

A Deep Dive into macOS MDM

(and how it can be compromised)

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Summary

This whitepaper walks through the various stages of bootstrapping a new device via DEP and MDM on macOS. We start with an introduction to basic concepts and terminology, then give an overview of entities, protocols, authentication, and bootstrapping of trust before moving into a deep dive. The deep dive covers the later steps of the process and details the binaries involved

in DEP and MDM, the IPC flows on the device, and evaluation of network trust (TLS) at each stage. We then demonstrate how a nation-state actor could exploit a vulnerability in the bootstrapping process, such that a user could unwrap a brand-new Mac, and the attacker could root it out of the box the first time it connects to WiFi. Next, we walk through how Apple implemented a new MDM command as a mitigation for the attack. Finally, we describe our takeaways and formulate recommendations based on our observations.

Basics

What is MDM?

MDM stands for **Mobile Device Management**. This acronym can be particularly confusing because it can refer to a product category, general product functionality, or support for Apple's specific MDM protocol. When we refer to MDM, we will implicitly refer to Apple's MDM protocol as defined in the MDM Protocol Reference documentation unless indicated otherwise.¹

In Apple's own words, the "[...] protocol provides a way for system administrators to send device management commands to managed iOS devices running iOS 4 and later, macOS devices running macOS v10.7 and later, and Apple TV devices running iOS 7 (Apple TV software 6.0) and later. Through an MDM service, an IT administrator can inspect, install, or remove profiles; remove passcodes; and begin secure erase on a managed device".²

MDM "allows businesses to securely configure and manage scaled iPhone, iPad, Apple TV, and Mac deployments across their organizations [...] Using MDM, IT departments can enroll iOS devices in an enterprise environment, wirelessly configure and update settings, monitor compliance with corporate policies, and even remotely wipe or lock managed devices".³

Setup process

The process required to set up MDM with Apple can be broken into the following 4 high-level steps:

1. A customer choosing and configuring a product that has implemented support for the MDM protocol, such as FleetSmith. We will refer to third-party implementers of the MDM protocol as MDM vendors.
2. Establishment of (cryptographic) trust between the MDM vendor, Apple, and the customer (typically an organization).
3. Enrollment of the devices into MDM.

¹ <https://developer.apple.com/enterprise/documentation/MDM-Protocol-Reference.pdf>

² Page 7, MDM Protocol Reference, Apple, Inc., 2018-07-16 revision.

³ Page 70, iOS Security Guide, January 2018.

4. Management of devices via MDM commands.

In order to complete enrollment (step 3), a device needs (at a high level):

1. an MDM enrollment Configuration Profile, and;
2. a TLS client certificate to be used as a source of device identity

The installation of the MDM enrollment Configuration Profile can be performed manually by downloading and installing the file manually. This can also be automated using DEP (see below).

What is DEP?

DEP stands for **Device Enrollment Program**. The purpose of DEP is for devices to automatically check in with an MDM server whenever they go through the initial macOS Setup Assistant. Generally, this assistant is only triggered when the device is brand new or if it's been wiped/factory reset and the operating system has been reinstalled. Specifically, DEP streamlines the retrieval of a configuration profile containing MDM enrollment information, thus allowing the automatic enrollment with a predefined MDM server.

Like MDM, the term DEP can be confusing, as it can refer to the program itself, Apple's DEP servers, whether a vendor's device management product has implemented/supports the DEP specification, as well as the state of a specific device. A given device must be "DEP eligible" to participate: this is only possible if it was purchased in association with an Apple Customer Number that is associated with the Program.

In addition to automatic enrollment into MDM, DEP also allows for customization. For example, this can be used to control which screens are shown within Setup Assistant.

Setup process

The process required to set up DEP with Apple can be broken into 8 high-level steps⁴:

1. Customer goes through the process of setting up DEP—a multistep process involving creating a new/dedicated Apple ID, providing Apple with a DUNS number, and logging in and specifying to Apple the URL of the MDM server.
2. The MDM server generates a public/private keypair.
3. The public key is made available to the customer, who downloads it.
4. The customer uploads the public key to Apple.

⁴ Page 95, MDM Protocol Reference, Apple, Inc., 2018-07-16 revision.

5. Apple uses the provided public key to S/MIME encrypt the “server token” (an OAuth 1.0a token).
6. The customer uploads the encrypted server token to the MDM server.
7. The MDM server decrypts the server token.
8. The MDM server authenticates to Apple servers via OAuth.

A note on DEP eligibility on a per-device basis

macOS devices only qualify for DEP if it is purchased in association with an Apple Customer Number associated with the Device Enrollment Program.

iOS and tvOS devices can be “retroactively DEPed” using Apple Configurator.⁵

What are configuration profiles?

Configuration Profiles (also referred to as mobileconfigs) are Apple’s official way of setting (and enforcing) system configuration. They are used on macOS, iOS, and tvOS, although there are differences in terms of which settings can be managed on each platform. Their file extension is `.mobileconfig`, and they contain payloads formatted as XML—specifically plist format, which is a serialization format created by Apple and used extensively behind the scenes on iOS, macOS, and tvOS.

An example of a Configuration Profile looks like this:

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>
<!DOCTYPE plist PUBLIC "-//Apple//DTD PLIST 1.0//EN"
"http://www.apple.com/DTDs/PropertyList-1.0.dtd">
<plist version="1.0">
<dict>
  <key>ProfileDisplayName</key>
  <string>Wi-Fi</string>
  <key>ProfileIdentifier</key>
  <string>com.fleetsmith.profile.wifi</string>
  <key>ProfileInstallDate</key>
  <string>2018-07-19 23:39:40 +0000</string>
  <key>ProfileItems</key>
  <key>ProfileOrganization</key>
  <string>Fleetsmith, Inc.</string>
  <key>ProfileRemovalDisallowed</key>
  <string>true</string>
  <key>ProfileType</key>
  <string>Configuration</string>
  <key>ProfileUUID</key>
  <string>aba1e786da43235a26483cb0af2e9346a15ed6fcf1257211d8caee86fbdee996</string>
  <key>ProfileVerificationState</key>
  <string>verified</string>
  <key>ProfileVersion</key>
  <integer>1</integer>
  <array>
```

⁵ <https://help.apple.com/configurator/mac/2.7.1/#/cad935fc6678>

```

    <dict>
      <key>PayloadDescription</key>
      <string>WiFi settings for: "Insanely Great Studios"</string>
      <key>PayloadDisplayName</key>
      <string>Wi-Fi Network</string>
      <key>PayloadIdentifier</key>
      <string>com.fleetsmith.profile.wifi.config.0</string>
      <key>PayloadType</key>
      <string>com.apple.wifi.managed</string>
      <key>PayloadUUID</key>
      <string>wifi-config-0</string>
      <key>PayloadVersion</key>
      <integer>1</integer>
      <key>PayloadContent</key>
      <dict>
        <key>AutoJoin</key>
        <true/>
        <key>EncryptionType</key>
        <string>WPA2</string>
        <key>HIDDEN_NETWORK</key>
        <false/>
        <key>Password</key>
        <string>*****</string>
        <key>SSID_STR</key>
        <string>Insanely Great Studios</string>
      </dict>
    </dict>
  </array>
</dict>
</plist>

```

This config allows a device to connect to a WiFi WPA2 network. As you can see, this config contains a password to connect to the network. Configuration profile payloads may optionally be encrypted to protect sensitive data such as this, using a public key associated with a specific device.

Apple documentation states: "Configuration profiles can be signed and encrypted to validate their origin, ensure their integrity, and protect their contents. Configuration profiles are encrypted using CMS (RFC 3852), supporting 3DES and AES-128."⁶

Overview

Entities

- Apple
- Reseller (includes Apple Retail)
- MDM vendor
- Customer
- Device

⁶ Page 70, iOS Security Guide, January 2018.

Protocols & Authentication

MDM

“The MDM protocol is built on top of HTTPS, transport layer security (TLS), and push notifications. The related MDM check-in protocol provides a way to delegate the initial registration process to a separate server.”⁷ In practice, MDM protocol works via a combination of APNs push notifications to the device & subsequent device check-ins to the MDM server via a RESTful API. Communication occurs between a device and a server associated with a device management product.

Similar to much of macOS (including Configuration Profiles), the MDM protocol is built on the plist format as well. In fact, Configuration Profiles can be delivered via the MDM protocol. The MDM protocol is built around the concept of commands. To install a Configuration Profile to a device, the server sends the `InstallProfile` command. A command can be sent to a device by sending a plist-encoded dictionary. An example of an MDM command for installing an application (using the `InstallApplication` command) looks like this:

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>
<!DOCTYPE plist PUBLIC "-//Apple//DTD PLIST 1.0//EN"
"http://www.apple.com/DTDs/PropertyList-1.0.dtd">
<plist version="1.0">
  <dict>
    <key>Command</key>
    <dict>
      <key>ManagementFlags</key>
      <integer>1</integer>
      <key>ManifestURL</key>
      <string>https://link/to/manifest.plist</string>
      <key>Options</key>
      <dict></dict>
      <key>RequestType</key>
      <string>InstallApplication</string>
    </dict>
    <key>CommandUUID</key>
    <string>8dc5fba4-bccb-4541-97aa-e48a6d89f425</string>
  </dict>
</plist>
```

A device is “enrolled into MDM” by installing a Configuration Profile. An example of an actual MDM enrollment Configuration Profile looks like this:

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>
<!DOCTYPE plist PUBLIC "-//Apple//DTD PLIST 1.0//EN"
"http://www.apple.com/DTDs/PropertyList-1.0.dtd">
<plist version="1.0">
  <dict>
    <key>ProfileDisplayName</key>
    <string>MDM Configuration</string>
    <key>ProfileIdentifier</key>
    <string>com.fleetsmith.profile.mdm</string>
```

⁷ Page 7, MDM Protocol Reference, Apple, Inc., 2018-07-16 revision.

```

<key>ProfileInstallDate</key>
<string>2018-07-19 01:40:10 +0000</string>
<key>ProfileItems</key>
<array>
<key>ProfileOrganization</key>
<string>Fleetsmith, Inc.</string>
<key>ProfileRemovalDisallowed</key>
<string>>true</string>
<key>ProfileType</key>
<string>Configuration</string>
<key>ProfileUUID</key>
<string>c57bb9bd-a5ab-44ea-96df-9a93145a8554</string>
<key>ProfileVersion</key>
<integer>1</integer>
  <dict>
    <key>PayloadContent</key>
    <dict>
      <key>AccessRights</key>
      <integer>8191</integer>
      <key>CheckInURL</key>
      <string>https://mdm.fleetsmith.cloud/checkin</string>
      <key>CheckInURLPinningCertificateUUIDs</key>
      <array>
        <string>19a8f95c-5e1f-4d87-a4b4-c5e0bdb5cc94</string>
      </array>
      <key>CheckOutWhenRemoved</key>
      <true/>
      <key>IdentityCertificateUUID</key>
      <string>fd8a6b9e-0fed-406f-9571-8ec98722b713</string>
      <key>ServerCapabilities</key>
      <array>
        <string>com.apple.mdm.per-user-connections</string>
      </array>
      <key>ServerURL</key>
      <string>https://mdm.fleetsmith.cloud/commands</string>
      <key>ServerURLPinningCertificateUUIDs</key>
      <array>
        <string>19a8f95c-5e1f-4d87-a4b4-c5e0bdb5cc94</string>
      </array>
      <key>SignMessage</key>
      <true/>
      <key>Topic</key>
<string>com.apple.mgmt.External.d200d2cf-048c-4ca4-882d-a8e9249e3a7f</string>
    </dict>
    <key>PayloadDisplayName</key>
    <string></string>
    <key>PayloadIdentifier</key>
    <string>com.fleetsmith.profile.mdm.mdm</string>
    <key>PayloadType</key>
    <string>com.apple.mdm</string>
    <key>PayloadUUID</key>
    <string>629d68f6-ef7e-4c62-a025-9e0ba261a37a</string>
    <key>PayloadVersion</key>
    <integer>1</integer>
  </dict>
<dict>
  <key>PayloadContent</key>
  <dict/>
  <key>PayloadDisplayName</key>
  <string></string>
  <key>PayloadIdentifier</key>
  <string>com.fleetsmith.profile.mdm.scep</string>
  <key>PayloadType</key>
  <string>com.apple.security.scep</string>
  <key>PayloadUUID</key>

```

```

        <string>fd8a6b9e-0fed-406f-9571-8ec98722b713</string>
        <key>PayloadVersion</key>
        <integer>1</integer>
    </dict>
    <dict>
        <key>PayloadContent</key>
        <dict/>
        <key>PayloadDisplayName</key>
        <string></string>
        <key>PayloadIdentifier</key>
        <string>com.fleetsmith.profile.mdm.rootca</string>
        <key>PayloadType</key>
        <string>com.apple.security.pem</string>
        <key>PayloadUUID</key>
        <string>19a8f95c-5e1f-4d87-a4b4-c5e0bdb5cc94</string>
        <key>PayloadVersion</key>
        <integer>1</integer>
    </dict>
</array>
</dict>
</plist>

```

There are 3 PayloadTypes being delivered in the above Configuration Profile:

- com.apple.security.pem
- com.apple.mdm
- com.apple.security.scep

The first installs new root certificates, since Fleetsmith has a private Certificate Authority built into the product. The second tells the device how to reach the MDM server, and tells the device to TLS pin to the certs we just installed. The third tells the client that it should use SCEP to generate a CSR and submit it to Fleetsmith, so that it can receive a TLS client certificate. The TLS client certificate will be used to authenticate to the MDM server. SCEP is discussed in more detail in the Protocol section of this whitepaper.

MDM network communication

After a device is enrolled, Apple describes the normal communication flow as such:

- “The server (at some point in the future) sends out a push notification to the device.”
- “The device polls the server for a command in response to the push notification.”
- “The device performs the command.”
- “The device contacts the server to report the result of the last command and to request the next command.”⁸

A more detailed version of the steps above is as follows:

⁸ Page 14, MDM Protocol Reference, Apple, Inc., 2018-07-16 revision.

1. "the MDM server sends a notification through the APNs gateway to the device. The message sent with the push notification is JSON-formatted and must contain the `PushMagic` string as the value of the `mdm` key."⁹
2. "the device responds to this push notification by contacting the MDM server using HTTP `PUT` over TLS (SSL)."¹⁰
3. "The server responds by sending the next command that the device should perform by enclosing it in the HTTP reply."¹¹
4. "The device performs the command and sends its reply in another HTTP `PUT` request to the MDM server."¹²
5. "The MDM server can then reply with the next command or end the connection by sending 200 status (`OK`) with an empty response body."¹³

A note on statefulness

There is almost zero client-side tracking of client state. The client (macOS, iOS) does not do anything to "help" you if your approach to device management is that of desired state/idempotency. The server is responsible for keeping track of the majority of the client's state. This differs dramatically from the world of configuration management tooling, where many tools allow the administrator to specify the desired state of a client from the server, and the client handles keeping track of its own state, and ensures that it matches what was defined by the server. In short, it is clear that MDM was designed at a time when imperative workflows were the norm, as opposed to declarative.

MDM authentication

There are multiple pieces of information used for identifying a device when it comes MDM:

- The device TLS client certificate
- A push notification device token, which also contains within it, a PushMagic string

It's up to the MDM server to "pair" the device certificate and push notification device token. Only the device certificate is used for authentication.

The MDM server must authenticate the client by ensuring its client certificate is issued by the expected CA, is still valid, etc. It is up to the MDM vendor to decide where to implement TLS client certificate verification. It could be done at the "edge" at a load balancer and/or web servers such as nginx, Apache, or HAProxy and/or at the application layer.

⁹ Page 18, MDM Protocol Reference, Apple, Inc., 2018-07-16 revision.

¹⁰ Page 18, MDM Protocol Reference, Apple, Inc., 2018-07-16 revision.

¹¹ Page 19, MDM Protocol Reference, Apple, Inc., 2018-07-16 revision.

¹² Page 19, MDM Protocol Reference, Apple, Inc., 2018-07-16 revision.

¹³ Page 19, MDM Protocol Reference, Apple, Inc., 2018-07-16 revision.

DEP

There are three separate DEP protocols:

- one for resellers and distributors
- one for MDM vendors
- one that devices call into at boot

For the sake of clarity, we'll refer to the three APIs as:

- DEP reseller API (used by resellers/distributors)
- DEP "cloud service" API (used by MDM vendors)
- DEP internal API (used by macOS)

macOS retrieves the same information that's populated by the MDM vendor via the cloud service API, but uses a separate Apple protocol in the process (internal DEP API).

All three DEP APIs utilize JSON and have similar schemas.

Though the server URLs are different, the second two APIs share a server certificate (it contains multiple CNs within its server certificate). The DEP servers running the API used by resellers and distributors have a server certificate issued by a separate CA.

DEP Reseller API

A RESTful API is made available resellers and distributors to perform operations related to DEP and physical device inventory, such as device sales and returns. Technically there are three APIs under this one framework:

- Bulk Enroll Devices API
- Check Transaction Status API
- Show Order Details API

Apple documentation defines the purposes of these APIs as such:

1. **Bulk Enroll Devices** - this API call will allow the posting of your customer's device orders to DEP.
2. **Check Transaction Status** - this API is used in conjunction with the Bulk Enroll Devices API to query the system for the status of the transaction that occurred in the past.

3. **Show Order Details** - this API is used to determine the current enrollment status of devices from a given order number. This API is meant to be used for auditing & reconciliation purposes.

The "Bulk Enroll Devices" API is most interesting, and the one worth discussing. This is how devices that have been purchased by a customer get added to DEP. Put differently, this is how a device makes its way into the Apple Business Manager web portal that customers are exposed to.

There are multiple types of API calls that can be made depending on the order type: Order (OR), Return (RE), Override (OV), and Void (VD).

See the Bulk Enrollment Devices API order matrix (below) for a full list.

API Structure				Order Type Data Requirements				
				Order (OR)	Return (RE)	Override (OV)	Void (VD)	
HTTP Header	Content-Type			Required	Required	Required	Required	
	Content-Encoding			Optional	Optional	Optional	Optional	
	Accept-Encoding			Optional	Optional	Optional	Optional	
Body	Request Context	Ship-To		Required	Required	Required	Required	
		Language Code		Required	Required	Required	Required	
		Time Zone		Required	Required	Required	Required	
	DEP Reseller ID			Required	Required	Required	Required	
	Transaction ID			Required	Required	Required	Required	
	Orders	Order Number		Required	Required	Required	Required	
		Order Date		Required	Required	Required	Required	
		Order Type		Required	Required	Required	Required	
		Customer DEP ID		Required	Required	Required	Required	
		PO Number		Optional	Optional	Optional	Optional	
		Deliveries	Delivery Number		Required	Required	Required	Do not include
			Ship-Date		Required	Required	Required	Do not include
			Devices	Serial Number	Required	Required	Required	Do not include
Asset Tag	Optional	Optional		Optional	Do not include			

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An example of a POST to the Bulk Enroll Devices API looks like this:

```
{
  "requestContext": {
    "shipTo": "000005555",
    "timeZone": "420",
    "langCode": "en"
  },
  "transactionId": "TRID_2525088",
  "depResellerId": "ID16B64D90",
  "orders": [
    {
      "orderNumber": "OR_2525088",
      "orderDate": "2014-10-20T01:23:11Z",
      "orderType": "OR",
      "customerId": "CUST_A",
      "poNumber": "PO_2525088",
      "deliveries": [
        {

```

¹⁴ https://applecareconnect.apple.com/api-docs/depuat/html/images/order_type_matrix.png

```
"deliveryNumber": "DEL_2525088",
"shipDate": "2014-10-23T01:24:11Z",
"devices": [
  {
    "deviceId": "C3LD3525DCP9",
    "assetTag": "A_test1"
  },
  {
    "deviceId": "C3LD3526DCP9",
    "assetTag": "A_test2"
  },
  {
    "deviceId": "C3LD3527DCP9",
    "assetTag": "A_test3"
  },
  {
    "deviceId": "C3LD3528DCP9",
    "assetTag": "A_test4"
  }
]
}
```

The other APIs are not worth additional discussion here—see the “API Documentation & Process Flows” section of the documentation for more information.¹⁵

DEP “cloud service” API

The DEP API that MDM vendors utilize is referred to as the “cloud service API” by Apple. The MDM Protocol Reference defines it as an API that “provides profile management and mapping. With this API, you can create profiles, update profiles, delete profiles, obtain a list of devices, and associate those profiles with specific devices.”¹⁶

Confusingly, the JSON payloads are referred to as “profiles,” but have no relation to Configuration Profiles.

All DEP devices receive a JSON payload (“DEP profile”) at first boot. It’s delivered by Apple, but the contents are populated ahead of time by the MDM server. It includes important information such as the URL of the MDM server, any pinned certificates, and which screens should be skipped in the macOS Setup Assistant.

An example of a request sent by an MDM server, to create a DEP profile on Apple’s servers, looks like this:¹⁷

¹⁵ <https://applecareconnect.apple.com/api-docs/depuat/html/WSImpManual.html>

¹⁶ Page 9, MDM Protocol Reference, Apple, Inc., 2018-07-16 revision.

¹⁷ Pages 121–122, MDM Protocol Reference, Apple, Inc., 2018-07-16 revision.

```

POST /profile HTTP/1.1
User-Agent:ProfileManager-1.0
X-Server-Protocol-Version:2
Content-Type: application/json;charset=UTF8
Content-Length: 350
X-ADM-Auth-Session: 87a235815b8d6661ac73329f75815b8d6661ac73329f815
{
  "profile_name": "Test Profile",
  "url": "https://mdm.acmeinc.com/getconfig",
  "is_supervised": false,
  "allow_pairing": true,
  "is_mandatory": false,
  "await_device_configured": false,
  "is_mdm_removable": false,
  "department": "IT Department",
  "org_magic": "913FABBB-0032-4E13-9966-D6BBAC900331",
  "support_phone_number": "1-555-555-5555",
  "support_email_address": "org-email@example.com",
  "anchor_certs": [
    "..."
  ],
  "supervising_host_certs": [
    "..."
  ],
  "skip_setup_items": [
    "Location",
    "Restore",
    "Android",
    "AppleID",
    "TOS",
    "Siri",
    "Diagnostics",
    "Biometric",
    "Payment",
    "Zoom",
    "FileVault"
  ],
  "devices": ["C8TJ500QF1MN", "B7CJ500QF1MA"]
}

```

DEP internal API

Little is known about this API. We briefly touch on it in the deep dive section, but it was not a focus of our research.

DEP authentication

Different types of authentication are utilized depending on which stage of DEP we're looking at, and which API/server endpoints are involved.

DEP Reseller API Authentication

Resellers use one of the three APIs discussed above depending on what goal they're trying to achieve, but authentication is the same for all three.

All three APIs require a client certificate to authenticate. A note can be found on the pages dedicated to each API, which states:

"This API requires certificate based authentication. The API request should be made with the appropriate SSL certificate for the particular Sold-To. ACC will validate the certificate against the Sold-To, and on successful validation, the enrollment process will continue."¹⁸

The documentation for reseller integration with DEP states:

"You will need to have a client certificate installed on your servers in order to communicate with APIs. Certificates expire every 2 years. Approximately 2 months prior to expiration, Apple will send a reminder to create a new certificate."¹⁹ The CN field of the certificate must be in the following format:

```
GRX-<10DigitSoldTo>.ACC1914.Prod.AppleCare
```

As hinted above, the Sold-To number must be in a 10-digit format. The documentation states:

"The leading zeros are important and the soldTo should always be 10 digits. For example, if your soldTo is 0000098765, the value should be:

```
GRX-0000098765.ACC1914.Test.AppleCare
```

for test and

```
GRX-0000098765.ACC1914.Prod.AppleCare
```

for production."²⁰

DEP "cloud service" API Authentication

MDM vendors use the cloud service API for the sake of syncing devices and/or updating their DEP profile. This API uses OAuth 1.0a for authentication.

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<https://applecareconnect.apple.com/api-docs/depuat/html/WSReference.html?user=reseller&id=1111&lang=EN>

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<https://applecareconnect.apple.com/api-docs/depuat/html/WSFaq.html?user=reseller&id=1111&lang=EN>

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<https://applecareconnect.apple.com/api-docs/depuat/html/WSFaq.html?user=reseller&id=1111&lang=EN>

DEP internal API Authentication

DEP device to Apple

Devices calling into Apple to retrieve their DEP profile authenticate with some concept of device identity. There is no public documentation about how this works, and this portion of bootstrapping process is relatively unexplored, but it was not a focus of our research.

DEP device to MDM vendor

The first time a DEP device calls into an MDM server, it authenticates using a signed plist containing metadata about itself, which is then verified by the MDM server. See the section “Establishment of trust between Device and MDM Vendor” below for a detailed explanation.

SCEP

SCEP is a fairly old protocol that was created before TLS and HTTPS were widespread—the first RFC draft was published in the year 2000.²¹ Its purpose is similar to the (much more modern) ACME protocol²² created by the Let’s Encrypt project. It’s meant to be a way for a client to send a Certificate Signing Request (CSR) for the purpose of being granted a certificate. In lieu of TLS/HTTPS, PKCS#7 signed data is relied upon to ensure message integrity.

The SCEP RFC does not dictate that communication must occur over HTTPS. Although this shouldn’t matter due to the use of PKCS#7 signing of messages, HTTPS should be used as a defense-in-depth measure.

In the case of MDM, SCEP is used to request and grant individual client certificates to devices. One major security benefit to SCEP is that the private key associated with the CSR and certificate is generated on-device, is never sent over the network, and remains secret from the server. Not all vendors implement support for SCEP, instead choosing to generate private keys server side and distribute them to clients. This is a less secure approach.

SCEP Authentication

1. Client fetches GetCACert
2. Client receives response:

“The response is simply the binary-encoded CA certificate (X.509). The client needs to validate that the CA certificate is trusted through an examination of the fingerprint/hash. This has to be

²¹ <https://tools.ietf.org/html/draft-nourse-scep-00>

²² <https://tools.ietf.org/id/draft-ietf-acme-acme-09.html>

done via an out-of-band method (a phone call to a system administrator or pre-configuration of the fingerprint within the trustpoint).”²³

3. The client signs an “envelope” of data using (usually) a self-signed certificate, and sends it to the SCEP server. Within the envelope, there are two things, one nested inside the other.

- First, we have the encrypted data and the public key of the CA that was used to encrypt the data.
- Second, we have the actual contents of the encrypted data. The encrypted data is the actual CSR (Certificate Signing Request), which includes:
 - the requested “Subject Name” within the certificate
 - the public key of the device submitting the CSR (the client)
 - any requested extensions, such as Key Usages (which specify what the certificate can be used for) or other names that the certificate should be valid for, aside from the main one (“Subject Alternate Names”).

The end result looks like this: envelope → encrypted data (CSR).

The SCEP protocol includes a field called a Challenge Password. The name is unfortunate, since the value of this field is just an arbitrary string. Unfortunately, vendors who do implement support for SCEP are left to make their own decisions about how to use the SCEP Challenge Password field, if at all (it’s marked as optional in the RFC). The good news is that it can be used to include data to be evaluated by the server in the process of deciding whether to grant the requested certificate to the client. FleetSmith uses this field to include an HMAC, for example, allowing the server to perform validation that a specific SCEP CSR ties back to a valid request from an authenticated user.

APNs

APNs is used for a variety of purposes. It is well documented due to its widespread use on iOS in everything from user facing notifications to being a fundamental building block for iMessage.

In the world of MDM, “APNs is used to wake the device so it can communicate directly with its MDM solution over a secured connection. No confidential or proprietary information is transmitted via APNs.”²⁴

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<https://www.cisco.com/c/en/us/support/docs/security-vpn/public-key-infrastructure-pki/116167-technote-scep-00.html#anc2>

²⁴ Page 70, iOS Security Guide, January 2018.

Establishment of trust

MDM

Establishment of trust between MDM vendor and Apple

MDM vendors must enroll in an Apple Enterprise Developer account (different than a standard Apple Developer account), after which they must submit a request to Apple to be granted an MDM signing certificate, which is necessary in order for an MDM vendor to be able to sign APNS CSRs (see MDM section in “establishment of trust” above). After the request is submitted, a verification process takes where the requester must explain their use-case/need for this special signing certificate. In FleetSmith’s experience, this meant explaining to an Apple representative that we were a new vendor in the market, building a new product with support for the MDM protocol and feature-set. It’s also possible for companies to request an MDM signing certificate for internal enterprise use. This would be necessary if the company was intending to use an open-source MDM solution such as micromdm.²⁵

Establishment of trust between Customer, MDM vendor, and Apple

The establishment of trust for MDM is based on a cross-signing process that works as follows:

1. MDM vendor generates a Push Certificate Request plist, and makes it available to customer for download. Must contain:
 - a. a complete certificate chain all the way back to a recognized root certificate (including MDM signing certificate):
 - i. MDM signing certificate
 - ii. WWDR intermediate certificate
 - iii. Apple Inc. root certificate
 - b. A customer-specific CSR (Certificate Signing Request), signed with the private key of the MDM vendor’s MDM Signing Cert, using the SHA1WithRSA signing algorithm.
2. Customer logs in to <https://identity.apple.com/pushcert> using a verified Apple ID and uploads the Push Certificate Request to the Apple Push Certificates Portal.
3. Apple signs CSR and returns certificate to customer.
4. Customer uploads APNs Certificate for MDM to MDM product..

The total number of steps to setup MDM are greater due to steps involving accepting legal terms and creating an Apple ID, etc. The steps listed here are the only those that establish trust cryptographically.²⁶

²⁵ <https://github.com/micromdm/micromdm>

²⁶ For a more detailed description of this processes, see “MDM Vendor CSR Signing Overview,” page 218, MDM Protocol Reference.

DEP

Establishment of trust between Reseller and Apple

Apple requires both resellers and distributors to sign legal agreements before they can participate in DEP. Furthermore, they issue client certificates to resellers, which are required in order to authenticate to the DEP resellers APIs.

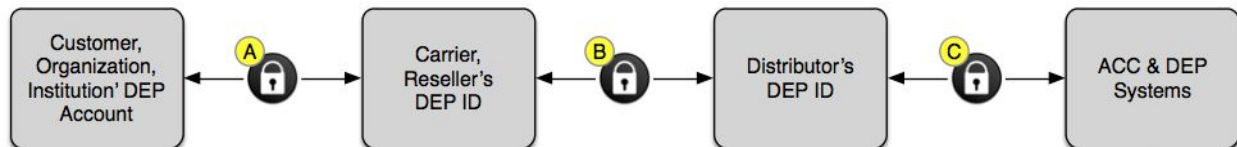
Establishment of trust between Reseller and Customer

The customer must add reseller's "SoldTo" account number within the Apple Business Manager Portal. "A reseller is only able to associate devices with a customer after that customer has "whitelisted" the reseller by adding the seller's SoldTo number"²⁷

The documentation states:²⁸

"

- A. The reseller must provide their DEP Reseller ID to the customer. With this ID, the customer must whitelist the DEP reseller ID with their DEP account.
- B. Apple will link the reseller DEP ID with the distributor's DEP ID upon the reseller and the distributor's signing the DEP agreement.
- C. Apple will check that the Customer ID, DEP reseller IDs for both the reseller and the distributor are linked in ACC and the DEP back end systems. A certificate containing the distributor's Sold-to, and the Ship-to passed in the API will validate the API connection.



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<https://applecareconnect.apple.com/api-docs/depuat/html/WSImpManual.html?user=reseller&id=1111&lang=EN>

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<https://applecareconnect.apple.com/api-docs/depuat/html/WSImpManual.html?user=reseller&id=1111&lang=EN>

29 https://applecareconnect.apple.com/api-docs/depuat/html/images/whitelist_05_disti.png

Establishment of trust between MDM Vendor and Apple

In order for the MDM vendor to sync device records and set “DEP profiles” for devices, the vendor must authenticate with an OAuth token. In order to be granted that OAuth token, the vendor must go through the following process:

1. MDM vendor generates a keypair, then encrypts request with customer-specific public key.
2. Customer uploads public key to Apple, Apple uses it to encrypt object, and returns to customer.
3. Customer uploads encrypted object back to MDM vendor.
4. MDM vendor decrypts object, revealing auth token. Uses it to authenticate to Apple service.

Establishment of trust between Device and Apple

As mentioned in the “DEP internal API Authentication” section, devices calling into the DEP internal API authenticate themselves with their device identity. Exactly how Apple bootstraps device identity within macOS, or how it is verified server side, is relatively unexplored, and the MDM Protocol Reference documentation does not address it. Our “deep dive” section briefly touches on this, but this was not a focus in our research.

Establishment of trust between Device and MDM Vendor

After the device has received its “DEP profile” JSON payload from the DEP internal API, the device proceeds to a POST CMS-signed (PKCS#7), DER-encoded payload plist containing metadata about the device to the MDM vendor. The device information included in that plist is reflected in the following table (reproduced from documentation):³⁰

Field	Type	Content
UDID	String	The device’s UDID.
SERIAL	String	The device’s serial number.
PRODUCT	String	The device’s product type, e.g. “MacBook9,1”.
VERSION	String	The OS version installed on the device, e.g. 17G65.
IMEI	String	The device’s IMEI (if available).
MEID	String	The device’s MEID (if available).

³⁰ Page 129, MDM Protocol Reference, Apple, Inc., 2018-07-16 revision.

LANGUAGE	String	The user's currently-selected language, e.g. "en"
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An example of the payload is the following:

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>
<!DOCTYPE plist PUBLIC "-//Apple//DTD PLIST 1.0//EN"
"http://www.apple.com/DTDs/PropertyList-1.0.dtd">
<plist version="1.0">
<dict>
  <key>LANGUAGE</key>
  <string>en_US</string>
  <key>PRODUCT</key>
  <string>MacBook10,1</string>
  <key>SERIAL</key>
  <string>XXXXXXXXXXXX</string>
  <key>UDID</key>
  <string>00000000-0000-0000-0000-000000000000</string>
  <key>VERSION</key>
  <string>17G65</string>
</dict>
</plist>
```

The request payload is signed using the device identity certificate (as documented), and the following intermediate certificates are included:

Certificate	Expiry
Apple iPhone Device CA	Wed Apr 16 15:54:46 2014 This certificate is now expired, but is still in use.
Apple iPhone Certification Authority	Tue Apr 12 10:43:28 2022
Apple Root CA	Fri Feb 9 13:40:36 2035

Strangely, one of the certificates used for this purpose is expired. This is not documented in the current version of the MDM Protocol Reference. Thankfully this is documented in the deprecated "Over-the-Air Profile Delivery and Configuration" reference. The information we're interested can be found in the paragraph under in following section:³¹

Creating a Profile Server for Over-The-Air Enrollment and Configuration > Profile Service Handlers > Phase 1: Authentication > Profile Service Payload > Listing 2–5 (profile_service_payload function)

³¹

https://developer.apple.com/library/archive/documentation/NetworkingInternet/Conceptual/iPhoneOTAConfiguration/profile-service/profile-service.html#//apple_ref/doc/uid/TP40009505-CH2-SW4

The documentation states:

“The payload content provides a URL where the device should send its identification (using HTTP POST), along with a list of attributes that the server expects the device to provide (software version, IMEI, and so on).”³²

“In response, the device sends back the list of requested attributes along with their values. If the server sent a Challenge value in its request, the device also includes this value along with the requested device attributes. Finally, to prove it is an iOS-based device, the device signs this identification with its device certificate. This response is sent to the handler for the /profile URL.”³³

“Validate that the device certificate is issued from “Apple iPhone Device CA”, which has the following Base64 encoded PEM data.”³⁴

```
-----BEGIN CERTIFICATE-----
MIIDaTCCA1GgAwIBAgIBATANBgkqhkiG9w0BAQUFADB5MQswCQYDVQGEwJWUzET
MBEGA1UEChMKQXBwbGUgSW5jLjEmMCQGA1UECXMdQXBwbGUgQ2VydG1maWNhdGlv
biBBDXRob3JpdHkxLTArBgNVBAMTJEFwcGx1IG1QaG9uZSBZDZlJ0aWZpY2F0aW9u
IEF1dGhvcml0eTAeFw0wNzA0MTYyMjU0NDZaFw0xNDA0MTYyMjU0NDZaMFoxCzAJ
BgNVBAYTA1VTMRMwEQYDVQKKEwpBcHBsZSBjbmMuMRUwEwYDVQQLLWwBcHBsZSBp
UGhvbWUxHzAdBgNVBAMTFkFwcGx1IG1QaG9uZSBZDZlJ0aWZpY2UgQ0EwgZ8wDQYJKoZI
hvcNAQEBBQADgY0AMIGJAoGBAPGUSsnqu1oYYK3Lok1NT1QZaRdZB2bL1+hmmkdf
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Z04IUpRai1mjXNeT9KD+VYw7TEaXXm6yd0UvZ1y8Cxi/Wb1shvcqdXbSGXH0KW05
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bGUuY29tL2FwcGx1Y2EvaXBob25lLmNybdANBgkqhkiG9w0BAQUFAAOCAQEA13P
Z3pMViuKvHe9WUg8Hum+0I/0kHKvjhwVd/IMwG1XyU7DhUYWdj2X/zqj7W24Aq5
7dEKm3fqxK5XCFVGY5HI0cRsdENyTP7LxSiITRYj2m1PedheCn+k6T5y0U4Xr40
FXwWb2nWqCF1AgIudhgvVbxlvqcXUm8Zz7yDeJ0JFovXQhy05fLUHRLCQFssAbf8
B4i8rYYsBUHYTspVJcxVpIIltkYpdIRSIARA49HNvKK4hzjzMS/OhkQpVKw+OCEZ
xptCVeN2pjbdt9uzi175oVo/u6B2ArKAW17u6XEHIIdDM0e7cb33peVI6TD15W4MI
pyQPbp8orlXe+tA8JA==
-----END CERTIFICATE-----
```

Apple addresses the fact that the Apple iPhone Device CA certificate is expired in a single line, stating:

³²

https://developer.apple.com/library/archive/documentation/NetworkingInternet/Conceptual/iPhoneOTAConfiguration/profile-service/profile-service.html#//apple_ref/doc/uid/TP40009505-CH2-SW4

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https://developer.apple.com/library/archive/documentation/NetworkingInternet/Conceptual/iPhoneOTAConfiguration/profile-service/profile-service.html#//apple_ref/doc/uid/TP40009505-CH2-SW4

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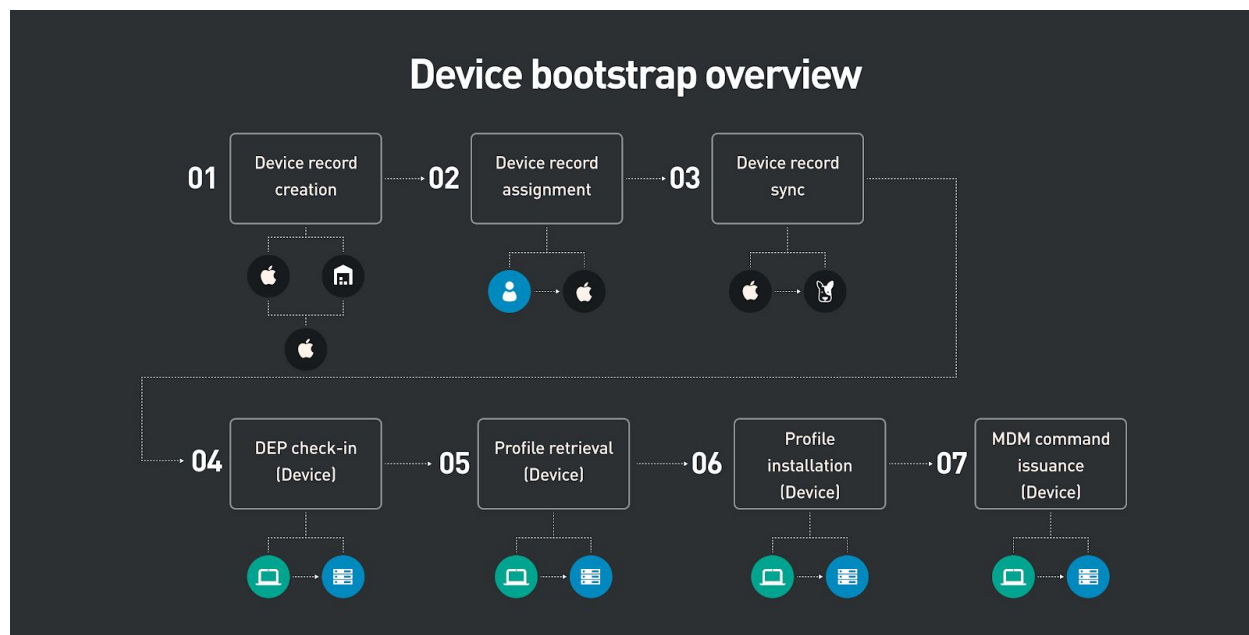
https://developer.apple.com/library/archive/documentation/NetworkingInternet/Conceptual/iPhoneOTAConfiguration/profile-service/profile-service.html#//apple_ref/doc/uid/TP40009505-CH2-SW4

“WARNING: When device certificates signed “Apple iPhone Device CA” are evaluated their validity dates should be ignored.”³⁵

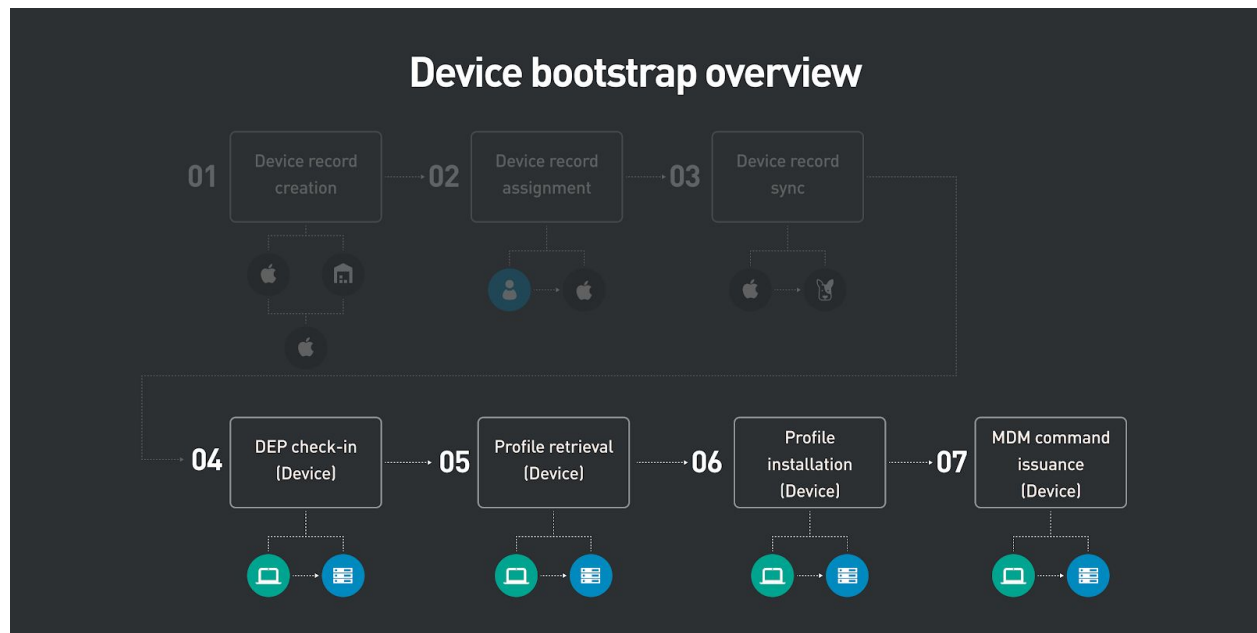
Since the deprecated/archived “Over-the-Air Profile Delivery and Configuration” documentation is the only information Apple has published about this CA, it is unknown why an expired CA continues to be used.

Putting it all together: Device bootstrap overview (DEP + MDM)

1. **Device record creation:** Apple or Apple Authorized Reseller creates device record via DEP Reseller API.
2. **Device record assignment:** Customer assigns to chosen MDM server in Apple Business Manager portal.
3. **Device record sync:** MDM vendor pulls new device records from Apple DEP servers, and creates “DEP profiles” for each device.
4. **DEP check-in:** device authenticates to Apple’s DEP servers using proprietary device identity, retrieves its DEP profile (or, the “activation record”).
5. **Profile retrieval:** device authenticates to MDM vendor servers with device identity, to retrieve a configuration profile (including root certs payload, MDM enrollment payload and SCEP payload, or more).
6. **Profile installation:** includes requesting and retrieving the client certificate via SCEP.
7. **MDM command issuance:** Device authenticates to MDM server using client certificate, and starts receiving MDM commands via APNS.



For our deep dive, we will focus on the portion from device DEP check-in to it receiving MDM commands (steps 4 – 7).



Deep Dive

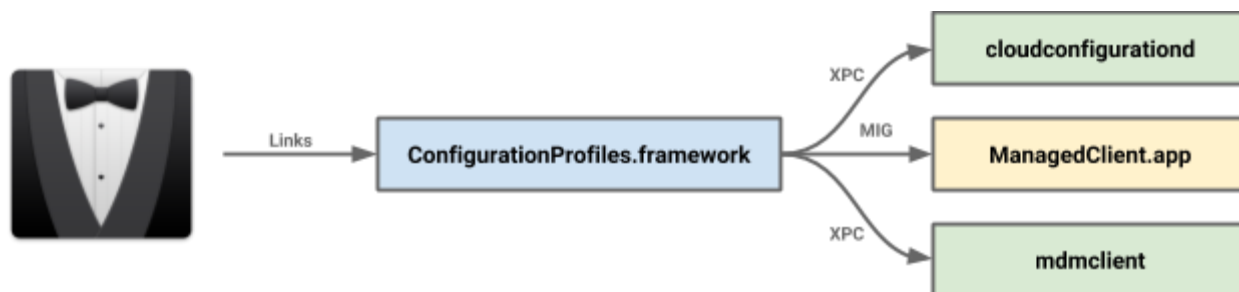
The latter parts of the bootstrap process involve the device itself. These steps are complex, as they are implemented by the operating system through various components interacting over the network with multiple services and using a wide range of protocols. We will refer to these steps as the **enrollment process**.

In the following set of examples, we will explore what happens after a user first boots a MacBook that was previously enrolled DEP and configured for MDM enrollment. We will discuss, in detail, how a user is first presented with the option to approve remote configuration and what happens when this configuration is accepted.

Architecture

Upon first boot, the user is presented with the Setup Assistant. This application triggers the enrollment process but does not implement it. Rather, the code is made available through a framework library intended for internal components. This allows much of the DEP and/or MDM enrollment flow to be triggered from multiple locations.

The architecture of the key operating system components can be visualized with the following diagram:



Note that this architecture diagram is not complete, does not cover all possible communication channels, excludes networking and is only known to be accurate as of macOS High Sierra 10.13.6.

ConfigurationProfiles.framework

This private Objective-C library provides simple, high-level management of configuration profiles on macOS. It is used by various user-facing operating system components, and as such, we consider it to be the “entry point” to the enrollment process. As it is technically responsible for processing configuration profiles, it is responsible for dealing with a variety of payload types, and it sports a plugin-based architecture for doing so. It delegates work to various daemons and services to accomplish its work:

- **ManagedClient.app**: A LaunchDaemon (with an auxiliary LaunchAgent), this core component is responsible for implementing much of the functionality exposed by ConfigurationProfiles.framework.
 - It is so-named because it also implements the older MCX/Managed Client/Open Directory-based client management system.
- **cloudconfigurationd**: A LaunchDaemon, it is responsible for early-stage communication with Apple servers for retrieving DEP configuration.
- **mdmclient**: A LaunchDaemon or LaunchAgent (depending on the context), it is responsible for implementing the MDM protocol and executing MDM commands.

We will describe the various steps of the enrollment process through the lens of this framework, by mapping each step to its exported function and describing its operation.

Step 4: Retrieving the activation record

This step begins as soon as the device establishes a connection to the internet and its purpose is to perform the DEP “check-in”. This amounts to retrieving the device’s “activation record”. This record very similar—if not identical—to the (somewhat confusingly named) “DEP profiles” MDM vendors can configure using the public DEP web services (see particularly the <https://mdmenrollment.apple.com/profile> endpoint)³⁶.

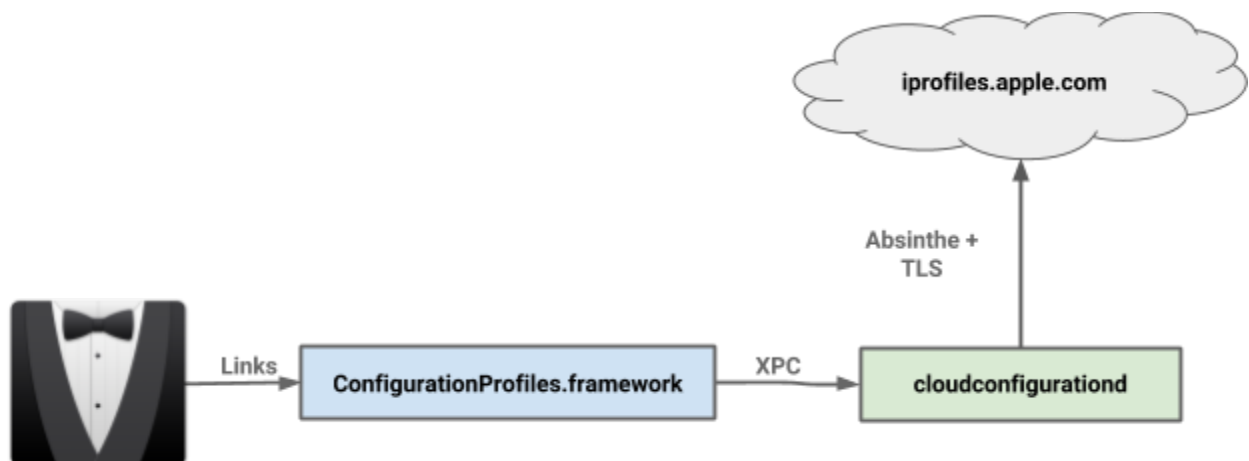
³⁶ Page 129, MDM Protocol Reference, Apple, Inc., 2018-07-16 revision.

An activation record is encoded (at this stage) in JSON. A simple activation record may contain the following:

```
{
  "org": {
    "name": "Fleetsmith, Inc.",
    "address": "...",
    "phone": "...",
    "email": "...",
  },
  "config": {
    "is-supervised": true,
    "allow-pairing": true,
    "is-mandatory": true,
    "await-device-configured": true,
    "is-mdm-removable": false,
    "is-multi-user": false,
    "url": "...",
    "anchor-certs": [...],
    "skip-buddy-items": [],
    "auto-advance-setup": false
  }
}
```

This maps to the **CPFetchActivationRecord** and **CPGetActivationRecord** (for caching) functions in the Configuration Profiles framework. The **CPFetchActivationRecord** function delegates execution to **cloudconfigurationd** using *XPC* through the following interface:

```
@protocol MCTeslaConfigurationFetchInterface <NSObject>
- (void)fetchConfigurationWithCompletionBlock:(void (^)(BOOL, NSDictionary *, NSError *))completionBlock;
@end
```



The object implementing the fetching process for the activation record, **MCTeslaConfigurationFetcher**, is a simple state machine that performs the following steps (approximately):

1. Fetching the initial configuration “bag” (optional):
 - This step does not appear to be enabled by default, and appears to allow Apple to override the various URLs used in the later steps below.

2. Setting up Absinthe:
 - To retrieve the activation record, this daemon encodes data in a rather peculiar way. Internally named “Absinthe”, we’ve surmised this scheme is designed to:
 - uniquely identify a device when communicating with Apple.
 - encrypt messages on a per-device basis.
 - As this encoding will be necessary to identify the device, the first steps in this process are dedicated to initializing this scheme.
 - a. **Fetching the certificate:**
 - An HTTP GET request to <https://iprofiles.apple.com/resource/certificate.cer> is performed.
 - b. **Initializing Absinthe (NACInit):**
 - This function combines the certificate retrieved prior with other various pieces of device-specific information (e.g. it retrieves the serial number using IOKit).
 - This returns an opaque byte string (NSData).
 - c. **Fetching the session:**
 - An HTTP POST request to <https://iprofiles.apple.com/session> is performed, containing the results of the above initialization.
 - This returns a Base64-encoded, opaque byte string.
 - d. **Establishing an Absinthe session (NACKeyEstablishment):**
 - This function uses the results of the above request to “finish” initialization.
 - The session is now considered ready, and will be used to sign future requests.
 - *Note:* Exploring “Absinthe” in more detail is not the focus of this document and is left as an exercise to other researchers.

3. Fetching the record:
 - The daemon is now ready to query the **iprofiles** server for the activation record.
 - The request payload is a simple JSON dictionary:

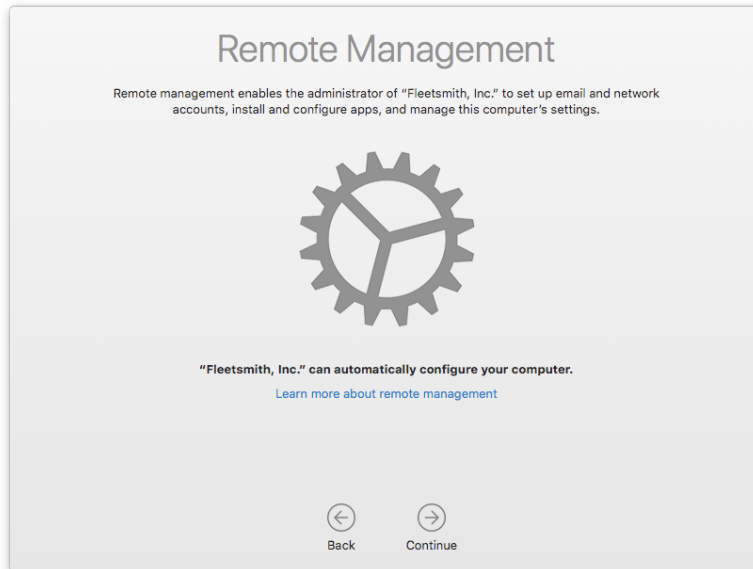
```
{  
  "action": "RequestProfileConfiguration",  
  "sn": "<serial number>"  
}
```

- The request payload is encrypted using the Absinthe session (NACSign) before it is sent.
- An HTTP POST request to <https://iprofiles.apple.com/macProfile> is performed, containing the encrypted payload.

- This returns a JSON dictionary representing the activation record.
- After validating it, the dictionary is returned to the caller.

Step 5: Retrieving the activation profile

If the activation record indicates the device is enrolled in DEP, the user is later presented with the option to enable remote configuration:



In this step, the device retrieves the **activation profile**. This must be a valid **configuration profile**; this is publicly documented.³⁷

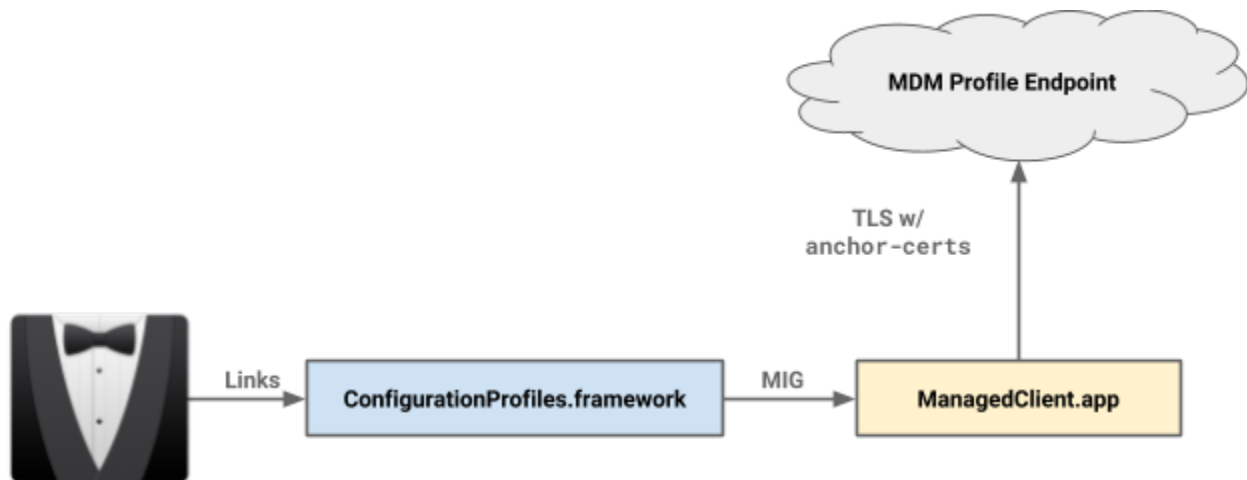
To retrieve the profile, some of the fields configured within the DEP profile by the MDM vendor are now used (via the activation record):

- `url`: Providing a URL allows an MDM vendor to supply an OTA configuration profile.
- `anchor_certs`: Well-behaved MDM servers should also provide anchor certificates to ensure this request's trust is properly evaluated.

This step begins once the user approves by clicking "Next". This maps to the **CPGetActivationProfile** function in the Configuration Profiles framework.

This function delegates the actual retrieval of the profile to **ManagedClient.app** via a *MIG* endpoint named **mcxSvr_cloudconfiguration**.

³⁷ Configuration Profile Reference, Apple, Inc., 2018-07-16 revision.



The exact details of how this request is performed are publicly documented by Apple³⁸ and are described [above](#).

This (very specific) intermediate certificate chain can be retrieved using the private `SecCertificateCopyiPhoneDeviceCAChain(void)` function in `Security.framework`.

Step 6: Installing the activation profile

Once the activation profile is retrieved, it is installed similarly to any other configuration profile.

Apple supports other means of installing configuration profiles, which is made easy by their flexible payload structures. As mentioned earlier, a profile can be installed by the user (by manually downloading and installing one) or even through MDM at a later date. Thus, an **activation profile** is in reality a **configuration profile** that happens to be delivered by DEP.

As a configuration profile can contain multiple payloads, each payload must be evaluated and installed. For the purposes of this example, we will focus on the MDM-related payloads.

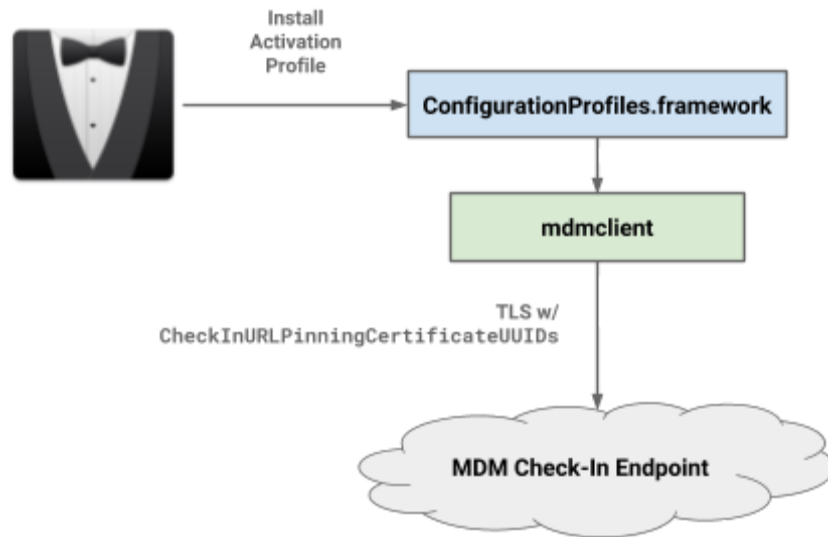
This step begins, when driven by the Setup Assistant, immediately after the activation profile is retrieved. This maps to the **CPInstallActivationProfile** function in the Configuration Profiles framework.

This function delegates much of its work to the **mdmclient** daemon via XPC (and through a simple shim named `MCXToolsInterface`). This daemon supports a variety of requests over the following interface:

```

@protocol XPC_MDM_PrivateProtocol
- (void)processRequest:(NSDictionary *)arg1 withReply:(void (^)(NSDictionary *))arg2;
@end
  
```

³⁸ Page 129, MDM Protocol Reference, Apple, Inc., 2018-07-16 revision.



In this case, the framework issues an **InstallActivationProfile** request to the daemon, including a serialized version of the profile. For these purposes, the activation profile is represented using an instance of the **CPPProfile** class in `ConfigurationProfiles.framework`.

The installation process for **InstallActivationProfile** is roughly as follows:

1. DEP-specific information in the profile and its retrieval is processed.
 - a. For example, its origin as a DEP profile is asserted.
2. The profile is then installed normally by invoking the `InstallProfile` command (the remaining steps below comprise this command).
3. The profile's payloads are then each validated, then installed:
 - a. To achieve this, both **ManagedClient.app** and **ConfigurationProfiles.framework** sport a plugin-based architecture.
 - b. Various XPC services (in the case of the framework) and/or `PlugIns` (`.profileDomainPlugin` in the case of the application) are used to install specific payload types.
4. The SCEP payload (**com.apple.security.scep**) is used to install certificates on the device, such as an additional trusted root CA.
 - a. This is necessary for MDM vendors that wish to allow mutual TLS authentication with managed devices by installing vendor-generated client certificates on the device.
 - b. This payload is managed by `CertificateService.xpc`, which is responsible for installing it.
 - c. This payload is installed using **SCEP.framework**, a simple private implementation of the SCEP. This framework is able to abstract away of the use

of SCEP to produce **Security.framework** objects, which are simpler to manipulate.

5. The MDM payload (**com.apple.mdm**) is used to enable the use of the MDM protocol.
 - a. This is used to configure the MDM enrollment for the device, including the device-specific certificate, the MDM server URLs and the APNs topic used for push notifications³⁹.
 - b. This payload is managed by `MDMService.xpc`, which (interestingly) issues installation commands *back to mdmclient* itself (this reflects the recursive nature of configuration profiles).
 - c. The installation of an MDM payload amounts to what is publicly documented as the “check-in protocol”⁴⁰:
 - i. The device contacts the MDM server at the check-in url (via the `CheckInURL` property, if it is provided, otherwise `ServerURL`).
 - ii. Well-behaved MDM vendors can (and should) provide anchor certificates via the profile and matching identifiers in the MDM payload to ensure the check-in URL’s trust is validated properly (via the `CheckInURLPinningCertificateUUIDs` property).
 - iii. Internally, the `MDMConnectionHelper` object is responsible for communications in the check-in process, and will make use of the URL and of the pinning UUIDs to securely contact the vendor.

This is achieved using a rather standard `NSURLSession` object and its `didReceiveChallenge` delegate method.

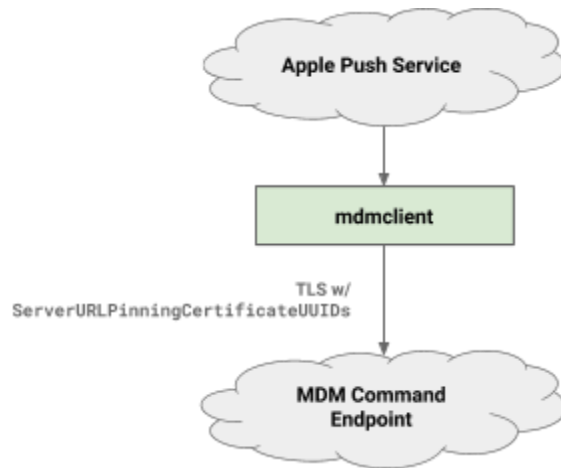
Step 7: Listening for commands

Once the activation profile is installed, the device is ready to receive instructions from the MDM server.

This step begins automatically after the installation of the activation profile. It is implemented in **mdmclient**, along with the rest of the MDM protocol.

³⁹ Page 16, MDM Protocol Reference, Apple, Inc., 2018-07-16 revision.

⁴⁰ Page 10, MDM Protocol Reference, Apple, Inc., 2018-07-16 revision.



Generally, it executes the following loop, as is publicly documented:⁴¹

1. The server sends a push notification using APNs to the device.
2. The device contacts the server to receive instructions.
 - a. The device contacts the MDM server using the primary URL (via the `ServerURL` property).
 - b. Well-behaved MDM vendors can (and should) provide anchor certificates via the MDM payload to ensure the URL's trust is validated properly (via the `ServerURLPinningCertificateUUIDs` property).
3. The device performs the command.

Vulnerability: InstallApplication

We will recapitulate this flow from the perspective of an MDM vendor. So far, what can an MDM vendor do to prevent malicious actors from impersonating it?

- **Step 1:** This step is primarily under Apple's control.
- **Step 2:** The vendor can provide anchor certificates in the DEP profile for when the device retrieves the MDM enrollment configuration profile.
- **Step 3:** The vendor can assign a device an identifying certificate via the SCEP payload of the configuration profile, and refer to this certificate in the MDM payload. It is then used as the client certificate when performing MDM check-in.
- **Step 4:** The vendor can provide anchor certificates for the MDM protocol via various payloads of the configuration profile, and refer to these certificates in the MDM payload. They are then used to evaluate trust when performing MDM check-in, as well as later requests of the MDM protocol.

⁴¹ Page 14, MDM Protocol Reference, Apple, Inc., 2018-07-16 revision.

This leaves the various commands which a vendor can issue to a device. These are highly varied and wide-ranging in purpose and scope.

One of the most popular commands provided by the MDM protocol is **InstallApplication**⁴². It allows an MDM vendor to install an application package (.pkg) on the device, as well as later manage its life cycle. The package must be signed with a “Developer ID Installer Certificate” and must be a “distribution” style package. Normal flat packages may be converted to a distribution package by issuing the productbuild tool:⁴³

```
productbuild --package someFlatPkg.pkg myNewPkg.pkg
```

The InstallApplication command works by providing a manifest URL returning an XML file containing the details of the package (the format for such packages matches what Xcode provides in some scenarios, and is publicly documented⁴⁴). The MDM vendor may or may not be hosting this URL. Upon retrieval of the manifest, the system installs the application described therein, downloading any packages and assets as needed.

A manifest is encoded as an XML property-list (or .plist). A simple manifest may contain the following:

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>
<!DOCTYPE plist PUBLIC "-//Apple//DTD PLIST 1.0//EN"
"http://www.apple.com/DTDs/PropertyList-1.0.dtd">
<plist version="1.0">
  <dict>
    <key>items</key>
    <array>
      <dict>
        <key>assets</key>
        <array>
          <dict>
            <key>kind</key>
            <string>software-package</string>
            <key>md5-size</key>
            <integer></integer>
            <key>md5s</key>
            <array>
              <string>...</string>
            </array>
            <key>url</key>
            <string>https://link/to/pkg</string>
          </dict>
        </array>
      </dict>
    </array>
  </dict>
</plist>
```

⁴² Page 10, MDM Protocol Reference, Apple, Inc., 2018-07-16 revision.

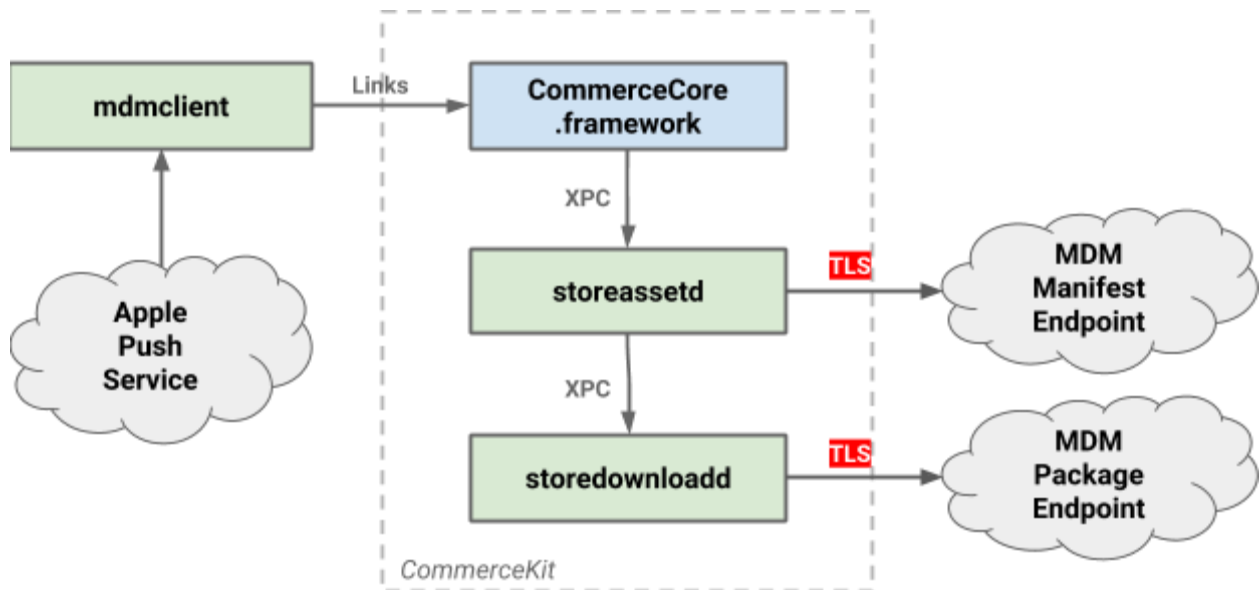
⁴³

<https://github.com/micromdm/micromdm/wiki/distributing-packages-with-InstallApplication#creating-a-nd-signing-packages>

⁴⁴ iOS Deployment Reference, <https://help.apple.com/deployment/ios/#/apd11fd167c4>, Apple, Inc., retrieved on 2018-07-18.

However, the manifest URL's trust evaluation is not under the control of **mdmclient**. To process a manifest, the daemon leverages the Mac App Store infrastructure's private APIs.

The following is an updated diagram that illustrates the architecture in play when installing an application via `InstallApplication`, as may occur as part of first boot:



To trigger the download and installation of an application's manifest, **mdmclient** calls the **CKMDMProcessManifestAtURL** function in the private **CommerceCore.framework**. We will take a closer look at this function's implementation.

To do its work, this function establishes a connection to the `storelegacy` daemon (a `LaunchAgent`) over XPC (via port `com.apple.storeagent-xpc`). This daemon is (unsurprisingly) is a part of the `CommerceKit` framework (as is `CommerceCore`).

This message is directly handled by the `_handleMDMMessage` function, but this binary is largely a shim from what appears to be a legacy API to a more modern version built over `StoreFoundation.framework`. This framework consists of multiple services, each with its own interface and implemented in its own daemon process.

In this case, `storelegacy` routes the request to the "asset" service, implemented in **storeassetd** (a `LaunchAgent` and/or `LaunchDaemon`, depending on the context). This service exposes the following XPC interface (simplified for our purposes):

```
@protocol IAssetService
- (void)processMDMManifestAtURL:(NSURL *)url options:(NSDictionary *)options
  replyBlock:(void (^)(BOOL, NSArray *, NSError *))reply;
```

@end

To respond to the call to `processMDMManifestAtURL`, `storeassetd` creates an instance of the `MDMManifestCheckOperation` class. This object is responsible for installing MDM-provided manifests, in the following process:

1. The manifest is downloaded synchronously from the provided URL:
 - a. This is achieved using helper classes for networking shared with other Store daemons. In this case, the `ISURLRequest` and `ISURLOperation` classes are used (from `StoreFoundation.framework`).
 - b. These objects make rather standard use of `NSURLConnection` and its delegates.
 - c. In macOS 10.13.5 and below, these classes do not evaluate trust. They rely on the system to do so using standard means.
2. The manifest is processed:
 - a. The downloaded manifest is parsed, its properties evaluated.

The request is now dispatched (provided the manifest was valid) to the “download” service, implemented in `storedownloadd` (a `LaunchAgent` and/or `LaunchDaemon`). This service exposes the following XPC interface (simplified for our purposes):

```
@protocol ISDownloadService
- (void)performDownload:(SSDownload *)download withOptions:(unsigned long long)options
replyBlock:(void (^)(unsigned long long, NSError *))reply;
@end
```

From our observations, the download (and subsequent installation) largely follows the same code paths as when a user regularly installs an application from the Mac App Store.

Since there is no indication that server trust is evaluated beyond simple means, **it is possible to for a man-in-the-middle attack to compromise the retrieval of the manifest itself**. This could allow an attacker to make a device install another application during the Setup Assistant process.

We theorize this is partly caused by `mdmclient` and `StoreFoundation` being a part of two different operating system components with different/separate threat models. As the Store is primarily concerned with downloading and providing Apple-blessed packages (which are code-signed) from Apple’s servers (seemingly in the majority of cases), it is possible that pinning-based trust evaluation was considered to add little value. However, in the case of MDM-based installations, this can create a vulnerability.

Fix: `InstallEnterpriseApplication`

We disclosed the issue to Apple shortly after discovering it. Based on our feedback, a fix was quickly implemented in the form of a new MDM command:

InstallEnterpriseApplication, which is now documented publicly⁴⁵.

This command (available as of macOS 10.13.6) allows MDM vendors to provide specific certificates to pin the request to the ManifestURL (using the new ManifestURLPinningCerts property of said command). It is up to the MDM vendor to implement this, but this serves as an adequate solution to this problem. We will take a closer look at how the vulnerability was addressed.

In newer versions the affected libraries, the **CKMDMProcessManifestAtURL** function's second parameter is now an **NSDictionary** that can contain the following keys:

- **_CKMDMManifestOptionPinCertificates**: An array of DER-encoded certificates which are used to pin the manifest request. This matches the ManifestURLPinningCerts property.
- **_CKMDMManifestOptionPinningRevocationCheckRequired**: A boolean indicating whether revocation checks should be performed. This matches the PinningRevocationCheckRequired property.

As before, the object managing the process in storeassetd is **MDMManifestCheckOperation** but this object's implementation has been altered. Its `_fetchManifestAtURL` method now makes use of these options to configure the **ISURLOperation**:

```
[operation setRequireExtendedValidationCertificate:0x0];
certs = [[self options] objectForKeyedSubscript:_CKMDMManifestOptionPinCertificates];
[operation setAnchorCertificates:certs];
revocation_check = [[self options]
objectForKeyedSubscript:_CKMDMManifestOptionPinningRevocationCheckRequired];
[operation setAnchorRevocationCheck:[revocation_check boolValue]];
```

Further, the StoreFoundation classes responsible for networking are now capable of evaluating server trust. Specifically, **ISURLOperation**'s delegate now implements the standard `willSendRequestForAuthenticationChallenge`:

1. The underlying **SecTrustRef** for the challenge is retrieved via:

```
[[challenge protectionSpace] serverTrust]
```

2. The certificates are parsed from the options using `SecCertificateCreateWithData`.
3. The certificates are added as anchors to the **SecTrustRef** (using `SecTrustSetAnchorCertificates`).

⁴⁵ Page 57, MDM Protocol Reference, Apple, Inc., 2018-07-16 revision.

4. The policies for the SecTrustRef are set to perform a revocation check if the options dictionary so indicated that option (using SecPolicyCreateRevocation and SecTrustSetPolicies).

Conclusion

Takeaways

- Various OS components have different threat models, so bugs can appear at their intersection.
- As MDM has a wide surface area of interaction within the operating system, this increases the risk of vulnerabilities.
- With macOS 10.13.6 and 10.14, all communications between a Mac device and an MDM vendor can be pinned except SCEP.
- Security is often dependent on the MDM vendor. And vendors can do more. Which brings us to...

MDM Vendor Product Security Checklist

Based on our observations, we make the following recommendations to other MDM vendors:

- **Pin everywhere**
 - DEP profile
 - MDM enrollment payload
 - InstallEnterpriseApplication
 - Inside agent binary (if one exists)
- **SCEP**
 - Use it! Don't generate private keys server side and then distribute them to clients (at least 1 vendor does this).
 - Use the SCEP Challenge Password field—make sure it's more than just a text string. HMAC is a good approach.
- **Configuration Profiles**
 - All should be signed.
 - All that contain sensitive data should be signed (e.g. using an Apple Developer Certificate) and encrypted (e.g. using the device's public key).
- **Encrypt sensitive customer data at rest (e.g. WiFi passwords).**

In addition to vendors doing more, Apple has more control than anyone to improve the security of DEP & MDM.

Recommendations for Apple

Make DEP & MDM **secure by design**, regardless of which product/vendor a customer chooses:

- Fully document the security model for DEP & MDM, including the role of the Apple iPhone Device CA.
- Renew the expired iPhone Device CA cert built into macOS (used for device identity), so that the chain can be properly validated.
- Require all MDM vendors comply with an MDM security checklist similar to the one proposed here within 12–18 months.
- Make factory installed OS version and build number available via DEP “cloud service” API, so MDM can show that info in-product, allowing customers to know whether new devices are vulnerable.
- Enforce (in the OS) that any Configuration Profile that contains a sensitive value (password, private key, etc.) must be both signed and encrypted as a defense-in-depth measure.
- Unify SCEP implementations across macOS & iOS, and document Apple’s implementation (current docs just point at the RFC).

Appendix

Trust hierarchy on macOS

with T2 chip

- MDM vendor servers
- MDM vendor CAs
- DEP servers
- Commercial CAs
- macOS binaries involved in MDM & DEP
- macOS
- Firmware
- SEP
- Crypto engine chip
- Apple Root CAs⁴⁶
 - Apple X86 Secure Boot Root CA - G1
 - T8012Mac-TssLive-ManifestKeyGlobal-RevB-DataCenter

without T2 chip

- MDM vendor servers
- MDM vendor CAs
- DEP servers
- Commercial CAs
- macOS binaries involved in MDM & DEP
- macOS

Authentication methods

SCEP

- Challenge Password field⁴⁷

DEP

- TLS client certificates (issued by Apple) to talk to DEP reseller APIs
- OAuth tokens (MDM vendor servers to Apple)
- Device identity certificate (device to Apple)

⁴⁶ <http://michaelynn.github.io/2018/07/27/booting-secure/>

⁴⁷

<https://www.cisco.com/c/en/us/support/docs/security-vpn/public-key-infrastructure-pki/116167-technote-scep-00.html>

MDM

- TLS client certificates

List of macOS binaries related to MDM

mdmclient

Full path: `/usr/libexec/mdmclient`

Entitlements:

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>
<!DOCTYPE plist PUBLIC "-//Apple//DTD PLIST 1.0//EN"
"http://www.apple.com/DTDs/PropertyList-1.0.dtd">
<plist version="1.0">
<dict>
<key>com.apple.ManagedClient.cloudconfigurationd-access</key>
<true/>
<key>com.apple.accounts.inactive.fullaccess</key>
<true/>
<key>com.apple.avfoundation.allow-system-wide-context</key>
<true/>
<key>com.apple.avfoundation.allows-access-to-device-list</key>
<true/>
<key>com.apple.avfoundation.allows-set-output-device</key>
<true/>
<key>com.apple.logd.admin</key>
<true/>
<key>com.apple.private.AuthorizationServices</key>
<array>
<string>com.apple.trust-settings.user</string>
<string>system.install.apple-software</string>
<string>system.install.apple-software.standard-user</string>
</array>
<key>com.apple.private.accounts.allaccounts</key>
<true/>
<key>com.apple.private.admin.writeconfig</key>
<true/>
<key>com.apple.private.appstored</key>
<array>
<string>upp</string>
</array>
<key>com.apple.private.aps-client-cert-access</key>
<true/>
<key>com.apple.private.aps-connection-initiate</key>
<string>com.apple.mgmt.</string>
<key>com.apple.private.bmk.allow</key>
<true/>
<key>com.apple.private.commerce</key>
<array>
<string>Accounts</string>
</array>
<key>com.apple.private.configurationprofiles.readwrite</key>
<true/>
<key>com.apple.private.coreservices.canmanagebackgroundtasks</key>
<true/>
<key>com.apple.private.dark-wake-push</key>
<true/>
<key>com.apple.private.efilogin-helper</key>
<true/>
<key>com.apple.private.findmymacd.spi</key>
```

```

<true/>
<key>com.apple.private.iaaccounts</key>
<true/>
<key>com.apple.private.iokit.interactive-push</key>
<true/>
<key>com.apple.private.managedclient.mdmclient-private</key>
<true/>
<key>com.apple.private.managedclient.profiledomainservice.host</key>
<true/>
<key>com.apple.private.networkextension.configuration-may-skip-prompt</key>
<true/>
<key>com.apple.private.notificationcenter-system</key>
<array>
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</dict>
<dict>
<key>identifier</key>
<string>com.apple.mdmclient.cloudconfig</string>
</dict>
</array>
<key>com.apple.private.push-to-wake</key>
<true/>
<key>com.apple.private.security.allow-migration</key>
<true/>
<key>com.apple.private.tcc.allow</key>
<array>
<string>kTCCServiceAddressBook</string>
<string>kTCCServiceCalendar</string>
<string>kTCCServiceReminders</string>
<string>kTCCServiceAppleEvents</string>
</array>
<key>com.apple.rootless.storage.ConfigurationProfilesPrivate</key>
<true/>
<key>com.apple.wifi.associate</key>
<true/>
<key>com.apple.wifi.scan</key>
<true/>
<key>com.apple.wifi.set_power</key>
<true/>
<key>keychain-access-groups</key>
<array>
<string>apple</string>
<string>appleaccount</string>
</array>
</dict>
</plist>

```

ManagedClient

Full path: /System/Library/CoreServices/ManagedClient.app/Contents/MacOS/ManagedClient

Entitlements:

```

<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>
<!DOCTYPE plist PUBLIC "-//Apple//DTD PLIST 1.0//EN"
"http://www.apple.com/DTDs/PropertyList-1.0.dtd">
<plist version="1.0">
<dict>
<key>com.apple.ManagedClient.cloudconfigurationd-access</key>
<true/>
<key>com.apple.keystore.config.set</key>
<true/>

```

```
<key>com.apple.locationd.authorizeapplications</key>
<true/>
<key>com.apple.private.accounts.allaccounts</key>
<true/>
<key>com.apple.private.admin.writeconfig</key>
<true/>
<key>com.apple.private.aps-client-cert-access</key>
<true/>
<key>com.apple.private.aps-connection-initiate</key>
<true/>
<key>com.apple.private.bmk.allow</key>
<true/>
<key>com.apple.private.managedclient.mdmclient-private</key>
<true/>
<key>com.apple.private.opendirectoryd.modify_uuid</key>
<true/>
<key>com.apple.private.opendirectoryd.securetoken</key>
<true/>
<key>com.apple.private.security.storage.Safari</key>
<true/>
<key>com.apple.private.security.storage.universalaccess</key>
<true/>
<key>com.apple.rootless.storage.ConfigurationProfilesPrivate</key>
<true/>
<key>com.apple.security.device.bluetooth</key>
<true/>
<key>com.apple.security.system-groups</key>
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<string>systemgroup.com.apple.powerlog</string>
</array>
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<true/>
<key>com.apple.wifi.scan</key>
<true/>
<key>com.apple.wifi.set_power</key>
<true/>
<key>keychain-access-groups</key>
<array>
<string>apple</string>
</array>
</dict>
</plist>
```

cloudconfigurationd

Full path: /usr/libexec/cloudconfigurationd

Entitlements: None

storeassetd

Full path:

/System/Library/PrivateFrameworks/CommerceKit.framework/Versions/A/Resources/storeassetd

Entitlements:

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>
```

```

<!DOCTYPE plist PUBLIC "-//Apple//DTD PLIST 1.0//EN"
"http://www.apple.com/DTDs/PropertyList-1.0.dtd">
<plist version="1.0">
<dict>
  <key>com.apple.developer.notificationcenter-identifiers</key>
  <array>
    <dict>
      <key>NSUserNotificationAlertStyle</key>
      <string>alert</string>
      <key>_NSUserNotificationHideFromPrefs</key>
      <true/>
      <key>identifier</key>
      <string>com.apple.appstore</string>
    </dict>
  </array>
  <key>com.apple.private.AuthorizationServices</key>
  <array>
    <string>system.install.app-store-software</string>
    <string>system.install.apple-software</string>
    <string>system.install.app-store-software.standard-user</string>
    <string>system.install.apple-software.standard-user</string>
    <string>system.install.software.mdm-provided</string>
  </array>
  <key>com.apple.private.adid</key>
  <true/>
  <key>com.apple.private.bookkit</key>
  <true/>
  <key>com.apple.private.domain-extension</key>
  <true/>
  <key>com.apple.private.fpsd.client</key>
  <true/>
  <key>com.apple.private.launchpad.list</key>
  <true/>
  <key>com.apple.private.managedclient.configurationprofiles</key>
  <true/>
  <key>com.apple.private.mas-receipt-installer</key>
  <true/>
  <key>com.apple.private.notificationcenter-system</key>
  <array>
    <dict>
      <key>_NSUserNotificationHideFromPrefs</key>
      <true/>
      <key>identifier</key>
      <string>com.apple.storeassetd</string>
    </dict>
  </array>
  <key>com.apple.private.rtcreportingd</key>
  <true/>
  <key>com.apple.private.securityd.stash</key>
  <true/>
  <key>com.apple.private.storeinstallagent.install-request</key>
  <true/>
  <key>com.apple.private.storeinstalld.install-request</key>
  <true/>
  <key>com.apple.security.temporary-exception.apple-events</key>
  <array>
    <string>com.apple.loginwindow</string>
  </array>
</dict>
</plist>

```

storedownloadd

Full path:

/System/Library/PrivateFrameworks/CommerceKit.framework/Versions/A/Resources/storedownload

Entitlements:

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>
<!DOCTYPE plist PUBLIC "-//Apple//DTD PLIST 1.0//EN"
"http://www.apple.com/DTDs/PropertyList-1.0.dtd">
<plist version="1.0">
<dict>
  <key>com.apple.duet.activityscheduler.allow</key>
  <true/>
  <key>com.apple.private.AuthorizationServices</key>
  <array>
    <string>system.install.app-store-software</string>
    <string>system.install.apple-software</string>
    <string>system.install.app-store-software.standard-user</string>
    <string>system.install.apple-software.standard-user</string>
    <string>system.install.software.mdm-provided</string>
  </array>
  <key>com.apple.private.adid</key>
  <true/>
  <key>com.apple.private.bookkit</key>
  <true/>
  <key>com.apple.private.domain-extension</key>
  <true/>
  <key>com.apple.private.fpsd.client</key>
  <true/>
  <key>com.apple.private.launchservices.cansetapplicationtrusted</key>
  <true/>
  <key>com.apple.private.librarian.container-proxy</key>
  <true/>
  <key>com.apple.private.mas-display-ui</key>
  <true/>
  <key>com.apple.private.mas-receipt-installer</key>
  <true/>
  <key>com.apple.private.rtcreportingd</key>
  <true/>
  <key>com.apple.private.securityd.stash</key>
  <true/>
  <key>com.apple.security.temporary-exception.apple-events</key>
  <array>
    <string>com.apple.loginwindow</string>
  </array>
</dict>
</plist>
```

List of Apple server URLs

MDM (APNs)

<https://api.push.apple.com> – actual server

<https://identity.apple.com/pushcert> – customer portal

DEP ↔ MDM server

<https://mdmenrollment.apple.com>

DEP ↔ Resellers

Bulk Enroll Devices API:

Dev/Test environment:

<https://acc-ipt.apple.com/enroll-service/1.0/bulk-enroll-devices>

Joint UAT environment:

<https://api-applecareconnect-ept.apple.com/enroll-service/1.0/bulk-enroll-devices>

(even soldTold)

<https://api-applecareconnect-ept2.apple.com/enroll-service/1.0/bulk-enroll-devices>

(odd soldTold)

Check Transaction Status API:

Dev/Test environment:

<https://acc-ipt.apple.com/enroll-service/1.0/check-transaction-status>

Joint UAT environment:

<https://api-applecareconnect-ept.apple.com/enroll-service/1.0/check-transaction-status>

(even soldTold)

<https://api-applecareconnect-ept2.apple.com/enroll-service/1.0/check-transaction-status>

(odd soldTold)

Show Order Details API:

Dev/Test environment:

<https://acc-ipt.apple.com/enroll-service/1.0/show-order-details>

Joint UAT environment:

<https://api-applecareconnect-ept.apple.com/enroll-service/1.0/show-order-details>

(even soldTold)

<https://api-applecareconnect-ept2.apple.com/enroll-service/1.0/show-order-details>

(odd soldTold)

DEP ↔ Devices

Domain: iprofiles.apple.com

openssl output

api-applecareconnect.apple.com

```
openssl s_client -showcerts -servername api-applecareconnect.apple.com -connect  
api-applecareconnect.apple.com:443
```

```
CONNECTED(00000006)  
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iprofiles.apple.com

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No client certificate CA names sent

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New, TLSv1/SSLv3, Cipher is ECDHE-RSA-AES128-GCM-SHA256

Server public key is 2048 bit


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SSL handshake has read 3905 bytes and written 483 bytes
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New, TLSv1/SSLv3, Cipher is ECDHE-RSA-AES256-GCM-SHA384
Server public key is 2048 bit
Secure Renegotiation IS supported
Compression: NONE
Expansion: NONE
No ALPN negotiated
SSL-Session:
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    Cipher : ECDHE-RSA-AES256-GCM-SHA384
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    Start Time: 1533309812
    Timeout : 300 (sec)
    Verify return code: 0 (ok)
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api.push.apple.com:2197

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openssl s_client -showcerts -servername api.push.apple.com -connect api.push.apple.com:2197
CONNECTED(00000006)

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    Timeout    : 300 (sec)
    Verify return code: 0 (ok)
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