

HMAC-authenticated Diffie-Hellman for MIKEY

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draft-ietf-msec-MIKEY-DHMAC-00.txt

Background

- In IETF#53 (Minneapolis) comparison was made among the 3 MIKEY security protocols
 - ◆ Symmetric key distribution
 - ◆ Public-key encrypted
 - ◆ DH-SIGNand new proposed DH-HMAC
- w.r.t. performance, security, PKI dependency and provisioning
- Conclusions:
 - There is no single ideal solution. Each of the four key management protocols has its own merits but also drawbacks
 - None of the variants is able to subsume the other remaining variants.
 - DH-HMAC features useful security and performance properties that none of the other 3 MIKEY variants is able to provide.

Changes against draft-euchner-MIKEY-DHMAC-00.txt

- Made a MSEC WG draft
- Aligned with MIKEY-03 DH protocol, with notation and with payload formats
- Clarified that truncated HMAC actually truncates the HMAC result rather than the SHA1 intermediate value.
- Improved security considerations section completely rewritten
- IANA consideration section added
- A few editorial improvements and corrections
- Suggested as Informational RFC/**Proposed Standard**
- IPR clarified and IPR section changed

DH-HMAC Security Protocol

Initiator

Responder

$I_message := HDR, T, RAND, [ID_i], \{SP\},$
 $DH_i, KEMAC$

I_message



$R_message := HDR, T,$
 $[ID_r], ID_i,$
 $DH_r, DH_i,$
 $KEMAC$

R_message



$TGK := g^{xi yi} \bmod p$

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DH-HMAC TGK re-keying Security Protocol

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$I_message$



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 $[ID_r], ID_i,$
 $[DH_r, DH_i].$
 $KEMAC$

$R_message$



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Security Considerations Section

- Section completely rewritten in the spirit of:
E. Rescorla, B. Korver:
"Guidelines for Writing RFC Text on Security Considerations".
- Issues addressed:
 - Security environment
 - Threat model
 - Security features and properties
 - Assumptions
 - Residual risk

Threat model

Threats of concern:

- Unauthorized interception of plain TGKs.
- Eavesdropping of other, transmitted keying information
- Masquerade of either entity
- Man-in-the-middle attacks
- Loss of integrity

Threats not in scope:

- Passive and off-line cryptanalysis of the Diffie-Hellman algorithm
- Non-repudiation of the receipt or of the origin of the message
- Denial-of-service or distributed denial-of-service attacks.

Security features and properties

- Secure key agreement with the establishment of a TGK at both peers
- Peer-entity authentication (mutual)
- Cryptographic integrity check
- Replay protection
- Limited DoS protection
- Perfect-forward secrecy (PFS)
- Fair, mutual key contribution
- Efficiency and performance
- Security infrastructure
- NAT/Firewall-friendliness
- Scalability

Open Issues

- Enhance the MIKEY protocols by elliptic curve cryptography?
 - Provides improved performance and increased security for real-time critical applications
 - ⇒ Enhancements would not change the MIKEY security protocols
 - ⇒ but will introduce new payloads for EC-Signature (MIKEY only) and EC-DH (MIKEY and DHHMAC).
- Proposal:
 - ⇒ Define the ECC enhancements as an option to MIKEY and DHHMAC.

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Thank You!

It's time for questions...

Backup: Comparison

Symmetric key distribution:

- ▬ not scalable to larger configurations but acceptable in small-sized groups
- ▬ no perfect forward secrecy
- ▬ key generation just by the initiator
- † no dependency on a PKI
- † high-performance, low bandwidth
- † simple & straight-forward master key provisioning

Public-key encrypted:

- ▬ depends on PKI for full scaleability
- ▬ expensive, non-real time certificate validation
- ▬ complexity of X.509/RSA standards
- ▬ key generation just by the initiator
- ▬ no perfect forward secrecy
- ± self-signed certificates would avoid PKI
⇒ limited scaleability, complex provisioning

DH-HMAC:

- ▬ Scales just to point-to-point groups
- † fair, mutual key agreement
- † perfect forward secrecy
- † no dependency on a PKI and PKI standards
- † sound performance, reduced bandwidth
- † simple & straight-forward master key provisioning

DH-SIGN:

- ▬ Scales just to point-to-point groups
- ▬ depends on PKI for full scaleability
- ▬ limited performance
- ▬ expensive, non-real time certificate validation
- ▬ complexity of X.509/RSA standards
- ± self-signed certificates would avoid PKI
⇒ limited scaleability , complex provisioning
- † fair, mutual key agreement
- † perfect forward secrecy