# IPSec & OpenVPN





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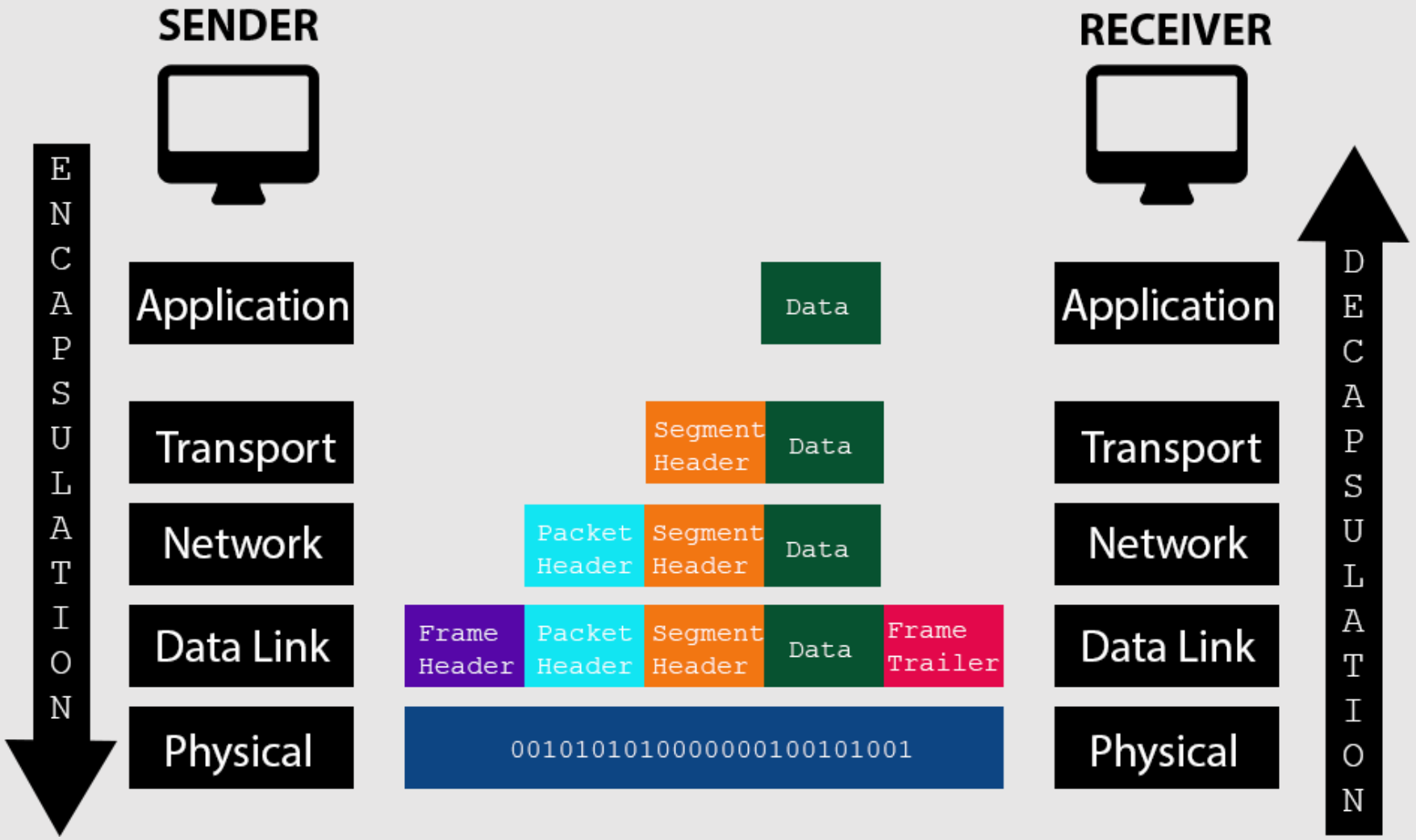

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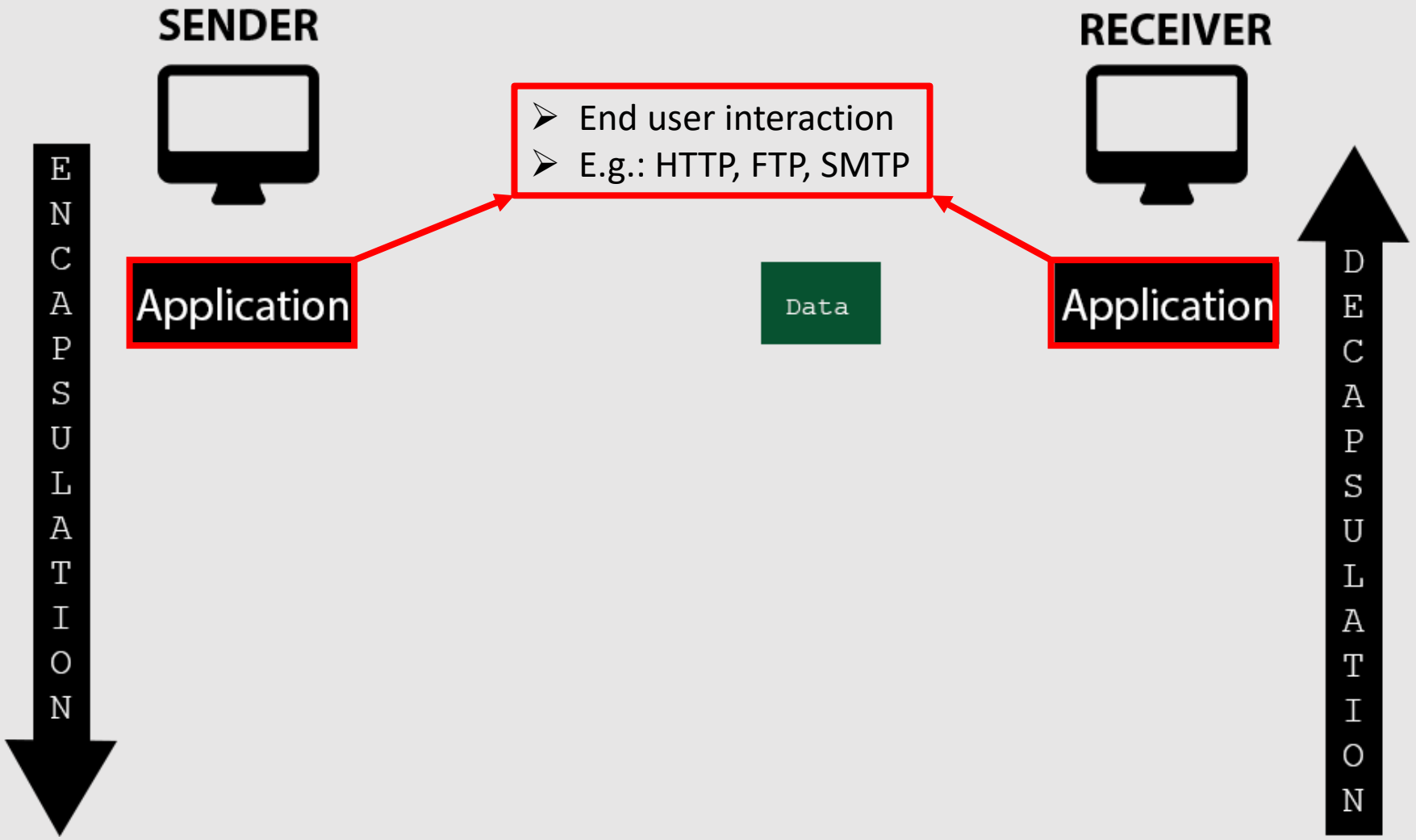

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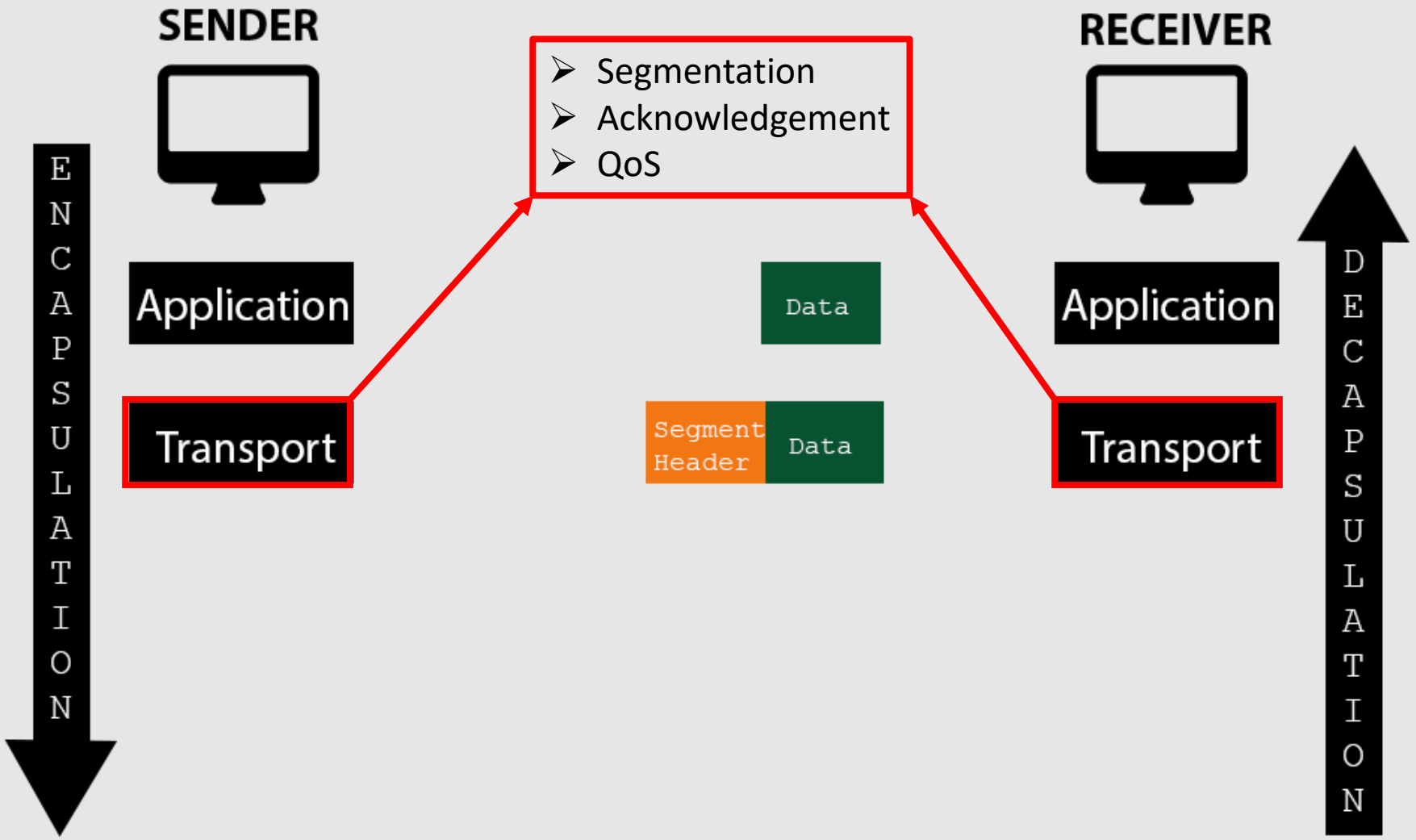

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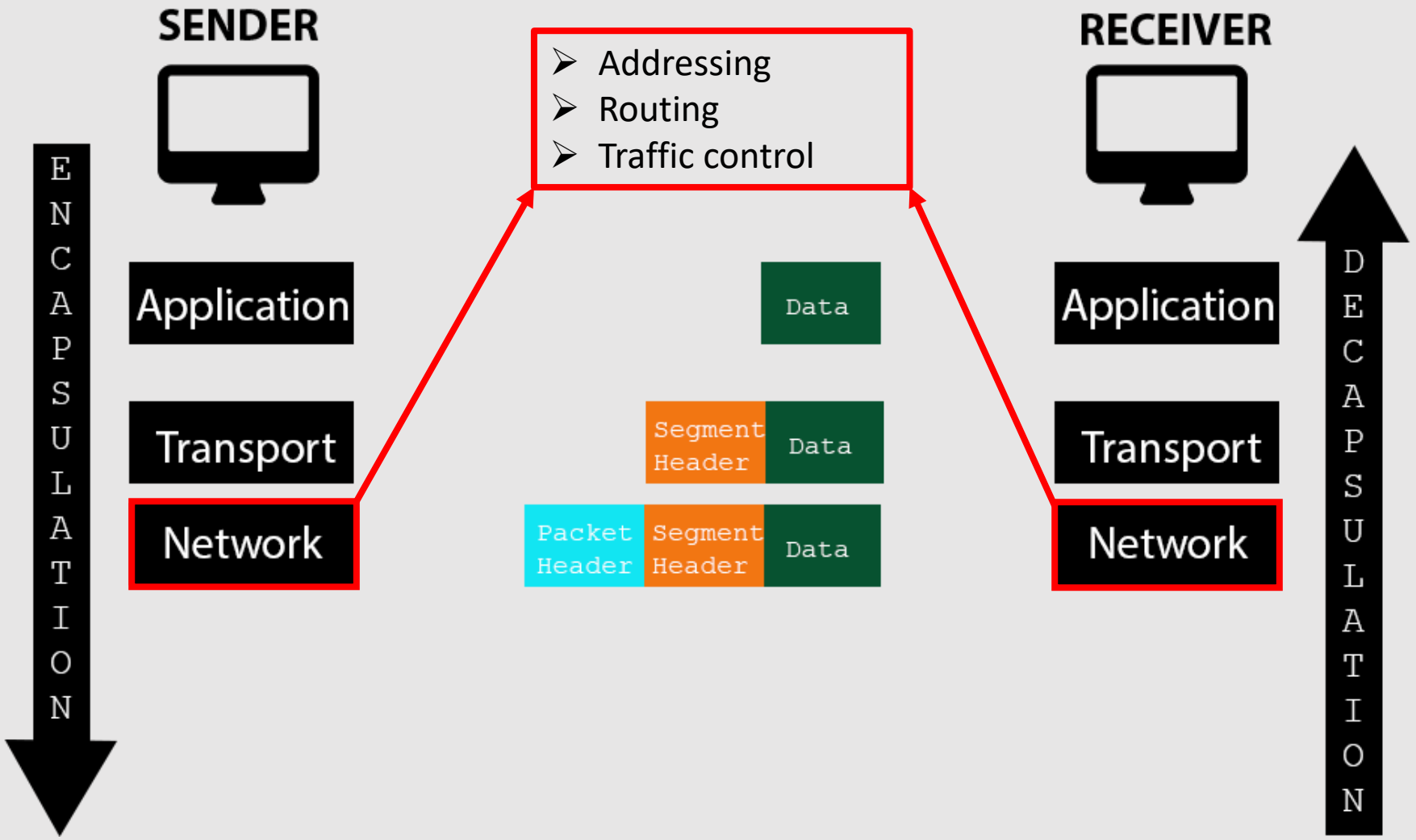

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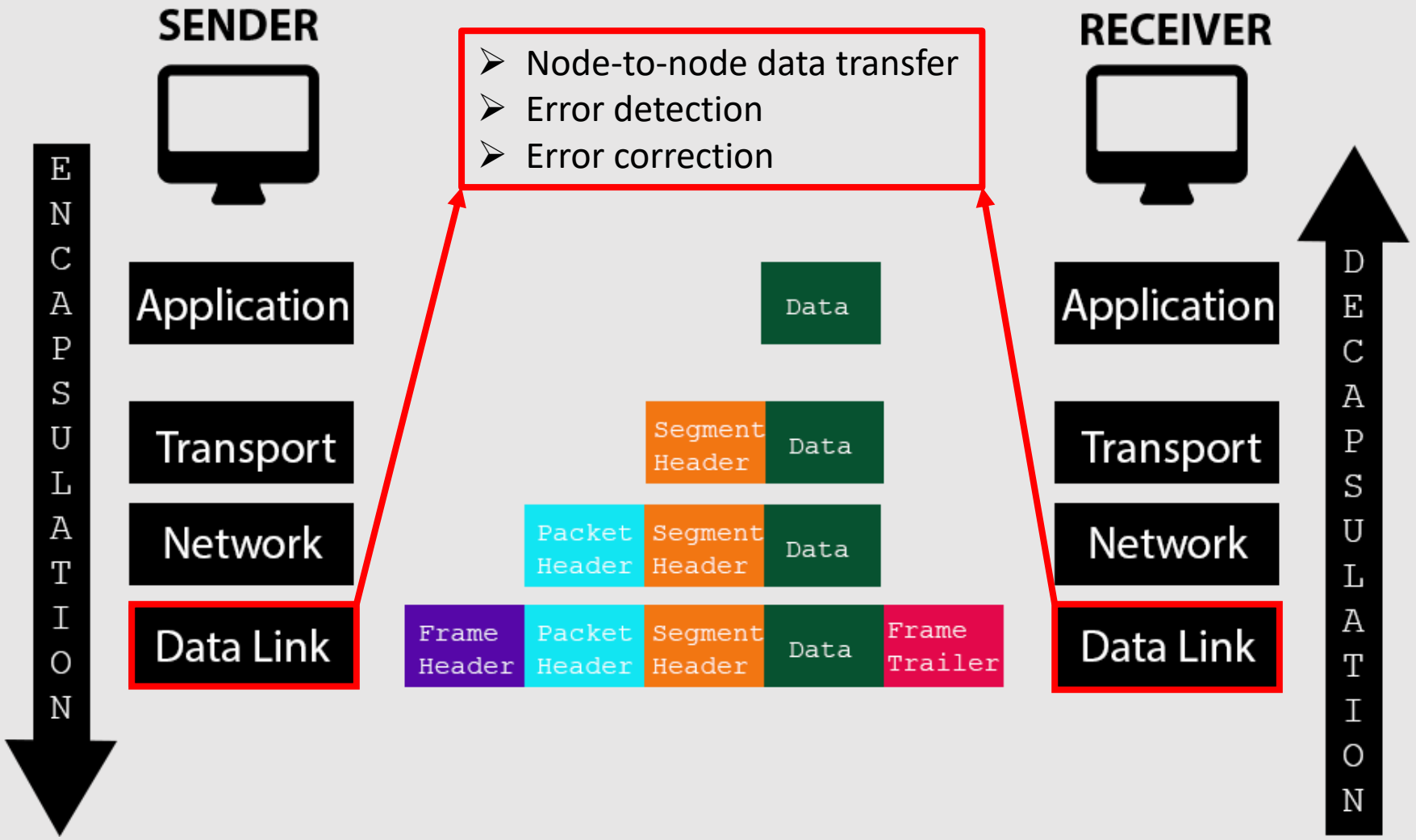

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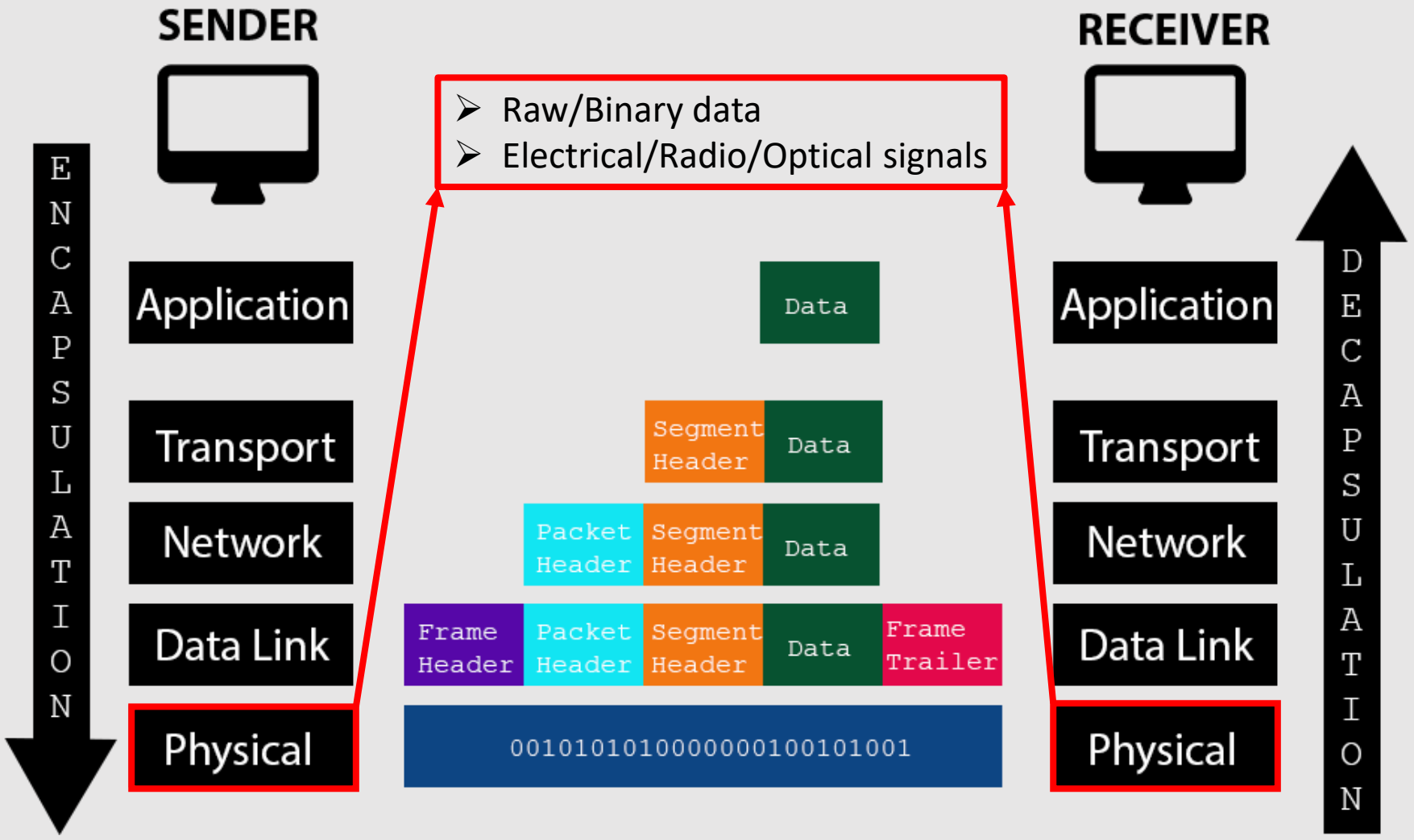

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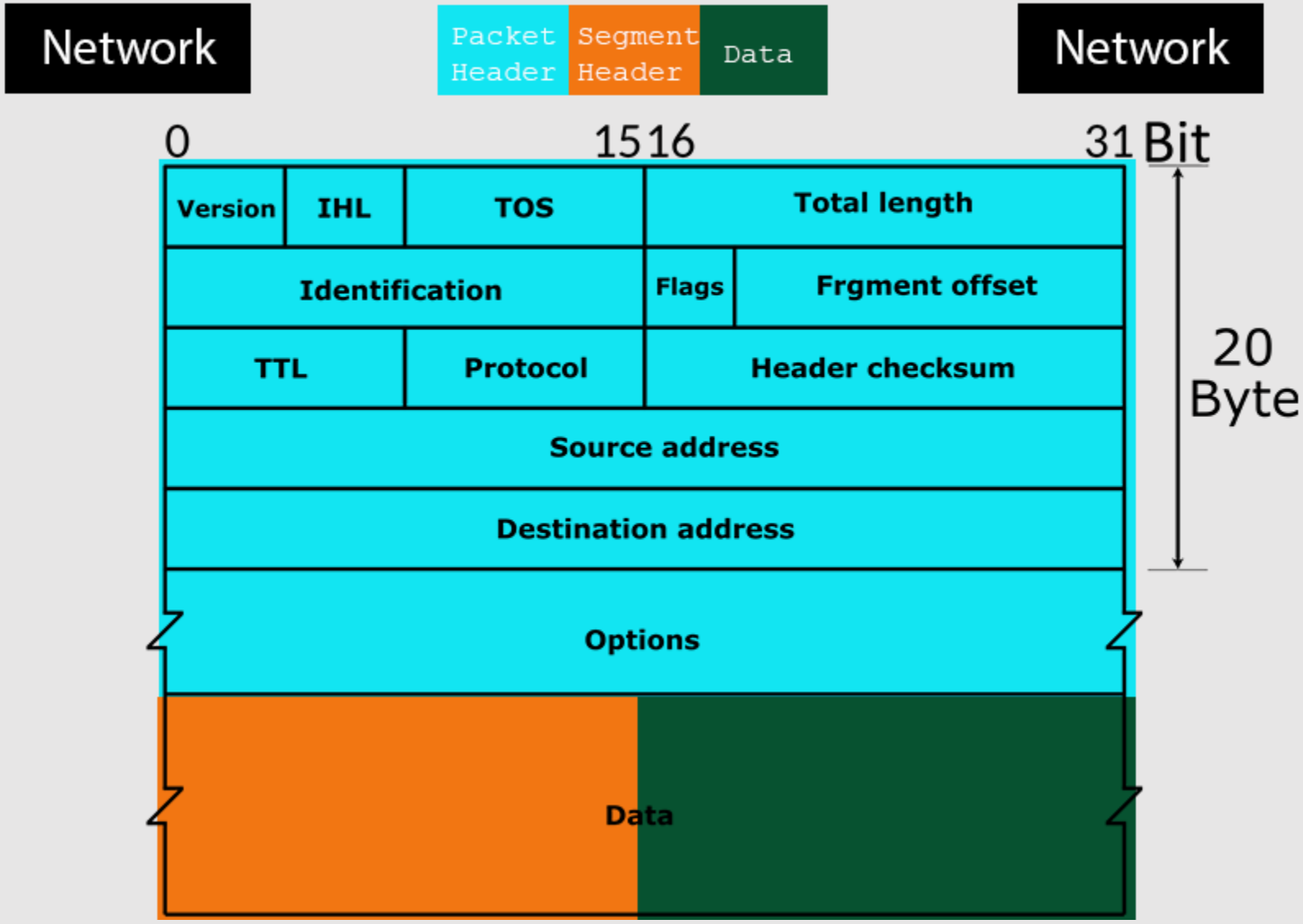

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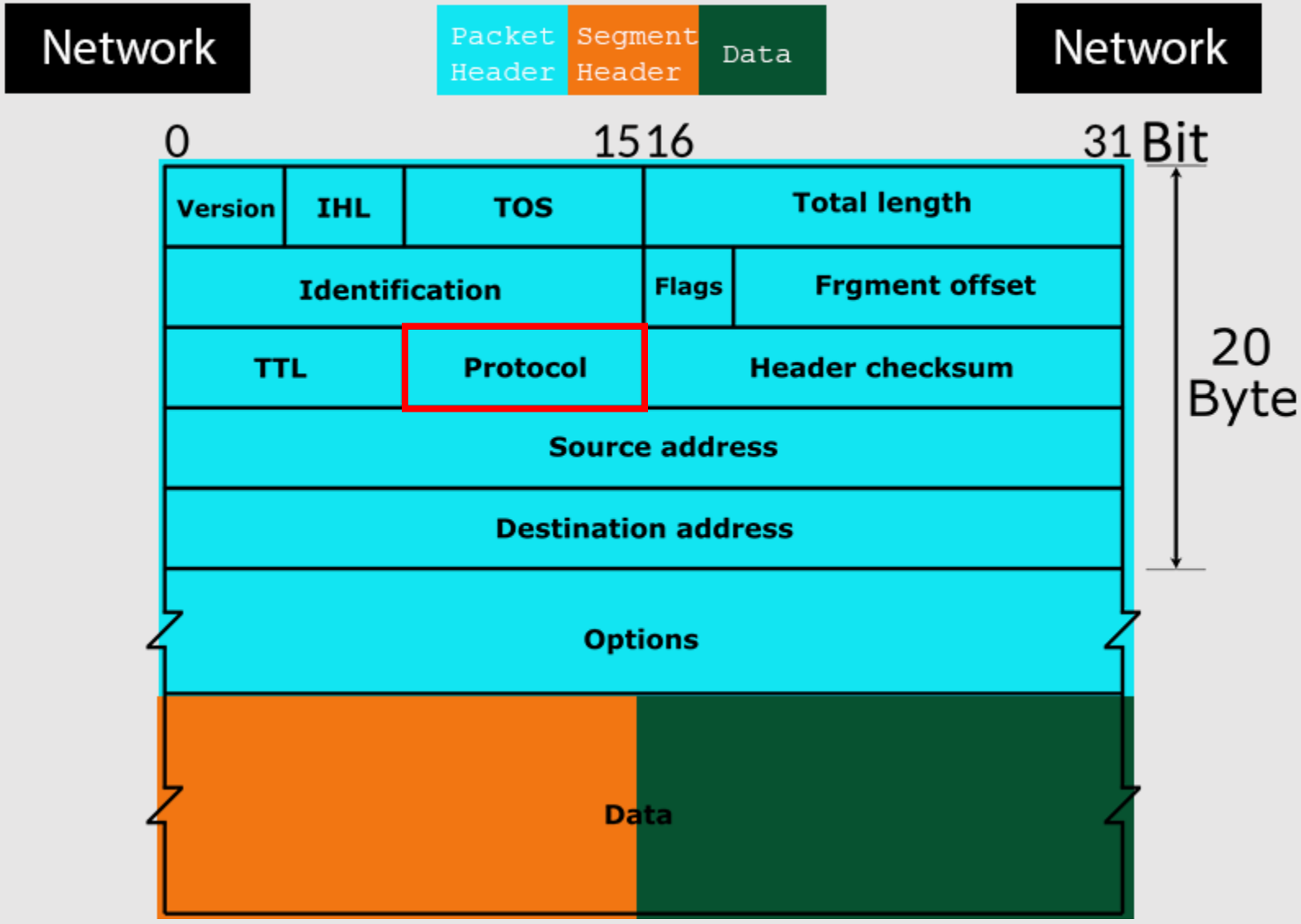

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## IPSec

- adds **security** to IP
- **collection of protocols** to secure IP communications:
  - Authentication Header (**AH**);
  - Encapsulating Security Payload (**ESP**);
  - Internet Key Exchange (**IKE**).

- technical specifications:
  - RFC 4301 (Security Architecture for the Internet Protocol);
  - RFC 4302 (IP Authentication Header);
  - RFC 4303 (IP Encapsulating Security Payload);
  - RFC 4308 (Cryptographic Suites for IPSec);
  - RFC 7296 (Internet Key Exchange Protocol Version 2 (IKEv2)).

## Authentication Header (AH)

- **authenticates** the origins of packets
- ensures the **integrity** of transmitted datagram
- **anti-replay** mechanism

## Encapsulating Security Payload (ESP)

- ensures data **confidentiality**
- verifies **data integrity**
- **anti-replay** mechanism

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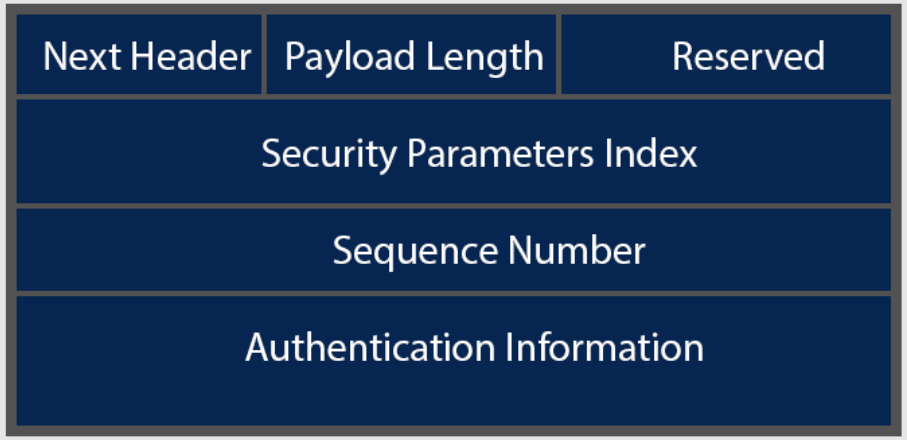



- **Next Header**: indicates the next protocol to which the payload is addressed (IP=4, TCP=6, UDP=17)
- **Payload Length**: specified in 32-bit word multiple
- **Reserved**: future developments
- **Security Parameters Index**: 32-bit number used to identify the connection
- **Sequence Number**: to avoid replay attacks
- **Authentication Information**: MAC value calculated over IP packet (header + payload)

# Modes of operation - AH

## Transport



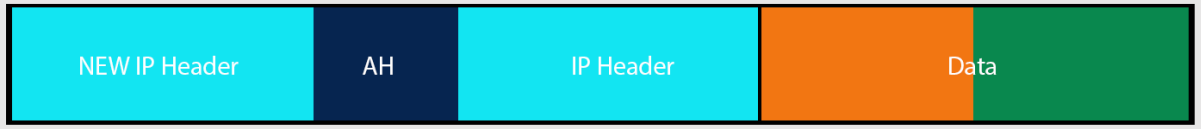
BEFORE


AFTER

- AH->NextHeader = IP->Protocol
- IP->Protocol = 51

## Tunnel



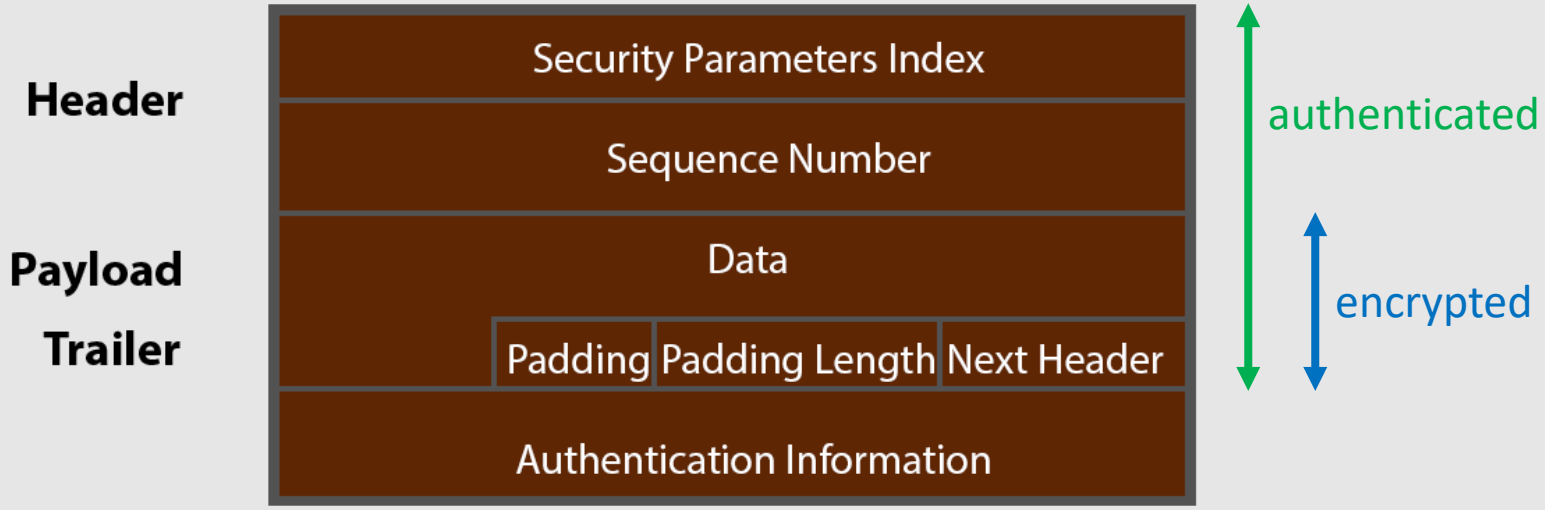



- NewIP->Protocol = 51
- AH->NextHeader = 4

| Decimal | Keyword | Protocol | IPv6 Extension Header |
|---|---|---|---|
| 0 | HOPOPT | IPv6 Hop-by-Hop Option | Y |
| 1 | ICMP | Internet Control Message | |
| 2 | IGMP | Internet Group Management | |
| 3 | GGP | Gateway-to-Gateway | |
| 4 | IPv4 | IPv4 encapsulation | |
| 5 | ST | Stream | |
| 6 | TCP | Transmission Control | |
| 50 | ESP | Encap Security Payload | |
| 51 | AH | Authentication Header | |

https://www.iana.org/assignments/protocol-numbers/protocol-numbers.xhtml

# Encapsulating Security Payload (ESP)




- **Payload**: encrypted IP payload (without IP header)
- **Padding + Padding Length**:
  - extends total length to a multiple of encryption block
  - extends ESP Trailer to a 32bit multiple
- **Authentication Information**: MAC value calculated over IP packet (~~header~~ + payload) => data integrity

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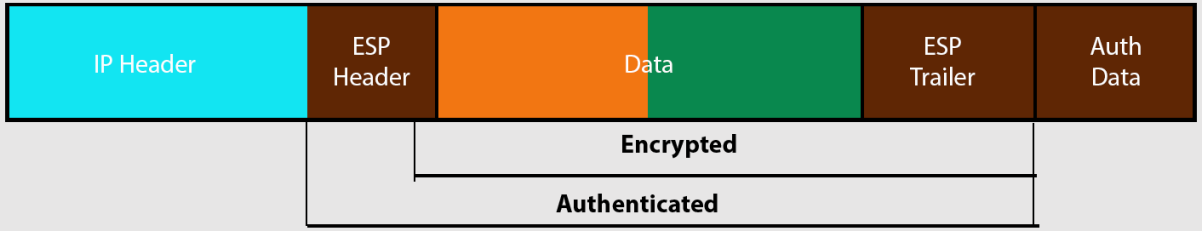


- ESP->NextHeader = IP->Protocol
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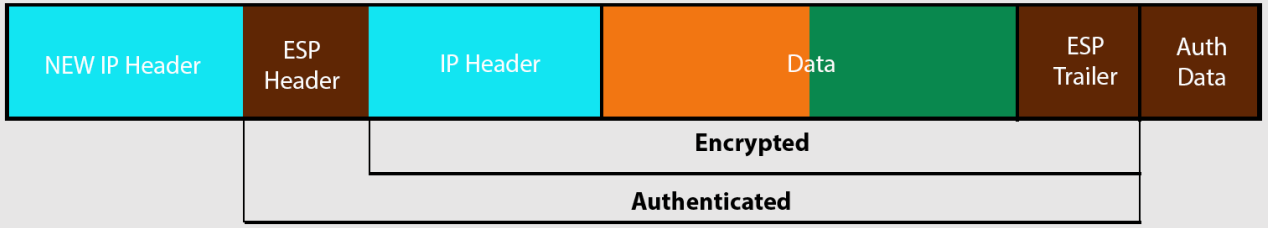


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# Internet Key Exchange (IKE)

- Negotiation, creation and managing security associations automatically
- Security Association (SA)
  - Set of information which defines IPSec connection properties
  - Keys and algorithms used by both parties

- Two phases:
  1. Setting up **initial SA** (IKE SA)
     - Used to encrypt and authenticate next IKE protocol messages
     - Bidirectional
  2. Setting up a **general SA** (IPSec SA)
     - Used to protect data exchanged between IPSec communicating parties
     - Unidirectional

- X.509 PKI certificates for authentication
- Diffie-Hellman to set up a shared session secret key

# Modes of operation – IKE

**Exchange 1**

- Encryption algorithm (e.g. AES-256)
- MAC algorithm (e.g. SHA-256)
- Authentication method (preshared keys / certificates)
- Diffie-Hellman parameters
- Lifetime (e.g. 2 hours)

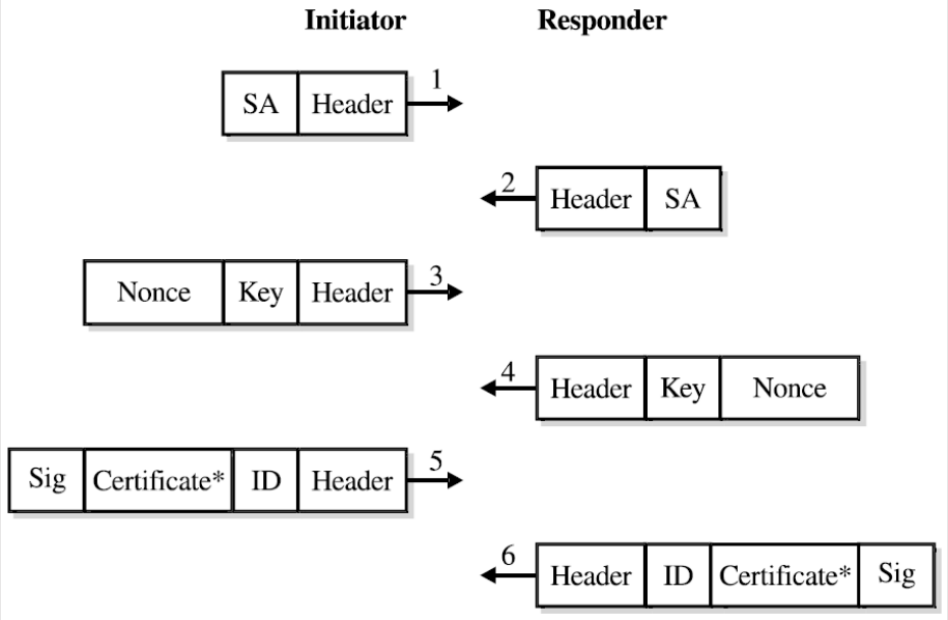
**Exchange 2**

- Establish session key (DH)
- Nonce

**Exchange 3**

- Authentication
- Identity protection (due to encryption)

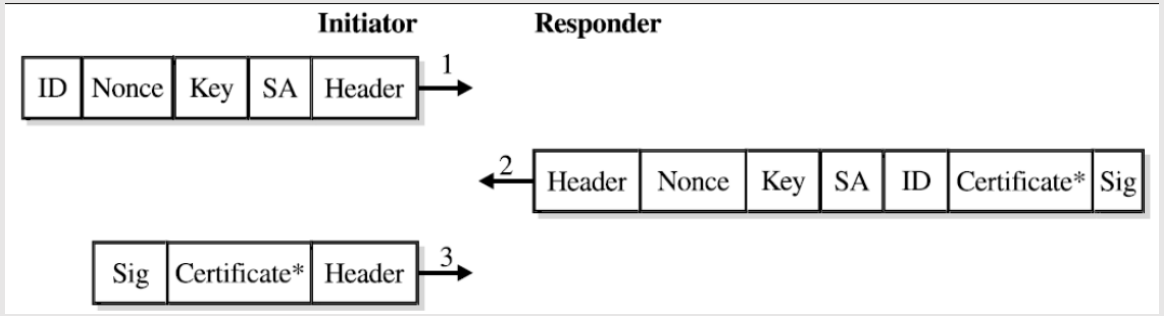
## Main mode



# Modes of operation - IKE

## Aggressive mode

- Faster than main mode (3 messages instead of 6)
- Same as main mode:
  - Establish protection suite
  - Sets up the session key
  - Authenticate entities
- ~~Identity protection~~

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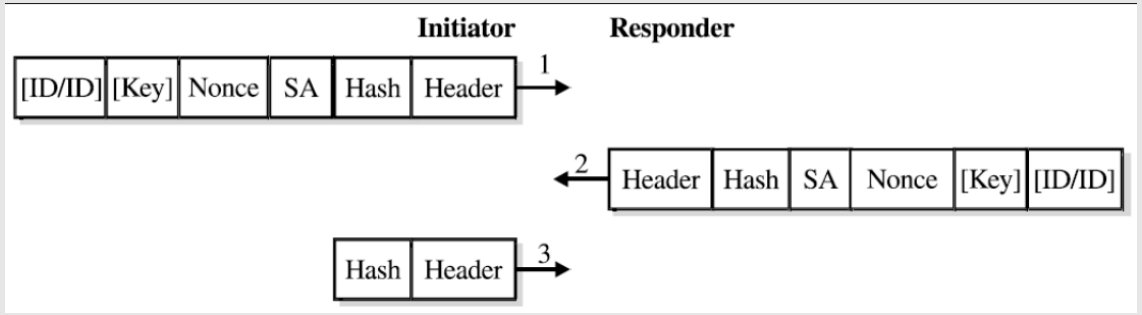
## Quick mode

- Used in second phase
- Before SA expires



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  - Gateway-to-Gateway
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  - Host-to-Host

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- **A.k.a. Site-to-Site VPN**
- **Easy to implement, easy to manage**
- **Transparent**

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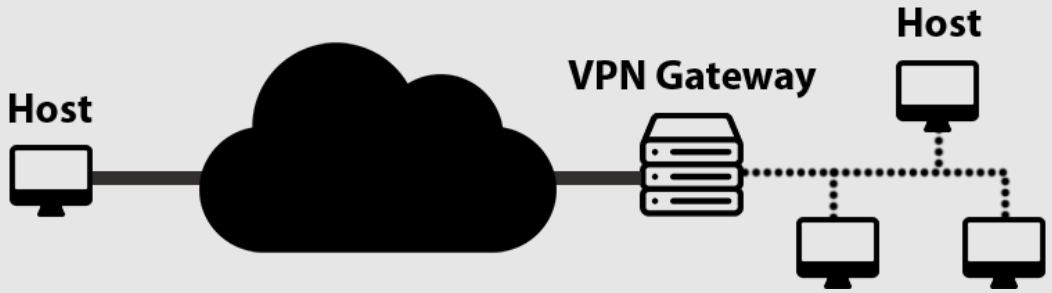


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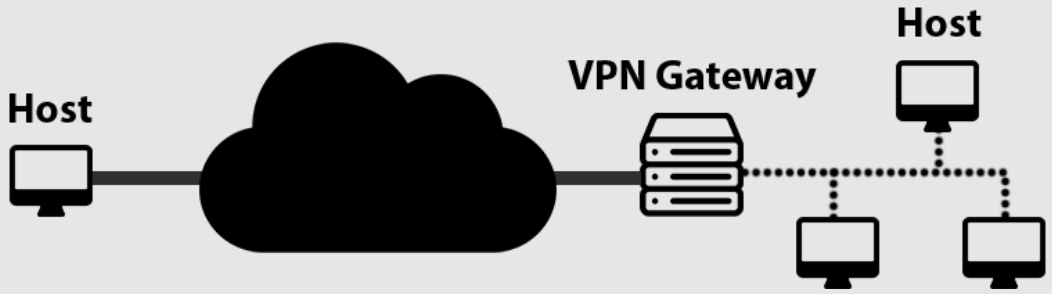


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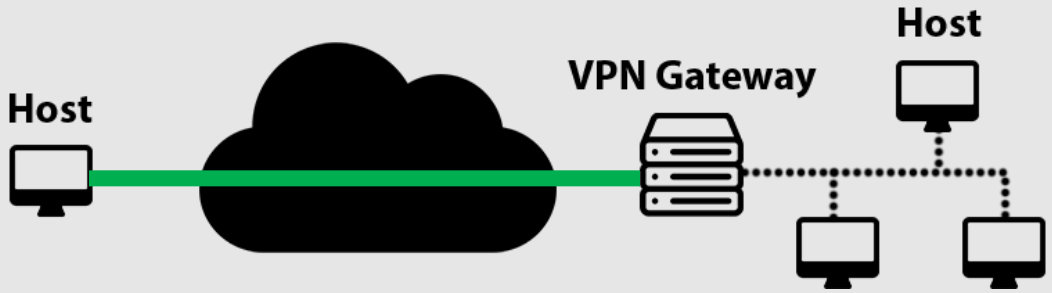


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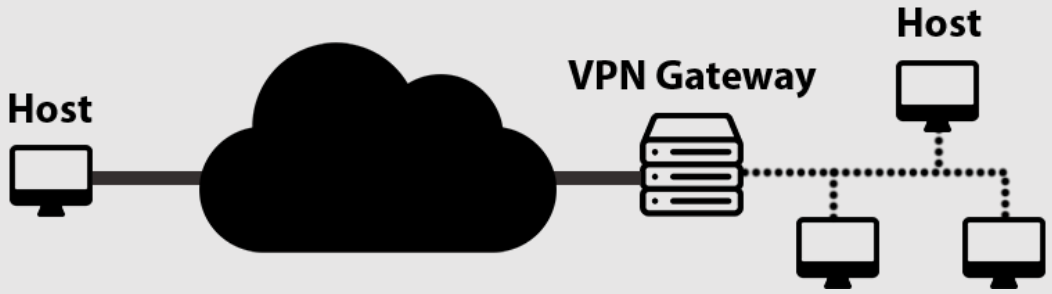


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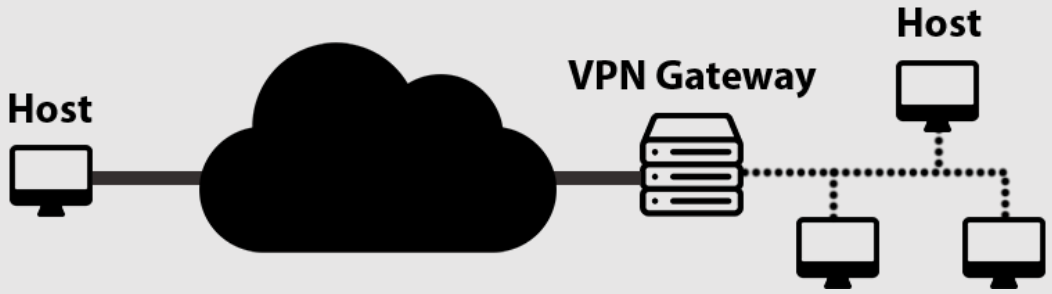


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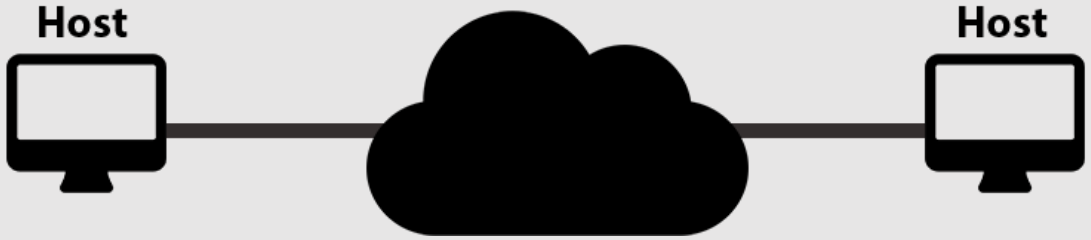


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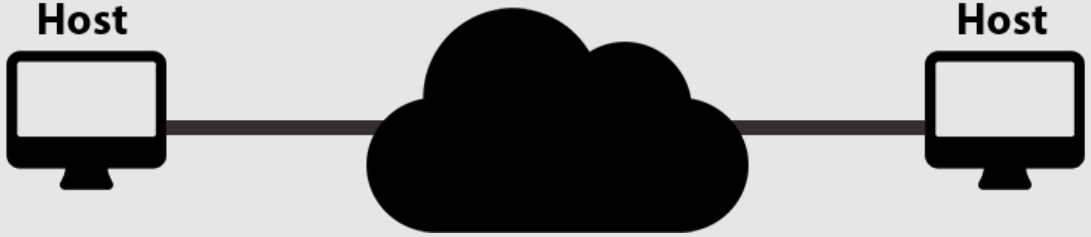


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- **Firewall/IDS can’t inspect content**

# IPSec scenarios with Strong Swan

- StrongSwan = Strong Secure WAN

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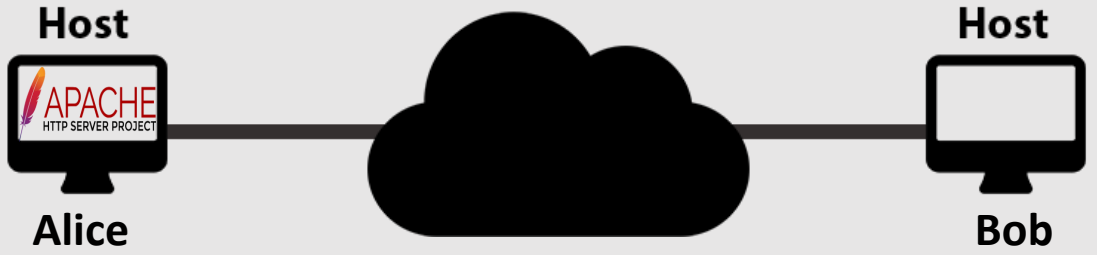


**# Start the infrastructure**
docker-compose up -d

**# Display the containers**
docker ps

**# Retrieve IPs**
docker inspect -f '{{range .NetworkSettings.Networks}}{{.IPAddress}}{{end}}' alice
docker inspect -f '{{range .NetworkSettings.Networks}}{{.IPAddress}}{{end}}' bob

**# Access containers**
docker exec –it alice /bin/bash
docker exec –it bob /bin/bash

**# Display network interfaces**
ip a

**# Listen traffic between Alice and BOB**
sudo tcpdump -i <INTERFACE>host <IP_ALICE> and host <IP_BOB> -s0 -vv -X -c 1000

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**ALICE**

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        auto=start
        type=transport
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Ethernet II, Src: 9e:0a:b6:9a:1c:1e (9e:0a:b6:9a:1c:1e), Dst: f6:6b:15:ed:38:32 (f6:6b:15:ed:38:32)
Internet Protocol Version 4, Src: 172.18.0.2, Dst: 172.18.0.3
Internet Control Message Protocol
```

```
Frame 3: 126 bytes on wire (1008 bits), 126 bytes captured (1008 bits)
Ethernet II, Src: e2:31:16:85:a9:84 (e2:31:16:85:a9:84), Dst: 26:7b:be:47:d8:48 (26:7b:be:47:d8:48)
Internet Protocol Version 4, Src: 172.18.0.2, Dst: 172.18.0.3
Authentication Header
    Next header: ICMP (1)
    Length: 5 (28 bytes)
    Reserved: 0000
    AH SPI: 0xcb4037d2
    AH Sequence: 10
    AH ICV: d33f433f31ca0f95c993a3d334cbb42a
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**Case 2**

- StrongSwan **ESP**
- Ping Host1 -> Host2
- Tcpdump + Wireshark

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Frame 3: 98 bytes on wire (784 bits), 98 bytes captured (784 bits)
Ethernet II, Src: 72:10:71:f2:cb:63 (72:10:71:f2:cb:63), Dst: 76:2a:e7:f2:9b:d3 (76:2a:e7:f2:9b:d3)
Internet Protocol Version 4, Src: 172.18.0.2, Dst: 172.18.0.3
Internet Control Message Protocol
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Frame 8: 154 bytes on wire (1232 bits), 154 bytes captured (1232 bits)
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Internet Protocol Version 4, Src: 172.18.0.3, Dst: 172.18.0.2
Encapsulating Security Payload
    ESP SPI: 0xc55a892a (3311044906)
    ESP Sequence: 6
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**Case 3**

- Securing HTTP communication
- Apache Web Server
- Tcpdump + WireShark


a) Check apache2 service status
   - › **service apache2 status**

b) Start apache2 service
   - › **service start apache2 start**

c) Capture network traffic between Alice and Bob while accessing **http://**ALICE_IP from Bob

**curl -X POST -d'{"username": "bob", "password": "secret" }' -H "Content-Type: application/json" http://ALICE_IP**

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Frame 4: 235 bytes on wire (1880 bits), 235 bytes captured (1880 bits)
Ethernet II, Src: 5a:59:d9:bc:42:b0 (5a:59:d9:bc:42:b0), Dst: 3e:af:1f:96:89:5b (3e:af:1f:96:89:5b)
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Transmission Control Protocol, Src Port: 48602, Dst Port: 80, Seq: 1, Ack: 1, Len: 169
Hypertext Transfer Protocol
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    User-Agent: curl/7.81.0\r\n
    Accept: */*\r\n
    Content-Type: application/json\r\n
    Content-Length: 42\r\n
    \r\n
    [Response in frame: 8]
    [Full request URI: http://172.18.0.2/]
    File Data: 42 bytes
JavaScript Object Notation: application/json
    Object
        Member: username
            [Path with value: /username:bob]
            [Member with value: username:bob]
            String value: bob
            Key: username
            [Path: /username]
        Member: password
            [Path with value: /password:secret]
            [Member with value: password:secret]
            String value: secret
            Key: password
            [Path: /password]
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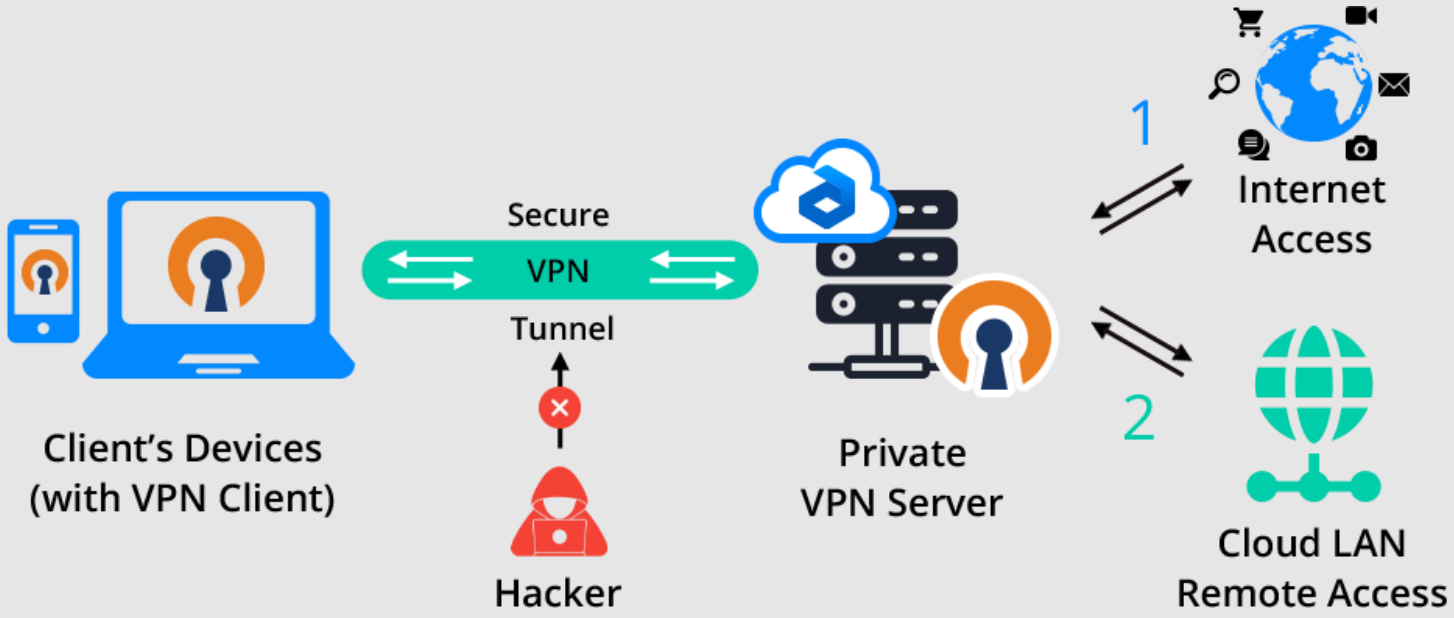
```
Frame 9: 1514 bytes on wire (12112 bits), 1514 bytes captured (12112 bits)
Ethernet II, Src: 3e:af:1f:96:89:5b (3e:af:1f:96:89:5b), Dst: 5a:59:d9:bc:42:b0 (5a:59:d9:bc:42:b0)
Internet Protocol Version 4, Src: 172.18.0.2, Dst: 172.18.0.3
Encapsulating Security Payload
    ESP SPI: 0xca3bb9b0 (3392911792)
    ESP Sequence: 5
```

# OpenVPN

- Virtual private network system for creating point-to-point / site-to-site connections;
- Its own security protocol with the same name;
- Uses OpenSSL library;
- TCP / UDP (recommended);

**Authentication methods**

a) Pre-shared keys;
b) Certificates;
c) Username & password.




Ref: https://www.virtuozzo.com/company/blog/private-openvpn-access-server/

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**Steps**

a) Creating a Virtual Private Server (VPS)
   - A brief list of VPS providers: https://www.g2.com/categories/virtual-private-servers-vps;
   - We'll go with Azure: https://azure.microsoft.com/en-us/free/;
   - Create an Ubuntu Server with one of the latest versions, after 18.04, preferably;
   - Save its public IP address.

b) Generating SSH keys for authentication
   - **ssh-keygen –t rsa –b 4096 –f PRIVATE_KEY_FILENAME**
   - **Ssh-keygen –f PRIVATE_KEY_FILENAME -y PUBLIC_KEY_FILENAME**

c) Log in to the server
   - **ssh USERNAME@VPS_PUBLIC_IP**

d) Update the operating system
   - **sudo apt-get update && apt-get upgrade**

e) Create a non-root user and set a password
   - **sudo useradd -G sudo -m USERNAME_2 -s /bin/bash**
   - **sudo passwd USERNAME_2**

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**Steps**

f) Setup SSH key authentication;

- **cat PUBLIC_KEY_PATH | ssh USERNAME_2@VPS_PUBLIC_IP "mkdir .ssh && cat >> .ssh/authorized_keys“**
- **sudo nano /etc/ssh/sshd_config**
- **sudo nano /etc/ssh/sshd_config.d/50-cloud-init.conf**

```
#LoginGraceTime 2m
PermitRootLogin no
#StrictModes yes
#MaxAuthTries 6
#MaxSessions 10
# To disable tunneled clear text passwords, change to no here!
PasswordAuthentication no
#PermitEmptyPasswords no

# Change to yes to enable challenge-response passwords (beware issues with
# some PAM modules and threads)
ChallengeResponseAuthentication no
```

- **sudo systemctl restart sshd**

g) Open a new terminal window on your local machine, and try login using the key

- **ssh USERNAME_2@VPS_PUBLIC_IP -i PRIVATE_KEY_PATH**

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**Steps**

h) Install (and configure) OpenVPN on server-side (https://github.com/Nyr/openvpn-install)

- **sudo apt install wget**
- **wget https://git.io/vpn -O openvpn-install.sh && bash openvpn-install.sh**
- **sudo bash openvpn-install.sh**

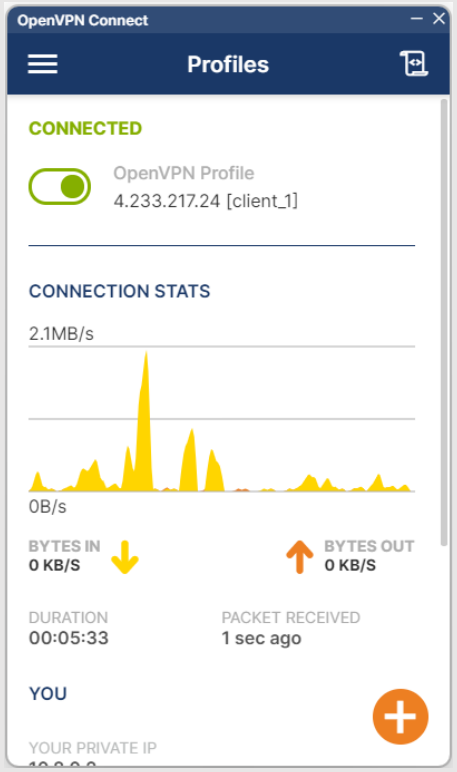
```
Welcome to this OpenVPN road warrior installer!

This server is behind NAT. What is the public IPv4 address or hostname?
Public IPv4 address / hostname [4.233.217.24]:

Which protocol should OpenVPN use?
   1) UDP (recommended)
   2) TCP
Protocol [1]:

What port should OpenVPN listen to?
Port [1194]: 443

Select a DNS server for the clients:
   1) Current system resolvers
   2) Google
   3) 1.1.1.1
   4) OpenDNS
   5) Quad9
   6) AdGuard
DNS server [1]: 2

Enter a name for the first client:
Name [client]: client_1
```

# OpenVPN

**Steps**

i) Send the newly created OpenVPN profile to the client
   - **sudo mv /root/CLIENT_NAME.ovpn ~**
   - **sudo chown USERNAME2 CLIENT_NAME.ovpn**
   - **scp –i PRIVATE_KEY_PATH USERNAME_2@VPS_PUBLIC_IP:CLIENT_NAME.ovpn .**

j) Install OpenVPN on client-side and connect using the received profile.
   - https://openvpn.net/client-connect-vpn-for-windows/



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