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Introduction to Computer Security



Session 1.4 Transport Layer Security

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HTTPS and TLS

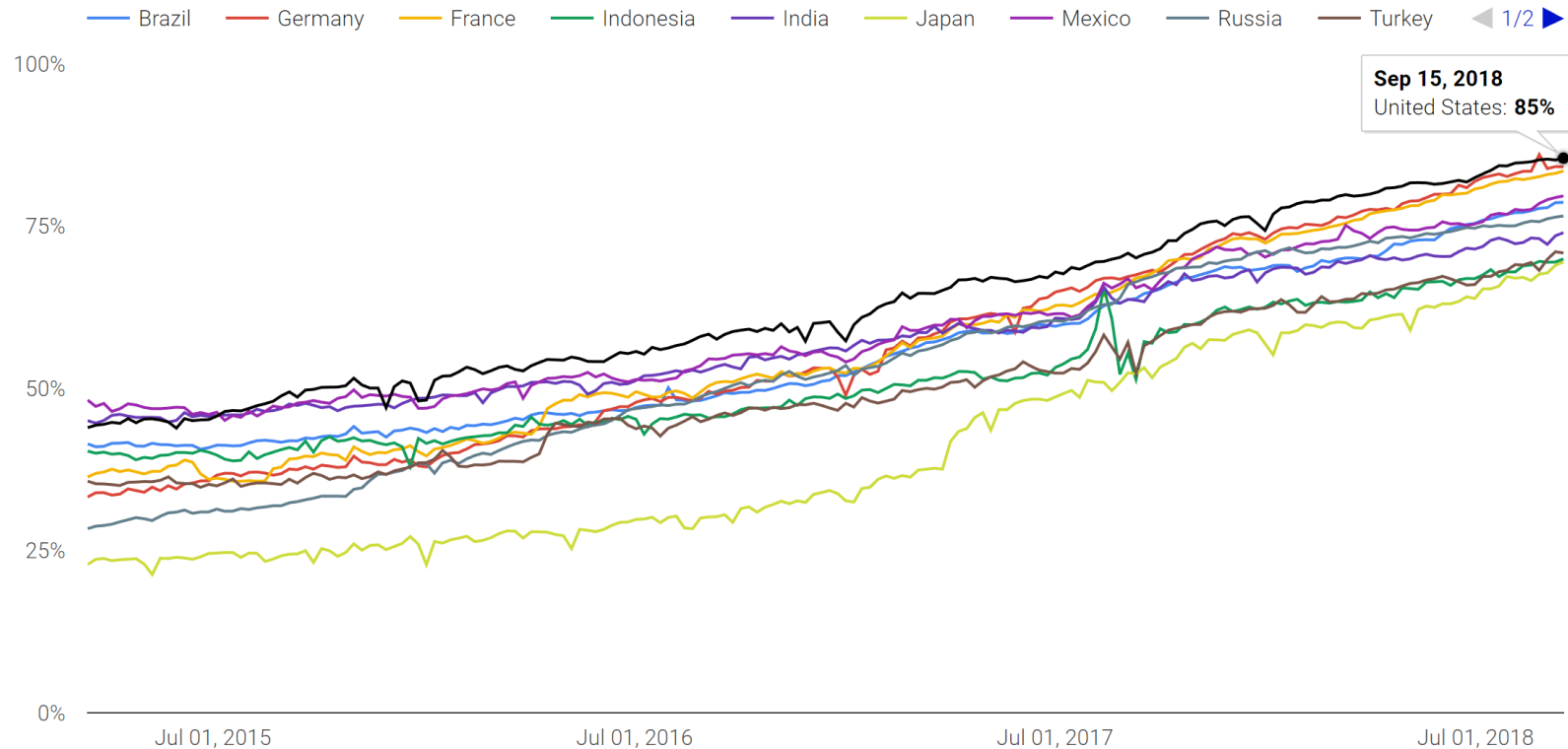
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What is TLS?

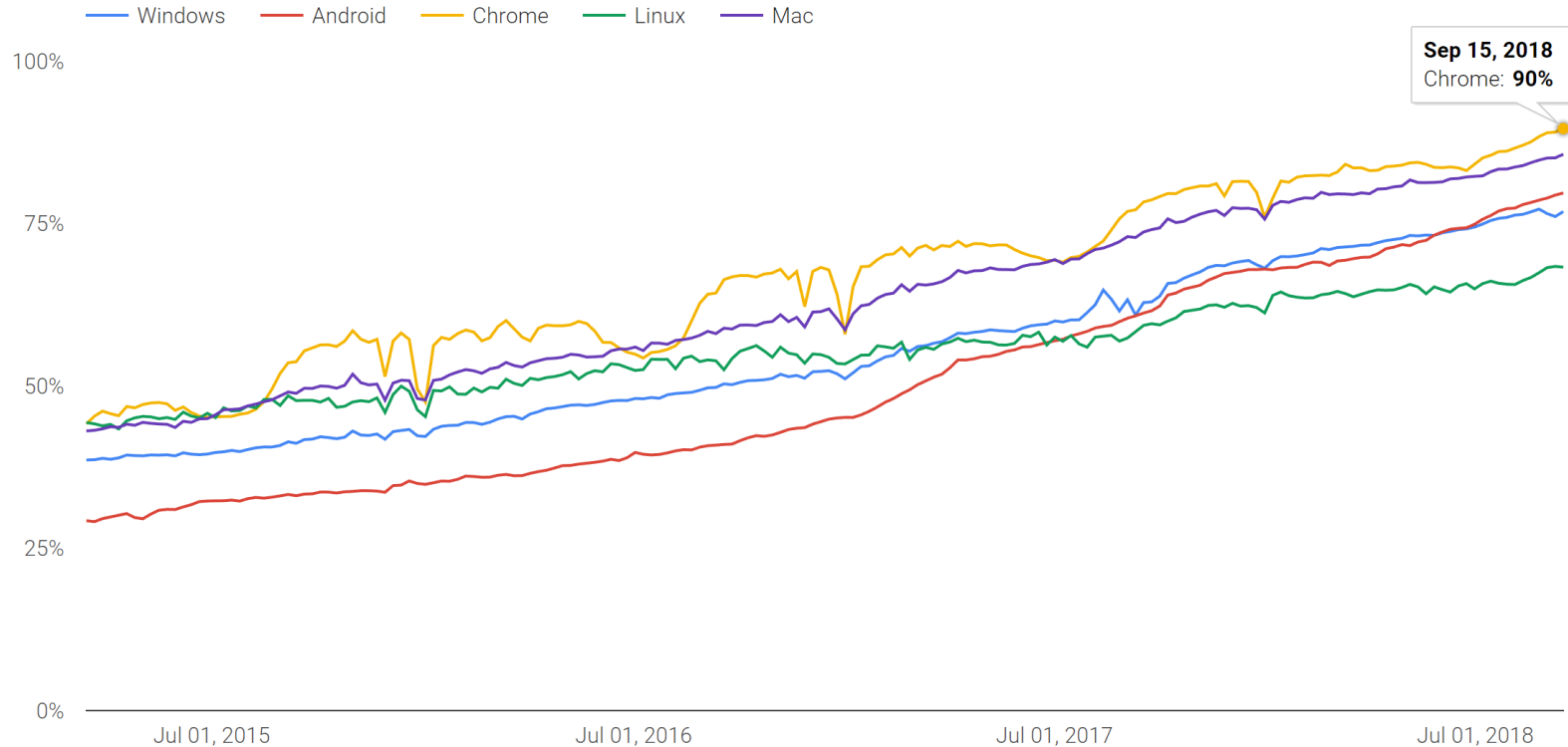
- The **S** in HTTPS.
- Most likely the most relevant web encryption protocol.
- Built on all the technologies we've seen so far:
 - Public key cryptography.
 - Symmetric encryption.
 - Hashing.



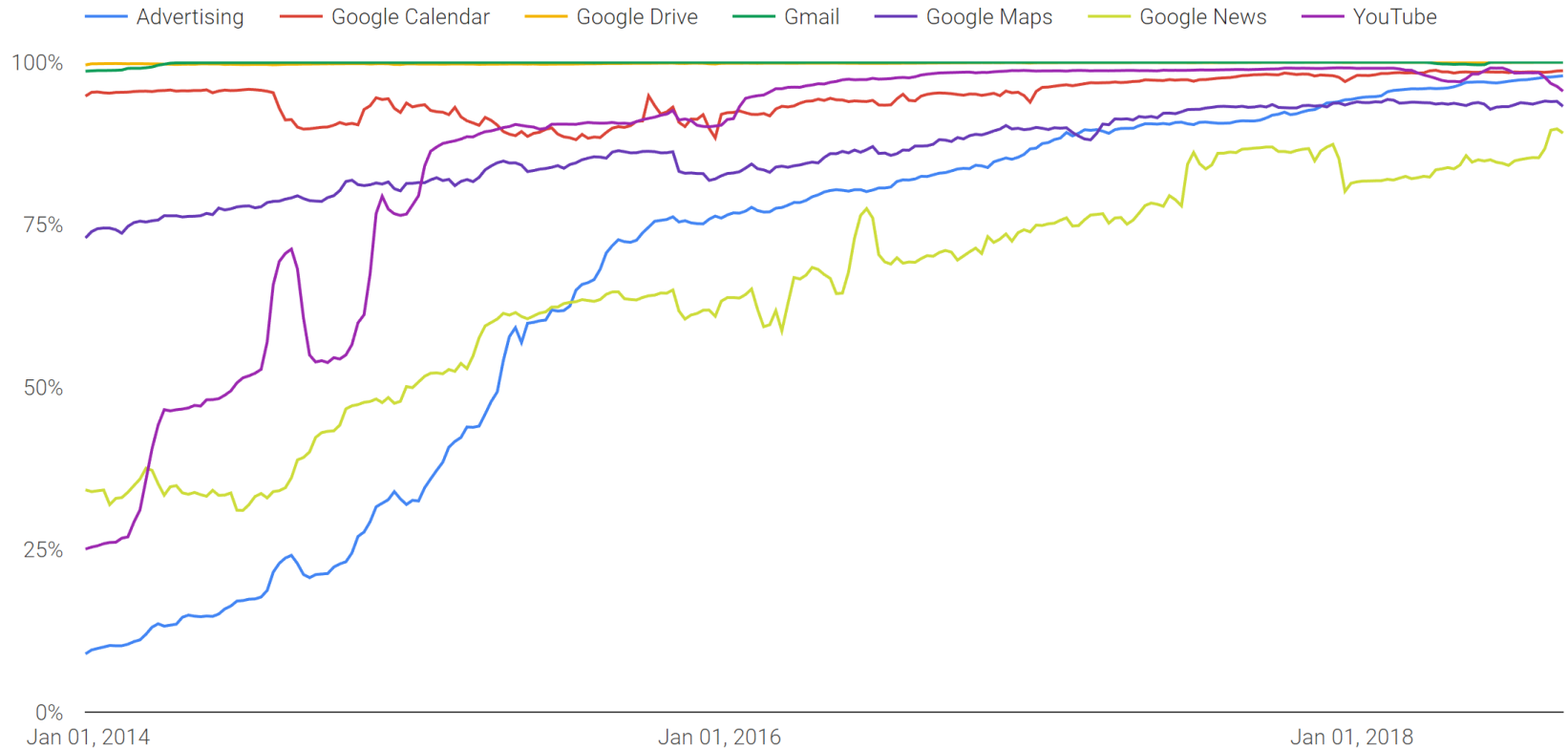
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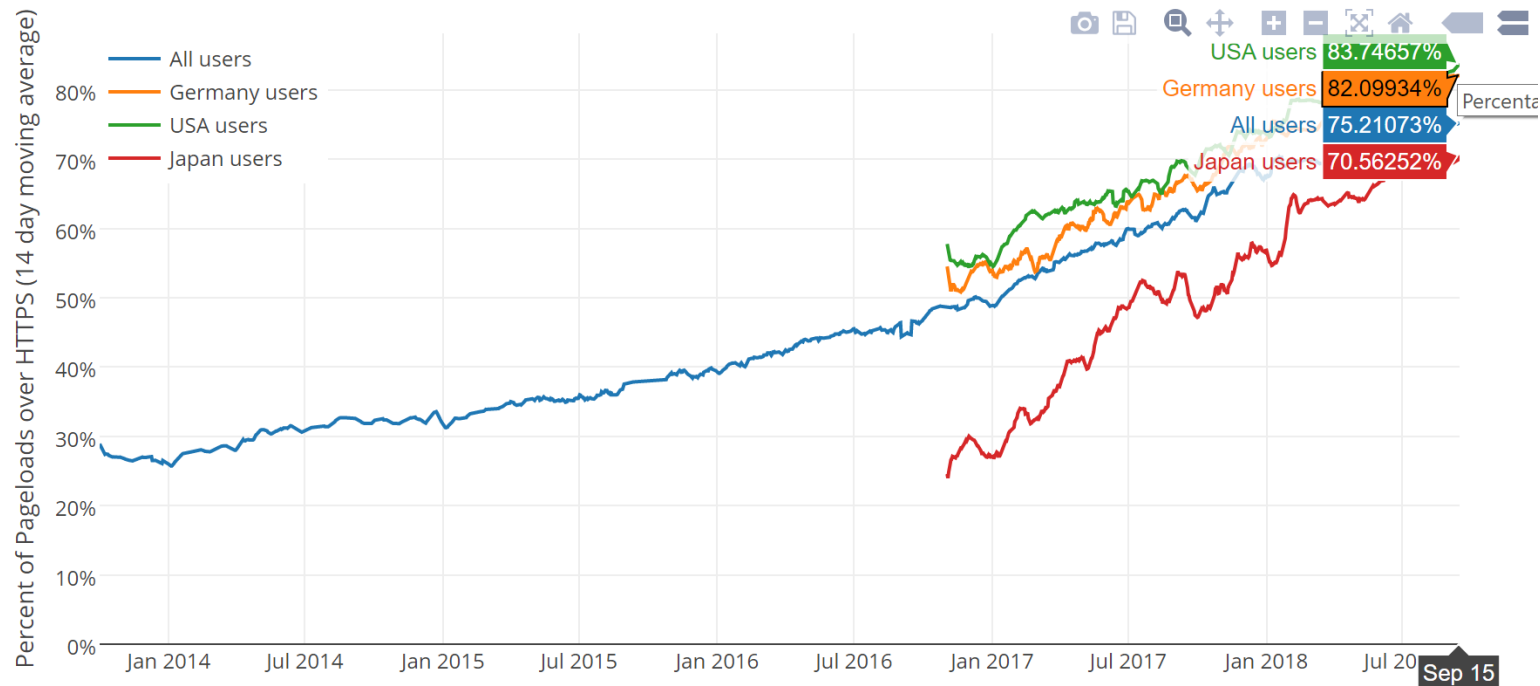
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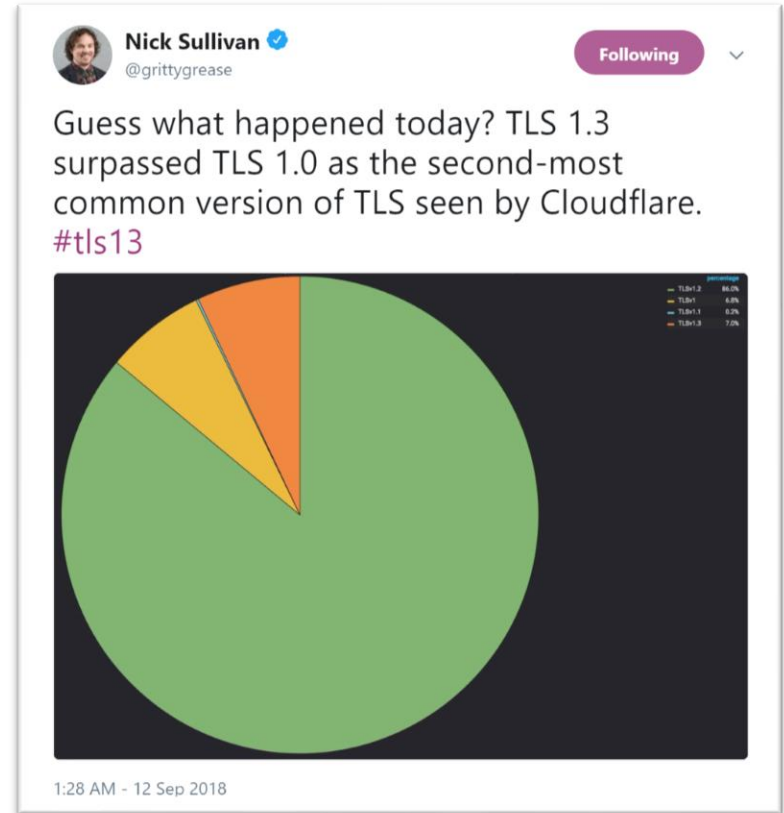


Did you know?

SSL 1.0 was never released due to critical security flaws. SSL 2.0 barely lasted one year before being replaced.

History of TLS

- SSL (Secure Socket Layer) 1.0 was never released. SSL 2.0 lasted a year. SSL 3.0 released in 1996.
- TLS 1.0 released in 1999.
- TLS 1.1 released in 2006.
- TLS 1.2 released in 2008.
- TLS 1.3 released in 2018.



As discussed last time: protocols.

In *protocols*, we reason about:

- Principals: Alice, Bob.
- Security goals: confidentiality, authenticity, forward secrecy...
- Use cases and constraints.
- Attacker model.
- Threat model.



Protocols need to do things.

Protocols are frequently entrusted with:

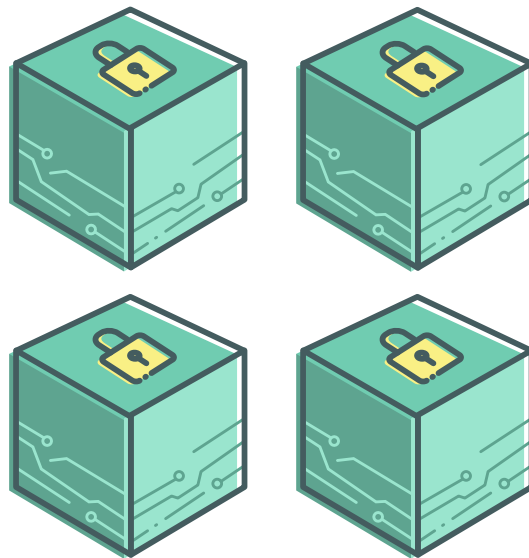
- Communicating secret data without a malicious party being able to read it: *confidentiality*.
- Ensuring that any data Bob receives that appears to be from Alice is indeed from Alice: *authenticity*.
- Limiting the damage that can be caused by device compromise or theft: *post-compromise security*.



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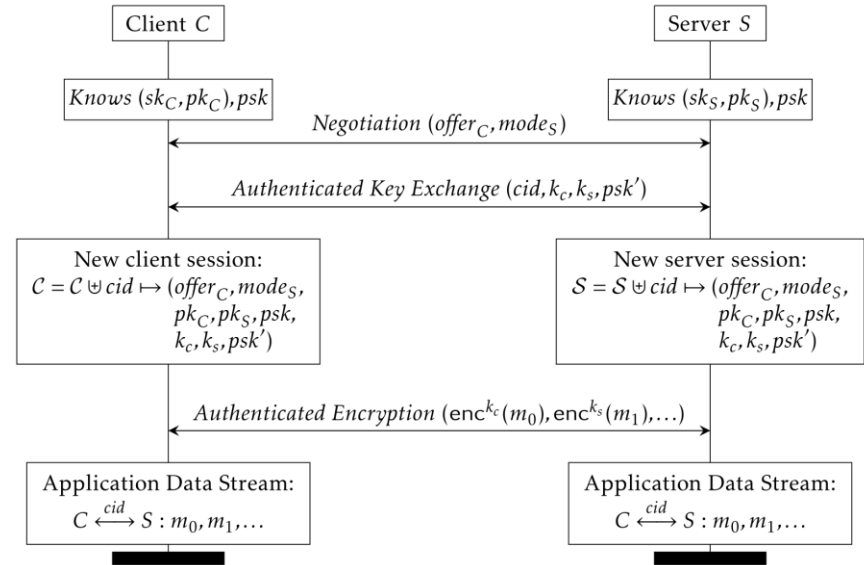
Protocols have building blocks:

- *Public key agreement*: Client and server agree on some shared secret key over an insecure channel.
- *Symmetric encryption*: Encrypting and decrypting data with a shared secret key.
- *Hashing and signatures*: Providing integrity and authenticity of communicated data.



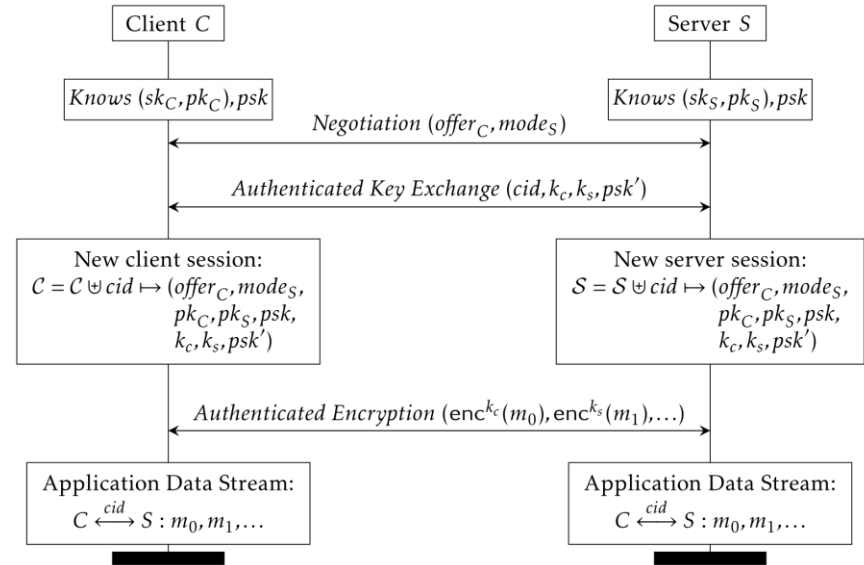
TLS is a secure channel protocol.

- *Authenticated key exchange phase:*
Exchange public keys, establish shared secrets and start a session.
- *Application data/messaging stage:* Send encrypted, authenticated data (websites, messages, files, videos...)



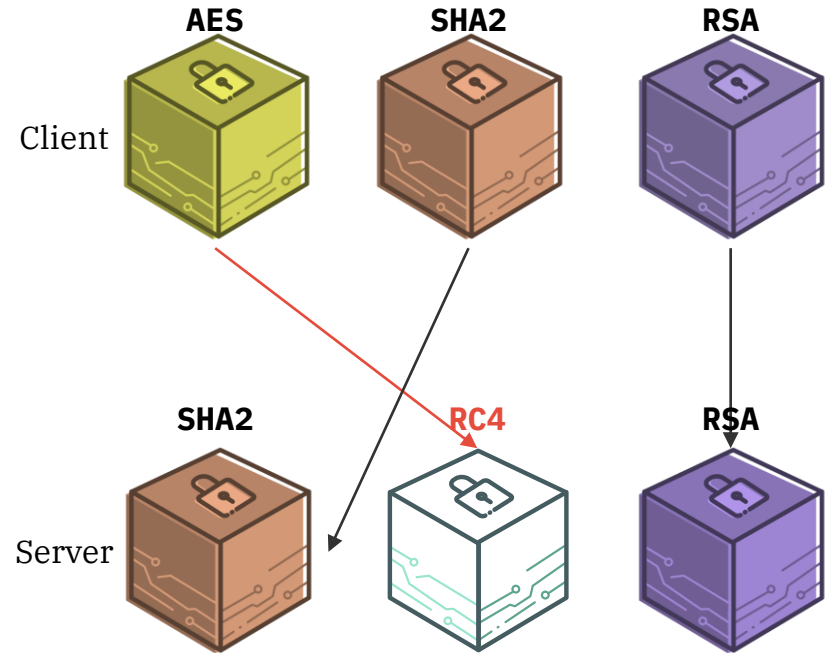
TLS is a secure channel protocol.

- *Client's local state:* server certificate, accepted cipher configurations, ephemeral public key pair, pre-shared secret for session resumption...
- *Server's local state:* long-term keys, accepted cipher configurations, pre-shared secret for session resumption...



Cipher suites?

- Set of supported cryptographic primitives by the client and server.
- What if the server advertises a bad cipher suite?
 - FREAK, POODLE, LOGJAM...



Evaluating HTTPS overall security.

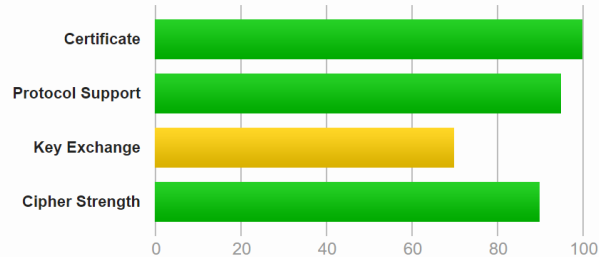
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Summary

Overall Rating



Visit our [documentation page](#) for more information, configuration guides, and books. Known issues are documented [here](#).

This server supports weak Diffie-Hellman (DH) key exchange parameters. Grade capped to B. [MORE INFO »](#)

This server does not support Forward Secrecy with the reference browsers. Grade capped to B. [MORE INFO »](#)

NYU.edu: Supported protocols.



Protocols

TLS 1.3	No
TLS 1.2	Yes
TLS 1.1	Yes
TLS 1.0	Yes
SSL 3	No
SSL 2	No

For TLS 1.3 tests, we currently support draft version 28.

NYU.edu: Supported cipher suites.



Cipher Suites

TLS 1.2 (suites in server-preferred order) [-]

TLS_DHE_RSA_WITH_AES_256_GCM_SHA384 (0x9f)	DH 1024 bits FS WEAK	256
TLS_DHE_RSA_WITH_AES_128_GCM_SHA256 (0x9e)	DH 1024 bits FS WEAK	128
TLS_DHE_RSA_WITH_AES_256_CBC_SHA256 (0x6b)	DH 1024 bits FS WEAK	256
TLS_DHE_RSA_WITH_AES_256_CBC_SHA (0x39)	DH 1024 bits FS WEAK	256
TLS_DHE_RSA_WITH_AES_128_CBC_SHA256 (0x67)	DH 1024 bits FS WEAK	128
TLS_DHE_RSA_WITH_AES_128_CBC_SHA (0x33)	DH 1024 bits FS WEAK	128
TLS_DHE_RSA_WITH_3DES_EDE_CBC_SHA (0x16)	DH 1024 bits FS WEAK	112
TLS_RSA_WITH_AES_256_GCM_SHA384 (0x9d)	WEAK	256
TLS_RSA_WITH_AES_128_GCM_SHA256 (0x9c)	WEAK	128
TLS_RSA_WITH_AES_256_CBC_SHA256 (0x3d)	WEAK	256
TLS_RSA_WITH_AES_256_CBC_SHA (0x35)	WEAK	256
TLS_RSA_WITH_AES_128_CBC_SHA256 (0x3c)	WEAK	128
TLS_RSA_WITH_AES_128_CBC_SHA (0x2f)	WEAK	128
TLS_RSA_WITH_3DES_EDE_CBC_SHA (0xa)	WEAK	112
TLS_ECDHE_RSA_WITH_AES_256_GCM_SHA384 (0xc030)	ECDH secp384r1 (eq. 7680 bits RSA) FS	256
TLS_ECDHE_RSA_WITH_AES_128_GCM_SHA256 (0xc02f)	ECDH secp384r1 (eq. 7680 bits RSA) FS	128

NYU.edu: Supported devices.

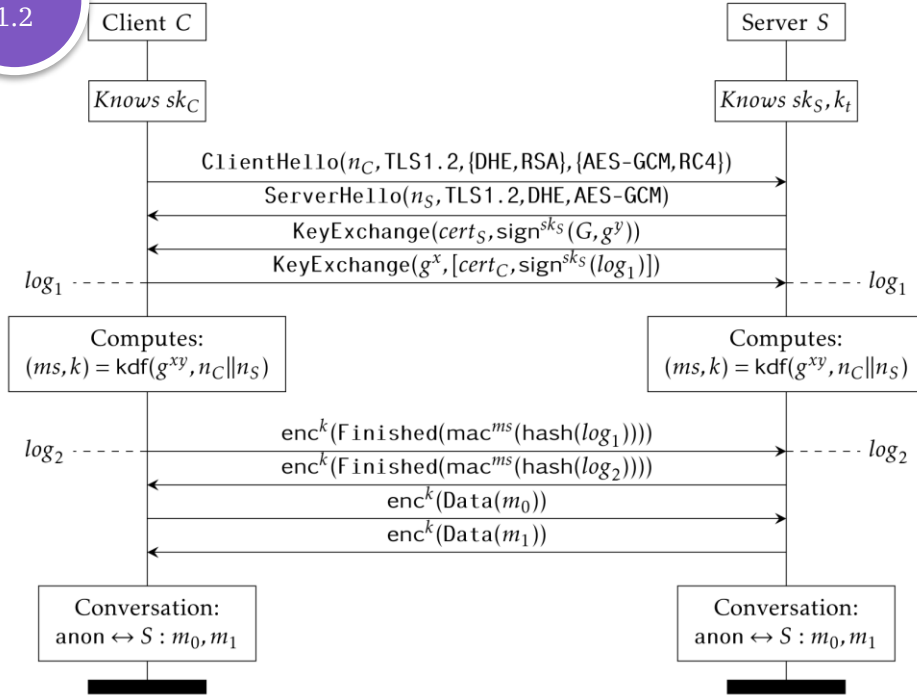


Handshake Simulation

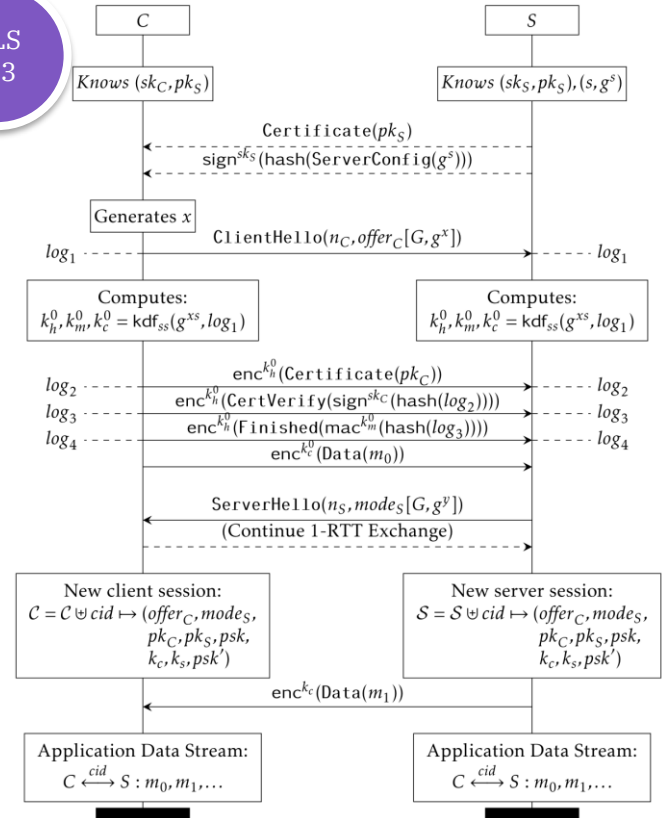
Android 2.3.7 No SNI ²	RSA 2048 (SHA256)	TLS 1.0	TLS_DHE_RSA_WITH_AES_128_CBC_SHA	DH 1024	FS
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Android 4.1.1	RSA 2048 (SHA256)	TLS 1.0	TLS_DHE_RSA_WITH_AES_256_CBC_SHA	DH 1024	FS
Android 4.2.2	RSA 2048 (SHA256)	TLS 1.0	TLS_DHE_RSA_WITH_AES_256_CBC_SHA	DH 1024	FS
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Android 4.4.2	RSA 2048 (SHA256)	TLS 1.2	TLS_DHE_RSA_WITH_AES_256_GCM_SHA384	DH 1024	FS
Android 5.0.0	RSA 2048 (SHA256)	TLS 1.2	TLS_DHE_RSA_WITH_AES_128_GCM_SHA256	DH 1024	FS
Android 6.0	RSA 2048 (SHA256)	TLS 1.2	TLS_DHE_RSA_WITH_AES_128_GCM_SHA256	DH 1024	FS
Android 7.0	RSA 2048 (SHA256)	TLS 1.2	TLS_RSA_WITH_AES_256_GCM_SHA384	No FS	
Baidu Jan 2015	RSA 2048 (SHA256)	TLS 1.0	TLS_DHE_RSA_WITH_AES_256_CBC_SHA	DH 1024	FS
BingPreview Jan 2015	RSA 2048 (SHA256)	TLS 1.2	TLS_DHE_RSA_WITH_AES_256_GCM_SHA384	DH 1024	FS
Chrome 49 / XP SP3	RSA 2048 (SHA256)	TLS 1.2	TLS_RSA_WITH_AES_128_GCM_SHA256	No FS	
Chrome 69 / Win 7 R	RSA 2048 (SHA256)	TLS 1.2	TLS_RSA_WITH_AES_256_GCM_SHA384	No FS	
Firefox 31.3.0 ESR / Win 7	RSA 2048 (SHA256)	TLS 1.2	TLS_DHE_RSA_WITH_AES_256_CBC_SHA	DH 1024	FS
Firefox 47 / Win 7 R	RSA 2048 (SHA256)	TLS 1.2	TLS_DHE_RSA_WITH_AES_256_CBC_SHA	DH 1024	FS
Firefox 49 / XP SP3	RSA 2048 (SHA256)	TLS 1.2	TLS_DHE_RSA_WITH_AES_256_CBC_SHA	DH 1024	FS
Firefox 62 / Win 7 R	RSA 2048 (SHA256)	TLS 1.2	TLS_RSA_WITH_AES_256_CBC_SHA	No FS	
Googlebot Feb 2018	RSA 2048 (SHA256)	TLS 1.2	TLS_RSA_WITH_AES_256_GCM_SHA384	No FS	
IE 7 / Vista	RSA 2048 (SHA256)	TLS 1.0	TLS_RSA_WITH_AES_256_CBC_SHA	No FS	

TLS 1.2 and TLS 1.3: How Protocols Evolve

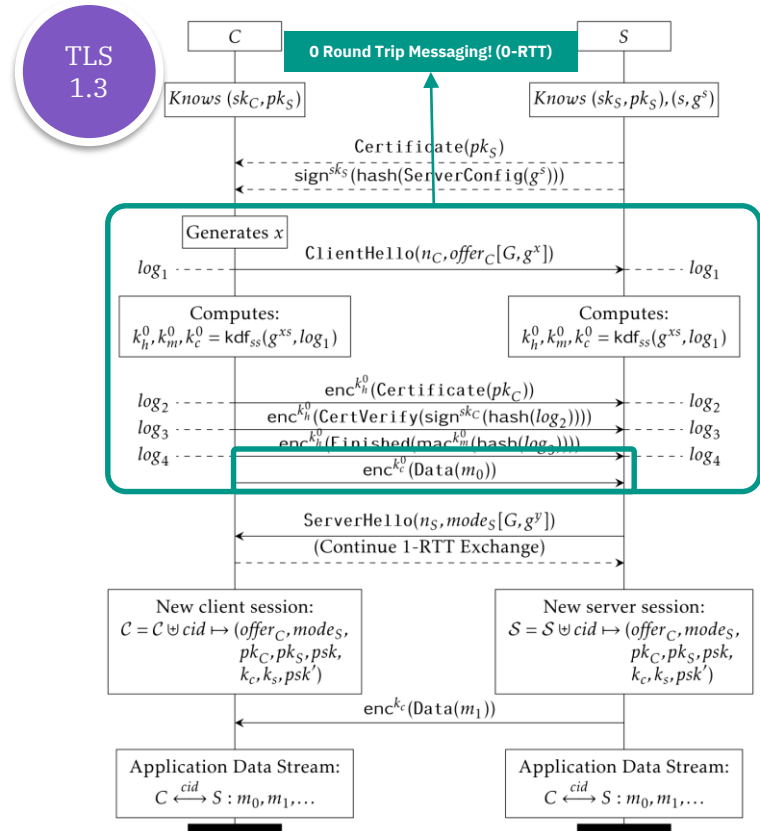
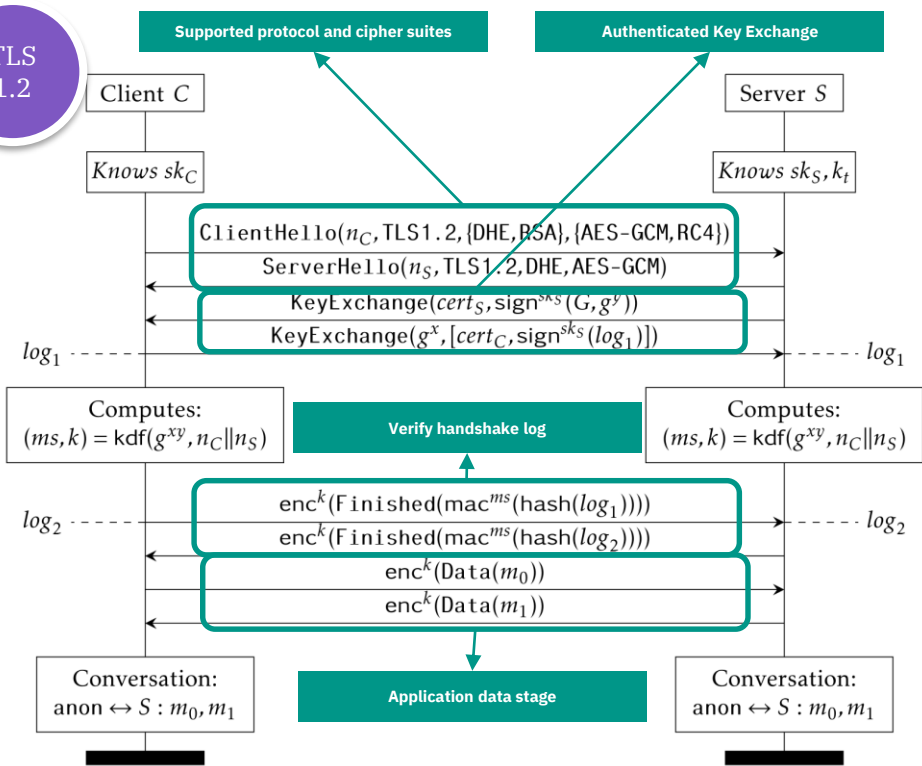
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TLS 1.3

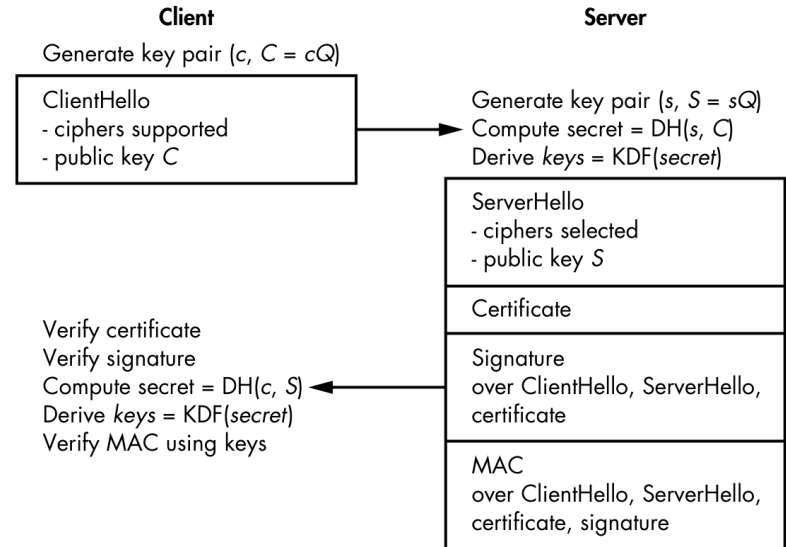


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TLS 1.3: A Simpler Overview

- By employing the primitives introduced in earlier sessions, we obtain all of our security guarantees.

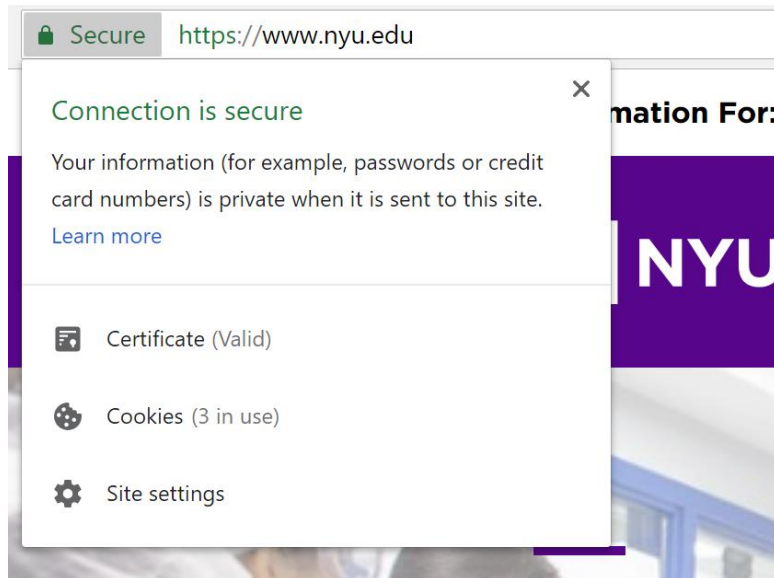


Public Key Infrastructure

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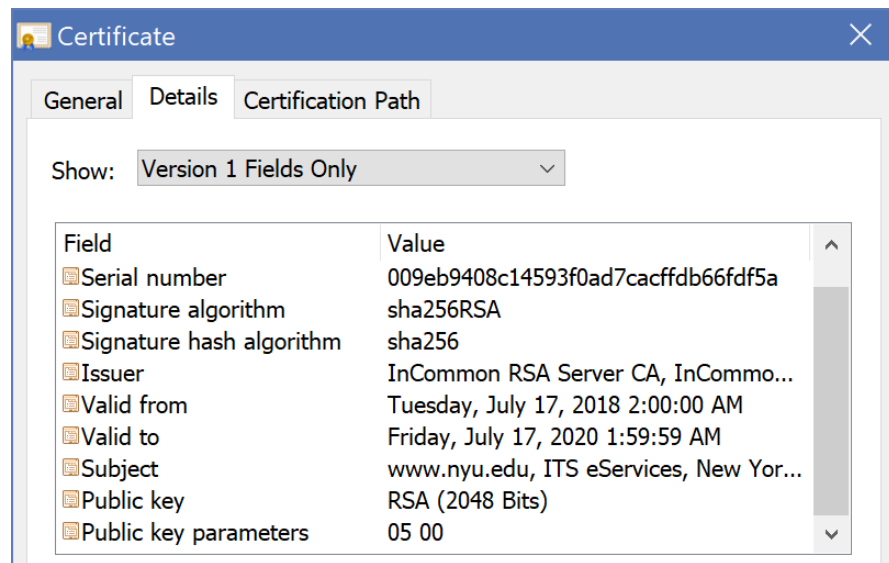
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 - Long-term public keys (identity keys.)
 - Entity operating the website.
- But who vouches for these claims?
Certificate authorities.
- Public signing keys of certificate authorities shipped hardcoded into consumer devices.



Certificate Authorities: a complete mess.

Certificate authorities are a scam that benefits nobody.

- They contribute almost nothing to online security, cost a lot of money, are a barrier to deploying secure websites.
- If one of them gets compromised, the entire Web's endpoint authentication is put at risk.



Certificate Authorities: a complete mess.

NEWS

Microsoft blacklists latest rogue SSL certificates

By Lucian Constantin
Romania Correspondent, IDG News Service | MAR 25, 2015 8:04 AM PT



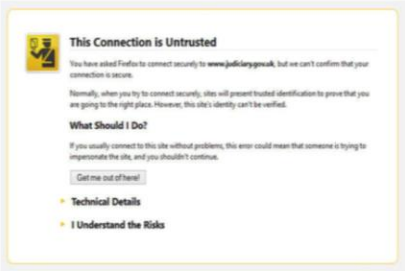
Microsoft has blacklisted a subordinate CA certificate that was wrongfully used to issue SSL certificates for several Google websites. The action will prevent those certificates from being used in Google website spoofing attacks against Internet Explorer users.

Security

Google Chrome's HTTPS ban-hammer drops on WoSign, StartCom in two months

Substandard certs, already in partial exile, soon to be shunned completely

By Thomas Claburn in San Francisco 7 Jul 2017 at 22:27 27



This Connection is Untrusted

You have asked Firefox to connect securely to [www.judiciary.gov.uk](#), but we can't confirm that your connection is secure.

Normally, when you try to connect securely, sites will present trusted identification to prove that you are going to the right place. However, this site's identity can't be verified.

What Should I Do?

If you usually connect to this site without problems, this error could mean that someone is trying to impersonate the site, and you shouldn't continue.


[Get me out of here!](#)

- Technical Details
- I Understand the Risks

Update Google in two months will conclude its prolonged excommunication of misbehaving SSL/TLS certificate authorities WoSign and subsidiary StartCom, a punishment [announced](#) last October.

FIREFOX NIGHTLY, OTHER BROWSERS, TAKE AIM AT SYMANTEC CERTIFICATES

David Korthof | 07 MAR 8, 2018



Symantec has fallen out of the good graces of the InfoSec community, and the larger companies in Silicon Valley are taking action. As Bleeping Computer [reports](#), Mozilla's **Firefox Nightly** will release a beta version in early September that recognizes Symantec TLS certs as a security risk. When a user accesses websites with Symantec certificates, they will be met with a message informing that their connection isn't private. Additionally, Google has set up its September beta release of Chrome 70 Canary to give a similar warning to its users who land on Symantec TLS encrypted pages.

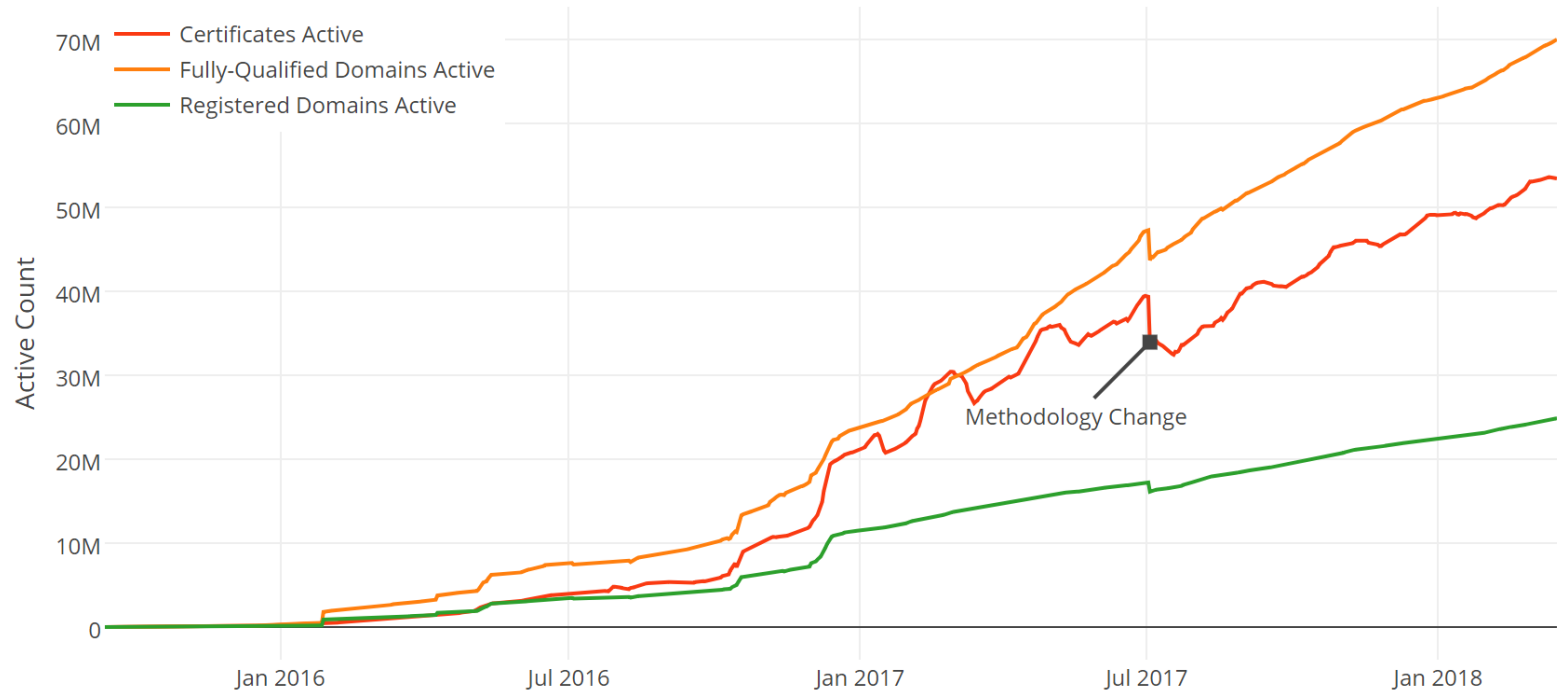
The move comes after a July investigation conducted by Google and Mozilla engineers showed that Symantec did not consistently follow the regulations for TLS issuing. As Bleeping Computer notes, this set of actions on the part of Google and Mozilla is the final step in fully legitimizing Symantec certificates, with the first step being Symantec "demoting itself from the position of Root Certificate Authority to that of a Subordinate Certificate Authority that abides by the rules of a different party."

Let's Encrypt: a new hope?

- Free certificates.
- Automated certificate issuance protocol (ACME) – the first of its kind!
 - Formally verified recently.
- Free secure websites for everyone.



Let's Encrypt Growth



Certificate Authority Market Share

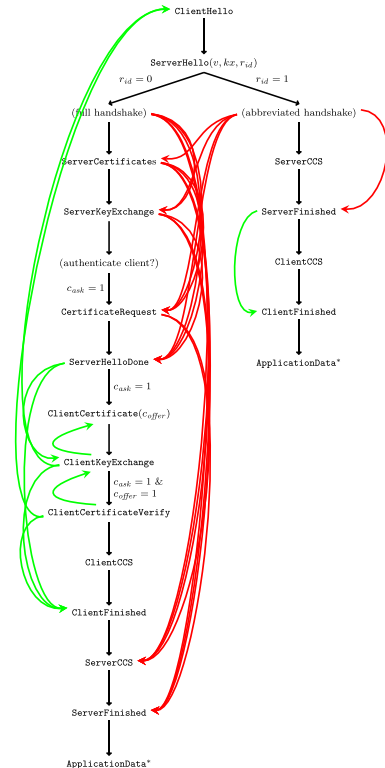
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Comodo	39.8%	39.4%	38.7%	38.2%	38.0%	37.6%	36.7%	36.2%	35.8%	35.1%	34.0%	32.3%	31.4%	31.0%
DigiCert Group	2.2%	2.2%	2.2%	15.0%	14.8%	14.5%	13.8%	13.2%	12.7%	12.3%	12.1%	11.4%	11.0%	10.8%
GoDaddy Group	7.6%	7.5%	7.5%	7.5%	7.5%	7.5%	7.4%	7.4%	7.3%	7.2%	7.2%	6.9%	6.9%	6.9%
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Secom Trust	0.3%	0.3%	0.3%	0.3%	0.3%	0.3%	0.3%	0.3%	0.3%	0.3%	0.3%	0.3%	0.3%	0.3%
Let's Encrypt	0.1%	0.2%	0.2%	0.2%	0.1%	0.2%	0.2%	0.2%	0.1%	0.2%	0.2%	0.2%	0.2%	0.2%
Trustwave	0.3%	0.2%	0.2%	0.2%	0.2%	0.2%	0.2%	0.2%	0.1%	0.1%	0.1%	0.1%	0.1%	0.1%
WiSeKey Group	0.1%	0.1%	0.1%	0.1%	0.1%	0.1%	0.1%	0.1%	0.1%	0.1%	0.1%	0.1%	0.1%	0.1%
StartCom	0.2%	0.1%	0.2%	0.2%	0.1%	0.1%	0.1%	0.1%	0.1%	0.1%	0.1%	0.1%	<0.1%	<0.1%
Symantec Group	13.8%	13.4%	13.1%											

Attacks on TLS

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Attacks on TLS: SMACK and FREAK

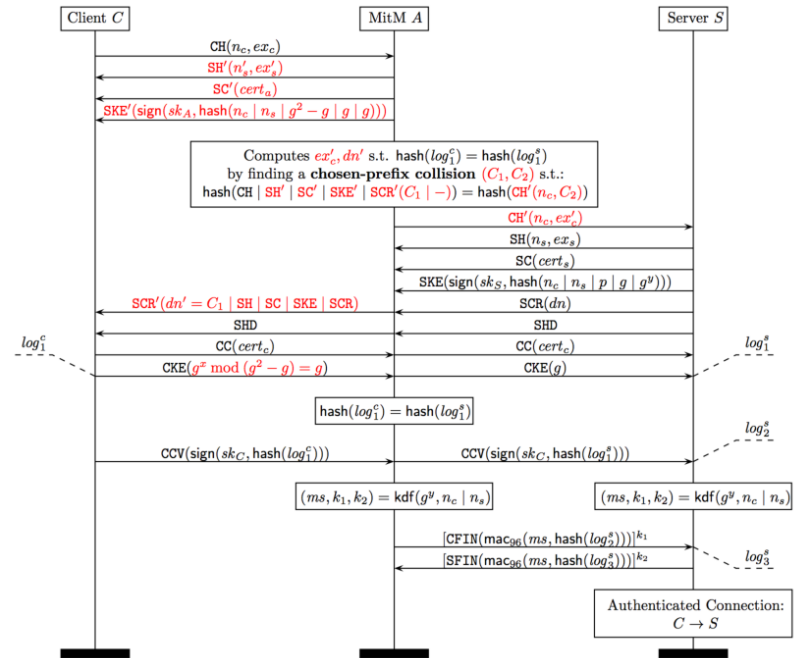
- *SMACK*: Can't get past key exchange or authentication? Just skip the messages!
- *FREAK*: In the 1990s, NSA mandated weak cipher suites for HTTPS so that foreign and civilian communications could be decrypted.
 - Thanks to insecure state transition logic, we can force these cipher suites to be used even in 2015.
 - Expanded with *Logjam*.



Attacks on TLS: Sloth

- RSA-MD5 couples the public key primitive RSA with the outdated hash function MD5, which can now have pre-images obtained with 2^{39} calculations.
- By obtaining targeted pre-images, client authentication can be broken.

Many more attacks on TLS exist: Sweet32, Triple Handshake...



“SLOTH is also a not-so-subtle reference to laziness in the protocol design community with regard to removing legacy cryptographic constructions.”

– *SLOTH paper authors.*

Next time:
Usability and
Secure
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