

PASSporT divert

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- A feature many people have asked about
 - How do we handle **retargeting**?
 - To header field of SIP is signed by PASSporT
 - Original SIP header value may be altered with retargeting
 - Looks like a cut-and-paste attack to the destination
- We define a special PASSporT to track retargets
 - With its own “ppt” – “**div**” for “divert”
- Different from History-Info and Diversion?
 - Yes, as it is signed by the original destination domain
 - Moreover, it only captures “major” changes
 - Thanks to our canonicalization procedures

What's New?

Redirection and Retargeting

- “div” exists to handle certain retargeting problems
 - If the PASSporT arriving at a VS has a “dest” that does not look familiar, how does the VS know it was not cut-and-pasted?
 - “div” fills this gap, providing a signed assurance that the original destination forwarded to a new (hopefully familiar) recipient
- Not a problem for redirection, usually
 - A 302 will (usually) cause the UAC to issue a new INVITE, hopefully with a new To copied into the “dest” in the PASSporT
 - But is there value in signing for the original destination, if it appears in Diversion or History-Info?
 - Not for an impersonation threat relevant to robocalling, but leveraging STIR to secure that service logic
 - We added an optional way to send a “div” PASSporT in 3XXs
 - Do people think this is useful?

Return of unnested?

- Some concerns have been raised about the size of Identity header field values with nested PASSporTs
 - Any implementers running into this in practice?
- Current guidance is SHOULD do nesting for in-band “div”
 - Just helps to correlate the PASSporTs
 - However, as discussed on the list, multiplicities of ASs and diverters could make this quite complicated
 - If full form encrypted PASSporTs were ever carried in-band, we’d need nesting for that
 - Extensions like “rcd” might actually motivate that due to PII
- From a design perspective, do we want to allow both nested and unnested as options?
 - “opt” for some use cases and separate PPTs for others?

Unnested and Identity order

- Some mailing list traffic about ordering
 1. of Identity header fields in a SIP request
 - Assuming unnested, or multiple nested PASSporTs carried in different headers due to multiple AS's
 2. And of claims in the PASSporT itself (per RFC8225)
- Not sure there's a problem?
 - Identity header field ordering is not something I'd expect intermediaries to faithfully relay
 - Claims in PASSporT just need order for serialization and signing
- If unnested becomes the norm, a VS may have to sift through a bunch of Identity header fields and correlate PASSporTs itself
- We could add something explicitly linking PASSporTs that point to one another
 - We did (in this revision) put in an optional History-Info index value
 - But could future extensions require something different?

Make “opt” independent of “div”?

- “opt” is the extension claim where we nest PASSporTs within other PASSporTs
- Should we make it independent of “div”, for other potential PASSporT types to use?
- Not hard to do, probably don’t need a new specification for it
 - Just a slightly different syntax
- Any potential applications of “opt” to other PPTs?

Clerical oversight

- So, RFC8224 wasn't very clear about how the "ppt" parameter appears in the Identity header field
 - PASSporT type, where you specify extensions
- Should ppt= values be quoted or not?
 - There is one tiny scrap of text that implies they should be quoted
 - Right now all of our PPT drafts do this (I think)
- Should ppt= even be mandatory?
 - Redundant with the PASSporT JOSE header
 - However, for compact form you wouldn't have that header, hence we just made it mandatory
 - Also helpful to tell whether you support the PASSporT without having to crack it open
- We should probably clarify all this somewhere

Issues

- This is pretty close
 - Need to patch the issues above
- Thanks to Christer for a close read – need some more reviews
- Last call soon?