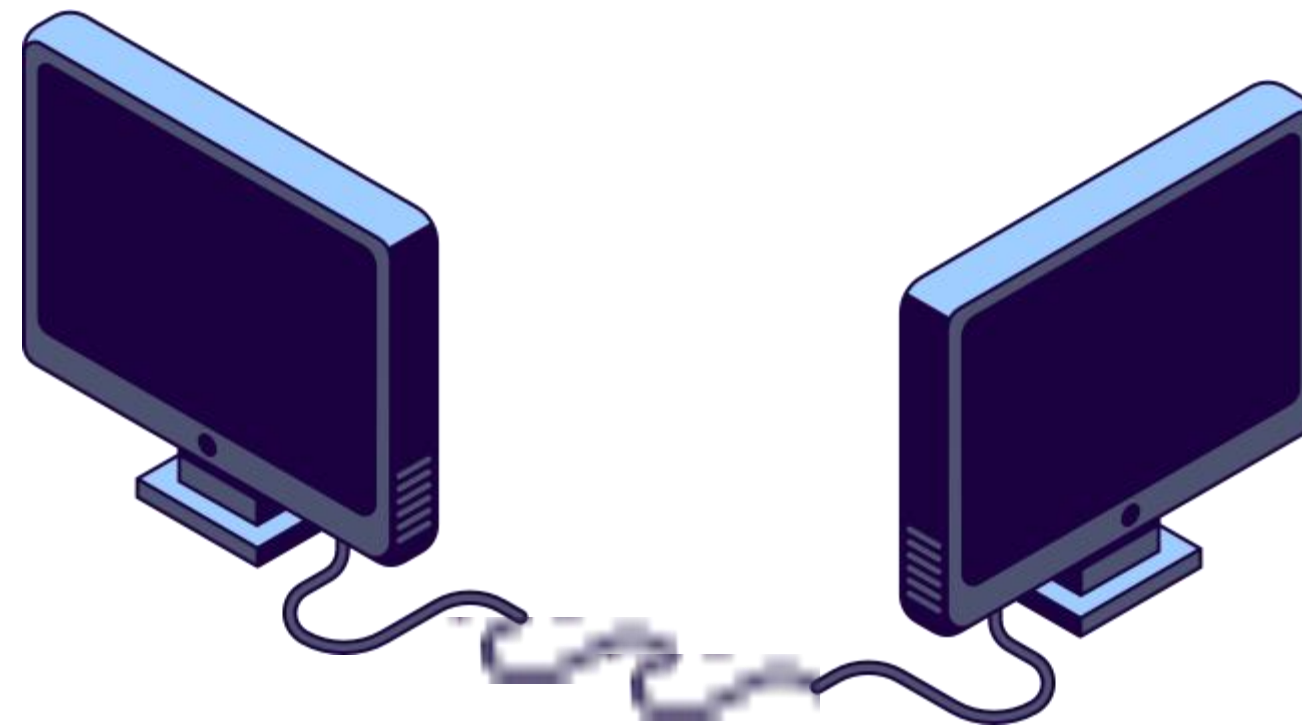


INTRODUCTION TO NETWORK SECURITY

WHAT IS NETWORK SECURITY ?

NETWORKS

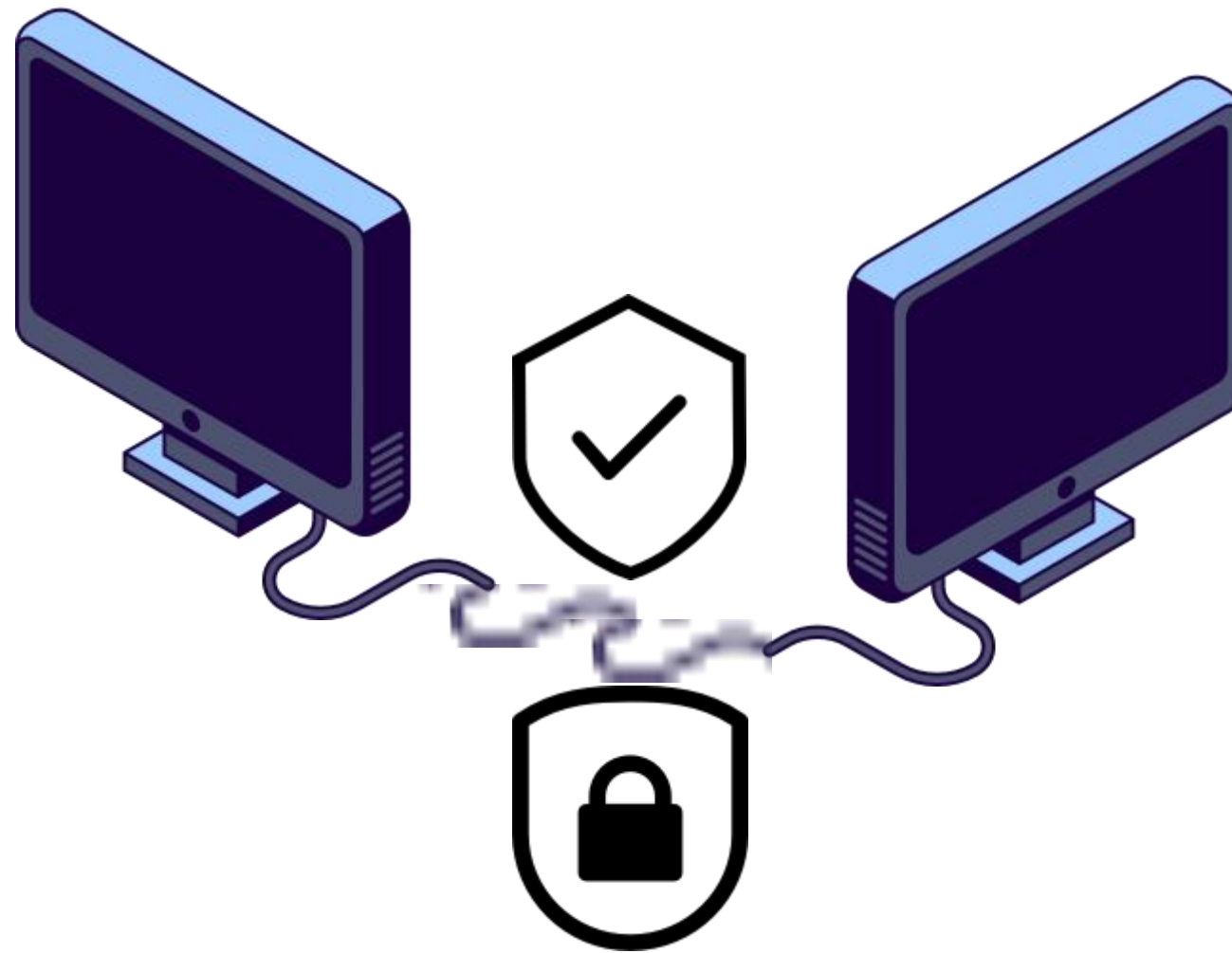
A computer network is two or more computers connected together, allowing them to communicate and share information with each other.



The term 'computer' can mean a range of different devices, including laptops, tablets and smartphones.

SECURITY

The protection of a network's infrastructure, data, and assets from unauthorized access, cyberattacks, and data loss.



WHY NETWORK SECURITY IS IMPORTANT?

- Protects data
- **Prevents cyberattacks**
- Ensures compliance
- Protects reputation
- Prevents financial loss



COMMON NETWORK SECURITY THREATS

- Malware
- Phishing
- **DoS Attack.**
- **DDoS Attack**
- Man-in-the-Middle Attack
- SQL Injection
- Insider Threat



Question: What does the "A" in CIA Triad stand for?

- a) Access
- b) Authorization
- c) Availability
- d) Authentication

WHAT IS CIA TRIAD ?

Confidentiality



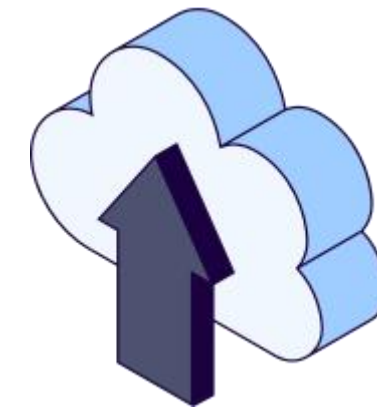
Protecting data from unauthorized access.

Integrity



Ensuring data accuracy and reliability

Availability



Ensuring systems are up and running when needed

CONFIDENTIALITY IN ACTION

Techniques:
Encryption



ENSURING INTEGRITY

Techniques:

- Hashing (e.g., SHA-256)
- Digital signatures

MAINTAINING AVAILABILITY

Techniques:

- Load balancing
- DDoS protection

Network Protocols for Authentication

- **RADIUS (Remote Authentication Dial-In User Service):**

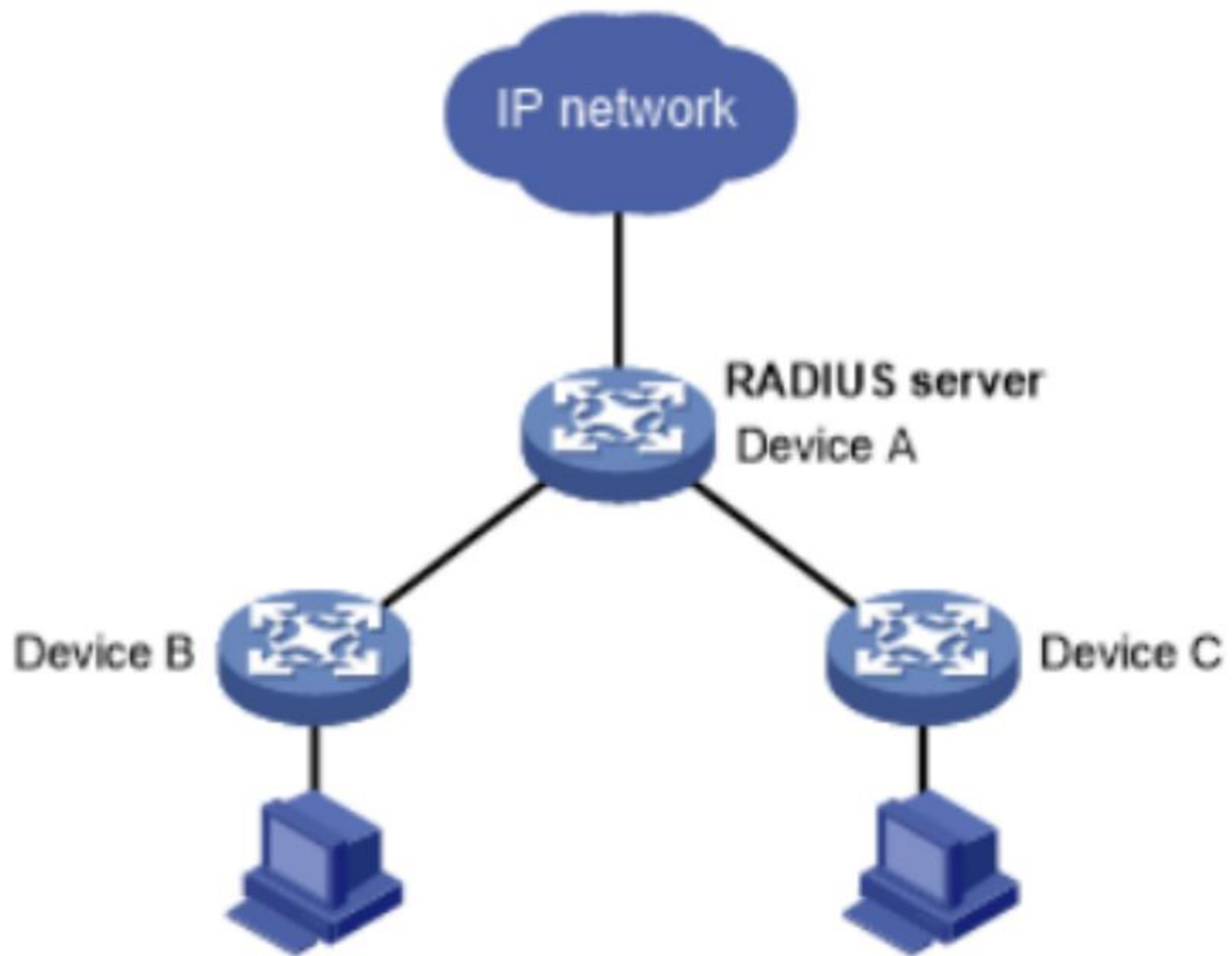
- Centralized authentication and authorization for network access, commonly used in ISP environments and enterprise Wi-Fi networks.

How it Works : A client (such as a Wi-Fi access point) sends user credentials to a RADIUS server, which authenticates and authorizes access.

Key Features:

Supports AAA (Authentication, Authorization, Accounting).

- Encrypts only the password, not the entire packet.
- UDP-based communication.



Network Protocols for Authentication

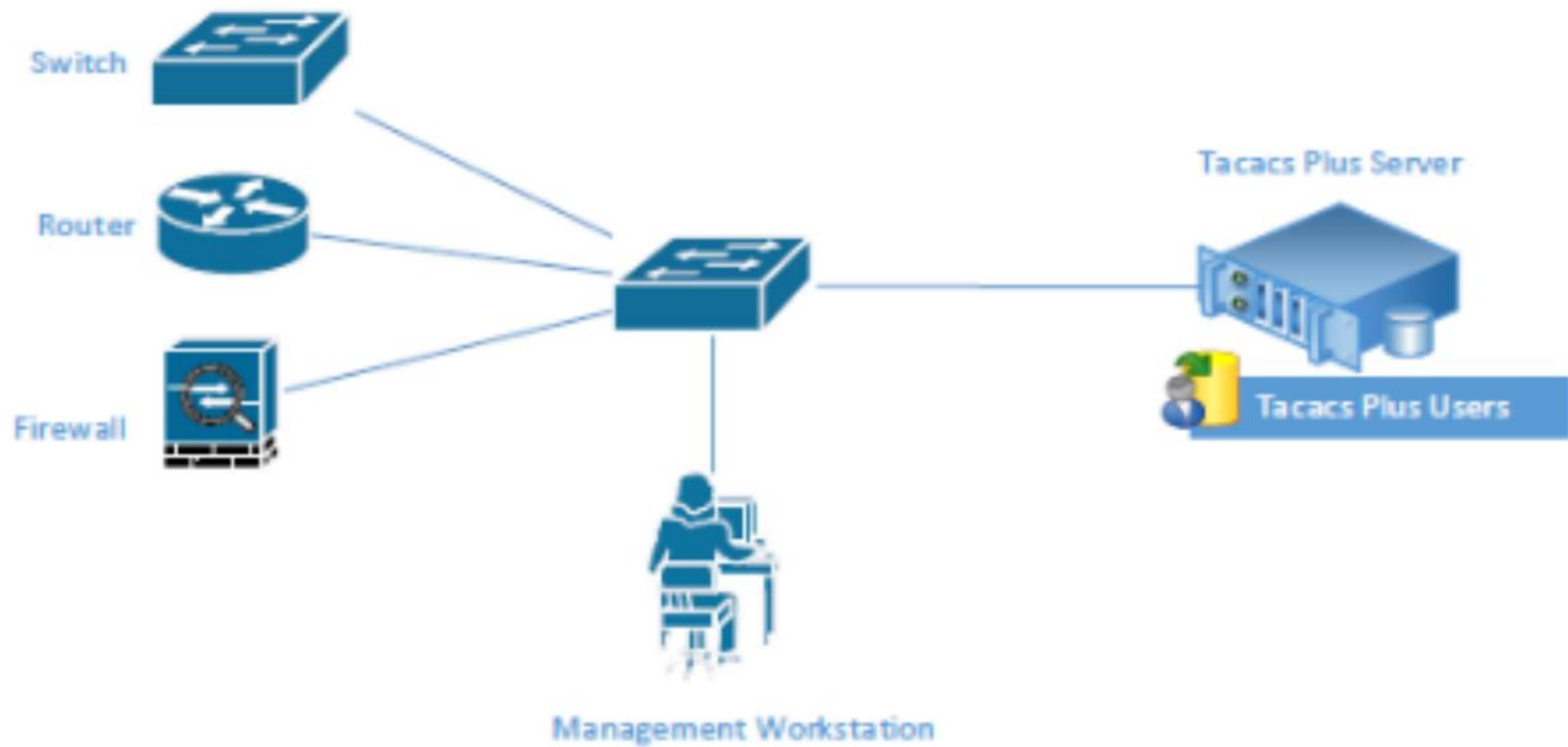
- TACACS+ (Terminal Access Controller Access Control System Plus):

- Provides centralized authentication and access control for network devices (like routers, switches).

How it Works: Splits authentication, authorization, and accounting, allowing greater control over device access policies.

Key Features:

- Full packet encryption for enhanced security.
- TCP-based communication (more reliable than RADIUS)
- Flexible per-command authorization.



Network Protocols for Authentication

- LDAP (Lightweight Directory Access Protocol)

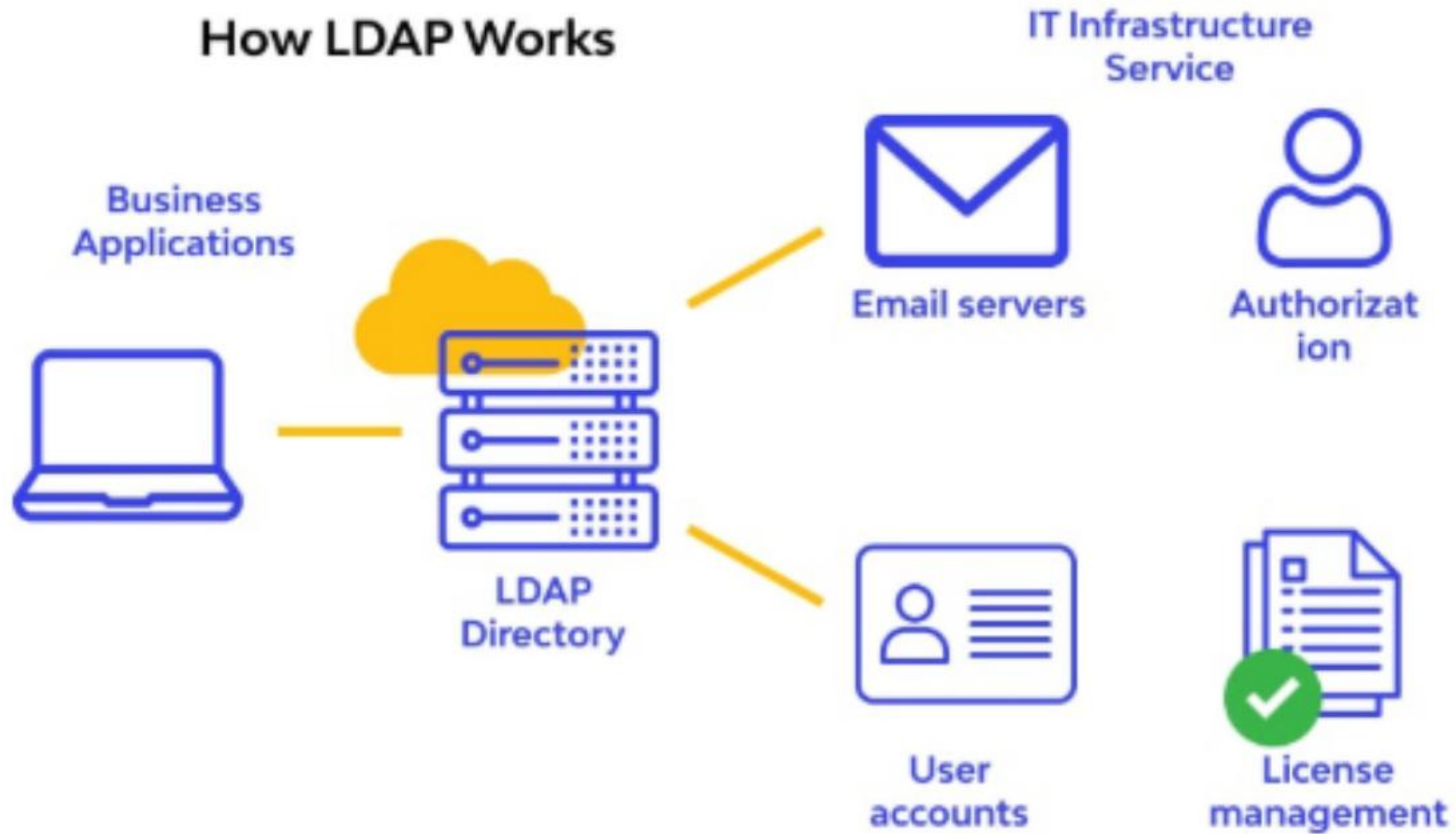
Directory service protocol for accessing and managing directory information over a network. Commonly used to store user information and provide authentication.

How it Works: Clients query an LDAP server to authenticate users or fetch directory information like usernames, email addresses, or permissions.

Key Features:

- Works over TCP/UDP .
- Hierarchical structure (like a phone directory).
- Commonly integrated with Active Directory (AD).

How LDAP Works



Network Protocols for Authentication

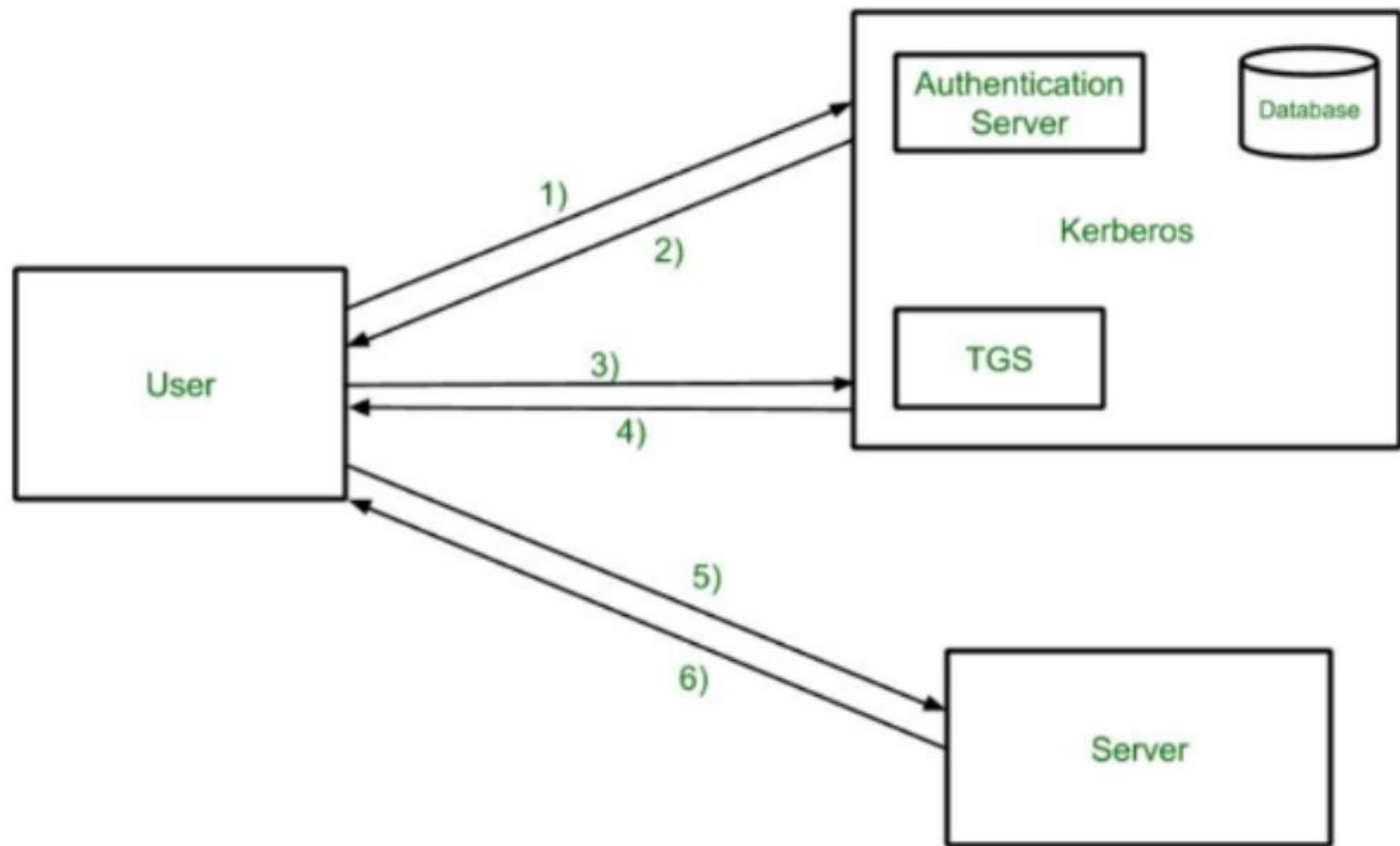
- Kerberos

Secure authentication protocol using a ticketing system to prove user identity without repeatedly sending passwords.

How it Works: The client authenticates with a Key Distribution Center (KDC) and receives a ticket-granting ticket (TGT)..

Key Features:

- Prevents replay attacks.
- Widely used in enterprise environments.
- Strong cryptographic security.



Network Protocols for Authentication

- OAuth (Open Authorization)

Allows third-party applications limited access to user resources without sharing user credentials.

How it Works: The user authorizes a third-party application via an authorization server, which issues access tokens to control resource access.

Key Features:

- Token-based access management.
- Does not directly handle authentication.



Secure Authentication Protocols

- Secure Socket Layer (SSL) and Transport Layer Security (TLS)

Cryptographic protocols that secure communication over networks

How it Works: Handshake Process.

Key Features:

Symmetric and asymmetric encryption.

Certificate-based authentication.

Integrity via message authentication codes.

SSL CLIENT



Client hello

Server hello

Generation of
session key

Server
acknowledgement

Connection
establishment

SSL SERVER



Secure Authentication Protocols

- Secure Shell (SSH)

Protocol for secure remote access and file transfers

- **How it Works:** Key Exchange: Secure exchange of session keys, Authentication: Using public/private keys or passwords, Encrypted Communication: Protecting transmitted data

Key Features:

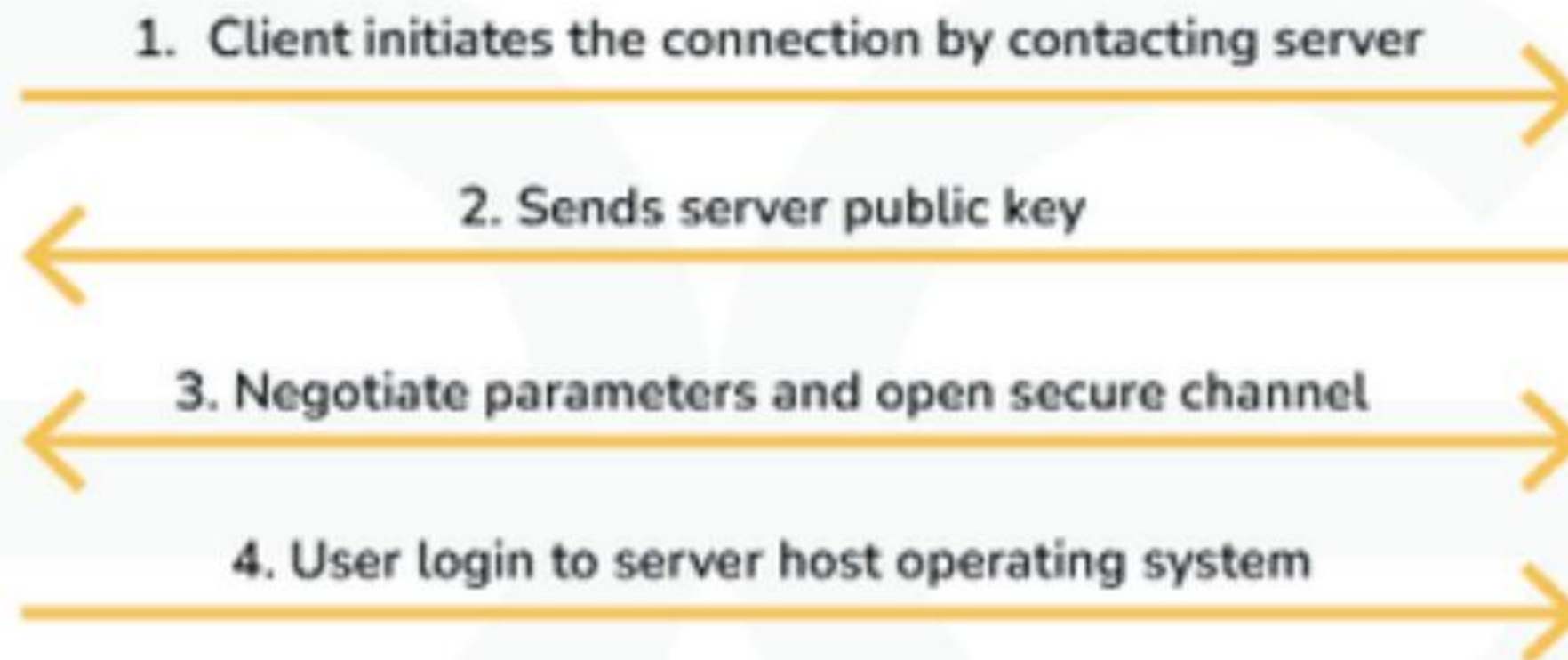
Public-key cryptography

Secure tunneling

Authentication using passwords or keys



SSH Client



SSH Server



Secure Authentication Protocols

- *Extensible Authentication Protocol (EAP)*
protocol that allows for multiple authentication methods to be used for network access

How it Works:

EAP specifies the structure of the communication between a client and an authentication server.

- *EAP supports a variety of authentication methods, including passwords, certificates, smart cards, and one-time passwords.*

Secure Authentication Protocols

Extensible Authentication Protocol (EAP)

Key Features of EAP:

- 1.Extensibility:** EAP supports various authentication methods, such as passwords, certificates, smart cards, tokens, and biometrics.
- 2.Layer Independence:** EAP can be implemented over different layers, including wireless (IEEE 802.1X) and wired networks.
- 3.Scalability:** It is suitable for enterprise-level environments with a large number of users and devices.

Applications of EAP:

- Wi-Fi Security:** Often implemented with IEEE 802.1X in enterprise wireless networks.
- VPNs and Remote Access:** Used for secure user authentication in remote connections.
- Network Access Control (NAC):** Ensures that only authenticated and authorized devices can connect.

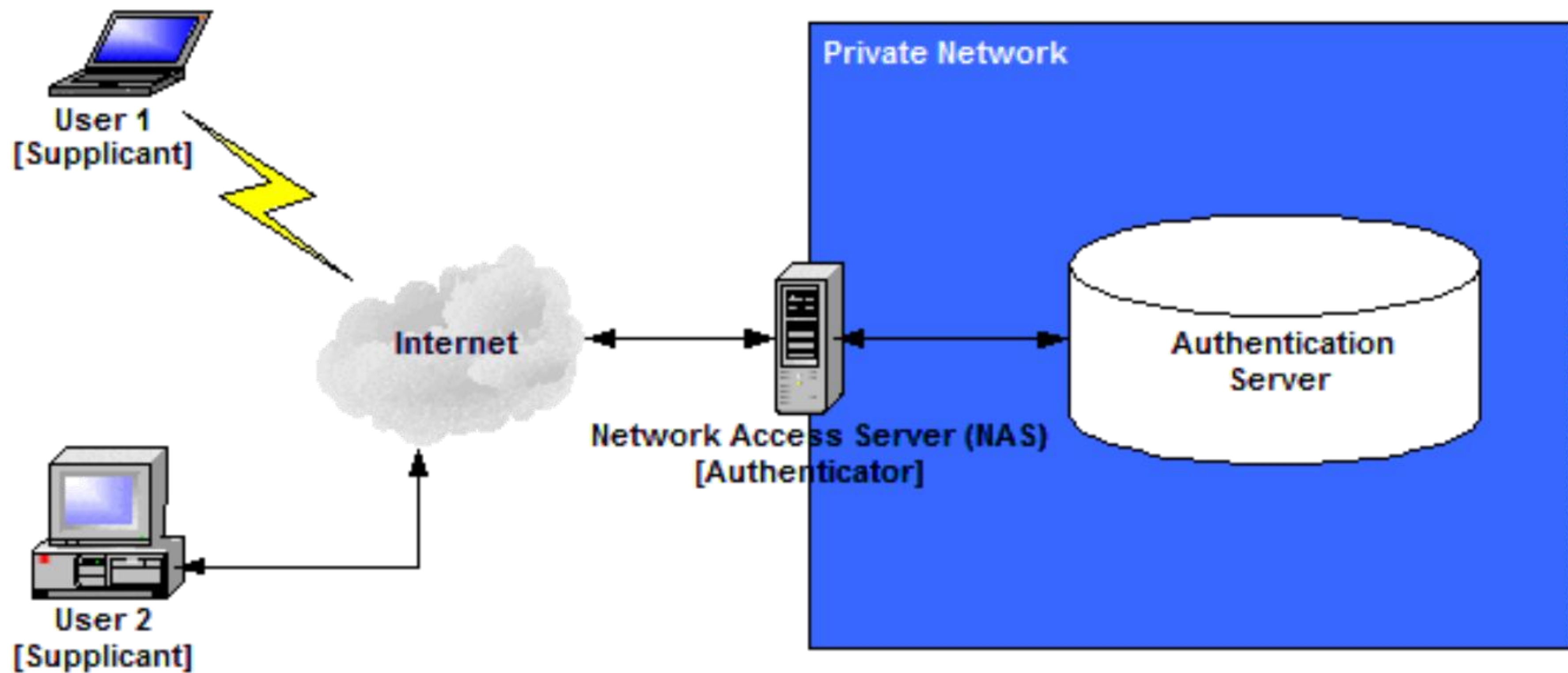


Figure 1: EAP Architecture

Secure Authentication Protocols

- *OpenID Connect*

OpenID Connect is an identity layer built on top of OAuth 2.0. While OAuth 2.0 is about authorization, OIDC is about authentication—verifying who the user is.

How it Works:

OpenID Connect (OIDC) works by allowing users to log into different applications using a single set of credentials from a trusted identity provider.

Secure Authentication Protocols

OpenID Connect

Key Features of OpenID Connect:

- 1. User Authentication:** Confirms the user's identity and provides basic profile information.
- 2. Token Types:**
 - 1. ID Token:** A JSON Web Token (JWT) containing user identity claims.
 - 2. Access Token:** Used for resource access (inherited from OAuth 2.0).
 - 3. Standardized User Info:** Provides a user info endpoint for fetching profile details.

