

TASK 5: FIX KEY REVOCATION MECHANISM

Priority: MEDIUM

Estimated Time: 1 day

Status: PARTIALLY DONE

Dependencies: TASK 2 (Encryption) must be completed first

WHAT THIS TASK IS ABOUT

The Requirement:

"These keys can be revoked by EV_Central in the event of a security vulnerability. Clicking this option will delete the keys for a specific CP, which will then be taken offline. This will force EV_CP_M to perform a new authentication, thus obtaining its new encryption keys."

In Simple Words:

Admin can revoke a CP's encryption key (security breach suspected). CP's messages stop working, CP realizes it, and re-authenticates to get a new key.

Scenario:

- Admin suspects CP-001 is compromised
 - Admin clicks "Revoke key for CP-001"
 - CP-001's encryption key is deleted
 - CP-001's next message fails to decrypt
 - Central tells CP-001: "Your key is invalid, please re-authenticate"
 - CP-001 goes through authentication again
 - Gets new encryption key
 - Everything works again
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WHAT'S WRONG NOW

Currently:

- You have a menu option "revoke key"

- It doesn't actually work properly
 - CP doesn't realize its key was revoked
 - No re-authentication happens
 - It's just a placeholder
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✓ WHAT IT SHOULD DO

Full Flow:

1. Admin executes: "revoke CP-001"
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2. Central deletes encryption key for CP-001
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3. Central marks CP-001 as "KEY_REVOKED"
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4. CP-001 sends next encrypted message
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5. Central tries to decrypt → FAILS
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6. Central sends: "KEY_INVALID#CP-001#REVOKED"
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7. CP-001 receives error message
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8. CP-001 Monitor: "Key revoked! Re-authenticating..."
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9. CP-001 goes through full authentication again
↓
10. Gets new encryption key
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11. Everything works again

🔧 WHAT YOU NEED TO DO

Step 1: Add Revocation State to Central

File: `central/ev_central.py`

Add to `__init__.py`:

```
python
```

```
self.revoked_cps = set() # Track CPs with revoked keys
```

In admin command handler:

Current menu option:

```
python
```

```
elif cmd.startswith("revoke"):
```

```
# TODO: implement properly
```

Change to:

```
python
```

```

elif cmd.startswith("revoke"):
    parts = cmd.split()
    if len(parts) < 2:
        print("✖ Usage: revoke <CP_ID>")
        continue

    cp_id = parts[1]

    with self.lock:
        if cp_id not in self.cp_encryption_keys:
            print(f"✖ CP {cp_id} has no key to revoke")
            continue

        # Delete encryption key
        del self.cp_encryption_keys[cp_id]

        # Mark as revoked
        self.revoked_cps.add(cp_id)

        # Update CP state
        if cp_id in self.charging_points:
            self.charging_points[cp_id]["state"] = "KEY_REVOKED"

        print(f"✓ Revoked encryption key for {cp_id}")
        print(f" CP will need to re-authenticate")

    # Log to audit
    self.audit.log(
        entity="ADMIN",
        event_type="KEY_REVOKED",
        ip_address="localhost",
        parameters=f"target={cp_id}"
    )

```

Step 2: Detect Invalid Keys on Message Receive

File: `central/ev_central.py`

In `_process_message()` or wherever you decrypt:

Add try-catch around decryption:

```

python

try:
    # Try to decrypt message
    decrypted_message = decrypt(encrypted_data, cp_encryption_key)

except DecryptionError:
    # Decryption failed - key might be revoked
    print(f"⚠️ Decryption failed for {cp_id}")

    # Check if key was revoked
    if cp_id in self.revoked_cps:
        print(f"⚠️ CP {cp_id} using revoked key")

    # Send error message
    error_msg = Protocol.encode(
        Protocol.build_message(
            "KEY_INVALID", cp_id, "REVOKED"
        )
    )

try:
    client_socket.send(error_msg)
except:
    pass

return # Don't process message

else:
    # Some other decryption error
    print(f"❌ Decryption error for {cp_id}: {e}")
    return

```

Step 3: Handle Re-Authentication After Revocation

Still in `central/ev_central.py`

In `_handle_authenticate()` method:

Add at the start:

```

python

```

```

# Check if this CP was revoked
if cp_id in self.revoked_cps:
    print(f"⌚ {cp_id} re-authenticating after key revocation")

# Remove from revoked set
self.revoked_cps.remove(cp_id)

# Log re-authentication
self.audit.log(
    entity=cp_id,
    event_type="RE_AUTHENTICATION",
    ip_address=client_ip,
    parameters="after_key_revocation"
)

```

Then continue with normal authentication:

- Verify credentials with Registry
- Generate NEW encryption key
- Send AUTHENTICATED with new key
- CP is back in business!

Step 4: Modify CP to Handle Key Revocation

File: `charging_point/ev_cp_engine.py` or `ev_cp_monitor.py`

Add message handler for KEY_INVALID:

In message receiving loop:

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python
```

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if msg_type == "KEY_INVALID":  
    reason = fields[2] if len(fields) > 2 else "UNKNOWN"  
  
    print(f"\n⚠️⚠️⚠️ KEY REVOKED BY CENTRAL ⚠️⚠️⚠️")  
    print(f"Reason: {reason}")  
    print(f"Re-authenticating in 5 seconds...")  
  
    # Mark key as invalid  
    self.encryption_key = None  
  
    # Wait a bit  
    time.sleep(5)  
  
    # Re-authenticate  
    self._re_authenticate()
```

Add method `_re_authenticate()`:

python

```

def _re_authenticate(self):
    """Re-authenticate with Central after key revocation"""
    print(f"[{self.cp_id}] Starting re-authentication...")

    # Get credentials from Registry again
    credentials = self._fetch_credentials_from_registry()

    if not credentials:
        print(f"[{self.cp_id}] ❌ Failed to get credentials")
        return False

    # Authenticate with Central
    success = self._authenticate_with_central(
        credentials['username'],
        credentials['password']
    )

    if success:
        print(f"[{self.cp_id}] ✅ Re-authentication successful!")
        print(f"[{self.cp_id}] Got new encryption key")
        return True
    else:
        print(f"[{self.cp_id}] ❌ Re-authentication failed")
        return False

```

Step 5: Add New Message Type

File: `shared/protocol.py`

Add to MessageType class:

```

python

KEY_INVALID = "KEY_INVALID" # Central → CP (key revoked)

```

HOW TO TEST

Test 1: Revoke Key

1. Start full system
2. Create CP-001
3. Start charging (to verify encryption works)
4. Attach to Central admin: docker attach evcharging_central
5. Type: revoke CP-001
6. Should see: " Revoked encryption key for CP-001"

Expected: Key deleted, CP marked as revoked

Test 2: CP Detects Revocation

1. After revoking key (from Test 1)
2. CP tries to send next message (HEARTBEAT or SUPPLY_UPDATE)
3. Watch CP logs:
 - Should see: "⚠️⚠️⚠️ KEY REVOKED BY CENTRAL ⚠️⚠️⚠️"
 - Should see: "Re-authenticating in 5 seconds..."
4. Watch Central logs:
 - Should see: "Decryption failed for CP-001"
 - Should see: "Sent KEY_INVALID to CP-001"

Expected: CP detects revocation immediately

Test 3: Re-Authentication

1. After CP detects revocation
2. Wait 5 seconds
3. Watch CP logs:
 - Should see: "Starting re-authentication..."
 - Should see: "Connecting to Registry..."
 - Should see: "Authenticating with Central..."
 - Should see: " Re-authentication successful!"
4. Watch Central logs:
 - Should see: " CP-001 re-authenticating after key revocation"
 - Should see: "New encryption key generated"

Expected: CP successfully re-authenticates

Test 4: Normal Operation Resumes

1. After re-authentication complete
2. Try to charge vehicle at CP-001
3. Should work normally
4. Check logs show encrypted messages working

Expected: Everything works with new key

Test 5: Audit Log

1. Check data/audit_log.txt
2. Should see entries for:
 - KEY_REVOKED (admin action)
 - RE_AUTHENTICATION (CP action)
3. Timestamps should be ~5 seconds apart

Expected: All events logged

STEP-BY-STEP IMPLEMENTATION

Hour 1-2: Modify Central for Revocation

- Add `revoked_cps` set
- Implement revoke command
- Test key deletion works
- Test CP state changes

Hour 3-4: Add Decryption Error Detection

- Add try-catch in message processing
- Detect revoked keys
- Send KEY_INVALID message

- Test message is sent

Hour 5-6: Modify CP for Re-Authentication

- Add KEY_INVALID handler
- Implement `_re_authenticate()` method
- Test CP detects revocation
- Test re-authentication works

Hour 7-8: Integration & Edge Cases

- Test complete revoke→detect→re-auth flow
 - Test multiple CPs with different keys
 - Test revoking key during charging (should complete, then re-auth)
 - Test revoking already revoked key
 - Fix any bugs
 - Add audit logging
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CHECKLIST

Before marking complete:

- Added revoked_cps tracking to Central
- Implemented revoke command in admin menu
- Key is deleted when revoked
- Decryption errors are detected
- KEY_INVALID message sent to CP
- CP detects KEY_INVALID message
- CP waits 5 seconds before re-auth
- CP re-authenticates automatically
- New encryption key generated
- Normal operation resumes
- Works with multiple CPs
- Audit log entries created
- Tested edge cases
- Ready to demonstrate to teacher

WHAT TO TELL TEACHER

Teacher says: "Show me key revocation"

Your demonstration:

1. Start system with CP running
2. Show charging works (proves encryption working)
3. Attach to Central admin console
4. Type: "revoke CP-001"
5. Show Central logs: key deleted
6. Wait ~5 seconds
7. Show CP logs: detects revocation, re-authenticating
8. Show Central logs: accepts re-authentication
9. Try charging again: works with new key
10. Show audit log: KEY_REVOKED and RE_AUTHENTICATION events

Your explanation: "Key revocation is a critical security feature for when we detect potential compromise. The administrator can immediately invalidate a CP's encryption key through the Central console. The next encrypted message from that CP will fail to decrypt, triggering the detection mechanism. Central sends a KEY_INVALID notification, causing the CP Monitor to initiate an automatic re-authentication sequence. The CP retrieves fresh credentials from the Registry and obtains a new encryption key from Central. This entire process happens transparently without manual intervention, ensuring both security and service continuity. The operation is fully audited with timestamps and parameters."

COMMON PROBLEMS

Problem 1: "CP doesn't detect revocation"

- **Fix:** Make sure KEY_INVALID message is actually sent
- Check CP is listening for that message type
- Verify socket connection still alive

Problem 2: "Re-authentication fails"

- **Fix:** Check CP can still reach Registry
- Verify credentials still valid in Registry
- Make sure Central isn't rejecting re-auth

Problem 3: "CP gets stuck in loop"

- **Fix:** Add counter to prevent infinite re-auth attempts
- After 3 failures, give up and wait for manual intervention

Problem 4: "Revoke during charging breaks everything"

- **Fix:** Don't revoke immediately if CP is charging
 - Queue revocation for after charge completes
 - Or: Complete charge with old key, then revoke
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SUCCESS CRITERIA

This task is complete when:

1. Admin can revoke CP key via command
 2. Key is immediately deleted from Central
 3. CP's next message fails to decrypt
 4. Central sends KEY_INVALID notification
 5. CP detects revocation automatically
 6. CP re-authenticates without manual intervention
 7. New key is generated and used
 8. Normal operation resumes
 9. All events logged in audit log
 10. Can demonstrate to teacher smoothly
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Status: Not started

Depends on: TASK 2 (Encryption) must be done first

Final Task: This completes all critical security requirements!

