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# Security Architecture for IP (IPsec)

Security Association (SA), AH-Protocol, ESP-Protocol Operation-Modes, Internet Key Exchange Protocol (IKE)

# Agenda

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Overview

• AH Protocol

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# **IP Security Discussion Raise with IPv6**

## • End-to-end security

- will become more and more important when Internet goes to the commercial world
- e.g. shopping in the Internet (save transmission of credit card numbers, electronic money, identity of the sender in case of an order via Internet, integrity of electronic bills etc.)

#### Question was

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 if the next generation IP protocol (IPv6) should provide end-to-end security as integral part of itself

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# **IPv6 Security Aspects**

#### • After heated discussions IESG decided

- basic building blocks (without non-repudiation) of network security should be part of IPv6 functionality
- a vendor of an IPv6 implementation must include support of these basic building blocks in order to be standardcompliant

 does not mean that the use of authentication and encryption blocks is required; only support must be guaranteed

- IPv6 security follows the general IPsec recommendations
   RCF 2401 (Former RFC 1825) Security Architecture for IP (IPv4 and IPv6)
- difference of security aspects between IPv4 and IPv6

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- security in IPv6 is an integral part of it
- · security in IPv4 must is an add on

# **End-to-End Security**

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#### · Basic building blocks for end-to-end security

- authentication and integrity
- authentication provides identity of sender
- integrity ensures that senders message was not changed on the way through the network
- confidentiality or privacy

• message cannot be read by others than authorized receiver

- non-repudiation (!!! not covered by IPsec !!!)
   the sender cannot later repudiate the contents of the message
- Techniques used for these building blocks
  - HMAC and Digital Signature (CA, RSA)
  - encryption (DES, 3DES, IDEA, AES)
  - key distribution techniques (DH, CA, IKE, KDC)

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# **Security Architecture for IP**

#### The goal of the IPsec architecture

- provision of various security services for traffic at the IP layer in both IPv4 and IPv6 environments
- in a standardized and universal way
- "Security Framework"

#### • Before IPsec

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- existing solutions were mostly on the application layer (SSL, S/MIME, ssh, ...)
- existing solutions on the network layer were all propriety

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 e.g. it was complicated, time demanding and expensive to establish multi-application or multi-vendor virtual private networks (VPNs)

# Elements of IPsec

#### • Security Architecture for IP

- originally defined in RFC 2401
- obsoleted by RFC 4301 since Dec 2005
- describes how to provide a set of security services for traffic at the IP layer

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- describes the requirements for systems that implement IPsec, the fundamental elements of such systems, and how the elements fit together and fit into the IP environment
- it also describes the security services offered by the IPsec protocols, and how these services can be employed in the IP environment.
- Security Associations (SA)

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- what they are and how they work, how they are managed and their associated processing
- Security Policy Database (SPD)
- Security Association Database (SAD)

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# What IPsec does?

#### IPsec enables a system

 to select required security protocols, determine the algorithm's to use for the services, and put in place any cryptographic keys required to provide the requested services

#### • IPsec can be used

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- to protect one or more "paths" between a pair of hosts, between a pair of security gateways (VPN), or between a security gateway and a host
- security gateway could be for example, a router or a firewall implementing IPsec

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- VPN concentrator is another name for such a device if several SA pairs are terminated at the same point
- VPN is by far the most usual application of IPsec

What IPsec does?

#### The set of security services that IPsec can provide includes

- access control

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- prevents unauthorized use of a resource
- the resource to which access is being controlled is
- for a host -> computing cycles or data
- for a security gateway -> network behind the gateway or bandwidth on that network
- connectionless integrity
  - detects modification of individual IP datagram's
- data origin authentication
- rejection of replayed packets (optional)
- detects arrival of duplicate IP datagram's within a constrained window
  confidentiality (anarytica)
- confidentiality (encryption)
- all these services are provided at the IP layer
  - hence they can be used by any higher layer protocol e.g., TCP, UDP, ICMP, BGP, etc.

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# **IPsec in Praxis**

- "IPsec used anywhere"
  - Firewall, Router, Hosts
  - VPN
    - Site-to-Site
    - Remote-to-Site
    - Client-to-Site
  - Scalable solutions available
  - Easy to implement
  - Defined for end-to-end security but not frequently used between end systems

#### • Encryption performance

- Original standards: DES and Triple-DES
- Today migration to AES already done (more efficient, longer keys)

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- HW versus SW encryption power
  - e.g. crypto engines on router for higher performance

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# AH Security Service (RFC 2402, 4302)

#### AH provides

- IP datagram sender authentication by HMAC or MAC
- IP datagram integrity assurance by HMAC or MAC
- replay detection and protection via sequence number (optional)

#### • AH does not provide

- non-repudiation because of usage of secret-keys (shared keys) for HMAC or MAC
  - note: a real Digital Signature needs usage of public-key technique by signing a message with the private-key
- confidentiality (encryption)
- authentication for IP fragments
- therefore IP fragments must be assembled before authentication is checked (better avoid it by MTU path discovery)
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A	uthenticat	ion Header	(AH)	
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4		Security Parame	eters Index (SPI)	
8		Sequence	e Number	
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# Authentication Header (AH)

#### Next Header (8 bits)

- indicates the next header following the AH header
- same values allowed as protocol field in IPv4 header
  - IP in IP (4), TCP (6), UDP (17), ICMP (1), OSPF (89), etc
  - next header value of immediately preceding header = 51 (AH)
- Length
  - length of AH header
    - number of 32-bit words
- Security Parameter Index
  - a 32-bit number identifying (together with IP destination address) the security association for this IP datagram
  - SPI value 0 is reserved for local implementation specific use and must not be sent on the wire IP Sec v4.7

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# Authentication Header (AH)

#### • Sequence number:

- monotonically increasing counter value (mandatory and always present)
- defined in RFC 2085
- prevention against replay attacks enabled by default
- mandatory for transmitter but the receiver need not act upon it
- every new SA resets this number to zero (thus first packet = 1), no cycling: after sending the 232nd packet, a new SA must be established
- RFC 4302 allows usage of 64 bit sequence numbers

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# Authentication Header (AH)

#### Authentication Data:

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- contains Integrity Check Value (ICV)
  - all fields behind AH header plus predictable field of IP header before AH (that means TTL, checksum, ToS/DSCP fields are regarded to be zero for ICV calculation)
- the algorithm for authentication is free and must be negotiated
- mandatory default calculation of the authentication data must be supported
  - HMAC with keyed-MD5 (RFC 2403), 128 bit secret-key
  - HMAC with keyed-SHA-1 (RFC 2404), 160 bit secret-key
- alternative
  - DES-CBC based MAC
- non-repudiation (IP datagram signing) is not supported! IP Sec v47

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# ESP Security Service (RFC 2406, 4303) ESP provides confidentiality (encryption of payload with secret-key algorithm) replay detection and protection via sequence number (optional) IP datagram sender authentication by HMAC (optional) IP datagram integrity assurance by HMAC (optional) ESP does not provide key distribution encryption of IP fragments therefore IP fragments must be assembled before decryption

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E	ncapsulating Se	ecurity	Payload (I	ESP)	
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8	Payload maybe starting wi (e.g. Initiali	I Data Fiel th cryptog ization Veo	d (variable length raphic synchroni ctor IV for DES-C	) zation data BC)	
			Padding (0-255	bytes)	
	Padding (0-255 by	/tes)	Pad Length	Next Head	er
	ESP Au	thenticatio	on Data (optional	)	
	note: ESP was o and later same s	originally de structure wa	fined as extension as used also for IP	header for IPv /4	6
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# **ESP Header, Payload**

#### • SPI and Sequence Number

- used for same functions as in the AH header
  defining SA and prevention of replay attack
- this are the only fields of ESP transmitted in cleartext
- RFC 4303 allows usage of 64 bit sequence numbers

#### • Payload Field of ESP is encrypted

- actual format depends on encryption method
  - e.g. location of Initialization Vector (IV) for DES-CBC
  - note: in such a case every IP datagram must contain an IV because IP datagram's may arrive out of sequence

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# **ESP** Trailer

#### Padding Field

- is used to fill the plaintext to the size required by the encryption algorithm (e.g. the block size of a block cipher)
- is used to align 4 byte boundaries
- Pad Length
  - pointer to end of data
- Next Header

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 identifies the type of data contained in the Payload Data Field, e.g., an extension header in IPv6 or an upper layer protocol identifier

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same values allowed as protocol field in IPv4 header

# **ESP Encryption Methods**

#### Mandatory default transformation of the data

- DES-CBC (Data Encryption Standard Cipher Block Chaining)
- parameter field contains Initialization Vector (IV) field
   Triple-DES, Blowfish, IDEA, RC5 and AES as
- alternative
- see RFC 2451
- An ESP "Null" algorithm must be supported
  - see RFC 2401

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- see RFC 2410 where it is praised for ease of implementation, great speed and simplicity ;-)
- Optional authentication
  - HMAC with keyed-MD5 or HMAC with keyed-SHA-1

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# Security Association (SA)

#### • What is a SA in context of IPsec?

- it is a cryptographically protected "simplex" connection between two peers affording security services

- note:

• for a bidirectional connection between two peers two SA's are necessary, one for each direction

• for every method (AH or ESP) a separate SA is necessary

#### • SA is uniquely identified by the triple

- Security Parameter Index (SPI)
- IP Destination Address of peer
- Security Protocol Identifier (AH or ESP)
- note: these are components of the received IP datagram IP Sec v47

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# Inbound/Outbound Traffic

#### • Security Policy Database (SPD)

- contains policy for handling of IP datagram's to be sent (outbound) or received (inbound) on an interface
  - given category of IP datagram should be dropped
  - given category of IP datagram should be forwarded without IPsec
  - given category of IP datagram should be forwarded with IPsec
- categories are identified by selectors (traffic selectors)
  - e.g. Access Control List (ACL)
- entries for outbound traffic
  - pointer to SAD entry
- entries for inbound traffic
  - note: for inbound datagram's corresponding SAD entry is found based on IP destination address, SPI and Service Profile Identifier of packet

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# Introduction

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#### • IPsec works if SAs are set up between peers

- the algorithms are determined, the session key are established, and so on
- SA management and key exchange techniques are necessary
  - either manual distribution
  - or automatic on demand distribution
- Automatic solution for IPsec
  - IKE (Internet Key Exchange, RFC 2409)
  - protocol for doing mutual authentication in a secure way and establishing a shared secret in order to create IPsec SAs

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took many years to come out of IETF

History 1 • Original contenders for such a protocol - Photuris (RFC 2522) • signed anonymous DH • stateless cookies - SKIP (Simple Key-Management for Internet Protocols) • http://skip.incog.com/inet-95.ps • perfect forward secrecy • avoid long term DH values • While fighting - ISAKMP (Internet Security Association and Key Management Protocol, RFC 2408) emerged • it is not a protocol

- it is a framework in which message fields could be exchanged in
- order to create such a key exchange protocol
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#### History

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#### • But IKE was incomplete

- hence another document was created
- "The Internet IP Security Domain of Interpretation (DOI) for ISAKMP" (RFC2407)

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 DOI specifies a particular use of ISAKMP · like a profile defining which parameters could be chosen

#### In order to implement IKE

- you must know RFCs 2407 (DOI), 2408 (ISAKMP) and 2409 (IKE)
- very confusing, complex, inconsistent and unreadable
  - note IETF will come out with an consolidated RFC for replacement
- although the world did manage to have interoperable implementations IP Sec v47

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# **IKE General Aspects**

- IKE complexity to guard against a number of attacks:
  - base for key determination is DH number exchange
    - DH must be protected against man-in-the-middle-attack and therefore a form of an authenticated DH exchange is needed
  - denial of service attack
    - · cookies: the messages are constructed with unique cookies that can be used to quickly identify and reject invalid messages without the need to execute processor-intensive cryptographic operations
- man-in-the-middle attack:

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• protection is provided against the common attacks, such as deletion of messages, modification of messages, reflecting messages back to the sender, replaying of old messages, and redirection of messages to unintended recipients

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# **IKE General Aspects**

## IKE complexity to guard against a number of attacks (cont.):

- perfect forward secrecy (PFS):

- compromise of past keys provides no useful clues for breaking any other key, whether it occurred before or after the compromised key; each refreshed key will be derived without any dependence on predecessor keys
- Transport of IKE messages
  - runs on top of UDP
  - port number 500 on both sides
  - starts with ISAKMP header followed by payloads
    - header fields and payload types defined by ISAKMP
    - protocol procedures defined by IKE

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# **IKE Phases** Phase 1 - does mutual authentication and establishes session keys (initial DH keying material) between two entities - authentication is based on identities such as names and secrets such as public-key pairs or pre-shared secrets - exchanges are known as ISAKMP SA or IKE SA - main mode versus aggressive mode Phase 2

- multiple phase 2 SAs between the two entities can be established (e.g. an ESP SA or AH SA)
- based on session keys established in phase 1 (initial DH keying material)

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- quick mode

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# **IKE Phases**

# • Phase 1 modes

- main mode provides integrity protection
- aggressive mode uses fewer rounds

#### SA of phase 1 (= IKE SA)

- is used to do further negotiations

#### • In phase 2

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- establishment of SA for data communication

- protected by SA of phase 1 (IKE SA)

## Perfect Forward Secrecy (PFS)

- new DH exchange performed for each new phase 2 SA

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- without PFS DH values of phase 1 are used

**IKE Phase 1 - Modes** 

#### Main mode

- do mutual authentication and establishment of session keys in six messages

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- additional functionality
  - · hide endpoint identifiers (usernames) from eavesdropper
  - more flexibility in negotiating of cryptographic parameters

# Aggressive mode

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- do mutual authentication and establishment of session keys in three messages

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# **IKE Phase 1 - Keys**

## Key types used for authentication

- public signature key
- public key encryption (original specification)
- public key encryption (revised specification)
- pre-shared secret key
- 8 possibilities for doing phase 1 !!!
- · main and aggressive mode for each of the four

# • Session keys for IKE SA

- integrity key
- encryption key

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- both are secret-keys used for symmetric algorithms

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Public Signature Keys - Session Keys for IKE SA
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• Session Key Preparation

SKEYID = prf (nonces, g<sup>ab</sup> mod p)

- prf ... pseudo random function like a hash function
   note: SKEYID depends on authentication keys used
- SKEYID is the seed for all other keys
  - IKE SA and IPsec SAs !!!
- SKEYID\_d = prf (SKEYID, ( g<sup>ab</sup> mod p, cookies, 0)
  - secret bits to create the other keys
- IKE SA Session Key Building
  - <u>integrity key</u> SKEYID\_a =

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- prf (SKEYID, (SKEYID\_d ( g<sup>ab</sup> mod p, cookies, 1))
- encryption key SKEYID\_e =

prf (SKEYID, (SKEYID\_a ( g<sup>ab</sup> mod p, cookies, 2))

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# Pre-shared Secret-Key - Session Keys for IKE SA

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  - Pre-shared Keys Aggressive-Mode
  - Public Encryption Keys Main-Mode (Revised)
  - Public Encryption Keys Aggressive-Mode (Original)
  - IKE Phase 2
    ISAKMP / IKE Encoding

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# IKE Phase 2 - Quick Mode

#### • All messages in phase 2 are

- encrypted by encryption key SKEYID\_e = E
- integrity protected by integrity key SKEYID\_a = A
- E and A were built in IKE phase 1

#### • Phase 2 exchange

- again some new nonces and other information are sent which get shuffled into the SKEYID of phase 1 in order to generate a new pair of encryption and integrity key
- similar procedure as for IKE-SA but with another start value
- this generated keys then can be used for a requested IPsec SA (either AH, ESP or ESP/AH)
- note for next slide:

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- SA is initiated by Alice to open an simplex SA from Alice to Bob
- Traffic-selector is used by Alice to signal which type of traffic will use this SA towards Bob



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# Payload Types0 = end

- no next payload
- 1 = SA (security association)
  - identifies Domain Of Interpretation (DOI), in our case just simple IP

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- must be followed by type 2 and 3
- 2 = P (proposal)
  - phase 1: Initiator cookie, Responder cookie
  - phase 2: SPI value
- 3 = T (transform)
  - cryptographic choices
    - encryption type, hash type, DH group (g, p)

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Payload Types	2
• 4 = KE (key exchange)	
<ul> <li>public DH value</li> </ul>	
• 5 = ID	
<ul> <li>phase 1: endpoint identifier (e.g. Alice, Bob)</li> </ul>	
<ul> <li>phase 2: traffic descriptor (traffic selector)</li> </ul>	
<ul> <li>6 = CERT (certificate)</li> </ul>	
<ul> <li>7 = CR (certificate request)</li> </ul>	
• 8 = hash	
• 9 = signature	
• 10 = nonce	
– random number	

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Fixed Header Fields	2
• Flags:	
<ul> <li>bit 0: if set then following payloads are encr</li> </ul>	ypted
<ul> <li>bit 1: commit (confusing naming)</li> </ul>	
<ul> <li>ISAKMP -&gt; receiver should wait until sender issu message (Bob tells Alice to wait for Bob's Ack)</li> </ul>	ies a "I am ready"
<ul> <li>IKE -&gt; receiver is requested to acknowledge this tells Alice to send an ACK)</li> </ul>	message (Bob
<ul> <li>bit 2: authentication only, if set then followin not encrypted</li> </ul>	ig payloads are
only set in phase 2 to specify a message is in cle	eartext
Message ID:	
<ul> <li>used in phase 2 to tie together related pack</li> </ul>	ets
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# Payload Type SA, P and T

 The SA payload for IKE contains the P (proposal) and T (transform) payloads

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- T must be carried within P, P must be carried within SA
  - e.g. payloads for 2 Proposals with 4 and 2 Transforms will look

#### SAPTTTTPTT

• P indicates also the protocol to be negotiated

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- phase 1 IKE
- phase 2 AH

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- phase 2 ESP
- IP compression (PCP)

# Payload Type SA, P and T

#### • Usage of P

- in phase 1 -> only one proposal -> phase 1 IKE
- in phase 2 -> could be several proposals
   e.g. AH only, ESP only, AH+ESP, or any of these plus IP compression
- T indicates a complete suite of cryptographic algorithms/parameters
  - in phase 1 you need 4 (5) algorithms/parameters
    - authentication type
    - hash type
    - encryption type
    - DH group (g/p or elliptic curve)
    - optional lifetime of IKE SA (default is 8 hours)

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Transforms Overview				
АН	ESP Encryption	ESP Auth.	PCP	
AH-MD5	ESP-NULL	ESP-MD5	PCP-LZS	
AH-SHA	ESP-DES	ESP-SHA		
	ESP-3DES			
	ESP-IDEA			
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- Overview
- AH Protocol
- ESP Protocol
- Security Association (RFC 2401)
- Internet Key Exchange Protocol (IKEv1, RFC 2409)
- IPsec / IKEv1 Problems

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# NAT and IPsec IKE

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#### Internet Key Exchange (IKE)

- Problem if exchanged keys or certificates are bound to gateway's IP address
- avoid it by using other identifier of the endpoint e.g. User-ID or FQDN
- Expiration of Security Association (SA)
  - Re-key request is sent to the initial UDP port 500
  - Problems with multiple security gateways behind a N(P)AT device
- See RFC 4306 (IKEv2) for ongoing work

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Problems with IPsec / IKEv1	1
<ul> <li>IPsec for Site-to-Site VPN         <ul> <li>Often uses pre-shared secrets for authentication of IKE peers</li> <li>Why?</li> <li>certificates means maintaining a PKI (Public Key Infrastructure)</li></ul></li></ul>	) JES r) itor side ced to
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