

Enhancing Credential Selection in IETF Protocols

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Problem

- The client user has a set of credentials
- The service request the user to authenticate using a credential
- The user has several credential matching the criteria from the service

Case study TLS and X.509

- Criteria restricted to CA names and public key algorithms
- We have encountered many situations where this is not sufficient
 - Multiple roles
 - Different services under common roots

Proposal

- <http://www.ietf.org/internet-drafts/draft-santesson-credsel-01.txt>
- A common data construct for credential selection that can be sent in multiple protocols
- Currently generic, but may be restricted to X.509.

Structure

SelectionCriteria ::= SEQUENCE OF Criteria

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Criteria ::= {
    credentialType      OBJECT IDENTIFIER  --identifier for
                                                --credential type
    selectData          SelectData }
```

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SelectData ::= SEQUENCE {
    basicSelectData     [0]  BasicSelectData OPTIONAL
    advancedSelectData [1]  AdvancedSelectData OPTIONAL}
```

```
AdvancedSelectData ::= {
    selectSyntaxID      OBJECT IDENTIFIER
    selectData          ANY DEFINED BY selectSyntaxID }
```

```
BasicSelectData ::= SEQUENCE {
    includeStrings     [0]  SelectStrings OPTIONAL
    excludeStrings    [1]  SelectStrings OPTIONAL }
```

SelectStrings ::= SEQUENCE OF AltValues

AltValues ::= SEQUENCE OF OCTET STRING

Example

BasicSelectData (SEQUENCE)

Include strings (SEQUENCE)

- Altvalues (SEQUENCE)

- Certificate policy 1 OID

- Certificate policy 2 OID

- Altvalues (SEQUENCE)

- Key usage extension (with only digital signature bit set)

Exclude strings (SEQUENCE)

- Altvalues (SEQUENCE)

- EKU A OID

- EKU B OID

Certificate match if all of the following is true:

- includes certificate policy 1 or certificate policy 2 (or both)
- includes a key usage extension with only the digital signature bit set
- does not contain EKU OID A
- does not contain EKU OID B