

Cryptography

Lecture 3, Chapter 7

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Motivation

- Preserve confidentiality: only the intended recipient of a message should be able to read it.
- Preserve integrity: An adversary cannot (undetectedly) tamper with a message.

Plan

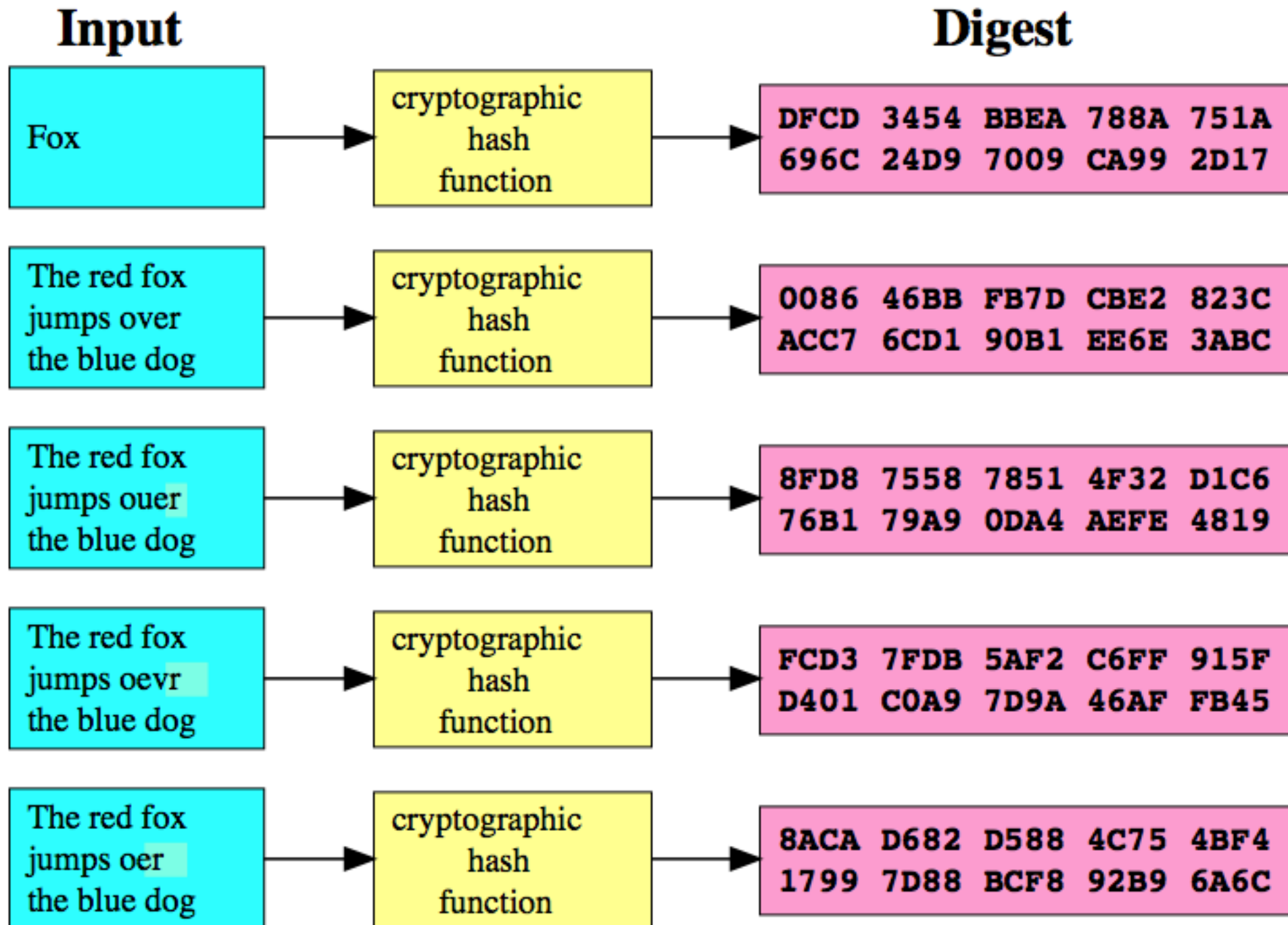
- Hashes
- Symmetric encryption schemes
- Asymmetric encryption schemes
- Signatures
- Certificates
- SSL/TLS

Hashes & Digests

Hashes, digests

- Hash function: Function taking arbitrary length data (“message”) to fixed-length value (“digest”).
- $H(M) = h$.
- Used in, e.g., hashing, hash table http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/File:Cryptographic_Hash_Function.svg s (duh).
- Used in, e.g., verifying integrity.
- Used for storing passwords.

Example



Hash properties

- Given M , $H(M) = h$ should be easy to compute
- Given h , finding M s.t. $H(M) = h$ should be infeasible to compute
- Given M , finding M' with $H(M) = H(M')$ should be infeasible to compute.

Implementations

- MD5. Broken ca. 2005. Collisions are easy to find.
- SHA-1. Discovered likely insecure ca. 2005. Used in SSL.
- SHA-2 aka SHA-256 or SHA-512.
As yet unbroken.

Salt

- Recall we store hashes of passwords. Users password input is hashed and compared with the stored hash.
- This works when inverting the hash is computationally infeasible. But:
- An adversary might precompute hashes for a large collection of typical passwords.
- To avoid this, we pick a random value, a *salt*, and add it to password before hashing.
- (Obviously, you need to store the salt with the password.)



Symmetric schemes

Symmetric algorithms

- Encryption: function from *secret key* and *plaintext* to *ciphertext*
- Decryption: function from *secret key* and *ciphertext* to *plaintext*.
- $E(K, M) = \{M\}_K$
 $D(K, \{M\}_K) = M$
- Security depends on assumption that $D(_, \{M\}_K)$ is *infeasible* to compute when you don't know K .
- Best attack: brute-force, chosen plaintext.



Symmetric

Caesar-cipher



Easy to break

Frequency table for English text:
e: 12.7%, t: 9.1%, a: 8.2%, o: 7.5%

Implementations

- rot13
- DES (broken 1999, use Triple-DES)
- AES (Rijndael). No feasible attacks.
- RC4. Broken.

Symmetric scheme challenges

- Key distribution.
- E.g., how do a bank get key to every customer?
- In general, n parties need n^2 keys.



HLT

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Asymmetric Schemes

Asymmetric encryption schemes

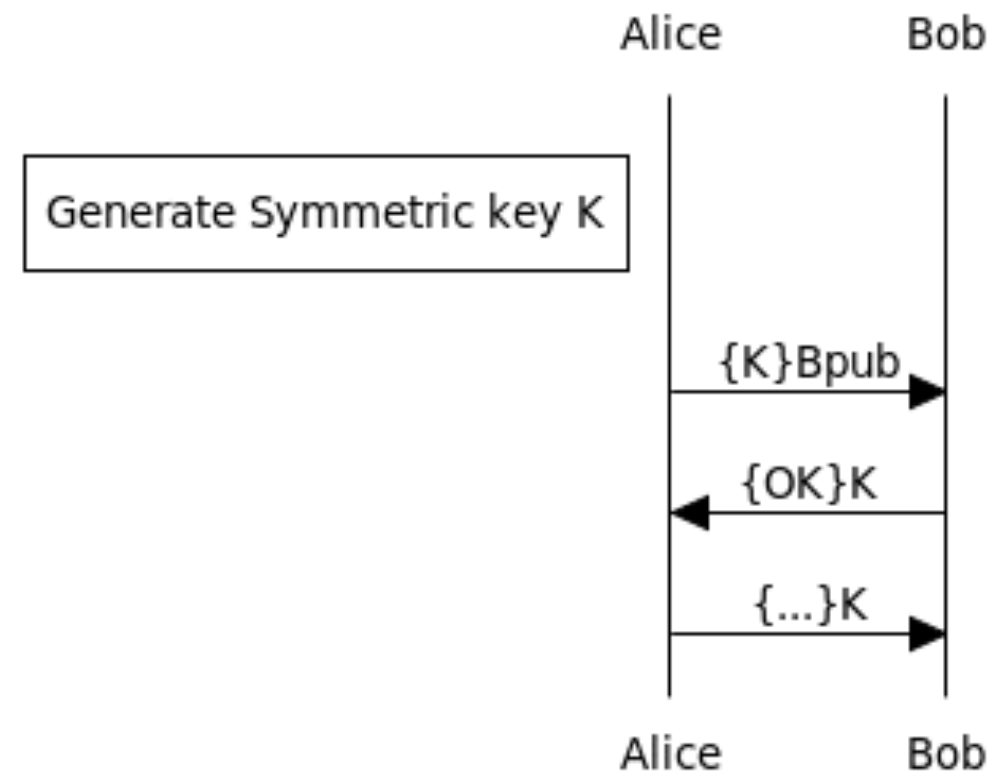
- Pair of keys K_{priv} , K_{pub}
- K_{priv} is secret, I tell it to no-one.
- K_{pub} is public, I tell it to everyone.
- Encryption: $E(K_{\text{pub}}, M) = \{M\}_{K_{\text{pub}}}$
- Decryption: $D(K_{\text{priv}}, \{M\}_{K_{\text{pub}}}) = M$
i.e., $D(K_{\text{priv}}, E(K_{\text{pub}}, M)) = M$

Key distribution?

- Partially solves key distribution; now n parties need only n key-pairs.

Asymmetric Algorithms

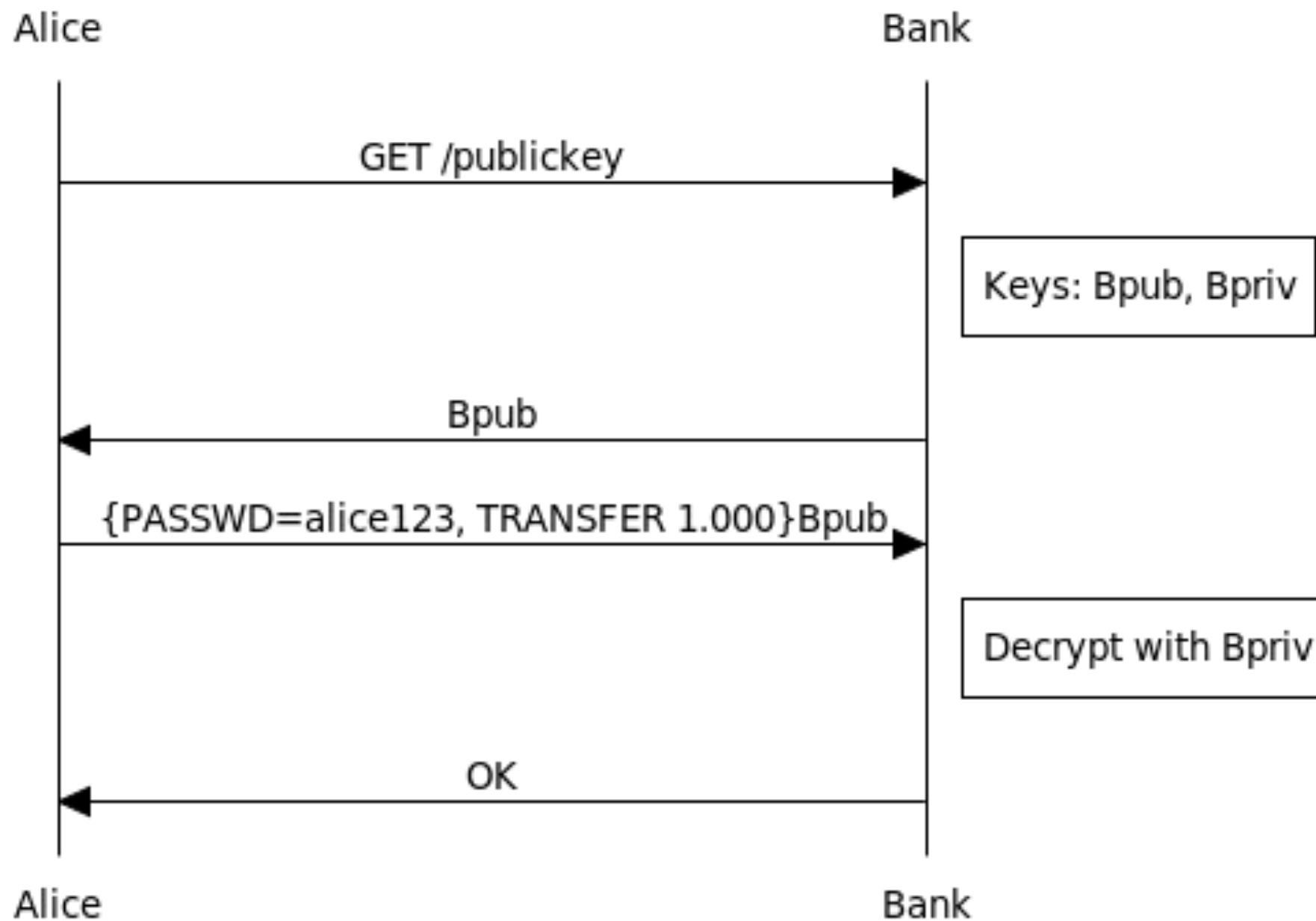
- Slow to compute in practice
- Often used for agreeing on a secret key for a symmetric algorithm.
- RSA. Considered secure for sufficiently large key sizes. (768 bit key broken in 2009 using 2000 years of computing time.)



Question

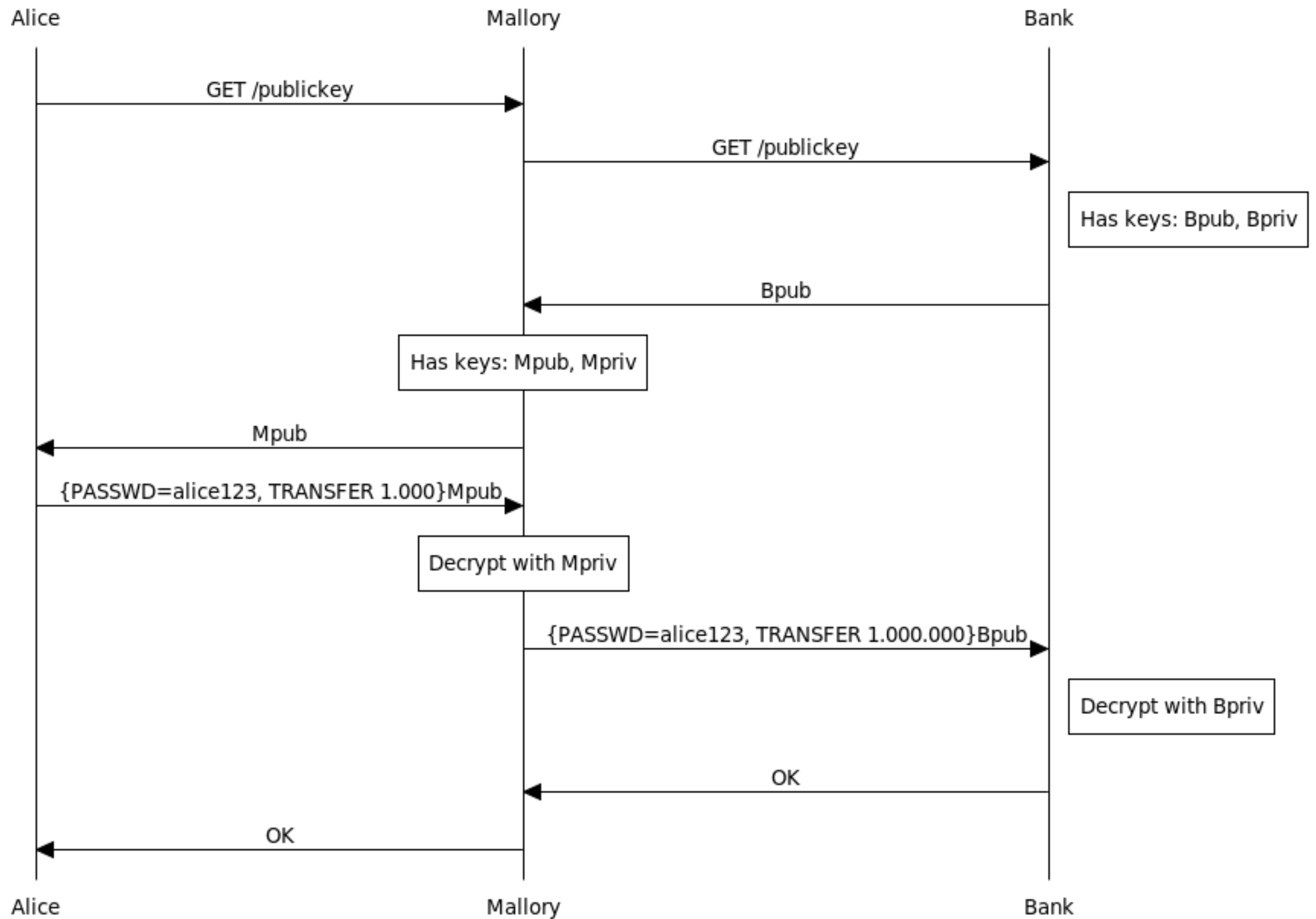
- I'm a bank; my clients net secure net-banking.
- I put my public key K_{pub} on my webpage.
- Clients should:
 - download the public key.
 - encrypt their requests with my public key and send it to me.
 - requests are now communicated securely.
- Yes? No?

That is, this?



Man-in-the-middle attack

- No!
- If the adversary intercepts my traffice, he can replace the public key of the bank with his own.



Besitzzeugnis.

Für ehrenvolle Teilnahme am Weltkriege 1914/18
ist auf Antrag des Preussischen Landes-Kriegerverbandes dem Kameraden

Hans Sachs, Berlin W 15

Mitglied des Deutschen Reichskriegerbundes „Knyffhäuser“
die Kriegsdenkmünze 1914/18

unter dem 19. Oktober 1933 verliehen worden.



Deutscher Reichskriegerbund „Knyffhäuser“

von Hindenburg

Generalfeldmarschall, Ehrenpräsident

[Signature]

General der Artillerie a. D., Präsident

Der Präsident des Preussischen Landes-Kriegerverbandes

Signatures & Certificates

Kameradenbund
Deutscher Soldaten

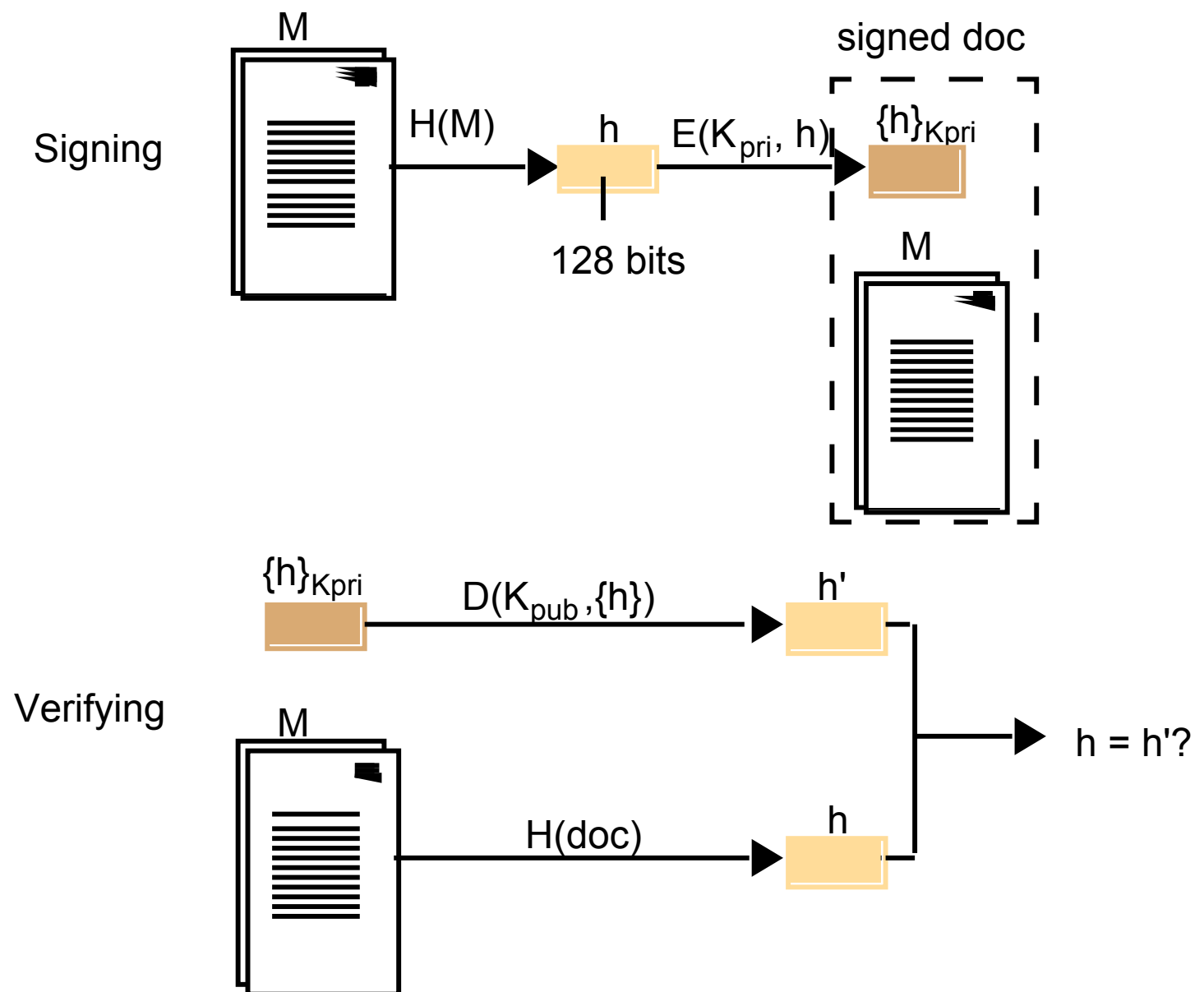
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Signatures

- Authenticity of messages (signee, contents)
- Non-repudiability of messages

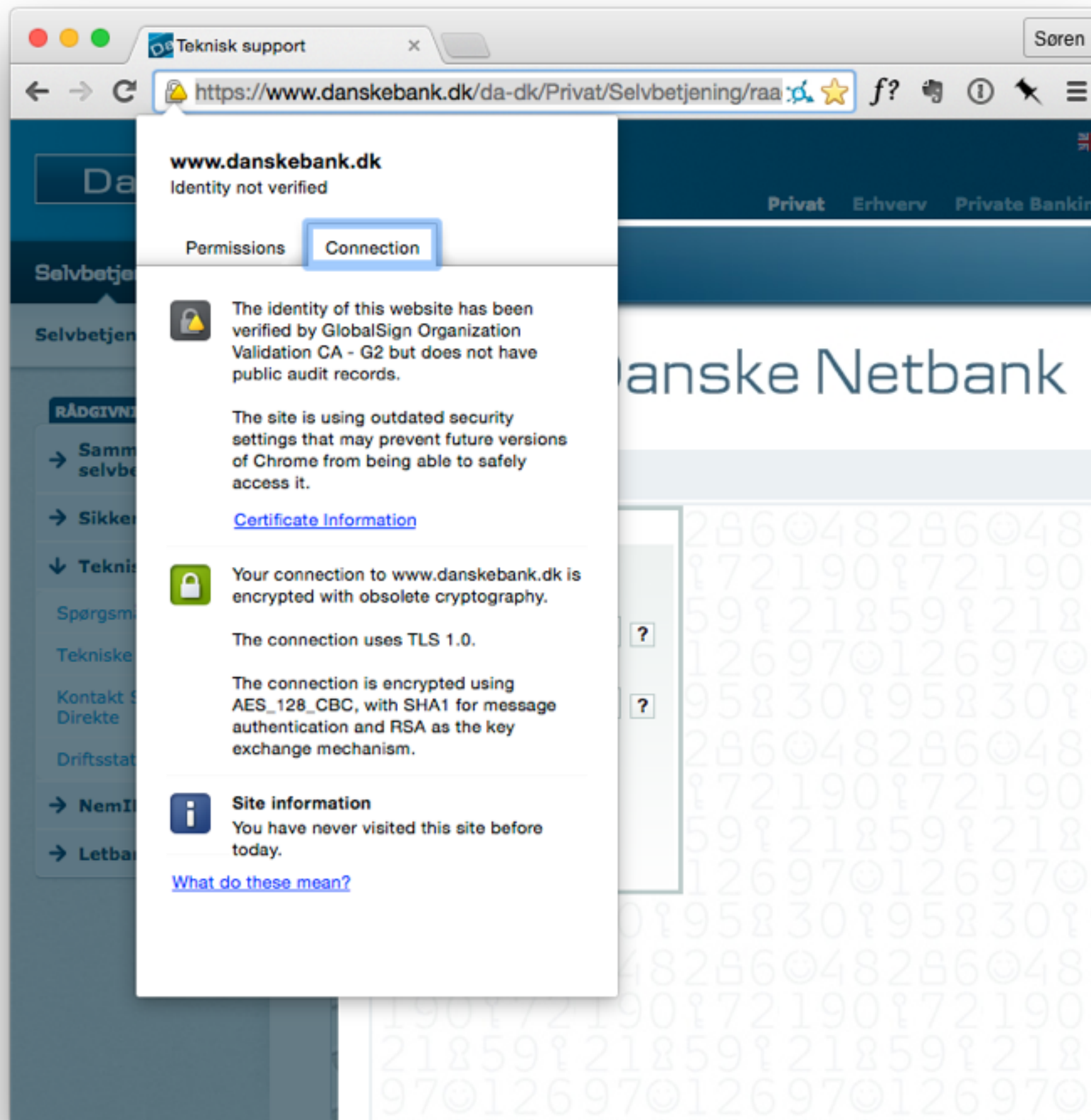
... with asymmetric scheme:

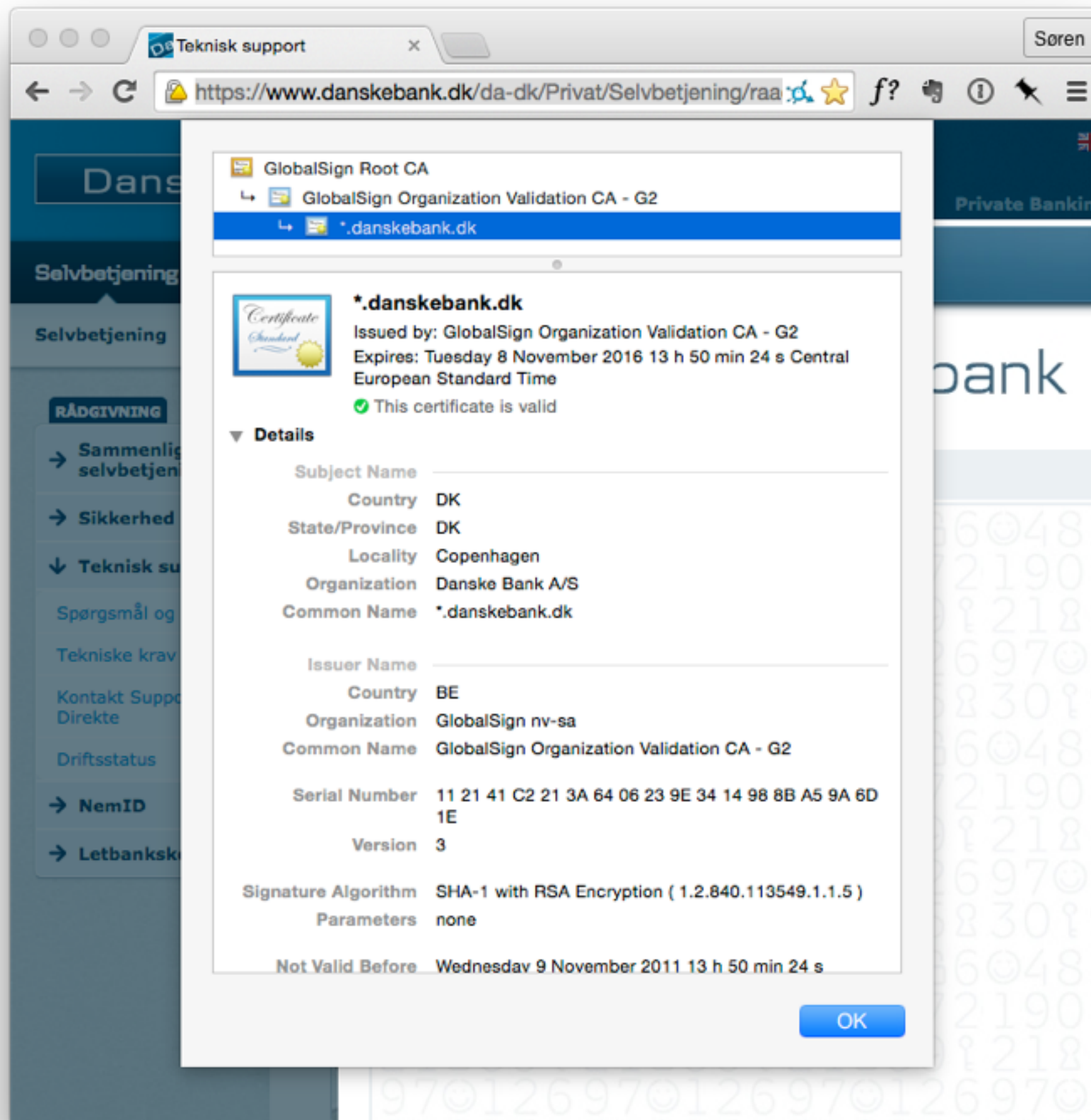
- I have keys K_{pub} , K_{priv} and a message M .
- I compute a digest (hash) $H(M)$.
- I encrypt the hash with my *private* key $S = E(K_{\text{priv}}, H(M))$
- I send $[M]_K = M, S$
- Recipient decrypts S with K_{pub} , checks himself if $H' = D(K_{\text{pub}}, S) = ? H(M)$.
- Adversary can't tamper with M , because H' won't match $H(M)$.



Certificates

- Signed public keys.
- I am a Certificate Authority. I have keys K_{pub} , K_{priv} .
- The bank “International Bank A/S” has keys B_{pub} , B_{priv} .
- I sign a message M containing B_{pub} and the words “I believe this is the public key of International Bank A/S”, producing $S = E(K_{\text{priv}}, H(M))$. This is the certificate.
- Only I have K_{priv} , so only I could have made such a certificate.
- International Bank A/S presents the certificate along K_{pub} .
- Anyone who has my public key can verify that I believe K_{pub} belongs to International Bank A/S.

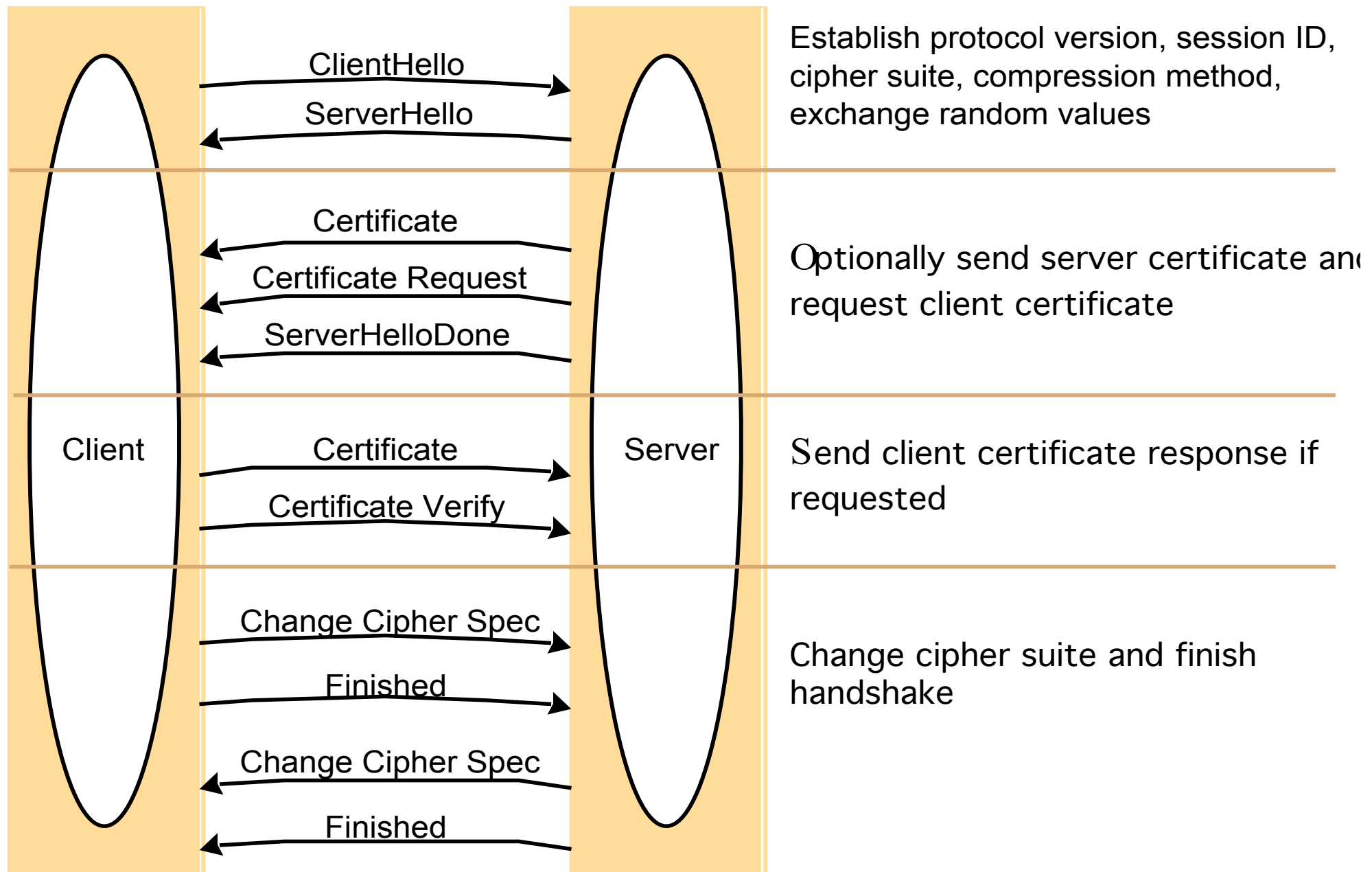




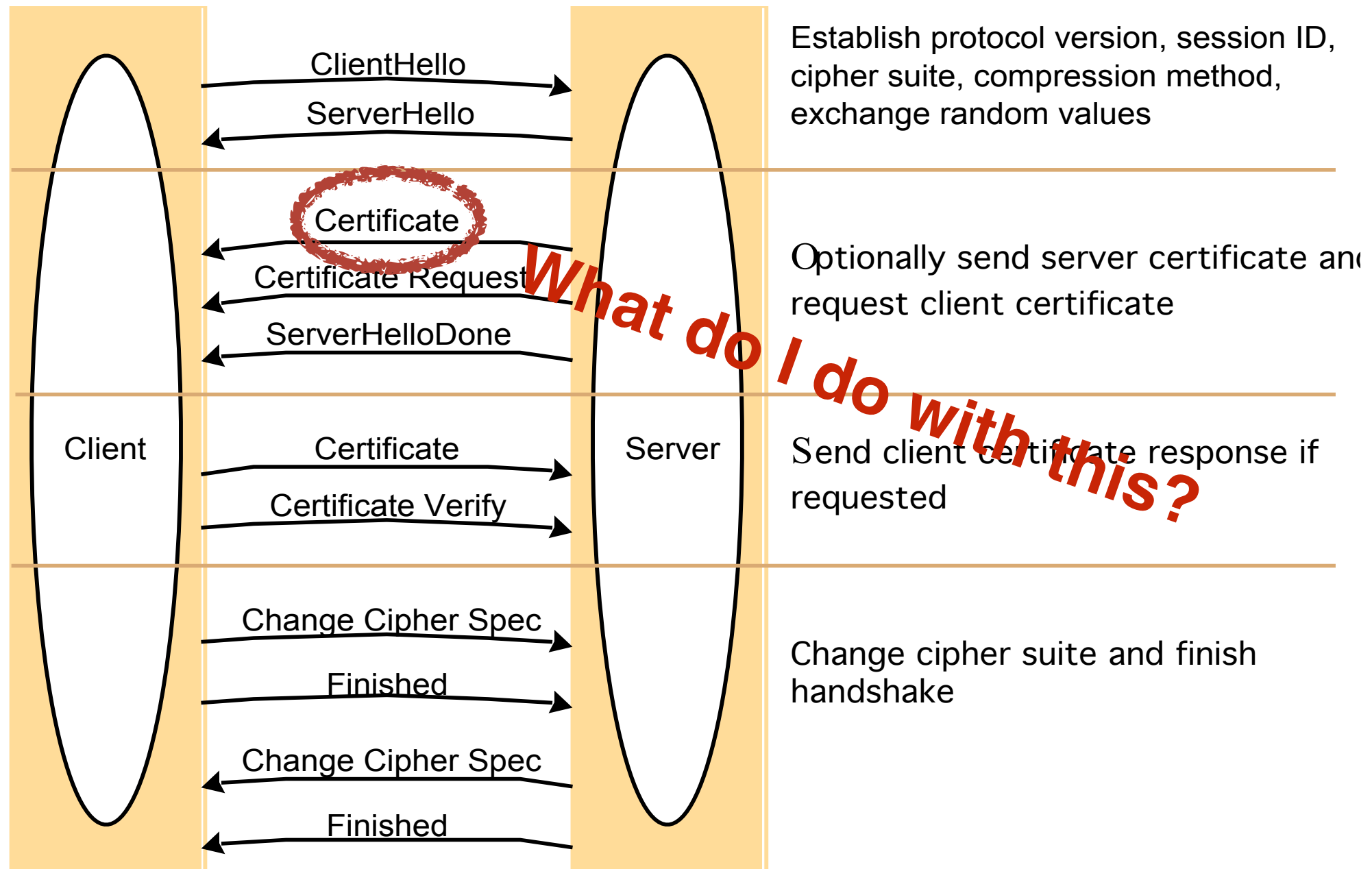
TLS

- Transport Layer Security.
- Replaces earlier SSL. (viz. Danske Bank.)
- Handshake enables
 - exchange of certificates
 - agreement on symmetric key for subsequent encrypted communication.

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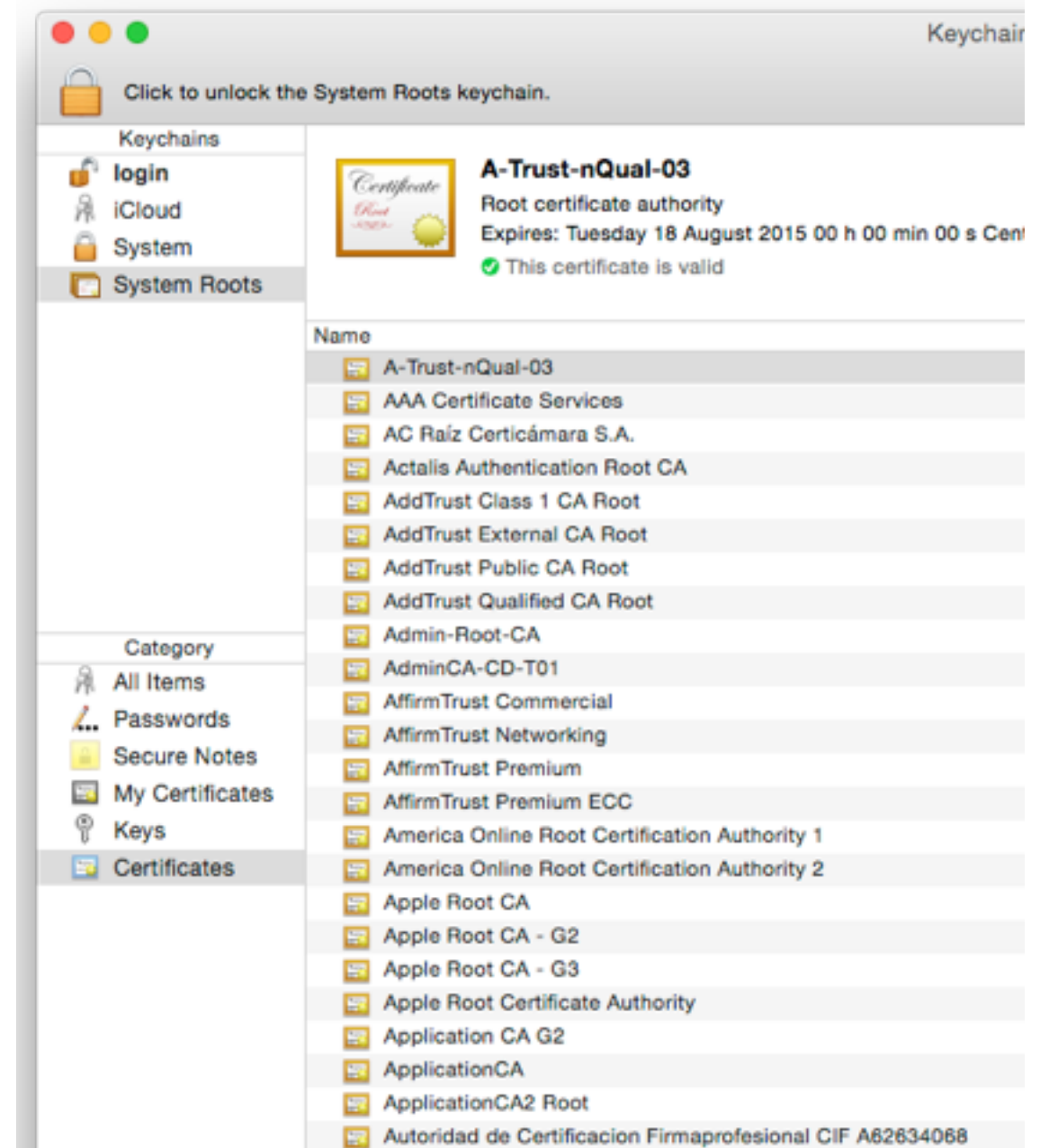


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- A certificate you receive is signed by someone.
- Hopefully that someone is someone you trust.
- So you trust the browser.

SuperFish

- Lenovo shipped machines with a self-signed root certificate from a small company called SuperFish.
- SuperFish man-in-the-middle all HTTPS traffic on the local machine in order to insert ads.
- The root-certificate was insufficiently protected; anybody can certify anything for a SuperFish compromised machine.
- Check if your Lenovo machine is affected here (bottom):
<http://arstechnica.com/security/2015/02/lenovo-pcs-ship-with-man-in-the-middle-adware-that-breaks-https-connections/>

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