* **From CISCO:**



* **From TNC:**

**What are some attributes of TNC?**

TNC is based on the twin concepts of integrity and identity. *Integrity* is used in this case to describe the desired state of an endpoint’s “health” or configuration, as defined by IT policies. Examples might be to check if the system adheres to pre-determined policies and determine the system is not engaged in unusual or malicious behavior. *Identity* ensures that systems are authenticated for authorized users only.

The TNC specifications will also define interoperability interfaces to allow for the

exchange of new types of attributes in the context of network access control solutions. Those

attributes will include endpoint compliance information, software state attestation, as well as

information pertaining to the Platform-Authentication exchange [2].

Here, the TNC Architecture seeks to provide a richer set of security attributes for use in

authorization policies. Thus, a Requestor can be given or denied network access based on a set

of finer grain rules that peer deeper into the Requestor’s system state. In this way, a AAA Server

can provide authorization to a Client not only on the basis of the Client’s network-related

attributes (e.g. IP address, domain) and user-related attributes (e.g. user password, user

certificate), but also on the Client platform integrity state (e.g. hardware configuration, BIOS,

Kernel versions, OS patch level, Anti-Virus signatures, etc).

With the growing popularity of EAP as a way to allow various authentication methods to be used

between the AR (i.e. client, EAP-Peer or Supplicant) and PDP (Authentication Server),

extensions have thus been defined in RFC3579 for RADIUS itself to support EAP. The aim of the

extensions is to use RADIUS to shuttle RADIUS-encapsulated EAP packets between the AR (or

PEP in the TNC Architecture) and the PDP Two new attributes that were introduced into RADIUS

in RFC3579 to achieve this are the EAP-Message and Message-Authenticator attributes.

* **From Encyclopedia:**

Attributes of a secure network

Network security starts from [authenticating](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Authentication) any user, most likely an username and a password. Once authenticated, [firewall](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Firewall_%28networking%29) enforces access policies such as what services are allowed to be accessed by the network users.[[1]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Network_security#cite_note-0) Though effective to prevent unauthorized access, this component fails to check potentially harmful contents such as [computer worms](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Computer_worm) being transmitted over the network. An [intrusion prevention system](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Intrusion_prevention_system) (IPS)[[2]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Network_security#cite_note-1) helps detect and prevent such [malware](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Malware). IPS also [monitors for suspicious network traffic](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Deep_packet_inspection) for contents, volume and [anomalies](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Anomaly-based_intrusion_detection_system) to protect the network from attacks such as [denial of service](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Denial_of_service). Communication between two hosts using the network could be encrypted to [maintain privacy](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Virtual_private_network). Individual events occurring on the network could be tracked for audit purposes and for a later high level analysis.

[*Honeypots*](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Honeypot_%28computing%29), essentially [decoy](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Decoy) network-accessible resources, could be deployed in a network as surveillance and early-warning tools. Techniques used by the attackers that attempt to compromise these decoy resources are studied during and after an attack to keep an eye on new [exploitation](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Exploit_%28computer_security%29) techniques. Such analysis could be used to further tighten security of the actual network being protected by the honeypot.[[3]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Network_security#cite_note-2)

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## Trusted Network Security Attributes

Network administration in Trusted Extensions is based on security templates. A security template describes a set of hosts that have common protocols and identical security attributes.

Security attributes are administratively assigned to systems, both hosts and routers, by means of templates. The security administrator administers templates and assigns them to systems. If a system does not have an assigned template, no communications are allowed with that system.

Every template is named, and includes the following:

* A host type of either Unlabeled or CIPSO. The protocol that is used for network communications is determined by the host type of the template.

The host type is used to determine whether to use CIPSO options and affects MAC. See [Host Type and Template Name in Security Templates](http://docs.sun.com/app/docs/doc/819-7309/txnet-34?l=ru&a=view).

* A set of security attributes that are applied to each host type.