

Replacing openswan ipsec with strongswan ipsec

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Introduction

Currently VR is using openSwan ipsec vpn. This is an opensource ipsec vpn package that provides the Site-to-Site as well as Remote Access VPN in cloudstack VR.

This feature will replace OpenSwan ipsec with the StrongSwan ipsec vpn.

Motivation

Features of strongswan over openswan is:

1. Openswan is currently not maintained. Strongswan project is maintained by debian.
2. Strongswan ipsec supports the latest version of OS X clients.

Ticket

[CLOUDSTACK-8682](#) - Getting issue details...

STATUS

Use cases:

There are no use case changes w.r.t openswan ipsec.

Strongswan ipsec vpn configurations

Strongswan supports below vpn models as openswan.

1. Remote access VPN (isolated network and VPC)
2. Site to Site VPN (VPC).

Template changes:

Installing the StrongSwan

VR template is installed with the StrongSwan U4.5.2 package.

1. VRs deployed in cloudstack version will be come with the new template which is having strongswan.
2. If there are already VRs running, on reboot from cloudstack will pick up the new template.

Upgrade:

After upgrade if there existing vpn tunnels then these tunnels works with opnswan ipsec untill the VR is upgraded.

Once the VR is upgraded existing/new vpn tunnel will use the strongswan ipsec tunnel.

Bring up pre upgrade vpn tunnels with strongswan

For existing tunnels to come up strongswan ipsec daemon, VR needs to be upgraded.

CS will apply new vpn (strongswan) configuration on VR.

For end user perspective there is no change in configuration. Only the changes are in VR ipsec configuration.

The below the configuration files get updated in the VR.

1. /etc/ipsec.conf
2. /var/lib/strongswan/ipsec.secrets.inc

Once the VRs are restarted, previously existing VPN connections will be broken. Once the VR rebooted successfully then VPN clients can re-establish the tunnels strongswan ipsec.

UI

N/A

API

N/A

Configuration examples

Remote access VPN:

ipsec.conf:

```
# ipsec.conf - strongSwan IPsec configuration file
# basic configuration
config setup
    nat_traversal=yes
    charonstart=yes
    plutostart=yes
    #virtual_private=%v4:10.0.0.0/8,%v4:192.168.0.0/16,%v4:172.16.0.0/12
# Add connections here.
conn %default
    keyingtries=1
    authby=psk
conn L2TP_PSK
    #left
    left=10.147.52.223
    leftprotoport=17/1701

    #right
    right=%any
    rightprotoport=17/%any
    rightsubnetwithin=10.1.2.0/8

    leftnexthop=%defaultroute
#ipsec
pfs=no
auto=add
keyexchange=ikev1
forceencaps=yes
#leftfirewall=yes
include /var/lib/strongswan/ipsec.conf.inc
#include /etc/ipsec.d/l2tp.conf
```

S2S VPN ipsec.conf:

Example configuration on VR

=====strongswan s2s conf -=====

root@r-5-QA:/etc/ipsec.d# cat /etc/ipsec.conf

```
# Manual: ipsec.conf.5
version 2.0
config setup
    plutodebug=control
    charonstart=no
include /etc/ipsec.d/*.conf
```

root@r-5-QA:/etc/ipsec.d# cat ipsec.vpn-10.147.52.174.conf

```
#vpn
conn vpn-10.147.52.174
    ikelifetime=60m
    keylife=20m
    rekeymargin=3m
    keyingtries=1
    keyexchange=ikev1
    authby=secret
    left=10.147.52.173
    leftsubnet=10.10.0.0/16
    #leftid=@10.147.52.173
    leftid=@moon
    leftfirewall=yes
    right=10.147.52.174
    rightsubnet=10.20.0.0/16
    #rightid=@10.147.52.174
    rightid=@sun
    auto=add
```

root@r-5-QA:/etc/ipsec.d# cat /etc/ipsec.secrets

```
#include /var/lib/openswan/ipsec.secrets.inc
#include /etc/ipsec.d/ipsec.*.secrets
@moon @sun : PSK "123456789"
```