

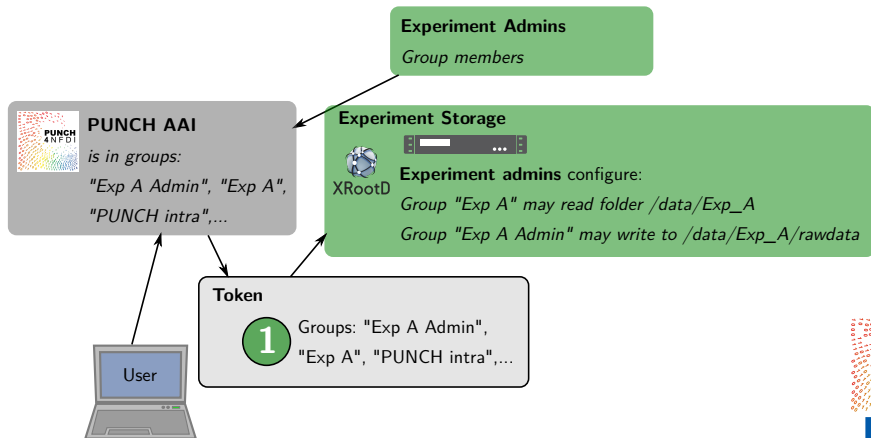
PUNCH AAI Developments

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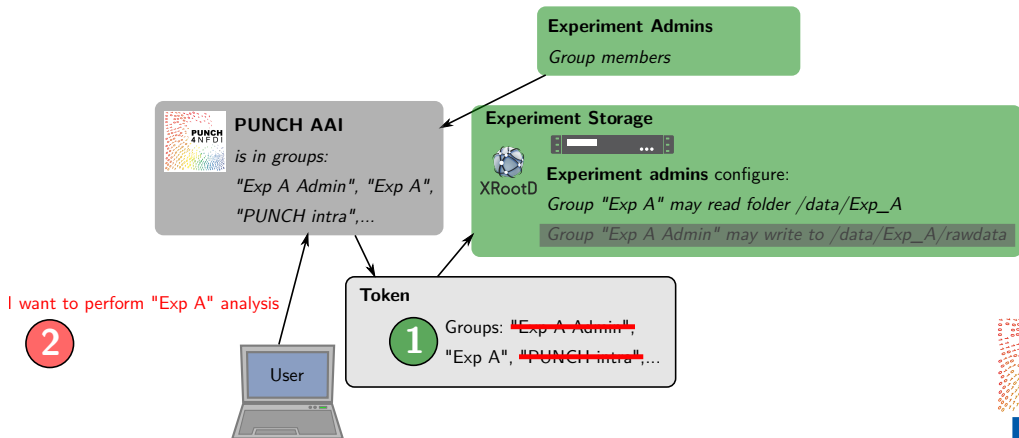
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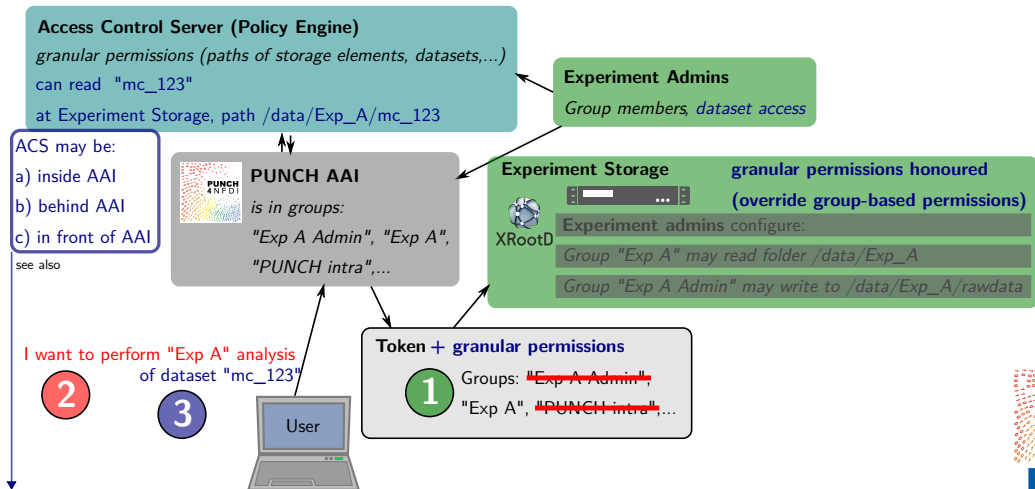
Visualization of Feature Requests: Group-based approach



Visualization of Feature Requests: Claims filtering



Visualization of Feature Requests: Granular permissions



<https://indico.desy.de/event/47792/contributions/181907/attachments/95076/129762/bascat.pdf>



Status of Requests

Request 1 'Group information in tokens'

✓ Implemented by Unity before we made an official request

⇒ Still needs to be tested in full within PUNCH

Note: (Delegatable) group management already offered by the AAI.

Request 2 'Claim filtering' (i. e. not all groups in tokens)

✓ Implemented and tested (still need to test workflows)

Request 3 'Granular permissions'

⌚ Description finalized, got quotations for different possibilities, now finalizing description of the policy engine API



Granular Authorization

Storage

Scopes: `storage.read`, `storage.create`, `storage.modify`, `storage.write`

- Usually scoped for a specific path, i.e. `storage.read:/someexp/somefile.dat`
- Inspired by [WLCG Common JWT Profiles](#) which are inspired by [SciTokens](#)
- Tested also in ILDG with Indigo IAM
- Used in the tools in Storage4PUNCH: dCache, XRootD
- May also be used inside Rucio / FTS (now or in the future)

Compute

Scopes: `compute.read`, `compute.modify`, `compute.create`, `compute.cancel`

- May be scoped to a specific compute resource
- Expected by Compute4PUNCH batch system (HTCondor)
- Inspired by [WLCG Common JWT Profiles](#) which are inspired by [SciTokens](#)



Technical Solution 'A': External Policy Service 'behind' AAI

- When a specific (custom) scope pattern is requested by the user (e. g. `storage.read:*`), an external service (with REST API) is queried by the AAI.
- The API of that external service is currently discussed. A potential specification could be:
 - For `http_status==200`, output MUST be a single JSON object.
 - 'Permission denied' is also possible.

Example (REST-like API)

Input Request with information (user, audience etc.) sent to the external service for triggering scope (`storage.read:/punch4nfdi/subdir/file`).

Output One single JSON object, the result of which is added as a sub-json to the JWT-AT which is generated for the user, Example:

```
{["storage.read:/punch4nfdi/subdir/file"]}
```



Technical Solution 'A': External Policy Service 'behind' AAI

Example JWT-AT generated by the AAI:

```
{
  "typ": "at+jwt",
  "alg": "RS256"
}
{
  "sub": "6c611e2a-2c1c-487f-9948-c058a36c8f0e",
  "aud": "public-oidc-agent",
  "scope": "openid offline_access storage.read:/punch4nfdi/subdir/file",
  "iss": "https://login.helmholtz.de/oauth2",
  "exp": 1683731886,
  "iat": 1683727886,
  "jti": "108ed829-9871-4f23-922b-be977be48476",
  "client_id": "public-oidc-agent",
  "storage": {
    [
      "storage.read:/punch4nfdi/subdir/file"
    ]
  }
}
```



Technical Solution 'B': Token Exchange with Trusted Client

Enabling full support for token-exchange endpoints (see <https://indigo-iam.github.io/v/v1.7.2/docs/reference/api/oauth-token-exchange/> and <https://www.rfc-editor.org/rfc/rfc8693> allowing community-specific services, which act as registered and trusted clients of the AAI, to request access tokens with fine-grained additional scopes, e.g. scopes not present in the Bearer token and implementing capability-based authorization.

Users can then request access tokens through such a client, which decides (based on community-defined access policies) whether to perform the token exchange and to return the desired AT to the user.

concept by Hubert Simma



Technical Solution: How to proceed

Extended AAI Meeting June 4th, fruitful discussion and decisions:

- 1 Go for Policy Engine behind AAI with an API queried by the AAI ('solution A')
- 2 Keep path open to Token Exchange as alternative possibility (i. e. 'solution B')
- 3 Add VO name (punch4nfdi in our case) as path component

Note we stay in a close loop with Helmholtz / HIFIS and the Unity developer team.

Feedback by Unity Developers

Token Exchange 'behind the AAI' may lead to scaling issues and extra validation steps.

⇒ Go for 'solution A' and use a REST-like API,
if needed, develop 'solution B' later.



Open Tasks

Reminder

General goal: Try to stay close to WLCG workflows (to reuse tools).

Small changes to dCache & XRootD needed for different token profile (fine with both).

Tasks

- Development of Policy Engine service with API needed (can reuse existing tools such as [Open Policy Agent](#)).
- AAI is part of IAM4NFDI community AAls and hence used by different NFDI consortia, so we need to embed the VO in our scopes, plan:
 - `storage.read:/punch4nfdi/` etc. for storage
 - ⇒ No changes to tools needed, i. e. works for XRootD and dCache without change
 - `compute.read:punch4nfdi` etc. for compute
 - ⇒ Still need to investigate whether HTCondor or underlying token library need modification.

Note: VO part would not be needed with dedicated instance.



Timeline & Outlook

- 1 Finalize description of interface between AAI and policy engine and send request to developers.
- 2 After development request is with Unity developers, implementation is fast (about a month).
- 3 Have a simple service emulating the interface of a policy engine (e. g. always with a constant reply) in PUNCH 1.0.
- 4 Actual implementation of full Policy Engine \Rightarrow PUNCH 2.0.
- 5 Keep the possibility to develop 'variant B' (Token Exchange interface) later on.

Note: Local POSIX File Systems

Local POSIX file systems can not be integrated directly with any AAI.
One approach: Use them through an AAI-enabled storage service.

Note: Indico integrated with AAI via plugin by `unconventional.dev`.



Thank you
for your attention!



Embed group information in tokens

For now, special procedure with oidc-agent required (see [documentation](#), simplification [foreseen](#)).

Access Token

```
{
  [...],
  "preferred_username": "o.freyermuth",
  "scope": "openid offline_access profile",
  "eduperson_entitlement": [
    "urn:mace:dir:entitlement:common-lib-terms",
    "urn:geant:dfn.de:nfdi.de:punch:group:PUNCH4NFDI:punch_intra#login.helmholtz.de",
    "urn:geant:h-df.de:group:HDF#login.helmholtz.de",
    "urn:geant:dfn.de:nfdi.de:punch:group:PUNCH4NFDI#login.helmholtz.de",
    "urn:geant:dfn.de:nfdi.de:punch:group:PUNCH4NFDI:elsa_one#login.helmholtz.de"
  ]
}
```

Reduced permissions in tokens

- Do not expose all groups to used service
- Work with reduced / minimal privileges

Token Request

```
scope=eduperson_entitlement:...:PUNCH4NFDI:elsa_one#login.helmholtz.de
```

Access Token

```
{
  [...],
  "preferred_username": "o.freyermuth",
  "scope": "openid offline_access profile
↳ eduperson_entitlement:...:PUNCH4NFDI:elsa_one#login.helmholtz.de",
  "eduperson_entitlement": [
    "urn:geant:dfn.de:nfdi.de:punch:group:PUNCH4NFDI:elsa_one#login.helmholtz.de"
  ]
}
```

Query PUNCH service for granular permissions

- Granular file access permissions require a scope policy system
- Extension in Unity not likely \Rightarrow external Access Control Server

Token Request

```
scope=storage.read:/example/subdir/file
```

Access Token

```
{
  [...],
  "preferred_username": "o.freyermuth",
  "scope": "openid offline_access profile storage.read:/example/subdir/file",
  "storage": {
    [
      "storage.read:/example/subdir/file"
    ]
  }
}
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Some 'Pros' and 'Cons'

Variant A: Policy Engine 'behind' AAI

- 👍 Acts more like the AAI used in WLCG (Indigo), i. e. as if policy engine was embedded
- 👍 All clients can directly talk to the AAI (e. g. oidc-agent)
- 👍 Service needs only to be reachable from AAI
- 👎 Not a 'standardized' approach

Variant B: Trusted Client with Policy Engine in front of AAI

- 👍 Standardized approach
- 👎 Clients need to go via the trusted client service
- 👎 PUNCH needs to operate a world-wide reachable service exchanging tokens for users