

# Privacy Addition to the IKEv2 IKE\_SA\_INIT Exchange

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# Problem Statement: Privacy

- IKEv2 is robust and secure after AUTH check
- Some information is leaked before then
  - Initiator identity
  - Fact that IKEv2 responder is running
- Important: this discusses an addition that does NOT replace any existing IKEv2 security mechanisms

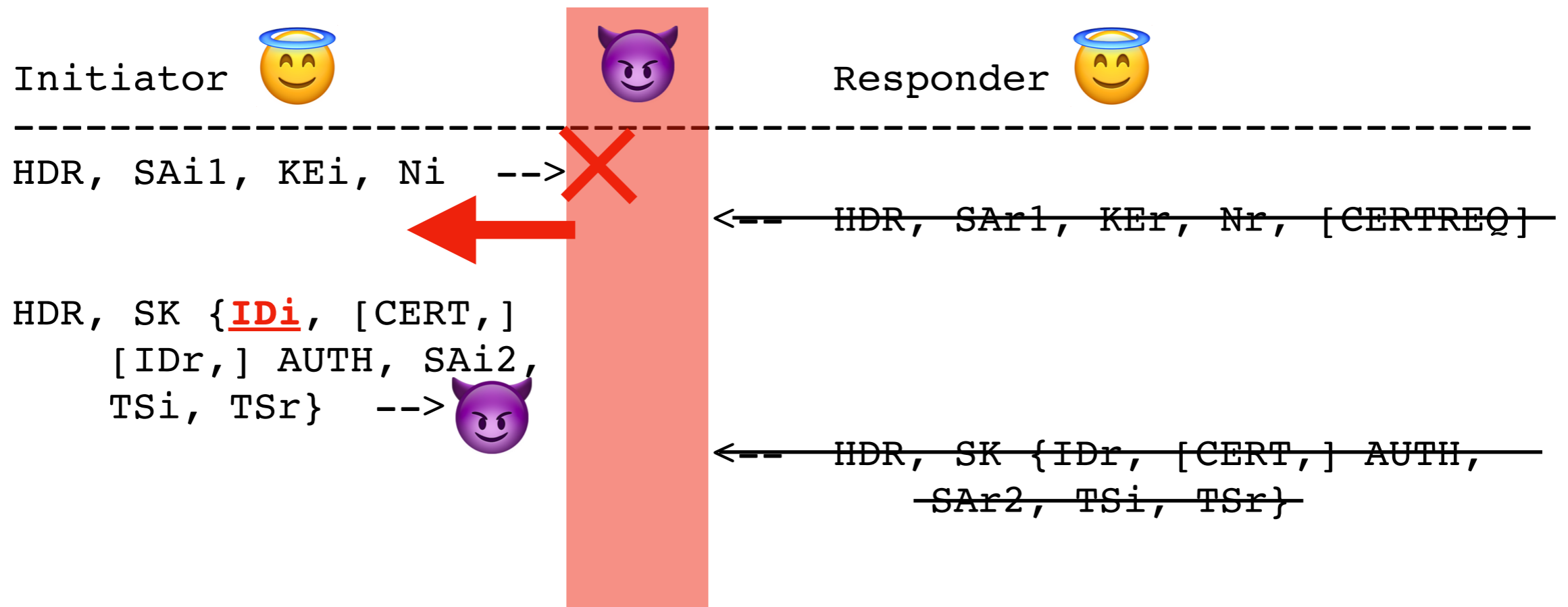
# Case 1: Initiator Identity

```
Initiator                               Responder
-----
HDR, SAi1, KEi, Ni  -->
                                <-- HDR, SAr1, KEr, Nr, [CERTREQ]

HDR, SK {IDI, [CERT,] [CERTREQ,]
        [IDr,] AUTH, SAi2,
        TSi, TSr}  -->
                                <-- HDR, SK {IDr, [CERT,] AUTH,
                                                SAr2, TSi, TSr}
```

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# Case 2: Hidden Server



- Some users wish to hide the fact that they use a VPN
- Solution: IKEv2 over TLS/TCP/443 — RFC 8229
- Evil operator can observe traffic to server and probe for IKEv2 support by sending IKE\_SA\_INIT

# Proposed Solution: Initialization Authentication Code

- Add to configuration:
  - Shared secret (IAC)
  - Pseudo-random function (prf)
- Added optional notify on IKE\_SA\_INIT messages

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- Initiator sends IAC<sub>i</sub> with IKE\_SA\_INIT request
- Responder verifies IAC<sub>i</sub> and drops silently if fail
- Responder sends IAC<sub>r</sub> with IKE\_SA\_INIT reply
- Initiator verifies IAC<sub>r</sub> and fails exchange if fail

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- Computed as follows:

```
IAC_i = prf_i( prf_i(IASS_i, "Initialization Authentication Key Pad  
                for IKEv2 Initiator"),  
              Ni)
```

```
IAC_r = prf_r( prf_r(IASS_r, "Initialization Authentication Key Pad  
                for IKEv2 Responder"),  
              Ni | Nr)
```



# Replay Attacks

- This design does not prevent replay attacks on IKE\_SA\_INIT
- Case 2 can leverage TLS to prevent on-path attackers and prevent replay of IKE\_SA\_INIT messages

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