

Multicast ESP

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Overview

- The problem we are trying to solve
- What's wrong with IPsec ESP?
- What is MSEC MESP?
- Discussion
- TESLA

Multicast Data Security

- There are three issues
 - Source message-authentication (SrA)
 - Relating SrA to group authentication (GA) & group secrecy (GS)
 - Support for IGMPv3 SSM operation

The following three slides address each of the three issues listed above.

1. Authenticating the Source of Multicast Messages

- When group size > 2 , one group member might impersonate another sending member
- Asymmetric techniques work for some (small number) of applications
- Newer more-efficient solutions exist that might be suitable at the IP layer

MESP is a framework for group source message authentication algorithms; TESLA is the first.

2. Multicast Has New Message-Authentication Distinctions

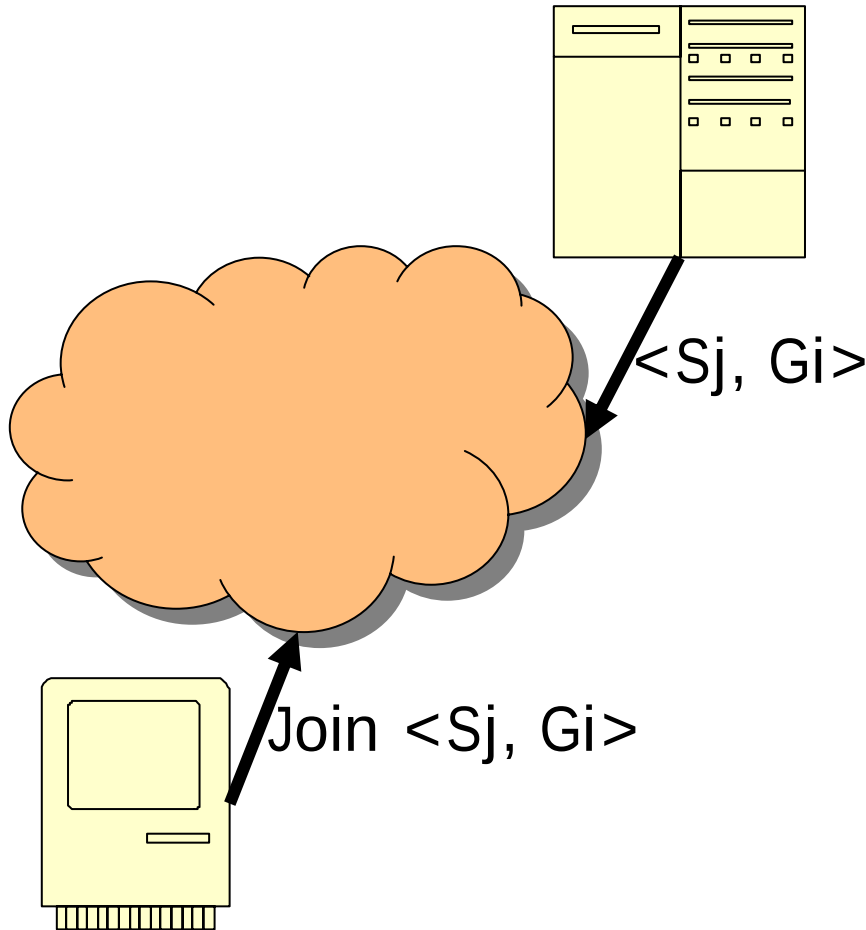
- Secrecy is group based (Group Secrecy)
- MAC authentication authenticates a source as a group member only (Group Authentication)
- Digital signatures and some MAC-based schemes can uniquely identify a source (Source Authentication)
- MACs can protect digital signatures

Multicast Data Security Services

- Point-to-point Security Services
 - Confidentiality
 - Message integrity
 - Message Source-Authentication
- Multicast Security Services
 - Group Secrecy
 - Group Authentication
 - Source Authentication

Group secrecy is group analog to confidentiality; group authentication gives message integrity and validates the message originated from a member; source authentication validates that it originated from a specific group member

3. Source-Specific Multicast (SSM)



- IGMPv3 redefines a multicast group to be source-specific
- $\langle *, G \rangle$ is an Any-Source Multicast group (ASM)
- $\langle S, G \rangle$ is a Source-specific Multicast group (SSM)

IPsec ESP Multicast Issues

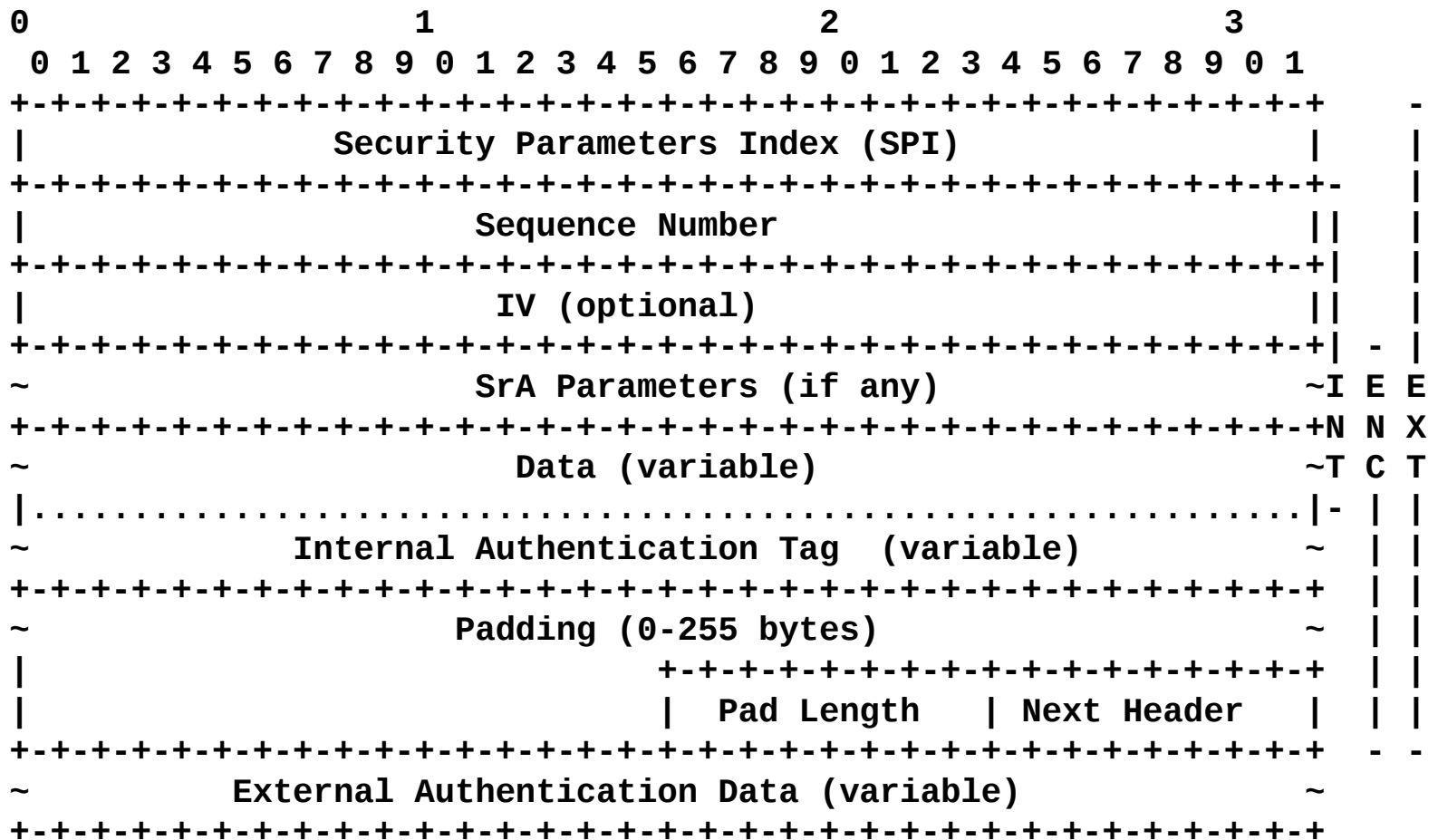
- IPsec SA lookup does not use source address
- IPsec message authentication is not source message authentication (aka “data origin authentication”) for groups
- IPsec ESP format doesn’t accommodate multiple authentication types
- IPsec ESP does not protect digital signatures

Thus, we choose to develop MESP as a new IP security protocol that closely resembles IPsec ESP.

Multicast ESP (MESP) Design

- Extends ESP but is a separate protocol
 - MESP to have its own protocol number
 - Has 2 forms of authentication, GA & SrA
 - Scales down to ESP when SrA not offered
- Uses internal & external authenticators
 - GA HMAC is external
 - Can protect an internal auth digital sig
 - Accommodates MAC-based source auth

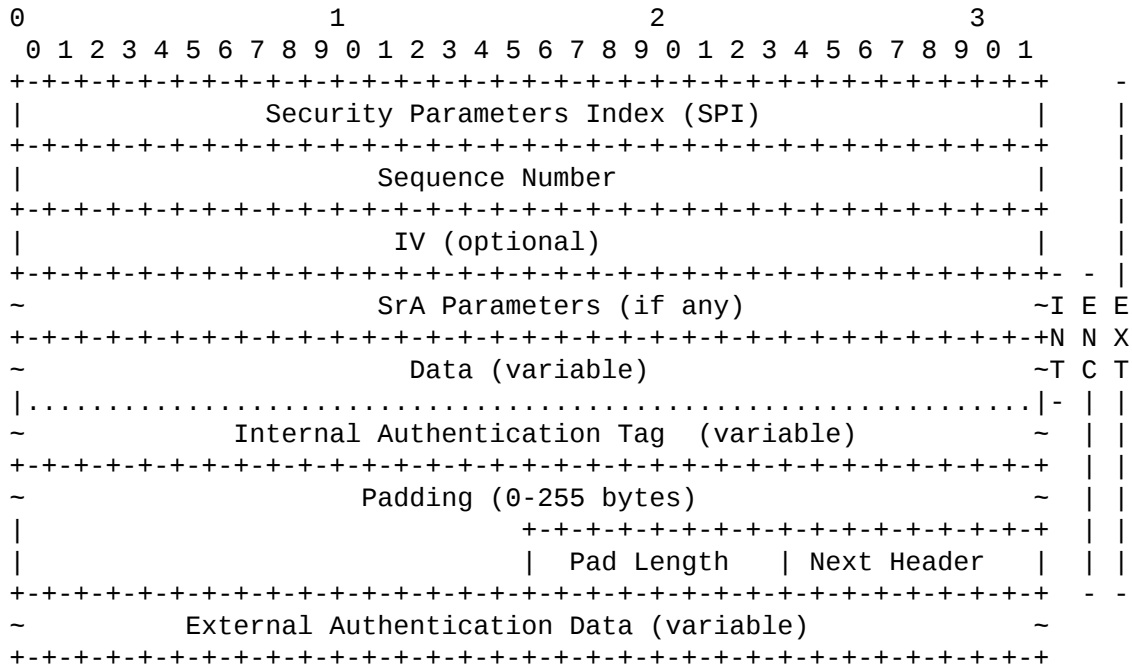
MESP Packet Format



MESP Transforms

Transform Class	Transform Identifier	Dependencies
INT	RSA-SHA1	HMAC-SHA1 EXT
	NULL	None
ENC	Any ESP encryption transform [RFC2407]	None
EXT	HMAC-SHA1	None
	TESLA	No INT

Default & Mandatory Transforms



- INT default is RSA-SHA1
- ENC default is 3DES-CBC
- EXT default is HMAC-SHA1

GDOI Signaling

class	value	type

INT Transform	1	B
EXT Transform	2	B
Encapsulation Mode	3	B
SA Life Type	4	B
SA Life Duration	5	V
- GDOI SA TEK Attributes -		

Adds PROTO_MSEC_MESP to GDOI and reuses ESP's GDOI payload (SA TEK payload). Sig PubKey is sent in KD payload.

Summary

- We want to promote MESP over IPsec ESP for multicast and group applications
- We have an issue INT, EXT and SrA, GA authentication: Should INT = SrA?
- Need definitions for MIKEY and GSAKMP