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| Purpose | Discuss and Adopt as the baseline text | |
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Simplified PKM EAP procedures

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1. Problem Statements

Current PKM EAP procedure is defined as three-step, BS initiated AK key establishment. As such, this approach has two major drawbacks.

First, MSS is the one, which initiates handover procedure most of the times. So after the MSS is handed over to a new BS and if it's required to do authentication and authorization, then MSS has to wait until BS sends EAP Establish-Key Request message. But it's more appropriate for the MSS to initiate re-authentication and re-authorization because the MSS can decide the re-authentication time better than BS.

Second, from the state machine viewpoint three-step procedure introduces much more states and events and it leads to much more complex implementation of state machines.

Reducing three step into two step does not impair re-authorization itself and authorization message contents but rather it simplifies the reauthorization procedure. Changing the initiator of AK key establishment procedure from the BS to MSS simplifies the state machine implementation and leads to minimal impact on current IEEE 802.16d state machine text. By the above rationale, PKM EAP is changed to be two-step, MSS initiated AK key establishment procedure.

2 Proposed Changes

[Change into the following:]

6.3.2.3.9 Privacy key management (PKM) messages (PKM-REQ/PKM-RSP)

[Insert the following rows into Table 26 in section 6.3.2.3.9, and change the last line in the table:]

Table 26a—PKM Message Codes

| | | |
|--------|---------------------------|-----------------|
| 13 | EAP Transfer | PKM-REQ/PKM-RSP |
| 14 | EAP Establish-Key Request | PKM-REQ |
| 15 | EAP Establish-Key Reply | PKM-RSP |
| 16 | EAP Establish-Key Reject | PKM-RSP |
| | | |
| 17 | Pre-Auth-Request | PKM-REQ |
| 18 | Pre-Auth-Reply | PKM-RSP |
| 19 | Pre-Auth-Reject | PKM-RSP |
| 21-255 | Reserved | |

6.3.2.3.9.12 EAP Establish-Key Request message

The MSS transmits the EAP Establish-Key Request message forestablishing an AK after EAP-based authentication.

Code: 14

Attributes are shown in Table 37b.

Table 37b—EAP Establish-Key Request attributes

| Attribute | Contents |
|-----------------|--|
| EAP-Master-Key- | A unique handle for the Master Key supplied by the EAP exchange. For use after |

| | |
|-----------------------|--|
| Id (optional) | handover or drop/reentry situations when a MSS wants to use a PMK which MSS believes that BS has for the MSS and can proceed immediately to the Establish/Install Key phase. Derivation of the Master Key Id is described in 11.9.20 |
| Nonce | A fresh, randomly generated bit string |
| Security-Capabilities | Describes MSS's security and ciphersuite capabilities |
| Primary SAID | MSS's primary SAID (equal to the Basic CID) |

6.3.2.3.9.13 EAP Establish-Key Reply message

The BS transmits the EAP Establish-Key Reply message in response to an EAP Establish-Key Request for establishing an AK after EAP-based authentication.

Code: 15

Attributes are shown in Table 37c.

Table 37c—EAP Establish-Key Reply attributes

| Attribute | Contents |
|--------------------------------------|--|
| Nonce | A fresh, randomly generated bit string |
| | |
| Key-Lifetime | AK's active lifetime |
| Key-Sequence-Number | Sequence Number for established AK |
| (one or more) SA descriptors | Each Compound SA-Descriptor attribute specifies an SAID and additional properties of the SA |
| PKM Configuration settings(optional) | PKM timer values |
| HMAC-Tuple | The cryptographic hash for the message. The key used to generate the hash is the KCK (key confirmation key) as described in 7.2.1.2. |

6.3.2.3.9.14 EAP Establish-Key Reject message

The BS transmits the EAP Establish-Key Reject message if the BS rejects the MSS's EAP Establish-Key Request.

Code: 16

Attributes are shown in Table 37d.

Table 37d—EAP Establish-Key Reject attributes

| Attribute | Contents |
|------------|--|
| Error Code | Error Code identifying reason for rejection of EAP Establish-Key Reply |
| | |
| | |

7.2.1.2 Authorization via PKM Extensible Authentication Protocol

The first steps of the authorization flow are as follows:

- 5) Upon successful completion of ranging (and capabilities exchange), a logical signal (ie. "link activation") is sent upwards on the Logical Control Interface at the BS (ie. the EAP authenticator). This will cause the authenticator to begin the authentication sequence.
- 6) EAP on the Authenticator sends an EAP-Request message to the supplicant. This Request might be an EAP identity request or the beginning of an EAP method. The message is encapsulated in a MAC management PDU and transmitted.
- 7) EAP on the supplicant receives EAP-Request, passes it to the local EAP method for processing, and transmits EAP Response.

Steps 2 and 3 (EAP-Request/Response exchange) continue as many times as needed.

After one or more EAP-Request/Response exchanges, the authentication server (whether local to the Authenticator or connected remotely via an AAA protocol) determines whether or not the authentication is successful.

The next steps of the authorization flow are as follows:

- 8) Upon success, EAP on the authenticator transmits a “success” signal on the logical control interface to fully activate the airlink.
- 9) EAP on the authenticator transmits EAP-success, which is then encapsulated in a MAC management message and transmitted to the supplicant.
- 10) EAP on the supplicant transmits a “success” indication on the logical control interface to fully activate the airlink.
- 11) Both EAPs (authenticator and supplicant) export the AAA-key across the logical control interface. As detailed in [3], the AAA-key is the shared “master key” that is derived by the two sides in the course of executing the EAP inner method

The authentication part of the authorization flow (and the involvement of the generic EAP layer) is now complete.

The final steps of the authorization flow:

- 1) The BS and MSS each derive the EAP Master Key from the AAA-Key. The EAP Master Key is derived simply the taking the 32 lowest order octets of the AAA-Key.
- 2) MSS sends the EAP-Establish-Key-Request PKM message (including a 32-byte nonce) to the BS. The BS then generates its own 32-byte nonce, and derives a Transient Key (TK) as follows:

TK = PRF-384(EAP Master Key, “Pairwise key expansion”,

Min(BSId, SSId) |

Max(BSId, SSId) |

Min(BS-Generated-Nonce, MSS-Generated-Nonce) |

Max(BS-Generated-Nonce, MSS-Generated-Nonce))

where

PRF-384 (K, A, B) :=

for $i = 0$ **to** 3 **do**

R = R | HMAC-SHA-1(K, A | 0 | B | I)

return LeastSignificant-384-bits(R).

and “|” denotes bitstring concatenation.

The BS then derives Key Confirmation Key (KCK) and Authorization Key (AK) as follows:

KCK = bits 0-127 (ie. lowest order) of the TK

AK = bits 224-383 of the TK

The MSS can attempt to use a cached or handover-transferred Master Key and avoid a full reauthentication. To do this, it sends EAP-Establish-Key-Request specifying the MKID attribute, which identifies by name the Master Key that the BS should use for AK establishment if it also has the MK cached.

- 3) BS sends the EAP-Establish-Key-Reply PKM message (including the 32-byte nonce that it used to derive TK) to the MSS to supply the MSS with its SA information. EAP-Establish-Key-Reply includes an HMAC Tuple TLV, which must be calculated using the KCK derived above.

Upon receipt of the EAP-Establish-Key-Reply, the MSS computes the TK, KCK, and AK as above. MSS then validates the HMAC Tuple. If the HMAC tuple is incorrect, MSS discards the message and restarts authorization procedure again with its BS. If the BS elects not to proceed with key establishment (eg. the EAP-Establish-key-request specified an unknown MKID), the BS sends EAP-Establish-Key-Reject instead.

11.9.10 Error Code

| Type | Length | Value(uint8) | |
|------|--------|--------------|--|
| 16 | 1 | Error-Code | Authorization Reject, Authorization Invalid, Key Reject, TEK Invalid, EAP Establish-Key Reject |

Table 371—Error-code attribute code values

| Error Code | Messages | Description |
|------------|----------|-------------|
|------------|----------|-------------|

| | | |
|---|---|--|
| 0 | All | No information |
| 1 | Auth Reject, Auth Invalid, EAP Establish-Key Reject | Unauthorized SS |
| 2 | Auth Reject, Key Reject | Unauthorized SAID |
| 3 | Auth Invalid | Unsolicited |
| 4 | Auth Invalid, TEK Invalid | Invalid Key Sequence Number |
| 5 | Auth Invalid | Message (Key Request) authentication failure |
| 6 | Auth Reject, EAP Establish-Key Reject | Permanent Authorization Failure |
| 7 | EAP Establish-Key Reject | Unrecognized MKID |