

Internet Security Protocols

Network Attacks and Threats

- Passive Attacker Can only listen to traffic
- Active Attacker Can modify, delete and insert messages

Examples of attacks

- Traffic analysis Communication patterns can be found. Who is talking to who and how often?
- **Man-in-the-middle attack** Intercept and forward modified traffic (often using independent connections)
- Replay attacks Unauthorized data can be retransmitted.
- Spoofing attacks Disguise as legitimate sender

Services Needed

- Data integrity The contents of a packet can otherwise be accidentally or deliberately modified.
- Data confidentiality Sensitive data can otherwise be read by an eavesdropper
- Data origin authentication The origin of an IP packet can otherwise be forged (*identity spoofing*) UND

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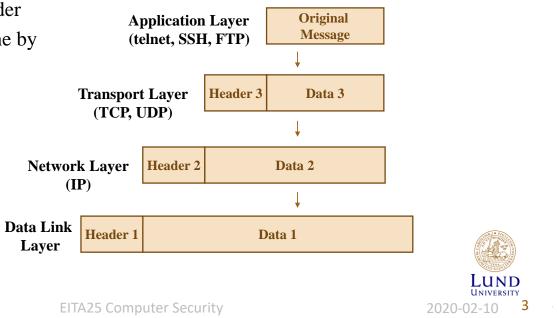
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TCP/IP, Layered Model

- TCP/IP model has four layers
- Each layer adds new header
- Headers are peeled off one by one at destination

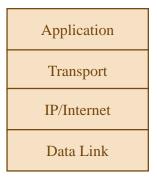


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Security at Different Layers

- Application layer (e.g., PGP, Kerberos, SSH, etc.)
 - Security can meet the exact demands of the application
 - Has to be designed for each application
- Transport layer (e.g., SSL/TLS)
 - Application developer can choose if it is to be used or not
 - Existing applications have to be modified
- Internet layer (e.g., IPsec)
 - Seamless security for applications
 - More difficult to exercise on a per user basis in multiuser system, or per application basis
- Data link layer (e.g., hardware encryption)
 - Very fast
 - Need dedicated links

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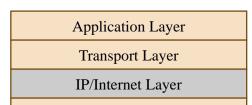


IPsec (Internet Protocol Security)

- IPsec provides security at network (Internet) layer.
 - All IP datagrams covered
 - No re-engineering of applications
 - Transparent to users
- Mandatory for IPv6
 - Extension headers defined in the protocol
- Optional for IPv4
- Two major security mechanisms:
 - AH: Authentication Header
 - ESP: Encapsulating Security Payload
- Two options
 - Transport mode
 - Tunnel mode

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Data Link Layer



Security Associations

- An SA is identified by a Security Parameters Index (SPI) and includes e.g.
 - Sequence number counter
 - Algorithms, keys and additional parameters for AH or ESP
 - Protocol mode (tunnel or transport)
- Different for each combination of

{ESP, AH} x {Transport, Tunnel} x {Sender, Receiver}

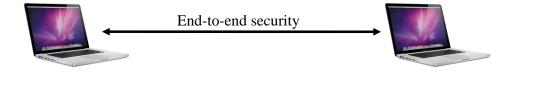
- Possible to combine SAs
 - Transport Adjacency Several SAs used on same IP datagram in transport mode
 - *Iterated Tunneling* Several nested tunnels



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IPsec Transport Mode

- Protection for upper-layer protocols.
- Protection covers IP datagram payload (and selected header fields).
 - Could be TCP packet, UDP, ICMP message,....
- Host-to-host (end-to-end) security:
 - IPsec processing performed at endpoints of secure channel
 - So endpoint hosts must be IPsec-aware

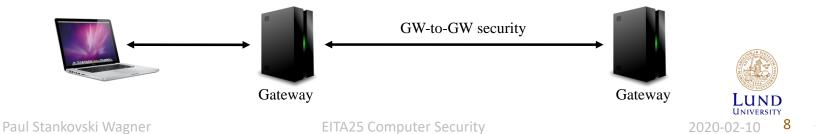




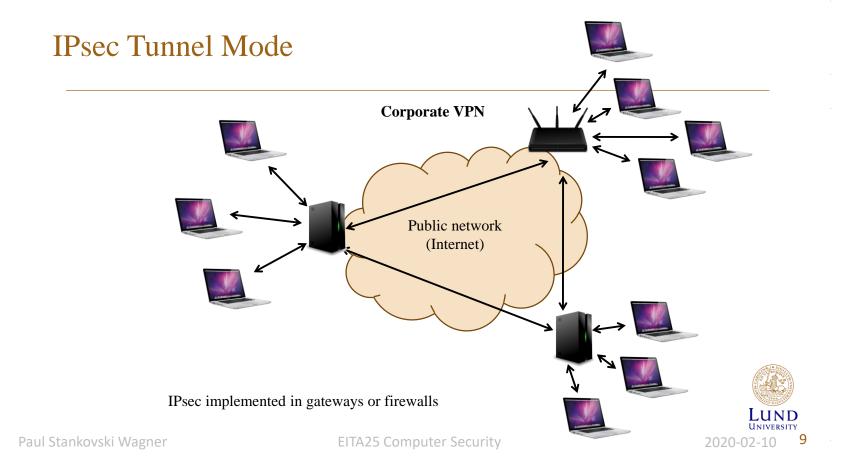
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IPsec Tunnel Mode

- Protection for *entire* IP datagram
 - Entire datagram plus security fields treated as new payload of 'outer' IP datagram.
 - Original IP datagram encapsulated within an outer IP datagram.
- IPsec processing performed at security gateways on behalf of endpoint hosts
 - Gateway could be perimeter firewall or router.
 - Gateway-to-gateway rather than end-to-end security.
 - Hosts need not be IPsec-aware.
- Intermediate routers have no visibility of inner IP datagram when encrypted
 - Even original source and destination addresses encapsulated and hence 'hidden'.



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AH Protocol

- AH = Authentication Header (RFC 4302)
- Provides *data origin authentication* and *data integrity* using a MAC
- Purpose: AH authenticates whole payload and most of header
- Prevents IP address spoofing since source IP is authenticated
- Prevents replay attack
 - AH sequence number is authenticated
 - New SA with new key when sequence number reaches max $(2^{32}-1)$
 - Replay protection must be implemented by receiver



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The Authentication Header

- Header is added to original IP packet
- Fields in header include:
 - Next header
 - » the type of payload data (TCP, UDP, ICMP, IGMP,...)
 - Payload length
 - » Number of 32-bit words minus 2 (length of the authentication header 2)
 - SPI (Security Parameters Index)
 - » Identifies algorithms and keys
 - 32-bit sequence number
 - Integrity Check Value (MAC value)
 - » Calculate over all fields except mutable IP header fields and ICV
 - » Default 96 bits

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The Authentication Header

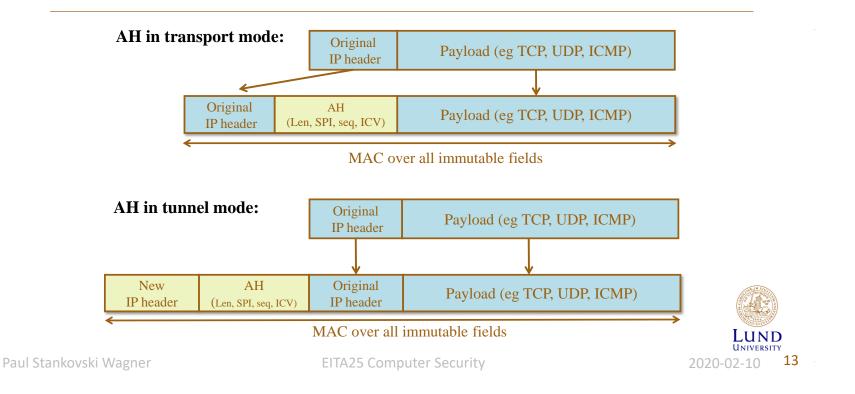
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Next header	Payload length	RESERVED		
Security Parameter Index (SPI)				
Sequence Number				
Integrity Check Value (ICV)				

- Integrity Check Value (Authentication data) is of variable length (multiple of 32 bits)
 - Put all mutable fields in headers to zero before calculating checksum
 » E.g., TTL, flags and the MAC itself,

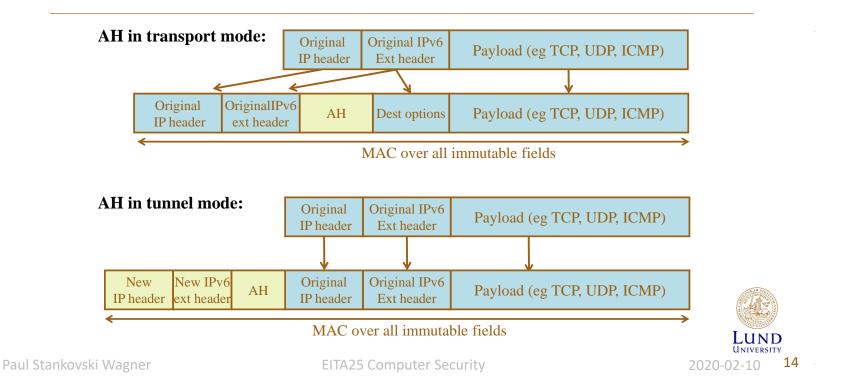
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AH Protocol – Transport and Tunnel (IPv4)



AH Protocol – Transport and Tunnel (IPv6)



ESP Protocol

- ESP = Encapsulating Security Payload (RFC 4303 obsoletes RFC 2406).
- Provides one or both of:
 - confidentiality
 - authentication
- Uses symmetric encryption and MACs based on secret keys shared between endpoints
 - Key stored in SA



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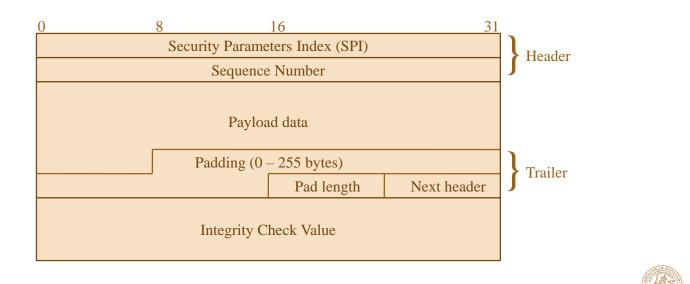
ESP Header and Trailer

- ESP specifies a header and trailing fields to be added to IP datagrams.
- Fields in header include:
 - SPI = Security Parameters Index
 - » Identifies algorithms and keys
 - 32-bit sequence number
- Fields in trailer include:
 - Any padding needed for encryption algorithm (may also help disguise payload length)
 - Padding length
 - Next header
- Integrity check value (Authentication data) if authentication is used
 - the MAC value



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ESP Packet



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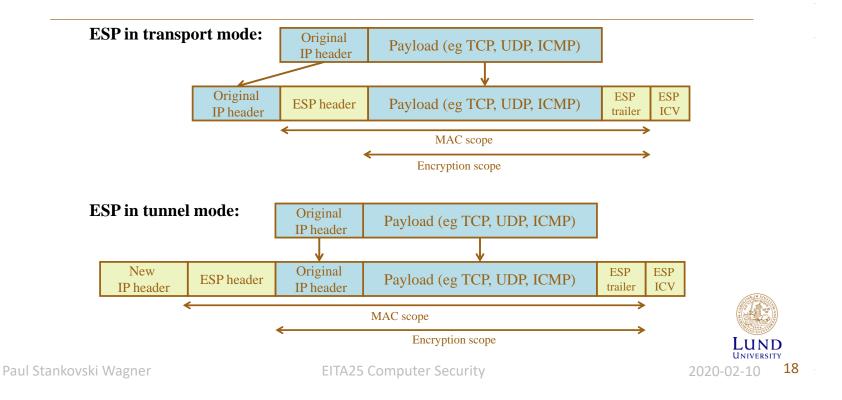
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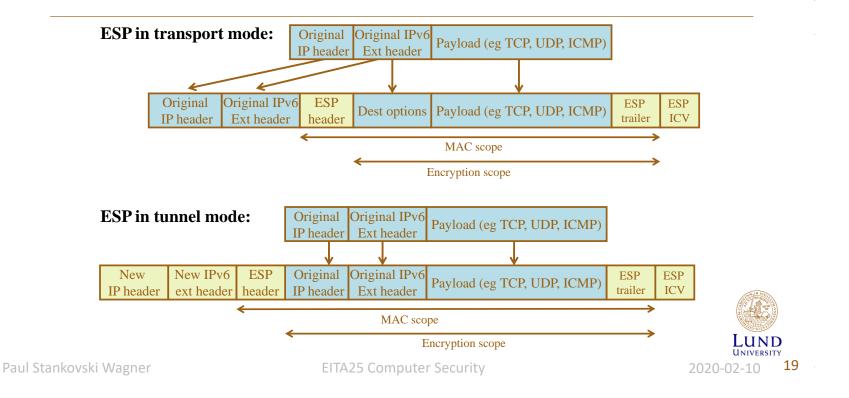
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ESP Protocol – Transport and Tunnel (IPv4)



ESP Protocol – Transport and Tunnel (IPv6)



Algorithms in IPsec

- Algorithms are not fixed
 - If an algorithm turns out to be weak we can pick another
- Still, there are mandatory algorithms
 - We must guarantee that different implementations can be used together

ESP Encryption		ESP Authentication		АН	
Req	Algorithm	Req	Algorithm	Req	Algorithm
MUST	NULL	MUST	HMAC-SHA1-96	MUST	HMAC-SHA1-96
MUST-	TripleDES-CBC	MUST	NULL	SHOULD+	AES-XCBC-MAC-96
SHOULD+	AES-CBC	SHOULD+	AES-XCBC-MAC-96	MAY	HMAC-MD5-96
SHOULD	AES-CTR	MAY	HMAC-MD5-96		
SHOULD NOT	DES-CBC			-	



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Combining Security Associations

• Recall MAC in transport mode (IPv4)

АН	Original IP header	AH	Payload	
		▲ MAC		
ESP	Original IP header	ESP header	Payload	ESP ESP trlr auth
	← MAC →			

- Authentication in ESP does not cover original IP header
 - If this is needed AH can be added after ESP
 - Called *transport adjacency*
- Drawback: Two SAs are needed instead of one

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Key Management

- Key negotiation can be
 - Manual An administrator configures all communicating systems. Useful in small and static environments
 - Automatic Automated system enabling on-demand creation of keys and SAs.
- Default automated key management protocol is ISAKMP/IKE
 - Internet Security Association and Key Management Protocol (ISAKMP) defines packet formats to establish, negotiate, modify and delete SAs, e.g., how to transfer certificates, how to exchange key material etc.
 - Internet Key Exchange protocol (IKE) defines how keys can be exchanged. It supports Digital signatures, public key encryption and pre-shared keys.
 - IKEv2 proposed in dec 2005.
- VPNs can use IPsec but sometimes the key exchange protocol is proprietary



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Transport Layer Security (TLS)

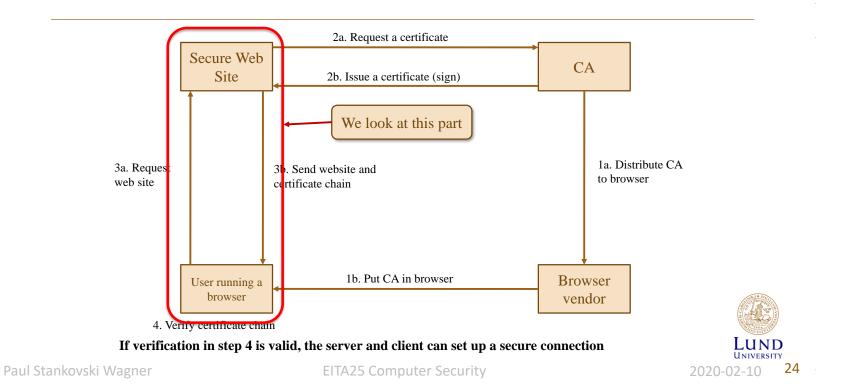
- TLS was previously called SSL (Secure Sockets Layer)
 - TLS 1.0: 1999 (RFC 2246)
 - TLS 1.1: 2002 (RFC 4346)
 - TLS 1.2: 2006 (RFC 5246)
 - SSL 2.0 prohibited 2011 (RFC 6176)
 - SSL 3.0 prohibited 2015 (RFC 7568)
 - TLS 1.3: Aug 2018
- TCP protocol: reliable byte stream between two nodes
 - Stateful connection-oriented protocol
 - Detects: lost packets, out of order packets, duplicates, etc.
- TCP lacks strong cryptographic entity authentication, data integrity or confidentiality
- Needs met by the TLS protocol
 - Invented by Netscape (as SSL)
 - Confidentiality
 - Message integrity

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Application Layer Transport Layer IP/Internet Layer Data Link Layer

Recall Certificates in TLS



TLS Protocol Stack

• SSL/TLS has two layers of protocols

- TLS Record Protocol

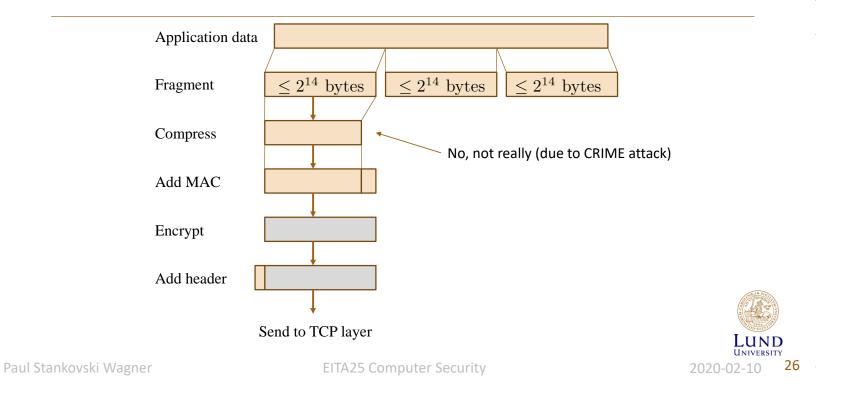
- » Provides confidentiality and message integrity
- TLS Handshake Protocol
 - » Authenticate and negotiate keys
- TLS Change Cipher Spec Protocol
 - » One byte message that updates the cipher suite
- TLS Alert Protocol
 - » Used to send warning and error messages e.g., bad_record_mac and bad_certificate
- Other applications that use the record protocol

TLS Handshake Protocol	TLS Change Cipher Spec Protocol	TLS Alert Protocol	HTTP, other apps		
TLS Record Protocol					
ТСР					
IP					



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TLS Operation



TLS Record Protocol

- Adds compression (optional)
- Computes a MAC for the packet using HMAC
- Encrypts the packet using the negotiated cipher, e.g., AES, IDEA, DES, 3DES, RC4, Authenticated encryption modes
 - RC4 was prohibited 2015
- Content type defines upper protocol (8 bits)
 - Change Cipher Spec: 20
 - Alert: 21
 - Handshake: 22
 - Application data: 23
- Version defined as (8+8 bits)
 - SSL: 3 and 0
 - TLS: 3 and {1,2,3}
- Length of Data field (16 bits)

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Encrypted

Content

Header

Major

Data

MAC

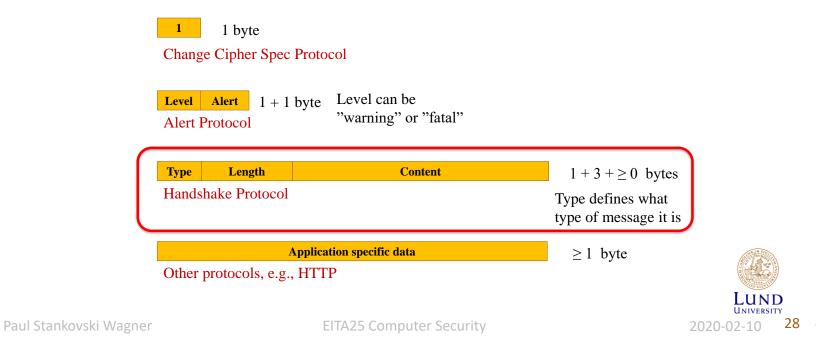
Minor

Length

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Upper Layer Protocols

• Information seen as data in the record protocol



TLS Handshake Protocol (TLS ≤ 1.2)

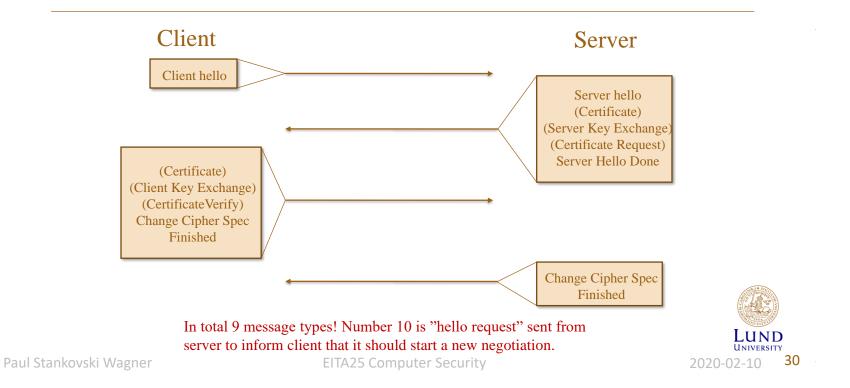
• Purpose of handshake

- 1. Authenticate server to client
- 2. Establish which algorithms to use
- 3. Negotiate keys for encryption and MAC
- 4. Authenticate client to server (optional)
- 10 different message types
- Which types are used and what they look like will depend on mainly two things
 - Key exchange method
 - If server authenticates client



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TLS Handshake Overview



Key Exchange Methods

- Basic problem: Server and client must agree on a secret value
 - We call this a "premaster secret"
- RSA Client generates "premaster secret" and uses RSA to encrypt it with public key of server
 - Certificate needed
 - (Removed in TLS 1.3)
- Ephemeral Diffie-Hellman The premaster secret is negotiated with Diffie-Hellman and values are signed with private key
 - Certificate needed
- Fixed Diffie-Hellman Diffie-Hellman values (public parameters) are stored in a certificate
 - Certificate needed
- Anonymous Diffie-Hellman unauthenticated Diffie-Hellman key exchange
 - No certificate needed
 - Vulnerable to Man-In-The-Middle attacks

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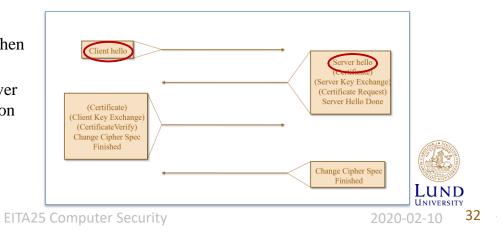
A Closer Look at Messages

- We first look at messages when RSA is used
- Client Hello
 - ClientRandom 28 bytes used when calculating master secret
 - Suggested cipher suites Suites implemented on client side e.g., TLS_RSA_WITH_AES_256_CBC_SHA
 - Suggested compression algorithms compression algorithms implemented by client

• Server Hello

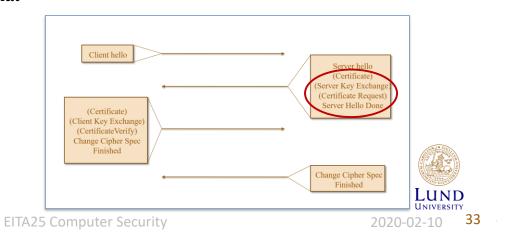
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- ServerRandom 28 bytes used when calculating master secret
- Decided cipher suite to use Server picks a suite that is implemented on both client and server
- Decided compression to use



A Closer Look at Messages

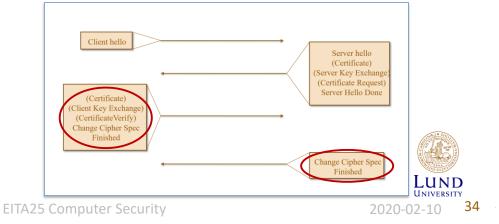
- Certificate (server) Server sends his certificate (chain) to client
- Server Key Exchange Not used for RSA
- Certificate Request Sent if server wants the client to authenticate itself
- Server Hello Done Indicates that the server hello is done



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A Closer Look at Messages

- Certificate (client) sent if server has requested a certificate
- Client Key Exchange Client generates a *pre-master secret* and encrypts this with the public key of the server. Used later to compute master secret.
- Certificate verify A signed hash based on the preceeding messages. Used to verify that the client has the private key. Misuse of certificates impossible.
- Change Cipher Spec After this message the client starts using the new algorithms and keys
- Finished Contains the encrypted hash of previous messages
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- Finished Contains the encrypted hash of previous messages



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Diffie-Hellman Key Exchange

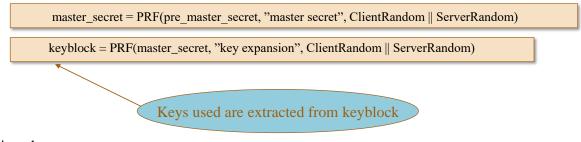
- If Diffie-Hellman is used some messages will look different
- Certificate (Server) If Anonymous Diffie-Hellman is used no certificate is sent
- Server Key Exchange If *Anonymous* or *Ephemeral Diffie-Hellman* is used, the parameters are sent here (*p*, *g* and *g^x mod p*)
 - For Ephemeral Diffie-Hellman the values are signed
 - For Anonymous Diffie-Hellman the values are not signed
- Certificate (Client) For Fixed Diffie-Hellman, parameters in certificate
- Client Key Exchange If Anonymous or Ephemeral Diffie-Hellman is used the client parameters are sent here
 - For Ephemeral Diffie-Hellman parameters can be signed if server demands it



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Pre-master Secret, Master Secret and Keys

- Pre-master secret
 - For RSA, random 48-byte string generated by client. Sent to server by encrypting it with server's public key
 - For Diffie-Hellman, this is the negotiated value in the key exchange
- Master secret and keyblock is calculated (in TLS) by both client and server as



PRF given by: PRF(S1 || S2, label, seed) = P_MD5(S1, label || seed) \oplus P_SHA-1(S2, label || seed)

• P_hash is an iterated HMAC producing a variable length output.



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Usage of Random Numbers

- Provide a known seed to the PRF
 - similar to a salt in password hashing
- Allow both client and server to contribute to the key generation (key agreement)
- Avoid replay attacks
 - A sniffed session cannot be replayed by a fake client or fake server
 - New random number \rightarrow new MAC in finish message



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Some Differences Between SSLv3 and TLS

- Different version numbers
- Different functions to compute master secret and keyblock (still MD5 and SHA)
- Padding in SSL is minimum necessary, while in TLS it is can be any size
 - Arbitrary padding size helps preventing traffic analysis in which length of messages is analyzed
- Finished message calculated differently. TLS uses PRF
- Fields included in certificate verify hash are different
- HMAC in record layer computed slightly different

SSLv3: HMAC = H[(K || opad) || H[(K || ipad) || M]]

TLS: $HMAC = H[(K \oplus opad) || H[(K \oplus ipad) || M]]$



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TLS 1.3

- RSA key exchange removed
 - Only Diffie-Hellman allowed (elliptic curves)
- CBC-mode is not used for block ciphers
 - BEAST attack (2011)
 - Lucky 13-attack (2013)
 - POODLE attack (2014)
- Round trip time (RTT) in handshake has been decreased
 - TLS <1.3: 1-RTT for resumptions, 2-RTT for initiation
 - TLS 1.3: 0-RTT (Pre-shared key, no PFS for first client data) or 1-RTT for resumptions, 1-RTT for initiation



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TLS Man-in-the-middle Attack

- Any CA that you trust can create a certificate that you will trust
- Typical connection (no attack)



- 1. Alice sends Client Hello
- 2. Intermediate server forwards Client Hello
- 3. Web page answers with Server Hello, Certificates and Server Hello Done
- 4. Intermediate server forwards Server Hello, Certificates and Server Hello Done
- 5. User encrypts pre-master secret with web page public key

Result: Only user and web page knows secret keys

User can check address bar to see that certificate actually belongs to web page

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TLS Man-in-the-middle Attack

• This could happen instead



- 1. Alice sends Client Hello
- 2. Intermediate server looks at destination and creates a certificate for destination (knowing the private key), and returns this certificate together with Server Hello and Server Hello Done
- 3. Intermediate server sets up a new TLS connection to the web page that the user requested.
- 4. Web page accepts this connection (of course)
- 5. When user sends encrypted information to web page, intermediate server can decrypt and possibly make changes and then re-encrypt traffic

User checks address bar to see that certificate actually belongs to web page (but it does not) This will work as long as there is a trusted CA certificate from the intermediate server in the browser, e.g., corporate networks can use this



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The Nokia Man-in-the-Middle

• In January 2013, it was discovered that Nokia did a variant of a MITM attack



- 1. User wanted to connect to web page using TLS, but connection was made to a Nokia server (forced by browser)
- 2. Nokia server returned valid certificate for itself
- 3. Nokia server made TLS connection to web page
- 4. Web page accepted connection from Nokia's server
- 5. All communication was decrypted and re-encrypted by Nokia's server
- Nokia server was just a proxy (debatable if it counts as MITM)
- Upside: Data could be compressed and rewritten in order to provide more efficient browsing
- Downside: Nokia could read your passwords, bank info, medical journals, etc.

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Implementation bugs

- February 2014
- Small implementation mistakes can have huge security impact
- Code used in iOS 6, iOS 7, OS X (some versions)



- Result: Man-in-the-middle attack possible when Ephemeral Diffie-Hellman was used
 - Signature on Diffie-Hellman parameters was not checked at all

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