Network Security

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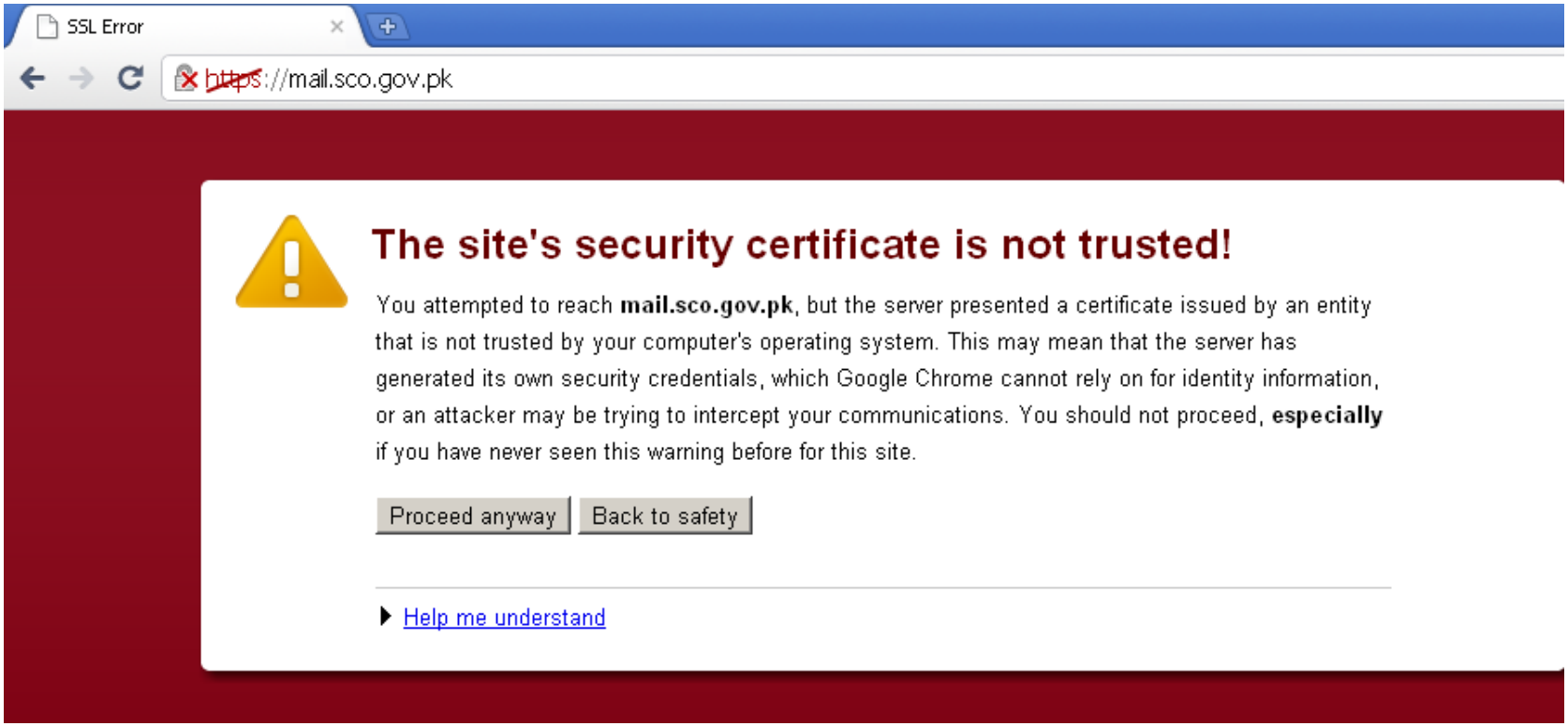
Where we are …

- Introduction to network security
- Vulnerabilities in IP
- I. CRYPTOGRAPHY
  - Symmetric Encryption and Message Confidentiality
  - Public-Key Cryptography and Message Authentication
- II. NETWORK SECURITY APPLICATIONS
  - Authentication Applications (Kerberos, X.509)
  - Electronic Mail Security (PGP, S/MIME)
  - IP Security (IPSec, AH, ESP, IKE)
  - Web Security (SSL, TLS, SET)
- III. SYSTEM SECURITY
  - Intruders and intrusion detection
  - Malicious Software (viruses)
  - Firewalls and trusted systems

Certificate Error



X.509

X.509 Authentication Service

- Part of X.500 directory service standards
  - Distributed servers maintaining some info database
- Defines framework for authentication services
  - Directory may store public-key certificates
- Certificate contains public key of user
  - Signed by private key of certification authority
- Also defines authentication protocols
- Uses public-key cryptography & digital signatures
  - No algorithm standardized, but RSA is recommended

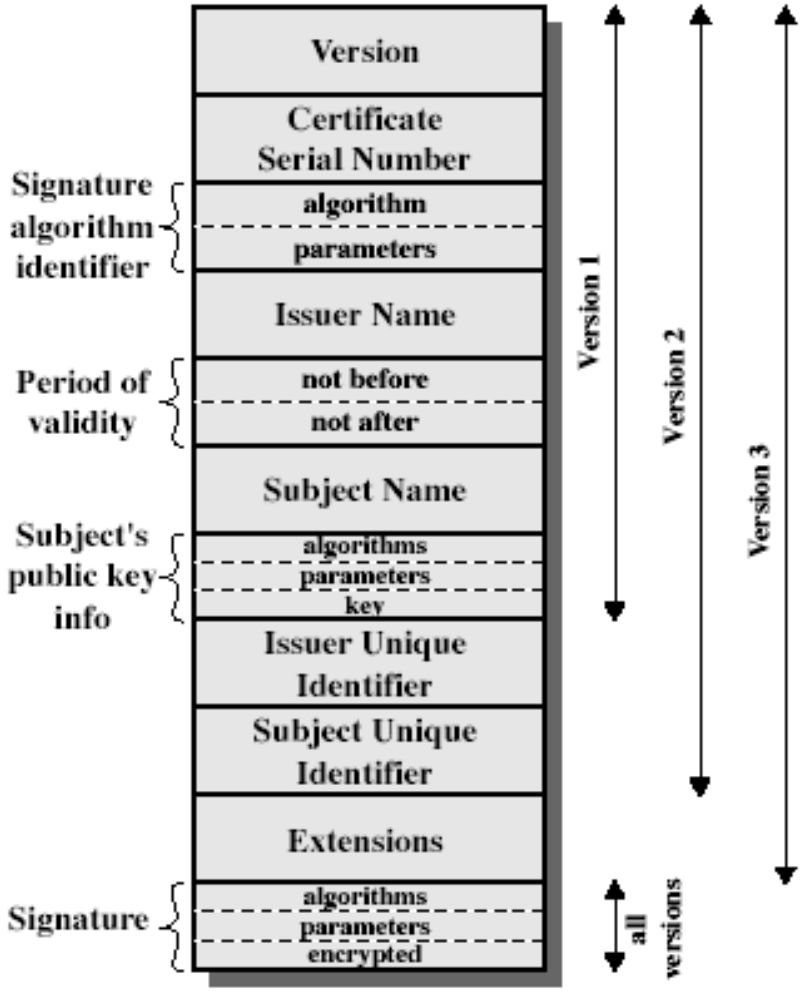
X.509 Certificates

- Public key certificates are associated with each user
- Created by some trusted Certification Authority (CA) and placed in a directory
- X.509 Certificates contain:
  - Version: Three versions are available
  - Serial number: An integer value unique within CA, identifying certificate
  - Signature algorithm identifier: specifies the algorithm used to compute the signature
  - Issuer: X.500 name of issuing CA

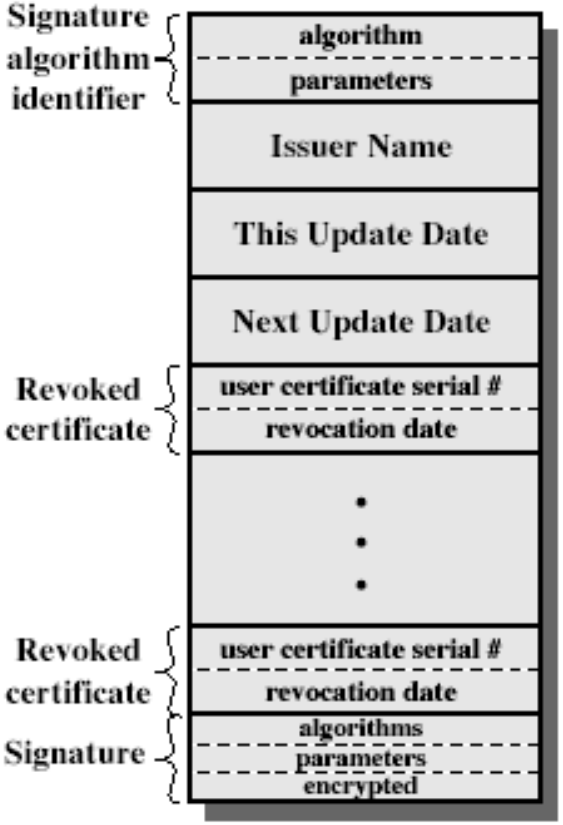
X.509 Format

- Validity: contains two subfields, time the certificate becomes valid and the time till it is valid
- Subject: X.500 name of entity whose key is being certified
- Subject public-key info: algorithm identifier and the subject's public key
- Issuer unique identifier: Optional, identifies the issuer of this certificate
- Subject unique identifier: Optional, identifies the subject of this certificate
- Extension fields
- Signature: hash of all fields in certificate

X.509 Formats



(a) X.509 Certificate

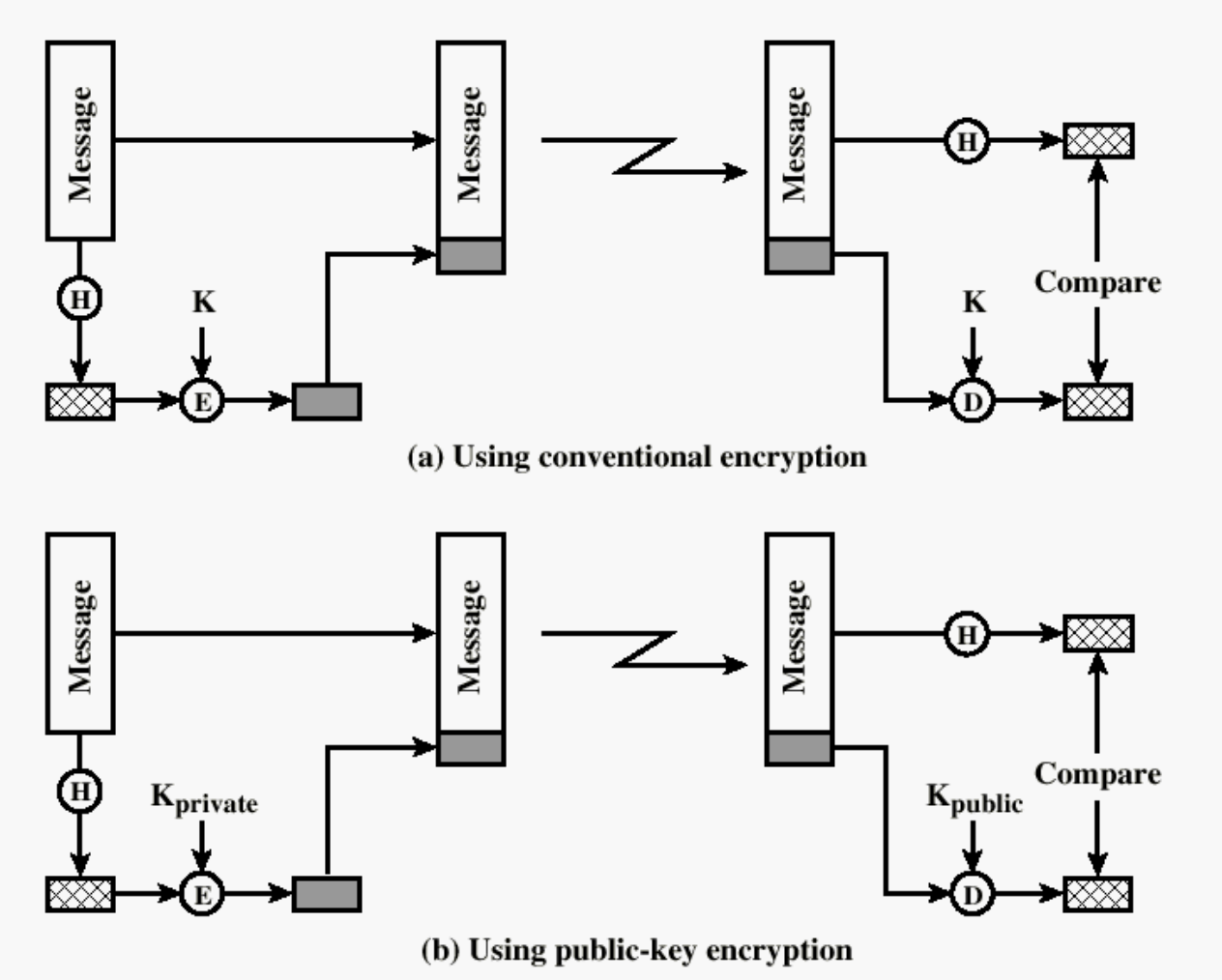


(b) Certificate Revocation List

X.509 Notation

- CA<<A>>
  - Denotes certificate for A signed by CA
- CA signs the certificate with its private key

Typical Digital Signature Approach



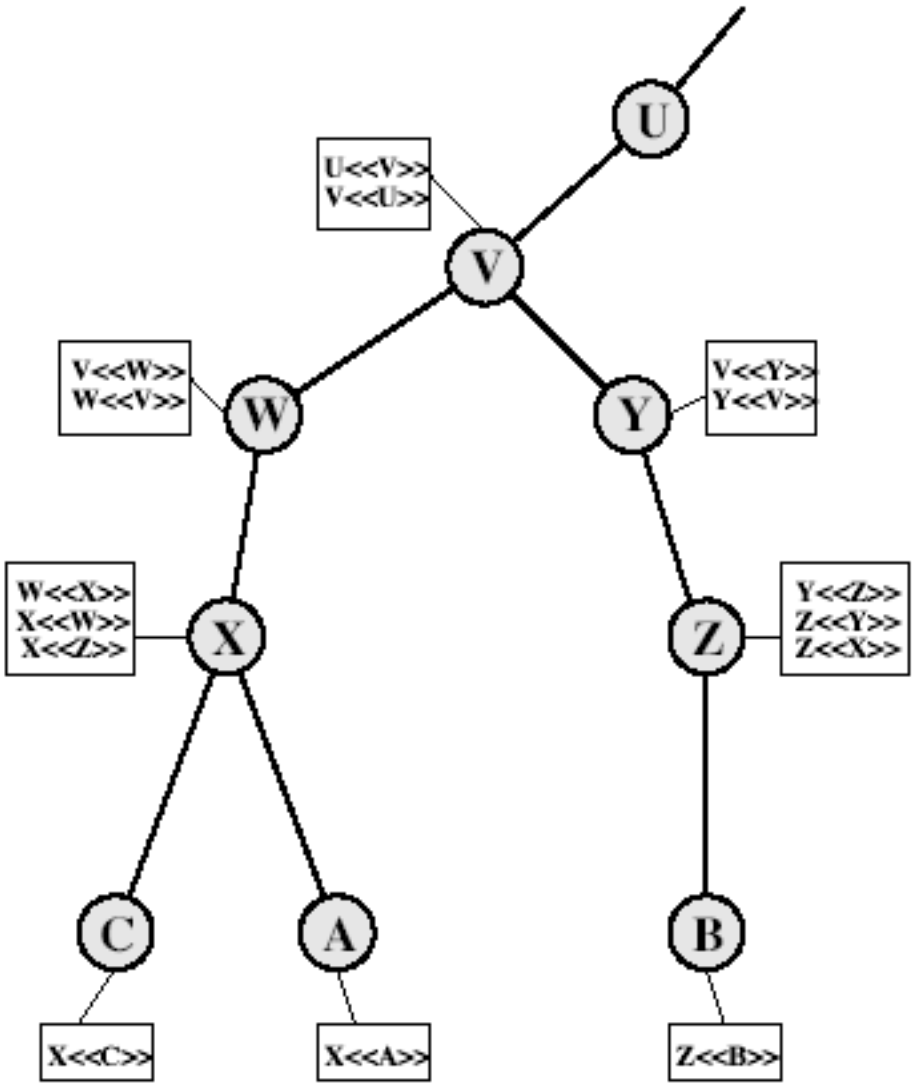
Obtaining a Certificate

- Any user with access to public key of CA can verify user public key
- Only the CA can modify a certificate
- Certificates cannot be forged, therefore, certificates can be placed in a public directory
- All users subscribed to same CA and hence have a common trust
- B having certificate of A, has confidence that message can neither be eavesdropped nor forged

CA Hierarchy

- If both users share a common CA then they are assumed to know its public key
- Otherwise CA's must form a hierarchy
- Use certificates linking members of hierarchy to validate other CA's
  - Each CA has certificates for clients (forward) and parent (backward)
- Each client trusts parents certificates
- Enable verification of any certificate from one CA by users of all other CAs in hierarchy

CA Hierarchy Use



CA Hierarchy Use

- User A can acquire certificate for B:

X<<W>> W<<V>> V<<Y>> Y<<Z>>Z<<B>>

- After obtaining these certificates it can get B's public key
- Each client trusts parent's certificates
- Enable verification of any certificate from one CA by users of all other CAs in hierarchy

Certificate Revocation

- Certificates have a period of validity
- May need to revoke before expiry, because:
  - user's private key is compromised
  - user is no longer certified by this CA
  - CA's certificate is compromised
- CA's maintain list of revoked certificates
  - The Certificate Revocation List (CRL)
- Users should check certificates with CA's CRL

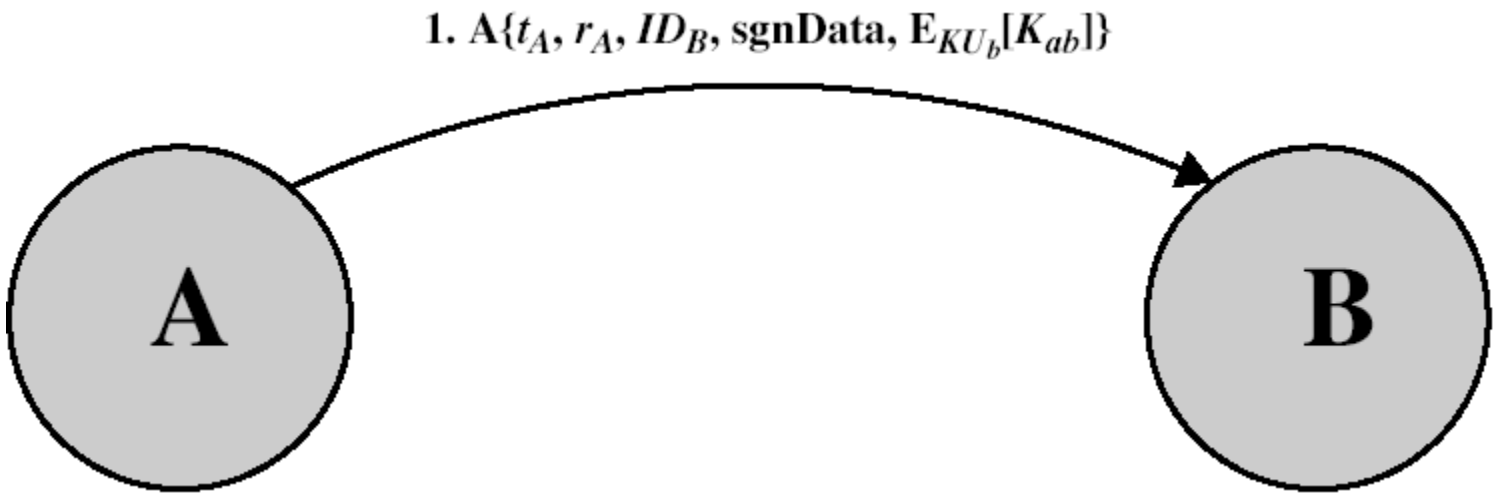
Authentication Procedures

- X.509 includes three alternative authentication procedures:
  - One-Way Authentication
  - Two-Way Authentication
  - Three-Way Authentication
- All use public-key signatures

One-Way Authentication

- One message (A->B) used to establish:
  - The identity of A and that message is from A
  - Message was intended for B
  - Integrity & originality of message
- Message must include timestamp, nonce, B's identity and is signed by A
- May include additional info for B
  - E.g session key

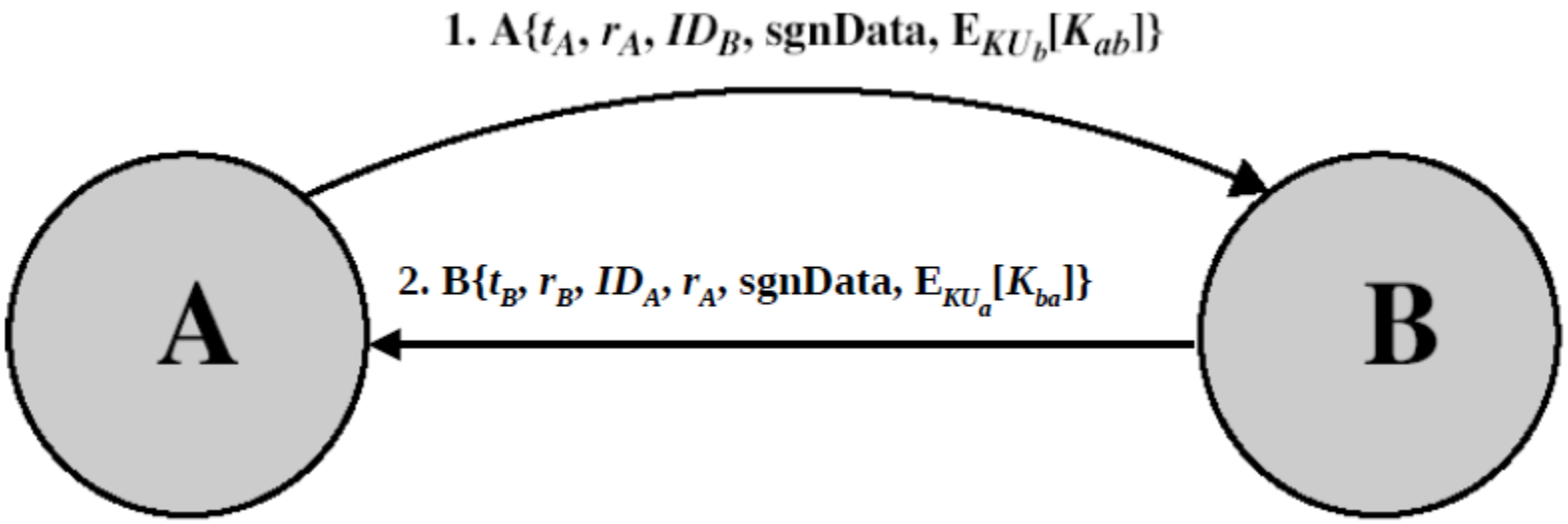
One-Way Authentication



Two-Way Authentication

- Two messages (A->B, B->A), which additionally establishes:
  - The identity of B and that reply is from B
  - That reply is intended for A
  - Integrity & originality of reply
- Reply includes: original nonce from A and timestamp and nonce from B
- May include additional info for A

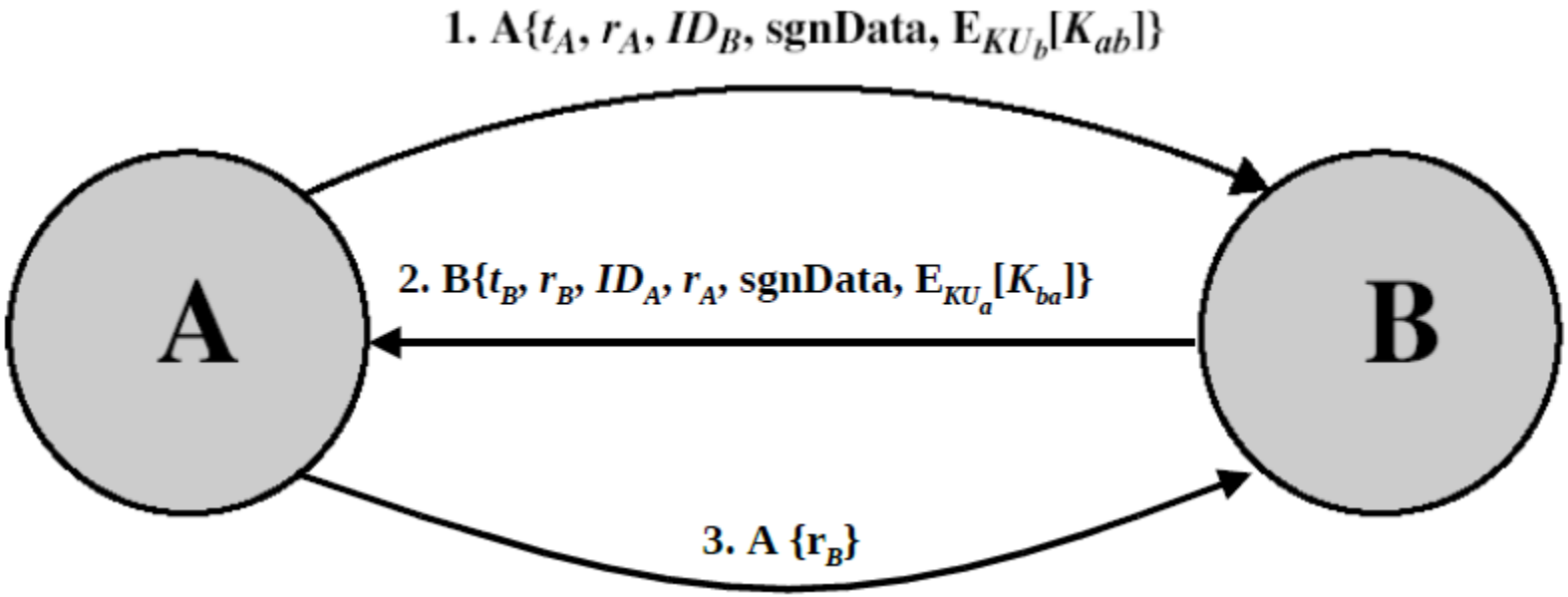
Two-Way Authentication



Three-Way Authentication

- Three messages (A->B, B->A, A->B), which enables above authentication without synchronized clocks
- Has reply from A back to B containing signed copy of nonce from B
- Means that timestamps need not be checked or relied upon

Three-Way Authentication



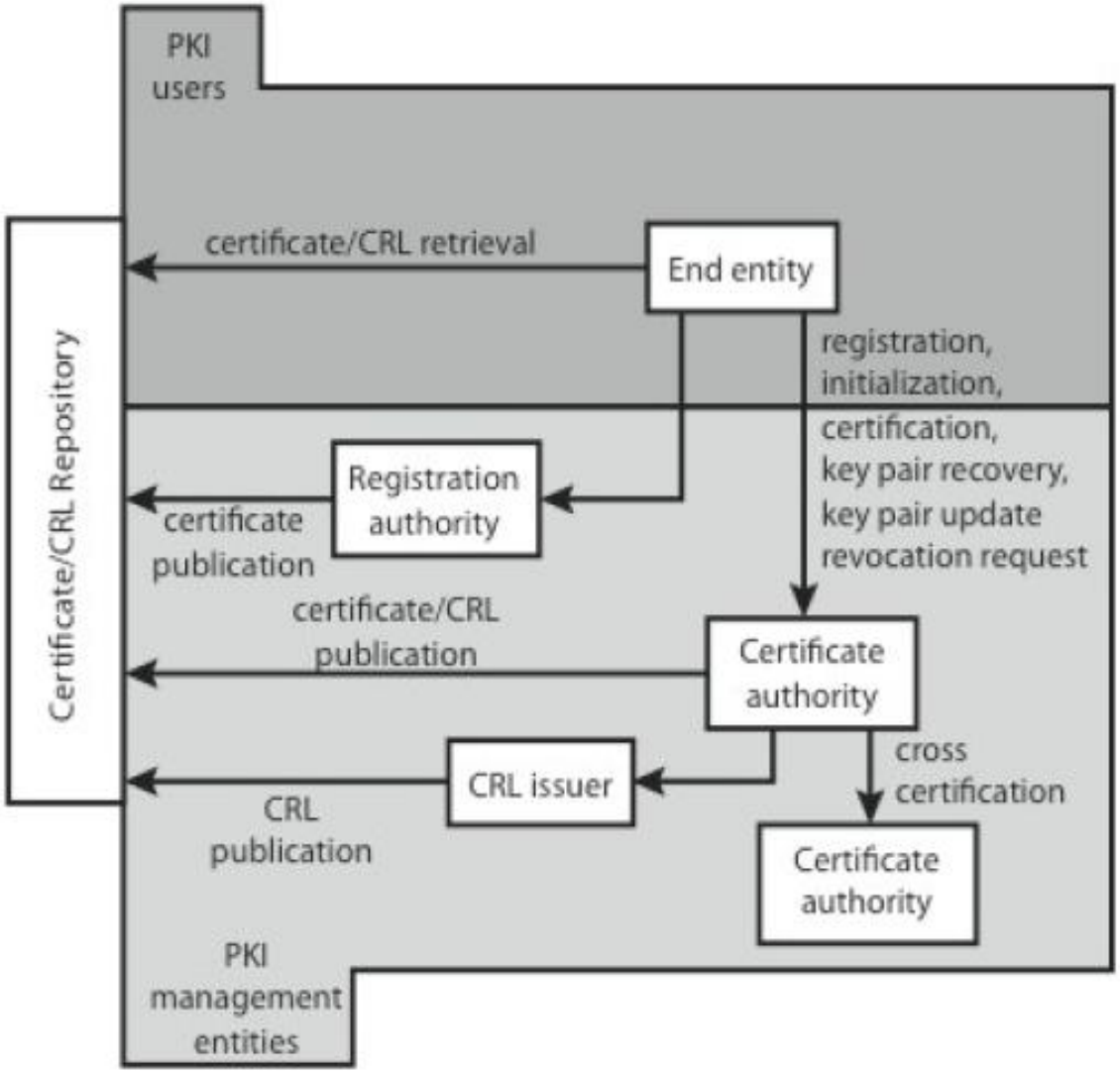
X.509 Version 3

- Has been recognized that additional information is needed in a certificate
  - email/URL, policy details, usage constraints
- Rather than explicitly naming new fields defined a general extension method
- Extensions consist of:
  - Extension identifier
  - Criticality indicator
  - Extension value

Certificate Extensions

- Key and policy information
  - convey info about subject & issuer keys, plus indicators of certificate policy
- Certificate subject and issuer attributes
  - support alternative names, in alternative formats for certificate subject and/or issuer
- Certificate path constraints
  - allow constraints on use of certificates by other CA's

Public Key Infrastructure



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