

Access Control in KMIPv1.1





Summary of Changes (wrt. last version of the AC proposal)

- Roles and Access Control List Attribute are removed from the proposal
- The new KMIP v1.1 AC proposal contains:
 - Owner Attribute
 - Operation Policy Properties Attribute
 - Extensions of Link Attribute

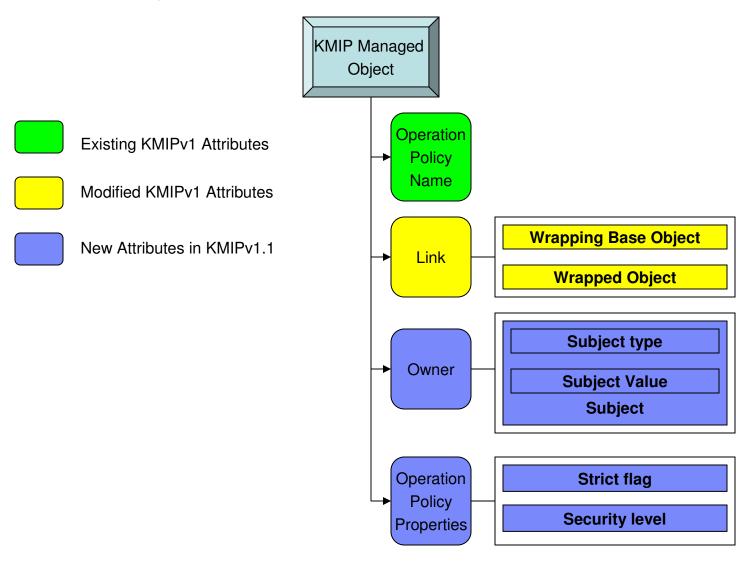


Removal of Roles, Access Control Lists. Why?

- Fears that KMIP server might hold redundant and conflicting information to that already maintained by an external AC infrastructure in a large organization. Potential difficulties in internal vs. external AC parameters synchronization.
- Defining AC in KMIP may become troublesome in case of different administrative/security domains (with e.g., different roles, different policies applicable to different servers).
- This new proposal recommends to:
 - Handle access control decisions and permissions via an external AC infrastructure, out of the scope of the KMIP specification
 - Define a minimal yet sufficient support in KMIP for object ownership and strict access control



Current Proposal Overview





Link

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- Introduce New Link Types to allow KMIP server to track dependencies among keys
- Needed for Strict AC that protects against KMIP API attacks that exploit dependencies
- Tracking dependencies unrealistic to be deferred to an external AC
 - KMIP server should do it and hence enable Strict AC Policy (not specified in protocol) to be enforced externally

New Link Types

- Wrapping Base Object Link: for an object specified in Key Wrapping Data and used to wrap current object in Get operation
- Wrapped Object Link: the object that was wrapped using the current object.
- Derivation dependencies already tracked in KMIPv1



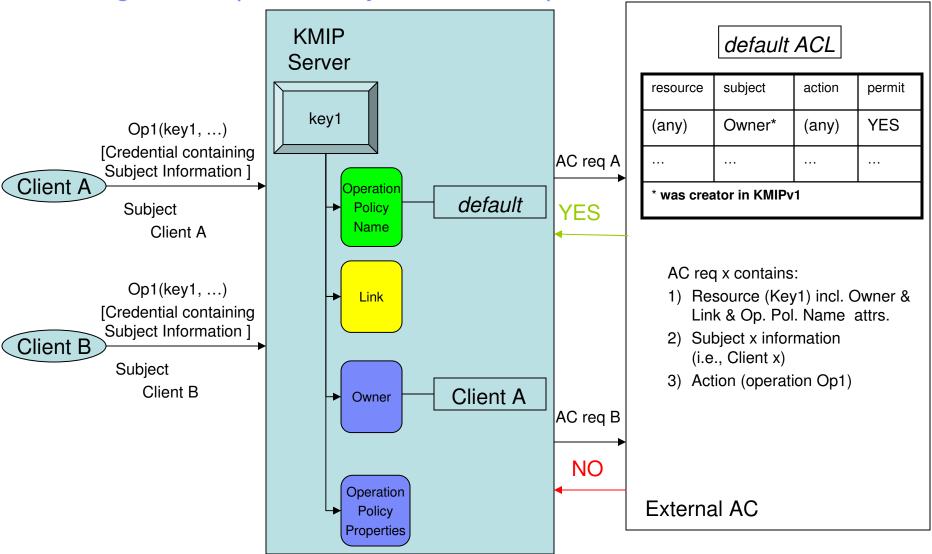
Owner

| Managed Object Attribute | Encoding | REQUIRED |
|--------------------------|----------|----------|
| Owner | Subject | YES |

| SHALL always have a value | Yes |
|------------------------------|---|
| Initially set by | Server |
| Modifiable by server | Yes |
| Modifiable by client | No |
| Deletable by client | No |
| Multiple instances permitted | No |
| When implicitly set | Create, Create Key Pair, Register, Derive Key, Re-key, Certify, Re- Certify |
| Applies to Object Types | All Objects |



Handling AC Requests, Object Ownership



KMIP v1.1: By default, Owner SHALL be the creator of the object



Subject

| Object | Encoding | REQUIRED |
|---------------|------------------------|----------|
| Subject | Structure | |
| Subject Type | Enumeration, see below | Yes |
| Subject Value | Varies. | Yes |

Subject type enumeration

| Subject type | | |
|--------------------|---------|--|
| Name | Value | |
| Username | 0000001 | |
| Device Group | 0000002 | |
| World Wide Name | 0000003 | |
| Distinguished Name | 0000004 | |
| SAML Subject | 0000005 | |
| WS Security Token | 0000006 | |
| openID | 0000007 | |

Subject Values

| Subject type | Subject Value | Subject Value | |
|--------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|----------|
| | Object | Encoding | REQUIRED |
| Username | Subject value | Text String | YES |
| Device Group | Subject value | Structure Text String | YES |
| | Device Serial Number | Text String | YES |
| | - Device Group | Text String | NO |
| | Device Text | Text String | NO |
| | Host Machine ID | Text String | NO |
| | Host Machine Text | Text String | NO |
| World Wide Name | Subject Value | Text String | YES |
| Distinguished Name | Subject Value | Text String | YES |
| SAML Subject | Subject Value | Text String | YES |
| WS Security Token | Subject Value | Text String | YES |
| openID | Subject Value | URI | YES |



Operation Policy Properties

 A new, optional Managed Object Attribute. Used by the server to the client important operation policy properties that apply to a given object.

| Managed Object Attribute | Encoding | REQUIRED |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|----------|
| Operation Policy Properties | Structure | NO |
| Strict Flag | Boolean | NO |
| Security level | Enumeration (FIPS 140-2) | NO |

| SHALL always have a value | No |
|------------------------------|---|
| Initially set by | Server |
| Modifiable by server | Yes, Strict flag can never be modified to true |
| Modifiable by client | No |
| Deletable by client | No |
| Multiple instances permitted | No |
| When implicitly set | Create, Create Key Pair, Register, Derive Key, Re-key |
| Applies to Object Types | All Objects |



Next steps

• Synchronize Credential and Subject fields