Quick Start with WebAC

In this quick start, you will 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

- a running Fedora repository
- curl

The commands in this guide assume that your Fedora repository root is http://localhost:8080/fcrepo/rest.

Steps

Create these two files in a local directory:

```
foo.ttl
@prefix dc: <http://purl.org/dc/elements/1.1/>.
<> dc:title "Hello, World!".
```

```
acl.ttl
@prefix acl: <http://www.w3.org/ns/auth/acl#>.
<a#authz> a acl:Authorization;
acl:accessTo </fcrepo/rest/foo>;
acl:agent "user1";
acl:mode acl:Read.
```

Upload these files into the repository:

```
curl -X PUT http://localhost:8080/fcrepo/rest/foo -u admin1:password3
-H "Content-Type: text/turtle" --data-binary @foo.ttl

-H "Content-Type: text/turtle" --data-binary @acl.ttl
```

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.sparql` with the following contents:

```
PREFIX dc: <http://purl.org/dc/elements/1.1/>

INSERT DATA { <> dc:description "Quick Start with WebAC and Fedora 4" . }
```

Then run this to attempt to update foo:

```
curl -i -X PATCH http://localhost:8080/fcrepo/rest/foo -u user1:password1
-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:

```sparql
PREFIX acl: <http://www.w3.org/ns/auth/acl#>

INSERT DATA { <#authz> acl:mode acl:Write . }
```

Run this command to update the ACL authorization:

```
curl -i -X PATCH http://localhost:8080/fcrepo/rest/acl/authz -u admin1: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 user1:password1
-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.

**ACLs for the Repository Root**

When creating an ACL to protect the repository root, you **must** include a trailing slash in the Authorizations's `acl:accessTo` predicate, otherwise the Authorization will not match the request URI, and won't get applied.

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