

# SSL/TLS

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# Web security requirements

- Security requirements
  - Secrecy to prevent eavesdroppers to learn sensitive information
  - Entity authentication
  - Message authentication and integrity to prevent message alteration / injection

# Web security approach

- IP Security
  - Apply security at the IP layer
  - So, it is transparent to all end users and applications above IP
  - Most general approach
- SSL(Secure Sockets Layer protocol)
  - Security above TCP
- Application-specific security
  - Dedicated to specific application
  - embedded within the particular application

# Comparison of web security approaches

HTTP	FTP	SMTP
TCP		
IP Sec		

HTTP	FTP	SMTP
SSL(TLS)		
TCP		
IP		

SET	S/MIME	PGP
HTTP	SMTP	
TCP		
IP		

# SSL History

- SSL v1
  - Designed by Netscape, never deployed
- SSL v2
  - Deployed in Netscape Navigator 1.1 in 1995
- SSL v3
  - Substantial overhaul, fixing security flaws, publicly reviewed (RFC 6101)

# TLS(Transport Layer Security protocol)

- TLS 1.0
  - IETF standard (RFC 2246) in 1999
  - SSLv3 with little tweak
- TLS 1.1
  - Update from TLS 1.0 (RFC 4346) in 2006
- TLS 1.2
  - RFC 5246 in 2008
- TLS 1.3
  - Currently working draft

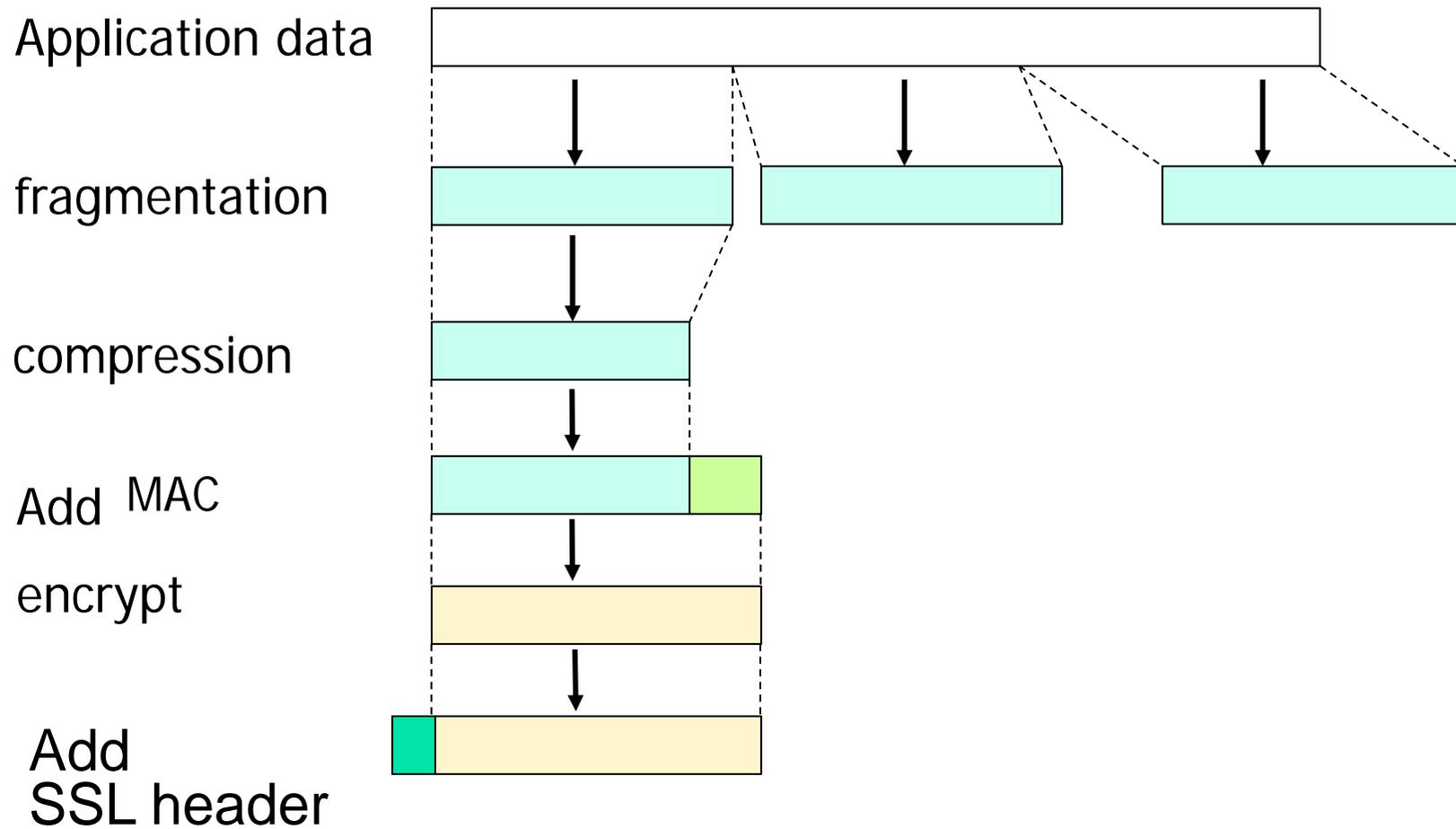
# What SSL can do

- In a word, SSL provides secure communication channel.
- Suppose that you want to buy a book at amazon.com
  - You want to be sure you are dealing with Amazon (**server authentication**)
  - Your credit card information must be protected in transit (**confidentiality** and/or **integrity**)
  - As long as you have money, Amazon does not care who you are (client authentication)
  - So, no need for mutual authentication

# What SSL can't do?

- Parameter tampering attacks that modify the values of URL or other parameters in a request at the browser.
- Scripting or SQL injection attacks.
- Attack on data stored on the client computer.
- Attack on data stored on the server computer
- Data after it reaches the server and is decrypted.

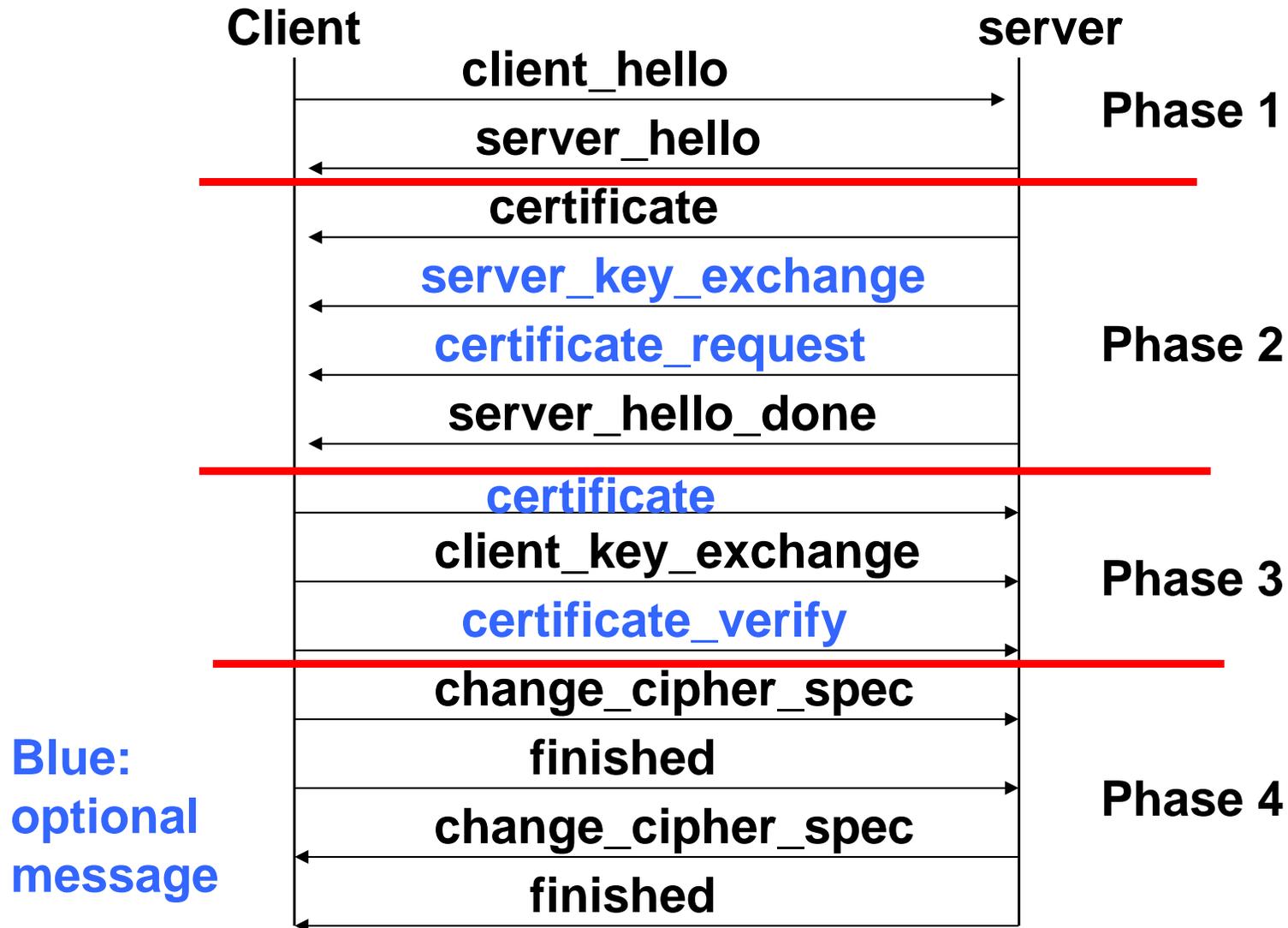
# From application data to SSL record



# SSL procedure

- Handshake
  - Authenticate server
  - Exchange parameters to compute keys
- Keys computation
- Secure data exchange
  - Fragment into SSL records (append MAC and encryption)
- Session termination
  - Special messages to securely close connection

# SSL Handshake Protocol



# Phase 1: establish security capabilities

- {client, server}\_hello message
  - Version: the highest SSL version
  - Random
    - 32-bit timestamp
    - 28 bytes random number
  - Session ID
  - Cipher suite
    - client\_hello: Ciphers are listed in decreasing order of preference
    - server\_hello: chosen cipher
  - Compression method

# Cipher Suite

- Cipher suite
  - (key exchange methods, cipher spec)
- Key exchange methods
  - **RSA**: encrypt key with receiver's public key
  - **Fixed Diffie-Hellman**
    - Server's certificate contains DH public parameters signed by CA. The client provides its DH public parameters either in a certificate or in a key exchange message.
  - **Ephemeral Diffie-Hellman**
    - Certificate contains server's public key.
    - DH public parameters are signed using the server's private key.
  - **Anonymous Diffie-Hellman**
    - Each side sends its DH public parameters to the other without authentication.

## ■ Cipher spec

- **Cipher Algorithm** (RC4, RC2, DES, 3DES, DES40, IDEA)
- **MAC Algorithm** (MD5, SHA-1)
- **Cipher Type** (stream or block)
- **Is Exportable** (true or false)
- **Hash size** (0 or 16 bytes for MD5, 20 bytes for SHA-1)
- **IV size**: IV size for Cipher Block Chaining(CBC) encryption

# Phase 2: Server authentication and key exchange

- **S → C: certificate**
  - RSA: Certificate contains server's public key
  - Fixed DH: Certificate contains DH public parameters signed by CA.
  - Ephemeral DH: Certificate contains DH public key, plus signature
- **S → C: server\_key\_exchange**
  - Anonymous DH:  $\{g, p, g^s\}$
  - Ephemeral DH:  $\{g, p, g^s\}$  + signature of  $\{g, p, g^s\}$
  - RSA: if server's key is only for a signature-only key, the server create a temporary RSA public/private keys and send the temporary public key
- **S → C: certificate\_request**
  - Cert\_type (RSA or DSS for key exchange)
  - List of acceptable certificate authorities
- **S → C: server\_hello\_done, no parameters**
- A signature is created by **computing hash(client\_rand || server\_rand || server parameters) and encrypting it with the sender's private key.**

# Phase 3

- After phase 2, client has all values required to generate the session key
- C → S: certificate
  - If server requested a certificate
- C → S: client\_key\_exchange
  - **RSA**: client generates 48 byte **pre-master secret**, encrypts it with server's public key or temporary RSA key from a server\_key\_exchange message.
  - **Ephemeral or anonymous DH**: client's DH public parameters
  - **Fixed DH**: null (certificate contained client's DH key)
- C → S: certificate\_verify
  - Only used if client sent certificate with signing key  $K_C$
  - $\text{CertificateVerify.signature.md5\_hash} = \{ \text{MD5}(\text{master secret} \parallel \text{pad2} \parallel \text{MD5}(\text{handshake messages} \parallel \text{master secret} \parallel \text{pad1})) \}_{K_C^{-1}}$

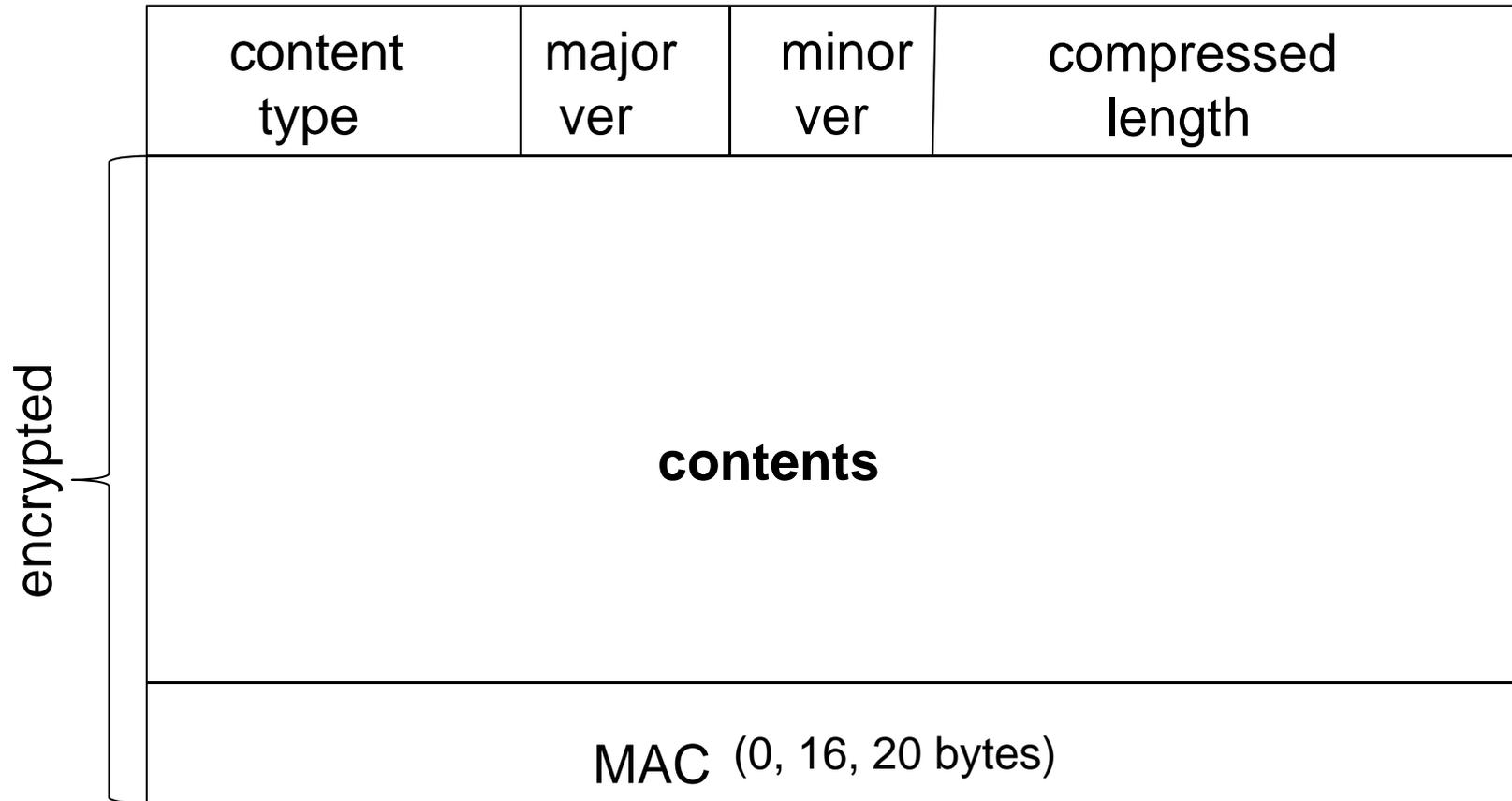
# Phase 4

- After phase 3, client and server share **master secret** computed from **pre-master secret**, and authenticated each other
- Phase 4: Finish
- C → S: change\_cipher\_spec
  - Copies the pending Cipher spec in the current CipherSpec.
- C → S: finished
  - $\text{MD5}(\text{master\_secret} \parallel \text{pad2} \parallel \text{MD5}(\text{handshake messages} \parallel \text{Sender} \parallel \text{master\_secret} \parallel \text{pad1})) \parallel \text{SHA-1}(\text{master\_secret} \parallel \text{pad2} \parallel \text{SHA-1}(\text{handshake messages} \parallel \text{Sender} \parallel \text{master\_secret} \parallel \text{pad1}))$
  - pad1 and pad2 are the values defined earlier for the MAC
  - Handshake messages contains all messages up to now
- S → C: change\_cipher\_spec
- S → C: finished

# Cryptographic computation

- Client and server perform DH calculation to create the shared **pre-master secret (PS)**.
- Master secret (MS) created from pre-master secret (PS), Client random (CR), Server random (SR)
  - $MS = MD5(PS \parallel SHA-1('A' \parallel PS \parallel CR \parallel SR)) \parallel$   
 $MD5(PS \parallel SHA-1('BB' \parallel PS \parallel CR \parallel SR)) \parallel$   
 $MD5(PS \parallel SHA-1('CCC' \parallel PS \parallel CR \parallel SR))$
- CipherSpec requires client & server MAC key, client & server encryption key, client & server IV, generated from MS:
  - $MD5(MS \parallel SHA-1('A' \parallel MS \parallel SR \parallel CR)) \parallel$   
 $MD5(MS \parallel SHA-1('BB' \parallel MS \parallel SR \parallel CR)) \parallel$   
 $MD5(MS \parallel SHA-1('CCC' \parallel MS \parallel SR \parallel CR)) \parallel$   
 $MD5(MS \parallel SHA-1('DDDD' \parallel MS \parallel SR \parallel CR)) \parallel \dots$

# SSL record format



# SSL Record format

- SSL Record = Content type || Major version || Minor version || Length || { Data || MAC( K', Data ) }<sub>K</sub>
- MAC( K', Data ) = hash( K' || pad2 || hash( K' || pad1 || seq\_num || compressed\_type || length || Data ))
  - hash: MD5 or SHA-1
  - pad1 = 0x363636...
  - pad2 = 0x5C5C5C...
  - seq\_num: sequence number for message

# Sample SSL session

- Client has no certificate, only server authenticated
- C → S: client\_hello
- S → C: server\_hello
  - Ephemeral DH key exchange, RC4 encryption, MD5-based MAC
- S → C: Server certificate, containing RSA public key
  - Client checks validity + verifies URL matches certificate
- S → C: Server\_key\_exchange:  $g, p, g^S, \{H(g, p, g^S)\}_{K_S^{-1}}$
- S → C: server\_hello\_done
- C → S: client\_key\_exchange:  $g^C$
- C → S: change\_cipher\_spec
- C → S: finished
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# Key computation

- In the previous example, compute **pre-master secret** from  $\{g, p, g^A, g^B\}$ .
- Compute **master secret** from **pre-master secret**.
- From **client nonce**( $R_A$ ), **server nonce**( $R_B$ ), and **master secret**, compute the following 4 keys and 2 IVs.
  - client MAC key
  - server MAC key
  - client encryption key
  - server encryption key
  - client initialization vector (IV)
  - server initialization vector (IV)