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## 5. Virtual Private Network

### Communication and Network Security 2024

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5-Virtual-Private-Network.tex in the repo security-courses

# Goals for today



Todays goals:

- Introduce Virtual Private Networks
- Present the common protocols, and some tools used

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# Plan for today



## Subjects

- IPsec and L2TP/IPsec
- TLS VPN with example OpenVPN
- Linux Wireguard VPN
- Microsoft DirectAccess and VPN (RAS)

## Exercises

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## Time schedule



- 17:00 - 18:15  
Introduction and basics
- 30min break
- 18:45 - 19:30
- 15min break
- 19:45 -20:30 45min

## Reading Summary, continued



The Zeek Network Security Monitor

### ANSM chapter 7: Detection Mechanisms and Indicators of Compromise, and Signatures

- Indicators of Compromise (IOC) any piece of information that can be used to objectively describe a network intrusion, expressed in a platform-independent manner
- Background information, useful when we talk about Zeek (previously Bro) later
- Intrusion Detection Systems try to detect ... but what if we know that some domains, servers, IPs etc are signs of bad activity - even compromise
- IP reputation - some IPs are used for controlling malware command and control (C2) servers etc.
- A signature can contain one or more IOCs

## Reading Summary, continued



### ANSM chapter 8: Reputation-Based Detection

- The most basic form of intrusion detection is reputation-based detection
- Similar concept to block lists for SMTP spam relays
- I often recommend <https://github.com/stamparm/maltrail> as a source of lists
- Other sources are lists like RIPE NCC delegated, which IP prefixes are handed out in different countries  
<https://ftp.ripe.net/pub/stats/ripecc/delegated-ripecc-extended-latest>  
ripecc|DK|ipv4|185.129.60.0|1024|20151130|allocated|
- Mentions SiLK <https://tools.netsa.cert.org/silk/>  
If we end up having time today, or another day, we should look into this tool chain also!

# Reading Summary



VPN are everywhere, but could be better!

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Virtual\\_private\\_network](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Virtual_private_network)

<https://kb.juniper.net/InfoCenter/index?page=content&id=KB11104>

IPSec VPN between JUNOS and Cisco IOS

Skim:

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Multiprotocol\\_Label\\_Switching](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Multiprotocol_Label_Switching)

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

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

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

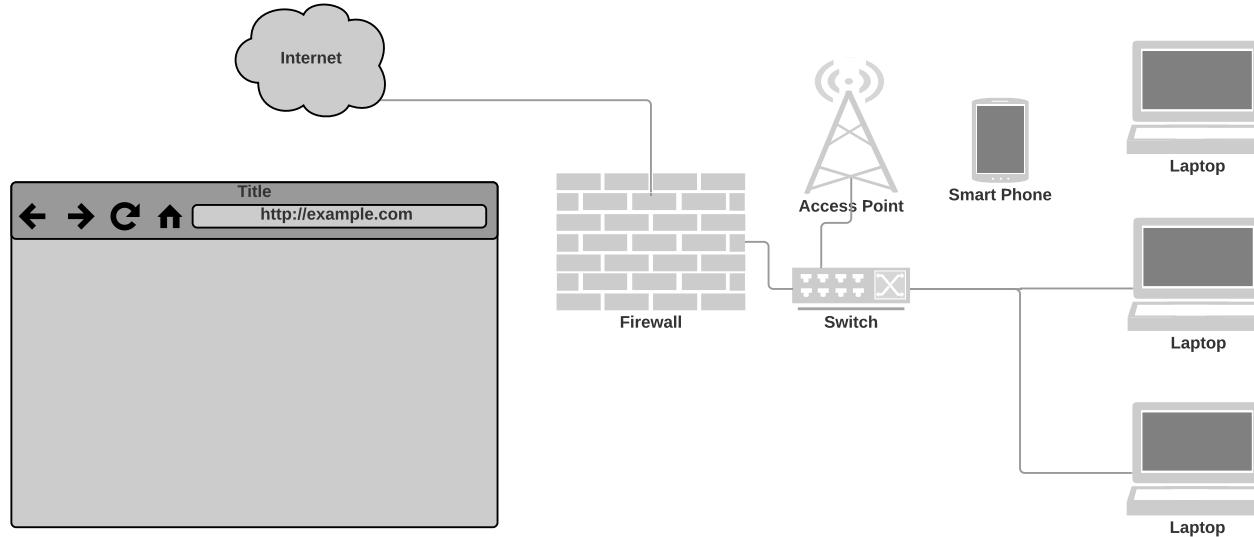
<https://www.wireguard.com/papers/wireguard.pdf>

# Fokus 2024: VPN alle steder



- VPN er relevant for alle der har data af værdi
- Sikrer data der flyttes
- Virtual Private Network dækker over klienter der kobler op, og site-2-site

# Your Privacy



- Your data travels far
- Often crossing borders, virtually and literally

## Data found in Network data



Lets take an example, DNS

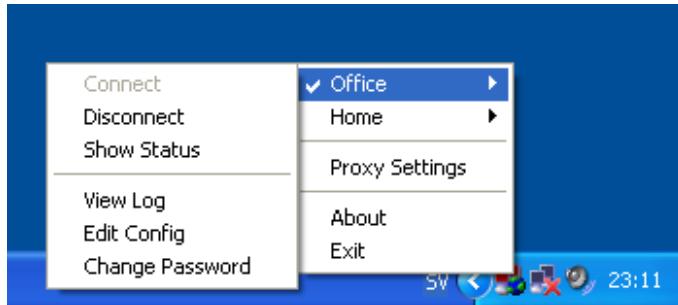
Domain Name System DNS breadcrumbs

- Your company domain, mailservers, vpn servers
- Applications you use, checking for updates, sending back data
- Web sites you visit

Advice show your users,ask them to participate in a experiment

**Join this Wireless network SSID and we will show you who you are on the internet**

**Maybe use VPN more - or always!**



Virtual Private Networks are useful - or even required when travelling

VPN [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Virtual\\_private\\_network](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Virtual_private_network)

SSL/TLS VPN - Multiple incompatible vendors: OpenVPN, Cisco, Juniper, F5 Big IP

IETF IPsec does work cross-vendors - sometimes, and is also increasingly becoming blocked or unusable due to NAT :-(

Recommended starting point OpenVPN - free and open, clients for "anything"

# VPN without encryption



Multiprotocol Label Switching (MPLS) is a routing technique in telecommunications networks that directs data from one node to the next based on short path labels rather than long network addresses, thus avoiding complex lookups in a routing table and speeding traffic flows.[

... MPLS works by prefixing packets with an MPLS header, containing one or more labels.

Source:

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Multiprotocol\\_Label\\_Switching](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Multiprotocol_Label_Switching)

- The term VPN is also used in cases without encryption
- MPLS allows multiple customers to use the same IP prefixes, like 10/8
- MPLS is used in many provider networks
- Another example is Generic Routing Encapsulation (GRE), which is often then protected with IPsec
- People today also uses Virtual Extensible LAN (VXLAN) for cloud computing

# Exercise

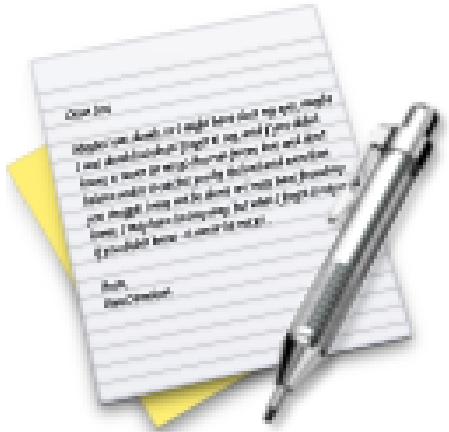


Now lets do the exercise

## i Frankenpacket - 20 min

which is number **43** in the exercise PDF.

## Exercise



Now lets do the exercise

**i Creating Frankenpackets - 15 min**

which is number **44** in the exercise PDF.

# Linux Wireguard VPN



WireGuard is a secure network tunnel, operating at layer 3, implemented as a kernel virtual network interface for Linux, which aims to replace both IPsec for most use cases, as well as popular user space and/or TLS-based solutions like OpenVPN, while being more secure, more performant, and easier to use.

Description from <https://www.wireguard.com/papers/wireguard.pdf>

- Going to be interesting!
- single round trip key exchange, based on NoiseIK
- Short pre-shared static keys—Curve25519
- strong perfect forward secrecy
- Transport speed is accomplished using ChaCha20Poly1305 authenticated-encryption
- encapsulation of packets in UDP
- WireGuard can be simply implemented for Linux in less than 4,000 lines of code, making it easily audited and verified

# Exercise



Now lets do the exercise

## i Wireguard - 60 min

which is number **45** in the exercise PDF.



Sikkerhed i netværket

RFC-2401 Security Architecture for the Internet Protocol

RFC-2402 IP Authentication Header (AH)

RFC-2406 IP Encapsulating Security Payload (ESP)

RFC-2409 The Internet Key Exchange (IKE) - dynamisk keying

... IP Security (IPsec) and Internet Key Exchange (IKE) Document Roadmap

<https://tools.ietf.org/html/rfc6071>

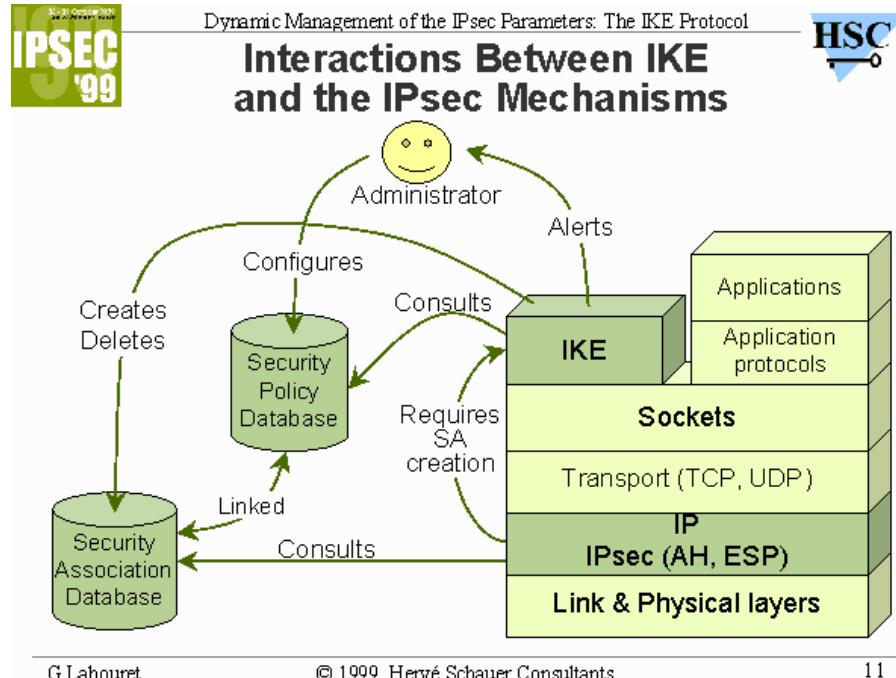
Både til IPv4 og IPv6

**MANDATORY** i IPv6! - et krav hvis man implementerer fuld IPv6 support

Der findes IKEscan til at scanne efter IKE porte/implementationer

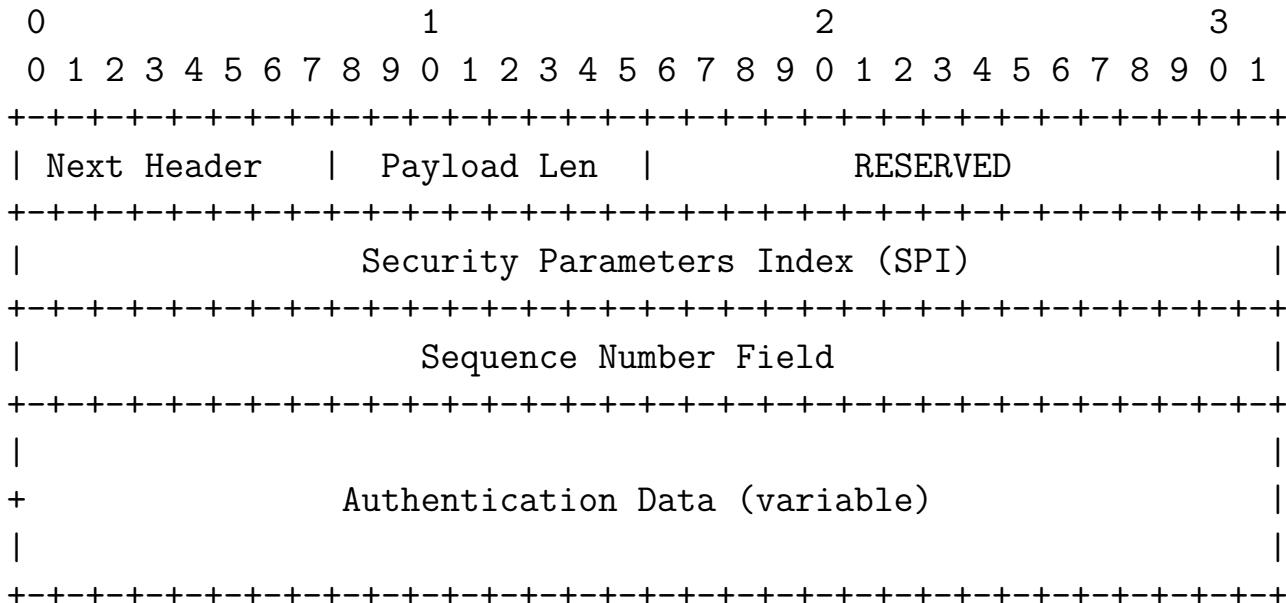
<http://www.nta-monitor.com/ike-scan/index.htm>

# IPsec er ikke simpelt!



Kilde: <http://www.hsc.fr/presentations/ike/>

# RFC-2402 IP Authentication Header AH



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Indpakning - pakkerne før og efter Authentication Header:

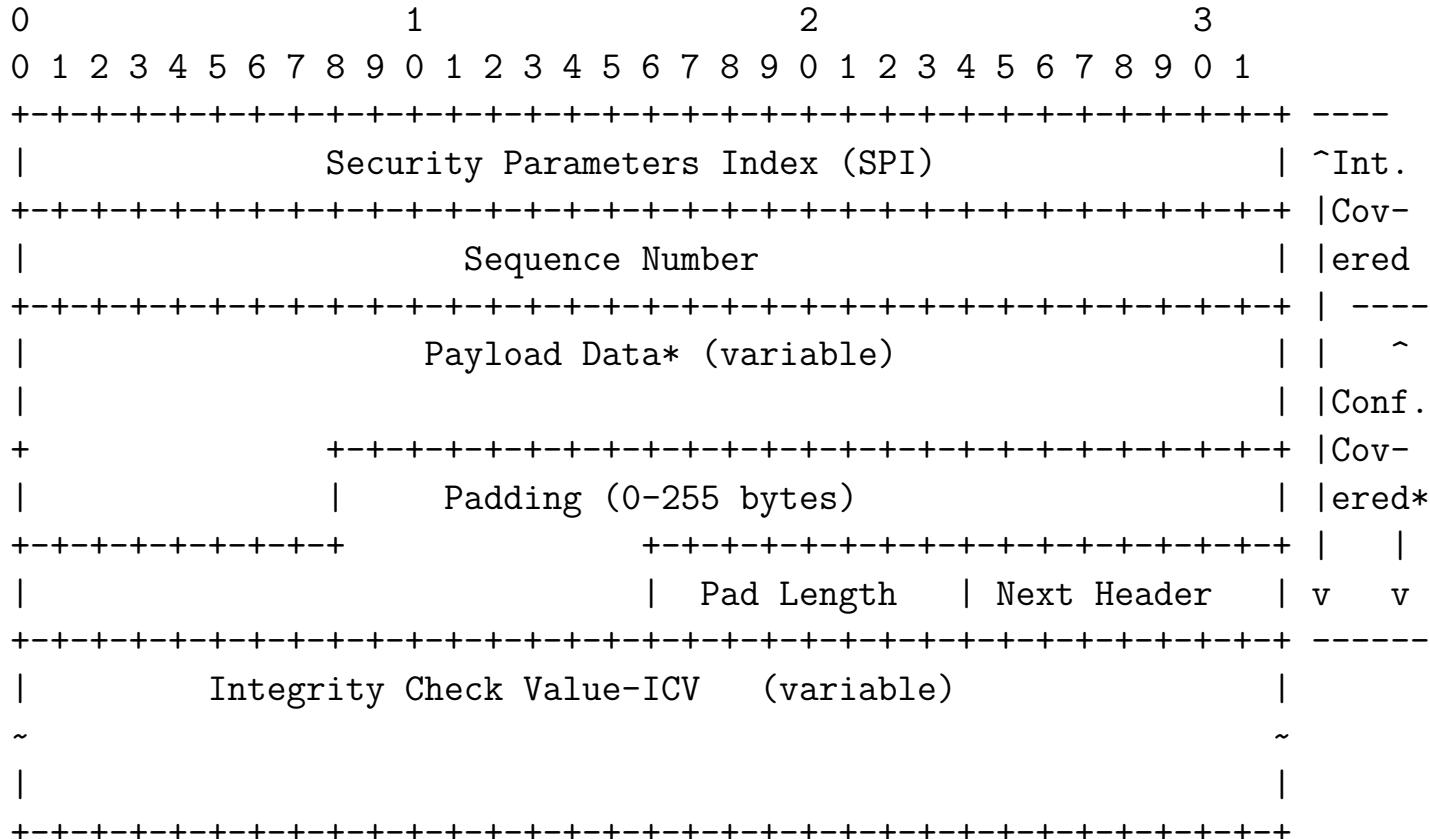
BEFORE APPLYING AH

IPv4	orig IP hdr			
	(any options)	TCP	Data	

AFTER APPLYING AH

IPv4	orig IP hdr				
	(any options)	AH	TCP	Data	

# RFC-2406 IP Encapsulating Security Payload ESP



# RFC-2406 IP Encapsulating Security Payload ESP



Pakkerne før og efter:

BEFORE APPLYING ESP

IPv6		ext hdrs			
	orig IP hdr	if present	TCP	Data	

AFTER APPLYING ESP

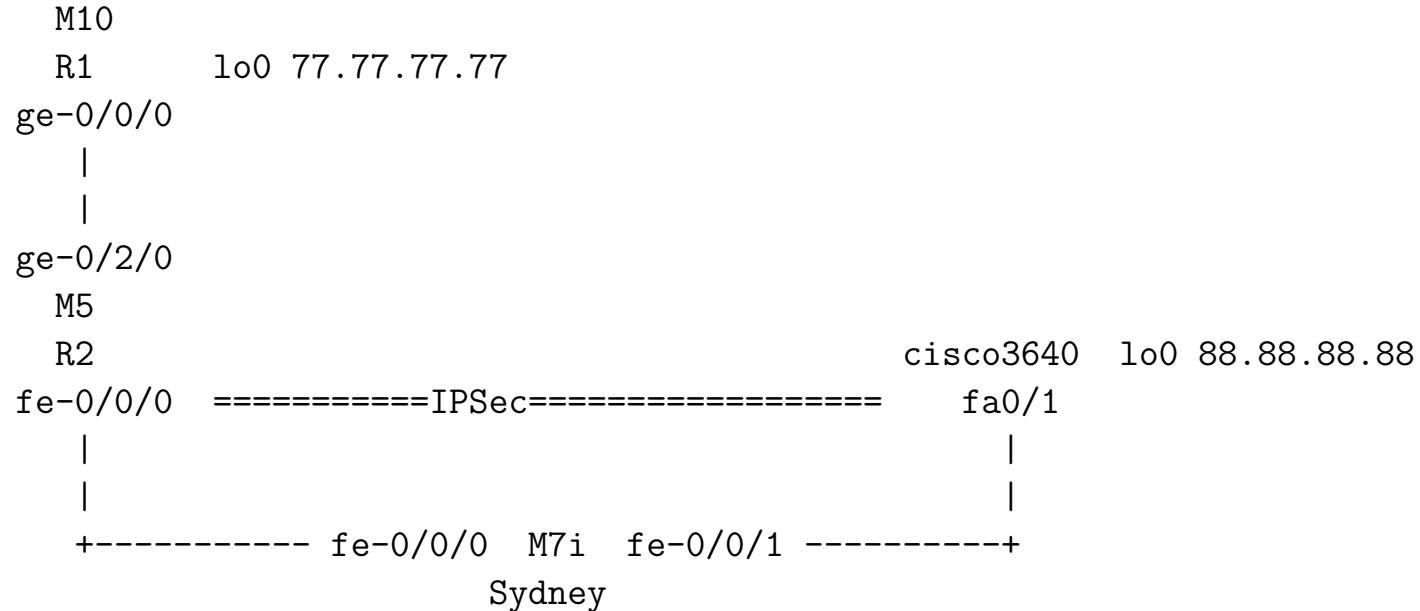
IPv6	orig  hop-by-hop,dest*,	dest			ESP		ESP
	IP hdr routing,fragment.	ESP opt*	TCP Data Trailer Auth				

|<---- encrypted ---->|  
|<---- authenticated ---->|

# IPSec VPN between JUNOS and Cisco IOS



Topology



Source: <https://kb.juniper.net/InfoCenter/index?page=content&id=KB11104>

# Cisco IOS crypto setup



```
cisco3640#sh run
crypto isakmp policy 10
  authentication pre-share
  group 2
  lifetime 3600
crypto isakmp key key123 address 11.0.0.1
!
!
crypto ipsec transform-set ts esp-3des esp-sha-hmac
crypto ipsec transform-set ts-man esp-des esp-md5-hmac
!
crypto map dyn 10 ipsec-isakmp
  set peer 11.0.0.1
  set transform-set ts
  match address 120
```

**Not recommended settings! See later! People still use these examples!**

# Routing and addresses



```
interface Loopback1
    ip address 88.88.88.88 255.255.255.255
interface FastEthernet0/1
    ip address 12.0.0.1 255.255.255.252
    duplex auto
    speed auto
    no cdp enable
    crypto map dyn
!
ip classless
ip route 0.0.0.0 0.0.0.0 FastEthernet0/1
ip route 11.0.0.0 255.255.255.252 12.0.0.2
ip route 77.77.77.77 255.255.255.255 FastEthernet0/1
ip route 99.99.99.0 255.255.255.0 FastEthernet0/1
!
access-list 120 permit ip host 88.88.88.88 host 77.77.77.77
end
```



## Layer 2 Tunneling Protocol L2TP

Description from [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Layer\\_2\\_Tunneling\\_Proto](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Layer_2_Tunneling_Proto)

The entire L2TP packet, including payload and L2TP header, is sent within a User Datagram Protocol (UDP) datagram. A virtue of transmission over UDP (rather than TCP; c.f. SSTP) is that it avoids the "TCP meltdown problem".[3][4] It is common to carry PPP sessions within an L2TP tunnel. L2TP does not provide confidentiality or strong authentication by itself. IPsec is often used to secure L2TP packets by providing confidentiality, authentication and integrity. The combination of these two protocols is generally known as L2TP/IPsec (discussed below).

Often used when crossing NAT, which everyone does ...

Configuration example for Cisco:

<https://www.cisco.com/c/en/us/support/docs/security-vpn/ipsec-negotiation-ike-protocols/14122-24.html>

OpenBSD L2TP IPsec

<https://www.exoscale.com/syslog/building-an-ipsec-gateway-with-openbsd/>

# IPsec IKE-SCAN



Scan IPs for VPN endpoints with ike-scan:

```
root@kali:~# ike-scan 91.102.91.30
Starting ike-scan 1.9 with 1 hosts
(http://www.nta-monitor.com/tools/ike-scan/)
91.102.91.30 Notify message 14 (NO-PROPOSAL-CHOSEN)
HDR=(CKY-R=f0d6043badb2b7bc, msgid=f97a7508)
```

```
Ending ike-scan 1.9: 1 hosts scanned in 1.238 seconds (0.81 hosts/sec).
0 returned handshake; 1 returned notify
```

Source:

<http://www.nta-monitor.com/tools-resources/security-tools/ike-scan>

crack IKE psk?

<http://ikecrack.sourceforge.net/>

[https://www.trustwave.com/Resources/SpiderLabs-Blog/Cracking-IKE-Mission-Improbable-\(Part-1\)/](https://www.trustwave.com/Resources/SpiderLabs-Blog/Cracking-IKE-Mission-Improbable-(Part-1)/)

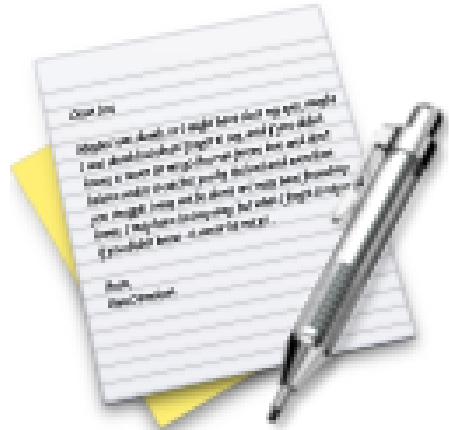


## ike-scan network scanning

```
hlk@cornerstone03:~$ sudo ike-scan -M 91.102.91.0/24
Starting ike-scan 1.9 with 256 hosts
(http://www.nta-monitor.com/tools/ike-scan/)
91.102.91.14 Notify message 14 (NO-PROPOSAL-CHOSEN)
  HDR=(CKY-R=94dd41cf44da082b, msgid=602c35c1)
91.102.91.30 Notify message 14 (NO-PROPOSAL-CHOSEN)
  HDR=(CKY-R=e21e89d16f898aa5, msgid=ff41d51c)
91.102.91.70 Notify message 14 (NO-PROPOSAL-CHOSEN)
  HDR=(CKY-R=e882d9b4477b847b, msgid=55be4339)
91.102.91.78 Notify message 14 (NO-PROPOSAL-CHOSEN)
  HDR=(CKY-R=1fc54d8c3042daa3, msgid=ea705f39)
91.102.91.150 Notify message 14 (NO-PROPOSAL-CHOSEN)
  HDR=(CKY-R=d5470f881de6d2d9, msgid=2bf5f5ef)
91.102.91.158 Notify message 14 (NO-PROPOSAL-CHOSEN)
  HDR=(CKY-R=9f7af04bcb0152a9, msgid=44f26f01)

Ending ike-scan 1.9: 256 hosts scanned in 40.465 seconds (6.33 hosts/sec).
0 returned handshake; 6 returned notify
```

# Exercise

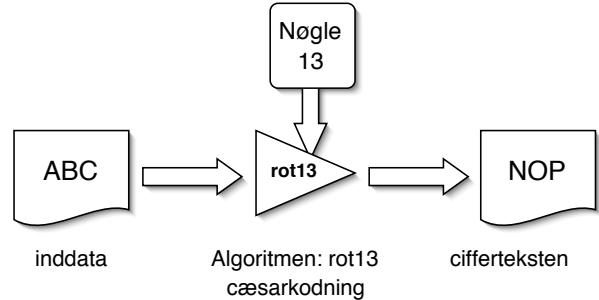


Now lets do the exercise

## ⓘ IPsec negotiation - 30-60 min

which is number **46** in the exercise PDF.

# VPN indstillinger



Check hvert år:

- Certifikater/nøgler - ligesom TLS mange bits og skiftes indimellem
- Check algoritmerne, ingen 3DES!
- Check Diffie Helman groups
- Enable Perfect Forward Secrecy
- Check både client VPN og site-2-site

## Forward Secrecy



In cryptography, forward secrecy (FS), also known as perfect forward secrecy (PFS), is a feature of specific key agreement protocols that gives assurances that session keys will not be compromised even if the private key of the server is compromised.<sup>[1]</sup> Forward secrecy protects past sessions against future compromises of secret keys or passwords.<sup>[2]</sup> By generating a unique session key for every session a user initiates, the compromise of a single session key will not affect any data other than that exchanged in the specific session protected by that particular key.

- [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Forward\\_secrecy](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Forward_secrecy)

# Anbefalinger til VPN



Use the following guidelines when configuring Internet Key Exchange (IKE) in VPN technologies:

Avoid IKE Groups 1, 2, and 5.

Use IKE Group 15 or 16 and employ 3072-bit and 4096-bit DH, respectively.

When possible, use IKE Group 19 or 20. They are the 256-bit and 384-bit ECDH groups, respectively.

Use AES for encryption.

Paper: <https://www.cisco.com/c/en/us/about/security-center/next-generation-cryptography.html>

- Certifikater/nøgler - ligesom TLS lange og rulles indimellem
- Algoritmer DES/3DES bye bye, husk både encryption og auth algoritmer
- DH-Group - +15 tak
- Check både client VPN og site-2-site
- Skift til IKEv2
- Selv disse råd er måske ikke tilstrækkelige nu!

## OpenVPN / OpenSSL VPN



OpenVPN is a full-featured SSL VPN solution which can accommodate a wide range of configurations, including remote access, site-to-site VPNs, WiFi security, and enterprise-scale remote access solutions with load balancing, failover, and fine-grained access-controls (articles) (examples) (security overview) (non-english languages).

Et andet populært VPN produkt er OpenVPN

Bemærk dog at hvis der benyttes TCP i TCP risikerer man at støde ind i et problem som kaldes *TCP in TCP meltdown*

Kilde: <http://openvpn.net/>

# Microsoft DirectAccess and VPN (RAS)



Description from <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/DirectAccess>

DirectAccess, also known as Unified Remote Access, is a VPN-like technology that provides intranet connectivity to client computers when they are connected to the Internet. Unlike many traditional VPN connections, which must be initiated and terminated by explicit user action, DirectAccess connections are designed to connect automatically as soon as the computer connects to the Internet. DirectAccess was introduced in Windows Server 2008 R2, providing this service to Windows 7 and Windows 8 "Enterprise" edition clients.

- DirectAccess establishes **IPsec tunnels** from the client to the DirectAccess server, and uses **IPv6** to reach intranet resources or other DirectAccess clients. This technology **encapsulates the IPv6 traffic over IPv4** to be able to reach the intranet over the Internet, which still (mostly) relies on IPv4 traffic. All traffic to the intranet is encrypted using IPsec and encapsulated in IPv4 packets, which means that in most cases, no configuration of firewalls or proxies should be required.

## For Next Time



Think about the subjects from this time, write down questions

Check the plan for chapters to read in the books

Visit web sites and download papers if needed

Retry the exercises to get more confident using the tools