.2.8 intermediateCerts

The optional intermediateCerts item may help the SCVP server create valid certification paths. The intermediateCerts item, when present, provides certificates that the server MAY use when forming a
certification path. When building certification paths, the server MAY use the certificates in the intermediateCerts item in addition to any other certificates that the server can access. When present, the intermediateCerts item MUST contain at least one certificate, and the intermediateCerts item MUST be structured as a CertBundle. The certificates in the intermediateCerts item MUST NOT be considered as valid by the server just because they are present in this item.

The CertBundle type contains one or more certificates. The order of the entries in the bundle is not important. CertBundle has the following syntax:

\[
\text{CertBundle ::= SEQUENCE SIZE (1..MAX) OF Certificate}
\]

SCVP clients SHOULD support intermediateCerts, and SCVP servers MUST support intermediateCerts.

3.2.9 revInfos

The optional revInfos item specifies revocation information such as CRLs, delta CRLs [PKIX-1], and OCSP responses [OCSP] that the SCVP server MAY use when validating certification paths. The purpose of the revInfos item is to provide revocation information to which the server might not otherwise have access, such as an OCSP response that the client received along with the certificate. Note that the information in the revInfos item might not be used by the server. For example, the revocation information might be associated with certificates that the server does not use in the certification path that it constructs.

Clients SHOULD be courteous to the SCVP server by separating CRLs and delta CRLs. However, since the two share a common syntax, SCVP servers SHOULD accept delta CRLs even if they are identified as regular CRLs by the SCVP client.

CRLs, delta CRLs, and OCSP responses can be provided as revocation information. If needed, additional object identifiers can be assigned for additional revocation information types in the future.

The revInfos item uses the RevocationInfos type, which has the following syntax:

\[
\text{RevocationInfos ::= SEQUENCE SIZE (1..MAX) OF RevocationInfo}
\]

\[
\text{RevocationInfo ::= CHOICE {}
  \text{crl \[0\] CertificateList,}
  \text{delta-crl \[1\] CertificateList,}
  \text{ocsp \[2\] OCSPResponse,}
\]
other                  [3] OtherRevInfo }

OtherRevInfo ::= SEQUENCE {
   riType                     OBJECT IDENTIFIER,
   riValue                    ANY DEFINED BY riType }

3.2.10  producedAt

The client MAY allow the server to use a cached SCVP response. When
doing so, the client MAY use the producedAt item to express
requirements on the freshness of the cached response. The
producedAt item tells the earliest date and time at which an
acceptable cached response could have been produced. The producedAt
item represents the date and time in UTC, using the GeneralizedTime
type. The value in the producedAt item is independent of the
validation time.

GeneralizedTime value MUST be expressed in UTC, as defined in
section 3.2.7.

SCVP client MAY support using producedAt values in the request.
SCVP server MAY support the producedAt values in the request. SCVP
servers that support cached responses SHOULD support the producedAt
value in requests.

3.2.11  queryExtensions

The optional queryExtensions item contains Extensions. If present,
each extension in the sequence extends the query. This
specification does not define any extensions; the facility is
provided to allow future specifications to extend SCVP. The syntax
for extensions is imported from [PKIX-1]. The queryExtensions item,
when present, MUST contain a sequence of extension items, and each
of the extensions MUST contain extnID, critical, and extnValue items.
Each of these is described in the following sections.

3.2.11.1  extnID

The extnID item is an identifier for the extension. It contains the
object identifier that names the extension.

3.2.11.2  critical

The critical item is a BOOLEAN. Each extension is designated as
either critical (with a value of TRUE) or non-critical (with a value
of FALSE). By default, the extension is non-critical. An SCVP
server MUST reject the query if it encounters a critical extension
that it does not recognize; however, a non-critical extension MAY be
ignored if it is not recognized, but MUST be processed if it is recognized.

3.2.11.3 extnValue

The extnValue item is an octet string, which contains the extension value. An ASN.1 type is specified for each extension, identified by the associated extnID object identifier.

3.3 requestorRef

The optional requestorRef item contains a SEQUENCE of names identifying SCVP servers, and it is intended for use in environments where SCVP relay is employed. As described in [RQMTS], in some network environments an SCVP server might not be able to obtain all of the information that it needs to process a request. However, the SCVP server might be configured to use the services of one or more other SCVP servers to fulfill all requests. In such cases, the client is unaware that the queried SCVP server is using the services of other SCVP servers, and the client-queried SCVP server acts as an SCVP client to another SCVP server. Unlike the original client, the SCVP server is expected to have moderate computing and memory resources, enabling the use of relay, re-direct or multicasting mechanisms. The requestorRef item is used to detect looping in some configurations. The value and use of requestorRef is defined in section 7. To detect loops, the server MUST inspect the sequence of octet strings, looking for values that it inserted as a client.

If the SCVP client includes a requestorRef value in the request, then the SCVP server MUST return the same value in a non-cached response. The SCVP server MAY omit the requestorRef value from cached SCVP responses.

The requestorRef item MUST be a sequence of GeneralName. No provisions are made to ensure uniqueness of the requestorRef GeneralName values.

3.4 requestNonce

The optional requestNonce item contains a request identifier generated by the SCVP client. If the client includes a requestNonce value in the request, it is expressing a preference that the SCVP server SHOULD return a non-cached response. If the server returns a non-cached response it MUST include the value of requestNonce from the request in the response as the respNonce field; however, the server MAY return a cached response which MUST NOT have a respNonce.

If the client includes a requestNonce and also sets the cachedResponse flag to FALSE as defined in section 3.2.5.4, the
client is indicating that the SCVP server MUST return either a non-
cached response including the respNonce or an error response. The
client SHOULD include a requestNonce item in every request to
prevent an attacker from acting as a man-in-the-middle by replaying
old responses from the server. The requestNonce value SHOULD change
with every request sent by the client.

The client MUST NOT set the cachedResponse flag to FALSE without
also including a requestNonce. A server receiving such a request
SHOULD return an invalidRequest error response.

The requestNonce item, if present, MUST be an octet string that was
generated exclusively for this request.

3.5 requestorName

The optional requestorName item is used by the client to include an
identifier in the request. The client MAY include this information
for the DPV server to copy into the response.

SCVP servers MUST be able to process requests that include this
field.

3.6 requestExtensions

The OPTIONAL requestExtensions item contains Extensions. If present,
each Extension in the sequence extends the request. This
specification does not define any extensions; the facility is
provided to allow future specifications to extend SCVP. The syntax
for Extensions is imported from [PKIX-1]. The requestExtensions
item, when present, MUST contain a sequence of extension items, and
each of extension MUST contain extnID, critical, and extnValue items.
Each of these is described in the following sections.

3.6.1 extnID

The extnID item is an identifier for the extension. It contains the
object identifier that names the extension.

3.6.2 critical

The critical item is a BOOLEAN. Each extension is designated as
either critical (with a value of TRUE) or non-critical (with a value
of FALSE). By default, the extension is non-critical. An SCVP
server MUST reject the query if it encounters a critical extension
it does not recognize. A non-critical extension MAY be ignored if it
is not recognized, but MUST be processed if it is recognized.
3.6.3 extnValue

The extnValue item contains an octet string. Within the octet string is the extension value. An ASN.1 type is specified for each extension, identified by the associated extnID object identifier.

3.7 SCVP Request Authentication

It is a matter of local policy what validation policy the server uses when authenticating requests. When authenticating protected SCVP requests, the SCVP servers SHOULD use the validation algorithm defined in section 6 of [PKIX-1].

If the certificate used to validate a SignedData validation request includes the key usage extension [PKIX-1, section 4.2.1.3], it MUST have either the digital signature bit set, the non-repudiation bit set, or both bits set.

If the certificate used to validate an AuthenticatedData validation request includes the key usage extension, it MUST have the key agreement bit set.

If the certificate used on a validation request contains the extended key usage extension [PKIX-1, section 4.2.1.13], the server SHALL verify that it contains the SCVP client OID or another OID acceptable to the server. The SCVP client OID is defined as follows:

```
id-kp OBJECT IDENTIFIER ::= { id-pkix 3 }

id-kp-scvpClient OBJECT IDENTIFIER ::= { id-kp 16 }
```

If a protected request fails to meet the validation policy of the server, it MUST be treated as an unauthenticated request.

4 Validation Response

An SCVP server response to the client MUST be a single CVResponse item. When a CVResponse is encapsulated in a MIME body part, application/cv-response MUST be used.

There are a number of forms of an SCVP response:

1. A success response to a request made over a protected transport such as TLS. These responses SHOULD NOT be protected by the server.

2. A success response to a request that has protectResponse set to FALSE. These responses SHOULD NOT be protected by the server.
3. The server MUST protect all other success responses. If the server is unable to return a protected success response due to local policy, then it MUST return an error response.

4. An error response to a request made over a protected transport such as TLS. These responses SHOULD NOT be protected by the server.

5. An error response to a request that has protectResponse set to FALSE. These responses SHOULD NOT be protected by the server.

6. An error response to an authenticated request. The server MUST protect these responses.

7. An error response to an AuthenticatedData request where MAC is valid. The server MUST protect these responses.

8. All other error responses MUST NOT be protected by the server.

Successful responses are made when the server has fully complied with the request. That is, the server was able to build a certification path using the referenced or supplied validation policy, and it was able to comply with all the requested parameters. If the server is unable to perform validations using the required validation policy or the request contains an unsupported option, then the server MUST return an error response.

For protected requests and responses, SCVP servers MUST support SignedData and SHOULD support AuthenticatedData. It is a matter of local policy which types are used.

If the server is making a protected response to a protected request, then the server MUST use the same protection mechanism (SignedData or AuthenticatedData) as in the request.

An overview of the structure used for an unprotected response is provided below. Many details are not shown, but the way that SCVP makes use of CMS is clearly illustrated.

ContentInfo {
    contentType     id-ct-scvp-certValResponse,
                    -- (1.2.840.113549.1.9.16.1.11)
    content          CVResponse }

The protected response consists of a CVResponse encapsulated in either a SignedData or an AuthenticatedData, which is in turn encapsulated in a ContentInfo. An overview of the structure used for a protected response is provided below. As above, many details
are not shown, but the way that SCVP makes use of CMS is clearly illustrated.

SignedData Example:

```plaintext
ContentInfo {
  contentType    id-signedData, -- (1.2.840.113549.1.7.2)
  content        SignedData }

SignedData {
  version        CMSVersion,
  digestAlgorithms DigestAlgorithmIdentifiers,
  encapContentInfo EncapsulatedContentInfo,
  certificates   [0] IMPLICIT CertificateSet OPTIONAL,
                  -- MUST include server cert
                  OPTIONAL,
  signerInfos    SET OF SignerInfos } -- Only one in SCVP

SignerInfo {
  version        CMSVersion,
  sid            SignerIdentifier,
  digestAlgorithm DigestAlgorithmIdentifier,
  signedAttrs    SignedAttributes, -- Required by CMS
  signatureAlgorithm SignatureAlgorithmIdentifier,
  signature      SignatureValue,
  unsignedAttrs  UnsignedAttributes } -- Not used in SCVP

EncapsulatedContentInfo {
  eContentType    id-ct-scvp-certValResponse,
                   -- (1.2.840.113549.1.9.16.1.11)
  eContent        OCTET STRING } -- Contains CVResponse
```

AuthenticatedData Example:

```plaintext
ContentInfo {
  contentType    id-ct-authData,
                  -- (1.2.840.113549.1.9.16.1.2)
  content        AuthenticatedData }

AuthenticatedData ::= SEQUENCE {
  version        CMSVersion,
  originatorInfo OriginatorInfo, -- Only for SCVP client
  recipientInfos RecipientInfos,
  macAlgorithm   MessageAuthenticationCodeAlgorithm,
  digestAlgorithm DigestAlgorithmIdentifier,
  encapContentInfo EncapsulatedContentInfo,
  authAttrs      AuthAttributes, -- Required by CMS
  mac            MessageAuthenticationCode,
```

unauthAttrs             UnauthAttributes } -- Not used in SCVP

EncapsulatedContentInfo {
  eContentType       id-ct-scvp-certValResponse,
                    -- (1.2.840.113549.1.9.16.1.11)
  eContent           OCTET STRING } -- Contains CVResponse

The SCVP server MUST include its own certificate in the certificates field within SignedData. Other certificates MAY also be included. The SCVP server MAY also provide one or more CRLs in the crls field within SignedData.

The signedAttrs field within SignerInfo MUST include the content-type and message-digest attributes defined in [CMS], and it SHOULD include the signing-certificate attribute as defined in [ESS]. Within the signing-certificate attribute, the first certificate identified in the sequence of certificate identifiers MUST be the certificate of the SCVP server. The inclusion of other certificate identifiers in the signing-certificate attribute is OPTIONAL. The inclusion of policies in the signing-certificate is OPTIONAL.

The CVResponse item contains the server’s response. The CVResponse MUST contain the cvResponseVersion, policyID, producedAt, and responseStatus items. The CVResponse MAY also contain the respValidationPolicy, requestRef, requestorRef, requestorName, replyObjects, respNonce, serverContextInfo, and cvResponseExtensions items. The replyObjects item MUST contain exactly one CertReply item for each certificate requested. The requestorRef item MUST be included if the request included a requestorRef item. The respNonce item MUST be included if the request included a requestNonce item and a non-cached response is provided.

The CVResponse MUST have the following syntax:

CVResponse ::= SEQUENCE {
  cvResponseVersion         INTEGER,
  policyID                  INTEGER,
  producedAt                GeneralizedTime,
  responseStatus            ResponseStatus,
  respValidationPolicy  [0] RespValidationPolicy OPTIONAL,
  requestRef            [1] RequestReference OPTIONAL,
  requestorRef          [2] GeneralNames OPTIONAL,
  requestorName         [3] GeneralNames OPTIONAL,
  replyObjects          [4] ReplyObjects OPTIONAL,
  respNonce             [5] OCTET STRING OPTIONAL,
  serverContextInfo     [6] OCTET STRING OPTIONAL,
  cvResponseExtensions  [7] Extensions OPTIONAL }
4.1 cvResponseVersion

The syntax and semantics of cvResponseVersion are the same as cvRequestVersion as described in section 3.1. The cvResponseVersion MUST match the cvRequestVersion in the request. If the server cannot generate a response with a matching version number, then the server MUST return an error response that indicates the highest version number that the server supports as the version number.

4.2 policyID

The policy ID representing the version of the default validation policy that was used by the SCVP server when it processed the request. See section 6.4 for details.

4.3 producedAt

The producedAt item tells the date and time at which the SCVP server generated the response. The producedAt item MUST be expressed in UTC, and it MUST be interpreted as defined in section 3.2.7. This value is independent of the validation time.

4.4 responseStatus

The responseStatus item gives status information to the SCVP client about its request. The responseStatus item has a numeric status code and an optional string that is a sequence of characters from the ISO/IEC 10646-1 character set encoded with the UTF-8 transformation format defined in [UTF8].

The string MAY be used to transmit status information. The client MAY choose to display the string to a human user. However, because there is often no way to know the languages understood by a human user, the string may be of little or no assistance.

The responseStatus item uses the ResponseStatus type, which has the following syntax:

ResponseStatus ::= SEQUENCE {
  statusCode            CVStatusCode DEFAULT  okay,
  errorMessage          UTF8String OPTIONAL }

CVStatusCode ::= ENUMERATED {
  okay                               (0),
  skipUnrecognizedItems              (1),
  tooBusy                           (10),
  invalidRequest                    (11),
  internalError                     (12),
  badStructure                      (20),
unsupportedVersion (21),
abortUnrecognizedItems (22),
unrecognizedSigKey (23),
badSignatureOrMAC (24),
unableToDecode (25),
notAuthorized (26),
unsupportedChecks (27),
unsupportedWantBacks (28),
unsupportedSignatureOrMAC (29),
invalidSignatureOrMAC (30),
relayingLoop (40),
unrecognizedValPol (50),
unrecognizedValAlg (51),
fullRequestInResponseUnsupported (52),
fullPolResponseUnsupported (53),
inhibitPolicyMappingUnsupported (54),
requireExplicitPolicyUnsupported (55),
inhibitAnyPolicyUnsupported (56),
validityTimeUnsupported (57),
unrecognizedCritQueryExt (63),
unrecognizedCritRequestExt (64) }

The CVStatusCode values have the following meaning:

0 The request was fully processed.
1 The request included some unrecognized non-critical extensions; however, processing was able to continue ignoring them.
10 Too busy; try again later.
11 The server was able to decode the request, but there was some other problem with the request.
12 An internal server error occurred.
20 The structure of the request was wrong.
21 The version of request is not supported by this server.
22 The request included unrecognized items, and the server was not able to continue processing.
23 The server could not validate the key used to protect the request.
24 The signature or message authentication code did not match the body of the request.
25 The encoding was not understood.
26 The request was not authorized.
27 The request included unsupported checks items, and the server was not able to continue processing.
28 The request included unsupported want back items, and the server was not able to continue processing.
29 The server does not support the signature or message authentication code algorithm used by the client to protect the request.
30 The server could not validate the client’s signature or message authentication code on the request.
40 The request was previously relayed by the same server.
50 The request contained an unrecognized validation policy reference.
51 The request contained an unrecognized validation algorithm OID.
52 The server does not support returning the full request in the response.
53 The server does not support returning the full validation policy by value in the response.
54 The server does not support inhibiting policy mapping.
55 The server does not support requiring explicit policy.
56 The server does not support ignoring the anyPolicy certificate policy OID.
57 The server only validates requests using current time.
63 The query item in the request contains a critical extension whose OID is not recognized.
64 The request contains a critical request extension whose OID is not recognized.

Status codes 0-9 are reserved for codes that indicate the request was processed by the server and therefore MUST be sent in a success response. Status codes 10 and above indicate an error and MUST therefore be sent in an error response.

4.5 respValidationPolicy

The respValidationPolicy item contains either a reference to the full validation policy or the full policy by value used by the server to validate the request. It MUST be present in success responses and MUST NOT be present in error responses. The choice between returning the policy by reference or by value is controlled by the responseValidationPolByRef item in the request. The resultant validation policy is the union of the following:

1. Values from the request.
2. For values that are not explicitly included in the request, values from the validation policy specified by reference in the request.

The RespValidationPolicy syntax is:

RespValidationPolicy ::= SEQUENCE {
    validationPolicy ValidationPolicy,
    validationPolicyAttr SEQUENCE SIZE (1..MAX) OF Attribute OPTIONAL }

4.5.1 validationPolicy

The validationPolicy item is defined in section 3.2.4. When responseValidationPolByRef is set to FALSE in the request, all fields in the validationPolicy item MUST be populated. When responseValidationPolByRef is set to TRUE, OPTIONAL fields in the validationPolicy item only need to be populated for items for which the value in the request differs from the value from the referenced validation policy.

4.5.2 validationPolicyAttr

The validationPolicyAttr item MAY contain Attributes. If present, each attribute in the sequence extends the policy values for the validation policy. This specification does not define any attributes. The facility is provided to allow future specifications to extend SCVP. The syntax for Attribute is imported from [CMS].

4.6 requestRef

The requestRef item allows the SCVP client to identify the request that corresponds to this response from the server. It associates the response to a particular request using either a hash of the request or a copy of CVRequest from the request. The hash is calculated as described in [CMS] for SignedData and AuthenticatedData. That is, it covers the encapsulated content and authenticated attributes but not the unauthenticated attributes.

The requestRef item does not provide authentication, but does allow the client to determine that the request was not maliciously modified.

The requestRef item allows the client to associate a response with a request. The requestNonce provides an alternative mechanism for matching requests and responses. When the fullRequest alternative is used, the response provides a single data structure that is suitable for archive of the transaction.

The requestRef item uses the RequestReference type, which has the following syntax:

```
RequestReference ::= CHOICE {
  requestHash       [0] HashValue, -- hash of CVRequest
  fullRequest       [1] CVRequest }
```

SCVP clients MUST support requestHash, and they MAY support fullRequest. SCVP servers MUST support using requestHash, and they SHOULD support using fullRequest.
4.6.1 requestHash

The requestHash item is the hash of the CVRequest. By default, SHA-1 is used as the one-way hash function, but others can be used. The requestHash item serves two purposes. First, it allows a client to determine that the request was not maliciously modified. Second, it allows the client to associate a response with a request when using connectionless protocols. The requestNonce provides an alternative mechanism for matching requests and responses.

The requestHash item uses the HashValue type, which has the following syntax:

```
HashValue ::= SEQUENCE {
    algorithm             AlgorithmIdentifier DEFAULT { sha-1 },
    value                 OCTET STRING }
```

```
sha-1 OBJECT IDENTIFIER ::= { iso(1) identified-organization(3)
oiw(14) secsig(3) algorithm(2) 26 }
```

The algorithm identifier for SHA-1 is imported from [PKIX-ALG]. It is repeated here for convenience.

4.6.2 fullRequest

Like requestHash, the fullRequest alternative allows a client to determine that the request was not maliciously modified. It also provides a single data structure that is suitable for archive of the transaction.

The fullRequest item uses the CVRequest type. The syntax and semantics of the CVRequest type are described in section 3.

4.7 requestorRef

The optional requestorRef item is used by the client to identify the original requestor in cases where SCVP relay is used. The value is only of local significance to the client. If the SCVP client includes a requestorRef value in the request, then the SCVP server MUST return the same value if the server is generating a non-cached response.

4.8 requestorName

The optional requestorName item is used by the server to return one or more identities associated with the client in the response.

The SCVP server MAY choose to include any or all of the following:
(1) the identity asserted by the client in the requestorName field of the request,
(2) an authenticated identity for the client from a certificate or other credential used to authenticate the request, or
(3) a client identifier from an out-of-band mechanism. Alternatively, the SCVP server MAY omit this item.

In the case of non-cached responses to authenticated requests, the SCVP server SHOULD return a requestor name.

SCVP servers that support authenticated requests SHOULD support this item.

SCVP clients MUST be able to process responses that include this field, although the item value might not impact the processing in any manner.

4.9 replyObjects

The replyObjects item returns requested objects to the SCVP client, each of which tells the client about a single certificate from the request. The replyObjects item MUST be present in the response, unless the response is reporting an error. The CertReply item MUST contain cert, replyStatus, replyValTime, replyChecks, and replyWantBacks items; and the CertReply item MAY contain the validationErrors, nextUpdate, and certReplyExtensions items.

A success response MUST contain one CertReply for each certificate specified in the queriedCerts item in the request. The order is important. The first CertReply in the sequence MUST correspond to the first certificate in the request; the second CertReply in the sequence MUST correspond to the second certificate in the request; and so on.

The checks item in the request determines the content of the replyChecks item in the response. The wantBack item in the request determines the content of the replyWantBacks item in the response. The queryExtensions items in the request controls the absence or the presence and content of the certReplyExtensions item in the response.

The replyObjects item uses the ReplyObjects type, which has the following syntax:

```
ReplyObjects ::= SEQUENCE SIZE (1..MAX) OF CertReply
```

```
CertReply ::= SEQUENCE {
  cert                     CertReference,
  replyStatus             ReplyStatus DEFAULT success,
  replyValTime            GeneralizedTime,
}
```
replyChecks       ReplyChecks,
replyWantBacks    ReplyWantBacks,
validationErrors  [0] SEQUENCE SIZE (1..MAX) OF
                   OBJECT IDENTIFIER OPTIONAL,
nextUpdate        [1] GeneralizedTime OPTIONAL,
certReplyExtensions [2] Extensions OPTIONAL }

4.9.1  cert

The cert item contains either the certificate or a reference to the
certificate about which the client is requesting information. If
the certificate was specified by reference in the request, the
request included either the id-swb-pkc-cert or id-swb-aa-cert
wantBack, and the server was able to obtain the referenced
certificate then this item MUST include the certificate. Otherwise,
this item MUST include the same value as was used in the
queriedCerts item in the request.

CertReference has the following syntax:

    CertReference ::= CHOICE {
      pkc                 PKCReference,
      ac                  ACReference }

4.9.2  replyStatus

The replyStatus item gives status information to the client about
the request for the specific certificate. Note that the
responseStatus item is different than the replyStatus item. The
responseStatus item is the status of the whole request, while the
replyStatus item is the status for the individual query item.

The replyStatus item uses the ReplyStatus type, which has the
following syntax:

    ReplyStatus ::= ENUMERATED {
      success             (0),
      malformedPKC        (1),
      malformedAC         (2),
      unavailableValidityTime (3),
      referenceCertHashFail (4),
      certPathConstructFail (5),
      certPathNotValid     (6),
      certPathNotValidNow  (7),
      wantBackUnsatisfied  (8) }

The meaning of the various ReplyStatus values are:

    0  Success: all checks were performed successfully.
1 Failure: the public key certificate was malformed.
2 Failure: the attribute certificate was malformed.
3 Failure: historical data for the requested validity time is not available.
4 Failure: the server could not locate the reference certificate or the referenced certificate did not match the hash value provided.
5 Failure: no certification path could be constructed.
6 Failure: the constructed certification path is not valid with respect to the validation policy.
7 Failure: the constructed certification path is not valid with respect to the validation policy, but a query at a later time may be successful.
8 Failure: all checks were performed successfully, however one or more of the wantBacks could not be satisfied.

Codes 1 and 2 are used to tell the client that the request was properly formed, but the certificate in question was not. This is especially useful to clients that do not parse certificates.

Code 7 is used to tell the client that a valid certification path was found with the exception that a certificate in the path is on hold, current revocation information is unavailable, or the validation time precedes the notBefore time in one or more certificates in the path.

For codes 1, 2, 3, and 4, the replyChecks and replyWantBacks items are not populated (i.e., they MUST be an empty sequence). For codes 5, 6, 7, and 8 replyChecks MUST include an entry corresponding to each check in the request; the replyWantBacks item is not populated.

4.9.3 replyValTime

The replyValTime item tells the time at which the information in the CertReply was correct. The replyValTime item represents the date and time in UTC, using GeneralizedTime type. The encoding rules for GeneralizedTime in section 3.2.7 MUST be used.

Within the request, the optional validityTime item tells the date and time relative to which the SCVP client wants the server to perform the checks. If the validityTime is not present, the server MUST respond as if the client provided the date and time at which the server processes the request.

The information in the CertReply item MUST be formatted as if the server created this portion of the response at the time indicated in the validityTime item of the query. However, if the server does not have appropriate historical information, the server MAY either return an error or return information for a later time.
4.9.4 replyChecks

The replyChecks item contains the responses to the checks item in the query. The replyChecks item includes the object identifier (OID) from the query and an integer. The value of the integer indicates whether the requested check was successful. The OIDs in the checks item of the query are used to identify the corresponding replyChecks values. Each OID specified in the checks item in the request MUST be matched by an OID in the replyChecks item of the response. In the case of an error response, the server MAY include additional checks in the response to further explain the error. Clients MUST ignore any unrecognized ReplyCheck included in the response.

The replyChecks item uses the ReplyChecks type, which has the following syntax:

\[
\text{ReplyChecks} ::= \text{SEQUENCE OF ReplyCheck}
\]

\[
\text{ReplyCheck} ::= \text{SEQUENCE} \{
\begin{array}{ll}
\text{check} & \text{OBJECT IDENTIFIER}, \\
\text{status} & \text{INTEGER DEFAULT 0}
\end{array}
\}
\]

The status value for public key certification path building to a trusted root, \{ id-stc 1 \}, can be one of the following:

- 0: Built a path
- 1: Could not build a path

The status value for public key certification path building to a trusted root along with simple validation processing, \{ id-stc 2 \}, can be one of the following:

- 0: Valid
- 1: Not valid

The status value for public key certification path building to a trusted root along with complete status checking, \{ id-stc 3 \}, can be one of the following:

- 0: Valid
- 1: Not valid
- 2: Revocation Offline
- 3: Revocation Unavailable
- 4: No known source for revocation information

Revocation offline means that the server or distribution point for the revocation information was connected to successfully without a...
network error but either no data was returned or if data was returned it was stale. Revocation unavailable means that a network error was returned when an attempt was made to reach the server or distribution point. No known source for revocation information means that the server was able to build a valid certification path but was unable to locate a source for revocation information for one or more certificates in the path.

The status value for AC issuer certification path building to a trusted root, { id-stc 4 }, can be one of the following:

0: Built a path
1: Could not build a path

The status value for AC issuer certification path building to a trusted root along with simple validation processing, { id-stc 5 }, can be one of the following:

0: Valid
1: Not valid

The status value for AC issuer certification path building to a trusted root along with complete status checking, { id-stc 6 }, can be one of the following:

0: Valid
1: Not Valid
2: Revocation Offline
3: Revocation Unavailable
4: No known source for revocation information

The status value for revocation status checking of an AC as well as AC issuer certification path building to a trusted root along with complete status checking, { id-stc 7 }, can be one of the following:

0: Valid
1: Not Valid
2: Revocation Offline
3: Revocation Unavailable
4: No known source for revocation information

4.9.5 replyWantBacks

The replyWantBacks item contains the responses to the wantBack item in the request. The replyWantBacks item includes the object identifier (OID) from the wantBack item in the request and an octet string. Within the octet string is the requested value. The OIDs in the wantBack item in the request are used to identify the
corresponding reply value. The OIDs in the replyWantBacks item MUST match the OIDs in the wantBack item in the request.

The replyWantBacks item uses the ReplyWantBacks type, which has the following syntax:

\[
\text{ReplyWantBacks ::= SEQUENCE OF ReplyWantBack}
\]

\[
\text{ReplyWantBack ::= SEQUENCE } \begin{align*}
\text{wb} & \text{ OBJECT IDENTIFIER,} \\
\text{value} & \text{ OCTET STRING } \end{align*}
\]

The octet string value for the certification path used to verify the certificate in the request, \{ id-sw 1 \}, contains the CertBundle type. The syntax and semantics of the CertBundle type are described in section 3.2.8. This CertBundle includes all the certificates in the path, starting with the end certificate and ending with the certificate issued by the trust anchor.

The octet string value for the proof of revocation status, \{ id-sw 2 \}, contains the RevInfoWantBack type. The RevInfoWantBack type is a SEQUENCE of the RevocationInfos type and an optional CertBundle. The syntax and semantics of the RevocationInfos type are described in section 3.2.9. The CertBundle MUST be included if any certificates required to validate the revocation information were not returned in the id-sw-pkc-best-cert-path or id-sw-pkc-all-cert-paths want back. The CertBundle MUST include all such certificates but there are no ordering requirements.

\[
\text{RevInfoWantBacks ::= SEQUENCE } \begin{align*}
\text{revocationInfo} & \text{ RevocationInfos,} \\
\text{extraCerts} & \text{ CertBundle OPTIONAL } \end{align*}
\]

The octet string value for the public key certificate status, \{ id-sw 3 \}, contains an ASN.1 BOOLEAN type. The value will be TRUE if the certificate is valid, and the value will be FALSE if the certificate is not valid.

The octet string value for the public key information, \{ id-sw 4 \}, contains the SubjectPublicKeyInfo type. The syntax and semantics of the SubjectPublicKeyInfo type are described in [PKIX-1].

The octet string value for the AC issuer certification path used to verify the certificate in the request, \{ id-sw 5 \}, contains the CertBundle type. The syntax and semantics of the CertBundle type are described in section 3.2.8. This CertBundle includes all the certificates in the path, beginning with the AC issuer certificate and ending with the certificate issued by the trust anchor.
The octet string value for the proof of revocation status of the AC issuer certification path, { id-swb 6 }, contains the RevInfoWantBack type. The RevInfoWantBack type is a SEQUENCE of the RevocationInfos type and an optional CertBundle. The syntax and semantics of the RevocationInfos type are described in section 3.2.9. The CertBundle MUST be included if any certificates required to validate the revocation information were not returned in the id-aa-cert-path want back. The CertBundle MUST include all such certificates but there are no ordering requirements.

The octet string value for the proof of revocation status of the attribute certificate, { id-swb 7 }, contains the RevInfoWantBack type. The RevInfoWantBack type is a SEQUENCE of the RevocationInfos type and an optional CertBundle. The syntax and semantics of the RevocationInfos type are described in section 3.2.9. The CertBundle MUST be included if any certificates required to validate the revocation information were not returned in the id-swb-aa-cert-path want back. The CertBundle MUST include all such certificates but there are no ordering requirements.

The octet string value for the attribute certificate status, { id-swb 8 }, contains an ASN.1 BOOLEAN type. The value will be TRUE if the certificate is valid, and the value will be FALSE if the certificate is not valid.

The octet string value for returning all paths, { id-swb 12 }, contains an ASN.1 type CertBundles, as defined below. The syntax and semantics of the CertBundle type are described in section 3.2.8. Each CertBundle includes all the certificates in one path, starting the end certificate and ending with the certificate issued by the trust anchor.

\[
\text{CertBundles ::= SEQUENCE SIZE (1..MAX) OF CertBundle}
\]

4.9.6 validationErrors

The validationErrors item MUST only be present in failure responses. If present, it MUST contain one or more OIDs representing the reason the validation failed (validation errors for the basic validation algorithm and name validation algorithm are defined in sections 3.2.4.2.2 and 3.2.4.2.4). The validationErrors item SHOULD only be included when the replyStatus is 3, 5, 6, 7, or 8. SCVP servers are not required to specify all of the reasons that validation failed. SCVP clients MUST NOT assume that the OIDs included in validationErrors represent all of the validation errors for the certification path.

4.9.7 nextUpdate
The nextUpdate item tells the time at which the server expects a refresh of information regarding the validity of the certificate to become available. The nextUpdate item is especially interesting if the certificate revocation status information is not available or the certificate is suspended. The nextUpdate item represents the date and time in UTC, using the GeneralizedTime type. The encoding rules for GeneralizedTime in section 3.2.7 MUST be used.

4.9.8 certReplyExtensions

The certReplyExtensions contains the responses to the queryExtensions item in the request. The certReplyExtensions item uses the Extensions type defined in [PKIX-1]. The object identifiers (OIDs) in the queryExtensions item in the request are used to identify the corresponding reply values. The certReplyExtensions item, when present, contains a sequence of Extension items, each of which contains an extnID item, a critical item, and an extnValue item.

The extnID item is an identifier for the extension. It contains the OID that names the extension, and it MUST match one of the OIDs in the queryExtensions item in the request.

The critical item is a BOOLEAN, and it MUST be set to FALSE.

The extnValue item contains an OCTET STRING. Within the OCTET STRING is the extension value. An ASN.1 type is specified for each extension, identified by the associated extnID object identifier.

4.10 respNonce

The respNonce item contains an identifier to bind the request to the response.

If the client includes a requestNonce value in the request and the server is generating a specific non-cached response to the request then the server MUST return the same value in the response.

If the server is using a cached response to the request then it MUST omit the respNonce field.

If the server is returning a specific non-cached response to a request without a nonce, then the server MAY include a message specific nonce. For digitally signed messages, the server MAY use the value of the message-digest attribute in the signedAttrs within SignerInfo of the request as the value in the respNonce field.

The requestNonce item uses the octet string type.
Client SHOULD support respNonce and servers MUST support respNonce.

### 4.11 serverContextInfo

The serverContextInfo item in a response is a mechanism for the server to pass some opaque context information to the client. If the client does not like the certification path returned, it can make a new query and pass along this context information.

Section 3.2.6 contains information about the client’s usage of this item.

The context information is opaque to the client, but it provides information to the server that ensures that a different certification path will be returned (if another one can be found). The context information could indicate state on the server or it could contain a sequence of hashes of certification paths that have already been returned to the client. The protocol does not dictate any structure or requirements for this item. However, implementers should review the Security Considerations section of this document before selecting a structure.

Servers that are incapable of returning additional paths MUST NOT include the serverContextInfo item in the response.

### 4.12 cvResponseExtensions

If present, the cvResponseExtensions item contains a sequence of Extensions that extend the response. This specification does not define any extensions. The facility is provided to allow future specifications to extend SCVP. The syntax for Extensions is imported from [PKIX-1]. The cvResponseExtensions item, when present, contains a sequence of Extension items, each of which contains an extnID item, a critical item, and an extnValue item.

The extnID item is an identifier for the extension. It contains the object identifier (OID) that names the extension.

The critical item is a BOOLEAN. Each extension is designated as either critical (with a value of TRUE) or non-critical (with a value of FALSE). An SCVP client MUST reject the response if it encounters a critical extension it does not recognize; however, a non-critical extension MAY be ignored if it is not recognized.

The extnValue item contains an OCTET STRING. Within the OCTET STRING is the extension value. An ASN.1 type is specified for each extension, identified by the associated extnID object identifier.
4.13 SCVP Response Validation

There are two mechanisms for validation of SCVP responses, one based on the client’s knowledge of a specific SCVP server key and the other based on validation of the certificate corresponding to the private key used to protect the SCVP response.

4.13.1 Simple Key Validation

The simple key validation method is where the SCVP client has a local policy of one or more SCVP server keys that directly identify the set of valid SCVP servers. Mechanisms for storage of server keys or identifiers are a local matter. For example, a client could store cryptographic hashes of public keys used to verify SignedData responses. Alternatively, a client could store shared symmetric keys used to verify MACs in AuthenticatedData responses.

Simple key validation MUST be used by SCVP clients that cannot validate PKIX-1 certificates and are therefore making delegated path validation requests to the SCVP server [RQTMS]. It is a matter of local policy with these clients whether to use SignedData or AuthenticatedData. Simple key validation MAY be used by other SCVP clients for other reasons.

4.13.2 SCVP Server Certificate Validation

It is a matter of local policy what validation policy the client uses when validating responses. When validating protected SCVP responses, SCVP clients SHOULD use the validation algorithm defined in section 6 of [PKIX-1]. SCVP clients may impose additional limitations on the algorithm, such as limiting the number of certificates in the path or establishing initial name constraints, as specified in section 6.2 of [PKIX-1].

If the certificate used to sign the validation policy responses and SignedData validation responses contains the key usage extension [PKIX-1 section 4.2.1.3] it MUST have either the digital signature bit set, the non-repudiation bit set, or both bits set.

If the certificate for AuthenticatedData validation responses contains the key usage extension it MUST have the key agreement bit set.

If the certificate used on a validation policy response or a validation response contains the extended key usage extension [PKIX-1 section 4.2.1.13] it MUST contain the following OID:

\[
\text{id-kp-scvpServer} \quad \text{OBJECT IDENTIFIER} ::= \{ \text{id-kp} 15 \}
\]
5 Server Policy Request

An SCVP client uses the ValPolRequest item to request information about an SCVP server's policies and configuration information, including the list of validation policies supported by the SCVP server. When a ValPolRequest is encapsulated in a MIME body part, it MUST be carried in an application/vp-request MIME body part.

The request consists of a ValPolRequest encapsulated in a ContentInfo. The client does not sign the request.

ContentInfo {
  contentType    id-ct-scvp-valPolRequest,
                 -- (1.2.840.113549.1.9.16.1.12)
  content        ValPolRequest }

The ValPolRequest type has the following syntax:

ValPolRequest ::= SEQUENCE {
  vpRequestVersion           INTEGER DEFAULT 1,
  requestNonce               OCTET STRING }

5.1 vpRequestVersion

The syntax and semantics of vpRequestVersion are the same as cvRequestVersion as described in section 3.1.

5.2 requestNonce

The requestNonce item contains a request identifier generated by the SCVP client. If the server returns a specific response it MUST include the requestNonce from the request in the response, but the server MAY return a cached response which MUST NOT include a requestNonce.

6 Validation Policy Response

In response to a ValPolRequest, the SCVP server provides a ValPolResponse. The ValPolResponse MAY not be unique to any ValPolRequest, so may be reused by the server in response to multiple ValPolRequests. The ValPolResponse also has an indication of how frequently the ValPolResponse may be reissued. The server MUST sign the response using its digital signature certificate. When a ValPolResponse is encapsulated in a MIME body part, it MUST be carried in an application/vp-response MIME body part.

The response consists of a ValPolResponse encapsulated in a SignedData, which is in turn encapsulated in a ContentInfo. An overview of the structure used for the response is provided below.
Many details are not shown, but the way that SCVP makes use of CMS is clearly illustrated.

ContentInfo {
  contentType  id-signedData, -- (1.2.840.113549.1.7.2)
  content      SignedData }

SignedData {
  version      CMSVersion,
  digestAlgorithms DigestAlgorithmIdentifiers,
  encapContentInfo EncapsulatedContentInfo,
  certificates  [0] IMPLICIT CertificateSet OPTIONAL,
                 -- MUST include server cert
  crls         [1] IMPLICIT CertificateRevocationLists OPTIONAL,
  signerInfos  SET OF SignerInfos } -- Only one in SCVP

SignerInfo {
  version      CMSVersion,
  sid          SignerIdentifier,
  digestAlgorithm DigestAlgorithmIdentifier,
  signedAttrs  SignedAttributes, -- Required by CMS
  signatureAlgorithm SignatureAlgorithmIdentifier,
  signature     SignatureValue,
  unsignedAttrs UnsignedAttributes } -- Not used in SCVP

EncapsulatedContentInfo {
  eContentType  id-ct-scvp-valPolResponse,
                 -- (1.2.840.113549.1.9.16.1.13)
  eContent      OCTET STRING } -- Contains ValPolResponse

The ValPolResponse type has the following syntax:

ValPolResponse ::= SEQUENCE {
  vpResponseVersion INTEGER,
  maxCVRResponseVersion INTEGER,
  maxVPResponseVersion INTEGER,
  defaultPolicyID INTEGER,
  thisUpdate GeneralizedTime,
  nextUpdate GeneralizedTime OPTIONAL,
  validationPolices SEQUENCE OF ValidationPolRef,
  validationAlgs SEQUENCE OF OBJECT IDENTIFIER,
  authPolicies SEQUENCE OF AuthPolicy,
  responseTypes ResponseTypes,
  defaultPolicyValues RespValidationPolicy,
  revocationInfoTypes RevocationInfoTypes,
  serverPublicKeys SEQUENCE OF KeyAgreePublicKey
                  OPTIONAL,
  clockSkew INTEGER DEFAULT 10,
requestNonce OCTET STRING OPTIONAL }

ResponseTypes ::= ENumerated {
    cached-only (0),
    non-cached-only (1),
    cached-and-non-cached (2) }

RevocationInfoTypes ::= BIT STRING {
    fullCRLs (0),
    deltaCRLs (1),
    indirectCRLs (2),
    oCSPResponses (3) }

SCVP clients that support validation policy requests MUST support validation policy responses. SCVP servers MUST support validation policy responses.

SCVP servers MUST support cached policy responses and MAY support specific responses to policy requests.

6.1 vpResponseVersion

The syntax and semantics of the vpResponseVersion item are the same as cvRequestVersion as described in section 3.1. The vpResponseVersion used MUST be the same as the vpRequestVersion unless the client has used a value greater than the values the server supports. If the client submits a vpRequestVersion greater than the version supported by the server, the server MUST return a vpResponseVersion using the highest version number the server supports as the version number.

6.2 maxCVRequestVersion

The maxCVRequestVersion defines the maximum version number for CV requests that the server supports.

6.3 maxVPRequestVersion

The maxVPRequestVersion defines the maximum version number for VP requests that the server supports.

6.4 defaultPolicyID

An integer that uniquely represents the version of the default validation policy as represented by the validationPolicy, validationAlg, authPolicies, and clockSkew. If any of these values change, the server MUST create a new ValPolResponse with a new defaultPolicyID. If the policy and therefore the defaultPolicyID has not changed, then the server may reuse defaultPolicyID across
multiple ValPolResponse messages. However if the server, having changed the policy, then reverts to an earlier policy, the server MUST NOT revert the policy ID as well, but MUST select another unique value.

6.5 thisUpdate

This field indicates the signing date and time of this policy response.

GeneralizedTime values MUST be expressed Greenwich Mean Time (Zulu) and interpreted as defined in section 3.2.7.

6.6 nextUpdate and requestNonce

These fields are used to indicate whether policy responses are specific to policy requests. Where policy responses are cached, these fields indicate when the information will be updated. The optional nextUpdate field indicates the time by which the next policy response will be published. The optional requestNonce field links the response to a specific request by returning the nonce provided in the request.

If the nextUpdate field is omitted it indicates a non-cached response generated in response to a specific request (i.e. the ValPolResponse is bound to a specific request). If this field is omitted the requestNonce field MUST be present and MUST include the requestNonce value from the request.

If the nextUpdate field is present it indicates a cached response that is not bound to a specific request. An SCVP server MUST periodically generate a new response as defined by the next update time, but MAY use the same ValPolResponse to respond to multiple requests. This requestNonce is omitted if the nextUpdate field is present.

It is a matter of local server policy to return a cached or non-cached specific response.

GeneralizedTime values in nextUpdate MUST be expressed Greenwich Mean Time (Zulu) as specified in section 3.2.7.

6.7 validationPolicies

The validationPolicies item contains a sequence of ValidationPolRef representing the validation policies supported by the server. It is a matter of local policy if the server wishes to process requests using the default validation policy, and if it does not, then it MUST NOT include the id-svp-defaultValPolicy in this list.
6.8 validationAlgs

The validationAlgs item contains a sequence of OIDs. Each OID identifies a validation algorithm supported by the server.

6.9 authPolicies

The authPolicies item contains a sequence of policy references for authenticating to the SCVP server.

The reference to the authentication policy can be either an OID where the client and server have agreed the OID to represent an authentication policy or a URI where the URI points to a human readable definition of the policy. The list of policies is intended to document to the client if authentication is required for some requests and if so how.

AuthPolicy ::= CHOICE {
  authPolRefByOID     OBJECT IDENTIFIER,
  authPolRefByURI     IA5String }

6.10 responseTypes

responseTypes allows the server to publish the range of response types it supports. Cached only means the server will only return cached responses to requests. Non-cached only means the server will return a specific response to the request i.e. containing the requestor’s nonce. Both means the server will return either, depending on the request.

6.11 revocationInfoTypes

revocationInfoTypes allows the server to indicate the sources of revocation information that it is capable of processing. For each bit in the RevocationInfoTypes bit string, the server MUST set the bit to one if it is capable of processing the corresponding revocation information type and to zero if it can not.

6.12 defaultPolicyValues

This is the default validation policy used by the server. It contains a RespValidationPolicy, which is defined in section 4.5. All OPTIONAL fields in the validationPolicy field MUST be populated. A server will use these default values when the request references the default validation policy and the client does not override the default values by supplying other values in the request.
This allows the client to optimize the request by omitting parameters that match the server default values.

6.13 serverPublicKeys

The serverPublicKeys item is a sequence of one or more key agreement public keys and associated parameters. It is used by clients making AuthenticatedData requests to the server. Each item in the serverPublicKeys sequence is of the KeyAgreePublicKey type:

```
KeyAgreePublicKey ::= SEQUENCE {
  algorithm            AlgorithmIdentifier,
  publicKey            BIT STRING }
```

The KeyAgreePublicKey includes the algorithm identifier and the server’s public key. SCVP servers that support the key agreement mode of AuthenticatedData for SCVP requests MUST support serverPublicKeys and the Diffie-Hellman key agreement algorithm as specified in [PKIX-ALG]. SCVP servers that support serverPublicKeys MUST support the 1024-bit MODP group key (group 2) as defined in [IKE]. SCVP servers that support serverPublicKeys MAY support other Diffie-Hellman groups [IKE-GROUPS], as well as other key agreement algorithms.

6.14 clockSkew

The clockSkew item is the number of minutes the server will allow for clock skew. The default value of 10 minutes.

7 SCVP Server Relay

In some network environments, especially ones that include firewalls, an SCVP server might not be able to obtain all of the information that it needs to process a request. However, the server might be configured to use the services of one or more other SCVP servers to fulfill all requests. In such cases, the SCVP client is unaware that the initial SCVP server is using the services of other SCVP servers. The initial SCVP server acts as a client to another SCVP server. Unlike the original client, the SCVP server is expected to have moderate computing and memory resources. This section describes SCVP server-to-SCVP server exchanges. This section does not impose any requirements on SCVP clients that are not also SCVP servers. Further, this section does not impose any requirements on SCVP servers that do not relay requests to other SCVP servers.

When one SCVP server relays a request to another server, in an incorrectly configured system of servers, it is possible that the same request will be relayed back again. Any SCVP server that
relays requests MUST implement the conventions described in this section to detect and break loops.

When an SCVP server relays a request, the request MUST include the requestorRef item. If the request to be relayed already contains a requestorRef item, then the server-generated request MUST contain a requestorRef item constructed from this value followed by a GeneralName that contains an identifier of the SCVP server. If the request to be relayed does not contain a requestorRef item, then the server-generated request MUST contain a requestorRef item that includes a GeneralName that contains an identifier of the SCVP server.

To prevent false loop detection, servers should use identifiers that are unique within their network of cooperating SCVP servers. SCVP servers that support relay SHOULD populate this item with the DNS name of the server or the distinguished name in the server’s certificate. SCVP servers MAY choose other procedures for generating identifiers that are unique within their community.

When an SCVP server receives a request that contains a requestorRef item, the server MUST check the sequence of names in the requestorRef item for its own identifier. If the server discovers its own identifier in the requestor item, it MUST respond with an error, setting the cvResponseStatus to 40.

When an SCVP server generates a non-cached response to a relayed request, the server MUST include the requestorRef item from the request in the response.

8 SCVP ASN.1 Module

This section defines the syntax for SCVP request-response pairs. The semantics for the messages are defined in sections 3, 4, 5, and 6. The SCVP ASN.1 module follows.

SCVP

{ iso(1) identified-organization(3) dod(6) internet(1) security(5) mechanisms(5) pkix(7) id-mod(0) 21 }

DEFINITIONS IMPLICIT TAGS ::= BEGIN

IMPORTS

AlgorithmIdentifier, Attribute, Certificate, Extensions,
-- Import UTF8String if required by compiler
-- UTF8String, -- CertificateList
FROM PKIX1Explicit88 -- RFC 3280
GeneralNames, GeneralName, KeyUsage, KeyPurposeId
FROM PKIX1Implicit88 -- RFC 3280
{ iso(1) identified-organization(3) dod(6) internet(1)
  security(5) mechanisms(5) pkix(7) id-mod(0) 18 }

AttributeCertificate
FROM PKIXAttributeCertificate -- RFC 3281
{ iso(1) identified-organization(3) dod(6) internet(1)
  security(5) mechanisms(5) pkix(7) id-mod(0) 19 }

ESSCertID
FROM ExtendedSecurityServices -- RFC 2634
{ iso(1) member-body(2) us(840) rsadsi(113549) pkcs(1)
  pkcs-9(9) smime(16) modules(0) 2 }

OCSPResponse
FROM OCSP -- RFC 2560
{ iso(1) identified-organization(3) dod(6) internet(1)
  security(5) mechanisms(5) pkix(7) id-mod(0) 14 } ;

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id-ct OBJECT IDENTIFIER ::= { iso(1) member-body(2)
  us(840) rsadsi(113549) pkcs(1) pkcs-9(9)
  id-smime(16) 1 }

id-ct-scvp-certValRequest OBJECT IDENTIFIER ::= { id-ct 10 }

CVRequest ::= SEQUENCE {
  cvRequestVersion           INTEGER DEFAULT 1,
  query                      Query,
  requestorRef           [0] GeneralNames OPTIONAL,
  requestNonce           [1] OCTET STRING OPTIONAL,
  requestorName          [2] GeneralName OPTIONAL,
  requestExtensions       [3] Extensions OPTIONAL }

Query ::= SEQUENCE {
  queriedCerts             CertReferences,
  checks                   CertChecks,
  wantBack                 WantBack,
  validationPolicy         ValidationPolicy,
  responseFlags            ResponseFlags OPTIONAL,
  serverContextInfo    [2] OCTET STRING OPTIONAL,
  intermediateCerts    [4] CertBundle OPTIONAL,
  
revInfos [5] RevocationInfos OPTIONAL,
producedAt [6] GeneralizedTime OPTIONAL,
queryExtensions [7] Extensions OPTIONAL }

CertReferences ::= CHOICE {
  pkcRefs [0] SEQUENCE SIZE (1..MAX) OF PKCReference,
  acRefs [1] SEQUENCE SIZE (1..MAX) OF ACReference }

CertReference ::= CHOICE {
  pkc PKCReference,
  ac ACReference }

PKCReference ::= CHOICE {
  cert [0] Certificate,
  pkcRef [1] ESSCertID }

ACReference ::= CHOICE {
  attrCert [2] AttributeCertificate,
  acRef [3] ESSCertID }

ValidationPolicy ::= SEQUENCE {
  validationPolRef ValidationPolRef,
  validationAlg [0] ValidationAlg OPTIONAL,
  userPolicySet [1] SEQUENCE SIZE (1..MAX) OF OBJECT IDENTIFIER OPTIONAL,
  inhibitPolicyMapping [2] BOOLEAN OPTIONAL,
  requireExplicitPolicy [3] BOOLEAN OPTIONAL,
  inhibitAnyPolicy [4] BOOLEAN OPTIONAL,
  trustAnchors [5] TrustAnchors OPTIONAL,
  keyUsages [6] SEQUENCE of KeyUsage OPTIONAL,
  extendedKeyUsages [7] SEQUENCE OF KeyPurposeId OPTIONAL }

CertChecks ::= SEQUENCE SIZE (1..MAX) OF OBJECT IDENTIFIER

WantBack ::= SEQUENCE SIZE (1..MAX) OF OBJECT IDENTIFIER

ValidationPolRef ::= CHOICE {
  valPolRefByOID OBJECT IDENTIFIER,
  valPolRefByURI IA5String }

ValidationAlg ::= SEQUENCE {
  valAlgId OBJECT IDENTIFIER,
  parameters ANY DEFINED BY valAlgId OPTIONAL }

NameValidationAlgParms ::= SEQUENCE {
  nameCompAlgId OBJECT IDENTIFIER,
  validationNames GeneralNames }

TrustAnchors ::= SEQUENCE SIZE (1..MAX) OF PKCReference

KeyAgreePublicKey ::= SEQUENCE {
    algorithm AlgorithmIdentifier,
    publicKey BIT STRING }

ResponseFlags ::= SEQUENCE {
    fullRequestInResponse [0] BOOLEAN DEFAULT FALSE,
    responseValidationPolByRef [1] BOOLEAN DEFAULT TRUE,
    protectResponse [2] BOOLEAN DEFAULT TRUE,
    cachedResponse [3] BOOLEAN DEFAULT TRUE }

CertBundle ::= SEQUENCE SIZE (1..MAX) OF Certificate

RevocationInfos ::= SEQUENCE SIZE (1..MAX) OF RevocationInfo

RevocationInfo ::= CHOICE {
    crl [0] CertificateList,
    delta-crl [1] CertificateList,
    ocsp [2] OCSPResponse,
    other [3] OtherRevInfo }

OtherRevInfo ::= SEQUENCE {
    riType OBJECT IDENTIFIER,
    riValue ANY DEFINED BY riType }

-- SCVP Certificate Validation Response

id-ct-scvp-certValResponse OBJECT IDENTIFIER ::= { id-ct 11 }

CVResponse ::= SEQUENCE {
    cvResponseVersion INTEGER,
    policyID INTEGER,
    producedAt GeneralizedTime,
    responseStatus ResponseStatus,
    respValidationPolicy [0] RespValidationPolicy OPTIONAL,
    requestRef [1] RequestReference OPTIONAL,
    requestorRef [2] GeneralNames OPTIONAL,
    requestorName [3] GeneralNames OPTIONAL,
    replyObjects [4] ReplyObjects OPTIONAL,
    respNonce [5] OCTET STRING OPTIONAL,
    serverContextInfo [6] OCTET STRING OPTIONAL,
    cvResponseExtensions [7] Extensions OPTIONAL }
ResponseStatus ::= SEQUENCE {
    statusCode               CVStatusCode DEFAULT okay,
    errorMessage             UTF8String OPTIONAL }

CVStatusCode ::= ENUMERATED {
    okay                               (0),
    skipUnrecognizedItems              (1),
    tooBusy                           (10),
    invalidRequest                    (11),
    internalError                     (12),
    badStructure                      (20),
    unsupportedVersion                (21),
    abortUnrecognizedItems            (22),
    unrecognizedSigKey                (23),
    badSignatureOrMAC                 (24),
    unableToDecode                    (25),
    notAuthorized                     (26),
    unsupportedChecks                 (27),
    unsupportedWantBacks              (28),
    unsupportedSignatureOrMAC         (29),
    invalidSignatureOrMAC             (30),
    relayingLoop                      (40),
    unrecognizedValPol                (50),
    unrecognizedValAlg                (51),
    fullRequestInResponseUnsupported  (52),
    fullPolResponseUnsupported        (53),
    inhibitPolicyMappingUnsupported   (54),
    requireExplicitPolicyUnsupported  (55),
    inhibitAnyPolicyUnsupported       (56),
    validityTimeUnsupported           (57),
    unrecognizedCritQueryExt          (63),
    unrecognizedCriticalRequestExt    (64) }

RespValidationPolicy ::= SEQUENCE {
    validationPolicy       ValidationPolicy,
    validationPolicyAttr   SEQUENCE SIZE (1..MAX) OF Attribute
    OPTIONAL }

RequestReference ::= CHOICE {
    requestHash        [0] HashValue, -- hash of CVRequest
    fullRequest        [1] CVRequest }
ReplyObjects ::= SEQUENCE SIZE (1..MAX) OF CertReply

CertReply ::= SEQUENCE {
  cert                  CertReference,
  replyStatus           ReplyStatus DEFAULT success,
  replyValTime          GeneralizedTime,
  replyChecks           ReplyChecks,
  replyWantBacks        ReplyWantBacks,
  validationErrors      [0] SEQUENCE SIZE (1..MAX) OF OBJECT IDENTIFIER OPTIONAL,
  nextUpdate            [1] GeneralizedTime OPTIONAL,
  certReplyExtensions   [2] Extensions OPTIONAL }

ReplyStatus ::= ENUMERATED {
  success              (0),
  malformedPKC          (1),
  malformedAC           (2),
  unavailableValidityTime (3),
  referenceCertHashFail (4),
  certPathConstructFail (5),
  certPathNotValid      (6),
  certPathNotValidNow   (7),
  wantBackUnsatisfied   (8) }

ReplyChecks ::= SEQUENCE OF ReplyCheck

ReplyCheck ::= SEQUENCE {
  check                  OBJECT IDENTIFIER,
  status                 INTEGER DEFAULT 0 }

ReplyWantBacks ::= SEQUENCE OF ReplyWantBack

ReplyWantBack::= SEQUENCE {
  wb                     OBJECT IDENTIFIER,
  value                  OCTET STRING }

CertBundles ::= SEQUENCE SIZE (1..MAX) OF CertBundle

RevInfoWantBacks ::= SEQUENCE {
  revocationInfo         RevocationInfos,
  extraCerts             CertBundle OPTIONAL }

-- SCVP Validation Policies Request

id-ct-scvp-valPolRequest OBJECT IDENTIFIER ::= { id-ct 12 }

ValPolRequest ::= SEQUENCE {
  vpRequestVersion       INTEGER DEFAULT 1,
  requestNonce           OCTET STRING }
-- SCVP Validation Policies Response

id-ct-scvp-valPolResponse OBJECT IDENTIFIER ::= { id-ct 13 }

ValPolResponse ::= SEQUENCE {
  vpResponseVersion INTEGER,
  maxCVResponseVersion INTEGER,
  maxVPResponseVersion INTEGER,
  defaultPolicyID INTEGER,
  thisUpdate GeneralizedTime,
  nextUpdate GeneralizedTime OPTIONAL,
  validationPolices SEQUENCE OF ValidationPolRef,
  validationAlgs SEQUENCE OF OBJECT IDENTIFIER,
  authPolicies SEQUENCE OF AuthPolicy,
  responseTypes ResponseTypes,
  defaultPolicyValues RespValidationPolicy,
  revocationInfoTypes RevocationInfoTypes,
  serverPublicKeys SEQUENCE OF KeyAgreePublicKey OPTIONAL,
  clockSkew INTEGER DEFAULT 10,
  requestNonce OCTET STRING OPTIONAL }

ResponseTypes ::= ENUMERATED {
  cached-only (0),
  non-cached-only (1),
  cached-and-non-cached (2) }

RevocationInfoTypes ::= BIT STRING {
  fullCRLs (0),
  deltaCRLs (1),
  indirectCRLs (2),
  oCSPResponses (3) }

AuthPolicy ::= CHOICE {
  authPolRefByOID OBJECT IDENTIFIER,
  authPolRefByURI IA5String }

-- SCVP Check Identifiers

id-stc OBJECT IDENTIFIER ::= { iso(1) identified-organization(3)
dod(6) internet(1) security(5) mechanisms(5) pkix(7) 17 }
id-stc-build-status-checked-aa-path
  OBJECT IDENTIFIER ::= { id-stc 6 }
id-stc-status-check-ac-and-build-status-checked-aa-path
  OBJECT IDENTIFIER ::= { id-stc 7 }

-- SCVP WantBack Identifiers

id-swb OBJECT IDENTIFIER ::= { iso(1) identified-organization(3)
  dod(6) internet(1) security(5) mechanisms(5) pkix(7) 18 }
id-swb-pkc-best-cert-path OBJECT IDENTIFIER ::= { id-swb 1 }
id-swb-pkc-revocation-info OBJECT IDENTIFIER ::= { id-swb 2 }
id-swb-pkc-cert-status OBJECT IDENTIFIER ::= { id-swb 3 }
id-swb-aa-cert-path OBJECT IDENTIFIER ::= { id-swb 4 }
id-swb-aa-revocation-info OBJECT IDENTIFIER ::= { id-swb 5 }
id-swb-ac-revocation-info OBJECT IDENTIFIER ::= { id-swb 6 }
id-swb-ac-cert-status OBJECT IDENTIFIER ::= { id-swb 7 }
id-swb-pkc-cert OBJECT IDENTIFIER ::= { id-swb 8 }
id-swb-ac-cert OBJECT IDENTIFIER ::= { id-swb 10 }
id-swb-pkc-cert OBJECT IDENTIFIER ::= { id-swb 11 }
id-swb-pkc-all-cert-paths OBJECT IDENTIFIER ::= { id-swb 12 }

-- SCVP Validation Policy and Algorithm Identifiers

id-svp OBJECT IDENTIFIER ::= { iso(1) identified-organization(3)
  dod(6) internet(1) security(5) mechanisms(5) pkix(7) 19 }
id-svp-defaultValPolicy OBJECT IDENTIFIER ::= { id-svp 1 }

-- SCVP Basic Validation Algorithm Identifier

id-svp-basicValAlg OBJECT IDENTIFIER ::= { id-svp 3 }

-- SCVP Basic Validation Algorithm Errors

id-bvae OBJECT IDENTIFIER ::= id-svp-basicValAlg
id-bvae-expired OBJECT IDENTIFIER ::= { id-bvae 1 }
id-bvae-not-yet-valid OBJECT IDENTIFIER ::= { id-bvae 2 }
id-bvae-wrong-anchor OBJECT IDENTIFIER ::= { id-bvae 3 }
id-bvae-invalid-key-usage OBJECT IDENTIFIER ::= { id-bvae 10 }
id-bvae-invalid-purpose OBJECT IDENTIFIER ::= { id-bvae 11 }
id-bvae-revoked OBJECT IDENTIFIER ::= { id-bvae 16 }

-- SCVP Name Validation Algorithm Identifier

id-svp-nameValAlg OBJECT IDENTIFIER ::= { id-svp 2 }

-- SCVP Name Validation Algorithm DN comparison algorithm
id-nva-dnCompAlg OBJECT IDENTIFIER ::= { id-svp 4 }

-- SCVP Name Validation Algorithm Errors

id-nvae OBJECT IDENTIFIER ::= id-svp-nameValAlg

id-nvae-name-mismatch OBJECT IDENTIFIER ::= { id-nvae 1 }
id-nvae-no-name OBJECT IDENTIFIER ::= { id-nvae 2 }
id-nvae-unknown-alg OBJECT IDENTIFIER ::= { id-nvae 3 }
id-nvae-bad-name OBJECT IDENTIFIER ::= { id-nvae 4 }
id-nvae-bad-name-type OBJECT IDENTIFIER ::= { id-nvae 5 }
id-nvae-mixed-names OBJECT IDENTIFIER ::= { id-nvae 6 }

-- SCVP Extended Key Usage Key Purpose Identifiers

id-kp OBJECT IDENTIFIER ::= { iso(1) identified-organization(3)
dod(6) internet(1) security(5) mechanisms(5) pkix(7) 3 }

id-kp-scvpServer OBJECT IDENTIFIER ::= { id-kp 15 }
id-kp-scvpClient OBJECT IDENTIFIER ::= { id-kp 16 }

END

9 Security Considerations

For security considerations specific to the Cryptographic Message Syntax message formats, see [CMS]. For security considerations specific to the process of PKI certificate path validation, see [PKIX-1].

A client that trusts a server’s response for validation of a certificate inherently trusts that server as much as it would trust its own validation software. This means that if an attacker compromises a trusted SCVP server, the attacker can change the validation processing for every client that relies on that server. Thus, an SCVP server must be protected at least as well as the trust anchors that the SCVP server trusts.

Clients MUST verify that the response matches their original request. Clients need to ensure that the server has performed the appropriate checks for the correct certificates under the requested validation policy for the specified validation time, and that the response includes the requested want backs and meets the client’s freshness requirements.
When the SCVP response is used to determine the validity of a certificate, the client MUST validate the digital signature or MAC on the response to ensure that the expected SCVP server generated it. If the client does not check the digital signature or MAC on the response, a man-in-the-middle attack could fool the client into believing modified responses from the server, or responses to questions the client did not ask.

If the client does not include a requestNonce item, or if the client does not check that the requestNonce in the response matches the value in the request, an attacker can replay previous responses from the SCVP server.

If the server does not require some sort of authorization (such as signed requests), an attacker can get the server to respond to arbitrary requests. Such responses may give the attacker information about weaknesses in the server or about the timeliness of the server’s checking. This information may be valuable for a future attack.

If the server uses the serverContextInfo item to indicate some server state associated with a requestor, implementers must take appropriate measures against denial of service attacks where an attacker sends in a lot of requests at one time to force the server to keep a lot of state information.

SCVP does not include any confidentiality mechanisms. If confidentiality is needed, it can be achieved with a lower-layer security protocol.

The only validation policy references that are truly persistent are OIDs. If the ownership of the policy could in any way be an issue, then OIDs should be the reference type of choice. However in many situations, even though URIs are technically non-persistent, the use of a URI is much more readily understood because of its widespread use elsewhere, and with many organizations they may be viewed as persistent for practical purposes. Therefore, in these situations use of a URI may be more attractive.

If an SCVP client is not operating on a network with good physical protection, it must ensure that there is integrity over the SCVP request-response pair. The client can ensure integrity by using a protected transport such as TLS. It can ensure integrity by using MACs or digital signatures to individually protect the request and response messages.

If an SCVP client populates the userPolicySet in a request with a value other than anyPolicy, but does not set the requireExplicitPolicy flag, the server may return an affirmative
answer for paths that do not satisfy any of the specified policies. In general, when a client populates the userPolicySet in a request with a value other than anyPolicy, the requireExplicitPolicy flag should also be set. This guarantees that all valid paths satisfy at least one of the requested policies.

In SCVP, historical validation of a certificate returns the known status of the certificate at the time specified in validationTime. This may be used to demonstrate due diligence, but does not necessarily provide the most complete information. A certificate may have been revoked after the time specified in validationTime, but the revocation notice may specify an invalidity date that precedes the validationTime. The SCVP server would provide an affirmative response even though the most current information available indicates the certificate should not be trusted at that time. SCVP clients may wish to specify a validationTime later than the actual time of interest to mitigate this risk.

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Normative and informative references are provided.

10.1 Normative References


10.2 Informative References


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Appendix A -- MIME Registrations

Four MIME type registrations are provided in this appendix.

A.1 application/cv-request

To: ietf-types@iana.org
Subject: Registration of MIME media type application/cv-request

MIME media type name: application
MIME subtype name: cv-request
Required parameters: format
Optional parameters: None
Encoding considerations: binary

Security considerations: Carries a request for information. This request may optionally be cryptographically protected.

Interoperability considerations: None

Published specification: IETF PKIX Working Group Draft on Simple Certificate Validation Protocol (SCVP)

Applications that use this media type: SCVP clients
A.2 application/cv-response

To: ietf-types@iana.org
Subject: Registration of MIME media type application/cv-response

MIME media type name: application
MIME subtype name: cv-response
Required parameters: format
Optional parameters: None
Encoding considerations: binary

Security considerations: The client may require that this response be cryptographically protected, or may choose to use secure transport mechanism. DPD responses may be unprotected, but the client validates the information provided in the request.

Interoperability considerations: None

Published specification: IETF PKIX Working Group Draft on Simple Certificate Validation Protocol (SCVP)

Applications that use this media type: SCVP servers

Additional information:

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

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To: ietf-types@iana.org
Subject: Registration of MIME media type application/vp-request

MIME media type name: application
MIME subtype name: vp-request
Required parameters: format
Optional parameters: None
Encoding considerations: binary
Security considerations: Carries a request for information.
Interoperability considerations: None
Published specification: IETF PKIX Working Group Draft on Simple Certificate Validation Protocol (SCVP)

Applications that use this media type: SCVP clients

Additional information:

- Magic number(s): None
- File extension(s): .SPQ
- Macintosh File Type Code(s): none

Person & email address to contact for further information:
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Intended usage: COMMON

A.4  application/vp-response

To: ietf-types@iana.org
Subject: Registration of MIME media type application/vp-response

MIME media type name: application
MIME subtype name: vp-response

Required parameters: format

Optional parameters: None

Encoding considerations: Binary

Security considerations: None

Interoperability considerations: None

Published specification: IETF PKIX Working Group Draft on Simple Certificate Validation Protocol (SCVP)

Applications that use this media type: SCVP servers

Additional information:
  Magic number(s): None
  File extension(s): .SPP
  Macintosh File Type Code(s): none

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Intended usage: COMMON

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Appendix B  -- SCVP over HTTP

This appendix describes the formatting conventions for the SCVP request and response when carried by HTTP.

B.1  SCVP Request

HTTP based SCVP requests can use the POST method to submit their requests. Where privacy is a requirement, SCVP transactions exchanged using HTTP MAY be protected using either TLS/SSL or some other lower layer protocol.

An SCVP request using the POST method is constructed as follows:

- The Content-Type header MUST have the value "application/cv-request".

- The Content-Length header MUST be present and have the exact length of the request.
The body of the message is the binary value of the BER encoding of the CVRequest, wrapped in a CMS body as described in Section 3. Other HTTP headers MAY be present and MAY be ignored if not understood by the requestor.

Sample Content-Type headers are:
  Content-Type: application/cv-request

B.2 SCVP Response

An HTTP-based SCVP response is composed of the appropriate HTTP headers, followed by the binary value of the BER encoding of the CVResponse, wrapped in a CMS body as described in Section 4.

The Content-Type header MUST have the value "application/cv-response".

The Content-Length header MUST be present and specify the length of the response.

Other HTTP headers MAY be present and MAY be ignored if not understood by the requestor.

B.3 SCVP Policy Request

HTTP based SCVP policy requests can use the POST method to submit their requests. Where privacy is a requirement, SCVP transactions exchanged using HTTP MAY be protected using either TLS/SSL or some other lower layer protocol.

An SCVP request using the POST method is constructed as follows:

The Content-Type header MUST have the value "application/vp-request".

The Content-Length header MUST be present and have the exact length of the request.

The body of the message is the binary value of the BER encoding of the ValPolRequest, wrapped in a CMS body as described in Section 5. Other HTTP headers MAY be present and MAY be ignored if not understood by the requestor.

Sample Content-Type headers are:
  Content-Type: application/vp-request

B.4 SCVP Policy Response
An HTTP-based SCVP policy response is composed of the appropriate HTTP headers, followed by the binary value of the BER encoding of the ValPolResponse, wrapped in a CMS body as described in Section 6.

The Content-Type header MUST have the value "application/vp-response".

The Content-Length header MUST be present and specify the length of the response.

Other HTTP headers MAY be present and MAY be ignored if not understood by the requestor.

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