



Exercises for lecture „Netzicherheit“ Assignment 5, WS09/10

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Task 1: Internet Key Exchange v2 (IKEv2)

- a) IKE_SAs, CHILD_SAs:
 - a. Explain the difference between IKE_SA and CHILD_SA.
 - b. What is the reason that the IKE_AUTH exchange contains the additional payloads (SA_{i1} , TS_i , TS_r) resp. (SA_{r2} , TS_i , TS_r)?
- b) Diffie-Hellman Exchange:
 - Argue why the DH exchange, $KE_i (=g^i)$ and $KE_r (=g^r)$, in IKE_SA_INIT is not sufficient to authenticate the other communication partner.
 - What is then the purpose of the Diffie-Hellman exchange?
- c) Random numbers N_i and N_r :
 - Argue why the initiator (or the responder respectively) has to include the random number N_i (N_r) in its calculation of the AUTH payloads.
 - What is the purpose of the random numbers N_i and N_r in addition to the generation of keying material?
- d) AUTH Payload:
 - What cryptographic methods can be used to compute the „AUTH Payload“ during the IKE_AUTH exchange?
 - Argue why it is not possible for a Man-In-The-Middle attacker to modify the cryptographic algorithms selected for the protection of the IKE messages without the initiator or responder noticing the change.

Task 2: SSL/TLS

- a) For many applications it is sufficient and reasonable that only the TLS Server authenticates towards the TLS client and the client does not authenticate itself. What are the reasons?
- b) How do client and server calculate the Premaster Key (TLS Handshake Protocol)?
- c) How can the client in the TLS Handshake Protocol be sure of the identity of the server
 - in case of the RSA variant of TLS for the Premaster Secret?
 - In case of the Diffie-Hellman variant for the Premaster Secret?
- d) What are the changes in TLS V1.0 in comparison to SSL V3.0?

Task 3: Link Layer Security - Extensible Authentication Protocol (EAP)

Figure 1 shows the general message flow of the authentication with the EAP protocol. This is independent of the particular EAP method (like EAP-TLS). A RADIUS server is used as authentication server.

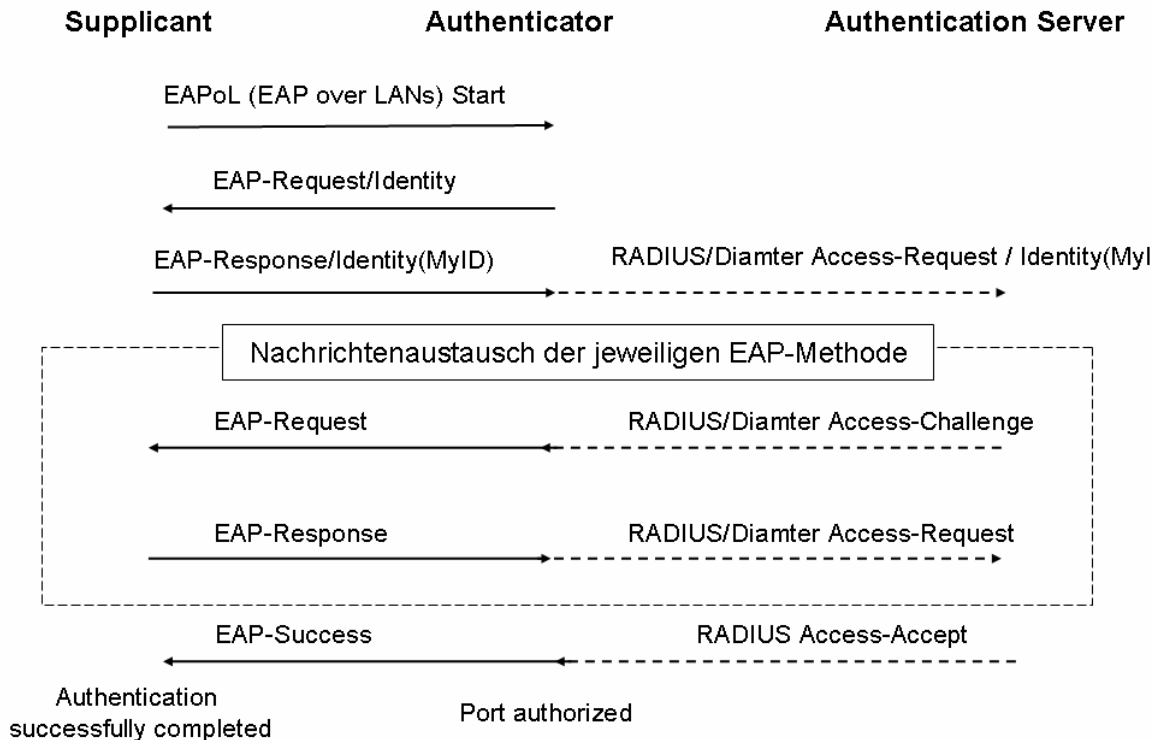


Figure 1: EAP generic message exchange with RADIUS server

- Describe the authentication dialog when Supplicant, Authenticator and Authentication Server use the EAP-MD5 method.
Note 1: see RFC 3748 "PPP Extensible Authentication Protocol (EAP)", Section 3.4 "MD5-Challenge".
Note 2: The placeholder "Nachrichtenaustausch der jeweiligen EAP-Methode" in Figure 1 needs to be replaced with 2 messages for your solution.
- Argue why EAP-MD5 is vulnerable to dictionary attacks.
- Argue why this attack is not possible when EAP-TTLS or PEAP are used.
Note: Read the article "TTLS and PEAP Comparison", downloadable under <http://www.opus1.com/www/whitepapers/ttlsandpeap.pdf> for a good overview on these two methods.
- Search on the Internet for the keywords "EAPoL Start Attack" und "EAPoL Logoff Attack". Describe these attacks that are possible despite using a secure EAP method.

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Task 4: SSH weaknesses

SSH uses algorithms for encryption and authentication that can be assumed secure. However, so-called Timing attacks are still possible. Consider this, SSH as well as Telnet send a packet for each character that is typed at the console (Interactive mode).

- a) How can attackers use this to gain security-relevant information?
- b) A number of related problems are discussed in the paper "Timing Analysis of Keystrokes and Timing Attacks on SSH" by Dawn X. Song et al. (Hint: Google Scholar, USENIX). Read the sections 1 and 2. What kind of weaknesses are introduced?
- c) What are the attacks that can use the weaknesses?
- d) In December 2009 the LRZ found out that a variety of "typing error domains", e.g. *.lrz-munich.de, were registered and that on all its subdomains there are running SSH daemons that interact with the user to get its input and then refuse the login. Argue: Is it possible to learn SSH passwords in that way? How can a user detect such a fraud when the user was already logged on to a LRZ computer with SSH? Why does this fail when the user was not yet logged into the LRZ?