

Lecture Introduction into Cyber Security

Transport Layer Security (TLS) (Part 2)

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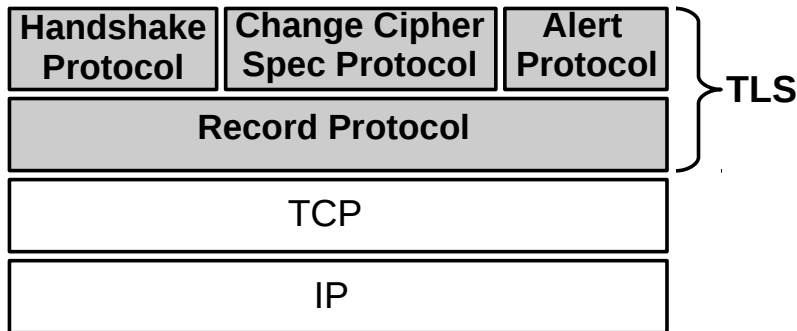
Recap: TLS Architecture (1/2)

- **Handshake Protocol**

- ▶ Assure authentication of both communication parties
- ▶ Negotiate encryption and MAC algorithms
- ▶ Negotiate shared keys used to protect application data

- **Change Cipher Spec Protocol**

- ▶ Activate the negotiated cipher suite



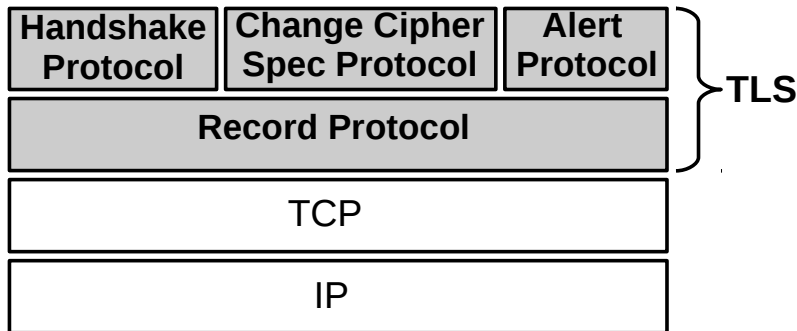
Recap: TLS Architecture (2/2)

- **Alert Protocol**

- ▶ Used to exchange TLS-related alerts between communicating parties

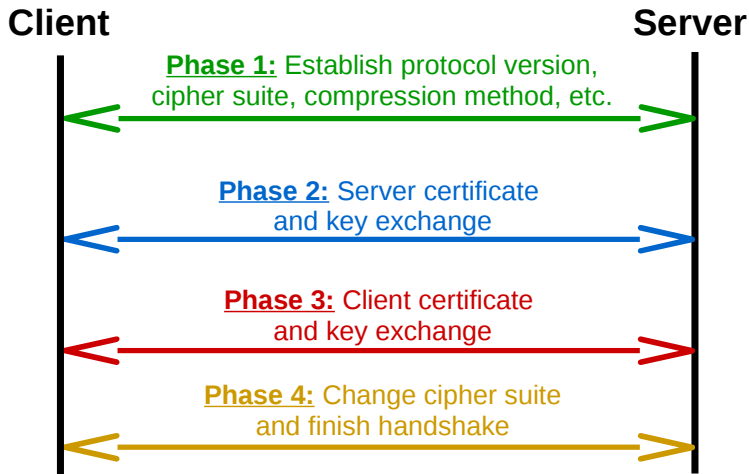
- **Record Protocol**

- ▶ Compute MAC on application data
- ▶ Encrypt application data
- ▶ Use **keys based on master secret** negotiated by the *Handshake Protocol*



Recap: Handshake Protocol

- Consist of *four phases*



Mutual vs. Server-side-only Authentication

- **Sever-side-only authentication can be reached by**
 - ▶ **RSA key exchange** with server-only authentication
 - ▶ **Ephemeral** Diffie-Hellman on **server side** and **anonymous** Diffie-Hellman on **client side**
 - ▶ **Fixed DH** on server-side and **anonymous** DH on client side
- **Mutual authentication is reached when**
 - ▶ Client and server **use Ephemeral** Diffie-Hellman
 - ▶ Client and server **use fixed** Diffie-Hellman
 - ▶ Server uses **Ephemeral** Diffie-Hellman and client uses **fixed** Diffie-Hellman
- **Which alternative is used is determined by the server**
 - ▶ If the server requests **certificate** from the client, **mutual authentication** is used

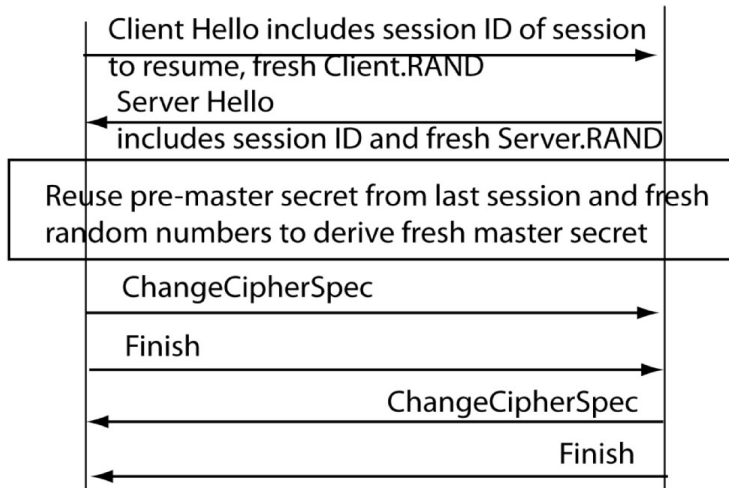
Session Resumption: Overview

- **TLS session** setup has **substantial overhead**
- **Randomness** generation by client and server is required
- **Transmission of certificates** by server (and client)
- **Derivation** of master **secret** and derived **keys** by client and server
- **Problems**
 - ▶ Significant **performance penalty** (mainly on server)
 - ▶ Server vulnerable to **clogging attacks**
- **Servers can resume sessions**
 - ▶ If client makes many **connections to same server**
 - ▶ Server and client can **re-use** `pre_master_secret` **from previous connections**

Session Resumption: Handshake

Client

Server



Session Resumption based on SessionTickets

- Servers do not need to keep track of session IDs
- Server sends encrypted session-state data to the client, i.e., *ticket*
- Client caches the ticket along with the master secret
- In case of session resumption, client presents ticket back to the server

| Client | | Server |
|---|---------|--|
| ClientHello (empty SessionTicket extension)-----> | | ServerHello (empty SessionTicket extension) Certificate* ServerKeyExchange* CertificateRequest* <----- ServerHelloDone |
| Certificate* ClientKeyExchange CertificateVerify* [ChangeCipherSpec] Finished -----> | | NewSessionTicket [ChangeCipherSpec] Finished <----- |
| Application Data | <-----> | Application Data |

TLS Heartbeat Protocol

- *Heartbeat*: Periodic signal generated by hardware or software to indicate normal operation
- **Heartbeat Protocol**
 - ▶ Run on top of TLS Record Protocol
 - ▶ Consist of two message types: heartbeat_request and heartbeat_response
 - ▶ Use of the protocol negotiated in Phase 1 of the handshake
 - ▶ Heartbeat response contains exact copy of heartbeat request payload
 - ▶ *Purpose of the protocol*
 - Assure sender that the recipient is still alive
 - Generate activity across connection during idle periods
 - Avoid closure by firewalls which do not tolerate idle connections

Datagram Transport Layer Security (DTLS)

- Provide security for applications running upon UDP
- Include additional mechanisms to deal with
 - ▶ *Packet reordering*
 - Inclusion of explicit sequence number in DTLS record
 - If next record is not the expected one, it is queued for future handling
 - ▶ *Packet loss*
 - Make use of simple retransmission timer
 - Records are retransmitted when the timer expires

Changes in TLSv1.3

- **Remove support for number of options and functions**

- ▶ Compression
- ▶ Ciphers that do not offer authenticated encryption
- ▶ Static RSA and Diffie-Hellman exchange
- ▶ Change Cipher Spec Protocol

- **Use of Diffie-Hellman or Elliptic Curve Diffie-Hellman**

- ▶ Does not permit RSA any more

- **Reduce number of packets sent during handshake**

- ▶ Client sends its crypto parameters for key exchange before cipher suite has been negotiated
- ▶ Server calculates the master secret before sending its first response

TLS/SSL: Conclusion

- **Protocol suite providing**
 - ▶ Integrity and encryption of application data
 - ▶ Authentication of identities of both communicating parties
- **TLS is standardized version of Secure Socket Layer (SSL)**
- **Executes four-phase handshake to negotiate keys**
 - ▶ RSA algorithm
 - ▶ Fixed Diffie-Hellman algorithm
 - ▶ Ephemeral Diffie-Hellman algorithm
 - ▶ Anonymous Diffie-Hellman algorithm
- **Support session resumptions**
- **But: Validation done by application, not by TLS/SSL**