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Extension of the ACE CoAP-DTLS Profile to TLS

Abstract

This document updates the ACE CoAP-DTLS profile by specifying that the profile applies to TLS as well as DTLS.

Discussion Venues

This note is to be removed before publishing as an RFC.

Discussion of this document takes place on the Authentication and Authorization for Constrained Environments Working Group mailing list (ace@ietf.org), which is archived at <https://mailarchive.ietf.org/arch/browse/ace/>.

Source for this draft and an issue tracker can be found at <https://github.com/ace-wg/ace-extend-dtls-authorize>.

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1. Introduction

[[I-D.ietf-ace-dtls-authorize](#)] only specifies use of DTLS [[I-D.ietf-tls-dtls13](#)] but works equally well for TLS. For many constrained implementations, CoAP over UDP [[RFC7252](#)] is the first choice, but when deploying ACE in networks controlled by other entities (such as the Internet), UDP might be blocked on the path between the client and the RS, and the client might have to fall back to CoAP over TCP [[RFC8323](#)] for NAT or firewall traversal. This feature is supported by the OSCORE profile [[I-D.ietf-ace-oscore-profile](#)] but is lacking from the DTLS profile.

This document updates [[I-D.ietf-ace-dtls-authorize](#)] by specifying that the profile applies to TLS as well as DTLS. The same access rights are valid in case transport layer security is either DTLS or TLS, and the same access token can be used.

2. IANA Considerations

No IANA Considerations.

3. Security Considerations

The security consideration and requirements in TLS 1.3 [RFC8446] and BCP 195 [RFC7525] [RFC8996] also apply to this document.

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