AdSec: A System for Adaptive Network Security

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Motivation (cont.)

Goal Facilitate Secure QoS

- User plane protection
- Control plane protection
- Minimal footprint

Technical Challenges

- Integrate QoS & security architectures
- Minimize security footprint
- Fault-tolerance
- Programmability
- Interoperability

Approach

- User plane protection: end-to-end
 - Security services: confidentiality, integrity, authentication, access control
 - Property of cryptographic protocols

 \rightarrow well-understood

Approach (cont.)

Control plane protection

- Proactive: authentication/integrity of certain signalling
- Reactive:
 - too costly to make 100% proactive (e.g., Gbps switching)
 - security-QoS trade-off
 - selective, controlled introduction of "security holes"
 - reactive management

Approach (cont.)

- Adaptive security
 - Combination of proactive/reactive rendering of security services
 - Multiple levels of service
 - Monitoring, control, and actuation
 - Active resource management: control/scheduling
 - Deterrent effect









- Hierarchical structure for resiliency and scalablity
- Byzantine agreement protocols (2/3 majority) for isolating compromised nodes

Overview of AdSec

<u>Function</u> Programmable network management system for adaptive network security

- Implementation of any logical hierarchy
- Monitoring, control, and actuation
- SNMP based
- User programmable

AdSec: Components

- MIB Dependency Relation (MDR)
- Managers
- Agents
- Monitor function
- Control function
- System libraries

- \rightarrow config.
- \rightarrow snmpd
- \rightarrow wrapper
- \rightarrow wrapper



Monitor & Control Functions

- Monitor function *F* : **SNMP GET**
- Control function G : SNMP SET

 \rightarrow user programmable

- Function wrappers
- Transparent read/write
 - Iocal vs. remote MIB
 - OID \leftrightarrow (IP, Port)

 \rightarrow physical mapping

AdSec: Implementation Details

- Prototype system SNMP version 1
- UC Davis snmpd implementation
 - Others (e.g., Sun Microsystems) possible
- CMU SNMP library
- Functions:
 - Intrusion detection
 - Anomaly detection
 - Automatic control



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On-going & Future Work

- Asynchronous extension: SNMP Trap
- Extensive monitor/control function libraries
- Integration with network management
- Active resource scheduling
- Integration with QoS management