

Key Provisioning for Group Communication using ACE

[draft-ietf-ace-key-groupcomm-03](#)

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Quick Recap

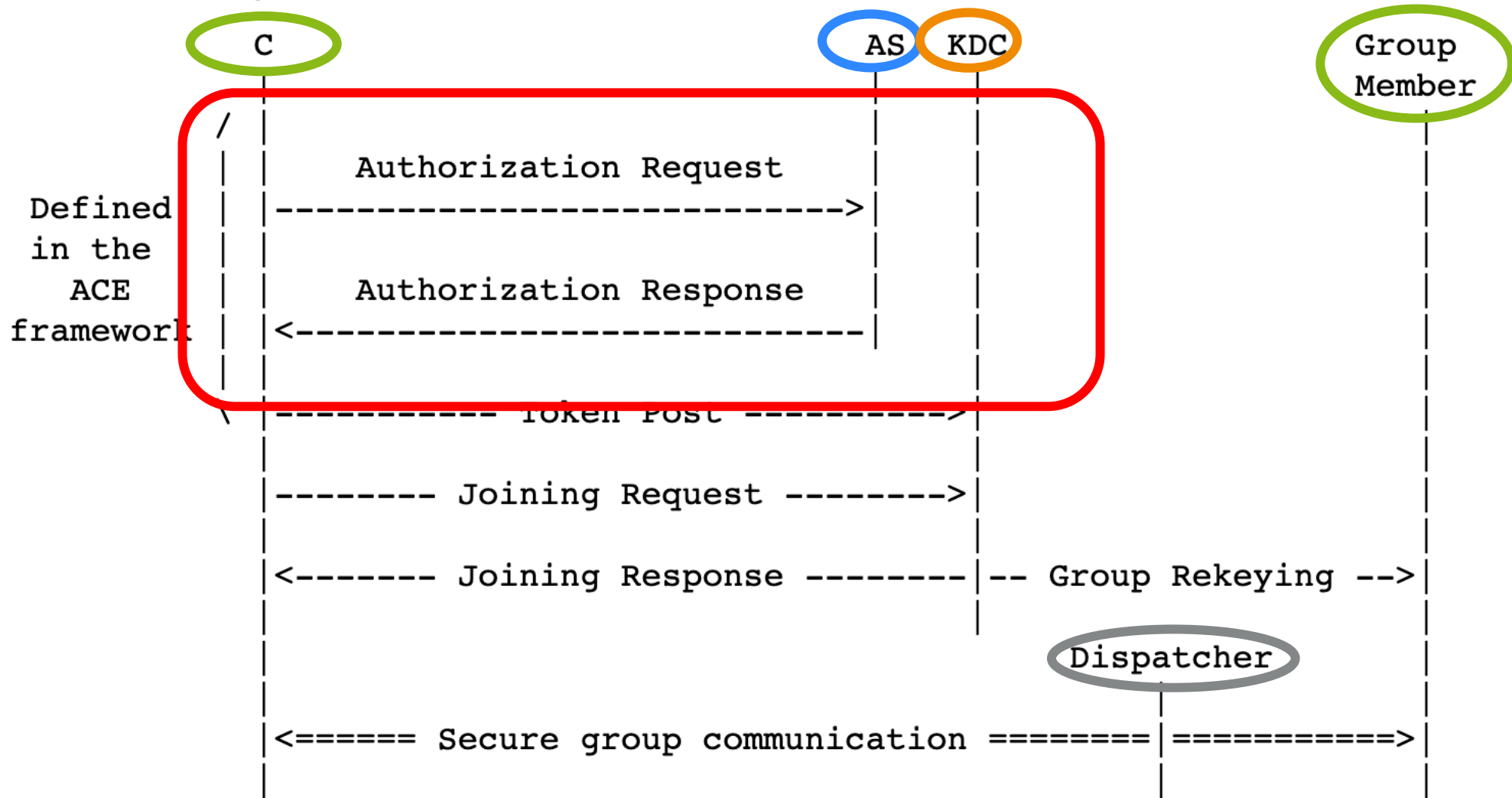


Figure 2: Message Flow Upon New Node's Joining

Update following reviews of v-02

- Ludwig and Daniel's reviews were addressed and answered in the mailing list
- Mostly agreed and update accordingly, please get back if not satisfied with our answers
- Discussion at IETF105 + offline chat: RESTification (v-03)
- Major improvement on Appendix A: Requirements of application profiles
- New review of v-03 by Jim, update planned

Major update v-03: RESTification

Endpoint	Supports	Meaning/How to use
ace-group	-	This specification is used
ace-group/ gid <div data-bbox="366 576 868 711">1 resource per security group</div>	GET; POST	GET group keying material. POST public key of joining node + return group keying material and all public keys
ace-group/gid/pub-key	GET; POST	GET all public keys of nodes in the group POST request pub keys for specific nodes
ace-group/gid/policies	GET	GET group policies (app profile dependent)
ace-group/gid/ctx-num	GET	GET version of group keying material (+1 on rekeying)
ace-group/gid/node	GET; POST	GET individual keying material to protect outgoing msg POST 'scope' to request to leave the group

gid is the group identifier

Operations are defined by specifying what endpoint to contact...

- Joining: POST ace-group/gid
- Retrieval of Updated Keying: GET ace-group/gid
- Retrieval of New Keying: GET ace-group/gid/node
- Retrieval of Public Keys for Group: POST/GET ace-group/gid/pub-key
- Retrieval of Group Policies: GET ace-group/gid/policies
- Retrieval of Keying Material Version: GET ace-group/gid/ctx-num
- Group Leaving Request: POST /ace-group/gid/node

Planned update v-04: RESTification cont.

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ace-group/gid/ node	GET; POST	GET PUT to get the KDC to produce and return individual keying material to protect outgoing msg POST 'scope' DELETE to leave the group GET group keying material + individual keying material

1 resource per member of the group

gid is the group identifier name

node is the node name (different from node identifier, which is sent on the wire, part of key derivation, and can be updated)

Operations - planned update

- Joining: POST ace-group/gid – Response would return location path "node"
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- Retrieval of New Keying: ~~GET~~ PUT ace-group/gid/node
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Planned update v-04: Others (Jim's review)

- If Client contacts KDC endpoints not on secure channel, it gets an **Error 4.01 Unauthorized**. Include AS Creation Hints (Response to Token POST) in the error's payload.
- Because of the change to the resource "node", all nodes need a "node name", even if they don't use this name because they never send messages (monitor only).
- Instead of sending the "URI of key repository", send the "URI of certificate" (in POST to /ace-group/gid).
- Using POST to retrieve public keys of nodes seems like the wrong method. Jim suggested FETCH, but that is optional. Is PUT better?
- Other minor comments