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NDMP Security Extension

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Introduction

Current NDMP authentication models

CLIENT

- Plaintext password-based authentication
 - User name & password sent in clear text
- MD5 digest based authentication (below)



SERVER



Problems

- Plain text authentication
 - No security
- MD5 digest authentication
 - Protection from replay attacks rests on the strength of random challenge string handling on the server
 - Server authentication not enforced
 - Most importantly, provides no support for encryption over the wire



Possible Attacks





NDMP v4 Security Extension

Goals:

- Allow authentication of all connection end-points
- Ensure message integrity
- Support over-the-wire encryption
- Leverage the extensibility of NDMP v4 protocol
 - Dynamically detect the support for secure NDMP
 - Remain compatible with servers/DMAs that do not support secure NDMP yet



Key Ingredient - SSL

SSL fulfills all our goals as described previously:

- End-point authentication
 - Achieved by means of certificate exchange during SSL handshake
- Over the network encryption of data and control messages
 - The encryption algorithms to use are negotiable for performance reasons
 - Negotiated during SSL handshake
- Message integrity
 - Ensured by the use of message authentication code (MAC)



Scope

Prerequisite for SSL support:

 Servers and DMAs should possess a valid X.509 certificate from a trusted authority

Out of scope:

- **Procedure of obtaining X.509 certificates**
- Encryption of data at rest



Protocol Implementation Details



Overview of changes

• New NDMP auth type

– NDMP_AUTH_SSL

- New control messages
 - NDMP_SEC_SSL_LISTEN
 - NDMP_SEC_DATA_SSL_CONNECT
 - NDMP_SEC_DATA_SSL_LISTEN
 - NDMP_SEC_MOVER_SSL_CONNECT
 - NDMP_SEC_MOVER_SSL_LISTEN
- New Data service/Mover states
 - NDMP_DATA_STATE_SSL_LISTEN
 - NDMP_MOVER_STATE_SSL_LISTEN



Advertising SSL support

• NDMP_CONFIG_GET_SERVER_INFO response

enum ndmp_auth_type

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NDMP_AUTH_NONE = 0,
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NDMP AUTH TEXT = 1,
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NDMP_AUTH_MD5 = 2,
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NDMP_AUTH_SSL = 3
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}

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• NDMP_CONFIG_GET_EXT_LIST response

- Only sent after the NDMP_CONNECT_CLIENT_AUTH request
- Extension class: 0x20C0



NDMP_SEC_SSL_LISTEN





NDMP_SEC_SSL_LISTEN

- Can be sent prior to client authentication
 - Client authentication can happen over SSL
- Used to set up SSL over the control connection
- Initiated by DMA
- Error codes
 - NDMP_NO_ERR
 - NDMP_ILLEGAL_STATE_ERR

SSL already setup

– NDMP_SEC_SSL_INIT_ERR

SSL initialization error

– NDMP_NOT_SUPPORTED_ERR

SSL extension not supported



NDMP_SEC_DATA_SSL_LISTEN

- DMA instructs data server to create SSL connection end point
- Error codes
 - NDMP_NO_ERR
 - NDMP_ILLEGAL_STATE_ERR
 - SSL already setup for this connection
 - NDMP_PRECONDITION_ERR
 - **Received before NDMP_DATA_LISTEN**
 - NDMP_SEC_SSL_INIT_ERR



NDMP_SEC_DATA_SSL_CONNECT

- DMA instructs the data server to complete SSL handshake
- Error codes
 - NDMP_NO_ERR
 - NDMP_ILLEGAL_STATE_ERR

SSL already setup

– NDMP_PRECONDITION_ERR

Received before NDMP_DATA_CONNECT request

– NDMP_SEC_CERT_NOT_OK

Verification of peer certificate failed

– NDMP_SEC_SSL_INIT_ERR



Data server state diagram



NDMP_SEC_MOVER_SSL_LISTEN

- DMA instructs mover to create SSL connection end point
- Error codes
 - NDMP_NO_ERR
 - NDMP_ILLEGAL_STATE_ERR

SSL already setup

– NDMP_PRECONDITION_ERR

Received before NDMP_MOVER_LISTEN

– NDMP_SEC_SSL_INIT_ERR



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Mover state diagram



Real World Implementation

 This extension has been implemented in Oracle Secure Backup 10.1, our new centralized tape backup management software



QUESTIONS ANSWERS

