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a.sign RK HSM

Developer Manual

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Table 1: Dokumentenhistorie

1 Overview

1.1 Summary

This Document describes the REST-Interface of a.sign RK HSM.

The a.sign RK HSM is a signature server for creating digital signatures according to the Austrian cash register security regulation [[Bun17](#)]

1.2 Overview

The interface to a.sign RK HSM is implemented using a REST Interface (HTTP POST and HTTP GET). The *keylabel* has to be provided in the URL, which allows the signing key to be selected.

1.3 Keylabel

The *keylabel* is obtained when the certificate is ordered, where a free key has to be selected for which a certificate using TaxNumber, GLN or UID will be issued.

The section Inventory in the WebInterface of a.sign RK HSM lists all available keylabels. If a certificate has already been issued for a certificate, then the “Ordnungsbegriff” (eg. ATU12345678) is shown in the column next to it.

The keylabel has the following format: eg. BEKUQDUIRNCOEYEDOSWFENGBCGWJGBYP

1.4 Signature creation

This command is a POST with the data to be signed in JSON format as its content.

The provided data will first be hashed and then the ECDSA key is applied, according to [Jon15, chapter 3.1] the appropriate algorithm will be chosen. Currently a ECC P-256 key will be used, hence the hash function is SHA-256 which leads to JWS algorithm ES256.

The response contains the generated signature [Jon15, chapter 3.4] in the following format.

$$\text{signature} = \text{Base64_url}(R + S)$$

where R = first coordinate of the ECDSA point
 S = second coordinate of the ECDSA point

Request

```
POST /aSignRkHsm/V2/{keylabel}/Sign HTTP/1.1
Content-Type: application/json
Host: ...
Content-Length: 102

{
  "to_be_signed": "c2...WN1=.A43c...Kj="
}
```

Listing 1: Signatur Request V2

Response

```
HTTP/1.1 200 OK
Content-Length: 130
Content-Type: application/json; charset=utf-8

{
  "signature": "BC4jJ_fdAvBB1n-y6h...egC7U",
}
```

Listing 2: Signatur Response V2

1.4.1 Signature creation, providing the hash value

Like the command in 1.4 instead of the Plaintext this command requires the hash value. Hence the hash has to be calculated on the client side.

The hash algorithm to be used is dependent on the signature algorithm (see chapter A.2) and Table [Jon15, chapter 3.1].

Request

```
POST /aSignRkHsm/V2/{keylabel}/Sign/Hash HTTP/1.1
Content-Type: application/json
Host: ...
Content-Length: 102

{
  "hash": "c2FtcGxlIHRleHQgZ...WN1"
}
```

Listing 3: Signature Request (Hash) V2

Response

```
HTTP/1.1 200 OK
Content-Length: 130
Content-Type: application/json; charset=utf-8

{
  "signature": "BC4jJ_fdAvBB1n-y6h...egC7U",
}
```

Listing 4: Signature Response (Hash) V2

1.4.2 Signature creation, JWS

The request is a POST containing the JSON which contains the data to be signed.

The JWS Header has to be generated according to [Bun17, Anlage Ziffer 13], the content is built according to JWS Standard [Jon15]. The JWS structure including the signature will be returned.

Request

```
POST /aSignRkHsm/V2/{keylabel}/Sign/JWS HTTP/1.1
Content-Type: application/json
Host: ...
Content-Length: 87

{
  "jws_payload": "_R1-ATO_DEMO-C...oRo="
}
```

Listing 5: Signature Request (JWS) V2

Response

```
HTTP/1.1 200 OK
Content-Length: 189
Content-Type: application/json; charset=utf-8

{
  "result": "eyJ...J9.X1I...z0.an...adQ",
}
```

Listing 6: Signature Response (JWS) V2

1.5 Certificate information

Querying the certificate information can be accomplished using a GET Request.

Request

```
GET /aSignRkHsm/V2/{keylabel}/Certificate HTTP/1.1
Host: ...
```

Listing 7: Certificate Information Request V2

Response

```
HTTP/1.1 200 OK
Content-Length: 1540
Content-Type: application/json; charset=utf-8

{
  "Signaturzertifikat": "MIIE...QA6o=",
  "Zertifizierungsstellen": ["MII...WSF"],
  "Zertifikatsseriennummer": "963244432",
  "ZertifikatsseriennummerHex": "3969F190",
  "alg": "ES256"
}
```

Listing 8: Certificate Information Response V2

The first two lines of the response are in the required format for “Beleg Gruppe” (see RKS SV - Anlage Detailspezifikation - Z6). The parameter `alg` is required for the payload of the signature.

1.6 ZDA Information

Querying the ZDA Information can be done using this GET Request.

Request

```
GET /aSignRkHsm/V2/{keylabel}/ZDA HTTP/1.1
Host: ...
```

Listing 9: ZDA Information Request V2

Response

```
HTTP/1.1 200 OK
Content-Length: 15
Content-Type: application/json; charset=utf-8

{
  "zdaid": "AT1"
}
```

Listing 10: ZDA Information Response V2

1.7 Issuing a certificate on a.sign RK HSM

Issuing a new certificate can be done using a POST Request containing the “Ordnungsbegriff” and an email address.

The response contains the `keylabel` (see chapter 1.3) for the issued a.sign RK HSM certificate.

The Ordnungsbegriff (e.g.: UID-Nummer) has to be provided in two parts:

There are three different Categories (UID, GLN or tax number) provided via a single integer value (`classification_key_type`). The second part is the value itself.

- `classification_key_type=0`; UID-Nummer;
z.B.: `classification_key=ATU12345678`
- `classification_key_type=1`; Global Location Number (GLN);
z.B.: `classification_key=5012345000008`
- `classification_key_type=2`; Finanzamt- und Steuernummer;
z.B.: `classification_key=12345/1234`

Furthermore an email address has to be provided, which is used for information purposes (e.g. when the certificates go out of life). This email can be the email of the final customer or the email of the A-Trust partner. It is recommended to use a group mailbox which will remain valid after employees leave the company, rather than a personal email address.

Authentication with a.sign RK HSM is performed via the `Authorization` header in the request.

Here the request uses HTTPS (SSL/TLS) and the headers are to be added. See chapter 1.8 or [Wik16].

Request

```
POST /api/v1/Ausstellen.ashx HTTP/1.1
Content-Type: application/json
Authorization: Basic YWRtaW46dGVzdDEyMzQ=
Host: ...
Content-Length: 211

{
  "classification_key_type": 0,
  "classification_key": "ATU00000000",
  "email": "test@test.com"
}
```

Listing 11: Certificate Generation Request

Response

```
HTTP/1.1 200 OK
Content-Length: 15
Content-Type: application/json; charset=utf-8

{
  "keylabel": "JBLPSFXGKMZIMIWQGPJXUZFUZSZMFKTUD"
}
```

Listing 12: Certificate Generation Response

1.8 Authentication

Authentication is required when issuing a new certificate. If a.sign RK HSM is used over the internet or other insecure networks, all other commands should also be sent via https.

When using authentication, all commands are sent using HTTPS (SSL/TLS) and the HTTP header **Authorization** needs to be added. Following is an example of a request using the **Authorization** Header.

```
GET /aSignRkHsm/V2/{keylabel}/Certificate HTTP/1.1
Authorization: Basic YWRtaW46dGVzdDEyMzQ=
Host: ...
```

Listing 13: Example Authorization Header

The values in the **Authorization** header consists of the value **Basic** and the Base64 encoded value of the username and password separated by a colon as illustrated below.

```
string user = "admin"
string pwd = "pwd1234"

string token = Base64(user + ":" + pwd)
string header_value = "Basic_" + token

webRequest.AddHeader("Authorization", header_value)
```

A detailed description of Basic Authentication can be found here [[Wik16](#)].

2 Test System

For testing purposes the following HSM can be used:

URL: <http://hs-abnahme.a-trust.at/aSignRkHsm/>

keylabel: testkeylabel

3 Authentication

In the standard configuration, the REST API of a.sign RK HSM doesn't require authentication. This way all clients in the network can use the HSM for signing purposes. This configuration **is not recommended for a configuration where the HSM can be accessed via internet.**

The Administrator Guide [[Hag16](#)] provides information on how to configure a.sign RK HSM, so that all REST-API Calls require authentication.

Authentication must be turned on if using a.sign RK HSM over **internet or other insecure networks.**

In the same way a.sign RK HSM can be configured to require TLS (attention: self-signed certificate).

Chapter [1.8](#) describes the required changes to the api calls.

A Interface version V1

A.1 Signature creation

This command is a POST with the data to be signed in JSON format as its content.

The provided data will first be hashed and then the ECDSA key is applied, according to [Jon15, chapter 3.1] the appropriate algorithm will be chosen. Currently a ECC P-256 key will be used, hence the hash function is SHA-256 which leads to JWS algorithm ES256.

The response contains the generated signature [Jon15, chapter 3.4] in the following format.

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Request

```
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Content-Type: application/json
Host: ...
Content-Length: 102

{
  "to_be_signed": "c2...WN1=.A43c...Kj="
}
```

Listing 14: Signatur Request

Response

```
HTTP/1.1 200 OK
Content-Length: 130
Content-Type: application/json; charset=utf-8

{
  "signature": "BC4jJ\fdAvBBln+y6h...egC7U=",
}
```

Listing 15: Signatur Response

The response value `signature` is base64 encoded.

A.1.1 Signature creation, providing the hash value

Like the command in [A.1](#) instead of the Plaintext this command requires the hash value. Hence the hash has to be calculated on the client side.

The hash algorithm to be used is dependent on the signature algorithm (see chapter [A.2](#)) and Table [[Jon15](#), chapter 3.1].

Request

```
POST /aSignRkHsm/{keylabel}/Sign/Hash HTTP/1.1
Content-Type: application/json
Host: ...
Content-Length: 102

{
  "hash": "c2FtcGx1IHRleHQgZ...WN1"
}
```

Listing 16: Signature Request (Hash)

Response

```
HTTP/1.1 200 OK
Content-Length: 130
Content-Type: application/json; charset=utf-8

{
  "signature": "BC4jJ\ /fdAvBBln+y6h...egC7U=",
}
```

Listing 17: Signature Response (Hash)

The response value `signature` is base64 encoded.

A.1.2 Signature creation, JWS

The request is a POST containing the JSON which contains the data to be signed.

The JWS Header has to be generated according to [Bun17, Anlage Ziffer 13], the content is built according to JWS Standard [Jon15]. The JWS structure including the signature will be returned.

Request

```
POST /aSignRkHsm/{keylabel}/Sign/JWS HTTP/1.1
Content-Type: application/json
Host: ...
Content-Length: 87

{
  "jws_payload": "_R1-ATO_DEMO-C...oRo="
}
```

Listing 18: Signature Request (JWS)

Response

```
HTTP/1.1 200 OK
Content-Length: 189
Content-Type: application/json; charset=utf-8

{
  "result": "eyJ...J9.X1I...z0.an...adQ",
}
```

Listing 19: Signature Response (JWS)

A.2 Certificate information

Querying the certificate information can be accomplished using a GET Request.

Request

```
GET /aSignRkHsm/{keylabel}/Certificate HTTP/1.1
Host: ...
```

Listing 20: Certificate Information Request

Response

```
HTTP/1.1 200 OK
Content-Length: 1540
Content-Type: application/json; charset=utf-8

{
  "Signaturzertifikat": "MIIE...QA6o=",
  "Zertifizierungsstellen": ["MII...WSF"],
  "Zertifikatsseriennummer": "963244432",
  "ZertifikatsseriennummerHex": "3969F190",
  "alg": "ES256"
}
```

Listing 21: Certificate Information Response

The first two lines of the response are in the required format for “Beleg Gruppe” (see RKS SV - Anlage Detailspezifikation - Z6). The parameter `alg` is required for the payload of the signature.

A.3 ZDA Information

Querying the ZDA Information can be done using this GET Request.

Request

```
GET /aSignRkHsm/{keylabel}/ZDA HTTP/1.1  
Host: ...
```

Listing 22: ZDA Information Request

Response

```
HTTP/1.1 200 OK  
Content-Length: 15  
Content-Type: application/json; charset=utf-8  
  
{  
  "zdaid": "AT1"  
}
```

Listing 23: ZDA Information Response

B Return codes of the interface

HTTP 200 Success

HTTP 400 (error parse request body) invalid request body

HTTP 500 (error parse certificate) error loading certificate data

HTTP 400 (keylabel not found) keylabel not found

HTTP 500 general error

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