EAP & RADUIS

Extensible Authentication Protocol
Remote Authentication Dial In User Service

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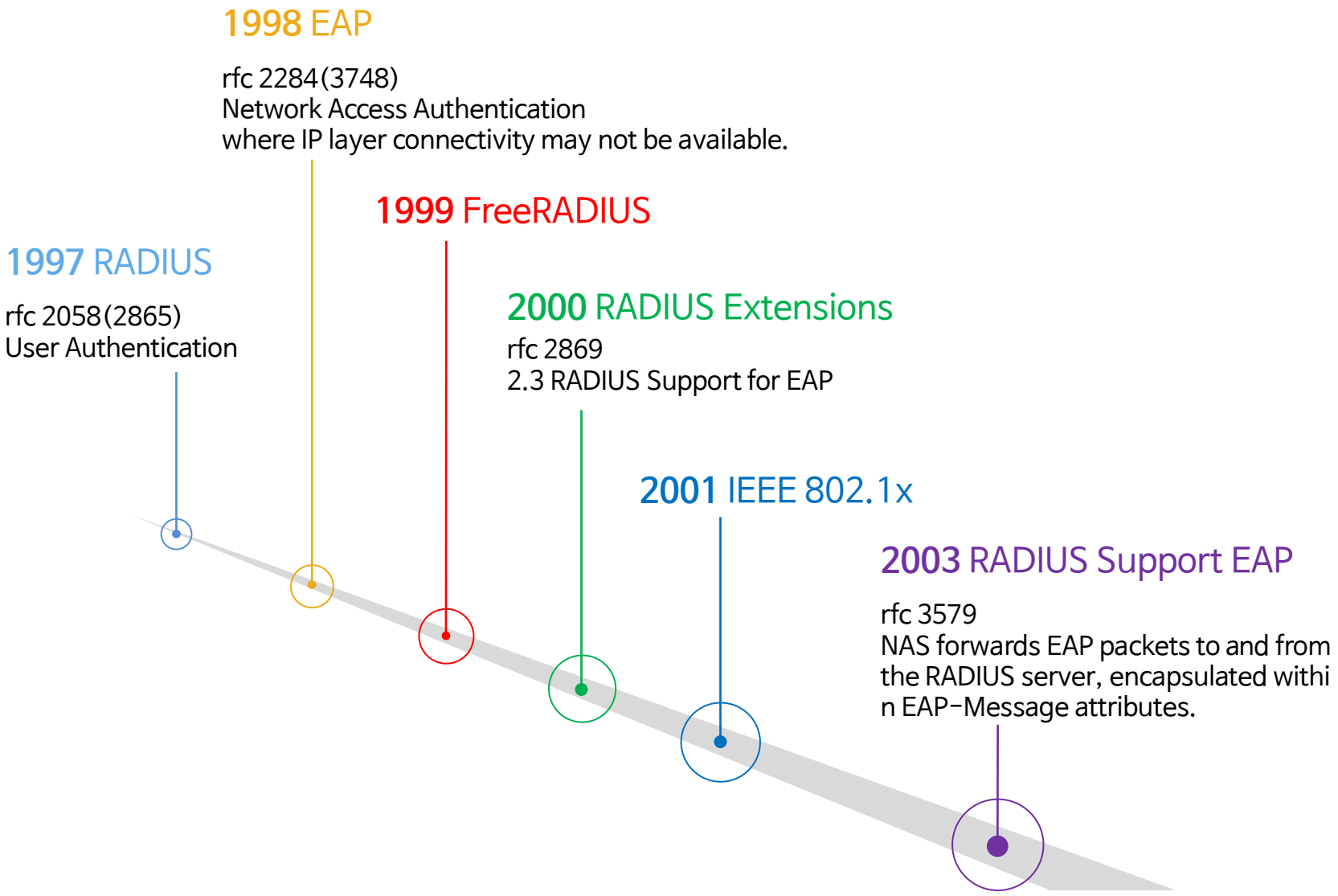
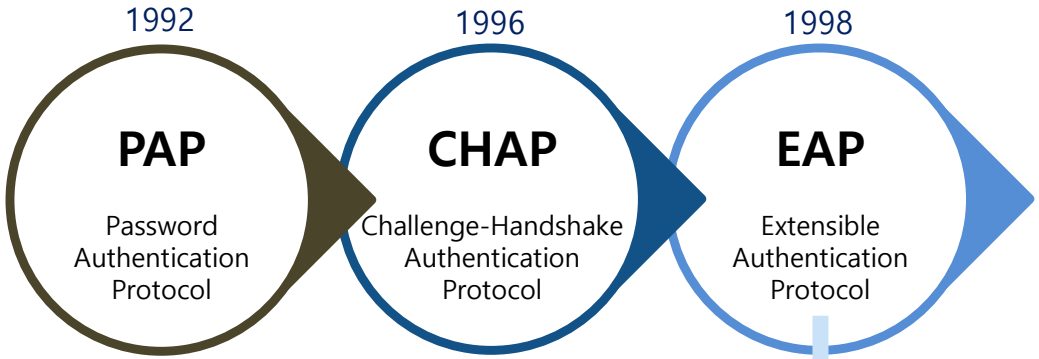
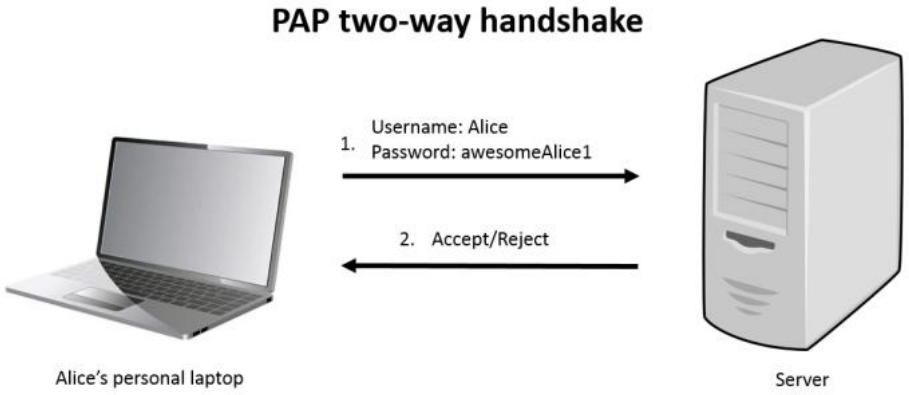

1998 EAP
rfc 2284(3748)
Network Access Authentication
where IP layer connectivity may not be available.
1999 FreeRADIUS
1997 RADIUS
rfc 2058(2865)
User Authentication
2000 RADIUS Extensions
rfc 2869
2.3 RADIUS Support for EAP
2001 IEEE 802.1x
2003 RADIUS Support EAP
rfc 3579
NAS forwards EAP packets to and from
the RADIUS server, encapsulated withi
n EAP-Message attributes.

Authentication Protocols for PPP [12] [13]

- Protocols are used mainly by Point-to-Point Protocol (PPP) servers
  - to validate the identity of remote clients
  - before granting them access to server data.
- Most of them use a password as the cornerstone of the authentication.





EAP Methods

- EAP-MD5
- EAP-TLS
- EAP-TTLS
- EAP-FAST
- EAP-PEAP
- EAP-GTC
- PEAP-GTC
- .....

AAA architecture Protocols [13]

TACACS, XTACACS and TACACS+
The oldest AAA protocol using IP based authentication without any encryption.

RADIUS
Full AAA protocol commonly used by ISP.
Credentials are mostly username-password combination based.
Use NAS and UDP protocol for transport.

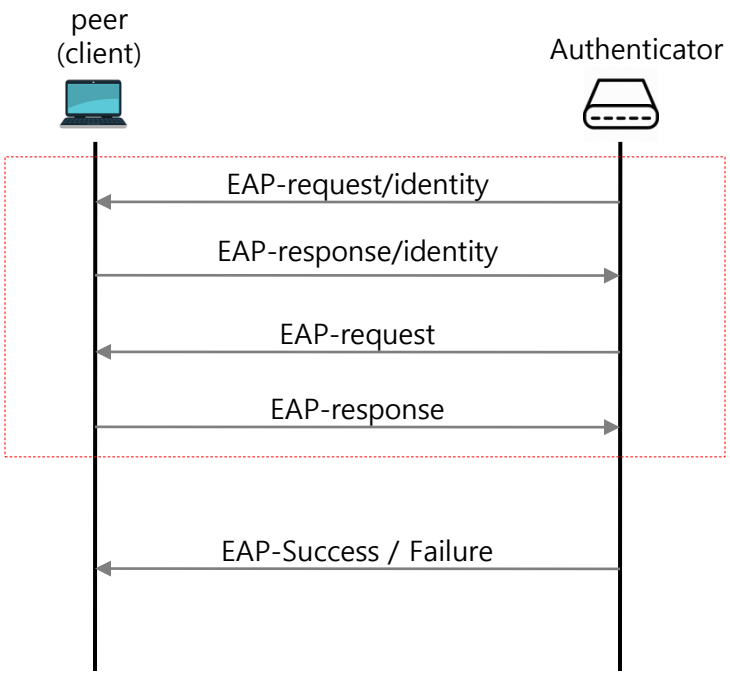
Diameter
From the earlier RADIUS protocol.
Use TCP or SCTP(Stream Control Transmission Protocol) unlike RADIUS which uses UDP

Kerberos
Centralized network authentication system developed at MIT.
The default authentication method in Windows 2000 and later

EAP Extensible Authentication Protocol

Abstract [4] [7]

- designed for use in network access authentication, where IP layer connectivity may not be available.
- Not a specific authentication mechanism but framework which supports multiple authentication methods.
- EAP methods
  - EAP-MD5, EAP-POTP, EAP-GTC, EAP-TLS, EAP-IKEv2, EAP-SIM, EAP-AKA, EAP-TTLS …
- PEAP
  - Protected EAP
  - encapsulates the Extensible Authentication Protocol (EAP) within an encrypted and authenticated Transport Layer Security (TLS) tunnel.



The conversation continues
until the authenticator cannot authenticate or
determines that successful authentication has occurred.

Packet format [4]

- Code identifies the Type of EAP packet.
  - Request (1), Response (2), Success (3), or Failure (4).
- Identifier aids in matching Responses with Requests.
- Length is the sum of the Code, Identifier, Length, and Data fields.
- The format of the Data field is determined by the Code field.
- The Type field is one octet. This field indicates the Type of Request or Response.
  - EAP-TLS, EAP-TTLS…

[EAP Packet Format]

code	identifier	length
Data….		

[EAP Success or Failure]

code	identifier	length

[EAP Request or Reply]

code	identifier	length
type	type-data ….	

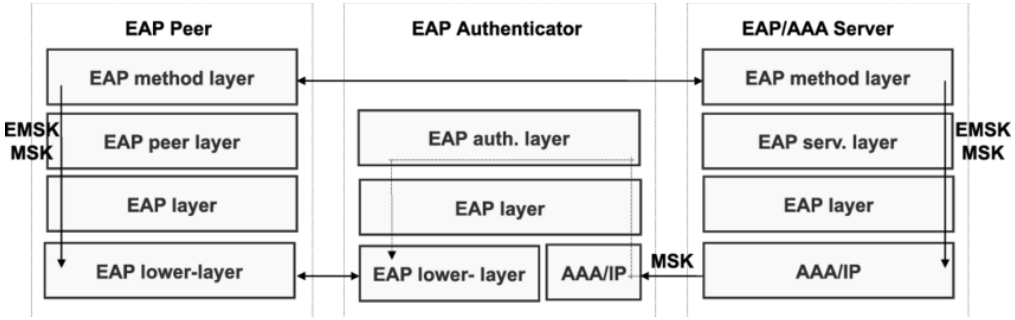
Method Types [9]

- https://www.iana.org/assignments/eap-numbers/eap-numbers.xhtml

1	**Identity**
2	Notification
3	Legacy Nak
4	MD5-Challenge
5	One-Time Password (OTP)
6	**Generic Token Card (GTC)**
7	Allocated
8	Allocated
9	RSA Public Key Authentication
10	DSS Unilateral
11	KEA
12	KEA-VALIDATE
13	**EAP-TLS**
14	Defender Token (AXENT)
15	RSA Security SecurID EAP
16	Arcot Systems EAP
17	EAP-Cisco Wireless
18	GSM Subscriber Identity Modules (EAP-SIM)
19	SRP-SHA1
20	Unassigned
21	**EAP-TTLS**
22	Remote Access Service
23	EAP-AKA Authentication
24	EAP-3Com Wireless
25	**PEAP**
26	MS-EAP-Authentication
27	Mutual Authentication w/Key Exchange (MAKE)
28	CRYPTOCard
29	**EAP-MSCHAP-V2**
30	DynamID
31	Rob EAP
32	Protected One-Time Password
33	MS-Authentication-TLV
34	SentriNET
35	EAP-Actiontec Wireless
36	Cogent Systems Biometrics Authentication EAP
37	AirFortress EAP
38	EAP-HTTP Digest
39	SecureSuite EAP
40	DeviceConnect EAP
41	EAP-SPEKE
42	EAP-MOBAC
43	EAP-FAST
44	ZoneLabs EAP (ZLXEAP)
45	EAP-Link
46	EAP-PAX
47	EAP-PSK
48	EAP-SAKE
49	EAP-IKEv2
50	EAP-AKA'
51	EAP-GPSK
52	EAP-pwd
53	EAP-EKE Version 1
54	EAP Method Type for PT-EAP
55	TEAP

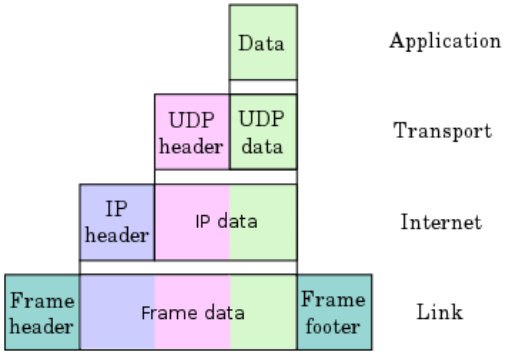
pass-through authenticator [4]

- Authenticator forwards
  - EAP packets received from the peer to the backend authentication server.
  - EAP packets received from the backend authentication to the peer.
- Peer/auth Layer: Code field
- Method Layer: Type field



EAP Method and Encapsulation [7]

- Methods
  - Nimble out-of-band authentication for EAP (EAP-NOOB)
  - Lightweight Extensible Authentication Protocol (LEAP)
  - EAP Transport Layer Security (EAP-TLS)
  - EAP-MD5
  - EAP Protected One-Time Password (EAP-POTP)
  - EAP Pre-Shared Key (EAP-PSK)
  - EAP Password (EAP-PWD)
  - EAP Tunneled Transport Layer Security (EAP-TTLS)
  - EAP Internet Key Exchange v. 2 (EAP-IKEv2)
  - EAP Flexible Authentication via Secure Tunneling (EAP-FAST)
  - Tunnel Extensible Authentication Protocol (TEAP)
  - EAP Subscriber Identity Module (EAP-SIM)
  - EAP Authentication and Key Agreement (EAP-AKA)
  - EAP Authentication and Key Agreement prime (EAP-AKA')
  - EAP Generic Token Card (EAP-GTC)
  - EAP Encrypted Key Exchange (EAP-EKE)

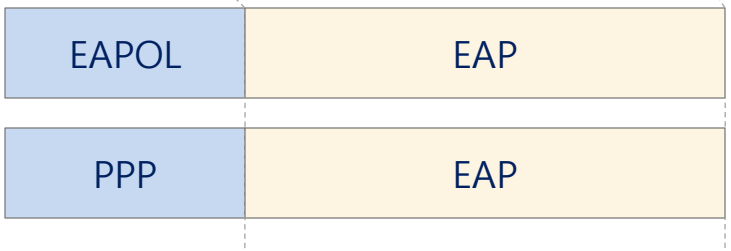


encapsulation

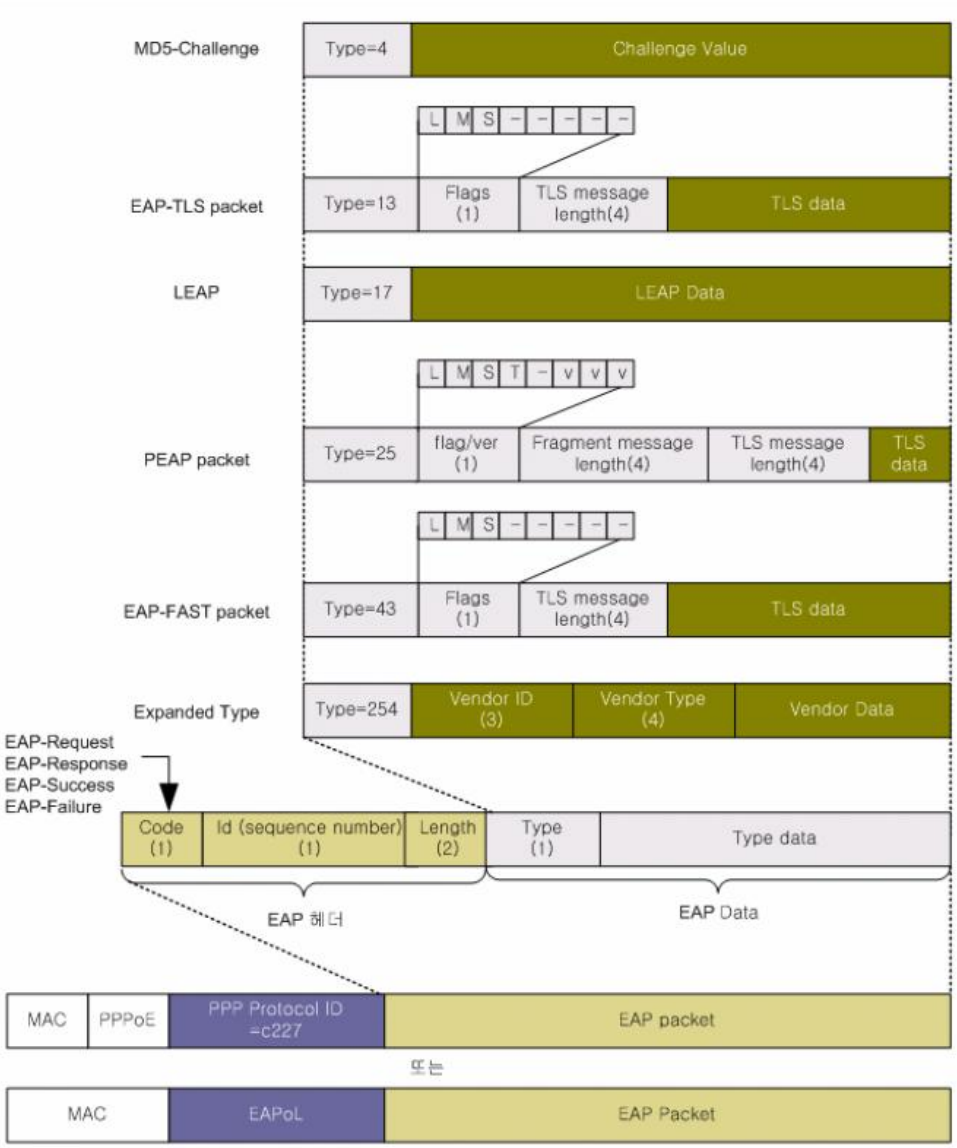
EAP Message

code	ID	lEN
type	type-data	

- Encapsulation
  - IEEE 802.1X: EAP over LAN (EAPOL)
  - PEAP: TLS tunnel
  - RADIUS and Diameter: EAP message to EAP attribute
  - PANA
  - PPP



EAP Packet Format [12]



Phase 2 authentication [18] [19] [20]

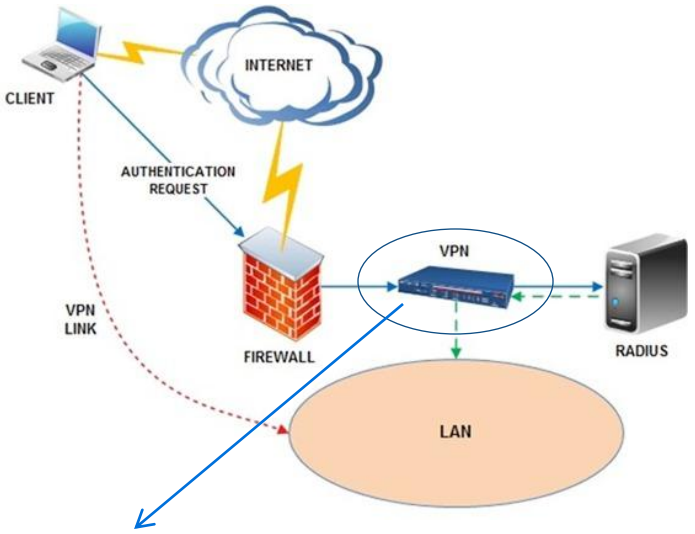
- PEAP
  - TLS session part
  - EAP conversation part
    - PEAPv0/EAP-MSCHAPv2
    - PEAPv1/EAP-GTC
- EAP-TTLS
  - TLS handshake phase
  - TLS tunnel phase.
    - PAP
    - MS-CHAP-V2
    - MS-CHAP-V2
    - EAP-GTC

The difference is that instead of encapsulating EAP messages within TLS, the TLS payload of EAP-TTLS messages consists of a sequence of attributes.

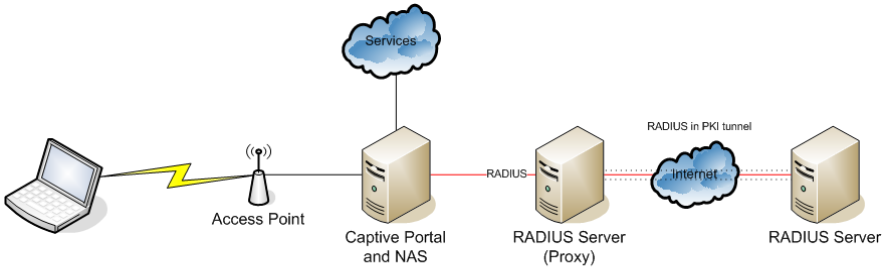
RADIUS Remote Authentication Dial In User Service

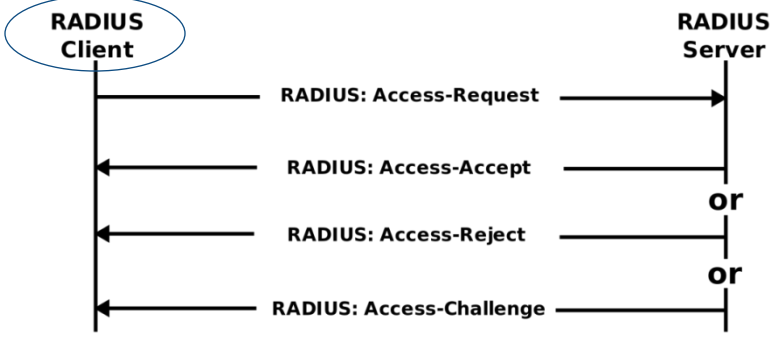
Abstract [2] [5]

- client/server protocol and can use either TCP or UDP.
- Authentication
  - used as a 'simple' authentication method to control
    - who can login to a router (or other device)
    - who can connect using a VPN client
    - the back-end of choice for 802.1X authentication
- Authorization
  - determine the privilege-level when you log in
- Accounting
  - for billing and statistical purposes



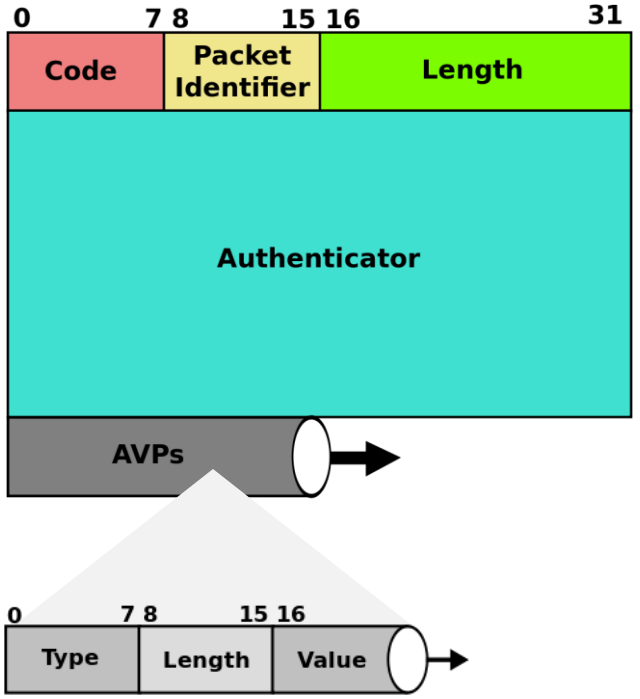
NAS(Network Access Server)





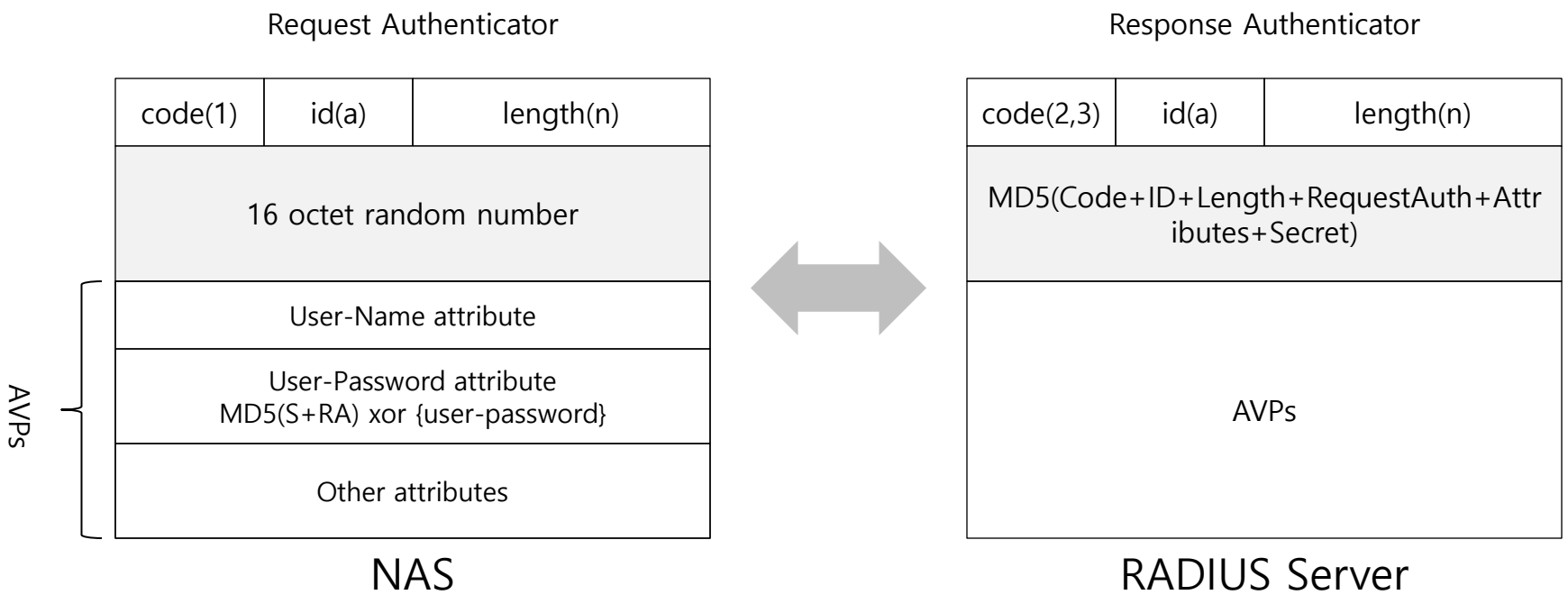
Packet format [5]

- Code
  - Access-Request(1), Access-Accept(2), Access-Reject(3) …
- Authenticator
  - Request Authenticator
  - Response Authenticator
- AVP(Attribute value pairs) or TLV
  - Attribute
    - authentication, authorization, information and configuration details for the request and reply.



Authenticator [2]

- pseudo-random value.
- used in the password hiding algorithm.
- used to authenticate the reply from the RADIUS server.



Attributes - User-Name [2]

Description	• It indicates the name of the user to be authenticated. • It MUST be sent in Access-Request packets. • It MAY be sent in an Access-Accept packet.
Type	1
Length	〉= 3
Value	**text**: Consisting only of UTF-8 encoded 10646 [7] characters. **network access identifier**: A Network Access Identifier as described in RFC 2486 **distinguished name**: A name in ASN.1 form used in Public Key authentication systems.

Attributes – User-Password [2]

Description	• Indicates the password of the user to be authenticated, or the user's input following an Access-Challenge. • It is only used in Access-Request packets. • On transmission, the password is hidden. • break the password into 16-octet chunks and create hash using the **shared secret** and the **Request Authenticator**.
Type	2
Length	18 ~ 130
Value	String between 16 and 128 octets long

```
b1 = MD5(S + RA)                c(1) = p1 xor b1
b2 = MD5(S + c(1))              c(2) = p2 xor b2
          .                         .
          .                         .
          .                         .
bi = MD5(S + c(i-1))            c(i) = pi xor bi

String = c(1)+c(2)+...+c(i)
```

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S: shared secret
RA: request authenticator,
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0123456789012345678 9
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b1 = MD5(s + ra)                c(1) = b1 xor “0123456789012345”
b2 = MD5(s + c(1))              c(2) = b2 xor “56789”
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Attributes - NAS-IP-Address [2]

Description	• It indicates the identifying IP Address of the NAS. • It is only used in Access-Request packets. • Either NAS-IP-Address or NAS-Identifier MUST be present in an Access-Request packet.
Type	4
Length	6
Value	IPv4 address.

Attributes - NAS-Port [2]

Description	• It indicates the physical port number of the NAS which is authenticating the user. • port is physical connection port. • It is only used in Access-Request packets.
Type	5
Length	6
Value	4 octets

Table of Attributes - rfc 2865

Request	Accept	Reject	Challenge	#	Attribute
0-1	0-1	0	0	1	User-Name
0-1	**0**	**0**	**0**	**2**	**User-Password [Note 1]**
0-1	**0**	**0**	**0**	**3**	**CHAP-Password [Note 1]**
0-1	**0**	**0**	**0**	**4**	**NAS-IP-Address [Note 2]**
0-1	0	0	0	5	NAS-Port
0-1	0-1	0	0	6	Service-Type
0-1	0-1	0	0	7	Framed-Protocol
0-1	0-1	0	0	8	Framed-IP-Address
0-1	0-1	0	0	9	Framed-IP-Netmask
0	0-1	0	0	10	Framed-Routing
0	0+	0	0	11	Filter-Id
0-1	0-1	0	0	12	Framed-MTU
0+	0+	0	0	13	Framed-Compression
0+	0+	0	0	14	Login-IP-Host
0	0-1	0	0	15	Login-Service
0	0-1	0	0	16	Login-TCP-Port
0	0+	0+	0+	18	Reply-Message
0-1	0-1	0	0	19	Callback-Number
0	0-1	0	0	20	Callback-Id
0	0+	0	0	22	Framed-Route
0	0-1	0	0	23	Framed-IPX-Network

[Note 1]
An Access-Request MUST contain either a User-Password or a CHAP-Password or State.
An Access-Request MUST NOT contain both a User-Password a nd a CHAP-Password.

[Note 2] An Access-Request MUST contain either a NAS-IP-Addr ess or a NAS-Identifier (or both).

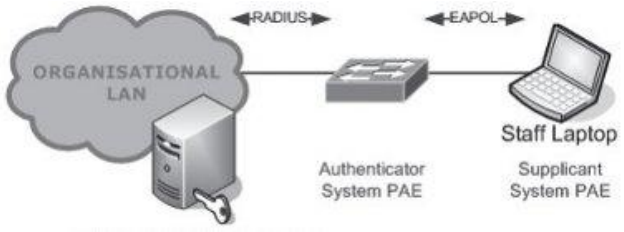
Table of Attributes – rfc 2865

Request	Accept	Reject	Challenge	#	Attribute
0-1	**0-1**	**0**	**0-1**	**24**	**State [Note 1]**
0	0+	0	0	25	Class
0+	0+	0	0+	26	Vendor-Specific
0	0-1	0	0-1	27	Session-Timeout
0	0-1	0	0-1	28	Idle-Timeout
0	0-1	0	0	29	Termination-Action
0-1	0	0	0	30	Called-Station-Id
0-1	0	0	0	31	Calling-Station-Id
0-1	**0**	**0**	**0**	**32**	**NAS-Identifier [Note 2]**
0+	0+	0+	0+	33	Proxy-State
0-1	0-1	0	0	34	Login-LAT-Service
0-1	0-1	0	0	35	Login-LAT-Node
0-1	0-1	0	0	36	Login-LAT-Group
0	0-1	0	0	37	Framed-AppleTalk-Link
0	0+	0	0	38	Framed-AppleTalk-Network
0	0-1	0	0	39	Framed-AppleTalk-Zone
0-1	0	0	0	60	CHAP-Challenge
0-1	0	0	0	61	NAS-Port-Type
0-1	0-1	0	0	62	Port-Limit
0-1	0-1	0	0	63	Login-LAT-Port

IEEE 802.1x / RADIUS support EAP

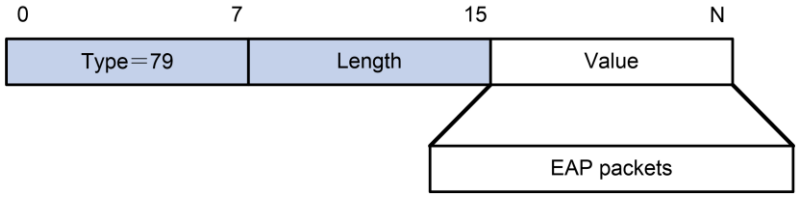
802.1X [6]

- It was developed as a mechanism for preventing unauthorised access to a LAN at the switch port level (NAC, Network Access Control).
  - by extending the EAP protocol over the network.
- EAP is the cornerstone of the 802.1X standard.
- RADIUS provides AAA functions within an organization's network

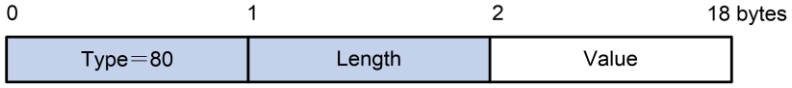


EAP over RADIUS [3] [8]

- RADIUS adds two attributes
  - EAP-Message and Message-Authenticator, for supporting EAP authentication.
  - rfc 3579, September 2003
    - old: rfc 2869, June 2000



EAP-Message attribute format



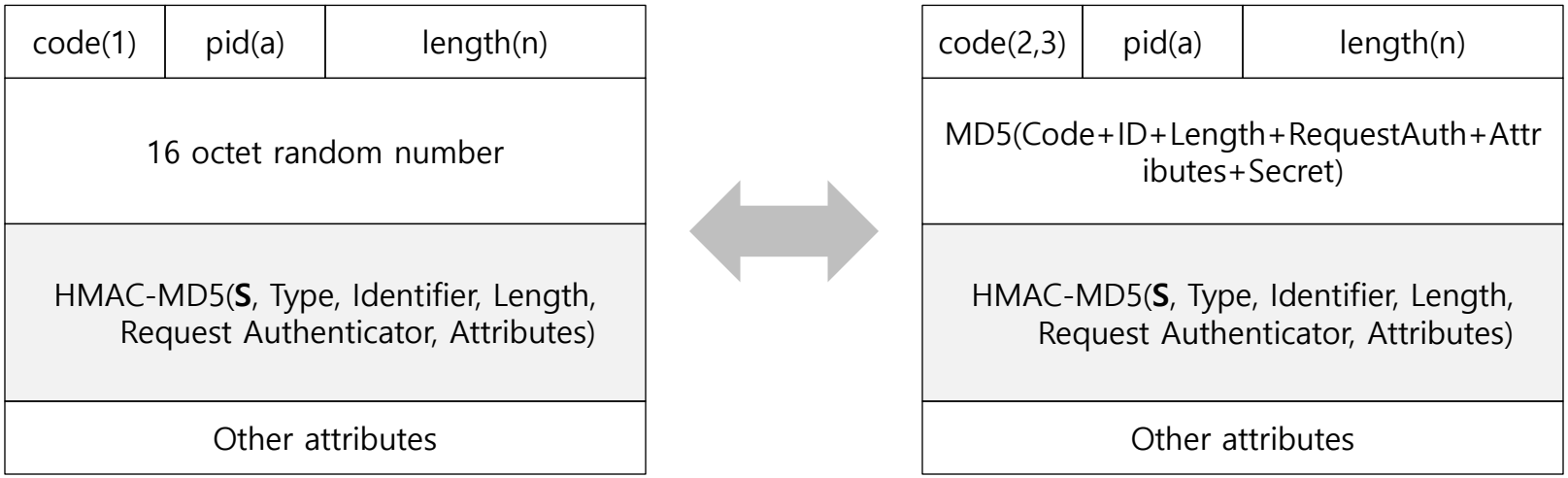
Message-Authenticator attribute format

Attributes - EAP-Message [3]

Description	• The NAS places EAP messages received from the authenticating peer into one or more EAP-Message attributes and forwards them to the RADIUS server within an Access-Request message.
Type	79
Length	〉= 3
Value	EAP packet

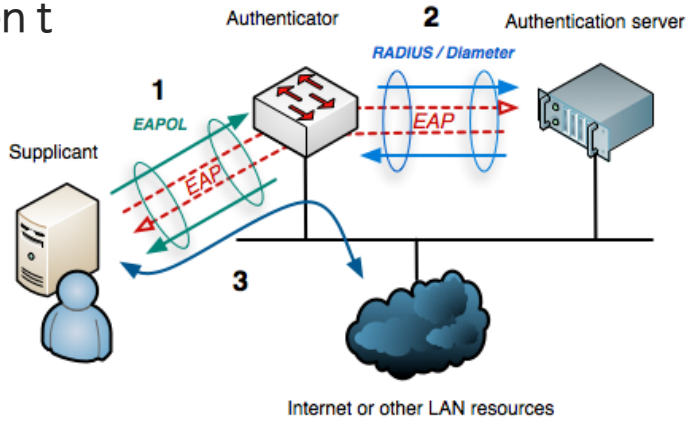
Attributes - Message-Authenticator [3]

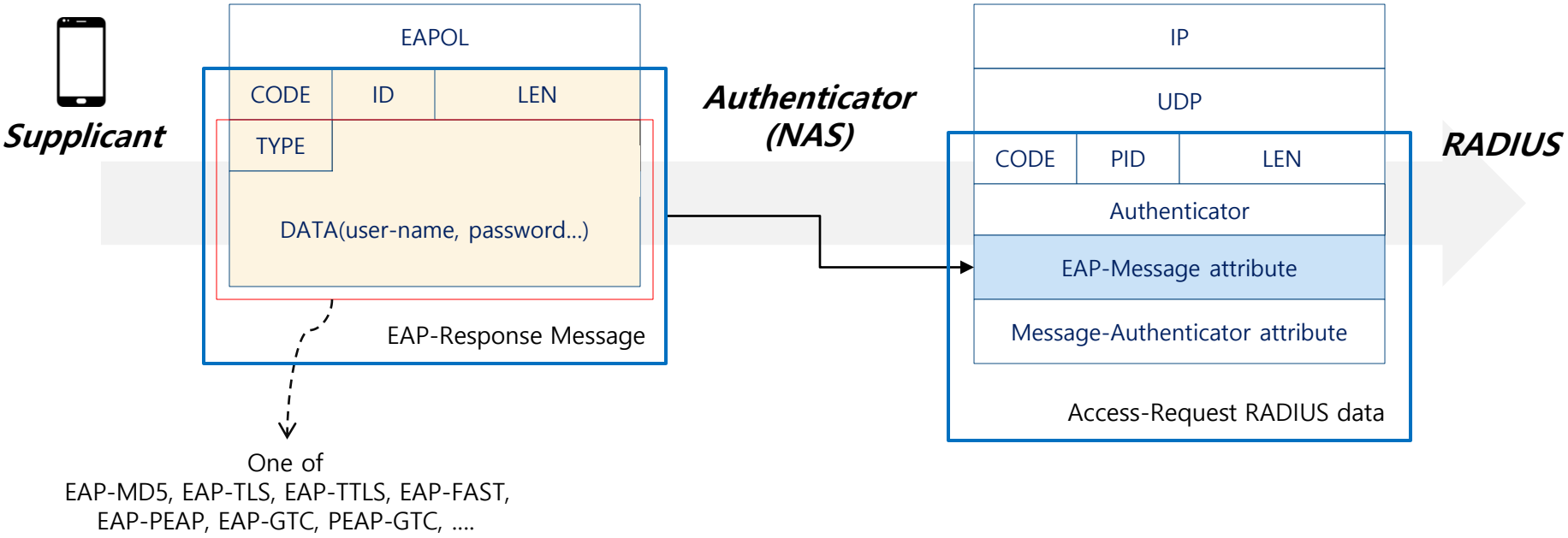
Description	• It MUST be used in any Access-Request, Access-Accept, Access-Reject or Access-Challenge that includes an EAP-Message attribute. • RADIUS Server and Client MUST **calculate** the correct value of the Message-Authenticator and silently discard the packet if it does not match.
Type	80
Length	18
Value	HMAC-MD5 (**S**, Type, Identifier, Length, Request Authenticator, Attributes)



Authenticator behavior [3]

- Act as a pass-through for an EAP conversation between t he peer(supplicant) and authentication server.





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0-1	0-1	0	0	1	User-Name
0	**0**	**0**	**0**	**2**	**User-Password [Note 1]**
0	**0**	**0**	**0**	**3**	**CHAP-Password [Note 1]**
0	0	0	0	18	Reply-Message
0	0	0	0	60	CHAP-Challenge
0	**0**	**0**	**0**	**70**	**ARAP(Apple Remote Access Protocol)-Password [Note 1]**
0	0	0	0	75	Password-Retry
1+	**1+**	**1+**	**1+**	**79**	**EAP-Message [Note 1]**
1	**1**	**1**	**1**	**80**	**Message-Authenticator [Note 1]**
0-1	0	0	0	94	Originating-Line-Info
0	0	0-1	0-1	101	Error-Cause

[Note 1]
An Access-Request that contains either a User-Password or CHAP-Password or ARAP-Password or one or more EAP-Message attributes **MUST NOT contain more than one type of those four attributes**.

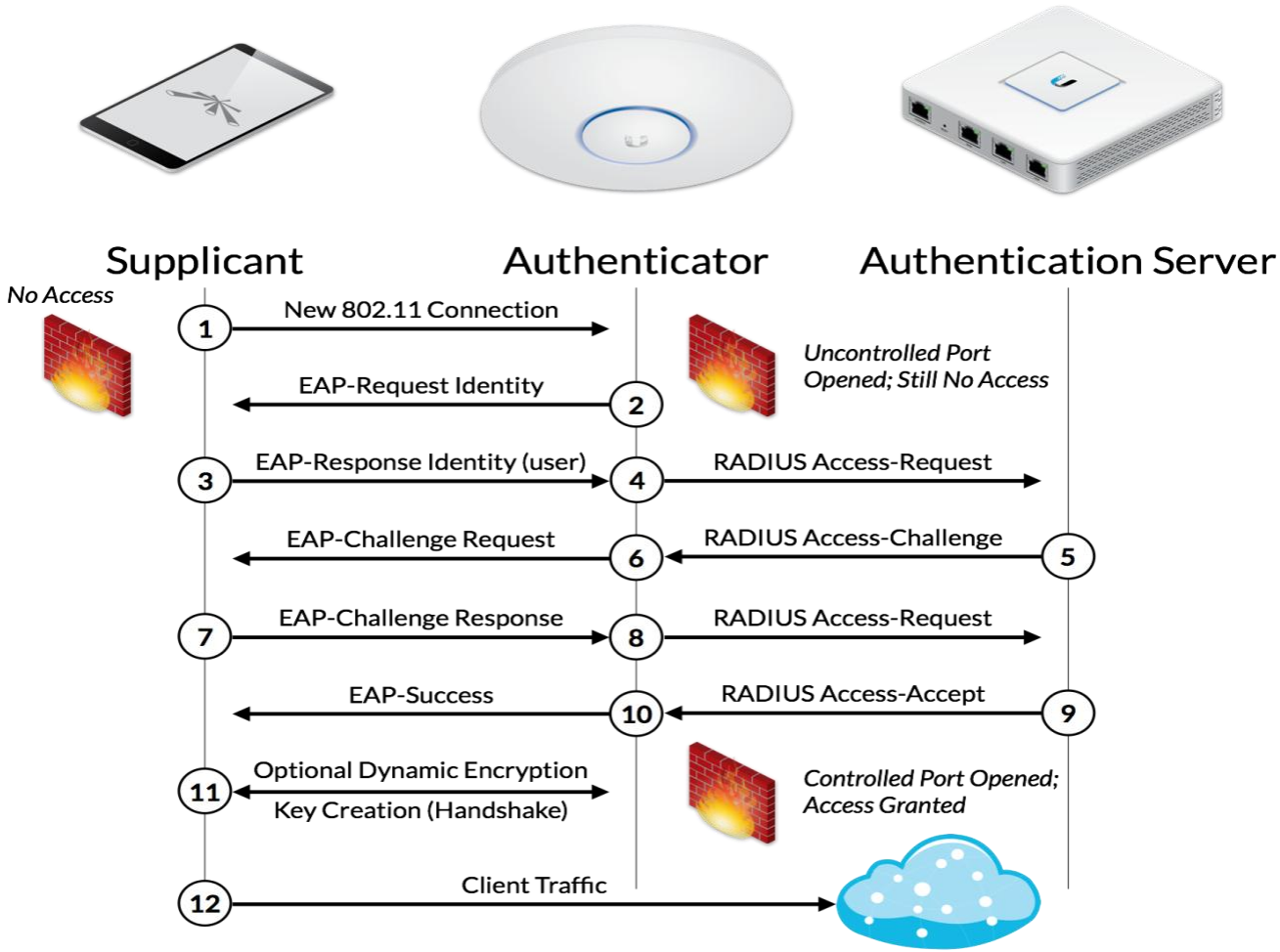
If it does not contain any of those four attributes, it SHOULD contain a Message-Authenticator.

If any packet type contains an EAP-Message attribute it MUST also contain a Message-Authenticator.

A RADIUS server receiving an Access-Request not containing any of those four attributes and also not containing a Message-Authentica tor attribute SHOULD silently discard it.

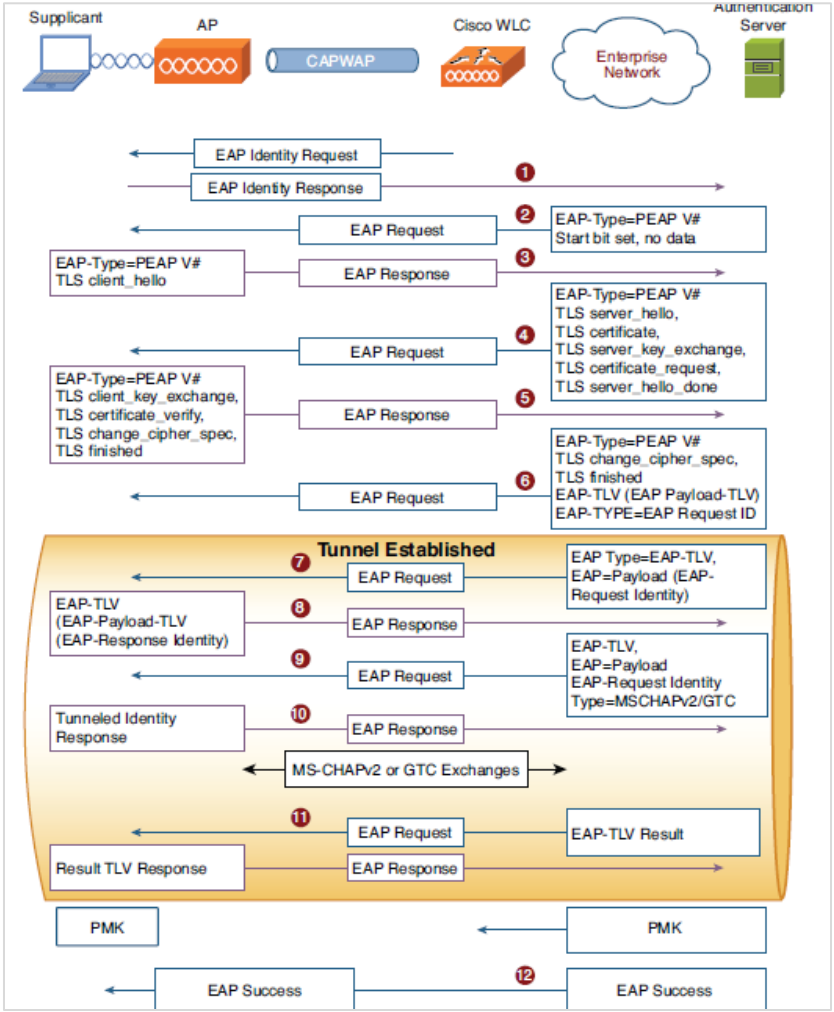
802.1X, EAP and RADIUS [15] [21]

- wireless standards

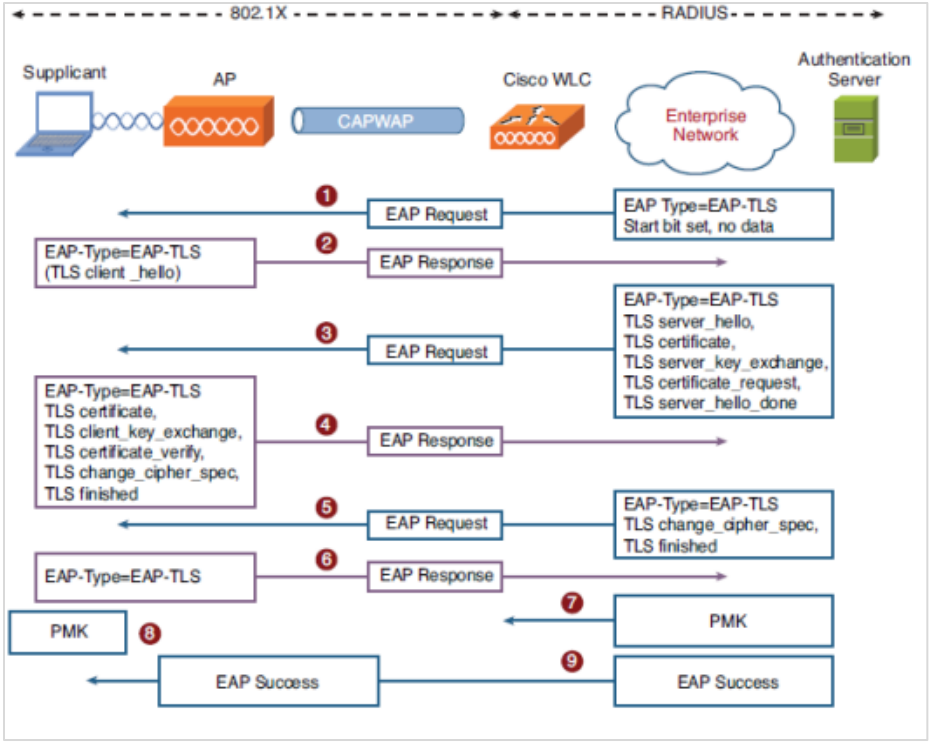


PEAP / EAP-TLS [17]

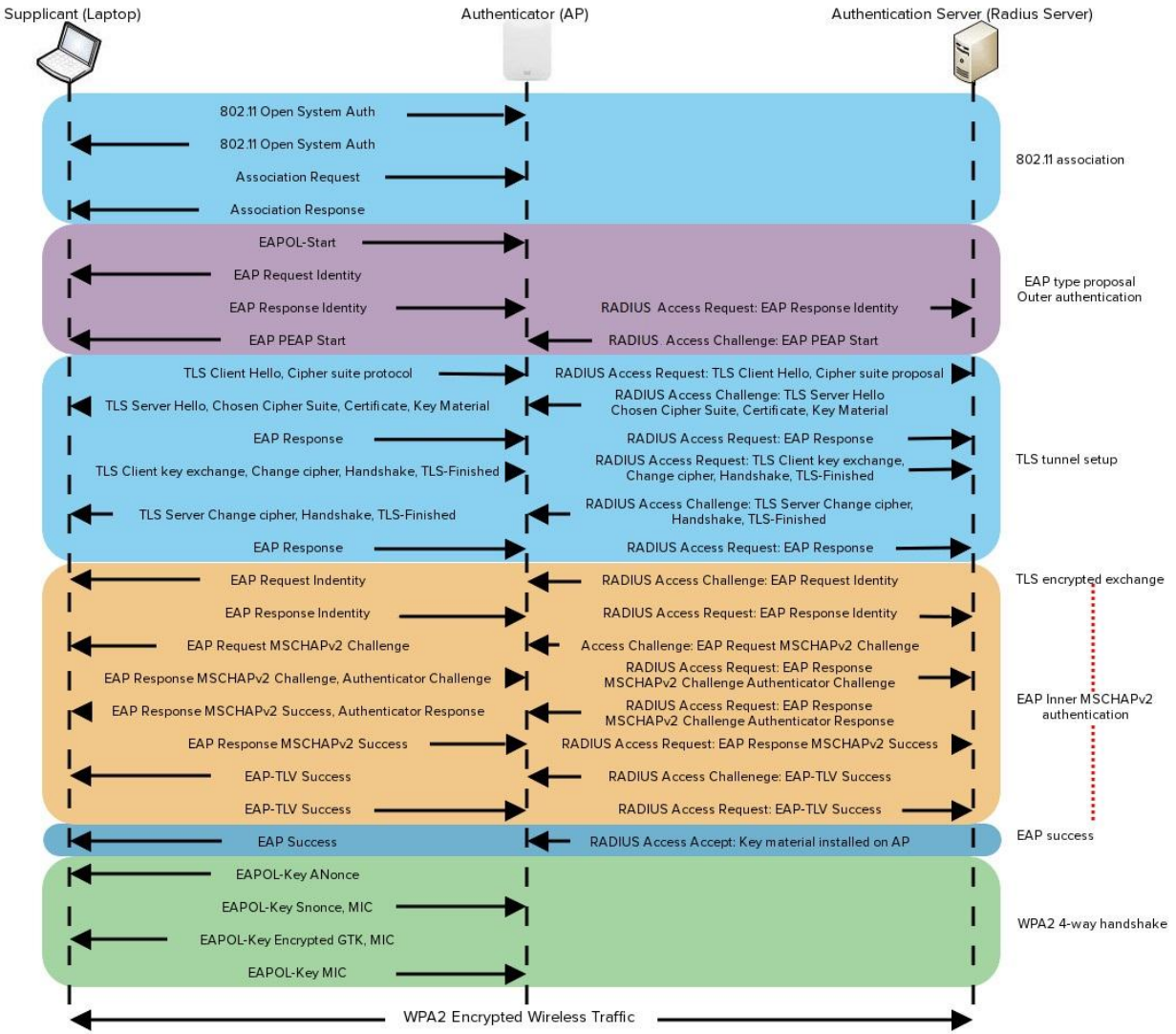
PEAP



EAP-TLS



WPA2 PEAP-MSCHAPv2 [22]



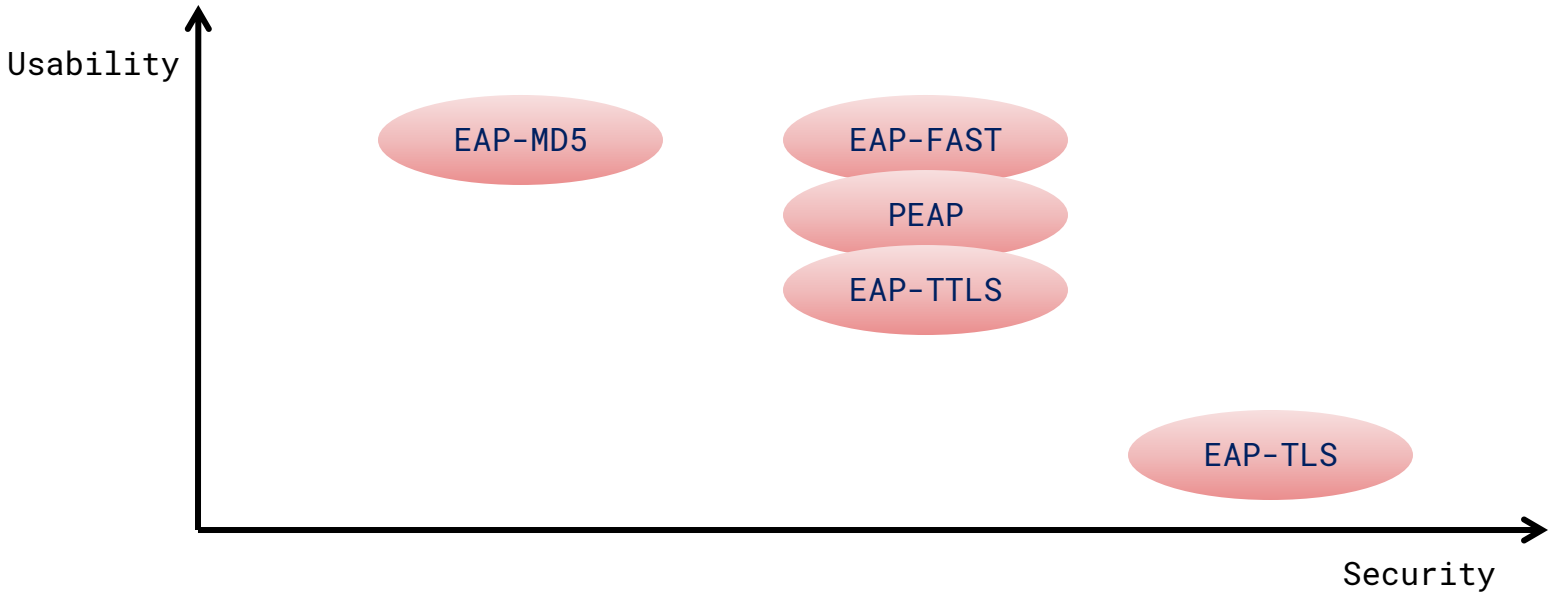
Comparison of 802.1x authentication mehtods [14]

	EAP-MD5 (RFC 1321)	EAP-TLS (RFC 2716)	EAP-TTLS (Internet draft)	PEAP (Internet draft)
Server authentication	No	Public key (certificate)	Public key (certificate)	Public key (certificate)
Supplicant authentication	Password hash	Public key (certificate or smart card)	Certificate, EAP, or non-EAP protocols	Certificate or EAP protocols
Mutual authentication	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
Dynamic key delivery	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
Basic protocol architecture	Challenge/response	Establish TLS session and validate certificates for both client and server	1. Establish TLS between client and TTLS server 2. Exchange attribute-value pairs between client and server	1. Establish TLS between client and PEAP server 2. Run EAP exchanges over TLS tunnel
Server certificate	No	Required	Required	Required
Client certificate	No	Required	Optional	Optional
Protection of user identity	No	No	Yes, protected by TLS	Yes, protected by TLS

TABLE 1. *Comparison of authentication mechanisms.*

Robust Security Network (RSN)

Security and Usability comparison of 802.1x [12]



EAP under WPA/WPA2 Enterprise [12]

- Wi-Fi Protected Access

- WPA-Personal
  - WPA-PSK (pre-shared key)
  - doesn't require an authentication server.
  - wireless network device encrypts the network traffic by a shared key.
- WPA-Enterprise
  - WPA-802.1X mode or WPA
  - designed for enterprise networks and requires a RADIUS authentication server.
  - As of 2010 the certification program includes the following EAP types:
    - EAP-TLS (previously tested)
    - EAP-TTLS/MSCHAPv2 (April 2005)
    - PEAPv0/EAP-MSCHAPv2 (April 2005)
    - PEAPv1/EAP-GTC (April 2005)
    - PEAP-TLS
    - EAP-SIM (April 2005)
    - EAP-AKA (April 2009)
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