

Best Effort SRTP

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The Problem

- Current mechanism for SRTP key exchange in SDP offer is an all-or-nothing approach:
 - This call/media must be secure
 - This call/media must not be secure
- This is NOT how most people want to communicate – they want security if they can get it, but still want to talk otherwise
 - No one would even try an SAVP offer today unless they absolutely refused to talk otherwise

The Solution

- Don't offer SAVP if you don't demand it
 - SAVP means “only SRTP”
 - If you want that, do that
 - NOT encoding SAVP does not mean “Not SRTP”
- Make SRTP a preferred, optional attribute
 - Backwards compatible: legacy RTP UA's ignore it
 - Tested 10 UA's at SIPit: all ignored it

The Offer: a HUGE change for SDP

SRTP-only

```
v=0
o=britney 2890 2890 IN IP4 1.2.3.4
s=Best effort secured discussion
c=IN IP4 1.2.3.4
t=2873397496 2873404696
m=audio 49170 RTP/SAVP 0 18
a=rtpmap:0 PCMU/8000
a=rtpmap:18 G729/8000
a=crypto:1 AES_CM_128_HMAC_SHA1_80

    inline:WVNfX19zZW1jdGwgKCkgewkyMjA
    7fQp9CnVubGVz|2^20|1:4
a=key-mgmt:mikey AQAFgM0...
```

SRTP-preferred

```
v=0
o=britney 2890 2890 IN IP4 1.2.3.4
s=Best effort secured discussion
c=IN IP4 1.2.3.4
t=2873397496 2873404696
m=audio 49170 RTP/AVP 0 18
a=rtpmap:0 PCMU/8000
a=rtpmap:18 G729/8000
a=crypto:1 AES_CM_128_HMAC_SHA1_80

    inline:WVNfX19zZW1jdGwgKCkgewkyMjA
    7fQp9CnVubGVz|2^20|1:4
a=key-mgmt:mikey AQAFgM0...
```

“S” is gone

SRTP key attributes
still there

The Answer: Still no “S”

RTP

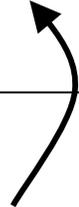
```
v=0
o=kevin 8675 8675 IN IP4 192.0.2.2
s=Open discussion
c=IN IP4 192.0.2.2
t=8675309 8675309
m=audio 54320 RTP/AVP 0
a=rtpmap:0 PCMU/8000
```

SRTP

```
v=0
o=kevin 8675 8675 IN IP4 192.0.2.2
s=Secret discussion
c=IN IP4 192.0.2.2
t=8675309 8675309
m=audio 54320 RTP/AVP 0
a=rtpmap:0 PCMU/8000
a=crypto:1 AES_CM_128_HMAC_SHA1_80

inline:WVnfx19zZW1jdGwgKCKgewkyMjA
7fQp9CnVubGVz|2^20|1:4
```

SRTP key attributes
still there



More Problems

- Pre-answer SRTP media packets cannot be differentiated from RTP
 - Need to know so SRTP is not rendered as RTP
- Session-level MIKEY doesn't necessarily apply to all media streams
 - Some can be RTP, some SRTP, so need to know which is which

The Solution

- New “srtp” attribute
 - Says “I’m offering/answering SRTP”
- New “map” attribute value for srtp attribute
 - Maps payload-types from rtp to srtp
 - Says “For the following RTP PT’s, I will receive SRTP using these PT’s”

- **Example:**

```
m=audio 49170 RTP/AVP 0 18 101
```

```
a=srtp: map:0=96,18=97,101=102
```

Benefits

- SRTP can be offered to non-SRTP UA's without call failure
 - Works with legacy devices (even those nasty SBCs!)
- “Early” RTP media can be rendered, SRTP safely avoided
- RTP can be upgraded to SRTP cleanly, and SRTP keys can be refreshed
- No extra UDP ports
- Most importantly: it's easy to do, not a big change

Options/Questions

- Current proposal: too simple?
 - Do we add AVPF?
 - Do we mandate use of srtp attribute, even if it's not ambiguous?
 - Do we separate the payload mapping?
 - Does it have value beyond SRTP differentiation?
 - What do we do about pre-answer SRTCP?
 - Ignore it
 - Payload-map it
 - Register/standardize SRTCP payload types for SR/RR