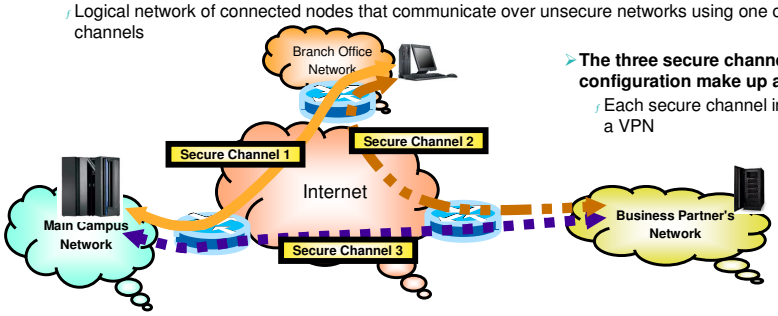
CS z/OS Integrated IP Security
IPSec Virtual Private Networks (VPNs)

Integrated IP security - IPSec Virtual Private Networks (VPNs)

IPSec Virtual Private Network (VPN) overview

- **Virtual Private Network**
  - Logical network of connected nodes that communicate over unsecure networks using one or more secure channels



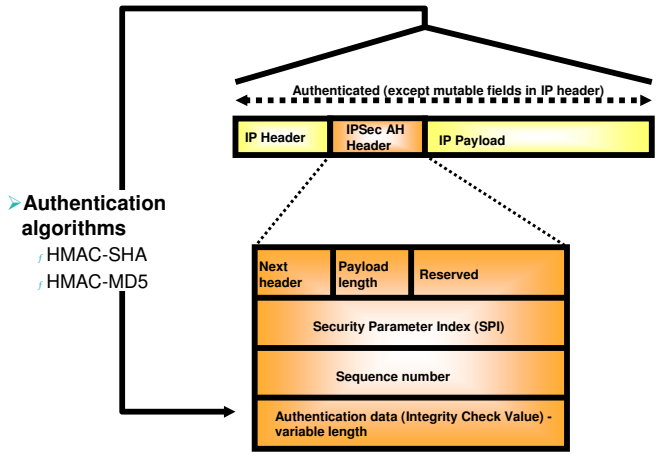
- **The three secure channels in this sample configuration make up a VPN**
  - Each secure channel in itself can be considered a VPN

- **A secure channel is commonly called an IPSec security association (SA) and uses authentication and/or encryption**
  - The term "tunnel" is also sometimes used in this context, but it is ambiguous and can be confused with tunnel vs. transport mode
- **A secure channel provides point-to-point security**
- **Integrated IPSec utilizes IP security protocols defined by the IPSec working group**
  - RFC 2402 - IP Authentication Header (AH) protocol
    - Data authentication
    - IP header authentication
    - Data origin authentication
  - RFC 2406 - IP Encapsulating Security Payload (ESP)
    - Data authentication
    - Data origin authentication
    - Data privacy

IPSec VPN concepts - encapsulation mode

- **Indicates how to construct an IPSec packet**
- **Two modes**
  - Transport mode
    - Inserts AH and/or ESP headers between original IP header and protected data
  - Tunnel mode
    - Creates a new IP header with an AH and/or ESP header
    - AH/ESP header followed by original IP header and protected data
- **If one or both security endpoints are acting as a gateway**
  - Tunnel mode must be selected
- **If neither security endpoint is acting as a gateway**
  - Tunnel or transport may be selected
  - Usually transport mode is used in this case
    - No need for extra cost of adding a new IP header in this case
- **The counterpart to encapsulation is decapsulation**

IPSec VPN concepts - Authentication Header (AH) protocol



- **Authentication algorithms**
  - HMAC-SHA
  - HMAC-MD5

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- **If tunnel mode, then "Payload" contains the original IP header, original transport header, and original data**

IPSec VPN concepts - Encapsulating Security Payload (ESP) protocol

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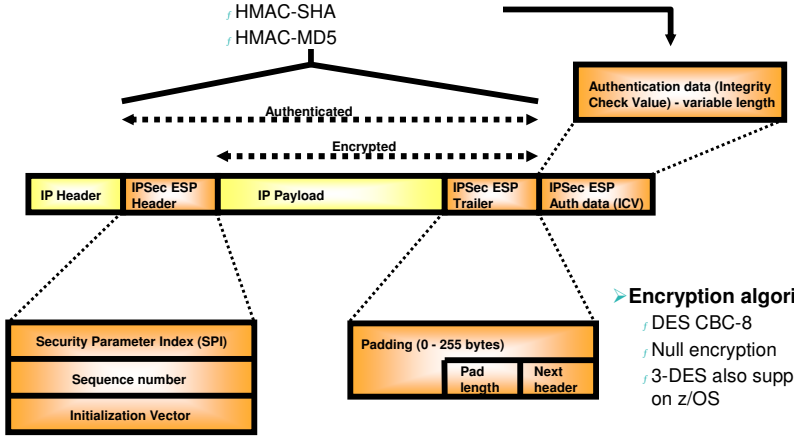
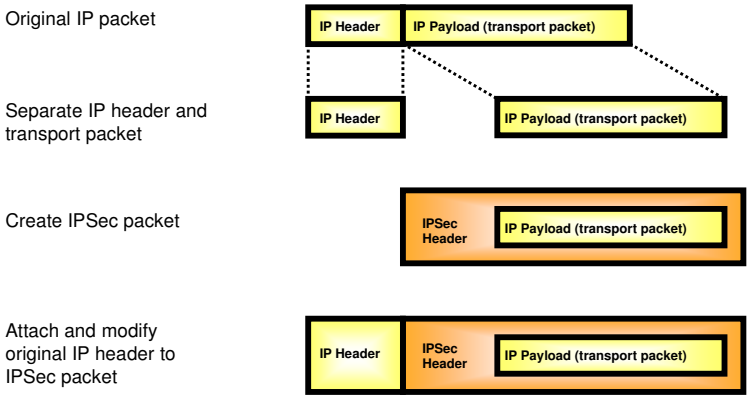


- **Encryption algorithms**
  - DES CBC-8
  - Null encryption
  - 3-DES also supported on z/OS

- **If transport mode, then "Payload" contains the original transport header and original data (possibly encrypted)**
- **If tunnel mode, then "Payload" contains original IP header, original transport header, and original data**
  - "Payload" can be encrypted

IPSec VPN concepts - creating an IPSec packet using transport mode



Transport mode is typically used between two hosts that establish an IPSec VPN end-to-end between them.

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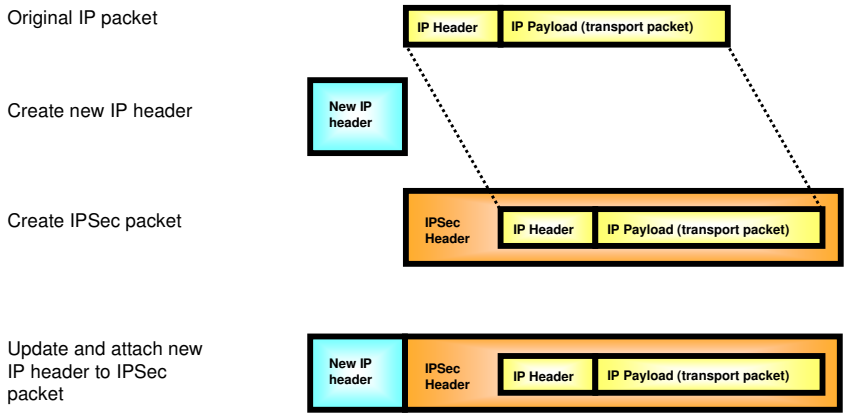
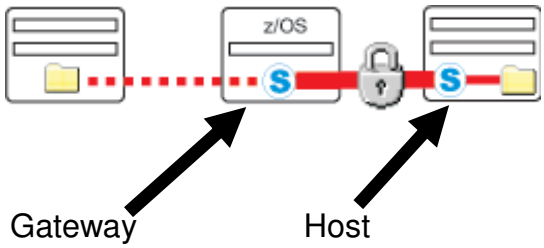
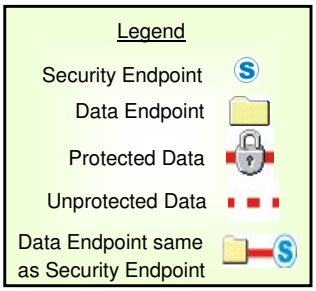


Tunnel mode is used if at least one of the two IPSec VPN endpoints is a gateway.

IPsec VPN concepts - security endpoint

- **The endpoints of an IPSec secure channel**
  - Where IPSec protection is applied
- **Endpoint roles**
  - Host
    - Local data endpoint and secure channel endpoint are the same IP address
  - Gateway (or Security Gateway)
    - Local data endpoint and secure channel endpoint are different IP addresses





IPsec VPN concepts - encapsulation mode rules

- **Must use tunnel mode:**

Gateway to Gateway

Gateway to Host

Host to Gateway

- **May use tunnel or transport mode:**

Host to Host

Legend

Security Endpoint

Data Endpoint

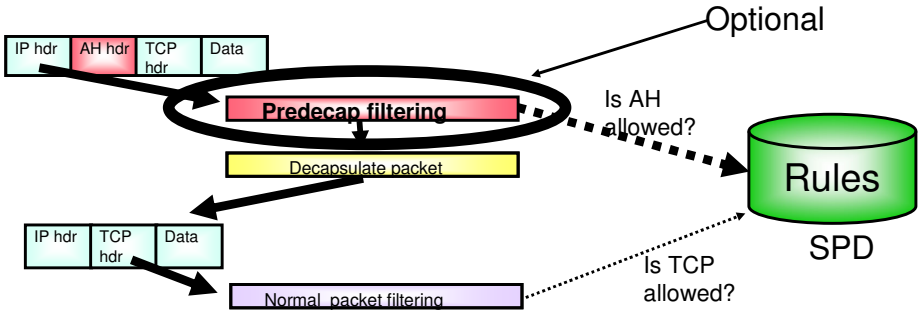
Protected Data

Unprotected Data

Data Endpoint same as Security Endpoint

IPSec VPN concepts - predecap filtering

- IPSec protected traffic arrives as an AH or ESP packet (UDP-encapsulated ESP packets are interpreted as ESP packets; see charts on UDP-encapsulation)
- The stack can optionally perform filtering on AH/ESP packets before decapsulation
  - Known as predecap filtering
  - Prevents decapsulation of AH/ESP traffic from unacceptable sources
- The AH/ESP packet is then decapsulated revealing the original packet
  - Filtering is always performed on the decapsulated packet



IPsec VPN concepts - security associations (SAs)

- **IPSec secure channel endpoints must agree on how to protect traffic**
  - Security protocol
    - AH
    - ESP
  - Algorithms to be used by the security protocols
    - Encryption Algorithm
      - DES or Triple DES
    - Authentication Algorithm
      - HMAC_MD5 or HMAC_SHA
  - Cryptographic keys
  - Encapsulation mode
    - Tunnel
    - Transport
  - Lifetime/lifesize (for dynamic SAs)
- **This agreement is known as a "security association" - or for short, an SA**

IPSec VPN concepts - more about IPSec security associations (SAs)

- **Used to protect IP traffic**

- **Unidirectional**
  - Need one for inbound and another for outbound - each IPSec secure channel endpoint consists of two SAs
    - Generally symmetrical with regards to algorithms used
    - Cryptographic keys will be different
  - A pair of matching SAs are on z/OS referred to as a "Tunnel ID" - in a sense identifying the secure channel

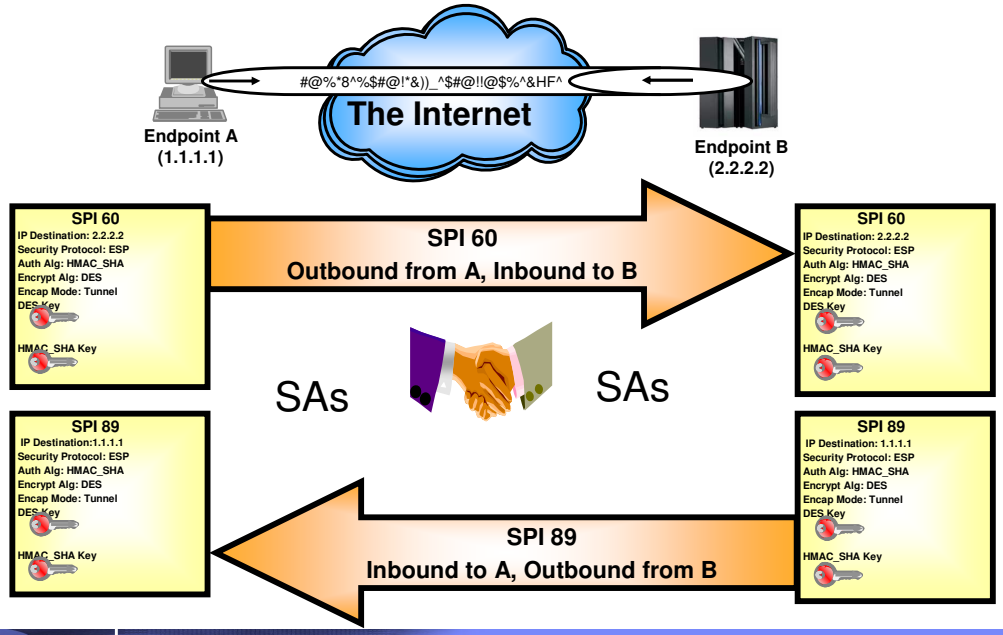
- **An SA is identified by:**
  - A Security Parameter Index (SPI)
    - The SPI is a 32-bit value
    - SPI numbers in themselves may not be unique on a given IPSec node
    - The SPI is carried in the IPSec headers
  - IPSec protocol
  - Destination IP address information

- **Manually defined SAs**
  - Statically defined in the Security Policy Database (SPD - Pagent IPSec config file)

- **Dynamically defined SAs**
  - Negotiated using the Internet Key Exchange protocol
  - Acceptable values (policy) defined in the SPD (Pagent IPSec config file)

- **Security Association Database (SAD)**
  - The collection of all SAs known to the stack

IPSec VPN concepts - IPSec security association example



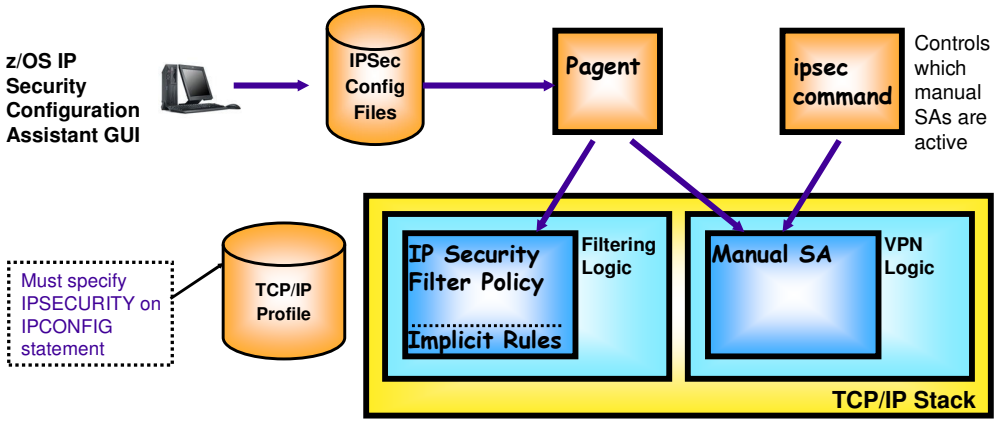
IPSec VPN concepts - manually defined SAs

- **Not commonly used**
  - Do not provide a scalable solution
  - In the long run difficult to manage
- **Require the IPSECURITY option on the IPCONFIG statement**
  - Mutually exclusive with the FIREWALL option
- **Defined in a Pagent IPSec configuration file**
  - Cannot be used when default filter policy is in effect
  - Utilized by filter rules with an action of "ipsec"
  - SA is defined by a manual VPN action
    - Can be generated by the z/OS IP Security Configuration Assistant GUI
- **Use the ipsec command to activate/deactivate manual SAs**
  - Can also be automatically activated when policy is installed
- **Definition of SA attributes require mutual agreement between tunnel endpoint administrators**
  - Cryptographic keys and IPSec Security Protocol parameters must be mutually agreed to between tunnel endpoint administrators
  - Need to decide how to safely exchange keys (physical mail/courier service)
  - Need to decide how to refresh keys
    - Manual SAs must be deactivated and activated when refreshing keys
    - Refreshing keys must be coordinated with the remote tunnel endpoint's administrator
  - Remote endpoint may need to reactivate a manual SA if you locally deactivate the SA and then locally activate the SA.

IPSec VPN concepts - integrated IP Security manual SAs overview

```
IPFilterRule1
IPFilterRule2
   IpGenericFilterAction IPSEC
   IPManVpnAction
```

- Define IP filter conditions here (which packets using manual SAs for encryption)
- Define all encryption info between 2 data endpoints here (cipher suite, spi, keys, method (AH/ESP), Mode (Tunnel/Transport), gateways to use, etc.

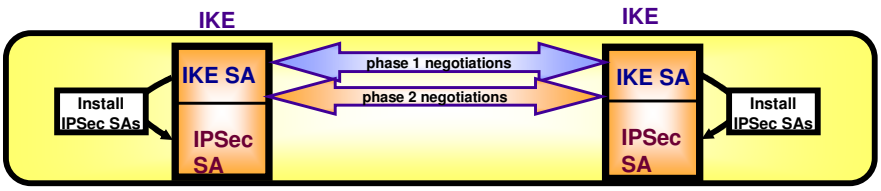


IPSec VPN concepts - dynamically defined SAs

- **Currently state of the art**
  - Scalable
  - Initially requires more configuration than a manual SA
  - In the long run easier to manage
    - Set and forget it
- **Require the IPSECURITY option on the IPCONFIG statement**
  - Mutually exclusive with the FIREWALL option
- **Cannot be used when default filter policy is in effect**
- **Dynamic SAs are negotiated by the IKE daemon**
- **Dynamic IPSec VPN policy defined in a Pagent IPSec configuration file**
  - Can be generated by the z/OS IP Security Configuration Assistant GUI
  - Dynamic IPSec VPN action identifies "acceptable" SA attributes
    - Utilized by filter rules with an action of "ipsec"
  - Key exchange policy defines how to protect dynamic SA negotiations
- **The IKE deamon implements the Internet Key Exchange protocol**
  - Defined in RFC 2409
  - A two phase approach to negotiating dynamic IPSec SAs
- **The IKE daemon obtains its policy from Pagent**
  - Policy information for negotiating IPSec SAs
    - Dynamic IPSec VPN actions
  - Policy for creating a secure channel used to negotiate IPSec SAs
    - Key Exchange Policy
  - Policy for ipsec command activation and autoactivation
    - Local Dynamic IPSec VPN Policy
- **Utilizes UDP ports 500 and 4500 to communicate with remote security endpoints**
  - Negotiating SAs
  - Sending informational messages

IPSec VPN concepts - two phases of IKE negotiations

- **Phase 1 negotiation**
  - Creates a secure channel with a remote security endpoint
    - Negotiates an IKE SA
      - Generates cryptographic keys that will be used to protect Phase 2 negotiations and Informational exchanges
      - Authenticates the identity of the parties involved
      - Bidirectional, and not identified via SPIs
  - Requires processor-intensive cryptographic operations
  - Done infrequently
- **Phase 2 negotiation**
  - Negotiates a pair of IPSec SAs with a remote security endpoint
    - Generates cryptographic keys that are used to protect data
      - Authentication keys for use with AH
      - Authentication and/or encryption keys for use with ESP
  - Performed under the protection of an IKE SA
  - Done more frequently than phase 1



IPSec VPN concepts - IKE SAs

- **Used to protect Phase 2 negotiations**
- **Bidirectional**
- **Endpoints must agree on**
  - Encryption algorithm
    - DES/Triple DES
  - Hash Algorithm
    - MD5/SHA1
  - Authentication Method
    - Preshared Key
    - RSA Signature
  - Diffie-Hellman Group
  - Lifetime/Lifesize
- **Policy definition is based on identities exchanged during phase 1**
  - Key Exchange Policy
    - A set of filter rules for IKE

IPSec VPN concepts - more info about Phase 1 SAs

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- There are two different phase 1 exchange modes. Both exchange the same information, but one utilizes fewer messages.
  - Main mode
    - All IPSec implementations must support main mode. Main mode utilizes 6 messages. The last two messages contain identity information and are encrypted. This provides identity protection.
  - Aggressive mode
    - Some IPSec implementations do not support aggressive mode. Aggressive mode utilizes 3 messages. No messages are encrypted.
- Identity information is used to locate policy. Phase 1 identity types supported by Integrated IPSec include:
  - An IPv4 address (this identity type should not be used when behind a NAT)
  - RFC 822 name (for example, email address)
  - Fully qualified domain name (FQDN)
  - x500 distinguished name (DN)
- Authentication modes
  - Preshared key
    - Security endpoint administrators agree to this value. The key is not directly used to encrypt data.
    - Often used during the initial stages of dynamic SA deployment
  - RSA signature
    - Require X509 certificates.
      - Certificates need to contain an endpoint's identity in the certificate's SubjectName (for DNs) or the SubjectAlternate name (for RFC 822 names, FQDNs, or IPv4 addresses).
    - Often used when dynamic SA are widely deployed.
- Diffie-Hellman is an algorithm that allows IKE to produce cryptographic keying material. Diffie-Hellman groups are defined in RFC 2409 (IKE). Integrated IPSec supports groups 1 and 2. Group 2 provides better security characteristics, but it also requires more computational power.

IPSec VPN concepts - perfect forward secrecy (PFS)

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- Perfect forward secrecy
  - Refers to the notion that the compromise of a single key will only permit access to data protected by that key
    - Compromise of the keys negotiated in phase 1 will not compromise keys generated in phase 2
    - Compromise of the keys negotiated in phase 2 will not compromise future phase 2 keys or previously generated phase 2 keys
- PFS is optional
  - Accomplished by performing an optional Diffie-Hellman exchange during phase 2
    - The Diffie-Hellman exchange during Phase 1 SA is not optional
- Factors to consider
  - Frequency that IKE SAs are refreshed (Phase 1)
  - Frequency that IPSec SAs are refreshed (Phase 2)
  - Key size

IPSec VPN concepts - dynamic SA activation

- **Requires definition of local dynamic IPSec VPN policy:**
  - Command-line activation
    - ipsec -y activate command
  - Autoactivated
    - Activation attempted when a stack connects to IKED or when IP Security filter policy is reloaded
- **Does not require definition of local dynamic IPSec VPN policy**
  - On-demand activation
    - Activation attempted when the stack receives an outbound packet requiring the protection of a new dynamic tunnel
  - Remote activation
    - A remote security endpoint initiates the negotiation of a new SA

Integrated IP security - on demand and remote activation policy highlights

- **IKE address and ID information**
  - Which IKEs we will talk to
- **Phase 1 negotiation mode**
  - Main or aggressive
- **Encryption information to use for IKE phase 1**

Keyexchange policy

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    KeyexchangeOffer
```

IKE to IKE

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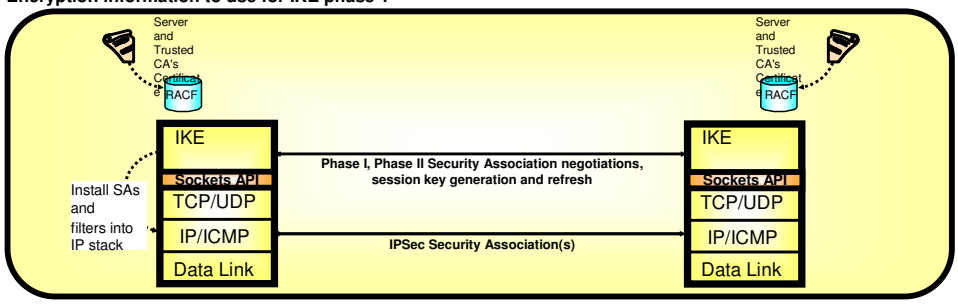

Data endpoint to data endpoint

Original IP packet drives filter matching and tunnel setup.

IP security filter policy

```
IPFilterRule1
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    IPGenericFilterAction
            IPSEC
    IPLocalStartAction
    IPDynVpnAction
```

- **IP filter conditions specified here**
  - Which packets will use dynamic tunnels
- **Scope of the tunnel**
  - From packet (narrow) or from rule (wide)
  - Gateways (local and remote security endpoint)
- **Encryption information to use for these IP packets (IPDataOffer)**

Dynamic IPSec VPN - on demand and remote activation policy highlights

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- Key Exchange Policy - This is strictly for IKE-to-IKE flows. What IKEs we will talk to, what encryption to use to flow IKE to IKE data such as Phase I and Phase II negotiations.
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    - Key Exchange Offer
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- IPfilterrule - This is defining an encryption rule for a set of one or more data endpoints. The rule is composed of a set of filter conditions - which packets for which this rule applies, and a dynamic VPN action - what encryption to use when setting up the dynamic tunnels for this set of data endpoints.
  - IPGenericFilterAction IPFilterAction IPSEC
    - Must be entered to get dynamic VPN
  - IPLocalStartOption
    - This is where you define the scope of the Phase 2 negotiation. If you specify Packet, much of the information for the Phase 2 negotiation comes from the incoming packet. If you specify rule, it comes from the rule that matched the incoming packet
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  - IPDynVpnAction
    - IPDataOffer - here is where you specify the encryption information to use for the encryption for the data flow for this connection.

Integrated IP security - command or autoactivated policy highlights

Command or autoactivated SAs require the existence of a LocalDynVPN policy - in addition to the security filter and keyexchange policies.

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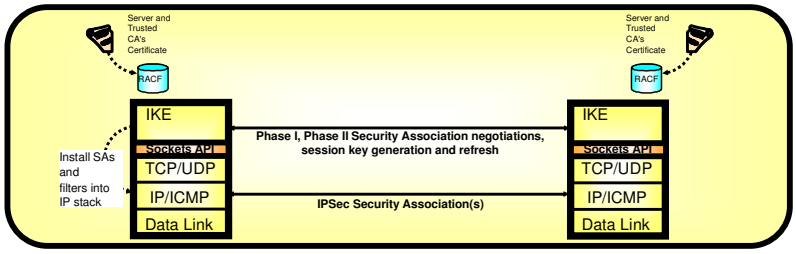

ipsec command

Ipsec command controls which LocalDynVPN SAs are active

LocalDynVPN policy

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LocalDynVpnRule
    Autoactivate
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- LocalDynVPNPolicy - This gives the customer a way to drive Phase 1 and Phase 2 tunnel activation without a packet coming in. Effectively, this LocalDynVPNRule defines a set of addresses/ports/protocols. When the LocalDynVpnRule has the autoactivate parm, or is activated by IPSEC cmd, dynamic tunnels and IKE tunnels are created/used as though a packet with these addresses/ports/protocols was received.

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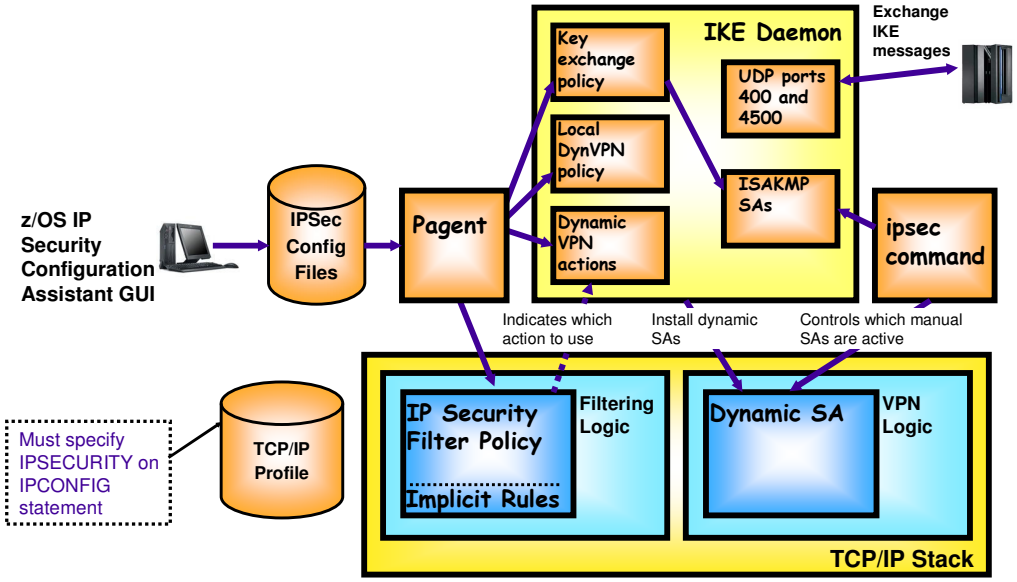

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