CS 772/872: Advanced Computer and Network Security

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Network Security – Cryptography

- TCP/IP
- (D)DoS Attacks
- DNS
- BGP
- CDN

- **Applied Cryptography**
- **PKI**
- **TLS/SSL and HTTPS**

- **DNSSEC** (*USENIX Security'17*)
- **RPKI** (*NDSS'17*)
- **HTTPS/CDN** (*IEEE S&P'14*)

Cryptography Foundations

- Ensuring secrecy of the communication between two parties in the presence of malicious adversaries
  - Confidentiality: only sender, intended receiver should “understand” message contents
    - sender encrypts message
    - receiver decrypts message
  - Integrity: sender, receiver want to ensure message not altered (in transit, or afterwards)
  - Authentication: sender, receiver want to confirm identity of each other

Cryptography Foundations

- **Ensuring secrecy of the communication between two parties in the presence of malicious adversaries**
- **Classical Cryptography**
  - Always assumed that two parties shared some secret information (Key)
    - Private-kay or symmetric-key
- **“Modern” Cryptography**
  - No pre-shared secret is requited for two parties
    - Public-key or asymmetric-key

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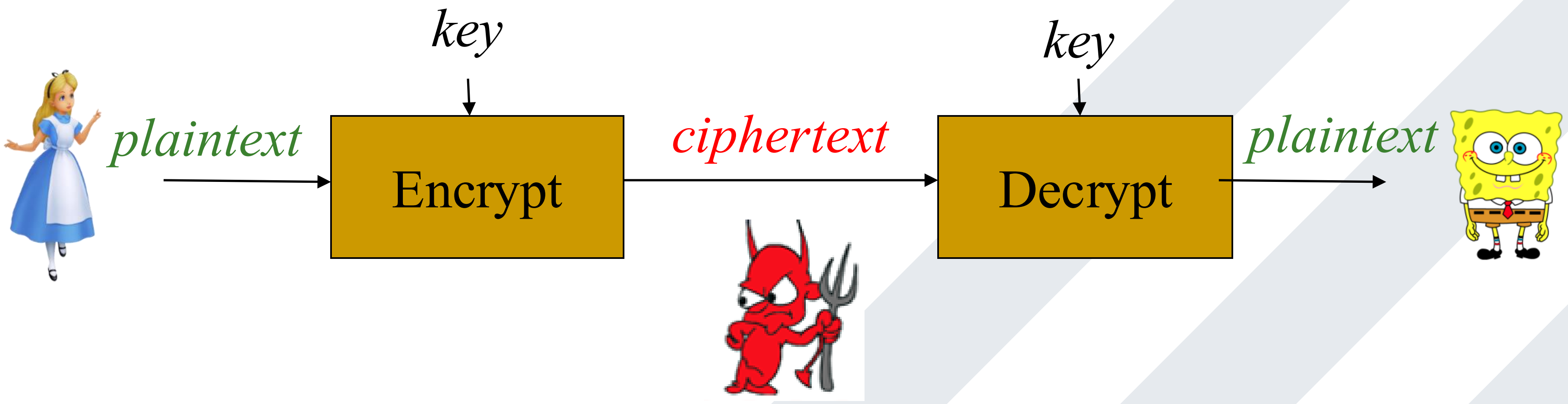

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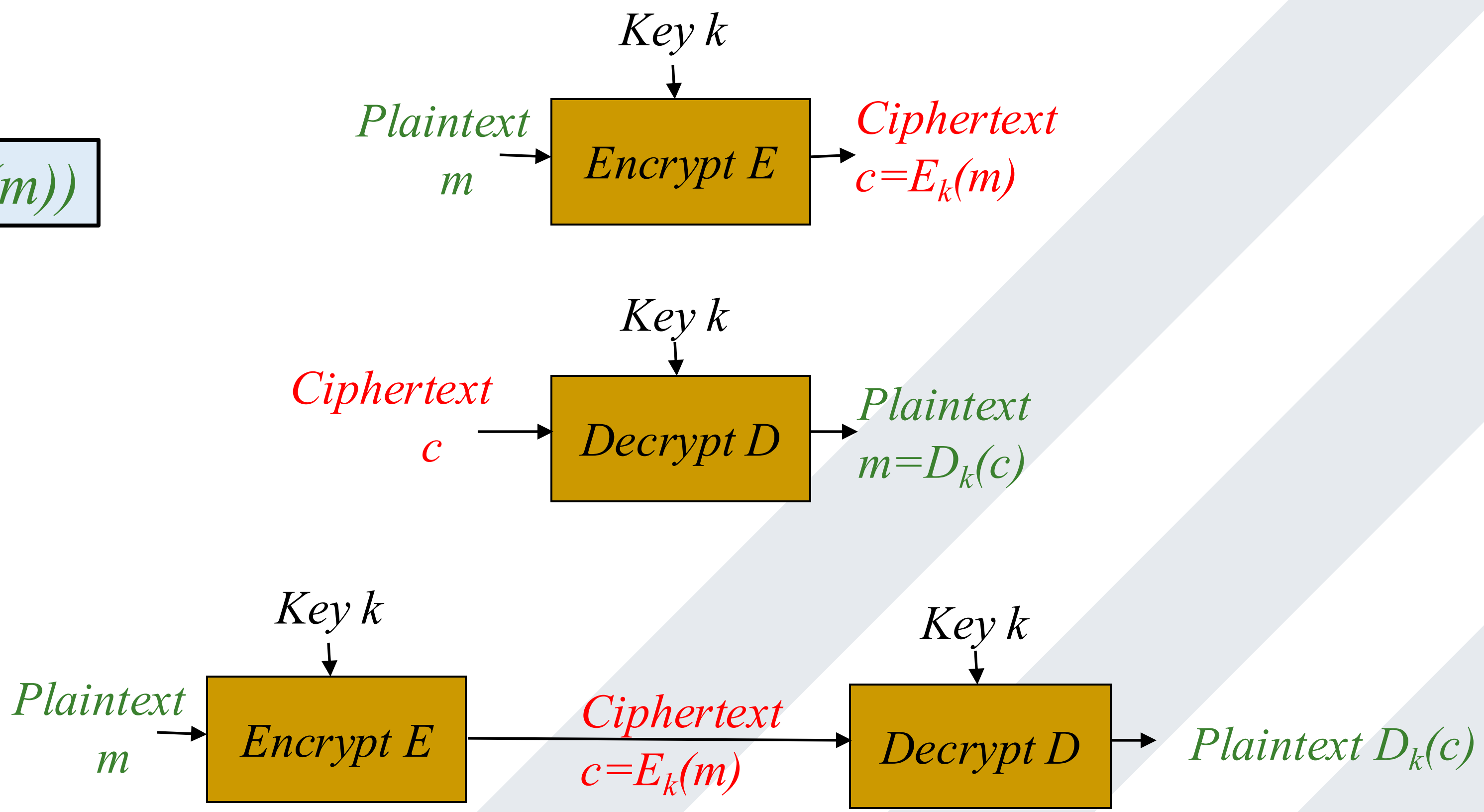
  - Stream Ciphers
  - Block Ciphers
    - DES (Data Encryption Standard)
    - AES (Advanced Encryption Standard)

Cryptography Foundations

- **Correctness**

Correctness: $m=D_k(E_k(m))$



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- **Threat Model for Encryption**
  - Describe the assumption on the (computational) capability an attacker can gain
  - Ciphertext-only attack
  - Known-plaintext attack
  - Chosen-plaintext attack
    - Attacker was able to obtain some cipher text, encrypted using the same key, corresponding to plaintext of the attacker's choice (an *oracle*)

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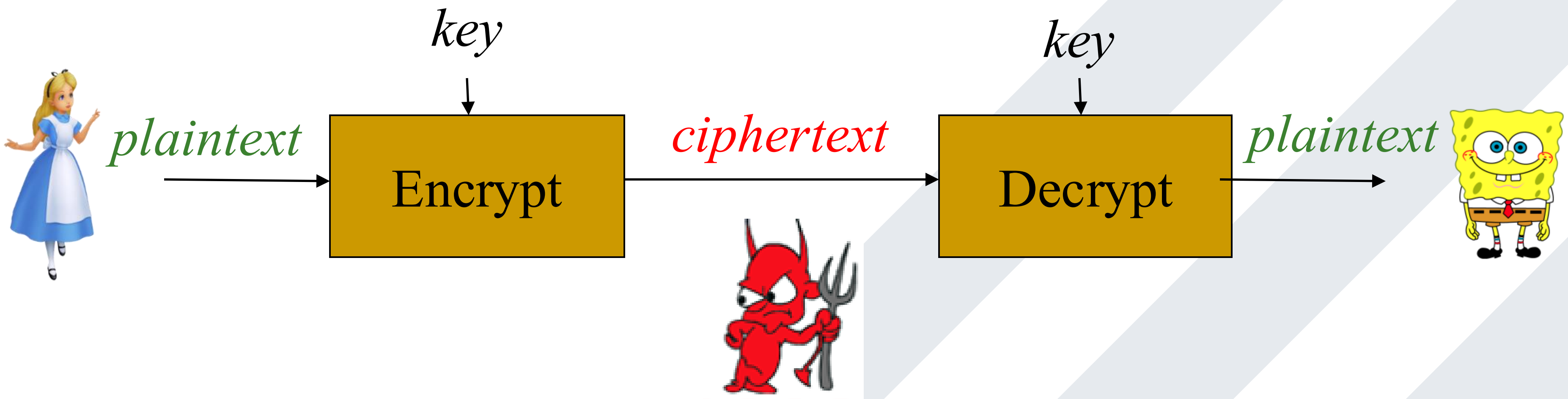
Regardless of any prior information the attacker has about the plaintext, the ciphertext observed by the attacker should leak no additional information about the plaintext.

Cryptography Foundations

- **Threat Model for Encryption**
  - Adversary’s Goal
    - Recover the secret key
    - Recover plaintext from ciphertext, without knowing key
    - Learn partial information about plaintext from the ciphertext

Cryptography Foundations

- **Authentication**
  - Encryption ensures Confidentiality
  - What about Integrity and Authentication
    - Does ***Alice*** send ***this*** message?



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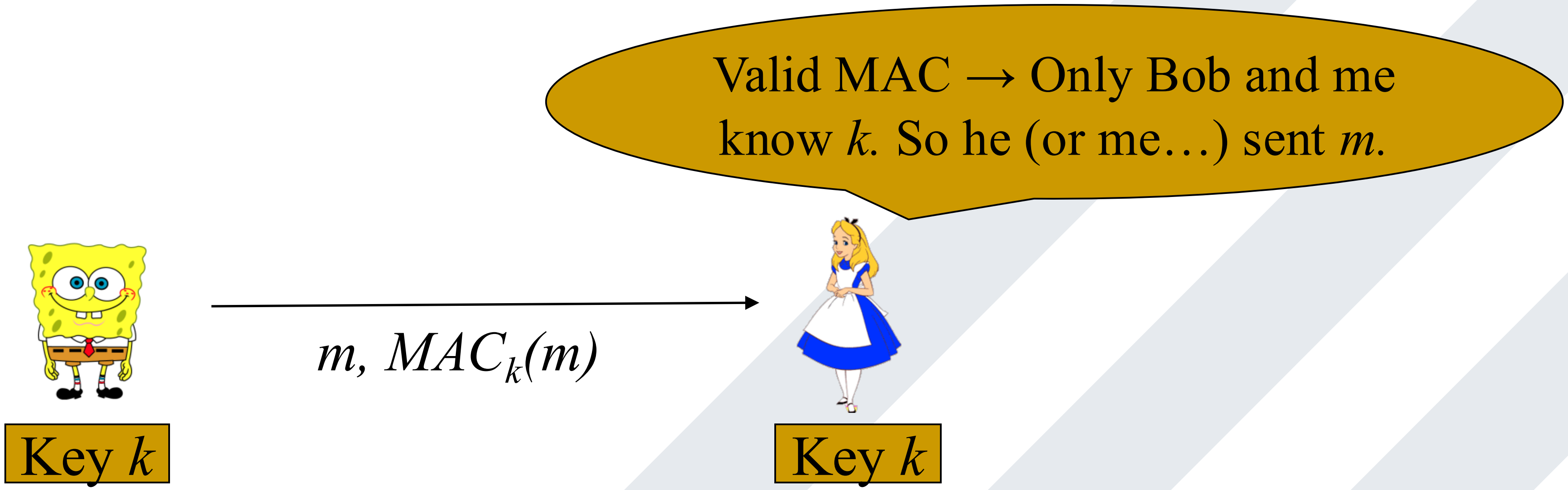
- **Message Authentication Code (MAC)**
  - Allow a recipient to validate that a message was sent by a key holder
  - Use shared key k to authenticate messages



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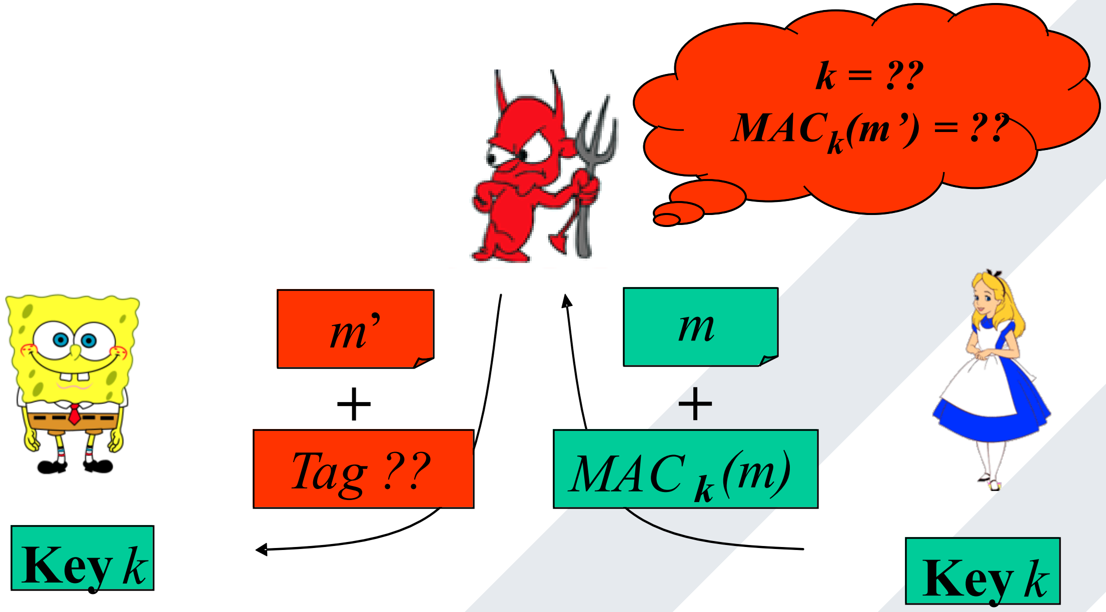

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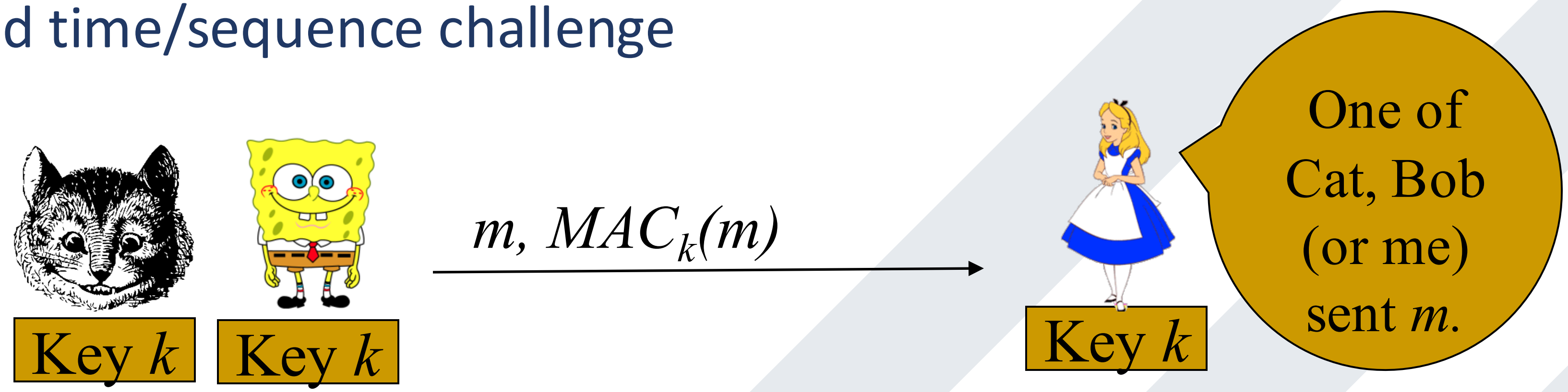
  - Sender could be any key-holder including recipient
    - Specify sender and recipient in the message
  - Could be re-transmission (replay attack)
    - Add time/sequence challenge



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    - Any length of message m → fixed length of hash $h(m)$
  - Also confidentiality: one-way function
    - Hash value $h(m)$ does not expose m
  - Collision-resistance
    - $h(m) \neq h(m')$
    - Pseudo-randomness
    - Every hash has collisions: $|input| >> |output|$
    - But hard to find collisions

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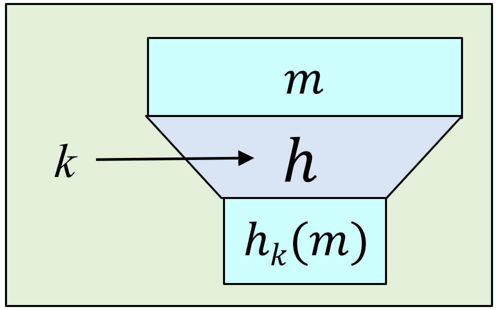
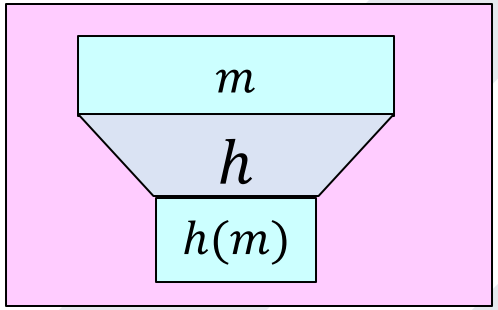
  - Practical hash functions
    - MD5: 128-bit output; collisions found in 2004
    - SHA-1: 160-bit; theoretical analysis indicates weakness
    - SHA-2: 256/512-bit output
    - SHA-3: different design than previous SHAs; results of a public competition

Cryptography Foundations

- **Hash Functions**
  - Hash functions: maps arbitrary length inputs to a fixed length output
    - Input: message m (binary strings)
    - Output: (short) binary strings n (message digest)
  - Keyed or unkeyed





Public Key Cryptography

- **Private-key cryptography allows two users who share a secret key to establish a secure channel**
- **The need to share this secret key incurs drawbacks**
  - Key distribution problem
    - How do users share a key in the first place?
    - Need to share the key using a secure channel
    - Trusted carrier/face-to-face meeting
    - Key Distribution Center

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    - $O(N^2)$ keys overall

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  - Lack of ”open systems”
    - Two users who have no prior relationship want to communicate securely

Public Key Cryptography

- **New direction: can encryption key be *public*?**
  - Anyone can encrypt the message using public encryption key
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Each entity, Alice, generate a key pair (P, S).

- P is the public key and S is the secret private key
- Requirement: it must be infeasible for an adversary recovering S from P
- Example: $S = (p, q)$ where p, q are randomly-selected large prime numbers, and $P = pq$

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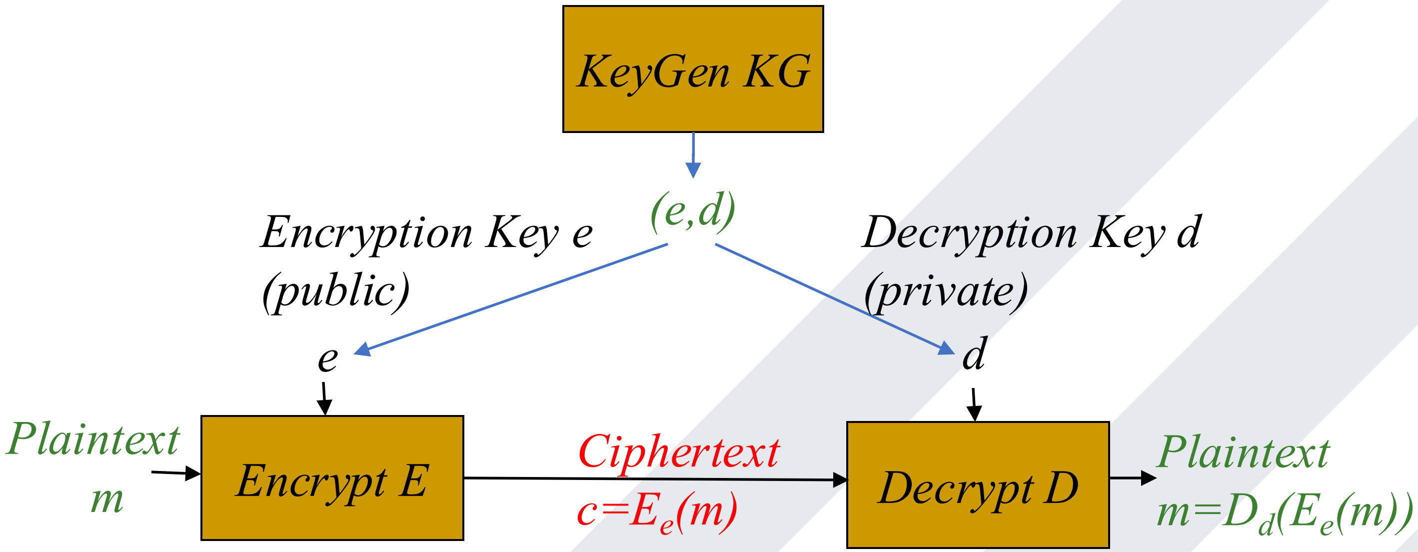

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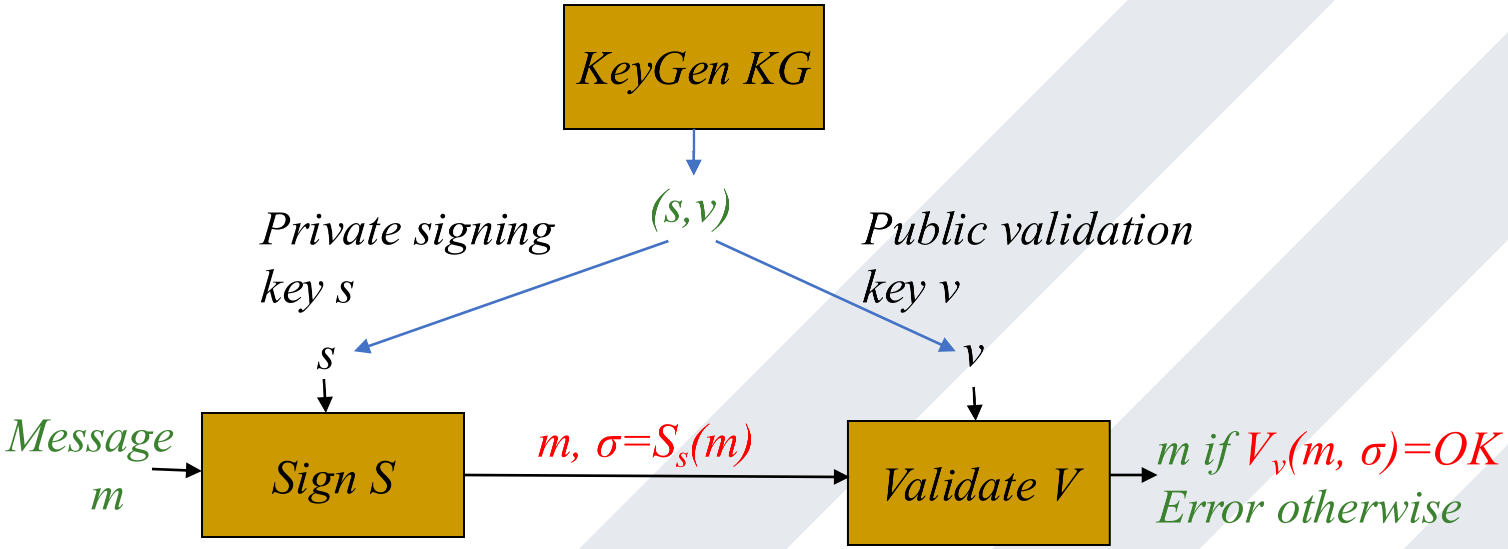

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    - Public key cryptosystem: exchange a shared, private key
    - Private key encryption: establish a secure communication channel

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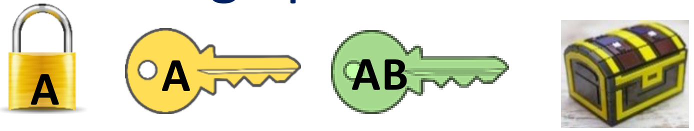
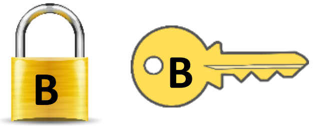
    - Alice has: 

    - Bob has 

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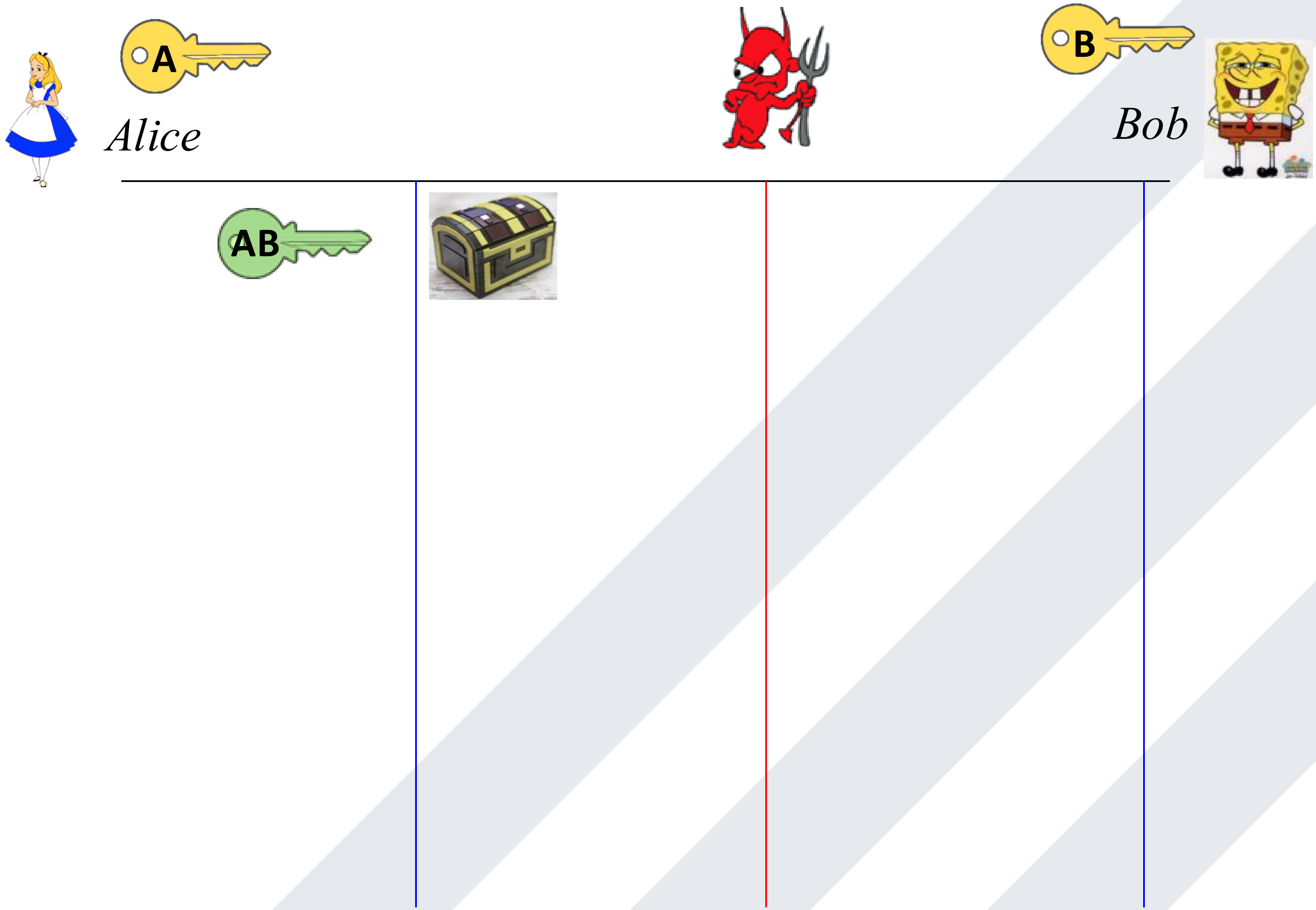

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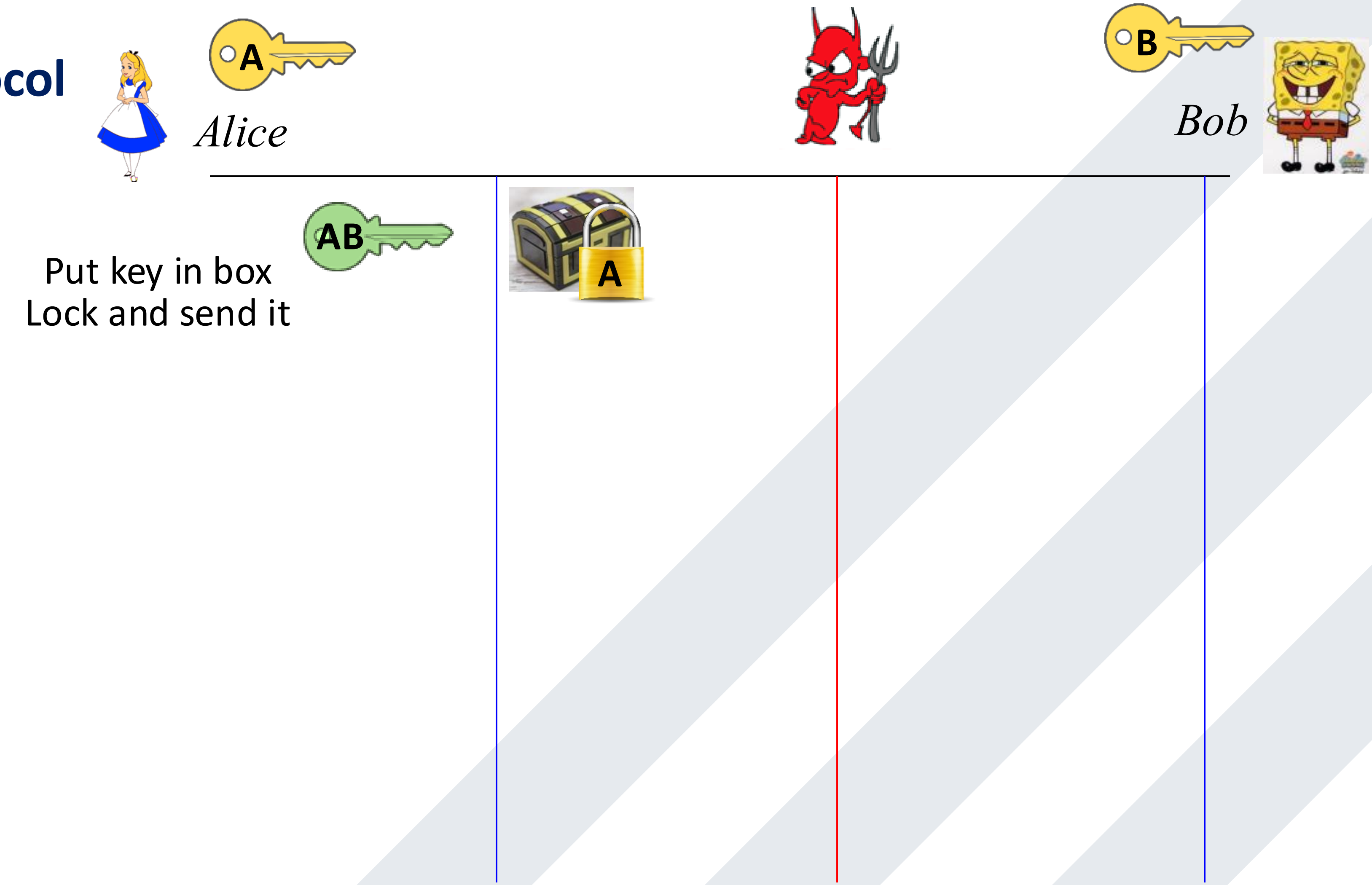

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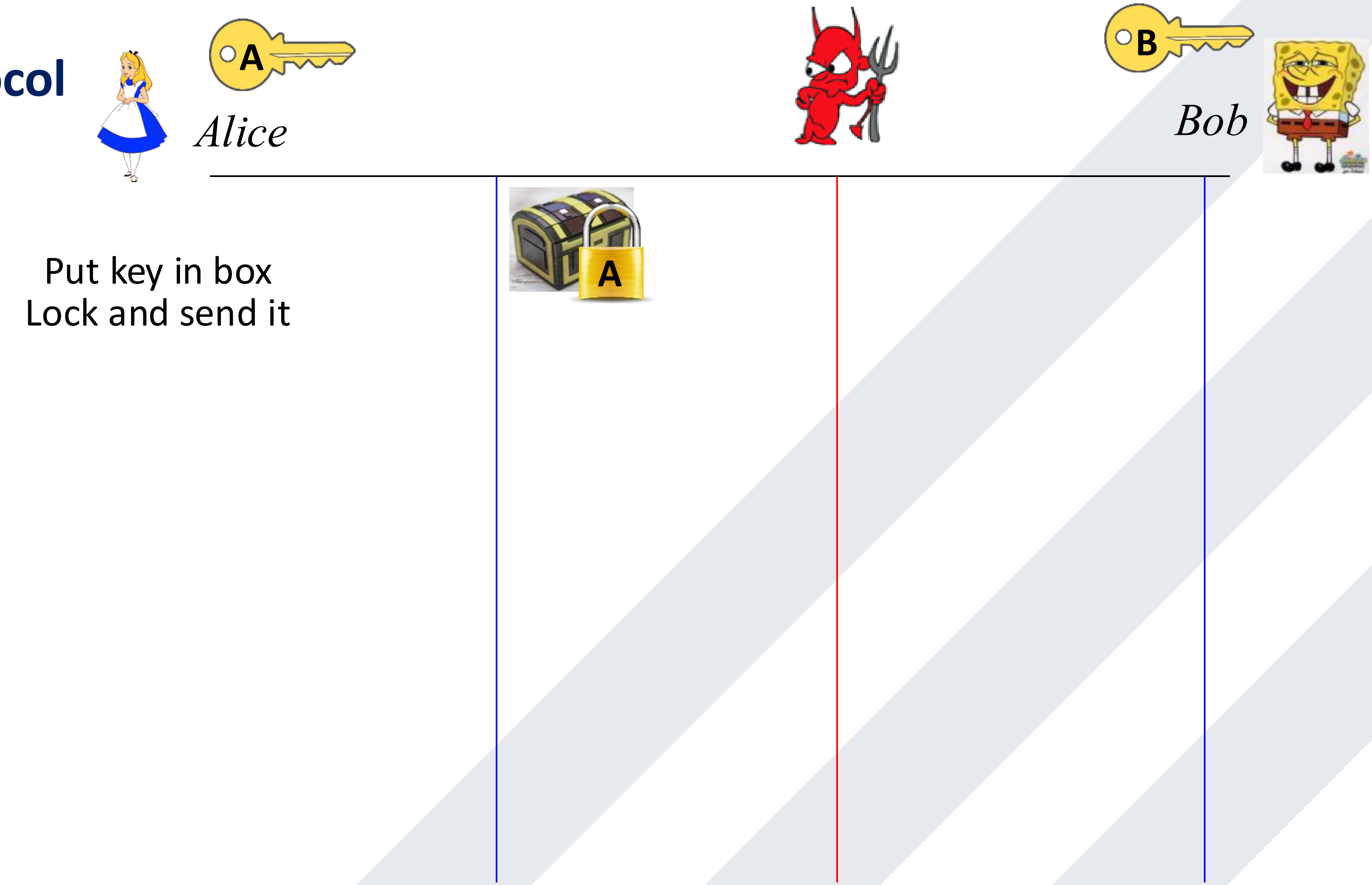

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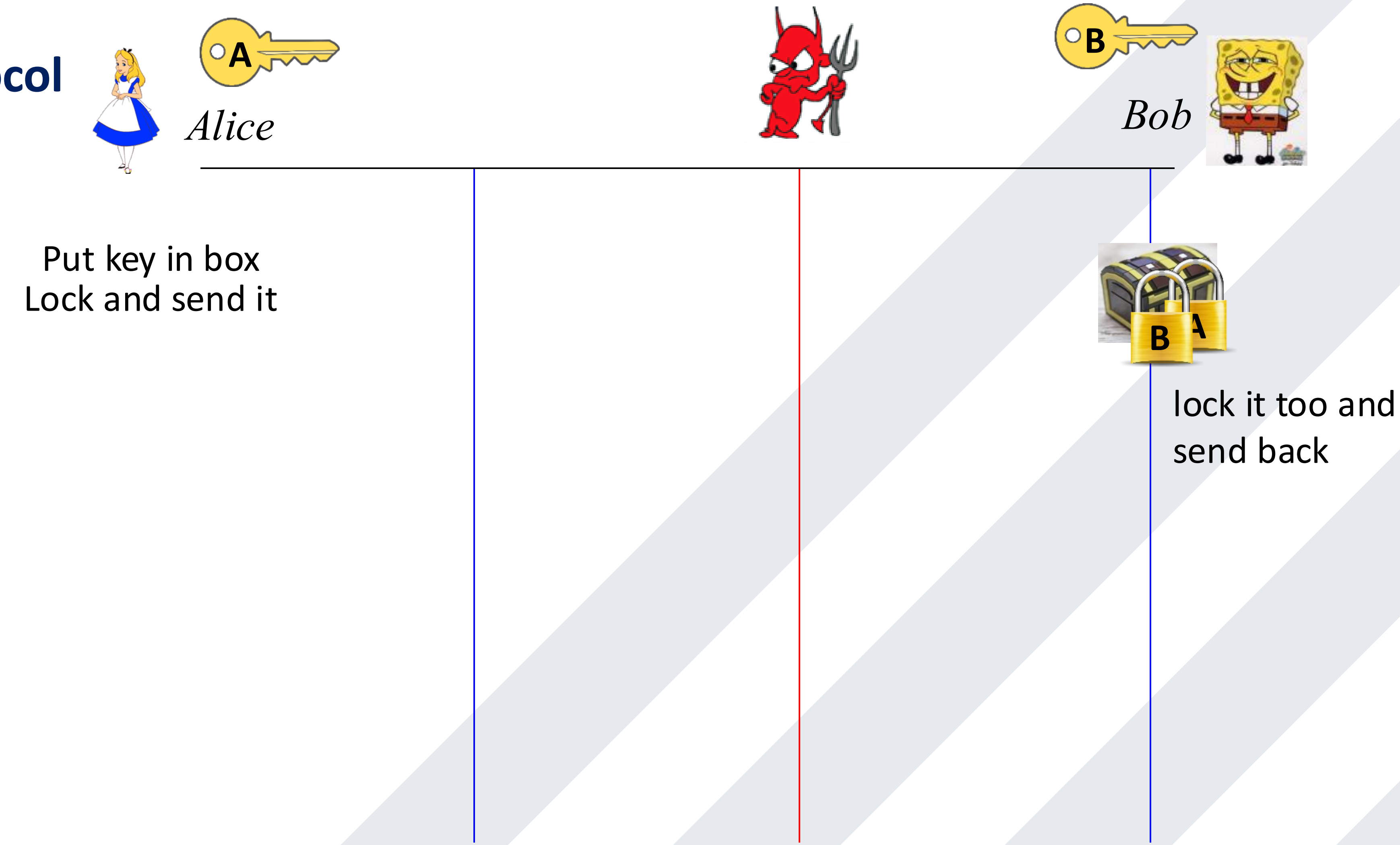

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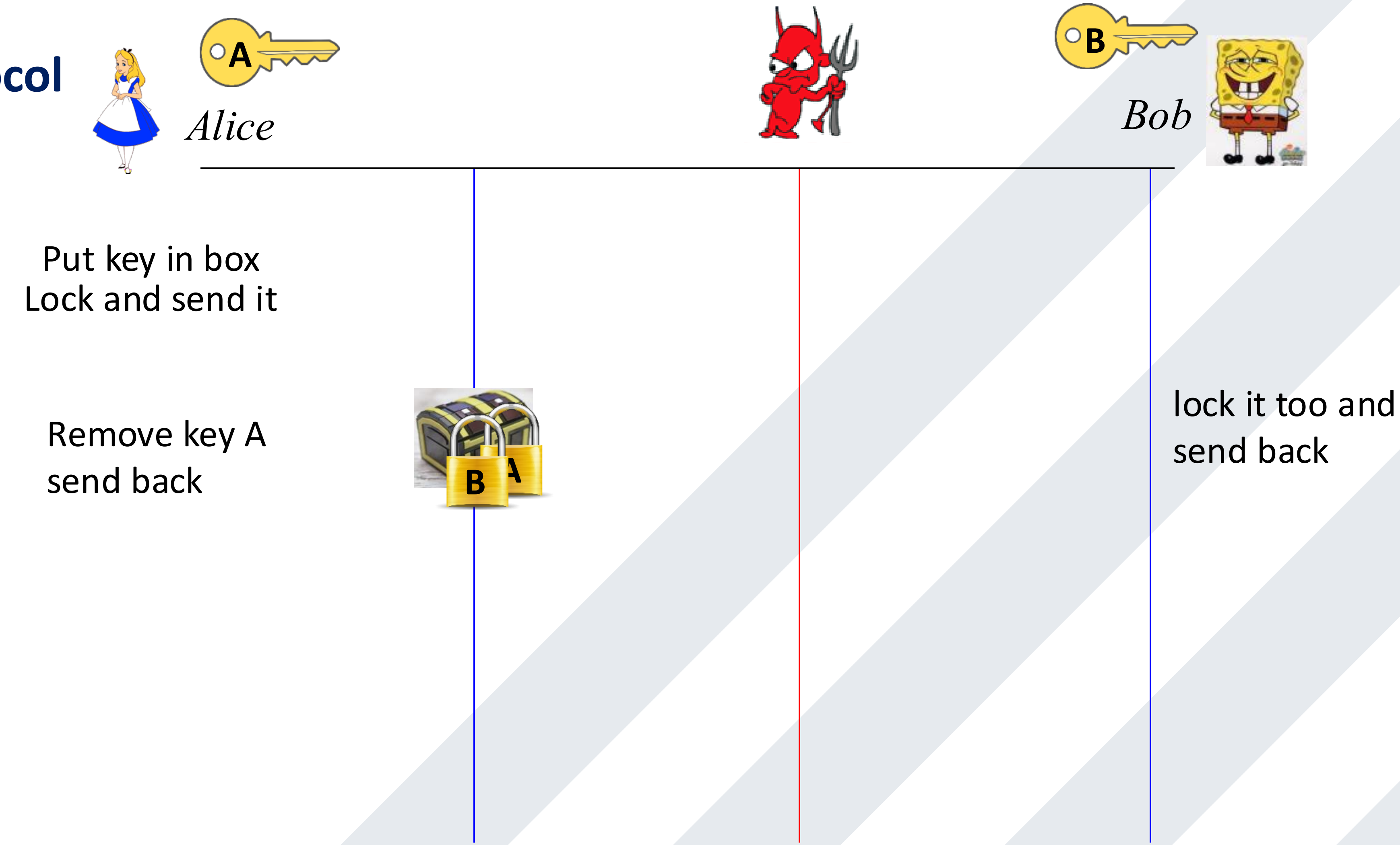

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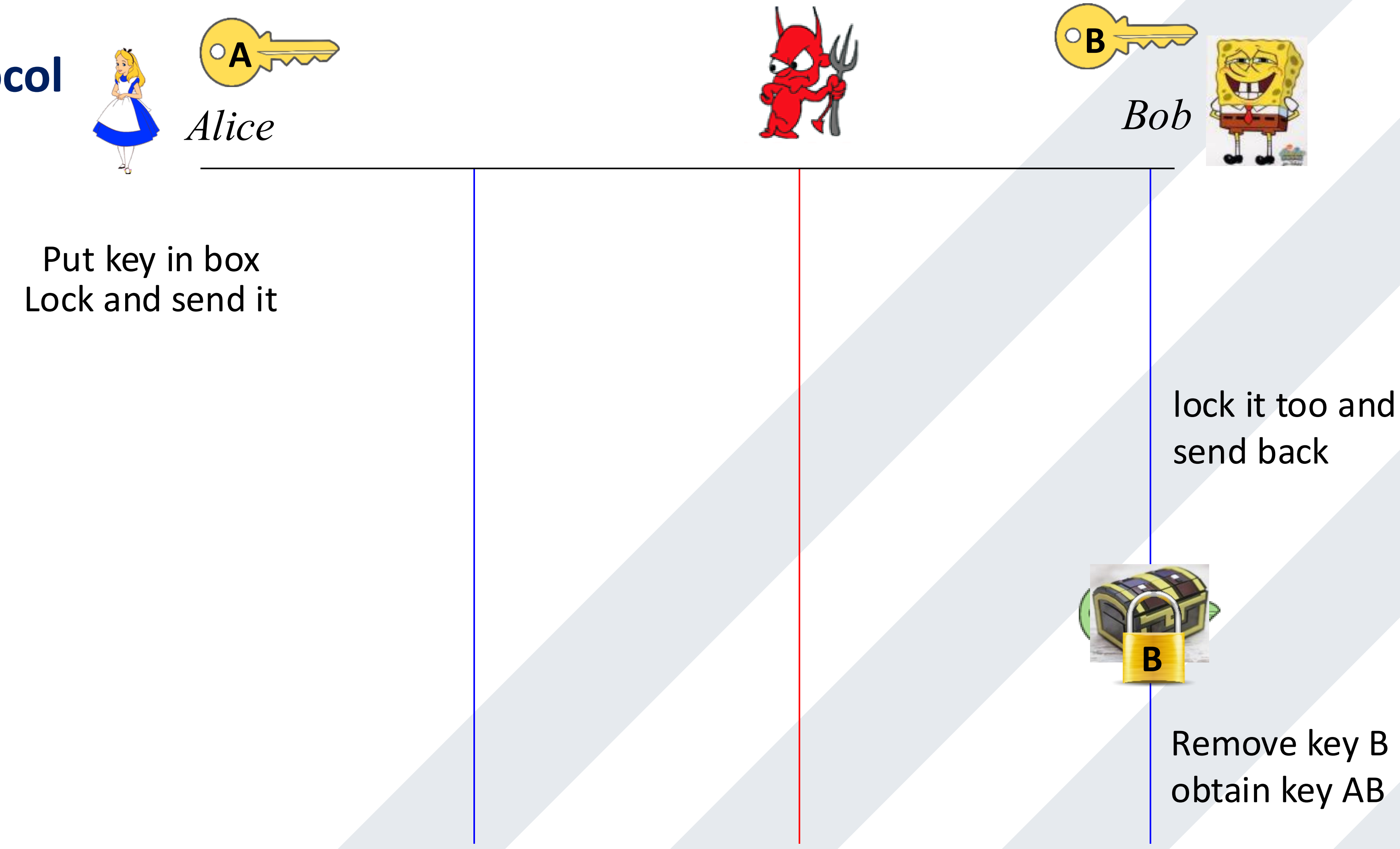

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  - Discrete-logarithm problem
    - Given prime p and q, and X
    - It would be easy to have $Y = p^X \; mod \; q$
    - But it is very hard to compute X when giving Y

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- **Diffie-Hellman key-exchange**
  - Alice and Bob want to agree on secret (key)
    - Alice and Bob agree on a random safe prime p (modulo) and a base g (which is a primitive root modulo p)
    - Alice chooses a secret key $\boldsymbol{a}$ $\longrightarrow$ public key $K_A = g^a \; mod \; p$
    - Bob chooses a secret key $\boldsymbol{b}$ $\longrightarrow$ public key $K_B = g^b \; mod \; p$
    - Alice and Bob set up a shared key

$$(g^b)^a \; mod \; p = (g^a)^b \; mod \; p = g^{ab} \; mod \; p$$

  - Only $\boldsymbol{a}$ and $\boldsymbol{b}$ are keeping secret

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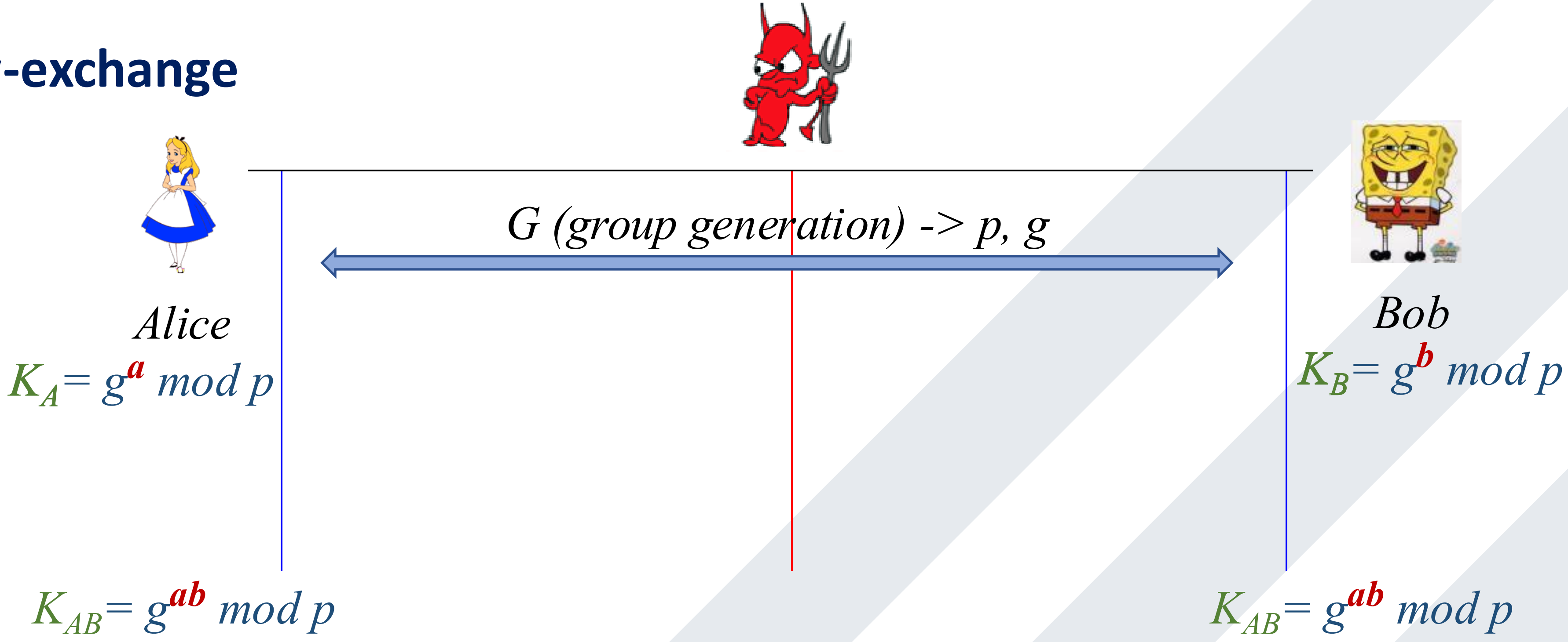

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Public Key Cryptography

- **Diffie-Hellman key-exchange**

G (group generation) -> p, g

Alice

$K_A = g^{a} \mod p$

Bob

$K_B = g^{b} \mod p$

K_T

$K_T = g^{T} \mod p$

$K_{AB} = g^{aT} \mod p$

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Authenticate the public key

Public Key Cryptography

- **(Public) Key Management and Distribution**
  - Encryption: Public key encrypts, private key decrypts

$$m = D_{Private\_Key}(E_{Public\_Key}(m))$$

  - Assume the parties are able to obtain the correct copies of (each other’s) public key

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  - Distributing public keys
    - Point-to-point delivery over trusted channels
    - Direct access to a trusted file
    - Use an online trusted services
    - Offline certificates that are authorizable
      - Public keys are transported in certificates issued by a certificate authority (CA)

Public Key Cryptography

- **Public Key Infrastructure (PKI)**
  - Use signatures for secure key distribution
    - **Certificates**: A digital document cryptographically binds an entity's identity and its public key, allowing other entities to gain trust of the authenticity of the public key
    - **Certificate Authority** (CA): issue and manage certificates of entities
    - **PKI**: A comprehensive framework that combines cryptographic techniques, protocols, policies, and management ecosystem to support secure and reliable use of public keys

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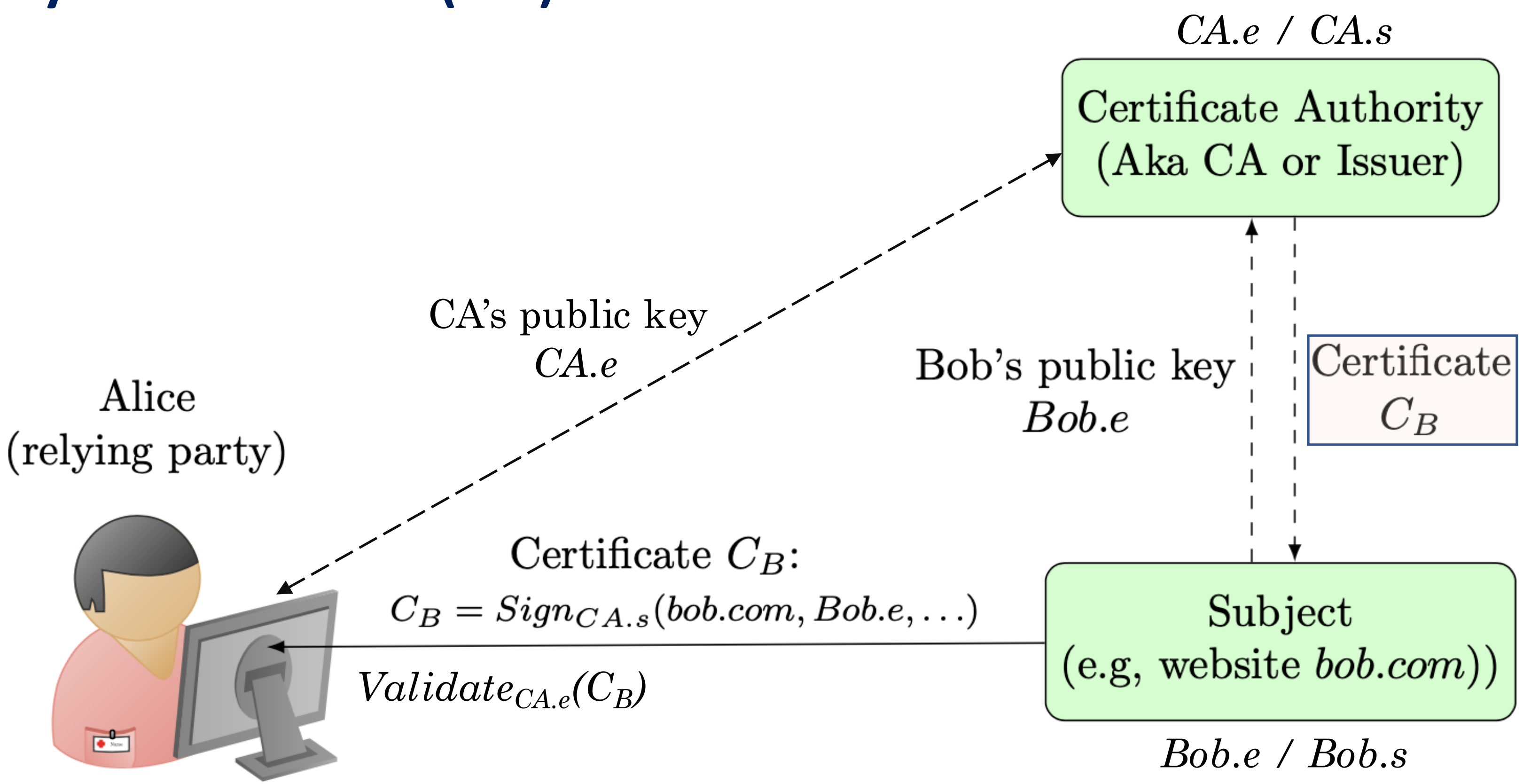

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  - As long as …
    - CA is trustworthy and CA's key pair has not been compromised

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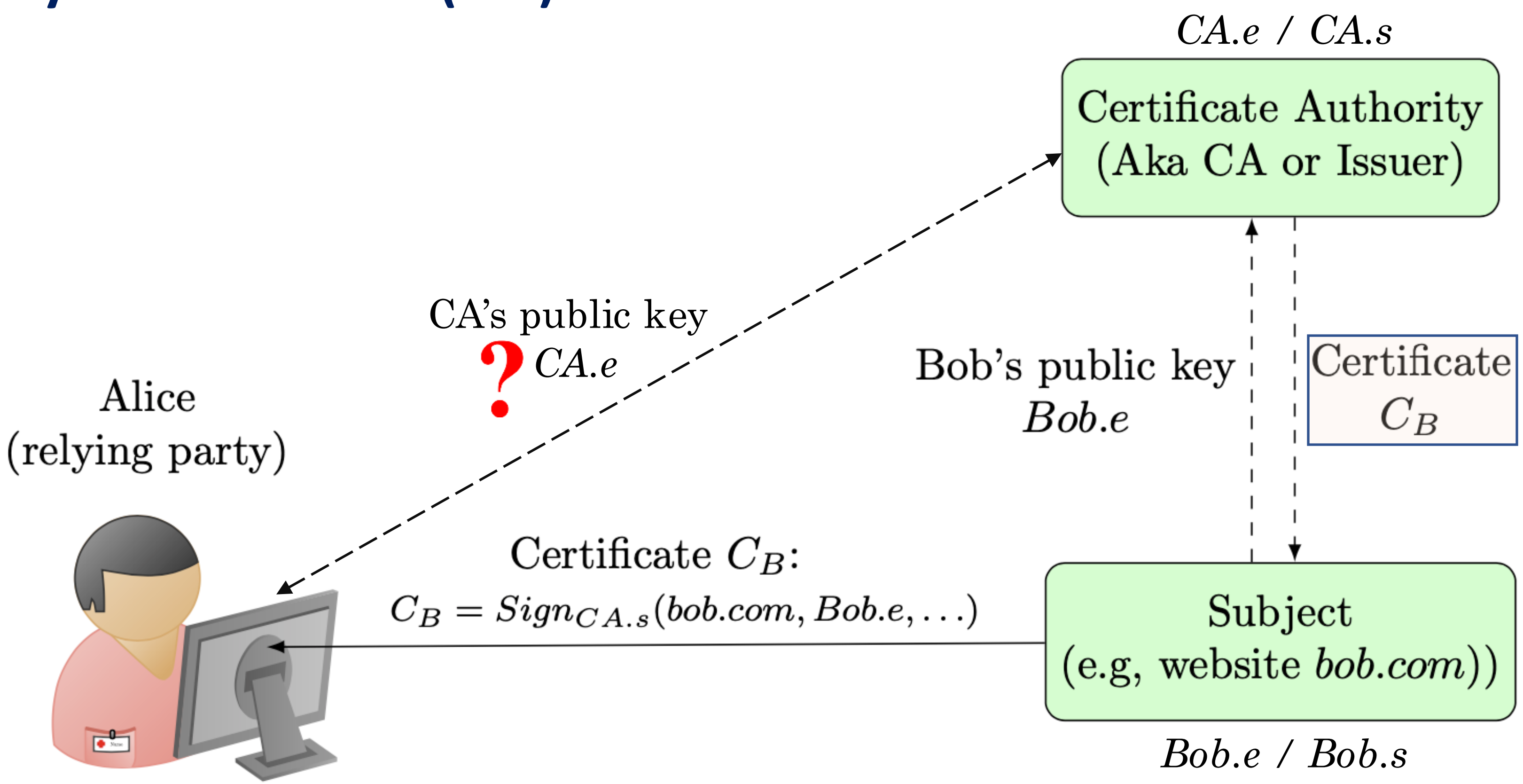

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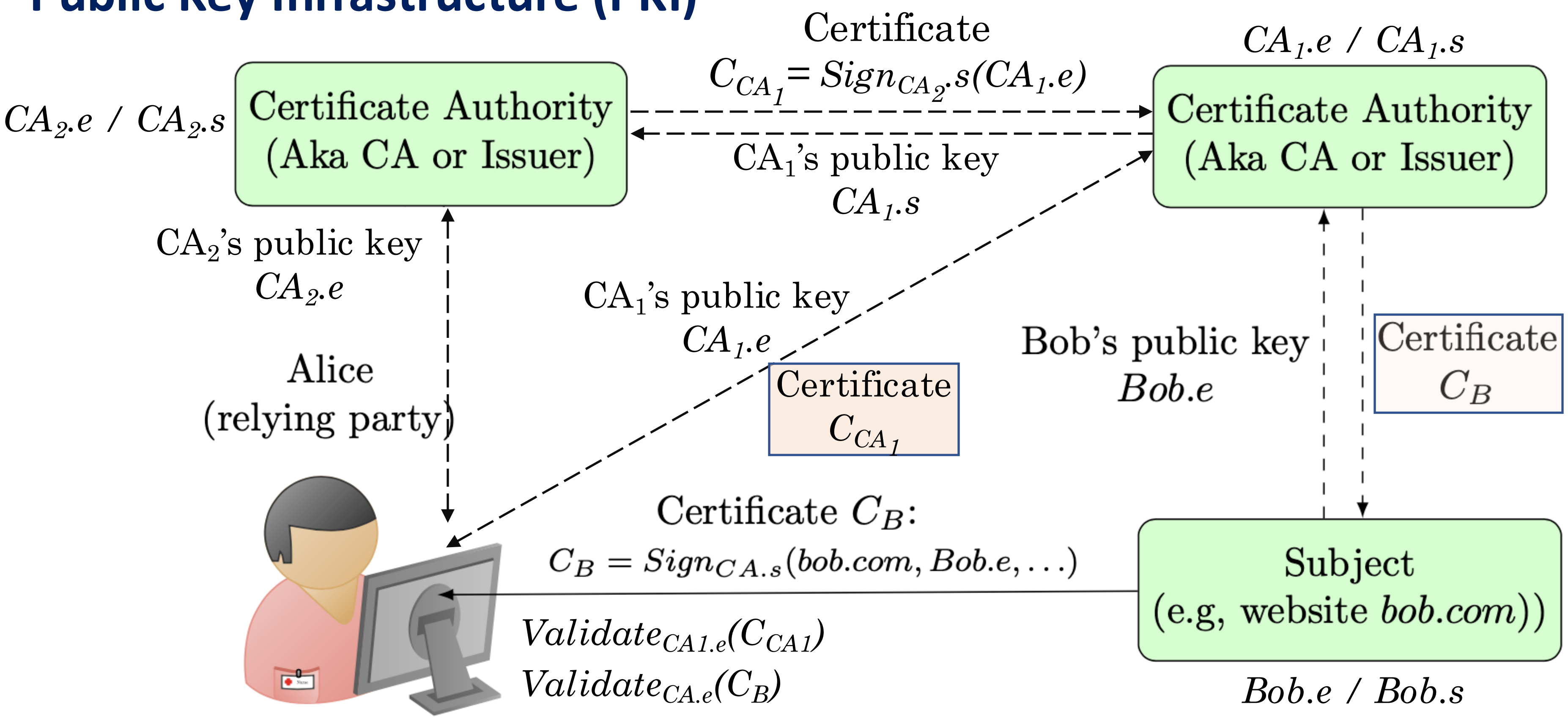

Public Key Infrastructure (PKI)

- **Root-of-Trust**
  - Alice will only need to securely obtain a small number of Public key $CA.e$
    - Ensure secure distribution for few initial $CA.e$
  - Root CAs
    - Root CAs issues Certificate for intermediate CA $Cert_{Root\_CA.s \to CA}$

$$Validate_{Root\_CA.e}(Cert_{Root\_CA.s \to CA})$$

    - Intermediate CAs issue Certificate for subject (website)

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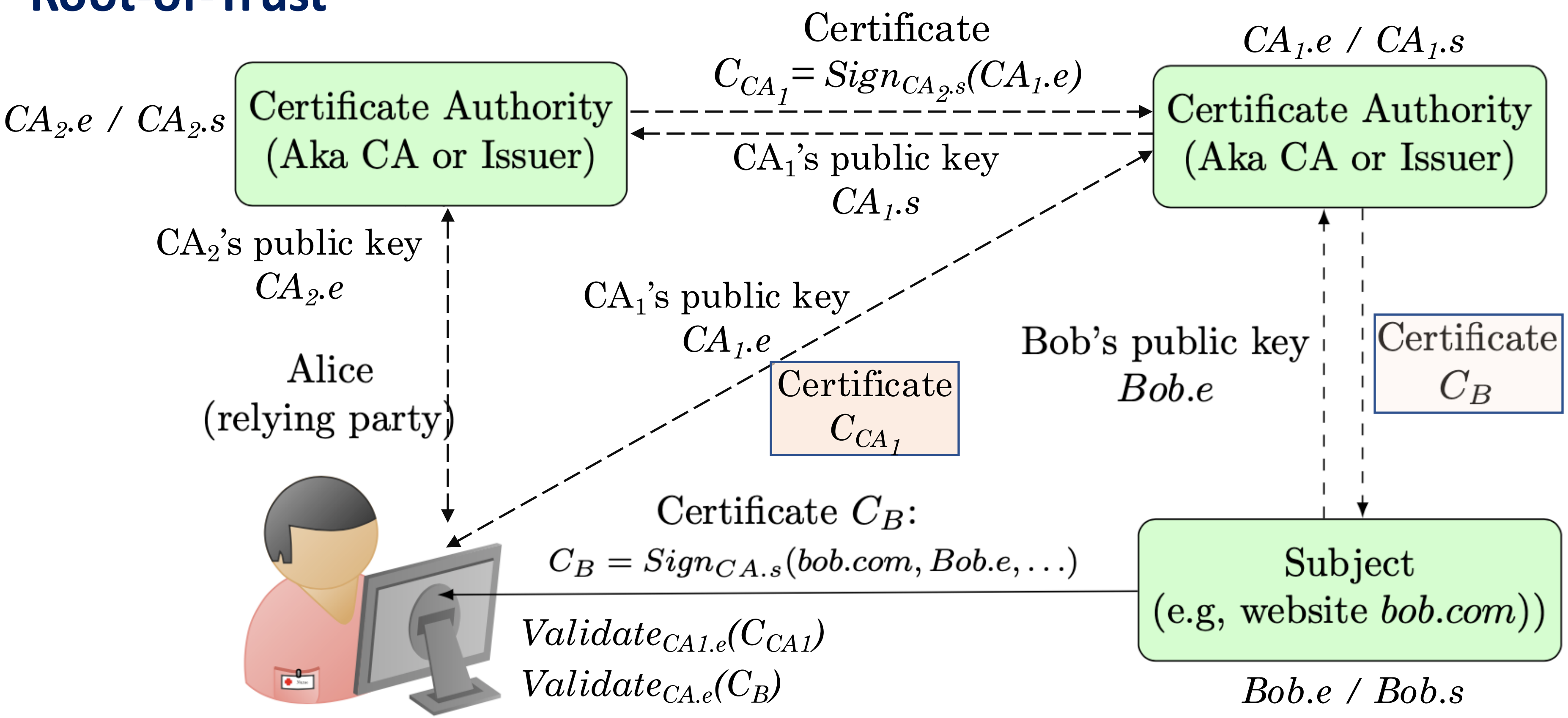

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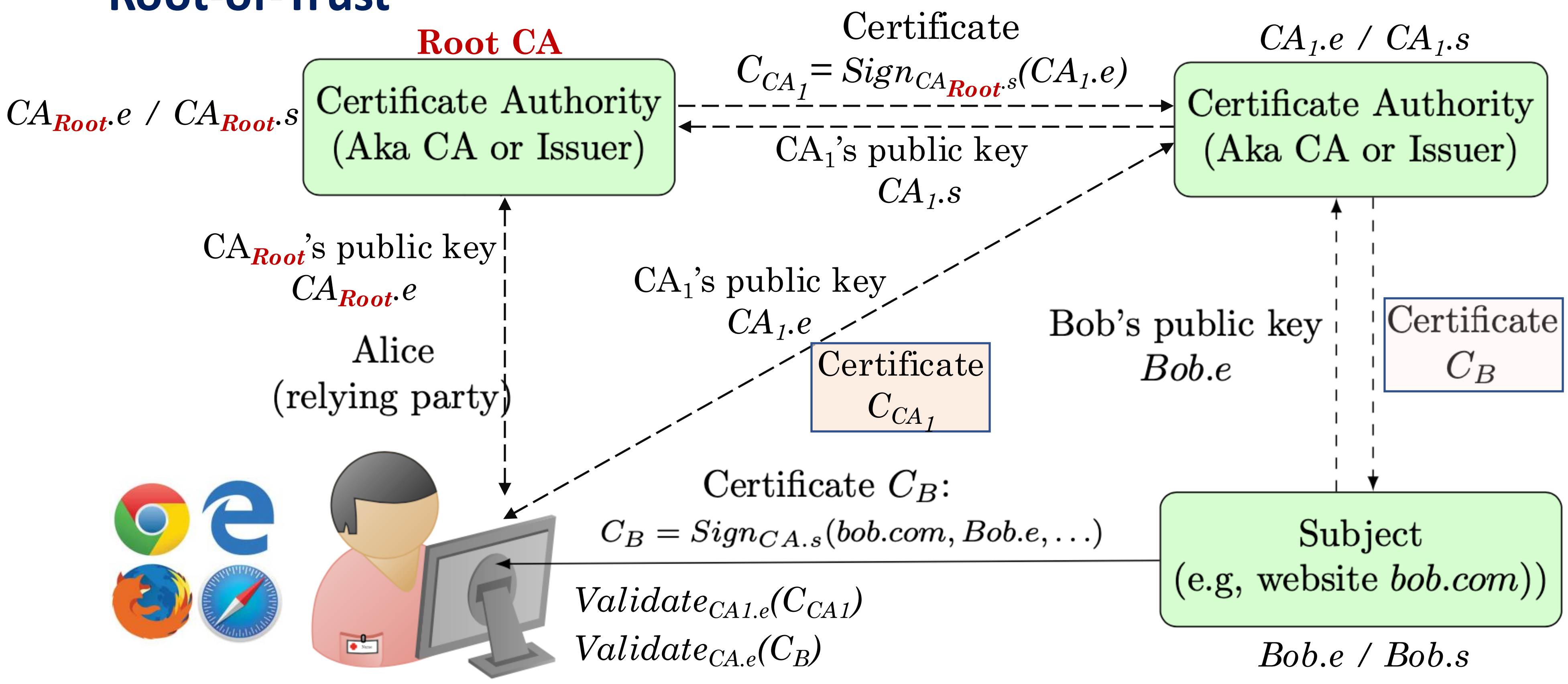

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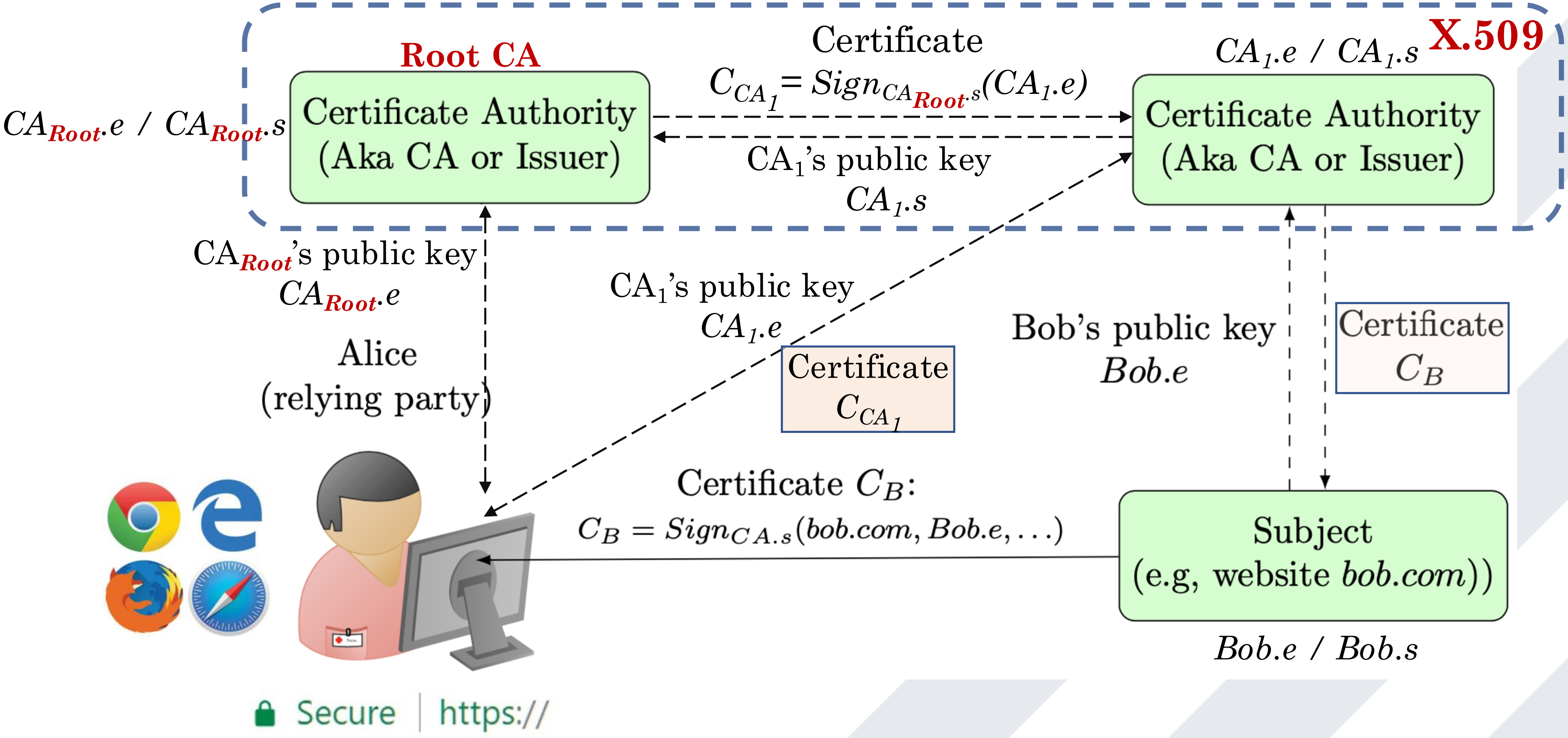

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  - Equivocating or misleading (domain) name (Rogue Certificates)
    - Intentionally signed and issued by malicious CAs Certificates
    - Squatting misleading names

TLS and SSL

- **Securing the Web in practice**
  - SSL: Secure Socket Layer (Netscape, mid-'90s)
  - TLS: Transport Layer Security: an IEEE version of SSL
    - For standardizing SSL
    - TLS 1.0 (1999)
    - TLS 1.2 (2008, current)
    - TLS 1.3 (2018, adopting)
    - Used by every web browser for HTTPS connections

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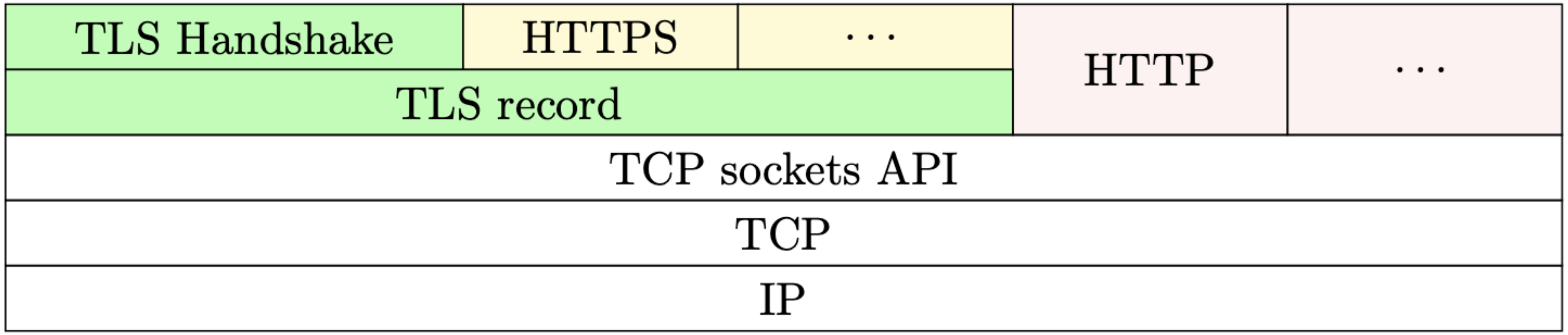

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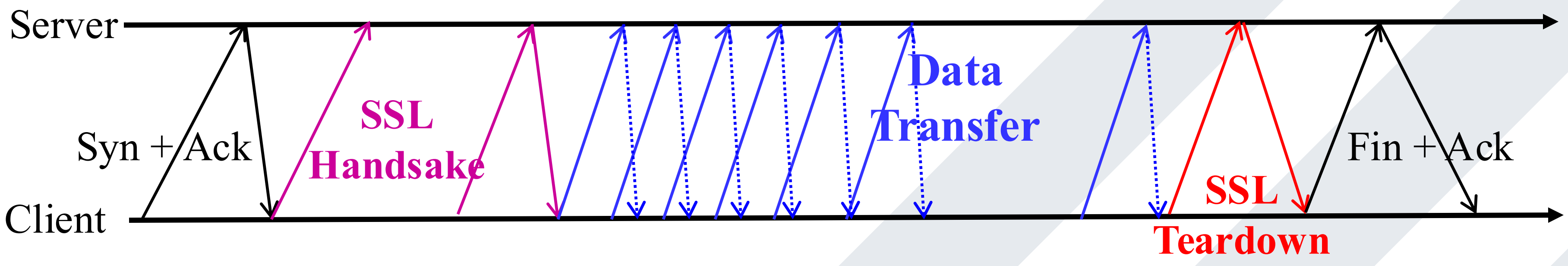
- **TLS/SSL Operations**
  - Handshake layer
    - Server/client authentication, cipher suite negotiation, key exchange
  - Record layer
    - Secure communications between client and server using exchanged session keys



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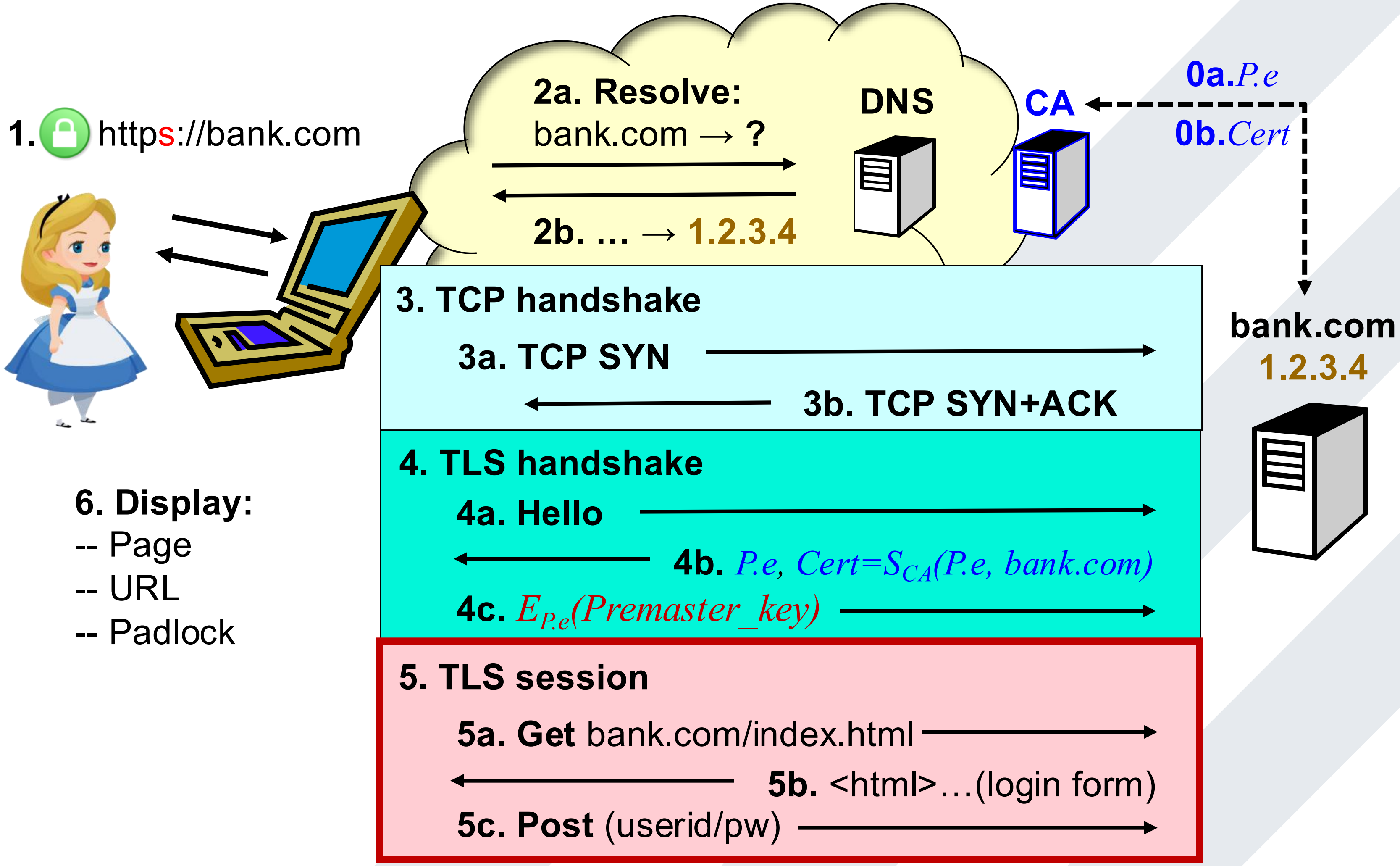

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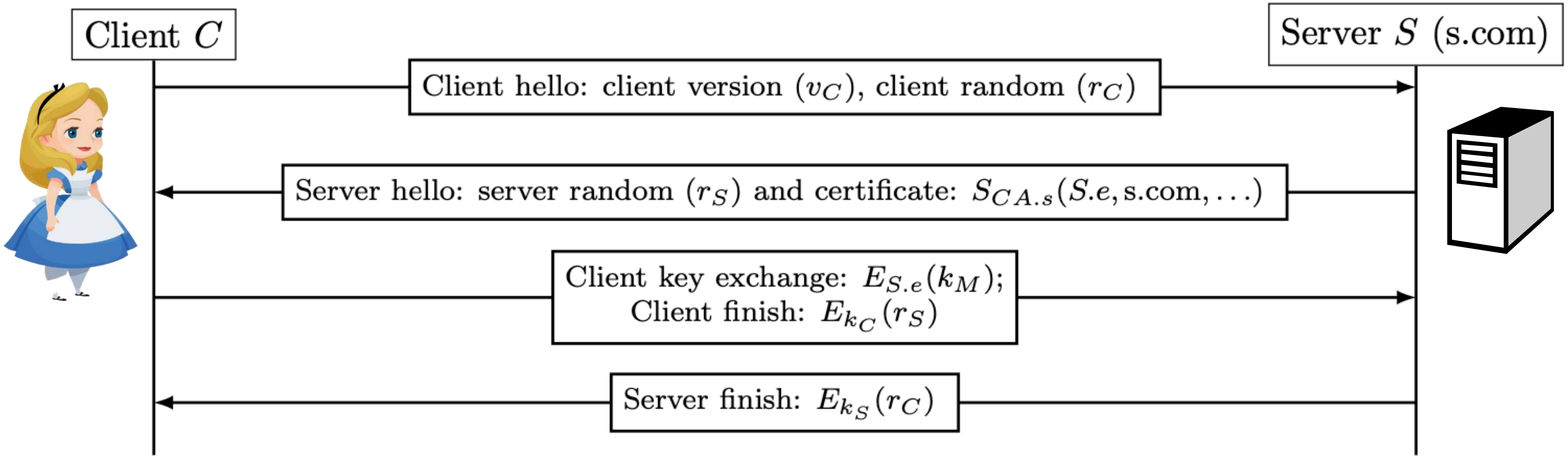

- r_C and r_S: Nonces for protecting against replay

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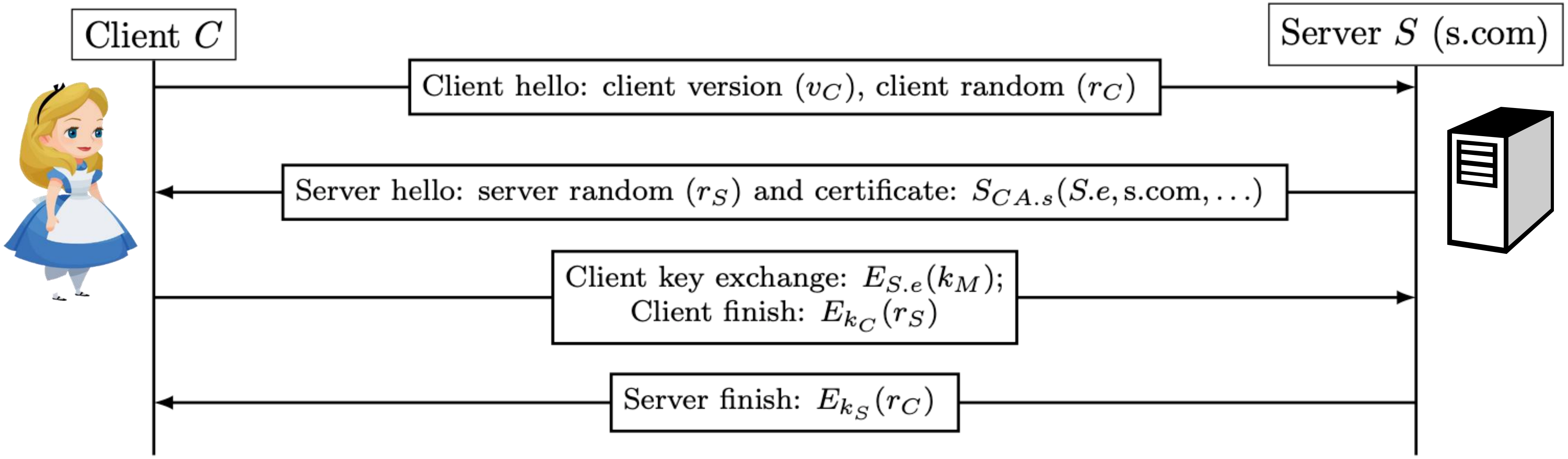

- k_C and k_S: derived from the master key k_M

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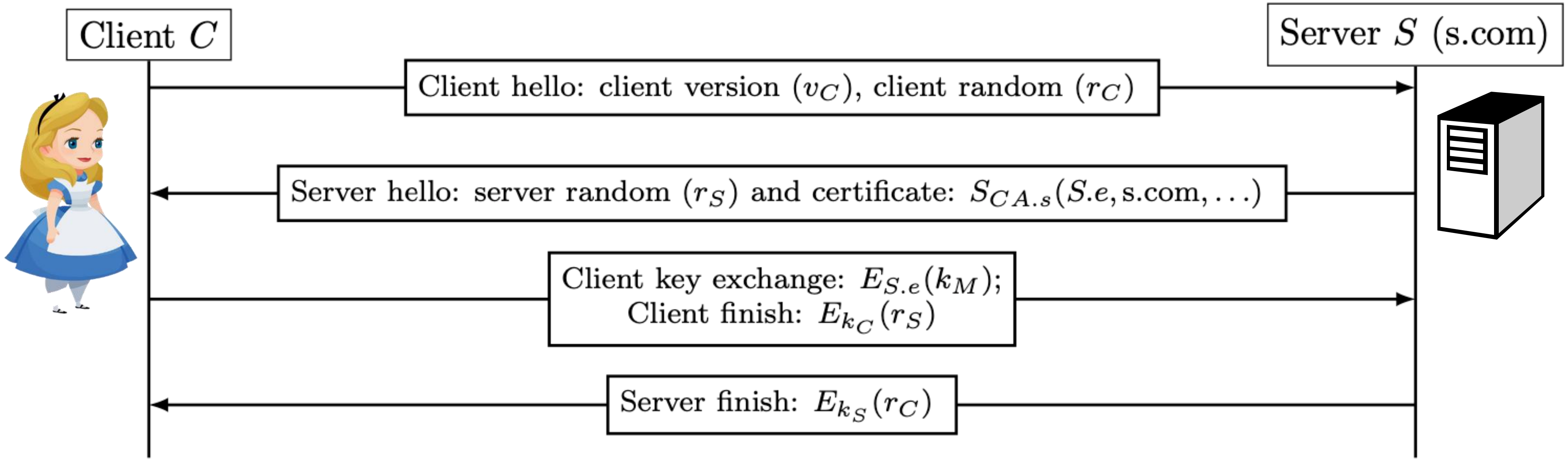

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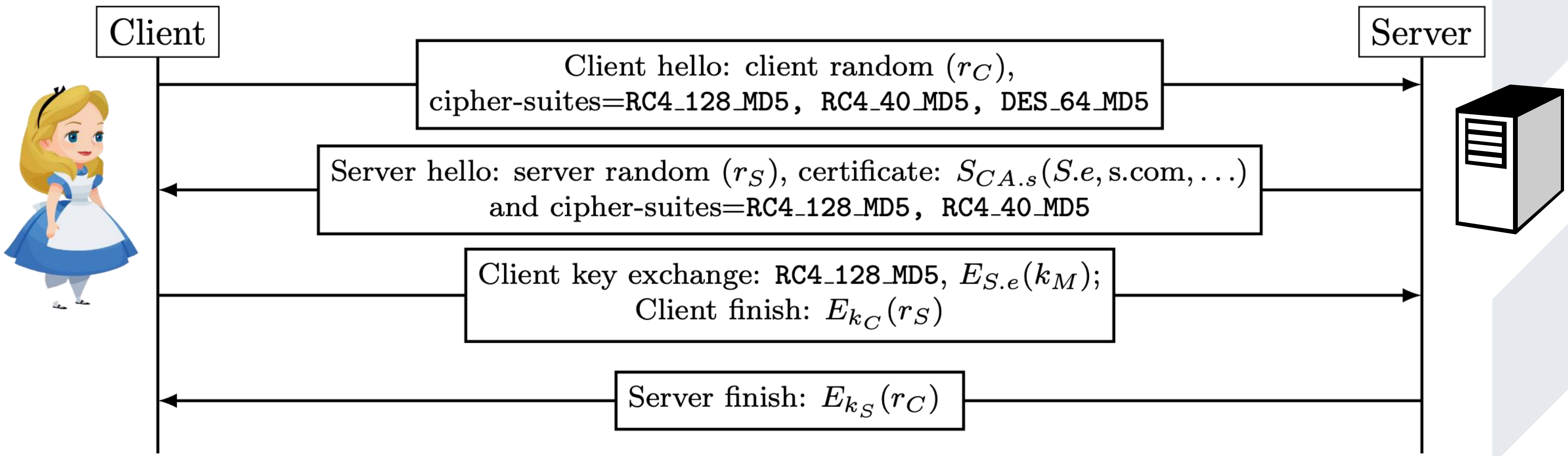

  - Vulnerable to downgrade attack

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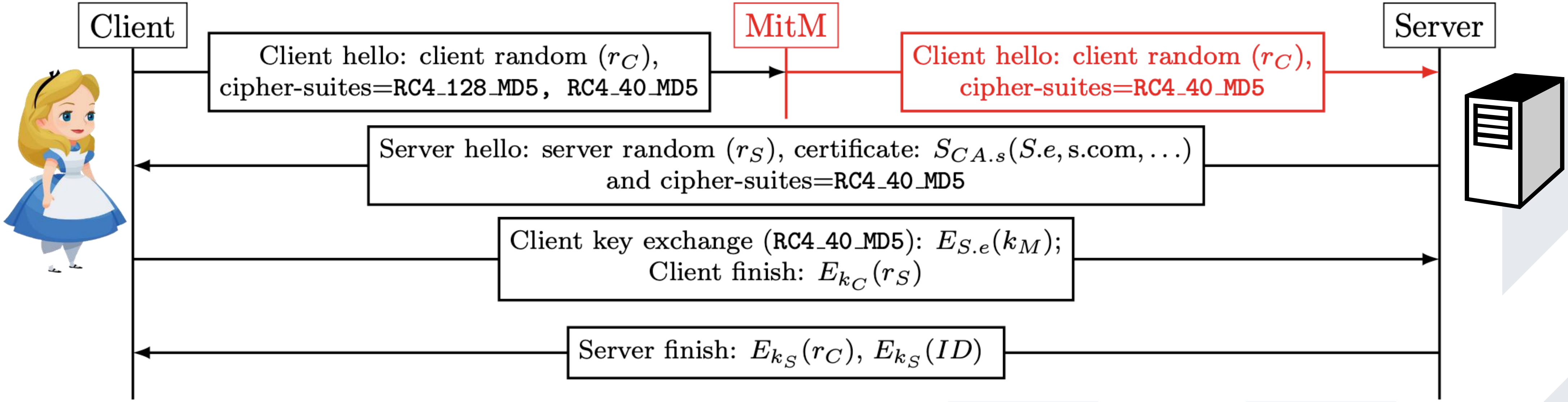

  - Vulnerable to downgrade attack

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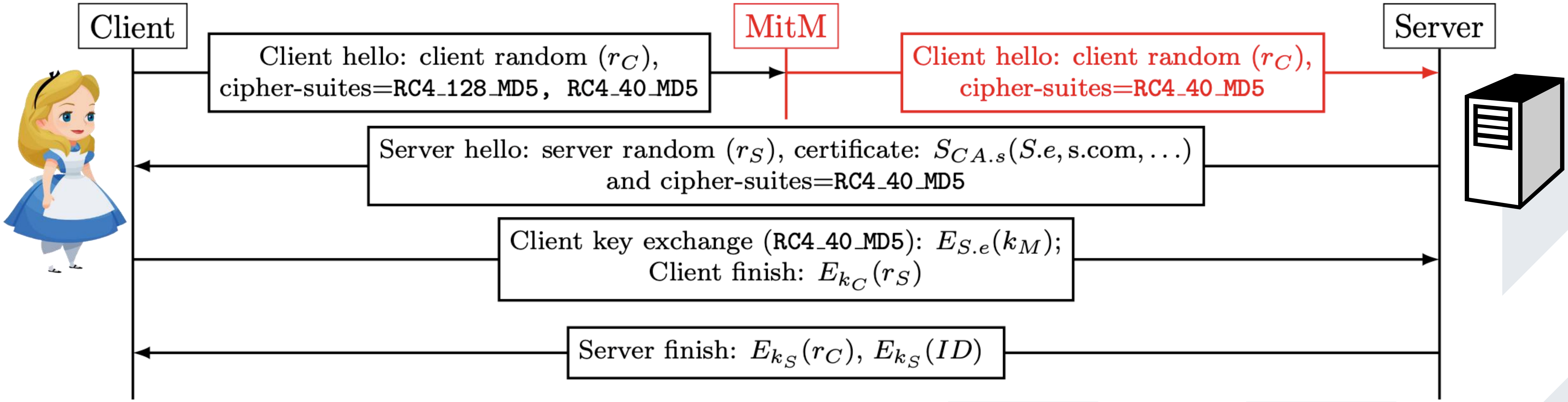
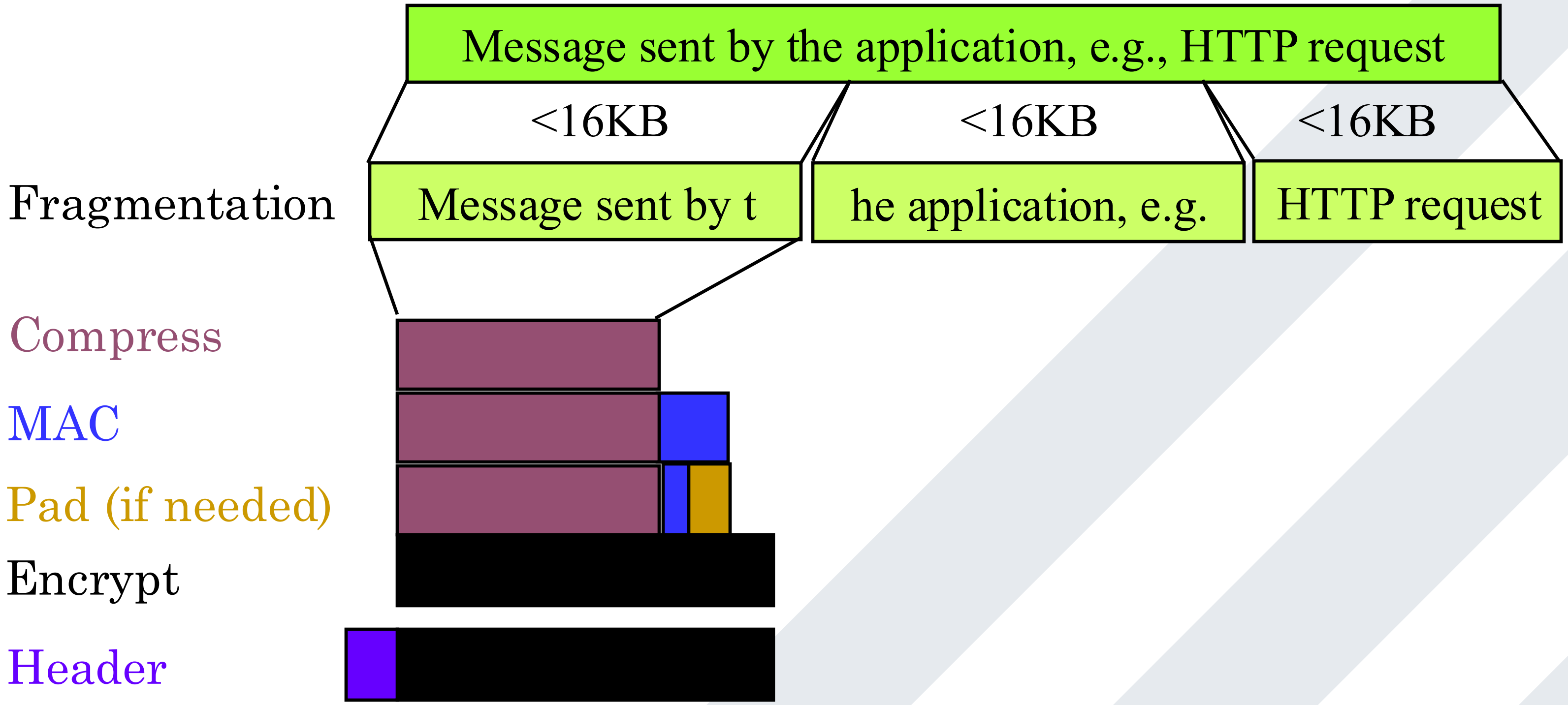


- SSLv3 improvement: authenticate the handshake message with the *finish* message

TLS and SSL

- **Record layer**
  - Secure communications between client and server using established keys
  - Assume reliable underlying communication (TCP)



PKI: Revoking certificates

- **Reasons for revoking (i.e., invalidating) certificate**
  - Key compromise
  - CA compromise
  - Affiliation changed - Object names or attribute
  - Cessation – no longer needed
- **How to inform replying parties?**
  - Wait for end of validity period (short-lived certificated)
  - Distribute **Certificate Revocation List**
  - Online status check - Online Certificate Status Protocol

PKI: Revoking certificates

- **Certificate Revocation List (CRL)**
  - A list of certificates that has been revoked before their expiration dates
  - Issued and signed by a CA
  - Updated at regular intervals

  - Before relying on a certificate, an entity needs to check that the certificate is not included in the latest CRLs

X.509 CRL

Version of CRL format			
Signature Algorithm Object Identifier (OID)			
CRL Issuer Distinguished Name (DN)			
This update (date/time)			
Next update (date/time) - optional			
Subject (user) Distinguished Name (DN)			
CRL Entry	Certificate Serial Number	Revocation Date	CRL entry extensions
CRL Entry…	Serial…	Date…	extensions
….			
CRL Extensions			
Signature on the above fields			

Signed fields

PKI: Revoking certificates

- **Revocation is hard**
  - CRLs contain all revoked certificates – huge!
  - CRLs are not immediate
    - Affiliation changed - Object names or attribute
    - Frequent CRLs – more overhead
- **Solutions**
  - Distributed CRLs - split certificates to several CRLs
  - Delta CRLs – only new revocation since last “base” CRL
  - Short validity for certificates – no need to revoke them

PKI: Revoking certificates

- **Online Certificate Status Protocol (OCSP)**
  - Most browsers don’t use CRLs
    - Efficiency
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- **OCSP**
  - Check validity of certificates as needed

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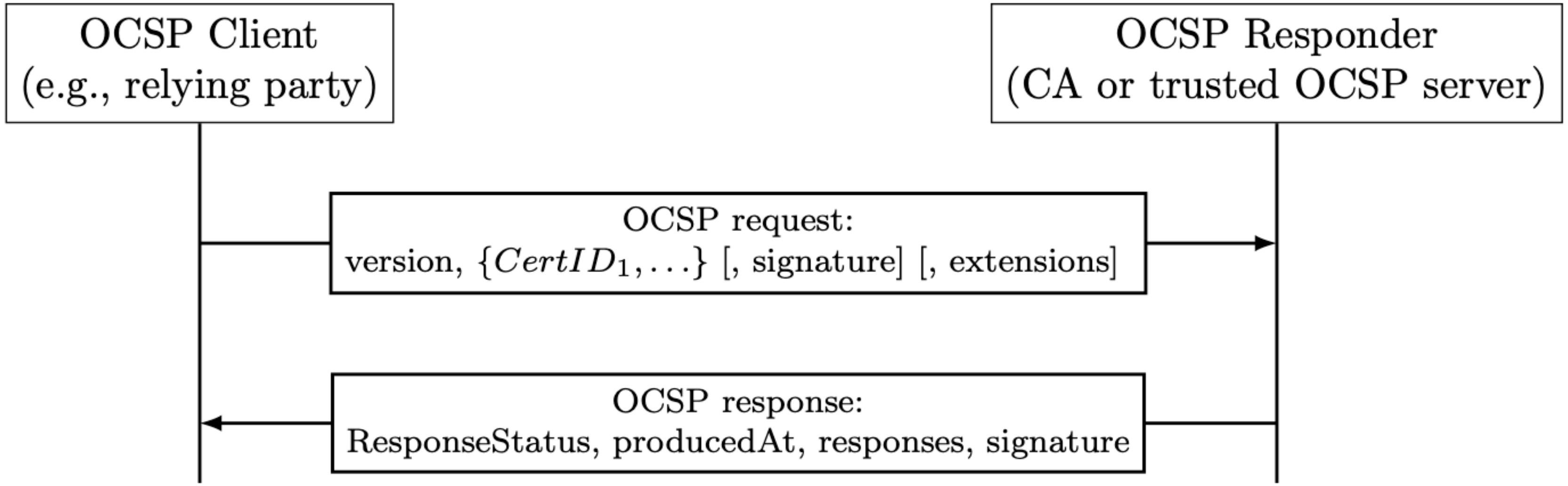


PKI: Certificate Transparency (CT)

- **Why and How CAs fail**
  - (Root) CAs trusted in browsers
  - Every CA can certify any domain (name)
  - Bad certificates
    - Equivocation: rogue certificates
    - Misleading certificates (e.g., squatting names)
- **How to improve defense against bad CAs/certificates**

PKI: Certificate Transparency (CT)

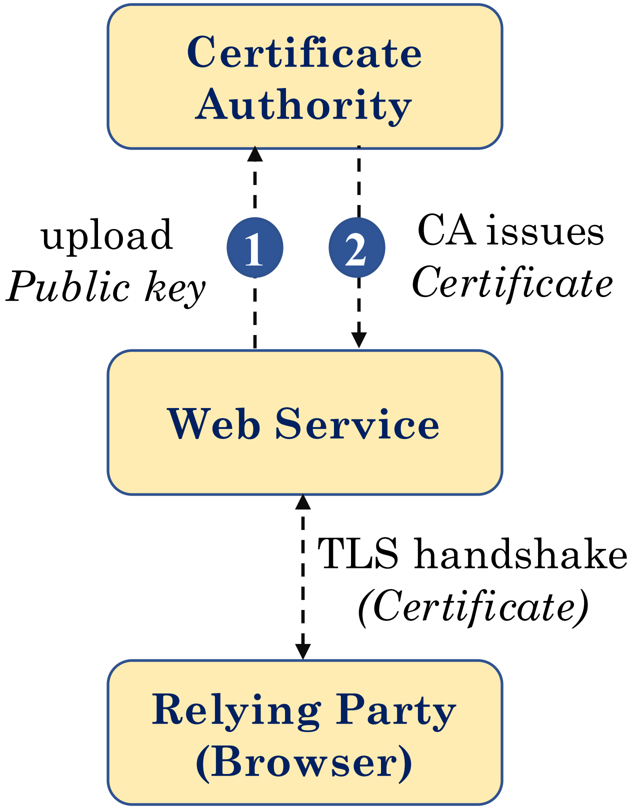
- **Certificate Transparency (CT)**
  - A proposal originating from Google, for improving the transparency and security of the (Web) PKI
  - Goals
    - Detecting equivocating certificates by monitoring specific domain name
    - Detecting suspect CAs/certificates
  - An extensive standardization
    - Already enforced by Chrome and supported other major browsers
    - Many websites and CAs deploy CT, making CT the most important development in PKI since X.509

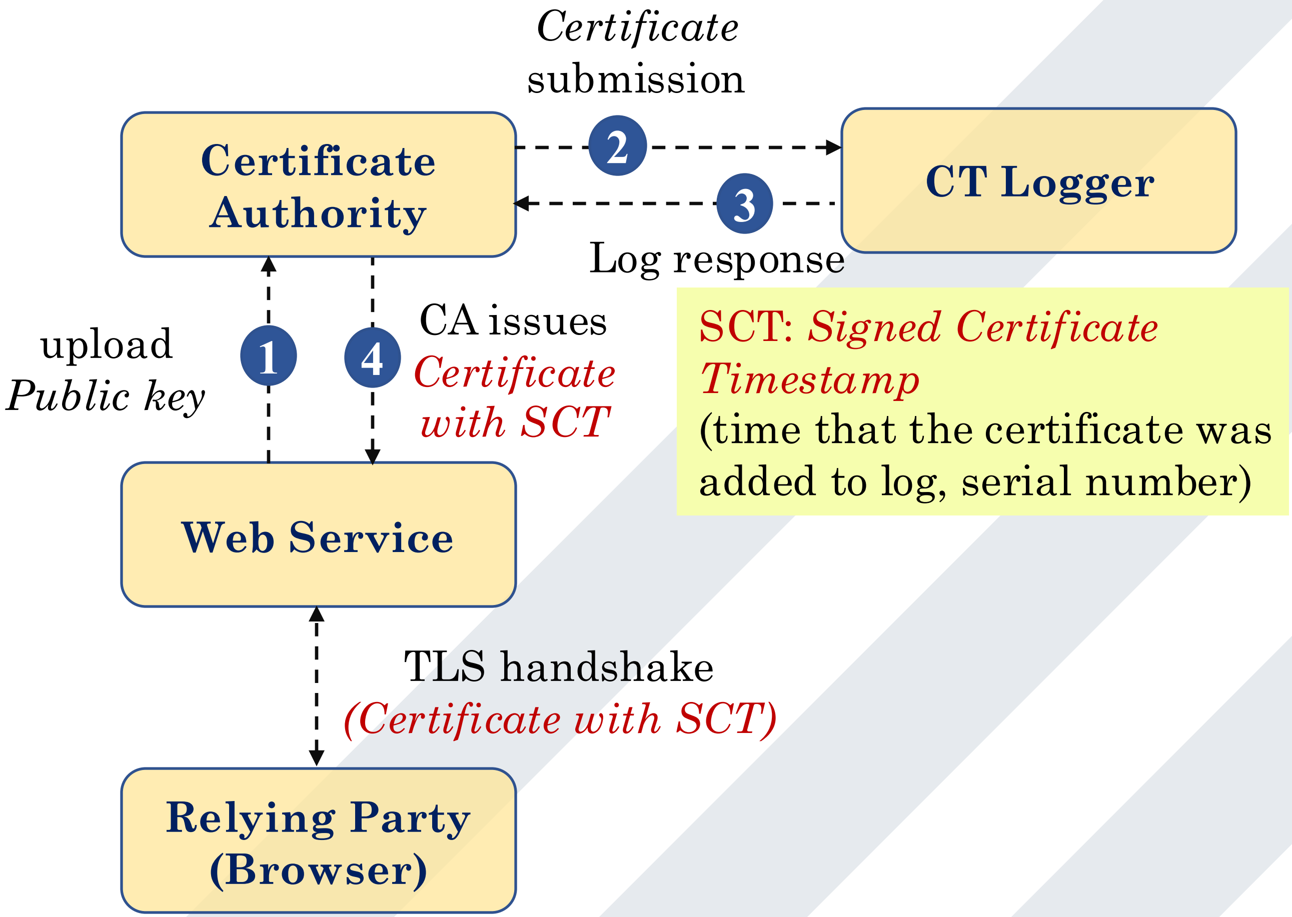
PKI: Certificate Transparency (CT)

- **CT Entities**
  - Loggers: provide public logs of certificates
    - CAs send each certificate to loggers, who add the certificate to the log
    - Loggers provide accountability for the public availability of certificates
    - Google and few CAs operate loggers
  - Monitors: monitor the certificates logged by (many) loggers
    - Detect (suspicious) changes of certificates for domain owners
    - Operated by Facebook and few other CAs and companies
  - Auditors: ensure the logger provides exactly the same log to all parties
    - Typically implemented and performed by relying parties (browsers)

PKI: Certificate Transparency (CT)

- **CT Operations**





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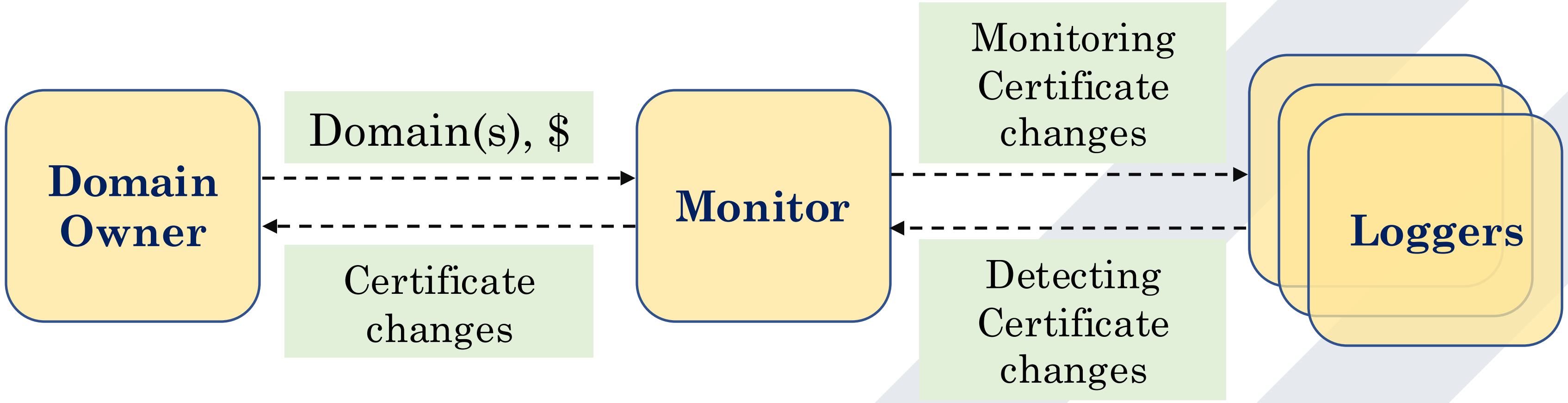
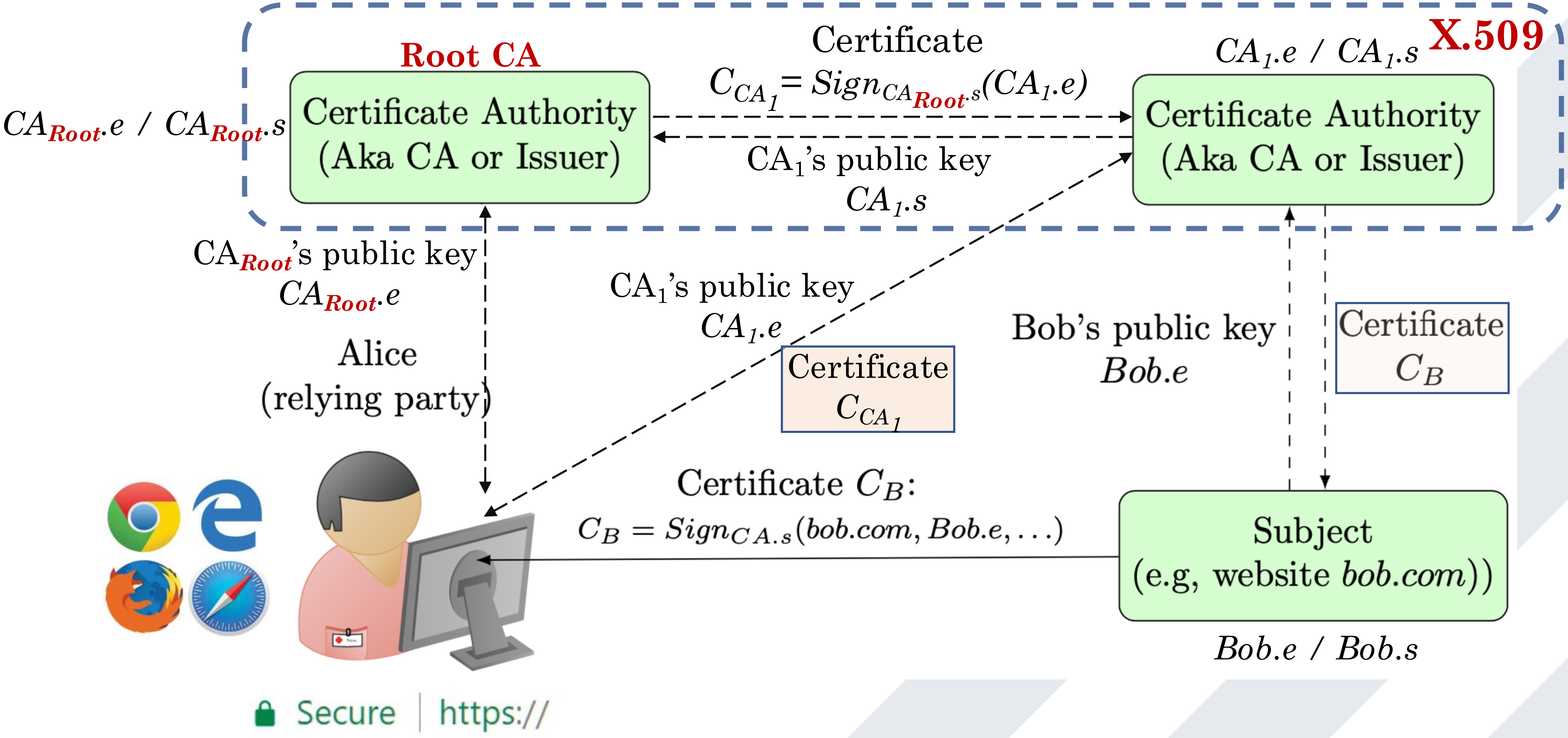


Public Key Infrastructure (PKI)



Network Security - Cryptography

- TCP/IP
- DoS Attacks
- DNS
- BGP
- CDN

- Applied Cryptography
- PKI
- TLS/SSL and HTTPS

- DNSSEC (*USENIX Security'17*)
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