Simple Certificate Enrollment Protocol

Widely Deployed

- Cisco routers, VPN client, and CA
- Microsoft CA
- Entrust CA
- RSA toolkit and CA
- Netscape CA
- Verisign CA
- Baltimore/Unicert

Features

- Initial Enrollment
- Renewal (including client key rollover)
- CA and Client Certificate retrieval
- CA key and certificate rollover
- Extensible

Mature Protocol

Has Been in use for over 7 years

many interoperable implementations

Now on draft 15

Enrollment

PKCS-10 to specify what should be in the cert

Signed and Encrypted with PKCS-7

Can Use One-Time Password for authentication

Renewal

Signed by prior client certificate

CA Key Rollover

"Next" CA Certificate generated ahead of time

- Clients Can Retrieve "Next" CA Certificate
- Response is signed by current CA certificate
- Roll Over when Old Certificate Expires
- Can roll over "early" if Root CA compromised

Current draft

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Informational

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