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Explain key management techniques in

ISAKMP.

↓ stands
(Internet security association and key management protocol)

→ It provides a framework for establishing Security Association (SAs) and cryptographic keys.

Key techniques:

1) Cookies:

→ used to avoid clogging attacks

→ Initiator & responder cookies uniquely identify each party

2) Authentication methods:

→ used digital signatures, shared secret keys or public key encryption to authenticate both sides

3) Nonce Exchange:

→ random numbers exchanged to prevent replay attacks

4) SA Negotiation

→ ISAKMP negotiates algorithms (AES/3DES), hash methods (SHA), key sizes & modes



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5) Modular payloads

— SA payload

— key exchange payload

— Identification payload

— Authentication payload

These combinedes to form a complete
key exchange

6) Specify documents in IPsec architecture:

Documents are

→ RFC 4301 — IPsec architecture

→ RFC 4302 — Authentication Header (AH)

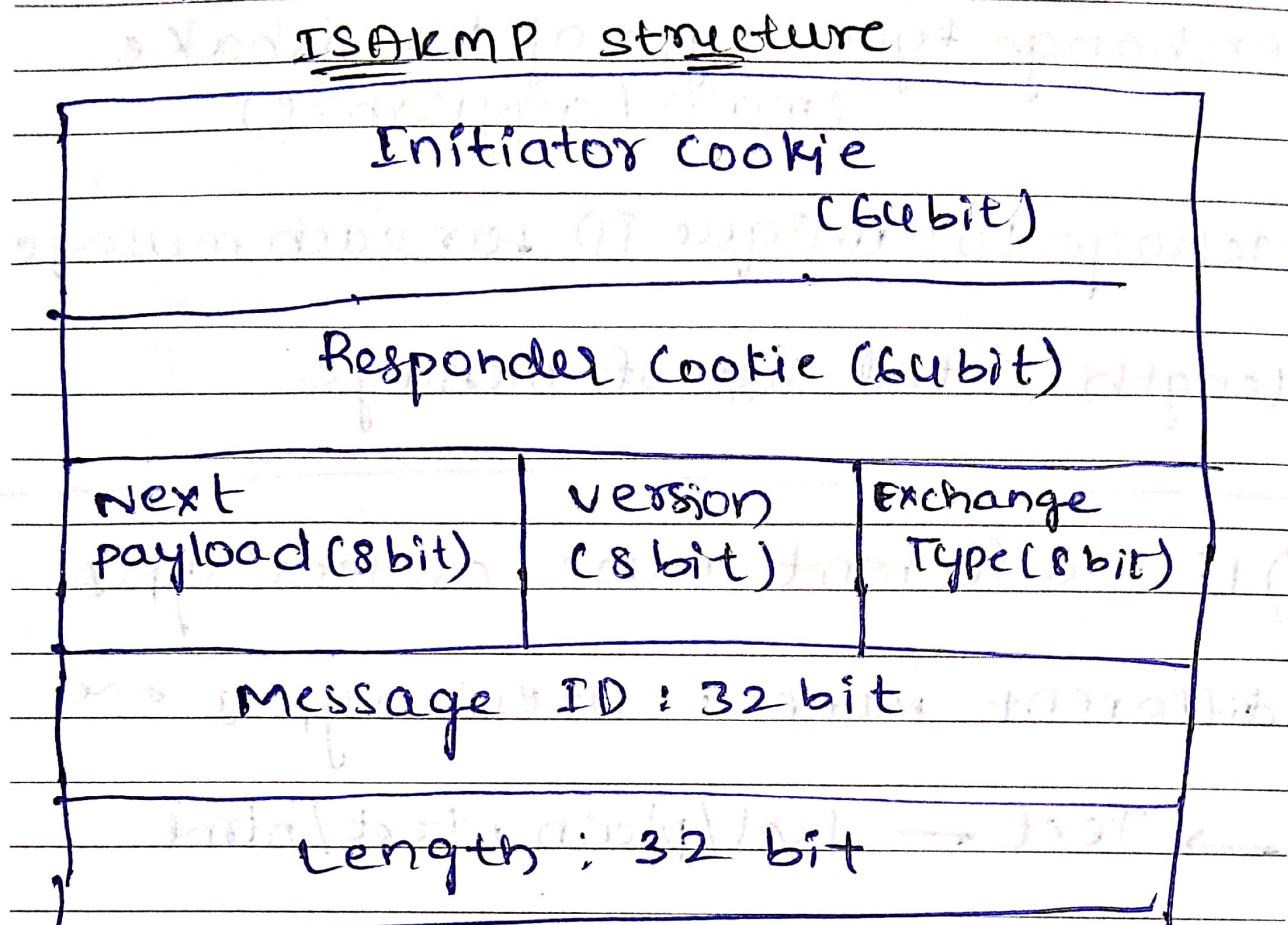
→ RFC 4303 — Encapsulating Security Payload (ESP)

→ RFC 2408 — AKEmp

→ RFC 2409 — IKE/Oakley

→ RFC 5996 — IKEv2

Draw ISAKMP frame structure & explain each field



Fields

- Initiator cookie:
Identifies the sender who starts the communication
- Responder cookie:
Filled by responder (0 in first message)
- Next payload:- shows type of next payload

Version: ISAKMP version

exchange type: type of handshake
(main / aggressive)

Message ID: unique ID for each message

length: Total size of message

Q) List different MIME content types!

different MIME content types are

→ Text → text/plain, text/html

→ Image → image/png, image/jpeg

→ Audio → audio/mpeg

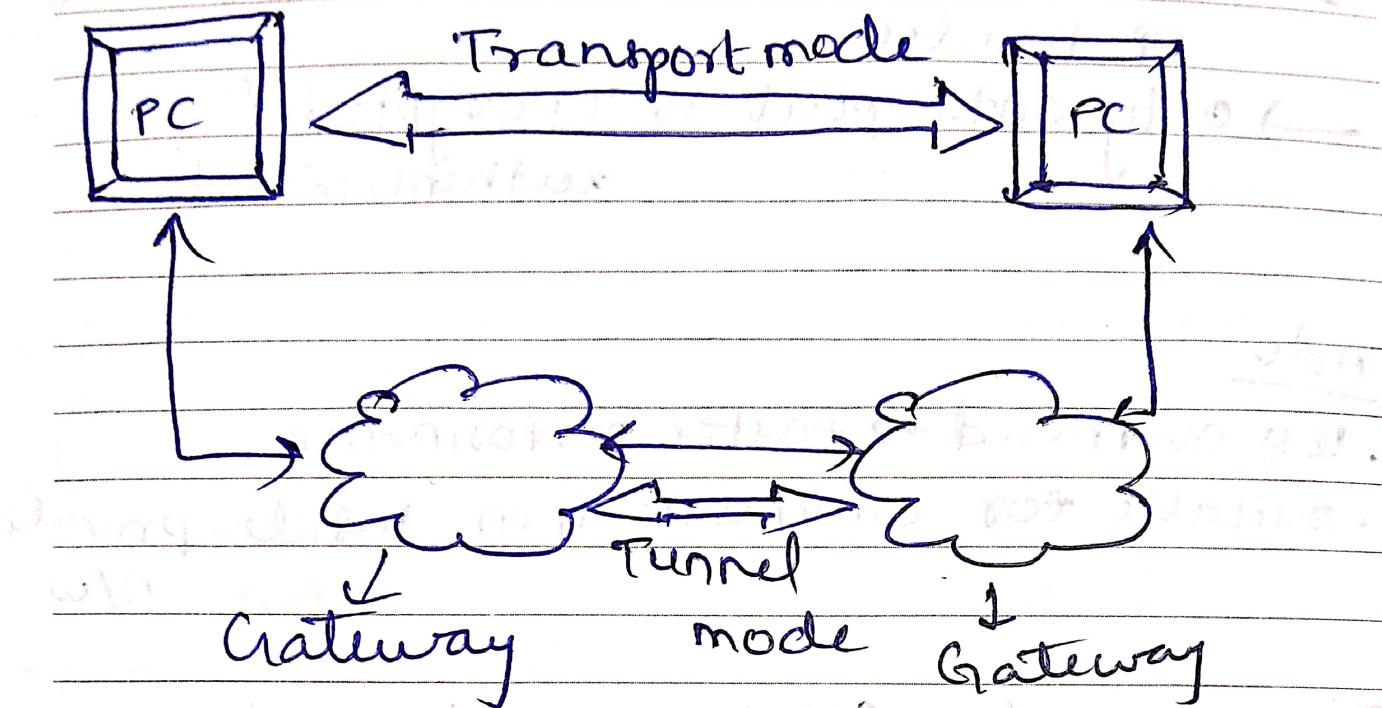
→ video → video/mp4

→ Application → application/pdf,
application/zip

→ Multipart → multipart/mixed

→ Message → message/rfc822

Q Explain transport & tunnel modes of IPsec.



Transport mode (end-to-end security)

- It protects payload (data) of IP packet but does not protect the original IP header.
- used in Host-to-Host communication (e.g. b/w two computers).
- used in remote login, file transfer, end-user machine security.

How it works?

- IP header stays unchanged
- AH / ESP header is inserted after the IP header
- only data part is encrypted / authenticated

Adv:

- less overhead → faster performance
- suitable for communication inside private n/w

Tunnel mode : (Gateway - to - Gateway Security)

- protects the entire original IP packet, including IP header
- A new IP header is added outside
- used in VPNs
- used in Firewall communication

How it works?

- entire original packet is encapsulated & encrypted
- ~~Best for secure communication over the internet~~

A new IP header is added to route the packet through the tunnel

Adv:

→ High security

→ Best for secure communication

Difference of transport & tunnel mode of IPsec

Diff

Transport mode

Tunnel mode

only payload is protected

entire original IP packet is protected

original IP header is removed

New IP header is added

Host - to - Host used

NPNS, Gateway to - Gateway used

overhead is low

overhead is high

security level is moderate

security level is highest

It doesn't hide source/destination

It hide the source/destination

Describe various PGP services

PGP (pretty Good privacy) :

- It is an email security tool provides confidentiality, authentication, integrity and compression
- It uses mix of symmetric keys, private keys, digital signature and hashing

PGP (services)

i) Authentication:

It creates digital signature using private key.

process

message → Hash (SHA / MD5) → encrypted with sender's private key

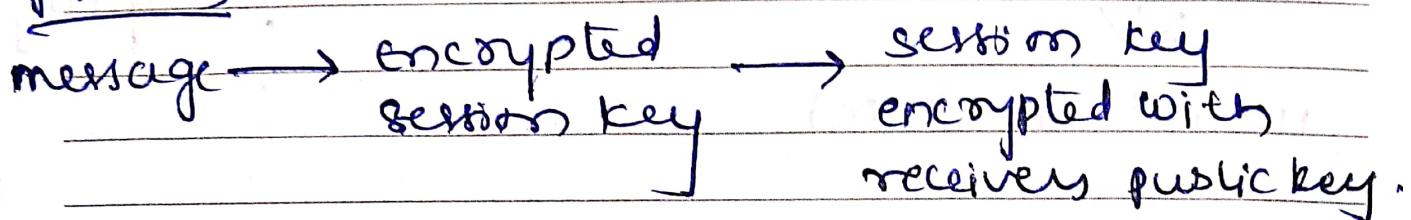
Attached of signature

2) Confidentiality:

It ensures privacy by encrypting the message

→ It uses receiver's public key

process:



3) compression:

Before encryption, PGP compresses the message

→ saves the storage space & bandwidth

4) Email compatibility

→ It converts binary output into ASCII using Radix-64 (Base-64)

→ It ensures compatibility with email systems that support only text

→ It makes transmission reliable & error free

5) Segmentation & Reassembly:

→ It can break large messages

→ It can reassemble them on receiving side

→ It can transmit them safely.

PGP cryptographic function for authentication only (diagram).

sender

Message M



$$\text{Hash } H = \text{hash}(M)$$



Receiver

(message M),
signature S,

(key ID)

[Sign H with sender's

private key $\Rightarrow S$]

[Send: M, S, sender's key ID] \dashrightarrow ✓

[sender's public key
via key ID]

$$\text{Compute } H' = \text{hash}(M)$$



[Verify: decrypt S with
sender's public key $\Rightarrow H_S$]



$$H_S = H'$$

If yes \rightarrow authenticate,
else \rightarrow reject

PGP provides authentication by creating a digital signature over a hash of message using sender's private key; the receiver verifies the signature using sender's public key confirming origin & integrity without encrypting the message

key steps:

- Hash the message
- Sign the hash
- Transmit artifacts
- Verify on receipt

What is MIME? Difference between MIME & s/MIME:

Multi purpose Internet Mail extension

→ extension of traditional email format used in internet

→ It allows email to support text, image, audio, video, attachments and various character sets

→ MIME is a standard that enables emails to carry multimedia content, not just plain ASCII text.

Features:

- supports multiple content types
- allows attachments in an email
- uses headers to describe content type, format and encoding
- converts binary data to text using Base 64
- it enables international character sets

Differences :

Feature	MIME	S/MIME
stands for	Multipurpose Internet mail extensions	secure multipurpose Internet mail extensions
Main use	Send rich content emails (text, images, audio, attachments)	Send secure emails (encrypted + digitally signed)
security	no security features	Provides encryption & digital signature
encryption	not supported	Supported (keeps email private)
Authentication	not supported	Supported (verifies sender identity)
Best for	everyday emails with multimedia	sensitive emails needing privacy & authenticity
Examples	Gmail attachments	corporate secure emails, confidential reports

fancy emails → MIME

fancy emails + security → S/MIME



Q)

Functionalities of encapsulating security payload (ESP)

ESP is a core protocol of IPsec that provides confidentiality, integrity, authentication, and anti-replay protection for IP packets.

1) Confidentiality

→ ESP encrypts the payload (data) of the IP packet.

→ it prevents unauthorized users from reading data.

→ uses symmetric encryption algorithms like AES, 3DES.

2) Data integrity

ESP can ensure that data has not been modified during transmission.

→ uses algorithm: HMAC • SHA

3) Authentication

ESP can authenticate the source of packet

→ confirms the sender is genuine

4) Anti-replay protection:

ESP includes sequence of numbers
in the authentication header field.

→ it protects against replay attacks

5) Limited traffic flow confidentiality:

ESP hides:

- payload
- In tunnel mode, it hides origin IP header.

6) support tunnel & transport modes:

ESP works in

- Transport mode - encrypts only payload
- Tunnel mode - encrypts the entire IP packet (header + payload)



Applications of IPsec?

IPsec (Internet protocol security)

→ It is widely used to secure communication over IP networks by providing confidentiality, integrity, authentication and secure tunneling.

① VPN's

~ used for remote access VPNs and site-to-site

→ create secure VPN tunnels over internet

② Secure Remote Access:

→ protects sensitive data (credentials, files) from attackers on public networks

③ Secure Gateway-to-Gateway communication

→ connects two n/w securely using routers or firewalls

→ used in multi-branch companies, bank, government networks.

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④ Protecting Application traffic (end-to-end security)

- provide security like in
 - e-mail
 - VoIP
 - File transfer
 - database access

⑤ Secure Routing :

- IPsec protects routing update exchanged between routers
- prevents attacks like spoofing and route manipulation

⑥ Intranet and Extranet security :

- protecting sensitive department communication
- securing partner access (extranet)

⑦ Mobile & wireless network security :

- used in secure communications in mobile & 5G networks
- protect data over unsafe wireless n/w

⑧ Protecting IPv6 traffic :

- IPsec is mandatory part of IPv6
- ensures secure end-to-end data protection



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Draw Authentication Header (AH) &
explain fields:

AH is an IPsec protocol that provides authentication, integrity and anti-replay protection but no encryption.

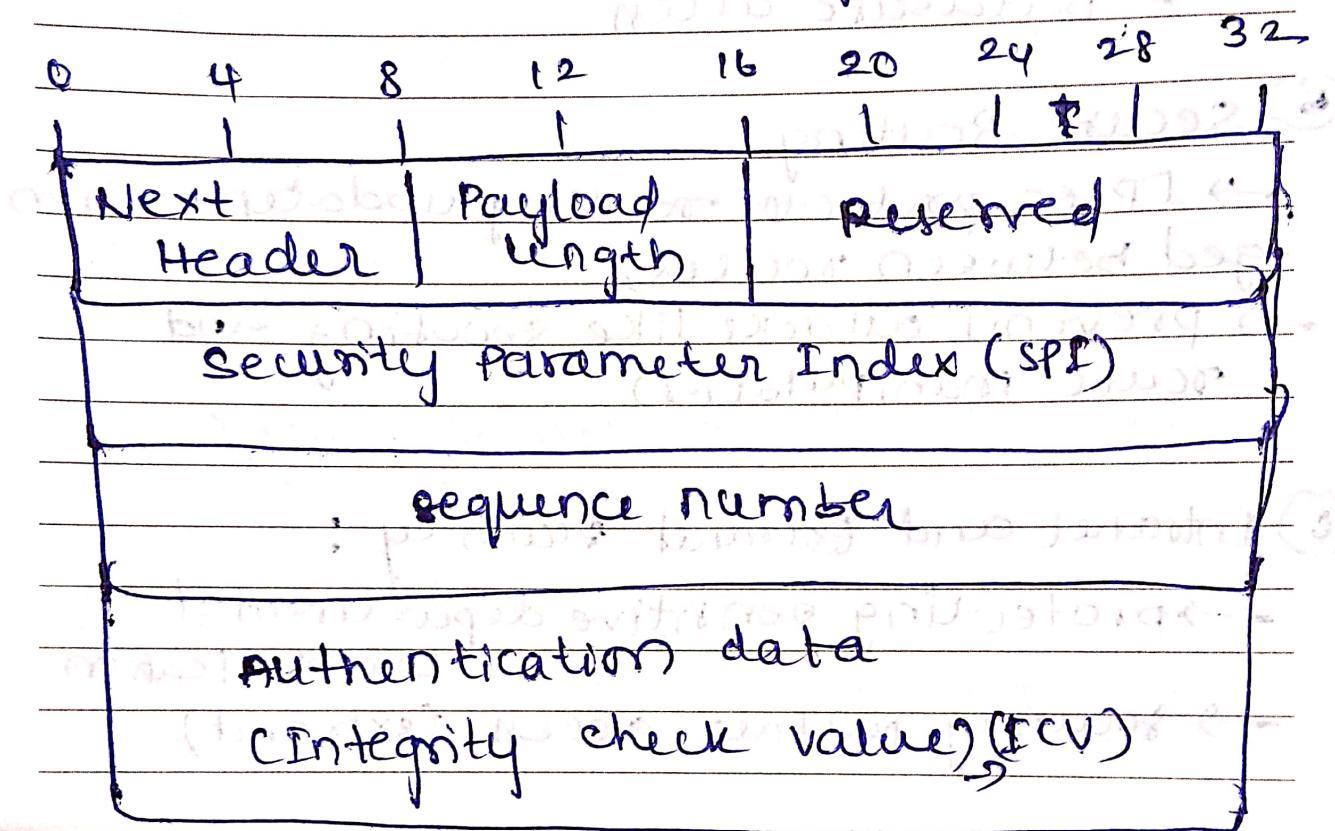


Fig. (AH) Authentication Header

fields:

① Next header (8 bits)

→ Identifies which type of header (protocol) that comes after AH

Eg. TCP = 6, UDP = 17, ESP = 50

② payload length (8 bits)

→ indicates the size of AH

③ Reserved :

→ reserved for future use

→ must be set to zero

④ security parameter Index (SPI) : (32 bits)

→ identifies the security Association (SA) for this packet

→ SA tells the receiver what algorithms / keys to use for checking authenticity

⑤ sequence number (32 bits):

→ monotonically increasing no't for each packet

→ protects against replay attacks

⑥ authentication data

→ contains integrity check value

→ ICV is generated using hashing

→ ensures integrity & data origin authentication

→ covers most fields of IP header + data



What is radix-64? Explain PGP & s/MIME conversion:

Radix-64 :

- It is base-64 encoding scheme used in PGP to convert binary data into ASCII text.
- since email systems originally support only text, PGP converts encrypted or signed binary data into printable characters.

Why Radix-64 is needed?

- ensure compatibility with text only email systems
- make binary data safe for transmission
- reduces chances of corruption
- easy to decode back to original binary

Radix-64 output:

uses characters:

A-Z, a-z, 0-9, +, /, =

plus '=' for padding.

PGP conversion:

- ① Digital signature
- ② compression
- ③ encryption
- ④ Radix-64 conversion
- ⑤ Transmission

PGP conversion flow diagram:-

Message



(signature) → comp → encrypt → radix
→ compression → encryption → 64 → email

S/MIME conversion:

- ① MIME formatting
- ② Digital signature
- ③ Encryption
- ④ Base64 Encoding (Radix-64)
- ⑤ MIME packaging

S/MIME conversion flow diagram

message → MIME format → (sign) → (encrypt) ↓

Base64
↓
email

Q) Services provided by IPsec? -

- ① Confidentiality
- ② Authentication
- ③ Data Integrity
- ④ Anti-replay protection
- ⑤ Access control
- ⑥ Key management
- ⑦ Traffic flow confidentiality

Q) Parameters that identify & characterize a Security Association (SA)

→ A SA (Security Association) is a one-way logical connection that defines how IPsec protects data b/w two devices

→ Each SA is uniquely identified & described by several parameters

Parameter that identify a SA

- ① SPI (Security Parameter Index):
→ 32-bit identifier in AH/ESP header
- ② Destination IP Address:
→ IP address of device (receiver) that SA is associated with
- ③ Security protocol identifier:
→ specifies whether the SA is for AH or ESP

These three are called SA Triplet

Parameter that characterize a SA

- ① Sequence number counter
- ② sequence counter overflow flag
- ③ Authentication key
- ④ encryption key
- ⑤ encryption algorithm
- ⑥ Authentication Algorithm
- ⑦ Lifetime of SA
- ⑧ Mode of operation
- ⑨ Path MTU
- ⑩ protocol parameters / Flags

① Limitations of SMTP & RFC - 822

how MIME overcomes them:

Limitations of SMTP & RFC - 822 :

↳ used for
text based
email

① supports only 7-bit ASCII text:

→ cannot send binary data, images, audio,
video or documents

→ non-english characters are not supported

② size restrictions

→ cannot send large files or attachments

→ message sizes are limited

③ No standard for Attachments

→ RFC - 822 had no mechanism to include
multiple attachments.

④ cannot identify content type
→ Email cannot indicate whether content is?
• text, image, audio, application etc
because it supports only plain text.

⑤ Limited character set?
→ cannot send international languages texts
→ ASCII only.

⑥ problems with Binary Transmission
→ SMTP corrupts binary content because it is designed for text only

MIME Overcome the Limitations!

① supports multiple content types.
→ MIME introduce content-type header

② Base 64 :-
→ converts binary data to text-safe format,
→ solves 7-bit ASCII limitation

③ Allow Attachment:
→ MIME supports multipart messages.
→ you can attach multiple files within one email

④ Supports different character sets
→ allows send text in any language

⑤ Handles large message.

⑥ Identifies content using headers
MIME adds new headers.
→ content type
→ Content - transfer Encoding
→ content disposition

Q) Need for combining security Association (SA) & Basic SA combinations

Ans:-

Need for combining security Associations:-
→ In IPsec, a SA provides security for traffic in one direction by one protocol

→ a single SA is not enough to provide all required security features
multiple SAs must be combined.

why combine SAs?

- ① Unidirectional protection
- ② Multiple services needed
- ③ Multiple tunnels
- ④ Transport + tunnel
- ⑤ Granular policies → different types of traffic

Basic Security Association (SA) combination only:

① Transport Adjacency:

→ more than one IPsec protocol is applied at same end-to-end connection

Eg: AH+ESP both in transport mode
→ protection stays at host level

Used when: Both authentication & encryption are needed b/w same hosts without tunnelling

② Tunnel Adjacency:

→ two or more SAs applied b/w the same pair of IPsec gateways

→ All protocols operate in tunnel mode

Eg: ESP tunnel inside another esp tunnel

Used when:

- multi-layer VPN tunnels
- Access VPN over corporate VPN

③ Transport - Tunnel combination:

→ one SA is in transport mode & another
is in tunnel mode

Example:

→ Host - to - Host using transport

→ gateway - to - gateway using tunnel mode

used when:

→ end - to - end security + gateway-to-gateway routing protection required

Q) Why does esp include a padding field?

Ans: ESP (encapsulating security payload) includes a padding field for following reasons:

① Block cipher alignment:

→ encryption algorithm like AES work on fixed-size blocks

→ padding ensures the data length is a multiple of the block size, allowing proper encryption

② Traffic flow confidentiality:

→ padding can be added to hide the actual length of data

→ prevents attackers from guessing the type of message size



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③ ESP Trailer Alignment:

→ some systems require ESP trailer field to align 4 byte boundaries

→ It helps achieve proper alignment

④ Support for future Algorithms:

→ padding allows flexible for future encryption or authentication schemes may need specific alignment