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Abstract

This document describes a procedure for augmenting the lightweight authenticated Diffie-Hellman key exchange protocol EDHOC with third party assisted authorization, targeting constrained IoT deployments ([RFC 7228](#)).

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## [1.](#) Introduction

For constrained IoT deployments [[RFC7228](#)] the overhead and processing contributed by security protocols may be significant which motivates the specification of lightweight protocols that are optimizing, in particular, message overhead (see [[I-D.ietf-lake-reqs](#)]). This document describes a procedure for augmenting the lightweight authenticated Diffie-Hellman key exchange EDHOC [[I-D.ietf-lake-edhoc](#)] with third party-assisted authorization.

The procedure involves a device, a domain authenticator and an authorization server. The device and authenticator perform mutual authentication and authorization, assisted by the authorization server which provides relevant authorization information to the device (a "voucher") and to the authenticator.

The protocol assumes that authentication between device and authenticator is performed with EDHOC, and defines the integration of a lightweight authorization procedure using the External Authorization Data (EAD) field defined in EDHOC.

In this document we consider the target interaction for which authorization is needed to be "enrollment", for example joining a network for the first time (e.g. [\[RFC9031\]](#)), or certificate enrollment (such as [\[I-D.selander-ace-coap-est-oscore\]](#)), but it can be applied to authorize other target interactions.

The protocol enables a low message count by performing authorization and enrollment in parallel with authentication, instead of in sequence which is common for network access. It further reuses protocol elements from EDHOC leading to reduced message sizes on constrained links.

This protocol is applicable to a wide variety of settings, and can be mapped to different authorization architectures. This document specifies a profile of the ACE framework [\[I-D.ietf-ace-oauth-authz\]](#). Other settings such as EAP [\[RFC3748\]](#) are out of scope for this specification.

## 1.1. Terminology

The key words "MUST", "MUST NOT", "REQUIRED", "SHALL", "SHALL NOT", "SHOULD", "SHOULD NOT", "RECOMMENDED", "NOT RECOMMENDED", "MAY", and "OPTIONAL" in this document are to be interpreted as described in [BCP 14](#) [\[RFC2119\]](#) [\[RFC8174\]](#) when, and only when, they appear in all capitals, as shown here.

Readers are expected to have some understanding of CBOR [\[RFC8949\]](#) and EDHOC [\[I-D.ietf-lake-edhoc\]](#). [Appendix C.1](#) of [\[I-D.ietf-lake-edhoc\]](#) contains some basic info about CBOR.

## 2. Problem Description

The (potentially constrained) device wants to enroll into a domain over a constrained link. The device authenticates and enforces authorization of the (non-constrained) domain authenticator with the help of a voucher, and makes the enrollment request. The domain authenticator authenticates the device and authorizes its enrollment. Authentication between device and domain authenticator is made with the lightweight authenticated Diffie-Hellman key exchange protocol EDHOC [\[I-D.ietf-lake-edhoc\]](#). The procedure is assisted by a (non-constrained) authorization server located in a non-constrained network behind the domain authenticator providing information to the device and to the domain authenticator as part of the protocol.

The objective of this document is to specify such a protocol which is lightweight over the constrained link and reuses elements of EDHOC. See illustration in Figure 1.

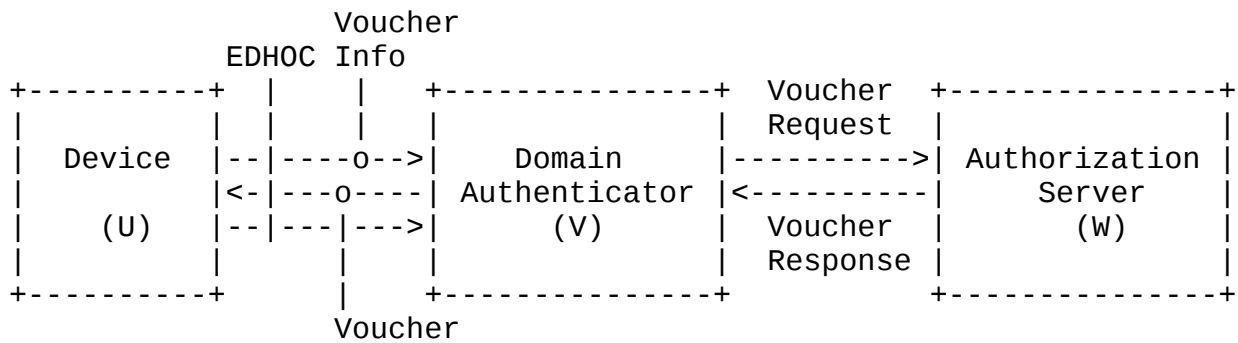


Figure 1: Overview of message flow. Link between U and V is constrained but link between V and W is not. Voucher Info and Voucher are sent in EDHOC External Authorization Data.

### 3. Assumptions

#### 3.1. Device

The device is pre-provisioned with an identity ID\_U and asymmetric key credentials: a private key, a public key (PK\_U), and optionally a public key certificate (Cert\_PK\_U), issued by a trusted third party such as e.g. the device manufacturer, used to authenticate to the domain authenticator. ID\_U may be a reference or pointer to the certificate.

The device is also provisioned with information about its authorization server:

- \* At least one static public DH key of the authorization server (G\_W) used to ensure secure communication with the device (see [Section 4.3](#)).
- \* Location information about the authorization server (LOC\_W), e.g. its domain name. This information may be available in the device certificate Cert\_PK\_U.

#### 3.2. Domain Authenticator

The domain authenticator has a private key and a corresponding public key PK\_V used to authenticate to the device.

The domain authenticator needs to be able to locate the authorization server of the device for which LOC\_W is expected to be sufficient. The communication between domain authenticator and authorization server is assumed to be mutually authenticated and protected; authentication credentials and communication security is out of scope, except for as specified below in this section.

The domain authenticator may in principle use different credentials for authenticating to the authorization server and to the device, for which PK\_V is used. However, the domain authenticator MUST prove possession of private key of PK\_V to the authorization server since the authorization server is asserting (by means of the voucher to the device) that this credential belongs to the domain authenticator.

In this version of the draft it is assumed that the domain authenticator authenticates to the authorization server with PK\_V using some authentication protocol providing proof of possession of the private key, for example TLS 1.3 [[RFC8446](#)]. A future version of this draft may specify explicit proof of possession of the private key of PK\_V in the voucher request, e.g., by including a signature of the voucher request with the private key corresponding to PK\_V.

### [3.3.](#) Authorization Server

The authorization server has the private DH key corresponding to G\_W, which is used to secure the communication with the device (see [Section 4.3](#)).

Authentication credentials and communication security used with the domain authenticator is out of scope, except for the need to verify the possession of the private key of PK\_V as specified in [Section 3.2](#).

The authorization server provides to the device the authorization decision for enrollment with the domain authenticator in the form of a voucher. The authorization server provides information to the domain authenticator about the device, such as the device's certificate Cert\_PK\_U.

The authorization server needs to be available during the execution of the protocol.

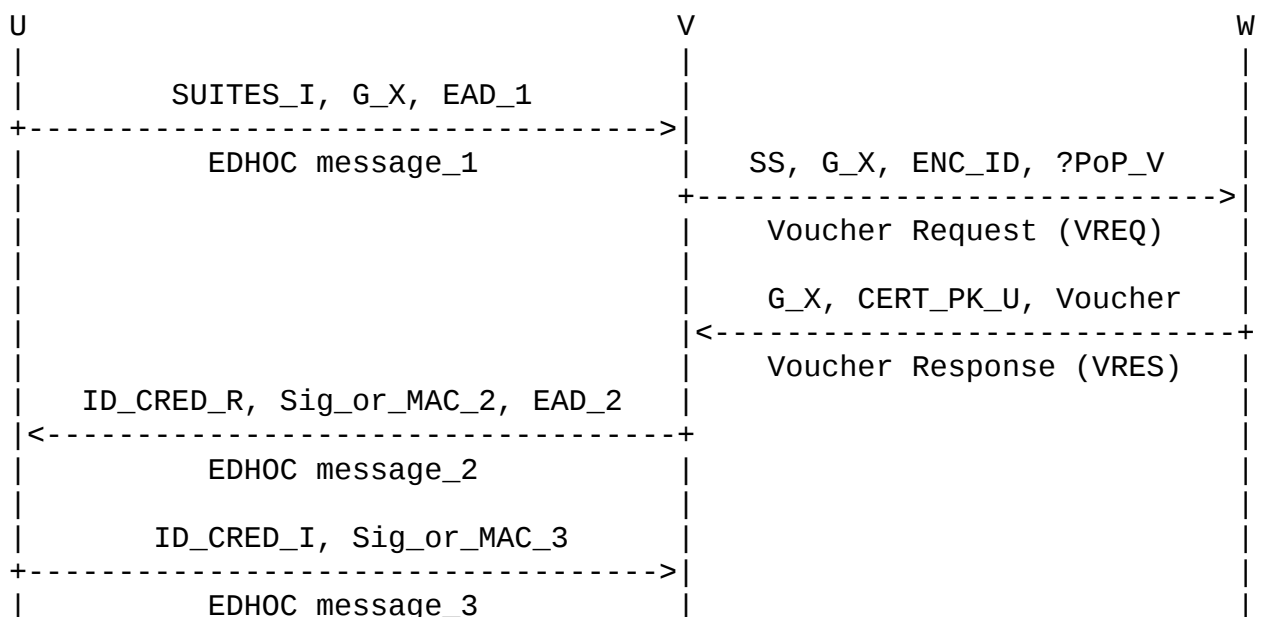
## [4.](#) The Protocol

### [4.1.](#) Overview

Three security sessions are going on in parallel:

1. EDHOC [[I-D.ietf-lake-edhoc](#)] between device (U) and (domain) authenticator (V)
2. Voucher Request/Response between authenticator (V) and authorization server (W)
3. An exchange of voucher-related information, including the voucher itself, between device (U) and authorization server (W), mediated by the authenticator.

Figure 2 provides an overview of the message flow detailed in this section. Only selected message fields of EDHOC are shown, for more details see Section 3.1 of [[I-D.ietf-lake-edhoc](#)].



where

EAD\_1 = (L, Voucher\_Info)

Voucher\_Info = [LOC\_W, ENC\_ID]

EAD\_2 = (L, Voucher)

Voucher = MAC(V\_TYPE, SS, G\_X, ID\_U, PK\_V)

Figure 2: W-assisted authorization of AKE between U and V: EDHOC between U and V (only selected message fields shown), and Voucher Request/Response between V and W.

#### 4.2. Reuse of EDHOC

The protocol illustrated in Figure 2 reuses several components of EDHOC:

- \*  $G_X$ , the 'x' parameter of the ephemeral public Diffie-Hellman key of party U, is also used in the protocol between U and W, as ephemeral key and nonce.
- \*  $SUITES_I$ , the cipher suites relevant to U, which includes the selected cipher suite - here denoted SS, also defines the algorithms used between U and W. In particular SS contains information about (see Section 3.6 of [[I-D.ietf-lake-edhoc](#)]):
  - EDHOC AEAD algorithm: used to encrypt the identity of U
  - EDHOC hash algorithm: used for key derivation and to calculate the voucher
  - EDHOC MAC length in bytes: length of the voucher
  - EDHOC key exchange algorithm: used to calculate the shared secret between U and W
- \*  $EAD_1$ ,  $EAD_2$  are the External Authorization Data of message\_1 and message\_2, respectively, for which dedicated content is defined in this document.
- \*  $ID\_CRED\_I$  and  $ID\_CRED\_R$  are used to identify the public authentication keys of U and V. In this protocol  $ID\_CRED\_I$  can be empty since V obtains the certificate of U from W, whereas  $ID\_CRED\_R$  contains the public authentication key of V.
- \*  $Signature\_or\_MAC\_2$  and  $Signature\_or\_MAC\_3$  (abbreviated in Figure 2), containing data generated using the private key of V and U, respectively, are shown here just to be able to reason about the use of credentials.

The protocol also reuses the Extract and Expand key derivation from EDHOC (Section 4 of [[I-D.ietf-lake-edhoc](#)]).

- \* The intermediate pseudo-random key PRK is derived using Extract():
  - $PRK = \text{Extract}(\text{salt}, IKM)$ 
    - o where salt = 0x (the zero-length byte string)
    - o IKM is the ECDH shared secret  $G_{XW}$  (calculated from  $G_X$  and W or  $G_W$  and X) as defined in [Section 6.3.1](#) of [[I-D.ietf-cose-rfc8152bis-algs](#)].



The shared secret is derived using `Expand()` which is defined in terms of the EDHOC hash algorithm of the selected cipher suite, see Section 4.2. of [\[I-D.ietf-lake-edhoc\]](#):

```
* shared secret = Expand(PRK, info, length)
```

where

```
info = (  
  transcript_hash : bstr,  
  label : tstr,  
  context : bstr,  
  length : uint,  
)
```

### [4.3.](#) Device <-> Authorization Server

The protocol between device and authorization server (U and W in Figure 2) is carried out via the authenticator (V) with certain data protected between the endpoints using the equivalent of a hybrid encryption scheme (see, e.g., [\[I-D.irtf-cfrg-hpke\]](#)). The device uses the public DH key of the authorization server  $G_W$  together with the private DH key corresponding to ephemeral key  $G_X$  in EDHOC message\_1, and vice versa for the authorization server. The endpoints calculate a shared secret  $G_{XW}$  (see [Section 4.2](#)), which is used to derive secret keys to protect data between U and W, as detailed in this section.

The data exchanged between U and W is carried between U and V in EAD\_1 and EAD\_2 ([Section 4.4](#)), and between V and W in Voucher Request/Response ([Section 4.5](#)).

#### [4.3.1.](#) Voucher Info

The external authorization data EAD\_1 of EDHOC message\_1 includes Voucher Info, which is the following CBOR sequence:

```
Voucher_Info = (  
  LOC_W:    tstr,  
  ENC_ID:   bstr  
)
```

where

```
* LOC_W is location information about the authorization server, used  
  by the authenticator
```

- \* ENC\_ID is the encrypted blob carrying the identity of the device and an optional identity of the authenticator, passed on from the authenticator to the authorization server, calculated as follows:

ENC\_ID is 'ciphertext' of COSE\_Encrypt0 ([Section 5.2-5.3](#) of [\[RFC8152\]](#)) computed from the following:

- \* The encryption key K\_1 and nonce IV\_1 are derived as specified below.
- \* 'protected' is a byte string of size 0
- \* 'plaintext' and 'external\_aad' as below:

```
plaintext = (  
    ID_U:          bstr,  
    ? ID_V:        bstr,  
)
```

```
external_aad = (  
    SS:           int,  
)
```

where

- \* ID\_U is the identity of the device, for example a reference or pointer to the device certificate
- \* ID\_V is the identity of the authenticator as presented to the authorization server. This may be a name in a name space agreed out-of-band and managed by a party trusted by the authorization server, for example a common name of an X.509 certificate signed by a CA trusted by the authorization server. The value may be obtained by the device through out-of-band means, possibly through secure network discovery.
- \* SS is the selected cipher suite in SUITES\_I.

The derivation of K\_1 = Expand(PRK, info, length) uses the following input to the info struct ([Section 4.2](#)):

- \* transcript\_hash = h''
- \* label is "EDHOC\_ACE\_AKE\_AUTHZ\_K\_1"
- \* context = h''
- \* length is length of key of the EDHOC AEAD algorithm

The derivation of  $IV_1 = \text{Expand}(\text{PRK}, \text{info}, \text{length})$  uses the following input to the info struct ([Section 4.2](#)):

- \* transcript\_hash = h''
- \* label is "EDHOC\_ACE\_AKE\_AUTHZ\_IV\_1"
- \* context = h''
- \* length is length of nonce of the EDHOC AEAD algorithm

#### [4.3.2.](#) Voucher

The voucher is an assertion by the authorization server to the device that the authorization server has performed the relevant verifications and that the device is authorized to continue the protocol with the authenticator. The Voucher is essentially a message authentication code which binds the identity of the authenticator to message\_1 of EDHOC, integrity protected with the shared secret context between U and W.

The calculation of  $\text{Voucher} = \text{Expand}(\text{PRK}, \text{info}, \text{length})$  uses the following input to the info struct ([Section 4.2](#)):

- \* transcript\_hash = h''
- \* label is "EDHOC\_ACE\_AKE\_AUTHZ\_MAC"
- \* context = bstr .cbor voucher\_input
- \* length is EDHOC MAC length in bytes

where context is a CBOR bstr wrapping of voucher\_input:

```
voucher_input = (  
  V_TYPE:      int,  
  SS:          int,  
  G_X:         bstr,  
  ID_U:        bstr,  
  PK_V:        bstr,  
)
```

where

- \* V\_TYPE indicates the type of voucher used (TBD)
- \* SS is the selected cipher suite of the EDHOC protocol, see [Section 4.2](#)

- \* PK\_V is a CWT Claims Set (CCS, [[RFC8392](#)]) containing the public authentication key of the authenticator encoded as a COSE\_Key in the 'cnf' claim, see Section 3.5.3 of [[I-D.ietf-lake-edhoc](#)].
- \* G\_X is encoded as in EDHOC message\_1, see Section 3.7 of [[I-D.ietf-lake-edhoc](#)]
- \* ID\_U is defined in [Section 4.3](#)

Editor's note: With the current definition of EAD as (ead\_label, ead\_value), do we need to redefine the voucher to be a CBOR map? Do we even need the V\_TYPE?

#### [4.4.](#) Device <-> Authenticator

The device and authenticator run the EDHOC protocol authenticated with their public keys (PK\_U and PK\_V), see Figure 2. Normal EDHOC processing is omitted here.

##### [4.4.1.](#) Message 1

###### [4.4.1.1.](#) Device processing

The device composes EDHOC message\_1 using authentication method, identifiers, etc. according to the applicability statement, see Section 3.9 of [[I-D.ietf-lake-edhoc](#)]. The selected cipher suite SS applies also to the interaction with the authorization server as detailed in [Section 4.2](#), in particular, the key agreement algorithm which is used with the static public DH key G\_W of the authorization server. As part of the normal EDHOC processing, the device generates the ephemeral public key G\_X which is reused in the interaction with the authorization server, see [Section 4.3](#).

The device sends EDHOC message\_1 with EAD\_1 = (L, Voucher\_Info) where L is the External Auxiliary Data Label for this protocol (IANA registry created in Section 9.5 of [[I-D.ietf-lake-edhoc](#)]), and Voucher\_Info is specified in [Section 4.3](#).

###### [4.4.1.2.](#) Authenticator processing

The authenticator receives EDHOC message\_1 from the device and processes as specified in Section 5.2.3 of [[I-D.ietf-lake-edhoc](#)], with the additional step that the presence of EAD with label L triggers the voucher request to the authorization server as described in [Section 4.5](#). The exchange with V needs to be completed successfully for the EDHOC exchange to be continued.

#### [4.4.2. Message 2](#)

##### [4.4.2.1. Authenticator processing](#)

The authenticator receives the voucher response from the authorization server as described in [Section 4.5](#).

The authenticator sends EDHOC message\_2 to the device with EAD\_2 = (L, Voucher) where L is the External Auxiliary Data Label for this protocol (IANA registry created in Section 9.5 of [\[I-D.ietf-lake-edhoc\]](#)) and the Voucher is specified in [Section 4.3](#).

CRED\_R is a CWT Claims Set (CCS, [\[RFC8392\]](#)) containing the public authentication key of the authenticator PK\_V encoded as a COSE\_Key in the 'cnf' claim, see Section 3.5.3 of [\[I-D.ietf-lake-edhoc\]](#).

ID\_CRED\_R contains the CCS with 'kccs' as COSE header\_map, see Section 9.6 of [\[I-D.ietf-lake-edhoc\]](#). The Sig\_or\_MAC\_2 field calculated using the private key corresponding to PK\_V is either signature or MAC depending on EDHOC method.

##### [4.4.2.2. Device processing](#)

In addition to normal EDHOC verifications, the device MUST verify the Voucher by performing the same calculation as in [Section 4.3.2](#) using the SS, G\_X and ID\_U carried in message\_1 and PK\_V received in message\_2. If the voucher calculated in this way is not identical to what was received in message\_2, then the device MUST discontinue the protocol.

Editor's note: Consider replace SS, G\_X, ID\_U in Voucher with H(message\_1), since that is already required by EDHOC to be cached by the initiator. H(message\_1) needs to be added to VREQ message in that case.

#### [4.4.3. Message 3](#)

##### [4.4.3.1. Device processing](#)

If all verifications are passed, then the device sends EDHOC message\_3.

The message field ID\_CRED\_I contains data enabling the authenticator to retrieve the public key of the device, PK\_U. Since the authenticator before sending message\_2 received a certificate of PK\_U from the authorization server (see [Section 4.5](#)), ID\_CRED\_I SHALL be a COSE header\_map of type 'kid' with the empty byte string as value:

```
ID_CRED_I =
{
  4 : h''
}
```

The Sig\_or\_MAC\_3 field calculated using the private key corresponding to PK\_U is either signature or MAC depending on EDHOC method.

EAD\_3 MAY contain an enrolment request, see e.g. CSR specified in [[I-D.mattsson-cose-cbor-cert-compress](#)], or other request which the device is now authorized to make.

EDHOC message\_3 may be combined with an OSCORE request, see [[I-D.palombini-core-oscore-edhoc](#)].

#### [4.4.3.2](#). Authenticator processing

The authenticator performs the normal EDHOC verifications of message\_3, with the exception that the Sig\_or\_MAC\_3 field MUST be verified using the public key included in Cert\_PK\_U (see [Section 4.5.2](#)) received from the authorization server. The authenticator MUST ignore any key related information obtained in ID\_CRED\_I.

This enables the authenticator to verify that message\_3 was generated by the device authorized by the authorization server as part of the associated Voucher Request/Response procedure (see [Section 4.5](#)).

### [4.5](#). Authenticator <-> Authorization Server

The authenticator and authorization server are assumed to have, or to be able to, set up a secure connection, for example TLS 1.3 authenticated with certificates. The authenticator is assumed to authenticate with the public key PK\_V, see [Section 3.2](#).

This secure connection protects the Voucher Request/Response Protocol (see protocol between V and W in Figure 2).

The ephemeral public key G\_X sent in EDHOC message\_1 from device to authenticator serves as challenge/response nonce for the Voucher Request/Response Protocol, and binds together instances of the two protocols.

#### [4.5.1](#). Voucher Request

#### [4.5.1.1.](#) Authenticator processing

Unless already in place, the authenticator and the authorization server establish a secure connection. The authenticator uses `G_X` received from the device as a nonce associated to this connection with the authorization server. If the same value of the nonce `G_X` is already used for a connection with this or other authorization server, the protocol SHALL be discontinued.

The authenticator sends the voucher request to the authorization server. The Voucher Request SHALL be a CBOR array as defined below:

```
Voucher_Request = [  
  SS:          int,  
  G_X:         bstr,  
  ENC_ID:      bstr,  
  ? PoP_V:     bstr,  
]
```

where all parameters are defined in [Section 4.3](#), except

- \* `PoP_V` is a proof-of-possession of public key `PK_V` using the corresponding private key

Editor's note: Define `PoP_V` (include `G_X`, `ENC_ID` in the calculation for binding to this EDHOC session). One case to study is when `V` authenticates to `U` with static DH and to `W` with signature.

#### [4.5.1.2.](#) Authorization Server processing

The authorization server receives the voucher request, verifies and decrypts the identity `ID_U` of the device, and associates the nonce `G_X` to `ID_U`. If `G_X` is not unique among nonces associated to this identity, the protocol SHALL be discontinued. If `ENC_ID` also included the identity of `V`, `ID_V`, then the authorization server performs an additional check to verify that the identity of the authenticator who sent the voucher request over a secure session between `V-W` matches the identity of the authenticator as observed by `U`. If the identities of `V` as observed by `U`, and as observed by `W`, do not match, the protocol SHALL be discontinued.

### [4.5.2.](#) Voucher Response

#### [4.5.2.1.](#) Authorization Server processing

The authorization server uses the identity of the device, `ID_U`, to look up the device certificate, `Cert_PK_U`.

The authorization server retrieves the public key of V used to authenticate the secure connection with the authenticator, and constructs the CWT Claims Set and the Voucher as defined in [Section 4.3.2](#).

The authorization server generates the voucher response and sends it to the authenticator over the secure connection. The Voucher\_Response SHALL be a CBOR array as defined below:

```
Voucher_Response = [  
  G_X:          bstr,  
  CERT_PK_U:    bstr,  
  Voucher:      bstr  
]
```

where

- \* G\_X is copied from the associated voucher request.
- \* CERT\_PK\_U is the device certificate of the public key PK\_U, issued by a trusted third party. The format of this certificate is out of scope.
- \* The Voucher is defined in [Section 4.3.2](#).

#### [4.5.2.2](#). Authenticator processing

The authenticator receives the voucher response from the authorization server over the secure connection. If the received G\_X does not match the value of the nonce associated to the secure connection, the protocol SHALL be discontinued.

The authenticator verifies the certificate CERT\_PK\_U and that U is an admissible device, or else discontinues the protocol.

## [5](#). ACE Profile

The messages specified in this document may be carried between the endpoints in various protocols. This section defines an embedding as a profile of the ACE framework (see [Appendix C](#) of [[I-D.ietf-ace-oauth-authz](#)]).

- \* U plays the role of the ACE Resource Server (RS).
- \* V plays the role of the ACE Client (C).
- \* W plays the role of the ACE Authorization Server (AS).



Many readers who are used to the diagram having the Client on the left may be surprised at the cast of characters. The "resource" which C (V) is trying to access is the "ownership" of U. The AS (W) is the manufacturer (or previous owner) of RS (U), and is therefore in a position to grant C (V) ownership of RS (U).

C and RS use EDHOC's EAD to communicate. C and RS use the EDHOC protocol to protect their communication. EDHOC also provides mutual authentication of C and RS, assisted by the AS.

5.1. Protocol Overview

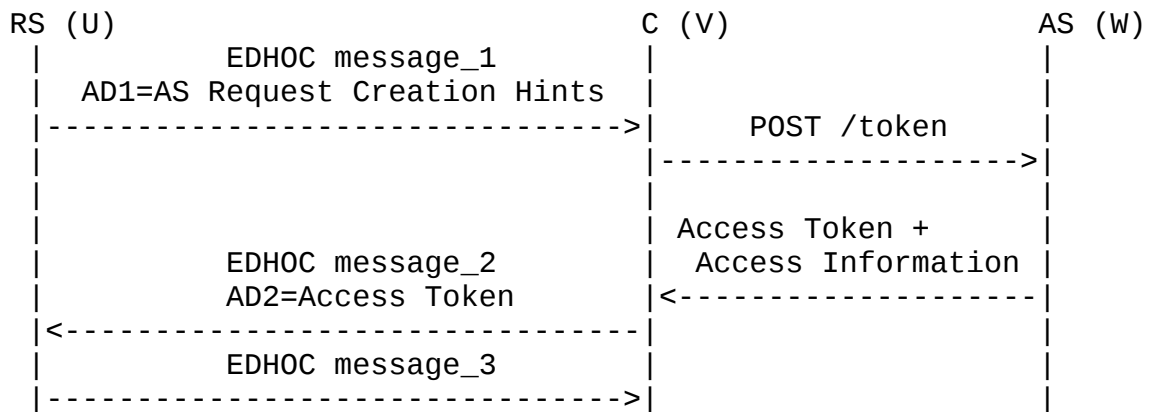


Figure 3: Overview of the protocol mapping to ACE

1. RS proactively sends the AS Request Creation Hints message to C to signal the information on where C can reach the AS.
2. RS piggybacks the AS Request Creation Hints message using Auxiliary Data of EDHOC message\_1.
3. Before continuing the EDHOC exchange, based on the AS Request Creation Hints information, C sends a POST request to the token endpoint at the AS requesting the access token.
4. The AS issues an assertion to C that is cryptographically protected based on the secret shared between the AS and RS. In this profile, the assertion is encoded as a Bearer Token.
5. C presents this token to RS in EAD\_2.
6. RS verifies the token based on the possession of the shared secret with the AS and authenticates C.

## [5.2.](#) AS Request Creation Hints

Parameters that can appear in the AS Request Creation Hints message are specified in Section 5.3 of [[I-D.ietf-ace-oauth-authz](#)]. RS MUST use the "AS" parameter to transport LOC\_W, i.e. an absolute URI where C can reach the AS. RS MUST use the "audience" parameter to transport the CBOR sequence consisting of two elements: SS, the selected cipher suite; ENC\_ID, the AEAD encrypted blob containing identities. The "cnonce" parameter MUST be implied to G\_X, i.e. the ephemeral public key of the RS in the underlying EDHOC exchange. The "cnonce" parameter is not carried in the AS Request Creation Hints message for byte saving reasons. AS Request Creation Hints MUST be carried within EAD\_1.

An example EAD\_1 value in CBOR diagnostic notation is shown below:

```
EAD_1:
{
  "AS" : "coaps://as.example.com/token",
  "audience": << h'73',h'737570657273...' >>
}
```

## [5.3.](#) Client-to-AS Request

The protocol that provides the secure connection between C and the AS is out-of-scope. This can, for example, be TLS 1.3. What is important is that the two peers are mutually authenticated, and that the secure connection provides message integrity, confidentiality and freshness. It is also necessary for the AS to be able to extract the public key of C used in the underlying security handshake.

C sends the POST request to the token endpoint at the AS following Section 5.8.1. of [[I-D.ietf-ace-oauth-authz](#)]. C MUST set the "audience" parameter to the value received in AS Request Creation Hints. C MUST set the "cnonce" parameter to G\_X, the ephemeral public key of RS in the EDHOC exchange.

An example exchange using CoAP and CBOR diagnostic notation is shown below:

```
Header: POST (Code=0.02)
Uri-Host: "as.example.com"
Uri-Path: "token"
Content-Format: "application/ace+cbor"
Payload:
{
  "audience" : << h'73',h'737570657273...' >>
  "cnonce" : h'756E73686172...'
}
```

#### 5.4. AS-to-Client Response

Given successful authorization of C at the AS, the AS responds by issuing a Bearer token and retrieves the certificate of RS on behalf of C. The access token and the certificate are passed back to C, who uses it to complete the EDHOC exchange. This document extends the ACE framework by registering a new Access Information parameter:

rsp\_ad: OPTIONAL. Carries additional information from the AS to C associated with the access token.

The AS-to-Client response MUST contain:

- \* ace\_profileparameter set to "edhoc-authz"
- \* token\_type parameter set to "Bearer"
- \* access\_token as specified in [Section 4.3.2](#)
- \* rsp\_ad = bstr .cbor cert\_gx

```
cert_gx = (
  CERT_PK_U:      bstr,
  G_X:           bstr
)
```

where:

- \* CERT\_PK\_U is the RS's certificate, as discussed in [Section 4.5.2](#). To be able to retrieve this certificate, the AS first needs to decrypt the audience value and obtain the RS's identity.
- \* G\_X is the ephemeral key generated by RS in EDHOC message\_1.

An example AS response to C is shown below:

```
2.01 Created
Content-Format: application/ace+cbor
Max-Age: 3600
Payload:
{
  "ace_profile" : "edhoc-authz",
  "token_type" : "Bearer",
  "access_token" : h'666F726571756172746572...',
  "rsp_ad" : h'61726973746F64656D6F637261746963616C...'
}
```

## 6. Security Considerations

This specification builds on and reuses many of the security constructions of EDHOC, e.g. shared secret calculation and key derivation. The security considerations of EDHOC [[I-D.ietf-lake-edhoc](#)] apply with modifications discussed here.

EDHOC provides identity protection of the Initiator, disclosed to the Responder in message\_3. The sending of the certificate of U in the Voucher Response provides information about the identity of the device already before message\_2, which changes the identity protection properties and thus needs to be validated against a given use case. The authorization server authenticates the authenticator, receives the Voucher Request, and can perform potential other verifications before sending the Voucher Response. This allows the authorization server to restrict information about the identity of the device to parties which are authorized to have that. However, if there are multiple authorized authenticators, the authorization server may not be able to distinguish between authenticator V which the device is connecting to and a misbehaving but authorized authenticator V' constructing a Voucher Request built from an eavesdropped message\_1. A mitigation for this kind of misbehaving authenticator is that the device discovers the identity of the authenticator through out-of-bands means before attempting to enroll, and include the optional ID\_V in the ENC\_ID encrypted blob. For example, the network's discovery mechanism can carry asserted information on the associated identity of the authenticator. The use of ID\_V also changes the identity protection assumptions since it requires U to know the identity of V before the protocol starts. The identity of V is still protected against passive adversaries, unless disclosed by the out-of-band mechanism by which U acquires information about the identity of V. The privacy considerations whether the identity of the device or of the authenticator is more sensitive need to be studied depending on a specific use case.

For use cases where neither the early disclosure of the device nor of the authenticator identities are deemed acceptable, the device certificate must not be sent in the Voucher Response, and the identity of V must be omitted. Instead, the device certificate could be retrieved from the authorization server or other certificate repository after message\_3 is received by the authenticator, using the device identifier provided in ID\_CRED\_I as lookup. This would require the device identity to be transported in both message\_1 (in EAD\_1) and message\_3 but would make the protocol comply with the default identity protection provided by EDHOC.

The encryption of the device identity in the first message should consider potential information leaking from the length of the identifier ID\_U, either by making all identifiers having the same length or the use of a padding scheme.

As noted Section 8.2 of [[I-D.ietf-lake-edhoc](#)] an ephemeral key may be used to calculate several ECDH shared secrets. In this specification the ephemeral key G\_X is also used to calculate G\_XW, the shared secret with the authorization server.

The private ephemeral key is thus used in the device for calculations of key material relating to both the authenticator and the authorization server. There are different options for where to implement these calculations, one option is as an addition to EDHOC, i.e., to extend the EDHOC API in the device with input of public key of W (G\_W) and identifier of U (ID\_U), and produce the encryption of ID\_U which is included in the external authorization data EAD\_1.

## 7. IANA Considerations

TODO: register rsp\_ad ACE parameter

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