

RFC 4895bis: SCTP Authentication

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Original Scope

- Incorporate relevant changes from draft-nagesh-sctp-auth-4895bis-00
- Address two security issues reported by Ericsson:
 - Use direction dependent keys to mitigate reflection attacks.
 - Don't use different HMAC algorithms with the same keys.
- Generalize HMAC to MAC.
- Add more algorithms, potentially retire HMAC-SHA-1.
- Add socket API considerations for improved control of the SCTP AUTH usage.

Status (I)

- draft-tuexen-tsvwg-rfc4895-bis-00
Submit RFC 4895 as an ID.
- draft-tuexen-tsvwg-rfc4895-bis-01
Update to xmlv3.
- draft-tuexen-tsvwg-rfc4895-bis-02
Wordsmithing and updating references.
- draft-tuexen-tsvwg-rfc4895-bis-03
Minor editorial change.
- draft-tuexen-tsvwg-rfc4895-bis-04
Add socket API related updates required for DTLS/SCTP.
- draft-tuexen-tsvwg-rfc4895-bis-05
Remove ekr from list of authors, improve socket API.
- draft-tuexen-tsvwg-rfc4895-bis-06
Update Acknowledgements.

Status (II)

- draft-tuexen-tsvwg-rfc4895-bis-00
Same as draft-tuexen-tsvwg-rfc4895-bis-06.
- draft-tuexen-tsvwg-rfc4895-bis-01
Incorporate draft-nagesh-sctp-auth-4895bis-00,
editorial changes, update IANA section.
- draft-tuexen-tsvwg-rfc4895-bis-02
Introduce directional keys.
- draft-tuexen-tsvwg-rfc4895-bis-03
Deprecate Unsupported HMAC Identifier Error
Cause, various editorial improvements (thanks to
Timo Völker!)

SCTP AUTH Handshake

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----- INIT[RANDOM; CHUNKS; HMAC-ALGO] ----->  
<----- INIT-ACK[RANDOM; CHUNKS; HMAC-ALGO] -----  
----- COOKIE-ECHO ----->  
<----- COOKIE-ACK -----
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Legacy Mode

- Allows to communicate with RFC 4895 implementations.
- Must be enabled by the upper layer, disabled by default.
- If enabled, the HMAC ALGO parameter sent contains the connectionless SHA-1 algorithm and possibly the connectionless SHA-256 algorithm.
- Will be used only if the peer only supports directionless SHA-1 or directionless SHA-256.

Proposal 1

- Shorten the CHUNKS parameter in the case of all chunks, which can be authenticated, needs to be authenticated.
- Proposed for DTLS over SCTP.
- Instead of listing in the CHUNKS parameter all chunks except INIT, INIT-ACK, SHUTDOWN COMPLETE, and AUTH, don't list any.
- This is only supported, if the peer can not be in legacy mode.

Proposal 2

- Improve replay protection:
 - Add 64-bit sequence number to the AUTH chunk.
 - Incremented by one for each AUTH chunk.
 - The receiver uses a sliding window to enforce, that each chunks protected by an AUTH chunks are accepted at most once. Like the replay protection in IPSec.
- This is only supported, if the peer can not be in legacy mode.

Next Steps

- Integrate Proposal 1 and 2 is supported by the WG.
- Use a formula-based description instead of a text based one.
- Generalize in the text HMAC to MAC.
- Add more algorithms. Which ones?
- Address comments already received and all upcoming comments.