

# draft-radext-digest-auth

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# Client configuration

- HTTP Digest uses challenge/response as capability exchange
- This does not work with RADIUS client nonce generation

Solution in -07: manual configuration

# Nonce Replay

- RADIUS client gets hijacked
- Attacker logs successful authentications
- Attacker replays successful authentications
- Victim might get charged

# Nonce Replay, Option 1

remove RADIUS client nonce generation

## Nonce Replay, Option 2: Do Nothing!

- Charging per authentication?
- SIP servers are often part of a ,chain of trust‘.

## Nonce Replay, Option 3: embed time-stamp into nonce

■  $\text{nonce} = r + \text{ts} + \text{hn}(r + \text{ts}, \text{secret}) + \text{nonce-opt}$

r: random string (28 byte)

ts: time-stamp (4 bytes, seconds since epoch)

secret: shared secret between client and server

nonce-opt: optional nonce characters

■ Requests with large clock difference will be rejected

## Nonce Replay, Option 3: embed time-stamp into nonce

- What is a large clock difference?
- What is a large network delay?
- What about retransmissions?
  - not exactly a retransmission, as the Digest-Nonce attribute has to be updated

severe problems

# Nonce Replay, Option 3: embed time-stamp into nonce

- Allow large clock differences?
  - open the window for attacks
- Allow only smaller clock differences?
  - Reject with ,stale', initiate more RADIUS/HTTP-style round trips, more packets, more congestion, more delay, reject with ,stale', initiate ...

severe problems



## Nonce Replay, Option 4: embed sequence number into nonce

- $\text{nonce} = r + \text{seq} + \text{hn}(r + \text{seq}, \text{secret}) + \text{nonce-opt}$
- Server maintains sequence number per NAS
- Server only accepts a sequence number higher than the previous
  - does not protect the first packet
  - clients need to store the sequence number

## Nonce Replay, Option 4: embed sequence number into nonce

- Server accepts sequence numbers that fall into a window  $[\text{previous} + 1, \text{previous} + 101]$ 
  - client has some leeway to store the sequence number permanently

# Nonce Replay

- Option 1 (rm client nonce gen.): rejected
- Option 2 (do nothing): rejected
- Option 3 (time-stamp): severe problems
- Option 4 (seq. no): selected for -07, window size?

