



Security

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Outline

- New/Improved Security Data Localizers
 - body
 - uri
- Canonicalization
- Signing

Localizers

uri

- For when security data is embedded directly in the URI (ex: Phillips Hue)
- Use only when cannot be handled with "query" localizer
- Names URI template parameter
- Implied type is always "string"
- URI in associated forms need to include this template parameter
- Name conflicts to be avoided...

body

- For when security data is embedded in payload, possibly mixed in with other payload data, e.g. in a POST
- Uses a JSON Pointer to identify location in data schema where security data will be embedded
- Can refer to non-existent data schema element, *in which case it will be inserted*

Localizers – Example Schemes

uri

```
"securityDefinitions": {
  "uri_sec": {
    "scheme": "apikey",
    "in": "uri",
    "name": "KEY"
  }
},
"security": "uri_sec",
...
```

body

```
"securityDefinitions": {
  "body_sec": {
    "scheme": "apikey",
    "in": "body",
    "name": "/auth/key"
  }
},
"security": "body_sec",
...
```

Localizers – Example Forms

```
"color": { ...
  "type": "object",
  "properties": {
    "brightness": ...,
    "rgb": ...
  }
  "required": ["brightness", "rgb"],
  "forms": [{
    "href":
      "https://example.com/{KEY}/color",
    ...
  }]
}
```

```
"color": { ...
  "type": "object",
  "properties": {
    "brightness": ...,
    "rgb": ...,
    "auth": {
      "type": "object",
      "properties": {
        "key": { "type": "string" }
      },
      "required": ["key"]
    }
  },
  "required": ["brightness", "rgb", "auth"],
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Canonicalization

- Gives any unique information set a unique serialization
- JSON-LD canonical form in development; but will be based on RDF
- The TD canonical form needs only JSON processing
 - Based on JSON Canonical Serialization (RFC8785)
- Also need to deal with some special TD/JSON-LD features
 - Default values – always included, including for protocols
 - Named objects, e.g. security, data schemas – names must be retained
 - Prefixes – names must be retained, must be used if defined
 - Arrays/single values – omit [] for single values
 - Datetime – XML Canonical Form conventions
- Some of these impact RDF round-tripping, e.g. name preservation

Canonicalization Example

Original: [Example 1 in TD spec](#)

TD Canonical Form (plus White space): [Example 37 in TD spec](#)

TD Canonical Form (true; no white space): [Example 38 in TD spec](#)

Signing

- Goals:
 - Preserve integrity – prevent tampering, man-in-the-middle attacks
 - Verify source/originator
- Design
 - Follow structure of XML Signatures to extract subset of TD to sign
 - Multiple JSONPath/XPath queries
 - Result is hashed
 - Use JWS/JWA to actually compute signature on result of queries
 - Use JWK sets to reference keys (optional)
- Comments
 - Query support aligns with directory functionality
 - Needs to use "expanded canonical form" as input to queries
 - Still a PR: <https://github.com/w3c/wot-thing-description/pull/1151>

Signing - Example

```
"signatures": [{
  "signedInfo": [{
    "reference": "#/properties",
    "referenceType":
      "jsonpointer",
    "digest": "...",
    "digestAlg": "sha256"
  }],
  "sig": "...",
  "alg": "Ed448",
  "jku":
    "https://example.org/keys",
  "kid": "Key1",
}]
```

- One or more signatures; new ones added at the end to support chaining
- Each signature can have one or more signature info blocks, each with a query ("reference")
- Result of each query is hashed
- Signature info itself follows JWS/JWA spec (including recent elliptical curve extensions)
- Keys can optionally be referenced using JWK links