# Encryption Update on z/VSE

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2. TCP/IP for VSE
3. IPv6/VSE
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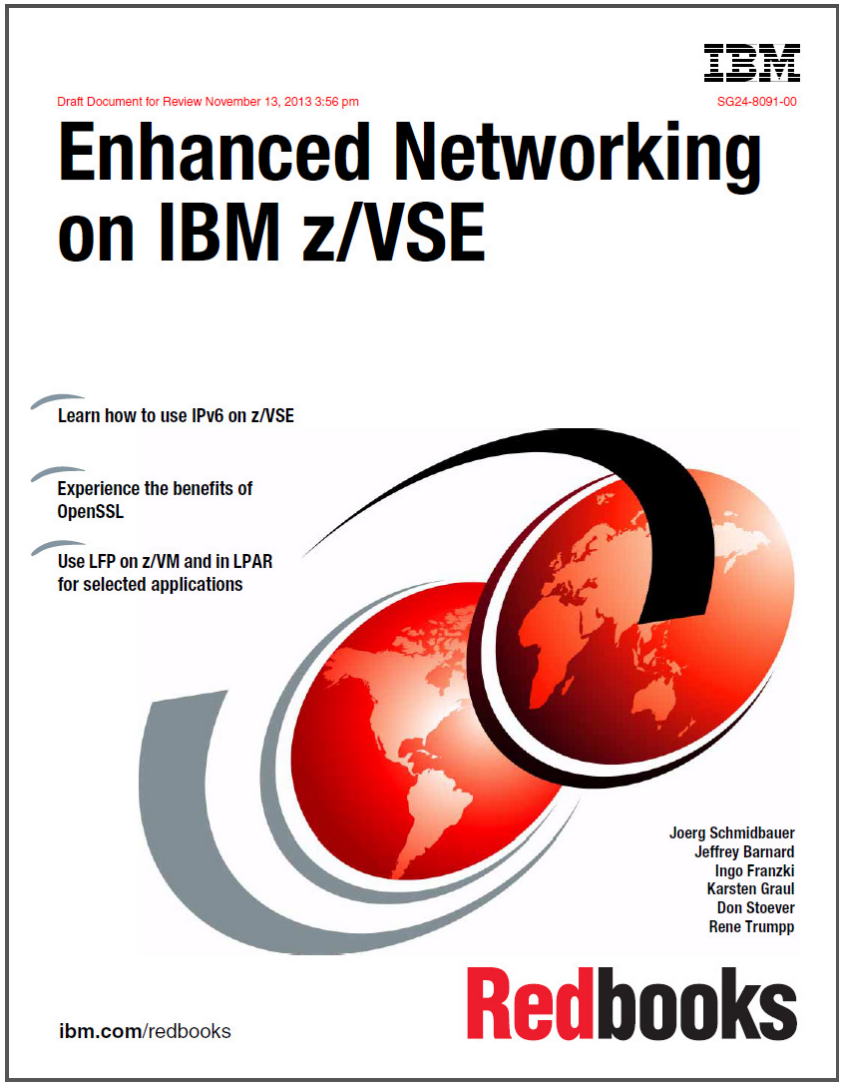


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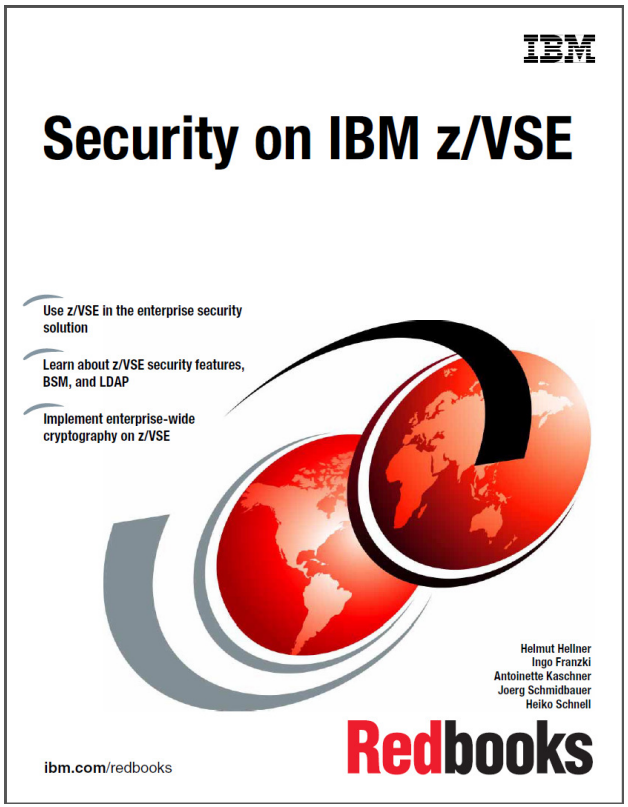


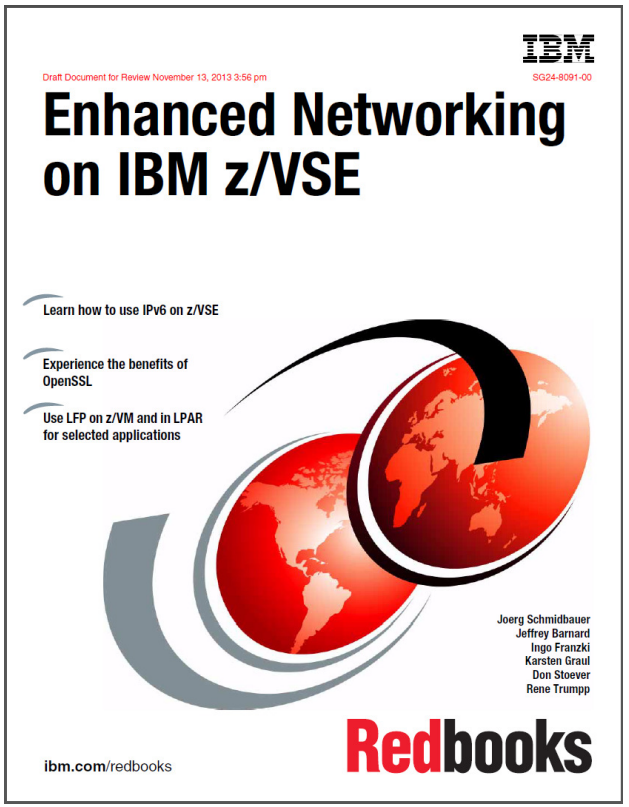

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# What is OpenSSL

- OpenSSL is an Open Source project providing an SSL implementation and key management utilities.
- OpenSSL is written in C
- Available for most Unix-style operating systems, MAC, Windows, and:
  IBM System i (OS/400)
- For details on OpenSSL refer to

  http://www.openssl.org/
  http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Openssl

# OpenSSL on z/VSE

- **Available with z/VSE 5.1 as part of a new system component "z/VSE cryptographic services", 5686-CF9-17-51S**
  - Installed in PRD1.BASE
  - Consists of
    - IJBSSL phase (the OpenSSL functionality)
    - SPEEDTST phase (built-in speed test)
    - NOTICES.Z (License information)
    - IJBSLVSE.OBJ (Access to APIs)
    - IJBSSL.H (function prototypes)
- **Currently used by the IPv6/VSE product from Barnard Software, Inc.**
  - Refer to new Redbook "Enhanced Networking on IBM z/VSE"
  - Some info on OpenSSL is also contained in "z/VSE TCP/IP Support"

# Relevant APARs and PTFs

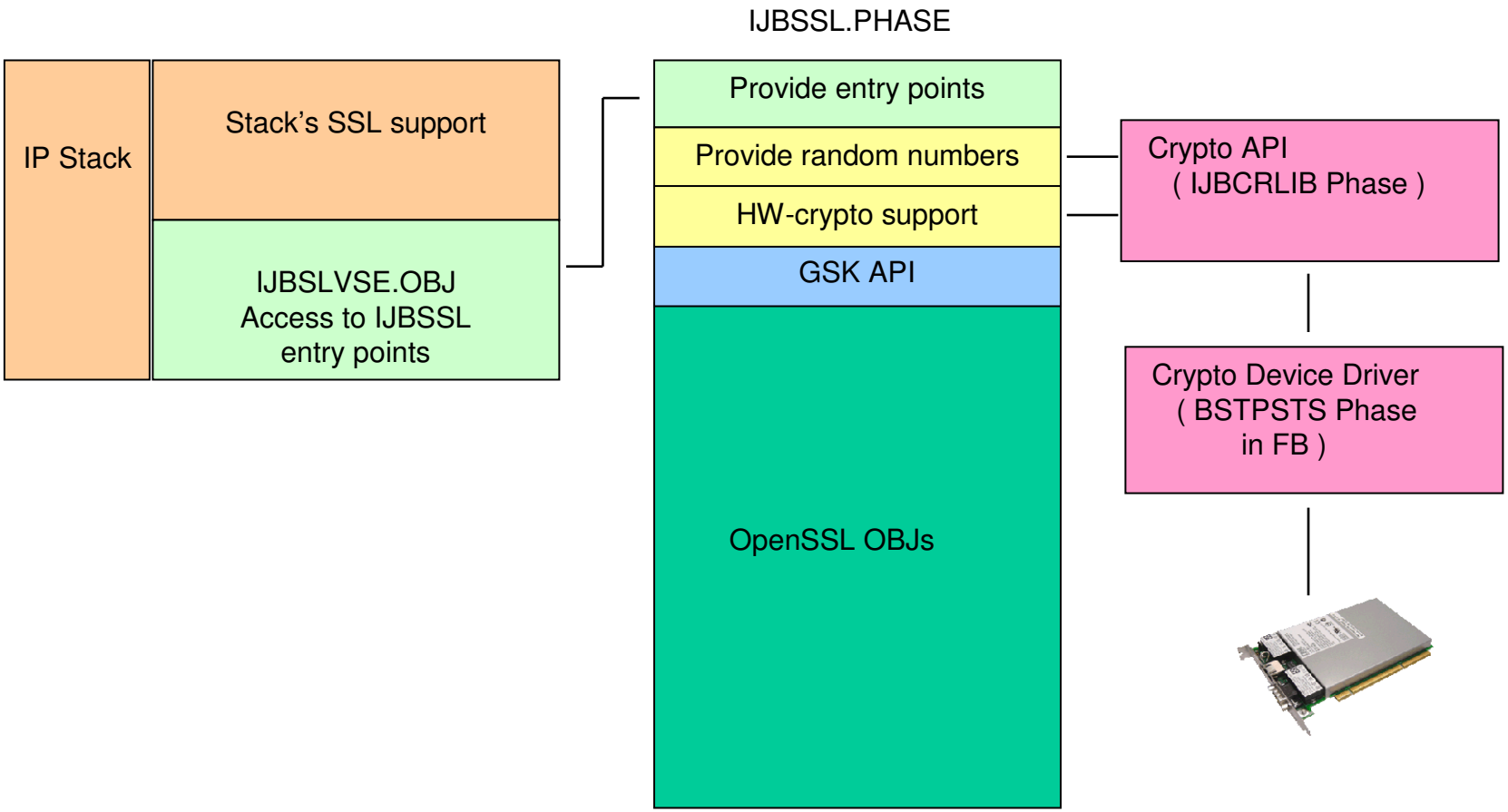
| APAR | PTF | Description | Available since |
|---|---|---|---|
| DY47397 | UD53864 | OpenSSL 1.0.0d update for z/VSE 5.1 | August 2012 |
| DY47414 | UD53863 | VSE/AF update for HW crypto support | August 2012 |
| PM77065 | UK83637 | Initial IPv6/VSE version with OpenSSL support | November 2012 |
| DY47472 | UD53952 | Remove RC4-based cipher suites due to security issues | July 2013 |
| DY47499 | UD53983 | OpenSSL 1.0.1e update | December 2013 |
| PM98875 | UK98397 | IPv6/VSE update for TLSv1.2 support | December 2013 |

# Specifics for OpenSSL on VSE

- **Restrictions**
  - The openssl command line tool is not available on VSE.
  - Keystores (PEM files) are created on a PC and then uploaded to VSE. This is supported by the Keyman/VSE tool: http://www.ibm.com/systems/z/os/zvse/downloads/#vkeyman
  - Some algorithms excluded due to legal reasons
  - Currently only for LE/C
- **Only available on z/VSE**
  - Hardware Crypto Support: Crypto Express cards and CPACF
  - SSL API is compatible to z/OS SSL API (*) and CSI SSL API, i.e. existing VSE SSL applications can run unchanged with OpenSSL (LE/C only).
  - OpenSSL Trace

(*) Refer to: *z/OS Cryptographic Services, SSL Programming*, SC24-5901 and *z/VSE TCP/IP Support*, SC34-2640

# OpenSSL integration in z/VSE



# Upgrade to OpenSSL 1.0.1e

- OpenSSL 1.0.1e is the currently latest service level on openssl.org (from Feb 2013)
- Provides new functionality and bug fixes, especially
  - Support of TLSv1.2
- OpenSSL 1.0.1e available on VSE since Dec 2013
  - APAR DY47499 / PTF UD53983
- Latest IPv6/VSE PTF contains code to support the new TLSV1.2 parameter

The following slides explain the advantage of TLS v1.2 and why you should upgrade to this protocol version.

# What is TLS v1.2

- **TLSv1.2 is the currently latest SSL protocol version, after**
  - SSL 3.0
  - TLS 1.0
  - TLS 1.1
- **TLSv1.2 provides new SSL cipher suites**
  - `0x3B  TLS_RSA_WITH_NULL_SHA256`
  - `0x3C  TLS_RSA_WITH_AES_128_CBC_SHA256`
  - `0x3D  TLS_RSA_WITH_AES_256_CBC_SHA256`
- **TLSv1.2 is described in RFC 5246**
  - http://tools.ietf.org/html/rfc5246

What's the difference to the previously available cipher suites?

# Comparison

- **Available ciphers so far**
  - SSL_RSA_WITH_3DES_EDE_CBC_SHA
  - TLS_RSA_WITH_AES_128_CBC_SHA
  - TLS_RSA_WITH_AES_256_CBC_SHA
    -

They all use the SHA-1 algorithm

- **TLSv1.2**
  - TLS_RSA_WITH_AES_128_CBC_SHA256
  - TLS_RSA_WITH_AES_256_CBC_SHA256

These use SHA-256

OK, first of all, what is a hash function?

# What is a hash function?

- **A cryptographic hash function takes an arbitrary block of data and returns a fixed-size bit string, the *cryptographic hash value, sometimes also called "fingerprint"* or "message digest".**
- **It has these main properties:**
  - it is easy to compute the hash value for any given message
  - it is infeasible to generate a message that has a given hash
  - it is infeasible to modify a message without changing the hash
  - it is infeasible to find two different messages with the same hash.

OK, what's the difference between SHA-1 and SHA-256?

Source: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hash_function_%28cryptography%29

# Comparison SHA-1 versus SHA-256

- **SHA-1**
  - Maximum input length = approx. $2^{64}$ Bits = approx. 2 Exabyte = 2 Mio TB = 500.000 Cartridges of 4 TB, e.g. for TS1140 tape drive
  - Hash value has 160 Bits = 20 Bytes
- **SHA256**
  - Maximum input length = $2^{128}$ Bits
  - Hash value has 256 Bits = 32 Bytes

Is SHA-1 not enough?

Source: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Secure_hash_algorithm

# SHA-1 discussion

- **In 2005 a team of three Chinese researchers published an attack on simplified versions of SHA-1.**
  - http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/SHA-1
- **From Bruce Schneier‘s blog in Feb 2005:**
  - Jon Callas, PGP's CTO, put it best: "It's time to walk, but not run, to the fire exits. You don't see smoke, but the fire alarms have gone off." That's basically what I said last August. It's time for us all to migrate away from SHA-1.
  - https://www.schneier.com/blog/archives/2005/02/sha1_broken.html

Ok, this does not sound very urgent ...

# NIST Special Publication 800-131A

- **NIST = National Institute of Standards and Technology**
  - Part of the U.S. Department of Commerce
- ***NIST Special Publication 800-131A* dated January 2011 entitled "Transitions: Recommendation for Transitioning the Use of Cryptographic Algorithms and Key Lengths" Table 9 states that the use of the SHA-1 hash function is disallowed after December 31, 2013 except for non-digital signature applications.**
- **Source:**
  - http://csrc.nist.gov/publications/nistpubs/800-131A/sp800-131A.pdf

… well, the NIST already changed their recommendations.

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# API support

| | SSL API | Crypto API |
|---|---|---|
| LE/C sockets | Yes (C only) | - |
| EZASMI / EZASOKET | Yes (ASM, COBOL, PL/1) | - |
| TCP/IP for VSE | Yes (ASM and C) | Yes (ASM and C) |
| OpenSSL | Yes (C only)<br>Non-C: TODO! | Yes (C only)<br>Non-C: TODO! |
| CPACF | - | Yes (ASM *) |

(*) Refer to “Principles of Operation”, instructions KM, KMC, KMF, etc.

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# First some terms …

- **Short-term keys**
  - Are usually keys for symmetric encryption algorithms like DES, Triple-DES, AES.
  - Are often called „session keys“, „data keys“, or „encryption keys“.
  - Are used to encrypt the data.
  - Are generated either by random or from a given password
- **Long-term keys**
  - Are usually public / private RSA key pairs.
  - Are typically used in SSL to transfer/protect short-term keys.
  - Are sometimes called „key-encrypting keys“
  - Are sometimes used for protecting session keys when creating encrypted backups. Hereby one or more session keys are encrypted with different long-term keys and stored in the backup together with the data.

# Perfect Forward Secrecy (PFS)

- **From Wikipedia:**
  - "PFS is a property of key-agreement protocols that ensures that a session key derived from a set of long-term keys will not be compromised if one of the long-term keys is compromised in the future".

**… in other words:** even if a long-term key is compromised in future, it is not possible to get access to a session key, and thus, to the data.

- **Implication:**
  - In PFS, session keys are not protected (encrypted) by long-term keys (e.g. RSA private/public keys).

Source: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Perfect_Forward_Secrecy

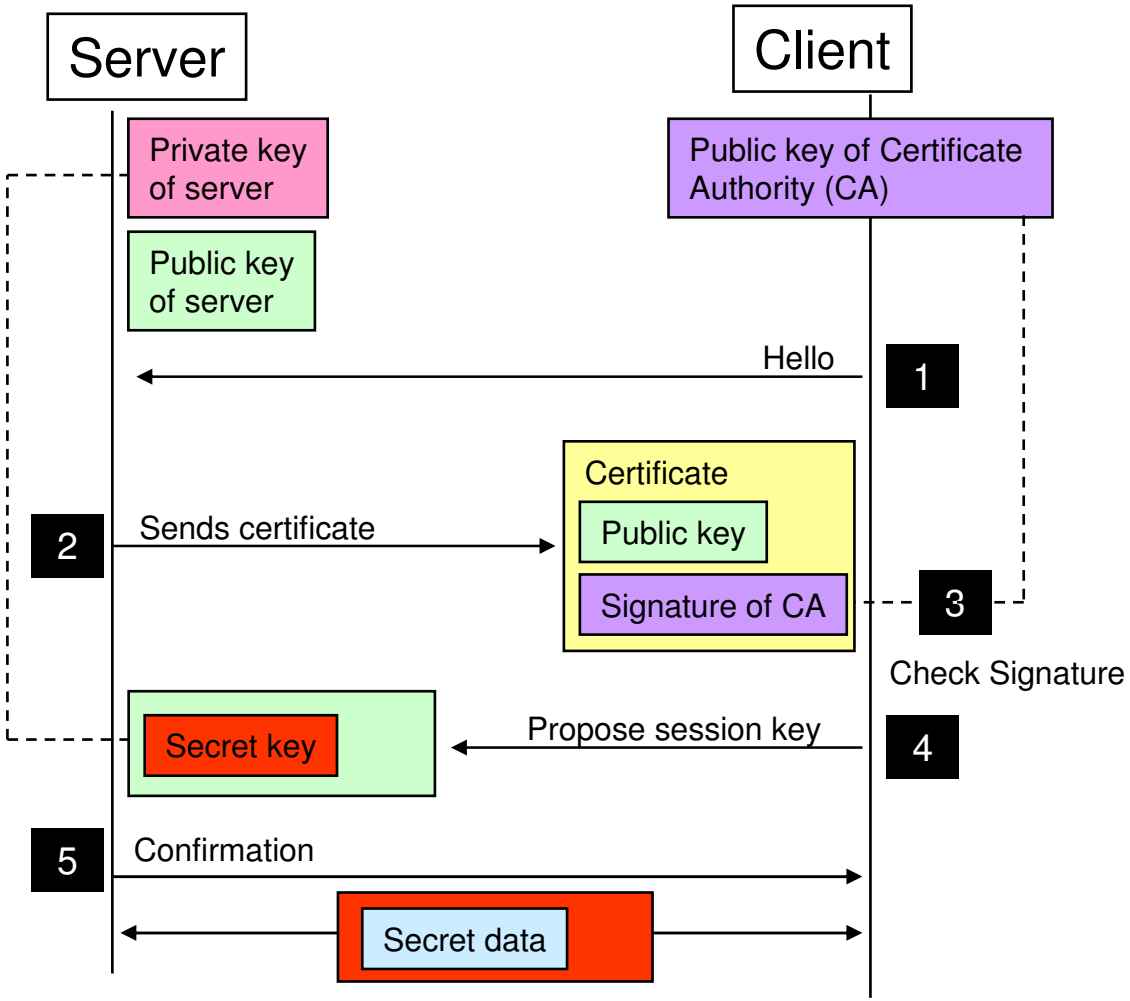
# Major difference between RSA and PFS

- **RSA**
  - A randomly generated session key gets encrypted with an RSA public key and is part of the network session data or encrypted backup.
- **PFS**
  - Uses the Diffie-Hellman (DH) key agreement method where a session key is never part of a network session.
  - PFS is not applicable for encrypted backups, only secure network connections are considered.

OK, but how does it work?

# Case 1: Session establishment with RSA

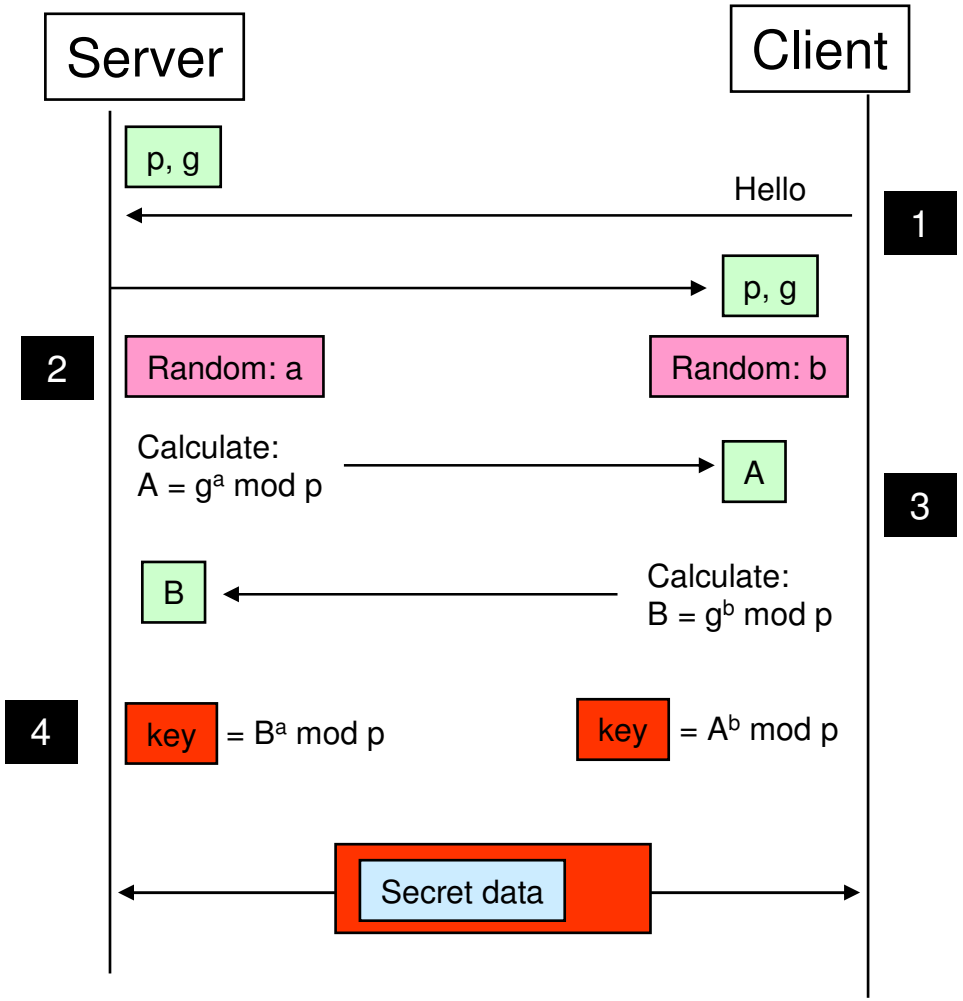
1. Browser contacts https://my-bank.com
2. Server sends public key wrapped into a digital certificate, signed by a trusted Certificate Authority (CA).
3. Browser checks signature of the CA and assumes to be in fact connected to my-bank.com. From now on the Browser encrypts messages with the server's public key. Server can decrypt these messages with its corresponding private key.
4. Browser proposes a secret session key, encrypted by the server's public key. Here we have the weakness.
5. Server confirms the secret session key.



# Case 2: session establishment with DH

1. The communication partners agree on two values p and g (DH parameters). There is a mathematical relationship between these two values.
2. Both parties generate a random number in the range {1 ... p-2}. These two numbers are never sent over the line.
3. Both parties perform certain calculations to derive two values A and B, which are exchanged over the unsecure medium.
4. Both parties can now derive the same secret key. This key is never part of the connection data.

Authentication not considered here!



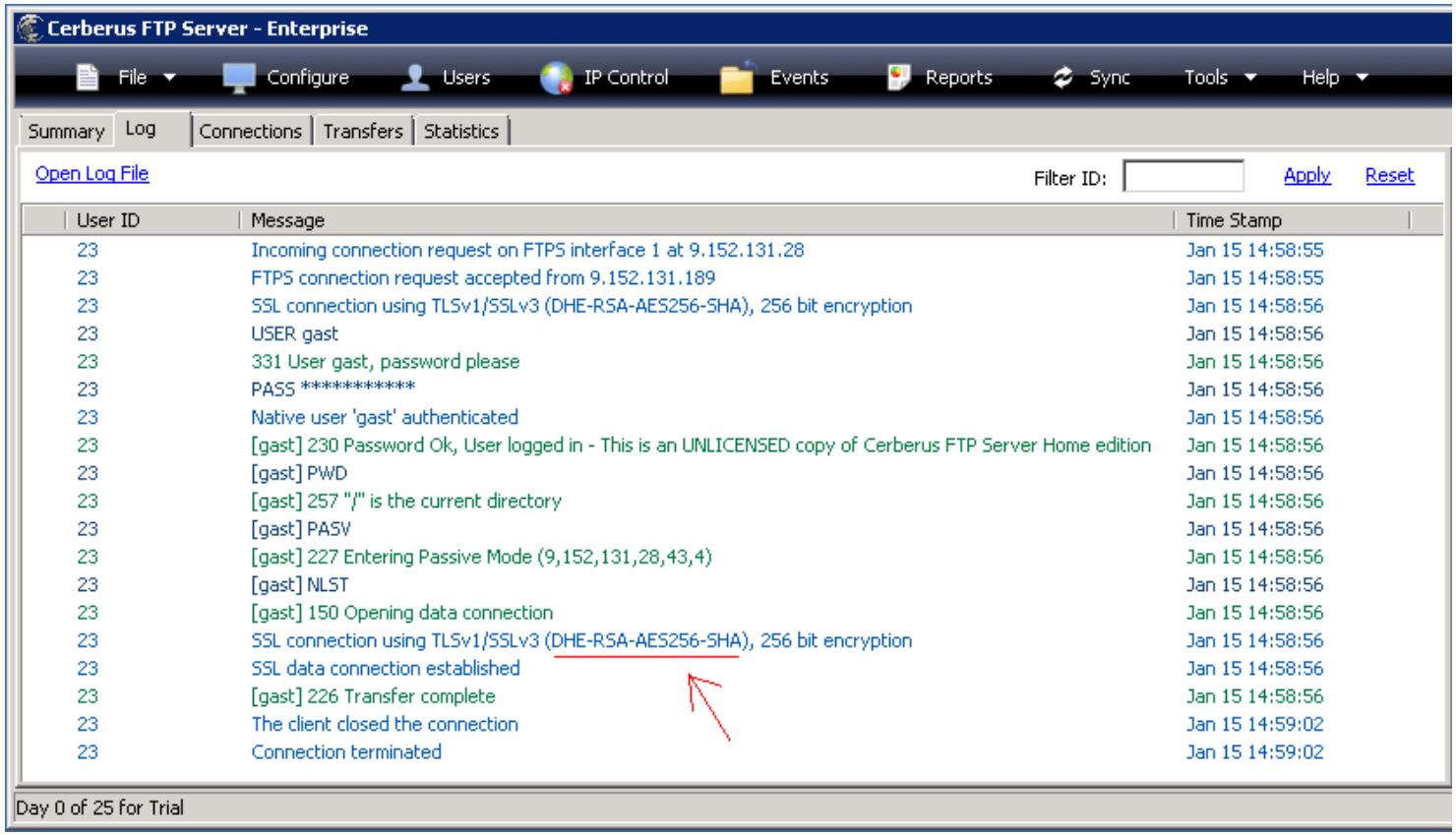

Source: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Diffie%E2%80%93Hellman_key_exchange

# Pro's and Con's

- **RSA**
  - Well established and supported by almost all web sites
  - Big RSA key sizes guarantee desired level of security, but:
  - Huge processing overhead with 2048-bit and 4096-bit keys
- **Diffie-Hellman**
  - DH parameters need a long time to generate, but can be created in advance
  - In practice, authentication via certificates is added to the DH key exchange method
  - Also significant processing overhead when opening a connection
  - Currently supported only by few sites, e.g. Google gmail

# DH with OpenSSL on VSE

- Latest OpenSSL code on VSE can do Diffie-Hellman!
- Example: BSTTFTPC (FTP client), Cerberus FTP Server




http://www.cerberusftp.com/

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# Outlook

- **Customers are replacing their 1024-bit RSA keys by 2048-bit keys since years**
  - Note: 2048-bit keys require Crypto Express hardware. TCP/IP for VSE cannot process 2k keys in software. OpenSSL can do this, but does not perform.
- **Customers will over time migrate to TLSv1.2 and use the SHA-256 based SSL cipher suites.**
- **The Diffie-Hellman key agreement method will get wider use, first of all in security-critical applications.**
  - Hopefully Online Banking ...
- **Regular updates on OpenSSL help reducing security risks**

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