Notification of Revoked Access Tokens in the ACE Framework

draft-tiloca-ace-revoked-tokens-notification-01

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Motivation

› An Access Token may be revoked, before expiration
  – Client or RS has been compromised, or decommissioned
  – Changed access policies
  – Changed ACE profile to use

› In OAuth
  – Token revocation by Client exists (RFC 7009)
  – No revocation by Resource Owner or RS
  – Not a problem, Tokens expire fast

› Different assumptions in ACE
  – E.g. RS has intermittent connectivity, Tokens don’t expire fast
  – How can the AS tell C and RS about revoked tokens?
Contribution

› New interface at the AS
  – The AS maintains one Token Revocation List (TRL) resource
  – The TRL contains the hashes of revoked, not-yet-expired tokens
  – C/RS can GET or GET-Observe from the TRL
  – C/RS retrieve only their own pertaining portion of the TRL

› Benefits
  – Complement token introspection at the AS
  – No need for new endpoints at C or RS

› Updates in -01 from Travis’ review [1] and Jim input – Thanks!

[1] https://mailarchive.ietf.org/arch/msg/ace/1UK5QuLh4kmzIh211JBtotdchfQ/
Rationale

› Token hash, as Token name/ID
  – Not ‘cti’, the Token is opaque to the Client
  – Computed as per RFC 6920, Section 6
  – Support for both CBOR and JSON transport

› Token Revocation List (TRL) at the AS
  – CBOR array of Token hashes
  – Add token hashes when Tokens are revoked
  – Remove token hashes when revoked Tokens expire

› Interaction
  – C and RS get the URL to the TRL endpoint upon registration
  – C and RS obtain only hashes of their own pertaining Tokens
  – A registered Administrator gets all Token hashes in the TRL
Protocol overview
Two types of TRL queries

› Common features
  – Limited to the portion of the TRL pertaining the requester
  – TRL filtering based on authenticated identity of the requester (secure session)

› Full query – GET [Observe: 0] example_as/revoke/trl
  – Request for all pertaining token hashes in the TRL
  – Return a CBOR array, with the Token hashes as elements

› Diff query – GET [Observe: 0] example_revoke/trl?diff=true[&N=3]
  – Request for the latest N updates to the pertaining portion of the TRL list
  – Build N entries as CBOR maps. Each entry refers to an update and has:
    › A field “deleted”, with a CBOR array of Token hashes as element.
    › A field “added”, with a CBOR array of Token hashes as element.
  – Return a CBOR array with the N entries as element, in reverse chronological order
Example

Registration: POST

2.01 CREATED
Payload: {
  ...
  "trl" = "revoke/trl"
}

GET Observe: 0
coop://example.as.com/revoke/trl/

2.05 CONTENT Observe: 1
Payload: []
  .
  .
  .

(Access Tokens t1 and t2 issued and successfully submitted to RS)
  .
  .
  .
Example (ctd.)

2.05 CONTENT Observe: 2
Payload: [h(bstr.t1)]
  
  (Access Token t2 is revoked)

2.05 CONTENT Observe: 3
Payload: [h(bstr.t1), h(bstr.t2)]
  
  (Access Token t1 expires)

2.05 CONTENT Observe: 4
Payload: [h(bstr.t2)]
Summary

› Notification of revoked Access Token
  – GET or GET-Observe; full query and diff query
  – Complement token introspection at the AS
  – No need for new endpoints on Clients and Resource Servers

› Version -01 incorporates:
  – Review from Travis Spencer
  – Input and comments from Jim

› Next steps
  – Add CDDL notation
  – More workflow examples, e.g. for diff query interactions
  – Integer compression of “added” and “deleted” for Diff queries

› Need more feedback and reviews
Thank you!

Comments/questions?

https://gitlab.com/crimson84/draft-tiloca-ace-revoked-token-notification