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Abstract
   This document presents DOTS signal channel Call Home, Home service, which enables a DOTS server
   agent to initiate a secure connection to a DOTS client, peer, and to convey
the attack traffic information to from the DOTS server. peer (acting as a DOTS
             The DOTS server in turn uses the attack traffic information
   to identify the compromised devices launching the outgoing DDOS attack and takes appropriate mitigation action.
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1. Introduction

1.1. The Problem

The DOTS signal channel protocol [I-D.ietf-dots-signal-channel] is used to carry information about a device network resource or a network (or a part thereof) that is under a DDoS Distributed Denial of Service (DDoS) attack. Such information is sent by a DOTS client to an upstream one or multiple DOTS server servers so that appropriate mitigation actions are undertaken on traffic deemed suspicious. Likewise, the DOTS data channel protocol [I-D.ietf-dots-data-channel] is used to install filtering rules that may be instantiated immediately or when an attack is encountered. Various use cases are discussed in [I-D.ietf-dots-use-cases].

IoT devices are becoming more and more prevalent in Home home networks, and with compute and memory becoming cheaper and cheaper, various types of IoT devices are available in the consumer market at affordable price. But on the downside, the main threat being most of these IoT devices are bought off the shelf off-the-shelf and most manufacturers haven't considered security in the product design. IoT devices deployed in Home home networks can be easily compromised, they do not have easy mechanism to upgrade, and IoT manufactures may shut shop and discontinue patching vulnerabilities on IoT devices. However, these vulnerable and compromised devices will continue be used for a long period of time in the home, and the end-user does not know that IoT devices in his/her home are compromised. The compromised IoT devices are typically used for launching Distributed denial of service (DDOS) DDOS attacks on the victim. The victim while the owner/administrator of the home network is not aware about such misbehaviors. Similar to other DDOS attack, the victim in this attack can be an application server, a host, a router, a firewall, or an entire network.

Now-a-days,

Nowadays, network devices in a home network offer network security, for instance, firewall/IPS service on a home router or gateway to protect the devices connected to the home network from external and internal attacks. Over the years several techniques have been identified to detect DDOS attacks, some of these techniques can be used enabled on home network devices but most of them are used in the Internet Service Provider's Provider (ISP)'s network. The Internet Service Provider (ISP) ISP offering DDOS

mitigation service can detect outgoing DDoS attacks and may receive filtering rules from upstream service providers using, for example, BGP flowspec [RFC5575] to block filter, block, or rate-limit DDoS attack traffic originating from the Home a home network.

Some of the DDoS attacks like spoofed RST or FIN packets, Slowloris, and TLS re-negotiation are difficult to detect on the home network devices without adversely affecting its performance. The reason is typically home routers have fast path to boost the throughput. For every new TCP/UDP flow, only the first few packets are punted through the slow path. Hence, it is not possible to detect various DDoS attacks in the slow path, since the attack payload is sent to the target server after the flow is switched to fast path. Deep packet inspection (DPI) of all the packets of a flow would be able to detect some of the attacks. However, a full-fledged DPI to detect these type of DDoS attacks is operationally not possible for all the devices attached to the Home home network owing to the memory and CPU limitations of the home routers. Further, for certain DDoS attacks the ability to distinguish legitimate traffic from attacker traffic on a per packet basis is complex. This complexity originates from the fact that the packet itself may look "legitimate" and no attack signature can be identified. The anomaly can be identified only after detailed statistical analysis.

The ISP on the other hand can detect the DDoS attack originating from a Home home network, but the ISP does not have a mechanism to detect which device in the Home home network is generating the DDoS attack traffic. The primary reason being devices in a IPv4 Home network are behind NAT. Even in case of a IPv6 Home network, though the ISP can identify the infected device in the Home network launching the DDoS traffic using its unique IPv6 address address, but the infected device can easily change the IP address to evade remediation.

Also, the DDoS mitigation service enabled at the ISP network does not know whether some traffic is consented or is a suspicious one; this may be exacerbated by the unavailability of some control messages used by emerging transport protocol (and which were used to be sent in clear in TCP, for example). The lack for a clear consent message and its association with packets belong to that flow make impose some additional requirement on how suspects packets have to be processed by the ISP while increasing the security of its own infrastructure and avoid negative reputation of its IP resources if more and more machines, known to be source of DDoS, are hosted in its network.

Existing approaches are still suffering from misusing access network resources by abusing devices; the support of means for blocking such attacks close to the sources are missing. In particular, the DOTS signal/data channel protocol does protocols do not discuss cooperative DDoS mitigation between the Home home network and ISP to the suppress the outbound DDoS attack traffic originating from the Home home network.

1.2. The Solution

This specification addresses this problem the problems discussed in Section 1.1 and presents DOTS signal signal/data channel Call Home protocol, extension, which enables the DOTS server to initiate a secure connection to the DOTS client, and the DOTS client conveys the attack traffic information to the DOTS server. The DOTS server uses the DDOS attack traffic information to identify the compromised device launching the DDOS attack, notifies the network administrator administrator, and takes appropriate mitigation action. The mitigation action can be to quarantine the compromised device or block its traffic to the attack target until

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2 Notational Conventions and Terminology

The key words "MUST". "MUST NOT". "REQUIRED". "SHALL". "SHALL NOT".

Abuse traffic can be filtered at the boundaries of the home network or at the ISP network. This document defines means to allow for both deployment models.

2. Notational Conventions and Terminology

The key words "MUST", "MUST NOT", "REQUIRED", "SHALL", "SHALL NOT", "SHOULD", "SHOULD NOT", "RECOMMENDED", "NOT RECOMMENDED", "MAY", and "OPTIONAL" in this document are to be interpreted as described in [RFC2119]. BCP 14 [RFC2119][RFC8174] when, and only when, they appear in all capitals, as shown here.

The reader should be familiar with the terms defined in [I-D.ietf-dots-requirements].

3. DOTS Signal Channel Call Home

3.1. Procedure

DOTS signal channel Call Home preserves all but one of the DOTS client/server roles in the DOTS protocol stack, as compared to DOTS client-initiated DOTS signal channel protocol. The one and only role reversal that occurs are at the TCP/TLS and DTLS layers; that is, the DOTS server acts as a DTLS client and the DOTS client acts as a DTLS server or the the-DOTS server acts as a TCP/TLS server. The DOTS server initiates TCP/TLS handshake or DTLS handshake to the DOTS client.

For example, a home network element (e.g. (e.g., home router) co-located with a DOTS server (likely, a client-domain DOTS gateway) is traditionally the TCP/TLS TCP/TLS server and DTLS server. However, when calling home, the DOTS server initially assumes the role of the TCP/TLS client and DTLS client client, but the network element's role as a DOTS server remains the same. Further, existing certificate chains and mutual authentication mechanisms between the DOTS agents are unaffected by call home Call Home function. This Call Home function enables the DOTS server co-located with a network element (possibly behind NAT NATs and firewall) firewalls) reachable by only the intended DOTS client and the DOTS server cannot be subjected to DDOS attacks. Other motivations for introducing Call Home are discussed in Section 1.1 of [RFC8071].

The diagram below

Figure 1 illustrates call home from a protocol layering perspective: sample Call Home flow exchange:



Figure 1: Signal Channel Call Home Sequence Diagram

This diagram makes the following points:

- 1. If UDP transport is used, the DOTS server begins by initiating a DTLS connection to the DOTS client. The DOTS client MUST support accepting DTLS connection on the IANA-assigned port defined in Section 5.1, but MAY be configured to listen to a different port. If TCP transport is used, the DOTS server begins by initiating a TCP connection to the DOTS server. client. The DOTS client MUST support accepting TCP connection connections on the IANA-assigned port defined in Section 5.1, but MAY be configured to listen to a different port. Using this TCP connection, the DOTS server initiates an TLS connection to the DOTS client.
- 2. Using this (D)TLS connection, the DOTS client requests, withdraws, or retrieves the status of mitigation requests.

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3.2. DOTS Signal Channel Extension

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3.2.1. Mitigation request Request

This specification extends the mitigation request defined in [I-D.ietf-dots-signal-channel] to convey the attacker source prefixes and source ports. port numbers. The DOTS client in the mitigation request conveys the following new parameters in the CBOR body of the mitigation request:

source-prefix: A list of attacker prefixes used to attack the
 target. Prefixes are represented using Classless Inter-Domain
 Routing (CIDR) notation [RFC4632].
 As a reminder, the prefix length must MUST be less than or equal to 32
 (resp. 128) for IPv4 (resp. IPv6).

The prefix list MUST NOT include broadcast, loopback, or multicast addresses. These addresses are considered as invalid values. In addition, the DOTS client MUST validate that attacker prefixes are within the scope of the DOTS server's domain.

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This is an optional attribute.
   source-port-range: A list of port numbers used by the attack traffic
       A port range is defined by two bounds, a lower port number (lower-
       port) and an upper port number (upper-port). When only 'lower-
       port' is present, it represents a single port number.
       For TCP, UDP, Stream Control Transmission Protocol (SCTP)
       [RFC4960], or Datagram Congestion Control Protocol (DCCP) [RFC4340], a range of ports can be, for example, 0-1023,
       1024-65535, or 1024-49151.
       This is an optional attribute.
   The 'source-prefix', 'source-port-range', 'target-prefix', 'target-
   port-range', and 'target-protocol' parameters are mandatory attributes when the attack traffic information is signaled by the
   DOTS client.
    The DOTS server uses the attack traffic information to find the pre-
   NAT source IP address of the compromised device and blocks the
   traffic from the compromised device traffic to the attack target until the mitigation request is withdrawn. The DOTS server informs
    the DOTS client that the attack traffic is blocked.
   If the DOTS server is co-located with a home router, it can program the packet processor to punt all the traffic from the compromised device to the target to slow path. The home router inspects the punted slow path traffic to detect and block the outgoing DDoS attack
   traffic or quarantine the device (e.g., (e.g., using MAC level filtering) until it is remediated, and notify the home administrator about the
    compromised device.
   If the DOTS server is co-located with a home router is not able to
   enforce appropriate filtering rules within the local network, the DOTS server (acting now as a DOTS client) may use the DOTS data
   channel to request explicit filtering from the peer DOTS agent.
   TBD: Do we also want to convey Attack Name/type or ID (the home
   router may not be capable of detecting new emerging/sophisticated
   attacks) ?
3.2.2. DOTS Signal Call Home YANG Model
4.2.1. Module
3.2.2.1. Mitigation Request Model structure Tree Structure
   This document augments the "dots-signal-channel" DOTS signal YANG
   module defined in [I-D.ietf-dots-signal-channel] for signaling the attack traffic information. This document defines defines the YANG module "ietf-dots-signal-call-home", which has the following structure:
   module: ietf-dots-signal-call-home
      augment /ietf-signal:dots-signal:
    +--rw source-prefix* inet
                                      inet:ip-prefix
        +--rw source-port-range* [lower-port upper-port]
                                 inet:port-number
            +--rw lower-port
            +--rw upper-port
3.2.2.2. Call Home Mitigation Request YANG Module
    <CODE BEGINS> file "ietf-dots-signal-call-home@2018-09-28.yang"
    module ietf-dots-signal-call-home {
      yang-version 1.1;
      namespace "urn:ietf:params:xml:ns:yang:ietf-dots-signal-call-home";
      prefix signal-call-home;
      import ietf-inet-types {
        prefix inet;
        reference
           "Section 4 of RFC 6991";
      import ietf-dots-signal-channel {
        prefix ietf-signal;
        reference
           "RFC XXXX: Distributed Denial-of-Service Open Threat
                        Signaling (DOTS) Signal Channel Specification";
      organization
         "IETF DDoS Open Threat Signaling (DOTS) Working Group";
      contact
         "WG Web:
                     <https://datatracker.ietf.org/wg/dots/>
         WG List: <mailto:dots@ietf.org>
         Editor: Konda, Tirumaleswar Reddy
                     <mailto:TirumaleswarReddy_Konda@McAfee.com>";
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      description
        "This module contains YANG definition for the signaling
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     revision 2018-09-28 {
       description
          "Initial revision.";
       reference
          "RFC XXXX: Distributed Denial-of-Service Open Threat
                      Signaling (DOTS) Signal Channel Call Home";
     augment "/ietf-signal:dots-signal" {
        when "message-type='mitigation-scope'";
       description "Attacker source details";
        leaf-list source-prefix {
          type inet:ip-prefix;
          description
            "IPv4 or IPv6 prefix identifying the attacker(s).";
        list source-port-range {
          key "lower-port upper-port";
          description
            "Port range. When only lower-port is
             present, it represents a single port number.";
          leaf lower-port {
  type inet:port-number;
            mandatory true;
            description
               "Lower port number of the port range.";
          leaf upper-port {
            type inet:port-number;
must ". >= ../lower-port" {
                error-message
                  "The upper port number must be greater than or equal to lower port number.";
            description
               "Upper port number of the port range.";
         }
    }
4. DOTS Data Channel Call Home
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Figure 2 shows the main steps that may be observed when a Call Home service is enabled between too peer DOTS agents.

```
| DOTS agent |
                                     DOTS agent
role=DOTS client
                                    role=DOTS server
       -(1)--Retrieve DOTS Capabilities--->
      -(2)--Subscribe to DOTS Call Home-->
                     ...
role=DOTS server
                                   role=DOTS client
       <---Request Filtering Sources--(3)--
(4) Enforce filters locally, or
role=DOTS client
                                   role=DOTS server
       -(5)--Request Filtering Sources--->
```

Figure 2: DOTS Call Home: Data Channel Overview

At bootstrapping, the first DOTS agent #1, acting as a DOTS client, contacts its peer DOTS agent #2 (acting as a DOTS server) as per the procedure specified in [I-D.ietf-dots-data-channel]. Then, the DOTS client sends a request to retrieve the capabilities of the peer DOTS agent #2. If that peer agent supports the Call Home service (Section 4.2.1), the DOTS client sends a request to the peer DOTS agent #2 to subscribe to the Call Home service (see Section 4.2.2 for further details).

Once the subscription is validated and put into effect, the DOTS agent #2 may act as a DOTS client at any moment if it detects some suspicious traffic originating from the client domain #1. In order to avoid disrupting the service offered to that domain, DOTS agent #2 sends a request to DOTS agent #1 by means of [I-D.ietf-dots-data-channel] to request some filtering rules to be enforced at the boundaries of the client domain.

Upon receipt of that request, the DOTS agent #1 may enforce the requested filtering rules, relay the request to an administrator, or echo the request back to the DOTS agent #2 as per normal DOTS data channel procedure.

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4.2. DOTS Data Channel Extension
4.2.1. DOTS Call Home Capability
   As specified in [I-D.ietf-dots-signal-channel], a DOTS client sends a
   GET request to retrieve the filtering capabilities supported by a
   DOTS server. Figure 3 shows an example of such request.
      GET /restconf/data/ietf-dots-data-channel:dots-data\
          /capabilities HTTP/1.1
     Host: {host}:{port}
Accept: application/yang-data+json
         Figure 3: GET to Retrieve the Capabilities of a DOTS Server
   A DOTS server which supports the Call Home functionality replies with
   a response such as the one depicted in Figure 4.
    Content-Type: application/yang-data+json
    {
  "ietf-dots-data-channel:capabilities": {
    "forwarding-actions": ["drop", "accept"],
        "rate-limit": true,
        "transport-protocols": [1, 6, 17, 58],
        "ipv4": {
           "length": true,
          "protocol": true,
"destination-prefix": true,
          "source-prefix": true,
"fragment": true
        },
"ipv6": {
           "length": true,
          "protocol": true
          "destination-prefix": true,
          "source-prefix": true,
          "fragment": true
        },
"tcp": {
          "flags-bitmask": true.
          "source-port": true,
          "destination-port": true,
          "port-range": true
        "udp": {
           "length": true,
          "source-port": true,
          "destination-port": true,
          "port-range": true
       },
"icmp": {
   "type": true,
   "code": true
        "call-home-support": true,
     }
                       Figure 4: DOTS Server Capabilities
   All the attributes listed in Figure 4 except 'call-home-support', are defined in [I-D.ietf-dots-signal-channel]. The meaning of 'call-home-support' parameter is described below:
   call-home-support: This attribute is used by a DOTS server to indicate whether it supports the Call Home functionality, when set
      to 'true'.
      This is an optional attribute.
4.2.2. Registration to The Call Home Service
   In order to make use of DOTS Call Home function, a DOTS client MUST
   register to its DOTS server(s) by creating a DOTS client ('dots-client') resource and setting the 'call-home-enable' parameter to
    true'. To that aim, DOTS clients send a POST request shown in
    POST /restconf/data/ietf-dots-data-channel:dots-data HTTP/1.1
    Host: {host}:{port}
    Content-Type: application/yang-data+json
       "ietf-dots-data-channel:dots-client": [
           "cuid": "string",
            "call-home-enable": boolean
        }
      -1
                         Figure 5: Register to Call Home
   The 'call-home-enable' parameter is described below:
   call-home-enable: If set to 'true', this means the DOTS client
      requests subscribing to the DOTS Call Home service.
      This is an optional attribute.
   A DOTS client can disable its subscription to the Call Home service
   either by de-registering the 'dots-client' resource or by sending a
   registration refresh request with 'call-home-enable' set to 'false'.
   A DOTS client which subscribed to a Call Home service should be
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prepared to receive incoming unsolicited requests from the peer DOTS
   <<<some text about source port/nat traversal>>>>>
4.2.3. Tree Structure
   This document augments the DOTS data channel YANG module
                                            the following structure: defined in
   [I-D.ietf-dots-data-channel] as follows:
   module: reddy dots home network ietf-dots-data-call-home
     augment /ietf_signal:dots_signal:
+--rw_source-prefix* inet
                                     inet:ip-prefix
                ource port range* [lower port up]
                                                       port] /ietf-data:dots-data/dots-client:
       +--rw <del>lower-port inet:port-number</del> call-home-enable*
                                                                          boolean
     augment /ietf-data:dots-data/capabilities:
                             inet:port
4.2.2. Mitigation Request Model call-home-support*
                                                             boolean
4.2.4. YANG Module
   <CODE BEGINS> file "reddy-dots-home@2018-09-25.yang" "ietf-dots-data-call-home@2018-09-28.yang"
   module reddy dots home network ietf-dots-data-call-home {
     yang-version 1.1;
     namespace <del>"urn:ietf:params:xml:ns:yang:ietf-dots-signal-channel";</del> "urn:ietf:params:xml:ns:yang:ietf-dots-data-call-home";
     prefix signal; data-call-home;
     import ietf-inet-types {
       prefix inet;
       reference
          "Section 4 of RFC 6991":
     import ietf dots signal channel ietf-dots-data-channel {
       prefix ietf-signal; ietf-data;
       reference
          "RFC XXXX: Distributed Denial-of-Service Open Threat
                     Signaling (DOTS) Data Channel Specification";
     organization
        'IETF DDoS Open Threat Signaling (DOTS) Working Group";
        "WG Web:
                   <https://datatracker.ietf.org/wg/dots/>
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     description
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        This version of this YANG module is part of RFC XXXX; see
        the RFC itself for full legal notices.";
     revision <del>2018 09 24</del> 2018-09-28 {
       description
          "Initial revision.";
       reference
          "RFC XXXX: Distributed Denial-of-Service Open Threat
                     Signaling (DOTS) Signal Data Channel Specification"; Call Home";
     augment "/ietf-signal:dots-signal" "/ietf-data:dots-data/ietf-data:capabilities" {
       when "message-type='mitigation-scope'"
description "Attacker source details";
          "Augments the DOTS data channel with Call Home capability.";
       leaf call-home-support {
          type inet:ip prefix; boolean;
         description
                        v6 prefix identifying
            "DOTS Call Home feature is a capability which is meant
            to allow a home network to receive requests from the attacker."; ISP
            network.";
       list source-port-range
     augment "/ietf-data:dots-data/ietf-data:dots-client" {
       when "/ietf-data:dots-data/ietf-data:capabilities/" +
            "data-call-home:call-home-support='true'";
       description
            "Port range. When only lower port is
             present, it represents
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```
"Allows a single port number."; DOTS client to enable/disable Call Home
          functionality.";
       leaf lower port call-home-enable {
         type inet:port number
            mandatory true; boolean;
         description
           "Lower port number of
"When set to 'true', this means the port range.";
           type inet:port number;
         must ". >= ../lower port" {
            error-message
              or equal DOTS client registers
            to <del>lower port number.";</del>
         - description
              "Upper port number of the port range.";
         Call Home functionality.";
      }
  }
5. TANA Considerations
5.1. DOTS Signal Channel Call Home UDP and TCP Port Number
   IANA is requested to assign the port number TBD to the DOTS signal
   channel Call Home protocol for both UDP and TCP from the "Service
   Name and Transport Protocol Port Number Registry" available at:
   https://www.iana.org/assignments/service-names-port-numbers/service-
  names-port-numbers.xhtml.
  The assignment of port number 4647 is strongly suggested (DOTS signal channel uses port number 4646).
5.2. DOTS Signal Channel CBOR Mappings Registry
  This specification registers the "source-prefix" 'source-prefix' and "source-port-
          'source-port-
   range' parameters in the IANA ""DOTS Signal Channel CBOR Mappings"
   registry established by [I-D.ietf-dots-signal-channel].
   The source-prefix and source-port-range are comprehension-optional
    Parameter Name
                                        CBOR | CBOR Major
                                        Key
                                                     Type &
                                                                    Type
                                                Information
                       leaf-list
                                        0x8000| 4 array
   source-prefix
                                                                  Array
                         inet:
                                         (TBD)
                          ip-prefix
                                                   3 text string
                                                                    String
                                          0x8001 4 array
    source-port-range | list
                                                                    Array
                                          (TBD)
     Table 4: CBOR Mappings Used in DOTS Signal Channel Messages
5.3. DOTS Signal Channel YANG Module
  This document requests IANA to register the following \mbox{\tt URIS} in the "IETF XML Registry" [RFC3688]:
            URI: urn:ietf:para
                                  <del>::xml:ns:yang:reddy-dots-home-network</del> urn:ietf:params:xml:ns:yang:ietf-dots-signal-call-home
            Registrant Contact: The IESG.
            XML: N/A; the requested URI is an XML namespace.
            URI: urn:ietf:params:xml:ns:yang:ietf-dots-data-call-home
            Registrant Contact: The IESG
            XML: N/A; the requested URI is an XML namespace.
   This document requests IANA to register the following YANG \frac{module}{modules} in
   the "YANG Module Names" registry [RFC7950].
         name: ietf-signal ietf-signal-call-home
         namespace: urn:ietf:params:xml:ns:yang:reddy_dots_home_network urn:ietf:params:xml:ns:yang:ietf-dots-signal-call-home
         prefix: signal-call-home
         reference: RFC XXXX
         name: ietf-data-call-home
         namespace: urn:ietf:params:xml:ns:vang:ietf-dots-data-call-home
         prefix: data-call-home
         reference: RFC XXXX
6. Security Considerations
   This draft document deviates from standard DOTS signal channel usage by
  having the DOTS server initiate the TCP/TLS or DTLS connection. DOTS signal channel related security considerations discussed in
   Section 10 of [I-D.ietf-dots-signal-channel] are to MUST be considered.
   DOTS agents
   must MUST authenticate each other using (D)TLS before a DOTS signal channel session is considered valid.
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An attacker could may launch a denial-of-service (DOS) DoS attack on the DOTS client by having it perform computationally expensive operations, before deducing that the attacker doesn't possess a valid key. For instance, in TLS 1.3 [RFC8446], the ServerHello message contains a Key Share value based on an expensive asymmetric key operation for key establishment. Common precautions mitigating DoS attacks are recommended, such as temporarily blacklisting the source address after a set number of unsuccessful authentication attempts.

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