

6. Services and Security

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Services and Security

- Why we need security?
- Threads and risks
- Cryptography
- Web services security

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- Results in big **security risk**

Services and Security

- Oriented to servers, clients, messages, ...
- **Integrity** – messages are not duplicated, modified, reordered, replayed, etc.
- **Confidentiality** – protects communication and data from passive attacks as eavesdropping, traffic analysis, and disclosure.
- **Authentication** allows agents to prove their identity each other, i.e. to verify whether the counterpart is what it claims to be.

Messages Security

- Covered by cryptography standards
- Symmetric (DES, AES) and asymmetric (RSA) cryptography
- Digital signatures
- Certificates
- “Secured” communication channel
- Reliable protocols, error-detection (hash, etc.)

Client Security

- Service discovery risk
- Phishing risk
- Authenticity and correctness of received messages
- Authentication of service providers

Server Security

- Public services are open to attacks and misuse
- Complex system build using many 3rd party components
- Protection of application server, HTTP server, parsers and encoders, database engine, data protection, ...
- Identification of service consumers
- Authentication and authorization to access server resources

Threads and risks

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- **Social attacks** – not so important in SOA, the most dangerous attack (human factor involved)
- **Hardware attacks** – packet spoofing, sniffing ... risk on message level or communication infrastructure
- **Software attacks** – design and implementation problem, complex servers weakness, configuration weakness (availability of unnecessary services, misconfiguration), infrastructure attacks (DNS, TCP, XML; racing, DoD, buffer overflows, etc.)

Example of Attacks

Besides “classical” attacks ...

- SQL injection
- Capture-replay attack
- XML external entity attack
- XML denial of service (XDoS)
- Harmful SOAP attachments
- XML Signature dereference attacks

Threads and risks

- Identification and modeling of risk and threads
- Iterative process from design and implementation to deployment and execution
- Goals is to minimize damages, but also balance the loss vs. cost of the security
- Assets – data, access control, reputation
- Security level – integrity, availability, cost of assets and it's loss or misuse

Cryptography

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A short excursion to ...

- Cryptography basics
- Private key (symmetric) cryptography
- Public key (asymmetric) cryptography
- Digital signature
- Hash function
- Secure communication on public channels

Cryptography

- Address the needs to communicate in secure, private, and reliable ways
- translate a message M into its encrypted form, the ***cipher-text*** H , and then to decrypt it back into its original form

$$H = \text{Encr}(M) \text{ and } M = \text{Decr}(H)$$

Cryptography



A) Secret key (symmetric) cryptography. SKC uses a single key for both encryption and decryption.



B) Public key (asymmetric) cryptography. PKC uses two keys, one for encryption and the other for decryption.



C) Hash function (one-way cryptography). Hash functions have no key since the plaintext is not recoverable from the ciphertext.

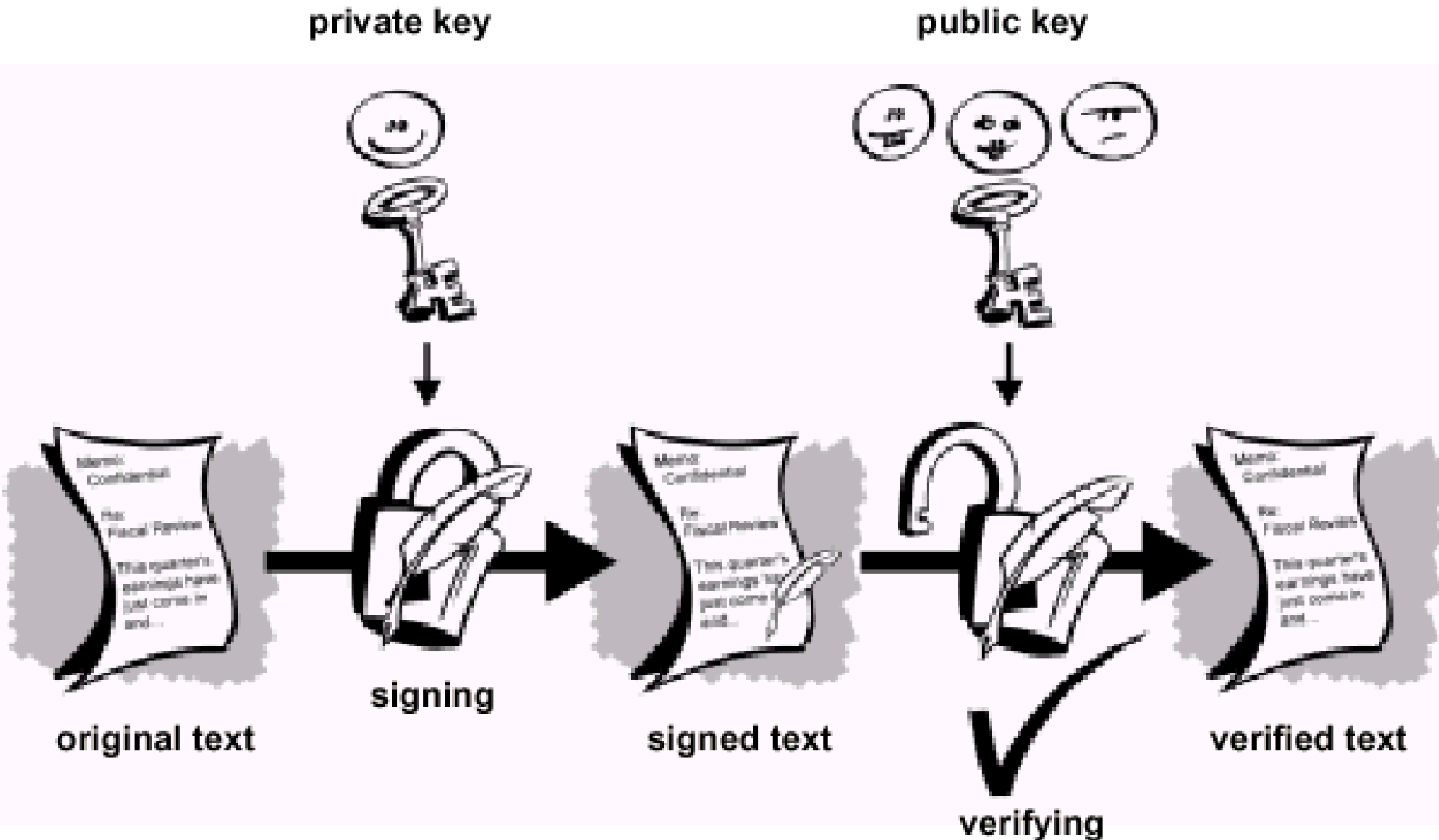
Public key cryptography

- **Encryption function *Encr*** (public)
- **Decryption function *Decr*** (private)
- Duality equation

$$\text{Decr}_A(\text{Encr}_A(M)) = M \quad \text{and} \quad \text{Encr}_A(\text{Decr}_A(M)) = M$$

- In both symmetric and asymmetric cryptography
 - keys distribution is the most critical issue

Digital signature



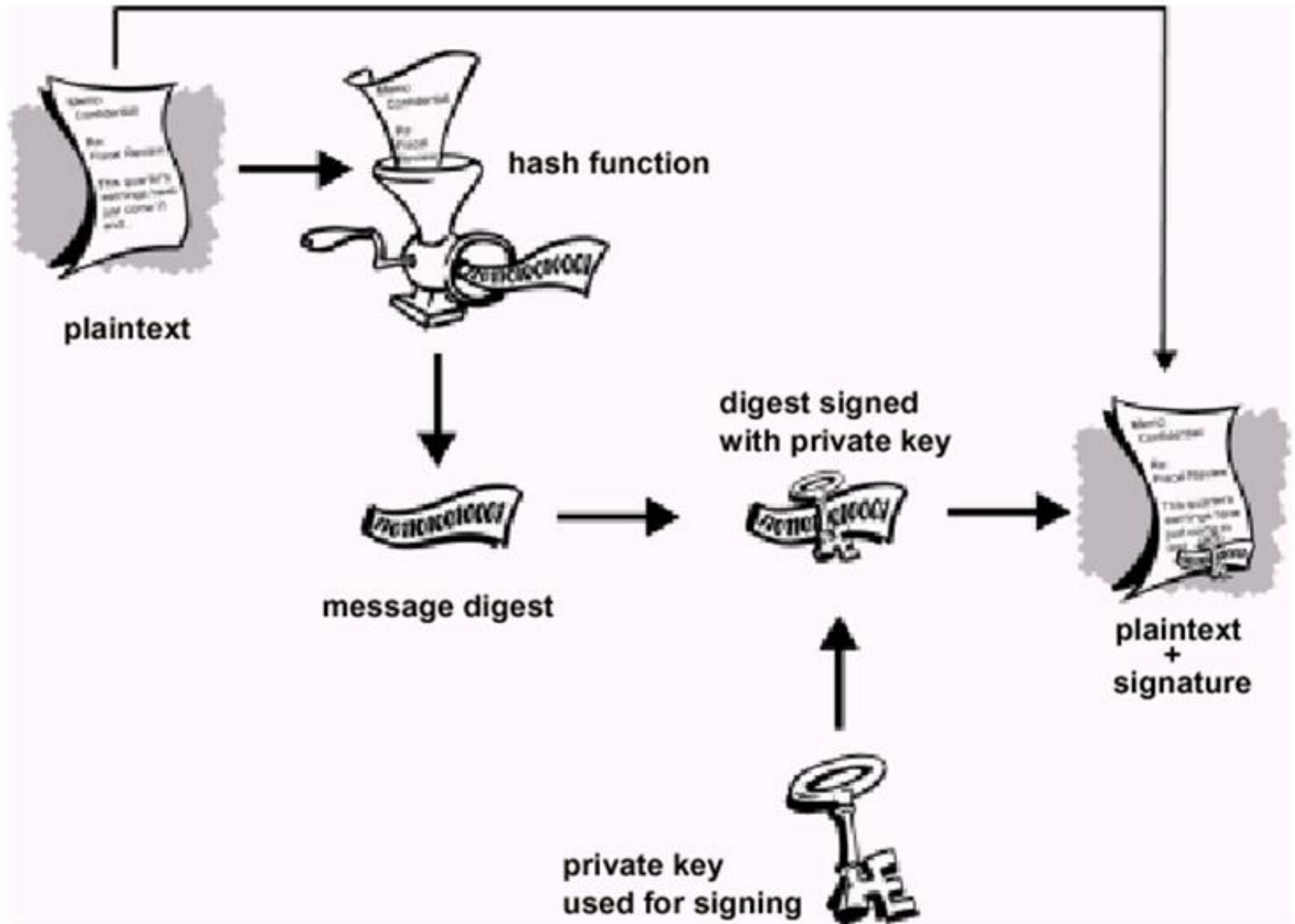
Hash function

- A hash function H is a transformation that takes an input m and returns a fixed-size string, which is called the hash value h (that is, $h = H(m)$).
- The basic requirements for a cryptographic hash function are:
 - the input can be of any length,
 - the output has a fixed length,
 - $H(x)$ is relatively easy to compute for any given x ,
 - $H(x)$ is one-way,
 - $H(x)$ is collision-free.

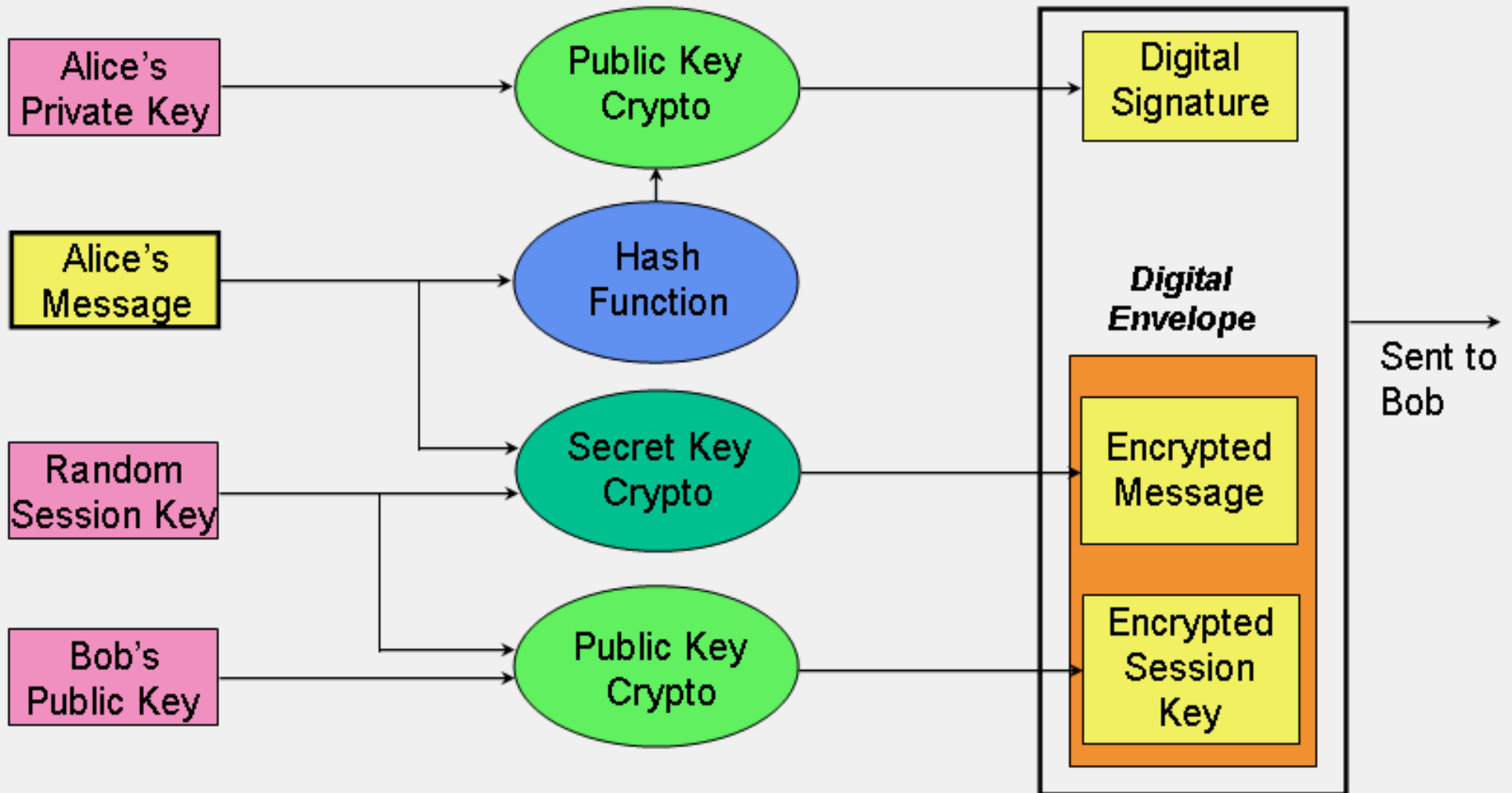
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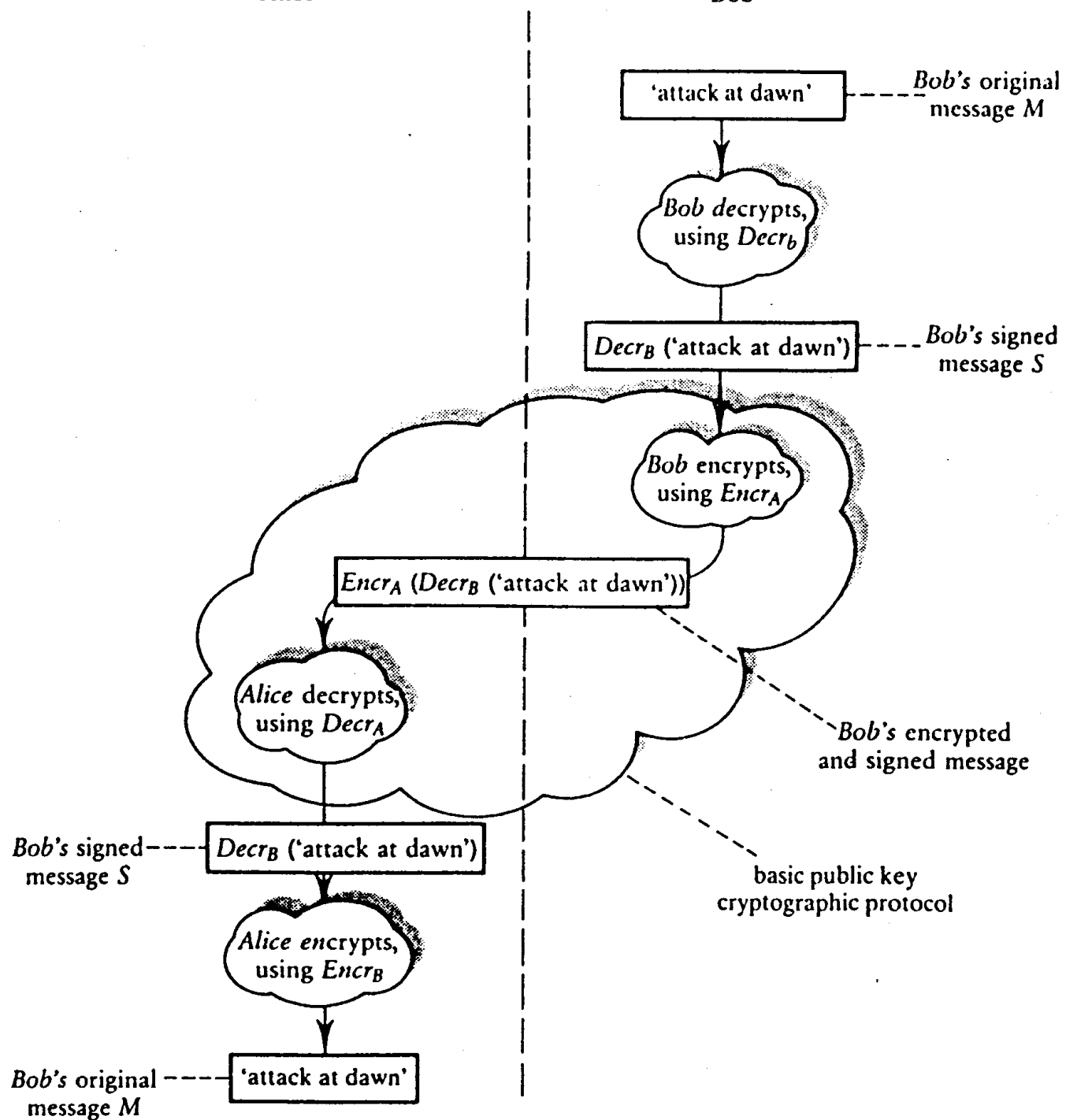
- A hash function H is **one-way** if it is hard to invert, where "hard to invert" means that given a hash value h , it is computationally infeasible to find some input x such that $H(x) = h$.
- If, given a message x , it is computationally infeasible to find a message y not equal to x such that $H(x) = H(y)$ then H is said to be a weakly **collision-free** hash function.
- A strongly collision-free hash function H is collision-free for any x, y .

Hash function



Hybrid cryptographic scheme



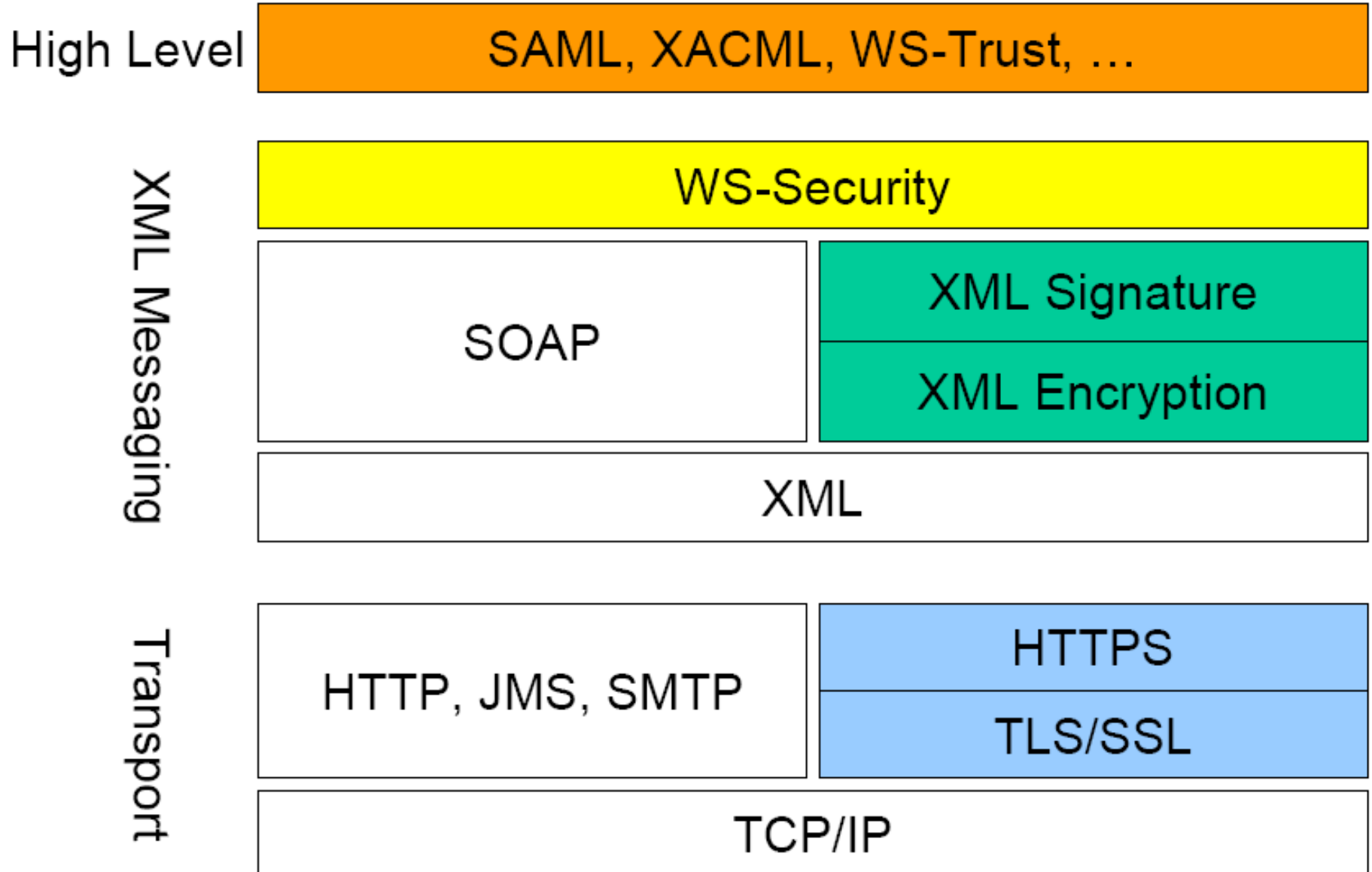


Cryptography in public channels

- Both communication party exchange public keys
- Exchange of random session key using public key cryptography
- Private key cryptography using session key for communication
- Public key distribution problem – **Man in the middle attack** (unavoidable on single channel)
- Private key algorithms problem (not so bad – OTP, AES, 3DES)

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WS-Authorization	XACML
WS-SecurityPolicy	
WS-SecureConversation	XKMS
WS-Federation	SAML
WS-Trust	
WS-Security	
SOAP	

Web Services Security

- XML Signature (XMLDSIG): Message Integrity and Sender/Receiver Identification
- XML Encryption (XMLENC): Message Confidentiality
- WS-Security (WSS): Securing SOAP Messages
- SAML: Interoperable security metadata exchange
- XACML: Access Control

Web Services Security

- WS-Trust and WS-Federation: Federating multiple security domains
- WS-SecureConversation: Securing multiple message exchanges
- WS-SecurityPolicy: Describing what security features are supported or needed by a Web service
- XrML: Digital Rights Management
- XKMS: Key Management and Distribution

Web Services Security

Point-to-point

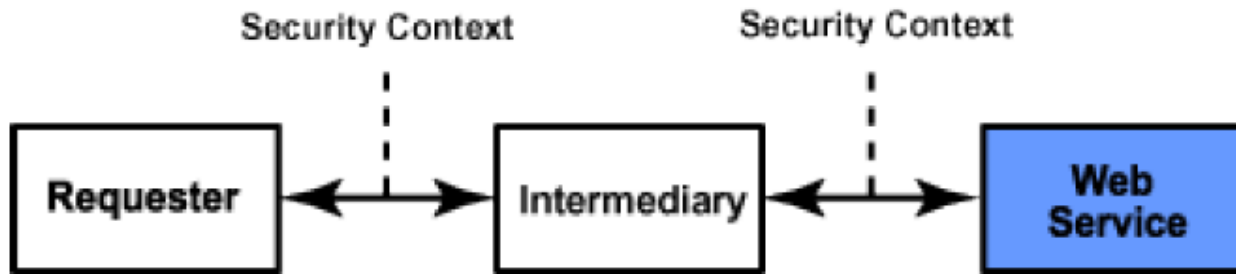
- Communication channel level
- Guaranteed on the server basis

End-to-end

- Message level
- Application oriented security

Web Services Security

● Point-to-point

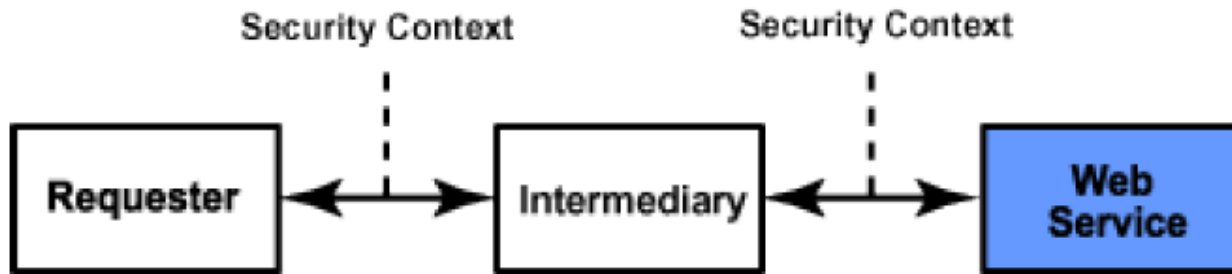


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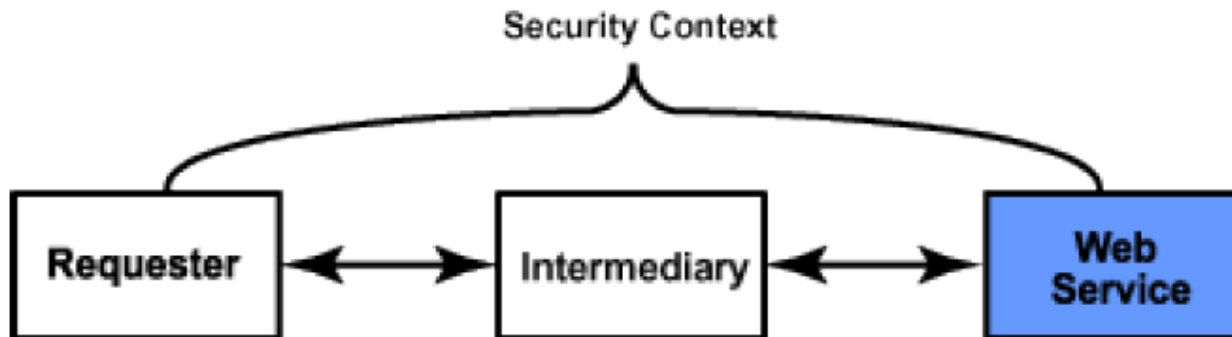
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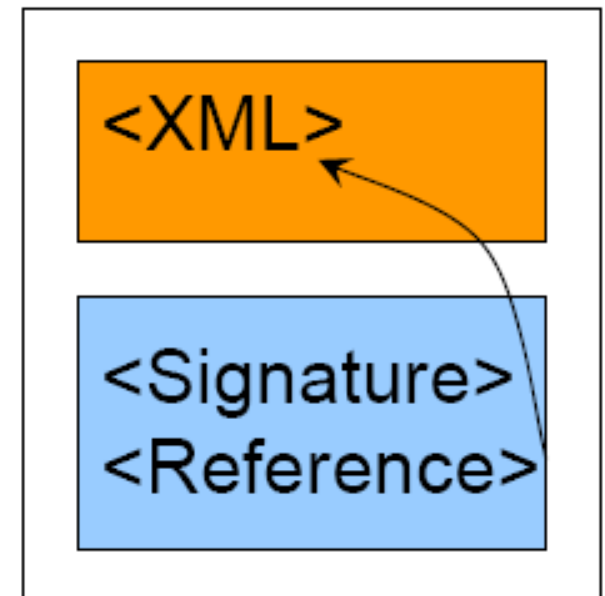
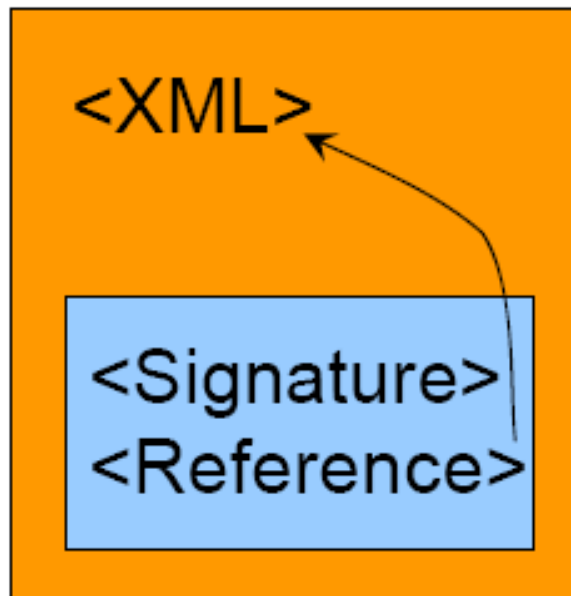
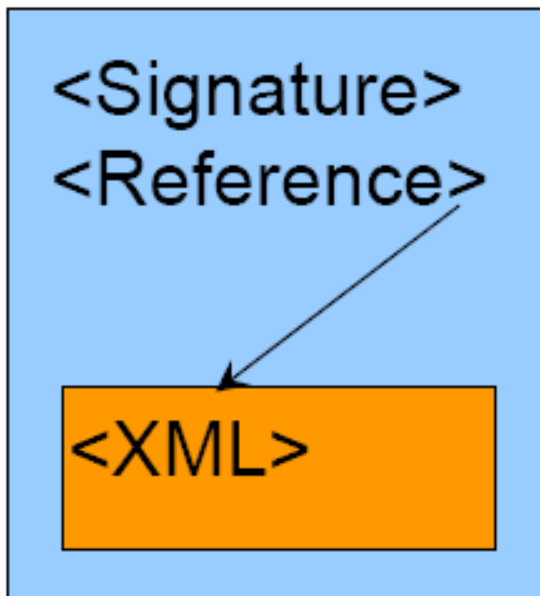
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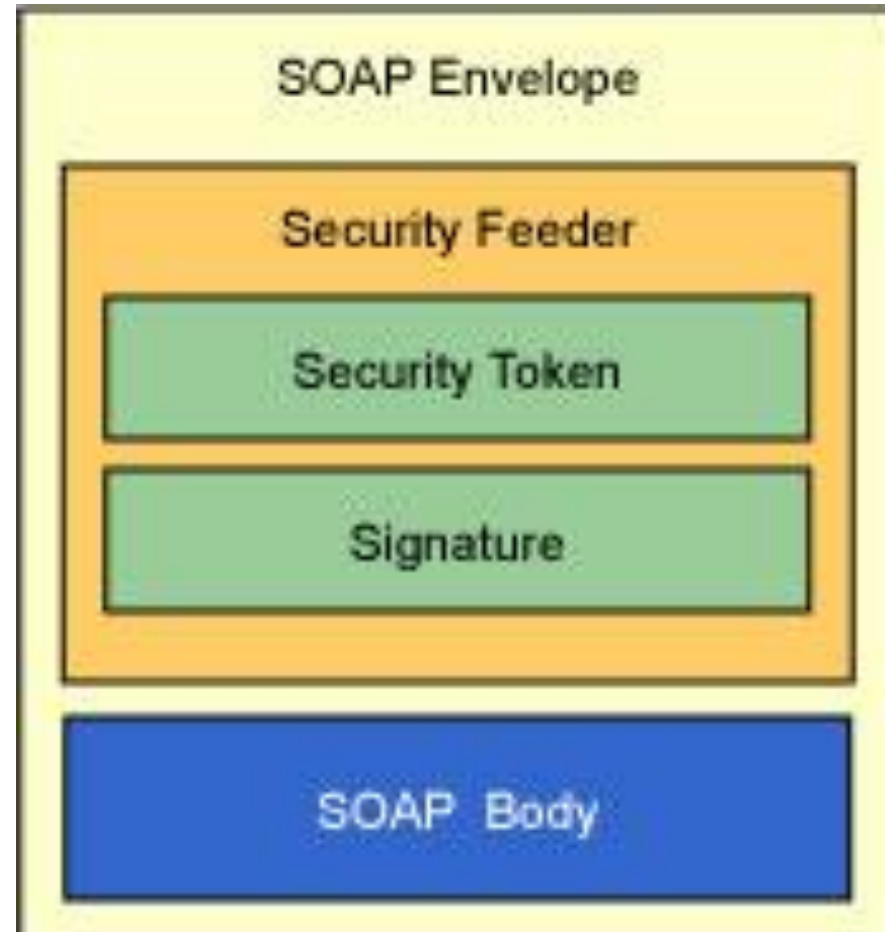
● XML Signature:

- Entire XML document
- Parts of XML doc
- Integrity and Identity

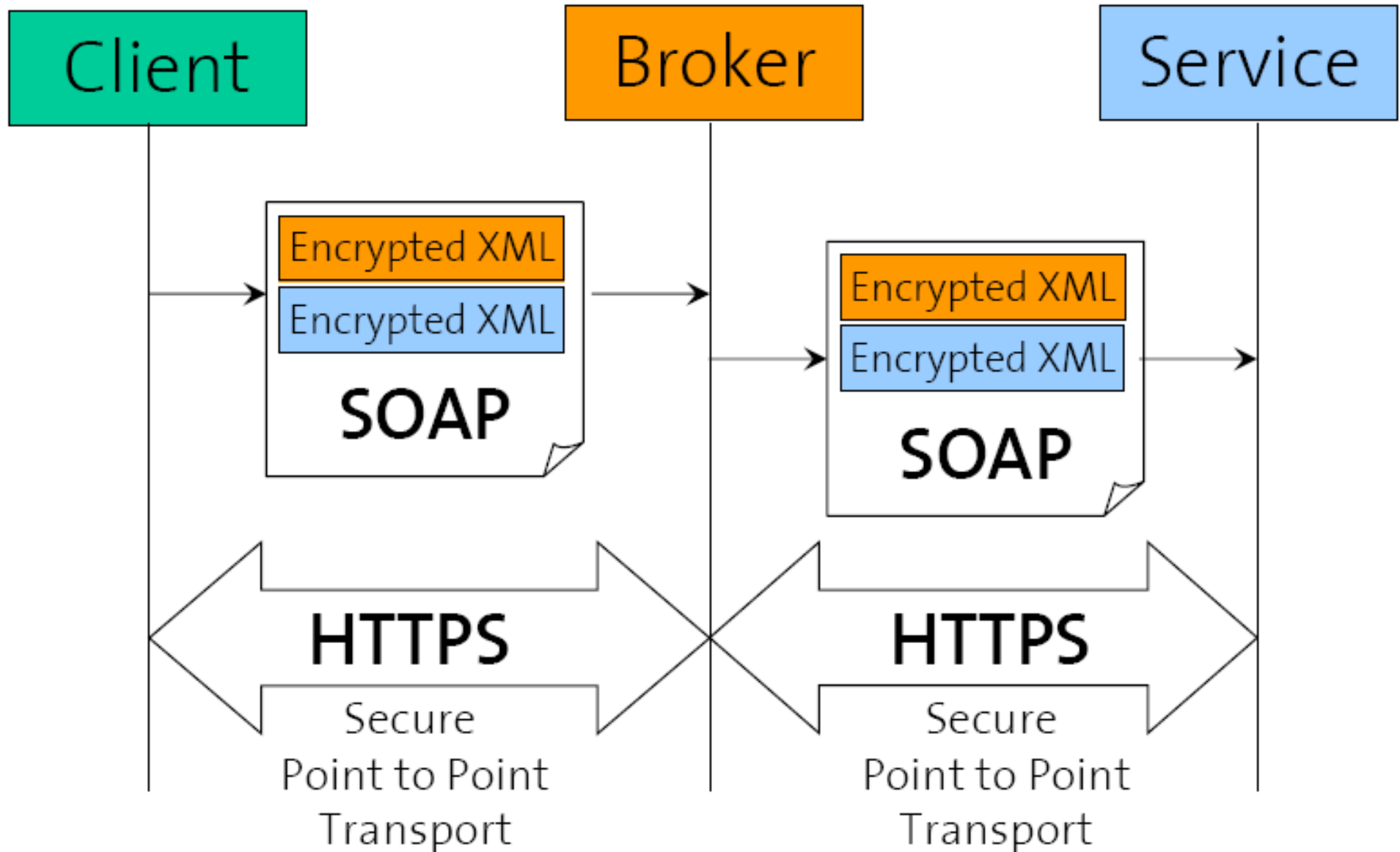


Web Services Security

- XML Encryption
 - Confidentiality of messages
 - End-to-end
 - Full or partial



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```
<Employee>  
  <ID>222-654-456</ID>  
  <Name>Markus Bach</Name>  
  <Salary currency="CHF">100000</Salary>  
</Employee>
```

Original XML Document

```
<Employee>  
  <ID><EncryptedData>...</EncryptedData></ID>  
  <Name>Markus Bach</Name>  
  <EncryptedData>...</EncryptedData>  
</Employee>
```

Encrypted XML Document



Web Services Security

Message Security

Disadvantages

- ❑ Immature standards only partially supported by existing tools
- ❑ Securing XML is complicated

Advantages

- ❑ Different parts of a message can be secured in different ways.
- ❑ Asymmetric: different security mechanisms can be applied to request and response
- ❑ Self-protecting messages (Transport independent)

Transport Security

Advantages

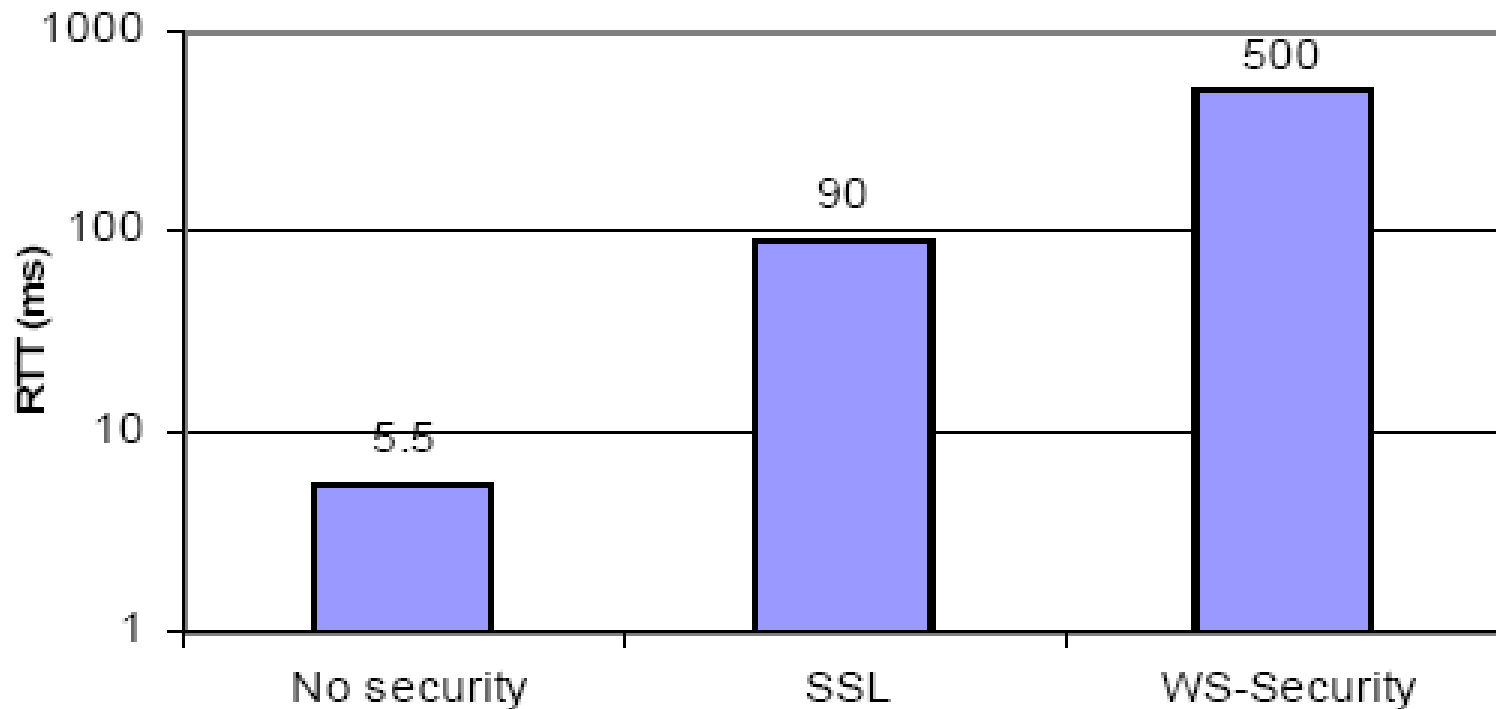
- ❑ Widely available, mature technologies (SSL, TLS, HTTPS)
- ❑ Understood by most system administrators

Disadvantages

- ❑ Point 2 Point: The complete message is in clear after each hop
- ❑ Symmetric: Request and response messages must use same security properties
- ❑ Transport specific

Performance: SSL vs. WS-Security

- 8 clients saturate a server with small messages (5 bytes payload)
- Apache XML Sec, Tomcat, Linux, Dual Xenon 2.8GHz, 2GB RAM (Shirasuna et.al., 2004)



Performance: XML overhead

- Apache, Linux, P4 2.79GHz, 768MB RAM (Liu et.al., 2005)
- It takes 10ms to sign or encrypt 100KB
- Using WS-Security takes 100-200ms to do the same

	<i>WS-Security (enc.only)</i>	<i>HTTPS</i>
<i>RSA (No. operations)</i>	6	6
<i>DES (% of content processed)</i>	150%	300%
<i>XML overhead (% of content processed)</i>	150%	0
<i>No. SSL Negotiations</i>	0	6

Performance: XML overhead

- Shape of the document greatly affects performance
- More structured = bigger overhead

