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- Describe the best current security practice for OAuth 2.0
- Update and extend the OAuth 2.0 Security Threat Model
- Incorporate experience from practice and research
- Cover new threats relevant to OAuth 2.0, in particular in high-risk environments like banking, eID

## Status:

- First WGLC end of last year on version -13
- Last interim meeting on -16
- Current version: -17

What's new since -16?

# New: Use of Metadata RECOMMENDED

- For both servers and clients
  - Reduces configuration mistakes impacting security,
  - facilitates better mix-up protection,
  - improves developer experience.
- Using metadata is the RECOMMENDED way to announce PKCE support
  - Important to let client know that it can rely on PKCE.
  - Before: either metadata or deployment-specific way.

# New: Minor Security Improvements

- AS MUST NOT expose open redirectors.
  - Before: Limited to clients.
- AS MUST reject non-https redirect URIs
  - Exception: Native client URLs pointing to same device (w/ localhost URI or custom scheme)
- Security model clarification: Attackers can collaborate with each other.

# New: Improved Mix-Up Mitigation

**Previous Recommendation:** Use separate redirect URIs per issuer!

- + based on existing OAuth features
- not suitable for schemes with centralized client registration (open banking!)
- needs a lot of explanation for developers
- easy to get wrong
- hard to automate in libraries

# New: Improved Mix-Up Mitigation

**Draft:** draft-ietf-oauth-iss-auth-resp-00

Defines the `iss` parameter in the authorization response (+ metadata flag).

- + Simple mechanism
- + Formally proven security against mix-up attacks
- + Easy to automate in libraries when metadata flag is evaluated

# New: Improved Mix-Up Mitigation

Mitigation is REQUIRED when Client interacts with multiple AS



**RECOMMENDED**

Mix-up defense via Issuer Identification



**Default**

draft-ietf-oauth-iss-auth-resp

Processing details in draft-ietf-oauth-iss-auth-resp



**With OIDC or JARM**

Use existing `iss` Claim



**Alternative**

Per-Issuer Redirect URIs



Processing details in draft-ietf-oauth-security-topics

# Status of the Document

- All important areas now covered - robust solution for mix-up
- Actionable recommendations
  - Foundation for security of OAuth 2.1
  - OpenID FAPI 2.0 aligned with Security BCP
- Future topics (out of scope for now):
  - Specifics of mobile environments → update BCP 212 (RFC 8252)?
  - Higher security level, new security model → new topics for future updates of the BCP

Ready for next WGLC!

Q&A