

# **Source Address Validation Improvements BoF**

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# Today's Agenda

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- Problems to solve, focus for SAVI 10 min  
Danny McPherson, Christian Vogt
- IPv4 Source Guard – An existing technique for IP source address validation on the 1<sup>st</sup> hop 10 min  
Fred Baker, draft-baker-sava-cisco-ip-source-guard-00
- A Source Guard for IP version 6 15 min  
Fred Baker, draft-baker-sava-implementation-00
- Discussion 25 min

# Problems to solve, focus for SAVI

**Danny McPherson**

**Christian Vogt**

- **General problem**
- **Existing solutions**
- **Scope of SAVI**
- **Related work**

# Source Address Validation – Why Do We Need It?

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- Internet fails to prevent IP source address spoofing
  - Packet delivery based on IP destination address only
  - IP source address used by receiver, network entities
    - Sender identification
    - Destination for return traffic
- Resulting threats
  - Illegitimate authorization to service
  - Circumvent accounting
  - Identity/location spoofing
  - Redirect unwanted traffic to 3<sup>rd</sup> party

# Existing Solutions

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- Ingress filtering
- Unicast Reverse Path Forwarding + variants
- Cisco IPv4 Source Guard
  
- Not sufficient
  - Too coarse (IP address prefix validation at aggregated level)
  - Not standardized (as oftentimes demanded for procurement)
  - M.I.T. Spoofer project: IP source address spoofing possible in  $\frac{1}{4}$  of observed addressing space
  
- Need additional protection – standardized

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- Focus on this  
(low-hanging fruit)**
- Do more research**

## Envisioned benefits in focus area

- Detect misconfigurations locally
  - Trace IP spoofing attacks
  - Authorization/accounting
  - Localization
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# Proposed SAVI solutions will...

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- ensure that hosts attached to the same router cannot spoof each other's IP addresses
- track IP address configuration traffic
- work for IPv4 and IPv6
- apply to hosts only (not routers)
- not validate user identities

# Selected Related Pre-BoF Work

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- Pekka Savola: Experiences with Unicast RPF  
draft-savola-bcp84-urpf-experiences
  - Deployment of feasible-paths variant
  - Finnish University and Research Network
- Jianping Wu & al.: First-Hop Source Address Validation  
draft-wu-sava-solution-firsthop-eap
  - Secure IP address assignment upon access authentication
  - Integratable with EAP, Radius/Diameter
  - IP address enforcement on switch
  - Testbed implementation in CERNET
- Jun Bi & al.: Signature-based Source Address Validation  
draft-bi-sava-solution-ipv6-edge-network-signature
  - Session key exchange during access authentication
  - IP address bound to session key
  - Per-packet signatures in extension header