Mutual TLS Profile for OAuth 2.0

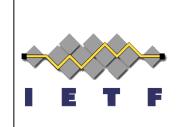
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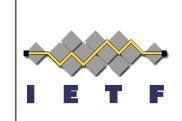
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What is it?

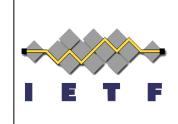
- Mutual TLS client authentication to the token endpoint
- Mutual TLS sender constrained access tokens for protected resources access



Why?

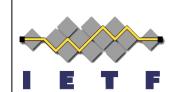
- Mutual TLS client authentication is something that's been done in practice for OAuth but we've never had a spec for it
- Mutual TLS sender constrained resources access binds access tokens to the client certificate so they can't be (re)played or used by any other entity
- Banks "need" these for server to server API use cases being driven by new open banking regulations
- Referenced by FAPI's "Read and Write API Security Profile" as a suitable holder of key mechanism
- Referenced by Open Banking API Security Profile



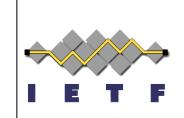


- MTLS client authentication to the token endpoint
 - TLS connection from client to token endpoint is established with mutual X509 certificate authentication
 - Client includes the "client_id" HTTP request parameter in all requests to the token endpoint
 - AS verifies that the MTLS certificate is the 'right' one for the client
 - Trust model intentionally left open
 - Client and AS metadata

How Mutual TLS Sender Constrained Access Works



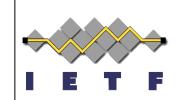
- Mutual TLS sender constrained resource access
 - Associate a hash of the certificate with the access token
 - TLS connection from client to resource is mutually authenticated TLS
 - The protected resource matches certificate from TLS connection to the certificate hash in the access token
 - New JWT Confirmation Method
 - X.509 Certificate SHA-256 Thumbprint Confirmation Method: x5t#S256
 - New Confirmation Method for Token Introspection
 - Same data as JWT x5t#S256 confirmation returned in the introspection response and checked by the protected resource
 - Requests registration of a "cnf" (confirmation) token introspection response parameter having the same semantics and format as the claim of the same name defined in RFC7800 Proof-of-Possession Key Semantics for JSON Web Tokens



... and Running Code

 Recently stood up a proof of concept using COTS AS and RS products utilizing general mutual TLS support and existing configuration/customization around issuance and validation of access tokens

Next Steps



• The clock is ticking... take this thing to WGLC!

