

5CC515 – Networks and Security

Lecture 7: Security Essentials

Background

- Information security requirements change with the advance in technology
- Traditional security is provided by physical and administrative mechanisms
- Computer security requires new applications of these such as automated tools to protect stored information
- Networks and data storage systems require additional protection on the communications link and at the end point.

A long time ago...

Once upon a time, Information Security was only a matter of perimeter protection. Stop the perpetrator from physically getting onto your premises (or to unauthorised areas on your premises) and you have total information security

... and now...

- Security in the current context means:
 - Information systems security
 - Cryptography
 - Encryption
 - Confidentiality
 - Authentication
 - Integrity
 - Auditing
 - Authorisation
 - Availability
 - Nonrepudiation
- Our perpetrators are:
 - External and internal attackers
 - Our own systems
- For those of you who like videos:
 - [10 Essential Security Practices](#)
 - [What would Google do](#)

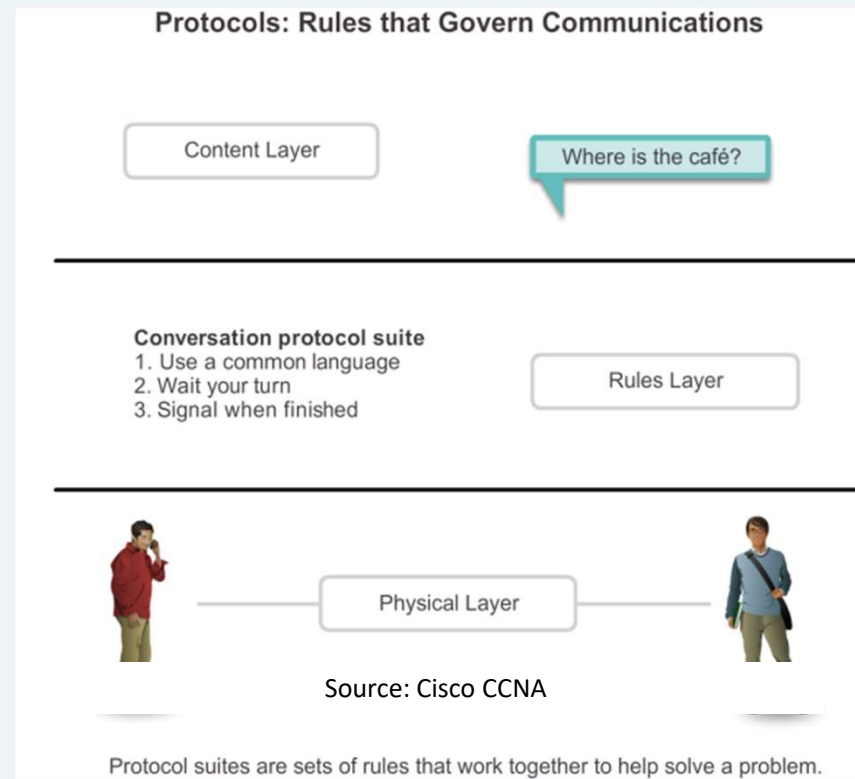
... but it is rare, right?

- No, security breaches are common and now well reported on
- Some you might remember:
 - Equifax (2017)
 - CEX (2017)
 - Deloitte (2017)
 - Pizza Hut (2017)
 - Bupa (2017)
 - Wonga (2017)
 - In fact here is [a list of 27 famous ones](#):
 - [Government paper](#) on security breaches
- ... 2020
 - July – Twitter
 - April – Zoom
 - April – Magellan Health
 - March – Marriott
 - February - MGM

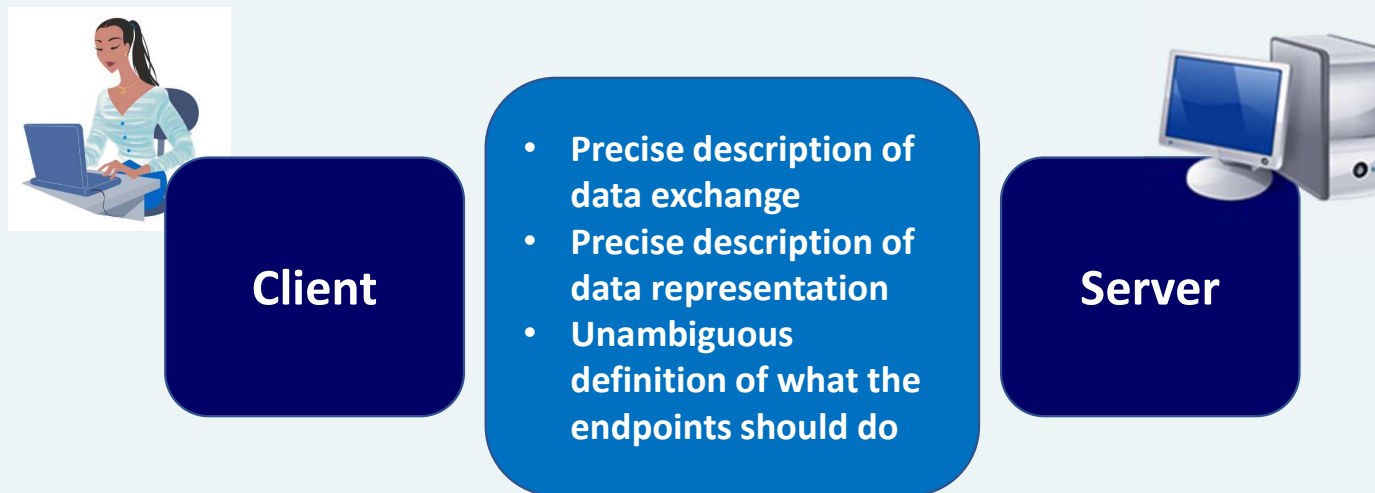
Well at least its only online...

- HMRC
 - 21st November 2007, HMRC 2CDs containing:
 - 25 million records of
 - Names
 - Addresses
 - dates of birth
 - child benefit numbers
 - National Insurance numbers
 - bank or building society account details.
 - Password protected but not encrypted
 - Effects were that:
 - 1000s of citizens closed and reopened bank accounts
 - Security became a matter of huge concern, story was followed by numerous similar stories in the press
 - Head of HMRC resigned
- ... but they learned right?
- 4204 data losses in 2019-20
- Mostly from improperly secured devices outside of offices
- 25 classed as severe

Protocols: rules that govern communications

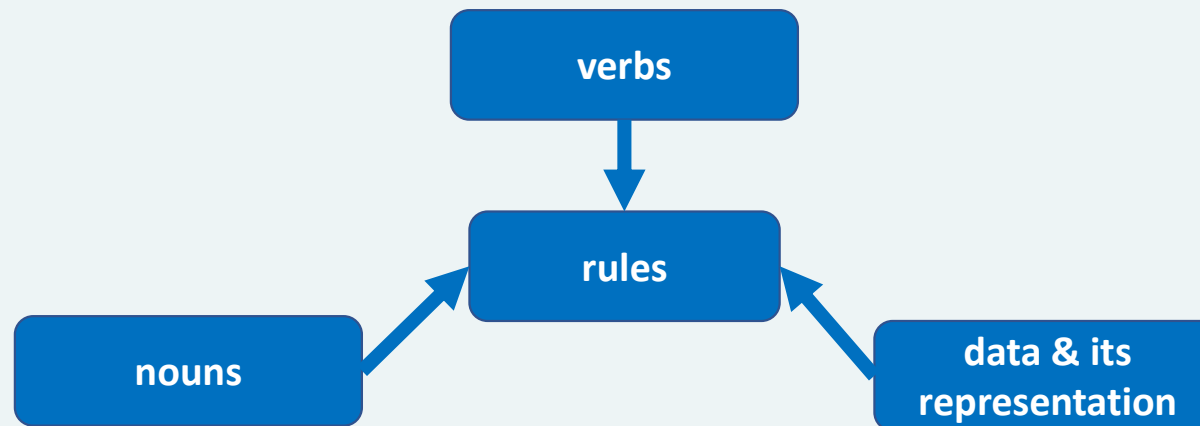


Rules' layer in client-server protocols

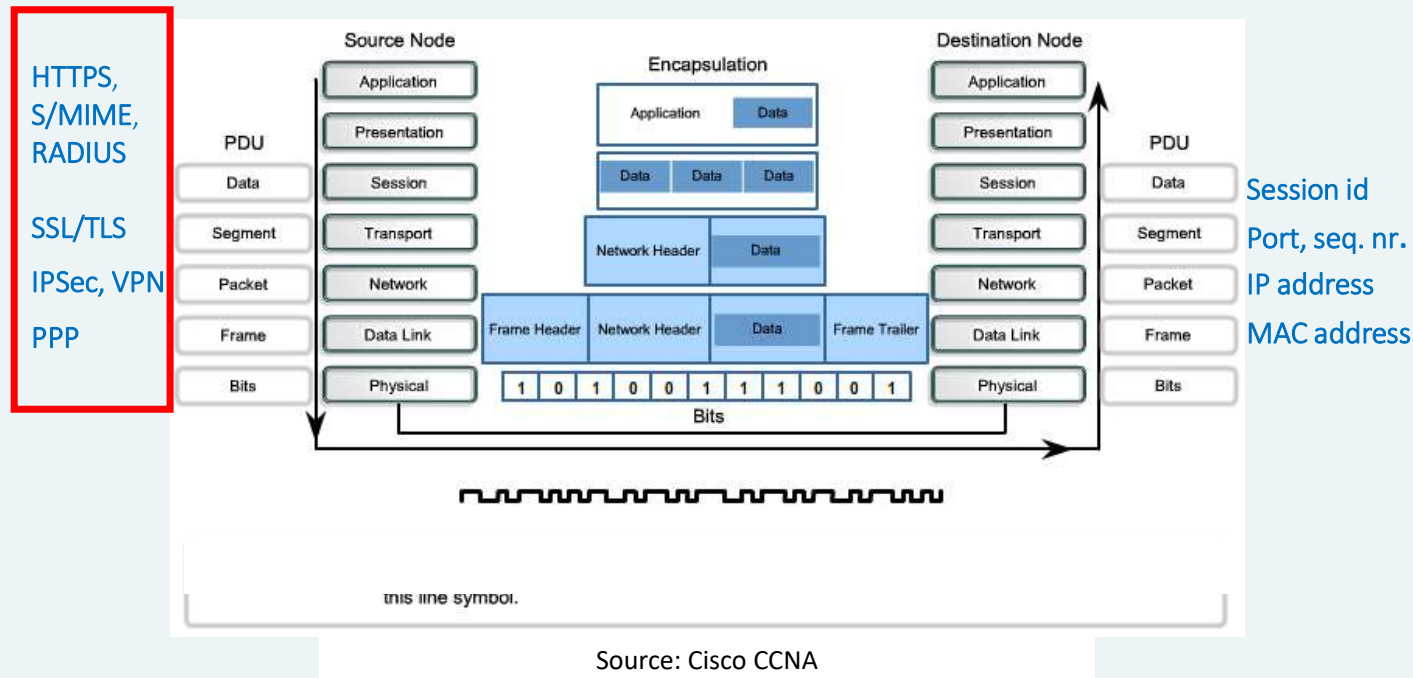


Basic components of a client-server protocol

- They also define rules which bring together
 - 'commands' → verbs and nouns
 - data protocol units → e.g., bits, frames, packets, segments, data
 - data representation → e.g., 00-B0-D0-86-BB-F7, 192.168.1.1, 80



Network security protocols and the OSI model



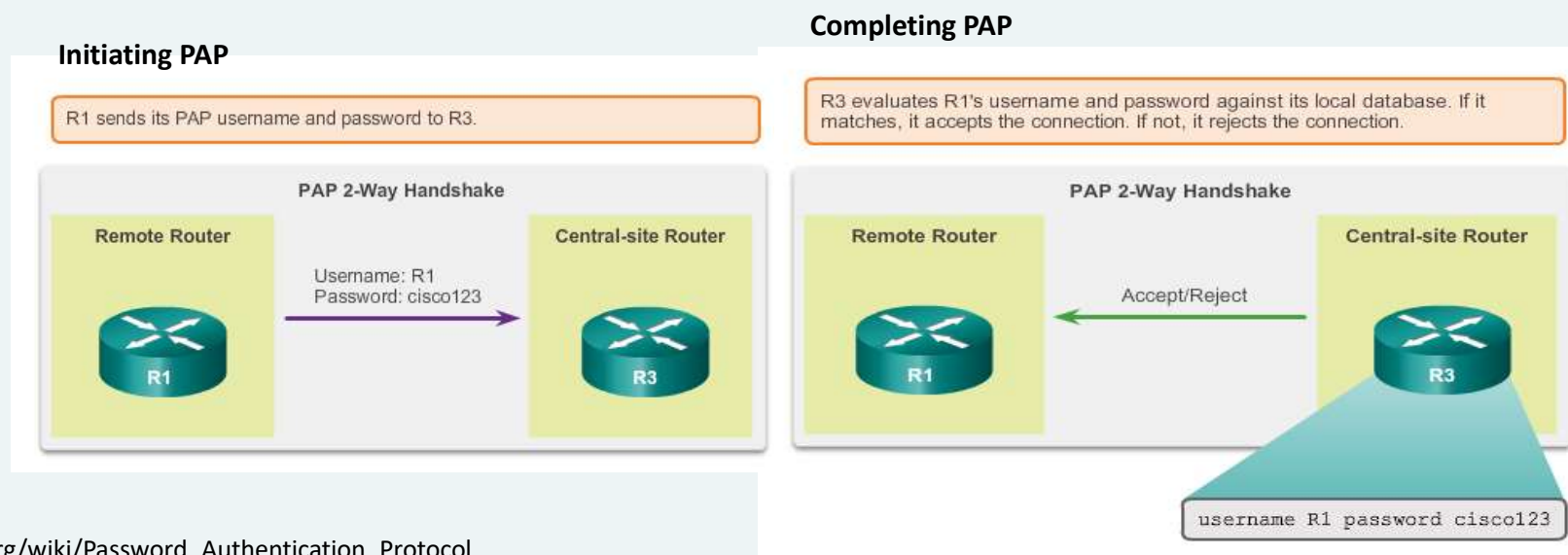
PPP protocol

- Provides security for direct node-to-node communication through a serial link
- Allows two modes for authentication: PAP or CHAP
 - both modes rely on lookup of pre-shared secret passwords



PAP: Password Authentication Protocol

- Password and username are sent repeatedly in plain text
- Receiver authenticates and acknowledges authentication using ack message



https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Password_Authentication_Protocol

CHAP: Challenge Handshake Authentication Protocol

- Both systems know a shared secret
- Device challenges connecting device – One way hash of challenge + secret is sent back
- Challenge is repeated at random intervals
- Resilient to replay attacks (due to random number and packet id)

COMPONENTS OF CHALLENGE PACKET



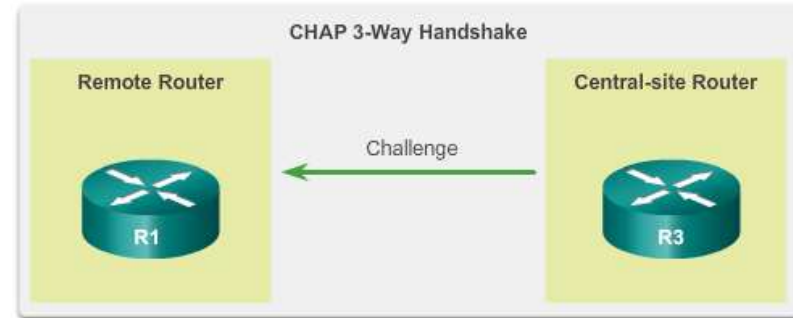
Initiating CHAP

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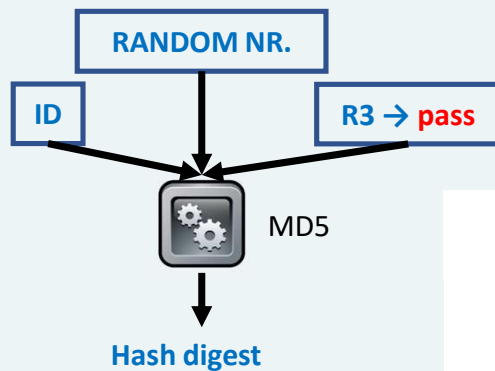
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CHAP: Challenge Handshake Authentication Protocol (1)



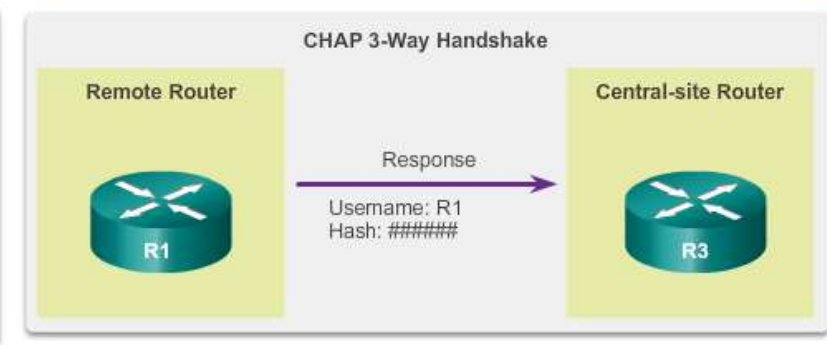
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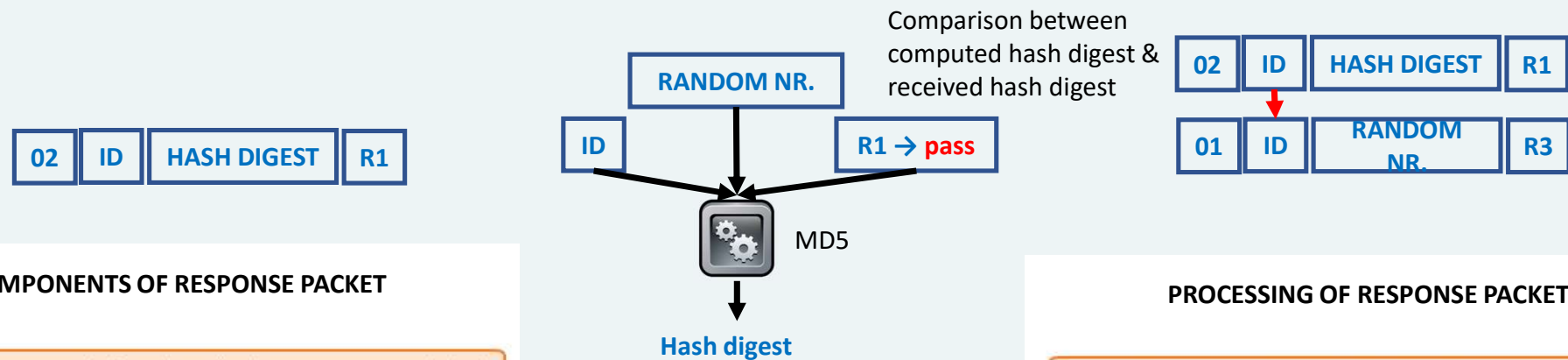
Responding CHAP

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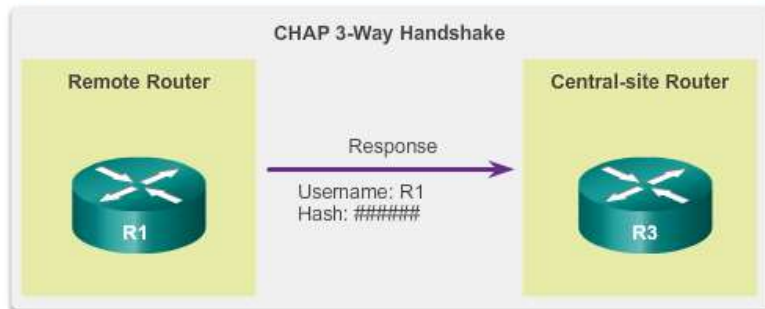
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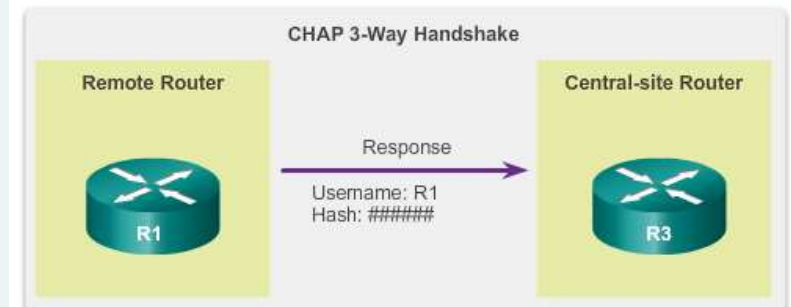
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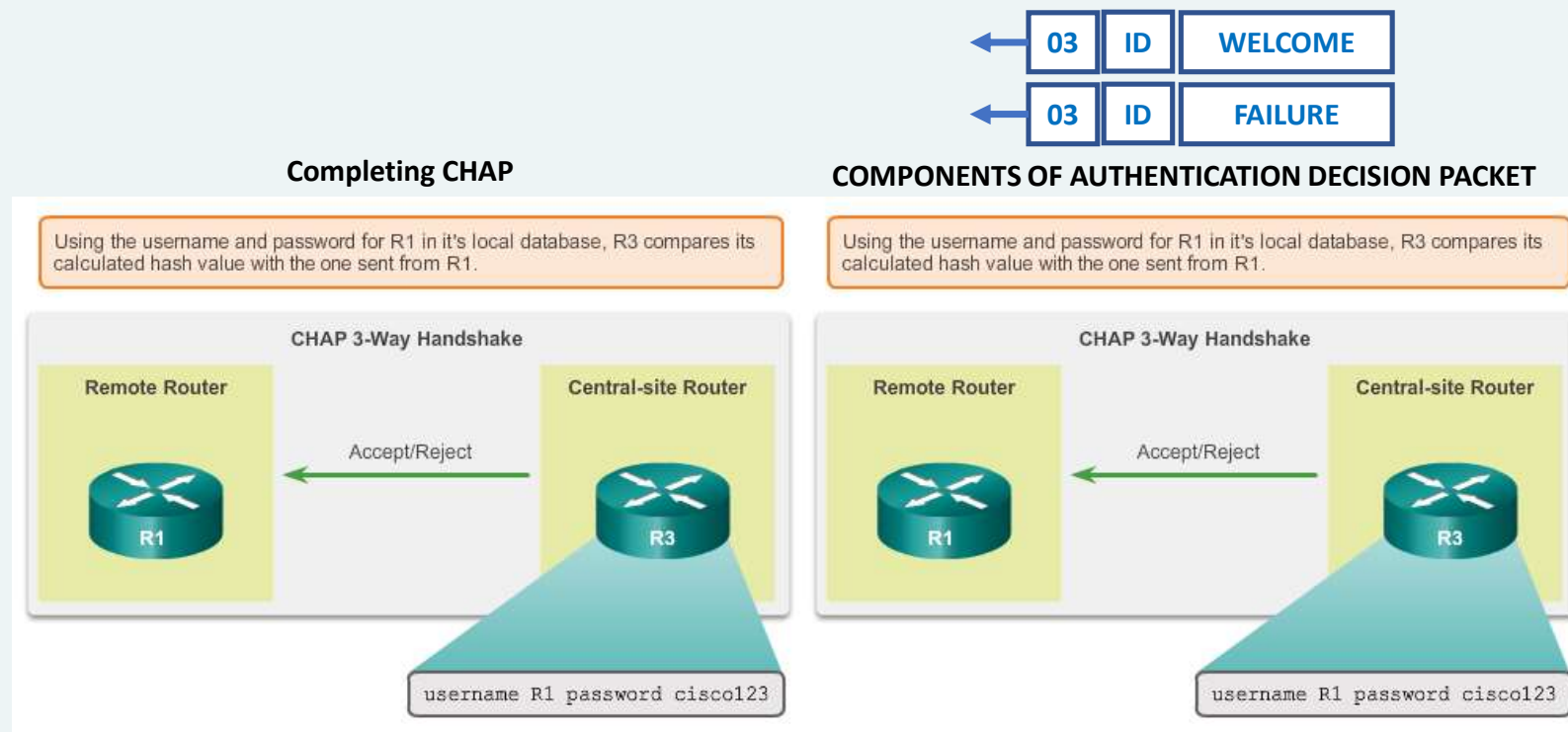
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Source: Cisco CCNA

CHAP: Challenge Handshake Authentication Protocol (3)



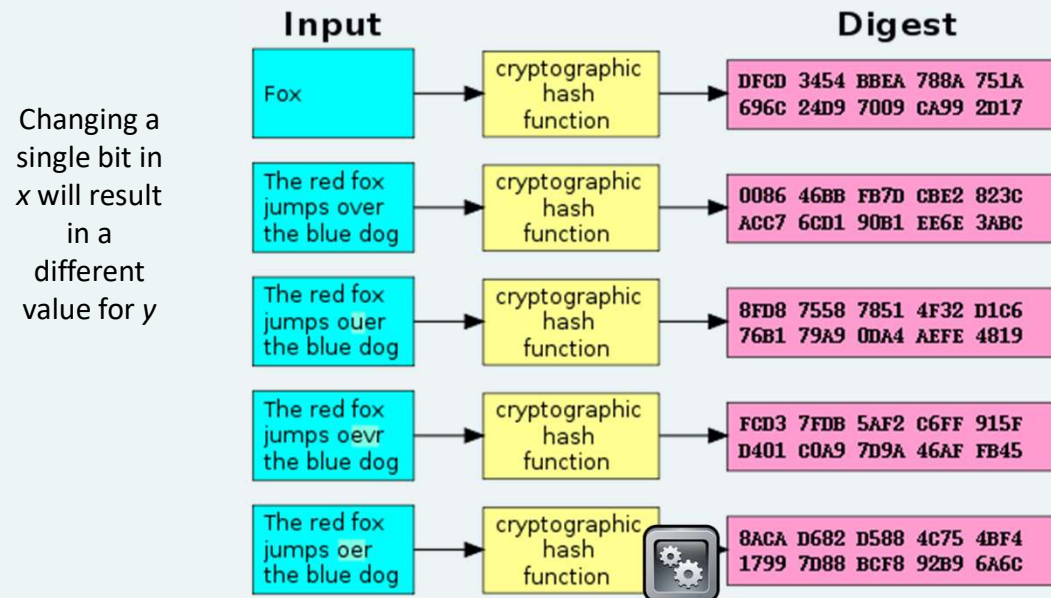
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What can we say about the security provided by PPP?

- PAP provides little protection against impersonation
 - It is subject to eavesdropping
 - It is subject to replay attacks
 - It is subject to man in the middle attacks
- CHAP provides a higher level of protection
 - Due to the randomly-generated number used for the challenge and one-way hashing it is less vulnerable to replay attacks and eavesdropping
 - However, it suffers from similar weaknesses as symmetric encryption
 - We must both know the shared secret
 - We must communicate the shared secret out of band
 - If the shared secret is compromised, the protection is broken



Solution to message tampering: hashing



Idea behind hashing

For input data x , the output y is

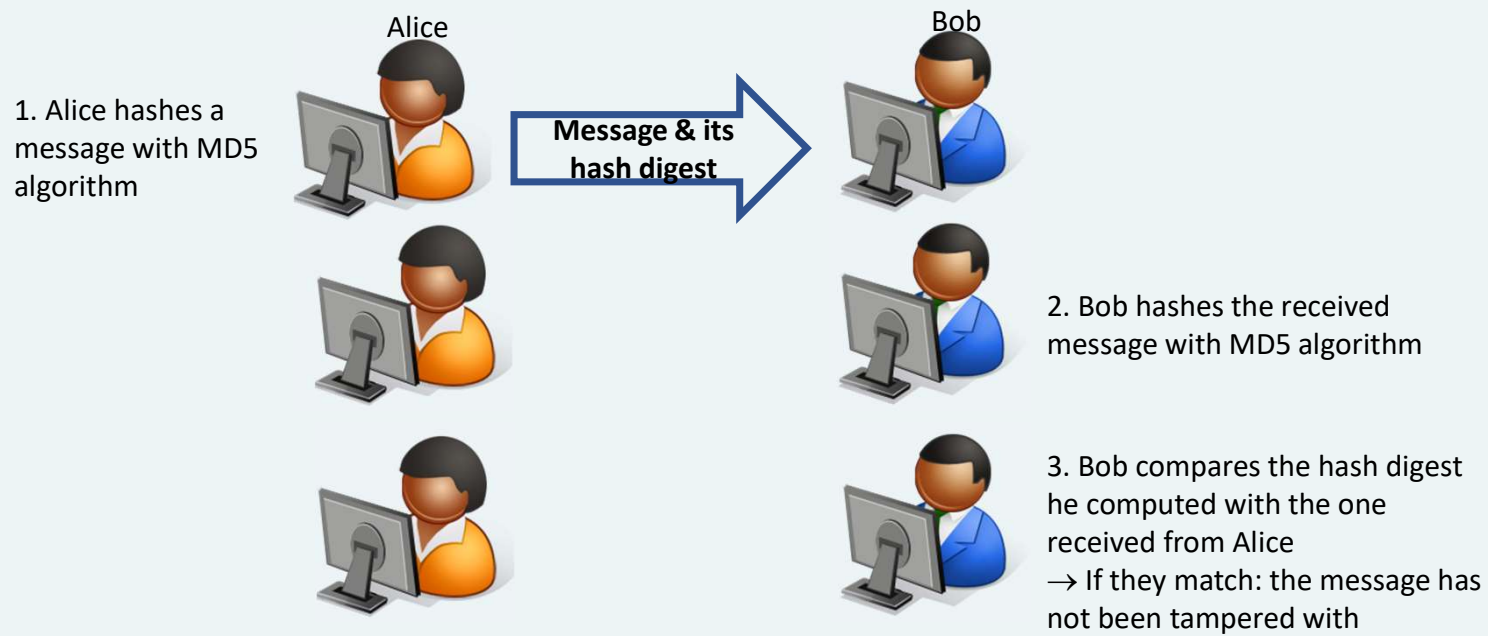
$$y=h(x)$$

- Compression
 - Hashing algorithms produce a fixed size output of y regardless of the size of x . y is a fixed length, but needs to be 'small' for this to work
- Efficiency
 - The computation of $h(x)$ should be efficient. It will grow for greater lengths of x , but shouldn't take much longer
- One way
 - It should be difficult to invert the hash, i.e. Given y it should be difficult if not impossible to calculate x

Hashing algorithms

- Example hashing algorithms and digest size
 - MD5 hash algorithm produces 128-bits digests
 - SHA-1 hash algorithm produces 160-bits digests
 - SHA-256 hash algorithm produces 256-bits digests
 - SHA-512 hash algorithm produces 512-bits digests
- ...

Hashing in practice



Potential problem with hashing: collision

- A collision happens when two different messages can be manipulated to generate a same hash digest
- A collision attack
 - on the MD5 hashing algorithm is known since 2004 (Wang et al. 2004)
 - on the SHA-1 hashing algorithm is known since 2005 (Wang et al. 2005)

MD5

- One way function (computationally infeasible to find correct input from output)
- Algorithm
 - produces 128 bit fixed length output
 - from 512bit block inputs
 - using 32 bit operations
 - Input padded to 512 bits using 10...0 until 64 bits left, then $\text{message length} \% 2^{64}$

<https://tools.ietf.org/html/rfc1321>
<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/MD5>
<http://merlot.usc.edu/csac-f06/papers/Wang05a.pdf>

MD5

- ABCD are 32 bit words initialised to constants
- M_i is a 32 bit input block
- K_i is a 32 bit constant (different for each operation)
- This is performed 16 times for each of 4 different unique functions

$$F(B, C, D) = (B \wedge C) \vee (\neg B \wedge D)$$

$$G(B, C, D) = (B \wedge D) \vee (C \wedge \neg D)$$

$$H(B, C, D) = B \oplus C \oplus D$$

$$I(B, C, D) = C \oplus (B \vee \neg D)$$

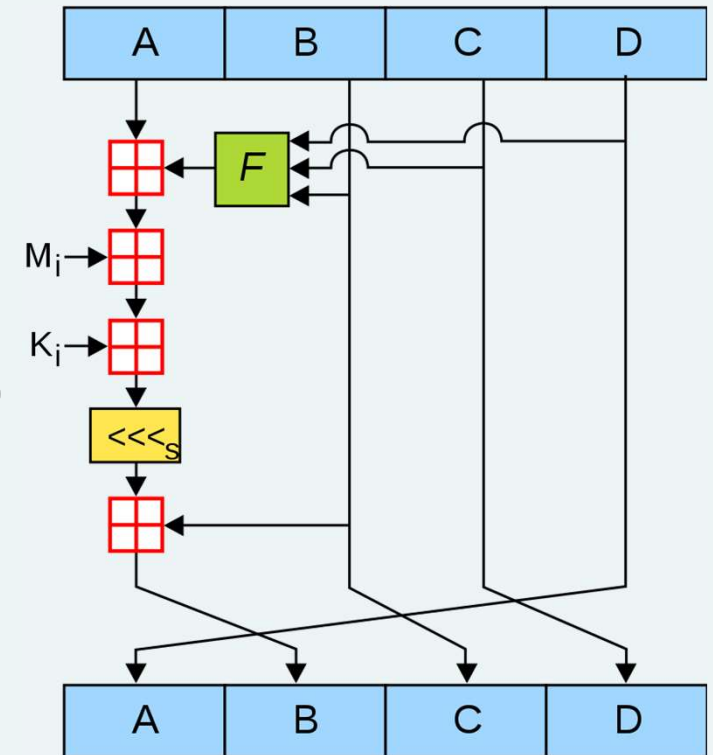


Figure 1. One MD5 operation. MD5 consists of 64 of these operations, grouped in four rounds of 16 operations. F is a nonlinear function; one function is used in each round. M_i denotes a 32-bit block of the message input, and K_i denotes a 32-bit constant, different for each operation. \lll_s denotes a left bit rotation by s places; s varies for each operation. The red square with a cross denotes addition modulo 2^{32} .

SHA Family

- SHA-1 - Deprecated
- SHA-2 - In use, short versions are insecure
- SHA-3 - In use

Algorithm and variant		Output size (bits)	Internal state size (bits)	Block size (bits)	Rounds	Operations	Security against collision attacks (bits)	Security against length extension attacks (bits)
MD5 (as reference)		128	128 (4 × 32)	512	64	And, Xor, Rot, Add (mod 2 ³²), Or	≤ 18 (collisions found) ^[39]	0
SHA-0		160	160 (5 × 32)	512	80	And, Xor, Rot, Add (mod 2 ³²), Or	< 34 (collisions found)	0
SHA-1							< 63 (collisions found) ^[40]	
SHA-2	SHA-224	224	256 (8 × 32)	512	64	And, Xor, Rot, Add (mod 2 ³²), Or, Shr	112	32
	SHA-256	256					128	0
	SHA-384	384					512 (8 × 64)	1024
SHA-512	512	256	0 ^[41]					
	SHA-512/224	224					112	288
	SHA-512/256	256					128	256
SHA-3	SHA3-224	224	1600 (5 × 5 × 64)	1152	24 ^[42]	And, Xor, Rot, Not	112	448
	SHA3-256	256		1088			128	512
	SHA3-384	384		832			192	768
	SHA3-512	512		576			256	1024
	SHAKE128	d (arbitrary)		1344				min(d/2, 128)
	SHAKE256	d (arbitrary)	1088			min(d/2, 256)	512	

IPSec Protocol

- Provides security for IPv4 and IPv6 packets, allowing secure remote communication over the Internet
- Three main technologies:
 - Authentication Headers
 - data integrity, data origin authentication, replay attack prevention
 - Encapsulating Security Payloads
 - Confidentiality, data origin authentication, integrity, replay attack prevention
 - Security Associations
 - Key exchange and location services
- Can be used by any higher layer protocol
(Main reference: RFC 2401)

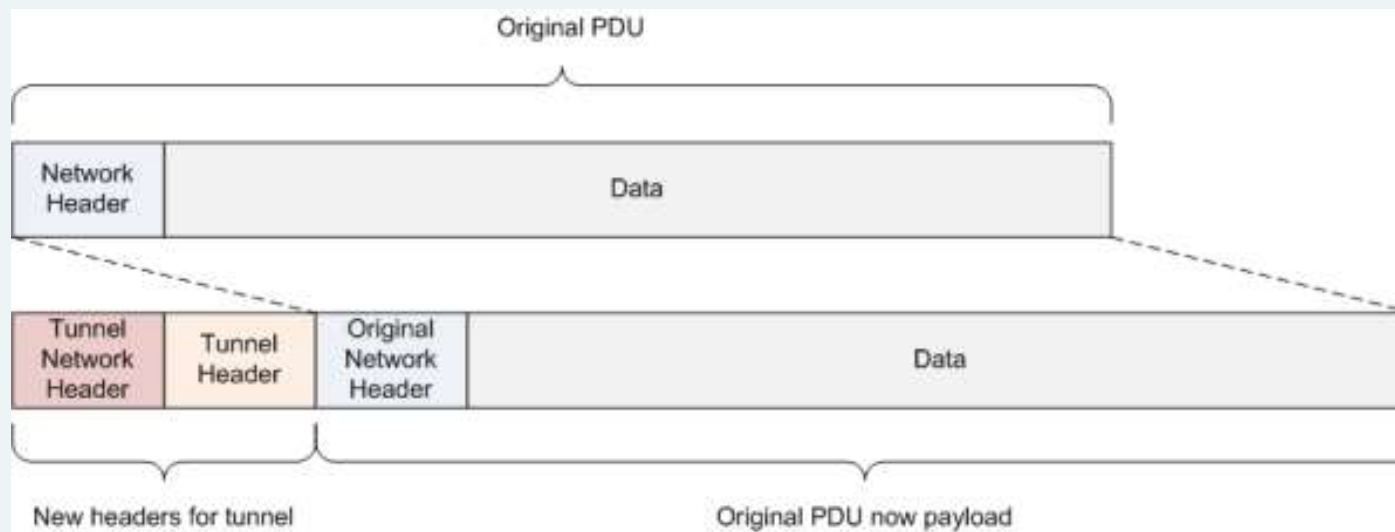


<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/IPsec>

IPSec: Transport Mode

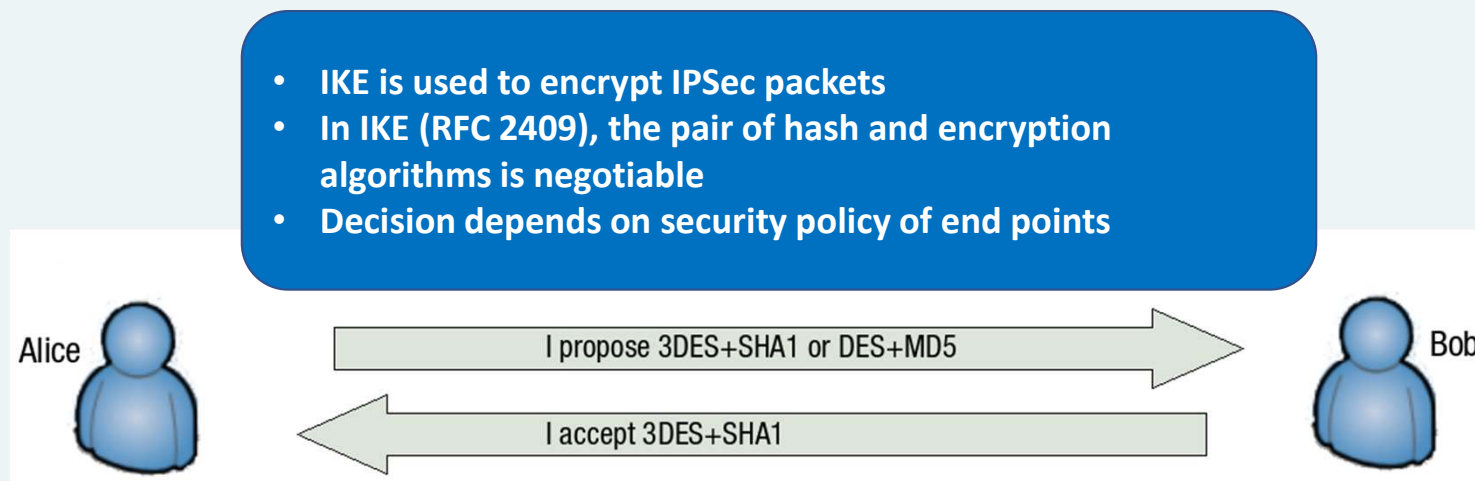
- Encrypts the payload only
- Breaks with port / network address translation
 - Hash is different so packet is marked as tampered with
 - NAT-T protocol allows for NAT and IPSec
- Security protocols:
 - <https://tools.ietf.org/html/rfc7321>
 - HMAC- SHA1, SHA2 – integrity, protection, authenticity
 - TripleDES-CBC – confidentiality
 - AES-CBC – confidentiality
 - AES-GCM confidentiality, authentication

IPSec: Tunneling Mode



Source: <http://infrastructureadventures.com/tag/ipsec/>

Internet Key Exchange (IKE) service



<http://documentation.axsguard.net/manuals/Gatekeeper/7.7.0PL2/html/ipsec/>

- You will need to implement something like this for your second practical
- Negotiation of encryption and authentication is an important factor for future proofing your protocol

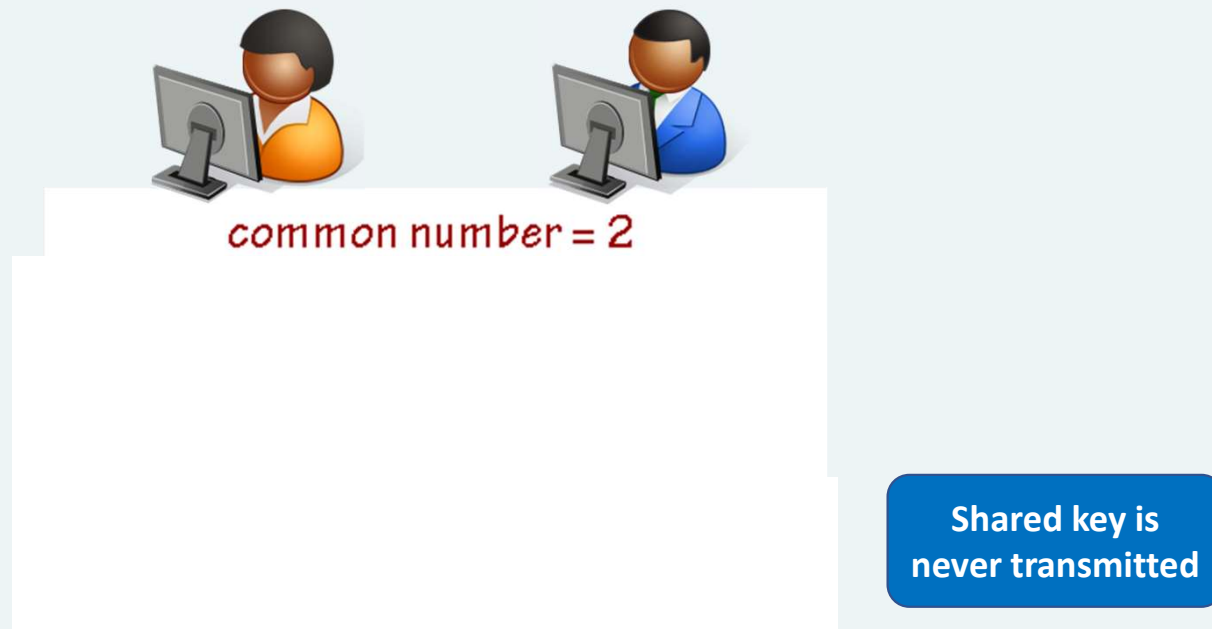
Internet Key Exchange

- IKEv1:
 - symmetric encryption, shared secret key
 - asymmetric encryption
 - public key encryption and digital signature
 - Many problems with difficult to interpret output and very strict negotiations
- IKEv2
 - Allows mobility (MOBIKE), NAT, increased DOS resilience (less forward processing)
- For symmetric encryption
 - enforces periodic secret key change and frequent refresh
 - administrator can control key strength and refresh frequency

<http://www.ciscopress.com/articles/article.asp?p=25474&seqNum=7>

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IPSec uses Diffie-Hellman key exchange method



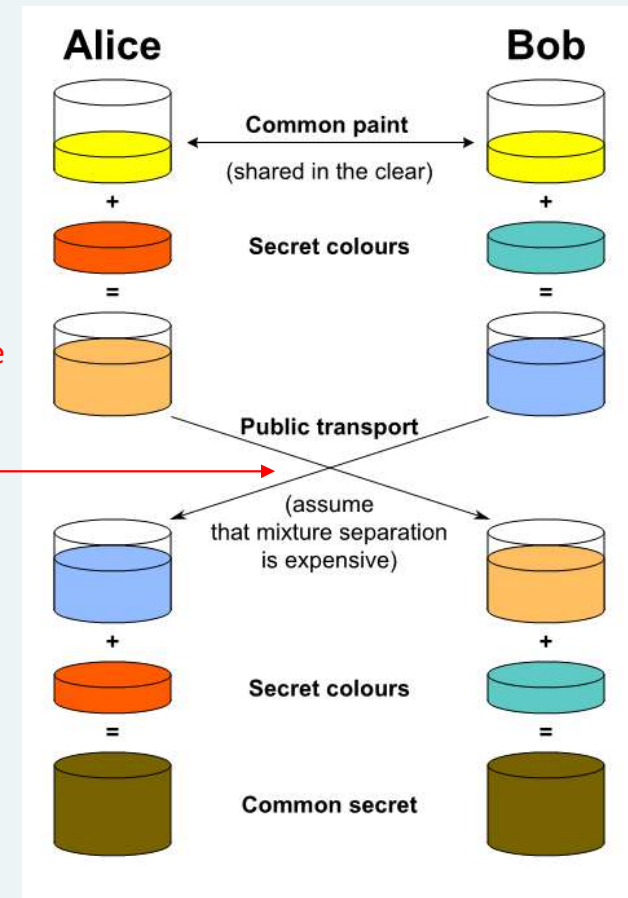
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Why does it work

1. Alice and Bob agree to use a modulus $p = 23$ and base $g = 5$ (which is a primitive root modulo 23).
2. Alice chooses a secret integer $a = 4$, then sends Bob $A = g^a \bmod p$
 - $A = 5^4 \bmod 23 = 4$
3. Bob chooses a secret integer $b = 3$, then sends Alice $B = g^b \bmod p$
 - $B = 5^3 \bmod 23 = 10$
4. Alice computes $s = B^a \bmod p$
 - $s = 10^4 \bmod 23 = 18$
5. Bob computes $s = A^b \bmod p$
 - $s = 4^3 \bmod 23 = 18$
6. Alice and Bob now share a secret (the number 18).
7. Both Alice and Bob have arrived at the same value s , because, under mod p ,

$$(g^a \bmod p)^b \bmod p = (g^b \bmod p)^a \bmod p$$

This is the key – its difficult to determine the prime number if we use a really big number!



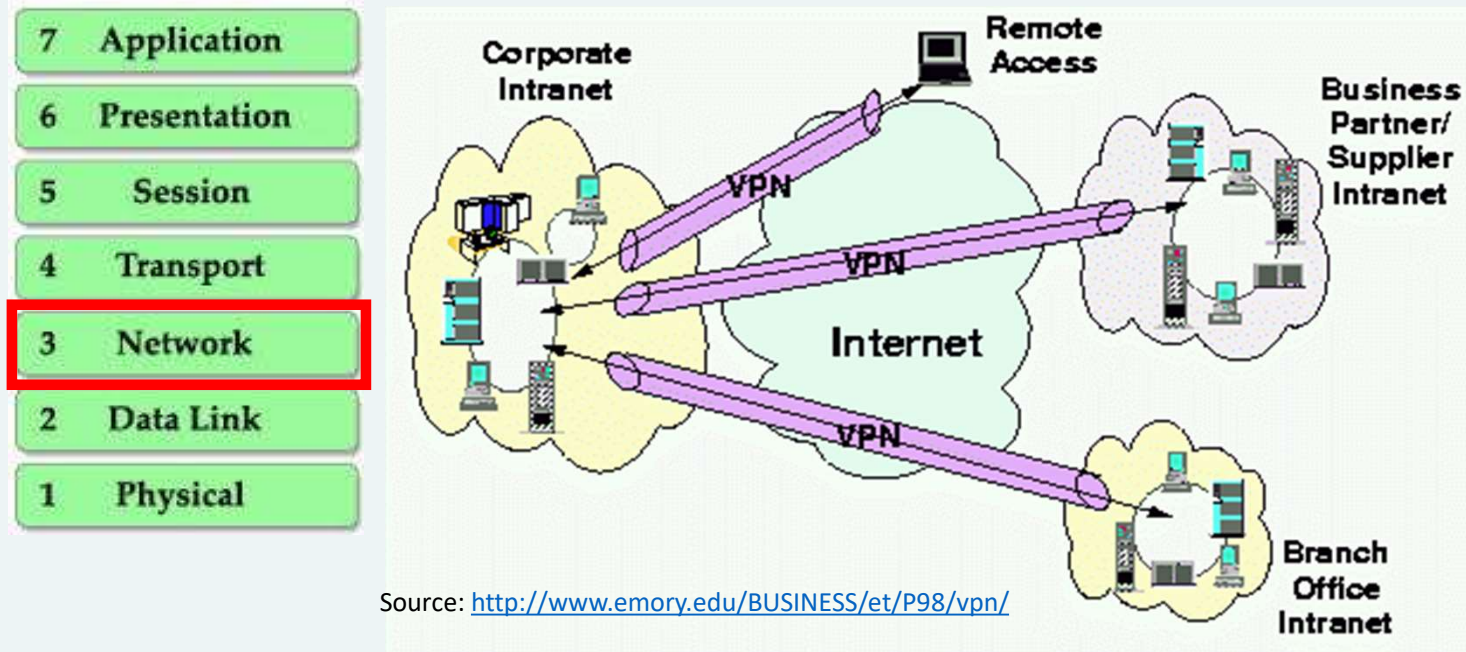
What can we say about the security provided by IPSec?

- IPSec provides several mechanisms to ensure confidentiality, integrity and authentication
- Basically
 - IPSec encrypts
 - then authenticates
 - then tunnels/encapsulates a packet before transmission
- IPSec is not mandatory but is useful for security and providing things like VPN services.

<https://www.geeksforgeeks.org/ip-security-ipsec/> Is a very nice description of IPSec

Virtual Private Network – VPN

- Uses the Internet as the public backbone for access to a secure private network → it extends the private network

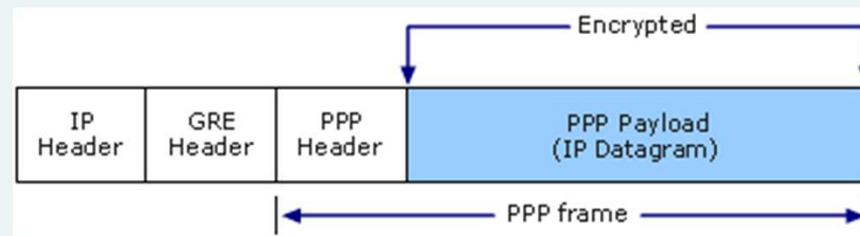


VPN tunneling

- VPN can be implemented via tunnelling protocols such as
 - PPTP (Point-to-Point Tunneling Protocol) – **largely obsolete**
 - https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Point-to-Point_Tunneling_Protocol
 - L2TP (Layer Two Tunneling Protocol)
 - https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Layer_2_Tunneling_Protocol
 - SSTP (Secure Socket Tunneling Protocol)
 - https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Secure_Socket_Tunneling_Protocol
- All of those depend on features of the Point to Point Protocol (PPP)

PPTP

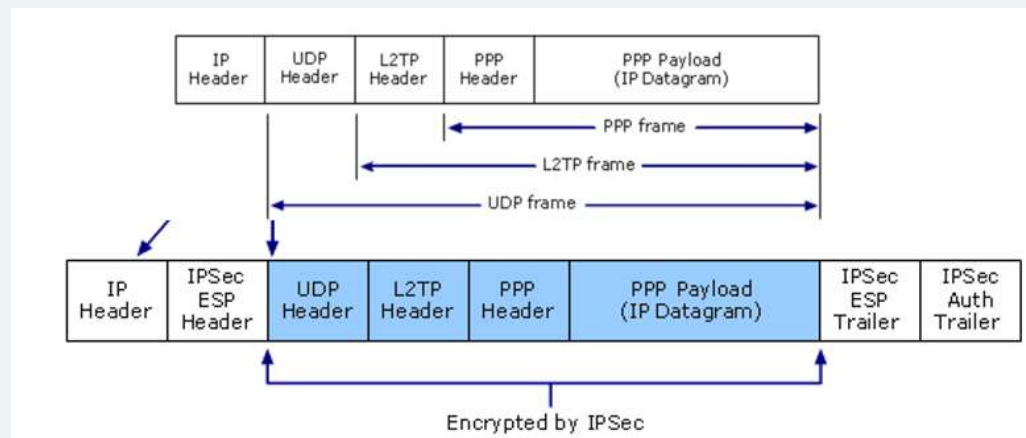
- PPTP encapsulates PPP frames in IP datagrams
 - PPTP does not provide encryption or authentication
 - Authentication can be done using PAP or CHAP (or EAP for wireless)
 - Obsolete and with security flaws
 - Essentially:
 - Wraps the PPP content with a new header
 - Receiving end unwraps and performs appropriate actions on the payload



Source: <http://technet.microsoft.com/en-us/library/cc771298%28v=ws.10%29.aspx> <https://tools.ietf.org/html/rfc2637>

L2TP

- L2TP is a combination of PPTP & Layer 2 Forwarding (L2F), developed by Cisco
 - L2TP relies on Internet Protocol security (IPsec) for encryption services
 - <https://tools.ietf.org/html/rfc3193>



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<https://tools.ietf.org/html/rfc2661>

SSTP

- Tunneling protocol that uses the HTTPS protocol to pass traffic through firewalls and Web proxies that might block PPTP and L2TP/IPsec traffic
 - The SSTP message is encrypted with the SSL channel of HTTPS
 - OpenVPN and SoftEther VPN use SSTP

VPN – security features

- Confidentiality
 - PPTP, L2TP/IPSec and SSTP protocol suites provide confidentiality via encryption
- Integrity and Authentication
 - L2TP/IPSec provides authentication via IPSec – asymmetric or symmetric-based authentication
 - SSTP provides integrity and authentication inherited from SSL
 - PPTP does not provide features to assure data integrity or protection against impersonation

Further Reading:

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- *Computer Networking: A Top Down Approach*, 7th edition. Jim Kurose and Keith Ross. Addison-Wesley.
- Security in Computing, 5th edition. Charles P. Pfleeger and Shari L. Pfleeger. Pearson Education.
- Reading:
 - <http://www.cisco.com/c/en/us/support/docs/wan/point-to-point-protocol-ppp/25647-understanding-ppp-chap.html>
 - <http://technet.microsoft.com/en-us/library/bb742596.aspx>
 - <https://www.infosec.gov.hk/english/technical/files/vpn.pdf>
- Video:
 - Network Security 101: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=E03gh1huvW4>
 - Cyber Security in 7 minutes: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=inWWhr5tnEA>
 - Computerphile Networking and Security playlist:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PG9oKZdFb7w&list=PLt6GfwFEfTfNPsY4kfLnEe6niP4qECxkX>

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