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1. Scope

The scope of this document is limited to the Enabler Release Definition of Online Certificate Status Protocol (OCSP) Mobile Profile V1.0 according to OMA Release process and the Enabler Release specification baseline listed in section 6.

OCSP defines a protocol used to determine the current status of a digital certificate in lieu of using standard Certificate Revocation Lists (CRL's). The scope of this work item is to profile OCSP in such a way to ensure it can be used efficiently by limited wireless devices and to be interoperable with OCSP responders already at market. The profile will be defined as an OMA service enabler to ensure its use with any existing and future OMA applications and/or services.

2. References

2.1 Normative References

- [OCSP_MP] “Online Certificate Status Protocol Mobile Profile”, Open Mobile Alliance™. OMA-WAP-OCSP_MP-V1_0, URL: <http://www.openmobilealliance.org/>
- [RFC2119] “Key words for use in RFCs to Indicate Requirement Levels”, S. Bradner, March 1997, URL: <http://www.ietf.org/rfc/rfc2119.txt>
- [RFC2560] “X.509 Internet Public Key Infrastructure - Online Certificate Status Protocol - OCSP,” M. Myers, et al., IETF RFC 2560, June 1999, URL: <http://www.ietf.org/rfc/rfc2560.txt>
- [SCR RULES] “SCR Rules and Procedures”, Open Mobile Alliance™, OMA-ORG-SCR_Rules_and_Procedures, URL: <http://www.openmobilealliance.org/>

2.2 Informative References

None

3. Terminology and Conventions

3.1 Conventions

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].

All sections and appendixes, except “Scope” and “Introduction”, are normative, unless they are explicitly indicated to be informative.

The formal notation convention used in sections 9 and 10 to formally express the structure and internal dependencies between specifications in the Enabler Release specification baseline is detailed in [SCRRULES].

3.2 Definitions

Enabler Release Collection of specifications that combined together form an enabler for a service area, e.g. a download enabler, a browsing enabler, a messaging enabler, a location enabler, etc. The specifications that are forming an enabler should combined fulfil a number of related market requirements.

Minimum Functionality Description Description of the guaranteed features and functionality that will be enabled by implementing the minimum mandatory part of the Enabler Release.

3.3 Abbreviations

CA	Certificate Authority
CRL	Certificate Revocation List
ERDEF	Enabler Requirement Definition
ERELED	Enabler Release Definition
OCSP	Online Certificate Status Protocol
OMA	Open Mobile Alliance

4. Introduction

This document outlines the Enabler Release Definition for the Online Certificate Status Protocol (OCSP) Mobile Profile V1.0 and the respective conformance requirements for clients and servers implementing claiming compliance to it as defined by Open Mobile Alliance across the specification baseline.

While digital certificates provide a secure mechanism to identify and authenticate an entity via the verification of a digital signature, there must also be mechanisms in place to validate that the certificate, and the associated private key, in use are in fact still considered trusted and valid. This issue is commonly known as certificate validation and is based on the concept of certificate revocation. Certificates may be revoked for various reasons, including, but not limited to, change of name, change of association between subject and CA and compromise or suspicion of compromise of the corresponding private key. Once revoked, there must be mechanisms in place to determine if a certificate has been revoked.

The Internet Engineering Task Force's (IETF) Public Key Infrastructure working group has defined a method of certificate validation that does not rely on CRL's. The Online Certificate Status Protocol (OCSP) as defined by [RFC 2560] replaces the CRL concept with a simple certificate status request and response protocol to a central server. This server is authorized to respond with certificate status information.

To perform an OCSP certificate status check, a client sends a request to an OCSP responder. The OCSP responder then determines the revocation status of the requested certificate and constructs the corresponding OCSP response. This response is typically signed by the OCSP responder to ensure data integrity and that the response originated from an authoritative source.

5. Description of Differences from Previous Version

This is the first version of the enabler. No changes have been made since the enabler was given Candidate status.

6. Document Listing for OCSP Mobile Profile

This section is normative.

Doc Ref	Permanent Document Reference	Description
Requirement Document		
n/a		
Architecture Document		
n/a		
Technical Specification		
[OCSP_MP]	OMA-WAP-OCSP_MP-V1_0-20070403-A	Specification that defines a profile of the Online Certificate Status Protocol (OCSP) [RFC2560] for mobile environments.

Table 1: Listing of Documents in OCSP Mobile Profile Enabler

7. Minimum Functionality Description for OCSP Mobile Profile

The minimum functionality for the OCSP Mobile Profile release includes:

- The ability for client to send an OCSPrequest for the status of a certificate.
- The ability for the client to process an OCSP response.

8. Conformance Requirements Notation Details

This section is informative

The tables in following chapters use the following notation:

- Item:** Entry in this column **MUST** be a valid ScrItem according to [SCRRULES].
- Feature/Application:** Entry in this column **SHOULD** be a short descriptive label to the **Item** in question.
- Status:** Entry in this column **MUST** accurately reflect the architectural status of the **Item** in question.
- M means the **Item** is mandatory for the class
 - O means the **Item** is optional for the class
 - NA means the **Item** is not applicable for the class
- Requirement:** Expression in the column **MUST** be a valid TerminalExpression according to [SCRRULES] and it **MUST** accurately reflect the architectural requirement of the **Item** in question.

9. ERDEF for OCSP Mobile Profile - Client Requirements

This section is normative.

Item	Feature / Application	Status	Requirement
OMA-ERDEF-OCSP-C-001	OCSPV1_0 Client	M	OCSP MCF

Table 2: ERDEF for OCSP Mobile Profile Client-side Requirements

10.ERDEF for OCSP Mobile Profile - Server Requirements

This section is normative.

The OCSP Enabler Release does not specify server requirements

Item	Feature / Application	Status	Requirement
n/a	n/a	n/a	

Table 3: ERDEF for OCSP Mobile Profile Server-side Requirements

Appendix A. Change History

(Informative)

A.1 Approved Version History

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OMA-ERELED-OCSP_MP-V1_0	03 Apr 2007	Status changed to Approved by TP TP ref. # OMA-TP-2007-0117R02- INP_ERP_OCSP_MP_v1_0_for_Final_Approval ERELED transferred to new template.