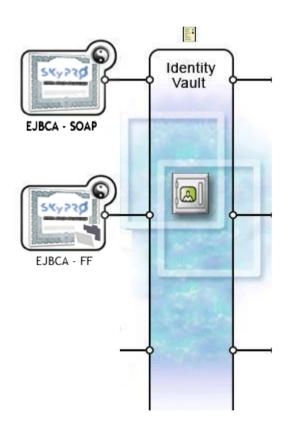


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for MicroFocus Identity Manager

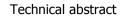


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About this document

This document summarizes the functions of the product "PrimeKey EJBCA drive" for MicroFocus Identity Manager.

Audience

This guide is intended for consultants and administrators designing and maintaining existing MicroFocus Identity Manager environment. You should have an understanding of drivers, workflows, eDirectory and the IDM Designer tool.

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1 Abstract

Based on the open source Certificate Authority EJBCA (ejbca.sourceforce.net) the EJBCA driver creates certificates for user, workstation or any other object in your eDirectory. Based on J2EE technology EJBCA constitutes a robust, high performance and component based CA. EJBCA is an enterprise class PKI, meaning you can use EJBCA to build a complete PKI infrastructure for your organization.

The EJBCA driver for Novell Identity Manager actually consists of two drivers.

- a SOAP driver, that communicates with the EJBCA infrastructure to create certificates
- a loopback driver, which exports certificates in PFX, CER and DER files and renews certificates

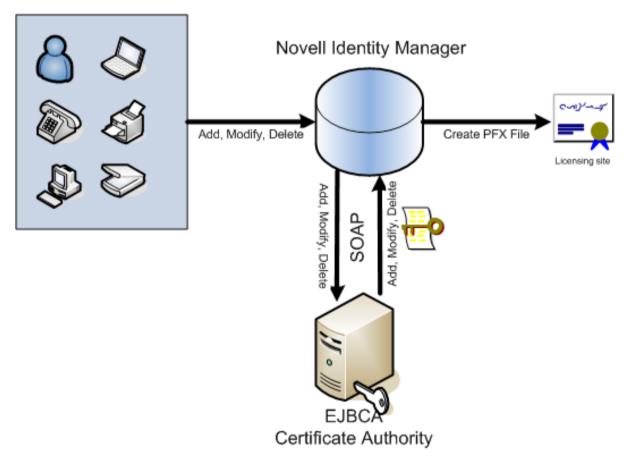


figure 1: Driver Overview

The SOAP driver synchronizes objects from eDirectory with the EJBCA PKI infrastructure. It creates, modifies and deletes "end entities" in the EJBCA PKI infrastructure. EJBCA itself generates the specified certificates for the entities. The certificates, including public and private key material, are stored into eDirectory by the SOAP driver. Since all eDirectory object classes can by synchronized with EJBCA, you can create certificate for any eDirectory object (e.g. user, server, workstation, server, laptop, printer, phone etc.).

The loopback driver exports the certificate into a PFX, CER or DER file for further distribution. In case of a PFX file you can define a standard password, which is exported in a separate password file.



1.1 SOAP Driver (issuing certificates)

This driver communicates via EJBCA's SOAP (simple object access protocol) interface with the EJBCA server. Object classes and context of objects, which have to be synchronized, are freely definable in the driver's configuration. Each object is created as an end entity in the EJBCA infrastructure.

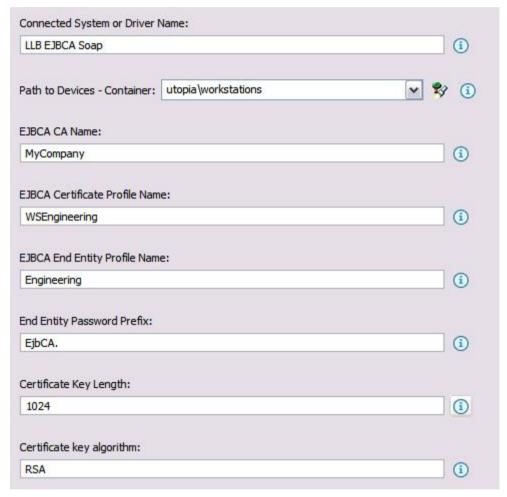


figure 2: SOAP driver global configuration values

You can define key length and key algorithm as well as CA profile and end entity profile. The CA profile defines the desired type of certificate, whereas the end entity profile works as a template for the end entity.

1.1.1 CA profile

The CA profile defines the usage und functionality of the certificate, which is created for the entity in EJBCA. For example the CA profile defines:

- validity of the certificate (in days)
- key usage (digital signature, key or data encipherment, key agreement, CRL sign etc.)
- extended key usage (server or client authentication, email protection, IPSec etc.)
- available key lengths (up to 4096 bits)
- · signing CA
- and much more



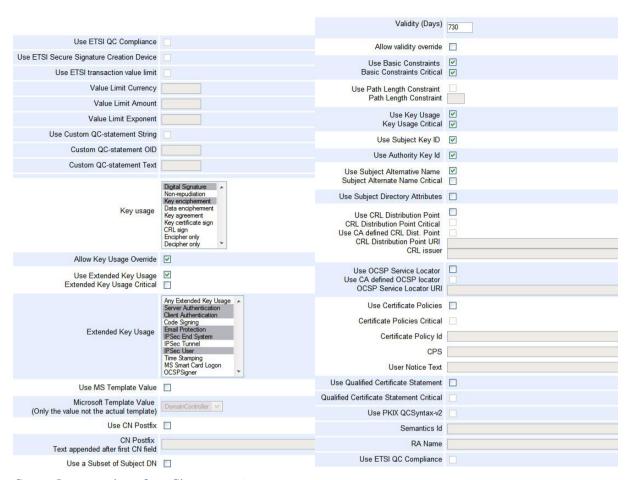


figure 3: examples of profile parameters

1.1.2 End Entity Profile

The end entity profile defines many parameters and attributes for the end entity. These are for example:

- attribute for object naming
- alternative naming fields
- required fields
- by which CA profile the entity can be created
- supported tokens (P12, JKS, PEM)
- and much more

Since EJBCA allows defining different CA profiles and end entity profiles, the driver is extremely flexible. You can use different driver instances for different object classes or contexts, which use different CA profiles or end entity profiles.

The certificate information including private and public keys are stored in your eDirectory . A separate attribute holds the public key of the certificate for LDAP validation purposes. Additionally the driver also stores the creation and the expiration date of certificate.

If the naming attribute of the object changes in your eDirectory, the driver deletes the entity in EJBCA and creates a new entity with a new certificate. If you delete the object in eDirectory, the entity is also removed in EJBCA.



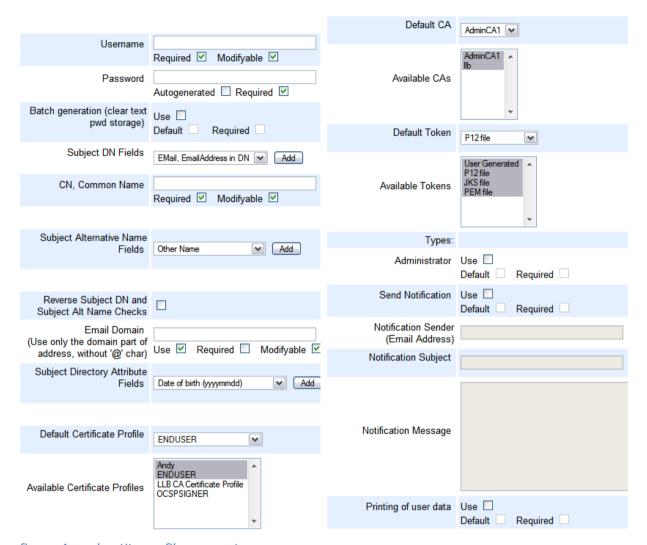


figure 4: end entity profile parameters

The SOAP communication is secured by a client certificate, that needs to be issued by the EJBCA CA. No unauthorized client can access the SOAP services. All transferred data is SSL encrypted.

1.2 Loopback driver (exporting certificates)

The loopback driver exports the certificates in a file based directory. At the moment the certificate information is written into eDirectory by the SOAP driver, the loopback driver exports the certificate into a PFX, CER or DER file. The file format as well as the destination directory is configurable. Using the pfx file format allows you to protect the file with a password.



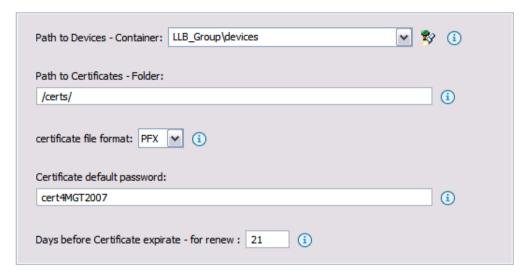
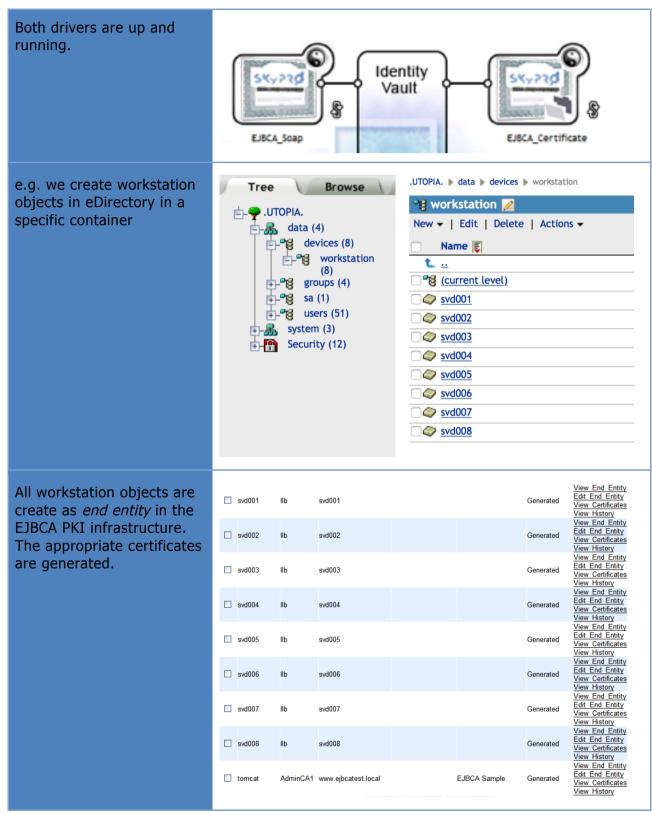


figure 5: loopback driver global configuration values

The loopback driver also polls the central directory for all certificates, reaching their expiration date. The driver allows defining an automatic "in time" renewal process for these certificates. In the driver parameters you're able to define how many days before reaching the expiration date a new certificate will be created and exported automatically.



2 Example





In iManager you see the attribute *userPKCS12* for all objects, which have received a certificate from EJBCA. This attribute holds the certificate including private and public key material.



All certificates are exported as PFX, CER or DER file including the password (PFX only) defined in the loopback driver.

