



Web Security

PART II: TLS/SSL

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Outline

- How SSL/TLS protocols work
- Various attacks on SSL/TLS variants
- TLS 1.3

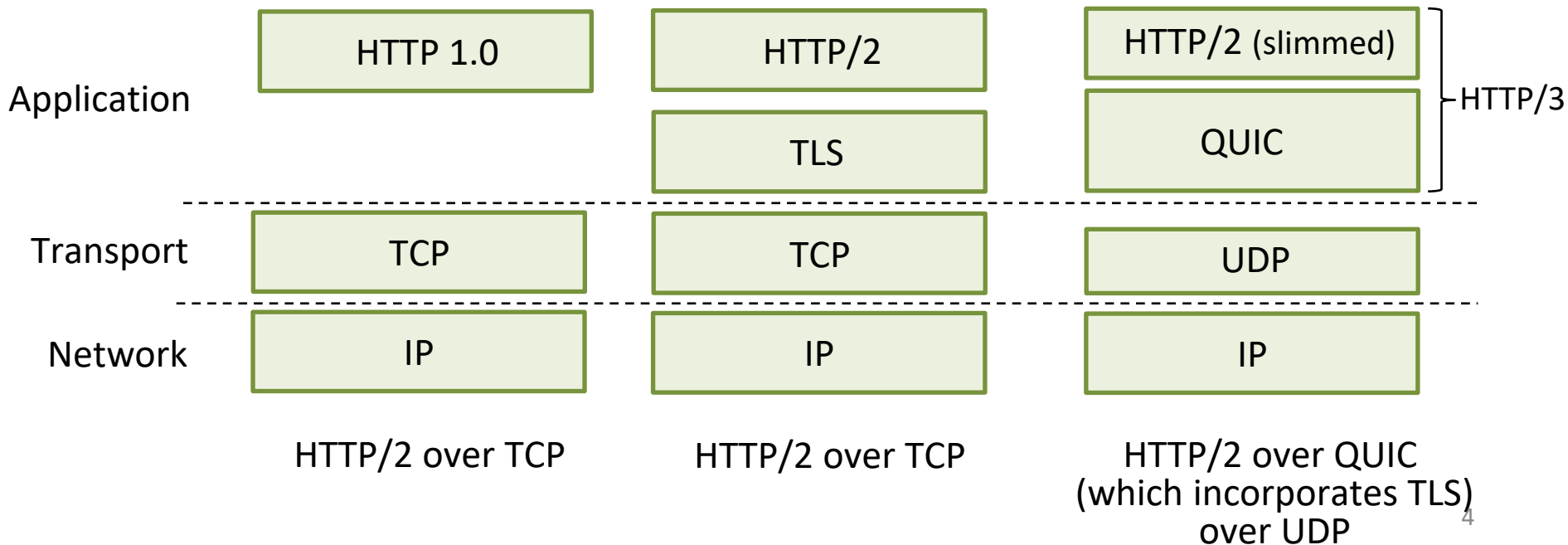
Transport Layer Security (TLS)

- Widely deployed security protocol above the transport layer
 - Supported by almost all browsers, web servers: https (port 443)
 - Primarily used with TCP (reliability and in-sequence delivery)
 - Datagram TLS (DTLS) variant for use with UDP/SCTP/SRTP/CAPWAP
- Provides:
 - **confidentiality**: via *symmetric encryption*
 - **integrity**: via *cryptographic hashing*
 - **authentication**: via *public key cryptography*

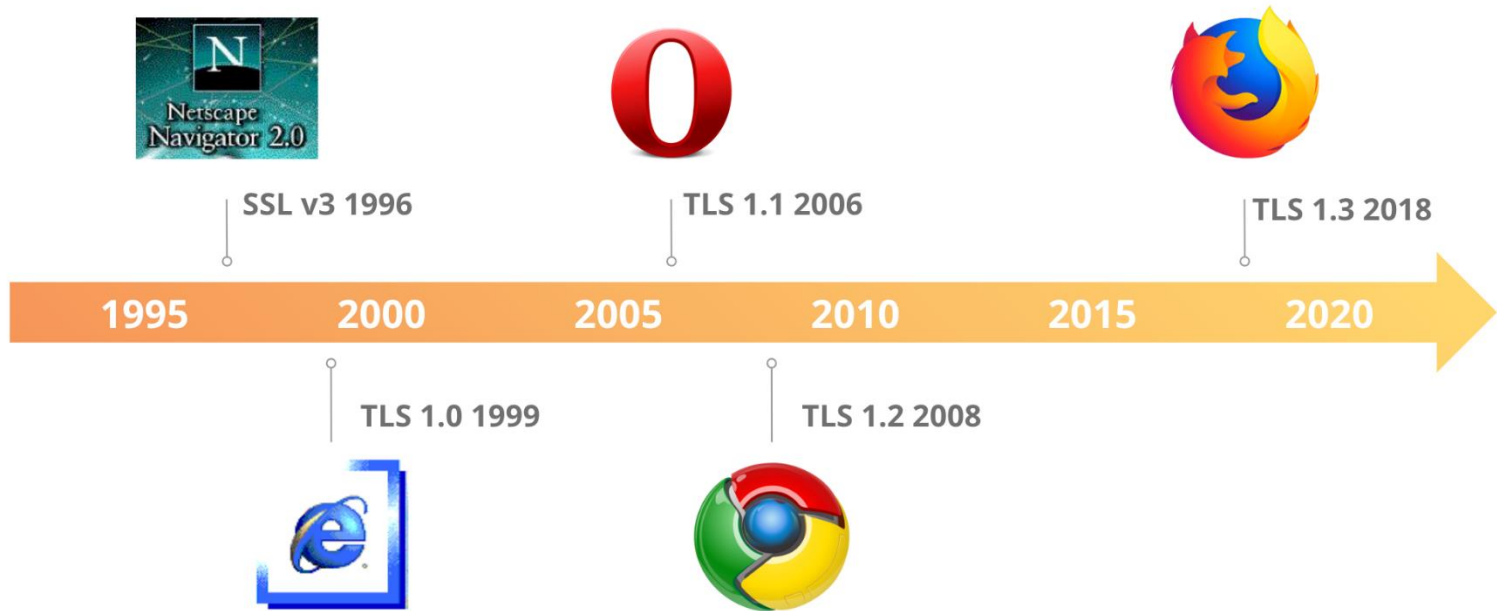
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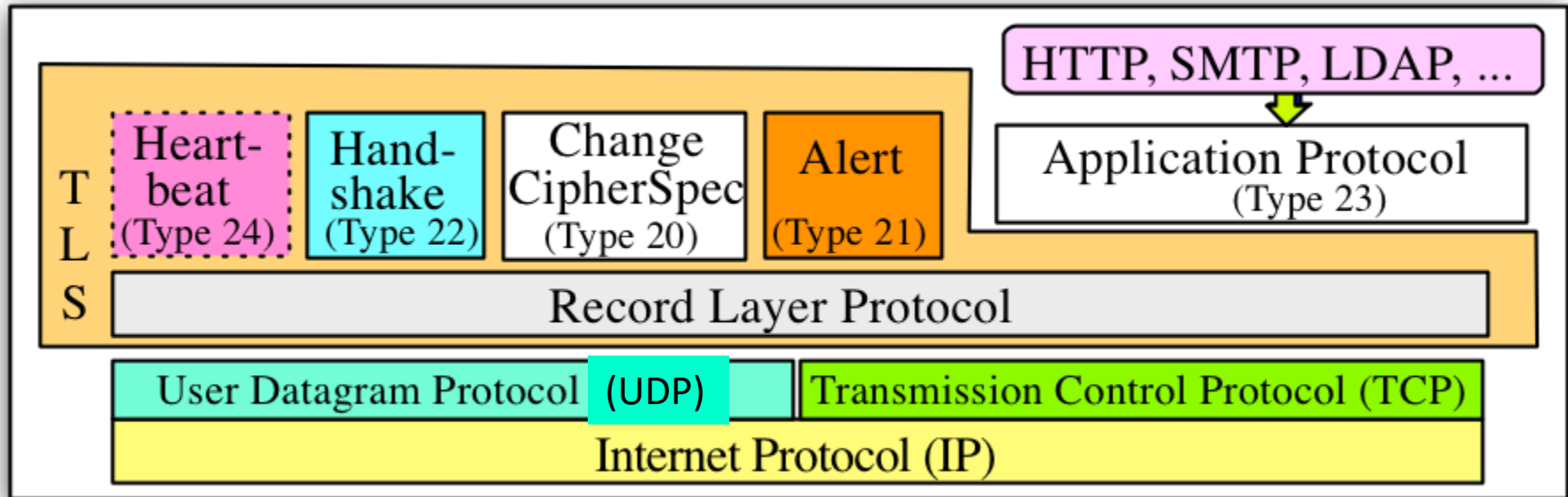
- TLS provides an API that *any* application can use
- HTTP view of TLS:



SSL/TLS Variants



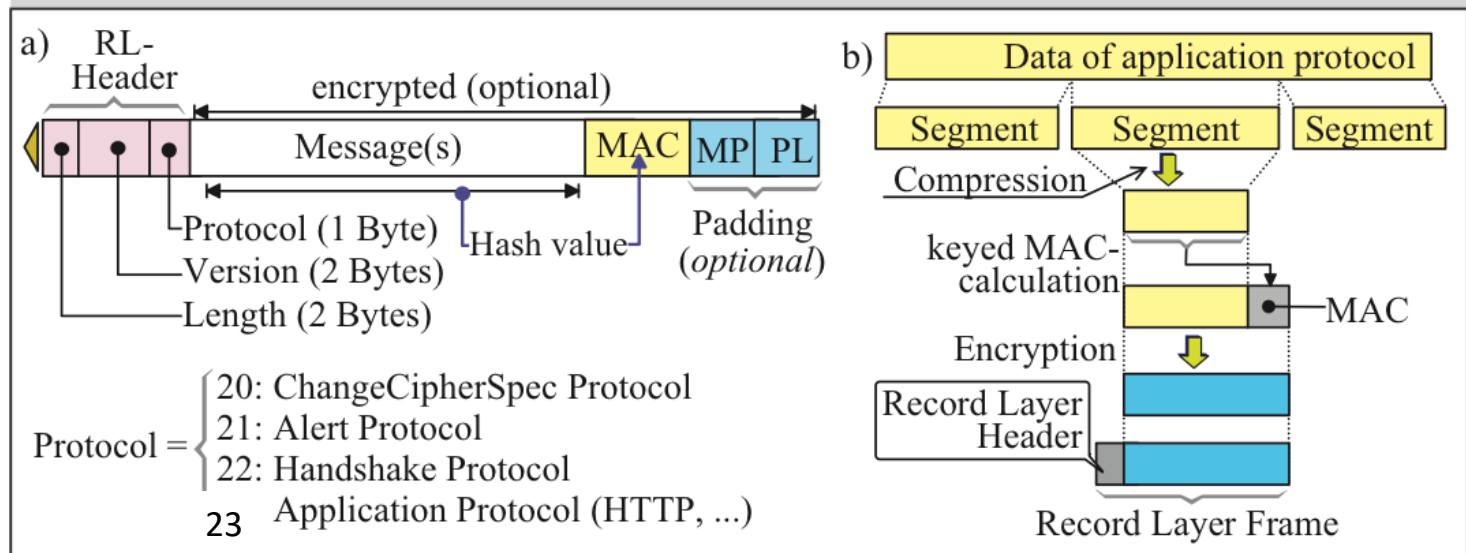
Layered Architecture of TLS



<https://www.fehcom.de/gmail/smtptls.html>

TLS: Record Layer

- RL is the workhorse of TLS
 - *fragment* the application data into segments
 - Compression of segments
 - Integrity by adding MAC, padding (if needed), Encryption
 - Finally, adding required RL Header



Four Phases of TLS Handshake Protocol

❖ Phase-1

Both ends agree upon Cipher Suite

- TLS_RSA_WITH_AES_256_CBC_SHA256
- TLS_DHE_RSA_WITH_AES_256_CBC_SHA256
- AEAD_AES_256_GCM_SHA384 (TLS 1.3)

❖ Phase-2

Server sends its digital Cert signed by a CA

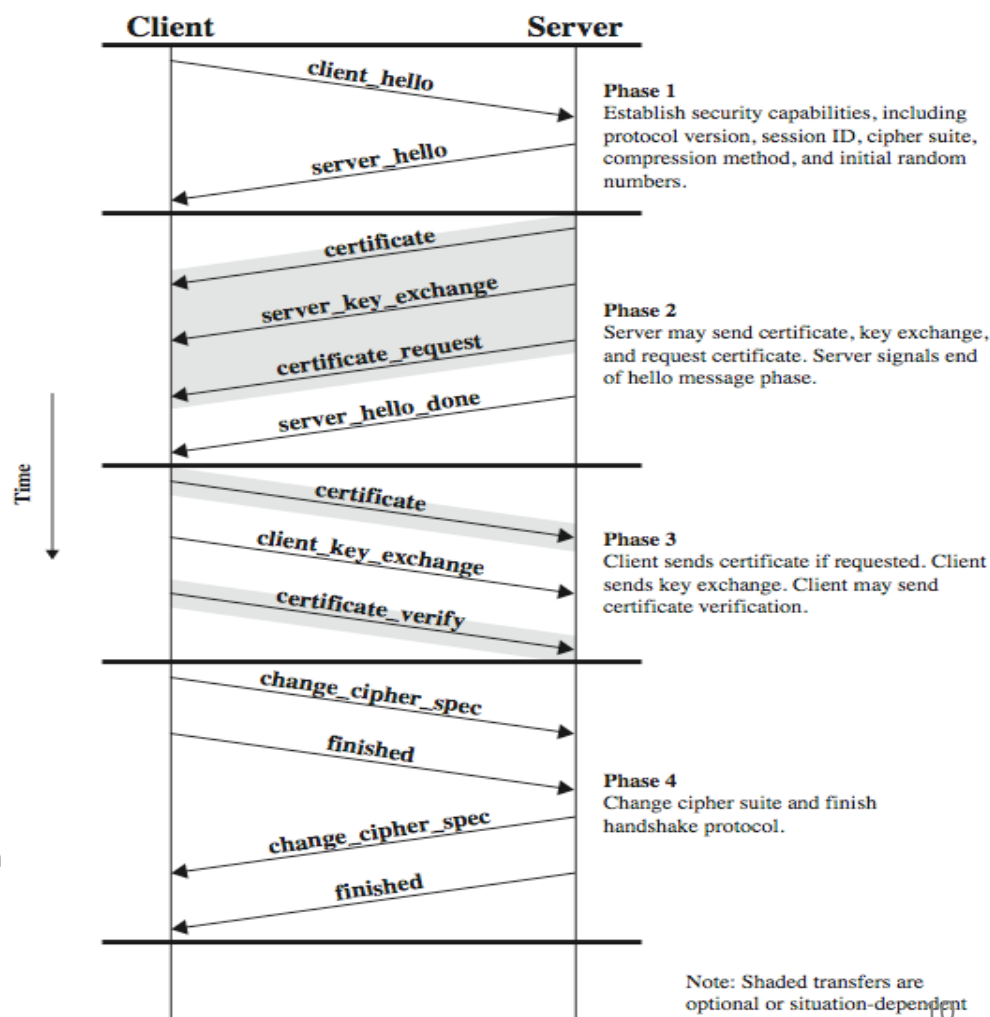
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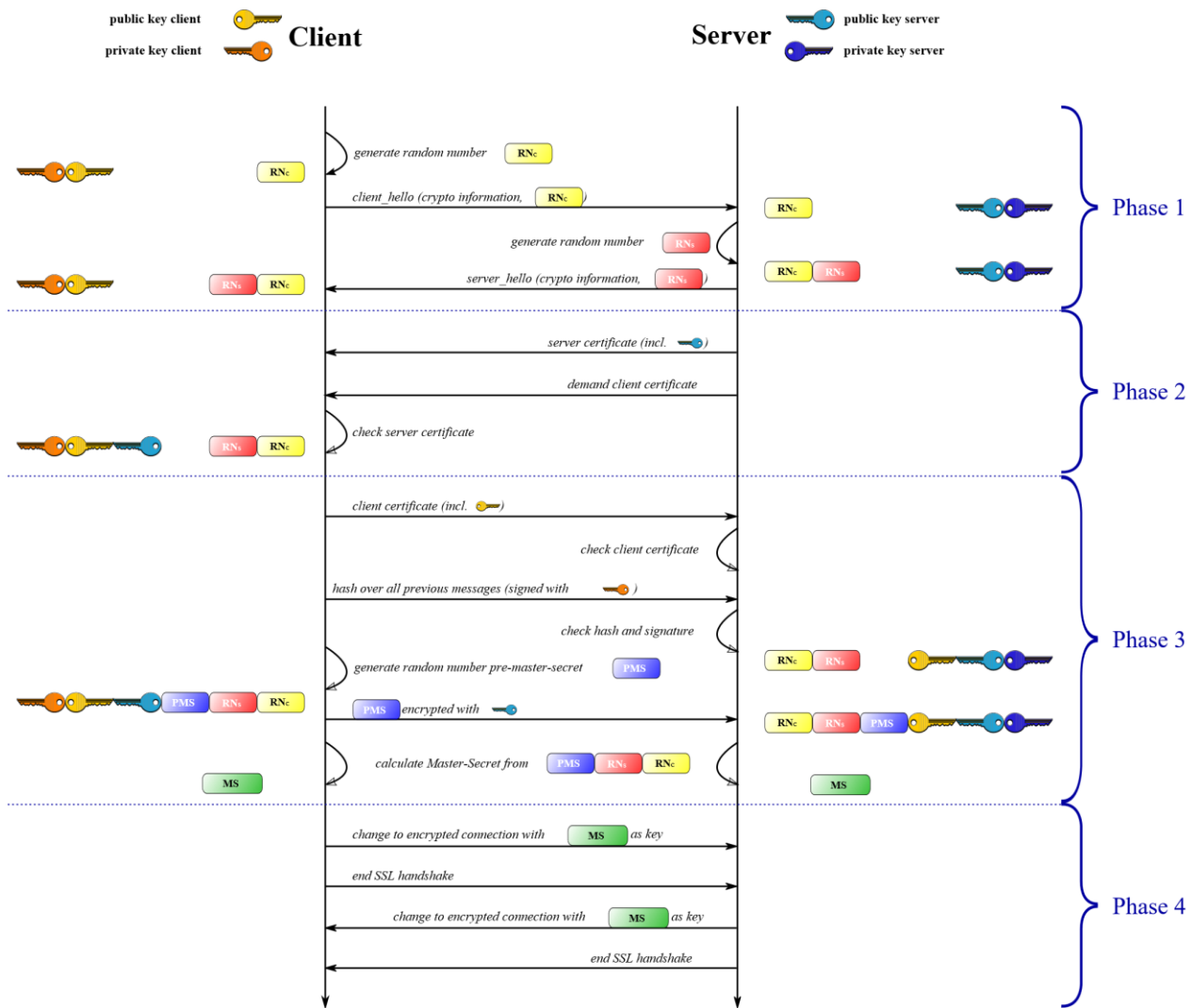
Client sends a secret master key encrypted with Server's public key

Client may also send a signed hash of all of its previous messages in Cert_Verify msg

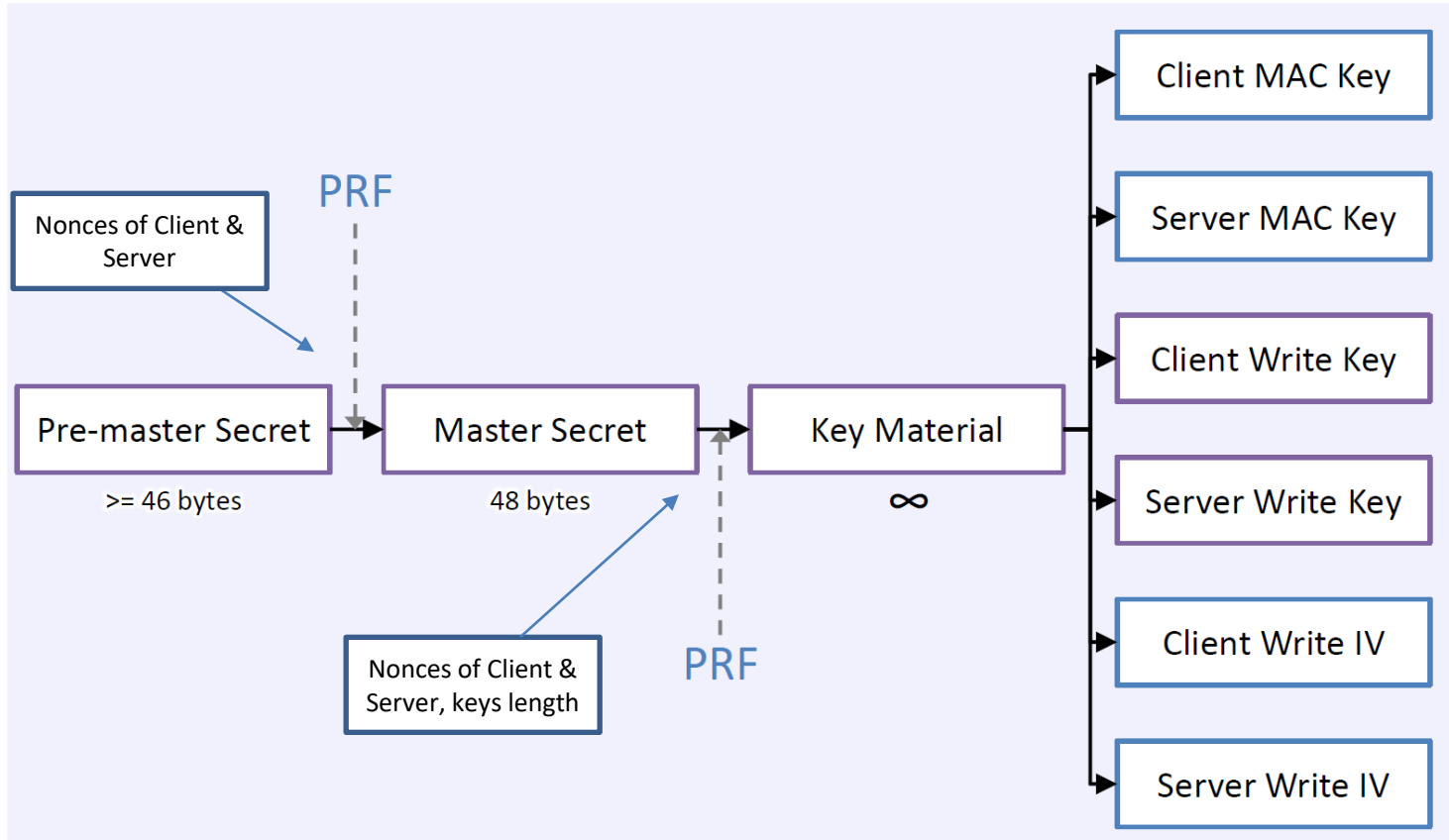
❖ Phase-4

Handshake is completed and a secure connection is established

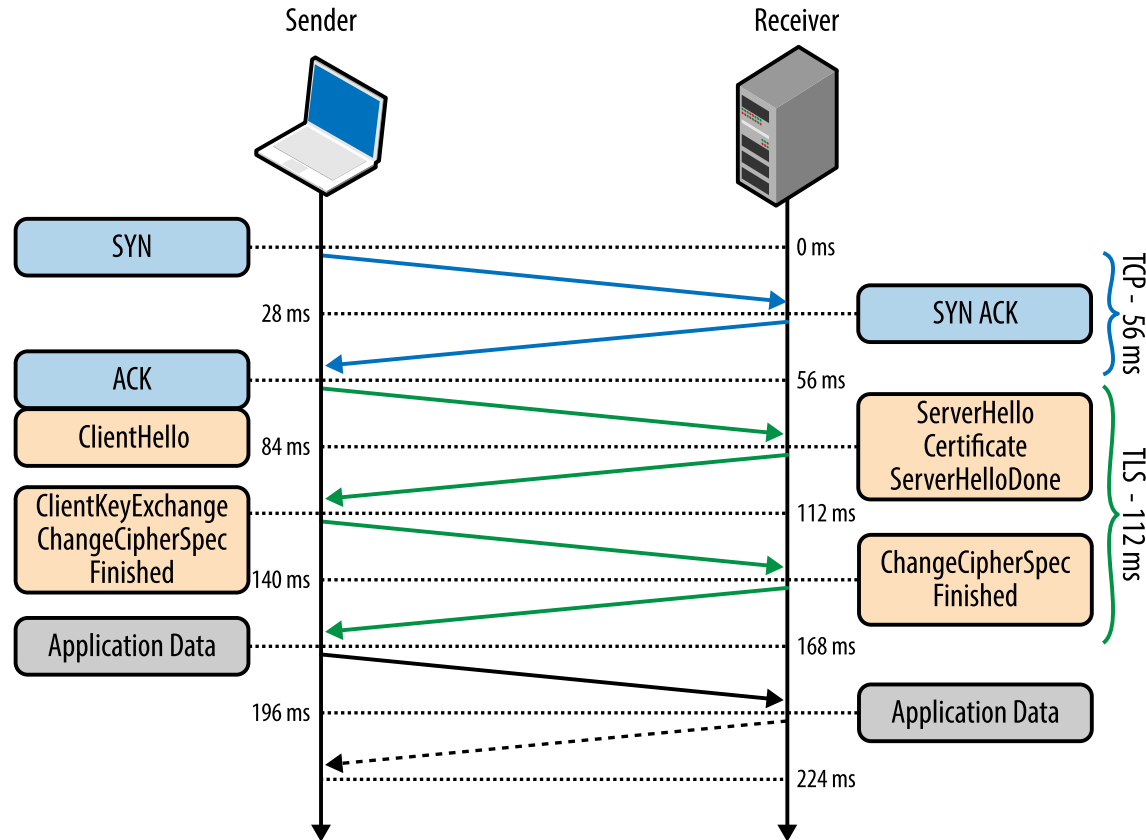




Key Generation in TLS 1.2



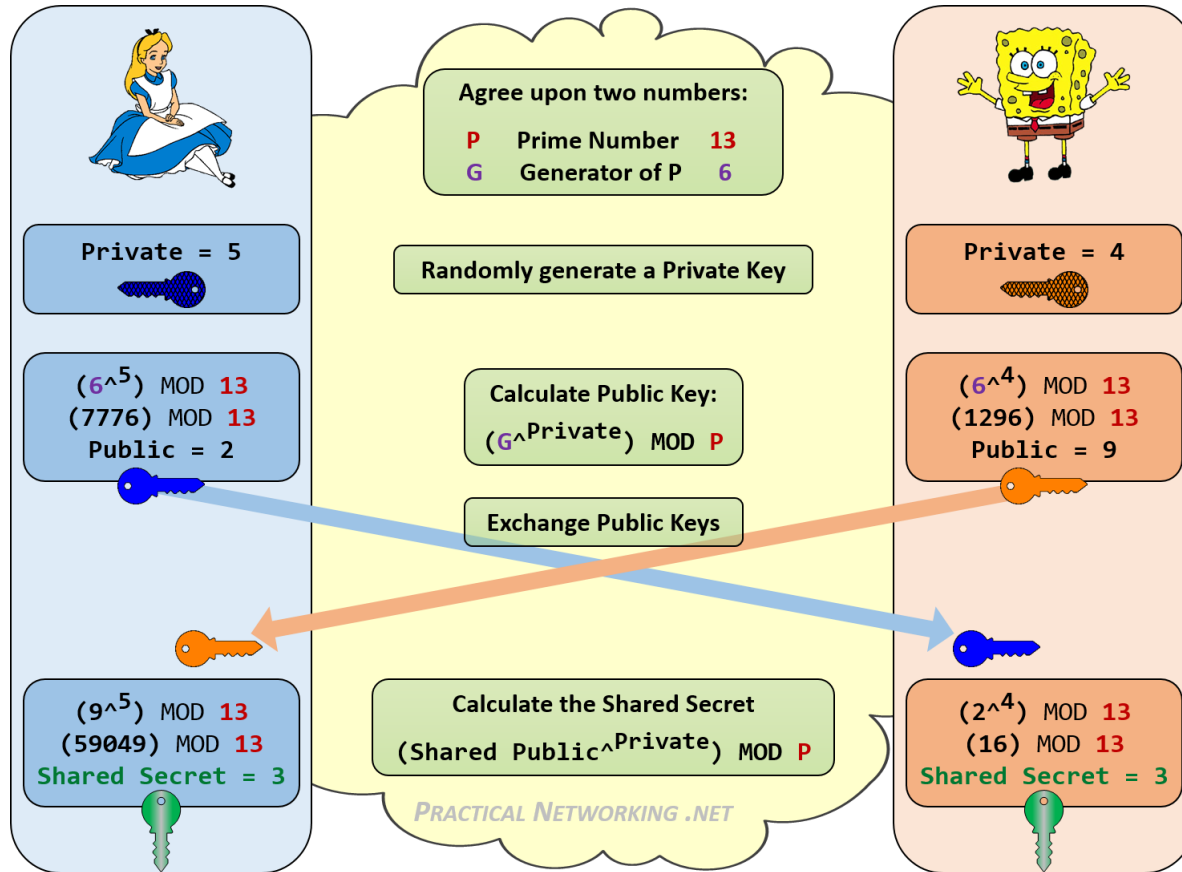
Full TLS 1.2 handshake with timing information



TLS: Guarding against simple attacks

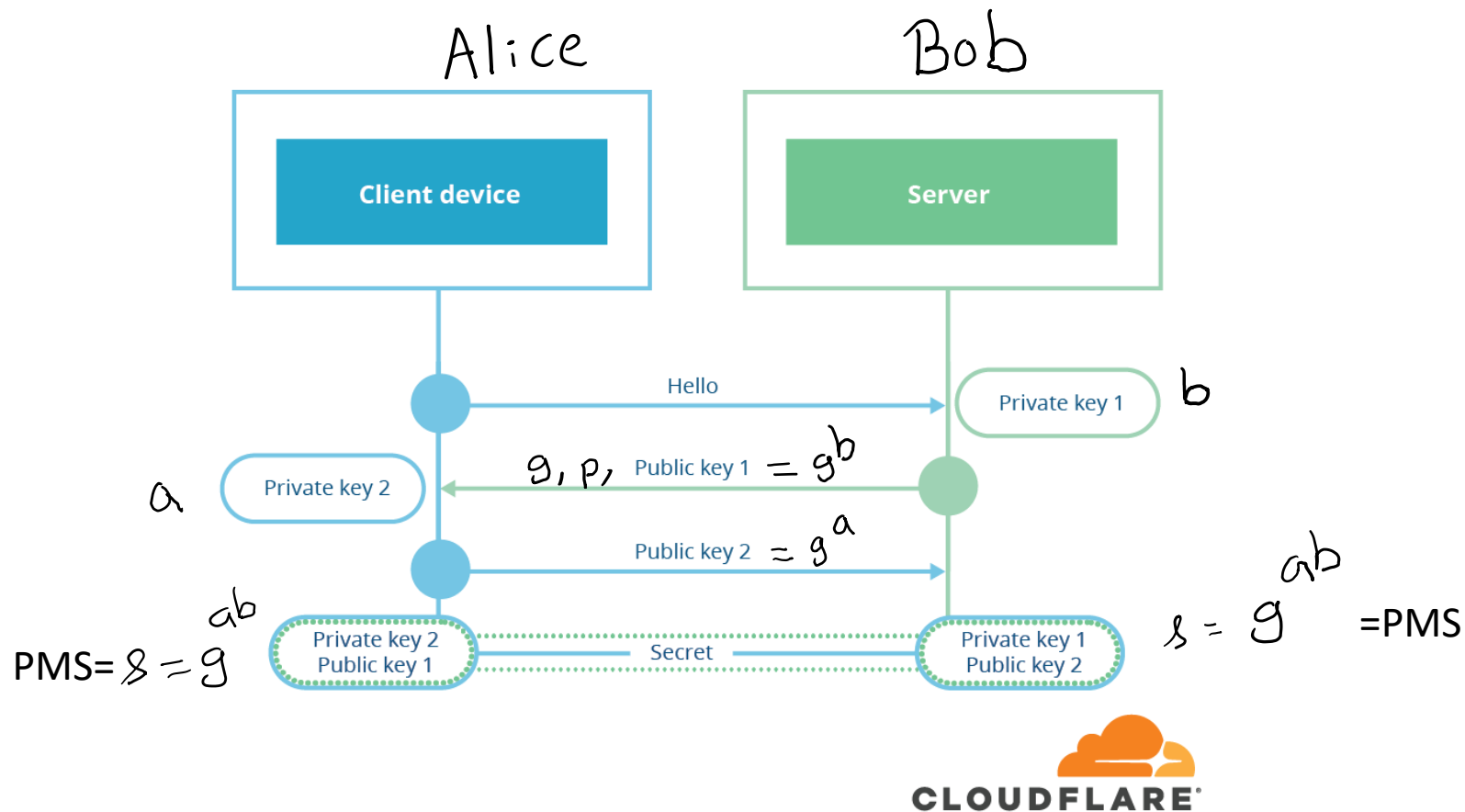
- Role of random numbers (nonces) in TLS handshake
 - Protect against connection/session replay attacks
- Role of sequence numbers in TLS session
 - Different from TCP Sequence Numbers, not added explicitly into Record Protocol Header
 - Protect against segment replay attacks
 - Protect against segment reordering or deletion by modifying TCP Sequence Numbers

Diffie-Hellman Key Exchange



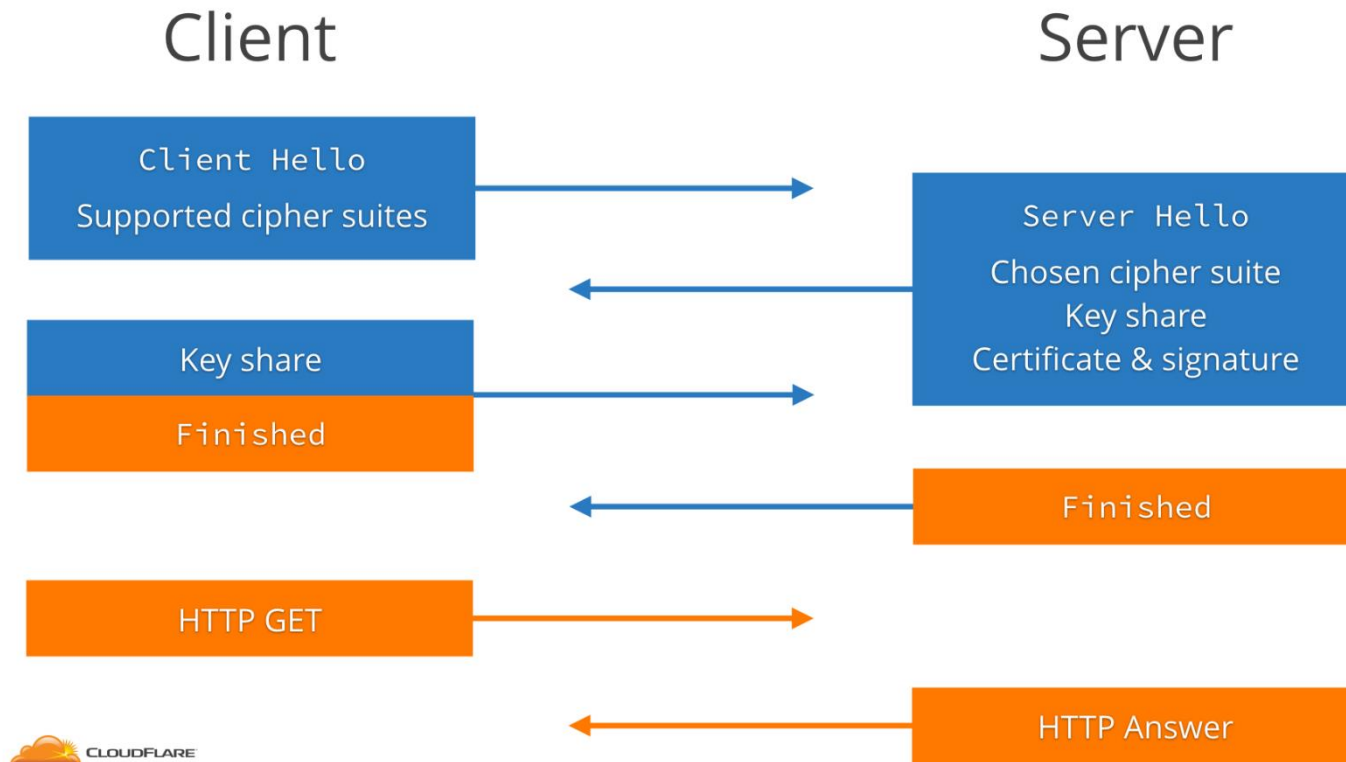
Note: Only a key exchange algo; Can't be useful for Authentication

DH 1.2 handshake



Note: No exchange of PMS unlike when RSA is used for key exchange

TLS 1.2 (ECDHE)



Diffie-Hellman in SSL/TLS

- Fixed or Static Diffie-Hellman
 - Server's public DH paras like g , p and public key (g^b) are kept in Digital Cert and signed by CA
 - CipherSuite: TLS_DH_RSA_WITH_AES_128_CBC_SHA256
 - No Perfect Forward Secrecy (PFS)
- Ephemeral Diffie-Hellman
 - Server and client generate fresh DH keypairs for each session
 - Public DH parameters for ephemeral keypairs are signed by the private key (RSA/DSS) of Server
 - CipherSuite: TLS_DHE_RSA_WITH_AES_256_CBC_SHA256
 - Offers PFS
- Anonymous Diffie-Hellman
 - No authentication, possible MITM attacks
 - CipherSuite: TLS_DH_anon_WITH_AES_256_CBC_SHA256

Comparison of Cipher Suites

- TLS_RSA_WITH_AES_256_CBC_SHA256
 - Static RSA keys for authentication and session key exchange
 - PMS is encrypted with Server's Public RSA key
 - No PFS
 - No Server Key Exchange Msg in TLS handshake
- TLS_DHE_RSA_WITH_AES_256_CBC_SHA256
 - Static RSA keys for authentication
 - DH with ephemeral key pairs for session key exchange
 - Server Key Exchange Msg in TLS handshake carries public DH parameters
 - PMS (g^{ab}) is never exchanged, but locally derived by both
 - Offers PFS

Note: Static RSA keys for authentication and ephemeral RSA keys for key exchange offer PFS but never used as DHE/ECDHE are more efficient

TLS 1.2 Cipher Suites (RFC 5246)

Cipher Suite	Key Exchange	Cipher	Mac
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TLS_NULL_WITH_NULL_NULL	NULL	NULL	NULL
TLS_RSA_WITH_NULL_MD5	RSA	NULL	MD5
TLS_RSA_WITH_NULL_SHA	RSA	NULL	SHA
TLS_RSA_WITH_NULL_SHA256	RSA	NULL	SHA256
TLS_RSA_WITH_RC4_128_MD5	RSA	RC4_128	MD5
TLS_RSA_WITH_RC4_128_SHA	RSA	RC4_128	SHA
TLS_RSA_WITH_3DES_EDE_CBC_SHA	RSA	3DES_EDE_CBC	SHA
TLS_RSA_WITH_AES_128_CBC_SHA	RSA	AES_128_CBC	SHA
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TLS_RSA_WITH_AES_128_CBC_SHA256	RSA	AES_128_CBC	SHA256
TLS_RSA_WITH_AES_256_CBC_SHA256	RSA	AES_256_CBC	SHA256
TLS_DH_DSS_WITH_3DES_EDE_CBC_SHA	DH_DSS	3DES_EDE_CBC	SHA
TLS_DH_RSA_WITH_3DES_EDE_CBC_SHA	DH_RSA	3DES_EDE_CBC	SHA
TLS_DHE_DSS_WITH_3DES_EDE_CBC_SHA	DHE_DSS	3DES_EDE_CBC	SHA
TLS_DHE_RSA_WITH_3DES_EDE_CBC_SHA	DHE_RSA	3DES_EDE_CBC	SHA
TLS_DH_anon_WITH_RC4_128_MD5	DH_anon	RC4_128	MD5
TLS_DH_anon_WITH_3DES_EDE_CBC_SHA	DH_anon	3DES_EDE_CBC	SHA
TLS_DH_DSS_WITH_AES_128_CBC_SHA	DH_DSS	AES_128_CBC	SHA
TLS_DH_RSA_WITH_AES_128_CBC_SHA	DH_RSA	AES_128_CBC	SHA
TLS_DHE_DSS_WITH_AES_128_CBC_SHA	DHE_DSS	AES_128_CBC	SHA
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TLS_DH_anon_WITH_AES_128_CBC_SHA	DH_anon	AES_128_CBC	SHA
TLS_DH_DSS_WITH_AES_256_CBC_SHA	DH_DSS	AES_256_CBC	SHA
TLS_DH_RSA_WITH_AES_256_CBC_SHA	DH_RSA	AES_256_CBC	SHA
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TLS_DHE_RSA_WITH_AES_256_CBC_SHA256	DHE_RSA	AES_256_CBC	SHA256
TLS_DH_anon_WITH_AES_256_CBC_SHA256	DH_anon	AES_256_CBC	SHA256

Cipher	Type	Key Material	IV Size	Block Size
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NULL	Stream	0	0	N/A
RC4_128	Stream	16	0	N/A
3DES_EDE_CBC	Block	24	8	8
AES_128_CBC	Block	16	16	16
AES_256_CBC	Block	32	16	16

MAC	Algorithm	mac_length	mac_key_length
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NULL	N/A	0	0
MD5	HMAC-MD5	16	16
SHA	HMAC-SHA1	20	20
SHA256	HMAC-SHA256	32	32

Supported Cipher Suites in Openssl

\$ openssl ciphers -v

TLS_AES_256_GCM_SHA384 TLSv1.3 Kx=any Au=any Enc=AESGCM(256) Mac=AEAD
TLS_CHACHA20_POLY1305_SHA256 TLSv1.3 Kx=any Au=any Enc=CHACHA20/POLY1305(256) Mac=AEAD
TLS_AES_128_GCM_SHA256 TLSv1.3 Kx=any Au=any Enc=AESGCM(128) Mac=AEAD
ECDHE-ECDSA-AES256-GCM-SHA384 TLSv1.2 Kx=ECDH Au=ECDSA Enc=AESGCM(256) Mac=AEAD
ECDHE-RSA-AES256-GCM-SHA384 TLSv1.2 Kx=ECDH Au=RSA Enc=AESGCM(256) Mac=AEAD
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Classification of TLS Vulnerabilities

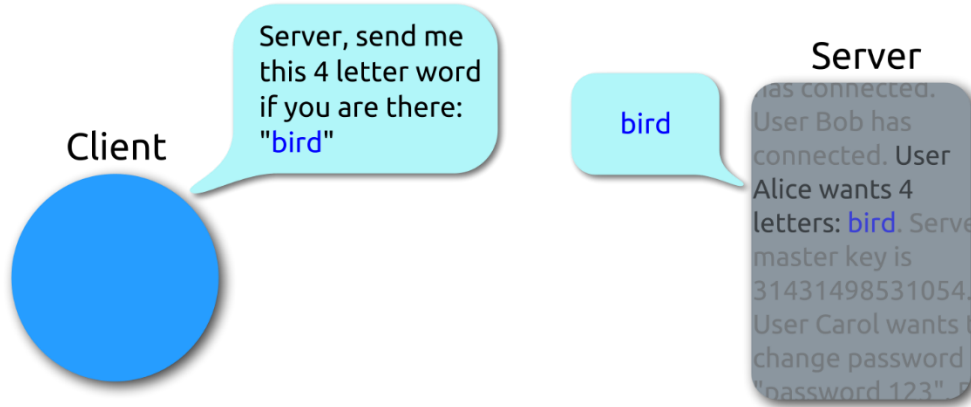
- I. Conceptual flaws in TLS and the resulting exploits
 - Protocol downgrades, connection renegotiation, session resumption, incomplete/vague specs
 - 3SHAKE, TLS Renego MITM attacks, POODLE, LOGJAM, FREAK
- II. Vulnerabilities due to using weak crypto primitives
 - Block ciphers that operate in CBC mode
 - Sweet32, ROBOT, Lucky13
- III. Implementation vulnerabilities
 - Faulty implementations gave rise to cross-layer protocol attacks and/or side channel attacks
 - BEAST, CRIME, TIME, BREACH, HEIST, SLOTH, DROWN
 - SMACK, ROCA, HeartBleed

SSL/TLS Attacks (in detail)

- Heartbleed attack
- TLS DoS/DDoS attacks
- POODLE (Padding Oracle On Downgraded Legacy Encryption)
- *FREAK: A Downgrade attack*
- TLS Renegotiation MITM attacks
- Replay attacks



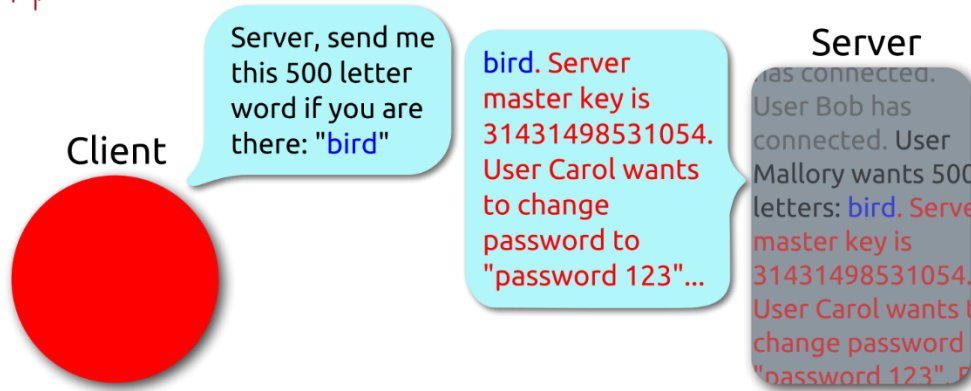
Heartbeat – Normal usage



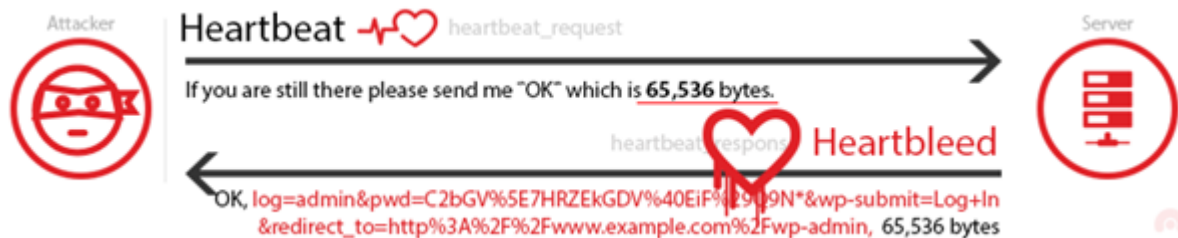
- Purpose: Proving to other party that connection is still alive by sending keep-alive messages
- It includes msg length
- Password/key leaking security bug in OpenSSL
- In 2014, affected 17% of SSL servers
- Is it design flaw in TLS?



Heartbeat – Malicious usage



SSL Heartbleed Attack

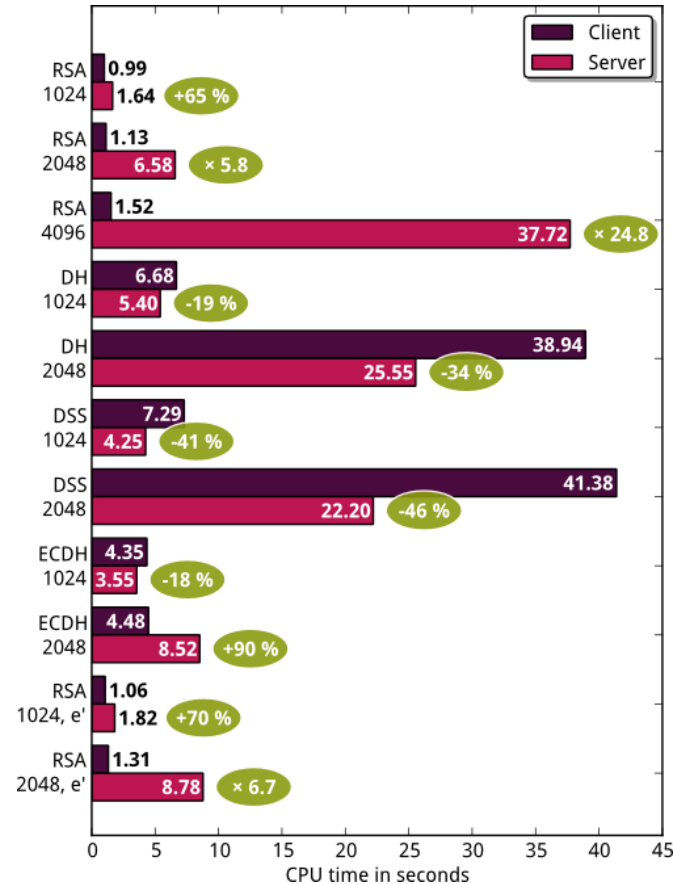


The coding mistake in OpenSSL that caused Heartbleed!
`memcpy(bp, pl, payload);`

[Prevention](#): Update to the latest version of OpenSSL and if that is not possible, recompile the already installed version with `-DOPENSSL_NO_HEARTBEATS`

SSL/TLS DoS/DDoS Attacks

- HTTPS Floods
- Launching many SSL sessions per second
 - (Bogus) SSL handshake messages consume more resources (15x) at Server than at client (attacker)
 - Client encrypts pre-master-secret which server has to decrypt in RSA based key exchange
 - Solution: Rate limit TLS handshakes per source IP address at server



Openssl speed test

\$openssl speed rsa ecdsa

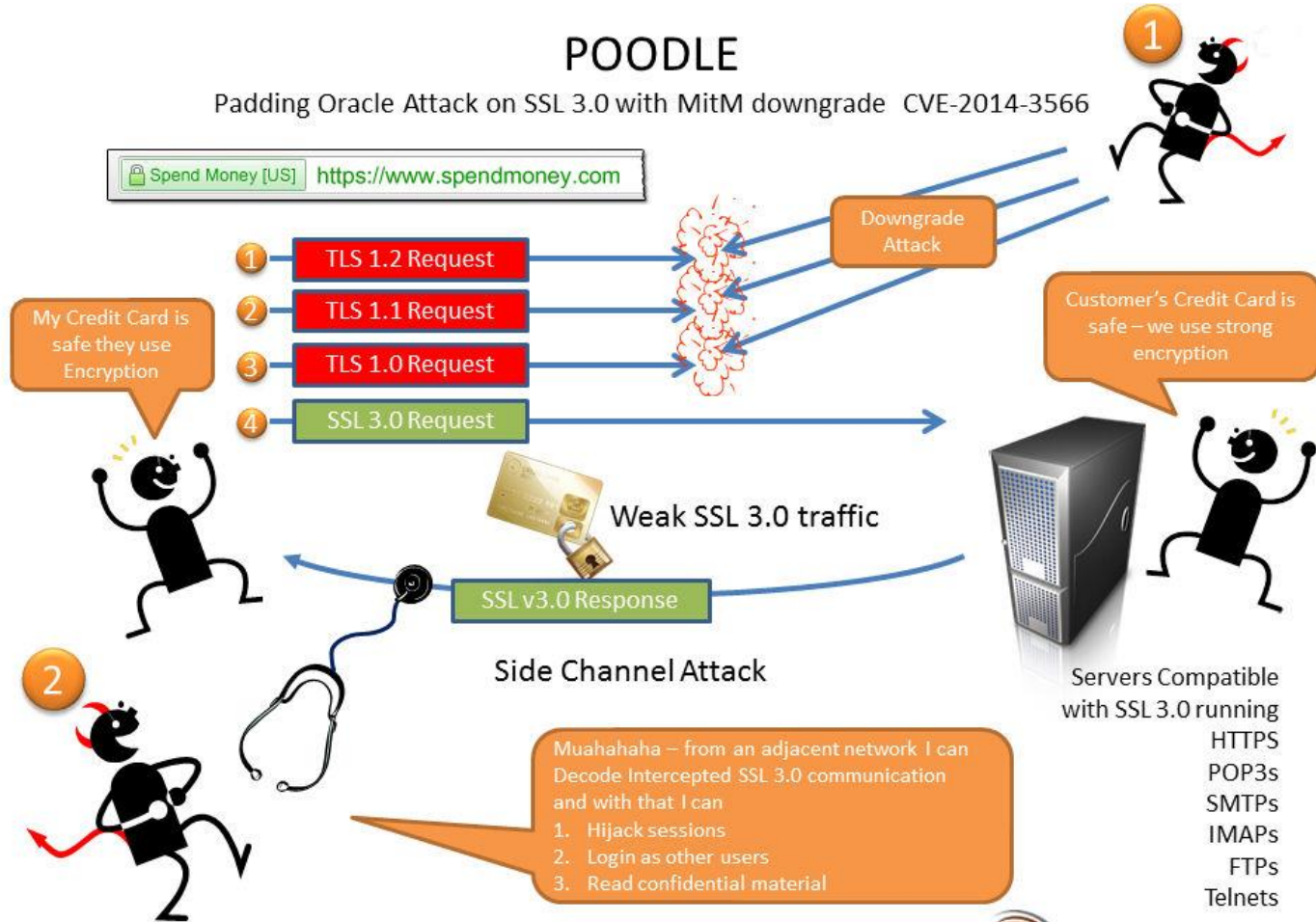
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rsa 1024 bits	0.000128s	0.000009s	7814.4	111940.4
rsa 2048 bits	0.000885s	0.000028s	1130.5	36281.7
rsa 3072 bits	0.003011s	0.000056s	332.1	17799.6
rsa 4096 bits	0.006268s	0.000099s	159.5	10088.4
rsa 7680 bits	0.054402s	0.000341s	18.4	2934.4
rsa 15360 bits	0.313750s	0.001314s	3.2	760.8

	sign	verify	sign/s	verify/s
160 bits ecdsa (secp160r1)	0.0002s	0.0002s	4482.6	5297.3
192 bits ecdsa (nistp192)	0.0003s	0.0002s	3699.6	4338.3
224 bits ecdsa (nistp224)	0.0001s	0.0001s	15738.8	7248.7
256 bits ecdsa (nistp256)	0.0000s	0.0001s	30536.6	12621.9
384 bits ecdsa (nistp384)	0.0010s	0.0007s	993.7	1351.0
521 bits ecdsa (nistp521)	0.0003s	0.0007s	2920.2	1522.8

- Also try \$openssl speed to test for all algos
- \$openssl speed -multi 2 rsa

POODLE

Padding Oracle Attack on SSL 3.0 with MitM downgrade CVE-2014-3566



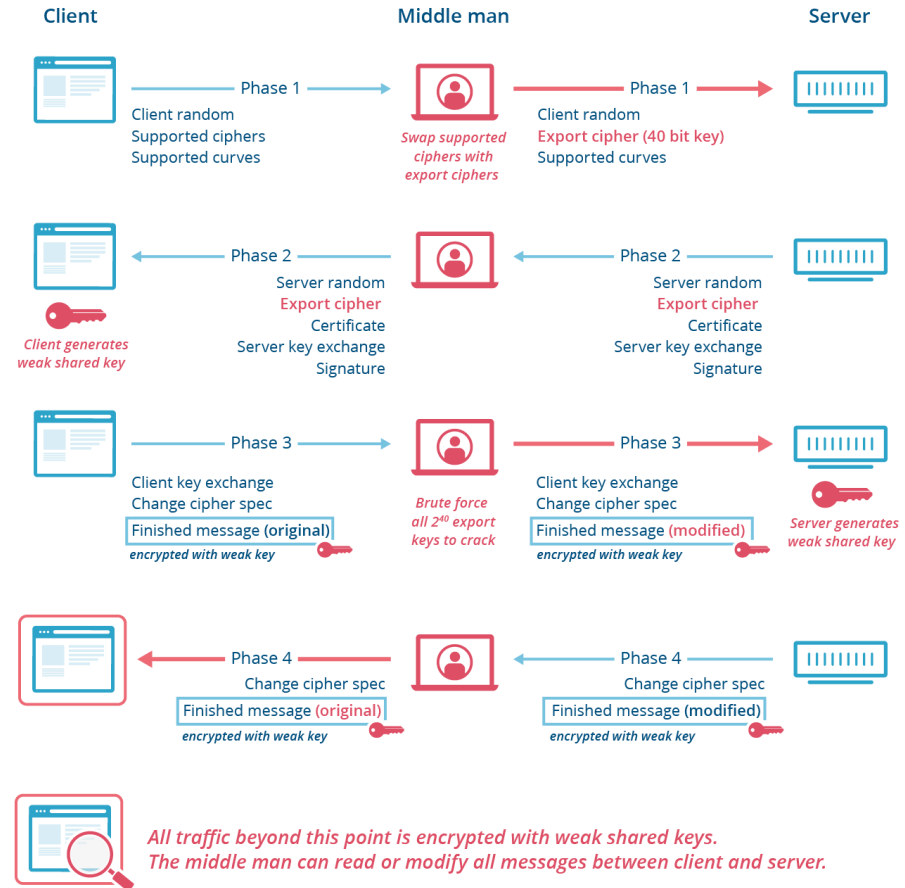
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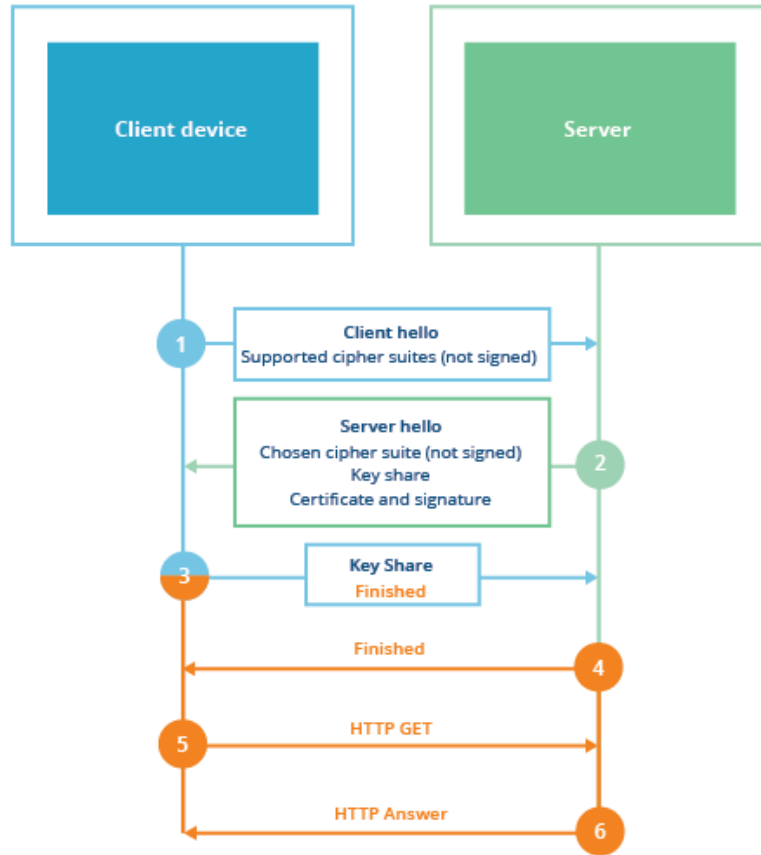
Downgrade Attack (FREAK)

- FREAK, LogJam & CurveSwap attacks took advantage of two things:
 - Support for weak ciphers in TLS 1.2
 - Part of handshake which is used to negotiate which cipher to use is not signed



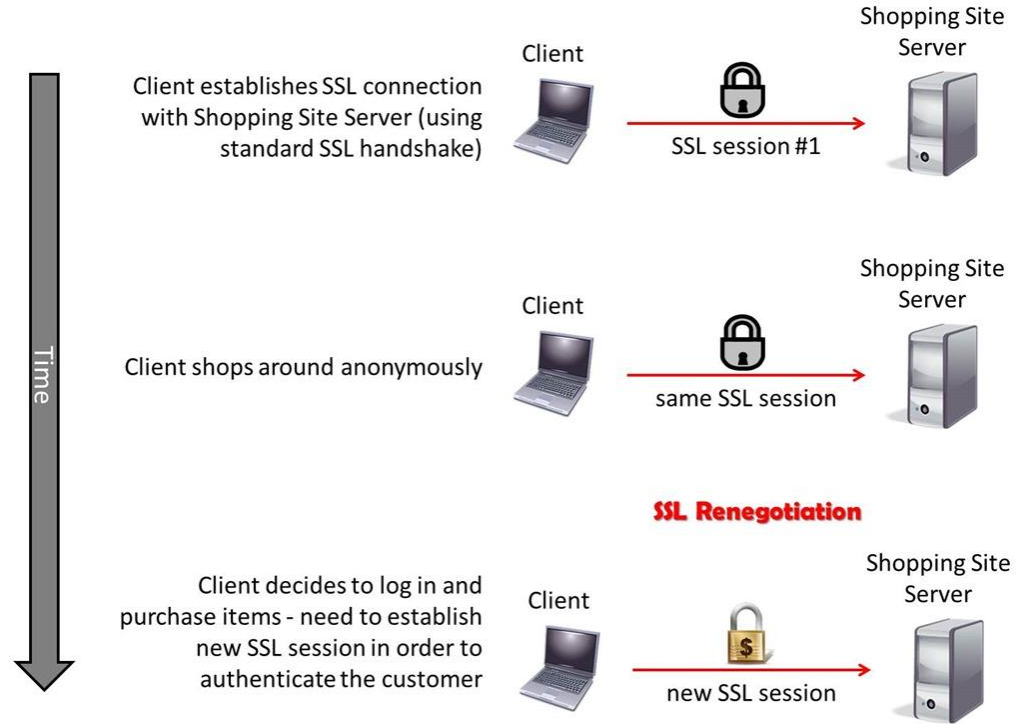
Phase-4: Attacker has to modify FINISHED msg before sending it to Client as it includes hash of all handshake msgs exchanged in both the directions. [FREAK Attack Explained | Medium](#)

TLS 1.2 ECDHE



TLS renegotiation process

- TLS 1.2 allows either the client or the server to initiate renegotiation -- a new full handshake on encrypted channel to establish new cryptographic parameters
- Eg: HTTP servers support renegotiation to request client certs for a protected resource
- TLS renegotiation messages (including types of ciphers and encryption keys) are encrypted and then sent over the existing SSL connection (encrypted)
- Unfortunately, although the new handshake is carried out using the cryptographic parameters established by the original handshake, **there is no cryptographic binding between the two.**



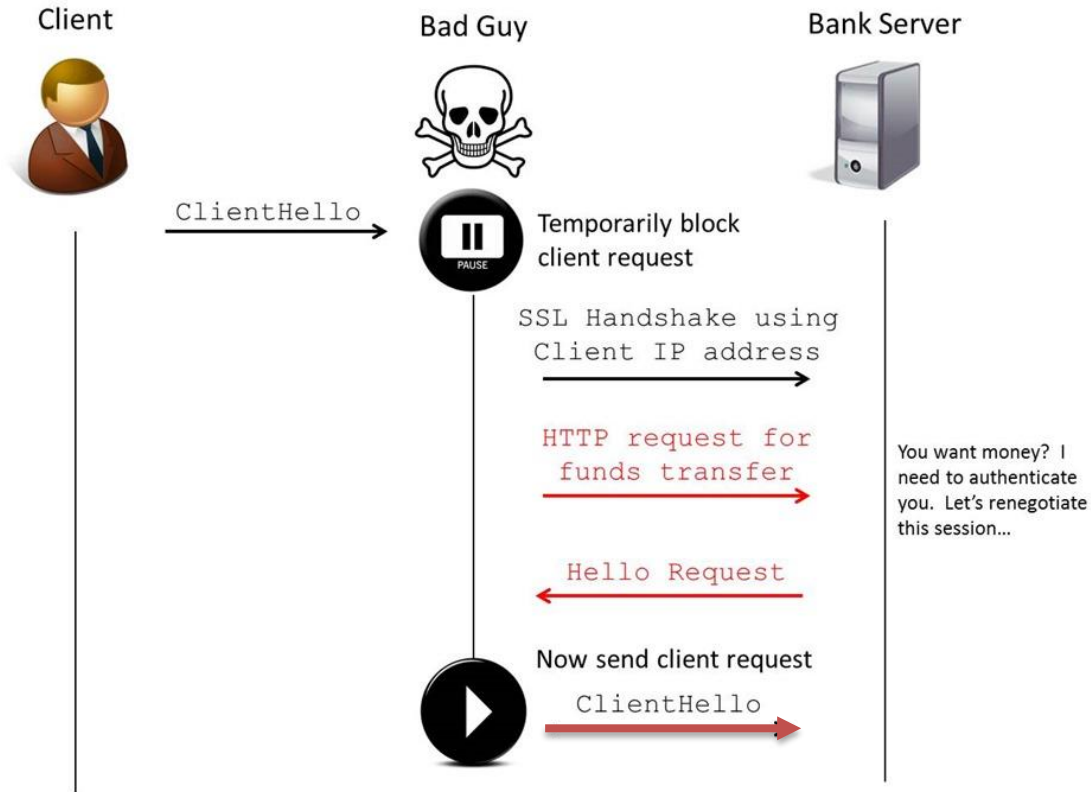
Today's Topics

- TLS Renegotiation Attacks
- TLS 1.3
- Replay Attacks
- Backward compatibility and extensibility of TLS protocols

TLS Renegotiation Attacks

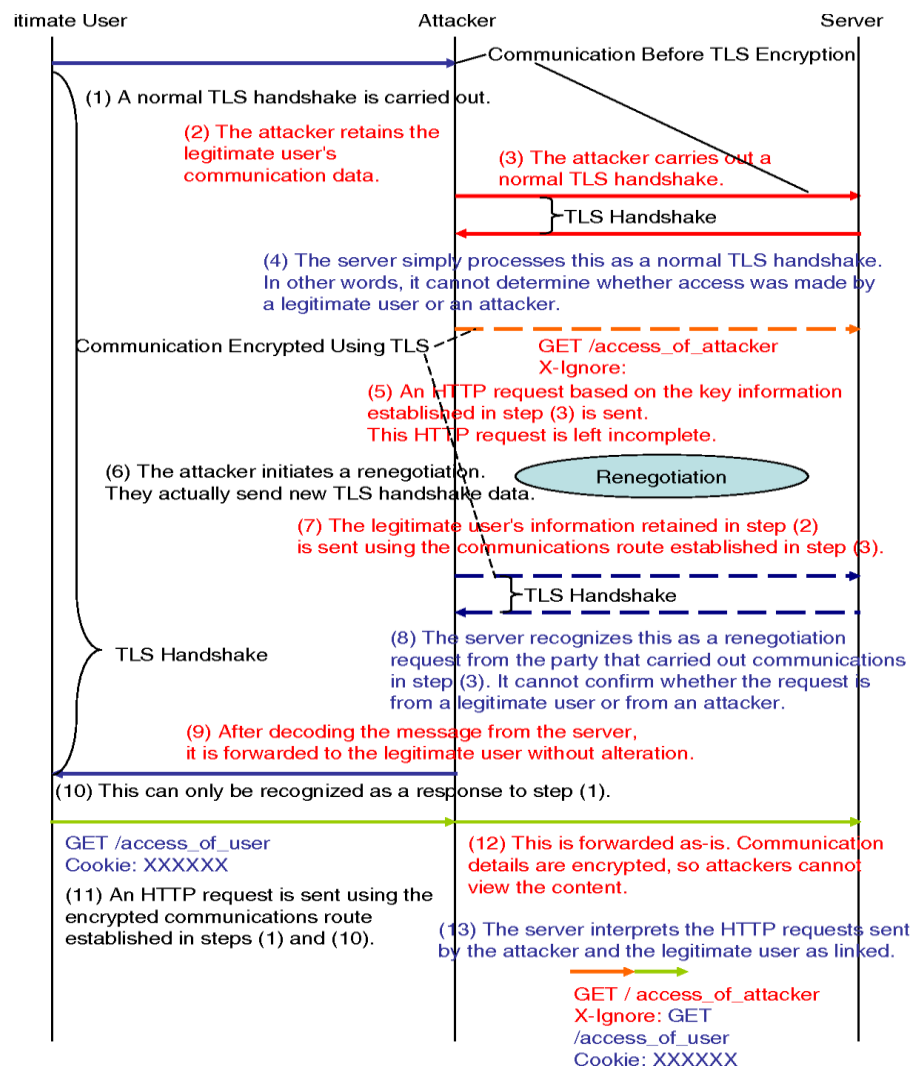
- Discovered by Marsh Ray and Steve of PhoneFactor
- Assumption: client-initiated renegotiation supported at Server
- DoS attack: One TCP session which is performing several expensive crypto operations
- A single server can perform between 150-300 handshakes per second while a single client can request around 1000 handshakes per second!
- Detection is hard bcz fewer TCP sessions unlike TCP SYN Flood attack

TLS renegotiation based MITM Attacks



Client completes handshake in clear text. Attacker intercepts handshake info and encrypts and sends to Server using Renegotiated session

TLS renegotiation based MITM Attacks



- Attacker sends incomplete HTTP request (Invalid header "X-Ignore", w/o a carriage return) that will be added as a prefix to client's own request
- HTTP is a stateless protocol, so cookies are used to link requests
- The attacker cannot read this traffic from client, but the server believes that the initial traffic to and from the attacker is the same as that to and from the client.
- The attacker may be able to generate a request of his/her choice validated by the client's cookie ☹️

TLS renegotiation Attacks

- Mitigation techniques
 - Disable TLS renegotiation esp from clients
 - Apache does not allow client side renegotiation
 - `openssl s_client` can be used to test if TLS renegotiation is really disabled. Sending `R` on an empty line triggers renegotiation.
 - `$ openssl s_client -connect www.google.com:443 -tls1`
 - Rate limiting of TLS handshakes
 - Increase server-side processing (scaling on-demand)
 - IETF's solution in [RFC5746](#)
 - *Renegotiation Indication Extension to cryptographically tie renegotiations to the TLS connections they are being performed over, thus preventing this attack*

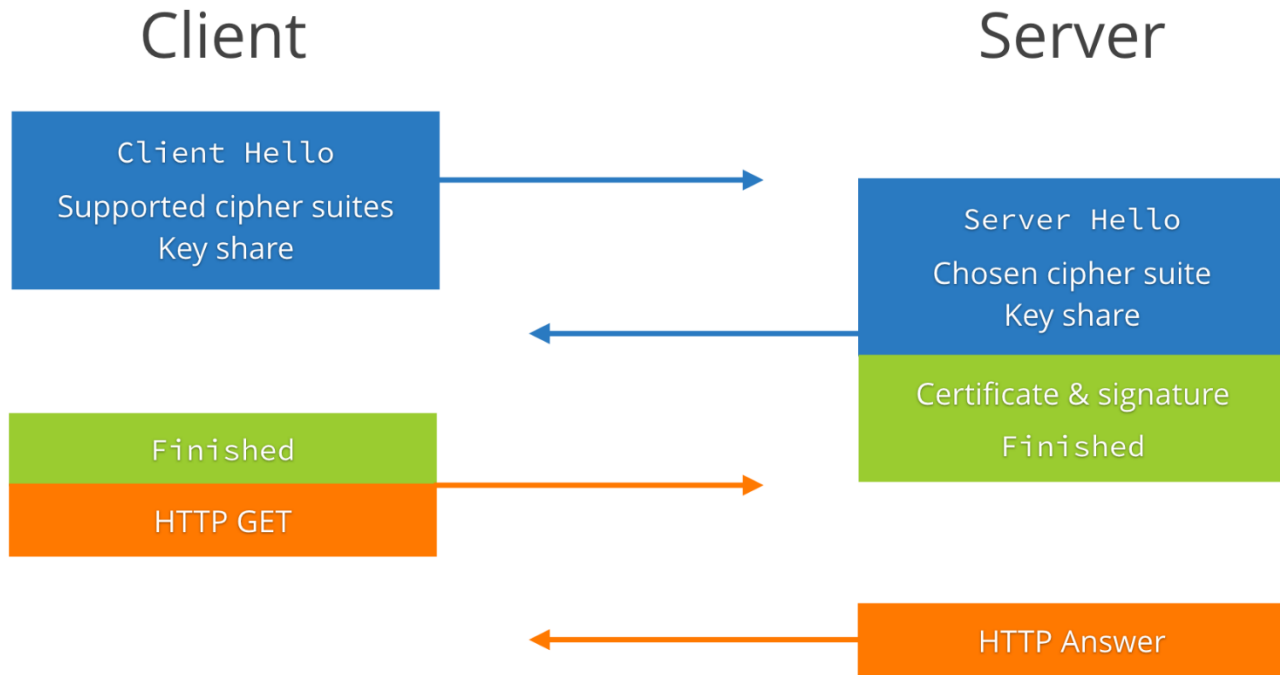
TLS 1.3 (RFC 8446)

- Much faster and more secure compared to TLS 1.2
 - 1-RTT for connection setup (vs 2-RTT in TLS 1.2)
 - 0-RTT for resumption (vs 1-RTT in TLS 1.2) for some type of application data
- More of the handshake is encrypted and full handshake is signed
- Downgrade protection
- AEAD cipher suites (which compute MAC & Encrypt at a time) instead of MAC-then-Encrypt in TLS 1.2
- Phased out insecure protocols, ciphers & algorithms present in TLS 1.2 while bringing in secure replacements
- Some of **deprecated** features in TLS 1.3
 - RC4 stream cipher, CBC mode ciphers (POODLE, Lucky 13)
 - Export-strength ciphers (FREAK)
 - RSA key transport (Only (EC)DHE, PSK-only and hybrid key agreement modes for ensuring forward secrecy) (DROWN)
 - Various Diffie-Hellman groups (Note: Restricted DH parameters to ones that are known to be secure)
 - SHA-1, MD5 (SLOTH)
 - DES, 3DES
 - Compression (CRIME)
 - Renegotiation

TLS 1.3 Cipher Suites

- Cipher suites are simplified a lot!
- Do not specify the certificate type (e.g., RSA/DSA/ECDSA) or the key exchange mechanism (e.g., DHE or ECDHE)
 - DHE and ECDHE
 - Pre-shared key (PSK)
 - PSK /w (EC)DHE
- Digital Signature (Authentication) algorithms
 - RSA (PKCS#1 variants)
 - ECDSA
- Only 5 Cipher Suites:
 - TLS_AES_256_GCM_SHA384
 - TLS_CHACHA20_POLY1305_SHA256
 - TLS_AES_128_GCM_SHA256
 - TLS_AES_128_CCM_8_SHA256
 - TLS_AES_128_CCM_SHA256

TLS 1.3 (ECDHE)



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HelloRetryRequest instead of Server Hello, if Client sends unacceptable (EC)DHE groups

TLS 1.3

Client

Server

ClientHello
{+KeyShare}



ServerHello
{+KeyShare}
EncryptedExtensions
CertificateRequest
Certificate
CertificateVerify
Finished
[Application Data]



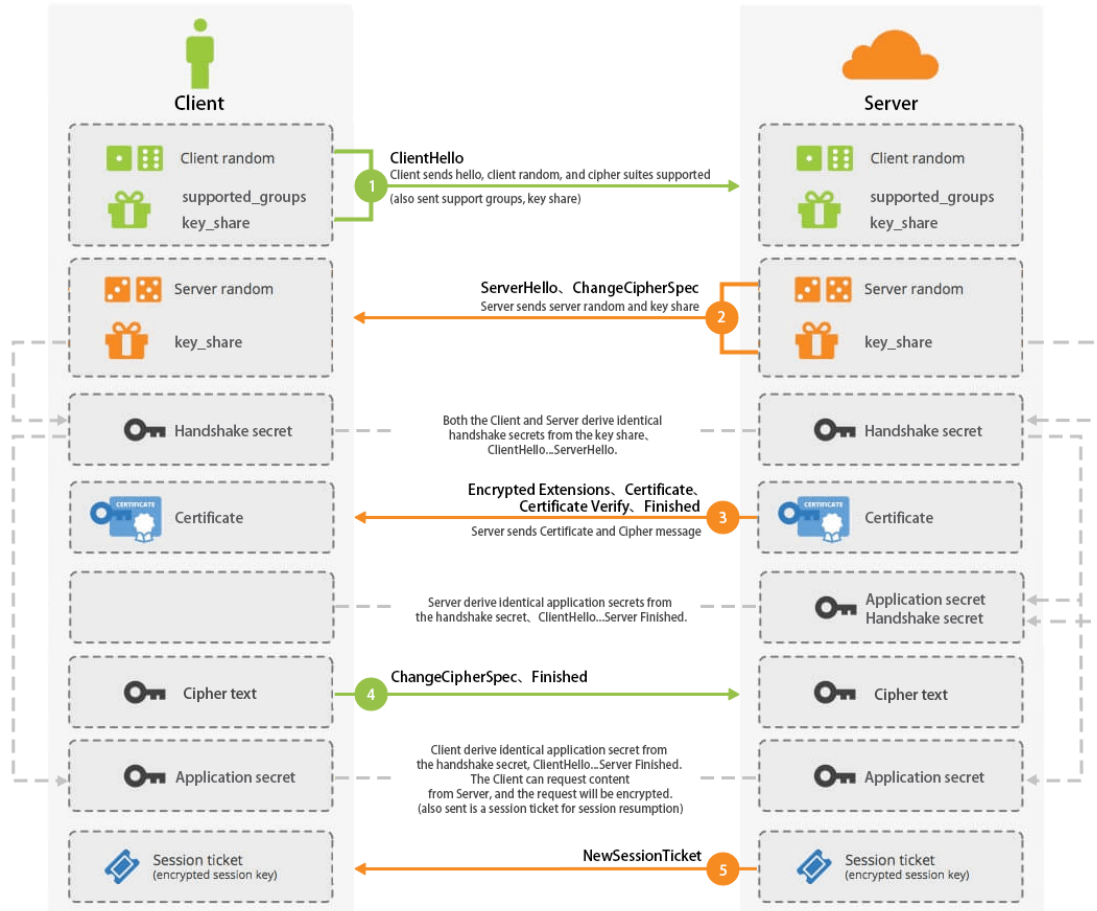
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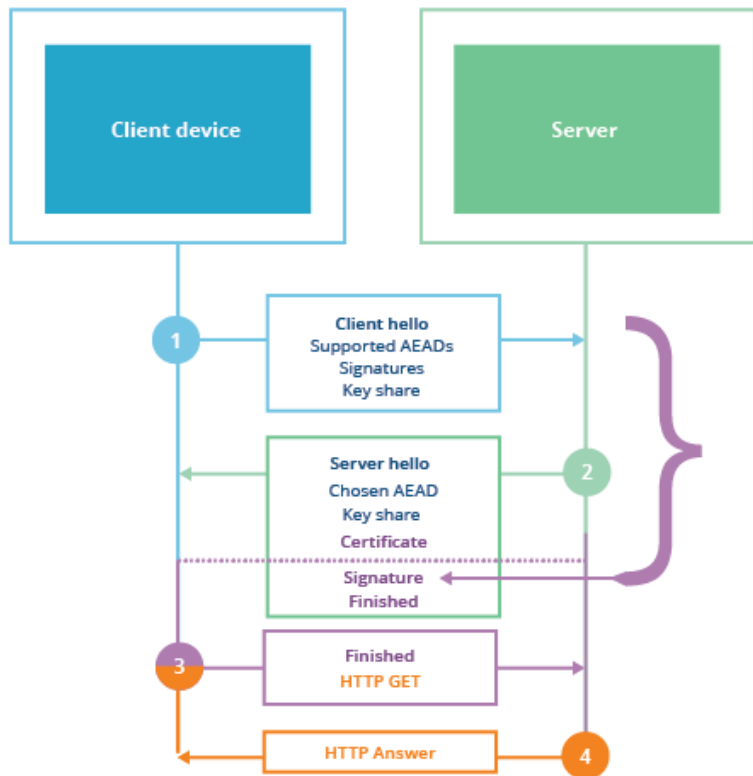
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TLS Handshake (Diffie-Hellman)

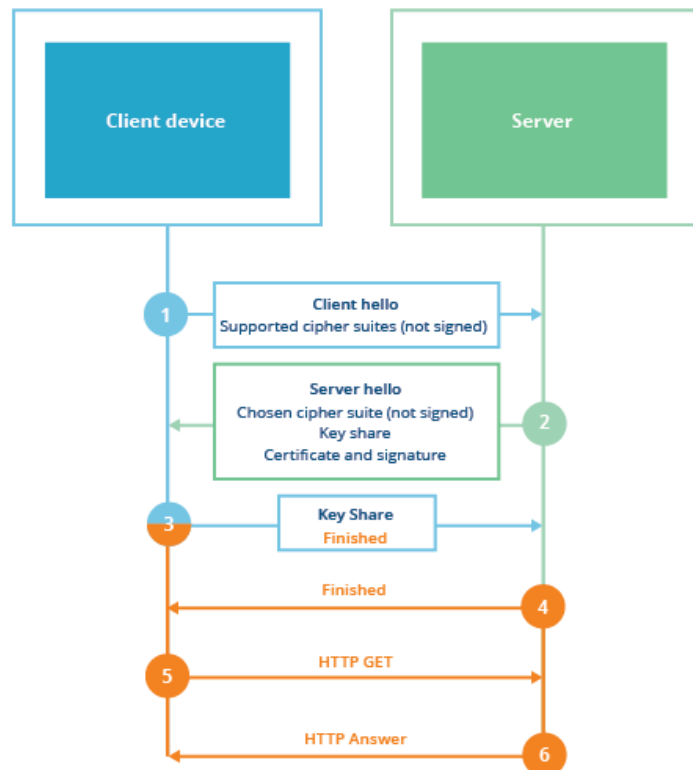
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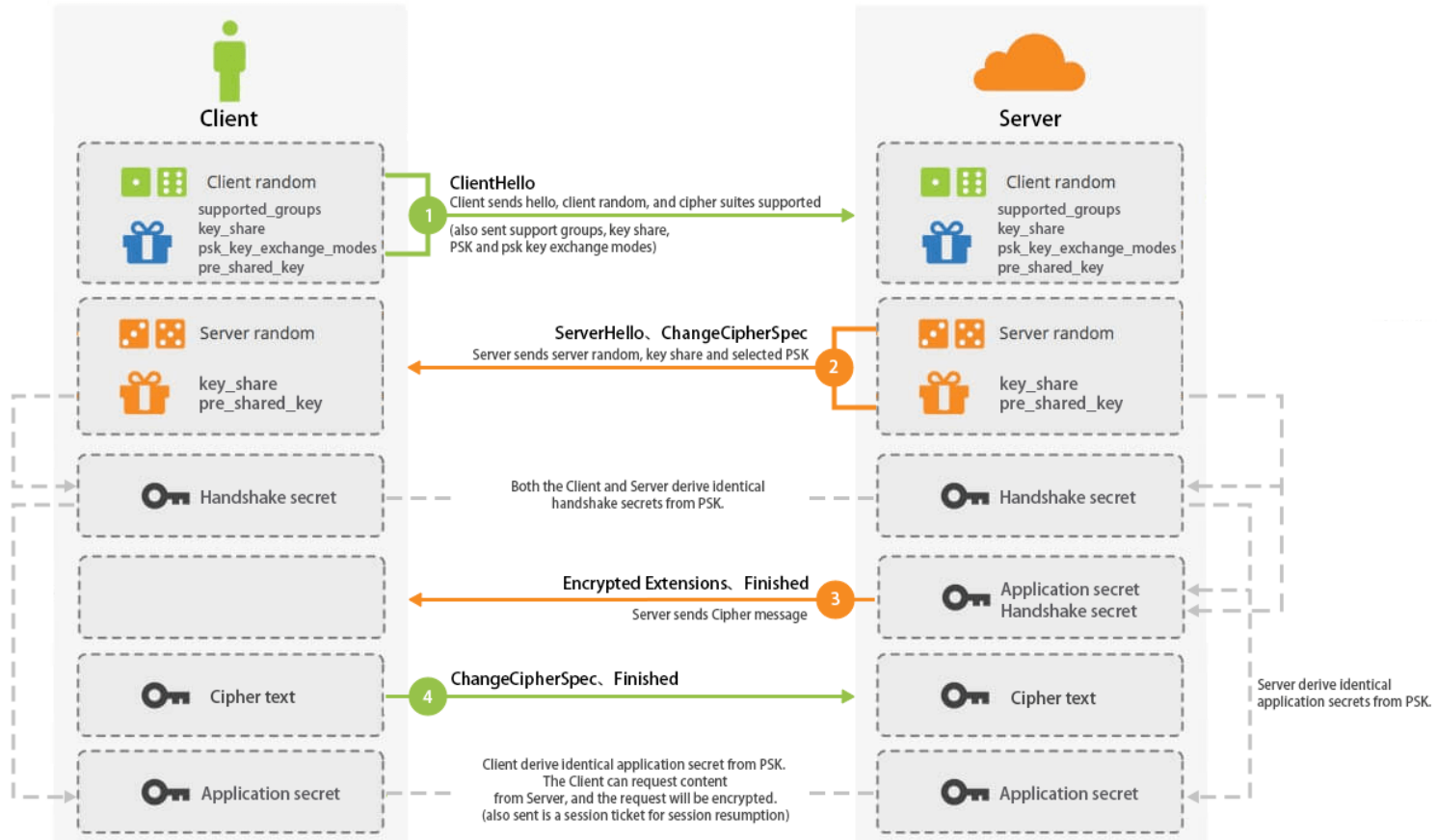


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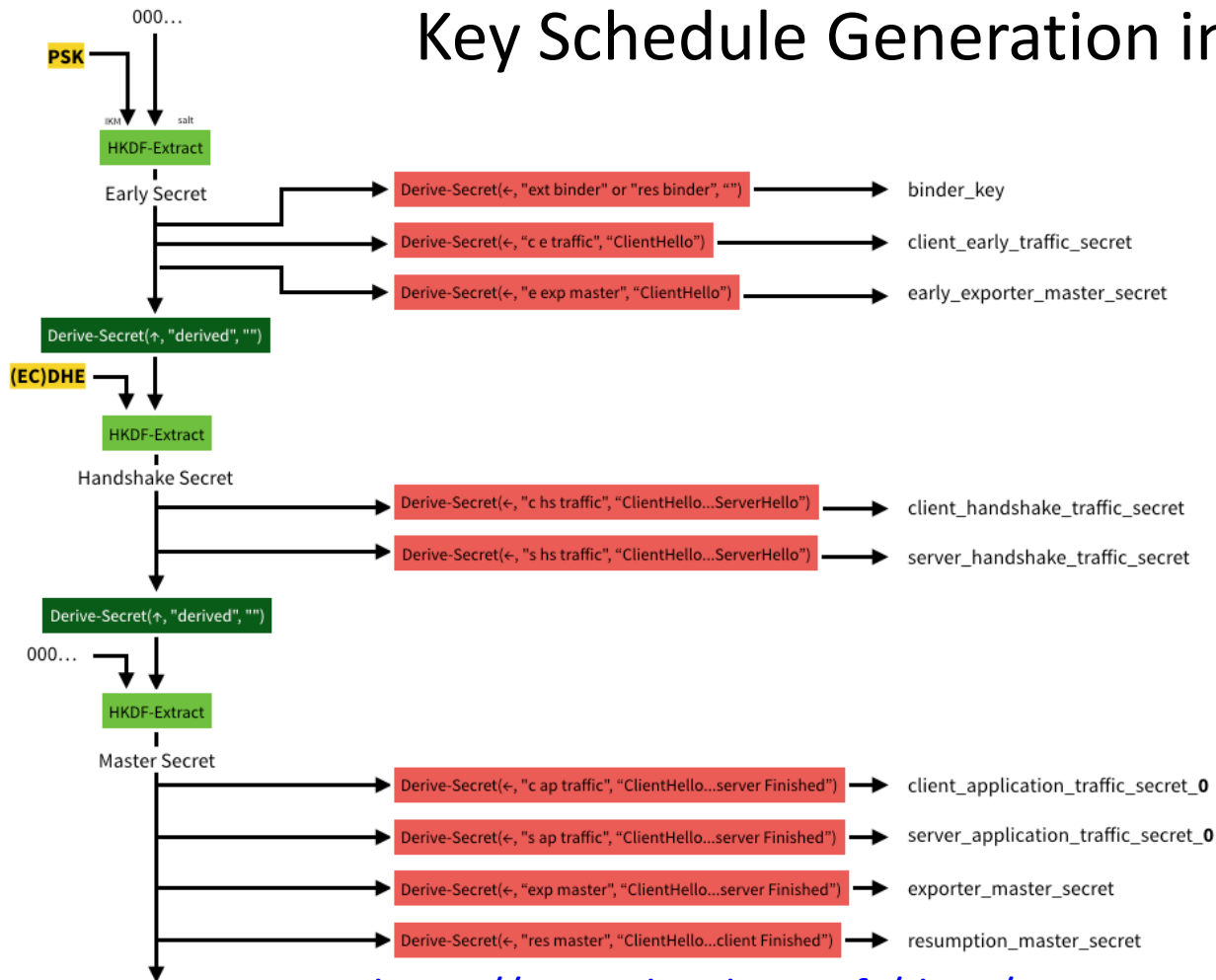


TLS Handshake (Diffie-Hellman) With PSK

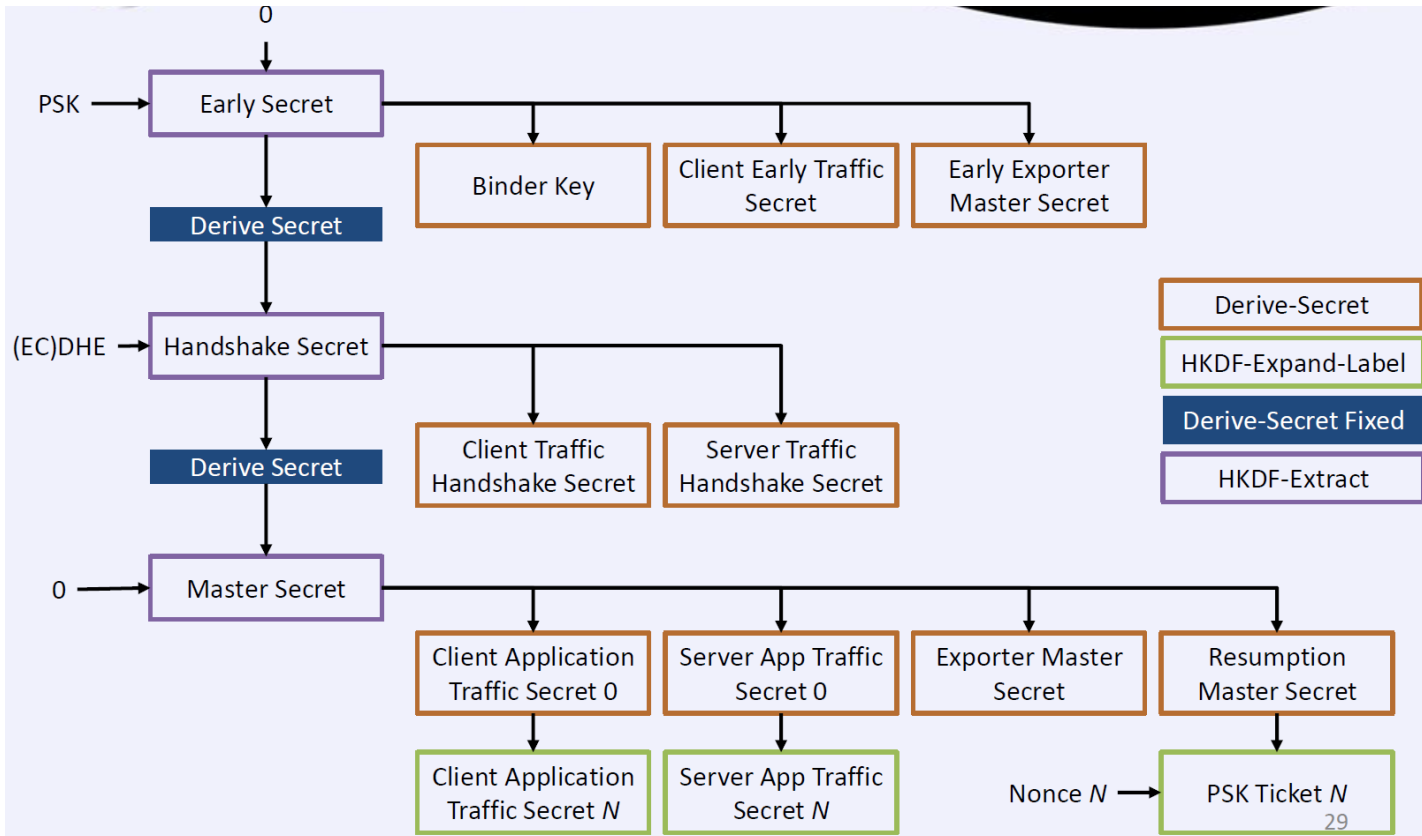
Handshake



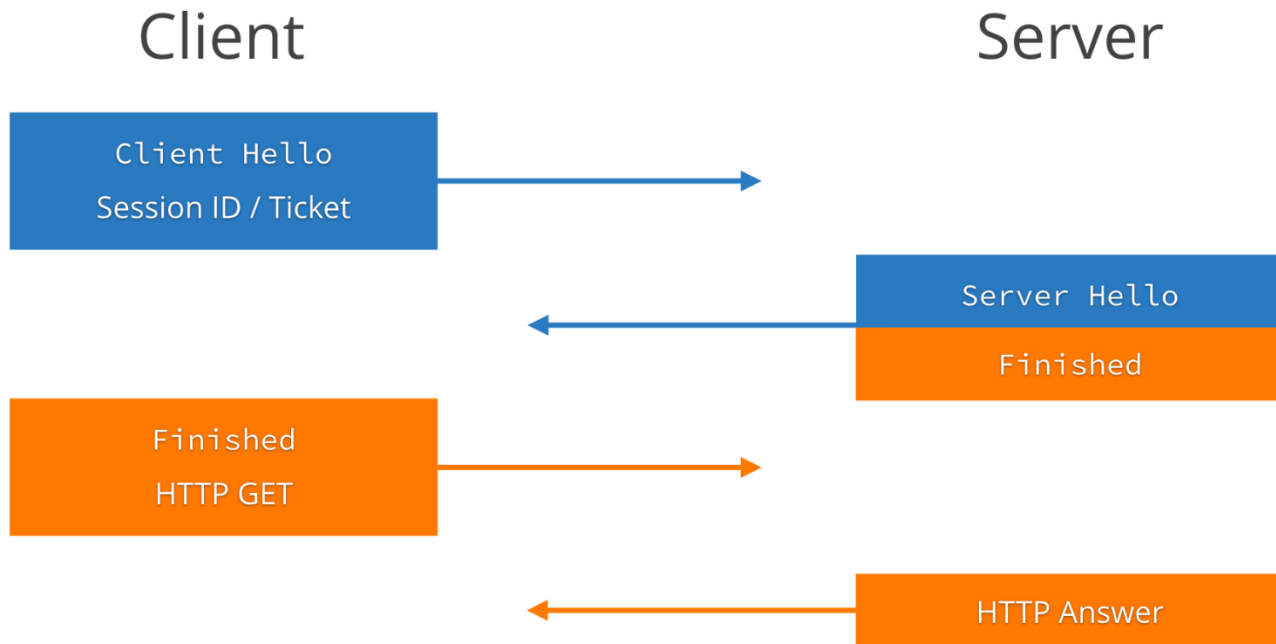
Key Schedule Generation in TLS 1.3



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TLS 1.2 Resumption (1-RTT)



Session Resumption in TLS 1.2

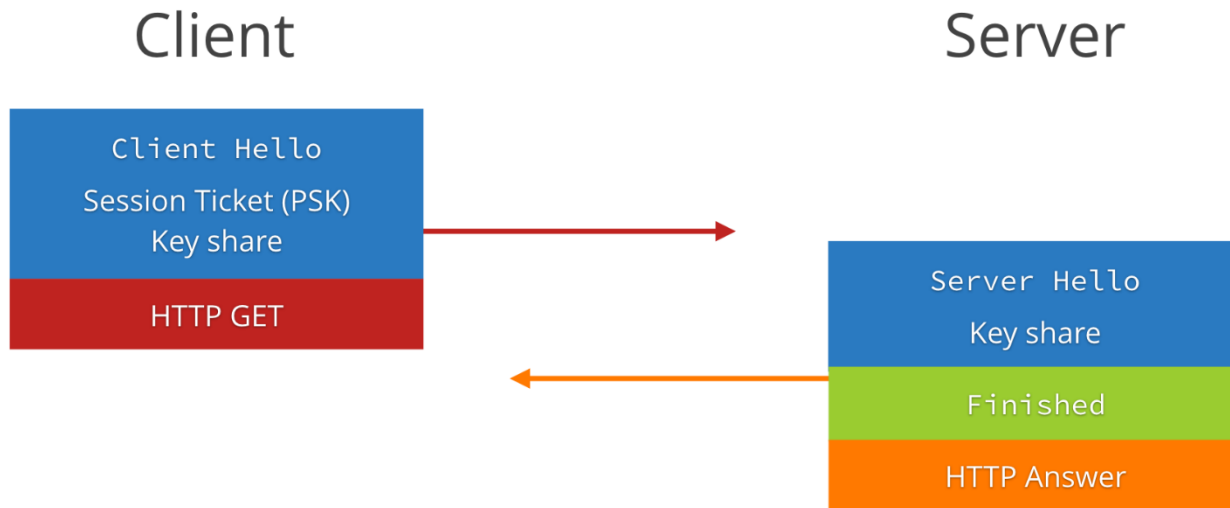
1) Stateful Resumption (Server side, Session ID)

- Server saves state of the previous session, in particular the **KeyMaterial** derived, in a db indexed with Session ID
- Stored *MasterSecret* is used to generate **session keys** together with new *random variables* for the new *session*

2) Stateless Resumption (Client side, Session Ticket)

- Server sends Session Ticket to client in the previous session
 - It includes session state like ciphersuite, *MasterSecret*, and *Timestamp* (for checking validity of ticket)
 - Encrypted using **session ticket key** (AES) known only to the server and MAC protected (HMAC-SHA-256)

TLS 1.3 Resumption (0-RTT)



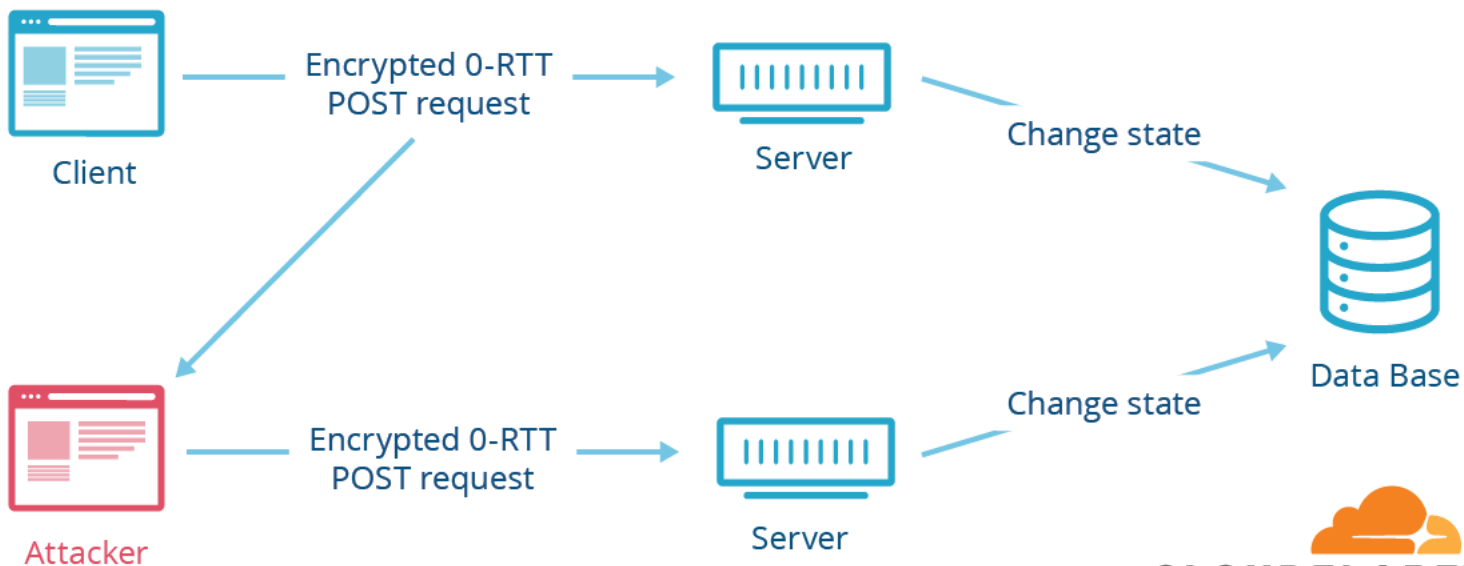
Note: Session Ticket=PSK encrypted with
Session ticket key known only to the server.

Issues /w 0-RTT Resumption

- Lack of full forward secrecy
 - If **session ticket keys are compromised**, an attacker can decrypt 0-RTT data (encrypted by PSK) sent by the client on the first flight (**but not the rest of the data in session**)
 - Solution: Rotating session ticket keys regularly (weekly)
- Replay attacks
 - Attacker replays 0-RTT data (e.g., HTTP GET/POST)
 - POST is not replay-safe
 - Solution: Don't allow 0-RTT resumption on POST and allow resumptions only for some period on “safe” requests (GET)

Replay attacks on TLS 1.3!

0-RTT Attack



Backward Compatibility & Extensibility

- Version in Record Header is set as "3,1" (TLS 1.0) instead of "3,4" (TLS 1.3 for interoperability with earlier implementations)
- Even for TLS 1.3, client protocol version is hardcoded to "3,3" (TLS 1.2) in Handshake messages for backward compatibility with middleboxes and legacy servers!
 - Version negotiation is performed using the "Supported Versions" extension in client & server hello msgs
- A number of TLS protocol values, referred to as GREASE (Generate Random Extensions And Sustain Extensibility) values are reserved
 - A client **MAY** select one or more GREASE cipher suite values at random and advertise them in the "cipher_suites" field
 - Correctly implemented server will ignore these values like any unknown value and interoperate

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