The Data & Identity Protection Journey

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Agenda

- Introduction to M³AAWG working groups
- Data & Identity Protection
  - The Journey Travelled
  - The Road Ahead
### Committees / SIGs

- **Technical**
  - Messaging
  - Malware
  - Mobile
  - DDoS SIG
  - Internet of Things SIG

- **Collaboration Committee**
- **Abuse Desk Committee**
- **Public Policy Committee**
- **Senders Committee**
  - **Data & Identity Protection Committee**
- **Mobile/VTA SIG**
- **Brand SIG**
- **DNS Abuse SIG**

### Two Primary Activities

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<th>Programming</th>
<th>Informative presentations to the community</th>
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<td>Deliverables</td>
<td>Best common practices documents, position papers, white papers</td>
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### Three Types of Groups

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<th>Birds of Feather (BoFs)</th>
<th>Opportunity to explore a set of problems and solutions that can evolve into SIG, Committee, or document champions</th>
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<td>Special Interest Groups (SIGs)</td>
<td>A sustained group developing solutions well-defined problems: Info Sharing, Identity Management and Pervasive Monitoring, etc.</td>
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<td>Committees</td>
<td>Long standing topical areas such as Technical, Public Policy, and Collaboration. These core issue areas cross-cut many other areas.</td>
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2013 - SNOWDEN DISCLOSURES
NSA collecting phone records of millions of Verizon customers daily

Exclusive: Top secret court order requiring Verizon to hand over all call data shows scale of domestic surveillance under Obama

- Read the Verizon court order in full here
- Obama administration justifies surveillance

https://www.theguardian.com/world/2013/jun/06/nsa-phone-records-verizon-court-order
NSA Prism program taps in to user data of Apple, Google and others

- Top-secret Prism program claims direct access to servers of firms including Google, Apple and Facebook
- Companies deny any knowledge of program in operation since 2007

- Obama orders US to draw up overseas target list for cyber-attacks

https://www.theguardian.com/world/2013/jun/06/us-tech-giants-nsa-data
2014 – M³AAWG TAKES ACTION
2014 – M³AAWG Tackles Pervasive Monitoring

✓ M³AAWG creates Pervasive Monitoring Special Interest Group (SIG)
✓ M³AAWG Senior Technical Advisor (Stephen Farrell – Trinity College Dublin) co-authors IETF Best Current Practice declaring “Pervasive Monitoring is an Attack” that should be mitigated in the design of IETF protocols, where possible.
✓ As you might expect, given that email is a core area of M³AAWG, the first Board-approved anti-pervasive-monitoring recommendation was around "TLS for Mail: M³AAWG Initial Recommendations“
✓ This M³AAWG Board-approved document is short, providing basic recommendations:
  – Protect mail flows between providers with opportunistic TLS
  – Protect intracompany network traffic from eavesdropping
  – Protect user passwords from eavesdropping (IMAPS/POPS/SMTP Submit/web email interface)
Opportunistic TLS

Scenario 1 | Opportunistic TLS | Exchange Online communicating with external mail server using TLS

opportunistic TLS

Can we talk using TLS?

Yes! 😊

Mail Server

Exchange Online

Office 365

opportunistic TLS

Ok, let's talk using TLS

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Opportunistic TLS Deployment Push

• As Facebook Messaging Integrity Engineer and M3AAWG Co-Vice Chairman Mike Adkins reported on August 19th, there was “Massive Growth in SMTP STARTTLS Deployment” in a few months timeframe from May 2014 – August 2014 as large providers made progress to deploy Opportunistic TLS.
2015 - IS OPPORTUNISTIC TLS ENOUGH?
Man-in-the-Middle Threat

July 2015 M³AAWG Publication

- M³AAWG Initial Recommendations for Addressing a Potential Man-in-the-Middle Threat
Using Perfect Forward Secrecy with TLS

January 2016 M³AAWG Publication

M³AAWG Initial Recommendations for Using Forward Secrecy to Secure Data

- “Enabling forward secrecy in conjunction with TLS assists in protecting captured traffic against any possibility of eventual decryption.”

https://www.expressvpn.com/blog/perfect-forward-secrecy/
“The Messaging, Malware and Mobile Anti-Abuse Working Group (M³AAWG) supports the use of effective, end-to-end encryption. Mechanisms that intentionally compromise encryption put that effectiveness at risk. Therefore M³AAWG endorses the recommendations in the recent paper "Keys Under Doormats: Mandating insecurity by requiring government access to all data and communications" written by 15 noted security experts. The widely recognized authors include cryptography expert Bruce Schneier and researchers from MIT, Stanford University, Columbia University, Cambridge University, Johns Hopkins University, Microsoft Research, SRI Worldwide and Worcester Polytechnic Institute.”
2016 - M³AAWG DRAFTS NEW IETF PROTOCOLS
Google, Microsoft, Yahoo and others publish new email security standard

The goal of the new SMTP Strict Transport Security mechanism is to ensure that encrypted email traffic is not vulnerable to man-in-the-middle attacks.

“Devised by engineers from Google, Microsoft, Yahoo, Comcast, LinkedIn and 1&1 Mail & Media Development & Technology, the SMTP Strict Transport Security is a new mechanism that allows email providers to define policies and rules for establishing encrypted email communications.”

2017 – IDENTITY MANAGEMENT / CRYPTO COSTS
Identity Management

February 2017 M³AAWG Publications

- **M³AAWG Multifactor Authentication Recommendations**
  
  “M³AAWG urges providers not to wait for the rest of the industry to deploy multifactor authentication before doing so themselves. A critical mass of institutions needs to take a leadership role and set the example for their industry peers—otherwise, deadlocks may result.”

- **M³AAWG Password Recommendations for Account Providers**
  
  “M³AAWG recommendations for ISPs and other providers who continue to rely on passwords. It briefly describes the risk model arising from the use of passwords to provide authorized or secure access to resources. It is intended to improve end-user security by encouraging strong passwords.”

JP AAWG 1st General Meeting | Tokyo | November 2018
March 2017 M³AAWG Publication

• **M³AAWG Describes Costs Associated with Using Crypto**
  
  "While there are "costs" to doing anything and everything, the Messaging, Malware and Mobile Anti-Abuse Working Group believes the "costs" associated with deploying encryption should not be a "show stopper," that is, should not be a barrier to employing encryption."
2018 – 5 YEARS POST SNOWDEN DISCLOSURES
Interview

Edward Snowden: 'The people are still powerless, but now they're aware'

Ewen MacAskill and Alex Hern

Five years after historic NSA leaks, whistleblower tells the Guardian he has no regrets

Edward Snowden has no regrets five years on from leaking the biggest cache of top-secret documents in history. He is wanted by the US. He is in exile in Russia. But he is satisfied with the way his revelations of mass surveillance have rocked governments, intelligence agencies and major internet companies.

2018 – NEW IETF EMAIL SECURITY STANDARDS PUBLISHED
Adoption of New Email Security Standards

Introducing MTA Strict Transport Security (MTA-STS)

by Ivan Ristić

Update (26 Sep 2018): MTA-STS has been officially published as RFC 8461.

MTA-STS (full name SMTP Mail Transfer Agent Strict Transport Security) is a new standard that aims to improve the security of SMTP by enabling domain names to opt into strict transport layer security mode that requires authentication (valid public certificates) and encryption (TLS). In this blog post we discuss why MTA-STS exists and how it’s used, as well as announce full support for its most recent draft in Hardenize.

https://www.hardenize.com/blog/mta-sts
Sample MTA-STS Policy

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<th>Location</th>
<th><a href="https://mta-sts.hardenize.com/.well-known/mta-sts.txt">https://mta-sts.hardenize.com/.well-known/mta-sts.txt</a></th>
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<tr>
<td>version</td>
<td>STSv1</td>
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<tr>
<td>max-age</td>
<td>86,400 seconds (about 1 day)</td>
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<tr>
<td>mode</td>
<td>testing</td>
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**Analysis**

- **MTA-STS policy is valid**: Good. Your MTA-STS policy is valid.
- **Policy host certificate is valid**: Good. Your MTA-STS policy is delivered via a web server that has a valid publicly trusted certificate. This is a necessary condition for the policy to be recognized.
- **Policy HTTPS response information**
  - Status code: 200
  - Length: 183 bytes
  - Content-Type: text/plain

https://www.hardenize.com/blog/mta-sts
MTA-STS Deployment Steps

Deploying MTA-STS

Deploying MTA-STS is not very difficult, but requires several steps. The first step is obvious: enumerate all your mail servers and ensure they support TLS and that they are equipped with valid publicly-trusted certificates.

The second step is to publish your MTA-STS policy. Unusually, this is done by placing your policy on a web server, in a well-known location and on a host with a special hostname. The certificate on the server must also be publicly-trusted. For example, the policy for hardenize.com must be available for download at https://mta-sts.hardenize.com/.well-known/mta-sts.txt. The policy is a plaintext file that contains a series of directives, one per line. Here’s ours:

```
version: STSv1
mode: testing
mx: alt1.aspmx.l.google.com
mx: alt2.aspmx.l.google.com
mx: aspmx.l.google.com
mx: aspmx2.googlemail.com
mx: aspmx3.googlemail.com
max_age: 86400
```

https://www.hardenize.com/blog/mta-sts
2018 – M³AAWG Pervasive Monitoring SIG Becomes Data and Identity Protection Committee
Upcoming Focus

• Continue working with industry partners on implementation SMTP MTA Strict Transport Security (MTA-STS) and SMTP TLS Reporting

• Working across the member community to understand impact for the upcoming Transport Layer Security (TLS) Protocol Version 1.3 release

• Working with M³AAWG’s IEFT liaison to evaluate the Deprecating TLSv1.0 and TLSv1.1 and Messaging Layer Security (MLS) Protocol to determine how the member community should contribute

• Upcoming focus on Identity Management and non-email messaging security
How can JP AAWG help?

• Partner on implementation of SMTP MTA Strict Transport Security (MTA-STS) and SMTP TLS Reporting standards
• Participate in future M³AAWG meetings
• Submit topics for upcoming meetings
• Engage with M³AAWG Committee Chairs to collaborate on initiatives
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