

## **TASK 1: FIX CP AUTHENTICATION FLOW**

**Priority:** CRITICAL

**Estimated Time:** 2-3 days

**Status:** NOT STARTED

**Dependencies:** Should fix BUG-001 first (but can work on this parallel)

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### **WHAT THIS TASK IS ABOUT**

**The Requirement from Correction Guide:**

"Prior to authentication and subsequent service provision, CPs must submit a registration request to record their ID and location in the system. EV\_Central will use the credentials provided by EV\_Registry for this purpose."

**In Simple Words:**

Right now, your CPs just connect to Central and start working. NO security checks!

**What should happen:**

1. CP asks Registry: "Give me my username and password"
  2. Registry: "Here you go: username=cp\_user\_abc, password=secret123"
  3. CP → Central: "I want to authenticate with these credentials"
  4. Central → Registry: "Are these credentials valid?"
  5. Registry: "Yes" or "No"
  6. If yes: CP can operate
  7. If no: CP gets kicked out
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### **CURRENT (BROKEN) FLOW**

CP\_Monitor starts



CP\_Monitor → Central: "REGISTER#CP#CP-001#40.5#-3.1#0.30"



Central: "OK, you're in!"



CP starts working



NO SECURITY! Anyone can be a CP!

## Problems:

- No username/password check
  - Registry exists but nobody uses it
  - Anyone can pretend to be a CP
  - Will fail correction immediately
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## ✓ WHAT IT SHOULD BE

1. CP\_Monitor starts



2. CP\_Monitor → Registry API: "POST /register" with CP-001 data



3. Registry: Returns { "username": "cp\_user\_abc", "password": "secret123" }



4. CP\_Monitor saves these credentials



5. CP\_Monitor → Central: "AUTHENTICATE#CP-001#cp\_user\_abc#secret123"



6. Central → Registry API: "POST /verify" with username + password



7. Registry: Returns { "valid": true }



8. Central: "AUTENTICATED#CP-001#encryption\_key"



9. CP\_Monitor → CP\_Engine: "Here's your encryption key"



10. CP starts working with verified credentials

## FILES YOU NEED TO MODIFY

**File 1:** `charging_point/ev_cp_monitor.py`

**What to add:**

### Step 1: Add Registry Connection Method

- Before connecting to Central, connect to Registry first
- Call Registry API: `POST http://registry:5001/register`
- Send: `{"cp_id": "CP-001", "latitude": "40.5", "longitude": "-3.1", "price_per_kwh": 0.30}`
- Get back: `{"username": "cp_user_abc", "password": "secret123"}`
- Store these credentials in variables

### Step 2: Modify Central Connection

- Don't send `REGISTER` anymore
- Send new message type: `AUTHENTICATE`
- Format: `AUTHENTICATE#CP-001#username#password`
- Wait for Central to respond with `AUTHENTICATED` or `DENIED`

### Step 3: Handle Authentication Response

- If `AUTHENTICATED`: Save the encryption key (you'll use this in TASK 2)
  - If `DENIED`: Show error and keep retrying every 30 seconds
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**File 2:** `central/ev_central.py`

**What to add:**

### Step 1: Add New Message Handler

- In `_process_message()`, add case for `AUTHENTICATE`
- Extract: cp\_id, username, password from message
- Don't just accept it!

### Step 2: Verify with Registry

- Call Registry API: `POST http://registry:5001/verify`
- Send: `{"cp_id": "CP-001", "username": "cp_user_abc", "password": "secret123"}`
- Get back: `{"valid": true}` or `{"valid": false}`

### Step 3: Generate Encryption Key (for TASK 2)

- If valid: Generate unique encryption key for this CP
- Store it: `self.cp_encryption_keys[cp_id] = encryption_key`
- Send back: `AUTHENTICATED#encryption_key`
- If not valid: Send back: `DENIED#INVALID_CREDENTIALS`

### Step 4: Only Allow Authenticated CPs

- Check: Before accepting any charging requests
  - If CP not authenticated: Reject the request
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#### File 3: `shared/protocol.py`

**What to add:**

#### Step 1: Add New Message Types

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# Add to MessageType class:
AUTHENTICATE = "AUTHENTICATE"      # CP → Central
AUTENTICATED = "AUTENTICATED"      # Central → CP (success)
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#### File 4: `registry/ev_registry.py`

**What to check:**

**Already has these endpoints:**

- `POST /register` - Creates CP with credentials
- `POST /verify` - Checks if credentials are valid
- `GET /list` - Lists all registered CPs

**You DON'T need to modify Registry!** It already works correctly.

## HOW TO TEST

### Test 1: Registration with Registry

1. Start only Registry: docker-compose up registry
2. Use Postman or browser to test:  
POST http://localhost:5001/register  
Body: {"cp\_id": "CP-999", "latitude": "40.5", "longitude": "-3.1", "price\_per\_kwh": 0.30}
3. Should return: {"username": "cp\_user\_xxx", "password": "yyy"}
4. Call: GET http://localhost:5001/list
5. Should see CP-999 in the list

**Expected:** Registry works independently

### Test 2: Credential Verification

1. Use credentials from previous test
2. Call: POST http://localhost:5001/verify  
Body: {"cp\_id": "CP-999", "username": "cp\_user\_xxx", "password": "yyy"}
3. Should return: {"valid": true}
4. Try wrong password:  
Body: {"cp\_id": "CP-999", "username": "cp\_user\_xxx", "password": "WRONG"}
5. Should return: {"valid": false}

**Expected:** Registry correctly validates credentials

### Test 3: Full Authentication Flow

1. Start full system
2. Create CP using CP Manager
3. Watch CP\_Monitor logs:
  - Should see: "Connecting to Registry..."
  - Should see: "Got credentials: username=xxx"
  - Should see: "Authenticating with Central..."
  - Should see: "Authentication successful!"
4. Check Central logs:
  - Should see: "Received AUTHENTICATE from CP-001"
  - Should see: "Verifying credentials with Registry..."

- Should see: "Credentials valid, sending AUTHENTICATED"
5. CP should now be ACTIVATED (green) in dashboard

**Expected:** Complete authentication chain works

#### Test 4: Failed Authentication

1. Manually modify CP\_Monitor code to send wrong password
2. Start CP
3. Should see: "Authentication DENIED by Central"
4. CP should NOT appear as ACTIVATED
5. Central should log: "Invalid credentials for CP-001"

**Expected:** Bad credentials are rejected

### STEP-BY-STEP IMPLEMENTATION PLAN

#### Day 1: Modify CP\_Monitor

##### Hour 1-2: Add Registry Connection

- Import requests library
- Create method `register_with_registry()`
- Call Registry `/register` endpoint
- Parse response and save username/password
- Add error handling

##### Hour 3-4: Modify Central Authentication

- Change `connect_to_central()` method
- Send `AUTHENTICATE` instead of `REGISTER`
- Wait for response
- Handle `AUTHENTICATED` vs `DENIED`

##### Hour 5-6: Testing

- Test Registry connection works
- Test credentials are received

- Test authentication message is sent
  - Debug any connection issues
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## Day 2: Modify Central

### Hour 1-2: Add Authentication Handler

- Add `handle_authenticate()` method
- Extract `cp_id`, `username`, `password` from message
- Print them to verify they arrive

### Hour 3-4: Add Registry Verification

- Call Registry `/verify` endpoint
- Check if response is valid
- Handle connection errors

### Hour 5-6: Generate Response

- If valid: Generate encryption key (just random for now)
  - Send `AUTHENTICATED` message back
  - If invalid: Send `DENIED` message
  - Update CP state in memory
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## Day 3: Testing & Integration

### Hour 1-3: End-to-End Testing

- Start full system
- Create CP and watch logs
- Verify authentication completes
- Test charging works after authentication

### Hour 4-6: Edge Cases

- Test what happens if Registry is down
  - Test wrong credentials
  - Test multiple CPs authenticating simultaneously
  - Fix any bugs found
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## CHECKLIST

Before marking this task as complete:

- CP\_Monitor connects to Registry first
  - CP\_Monitor receives username and password
  - CP\_Monitor sends AUTHENTICATE to Central
  - Central receives authentication request
  - Central calls Registry /verify endpoint
  - Central correctly handles valid credentials
  - Central correctly rejects invalid credentials
  - Central sends AUTHENTICATED response
  - CP can only operate after successful authentication
  - All this works with multiple CPs
  - Tested with Registry down (error handling)
  - Tested with wrong credentials (rejection)
  - Code is commented and clean
  - Ready to explain to teacher
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## WHAT TO TELL TEACHER

**Teacher asks:** "Explain the authentication process"

**Your answer:** "The authentication follows a three-party verification model. First, the CP Monitor registers with the Registry service via REST API, receiving unique credentials - a username and hashed password. These credentials are then used to authenticate with the Central system through our socket protocol. Central validates these credentials by making a verification request to the Registry. Only after successful verification does Central authorize the CP to begin operations and provides it with an encryption key for secure communication. This ensures that only registered, verified charging points can access the network, preventing unauthorized devices from operating."

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## COMMON PROBLEMS

### **Problem 1:** "Registry API not responding"

- **Fix:** Make sure Registry container is running
- Check: `docker ps | grep registry`

### **Problem 2:** "CP\_Monitor can't reach Registry"

- **Fix:** Use Docker network name: `http://registry:5001` not `localhost:5001`

### **Problem 3:** "Credentials work in Postman but not in code"

- **Fix:** Check you're sending JSON with correct Content-Type header
- Use: `headers={'Content-Type': 'application/json'}`

### **Problem 4:** "Central can't verify with Registry"

- **Fix:** Same as problem 2 - use Docker network names
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## SUCCESS CRITERIA

This task is complete when:

1.  CP can't operate without valid credentials
  2.  Registry generates and stores credentials
  3.  Central verifies credentials before allowing operation
  4.  Invalid credentials are rejected
  5.  You can explain the entire flow confidently
  6.  Teacher can see it working in logs
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**Status:** Not started

**Next Task:** TASK 2 (Encryption)