

Proof-of-Possession Key Semantics for CBOR Web Tokens (CWTs)

draft-jones-ace-cwt-proof-of-possession

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Background



- RFC 7800 – Proof-of-Possession Key Semantics for JSON Web Tokens (JWTs) – defines a representation for proof-of-possession keys in JWTs, for example:

```
"cnf": {  
  "jwk": {  
    "kty": "EC",  
    "use": "sig",  
    "crv": "P-256",  
    "x": "18wHLeIgW9wVN6VD1Txgpqy2LszYkMf6J8njVAibvhM",  
    "y": "-V4dS4UaLMgP_4fY4j8ir7cl1TXlFdAgcx55o7TkcSA"  
  }  
}
```

- Equivalent functionality desirable for CBOR Web Tokens (CWTs)

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Why have CWT PoP be in its own draft?



- Like CWT, PoP for CWT will be used in many application contexts, both for ACE and non-ACE use cases
 - Hannes surveyed several working groups and a number of individuals responded saying that they have non-ACE use cases
- The CWT PoP functionality is simple, directly based on RFC 7800, and needs no further work
- If adopted by the WG, it could quickly go to WGLC
 - IETF and IESG reviews should go smoothly since it invents no functionality not already in RFC 7800
- ***draft-jones-ace-cwt-proof-of-possession could become an RFC within a few months***

Credit Where Credit Is Due



- Several people contributed to the CWT PoP functionality in draft-ietf-ace-oauth-authz – especially Ludwig Seitz
- All the ACE OAuth draft authors are also authors on the standalone draft

Next Steps



- Question to the working group:
 - Should draft-jones-ace-cwt-proof-of-possession be adopted as a WG document?
- Question to the chairs:
 - If adopted, do you believe that we should then start WGLC?