

## Arvados - Bug #16736

### Token lifetime options

08/20/2020 04:19 PM - Lucas Di Pentima

<b>Status:</b>	Resolved	<b>Start date:</b>	09/10/2020
<b>Priority:</b>	Normal	<b>Due date:</b>	
<b>Assigned To:</b>	Lucas Di Pentima	<b>% Done:</b>	100%
<b>Category:</b>	API	<b>Estimated time:</b>	0.00 hour
<b>Target version:</b>	2021-03-03 sprint		
<b>Description</b>			
Add a new option API.MaximumTokenLifetime:			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• If no expiration time is given in the create call, it is the "maximum" expiration (new configuration option API.MaximumTokenLifetime)</li><li>• For regular users, token expires_at is clamped to MaximumTokenLifetime for create/update</li><li>• Admins can create tokens with any expiration time.</li><li>• Tokens created to run a container do not have a set expire time (because it will expire when the container ends)</li><li>• Tokens created for use on a shell node by arvados-login-sync script have max lifetime, and are rotated by the script on some interval (like MaximumTokenLifetime/2)</li></ul>			
Tokens created through login use Login.TokenLifetime (existing behavior).			
<b>Subtasks:</b>			
Task # 16754: Review 16736-expiring-tokens-limits			<b>Closed</b>
Task # 17034: Review 16736-max-token-lifetime			<b>Resolved</b>
<b>Related issues:</b>			
Related to Arvados Epics - Story #16520: GxP Qualification		<b>Resolved</b>	<b>08/01/2020</b> <b>04/30/2021</b>

### Associated revisions

#### Revision b3e4886c - 02/19/2021 08:30 PM - Lucas Di Pentima

Merge branch '16736-max-token-lifetime'  
Closes #16736

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### History

#### #1 - 08/20/2020 04:48 PM - Lucas Di Pentima

Pushed a branch with a test: 16736-expiring-tokens-limits

#### #2 - 08/24/2020 08:31 PM - Lucas Di Pentima

- Status changed from New to In Progress

#### #3 - 08/24/2020 08:32 PM - Lucas Di Pentima

- Target version changed from 2020-09-09 Sprint to 2020-08-26 Sprint

#### #4 - 08/26/2020 03:32 PM - Lucas Di Pentima

- Target version changed from 2020-08-26 Sprint to 2020-09-09 Sprint

#### #5 - 09/09/2020 02:16 PM - Lucas Di Pentima

- Target version changed from 2020-09-09 Sprint to 2020-09-23 Sprint

#### #6 - 09/10/2020 03:29 PM - Lucas Di Pentima

Updates at [386b60af1](#) - branch 16736-expiring-tokens-limits  
Test run: <https://ci.arvados.org/job/developer-run-tests/2078/>

- Adds tests exposing the bug.
- Adds checks related to token's expires\_at on create/update.
- Fixes fixture removing expiration dates that were set far in the future.

## #7 - 09/10/2020 06:40 PM - Peter Amstutz

Lucas Di Pentima wrote:

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```
def permission_to_create
  current_user.andand.is_admin or
  ((current_user.andand.id == self.user_id) and
   (current_api_client_authorization.andand.expires_at.nil? or
    (self.expires_at and current_api_client_authorization.expires_at >= self.expires_at)))
end
```

I don't think this is quite right, this will allow an admin to always create a token even if their token is about to expire. But that's not right. Admins can create tokens for other users, but the tokens are still capped by expires\_at.

Also, instead of "current\_api\_client\_authorization.andand", if it is possible for current\_api\_client\_authorization to be nil I don't think we allow tokens to be manipulated (is there a special case, like tests?)

I think this should be:

```
def permission_to_create
  (current_user.andand.is_admin ||
   current_user.andand.id == self.user_id) and
  !current_api_client_authorization.nil? and
  (current_api_client_authorization.expires_at.nil? ||
   (!self.expires_at.nil? && current_api_client_authorization.expires_at >= self.expires_at))
end
```

By the way, I looked this up recently, the difference between "and"/"or" and "&&"/"||" in Ruby has to do with operator precedence, "and"/"or" have lower precedence than "&&"/"||" so the convention is to use the and/or for the "outer" clauses and &&/|| for the "inner" clauses although when grouping with parenthesis it doesn't really matter.

Arvados::V1::ApiClientAuthorizationsController#find\_objects\_for\_index should include a filter on expires\_at when current\_api\_client\_authorization is non-nil, and there should be a controller test for that.

## #8 - 09/14/2020 08:13 PM - Peter Amstutz

update: I think you mentioned on gitter than current\_api\_client\_authorization is nil in the case of the login process, which makes sense. We are creating a token, we don't have one yet.

However, if there was a bug that allowed some other way of calling token creation without setting current\_api\_client\_authorization, that would be a serious security hole.

I wonder if there's a way to handle login as a special case. The value of current\_api\_client\_authorization comes from Thread.current[:api\_client\_authorization], so the login code could assign a fake (not persisted to database) ApiClientAuthorization object.

## #9 - 09/17/2020 08:01 PM - Peter Amstutz

When Login.TokenLifetime is set:

- Token from login uses "Login.TokenLifetime" expiration (existing behavior)
- (valid) token from login can be used to create new tokens
  - If no expiration time is given, it is the "maximum" expiration (new configuration option API.MaximumTokenLifetime)
  - SystemRootToken can create tokens with any expiration (or nil)
- Token created to run a container doesn't have a set expire time, because it will expire when the container ends
- Token used on a shell node is max lifetime, when about to expire it is rotated by the arvados-login-sync script
- "Show current token" dialog in workbench should generate a new token instead
  - Change the label to something like "Get new user token"
- Auto-logout should coordinate across browser tabs/windows (using the same token?) so that it only logs out when all of them have been idle.
  - Figure out which browser feature lets you do that

## #10 - 09/17/2020 08:22 PM - Peter Amstutz

- Release deleted (25)

## #11 - 09/17/2020 09:28 PM - Peter Amstutz

- Subject changed from Trusted client token with expiration can create tokens with any expiration date (or none at all) to Token default and maximum lifetime option

**#12 - 09/17/2020 10:02 PM - Peter Amstutz**

- Target version changed from 2020-09-23 Sprint to 2020-10-07 Sprint
- Assigned To deleted (Lucas Di Pentima)
- Description updated
- Subject changed from Token default and maximum lifetime option to Token lifetime options

**#13 - 09/23/2020 04:15 PM - Peter Amstutz**

- Target version changed from 2020-10-07 Sprint to 2020-10-21 Sprint

**#14 - 10/07/2020 04:09 PM - Peter Amstutz**

- Target version changed from 2020-10-21 Sprint to 2020-11-04 Sprint

**#15 - 10/21/2020 02:08 PM - Peter Amstutz**

- Related to Story #16520: GxP Qualification added

**#16 - 10/21/2020 04:30 PM - Peter Amstutz**

- Assigned To set to Peter Amstutz

**#17 - 11/03/2020 08:04 PM - Peter Amstutz**

- Target version changed from 2020-11-04 Sprint to 2020-11-18

**#18 - 11/16/2020 06:42 PM - Peter Amstutz**

- Target version changed from 2020-11-18 to 2020-12-02 Sprint

**#19 - 11/17/2020 06:26 PM - Peter Amstutz**

- Story points set to 3.0

**#20 - 11/18/2020 04:45 PM - Peter Amstutz**

- Assigned To deleted (Peter Amstutz)

**#21 - 11/18/2020 04:47 PM - Peter Amstutz**

- Target version changed from 2020-12-02 Sprint to 2020-12-16 Sprint

**#22 - 12/02/2020 04:53 PM - Peter Amstutz**

- Assigned To set to Lucas Di Pentima

**#23 - 12/16/2020 02:43 PM - Lucas Di Pentima**

- Target version changed from 2020-12-16 Sprint to 2021-01-06 Sprint

**#24 - 01/06/2021 04:54 PM - Lucas Di Pentima**

- Target version changed from 2021-01-06 Sprint to 2021-01-20 Sprint

**#25 - 01/20/2021 03:18 PM - Lucas Di Pentima**

- Target version changed from 2021-01-20 Sprint to 2021-02-03 Sprint

**#26 - 02/03/2021 04:34 PM - Lucas Di Pentima**

- Target version changed from 2021-02-03 Sprint to 2021-02-17 sprint

**#27 - 02/04/2021 07:04 PM - Lucas Di Pentima**

Updates at [bb5d1bb61](#) - branch 16736-max-token-lifetime  
Test run: <https://ci.arvados.org/job/developer-run-tests/2301/>

- Adds API.MaxTokenLifetime configuration.
- Limits token's expires\_at when the configuration is set and users don't provide a valid expiration date on creation or update.
- Adds options to arvados-login-sync to allow the admin to set it up in a way that periodically rotates expiring tokens on shell sessions.

**#28 - 02/05/2021 10:06 PM - Peter Amstutz**

- clamp\_token\_expiration:

```
max_token_expiration = Time.now + Rails.configuration.API.MaxTokenLifetime
```

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Related, I see another use of Time.now in the validate method which I believe should also be db\_current\_time

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```
if self.new_record? && (self.expires_at.nil? || self.expires_at > max_token_expiration)
  self.expires_at = max_token_expiration
elsif !self.new_record? && self.expires_at_changed? && (self.expires_at.nil? || self.expires_at > max_to
ken_expiration)
  self.expires_at = max_token_expiration
end
```

Would this do the same thing?

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#### #29 - 02/12/2021 12:11 AM - Lucas Di Pentima

Updates at [46a5e39](#) (rebased) - branch 16736-max-token-lifetime

Test run: <https://ci.arvados.org/job/developer-run-tests/2327/>

Peter Amstutz wrote:

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#### #30 - 02/18/2021 04:35 PM - Lucas Di Pentima

- Target version changed from 2021-02-17 sprint to 2021-03-03 sprint

#### #31 - 02/19/2021 08:28 PM - Peter Amstutz

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This LGTM, thanks.

**#32 - 02/19/2021 10:01 PM - Anonymous**

- Status changed from *In Progress* to *Resolved*

Applied in changeset [arvadoslb3e4886cbb195347179d0664621da9bc34e6170](#).

**#33 - 11/16/2021 04:46 PM - Peter Amstutz**

- Release set to 41