

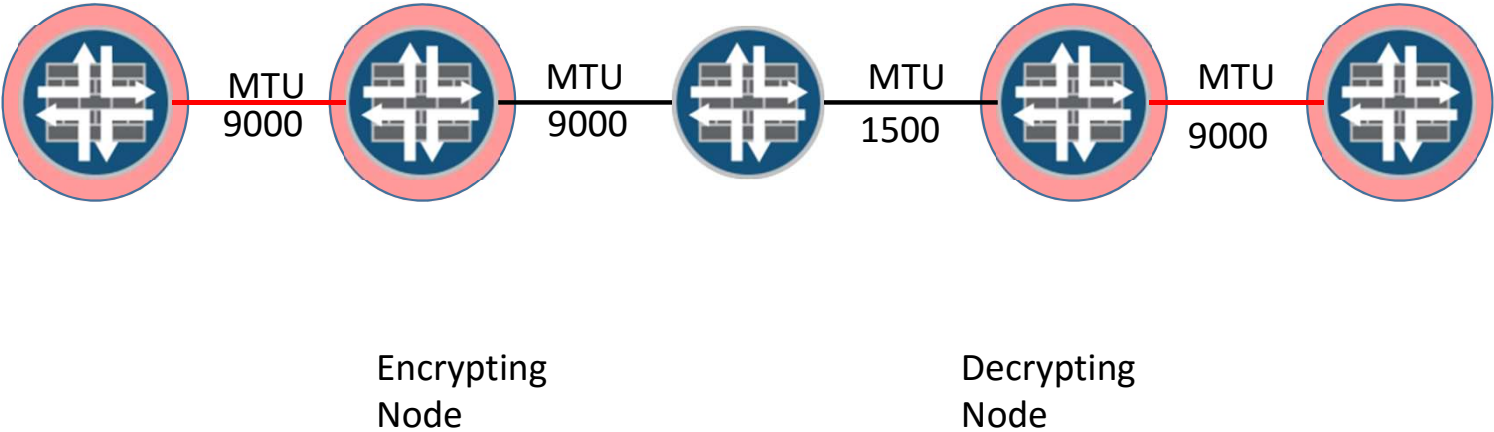
Packetization Layer Path Maximum Transmission Unit Discovery (PLPMTU) For IPsec Tunnels

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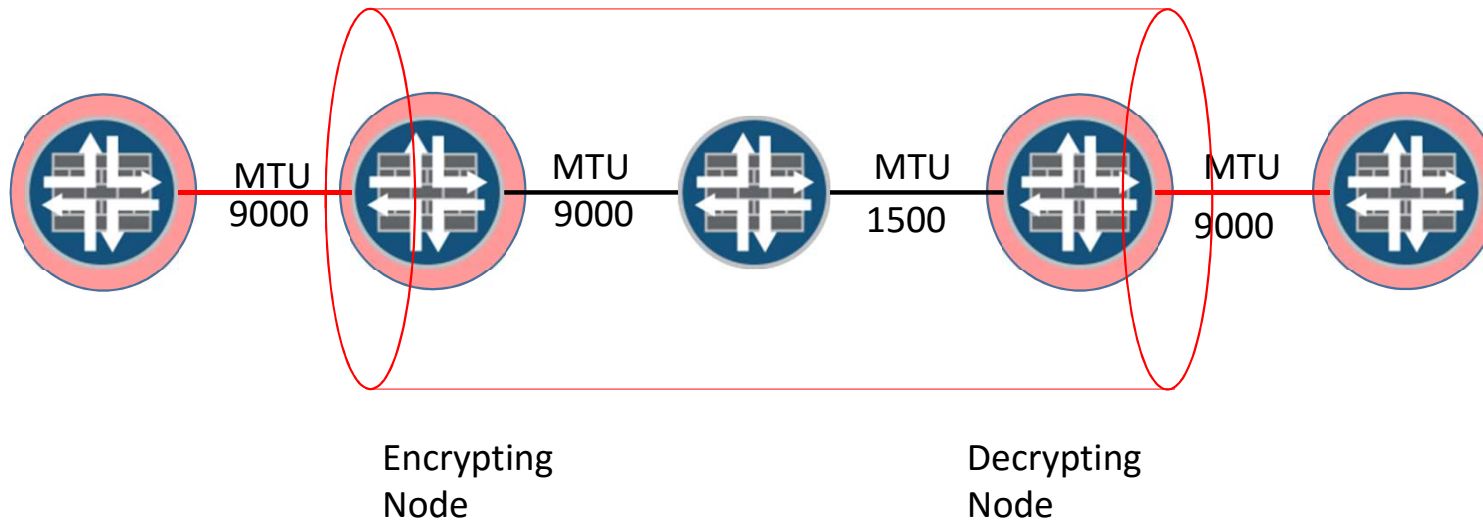
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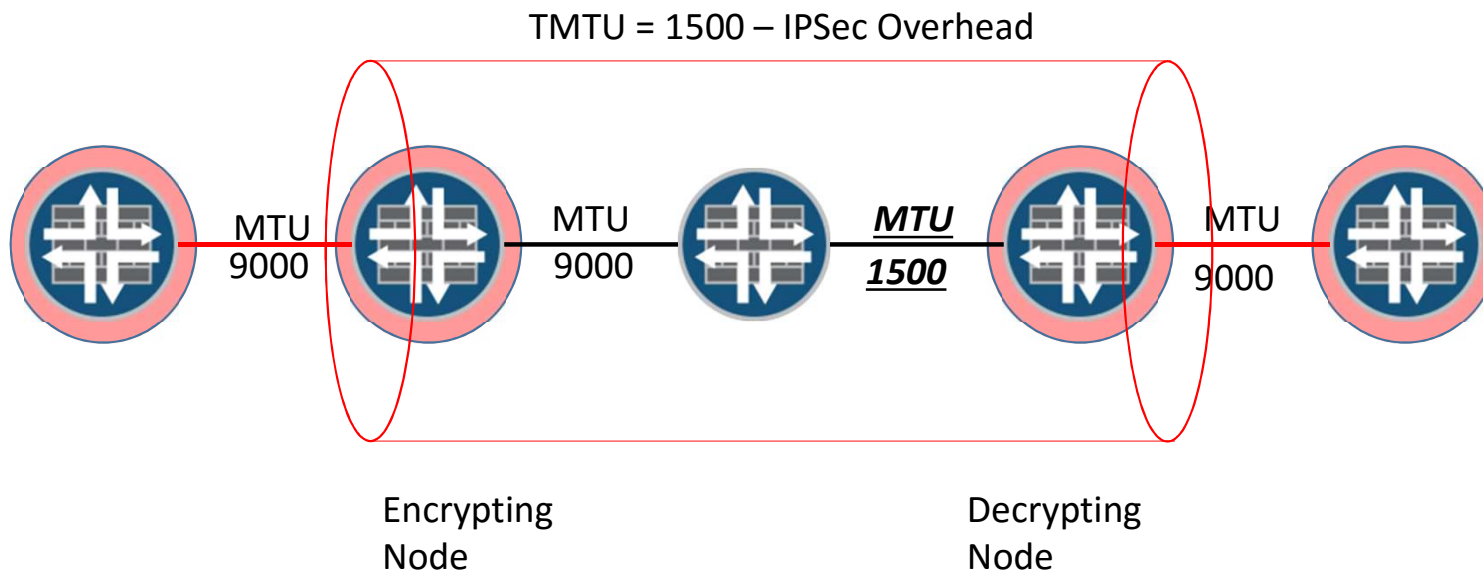
This Is IPSec



This Is IPSec Tunnel Mode



This Tunnel MTU (TMTU)



When The Encrypting Node Receives A Packet Larger than the TMTU

- Packet can be fragmented
 - That is, IPv4 and DF = 0
 - Options
 - Fragment, encapsulate and forward
 - Encapsulate, fragment and forward
- Packet cannot be fragmented
 - That is, IPv4 and DF = 1 or IPv6
 - Discard packet and send ICMP Packet Too Big to source

Encrypting Node Must Estimate TMTU

- Option1: Static, conservative estimate
 - IPv6: IPv6 minimum link MTU (1280) minus IPsec Overhead
 - IPv4: Value is debatable
- Option 2: Running, less conservative estimate
 - Option 1: Execute Path MTU (PMTUD) procedures
 - Option 2: Execute Packetization Layer Path MTU Discovery (PLMTUD) procedures
 - Described herein

PMTUD

- Initial PMTU estimate
 - Equals MTU of first link along the path to the decrypting mode
- Normal Operation
 - Send non-fragmentable packets through the tunnel
 - Originated by encrypting node
 - Some may be larger than the actual PMTU
- Refining PMTU estimate
 - When a downstream router cannot forward a packet because of its size, it discards the packet and sends an ICMP Packet Too Big (PTB) to the source
 - ICMP PTB indicates MTU of the link through which the packet could not be forwarded
- Tragic flaw
 - ICMP messages are easy to forge

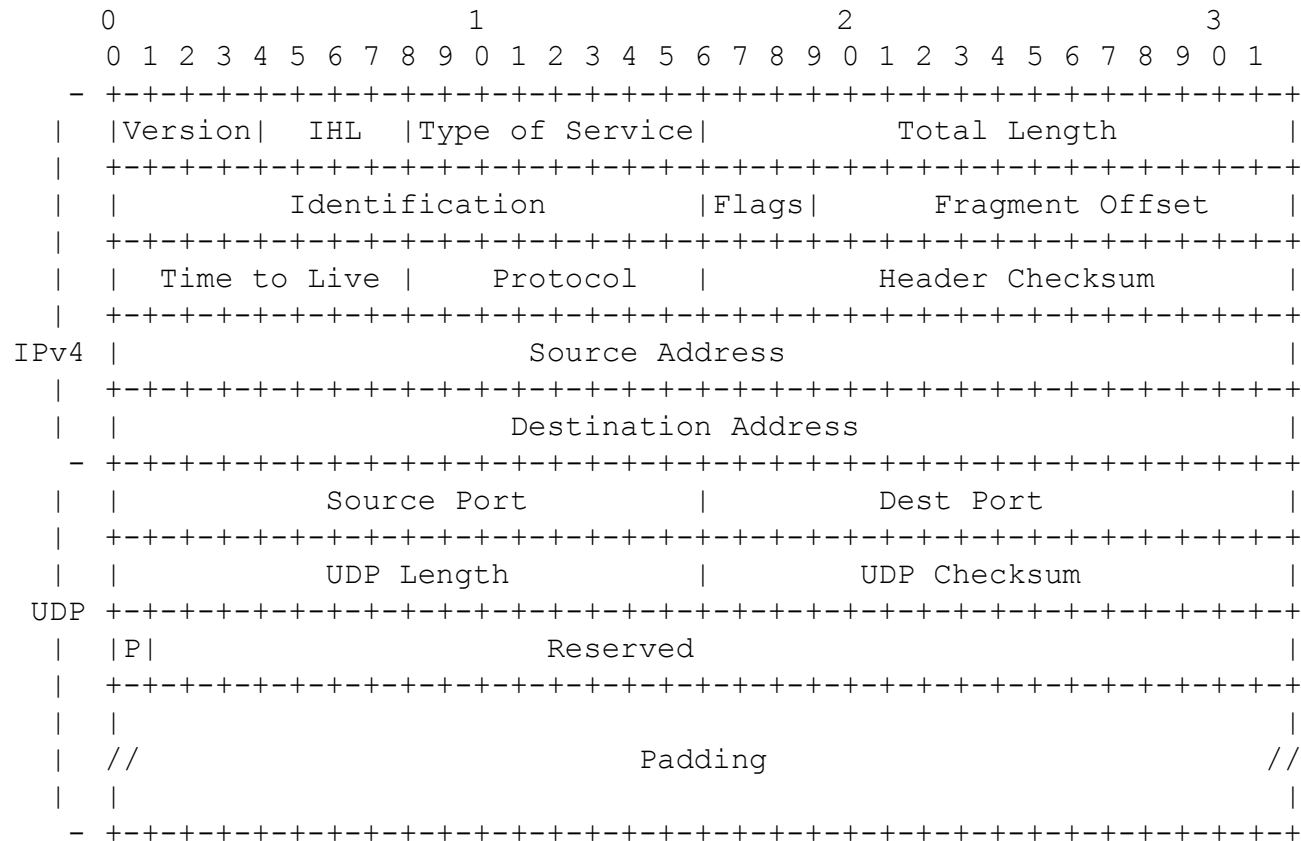
PLPMTUD: Yesterday

- RFC 4821 defines PLPMTUD procedures for TCP
 - But not any other protocols
- Packetizing node (i.e., TCP endpoint)
 - Produces initial TMTU estimate
 - Equal to MTU of first hop along the path to the other endpoint
 - Refines TMTU estimate
 - Sends probe packets of varying sizes to TCP peer
 - Responds to in-band acknowledgments
 - Responds to ICMP Packet Too Big messages
 - If they can be authenticated

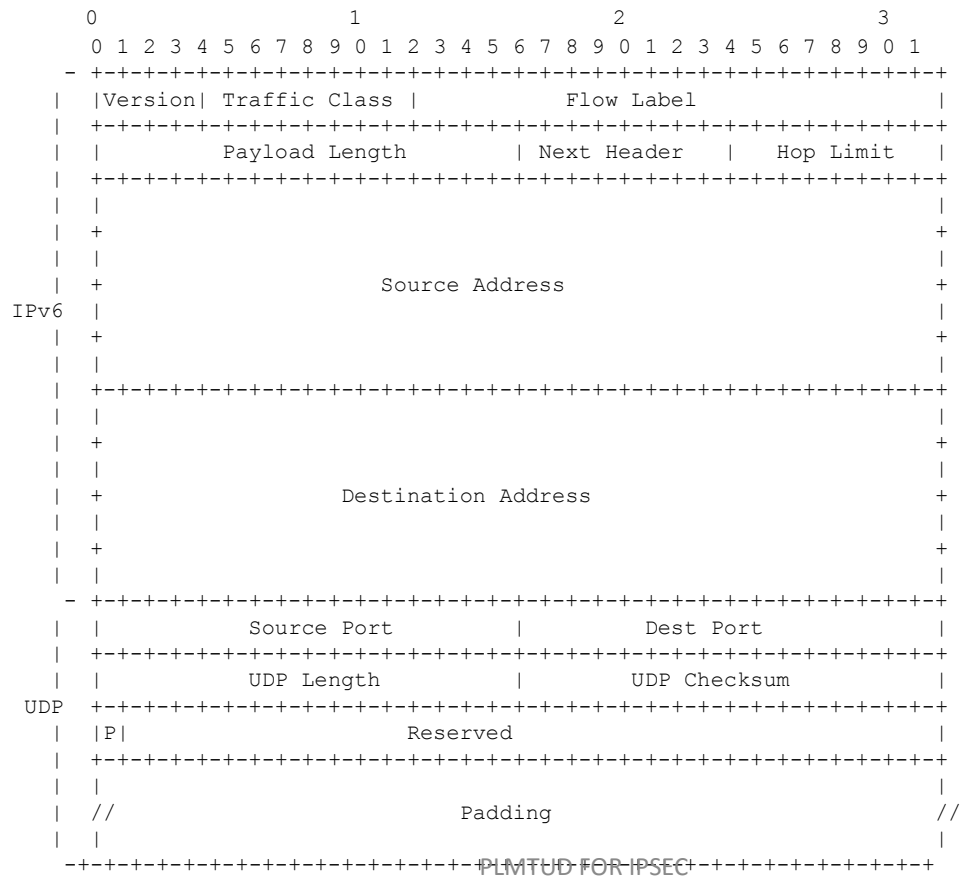
PLPMTUD: Today

- Draft-fairhurst-tsvwg-datagram-plpmtud defines
 - PLPMTUD procedures for other transport layer protocols
 - But not IPSec
 - A generic state machine so that PLPMTUD procedures can be applied to other technologies
 - Degrees of freedom granted to other technologies wanting to implement PLPMTUD
- Degrees of Freedom
 - Probe format
 - Acknowledgment format
 - ICMP authentication requirements

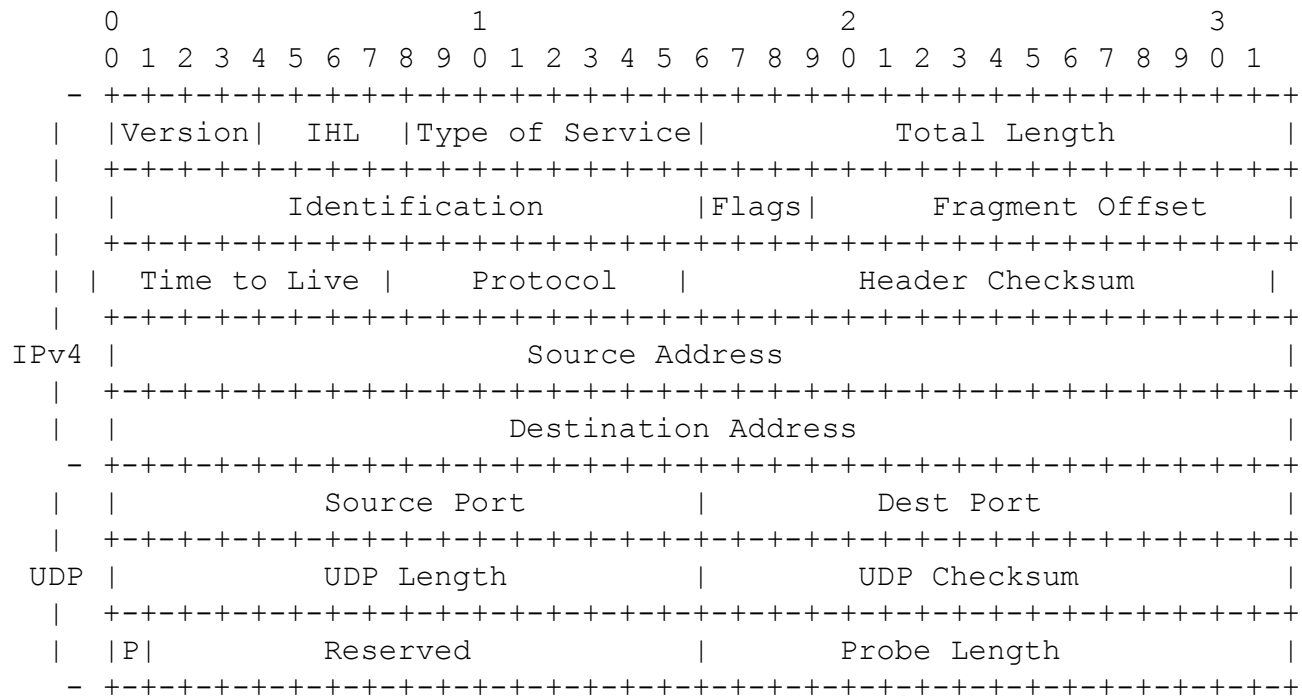
PLPMTUD for IPsec: IPv4 Probe Format



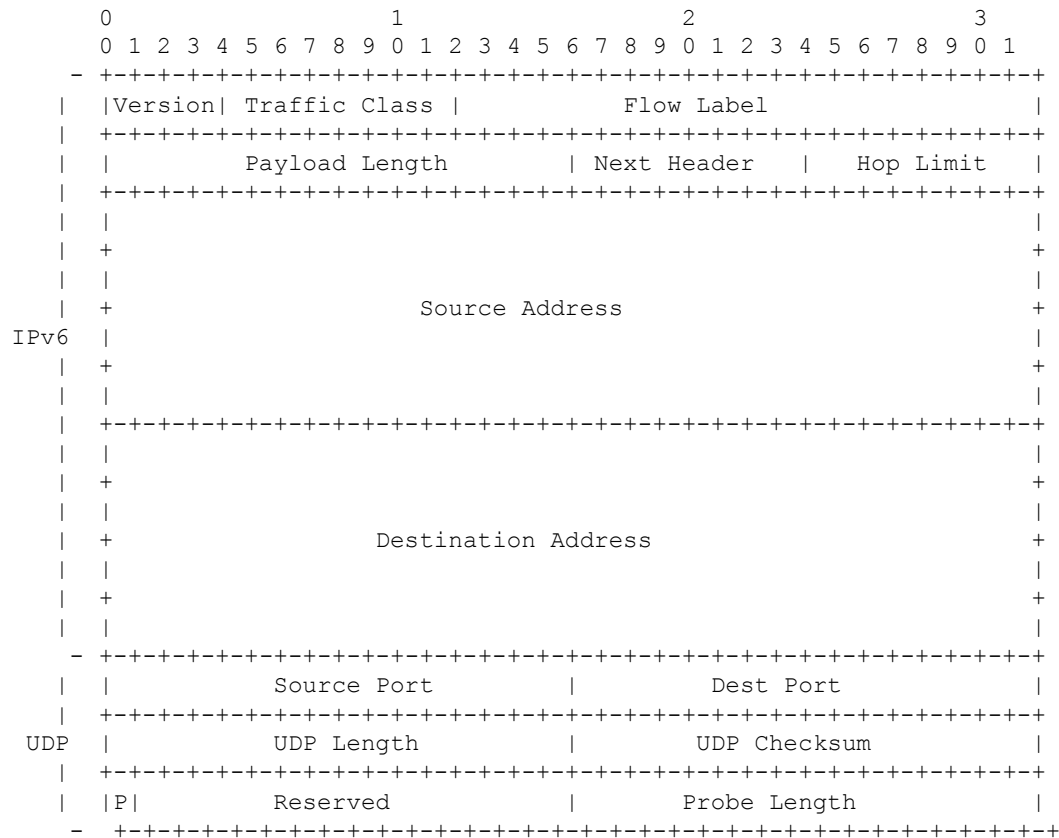
PLPMTUD for IPSec: IPv6 Probe Format



PLPMTUD for IPsec: IPv4 Ack Format



PLPMTUD for IPsec: IPv6 Ack Format



ICMP Authentication Requirements

- Ignore all ICMP PTB messages
- They can't be authenticated to a sufficient degree

Next Steps

- Adopt as WG item