VPN

Virtual Private Networks Introduction
VPDN Details (L2F, PPTP, L2TP)

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Virtual Private Networks (VPN)

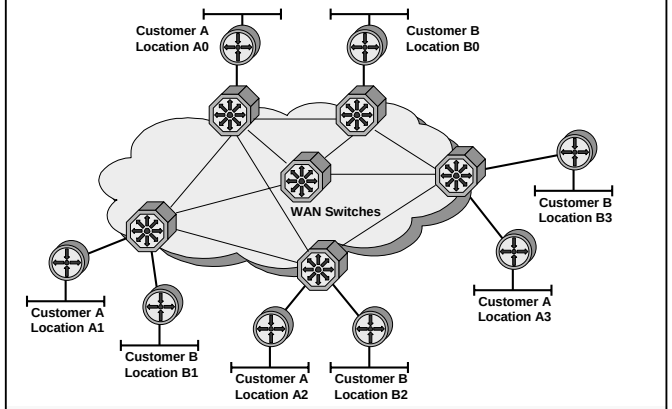
- old idea
  - private networks of different customers can share a single WAN infrastructure
- since 1980´s public switched data networks (PSDN) were offered by providers (e.g. PTTs)
  - to give open access to subscribers of a PSDN
  - to interconnect parts of a physically separated private network
- do you remember
  - closed user group of X.25
  - closed user group of ISDN
  - PVC-DLCI´s of Frame relay
  - PVC-VPI/VCI´s of ATM
  - private subnetwork (customer gateway) and public MAN service (edge gateway) of MAN -> closed user group of MAN (Metropolitan Area Network based on 802.6 DQDB)

Classical VPN´s

- X.25, Frame Relay or ATM in the core
- dedicated physical switch ports for every customers CPE
  - router, bridge, computer
- customer traffic separation in the core done by concept of virtual circuit
  - PVC service
    - management overhead
  - SVC service with closed user group feature
    - signaling overhead
- separation of customers inherent to virtual circuit technique
- privacy is aspect of customer
  - in most cases overlooked

VPN‘s based on Overlay Model

Physical Topology of Classical VPN



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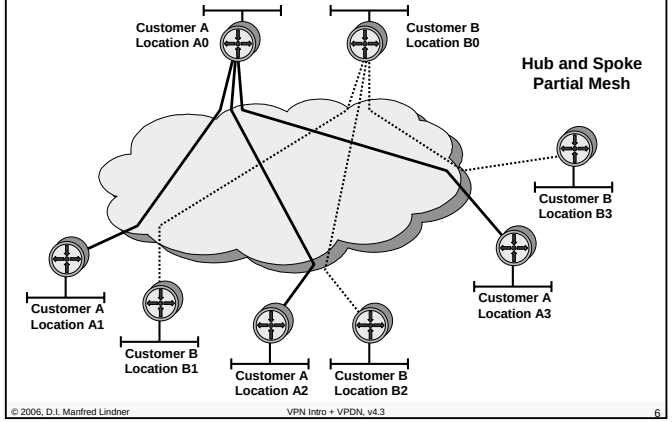

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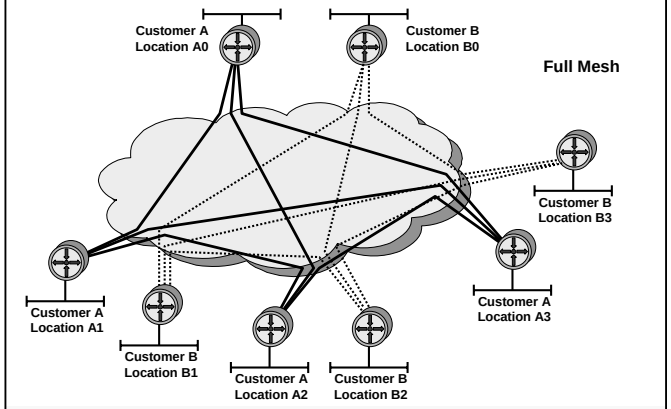

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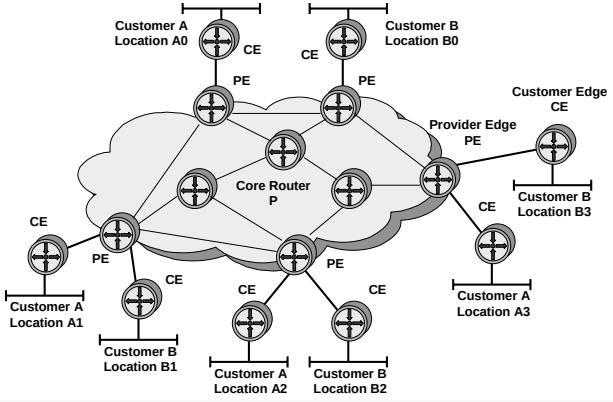
Virtual Private Networks based on IP

- single technology end-to-end
  - IP forwarding and IP routing
- no WAN switches in the core
  - based on different technology (X.25, FR or ATM)
  - administered by different management techniques
- but accounting and quality of service just coming in the IP world
  - X.25, FR and ATM have it already
- often private means cases control over separation but not privacy
  - data are seen in clear-text in the core
  - encryption techniques can solve this problem
  - but encryption means must be in the hand of the customer

VPN´s based on Peer Model

Physical Topology IP VPN



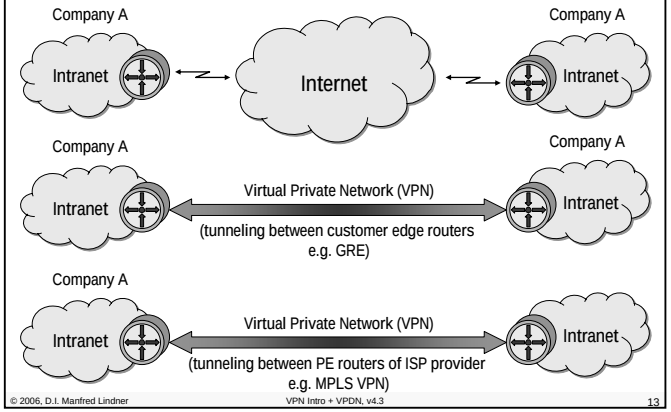
Possible Solutions for IP VPN´s

- **IP addresses of customers non overlapping**
  - filtering and policy routing techniques can be used in order to guarantee separation of IP traffic
    - exact technique depends on who manages routes at the customer site
- **IP addresses of customers overlapping**
  - tunneling techniques must be used in order to guarantee separation of IP traffic
    - GRE
    - L2F, PPTP, L2TP
    - MPLS-VPN
- **If privacy is a topic**
  - encryption techniques must be used
    - SSL/TLS, IPsec

Tunneling Solutions for IP VPN´s

- **Tunneling techniques are used in order to guarantee separation of IP traffic**
  - IP in IP Tunneling or GRE (Generic Routing Encapsulations)
    - Bad performance on PE router
  - PPTP or L2TP for LAN to LAN interconnection
    - Originally designed for PPP Dial-up connections
    - LAN – LAN is just a special case
  - MPLS-VPN
    - Best performance on PE router
- **In all these cases**
  - Privacy still an aspect of the customer

Tunneling IP VPNs without Encryption



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Encryption Solutions for IP VPN´s

- **If privacy is a topic tunneling techniques with encryption are used in order to hide IP traffic**
  - SSL (secure socket layer)
    - Usually end-to-end
    - Between TCP and Application Layer
  - IPsec
    - Could be end-to-end
    - Could be between special network components (e.g. firewalls, VPN concentrators) only
    - Between IP and TCP/UDP Layer
  - PPTP and L2TP Tunnels
    - With encryption turned on via PPP option

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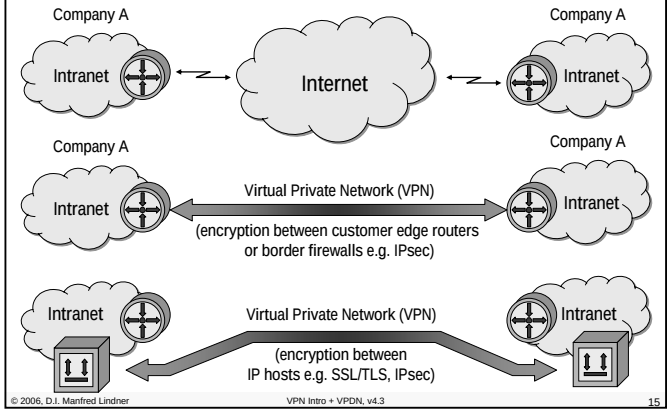

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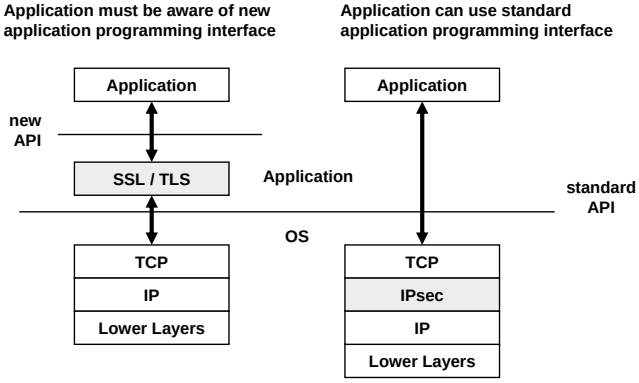
SSL/TLS versus IPsec



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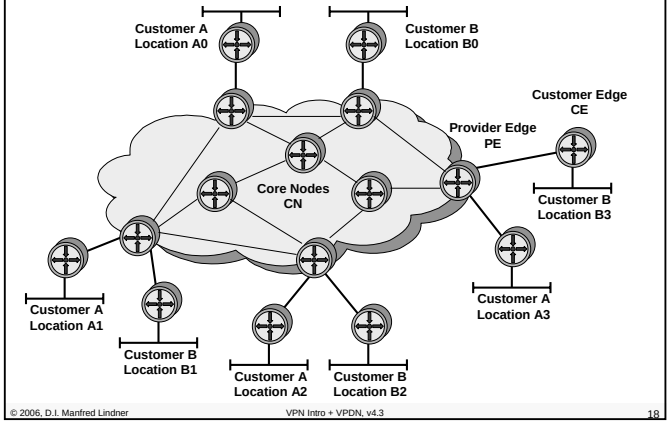
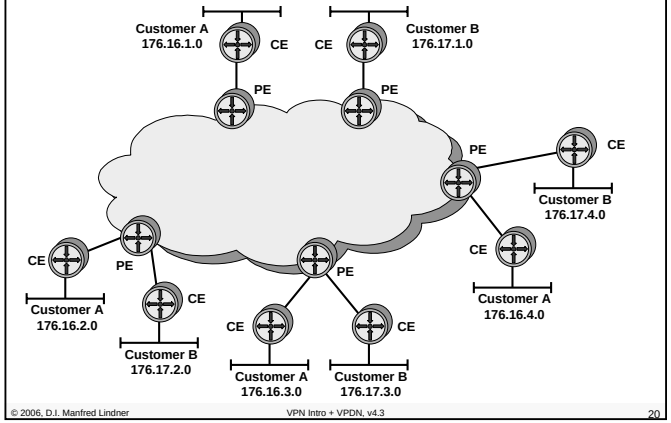


IP Addressing non overlapping (1)

- **one IP address space**
  - in the core and at the customer sites
- **one routing domain**
  - dynamic routing protocols in the core transport network information about all customer networks and all core networks
- **challenge for the provider**
  - to give every customer only network information about own networks
  - to discard packets with wrong destination address coming from a given customer
  - several ways to achieve depending on the control of the routers at the customer site

IP Addressing non overlapping (2)



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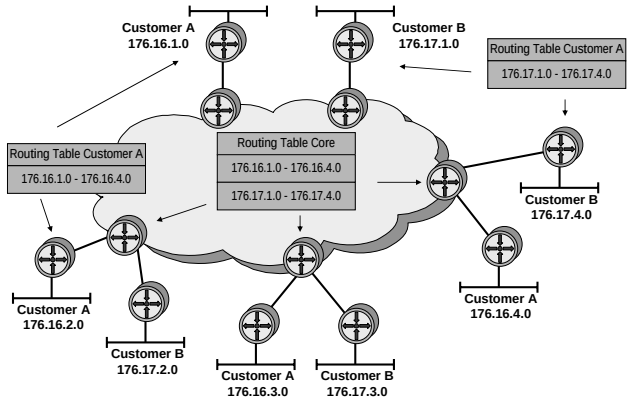

Routers under different control (1)

- **CE router controlled by customer:**
  - routing:
    - static routing to the core
      or
    - dynamic routing to the core
    - (no default route)
  - data packet filtering:
    - (incoming packets concerning source and destination address)
    - (…) can be done because of security reasons
  - static routes and data packet filtering means
    - administrative overhead at the customer site
  - default routing problem e.g. for Internet connectivity
    - must be solved by tunneling

Routers under different control (2)

- **PE router controlled by provider:**
  - routing:
    - dynamic routing in the core
    - static routing to the customer with route redistribution of static routes into the core
      or
    - dynamic routing with route filtering to the customer
  - data packet filtering:
    - incoming packets concerning source and destination address
  - static routes / dynamic routing with route filtering and data packet filtering means big administrative overhead at the provider site and have performance impacts on PE routers

All routers under provider control (1)

- **CE router at the customer site:**
  - routing:
    - dynamic routing to the core
    - no default route
- **PE router**
  - routing:
    - dynamic routing in the core
    - dynamic routing with route filtering to the customer
- **for the provider less administrative overhead than routers under different control**

All routers under provider control (2)

- **special case if two customers are merged at the customer edge and not at the distribution or core area**
  - this router needs full information about all networks
    - in order to forward packets to all destinations
  - therefore separation of customers based on different routing tables is not possible
  - hence data packet filtering is necessary
    - based on incoming packets concerning source and destination address

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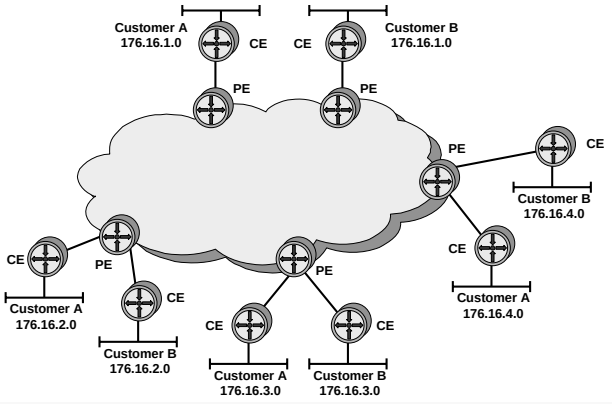
IP Addressing overlapping (1)

- **separated IP address spaces**
  - in the core and at the customer sites
- **needs either NAT at CE**
  - solutions are the same as with non overlapping addresses
- **or different routing domains**
  - dynamic routing protocols in the core are independent from dynamic routing protocols of the customer networks
- **challenge for the provider**
  - to separate routing domains
  - several ways to achieve depending on the control of the routers at the customer site

IP Addressing overlapping (2)



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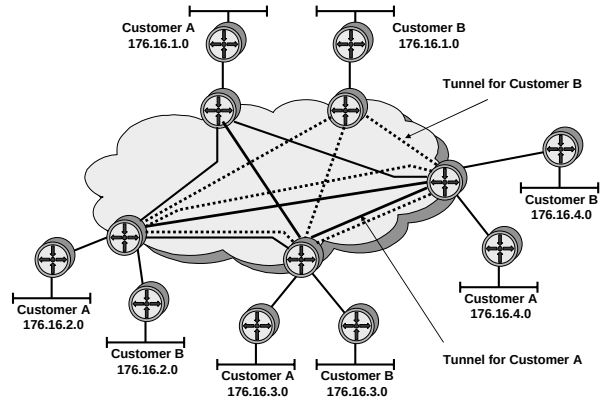

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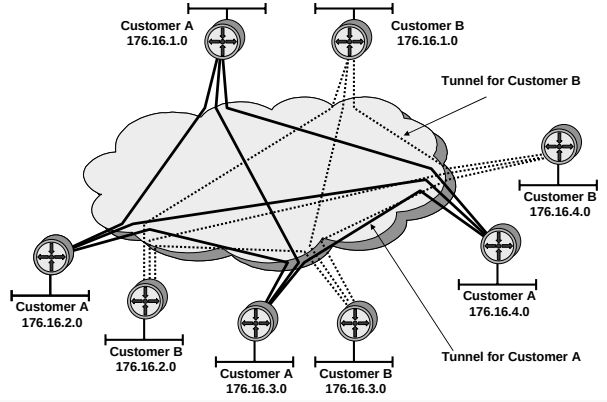
    - incoming packets concerning source and destination address
  - default routing e.g. for Internet connectivity
    - can be solved in accordance with the provider by a special tunnel to the Internet exit point

Routers under different control (2)

- **PE routers controlled by provider:**
  - dynamic routing in the core for knowing about tunnel-endpoints
  - ip policy routing
    - traffic from a given interface can be forwarded only to certain tunnels
    - depending on the destination address a next hop is set
      - next hop points to a specific tunnel
    - for unknown destinations next hop is set to null0 interface
      - these packets are discarded
- **tunneling and ip policy routing**
  - administrative overhead at the provider site
  - performance and scalability impacts

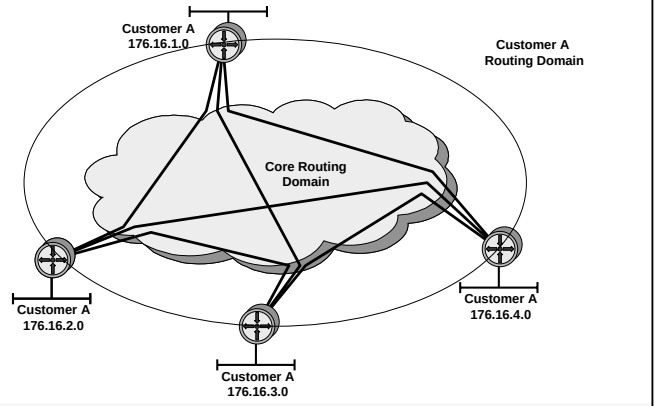
IP Addressing overlapping Scenario 2



All routers under provider control

- **CE routers at the customer site:**
  - routing:
    - dynamic routing to the core for knowing about tunnel-endpoints
    - static routes to all customer destinations to find the right tunnel
      or
    - dynamic routing to all customer destinations
      - second dynamic routing process
      - information is not given to the core
- **PE routers**
  - dynamic routing in the core
  - will not see customer networks

Result: Routing Domain for Customer A



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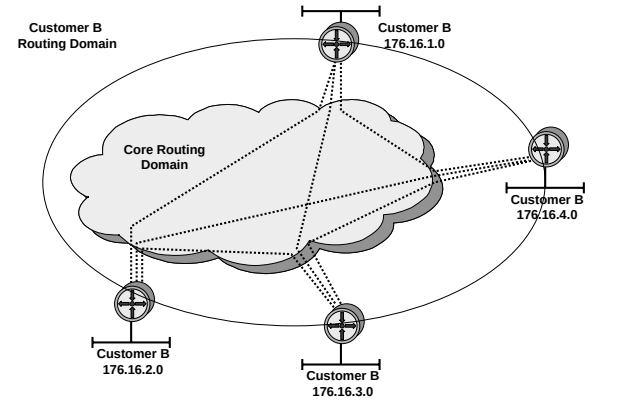

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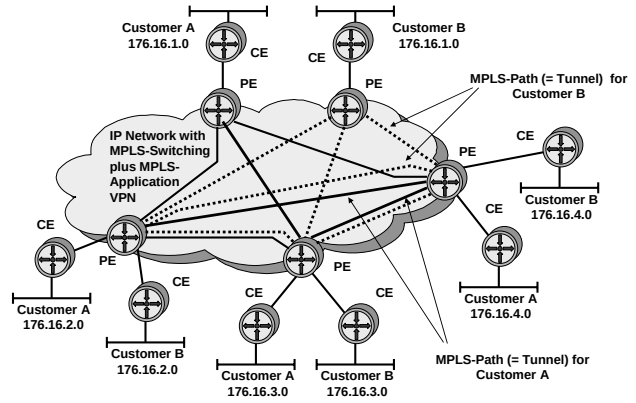
MPLS-VPN



MPLS VPN – Best of Both Worlds

- **Combines VPN Overlay model with VPN Peer model**
- **PE routers allow route isolation**
  - By using Virtual Routing and Forwarding Tables (VRF) for differentiating routes from the customers
  - Allows overlapping address spaces
- **PE routers participate in P-routing**
  - Hence optimum routing between sites
  - Label Switches Paths are used within the core network
  - Easy provisioning (sites only)
- **Overlapping VPNs possible**
  - By a simple (?) attribute syntax

What does MPLS VPN mean for the Provider?

- **Requires MPLS Transport within the core**
  - Using the label stack feature of MPLS
- **Requires MP-BGP among PE routers**
  - Supports IPv4/v6, VPN-IPv4, multicast
  - Default behavior: BGP-4
- **Requires VPN-IPv4 96 bit addresses**
  - 64 bit Route Distinguisher (RD)
  - 32 bit IP address
- **Every PE router uses one VRF for each VPN**
  - Virtual Routing and Forwarding Table (VRF)

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Intranet

- **most of today´s company networks are based on**
  - one or more of protocol techniques like
    - IP, IPX, NetBios, AppleTalk, etc
  - private addresses
  - several network access principles
    - constant connectivity
      - router/switches/leased lines
    - dial on demand connectivity
      - access server/security server/ISDN-PSTN
- **if network technology and <u>network applications</u> of a company network are based on TCP/IP protocol suite**
  - we call such a network ⇨ INTRANET

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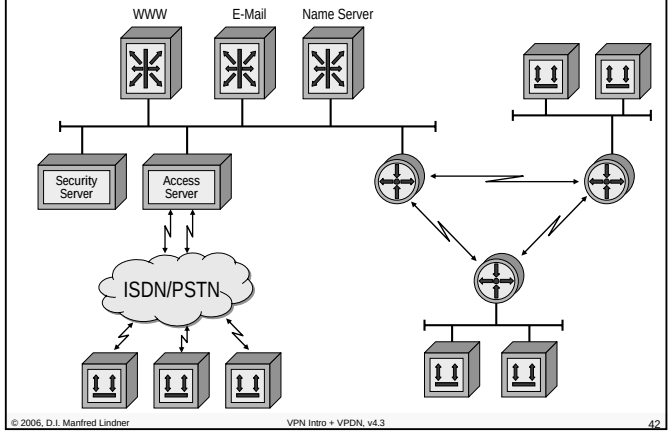

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RAS techniques for Intranets

- **lets talk about remote access techniques first**
  - functionality handled by remote clients, access server and security server
  - PPP protocol (RFC 1661, 1662)
  - PPP authentication methods
    - CHAP (RFC 1994)
    - PAP (RFC 1334)
  - these basic techniques are used by ISP and Intranets
  - encryption methods
    - end-to-end (IPsec; RFC 1825 - 1829)
    - end-to-access server (PPP encryption; draft-ietf-pppext-des-encrypt-v2-00.txt, RFC 1968, 2419, 2420)
    - in both cases remote PC must deal with encryption in order to achieve privacy!

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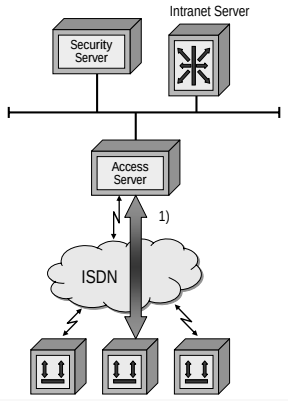

- **remote PC places ISDN call to access server, ISDN link is established (1)**

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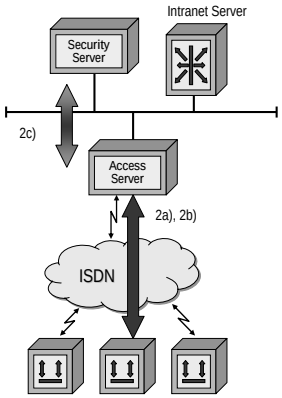
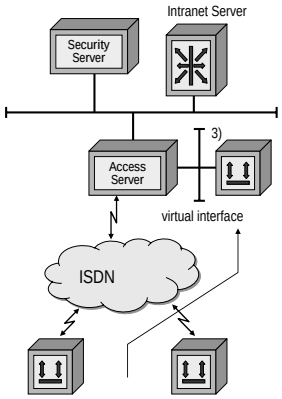
RAS Operation 2



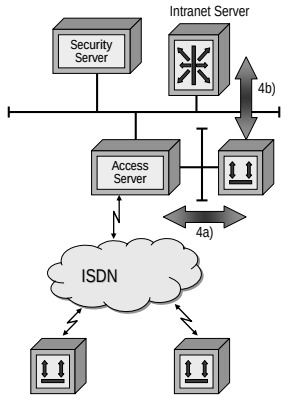
- **PPP link (multiprotocol over serial line) is established**
  - LCP (2a)
  - authentication
    - CHAP (2b)
    - verification done by central security server (2c)

RAS Operation 3



- **PPP NCP assigns IP address to remote PC**
- **remote PC appears as device reachable via virtual interface (3)**
- **optionally**
  - filter could be established on that virtual interface
    - authorization
  - accounting can be performed
    - actually done by security server (AAA server)
    - TACACS, TACACS+
    - Radius

RAS Operation 4



- **privacy on ISDN**
  - PPP encryption between remote PC and access server (4a)
- **privacy end-to-end**
  - IPsec efforts based on additional encryption header between IP and higher layers (4b)

Internet Access

- **access to the Internet:**
  - firewall to secure Intranet against hacker attacks
  - firewall to provide necessary connectivity for communication between Intranet hosts and other hosts located in the Internet
  - address translation to map certain private addresses to official IP addresses and vice versa
    - NAT network address translation gateway
  - firewall and NAT could be one box
- **but firewalls**
  - do not replace end system security
  - can compensate some weaknesses of end systems

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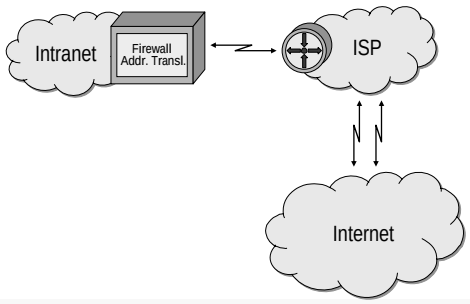

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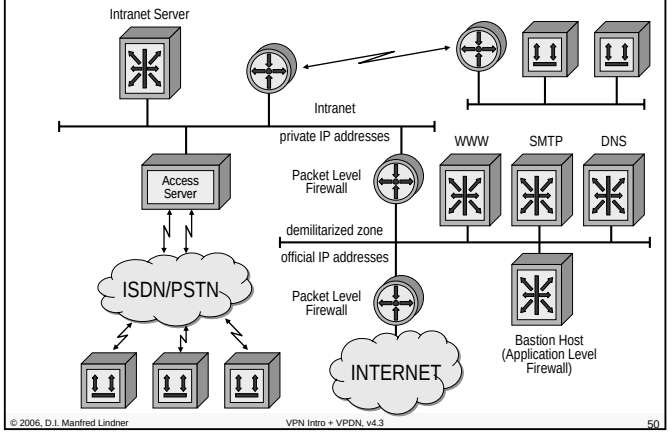
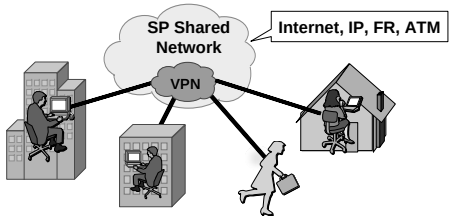


VPN Purpose

Customer connectivity deployed on a shared infrastructure with the same policies as a private network



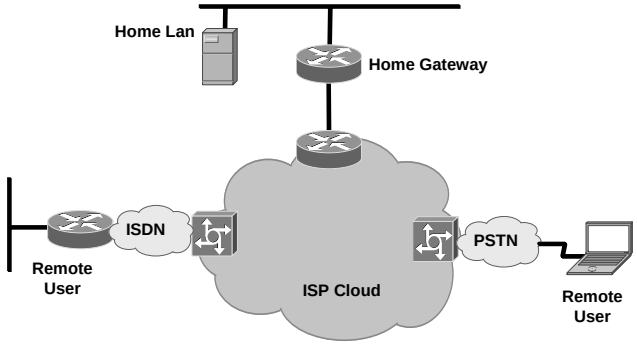
IP VPN Technologies

- **Two major IP VPN implementations**
  - Peer to Peer VPN , Service provider takes part in customer routing e.g. MPLS
  - Overlay VPN based on IP infrastructure, uses additional encapsulation technique to simulate virtual point to point connections between customer sites e.g. GRE, IPSEC, L2TP, PPTP, etc

VPDN Terminology

- **VPDN – Virtual Private Dial-up Networks**
  - When L2TP, L2F or PPTP are used to establish a virtual private connection accross remote access (dial-up) networks

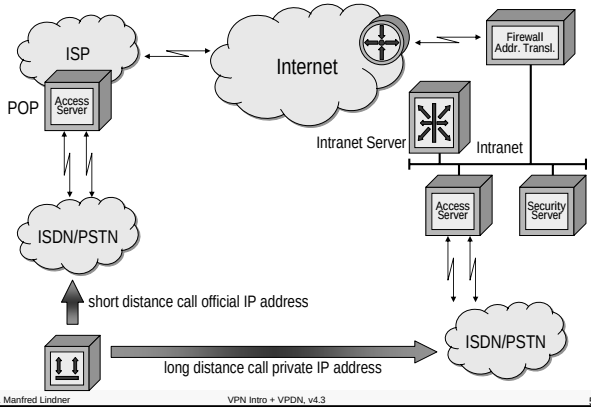
VPDN Overview



VPN in a Dial-Up Environment

- **what is really new with VPN and Internet?**
  - we have to look to the remote access part of a company´s Intranet
    - costs of long distance calls
    - aspects of administration and security
    - user convenience
  - remote access is one of the fastest growing areas of information technology
    - mobility
    - home office
    - costs of telephone circuits
- **answer: VPN in a dial up scenario -> VPDN**

Dial up Scenario Remote



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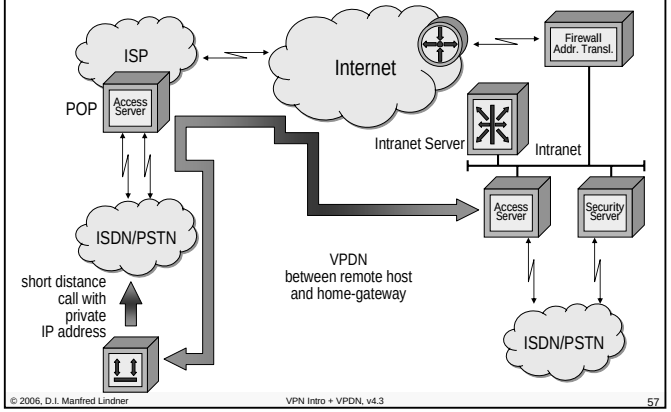

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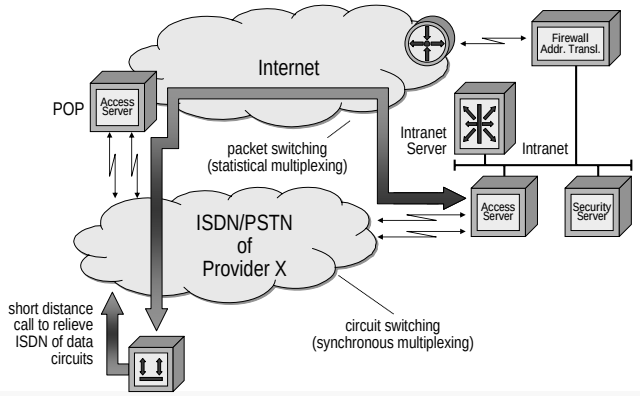
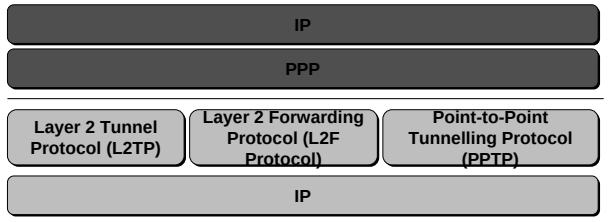


VPN and Dial Up

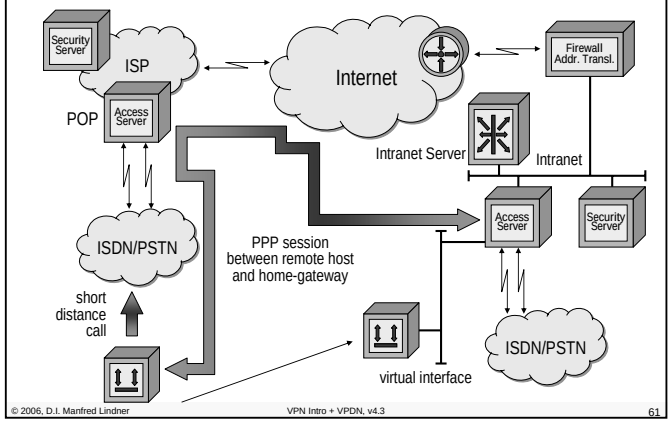
- **basic idea of VPN in a dial up environment**
  - extension of local PPP sessions between remote client and ISP to the native entry point of the Intranet (access server)
  - this is done by encapsulation of PPP packets into IP
- **several methods developed and deployed**
  - L2F Layer Two Forwarding Protocol (Cisco; RFC 2341)
  - PPTP Point-to-Point Tunneling Protocol (Microsoft; RFC 2637)
- **finally efforts to combine these proposals lead in**
  - L2TP Layer Two Tunneling Protocol (RFC 2661)

Layer 2 Overlay VPN Technologies



- **Used to transport PPP frames across a shared infrastructure, to simulate virtual point to point connections**

PPP extension



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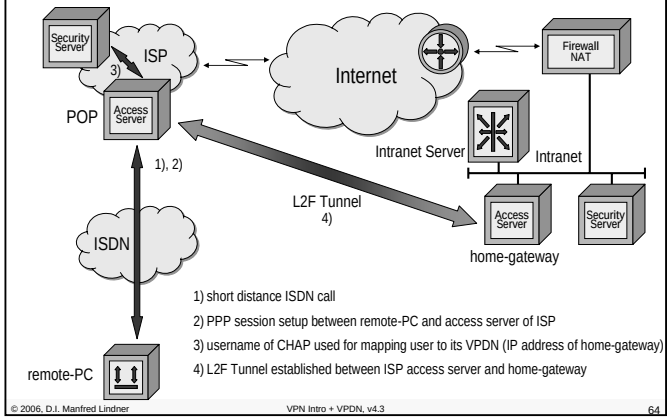
L2F Overview

- **Protocol, created by Cisco**
- **Not a Standard**
- **Defined in RFC 2341, May 1998**
- **Tunnelling of the Link Layer over Higher layer Protocols**

L2F



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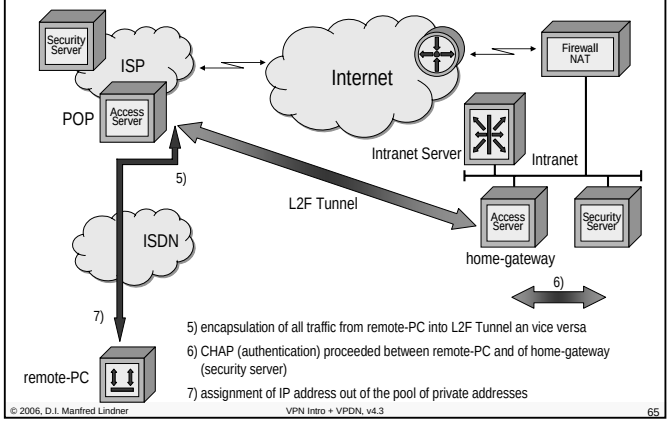
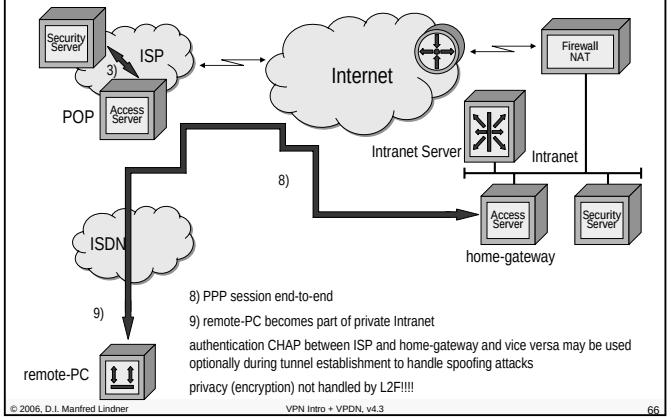


5) encapsulation of all traffic from remote-PC into L2F Tunnel an vice versa

6) CHAP (authentication) proceeded between remote-PC and of home-gateway (security server)

7) assignment of IP address out of the pool of private addresses

L2F



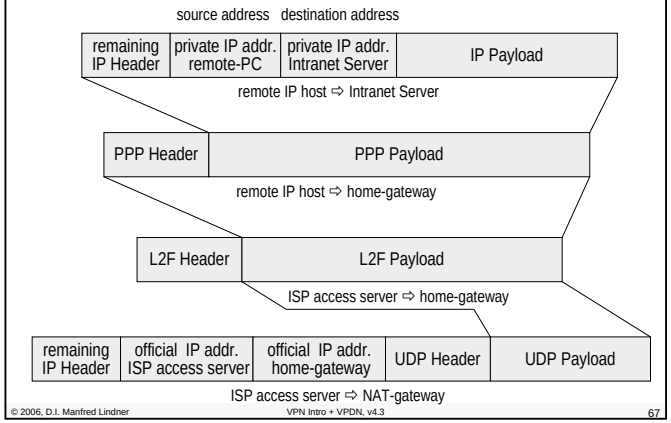
8) PPP session end-to-end

9) remote-PC becomes part of private Intranet

authentication CHAP between ISP and home-gateway and vice versa may be used optionally during tunnel establishment to handle spoofing attacks

privacy (encryption) not handled by L2F!!!!

L2F Encapsulation



L2F Facts

- **ISP provider must know the home-gateway of a certain user**
- **ISP provider must establish and maintain L2F tunnel**
  - different remote-clients are distinguished by “Multiplex ID”
- **remote PC must know about ISDN number of local ISP POP**
- **remote PC becomes part of private Intranet**

L2F Facts

- **NAT and firewall must allow communication between ISP access server and home-gateway**
- **L2F supports incoming calls only**
- **end system transparency**
  - neither the remote end system nor its home-site servers requires any special software to use this service

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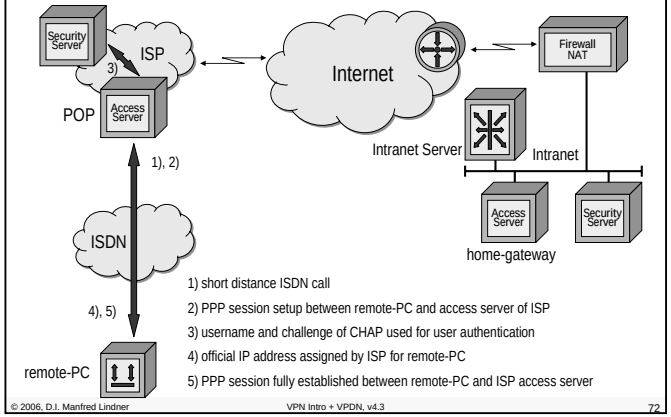
PPTP Overview

- **Created by a Vendor Consortium US-Robotics, Microsoft, 3COM, Ascend and ECI Telematics**
- **Supports multiprotocol VPNs with 40 and 128-bit encryption using Microsoft Point-to-Point Encryption (MPPE)**
- **Not a Standard**
- **RFC 2637 ,July 1999**
- **Tunnelling of PPP over IP network**
- **A Client-Sever Architecture**

PPTP



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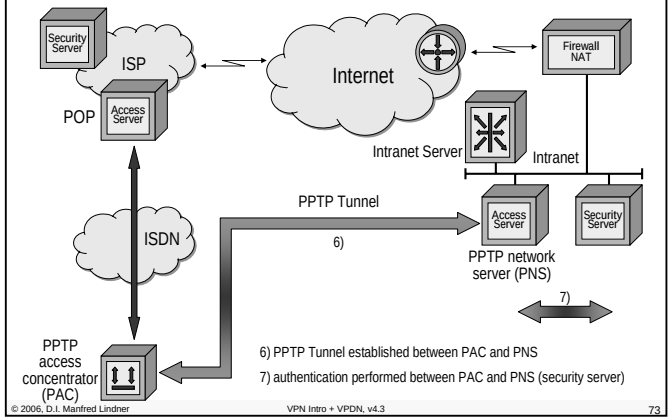

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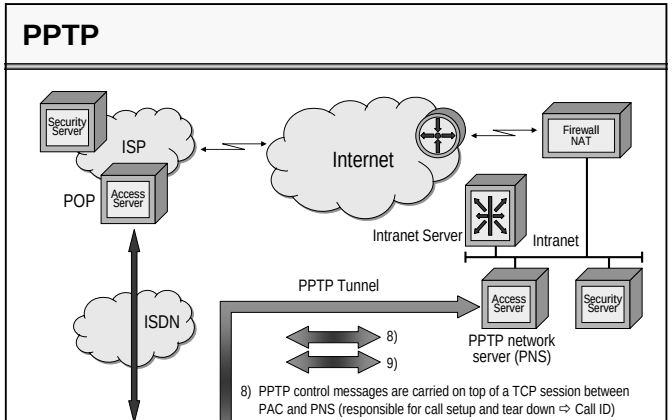
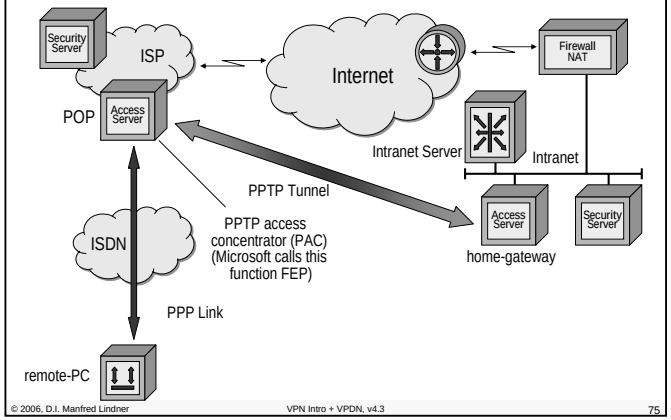


PPTP and ISP



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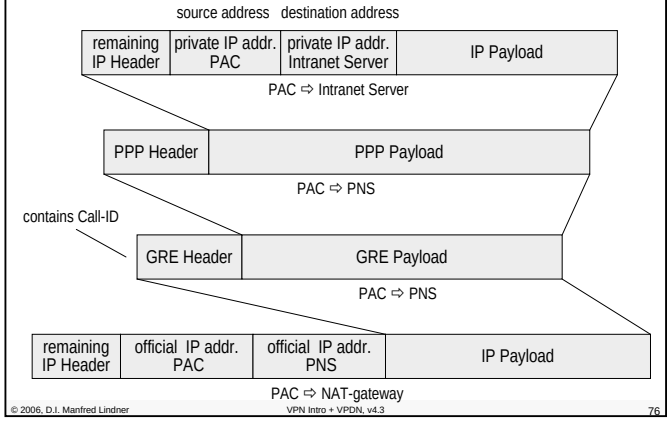

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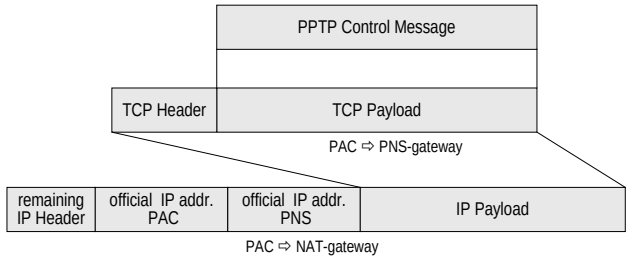

PPTP Facts

- **remote PC must know about ISDN number of local ISP POP and will be assigned a official IP address**
  - private addresses are used message-internal to reach Intranet server
- **NAT and Firewall must allow communication between any PAC and PNS**
  - that means more overhead than L2F at NAT and Firewall
- **PPTP may be used for incoming and outgoing calls**

PPTP Facts

- **PPTP can be used for direct LAN-to-LAN connectivity without Dial on Demand**
  - Microsoft VPN
- **encryption may be performed on PPTP data tunnel end-to-end (PAC to PNS)**
- **end system transparency is not given**
  - if remote-PC performs function of a PAC

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L2TP Overview

- **Protocol developed by the PPTP forum, Cisco and the IETF**
- **A Proposed Standard**
- **Defined in RFC 2661, August 1999**
- **Transparent Tunnelling of PPP over Intervening Network**
- **Supports IPSec encryption**

L2TP

- **follows the basic ideas of L2F**
  - end system transparency
  - only private address at remote-PC assigned
- **adapts PAC / PNS terminology and concept of Control / Data messages of PPTP**
  - LAC = L2TP Access Concentrator
    - ISP access server
  - LNS = L2TP Network Server
    - home-gateway
  - call establishment (assignment of CALL-ID), call management and call tear-down procedures
    - sounds a little bit like ISDN Signaling Q.931

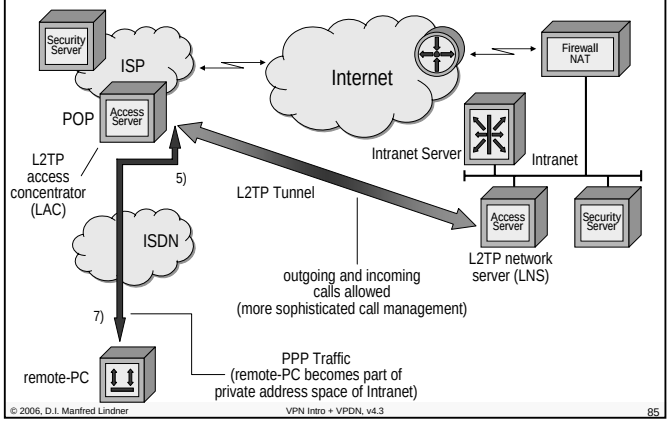
L2TP

- control messages and payload messages operates over a given tunnel in parallel
  - L2TF will be encapsulated in UDP or mapped to PVC or SVC
- control messages are carried reliable
  - retransmission based on sequence numbers
- AVP (attribute value pairs) technique is used for control message format
- CALL-ID used for multiplexing
  - of different calls over the same tunnel
- control messages can be sent in a secure way
  - using MD5 hash as kind of digital signature
  - tunnel peers must be authenticated by additional CHAP procedure between LNS and LAC before

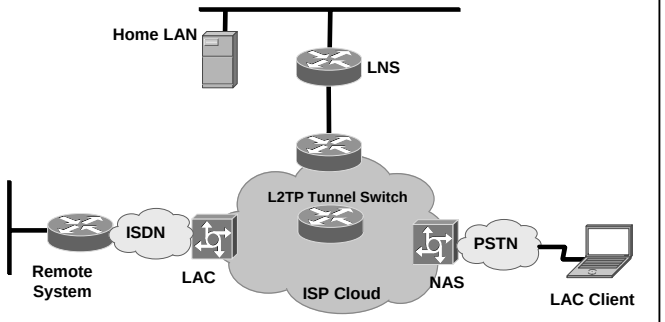
L2TP

- **different tunnels may be used between a given LAC / LNS pair**
  - for implementing different QoS for different users
- **optionally flow control techniques can be implemented**
  - to perform congestion control over the tunnel
- **support of accounting**
  - at LNS and LAC site
- **can be used for incoming and outgoing calls**
- **integrity of payload messages**
  - not covered by L2TP
  - still an end-to-end issue

L2TP



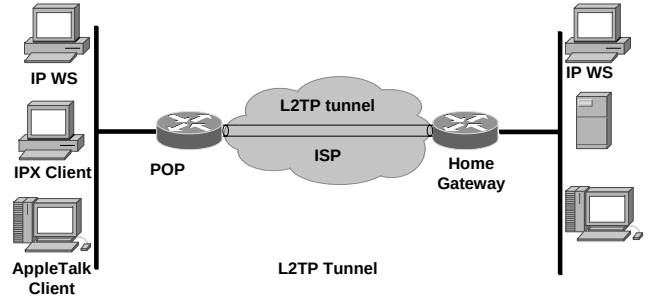
L2TP Terminology



L2TP devices

- **L2TP Network Server (LNS)**
  - The LNS is the logical termination point of a PPP session that is tunnelled from a remote system using L2TP encapsulation
- **L2TP Access Concentrator (LAC)**
  - Is a L2TP peer to the LNS
  - A LAC process could be run on a NAS or on a client PC itself
- **Network Access Server (NAS)**
  - Provides network access to users across a remote access network e.g. PSTN

L2TP Overview – Layer2 Multiprotocol Transport



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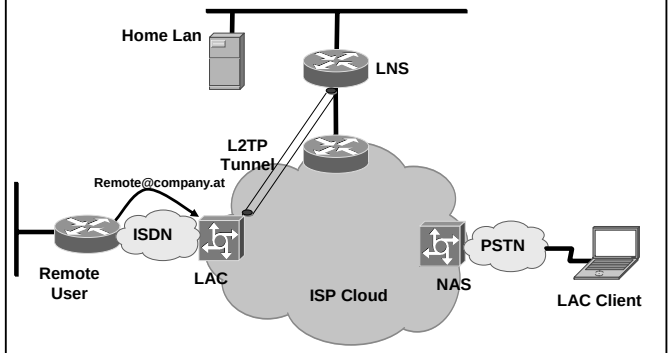

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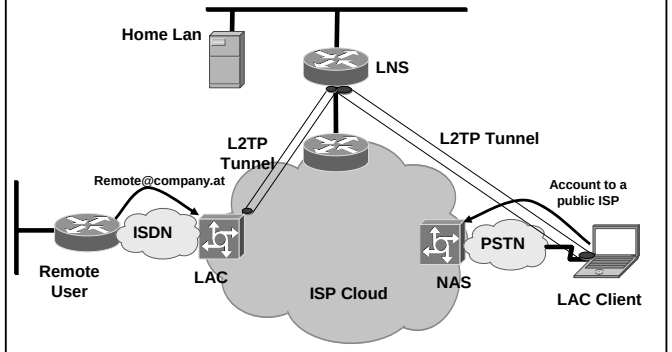
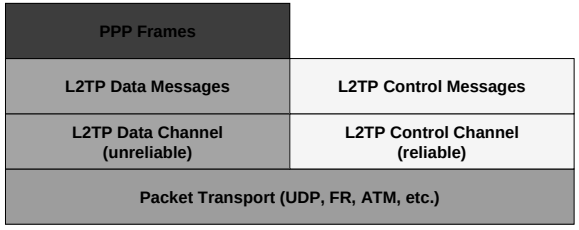


L2TP Messages Types

- **L2TP utilizes two types of messages**
- **Control Messages**
  - Used for the establishment, maintenance and clearing of L2TP tunnels
  - Are transported across a reliable control channel
- **Data Messages**
  - In L2TP encapsulated PPP frames
  - Are not retransmitted when a packet loss occurs

L2TP Structure



L2TP Header Format

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T	L	X	X	S	X	O	P	X	X	X	X	Ver
Length (optional)											
Tunnel ID											
Session ID											
Ns (optional)											
Nr (optional)											
Offset Size (optional)											
Offset padding... (variable, optional)											

L2TP Control Bits

- **Type (T) bit**
  - Indicates type of message
  - 0 = data message, 1 = control message
- **Length (L) bit**
  - L = 1 means length field present, must be set to 1 in control messages
- **X bits**
  - Are reserved for future use
- **Sequence (S) bit**
  - S = 1 indicate the presence of the Nr and Ns counters, must be 1 in control messages
- **Offset (O) bit**
  - O = 1 indicate the presence of the offset field, must be 0 in control messages
- **Priority (P) bit**
  - P = 1 indicates preferential treatment, typically used in data messages

L2TP Header Fields

- **Length field**
  - Indicates the total length of the message in bytes
- **Tunnel ID**
  - Identifier for Control Connection
  - Only Locally Significant
- **Session ID**
  - Identifier for Session in the Tunnel
  - Only Locally Significant
- **Nr Sequence Number**
  - Used to Acknowledge received control messages
- **Ns Sequence Number**
  - Send Sequence number of actual control message
- **Offset Field**
  - Indicates the start of the payload data

Types of Control Messages

Control Connection Management

0	Reserved	
1	SCCRQ	Start-Control-Connection-Request
2	SCCRP	Start-Control-Connection-Reply
3	SCCCN	Start-Control-Connection-Connected
4	StopCCN	Stop-Control-Connection-Notification
5	Reserved	
6	HELLO	Hello

Types of Control Messages

	Call Management	
7	OCRQ	Outgoing-Call-Request
8	OCRP	Outgoing-Call-Reply
9	OCCN	Outgoing-Call-Connected
10	ICRQ	Incoming-Call-Request
11	ICRP	Incoming-Call-Reply
12	ICCN	Incoming-Call-Connected
13	Reserved	
14	CDN	Call-Disconnect-Notify
	Error Reporting	
15	WEN	WAN-Error-Notify
	PPP Session Control	
16	SLI	Set-Link-Info

AVP Control Message extensions

- **AVP – Attribute Value Pair**
  - Used to exchange and negotiate more detailed L2TP session related information e.g. Window size, Host names, call serial number etc.
- **Uniform method for encoding message types and payload**
- **Several „Well Known“ AVPs are defined**

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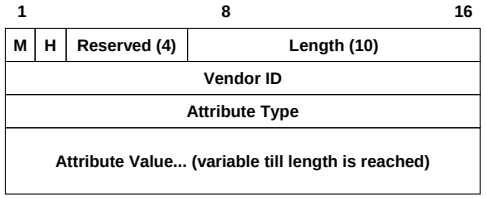


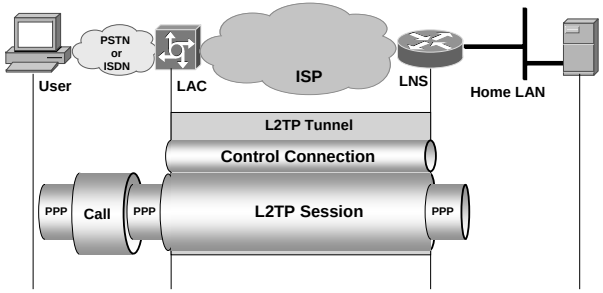
AVP Bits

- **Mandatory (M) bit**
  - Controls the Behaviour for Unrecognized AVPs
- **Hidden (H) bit**
  - Responsible for Hiding Data of AVP
- **Length field**
  - Defines the Number of Octets in AVP
- **Vendor ID**
  - ID = 0 indicates IETF standardized AVP types

Some of „Well Known“ AVPs

- Message Type
- Random Vector
- Result Code
- Protocol Version
- Framing Capabilities
- Bearer Capabilities
- Bearer Type
- Tie Breaker
- Firmware Revision
- Host Name
- Vendor Name
- Assigned Tunnel ID
- Receive Window Size
- Challenge
- Challenge Response
- Q.931 Cause Code
- Assigned Session ID
- Call Serial Number
- Min and Max BPS
- Framing Type
- Caller Number
- Calling Number

L2TP Operation



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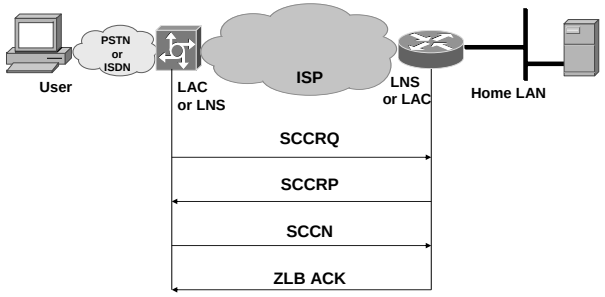
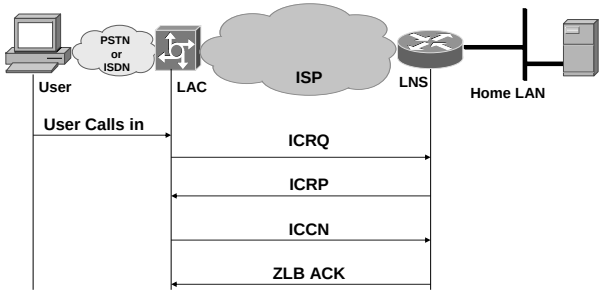


L2TP Tunnel Authentication

- Similar to CHAP
- Optional
- Using a Challenge AVP
- Included in SCCRQ or SCCRP Messages
- A Single Shared Password

L2TP Incoming Call



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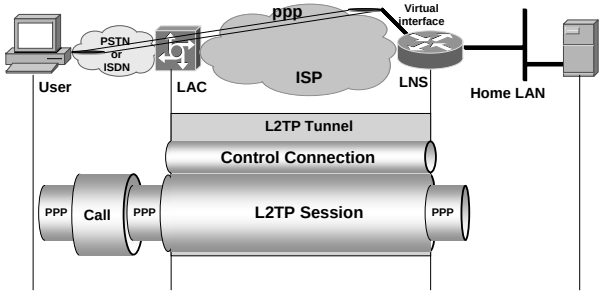

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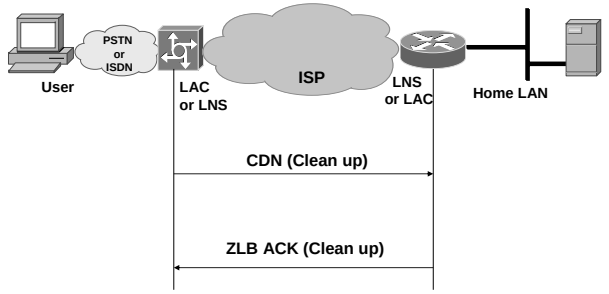

L2TP over UDP/IP

- **Using UDP Port 1701**
  - Might be Changed by LAC or LNS, Could Cause a Problem for NAT
- **IP Fragmentation May be Involved**
  - LCP Could negotiate MRU
- **Recommended to Use UDP Checksum**

L2TP Security

- **Tunnel Endpoint Security**
  - Optional, Performed by LAC and LNS
- **Packet Level Security**
  - the lower layer uses encryption
- **End to End Security**
  - Using a Secure Transport
- **L2TP and IPsec**
  - IPsec is in charge of packet level security (RFC 3193)

