

Pub-Sub Profile for Authentication and Authorization for Constrained Environments (ACE)

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Message Flow with AS/KDC Discovery

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Client                Broker  AS   KDC
|[[<--Discovery of Topic Resource----->]]|   |   |
|[--Resource Request (CoAP/MQTT or other)---->]]|   |   |
|[<----AS Information (CoAP/MQTT or other)----]|   |   |
|                                           |   |   |
|---Broker Authorisation Req (CoAP/HTTP or other)-->|   |   |
|<----Authorisation Response (CoAP/HTTP or other) --|   |   |
|<-Upload of auth. info; est. of sec. assoc. ->|   |   |
|                                           |   |   |
|[[<--Discovery of KDC and AS of KDC----->]]|   |   |
|                                           |   |   |
| --KDC Authorisation Req (CoAP/HTTP or other)----->|   |   |
| <----Authorisation Response (CoAP/HTTP or other) --|   |   |
|                                           |   |   |
|                                           |   |   |
|<--Upload of auth. info; est. of sec. assoc. ----->|   |   |
|---Request to join the security group for the topic ---->|   |   |
|<--Keying material for the security group -----|   |   |
|                                           |   |   |
```

KDC discovery:

Client can retrieve the URI of the KDC (and of the AS associated with that KDC).

At this step, **the name of the security group associated with the topic** can also be retrieved from the topic resource.

No unauthorised publisher/subscriber

Scope

- The possible **permissions** for a Client are: Publish (1), **Read (2)** and Delete (3).
- Since such permissions are related to user operations, a scope entry as specified in this application profile does not indicate the permission Admin (0).
 - Such permission is reserved for scope entries that express permissions for Administrators of Pub/Sub groups.
 - That is, in scope entries used as defined in this application profile, the least significant bit of "Tperm" MUST be set to 0.
- Add one more bit 1 "GroupType", with value 0 in case of application, and 1 in case of security group.

```
AIF-PUBSUB-GROUPCOMM = AIF-Generic<pubsub-topic, pubsub-perm>
pubsub-topic = tstr ; Pub/sub topic name
                    ; (the associated security group)

pubsub-perm = uint . bits pubsub-roles

pubsub-roles = &(
  Admin: 0,
  Pub: 1,
  Sub: 2,
  Delete: 3
)
pubsub-perm-details = &(
  Admin: 0,
  GroupType: 1,
  Publish: 2,
  Read: 3,
  Delete: 4
)

scope_entry = [pubsub-topic, pubsub-perm]
```

Figure 5: Pub/Sub scope using the AIF format

To Do

Planned for Cut Off

- Clarify KDC discovery
- Finalise Scope
 - Needs to be expanded to flag KDC vs Broker in Authorisation Request
- Join Response to include the signature algorithm and related parameters used in the group
 - 'cred_fmt', 'sign_alg', 'sign_alg_capab' and 'sign_key_type_capab' parameters
 - 'gkty' -> "Group_PubSub_Keying_Material" as the Join Response includes more than COSE key
- Replay protection for subscribers

Planned for Later

- Expand on Group Key Management/ Group Rekeying (default point-to-point)
 - KDC publishing new key to a group rekeying topic
- Currently not hosting policies-related resources at KDC? Include?
- Finalise Groupcomm Requirements List