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SPDM's Overall Goals

- All SPDM features fall into at least one of these main goals:
 - Device Attestation
 - Securing Communication over the Wire
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 - The ability to attest various aspect of a device such as firmware integrity and device identity.
- Securing Communication over the Wire
 - Provide the transport the ability to secure communication of any data over that transport.

SPDM Summary

- Version 1.0:
 - Measurement Support
 - Device Authentication
- Version 1.1:
 - Secure Session
 - Public Key Exchange
 - Symmetric Key Exchange
 - Mutual Authentication

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SPDM 1.2 Feature Additions

- Provisioning
 - Allows installation of device certificate in manufacturing.
- Certificates
 - Allows for alias leaf certificates derived from device certificates.
- Message Fragmentation
 - Send large SPDM messages in chunks.
- Miscellaneous:
 - Added SM2, SM3, SM4 algorithms to supported list.
 - New OIDs added.

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SPDM 1.2 Feature Deprecation

- Deprecating Basic Mutual Authentication
 - Removing mutual authentication in CHALLENGE and CHALLENGE_AUTH.

SPDM 1.2 Change Awareness

- Statement of Backwards Compatibility:
 - SPDM message format will maintain bit-wise and semantic compatibility for existing fields.
 - SPDM may append new fields to an existing message.
 - SPDM may make use of reserved values.
 - SPDM may deprecate a valid value.
 - SPDM may make operational changes to fix a security issue or strengthen the security posture of the operation even if they are technically incompatible.
- Therefore, SPDM 1.2 contains changes that may be deemed technically incompatible with prior versions.
 - Please see change notes at the end of DSP0274 1.2 for details.

Provisioning

- Allows for a device certificate (i.e., certificate slot 0) to be installed in a secured environment (e.g., manufacturing).
- New Request / Response
 - SET_CERTIFICATE / CERTIFICATE_RSP
 - Installs a certificate chain to the specified slot.
 - GET_CSR / CSR
 - Generates a certificate signing request to be signed by a certificate signing infrastructure.

Alias Certificates Support

• What is an Alias Certificate or Certificate chain?

- They are dynamically generated, usually, on each device reset.
- They are chained to the device certificate.
- They are mutable.

• New Feature

- Devices can generate alias certificate dynamically usually on device boot.
- Alias certificates will be used as the leaf certificate instead of device certificates in all existing device authentication flow (i.e., CHALLENGE, KEY_EXCHANGE, GET_MEASUREMENT, etc...).
 - Device Certificates are usually static, immutable and hardware anchored.





Message Fragmentation – Chunks Transfer

- Allows a large SPDM message to be transfer in fragments (called chunks) to account for the receiving buffer size.
- New Request / Response:
 - CHUNK_SEND / CHUNK_SEND_ACK
 - Send a large SPDM Request in fragments.
 - CHUNK_GET / CHUNK_RESPONSE
 - Retrieves a large SPDM Response in fragments

Send Large SPDM Request Flow



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Retrieve Large SPDM Response Flow DMTF

