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Subject: IPsec packets from VEs sent to wrong interface

Posted by [marcusb](#) on Wed, 18 Jun 2008 08:42:44 GMT

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Details of the setup:

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Host node interfaces:

eth0: public address 1.2.3.4 server.example.org

br0: bridge, internal address 172.16.1.1/24, only slave interface veth106.0

veth106.0: host end of veth.

VE interfaces:

eth0: veth interface, address 172.16.1.106

Now "ping 172.16.1.1" from the IPsec client (client.example.org with private address 172.16.2.2) works correctly, but "ping 172.16.1.106" shows this:

```
[host:~]# tcpdump -i br0
```

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Cheers,

Marcus

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Subject: Re: IPsec packets from VEs sent to wrong interface

Posted by [Jerry Del Rio](#) on Wed, 18 Jun 2008 21:04:51 GMT

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Marcus,

I would have a look at OpenVPN. OpenVPN works

as a client/server application when enabled. OpenVPN will handle not just the tunnels but the routing for each client as well as devices behind the clients that wish to communicate with other clients or devices via the VPN/tunnel. I haven't used the setup you are trying to do but I think its feasible. If your VE's are not on the same subnets then you should use VETH as you are doing, otherwise a VENET device is fine if your ISP can get you the block that you need.

Your initial hang up will be the tun device that needs to be mapped to the VE's like this:

Allow your container to use the tun/tap device:

```
vzctl set 101 --devices c:10:200:rw --save  
vzctl set 101 --capability net_admin:on --save
```

And create the character device file inside the container:

```
vzctl exec 101 mkdir -p /dev/net  
vzctl exec 101 mknod /dev/net/tun c 10 200  
vzctl exec 101 chmod 600 /dev/net/tun
```

\*\*\*Anyone else correct me if I am wrong but I recall somewhere that we can use the same host node tun device for other VE's. This should enable other VE's that are not the OpenVPN(server) to VPN as OpenVPN(clients).

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Quoting Marcus Better <[marcus@better.se](mailto:marcus@better.se)>:

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Subject: Re: IPsec packets from VEs sent to wrong interface

Posted by [marcusb](#) on Thu, 19 Jun 2008 07:43:10 GMT

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Hi,

Jerry Del Rio wrote:

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Thanks, but for now I'm planning to use IPsec. I'll keep OpenVPN in mind in case this proves impossible.

Cheers,

Marcus

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Subject: Re: IPsec packets from VEs sent to wrong interface

Posted by [marcusb](#) on Mon, 23 Jun 2008 12:15:37 GMT

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Marcus

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Subject: Re: Re: IPsec packets from VEs sent to wrong interface  
Posted by [den](#) on Mon, 23 Jun 2008 13:07:10 GMT  
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I think the problem is in you routing setup.  
ip route get  
with proper source, destination, incoming interface will help you in  
this task.

On Mon, 2008-06-23 at 14:15 +0200, Marcus Better wrote:

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Subject: Re: Re: IPsec packets from VEs sent to wrong interface  
Posted by [marcusb](#) on Tue, 24 Jun 2008 07:39:11 GMT  
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Hi,

Denis V. Lunev wrote:

> I think the problem is in you routing setup.

I've checked but don't see anything suspicious. The routing setup is very simple.

```
[host:~]# ip route
172.16.2.2 dev eth0 scope link src 172.16.1.1
172.16.1.101 dev venet0 scope link
x.y.z.0/25 dev eth0 proto kernel scope link src x.y.z.w
172.16.1.0/24 dev br0 proto kernel scope link src 172.16.1.1
default via x.y.z.1 dev eth0
```

```
[host:~]# ip route get 172.16.2.2
172.16.2.2 dev eth0 src 172.16.1.1
    cache expires 21334342sec mtu 1500 advmss 1460 hoplimit 64
```

(Public IP addresses have been altered.)

ping from 172.16.2.2 to 172.16.1.1 works, but the other direction does not. When trying, the host node sends out ARP requests for 172.16.2.2 unencrypted on eth0, ignoring IPsec policy.

```
[host:~]# setkey -DP
172.16.2.2[any] 172.16.1.0/24[any] any
    in ipsec
    esp/tunnel/a.b.c.d-x.y.z.w/unique#16397
    created: Jun 24 09:03:28 2008 lastused: Jun 24 09:16:11 2008
    lifetime: 0(s) validtime: 0(s)
    spid=1656 seq=1 pid=2200
    refcnt=1
172.16.1.0/24[any] 172.16.2.2[any] any
    out ipsec
    esp/tunnel/x.y.z.w-a.b.c.d/unique#16397
    created: Jun 24 09:03:45 2008 lastused: Jun 24 09:33:20 2008
    lifetime: 0(s) validtime: 0(s)
    spid=1673 seq=2 pid=2200
    refcnt=3
172.16.2.2[any] 172.16.1.0/24[any] any
    fwd ipsec
    esp/tunnel/a.b.c.d-x.y.z.w/unique#16397
    created: Jun 24 09:03:28 2008 lastused:
    lifetime: 0(s) validtime: 0(s)
    spid=1666 seq=3 pid=2200
    refcnt=1
```

Cheers,

Marcus

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Subject: Re: Re: Re: IPsec packets from VEs sent to wrong interface

Posted by [den](#) on Tue, 24 Jun 2008 08:28:10 GMT

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you are doing a wrong thing. You should ask  
ip route get ADDRESS from ADDRESS iif STRING  
with both from and iif specified to get a clue.

Regards,  
Den

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