

It Just (Net)works

The Truth About iOS'
Multipeer Connectivity Framework

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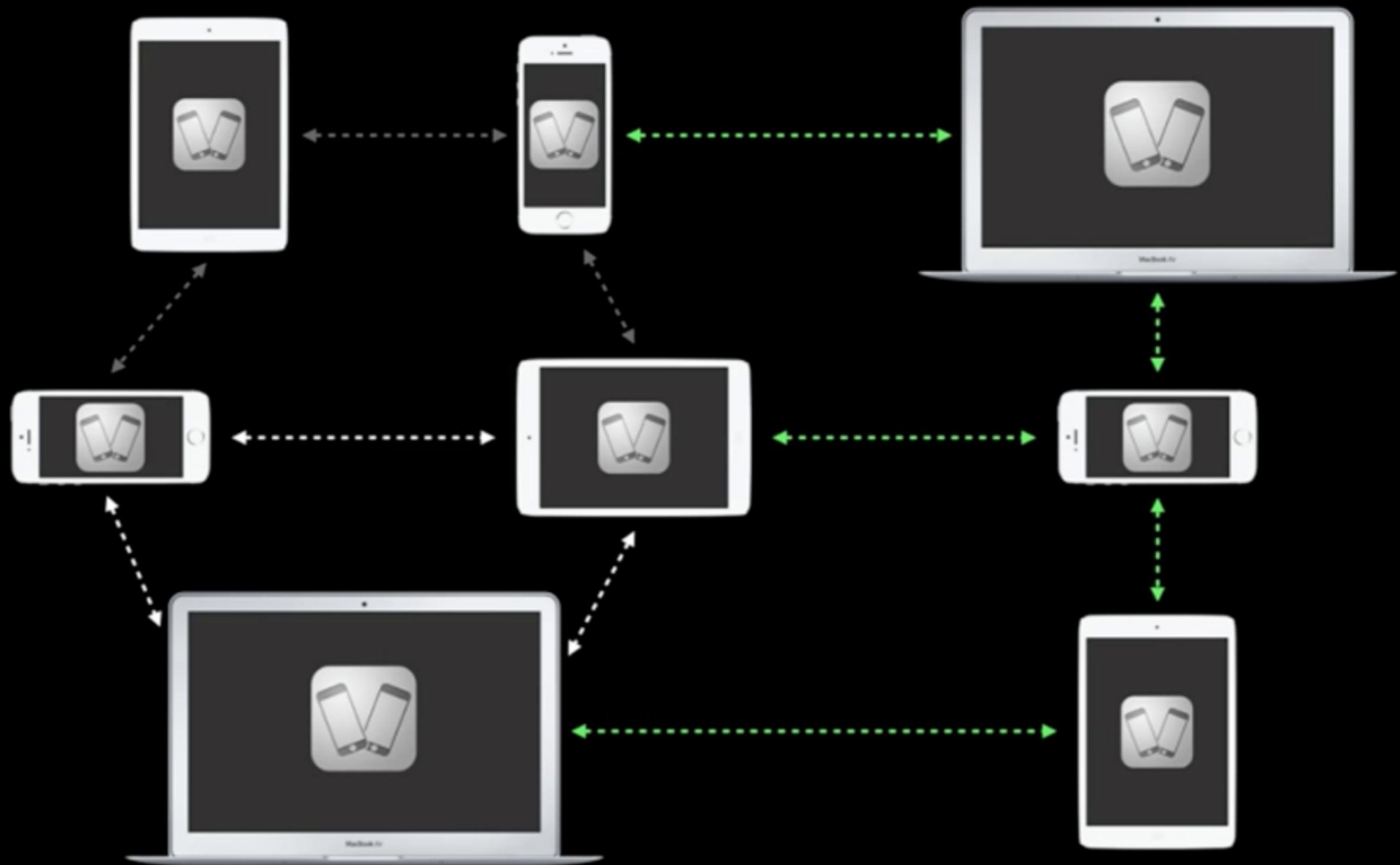
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Agenda

- What is Multipeer Connectivity?
- Quick intro to the MC API
- Reversing the MC protocol(s)
- Security analysis of MC

What is
Multipeer Connectivity?

Multipeer Connectivity



Multipeer Connectivity

- Audibly: Stream songs to other devices
- iTranslate Voice: “AirTranslate”
- FireChat: Anonymous “off-the-grid” chat
- Tons of possible use cases: collaborative editing, file sharing, multiplayer gaming, etc.

Demo

Motivation

The screenshot shows a search interface with a search bar containing the text "MCNearbyServiceConnectionDataKey". Below the search bar is a navigation bar with tabs: "Web" (which is red and underlined), "Maps", "Images", "Shopping", "Videos", "More", and "Search tools". A blue search icon is located to the right of the search bar. The main content area displays the message: "Your search - MCNearbyServiceConnectionDataKey - did not match any documents."

Encryption of session in MultipeerConnectivity framework for iOS



I am working on iOS multipeer framework and i am pretty happy with it. I am sharing some sensitive data so have to do the encryption. When we create the session we get three options `self.session = [[MCSession alloc] initWithPeer:self.myPeerID securityIdentity:nil encryptionPreference:MCEncryptionRequired];`

- 1. MCEncryptionNone
- 2. MCEncryptionOptional
- 3. MCEncryptionRequired

I read the Apple guide but couldn't find much info about it. If i pass MCEncryptionRequired, Does someone know what kind of encryption it does? Thanks

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Quick intro to the MC API

MC API

- **1. Discovery phase: Establish a session**
 - Per-App service name (“og-firechat” for FireChat)
 - The App can browse for nearby peers advertising the MC service
 - And then send an invitation to discovered peers
 - The App can advertise its own local MC service to nearby peers
 - And then accept or reject invitations from other peers

MC API

- **2. Session phase: Exchange data**

- A session can be established after one or multiple peers accepted a pairing invitation:

Creating a Session

- `initWithPeer:`
- `initWithPeer:securityIdentity:encryptionPreference:`

- The App can then exchange data with these peers:

MCSession Delegate Methods

- `session:didReceiveData:fromPeer:`
- `session:didStartReceivingResourceWithName:fromPeer:withProgress:`
- `session:didFinishReceivingResourceWithName:fromPeer:atURL:withError:`
- `session:didReceiveStream:withName:fromPeer:`
- `session:peer:didChangeState:`
- `session:didReceiveCertificate:fromPeer:certificateHandler:`

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MC API - Encryption

- The App can specify an *encryptionPreference*
 - `initWithPeer:securityIdentity:encryptionPreference:`
- Three encryption levels:

`MCEncryptionOptional`

The session prefers to use encryption, but will accept unencrypted connections.

`MCEncryptionRequired`

The session requires encryption.

`MCEncryptionNone`

The session should not be encrypted.

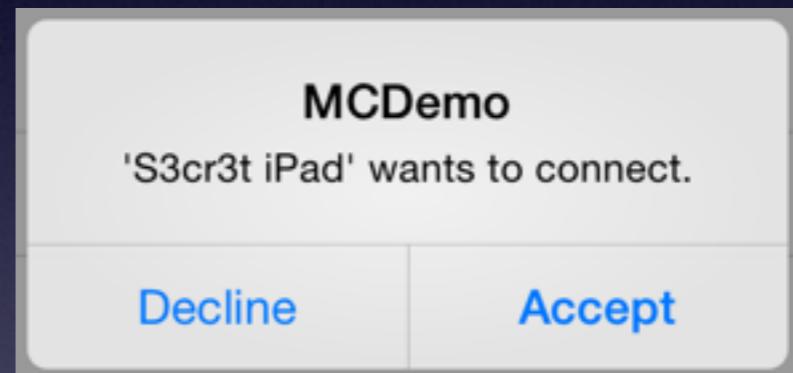
- No further explanation in the documentation

MC API - Authentication

- The App can specify a *securityIdentity*
 - `initWithPeer:securityIdentity:encryptionPreference:`
- A "security identity" is an X509 certificate and the corresponding private key
 - The peer's identify when pairing with other peers
 - A callback has to be implemented for validating other peers' certificates/identities during pairing:
 - `session:didReceiveCertificate:fromPeer:certificateHandler:`

MC API - Peer Management

- How MC sessions get established
- “Automated”/default peer management
 - Invite prompt before pairing:
- “Manual” peer management
 - Developers can customize how pairing is done
 - Fully transparent pairing (ie. no user prompts) can be implemented



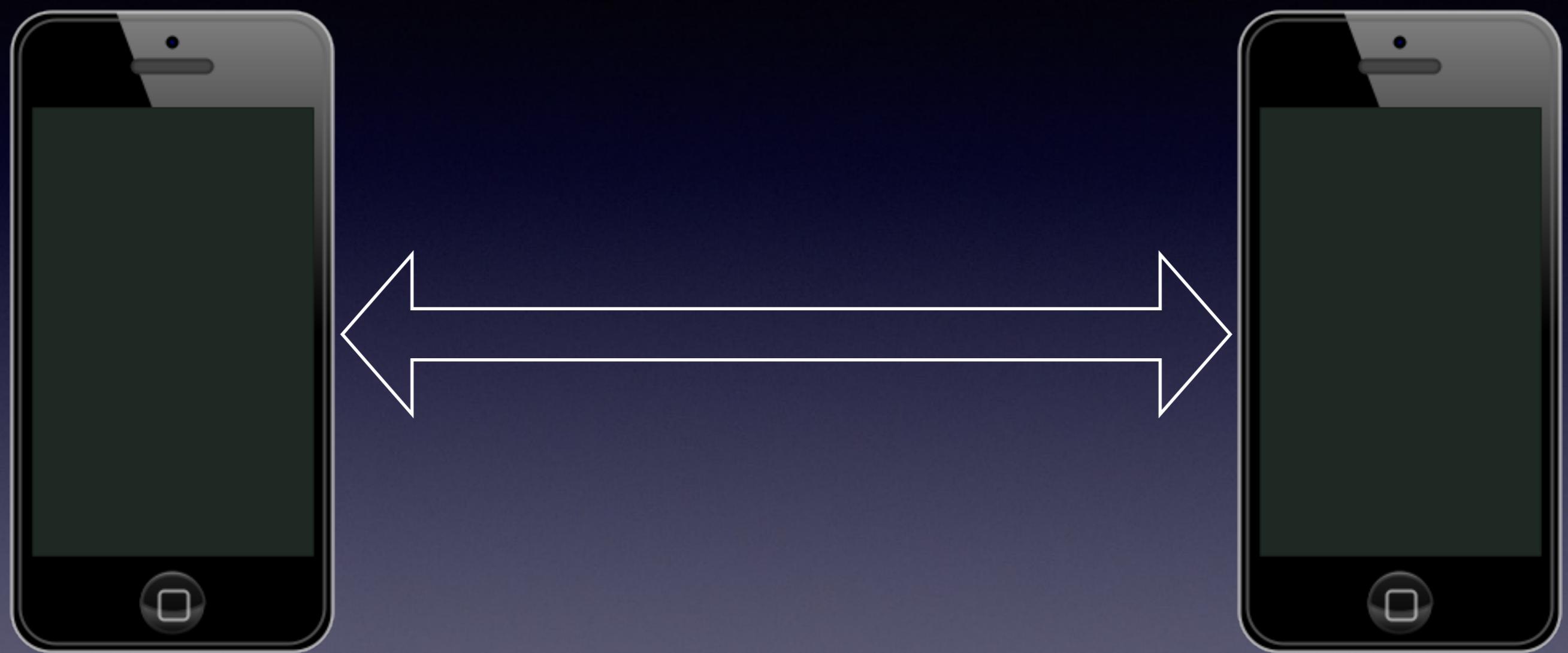
MC API - Security

- **Peer Management**
 - Automated or Manual
- **Encryption**
 - None, Optional or Required
- **Authentication**
 - Enabled or Disabled

Reversing the MC protocol(s)

Test Setup

- Macbook in WiFi Access Point mode + Wireshark
- Sample MC App with default MC settings
- Two devices:
 - iPad Air with Bluetooth disabled
 - iOS Simulator

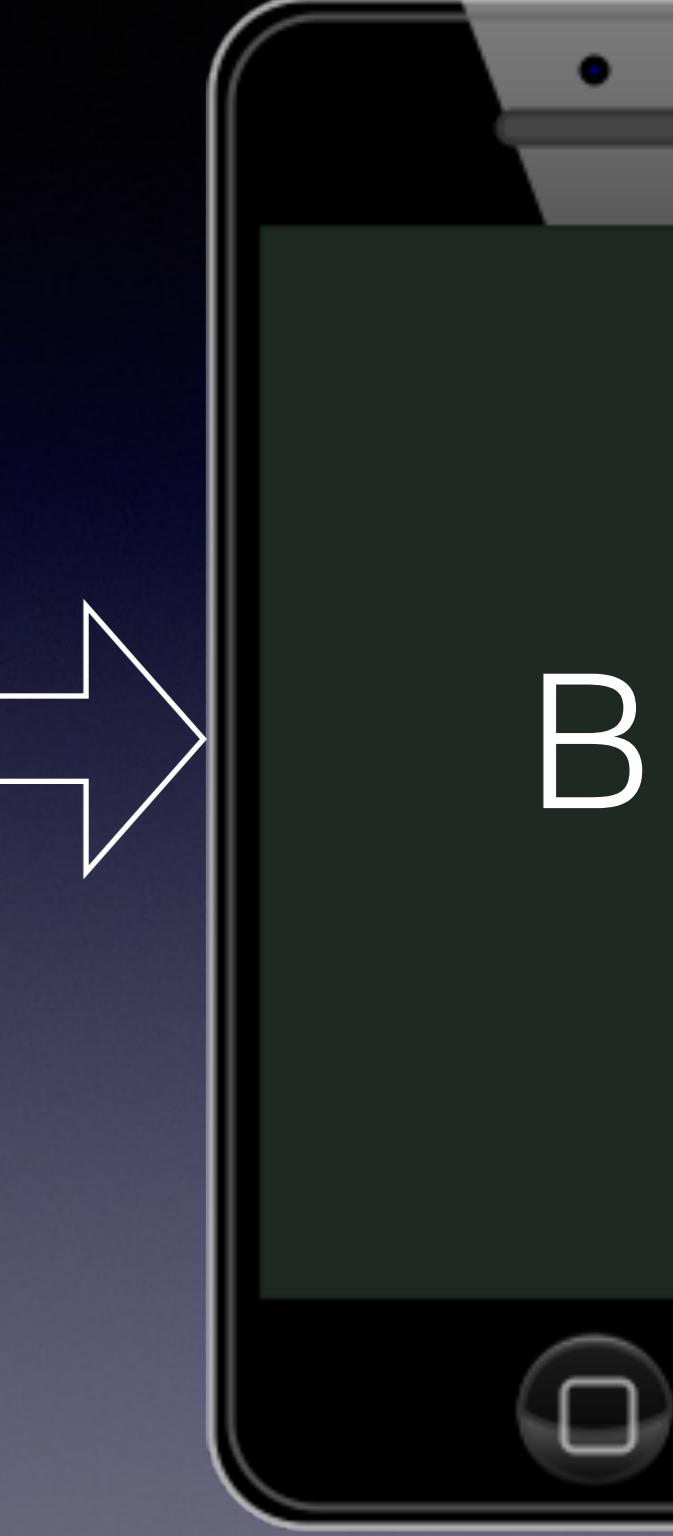






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Source	Destination	Protocol	Length	Info
S3cr3t-iP...	224.0.0.2...	MDNS	185	Standard query...
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S3cr3t-iP...	224.0.0.2...	MDNS	442	Standard query...
S3cr3t-iP...	224.0.0.2...	MDNS	139	Standard query...
S3cr3t-iP...	224.0.0.2...	MDNS	442	Standard query...
192.168.1...	S3cr3t-iP...	TCP	440	51118 → 49585 ...
S3cr3t-iP...	192.168.1...	TCP	66	49585 → 51118 ...
S3cr3t-iP...	192.168.1...	TCP	82	49585 → 51118 ...
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S3cr3t-iP...	192.168.1...	TCP	464	49585 → 51118 ...
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192.168.1...	S3cr3t-iP...	TCP	82	51118 → 49585 ...
192.168.1...	S3cr3t-iP...	STUN	122	Binding Request...
S3cr3t-iP...	192.168.1...	TCP	66	49585 → 51118 ...
S3cr3t-iP...	192.168.1...	STUN	122	Binding Request...
192.168.1...	S3cr3t-iP...	STUN	130	Binding Success...
S3cr3t-iP...	192.168.1...	STUN	130	Binding Success...
S3cr3t-iP...	192.168.1...	STUN	134	Binding Request...
192.168.1...	S3cr3t-iP...	STUN	130	Binding Success...
S3cr3t-iP...	192.168.1...	UDP	118	Source port: 1...
192.168.1...	S3cr3t-iP...	UDP	138	Source port: 1...
192.168.1...	S3cr3t-iP...	UDP	843	Source port: 1...
192.168.1...	S3cr3t-iP...	UDP	68	Source port: 1...
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S3cr3t-iP...	192.168.1...	UDP	326	Source port: 1...
S3cr3t-iP...	192.168.1...	UDP	60	Source port: 1...



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00000045	08 98 00 00 00 00 00 00 2d c3 47 ff 00 00 00 01 -.G....
00000040	08 98 00 01 00 00 00 00 f0 55 9e 7a 00 00 00 01U.z....
00000050	08 34 00 00 00 00 00 f1 86 bb 03 00 00 00 00 01 .4.....
00000060	62 70 6c 69 73 74 30 30 d4 01 02 03 04 05 06 07 bplist00
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Mystery Protocol #1

- Peer connects to the other peer over TCP
- Each peer sends their “PeerID” first
 - (random) “idString” + device name
 - For example: ”ory2g6r8fkq+iPhone Simulator”
- Three plists are then exchanged



Key	Type	Value
Root	Dictionary	(4 items)
MCNearbyServiceInviteIDKey	Number	0
MCNearbyServiceRecipientPeer...	Data	<0141d383 ecf553da 10695068
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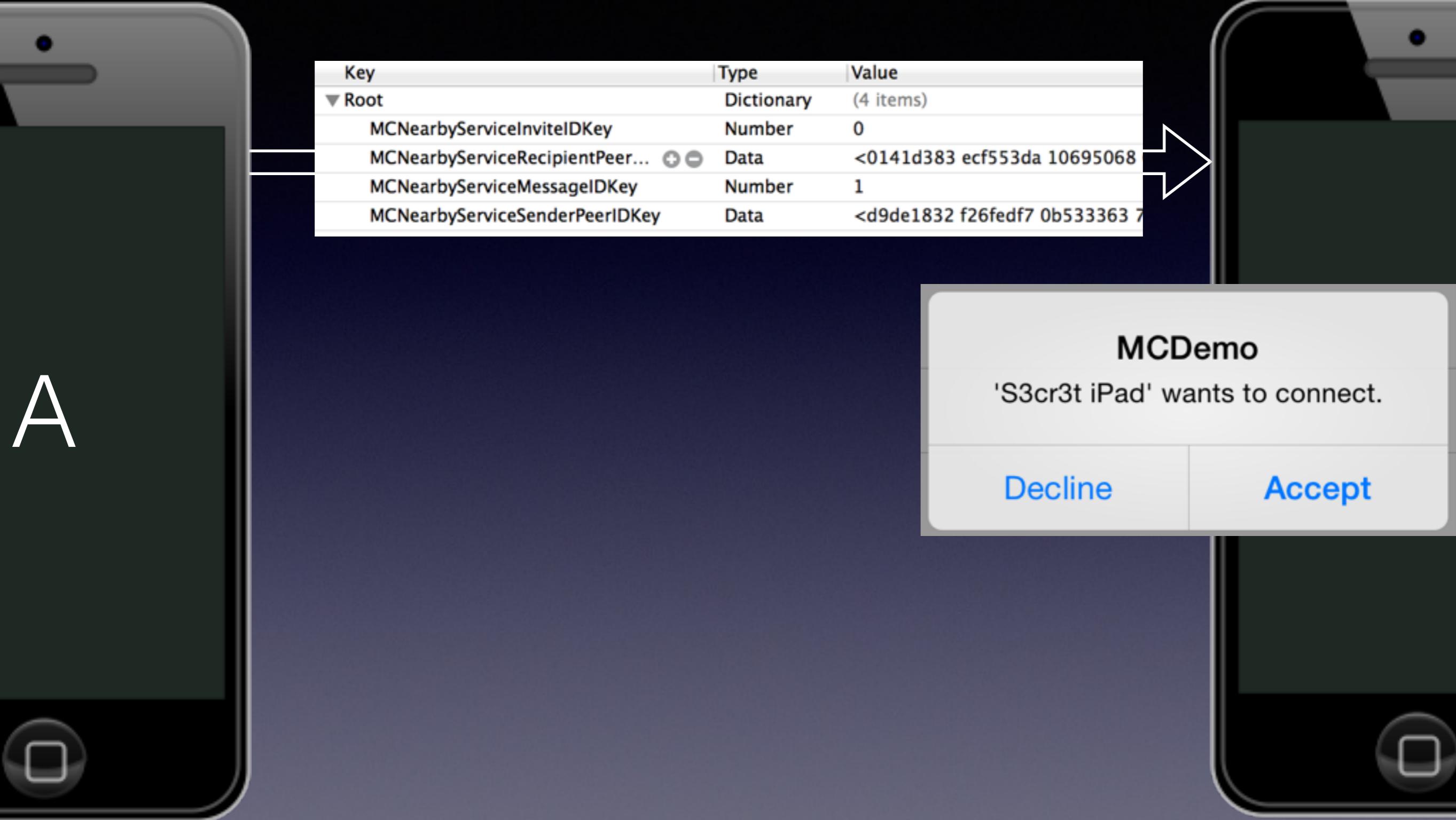
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Smartphone B displays a table of Nearby Service keys:

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- The peer's security settings as bit fields:
 - Encryption level (optional = X00, none = X10, required = X01)
 - Whether authentication is enabled (yes = 1XX, no = 0XX)
 - Only the settings; no X509 certificate/identity yet

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 - Etc...

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 - 6F7D4FE3, etc...

ID [6F7D4FE300000000]	[192.168.1.8:16401] flag(08).
ID [6474621200000000]	[169.254.234.105:16401] flag(08).
ID [45A87A1400000000]	[192.168.2.1:16401] flag(08).

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Interactive Connectivity Establishment

```
com.apple.MultipeerConnectivity: GK START ICE check with peer 317456B5
com.apple.ICE: Updated ICEList(829707957) to role (1)

com.apple.ICE: Local candidate(1/3): ID[07FEE53F00000000] [192.168.2.2:16402]
com.apple.ICE: Local candidate(2/3): ID[4348FA0000000000] [[fe80::29:203:1454:aa5a%en0]:16402]
com.apple.ICE: Local candidate(3/3): ID[3904EA8D00000000] [[fe80::ecf1:14ff:fe49:d55a%awdl0]:16402]

com.apple.ICE: Remote candidate(1/3): ID[6F7D4FE300000000] [192.168.1.8:16401]
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com.apple.ICE: Remote candidate(3/3): ID[45A87A1400000000] [192.168.2.1:16401]

com.apple.ICE: ICEStartConnectivityCheck(id[local:829707957 remote:1350514450] count[local:3 remote:3]
com.apple.ICE: [CHECKPOINT] connectivity-check-thread-started
com.apple.ICE: event 192.168.2.2:16402->192.168.1.8:16401 expires 210041.818916

com.apple.ICE: ** BINDING_REQUEST [00018674C3972B2DC739DF77] from [192.168.1.8:16401] USERNAME
[07FEE53F.00000000.1-6F7D4FE3.00000000.1]
com.apple.ICE: Remote ICE Version: 109
com.apple.ICE: OLD STATE(TESTING)->NEW STATE(TESTING)
com.apple.MultipeerConnectivity: send udp packet from 192.168.2.2:16402 to 192.168.1.8:16401 ...
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Mystery Protocol #2

Source	Destination	Protocol	Length	Info	
192.168.1...	MacBook-Pr...	UDP	190	Source port: 16402	Destination port: ...
MacBook-Pr...	192.168.1...	UDP	138	Source port: 16402	Destination port: ...
MacBook-Pr...	192.168.1...	UDP	856	Source port: 16402	Destination port: ...
MacBook-Pr...	192.168.1...	UDP	73	Source port: 16402	Destination port: ...
MacBook-Pr...	192.168.1...	UDP	68	Source port: 16402	Destination port: ...
192.168.1...	MacBook-Pr...	UDP	856	Source port: 16402	Destination port: ...
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192.168.1...	MacBook-Pr...	UDP	60	Source port: 16402	Destination port: ...
192.168.1...	MacBook-Pr...	UDP	136	Source port: 16402	Destination port: ...
MacBook-Pr...	192.168.1...	UDP	57	Source port: 16402	Destination port: ...
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000004F8	d0 14 fe ff 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 04 00 01 01
00000507	d0 16 fe ff 00 01 00 00 00 00 00 00 01 00 40 94 53@.S
00000517	45 76 f9 0a 37 4f 03 67 5f 8d 2d 54 14 12 65 a4 Ev..70.g _.-T..e.
00000527	b8 ec 86 76 b9 4c 25 dc 2a 63 9d 58 74 aa e1 ce ...v.L%. *c.Xt...
00000537	75 7a 3d c5 20 15 c0 91 8a 57 3d 6a 1f a8 8b 7c uz=.W=j...
00000547	ae da fd e2 88 72 2b 2a 4a 7d a1 28 20 87r+* J}.(.
0000049E	d0 17 fe ff 00 01 00 00 00 00 00 03 00 50 70 94Pp.
000004AE	48 9f 70 cb d5 42 78 17 af 3a 94 78 01 37 37 0a H.p..Bx. ...x.77.
000004BE	3a 61 49 91 a3 3f 66 9f 0e e1 f8 45 34 6e e0 64 :aI..?f. ...E4n.d
000004CE	1f 4f f9 88 97 64 e4 dc dc 30 d6 7e aa 1d d2 88 .0...d.. .0.~....
000004DE	6a fd d1 f0 bd a2 03 63 8f cb 1f e9 66 c2 7d 74 j.....cf.)t
000004EE	2c 79 42 27 61 ae 9e 7a cc 09 ef 75 0c 17 ,yB'a..z ...u..
00000555	d0 14 fe ff 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 05 00 01 01
00000564	d0 16 fe ff 00 01 00 00 00 00 00 02 00 40 93 8f@..
00000574	f3 6c 59 a7 e0 8d 55 89 f8 93 9f b9 3c 79 2e 41 .lY...U.<y.A
00000584	4b 59 01 10 45 bf 84 c7 2c d0 60 dd f6 d4 66 5b KY..E... ,.`...f[
00000594	6b 48 31 16 e0 36 cf af 65 58 7d 1d 58 11 15 09 kH1..6.. eX}.X...
000005A4	c4 5f 33 4c d5 20 66 f3 d8 6c c4 0e fe 37 ._3L. f. .l...7
000004FC	d0 17 fe ff 00 01 00 00 00 00 00 04 00 50 78 14Px.
0000050C	1b 08 53 e8 b5 92 bc bf 3c 42 84 f6 11 c9 7d a6 ..S..... <B....}.

Packet 179. 25 client pkts, 27 server pkts, 31 turns. Click to select.

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00000154	d0 16 fe ff 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 86 01 00
00000164	00 7a 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 7a fe ff 53 84 24 71 .z.....z..S.\$q
00000174	b5 0c 5e 43 00 2c e9 25 21 e6 1c 2d 52 4c fe 28 ..^C.,.% !...-RL.(
00000184	81 59 38 04 58 68 56 44 0e 1e 44 1d 00 00 00 3e .Y8.XhVD ..D....>
00000194	00 ff c0 24 c0 23 c0 0a c0 09 c0 08 c0 28 c0 27 ...\$.#..(.'
000001A4	c0 14 c0 13 c0 12 c0 26 c0 25 c0 2a c0 29 c0 05& .%.*.)..
000001B4	c0 04 c0 03 c0 0f c0 0e c0 0d 00 3d 00 3c 00 2f=.<./
000001C4	00 35 00 0a 00 67 00 6b 00 33 00 39 00 16 01 00 .5...g.k .3.9....
000001D4	00 12 00 0a 00 08 00 06 00 17 00 18 00 19 00 0b
000001E4	00 02 01 00
000001F8	d0 16 fe ff 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 52 02 00R..
00000208	00 46 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 46 fe ff 53 84 24 71 .F.....F..S.\$q
00000218	6a ee 06 ec 4b 73 3d 21 38 ef be a6 28 ee 75 98 j...Ks=! 8...(.u.

openssl s_client -dtls1 -connect someserver:443

Follow UDP Stream ((ip.addr eq 127.0.0.1 and ip.addr eq 127.0.0.1) and (udp.port eq 49857...)	
0000006F	16 fe ff 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 01 00 76 01 00 00v...
0000007F	6a 00 01 00 00 00 00 00 6a fe ff 53 b9 a1 1a a2 j.....j..S....
0000008F	81 82 ac 40 d1 fa db 74 f7 a3 03 71 46 e2 c9 83 ...@....t ...qF...
0000009F	38 46 4b 7c 4e 98 f8 60 03 f1 3f 00 14 ef f0 65 8FK N..` ..?....e
000000AF	a1 7f e7 9f cb c1 4d 0f b8 06 e5 2f 00 85 98 7cM./...
000000BF	4c 00 28 00 39 00 38 00 35 00 16 00 13 00 0a 00 L.(.9.8. 5.....
000000CF	33 00 32 00 2f 00 9a 00 99 00 96 00 15 00 12 00 3.2./...
000000DF	09 00 14 00 11 00 08 00 06 00 ff 01 00 00 04 00
000000EF	23 00 00 #..
00000030	16 fe ff 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 01 00 3d 02 00 00=...
00000040	31 00 01 00 00 00 00 00 31 fe ff 53 b9 a1 1a a3 1.....1..S....
00000050	6f 9d 49 e3 b5 7d cf 91 06 37 37 10 4b 79 15 80 o.I...)... .77.Ky..

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000000154	d0	16	fe	ff	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	86	01	00	
000000164	00	7a	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	7a	fe	ff	53	84	24	71
000000174	b5	0c	5e	43	00	2c	e9	25	21	e6	1c	2d	52	4c	fe	28
000000184	81	59	38	04	58	68	56	44	0e	1e	44	1d	00	00	00	3e
000000194	00	ff	c0	24	c0	23	c0	0a	c0	09	c0	08	c0	28	c0	27
0000001A4	c0	14	c0	13	c0	12	c0	26	c0	25	c0	2a	c0	29	c0	05
0000001B4	c0	04	c0	03	c0	0f	c0	0e	c0	0d	00	3d	00	3c	00	2f
0000001C4	00	35	00	0a	00	67	00	6b	00	33	00	39	00	16	01	00
0000001D4	00	12	00	0a	00	08	00	06	00	17	00	18	00	19	00	0b
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000000208	00	46	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	46	fe	ff	53	84	24
000000218	6a	ee	06	ec	4b	73	3d	21	38	ef	be	a6	28	ee	75	98

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0000006F	16	fe	ff	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	01	00	76	01	00	00
0000007F	6a	00	01	00	00	00	00	00	6a	fe	ff	53	b9	a1	1a	a2
0000008F	81	82	ac	40	d1	fa	db	74	f7	a3	03	71	46	e2	c9	83
0000009F	38	46	4b	7c	4e	98	f8	60	03	f1	3f	00	14	ef	f0	65
000000AF	a1	7f	e7	9f	cb	c1	4d	0f	b8	06	e5	2f	00	85	98	7c
000000BF	4c	00	28	00	39	00	38	00	35	00	16	00	13	00	0a	00
000000CF	33	00	32	00	2f	00	9a	00	99	00	96	00	15	00	12	00
000000DF	09	00	14	00	11	00	08	00	06	00	ff	01	00	00	04	00
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00000040	31	00	01	00	00	00	00	00	31	fe	ff	53	b9	a1	1a	a3
00000050	6f	9d	49	e3	b5	7d	cf	91	06	37	37	10	4b	79	15	80

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Pro Packet Trace Editing

The screenshot shows a window titled "streamcap.txt" with a search bar containing "d0|16". The main area displays two network packets in hex dump format.

Packet 1 (Selected):

d2	e3	01	01	00	44	21	12	a4	42	00	01	58	4f	64	84	2f	0d	d0	2e	cd
5c	00	06	00	14	16	10	47	fe	00	00	00	00	00	01	24	51	25	f7	00	00
00	00	00	01	00	01	00	08	00	01	40	12	c0	a8	01	08	80	01	00	04	00
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00	04	00	00	00	08															

Packet 2 (Unselected):

05	:51:44,484,752	ETHER																		
0	ac	cf	5c	73	46	fa	72	11	24	c8	86	64	08	00	45	00	00	68	47	
38	00	00	40	11	ae	ff	c0	a8	01	08	c0	a8	02	02	40	12	40	12	00	54
00	a6	d0	16	fe	ff	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	3e	01	00	00	32	00
00	00	00	00	00	32	fe	ff	53	9d	34	70	8b	cc	76	e9	3d	b5	b0	fd	
ee	e4	35	be	73	0f	6d	5b	e4	63	fe	30	47	35	82	ed	7b	3b	80	a0	00
00	00	0a	00	ff	00	34	00	3a	00	6c	00	6d	01	00						

Packet 3 (Unselected):

05	:51:44,522,374	ETHER																		
0	ac	cf	5c	73	46	fa	72	11	24	c8	86	64	08	00	45	00	00	6c	6d	
62	00	00	40	11	88	c4	c0	a8	01	08	c0	a8	02	02	b0	00	40	12	00	58
2a	4f	00	01	00	3c	21	12	a4	42	00	01	34	78	b4	b2	77	7a	6b	60	cc
40	00	06	00	14	24	51	25	f7	00	00	00	00	00	01	0d	f3	7e	0c	00	00

Pro Packet Trace Editing

- Success!

Destination	Protocol	Length	Info
MacBook-Pr...	DTLSv1.0	189	Client Hello
192.168.1...	DTLSv1.0	137	Server Hello
192.168.1...	DTLSv1.0	855	Certificate
192.168.1...	DTLSv1.0	72	Certificate Request
192.168.1...	DTLSv1.0	67	Server Hello Done
MacBook-Pr...	DTLSv1.0	855	Certificate
MacBook-Pr...	DTLSv1.0	197	Client Key Exchange
MacBook-Pr...	DTLSv1.0	197	Certificate Verify
MacBook-Pr...	DTLS	60	Continuation Data
MacBook-Pr...	DTLSv1.0	135	Encrypted Handshake Message
192.168.1...	DTLS	57	Continuation Data

Mystery Protocol #2

- DTLS 1.0 with the byte 0xd0 appended to **every** DTLS record
- *_gckSessionRecvMessage()*
 - Inside the DTLS stream:
 - Simple plaintext protocol
 - The other peer's PeerID + App data/messages

The image shows a snippet of ARM assembly code within a white callout box with a gray border. A blue arrow points from the top-left of the slide towards the box. A blue arrow also points from the bottom-right of the slide towards the box. A blue arrow points from the right side of the box towards the bottom-right corner. A red arrow points from the bottom-right corner of the box towards the bottom edge of the slide. The assembly code is as follows:

```
0x25154:  
add.w      lr, r6, #0x4  
uxtb       r0, r0  
add.w      r5, lr, #0x3200  
str        r4, [r6, #0x14]  
cmp        r0, #0xd0  
bne.w     0x2532a
```

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Security Analysis of Multipeer Connectivity

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MC Security Analysis

- **MCEncryptionRequired With Authentication:**
DTLS with **mutual** authentication
 - Each peer sends their certificate and validate the other side's certificate
 - RSA & EC-DSA TLS Cipher Suites
 - 30 cipher suites supported in total including PFS cipher suites.
 - In practice, **TLS_RSA_WITH_AES_256_CBC_SHA256** is always negotiated, which doesn't provide PFS

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- **MCEncryptionRequired Without Authentication:**
DTLS with Anonymous TLS Cipher Suites
 - No certificates exchanged
 - “Anon” AES TLS cipher suites:
 - TLS_DH_anon_WITH_AES_128_CBC_SHA,
TLS_DH_anon_WITH_AES_256_CBC_SHA,
TLS_DH_anon_WITH_AES_128_CBC_SHA256,
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DTLS with **mutual** authentication
 - Each peer send their certificate and validate the other side's certificate
 - Plaintext / “No Encryption” TLS Cipher Suites!
 - TLS_RSA_WITH_NULL_SHA ,
TLS_RSA_WITH_NULL_SHA256

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MC Security Analysis

- **MCEncryptionOptional With Authentication**
- "The session **prefers** to use encryption, but will accept unencrypted connections"
 - Two peers using MCEncryptionOptional with Authentication should get the same security as MCEncryptionRequired
 - Authentication should prevent a man-in-the-middle from tampering with the network traffic

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GCK1 over TCP

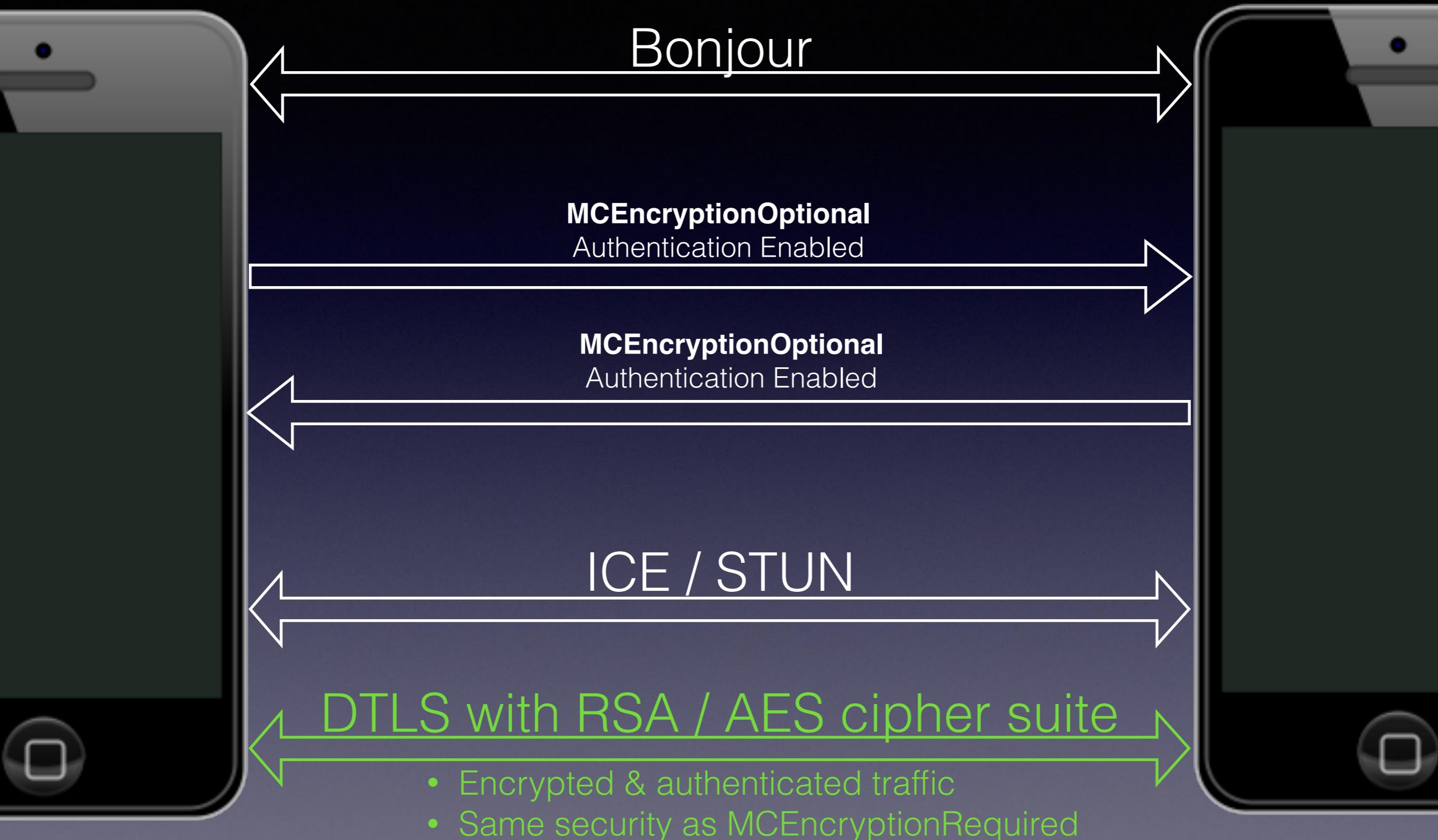
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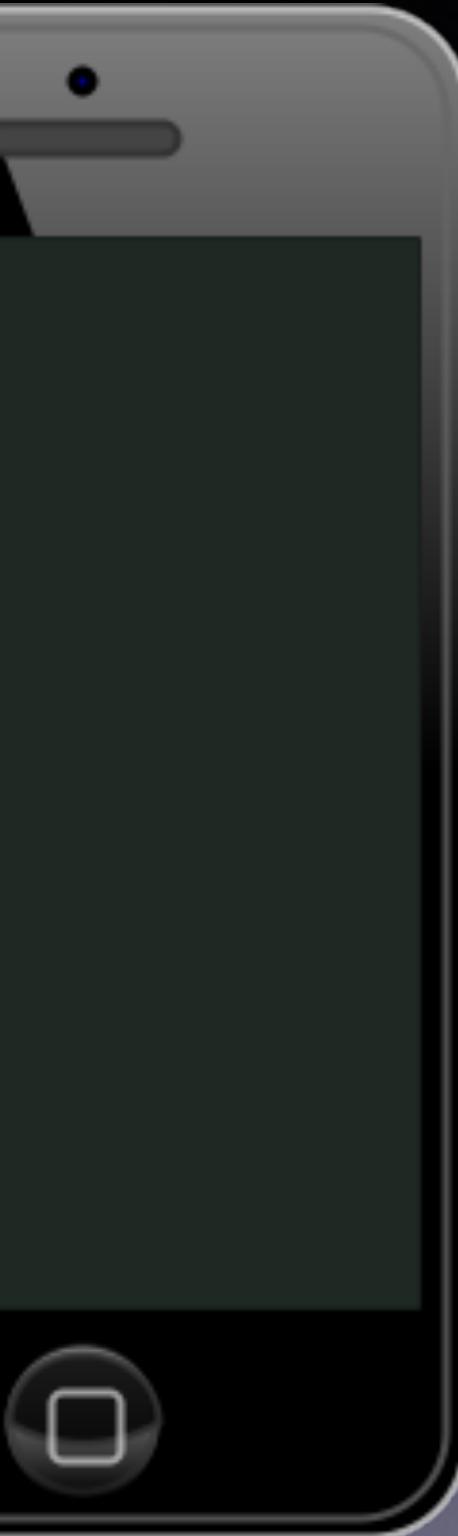
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GCK2 over UDP

Perform DTLS handshake, check the other peer's identity, exchange data



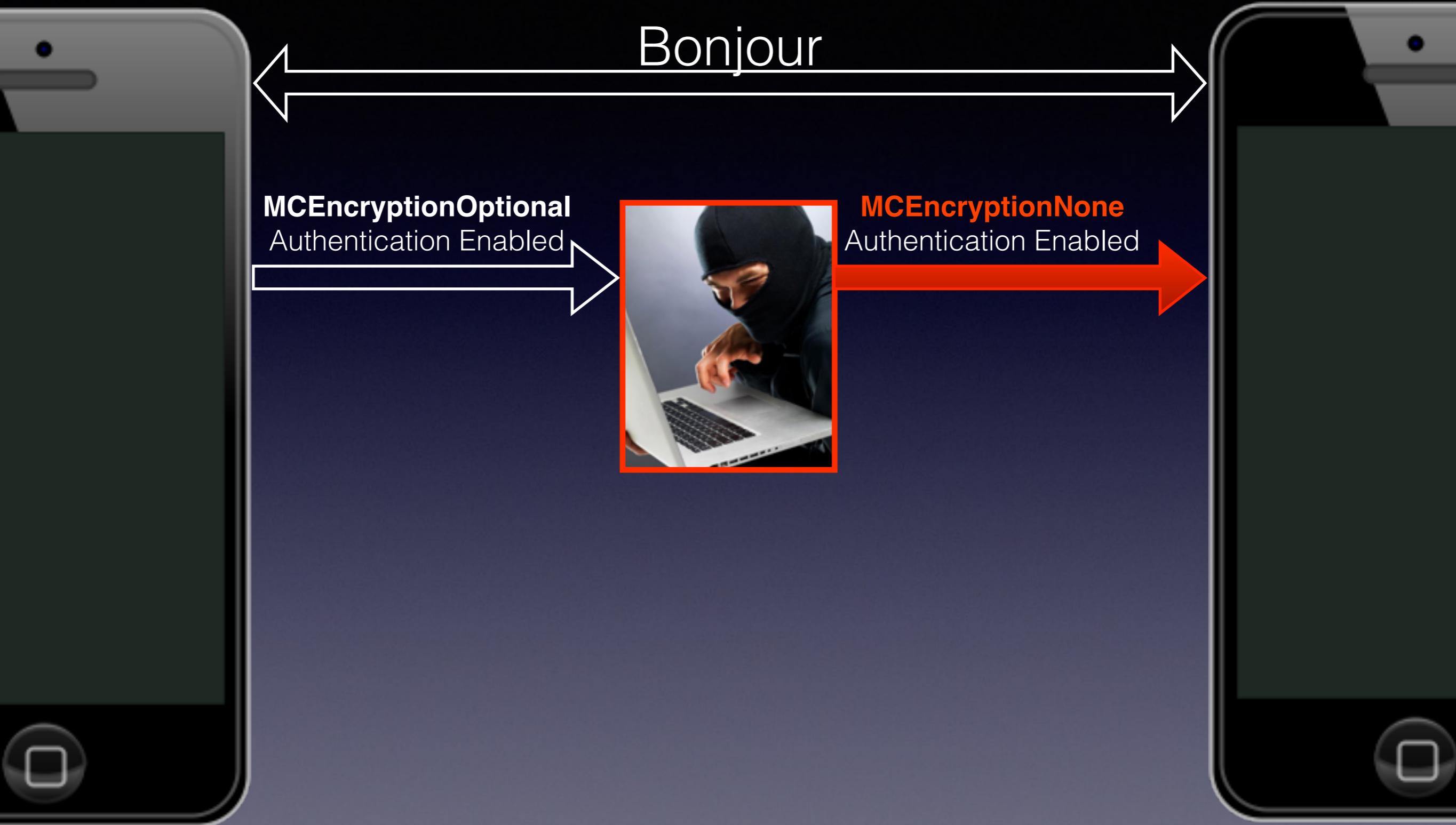
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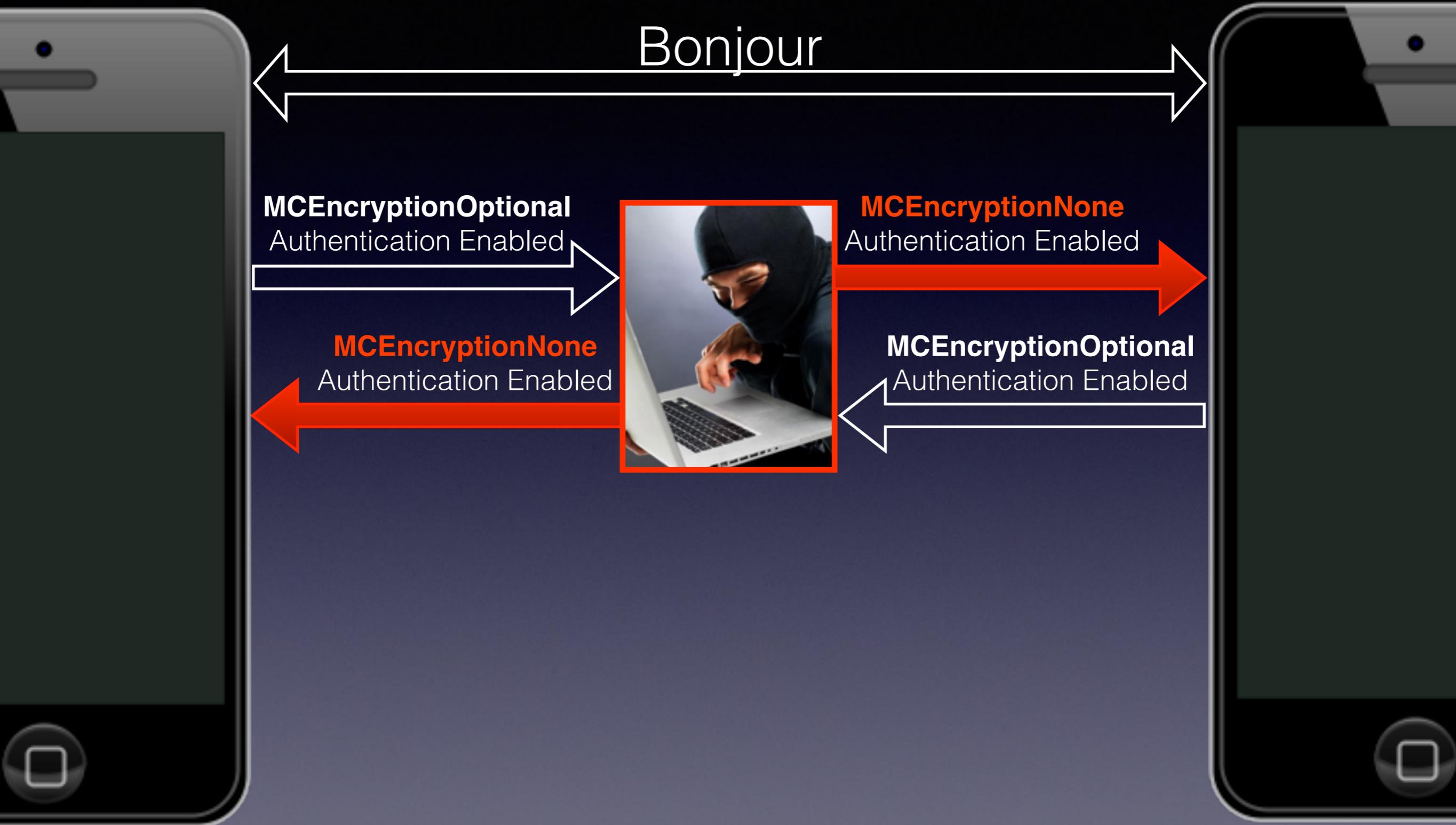


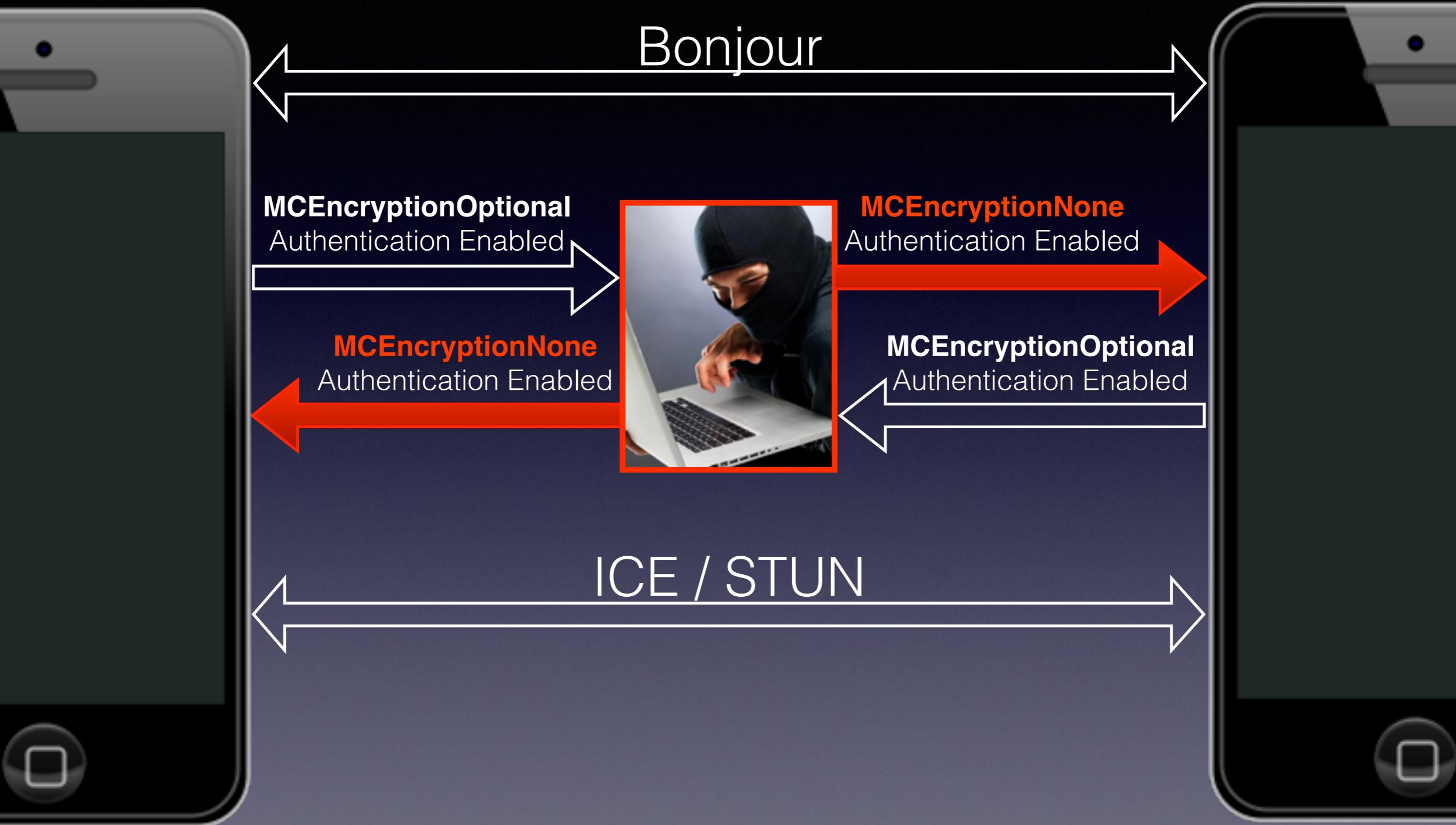
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MCEncryptionOptional
Authentication Enabled











MCEncryptionOptional Downgrade Attack

00000A4F	d0 17 fe ff 00 01 00 00 00 00 00 00 19 00 46 c1 05F..
00000A5F	00 32 00 00 cf f0 7e 0c 0c 44 6f bb 0f 19 01 02 .2....~. .Do.....	
00000A6F	43 2e 74 68 69 73 20 69 73 20 61 20 74 65 73 74 C.this i s a test	
00000A7F	20 6d 65 73 73 61 67 65 20 31 32 33 20 31 32 33 message 123 123	
00000A8F	80 d1 dd f4 13 89 45 80 36 ad 2b 4f f4 0e dc e4E. 6.+0....	
00000A9F	b4 2e 2f 32/2	
00000B8F	d0 17 fe ff 00 01 00 00 00 00 00 00 1a 00 28 c1 08	(...
00000B9F	00 14 00 00 1c 2b 6f bb 0f 19 7e 0c 0c 44 00 02+o. ...~...D...	
00000BAF	00 01 e0 aa 33 77 44 53 91 6f 63 a6 85 4f f5 503wDS .oc..0.P	
00000BBF	f8 73 48 2e bc 35 .sH..5	

MC Security Analysis

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With Authentication	Plaintext	MitM (Downgrade)	No PFS

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- Most security settings work as advertised by the MC documentation
 - **Except for** MCEncryptionOptional with Authentication
 - Some combinations should never be used
 - MCEncryptionOptional
 - MCEncryptionNone with Authentication
 - Only MCEncryptionRequired with Authentication is secure

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- Possible improvements to the MC Framework:
 - MCEncryptionRequired with Authentication:
 - Prioritize Perfect Forward Secrecy TLS Cipher Suites
 - MCEncryptionOptional with Authentication:
 - Peers should validate security parameters post-authentication to prevent downgrade attacks
 - Better: remove MCEncryptionOptional and make MCEncryptionRequired the default setting?

Thanks!

More at

<https://nabla-c0d3.github.io>