

SSL/TLS

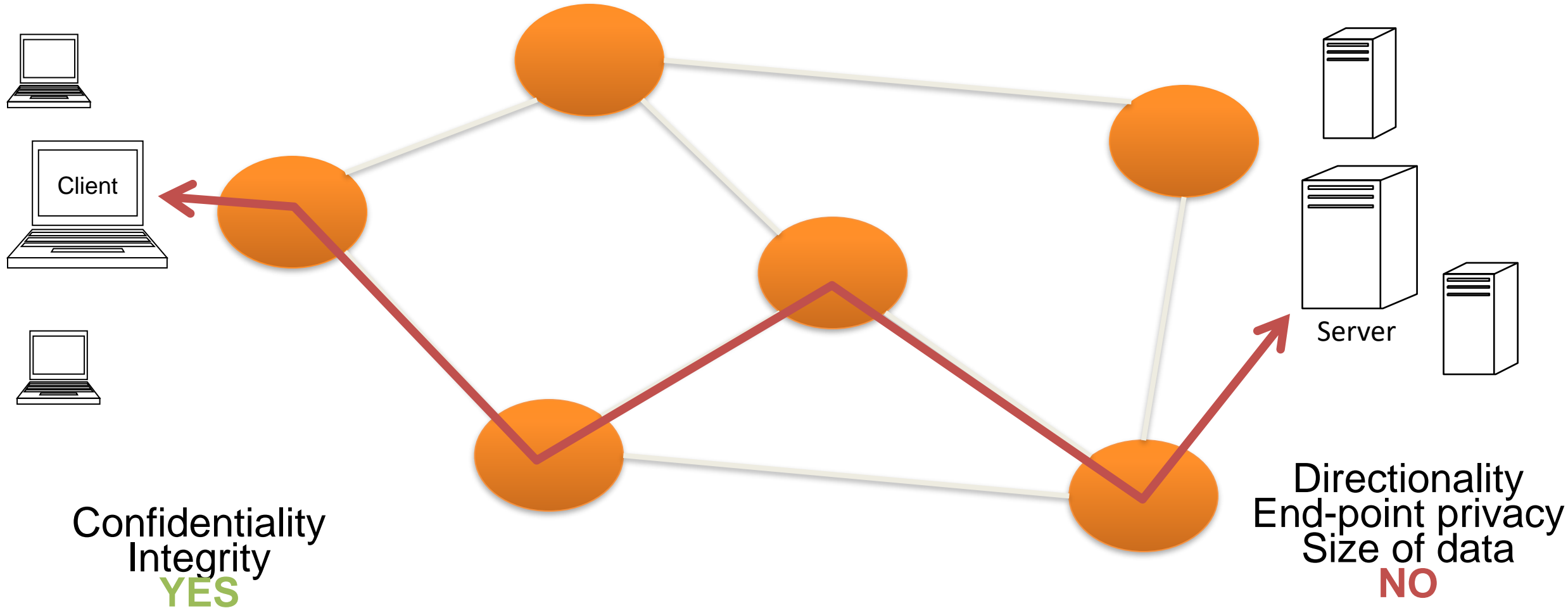
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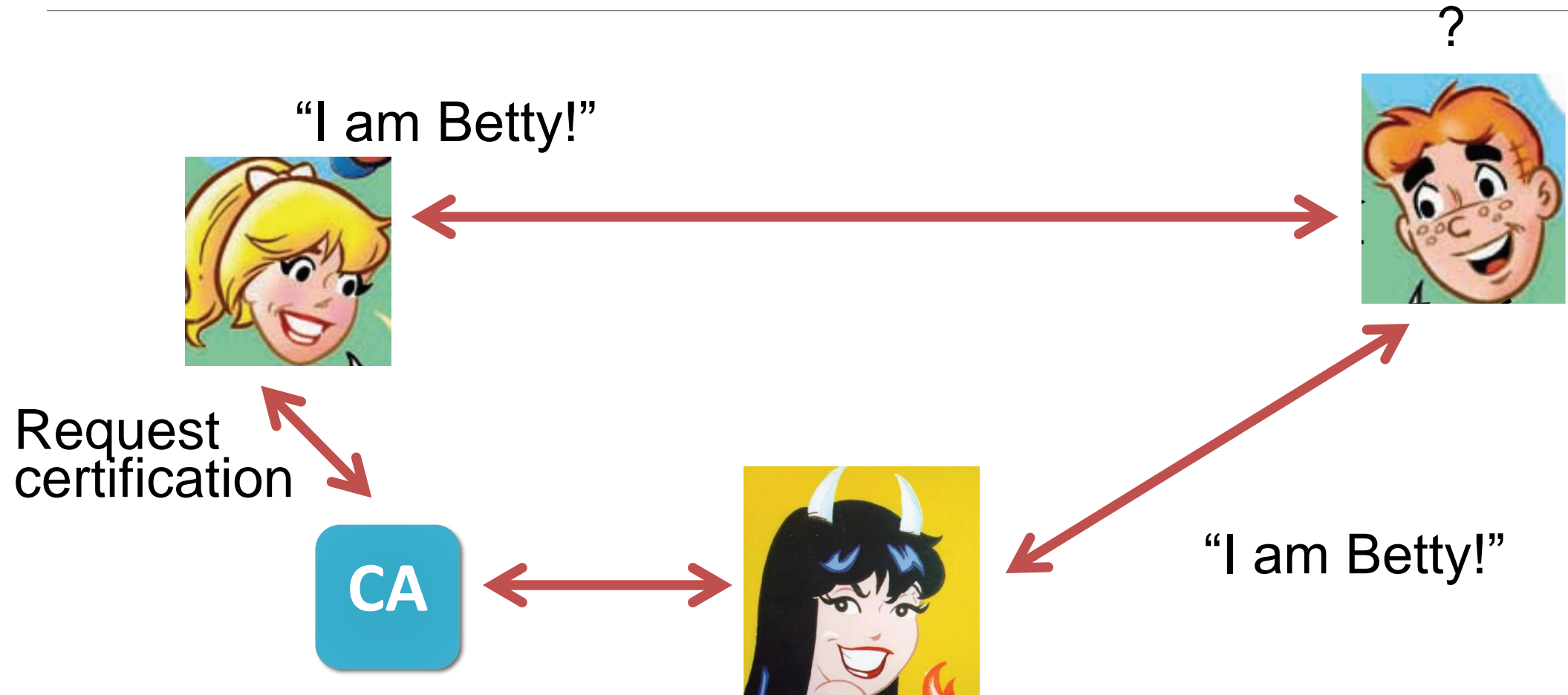
Some slides adapted from those by Markulf Kohlweiss, Myrto Arapinis, Kami Vaniea, Aggelos Kiayias, and Roberto Tamassia



Objective: point-to-point secure channel



Authentication Problem



SSL/TLS

- Secure Sockets Layer: Developed by Netscape.
- SSL Version 3 released in 1996.
- Substituted by TLS 1.0 in 1999: (Transport Layer Security). Standardized by IETF. Published as RFC 2246
- TLS 1.3. Published as RFC 8445 in 2018.
- On top of TCP/IP, below application protocols.



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Source [Alexander Klink](#) via [Wikipedia](#)



An old story ...

... with new twists

1976-1978

- New Directions in Cryptography
- Data Encryption Standard (DES)
- RSA

1994

- Netscape SSL
- SSL2

1995

- SSL3
- **Predictable IV (Rogaway)**

1996

- **MD5 (Dobbertin)**

1998

- **PKCS1 (Bleichenbacher)**

1999

- TLS 1.0

2000

- TLS 1.1

Comments
draft-rogaway-ipsec-comments-00.txt

P. Rogaway
UC Davis
April 3, 1995

Security Flaws Induced by CBC Padding

Lucky Thirteen: Breaking the TLS and DTLS Record Protocols

On the Security of RC4 in TLS¹

Nadhem J. AlFardan
Information Security Group,

Daniel J. Bernstein
University of Illinois at Chicago and

Kenneth G. Paterson
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Verifying TLS implementations

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• TLS 1.0	• CBC Padding (Vaudenay)	• TLS 1.1	• TLS 1.2 • Symbolic Model	• Renegotiation	• BEAST	• CRIME • Lucky 13 • RC4 • Most Dangerous Code • Implementation Attacks • Cross Protocol Attacks

Renegotiating TLS

Marsh Ray
Steve Dispensa
PhoneFactor, Inc.

v1.1 November 4, 2009

Summary

Transport Layer Security (TLS) is subject to a number of server renegotiation. In general, the chosen plaintext into the beginning

A Cross-Protocol Attack on the TLS Protocol

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Analyses the *entirety* of TLS using machine-assisted proof techniques.

- **ambitious** but **only real way**.
- **must not simplify** the underlying cryptography.



Toward TLS 1.3

2008

- TLS 1.2
- **Symbolic Model**

2009

- **Renegotiation**

2011

- **BEAST**

2012-2013

- **CRIME**
- **Lucky 13**
- **RC4**
- **Most Dangerous Code**
- **Implementation Attacks**
- **Cross Protocol Attacks**

2013

- Implementing TLS with Verified Cryptographic Security
Bhargavan, Fournet, **Kohlweiss**, Pironti, Strub
- **Snowden**

2014

- Proving the TLS Handshake Secure (as it is)
Bhargavan, Fournet, **Kohlweiss**, Pironti, Strub, Zanella-Beguelin
- **Triple Handshake attack**
- **New Bleichenbacher attacks**

Internet Engineering Task Force (IETF)
Request for Comments: 8446
Obsoletes: 5077, 5246, 6961
Updates: 5705, 6066
Category: Standards Track
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The Transport Layer Security (TLS) Protocol Version 1.3

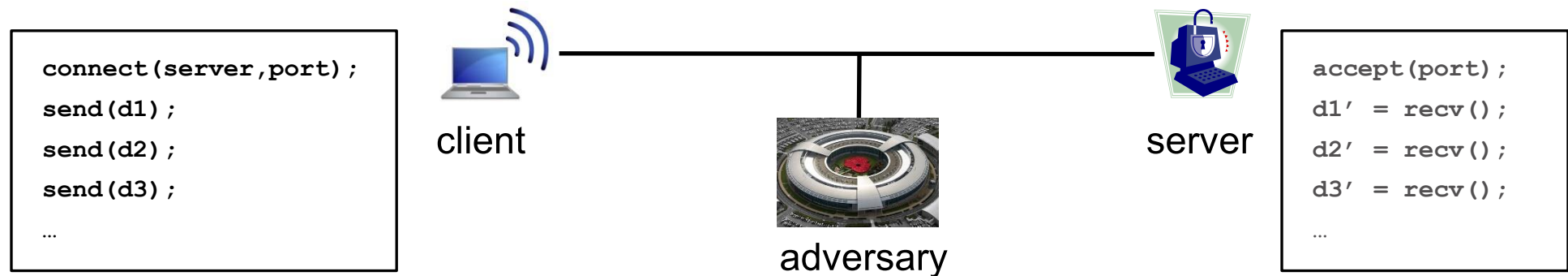
Abstract

This document specifies version 1.3 of the Transport Layer Security (TLS) protocol. TLS allows client/server applications to communicate over the Internet in a way that is designed to prevent eavesdropping, tampering, and message forgery.

This document updates RFCs 5705 and 6066, and obsoletes RFCs 5077, 5246, and 6961. This document also specifies new requirements for TLS 1.2 implementations.



Secure channels for the Web

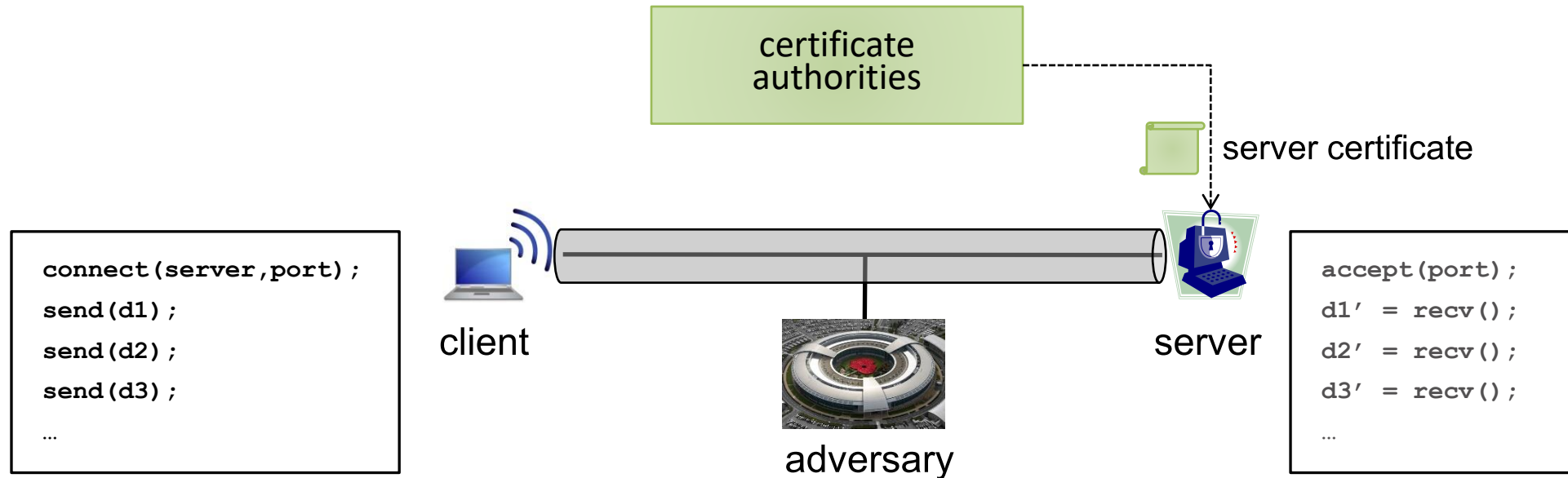


Threat model: Adversary fully controls the network, e.g.

- it can redirect traffic to its own server (DNS rebinding)
- it can passively read all data (IP monitoring)
- it can play an active man-in-the-middle (TCP hijacking)



Secure channels for the Web



Security Goal: As long as the client is honest and the adversary does not know the server's private key, it cannot

- Inject forged data into the data stream (integrity)
- Distinguish the data stream from random bytes (confidentiality)



Goals of SSL/TLS

- End-to End Confidentiality
 - Encrypt communication between client and server applications
- End-to-End Integrity
 - Detect corruption of communication between client and server applications
- Required server authentication
 - Identity of server always proved to client
- Optional client authentication
 - Identity of client optionally proved to server
- Modular deployment
 - Intermediate layer between application and transport layers
 - Handles encryption, integrity, and authentication on behalf of client and server applications



Certificates

- Public key certificate
 - Assurance by a third party that a public key is associated with an identity
 - E.g., QuoVadis certifies that the public key below is associated with University of Edinburgh web server
 - ```
d6 23 7e f5 e7 56 2c e3 50 d7 e1 4e 98 f4 cc 97 61 b2 ae 07 b8 b8 3d 6e
02 f4 9b c1 32 e5 56 bb 78 ea c0 2e 62 84 33 27 e4 2a 83 64 9f 53 cf e7
04 92 3e 4b 6d f8 55 68 a3 40 21 ff 70 66 a6 a4 50 a8 d9 87 54 97 fe ee
5a a4 b7 99 22 57 d2 df 84 35 5b 26 8c 09 2d 98 a9 74 0f e0 d9 d3 97 1d
fd 80 8f 9c 5a e8 cc 78 0f 7b f7 95 2f 4f b4 07 cc 05 6d d3 0d 9a a4 37 fb
ef 0d a8 b9 00 6f 4b d6 3f 80 04 38 09 9a e8 6e 27 aa a4 f1 20 7e 13 57
f4 9b ca cb 7f 3c 93 4d 1f e6 55 a1 4e 7c e2 06 a5 4b 8e 20 25 5d 07 e8
98 68 1a ea 0b cc fd 53 0a 66 93 be 31 b9 75 bb aa 04 b4 8f ac 56 8b 05
4d e1 68 2e 65 04 b6 da 93 49 60 2c c7 d2 74 fa 34 da 70 8c 7d bb f2 e6
b6 df 2a 8e 48 8f 15 ae 2f a0 ad 86 07 9c 9d c9 c0 1d 8b 06 b8 b9 ba
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- Certificate fields
  - Issuer aka certificate authority
  - (QuoVadis)
  - Subject (University of Edinburgh; [www.ed.ac.uk](http://www.ed.ac.uk))
  - Subject's public key parameters (RSA2048)
  - Subject's public key
  - Validity period (29/11/16-29/11/19)
  - Signature parameters (SHA256; PKCS #1, RSA2048)
  - Signature



# Chain of Trust and Revocation

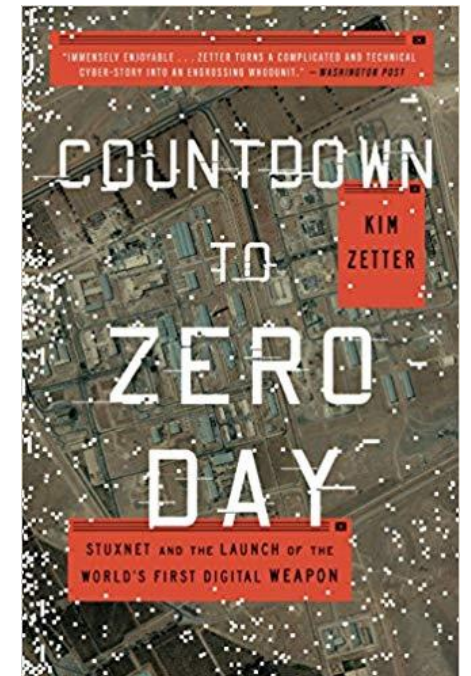
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- Transitive trust
  - Trust of (public key of) issuer implies trust of (public key of) subject
  - Issuer can be subject in another certificate
  - Chain of certificates
  - Root of trust?
  - Root certificates preconfigured in operating system and browser
- Certificate revocation
  - Mechanism to invalidate a previously issued certificate
  - E.g., when private key of the subject is compromised
- Revocation methods
  - List of revoked certificates posted on CA's website
  - Online verification service provided by CA (OCSP stapling)



# Rogue Certificates: DigiNotar hacked in 2011

- Google noted a DigiNotar issued certificate for **google.com** that wasn't on Google's own list of Google certificates
- Used to impersonate Google mail web site and collect usernames and passwords
- Serious impact on Dutch government IT services
  - [http://www.onderzoeksraad.nl/uploads/items-docs/1833/Rapport\\_Diginotar\\_EN\\_summary.pdf](http://www.onderzoeksraad.nl/uploads/items-docs/1833/Rapport_Diginotar_EN_summary.pdf)
- DigiNotar went bankrupt
- Do you know the CAs you are trusting?



# TLS Building Blocks

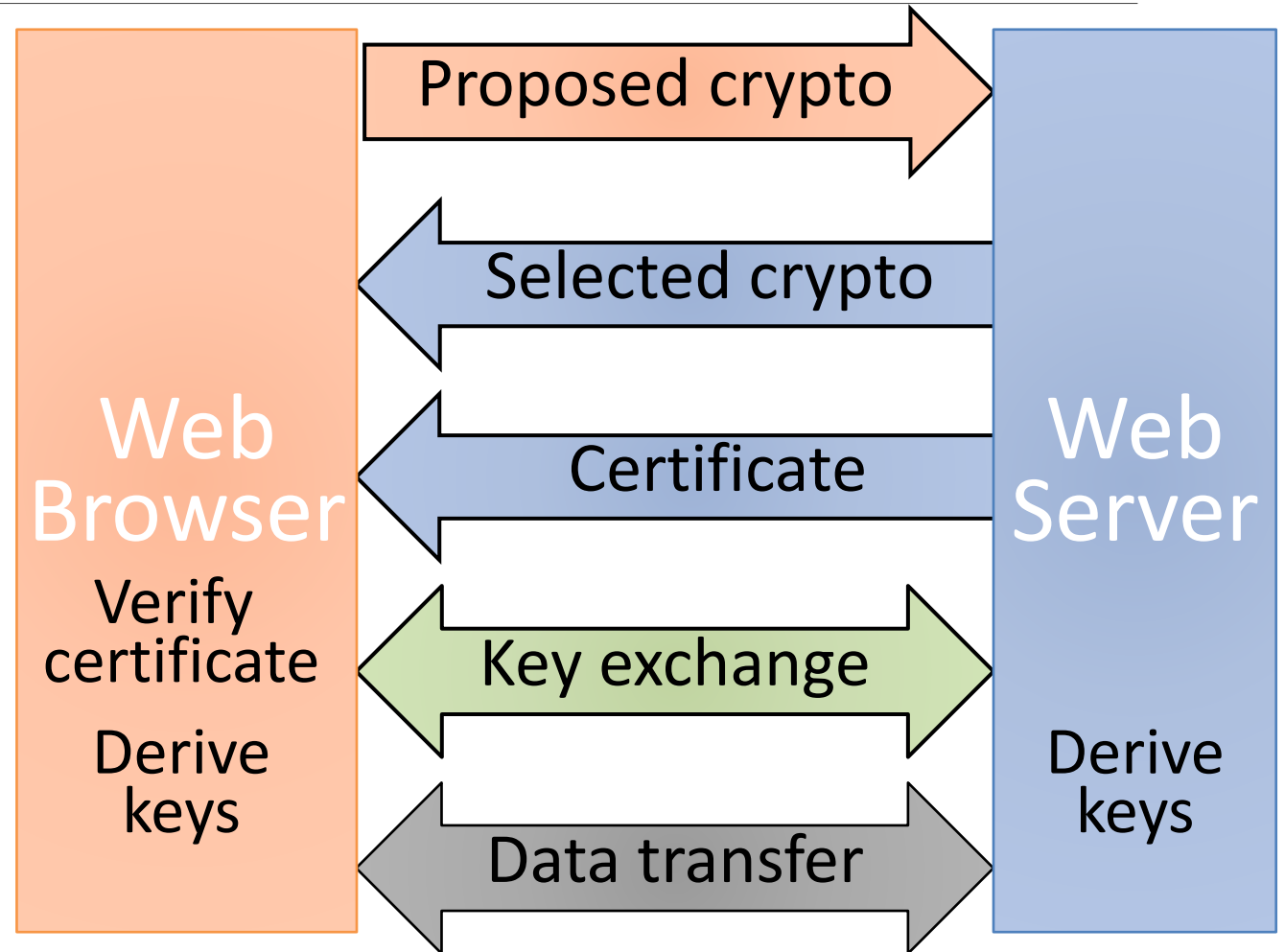
|                   | Confidentiality                              | Integrity                                 | Authentication                           |
|-------------------|----------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------|
| Setup             | Public-key based key-exchange (RSA and DH)   | Public-key digital signature (e.g., RSA)  | Public-key digital signature (e.g., RSA) |
| Data transmission | Symmetric encryption (e.g., AES in CBC mode) | Hash-based MACs (e.g., HMAC using SHA256) |                                          |





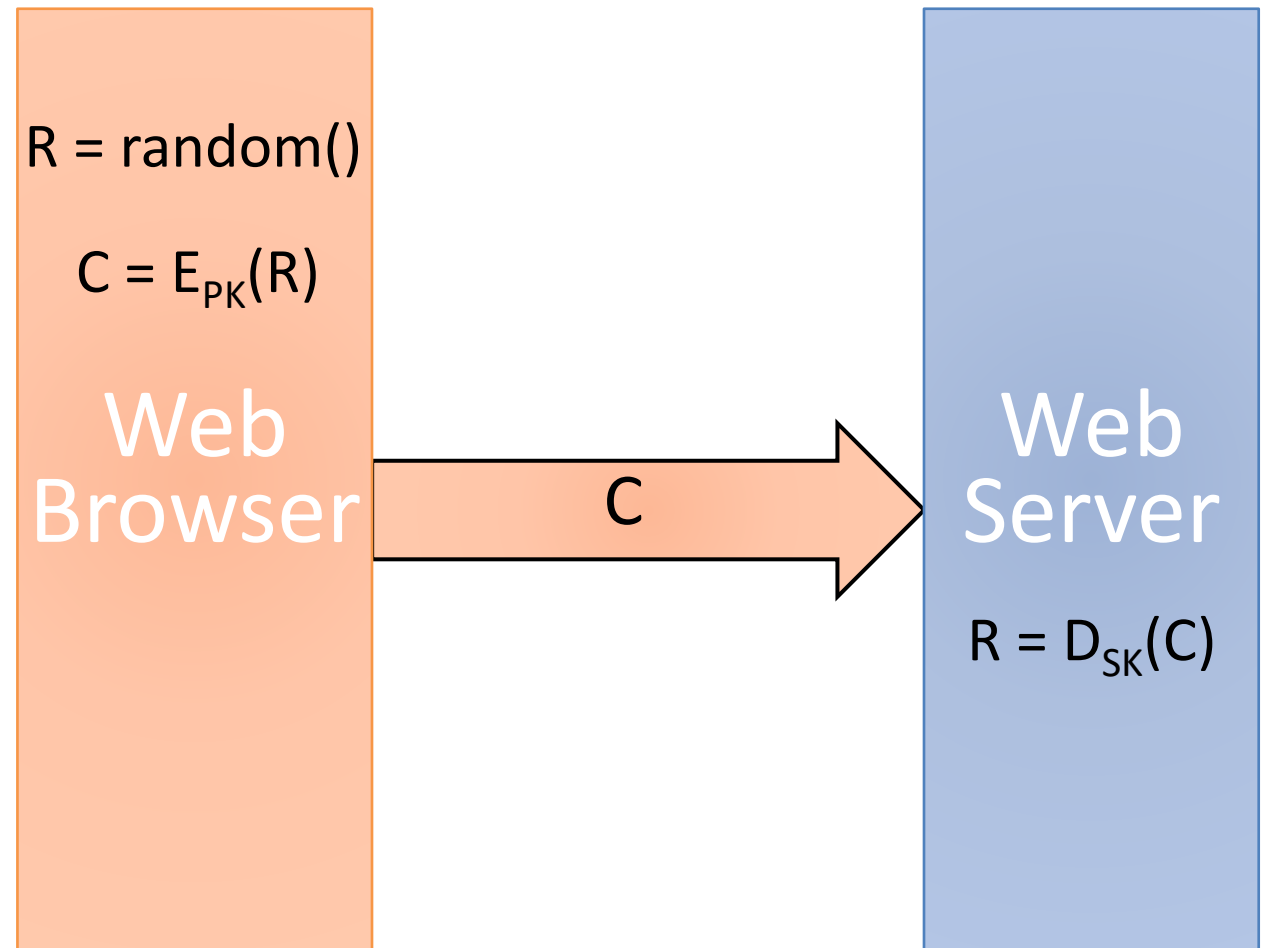
# TLS Overview (Simplified)

- Browser sends supported crypto algorithms
- Server picks strongest algorithms it supports
- Server sends certificate (chain)
- Client verifies certificate (chain)
- Client and server agree on secret value R by exchanging messages
- Secret value R is used to derive keys for symmetric encryption and hash-based authentication of subsequent data transfer



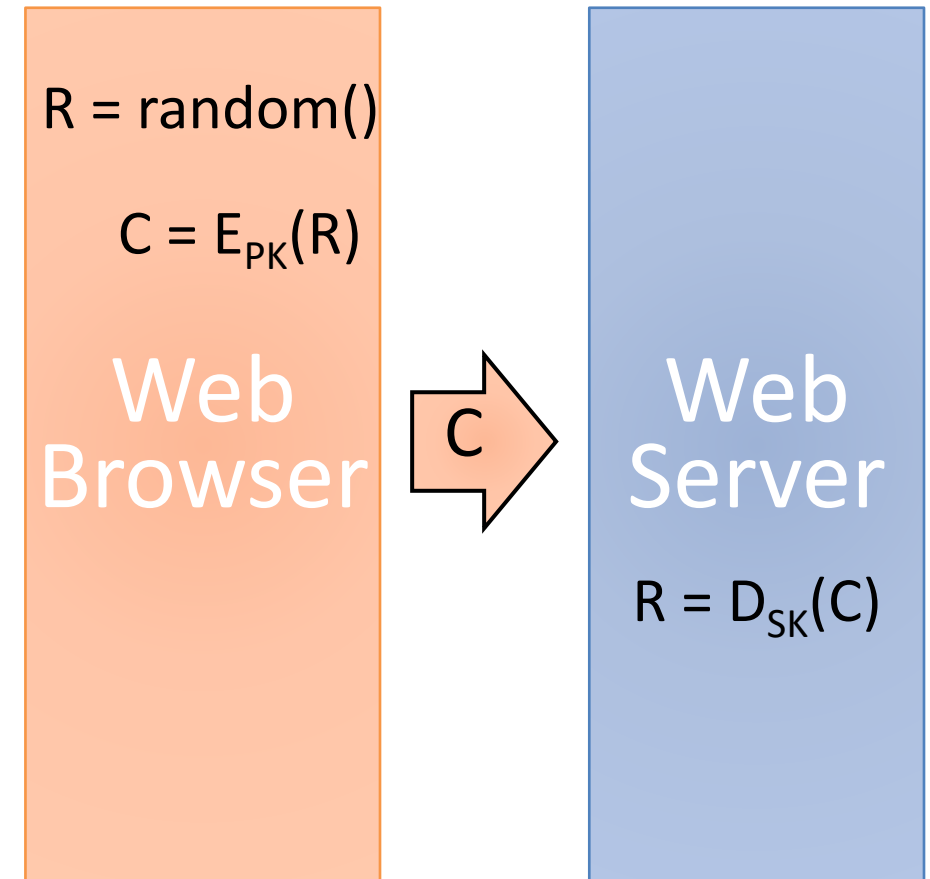
# Basic Key Exchange

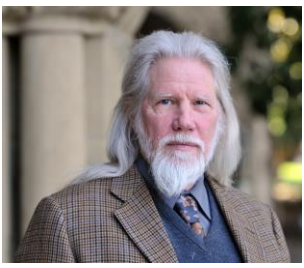
- Called **RSA key exchange** for historical reasons
- Client generates random secret value  $R$
- Client encrypts  $R$  with public key,  $PK$ , of server  $C = E_{PK}(R)$
- Client sends  $C$  to server
- Server decrypts  $C$  with private key,  $SK$ , of server  $R = D_{SK}(C)$



# Forward Secrecy

- Compromise of public-key pairs private keys does not break confidentiality of past messages
- TLS with basic key exchange does not provide forward secrecy
  - Attacker eavesdrop and stores communication
  - If server's private key is compromised, attacker finds secret value  $R$  in key exchange and derives encryption keys

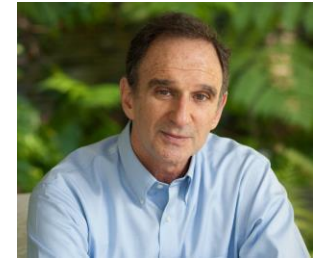




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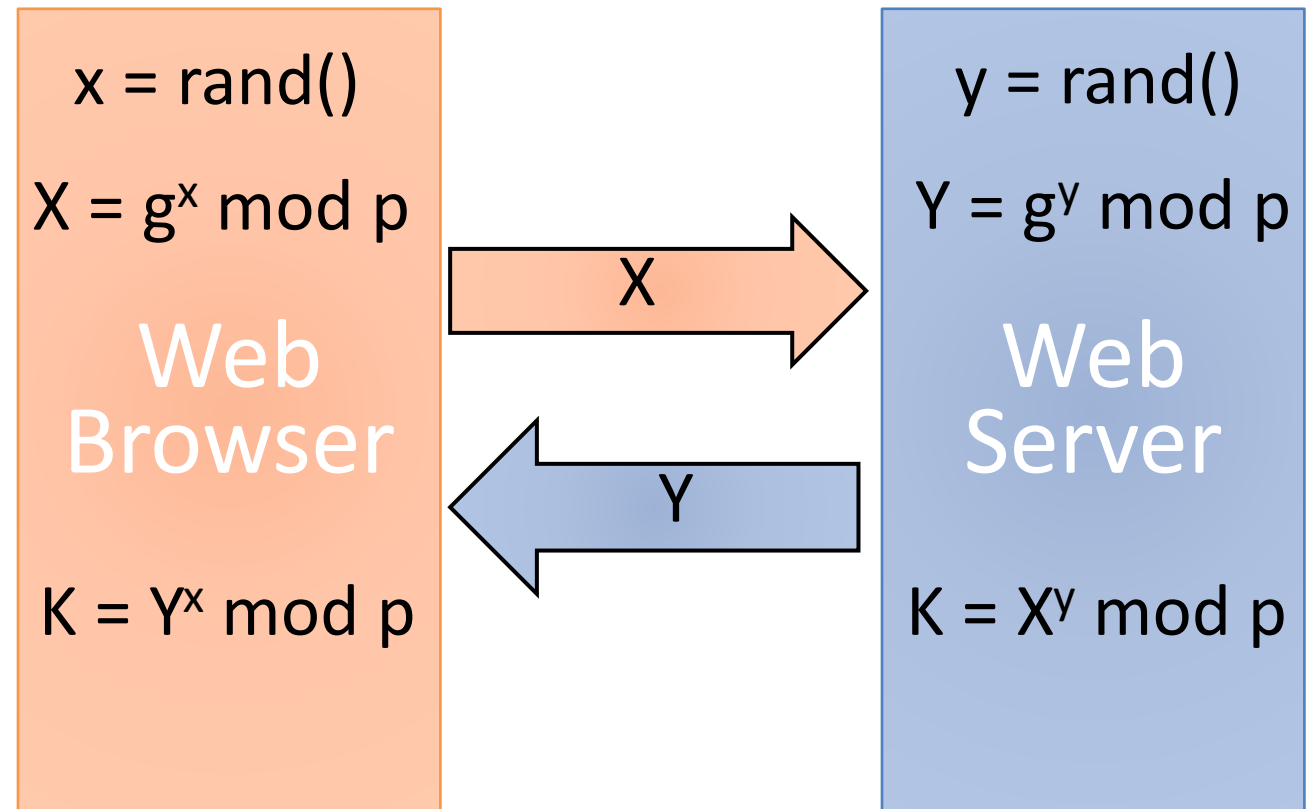
# Achieves forward secrecy

## Diffie Hellman Key Exchange

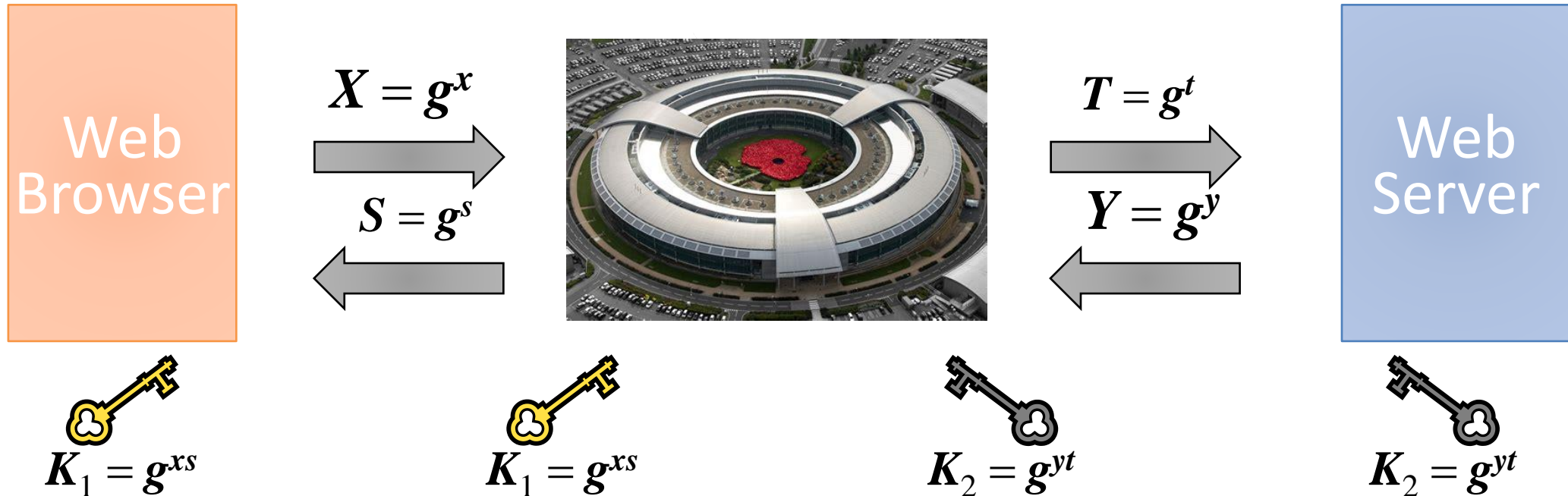


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- Public parameters: prime  $p$  and generator  $g$  of  $Z_p$
- Client generates random  $x$  and computes  $X = g^x \bmod p$
- Server generates random  $y$  and computes  $Y = g^y \bmod p$
- Client sends  $X$  to server
- Server sends  $Y$  to client
- Client and server compute  $K = g^{xy} \bmod p$



# Attacker in the Middle

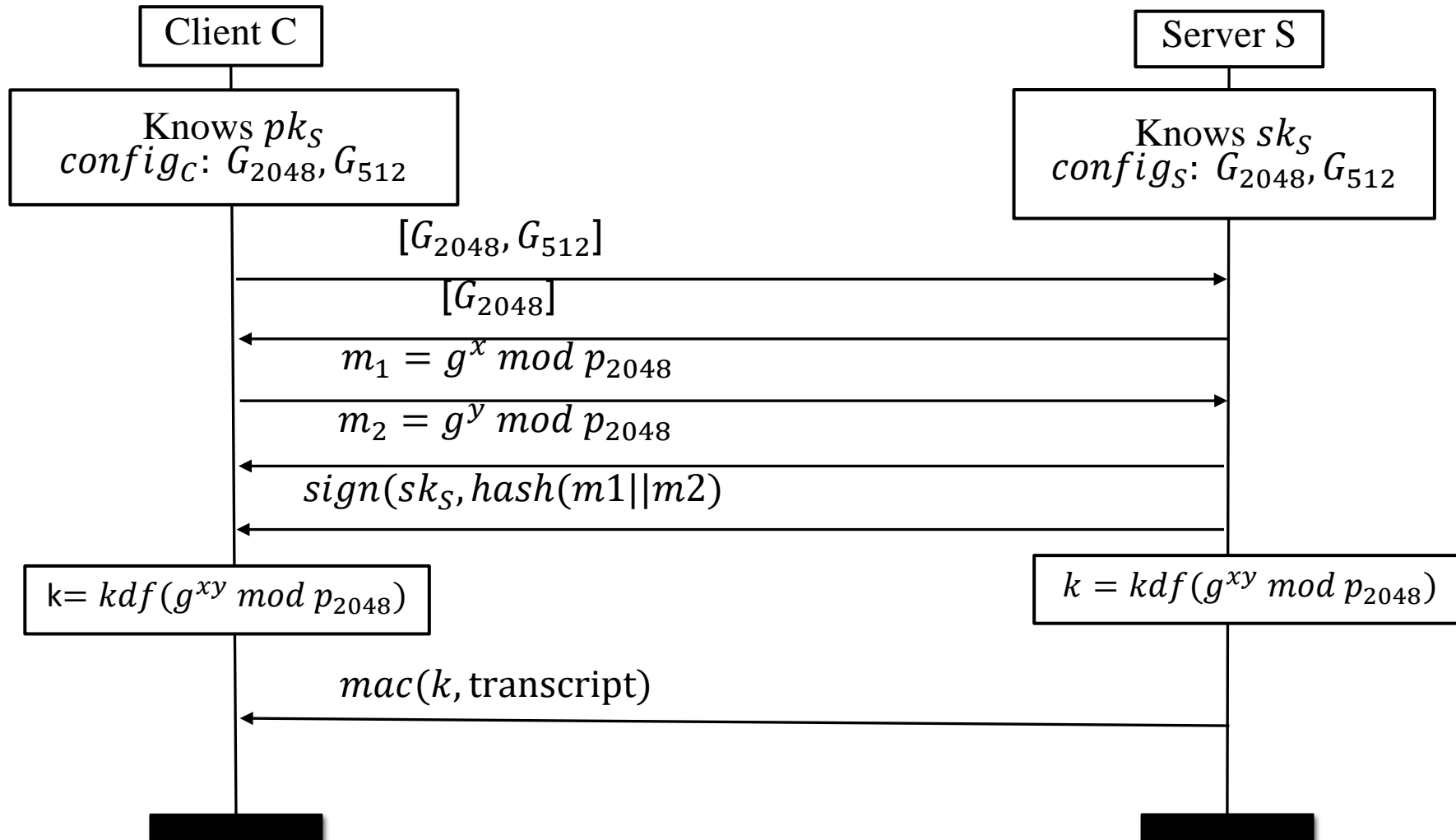


## Solution

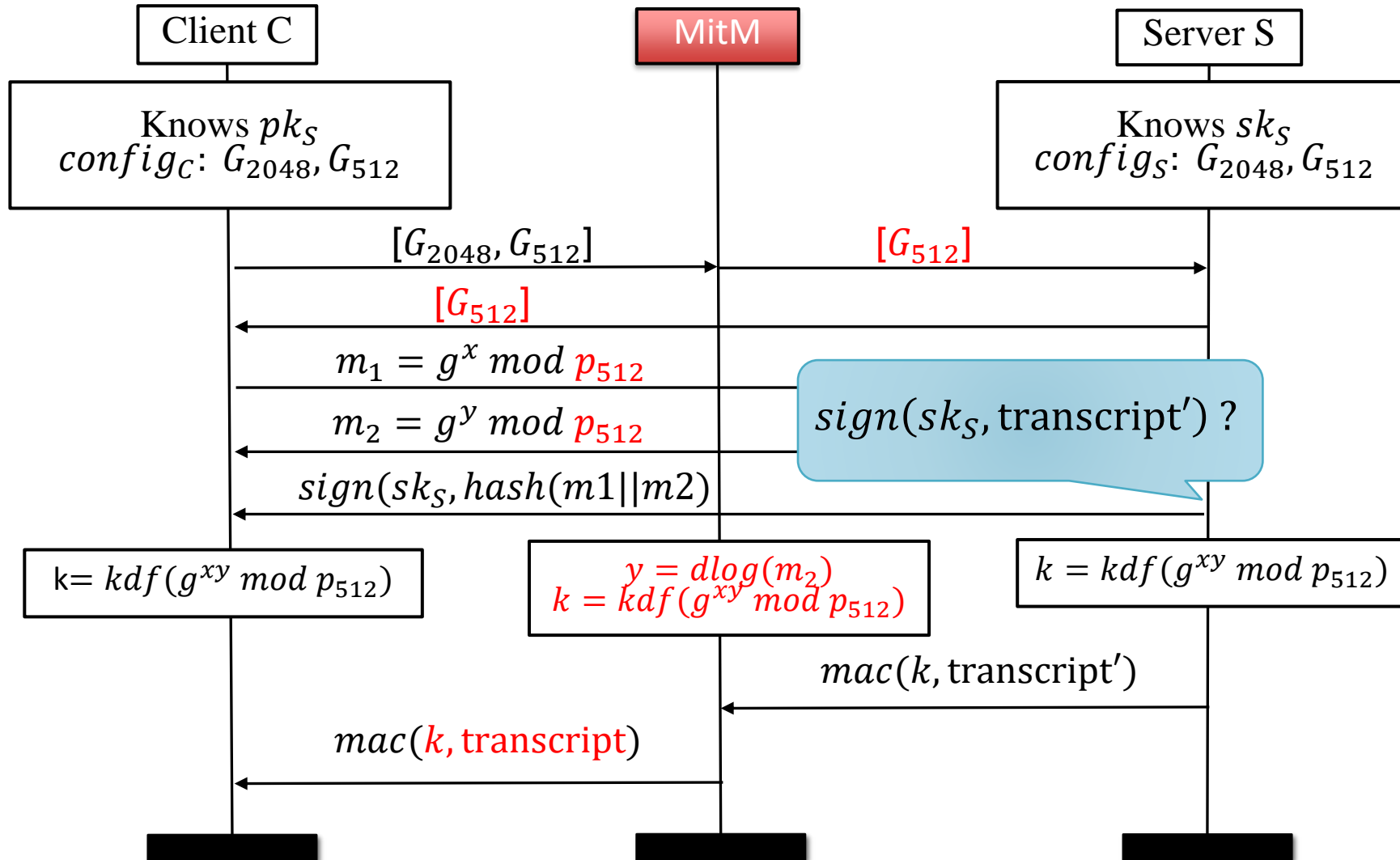
- Browser and server send signed X and Y
- Requires each to know the public key of the other
- One-sided authentication if only server signs



# Signed DH key exchange



# LOGJAM





## Back to the roots $\sqrt[e]{c}$ [RSA78]

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There was RSA

$$E(m) = m^e \bmod n$$

$n = pq$  – product of primes

RSA is homomorphic

$$(m^e \cdot s^e)^d = (m \cdot s)^{ed} = m \cdot s$$



# Padding Attacks [B98]

*Bleichenbacher Attack on PKCS#1:*

Pick  $s_i$  adaptively. For accepted  $c \times s_i^e$  attacker knows that

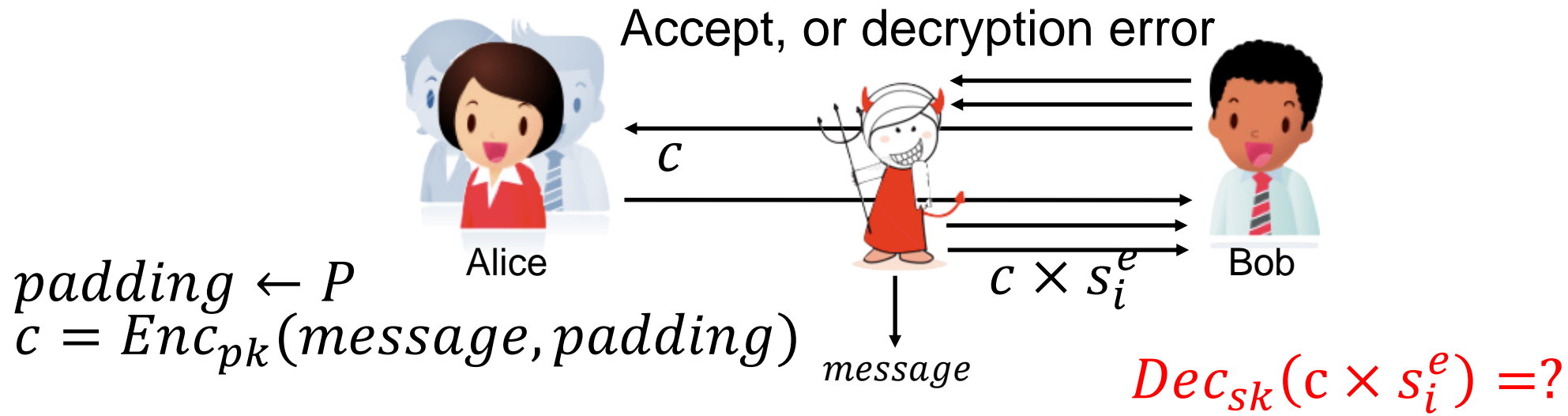
$$M \times s_i = (00\ 02\ \text{*****}\ 00\ \text{*****}).$$

Build system of inequalities:

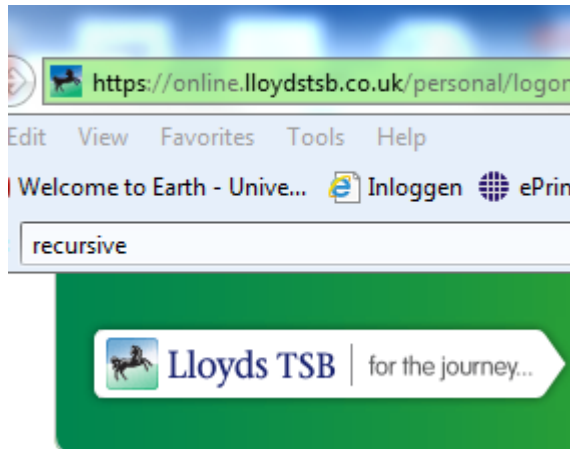
$$(00\ 02\ 00\ \dots\ 00) \leq M \times s_i \leq (00\ 02\ ff\ \dots\ ff)$$

*PKCS#1 standard for RSA:*

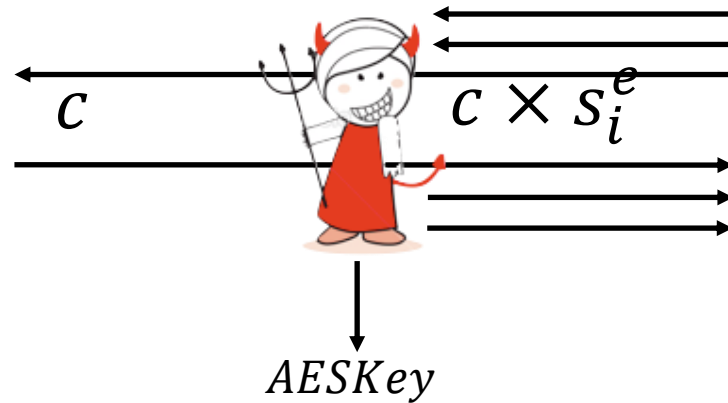
$Enc_{(n,e)}(\text{message}, \text{padding}) = M^e$  where  $M = (00\ 02\ \text{padding}\ 00\ \text{message})$



# Padding Attacks [B98]



Accept, or decryption error



Apache  
**OpenSSL**  
Cryptography and SSL/TLS Toolkit  
 $sk$



# What We Have Learned

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- Goals and history of the SSL/TLS protocol
- TLS Certificates, chain of trust, and revocation
- Overview of the TLS protocol
- Diffie-Hellman key exchange and forward secrecy
- Logjam and Bleichenbacher attack



# References

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- [RFC 8445](#) - The Transport Layer Security (TLS) Protocol Version 1.3 (2018)
- [Logjam](#) attack (2015)