

CSE 127 Computer Security

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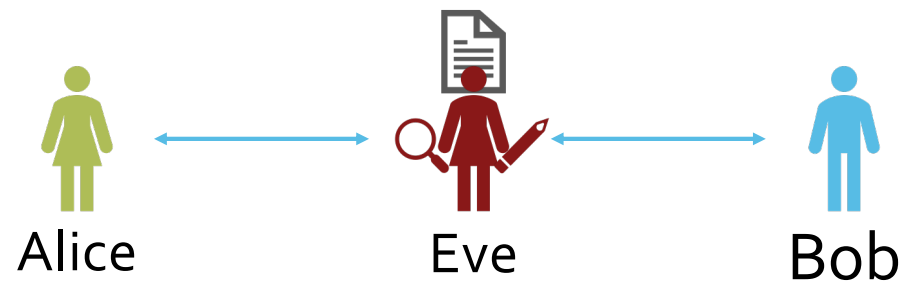
Cryptography II: PKI

Announcements

- Midterm: We'll get it back to you next week
 - Source of delay: canvas has a grading policy for multi-answer questions that isn't what we want, so we need to offline regrade
- Reminder: PA 3 is due Thursday
- PA 4 is out on Thursday
 - Web security (which we'll start covering the same day)
 - Discussion section this week will get you started

Using Cryptography (review)

- Alice wants to send (a plaintext) m to Bob, via a channel that is controlled by Eve



Cryptographic Primitives (review)

- Confidentiality

- Symmetric Encryption
 - $c = E_k(m), m = D_k(c)$
- Asymmetric Encryption
 - $c = E_K(m), m = D_k(c)$
- Combining Asymmetric with Symmetric
 - $k' \leftarrow r, E_K(k') || E_k(m)$
- You can rely on plaintext remaining secret.
 - Ciphertext reveals nothing about plaintext contents
- You **cannot** rely on plaintext remaining unmodified.

- Integrity and Authenticity

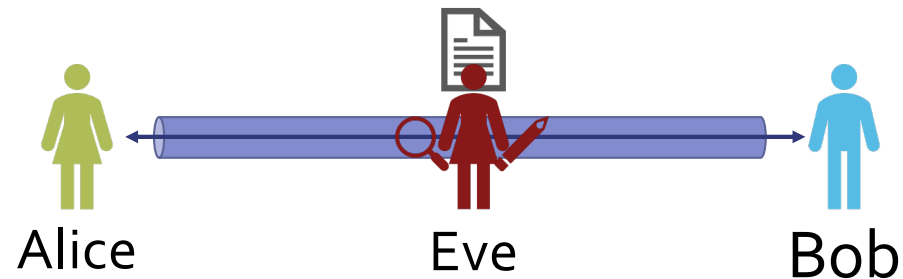
- Symmetric MAC
 - $a = MAC_k(m)$
- Asymmetric Signature
 - $s = S_k(H(m))$
 - $V_K(s, H(m))$: returns true or false
- You can rely that whoever generated the tag (MAC or signature) had the secret key.
- You **cannot** rely on tag not leaking information about the message.

Cryptographic Primitives (review)

- ***Authenticated encryption*** simultaneously provides confidentiality, integrity, and authenticity.
- A ***cryptographic hash function*** maps arbitrary length input into a fixed-size string and has the following properties:
 - ***Pre-image Resistance***
 - Impractical to find an input (pre-image) that generates specified output.
 - ***Collision Resistance***
 - Impractical to find two inputs that hash to the same output.
 - Common uses
 - Can be used to ***commit*** to a value without sharing value
 - Can be used as a fixed-size ***fingerprint*** of a longer string

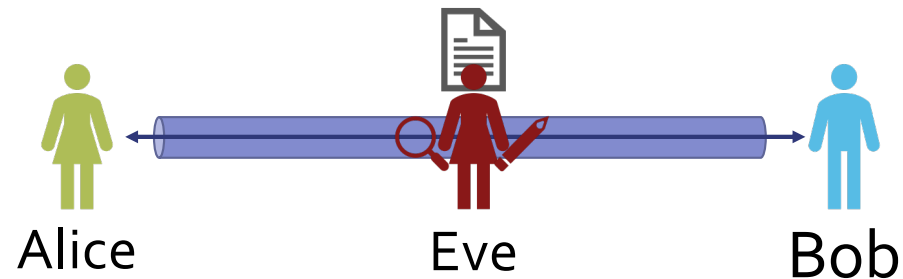
Using Cryptography

- Alice wants to send (a plaintext) m to Bob, via a channel that is controlled by Eve.
- Alice and Bob know each other's public keys. (assume pk crypto)
- Alice and Bob establish a secure "pipe".
- Eve cannot see plaintext contents inside the pipe, or modify them without detection.



Using Cryptography

- Alice and Bob got secrecy + integrity + authenticity and everyone lived happily ever after, right?
- Let's try to understand exactly what we achieved



Using Cryptography

- Bob knows that
 - Alice (or someone with her private key) knows the plaintext
 - Alice (or someone with her private key) signed the plaintext at some point in the past
- Alice knows that
 - Only Bob (or someone with his private key) can extract the plaintext from the encrypted channel
 - Bob (or anyone that gets the plaintext and Alice's signature) can prove that Alice signed the plaintext

Using Cryptography

- Alice does not know:
 - Whether Bob received the message
 - When Bob received the message
 - How many times Bob received the message
 - Whether Bob keeps the message secret
- Bob does not know:
 - Did Alice address this message to Bob
 - Who sent this copy of the message
 - When the message was sent
 - Who else knows the plaintext

Aside: Digital Signatures

- What Does Signing Mean?
 - Signing is a mechanical operation that has no meaning in itself.
- What cryptography promises:
 - Only someone who knows the private key can create a signature that verifies using the corresponding public key
- Meaning of a digital signature is a matter of convention
 - Code signing: signer attests software is authorized to be installed
 - Email signing: signer attests she wrote message
 - Certificate signing: (coming up next!)
- Both signer and verifier need to agree on meaning

Public Key Infrastructure (PKI)

Using Cryptography

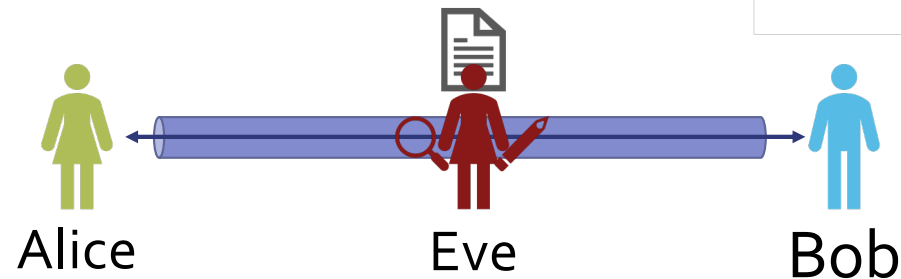
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Asymmetric Cryptography

- Public directory contains everyone's public key
- To encrypt to a person, get their public key from directory
- No need for shared secrets!



https://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:Address_book.png

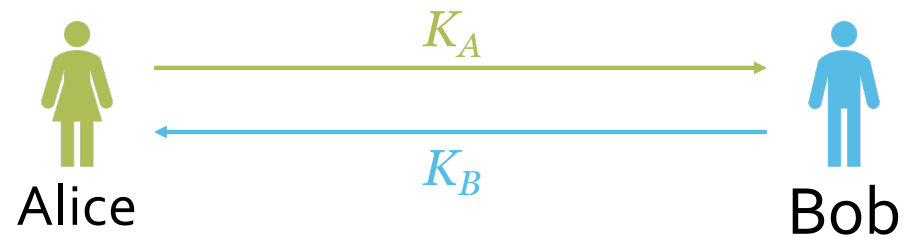


Getting Public Keys

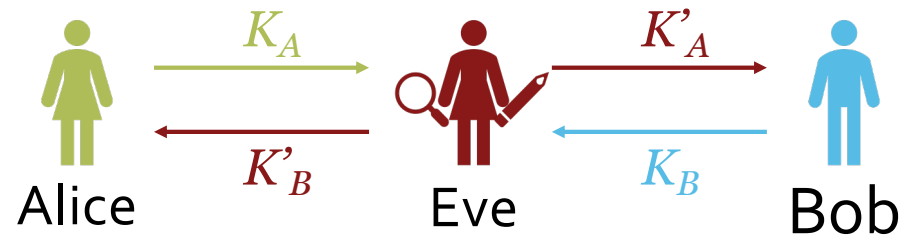
- Alice and Bob need a way to get each other's public key.
- Alice can send an unencrypted message to Bob:
 - “Hey, send me your public key. Here's mine.”
- Bob sends Alice his public key.
- They communicate securely ever after?

Getting Public Keys

- What they want to happen

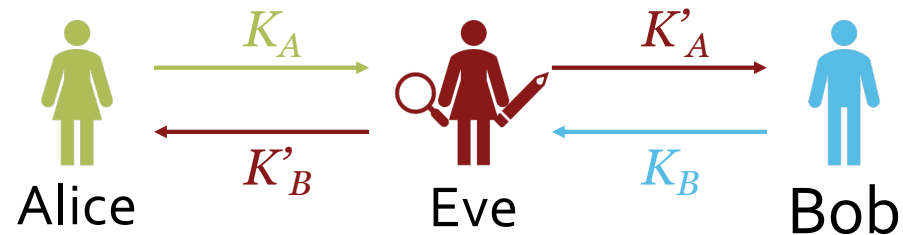


- What might happen instead



Getting Public Keys

- If Eve has man-in-the-middle capability, she can impersonate Alice to Bob and Bob to Alice.
 - Eve becomes invisible gateway between them.
 - Alice and Bob have no idea Eve is there.



Getting Public Keys

- Alice and Bob need a way to know that each has the **real** public key of the other.
- Ideal solution: Alice and Bob meet in person and exchange public keys
- Equivalent: Alice and Bob meet in person and exchange public key fingerprints
 - Key fingerprint: cryptographic hash of public key
 - Public key itself can be sent in the open
 - (aside: this is what Signal does)



Alice



Bob

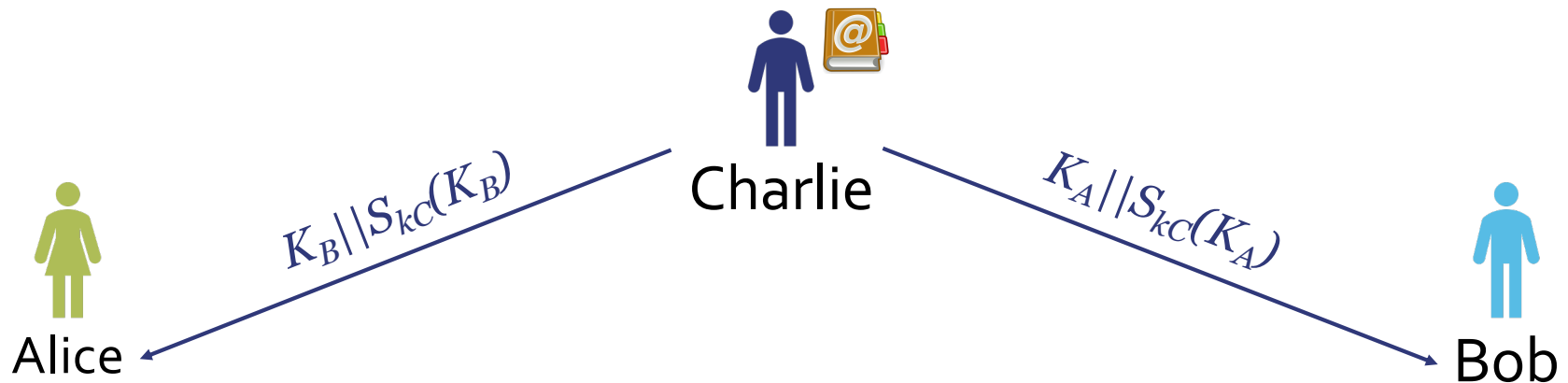
Getting Public Keys

- Problem with ideal:
 - We are back to pair-wise key establishment
 - Alice and Bob need to meet
 - Impractical to meet and verify key of everyone you talk to
- Any security problem can be solved with a ***trusted third party***



Getting Public Keys

- Using a trusted intermediary
 - Alice and Bob have already exchanged keys with Charlie
 - Charlie sends signed message with Alice's key to Bob
 - Charlie sends signed message with Bob's key to Alice
 - Alice and Bob trust Charlie to send the real public keys
 - Alice and Bob now have each other's public key



Getting Public Keys

- But every transaction is centralized through Charlie!
We can do better...
- Charlie creates a ***certificate***:
 - “I, Charlie, verified that Alice’s key is ... ”
- Charlie signs the message and gives it to Alice
 - Alice now has certificate **attesting** to her public key
- Alice sends Bob her public key and Charlie’s certificate
- Bob verifies signature on certificate
- Bob trusts Charlie, accepts public key from Alice

Who is Charlie?

- Two common models:
 - PGP: Charlie is any other person you trust.
 - Almost everywhere else: Charlie is a ***Certificate Authority***.

PGP Web of Trust

- Pretty Good Privacy (PGP) is an application (and associated protocols) used for signing, encrypting, and decrypting texts, e-mails, files, directories, etc.
- PGP allows one user to attest to the accuracy of another user's public key — **key signing**
 - PGP does not use the term “certificate”, but that's because its old...
 - Public key has set of attestation signatures (certificates)
- A user can indicate how much she trusts another user's signature on a key.

PGP Web of Trust

- Alice's signature on Bob's PGP key means Alice claims that this is really Bob's key (and ideally has verified this)
 - Email address and name associated with key are really his
- Other people who trust Alice can use her signature on Bob's key to be sure it is Bob's key
- How to decide?

Certificate Authorities

- An alternative to PGP-like web of trust is to rely on centralized ***Certificate Authorities***: trusted signers of public keys.
- CA model used to sign certificates used on Web.
- Your browser has a set of public keys of trusted CAs.
 - Who makes this list?
 - How many CAs are on the list?
 - Who are these CAs?



Certificate Authorities

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Certificate Authorities

- Mozilla
 - ~150 root certificates
 - https://wiki.mozilla.org/CA/Included_Certificates
- iOS
 - ~150 root certificates
 - <https://support.apple.com/en-us/HT208125>
- Microsoft
 - ~300 active root certificates
 - <http://aka.ms/RootCert>

Certificate Authorities

- Certificate semantics:
 - Subject (name, domain)
 - Issuing CA
 - Validity period
 - Limitations on use

Certificate Viewer: "ucsd.edu"

General Details

This certificate has been verified for the following uses:

SSL Client Certificate
SSL Server Certificate

Issued To

Common Name (CN)	ucsd.edu
Organization (O)	University of California, San Diego
Organizational Unit (OU)	UCSD
Serial Number	00:DD:8D:26:1C:CD:64:47:FF:5E:7C:D2:BC:A4:27:6D:7C

Issued By

Common Name (CN)	InCommon RSA Server CA
Organization (O)	Internet2
Organizational Unit (OU)	InCommon

Period of Validity

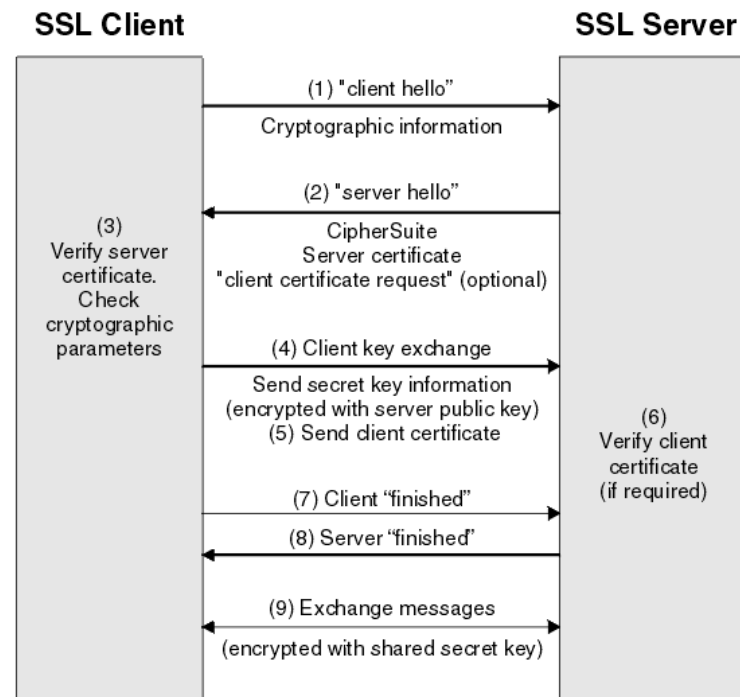
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SHA1 Fingerprint	9F:FE:39:40:DE:90:10:5A:02:7F:81:25:E8:E9:24:D8:34:22:95

Using Certificates: Transport Layer Security (TLS)

- This is what makes https:// work
- “When secured by TLS, connections between a client (e.g., a web browser) and a server (e.g., wikipedia.org) have one or more of the following properties:
 - The connection is private (or secure) because **symmetric cryptography** is used **to encrypt** the data transmitted...
 - The identity of the communicating parties can be **authenticated using public-key cryptography**...
 - The connection ensures integrity because each message transmitted includes a message integrity check using a **message authentication code** to prevent undetected loss or alteration of the data during transmission.”
- Details of protocol are complex, but the basic idea isn't:
 - Browser gets and verifies server's certificate, and extracts PK
 - Use PK to encrypt random symmetric session key
 - Use session key to encrypt session and to key HMAC for integrity



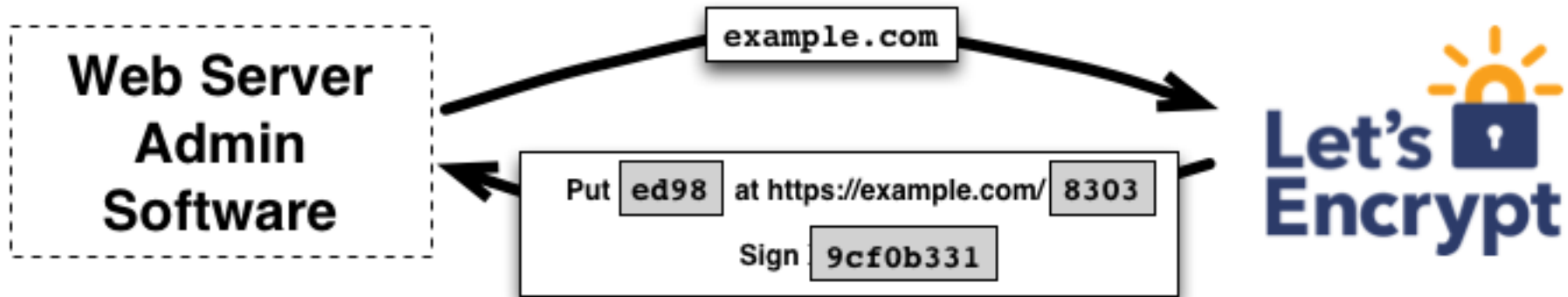
A quick step back...

- Using TLS (i.e., https) what security is being claimed?
 - Authenticity
 - That the server is who they say they are (e.g., www.amazon.com)
 - That the client is who they say they are?
 - Confidentiality
 - That no one but the client and server can read the messages sent between them
 - Integrity
 - That no one can alter messages between client and server without being detected
- What are we depending on?
 - Crypto works
 - The attestations of the CAs are reliable and their services are secure

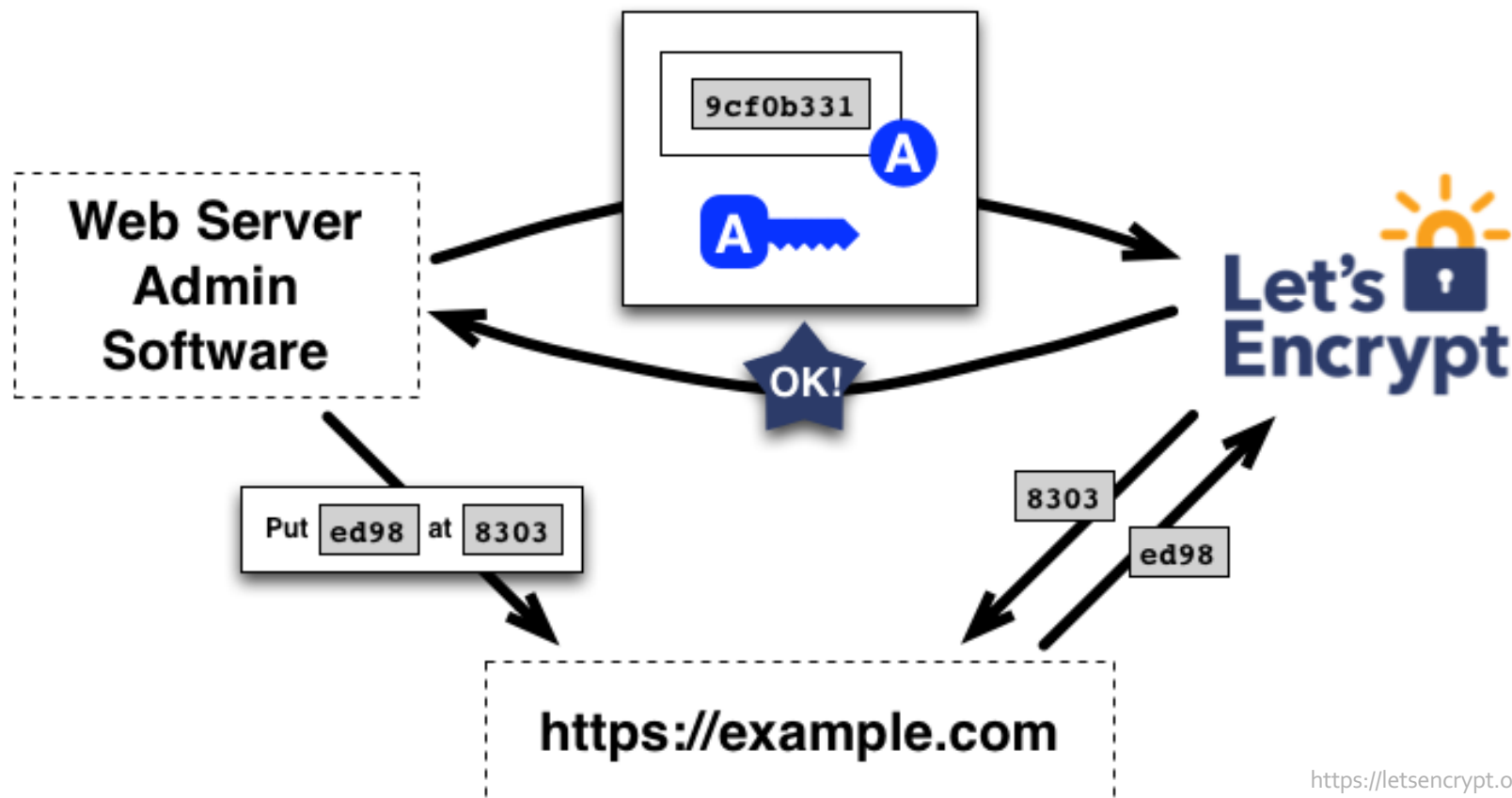
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- Which CA can issue a certificate for mycompany.com?
- For fbi.gov?

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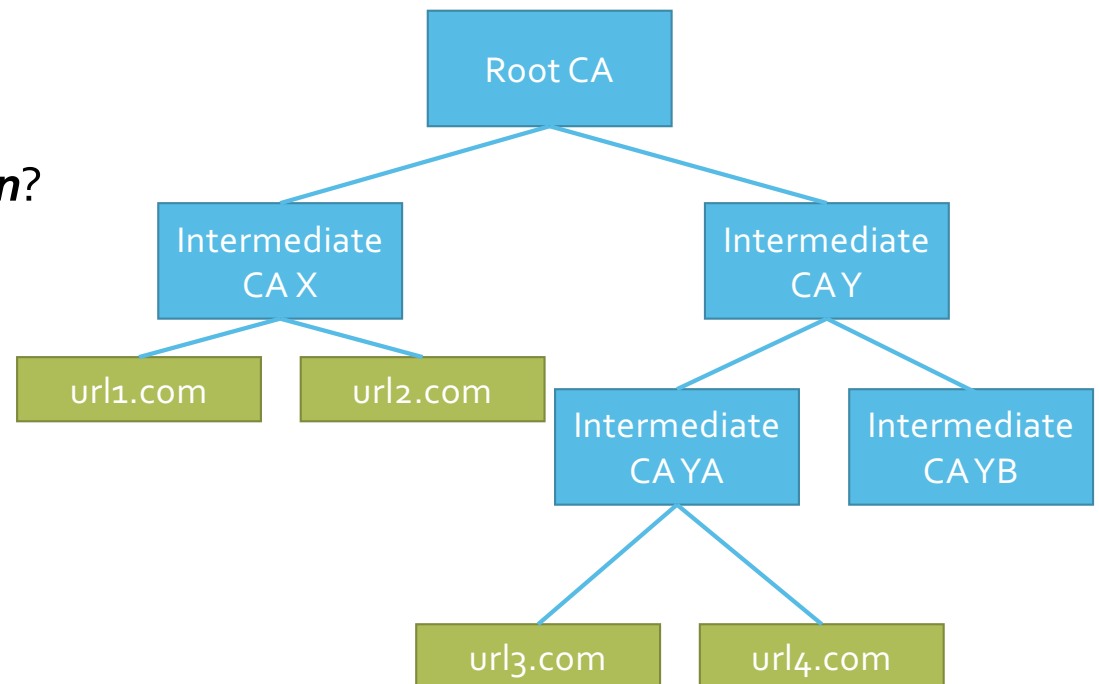


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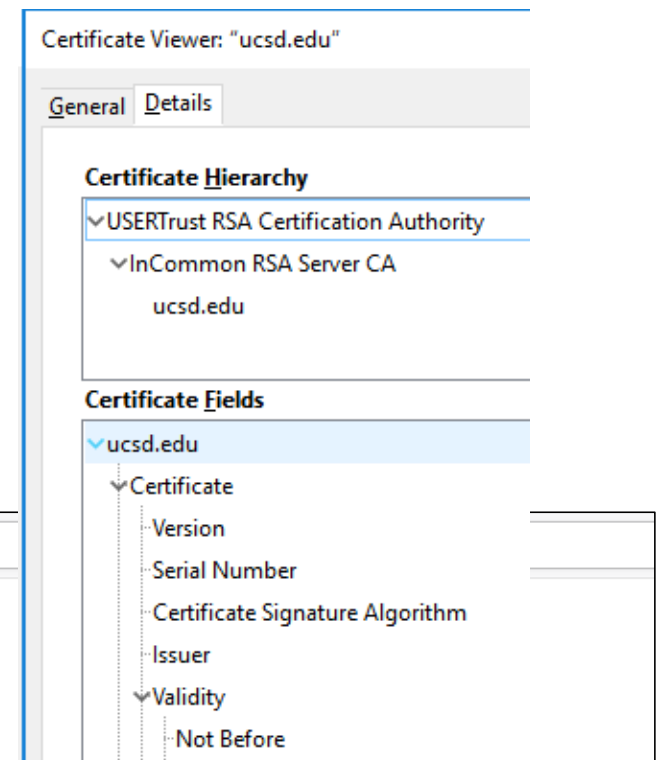
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- What if we take a ***Trusted Third Party*** and combine it with ***Another Layer of Indirection?***
- ***Certificate Hierarchy***
- ***Root CA*** signs keys for ***Intermediate CAs***, which in turn sign keys for users (or other intermediate CAs)



Certificate Authorities

- Certificate hierarchy for ucsd.edu



Aside: other uses of certificates

- Certificates also used in code signing
 - <https://source.android.com/security/apksigning/>
 - <https://docs.microsoft.com/en-us/windows-hardware/drivers/install/driver-signing>
 - <https://developer.apple.com/support/code-signing/>
- Who is the CA?
- What is the meaning of the signature?
 - Alice released this app?
 - Alice authorizes this app to run?
 - Alice authorizes this app to access privileged resources?

Certificate Revocation

- What happens if someone steals your private key?
 - They can impersonate you and read messages encrypted to you
- Certificate expiration helps with this but not enough
- CA and PGP PKIs support revocation
 - Owner says: "I, Alice, revoke my public key ... do not use it."
 - Signs revocation with her private key
 - Others can verify Alice's signature, stop using key

Certificate Revocation

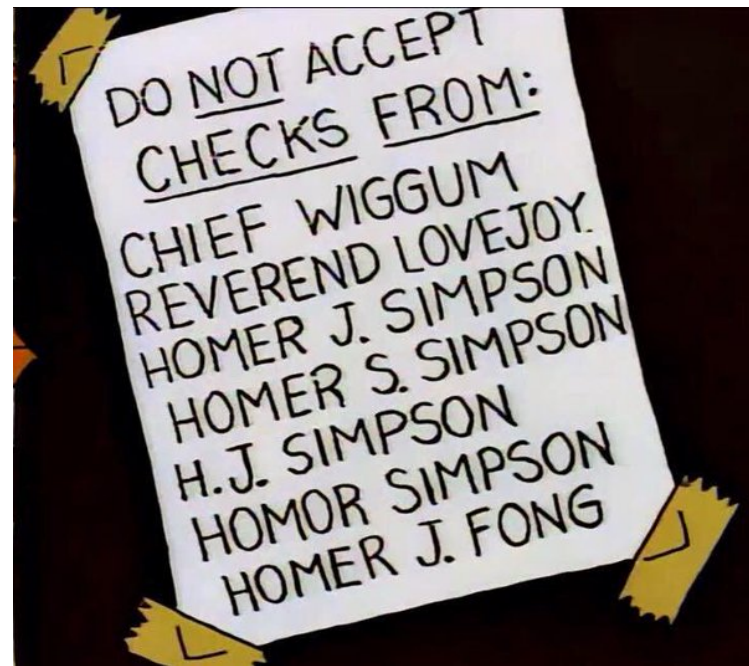
- How does Bob know if Alice's key has been revoked?
- Bob asks Alice: "Has your key been revoked?"
- Alice sends signed message: "No."
- Does not work: if Alice's key has been compromised, then Eve could have forged the message "No."
- Availability of revocation list critical

Certificate Revocation

- In PGP model, only Alice can revoke her own key
 - If Alice loses her private key, she can't revoke
 - Do not lose private key
 - Option: generate revocation with key, store in secure place
- In CA model, Alice asks CA to revoke certificate
 - Alice does not need private key to do this, can authenticate herself through other means

Certificate Revocation

- Two Mechanisms: CRL and OCSP
- ***Certificate Revocation List (CRL):***
 - Certificate says where to get CRL
 - Clients periodically download updated CRLs
 - What if CRL server is down?

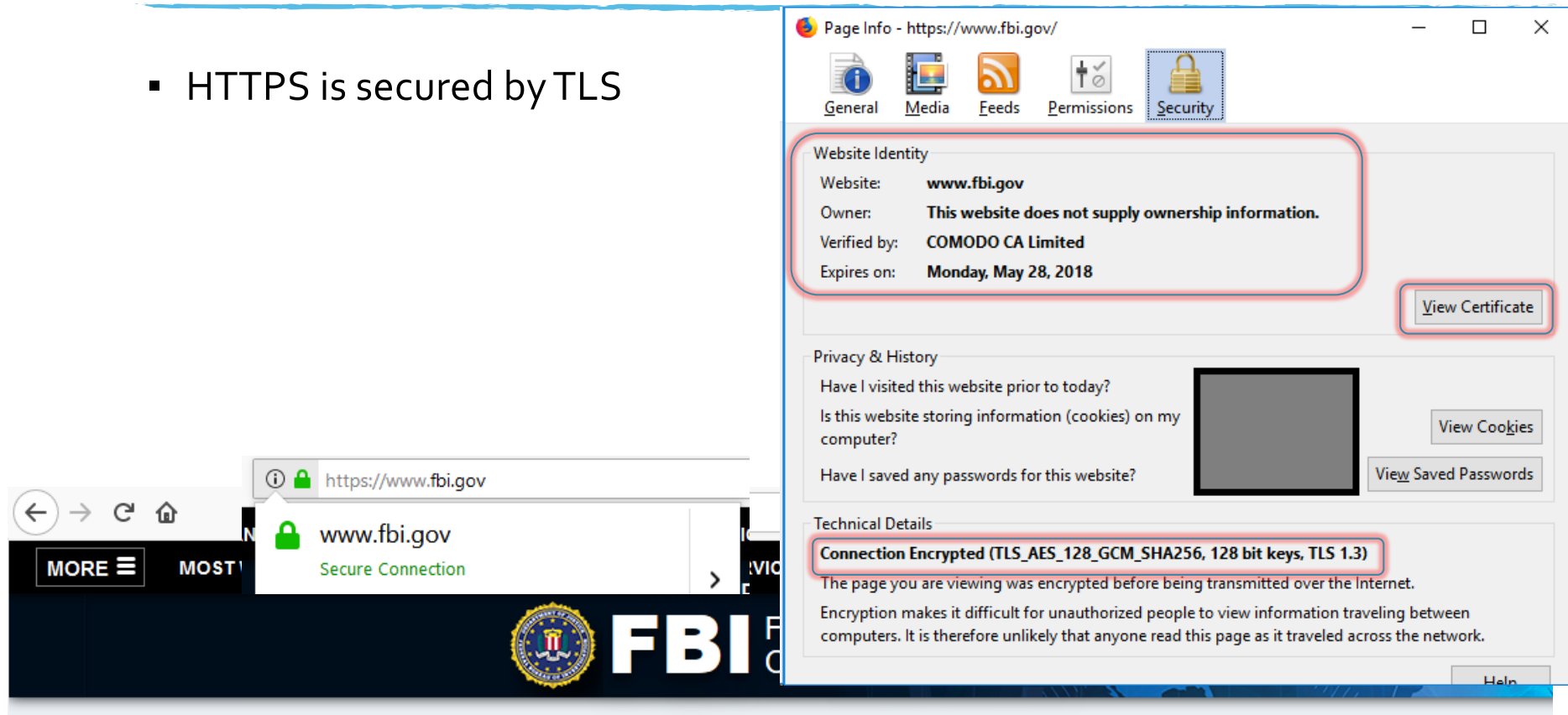


Certificate Revocation

- Two Mechanisms: CRL and OCSP
- ***Online Certificate Status Protocol (OCSP):***
 - Query CA about status of cert before trusting it
 - “You said I can trust this key, but are you still sure?”
- OCSP Stapling
 - Server includes recent OCSP status (signed by CA)
- Aside: Certificate Pinning
 - Remember which certificate was used for a particular domain and raise an alert if a different one is used later
- Visit <https://revoked-isrgrootx1.letsencrypt.org/> with your browser

Some additional complexity: CDNs

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General Details

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- SSL Client Certificate
- SSL Server Certificate

Issued To

Common Name (CN)	ssl538122.cloudflaressl.com
Organization (O)	<Not Part Of Certificate>
Organizational Unit (OU)	Domain Control Validated
Serial Number	30:12:54:E6:00:0D:B1:2C:51:E9:F8:A6:30:43:DF:24

Issued By

Common Name (CN)	COMODO ECC Domain Validation Secure Server CA 2
Organization (O)	COMODO CA Limited
Organizational Unit (OU)	<Not Part Of Certificate>

Period of Validity

Begins On	Saturday, November 18, 2017
Expires On	Monday, May 28, 2018

Fingerprints

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SHA1 Fingerprint	8D:9F:5C:03:60:A2:07:59:67:82:A3:87:54:CC:3C:29:DC:AF:81:84

Content Delivery Networks (CDNs)

- CDN: geographically distributed network of proxy servers
 - Cache static content closer to the requester
 - Improve latency
 - Decrease network congestion
 - Improve reliability and availability
 - DDOS protection
 - Cloudflare, Akamai, CloudFront, etc
- Mess up our nice security abstractions
 - Now Alice deliberately wants her CDN to impersonate her to Bob!

Content Delivery Networks (CDNs)

- Bob wants to connect to www.fbi.gov
- Bob's browser attempts to get the corresponding IP address via DNS
- Because FBI is using Cloudflare CDN, DNS resolves to a Cloudflare edge server
- But Bob's browser thinks it's talking to fbi.gov
- Cloudflare needs to convince Bob's browser that it's really FBI

Content Delivery Networks (CDNs)

- Deputized via “Subject Alternate Name” field
 - “Yeah, I’m cloudflaressl.com, but I’m authorized to communicate on behalf fbi.gov”



- Who decides whether a CDN can get a given Subject Alternate Name in its cert?

Certificate Viewer: "ssl538122.cloudflaressl.com"

General Details

Certificate Hierarchy

- ✓COMODO ECC Certification Authority
 - ✓COMODO ECC Domain Validation Secure Server CA 2
 - ssl538122.cloudflaressl.com

Certificate Fields

- Certificate Basic Constraints
- Extended Key Usage
- Certificate Policies
- CRL Distribution Points
- Authority Information Access
- Certificate Subject Alt Name**
- Certificate Signature Algorithm
- Certificate Signature Value

Field Value

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Not Critical
DNS Name: ssl538122.cloudflaressl.com
DNS Name: *.fbi.gov
DNS Name: fbi.gov
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USERTrust RSA Certification Authority

InCommon RSA Server CA

cse.ucsd.edu



cse.ucsd.edu

Issued by: InCommon RSA Server CA

Expires: Monday, January 4, 2021 at 3:59:59 PM Pacific Standard Time

✓ This certificate is valid

▼ Details

Subject Name

Country US

Postal Code 92093

State/Province CA

Locality La Jolla

Street Address 9500 Gilman Drive

Organization University of California, San Diego

Organizational Unit UCSD

Common Name cse.ucsd.edu

Issuer Name

Country US

State/Province MI

Locality Ann Arbor

Organization Internet2

Organizational Unit InCommon


Common Name InCommon RSA Server CA

Serial Number 36 F6 DC 47 6F 09 25 8E 94 EF BF 36 65 4F
E8 98

Version 3

Signature Algorithm SHA-256 with RSA Encryption
(1.2.840.113549.1.1.11)

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Subject Name	
Country	US
Postal Code	92093
State/Province	CA
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Organization	University of California, San Diego
Organizational Unit	UCSD
Common Name	cse.ucsd.edu

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Locality	Ann Arbor
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Who are we trusting?

Who is this cert for?

Key ID 1E 05 A3 77 8F 6C 96 E2 5B 87 4B A6 B4 86 AC
71 00 0C E7 38

Extension Subject Alternative Name (2.5.29.17)

Critical NO

DNS Name cse.ucsd.edu

DNS Name cs.ucsd.edu

DNS Name www-cs.ucsd.edu

DNS Name www-cse.ucsd.edu

DNS Name www.cs.ucsd.edu

DNS Name www.cse.ucsd.edu

Extension Certificate Policies (2.5.29.32)

Critical NO

Policy ID #1 (1.3.6.1.4.1.5923.1.4.3.1.1)

Qualifier ID #1 Certification Practice Statement (1.3.6.1.5.5.7.2.1)

CPS URI [https://www.incommon.org/cert/repository/
cps_ssl.pdf](https://www.incommon.org/cert/repository/cps_ssl.pdf)

Policy ID #2 (2.23.140.1.2.2)

Extension CRL Distribution Points (2.5.29.31)

Critical NO

URI [http://crl.incommon-rsa.org/
InCommonRSAServerCA.crl](http://crl.incommon-rsa.org/InCommonRSAServerCA.crl)

Extension Certificate Authority Information Access
(1.3.6.1.5.5.7.1.1)

Critical NO

Method #1 CA Issuers (1.3.6.1.5.5.7.48.2)

URI [http://crt.usertrust.com/
InCommonRSAServerCA_2.crt](http://crt.usertrust.com/InCommonRSAServerCA_2.crt)

Method #2 Online Certificate Status Protocol
(1.3.6.1.5.5.7.48.1)

URI <http://ocsp.usertrust.com>

Who is this cert for?

Issuer Name	
Country	US
State/Province	MI
Locality	Ann Arbor
Organization	Internet2
Organizational Unit	InCommon
Common Name	InCommon RSA Server CA
Serial Number	36 F6 DC 47 6F 09 25 8E 94 EF BF 36 65 4F E8 98
Version	3
Signature Algorithm	SHA-256 with RSA Encryption (1.2.840.113549.1.1.1)
Parameters	None
Not Valid Before	Thursday, January 4, 2018 at 4:00:00 PM Pacific Standard Time
Not Valid After	Monday, January 4, 2021 at 3:59:59 PM Pacific Standard Time

Public Key Info

Algorithm	RSA Encryption (1.2.840.113549.1.1.1)
Parameters	None
Public Key	256 bytes : FA F9 1A 08 92 86 9C 7B ...
Exponent	65537
Key Size	2,048 bits
Key Usage	Encrypt, Verify, Wrap, Derive
Signature	256 bytes : 6F 62 36 46 B7 43 28 04 ...

Extension	Key Usage (2.5.29.15)
Critical	YES
Usage	Digital Signature, Key Encipherment

CSE's pub key info

Key ID 1E 05 A3 77 8F 6C 96 E2 5B 87 4B A6 B4 86 AC
71 00 0C E7 38

Extension Subject Alternative Name (2.5.29.17)
Critical NO

DNS Name cse.ucsd.edu
DNS Name cs.ucsd.edu
DNS Name www-cs.ucsd.edu
DNS Name www-cse.ucsd.edu
DNS Name www.cs.ucsd.edu
DNS Name www.cse.ucsd.edu

Extension Certificate Policies (2.5.29.32)
Critical NO

Policy ID #1 (1.3.6.1.4.1.5923.1.4.3.1.1)

Qualifier ID #1 Certification Practice Statement (1.3.6.1.5.5.7.2.1)

CPS URI https://www.incommon.org/cert/repository/cps_ssl.pdf

Policy ID #2 (2.23.140.1.2.2)

Extension CRL Distribution Points (2.5.29.31)
Critical NO

URI <http://crl.incommon-rsa.org/InCommonRSAServerCA.crl>

Extension Certificate Authority Information Access (1.3.6.1.5.5.7.1.1)
Critical NO

Method #1 CA Issuers (1.3.6.1.5.5.7.48.2)

URI http://crt.usertrust.com/InCommonRSAServerCA_2.crt

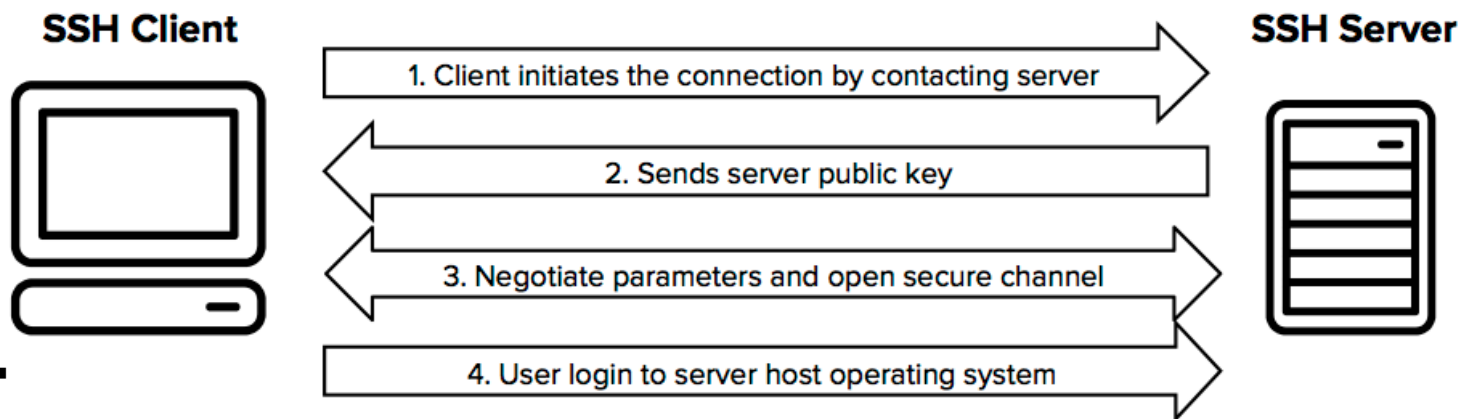
Method #2 Online Certificate Status Protocol (1.3.6.1.5.5.7.48.1)

URI <http://ocsp.usertrust.com>

Where we should
check for revocation
information

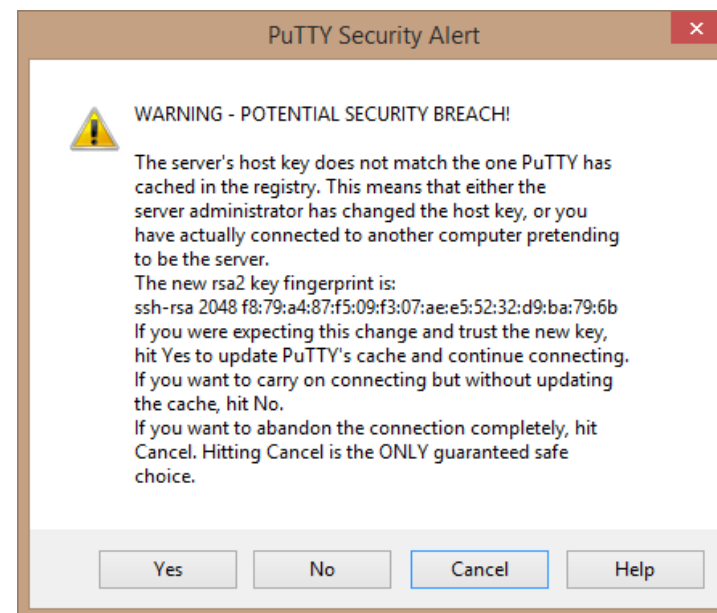
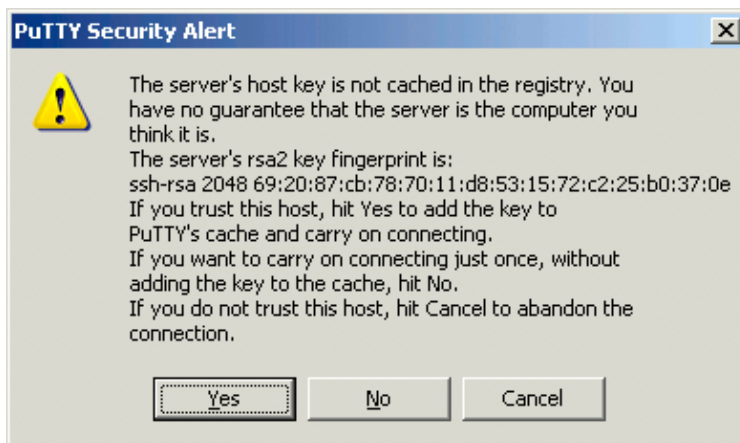
Another approach: Secure Shell (SSH)

- *"Secure Shell (SSH) provides a secure channel over an unsecured network, connecting an SSH client application with an SSH server. Common applications include remote command-line login and remote command execution, but any network service can be secured with SSH."*



Another approach: Secure Shell (SSH)

- No trusted authorities
 - Trust on First Use
- Certificate pinning



Summary

- Public key crypto is a powerful tool
 - Underlies https, ssh, virtually all software updates, etc...
 - But doesn't solve the key distribution problem
- Certificate authorities (CA) occupy key (and trusted) role
 - Third-party attestation of identity or access
 - Have become hacking targets
 - 2011: Comodo & Diginotar issued fraudulent certs for Hotmail, Gmail, Skype, Yahoo Mail, Firefox...
 - 2013: TurkTrust issued cert for gmail
 - 2014: Indian Nic issued certs for Google and Yahoo!
 - 2016: WoSign issued cert for GitHub
- Ongoing effort to police CAs

Next time

- Starting Web Security