
SECURITY (COMP0141): CONFIDENTIALITY ON THE WEB



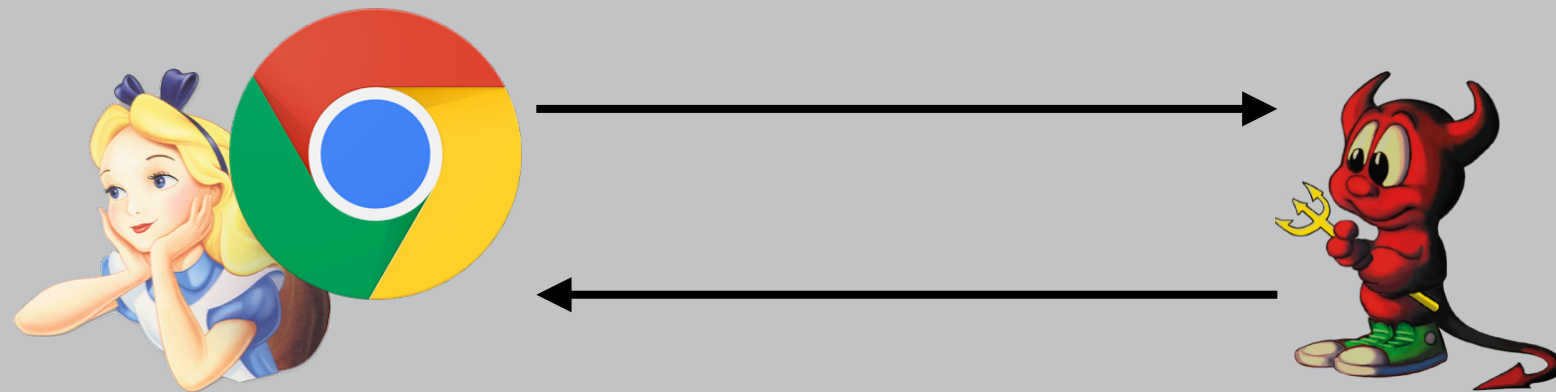
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- forward secrecy
- revocation

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BROWSER FINGERPRINTING DEMO

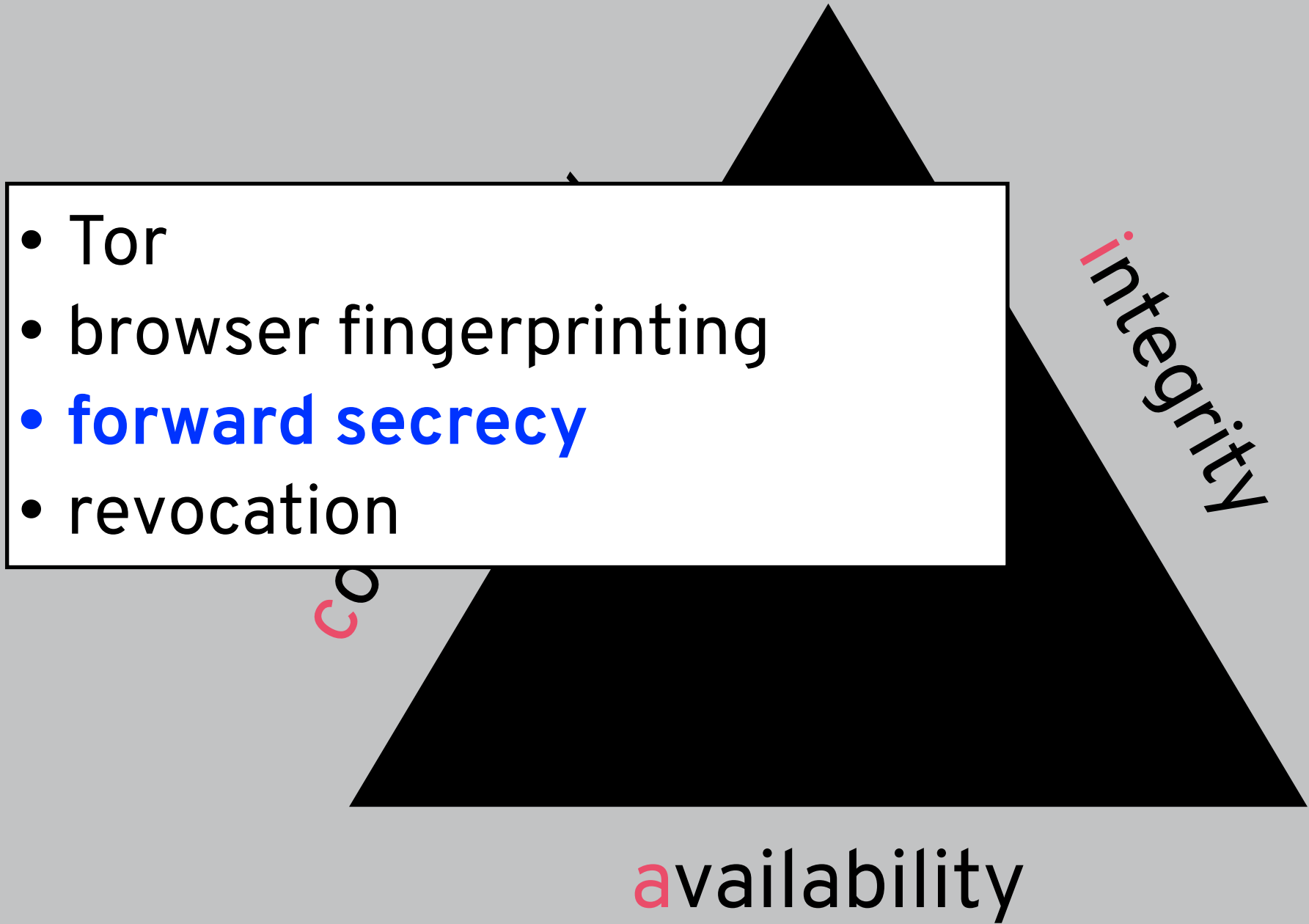


**COVER
YOUR
TRACKS**

See how trackers view your browser

**Your browser has a
nearly-unique fingerprint**

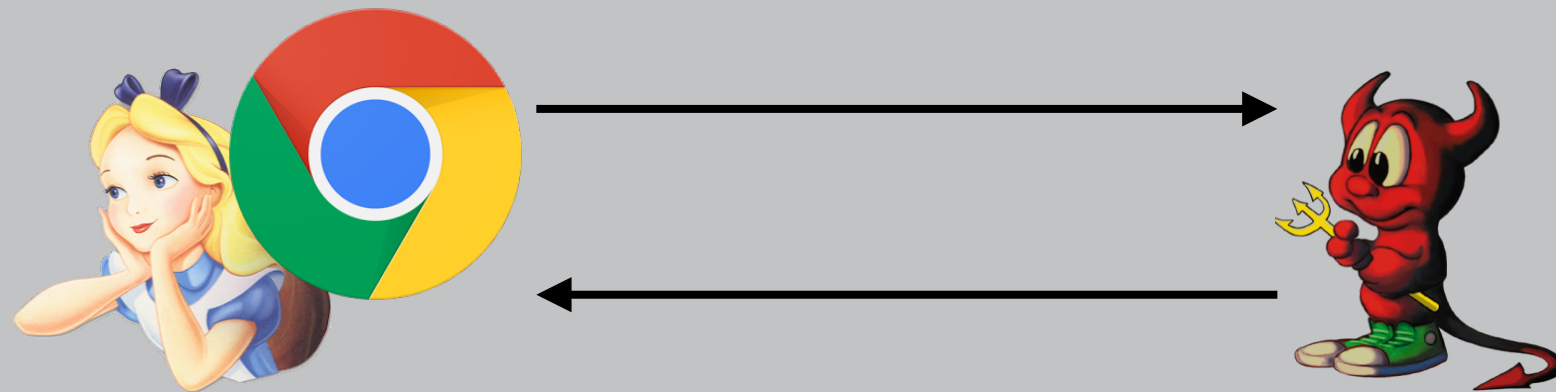
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COMPROMISED CERTIFICATES

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RSA Encryption (1.2.840.113549.1.1.1)

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None

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Signature

256 bytes: 7D 27 FF FB 16 E0 0C 27 FD 35 76 01 BA 00 C6 BE 5C 33 65 E3 2E 3E AA 13 00 99 64 25 D5 DB BF 52 48 01 1B 69 E4 65 5E 62 33 A9 F7 36 49 FD 15 06 3C A7 C2 49 9B AF EE F7 9A 74 13 15 F9

Exponent

65537

Key Size

2,048 bits

Key Usage

Encrypt, Veri

what if attacker learns sk?

Fingerprints


SHA-256

90 9E 42 E3 FF 35 8C 03 0E FB 0E 1F CB 3D 8A 1F DA 8E 52 EB F9 0B 12 D3 8A 3C A8 D9 EE 14 AF 25

SHA-1

27 DA 3A F2 0C 25 C6 8B D1 3E 36 82 90 C2 8A 42 7B 42 34 94

public key pk, company knows corresponding secret key sk



COMPROMISED COMMUNICATION



step 1: agree on **cipher suite**



step 2: validate certificate

check $H(\text{certificate}) = \text{fingerprint}$

~~so adversary can read traffic in this session~~

check $\text{Verify}(\text{pk}_{\text{CA}}, \text{sig}, \text{pk}_{\text{service}})$

step 3: establish session key



client sends $c = \text{Enc}(\text{pk}_{\text{service}}, \text{sk})$

service uses $\text{sk} = \text{Dec}(\text{sk}_{\text{service}}, c)$



step 4: use sk to do AEAD

step 5: terminate connection (FIN)

COMPROMISED TRANSCRIPTS

service uses $sk = \text{Dec}(sk_{\text{service}}, c)$



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(encrypted conversation)

can the adversary now read all these conversations?!



FORWARD SECRECY

no! with **forward secrecy**, compromise of long-term keys doesn't affect previous sessions

use ephemeral values to establish sk

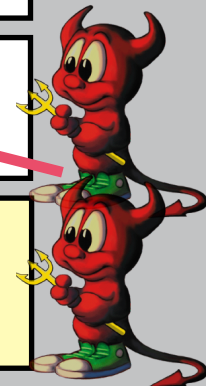
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“long-lived signing keys, short-lived encryption keys”

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	<u>Encrypted in transit?</u>	<u>Encrypted so the provider can't read it?</u>	<u>Can you verify contacts' identities?</u>	<u>Are past comms secure if your keys are stolen?</u>
FACEBOOK	yes	no	no	no
IMESSAGE	yes	yes	no	yes
SIGNAL	yes	yes	yes	yes
TELEGRAM	yes	no	no	no
WHATSAPP	yes	yes	yes	yes

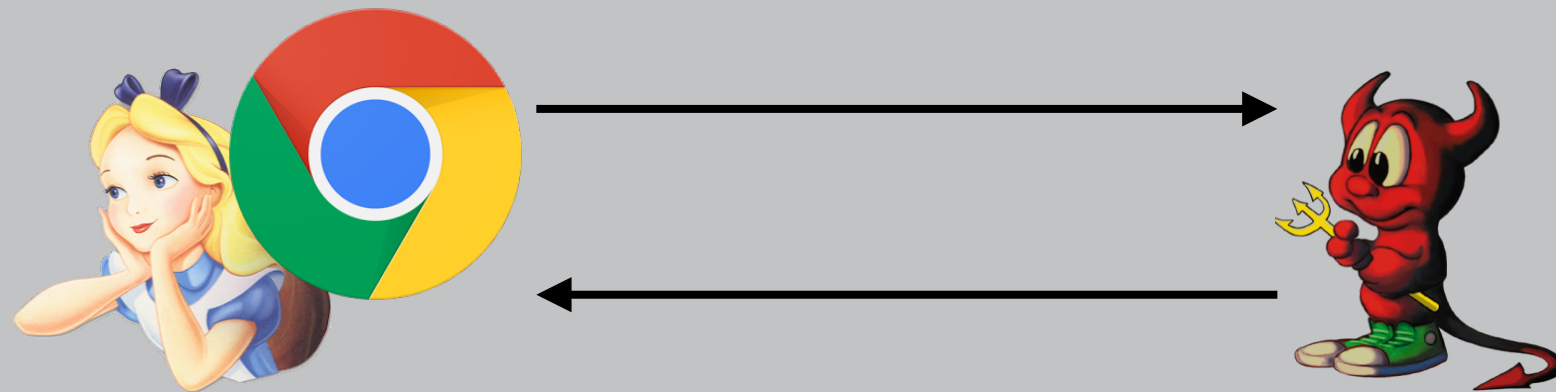
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Exponent	65537
Key Size	2,048 bits
Key Usage	Encrypt, Verify, Wrap, Derive

public key pk, company
knows corresponding
secret key sk

attacker learns sk. now what?



CERTIFICATE REVOCATION LISTS

alice.com	pk _A	Sign(sk _{CA} ,pk _A)
eve.com	pk _E	Sign(sk _{CA} ,pk _E)
...
bob.com	pk _B	Sign(sk _{CA} ,pk _B)



cert_B



in CRL?



(pk_{CA},sk_{CA})

...
...
bob.com	cert _B	Sign(sk _{CA} ,cert _B)

certificate revocation list (CRL)

add when certificate:

- is compromised
- was issued by mistake
- belongs to a defunct service

LIMITATIONS OF CRLS

how often to update CRL? how long to store?

places even more trust in CAs (decide when to revoke)

DoS attack on PKI shuts down certificate acceptance

scalability? how big can these things grow?

Online Certificate Status Protocol (OCSP)
addresses some of these but has its own tradeoffs

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