# IKEv2 Link Maximum Atomic Packet and Packet Too Big Notification Extension

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## **Problem Statement**

Fragments reassembling at the egress security gateway requires additional resources which under heavy load results in service degradations.

## When Reassembly is observed?

```
Security
                                              Destination
              Security
  Source
              Gateway
                            Gateway
  or
                                              or
         (Ingress node) (Egress node)
                                              Receiver
  Sender
             +---+ routers +---+
  +--+ routers
  +---+
                                 +---+
  |IPs|IPd|Data| Tunnel Transit Packet
                               |IPs|IPd|Data|
  +---+
                   (TTP)
                               +---+
[...]
  2) Mid-tunnel (performed by a router on N)
   (only for IPv4 DF=0 TLP)
                     +---+--+
                     |IPi|IPe|ESP|IPs|IPd|Da| (TLP)
                     +---+--+
                  +---+
                  | IPi| IPe| tal (TLP)
                  +---+
[...]
  4) Outer fragmentation (performed by the Ingress node)
    (IPv4 or IPv6 TLP)
              +---+--+
              |IPi|IPe|ESP|IPs|IPd|Da| (TLP)
              +---+--+
           +---+
           |IPi|IPe|ta| (TLP)
```

In both cases, the Egress nodes:

- 1. Reassembles fragments for an IPsec packet
- fragment < LMAP</li>
- 2. Processes the reassembled IPsec packet
- (reassembled) IPsec encapsulated TTP < EMTU\_R

#### We define two notification payload:

- 1. Link Maximum Atomic Packet Notification (LMTA)
- To inform the Ingress node of the observed LMAP
- 2. Packet Too Big Notification (PTB)
- to inform the Ingress node of the EMTU, LMTU

Given LMTA, EMTU\_R the Ingress node is able to:

- 1. Compute the TMAP and TMTU
- 2. Inform the Source of appropriate TTP size (or perform inner fragmentation)

# Illustrative Example (LMAP)

```
Security
                                  Security
                                                      Destination
Source
               Gateway
 or
                                   Gateway
                                                       or
             (Ingress node)
 Sender
                                 (Egress node)
                                                       Receiver
 +--+ routers
                         routers
1) Mid-tunnel (performed by a router on N)
   (only for IPv4 DF=0 TLP)
                        +---+--+
                        |IPi|IPe|ESP|IPs|IPd|Da| (TLP)
                        +---+--+
                    +---+
                    |IPi|IPe|ta| (TLP)
                    +---+
 2) Egress node detects fragmentation
     - a) it collects IPVersion the IP version of the first fragment
         as well as FragLen, the fragment length
     - b1) If all segment can be reassembled reassemble and the
         reassembled packet properly decrypted a Link Maximum Atomic
         Packet Notification (LMAP) is sent.
         is sent on the IKEv2 channel
          [IKEv2]
          <--- N( LMAP [ IPVersion, FragLen] )
 3) Upon receiving the LMAP or optionally the ingress node
  a) Update the TMTU so that the Source performs source fragmentation
    with TTP packet that are not fragmented.
  Source fragmentation
  (IPv6 or IPv4)
    +---+
    | IPS| IPd| Da| (TTP)
    +---+
 +---+
 |IPs||Pd||ta|
 +---+
```

### Where we are:

We considered ALL received comments with <a href="ietf-intarea-tunnels">ietf-intarea-tunnels</a> terminology, Generalize the protocol to IPv4 and IPv6, add PTB,...

We implemented it and it solves our issue.

#### Remaining discussion:

- ietf-intarea-tunnels considers the router component carrying the TTP and the interface component handling LTP independent. Independence of the Tunnel MTU (for TTP) and link layer MTU for (LTP) is provided by performing outer fragmentation when needed.
- [RFC4301] takes another view considers the router component can adapt to the specific needs of the interface component. This is what we do here.

We are looking for adoption

Thanks.