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EAT Media Types

Abstract

Payloads used in Remote Attestation Procedures may require an associated media type for their conveyance, for example when used in RESTful APIs.

This memo defines media types to be used for Entity Attestation Tokens (EAT).

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1. Introduction

Payloads used in Remote Attestation Procedures [[RATS-Arch](#)] may require an associated media type for their conveyance, for example when used in RESTful APIs ([Figure 1](#)).

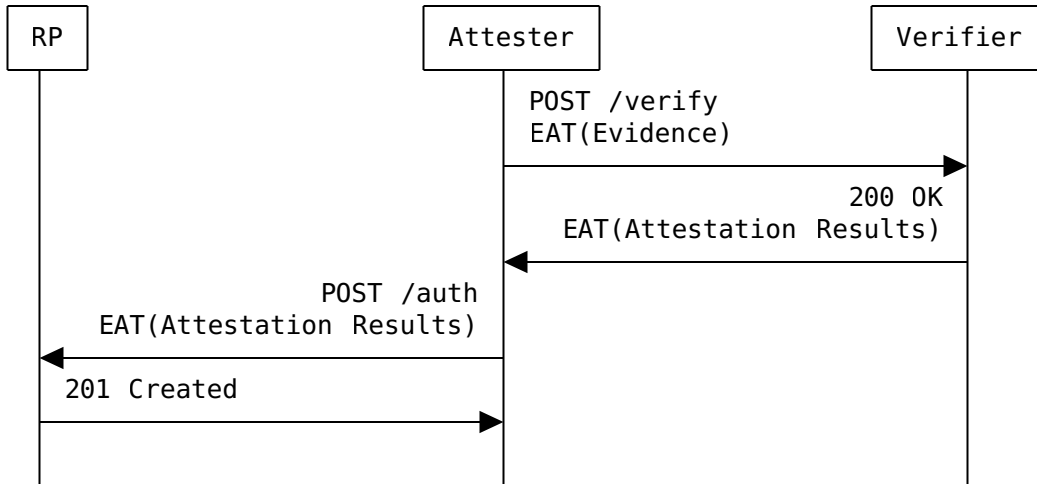


Figure 1: Conveying RATS conceptual messages in REST APIs using EAT

This memo defines media types to be used for Entity Attestation Token (EAT) [EAT] payloads independently of the RATS Conceptual Message in which they manifest themselves.

1.1. Requirements Language

This document uses the terms and concepts defined in [RATS-Arch].

The key words "MUST", "MUST NOT", "REQUIRED", "SHALL", "SHALL NOT", "SHOULD", "SHOULD NOT", "RECOMMENDED", "NOT RECOMMENDED", "MAY", and "OPTIONAL" in this document are to be interpreted as described in BCP 14 [RFC2119] [RFC8174] when, and only when, they appear in all capitals, as shown here.

2. EAT Types

Figure 2 illustrates the six EAT wire formats and how they relate to each other. [EAT] defines four of them (CWT, JWT and DEB in its JSON and CBOR flavours), whilst [UCCS] defines the remaining two: UCCS and UJCS.

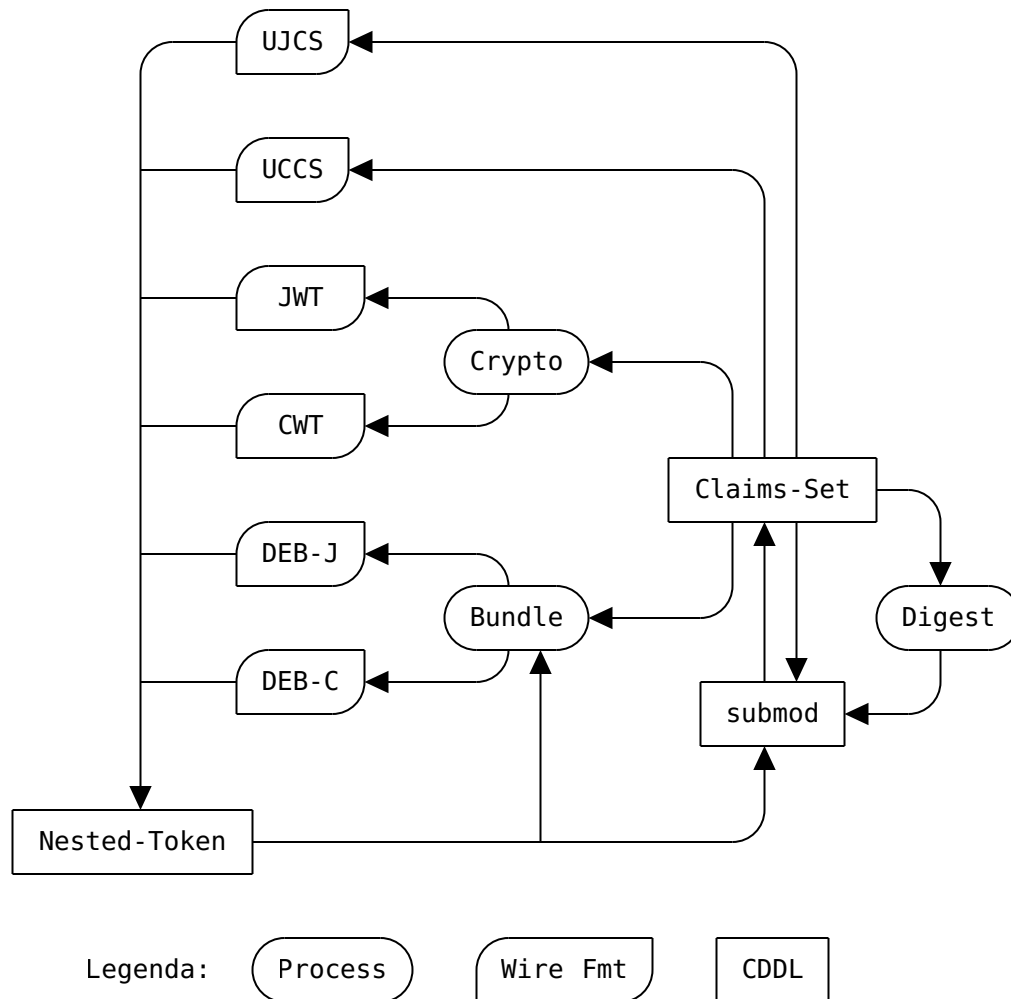


Figure 2: EAT Types

3. A Media Type Parameter for EAT Profiles

EAT is an open and flexible format. To improve interoperability, [Section 7](#) of [\[EAT\]](#) defines the concept of EAT profiles. Profiles are used to constrain the parameters that producers and consumers of a specific EAT profile need to understand in order to interoperate. For example: the number and type of claims, which serialisation format, the supported signature schemes, etc. EATs carry an in-band profile identifier using the `eat_profile` claim (see [Section 4.3.3](#) of [\[EAT\]](#)). The value of the `eat_profile` claim is either an OID or a URI.

The media types defined in this document include an optional profile parameter that can be used to mirror the `eat_profile` claim of the transported EAT. Exposing the EAT profile at the API layer allows API routers to dispatch payloads directly to the profile-specific processor without having to snoop into the request bodies. This design also provides a finer-grained and scalable type system that

matches the inherent extensibility of EAT. The expectation being that a certain EAT profile automatically obtains a media type derived from the base (e.g., application/eat-cwt) by populating the profile parameter with the corresponding OID or URL.

4. Examples

The example in [Figure 3](#) illustrates the usage of EAT media types for transporting attestation evidence.

```
POST /challenge-response/v1/session/1234567890 HTTP/1.1
Host: verifier.example
Accept: application/eat-cwt; profile=tag:ar4si.example,2021
Content-Type: application/eat-cwt; profile=tag:evidence.example,2022

[ CBOR-encoded EAT w/ profile=tag:evidence.example,2022 ]
```

Figure 3: Example REST Verification API (request)

The example in [Figure 4](#) illustrates the usage of EAT media types for transporting attestation results.

```
HTTP/1.1 200 OK
Content-Type: application/eat-cwt; profile=tag:ar4si.example,2021

[ CBOR-encoded EAT w/ profile=tag:ar4si.example,2021 ]
```

Figure 4: Example REST Verification API (response)

In both cases the profile is carried as an explicit parameter.

5. Security Considerations

The security consideration of [\[EAT\]](#) and [\[UCCS\]](#) apply in full.

6. IANA Considerations

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6.1. Media Types

IANA is requested to add the following media types to the "Media Types" registry [[IANA.media-types](#)].

Name	Template	Reference
EAT CWT	application/eat-cwt	RFCthis, Section 6.2

Name	Template	Reference
EAT JWT	application/eat-jwt	RFCthis, Section 6.3
EAT CBOR DEB	application/eat-deb+cbor	RFCthis, Section 6.4
EAT JSON DEB	application/eat-deb+json	RFCthis, Section 6.5
EAT UCCS	application/eat-ucs+cbor	RFCthis, Section 6.6
EAT UJCS	application/eat-ucs+json	RFCthis, Section 6.7

Table 1: New Media Types

6.2. application/eat-cwt Registration

Type name: application

Subtype name: eat-cwt

Required parameters: n/a

Optional parameters: "profile" (EAT profile in string format. OIDs **MUST** use the dotted-decimal notation. The parameter value is case-insensitive.)

Encoding considerations: binary

Security considerations: [Section 5](#) of RFCthis

Interoperability considerations: n/a

Published specification: [Section 6.1](#) of RFCthis

Applications that use this media type: Attesters, Verifiers, Endorsers and Reference-Value providers, Relying Parties that need to transfer EAT payloads over HTTP(S), CoAP(S), and other transports.

Fragment identifier considerations: n/a

Person & email address to contact for further information: RATS WG mailing list (rats@ietf.org)

Intended usage: COMMON

Restrictions on usage: none

Author/Change controller: IETF

Provisional registration: maybe

6.3. application/eat-jwt Registration

Type name: application

Subtype name: eat-jwt

Required parameters: n/a

Optional parameters: "profile" (EAT profile in string format. OIDs **MUST** use the dotted-decimal notation. The parameter value is case-insensitive.)

Encoding considerations: 8bit

Security considerations: [Section 5](#) of RFCthis

Interoperability considerations: n/a

Published specification: [Section 6.1](#) of RFCthis

Applications that use this media type: Attesters, Verifiers, Endorsers and Reference-Value providers, Relying Parties that need to transfer EAT payloads over HTTP(S), CoAP(S), and other transports.

Fragment identifier considerations: n/a

Person & email address to contact for further information: RATS WG
mailing list (rats@ietf.org)
Intended usage: COMMON
Restrictions on usage: none
Author/Change controller: IETF
Provisional registration: maybe

6.4. application/eat-deb+cbor Registration

Type name: application
Subtype name: eat-deb+cbor
Required parameters: n/a
Optional parameters: "profile" (EAT profile in string format. OIDs **MUST** use the dotted-decimal notation. The parameter value is case-insensitive.)
Encoding considerations: binary
Security considerations: [Section 5](#) of RFCthis
Interoperability considerations: n/a
Published specification: [Section 6.1](#) of RFCthis
Applications that use this media type: Attesters, Verifiers, Endorsers and Reference-Value providers, Relying Parties that need to transfer EAT payloads over HTTP(S), CoAP(S), and other transports.
Fragment identifier considerations: n/a
Person & email address to contact for further information: RATS WG
mailing list (rats@ietf.org)
Intended usage: COMMON
Restrictions on usage: none
Author/Change controller: IETF
Provisional registration: maybe

6.5. application/eat-deb+json Registration

Type name: application
Subtype name: eat-deb+json
Required parameters: n/a
Optional parameters: "profile" (EAT profile in string format. OIDs **MUST** use the dotted-decimal notation. The parameter value is case-insensitive.)
Encoding considerations: Same as [[RFC7159](#)]
Security considerations: [Section 5](#) of RFCthis
Interoperability considerations: n/a
Published specification: [Section 6.1](#) of RFCthis
Applications that use this media type: Attesters, Verifiers, Endorsers and Reference-Value providers, Relying Parties that need

to transfer EAT payloads over HTTP(S), CoAP(S), and other transports.

Fragment identifier considerations: n/a

Person & email address to contact for further information: RATS WG mailing list (rats@ietf.org)

Intended usage: COMMON

Restrictions on usage: none

Author/Change controller: IETF

Provisional registration: maybe

6.6. application/eat-ucs+cbor Registration

Type name: application

Subtype name: eat-ucs+cbor

Required parameters: n/a

Optional parameters: "profile" (EAT profile in string format. OIDs **MUST** use the dotted-decimal notation. The parameter value is case-insensitive.)

Encoding considerations: binary

Security considerations: [Section 5](#) of RFCthis

Interoperability considerations: n/a

Published specification: [Section 6.1](#) of RFCthis

Applications that use this media type: Attesters, Verifiers, Endorsers and Reference-Value providers, Relying Parties that need to transfer EAT payloads over HTTP(S), CoAP(S), and other transports.

Fragment identifier considerations: n/a

Person & email address to contact for further information: RATS WG mailing list (rats@ietf.org)

Intended usage: COMMON

Restrictions on usage: none

Author/Change controller: IETF

Provisional registration: maybe

6.7. application/eat-ucs+json Registration

Type name: application

Subtype name: eat-ucs+json

Required parameters: n/a

Optional parameters: "profile" (EAT profile in string format. OIDs **MUST** use the dotted-decimal notation. The parameter value is case-insensitive.)

Encoding considerations: Same as [[RFC7159](#)]

Security considerations: [Section 5](#) of RFCthis

Interoperability considerations: n/a

Published specification: [Section 6.1](#) of RFCthis

Applications that use this media type: Attesters, Verifiers, Endorsers and Reference-Value providers, Relying Parties that need

to transfer EAT payloads over HTTP(S), CoAP(S), and other transports.

Fragment identifier considerations: n/a

Person & email address to contact for further information: RATS WG mailing list (rats@ietf.org)

Intended usage: COMMON

Restrictions on usage: none

Author/Change controller: IETF

Provisional registration: maybe

6.8. Content-Format

(**Issue:** need a way to pass the profile information when using content formats. A new CoAP option?)

IANA is requested to register a Content-Format number in the "CoAP Content-Formats" sub-registry, within the "Constrained RESTful Environments (CoRE) Parameters" Registry [[IANA.core-parameters](#)], as follows:

Content-Type	Content Coding	ID	Reference
application/eat-cwt	-	TBD1	RFCthis
application/eat-jwt	-	TBD2	RFCthis
application/eat-deb+cbor	-	TBD3	RFCthis
application/eat-deb+json	-	TBD4	RFCthis
application/eat-ucs+cbor	-	TBD5	RFCthis
application/eat-ucs+json	-	TBD6	RFCthis

Table 2: New Content-Formats

TBD1..6 are to be assigned from the space 256..999.

In the registry as defined by [Section 12.3](#) of [[CoAP](#)] at the time of writing, the column "Content-Type" is called "Media type" and the column "Content Coding" is called "Encoding". RFC editor: please remove this paragraph.

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