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WebAuthn attestation formats are registered on the advice of a Designated Expert (appointed by the IESG or their delegate), with a Specification Required (per [RFC5226]).

The Expert(s) will establish procedures for requesting registrations, and make them available from the registry page.

Registration requests consist of at least the following information:

- o WebAuthn Attestation Format Identifier:
- o Description: A relatively short description of the attestation format.
- o Specification Document: Reference to the specification of the attestation format.
- o Notes: [optional]

The Expert(s) MAY define additional fields to be collected in the registry. Each attestation format identifier added to this registry MUST be unique amongst the set of registered attestation format identifiers.

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Registrations MUST reference a freely available specification, e.g., as described in [RFC2026] Section 7.

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This specification establishes two registries:

- o the WebAuthn Attestation Formats registry; see Section 2. Initial registry contents are given in Section 4.2.
- o the WebAuthn Extension Identifiers registry; see Section 3. Initial registry contents are given in Section 4.3.

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The Expert(s) will provide registry data to IANA in an agreed form (e.g. a specific XML format). IANA will publish:

- o The raw registry data
- o The registry data, transformed into HTML
- o The registry data in any alternative formats provided by the Expert(s)

Each published document will be at a URL agreed to by IANA and the Expert(s), and IANA will set HTTP response headers on them as (reasonably) requested by the Expert(s).

Additionally, the HTML generated by IANA will:

- o Take directions from the Expert(s) as to the content of the HTML page's introductory text and markup
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#### 4.2. Initial WebAuthn Attestation Formats Registry Contents

The WebAuthn Attestation Formats registry's initial contents are:

WebAuthn Attestation Formats: packed  
 Description: The "packed" attestation format is a WebAuthn-optimized format for attestation data. It uses a very compact but still extensible encoding method. This format is implementable by authenticators with limited resources (e.g., secure elements).  
 Specification Document: [WebAuthn]

WebAuthn Attestation Formats: tpm  
 Description: The TPM attestation format returns an attestation statement in the same format as the packed attestation format, although the the rawData and signature fields are computed differently.  
 Specification Document: [WebAuthn]

WebAuthn Attestation Formats: android  
 Description: Android-based, platform-provided authenticators may produce an attestation statement based on the Android SafetyNet API.  
 Specification Document: [WebAuthn]

WebAuthn Attestation Formats: android2  
 Description: Platform-provided authenticators based on Android versions "N", and later, may provide a "hardware attestation" statement.

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Specification Document: [AndroidHWAttstn]

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The WebAuthn Extension Identifiers registry's initial contents are:

WebAuthn Extension Identifier: webauthn\_txAuthSimple

Description: This signature extension allows for a simple form of transaction authorization. A WebAuthn Relying Party can specify a prompt string, intended for display on a trusted device on the authenticator

Specification Document: [WebAuthn]

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WebAuthn Extension Identifier: webauthn\_txAuthGeneric

Description: This generic txauth extension allows images to be used as prompts as well. This allows authenticators without a font rendering engine to be used and also supports a richer visual appearance than accomplished with the webauthn.txauth.simple extension.

Specification Document: [WebAuthn]

WebAuthn Extension Identifier: webauthn\_authnSel

Description: This registration extension allows a WebAuthn Relying Party to guide the selection of the authenticator that will be leveraged when creating the credential. It is intended primarily for WebAuthn Relying Parties that wish to tightly control the experience around credential creation.

Specification Document: [WebAuthn]

WebAuthn Extension Identifier: webauthn\_exts

Description: The Supported Extensions extension data is a list (CBOR array) of extension identifiers encoded as UTF-8 Strings. This extension is added automatically by the authenticator. This extension can be added to attestation statements.

Specification Document: [WebAuthn]

WebAuthn Extension Identifier: webauthn\_uvi

Description: The user verification index (UVI) is a value uniquely identifying a user verification data record. The UVI data can be used by servers to understand whether an authentication was authorized by the exact same biometric data as the initial key generation. This allows the detection and prevention of "friendly fraud".

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