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# Validation Reconsidered -03

or.. limit collateral damage in  
case of inconsistencies of  
resources in the certificate  
chain

# Version -03



- New text and examples, same idea
- Validation algorithm using verified resources for each certificate, rather than listed resources
  - Warnings on overclaims
- Working Group, is the text more clear and are concerns addressed?

# Current - all valid



Parent  
192.168.0.0/16,  
10.0.0.0/8

**signs and publishes**

Child  
192.168.2.0/24,  
10.0.0.0/24

**signs and publishes**

Grandchild  
192.168.2.0/24,  
10.0.0.0/24

**signs and publishes**

ROA:  
192.168.2.0/24

# Current - invalidated



Parent  
192.168.0.0/16,  
10.0.0.0/8

signs and  
publishes

Child  
192.168.2.0/24

signs and  
publishes

Grandchild  
192.168.0.0/24,  
10.0.0.0/24

signs and  
publishes

ROA:  
192.168.2.0/24

Validator rejects  
cert by child  
grandchild is invalid

Validator rejects  
everything issued  
by grandchild

# Parent invalidating Grandchild



- Parent issues a shrunk certificate to the child
- And the child is unaware
- Now grandchild is invalidated

# Reasons?



- Transfer timing gone wrong
- Parent may have to reissue, can't wait forever until child volunteers to shrink
- Parent made a mistake

➔ Low likelihood, but **high** impact

# Reconsidered - some invalid resource



Parent  
192.168.0.0/16,  
10.0.0.0/8

signs and  
publishes

Child  
192.168.2.0/24

signs and  
publishes

Grandchild  
192.168.2.0/24,  
~~10.0.0.0/24~~

signs and  
publishes

ROA:  
192.168.2.0/24

Validator rejects  
only 10.0.0.0/24  
on cert by child

Validator accepts  
ROA for 192.168.2.0/24  
by grandchild

# Reconsidered - no valid overclaims



Parent  
192.168.0.0/16,  
10.0.0.0/8

signs and publishes

Child  
192.168.2.0/24

signs and publishes

Grandchild  
192.168.2.0/24,  
~~10.0.0.0/24~~

signs and publishes

ROA:  
10.0.0.0/24

Validator rejects only 10.0.0.0/24 on cert by child

Validator rejects ROA for 10.0.0.0/24



# Could this introduce new problems?



- Less incentive for child to clean up
  - There are warnings
  - And actually it may not be the child's fault
  - We believe this is better than having invalid
- Parent can revoke only specific resources used by grandchild with less collateral damage for layer-9 reasons
  - But, really, would invalidating all of grandchild stop them?
  - We have a bigger problem if this happens

# Why we think this is a good idea



- Limit the impact of inconsistent resources to just those resources
  - Overclaims are never seen as valid
  - Works in running code, not seen warnings in production
- ➔ Change this to a low likelihood, lowest possible impact problem



# Questions

