

TCP/UDP, TLS

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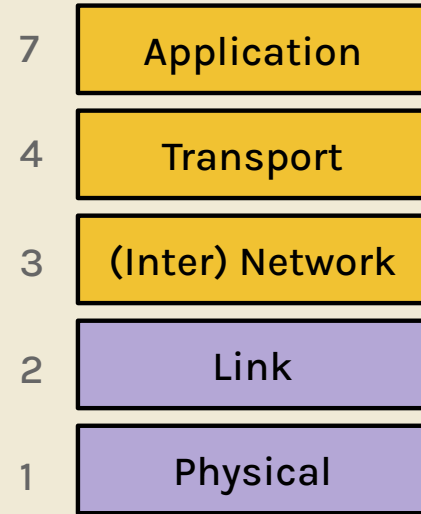
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general questions, concerns, etc.

the OSI model

- layer 1: communication of bits
- layer 2: local frame delivery
 - ethernet via 6-byte MAC addresses
- layer 3: global packet delivery
 - IP: the universal Layer 3 4/16-byte protocol
- layer 4: transport of data
 - TCP/IP
- layer 7: applications and services (the web)



types of attackers

- off-path: can't see, modify, or drop packets
- on-path: can see packets, can't modify or drop
- MITM: can see, modify, or drop packets

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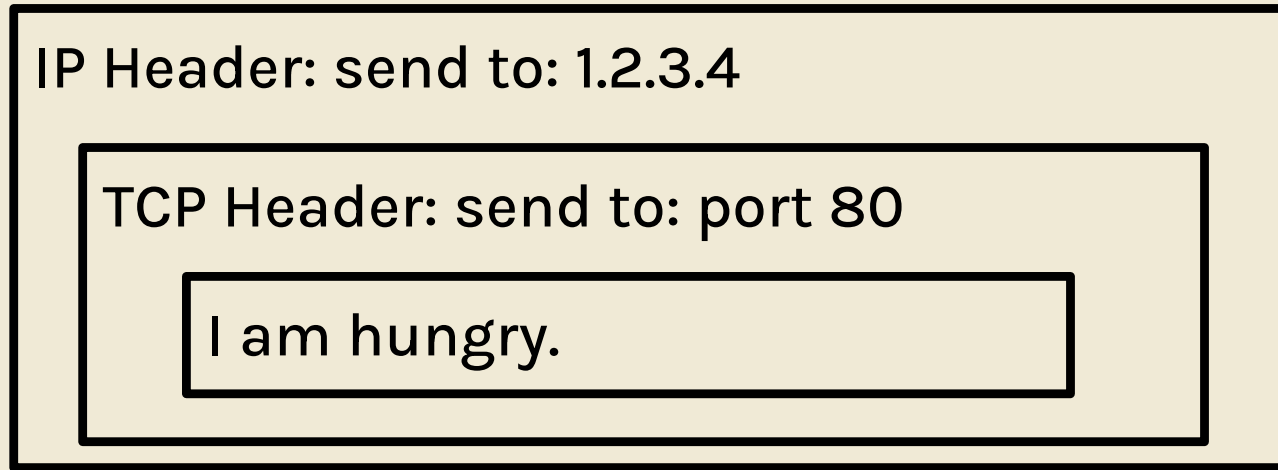
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- **ports**: multiple services can share IP with ports

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TCP: initial sequence numbers

H	e	l	l	o		s	e	r	v	e	r
50	51	52	53	54	55	56	57	58	59	60	61

Messages from the client are numbered starting at 50.

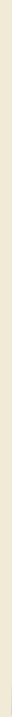
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Messages from the server are numbered starting at 25.

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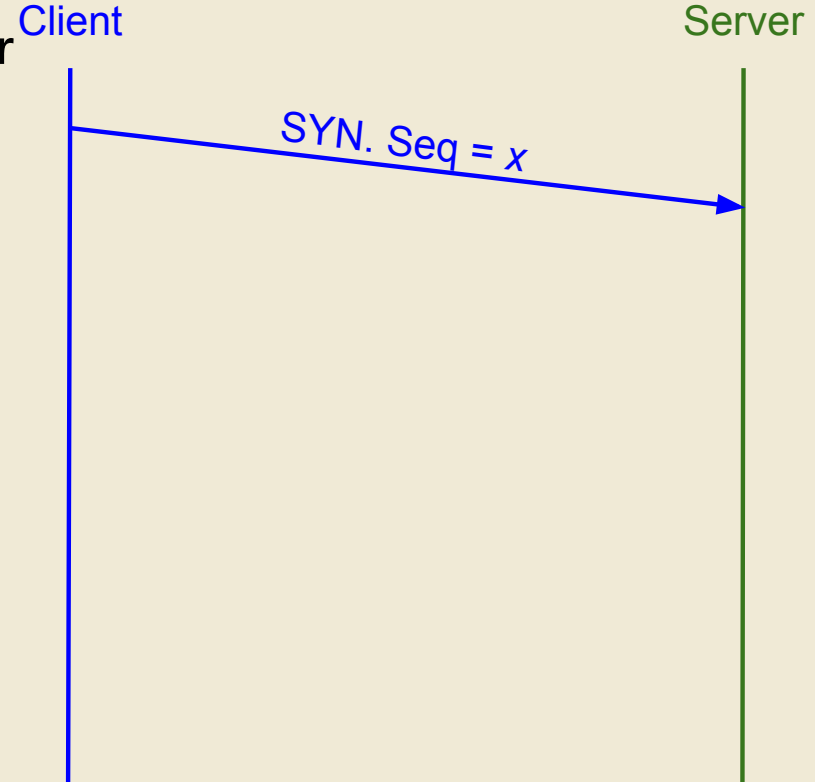
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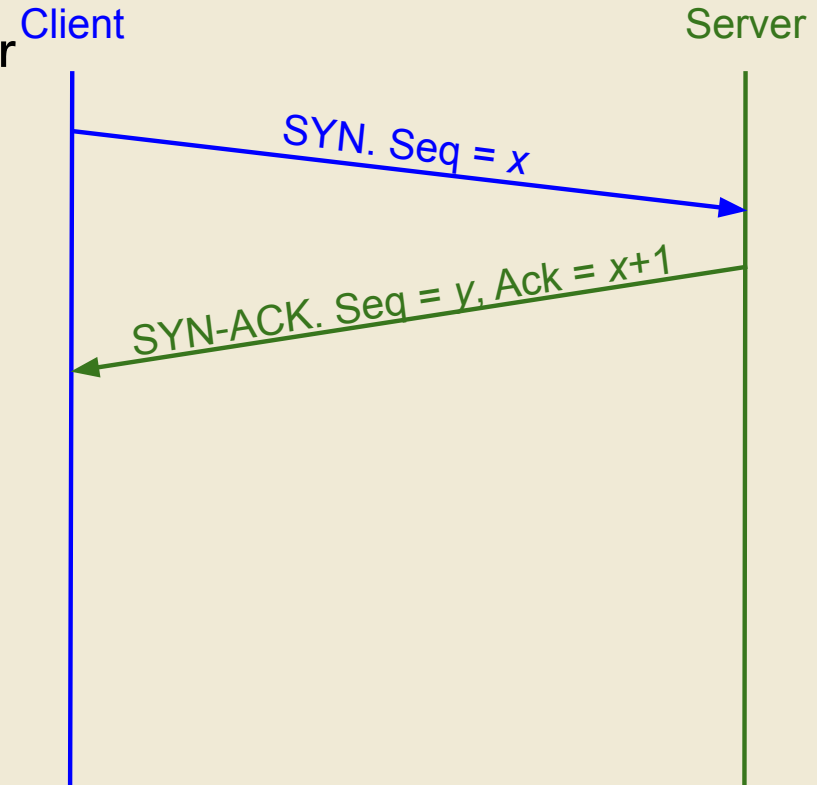
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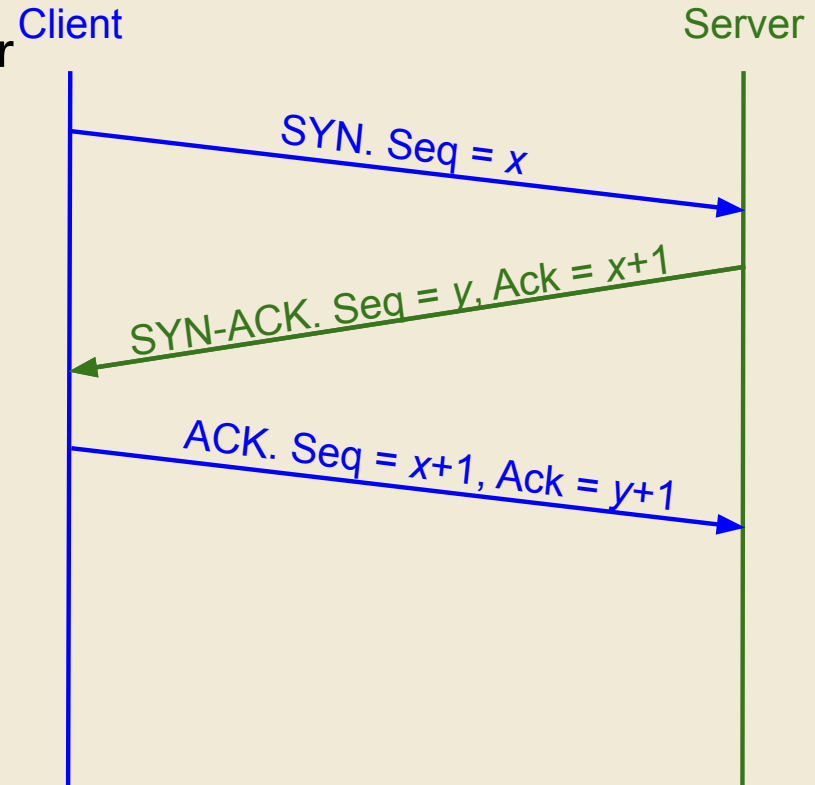
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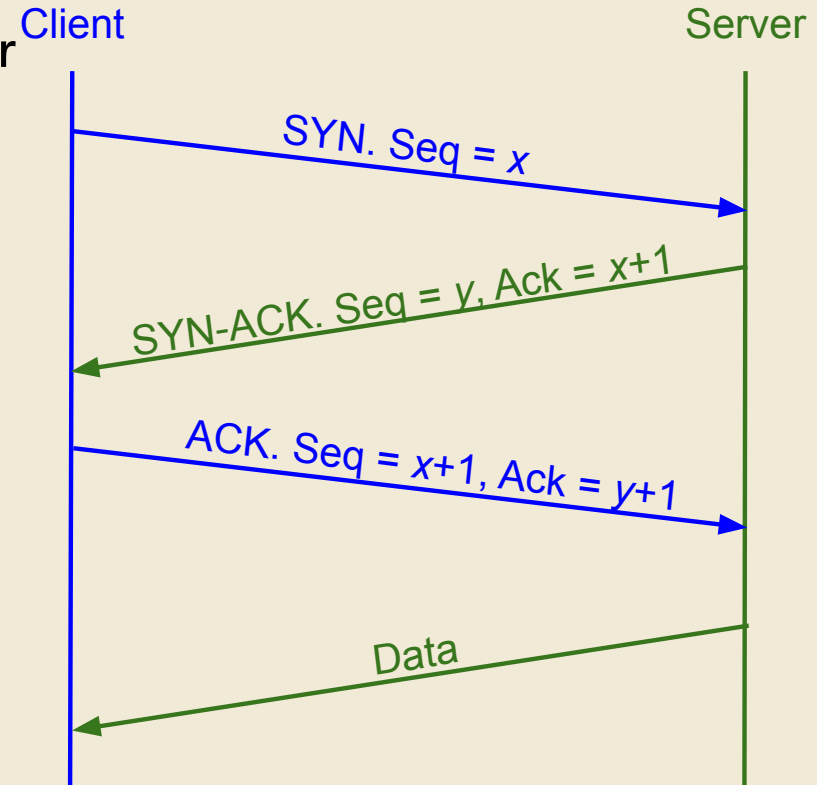
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4. once both hosts have synchronized sequence numbers, the connection is “established”



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- handler tracks which TCP segments received
- TCP 5-tuple
 - source IP
 - destination IP
 - source port
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 - protocol

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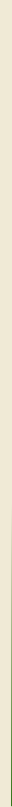
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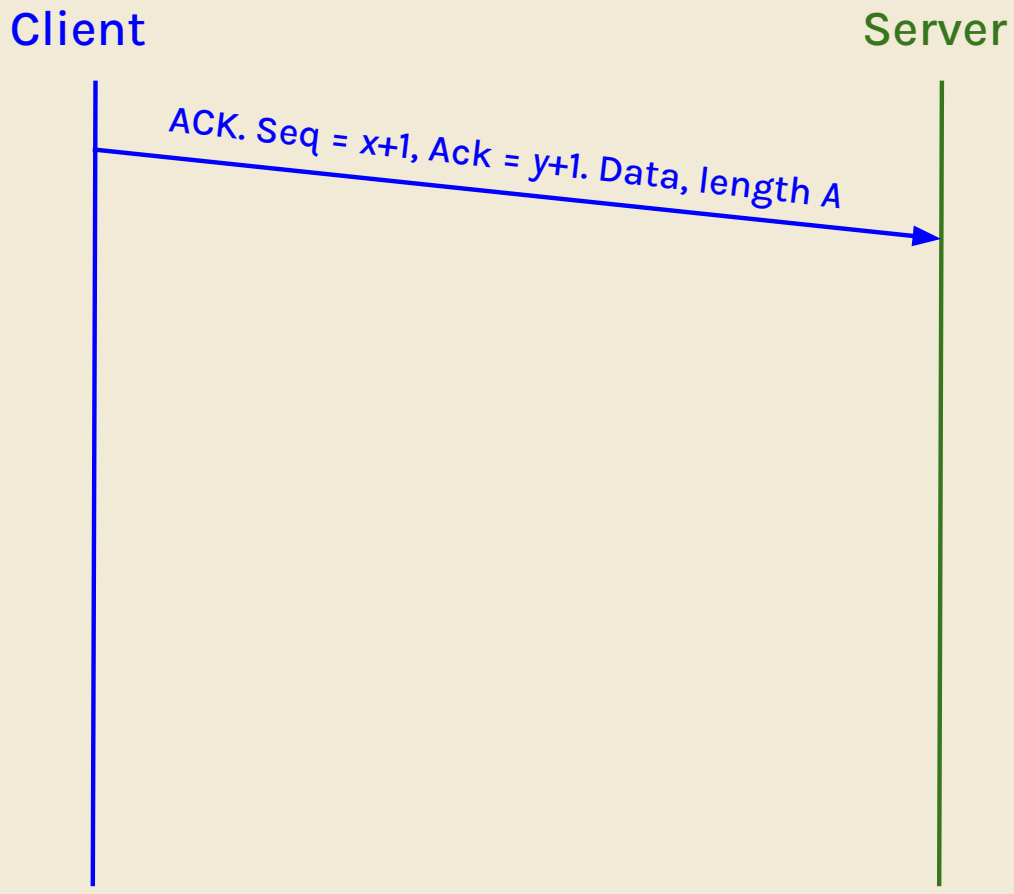


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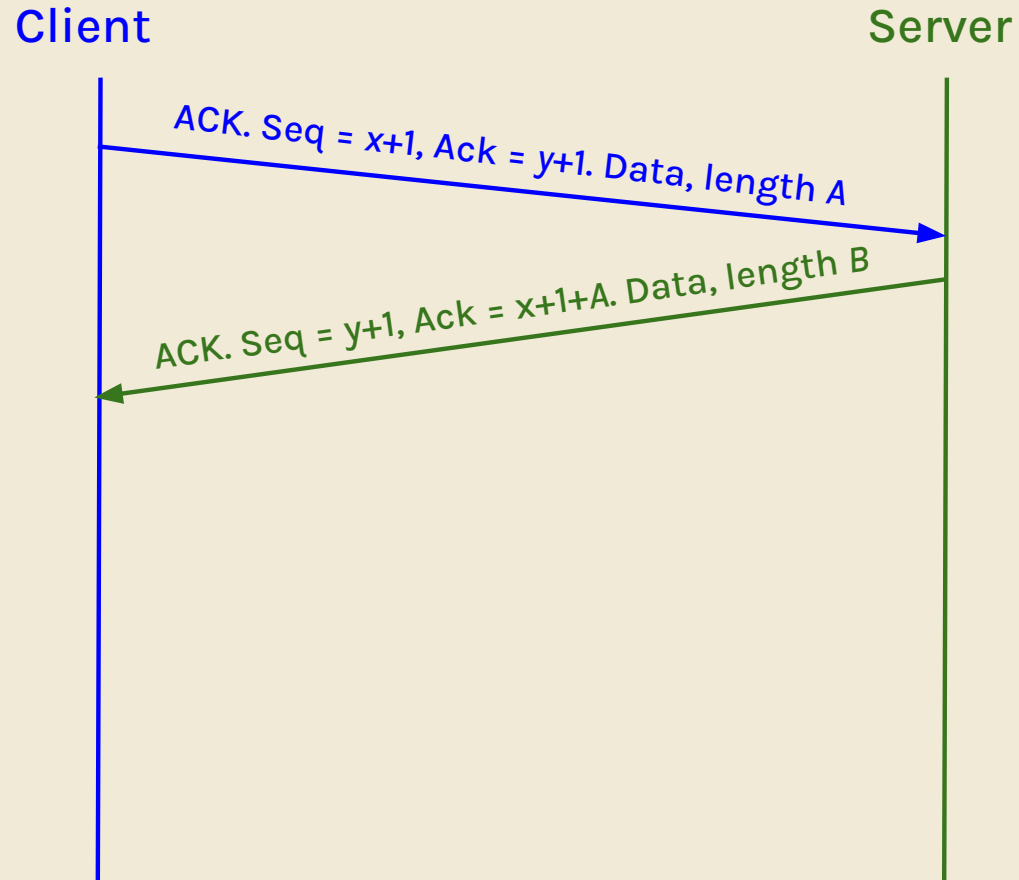
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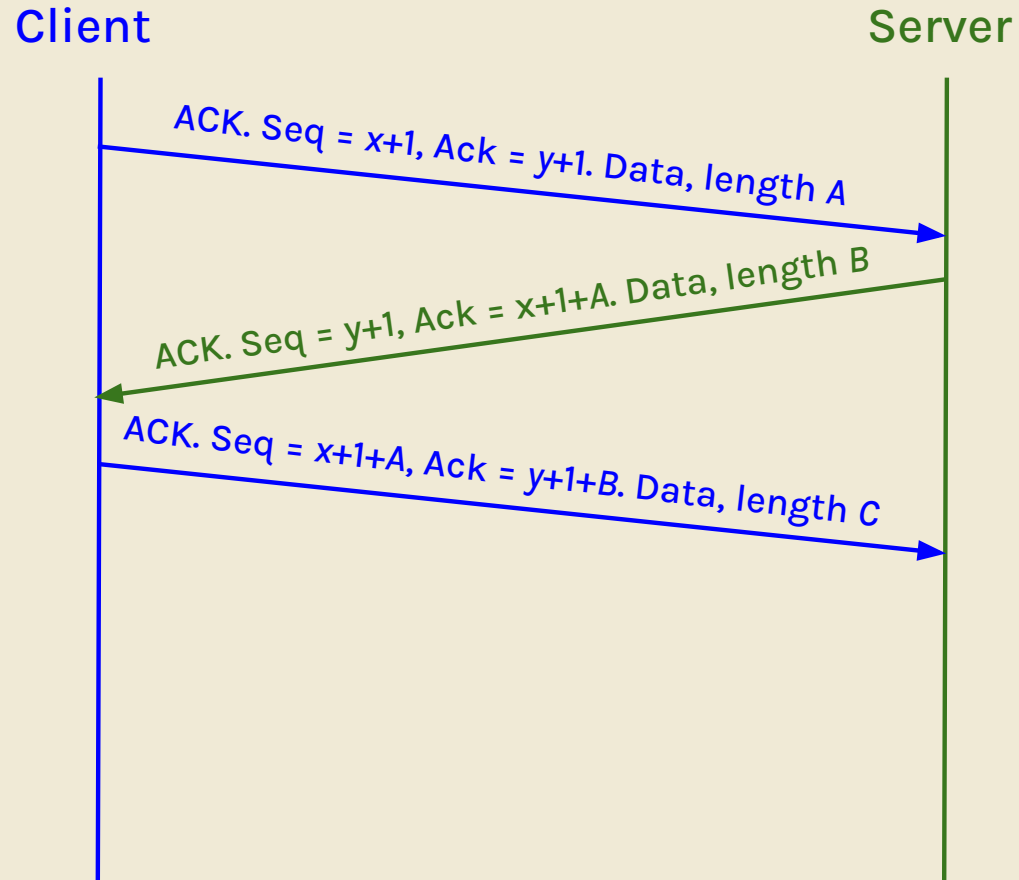


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sequenceDiagram
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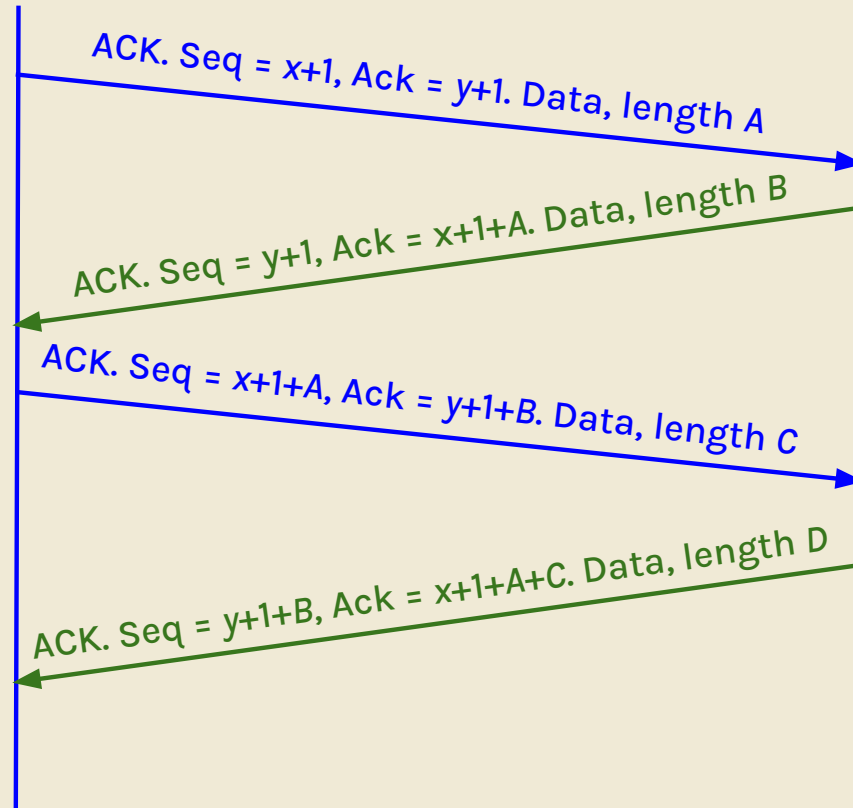
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TCP: retransmission

- if packet dropped, no ACK received, so resent
- if ACK dropped, packet resent, recipient ignores data and resends ACK

TCP: ending/aborting

- **FIN flag:** I will no longer send, but I'll receive (end transmission)
- **RST flag:** I will no longer send or receive (abort transmission)

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- TCP spoofing: packets appear to come from different IP

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- no confidentiality or integrity
- defense against off-path attackers relies on choosing random sequence numbers

UDP (user datagram protocol)

- datagram: message sent in single layer 3 packet
- no reliability (best effort), but adds ports
- faster than TCP, no 3-way handshake
 - used in high-speed applications—games, streaming, etc.
- attack: easy to spoof, no sequence numbers

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TLS (transport layer security)

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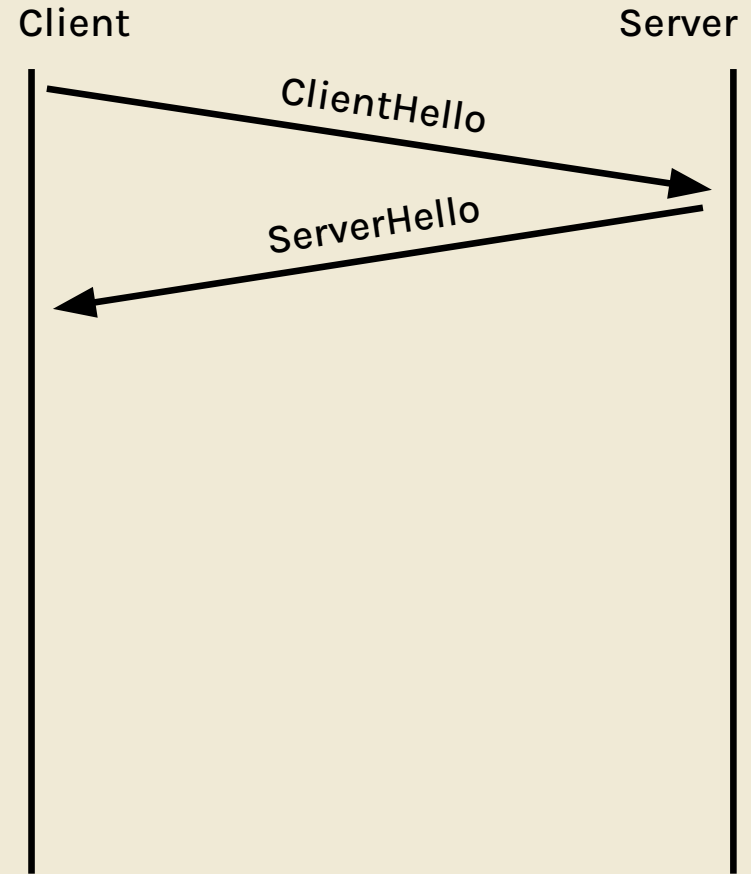
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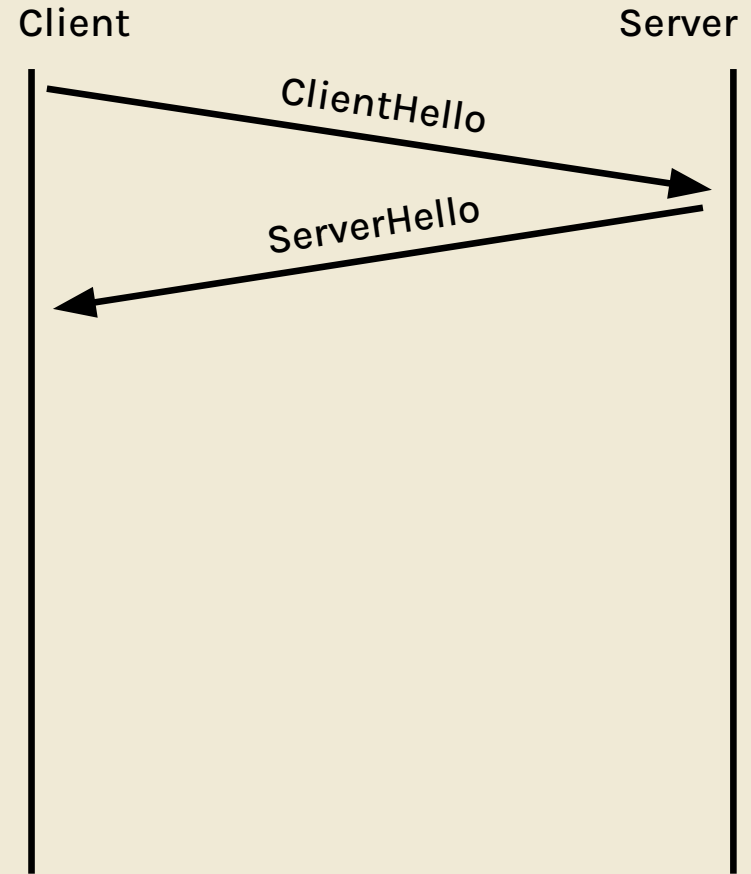
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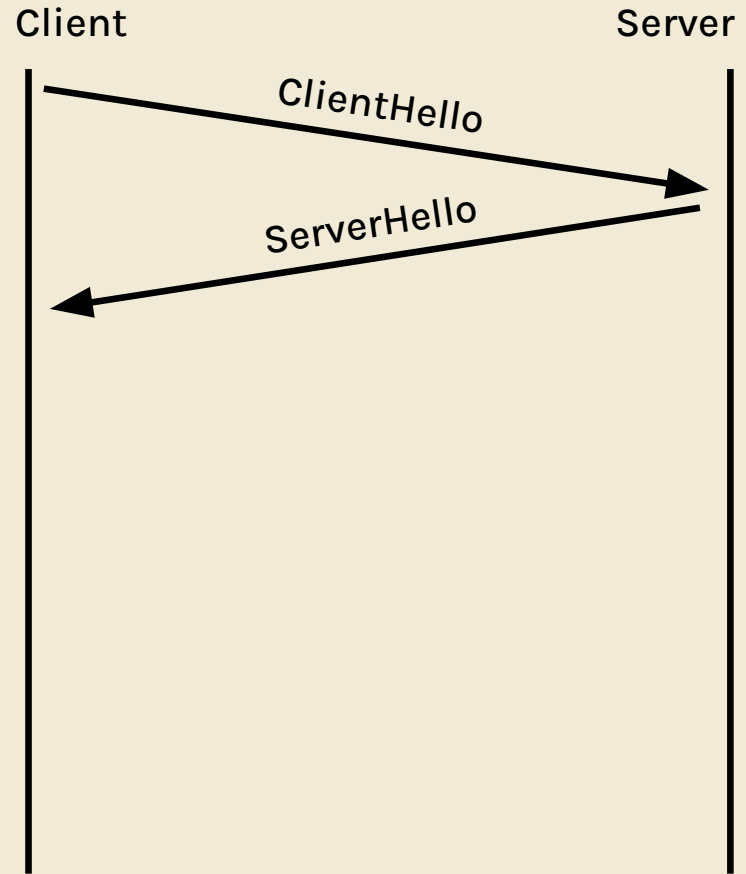
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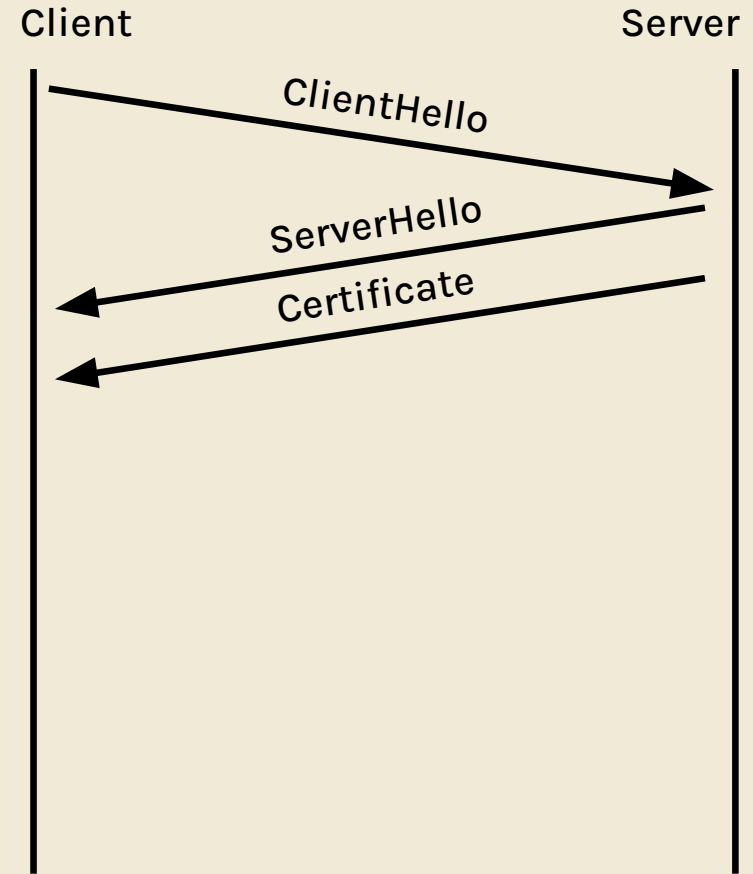
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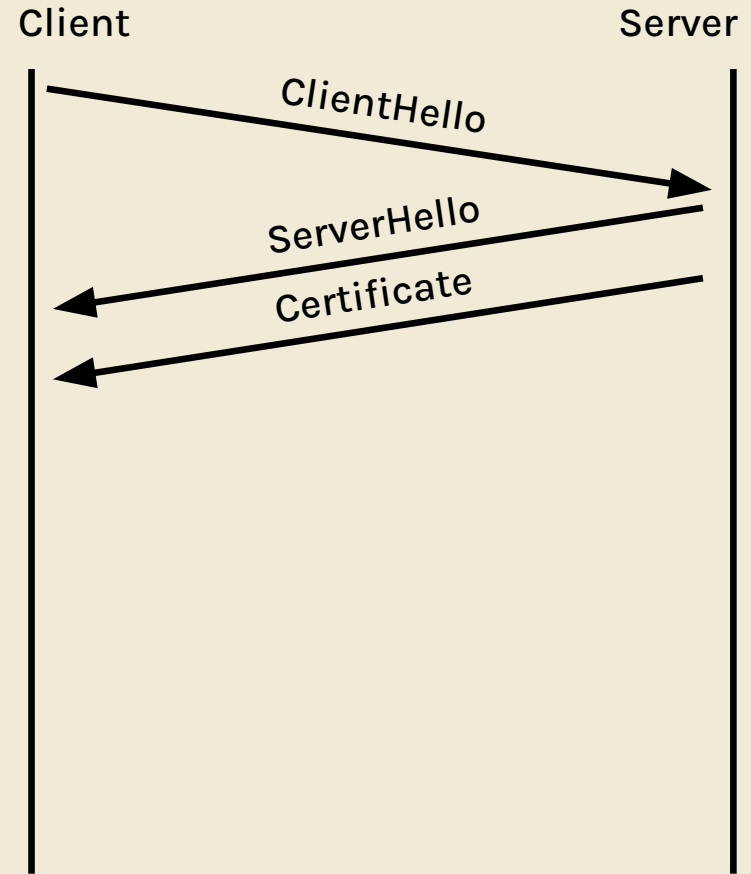
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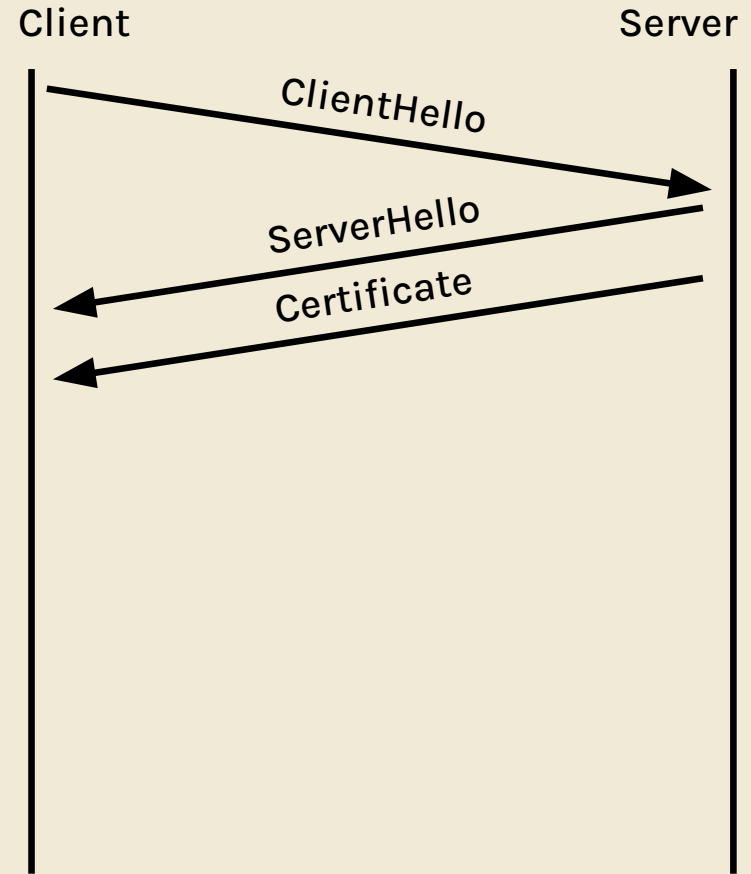
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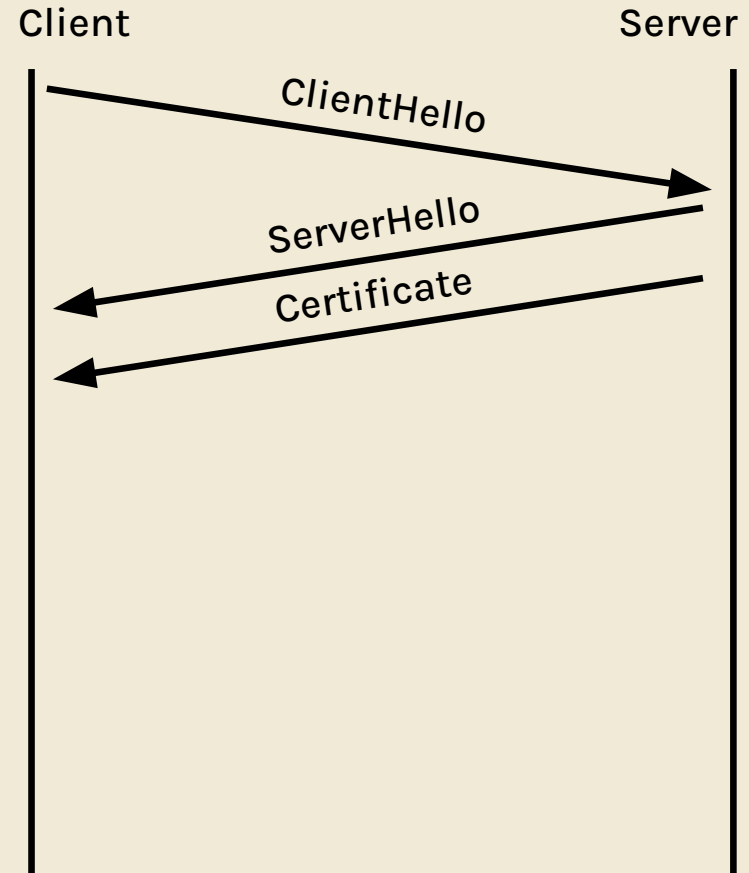
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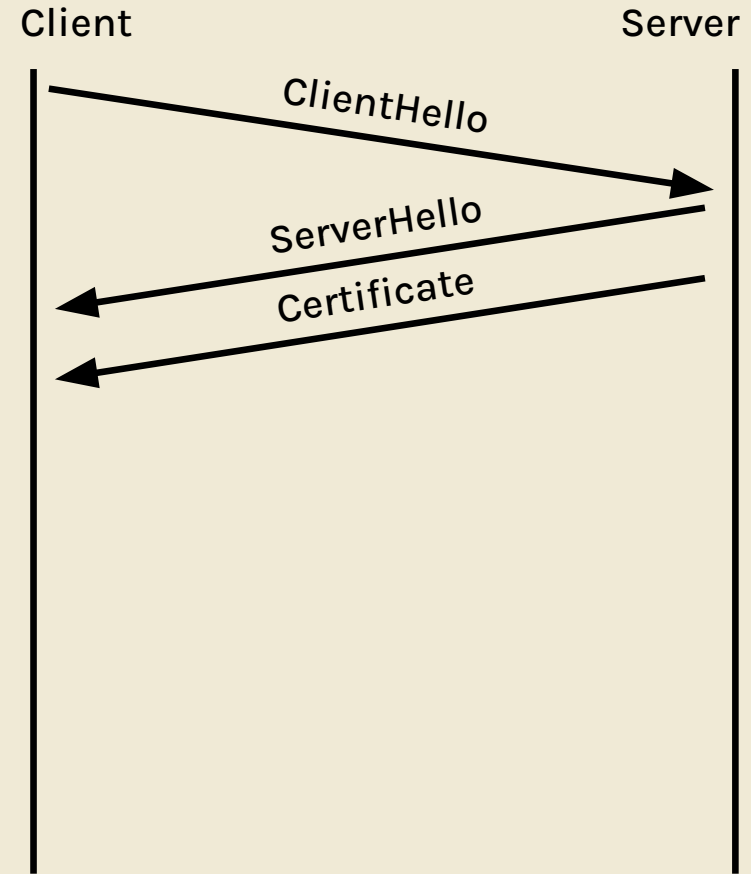
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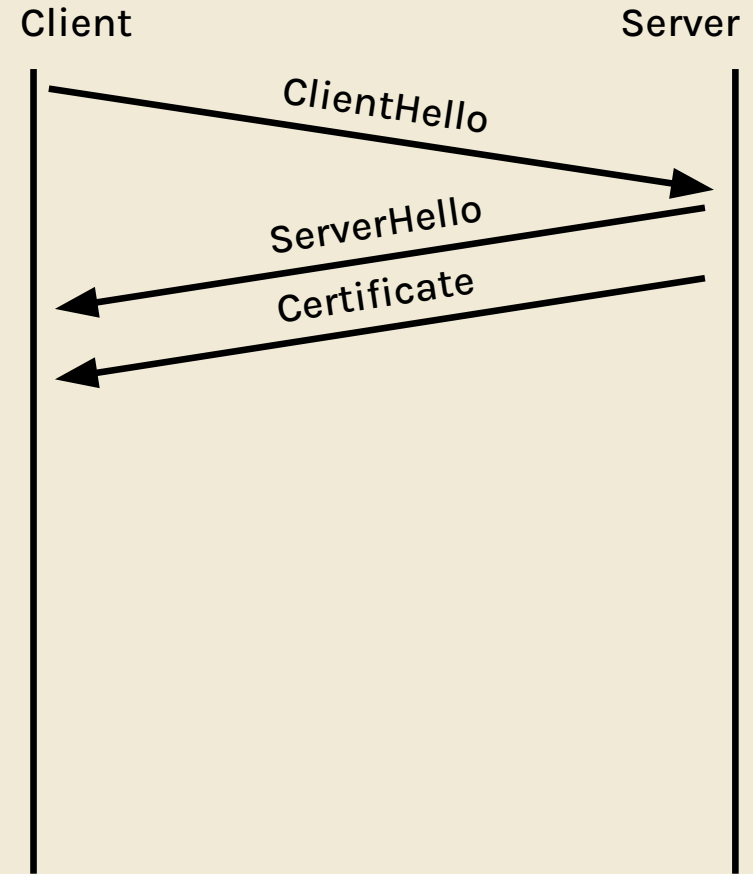
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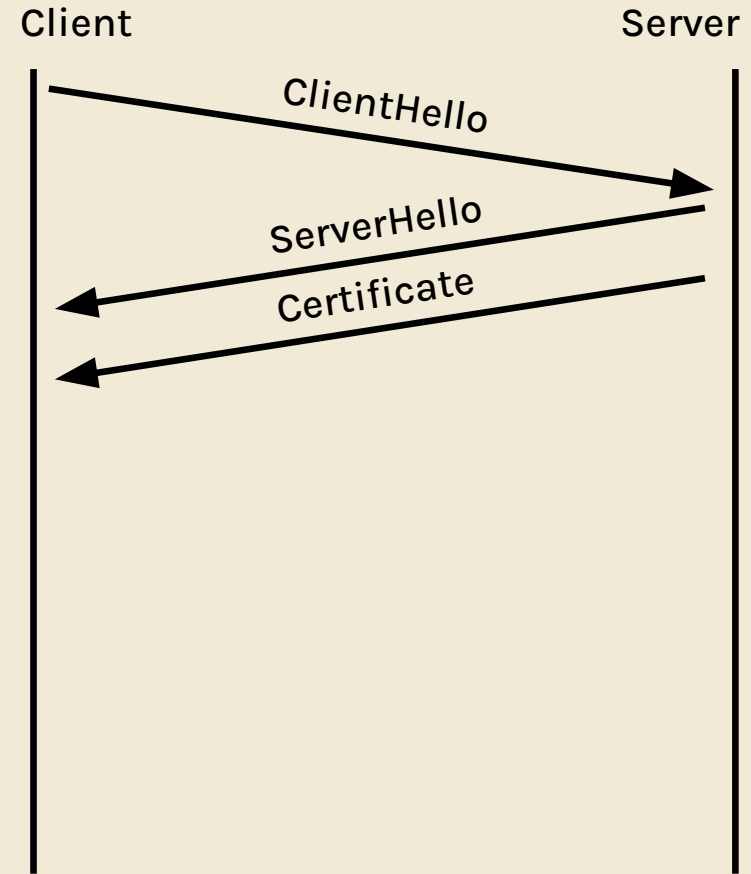
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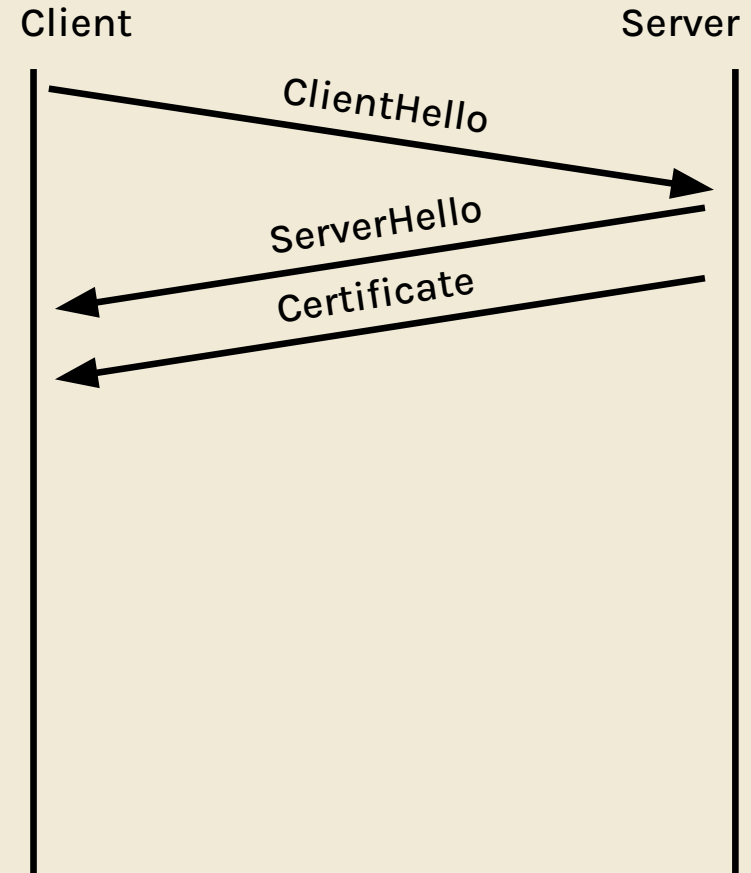
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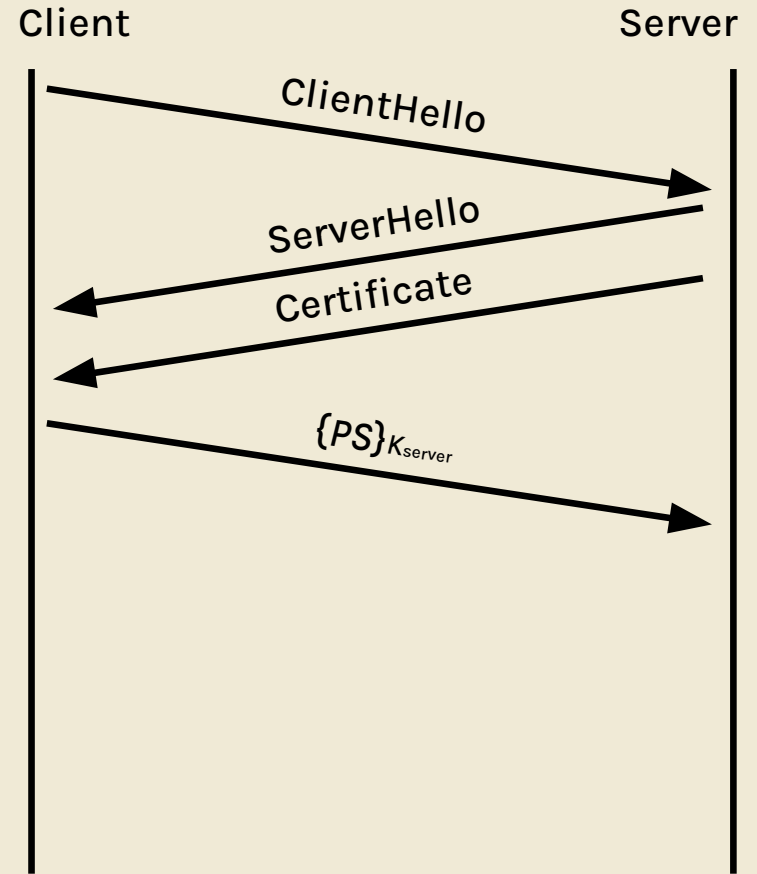


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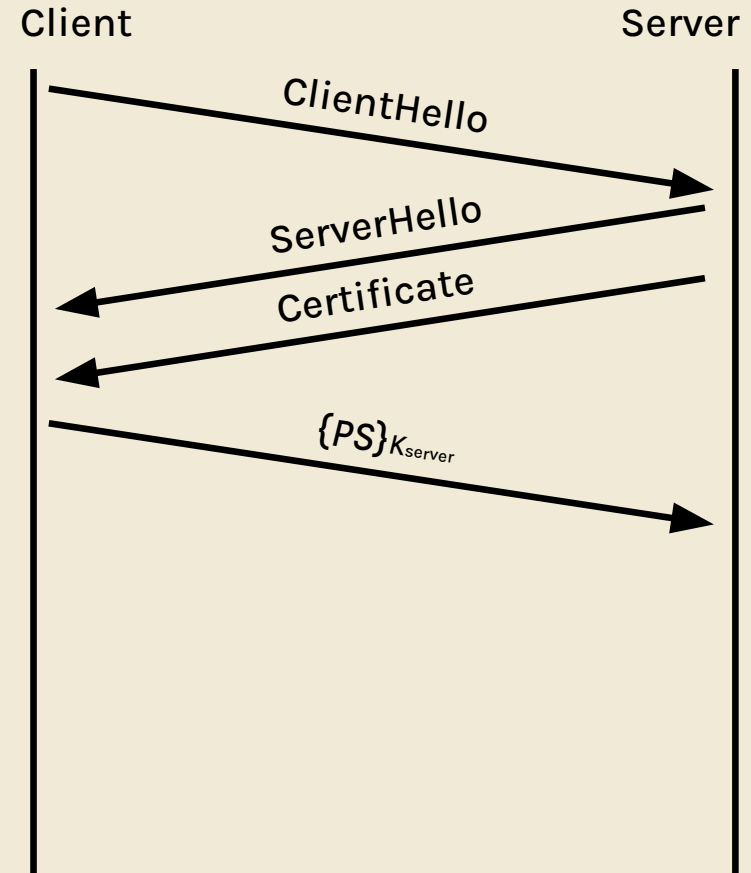


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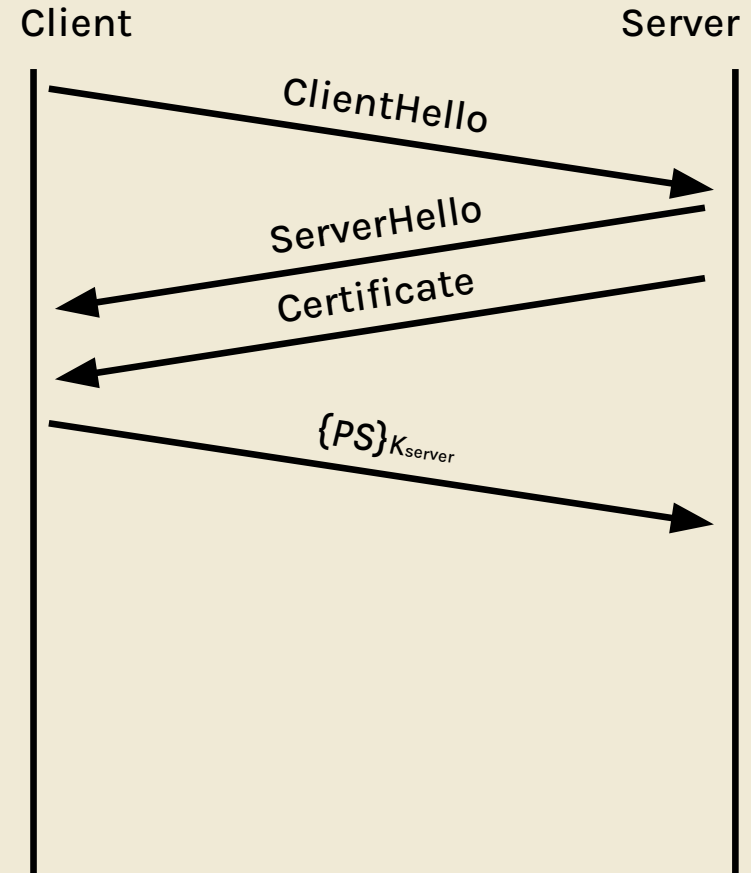
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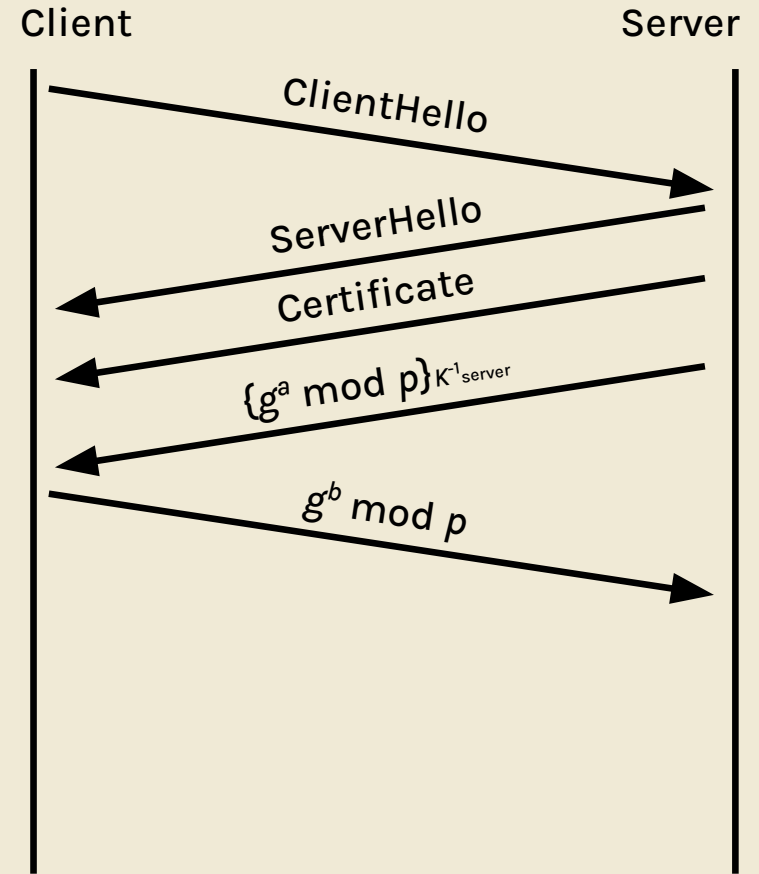


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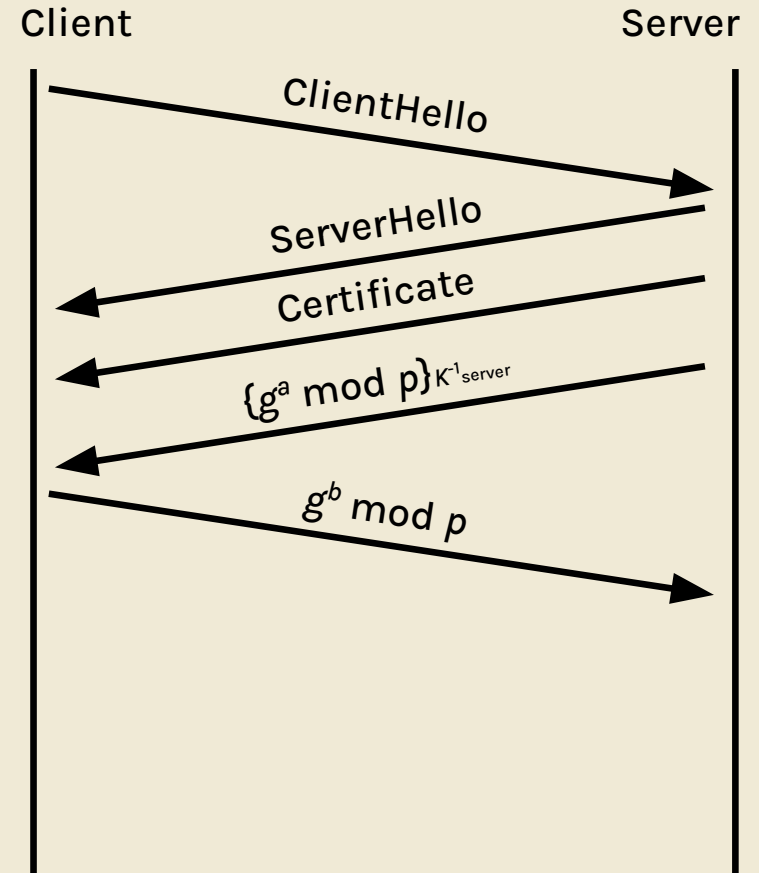


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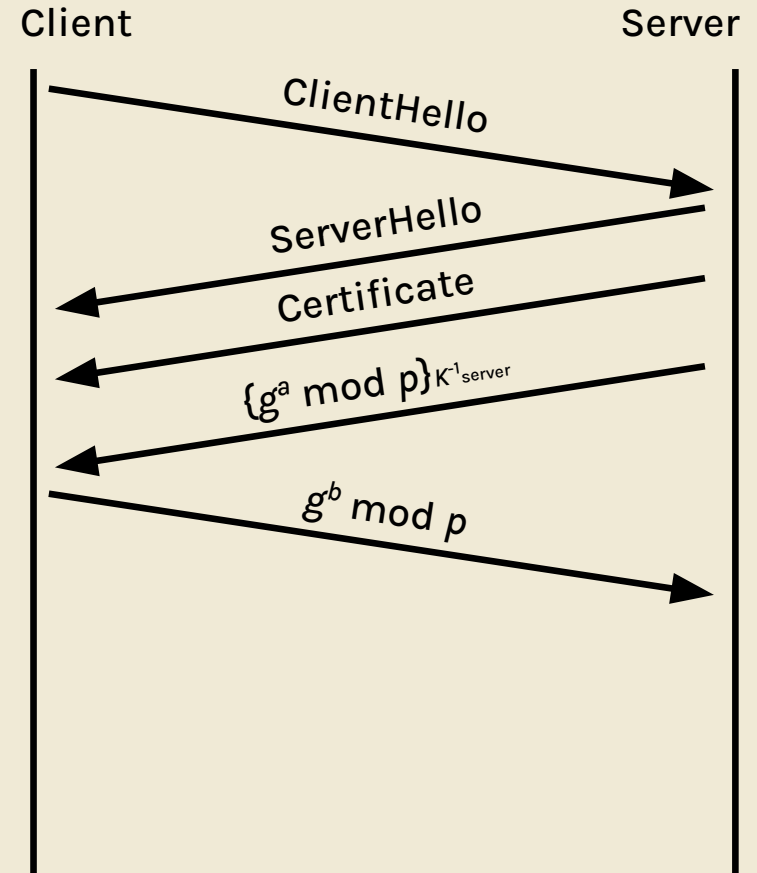
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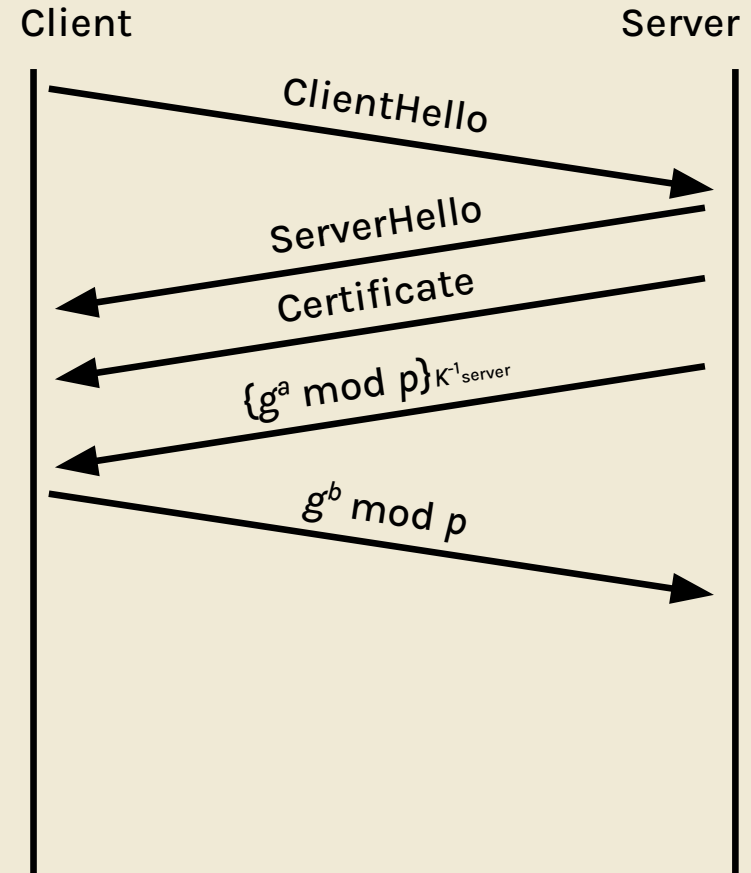
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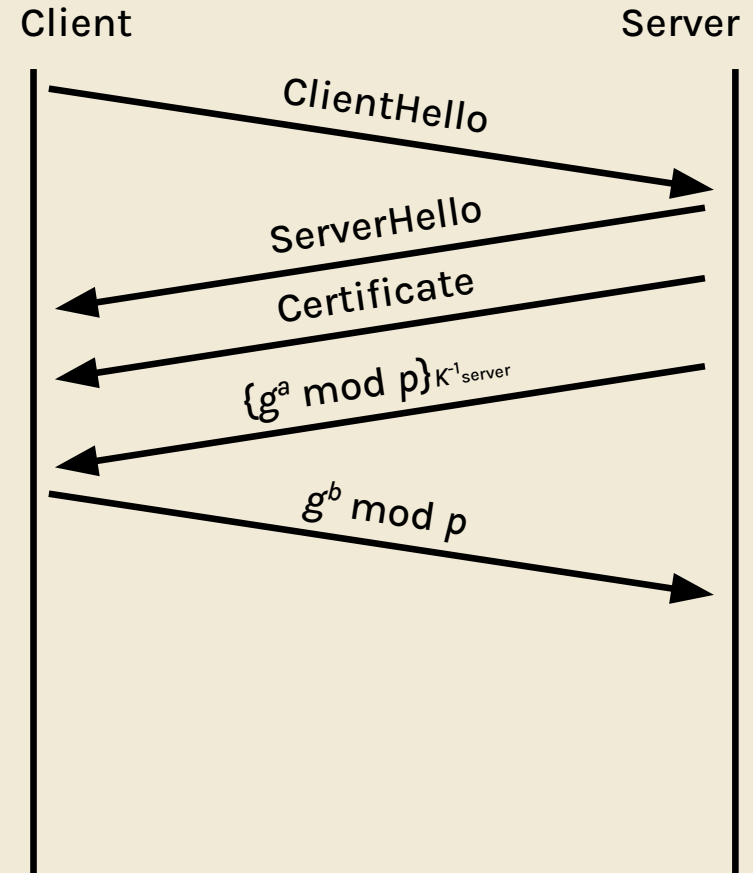
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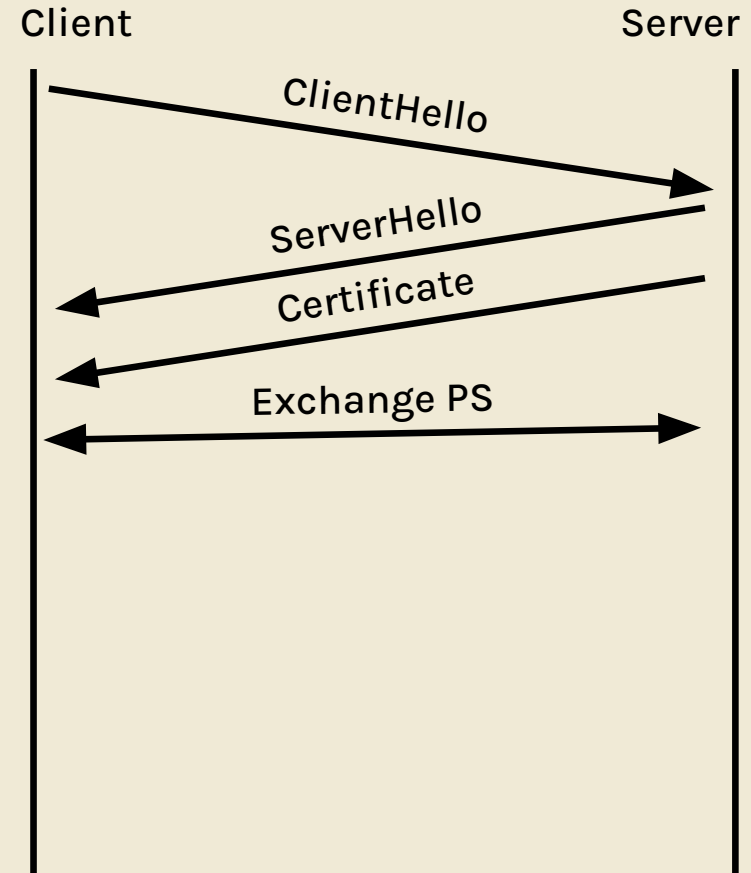
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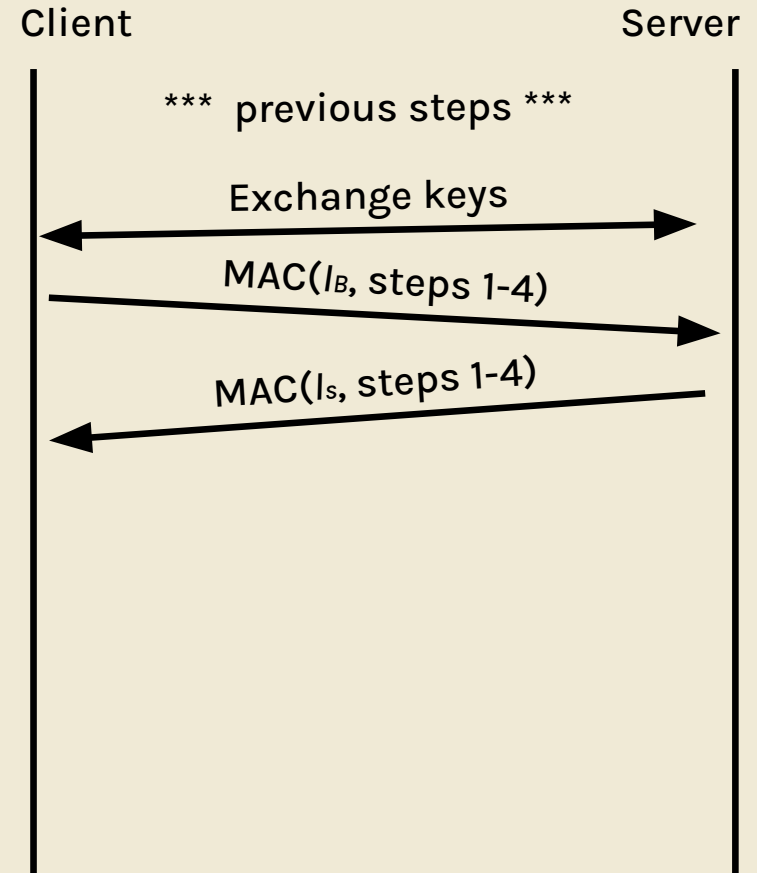
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- derive keys from R_B , R_s , and PS
- derive 4 symmetric keys
 - C_B : encrypt client-to-server
 - C_s : encrypt server-to-client
 - I_B : MAC client-to-server
 - I_s : MAC server-to-client
 - client and server know all 4 keys



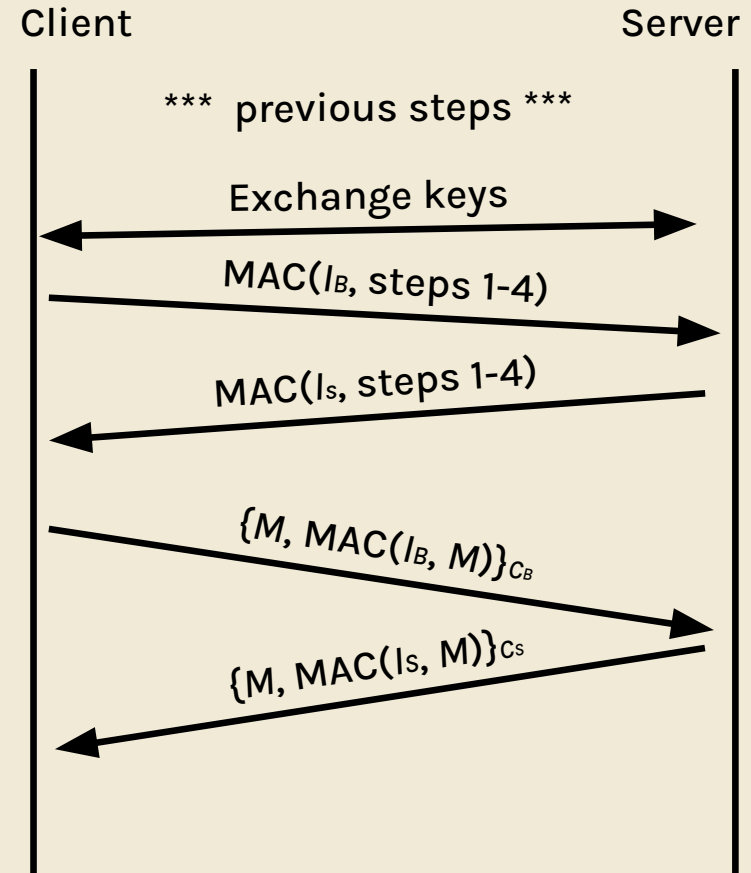
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- exchange MACs to ensure integrity of previous steps



6. send messages

- messages MACed then encrypted
 - not the best, but TLS uses legacy method
- confidential and ensures integrity!



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- HTTPS: HTTP over TLS

end to end principle

- ensuring reliability or security of a system at low levels may not be worth it
- you can provide these guarantees end to end instead

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- examples
 - TCP provides reliability, even though your router or your ISP's cables could fail
 - TLS provides security, despite attacks like ARP spoofing or packet injection existing at the lower level

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