End-to-End Encryption Methods

Encryption by Application

Applications are encrypted on a case by case basis.

Secure Shell (SSH): Provides an authenticated and encrypted remote login and file transfer capability.

Can tunnel XWindows, ftp, POP-3, IMAP-4, ... replaces RCP, rlogin, rsh

Authenticates before allowing connection

Generates a public/private key pair; notifies partner systems of public key

SSH protocol negotiates the encryption algorithm: DES, IDEA, AES and the authentication algorithm: public key & Kerberos.

SSH2: Can negotiate between 3DES, IDEA, Blowfish, Twofish, Arcfour, Cast

SSHv2 is more secure than SSHv1, which has numerous exploits

Uses port 22 for all applications

SSH is free or minimal cost for commercial version

Secure Sockets Layer (SSL): Protects communication above the transport level: Web

Certificate-based system created by Netscape to protect web page communications

Implemented by Netscape & Microsoft Explorer and other browsers – widely available

When SSL & HTTP used together is called HTTPS

Standardized in IETF as **Transport Layer Security (TLS)** which is nearly equal to SSLv3 but

incompatible (RFC 2246)

URL name starts as https:// - also key or lock icon displays at bottom corner.

SSL protocol negotiates the security algorithm:

Confidentiality: DES, 3DES, AES, RC4

Integrity: MD5, SHA-1

Authentication: RSA, Diffie-Hellman Non-Repudiation: Digital Signature

Both Netscape and Internet Explorer allow you to configure SSL parms

Steps include:

Customer generates session key which is encrypted & sent to server using server's public key Client initiates negotiation of security parms. However server may negotiate to lesser security Client authenticates server certificate using public key encryption and possibly vice versa

HTTP	FTP	SMTP		
SSL or TLS				
ТСР				
IP				

Secure Hypertext Transport Protocol (SHTTP): Extends HTTP protocol to protect each message sent between 2 computers.

Summarize the difference between HTTP and HTTPS

НТТР	HTTPS	
URL begins with "http://"	URL begins with "https://"	
It uses port 80 for communication	It uses port 443 for communication	
Unsecured	Secured	
Operates at Application Layer	Operates at Transport Layer	
No encryption	Encryption is present	
No certificates required	Certificates required	

Pretty Good Privacy (PGP): Email encryption method

Available in 1991, currently free but also became a commercial product in 1996

Public Keys can be registered under email names at:

ldap://certsaver.pgp.com

http://pgpkeys.mit.edu:11371

Point your PGP utility at one of them

Web of Trust: Trust that that the keys you get in email (from people you know) or in a list via email (from people you know) is authentic

Senders can put their PGP public key at the bottom of their email messages.

Not endorsed by NSA, but good for private use

Uses RSA or Diffie-Hellman public key encryption for key exchange

Uses IDEA, 3DES, or CAST for message encryption

Uses MD5 hashing algorithm for integrity

Authentication provided via public key certificates – generated as part of PGP

Nonrepudiation provided via digitally signed messages.

Kerberos	S/MIME	PGP	SET	
	SMTP		HTTP	
UDP	TCP			
IP				

Secure Multipurpose Internet Mail Extensions (S/MIME): An Internet standard for secure email attachments

MIME: Protocol specification dictates how multimedia data and email attachments are transferred: E.g., Header=Image, subtype=jpeg.

Used for encryption and digital signatures

Encrypts many types of attachments: spreadsheets, graphics, presentations, movies, sound.

Uses public key certificates, in X.509 format, for authentication and key exchange

Can negotiate from a set of encryption algorithms: DES, AES, RC2

Integrated into many commercial email packages, including sendmail.

Secure Electronic Transaction (SET): Protects credit card transactions on the Internet Requested by MasterCard and Visa in 1996 Provides trust by use of X.509 digital certificates Ensures privacy & secure communications

Discussion: What info is visible (unencrypted) in the SSL packets? In the PGP or S/MIME packets?