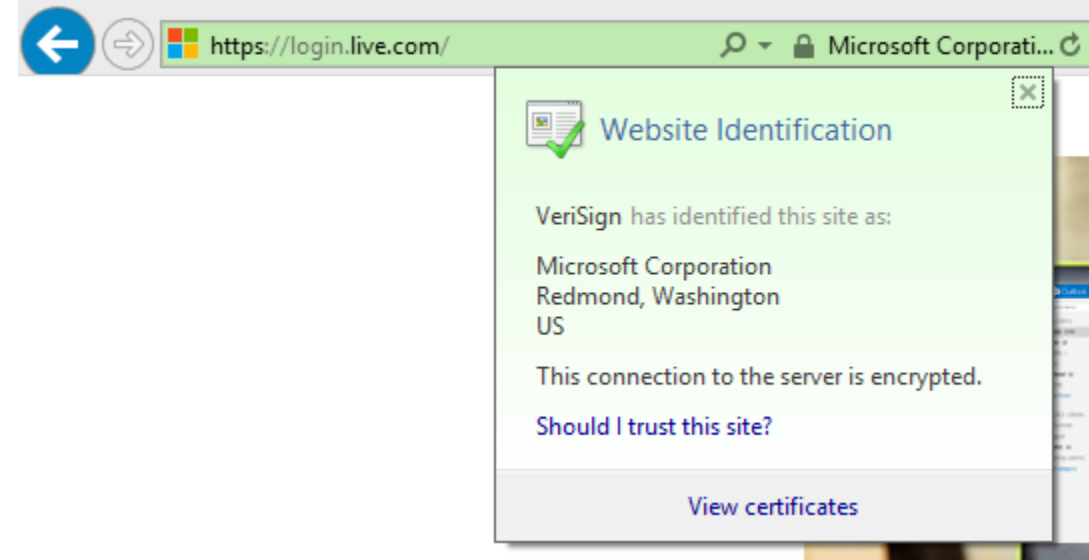
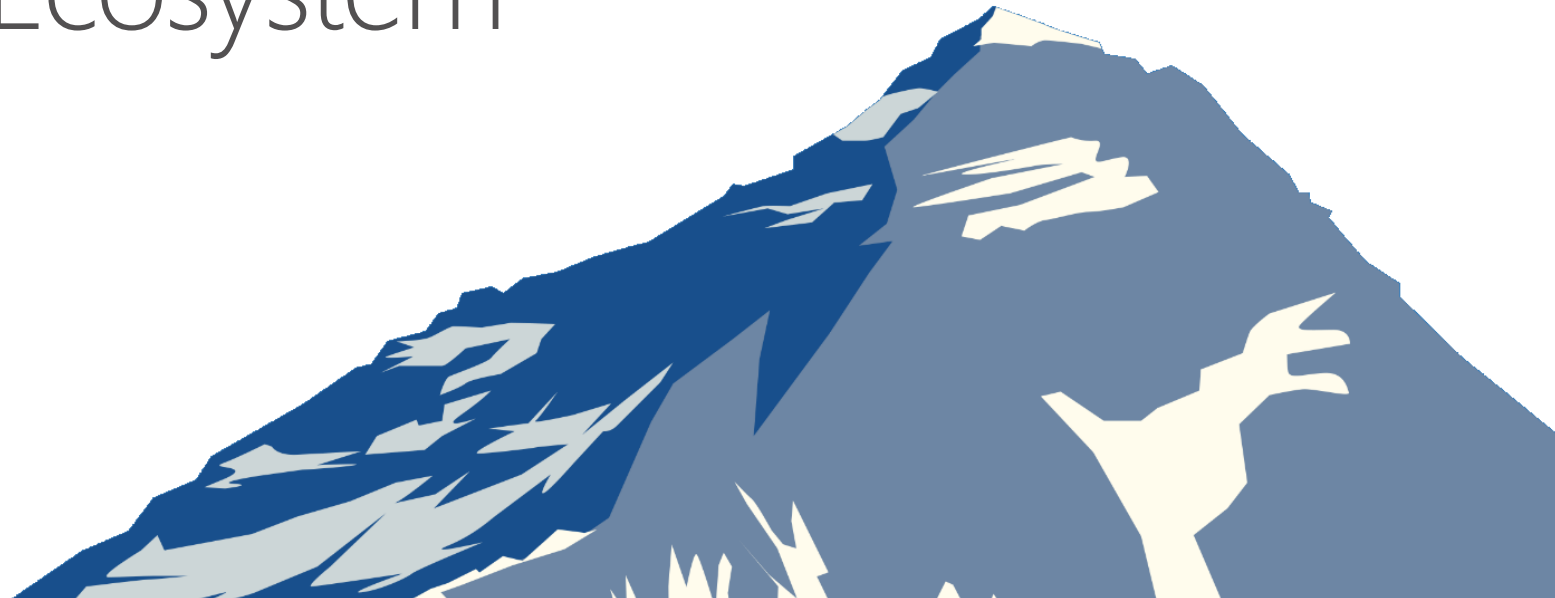


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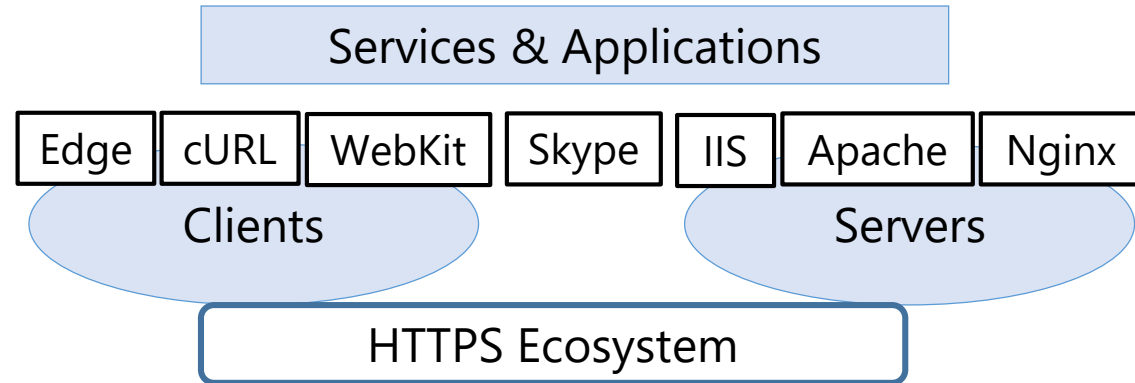
Verified Secure Implementations  
for the HTTPS Ecosystem

miTLS &  
Everest\*



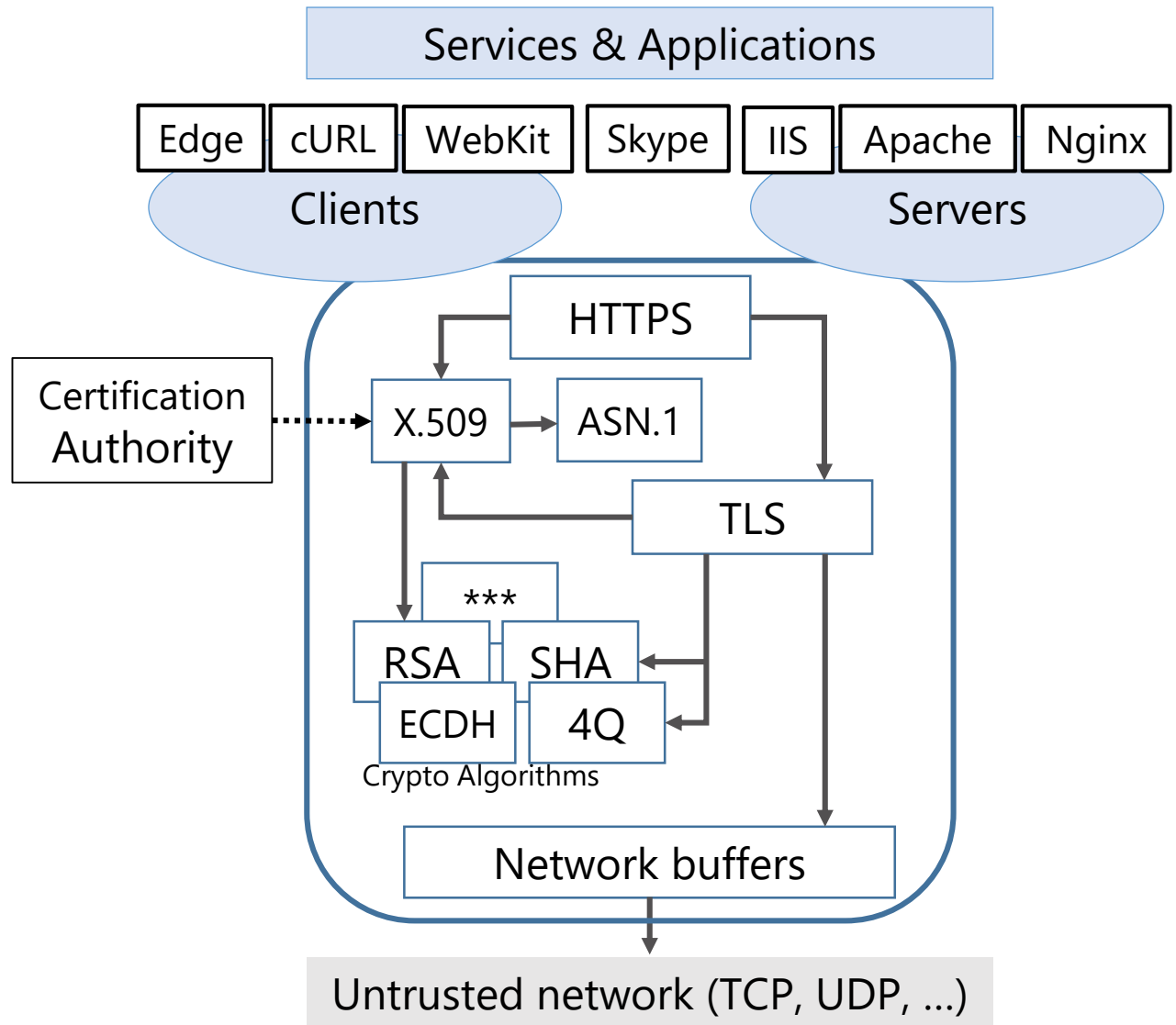
\*the Everest VERified End-to-end Secure Transport

# The HTTPS Ecosystem is critical



- Most widely deployed security?  
1/2 Internet traffic (+40%/year)
- Web, cloud, email, VoIP, 802.1x, VPNs, ...

# The HTTPS Ecosystem is complex



# The HTTPS Ecosystem is broken

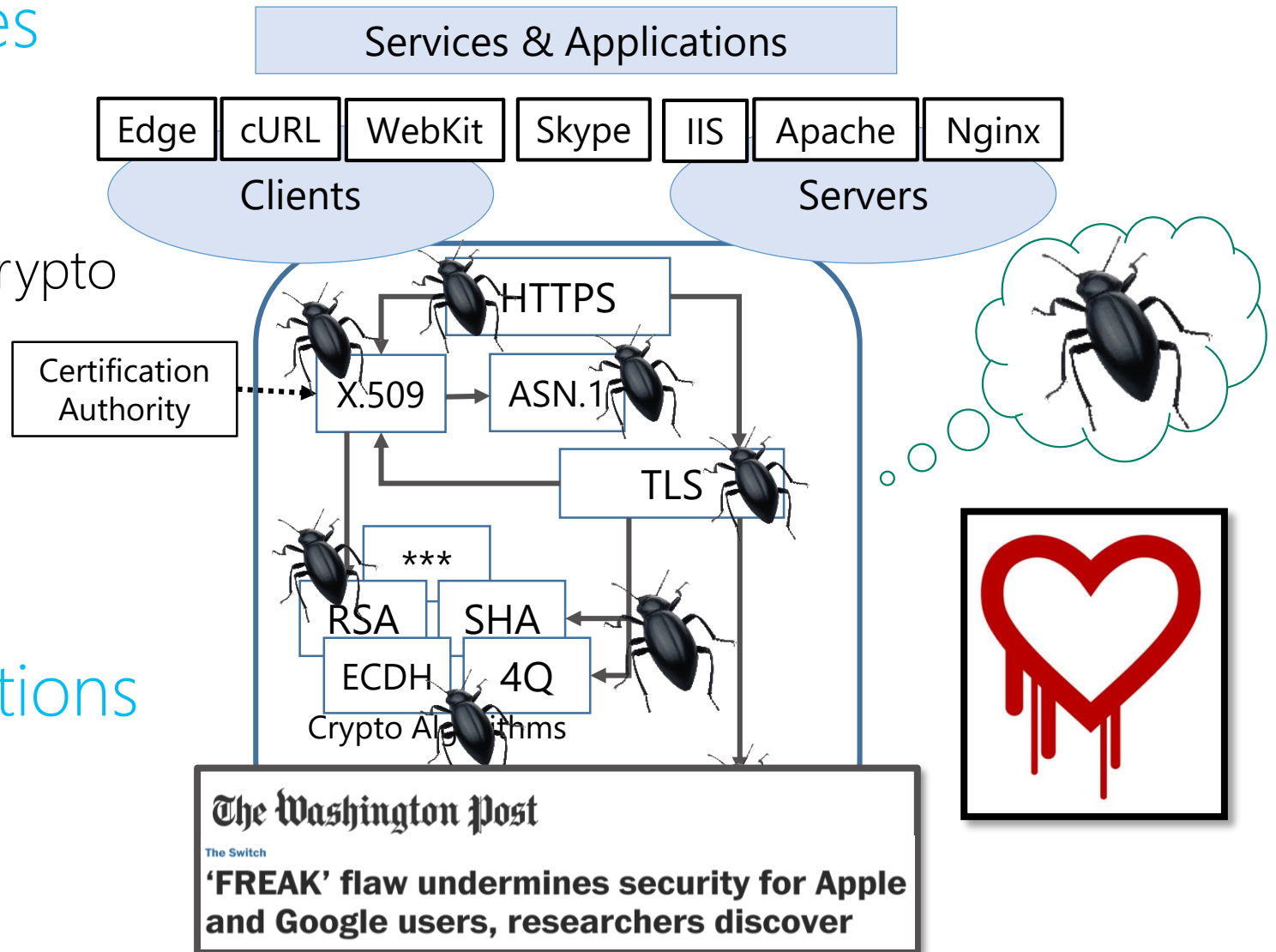
- 20 years of attacks & fixes

- Buffer overflows
- Incorrect state machines
- Lax certificate parsing
- Weak or poorly implemented crypto
- Side channels

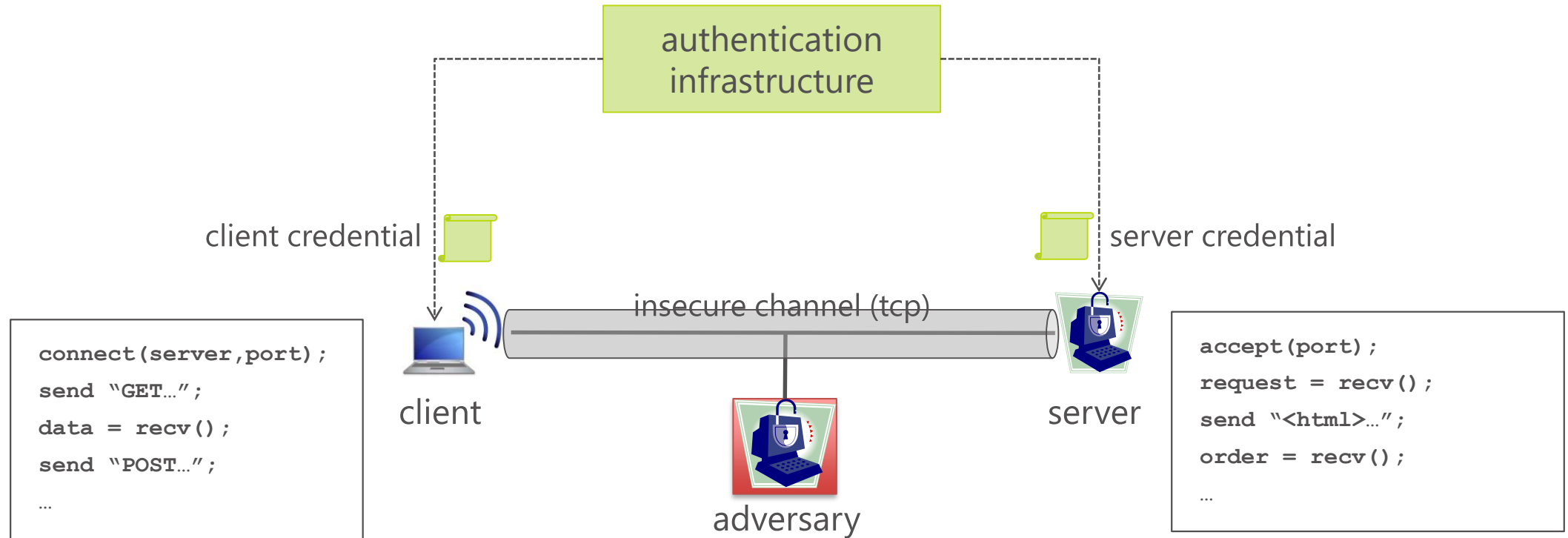
- Informal security goals
- Dangerous APIs
- Flawed standards

- Mainstream implementations

- OpenSSL, SChannel, NSS, ...
- Still patched every month!



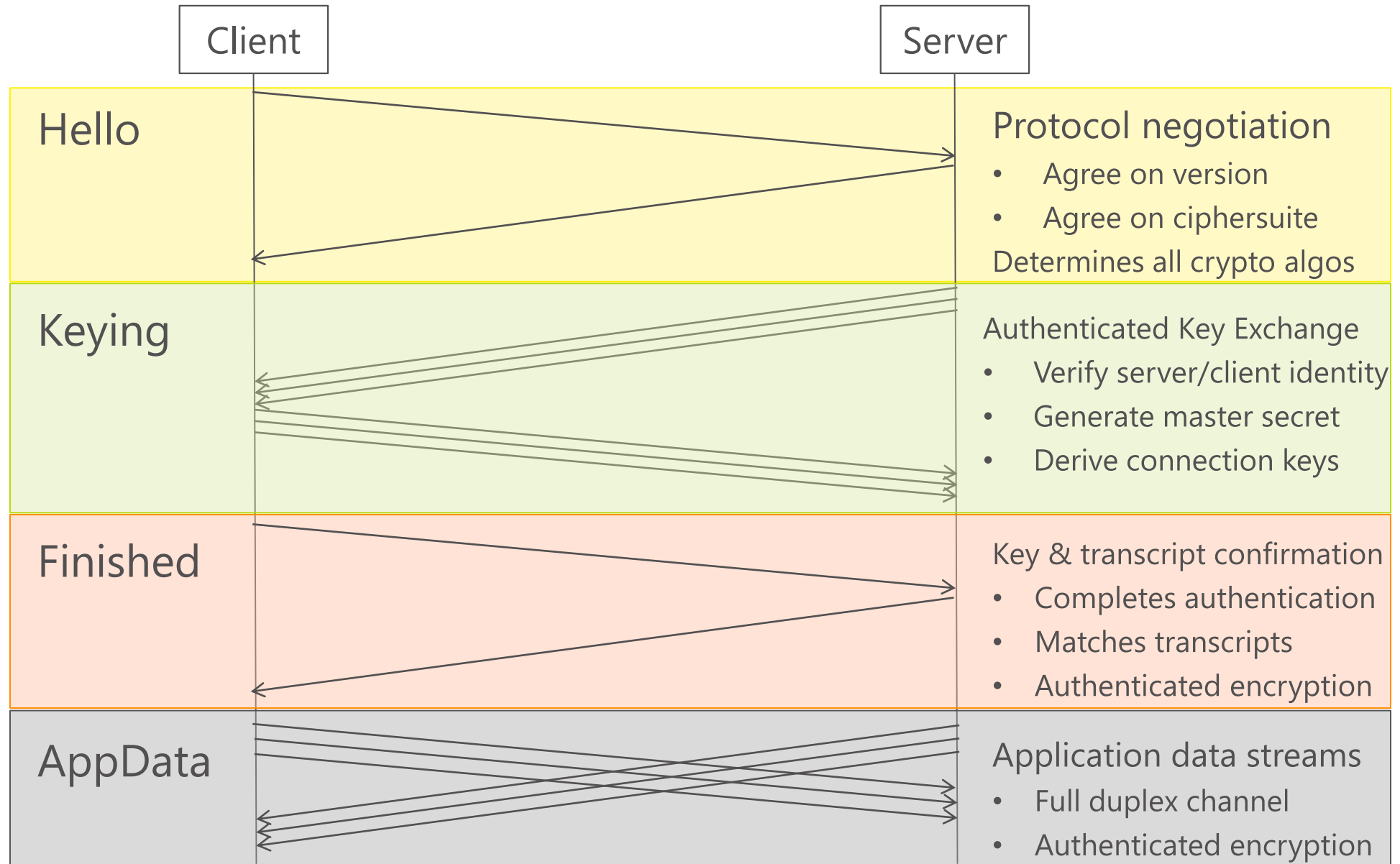
# Goal: a secure channel



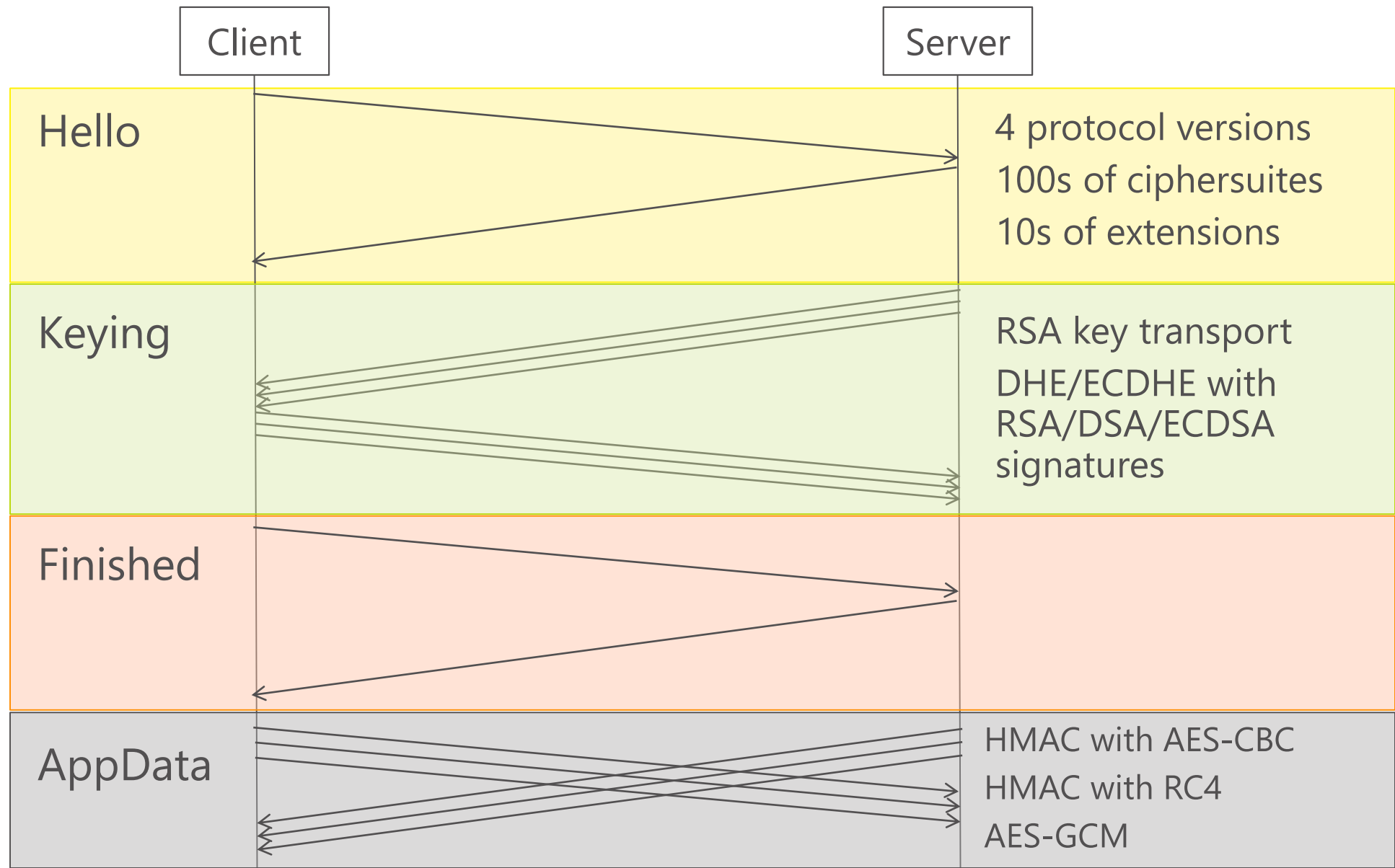
**Security Goal:** As long as the adversary does not control the long-term credentials of the client and server, it cannot

- Inject forged data into the stream (authenticity)
- Distinguish the data stream from random bytes (confidentiality)

# TLS protocol overview



# Many configurations (some of them broken)



# miTLS (2013—...)

## a first verified reference implementation

1. **Internet Standard compliance & interoperability**  
supporting SSL 3.0—TLS 1.2

Excluding core  
crypto algorithms

2. **Verified security:**  
we structured our code to enable its  
modular cryptographic verification,  
from its main API down to concrete  
algorithms (RSA, AES,...)

Not fully automated  
(paper proofs too)

3. **Experimental platform:**  
for testing corner cases, trying out attacks,  
analysing extensions and patches, ...

Not production code  
(poor performance)





## miTLS

A verified reference TLS implementation

<http://www.mitls.org/>

Repositories

People 0

Filters ▾

Find a repository...

### mitls-fstar

TLS implemented in F\*

Updated 17 hours ago

using F\* (in progress)  
with early support for TLS 1.3

### mitls-flex

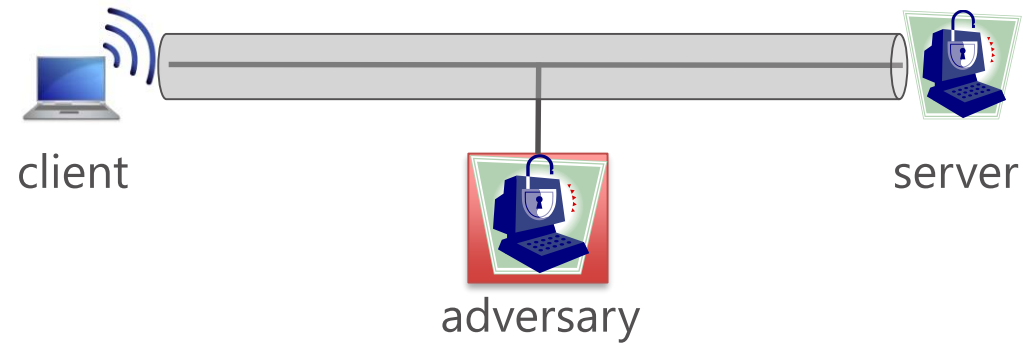
TLS implemented in f7

Updated 14 days ago

using F# & F7 (stable)  
including testing tools

miTLS v0.9 released in Nov'15  
<https://github.com/mitls>

# Verified Communications Security?



Application security (API, configuration)

Cryptographic schemes & assumptions

Protocol design

Implementation safety

Information control (leakage, privacy)

Verification tools (F#, F7, F\*, Z3, Lean)

(1) data streams

(2) main theorem

(3) state-machine attacks

# Modelling Secure Data Streams (1/2)

## Type abstraction for integrity & confidentiality

**Ideally**, TLS passes around data fragments; it cannot forge them, or read their contents.

**Concretely**, this reduces to probabilistic poly-time security assumptions on the underlying cryptographic primitives (e.g. INT-CCA + IND-CPA)

We use **type indexes** to separate between different streams, keep track of their lengths, and control coercions to concrete bytes

```
// F* definition of Application Data
abstract type data (i:id) = bytes

let ghost #(i:id) (d:data i): GTot bytes = d

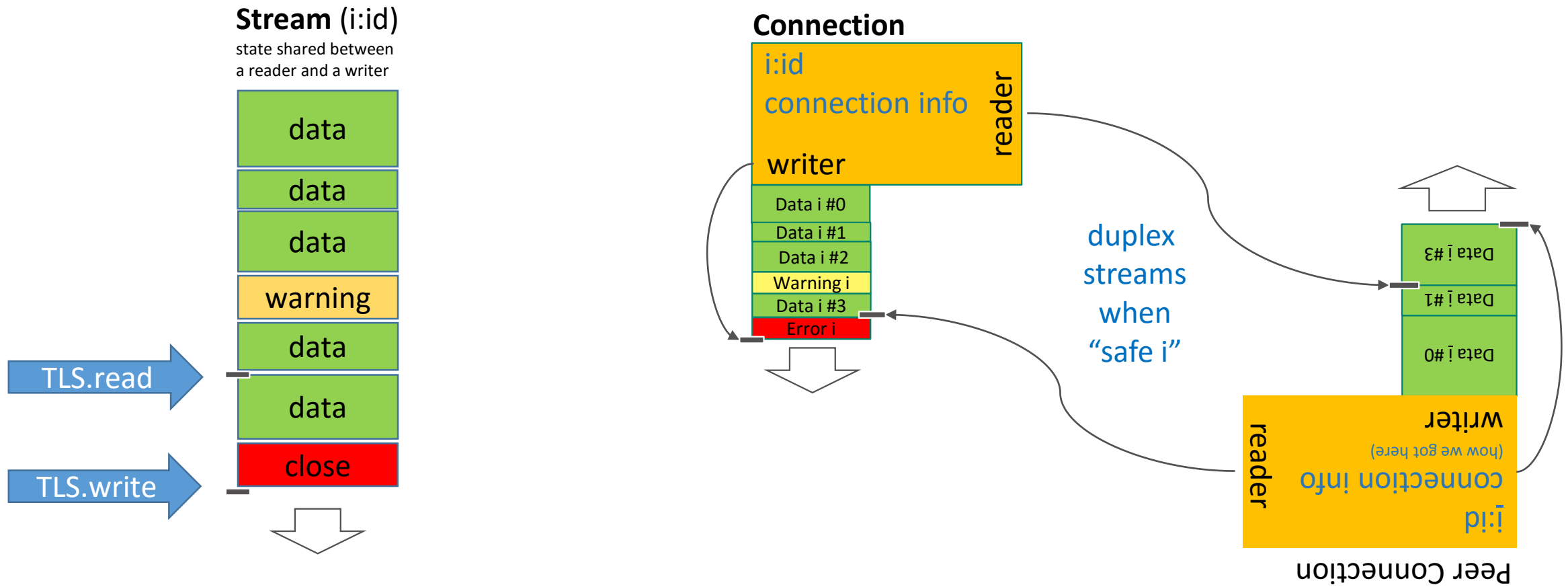
type fragment (i:id) (rg:range) =
  d:data i {within (ghost d) rg}

val repr: i:id{¬safe i}
  → rg:range
  → d:fragment i rg
  → Tot (b:bytes {b = ghost d})

val make: i:id{¬safe i}
  → rg:range
  → b:bytes{within b rg}
  → Tot (d:fragment i rg {b = ghost d})
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# Modelling Secure Data Streams (2/2)

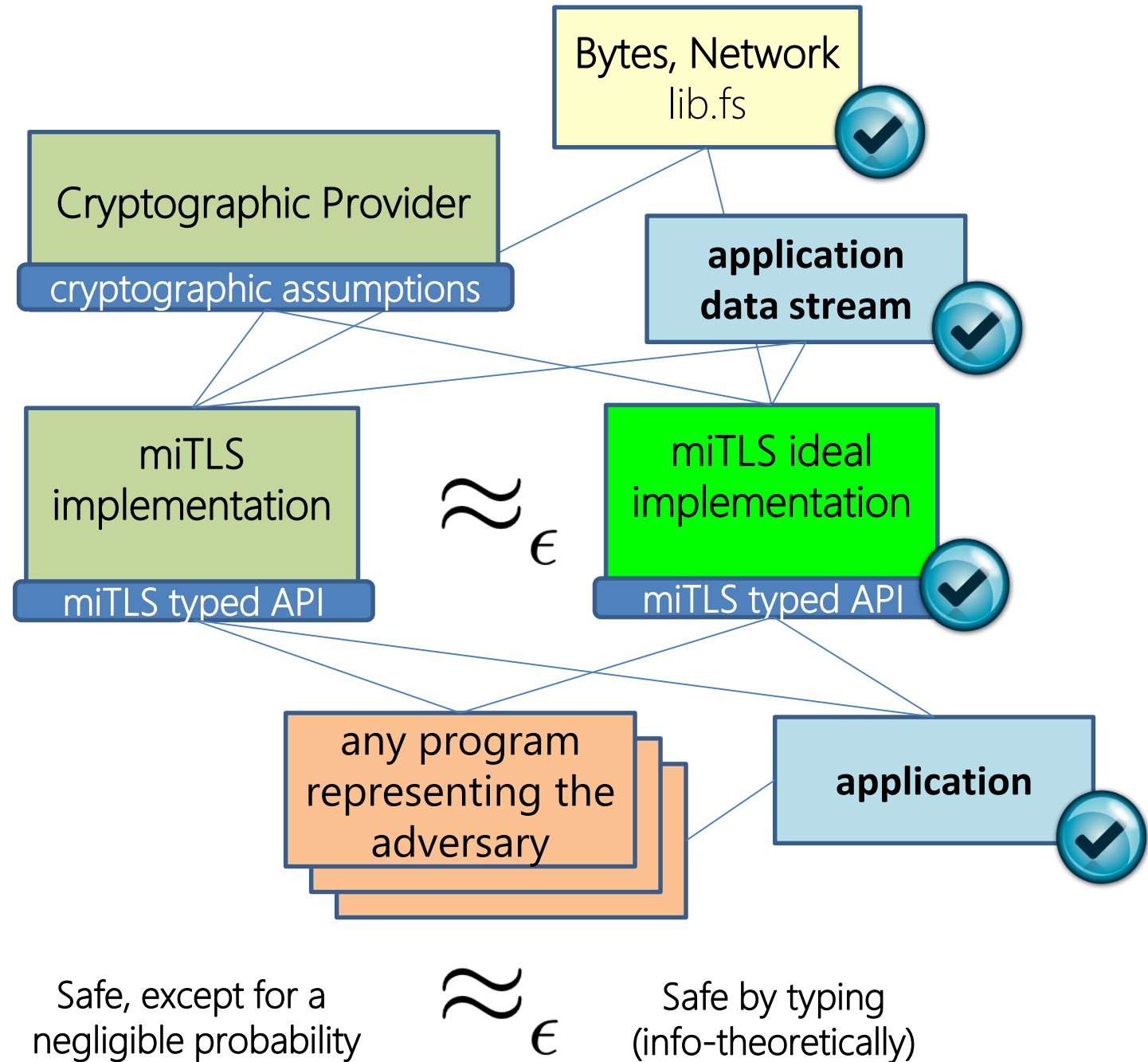
## Stateful invariant for stream authentication



# Security Theorem

Main crypto result:  
concrete TLS & ideal TLS  
are computationally  
indistinguishable

Verification technique:  
security by typing

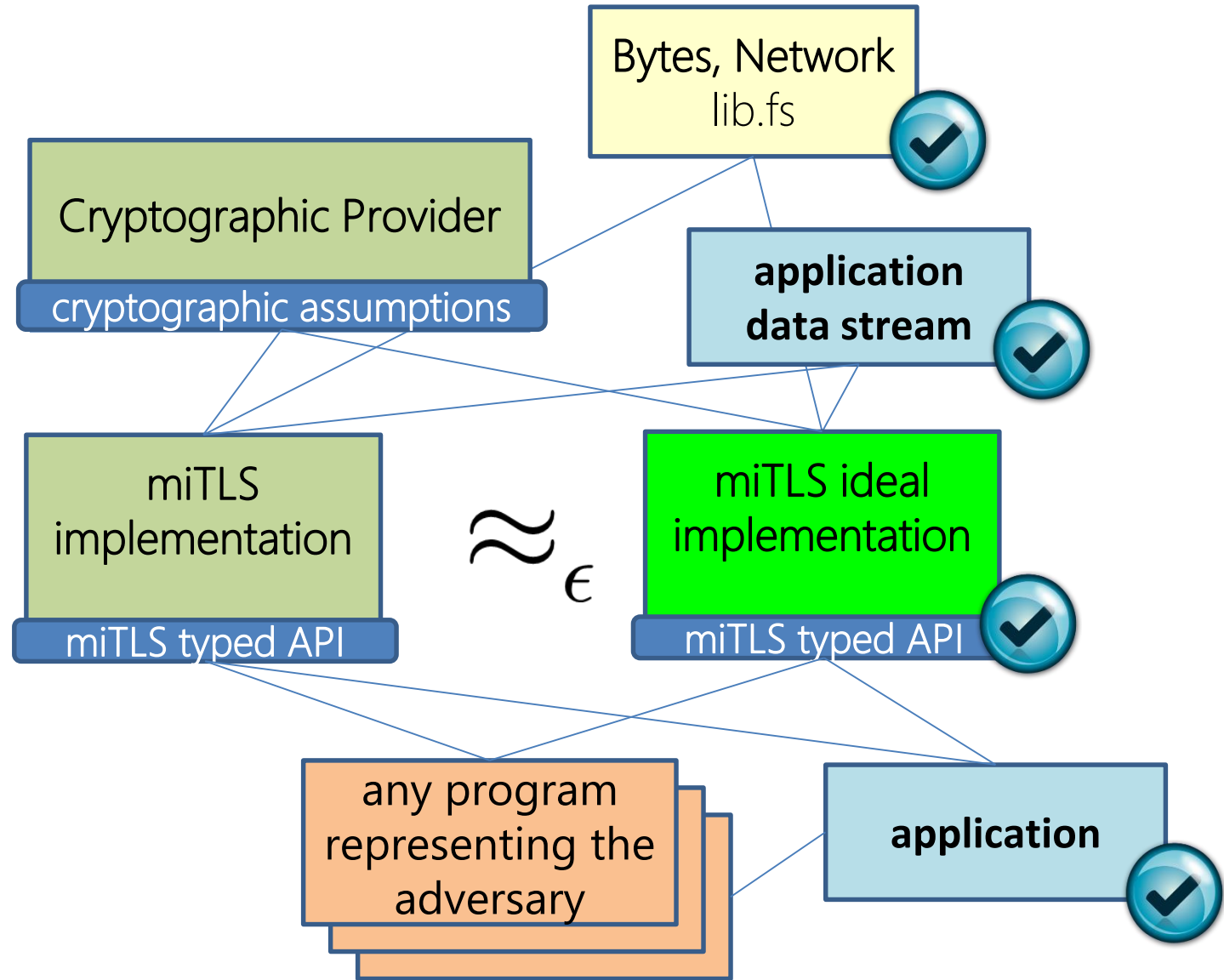


# Security Theorem

## Proof automation

7,000 lines of F#  
verified against  
3,000 lines of F7  
type annotations

The security statement is precise  
but complex, roughly the size of the  
TLS API and cryptographic assumptions



# Scripting Tools & Security Testing

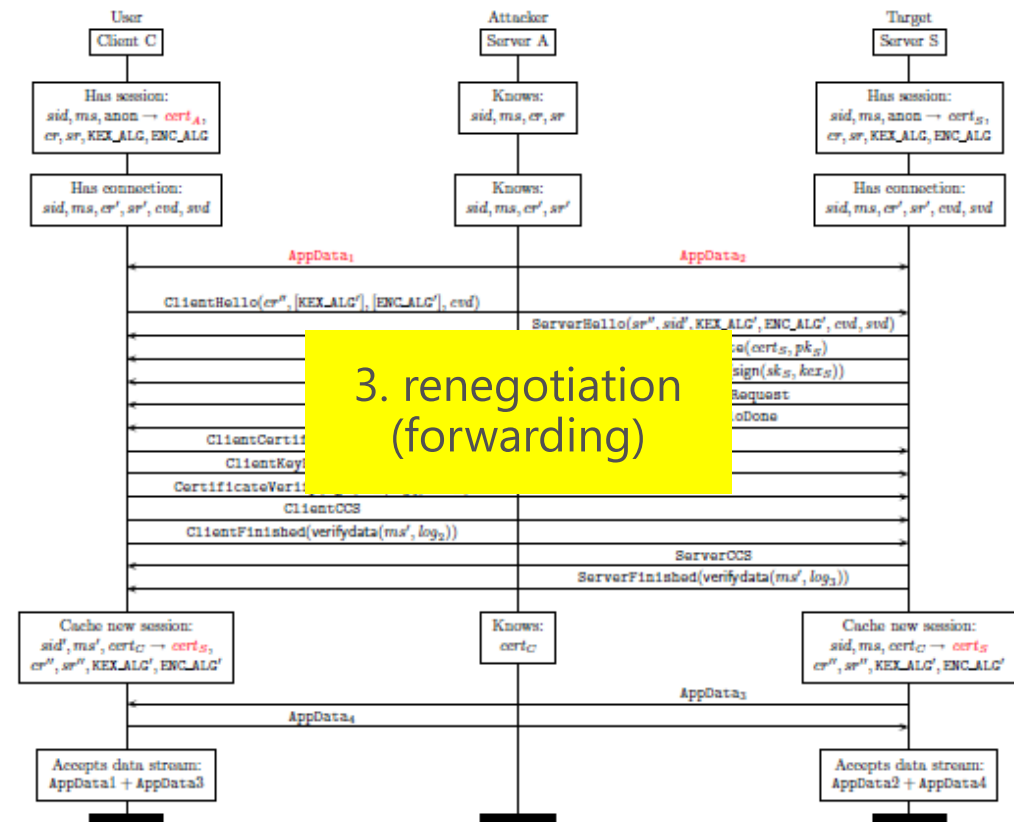
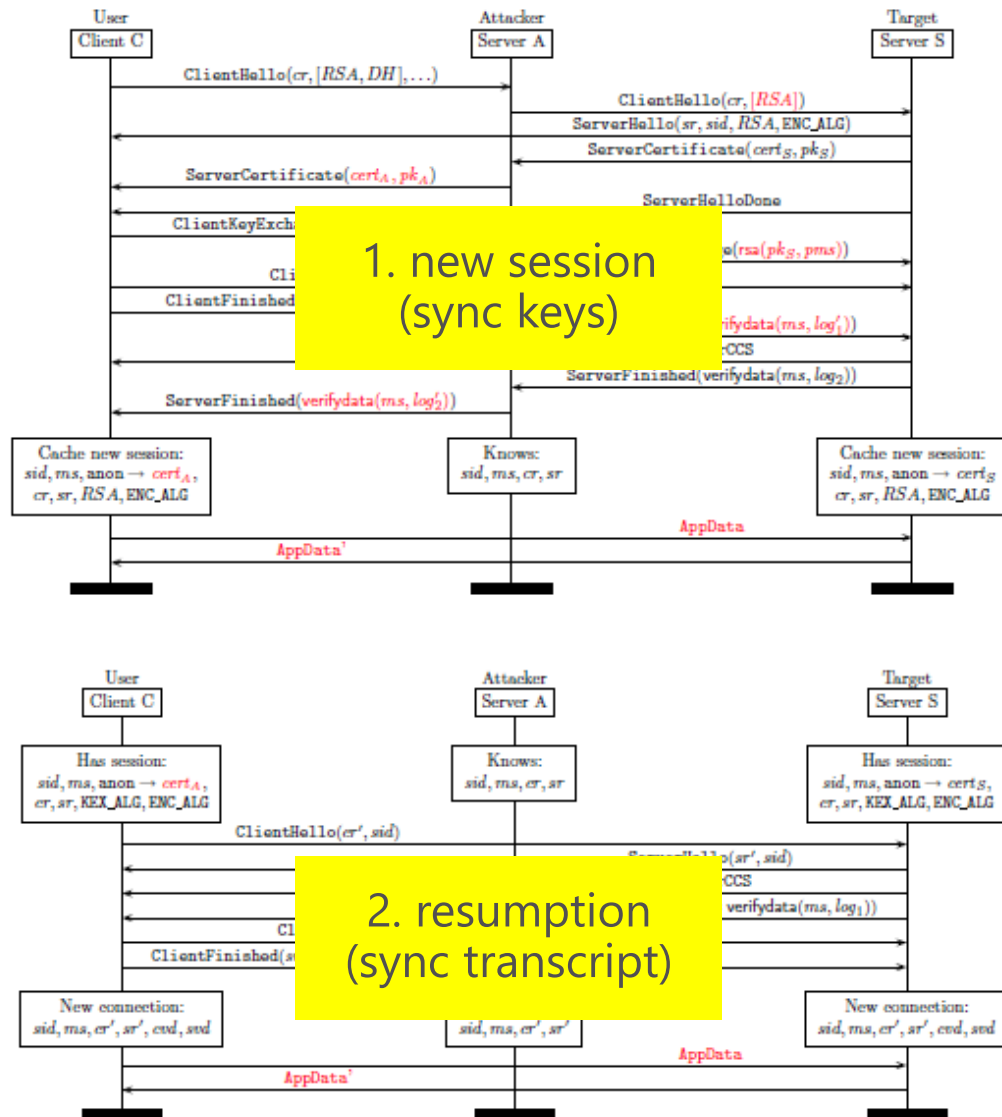
miTLS clean, modular implementation  
supports rapid prototyping against others

- One line of F# script for each TLS message, with good cryptographic defaults
- Simple setup for “man-in-the-middle” attacks and concurrent connections
- Built-in library of recent vulnerabilities
- Fuzzing on the TLS state machine

Focus on ease of use (but still for experts)

# Triple handshake attack (2014)

flaw in the standard  
now patched in TLS



<https://www.secure-resumption.com/>



# Systematically testing the TLS state machine

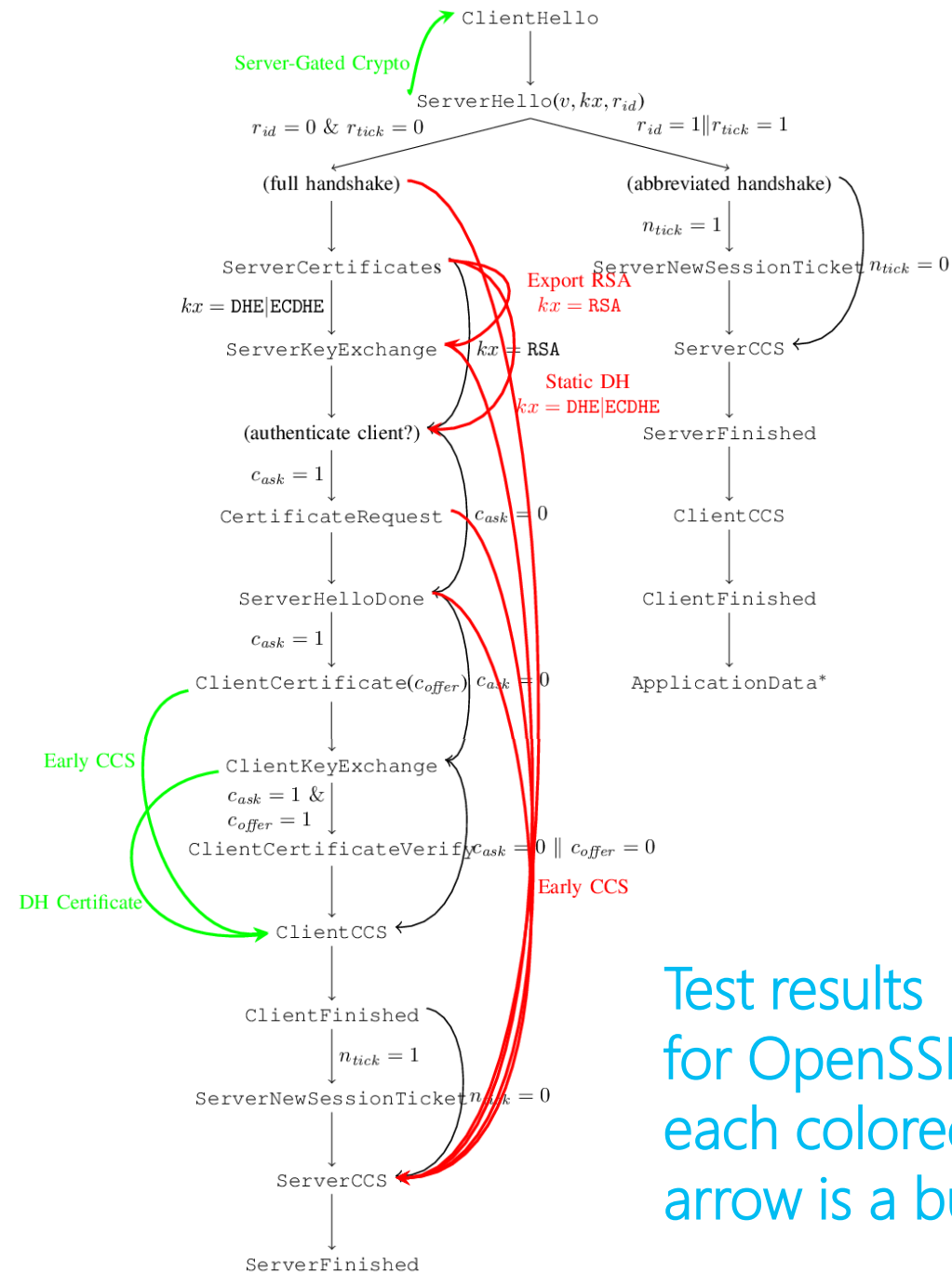
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TLS offers many ciphersuites, optional messages, extensions... sharing the same state machine.

miTLS provides a verified TLS state machine.

We systematically generate and test **deviant traces** against other implementation (skipping, inserting, reordering valid messages)

We found many many exploitable bugs



Test results for OpenSSL: each colored arrow is a bug

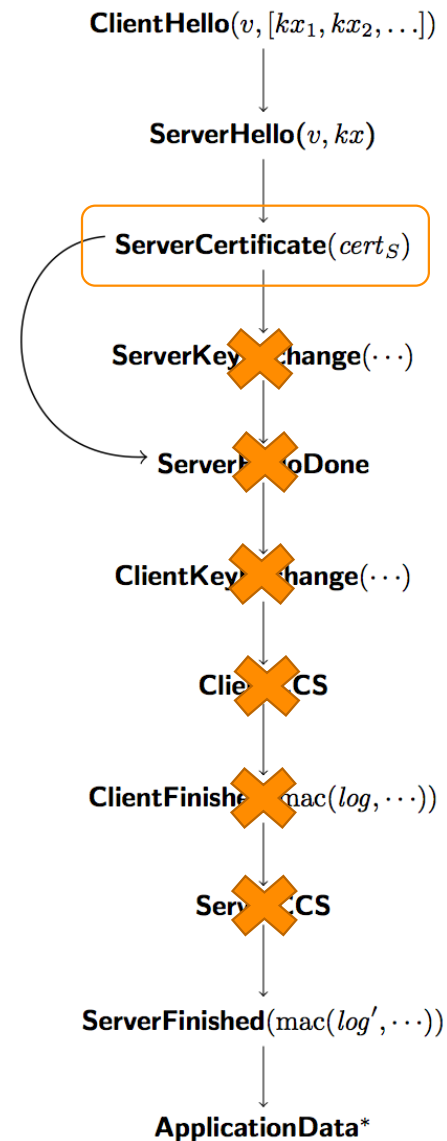
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## An attack against TLS Java Library (open for 10 years)

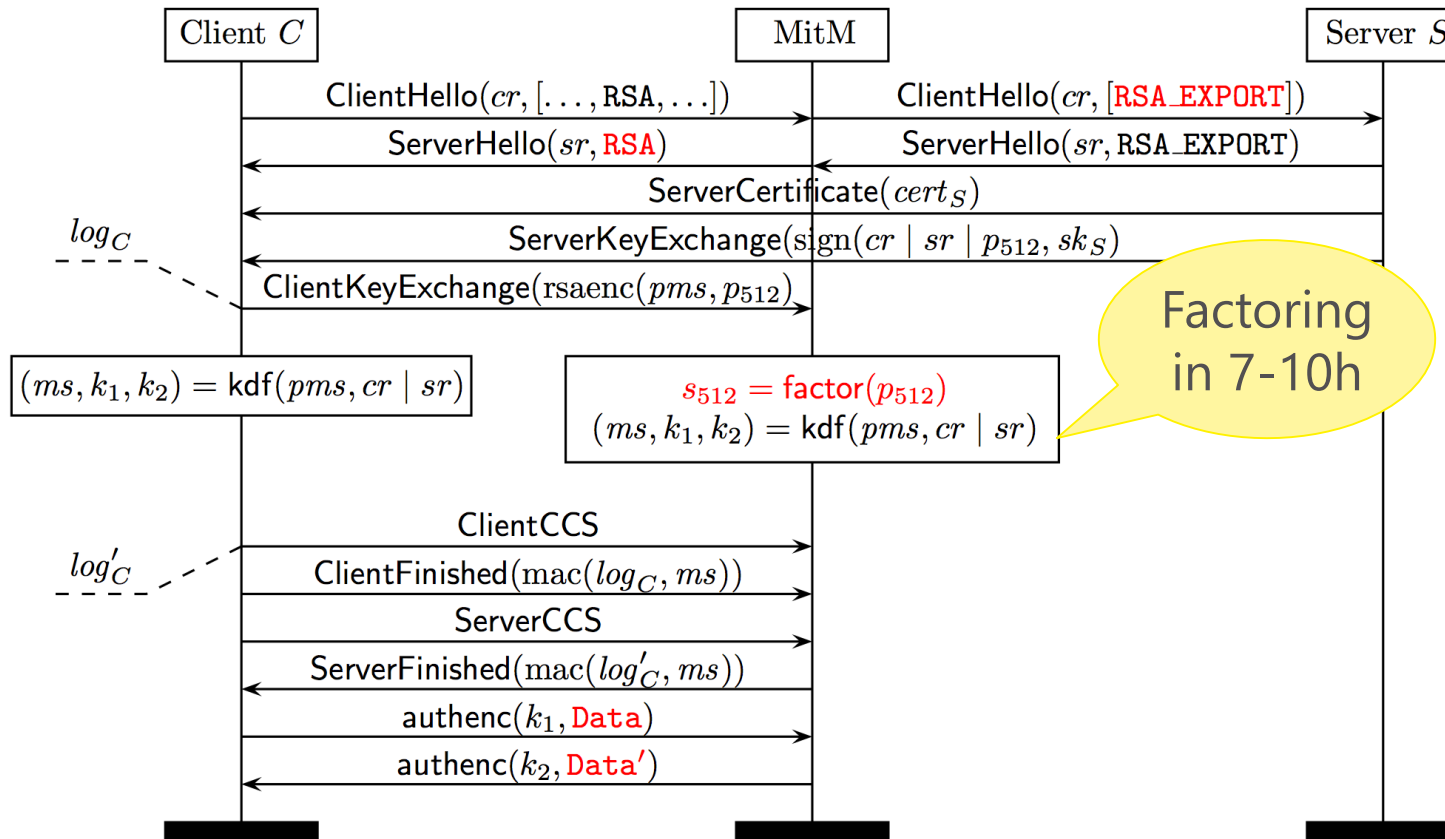
We skip 6 messages

JSSE's client assumes the key exchange is finished, uses uninitialized 0x000000... as session key!

# FREAK: downgrade to RSA\_EXPORT (2015)

## Man-in-the-middle attack against:

- servers that support RSA\_EXPORT (512bit keys obsoleted in 2000) **from 40% to 8.5%**
- clients that accept ServerKeyExchange in RSA (state machine bug) **almost all browsers have been patched**



Similar attack, different crypto:  
LOGJAM (2015)  
downgrade to weak groups

# FREAK in the news

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## Millions at risk from 'Freak' encryption bug

6 March 2015 | Technology

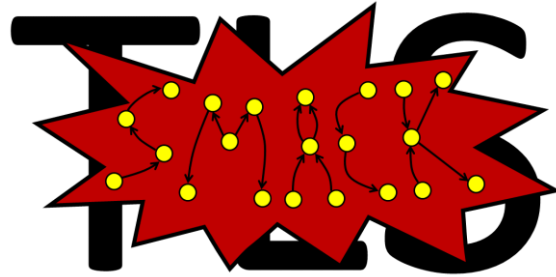
The New York Times

## Apple, Android Browsers Vulnerable to 'FREAK Attack'

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS MARCH 3, 2015, 9:06 P.M. E.S.T.

The Switch

## 'FREAK' flaw undermines security for Apple and Google users, researchers discover



Technology

## Apple and Google 'FREAK attack' leaves millions of users vulnerable to hackers

Computer security

## The law and unintended consequences

The perils of deliberately sabotaging security

Mar 7th 2015 | From the print edition



COMPUTERS are notoriously insecure. Usually, this is by accident rather than design. Modern operating systems contain millions of lines of code, with millions more in the applications that do the things people want done. Human brains are simply too puny to build something so complicated without making mistakes.

On March 3rd, though, a group of researchers at Microsoft, an American computer company, Imdea, a Spanish research institute, and the National Institute for Research in Computer Science and Automation, in France, discovered something slightly different. They found a serious flaw in cryptography designed to guard private data such as e-mails,

# LOGJAM in the news



MAY 27, 2015 | BY JOSEPH BONNEAU

## Logjam, Part 1: Why the Internet is Broken Again (an Explainer)

### THE WALL STREET JOURNAL.

## New Computer Bug Exposes Broad Security Flaws

Fix for LogJam bug could make more than 20,000 websites unreachable

By JENNIFER VALENTINO-DEVRIES

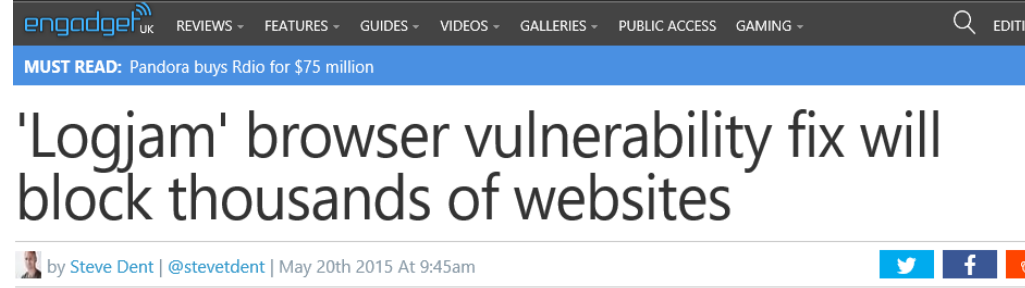
May 19, 2015 7:02 p.m. ET



## HTTPS-crippling attack threatens tens of thousands of Web and mail servers

Diffie-Hellman downgrade weakness allows attackers to intercept encrypted data.

by Dan Goodin - May 20, 2015 6:54am BST



### Pwnie for Most Innovative Research

Awarded to the person who published the most interesting presentation, tool or even a mailing list post.

- Imperfect Forward Secrecy: How Diffie-Hellman Downgrade Weakness Exposes Broad Security Flaws  
Credit: David Adrian et al.

This paper introduces the Logjam attack, a vulnerability that allows attackers to downgrade TLS connections to 512-bit export-grade cryptography.

We found & fixed flaws in legacy implementations of TLS... probably many others still in there. Can we be more constructive?

## Can we make the next TLS better?

- We are trying to model, implement, and improve the new draft standard (TLS 1.3)
- Deployment will take years—are TLS 1.2 and TLS 1.3 jointly secure?

## Can we deploy verified code in the TLS/HTTPS ecosystem?

- Despite great technical achievements, formally verified software is seldom deployed and used
- TLS is small & critical, can be exemplary case for **verified deployed software**



# TLS 1.3: status

## IETF TLS WG95

(April'16)

- 13<sup>th</sup> draft discussed

Adopting several of our proposals:  
 extended session hashes,  
 downgrade resilience,  
 pre-shared-key 0RTT,  
 session ticket format,  
 simplified key schedule...

- Finalized in 6 months?

Network Working Group  
 Internet-Draft  
 Obsoletes: 5077, 5246, 5746 (if approved)  
 Updates: 4492 (if approved)  
 Intended status: Standards Track  
 Expires: September 23, 2016

E. Rescorla  
 RTFM, Inc.  
 March 22, 2016

### The Transport Layer Security (TLS) Protocol Version 1.3

#### Implementation Status

Name	Language	ECDHE	DHE	PSK	0-RTT
NSS	C	Yes	No	Yes	Yes*
Mint	Go	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
nqsb	OCaml	No	Yes	Yes	No
ProtoTLS	JavaScript	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
miTLS	F*	Yes	Yes	Yes	???

- NSS interoperates with Mint and ProtoTLS
  - NSS 0-RTT in unintegrated branch
- ProtoTLS interoperates with nqsb
- Other combinations untested

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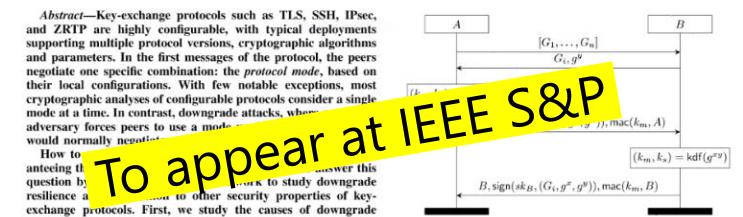
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#### Downgrade Resilience in Key-Exchange Protocols

Karthikeyan Bhargavan\*, Christina Brzuska<sup>†</sup>, Cédric Fournet<sup>‡</sup>, Matthew Green<sup>§</sup>,  
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To appear at IEEE S&P

Fig. 1: SIGMA-N: Basic SIGMA [30] with group negotiation

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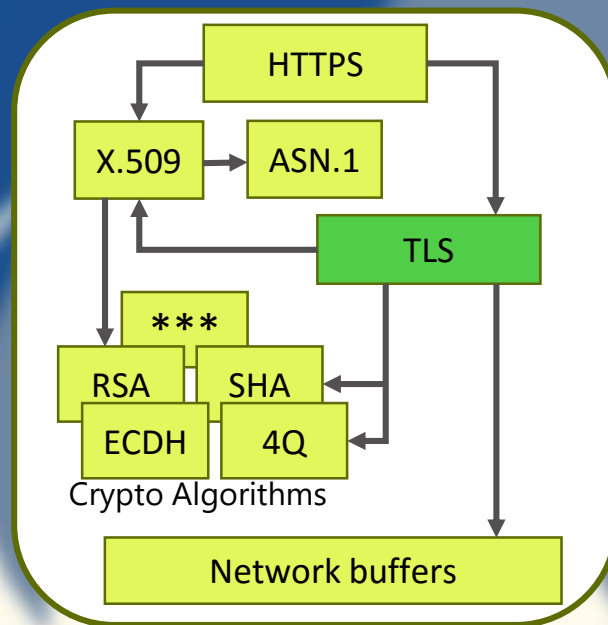
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- PSK and Certificate #421 opened on Feb 21
- Remove client authentication #420 opened on Feb 21
- Should Encrypted #419 opened on Feb 21
- Have the server provide #418 opened on Feb 21
- Allow servers to send #417 opened on Feb 21

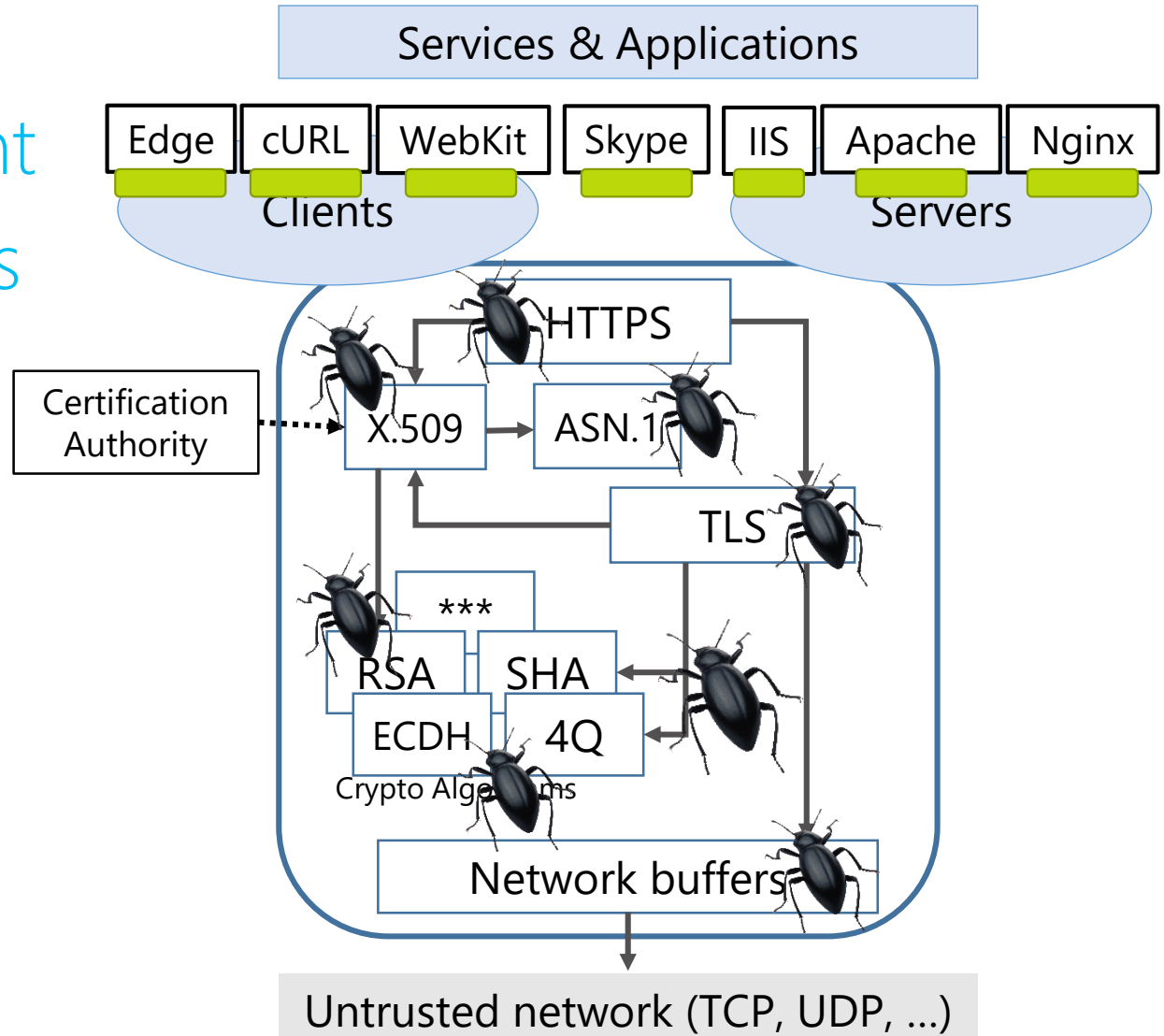


# Everest (2016—2021): Verified Drop-In Replacements for the HTTPS ecosystem



# Everest Goals

- Strong verified security
- Widespread deployment
- Trustworthy usable tools



# Everest Team

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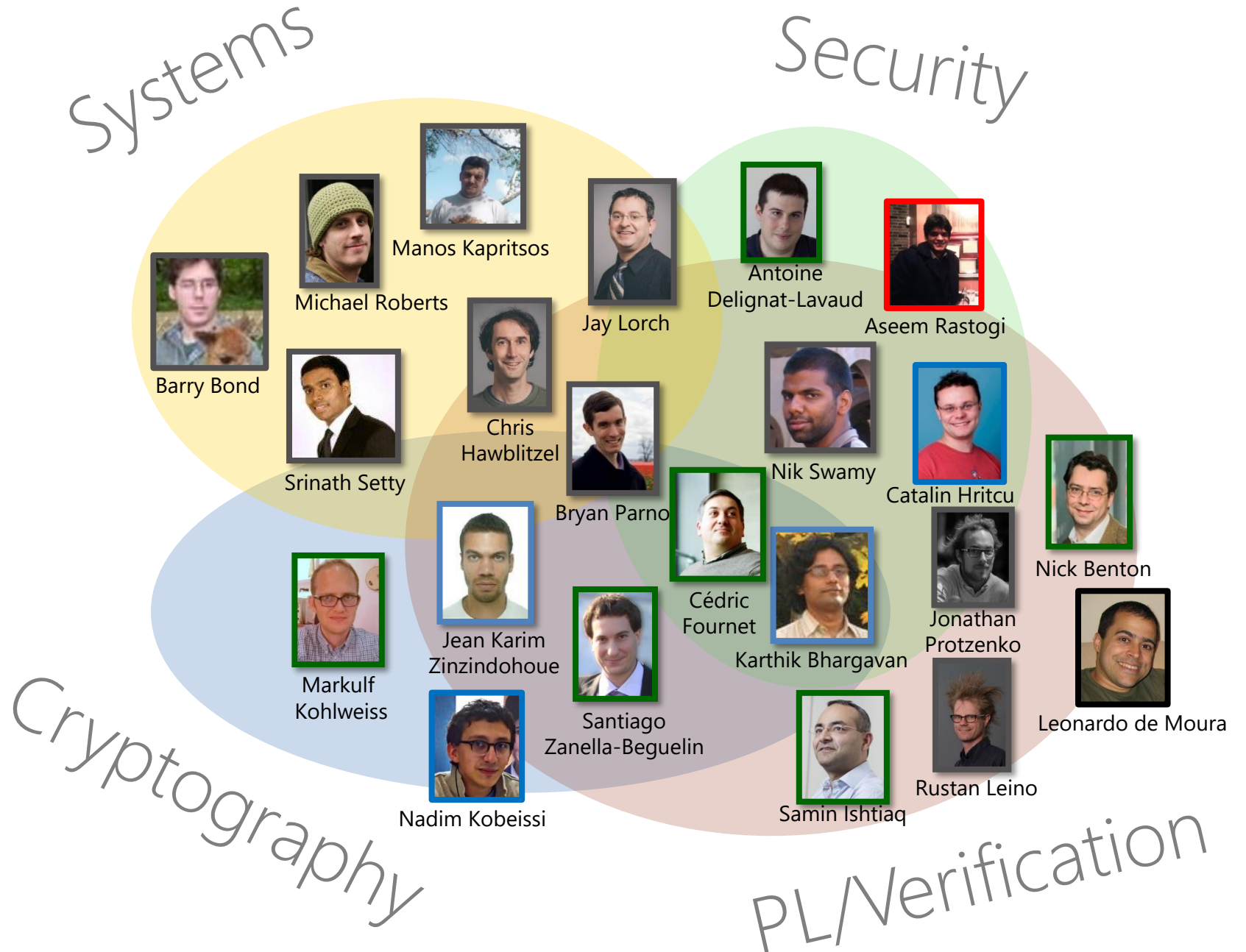
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# Application Security: https://

## Demo: tracing

<https://www.visualstudio.com/>

- **Trust is transitive**  
each page involves connections to many servers (different origins)
- **Trust is implicit**  
17 concurrent TLS connections, configurations, certificate chains
- **Trust is a matter of state**  
cookies, caches, configurations, proxies

The screenshot shows the Network tab in Visual Studio Developer Tools. The main pane displays a list of network requests with columns for Name/Path, Protocol, Method, Result/Description, Content type, Received, Time, and Initiator/Type. The right pane shows the details for a selected request, including Request Headers and Response Headers.

Overlaid on the bottom right is a diagram of the TLS protocol stack. At the top is a green box labeled 'HTTPS'. Below it are two yellow boxes: 'X.509' and 'ASN.1'. Below these are three yellow boxes: 'RSA', 'SHA', and 'ECDH'. Below these are two yellow boxes: '\*\*\*' and '4Q'. At the bottom is a yellow box labeled 'Network buffers'. Arrows indicate the flow of data and the relationship between these components.

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# Long-term identities: X.509

## Public-Key Infrastructure (Certificate Chains)

Designed in 1984; widely criticized but hard to replace  
HTTPS is just one application

## Same complexity as TLS?

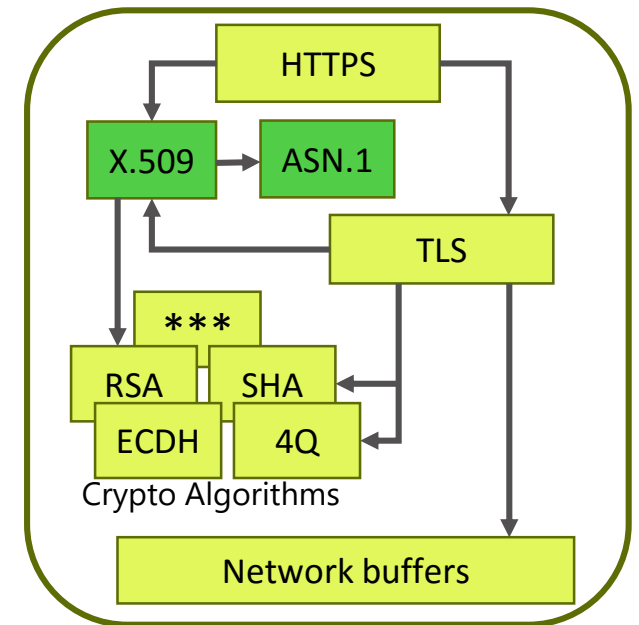
ASN.1 grammar; many extensions and interpretations  
50% of "TLS attacks" are in fact X.509 attacks

## Recent initiatives

Global scans for millions of certificates  
Certificate pinning & transparency  
Let's encrypt! <https://letsencrypt.org/>

## Verification?

Complex ambiguous format  
Certificate issuance and revocation policies



# Cryptographic Algorithms for HTTPS

## Algorithms get broken & replaced over time

Security relies on probabilistic cryptographic assumptions (who knows?)

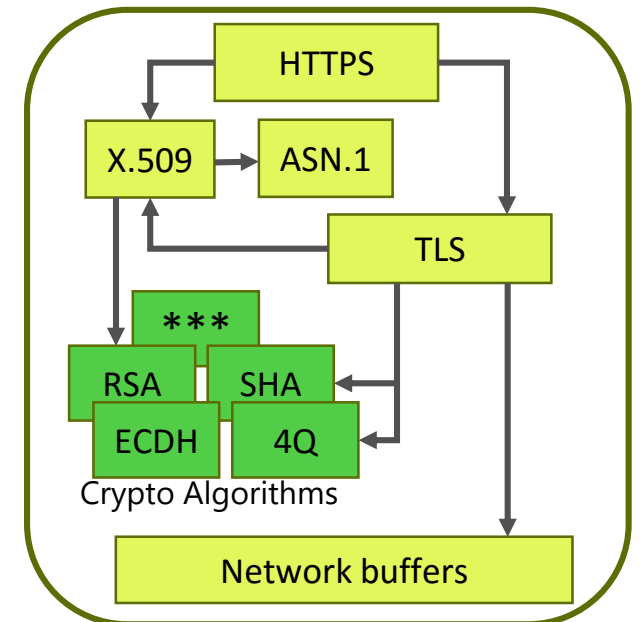
Modern design & implementations select between various algorithms & implementations for the same core functionality

## ~30 standard algorithms

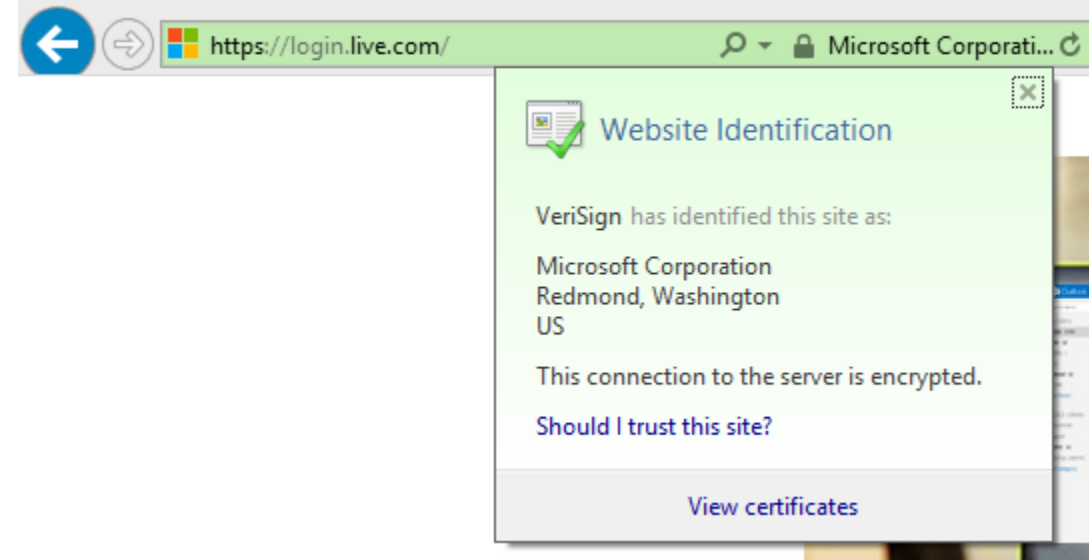
- Hash and key-derivation functions (SHA256)
- Symmetric cryptography (AES\_GCM, AES\_CBC)
- Public-key encryption and signing
- Elliptic curves (NIST, 25519, 4Q)

## High-performance

AES\_GCM takes 0.46 cycle/byte on Intel Skylake  
Hand-tuned, low-level, architecture-specific

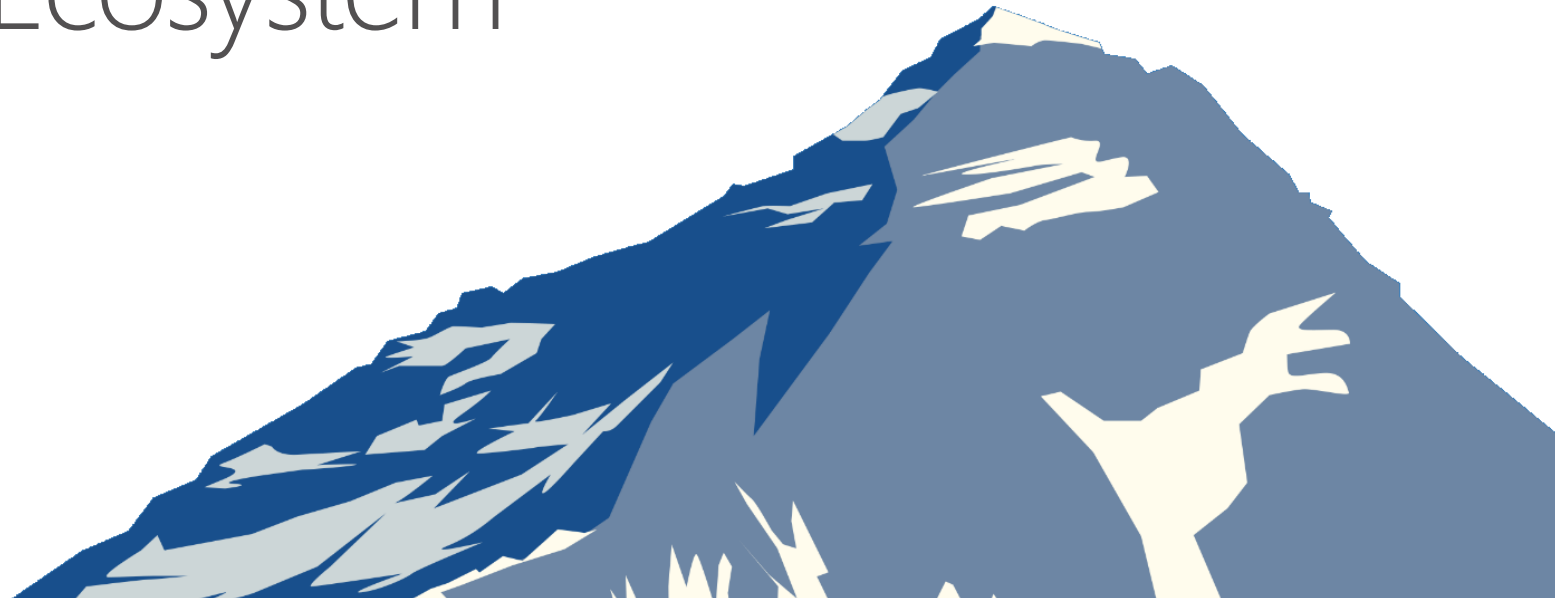


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