

Introduction to IPSec VPN's

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- **Introduction and Motivation**
- **IPSec Basics**
- **Enterprise IPSec VPN**
- **Managing VPN**
- **Wrap-up**

Why Do We Care?

- **Many organizations are trying to use IPSec VPN to reduce costs and simplify new connections**
- **VPN allows**
 - Shared Internet and Enterprise access
 - Reduced access line costs
 - Ease of provisioning, flexibility
 - Increased security

IPSec VPN and V3PN Benefits

- IPSec VPN design provides resiliency
- Integrated branch routers provide ISP connection, VPN termination, IPT gateway, and Cisco IOS Firewall functionality
- Tested scalability and performance numbers
- Enhanced productivity and reduced support costs: extend central site voice, video, data resources and applications to all corporate sites
- Voice, Video, data transported securely and transparently over IPSec tunnels **with QoS enabled**
- Standard IP Telephony features including codecs, SRST preserved



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IPSec Basics

- **IPSec uses a Security Association (SA) and crypto key to encrypt selected data between a pair of sites**
 - This key is used with the DES, 3DES, or AES forms of encryption to both encrypt and decrypt data
- **The key is automatically established, changed, and managed by IPSec devices using IKE (Internet Key Exchange), a.k.a. “ISAKMP”**
- **Before a key can be established, IKE does authentication**
 - Shared secret or Certificate Authority are two ways to do this
- **IKE uses public key crypto to securely do its job**
 - Public and private keys, either encrypts, the other decrypts
 - Diffie-Hellman is the technique used to securely exchange encryption keys

Message Hashing

- **Message Hashing is used to detect altered messages**
 - Message bits a secret key are combined into short hash code
 - Hash code sent in header
 - If received message hash doesn't match, message was altered
 - Two forms: SHA and MD5
 - SHA is a bit stronger

IPSec Protocols

- **IPSec comes in two forms**

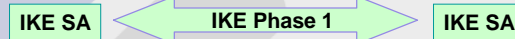
- AH provides a keyed hash and authentication data
 - Ensures data comes from peer router (authentication)
 - Detects alterations (keyed hash)
 - But does not encrypt for confidentiality
- ESP encrypts
 - Two sub-modes: tunnel and transport
 - In tunnel mode, the new IP header hides source and destination addresses: keeps server address confidential
 - Keyed hash for detecting alterations
 - Authentication
 - Encryption

The 4 Steps of IPSec SA Establishment

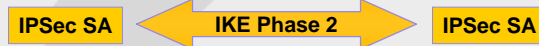
1. Host A sends interesting traffic for Host B



2. Router A and B negotiate an IKE Phase 1 session and authenticate



3. Router A and B negotiate an IKE Phase 2 session and exchange key



4. Information is exchanged via IPSec tunnel



What to Encrypt

- **The crypto map you configure references an access list for “interesting packets”**
 - What to encrypt (outbound)
 - What to decrypt (inbound)
- **If the router encrypts or decrypts the wrong packet, it gets nonsense and a bad checksum → discarded packet!**

IPSec Troubleshooting Tips

- **The two ends have to agree on the various choices**
 - How to do IKE (IKE policy)
 - Authentication method, shared secret or CA, etc.
 - AH versus ESP
 - Tunnel versus transport
 - Message hashing scheme
- **You need routing to be able to deliver packets**
- **IPSec source address at one end must match destination at the other**
- **You need consistent crypto access lists!!!**
 - The two endpoint ACL's need to mirror each other
- **Use the 4 steps to troubleshoot**

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Design Assumptions

- High availability and failover with fast convergence
- Support for dynamic routing
- Ability to carry diverse traffic, including IP multicast, multi-protocol
- Conservative CPU levels
- Router-based (versus VPN concentrator)

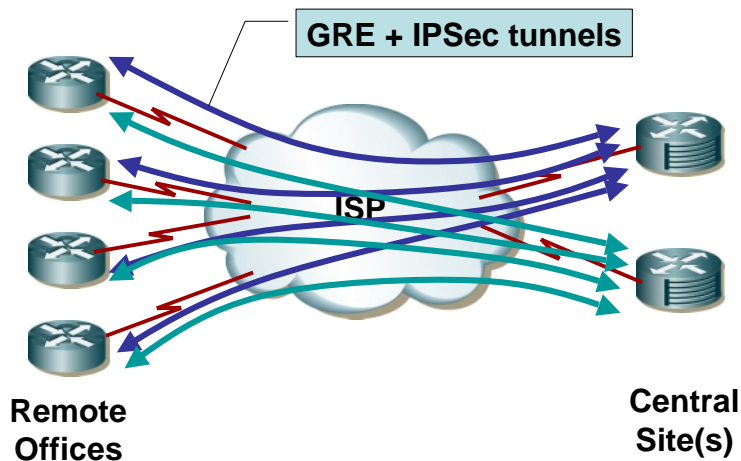
Key Design Components

- **Cisco VPN routers as head-end VPN termination**
- **Cisco access routers as branch termination**
- **Use hardware IPsec acceleration**
- **IPsec ESP Tunnel mode**
- **GRE tunnels, dual star to two head-end routers**
 - At HQ or two head-end sites for geographic diversity
- **Internet services from an ISP**



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Enterprise IPsec VPN



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Why GRE with IPSec?

- Dynamic routing and support of multicast and non-IP protocols
- Side effect: simpler implementation and troubleshooting
- If you're not building in redundancy, you can leave out the GRE and the dynamic routing and reduce overhead, at the price of doing a bit more configuration

Overhead

- **Cost (GRE + IPSec): 24 more bytes of header (overhead)**
- Total headers added: 76 bytes

IPSec Tunnel IP Header	ESP Header	GRE IP Header	GRE Header	IP Header	Payload
20 B	32 B, variable	20 B	4 B	20 B	

Avoiding Fragmentation

- **We want to avoid fragmenting the IPsec packets**
 - They have to be re-assembled at the termination router to be decrypted
 - Re-assembly is process switched
 - Slow + CPU impact
 - So create fragments BEFORE IPsec encrypts!
 - Reduce GRE tunnel MTU to 1400+ Bytes
 - Consider enabling Path MTU Discovery on the tunnels

Path MTU Discovery

- **Path MTU Discovery is used by current and recent UNIX and Windows servers**
 - They send large packets with DF set
 - Intervening routers needing smaller MTU send back ICMP message with option indicating desired frame size
- **Problem: some web / server sites block all ICMP packets**
 - Result: large web images, FTP file transfers mysteriously fail, but only to some sites
 - Use router default, tunnels not doing P-MTU-D
 - Use router default: Cisco GRE and IPsec tunnels reset DF=1 to DF=0 and fragment
 - “Cisco Pre-Fragmentation for IPsec VPN” feature
 - This plus GRE MTU of 1400 means no P-MTU-D issues even with web traffic via IPsec + GRE tunnels

Which Router?

- Cisco tested ESP tunnels with GRE to 2 head-end sites, 240 branch routers
- Recommendations are based on 55-65% CPU for a specific traffic mix.
- This is a summary: see the Cisco documents for details. In particular, specific models within a product family may have lower performance than that shown. Your Mileage May Vary.

Router	H/w Accel	Max bps	Recommended	Role(s)
7200	ISA or VAM	140 M	40 M	Central
7100	ISM, VAM	140 M	30 M	Central
3600	AIM	38 M	16 M	Large/medium branch
2600	AIM	14 M	3 M	Large/medium branch
1700	VPN Module	3 M	2.5 M	Medium/small branch
800	N/a	384 K	100 K	Small office

Other Recommendations

- **Have a summarizable addressing scheme**
 - It can makes crypto ACL's simpler, less of an issue with GRE
 - Use route summarization
- **For central DHCP, use helper addresses remotely**
- **Use IPSec Tunnel Mode with 3DES**
- **Don't use IKE keepalives**
- **Base number of head-end devices on number of remote sites and throughput**
- **Use appropriate (recent) Cisco IOS releases**
- **Avoid IPSec through NAT points**

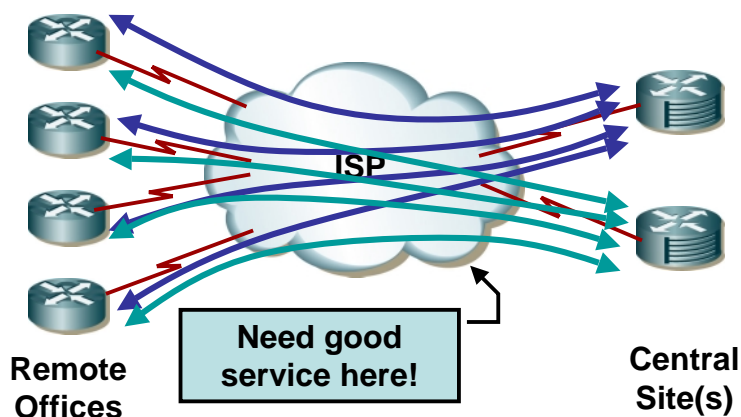
IPSec Sequence Numbers

- **IPSec also uses sequence numbers for anti-replay protection**
 - Out-of-order packets can lead to dropped packets!
 - Conclusion: priority queuing and load-balancing can lead to drops in an IPSec environment!
- **Make one GRE tunnel primary with single preferred path for each remote site**
 - Dynamic routing failover preserved
 - Can use interface delay parameter to prefer one GRE tunnel over the other (if both head end routers at same site)



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Service Provider



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Service Provider – 2

- **Many or even most ISP's do not honor the L3 QoS markings**
 - Your voice traffic may experience unacceptable delay or jitter
- **Whenever possible, you need SLA's**
 - Covering overall delay and jitter, repair time, etc.
 - Or for QoS-aware service guaranteeing certain delay and jitter levels for various classes of traffic, based on agreed-upon markings
 - Otherwise, you can deploy and later discover your IPsec VPN isn't working very well: no recourse!
- **Multiple ISP's is harder**
 - SLA's generally only apply within a single ISP's network
- **Beware: some home cable & DSL services block IPsec unless "business grade" service is paid for**



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SLA's

- **CPN Multi-service VPN standards:**
 - Jitter – less than or equal to 20 msec
 - Delay – less than or equal to 60 msec one way
 - Packet Loss – less than or equal to 0.5 percent

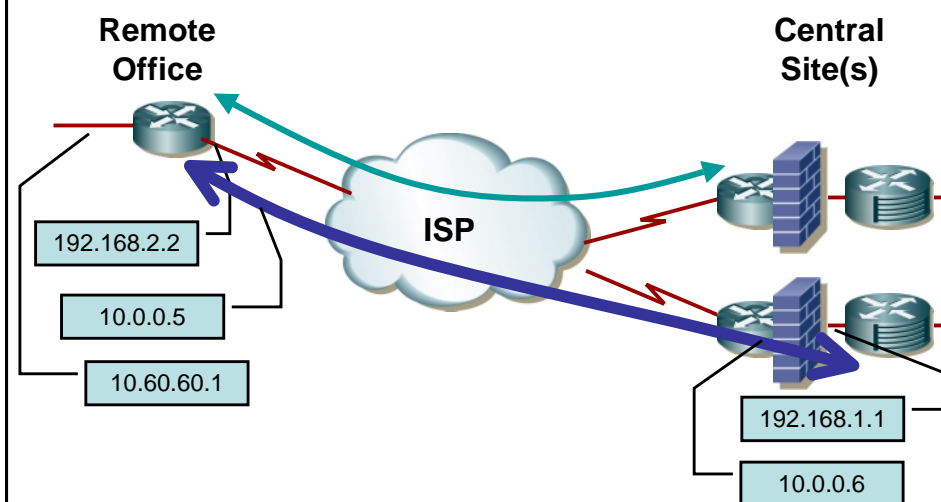


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Configuration Steps

- **Step 1: Configure IKE policy**
- **Step 2: Specify IPSec transform and protocol**
- **Step 3: Create access lists (ACL's) for encryption**
- **Step 4: Configure crypto map**
- **Step 5: Apply crypto map**

Enterprise IPSec VPN



Sample: IKE Policy

Head End Router

```
interface FastEthernet1/0
ip address 192.168.1.1
 255.255.255.0
!
crypto isakmp policy 1
encr 3des
authentication pre-share
crypto isakmp key mybigsecret
  address 192.168.2.2
```

Branch Router

```
interface s0/0
ip address 192.168.2.2
 255.255.255.0
!
crypto isakmp policy 1
encr 3des
authentication pre-share
crypto isakmp key mybigsecret
  address 192.168.1.1
```



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Sample: IPsec Transform and Protocol

Head End Router

```
crypto ipsec transform-set
vpn-t-test esp-3des
  esp-sha-hmac
```

Branch Router

```
crypto ipsec transform-set
vpn-t-test esp-3des
  esp-sha-hmac
```



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Sample: Encryption ACL's

Head End Router

```
ip access-list extended
vpn-static-1 permit gre
host 192.168.1.1 host
192.168.2.2
```

Branch Router

```
ip access-list extended
vpn-static-2 permit gre
host 192.168.2.2 host
192.168.1.1
```



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Sample: Crypto Map

Head End Router

```
crypto map static-map-pjw1
local-address
FastEthernet1/0
crypto map static-map-pjw1 1
ipsec-isakmp
set peer 192.168.2.2
set transform-set vpn-t-test
match address vpn-static-1
```

Branch Router

```
crypto map static-map-pjw2
local-address Serial0/0
crypto map static-map-pjw2 1
ipsec-isakmp
set peer 192.168.1.1
set transform-set vpn-t-test
match address vpn-static-2
```



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Sample: Apply Crypto Map

Head End Router

```
interface Tunnel1
ip address 10.0.0.5
 255.255.255.252
tunnel source 192.168.1.1
tunnel destination
 192.168.2.2
crypto map static-map-pjw1
!
interface FastEthernet1/0
ip address 192.168.1.1
 255.255.255.0
crypto map static-map-pjw1
```

Branch Router

```
interface Tunnel1
ip address 10.0.0.6
 255.255.255.252
tunnel source 192.168.2.2
tunnel destination 192.168.1.1
crypto map static-map-pjw2
!
interface Serial10/0
bandwidth 1536
ip address 192.168.2.2
 255.255.255.0
crypto map static-map-pjw2
```



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Cisco VPN Network Management Tools

- **CiscoWorks VPN / Security Management Solution (VMS) includes**
 - Management Center (MC) for IDS Sensors
 - Management Center for VPN Routers
 - Management Center for PIX Firewalls
 - Centralized configuration and management of devices
 - Monitoring Center for Security
 - Central IDS event software, w/ correlation, notification, reports
 - VPN Monitor
 - Track status of VPN devices, w/ drill-down reporting
 - IDS Host Sensor
 - Auto-Update Server
 - Pull model of distribution of images and configurations
 - Resource Manager Essentials (RME), CiscoView, Common Services

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See Also

- AVVID Enterprise Site-to-Site VPN Design
 - http://www.cisco.com/application/pdf/en/us/guest/netso/ns142/c649/ccmigration_09186a00800d67f9.pdf
- IPSec support page
 - http://www.cisco.com/cgi-bin/Support/PSP/psp_view.pl?p=Internetworking:IPSec

Summary

- **Use GRE + IPSec in a hub and spoke design for easily managed IPSec VPN with redundancy and failover**
- **Cisco has tested performance under load for 240 remote branch routers going to 2 central routers**
- **Fragment before IPSec for much better performance**

Disclaimer: this presentation touches on most of the high-level issues, but it definitely does not cover all the details of QoS or V3PN planning.

Questions?

THANK YOU !



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A Word From Us ...



- **We can provide**
 - Network design review: how to make what you have work better
 - Periodic strategic advice: what's the next step for your network or staff
 - Network management tools & procedures advice: what's right for you
 - Implementation guidance (your staff does the details) or full implementation
- **We do**
 - Small- and Large-Scale Routing and Switching (design, health check, etc.)
 - IPsec VPN and V3PN (design and implementation)
 - QoS (strategy, design and implementation)
 - IP Telephony (preparedness survey, design, and implementation)
 - Call Manager deployment
 - Security
 - Network Management (design, installation, tuning, tech transfer, etc.)



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- IP Telephony
- Network Management
- Wireless
- Security
- (Routing and Switching)



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