

# MQTT-TLS Profile of ACE

draft-ietf-ace-mqtt-tls-profile-04

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# Updates since the last interim

- Submitted [draft-ietf-ace-mqtt-tls-profile-04](#)
  - A number of changes including
    - Clarified format of AS Creation Hints in CONNACK: <https://github.com/ace-wg/mqtt-tls-profile/issues/46>
    - Format of the AUTH data: <https://github.com/ace-wg/mqtt-tls-profile/issues/40>
    - Text improvements/clarifications: Github issues 37-39, 41, 43-45; Formative vs Informative references.
- Clarified with Hannes that
  - “you can do pretty much everything defined in draft-ietf-oauth-pop-key-distribution with the ACE-OAuth framework.”

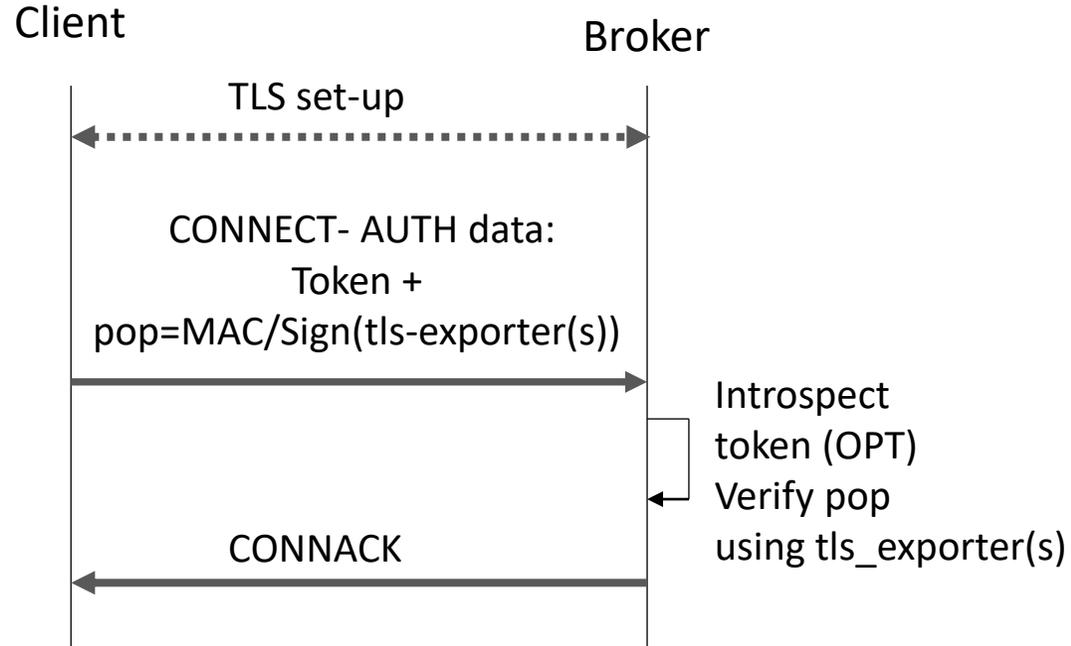
# Client Authentication-Authorisation

TLS \ MQTT	None	ACE
Anon	Public topics Authz-info	<b>Recommended option: Token in CONNECT AS-Discovery [DISCUSS]</b>
Known (RPK/PSK)	RPK – token via authz-info PSK– token “psk_identity” <a href="#">[I-D.ietf-ace-dtls-authorize]</a>	SHOULD NOT be chosen Token in CONNECT overwrites any permission during TLS handshake*

\* [Discuss: Daniel’s comment, is this the only way to do this?]

TLS:none – MQTT:ACE

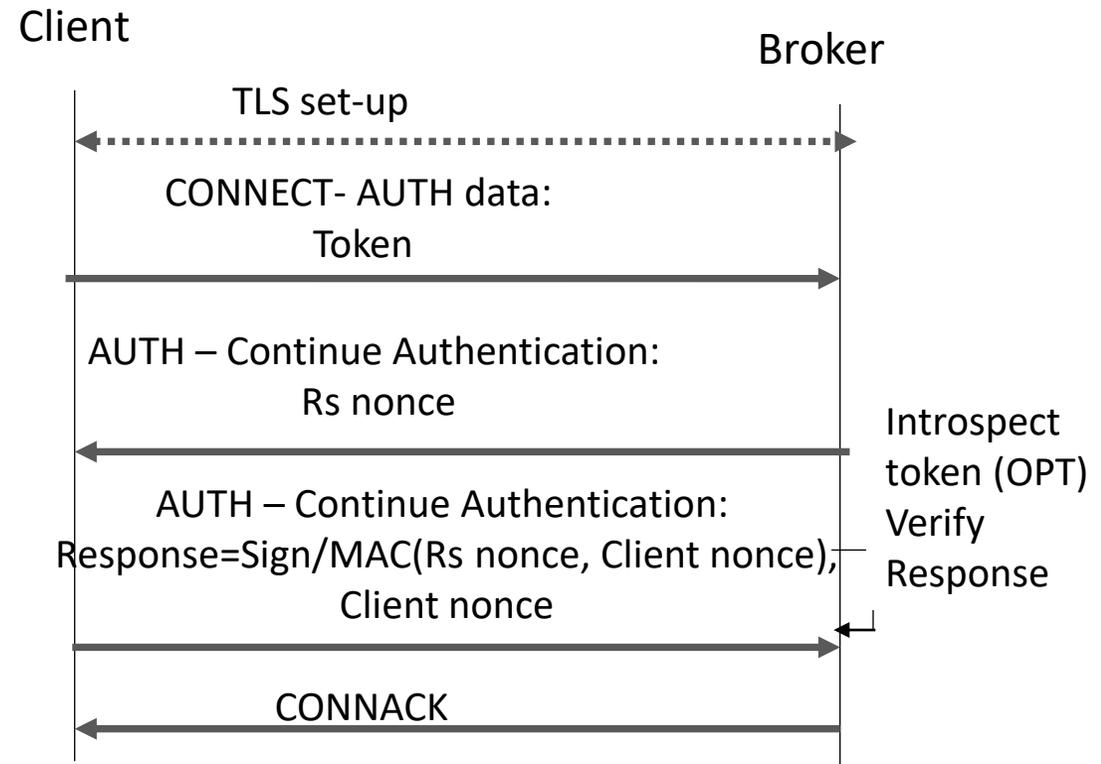
# MQTT v5: Authentication Using AUTH Property



Proof-of-Possession using a secret from the TLS session

Only option for MQTT v3.1.1: Username=Token; Password= pop

MQTT Binary Data encoding for token + pop  
tls-exporter label? EXPORTER-ACE-MQTT-Sign-Challenge; Length 32B.



Proof-of-Possession using a challenge/response

Challenge: 8B RS nonce + 8B Client Nonce.

**[DISCUSS]**

**Does not use channel binding. Should it?**

**Jim in e-mail: Sign the triple of <server challenge, client challenge, tls-exporter value>?**

# Other discussion points

Review comments from Jim

1. MQTT v3.1 client and v5 server operation; v5 server support for v3.1 clients (Also commented on by Hannes)
2. The clean session requirement - put to avoid server keeping state unnecessarily. Is **MUST** too strong? Alternative: **SHOULD** and other **SHOULD**s/**MUST**s on broker behavior i.e.,
  - a. Session state includes information of the token used in the session.
  - b. There is a **MAX** session expiry set by the broker admin policy allowing capping what the client puts for session expiry.
  - c. The client still submits a token in every **CONNECT** - the broker checks if the token matches the current token (may or may not introspect in case of a token match); if new token, validate token, replace the session token.
  - d. Session state is updated: Subscription Identifiers, that are part of the session state, validated if new permissions. (Although it will do this anyway when publishing a packet to the subscriber. )
  - e. Pending messages **MUST** be re-evaluated based on permissions.

Other review comment from Hannes:

1. Terminology: MQTT broker or server?