

# Joining OSCORE groups in ACE

draft-tiloca-ace-oscoap-joining-03

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# Action points from IETF100

1. Define the exact content of exchanged messages
  - Aligned with the guidelines in *draft-ietf-core-oscore-groupcomm*
2. Address similarities with the Pub-Sub profile of ACE
  - Both drafts address key provisioning for group communication
  - Avoid defining multiple sets of messages for the same goal

## Result

- Build on the generic formats in *draft-palombini-ace-key-groupcomm*
- Finalize the message content for joining OSCORE groups
- The Group Manager acts as the “KDC” of the generic scenario
- There is no participant node acting as “Dispatcher”

# C -> AS Authorization Request

- › The “**scope**” parameter includes:
  - The Group Identifier (Gid) of the OSCORE group to join.
  - The role(s) that the joining node wishes to have in the group.
  
- › The “**aud**” parameter is set to the address of the GM
  
- › The “**get\_pub\_keys**” parameter is present if:
  - The GM stores the public keys of group members
  - The joining node wants those public keys at joining time

“get\_pub\_keys” is defined in *draft-palombini-ace-key-groupcomm*

# AS -> C Authorization Response

- › Access Token as in *draft-palombini-ace-key-groupcomm*
- › The “**exp**” parameter must be present
- › The “**scope**” parameter is present if:
  - The joining node is authorized for different roles than in the request
- › The “**profile**” parameter is present
  - The joining node and GM establish a secure channel accordingly

# C -> GM (RS) Join Request

- › After Token Post and processing on the GM
- › The “**get\_pub\_keys**” parameter:
  - Is included if present also in the Authorization Request.
- › The “**client\_cred**” parameter (optional) includes:
  - Public key or certificate of the joining node
  - Exact content depends on the GM storing public keys or not
  - Omitted if the GM already acquired the public key or certificate
- › The “**pub\_keys\_repos**” parameter (optional):
  - May be present if “client\_cred” is present and includes a certificate
  - It includes a list of repos storing the joining node’s certificate

# GM (RS) -> C Join Response (1/2)

- › The “**key**” parameter includes:
  - \* “**kty**” with value “Symmetric”.
  - \* “**k**” as the OSCORE Master Secret.
  - \* “**alg**” (opt) as the AEAD algorithm used in the group.
  - \* “**kid**” (opt) as the identifier of “k”.
  - \* “**base IV**” (opt) as the OSCORE Common IV.
  - \*\* “**clientID**” as the Endpoint ID of the joining node.
  - \*\* “**serverID**” as the Group Identifier (Gid) of the group.
  - \*\* “**kdf**” (opt) as the KDF algorithm used in the group.
  - \*\* “**slt**” (opt) as the OSCORE Master Salt.
  - “**cs\_alg**” as the countersignature algorithm used in the group.

\* defined in *RFC8152*

\*\* defined in *draft-ietf-ace-oscore-profile*

# GM (RS) -> C Join Response (2/2)

- › The “**pub\_keys**” parameter:
  - Is present if “get\_pub\_keys” was in the Join Request.
  - Includes the public keys of the current group members.
  
- › The “**group\_policies**” parameter:
  - Includes a list of policies enforced in the group.
  - E.g. synchronization of sequence numbers, rekeying protocol.
  
- › The “**mgt\_key\_material**” parameter:
  - Includes administrative key material to participate to the rekeying.
  - Content and format are specific of the rekeying protocol.

# Conclusion

- › Aligned with:

- General message formats from *draft-palombini-ace-key-groupcomm*
- Now providing specific message format for joining OSCORE groups

- › Aligned with:

- The general join description in *draft-ietf-core-oscore-groupcomm*
- Pointer to this document as recommended joining approach
- Should this approach be more than recommended?

- › “High-priority” at the ACE interim meeting (October 2017)

- › Ready for adoption ?

Thank you!

Comments/questions?

<https://gitlab.com/crimson84/draft-tiloca-ace-oscoap-joining/>

# Goal

- › Join an OSCORE group through its Group Manager (GM)
  - Using the ACE framework and its profiles
  - Keeping the approach oblivious to the used security profile
  - Preserving flexible arrangements and managements of groups
- › Objectives
  - Authorize joining nodes according to group join policies
  - Secure channel establishment between joining nodes and the GM
  - Initialization of joining nodes and key provisioning through the GM
- › Out of scope
  - Authorization to access resources at group members
  - Actual secure communication in the OSCORE group

# Protocol overview

- › Join an OSCORE group using the ACE framework
  - Client → Joining node
  - Resource Server (RS) → Group Manager (GM)
  - The AS enforces access policies on behalf of the GM
  - Leverage profiles of ACE for secure communication with the GM
- › Joining process
  - CoAP request to the GM resource associated to the group to join
  - The GM provides keying material and other parameters to the joining node
- › The GM may store the members' public keys
  - It receives new members' public key upon their joining
  - If requested so, it provides members' public keys to joining nodes

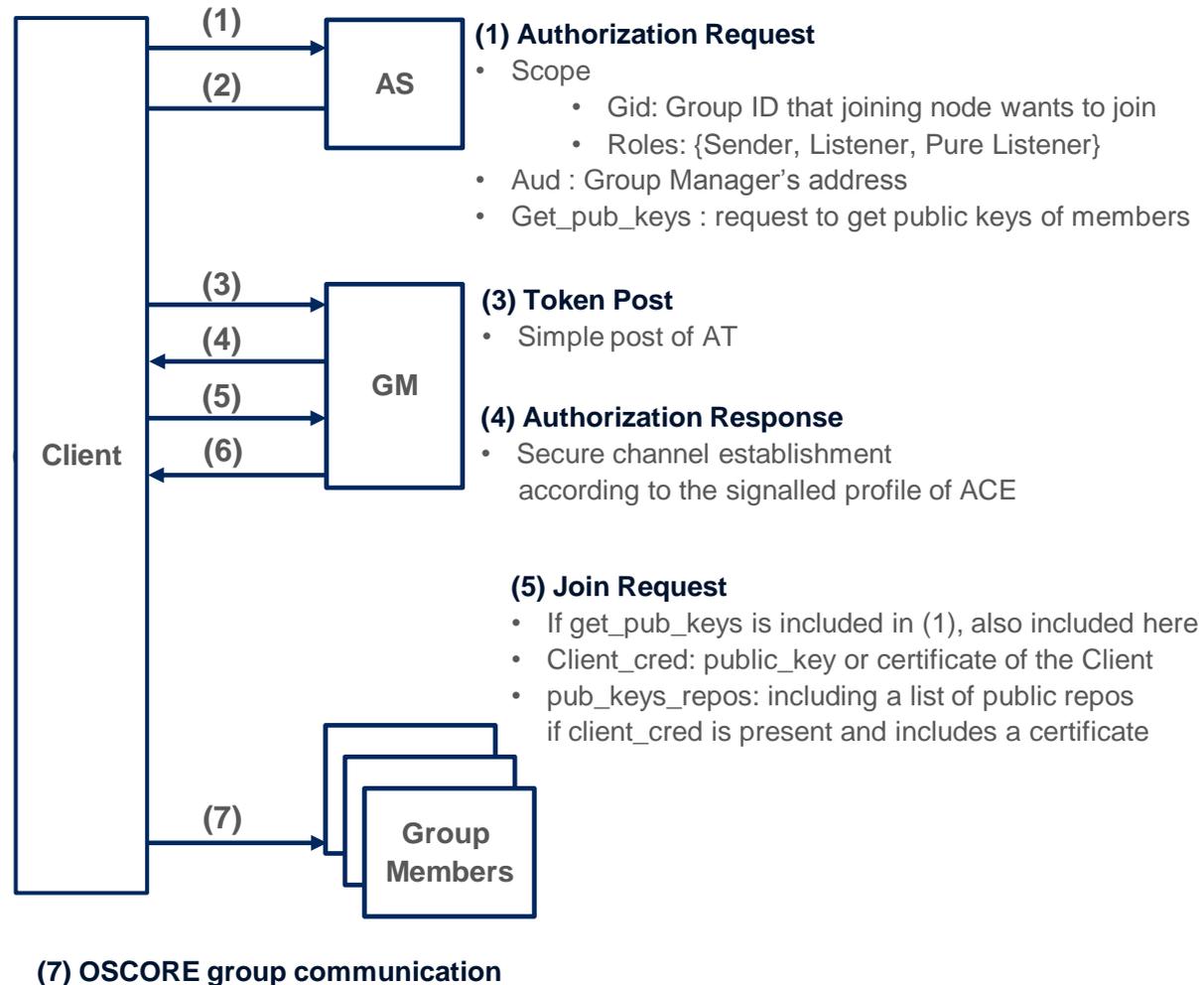
# Step-by-step message formats

## (2) Authorization Response

- AT: access token
- Exp: lifetime of the AT
- Scope: confirmation of the roles requested in (1)
- Profile: security protocol between Client and GM

## (6) Join Response

- Keying material for the OSCORE Security Context
- Pub\_keys : if get\_pub\_keys was in (5), includes public keys of current group members
- Group\_policies: includes list of policies (synchronization of seq number, rekeying protocol)
- Mgt\_key\_material :administrative key material to participate to the rekeying; content and format depends on the specific rekeying protocol



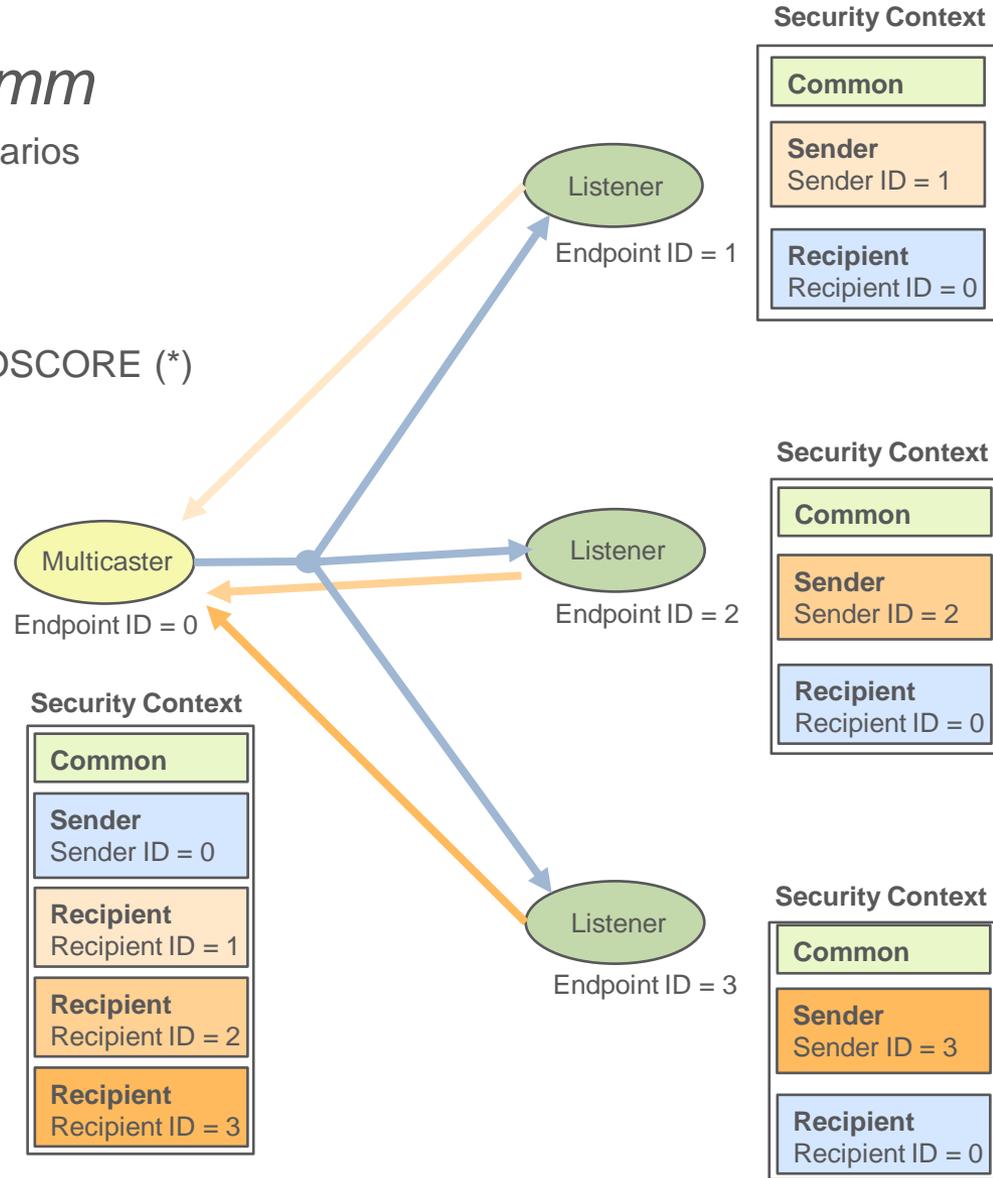
# Group OSCORE

## › *draft-ietf-core-oscore-groupcomm*

- Use of OSCORE (\*) in group communication scenarios

## › Main features

- Same structures, constructs and mechanisms of OSCORE (\*)
- Confidentiality, integrity, replay protection
- Source authentication through digital signatures
- Request-response binding



(\*) *draft-ietf-core-object-security*

# Use cases for Group OSCORE

- › Lighting control
- › Integrated building control
- › Software and firmware updates
- › Parameter and configuration updates
- › Commissioning of LLNs systems
- › Emergency multicast

See “Appendix B” of *draft-ietf-core-oscore-groupcomm-01*

# Group Manager (GM)

- › Can be responsible of multiple OSCORE groups
  - Join of new group members
  - Renewal of group keying material
  
- › Drive the joining process
  - Contact point for joining the group
  - Actual admission of new nodes in the group
  - Provides keying material to joining nodes (incl. security context)
  
- › Possibly act as key repository
  - Store/provide public keys of group members