

# Key Management for OSCORE Groups in ACE

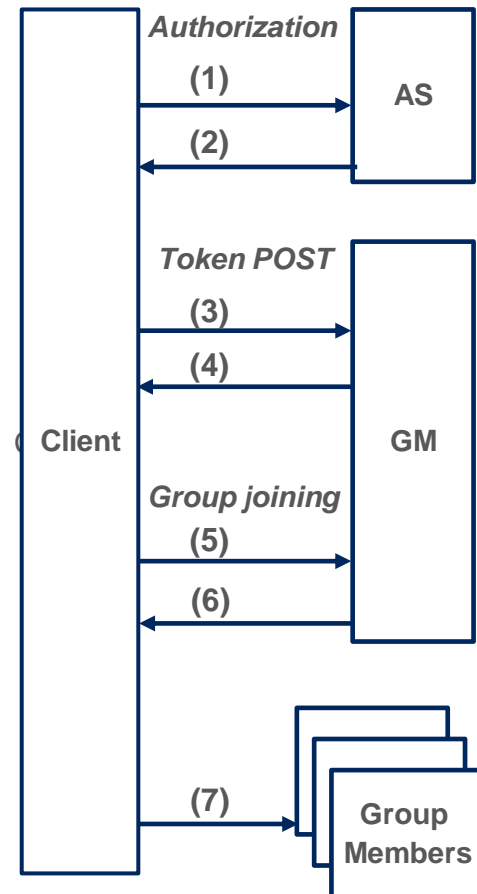
draft-ietf-ace-key-groupcomm-oscore-02

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# Recap

- › Message content and exchanges for:
  - Joining an OSCORE group through its Group Manager (GM)
  - Provisioning keying material to joining nodes and groups (rekeying)
- › Build on *draf-ietf-ace-key-groupcomm*
  - Agnostic of the ACE profile used by C and GM
- › Out of Scope:
  - Authorizing access to resources at group members
  - Actual secure communication in the OSCORE group



# Selected updates from -01

- › Review from Jim (-01) and Ludwig (-02) – Thanks a lot!
- › Renaming
  - Roles: “requester”, “responder”, “monitor”
  - Profile name: “group\_oscore\_app”
- › Consistency with *ace-key-groupcomm*
  - ‘type’ parameter in any request to a Join Resource
  - Renamed and revised parameter ‘signed\_info’
- › Provisioning & checking of public keys at the GM
  - Consistency with signature parameters and expected key encoding
  - Check for possible public key already owned for that joining node

# Selected updates from -01

## › Agreement on signatures

- ‘sign\_info’ , i.e. signature algorithm and parameters
- ‘pub\_key\_enc’, i.e. encoding of public keys
- Used in Token POST response and/or Join Response

**2 Open Points  
follow on this**

## › Proof-of-possession of private key

- The Client gets a nonce in response to the Token POST
- The Client signs the nonce with its own private key
- The signature is included in ‘client\_cred\_verify’ of the Join Request

**1 Open Point  
follows on this**

# Open point #1

- › The Client has to agree with the GM about
  - Countersignature algorithm and parameters
  - Countersignature key parameters
  - Countersignature key encoding, e.g. COSE\_Key
  
- › We are defining three approaches
  1. Ask during the Token POST, with 'sign\_info' and 'pub\_key\_enc'
  2. Trial & error, with 'sign\_info' and 'pub\_key\_enc' in a Join Response
  3. Early group discovery with the CoRE RD and link target attributes [1]
  
- › Do we agree on ... ?
  - Keeping all the three approaches
  - Avoid recommending/mandating some

[1] *draft-tiloca-core-oscore-discovery*

# Open point #2

- › We are admitting one public key encoding
  - COSE Key, from RFC 8152
  - Registered in “ACE Public Key Encoding Values” [2]
  
- › Right now, we have no more encodings to register
  
- › Do we agree on admitting possible future encodings?
  - What would be a good registration policy?

[2] *draft-ietf-ace-key-groupcomm*

# Open point #3

- › Proof-of-possession of the Client's private key
  - The Client gets a nonce in response to the Token POST, as 'cnonce'
  - The Client signs the nonce with its own private key
  - The signature is included in 'client\_cred\_verify' of the Join Request
  
- › Signing process
  - Now referring to COSE
  - In fact, it is fine to just sign a byte stream
  
- › Proposal to sign more data, and avoid oracle:
  - Add a further client-generated nonce in the Join Request
  - The signature in the Join Request covers both nonces
  
- › Do we agree that nothing more is needed to be signed?

**As also addressed in  
ace-key-groupcomm**

# Open point #4

## › Section 7 “Group Rekeying Process”

– In order to rekey the OSCORE group, the Group Manager distributes a new Group ID of the group and a new OSCORE Master Secret for that group. When doing so, the Group Manager may take a **best effort** to preserve the same unchanged Sender IDs for all group members.

## › Should it be required (MUST/SHOULD) instead?

– Pros: avoid side effects on public key retrieval and signature verification

## › Reasons to keep it best effort

– Pros: flexible refactoring of Sender ID space, e.g. if many nodes leave

– ???

## › Note: a node can ask for individual rekeying

– E.g. , the sequence number wraps-around

– The GM may assign a new Sender ID, rather than rekeying the whole group



# Implementation

- › RISE: ongoing development in Californium:
  - Build on the ACE implementation
  - Aligned with -01, i.e. basic functionalities
  - Work in progress to support -02 and different ACE profiles
  - <https://bitbucket.org/lseitz/ace-java/>
- › Other ongoing implementations:
  - From Peter van der Stok
  - From Jim
- › Early tests during the Hackathon
  - Exchange of Join Request/Response over OSCORE

# Summary

## › Latest major updates

- Parameters for agreements on signature information
- Proof-of-possession of Clients' private keys, i.e. sign a nonce

## › Open points to address

- Which agreement methods for signature information ?
- Other public key encodings than “COSE\_Key” ?
- More data to protect/involve during PoP of private keys
- Preservation of same Sender IDs after a group rekeying

## › Next steps

- Simplify/shorten the document
- Process comments from Ludwig
- Get more reviews and run interop tests

Thank you!

Comments/questions?

<https://github.com/ace-wg/ace-key-groupcomm-oscore>

Backup

# Join Response message

## › Structure of the **Join Response** message

– ‘kty’, “Group\_OSCORE\_Security\_Context object”

– ‘k’, Group\_OSCORE\_Security\_Context object

- › ‘ms’, OSCORE Master Secret
- › ‘clientID’, Sender ID of the joining node (if present)
- › ‘hkdf’, KDF algorithm (if present)
- › ‘alg’, AEAD algorithm (if present)
- › ‘salt’, OSCORE Master Salt (if present)
- › ‘contextID’, Group ID
- › ‘rpl’, Replay Window Type and Size (if present)

- › ‘cs\_alg’, signature algorithm
- › ‘cs\_params’, signature parameters (if present)
- › ‘cs\_key\_params’, signature key parameters (if present)
- › ‘cs\_key\_enc’, public key encoding (if present)

– ‘profile’, “coap\_group\_oscore\_app”

– ‘exp’, lifetime of the derived OSCORE Context

– ‘pub\_keys’, public keys of group members (if present)

Defined in [ace-key-groupcomm](#)  
together with IANA Registry

Extends the CBOR-encoded  
OSCORE Security Context  
Object of the OSCORE profile

Defined in the [OSCORE Profile](#)

Defined here and added to  
“OSCORE Security Context  
Parameters” Registry

Defined in [ace-key-groupcomm](#)  
together with IANA Registry