

Email Security

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1 Introduction

Implement and configure *SPF* (Sender Policy Framework) and *DKIM* (DomainKeys Identified Mail) on a *sender* mail server and a *receiver* mail server.

2 Methodology

2.1 Installation

2.1.1 Server and IP Configuration

Ubuntu Server 18.04.2 LTS ¹ was downloaded and installed in VirtualBox.

The first virtual machine (VM) was set up with the following information:

Hostname: sender
Username: user1
Password: password1

The second VM was set up with the following information:

Hostname: receiver
Username: user2
Password: password2

OpenSSH server was installed on both VMs during set up for convenience.

When installation is complete, networking settings for both VMs were set to the following:

Adapter 1: NAT
Adapter 2: NAT Network

On the first network interface (NAT), add port forwarding rules:

Name: Rule 1
Protocol: TCP
Host IP: 127.0.0.1
Host Port: 2227 (2228 for receiver)
Guest IP: 10.0.2.15
Guest Port: 22

This allows the host to SSH into the VMs which can be started headless, instead of having to interact through VirtualBox windows:

```
ssh -vp2227 user1@127.0.0.1  
ssh -vp2228 user2@127.0.0.1
```

Static IP addresses were configured for both sender and receiver mail servers. sender was assigned an IP address of 10.0.2.7 (seven for send), while receiver was assigned an IP address of 10.0.2.8 (change the appropriate line).

/etc/netplan/01-netcfg.yaml:

```
network:  
  ethernet:  
    enp0s3:  
      dhcp: true  
    enp0s8:  
      dhcp4: false  
      addresses: [10.0.2.7/24]  
      gateway4: 10.0.2.1  
      nameservers:  
        addresses: [127.0.0.1]  
      dhcp6: false  
  version: 2
```

Test and apply the netplan settings:

```
sudo netplan try
```

NOTE FOR UBUNTU 18.04 HOSTS

A VirtualBox bug on hosts running Ubuntu 18.04 LTS prevents NAT Network from making proper connections to the Internet ². When NAT is enabled, NAT Network stops connecting to other guests.

If facing this problem, enable only NAT on Adapter 1 while setting up the VMs, before switching it off and enabling NAT Network on Adapter 2 when ready to proceed with testing.

Even then, DKIM queries will not work properly, and will time out instead. Use either Ubuntu 18.10 or a Windows 10 host to get proper query results.

2.1.2 *bind9 DNS Setup*

Install bind9:

```
sudo apt update && sudo apt install bind9
```

Change the DNS resolver daemon to use localhost instead of querying the router.

/etc/systemd/resolved.conf:

```
[Resolve]
DNS=127.0.0.1
```

Restart systemd-resolved to apply the settings:

```
sudo service systemd-resolved restart
```

Add forward zones to the local DNS settings.

sudo vi /etc/bind/named.conf.local:

```
zone "sender.com" {
    type master;
    file "db.sender.com";
};

zone "receiver.com" {
    type master;
    file "db.receiver.com";
};
```

Create the respective zone files.

/var/cache/bind/db.sender.com: [db.sender.com](#)

/var/cache/bind/db.receiver.com: [db.receiver.com](#)

The validity of the zone files can be checked:

```
sudo named-checkzone sender.com /var/cache/bind/db.sender.com

sudo named-checkzone receiver.com /var/cache/bind/db.receiver.com
```

Restart bind9 to apply settings:

```
sudo service restart bind9
```

2.1.3 *postfix Mail Transfer Agent Setup*

Install postfix:

```
sudo apt install postfix
```

Select Internet Site for the type of mail configuration.

The mail name should be set respectively:

```
sender.com  
  
receiver.com
```

2.1.4 SPF and DKIM Setup

Install SPF daemon, OpenDKIM and associated tools:

```
sudo apt install postfix-policyd-spf-python opendkim opendkim-tools python-dkim mailutils
```

Add the postfix user to the opendkim user group:

```
sudo usermod -aG opendkim postfix
```

Edit postfix master process configuration to start the SPF daemon.

/etc/postfix/master.cf:

```
# Postfix master process configuration file. ...  
...  
  
policyd-spf unix -          n          n          -          0          spawn  
    user=policyd-spf argv=/usr/bin/policyd-spf
```

Configure postfix to reject mail that fails SPF, and add settings for OpenDKIM.

/etc/postfix/main.cf:

```
# See /usr/share/postfix/main.cf.dist for a commented...  
...  
  
policyd-spf_time_limit = 3600  
smtpd_recipient_restrictions = permit_mynetworks permit_sasl_authenticated reject_unauth_destination check_policy_service unix:private/policyd-spf  
# milter configuration for opendkim  
milter_default_action = accept  
milter_protocol = 6  
smtpd_milters = local:/opendkim/opendkim.sock  
non_smtpd_milters = $smtpd_milters
```

Edit the settings for OpenDKIM.

/etc/opendkim.conf:

```
...  
# Commonly-used options; the commented-out versions show the defaults.  
#Canonicalization      simple  
#Mode                  sv  
#SubDomains            no  
Canonicalization      relaxed/simple  
Mode                  sv  
SubDomains            no  
AutoRestart           yes  
AutoRestartRate       10/1M  
Background            yes
```

```
DNSTimeout          5
SignatureAlgorithm   rsa-sha256
```

Comment out the following socket configuration and add the following:

```
#Socket              local:/var/run/openssl/openssl.sock
Socket               local:/var/spool/postfix/openssl/openssl.sock
```

Append the following configuration at end of file:

```
...
# KeyTable and SigningTable required on sender.com only #
KeyTable              /etc/openssl/key.table
SigningTable          refile:/etc/openssl/signing.table
# ----- #
ExternalIgnoreList    /etc/openssl/trusted.hosts
InternalHosts         /etc/openssl/trusted.hosts
# to help with debugging
LogWhy                Yes
SyslogSuccess         Yes
# important so that openssl queries local dns
Nameservers           127.0.0.1
```

NOTE: Not adding the `Nameservers` setting will cause `OpenDKIM` to query actual DNS. The query will fail when it cannot find the DKIM public key.

Create `OpenDKIM` directories for sender and receiver respectively:

```
sudo mkdir -pv /etc/openssl/keys/sender.com
sudo chown -R openssl:openssl /etc/openssl
sudo chmod 711 /etc/openssl/keys
sudo mkdir -pv /var/spool/postfix/openssl
sudo chown openssl:postfix !$
```

Create the file for trusted hosts for sender and receiver respectively.

`/etc/openssl/trusted.hosts:`

```
127.0.0.1
localhost
*.sender.com
```

On sender, create the signing table and the key table:

`/etc/openssl/signing.table:`

```
*@sender.com default._domainkey.sender
```

`/etc/openssl/key.table:`

```
default._domainkey.sender sender.com:default:/etc/openssl/keys/sender.com/default.private
```

2.1.5 OpenDKIM Public/Private Key Pair Generation

Generate the public/private key pair for `sender`, with a 2048-bit length as recommended by the Certified Senders Alliance in 2018³:

```
sudo opendkim-genkey -b 2048 -d sender.com -D /etc/opendkim/keys/sender.com -s default -v
```

Change the owner of the private key to `opendkim`:

```
sudo chown opendkim:opendkim /etc/opendkim/keys/sender.com/default.private
```

Restart all services for the settings to apply:

```
sudo service bind9 restart && sudo service postfix restart && sudo service opendkim restart
```

3 Results

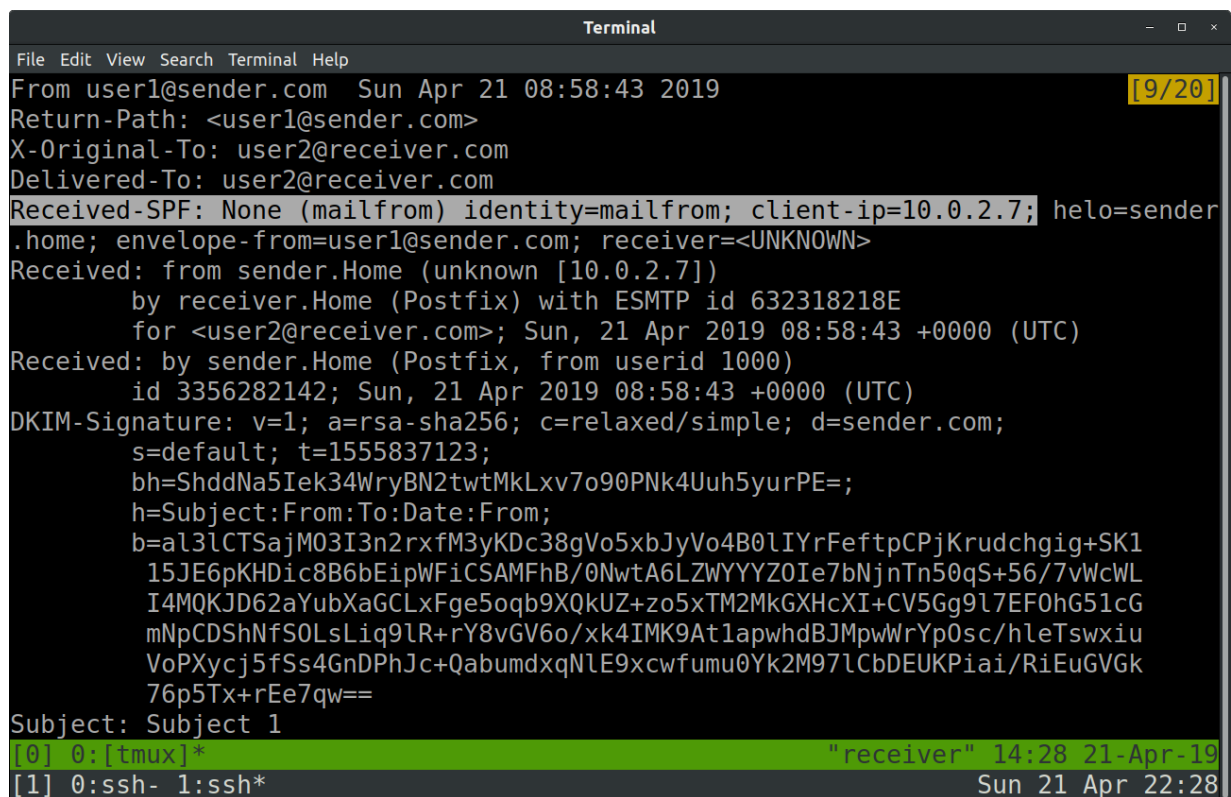
3.1 Sending Plain Email

A plain email was sent from `sender` to `receiver`:

```
echo "Hello from User 1" | mail -s "Subject 1" -a "From:user1@sender.com" user2@receiver.com
```

Email can be viewed on the `receiver` at `/var/mail/user2`.

When receiving email without SPF or DKIM, `Received-SPF` will have a value of `None`.



```
Terminal
File Edit View Search Terminal Help
From user1@sender.com Sun Apr 21 08:58:43 2019 [9/20]
Return-Path: <user1@sender.com>
X-Original-To: user2@receiver.com
Delivered-To: user2@receiver.com
Received-SPF: None (mailfrom) identity=mailfrom; client-ip=10.0.2.7; helo=sender
.home; envelope-from=user1@sender.com; receiver=<UNKNOWN>
Received: from sender.Home (unknown [10.0.2.7])
    by receiver.Home (Postfix) with ESMTP id 632318218E
    for <user2@receiver.com>; Sun, 21 Apr 2019 08:58:43 +0000 (UTC)
Received: by sender.Home (Postfix, from userid 1000)
    id 3356282142; Sun, 21 Apr 2019 08:58:43 +0000 (UTC)
DKIM-Signature: v=1; a=rsa-sha256; c=relaxed/simple; d=sender.com;
    s=default; t=1555837123;
    bh=ShddNa5Iek34WryBN2twMkLxv7o90PNk4Uuh5yurPE=;
    h=Subject:From:To:Date:From;
    b=a13lCTSajM03I3n2rxFM3yKDC38gVo5xbJyVo4B0lIYrFeftpCPjKrudchgig+SK1
    15JE6pKHDic8B6bEipWFiCSAMFhB/0NwtA6LZWYYZ0Ie7bNjnTn50qS+56/7vWcWL
    I4MQKJD62aYubXaGCLxFge5oqb9XQkUZ+zo5xTM2MkGXHcXI+CV5Gg9l7EF0hG51cG
    mNpCDSShNfS0LSLiq9lR+rY8vGV6o/xk4IMK9AtlapwhdBJMpwWrYp0sc/hleTswxiu
    VoPXycj5fSs4GnDPhJc+QabumdxqNlE9xcwfumu0Yk2M97lCbDEUKPiai/RiEuGVGk
    76p5Tx+rEe7qw==
Subject: Subject 1
[0] 0:[tmux]* "receiver" 14:28 21-Apr-19
[1] 0:ssh- 1:ssh* Sun 21 Apr 22:28
```

Received-SPF: None

The content of the email was saved to [plain.eml](#).

3.2 Sending Spoofed Email

The IP address of sender was changed by editing the netplan configuration file.

/etc/netplan/01-netcfg.yaml:

```
network:
  ...
  enp0s8:
    ...
    addresses: [10.0.2.9/24]
    ...
```

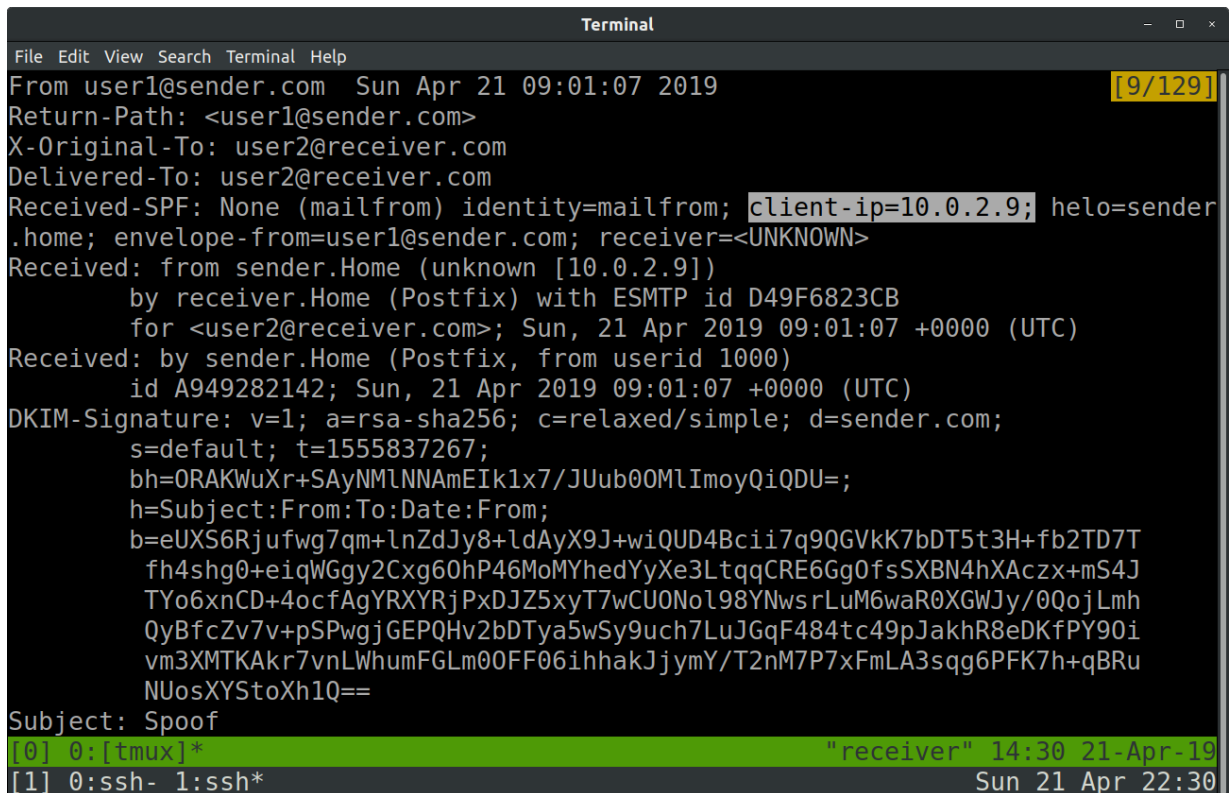
Settings were applied:

```
sudo netplan apply
```

An email from a "spoofed" IP address was sent from sender to receiver:

```
echo "Spoofed sender" | mail -s "Spoof" -a "From:user1@sender.com" user2@receiver.com
```

The email will still be received by receiver, but from the different IP address as expected.



```
Terminal
File Edit View Search Terminal Help
From user1@sender.com Sun Apr 21 09:01:07 2019 [9/129]
Return-Path: <user1@sender.com>
X-Original-To: user2@receiver.com
Delivered-To: user2@receiver.com
Received-SPF: None (mailfrom) identity=mailfrom; client-ip=10.0.2.9; helo=sender
.home; envelope-from=user1@sender.com; receiver=<UNKNOWN>
Received: from sender.Home (unknown [10.0.2.9])
    by receiver.Home (Postfix) with ESMTP id D49F6823CB
    for <user2@receiver.com>; Sun, 21 Apr 2019 09:01:07 +0000 (UTC)
Received: by sender.Home (Postfix, from userid 1000)
    id A949282142; Sun, 21 Apr 2019 09:01:07 +0000 (UTC)
DKIM-Signature: v=1; a=rsa-sha256; c=relaxed/simple; d=sender.com;
    s=default; t=1555837267;
    bh=ORAKWuXr+SAyNMLNNAmEIk1x7/JUub00MlImoyQiQDU=;
    h=Subject:From:To:Date:From;
    b=eUXS6Rjufwg7qm+lnZdJy8+ldAyX9J+wiQUD4Bcii7q9QGVkK7bDT5t3H+fb2TD7T
    fh4shg0+eiqWGgy2Cxg60hP46MoMYhedYyXe3LtqqCRE6Gg0fsSXB4hXAczx+mS4J
    TYo6xnCD+4ocfAgYRXYRjPxDJZ5xyT7wCU0No198YNwsrLuM6waR0XGWJy/0QojLmh
    QyBfcZv7v+pSPwgjGEPQHv2bDTya5wSy9uch7LuJGqF484tc49pJakhR8eDKfPY90i
    vm3XMTKAkr7vnLWhumFGLm00FF06ihhakJjymY/T2nM7P7xFmLA3sqq6PFK7h+qBRu
    NUosXYStoXh1Q==
Subject: Spoof
[0] 0:[tmux]* "receiver" 14:30 21-Apr-19
[1] 0:ssh- 1:ssh* Sun 21 Apr 22:30
```

client-ip=10.0.2.9

The content of the email was saved to [spoofed.eml](#).

3.3 Enabling SPF

SPF was enabled by adding a TXT record to the local DNS zone file at receiver.

/var/cache/bind/db.sender.com:

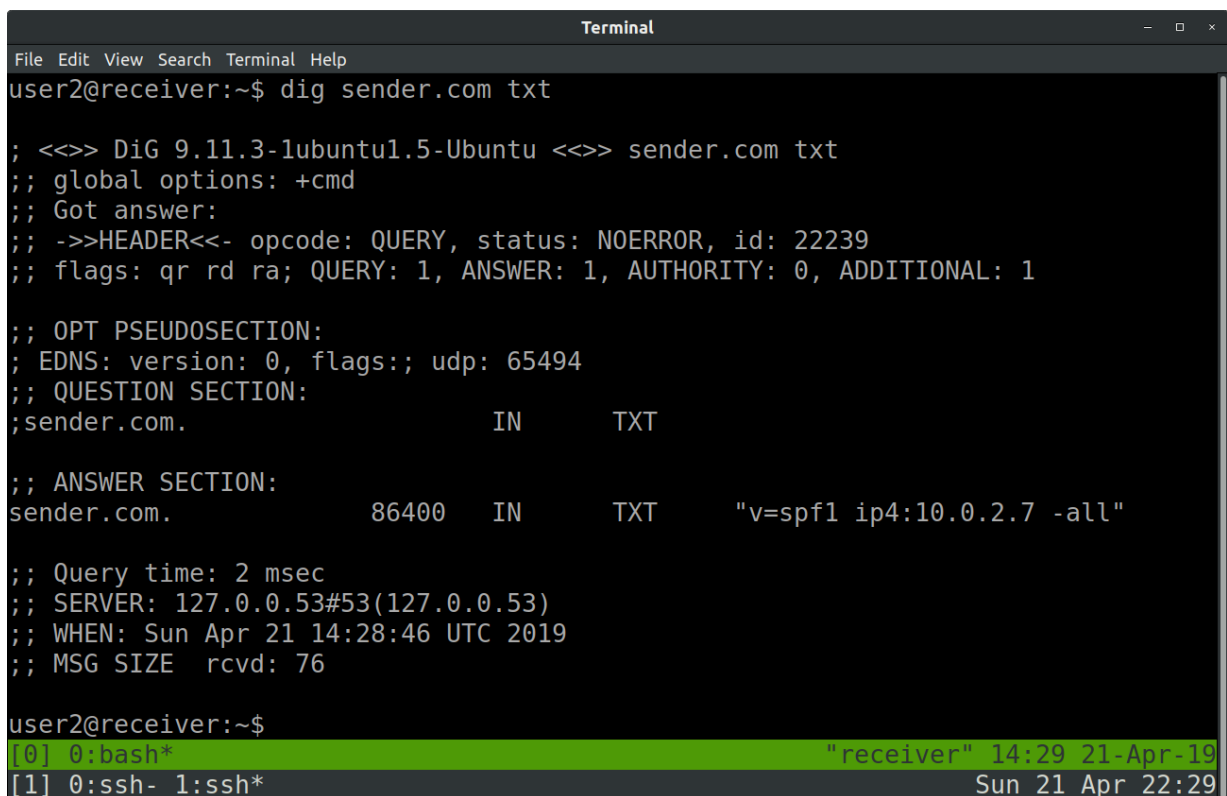
```
...  
@          IN          TXT          "v=spf1 ip4:10.0.2.7 -all"
```

The zone file is formatted in the following manner:

- name:** @ is a shortcut for the value of \$ORIGIN (i.e. example.com.).
- ttl:** Leaving ttl blank defaults the time-to-live field to the value of \$TTL (i.e. 1d).
- record class:** IN refers to the Internet namespace.
- record type:** TXT records are used to store SPF configuration
- record data:** v=spf1 indicates version 1 of the Sender Policy Framework is used.
ip4:x.x.x.x directly lists the outgoing mail server's IP address to avoid additional DNS lookups, which is limited to a maximum of 10.
-all rejects all mail that do not match SPF records.

After restarting the DNS service (sudo service bind9 restart), the TXT record can be retrieved:

```
dig sender.com txt
```



```
Terminal  
File Edit View Search Terminal Help  
user2@receiver:~$ dig sender.com txt  
  
; <<>> DiG 9.11.3-lubuntu1.5-Ubuntu <<>> sender.com txt  
;; global options: +cmd  
;; Got answer:  
;; ->>HEADER<<- opcode: QUERY, status: NOERROR, id: 22239  
;; flags: qr rd ra; QUERY: 1, ANSWER: 1, AUTHORITY: 0, ADDITIONAL: 1  
  
;; OPT PSEUDOSECTION:  
; EDNS: version: 0, flags:; udp: 65494  
;; QUESTION SECTION:  
;sender.com.                IN          TXT  
  
;; ANSWER SECTION:  
sender.com.                86400      IN          TXT          "v=spf1 ip4:10.0.2.7 -all"  
  
;; Query time: 2 msec  
;; SERVER: 127.0.0.53#53(127.0.0.53)  
;; WHEN: Sun Apr 21 14:28:46 UTC 2019  
;; MSG SIZE rcvd: 76  
  
user2@receiver:~$  
[0] 0: bash* "receiver" 14:29 21-Apr-19  
[1] 0: ssh- 1: ssh* Sun 21 Apr 22:29
```

"v=spf1 ip4:10.0.2.7 -all" in TXT record for sender.com

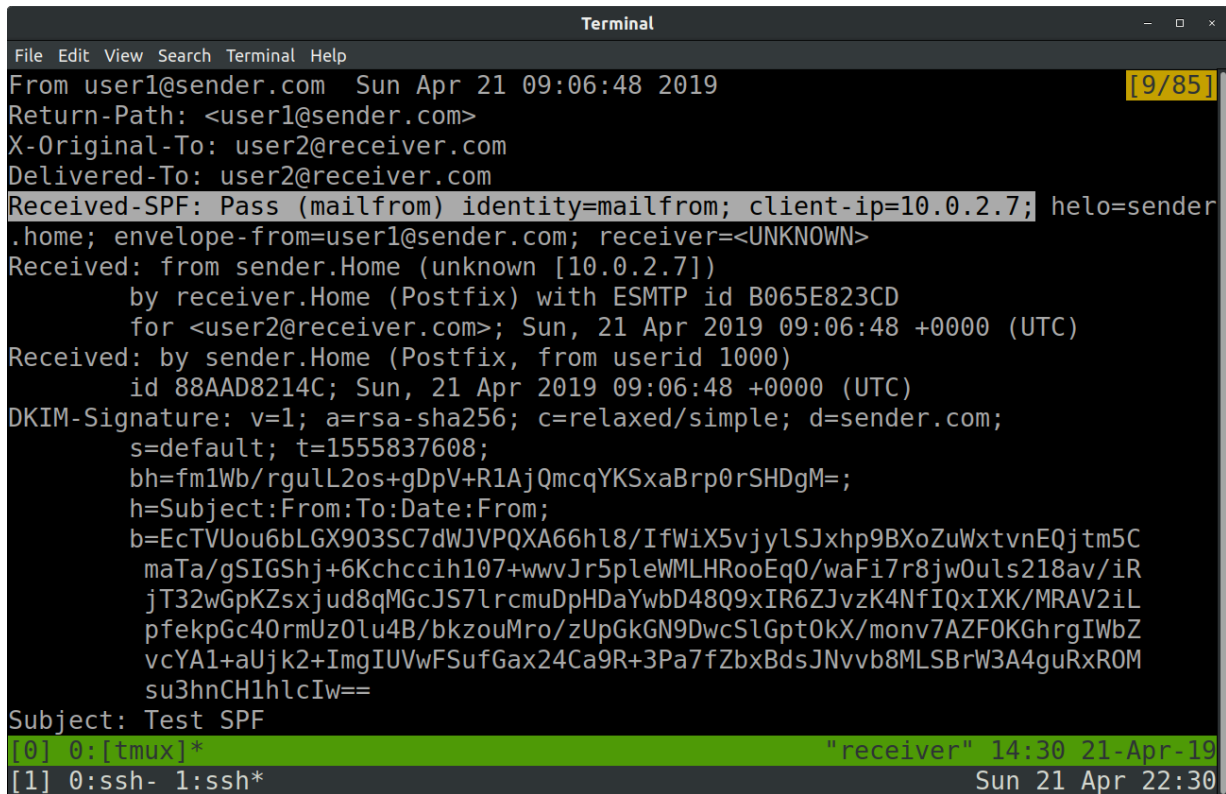
3.4 Sending Email with SPF

The IP address of sender was reset to 10.0.2.7 in netplan before proceeding.

An email was sent from sender to receiver:

```
echo "Hello from User 1 with SPF" | mail -s "Test SPF" -a "From:user1@sender.com" user2@receiver.com
```


The email was received with a `Received-SPF: Pass` header.

A terminal window titled "Terminal" with a menu bar (File, Edit, View, Search, Terminal, Help). The terminal displays email headers for an email received on Sun Apr 21 09:06:48 2019. The headers include From, Return-Path, X-Original-To, Delivered-To, Received-SPF, Received, DKIM-Signature, and Subject. The Received-SPF header is highlighted in grey and shows "Pass (mailfrom) identity=mailfrom; client-ip=10.0.2.7;". The Subject is "Test SPF". At the bottom, there is a green status bar with two lines: "[0] 0:[tmux]*" and "[1] 0:ssh- 1:ssh*", and a timestamp "Sun 21 Apr 22:30".

```
Terminal
File Edit View Search Terminal Help
From user1@sender.com Sun Apr 21 09:06:48 2019 [9/85]
Return-Path: <user1@sender.com>
X-Original-To: user2@receiver.com
Delivered-To: user2@receiver.com
Received-SPF: Pass (mailfrom) identity=mailfrom; client-ip=10.0.2.7; helo=sender
.home; envelope-from=user1@sender.com; receiver=<UNKNOWN>
Received: from sender.Home (unknown [10.0.2.7])
    by receiver.Home (Postfix) with ESMTP id B065E823CD
    for <user2@receiver.com>; Sun, 21 Apr 2019 09:06:48 +0000 (UTC)
Received: by sender.Home (Postfix, from userid 1000)
    id 88AAD8214C; Sun, 21 Apr 2019 09:06:48 +0000 (UTC)
DKIM-Signature: v=1; a=rsa-sha256; c=relaxed/simple; d=sender.com;
    s=default; t=1555837608;
    bh=fm1Wb/rguLL2os+gDpV+R1AjQmcqYKSxaBrp0rSHDgM=;
    h=Subject:From:To:Date:From;
    b=EcTVUou6bLGX903SC7dWJVPQXA66hl8/IfWiX5vjylSJxhp9BXoZuWxtvnEQjtm5C
    maTa/gSIGShj+6Kchccih107+wwwJr5pleWMLHRooEq0/waFi7r8jwOuls218av/iR
    jT32wGpKZsxjud8qMGcJS7lrcmuDpHDAywbD48Q9xIR6ZJvzK4NfIQxIXK/MRAV2iL
    pfekpGc40rmUz0lu4B/bkzouMro/zUpGkGN9DwcSlGpt0kX/monv7AZF0KGhrgIWbZ
    vcYA1+aUjk2+ImgIUVwFSufGax24Ca9R+3Pa7fZbxBdsJNvvb8MLSBw3A4guRxROM
    su3hnCH1hlcIw==
Subject: Test SPF
[0] 0:[tmux]* "receiver" 14:30 21-Apr-19
[1] 0:ssh- 1:ssh* Sun 21 Apr 22:30
```

Received-SPF: Pass

The content of the email was saved to [spf_pass.eml](#).

3.5 Sending Email with Invalid SPF

The IP address of sender was once again changed to 10.0.2.9 via netplan.

An email was sent from sender to receiver:

```
echo "Spoofed sender with SPF" | mail -s "Spoof with SPF" -a "From:user1@sender.com" user2@receiver.com
```

receiver did not receive any email as the SPF policy is set to hard fail invalid checks.

The spoofer (sender) however, received an email notification for failing the SPF check.


```
Terminal
File Edit View Search Terminal Help
user2@receiver:~$ dig default._domainkey.sender.com txt [5/225]

;; <<>> DiG 9.11.3-lubuntu1.5-Ubuntu <<>> default._domainkey.sender.com txt
;; global options: +cmd
;; Got answer:
;; ->>HEADER<<- opcode: QUERY, status: NOERROR, id: 906
;; flags: qr rd ra; QUERY: 1, ANSWER: 1, AUTHORITY: 0, ADDITIONAL: 1

;; OPT PSEUDOSECTION:
; EDNS: version: 0, flags:; udp: 65494
;; QUESTION SECTION:
default._domainkey.sender.com. IN      TXT

;; ANSWER SECTION:
default._domainkey.sender.com. 86400 IN TXT      "v=DKIM1;h=sha256;k=rsa;p=MIIBI$
ANBgkqhkiG9w0BAQEFAAOCAQ8AMIIBCgKCAQEAvWQL2Vq0iT/7bI7nDIJG/IAjRb9bx603b249Cpxoo$
CIKLh6zWabZQYdCbo8kci4rPr1AoC7vTUnFHT1PcSLKA6UpRqe2+2hn9jiDf/3mLXMeKSxUZXAM9jLI$
ldDp0rlgYwavix1LPrd6VoxR2uhkDw2FKDZDxNH9BVDohQtDb4zLSsBwz6" "ufZ1kPelFkohtiYLu$
TFKC662CKIaYVSnlXHh1+ie9n68qHlcXvd6ssbm7Am2k85p3aJGQVJ79gK9bFJdBihZjrU5V+3+gB7$
RIKNG69sAv4ggEGKj1SNtPRULhNeXrH963MRQzP5Gw+8t/iejXoJYxE9dqodXGQIDAQAB"

;; Query time: 4 msec
[0] 0:[tmux]* "receiver" 14:51 21-Apr-19
[1] 0:ssh- 1:ssh* Sun 21 Apr 22:51
```

dig default._domainkey.sender.com txt

3.7 Sending Email with DKIM

The IP address of sender was reset to 10.0.2.7 in netplan before proceeding.

An email was sent from sender to receiver:

```
echo "Hello from User 1 with SPF and DKIM" | mail -s "Test SPF and DKIM" -a "From:user1@sender.com" user2@receiver.com
```

The email was received with a dkim=pass header.

```
Terminal
File Edit View Search Terminal Help
From user1@sender.com Sun Apr 21 09:09:17 2019 [13/274]
Return-Path: <user1@sender.com>
X-Original-To: user2@receiver.com
Delivered-To: user2@receiver.com
Received-SPF: Pass (mailfrom) identity=mailfrom; client-ip=10.0.2.7; helo=sender.home; envelope-from=user1@sender.com; receiver=<UNKNOWN>
Authentication-Results: receiver.Home;
    dkim=pass (2048-bit key; unprotected) header.d=sender.com header.i=@sender.com header.b="Gn0ZK45C";
    dkim-atps=neutral
Received: from sender.Home (unknown [10.0.2.7])
    by receiver.Home (Postfix) with ESMTP id C90D8823CD
    for <user2@receiver.com>; Sun, 21 Apr 2019 09:09:16 +0000 (UTC)
Received: by sender.Home (Postfix, from userid 1000)
    id BEC948214C; Sun, 21 Apr 2019 09:09:16 +0000 (UTC)
DKIM-Signature: v=1; a=rsa-sha256; c=relaxed/simple; d=sender.com;
    s=default; t=1555837756;
    bh=9KQC2cIIfpJB4fesfFePkZ69SQp/gXE8KvmZEiRAAac=;
    h=Subject:From:To:Date:From;
    b=Gn0ZK45C+JAm/fzQ0W3G4UVyaeVakp6erlu+tg2MqBpdD4uINsebVJ0P5Rtv5s45y
    Aw0yivF2XPSPgyJSuWpCfiQTuSPYDnsEvUoUQpAiXHpeA9Ym/5Dwxm9TcXYyl6jCaY
    cbYE3wZihz20gWkMv0Hf7rbPCIRUSMa+ouscbZC1+Fkv0xHNC9vd8iHhy0QLxzm73S
[0] 0:[tmux]* "receiver" 14:59 21-Apr-19
[1] 0:ssh- 1:ssh* Sun 21 Apr 22:59
```

dkim=pass (2048-bit key; unprotected)

The content of the email was saved to [dkim_pass.eml](#).

The email was checked against the local DNS:

```
dkimverify < dkim_pass.eml
```

```
Terminal
File Edit View Search Terminal Help
From user1@sender.com Sun Apr 21 09:09:17 2019
Return-Path: <user1@sender.com>
X-Original-To: user2@receiver.com
Delivered-To: user2@receiver.com
Received-SPF: Pass (mailfrom) identity=mailfrom; client-ip=10.0.2.7; helo=sender
.home; envelope-from=user1@sender.com; receiver=<UNKNOWN>
Authentication-Results: receiver.Home;
    dkim=pass (2048-bit key; unprotected) header.d=sender.com header.i=@send
er.com header.b="Gn0ZK45C";
    dkim-atps=neutral
"dkim_pass.eml" 32L, 1498C 1,1 Top

user2@receiver:~$ dkimverify < dkim_pass.eml
signature ok
user2@receiver:~$

[0] 0:bash* "receiver" 15:07 21-Apr-19
[1] 0:ssh- 1:ssh* Sun 21 Apr 23:07
```

Verified DKIM signature

3.8 DKIM Verification Failure

To trigger a DKIM verification failure, the public key in receiver's `/var/cache/bind/db.sender.com` was modified. Services were restarted as above.

An email was sent from sender to receiver:

```
echo "Hello from User 1 with failing DKIM" | mail -s "Test failing DKIM" -a "From:user1@sender.com" user2@receiver.com
```

The email was received with a `dkim=permerror` header, which indicates that the message could not be verified as the email signature did not match the public key retrieved from `default._domainkey.sender.com`.

```
Terminal
File Edit View Search Terminal Help
From user1@sender.com Sun Apr 21 09:16:41 2019 [12/51]
Return-Path: <user1@sender.com>
X-Original-To: user2@receiver.com
Delivered-To: user2@receiver.com
Received-SPF: Pass (mailfrom) identity=mailfrom; client-ip=10.0.2.7; helo=sender.home; envelope-from=user1@sender.com; receiver=<UNKNOWN>
Authentication-Results: receiver.Home;
    dkim=permerror (0-bit key; unprotected) header.d=sender.com header.i=@sender.com header.b="WJeJLcyn";
    dkim-atps=neutral
Received: from sender.Home (unknown [10.0.2.7])
    by receiver.Home (Postfix) with ESMTP id 5ADA1823CA
    for <user2@receiver.com>; Sun, 21 Apr 2019 09:16:39 +0000 (UTC)
Received: by sender.Home (Postfix, from userid 1000)
    id 5ACE78214C; Sun, 21 Apr 2019 09:16:39 +0000 (UTC)
DKIM-Signature: v=1; a=rsa-sha256; c=relaxed/simple; d=sender.com;
    s=default; t=1555838199;
    bh=8SFfPZEPsx+ZH1a2mUps0h1EZx8juWs3CmtSEzwva14=;
    h=Subject:From:To:Date:From;
    b=WJeJLcynNAwE60Ussl754Pdon+aYUoYr8ydBJVblirIl9V/xFMzaD2RM/jQ0p77tl
    wXY4UEb+3jSm/BEBWYTgjOIqz2jDmt9a2yD0YXyh5F/skQphnfMaw//MYhjn8y+pQo
    UH8NaM1D5b0qpFEwa3HxmKjpVclTAg2NB/PcC8StP4GSYgQtrZtlghC3LS00CSHxJu
[0] 0:bash- 1:[tmux]* "receiver" 17:05 21-Apr-19
[1] 0:ssh- 1:ssh* Mon 22 Apr 01:05
```

dkim=permerror (0-bit key; unprotected)

The content of the email was saved to [dkim_fail.eml](#).

The email was checked against the local DNS:

```
dkimverify < dkim_fail.eml
```

```
Terminal
File Edit View Search Terminal Help
From user1@sender.com Sun Apr 21 09:16:41 2019
Return-Path: <user1@sender.com>
X-Original-To: user2@receiver.com
Delivered-To: user2@receiver.com
Received-SPF: Pass (mailfrom) identity=mailfrom; client-ip=10.0.2.7; helo=sender
.home; envelope-from=user1@sender.com; receiver=<UNKNOWN>
Authentication-Results: receiver.Home;
    dkim=permerror (0-bit key; unprotected) header.d=sender.com header.i=@se
nder.com header.b="WJeJLcyn";
    dkim-atps=neutral
"dkim_fail.eml" 31L, 1499C 1,1 Top

user2@receiver:~$ dkimverify < dkim_fail.eml
signature verification failed
user2@receiver:~$

[0] 0:bash* "receiver" 17:09 21-Apr-19
[1] 0:ssh- 1:ssh* Mon 22 Apr 01:10
```

Invalid DKIM signature

4 Discussion

4.1 Digging TXT Records

Based on DIG TXT for SUTD, how many IP addresses are permitted to send email on behalf of sutsd.edu.sg?

Retrieving and following all SPF rules on sutsd.edu.sg:

| | | | | |
|-----------------------------|------|----|-----|---|
| sutsd.edu.sg. | 3599 | IN | TXT | "v=spf1 ip4:103.24.77.20 ip4:202.94.70.20 include:spf.protection.outlook.com -all" |
| spf.protection.outlook.com. | 183 | IN | TXT | "v=spf1 ip4:207.46.100.0/24 ip4:207.46.163.0/24 ip4:65.55.169.0/24 ip4:157.56.110.0/23 ip4:157.55.234.0/24 ip4:213.199.154.0/24 ip4:213.199.180.128/26 ip4:52.100.0.0/14 include:spf.protection.outlook.com -all" |
| spf.protection.outlook.com. | 482 | IN | TXT | "v=spf1 ip4:157.56.112.0/24 ip4:207.46.51.64/26 ip4:64.4.22.64/26 ip4:40.92.0.0/15 ip4:40.107.0.0/16 ip4:134.170.140.0/24 include:spf.protection.outlook.com ip6:2001:489a:2202::/48 -all" |
| spf.protection.outlook.com. | 260 | IN | TXT | "v=spf1 ip6:2a01:111:f600::/48 ip4:23.103.128.0/19 ip4:23.103.198.0/23 ip4:65.55.88.0/24 ip4:104.47.0.0/17 ip4:23.103.200.0/21 ip4:23.103.208.0/21 ip4:23.103.191.0/24 ip4:216.32.180.0/23 ip4:94.245.120.64/26 -all" |

The number of allowed IPv4 addresses permitted to send email for sutsd.edu.sg is 507,906.

The number of allowed IPv6 addresses permitted to send email for sutsd.edu.sg is over 2.4E24.

The breakdown as follows:

| IPv4/6 Address | Address Count |
|-----------------|---------------|
| 103.24.77.20 | 1 |
| 202.94.70.20 | 1 |
| 207.46.100.0/24 | 256 |
| 207.46.163.0/24 | 256 |
| 65.55.169.0/24 | 256 |
| 157.56.110.0/23 | 512 |
| 157.55.234.0/24 | 256 |

| | |
|---------------------|-----------------------|
| 213.199.154.0/24 | 256 |
| 213.199.180.128/26 | 64 |
| 52.100.0.0/14 | 262144 |
| 157.56.112.0/24 | 256 |
| 207.46.51.64/26 | 64 |
| 64.4.22.64/26 | 64 |
| 40.92.0.0/15 | 131072 |
| 40.107.0.0/16 | 65536 |
| 134.170.140.0/24 | 256 |
| 23.103.128.0/19 | 8192 |
| 23.103.198.0/23 | 512 |
| 65.55.88.0/24 | 256 |
| 104.47.0.0/17 | 32768 |
| 23.103.200.0/21 | 2048 |
| 23.103.208.0/21 | 2048 |
| 23.103.191.0/24 | 256 |
| 216.32.180.0/23 | 512 |
| 94.245.120.64/26 | 64 |
| Sub-total | 507906 |
| 2001:489a:2202::/48 | 1.20892581961463E+024 |
| 2a01:111:f400::/48 | 1.20892581961463E+024 |
| Sub-total | 2.41785163922926E+024 |
| TOTAL | 2.41785163922926E+024 |

4.2 DKIM TXT Entry Tags

Can you explain the significance of all the tags in your DKIM entry (v, a, c, d, s, t, bh, h, b)?

The definitions of the DKIM signature header field tags can be referenced from Section 3.5 of RFC 6376 ⁵, and are as follows:

- v:** DKIM version; current implementation is "1"
- a:** Signature algorithm; current recommendation is "rsa-sha256"
- c:** Message canonicalization for header/body; "simple" is strict, "relaxed" is less strict
- d:** Signing Domain Identifier (SDID) responsible for introducing the message; used in querying DNS for public key
- s:** Selector; used in querying DNS for public key
- t:** Timestamp of signature; measured in Unix Epoch time
- bh:** Hash of canonicalized body as limited by body length count
- h:** Signed header fields; contains complete list of header fields to be signed
- b:** Signature data in base64; signed hash of the message hash

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- 1 <https://www.ubuntu.com/download/server/thank-you?version=18.04.2&architecture=amd64>
 - 2 <https://bugs.launchpad.net/ubuntu/+source/virtualbox/+bug/1798813>
 - 3 <https://certified-senders.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/06/DKIM-Recommendations-2018.pdf>
 - 4 <https://tools.ietf.org/html/rfc1035#section-3.3.14>
 - 5 <https://tools.ietf.org/html/rfc6376#section-3.5>