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Abstract

This memo specifies a profile for the ACE framework for Authentication and Authorization. It utilizes Object Security of CoAP (OSCOAP) and Ephemeral Diffie-Hellman over COSE (EDHOC) to provide communication security, server authentication, and proof-of-possession for a key owned by the client and bound to an OAuth 2.0 access token.

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1. Introduction

This memo specifies a profile of the ACE framework [I-D.ietf-ace-oauth-authz]. In this profile, a client and a resource server use CoAP [RFC7252] to communicate. The client uses an access token, bound to a key (the proof-of-possession key) to authorize its access to the resource server. In order to provide communication security, proof of possession, and server authentication they use Object Security of CoAP (OSCOAP) [I-D.ietf-core-object-security] and Ephemeral Diffie-Hellman Over COSE (EDHOC) [I-D.selander-ace-cose-ecdhe]. Optionally the client and the resource server may also use CoAP and OSCOAP to communicate with the authorization server. The use of EDHOC in this profile in addition to OSCOAP, provides perfect forward secrecy (PFS) and the initial proof-of-possession, which ties the proof-of-possession key to an OSCOAP security context.

OSCOAP specifies how to use CBOR Object Signing and Encryption (COSE) [I-D.ietf-cose-msg] to secure CoAP messages. In order to provide replay and reordering protection OSCOAP also introduces sequence numbers that are used together with COSE. EDHOC specifies an authenticated Diffie-Hellman protocol that allows two parties to use CBOR [RFC7049] and COSE in order to establish a shared secret key with perfect forward secrecy.

1.1 Terminology

The key words "MUST", "MUST NOT", "REQUIRED", "SHALL", "SHALL NOT", "SHOULD", "SHOULD NOT", "RECOMMENDED", "MAY", and "OPTIONAL" in this document are to be interpreted as described in [RFC2119]. These words may also appear in this document in lowercase, absent their normative meanings.

Certain security-related terms such as "authentication", "authorization", "confidentiality", "(data) integrity", "message authentication code", and "verify" are taken from [RFC4949].

Since we describe exchanges as RESTful protocol interactions HTTP [RFC7231] offers useful terminology.

Terminology for entities in the architecture is defined in OAuth 2.0 [RFC6749] and [I-D.ietf-ace-actors], such as client (C), resource server (RS), and authorization server (AS).

Note that the term "endpoint" is used here following its OAuth definition, which is to denote resources such as /token and /introspect at the AS and /authz-info at the RS. The CoAP [RFC7252] definition, which is "An entity participating in the CoAP protocol" is not used in this memo.

2. Client to Resource Server

The use of OSCOAP for arbitrary CoAP messages is specified in [I-D.ietf-core-object-security]. This section defines the specific uses and their purpose for securing the communication between a client and a resource server, and the parameters needed to negotiate the use of this profile with the token endpoint at the authorization server as specified in section 5.5 of the ACE framework [I-D.ietf-ace-oauth-authz].

2.1. Signaling the use of OSCOAP

A client requests a token at an AS via the /token endpoint. This follows the message formats specified in section 5.5.1 of the ACE framework [I-D.ietf.ace-oauth-authz].

The AS responding to a successful access token request as defined in section 5.5.2 of the ACE framework can signal that the use of OSCOAP is REQUIRED for a specific access token by including the "profile" parameter with the value "coap_oscoap" in the access token response. This means that the client MUST use OSCOAP towards all resource servers for which this access token is valid.

The error response procedures defined in section 5.5.3 of the ACE framework are unchanged by this profile.

Note the the client and the authorization server MAY OPTIONALLY use OSCOAP to protect the interaction via the /token endpoint. See section 3 for details.

2.2. Key establishment for OSCOAP

Section 3.2 of OSCOAP [I-D.ietf-core-object-security] defines how to derive a security context based on a symmetric master secret and a few other parameters, established between client and server. The proof-of-possession key (pop-key) provisioned from the AS MAY, in case of pre-shared keys, be used directly as master secret in OSCOAP. Alternatively the pop-key (symmetric or asymmetric) MAY be used to authenticate the messages in the key exchange protocol EDHOC [I-D.selander-ace-cose-ecdhe], from which a master secret is derived.

If OSCOAP is used directly with the symmetric pop-key as master secret, then the AS MUST provision the following data, in response to the access token request:

- a symmetric key (pop-key)
- an AEAD algorithm
- a KDF algorithm

- the sender identifier
- the recipient identifier

The pop-key MUST be communicated as COSE_Key in the 'cnf' parameter of the access token response as defined in section 5.5.4.5 of [I-D.ietf-ace-oauth-authz]. The AEAD algorithm MUST be included as the 'alg' parameter of the COSE_key. The same parameters MUST be included as metadata of the access token, if the token is a CWT [I-D.ietf-ace-cbor-web-token], the same COSE_Key structure MUST be placed in the 'cnf' claim of this token. The AS MUST also assign identifiers to both client and RS, which are then used as Sender ID and Recipient ID in the OSCOAP context as described in section 3.1. of [I-D.ietf-core-object-security]. These MUST be included in the COSE_Key as header parameters, as defined in table 1.

Note that C should receive the client id as 'sid' and the RS id as 'rid', while the RS should receive the RS id as 'sid' and the client id as 'rid'.

name	label	CBOR type	registry	description
sid	TBD	bstr		Identifies the sender in an OSCOAP context using this key
rid	TBD	bstr		Identifies the recipient in an OSCOAP context using this key

Table 1: Additional common header parameters for COSE_Key

Figure 1 shows an example of such an AS response, in CBOR diagnostic notation without the tag and value abbreviations.

```
    Header: Created (Code=2.01)
      Content-Type: "application/cose+cbor"
      Payload:
      {
        "access_token" : b64'SlAV32hkKG ...
         (remainder of access token omitted for brevity)',
        "profile" : "coap_oscoap",
        "expires_in" : "3600",
        "cnf" : {
          "COSE_Key" : {
```

```
            "kty" : "Symmetric",
            "alg" : "AES-CCM-16-64-128",
            "sid" : b64'qA',
            "rid" : b64'Qg',
            "k" : b64'+a+Dg2jjU+eIiOFCa9lObw'
          }
        }
      }
```

Figure 1: Example AS response with OSCOAP parameters.

Figure 2 shows an example CWT, containing the necessary OSCOAP parameters in the 'cnf' claim, in CBOR diagnostic notation without tag and value abbreviations.

```
{
  "aud" : "tempSensorInLivingRoom",
  "iat" : "1360189224",
  "exp" : "1360289224",
  "scope" :  "temperature_g firmware_p",
  "cnf" : {
    "COSE_Key" : {
      "kty" : "Symmetric",
      "alg" : "AES-CCM-16-64-128",
      "sid" : b64'Qg',
      "rid" : b64'qA',
      "k" : b64'+a+Dg2jjU+eIiOFCa9lObw'
    }
  }
```

Figure 2: Example CWT with OSCOAP parameters.

If EDHOC is used together with OSCOAP, and the pop-key (symmetric or asymmetric) is used to authenticate the messages in EDHOC, then the AS MUST provision the following data, in response to the access token request:

- a symmetric or asymmetric key (pop-key)
- if the pop-key is symmetric, a key identifier;

How these parameters are communicated depends on the type of key (asymmetric or symmetric).

In case of an asymmetric key, C MUST communicate the key to the AS in the 'cnf' parameter of the access token request, as specified in section 5.5.1 of [I-D.ietf-ace-oauth-authz].

Figure 3 shows an example of such a request in CBOR diagnostic notation without tag and value abbreviations.

```
Header: POST (Code=0.02)
Uri-Host: "server.example.com"
Uri-Path: "token"
Content-Type: "application/cose+cbor"
Payload:
{
  "grant_type" : "client_credentials",
  "cnf" : {
    "COSE_Key" : {
      "kty" : "EC",
      "crv" : "P-256",
      "x" : b64'usWxHK2PmfnHKwXPS54m0kTcGJ90UiglWiGahtagnv8',
      "y" : b64'IBOL+C3BttVivg+lSreASjpkttcsz+1rb7btKLv8EX4'
    }
  }
}
```

Figure 3: Example access token request with asymmetric pop key.

In the case of a symmetric key, the AS MUST communicate the key to the client in the 'cnf' parameter of the access token response, as specified in section 5.5.2. of [I-D.ietf-ace-oauth-authz]. AS MUST also select a key identifier, that MUST be included as the 'kid' parameter either directly in the 'cnf' structure, as in figure 4 of [I-D.ietf-ace-oauth-authz], or as the 'kid' parameter of the COSE_key, as in figure 3 of [I-D.ietf-ace-oauth-authz].

Figure 4 shows an example of the necessary parameters in the AS response to the access token request when EDHOC is used. The example uses CBOR diagnostic notation without tag and value abbreviations.

```
Header: Created (Code=2.01)
  Content-Type: "application/cose+cbor"
  Payload:
  {
    "access_token" : b64'SlAV32hkKG ...
     (remainder of access token omitted for brevity)',
    "profile" : "coap_oscoap",
    "expires_in" : "3600",
    "cnf" : {
      "COSE_Key" : {
        "kty" : "Symmetric",
        "kid" : b64'5tOS+h42dkw',
        "k" : b64'+a+Dg2jjU+eIiOFCa9lObw'
```

```
          }
        }
      }
```

Figure 4: Example AS response with EDHOC+OSCOAP parameters.

In both cases, the AS MUST also include the same key identifier as 'kid' parameter in the access token metadata. If the access token is a CWT [I-D.ietf-ace-cbor-web-token], the key identifier MUST be placed inside the 'cnf' claim as 'kid' parameter of the COSE_Key or directly in the 'cnf' structure (if the key is only referenced).

Figure 5 shows an example CWT containing the necessary EDHOC+OSCOAP parameters in the 'cnf' claim, in CBOR diagnostic notation without tag and value abbreviations.

```
    {
      "aud" : "tempSensorInLivingRoom",
      "iat" : "1360189224",
      "exp" : "1360289224",
      "scope" :  "temperature_g firmware_p",
      "cnf" : {
        "COSE_Key" : {
          "kty" : "Symmetric",
          "kid" : b64'5tOS+h42dkw',
          "k" : b64'+a+Dg2jjU+eIiOFCa9lObw'
      }
    }
```

Figure 5: Example CWT with EDHOC+OSCOAP parameters.

All other parameters defining OSCOAP security context are derived from EDHOC message exchange, including the master secret (see Appendix C.2 of [I-D.selander-ace-cose-ecdhe]).

To provide forward secrecy and mutual authentication in the case of pre-shared keys, pre-established raw public keys or with X.509 certificates it is RECOMMENDED to use EDHOC [I-D.selander-ace-cose-ecdhe] to generate the keying material. EDHOC MUST be used as defined in Appendix C, with the following additions and modifications.

The first CoAP message is sent to the RS using the /authz-info endpoint as specified in section 5.7.1 of the ACE framework. This message MUST carry message_1 of the EDHOC protocol (section 4.2. if asymmetric keys are used or 5.2. if symmetric keys are used of [I-D.selander-ace-cose-ecdhe]) in the CoAP payload, and the access token MUST be added to the message_1 APP_1 as an element in a serialized

CBOR map, with the label 'access_token' (Figure 11 of [I-D.ietf-ace-oauth-authz]). An example can be seen in the first message (POST) of Figure 1.

Before the RS continues with the EDHOC protocol and responds to this token submission request, additional verifications on the access token are done: the RS SHALL process the access token according to [I-D.ietf-ace-oauth-authz]. If the token is valid then the RS continues processing EDHOC following Appendix C of [I-D.selander-ace-cose-ecdhe], else it discontinues EDHOC and responds with the error code as specified in [I-D.ietf-ace-oauth-authz].

When the RS receives an OSCOAP message including a field with label 'edhoc_m3' in the unprotected Headers of the COSE object, it SHALL follow the process described in Appendix C of [I-D.selander-ace-cose-ecdhe]. If the OSCOAP message was valid, the RS SHALL also verify that the client is authorized to perform the requested action on the requested resource using the previously received access token.

- In case the EDHOC verification fails, the RS MUST return an error response to the client with code 4.01 (Unauthorized).

- If RS has an access token for C but not for the resource that C has requested, RS MUST reject the request with a 4.03 (Forbidden).

- If RS has an access token for C but it does not cover the action C requested on the resource, RS MUST reject the request with a 4.05 (Method Not Allowed).

If all verifications above succeeds, further communication between client and RS is protected with OSCOAP, including the RS response to the OSCOAP request.

In the case of EDHOC being used with symmetric pop-keys, the protocol in section 5 of [I-D.selander-ace-cose-ecdhe] MUST be used. If the pop-key is asymmetric, the RS MUST also use an asymmetric key for authentication. This key is known to the client through the access token response (see section 5.5.2 of the ACE framework). In this case the protocol in section 4 of [I-D.selander-ace-cose-ecdhe] MUST be used.

Note that if the OSCOAP profile is used, the /authz-info endpoint at the Resource Server MUST be prepared to process and generate the protocol messages of the EDHOC protocol as specified above. Hence the use of EDHOC does not add any additional roundtrips to the ACE message exchange.

Figure 6 illustrates the message exchanges for using EDHOC on the

/authz-info endpoint (step C in figure 1 of [I-D.ietf-ace-oauth-authz]).

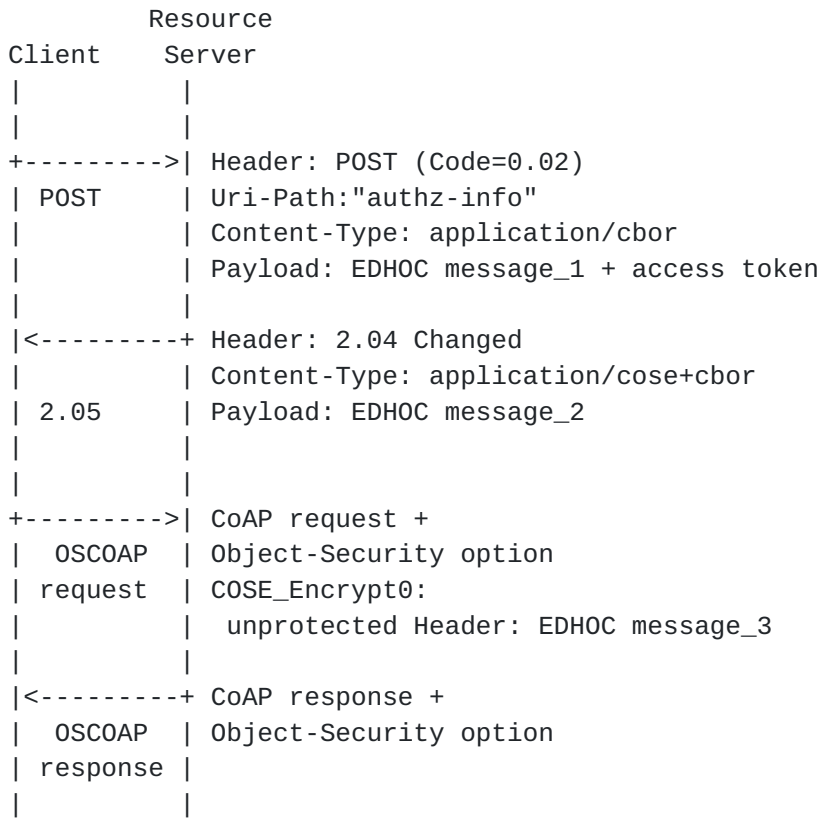

Figure 6: Key establishment with EDHOC via the authz-info endpoint

Figure 7 shows an example of message_1 with an access token embedded in the unprotected header.

```
[
  1,                            # message type
  h'05c2dc'                     # session identifier
  h'5598a57b47db7f2c',          # random nonce
  h'a120a50102024478f679012001215
    82098f50a4ff6c05861c8860d13a6
    38ea56c3f5ad7590bbfbf054e1c7b
    4d91d628022f5',             # COSE_Key
  [1]                           # NIST P-256
  [ -27 ],                      # ECDH-SS + HKDF-256
  [ 12 ],                       # AES-CCM-64-64-128
  [ -7 ],                       # ES256
  [ -7 ],                       # ES256
  h'a16c6163636573735f746f6b656e # APP_3: access token
    ...
]
```

Figure 7: diagnostic notation of EDHOC message_1 with an access token

3. Client to Authorization Server

As specified in the ACE framework section 5.5 [I-D.ietf-ace-oauth-authz], the Client and AS can also use CoAP instead of HTTP to communicate via the token endpoint. This section specifies how to use OSCOAP between Client and AS together with CoAP. The use of OSCOAP for this communication is OPTIONAL in this profile, other security protocols (such as DTLS) MAY be used instead.

The client and the AS are expected to have pre-established credentials (e.g. raw public keys). How these credentials are established is out of scope for this profile. Furthermore the client and the AS communicate using CoAP through the token endpoint as specified in section 5.5 of [I-D.ietf-ace-oauth-authz]. At first point of contact, prior to making the token request and response, the client and the AS MAY perform an EDHOC exchange with the pre-established credentials to create forward secret keying material for use with OSCOAP. Subsequent requests and the responses MUST be protected with OSCOAP.

4. Resource Server to Authorization Server

As specified in the ACE framework section 5.6 [I-D.ietf-ace-oauth-authz], the RS and AS can also use CoAP instead of HTTP to communicate via the introspection endpoint. This section specifies how to use OSCOAP between RS and AS together with CoAP. The use of OSCOAP for this communication is OPTIONAL in this profile, other security protocols (such as DTLS) MAY be used instead.

The RS and the AS are expected to have pre-established credentials (e.g. symmetric keys). How these credentials are established is out of scope for this profile. Furthermore the RS and the AS communicate using CoAP through the introspection endpoint as specified in section 5.6 of [I-D.ietf-ace-oauth-authz]. At first point of contact, prior to making the introspection request and response, the RS and the AS MAY perform an EDHOC exchange with the pre-established credentials to create forward secret keying material for use with OSCOAP. Subsequent requests and the responses MUST be protected with OSCOAP.

5. Security Considerations

TBD.

6. Privacy Considerations

TBD.

7. IANA Considerations

TBD. 'coap_oscoap' as profile id. Header parameters 'sid' and 'rid' for COSE_Key.

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