

TRUST

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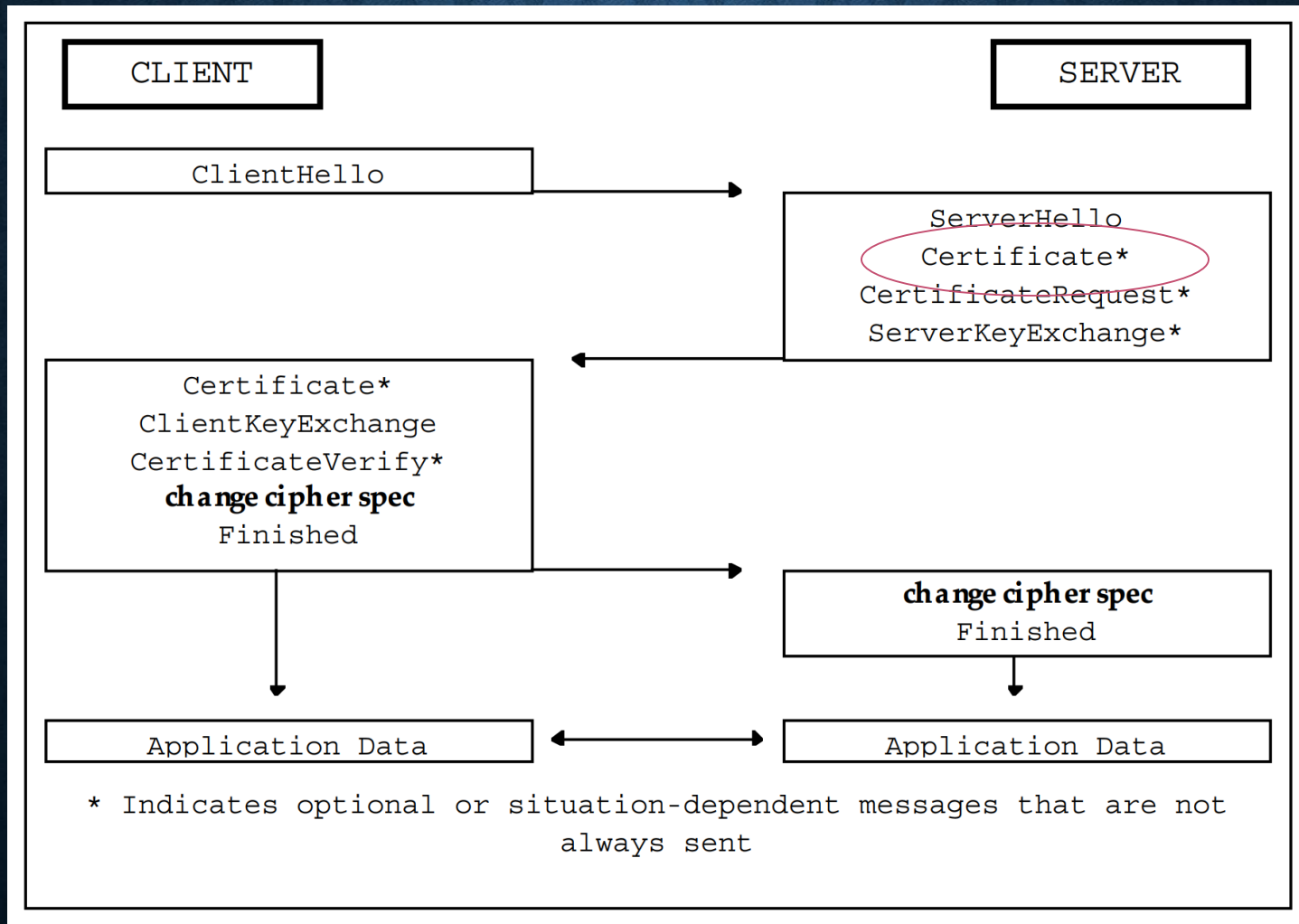
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Lecture Notes

WEAKNESS OF TLS

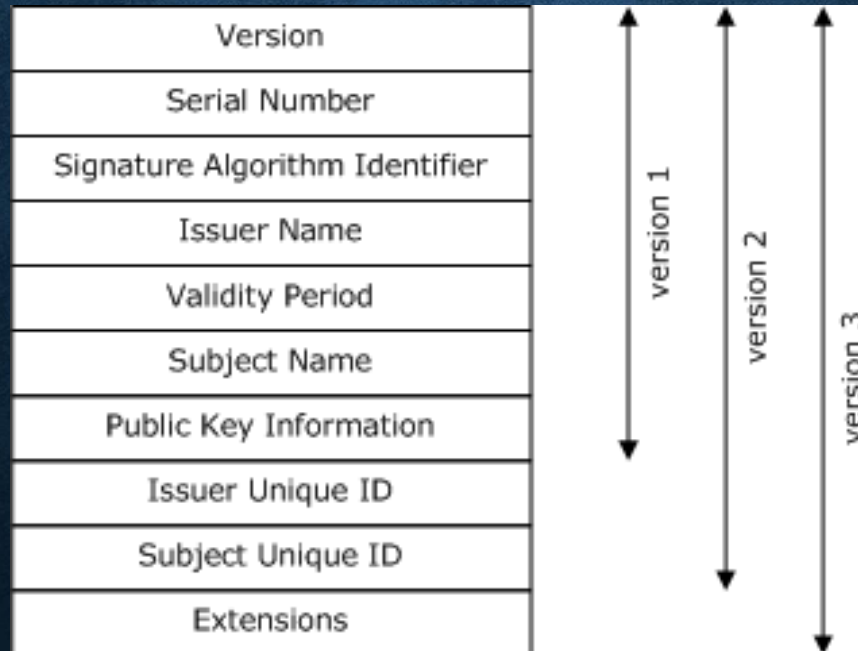
- TLS is worthless without trust
- If you go to <https://yourbank.com>, it better be “your bank”
- How do you know it is your bank?

REVIEW TLS HANDSHAKES



WHAT IS A CERTIFICATE?

- TLS specification (RFC) doesn't specify cert or cert verification
- The most common is X 509



KEY ELEMENTS

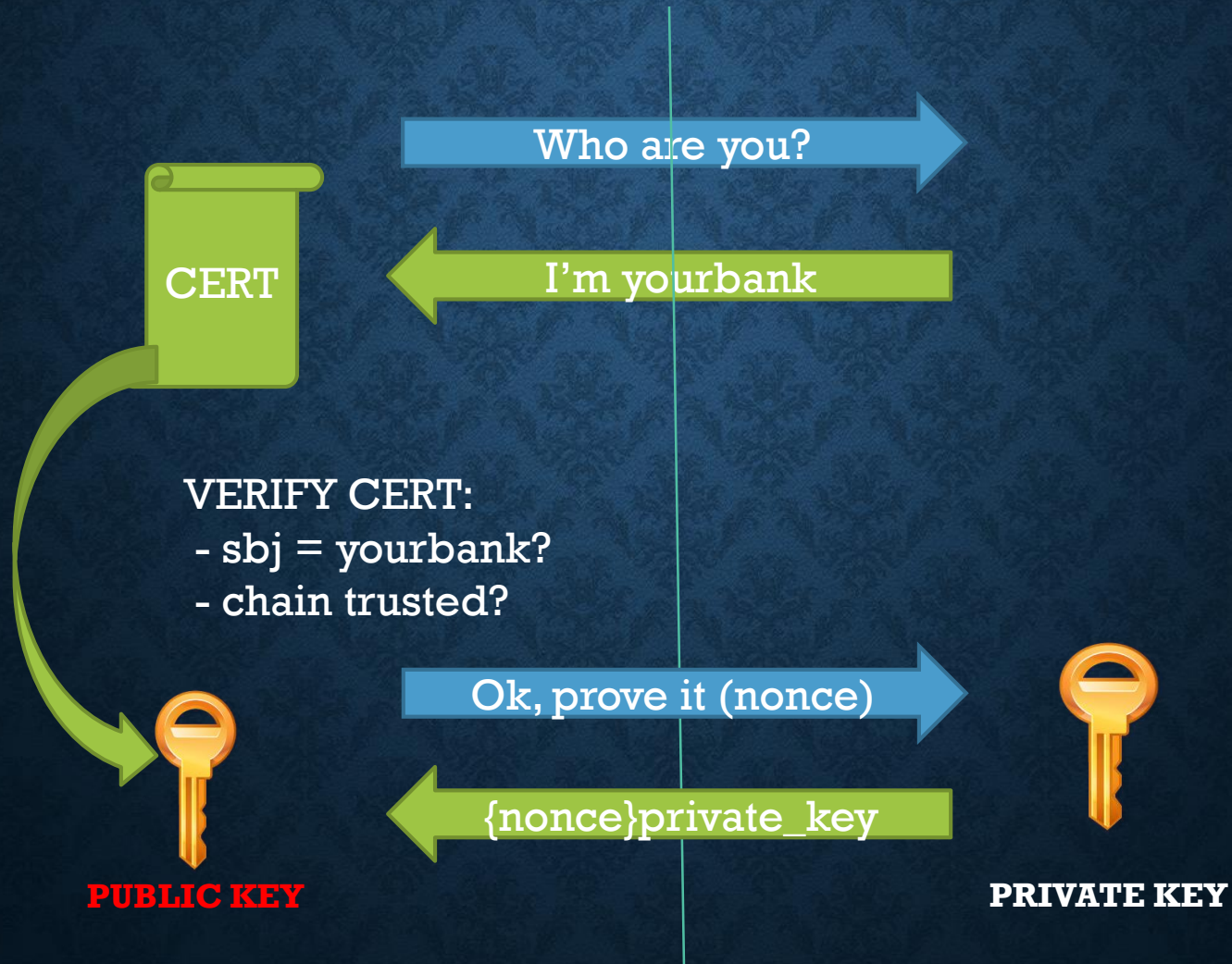
- Identifying Data
 - Names
 - Serial Number
- Chain Data
 - Who signed the certificate
- Public key
- Signature

PUBLIC KEY PRIVATE KEY

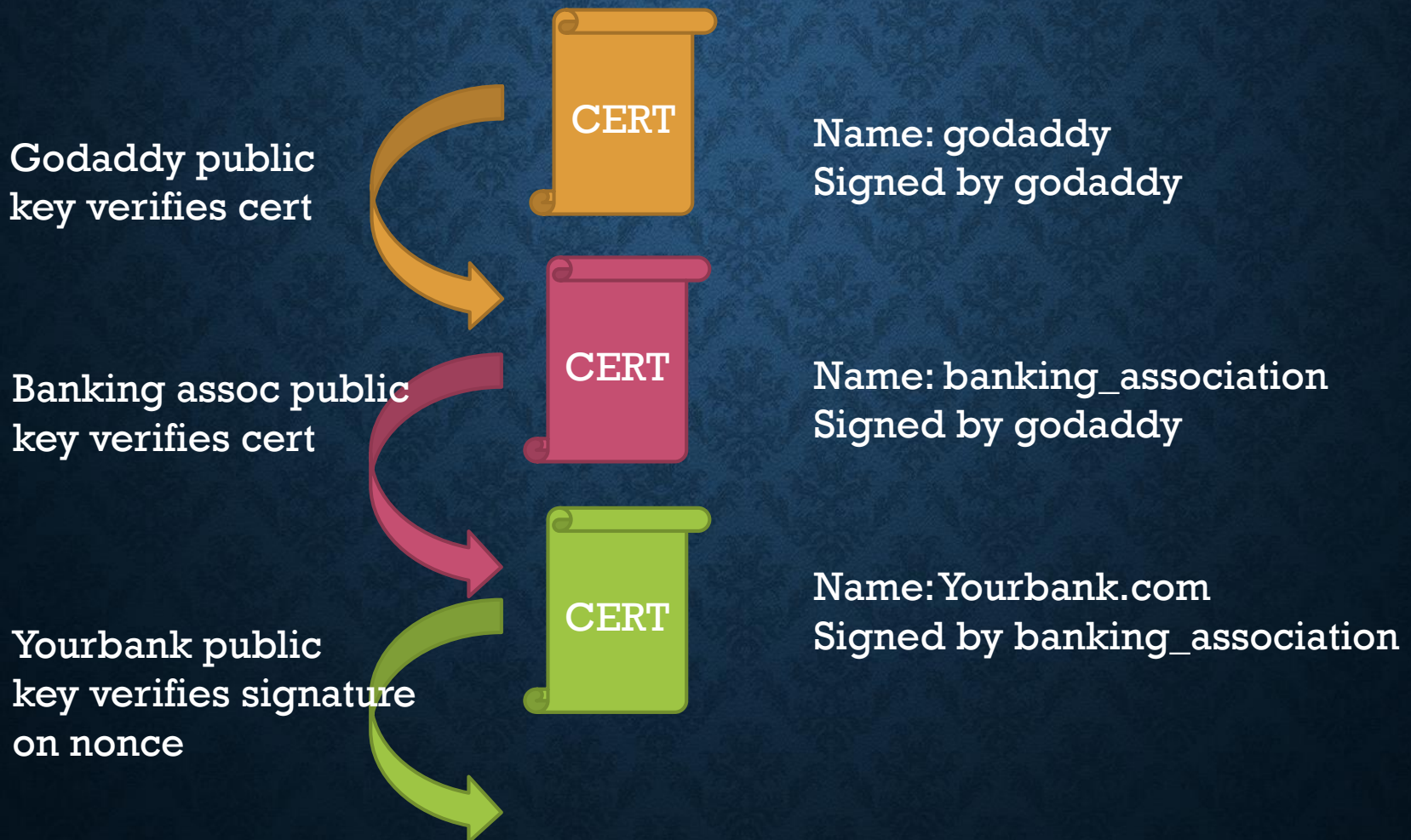


PRIVATE KEY

PROVING IDENTITY



CHAIN OF TRUST



ROOT CERT

- The Root certificate is *self signed*
- It is signed by its own key!
- You have to “trust” somebody *axiomatically!*

CERT CHAIN VERIFICATION (INPUTS)

- The certificate chain
- The current date/time
- Policy information
- Root certificates

CERT CHAIN VERIFICATION (ALGORITHM)

- PKI parameters/algorithms
- Validity of the certificate (time/expiration)
- Revocation status (OCSP, CRL, etc)
- Issuer name matches next subject in path
- Policy checks
- Any intermediate certs are ***CA CERTS!***

CHECKING CA CERTS

- A CA (Certificate Authority) cert should be marked
- Otherwise, you can do this:
 - ROOT
 - Signs, intermediate CA
 - Signs subject (e.g., “yourbank.com”) **USED AS CA!!!!**
 - Signs fake subject (e.g., “wrongbank.com”)

CERTIFICATE REVOCATION

- How do you revoke a certificate?
- Difficult: so long as the cert is properly signed, it is believed
- You can publish certificate revocation lists:
 - Uses just serial number
 - So make sure your serial numbers are actually unique!
 - But, until the new CRL is received, bad cert still usable

ONLINE CERTIFICATE STATUS PROTOCOL (OCSP)

- Certificates were designed to be used offline
- However, modern security constraints often necessitate OCSP
- Client can ask a server ('OCSP Responder') about a cert
 - Server can respond "Good", "Revoked", "Unknown"
 - Response is signed; however, ***vulnerable to replay attacks!***
 - An extension permits nonces, but often not used for efficiency
 - Also, potential privacy loss
 - But, more efficient and timely than CRL

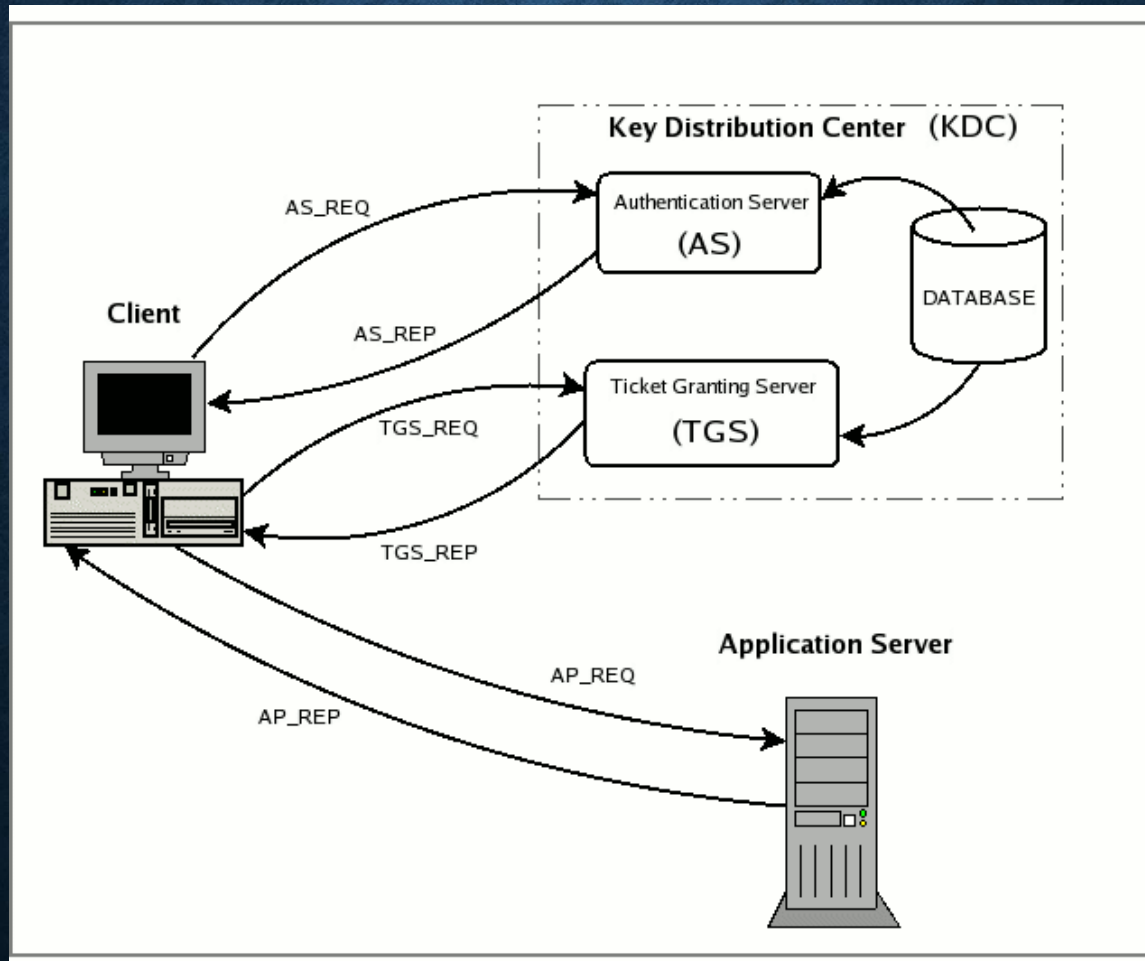
OTHER ALTERNATIVES TO TRUST?

- Sadly, there is no known way to create trust out of thin air
- In almost every case, there must be a trust basis:
 - Out-of-band communication (e.g., in real life)
 - Evolutionary trust over time with long-term identifiers
 - Third parties, including CA's, authentication/reputation servers
 - Crowds, such as distributed ledger

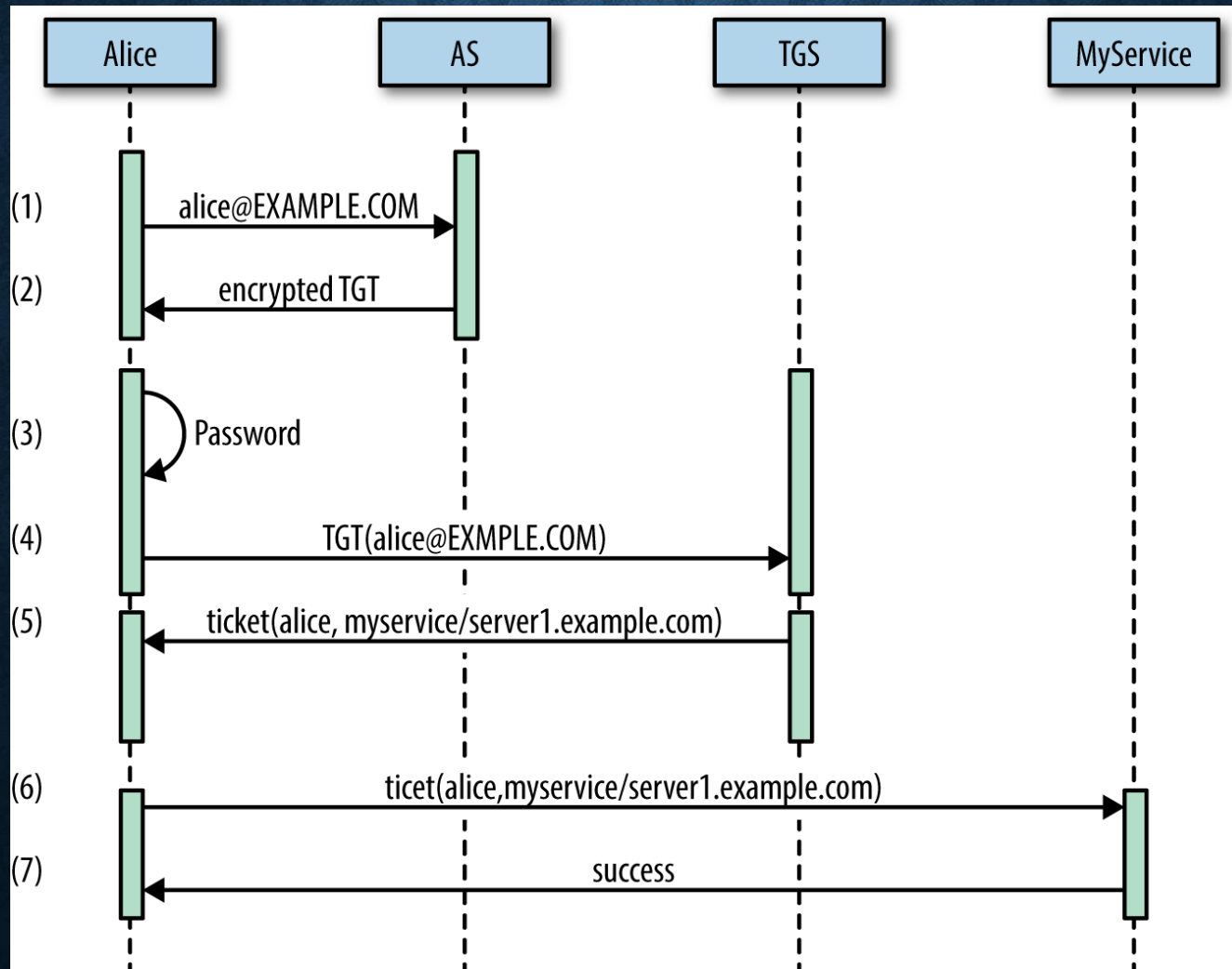
KERBEROS

- Kerberos vs TLS
 - Kerberos uses a trusted authentication server
 - Must be online. And, if compromised, entire system compromised
 - Provides mutual authentication, confidentiality, etc
- Basic components:
 - Authentication Server
 - Key Distribution Server (KDS)
 - Ticket Granting Service
 - Service Server

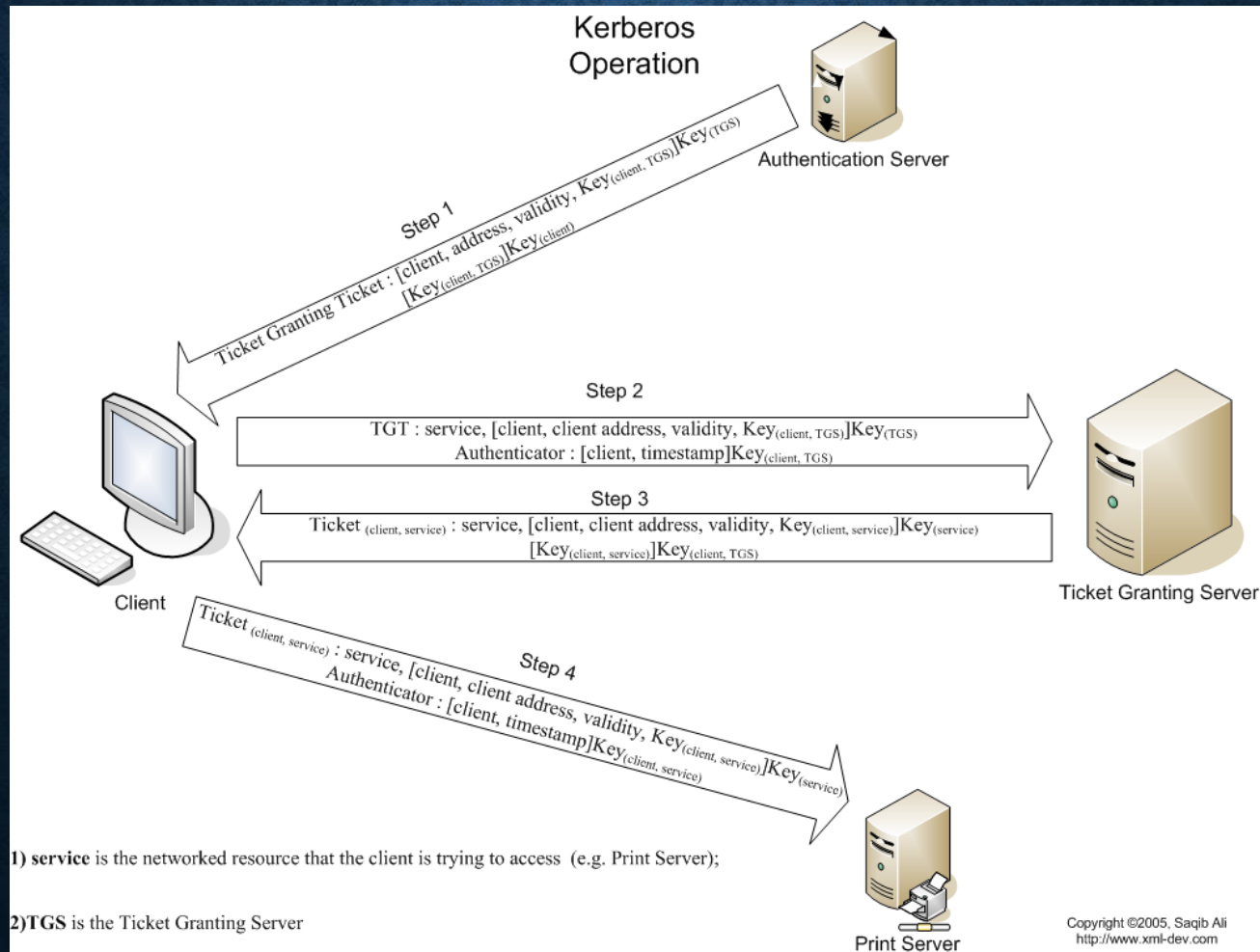
KERBEROS COMMUNICATION



KERBEROS PROTOCOL



KERBEROS PROTOCOL X2



PROTOCOL PRINCIPLES

- Note that the user's key never goes over the wire
- Note that pre-encrypted messages can be sent.
 - AS sends a message to A that only TGT can decrypt
 - Thus, TGT knows that the message sent by A MUST come from AS
- How scalable is this system?