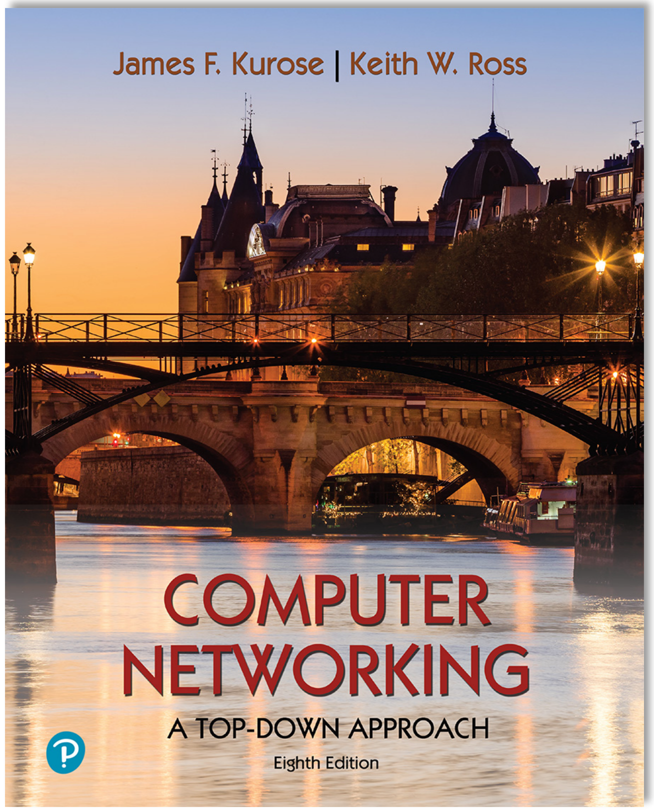
Chapter 8
Security



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- **Securing TCP connections: TLS**
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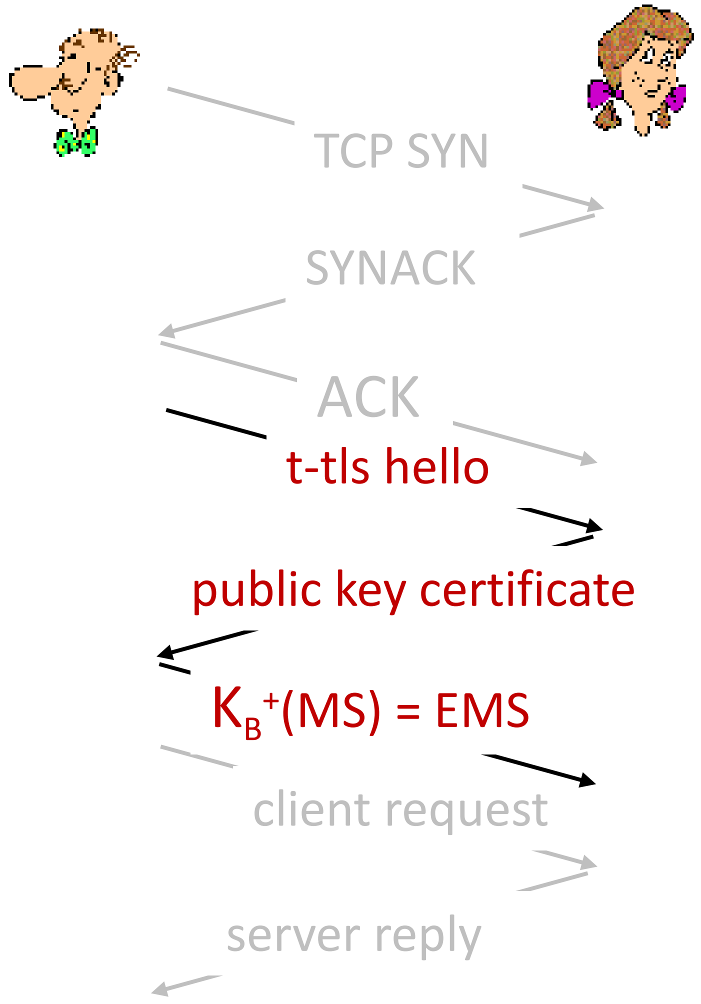
Transport-layer security: what's needed?

- let's *build* a toy TLS protocol, *t-tls,* to see what's needed!
- we've seen the "pieces" already:
  - handshake: Alice, Bob use their certificates, private keys to authenticate each other, exchange or create shared secret
  - key derivation: Alice, Bob use shared secret to derive set of keys
  - data transfer: stream data transfer: data as a series of records
    - not just one-time transactions
  - connection closure: special messages to securely close connection

t-tls: initial handshake



t-tls handshake phase:

- Bob establishes TCP connection with Alice
- Bob verifies that Alice is really Alice
- Bob sends Alice a master secret key (MS), used to generate all other keys for TLS session
- potential issues:
  - 3 RTT before client can start receiving data (including TCP handshake)

t-tls: cryptographic keys

- considered bad to use same key for more than one cryptographic function
  - different keys for message authentication code (MAC) and encryption
- four keys:
  - K_c : encryption key for data sent from client to server
  - M_c : MAC key for data sent from client to server
  - K_s : encryption key for data sent from server to client
  - M_s : MAC key for data sent from server to client
- keys derived from key derivation function (KDF)
  - takes master secret and (possibly) some additional random data to create new keys

t-tls: encrypting data

- recall: TCP provides data *byte stream* abstraction
- Q: can we encrypt data in-stream as written into TCP socket?
  - *A:* where would MAC go? If at end, no message integrity until all data received and connection closed!
  - *solution:* break stream in series of "records"
    - each client-to-server record carries a MAC, created using M_c
    - receiver can act on each record as it arrives
- t-tls record encrypted using symmetric key, K_c, passed to TCP:

$$K_c(\boxed{\textit{length}}\boxed{\quad\textit{data}\quad}\boxed{\quad\textit{MAC}\quad})$$

t-tls: encrypting data (more)

- possible attacks on data stream?
  - *re-ordering:* man-in middle intercepts TCP segments and reorders (manipulating sequence #s in unencrypted TCP header)
  - *replay*
- solutions:
  - use TLS sequence numbers (data, TLS-seq-# incorporated into MAC)
  - use nonce

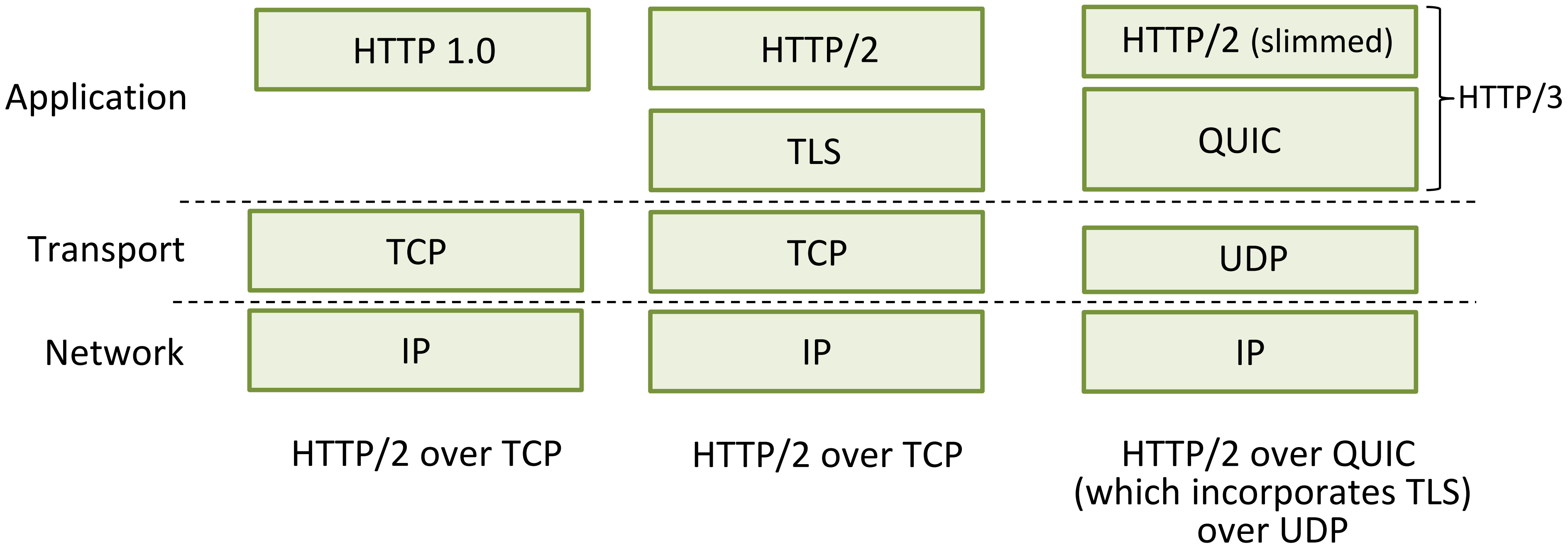
t-tls: connection close

- truncation attack:
  - attacker forges TCP connection close segment
  - one or both sides thinks there is less data than there actually is
- solution: record types, with one type for closure
  - type 0 for data; type 1 for close
- MAC now computed using data, type, sequence #

$K_c($ *length* | *type* | *data* | *MAC* $)$

Transport-layer security (TLS)

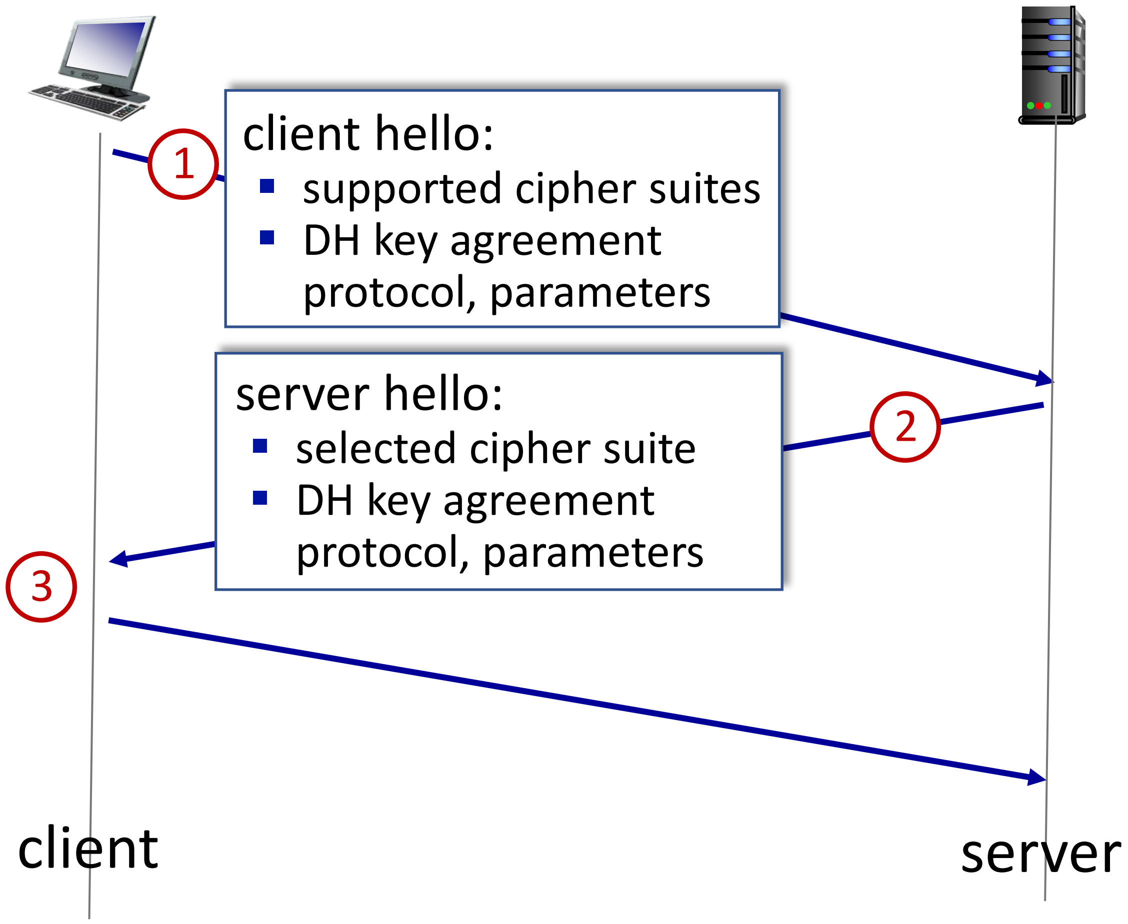
- TLS provides an API that *any* application can use
- an HTTP view of TLS:



TLS: 1.3 cipher suite

- "cipher suite": algorithms that can be used for key generation, encryption, MAC, digital signature
- TLS: 1.3 (2018): more limited cipher suite choice than TLS 1.2 (2008)
  - only 5 choices, rather than 37 choices
  - *requires* Diffie-Hellman (DH) for key exchange, rather than DH or RSA
  - combined encryption and authentication algorithm ("authenticated encryption") for data rather than serial encryption, authentication
    - 4 based on AES
  - HMAC uses SHA (256 or 284) cryptographic hash function

TLS 1.3 handshake: 1 RTT

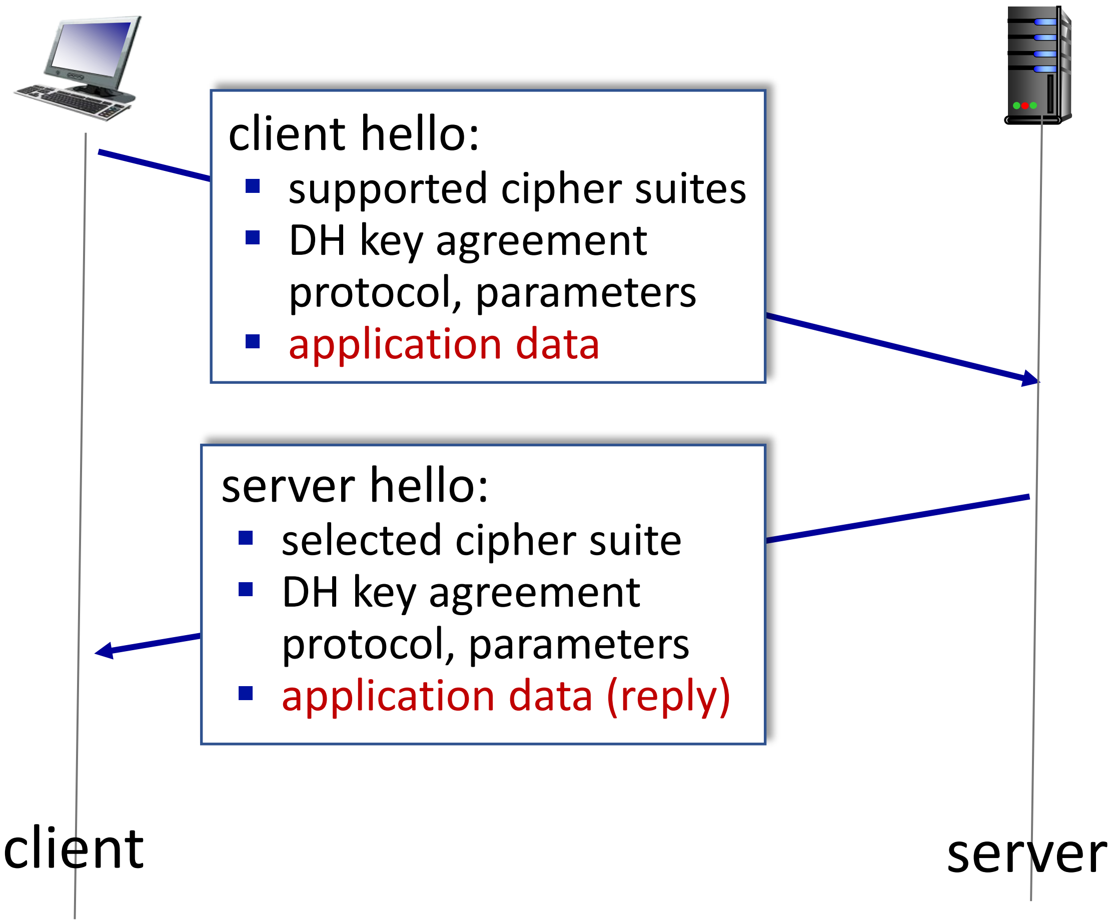


1 client TLS hello msg:
- *guesses* key agreement protocol, parameters
- indicates cipher suites it supports

2 server TLS hello msg chooses
- key agreement protocol, parameters
- cipher suite
- server-signed certificate

3 client:
- checks server certificate
- generates key
- can now make application request (e.g.., HTTPS GET)

TLS 1.3 handshake: 0 RTT



- initial hello message contains encrypted application data!
  - "resuming" earlier connection between client and server
  - application data encrypted using "resumption master secret" from earlier connection
- vulnerable to replay attacks!
  - maybe OK for get HTTP GET or client requests not modifying server state

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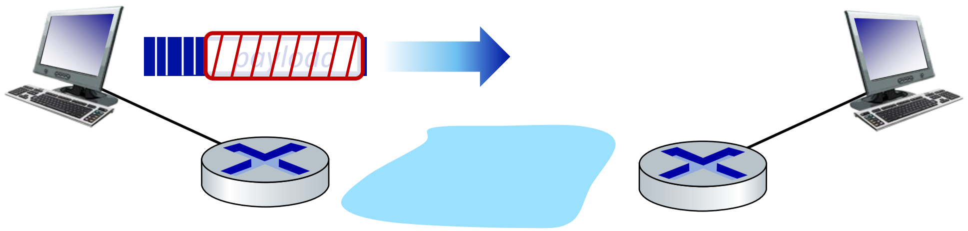
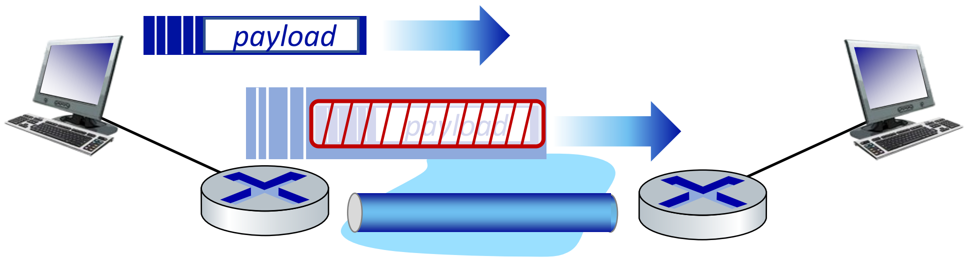
IP Sec

- provides datagram-level encryption, authentication, integrity
  - for both user traffic and control traffic (e.g., BGP, DNS messages)
- two “modes”:



transport mode:

- *only* datagram *payload* is encrypted, authenticated



tunnel mode:

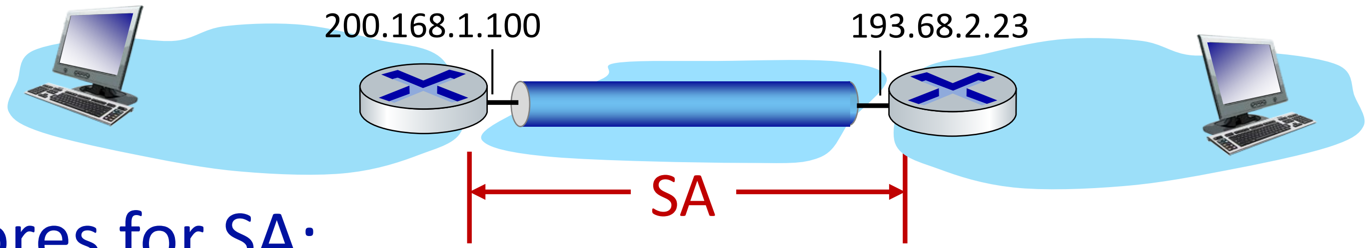
- entire datagram is encrypted, authenticated
- encrypted datagram encapsulated in new datagram with new IP header, tunneled to destination

Two IPsec protocols

- Authentication Header (AH) protocol [RFC 4302]
  - provides source authentication & data integrity but *not* confidentiality
- Encapsulation Security Protocol (ESP) [RFC 4303]
  - provides source authentication, data integrity, *and confidentiality*
  - more widely used than AH

Security associations (SAs)

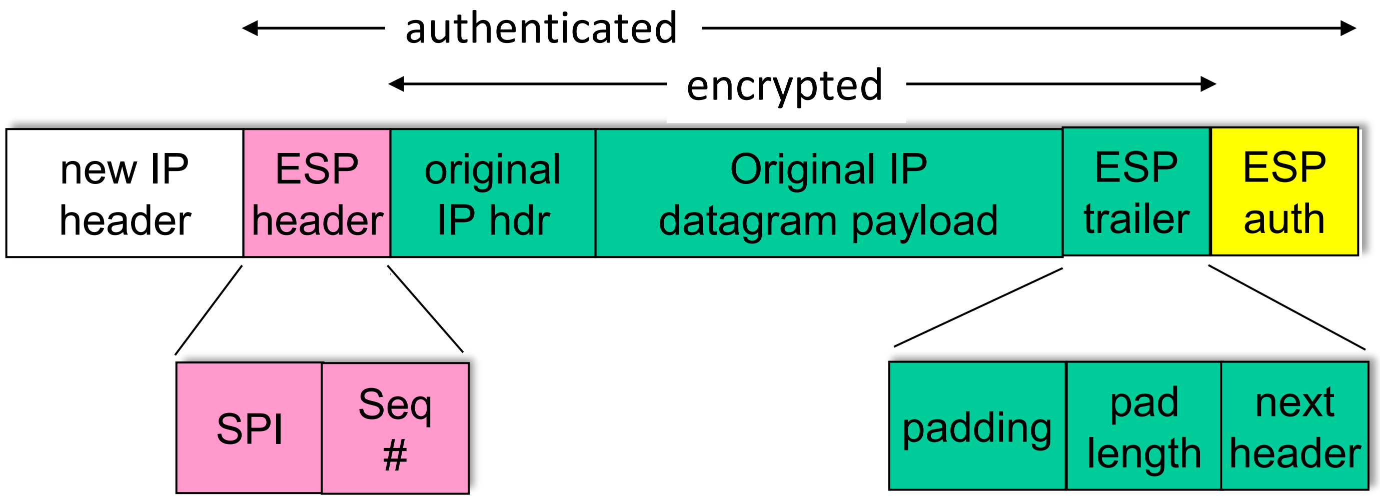
- before sending data, security association (SA) established from sending to receiving entity (directional)
- ending, receiving entitles maintain *state information* about SA
  - recall: TCP endpoints also maintain state info
  - IP is connectionless; IPsec is connection-oriented!



R1 stores for SA:

- 32-bit identifier: *Security Parameter Index (SPI)*
- origin SA interface (200.168.1.100)
- destination SA interface (193.68.2.23)
- type of encryption used
- encryption key
- type of integrity check used
- authentication key

IPsec datagram



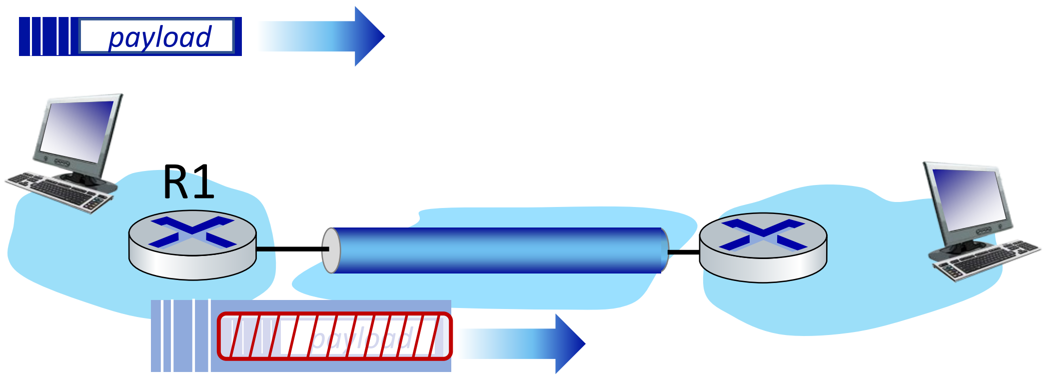
tunnel mode ESP

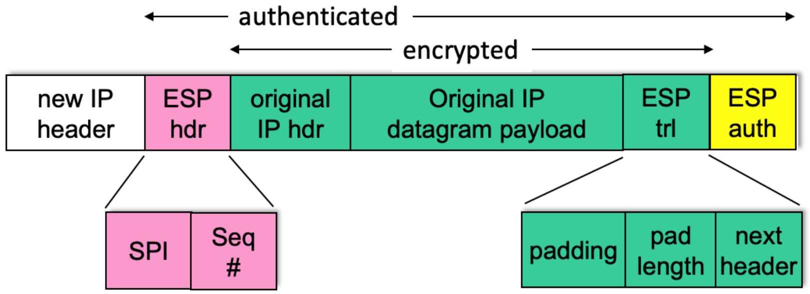
- ESP trailer: padding for block ciphers
- ESP header:
  - SPI, so receiving entity knows what to do
  - sequence number, to thwart replay attacks
- MAC in ESP auth field created with shared secret key

ESP tunnel mode: actions

at R1:

- appends ESP trailer to original datagram (which includes original header fields!)
- encrypts result using algorithm & key specified by SA
- appends ESP header to front of this encrypted quantity
- creates authentication MAC using algorithm and key specified in SA
- appends MAC forming *payload*
- creates new IP header, new IP header fields, addresses to tunnel endpoint





IPsec sequence numbers

- for new SA, sender initializes seq. # to 0
- each time datagram is sent on SA:
  - sender increments seq # counter
  - places value in seq # field
- goal:
  - prevent attacker from sniffing and replaying a packet
  - receipt of duplicate, authenticated IP packets may disrupt service
- method:
  - destination checks for duplicates
  - doesn't keep track of *all* received packets; instead uses a window

IPsec security databases

Security Policy Database (SPD)

- policy: for given datagram, sender needs to know if it should use IP sec
- policy stored in security policy database (SPD)
- needs to know which SA to use
  - may use: source and destination IP address; protocol number

SAD: "how" to do it

Security Assoc. Database (SAD)

- endpoint holds SA state in security association database (SAD)
- when sending IPsec datagram, R1 accesses SAD to determine how to process datagram
- when IPsec datagram arrives to R2, R2 examines SPI in IPsec datagram, indexes SAD with SPI, processing
- datagram accordingly.

SPD: "what" to do

Summary: IPsec services

Trudy sits somewhere between R1, R2. she doesn't know the keys

- will Trudy be able to see original contents of datagram? How about source, dest IP address, transport protocol, application port?
- flip bits without detection?
- masquerade as R1 using R1's IP address?
- replay a datagram?

IKE: Internet Key Exchange

- *previous examples:* manual establishment of IPsec SAs in IPsec endpoints:

  Example SA:

  SPI: 12345
  Source IP: 200.168.1.100
  Dest IP: 193.68.2.23
  Protocol: ESP
  Encryption algorithm: 3DES-cbc
  HMAC algorithm: MD5
  Encryption key: 0x7aeaca…
  HMAC key:0xc0291f…

- manual keying is impractical for VPN with 100s of endpoints
- instead use IPsec IKE (Internet Key Exchange)

IKE: PSK and PKI

- authentication (prove who you are) with either
  - pre-shared secret (PSK) or
  - with PKI (pubic/private keys and certificates).
- PSK: both sides start with secret
  - run IKE to authenticate each other and to generate IPsec SAs (one in each direction), including encryption, authentication keys
- PKI: both sides start with public/private key pair, certificate
  - run IKE to authenticate each other, obtain IPsec SAs (one in each direction).
  - similar with handshake in SSL.

IKE phases

- IKE has two phases
  - *phase 1:* establish bi-directional IKE SA
    - note: IKE SA different from IPsec SA
    - aka ISAKMP security association
  - *phase 2:* ISAKMP is used to securely negotiate IPsec pair of SAs
- phase 1 has two modes: aggressive mode and main mode
  - aggressive mode uses fewer messages
  - main mode provides identity protection and is more flexible

IPsec summary

- IKE message exchange for algorithms, secret keys, SPI numbers
- either AH or ESP protocol (or both)
  - AH provides integrity, source authentication
  - ESP protocol (with AH) additionally provides encryption
- IPsec peers can be two end systems, two routers/firewalls, or a router/firewall and an end system