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This document is intended for developers and architects who wish to design systems and applications that conform to the PKCS #11 Cryptographic Token Interface standard.

The PKCS #11 Cryptographic Token Interface standard documents an API for devices that may hold cryptographic information and may perform cryptographic functions.

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1 Introduction

1.1 Description of this Document

OASIS requires a conformance section in an approved committee specification ([PKCS11-Base] [TCPROC], section 2.18 Work Product Quality, paragraph 8a):

A specification that is approved by the TC at the Public Review Draft, Committee Specification or OASIS Standard level must include a separate section, listing a set of numbered conformance clauses, to which any implementation of the specification must adhere in order to claim conformance to the specification (or any optional portion thereof).

This document intends to meet this OASIS requirement on conformance clauses for providers and consumers of cryptographic services via PKCS #11 ([PKCS11-Base] Section 6 (PKCS#11 Implementation Conformance) through profiles that define the use of PKCS #11 data types, objects, functions and mechanisms within specific contexts of provider and consumer interaction. These profiles define a set of normative constraints for employing PKCS #11 within a particular environment or context of use. They may, optionally, require the use of specific PKCS #11 functionality or in other respects define the processing rules to be followed by profile actors.

For normative definition of the elements of PKCS #11 specified in these profiles, see the PKCS #11 Cryptographic Token Interface Base Specification ([PKCS11-Base]), and the PKCS #11 Cryptographic Token Interface Current Mechanisms ([PKCS11-Curr]). Illustrative guidance for the implementation of providers and consumers of PKCS #11 is provided in the PKCS #11 Cryptographic Token Interface Usage Guide ([PKCS11-UG]).

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 [RFC2119].

1.3 Normative References

- [PKCS11-Base]** *PKCS #11 Cryptographic Token Interface Base Specification Version 2.40* <<DATE>>. OASIS Working Draft, <http://docs.oasis-open.org/pkcs11/pkcs11-base/v2.40/pkcs11-base-v2.40.html>.
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- [RFC2119]** Bradner, S., “Key words for use in RFCs to Indicate Requirement Levels”, BCP 14, RFC 2119, March 1997. <http://www.ietf.org/rfc/rfc2119.txt>.
- [TCPROC]** OASIS, *Technical Committee (TC) Process, Version 31 January 2013*, 31 January 2013, <https://www.oasis-open.org/policies-guidelines/tc-process>.

1.4 Non-Normative References

- [PKCS11-UG]** *PKCS #11 Cryptographic Token Interface Usage Guide Specification Version 2.40* <<DATE>>. OASIS Working Draft, <http://docs.oasis-open.org/pkcs11/pkcs11-ug/v2.40/pkcs11-ug-v2.40.html>

45 2 Profiles

46 2.1 PKCS #11 Profiles

47 This document defines a selected set of conformance clauses which form PKCS #11 Profiles. The PKCS
48 11 TC also welcomes proposals for new profiles. PKCS 11 TC members are encouraged to submit these
49 proposals to the PKCS 11 TC for consideration for inclusion in a future version of this TC-approved
50 document. However, some OASIS members MAY simply wish to inform the committee of profiles or other
51 work related to PKCS #11.

52 2.2 Guidelines for Specifying Conformance Clauses

53 This section provides a checklist of issues that SHALL be addressed by each clause.

- 54 1. Implement functionality as mandated by **[PKCS11-Base] Section 6** (PKCS#11 Implementation
55 Conformance)
- 56 2. Specify the list of additional data types that SHALL be supported
- 57 3. Specify the list of additional objects that SHALL be supported
- 58 4. Specify the list of additional functions that SHALL be supported
- 59 5. Specify the list of additional mechanisms that SHALL be supported

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61 2.3 Guidelines for Validating Conformance to PKCS #11 Profiles

62 A PKCS #11 provider implementation SHALL claim conformance to a specific provider profile only if it
63 instruments all required data types, objects, functions and mechanisms of that profile

- 64 • All data types specified as required in that profile
- 65 • All objects specified as required in that profile
- 66 • All functions specified as required in that profile
- 67 • All mechanisms specified as required in that profile

68 A PKCS #11 consumer implementation SHALL claim conformance to a specific consumer profile only
69 if it instruments all required data types, objects, functions and mechanisms of that profile

- 70 • All data types specified as required in that profile
- 71 • All objects specified as required in that profile
- 72 • All functions specified as required in that profile
- 73 • All mechanisms specified as required in that profile

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75 3 Conformance

76 3.1 Purpose of this Section

77 The following subsections describe currently-defined profiles related to the use of PKCS #11. The profiles
78 define classes of PKCS #11 functionality to which an implementation can declare conformance.

79 3.2 Baseline Consumer Clause

80 A PKCS #11 consumer calls a PKCS #11 provider implementation of the PKCS #11 API in order to use
81 the cryptographic functionality from that provider.

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83 This profile specifies the most basic functionality that would be expected of a conformant PKCS #11
84 consumer – the ability to consume information via the cryptographic services offered by a provider.

85 3.2.1 Implementation Conformance

86 An implementation is a conforming Baseline Consumer Clause if it meets the conditions as outlined in the
87 following section.

88 3.2.2 Conformance of a PKCS #11 Baseline Consumer

89 An implementation conforms to this specification as a Baseline Consumer if it meets the following
90 conditions:

- 91 1. Supports the conditions required by the PKCS #11 conformance clauses ([PKCS11-Base]
92 Section 6 (PKCS#11 Implementation Conformance))
- 93 2. Supports the following data types:
 - 94 a. CK_VERSION ([PKCS11-Base] 3.1)
 - 95 b. CK_INFO ([PKCS11-Base] 3.1)
 - 96 c. CK_SLOT_ID ([PKCS11-Base] 3.2)
 - 97 d. CK_SLOT_INFO ([PKCS11-Base] 3.2)
 - 98 e. CK_TOKEN_INFO ([PKCS11-Base] 3.2)
 - 99 f. CK_SESSION_HANDLE ([PKCS11-Base] 3.3)
 - 100 g. CK_USER_TYPE ([PKCS11-Base] 3.3)
 - 101 h. CK_SESSION_INFO ([PKCS11-Base] 3.3)
 - 102 i. CK_OBJECT_HANDLE ([PKCS11-Base] 3.4)
 - 103 j. CK_OBJECT_CLASS ([PKCS11-Base] 3.4)
 - 104 k. CK_ATTRIBUTE_TYPE ([PKCS11-Base] 3.4)
 - 105 l. CK_ATTRIBUTE ([PKCS11-Base] 3.4)
 - 106 m. CK_RV ([PKCS11-Base] 3.6)
 - 107 n. CK_FUNCTION_LIST ([PKCS11-Base] 3.6)
 - 108 o. CK_C_INITIALIZE_ARGS ([PKCS11-Base] 3.7)
- 109 3. Supports the following objects:
 - 110 a. CKA_CLASS ([PKCS11-Base] 4.2)
 - 111 b. CKA_VALUE ([PKCS11-Base])
- 112 4. Supports the following functions:
 - 113 a. C_GetFunctionList ([PKCS11-Base] 5.4)
 - 114 b. C_Initialize ([PKCS11-Base] 5.4)
 - 115 c. C_Finalize ([PKCS11-Base] 5.4)
 - 116 d. C_GetInfo ([PKCS11-Base] 5.4)
 - 117 e. C_GetSlotList ([PKCS11-Base] 5.5)

- 118 f. C_GetSlotInfo ([PKCS11-Base] 5.5)
- 119 g. C_GetTokenInfo ([PKCS11-Base] 5.5)
- 120 h. C_OpenSession ([PKCS11-Base] 5.6)
- 121 i. C_CloseSession ([PKCS11-Base] 5.6)
- 122 5. Supports the following mechanisms:
- 123 a. None specified
- 124 6. Supports Error Handling ([PKCS11-Base] 5.1) for any supported object, function or mechanism
- 125 7. Optionally supports any clause within [PKCS11-Base] that is not listed above
- 126 8. Optionally supports extensions outside the scope of this standard (e.g., vendor defined
- 127 extensions, conformance clauses) that do not contradict any PKCS #11 requirements

128 3.3 Baseline Provider Clause

129 A PKCS #11 provider makes cryptographic functionality available to a consuming application in terms of
130 the PKCS #11 API.

131 This profile specifies the most basic functionality that would be expected of a conformant PKCS #11
132 provider – the ability to provide information about the capabilities of the cryptographic services provided.

133 3.3.1 Implementation Conformance

134 An implementation is a conforming Baseline Provider if it meets the conditions as outlined in the following
135 section.

136 3.3.2 Conformance of a PKCS #11 Baseline Provider

137 An implementation conforms to this specification as a Baseline Provider if it meets the following
138 conditions:

- 139 1. Supports the conditions required by the PKCS #11 conformance clauses ([PKCS11-Base]
140 Section 6 (PKCS#11 Implementation Conformance))
- 141 2. Supports the following data types:
 - 142 a. CK_VERSION ([PKCS11-Base] 3.1)
 - 143 b. CK_INFO ([PKCS11-Base] 3.1)
 - 144 c. CK_SLOT_ID ([PKCS11-Base] 3.2)
 - 145 d. CK_SLOT_INFO ([PKCS11-Base] 3.2)
 - 146 e. CK_TOKEN_INFO ([PKCS11-Base] 3.2)
 - 147 f. CK_SESSION_HANDLE ([PKCS11-Base] 3.3)
 - 148 g. CK_USER_TYPE ([PKCS11-Base] 3.3)
 - 149 h. CK_SESSION_INFO ([PKCS11-Base] 3.3)
 - 150 i. CK_OBJECT_HANDLE ([PKCS11-Base] 3.4)
 - 151 j. CK_OBJECT_CLASS ([PKCS11-Base] 3.4)
 - 152 k. CK_ATTRIBUTE_TYPE ([PKCS11-Base] 3.4)
 - 153 l. CK_ATTRIBUTE ([PKCS11-Base] 3.4)
 - 154 m. CK_RV ([PKCS11-Base] 3.6)
 - 155 n. CK_FUNCTION_LIST ([PKCS11-Base] 3.6)
 - 156 o. CK_C_INITIALIZE_ARGS ([PKCS11-Base] 3.7)
- 157 3. Supports the following objects:
 - 158 a. CKA_CLASS ([PKCS11-Base] 4.2)
 - 159 b. CKA_TOKEN ([PKCS11-Base] 4.2)
 - 160 c. CKA_VALUE ([PKCS11-Base])
 - 161 d. CKA_ID ([PKCS11-Base])
 - 162 e. CKA_PRIVATE ([PKCS11-Base] x.y)
 - 163 f. CKA_MODIFIABLE ([PKCS11-Base])
 - 164 g. CKA_LABEL ([PKCS11-Base])
- 165 4. Supports the following functions:

- 166 a. C_GetFunctionList ([PKCS11-Base] 5.4)
 - 167 b. C_Initialize ([PKCS11-Base] 5.4)
 - 168 c. C_Finalize ([PKCS11-Base] 5.4)
 - 169 d. C_GetInfo ([PKCS11-Base] 5.4)
 - 170 e. C_GetSlotList ([PKCS11-Base] 5.5)
 - 171 f. C_GetSlotInfo ([PKCS11-Base] 5.5)
 - 172 g. C_GetTokenInfo ([PKCS11-Base] 5.5)
 - 173 h. C_OpenSession ([PKCS11-Base] 5.6)
 - 174 i. C_CloseSession ([PKCS11-Base] 5.6)
 - 175 j. C_GetSessionInfo ([PKCS11-Base] 5.6)
 - 176 k. C_FindObjectsInit ([PKCS11-Base] 5.6)
 - 177 l. C_FindObjects ([PKCS11-Base] 5.6)
 - 178 m. C_FindObjectsFinal ([PKCS11-Base] 5.6)
 - 179 n. C_GetAttributeValue ([PKCS11-Base] 5.7)
- 180 5. Supports the following mechanisms:
 - 181 a. None specified
 - 182 6. Supports Error Handling ([PKCS11-Base] 5.1) for any supported object, function or mechanism
 - 183 7. Optionally supports any clause within [PKCS11-Base] that is not listed above
 - 184 8. Optionally supports extensions outside the scope of this standard (e.g., vendor defined
 - 185 extensions, conformance clauses) that do not contradict any PKCS #11 requirements

186 3.4 Extended Consumer Clause

187 This profile builds on the PKCS#11 Baseline Consumer profile to add support for mechanism-based
188 usage.

189 3.4.1 Implementation Conformance

190 An implementation is a conforming Extended Consumer if it meets the conditions as outlined in the
191 following section.

192 3.4.2 Conformance of a PKCS #11 Extended Consumer

193 An implementation conforms to this specification as Extended Consumer if it meets the following
194 conditions:

- 195 1. Supports the conditions required by the PKCS11 conformance clauses ([PKCS11-Base] Section
196 6 (PKCS#11 Implementation Conformance))
- 197 2. Supports the conditions required by the PKCS11 Baseline Consumer clauses section 3.2
- 198 3. Supports the following additional data types:
 - 199 a. CK_MECHANISM_TYPE ([PKCS11-Base] 3.4)
 - 200 b. CK_MECHANISM ([PKCS11-Base] 3.4)
- 201 4. Supports the following additional objects:
 - 202 a. None specified
- 203 5. Supports the following additional functions:
 - 204 a. C_GetMechanismList ([PKCS11-Base] 5.5)
 - 205 b. C_GetMechanismInfo ([PKCS11-Base] 5.5)
- 206 6. Supports the following additional mechanisms:
 - 207 a. None specified
- 208 7. Supports Error Handling ([PKCS11-Base] 5.1) for any supported object, function or mechanism
- 209 8. Optionally supports any clause within [PKCS11-Base] that is not listed above
- 210 9. Optionally supports extensions outside the scope of this standard (e.g., vendor defined
- 211 extensions, conformance clauses) that do not contradict any PKCS #11 requirements

212 **3.5 Extended Provider Clause**

213 This profile builds on the PKCS#11 Baseline Provider to add support for mechanism-based usage.

214 **3.5.1 Implementation Conformance**

215 An implementation is a conforming Extended Provider if it meets the conditions as outlined in the
216 following section.

217 **3.5.2 Conformance of a PKCS #11 Extended Provider**

218 An implementation conforms to this specification as Extended Provider if it meets the following conditions:

- 219 1. Supports the conditions required by the PKCS #11 conformance clauses ([PKCS11-Base]
220 Section 6 (PKCS#11 Implementation Conformance)
- 221 2. Supports the conditions required by the PKCS #11 Baseline Provider clauses section 3.3.
- 222 3. Supports the following additional data types:
 - 223 a. CK_MECHANISM_TYPE ([PKCS11-Base] 3.4)
 - 224 b. CK_MECHANISM ([PKCS11-Base] 3.4)
 - 225
- 226 4. Supports the following additional objects:
 - 227 a. None specified
- 228 5. Supports the following additional functions:
 - 229 a. C_GetMechanismList ([PKCS11-Base] 5.5)
 - 230 b. C_GetMechanismInfo ([PKCS11-Base] 5.5)
 - 231 c. C_Login ([PKCS11-Base] 5.6)
 - 232 d. C_Logout ([PKCS11-Base] 5.6)
- 233 6. Supports the following additional mechanisms:
 - 234 a. None specified
- 235 7. Supports Error Handling ([PKCS11-Base] 5.1) for any supported object, function or mechanism
- 236 8. Optionally supports any clause within [PKCS11-Base] that is not listed above
- 237 9. Optionally supports extensions outside the scope of this standard (e.g., vendor defined
238 extensions, conformance clauses) that do not contradict any PKCS #11 requirements

239 **3.6 Authentication Token Clause**

240 This profile builds on the PKCS #11 Baseline Provider and/or Baseline Consumer profiles to provide for
241 use in the context of an authentication token.

242 **3.6.1 Implementation Conformance**

243 An implementation is a conforming Authentication Token if it meets the conditions as outlined in the
244 following section.

245 **3.6.2 Conformance of a Authentication Token**

246 An implementation conforms to this specification as an Authentication Token if it meets the following
247 conditions:

- 248 1. If the implementation is a consumer then it SHALL support the conditions required by the PKCS
249 #11 Baseline Consumer Clause (Section 3.2)
- 250 2. If the implementation is a provider then it SHALL support the conditions required by the PKCS
251 #11 Baseline Provider Clause (Section 3.3)
- 252 3. Supports the following objects:

- 253 a. CKO_PRIVATE_KEY
254 b. CKO_PUBLIC_KEY
255 4. Supports the following functions:
256 a. C_Login
257 b. C_Logout
258 c. C_SignInit
259 d. C_Sign and/or C_SignUpdate and C_SignFinal
260 5. Supports the following mechanisms:
261 a. None specified
262 6. Optionally supports any clause within [PKCS11-Base] that is not listed above
263 7. Optionally supports extensions outside the scope of this standard (e.g., vendor defined
264 extensions, conformance clauses) that do not contradict any PKCS #11 requirements.
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