

Protocols

Internet Security Association and Key Management Protocol (ISAKMP) · A framework for the negotiation and management of security associations between peers; traverses UDP port 500

Internet Key Exchange (IKE) · Responsible for key agreement using public key cryptography

Encapsulating Security Payload (ESP) · Provides data encryption, data integrity, and peer authentication; IP protocol 50

Authentication Header (AH) · Provides data integrity and peer authentication, but not data encryption; IP protocol 51

| IPsec Modes | | | | | | | |
|--------------------|--------------|------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|------|--|
| Original Packet | L2 Header | IP Header | TCP/UDP Header | Data | | | |
| Transport Mode | L2 Header | IP Header | ESP/AH Header | TCP/UDF Header | Data | | |
| Tunnel Mode | L2 Header | New IP Header | ESP/AH Header | IP Header | TCP/UDP Header | Data | |

Transport Mode \cdot The ESP or AH header is inserted behind the IP header; the IP header can be authenticated but not encrypted

Tunnel Mode · A new IP header is created in place of the original; this allows for encryption of the entire original packet

| Encryption Algorithms | | | | | | |
|-----------------------|------------|-------------------------|----------|--|--|--|
| | Туре | Key | Strength | | | |
| DES | Symmetric | 56-bit | Weak | | | |
| 3DES | Symmetric | 168-bit | Medium | | | |
| AES | Symmetric | 128, 192, or 256-bit | Strong | | | |
| RSA | Asymmetric | 1024-bit minimum | Strong | | | |

Hashing Algorithms

| | Length | Strength |
|-------|---------|----------|
| MD5 | 128-bit | Medium |
| SHA-1 | 160-bit | Strong |

IKE Phases

Phase 1 · A bidirectional ISAKMP SA is established between peers to provide a secure management channel; IKE is performed in main mode or agressive mode

Phase 1.5 (optional) · Xauth can optionally be implemented to enforce user authentication

Phase 2 · Two unidirectional IPsec SAs are established for data transfer using separate keys; IKE quick mode is used

Configuration

ISAKMP Policy

crypto isakmp policy 10 encryption aes 256 hash sha authentication pre-share group 2 lifetime 3600

ISAKMP Pre-Shared Secret Key

crypto isakmp key 0 MySecretKey address 10.0.0.2

IPsec Transform Set

crypto ipsec transform-set **MyTS** esp-aes 256 esp-sha-hmac mode tunnel

IPsec Profile

crypto ipsec profile MyProfile
set transform-set MyTS

Virtual Tunnel Interface

interface Tunnel0
 ip address 172.16.0.1 255.255.255.252
tunnel source 10.0.0.1
tunnel destination 10.0.0.2
tunnel mode ipsec ipv4
tunnel protection ipsec profile MyProfile

Terminology

Data Integrity · Secure hashing (HMAC) is used to ensure data has not been altered in transit

Data Confidentiality · Encryption is used to ensure data cannot be intercepted by a third party

Data Origin Authentication · Peer authentication

Anti-replay · Sequence numbers are used to detect and block duplicate packets

Hash-based Message Authentication Code (HMAC) \cdot A hash of the data and secret key used to provide message authenticity

Diffie-Hellman \cdot A method of establishing a shared secret key over an insecure path using public and private keys

Troubleshooting

show crypto isakmp sa

show crypto isakmp policy

show crypto ipsec sa

show crypto ipsec transform-set

debug crypto isakmp

debug crypto ipsec

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