

**So you think you can  
secure a network**

**OH SO YOU USE HTTPS**

**TELL ME MORE ABOUT THE  
PASSWORDS I'M CATCHING**

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# Nosy twitter...



What's happening?







**Marco Chiappetta** @lambdacomplete · 19s  
this is a nice [#wat](#) in python


```
return getattr(self.client, method)(**params)
TypeError: patch() takes at least 2 arguments (3 given)
```

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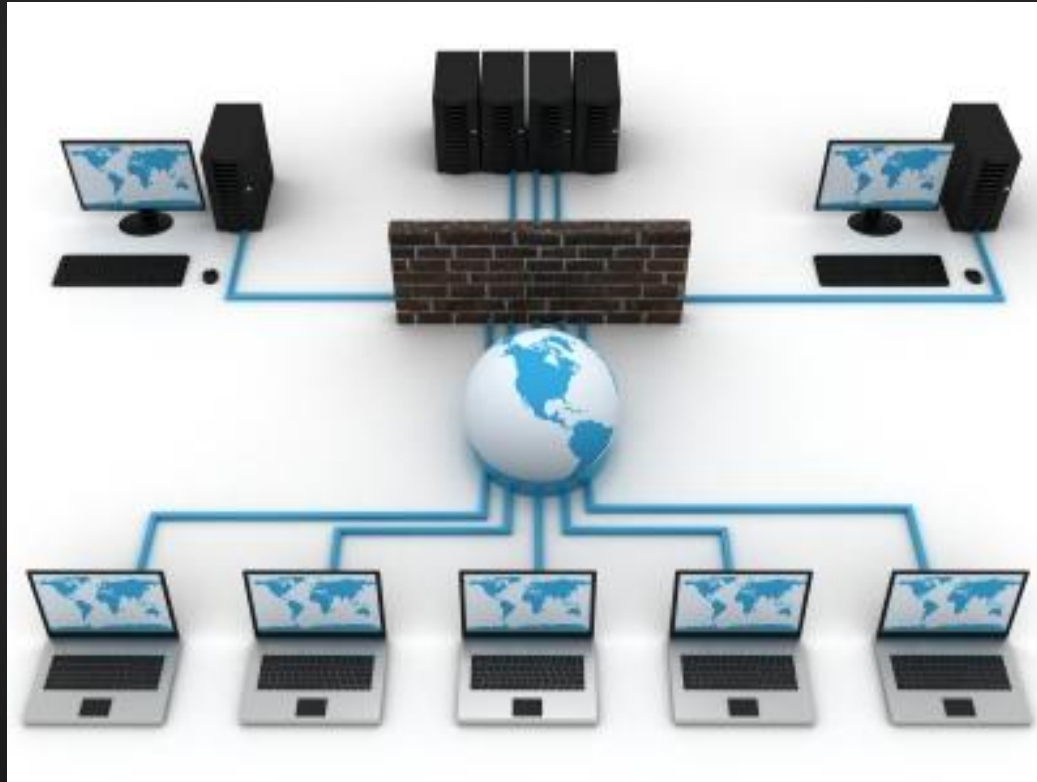
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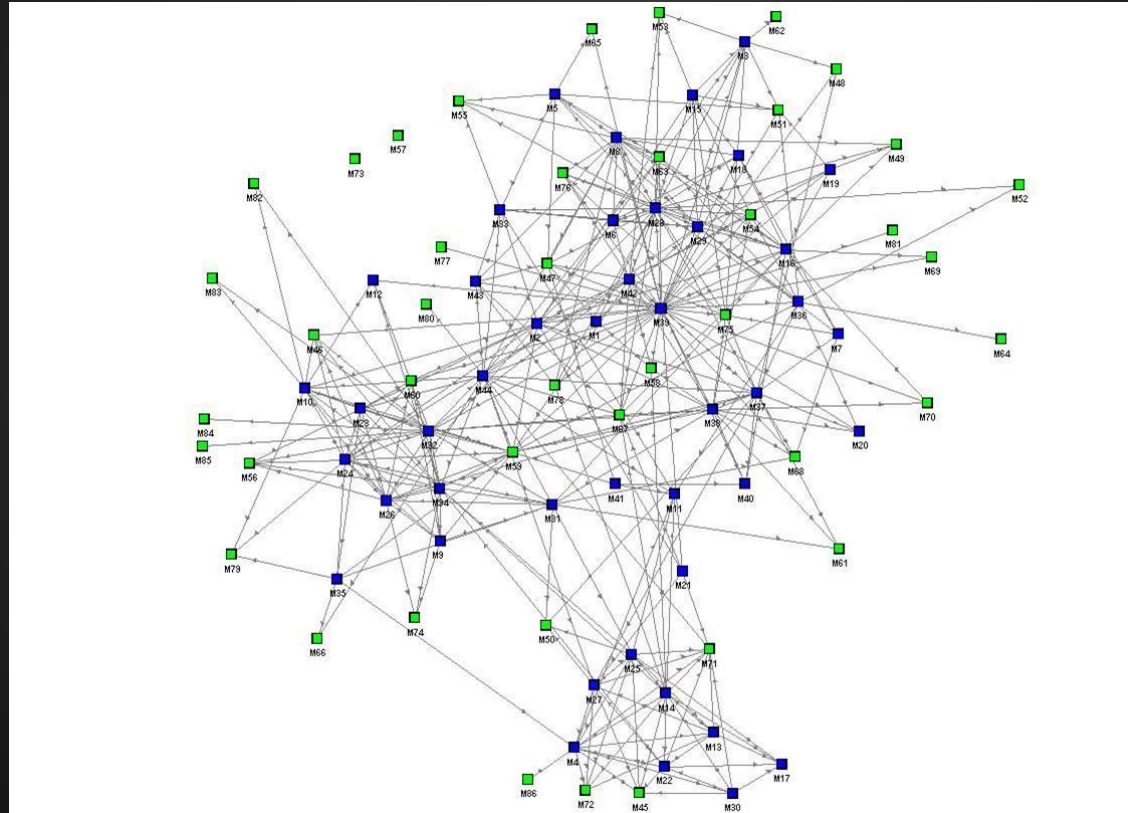
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# The ideal world...

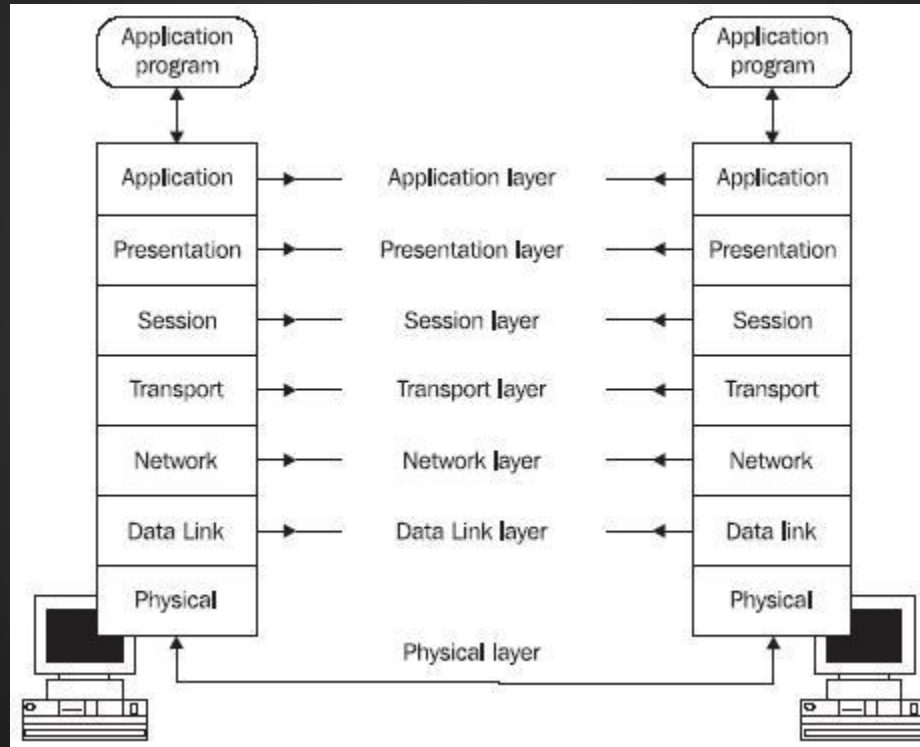




# The real world!



# One-slide intro to ISO/OSI



# Network and Datalink layers

Question: if IP addresses can be changed, how do we (dynamically) link each IP address to the actual device? And how do we identify these devices in the first place?

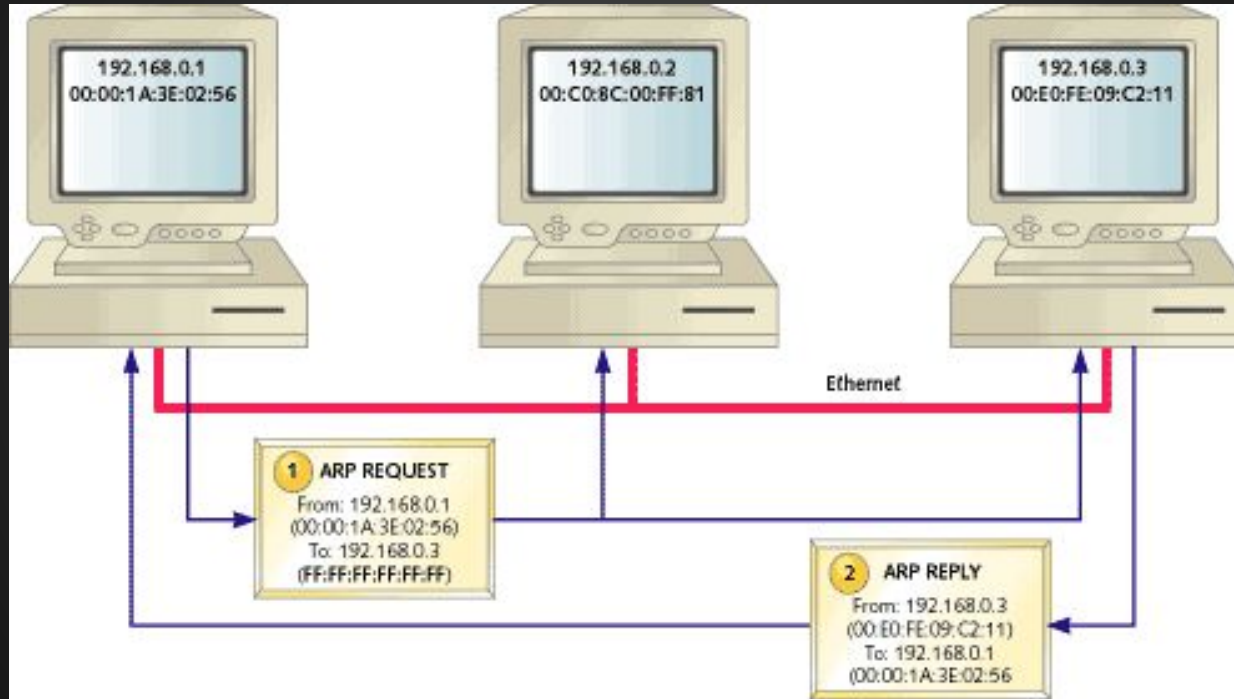
# The One!



# The One?!?



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Alice  
10.0.0.11  
bb:10:fa:ke:34:aa

ARP Cache:

Bob  
10.0.0.12  
bb:10:fa:ke:34:bb

ARP Cache:

Eve  
10.0.0.15  
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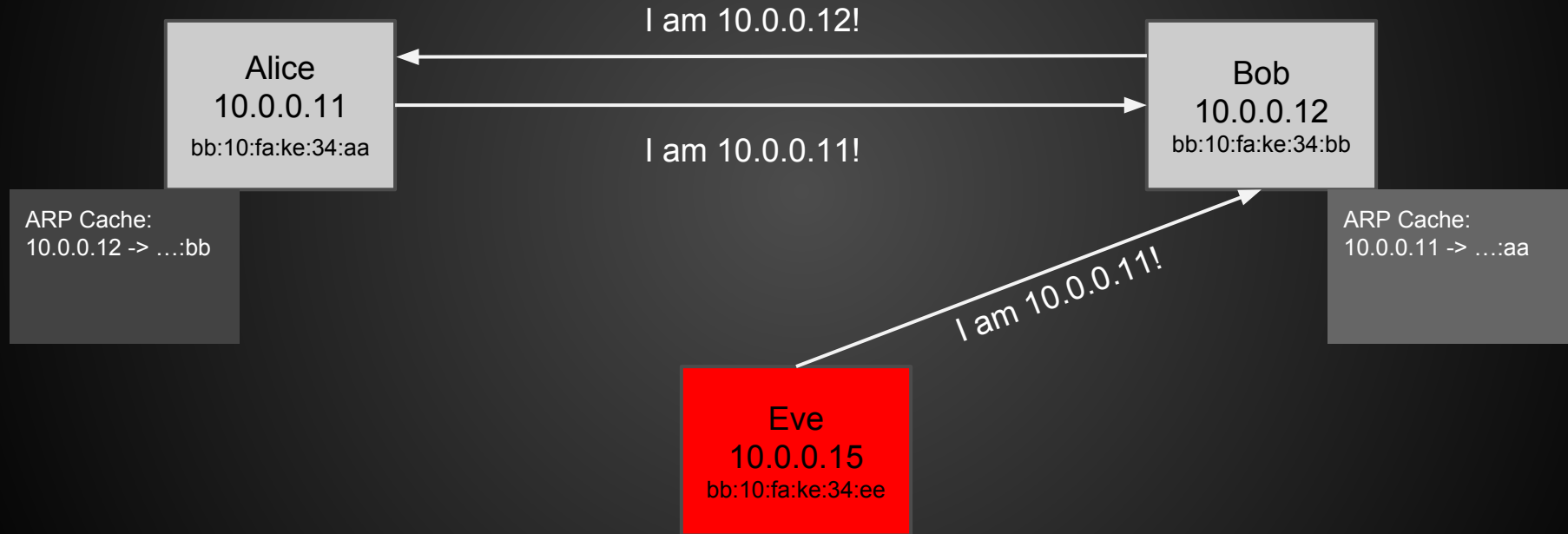
**Time to fuck around**

**Time to do cool things  
that we are only going to  
test in our local network  
and I promise I won't  
disappoint my parents**

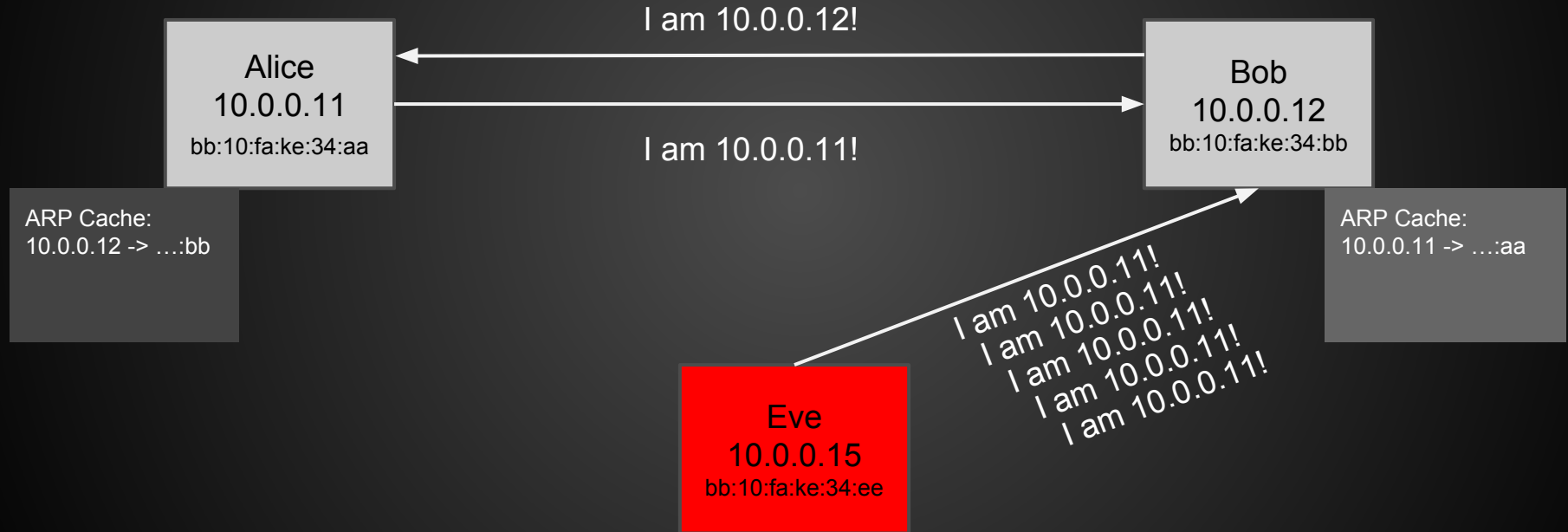
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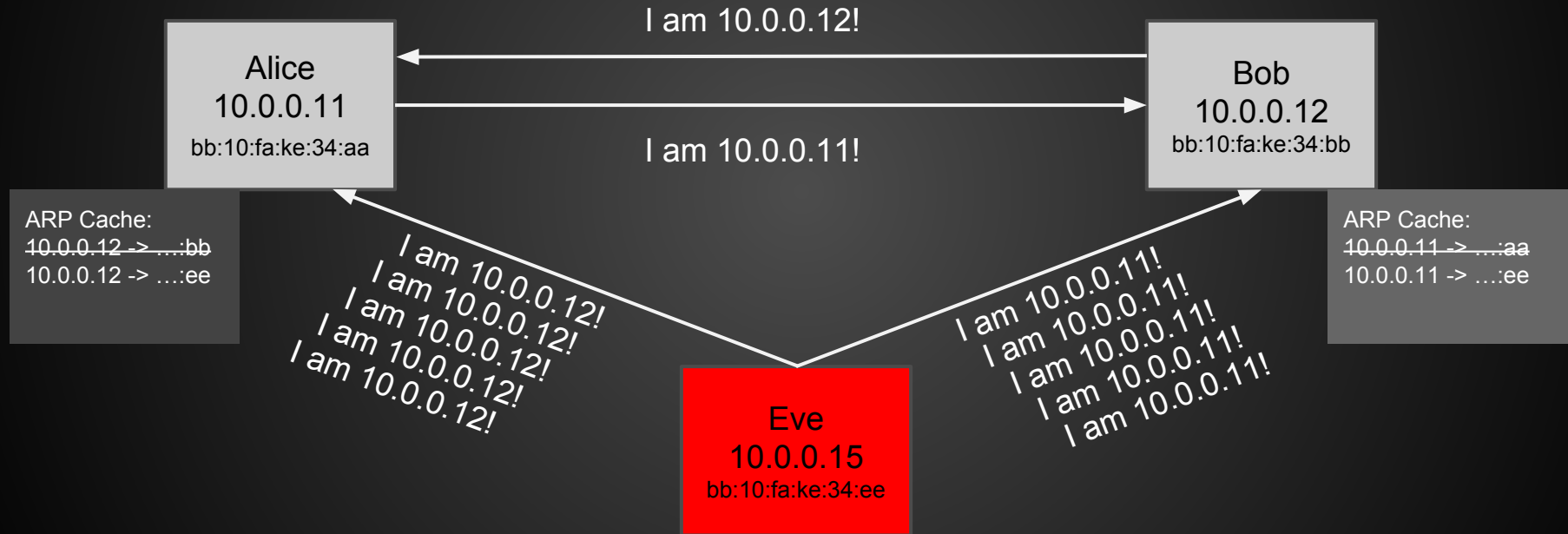


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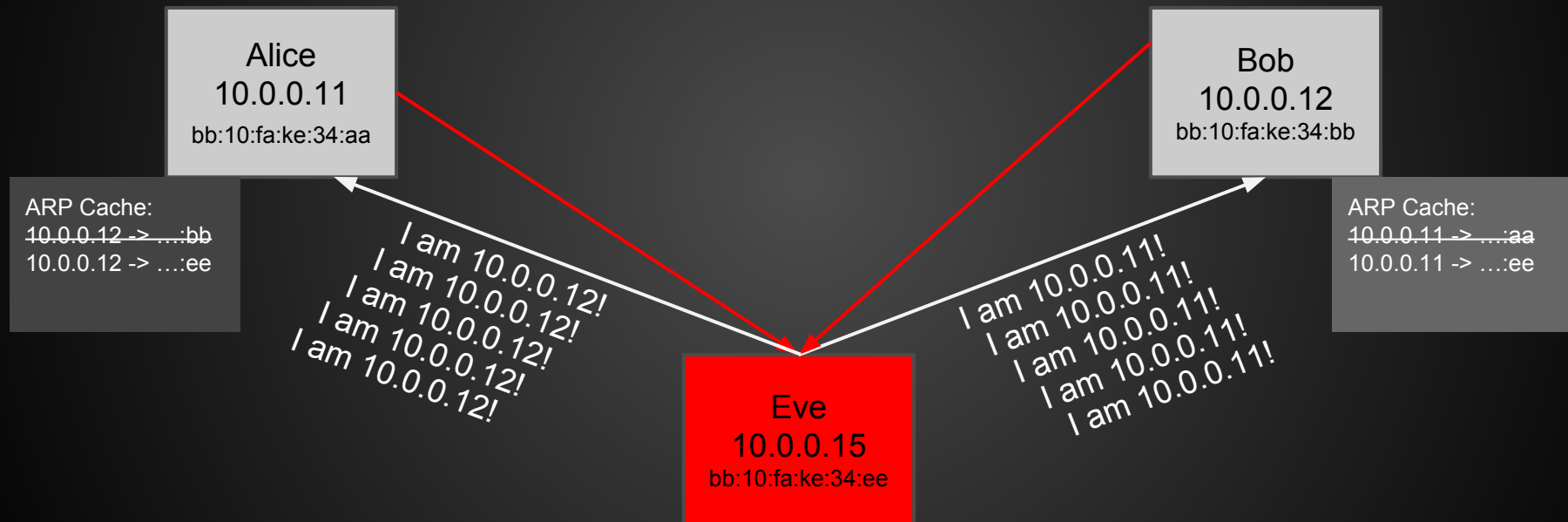




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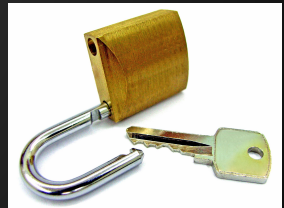
**Let's spoof!**

# HTTPS, SSL, TLS...WTF?

“If there’s an acronym for it, it must be secure.”  
(ancient Chinese proverb)

# Some vocabulary (oversimplified!)

- **Encryption**: the process of using a key to hide the content of a message.
- **Decryption**: the process of using a key to reveal the content of an encrypted message.
- **Public key**: a key that can be shared with anyone, can only be used to encrypt.
- **Private key**: a key that shouldn't be shared with anyone and can decrypt messages encrypted with the related public key.
- **Certificate authority (CA)**: trusted entities that uniquely establish the ownership of a particular public key.



Public and private key go in “pairs”, generated together.

**Very hard** (read “impossible”) to find the private key having only the public key.

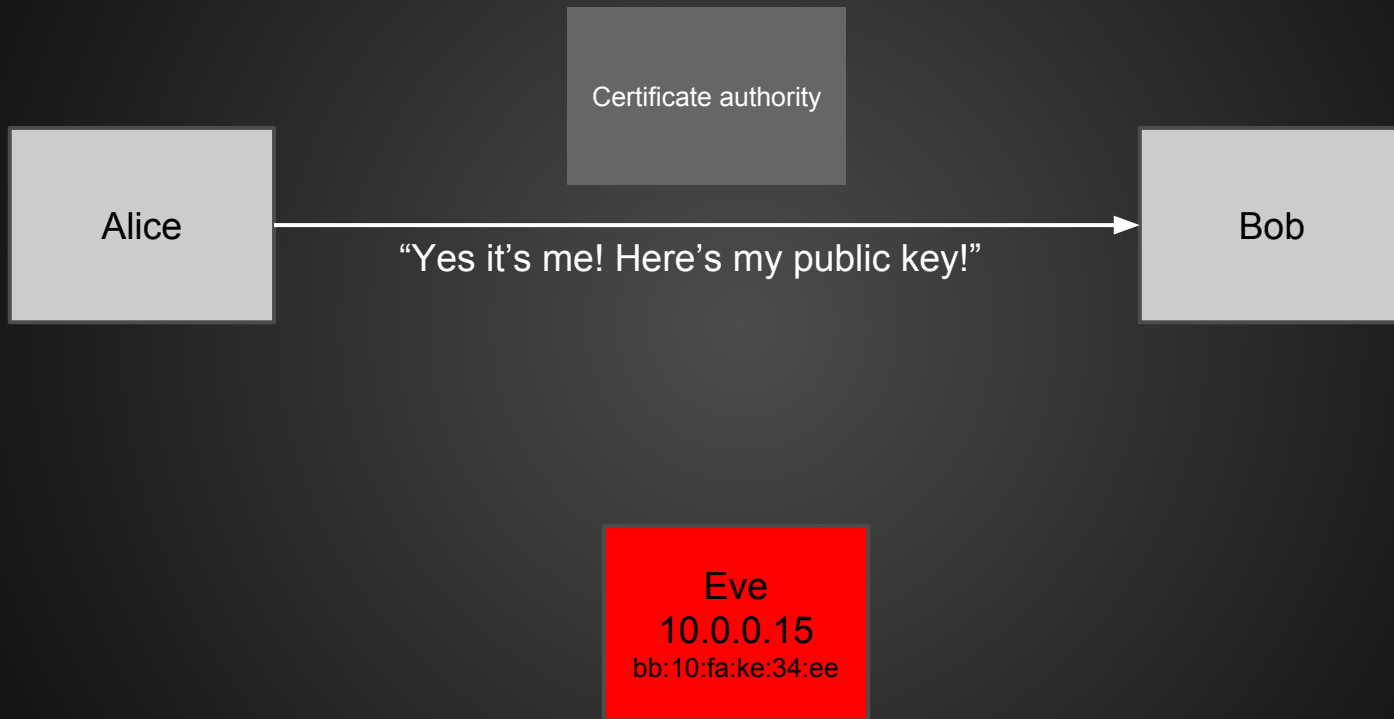
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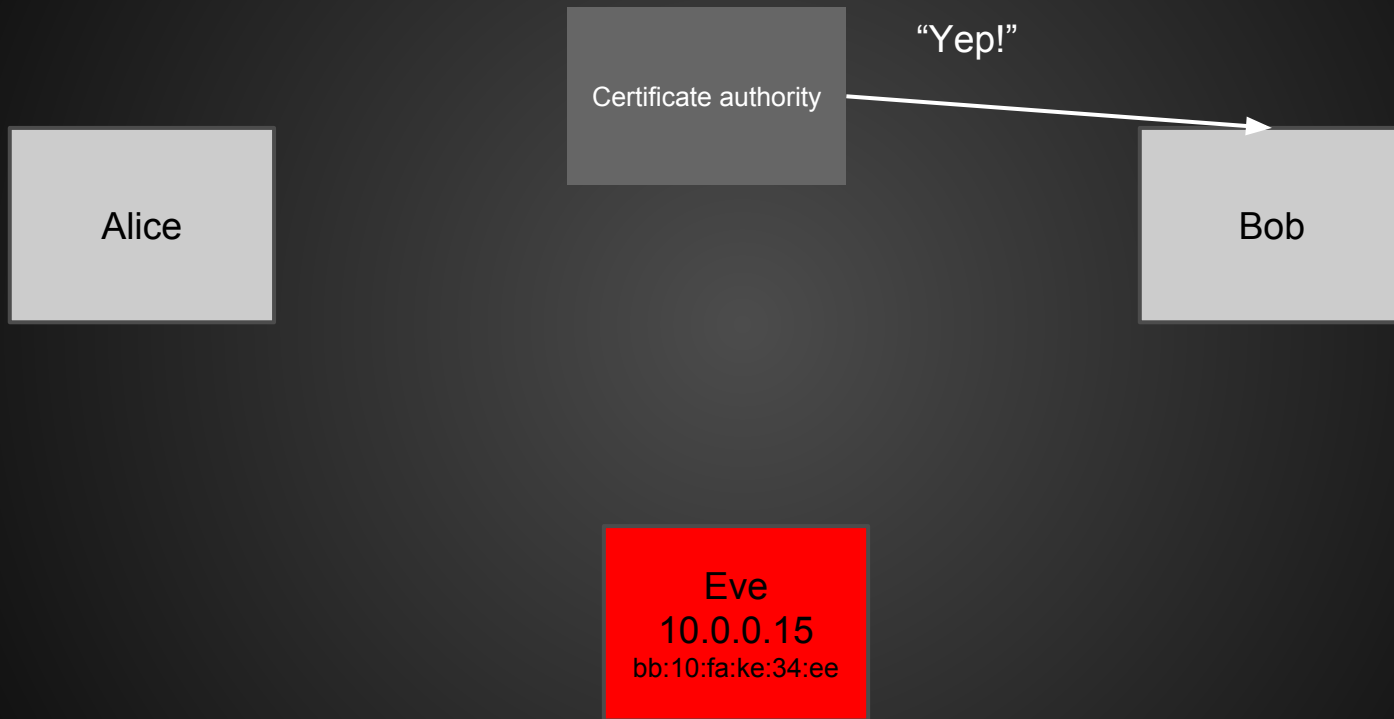




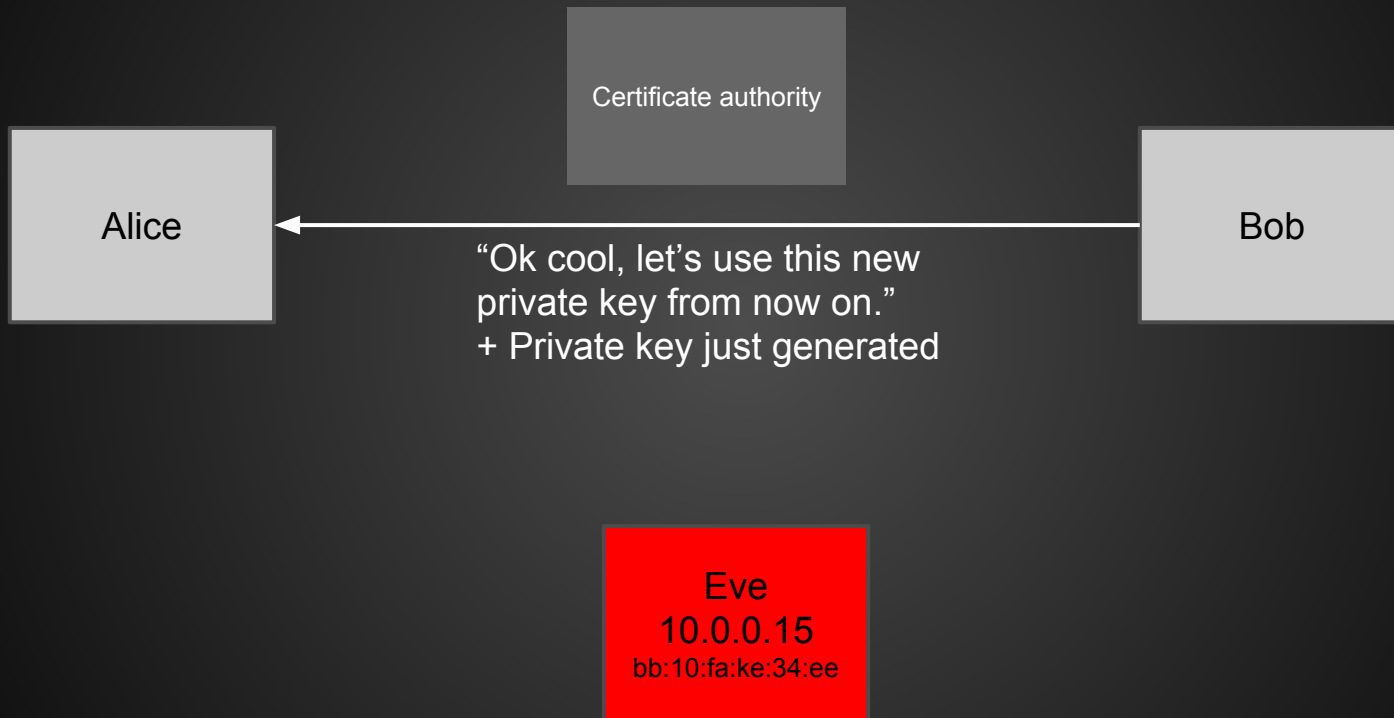
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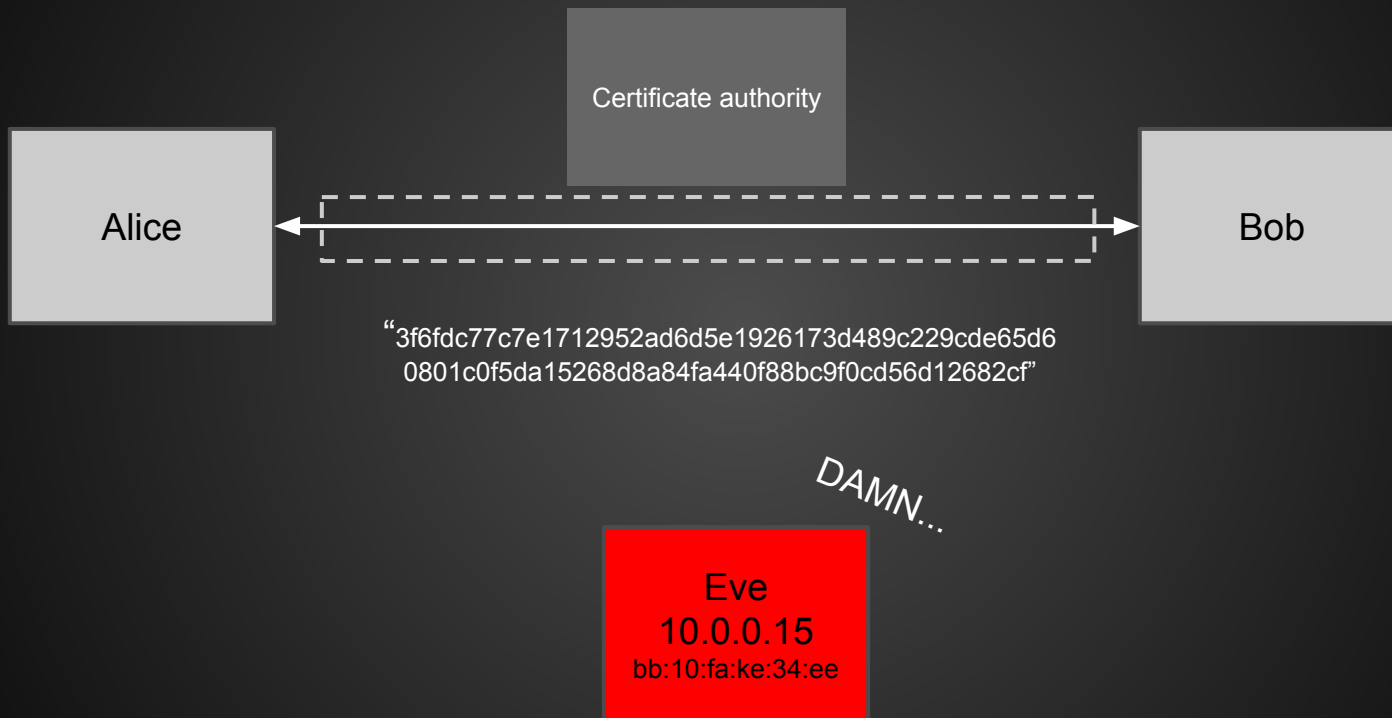
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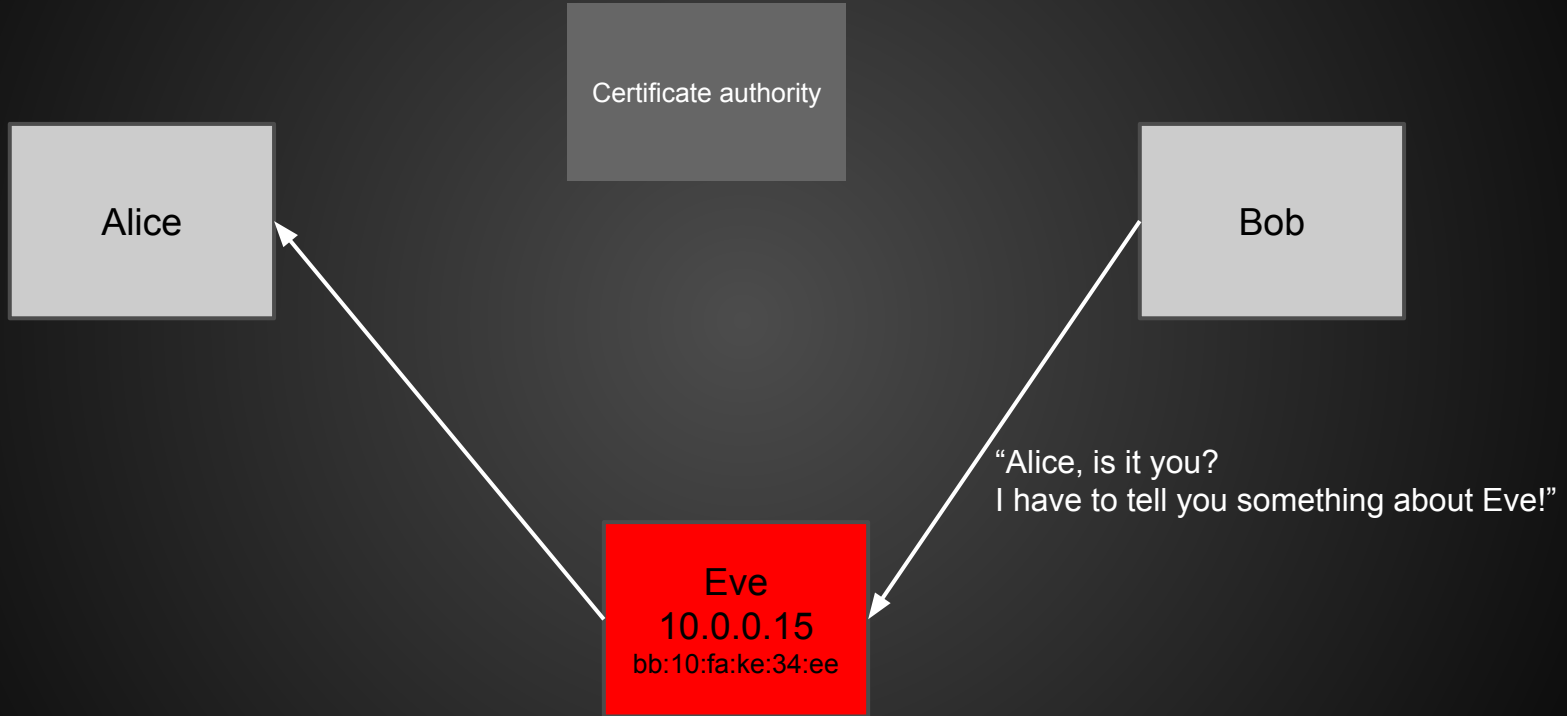
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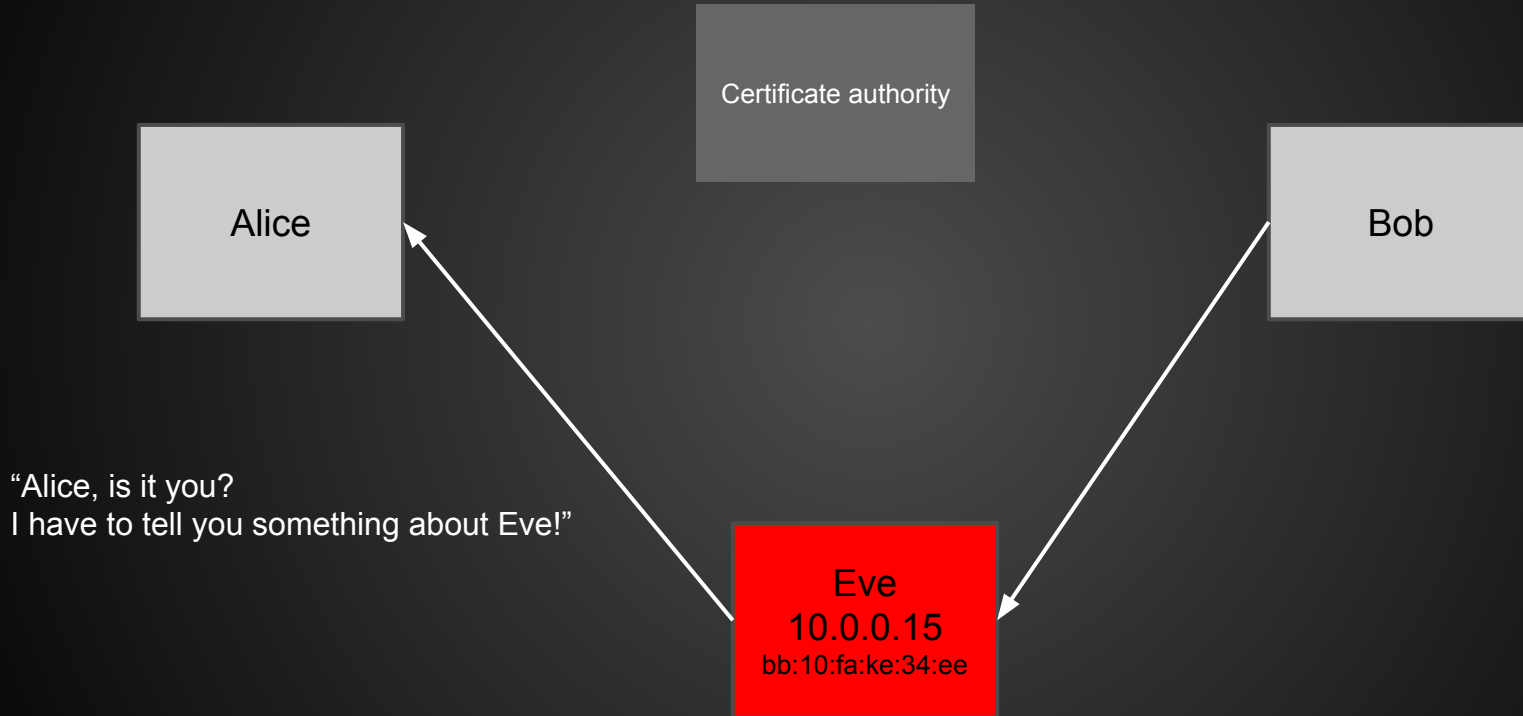
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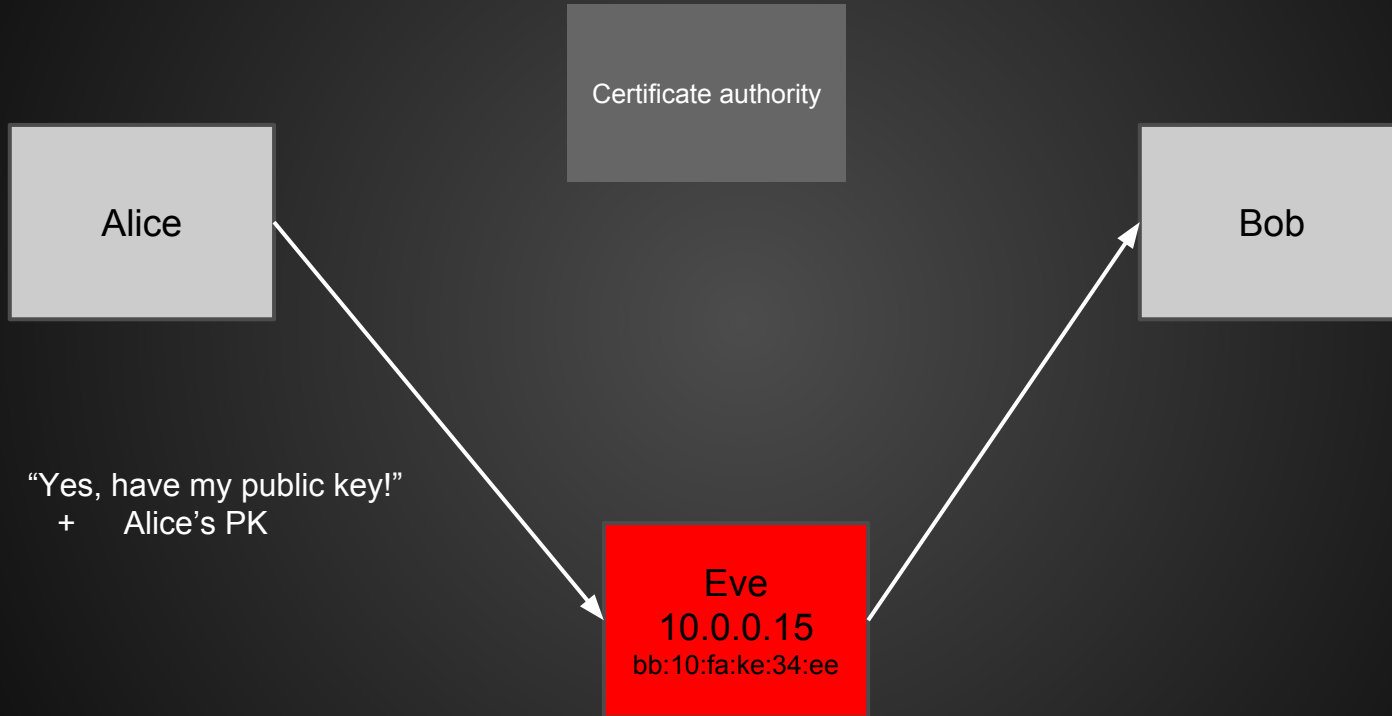
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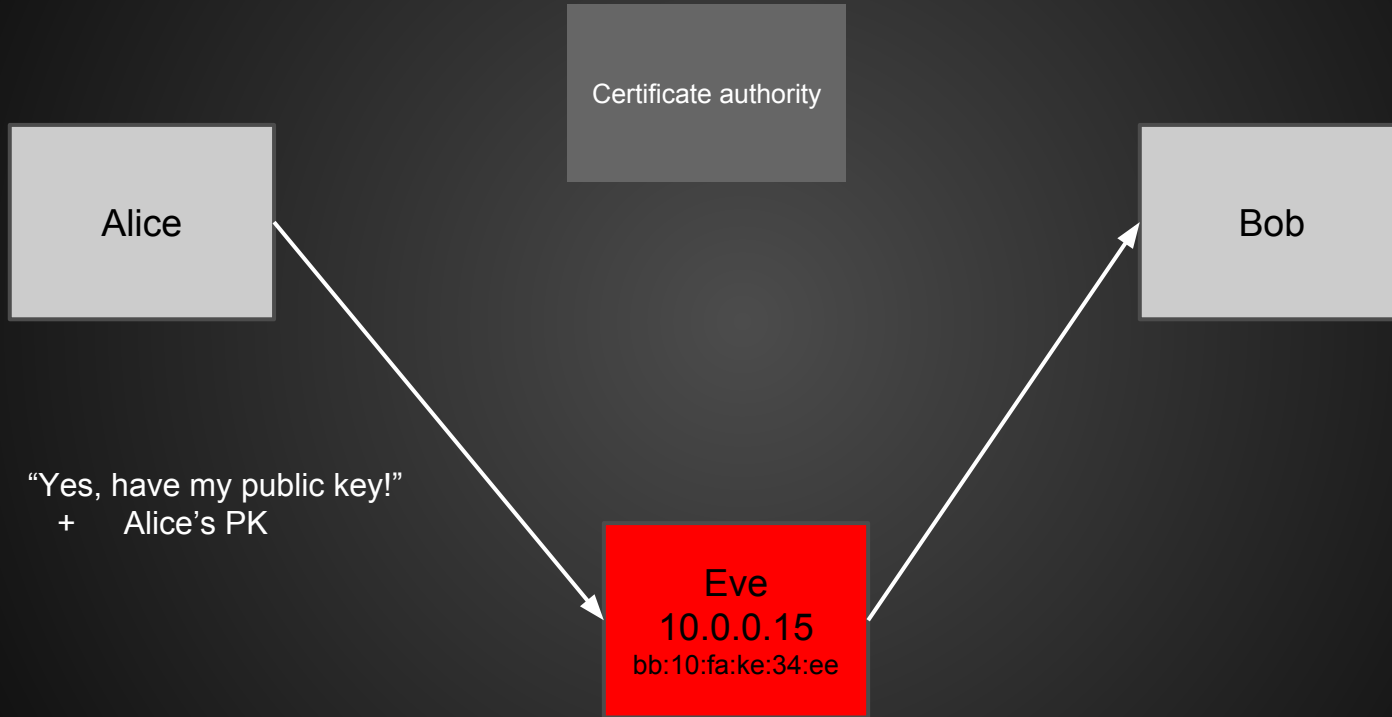
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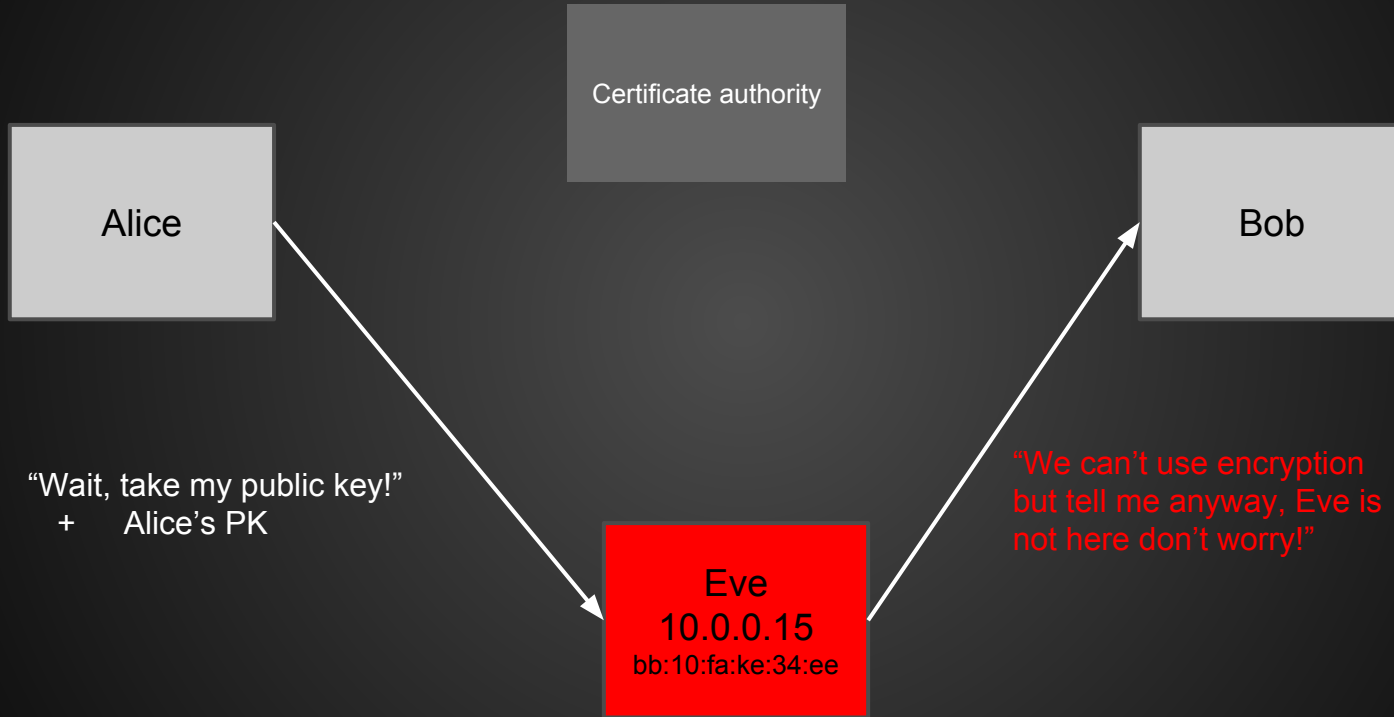
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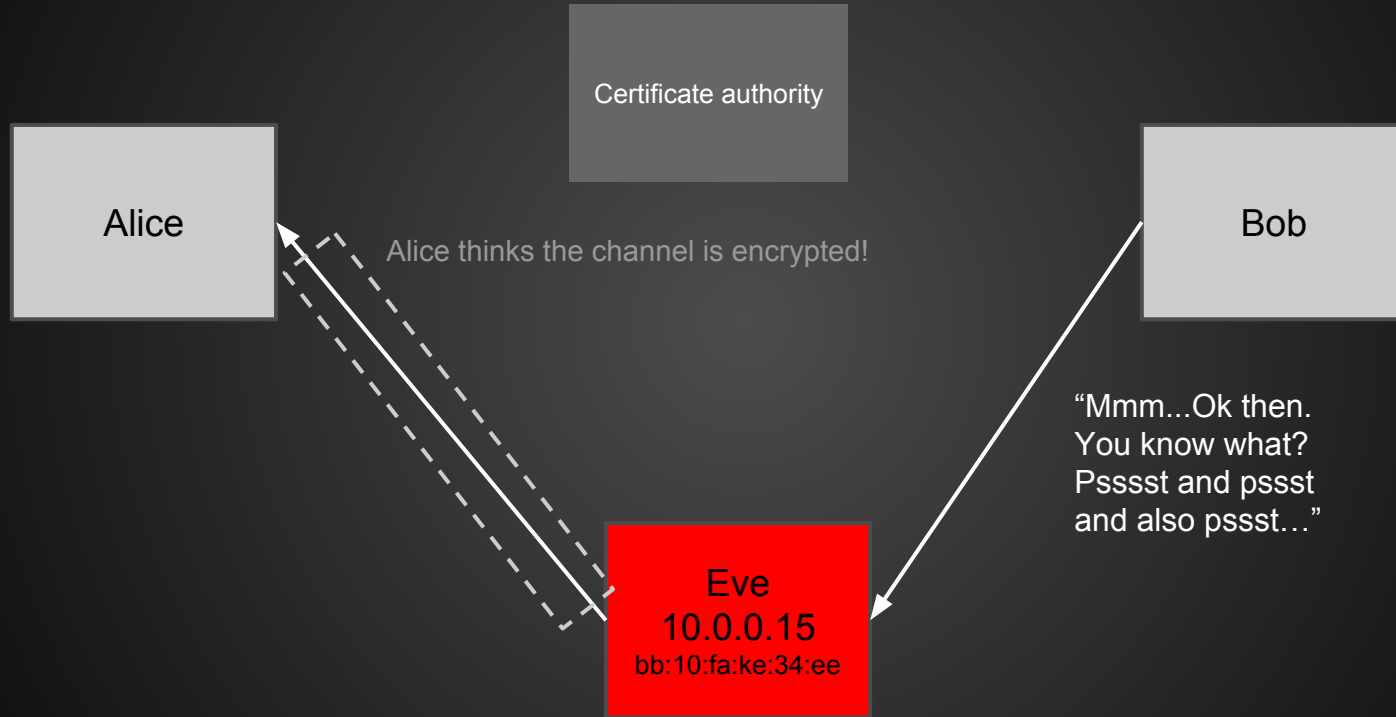
"Mmm...If I change the key the CA will tell Bob it's not Alice's..."



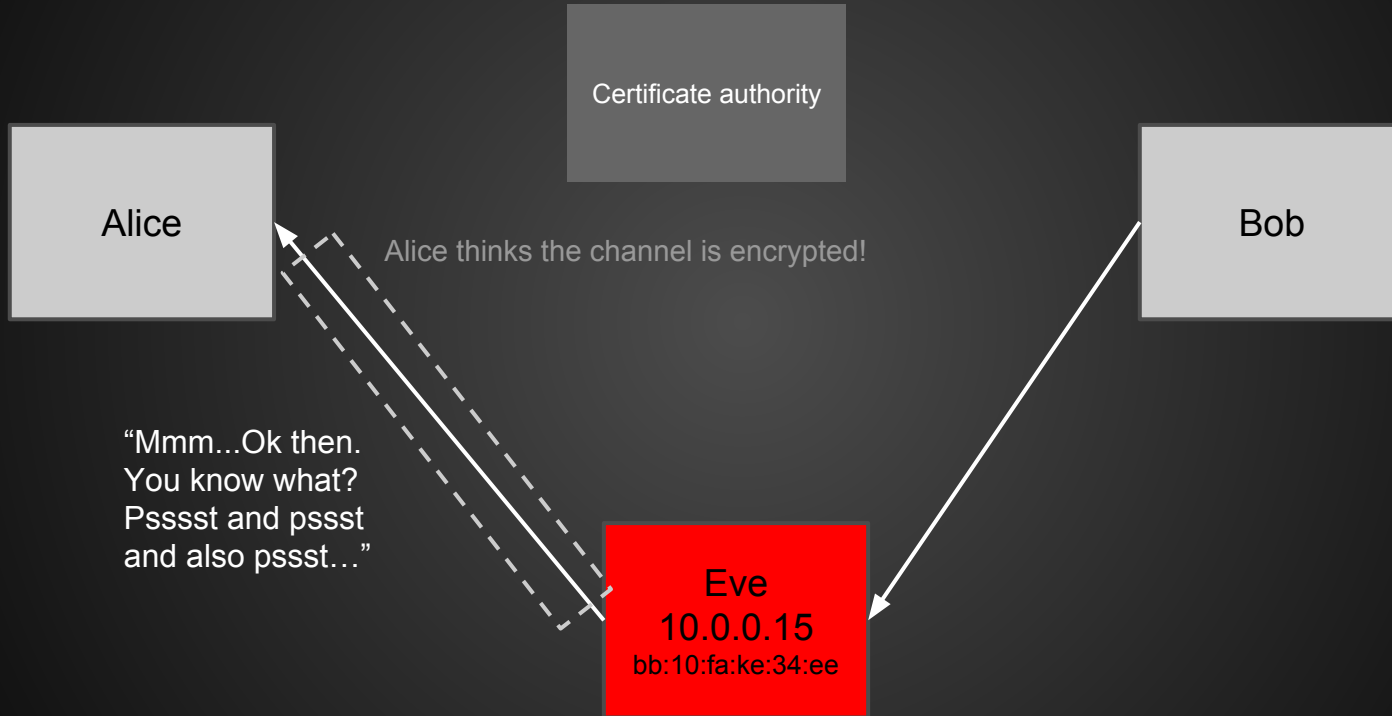
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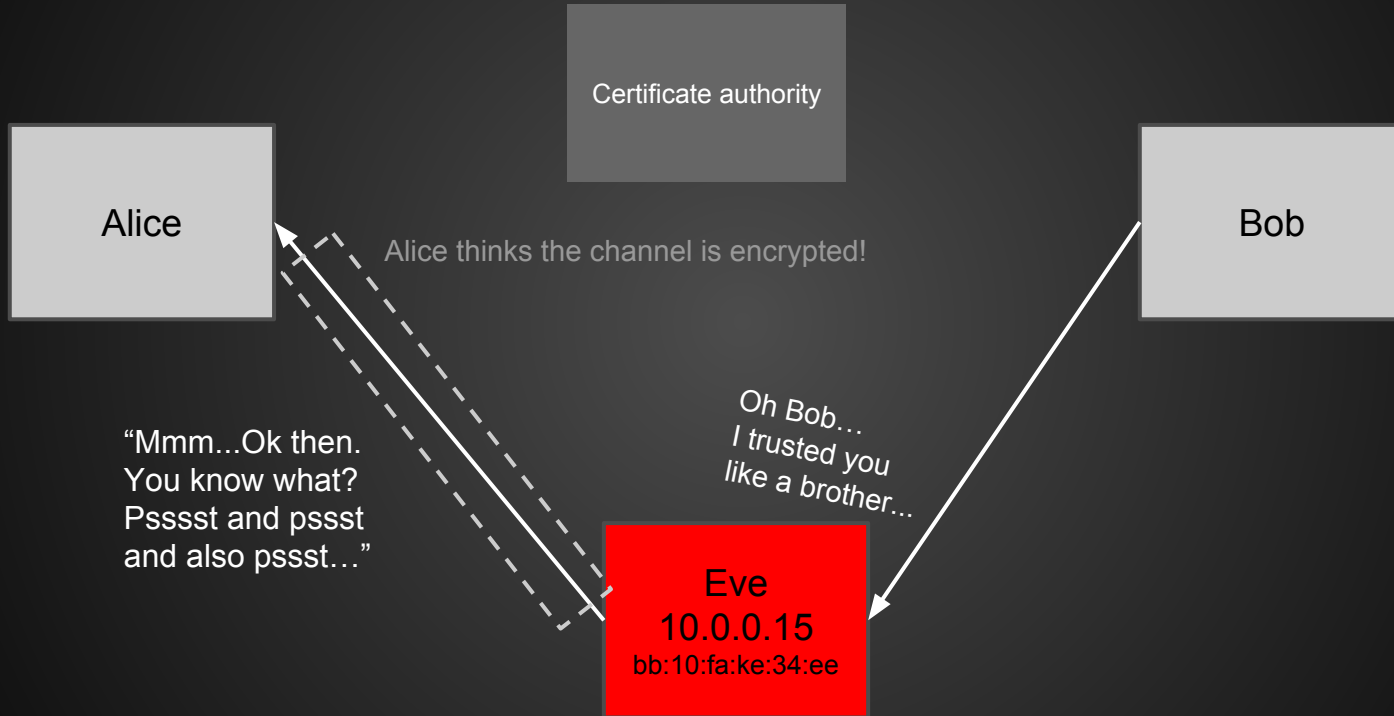
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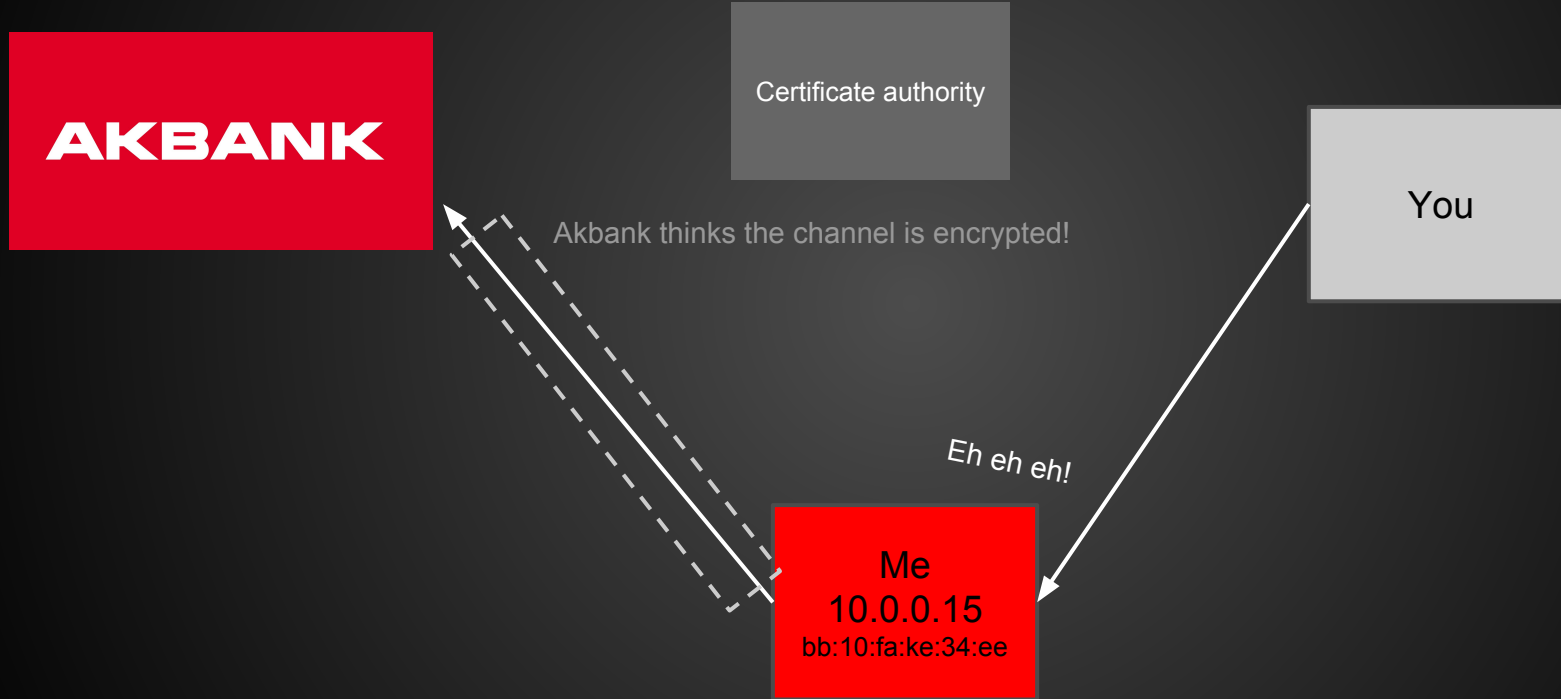
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**Any volunteer?**

:)

# Some notes

- If the request is directed to an HTTPS URL we can only replace the certificate (and trigger the RSOD).
- If the browser “knows” that a website is supposed to be accessed via HTTPS it will try to do so.
- Client isolation is a “solution” (see WiSpotter).

**“We are good man, we redirect all  
requests to HTTPS”**

A story about lack of awareness



# Ways to “force” HTTPS

1. HTTP 30X from the server (useless since we intercept the requests)
2. Disable unencrypted server (impractical in most cases)
3. Force the browser to use HTTPS (no control from the server and... How many of you do it anyway?)
4. Force the browser to look up the domain in a list and determine whether to allow unencrypted connections (HSTS)



# Internal redirect with HSTS



Certificate authority

Bob

GET google.com

Eve

10.0.0.15

bb:10:fa:ke:34:ee



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## ▼ General

**Request URL:** http://facebook.com/

**Request Method:** GET

**Status Code:** 🟡 307 Internal Redirect

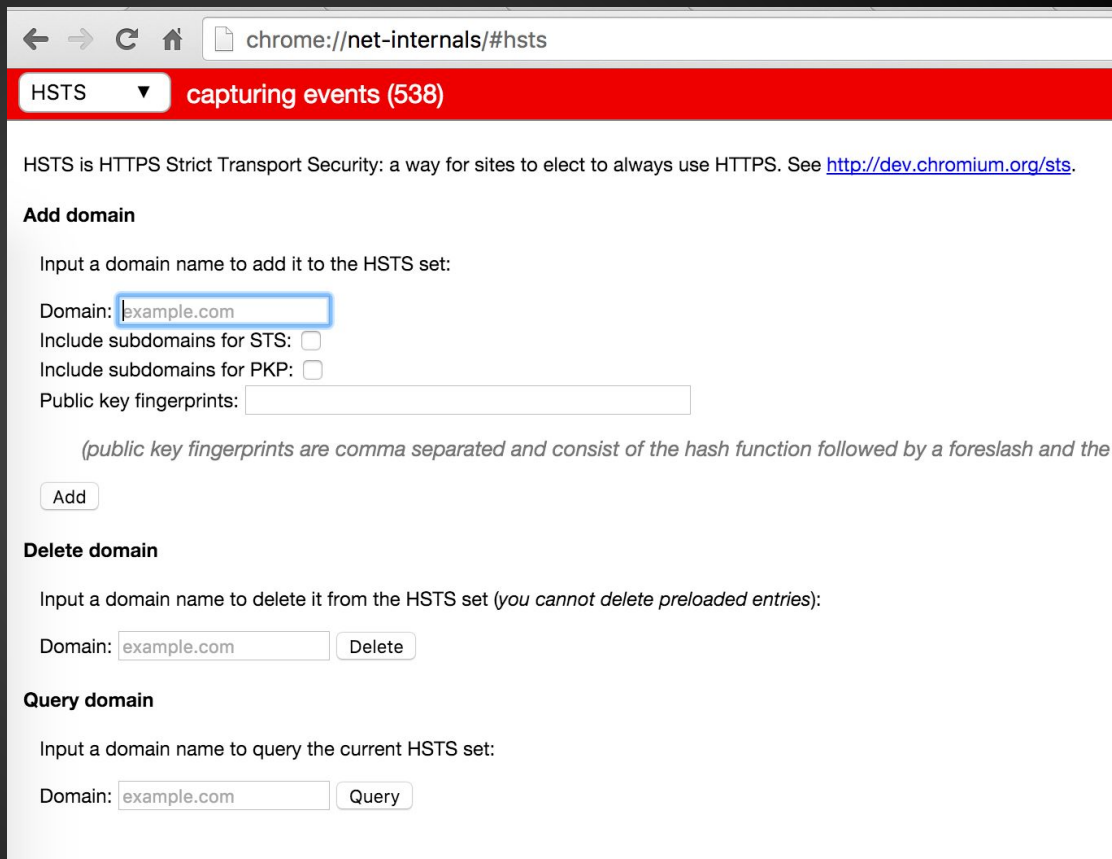
## ▼ Response Headers

**Location:** https://facebook.com/

**Non-Authoritative-Reason:** HSTS

# HSTS

New browsers  
come with a built-  
in list of websites  
that *cannot* (meh)  
use unencrypted  
connections.  
Example on  
Chrome ->



The screenshot shows the Chrome DevTools interface for HSTS (HTTP Strict Transport Security). The address bar indicates the page is `chrome://net-internals/#hsts`. A red header bar contains a dropdown menu set to "HSTS" and a button labeled "capturing events (538)".

The main content area explains that HSTS is HTTPS Strict Transport Security, a way for sites to elect to always use HTTPS, and provides a link to <http://dev.chromium.org/sts>.

**Add domain**

Input a domain name to add it to the HSTS set:

Domain:

Include subdomains for STS: ☐

Include subdomains for PKP: ☐

Public key fingerprints:

*(public key fingerprints are comma separated and consist of the hash function followed by a foreslash and the*

**Delete domain**

Input a domain name to delete it from the HSTS set *(you cannot delete preloaded entries)*:

Domain:

**Query domain**

Input a domain name to query the current HSTS set:

Domain:

# HSTS...less?



Certificate authority

Bob

GET https://google.com

Eve

10.0.0.15

bb:10:fa:ke:34:ee



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Certificate authority

HTTP/1.1 302 Found  
Location: <https://www.google.com>

Bob

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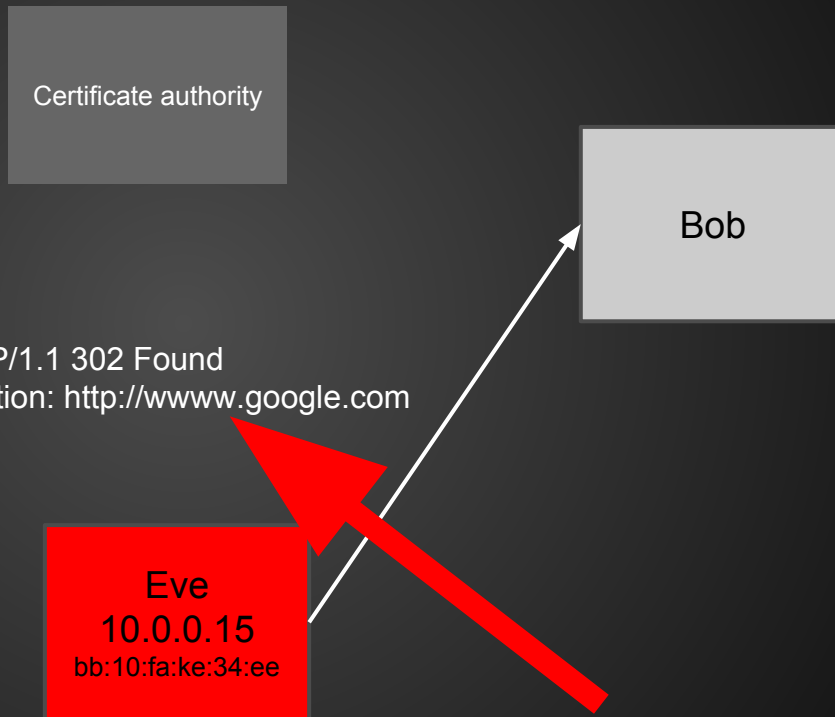
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Location: <http://www.google.com>

Eve

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Certificate authority

??? WTF is www.google.com??

Bob

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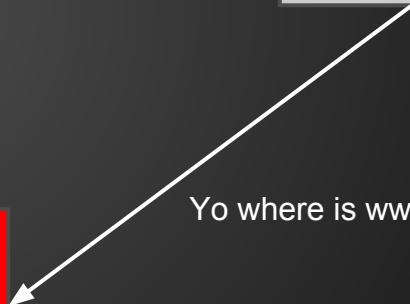


Certificate authority

Bob

Eve  
10.0.0.15  
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Yo where is [www.google.com](http://www.google.com)?



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Certificate authority

Bob

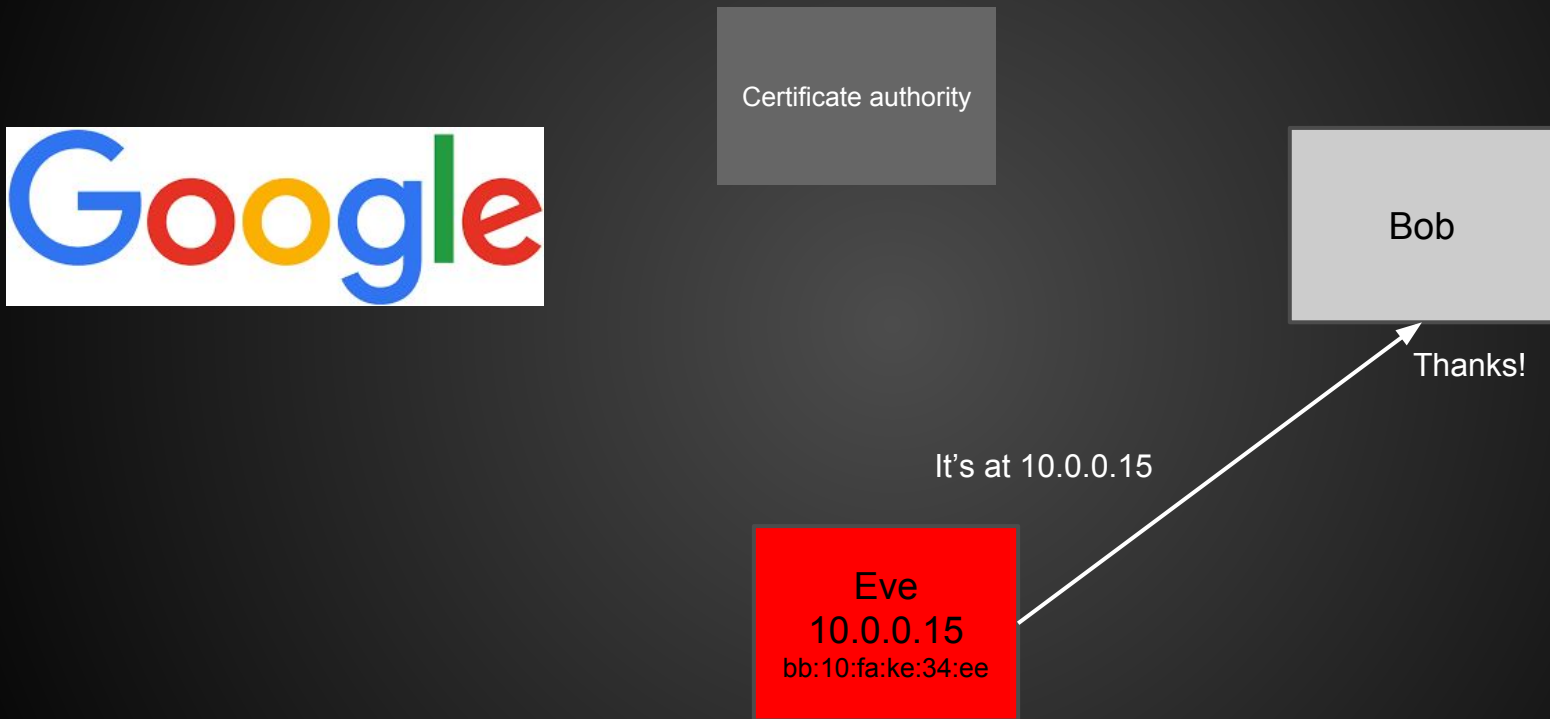
Thanks!

It's at 10.0.0.15

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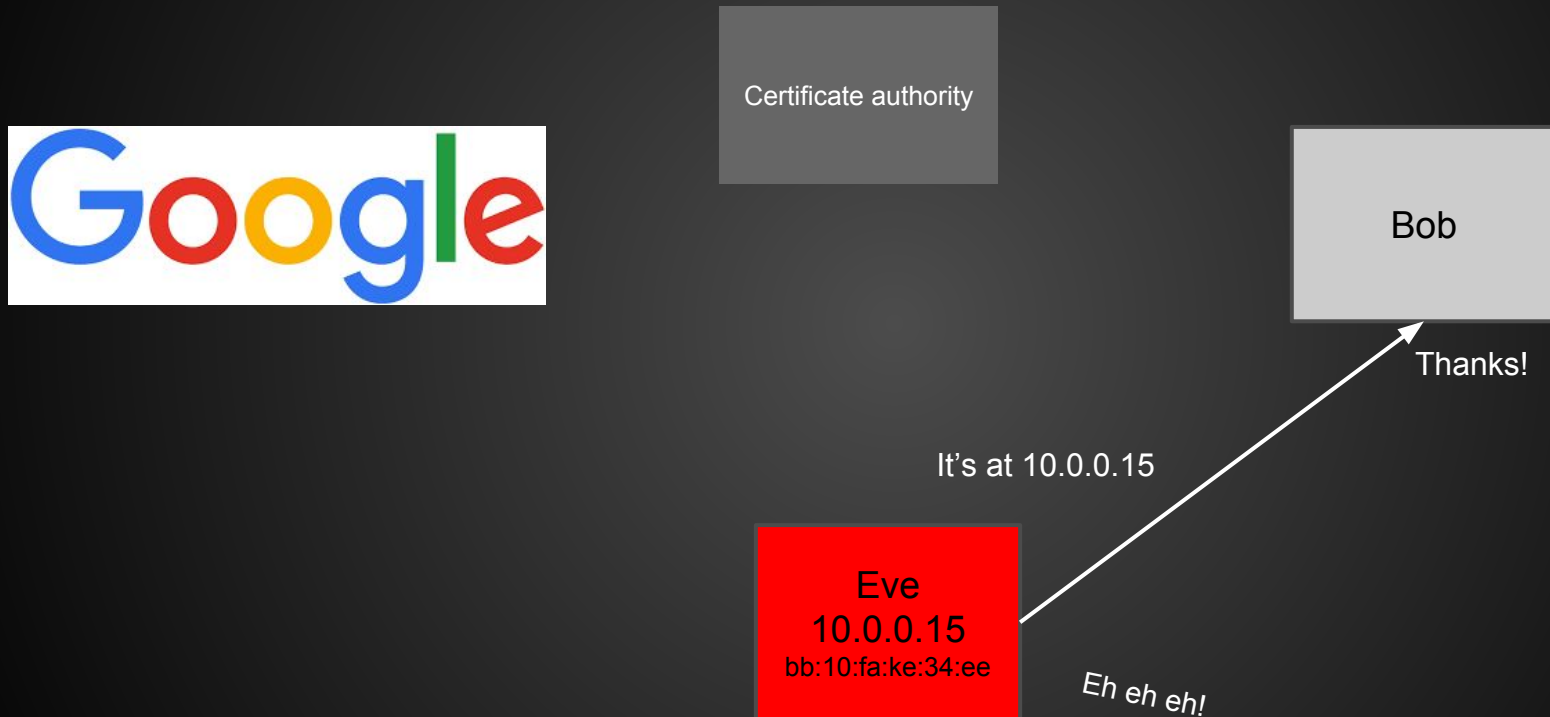
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*Eh eh eh!*



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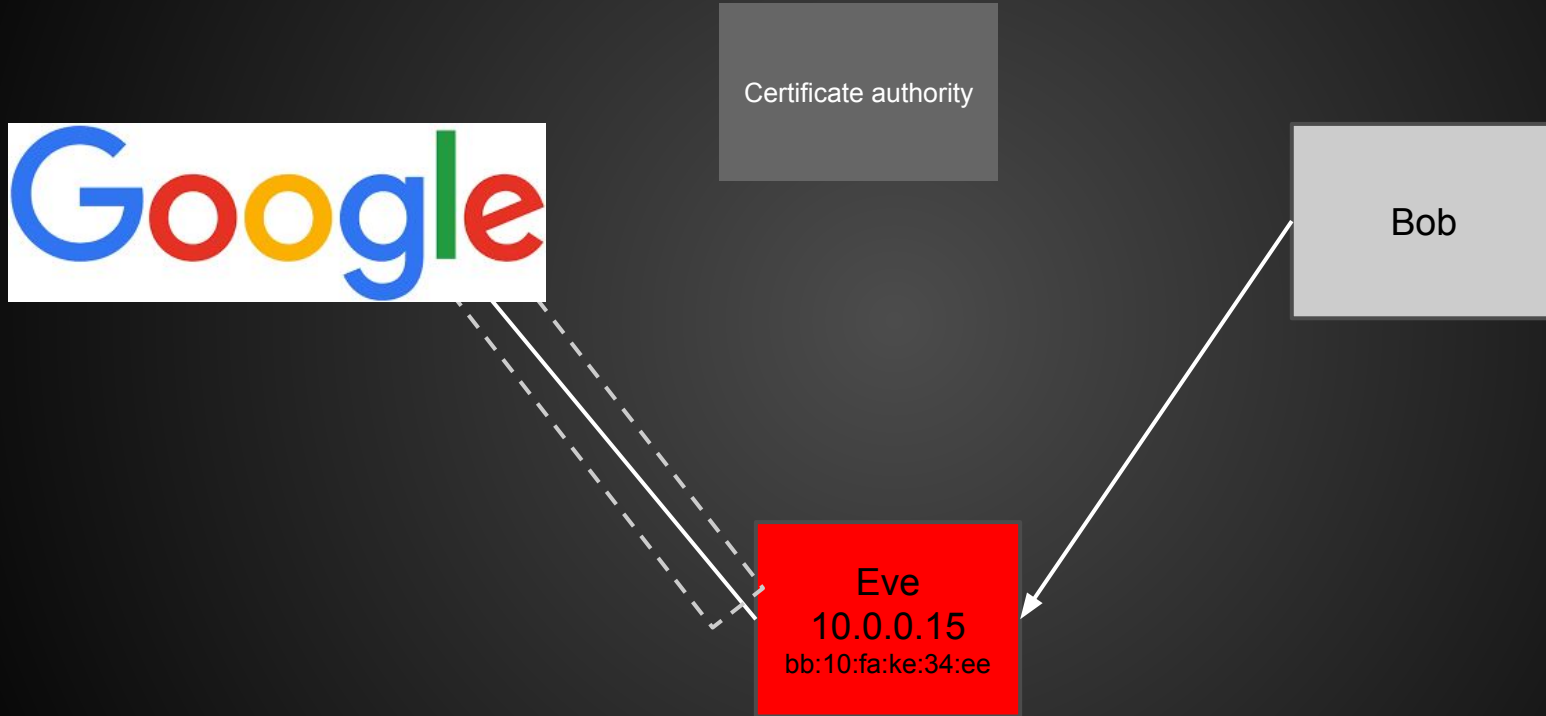
**NOT IN THE HSTS!!**

Eve

10.0.0.15

bb:10:fa:ke:34:ee

# And the game continues...



# References

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- Kali Linux <https://www.kali.org/>

Remember the disclaimer!

**Do you think GSM is better?**

*That's for another story...*