

RTP over DTLS

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Basic problem: Key Mgmt

- Currently SRTP uses external key mgmt.
 - Existing proposals all use SIP for key exchange
 - Several proposals at IETF 65 with alternatives
- Current solutions have a number of problems:
 - Early media
 - Forking
 - Rollover counter management
 - Rekeying
 - Dependence on PKI
 - Capabilities discover problems
 - Drafts available to fix some but not all of these
- These problems are architectural
 - Correlation issues between signalling and media channels
 - Can't be cleanly fixed at signalling level

Target applications

- Anything point-to-point
 - VoIP
 - Solution completely described
 - Streaming
 - Would need some more elaboration
- Not multicast/broadcast
 - This is a fundamentally different problem
 - Less well understood
 - Group keying has very different requirements

Existing approaches

- **MIKEY**
 - Shared key mode doesn't scale
 - RSA mode requires global PKI
 - And directory
 - DH mode requires PKI
 - Problems with early media
 - Basic problem: not enough round trips
- **SDESCRIPTIONS**
 - Unrealistic security assumption: full channel confidentiality
 - Problems with early media
 - Forking has security issues

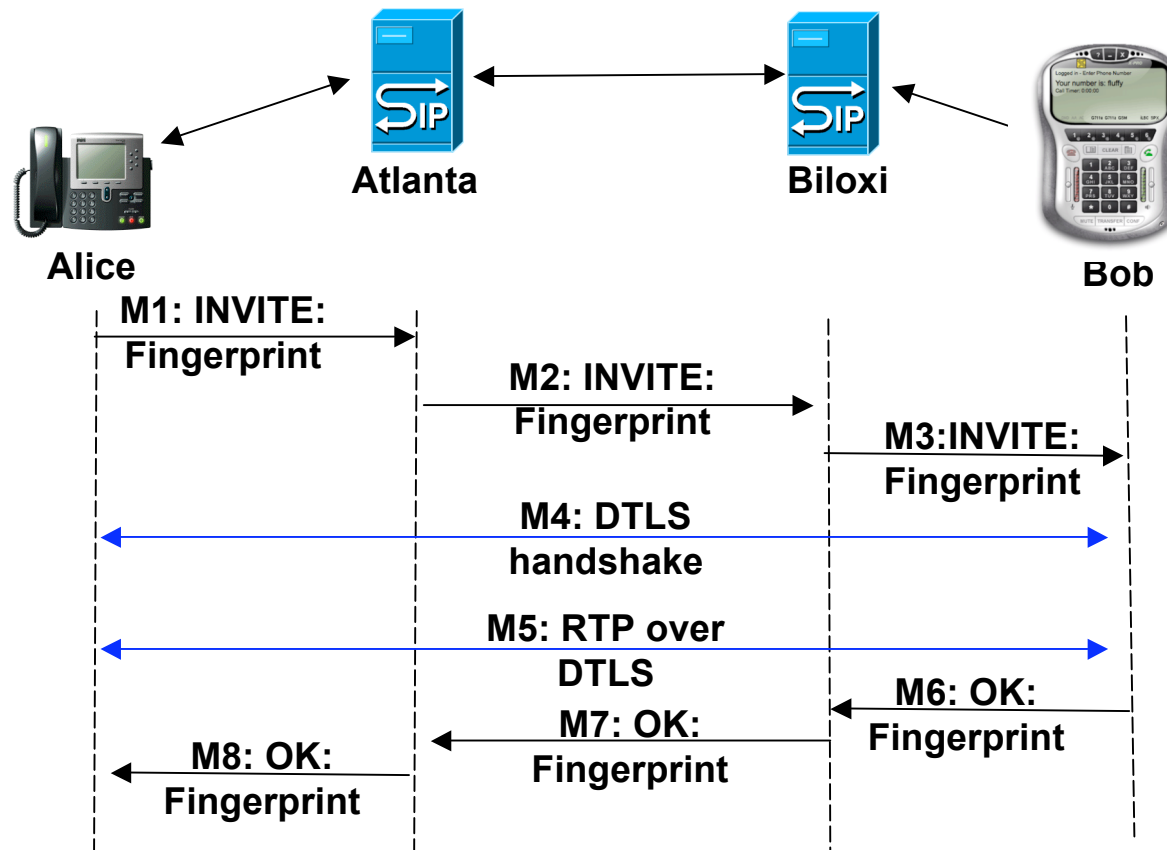
Fixes being discussed

- Modifications to MIKEY handshake
- Rollover counter management
- Public key support for
SDESCRIPTIONS
- In-channel key updates
- Key management on media channel

RTP Over DTLS Overview

- Move key management to media channel
 - Carry media over Datagram TLS
 - Well understood technology
- Authenticate with certificate fingerprints
 - Same technique as comedia TLS
 - Could also use Short Authentication String a la ZRTP
 - Integrity protect the fingerprint using sip-identity
- Same packet format as SRTP

Message Flow



Performance Issues

- SRTP is highly tuned for RTP
 - Low overhead
 - Headers in clear
- DTLS is generic
 - Higher overhead
- Meeting in the middle: “SRTP compatibility mode” looks like SRTP
 - New CTR mode cipher suite
 - Partial encryption
 - Implicit headers
 - But can interleave with explicit headers for easy resynchronization
 - On-the wire only changes retain DTLS security arguments

Internet Drafts

- draft-tschofenig-avt-rtp-dtls-00
- draft-fischl-sipping-media-dtls-00
- draft-fischl-mmusic-sdp-dtls-00
- draft-ietf-tls-ctr-00
- draft-rescorla-tls-partial-00
- draft-modadugu-dtls-short-00