

IKEv2 Negotiation for EESP

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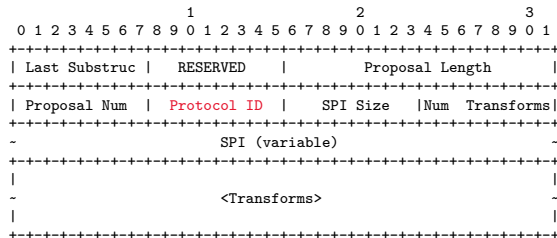
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- Basic Negotiation
- Sub SAs
- Sequence Numbers

Basic Negotiation

- EESPV0 is negotiated like ESP or AH
- New Security Protocol Identifier (<TBD>) in proposals of SA payload

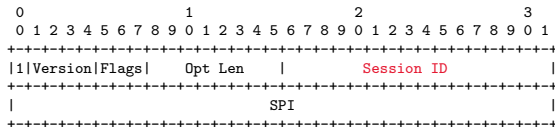


- Initiator may propose EESPV0 and ESP in same SA payload

Transforms Overview

- Two mandatory transform types: ENCR, SN
- Two optional types: KE, SSKDF
- Only AEAD algorithms allowed for ENCR transform type

- Distinguished via Session ID in EESP Base Header



- Enabled by negotiating a Sub SA Key Derivation Function (SSKDF)
- Currently defined via HKDF-Expand, possibly via 256-bit AES-CMAC

Key Derivation for Sub SAs

- Every Sub SA (including Session ID 0) uses separate keys
- A "root" key is derived by IKEv2 for each EESP SA of the Child SA:

$$\text{KEYMAT_root} = \text{prf}+(\text{SK_d}, [\text{g}^{\text{ir}}(\text{new}) \parallel \text{Ni} \parallel \text{Nr})$$
$$\text{KEYMAT_root_i} \parallel \text{KEYMAT_root_r} = \text{KEYMAT_root}$$

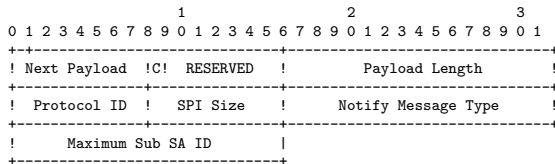
Its size depends on the key size of the SSKDF

- Root key and selected SSKDF is passed to EESP
- Keys for individual Sub SAs are then derived by EESP:

$$\text{KEYMAT_sub} = \text{SSKDF}(\text{KEY_root_i/r}, \text{Session ID}, L)$$

Notify for Maximum Sub SA ID

- Notify indicates the maximum Sub SA ID the sender accepts



- Peer MUST select IDs for outbound Sub SAs from 0 to that limit (inclusive)
- Not negotiated, each side specifies their own limit
- Omitting the notify = no upper limit

Sequence Numbers

- Two new values for Sequence Numbers transform type
 - "64-bit Sequential Numbers": Full SN encoded in EESP header
 - "None": No SN encoded in EESP header
- Existing values (32-bit and partial 64-bit SN) unspecified for EESPV0
- These new values MUST NOT be used with ESP
- "None" is not allowed with AEAD algorithms that use implicit IVs



Latest Draft Version.

`https://klassert.github.io/eesp-ikev2/
draft-ietf-ipsecme-eesp-ikev2-latest.html`.



Repository.

`https://github.com/klassert/eesp-ikev2`.