Quantum Resistant IKEv2

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Currently, IKE-protected traffic can be stored now, and later read by someone with a Quantum Computer (once one is built). Cryptographers are creating Quantum Safe replacements to DH and ECDH, however those won’t be standardized by NIST for a while.

The goal is to create a short-term solution, based on the assumption that both sides can share a high-entropy secret (“PPK”).
Changes to the Protocol

- The previous version had a problem if
  - both sides had a PPK, but they weren’t the same or
  - the responder did not have a PPK configured for the peer.

The protocol would fail, with no obvious indication why.

To address this, we added an *optional* NO_PPK_AUTH notification. It allows the responder to recognize when there is a PPK mismatch and
- Fall back to traditional IKEv2 if PPK is configured non mandatory or
- Abort the exchange.
• Expanded Security Considerations
  • responder may wish to cache failed partial initial requests (to address a misconfiguration scenario that may mimic a DoS attack).
  • MUST rekey if sensitive info is exchanged over the initial IKE SA.
  • Downgrade attack if PPK_SUPPORT is non mandatory for both peers.
  • Initiator should wait for more responses when PPK is mandatory, to avoid DoS attack.
Change in the Draft Text (Cont’d 2)

- Added “Operational Considerations”
  - How PPKs are distributed
  - Group PPKs
  - PPK-only authentication (using NULL Authentication method)
- Tweak to PPK_ID format (adjusting the PPK ID type encoding)
Discussion

• Informational or Standards track?
• More reviews and WGLC?
• libreswan implementation (Paul?)