

# Trusted Multi-Path TCP extension

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# Motivation

- **Trust in Internet is being supported by more and more infrastructures.**
  - **Source Address Validation (SAV)** mechanisms are developed to prevent IP spoofing, thus improving the accountability of Internet.
    - SAVI: Source Address Validation Improvements (IETF SAVI WG, RFC 7039)
    - SAVA: Source Address Validation Architecture (RFC 5210)
- Multipath TCP (MPTCP) adds the capability of using multiple paths to a regular TCP session.
- **Extend MPTCP to work with SAV** and thus improve the accountability of MPTCP connections.

# Extension

- **WHY?**

- **to enable MPTCP to work with SAV, thus improve the accountability of MPTCP connections.**
- **With the accountability of connections, security is also improved.**
  - The main threats of MPTCP are described in [RFC6181], [RFC7430] and they are mainly caused by **forged control packets sent by malicious hosts with forged IP addresses.**
  - **Send ALL control packets via the trusted path** in a MPTCP connection and other security-oriented operations are **OPTIONAL.**

# Extension

- **WHAT?**

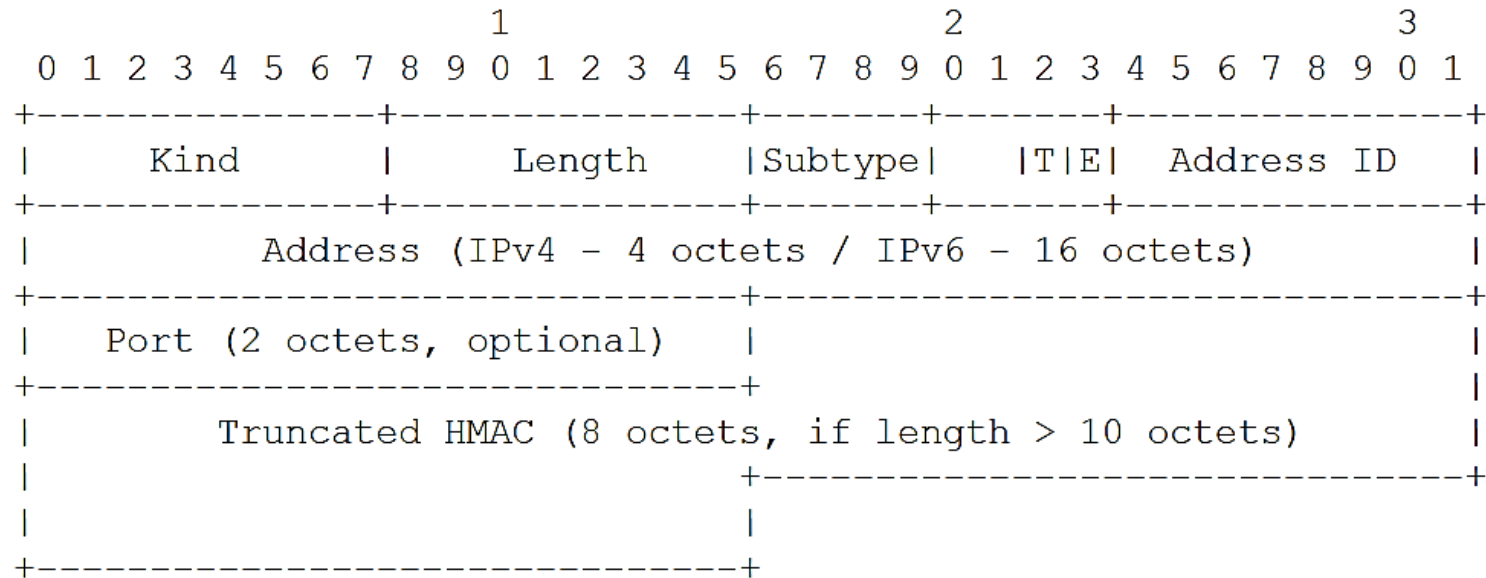
1. We define that an IP address is trusted if it's protected by SAVI or SAVIA.
2. Only if source IP and destination IP are both trusted, the subflow is trusted.
3. MPTCP control packets are sent preferentially through trusted subflows.
4. If there is no trusted subflow, MPTCP performs as usual.

# Extension

- **HOW?**

1. **Trusted Address notification:** Extend **ADD\_ADDR option** to carry trusted address passively.
2. **Trusted Connection notification:** To make sure that both parties of the communication know if the subflow is trusted, propose **ADDR\_TRUST option** to notify the trusted address proactively.
3. Propose **Trusted Path Binding Table (TPBT)** to maintain trusted subflow state.

# Trusted Address notification



Add Address (ADD\_ADDR) Option with HMAC

- Flag T (Trust): the flag indicates whether the address is trusted.
- Flag E (Echo): set to 1 in the response.
- Truncated HMAC: 8 octets HMAC of <address, Trust Flag>.

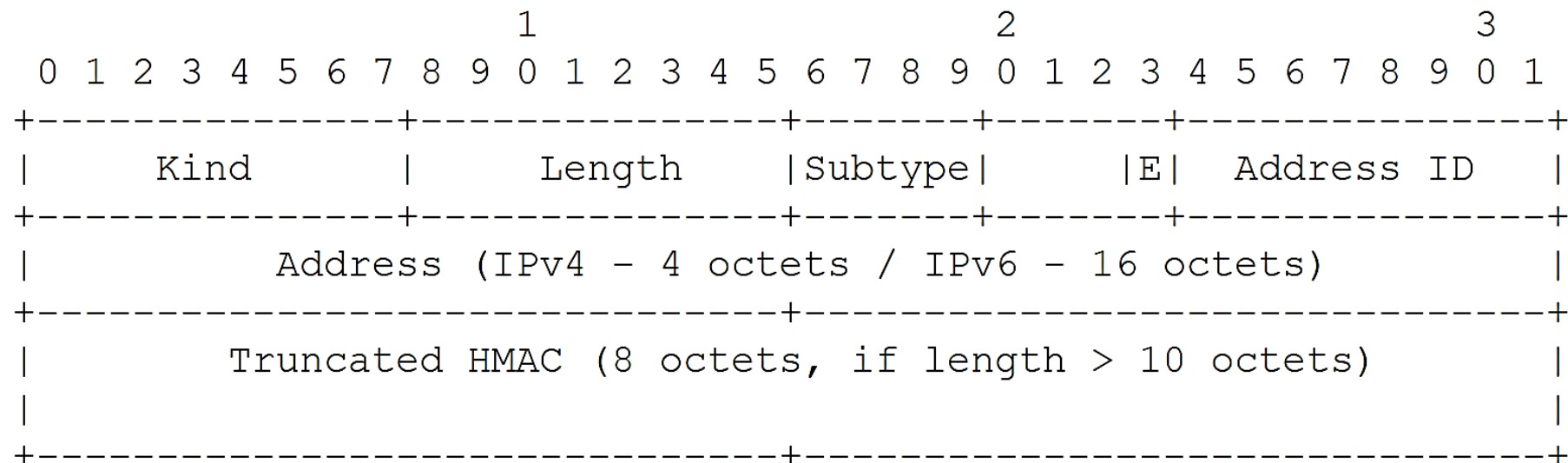
# Trusted Address notification

```
Host A                                     Host B
-----                                     -----
ADD_ADDR                                   ->
[Echo-flag=0,
 IP-A2,
 IP-A2's Address ID,
 Trust-flag,
 HMAC of IP-A2 and TRUST FLAG]

<-
ADD_ADDR
[Echo-flag=1,
 IP-A2,
 IP-A2's Address ID,
 Trust-flag]
```

ADD\_ADDR option Interaction

# Trusted Connection notification



Address Trust (ADDR\_TRUST) Option with HMAC

- Flag E(Echo): set to 1 in the response.
- Address: the trusted address.
- Truncated HMAC: 8 octets HMAC of the trusted address.



# Trusted Connection notification

```
Host A                                Host B
-----                                -----
ADDR_TRUST                            ->
[Echo-flag=0,
 IP-A,
 IP-A's Address ID,
 HMAC of IP-A]

<-
ADDR_TRUST
[Echo-flag=1,
 IP-B,
 IP-B's Address ID,
 HMAC of IP-A and IP-B]
```

ADDR\_TRUST option Interaction

# Trusted Path Binding Table (TPBT)

SubFlow	SipTrust	DipTrust	Lifetime	Other
Sf(Sip1,Dip1)	True	True	65535	/
Sf(Sip1,Dip2)	True	False	10000	/
Sf(Sip2,Dip1)	False	True	10000	/
Sf(Sip2,Dip2)	False	False	0	/

Table 1: An Example of TPBT

- SubFlow: a specific subflow consists of a source address, a destination address.
- SipTrust: whether the source address is trusted.
- DipTrust: whether the destination address is trusted.
- LifeTime: the lifetime of this entry in TPBT.
- Other: reserved field for future use.

# THANKS

## Comments & Questions

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