

Discovery of OSCORE Groups with the CoRE Resource Directory

draft-tiloca-core-oscore-discovery-05

Marco Tiloca, RISE
Christian Amsüss
Peter van der Stok

IETF CoRE WG, Virtual Interim, April 8th, 2020

Recap

- › A newly deployed device:
 - May not know the OSCORE groups and their Group Manager (GM)
 - May have to wait GMs to be deployed or OSCORE groups to be created
- › Use the CoRE Resource Directory (RD):
 - Discover an OSCORE group and retrieve information to join it
 - Practically, discover the links to join the OSCORE group at its GM
 - CoAP Observe supports early discovery and changes in group information
- › Use resource lookup, to retrieve:
 - The name of the OSCORE group
 - A link to the resource at the GM for joining the group

Updates from -04

- › Addressed review from Jim – Thanks!
 - <https://mailarchive.ietf.org/arch/msg/core/FoNCVZtIRzYhv4Imx6e87ZoFk0w/>
 - Still one open point (later slide)
- › Improved content organization
 - Registration of Group Manager endpoints
 - List and description of target attributes
- › Registration of links to ACE Authorization Servers
- › Added examples in CoRAL
 - Also asked by Jim

Link to Authorization Server

- › When registering an OSCORE group to the RD
 - Possible to register related link to an Authorization Server (AS)
 - The AS is associated to the GM of the OSCORE group
- › The joining node is able to retrieve the link to the AS
 - Avoid a first unauthorized access to the GM at joining time

Request: GM -> RD

Req: POST coap://rd.example.com/rd?ep=gml

Content-Format: 40

Payload:

```
</group-oscore/feedca570000>;ct=41;rt="core.osc.mbr";  
    sec-gp="feedca570000";app-gp="group1";  
    cs_alg="-8";cs_alg_crv="6";  
    cs_key_kty="1";cs_key_crv=6";  
    cs_kenc="1",
```

```
<coap://as.example.com/token>;  
    rel="authorization-server";  
    anchor="coap://[2001:db8::ab]/group-oscore/feedca570000"
```

Response: RD -> GM

Res: 2.01 Created

Location-Path: /rd/4521

From Jim's review

- › An application group can use multiple OSCORE groups
 - E.g., one for administration and one for normal communication
- › Clarified meaning and usage of 'sec-gp'
 - Stable, invariant and plane name of the OSCORE group
 - This also makes *draft-ace-key-groupcomm-oscore* an informative reference
- › Algorithm/key related parameters
 - Improved name and definitions

Examples in CoRAL

- › Covered all the main examples
 - Registration, Update with re-registration, Lookup #1, Lookup #2
- › Many things become easier
- › Easier to specify the link to the AS
 - Easy to add information to such link
 - That link is not to be “navigated”. Ok?
- › Currently as Appendix
 - Plan to move to the document body

```
Request: Joining node -> RD

Req: GET coap://rd.example.com/rd-lookup/res
      ?rt=core.osc.mbr&app-gp=group1
Accept: TBD123456 (application/coral+cbor)

Response: RD -> Joining node

Res: 2.05 Content
Content-Format: TBD123456 (application/coral+cbor)

Payload:
#using <http://coreapps.org/reef#>
#using <http://coreapps.org/core.rd#>

#base <coap://[2001:db8::ab]/>
rd-item </group-oscore/feedca570000> {
  rt "core.osc.mbr"
  sec-gp "feedca570000"
  app-gp "group1"
  cs_alg -8
  cs_alg_crv 6
  cs_key_kty 1
  cs_key_crv 6
  cs_kenc 1
  as-uri <coap://as.example.com/token>
}
```

Open point – BACnet example

- › Explicit registration of node's membership to application groups
 - Nodes don't need to know their application groups in advance
- › Issues
 - This results in multiple endpoint registrations
 - This is not a native functionality of the RD
- › This document itself does not need this feature
 - But, it seems common practice in some deployments
- › Possible way forward
 - Remove the membership registration from the BACnet example
 - Define the membership registration in a separate short document

Summary and next steps

- › Addressed Jim's review; link to AS; examples in CoRAL
- › Outcome from previous meetings
 - “Time to start reading it in order to decide for WGA” [1]
 - People volunteered to review: Jim (done); Carsten; Klaus; Bill [1]
 - “Reviewer volunteers are asked to provide reviews now” [2]
- › Way forward
 - Close the open point on registration of node's membership (BACnet example)
 - CoRAL: move examples to the document body; translate the BACnet example
 - Process reviews as they come

[1] <https://etherpad.ietf.org/p/notes-ietf-104-core?useMonospaceFont=true>

[2] https://mailarchive.ietf.org/arch/msg/core/78LHFFyq9c1_t0-kAmuDKcTzc3c/

Thank you!

Comments/questions?

<https://gitlab.com/crimson84/draft-tiloca-core-oscore-discovery>

Backup

Application/CoAP/Security Groups

› Application group

- Defined in {RD} and reused as is
- Set of CoAP endpoints sharing a pool of resources
- Registered and looked up just as per Appendix A of {RD}

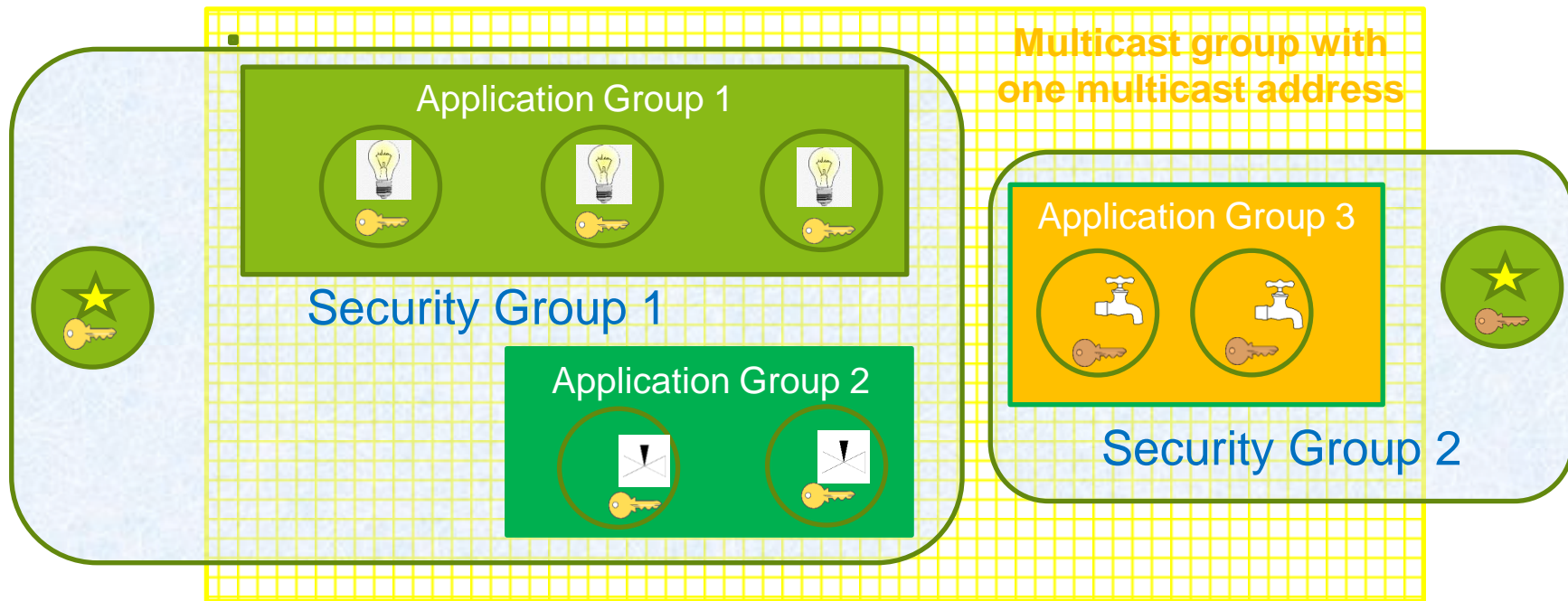
› CoAP/Multicast Group

- Defined in draft-dijk-core-groupcomm-bis
- Set of CoAP endpoints listening to the same IP multicast address
- The IP multicast address is the ‘base’ address of the link to the application group

› OSCORE Security Group

- Set of CoAP endpoints sharing a common Group OSCORE Security Context
- A GM registers the group-membership resources for accessing its groups

Application vs. Security Groups



Client of application group



Different key sets



Resources for given function

Alg/key related parameters

- › New optional parameters for a registered join resource
 - (*)(**) *cs_alg*: countersignature algorithm, e.g. “EdDSA”
 - (*) *cs_alg_crv*: countersignature curve (if applicable), e.g. “Ed25519”
 - (*) *cs_key_kty*: countersignature key type, e.g. “OKP”
 - (*) *cs_key_crv*: countersignature curve (if applicable), e.g. “Ed25519”
 - (*) *cs_kenc*: encoding of public keys, e.g. “COSE_Key”
 - (**) *alg*: AEAD algorithm
 - (**) *hkdf*: HKDF algorithm

- › Benefits for a joining node, when discovering the OSCORE group
 - (*) No need to ask the GM or to have a trial-and-error when joining the group
 - (**) Decide whether to join the group or not, based on supported the algorithms

Registration

- › The GM registers itself with the RD
 - MUST include all its join resources, with their link attributes
 - New 'rt' value "core.osc.mbr" in the CoRE Parameters registry

Request: GM -> RD

Req: POST coap://rd.example.com/rd?ep=gml

Content-Format: 40

Payload:

```
</group-oscore/feedca570000>;ct=41;rt="core.osc.mbr";  
    sec-gp="feedca570000";app-gp="group1";  
    cs_alg="-8";cs_alg_crv="6";  
    cs_key_kty="1";cs_key_crv=6";  
    cs_kenc="1",  
<coap://as.example.com/token>;  
    rel="authorization-server";  
    anchor="coap://[2001:db8::ab]/group-oscore/feedca570000"
```

Response: RD -> GM

Res: 2.01 Created

Location-Path: /rd/4521

Discovery (1/2)

- › The device performs a resource lookup at the RD
 - Known information: name of the **Application Group**, i.e. “group1”
 - Need to know: **OSCORE Group Identifier**; **Join resource @ GM**; Multicast IP address
 - ‘*app-gp*’ → Name of the Application Group, acting as tie parameter in the RD

Request: Joining node → RD

Req: GET coap://rd.example.com/rd-lookup/res
?rt=core.osc.mbr&app-gp=group1

Response: RD → Joining node

Res: 2.05 Content

Payload:

```
<coap://[2001:db8::ab]/group-oscore/feedca570000>;rt="core.osc.mbr";  
sec-gp="feedca570000";app-gp="group1";  
cs_alg="-8";cs_alg_crv="6";cs_key_kty="1";  
cs_key_crv=6;cs_kenc="1";anchor="coap://[2001:db8::ab]"
```

Discovery (2/2)

- › The device performs an endpoint lookup at the RD
 - Still need to know the **Multicast IP address**
 - 'ep' // Name of the **Application Group**, value from 'app-gp'
 - 'base' // Multicast IP address used in the Application Group

Request: Joining node -> RD

Req: GET coap://rd.example.com/rd-lookup/ep
?et=core.rd-group&ep=group1

Response: RD -> Joining node

Res: 2.05 Content

Payload:

```
</rd/501>;ep="group1";et="core.rd-group";  
base="coap://[ff35:30:2001:db8::23]"
```