

Re: PKI and Relying Parties

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"Harold Hammond" <HammondITS@netscape.net> wrote in message
news:3CA1DE39.87E7579C@netscape.net...

> *I have a pretty good understand of PKI, however, I'm not sure what would
> be the solution for an enterprise that wishes to be a relying party but
> not a CA. We don't want to be issuing certs. Right now, we don't want
> anyone else to be issuing certs on our behalf. We just want to be able
> to validate certificates. If its a level 3 cert and its from an
> approved CA (or a subordinate of an approved CA) then we can be certain
> of the user's identity and will let then attempt to access our system.*
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> TIA
> -Harold

Checking the cert validity (or rather, revocation status) on a CRL each time
it's used might help you control access.

And I assume you still maintain an access control list to manage the
accesses that the external user can undertake, so maybe you don't really
save much time or overheads.

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