

IETF 108 GNAP WG

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- Detailed examples of proposed protocol
- Test implementations in Java, NodeJS, and React
- Individual draft specification



What's new in -09?

- Refactored based on request and response parts
- Management URLs for grants and tokens
- Refocus claims requests on subject identifiers
- Interaction capabilities for apps, pushback
- Alignment with RAR in resource structure
- Simplified dynamically returned handles

What's not new?

- Polymorphic JSON and passing by reference
- Clients identified by keys
- Resources use rich structure with possible shortcuts
- Interaction uses inline negotiation
- Single and multiple access tokens
- Compatibility with OAuth 2 constructs

Document Structure

Section 2: Request

- Everything a client sends to start the process
- New section on interaction requests
 - Same in-line negotiation protocol, just all together now
- Clarified polymorphism inline with use
 - Same process, just not in a different section
- Clarified requesting resources and user information
 - Align with RAR and secevent-subject-identifiers
- Clarified presenting user information

Section 3: Response

- Everything the AS can respond with
 - Access tokens (single and multiple)
 - Interaction methods (next-steps in negotiation)
 - User information (aligned with secevent-subject-ids)
- Continuation and token management have URIs
 - These could be stable or dynamic, depending on AS
 - Client always takes value as given

Section 4: Interaction at the AS

- How the AS has to be prepared to deal with the responses to interaction in Section 3
- Requirements for getting to the AS and getting back are separated from each other
 - Common flows will mix them together as needed

Section 5: Continuing a Request

- Follow-on from the "continue" response of Section 3
 - Possibly augmented with information from Section 4.4
- Similar to initial request/response
 - Can have some of the same inputs (Section 2)
 - Can have most of the same outputs (Section 3)
- Could keep going after tokens are issued ... maybe?

Section 6: Managing Tokens

- If token management URL is given, client can rotate and/or revoke using this URL
- Token is used to access the management URL
 - Always bound with keys (either client's or token's)

Section 7: Sending Tokens

- Bearer tokens: just use RFC6750
- Other tokens: use key bindings from Section 8
- Potentially a separate document (but it's really short)

Section 8: Binding Keys

- General-purpose methods for tying a key to a request within the GNAP protocol
- Could be requests between different parties:
 - Client->AS
 - Client->RS
 - RS->AS
- Probably too many methods here but all have implementations

Section 9: Discovery

- Protocol is designed to allow in-line negotiation of nearly all options and elements
- Pre-request discovery allowed for clients that programmatically optimize things
 - But not required for functionality

Section 10: Resource Servers

- Token introspection
- Downstream RS-to-RS chaining
- How to start a Client-to-RS-first protocol
- Probably should be in separate documents, but there's interest in the community for this
 - It's really unbaked

Appendix B: Data Models

- OAuth 2 is lacking internally consistent data models
- We need to define common structure for:
 - AS (facilitate discovery and deployment decisions)
 - Client (facilitate registration and interaction assumptions)
 - RS (facilitate discovery and downstream processing)
 - Token/access rights (facilitate token formats and introspection)
- If we don't do this now, it'll get back-patched in future specs like OAuth 2

Appendix C: Examples

- Now that the draft is cut into message pieces, full protocol examples are moved to the appendix
- Currently includes Auth Code, Device, Client Credentials, Asynchronous, and OAuth 2 examples

Details!

Continuation Structure

Continuing a request

AS:

```
{  
  "continue": {  
    "handle": "80UPRY5NM330MUKMKSKU",  
    "uri": "https://server/continue",  
    "wait": 60  
  }  
}
```

Client (to https://server/continue):

```
{  
  "handle": "80UPRY5NM330MUKMKSKU"  
}
```



Stable but separate from initial URL

Continuing a request (alternate)

AS:

```
{  
  "continue": {  
    "handle": "80UPRY5NM330MUKMKSKU",  
    "uri":  
    "https://server/continue/80UPRY5N",  
    "wait": 60  
  }  
}
```

Client (to https://server/continue/80UPRY5N):

```
{  
  "handle": "80UPRY5NM330MUKMKSKU"  
}
```

Unique to request



Continuing a request (alternate 2)

AS:

```
{  
  "continue": {  
    "handle": "80UPRY5NM330MUKMKSKU",  
    "uri": "https://server/tx",  
    "wait": 60  
  }  
}
```

Client (to https://server/tx):

```
{  
  "handle": "80UPRY5NM330MUKMKSKU"  
}
```

Same as the initial request URL



Continuing a request after interaction

AS:

```
{  
  "continue": {  
    "handle": "80UPRY5NM330MUKMKSKU",  
    "uri": "https://server/continue"  
  }  
}
```

Client (to https://server/continue):

```
{  
  "handle": "80UPRY5NM330MUKMKSKU",  
  "interact_ref": "4WIKYBC2PQ6U56NL1"  
}
```

Allowing challenge/response interaction

AS:

```
{
  "challenge": {
    "value": "0FXG4Y5CV",
    "origin": "https://server/",
    "alg": "SHA256"
  },
  "continue": {
    "handle": "80UPRY5NM330MUKMKSKU",
    "uri": "https://server/continue"
  }
}
```

Client (to https://server/continue):

```
{
  "handle": "80UPRY5NM330MUKMKSKU",
  "challenge_response": {
    "key_id": "2-230-235123",
    "value": "ZXYQNE0AF-32f2/afa="
  }
}
```



Allowing additional continues:

Client (to https://server/continue):

```
{  
  "handle": "80UPRY5NM330MUKMKSKU"  
}
```

AS:

```
{  
  "continue": {  
    "handle": "4IFWWIKYBC2PQ6U56NL1",  
    "uri": "https://server/continue",  
    "wait": 60  
  }  
}
```



Rotate the reference and
possibly the URI too, client
uses what comes back

Why separate URL from reference?

- Allow AS to rotate reference on use for security
 - Considered good practice with refresh tokens today
 - Required in UMA2 equivalent "permission ticket"
- Allow different AS deployments
 - AS can allow stable URLs or dynamic where needed
 - We shouldn't dictate URLs where possible
- Allow reference in derived requests
 - Upscoping, downscoping, token exchange, grant-level refresh and management

Open question:

Make reference an access token itself?

- Should we re-use access token semantics and structures to manage the grant itself?
- Similarities:
 - Limited to only grant management API
 - Bound to client key (could be explicit, never bearer)
 - Similar to "directed tokens" discussion
- Vaguely like OAuth 1's "request token"

Token Management

Client Managing Access Tokens

- Client given URL to rotate and revoke token
- Somewhat RESTful API
 - POST to rotate
 - DELETE to revoke
- Token used to access its management API
 - Requires proof of token-bound key if present
 - Requires proof of client-bound key if bearer

Getting the management URL

```
"access_token": {  
  "value": "OBW70ZB8CDFONP219RP1LT0",  
  "proof": "bearer",  
  "manage": "https://server/token"  
}
```

Getting the management URL (alt)

```
"access_token": {  
  "value": "OBW70ZB8CDF0NP219RP1LT0",  
  "proof": "bearer",  
  "manage": "https://server/token/NP219RP1L "  
}
```

Why a separate URI?

- Supporting multiple access tokens pushes to separating concerns from overall “request” and resulting access
- AS can use a stable URL to open firewalls etc.
- Client should already know how to present an access token and bind a key

Interaction Negotiation

Front-channel Binding (Auth Code)

Client:

```
{
  "interact": {
    "redirect": true,
    "callback": {
      "uri": "https://client.foo",
      "nonce": "VJL06A4CAYLBXHTR0KRO"
    }
  }
}
```

AS:

```
{
  "interaction_url":
    "https://server/i/4CF492MLVMSMKMXKHQ",
  "callback_server_nonce": "0FXG4Y LH",
  "continue": {
    "handle": "80UPRY5NM330MUKMKSKU",
    "uri": "https://server/continue",
  }
}
```

User code (Device)

Client:

```
{  
  "interact": {  
    "user_code": true  
  }  
}
```

AS:

```
{  
  "user_code": {  
    "url": "https://server/device",  
    "code": "A1BC-3DFF"  
  },  
  "continue": {  
    "handle": "80UPRY5NM330MUKMKSKU",  
    "uri": "https://server/continue",  
    "wait": 60  
  }  
}
```

Allow short URIs?

Client:

```
{  
  "interact": {  
    "redirect": true,  
    "short_redirect": true,  
    "user_code": true  
  }  
}
```

AS:

```
{  
  "interaction_url":  
    "https://server/i/4CF492MLVMSMKMXKHQ",  
  "short_interaction_url":  
    "https://srv.ex/MXKHQ",  
  "user_code": {  
    "url": "https://server/device",  
    "code": "A1BC-3DFF"  
  }  
}
```

Allow short URIs?

Client:

```
{  
  "interact": {  
    "redirect": true,  
    "short_redirect": true,  
    "user_code": true  
  }  
}
```

AS:

```
{  
  "interaction_url":  
    "https://server/i/4CF492MLVMSMKMXKHQ",  
  "user_code": {  
    "url": "https://server/device",  
    "code": "A1BC-3DFF"  
  }  
}
```

Allow short URIs?

Client:

```
{  
  "interact": {  
    "redirect": true,  
    "short_redirect": true,  
    "user_code": true  
  }  
}
```

AS:

```
{  
  "short_interaction_url":  
    "https://srv.ex/MXKHQ",  
  "user_code": {  
    "url": "https://server/device",  
    "code": "A1BC-3DFF"  
  }  
}
```

Application URI

Client:

```
{  
  "interact": {  
    "redirect": true,  
    "app": true,  
    "callback": {  
      "uri": "https://client.foo",  
      "nonce": "VJL06A4CAYLBXHTR0KRO"  
    }  
  }  
}
```

AS:

```
{  
  "interaction_url":  
    "https://server/i/4CF492MLVMSMKMXKHQ",  
  "app_url":  
    "https://app.ex/launch?tx=4CF492MLV"  
  "server_nonce": "0FXG4Y5CVJJCX821LH",  
  "continue": { ... }  
}
```

Why a separate app URL?

- AS could want different URIs for captured apps and web-based interaction
- Leave room for additional fields
 - Distributed storage address for drop-off protocols
 - Keys and pointers for onion routing

Client pushback

Client:

```
{  
  "interact": {  
    "redirect": true,  
    "pushback": {  
      "uri": "https://client.foo",  
      "nonce": "VJL06A4CAYLBXHTR0KRO"  
    }  
  }  
}
```

AS:

```
{  
  "interaction_url":  
    "https://server/i/4CF492MLVMSMKMXKHQ",  
  "pushback_server_nonce": "0FXG4Y5H",  
  "continue": {  
    "handle": "80UPRY5NM330MUKMKSKU",  
    "uri": "https://server/continue",  
  }  
}
```

AS push to Client

POST /push/554321 HTTP/1.1

Host: client.example.net

Content-Type: application/json

```
{  
  "hash":  
    "p28jsq0Y2KK3WS__a42tavNC64ldGTBroywsWxT4md_jZQ1R2HZT8  
    BOWYHcLm0bM7XHPAdJzTZMtKBsaraJ64A",  
  "interact_ref": "4IFWWIKYBC2PQ6U56NL1"  
}
```

Why support push?

- "Callback" assumes user in a browser at the client
- "Pushback" assumes direct connection from AS
 - User is on secondary device
 - Client has connected backend

Why separate redirect and callback?

- Flexible combinations for different use cases
- Client knows what it's capable of
- AS knows what it will allow for a given request

Extend Interaction Safely

Client:

```
{  
  "interact": {  
    "webauthn": true,  
    "didcomm_query": true,  
    "app": true,  
    "backchannel_push": true,  
    ...  
  }  
}
```

AS:

```
{  
  "webauthn": {  
    "origin": "server.example",  
    "challenge": "A1BC352DFD"  
  },  
  "app_url": "app:/xyz"  
}
```

Open Question: Align Response?

Client:

```
{
  "interact": {
    "redirect": true,
    "callback": {
      "uri": "https://client.foo",
      "nonce": "VJL06A4CAYLBXHTR0KRO"
    }
  }
}
```

AS:

```
{
  "interaction_url":
    "https://server/i/4CF492MLVMSMKMXKHQ",
  "callback_server_nonce": "OFXG4YLH"
}
```

```
{
  "interact": {
    "redirect":
      "https://server/i/4CF492MLVMSMKMXKHQ",
    "callback": "OFXG4YLH"
  }
}
```

Identity and User Information

User information directly to the client

Client:

```
{  
  "subject": {  
    "sub_ids": ["iss-sub", "email"],  
    "assertions": ["oidc_id_token"]  
  }  
}
```

AS:

```
{  
  "subject": {  
    "sub_ids": [  
      { "subject_type": "email",  
        "email": "user@example.com"  
      }  
    ],  
    "assertions": {  
      "oidc_id_token": "eyJ0..."  
    }  
  }  
}
```


Sending information about the user to the AS

```
{  
  "user": {  
    "sub-ids": [  
      { "subject_type": "email",  
        "email": "user@example.com"  
      }  
    ],  
    "assertions": {  
      "oidc_id_token": "eyJ0..."  
    }  
  }  
}
```

Untrusted identifiers

Verifiable assertions

Why only identifiers and assertions?

- Privacy-first design principles
 - Client doesn't know who the user is before calling AS
 - Client doesn't know what information it needs to ask for
- If client does know the user, it's not asking the AS
- Identity schema are complex
 - Better left to dedicated extensions
 - OpenID-GNAP?

Open Questions

- Request as "subject" and declaration as "user"
 - Terms are confusing, better names?
 - "Claims" could come back as a "resource"
- Allow additional items in response?
 - Or other non-claim direct data responses?

Tokens and Resources

Requesting complex data

Client:

```
{
  "resources": [
    {
      "type": "photo-api",
      "actions": [ "read", "write",
        "dolphin" ],
      "locations": [ "https://server.example.net/",
        "https://resource.local/other" ],
      "datatypes": [ "metadata", "images" ]
    },
    {
      "type": "financial-transaction",
      "actions": [ "withdraw" ],
      "identifier": "account-14-32-32-3",
      "currency": "USD"
    }
  ]
}
```

AS:

```
{
  "access_token": {
    "value": "MHKUR64TB8N6BW70ZB8CDF0NP219RP1LT0",
    "proof": "bearer",
    "resources": "resources": [
      {
        "type": "photo-api",
        "actions": [ "read", "write",
          "dolphin" ],
        "locations": [ "https://server.example.net/",
          "https://resource.local/other" ],
        "datatypes": [ "metadata", "images" ]
      },
      {
        "type": "financial-transaction",
        "actions": [ "withdraw" ],
        "identifier": "account-14-32-32-3",
        "currency": "USD"
      }
    ]
  }
}
```

Requesting predefined data structures

Client:

```
{  
  "resources": [  
    "read", "dolphin-metadata",  
    "some other thing"  
  ]  
}
```

AS:

```
{  
  "access_token": {  
    "value": "MHKUR64TB8N6BW70ZB8T0",  
    "proof": "bearer",  
    "resources": [  
      "read", "dolphin-metadata",  
      "some other thing"  
    ]  
  }  
}
```

Equivalence between items

String:

"dolphin-metadata"

Object:

```
{  
  "type": "photo-api",  
  "actions": [ "dolphin" ],  
  "datatypes": [ "metadata" ]  
}
```

The AS decides how this is mapped

Open question:

Align request and response?

- Currently "resources" results in "access_token", should the request also be "access_token"?

Open Question: Directed Access Tokens

- We can describe "what the token's for" but don't have a way to say "how to use it"
- Defining usage rules in HTTP is HARD
 - Verbs, headers, parameters, URLs, etc
- Maybe a subset? Maybe an extension?

Plugging in OAuth 2

Have a place to put familiar things

```
client_id=client1  
&scope=foo%20bar
```

```
{  
  "keys":  
    "client1",  
  "resources": [  
    "foo",  
    "bar"  
  ]  
}
```

Why not just have "client_id"?

- Identifiers should be used but not required
 - All clients identify with a key, whether registered or not
 - An identifier is a shortcut to look up the key
- OAuth 2 hangs too much on "client_id" lookup
 - Breaks ephemeral clients
 - Breaks single-user clients
 - Assumes registration
 - Confuses what a "client" even is

Why not just have "scope"?

- "Scope" is a confusing and limiting construct
 - Can't have spaces, can't have unicode
- RAR has to deal with how to relate to scope, resource, audience, and other parameters
- GNAP can more clearly define string-based requests as optimizations of rich requests

Making XYZ from OAuth 2

- PAR + RAR + JAR + JARM
- DPoP + PoP + MTLS + HTTPSig
- Auth Code, Device, Exchange, Refresh, Assertion, CIBA, OB/FAPI, Client Credentials, and UMA flows
- PKCE + State
- Plus a few things we haven't invented yet
- This is unwieldy at best...