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Minimal IKEv2

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Example Use Case

- Garage door opener
 - Two buttons:
 - one to unlock and open door
 - another to close and lock the door
 - One led for feedback
 - Uses two-way radio communications
 - Obviously needs some kind of security
 - Battery powered



Example protocol

- Protocol can be very simple:
 - Send packet to server to start open/close door
 - Get packet back to acknowledge the command
 - Get status messages every second while door is moving
 - Get final message when operation is done

Protocol effects

- Device only wakes up when button is pressed
 - It always initiates the communication, it does not need to listen radio when it is sleeping, and it cannot reply to any messages while sleeping
- Device stays awake for some time after the button is pressed and if receives status packet blinks led and waits for more status packets.
- After certain timeout device goes back to sleep

What this means for IKEv2

- Device only needs work as IKEv2 Initiator
 - No need to work as IKEv2 Responder
- Only creates one IKEv2 SA and one IPsec SA
 - No need to support SA management operations like creating new IPsec SAs, rekeying, deleting SAs, etc.
- No need to do NAT-T, Configuration payloads, EAP authentication, Cookies, Multiple child SAs etc
- The server end would most likely be some kind of Home area network server (PC or similar).
- Pre-shared keys or RAW RSA keys authentication
 - No X.509 certificates

Authentication

- Pre-shared keys
 - Shared key printed on paper or in electronic form
 - Typed in to the home area gateway
- Raw RSA keys
 - Fingerprint of device is distributed as Pre-shared keys
 - Device imprints to first home area gateway it connects to
 - Some form of reset can be implemented to allow reimprinting

Implementation

- I created a prototype implementation of the minimal IKEv2 protocol usable for such scenarios and it took me less than a day to write the code and less than 1000 lines of perl source code.
 - I implemented sending ICMP Ping packet as didn't want to start writing server end to answer my requests...
- Implementing minimal IKEv2 is very simple compared to full implementation.
- There are some optimizations which can be done when only supporting minimal set of features.

Examples of Optimizations

- Message ID and Window code
 - In IKEv2 there is requirement to keep track of the Message IDs received and transmitted to protect replays
 - Minimal implementation
 - Sends only `IKE_SA_INIT` and `IKE_AUTH`
 - No need to keep track of transmitted Message IDs
 - Does not do anything useful based on received messages (only sends empty acknowledgement or error)
 - No need to keep track of received Message IDs

Running code 1/2

Init/Configuration

IKE_SA_INIT
packet

Running code 2/2

Payload parsing

Parse packet

Parse
IKE_SA_INIT → Generate
IKE_AUTH → Parse
IKE_AUTH → PRF+ →

Key Calculation

IPSec keys

Utility/debug

```
sub do_exchange {
    my($sikev2, $request) = @_;
    my($proto, $sport, $spaddr, $Shispaddr);
    my($count, $timeout, $srout, $bfuf, $Snfound);
    $proto = getprotobyname("udp");
    $sport = getportbyname("tcp");
    $Shispaddr = sockaddr_in($sikev2->ipaddr, $sport);
    $bfuf = $sikev2->bfbuf;
    $Snfound = $sikev2->bfbuf;
    $timeout = $sikev2->timeout;

    socket(SOCKET, PF_INET, SOCK_DGRAM, $proto) || die "socket: $!";
    bind(SOCKET, $bfbuf);

    $count = 10;
    $Sreq = '';
    $Srin = '';
    vec($Srin, fileno(SOCKET), 1) = 1;

    while ($count >= 0) {
        hexl_print("Sending Packet", $request);
        if (send(SOCKET, $request, 0, $Shispaddr)) {
            die "send: $!";
        }

        $Snfound = select($srout, undef, undef, $timeout);
        if ($Snfound == 1) {
            my($bfbuf) = recv(SOCKET, $bfbuf, 1280, 0);
            if (!defined($Shispaddr)) {
                die "Recv: $!";
            }
            hexl_print("Received packet", $bfbuf);
            last;
        }
        $timeout *= 2;
        $timeout = 10 if ($timeout > 10);
    }
    die "Timeout" if ($count <= 0);
    close(SOCKET);
    return $bfuf;
}

#####
# Get Random string with given length
# $str = generate_random($sikev2, $length)
sub generate_random {
    my($sikev2, $length) = @_;
    my($random_hex) = pack("H*", substr(rand(16**$length), 0));
    return makemrandom_octet($length => $length, Strength => 0);
}

#####
# IP Checksum
# $checksum = checksum($packet);
sub checksum {
    my($packet) = @_;
    my($len, $num, $i, $chk, $short);
    $chk = 0;
    $len = length($packet);
    $short = $len % 2;
    foreach $i (unpack("n$short", $packet)) {
        $chk += $short;
        $chk += (ord(substr($packet, -1, 1)) << 8) if ($len % 2);
        $chk = ($chk >> 16) + ($chk & 0xffff);
        $chk = ($chk >> 16) + ($chk & 0xffff);
    }
    return -$chk & 0xffff;
}

#####
# hexl_print
sub hexl_print {
    my($xtxt, $value) = @_;
    print($xtxt, "\n", bin_to_hex($value), "\n");
}

#####
# bin_to_hex
sub bin_to_hex {
    my($data, $indent) = @_;
    my($len, $i, $j, $ret, $c);
    $len = length($data);
    $ret = '';
    for($i = 0; $i < $len; $i += 16) {
        $ret .= sprintf("%04hx:", $data, $len);
        for($j = 0; $j < 16; $j++) {
            if ($data & 0x00000001) {
                $ret .= " ";
            }
            $ret .= sprintf("%02x", ord(substr($data, $i + $j, 1)));
        }
        $ret .= " ";
    }
    for($i = 0; $i < $len; $i += 16) {
        if ($data < $len) {
            $c = substr($data, $i + $j, 1);
            if ($c & 0x00000001) {
                $ret .= " ";
            }
            $ret .= $c;
        } else {
            $ret .= " ";
        }
    }
    $ret .= "\n";
}
return $ret;
}
```

Do Exchange
Utility/debug

Conclusions

- IKEv2 is very small protocol when only minimal features are implemented
- Certificate support would multiply the code size
- Pre-shared keys or RAW RSA keys are feasible options for authentication in this kind of use scenarios
- My draft describes more of those optimizations possible:
 - [draft-kivinen-ipsecme-ikev2-minimal-00.txt](#)