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Understand SSL-TLS

SSL/TLS — Secure Socket Layer / Transport Layer Security.

Cryptographic protocols designed to provide secure communication over a computer network.

** TLS is the successor to SSL

→ SSL is deprecated; TLS is the modern, secure version.

→ Ensure secure communication over an insecure network.

→ Provide encryption, authentication and data integrity.

→ Encrypt data and ensure its

→ integrity

→ confidentiality and

→ authenticity

between a client and Server.

Methods used by TSL/SSL to achieve these principles

Principles

- = Confidentiality → Data is only accessed by client / server
- = Integrity → Data is not modified in between
- = Authentication → Verify the identity of the parties who they are supposed to be.

Methods to Achieve
Encryption

Hashing

Certificates

Encryption → Converting a plaintext information into a coded form (cipher text).

Encrypt

DEMO → GHPR

(Ciphertext, each character shifted by 3 char).

Decrypt

GHPR → DEMO

Shift each character by 3 backward.

Encryption

Types

Symmetric

Asymmetric

- # Symmetric : Type of Encryption in which Encryption and decryption occur using the same key.

= Encrypt

DEMO → GHPR

key = 3

Shift each char by 3 forward.

= Decrypt

GHPR → DEMO

key = 3

Shift each char by 3 backward

- # Asymmetric : Type of Encryption in which Encryption and decryption occur using the different key

= Encrypt

DEMO → GHPR

key = 3

shift each char by 3 forward

= Decrypt

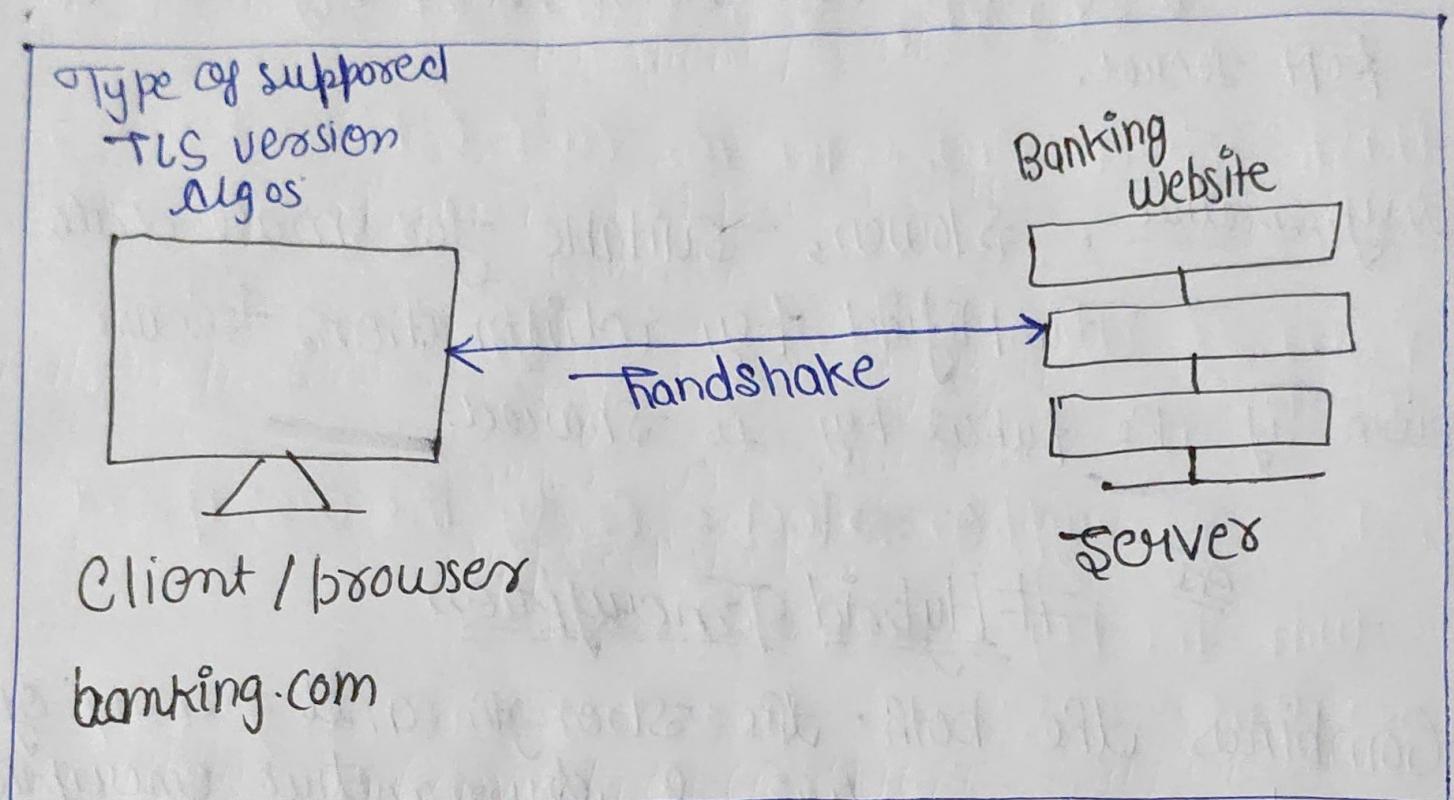
GHPR → DEMO

key = 23

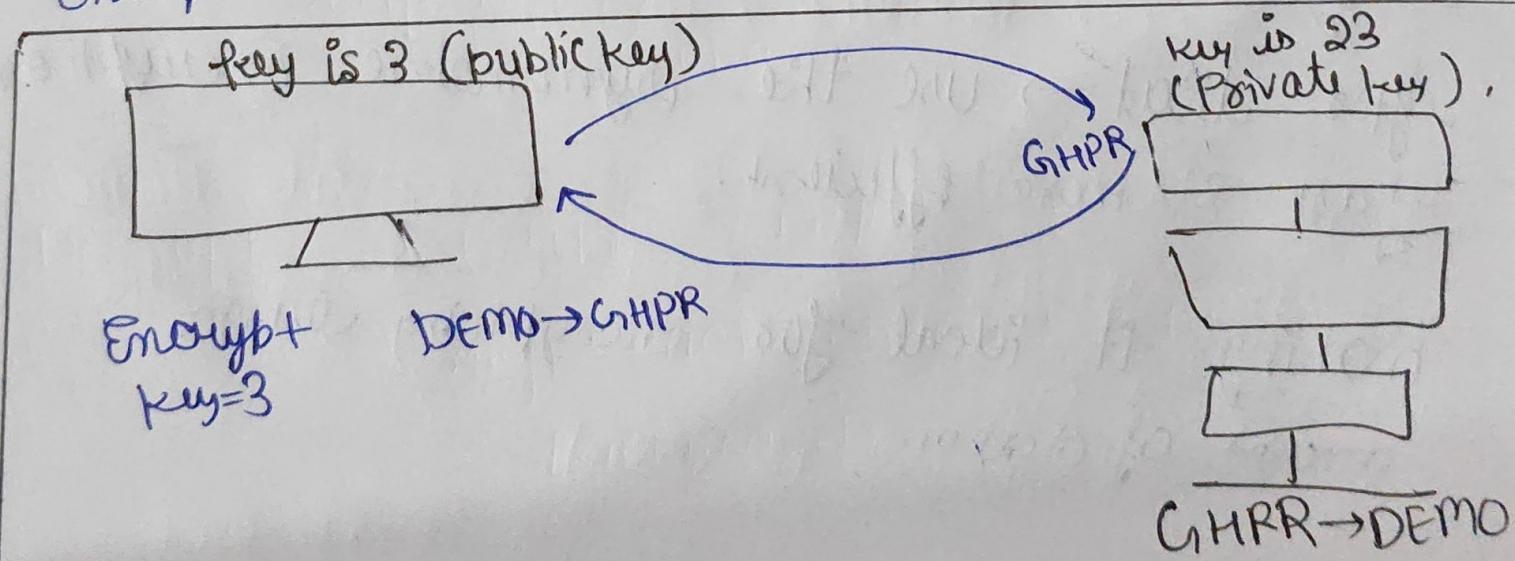
shift each char by 23 forward

Working

Step-1: Initially handshaking and select Type of supported TLS version algo b/w client / browser and server.



Step-2: Server generates two key - public key & private key, public key share to client using this credential & send to server.



Symmetric Vs Asymmetric

- = Symmetric: faster and more efficient, suitable for large data.
- = Challenging key distribution, single key must be kept secret.
- = Asymmetric: slower, suitable for small data
 - Simplified key distribution, secure even if the public key is shared.

Hybrid Encryption

Combines the both the strength and security of the both symmetric & asymmetric encryption to achieve efficient and secure communication.

- = Asymmetric used to shared the exchange of a symmetric key.
After that → use the symmetric encryption fast & more efficient.
making it ideal for encrypting large amount of data.

Some Algo Examples

Asymmetric

- DSA
- RSA
- ECC
- ECDH

Symmetric

- AES
- 3DES
- RC4

Hashing

Hashing is the process of converting data into a fixed-size string of characters, as a sequence of numbers & letters.

Ex. DEMO \rightarrow 37 (4+5+13+15) = 37

MAC (Message Auto Code)

Combine message + secret key

Message DEMO . Secret key = 123

Demokuy

→ Server checks
Encryption to decryption
then hashing
Check using
the secret key.

Most Common Hashing Algo

- ≡ MD5 (Message digest Algorithm 5) (128 bits)
- ≡ SHA (Secure Hash algorithm)
 - ≡ Sha-1
 - ≡ Sha-2/3 224 256 384 512

Hash-based Authentication code (sha256 h mac).

How it works both Encryption & Hashing work

first: Encryption → lock = Only the recipient with the key can open it

Decryption: Server uses session key to decrypt the incoming message into plaintext first of all.

→ Second: Hashing → Seal = If the message broken, you know something wrong.

HMAC Verification: Server calculates HMAC on the plaintext & compares it with the received HMAC.

→ if match = Data is valid

→ if not = Data is tampered → Reject.

Authentication

Verify the identity of the parties who they are supposed to be using the Certificate Authority.

Certificate authority :- CA is a trusted organization that issue digital certificates to verify the identity of websites & enable secure, encrypted communication over the internet.

CAs ensure the authenticity and integrity of the SSL certificates they provide.

