Real-Time Resolution for IPsec Tunnel Peer

After a user specifies a host name (instead of an IP address) for remote IP Security (IPsec) peer, the Real-Time Resolution for IPsec Tunnel Peer feature allows the host name to be domain name server (DNS) resolved before the router establishes the IPsec tunnel. Thus, the router can immediately discover whether the IP address of the peer has changed.

Restrictions for Real-Time Resolution for IPsec Tunnel Peer

Secure DNS Requirement

It is recommended that you use this feature only with secure DNS and when the DNS responses can be authenticated. Otherwise, an attacker can spoof or forge DNS responses and have access to Internet Key Exchange (IKE) authentication data, such as a certificate. If an attacker has a certificate that is trusted by the initiating host, the attacker can successfully establish Phase 1 IKE security association (SA), or the attacker can try to guess the preshared key that is shared between the initiator and the actual responder.

DNS Initiator

DNS names resolution for remote IPsec peers will work only if they are used as an initiator. The first packet that is to be encrypted will trigger a DNS lookup; after the DNS lookup is complete, subsequent packets will trigger IKE.

Information About Real-Time Resolution for IPsec Tunnel Peer

Real-Time Resolution Via Secure DNS

When specifying the host name of a remote IPsec peer via the **set peer** command, you can also issue the **dynamic** keyword, which defers DNS resolution of the host name until right before the IPsec tunnel has been

established. Deferring resolution enables the software to detect whether the IP address of the remote IPsec peer has changed. Thus, the software can contact the peer at the new IP address.

If the **dynamic** keyword is not issued, the host name is resolved immediately after it is specified. So, the software cannot detect an IP address change and, therefore, attempts to connect to the IP address that it previously resolved.

DNS resolution assures users that their established IPsec tunnel is secure and authenticated.

How to Configure Real-Time Resolution

Configuring Real-Time Resolution for IPsec Peers

Use this task to configure a router to perform real-time DNS resolution with a remote IPsec peer; that is, the host name of peer is resolved via a DNS lookup right before the router establishes a connection (an IPsec tunnel) with the peer.

Before you begin

Before creating a crypto map, you should perform the following tasks:

- Define Internet Security Association Key Management Protocol (ISAKMP) policies.
- Define IPsec transform sets.

SUMMARY STEPS

1. **enable**
2. **configure terminal**
3. **crypto map** *map-name seq-num* **ipsec-isakmp**
4. **match address** *access-list-id*
5. **set peer** {*host-name* [**dynamic**] | *ip-address*
6. **set transform-set** *transform-set-name1* [*transform-set-name2 ... transform-set-name6*]

DETAILED STEPS

Procedure

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 1	**enable** **Example:** `Router> enable`	Enables privileged EXEC mode. • Enter your password if prompted.
Step 2	**configure terminal** **Example:** `Router# configure terminal`	Enters global configuration mode.

	Command or Action	Purpose
Step 3	**crypto map** *map-name seq-num* **ipsec-isakmp** **Example:** `Router(config)# crypto map secure_b 10 ipsec-isakmp`	Specifies the crypto map entry to create (or modify) and enters crypto map configuration mode.
Step 4	**match address** *access-list-id* **Example:** `Router(config-crypto-m)# match address 140`	Names an extended access list. This access list determines which traffic should be protected by IPsec and which traffic should not be protected by IPsec in the context of this crypto map entry.

Step 5	**set peer** {*host-name* [**dynamic**] | *ip-address*
	Example:
	`Router(config-crypto-m)#`
	`set peer b.cisco.com dynamic`
		Specifies a remote IPsec peer.
		This is the peer to which IPsec-protected traffic can be forwarded.
		• **dynamic** --Allows the host name to be resolved via a DNS lookup just before the router establishes the IPsec tunnel with the remote peer. If this keyword is not specified, the host name will be resolved immediately after the host name is specified.
		Repeat for multiple remote peers.

Step 6	**set transform-set** *transform-set-name1* [*transform-set-name2 ... transform-set-name6*] **Example:** `Router(config-crypto-m)# set transform-set myset`	Specifies which transform sets are allowed for this crypto map entry. List multiple transform sets in order of priority (highest priority first).

Troubleshooting Tips

To display crypto map configuration information, use the **show crypto map** command.

What to Do Next

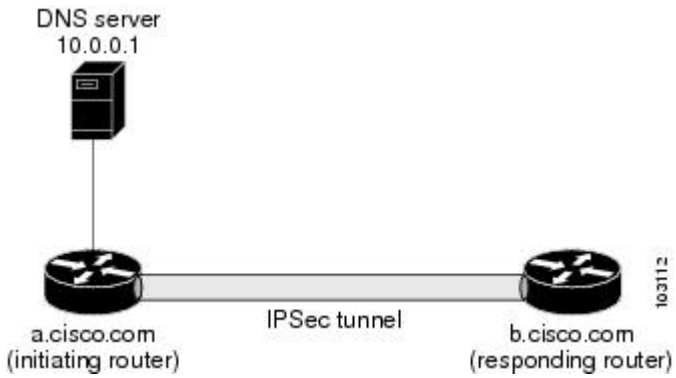
You need to apply a crypto map set to each interface through which IPsec traffic will flow. Applying the crypto map set to an interface instructs the router to evaluate all the interface's traffic against the crypto map set and to use the specified policy during connection or security association (SA) negotiation on behalf of traffic to be protected by crypto.

Configuration Examples for Real-Time Resolution

Configuring Real-Time Resolution for an IPsec Peer Example

The figure below and the following example illustrate how to create a crypto map that configures the host name of a remote IPsec peer to DNS resolved via a DNS lookup right before the software attempts to establish a connection with that peer.

Figure 1: Real-Time Resolution Sample Topology

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! Configure the initiating router.
hostname a.cisco.com
ip domain name cisco.com
ip name server 10.0.0.1
!
crypto map secure_b 10 ipsec-isakmp
  match address 140
  set peer b.cisco.com dynamic
  set transform-set xset
interface serial1
  ip address 10.10.0.1
  crypto map secure_b
access-list 140 permit ...
!
! Configure the responding router (the remote IPSec peer).
hostname b.cisco.com
!
crypto map secure_a 10 ipsec-isakmp
  match address 150
  set peer 10.10.0.1
  set transform-set
interface serial0/1
  ip address 10.0.0.1
  crypto map secure_a
access-list 150 ...
! DNS server configuration
b.cisco.com 10.0.0.1       # the address of serial0/1 of b.cisco.com
```

Additional References

Related Documents

Related Topic	Document Title
Crypto maps	"Configuring Security for VPNs with IPsec" module in the *Security for VPNs with IPsec Configuration Guide*
ISAKMP policies	"Configuring Internet Key Exchange for IPsec VPNs" module in the *Internet Key Exchange for IPsec VPNs Configuration Guide*
IPsec and IKE configuration commands	*Cisco IOS Security Command Reference*

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Feature Information for Real-Time Resolution for IPsec Tunnel Peer

The following table provides release information about the feature or features described in this module. This table lists only the software release that introduced support for a given feature in a given software release train. Unless noted otherwise, subsequent releases of that software release train also support that feature.

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Table 1: Feature Information for Real-Time Resolution for IPsec Tunnel Peer

Feature Name	Releases	Feature Information
Real-Time Resolution for IPsec Tunnel Peer	Cisco IOS XE Release 2.1	After a user specifies a host name (instead of an IP address) for remote IP Security (IPsec) peer, this feature allows the host name to be domain name server (DNS) resolved before the router establishes the IPsec tunnel. Thus, the router can immediately discover whether the IP address of the peer has changed. The following commands were introduced or modified: **set peer (IPsec)**.