Quick Start with WebAC

In this quick start, you will use a Fedora 4 server with the WebAC Authorization module enabled to create a sample resource and an ACL for that resource, verify that access to that resource is correctly restricted, and finally modify the ACL to allow you to update the resource.

Prerequisites

- · Fedora 4 with WebAC module enabled (you can use one of the pre-built WAR files from the fcrepo-webapp-plus project)
- curl

The commands in this guide assume that your Fedora 4 is running at http://localhost:8080/fcrepo.

Steps

Create these three files:

acl.ttl

```
@prefix webac: <http://fedora.info/definitions/v4/webac#>.
```

<> a webac:Acl .

foo.ttl

```
@prefix acl: <http://www.w3.org/ns/auth/acl#>.
@prefix dc: <http://purl.org/dc/elements/1.1/>.
```

```
<> acl:accessControl </fcrepo/rest/acl>;
dc:title "Hello, World!".
```

authz.ttl

```
@prefix acl: <http://www.w3.org/ns/auth/acl#>.
```

```
<> a acl:Authorization;
acl:accessTo </fcrepo/rest/foo>;
acl:agent "userl";
acl:mode acl:Read.
```

Upload these files into the repository:

```
$ curl -X PUT http://localhost:8080/fcrepo/rest/acl -u adminl:password3 \
    -H "Content-Type: text/turtle" --data-binary @acl.ttl
$ curl -X PUT http://localhost:8080/fcrepo/rest/foo -u adminl:password3 \
    -H "Content-Type: text/turtle" --data-binary @foo.ttl
$ curl -X PUT http://localhost:8080/fcrepo/rest/acl/authz -u adminl:password3 \
    -H "Content-Type: text/turtle" --data-binary @authz.ttl
```

(Note: The order you upload these in is important, since foo references acl, and authz references foo.)

Now user1 is able to read the resource at http://localhost:8080/rest/foo, but user2 cannot. To test this, try the following two commands:

```
$ curl -i http://localhost:8080/fcrepo/rest/foo -u user1:password1
$ curl -i http://localhost:8080/fcrepo/rest/foo -u user2:password2
```

The first request should succeed with a 200 OK response code, and the second should fail with a 403 Forbidden.

To demonstrate that user1 indeed only has read-only access to foo, we can try updating foo. Create a file named foo.spargl with the following contents:

```
foo.sparql
```

```
PREFIX dc: <http://purl.org/dc/elements/1.1/>
INSERT {
     <> dc:description "Quick Start with WebAC and Fedora 4".
}
WHERE {}
```

Then run this to attempt to update foo:

```
$ curl -i -X PATCH http://localhost:8080/fcrepo/rest/foo -u user1:passwordl \
    -H "Content-Type: application/sparql-update" \
    --data-binary @foo.sparql
```

This request should fail with a **403** Forbidden response, since user1 has read-only access to foo. To add write access for user1, we will need to update the acl/authz resource as admin. Create a file named **authz.sparql** with the following contents:

authz.sparql

```
PREFIX acl: <http://www.w3.org/ns/auth/acl#>
INSERT {
          <> acl:mode acl:Write .
}
WHERE {}
```

Run this command to update the ACL authorization:

```
$ curl -i -X PATCH http://localhost:8080/fcrepo/rest/acl/authz -u adminl:password3 \
    -H "Content-Type: application/sparql-update" \
    --data-binary @authz.sparql
```

If the update to the authorization was successful, you will see a 204 No Content response.

Now you should be able to re-run the earlier command to update the foo resource as user1:

```
$ curl -i -X PATCH http://localhost:8080/fcrepo/rest/foo -u userl:passwordl \
    -H "Content-Type: application/sparql-update" \
    --data-binary @foo.sparql
```

Now this should return a **204 No Content** response. To verify that the update happened, you can also go to http://localhost:8080/fcrepo/rest/foo in your web browser, and confirm that it has both **dc:title** and **dc:description** properties.

Access Control Link Header

When you perform a successful **GET** request on a resource that has an ACL associated with it (or with an ancestor), you will receive an additional header of the format.

```
Link: <http://localhost:8080/fcrepo/rest/acl>; rel="acl"
```

This can be used when indexing repository content to determine what the access controls on the resource are.