

BTNS API proposal overview

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Three objects

- pToken – “protection Token”
 - deals with details of one session (IPsec SA)
- iToken – what identity to use
 - translates to/from phase 1 ID
- cToken - “credentials Token”
 - what credential (private keys) to use. May be a smart card, etc. (optional aspect of iToken)

Connected "sockets"

- TCP, SCTP
- UDP sockets that call connect()
- "initiator" => end that calls connect(), and likely becomes IKE initiator, after connect().
- "acceptor" => end that calls accept(), and therefore becomes IKE responder before accept().

Use Case 1

simple use case for initiators and/or acceptors

1. connect(2) (initiator) or accept(2) (acceptor)

2. get pToken from "fd"

3. get iToken from pToken

=> initiator identity and credential determined by system policy (PAD/SPD)

=> authorization based on peer ID evaluated by application after connection establishment

Use Case 2

initiator only

1. `desired_acceptor_iToken = get_new_iToken("bob");`
 2. `pToken = get_new_pToken(/* who am I*/ DEFAULT_INITIATOR_CTOKEN,
/* who I want to talk to */desired_acceptor_iToken);`
 3. set pToken on fd.
 4. `connect(2)`
- => initiator identity and credential determined by system policy
- => initiator specifies desired acceptor identity a priori
- => acceptor just like use case 1 or use case 4

Use Case 3

initiator only

1. `desired_acceptor_iToken = get_new_iToken("bob");`
 2. `i_iToken = get_new_iToken("alice");`
 3. `desired_initiator_cToken = get_new_cToken(i_iToken);`
 4. `desired_initiator_cToken = get_new_cToken(desired_initiator_cToken,
pkcs11_session);`
 5. `pToken = get_new_pToken(/* who am I*/ desired_initiator_cToken,
/* who I want to talk to */desired_acceptor_iToken);`
4. set pToken on fd.
5. `connect(2)`
- => initiator identity and credential determined by application
- => acceptor identity selected by initiator application (or could have been as in use 1)
- => acceptor application just as in use case 1 or use case 4

Use Case 4

this is acceptor side only

1. `a_iToken = get_new_iToken("bob");`
2. `desired_acceptor_cToken =
get_new_cToken(a_iToken, /*location of private credentials*/...);`
3. set cToken on "fd"
4. `accept(2)`
5. step 2 and 3 from use case 1

Unconnected "sockets"
(datagrams)

Use Case 5

simple use acceptors

1. `recvmsg(...,&pToken);`

2. get iToken from pToken

=> initiator identity and credential determined by system policy (PAD/SPD)

=> authorization based on peer ID evaluated by application after connection establishment

=> initiator identity and credential determined by system policy

=> initiator specifies desired acceptor identity a priori

=> acceptor just like use case 1 or use case 4

Use Case 6

Use Case 6 (initiator only)

1. `desired_acceptor_iToken =
get_new_iToken("bob");`

2. `pToken =`

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get_new_pToken(/* who am I*/ DEFAULT_INITIATOR_CTOKEN,  
              /* who I want to talk to */desired_acceptor_iToken);
```

3. `sendmsg(...,pToken);`

Similarities to GSSAPI

SEE RFC2743, section 2.2.1. GSS_Init_sec_context()
claimant_cred_handle and targ_name arguments.

(targ_name is optional in BTNS API --- the system can determine it.
But it is required in GSSAPI, because the system has no default).

RFC2743, section 2.2.2. GSS_Accept_sec_context()
acceptor_cred_handle.

iToken is similar to GSS "NAME" object

cToken is similar to GSS "CREDENTIAL HANDLE"

pToken is similar to GSS "CONTEXT HANDLE"

Use Case 5 and Use Case 6 is **not** easily implemented for systems
using connection-latching-01 section 2.2: "Latching through PAD
manipulations (and extensions)"

easily done with section 2.1: "Using Intimate Interfaces Between
ULPs and IPsec"