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Resolutions to Outstanding 3way Handshake issues

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1 Problem statement

There are some known issues to be resolved for the 802.16e 3way handshake.

Many of these derive from the IETF EAP WG review of 802.16e use of EAP (found at <http://www.drizzle.com/~aboba/EAP/review.txt>)

1.1 Issue 1 - The identities of the NAS (ie. Authenticator) and MS should be explicitly included in the handshake messages.

The identities are required in the "Bellare-Rogaway 3 party" algorithm on which the 3 way handshake is based.¹ Including the identities enables the handshake to be provably correct as in the Bellare-Rogaway paper.

Omitting the identities creates the "man in the middle" vulnerability described by Jesse Walker in a review of the EAP-PSK method (which also uses Bellare-Rogaway) at <http://mail.frascone.com/pipermail/eap/2005-June/003443.html> (item 3).

Remedying this issue will partially satisfy IETF review item 7b:

In order to bind identities to the keying material, the lower layer authenticator and peer identities need to be explicitly stated within the 3-way handshake, and bound to PMK.

1.2 Issue 2 - The BS should provide the MS with notification of the authenticator (or authenticators) to which it is attached

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For background, see the IETF review, and also Alper Yegin's comments at <http://mail.frascone.com/pipermail/eap/2005-June/003475.html> :

I think there is one alternative approach. Even if the NAS does not convey the list of ports to the EAP peer, the peer may discover them as it encounters each port. For example, when the peer moves to port Y (from port X where it had performed the EAP authentication), if the port

¹ Bellare, M. , Rogaway, P. "Entity Authentication and Key Distribution" 1993 <http://www-cse.ucsd.edu/users/mihir/papers/eakd.pdf>

Y can convey the associated NAS ID, then the peer can dynamically discover that it is still within the same key cache boundary.

Remedying this issue will complete the resolution of item 7b from the IETF review:

Since EAP authenticators may have multiple ports, the EAP peer needs to be aware of the authenticator identity; this is not defined in IEEE 802.16e D8.

1.5 Issue 3 - The MS should be able to perform seamless HO to when new BS on the same authenticator

MS security considerations do not appear to mandate that the MS perform a new 3way handshake when moving to a BS on the same authenticator.

If the new BS wishes to perform the 3way handshake (or full authentication for that matter), it may simply initiate it and the MS will react accordingly.

Remedying this issue will clarify an ambiguity in the specification that was described in the IETF review:

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1.7 Issue 4 - the authentication bit of the HO optimization flags needs clarification

2 Changes to 802.16e D9

2.1 Remedy 1 - Include the identities in 3way handshake messages

[Add the following to table 37g (SA-TEK-Challenge) following the AKID attribute:]

AuthenticatorId | the identity of the EAP authenticator possessing the AK

[Add the following entry to the table 11.6.1 (SA Challenge tuple) following the AKID attribute:]

AuthenticatorId | the identity of the EAP authenticator possessing the AK

[Add the following to table 37h (SA-TEK-Request) following the AKID attribute:]

AuthenticatorId | the identity of the EAP authenticator possessing the AK

PeerId | the MAC Address of the MS

[insert new section 11.9.36:]

11.9.36 AuthenticatorId

Description: The Identity of an EAP Authenticator associated with the BS. This is identical to the value that is sent in the NAS_Identifier AAA attribute

Type	Length	Value
Tbd	variable	Identity of an EAP Authenticator associated with the BS

[insert new section 11.9.37:]

11.9.37 PeerId

Description: The MAC address of the SS. This is the value that is sent in the Calling-Station-Id AAA attribute

Type	Length	Value
Tbd	6	MAC address of the SS

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2.3 Remedy 2 – Enable BS to provide the MS with notification of the authenticator (or authenticators) to which it is attached

[Add the following to table 358 (DCD Channel Encoding):]

AuthenticatorId | <code> | variable | the identity of an EAP authenticator associated with the BS

2.4 Remedy 3 – Permit the MS to perform seamless HO when the target BS is on the same authenticator as the serving BS

[Modify text on page 234 line 56 as follows:]

The AK can be derived in one of three different ways depending on the authentication scheme used as documented in 7.2.2.2.3. Before the 3-way handshake begins, the BS and MS shall both derive a shared KEK and HMAC/CMAC keys as per 7.2.2.2.

The 3-way handshake demonstrates liveness of the BS and MS, proves mutual possession of the AK, and activates all of the AKs associated with the authenticator together with their AK context. When an MS performs HO to a target BS associated with the same authenticator as the serving BS (as indicated by DCD or by handover optimization flags), no 3-way handshake is required - as all AKs derived from the PMK are already active.

The PKMv2 SA-TEK 3-way handshake sequence proceeds as follows:

[Modify text in 7.8.1 as follows:]

During initial network entry or reauthorization, the BS shall send PKMv2 SA-TEK-Challenge (including a random number BS_Random) to the MS after protecting it with the CMAC/HMAC tuple. If the BS does not receive PKMv2 SA-TEK-Request from the MS within SaChallengeTimer, it shall resend the previous PKMv2 SA-TEK-Challenge.

The BS may send PKMv2 SA-TEK-Challenge up to SaChallengeMaxResends times. If the BS reaches its maximum number of resends, it may initiate full re-authentication or drop the MS.

~~2. If HO-Process-Optimization bit #1 is set indicating that PKM Authentication phase is omitted during network re-entry or handover, the BS begins the 3-way handshake by appending the SA Challenge Tuple TLV to the RNG-RSP. If the BS does not receive PKMv2 SA-TEK-Request from the MS within SaChallengeTimer (suggested to be several times greater than the length of SaChallengeTimer), it may initiate~~

~~full re-authentication or drop the MS. If the BS receives an initial RNG-REQ during the period that PKMv2 SA-TEK-Request is expected, it shall send a new RNG-RSP with another SaChallenge TLV.~~

3. The MS shall send PKMv2 SA-TEK-Request to the BS after protecting it with the CMAC/HMAC. If the MS does not receive PKMv2 SA-TEK-Response from the BS within SATEKTimer, it shall resend the request. The MS may resend the PKMv2 SA-TEK-Request up to SATEKRequestMaxResends times. If the MS reaches its maximum number of resends, it may initiate full re-authentication or decide to connect to another BS or take some other action. The MS must include, through the Security Negotiation Parameters attribute, the security capabilities that it included in the SBC-REQ message during the basic capabilities negotiation phase.

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