



public_key

Copyright © 2008-2022 Ericsson AB, All Rights Reserved
public_key 1.12
March 29, 2022

Copyright © 2008-2022 Ericsson AB, All Rights Reserved

Licensed under the Apache License, Version 2.0 (the "License"); you may not use this file except in compliance with the License. You may obtain a copy of the License at <http://www.apache.org/licenses/LICENSE-2.0> Unless required by applicable law or agreed to in writing, software distributed under the License is distributed on an "AS IS" BASIS, WITHOUT WARRANTIES OR CONDITIONS OF ANY KIND, either express or implied. See the License for the specific language governing permissions and limitations under the License. The Initial Developer of the Original Code is Ericsson AB. Ericsson AB, All Rights Reserved.

March 29, 2022

1 public_key User's Guide

This application provides an API to public-key infrastructure from **RFC 5280** (X.509 certificates) and public-key formats defined by the **PKCS** standard.

1.1 Introduction

1.1.1 Purpose

The Public Key application deals with public-key related file formats, digital signatures, and **X-509 certificates**. It is a library application that provides encode/decode, sign/verify, encrypt/decrypt, and similar functionality. It does not read or write files, it expects or returns file contents or partial file contents as binaries.

1.1.2 Prerequisites

It is assumed that the reader is familiar with the Erlang programming language and has a basic understanding of the concepts of using public-keys and digital certificates.

1.1.3 Performance Tips

The Public Key decode- and encode-functions try to use the NIFs in the ASN.1 compilers runtime modules, if they can be found. Thus, to have the ASN1 application in the path of your system gives the best performance.

1.2 Public-Key Records

This chapter briefly describes Erlang records derived from ASN.1 specifications used to handle public key infrastructure. The scope is to describe the data types of each component, not the semantics. For information on the semantics, refer to the relevant standards and RFCs linked in the sections below.

Use the following include directive to get access to the records and constant macros described in the following sections:

```
-include_lib("public_key/include/public_key.hrl").
```

1.2.1 Data Types

Common non-standard Erlang data types used to describe the record fields in the following sections and which are not defined in the Public Key Reference Manual follows here:

```
time() =  
    utc_time() | general_time()  
utc_time() =  
    {utcTime, "YYMMDDHHMMSSZ"}  
general_time() =  
    {generalTime, "YYYYMMDDHHMMSSZ"}  
general_name() =  
    {rfc822Name, string()}
```

1.2 Public-Key Records

```
| {dNSName, string()}
| {x400Address, string()}
| {directoryName, {rdnSequence, [#AttributeTypeAndValue'{}]]}}
| {ediPartyName, special_string()}
| {ediPartyName, special_string(), special_string()}
| {uniformResourceIdentifier, string()}
| {iPAddress, string()}
| {registeredId, oid()}
| {otherName, term()}
special_string() =
    {teletexString, string()}
    | {printableString, string()}
    | {universalString, string()}
    | {utf8String, binary()}
    | {bmpString, string()}
dist_reason() =
    unused
    | keyCompromise
    | cACompromise
    | affiliationChanged
    | superseded
    | cessationOfOperation
    | certificateHold
    | privilegeWithdrawn
    | aACompromise
OID_macro() =
    ?OID_name()
OID_name() =
    atom()
```

1.2.2 RSA

Erlang representation of **Rivest-Shamir-Adleman cryptosystem (RSA)** keys follows:

1.2 Public-Key Records

```
#'ECPrivateKey'{
    version,          % integer()
    privateKey,       % binary()
    parameters,       % {ecParameters, #'ECParameters'{} } |
                      % {namedCurve, Oid::tuple()} |
                      % {implicitlyCA, 'NULL'}
    publicKey         % bitstring()
}.

#'ECParameters'{
    version,          % integer()
    fieldID,          % #'FieldID'{}
    curve,            % #'Curve'{}
    base,             % binary()
    order,            % integer()
    cofactor          % integer()
}.

#'Curve'{
    a,                % binary()
    b,                % binary()
    seed              % bitstring() - optional
}.

#'FieldID'{
    fieldType,        % oid()
    parameters        % Depending on fieldType
}.

#'ECPoint'{
    point             % binary() - the public key
}.
```

1.2.5 PKIX Certificates

Erlang representation of PKIX certificates derived from ASN.1 specifications see also **X509 certificates (RFC 5280)**, also referred to as plain type, are as follows:

```
#'Certificate'{
    tbsCertificate,    % #'TBSCertificate'{}
    signatureAlgorithm, % #'AlgorithmIdentifier'{}
    signature           % bitstring()
}.

#'TBSCertificate'{
    version,           % v1 | v2 | v3
    serialNumber,      % integer()
    signature,         % #'AlgorithmIdentifier'{}
    issuer,            % {rdnSequence, [#AttributeTypeAndValue'{}]}
    validity,          % #'Validity'{}
    subject,           % {rdnSequence, [#AttributeTypeAndValue'{}]}
    subjectPublicKeyInfo, % #'SubjectPublicKeyInfo'{}
    issuerUniqueID,    % binary() | asn1_novalue
    subjectUniqueID,   % binary() | asn1_novalue
    extensions         % [#'Extension'{}]
}.

#'AlgorithmIdentifier'{
    algorithm,         % oid()
    parameters         % der_encoded()
}.
```

Erlang alternate representation of PKIX certificate, also referred to as otp type

```
#'OTPCertificate'{
  tbsCertificate,      % #'OTPTBSCertificate'{}
  signatureAlgorithm,  % #'SignatureAlgorithm'
  signature            % bitstring()
}.

#'OTPTBSCertificate'{
  version,             % v1 | v2 | v3
  serialNumber,        % integer()
  signature,           % #'SignatureAlgorithm'
  issuer,              % {rdnSequence, [#AttributeTypeAndValue'{}]}
  validity,            % #'Validity'{}
  subject,             % {rdnSequence, [#AttributeTypeAndValue'{}]}
  subjectPublicKeyInfo, % #'OTPSubjectPublicKeyInfo'{}
  issuerUniqueID,      % binary() | asn1_novalue
  subjectUniqueID,     % binary() | asn1_novalue
  extensions           % [#'Extension'{}]}
}.

#'SignatureAlgorithm'{
  algorithm, % id_signature_algorithm()
  parameters % asn1_novalue | #'Dss-Parms'{}
}.
```

id_signature_algorithm() = OID_macro()

The available OID names are as follows:

OID Name
id-dsa-with-sha1
id-dsaWithSHA1 (ISO or OID to above)
md2WithRSAEncryption
md5WithRSAEncryption
sha1WithRSAEncryption
sha-1WithRSAEncryption (ISO or OID to above)
sha224WithRSAEncryption
sha256WithRSAEncryption
sha512WithRSAEncryption
ecdsa-with-SHA1

Table 2.1: Signature Algorithm OIDs

The data type 'AttributeTypeAndValue', is represented as the following erlang record:

id-kp-timeStamping
id-kp-OCSPSigning

Table 2.5: Key Purpose OIDs

1.2 Public-Key Records

```
#'AuthorityKeyIdentifier'{
  keyIdentifier,      % oid()
  authorityCertIssuer, % general_name()
  authorityCertSerialNumber % integer()
}.

#'PrivateKeyUsagePeriod'{
  notBefore, % general_time()
  notAfter   % general_time()
}.

#'PolicyInformation'{
  policyIdentifier, % oid()
  policyQualifiers  % [#PolicyQualifierInfo{}]
}.

#'PolicyQualifierInfo'{
  policyQualifierId, % oid()
  qualifier          % string() | #'UserNotice'{}
}.

#'UserNotice'{
  noticeRef, % #'NoticeReference'{}
  explicitText % string()
}.

#'NoticeReference'{
  organization, % string()
  noticeNumbers % [integer()]
}.

#'PolicyMappings_SEQOF'{
  issuerDomainPolicy, % oid()
  subjectDomainPolicy % oid()
}.

#'Attribute'{
  type, % oid()
  values % [der_encoded()]
}).

#'BasicConstraints'{
  cA, % boolean()
  pathLenConstraint % integer()
}).

#'NameConstraints'{
  permittedSubtrees, % [#'GeneralSubtree'{}]
  excludedSubtrees  % [#'GeneralSubtree'{}]
}).

#'GeneralSubtree'{
  base, % general_name()
  minimum, % integer()
  maximum % integer()
}).

#'PolicyConstraints'{
  requireExplicitPolicy, % integer()
  inhibitPolicyMapping % integer()
}).

#'DistributionPoint'{
  distributionPoint, % {fullName, [general_name()]} | {nameRelativeToCRLIssuer,
  [#AttributeTypeAndValue{}]}
```


1.2 Public-Key Records

id-ce-issuerAltName	{rdnSequence, [#AttributeTypeAndValue'{}]}
id-ce-cRLNumber	integer()
id-ce-deltaCRLIndicator	integer()
id-ce-issuingDistributionPoint	#'IssuingDistributionPoint'{} }
id-ce-freshestCRL	[#'Distributionpoint'{}]

Table 2.7: CRL Extensions

Here, the data type 'IssuingDistributionPoint' is represented as the following Erlang record:

```
#'IssuingDistributionPoint'{
    distributionPoint,          % {fullName, [general_name()]} | {nameRelativeToCRLIssuer,
    [#AttributeTypeAndValue'{}]}
    onlyContainsUserCerts,      % boolean()
    onlyContainsCACerts,        % boolean()
    onlySomeReasons,            % [dist_reason()]
    indirectCRL,                % boolean()
    onlyContainsAttributeCerts % boolean()
}).
```

CRL Entry Extensions

The CRL entry extensions OID name atoms and their corresponding value types are as follows:

OID Name	Value Type
id-ce-cRLReason	crl_reason()
id-ce-holdInstructionCode	oid()
id-ce-invalidityDate	general_time()
id-ce-certificateIssuer	general_name()

Table 2.8: CRL Entry Extensions

Here:

```
crl_reason( )
=
    unspecified
    | keyCompromise
    | cACompromise
    | affiliationChanged
    | superseded
    | cessationOfOperation
```

```

| certificateHold
| removeFromCRL
| privilegeWithdrawn
| aACompromise

```

PKCS#10 Certification Request

Erlang representation of a PKCS#10 certification request derived from ASN.1 specifications and RFC 5280 are as follows:

```

#'CertificationRequest'{
    certificationRequestInfo #'CertificationRequestInfo'{},
    signatureAlgorithm #'CertificationRequest_signatureAlgorithm'{}},
    signature          bitstring()
}

#'CertificationRequestInfo'{
    version          atom(),
    subject          {rdnSequence, [#AttributeTypeAndValue'{}]} ,
    subjectPKInfo #'CertificationRequestInfo_subjectPKInfo'{},
    attributes      [#'AttributePKCS-10' {}]
}

#'CertificationRequestInfo_subjectPKInfo'{
    algorithm #'CertificationRequestInfo_subjectPKInfo_algorithm'{}
    subjectPublicKey bitstring()
}

#'CertificationRequestInfo_subjectPKInfo_algorithm'{
    algorithm = oid(),
    parameters = der_encoded()
}

#'CertificationRequest_signatureAlgorithm'{
    algorithm = oid(),
    parameters = der_encoded()
}

#'AttributePKCS-10'{
    type = oid(),
    values = [der_encoded()]
}

```

1.3 Getting Started

This section describes examples of how to use the Public Key API. Keys and certificates used in the following sections are generated only for testing the Public Key application.

Some shell printouts in the following examples are abbreviated for increased readability.

1.3.1 PEM Files

Public-key data (keys, certificates, and so on) can be stored in Privacy Enhanced Mail (PEM) format. The PEM files have the following structure:

2 Reference Manual

The `public_key` application provides functions to handle public-key infrastructure from RFC 3280 (X.509 certificates) and parts of the PKCS standard.

public_key

Application

Provides encode/decode of different file formats (PEM, OpenSSH), digital signature and verification functions, validation of certificate paths and certificate revocation lists (CRLs) and other functions for handling of certificates, keys and CRLs.

- Supports **RFC 5280** - Internet X.509 Public-Key Infrastructure Certificate and Certificate Revocation List (CRL) Profile. Certificate policies are currently not supported.
- Supports **PKCS-1** - RSA Cryptography Standard
- Supports **DSS** - Digital Signature Standard (DSA - Digital Signature Algorithm)
- Supports **PKCS-3** - Diffie-Hellman Key Agreement Standard
- Supports **PKCS-5** - Password-Based Cryptography Standard
- Supports **AES** - Use of the Advanced Encryption Standard (AES) Algorithm in Cryptographic Message Syntax (CMS)
- Supports **PKCS-8** - Private-Key Information Syntax Standard
- Supports **PKCS-10** - Certification Request Syntax Standard

DEPENDENCIES

The `public_key` application uses the `Crypto` application to perform cryptographic operations and the `ASN-1` application to handle PKIX-ASN-1 specifications, hence these applications must be loaded for the `public_key` application to work. In an embedded environment this means they must be started with `application:start/[1,2]` before the `public_key` application is started.

ERROR LOGGER AND EVENT HANDLERS

The `public_key` application is a library application and does not use the error logger. The functions will either succeed or fail with a runtime error.

SEE ALSO

`application(3)`


```
#'PBES2-params'{}
```

```
Cipher = "RC2-CBC" | "DES-CBC" | "DES-EDE3-CBC"
```

Salt could be generated with `crypto:strong_rand_bytes(8)`.

```
public_key() =
  rsa_public_key() |
  rsa_pss_public_key() |
  dsa_public_key() |
  ec_public_key() |
  ed_public_key()
rsa_public_key() = #'RSAPublicKey'{}
dss_public_key() = integer()
rsa_pss_public_key() =
  {rsa_pss_public_key(), #'RSASSA-PSS-params'{}}
dsa_public_key() = {dss_public_key(), #'Dss-Parms'{}}
ec_public_key() = {#'ECPoint'{}, ecpk_parameters_api()}
public_key_params() =
  'NULL' |
  #'RSASSA-PSS-params'{} |
  {namedCurve, oid()} |
  #'ECParameters'{} |
  #'Dss-Parms'{}
ecpk_parameters() =
  {ecParameters, #'ECParameters'{}} |
  {namedCurve, Oid :: tuple()}
ecpk_parameters_api() =
  ecpk_parameters() |
  #'ECParameters'{} |
  {namedCurve, Name :: crypto:ec_named_curve()}
public_key_info() =
  {key_oid_name(),
   rsa_public_key() | #'ECPoint'{} | dss_public_key(),
   public_key_params()}
ed_public_key() = {#'ECPoint'{}, ed_params()}
ed_legacy_pubkey() = {ed_pub, ed25519 | ed448, Key :: binary()}
```

Warning:

The tagged `ed_pub` format will not be returned from any `public_key` functions but can be used as input, should be considered deprecated.

```
ed_params() = {namedCurve, ed_oid_name()}
private_key() =
  rsa_private_key() |
  rsa_pss_private_key() |
  dsa_private_key() |
  ec_private_key() |
```

```
ed_private_key()
rsa_private_key() = #'RSAPrivateKey'{}
rsa_pss_private_key() =
  {'#RSAPrivateKey'{}, #'RSASSA-PSS-params'{}}
dsa_private_key() = #'DSAPrivateKey'{}
ec_private_key() = #'ECPrivateKey'{}
ed_private_key() = #'ECPrivateKey'{parameters = ed_params()}
ed_legacy_privkey() =
  {ed_pri, ed25519 | ed448, Pub :: binary(), Priv :: binary()}
```

Warning:

The tagged ed_pri format will not be returned from any public_key functions but can be used as input, should be considered deprecated.

```
ed_oid_name() = 'id-Ed25519' | 'id-Ed448'
Macro names for object identifiers for EDDSA curves used by prefixing with ?
key_params() =
  #'DHParameter'{} |
  {namedCurve, oid()} |
  #'ECPParameters'{} |
  {rsa, Size :: integer(), PubExp :: integer()}
digest_type() =
  none | sha1 |
  crypto:rsa_digest_type() |
  crypto:dss_digest_type() |
  crypto:ecdsa_digest_type()
issuer_name() = {rdnSequence, [[#'AttributeTypeAndValue'{}]]}
referenceIDs() = [referenceID()]
referenceID() =
  {uri_id | dns_id | ip | srv_id | atom() | oid(), string()} |
  {ip, inet:ip_address() | string()}
cert_id() = {SerialNr :: integer(), issuer_name()}
cert() = der_cert() | otp_cert()
otp_cert() = #'OTPCertificate'{}
der_cert() = der_encoded()
combined_cert() =
  #cert{der = public_key:der_encoded(),
        otp = #'OTPCertificate'{} }
bad_cert_reason() =
  cert_expired | invalid_issuer | invalid_signature |
  name_not_permitted | missing_basic_constraint |
  invalid_key_usage |
  {revoked, crl_reason()} |
  atom()
crl_reason() =
  unspecified | keyCompromise | cACompromise |
  affiliationChanged | superseded | cessationOfOperation |
```


