COMPUTER NETWORKS LAB (CS315)

Assignment-13

TLS

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Transport-layer security (TLS)

- widely deployed security protocol above the transport layer
  - supported by almost all browsers, web servers: https (port 443)
- provides:
  - confidentiality: via *symmetric encryption*
  - integrity: via *cryptographic hashing*
  - authentication: via *public key cryptography*

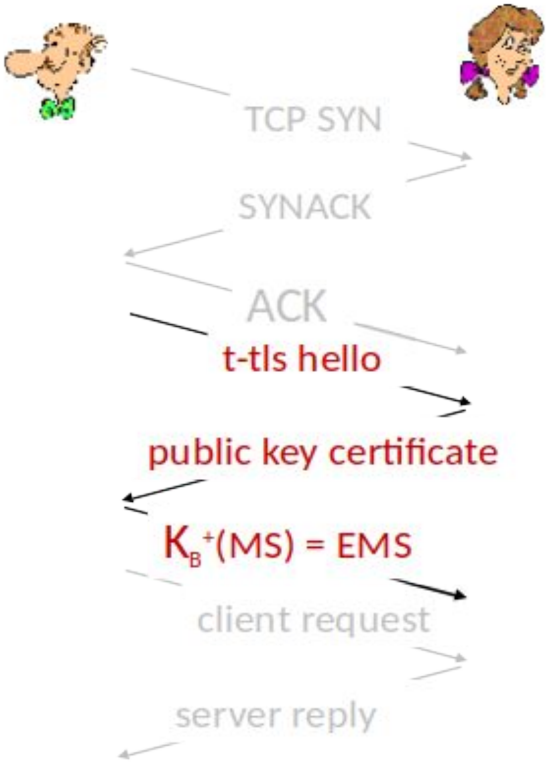
all techniques we have studied!

- history:
  - early research, implementation: secure network programming, secure sockets
  - secure socket layer (SSL) deprecated [2015]
  - TLS 1.3: RFC 8846 [2018]

Transport-layer security: what’s needed?

- let’s *build* a toy TLS protocol, *t-tls*, to see what’s needed!
  - we’ve seen the “pieces” already:
    - handshake: Alice, Bob use their certificates, private keys to authenticate each other, exchange or create shared secret
    - key derivation: Alice, Bob use shared secret to derive set of keys
    - data transfer: stream data transfer: data as a series of records
      - not just one-time transactions
    - connection closure: special messages to securely close connection

t-tls: initial handshake



t-tls handshake phase:

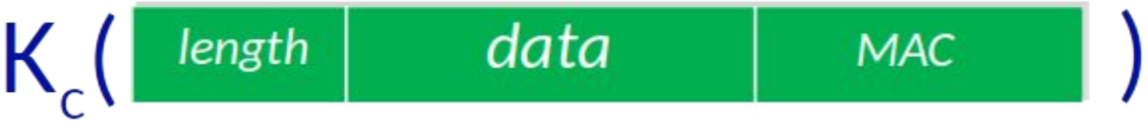
- Bob establishes TCP connection with Alice
- Bob verifies that Alice is really Alice
- Bob sends Alice a master secret key (MS), used to generate all other keys for TLS session
- potential issues:
  - 3 RTT before client can start receiving data (including TCP handshake)

t-tls: cryptographic keys

- considered bad to use same key for more than one cryptographic function
  - different keys for message authentication code (MAC) and encryption
- four keys:
  - K_c : encryption key for data sent from client to server
  - M_c : MAC key for data sent from client to server
  - K_s : encryption key for data sent from server to client
  - M_s : MAC key for data sent from server to client
- keys derived from key derivation function (KDF)
  - takes master secret and (possibly) some additional random data to create new keys

t-tls: encrypting data

- recall: TCP provides data *byte stream* abstraction
- Q: can we encrypt data in-stream as written into TCP socket?
  - *A:* where would MAC go? If at end, no message integrity until all data received and connection closed!
  - *solution:* break stream in series of "records"
    - each client-to-server record carries a MAC, created using M_c
    - receiver can act on each record as it arrives
- t-tls record encrypted using symmetric key, $K_{c,}$ passed to TCP:

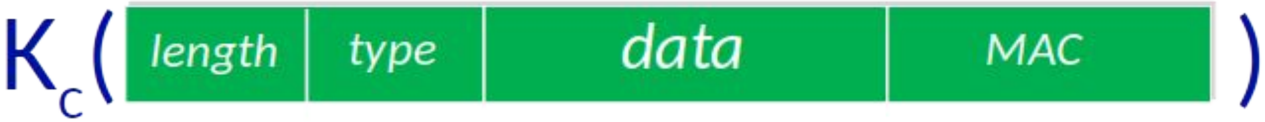


t-tls: encrypting data (more)

- possible attacks on data stream?
  - *re-ordering:* man-in middle intercepts TCP segments and reorders (manipulating sequence #s in unencrypted TCP header)
  - *replay*
- solutions:
  - use TLS sequence numbers (data, TLS-seq-# incorporated into MAC)
  - use nonce

t-tls: connection close

- truncation attack:
  - attacker forges TCP connection close segment
  - one or both sides thinks there is less data than there actually is
- solution: record types, with one type for closure
  - type 0 for data; type 1 for close
- MAC now computed using data, type, sequence #



K_c(

length

type

data

MAC

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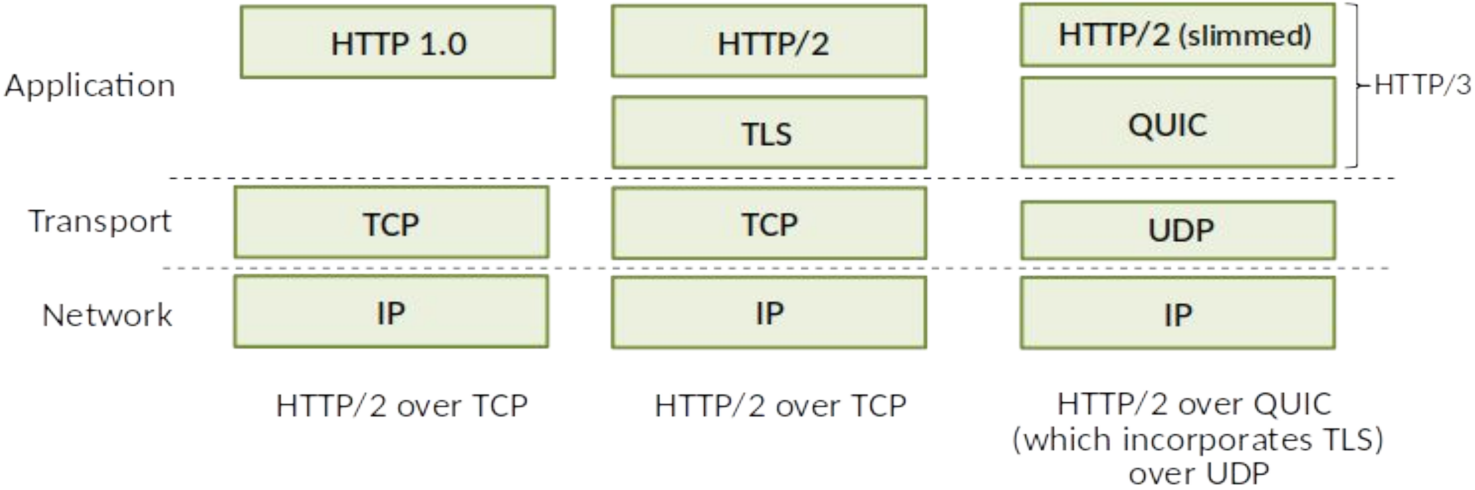
Transport-layer security (TLS)

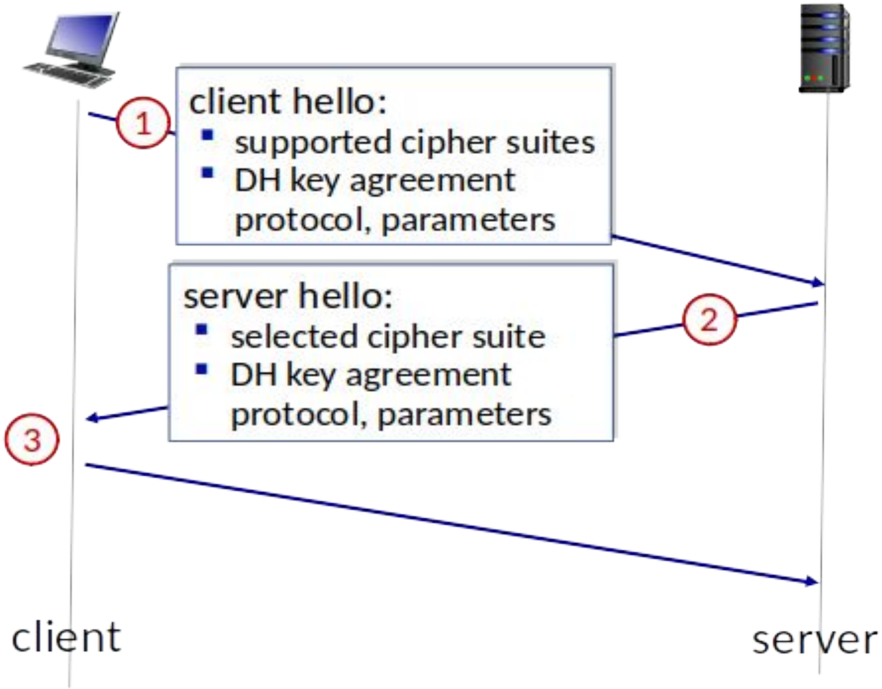
- TLS provides an API that *any* application can use
- an HTTP view of TLS:



TLS: 1.3 cipher suite

- "cipher suite": algorithms that can be used for key generation, encryption, MAC, digital signature
- TLS: 1.3 (2018): more limited cipher suite choice than TLS 1.2 (2008)
  - only 5 choices, rather than 37 choices
  - *requires* Diffie-Hellman (DH) for key exchange, rather than DH or RSA
  - combined encryption and authentication algorithm ("authenticated encryption") for data rather than serial encryption, authentication
    - 4 based on AES
  - HMAC uses SHA (256 or 284) cryptographic hash function

TLS 1.3 handshake: 1 RTT



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client hello:
▪ supported cipher suites
▪ DH key agreement protocol, parameters
server hello:
▪ selected cipher suite
▪ DH key agreement protocol, parameters
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client
server

1 client TLS hello msg:

- *guesses* key agreement protocol, parameters
- indicates cipher suites it supports

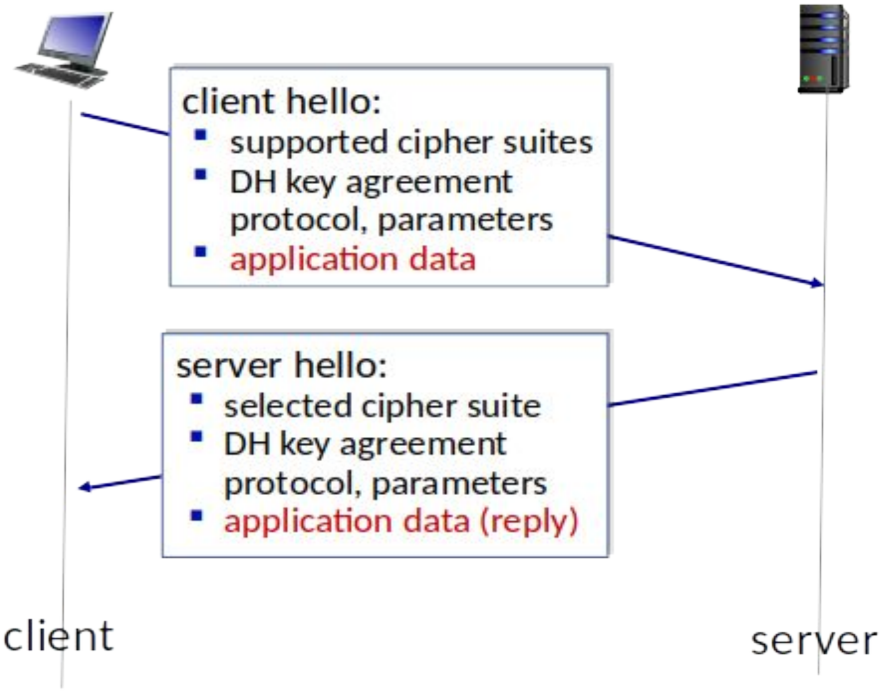
2 server TLS hello msg chooses

- key agreement protocol, parameters
- cipher suite
- server-signed certificate

3 client:

- checks server certificate
- generates key
- can now make application request (e.g.., HTTPS GET)

TLS 1.3 handshake: 0 RTT



client hello:
- supported cipher suites
- DH key agreement protocol, parameters
- application data

server hello:
- selected cipher suite
- DH key agreement protocol, parameters
- application data (reply)

- initial hello message contains encrypted application data!
  - "resuming" earlier connection between client and server
  - application data encrypted using "resumption master secret" from earlier connection
- vulnerable to replay attacks!
  - maybe OK for get HTTP GET or client requests not modifying server state

Thank you