

The Data & Identity Protection Journey

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Agenda



- Introduction to M³AAWG working groups
- Data & Identity Protection
 - The Journey Travelled
 - The Road Ahead

Knowledge to Solutions - What Working Groups Do



Committees / SIGs	Two Primary Activities	
Technical <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Messaging • Malware • Mobile • DDoS SIG • Internet of Things SIG 	Programming	Informative presentations to the community
	Deliverables	Best common practices documents, position papers, white papers
	Three Types of Groups	
Collaboration Committee	Birds of Feather (BoFs)	Opportunity to explore a set of problems and solutions that can evolve into SIG, Committee, or document champions
Abuse Desk Committee	Special Interest Groups (SIGs)	A sustained group developing solutions well-defined problems: Info Sharing, Identity Management and Pervasive Monitoring, etc.
Public Policy Committee	Committees	Long standing topical areas such as Technical, Public Policy, and Collaboration. These core issue areas cross-cut many other areas.
Senders Committee	Data & Identity Protection Committee	
Mobile/VTA SIG		
Brand SIG		
DNS Abuse SIG		

2013 - SNOWDEN DISCLOSURES

2013

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](#)**



▲ Under the terms of the order, the numbers of both parties on a call are handed over, as is location data and the time and duration of all calls. Photograph: Matt Rourke/AP

<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

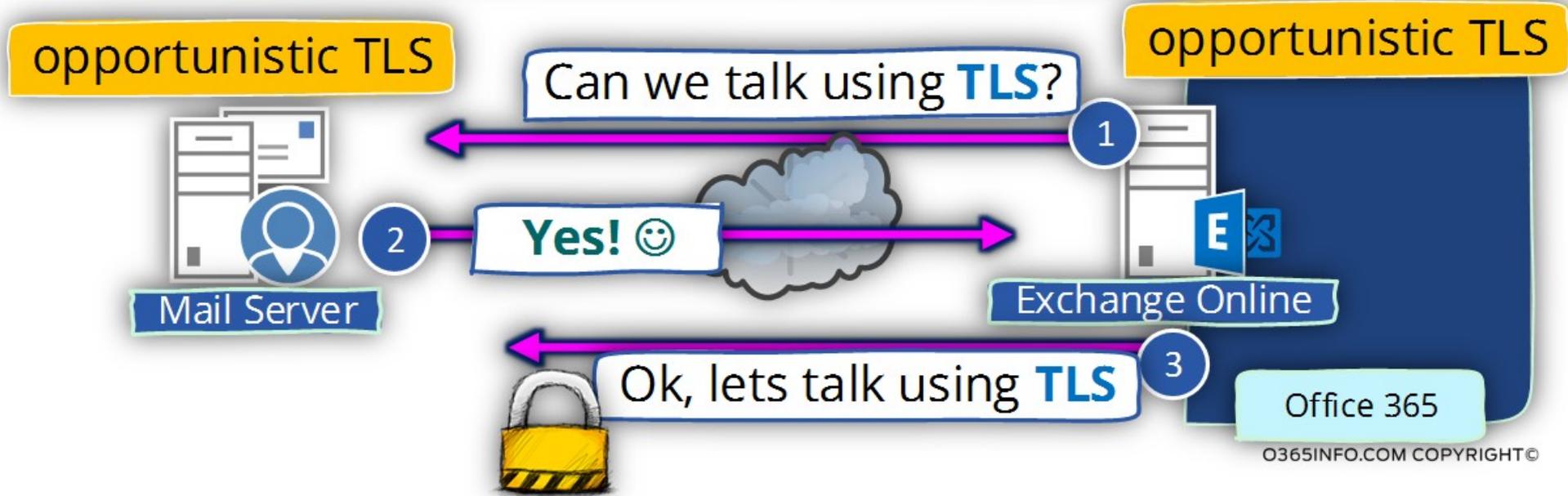
2014 – M³AAWG Tackles Pervasive Monitoring



- ✓ 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)

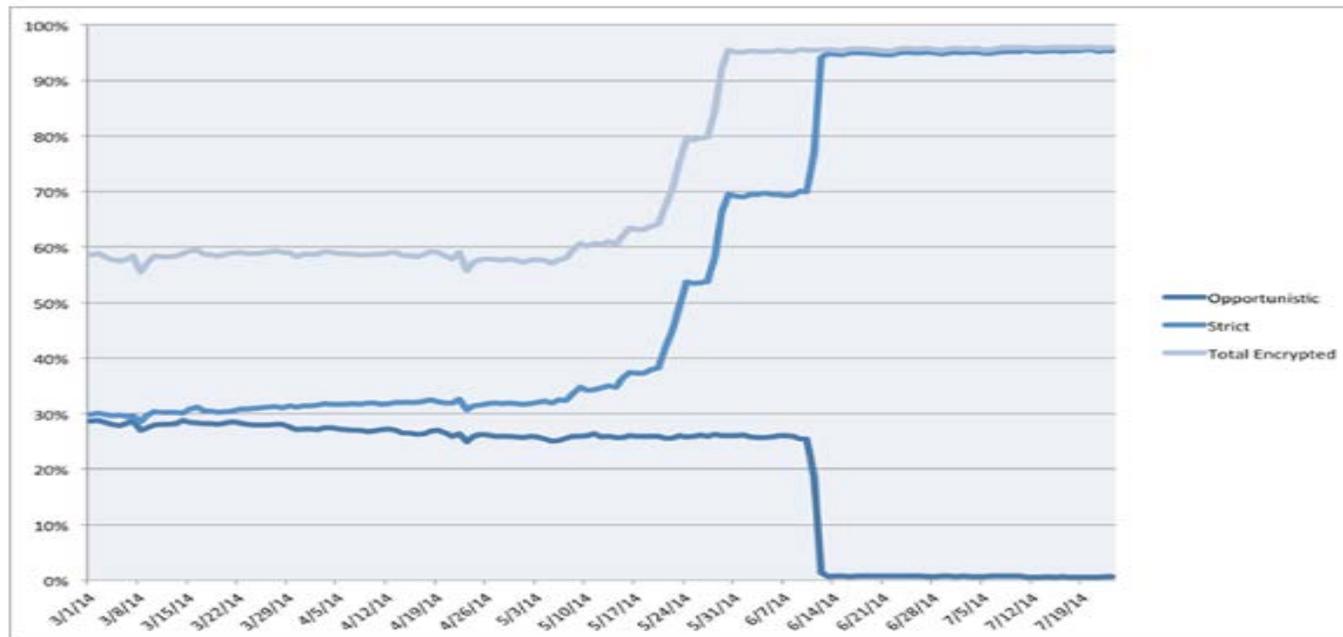
Opportunistic TLS

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



Opportunistic TLS 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.
 - <https://www.facebook.com/notes/protect-the-graph/massive-growth-in-smtp-starttls-deployment/1491049534468526>



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.”

“Keys Under Doormats”



August 2015

“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

NEWS

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.”

<https://www.pcworld.com/article/3046484/security/google-microsoft-yahoo-and-others-publish-new-email-security-standard.html>

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.**”*

Cryptography Costs

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 remains in exile in Russia. Photograph: Lindsay Mills

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.

<https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2018/jun/04/edward-snowden-people-still-powerless-but-aware>

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2018 – NEW IETF EMAIL SECURITY STANDARDS PUBLISHED

27
Jun
2018

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

MTA-STS Policy

Location	https://mta-sts.hardenize.com/.well-known/mta-sts.txt
version	STSV1
max-age	86,400 seconds (about 1 day)
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

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**

The Road Ahead



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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