

strongSwan - Issue #3584

Separate ipsec.conf file per conn and separate ipsec.secrets file per conn

30.09.2020 11:49 - Andy Marliyev

Status: Feedback	
Priority: Normal	
Assignee: Tobias Brunner	
Category: configuration	
Affected version: 5.7.2	
Resolution:	
Description	
Hello,	
We have too many conns in ipsec.conf and ipsec.secrets files. We want to include separate conn file per customer. means in ipsec.conf file include directory where located conns for each customer and secrets. How we can achieve this?	

History

#1 - 30.09.2020 12:43 - Tobias Brunner

- Status changed from New to Feedback

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You basically answered this question yourself, see the include statement in the man page for [ipsec.conf](#) (works the same for [ipsec.secrets](#)). [swanctl.conf](#) supports it too.

#2 - 30.09.2020 13:18 - Andy Marliyev

Tobias Brunner wrote:

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yes, we tried but no connection available when pointed to other .conf file.

#3 - 30.09.2020 15:50 - Andy Marliyev

Tobias Brunner wrote:

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```
ipsec.conf -> include /etc/ipsec.d/customers/*
ipsec.secrets -> include /etc/ipsec.d/customers_secrets/*
```

```
ipsec restart
Starting strongSwan 5.8.2 IPsec [starter]...
/etc/ipsec.d/customers_secrets/aws.secrets:2: syntax error, unexpected STRING [x.x.x.x]
invalid config file '/etc/ipsec.conf'
unable to start strongSwan -- fatal errors in config
```

#4 - 30.09.2020 15:53 - Tobias Brunner

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invalid config file '/etc/ipsec.conf'
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Seems pretty clear, no?

#5 - 30.09.2020 16:01 - Andy Marliyev

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hmm, no. am configured secrets as same as in original file but not loading.

#6 - 30.09.2020 16:14 - Andy Marliyev

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yes :) got it working. ipsec up not detected conn name automatically, so am entered manually and changed secrets file location.

#7 - 30.09.2020 16:25 - Tobias Brunner

ipsec up not detected conn name automatically

What do you mean? Detected automatically how?

so am entered manually and changed secrets file location.

What does that mean?

#8 - 30.09.2020 16:31 - Andy Marliyev

Tobias Brunner wrote:

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What do you mean? Detected automatically how?

so am entered manually and changed secrets file location.

What does that mean?

when am typing ipsec up "twice TAB" no conn name is appearing. i am entered name manually to connect, now i am getting this but not connecting:

```
Security Associations (0 up, 1 connecting):
testing+: CONNECTING, x.x.x.x[%any]...x.x.x.x[%any]
```

#9 - 30.09.2020 16:32 - Tobias Brunner

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Possibly a limitation of the bash completion script.

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Read the log.

#10 - 30.09.2020 16:35 - Andy Marliyev

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now i am getting this but not connecting:

Read the log.

dont think its bash completion cause when conn name is in ipsec.conf file, twice tab giving me all conns available in file, in this situation ipsec.conf is empty and all conns in other folder. in ipsec.conf file only this string -> include /etc/ipsec.d/customers/*

#11 - 30.09.2020 16:37 - Tobias Brunner

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That functionality is provided by a script that's part of bash completion, it might not support include.

#12 - 30.09.2020 16:59 - Andy Marliyev

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That functionality is provided by a script that's part of bash completion, it might not support include.

file location that am mentioned in ipsec.conf via include, not functional, conn is not getting up, even tcpdump is empty on other side, not receiving any packet. configured logging in strongswan, no logs available, empty. Is there any suggestion about how to get multiple conn files outside of ipsec.conf?

#13 - 30.09.2020 17:05 - Tobias Brunner

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What do you mean? That has already been answered. If you don't get it to work, you did it incorrectly.

#14 - 30.09.2020 17:06 - Andy Marliyev

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great, thank you.