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10 **UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT**
11 **CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA**

12 **SOUTHERN DIVISION**

13 NETWORK SIGNATURES, INC.,

14 Plaintiff,

15 v.

16 COLGATE-PALMOLIVE COMPANY, a
Delaware corporation,

17 Defendant.

Case No. CV10-4610 JHN BY FAX

**COMPLAINT FOR PATENT
INFRINGEMENT, PERMANENT
INJUNCTION AND DAMAGES**

DEMAND FOR JURY TRIAL

19 For its Complaint against Defendant Colgate-Palmolive Company (“Defendant”),
20 Plaintiff Network Signatures, Inc. (“Network Signatures”) alleges as follows:

THE NAVAL RESEARCH LABORATORY

22 1. The Naval Research Laboratory (“NRL”) is one of the most accomplished
23 research-and-development organizations in the country. NRL scientists have not only
24 made remarkable breakthroughs in military technology, they have literally changed the
25 world for all of us. Without their efforts, we would not have GPS, modern radar, and any
26 number of other technological innovations that we now take for granted. This lawsuit
27 concerns another such innovation: technology that allows for the safe and secure

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COMPLAINT

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CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIF.
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1 communication of sensitive information via the Internet, such as personal, banking,
2 commercial, financial, and other information.

3 2. Federal law empowers the government to license its patents to private parties
4 for commercialization as well as for enforcement of the patent without the United States as
5 a party. 37 C.F.R. § 404.5(b)(2). By doing so, the government can use market forces to
6 better capitalize on its technologies the way a private party would. In addition, a license
7 agreement can give the private licensee the proper incentives to protect the government's
8 intellectual property from theft, a task often handled better by a private entity.

9 THE PARTIES

10 3. Plaintiff Network Signatures, Inc. ("Network Signatures") is a corporation
11 duly organized and existing under the laws of Delaware with its principal place of business
12 30021 Tomas Street, Suite 300, Rancho Santa Margarita, California 92688. As alleged
13 below, the United States of America has granted to Network Signatures an exclusive
14 license concerning the patented technology at issue in this lawsuit.

15 4. Defendant is a corporation duly organized and existing under the laws of the
16 State of Delaware, with its principal place of business at 300 Park Avenue, New York, New
17 York 10022. Defendant is in the business of providing retail products and services to
18 persons in the U.S. and worldwide through physical and electronic channels, including the
19 Internet.

20 JURISDICTION AND VENUE

21 5. This is a civil action for patent infringement arising under the Patent Act of
22 the United States, 35 U.S.C. §§ 1 et seq. This court has subject matter jurisdiction of such
23 federal question claims pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1331 and 1338(a).

24 6. Venue is proper under 28 U.S.C. §§ 1391(b), 1391(c) and 1400(b) in that the
25 acts and transactions complained of herein were conceived, carried out, made effective, and
26 had effect within the State of California and within this district, among other places.
27 Defendant resides in this judicial district by virtue of its business activities in this district,

1 have committed acts of infringement in this judicial district, or have committed acts of
2 contributory infringement and inducement of infringement within this judicial district.

3 **NETWORK SIGNATURES LICENSES THE NAVY'S TECHNOLOGY**

4 7. On April 23, 1996, the United States Patent & Trademark Office duly and
5 legally issued United States Letters Patent No. 5,511,122 ("the '122 Patent"), entitled
6 "Intermediate Network Authentication."

7 8. The '122 patent claims, among other things, a critical method of
8 authenticating a computer in which a private electronic key is used, together with a
9 validating public electronic key, to create a cryptographic signature, the cryptographic
10 signature is transmitted in at least one packet to the validating computer, and the signature
11 is verified by the validating computer using its private key and the public key of the
12 computer to be authenticated. This authentication method allows for the safe and secure
13 communication of sensitive information, such as personal, banking, commercial, financial,
14 and other information, as is transmitted between computers by Defendant and its
15 customers, vendors and users herein.

16 9. The '122 Patent is owned by the United States of America, as represented by
17 the Secretary of the Navy. To allow enforcement, commercialization of and protection of
18 this patent and the technology it represents, in September 2004, the United States Navy
19 executed an exclusive license agreement with Metrix Services, Inc. ("Exclusive License
20 Agreement") and, by this Exclusive License Agreement, expressly granted Metrix Services
21 the exclusive right to practice, enforce, and sublicense, among other rights, the '122 Patent,
22 subject to the general limitations imposed by federal law. A true and correct copy of the
23 Exclusive License Agreement is attached hereto as Exhibit A and incorporated herein by
24 reference. With the express approval of the United States Navy, Metrix Services
25 transferred its entire right, title, and interest to, and in, the '122 Patent to Network
26 Signatures on February 14, 2006. A true and correct copy of the First Amendment to the
27 Exclusive License Agreement, which, among other things, approved the assignment of the
28 Exclusive License Agreement to Network Signatures, is attached hereto as Exhibit B and
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1 incorporated herein by reference. A true and correct copy of the Assignment from Metrix
2 to Network Signatures is attached as Exhibit C and incorporated herein by reference.

3 10. Pursuant to its rights under the Exclusive License Agreement, Network
4 Signatures has begun the commercial development of a product, known as EasyConnect,
5 that utilizes the '122 Patent. Network Signatures has demonstrated the product to NRL
6 personnel and has received NRL's recognition of its development efforts. A true and
7 correct copy of an October 12, 2006, letter from the Navy to Network Signatures reflects
8 this and is attached as Exhibit D and incorporated by reference herein.

9 11. Network Signatures has also begun exercising its other primary obligation
10 under the Exclusive License Agreement: protecting the Navy's intellectual property rights
11 from infringement.

12 **FIRST CLAIM FOR RELIEF**

13 **AGAINST DEFENDANT FOR DIRECT, CONTRIBUTORY AND INDUCING**
14 **INFRINGEMENT OF U.S. PATENT NO. 5,511,122**

15 12. Plaintiff incorporates herein by reference the allegations set forth in
16 paragraphs 1-11 of the Complaint as though fully set forth herein.

17 13. A true and correct copy of the '122 Patent is attached as Exhibit E and
18 incorporated herein by reference. On information and belief, Defendant uses digital
19 certificates and digital signatures implemented through the use of public key infrastructure
20 to facilitate communication with its employees and customers. For example, Defendant
21 enables a computer of a Defendant customer, affiliate, business partner, or employee
22 ("sending computer") to send a secure communication over the Internet to another
23 computer ("receiving computer") by using a confidential private key, and a public key, to
24 digitally sign the message being sent. When the receiving computer receives the signed
25 message, it uses the sending computer's public key, and its private key, to decrypt the
26 signature (collectively referred to as "Defendant Authentication Activities").

1 14. By making, using, selling, and offering for sale Defendant Authentication
2 Activities, Defendant has directly infringed and continues to directly infringe the ‘122
3 Patent, including infringement under 35 U.S.C. § 271(a) and (f).

4 15. On information and belief, Defendant has also indirectly infringed and
5 continues to indirectly infringe the ‘122 Patent by actively inducing direct infringement by
6 other persons—specifically, customers, vendors and partners of Defendant—who operate
7 methods that embody or otherwise practice one or more of the claims of the ‘122 Patent
8 when Defendant had knowledge of the ‘122 Patent and knew or should have known that
9 their actions would induce direct infringement by others and intended that their actions
10 would induce direct infringement by others.

11 16. On information and belief, Defendant has also indirectly infringed and
12 continues to indirectly infringe the ‘122 Patent by contributory infringement by providing
13 non-staple articles of commerce to others for use in an infringing system or method with
14 knowledge of the ‘122 Patent and knowledge that these non-staple articles of commerce are
15 used as a material part of the claimed invention of the ‘122 Patent.

16 17. On information and belief, Defendant’s foregoing acts of infringement
17 include infringement by use and implementation of the Defendant Authentication Activities
18 which are made part of their retail products and services.

19 18. On information and belief, Defendant will continue to infringe the ‘122 Patent
20 unless enjoined by this Court.

21 19. On information and belief, Defendant’s infringement of the ‘122 Patent is, has
22 been, and continues to be willful and deliberate.

23 20. As a direct and proximate result of Defendant’s infringement of the ‘122
24 Patent, Network Signatures and the United States Government have been and continue to
25 be damaged in an amount yet to be determined.

26 21. Unless a preliminary and permanent injunction are issued enjoining
27 Defendant and its officers, agents, servants and employees, and all others acting on their
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1 behalf or in concert with Defendant, from infringing the '122 Patent, Network Signatures,
2 and the United States Government, will be greatly and irreparably harmed.

3 **PRAYER FOR RELIEF**

4 WHEREFORE, Plaintiff Network Signatures prays for judgment against Defendant
5 as follows:

- 6 (1) For a judicial determination and declaration that Defendant has directly
7 infringed, and continues to directly infringe, United States Letters Patent No. 5,511,122;
- 8 (2) For a judicial determination and declaration that Defendant has induced, and
9 continues to induce, the infringement of United States Letters Patent No. 5,511,122;
- 10 (3) For a judicial determination and declaration that Defendant has contributorily
11 infringed, and continues to contributorily infringe, United States Letters Patent No.
12 5,511,122;
- 13 (4) For a judicial determination and decree that Defendant's infringement of
14 United States Letters Patent No. 5,511,122 has been, and continues to be, willful and
15 deliberate;
- 16 (5) For a judicial determination and decree that Defendant, its respective
17 subsidiaries, officers, agents, servants, employees, licensees, and all other persons or
18 entities acting or attempting to act in active concert or participation with it or acting on its
19 behalf, be preliminarily and permanently enjoined from further infringement of the '122
20 Patent;
- 21 (6) For a declaration that Defendant notify all of its customers, vendors and users
22 of the infringing system and customers' participation in the infringement with Defendant's
23 encouragement, and that Defendant encourage its customers, vendors and users to cease all
24 such infringing actions;
- 25 (7) For a judicial decree that orders Defendant to account for and pay to Network
26 Signatures all damages caused to Network Signatures by reason of Defendant's
27 infringement pursuant to 35 U.S.C. Section 284, including enhanced damages under 35
28 U.S.C. Section 285;

1 (8) For an award of damages according to proof at trial;

2 (9) For a judicial declaration that this case is exceptional under 35 U.S.C. Section
3 285 and Defendant be ordered to pay Network Signatures' costs, expenses, and reasonable
4 attorney's fees pursuant to 35 U.S.C. Sections 284 and 285;

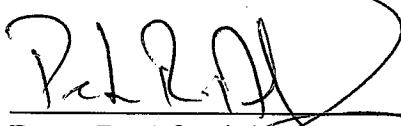
5 (10) For a judicial order awarding to Network Signatures pre-judgment and post-
6 judgment interest on the damages caused to it by Defendant's infringement; and

7 (11) For any such other and further relief as the Court may deem just and proper
8 under the circumstances.

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10 Dated: June 22, 2010

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12 By:



13 Peter R. Afrasiabi

14 Attorneys for Plaintiff, Network Signatures, Inc.

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2 **DEMAND FOR JURY TRIAL**
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5 Plaintiff Network Signatures, Inc. hereby demands trial by jury in this action.
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8 Dated: June 22, 2010
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EXCLUSIVE LICENSE

Between

MONITOR SERVICES, INC.

and

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

As Represented by

THE SECRETARY OF THE NAVY

DEL-LEIC-D4-33-151

EXHIBIT A

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WHEREAS

This exclusive license (hereinafter called "License") is made and entered into by and between the United States of America as represented by the Secretary of the Navy (hereinafter called "Licensor") and Matrix Services, Inc., a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of California (hereinafter called "Licensee") having an address at 2 Peters Canyon, Irvine, CA 92606.

WHEREAS:

WHEREAS title 35 of the United States Code, Section 207, authorizes Federal agencies to license their patents; and WHEREAS title 37 of the Code of Federal Regulations, Chapter IV, Part 404 entitled "Licensing of Government Owned Inventions" sets forth the terms and conditions under which licenses may be granted; and

WHEREAS the above-cited authorities provide that licensing of Government inventions will best serve the interests of the Federal Government and the public when utilization of such inventions is promoted and such inventions are brought to practical application; and

WHEREAS Licensor has no assignment of full right, title, and interest to the invention disclosed and claimed in U.S. Patent No. 5,511,122 issued on April 23, 1996, for "Intermediate Network Authentication"; and

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WHEREAS LICENSOR has published in the Federal Register of December 17, 1995, the availability of a license under U.S. Patent No. 5,511,122; and

WHEREAS LICENSEE has supplied LICENSOR with a plan for development and marketing of this invention and has expressed its intention to carry out this plan upon the granting of this license; and

WHEREAS LICENSOR has agreed that any products embodying this invention or produced through the use of this invention for use or sale in the United States will be manufactured substantially in the United States; and

WHEREAS LICENSOR has published in the Federal Register of September 9, 2004, notice of its intention to grant this license under U.S. Patent No. 5,511,122 to LICENSEE and has provided the public with an opportunity for filing written objections; and

WHEREAS LICENSOR has determined that:

(A) The interest of the Federal Government and the public will best be served by the proposed license, in view of the licensee's intentions, plans, and ability to bring the invention described and claimed in U.S. Patent No. 5,511,122 to Practical Application or otherwise promote the invention's utilization by the public;

(B) The desired Practical Application has not been achieved, but is not likely expeditiously to be achieved, under any

circumstances.

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nonexclusive license which has been granted, or which may be granted, on the invention;

(C) Exclusive licensing is a reasonable and necessary incentive to call forth the investment of risk capital and expenditures to bring the invention to Practical Application or otherwise promote the invention's utilization by the public;

(D) The proposed terms and scope of exclusivity are not greater than reasonably necessary to provide the incentive for bringing the invention to Practical Application or otherwise promote the invention's utilization by the public; and

WHEREAS licensor has not determined that the grant of this license will tend substantially to lessen competition or result in undue concentration in any section of the country in any line of commerce to which the technology to be licensed relates or to create or maintain other situations inconsistent with the antitrust laws; and

WHEREAS licensor has considered the capabilities of licensee to bring the invention to Practical Application and has found that the licensee is a responsible party for negotiating this license on terms and conditions most favorable to the public interest and that to grant this exclusive license would be in the public interest;

NOW, therefore, in accordance with and to the extent provided by the aforementioned authorities and in consideration of the foregoing premises and of the covenants and obligations

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hereinafter set forth to be well and truly performed, and other good and valuable consideration, the parties hereto agree to the foregoing and as follows:

MATTER I

Definitions

The following definitions shall apply to the defined words where such words are used in this Agreement.

A. The "Licensed Patent" means U.S. Patent No. 5,511,122 entitled "Intermediate Network Authentication" issued April 23, 1996, to Randall Atkinson;

B. A "Licensed Invention" means an invention claimed in the Licensed Patent and any patents issuing thereon;

C. To "Practice the Licensed Invention" means to make, use, import, offer for sale, and sell by or on behalf of themselves or otherwise dispose of according to law any machine, article of manufacture, composition of matter, or process physically embodying or made according to a Licensed Invention;

D. "Practical Application" means to manufacture in the case of a composition, product or article of manufacture, to practice in the case of a process or method, or to operate in the case of a machine or system, and, in each case under such conditions as to establish that a Licensed Invention is being utilized and that its benefits are to the extent permitted by law and Government regulations available to the public on reasonable terms;

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E. A "Royalty-Bearing Product" means any product defined by any claim of the Licensed Patent or made by a method claimed in the Licensed Patent;

F. "Net Selling Price" shall mean the invoice price of the Royalty-Bearing Product sold less all discounts and rebates actually allowed, allowances actually granted on account of rejections, returns, or billing errors, and separately billed duties, insurance, taxes, and other government or regulatory charges; a Royalty-Bearing Product will be considered to be sold when shipped or delivered to a customer or, in case of a service, will be considered to be sold when placed into service for a customer or made available to a customer for use.

G. "United States" means the United States of America, its territories and possessions, the District of Columbia, and the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico;

H. A "Grace Period" is the period after September 30 of a calendar year and before January 1 of the following calendar year; and

I. "AFFILIATE" shall mean any company, corporation, association or business in which Licensor owns directly or indirectly a controlling interest.

J. "SUBLICENSEE" shall mean any non-affiliate granted a sublicense under Article II.

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X. "Sublicense Income" shall mean any payments that LICENSEE or an AFFILIATE receives from a SUBLICENSEE in consideration of the sublicense of the rights granted by LICENSEE and AFFILIATES under Article X, including without limitation license fees, milestone payments, license maintenance fees, royalty fees, up-front fees, one-time royalties and other payments.

ARTICLE III

LICENSE Grant

LICENSOR grants to LICENSEE an exclusive right and license to practice the Licensed Invention throughout the United States commencing on the date of execution of this LICENSE by LICENSOR, which shall become the effective date of the LICENSE, until the expiration of U.S. Patent No. 5,511,122 unless the LICENSE is sooner modified or terminated in whole or in part.

LICENSOR hereby grants to LICENSEE the right to extend the LICENSE granted hereunder to one or more AFFILIATES subject to the terms and conditions herein, provided that the AFFILIATE is not directly or indirectly controlled by a foreign company, corporation, association, business or government.

This LICENSE is nonassignable without written approval of LICENSOR except to the successor of that part of LICENSEE's business to which this Licensed Invention pertains, provided that the successor is not directly or indirectly controlled by a foreign company, corporation, association, business or government.

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ARTICLE III

Licensor's Performance

LICENSOR agrees to carry out the plan for development and marketing of a Licensed Invention submitted with LICENSOR's application for license dated August 27, 2004 and amended September 13, 2004, to bring this Licensed Invention to Practical Application one (1) year from date of execution of the license and LICENSOR will, thereafter, continue to make the benefits of this Licensed Invention reasonably accessible to the public for the remainder of the period of this license.

LICENSOR agrees that during the period of this license any products embodying this Licensed Invention or produced through the use of a Licensed Invention for use or sale by LICENSOR or its sublicensees in the United States will be manufactured substantially in the United States.

LICENSOR shall pay to the LICENSEE a non-refundable licensing fee in the amount of twenty five hundred dollars (\$2,500) payable upon the execution of this license by LICENSOR. Payment will be made in the manner prescribed in Article IV.

LICENSOR agrees to promptly report to LICENSEE any changes in mailing address, name or company affiliation during the period of this license and to promptly report discontinuance of LICENSOR's making the benefits of this Licensed Invention reasonably accessible to the United States public.

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ARTICLE IV

Royalties

LICENSEE shall pay a royalty to LICENSOR of three percent (3%) of the Net Selling Price for each Royalty-Bearing Product made, used, or sold by LICENSEE or its licensed AFFILIATES. LICENSEE shall also pay a royalty to LICENSOR of three percent (3%) of the Sublicensee Income. Notwithstanding the above, in no event shall any single sale or license be subjected to the payment of a royalty greater than 3% or multiple royalties of 3%.

If a Royalty-Bearing Product is distributed in whole or in part for non-cash consideration (whether or not at a discount), the Net Selling Price shall be calculated as the price of the Royalty-Bearing Product charged to an independent third party during the same royalty reporting period, or in the absence of such sales, on the fair market value of the Royalty-Bearing Product.

Non-cash consideration shall not be accepted by LICENSEE or any sublicensee for the sale of any Royalty-Bearing Product without the prior written consent of LICENSOR.

Royalties will not be paid on items sold directly to agencies of the U.S. Government or for known U.S. Government end use.

On sales made between LICENSEE and its AFFILIATES or sublicensees for resale, the royalty shall be paid on the higher Net Selling Price.

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Notwithstanding the provisions of the preceding paragraphs in this Article IV, LICENSEE agrees to pay at least a minimum annual royalty of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) for calendar year 2006, and each calendar year thereafter throughout the period of the license. The minimum annual royalty for each calendar year shall be due and payable in advance on or before September 30 of the preceding year and will be credited as advance payment of royalties to accrue during the calendar year following payment. The minimum annual royalty payments will not be demandable in whole or in part.

LICENSEE shall send to LICENSEOR all royalties which accrue between January 1 and December 31 of each year by February 28 of the following year. A royalty report shall be included with each payment setting forth the quantity and Net Selling Price of such Royalty-Bearing Product sold during the period covered by the report, to whom sold and the date of such sale, and the total amount of royalties being paid for that year. Royalty reports are due each calendar year. The last royalty report is due sixty (60) days after the expiration of this license.

All payments due LICENSEOR under this license shall be paid in United States dollar amounts to the DOD-CR DODG 8247 and mailed to:

Office of Naval Research
Patent Counsel of the Navy (OPR DODC)
800 N. Quincy Street
Washington, DC 22217-5550



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with a copy of each royalty report to:

Head, Technology Transfer Office
Naval Research Laboratory, Code 1004
4555 Overlook Ave., SW
Washington, DC 20375-5320

LICENSOR agrees to make and keep and shall require its AFFILIATES and sublicensees to make and keep full, accurate and complete books and records (together with supporting documentation) as are necessary to establish its compliance with this Article IV. Such records shall be retained for at least three (3) years following the end of the reporting period to which they relate.

LICENSOR agrees that LICENSEE may, if LICENSOR so desires at a future time or times, have a duly authorized agent or representative in LICENSOR's behalf examine all such books and records and supporting documentation either at LICENSOR's business premises or at a place mutually agreed upon by LICENSOR and LICENSEE for the sole purpose of verifying reports and payments hereunder. In conducting examinations pursuant to this paragraph, LICENSOR's representative shall have access to all records that LICENSEE reasonably believes to be relevant to the calculation of royalties under Article IV. If a royalty payment deficiency is determined, LICENSEE shall pay the royalty deficiency notwithstanding within thirty (30) days of receiving written notice thereof. Payments made by LICENSEE after the due date shall include interest at the annual rate of two percentage points above the

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Prime Rate (as reported in the Wall Street Journal for the due date) for the period of licensees. Such examination by LICENSEOR's representative shall be at LICENSEOR's expense, except that if such examination shows an underreporting or underpayment in excess of five percent (5%) for any twelve (12) month period, then LICENSEE shall pay the cost of such examination.

Article V

Patent Marking and Nonendorsement

LICENSEE hereby agrees to mark each product manufactured or sold under this license (or when the character of the product precludes marking, the package containing any such product) with the notation "Licensed from U.S. Navy under U.S. Patent No. 5,511,122". LICENSEE agrees not to, create the appearance that LICENSEOR endorses LICENSEE's business or products.

Article VI

Representation and Warranty

LICENSEOR makes no representation or warranty as to validity of U.S. Patent No. 5,511,122 or of the scope of any of the claims contained therein or that the exercise of this license will not result in the infringement of other patent(s). Neither LICENSEOR nor its employees assumes any liability whatsoever resulting from the exercise of this license.

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Nothing relating to the grant of this license, nor the grant itself, shall be construed to confer upon licensee or any sublicensee hereunder or any other person any immunity from or defenses under the antitrust laws or from a charge of patent misuse, and the acquisition and use of rights pursuant to this license shall not be immunized from the operation of State or Federal law by reason of the source of the grant.

Nothing contained in this license shall be interpreted to grant to licensee any rights with respect to any invention other than the licensed invention.

SECTION VII

Reports

LICENSEE agrees to submit annual reports on or before March 1 of each calendar year on its efforts to achieve Practical Application of the Licensed Invention by one (1) year from date of execution of the license, with particular reference to LICENSEE's plan for development and marketing of the Licensed Invention submitted with LICENSEE's application for license. These reports shall contain a discussion of the actual number of staff and dollars spent during the preceding year committed to the commercialization effort. These reports shall contain information within LICENSEE's knowledge, or which it may acquire under normal business practices, pertaining to the commercial use being made of this Licensed Invention and other information which LICENSEE may

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determine is pertinent to Government licensing activities, licensor agrees to submit such reports to licensor until such time that the invention has been brought to the point of Practical Application.

ARTICLE VIII

Modification and Termination

This license may be terminated in whole or in part by licensor if:

- (a) licensor determines that licensee is not executing the plan submitted with the request for license dated August 27, 2004 and amended September 13, 2004, and licensee cannot otherwise demonstrate to the satisfaction of licensor that it has taken or can be expected to take within a reasonable time effective steps to achieve Practical Application of this licensed invention;
- (b) licensor determines that such action is necessary to meet requirements for public use specified by Federal regulations issued after the date of this license and such requirements are not reasonably satisfied by licensee;
- (c) licensee willfully made a false statement or willfully omitted a material fact in its application for license or in any report required by this license; or
- (d) licensee commits a substantial breach of a covenant or agreement herein contained.

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LICENSEE may terminate this LICENSE by providing a written notice of termination to LICENSOR. LICENSEE's written notice must include LICENSEE's statement that neither the LICENSE nor its sublicensees nor any LICENSEE AFFILIATES will practice the Licensed Invention in the United States after the LICENSE terminates. LICENSEE's written notice shall specify the effective date of termination.

This LICENSE may be modified or terminated in whole or in part consistent with the law and applicable regulations upon mutual agreement of LICENSOR and LICENSEE evidenced in writing and signed by both parties.

This LICENSE may be restricted to the fields of use or geographic areas, or both, in which the LICENSEE has brought the invention to practical application and continues to make the benefits of the invention reasonably accessible to the public. However, such restriction may be made only after the expiration of seven (7) years following the effective date of this LICENSE.

LICENSEE may request modification of this LICENSE in writing sent to LICENSOR and stating the reasons therefor.

Before modifying or terminating in whole or in part this LICENSE for any cause other than by mutual agreement, LICENSOR shall furnish LICENSEE and each sublicensee of record a written notice of intention to modify or terminate in whole or in part this LICENSE, and LICENSEE and any sublicensees shall be allowed thirty (30) days after such notice or other agreed-upon time

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period, whichever is greater, to remedy any breach of any covenant or agreement set forth in this license or to show cause why this license should not be modified or terminated in whole or in part.

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All communications and notices required under this license shall be considered duly given if sent by carrier requiring signed receipt upon delivery or if timely mailed by U.S. Postal Service, first class, postage prepaid and addressed as follows:

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This LICENSEE is subject to any licensees in force at the time of the grant of this LICENSE.

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Litigation

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have caused this instrument to be executed by their duly authorized representatives:

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
For the Secretary of the Navy

By: D. M. Scobey
D.M. SCOBAY
Captain, U.S. Navy
Commanding Officer

Date: 9/25/04

MILITARY SERVICES, INC.

By: Hector Pineda
Title: CEO
Date: 7/28/04



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FIRST AMENDMENT TO
EXCLUSIVE LICENSE AGREEMENT
BETWEEN
THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
AS REPRESENTED BY THE SECRETARY OF THE NAVY
AND
METHODEX SERVICES, INC.

The Exclusive License Agreement executed on September 28, 2004, (hereinafter called "LICENSE") between the United States of America, as represented by the Secretary of the Navy, (hereinafter called "LICENSEOR"), and Methode Services, Inc., a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of California, (hereinafter called "LICENSEE") having an address at 2 Peters Canyon, Irvine, CA 92606 is hereby amended by mutual agreement.

WHEREAS, LICENSEOR desires the grant of antiflooding rights to LICENSEE be clarified; and

WHEREAS, LICENSEE desires the LICENSE be assigned to their successor in part Network Signatures, LLC; and

WHEREAS, LICENSEE desires the removal of the requirement that products be manufactured substantially in the United States; and

WHEREAS, LICENSEE desires the Practical Application date be extended; and

WHEREAS, LICENSEE desires the litigation clause be modified to include the right of the LICENSEE to collect for past and future infringement; and

WHEREAS, LICENSEOR desires the litigation clause be modified to require LICENSEE obtain LICENSEOR's approval before enforcing the Licensed Patent.

NOW, WHEREFORE, LICENSEOR and LICENSEE agree to amend the LICENSE as follows:

1. The LICENSE shall be assigned to Network Signatures, LLC.
2. Article III, paragraph 1 shall now read:

LICENSEE agrees to carry out the plan for development and marketing of a Licensed Invention submitted with LICENSEE's Application for License dated August 27, 2004 and amended September 13, 2004, to bring this Licensed Invention to Practical Application two (2) years from date of execution of the LICENSE and LICENSEE will, hereafter, continue to make the benefits of this Licensed Invention reasonably accessible to the public for the remainder of the period of this LICENSE.

3. Article III, paragraph 2 shall now read:

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LICENSEE agrees to submit annual reports on or before March 1 of each calendar year on its efforts to achieve Practical Application of the Licensed Invention by two (2) years from date of execution of the LICENSE, with particular reference to LICENSEE's plan for development and marketing of the Licensed Invention submitted with LICENSEE's application for license.

6. Payments and reports required under Article IV and communications and notices required under Article XI shall now be sent to:

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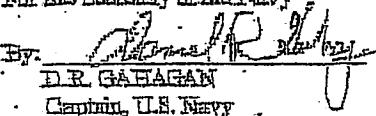
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7. Article XII shall now read:

LICENSEE does not by entering into this LICENSE transfer the property rights in the Licensed Invention, provided however, that during the period that this LICENSE is exclusive, LICENSEE has the right of enforcement of the Licensed Patent, at no cost to the Government and without requiring the Government to be a party to the litigation, pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 29 of Title 35, United States Code, or other statutes. LICENSEE shall inform LICENSEOR of any action, legal or otherwise, it intends to take with respect to the rights prior to taking such action. LICENSEOR has the right to object to such action within ten (10) days of receiving notification of such action. If LICENSEOR does not respond within the ten (10) day period, LICENSEOR shall be deemed to not object to the proposed action. LICENSEE's right of enforcement expressly includes the right to collect damages for past and future infringement of the Licensed Patent to the extent permissible under law. LICENSEE shall pay LICENSEOR thirty percent (30%) of the actual recovery after deduction of LICENSEE's litigation costs and expenses.

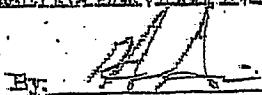
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have caused this instrument to be executed by their duly authorized representatives.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
For the Secretary of the Navy

By: 
D.R. GAHAGAN
Captain, U.S. Navy
Commanding Officer

Date: 6/26/06

METRIC SERVICES INC.

By: 
HASIM ANEARI
Title: CEO

Date: 7/14/06

NETWORK SIGNATURES, LLC

By: 
Date: 7/14/06

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26 December 2005



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AGREEMENT

WHEREAS, Matrix Services, Inc., having a principal place of business in Tustin, California, owns an Exclusive License to U.S. Patent No. 5,511,729, entitled "Intermediate Network Authentication" and has been granted such Exclusive License from the United States of America, as represented by the Secretary of the Navy. (hereinafter "Exclusive License");

AND WHEREAS, Network Signatures (hereinafter "ASSIGNEE"), with its principal place of business in Vista, California, desires to acquire the entire right, title, and interest in and to the said Exclusive License;

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of good and valuable consideration, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, Matrix Services does hereby acknowledge that it has sold, assigned, transferred and set over, and by these presents do hereby sell, assign, transfer and set over, unto the said ASSIGNEE, its successors, legal representatives and assigns, the entire right, title, and interest throughout the world in, to and under the said improvements, and the said Exclusive License and all provisional applications relating thereto, and all divisions, renewals and continuations or continuations-in-part thereof, and all Letters Patent of the United States which may be granted thereon and all reissues and extensions thereof, and all rights of priority under International Conventions and applications for Letters Patent which may hereafter be filed for said improvements in any country or countries foreign to the United States and all extensions, renewals and reissues thereof.

AND Matrix Services does hereby covenant and agree that it will communicate to the said ASSIGNEE, its successors, legal representatives and assigns, any facts known to it respecting said improvements, and testify in any legal proceeding, sign all lawful papers, execute all divisional, continuing and reissue applications, make all rightful claims and generally do everything possible to aid the said ASSIGNEE, its successors, legal representatives and assigns, to obtain and enforce proper patent protection for said improvements in all countries.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, Assignor intending to be legally bound has hereunto affixed his signature.

This 14 day of February, 2006


Signature of Farzin Amiri, CEO of Matrix Services

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IN REPLY REFER TO

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12 October 2016

Hazim Ansari
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Re: Network Signatures' October 6, 2006 demonstration of EasyConnect™ at the Naval Research Laboratory (NRL)

Mr. Ansari,

Thank you for visiting NRL October 6th to demonstrate Network Signatures' EasyConnect™.

NRL's technical and legal personnel who attended the demonstration have considered Network Signatures' presentation and have determined that EasyConnect™ relates to an embodiment of the invention claimed in United States Patent No. 5,511,122 (the '122 patent) entitled "Intermediate Network Authentication."

Based on Network Signatures' demonstration, and absent any evidence to the contrary, NRL takes the position that Network Signatures has successfully carried out a plan for development of the licensed invention claimed the '122 patent and has brought an invention as recited in the '122 patent to practical application. So long as Network Signatures makes EasyConnect™ available to the public on reasonable terms, NRL will agree that Network Signatures has made the benefit of this invention reasonably accessible to the public, and therefore Network Signatures will be compliant with the first paragraph of Article III of the Exclusive License Agreement executed on September 28, 2004, and amended on February 14, 2006 (Agreement). NRL requests Network Signatures keep NRL informed regarding its commercialization and marketing activities as part of the annual reports Network Signatures will submit under Article IV of the Agreement.

I am also in receipt of your request that the Amendment to the Agreement be revised to reflect that Network Signatures is a Subchapter C corporation and not a Limited Liability Company (LLC). With your permission, I will make a "pen and ink" change on the Amendment to so reflect the proper status of Network Signatures.

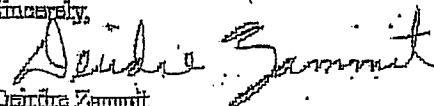
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If you have any further questions and/or comments, please do not hesitate to contact the NREL Technology Transfer Office.

Sincerely,


Debbie Zammitt
Technology Transfer Office

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Attribution

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[54] **INTERMEDIATE NETWORK AUTHENTICATION**

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[57] ABSTRACT

An internetwork authentication method is provided for verifying a sending host by a receiving host or an intermediate router or gateway. The method comprises the steps of obtaining a network address and a public key of a receiving host; utilizing the public key from the receiving host in combination with a private key of the confirming host to generate a cryptographic signature; transmitting the signature along with data through a first subnetwork in at least one packet; receiving at least one packet at the receiving host; and the receiving host utilizing a private key of said receiving host and a public key of said originating host to verify said cryptographic signature.

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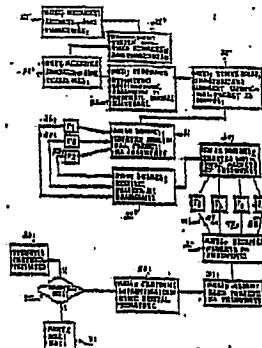


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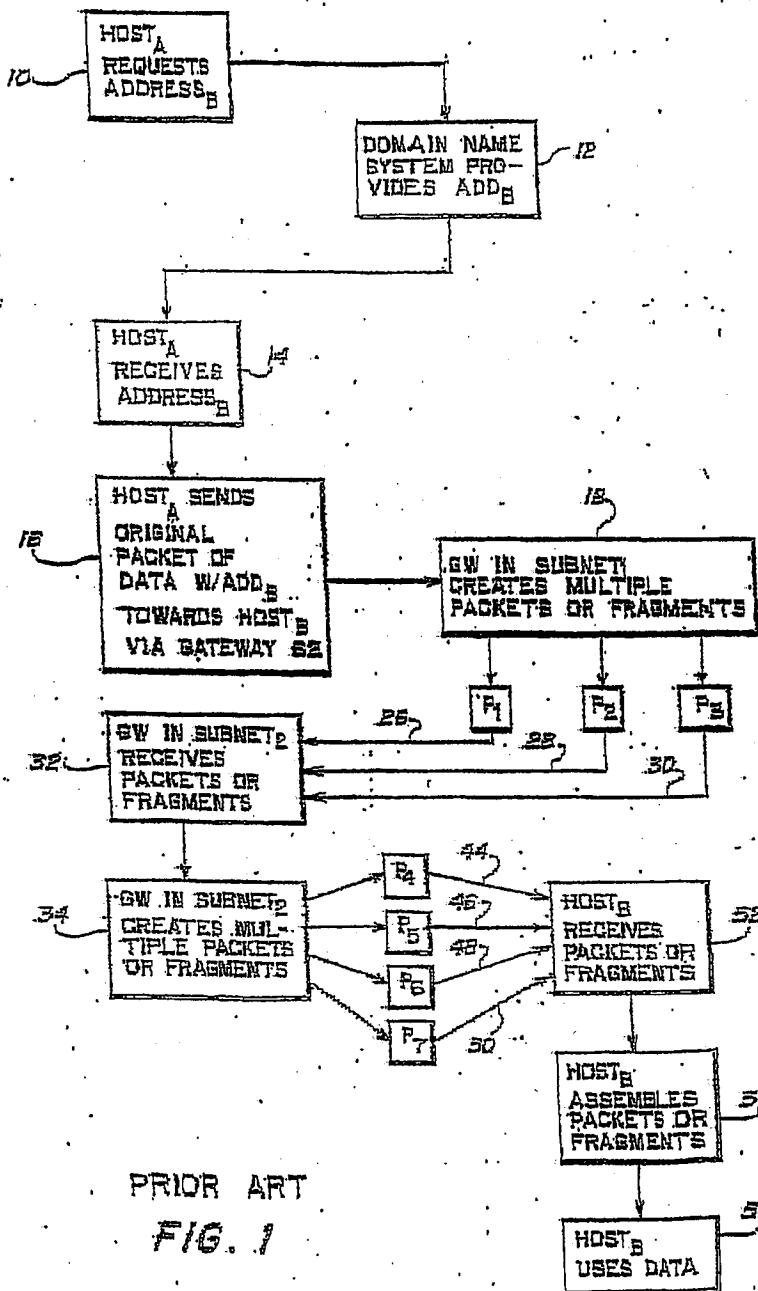
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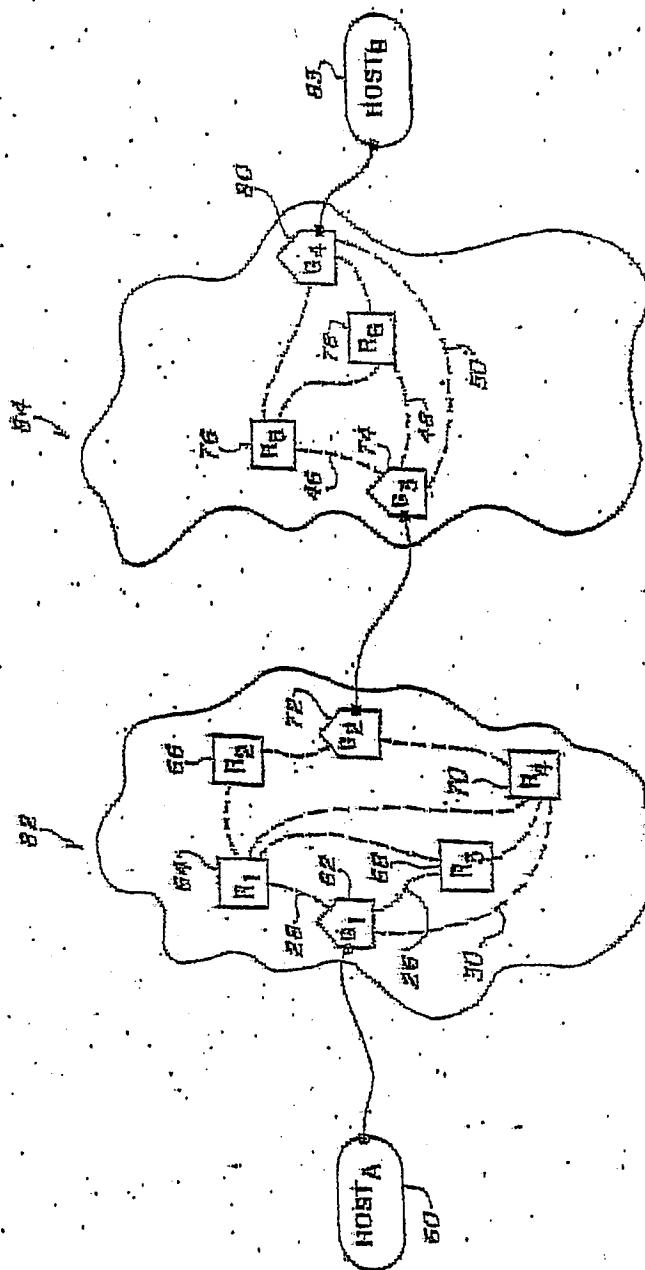
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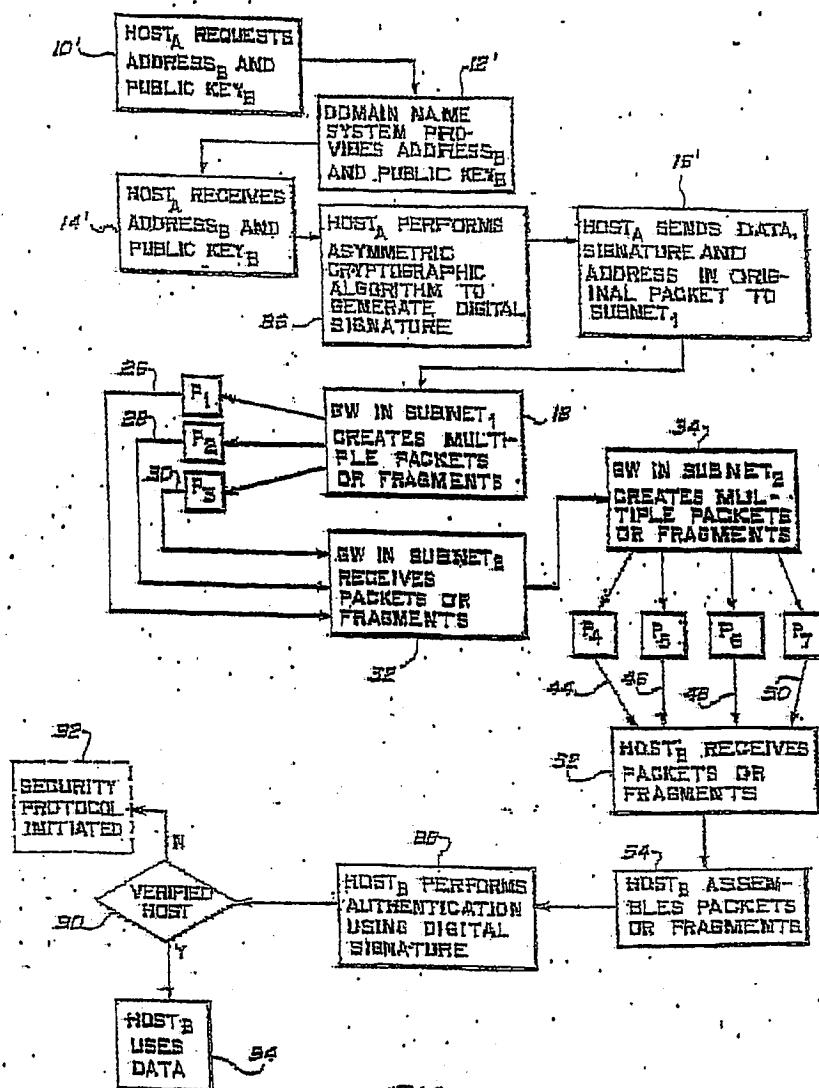


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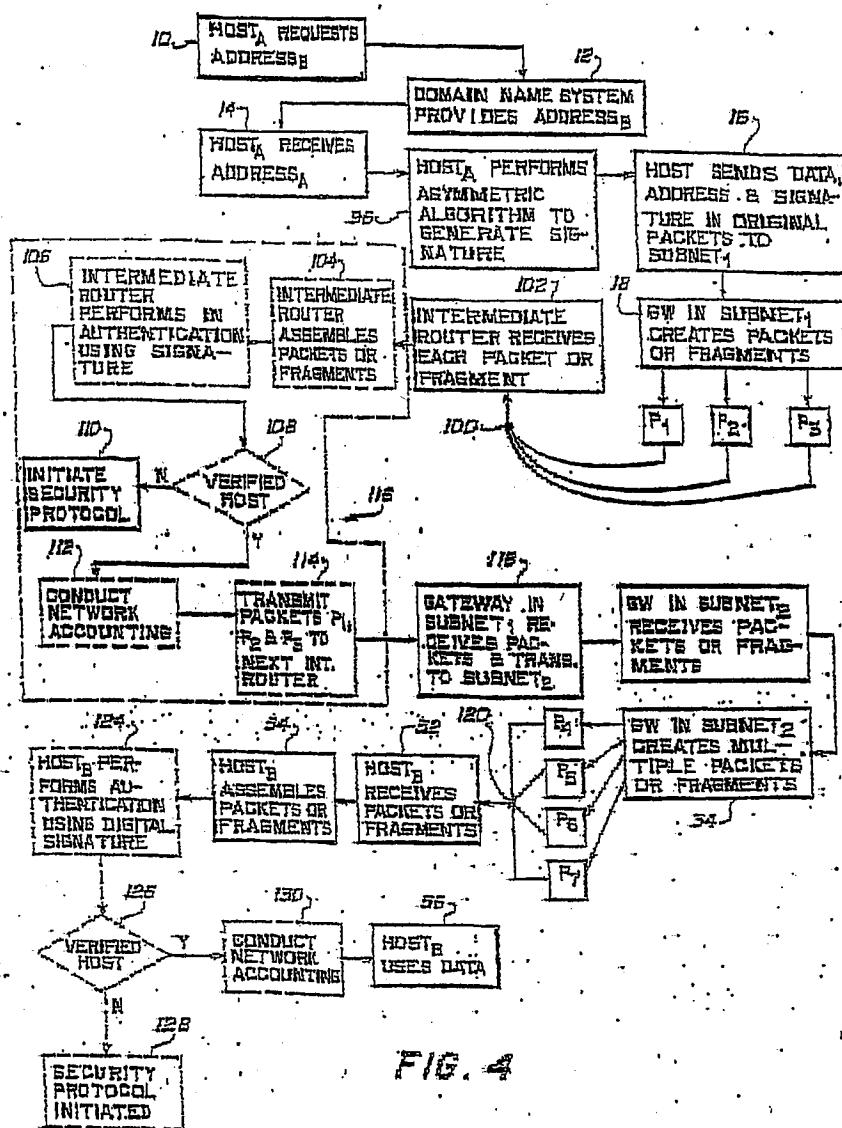


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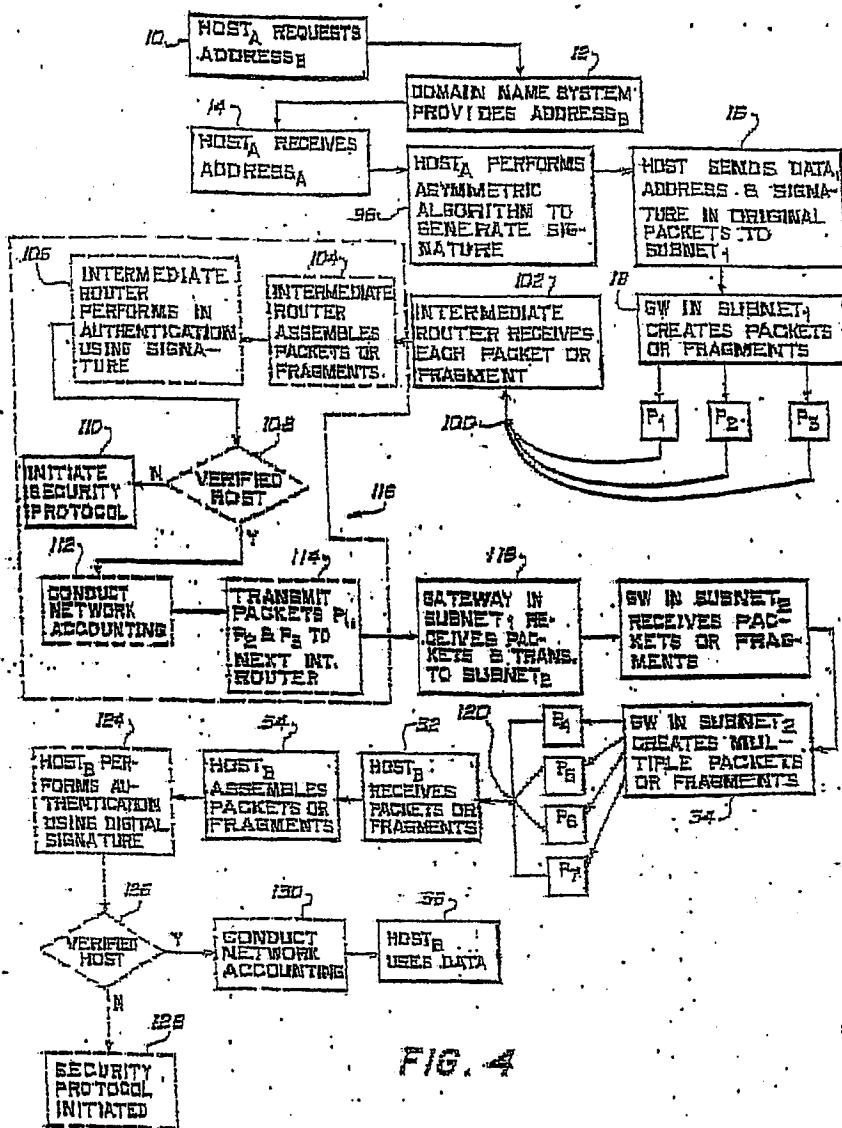


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INTERMEDIATE NETWORK AUTHENTICATION

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

The present invention relates generally to network security in a distributed network or between networks, and more particularly to an internetwork authentication method which is capable of intermediate authentication as well as authentication of fragmented data regardless of the network protocol.

Historically, most networking protocols and architectures have not included solid authentication or confidentiality mechanisms. The MIT Athena project has been the exception to this rule with its development of the Kerberos authentication system. This system is beginning to be implemented at some sites and some workstation manufacturers are considering implementing Kerberos in their standard OS releases, but the overwhelming majority of networked sites have no authentication or confidentiality mechanisms in their network architectures. The ISO (International Standards Organization) OSI (Open Standards Interconnection) suite provides for confidentiality services in the upper layers but does not require authentication of any of the lower layer protocols. These lower layer protocols have a number of security problems of protocols commonly used in the internet and have certain limitations inherent in the Kerberos protocols. The security issues in the IECO OSI suite appear to have gotten less attention than in the Internet suite because the Internet suite is more widely implemented at present.

Recently, the Internet Engineering Task Force has begun to incorporate authentication and confidentiality mechanisms in some protocols, notably the Simple Network Management Protocol (referred to as "SNMP") and Privacy Enhanced Mail. A few other recent protocol specifications, such as for the Border Gateway Protocol (referred to as "BGP") and Open Shortest Path First (referred to as "OSPF"), routing protocols provide hooks for authentication to be added later but do not define or mandate any real authentication mechanism. The OSPF version 3 specification explicitly states that the definition of authentication mechanisms other than the default "no authentication" option are out of the scope of the specification. Similarly, the OSPF version 2 specification notes that "OSPF also provides for the authentication of routing updates, . . . " when in fact the only authentication mechanisms specified are "no authentication" or "clear-text password." Overall, there is no fundamental systemic security capability in the Internet protocol suite at present.

Bellovin, in his article entitled "Security Problems in the TCP/IP Protocol Suite" ACM Computer Communications Review, Vol. 19, No. 2 (April 1989), pp. 32-48 identifies that there are security flaws in the TCP/IP (Transmission Control Protocol/Internet Protocol) protocol suite because basic rely on IP source address for authentication and also because routing protocols have inherent to no authentication. The Bellovin article is incorporated herein by reference. Similarly, the ISO protocol has not paid sufficient attention to building security mechanisms into the network, transport, or routing protocols.

Some proposed computer security policies, such as Clark-Wilson, are not practical to implement using current network protocols, which rely on datagram fragmentation, unless intermediate authentication is provided. For a discussion of such policies, see D. D. Clark and D. R. Wilson, "A

Comparison of Commercial and Military Computer Security Policies," Proceedings of the 1987 IEEE Symposium on Security & Privacy, IEEE Computer Society, Oakland, Calif. (1987), which is incorporated herein by reference.

Aside from concerns about attacks, there is recently much interest in implementing policy-based routing, network usage accounting, and network auditing. None of these may be feasibly implemented unless the network protocol header may be authenticated by content as well as the end hosts. If there is no intermediate authentication, then it is forwarded to spur policy-based routing and to cause others to pay for one's network traffic. Without authentication, auditing cannot yield meaningful results. It is clear that network protocol header authentication is essential for both existing and future services.

Thus, there is a need for providing intermediate authentication in networking. By being able to authenticate a packet while in route, the possibility of host masquerading and network frauds are reduced. Additionally, policy-based routing, network usage accounting, and network auditing may be implemented.

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

It is therefore an object of the present invention to provide an authentication method which will provide for both intermediate authentication as well as host to host authentication in a dangerous network that permits fragmentation of data-packets.

It is a further object to provide an insecure method for determining the network traffic generated by a particular host.

It is yet another object to provide a means for accurately billing a host for its use of network traffic and facilities.

It is yet another object to provide for detection of a non-valid host on a network.

It is yet another object to improve network reliability as well as network security.

It is yet another object to provide support for network routing, network traffic counting, and policy based routing.

In all of the above embodiments, it is an object to provide an authentication system which utilizes an asymmetric key system in the authentication system.

It is still another object of the invention to provide an authentication system in which the first packet or datagram fragment is asymmetrically routed while all succeeding packet fragments or datagram fragments then follow the established path of the first packet fragment or datagram fragment.

According to one broad aspect of the present invention, there is provided a method for network authentication comprising the steps of: choosing a network address and a public key for a receiving host utilizing the "public key" from the receiving host in combination with a "private key" from the sending host to generate a cryptographic signature, transmitting the signature along with data through a first subnetwork to a host and gateway; receiving at least one packet in the receiving host and the receiving host utilizing a private key for said receiving host site and a "public key" for said sending host to verify said cryptographic signature.

According to another broad aspect of the invention, there is provided a method for network authentication of fragmented packets comprising the steps of: requesting a network address for a receiving host from a subnetwork name system; utilizing a "private key" from a sending host to generate a cryptographic signature; transmitting the signa-

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are along with data to a first subnetwerk in at least one packet, having a first packet size which is different from that of the transmitting host, thereby fragmenting the original packet into at least two packet fragments; the packet fragments having a first packet fragment which is transmitted to a first available intermediate gateway or router in the first subnetwerk, and each subsequent fragment of that first packet fragment following the progress of the first packet fragment through the first subnetwerk in a chain fashion; reassembling the fragmented packets at an intermediate gateway or router; performing a verification of the cryptographic signature on the reassembled packet; retransmitting the fragmented packets through the first subnetwerk, receiving at least one packet at the receiving host; and utilizing a public key for the sending host to verify the cryptographic signature.

By being able to provide both host to host authentication as well as intermediate authentication, the possibilities of host impersonating and network attacks are reduced or eliminated. Additionally, policy-based routing, network usage accounting, and network mapping may be implemented.

Other objects and features of the present invention will be apparent from the following detailed description of the preferred embodiment.

BRITER DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS ..

The invention will be further described in conjunction with the accompanying drawings, in which:

FIG. 1 is a flow chart illustrating a method utilized in a typical or prior art communications transaction between host₁ and host₂, in which no authentication is conducted in a network which may employ fragmentation of datagrams;

FIG. 2 is an exemplary network topography of communications between host₁ and host₂, according to the prior art;

FIG. 3 is a flow chart illustrating a first preferred communications transaction between host₁ and host₂, in which end to end authentication is conducted in a network which may employ fragmentation of datagrams; and

FIG. 4 is a flow chart illustrating a second preferred communications transaction between host₁ and host₂, in which both intermediate and end to end authentication may be conducted in a network which may employ fragmentation of datagrams.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE PREFERRED EMBODIMENT

With reference to the Figures, wherein like reference characters indicate like elements throughout the several views and, in particular, with reference to FIGS. 1 and 2, a generic method of host to host communication is illustrated. In order to appreciate the improvements associated with the invention discussed herein, a detailed description of the prior approach to network communication is essential.

In prior network communication applications, a host, generically referred to as host₁ or element₅₀ will wish to communicate with a host, or element₅₃. Host₅₀ may be in the same subnetwerk or network as host₅₃ or may be in a different subnetwerk or network. Network₅₂ is the network comprising host₅₀ and network₅₄ is the network comprising host₅₃. FIGS. 1 and 2 illustrate the condition where host₅₀ and host₅₃ are in different subnetwerks. When host₅₀ wishes in communications with host₅₃, host₅₀ will obtain the address and key of host₅₃ from a

subnetwerk name system via the networks or from a configuration table at host₅₀. This request is illustrated by box 10 to FIG. 1. The network name system will provide the route/addresses of host₅₃ to host₅₀ as illustrated by box 12. Next, the network address is received by host₅₀, see box 14. After receiving the address, host₅₀ begins to transmit datagrams or packets towards host₅₃ via a gateway₅₂, see box 16. The physical communication protocol being used between host₅₀ and network₅₂ will vary with the particular type of host and network. The above described method is one of several well known methods for obtaining the network address of a host.

Subnetwork₅₂, as illustrated by box 18, will then process data into packets, which are link or subnetwerk specific. A standard protocol which is utilized is the IP. In this protocol, datagrams or packets are formed from the data stream. Packets generally comprise a header section, a data section and a trailer section. The specific relationship between these sections or the existence of these sections are protocol specific and thus will not be discussed in any detail. The data may be fragmented by the creation of packets for subnetwerk₅₂ and thereby take different routes through subnetwerk₅₂ towards host₅₃. For illustrative purposes, three packets or fragmented packets, P₁, P₂ and P₃ are illustrated. These packets are transmitted through subnetwerk₅₂ by a conventional transmission method. Each packet or fragment may take a different route through the subnetwerk as illustrated by lines 26, 28 and 30 which correspond to the routes of packets P₁, P₂ and P₃, respectively. Thus, such packet may go through a different intermediate router₅₆, 58, 60 or 70 as illustrated in FIG. 2.

U.S. Pat. No. 5,175,761 to Perlman is exemplary of the drawbacks of the prior art. Perlman discloses an authentication system which utilizes an asymmetric key system to authenticate a data packet. This system utilizes a robust broadcasting technique and therefore is not capable of performing intermediate fragmentation or intermediate authentication for the reasons discussed above. Both of these capabilities are important for proper network usage accounting.

Eventually, packets P₁, P₂ and P₃ will emerge through subnetwerk₅₂ along the desired lines in FIG. 2. In a configuration not shown, if host₅₃ were located within subnetwerk₅₂, host₅₃ would receive the packets and reassemble them prior access to the data contained therein. Host₅₃ would utilize the data and will assume that the sender, host₅₀, is the actual sender of the data. Thus, there would not be any end to end or intermediate authentication of the host or data. In this situation, the data would be fragmented only once, i.e., during the creation of packets P₁, P₂ and P₃.

In the configuration shown in FIG. 2, host₅₃ is located in a different subnetwerk, 54 than subnetwerk₅₂. Packets P₁, P₂ and P₃ will be transmitted from gateway 72 of subnetwerk₅₂ to gateway 74 of subnetwerk₅₄. This step is illustrated in FIG. 1, in block 32. The link/subnetwerk protocols utilized in subnetwerk₅₂ may differ from those of subnetwerk₅₄. In this situation, subnetwerk₅₂ will create additional packets P₄, P₅, P₆ and P₇, see block 34. Four packets have been used for illustrative purposes only but any number of packets may be generated by subnetwerk₅₂. Since the link or subnetwerk protocols of subnetwerk₅₂ and subnetwerk₅₄ may be different, the size of the packets may also be different. Thus, the original data, header and trailer information of each packet in subnetwerk₅₂ may now appear in different packets in subnetwerk₅₄, i.e., the information from packet P₁ may now be contained

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between packets P_4 and P_5 . Thus, the data has been fragmented for a second time. Packets P_4 , P_5 , P_6 and P_7 are transmitted through the intermediate routers R_6 and R_7 of subnetwork $S4$ along the dashed lines of subnetwork $S4$ and in a similar fashion to that of subnetwork $S2$ above. There may be no number of intermediate routers and those used in FIG. 2 are for illustrative purposes only. Lines 44, 46, 48 and 50 illustrate the transmission concept in FIG. 1.

In such a technique, the ability to authenticate packets at an intermediate gateway or router, such as router R_6 , is completely lost since each packet fragment may take a different route through subnetwork $S4$. Additionally, since the information contained in packet P_1 may be split between packets P_4 and P_5 , it is impossible to assemble the information of packet P_1 at an intermediate gateway or router. In this situation, the original data is fragmented two times, i.e., once when packets P_1 , P_2 and P_3 are created and once when packets P_4 , P_5 , P_6 and P_7 are created.

Eventually, packets P_1 , P_2 , P_3 and P_7 will reassemble through subnetwork $S4$ along the dashed lines in FIG. 2. Host $H5$ will receive the packets and reassemble them in order according to the data contained therein, see blocks 52 through 56. Host $H5$ will utilize this data and will realize that the sender, host $H1$, is the actual sender of the data. Thus, there is no need to end-to-end or intermediate authentication of the host or data.

Several U.S. Patents have touched on the subject of authentication. For example, U.S. Pat. No. 4,965,827 is McDonald disclosure on authentication algorithm for verifying that addresses have not been tampered or changed during transmission. This method utilizes a symmetrical cryptographic mechanism which is only used for the authentication of the data. In a symmetric key system, the same key is used for encryption and decryption and does not provide the protection of an asymmetric key system. The McDonald system provides no means for authenticating that a particular host has genuinely sent the data. Thus, a host may masquerade as a valid host and send invalid data over the network. Additionally, network applications including implementable authentication are not described by the McDonald patent. As another example of U.S. Patent discussing authentication, U.S. Pat. No. 5,243,599 is Beltrami et al., discloses a key management protocol which could be used over a network which is not secure.

The above description provides a basic understanding of how data is transferred between host $H1$ and host $H5$. Now we will turn to a new method of host authentication as illustrated in FIGS. 3 and 4. FIG. 3 illustrates a host to host authentication method and FIG. 4 illustrates a host to intermediate gateway or router authentication method. Like reference numerals have been utilized where there is no significant difference between the invention and the prior art. Figures above the reference numerals have been utilized where the elements are similar to the prior art but have additional features or modifications. Finally, new reference numerals are provided for new steps which are conducted.

Cryptographic Method

Before a description of the new methods are provided, it is necessary to describe current cryptographic mechanisms. Cryptographic mechanisms provide the greatest assurance of the authenticity of data. Cryptographic systems come in two varieties, asymmetric key and symmetric key. See, R. Schneier, "Applied Cryptography," John Wiley & Sons, Inc., New York, N.Y. (1994), p.3, which is incorporated herein by

reference. In a symmetric key system, the same key is used for encryption and decryption. When providing confidentiality using an asymmetric system, each party has two keys, one public and one private, and data is usually encrypted using the sender's private key and the recipient's public key. When providing authentication using an asymmetric system, the data and the keys are used to generate digital signature. That signature is verified by the recipient using the data received and the appropriate decryption keys.

Host to Host Authentication

Turning now to FIG. 3, the steps involved in a new method of host authentication are illustrated. A host, generally referred to as host $H1$ or element 60 will wish to communicate with a host, or element 62. Host $H1$ may be in the same subnetwork or network 62 as host $H2$ or may be in a different subnetwork or network 64. FIGS. 1 and 3 illustrate the condition where host $H1$ and host $H2$ are in different subnetworks, 62 and 64, respectively. When host $H1$ wishes to communicate with host $H2$, host $H1$ will request the address and public key of host $H2$ from a subnetwork name system. This request is illustrated by box 100 in FIG. 3. The public key request is important in this new method and its importance will be discussed in detail below.

Subnetwork Name System

It is possible to distribute the public keys to all hosts and users of the internetwork, see Micalagris, Paul, Domain Names: Implementation and Specification, RFC-1035, ICPN Network Information Center (November, 1987) which is hereby incorporated by reference. Public keys for hosts are included in the subnetwork database and all subnetwork responses are authenticated. This means that all of host public keys are distributed in an unauthenticated manner. Non-service responses need not be authenticated or confidential in the general case. However, if the visibility of some data in the non-service database is to be controlled, then authenticated confidential requests would be required to access non-public data and authenticated confidential responses to such requests would also be required. The public keys for the domain servers should be made readily available, such as by telephone and postal mail, so that system administrators may have confidence in the authenticity of the root public key. Otherwise, if the correct root public key was not widely known, an intruder would be easily able to masquerade as the legitimate nameserver.

Because the user and application level keys are distributed using mechanisms implemented in the local host, those keys may be changed easily by the user without much concern for the key change being delayed in propagation to all of the directory or network name service providers. Host keys are less easily changed, but such changes should be regularly scheduled in order to limit damage from compromised keys.

Modifications To Current Protocol

This section describes additions and changes to the Internet Protocol, suite to enable its use to distribute asymmetric keys and to enable its responses to be authenticated.

A new TYPE field is added to the resource records in the Domain Name System. This new field contains a signed asymmetric host authentication key to be used by hosts attempting to authenticate network partners. Each host which transmits any unauthenticated frames must have this record in the Domain Name System (inferred to as "DNS") and the value of the record must be correctly advertised. The pro-

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pose name of this new DNS record type is HAK. The value of the HAK is represented as hexadecimal numbers using the digits 0 through 9 and letters A through F. The HAK record's value is the authentication key certificate used for that host that the HAK record is associated with. No HAK records may exist that are not associated with a specific host.

All Subnetwork Name System responses from nameservers provide authentication. All Subnetwork Name System requests should provide authentication. Hosts receiving an unauthenticated response should take note of the lack of authentication and may ignore unauthenticated responses if required by the security policy applicable to the subnetwork of the receiving host or take appropriate action. Hosts receiving a response containing incorrect authentication data should discard the response without processing it further.

To provide user asymmetric keys for encryption or authentication, it is suggested that a new service, the Key Information Protocol or KIP, be provided. This service would accept requests for user public keys and would respond only if such information were available. The "no key exists for that user" and "bad user not valid here" cases would both cause an "invalid request" to be sent back to the requestor. All responses would use IP authentication. The Key Information Protocol would also use the host's public authentication key in the KIP response to enable the recipient to authenticate the response. KIP should provide for separate authentication and confidentiality keys. Depending on the selected need, KIP could even be extended to use a Needham & Schiller-like mechanism to set up and use asymmetric keys for some session with the two KIP parties thus key set up securely (such as itself or its local user). See, Needham, R. M. and Schiller, J. D., "Using Encryption for Authentication in Large Networks of Computers," Communications of the ACM, Vol. 21, No. 12 (December 1978), pages 829-832, which is incorporated herein by reference. The use of the Needham & Schiller-type symmetric key mechanism is less desirable than using asymmetric key technology because of the increased complexity.

When the KIP protocol is implemented, a new Domain Name System record should be added that would point to the name of the host, providing KIP services for a host or subnetwork.

Turning back to the steps in the basic first-authentication method illustrated in FIG. 3, the subnetwork name system will provide either the name of the nameserver for the subnetwork containing the desired host or the public key and address of the desired host. All responses would be authenticated using the public key of the nameserver and any unauthenticated responses would be discarded and ignored. It might be valuable in null all unauthenticated responses. This process would be repeated as necessary until the requesting host received an authentic response containing the public key and address of the desired other host. If the locally trusted nameserver was capable of doing so, responses there would be reusable despite having authentication. Using local nameservers and caching is a good implementation strategy for nameservice regardless of whether authentication is used. This process of the subnetwork name server polling and sending the address and public key is illustrated by box 12.

As shown in box 13, the network address and public key information is next received by host 50. At this point, host 50 uses an asymmetric cryptographic algorithm to generate a digital signature, see box 14. As discussed further below, the public key of host 50 is used in combination with the private key of host 50 to generate a digital signature.

Asymmetric Algorithm

An asymmetric algorithm is utilized to generate a digital signature. This may be accomplished in several ways. The first method is to utilize a well known asymmetric algorithm such as RSA. See, U.S. Pat. No. 4,405,829 to R. L. Rivest, A. Shamir and L. M. Adleman, which is incorporated herein by reference. A second method is to encrypt the output of a symmetric cryptographic hash function using an asymmetric encryption algorithm. A third method is to use a keyed asymmetric cryptographic hash algorithm. The above three methods have been utilized in the past to provide end-to-end application-layer authentication but have not been used to provide intermediate network authentication. There is a significant difference between authenticating the integrity of transmitted data, i.e. application-layer authentication, and network-layer authentication, the subject matter of this application. For convenience, the output of the asymmetric algorithm will be referred to as a digital signature.

Confidentiality and authentication might also be built into applications above the transport layer or into the transport layer itself. In some cases, it might be desirable to also use mechanisms built into the upper layer protocol that are independent of these network-layer mechanisms. For example, the Secure SNMP specifications build authentication and optional confidentiality mechanisms into the SNMP applications. This approach has the disadvantage that a security breach at a higher layer does not necessarily compromise the security at the network layer. However, security above the network layer does not provide authentication or confidentiality to all network users as applications and is not a general approach. For examples of transport-layer protocols, see ITU-T, "Recommendation X.25," ITU-T, "Network Information Center (Berkeley, 1981)" and ITU-T, "OSI Transport Protocol Specification, IS-IS23, ISO (1984), both of which are hereby incorporated by reference.

The next question is what will the asymmetric algorithm be used on, i.e., the data, the header information or the entire network protocol frame. It makes more sense to authenticate the entire network protocol frame than the header information. The incremental cost of authenticating the entire frame instead of just the headers is not significant and the increased entropy and size of the authenticated information makes many cryptographic attacks on the authentication header, while also ensuring the authenticity of the data. Below, in "Security Problems in the TCP/IP Protocol Suite" (supra) described a number of attacks at the transport layer, such as using TCP sequence number prediction to impersonate another host's connection. Even trustworthy hosts need to isolate user connections from one another and to ensure that no user is capable of impersonating another user via networking mechanisms. The ability to provide circuit-oriented confidentiality mechanisms is also desirable. Neither TCP nor OSI transport protocol currently provides either authentication or confidentiality mechanisms, which is the area of this disclosure, although the U.S. Government has published a standard called SP4 that adds security to TCP and an ISO OSI Transport Protocol.

While it is possible to support transport authentication using entirely different mechanisms than those used to provide network authentication, it is desirable to devise a common approach to authentication so that the overhead of implementation is minimized and so that the different services integrate together nicely. Moreover, there is a potential for decreased size in the trusted code required to implement the authentication service. It is usually easier to verify the correctness and trustworthiness of smaller amounts of code than larger amounts of code.

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Turning back to the steps in the host to host authentication method illustrated in FIG. 3, after performing the asymmetric encryption, host₄, 60 begins to transmit data, address and the digital signature to subnetwork, 82 via a gateway 52, see box 15. The link/subnetwork communication protocol being used between host₄, 60 and subnetwork, 82 may vary with the particular type of host and network and thus, the location of the signature may vary.

Subnetwork, 82, as illustrated by box 16, will then process data into packets or fragments which are network or subnetwork specific. For illustrative purposes, three packets or, P₁, P₂ and P₃ are illustrated. Packets generally comprise a header section, a data section and a trailer section. The specific relationship between these sections or the existence of these sections are protocol specific and thus will not be discussed in detail. The location of the signature may be in any of the above identified packet sections. These packets are transmitted through subnetwork, 82 by a conventional transmission method. The packets may also be routed as will be discussed in relation to the intermediate authentication method, below. Each packet or fragment may take a different route through the network as illustrated by lines 26, 28 and 30 which correspond to the routes of packets, P₁, P₂ and P₃, respectively. Thus, each packet may go through a different intermediate router 64, 66, 68 or 70 as illustrated in FIG. 1.

An intermediate router is my device which routes packets between any two communication devices. A gateway is an intermediate router which connects two subnetworks. Therefore, the terms may be used interchangeably throughout the detailed description.

Eventually, packets, P₁, P₂ and P₃ will migrate through subnetwork, 82 along the dashed lines in FIG. 2. In an architecture not shown, in which host₄, 60 is located within subnetwork, 82, then host₄, 60 will receive the packets or fragments and reassemble them to gain access to the data and signature contained therein. Host₄, 60 will utilize a corresponding asymmetric algorithm to decode or verify the signature and thereby verify the authenticity of host₂, 62. This is accomplished by utilizing the public key of host₂, 62 in combination with the private key of host₄, 60, see the discussion on encryption above.

If host₄, 60 is located in another subnetwork, 84, as illustrated in FIG. 2, then packets, P₁, P₂ and P₃ will be transmitted from gateway 72 of subnetwork, 82 to gateway 74 of subnetwork, 84. This step is illustrated in FIG. 3 as block 32. The link/subnetwork protocols utilized in subnetwork, 82 may differ from that of subnetwork, 84. In this situation, subnetwork, 84 will create additional packets or fragments P₄, P₅, P₆ and P₇, see block 34. Four packets have been used for illustrative purposes only and any number of 30 packets may be generated by subnetwork, 84. Since the protocols of subnetwork, 82 and subnetwork, 84 may be different, the size of the packets may also be different. Thus, the original signature, data, header and trailer information of each packet in subnetwork, 82 may now appear in different packets in subnetwork, 84, i.e., the information from packet P₁ may now be contained between packets P₄ and P₅. As stated above, packets P₁, P₂, P₃ and P₇ are transmitted through the intermediate routers 76 and 78 of subnetwork, 84 along the dashed lines of subnetwork, 84 and in a similar fashion to that of subnetwork, 82 above. Obviously, the packets may be transmitted in a random manner to best explained for the intermediate authentication method below. There may be any number of intermediate routers and links between routers and those used in FIG. 2 are for illustrative purposes only. Lines 44, 46, 48 and 50 illustrate the general transmission concept in FIG. 3.

The ability to reassemble packets at an intermediate gateway or router, such as router 76, is not a concern in a host to host authentication method.

Eventually, packets P₁, P₂, P₃ and P₇ will migrate through subnetwork, 84 along the dashed lines in FIG. 2. Host₄, 60 will receive the packets and reassemble them to gain access to the signature data contained therein, see blocks 52 and 54. Host₄, 60 will utilize a corresponding asymmetric algorithm to decode or verify the signature and thereby verify the authenticity of host₂, 62. This is accomplished by utilizing the public key of host₄, 60 in combination with the private key of host₂, 62, see the discussion on cryptographic algorithms above. If host₄, 60 is authentic, then the data will be utilized by host₄, 60. Otherwise, a security protocol may be initiated to notify a network official of a potential security problem, see block 56.

Intermediate Authentication

Turning now to FIG. 4, a method for intermediate authentication is illustrated. This method is very similar to that of the host to host authentication as described above. Therefore, only the differences between the two methods will be discussed in detail.

In order to permit any intermediate network gateway or router to authenticate the contents of the network frame, the public key for each host is published and the private key is kept private by that host. The reading host, 60 uses its public encryption key plus the data to generate a cryptographic signature which is embedded in the packet, see block 58. In this method, the public key of host₄, 60 is not requested or utilized in any manner.

Network frames are frequently fragmented into smaller frames that will fit within the size limitation of the protocols to be implemented in the link or subnetwork layer. Thus, the original frames may be fragmented, i.e., packets P₁, P₂ and P₃ may be different in size than the ones originally transmitted by host₄, 60. In subnetwork, 82, in most cases currently, reassembly only occurs at the destination node and has no impact with respect to performance degradation associated with packet fragmentation/reassembly. Intermediate nodes, such as routers or gateways, need not pay the reassembly cost unless they wish to perform intermediate authentication. Note that the original network packets may still be routed independently and dynamically and thus this new technique is still very flexible. When the packets originate from the subnetwork, 82, to another, the packets may be reassembled into the original packets and then be transmitted as the original packets, thereby avoiding additional fragmentation, and allowing for dynamic routing of the original packets in the current subnetwork.

These packet fragments are introduced to subnetwork, 82 as described above. The fragments are transmitted through subnetwork, 82 in a very different manner. The first fragment of each original packet to be transmitted is sent to the first available intermediate router in a conventional fashion. Each subsequent fragment of the original packet will then follow the same route as the final fragment through subnetwork, 82. This method is significantly different than the transmission scheme which is utilized in the prior art. Thus, the packet fragments form a train through subnetwork, 82 as illustrated in FIG. 4 by point 98 and line 100. Each original packet is coded conventionally unless the original packet is fragmented. In the case when the packet is fragmented, each packet fragment will traverse the same route as its first fragment.

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At this stage, the intermediate router may decide to authenticate the packet fragment information. The decision on when and how often to authenticate will be a policy decision and will vary between subnetworks. If the intermediate router does perform authentication, then the intermediate router will assemble the packet fragments P_1 , P_2 and P_3 , see dashed box 114. This step is necessary since the original packets have been fragmented, i.e., packets P_1 , P_2 and P_3 are different in size than the ones originally transmitted by host 100 in subnetwork 82. Then the intermediate router reads the reassembled packet to determine the sender's identity and attempts to confirm that the claimed sender's public key produces the correct results when applied to the embedded digital signature, see dashed boxes 106 and 108. If there is a correct result from the asynchronous algorithm, then the sender and the data are authentic. Otherwise, the sender or some part of the data is not authentic. This permits policy-based routing and load-balancing according to be dependably implemented as illustrated in dashed box 112. Finally, the intermediate router transmits the reassembled packet to the next router or gateway, possibly retransmitting the packet if necessary, see dashed box 114. The above process may be repeated by each intermediate router or gateway and is illustrated by dashed block 116. Note that the reassembled packets may still be routed independently and dynamically and to the new destination router's gateway.

The packet fragments are eventually received by subnetwork 84 as described above. As stated previously, there may be a second fragmentation problem which may occur when packets P_1 , P_2 , P_3 and P_4 are formed. One must have the entire original network frame intact in order to attempt to authenticate it. Network frames are frequently fragmented into smaller frames that will fit within the size limitation of the protocols in and underneath the link or subnetwork layer as illustrated by packets P_1 , P_2 , P_3 and P_4 . This means that at each point where a router or gateway wishes to attempt to authenticate the network packet, it must reassemble all of the components of the original network packet first. It also means that if my intermediate router or gateway does not reassemble the original frame before sending or reassembling different fragments of a given network packet over different routes, that intermediate routers or gateways downstream from that gateway router will be unable to authenticate the fragmented network packets.

In most cases currently, reassembly only occurs at the destination node. Interconnection nodes, such as routers or gateways, do not currently pay this cost. Reassembly and potential subsequent refragmentation will impair backbone performance when the link and physical protocols carry very small amounts of data in each lower level frame. This imposition may be reduced by utilizing appropriate hardware. Commercially available routers commonly have such hardware.

Any gateway or router in subnetwork 84 is capable of intermediate authentication by executing the steps illustrated in dashed block 116.

Eventually, packets P_1 , P_2 , P_3 and P_4 will retransmit through subnetwork 84 along the dashed lines in FIG. 2. Host 100 will receive the packets and reassemble them to gain access to the signature data contained therein, see blocks 81 and 84. Host 100 will utilize a corresponding asymmetric algorithm to decode or verify the signature and thereby verify the authenticity of host 100, see block 124. This is accomplished by utilizing the public key of host 100, see the discussion on encryption above. If host 100 is authentic, then network accounting will take place and the data will be utilized by

host 100, see blocks 130 and 36. Otherwise, a security protocol may be initiated to modify a network object of a potential security problem, see block 128.

Proposed Protocol Modifications

This section describes proposed changes to protocols to utilize the above described method. For example, 3 authentication modes are illustrated in FIGS. 1, 3 and 4. Other authentication modes are possible with this scheme. One is the degenerate case of no authentication, and two actually provide some authentication. The existence of these authentication case permits hosts or networks not interested in the offered security properties to go without them and not have to pay for what they do not seek to use. The first real authentication mode suggested would use the MD5 digital signature algorithm applied across the header of the network-layer frame and then encoded using previously agreed upon DES encryption key using the checksum block mode of DES. See, Rivest, R. & Daus, S., "The MD5 Message-Digest Algorithm," RFC-1321, ICPN Network Information Center (April, 1992); NBS, NIST PUB 46, "Data Encryption Standard (DES)," National Bureau of Standards, U.S. Department of Commerce (January, 1977). The second real authentication mode would use the MD5 digest algorithm having been applied across the entire network-layer frame (exclusive of the authentication information field) and then have that encoded using RSA encryption.

Additional Benefits

Another critical service that needs authentication is the network-name service. If an intruder may masquerade as the legitimate name-service provider, he may cause denial-of-service attacks, may modify data in transit, and may make other attacks on users of the internetwork. If however, the name-service were authenticated, these attacks would not be possible.

Additionally, this authentication architecture could be used to implement the Clark-Wilson commercial security policy over a network or internetwork. To support Clark-Wilson, authentication of users and identities is essential. In the approach suggested here, the hosts would be authenticated to each other and could provide user authentication keys or such keys could be placed in a central directory service with its recipient being authenticated. Full protection from host impersonating and network traffic control policies could be easily enforced. Since the Clark-Wilson policy is more concerned with integrity than confidentiality, this might be sufficient for a commercial firm or educational institution. Confidentiality could easily be added at the transport layer or above if it were needed and not an degrade performance for applications or users that didn't need it.

With a few extensions the approach outlined here could also support a multi-level security policy using either a "pink architecture", or a "red/blue architecture". "Pink architecture", and "red/blue architecture" are described in Cole, Raymond, Jr. et al., "Multi-Level Secure Mixed-Media Communication Networks," Proceedings of the 1989 IEEE Conference on Military Communications (MILCOM '89), IEEE, New York, N.Y. For example, there might be encryption of user data immediately above the transport layer or the transport layer itself might be encrypted. Either asymmetric or symmetric keys could be used, through use of the latter would complicate key management. Because the network layer is fully authenticated, the receiving host, may be

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confident of where the transmission originated. Also, vulnerability to certain kinds of denial or service attacks may be significantly reduced by precluding the effects described earlier. Use of the link encryption below the network layer to minimize the effectiveness of traffic analysis remains feasible and is unaffected by network layer or higher mechanisms such as these.

It appears feasible to implement the required changes to the existing protocols in a way that would retain interoperability with older versions. Moreover, this architecture scales nicely to large internetworks such as the current Internet. There are a number of hardware implementations of DES available already and it is feasible to implement digital signature algorithms and asymmetric key cryptography in hardware as well. If these were integrated into a chip, the cost of authentication would be minimized. Moreover, hosts that do not wish to use authentication do not have to. Only the root nameservers and hosts wishing to use authentication services need pay for its implementation, costs and overhead.

Although the present invention has been fully described in connection with the preferred embodiment thereof with reference to the accompanying drawings, it is to be noted that various changes and modifications are apparent to those skilled in the art. Such changes and modifications are to be understood, as included within the scope of the present invention as defined by the appended claims, unless they depart therefrom.

What is claimed is:

1. A method for authenticating an originating host at a receiving host, said method comprising the steps of:

(a) obtaining a network address and a public key of said receiving host;

(b) utilizing said public key from said receiving host in combination with a private key from said sending host to generate a cryptographic signature;

(c) transmitting said cryptographic signature along with data through a first subnetwerk in at least one packet;

(d) receiving said at least one packet at said receiving host; and

(e) said receiving host utilizing a private key of said receiving host and a public key of said originating host to verify said cryptographic signature.

2. The method recited in claim 1, wherein an asymmetric algorithm is used to generate said cryptographic signature.

3. The method recited in claim 2, wherein said asymmetric algorithm is an RSA digital signature algorithm.

4. A method for authentication of an originating host at a receiving host, said method comprising the steps of:

(a) obtaining a network address for said receiving host;

(b) utilizing a private key from said originating host to generate a cryptographic signature;

(c) transmitting said cryptographic signature along with data through a first subnetwerk in at least one packet, having a first packet size;

(d) receiving said at least one packet at said receiving host; and

(e) said receiving host utilizing a public key of said originating host to verify said cryptographic signature.

5. The method recited in claim 4 wherein an asymmetric algorithm is used to generate said cryptographic signature.

6. The method recited in claim 5, wherein said asymmetric algorithm is an RSA digital signature algorithm.

7. A method for authentication of an originating host at a receiving host and one or more intermediate routers, said method comprising the steps of:

(a) obtaining a network address for said receiving host;

(b) utilizing a private key from said originating host to generate a cryptographic signature;

(c) transmitting said cryptographic signature along with data through two or more subnetwerks in at least one packet having a first packet size, where the packet is fragmented into 2 or more packet fragments during transit from said originating host to said receiving host;

(d) receiving said at least one packet at said receiving host; and

(e) said receiving host utilizing a public key of said originating host to verify said cryptographic signature.

8. The method recited in claim 7 wherein said transmitting step is conducted by transmitting a first fragmented packet of said first subnetwerk packet to a first available intermediate router, and each subsequent fragmented packet of said first subnetwerk packets following the progress of said first fragmented packet through said second subnetwerk in a train like fashion.

9. The method recited in claim 4, wherein said at least one packet having a first packet size is fragmented and thereby forming at least two fragmented packets, said fragmented packets having a first fragmented packet which is transmitted to a first available intermediate router in said first subnetwerk, and each subsequent fragmented packet following the progress of said first fragmented packet through said first subnetwerk in a train like fashion.

10. The method recited in claim 9 wherein said packet fragments are authenticated at an intermediate router by first assembling said packet fragments and then utilizing a public key of said originating host to verify said cryptographic signature.

11. The method recited in claim 10 wherein said packet fragments are authenticated at an intermediate router by first assembling said packet fragments and then utilizing a public key of said originating host to verify said cryptographic signature.

12. The method recited in claim 11 wherein said packet fragments are authenticated at an intermediate router by first assembling said packet fragments and then utilizing a public key of said originating host to verify said cryptographic signature.

13. The method recited in claim 1, wherein said receiving host, utilizing a public key of said originating host, verifies that said data has been sent by said sending host by utilizing said cryptographic signature.

14. The method recited in claim 4 wherein said receiving host, utilizing a public key of said originating host, verifies that said data has been sent by said originating host by utilizing said cryptographic signature.

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ABSTRACT

An intermediate authentication method is provided for verifying a sending host by a receiving host or an intermediate router or gateway. The method comprises the steps of obtaining a network address and a public key of a receiving host utilizing the public key from the receiving host in combination with a private key of the originating host to generate a cryptographic signature, transmitting the signature along with data through a first subnetwork to a second subnetwork, receiving at least one packet at the receiving host, and the receiving host utilizing a private key of said receiving host site and a public key of said originating host to verify said cryptographic signature.

14 Claims; 4 Drawing Sheets

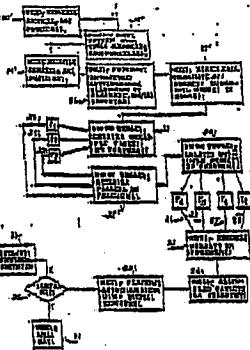


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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
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NETWORK SIGNATURES, INC., v. COLGATE-PALMOLIVE COMPANY, a Delaware corporation,	PLAINTIFF(S)	CASE NUMBER CV10-4610 JHN (SSx))
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A lawsuit has been filed against you.

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Clerk, U.S. District Court

By: DODIE LAGMAN
 Deputy Clerk

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CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA**

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