

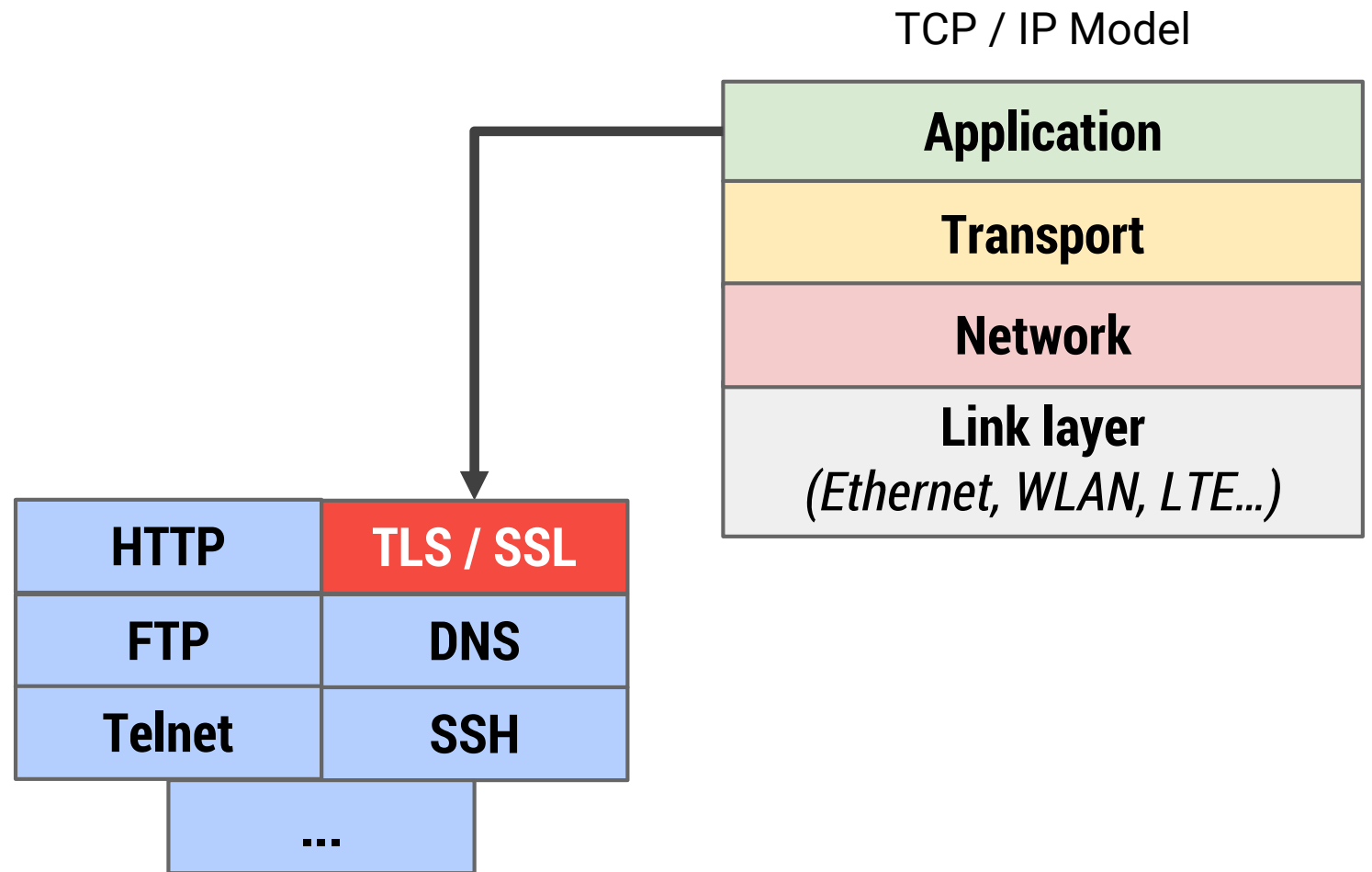
Application Layer – TLS / SSL

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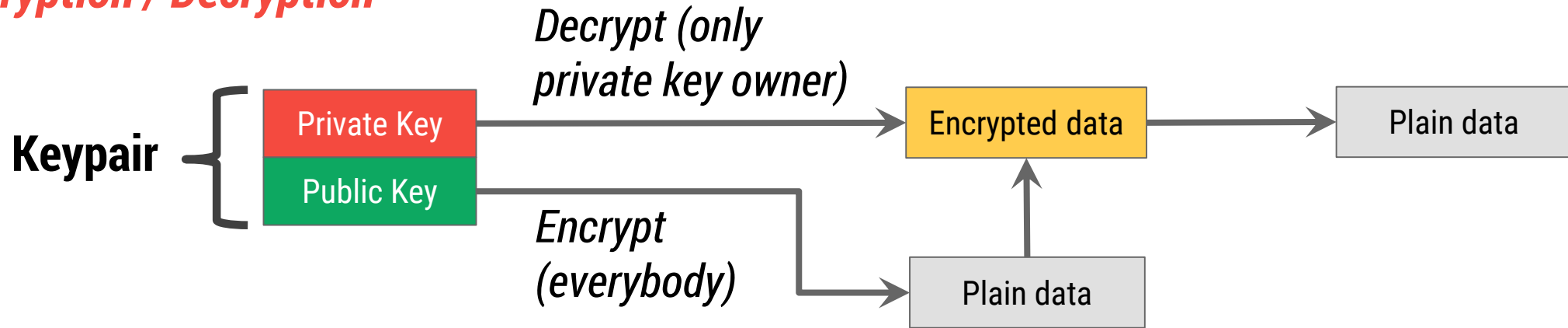
Outline

- Crypto Crash Course
- TLS Handshake
- Properties
 - Cipher Suites
 - Perfect Forward Secrecy
- Security
 - HSTS
 - Certificate Pinning (HPKP)



Crypto Crash Course

Asymmetric Cryptography: Encryption / Decryption



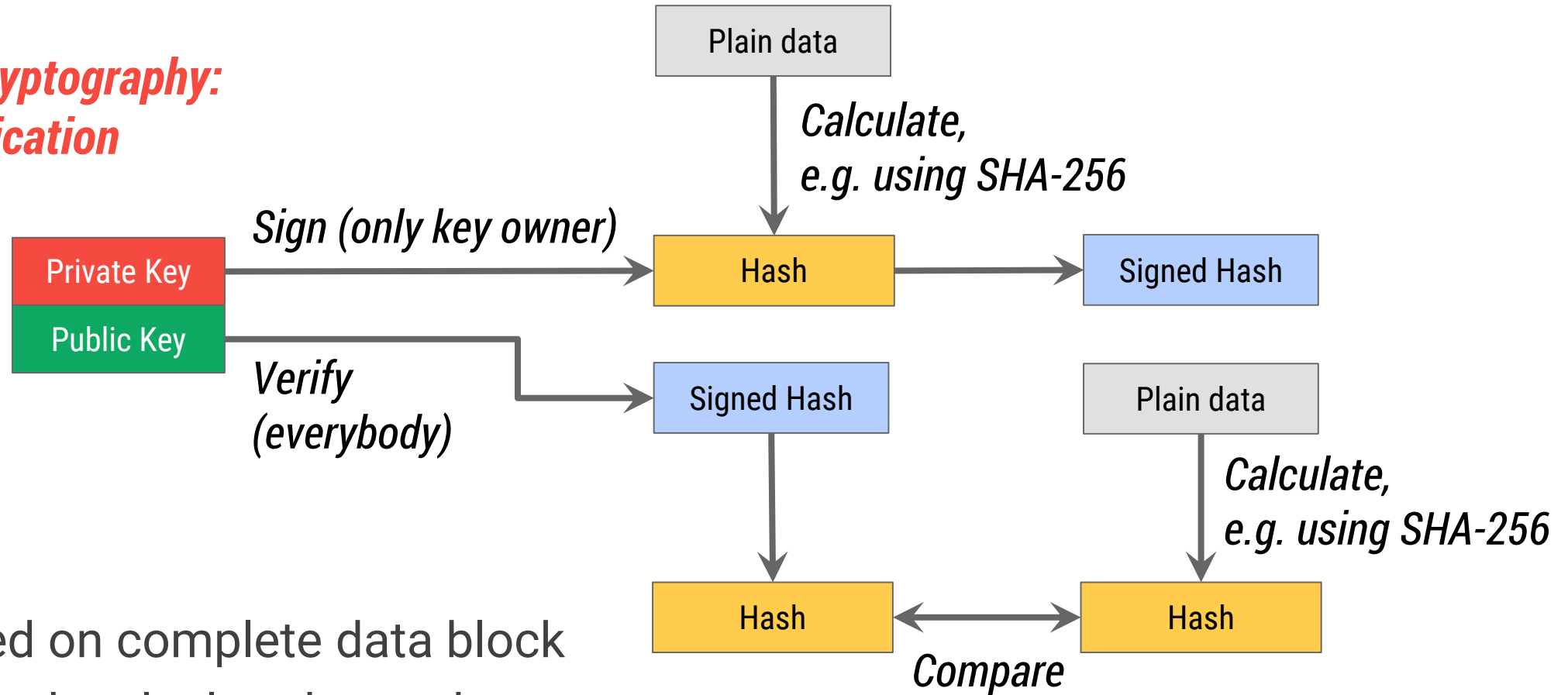
Private Key = Really private, only the owner should have it

Public Key = Everyone can have it

- Typically only small data is encrypted with asymmetric keys (performance!)
- Asymmetric schemes often encrypt („wrap“) symmetric keys

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Asymmetric Cryptography: Signing / Verification



Signature

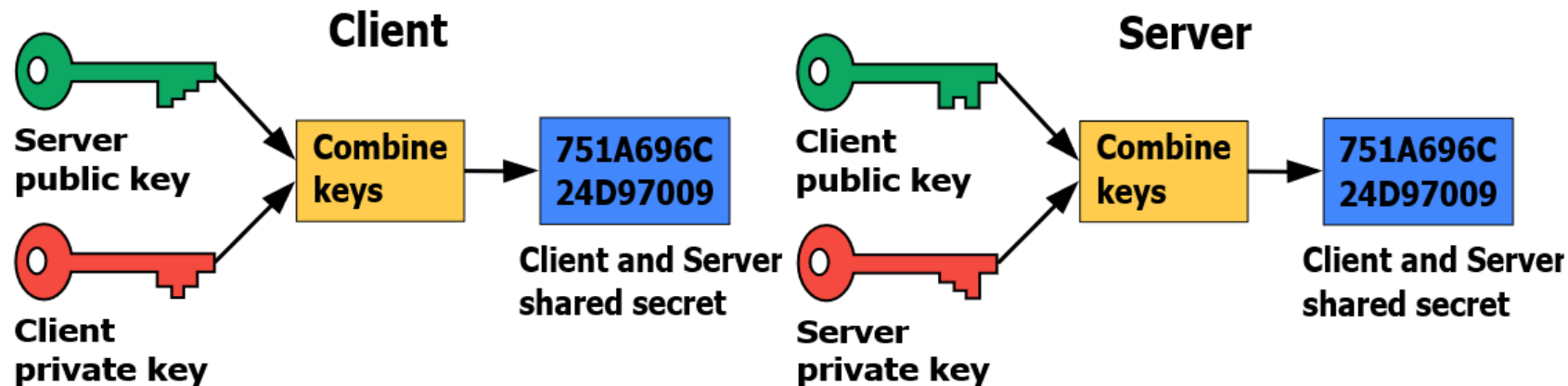
- Not applied on complete data block
- Instead, hash calculated over data
→ signed / verified

Verification: Comparison if hashes match

Diffie-Hellman (DH)

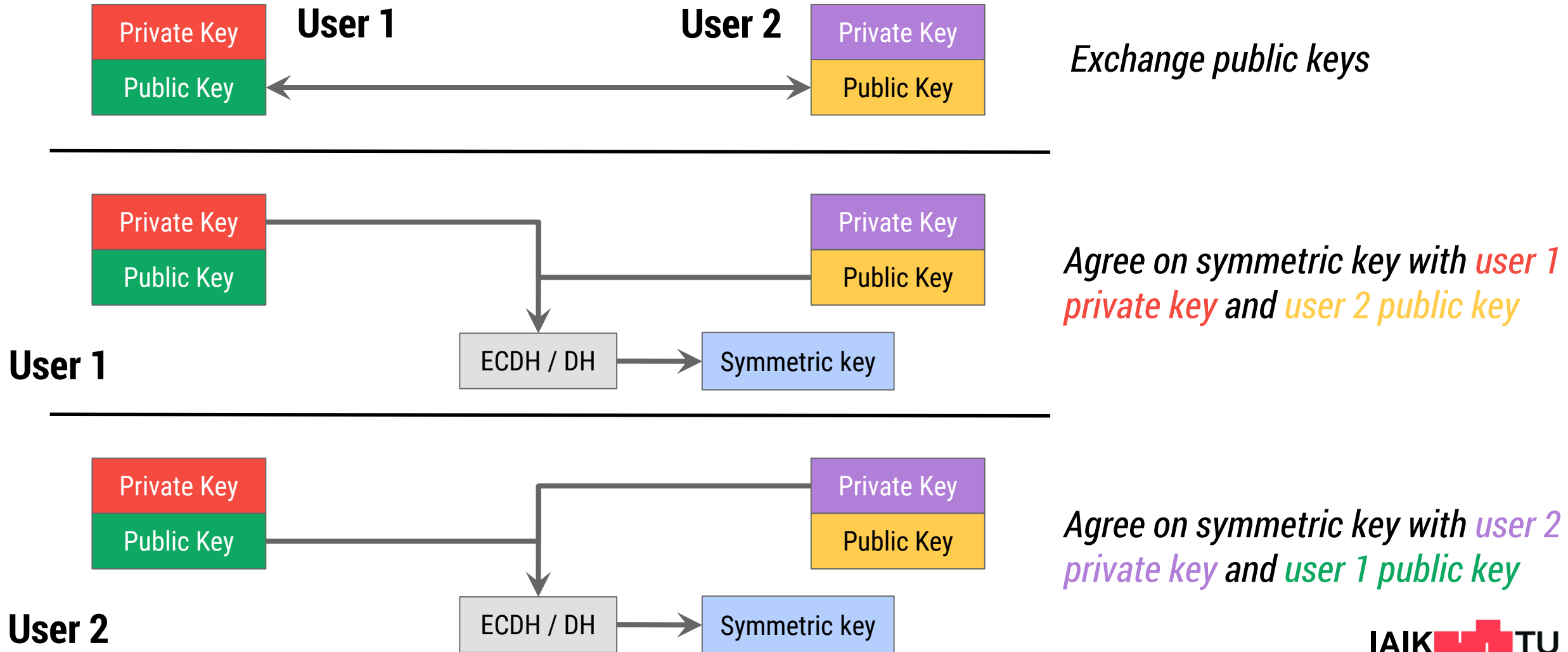
Basic idea

- Server determines DH parameters + generates key pair
- Sends parameters + public key to client
- Client uses DH parameters (of server) + generates key pair
- Client sends public key to server
- Both calculate same secret



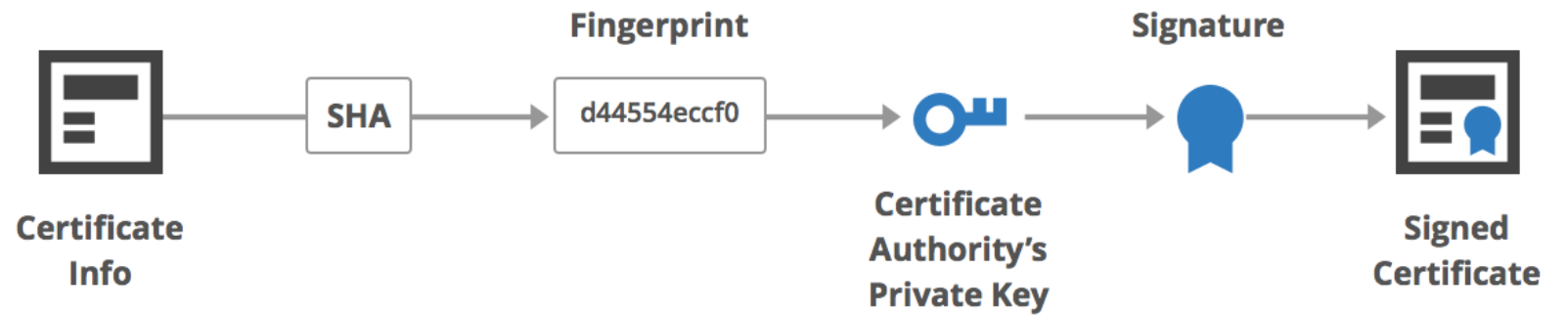
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Asymmetric Cryptography: Key Agreement

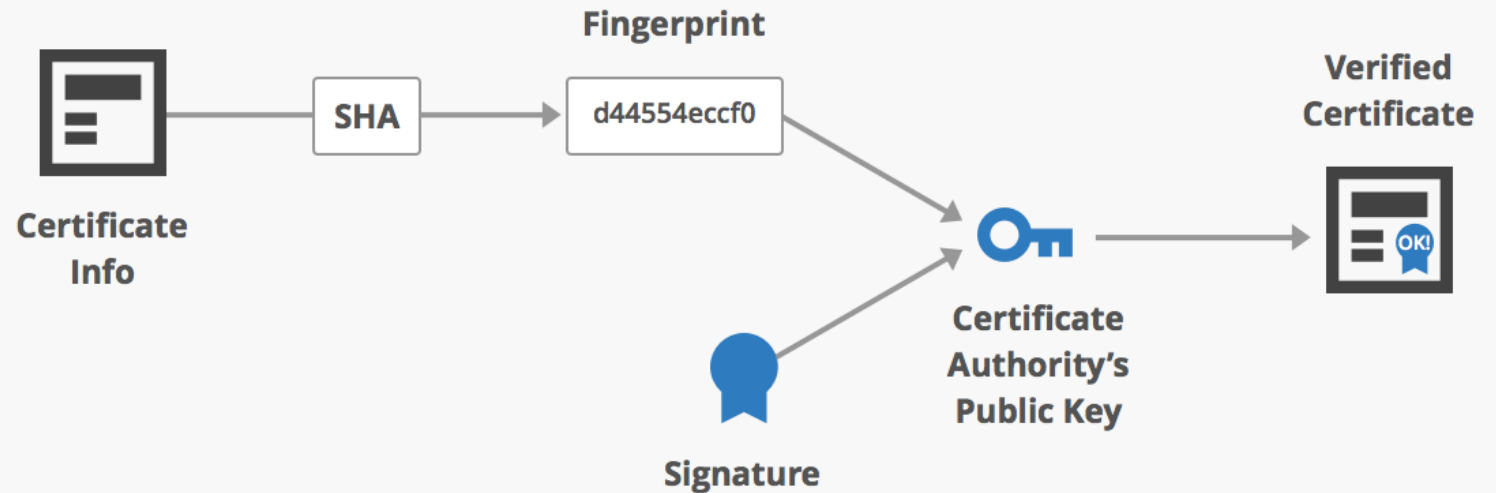


X.509 Certificates

Creating an SSL Certificate



Verifying an SSL Certificate

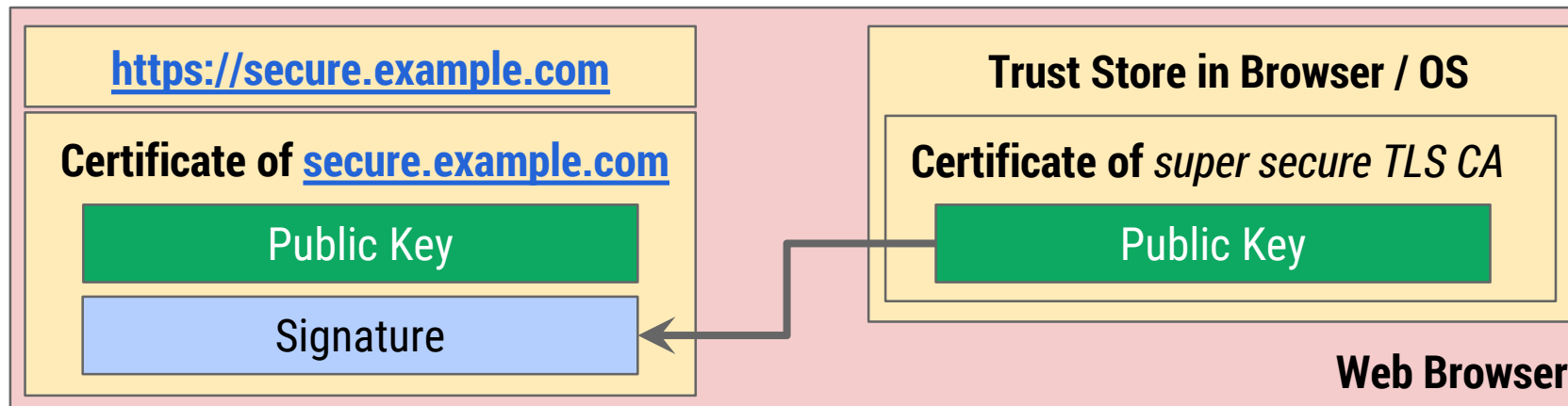
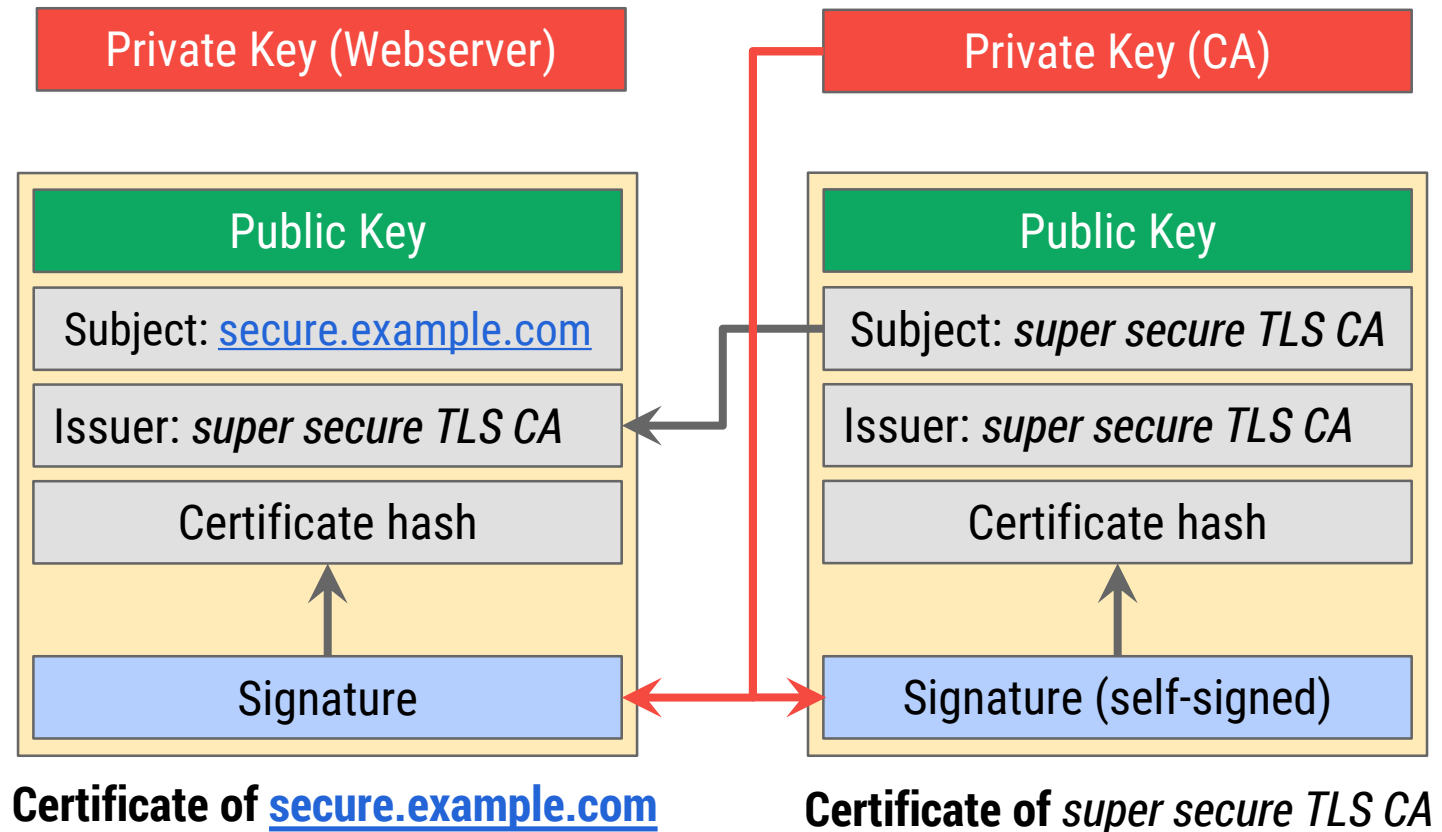


X.509 Certificates

Validation

Web Browser gets host cert during TLS handshake

1. Verify hostname matches certificate subject
2. Verify signature



Transport Layer Security

TLS Introduction

Basics

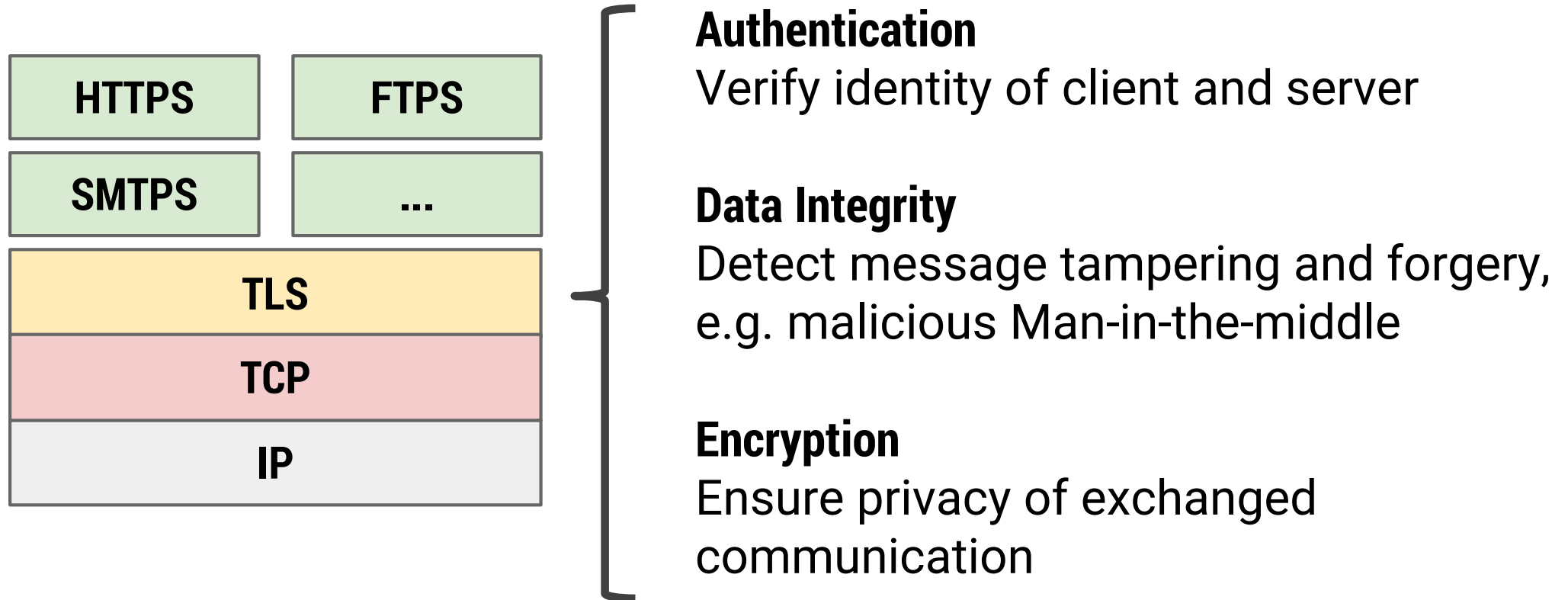
- Key protocol for secure communication
 - HTTPS, VPNs, for any secure communication based on certificates
- Designed to operate on TCP (for reliability reasons)
 - Later adapted to support datagram protocols also, e.g. UDP
 - Datagram Transport Layer Security (DTLS), RFC 6347
- Initial development by Netscape in the 90s
 - Named „Secure Sockets Layer“ (SSL)
 - Later standardized by IETF → renamed to TLS

TLS Versions

- 1995: First public release of proprietary SSL 2.0
 - Critical security flaws briefly afterwards
 - Usage prohibited in 2011 (RFC 6176)
- 1996: SSL 3.0, RFC 6101, deprecated in June 2015 (RFC 7568)
- 1999: TLS 1.0, RFC 2246
 - No „dramatic changes“ but no more interoperability between SSL 3.0 & TLS 1.0
 - Includes downgrade option to SSL 3.0 → weakens security!
- 2006: TLS 1.1, RFC 4346
- 2008: TLS 1.2, RFC 5246: Removed old ciphers, bugfixes
- 2018: TLS 1.3, RFC 8446 (Proposed Standard): Drop weak ciphers

TLS Services

All applications running TLS are provided with three essential services



*Note: Technically, not all services are required to be used
→ Can raise risk for security issues!*

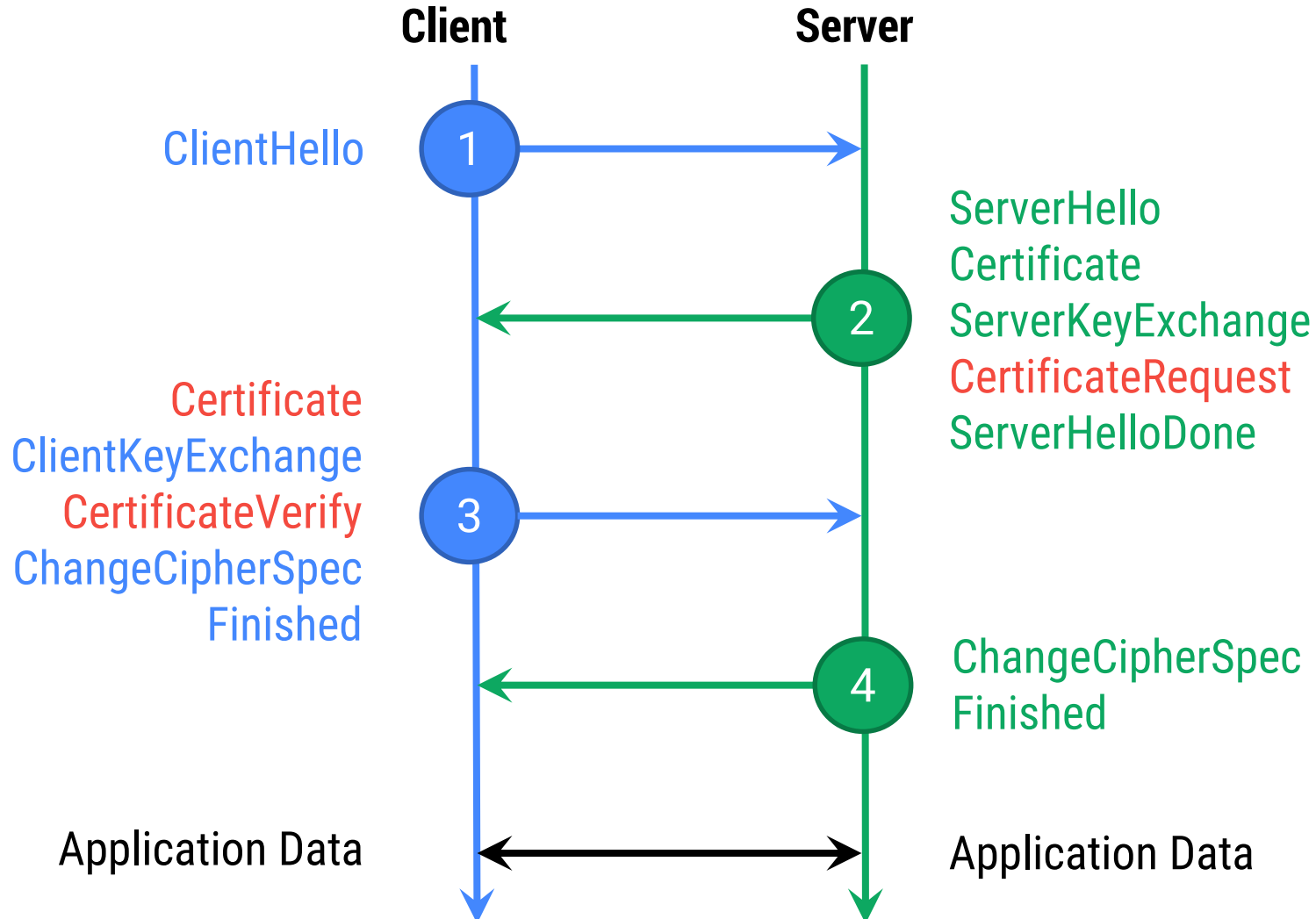
TLS 1.2 Handshake

RFC 5246

= Establish parameters for cryptographically secure data channel

Full handshake scenario!

Optional:
Only with
Client TLS!



Client: ClientHello

With TCP connection setup on port 443, clients initiate the TLS negotiation

Message contains

- Highest supported TLS version
- Random number (for key exchange)
- Session ID
 - If existing session should be resumed
 - Kind of „keep-alive“ across requests
- Suggested cipher suites
- Supported compression methods
- Extensions

```
└─ Secure Sockets Layer
  └─ TLSv1.2 Record Layer: Handshake Protocol: Client Hello
    Content Type: Handshake (22)
    Version: TLS 1.0 (0x0301)
    Length: 189
  └─ Handshake Protocol: Client Hello
    Handshake Type: Client Hello (1)
    Length: 185
    Version: TLS 1.2 (0x0303)
    └─ Random
      GMT Unix Time: Jul 26, 1992 07:13:56.000000000 Mitteleuropäische
      Random Bytes: 6f2575d1f037b52c7651ee3b59cf418baf22c251f88b18bb...
      Session ID Length: 0
      Cipher Suites Length: 22
    └─ Cipher Suites (11 suites)
      Cipher Suite: TLS_ECDHE_ECDSA_WITH_AES_128_GCM_SHA256 (0xc02b)
      Cipher Suite: TLS_ECDHE_RSA_WITH_AES_128_GCM_SHA256 (0xc02f)
      Cipher Suite: TLS_ECDHE_ECDSA_WITH_AES_256_CBC_SHA (0xc00a)
      Cipher Suite: TLS_ECDHE_ECDSA_WITH_AES_128_CBC_SHA (0xc009)
      Cipher Suite: TLS_ECDHE_RSA_WITH_AES_128_CBC_SHA (0xc013)
      Cipher Suite: TLS_ECDHE_RSA_WITH_AES_256_CBC_SHA (0xc014)
      Cipher Suite: TLS_DHE_RSA_WITH_AES_128_CBC_SHA (0x0033)
      Cipher Suite: TLS_DHE_RSA_WITH_AES_256_CBC_SHA (0x0039)
      Cipher Suite: TLS_RSA_WITH_AES_128_CBC_SHA (0x002f)
      Cipher Suite: TLS_RSA_WITH_AES_256_CBC_SHA (0x0035)
      Cipher Suite: TLS_RSA_WITH_3DES_EDE_CBC_SHA (0x000a)
      Compression Methods Length: 1
    └─ Compression Methods (1 method)
      Extensions Length: 122
    └─ Extension: server_name
    └─ Extension: Extended Master Secret
    └─ Extension: renegotiation_info
    └─ Extension: elliptic_curves
    └─ Extension: ec_point_formats
    └─ Extension: SessionTicket TLS
    └─ Extension: next_protocol_negotiation
    └─ Extension: Application Layer Protocol Negotiation
    └─ Extension: status_request
    └─ Extension: signature_algorithms
```

Server: ServerHello

Response to ClientHello if server finds common set of algorithms

Message contains

- Chosen TLS version
- Random number (for key exchange)
- Session ID
 - If supported / enabled by server
- Chosen cipher suite
 - No list, only the selected one
- Chosen compression method
- Common extensions

```
Secure Sockets Layer
├─ TLSv1.2 Record Layer: Handshake Protocol: Server Hello
  Content Type: Handshake (22)
  Version: TLS 1.2 (0x0303)
  Length: 80
├─ Handshake Protocol: Server Hello
  Handshake Type: Server Hello (2)
  Length: 76
  Version: TLS 1.2 (0x0303)
├─ Random
  GMT Unix Time: Aug 9, 1975 01:08:47.000000000 Mitteleuropäische
  Random Bytes: 42daa757f0afd1e705b3582f064c771b86257810a8018290...
  Session ID Length: 0
  Cipher Suite: TLS_ECDHE_RSA_WITH_AES_128_GCM_SHA256 (0xc02f)
  Compression Method: null (0)
  Extensions Length: 36
  Extension: server_name
  Extension: renegotiation_info
  Extension: ec_point_formats
  Extension: SessionTicket TLS
  Extension: Application Layer Protocol Negotiation
```

If no match on TLS version and cipher suite

→ Handshake **abort** with error, e.g.

Firefox: „SSL_ERROR_NO_CYPHER_OVERLAP “

Chrome: „ERR_SSL_VERSION_OR_CIPHER_MISMATCH“

Server: Certificate

Server sends X.509v3 certificate chain

- Server's certificate has to be the first certificate
- Each following (intermediate) certificate must certify the preceding one
- Root certificates can be excluded
 - Browsers need to know them anyway

```
Secure Sockets Layer
├─ TLSv1.2 Record Layer: Handshake Protocol: Certificate
  Content Type: Handshake (22)
  Version: TLS 1.2 (0x0303)
  Length: 3203
  └─ Handshake Protocol: Certificate
    Handshake Type: Certificate (11)
    Length: 3199
    Certificates Length: 3196
    └─ Certificates (3196 bytes)
      Certificate Length: 1938
      └─ Certificate: 3082078e30820676a00302010202100b335018920af117cd... (id-at-commonName=online.tugraz.at,id-at-organizationalUnitName=Zentraler Informatikdienst
        ▸ signedCertificate
        ▸ algorithmIdentifier (sha256WithRSAEncryption)
          Padding: 0
          encrypted: 8d119078e946ad1308f06c1ddf898f64d54b9b2836487af7...
          Certificate Length: 1252
        ▸ Certificate: 308204e0308203c8a00302010202100b5c3435675b2467c0... (id-at-commonName=TERENA SSL High Assurance CA 3,id-at-organizationName=TERENA,id-at-local
```

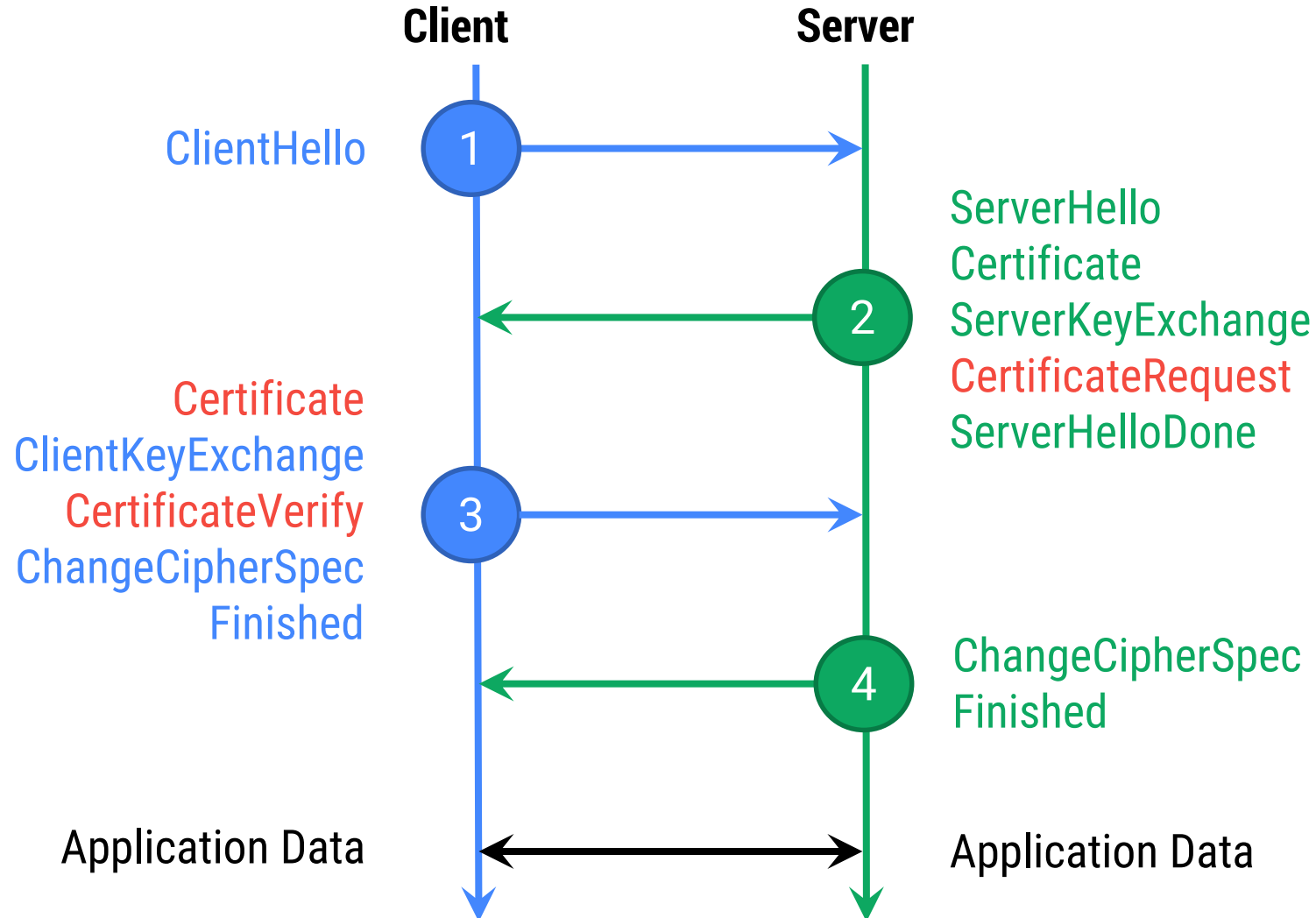

Server: ServerKeyExchange

- Carry additional data needed for key exchange
 - Only sent when required for specified protocol
 - Our example: Parameters for ECDH
- Often this information is already within the certificate, e.g. if key exchange is RSA

```
┆ Secure Sockets Layer
┆   TLSv1.2 Record Layer: Handshake Protocol: Server Key Exchange
┆     Content Type: Handshake (22)
┆     Version: TLS 1.2 (0x0303)
┆     Length: 333
┆   Handshake Protocol: Server Key Exchange
┆     Handshake Type: Server Key Exchange (12)
┆     Length: 329
┆   EC Diffie-Hellman Server Params
┆     Curve Type: named_curve (0x03)
┆     Named Curve: secp256r1 (0x0017)
┆     Pubkey Length: 65
┆     Pubkey: 0465cdb560ea3a18bf633275625192a87cf2962309f144c2...
┆   Signature Hash Algorithm: 0x0601
┆     Signature Hash Algorithm Hash: SHA512 (6)
┆     Signature Hash Algorithm Signature: RSA (1)
┆     Signature Length: 256
┆     Signature: 70b0f4efbf6357fe43c0e1943051ae775c338ed374fa926e...
```

Server: CertificateRequest

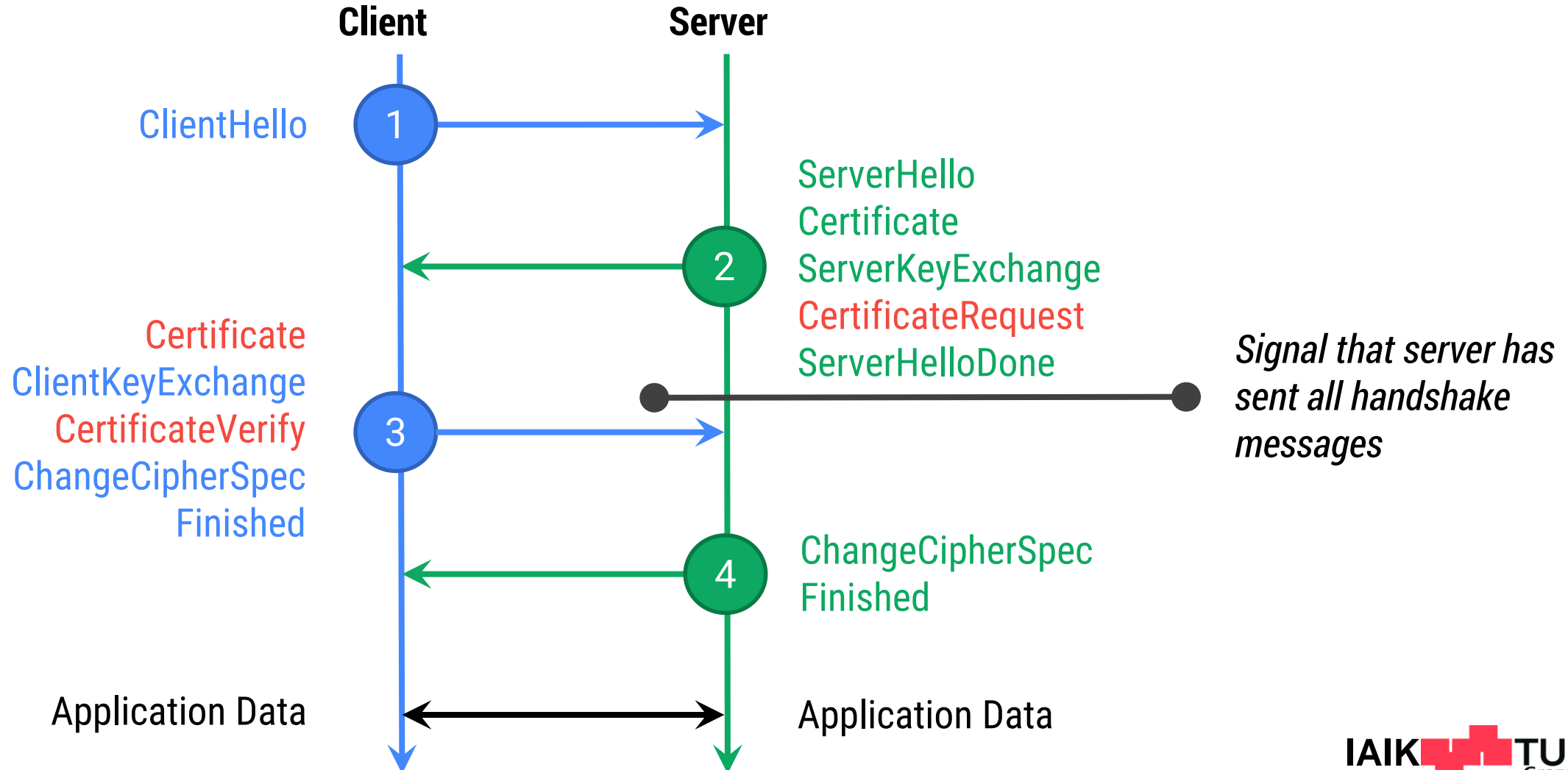
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Client TLS!



Request client authentication and tell client expected public key

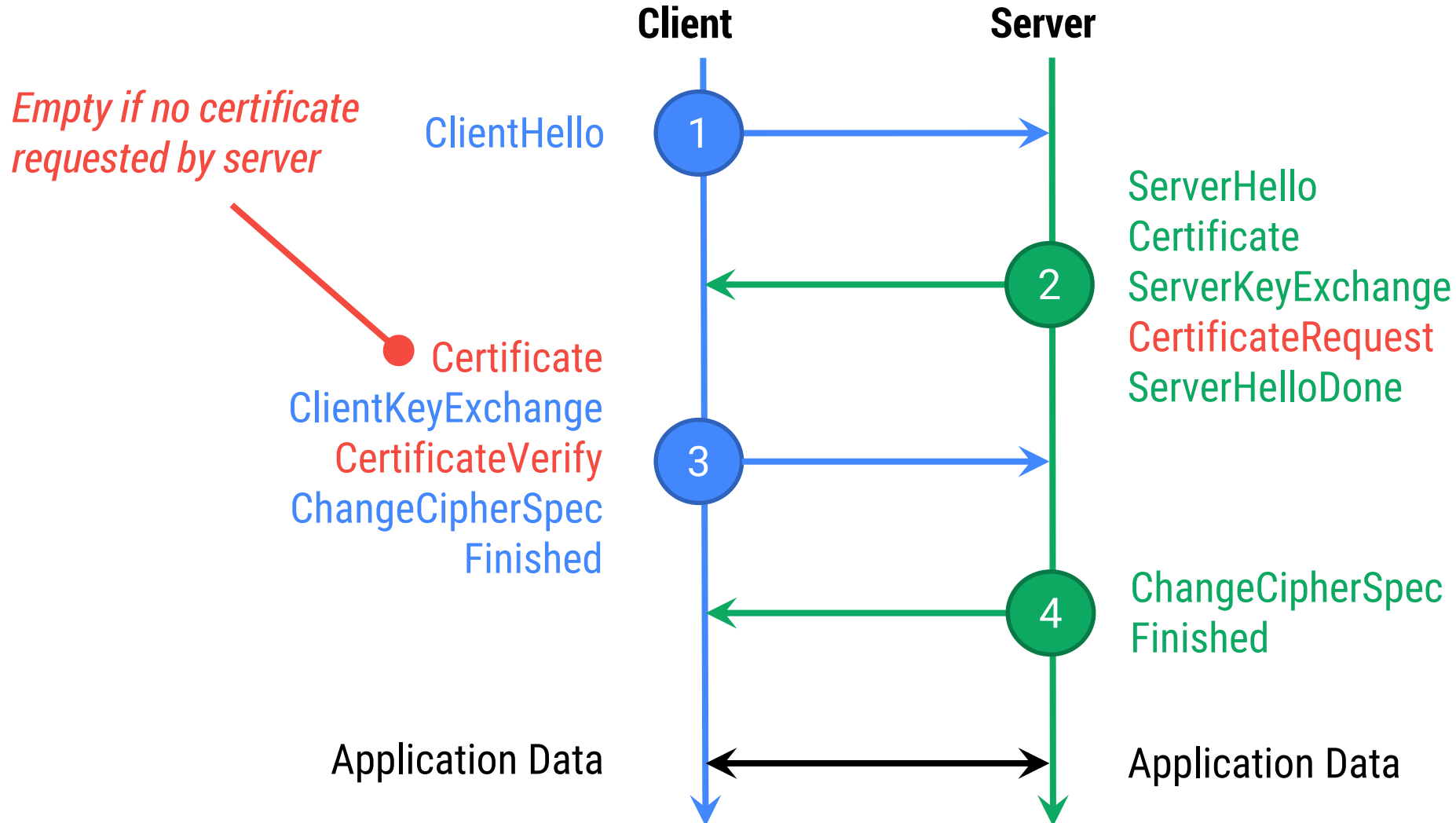
Server: ServerHelloDone

- TLSv1.2 Record Layer: Handshake Protocol: Server Hello Done
Content Type: Handshake (22)
Version: TLS 1.2 (0x0303)
Length: 4
- Handshake Protocol: Server Hello Done
Handshake Type: Server Hello Done (14)
Length: 0



Client: Certificate

Only with
Client TLS!



Client: ClientKeyExchange

Carries client's contribution (= preMaster secret) to key exchange

- Content depends on used cipher
 - If RSA is used, an RSA-encrypted secret is transferred
 - If Diffie Hellman (DH) is used, only the parameters are sent
 - enables both parties to agree on same preMaster secret
 - If *ephemeral* Diffie Hellman (DHE) is used, message contains client's DH public key

```
┆ Secure Sockets Layer
┆ TLSv1.2 Record Layer: Handshake Protocol: Client Key Exchange
  Content Type: Handshake (22)
  Version: TLS 1.2 (0x0303)
  Length: 70
┆ Handshake Protocol: Client Key Exchange
  Handshake Type: Client Key Exchange (16)
  Length: 66
┆ EC Diffie-Hellman Client Params
  Pubkey Length: 65
  Pubkey: 0440a27d25db5e4e3cc49a61356feef85f9d825fdd04254...
```

Client: ClientKeyExchange


Example: RSA is used for key exchange

Step 1

- Client generates „PreMaster secret“ (48 random bytes)
- PreMaster secret encrypted with public key of server certificate
- Server decrypts PreMaster secret with private RSA key

Step 2

- Master secret (= session key) is derived by server and client

 PRF = Pseudo-Random Function

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masterSecret = PRF(preMasterSecret, „master secret“,  
ClientHello.random + ServerHello.random)[0..47]
```

Client: ClientKeyExchange – Security

RSA

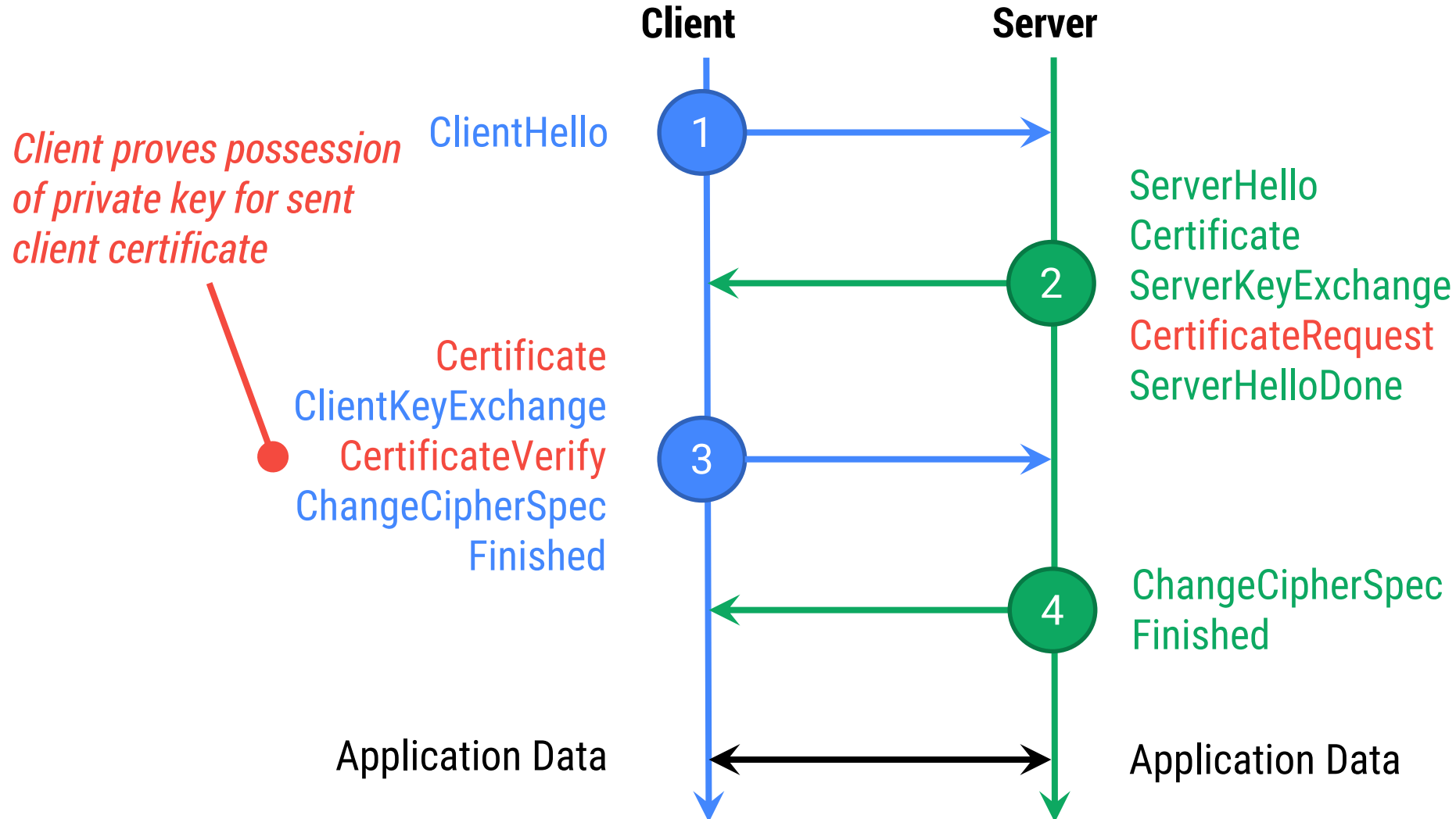
- Simpler than others but with a fundamental weakness
 - PreMaster secret encrypted with server's public key
 - Anyone with access to private key can recover preMaster secret
 - Using preMaster secret → master secret recomputable

Diffie Hellman

- Security depends on quality of chosen parameters
 - If server sends weak or insecure parameters → compromise security of session
- Solution is to use standardized domain parameters of varying strength

Client: CertificateVerify

Only with
Client TLS!



Client & Server: ChangeCipherSpec

*Signal that one party has all needed parameters,
has generated encryption keys and is switching to encryption*

```
▲ TLSv1.2 Record Layer: Change Cipher Spec Protocol: Change Cipher Spec
  Content Type: Change Cipher Spec (20)
  Version: TLS 1.2 (0x0303)
  Length: 1
  Change Cipher Spec Message
```

Sent by client and server as soon as they are ready...

Client & Server: Finished

Signal that handshake is complete

- Purpose is to verify integrity of entire handshake
 - Content is already encrypted
- Message contains hash of all handshake messages
 - `verify_data = PRF(masterSecret, finishedLabel, hash(handshakeMessages))`
 - Integrity of Finished message itself is guaranteed by negotiated MAC algorithm
 - Both parties decrypt message → check hash values

```
▼ TLSv1 Record Layer: Handshake Protocol: Encrypted Handshake Message
  Content Type: Handshake (22)
  Version: TLS 1.0 (0x0301)
  Length: 36
  Handshake Protocol: Encrypted Handshake Message
```

TLS Handshake Summary

1. **Client** starts handshake, sends parameters to **Server**
2. **Server** chooses common connection parameters
3. **Server** sends his certificate chain
4. If needed for key exchange → **Server** sends needed parameters to **client**
5. **Server** informs **client** that everything is done

6. **Client** sends parameters for key exchange to **Server**
7. **Client** switches to encrypted communication and informs **Server** about this
8. **Client** sends checksum (MAC) of all sent and received handshake messages to **Server**

9. **Server** switches to encrypted communication and informs **client** about this
10. **Server** also sends MAC of handshake messages

TLS Record

Byte	+0	+1	+2	+3
0	Content type			
1..4	Version		Length	
5..n	Payload			
n..m	MAC			
m..p	Padding (block ciphers only)			

Source: <http://goo.gl/7zig7b>

Typical workflow

- Record protocol receives application data
- Received data is divided into blocks (max. 16 KB per record)
- Add message authentication code (MAC)
- Data is encrypted using negotiated masterSecret

TLS Properties

Overview

Cryptographic aspects of TLS are fully configurable by cipher suites.

→ Define exactly how security will be implemented

Defines the following attributes

- Key exchange RSA, DH, DHE, ECDH, ECDHE
- Authentication RSA, DSA, DSS, ECDSA
- Hash function for MAC MD5, SHA-1, SHA-256, SHA-512
- Encryption algorithm & key size *none*, RC4, (3)DES, AES, ...

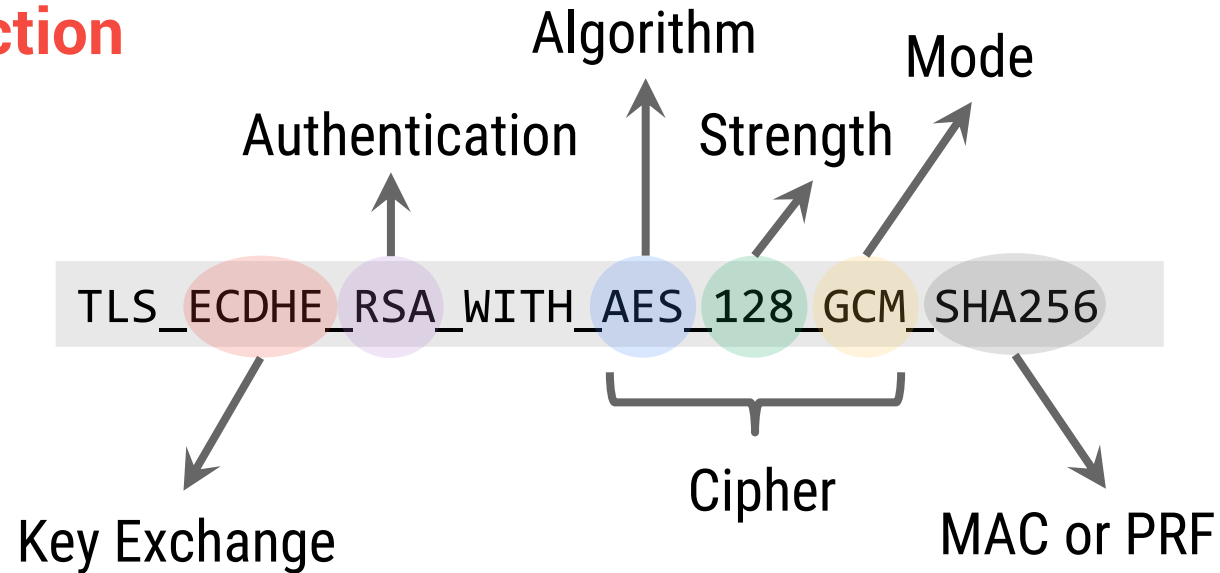
→ Ensure TLS principles: **Authenticity**, **Integrity**, **Confidentiality**

Key exchange is a requirement for integrity and confidentiality

Note: RSA can be used for key exchange and authentication!

Cipher Suites

Name construction



Different notations

- IANA: `TLS_ECDHE_RSA_WITH_AES_128_GCM_SHA256`
- OpenSSL: `ECDHE-RSA-AES128-GCM-SHA256`
- PolarSSL: `TLS-ECDHE-RSA-WITH-AES-128-GCM-SHA256`

→ *[SSL|TLS], [Key Exchange], [Authentication], [Bulk cipher], [MAC]*

Cipher Suites

Key Exchange

TLS_ECDHE_RSA_WITH_AES_128_GCM_SHA256

DH = Diffie Hellman

DHE = Diffie Hellman Ephemeral

ECDH = Elliptic Curve Diffie Hellman

ECDHE = Elliptic Curve Diffie Hellman Ephemeral

Note

- ECDH/ECDHE is similar to DH/DHE but **faster!**

→ ECDH keys with elliptic curves instead of DH parameters

→ Table of equivalent key lengths:

Symmetrisch	RSA / DH	ECDH
80	1024	160
112	2048	224
128	3072	256
192	7680	384
256	15360	512

Cipher Suites

```
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)...
TLS_AES_128_GCM_SHA256      TLSv1.3 Kx=any      Au=any  Enc=AESGCM(128) Mac=AEAD
ECDHE-RSA-AES256-GCM-SHA384  TLSv1.2 Kx=ECDH      Au=RSA  Enc=AESGCM(256) Mac=AEAD
ECDHE-ECDSA-AES256-GCM-SHA384 TLSv1.2 Kx=ECDH      Au=ECDSA Enc=AESGCM(256) Mac=AEAD
ECDHE-RSA-AES256-SHA384     TLSv1.2 Kx=ECDH      Au=RSA  Enc=AES(256)    Mac=SHA384
ECDHE-ECDSA-AES256-SHA384   TLSv1.2 Kx=ECDH      Au=ECDSA Enc=AES(256)    Mac=SHA384
ECDHE-RSA-AES256-SHA        SSLv3   Kx=ECDH      Au=RSA  Enc=AES(256)    Mac=SHA1
ECDHE-ECDSA-AES256-SHA      SSLv3   Kx=ECDH      Au=ECDSA Enc=AES(256)    Mac=SHA1
SRP-DSS-AES-256-CBC-SHA     SSLv3   Kx=SRP       Au=DSS  Enc=AES(256)    Mac=SHA1
SRP-RSA-AES-256-CBC-SHA     SSLv3   Kx=SRP       Au=RSA  Enc=AES(256)    Mac=SHA1
SRP-AES-256-CBC-SHA         SSLv3   Kx=SRP       Au=SRP  Enc=AES(256)    Mac=SHA1
DHE-DSS-AES256-GCM-SHA384   TLSv1.2 Kx=DH        Au=DSS  Enc=AESGCM(256) Mac=AEAD
(...)
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For complete list, see <http://goo.gl/Jq5wUp>

Cipher Suites in the Browser

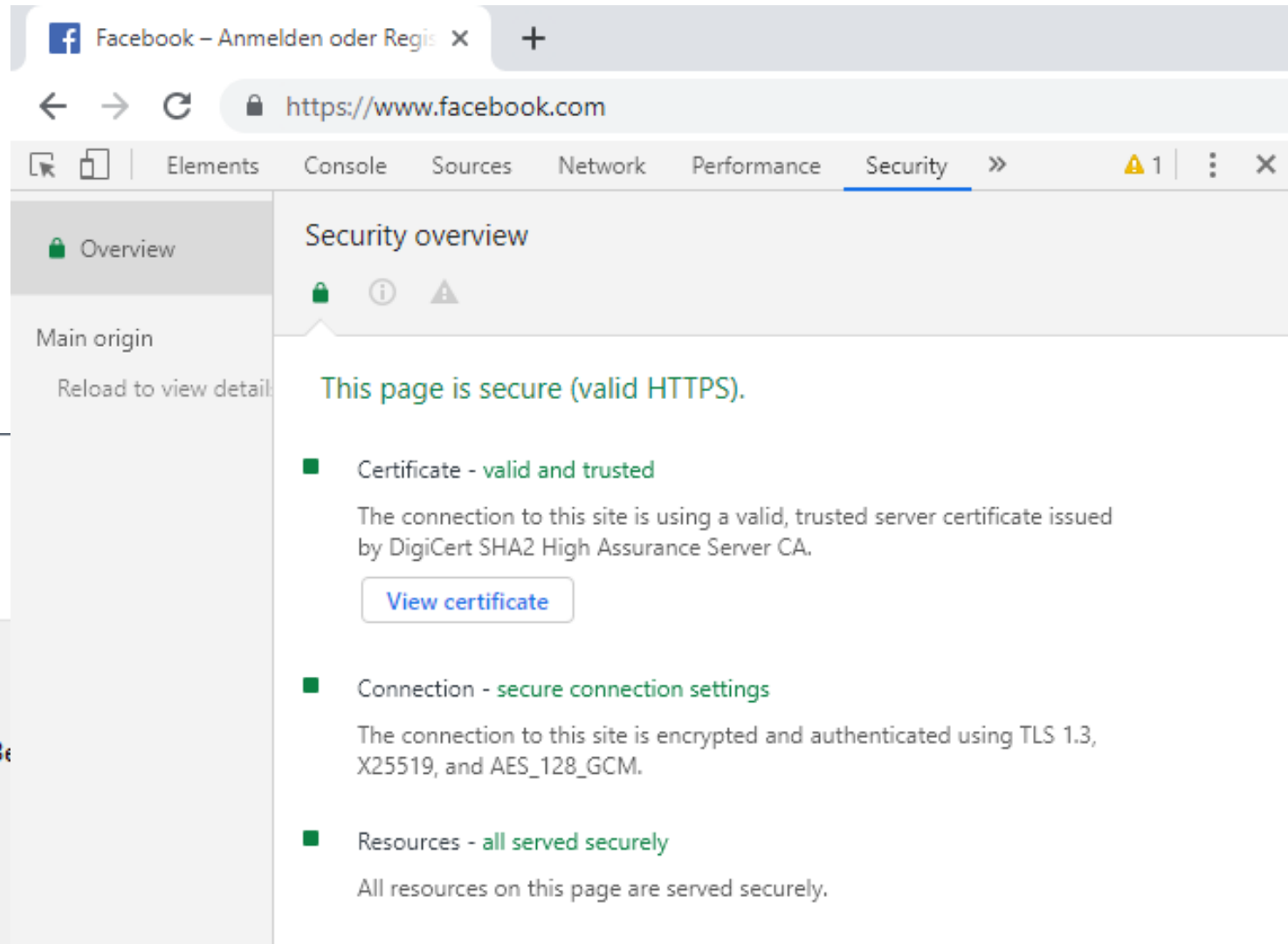
Which are offered by your client?

- Depends on used library
 - Internet Explorer (Edge): Cryptography Service Provider (CSP)
 - Mozilla Firefox: Network Security Services (NSS)
 - Google Chrome: NSS with own adaptations
 - Apple Safari: SecureTransport
 - Android: AndroidOpenSSL and BouncyCastle (modified)

→ **Modern browsers prefer AES-GCM and AES-CBC**

Find out your preferences at <https://www.howssmyssl.com>

Cipher Suites in the Browser



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Overview

Main origin

Reload to view detail

Security overview

This page is secure (valid HTTPS).

- **Certificate - valid and trusted**
The connection to this site is using a valid, trusted server certificate issued by DigiCert SHA2 High Assurance Server CA.
[View certificate](#)
- **Connection - secure connection settings**
The connection to this site is encrypted and authenticated using TLS 1.3, X25519, and AES_128_GCM.
- **Resources - all served securely**
All resources on this page are served securely.

Seiteninformationen - <https://www.facebook.com/>



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Berechtigungen



Sicherheit

Website-Identität

Website: www.facebook.com

Besitzer: Diese Website stellt keine Informationen über den Be

Validiert von: DigiCert Inc

Gültig bis: Donnerstag, 5. März 2020

Technische Details

Verbindung verschlüsselt (TLS_AES_128_GCM_SHA256, 128-Bit-Schlüssel, TLS 1.3)

Die Seite, die Sie ansehen, wurde verschlüsselt, bevor sie über das Internet übermittelt wurde.

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Hilfe

(Perfect) Forward Secrecy

Compromise of long-term keys should not compromise past session keys

Without Forward Secrecy

- Security of all connections depend on server's private key
- If broken or stolen → previous communication can be decrypted

Why is this possible?

- During the handshake, the client creates a preMaster secret
- Encrypted using the server's public (RSA) key it is sent to the server
 - Server uses his private key to decrypt it → calculate common masterSecret

→ If you have the private key, you can decrypt past and future data!!

Without PFS

Key Exchange via RSA (no PFS)



Client

- Generates session key K_{Sess}
- (RSA Encryption) Encrypts K_{Sess} with the public long term key from the server K_{Pub} and sends it to server

The client generates a session key, encrypts it via RSA, and sends it to the server.



Server

- (RSA Decryption) Decrypts K_{Sess} with its private key K_{Priv}

Encrypted K_{Sess}

Communication encrypted with symmetric cipher using K_{Sess}

If the third party has access to K_{Priv} some day, it can subsequently decrypt all communication since it can reproduce all session keys.

Complete communication is stored by a third party



Evil Third Party

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(Perfect) Forward Secrecy

With Forward Secrecy

- Server generates a short-living („ephemeral“) Diffie-Hellman keypair
 - DHE = Diffie-Hellman *Ephemeral*
 - ECDHE = Elliptic Curve Diffie-Hellman *Ephemeral*
 - Server signs the public key of this DH pair with the private key of the server's certificate
 - Can be RSA or ECDSA depending on the certificate
 - Client receives the signed public DH key, checks if signature is verifiable using public key of the previously received server's certificate
- Instead of „Key transport“ (RSA), forward secrecy works with „Key agreement“!

With PFS

Note: This graphic misses the key signing part!

Key Agreement via DH (with PFS)



Client

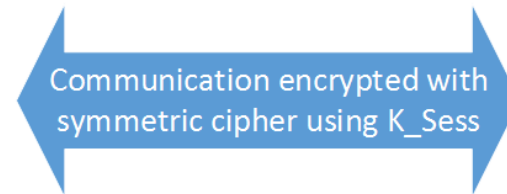
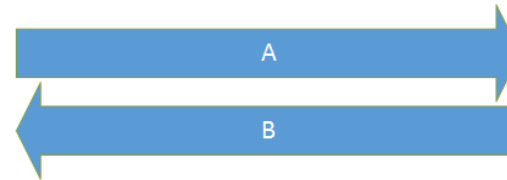
- (Diffie-Hellman) Generates random value **a** and computes **A**
- Sends **A** to the server
- Computes **K_Sess** from input of itself (**a**) and the server (**B**).

Client and server deliver input to derive the session key.
The session key itself is not transmitted through the network.



Server

- (Diffie-Hellman) Generates random value **b** and computes **B**
- Sends **B** to the client
- Computes **K_Sess** from input of itself (**b**) and the client (**A**).



Since **K_Sess** is freshly generated for each session, not transmitted on the net, and not encrypted with a long term key, a third party cannot decrypt the communication unless it breaks every single session key.

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(Perfect) Forward Secrecy

Security

- For every new session, client & server generate new Diffie-Hellman parameters
 - If compromised somehow → attacker could only read this particular session
- Attacking the session key
 - If parameters are securely chosen, brute-force should not be possible
 - E.g. use 2048-bit or stronger Diffie-Hellman groups with „safe“ primes
- Attacking the server's private key
 - With PFS, only used to sign ephemeral public DH keys sent to the client
 - If broken or leaked → would not compromise past sessions
- Hacking the server: Attacker only gets current session keys & key for signatures

(Perfect) Forward Secrecy

How to get Forward Secrecy?

- Server needs at least TLS 1.2 + offer PFS supporting cipher suite
- Important: Only key exchange with DHE or ECDHE offers forward secrecy!
 - Cipher suite, e.g DHE-RSA-AES128-SHA or ECDHE-ECDSA-AES128-SHA

Test servers

- <https://www.ssllabs.com/ssltest/>
- <http://demoapps.a-sit.at/ssl-tool/>
- <https://testssl.sh>
- <https://github.com/nabla-c0d3/sslyze>
- Examples on how not to configure servers: <https://badssl.com>
 - Small DH groups, weak ciphers, etc.

(Perfect) Forward Secrecy

SSL/TLS Server Test for online.tugraz.at


Server information

Hostname: online.tugraz.at

IP address: 129.27.2.210








Port: 443

Server type: Apache

 Forward Secrecy

 Weak

 Insecure / Vulnerable

Cipher suite	Key exchange	MAC	Cipher	Key length	
TLS_DHE_RSA_WITH_AES_256_GCM_SHA384	DHE RSA 2048 bits	SHA384	AES/GCM/NoPadding	256 bits	
TLS_DHE_RSA_WITH_AES_256_CBC_SHA256	DHE RSA 2048 bits	SHA256	AES/CBC/NoPadding	256 bits	
TLS_ECDHE_RSA_WITH_AES_256_GCM_SHA384	ECDHE RSA 256 bits	SHA384	AES/GCM/NoPadding	256 bits	
TLS_ECDHE_RSA_WITH_AES_256_CBC_SHA384	ECDHE RSA 256 bits	SHA384	AES/CBC/NoPadding	256 bits	
TLS_DHE_RSA_WITH_AES_128_GCM_SHA256	DHE RSA 2048 bits	SHA256	AES/GCM/NoPadding	128 bits	
TLS_DHE_RSA_WITH_AES_128_CBC_SHA256	DHE RSA 2048 bits	SHA256	AES/CBC/NoPadding	128 bits	
TLS_ECDHE_RSA_WITH_AES_128_GCM_SHA256	ECDHE RSA 256 bits	SHA256	AES/GCM/NoPadding	128 bits	

TLS Security

Overview

Problem

Attacks often based on downgrades HTTPS → HTTP („SSLStrip“)

- Variant A
 - Web page offers HTTP and HTTPS version
 - Attacker injects HTTP links to force user to use weak HTTP communication
- Variant B
 - Web page offers HTTPS only
 - Attacker uses proxy server (Man-in-the-middle) and translates to HTTP communication

Solution? HTTP Strict Transport Security (HSTS)

HSTS

RFC 6797

= Tell browser that all connections to a domain are HTTPS only

→ Specified via HTTP header that can only be sent during valid HTTPS request

```
Strict-Transport-Security: max-age=10886400; includeSubDomains
```

in seconds

Optional
(recommended)

Browser remembers (for specified max-age period) that it should only request HTTPS resources for this site (and optionally subdomains)

→ *Effectively prevents „SSL Stripping“ attacks!*

HSTS

But: What if an attacker has control over the initial HTTPS requests?

Scenario

- Attacker would strip HSTS headers
- Browsers would not know HSTS should be active

Solution

- Browsers ship with „preloaded“ HSTS lists → Sites that *always* require HTTPS
- Add „preload“ header and add domain here: <https://hstspreload.appspot.com>

```
Strict-Transport-Security: max-age=10886400; includeSubDomains; preload
```

Man-in-the-Middle

Problem

You are not presented the „correct“ certificate for a domain

- Variant A
 - Attacker malevolently exchanges certificate with self-generated one
 - Client connects and attacker redirects data transfer
- Variant B
 - Certificate Authority (CA) is compromised
 - Attacker generates trusted certificate and exchanges it

Solution? HTTP Public Key Pinning (HPKP)

Certificate Pinning (HPKP)

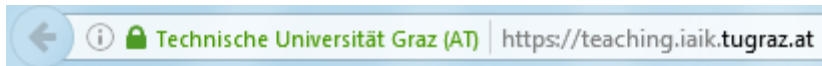
RFC 7469

Problem

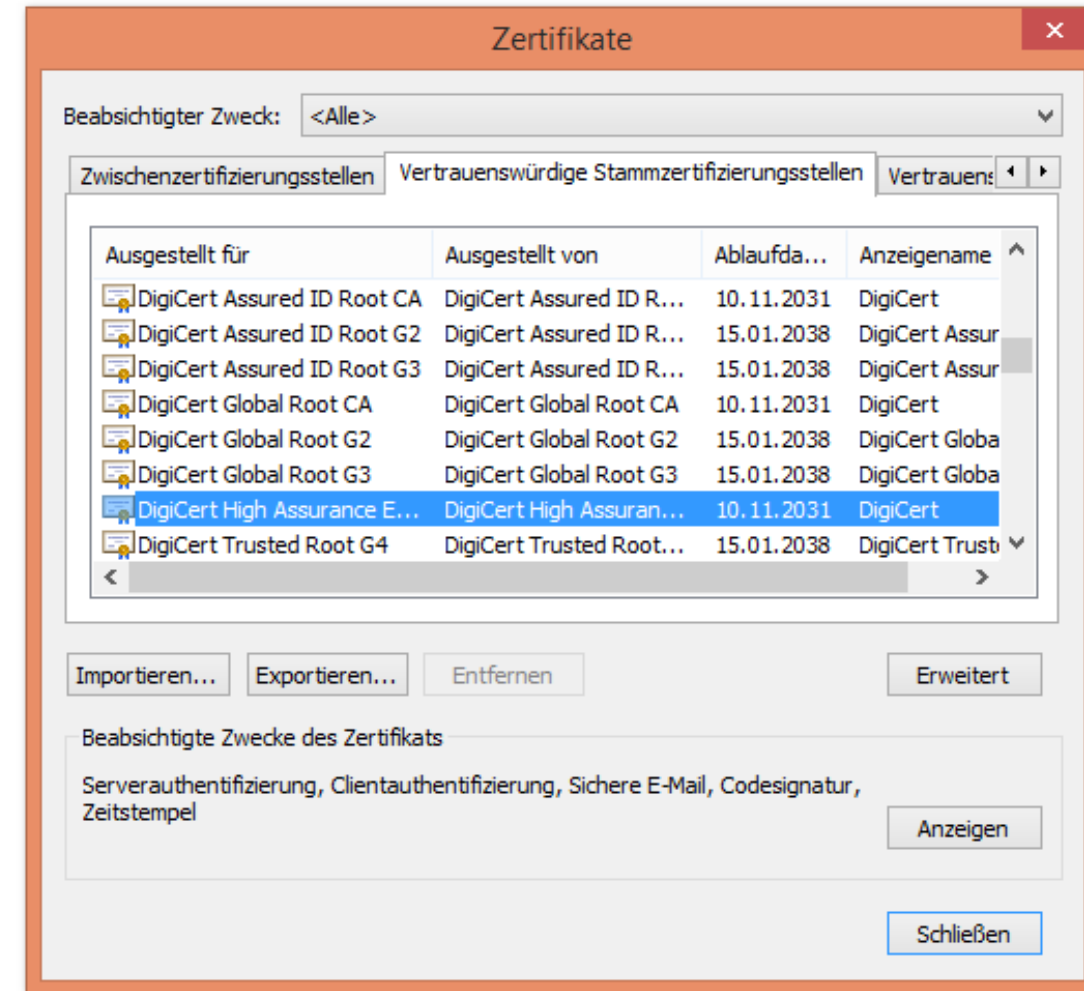
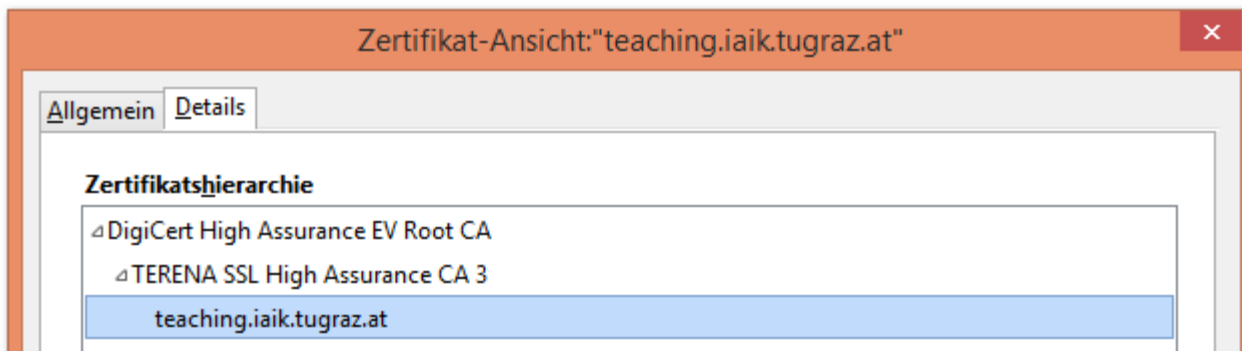
Our browsers trust ~130 CAs („Trust Store“)

How is trust established?

1. Browser compares DNS hostname with subject name in certificate



2. Upon match, check if certificate issued by trusted CA



Certificate Pinning

RFC 7469

Scenario

Usually the certificate chain for google.com looks as follows:

```
GlobalSign Root CA - R2
- GTS CA 101
- google.com
```

Now:

- Assume „TÜRKRUST Elektronik Sunucu Sertifikası Hizmetleri“ issues a certificate for google.com
- A webserver for google.com is setup, DNS entries are rewritten to point at that server and the user is forwarded there → would he notice?

```
TÜRKRUST Elektronik Sunucu Sertifikası Hizmetleri
e-islem.kktcmerkezbankasi.org
- google.com
```

No, he would not!

<https://goo.gl/QVfHYV>

Certificate Pinning

Another scenario

1. Attacker has access to trusted CA, issues certificates for arbitrary hostnames
2. Attacker performs MITM attack using previously generated certificate
→ Attacker could replace any TLS certificate, browser would still trust it

Remedy?

- Remember hash values („pins“) of public keys associated with certificates
- If PIN changes (= certificate changes), drop connection even if certificate would be trustworthy and DNS name matches with cert's subject name
- PINs either stored in browser (or mobile app) or sent via HTTP header

Certificate Pinning

Public-Key-Pins:

```
pin-sha256="GRAH5Ex+kB4cCQi5gMU82urf+6kEgbVtzfCSkw55AGk=";  
pin-sha256="lERGk61FITjzyKHcJ89xpc6aDwtRkOPAU0jdnUqzW2s=";  
max-age=15768000; includeSubDomains
```

How to generate PINs?

- Get SHA-256 hash value of public key of server certificate
- Base-64 encoding of hash and inserting into header

Advantages

- Defeats MITM attacks
- PIN can also be stored in browser

Disadvantages

- “Trust-on-first-use” mechanism (like HSTS)
- Many things can go wrong while setup
- You **must** have ≥ 2 PINs

Outlook

- 24.01.2020
 - TLS Vulnerabilities & Attacks
 - DNS Security

- 31.01.2020
 - Lecture Exam

