## maTLS: How to Make TLS middlebox-aware?

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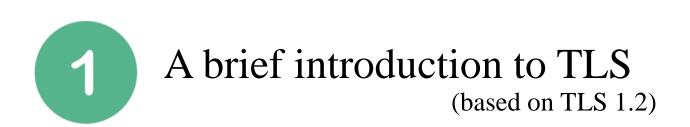
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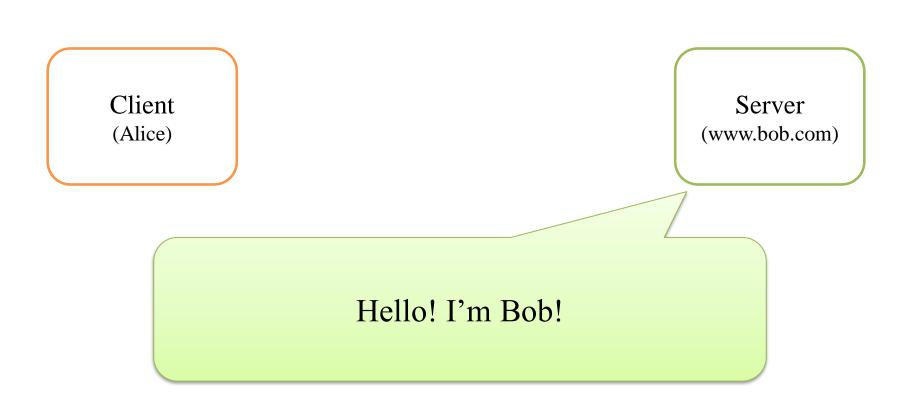


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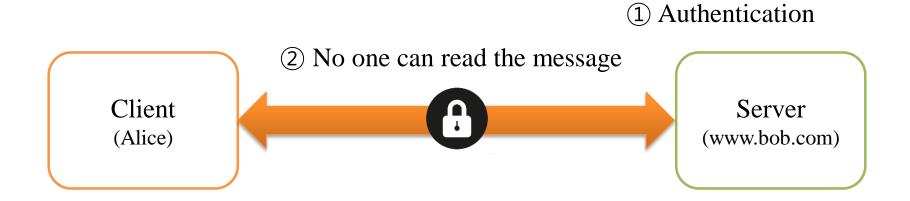








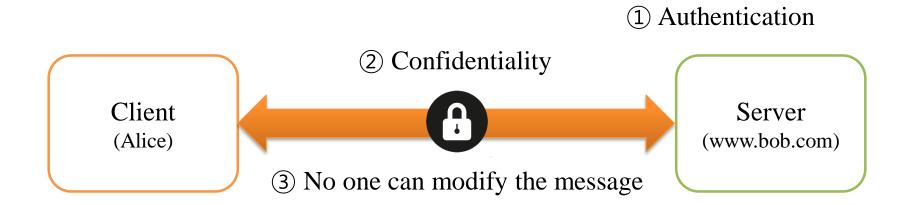


















# TLS aims to guarantee ① Authentication ② Confidentiality ③ Integrity





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• TLS handshake protocol

Authentication Key Establishment





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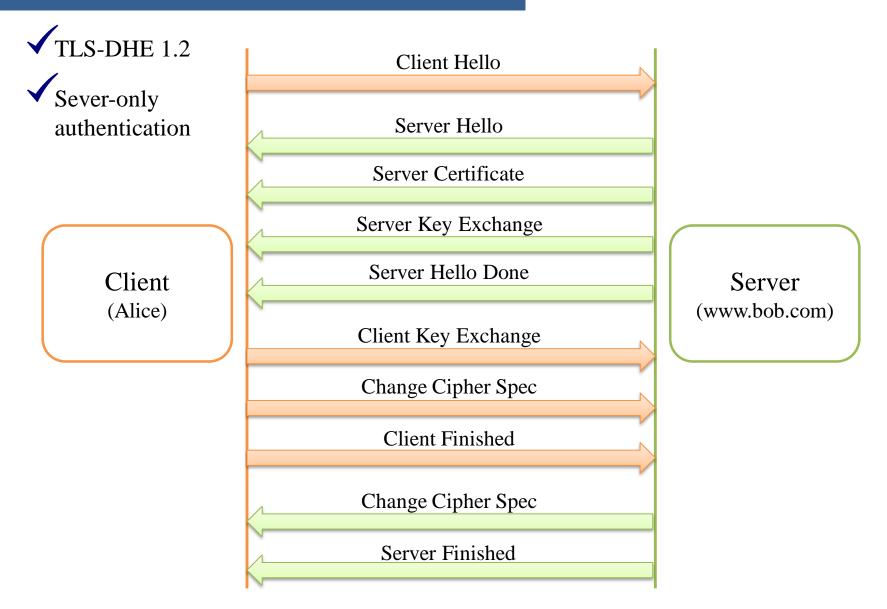
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- TLS record protocol

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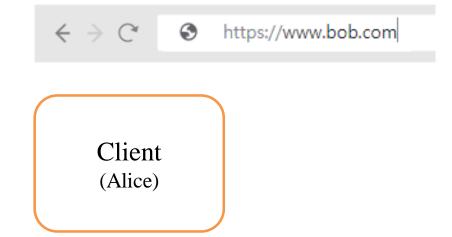
Stateful Encryption/Decryption

Authentication

### **TLS Handshake Protocol**







Server (www.bob.com)



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Server (www.bob.com)

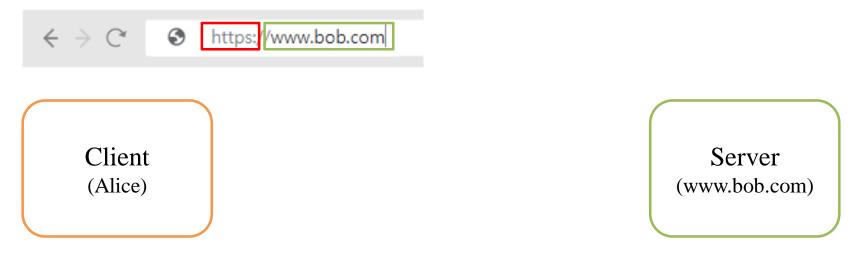


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Alice wants to talk with www.bob.com via HTTPS (HTTP over TLS)

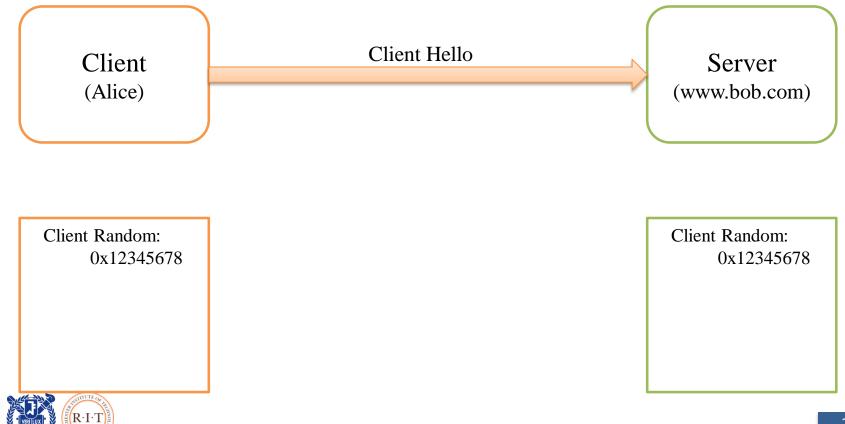




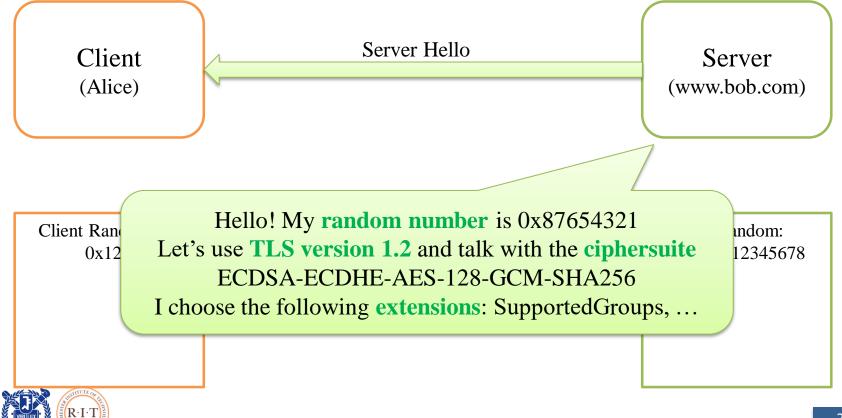




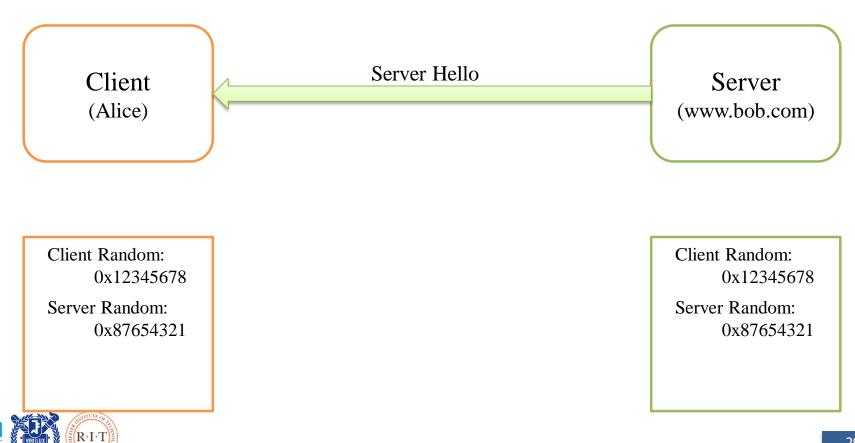
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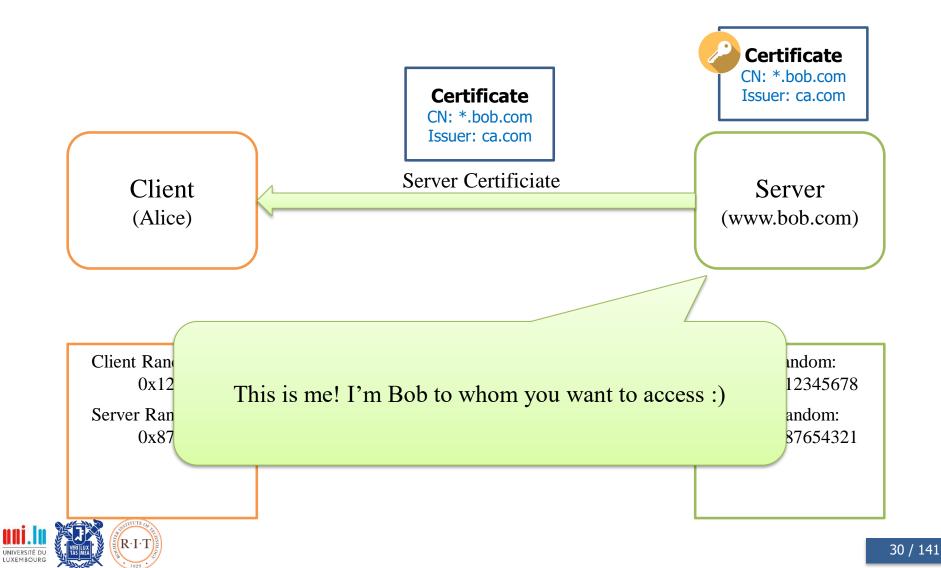


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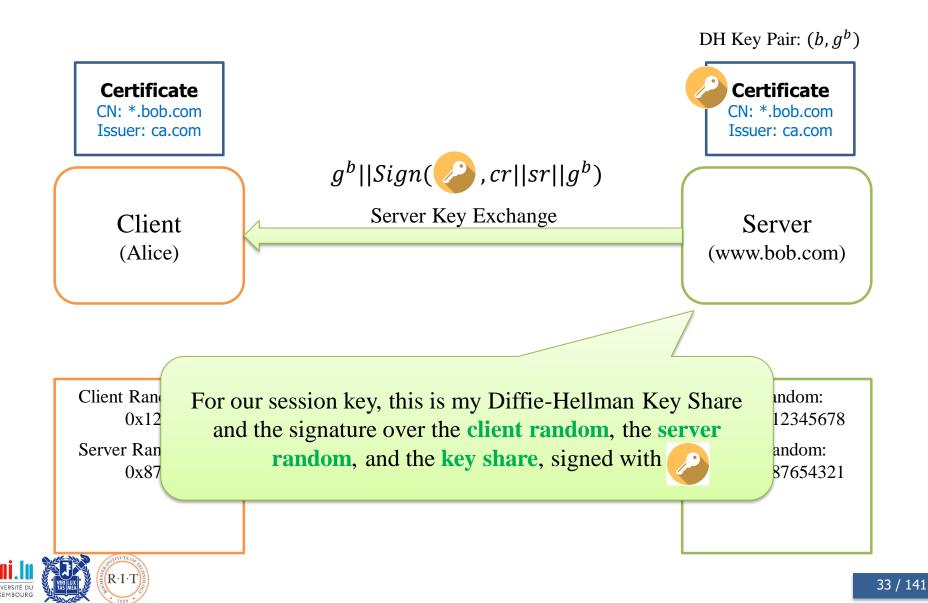


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DH Key Pair:  $(b, g^b)$ 

Certificate

## Alice authenticates Bob with Bob's Certificate, verifying the signature

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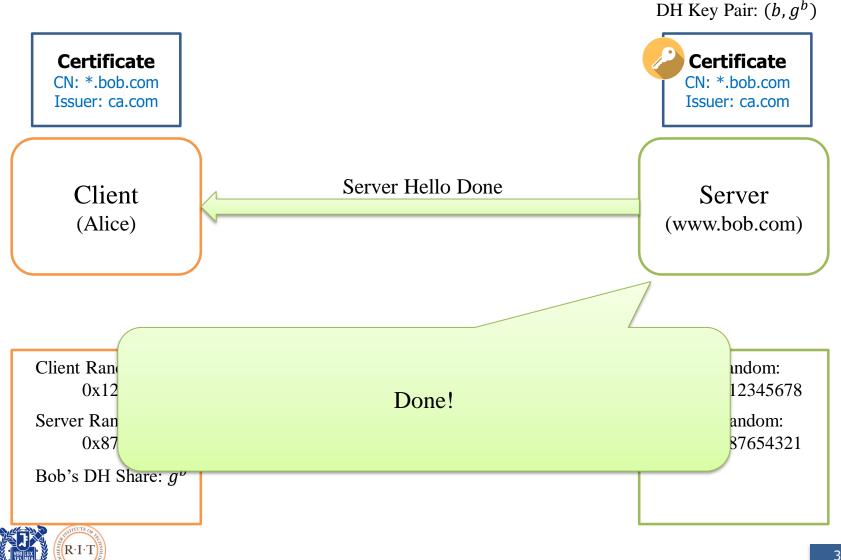
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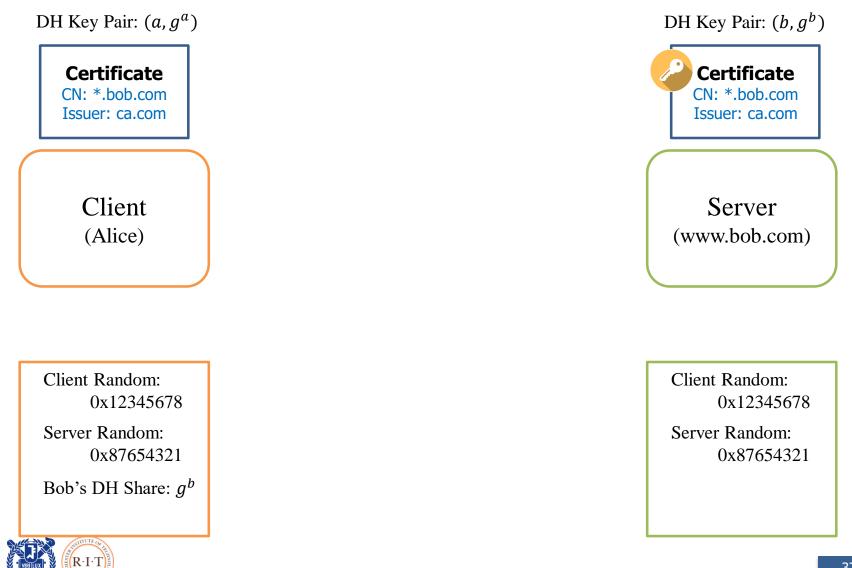
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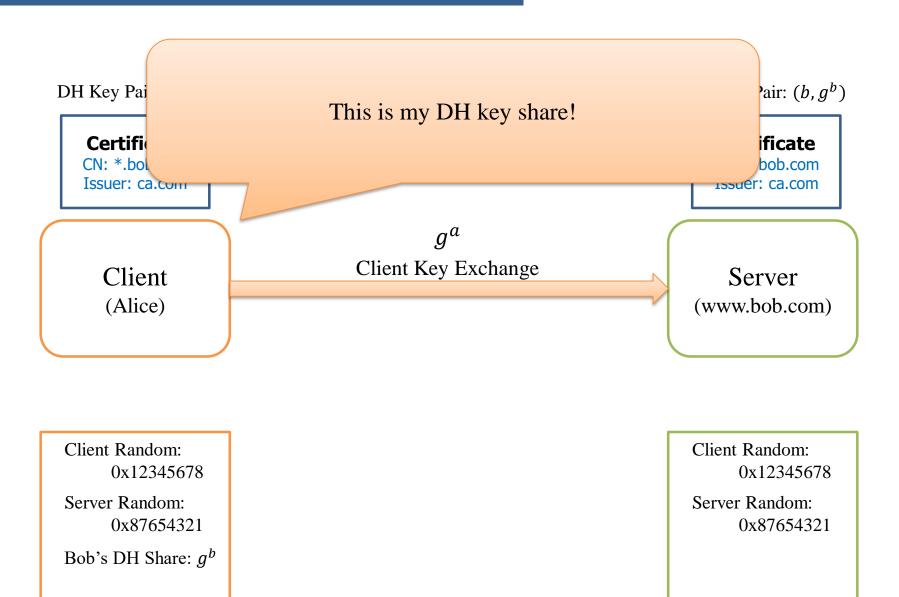


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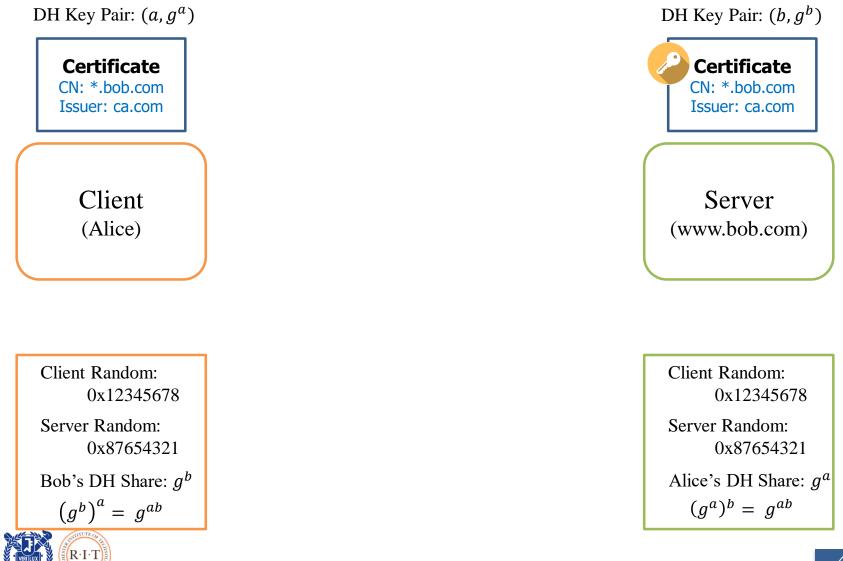
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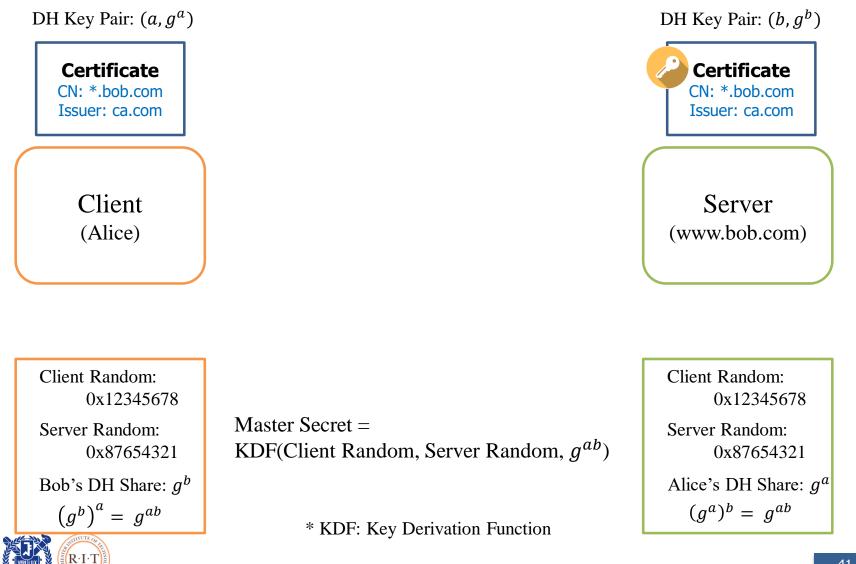


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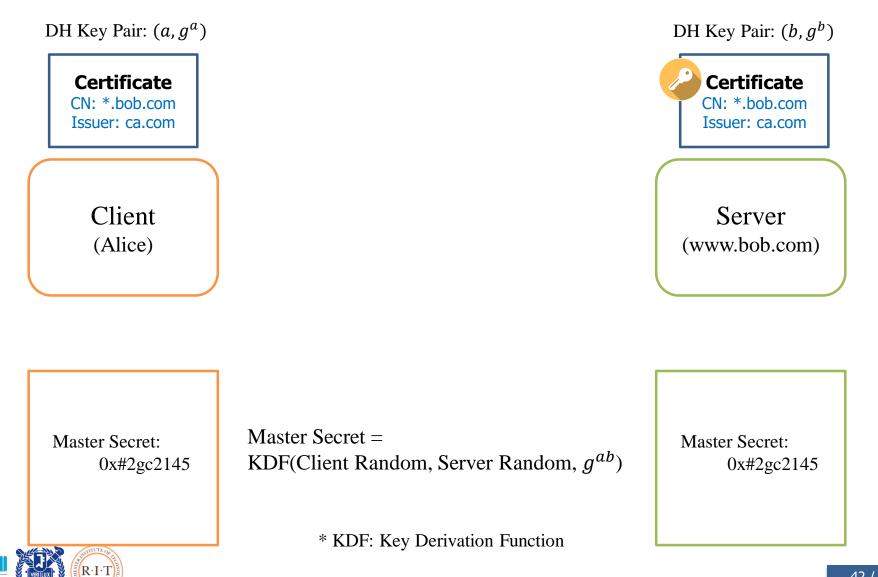


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# Attacker cannot generate Master Secret without knowledge of *a* or *b*!

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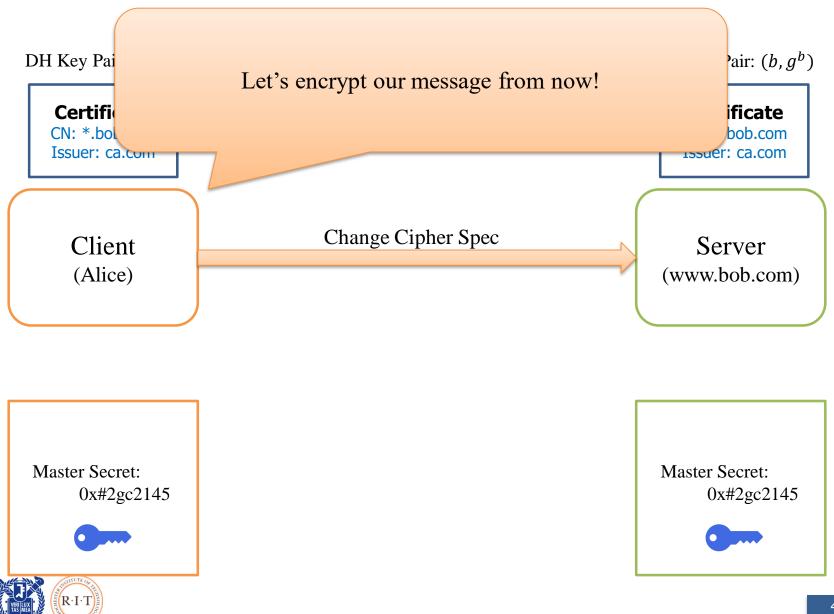
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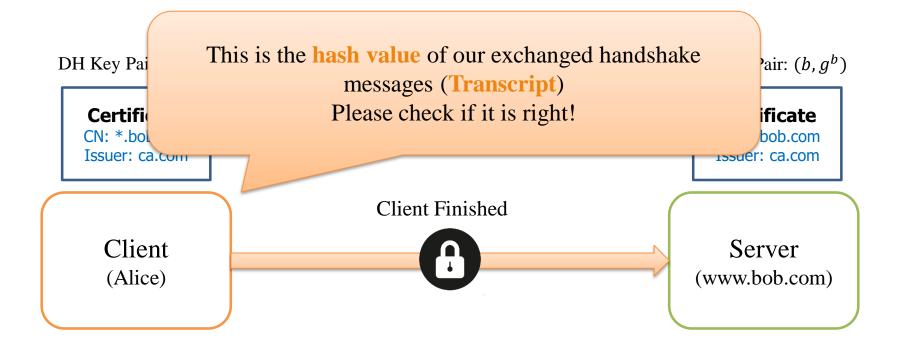
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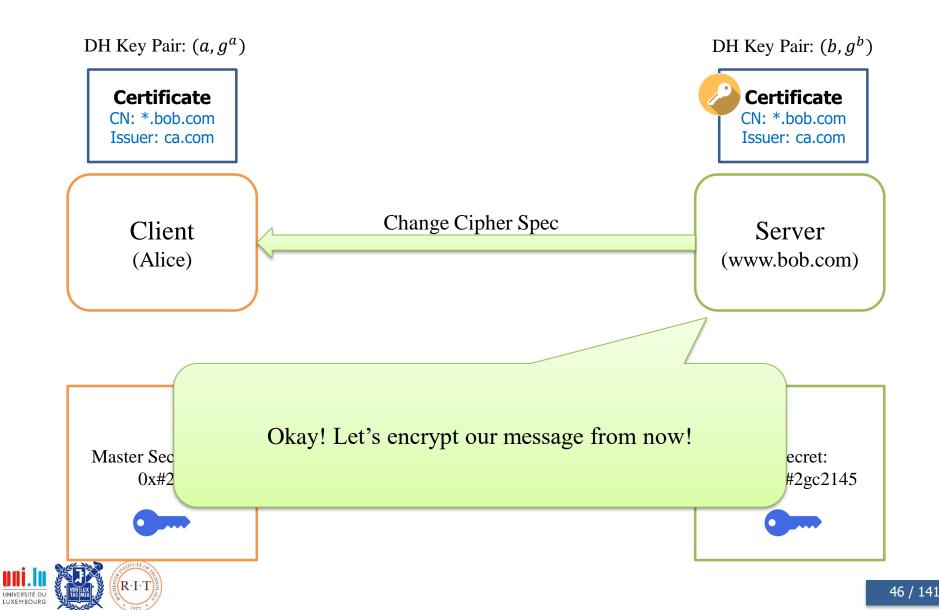
\* KDF: Key Derivation Function

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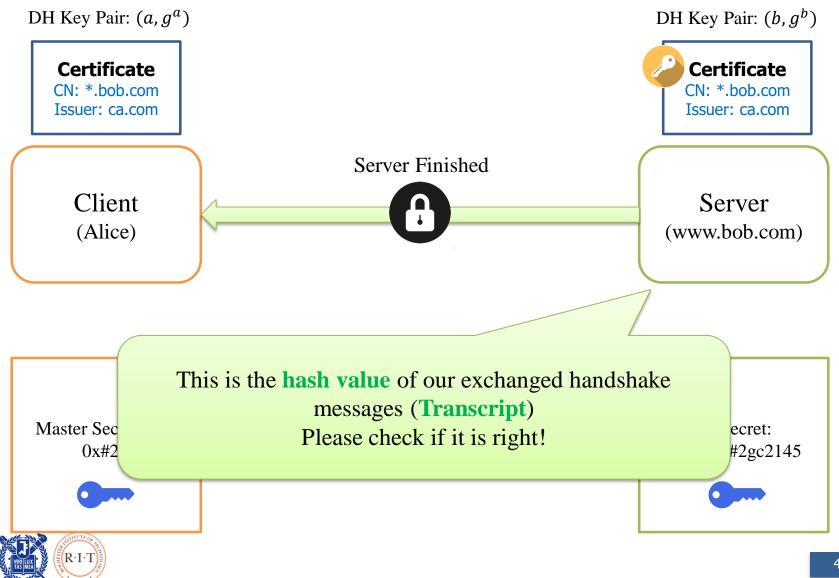


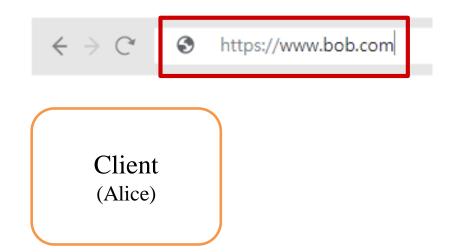






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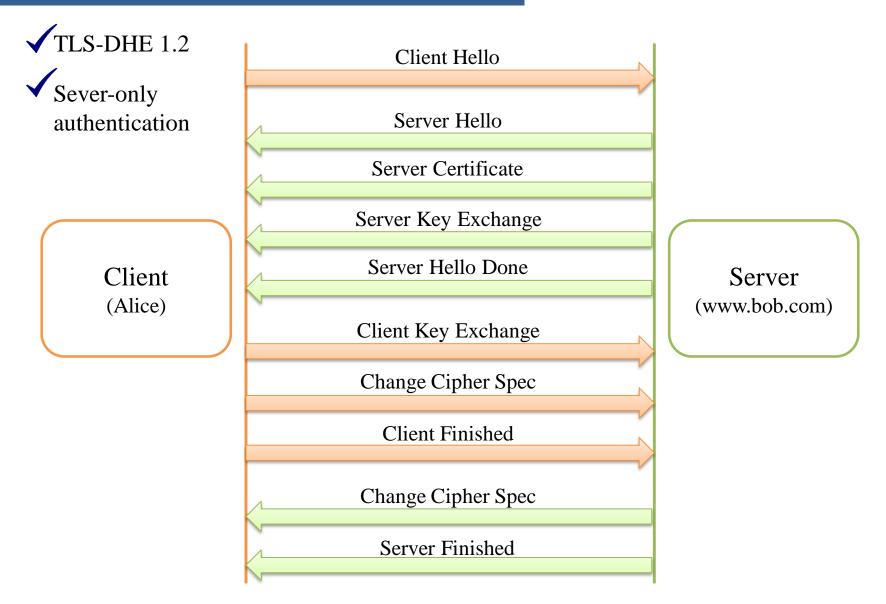


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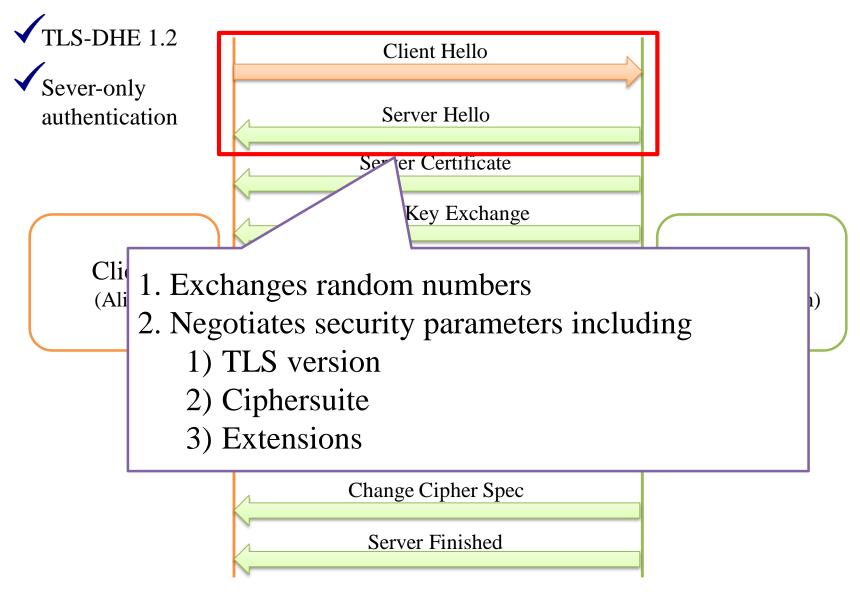




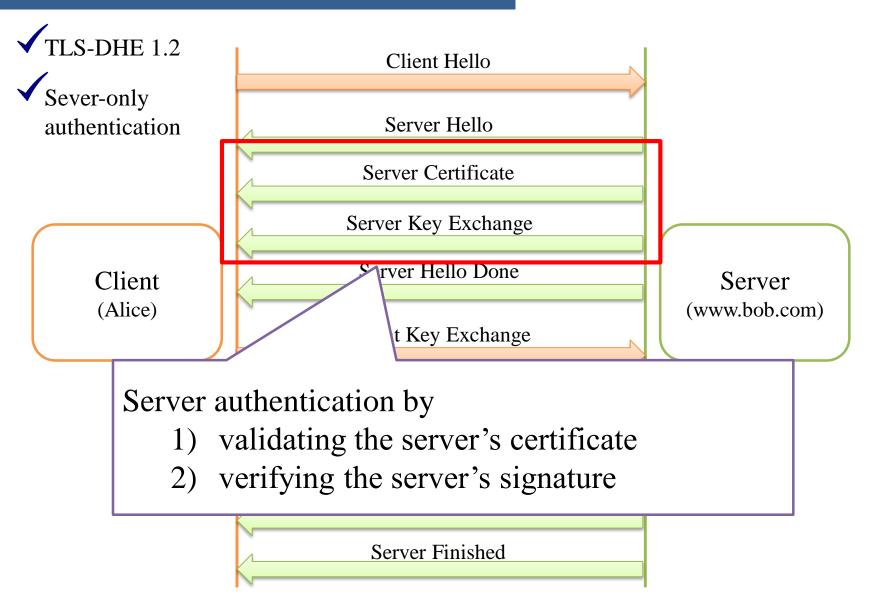




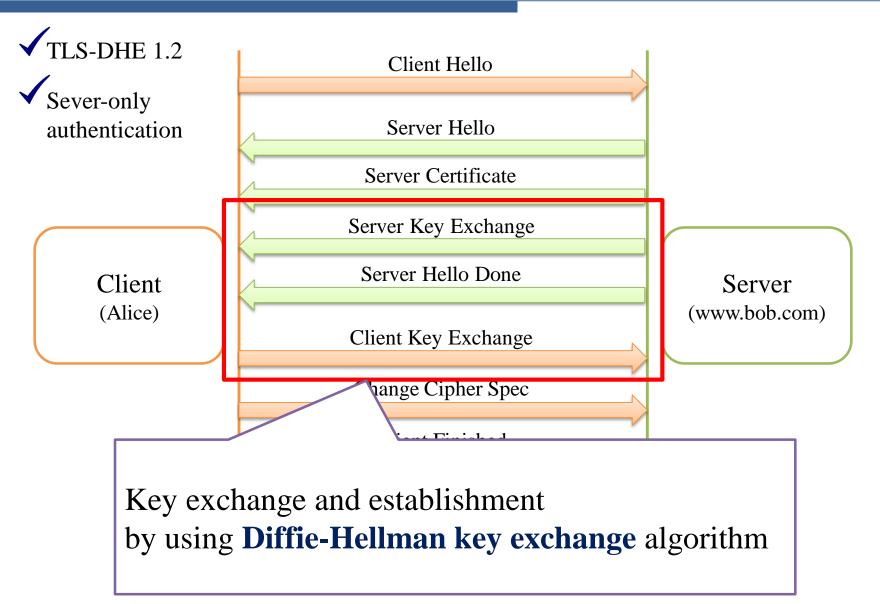




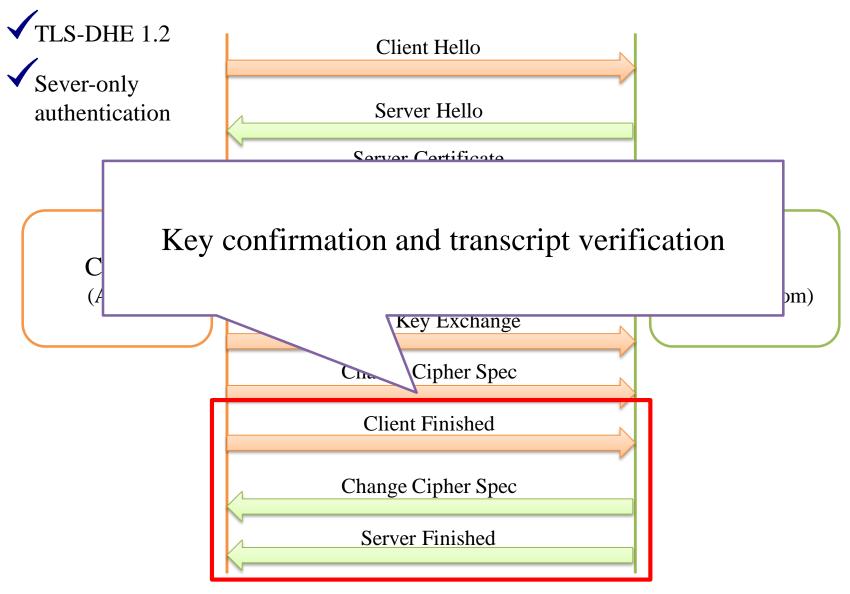














## **TLS Record Protocol**



Messages are *authenticated encrypted* with Confidentiality





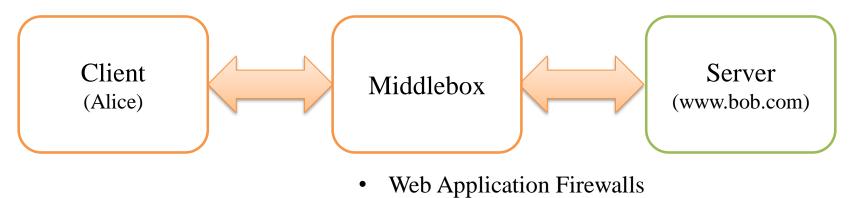


## **Middleboxes**



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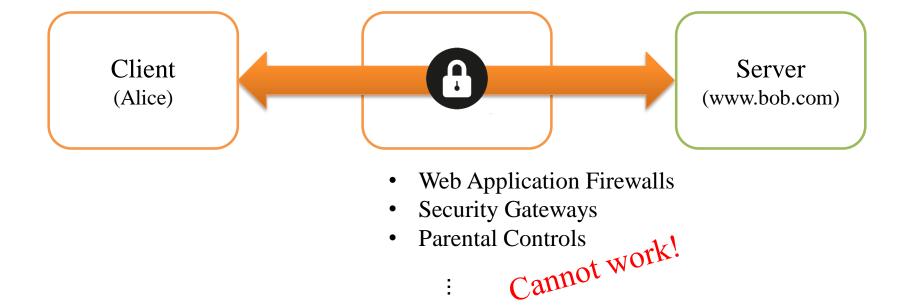


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- Security Gateways
- Parental Controls



## **Middleboxes and Transport Layer Security**





# **Motivation for SplitTLS**

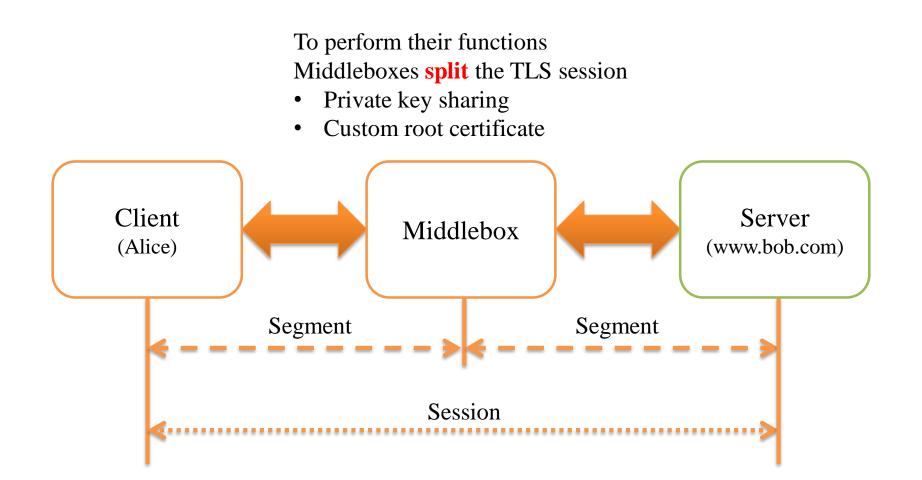
To perform their functions Middleboxes **split** the TLS session

- Private key sharing
- Custom root certificate

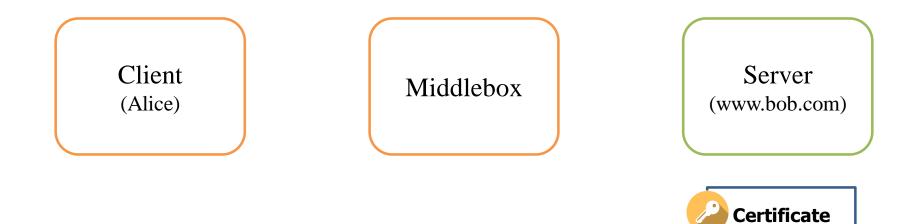




## **Session and Segment**

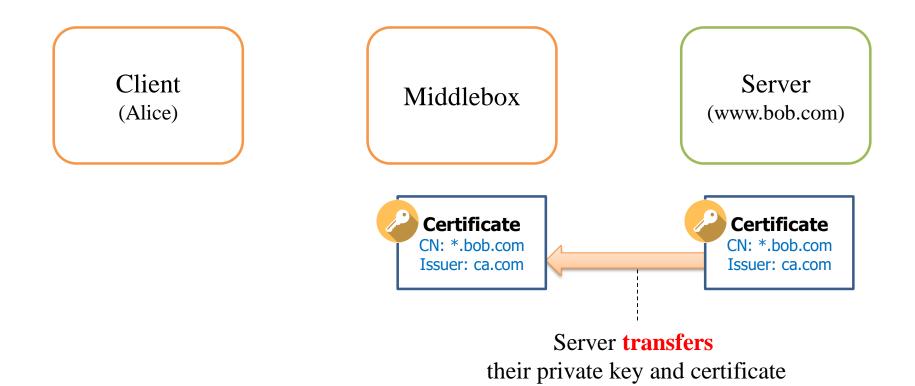




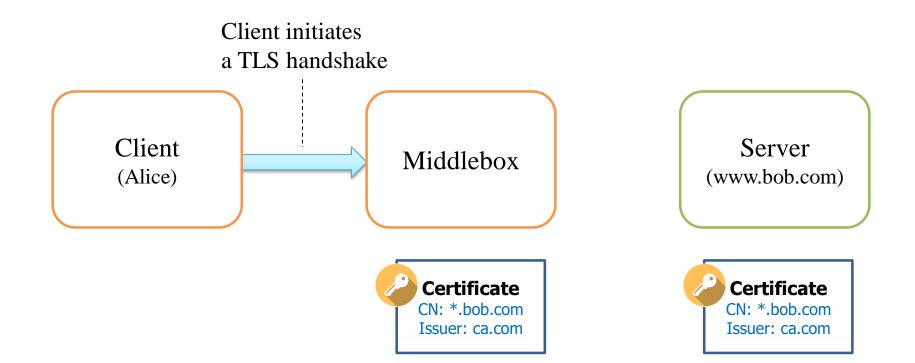




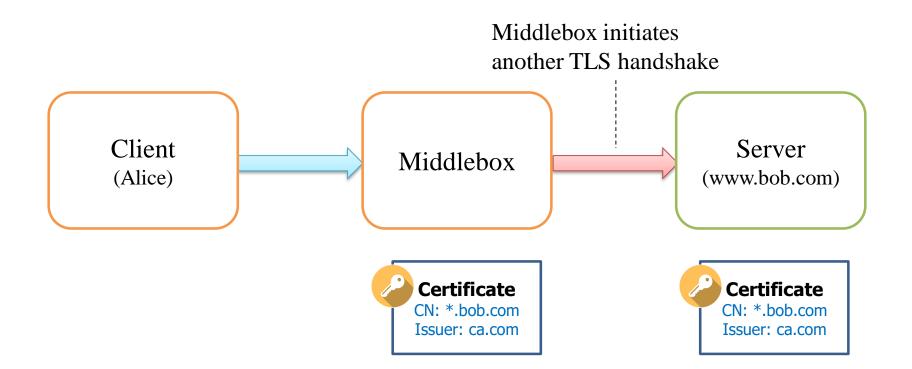
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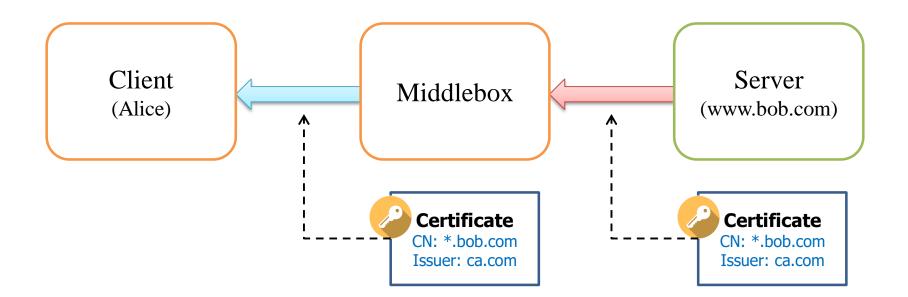






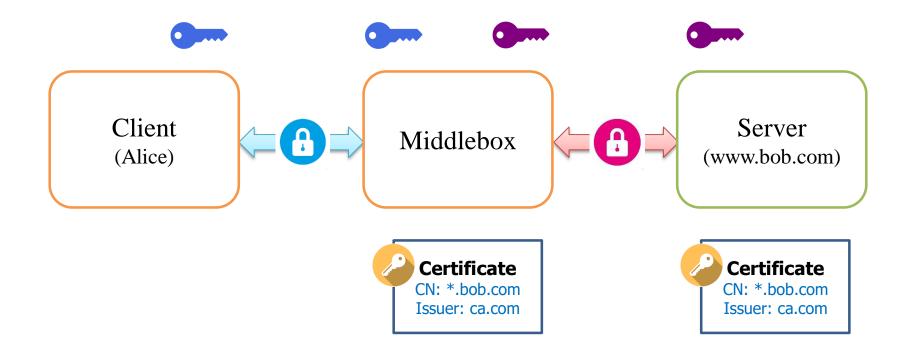


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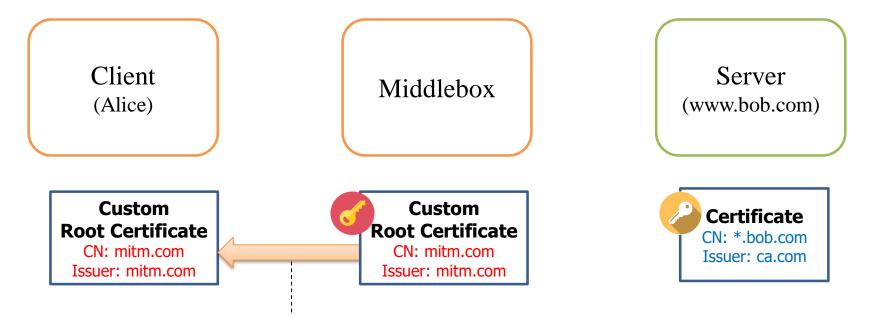
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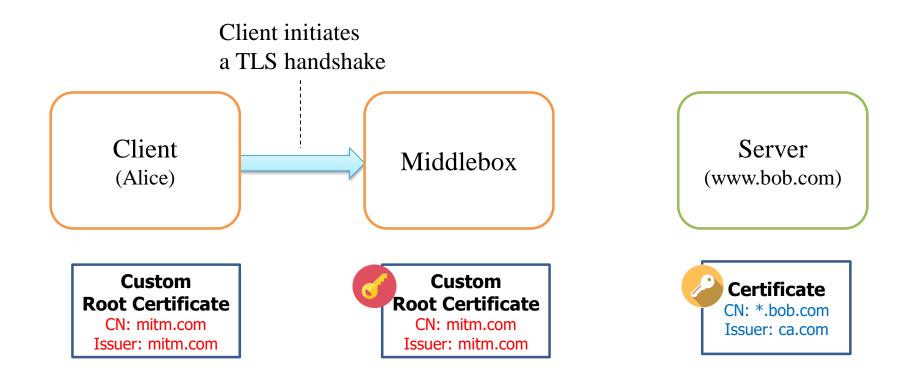




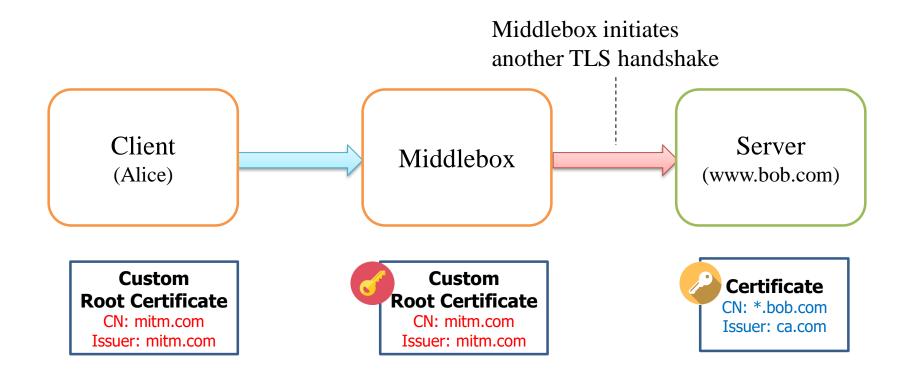


Middlebox **installs** a root certificate in the client





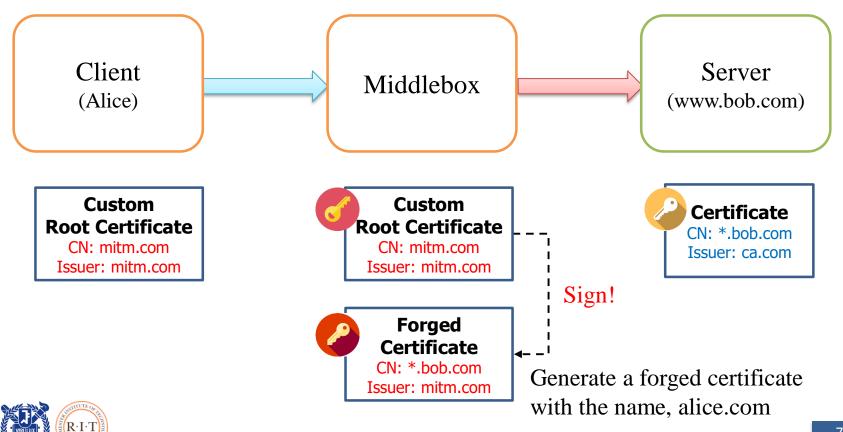






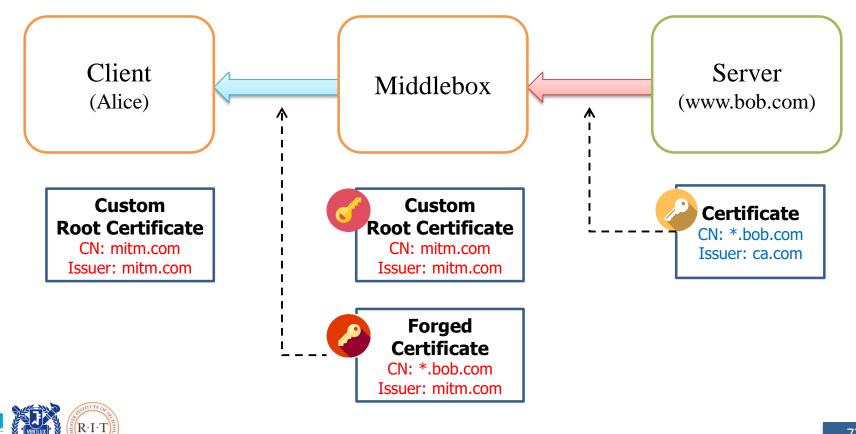
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Middlebox impersonates Server with the forged key pair



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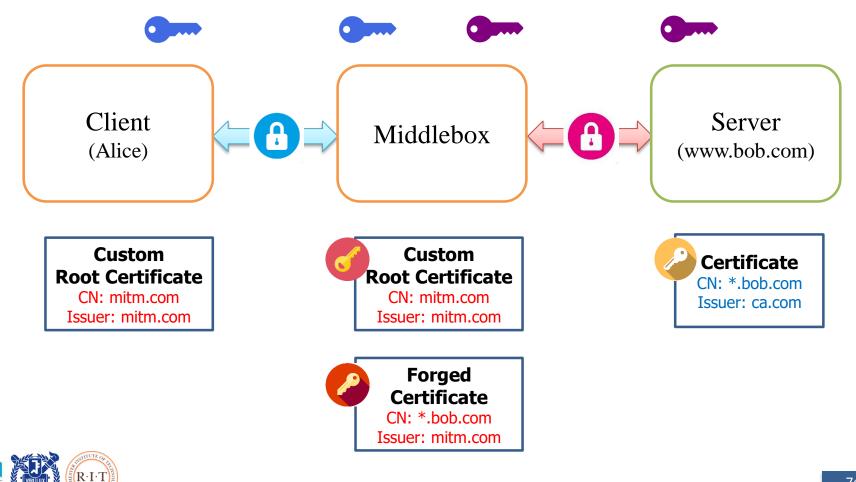
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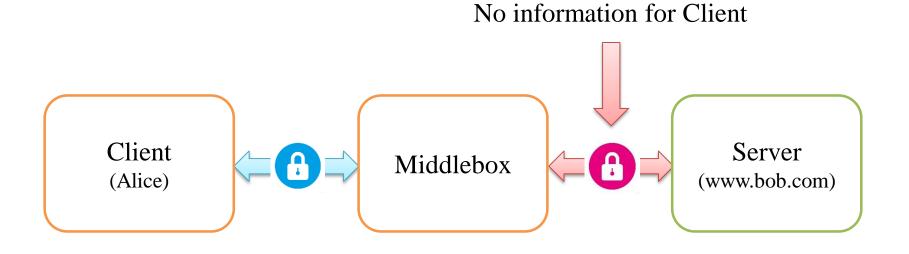
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- Killed by Proxy: Analyzing Client-end TLS Interception Software (NDSS `16)
- The Security Impact of HTTPS Interception (NDSS `17)
- To Intercept or Not to Intercept: Analyzing TLS Interception in Network Appliances (AsiaCCS `18)



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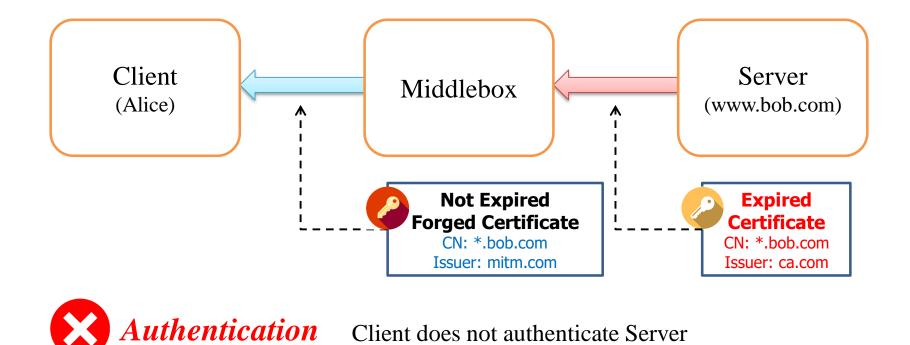




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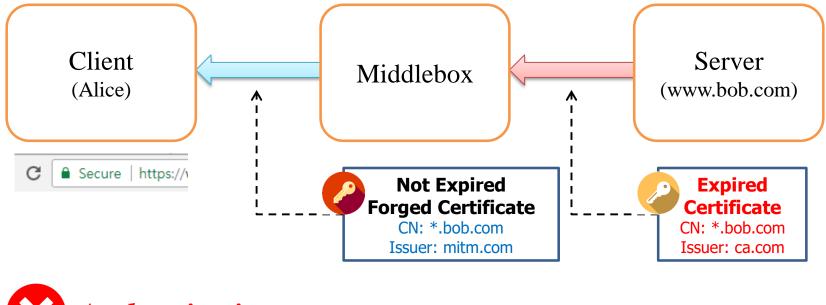


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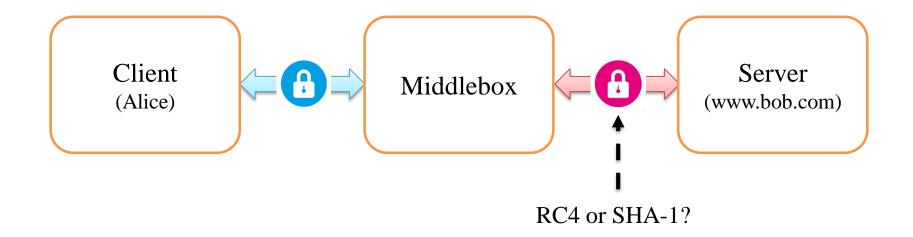


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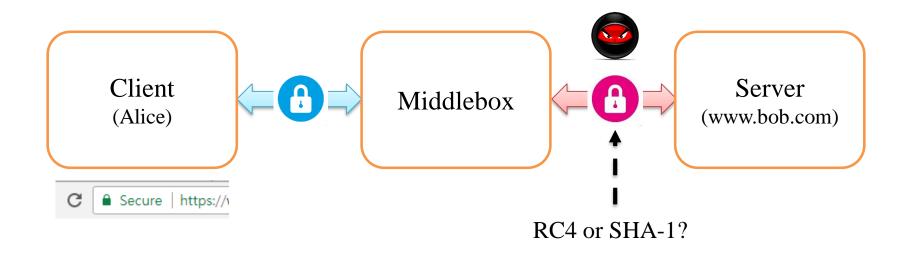


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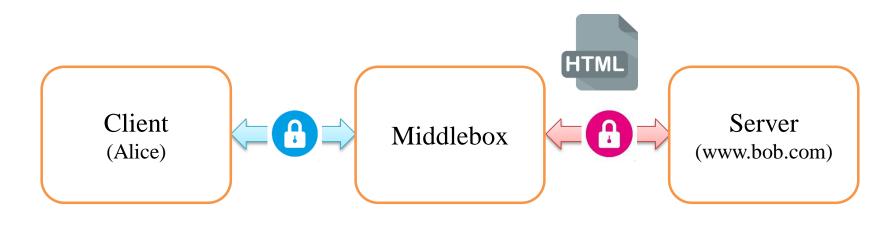


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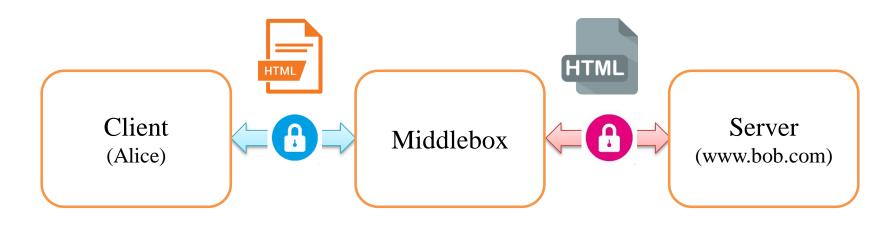


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Middlebox inserts the unwanted script!



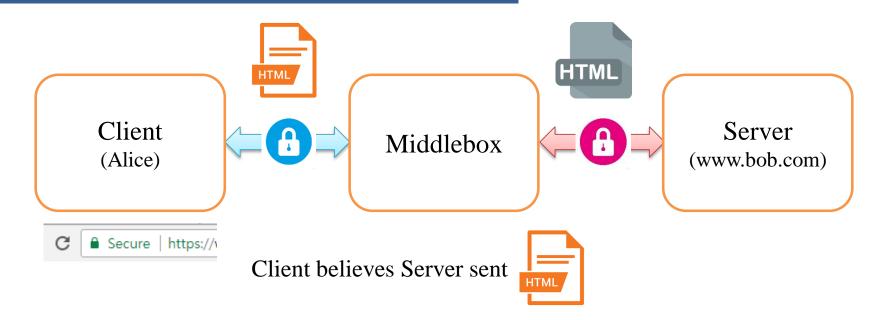
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Integrity	Client cannot confirm (1) who actually sent the message (2) and whether it has been modified	Valid Modification Checks



Certificate Authority Middlebox Transparency Log Server Middlebox Certificate CN: mb.com Issuer: ca.com



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#### Auditable Middleboxes

Middleboxes that have their own *middlebox certificates* logged in a *middlebox transparency* log server

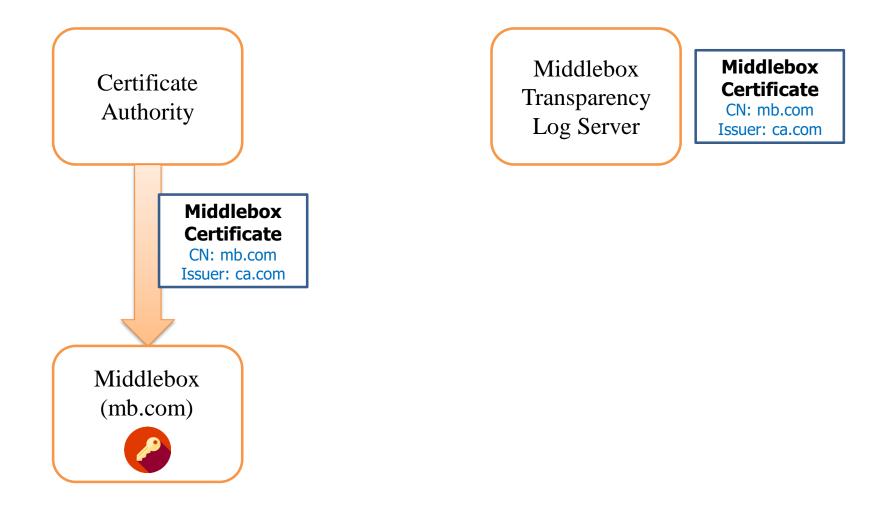


Information about Middlebox

- Type of Service
- URL
- Permission





















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# Revocability

Any incorrect middleboxes can be blocked following the *certificate revocation mechanisms* (e.g., CRL or OCSP)

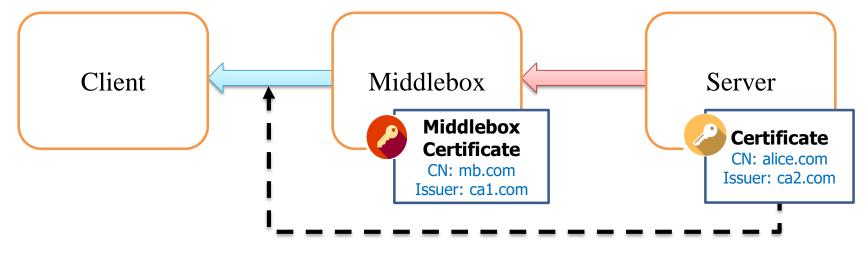




Server Authentication
 Middlebox Authentication
 Segment Secrecy
 Individual Secrecy



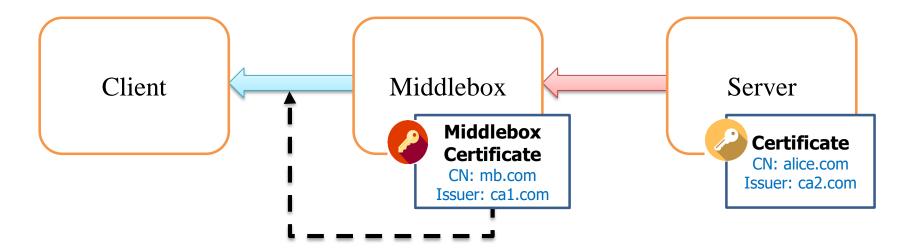
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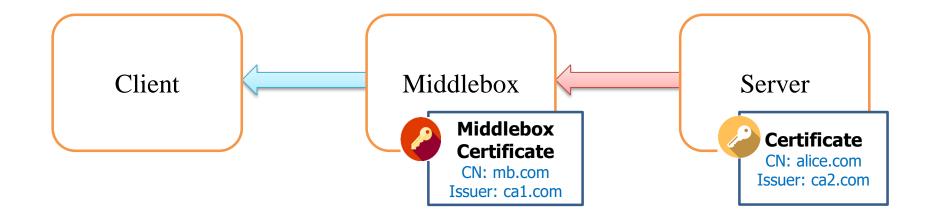


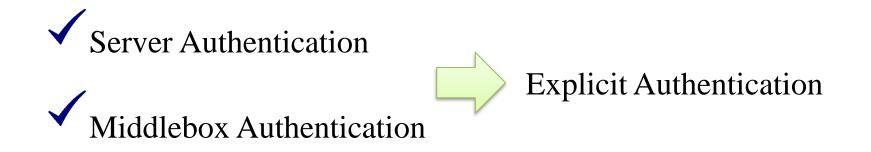


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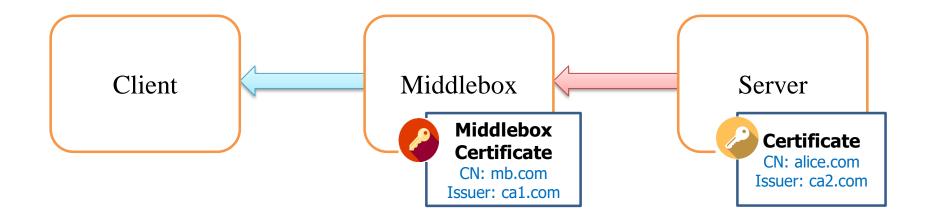


### **Audit Mechanism for Authentication**





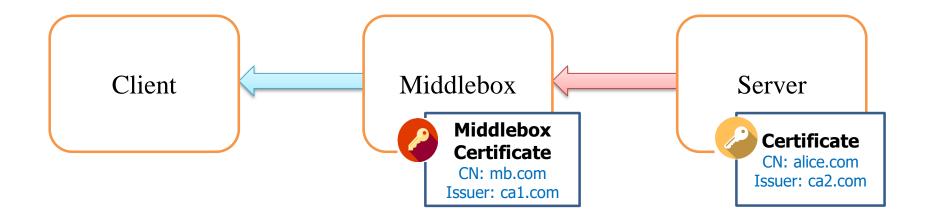




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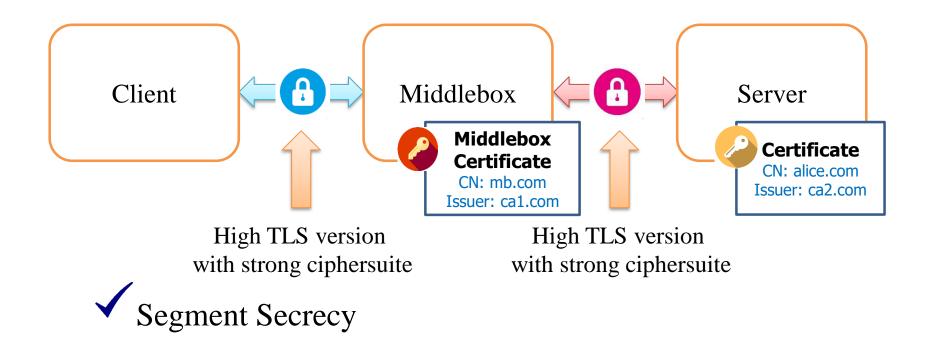


#### EV certificates, DANE, and CT can be supported

EV certificates: extended validation certificates DANE: DNS-based Authentication of Named Entities (RFC 6698) CT: Certificate Transparency (RFC 6962)

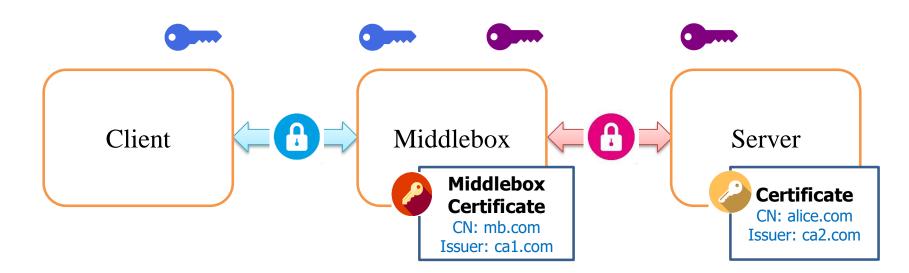


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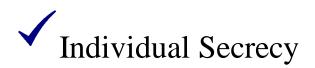




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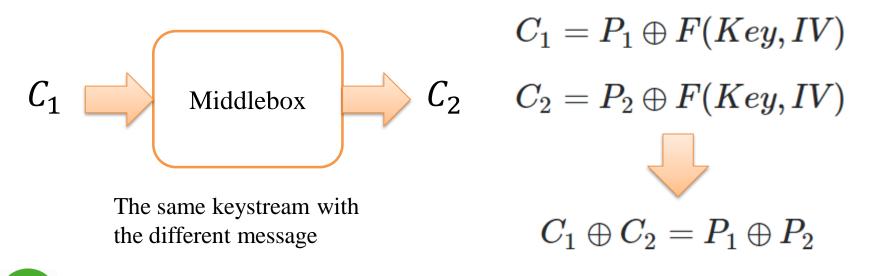


It is known that initialization vector should not be reused



Without Individual Secrecy, confidentiality is undermined

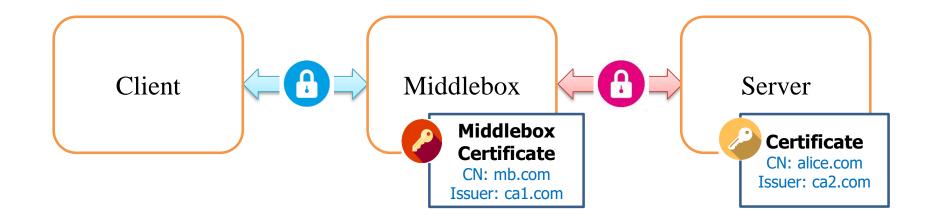
This happened when the same keystream is used across the session and the middlebox modified the message



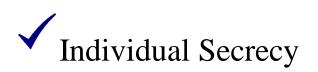
It is desirable to use different segment keys across the session



# **Audit Mechanism for Confidentiality**

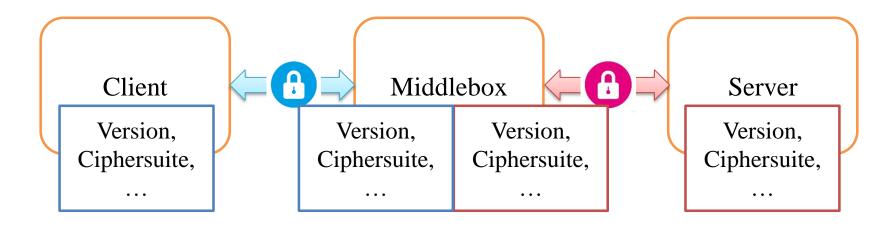








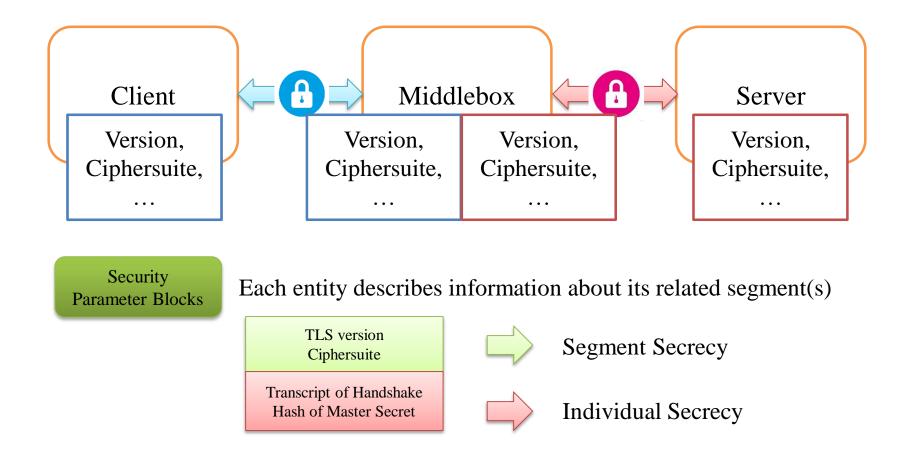




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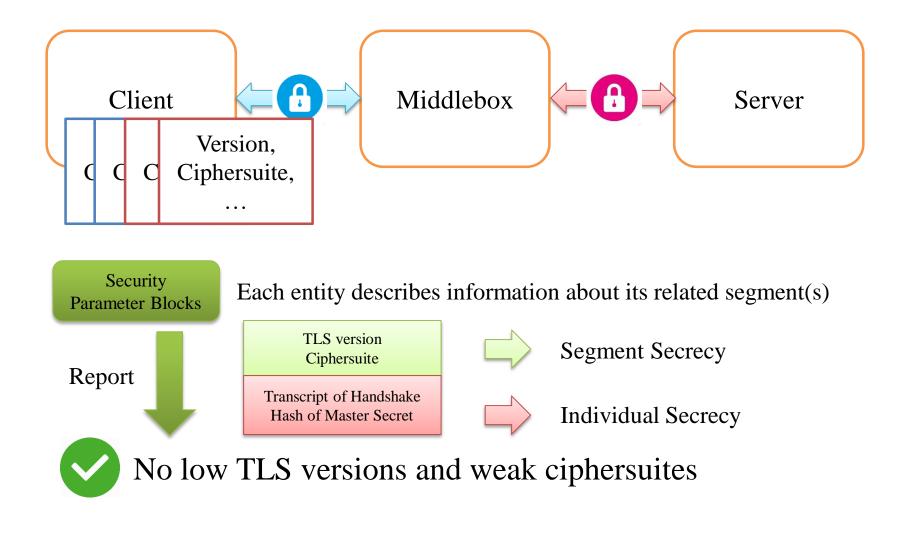
Each entity describes information about its related segment(s)





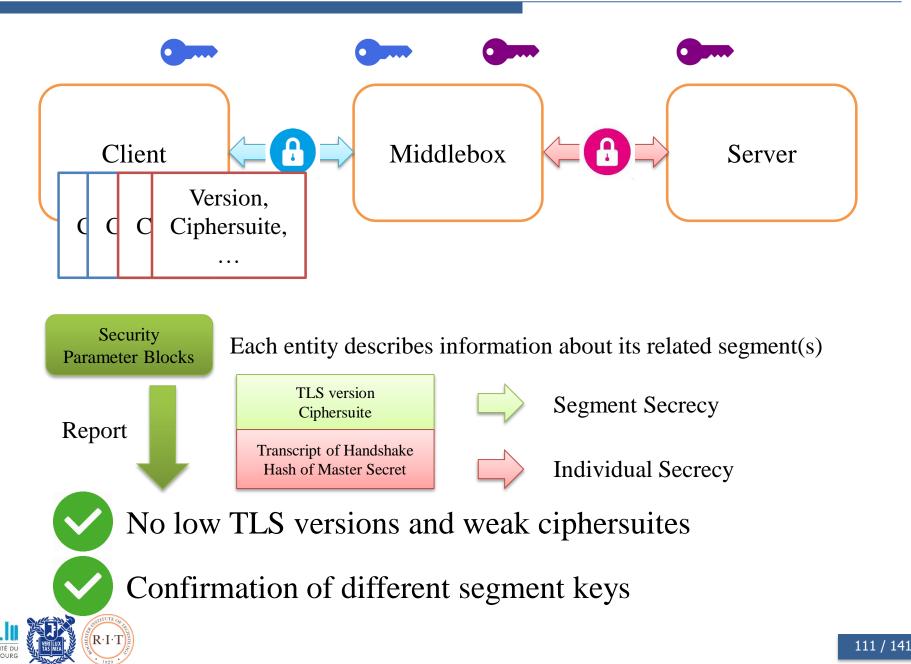


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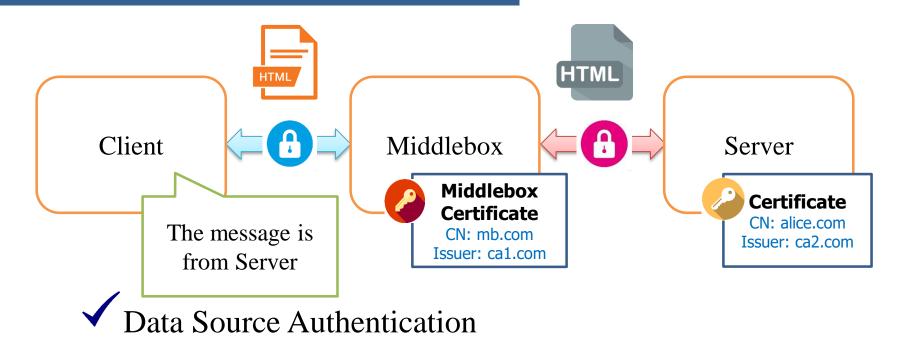




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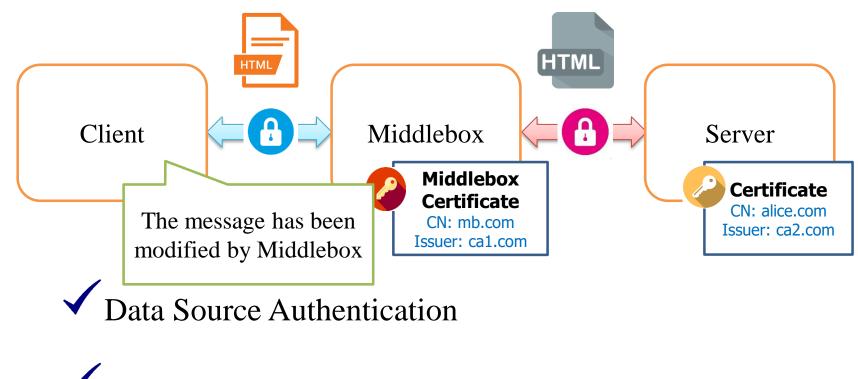


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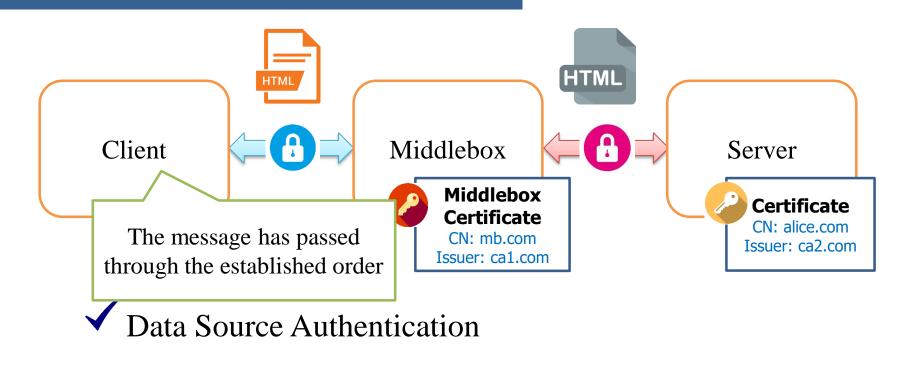
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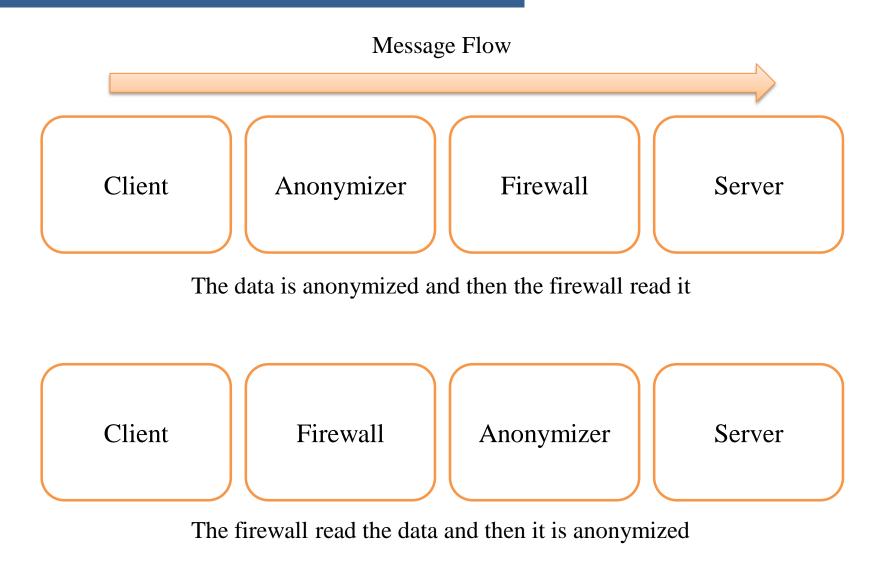


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✓ Path Integrity



#### Why Path Integrity?





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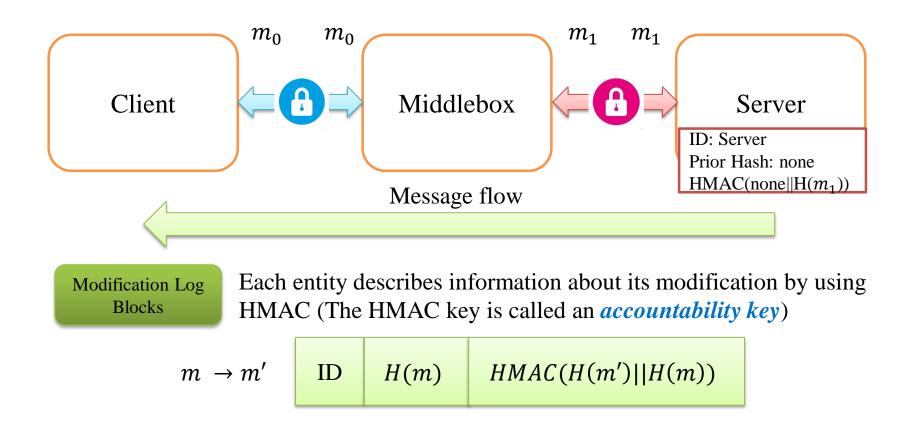
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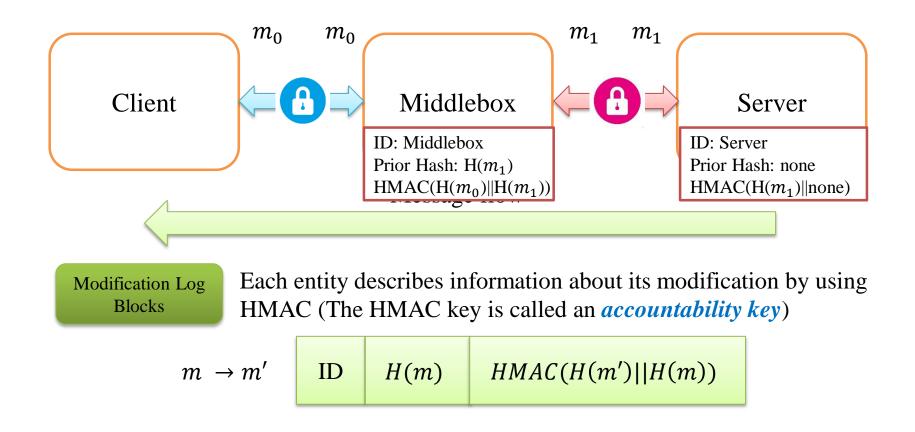
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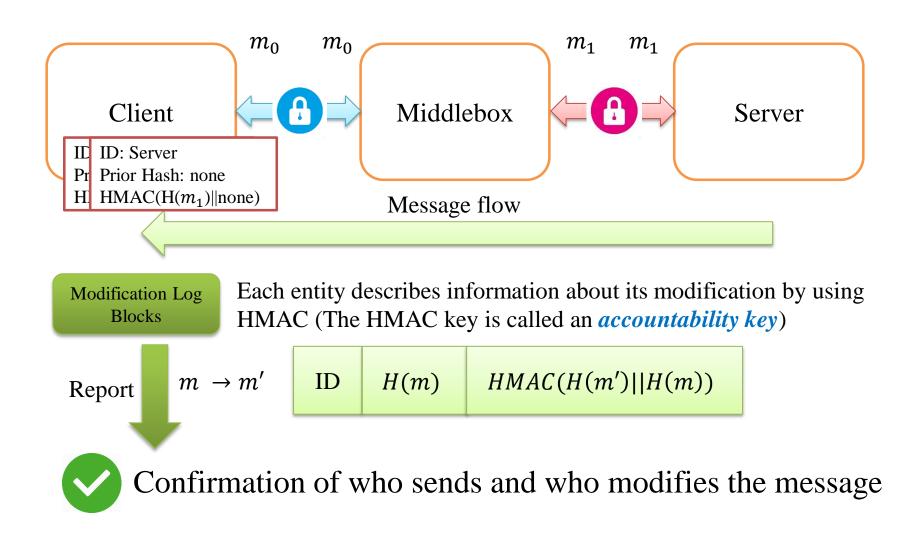






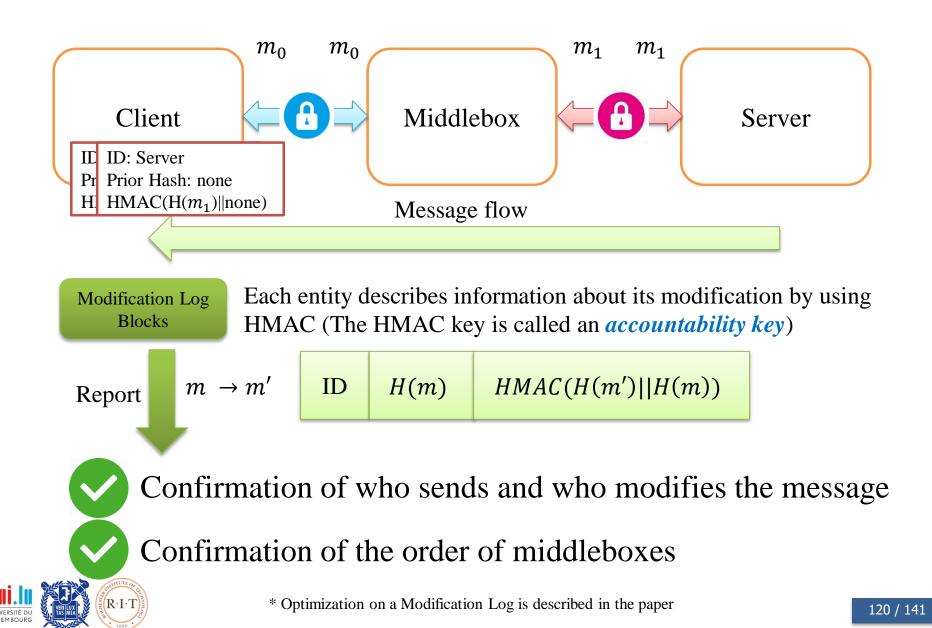








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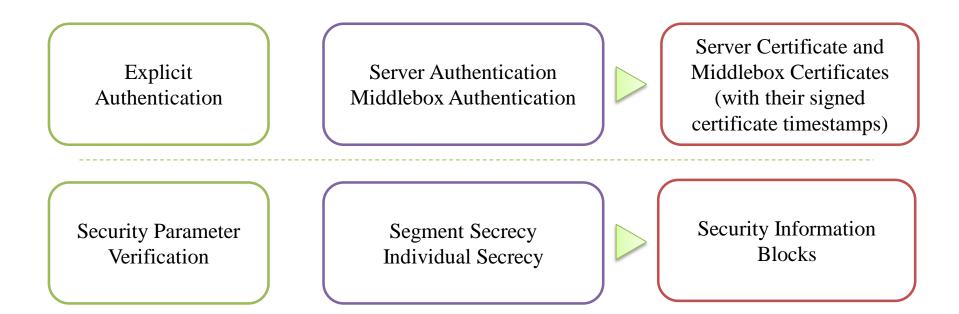


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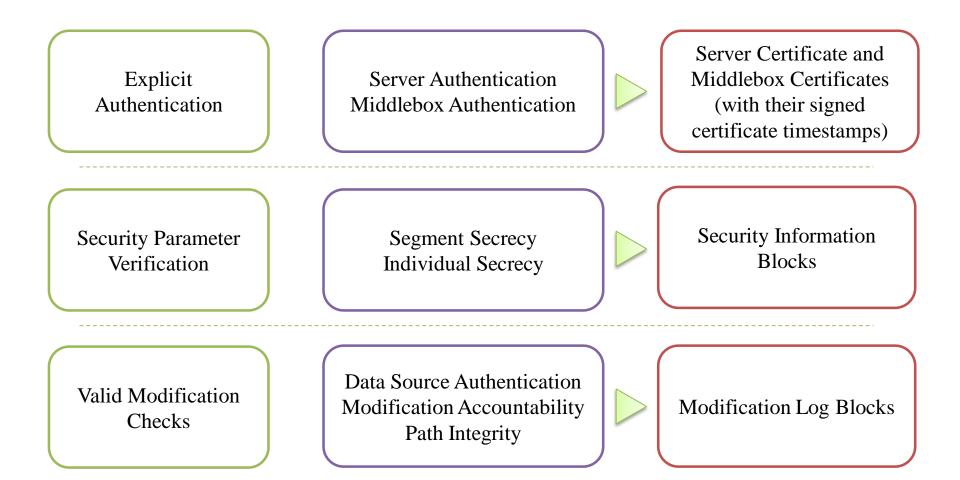


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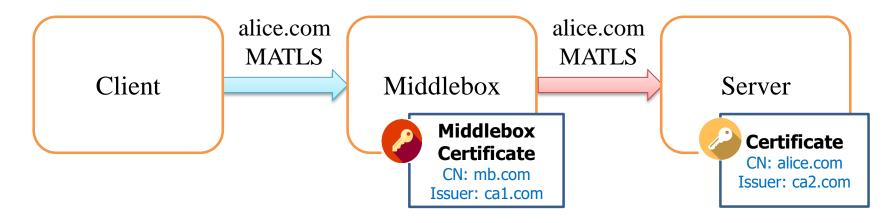




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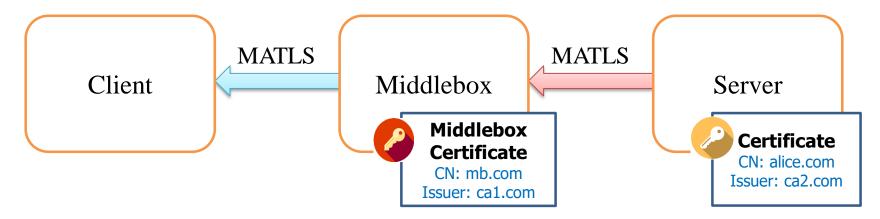






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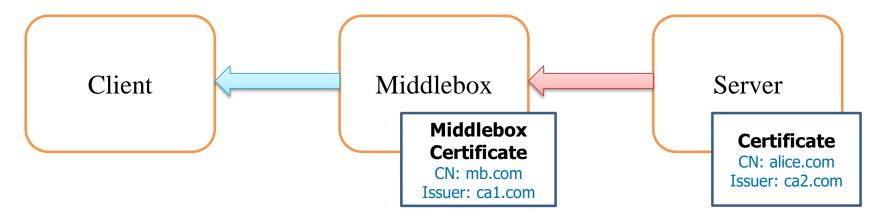




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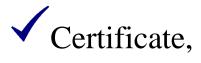
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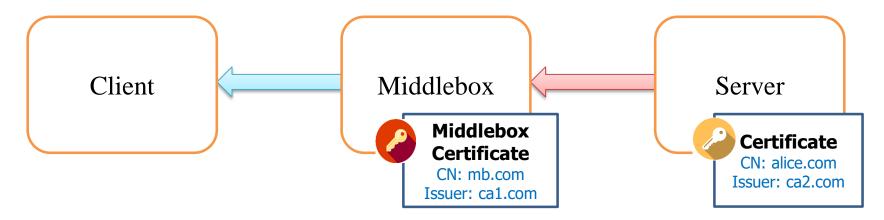
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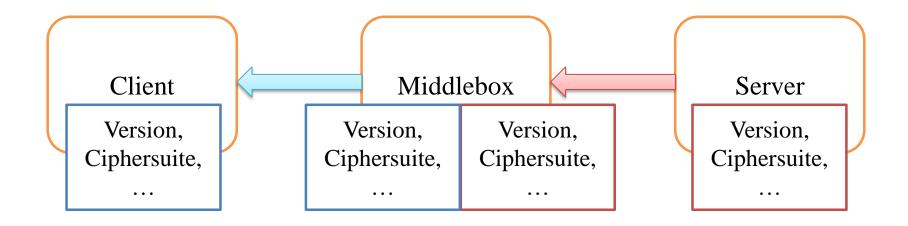
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ServerKeyExchange and ClientKeyExchange,

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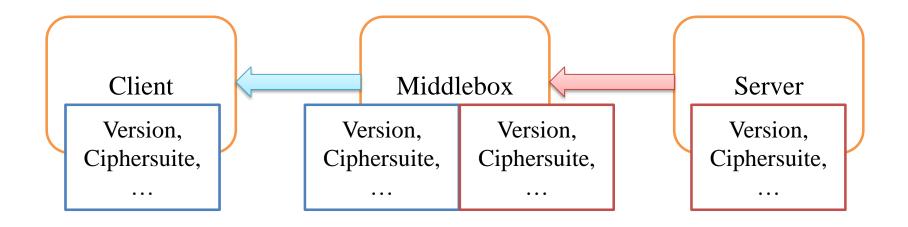






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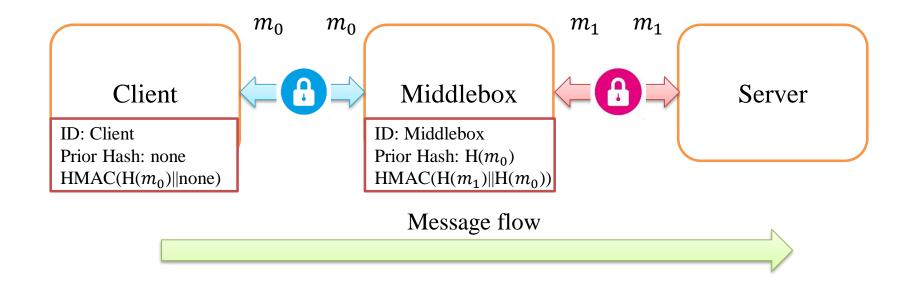
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Security Parameter Verification



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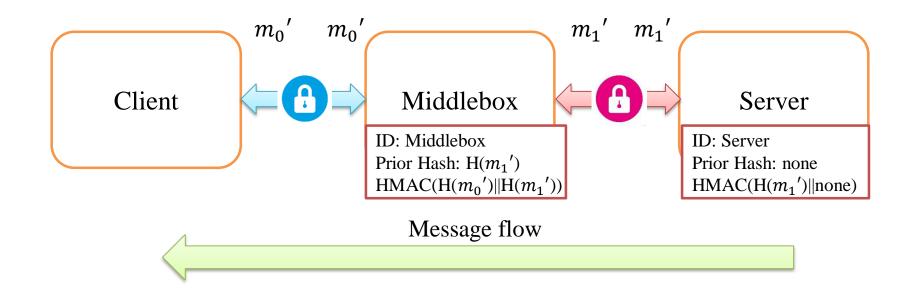






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#### **Security Verification**

Security verification of maTLS through Tamarin

# Dolev-Yao adversary

Can capture all the messages delivered on the air

Can insert/drop/alter/reorder messages

Can corrupt long-term keys

Seven lemmas (security goals in first-order logic)

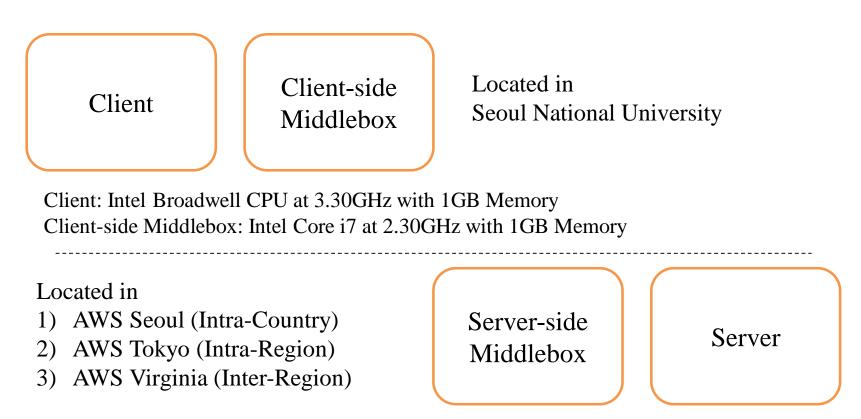
Example of Server Authentication All C S nonces #tc. C\_HandshakeComplete(C, S, nonces)@tc ==> Ex #ts. S\_HandshakeComplete(C, S, nonces)@ts & (#ts < #tc)

### The result shows that the maTLS protocol is secure

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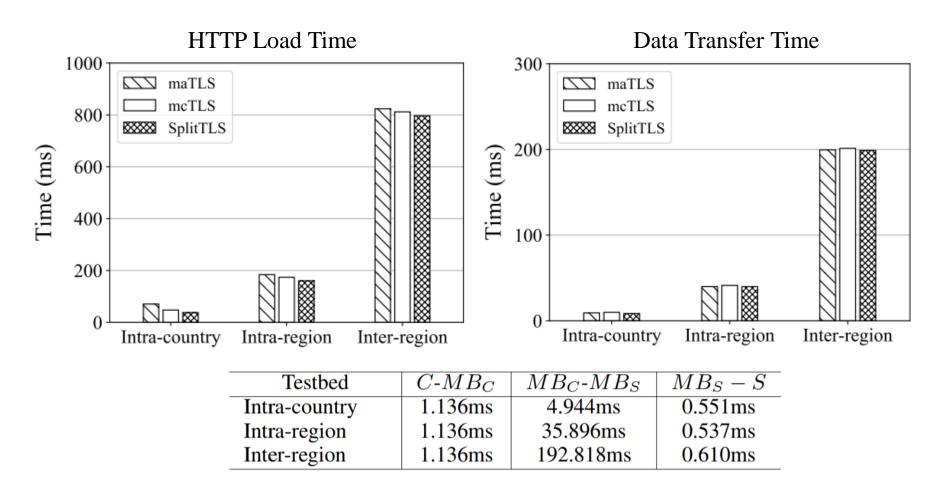
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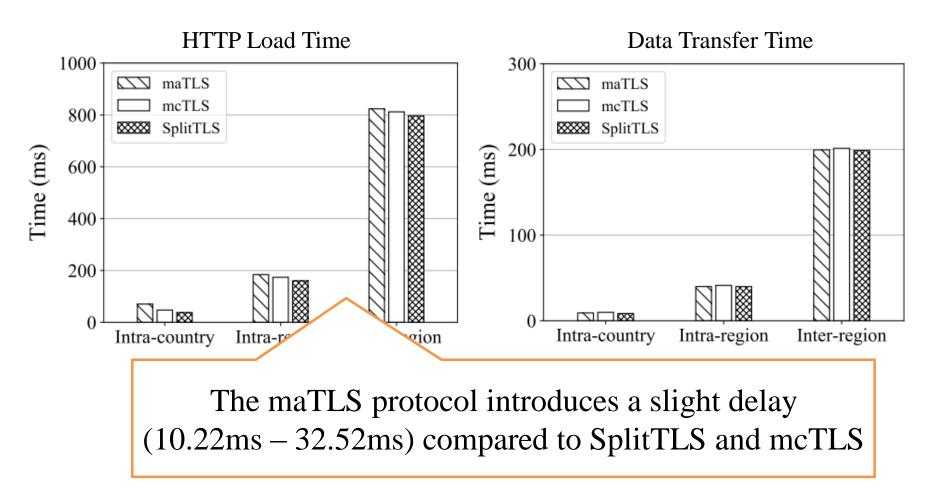


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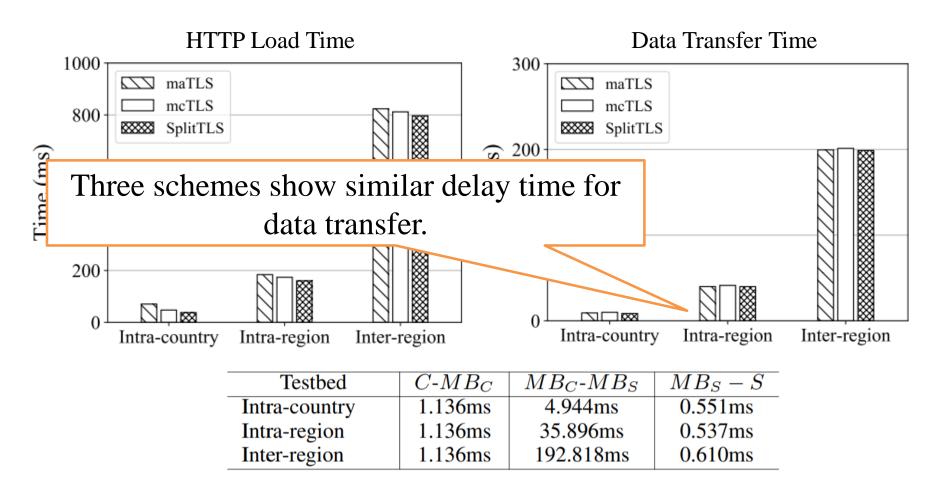
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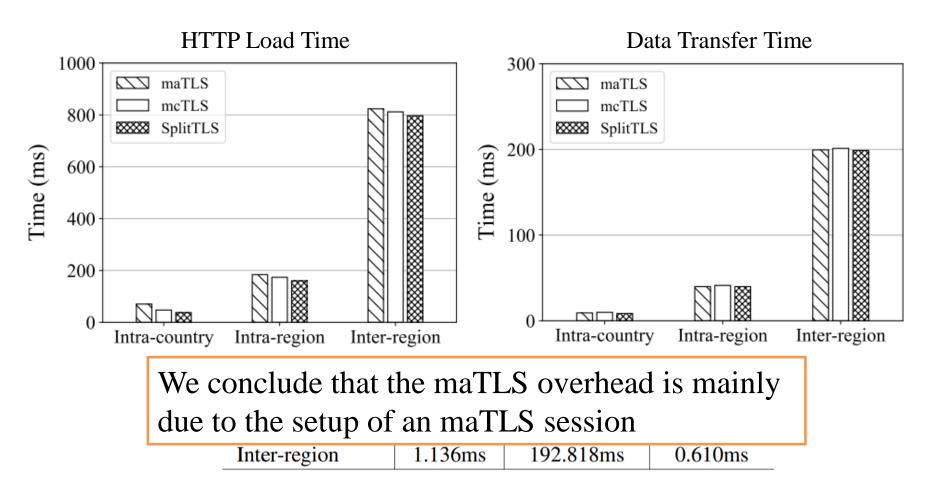
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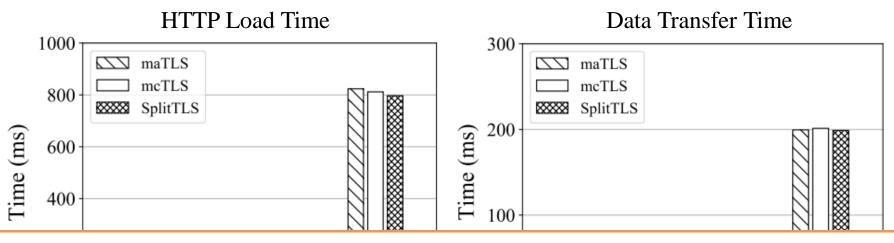
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Once the session is established,

### maTLS provides similar performance to the others

while preserving all security merits that we have discussed

Intra-country	1.136ms	4.944ms	0.551ms
Intra-region	1.136ms	35.896ms	0.537ms
Inter-region	1.136ms	192.818ms	0.610ms

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### Summary of maTLS

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### SplitTLS is risky

- Client is not aware of the middleboxes involved
- Client is forced to fully trust behavior of middleboxes
- Auditable Middlebox
  - Middlebox Certificate
  - Middlebox Transparency System
- Middlebox-aware TLS (maTLS)
  - **Explicit Authentication**
  - Security Parameter Verification
  - Valid Modification Checks

fin.

### email: hwlee2014@mmlab.snu.ac.kr project webpage: https://middlebox-aware-tls.github.io source code: https://github.com/middlebox-aware-tls



# **Backup Slides**



#### Why Middleboxes?



#### Acceptable Use Policy



Marware and Threat Protection



IoT Endpoint Protection



**Unpatched Endpoint Protection** 

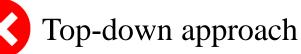


Crypto Security Audit

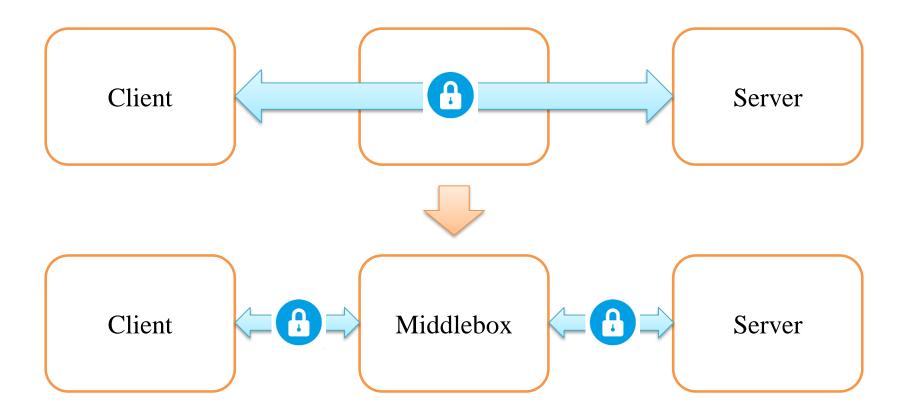
\* I get the use cases from a draft of the RFC document titled "TLS 1.3 Impact on Network-Based Security"



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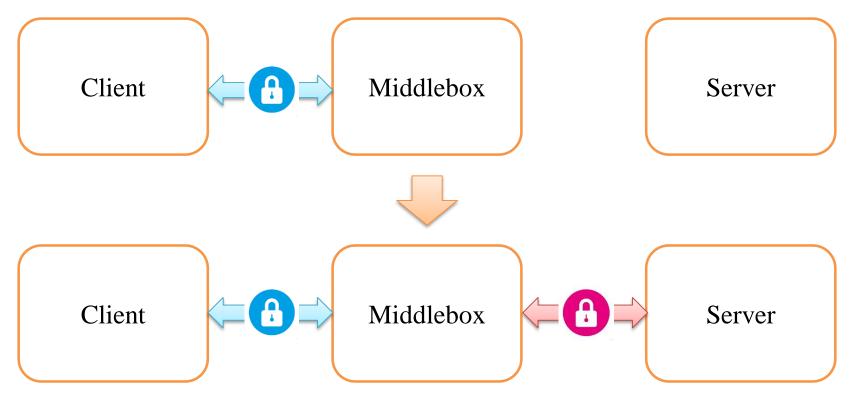




### **Session Establishment Approach (2)**

### Bottom-up approach

A TLS version, a ciphersuite, and extensions are selected on a segment basis





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## mcTLS does not achieves Individual Secrecy

The same keystream is used across the session, which might undermine the confidentiality of the session



maTLS establishes different segment keys in different segments



mcTLS requires all the entities support the protocol

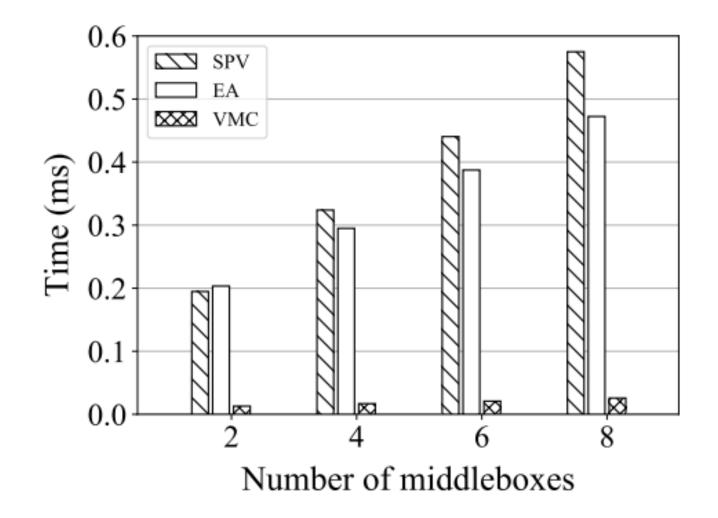
Since the server determines the extensions among the "intersection" of the supported extensions by all the entities



maTLS allows a partial maTLS session



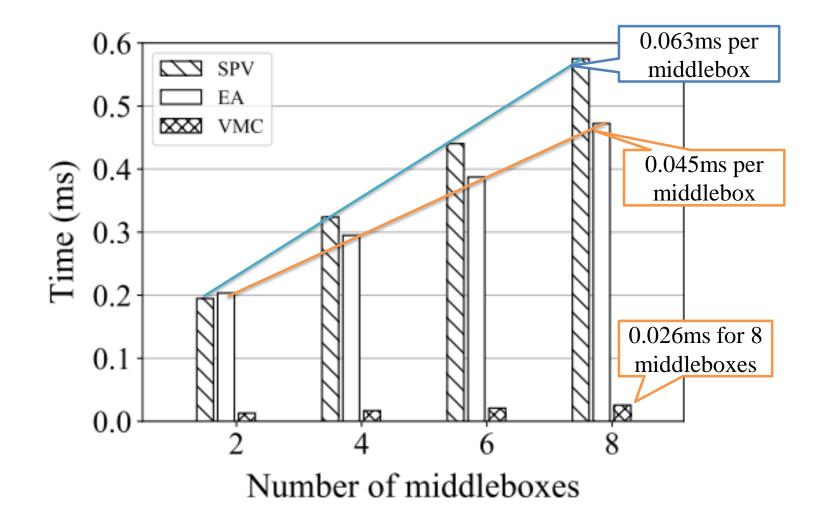
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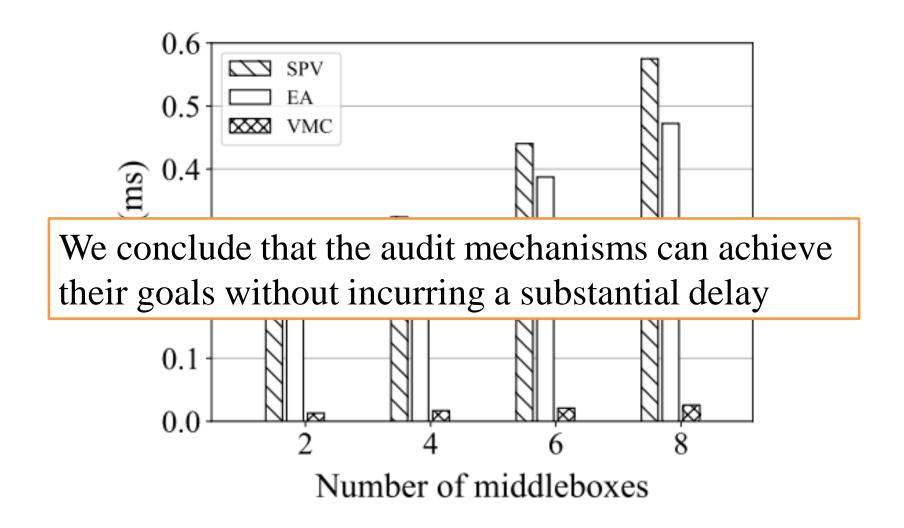
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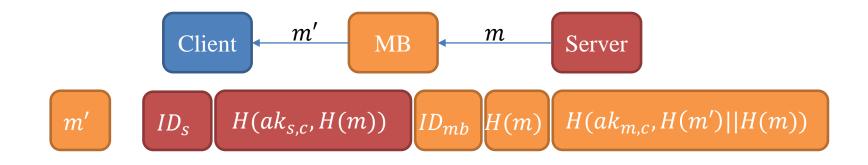
- A series of HMACs
- End point: Server, Client, or a valid end-point middlebox such as a cache proxy



• Writer: HTTP Header Enrichment, Optimizer (adding JavaScript)  $(m \rightarrow m')$ 

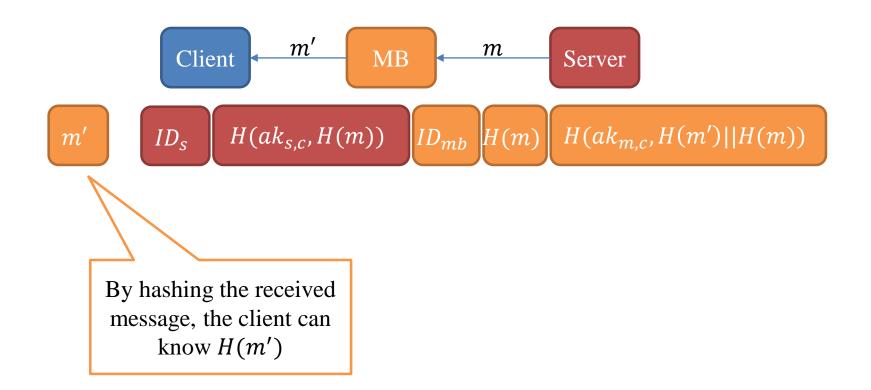






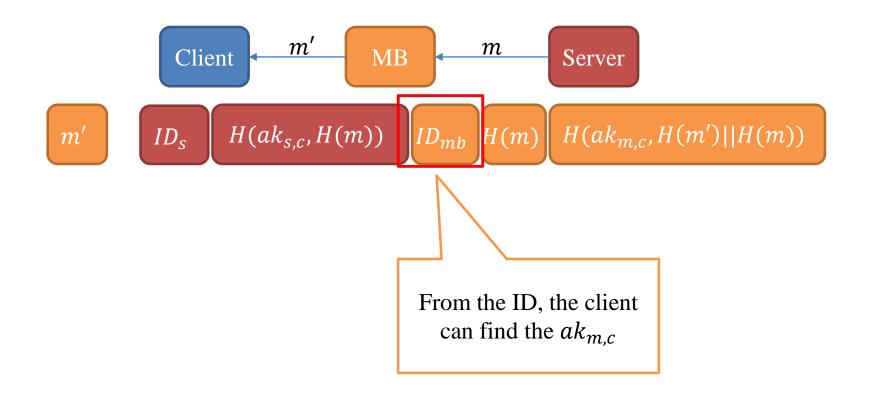
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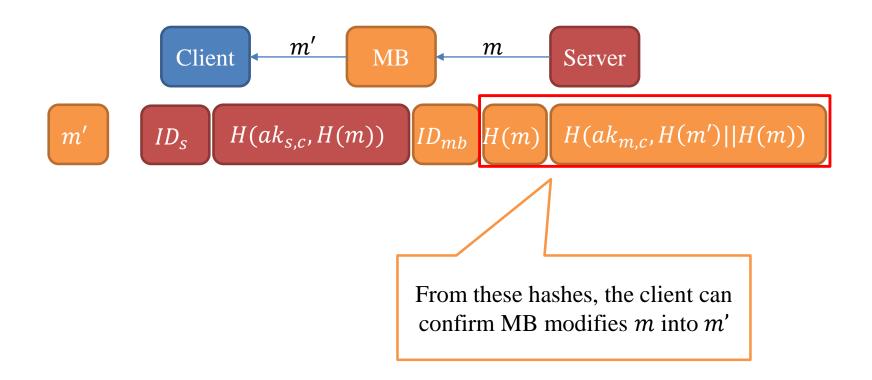
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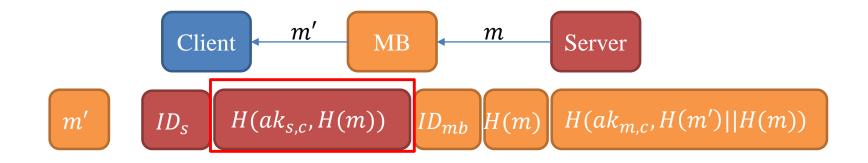
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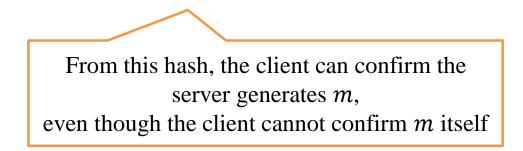




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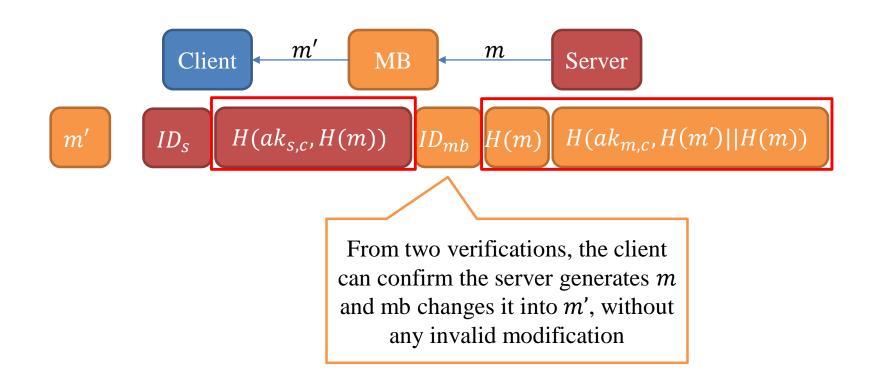






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