

Applying Generate Random Extensions And Sustain Extensibility (GREASE) to EDHOC Extensibility

`draft-amsuess-core-edhoc-grease`

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Long time ago in London...

“EDHOC will start small and then add all things in TLS back in.”

Let's be selective – and then mindfully take good parts (e. g. [RFC 8701](#)).

GREASE

- “Only by using the extension capabilities of a protocol is the availability of that capability assured.” [RFC 9170](#)¹
- This draft just does that.

¹Also [edm-protocol-greasing](#).

Concrete extension points

- ✓ EAD items: 1× “1+1”, 3× “1+2”; all optional
- ✓ Cipher suites: 1× “1+1”, 3× “1+2”; responder can't select them
- ✗ Methods: Not negotiated – out of scope
- ✗ COSE headers: Not negotiated – out of scope

...exercising the extension points we *can* keep utilized.

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Chairs?

Backup slide: Caveats

- We're message size constrained.
 - Apply it in applications where the added size will be tolerable.
- It can be a covert channel (cf. INTDIR on padding).
 - Yes. As can the use of any other EAD.
- The distribution and values of options reveal some data about the implementation.
 - Concrete recommendation available on size and choice – large anonymity set.