Labeled IPsec

draft-jml-ipsec-ikev1-security-context-00.txt draft-jml-ipsec-ikev2-security-context-00.txt

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Problem Description

- Mandatory Access Control Systems
 - Subjects and objects are labeled with a security context.
 - Security context is composed of a set of security attributes defined by the MAC implementation.
- Traditionally, MAC implied Multilevel Security (MLS).
 - The security context is a security level, consisting of a sensitivity and a set of categories. i.e. topsecret, secret, confidential.
- MAC systems have become more mainstream and evolving out of MLS niche.
 - Security contexts composed of security attributes besides the security level.
 - Linux SELinux , SMACK
 - FreeBSD SEBD

Problem Description

- Windows Vista Mandatory Integrity Control
- MAC on network communications
 - IPSO allowed addition of MLS security context to IP header.
 - Packet's data not protected.
 - Binding between data and security context are not protected.
 - MLS specific.

Current Status

- Individual submission of two drafts.
 - draft-jml-ipsec-ikev1-security-context-00.txt
 - draft-jml-ipsec-ikev2-security-context-00.txt
- A Domain of Interpretation for security contexts is currently being defined.
- Labeled IPsec implemented in:
 - Linux kernel since version 2.6.16.
 - ipsec-tools since version 0.7.0

Next Steps

- Review any current feedback.
- Solicit more reviews.

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