

# Encrypted SNI

## Metadata is powerful

- Censorship
- Surveillance
- "We kill people based on metadata." -- US General Michael Hayden

## TLS Handshake is metadata

- And in the clear
- visible to passive and active attackers

# Pervasive monitoring is an attack

TLS WG Charter explicitly states:

- o Develop a mode that encrypts as much of the handshake as is possible to reduce the amount of observable data to both passive and active attackers.

TLS should protect this sensitive data.

# Server Name Indication (SNI)

Extension in ClientHello that transmits the name of the desired host.

Hostnames are interesting:

- `alcoholicsanonymous.org`
- `cia.gov`
- `torproject.org`
- `falungong.org`
- `glaad.org`

## Useful on shared IPs

- Major subdomain operations:
  - *example.github.io*
  - *example.wordpress.com*
  - ...
- Content distribution networks
- Shared hosting arrangements

# Encrypted SNI necessary but insufficient

Hostnames still leak in DNS.

We need to fix what we can fix.

Work under way in `dns-privacy`.

# Need pre-handshake key for 1RTT

Options:

- DNS
  - draft-nygren-service-bindings
  - DANISH
- previous history
- in-band, extra RTT?

# Threat models

Defeats passive attacker

Active attacker connection fails (but SNI leaks)

With DNSSEC, defeats active attacker

## Pre-handshake key ID

Services will eventually need to rotate their keys.

Enable this by providing Key Identifiers.

These should not be SNI-equivalent, but we can't prevent it.

# How does it work?

If server has opted in, client's initial message is bare minimum ClientHello, but includes an extension with:

- Prehandshake Key Identifier (32 bits?)
- Client share
- Ciphared blob containing real ClientHello

What cipher?

- Defined by Prehandshake Key Identifier

# Forward secrecy for handshake

We're moving toward all-forward-secret key exchange in TLS 1.3

Cacheable, redistributable pre-handshake keys will not have forward secrecy.

Data encrypted by these keys will lack forward secrecy

- without encrypted SNI, the data will lack any kind of secrecy
- this does not compromise the forward secrecy of the rest of the connection.

# Failure modes

Client sends unknown key ID or undecryptable content

Server has two choices:

- respond to bare ClientHello as though non-SNI-capable client (e.g. TLS 1.2)
  - Client can continue connection or abort and retry
- respond with "use this other pre-handshake key/keyID"
  - Client sends initial flight again, using new pre-handshake key

# Denver Interim

- much discussion
- no consensus for MTI

# Pre-handshake key types

Costs depend on pre-handshake key types that we allow.

key types need to specify:

- public key
- encryption mechanism

Proposal:

- only two: NIST vs. non-NIST
  - ECDH(p256) + AES128-GCM
  - ECDH(curve25519) + AES128-GCM

Only protects the first flight, which is otherwise unprotected.

**Questions?**