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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

```
NDMP_AUTH_NONE = 0,
```

```
NDMP AUTH TEXT = 1,
```

```
NDMP_AUTH_MD5 = 2,
```

```
NDMP_AUTH_SSL = 3
```

}

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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



## NDMP\_SEC\_MOVER\_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\_MOVER\_CONNECT** 

– NDMP\_SEC\_CERT\_NOT\_OK

Verification of peer certificate failed

– NDMP\_SEC\_SSL\_INIT\_ERR



#### 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

