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CSE3078 – Cryptography and Network Security

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Module 4
Network Security

User Authentication

- will consider authentication functions
- developed to support application-level authentication & digital signatures
- will consider Kerberos – a private-key authentication service
- then X.509 directory authentication service

Kerberos

- trusted key server system from MIT
- provides centralised private-key third-party authentication in a distributed network
  - allows users access to services distributed through network
  - without needing to trust all workstations
  - rather all trust a central authentication server
- two versions in use: 4 & 5

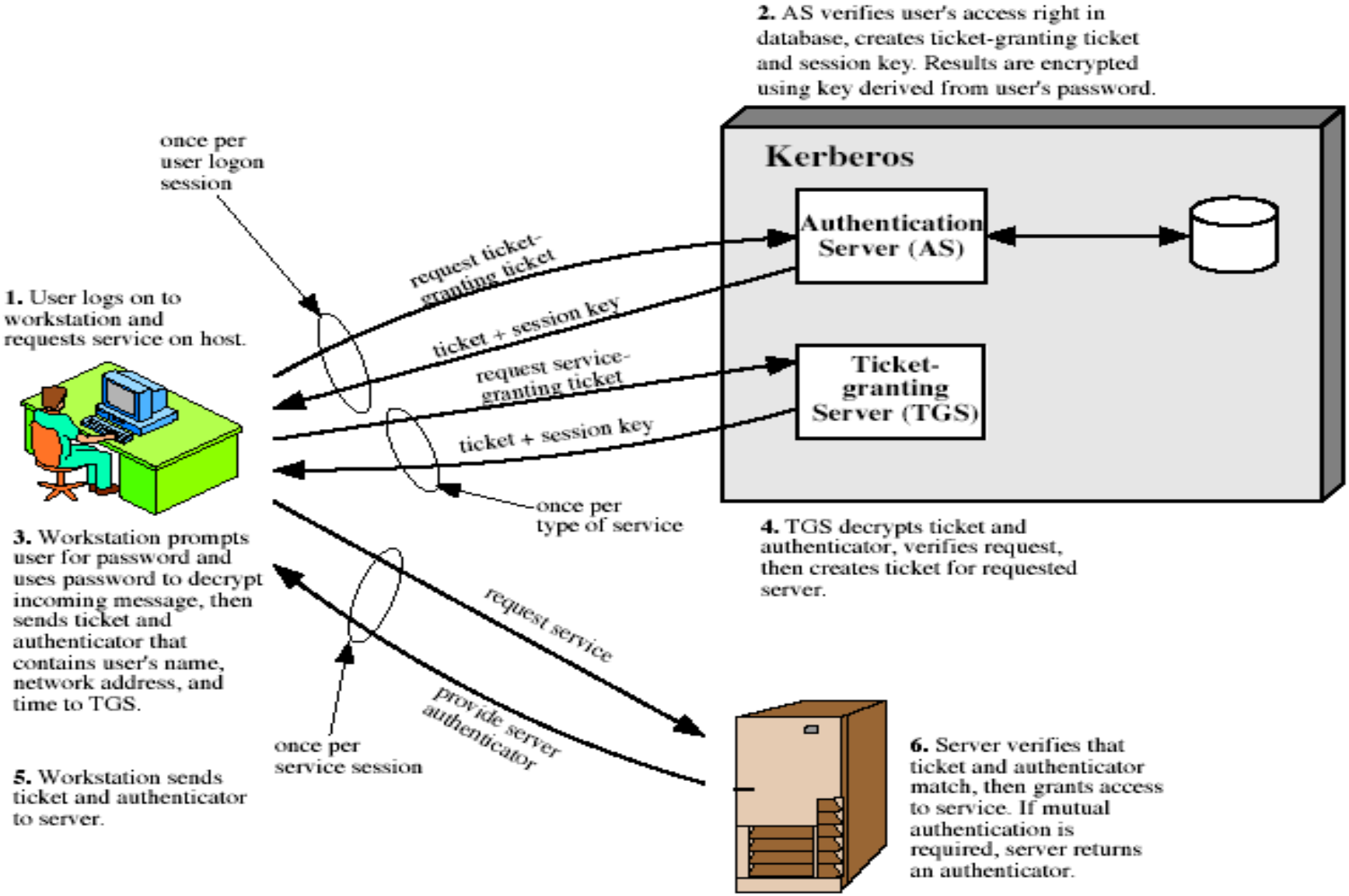
Kerberos Requirements

- first published report identified its requirements as:
  - security
  - reliability
  - transparency
  - scalability
- implemented using an authentication protocol based on Needham-Schroeder

Kerberos 4 Overview

- a basic third-party authentication scheme
- have an Authentication Server (AS)
  - users initially negotiate with AS to identify self
  - AS provides a non-corruptible authentication credential (ticket granting ticket TGT)
- have a Ticket Granting server (TGS)
  - users subsequently request access to other services from TGS on basis of users TGT

Kerberos 4 Overview



Kerberos Version 5

- developed in mid 1990's
- provides improvements over v4
  - addresses environmental shortcomings
    - encryption alg, network protocol, byte order, ticket lifetime, authentication forwarding, interrealm auth
  - and technical deficiencies
    - double encryption, non-std mode of use, session keys, password attacks
- specified as Internet standard RFC 1510

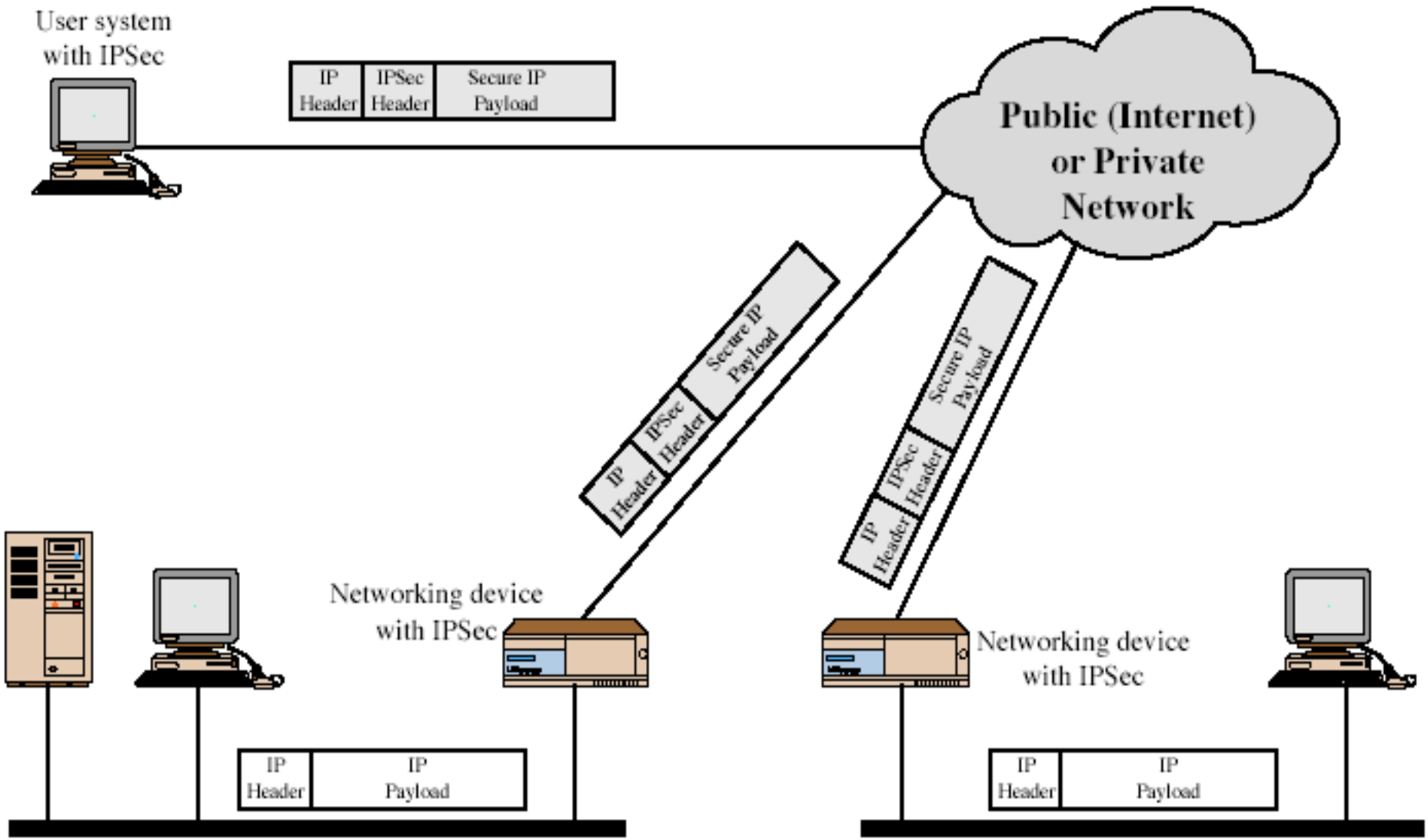
IP Security

- have considered some application specific security mechanisms
  - eg. S/MIME, PGP, Kerberos, SSL/HTTPS
- however there are security concerns that cut across protocol layers
- would like security implemented by the network for all applications

IPSec

- general IP Security mechanisms
- provides
  - authentication
  - confidentiality
  - key management
- applicable to use over LANs, across public & private WANs, & for the Internet

IPSec Uses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Benefits of IPSec

- in a firewall/router provides strong security to all traffic crossing the perimeter
- is resistant to bypass
- is below transport layer, hence transparent to applications
- can be transparent to end users
- can provide security for individual users if desired

IP Security Architecture

- specification is quite complex
- defined in numerous RFC's
  - incl. RFC 2401/2402/2406/2408
  - many others, grouped by category
- mandatory in IPv6, optional in IPv4

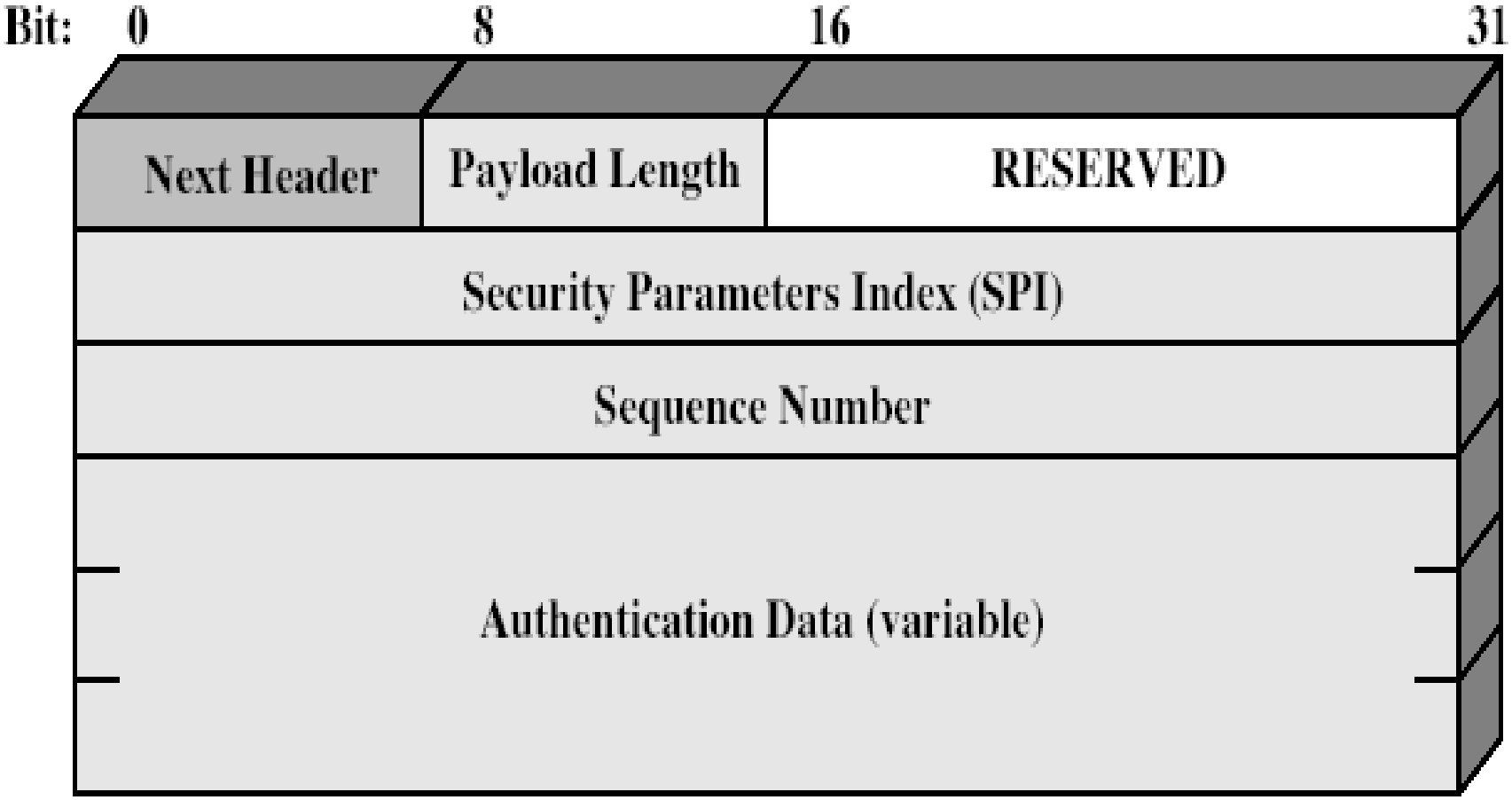
IPSec Services

- Access control
- Connectionless integrity
- Data origin authentication
- Rejection of replayed packets
  - a form of partial sequence integrity
- Confidentiality (encryption)
- Limited traffic flow confidentiality

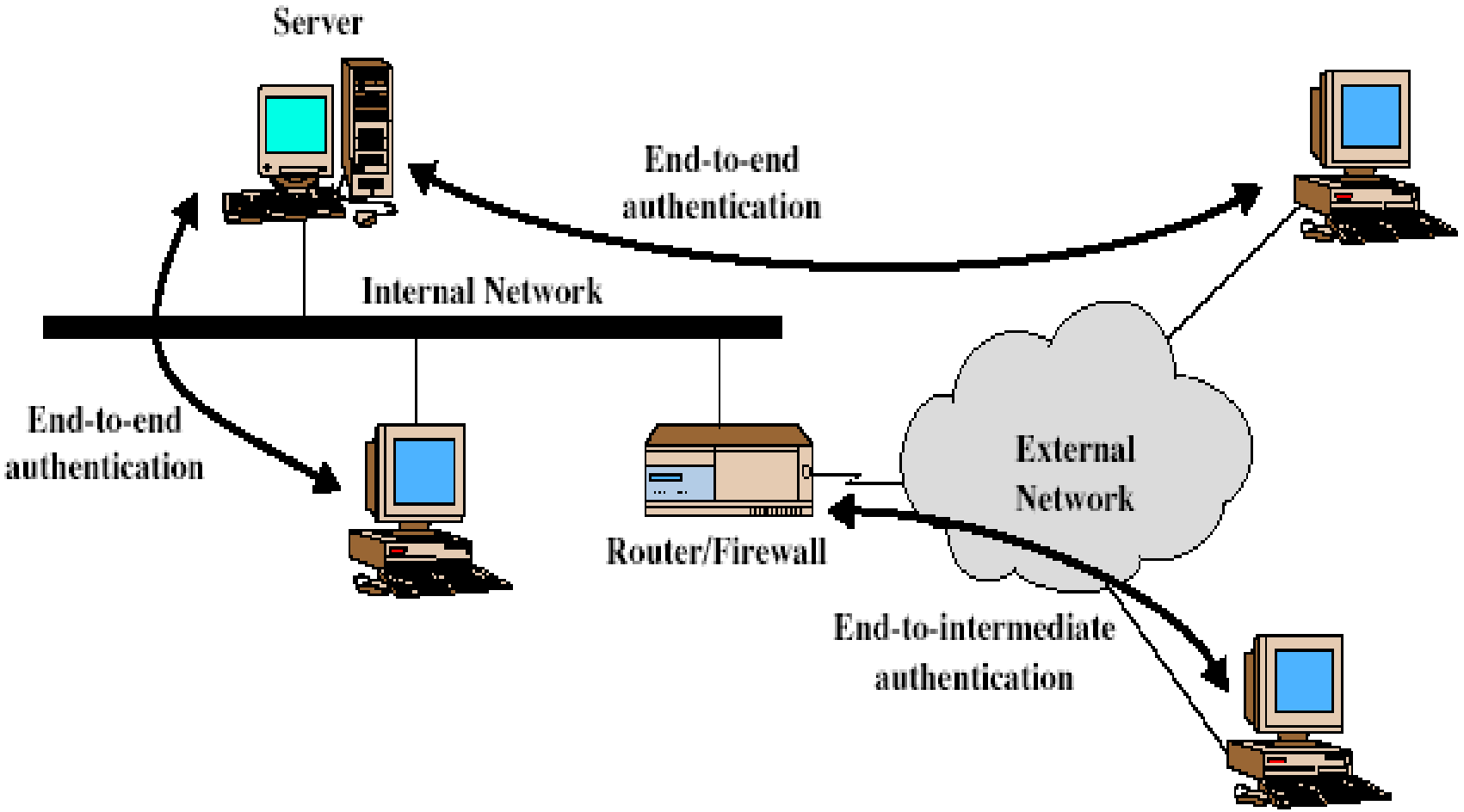
Authentication Header (AH)

- provides support for data integrity & authentication of IP packets
  - end system/router can authenticate user/app
  - prevents address spoofing attacks by tracking sequence numbers
- based on use of a MAC
  - HMAC-MD5-96 or HMAC-SHA-1-96
- parties must share a secret key

Authentication Header



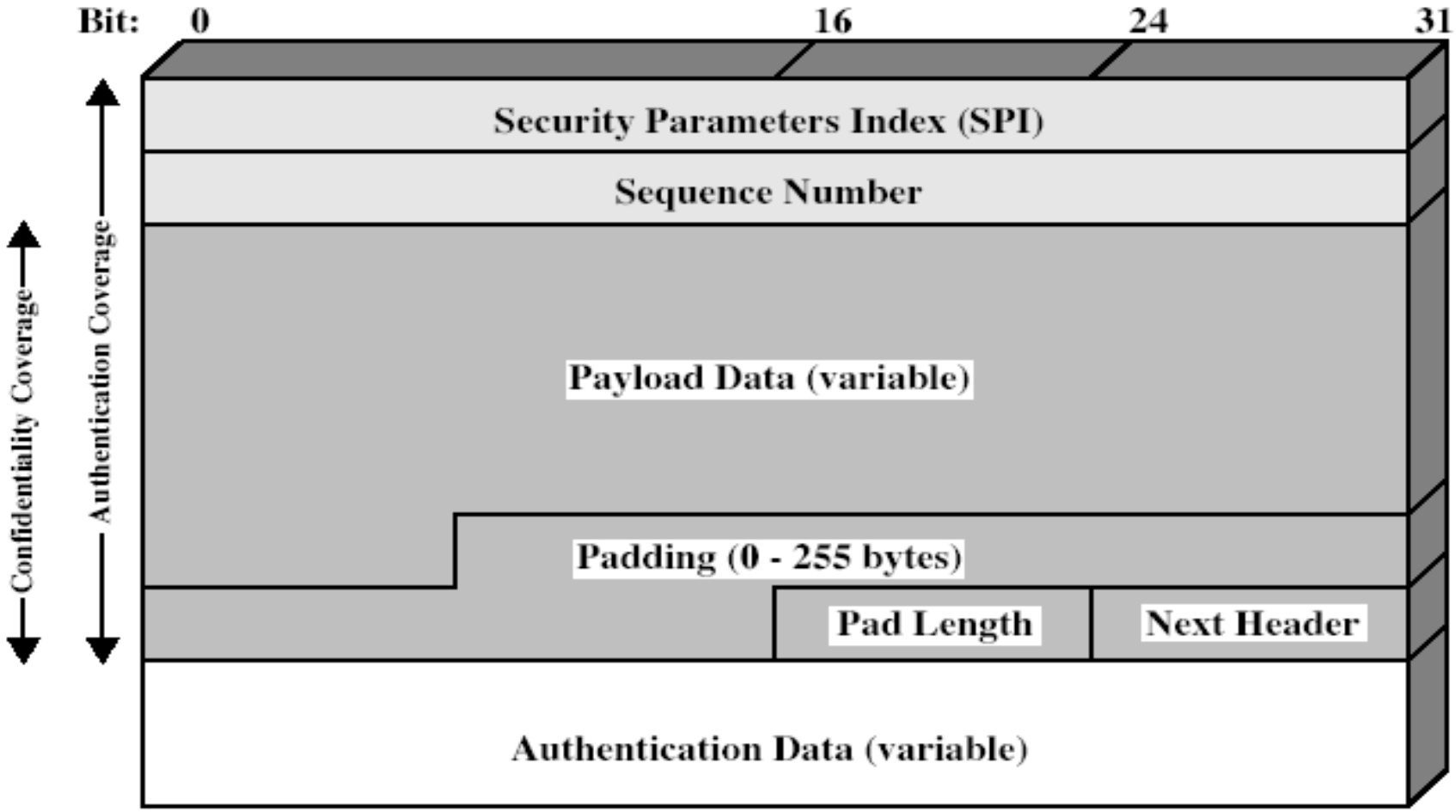
Transport & Tunnel Modes



Encapsulating Security Payload (ESP)

- provides message content confidentiality & limited traffic flow confidentiality
- can optionally provide the same authentication services as AH
- supports range of ciphers, modes, padding
  - incl. DES, Triple-DES, RC5, IDEA, CAST etc
  - CBC most common
  - pad to meet blocksize, for traffic flow

Encapsulating Security Payload



Transport vs Tunnel Mode ESP

- transport mode is used to encrypt & optionally authenticate IP data
  - data protected but header left in clear
  - can do traffic analysis but is efficient
  - good for ESP host to host traffic
- tunnel mode encrypts entire IP packet
  - add new header for next hop
  - good for VPNs, gateway to gateway security

Email Security

- email is one of the most widely used and regarded network services
- currently message contents are not secure
  - may be inspected either in transit
  - or by suitably privileged users on destination system

Email Security Enhancements

- confidentiality
  - protection from disclosure
- authentication
  - of sender of message
- message integrity
  - protection from modification
- non-repudiation of origin
  - protection from denial by sender

Pretty Good Privacy (PGP)

- widely used de facto secure email
- developed by Phil Zimmermann
- selected best available crypto algs to use
- integrated into a single program
- available on Unix, PC, Macintosh and Amiga systems
- originally free, now have commercial versions available also

PGP Operation – Authentication

1. sender creates a message
2. SHA-1 used to generate 160-bit hash code of message
3. hash code is encrypted with RSA using the sender's private key, and result is attached to message
4. receiver uses RSA or DSS with sender's public key to decrypt and recover hash code
5. receiver generates new hash code for message and compares with decrypted hash code, if match, message is accepted as authentic

PGP Operation – Confidentiality

1. sender generates message and random 128-bit number to be used as session key for this message only
2. message is encrypted, using CAST-128 / IDEA/3DES with session key
3. session key is encrypted using RSA with recipient's public key, then attached to message
4. receiver uses RSA with its private key to decrypt and recover session key
5. session key is used to decrypt message

PGP Operation – Confidentiality & Authentication

- uses both services on same message
  - create signature & attach to message
  - encrypt both message & signature
  - attach RSA encrypted session key

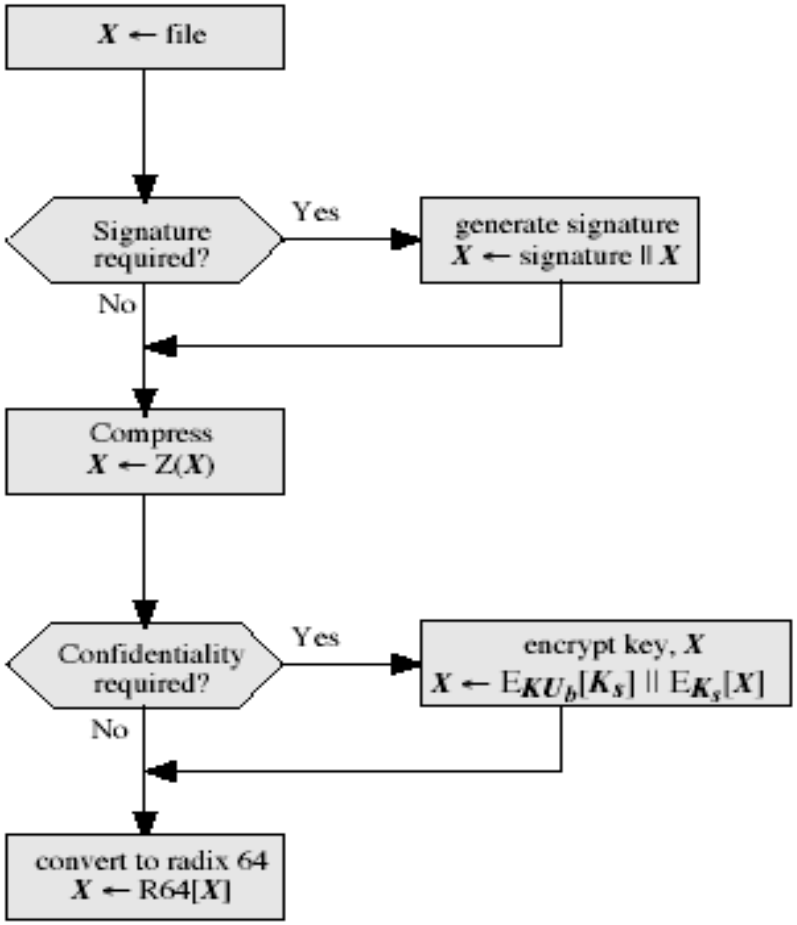
PGP Operation – Compression

- by default PGP compresses message after signing but before encrypting
  - so can store uncompressed message & signature for later verification
  - & because compression is non deterministic
- uses ZIP compression algorithm

PGP Operation – Email Compatibility

- when using PGP will have binary data to send (encrypted message etc)
- however email was designed only for text
- hence PGP must encode raw binary data into printable ASCII characters
- uses radix-64 algorithm
  - maps 3 bytes to 4 printable chars
  - also appends a CRC
- PGP also segments messages if too big

PGP Operation – Summary



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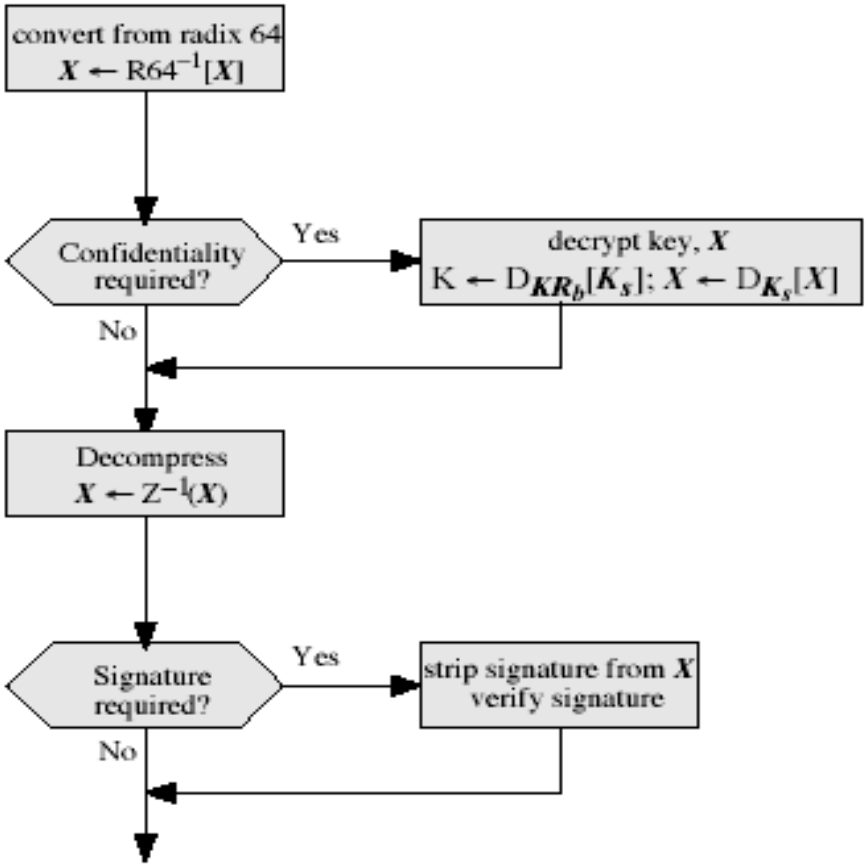


(b) Generic Reception Diagram (to B)

PGP Session Keys

- need a session key for each message
  - of varying sizes: 56-bit DES, 128-bit CAST or IDEA (International Data for Encryption Algorithm), and

    168-bit Triple-DES
- generated using ANSI X12.17 mode
- uses random inputs taken from previous uses and from keystroke timing of user

PGP Public & Private Keys

- since many public/private keys may be in use, need to identify which is actually used to encrypt session key in a message
  - could send full public-key with every message
  - but this is inefficient
- rather use a key identifier based on key
  - is least significant 64-bits of the key
  - will very likely be unique
- also use key ID in signatures

S/MIME (Secure/Multipurpose Internet Mail Extensions)

- security enhancement to MIME email
  - original Internet RFC822 email was text only
  - MIME provided support for varying content types and multi-part messages
  - with encoding of binary data to textual form
  - S/MIME added security enhancements
- have S/MIME support in various modern mail agents: MS Outlook, Netscape etc

S/MIME Functions

- enveloped data
  - encrypted content and associated keys
- signed data
  - encoded message + signed digest
- clear-signed data
  - cleartext message + encoded signed digest
- signed & enveloped data
  - nesting of signed & encrypted entities

S/MIME Cryptographic Algorithms

- hash functions: SHA-1 & MD5
- digital signatures: DSS & RSA
- session key encryption: ElGamal & RSA
- message encryption: Triple-DES, RC2/40 and others
- have a procedure to decide which algorithms to use

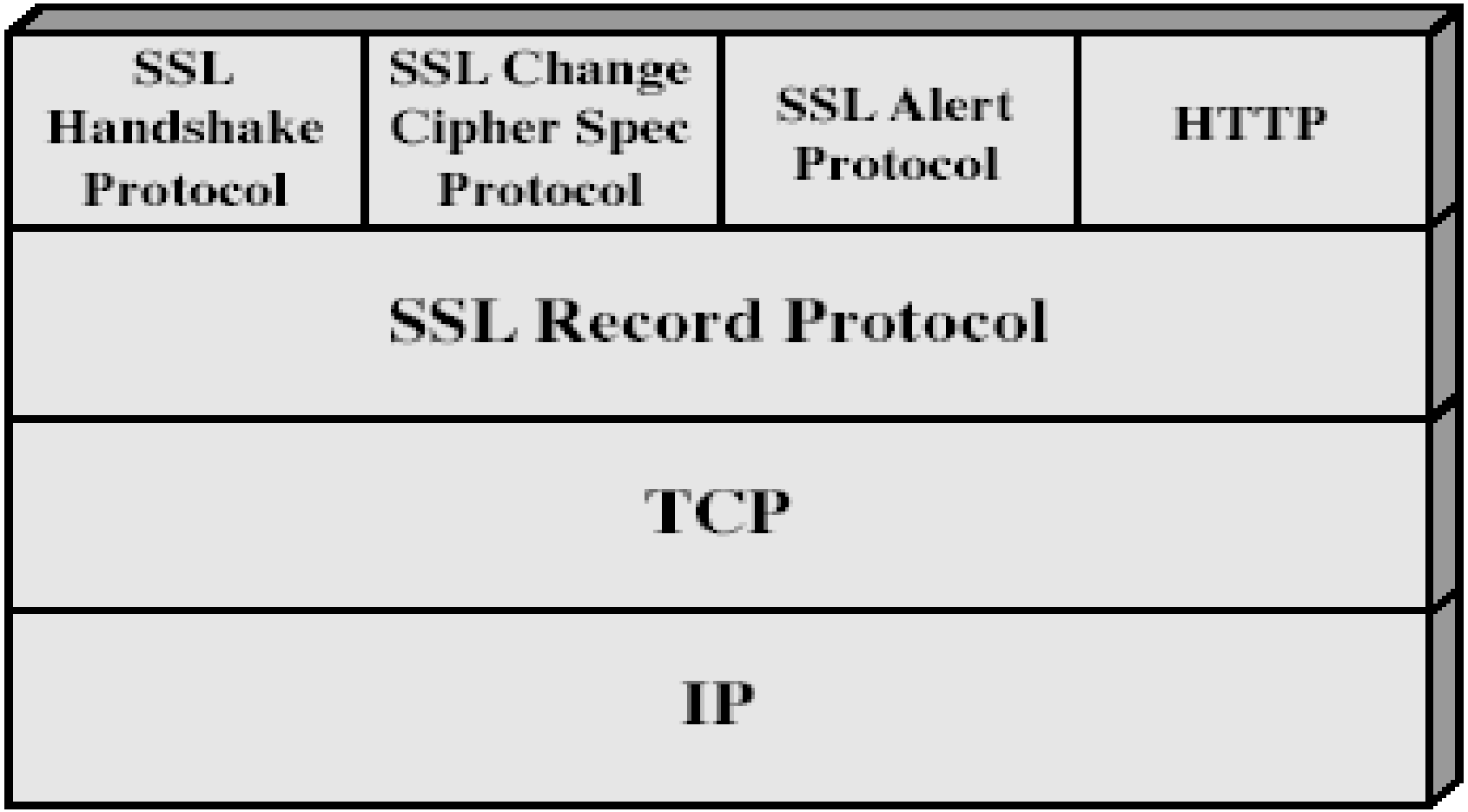
Web Security

- Web now widely used by business, government, individuals
- but Internet & Web are vulnerable
- have a variety of threats
  - integrity
  - confidentiality
  - denial of service
  - authentication
- need added security mechanisms

SSL (Secure Socket Layer)

- transport layer security service
- originally developed by Netscape
- version 3 designed with public input
- subsequently became Internet standard known as TLS (Transport Layer Security)
- uses TCP to provide a reliable end-to-end service
- SSL has two layers of protocols

SSL Architecture



SSL Architecture

- **SSL session**
  - an association between client & server
  - created by the Handshake Protocol
  - define a set of cryptographic parameters
  - may be shared by multiple SSL connections
- **SSL connection**
  - a transient, peer-to-peer, communications link
  - associated with 1 SSL session

SSL Record Protocol

- **confidentiality**
  - using symmetric encryption with a shared secret key defined by Handshake Protocol
  - IDEA, RC2-40, DES-40, DES, 3DES, Fortezza, RC4-40, RC4-128
  - message is compressed before encryption
- **message integrity**
  - using a MAC with shared secret key
  - similar to HMAC but with different padding

SSL Change Cipher Spec Protocol

- one of 3 SSL specific protocols which use the SSL Record protocol
- a single message
- causes pending state to become current
- hence updating the cipher suite in use

SSL Alert Protocol

- conveys SSL-related alerts to peer entity
- severity
  - warning or fatal
- specific alert
  - unexpected message, bad record mac, decompression failure, handshake failure, illegal parameter
  - close notify, no certificate, bad certificate, unsupported certificate, certificate revoked, certificate expired, certificate unknown
- compressed & encrypted like all SSL data

SSL Handshake Protocol

- allows server & client to:
  - authenticate each other
  - to negotiate encryption & MAC algorithms
  - to negotiate cryptographic keys to be used
- comprises a series of messages in phases
  - Establish Security Capabilities
  - Server Authentication and Key Exchange
  - Client Authentication and Key Exchange
  - Finish

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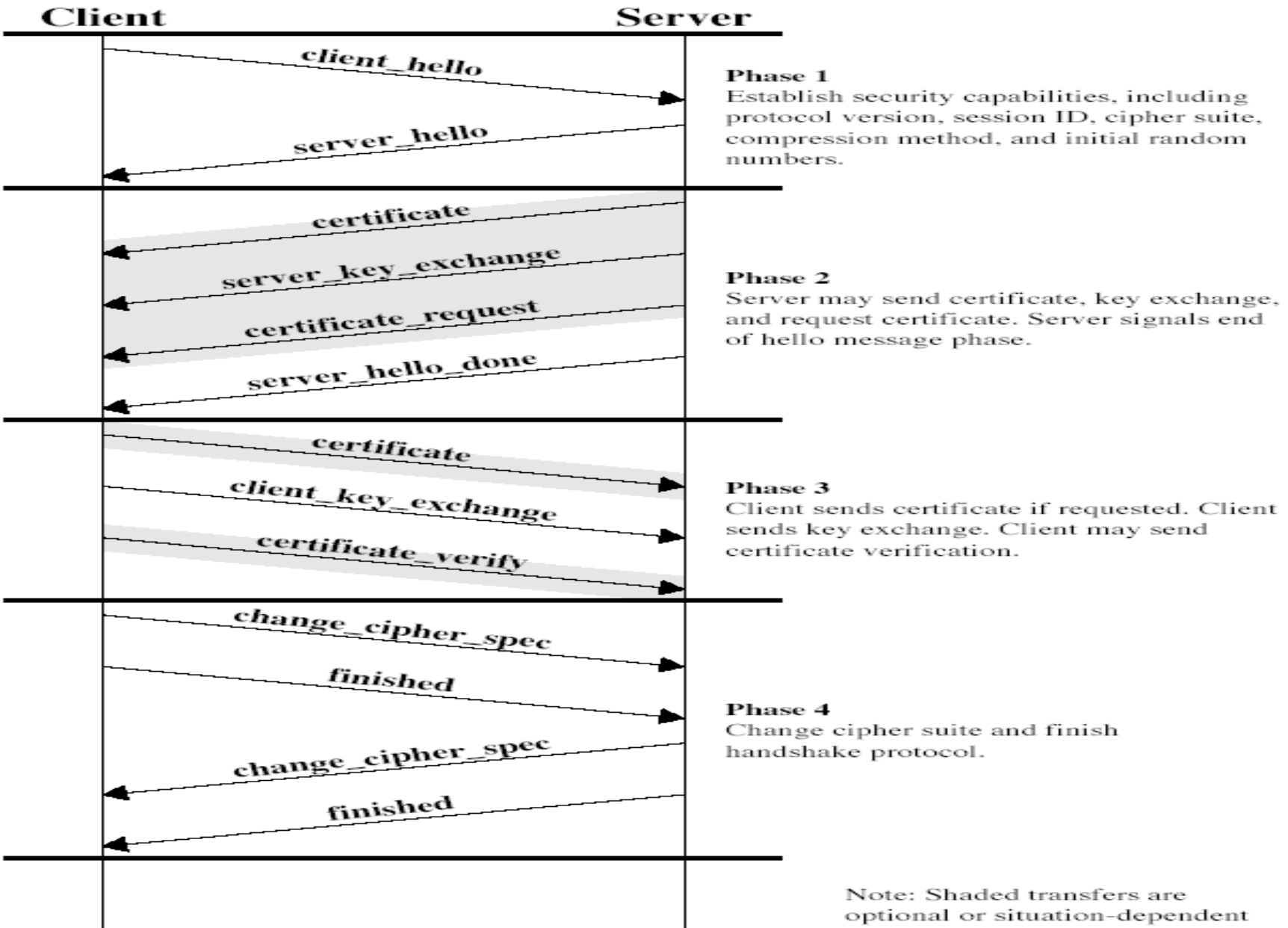


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