

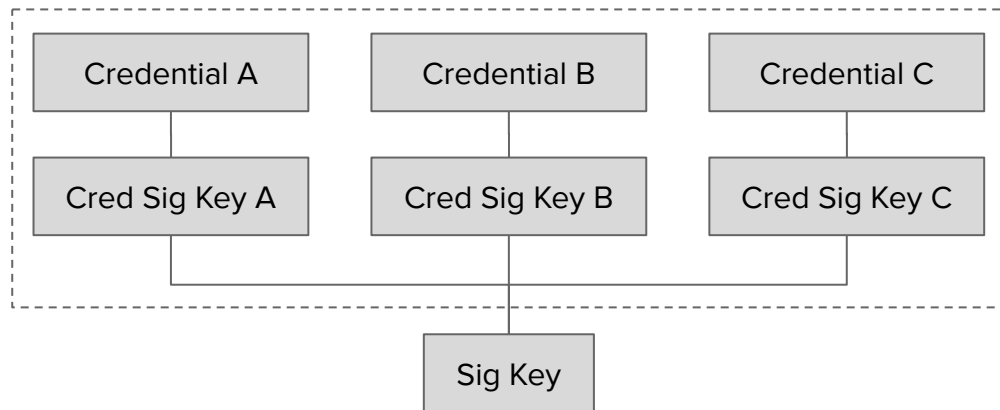
Additional Credentials



draft-barnes-mls-addl-creds

Additional Credential Types

Value	Name	Recommended	Reference
0x0003	userinfo-vc	Y	RFC XXXX
0x0004	multi	Y	RFC XXXX
0x0005	weak-multi	Y	RFC XXXX



Verifiable Credentials + Multi-credentials

Successful adoption call post-IETF-117, just needs adoption post-recharter (!!!)



A question of location

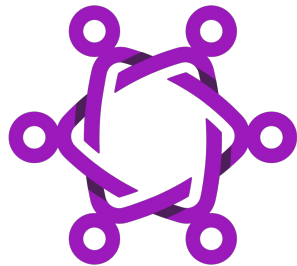
This is a separate document for now.

But the rechartering is going sloooooooooow

It's not that much text.

Just chuck it in draft-ietf-mls-extension





Replace



draft-barnes-mls-replace

Just like Update but...

```
struct {  
+   uint32 replaced;  
   LeafNode leaf_node;  
-} Update;  
+} Replace;
```

The affected member is explicit, not inferred from the framing

=> Someone else can make the proposal

Someone else can make the proposal...

Good: Faster PCS

Right now, missed updates have to get thrown away (unlike Add/Remove)

A committer can “re-originate” an Update using Replace (like Add/Remove)

Less good: “Rollback” attacks

Malicious insider compromises secrets associated to an old Update

... then commits a Replace rolling the victim back to the compromised leaf

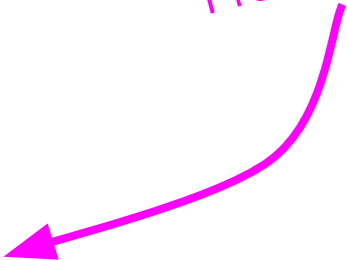
3. Leaf Node Epoch Extension

The `leaf_node_epoch` extension simply describes the epoch in which a LeafNode was created:

```
uint64 leaf_node_epoch;
```

Figure 1: Content of the `leaf_node_epoch` extension

Prevents roll-back (?)

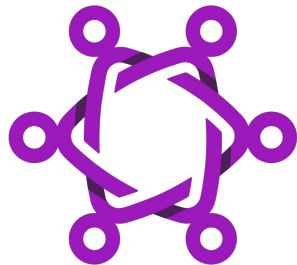


Questions

Functionality seems interesting?

Security risk seems manageable?

Separate doc or -mls-extensions?



Light Clients



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Problem: Download and Memory

MLS requires that clients download, validate, and store the group's ratchet tree

Each participant only uses one MLSCiphertext in a Commit

... but has to download $O(N)$ data to verify the Commit signature

In large groups, these objects can be L A R G E

In a 1,000-participant Webex meeting (empty tree):

Tree: 3.5MB in memory / 2.3MB gzip'ed

Commit: 391KB

Light Clients

A **light client** is a member of the group that **does not have the ratchet tree**

A light client **cannot commit**

A light client **cannot process a normal Commit**

Instead:

- Light client joins with only a Welcome

- DS transforms Commit into per-light-client LightCommit

A light client can join and follow the group with $O(\log N)$ download / memory

Corollaries

Each group must have at least one full (non-light) client

Someone has to do the commits, otherwise nobody can be added!

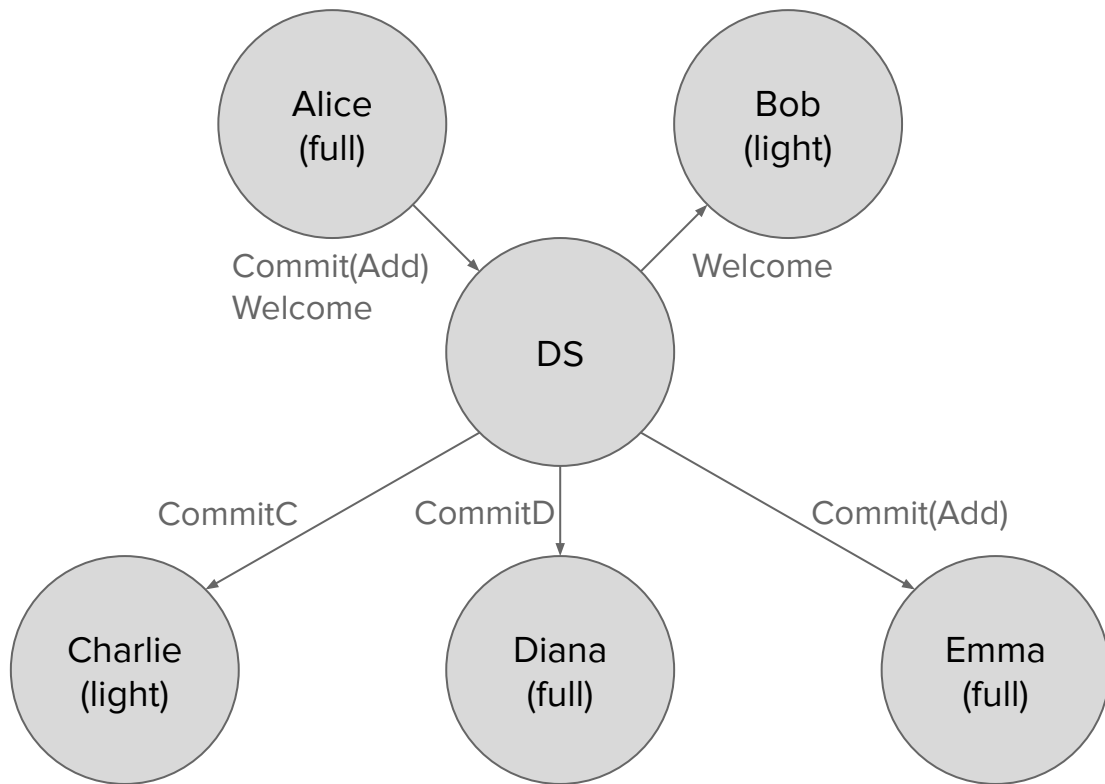
Clients can transition between light and full

Light -> Full: Download and validate the tree

Full -> Light: Delete local copy of the tree

DS needs to be aware of which clients are light / full

Operating a Group with Light Clients



Incremental Authentication

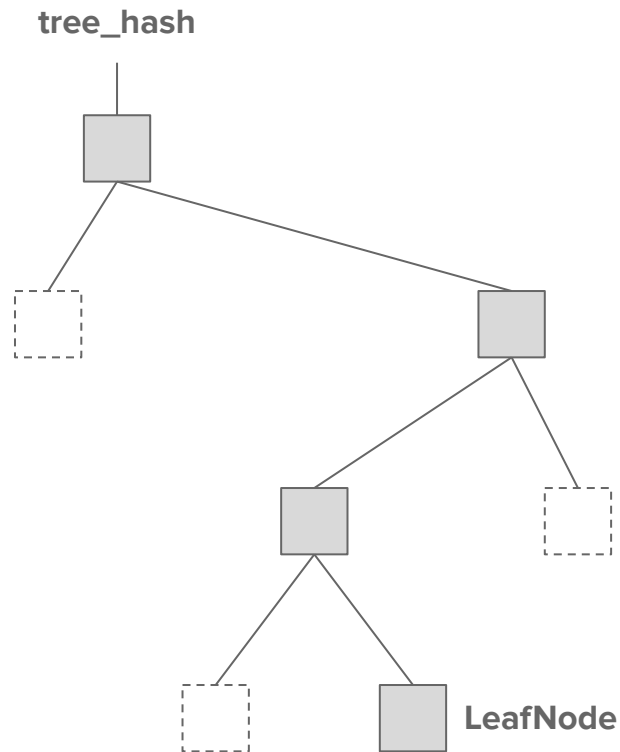
Sometimes a light client wants to authenticate a specific member

- Verify their own membership

- Verify the client that added them

- Verify a specific other client (e.g., active speaker)

Present a “slice” through the ratchet tree – basically a Merkle tree proof chaining to the tree hash



Summary

Ratchet Tree and Commits are heavy in large groups

Light clients can join and follow with $O(\log N)$ download and memory

... at the cost of not being able to authenticate the whole group

Three main changes:

- Skip the tree validation on join

- DS slices Commit into per-client Light Commits

- Tree slices allow for authentication of specific other members