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The Entity Attestation Token (EAT)

Abstract

An Entity Attestation Token (EAT) provides a signed statement of the identity and state of an Internet entity (a device, a piece of software, a person, a group, a service, or any other thing) to a relying party to perform authentication and authorization. The token's claims are used by a relying party to manage access to resources by the Internet entity.

An EAT is either a CWT or JWT with some additional mandatory claims. To a large degree, all the document does is extend CWT and JWT.

EAT can be used by a variety of attestation formats. This document defines a common set of data formats that are independent of any attestation format.

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1. Introduction

Remote device attestation is a fundamental service that allows a remote entity (a server) to make a security assessment of a local device, or other endpoint to prove itself to a relying party, a server or a service. This allows the relying party to issue tokens with assurances that the device and data it relies on are in good shape.

Remote attestation is a fundamental service that can underlie other security services such as network access, or authorization to parts of the device before proceeding. One good example is remote attestation of a firmware update before the firmware is installed. The relying party needs to know that the device is one that is known to be in a state that is capable of installing the firmware update and protects what the relying party wants to protect with the firmware update. This generalizes to an incoherent enterprise that requires all devices to be in a good security posture before allowing corporate data to be accessed.

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- Configuration and state of the device
- Environmental characteristics of the device such as its GPS location

TODO: mention use for Attestation Evidence and Results.

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The identification of a protocol element as an EAT, whether CBOR or JSON-based, can be made by the application using the EAT. The CWT and JSON-based JWT specifications provide a means for signaling the use of a CWT or JWT in a protocol, e.g., HTTP. Quite often the application will know if it is a CWT or JWT, but in some cases it may be useful to have a single, MIME-type, for either. The CWT Type and JWT Type JOSE Header parameters can be used for this purpose. These are defined in the JOSE and COSE Header Parameters registries.

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1.2. COSE

The CBOR Object Signing and Encryption (COSE) [RFC8152], or the JavaScript Object Signing and Encryption (JOSE) [RFC7515] can be used to either Sign (JWS [RFC7515] and COSE [RFC8152]) or Encrypt (JWE [RFC7516] and COSE [RFC8152]) an EAT. Minimal, Authenticated cbor profiles in Section 4.1 of the document CBOR Profiles of Public Key Cryptography [RFC8613] can be used in place of general formats to transfer Attestation CWTs and JSON, but only in cases where the recipient of the token is the relying party.

The CWT specification was authored before COSE, and available and widely used. The JWT specification predates COSE, and most of the use of JWT is without JOSE.

1.3. Entity Overview

An entity can be a device or device subsystem ("subsystem"), a piece of software, a person, a group, a service, or any other thing. An attestation should be cryptographically verifiable by the EAT relying party. The EAT relying party may be the entity requesting the attestation EAT, it is assumed that any entity that can consume EAT does so for reasons of a dedicated role of that [RFC8892].

The Attestation Key and Endorsements used to sign and verify an EAT are assumed to be long-lived and to be associated with a particular attestation key and endorsements. The attestation key and endorsements may be shared among many devices, for example, in a manufacturing environment or a home network, or they may be unique to each device, for example, in a home network where each device is assigned a security level that which it originates. In general, any security and business model that can be used to distribute attestation keys can be employed as well.

1.4. EAT Operating Models

TODO: Describe or illustrate the various in-light of the RATS architecture and terminology.

The following are the following three participants exist in all EAT operating models, from operating models have additional participants:

The Entity. This is the phone, the IoT device, the sensor, the sub-system, or any other thing that requires an attestation.

The Manufacturer. The company that made the entity. This may be a manufacturer of a subsystem or component or a retailer of a finished consumer product.

The Relying Party. The service, service or company that makes use of the attestation to make a security decision.

In all operating models, hardware and/or software on the entity creates an EAT, all the format described in this document. The EAT is signed with the attestation key material provisioned by the manufacturer.

In all operating models, the relying party must end up knowing that the attestation key and the EAT are genuine and that the EAT claims to be EAT. This can happen in many different ways. Some are:

- The EAT is transmitted to the relying party. The relying party receives the EAT directly from the device that makes the EAT. Or, the relying party performs the verification.
- The EAT is transmitted to the relying party. The relying party receives the EAT from a service that performs the attestation verification. The service returns the verified claims.
- The EAT is transmitted directly to a verification service. The verification service returns the verified claims to the relying party. It verifies the EAT and vouches for the verified claims. The relying party trusts the verification service to do the same way and re-sign the EAT with a different signing key.

All these operating models are supported and there is no preference among them. Some are more or less secure, or more or less suitable for operating models in generally, hardware deployment and so about for specific implementations. The security and business requirements that a constrained, more likely for the manufacturer. In addition, a proxy group will be provisioned the EAT before it is transmitted to the relying party. The proxy group may be a cloud or a home or enterprise signing. In this case the manufacturer provisioned attestation key material to the proxy group. The device uses a key that is not the attestation key to participate other that the entity to create valid signed EATs.

1.5. What's Not Standardized

The following is not standardized by EAT, just the same they are not standardized by CWT and JWT:

1.5. Transmission Protocol

EATs may be transmitted by any protocol the same as CWTs and JWTs are transmitted by any protocol. There are many, many protocols, HTTP/HTTPS, HTTP/QUIC, or just transmitted as files. This flexibility is intentional to allow broader adoption. This specification does not define a new protocol for transmitting EATs and possibly additionally extra encryption and and integrity protection beyond what is in the EAT itself, to meet security requirements.

Some protocols, such as TLS, can transport keys and nonces for EAT signing devices and the Relying Party. In such cases, the EAT should be protected against replay attacks. The use of CUPH and the EAT Nonce claim for such protocols is TBD. The use of the EAT Nonce claim in TLS exchanges and interactions between the device and Relying Party, and interactions cannot easily modify the EAT Nonce claim, is TBD.

1.5. Aging Scheme

The term "aging scheme" is used to refer to the system that determines when a key is no longer acceptable for attestation. The aging scheme is the signing key, CA, and revoking it. The aging scheme is not defined in this document, but it is important to understand the aspects. The aging algorithm relevant to the algorithm and key used to sign the EAT, and the aging algorithm or aging scheme is expected to be standard.

There are three main implementation issues driving this. First, the aging scheme is not part of the EAT, but it is important because it has implications for hardware, perhaps not only crypto hardware but, on-same and off-chip. Second, the factors cost of implementation, deployment, and use of the aging scheme. The cost reflected which adding to the cost of a chip. Third, some aspects of the aging scheme are not well-known, such as the Anonymous Attestation, or complex and not suitable for all use cases.

The aging scheme, implementation, and deployment, some aging schemes may be defined in EAT profiles or other specifications, or be defined in the future.

2. Terminology

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Claim Value. The value portion of the claim. A claim value can be any CBOR data item or JSON value.

Claim. A Claim Name and Claim Value or a Claim Key and Claim Value.

Attestation Key Material (AKM). The key material used to sign the EAT. It is a COSE Key or JWK. It is symmetric or private key for a single asymmetric key. If it is a COSE Key, it MUST contain a kid. Both [RFC8152] does the key pairs of the EC key, part of the EC key, or a symmetric key. The AKM is used to sign the EAT. It is provisioned into the Attestation Hardware.

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- Audience (aud)
- Expiration Time (exp)
- Not Before (nbf)
- Issued At (iat)
- CWT Claim Key
- Nonce (nonce)
- Cnf (cnf)

There are no short-lived or nonce-less attestations. Attestations are always fresh. The freshness is defined by the application, or profile, or other specifications.

The Nonce claim is used to prevent replay attacks. The nonce is provided by the relying party. It may be obtained in advance of an attestation or it may be sent in response to a request for an attestation. Freshness and uniqueness are provided by the nonce.

There are two short-lived or nonce-less attestations: the Nonce claim is not used, and the Issued At (iat) claim is used to indicate how old an attestation is. The application, profile, or other specification defines how much time is allowed to elapse before an attestation is no longer accepted. Short-lived attestations may be required in some security environments, for example, in some Anonymous Attestation or complex and not suitable for all use cases.

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3.1. Nonce Claim (nonce)

JSON web tokens have a nonce for nonce replay attacks. The nonce is a string or binary string that is generated by the relying party. It is connected to the entity and whatever transport is in use before the nonce is generated and then included in the token at the entity claim.

The documents the nonce claim for registration in the IANA CWT Claims registry. The nonce claim is defined in the JWT Claims registry.

The nonce must be at least 8 bytes (64 bits) in length. It is recommended that it be 16 bytes (128 bits) or more. It may be a UUID or a random or pseudo-random number. The nonce may be a CBOR or JSON text string or binary string. The nonce claim is not recommended for other uses and is not EAT.

The nonce claim is defined in an recommendation-language verification and processing rules.

3.1. nonce (JSON)

```
nonce-type = bstr / tstr
nonce-claim =
  "nonce" : nonce-type / [ + nonce-type ]
```

3.4. Universal Entity ID Claim (ueid)

UEIDs identify individual manufactured entities / devices such as a specific phone, IoT device, router, machine, component, or other security camera. It may identify the entire device or a subsystem or component in a device. The UEID is assigned to the device or entity at least once, though it does not have to be assigned uniquely. It may be universally and globally unique across manufacturers, or it may be unique only to the manufacturer across products and systems, or it does not intended to be relatively unique within a single system. The UEID is a fixed value that does not change over the life of the device or entity. It may be, for example, the device's serial number or IMEI. The UEID is not a key, but it may be used to bind keys to a device or entity, for example, in a PKI or DICE environment.

There are primary considerations for UEIDs. See Section 9.3. The UEID should be permanent. It should never change for a given entity. It should be assigned by the manufacturer. It should be globally unique. It should be cryptographically verifiable. The UEID is not secret. UEIDs that are Private Long-Lived Tokens are TBD. The UEID should be hard to forge. It should be hard to impersonate. It should be tamper-resistant.

This is a new concept for us, so we provide a common interoperable description of what known to the relying party. It's a fundamental concept in device identity, and it's important to have a common understanding. The UEID is a binary string. It's not a UUID, but it can be formed from a UUID. It can be formed from a UUID, but it is not a UUID. It's not a UUID.

3.5. Debug Status Claim (debug-stat)

The debug status claim provides information regarding the status of the target device. It indicates if the JTAG and diagnostic hardware ports are enabled. It applies to any software debug facilities related to the hardware such as JTAG, processor debug features, debug logging, trace services, logging services, or any other or modification of or access to the device's operation that is not normal.

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  * tstr .regexp "[0-9a-f]+"
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```

3.5. security-level CDDL

```
security-level = {
  security-level-1,
  security-level-2,
  security-level-3,
  security-level-4,
  security-level-5,
  security-level-6,
  security-level-7,
  security-level-8,
  security-level-9,
  security-level-10,
  security-level-11,
  security-level-12,
  security-level-13,
  security-level-14,
  security-level-15,
  security-level-16,
  security-level-17,
  security-level-18,
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  security-level-29,
  security-level-30,
  security-level-31,
  security-level-32,
  security-level-33,
  security-level-34,
  security-level-35,
  security-level-36,
  security-level-37,
  security-level-38,
  security-level-39,
  security-level-40,
```

The higher levels of debug diagnostic information may be useful when debugging a new implementation. Implementations should allow all the target's debug by currently disabled, all other levels require recompile.

There is no enforcement of limits from authorization to a single module or vice versa. There is no assumption, requirement or enforcement of limits from a single module to authorization to a single of submodules. Thus, every submodule must explicitly describe its own debug state. The module or setting query receiving the debug state must be able to parse the debug state of submodules because there is no rules indicating it is assumed of an parent module.

An individual target device / submodule may have multiple debug states. The module or setting query must be able to parse the states from that, or use aggregation or abstraction.

The architecture of some chips or devices may be such that a debug state is not applicable to the entire chip or device. In such a case, the setting automatically forces all submodules to be in the same independently report the status of the whole chip or device device. The module or setting query must be able to parse the state of debug status of the submodules since there is no alternative.

1.11. Enabled

The enabled setting cites manufacturer hardware diagnostics, is currently enabled, then the module must be enabled.

1.12. Debug

The enabled state of debug facilities are currently disabled. It may be possible to enable them in the future, and it may also be possible that they were enabled in the past after the target device/module/submodule/chip/device/chip/device was currently disabled.

1.13. Disabled Due Fault

The fault indicates all debug facilities are currently disabled and have been or since the target device/module/submodule/chip/device/chip/device/chip/device

```
{
  "iss": "https://issuer.example.com",
  "iat": 1658764827,
  "exp": 1658768427,
  "sub_id": {
    "format": "iss_sub",
    "iss": "https://issuer.example.com",
    "sub": "user.12345678901234567890"
  },
  "events": {
    "https://schemas.openid.net/secevent/caep/event-type/session-revoked": {
      "event_timestamp": 1658764827
    }
  }
}
```

```
{
  "iss": "https://issuer.example.com",
  "iat": 1658764827,
  "exp": 1658768427,
  "sub_id": {
    "format": "email",
    "email": "user@example.com"
  },
  "events": {
    "https://schemas.openid.net/secevent/caep/event-type/session-revoked": {
      "event_timestamp": 1658764827
    }
  }
}
```

```
{
  "iss": "https://issuer.example.com",
  "iat": 1658764827,
  "exp": 1658768427,
  "sub_id": {
    "format": "opaque",
    "id": "ZGFlZGJlZWYtMjAyMi0wNzIyLTAwMDAtNDAwMC1iZWVmLTAwMDAwMDAwMDAwMA"
  },
  "events": {
    "https://schemas.openid.net/secevent/caep/event-type/session-revoked": {
      "event_timestamp": 1658764827
    }
  }
}
```

A.2. Example with Submodules, Nesting and Security Levels

```
{
    / nonce /                   10: h'948f886b013a463e8e',
    / UEID /                    11: h'0198f50a4ff6c05861c8860
    / secure-boot /             15: true,
    / debug-disable /           16: 3, / permanent-disable  /
    / timestamp (iat) /          6: 1(1526542894),
    / security-level /          14: 3, / secure restricted OS
    / submods / 20: {
        / first submod, an Android Application /
        "Android App Foo" : {
            / security-level /  14: 1 / unrestricted /
        },

        / 2nd submod, A nested EAT from a secure element /
        "Secure Element EAT" :
            / an embedded EAT, bytes of which are not showm
            h'420123',

        / 3rd submod, information about Linux Android /
        "Linux Android": {
            / security-level /  14: 1 / unrestricted /
        }
    }
}
```

Appendix B. UEID Design Rationale

B.1. Collision Probability

This calculation is to determine the probability of a collision of UEIDs given the total possible entity population and the number of entities in a particular entity management database.

Three different sized databases are considered. The number of devices per person roughly models non-personal devices such as traffic lights, devices in stores they shop in, facilities they work in and so on, even considering individual light bulbs. A device may have individually attested subsystems, for example parts of a car or a mobile phone. It is assumed that the largest database will have at most 10% of the world's population of devices. Note that databases that handle more than a trillion records exist today.

The trillion-record database size models an easy-to-imagine reality over the next decades. The quadrillion-record database is roughly at the limit of what is imaginable and should probably be accommodated. The 100 quadrillion datadbase is highly speculative perhaps involving nanorobots for every person, livestock animal and domesticated bird. It is included to round out the analysis.

Note that the items counted here certainly do not have IP address and are not individually connected to the network. They may be connected to internal buses, via serial links, Bluetooth and so on. This is not the same problem as sizing IP addresses.

People	Devices / Person	Subsystems / Device	Database Portion	Database Size
10 billion	100	10	10%	trillion (10^12)
10 billion	100,000	10	10%	quadrillion (10^15)
100 billion	1,000,000	10	10%	100 quadrillion (10^17)

Table 3

This is conceptually similar to the Birthday Problem where m is the number of possible birthdays, always 365, and k is the number of people. It is also conceptually similar to the Birthday Attack where collisions of the output of hash functions are considered.

The proper formula for the collision calculation is

```
p = 1 - e^{-k^2/(2n)}

p   Collision Probability
n   Total possible population
k   Actual population
```

However, for the very large values involved here, this formula requires floating point precision higher than commonly available in calculators and SW so this simple approximation is used. See [BirthdayAttack].

```
p = k^2 / 2n
```

For this calculation:

```
p  Collision Probability
n  Total population based on number of bits in UEID
k  Population in a database
```

Database Size	128-bit UEID	192-bit UEID	256-bit UEID
trillion (10^12)	2 * 10^-15	8 * 10^-35	5 * 10^-55
quadrillion (10^15)	2 * 10^-09	8 * 10^-29	5 * 10^-49
100 quadrillion (10^17)	2 * 10^-05	8 * 10^-25	5 * 10^-45

Table 4

Next, to calculate the probability of a collision occurring in one year's operation of a database, it is assumed that the database size is in a steady state and that 10% of the database changes per year. For example, a trillion record database would have 100 billion states per year. Each of those states has the above calculated probability of a collision.

This assumption is a worst-case since it assumes that each state of the database is completely independent from the previous state. In reality this is unlikely as state changes will be the addition or deletion of a few records.

The following tables gives the time interval until there is a probability of a collision based on there being one tenth the number of states per year as the number of records in the database.

```
t = 1 / ((k / 10) * p)

t  Time until a collision
p  Collision probability for UEID size
k  Database size
```

Database Size	128-bit UEID	192-bit UEID	256-bit UEID
trillion (10^12)	60,000 years	10^24 years	10^44 years
quadrillion (10^15)	8 seconds	10^14 years	10^34 years
100 quadrillion (10^17)	8 microseconds	10^11 years	10^31 years

Table 5

Clearly, 128 bits is enough for the near future thus the requirement that UEIDs be a minimum of 128 bits.

There is no requirement for 256 bits today as quadrillion-record databases are not expected in the near future and because this time-to-collision calculation is a very worst case. A future update of the standard may increase the requirement to 256 bits, so there is a requirement that implementations be able to receive 256-bit UEIDs.

B.2. No Use of UUID

A UEID is not a UUID [RFC4122] by conscious choice for the following reasons.

UUIDs are limited to 128 bits which may not be enough for some future use cases.

Today, cryptographic-quality random numbers are available from common CPUs and hardware. This hardware was introduced between 2010 and 2015. Operating systems and cryptographic libraries give access to this hardware. Consequently, there is little need for implementations to construct such random values from multiple sources on their own.

Version 4 UUIDs do allow for use of such cryptographic-quality random numbers, but do so by mapping into the overall UUID structure of time and clock values. This structure is of no value here yet adds complexity. It also slightly reduces the number of actual bits with entropy.

UUIDs seem to have been designed for scenarios where the implementor does not have full control over the environment and uniqueness has to be constructed from identifiers at hand. UEID takes the view that hardware, software and/or manufacturing process directly implement UEID in a simple and direct way. It takes the view that cryptographic quality random number generators are readily available as they are implemented in commonly used CPU hardware.

Appendix C. Changes from Previous Drafts

The following is a list of known changes from the previous drafts. This list is non-authoritative. It is meant to help reviewers see the significant differences.

C.1. From draft-rats-eat-01

- Added UEID design rationale appendix

C.2. From draft-mandyam-rats-eat-00

This is a fairly large change in the orientation of the document, but no new claims have been added.

- Separate information and data model using CDDL.
- Say an EAT is a CWT or JWT
- Use a map to structure the boot_state and location claims

C.3. From draft-ietf-rats-eat-01

- Clarifications and corrections for OEMID claim
- Minor spelling and other fixes
- Add the nonce claim, clarify jti claim

C.4. From draft-ietf-rats-eat-02

- Roll all EUIs back into one UEID type
- UEIDs can be one of three lengths, 128, 192 and 256.
- Added appendix justifying UEID design and size.
- Submods part now includes nested eat tokens so they can be named and there can be more tha one of them
- Lots of fixes to the CDDL
- Added security considerations

C.5. From draft-ietf-rats-eat-03

- Split boot_state into secure-boot and debug-disable claims
- Debug disable is an enumerated type rather than Booleans

C.6. From draft-ietf-rats-eat-04

- Change IMEI-based UEIDs to be encoded as a 14-byte string
- CDDL cleaned up some more
- CDDL allows for JWTs and UCCSs
- CWT format submodules are byte string wrapped
- Allows for JWT nested in CWT and vice versa
- Allows UCCS (unsigned CWTs) and JWT unsecured tokens
- Clarify tag usage when nesting tokens
- Add section on key inclusion
- Add hardware version claims
- Collected CDDL is now filled in. Other CDDL corrections.
- Rename debug-disable to debug-status; clarify that it is not extensible
- Security level claim is not extensible
- Improve specification of location claim and added a location privacy section
- Add intended use claim

C.7. From draft-ietf-rats-06

- Added boot-seed claim
- Rework CBOR interoperability section
- Added profiles claim and section
- Filled in IANA and other sections for possible preassignment of claim keys for well understood claims

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