*Wikimedia Foundation v. NSA* No. 15-cv-0062-TSE (D. Md.)

# Plaintiff's Exhibit 39

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Create Task

# **☑** Enable IPSec between datacenters

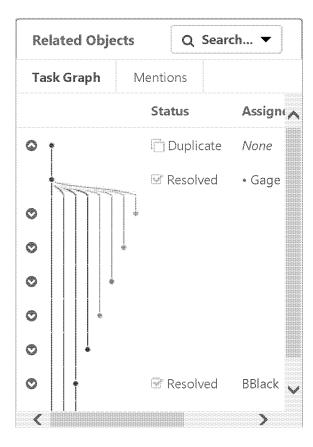
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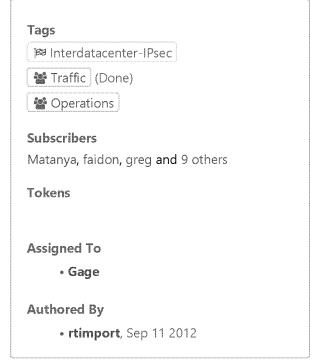
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#### Description

Traffic between our datacenters goes across fibers that are potentially surveilled. Since we terminate HTTPS immediately at the first hop, this means that user traffic gets across to the main datacenter in cleartext.

**Details**Reference rt3536



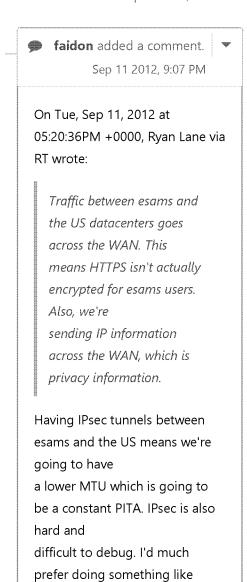




- rtimport added a project:

   ops-core. Dec 18 2014, 1:23 AM
  - rtimport raised the priority of this task from to Normal.
  - rtimport set Reference to rt3536.
- rtimport created this task.

  Sep 11 2012, 5:20 PM



stunnel or pound and use plain ol' HTTPS. Regards, Faidon • rtimport added a comment. Sep 11 2012, 9:07 PM Status changed from 'new' to 'open' by RT\_System tstarling added a comment. Jul 8 2013, 11:29 PM For users geolocated in Europe, HTTPS connections are terminated in esams and then the requests are forwarded unencrypted to eqiad. This compromises the security of the system. Recent news articles indicate that the physical security of the internet backbone may not be as good as previously assumed. I propose buying dedicated IPsec hardware for each DC, sufficient to encrypt



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On Mon Jul 08 23:29:10 2013, tstarling wrote:

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Not just esams. Any link that leaves our data centers is equally suspect. So that also includes pmtpa vs eqiad, and soon ulsfo.

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Mark Bergsma <mark at
wikimedia>
Lead Operations Architect
Wikimedia Foundation

• rtimport added a comment.

Jul 9 2013, 8:46 AM

Status changed from 'new' to 'open' by RT\_System

mark added a comment.

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Queue changed from

procurement to core-ops by mark

mark added a comment. Jul 9 2013, 9:06 AM On Tue Jul 09 08:46:08 2013, mark wrote: Dedicated ipsec hardware is not very practical for this, and also pretty expensive. But I'd like to experiment with ipsec hostto-host (which is really what it was meant for) at some point... I'd like to (re)try IPsec in Linux with ESP in "transport mode".

The advantage here is that this doesn't need any routing changes, and avoids the significant complication of rerouting (all) traffic between these hosts with separate (policy) routing, which tends to break things for traffic that is not supposed to use the tunnel/VPN. In transport mode we can select exactly which traffic (payload only) we want to encrypt, and not the rest. We're already getting MPLS transport to esams to avoid some of this, but that doesn't (really) solve the encryption problem. If ESP in transport mode works well, that would solve it in a scaleable way. Fortunately we have sufficient configuration management in place that maintaining such a setup across many hosts is no longer a problem. With our MPLS links we'll be able to do Jumbo frames, so we will even be able to support MTU 1500 and up with IPsec. I've used IPsec with Linux about 10 years ago, and it had some problems then especially in a mixed environment with other vendors such as Cisco routers. Rekey failures and negotiation problems. I'm hoping the

situation is better now, especially in a uniform Linux environment.

Mark Bergsma <mark at wikimedia>
Lead Operations Architect

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**faidon** added a comment.

Jul 9 2013, 10:47 AM

On Tue, Jul 09, 2013 at 09:06:08AM +0000, Mark Bergsma via RT wrote:

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I don't have access to the contract but I asked Leslie yesterday and she

said that our yet-to-beestablished link will have an MTU of 1514.

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I've tried to use it a few years back with Linux and it was incredibly messy. The software might have improved since, but I still expect a full dual-stack IPsec setup in transport mode between with two/three datacenters to be non-obvious in many ways and possibly fragile. An alternative would be to just do SSL, e.g. via stunnel. That also has a number of complexities, though. Personally, I'd much rather prefer encryption be transparent to the



hosts and be handled entirely on the network equipment level.

Faidon

# **tstarling** added a

comment.

Jul 9 2013, 12:41 PM

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This ticket came out of an IRC discussion:

<TimStarling > LeslieCarr: any guess what the cost of said equipment would be? my googling has not yet been successful

<LeslieCarr> memory fails me : ( if you open a ticket we can get some quotes

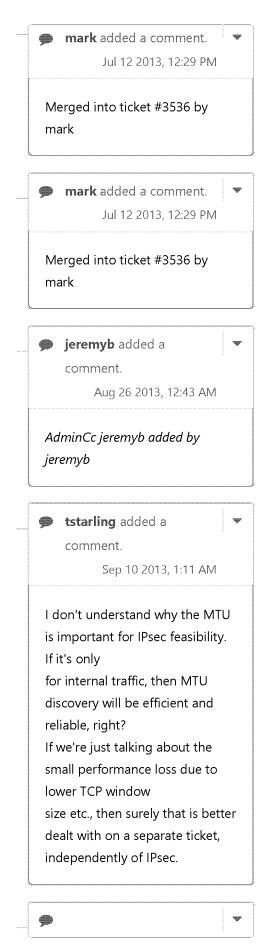
# mark added a comment.

Jul 9 2013, 12:55 PM

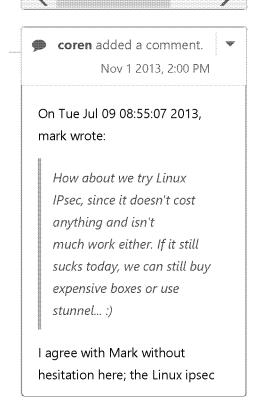
On Jul 9, 2013, at 12:47 PM, "Faidon Liambotis via RT" <coreops at rt> :)

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# tstarling added a comment. Nov 1 2013, 10:43 AM http://www.washingtonpost.com/wd security/nsa-infiltrates-links-toyahoo-google-data-centersworldwide-snowden-documentssay/2013/10/30/e51d661e-4166-11e3-8b74d89d714ca4dd\_story.html? hpid=z1 According to the a recent leak from Edward Snowden, the NSA has already been using links between Google datacentres to collect private information in plaintext, so it's not a big jump to imagine that they are doing it with us too.



implementation is comparably robust to any hardware available, would be relatively simple to deploy thanks to configuration management and costs us little but time to deploy experimentally. Interestingly enough, I've used a simplified ipsec setup in the past where, since our endpoints were fixed, we simply used configuration management deployed keys (i.e.: no IKE) to great effect. With a bit of automation for key rotation, this meant rock-solid host to host IPsec with no dependency on networking or an externally maintained daemon to be stable -- at the cost of having to do key management ourselves (which we did through ssh). [in case you are curious, the use case included boxes deployed in networks presumed hostile and also integrated with TPM which should be unneeded in our case] The advantage of doing it this way is that there is no capital investment required, no routing changes needed at all, and only hosts pairs we deem necessary need use IPsec at all; it's easy to deploy and

experiment on a subset of hosts.

• **Gage** merged a task: Restricted Task.

Dec 18 2014, 6:51 PM

- Gage claimed this task.
- Gage added a subscriber:
  - rtimport.
- faidon renamed this task from

  Enable IPSec between esams

  and US datacenters to Enable

  IPSec between datacenters.

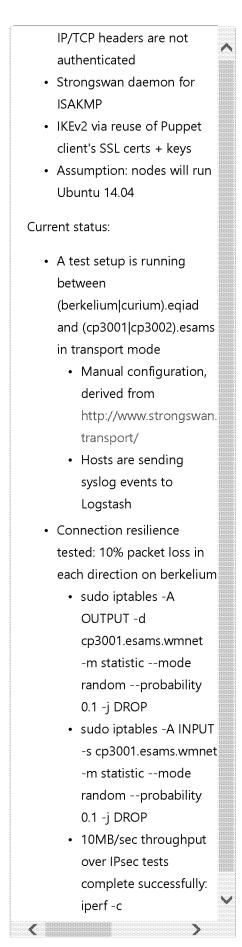
Dec 22 2014, 9:40 AM

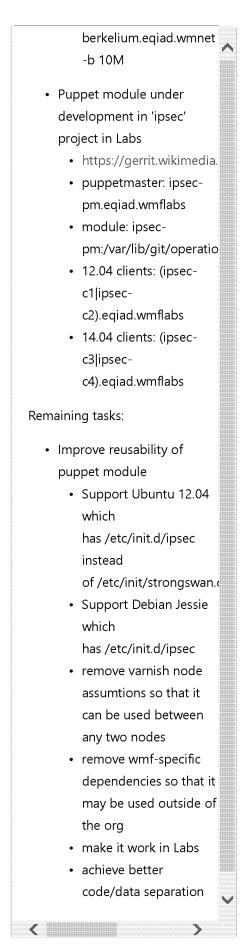
- faidon updated the task description. (Show Details)
- faidon raised the priority of this task from Normal to High.
- faidon set Security to None.
- Aklapper added a subscriber: tstarling. Dec 22 2014, 8:52 PM

● • **Gage** added a comment. ▼
Dec 24 2014, 3:45 PM

Decisions have been made to use:

- Host-to-host connections between Varnish nodes in cache sites and those in main colos
- Transport mode (ESP without AH): only the payload is encrypted;





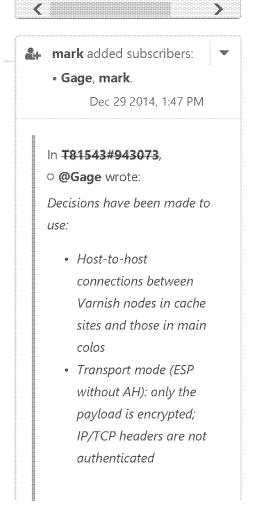
- remove dependency on role::cache::configuration
- Specify connections by IP rather than hostname in order to support IPv4 + IPv6 (SAs must be configured for each)
- Possibly restrict encryption to Varnish traffic using configuration parameters leftsubnet/rightsubnet which allow port specification
- Consider application of IPsec to non-Varnish intercolo traffic
- Possibly add corresponding firewall rules to enforce use of IPsec

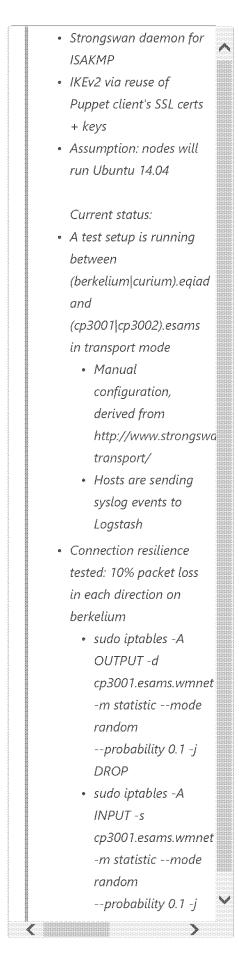
#### Problem:

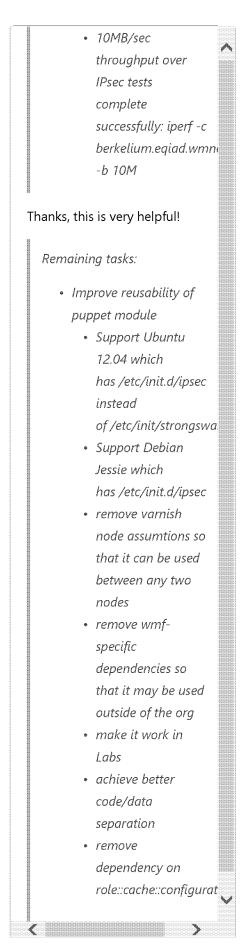
- Configuration requires at least one side of a connected pair of hosts to specify the remote hostname (and v4 + v6 IPs, for our purposes)
- This means that the config file template in the puppet module must enumerate remote hosts
- This information is not currently available via facter or hiera
- Therefore we need a way to query for that list of nodes and their IPs
- Inspired by modules/torrus/templates/v

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from manifests/role/cache.pp · However that does not have clean code/data separation, and v4 + v6 IPs are not included Solution?: • Store data in Hiera: hostname, IPv4 address, IPv6 address, site and cluster membership for at least Varnish nodes Documentation under development (to be moved to Wikitech): https://office.wikimedia.org/wiki/Use (WMF)/IPsec







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Could you create separate Phabricator tasks for (most of) these?

Documentation under development (to be moved to Wikitech):

https://office.wikimedia.org/wiki/U (WMF)/IPsec

Wouldn't it be better to develop this on Wikitech directly? You can just slap a draft template on the page to indicate it's not final/production ready yet.



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Jan 5 2015, 6:13 PM

I feel that we need greater clarity about exactly who are we protecting our traffic from and how much effort is appropriate to expend on this goal.

From an article in Ars Technica dated Dec 30 2014 (http://ars.to/1B230yP):

"... in 2010, the NSA had already developed tools to attack the most commonly used VPN encryption schemes: Secure Shell (SSH), Internet Protocol Security (IPSec), and Secure Socket Layer (SSL) encryption."

This article discusses PSK, which we do not use, but also IKE:

"...trying to capture IPSec Internet Key Exchange (IKE) and Encapsulating Security Payload (ESP) traffic during VPN handshakes to help build better attacks."

if that doesn't work, they try:

"...gathering more information on the systems of interest from other data collection sites or doing an end-run by calling on Tailored Access Operations to "create access points" through exploits of one of the endpoints of the VPN connection."

We must assume that this agency is not the only one with such capacity.

My question is: exactly who are we trying to secure our inter-colo communications from, and what is the feasibility of achieving that goal in the face of this information?

My impression is that adding IPsec can only potentially protect us from actors who can gain access to routers along our transit paths and record our traffic but do not have resources to apply the above methods.

• **Gage** closed subtask ⋒
Restricted Task as *Resolved*.

Jan 11 2015, 4:13 PM

• Gage added a comment.

Jan 12 2015, 4:51 AM

More on the 12/2014 leaked info, from a Libreswan developer: "If you configure your IPsec based VPN properly, you are not affected. Always use Perfect Forward Secrecy and avoid PreSharedKeys.":

https://nohats.ca/wordpress/blog/20 stop-using-ipsec-just-yet/

In Strongswan: "IKEv2 always uses PFS for IKE\_SA rekeying whereas for CHILD\_SA rekeying PFS is enforced by defining a Diffie-Hellman dhgroup in the esp parameter.":

https://wiki.strongswan.org/projects https://wiki.strongswan.org/projects

esp = <cipher suites>
The notation is encryptionintegrity[-dhgroup][-esnmode]
Defaults to aes128-sha1,3dessha1
As a responder both daemons

As a responder both daemons accept the first supported proposal received from the peer. In order to restrict a responder to only accept specific cipher suites, the strict flag (!, exclamation mark)

Currently configured value: esp=aes256-sha512-modp4096!

Input on cipher suite selection is solicited.

• faidon mentioned this in

T86663: Expand HTTP

frontend-clusters-with-new

hardware. Jan 13 2015, 2:41 PM

**Dzahn** added a subscriber:

**Dzahn**. Jan 20 2015, 7:26 PM

**BBlack** added a subscriber:

**BBlack**. Jan 20 2015, 7:27 PM

**chasemp** added a project:

Interdatacenter-IPsec.

Jan 20 2015, 7:42 PM

- Gage mentioned this in

rOPUP917a7be9e69a:

Strongswan: IPsec Puppet

module. Mar 1 2015, 11:19 PM

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Jdforrester-WMF added a

subscriber: Jdforrester-WMF.

Mar 10 2015, 6:50 PM

greg added a subscriber: greg.

Mar 11 2015, 2:49 AM

**Dzahn** awarded a token.

Mar 11 2015, 3:07 AM

■ Gage closed subtask A

Restricted Task as Resolved.

Mar 13 2015, 5:35 AM

■ Gage closed subtask

Restricted Task as Resolved.

**BBlack** added a subtask:

T96854: Reboot caches for

kernel 3.19.6 globally.

Apr 22 2015, 2:30 PM

BBlack added a subtask:

T94417: Fix ipv6 autoconf

issues. Apr 22 2015, 2:35 PM

BBlack added a comment.

Arra 27 2015, 8:05 PM

Apr 27 2015, 8:05 PM

Where are we at on this, aside from my blockers for final rollout re: kernel updates + IPv6 SLAAC?

--- 🗞 BBlack added a parent task:

T86718: Upgrade eqiad-misc

varnish cluster from 2 to 4

systems. Apr 27 2015, 8:05 PM



**BBlack** added a subscriber: **faidon**.

May 3 2015, 11:19 PM

I've been going over the Interdatacenter-IPsec tasks today trying to get a picture of the overall situation and what's blocking various stages of deployment. This is a basic rundown of how I see things

I don't think we need or want crypto-traffic-only enforcement at this stage. Let's get this rolled out in a form where we still fall back to working, unencrypted traffic and simply have good monitoring in place that will alert us to this fallback condition. We can explore whether and how we want to force encryption at a later date. It could well be the case that ipsec with hostpair associations is not how we address our traffic crypto problems in the very long term view anyways. What we need now is just basically-reliable protection and alerting.

Tickets that can probably be ignored/dropped for now and not block deployment:

- 1. **T85823** firewall rules see above re: enforcement
- 2. T85827 opportunistic encryption - seems deadfor-now upstream, so not really an available option

3. T85822 - restricting crypto to specific ports' traffic - does not seem necessary. The bastions won't be among the hostpairs involved, so SSH via them will always work fine. The traffic we'd want protected is the bulk of the traffic for any given hostpair, so efficiency isn't a big concern here either. If anything, not restricting byport is a more secure-bydefault solution anyways.

Nits that can probably easily be cleaned up / closed / ready:

- 1. **T96111** Previous reauth failure investigation seems ready to close, modulo ensuring we've discovered/applied sane runtime production values for various related parameters like lifetime and margin.
- 2. **T92604** Rollout plan seems sane, although the primary ticket text is a bit mixed/dated (we don't have it applied on all esams text caches, for instance, and wouldn't as a first step...). But yes, the general idea here to test on one hostpair only in production and then gradually enable the others is sane.
- 3. T95373 Update Puppet CA cert doesn't seem to be a

true blocker, more like "if we're going to fix this, let's do it now instead of later". Shouldn't be hard, right? If not, let's get it over with. If it is, then let's not block IPSec on it.

4. **T88536** - Implement a big IPsec off switch - core script seem to already be merged and presumably basically works? There's a followup commit dating back to ~2w ago with some nits/bugfix traffic, not yet merged. What's stalling on this? https://gerrit.wikimedia.org/

Functional core IPsec things that definitely need to be working for deployment, and may need some serious work-time on them:

- 1. **T92603** Monitoring Seems we have some work
  here, but is missing (in my
  opinion) "ip xfrm"
  correlation, plus reviewing
  for smaller nits and such,
  and actual testing. Critical
  due to lack of real traffic
  enforcement, so that we're
  aware if things break down.
- 2. **T92602** Stats traffic protection Critical IMHO, as we're still leaking way too much information without this. Needs: identify the list of kafka brokers involved, figure out if they're already on jessie or

pre-req for our current working test configs), sort out puppet bits for including them in the configured hostpairs for tier2 DCs as well. If they're not jessie yet, this could be a pretty major holdup. We could go ahead without this initially just to get some protection in place, but we really need this ASAP regardless.

External blockers (not IPSecspecific, but block full production rollout):

- T94417 Fix ipv6
   autoconf issues @faidon and I should be
   able to sort this out one
   way or another before the
   rest above is done.
- 2. **T96854** cache reboots for kernel updates We should be able to kick off this process later this week, and thus would expect completion by circa May 22 at the outside? We can overlap this with the first phases of rollout by ensuring we get a few key hosts rebooted early in the process that can be used for the initial production hostpairs.

Is there anything else missing that's not captured in all of the above?

Gage closed subtask 

Restricted Task as Declined.

May 4 2015, 5:43 PM

• Gage added a comment.

May 4 2015, 5:52 PM

Thanks, Brandon. I'll reply in order:

Proposed for ignore/drop:

#### 1. T85823: IPsec: add firewall re

Agreed, we don't need this right now. However I suspect we'll want this someday. Not a blocker. Propose: keep open with lowest priority.

- 2. {T85827}: Agreed, no movement upstream. It's a nice idea which could have made configuration easier, but we've already done the config work so now this would represent a config change rather than a savings in effort. I've closed it.
- 3. {T85822}: I opened this per Mark's request but personally I don't think we'll ever need this. The goal was to minimize potential impact of IPsec, but as BBlack has pointed out this is sufficiently taken care of by the hostpairs in use: DNS lookups, SSH from bastions,

etc. will never be affected by IPsec. Propose: close. Clean up / close / ready: 1. T96111: Strongswan: secu Updated. Need to import Strongswan 5.3.0 into WMF apt repo. Need to determine appropriate values for lifetime and margin. 2. T92604: IPSec: roll-out pl Updated. It seems we're in agreement to try a pair of upload hosts first. 3. {T95373}: I removed Interdatacenter-IPsec tag from this, but now I'm having second thoughts. It means replacing the puppet cert on every host, because they're signed with the CA cert which needs replacement. Not hard, but also not trivial. If we do this after IPsec roll-out, it /should/ be as simple as running puppet to copy the new keys into /etc/ipsec.d/cacerts/ and restarting Strongswan. 4. T88536: Implement a big Revised patch uploaded this morning. Needs review but according to me it's bugfree & ready. Core requirements: 1. T92603: Monitor IPsec sta Revised patch uploaded this

xfrm' checking and addresses syntax issues. Review requested.

#### 2. T92602: Secure inter-datacer

I agree that this is important. Kafka brokers are still on Precise, so they will need to be reinstalled. I'll talk to Otto about this.

#### External blockers:

#### 1. T94417: Fix ipv6 autoconf is:

I've tested & given my feedback in support of the token-based approach. Seems like we're waiting on feedback from Paravoid.

#### 2. T96854: Reboot caches for k

This is BBlack & Moritz's issue, I agree with the plan to overlap with first phases of rollout. We need at least 3.19.3, which works with the current plan to deploy 3.19.6.

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I'm not aware of any other related issues.

• **Gage** closed subtask ⋒
Restricted Task as *Declined*.

May 6 2015, 5:53 PM

Gage removed a subtask:
 T85823: IPsec: add firewall
 rules.

T96854: Reboot caches for kernel 3.19.6 globally as Resolved.

May 26 2015, 12:47 PM

BBlack closed subtask

T94417: Fix ipv6 autoconf
issues as Resolved.

May 28 2015, 6:53 PM

- T86718: Upgrade eqiad-misc
  varnish cluster from 2 to 4
  systems. Jun 4 2015, 12:01 AM
- BBlack added a parent task:

  T101339: Expand misc

  cluster into cache PoPs.

  Jun 4 2015, 12:05 AM
- **BBlack** added a subtask:

  T92604: IPSec: roll-out-plan.

  Jul 29 2015, 1:27 AM
  - Restricted Application added a subscriber: **Matanya**. · View Herald Transcript

    Jul 29 2015, 1:27 AM
- BBlack mentioned this in rOPUPc86d5d45df63: enable ipsec for all codfw caches.

Jul 30 2015, 10:16 PM

- BBlack mentioned this in rOPUP651418a26dca: enable ipsec for half eqiad text caches.
- BBlack mentioned this in rOPUP390b3d7b7047: enable ipsec for all eqiad text caches.

**BBlack** closed subtask

T92604: IPSec: roll-out plan
as Resolved.

Aug 3 2015, 3:56 PM

BBlack added a subtask:

T92602: Secure interdatacenter web request log
(Kafka) traffic.

Aug 3 2015, 4:06 PM

BBlack added a comment.
Aug 3 2015, 4:09 PM

So, the basic cache <-> cache work for tier2 is complete and functioning in practice (modulo ongoing operational improvements). We're still missing protection of other traffic (critically, kafka data, blocker added to previously merely referenced ticket), and we still have no answer for the traffic that crosses DCs through an LVS (critically in the near future: codfw caches -> eqiad appservers. Beyond that, it is desirable to let tier2-frontend caches bypass flowing through tier2-backend+tier1-backend for fixed "pass" traffic, but we're not there yet and this basically blocks it.

BBlack mentioned this in
T110065: Switch codfw
caches to tier2, begin

pushing some traffic through them to test.

Aug 24 2015, 5:02 PM

BBlack removed a subtask:

T92602: Secure interdatacenter web request log

(Kafka) traffic.

Aug 27 2015, 3:01 AM

**BBlack** added a project: **Traffic**.

BBlack closed this task as Resolved.

Aug 27 2015, 3:29 AM

I split off the last blocker as a separate Traffic-tagged ticket. It's important, but there's no clear priority vs other projects, and we may solve it without IPSec anyways. The rest of the work here has been functional for a while and it's time for this long-standing meta-task to die.

- faidon changed the visibility
  from "WMF-NDA (Project)" to
  "Public (No Login Required)".

  Dec 13 2017, 5:09 PM
  - faidon changed the edit policy from "WMF-NDA (Project)" to "All Users".

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