

IPSEC versus SSL

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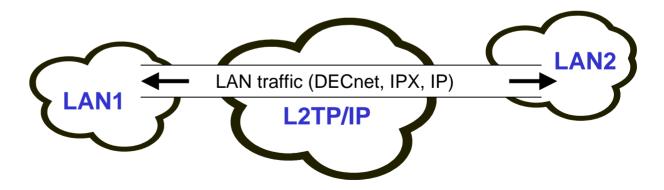
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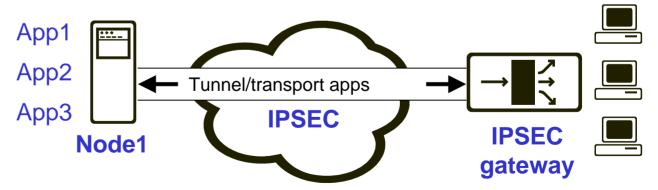
Network-to-network security (L2F)

- Establish a layer 2 tunnel between sites
- Control access between LANs.
- All applications can travel between all nodes on the LANs at either end
- Generally needs password exchange beforehand
- Good for office-to-office or extranet partners with non-IP traffic, usually one-to-one



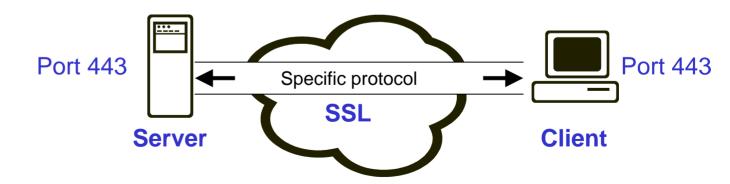
Node-to-node security (IPSEC)

- Firewalling according to address ranges
- IPSEC to encrypt traffic
- May use a public key infrastructure to authenticate
- May be one-to-one (office-to-office) or many-to-one (remote access)
- Any TCP ports flow over the IPSEC tunnel
- Visitor probably established identity before visiting



Application-to-application security (SSL)

- Stateful firewalling and port-by-port filtering
- SSL or TLS to encrypt traffic
- Identity often only established after visitor decides to buy (credit card)
- The focus of most e-commerce security



The big question

- So which will win?
 - Or is there a niche for both?