

`docker exec -it <container-name> /bin/bash`

COMP435: *SECURITY CONCEPTS!*

Lecture 25: PKI, Certificates

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Quiz Topics

- Cookies
 - *What are they/what are they for, who sets them, what do they look like (in a GET request)*
- Same Origin Policy
- Cross-Site Request Forgery (CSRF):
 - *What is it conceptually, how does it work technically, defenses*
- Cross Site Scripting (XSS):
 - *What is it conceptually, how does it work technically, defenses, differences from CSRF*
- SQL Injection Attacks:
 - *the dangers/harms of a successful attack, defenses, how the query is constructed by a web server. Understanding the keywords we've gone over in class*
- Certificate chains
 - *Whatever we get through today!*



PUBLIC KEY INFRASTRUCTURE & CERTIFICATES

Motivation:
HTTP over TLS (a.k.a. HTTPS)



Public Key Infrastructure (PKI)

Def'n: set of technologies and protocols for managing public-private key pairs and their use

Public Key Infrastructure (PKI)

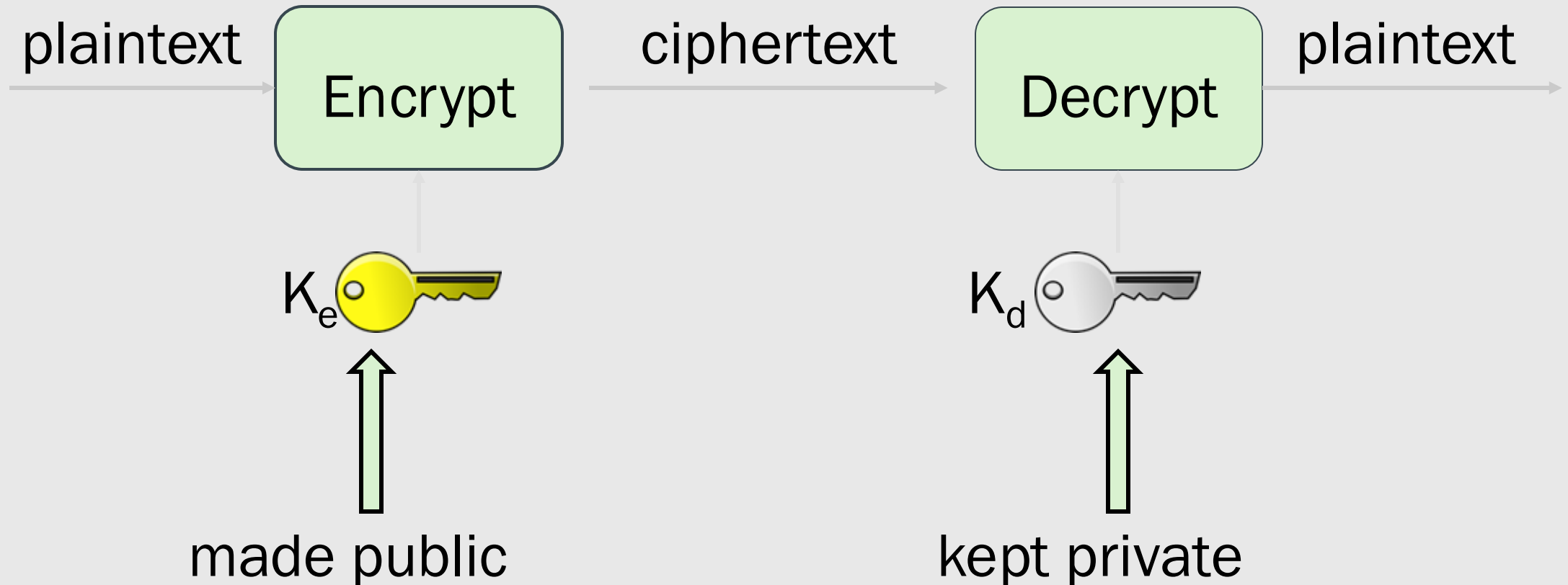
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PKI Use Cases

- HTTP over TLS (HTTPS)
- Encrypted email
- SSH
- IPsec
- DNSSEC

Public Key Encryption (Review)

Public Key Encryption



msg

Dear Bob,
The secret
word is
cookie.
Sincerely,
Alice

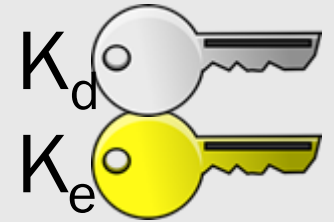
Alice



Hello, World.
This is my
public key.



Bob



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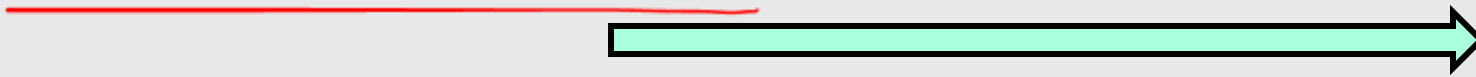
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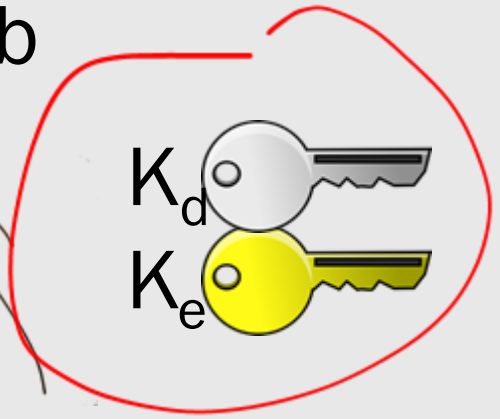


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Bob



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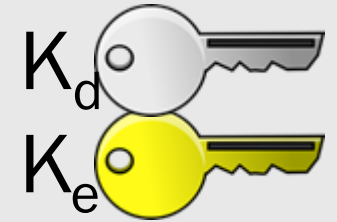
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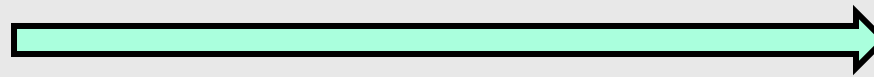


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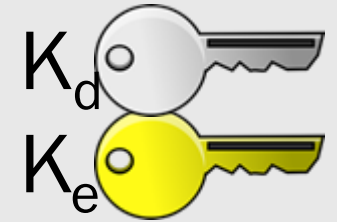
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Not Bob



Hello, World. I
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my public key.



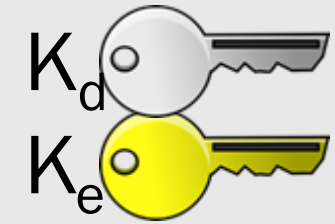
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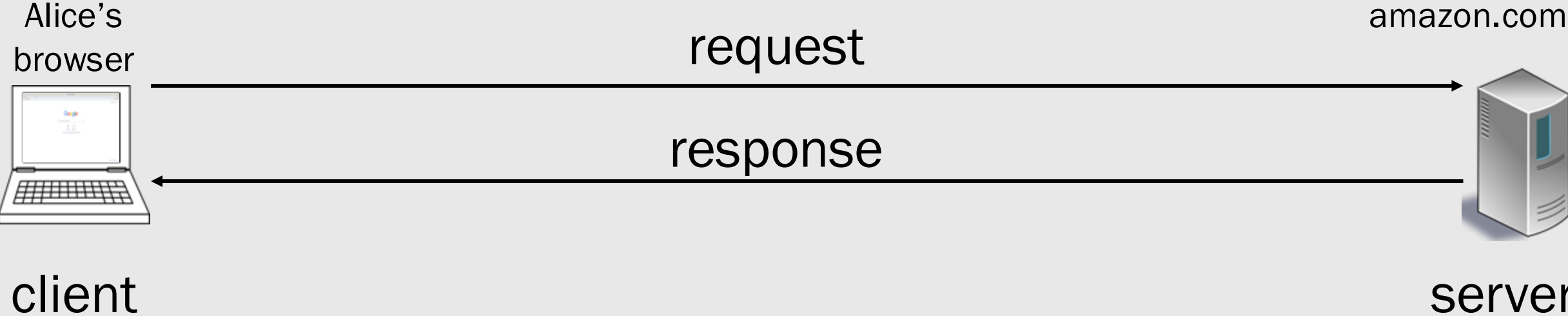
K_e

PKI enables programmatically tying an entity to its public key

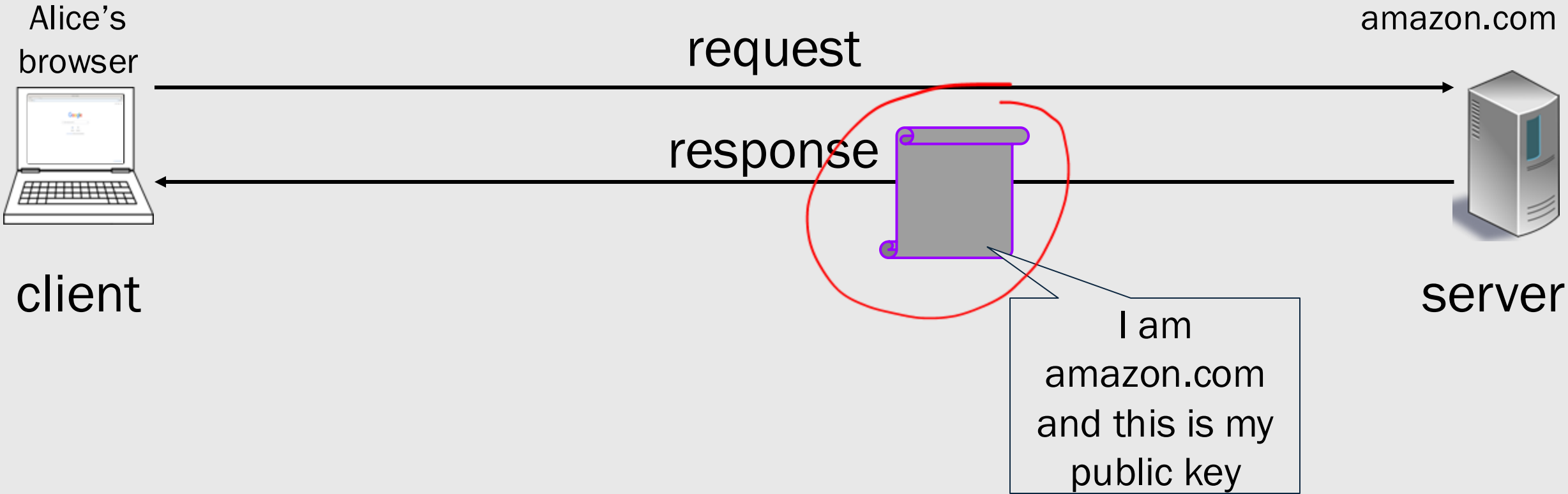
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Certificate

Def'n: associates a public key with the owner

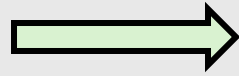
Certificate: data structure that binds public key to subject

subject
public key
issuer

issuer's signature

Public Key
Certificate

owner



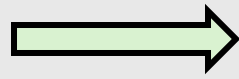
subject

public key

issuer

issuer's signature

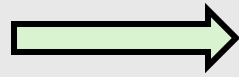
subject's
public key



subject
public key
issuer

issuer's signature

certification
authority
(CA)

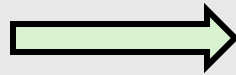


subject
public key
issuer

issuer's signature

CA is a trusted 3rd party

CA's
signature



subject
public key
issuer

Sign_{KS} (h (< *subject*,
public key, *issuer...* >))

The issuer's signature
attests to the contents
of the top fields

All the fields are
hashed using
cryptographically
secure hash fn

The hash value of the
cert is signed by the
issuer (CA) using the
CA's private key

- subject (country, organization, common name)
- public key (algorithm, key)
- issuer (country, organization, common name)
- version (e.g., X.509v3)
- serial number
- validity period (not-before date, not-after date)
- signature algorithm

X.509v3
Certificate

issuer's signature

Validating Certificates

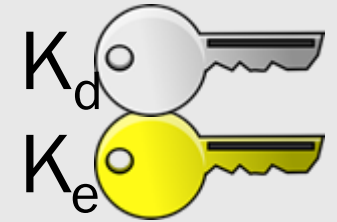
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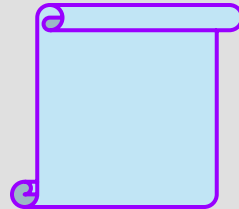
Alice



Bob



Hello, Alice. I am
Bob. This is my
public key
certificate.



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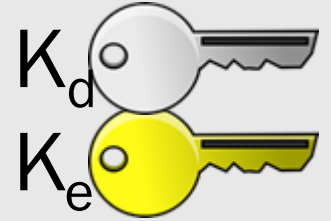


relying party

Hello, Alice. I am
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Bob



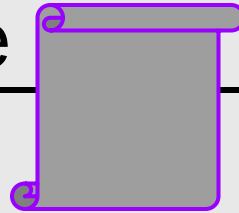
relying party



client

request

response



server



Certificate Validation

- Check validity period on certificate
- Check revocation status of certificate
- ~~Verify signature using CA's public key~~
- Check subject matches current use

Certificate Chains

Certificate Chain

Def'n: a chain of certificates that allows for establishing trust in one public key from another public key

subject: www.amazon.com

public key: RSA, 2048, 65537, 99:5C:32:A5:F8:BD:7E:...

issuer: DigiCert Global CA G2

<*signature*>

(1)

subject: DigiCert Global CA G2

public key: RSA, 2048, 65537, D3:48:7C:BE:F3:05:86:5D:...

issuer: DigiCert Global Root G2

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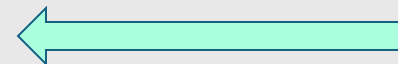
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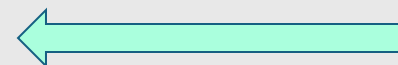
Trust anchor

subject: DigiCert Global Root G2



public key: RSA, 2048, 65537, BB:37:CD:34:DC:7B:6B:...

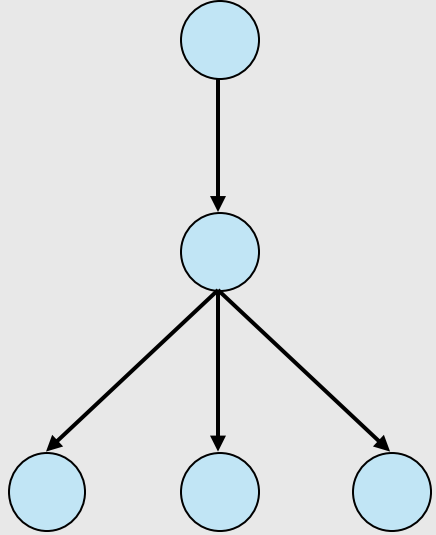
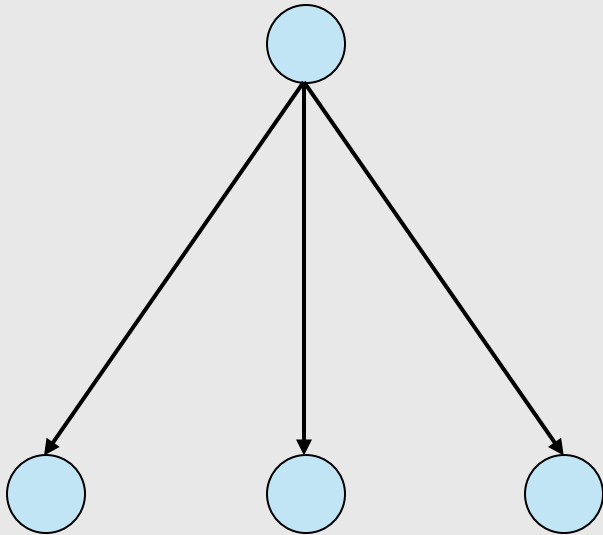
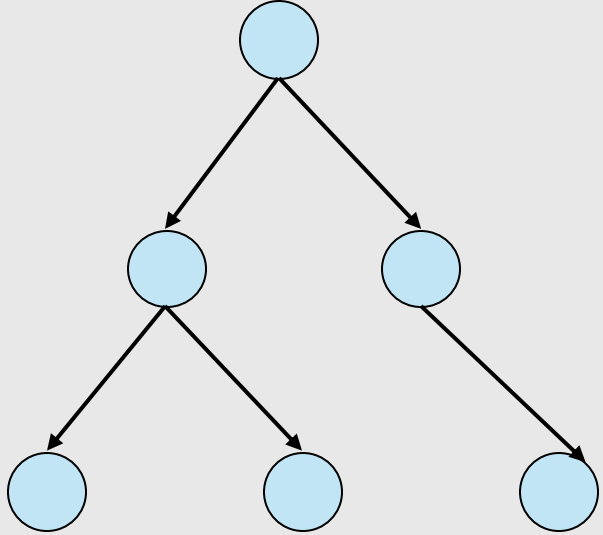
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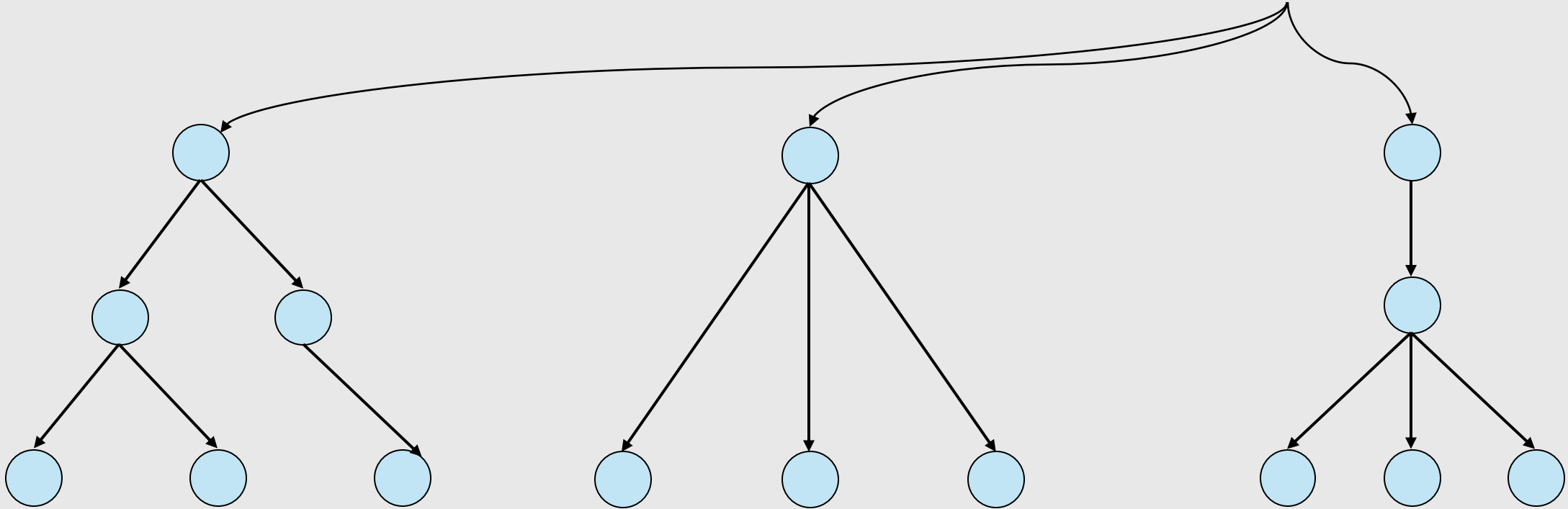
Trust Models

Browser Model: forest of disjoint hierarchical trees



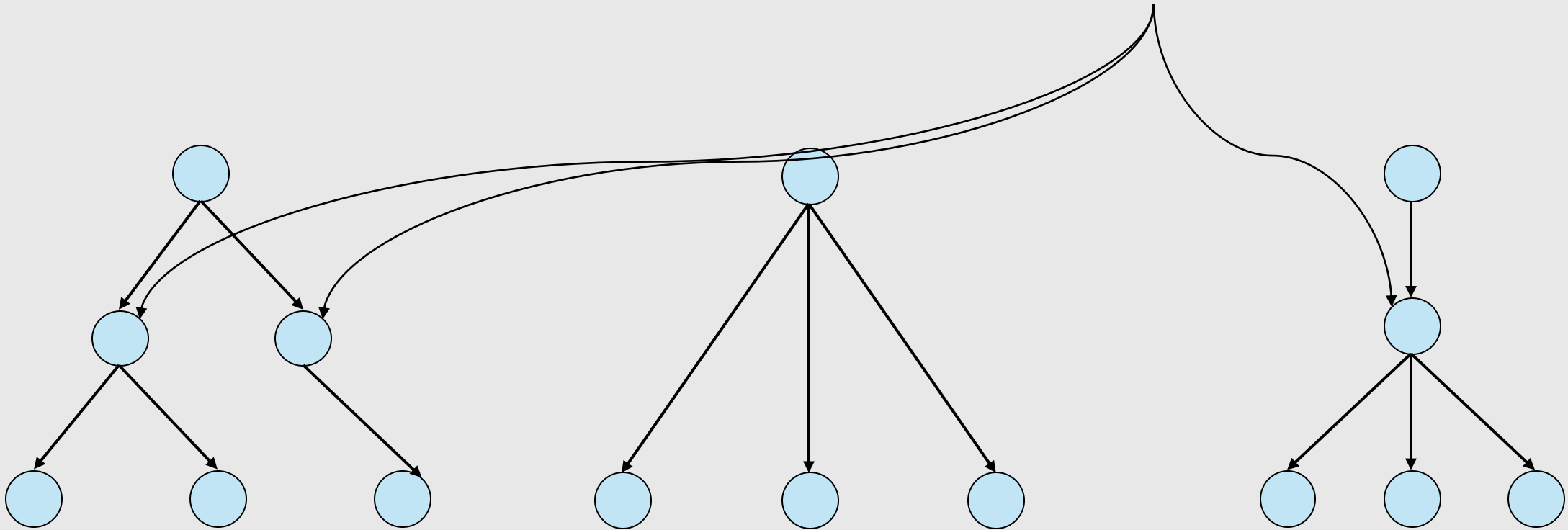
Browser Model

CAs: trust anchors

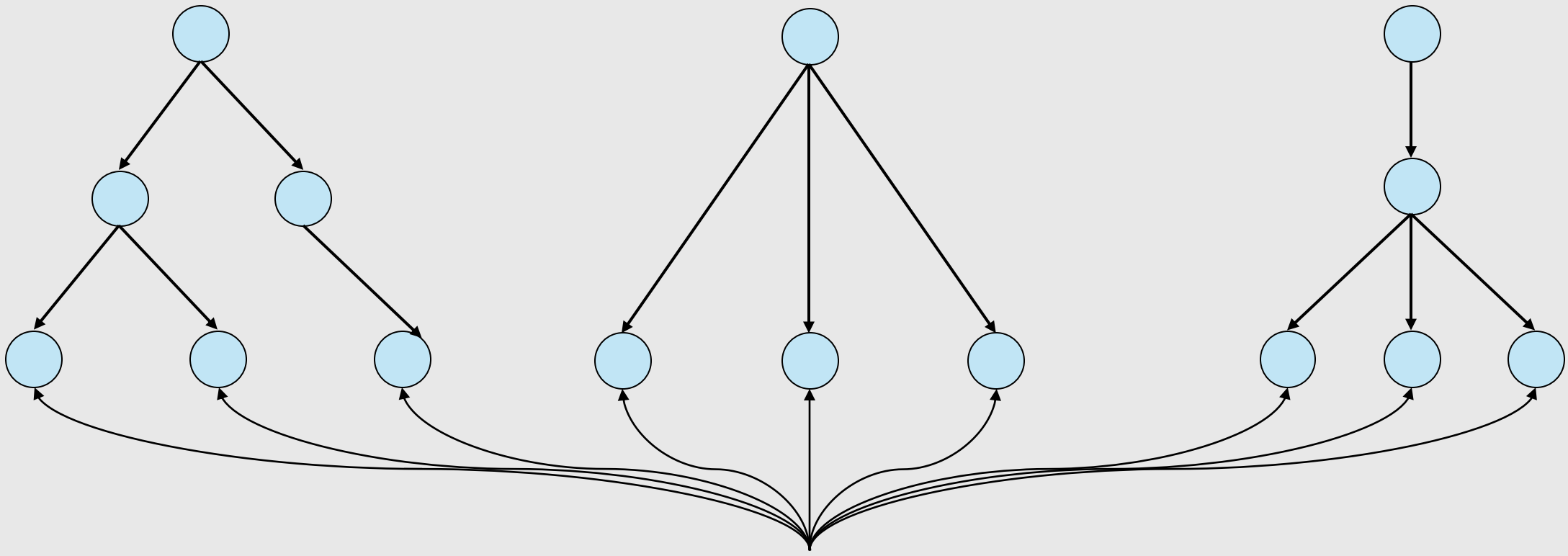


Browser Model

Intermediate CAs



Browser Model



Servers



TLS CERTIFICATES

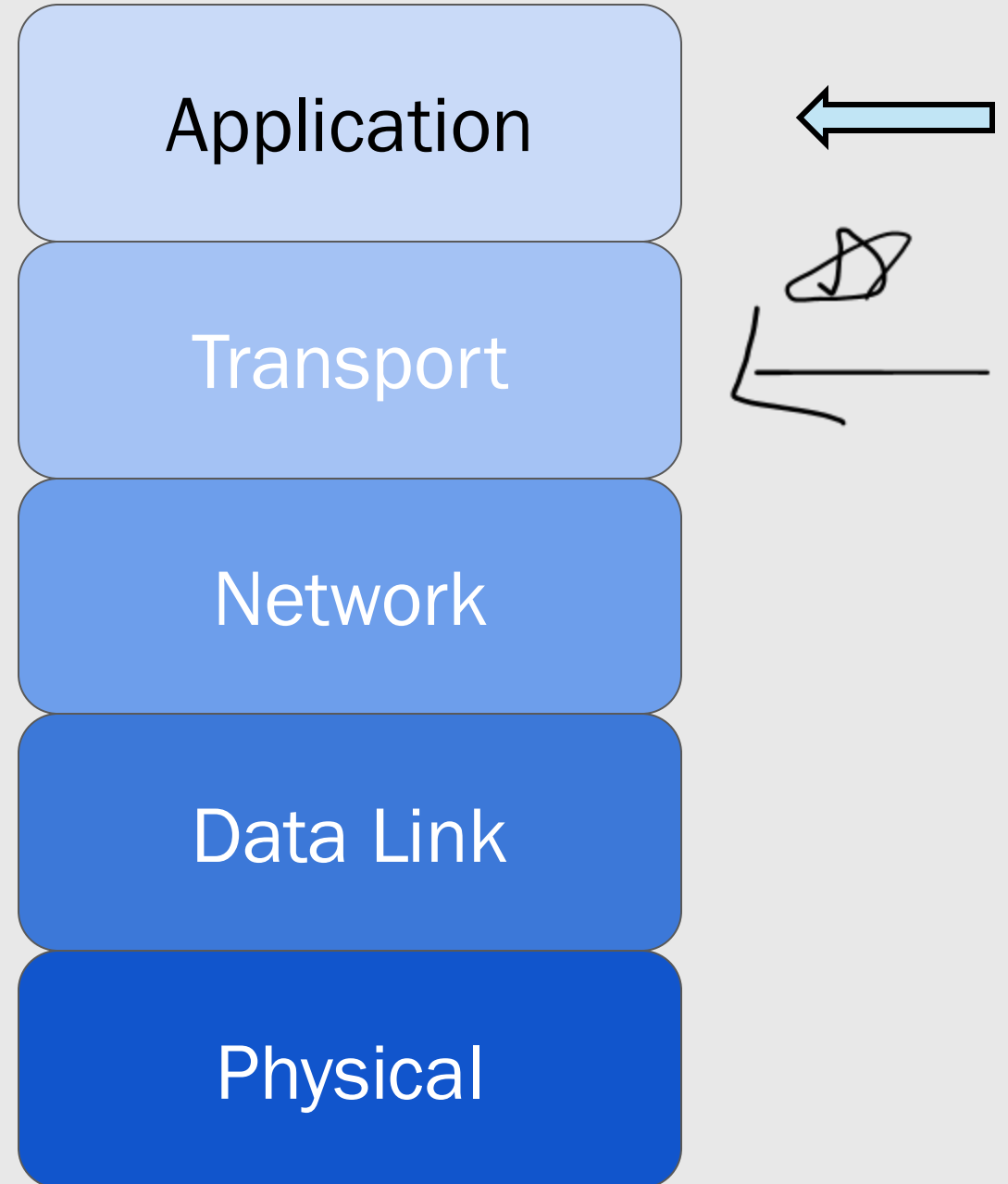
TLS/SSL

Def'n: a security protocol to provide

- encryption of traffic between endpoints
- authentication of a server to a client
 - *defined in 1999*
 - *replaces SSL (1994)*

TLS/SSL

https



relying party

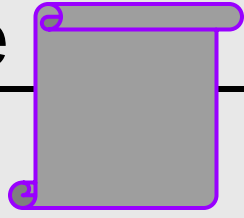
request

response



client

server



Grades for TLS Certificates

Vetting the subject and public-key association

- Evidence of knowledge of the associated private key
- Evidence of control of computer-addressable identity
- Confirmation of natural-language name

TLS Certificate Grade

Def'n: the quality of a TLS certificate, determined by how the CA validates the organization before issuing the certificate

SSL Certificate Grades

- Domain Validated (DV)
- Organization Validated (OV)
- Extended Validation (EV)
- Individual Validated (IV)

Individual Validated (IV)
↓
browser doesn't
recognize

Domain Validated (DV) Certificates

- CA verifies requestor controls the listed domain
- Requestor may not correspond to any real-world entity
- Validation is cheap
- Validation is automated


admin@x.domain.com

subject: pay-pal

Organization Validated (OV) Certificates

- CA verifies requestor controls the listed domain
- CA confirms claimed street address
- CA confirms business name

Extended Validation (EV) Certificates

- CA verifies requestor controls the listed domain
 - CA confirms street address
 - CA confirms organization name in govt-recognized DB
 - CA confirms requestor's identity
 - No wildcards in listed domain (e.g., *.google.com)
- 



TLS

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Transport Layer Security (TLS) Protocol v1.3

“TLS allows client/server applications to communicate over the Internet in a way that is designed to prevent eavesdropping, tampering, and message forgery.”

-- RFC 8446

Request for Comments (RFC)

- Memo detailing and specifying a standard
- Published by the Internet Engineering Task Force (IETF)
- Made public for peer review
- Can be adopted as a standard by IETF

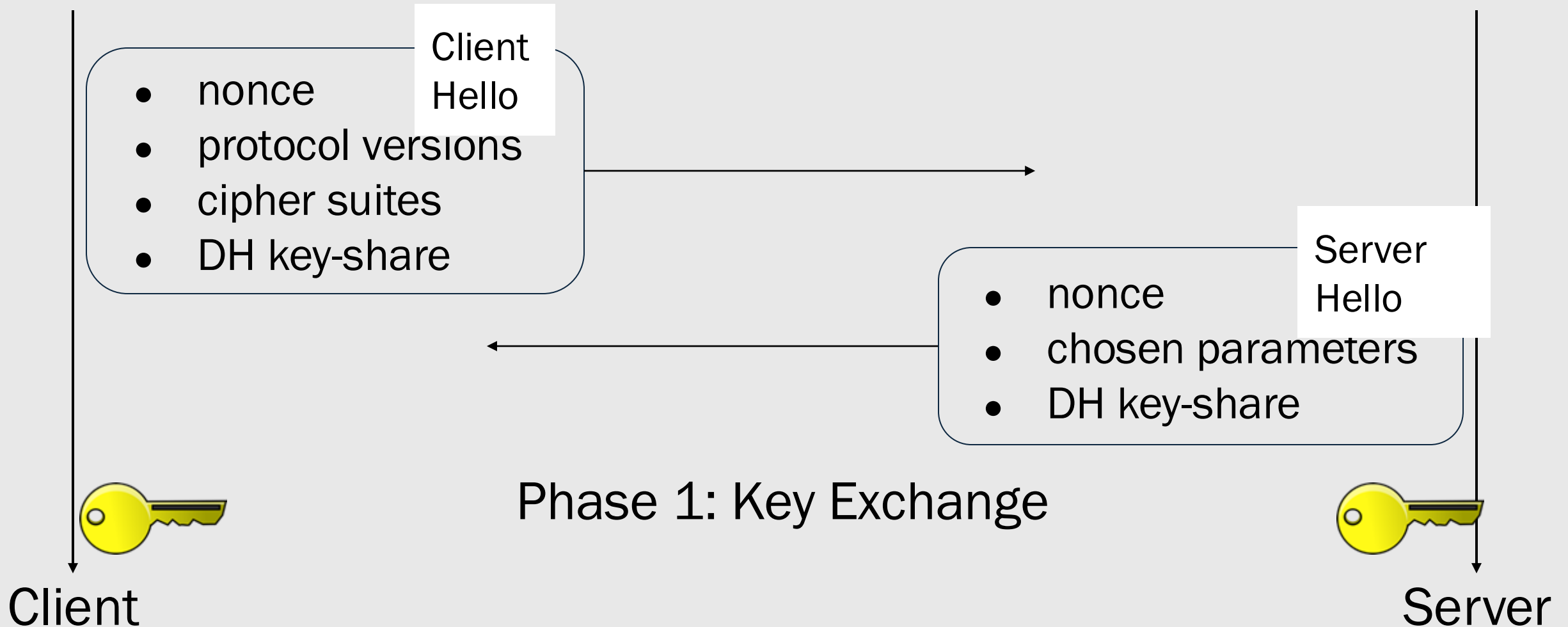
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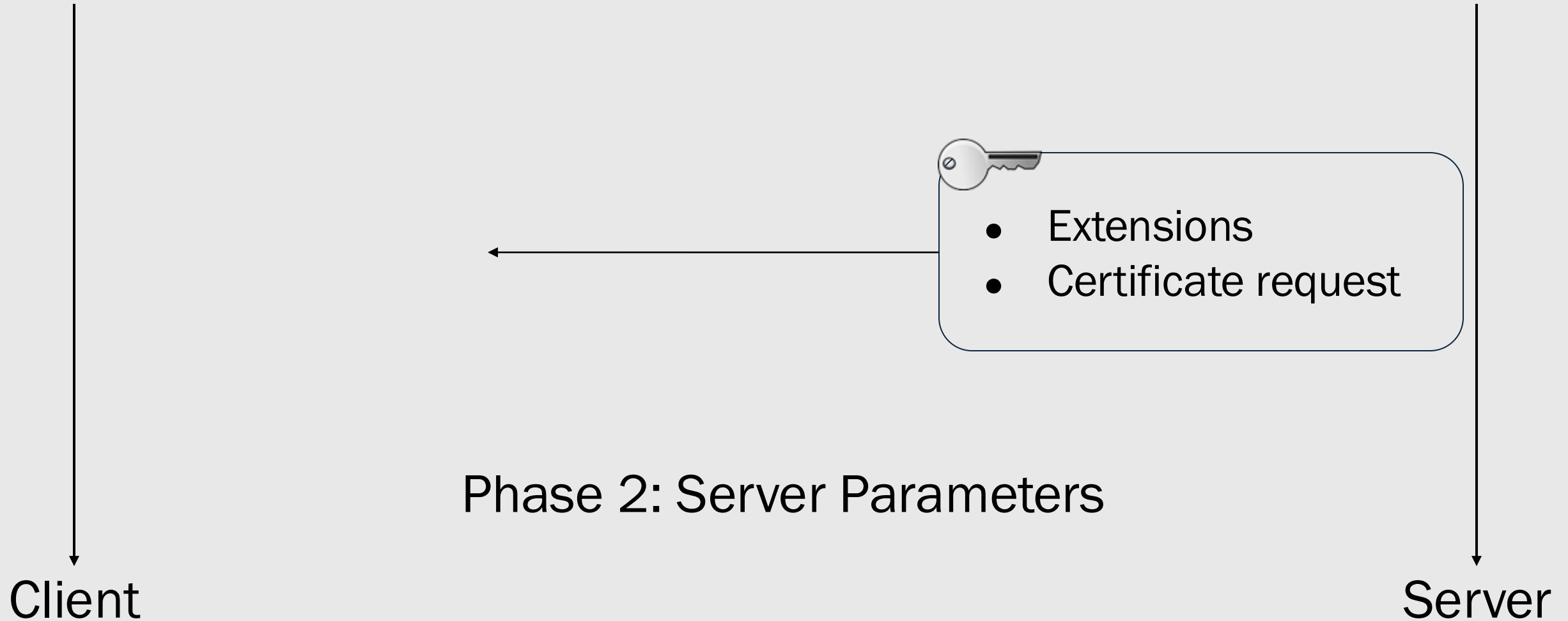
TLS Handshake

- Key Exchange
- Server Parameters
- Authentication

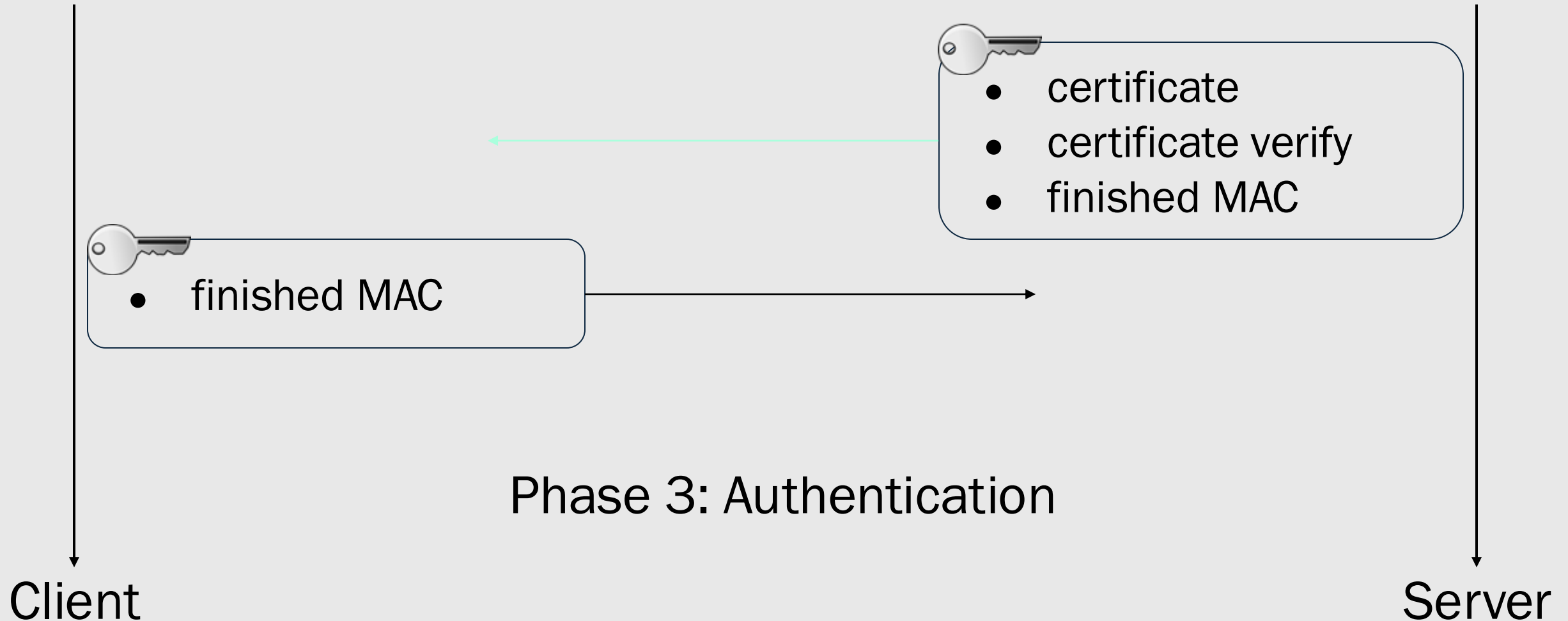
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HTTP over TLS

