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RPS IANA Issues

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Abstract

RPS Security [2] requires certain RPSL [1] objects in the IRR to be hierarchically delegated. The set of objects that are at the root of this hierarchy needs to be created and digitally signed by IANA. This paper presents these seed objects and lists operations required from IANA.

1 Initial Seed

A public key of IANA needs to be distributed with the software implementations of Distributed Routing Policy System [3]. An initial set of seed objects are needed to be signed with this key. They are:

```
mntner:        mnt-iana
descr:         iana's maintainer
admin-c:       . . .
tech-c:        . . .
upd-to:        . . .
mnt-nfy:       . . .
auth:          pgpkey-88BAC849
mnt-by:        mnt-iana
referral-by:   mnt-iana
source:        IANA

key-cert: PGPKEY-88BAC849
method: pgp
owner:  iana staff (est. Nov 98) <iana@iana.org>
fingerpr: F1 66 1C 77 5C AF 6D 7F  CC 7D 4C DA DE 49 B1 35
certif: # this key is for illustration only
+  -----BEGIN PGP PUBLIC KEY BLOCK-----
+  Version: 2.6.2
+
+  mQCNAzZJ6DwAAAEEAK6tL4xNZidPDYhGBpTSdZJfceT+Bn+zX0AwUKogVJc5clE+
+  FBkZKdNsb/YlUs4RZ9rZiqa/0BCWX9XvMvYFqLHaP+JXPpGJADk+4GFhJ9IEcrjm
+  d/pWuMTwbXlRtG951I29SsWxDwkqvUd34k1L+Be2BrxNyshAWBA/a8eIushJAAUR
+  tChpYW5hIHN0YWZmICh1c3QuIE5vdiA5OCkgPGlhbmFAaWFuYS5vcmc+
+  =BpMg
+  -----END PGP PUBLIC KEY BLOCK-----
mnt-by: mnt-iana
source: IANA

repository:         IANA
repository-cert:    PGPKEY-88BAC849
```

```
query-address:      http://www.iana.org
response-auth-type: none
submit-address:     http://www.iana.org
submit-auth-type:   none
expire:             0000 04:00:00
heartbeat-interval: 0000 01:00:00
admin-c:            . . .
tech-c:             . . .
mnt-by:             mnt-iana
source:             IANA

as-block:      AS0 - AS65535
descr:         as number space
country:       us
admin-c:       . . .
tech-c:        . . .
status:        UNALLOCATED
source:        IANA
mnt-by:        mnt-iana
mnt-lower:     mnt-iana

inetnum:       0.0.0.0 - 255.255.255.255
netname:       Internet
descr:         ip number space
country:       us
admin-c:       . . .
tech-c:        . . .
status:        UNALLOCATED
source:        IANA
mnt-by:        mnt-iana
mnt-lower:     mnt-iana
```

Here, we assume that IANA runs its own repository. However this is not a requirement. Instead, it may publish its objects with one of the existing routing registries.

This set of seed objects needs to be signed with the hard coded IANA key. Later, IANA objects can be signed with the key in the IANA key-cert object.

2 IANA Assignments

Each time IANA makes an assignment, it needs to create inetnum and as-block objects as appropriate and digitally sign them using the key in its key-cert object. For example:

```
as-block:     AS0 - AS500
descr:        arin's space
country:      us
status:       ALLOCATED
source:       iana
delegated:    arin
mnt-by:       mnt-iana

inetnum:      128.0.0.0 - 128.255.255.255
netname:      Internet portion
descr:        ip number space
country:      us
status:       ALLOCATED
source:       iana
delegated:    arin
mnt-by:       mnt-iana
```

3 Creating Routing Repositories

To enable a new routing repository, a repository object, a maintainer object and a key-cert object need to be created and digitally signed by IANA. For example:

```
  mntner:         mnt-ripe
  descr:          RIPE's maintainer
  auth:           <ripe's choice>
  mnt-by:         mnt-ripe
  referral-by:    mnt-iana
  admin-c:        . . .
  tech-c:         . . .
  upd-to:         . . .
  mnt-nfy:        . . .
  source:         RIPE

  key-cert: pgpkey-979979
  method: pgp
  owner:  . . .
  fingerpr: . . .
  certif: # this key is for illustration only
  +       -----BEGIN PGP PUBLIC KEY BLOCK-----
  +       Version: PGP for Personal Privacy 5.0
  +
  +       . . .
```

```
+       -----END PGP PUBLIC KEY BLOCK-----
mnt-by: mnt-ripe
source: RIPE

repository:          RIPE
query-address:       whois://whois.ripe.net
response-auth-type: PGPKEY-23F5CE35 # pointer to key-cert object
response-auth-type: none
remarks:             you can request rsa signature on queries
remarks:             PGP required on submissions
submit-address:      mailto://auto-dbm@ripe.net
submit-address:      rps-query://whois.ripe.net:43
submit-auth-type:    pgp-key, crypt-pw, mail-from
remarks:             these are the authentication types supported
mnt-by:              maint-ripe-db
expire:              0000 04:00:00
heartbeat-interval: 0000 01:00:00
...
remarks:             admin and technical contact, etc
source:              RIPE
```

This very first transaction of a new repository is placed in the new repository, not in the IANA repository.

4 Security Considerations

This document describes IANA procedures and initial RPSL seed objects. It does not define protocols or standards that need to be secured.

5 IANA Considerations

This whole document is for detailed consideration by IANA.

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