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VOLTTRON™ Security

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Overview

- Background
- Creating keys and authorization.
- Demo



Background

- ZeroMQ's ZeroMQ Authentication Protocol (ZAP)
 - http://rfc.zeromq.org/spec:27/ZAP/
 - Eliptic Curve
 - Long term public and secret key
 - Short term communication keys based upon the public and secret key.
- VOLTTRON™ Interconnect Protocol (VIP)
 - http://volttron.readthedocs.io/en/develop/core_services/messagebus/VIP/VIP-Overview.html
 - Uses ZMQ frames to route to specific peers.
 - [SENDER, RECIPIENT, PROTOCOL, USER_ID, MSG_ID, SUBSYSTEM, ...]

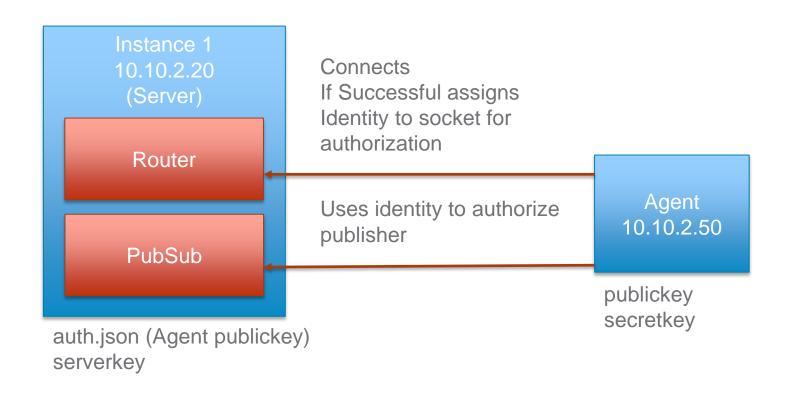
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Practical

- ► All VOLTTRONTM instances have a serverkey
 - Available from volttron-ctl serverkey command (publickey of server)
 - If web enabled available from /discovery/ endpoint.
- Agent Keys
 - Public and secret key are created automatically and stored under VOLTTRON_HOME/keystore directory.
 - Each identity has it's own public/secret key pair.
- Allowing Agent Connections
 - Modify auth.json file in VOLTTRON_HOME
 - volttron-ctl 'serverkey', 'auth-list', 'auth-add', 'auth-remove', 'auth-update'



How Does This Relate?





Operational Awareness

- VOLTTRON™ Central
 - Green Grey Red
 - System Metric Plots
 - Remote Platform Monitoring
- Status and Alert Infrastructure
 - Threshold Detection Agent
 - System Monitoring Agent
 - SysLog Agent
 - Emailer Agent

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Demo

- Create a new instance
- Start a listener that will show messages on the bus
- Show an agent using an rpc method to publish
- Secure the rpc method.
- Show the rpc method is not permitted
- Show the publish method is secured