

Coordinating the Use of Application Profiles for Ephemeral Diffie-Hellman Over COSE (EDHOC)

draft-tiloca-lake-app-profiles-01

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Motivation

- › **Peers have to agree about how to run EDHOC and on certain parameters**
 - Some are exchanged during the protocol execution, when a few can be negotiated
- › **In general, two peers have to rely on an EDHOC application profile, specifying:**
 - The intended use of EDHOC, including relevant processing and verification
 - Parameters for the EDHOC execution, both in-band and out-of-band ones
- › **How to facilitate the definition and discovery of EDHOC application profiles to use?**
 - Related points first raised during the WG Last Call of *draft-ietf-core-oscore-edhoc*
 - Agreed that it was better to address this topic in the LAKE WG
- › **From the LAKE Charter:** *The working group will also work on a Standard Track means for coordinating the use and discovery of EDHOC application profiles, the definition of a well-known application profile ...*

Scope

- › **Definition of “Profile ID” integer identifiers of EDHOC application profiles**
 - Supported by a new IANA registry “EDHOC Application Profiles”
- › **Identification of EDHOC application profiles by their Profile ID**
 - In a Web Link, e.g., in Link-Format through a target attribute when CoAP is used
 - In a descriptive object, e.g., in the EDHOC_Information object defined in [1]
- › **Canonical description of EDHOC application profiles at specification time**
 - As a CBOR data item; applicable to definition, distribution, and storage of application profiles
- › **Definition of one or more “well-known” EDHOC application profiles**
 - Reflecting the most common, expected way(s) to use EDHOC

Identification of profiles

› Discovery through Web Linking

- When using CoAP, a link-format document (RFC 6690) can have links to EDHOC resources

› New target attribute ‘ed-prof’ for such links

- Value taken from the ‘Profile ID’ column of the new “EDHOC Application Profiles” registry
- It can occur multiple times in the same link
 - Multiple application profiles are supported

› Through the EDHOC_Information object [1]

- Also used in the ACE workflow considered in [1]
- Initial set of parameters also defined in [1]

› This document defines ‘app_prof’

- New parameter for the EDHOC_Information object
- Value taken from the ‘Profile ID’ column of the new “EDHOC Application Profiles” registry

```
REQ: GET /.well-known/core
RES: 2.05 Content
</sensors/temp>;osc,
</sensors/light>;if=sensor,
</.well-known/edhoc>;rt=core.edhoc;ed-csuite=0;ed-csuite=2;
ed-method=0;ed-cred-t=1;ed-cred-t=3;ed-idcred-t=4;
ed-i;ed-r;ed-comb-req,
</edhoc-alt>;rt=core.edhoc;ed-prof=500
```

Name	CBOR label	CBOR type	Registry	Description
app_prof	14	int / array	EDHOC Application Profiles Registry	Set of supported EDHOC Application Profiles

Figure 2: EDHOC_Information Parameter "app_prof"

Canonical description

- › **EDHOC_Application_Profile object, as a CBOR map**

- Defined also a Media Type – Encoding: CBOR Sequence of CBOR maps

- › **Possible entries (i.e., considered namespace)**

- Same of the EDHOC_Information_Object defined in [1]

- Reuse CBOR abbreviations of map keys from the same “EDHOC Information” registry

- › **The following entries MUST be present**

- ‘app_prof’, identifying the profile in question

- ‘methods’ and ‘cred_types’

- › **The following entries MUST NOT be present**

- ‘session_id’, ‘uri_path’, ‘initiator’, and ‘responder’

- › **Other entries MAY be present**

```
EDHOC_Application_Profile = {  
    1 => int / array,      ; methods  
    9 => int / array,      ; cred_types  
    14 => int,              ; app_prof  
    * int / tstr => any  
}
```

Since IETF 118

› **Good feedback from Brian Sipos [2] – Thanks!**

- “Yes, that draft is actually just what I was looking for. No need to reinvent an encoding for all of those EDHOC options or selection logic.”

› **New version -01 submitted before the IETF 119 cut-off**

› **Main updates**

- Editorial fixes and readability improvements
- While ‘app_prof’ stays, other new EDHOC_Information Parameters have been moved out to [1]
- Clarified that ‘initiator’ and ‘responder’ are not included in the EDHOC_Application_Profile object
- Added further placeholders on what should be in the description of an Application Profile
 - › Maximum size of EDHOC messages (see Section 3.4 of RFC 9528)
 - › The transport to use for the EDHOC messages
 - This might differ between the two peers (see Section 3.9 of RFC 9528)
 - It might have to be accompanied by transport-specific information/parameters

[1] <https://datatracker.ietf.org/doc/draft-ietf-ace-edhoc-oscore-profile/>

[2] <https://mailarchive.ietf.org/arch/msg/lake/GQmnLrn1R29o5u3Xy8CVEQT7KYo/>

Identification vs. full description

› EDHOC profiles signaled, e.g, through:

- Web Linking, using target attributes
- An EDHOC_Information object, see [1]

› In either case, the current approach either:

- Spells-out the different features individually; OR
- Identifies a whole EDHOC profile by its Profile ID

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ed-method=0;ed-cred-t=1;ed-cred-t=3;ed-idcred-t=4;  
ed-i;ed-r;ed-comb-reg,
```

```
</edhoc-alt>;rt=core.edhoc;ed-prof=500
```

› Proposal: admit one hybrid exception

- When using Profile ID, possible to also separately specify EAD items
- Supported EAD items: those of the profile identified by Profile ID plus the separate ones
- Example for Web Linking: `</edhoc-alt>;rt=core.edhoc;ed-prof=500;ed-ead=12;ed-ead=47`
- Avoid registrations of (many) very similar EDHOC profiles differing only about supported EAD items

› This has to align with the use of the 'app_prof' parameter in [1]

Thoughts? Objections?

Still missing parameters

› **Maximum message size**

- This can trivially be an unsigned integer

› **Type(s) of endpoint identifiers (e.g., EUI-64)**

- Planned new, dedicated parameter 'id_ep_type'
- Need for a new registry to coordinate the types of EDHOC endpoint identifiers

› **Transport(s) to use for EDHOC**

- Planned new parameters 'tp_i' (for the Initiator), 'tp_r' (for the Responder), 'tp' (common to both)
- Need for a new registry to coordinate the (integer) identifiers of EDHOC transports
- A transport might in turn come with additional specific information (as if a “transport suite”)

› **Is something else still missing?**

Thoughts?

Well-known profiles

› What they are supposed to mean

- They reflect what is most common and expected to use for EDHOC
- NOT “default profile” to use if nothing else is said, overriding what is mandatory to implement
- NOT necessarily supported by the /.well-known/edhoc resource if nothing else is said

Early proposal: possible well-known profiles to consider for registration – Thoughts?

MINIMAL_CS_2

cypher_suites: 2 ; methods: 3
cred_types: CCS ; id_cred_types: kid
(like the second trace of RFC 9529)

MINIMAL_CS_0

cypher_suites: 0 ; methods: 3
cred_types: CCS ; id_cred_types: kid

ADVANCED

cypher_suites: 0,1,2,3 ; methods: 0,1,2,3
cred_types: CCS , CWT, X.509, C509
id_cred_types: kid, kccs, kcwt, x5t, x5chain, c5t, c5chain

BASIC_CS_2_X509

cypher_suites: 2 ; methods: 0, 3
cred_types: CCS, X.509
id_cred_types: kid, x5t

BASIC_CS_0_X509

cypher_suites: 0 ; methods: 0, 3
cred_types: CCS, X.509
id_cred_types: kid, x5t

INTERMEDIATE_CS_2

cypher_suites: 2 ; methods: 0, 3
cred_types: CCS, X.509, C509
id_cred_types: kid, kccs, x5t, x5chain, c5t, c5c

BASIC_CS_2_C509

cypher_suites: 2 ; methods: 0, 3
cred_types: CCS, C509
id_cred_types: kid, c5t

BASIC_CS_0_C509

cypher_suites: 0 ; methods: 0, 3
cred_types: CCS, C509
id_cred_types: kid, c5t

INTERMEDIATE_CS_0

cypher_suites: 0 ; methods: 0, 3
cred_types: CCS, X.509, C509
id_cred_types: kid, kccs, x5t, x5chain, c5t, c5c

Summary and next steps

› Assist the discovery and use of EDHOC application profiles

- Definition of integer identifiers of EDHOC application profiles
- Canonical description of EDHOC application profiles in CBOR
- Definition of one or more “well-known” EDHOC application profiles

› Plan for the next version

- Mention examples of how profile descriptions can be distributed (see exchange with Brian Sipos [2])
- Define missing parameters: max message size; peer identifier type(s); transport(s) to use
- Propose a small set of candidate EDHOC application profiles to register
 - › What they specify, and their representation as a CBOR data item

› Reviews and input are welcome!

Thank you!

<https://gitlab.com/crimson84/draft-tiloca-lake-app-profiles>