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5 Application specific functions using bootstrapping

5.1 Support for subscriber certificates

5.1.1 Introduction

Digital signatures can be used, for instance, to secure mobile commerce, service authorization and accounting. But digital signature by itself is not enough; there is need of a global support for authorization and charging. Thus 3GPP shall use global and secure authorization and charging infrastructure of mobile networks to support local architecture for digital signatures.

Subscriber certificates provide a migration path towards global Public Key Infrastructure (PKI). Local architecture for digital signatures can be deployed incrementally; an operator can choose to deploy independently of the others. On the other hand, the existence of subscribers and service providers that use digital signatures makes it easier to build global PKI.

3GPP systems shall issue subscriber certificates in order to authorize and account for service usage both in home and in visited network. This requires specification of:

- 1. Procedures to issue temporary or long-term certificates to subscribers.
- 2. Standard format of certificates and digital signatures, e.g. re-using wireless PKI.

The mechanism shall allow a cost efficient implementation of the security support of the UE. It will also enable a user's anonymity towards the service provider, whilst the user who invoking the service, can be identified by the network.

Subscriber certificates support services whose provision mobile operator assists, as well as services that mobile operator provides. There is no need to standardize those services. Also, the communication between service provider and the operator (in the role of certificate issuer) need not be standardized.

5.1.2 Requirements and principles for issuing subscriber certificates

The following prerequisites for issuing of subscriber certificates exits:

The shared key material is available for the UE application, which does the certificate request and operator CA
certificate retrieval.

5.1.2.1 Requirements on UE's public/private key pair associated to the requested subscriber certificate

- The public/private key pair shall be stored in the UICC
- The private key shall never leave the UICC
- In case of public/private key pair generation in the UE: the UICC shall perform the on-board key generation

5.1.2.1 Requirements on protocol B

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The requirements for protocol B are:

- UE is able to request for subscriber's certification from the PKI portal that plays the role of the NAF over a network connection.
- NAF is able to authenticate UE's certificate request.
- UE is able to acquire an operator's CA certificate over the network connection.

- UE is able to authenticate the NAF response (i.e., operator CA certificate delivery).
- The procedure is independent of the access network used.
- The NAF should have access to the subscriber profile to check the certification policies. This means that the protocol D (cf. clause 5.1.2.2) should have support for retrieving a subset of the subscriber profile.
- The response and delivery of certificate to UE must be within a few seconds after the initial certification request.

5.1.2.2Requirements on protocol D

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5.1.3 Certificate issuing