An Overview of

Cryptography and Security

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Cryptography

Private-key ciphers, public key ciphers, PKI and digital signature, hash and keyed hash functions, authentication protocols, secret sharing, and identity-based encryption



Network Security Application Security Web Security

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Ciphers

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Data confidentiality: ciphers

- Ciphers are classified into two types
 - One-key ciphers
 - Two-key ciphers
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 - Digital signature (nonrepudiation, sender authentication, data integrity)
 - Session key distribution
 - Mutual authentication

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Original

Encrypted using ECB mode

Encrypted using other modes

Electronic codebook (ECB), Cipher block chaining (CBC), Cipher feedback (CFB), Output feedback (OFB)

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Authentication Protocols

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 - Kerberos (Type-1: Windows 2000, Windows NT5)
 - Challenge-response protocol using a public-key cipher (IPSec, SSL, TLS)

Key Management

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 - DH [DH groups] (IPSec, SSL/TLS)
 - Using a public key cipher (IPSec, SSL/TLS)

Sender Authentication + Data Integrity

The major techniques for data integrity + sender authentication

 What are the major techniques for sender authentication plus data integrity? The major techniques for data integrity and sender authentication

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 - Digital signature (public-key cipher) [PGP, S/MIME]
 - Message authentication codes
 - keyed hash function
 - secret key + hash function with HMAC (IPSec, SSL/TLS)

X.509 Digital Certificate

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X.509 Digital Certificate

- Three versions (v.1, v.2, v3)
 - We introduced only Version 3. That is why you see different ones.
- It is used in:
 - S/MIME
 - IP Security
 - SSL/TLS
 - SET

Digital Signature

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- Two methods:
 - RSA+ Hash
 - DSS + Hash
- There are similarities and differences between handwritten and digital signature
- Important (nonrepudiation, sender authentication, data integrity)
- Used in PGP and S/MIME, and SSH

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 - There are 4 possible situations.

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 - To cater with requirements of different security services.

- Can AH provide limited traffic flow confidentiality when it is used in the tunnel mode?
 - We know that this is true for the ESP.

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 - No.
 - Even though a new IP header is inserted, the original IP header is not encrypted.

IPSec AH in Tunnel Mode



New IP header with source & destination IP address

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 - 3DES in CBC, SHA-1 must be supported in every IPSec module
- What is the purpose of doing this?
 - To ensure that two IPSec modules will be able to agree on a cipher and a hash function.

 To protect the communication between two hosts, a pair of security associations are established. Each is for one direction. An alternative is that only one SA is used for protecting data in both directions. What are the advantages of the approach of IP Security?