
CSCI-1680

TLS

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Administrivia

- Thanksgiving break!
 - No hours/Ed support Wed-Fri
- TCP grading: after break, signups on Mon, Dec 2
 - You can work on your readme, fix small bugs before meeting without using late days

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After break: HW5, small SRC component, final project

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What it is

- Open-ended: build something new related to class topics
- List of ideas in document... or propose your own!

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These are only a few ideas!

Final project Logistics

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Deadlines

- Team assignment form: Due Monday, 12/2
 - Keep your current groups, or form new ones, or work solo
- Project proposal: Due Friday, 12/6
- Final submission: Due Thursday, 12/16

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Warmup: what's the functional difference between these?
(And why did we prefer version 2?)

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Version 2: signal channel when writing

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"I thought using threads was good?!" 🤯

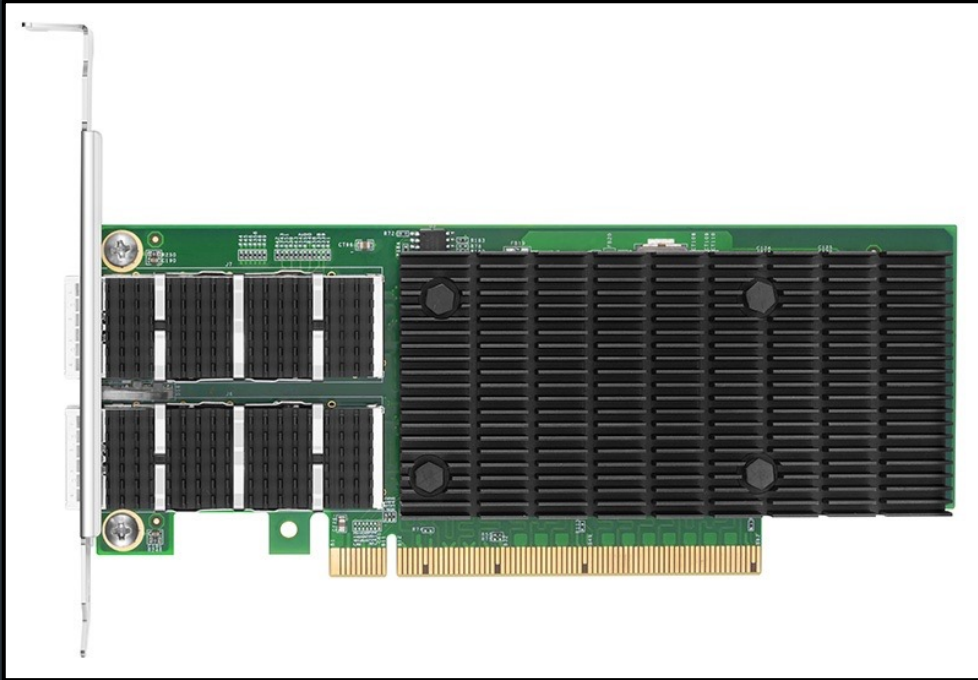
Up to the kernel to decide how to schedule threads

How long before next thread wakes up????

=> Depends on how long the kernel takes to get around to it!

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vs.



Modern enterprise network cards
40-100+ Gbps

Linux kernel

Lot of ongoing work in this area

- Work to improve kernel performance
- Kernel bypass: circumvent kernel entirely
- Help from hardware: offload things like checksum, batching of segments, even more...

I am *absolutely not* an expert on this...

Example: kernel bypass

Data Plane Development Kit

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The **Data Plane Development Kit (DPDK)** is an [open source](#) software project managed by the [Linux Foundation](#). It provides a set of [data plane](#) libraries and [network interface controller](#) polling-mode drivers for offloading [TCP packet processing](#) from the [operating system kernel](#) to [processes](#) running in [user space](#). This offloading achieves higher computing efficiency and higher packet throughput than is possible using the interrupt-driven processing provided in the kernel.

DPDK



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DATA PLANE DEVELOPMENT KIT



[Stable release](#)

24.07 / 31 July 2024^[1]

[Repository](#)

git.dpdk.org ↗

Example: help from hardware

Broadcom Ethernet Network Adapter User Guide  Search this product 

Adapter Tuning

- NUMA: Local vs. Non Local
- Configuring Queues
- Configuring IRQ and Application Affinity
- TX and RX Flow Steering
- TX and RX Queue Size
- Interrupt Moderation
- GRO (Generic Receive Offload)**
- Relaxed Ordering
- PCIe MRRS (Maximum Read Request Size)

GRO (Generic Receive Offload)

Last Updated September 27, 2024

Provides information on GRO (Generic Receive Offload) and how it can be used to combine receive packets into a single packet.

GRO is an aggregation technique to coalesce several receive packets from a stream into a single large packet, thus saving CPU cycles as fewer packets need to be processed by the kernel. By default, GRO is accomplished in the Linux kernel, however, Broadcom NICs support Hardware GRO.

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ethtool -K [interface] rx-gro-hw on lro off gro on
```

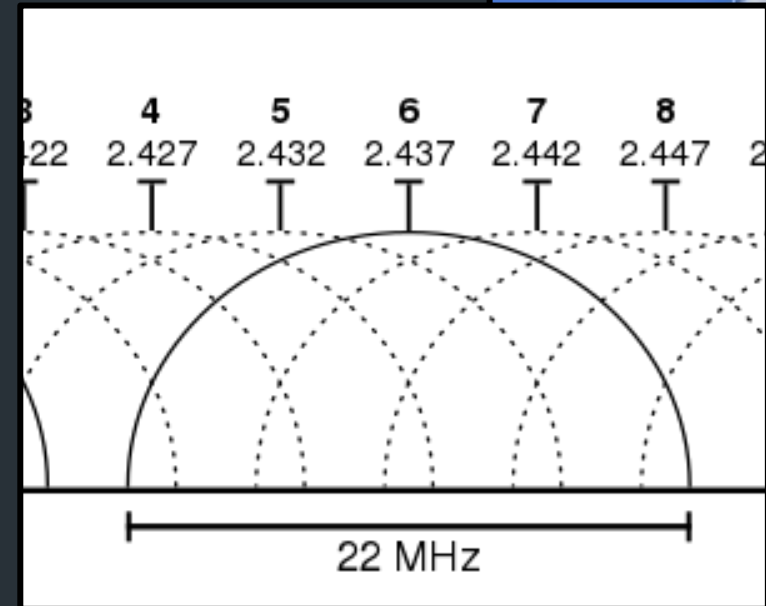
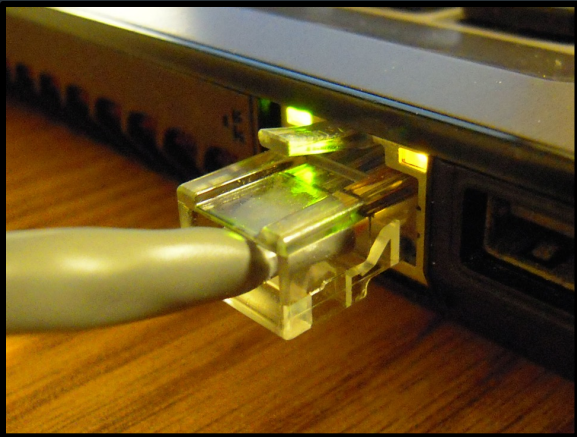
Broadcom NICs support the aggregation in HW and it can coexist with SW GRO.

IPoAC

How can we improve the physical layer?

Traditional links have fixed bandwidth

- Media limits what frequencies can be used for signal
- Places upper bound on channel capacity



What if we weren't constrained by the EM spectrum?

How else can we transmit data?



Network Working Group
Request for Comments: 1149

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A Standard for the Transmission of IP Datagrams on Avian Carriers

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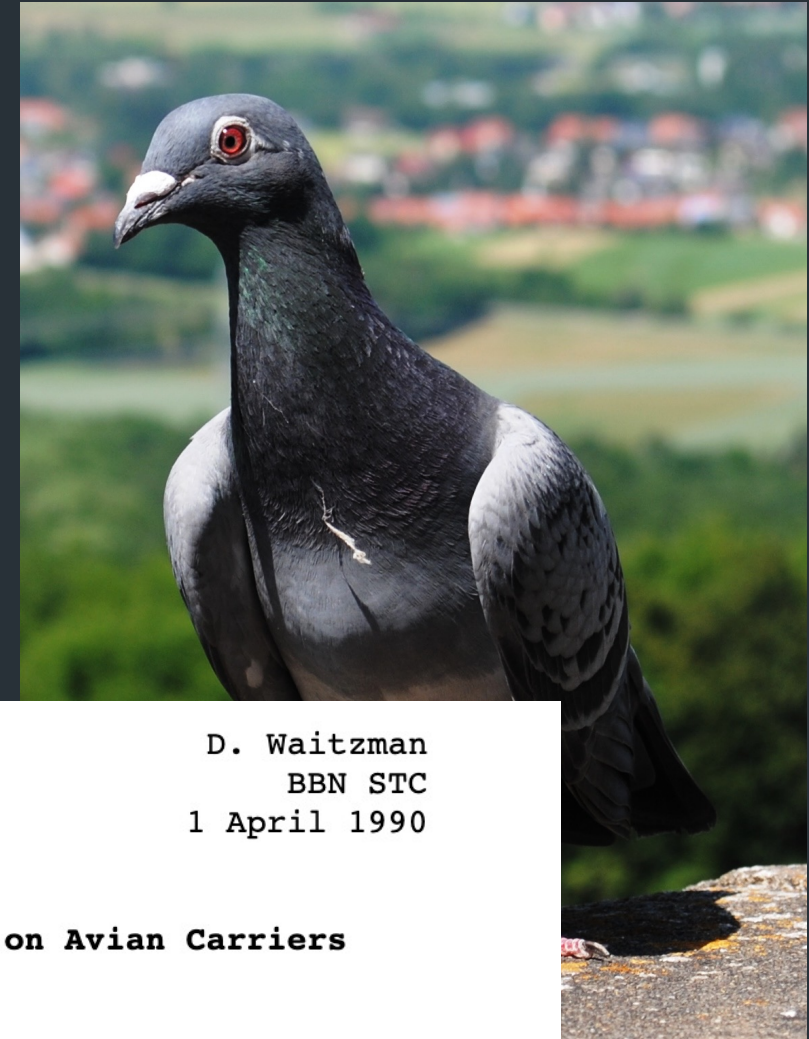
Overview and Rational

Avian carriers can provide high delay, low throughput, and low altitude service. The connection topology is limited to a single point-to-point path for each carrier, used with standard carriers, but many carriers can be used without significant interference with each other, outside of early spring. This is because of the 3D ether space available to the carriers, in contrast to the 1D ether used by

RFC1149: IPoAC

IP over Avian Carriers (1 April 1990)

- High delay, low throughput, low altitude datagram service
- Nearly unlimited movement in 3D etherspace
- Intrinsic collision avoidance
- Typical MTU: 256 milligrams



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IPoAC: Design

IPoAC: Implementation



Proof of concept: 28 April 2001

Bergen, Norway

<https://web.archive.org/web/20140215072548/http://www.blug.linux.no/rfc1149/>

IPoAC in practice

```
$ ping -c 9 -i 900 10.0.3.1
PING 10.0.3.1 (10.0.3.1): 56 data bytes
64 bytes from 10.0.3.1: icmp_seq=0 ttl=255 time=6165731.1 ms
64 bytes from 10.0.3.1: icmp_seq=4 ttl=255 time=3211900.8 ms
64 bytes from 10.0.3.1: icmp_seq=2 ttl=255 time=5124922.8 ms
64 bytes from 10.0.3.1: icmp_seq=1 ttl=255 time=6388671.9 ms

--- 10.0.3.1 ping statistics ---
9 packets transmitted, 4 packets received, 55% packet loss round-trip
min/avg/max = 3211900.8/5222806.6/6388671.9 ms
```

IPoAC: (more) Modern implementations

Pigeon-powered Internet takes flight

One of the Internet's
to life: transmitting ne



Stephen Shankland

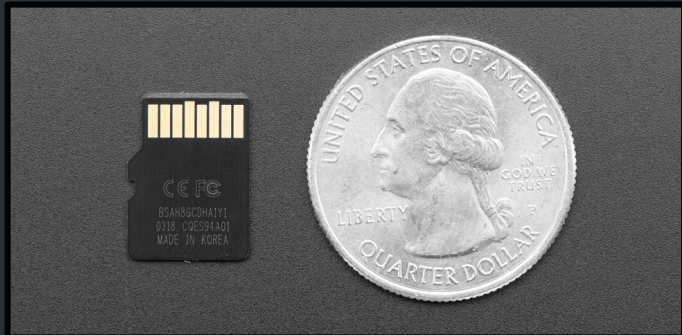
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BUSINESS

Pigeon carries data bundles faster than Telkom

Staff Reporter 10 Sep 2009

Today: microSD card: ~250mg, 1TB



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???

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Example: AWS

The screenshot shows the AWS Snow Family product page. At the top, there is a navigation bar with the AWS logo on the left and links for 'Contact Us', 'Support', 'English', 'My Account', and 'Sign In' on the right. A prominent orange button labeled 'Create an AWS Account' is also visible. Below the navigation bar, a secondary menu includes 're:Invent', 'Products', 'Solutions', 'Pricing', 'Documentation', 'Learn', 'Partner Network', 'AWS Marketplace', 'Customer Enablement', 'Events', and 'Explore M'. The main content area features a breadcrumb trail: 'AWS Snow Family > Overview > FAQs > AWS Snowcone > AWS Snowball > AWS Snowmobile'. The primary heading is 'AWS Snow Family' in large white text, followed by the subtext 'Move petabytes of data to and from AWS, or process data at the edge'. Two buttons are present: an orange 'Select your Snow device' button and a white 'Contact Sales' button with a blue border. The bottom section consists of three dark blue boxes with white text, each describing a key benefit of the Snow Family devices.

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AWS Snow Family

Move petabytes of data to and from AWS, or process data at the edge

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Purpose-built devices to cost effectively move petabytes of data, offline. Lease a Snow device to move your data to the cloud.

Field-tested for the most extreme conditions, delivering high security and ruggedization into compute and storage-compatible devices.

Device options range to optimize for space- or weight-constrained environments, portability, and flexible networking options.

Feature comparison matrix

	AWS SNOWCONE	AWS SNOWBALL EDGE STORAGE OPTIMIZED	AWS SNOWBALL EDGE COMPUTE OPTIMIZED	AWS SNOWMOBILE
Usable HDD Storage	8 TB	80 TB	N/A	100 PB
Usable SSD Storage	14 TB	1 TB	28 TB	No
Usable vCPUs	4 vCPUs	40 vCPUs	104 vCPUs	N/A
Usable Memory	4 GB	80 GB	416 GB	N/A
Device Size	9in x 6in x 3in	548 mm x 320 mm x 501 mm	548 mm x 320 mm x 501 mm	45 ft. shipping container
	227 mm x 148.6 mm x 82.65 mm			
Device Weight	4.5 lbs. (2.1 kg)	49.7 lbs. (22.3 kg)	49.7 lbs. (22.3 kg)	N/A
Storage Clustering	No	Yes, 5-10 nodes	Yes, 5-10 nodes	N/A
256-bit Encryption	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
HIPAA Compliant	No	Yes, eligible	Yes, eligible	Yes, eligible

IP over Burrito Carriers

Obvious	Onion	Jalapenos	Physical Length (mm)
Number Written on Foil		Bean Type	Number of Beans
Given Delivery Time	Guacamole	Receipt	
Lettuce			
Rice			
Beef			

The Burrito Internet Header Format

April Fool's Day RFCs

April Fools' Day Request for Comments

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(Redirected from [Peg DHCP](#))

A [Request for Comments](#) (RFC), in the context of [Internet governance](#), is a type of publication from the [Internet Engineering Task Force](#) (IETF) and the [Internet Society](#), describing behaviors, research, or innovations applicable to the working of the Internet and Internet-connected systems.

Almost every [April Fools' Day](#) (1 April) since 1989, the Internet [RFC Editor](#) has published one or more humorous [Request for Comments](#) (RFC) documents, for example RFC 527 called ARPAWOCKY, a [parody](#) of [Lewis Carroll's nonsense poem](#) "[Jabberwocky](#)". The following list also includes [humorous RFCs](#) published on other days.

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1978

[M. R. Crispin](#) (1 April 1978). *[TELNET RANDOMLY-LOSE option](#)*. IETF. doi:10.17487/RFC0748 . RFC 748 .

A parody of the [TCP/IP](#) documentation style. For a long time it was specially marked in the RFC index with "note date of issue".

1989

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/April_Fools%27_Day_Request_for_Comments Enjoy!

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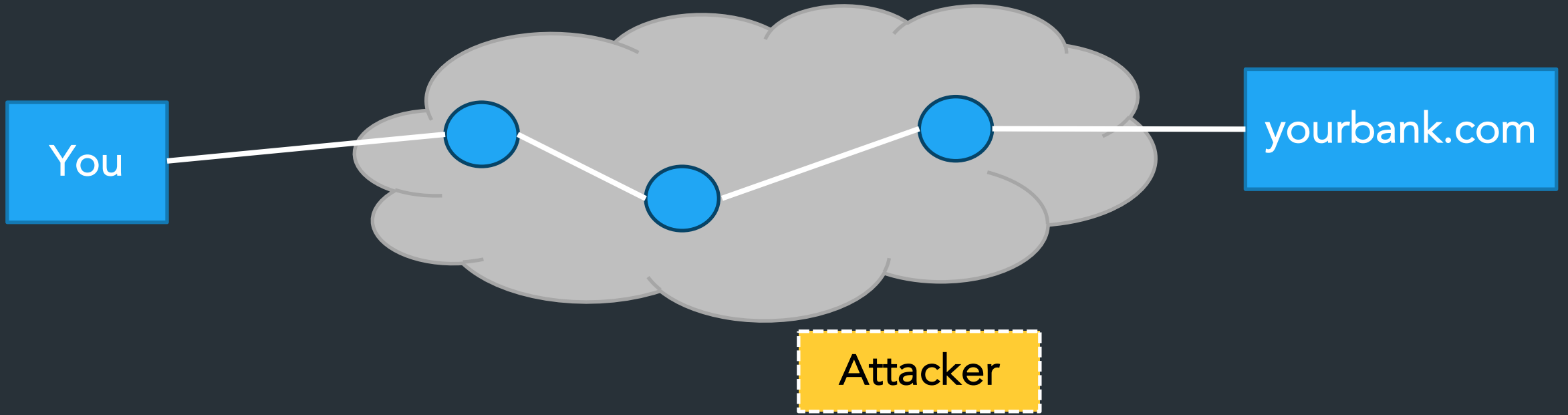
Want to know more?

- CS1660 (Spring): Intro to Computer Systems Security
- CS1515 (Spring): Applied cryptography
- CS1510 (Fall): Intro to Cryptography and Computer Security

Internet's Design: Insecure

- Designed for simplicity in a naïve era
- Lots of insecure systems that can be compromised
- No central administration => hard to diagnose, coordinate fixes

What can go wrong?



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There are more security properties, but we'll stick to these => Focus of TLS

Other important security properties

- **Availability:** Will the network deliver data?
 - Protect against infrastructure compromise, DDoS
- **Provenance:** Who is responsible for this data?
 - Prevent forging responses, denying responsibility; prove who created the data
- **Authorization:** is actor allowed to do this action?
- **Appropriate use:** is action consistent with policy? (spam, copyright, ...)
- **Anonymity:** can someone tell what packets *I* am sending?

TLS: Transport layer security

TLS 1.0 (1999) => TLS 1.3 (2018)

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Are these all the security properties we might want? No!

Where does TLS go?

Application

Service: user-facing application.
Application-defined messages

Transport

How to support multiple applications?

Network

Moving data between hosts (nodes)

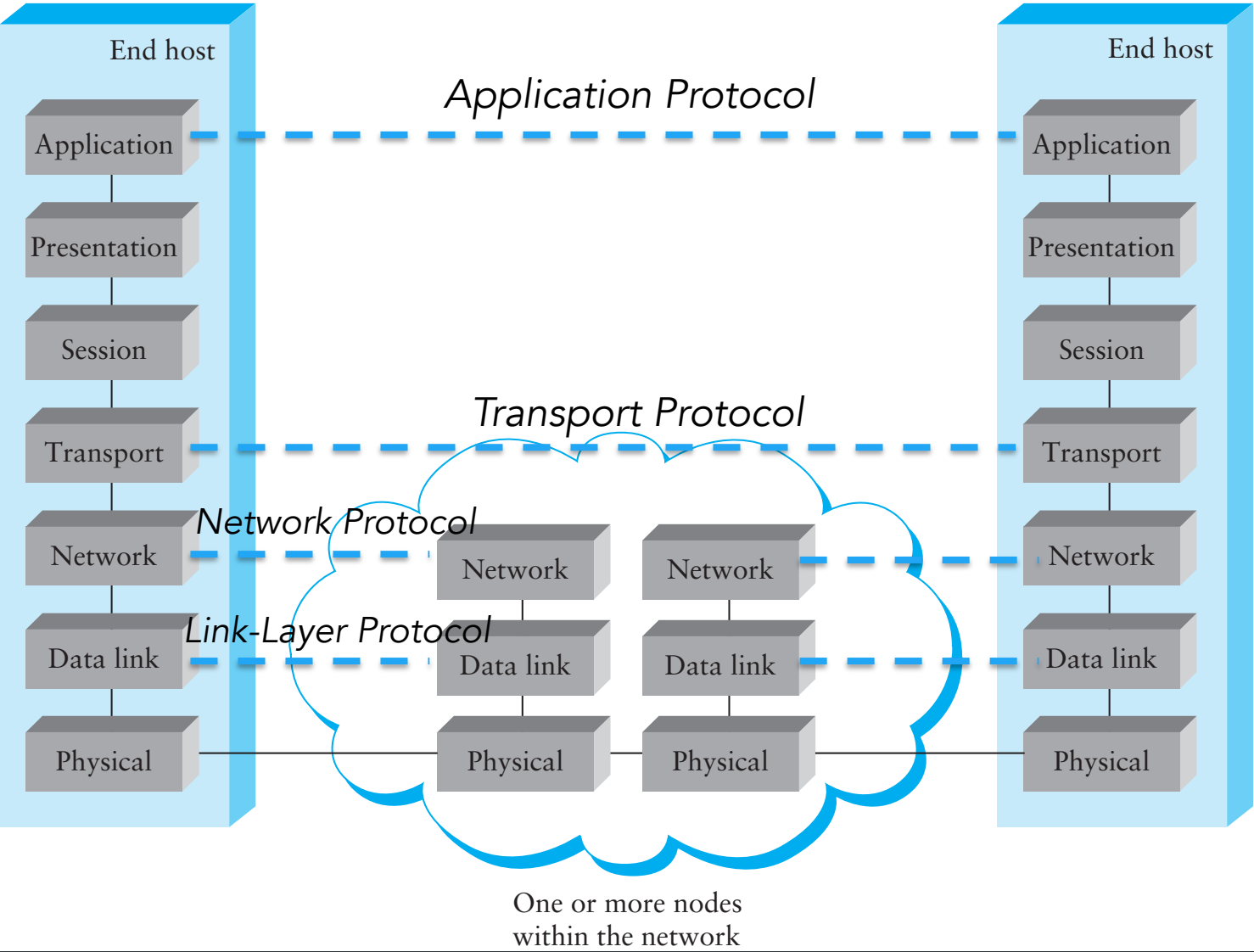
Link

Move data across individual links

Physical

Service: move bits to other node across link

Throwback: The OSI model



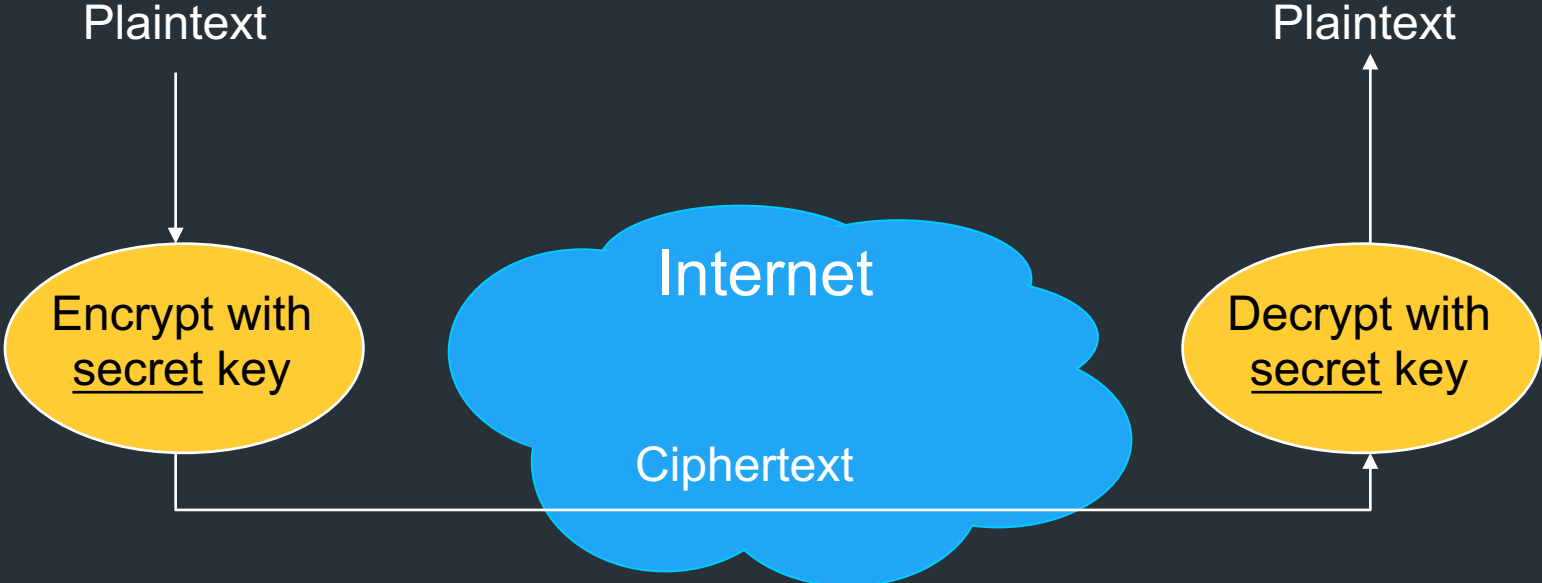
Fundamental crypto properties we need

Symmetric cryptography

- A, B share secret key k
- Examples: AES, Serpent, Whirlpool, DES (old, insecure), ...
- Provides: confidentiality (encrypt/decrypt), integrity (MAC)

Symmetric crypto: strong, fast, but parties need to have shared key k
=> Key distribution is hard, why?

Confidentiality: Symmetric encryption



Confidentiality: Asymmetric encryption

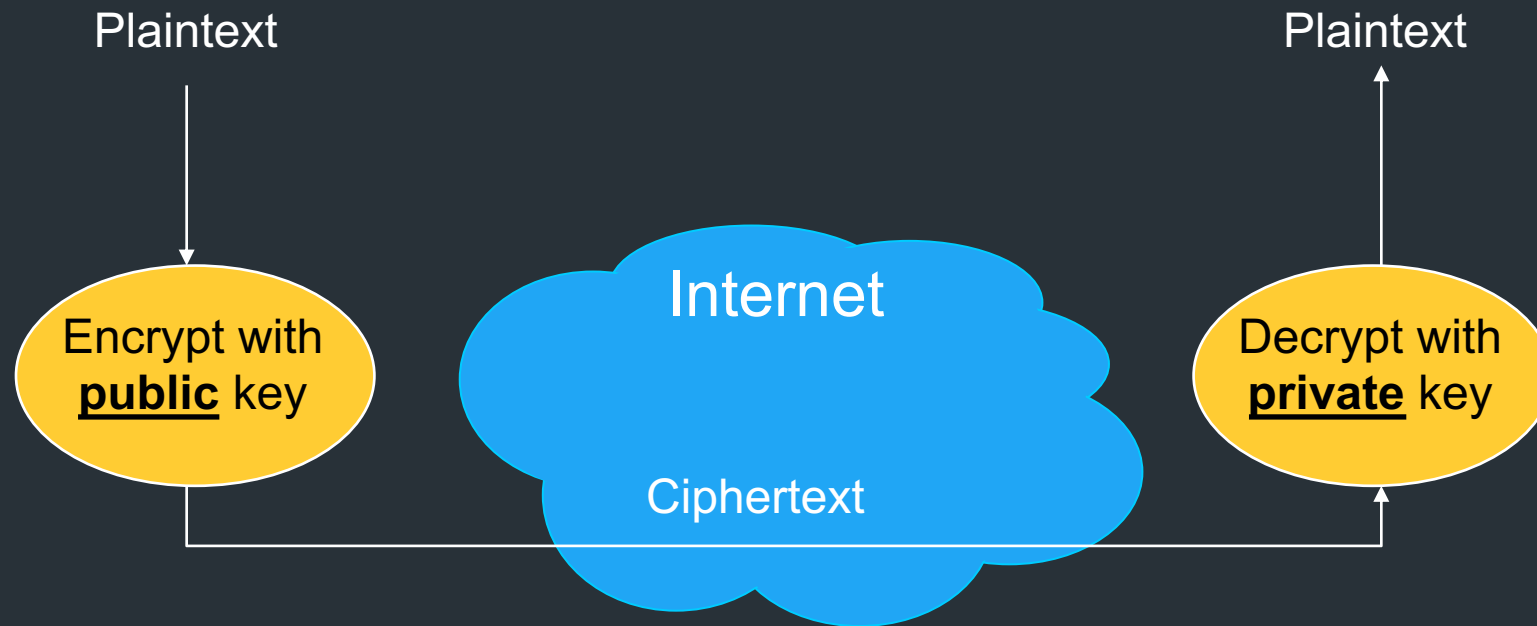
Everyone has two keys: k_{pub} , k_{priv}

Confidentiality: Asymmetric encryption

- Everyone has two keys: k_{pub} , k_{priv}
 - k_{pub} : Public key, widely-known
 - k_{priv} : Private key, kept secret
- Used for: authentication, signing (and confidentiality, integrity)

Public Key / Asymmetric Encryption

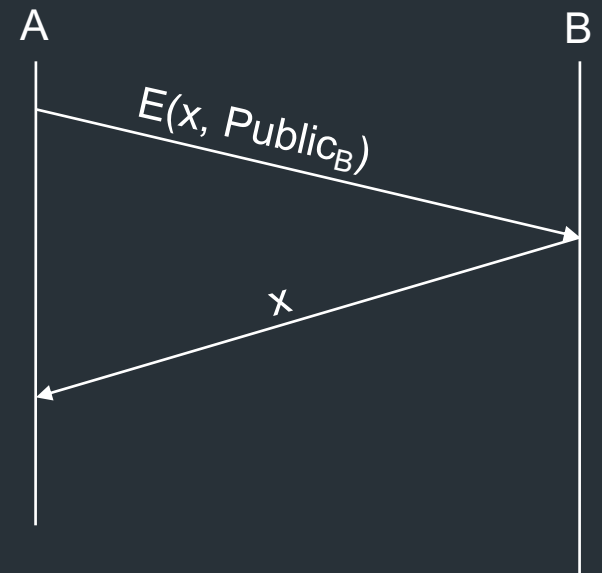
- Sender uses receiver's **public** key
 - Advertised to everyone
- Receiver uses complementary **private** key
 - Must be kept secret



What can we do with this?

Public Key Authentication

- Each side need only to know the other side's public key
 - No secret key need be shared
- A encrypts a nonce (random number) x using B's public key
- B proves it can recover x
- A can authenticate itself to B in the same way



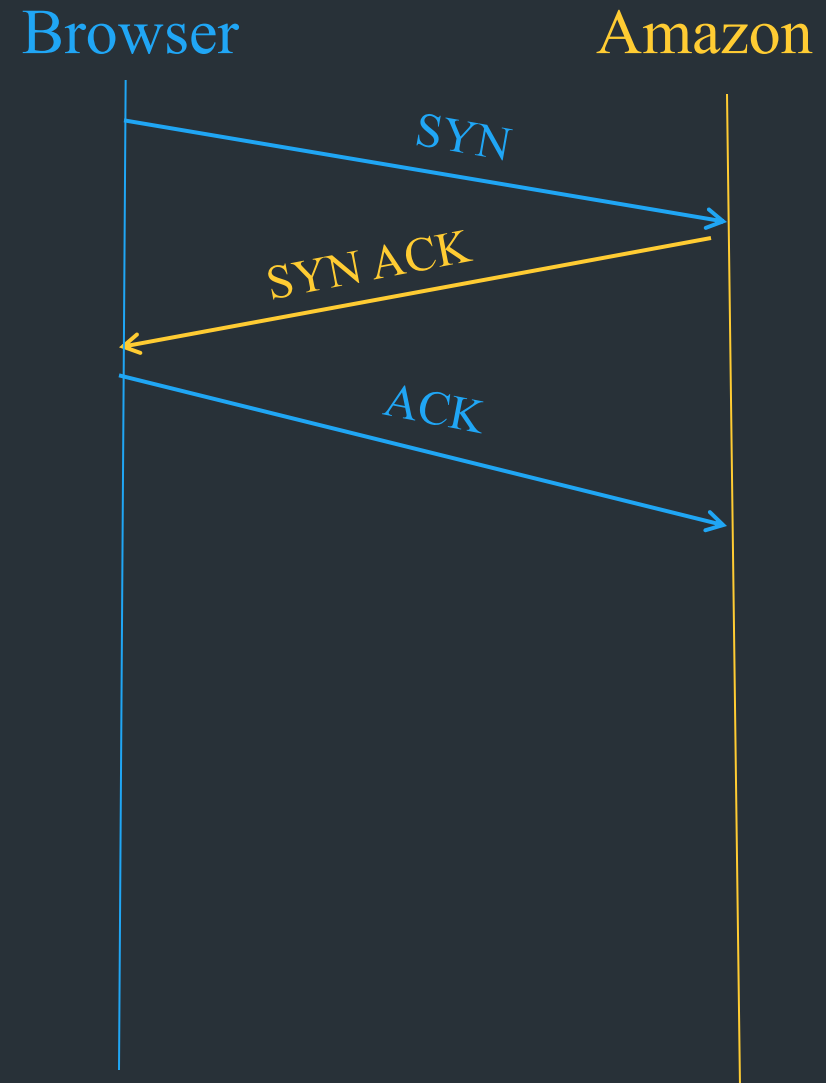
How it works in TLS

- Type in your browser: `https://www.amazon.com`
- `https` = “Use HTTP over TLS”
 - TLS = Transport Layer Security
 - SSL = Secure Socket Layer (older version)
 - RFC 4346, and many others

Goal: provide security layer (authentication, encryption) on top of transport layer
=> Fairly transparent to the app (once set up)

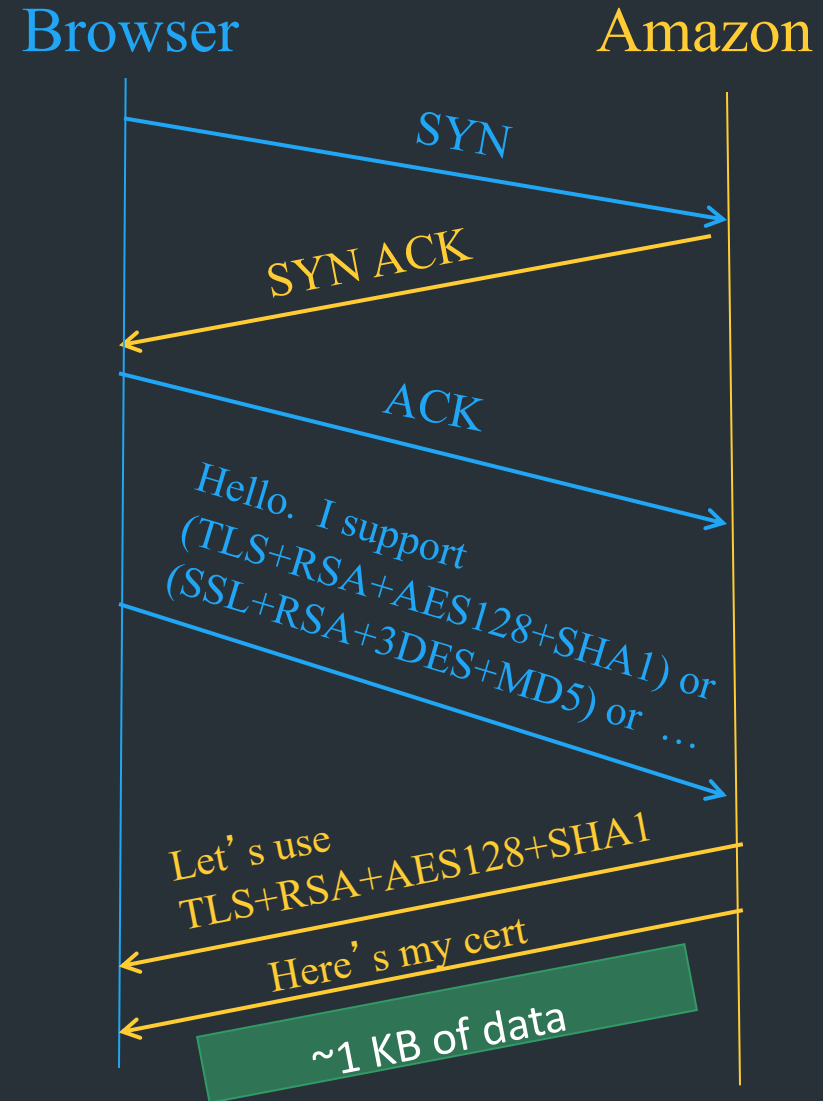
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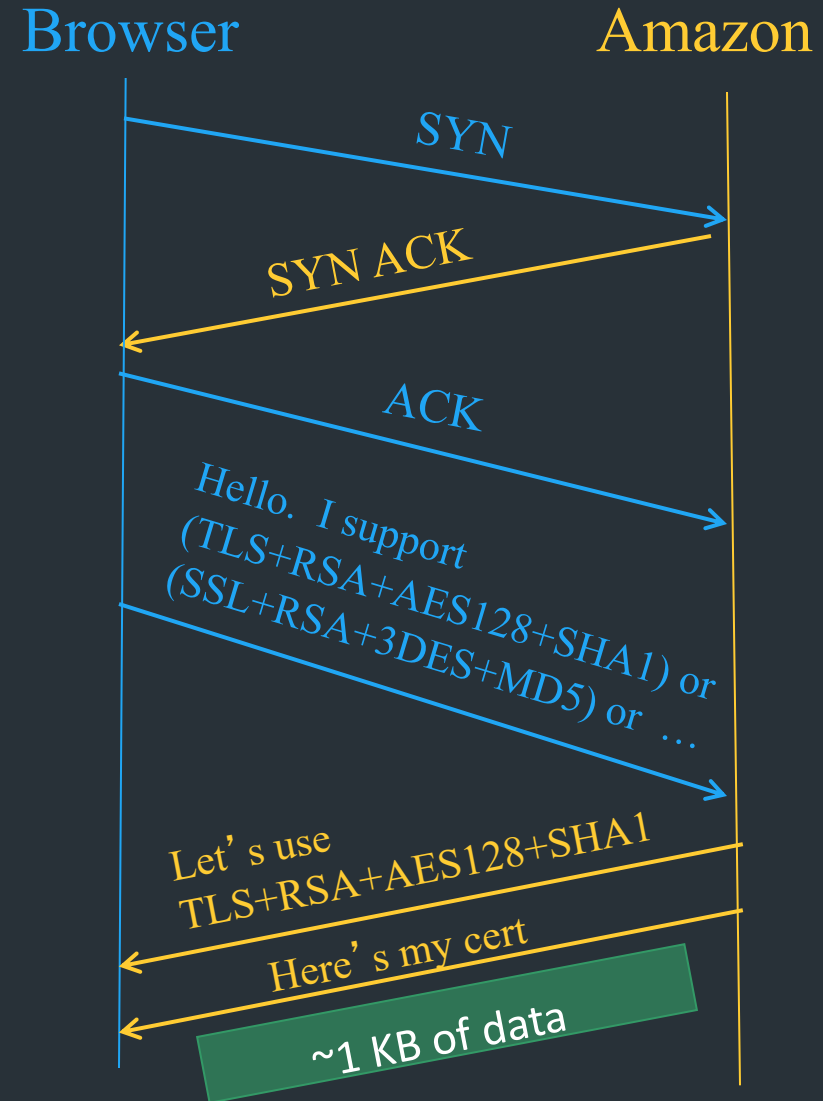
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- Use this to do two things:
 - Create shared session key
 - **Verify server's identity**



0x00,0xA0	TLS_DH_RSA_WITH_AES_128_GCM_SHA256	Y	N	[RFC5288]
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TLS + Authentication

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- Technical aspects: crypto
- Social aspects
 - How to distribute keys to entities
 - What to do when things go wrong

TLS: relies on Public Key Infrastructure (PKI)
via certificates

The Challenge

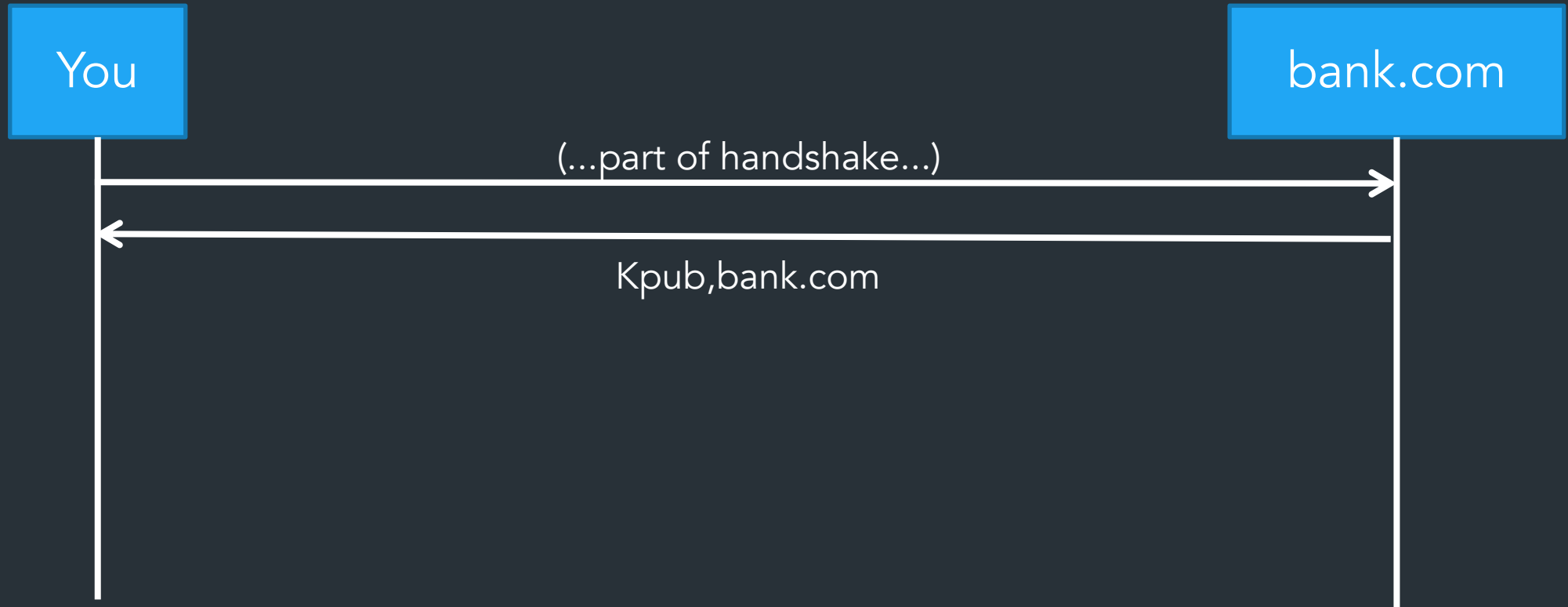
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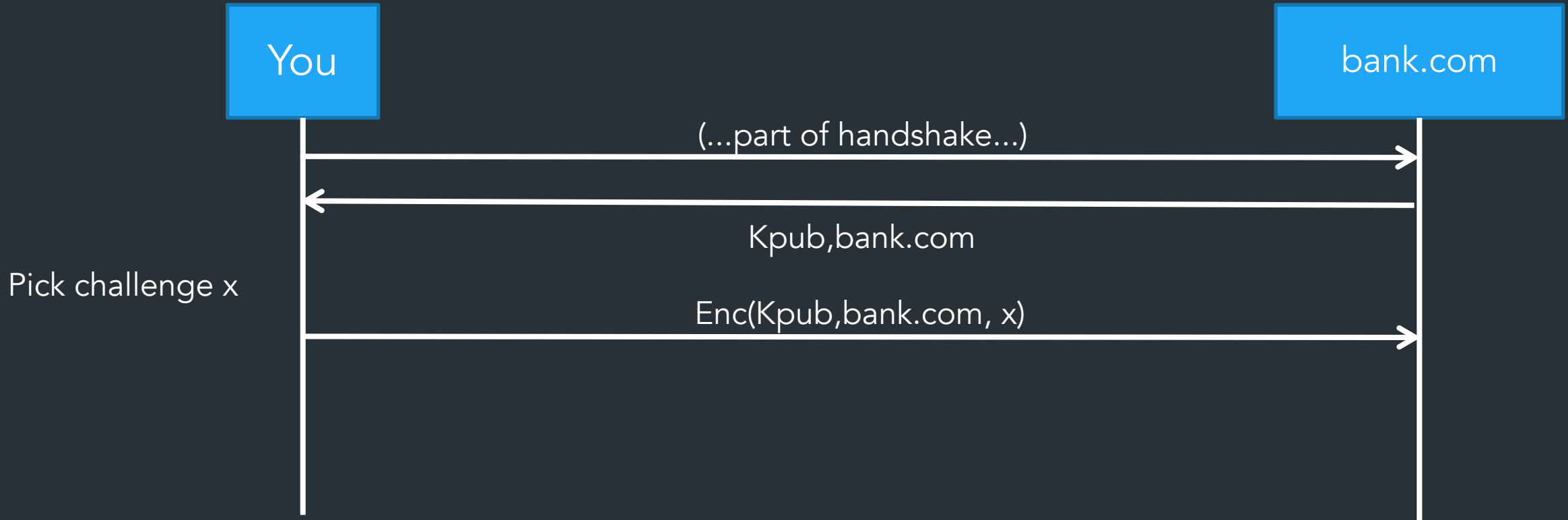
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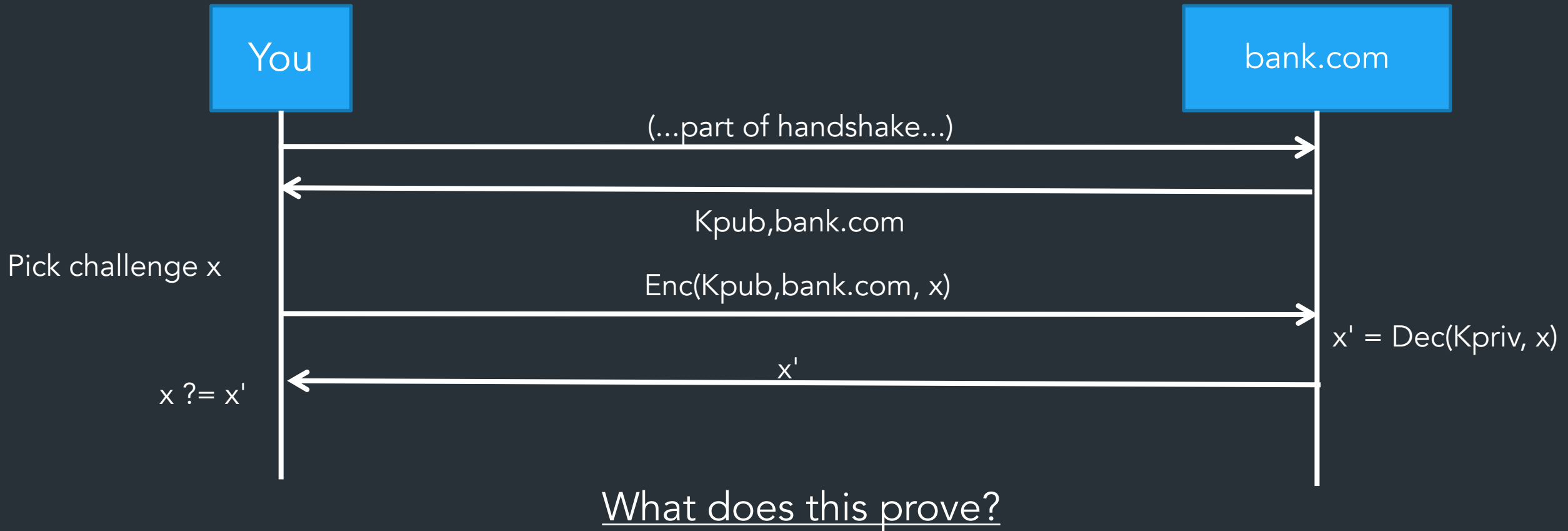
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- DNS can be spoofed
- Possible active network attacker (redirecting your IP traffic to malicious server)
- Domain names can expire and be re-registered...

*Problem: How can we trust K_{pub} is
Your Bank's public key?*

Problem: distributing trust

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Problem: Trust distribution

- Hard to verify real-world identities
- Hard to scale to the whole Internet

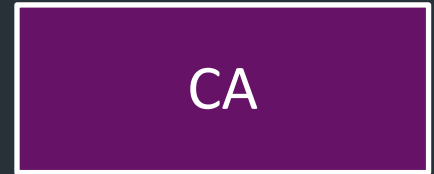
Different protocols have different mechanisms

=> TLS (and others): Public Key Infrastructure (PKI) with certificates

PKI: The main idea

Public keys managed by Certificate Authorities (CAs)

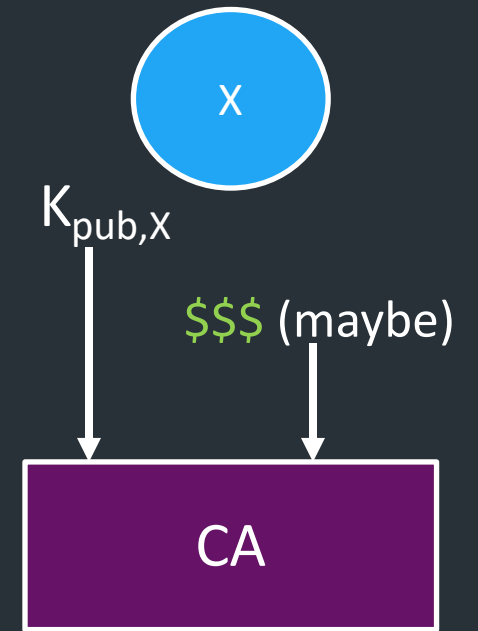
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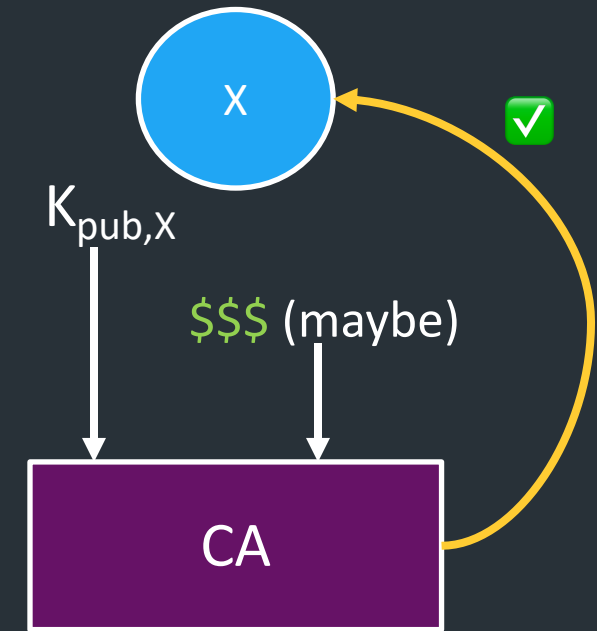
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- If X wants a public key, request from CA
 - CA validates X 's identity, then signs X 's public key



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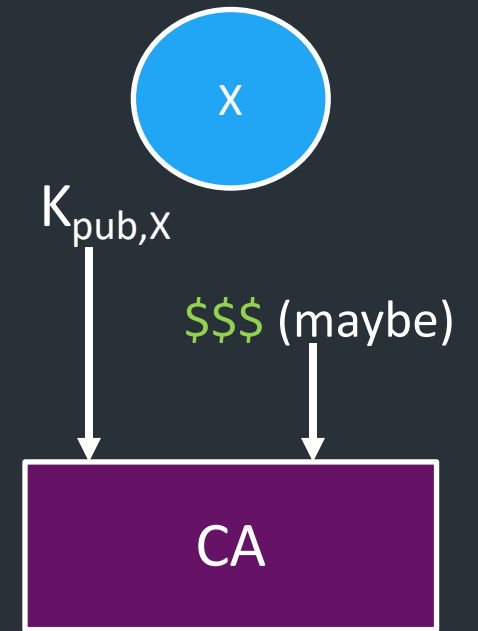
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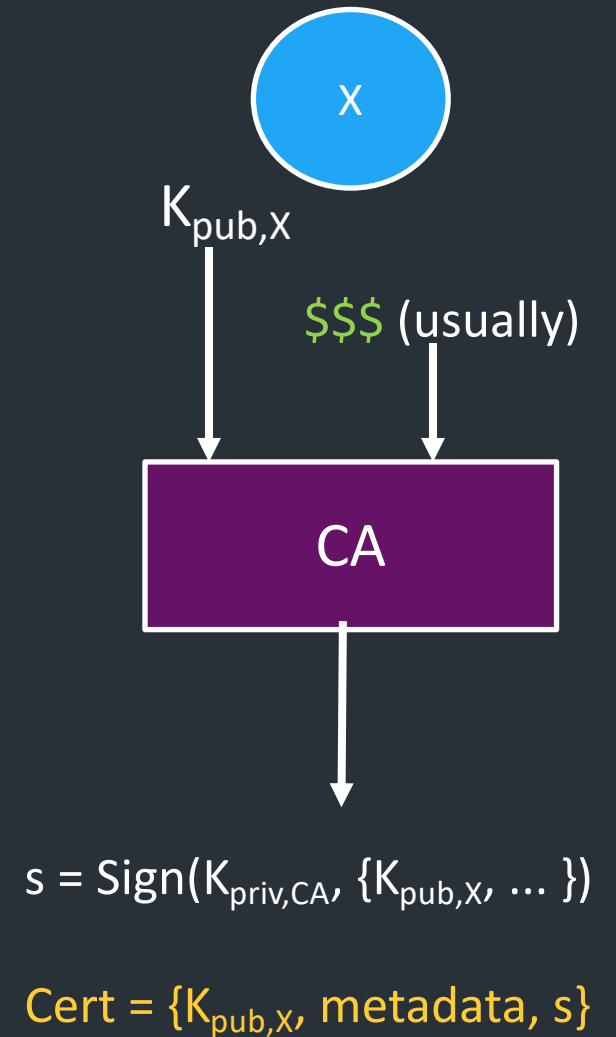
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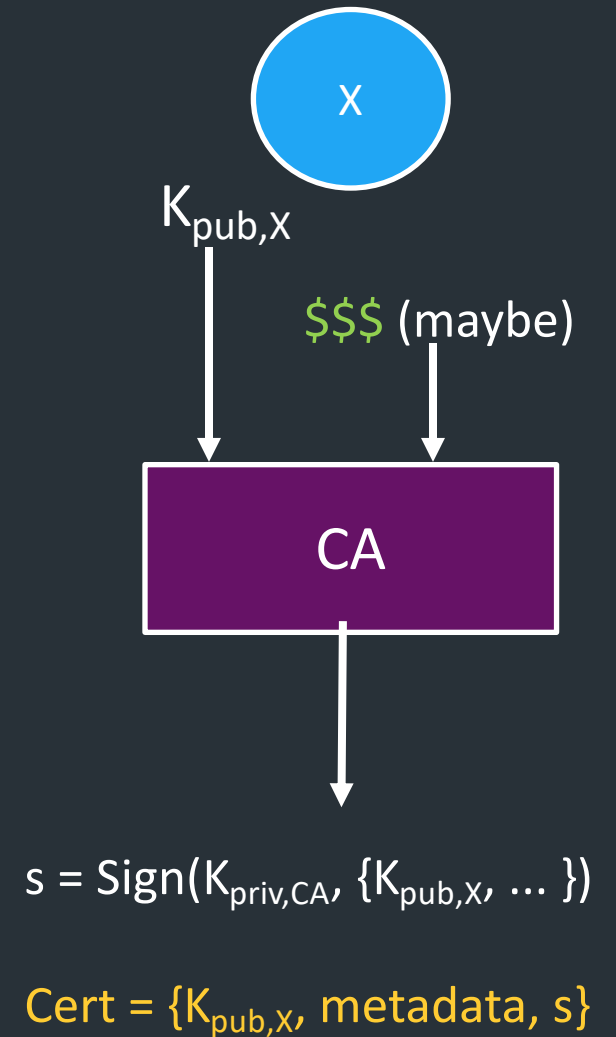
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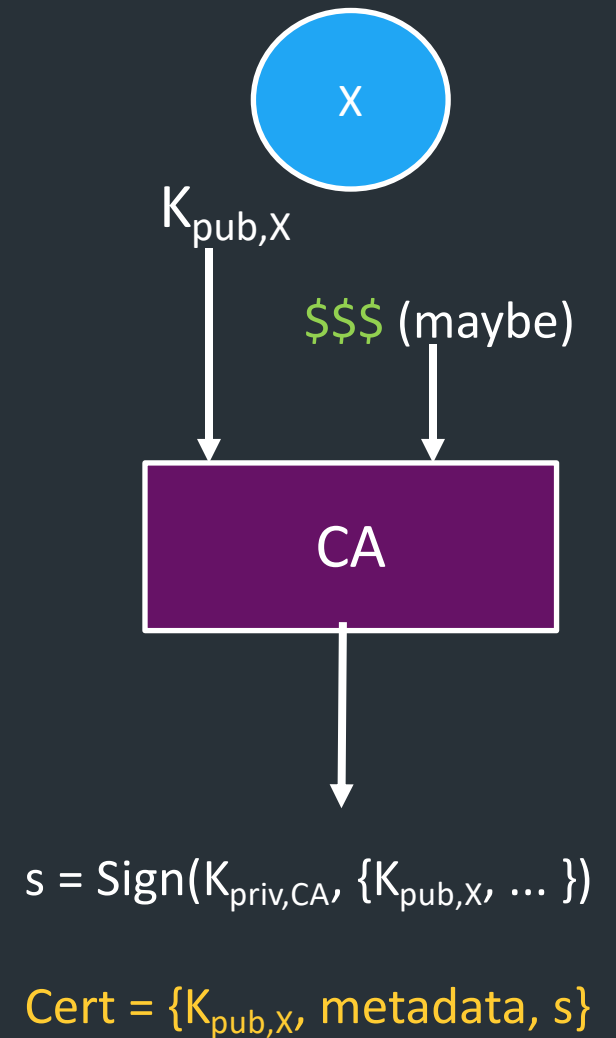
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General **Details**

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▼ InCommon RSA Server CA

www.cs.brown.edu

Certificate Fields

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▼ Validity

Not Before

Not After

Subject

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Subject Public Key Algorithm

Subject's Public Key

Field Value

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
























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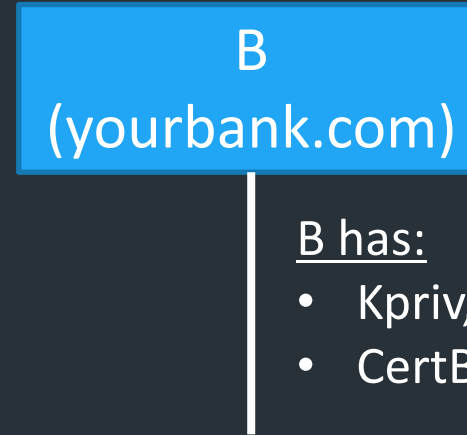
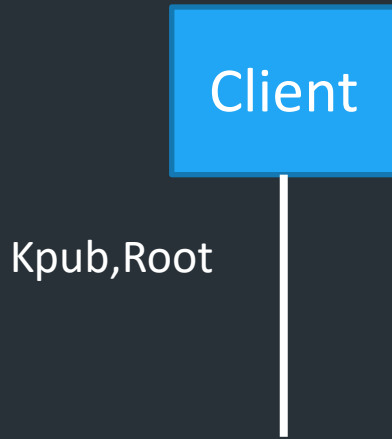
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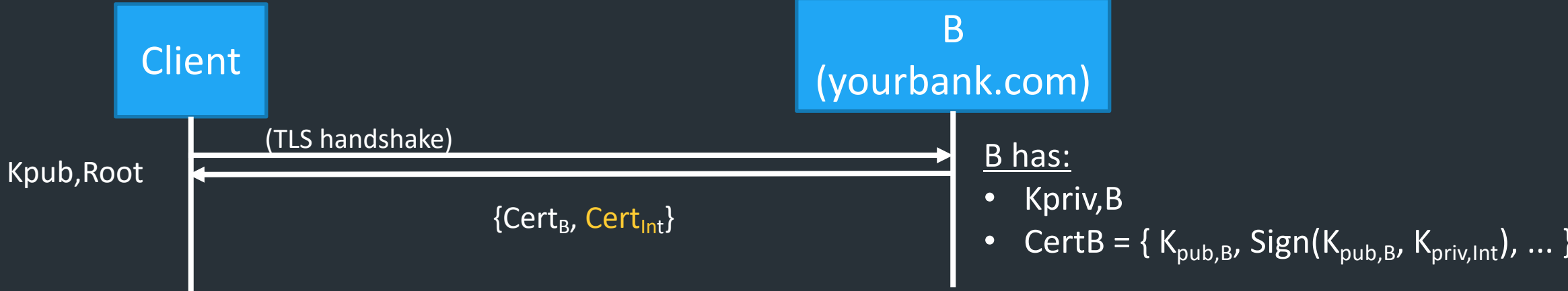


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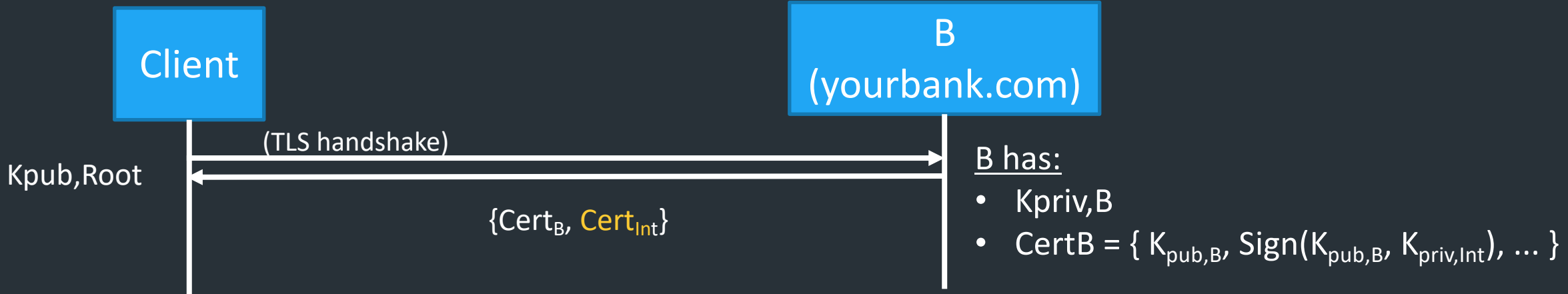
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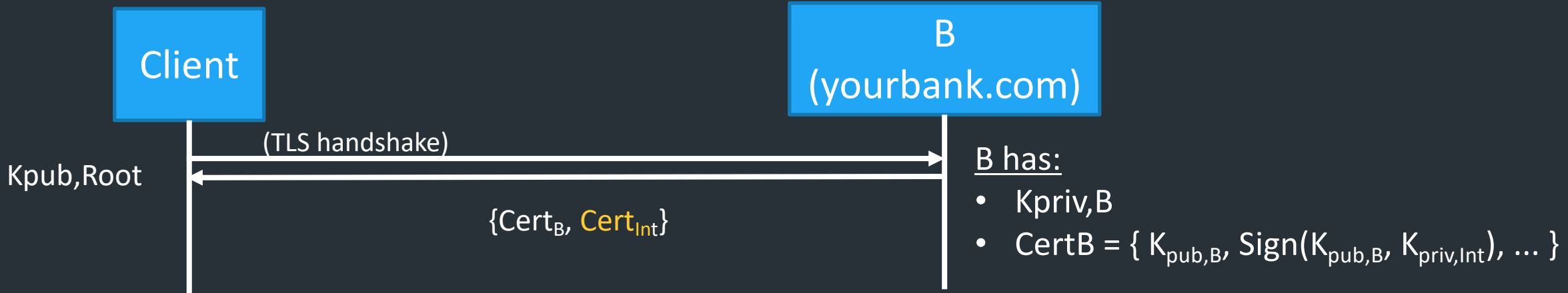


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=> OK if verification passes and metadata correct: 



Your connection is not private

Attackers might be trying to steal your information from **nd.isacc.net** (for example, passwords, messages, or credit cards). [Learn more](#)

NET::ERR_CERT_COMMON_NAME_INVALID

Advanced

Back to safety

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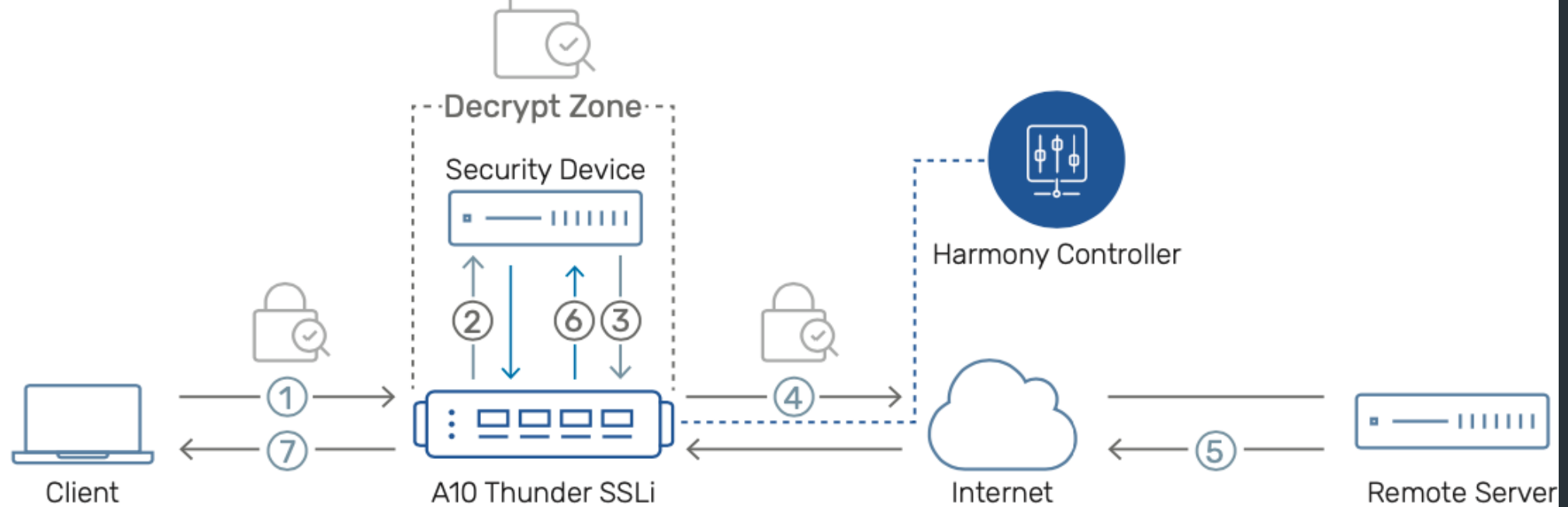
- In 2011, DigiNotar, a Dutch root certificate authority, was compromised
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- See the [incident investigation report](#) by Fox-IT

- In 2017, Google questioned the certificate issuance policies and practices of Symantec
- Google's Chrome would start distrusting Symantec's certificates unless certain remediation steps were taken
- See [back and forth](#) between Ryan Sleevi (Chromium team) and Symantec
- The matter was settled with [DigiCert acquiring Symantec's certificate business](#)

TLS decryption

What happens when an organization wants to view TLS traffic on its network?

Example: <https://www.a10networks.com/products/thunder-ssli/>



- ① Encrypted traffic from the client is intercepted by Thunder SSLi and decrypted.
- ② Thunder SSLi sends the decrypted traffic to a security device, which inspects it in clear-text.
- ③ The security device, after inspection, sends the traffic back to Thunder SSLi, which intercepts and re-encrypts it.
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- ⑦ Thunder SSLi receives the traffic from the security device, re-encrypts it and sends it to the client.

PKIs, TLS, and HTTPS

The story so far

- Asymmetric crypto: each entity gets a key in two parts
 - K_{priv} : Private key, kept secret
 - K_{pub} : Public key, shared with everyone
- Can provide important security properties
 - Authentication/Integrity: *A signs* message with $K_{\text{priv},A}$, anyone with $K_{\text{pub},A}$ can verify message came from A
 - Confidentiality: *A encrypts* message to B with $K_{\text{pub},B}$, B can decrypt with $K_{\text{priv},B}$
- But: how do we know if we can trust a public key?

Public Key Infrastructure (PKI)

Public key crypto is very powerful ...

- ... but the **realities** of tying public keys to real world identities turn out to be quite hard
- PKI: **Trust distribution** mechanism
 - Authentication via **Digital Certificates**
- Note: Trust doesn't mean someone is honest, just that they are who they say they are...

Managing Trust

- The most solid level of trust is rooted in our direct personal experience
 - E.g., Alice's trust that Bob is who they say they are
 - Clearly doesn't scale to a global network!
- In its absence, we rely on *delegation*
 - Alice trusts Bob's identity because Charlie attests to it
 - and Alice trusts Charlie

Managing Trust, con't

- Trust is not particularly transitive
 - Should Alice trust Bob because she trusts Charlie ...
 - ... and Charlie vouches for Donna ...
 - ... and Donna says Eve is trustworthy ...
 - ... and Eve vouches for Bob's identity?
- Two models of delegating trust
 - Rely on your set of friends and their friends
 - "Web of trust" -- e.g., PGP
 - Rely on trusted, well-known authorities (*and those they trust...*)
 - "Trusted root" -- e.g., HTTPS


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- To publish a public key for entity X , root CA R signs X 's public key
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 - Creates a **Certificate**: $\{K_{pub,X}, \text{signature}, \text{metadata}\}$
- Given signature, anyone who knows the root can verify
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- CA's often use Hardware Security Modules (HSMs), other physical protections...
- What happens if a CA is compromised?

PKI Example


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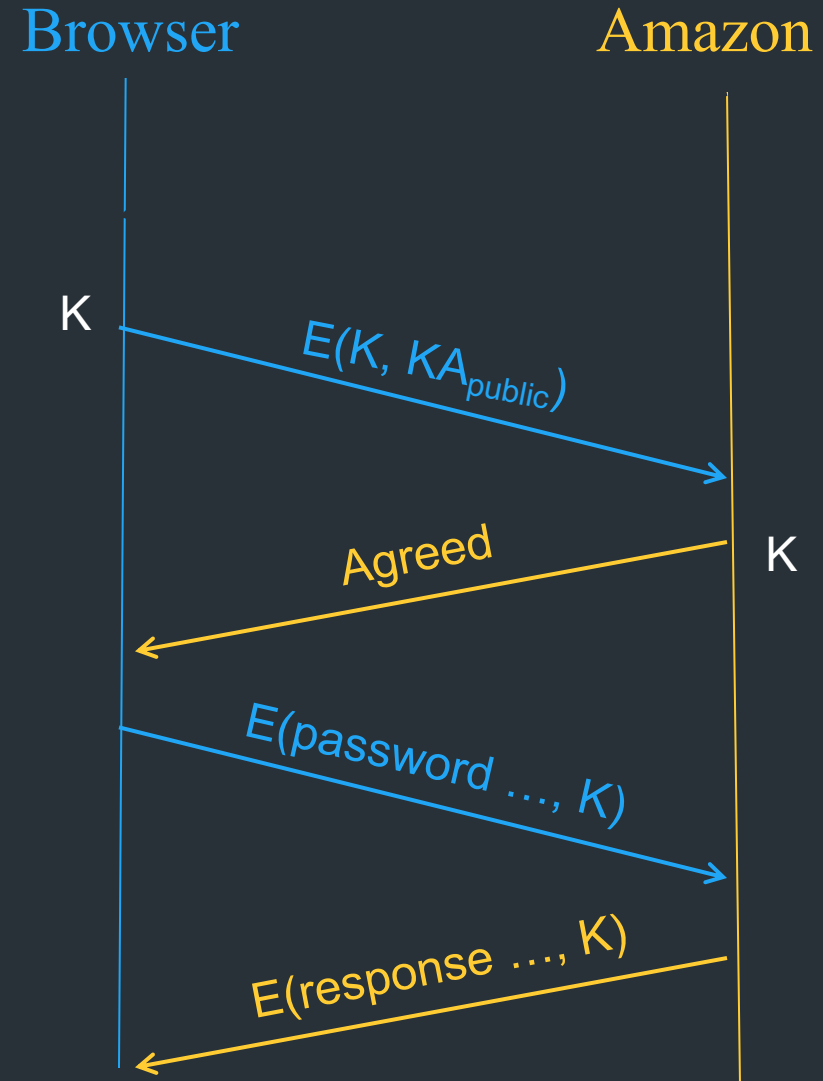
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- Name of certificate's **signatory** (who signed it)
- A public-key **signature** of a hash of all this
 - Constructed using the signatory's private RSA key

Validating Amazon's Identity

- Browser retrieves cert belonging to the **signatory**
- If it can't find the cert, then warns the user that site has not been verified
 - And may ask whether to continue
 - *Could* still proceed, just **without authentication**
- Browser uses public key in signatory's cert to decrypt signature
 - Compares with its own hash of Amazon's cert
- Assuming signature matches, now have high confidence it's indeed Amazon
 - ... assuming signatory is trustworthy

HTTPS Connection (SSL/TLS), con't

- Browser constructs a random *session key* K
- Browser encrypts K using Amazon's public key
- Browser sends $E(K, KA_{\text{public}})$ to server
- Browser displays 
- All subsequent communication encrypted w/ symmetric cipher using key K
 - E.g., client can authenticate using a password



When does this break down?

- TLS is hard to implement
- Need to trust the CAs
- Users need to understand warnings

As of July 2021, the Trustworthy Internet Movement estimated the ratio of websites that are vulnerable to TLS attacks.^[71]

Survey of the TLS vulnerabilities of the most popular websites

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	Insecure	Depends	Secure	Other
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RC4 attacks	0.4% support RC4 suites used with modern browsers	6.5% support some RC4 suites	93.1% no support	N/A
TLS Compression (CRIME attack)	>0.0% vulnerable	N/A	N/A	N/A
Heartbleed	>0.0% vulnerable	N/A	N/A	N/A
ChangeCipherSpec injection attack	0.1% vulnerable and exploitable	0.2% vulnerable, not exploitable	98.5% not vulnerable	1.2% unknown
POODLE attack against TLS (Original POODLE against SSL 3.0 is not included)	0.1% vulnerable and exploitable	0.1% vulnerable, not exploitable	99.8% not vulnerable	0.2% unknown
Protocol downgrade	6.6% Downgrade defence not supported	N/A	72.3% Downgrade defence supported	21.0% unknown



All Items Passwords Secure Notes My Certificates Keys Certificates

**Amazon Root CA 1**

Root certificate authority

Expires: Saturday, January 16, 2038 at 19:00:00 Eastern Standard Time

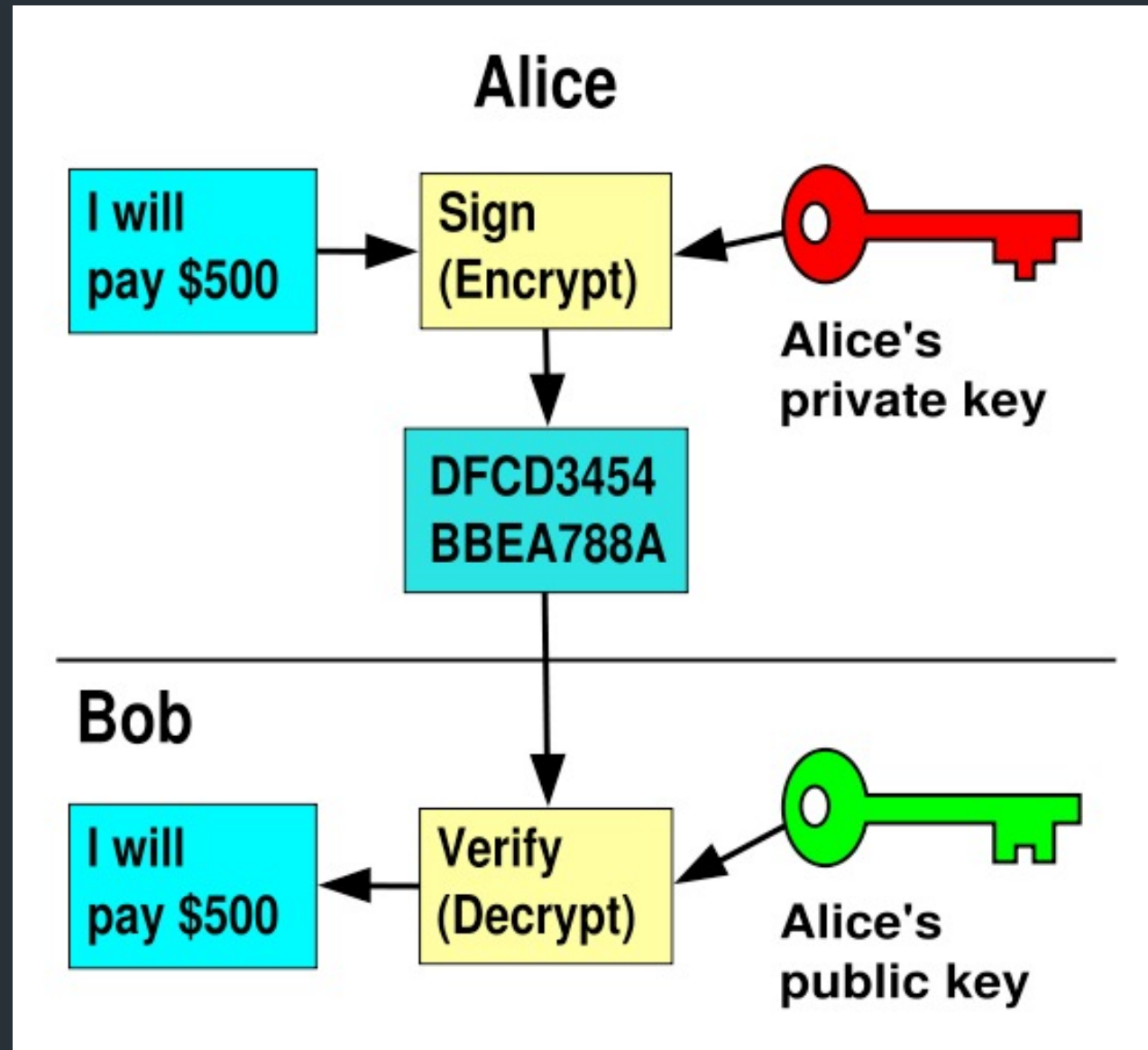
✔ This certificate is valid

Name	Kind	Date Modified	Expires	Keychain
AAA Certificate Services	certificate	--	Dec 31, 2028 at 18:59:59	System Roots
AC RAIZ FNMT-RCM	certificate	--	Dec 31, 2029 at 19:00:00	System Roots
Actalis Authentication Root CA	certificate	--	Sep 22, 2030 at 07:22:02	System Roots
AffirmTrust Commercial	certificate	--	Dec 31, 2030 at 09:06:06	System Roots
AffirmTrust Networking	certificate	--	Dec 31, 2030 at 09:08:24	System Roots
AffirmTrust Premium	certificate	--	Dec 31, 2040 at 09:10:36	System Roots
AffirmTrust Premium ECC	certificate	--	Dec 31, 2040 at 09:20:24	System Roots
Amazon Root CA 1	certificate	--	Jan 16, 2038 at 19:00:00	System Roots
Amazon Root CA 2	certificate	--	May 25, 2040 at 20:00:00	System Roots
Amazon Root CA 3	certificate	--	May 25, 2040 at 20:00:00	System Roots
Amazon Root CA 4	certificate	--	May 25, 2040 at 20:00:00	System Roots
ANF Global Root CA	certificate	--	Jun 5, 2033 at 13:45:38	System Roots
Apple Root CA	certificate	--	Feb 9, 2035 at 16:40:36	System Roots
Apple Root CA - G2	certificate	--	Apr 30, 2039 at 14:10:09	System Roots
Apple Root CA - G3	certificate	--	Apr 30, 2039 at 14:19:06	System Roots
Apple Root Certificate Authority	certificate	--	Feb 9, 2025 at 19:18:14	System Roots
Atos TrustedRoot 2011	certificate	--	Dec 31, 2030 at 18:59:59	System Roots
Autoridad de Certificacion Firmaprofesional CIF A62634068	certificate	--	Dec 31, 2030 at 03:38:15	System Roots
Autoridad de Certificacion Raiz del Estado Venezolano	certificate	--	Dec 17, 2030 at 18:59:59	System Roots
Baltimore CyberTrust Root	certificate	--	May 12, 2025 at 19:59:00	System Roots
Buypass Class 2 Root CA	certificate	--	Oct 26, 2040 at 04:38:03	System Roots
Buypass Class 3 Root CA	certificate	--	Oct 26, 2040 at 04:28:58	System Roots
CA Disig Root R1	certificate	--	Jul 19, 2042 at 05:06:56	System Roots
CA Disig Root R2	certificate	--	Jul 19, 2042 at 05:15:30	System Roots
Certigna	certificate	--	Jun 29, 2027 at 11:13:05	System Roots
Certinomis - Autorité Racine	certificate	--	Sep 17, 2028 at 04:28:59	System Roots
Certinomis - Root CA	certificate	--	Oct 21, 2033 at 05:17:18	System Roots
Certplus Root CA G1	certificate	--	Jan 14, 2038 at 19:00:00	System Roots
Certplus Root CA G2	certificate	--	Jan 14, 2038 at 19:00:00	System Roots
certSIGN ROOT CA	certificate	--	Jul 4, 2031 at 13:20:04	System Roots
Certum CA	certificate	--	Jun 11, 2027 at 06:46:39	System Roots
Certum Trusted Network CA	certificate	--	Dec 31, 2029 at 07:07:37	System Roots

Digital Signatures

- Suppose Alice has published public key K_E
- If she wishes to prove who she is, she can send a message x encrypted with her **private** key K_D
 - Therefore: anyone w/ public key K_E can recover x , verify that Alice must have sent the message
 - It provides a **digital signature**
 - Alice can't deny later deny it \Rightarrow **non-repudiation**

RSA Crypto & Signatures, con't



Summary of Our Crypto Toolkit

- If we can securely distribute a key, then
 - Symmetric ciphers (e.g., AES) offer fast, presumably strong confidentiality
- Public key cryptography can make this easier (can share public keys anywhere)
 - But not as computationally efficient
 - Use public key crypto to exchange **session key**, which is used for symmetric encryption
 - And not guaranteed secure
 - but major result if not

Summary of Our Crypto Toolkit, con't

- Cryptographically strong hash functions provide major building block for integrity (e.g., SHA-256)
 - As well as providing concise digests
 - And providing a way to prove you know something (e.g., passwords) without revealing it (**non-invertibility**)
 - But: worrisome recent results regarding their strength (MD5, SHA1)
- Public key also gives us **signatures**
 - Including sender non-repudiation
- Turns out there's a crypto trick based on similar algorithms that allows two parties *who don't know each other's public key* to securely negotiate a secret key **even in the presence of eavesdroppers**
 - Look up: Diffie-Hellman Key Exchange