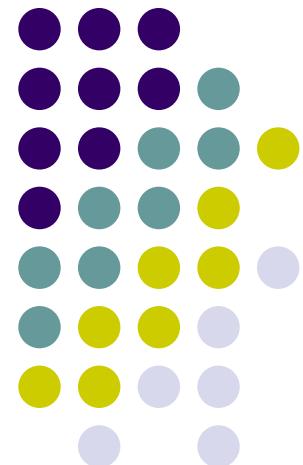


ASN.1:

Introduction

Zdeněk Říha





ASN.1

- Abstract Syntax Notation 1
- notation for describing abstract types and values
- Defined in ITU-T X.680 ... X.695
- Used in many file formats, including crypto
 - Public keys, private keys
 - Certificate requests, certificates
 - Digital signatures, padding, encrypted files



ASN.1

- Allows format/storage/transmission of data
 - Compatible among many applications
 - Not dependent on HW platform
 - E.g. little/big endian
 - Not dependent on operating system
- Simple & Structured types
- Multiple encoding rules (methods)



ASN.1 – Types

Type	Tag number (decimal)	Tag number (hexadecimal)
INTEGER	2	02
BIT STRING	3	03
OCTET STRING	4	04
NULL	5	05
OBJECT IDENTIFIER	6	06
SEQUENCE and SEQUENCE OF	16	10
SET and SET OF	17	11
PrintableString	19	13
IA5String	22	16
UTCTime	23	17





ASN.1 – simple types

- Integer
 - signed integer (there's no unsigned integer)
- Bit string
 - The number of bits does not have to be a multiple of 8
- Octet string
 - an arbitrary string of octets
- NULL
 - No data (used in parameters)
- PrintableString, IA5String, UTF8String, ...
 - Strings – the sets of characters are various
- UTCTime
 - Time



ASN.1 – OID type

- Object identifier (OID)
 - Sequence of integer components that identify an object
 - Assigned in a hierarchical way
- Example
 - sha-1WithRSAEncryption = 1.2.840.113549.1.1.5
 - iso(1) member-body(2)
us(840) rsadsi(113549)
pkcs(1) pkcs-1(1) 5
 - [1.2.840.113549.1.1](#) - PKCS-1
 - [1.2.840.113549.1](#) - PKCS
 - [1.2.840.113549](#) - RSADSI
 - [1.2.840](#) - USA
 - [1.2](#) - ISO member body
 - [1](#) - ISO assigned OIDs
 - [Top of OID tree](#)



ASN.1 – structured types

- **SEQUENCE**
 - an ordered collection of one or more types
- **SEQUENCE OF**
 - an ordered collection of zero or more occurrences of a given type
- **SET**
 - an unordered collection of one or more types
- **SET OF**
 - an unordered collection of zero or more occurrences of a given type



ASN.1 Encoding Rules

- XML – oriented formats
 - XER (XML Encoding Rules)
- Byte-oriented formats
 - BER (Basic Encoding Rules)
 - CER (Canonical Encoding Rules) – subset of BER
 - **DER (Distinguished Encoding Rules) – subset of BER**
 - Used for crypto files
- Bit-oriented formats
 - PER (Packed Encoding Rules)
- Verbose, human readable formats
 - GSER (Generic String Encoding Rules)



BER encoding

- TLV – Tag Length Value
 - All the data is encoded using a simple TLV format
 - Tag – what kind of data it is
 - Length – the length of the data
 - Value – the data itself
- Example
 - 02 01 05 [hexadecimal values]
 - Tag – Integer
 - Length of data – 1 byte
 - Data: (positive integer) 5



Nested data

- SEQUENCE is similar to struct/record
- 30 09 02 01 05 04 02 FF FF 05 00
 - 30 09 – sequence of length 9 bytes
 - 02 01 05 – integer 5
 - 04 02 FF FF – octet string FF FF
 - 05 00 – NULL (no data)





BER tags

- Tag encoding



- Class

Class	Bit 8	Bit 7
universal	0	0
application	0	1
context-specific	1	0
private	1	1

- Tag number

- Bits 1-5
- If all bits are 1 then the tag continues in the following byte(s)



BER length

- $\text{length} \geq 0 \text{ && } \text{length} \leq 127$
 - The length is coded directly
 - E.g. '05'
- Otherwise the bit 8 is set, bits 1-7 code the number of bytes that specify the length
 - E.g. 255 -> '81' 'FF'
 - E.g. 256 -> '82' '01' '00' or also '83' '00' '01' '00'
 - BER x DER
- '80' is "indefinite" length
 - Not allowed in DER



BER value

- The data itself
- Dependent on data type
 - Integer: signed – e.g. 128 -> '00 80'
 - Octet string: directly the data
 - Bit string: number of unused bits + padded bit string to a multiple of 8 bits (padding is at the end)
 - UTCTime: string of one of the forms

YYMMDDhhmmZ

YYMMDDhhmm+hh'mm'

YYMMDDhhmm-hh'mm'

YYMMDDhhmmssZ

YYMMDDhhmmss+hh'mm'

YYMMDDhhmmss-hh'mm'

First look at the binary DER file





DER vs. PEM

- PEM
 - Privacy Enhanced Mail
- PEM as such not used, but formats still used
- Textual formats
 - Practical for transport channels where full 8bit data can be damaged
- PEM is base64 coded DER enveloped with
 - -----BEGIN **SOMETHING**-----
 - -----END **SOMETHING**-----
 - Where **SOMETHING** is CERTIFICATE/PKCS7/KEY...



Sample PEM file

K:\csca.pem (~\Plocha\Wyuka_p...1\PV181_drive\ASN.1) - GVIM1

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----BEGIN CERTIFICATE----

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----END CERTIFICATE----

22,64 Uše



ASN.1 viewers

- Unber (part of asn1c)
- OpenSSL asn1parse
- ASN.1 Editor
- ...

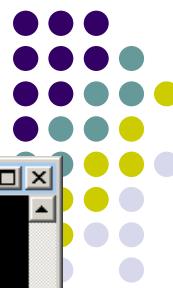


OpenSSL asn1parse

```
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C:\Program Files\OpenSSL\bin>openssl.exe asn1parse -inform DER -in CZE_CSCA_2009
0113.der
0:d=0 hl=4 l=1266 cons: SEQUENCE
4:d=1 hl=4 l= 806 cons: SEQUENCE
8:d=2 hl=2 l= 3 cons: cont [ 0 ]
10:d=3 hl=2 l= 1 prim: INTEGER :02
13:d=2 hl=2 l= 1 prim: INTEGER :3A
16:d=2 hl=2 l= 65 cons: SEQUENCE
18:d=3 hl=2 l= 9 prim: OBJECT :1.2.840.113549.1.1.10
29:d=3 hl=2 l= 52 cons: SEQUENCE
31:d=4 hl=2 l= 15 cons: cont [ 0 ]
33:d=5 hl=2 l= 13 cons: SEQUENCE
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46:d=6 hl=2 l= 0 prim: NULL
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52:d=6 hl=2 l= 9 prim: OBJECT :1.2.840.113549.1.1.8
63:d=6 hl=2 l= 13 cons: SEQUENCE
65:d=7 hl=2 l= 9 prim: OBJECT :sha256
76:d=7 hl=2 l= 0 prim: NULL
78:d=4 hl=2 l= 3 cons: cont [ 2 ]
80:d=5 hl=2 l= 1 prim: INTEGER :20
83:d=2 hl=2 l= 87 cons: SEQUENCE
85:d=3 hl=2 l= 11 cons: SET
87:d=4 hl=2 l= 9 cons: SEQUENCE
89:d=5 hl=2 l= 3 prim: OBJECT :countryName
94:d=5 hl=2 l= 2 prim: PRINTABLESTRING :CZ
98:d=3 hl=2 l= 23 cons: SET
100:d=4 hl=2 l= 21 cons: SEQUENCE
102:d=5 hl=2 l= 3 prim: OBJECT :organizationName
107:d=5 hl=2 l= 14 prim: PRINTABLESTRING :Czech Republic
123:d=3 hl=2 l= 29 cons: SET
125:d=4 hl=2 l= 27 cons: SEQUENCE
127:d=5 hl=2 l= 3 prim: OBJECT :organizationalUnitName
132:d=5 hl=2 l= 20 prim: PRINTABLESTRING :Ministry of Interior
154:d=3 hl=2 l= 16 cons: SET
156:d=4 hl=2 l= 14 cons: SEQUENCE
158:d=5 hl=2 l= 3 prim: OBJECT :commonName
163:d=5 hl=2 l= 7 prim: T61STRING :CSCA_CZ
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189:d=3 hl=2 l= 13 prim: UTCTIME :240413000000Z
204:d=2 hl=2 l= 87 cons: SEQUENCE
206:d=3 hl=2 l= 11 cons: SET
208:d=4 hl=2 l= 9 cons: SEQUENCE
210:d=5 hl=2 l= 3 prim: OBJECT :countryName
215:d=5 hl=2 l= 2 prim: PRINTABLESTRING :CZ
219:d=3 hl=2 l= 23 cons: SET
221:d=4 hl=2 l= 21 cons: SEQUENCE
223:d=5 hl=2 l= 3 prim: OBJECT :organizationName
228:d=5 hl=2 l= 14 prim: PRINTABLESTRING :Czech Republic
244:d=3 hl=2 l= 29 cons: SET
246:d=4 hl=2 l= 27 cons: SEQUENCE
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unber

CSCA_CZE.crt



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labak:~$ unber /usr/share/doc/dirmngr-1.0.3/examples/extracerts/bnetza-10r-ocsp-2.crt
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Manual viewing/processing

Km cze_cscs_20060724.cer (~\Plocha\PKI) - GVIM3

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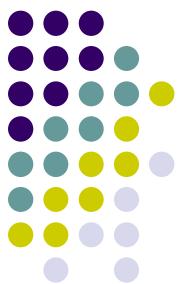
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00000000: 3082 04F2 3082 0326 a003 0201 0202 0101 0...0.e.....
00000010: 3041 0609 2a86 4886 f70d 0101 0a30 34a0 0A..*H....04.
00000020: 0f30 0d06 0960 8648 0165 0304 0201 0500 .0...`H.e.....
00000030: a11c 301a 0609 2a86 4886 f70d 0101 0830 ..0...*H....0
00000040: 0d06 0960 8648 0165 0304 0201 0500 a203 ...`H.e.....
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00000080: 0355 040b 1314 4d69 6e69 7374 7279 206F .U....Ministry o
00000090: 6620 496e 7465 7269 6f72 3110 300e 0603 F Interior1.0...
000000a0: 5504 0314 0743 5343 415f 435a 301e 170d U....CSCA_CZB...
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000000f0: 626c 6963 311d 301b 0603 5504 0b13 144d blic1.0...U....H
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00001100: 696f 7231 1030 0e06 0355 0403 1407 4353 ior1.0...U....CS
00001200: 4341 5f43 5a30 8201 a230 0d06 092a 8648 CA_CZB...0...*H
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00001400: 8a02 8201 8100 af51 99ea a824 c5f8 b0b5Q...\$...
00001500: 6aa5 4b32 852c 8a0b cd84 e72a 59f2 aef9 j.K2.,....*Y...
00001600: 71b2 e0db d2dc 97b4 2c80 a045 97bd 0372 q.....,E..r
00001700: 149d fe4d d00a c337 78dd 989a d7d6 e834 ...H...7x.....4
Počet filtrovaných řádků: 7 1,1 Začátek

- 30 82 04 f2
 - SEQUENCE
 - length 1266B
- 30 82 03 26
 - SEQUENCE
 - length 806B
- A0 03
 - CONTEXT SPECIFIC 0
 - Length 3B
- 02 01 02
 - INTEGER: 2

ASN.1 Editor

File CSCA_CZE.crt



ASN.1 Editor - Opening File: CZE_CSCA_20090113.der

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(0,1266) SEQUENCE

(4,806) SEQUENCE

+ C (8,3) CONTEXT SPECIFIC (0)

+ (13,1) INTEGER : '58'

+ (16,65) SEQUENCE

+ (83,87) SEQUENCE

+ (85,11) SET

+ (87,9) SEQUENCE

+ (89,3) OBJECT IDENTIFIER : countryName : '2.5.4.6'

+ (94,2) PRINTABLE STRING : 'CZ'

+ (98,23) SET

+ (100,21) SEQUENCE

+ (102,3) OBJECT IDENTIFIER : organizationName : '2.5.4.10'

+ (107,14) PRINTABLE STRING : 'Czech Republic'

+ (123,29) SET

+ (125,27) SEQUENCE

+ (127,3) OBJECT IDENTIFIER : organizationalUnitName : '2.5.4.11'

+ (132,20) PRINTABLE STRING : 'Ministry of Interior'

+ (154,16) SET

+ (156,14) SEQUENCE

+ (158,3) OBJECT IDENTIFIER : commonName : '2.5.4.3'

+ (163,7) T61 STRING : 'CSCA_CZ'

+ (172,30) SEQUENCE

+ (204,87) SEQUENCE

+ (293,418) SEQUENCE

+ C (715,97) CONTEXT SPECIFIC (3)

+ (814,65) SEQUENCE

|||| (881,385) BIT STRING UnusedBits: 0 : '1B4BF9165526F44B40EA408AE79327AA67687EFEAFA2333DD2248FBAFA836DA7DE9FE1771FA7C6994CD02347EDDB842A'

File Name: C:\Documents and Settings\Administrator\Plocha\PKI\CZE_CSCA_20090113.der Size: 1270 (bytes)



ASN.1 Grammar

- To understand the structure (what is the meaning of particular fields) we need ASN.1 grammar

```
CertificateList ::= SEQUENCE {
    tbsCertList      TBSCertList,
    signatureAlgorithm AlgorithmIdentifier,
    signatureValue   BIT STRING }
```

```
TBSCertList ::= SEQUENCE {
    version           Version OPTIONAL,
                       -- if present, MUST be v2
    signature         AlgorithmIdentifier,
    issuer            Name,
    thisUpdate        Time,
    nextUpdate        Time OPTIONAL,
    revokedCertificates SEQUENCE OF SEQUENCE {
        CertificateSerialNumber,
        Time,
        Extensions OPTIONAL
                       -- if present, MUST be v2
    } OPTIONAL,
    [0] EXPLICIT Extensions OPTIONAL
                       -- if present, MUST be v2
}
```