IPSEC CONT Lecture 20

COMPSCI 726 Network Defence and Countermeasures

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TRANSPORT VS. TUNNEL MODE

 Transport mode secures packet payload and leaves IP header unchanged



Tunnel mode encapsulates both IP header and payload into IPSec packets

IP header (gateway)	IPSec header	IP header (real dest)	TCP/UDP header + data
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IPSEC BASE PROTOCOLS



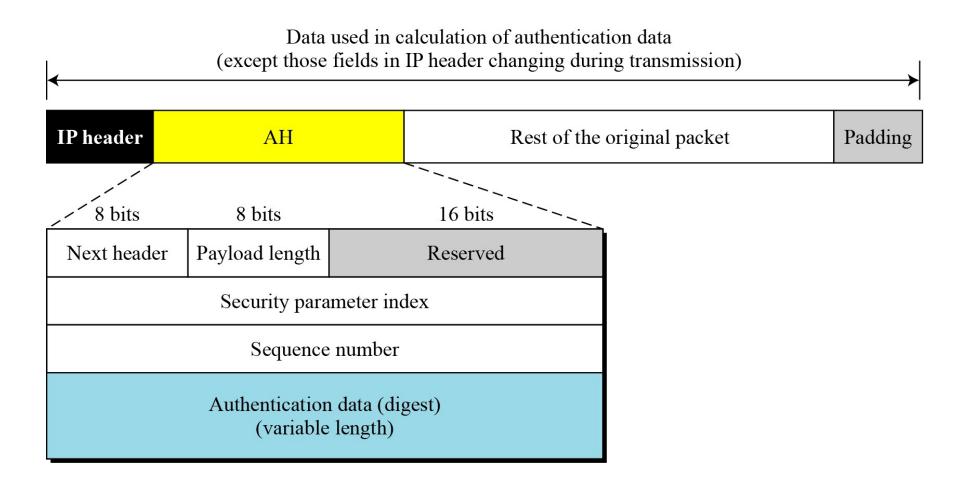
- Authentication Header (AH)
 - Authentication
 - Access control
 - Protection against replay attacks
 - Integrity
 - Non-repudiation (depends on algorithm)
- Encapsulating Security Payload (ESP)
 - Confidentiality
 - Access control
 - Protection against replay attacks
 - Authentication (depends on algorithm)
 - Integrity (depends on algorithm)
 - Non-repudiation (depends on algorithm)

IPSEC BASE PROTOCOLS: AH



- Adds extra field to traditional IP packet
- Provides message authentication and integrity check of IP data payload, but not confidentiality
- Also provides authentication for as much of the IP header as possible
- Sequence number: starts at 1, never recycle (optional)
- Why do we have an authentication-only protocol (AH)?
 - May be used where export/import/use of encryption is restricted
 - Faster implementation

IPSEC BASE PROTOCOLS: AH

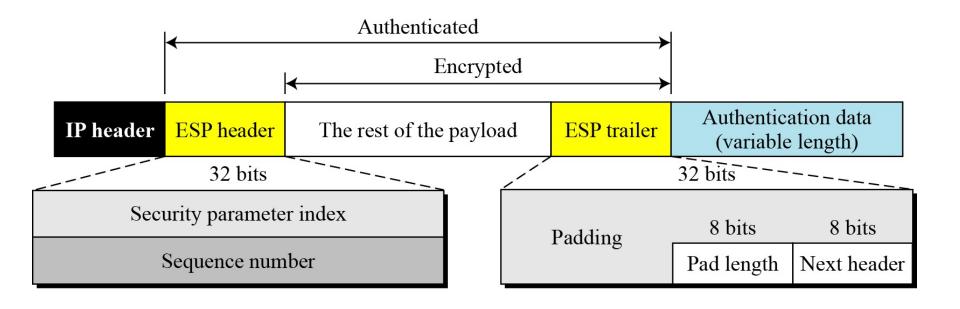


IPSEC BASE PROTOCOLS: ESP



- ESP provides source authentication, data integrity and confidentiality
- Content of IP packet is encrypted and encapsulated between header and trailer fields
- Authentication data optionally added
- Either encryption or authentication (or both) must be enabled
- The authentication trailer must be omitted if not used

IPSEC BASE PROTOCOLS: ESP



AH VS. ESP

- The ESP protocol was designed after the AH protocol was already in use
- ESP does whatever AH does with additional functionality (confidentiality)

Services	AH	ESP
Access control	yes	yes
Message authentication (message integrity)	yes	yes
Entity authentication (data source authentication)	yes	yes
Confidentiality	no	yes
Replay attack protection	yes	yes

RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN IPSEC MODES AND BASE PROTOCOLS

	Transport mode	Tunnel mode
AH	Authenticates IP payload and selected portions of IP header	Authenticates entire inner IP packet plus selected portions of outer IP header
ESP	Encrypts IP payload	Encrypts inner IP packet
ESP with Authentication Encrypts IP payload and authenticates IP payload but not IP header		Encrypts and authenticates inner IP packet

SECURITY ASSOICATION (SA)

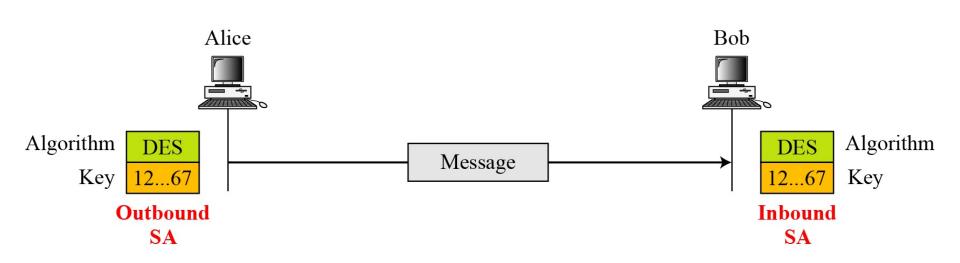


 In order to communicate, each pair of hosts must set up SA with each other

- Acts as virtual connection for which various parameters are set:
 - Type of protection
 - Algorithms
 - Keys
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SECURITY ASSOICATION (SA)

- It contains all the security parameters needed for one way communication
- For two-way communications, at least two SAs are needed



AN SA IS UNIQUELY IDENTIFIED BY

- 32-bit string assigned to this SA (local meaning only)
- May be end-user system, or firewall or router
- AH or ESP

Security Association

Security Parameter Index (SPI)

IP Destination Address

Protocol Identifier

INETERNET KEY EXCHANGE (IKE)



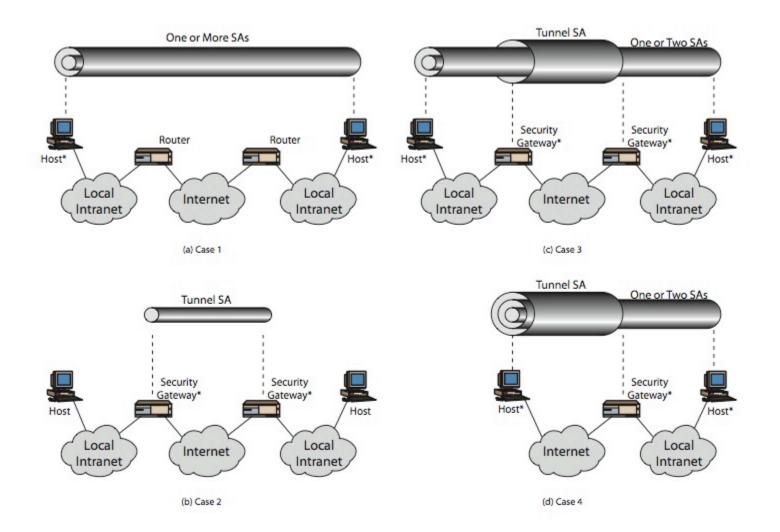
- Generation and distribution of secret keys
- A protocol designed to create both inbound and outbound SAs
- Manual
 - Sysadmin configures keys (does not scale well)
- Automated key management
 - IKE components
 - Internet Security Association and Key Management Protocol (ISAKMP)
 - Oakley
 - SKEME

COMBINING SECURITY ASSOCIATIONS



- SAs can implement either AH or ESP
- To implement both, need to combine SAs
- There are four cases (see next slide)
 - Case 1: host-to-host
 - Case 2: gateway-to-gateway
 - Case 3: pass-through-IPSec
 - Case 4: remote access

COMBINING SECURITY ASSOCIATIONS



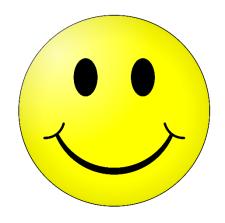
^{*} Implements IPSec

RESOURCES



 Read Chapter 8 of Network Security Essentials – Applications and Standards

Fourth Edition
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