

Working principle, attacks and defenses of SSL/TLS

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Motivation TLS

- security protocol above the transport layer of the OSI model
- provides authentication of communication partners, encryption and integrity check of sent messages
- used by many higher layer protocols and applications
- SSL/TLS is the most used security protocol today.

¹[Jörg Schwenk. Sicherheit und Kryptographie im Internet. 4. Auflage Springer Vieweg, 2014.



Protocol hierarchie

Handshake	ChangeCipherSpec	Alert	ApplicationData
Record Protocol			

Transport Layer



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- side-channel attacks
- cryptographic principles, e.g. unpredictable IVs



Discovery learning with simulations

Discovery learning (also exploratory learning)

learning by interacting with the world by exploring and manipulating objects and performing experiments.

J. S. Bruner. On Knowing: Essays for the left hand. Harvard University press, 1979.

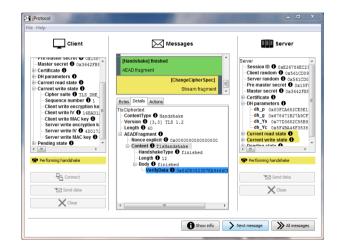
Simulations

interactive computer programs modelling activities, which enable us to observe normally hidden processes.

Helmut M. Niegemann et al. Kompendium multimediales Lernen. Springer, 2008.



Live demo





Possible next steps

- Unimplemented in TLS plugin
 - certificate validation
 - session resumption
 - client authentication
 - TLS extensions
- Implement other protocols



Thank you!