IRTF - AAAARCH - RG Authentication Authorisation Accounting ARCHitecture RG chairs: C. de Laat and J. Vollbrecht

www.phys.uu.nl/~wwwfi/aaaarch RFC 2903, 2904, 2905, 2906



- Authorization subgroup of AAA-WG
- Commonality in authorization space
- Tie in policy from all WG's
- IRTF-RG chartered in Dec 1999
 - This RG will work to define a next generation AAA architecture that incorporates a set of interconnected "generic" AAA servers and an application interface that allows Application Specific Modules access to AAA functions.

- The architecture's focus is to support AAA services that:
 - can inter-operate across organizational boundaries
 - are extensible yet common across a wide variety of Internet services
 - enables a concept of an AAA transaction spanning many stakeholders
 - provides application independent session management mechanisms
 - contains strong security mechanisms that be tuned to local policies
 - is a scalable to the size of the global Internet

Basic AAA

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Service perspective:

- Who is it who wants to use my resource
 - » Establish security context
- Do I allow him to access my resource
 - » Create a capability / ticket /authorization
- Can I track the usage of the resource
 - » Based on type of request (policy) track the usage

User perspective

- Where do I find this or that service
- What am I allowed to do
- What do I need to do to get authorization
- What does it cost
- Intermediaries perspective
 - Service creation
 - Brokerage / portals
- Organizational perspective
 - What do I allow my people to do
 - Contractual relationships (SLA's)



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- Web access
- Network Access
- Bandwidth Broker, VLL service
- Authorization of usage of combination of resources living in many administrative domains
- Computing grids, data grids, HEP community
- Budget system
- Library system
- Tele-learning
- E-Commerce
- Micro-payments

Multi Kingdom Problems

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Physics-UU to IPP-FZJ => 7 kingdoms

-Netherlands

- »Physics dept
- »Campus net
- »SURFnet
- - »GEANT
- -Germany »WINS/DFN »Juelich, Campus »Plasma Physics dept















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Principles of Generic AAA

1. Three building blocks:

- 1. RBE
- 2. ASM
- 3. Service Equipment
- 2. There is a global address space between the RBE and the ASM.
- 3. There is only generic stuff in the RBE and all the application specific stuff is in the ASMs.
- 4. The relationship between AAA servers is symmetric.
- 5. Different servers may have different capabilities.

Message types

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- Service request/reply
- Authorization request/reply
- Solicit Service Offer request/reply
- Authentication request/reply
- Authentication Challenge request/reply
- Policy request/reply
- Policy Evaluation request/reply
- Data request/reply
- Event Log indication/confirmation
- Accounting indication/confirmation
- Service (session) Configuration indication/confirmation
- Service (session) Management indication/confirmation
- Capability request/reply (supports resource discovery)

Top Level Objects

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- Identity
- Authentication Data
- Authentication Challenge
- Service Data
- Service Offer
- Answer
- Error
- Policy
 - [service specification policy, authorization policy, provisioning policy, configuration policy, accounting policy, metering policy]
- Policy Reference
- Policy Data
- Configuration Data
- Service Management
- Accounting
- Event

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- Authorization model
 - <draft-taal-aaaarch-generic-pol-00.txt>
- Policy definition
 - -<draft-salowey-aaaarch-xxxxxx.txt>
- Primitives model for authorization requests
- Data model for authorization
- Context of AAA usage
 - -<www.phys.uu.nl/~wwwfi/aaaarch/doc06/aaa_context.doc>
- Authentication model
 - <www.phys.uu.nl/~wwwfi/aaaarch/doc12/kaushik-radius-sec-ext-04.txt>
- session-id
- policy based accounting
 - <draft-irtf-aaaarch-pol-acct-01.txt>



-Middleware

Future work

- develop audibility framework specification that allows the AAA system functions to be checked in a multi-organization environment
- develop a model that supports management of a "mesh" of interconnected AAA Servers
- implement a simulation model that allows experimentation with the proposed architectural models (UU)
- describe inter-domain issues using generic model
- Future issues:
 - AAA-WG-actions
 - unresolved topics
 - (protocol) work for WG's
 - future AAAARCH work
- complete the work in Q1 2001 (ambitious)



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