

Practical Cryptography, Certificates, and 802.1X

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Today's Goals



- **Give a *basic* background in cryptography and public key infrastructure**
 - What is symmetric key crypto?
 - What is asymmetric key crypto?
 - What are certificates and PKI?
- **Show how to use public certs with our controller**
- **Show how these two come together to create 802.1x**



Cryptography Primer

Terminology

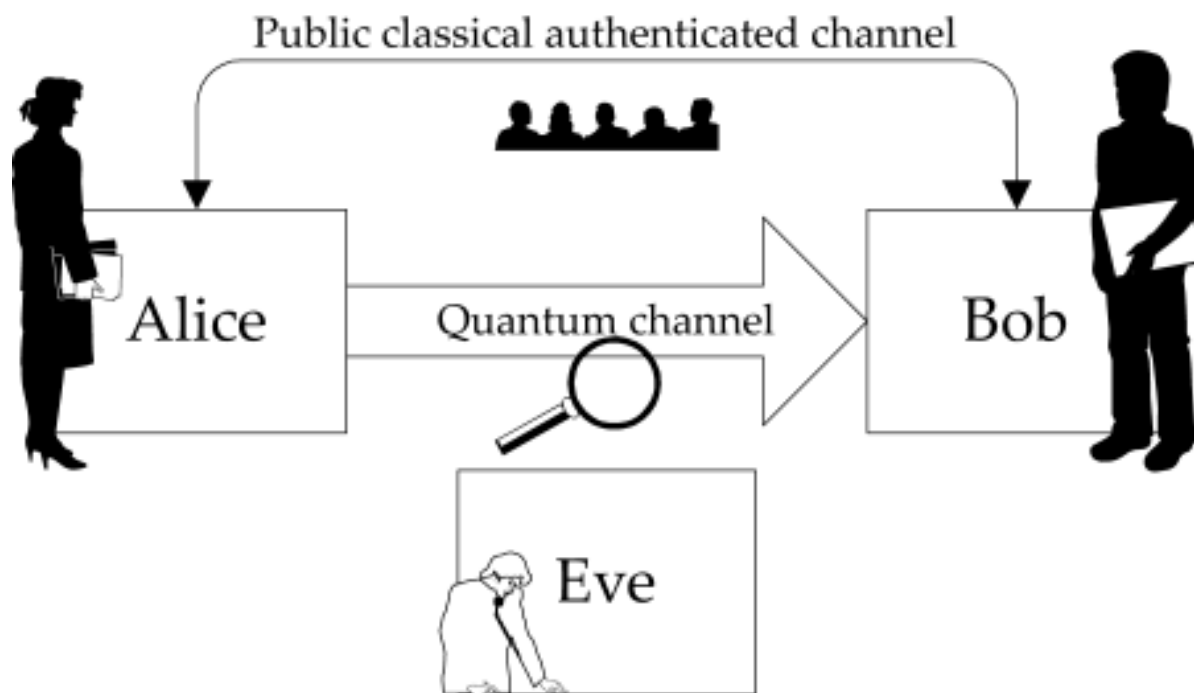


- ***Plain text*** is normal, unencrypted text
- ***A Cipher*** is an encryption technique
- ***Cipher Text*** is the unreadable output on the Cypher

Meet Bob and Alice



- Bob and Alice are traditionally used in examples of cryptography



Meet The New Bob, Alice, and Eve



Max, aka "Bob"



Agent 99, aka "Alice"



Konrad of Kaos, aka "Eve"

Symmetric Key Cryptography



Plain-text input

Cipher-text

Plain-text output

Watch out!
Kaos is on
the way!

AxCv;5bmEseTfid3)fGsm
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sY8R\s@!q3%

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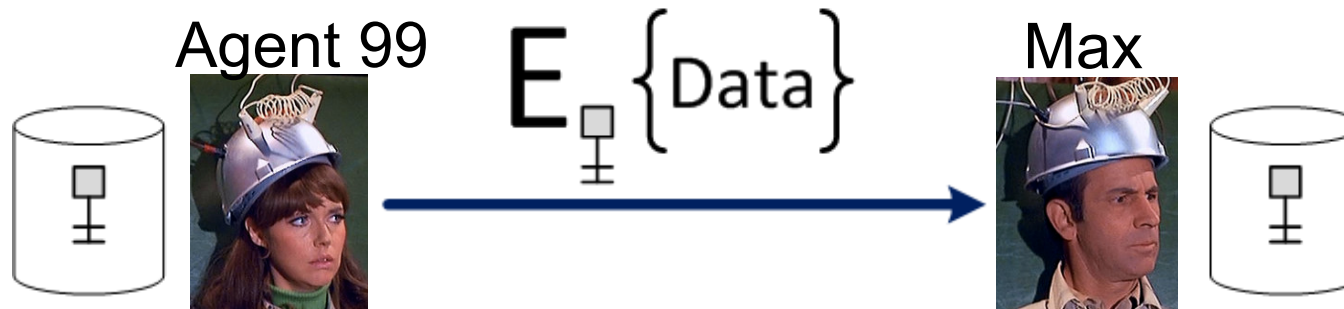
Encryption

Decryption



Same key
(shared secret)

Symmetric Key Cryptography (2)



- Strength:
 - Simple and very fast (order of 1000 to 10000 faster than asymmetric mechanisms)
- Weakness:
 - Must agree the key beforehand
 - How to securely pass the key to the other party?
- Examples: AES, 3DES, DES, RC4
- AES is the current “gold standard” for security

Public Key Cryptography (Asymmetric)



Plain-text Input

Max! You
idiot! Kaos
has our key!

Cipher-text

Py75c%bn&*)9|fDe^bD
Faq#xzjFr@g5=&nmdFg
\$5knvMd'rkvegMs

Plain-text Output

Max! You
idiot! Kaos
has our key!

Encryption

Decryption

public

Different keys

private

Recipient's
public key

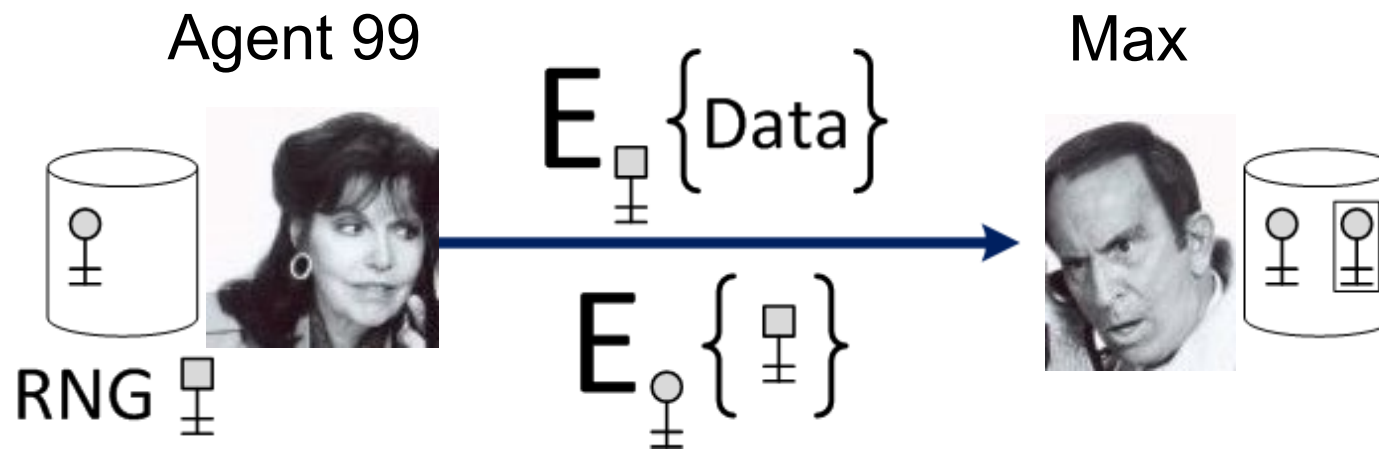
Recipient's
private key

Public Key Cryptography (2)



- Strength
 - Solves problem of passing the key – Anyone can use the public key to encrypt a message, but only recipient can decrypt
 - Allows establishment of trust context between parties
- Weakness:
 - Slow (MUCH slower than symmetric)
 - Problem of trusting public key (what if I've never met you?)
- Examples: RSA, DSA, ECDSA

Hybrid Cryptography



- Randomly generate “session” key
- Encrypt data with “session” key (symmetric key cryptography)
- Encrypt “session” key with recipient’s public key (public key cryptography)

Hash Function



- Properties
 - it is easy to compute the hash value for any given message
 - it is infeasible to find a message that has a given hash
 - it is infeasible to find two different messages with the same hash
 - it is infeasible to modify a message without changing its hash
- Ensures message integrity
- Also called message digests or fingerprints
- Examples: MD5, SHA1, SHA2 (256/384/512)

Digital Signature



- Combines a hash with an asymmetric crypto algorithm
- The sender's private key is used in the digital signature operation
- Digital signature calculation:

$$S_{\text{key}}\{\text{Data}\} == \text{Data} + E_{\text{key}}\{H(\text{Data})\}$$

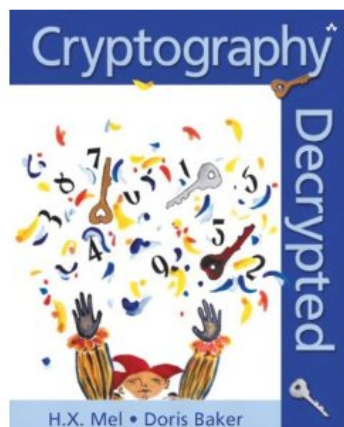
Digital Signature

Summary: Security Building Blocks



- **Encryption provides**
 - confidentiality, can provide authentication and integrity protection
- **Checksums/hash algorithms provide**
 - integrity protection, can provide authentication
- **Digital signatures provide**
 - authentication, integrity protection, and non-repudiation
- **For more info:**

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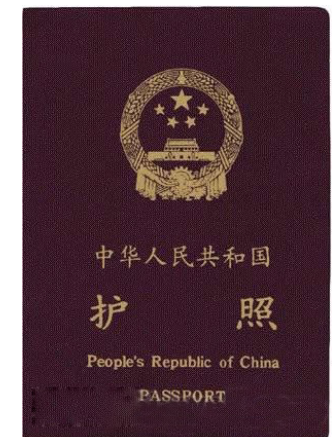
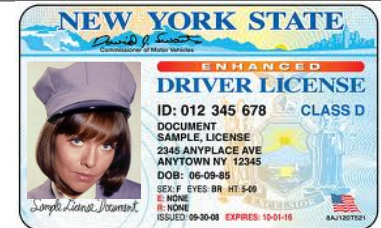
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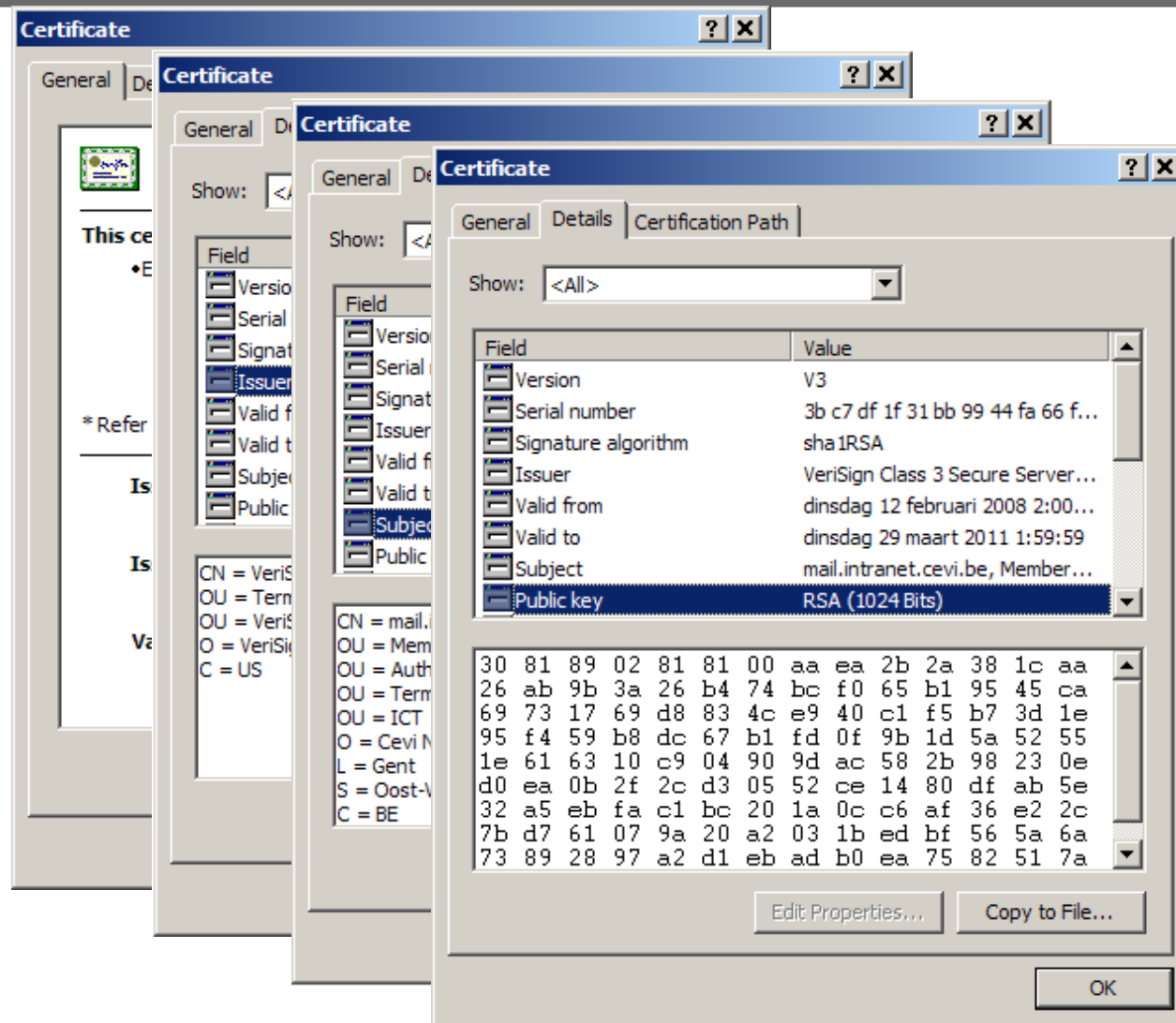
What is a Certificate?



- A certificate is a digitally signed statement that binds a public key to some identifying information
 - The signer of the certificate is called its issuer
 - The entity talked about in the certificate is the subject of the certificate
- Certificates in the real world
 - Any type of license, government-issued ID's, membership cards, ...
 - Binds an identity to certain rights, privileges, or other identifiers



What is a Certificate? (2)

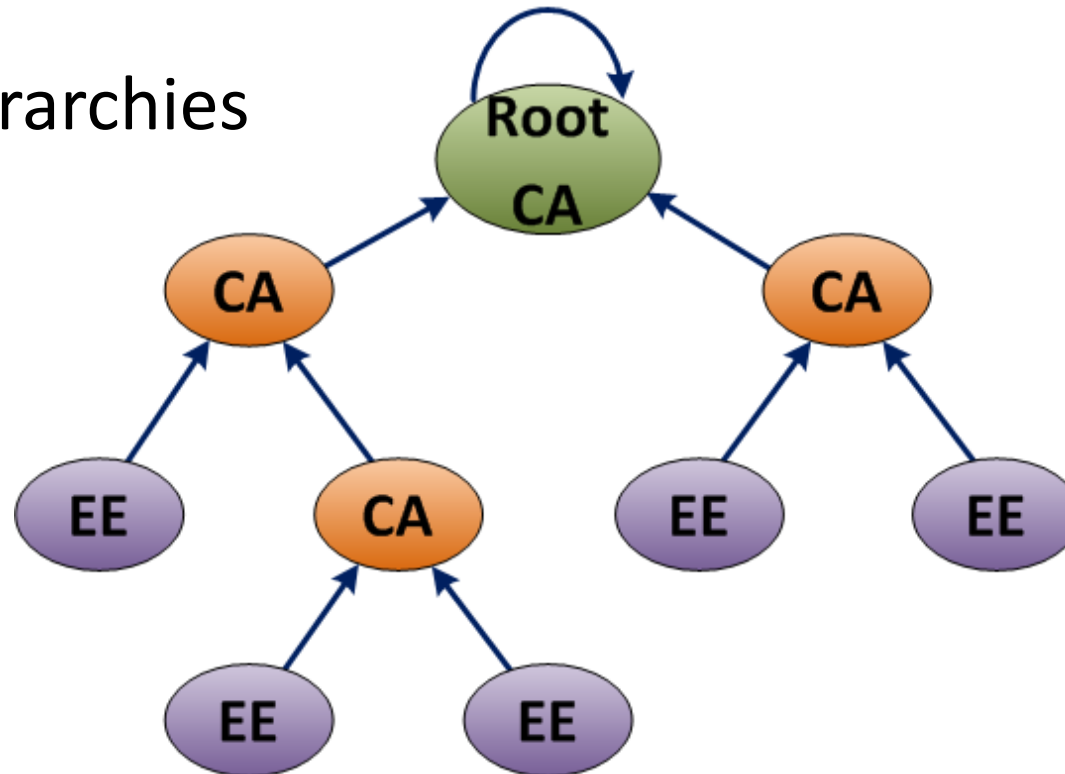


- Agent 99 will believe Max's public key belongs to Max if Agent 99 trusts the issuer of Max's certificate to make key-name binding statements
- How can we convince Agent 99 to trust the issuer of Max's certificate?
- Solution: Agent 99 must implicitly trust *some* set of public keys
 - Once she does that, those public keys can introduce other public keys to her (hierarchical model)

Public Key Infrastructure



- A Certificate Authority (CA) guarantees the binding between a public key and another CA or an “End Entity” (EE)
- CA Hierarchies



Certificate Authority Best Practice



- **Normally, self-signed root CAs are created, then these create subordinate CAs**
- **Once subordinate CAs have been created, the root is taken offline**
 - If the root is compromised, the trust model is broken and the bad guys can fool you into trusting a cert that is bogus

Certificate Authority Best Practices



Symantec/VeriSign Data Center



Who do you trust?



Windows: Start->Run->certmgr.msc

Issued To	Issued By	Expiration Date	Intended Purposes	Friendly Name	Status
AAA Certificate Services	AAA Certificate Services	1/01/2029	Server Authentication, Client Authentication, Se...	COMODO	
AC Raiz Certicámara S.A.	AC Raiz Certicámara S.A.	2/04/2030	Server Authentication, Client Authentication, Se...	AC Raiz Certicámara S.A.	
AC RAIZ DNIE	AC RAIZ DNIE	8/02/2036	Server Authentication, Client Authentication, Se...	DIRECCION GENERAL DE LA POLICIA	
AC RAIZ FNMT-RCM	AC RAIZ FNMT-RCM	1/01/2030	Server Authentication, Client Authentication, Se...	AC RAIZ FNMT-RCM	
ACEDICOM Root	ACEDICOM Root	13/04/2028	Server Authentication, Client Authentication, Se...	EDICOM	
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ACNLB	ACNLB	15/05/2023	Server Authentication, Client Authentication, C...	NLB Nova Ljubljanska Banka d.d. Ljubljana	
Actalis Authentication CA G1	Actalis Authentication CA G1	25/06/2022	Server Authentication, Client Authentication, Se...	Actalis Authentication CA G1	
AddTrust External CA Root	AddTrust External CA Root	30/05/2020	Server Authentication, Client Authentication, Se...	USERTrust	
AdminCA-CD-T01	AdminCA-CD-T01	25/01/2016	Server Authentication, Client Authentication, C...	BIT AdminCA-CD-T01	
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Public CA versus Private CA



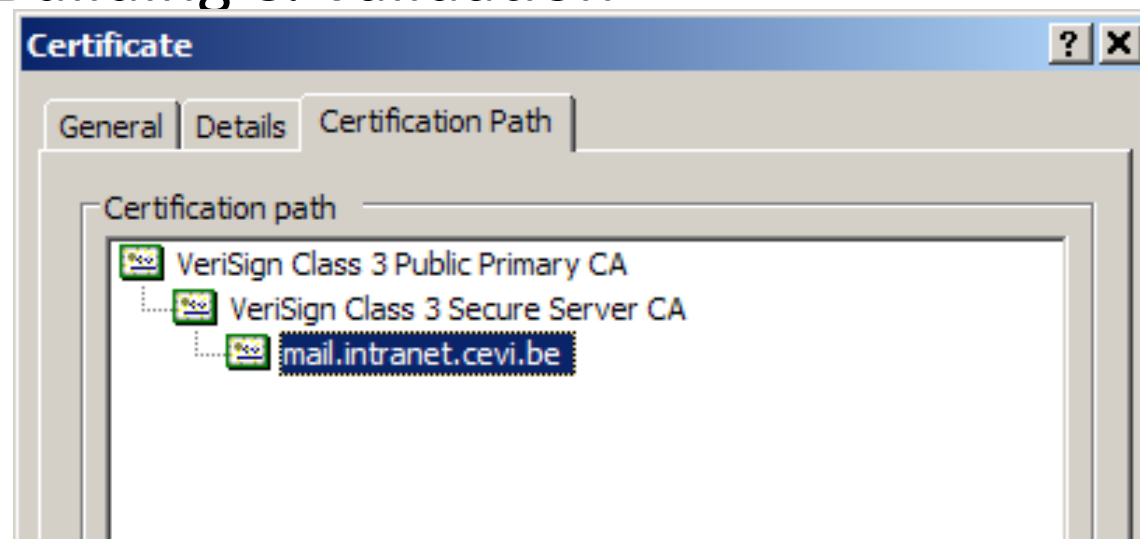
- **Windows Server includes a domain-aware CA – why not just use it?**
- **Disadvantages:**
 - PKI is complex. Might be easier to let Verisign/Thawte/etc. do it for you.
 - *Nobody outside your Windows domain will trust your certificates*
- **Advantages:**
 - Less costly
 - Better security possible. Low chances of someone outside organization getting a certificate from your internal PKI

- **Only intended for BYOD – not a general-purpose CA**
 - No Web enrollment interface
 - No manual enrollment interface
 - Limited (BYOD-focused) policy controls
- **Recommendation: Use for deploying BYOD certs which have limited applicability**
 - Valid for WLAN access to a limited access zone
 - Not valid for other enterprise services (email, VPN, app sign-on, etc.)

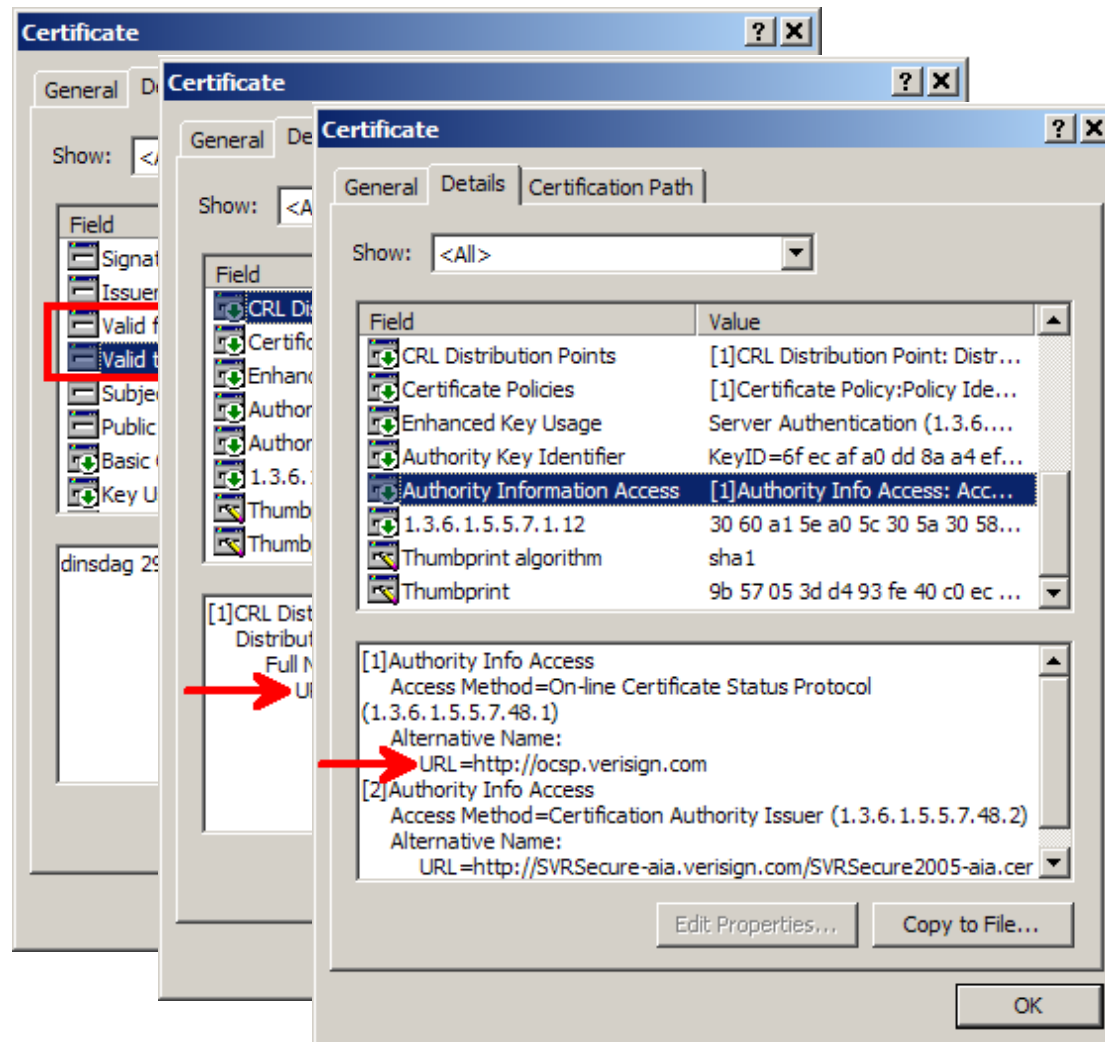
Public Key Infrastructure (3)



- Agent Agent 99 trusts Max's public key if there is a valid chain of certificates from Max's public key to a root CA that Agent 99 implicitly trusts
 - Web browsers also check DNS hostname == certificate Common Name (CN)
- Chain Building & Validation



Certificate Validity



Good to Know: Apple TV



- With the latest version of Apple TV iOS, WPA2 Enterprise can be used
- However, the Apple TV does not have a clock
- So when it is rebooted, it thinks it is January, 1970, aka the “epoch”
- It will not authenticate successfully because it will not trust the network’s cert is valid
- NTP must complete first to fix the time

- **Can be used by the *client* (e.g. web browser) to verify server's certificate validity**
 - OCSP URL is read from server certificate's AIA field
- **Can be used by the *server* (e.g. mobility controller) to verify client's certificate validity**
 - OCSP URL is most often configured on the server to point to specific OCSP responders
- **OCSP transactions use HTTP for transport protocol**
- **Important: Nonce Extension required for replay prevention**
 - Some public CAs don't like this...

- **OCSP Direct Trust Model**

- Each OCSP responder has an OCSP Responder certificate
- Each Responder cert must be installed on relying party (controller)
- ArubaOS only supports a single Responder cert – problem for redundancy

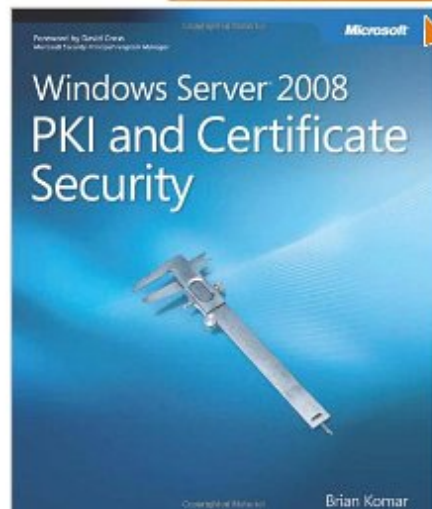
- **OCSP Delegated Trust Model**

- OCSP responder has an OCSP Responder cert issued by each issuing CA for which it can respond
- Relying party checks to see that OCSP response is signed by a known cert
- Requires each issuing CA cert to be installed on relying party (controller) because chaining is not supported
- Requires ArubaOS 6.1.4.1-FIPS or ArubaOS 6.3+

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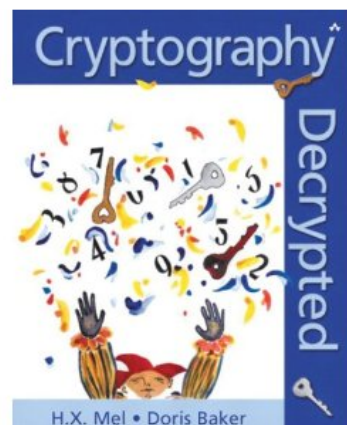
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Aruba Certificate Operations

- **Server Certificate**
 - Used by controller to authenticate to the client (EAP-TLS, PEAP, Web)
- **CA Certificate**
 - Used by controller to validate client certificate (EAP-TLS only)
- **Client Certificate**
 - Used by client to authenticate to the network (EAP-TLS only)

- **PEM / PKCS#7**
 - Contains a certificate in base64 encoding (open in a text editor)
- **DER**
 - Contains a certificate in binary encoding
- **PFX / PKCS#12**
 - Contains a certificate AND private key, protected by a password

Using Certificate Signing Request



- **Private key stays on controller**
- **CSR is sent to CA**
 - How this works depends on the CA type
- **CA issues certificate in PEM/CER or DER format**
- **Certificate is uploaded to controller**
- **Controller puts certificate back together with private key automatically**

Generating Certificate Signing Request

Management

Upload

CSR Information

Subject

C=US
L=Sunnyvale
O=Aruba
OU=Jon
CN=172.16.0.254
emailAddress=jgreen@arubanetworks.com

-----BEGIN CERTIFICATE REQUEST-----
MIIBhTCCAQwCAQAwYwxCzAJBgNVBAYTA1VTMQswCQYDVQQIEwJDQTESMBAGA1UE
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a911yMNk/GA2
-----END CERTIFICATE REQUEST-----

OK

Send CSR to your CA of choice



A screenshot of the CheapSSLs.com website. The browser address bar shows "www.cheapssls.com". The website has a navigation bar with links: Home, Help/ Knowledgebase, About Us, Privacy Policy, Terms Of Service, Sign In, and Register. Below the navigation bar is a header with the CheapSSLs.com logo (a padlock icon) and the tagline "The Trusted SSL Certificate Shop Same Certs. Low Price." To the right of the header are buttons for "Online Live Chat", "Contact", and "Support". Below the header is a menu with links: SSL Brands, SSL Types, SSL Comparison, Company, and My SSL Account. A search bar is also present. The main content area features a large banner for "Organization Validation SSL" with the text "High Trust. Fair Price" and a price of "From \$22.99 /yr". Below the banner are five small icons representing different SSL types. To the right of the banner is a button that says "Click Here to Begin". Below the banner is a section titled "Most Popular SSL Certificates" with two columns. The left column is titled "Domain Validation" and lists "Organization Validation", "Extended Validation", and "Wildcard Certificates". The right column has two boxes: "Positive SSL" and "Rapid SSL". The "Positive SSL" box shows a price of "From: \$5.99/yr" and a "Save 88%" discount. The "Rapid SSL" box shows a price of "From: \$7.99/yr" and a "Save 80%" discount. Both boxes list features like "Issued in 5-15 Minutes", "\$10,000 Warranty", "Unlimited Reissues", and "Browser Ubiquity 99.3%". To the right of the "Most Popular SSL Certificates" section is a box titled "Already know what SSL type you need?" with a button that says "Click for SSL Comparisons". Below that is a "Latest News" section with two entries: "10/23/2012 [COMPLETED] Upstream Provider Scheduled Maintenance - November, 10 2012" and "10/18/2012 [FINISHED] Upstream provider Scheduled Maintenance - October 22, 2012". A "See All" button is at the bottom of the "Latest News" section.

Uploading Certificates



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General

Administration

> **Certificates**

SNMP

Logging

Clock

Guest Provisioning

Upload

CSR

Revocation CheckPoint

Upload a Certificate

Certificate Name

Certificate Filename

Browse...

Passphrase (optional)

For import p

Retype Passphrase

Certificate Format

PKCS7

Certificate Type

Trusted CA

- CRL
- Intermediate CA
- OCSP Responder Cert
- OCSP Signer Cert
- Public Cert
- Server Cert
- Trusted CA

Certificate Lists

Uploading Certificate



Upload | CSR | Revocation CheckPoint

Upload a Certificate

Certificate Name	<input type="text" value="server-certificate"/>
Certificate Filename	<input type="text" value="C:\Users\jgreen\Desktop"/> <input data-bbox="913 540 1060 581" type="button" value="Browse..."/>
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Certificate Type	<input type="text" value="Server Cert"/> ▼

← Certificate only
(PEM format)

Upload | CSR | Revocation CheckPoint

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← Certificate and
private key in PFX
format

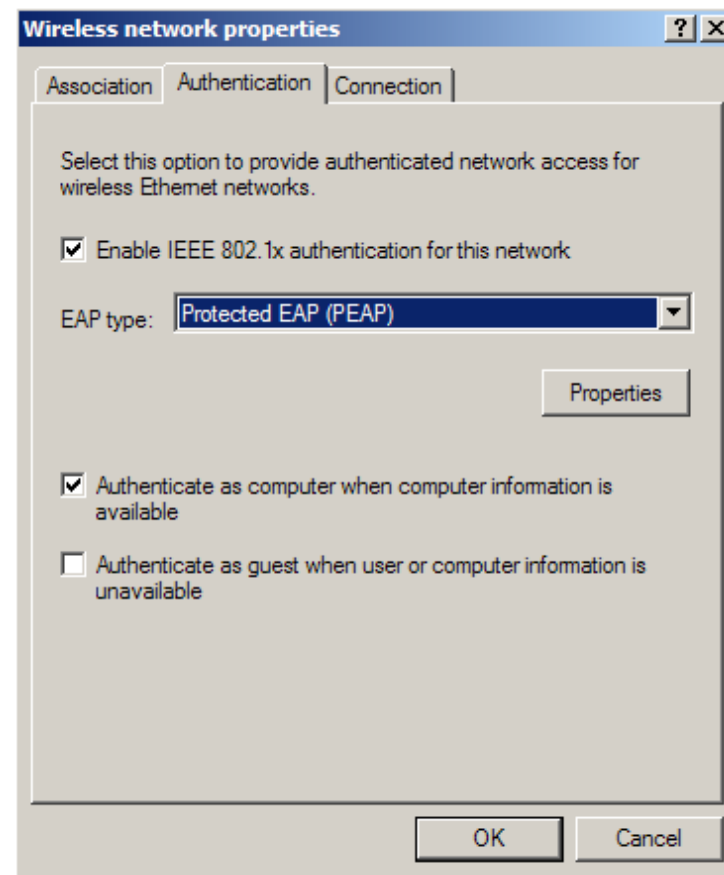


Putting it all together: 802.1X

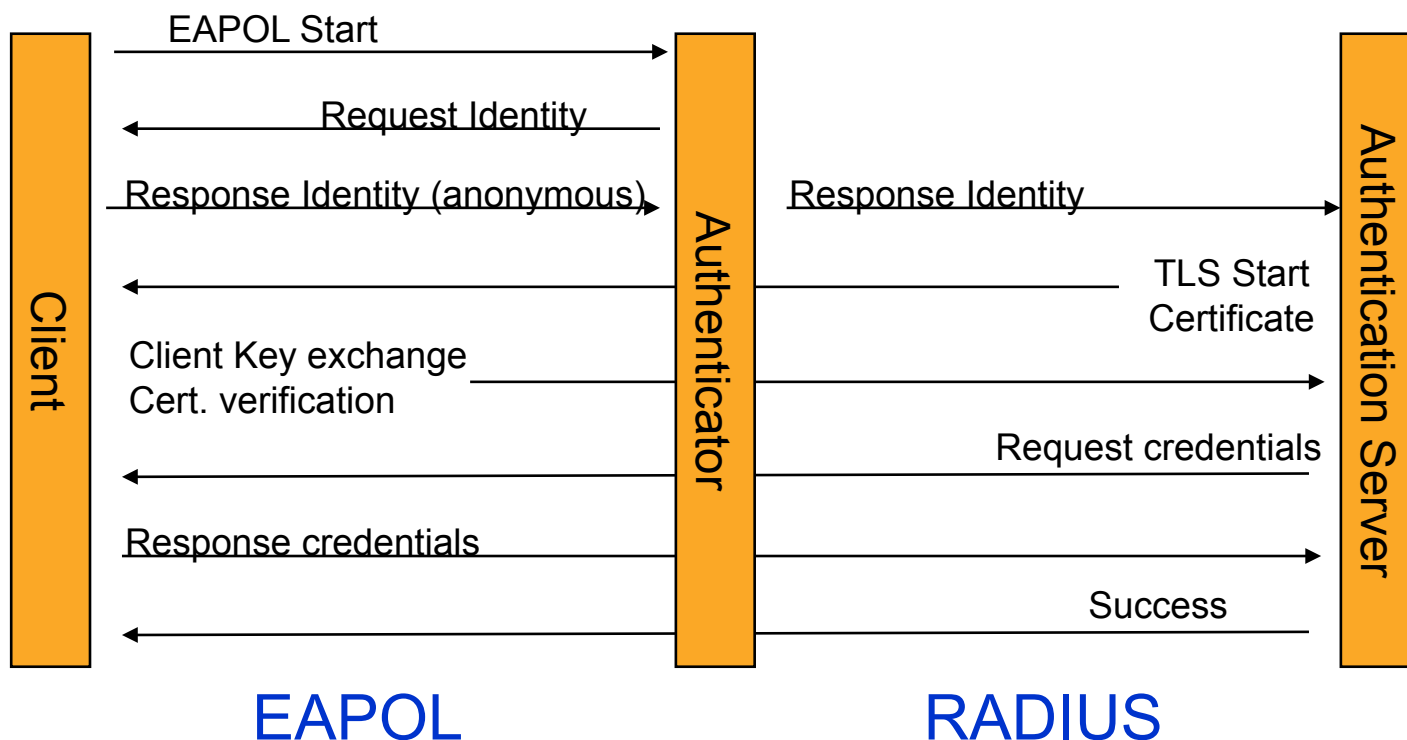
Authentication with 802.1X



- Authenticates users before granting access to L2 media
- Makes use of EAP (Extensible Authentication Protocol)
- 802.1X authentication happens at L2 – users will be authenticated before an IP address is assigned



Sample EAP Transaction



2-stage process

- Outer tunnel establishment
- Credential exchange happens inside the encrypted tunnel

802.1X Acronym Soup



PEAP (Protected EAP)

- Uses a digital certificate on the network side
- Password or certificate on the client side

EAP-TLS (EAP with Transport Level Security)

- Uses a certificate on network side
- Uses a certificate on client side

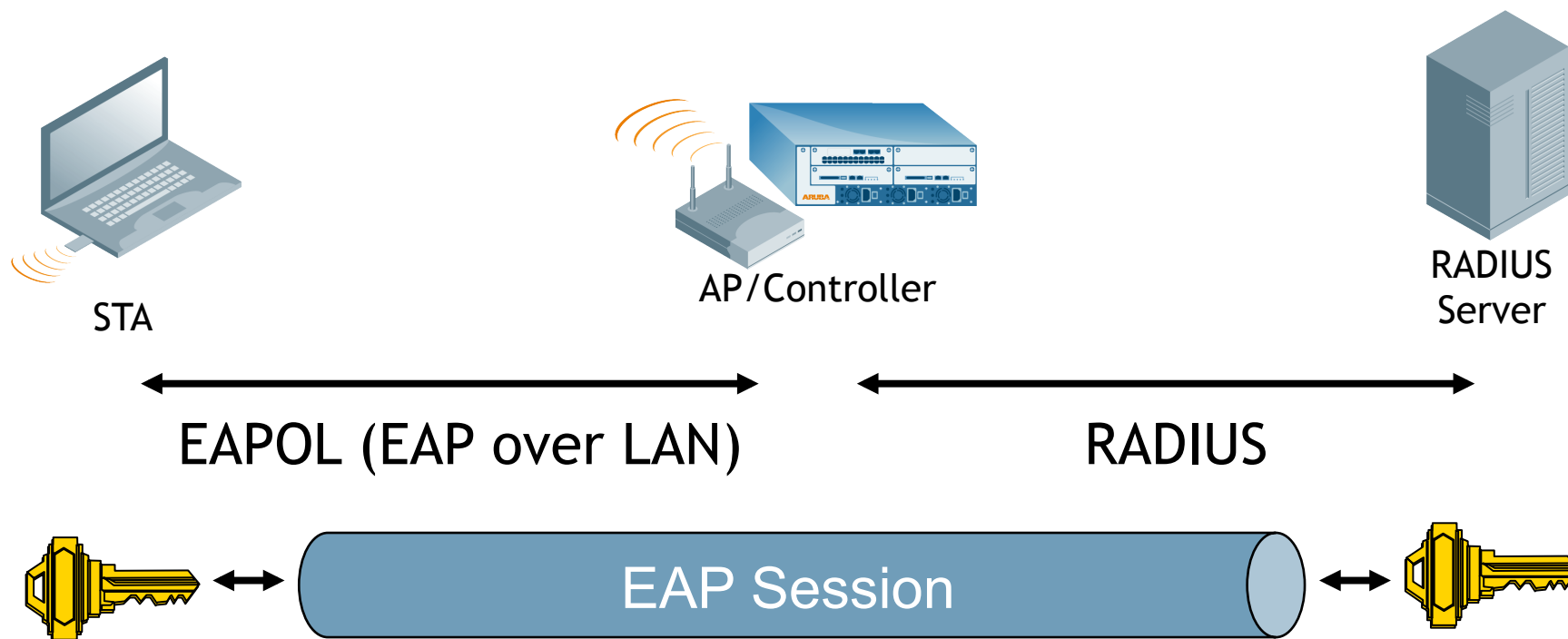
TTLS (Tunneled Transport Layer Security)

- Uses a certificate on the network side
- Password, token, or certificate on the client side

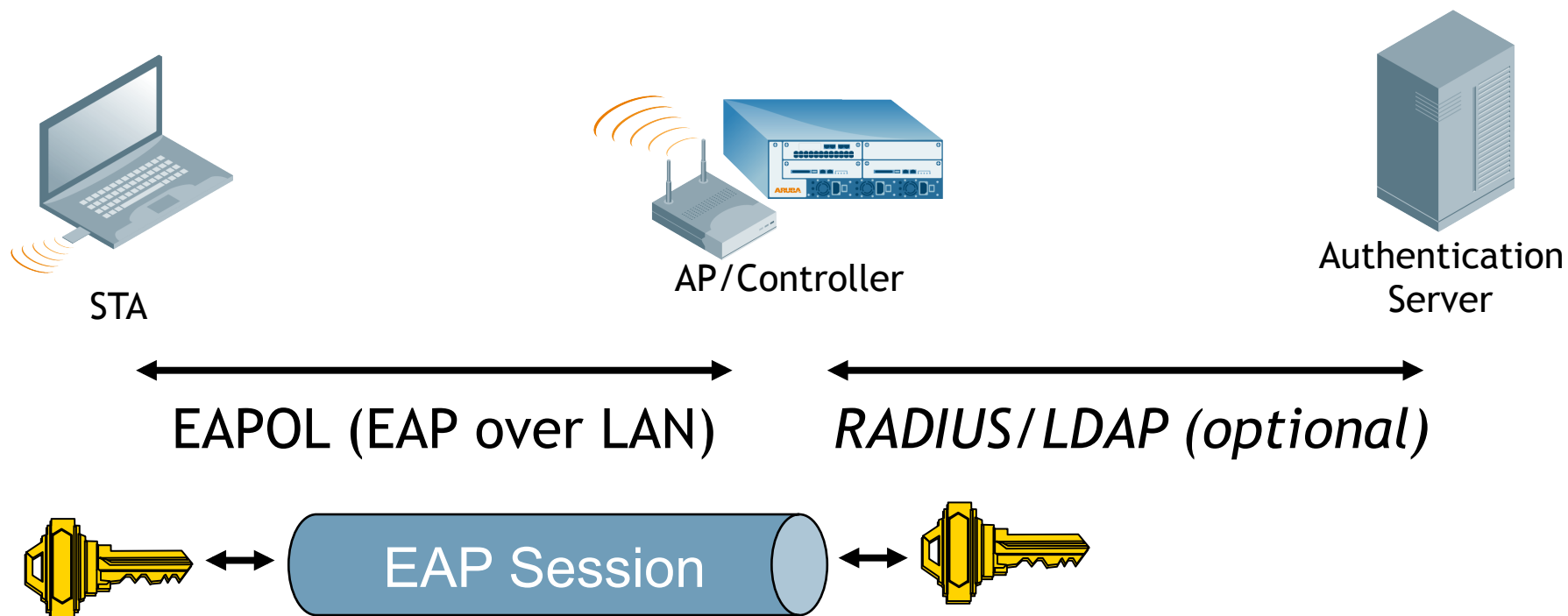
EAP-FAST

- Cisco proprietary
- Do not use – known security weaknesses

EAP to RADIUS Server



Local EAP Termination

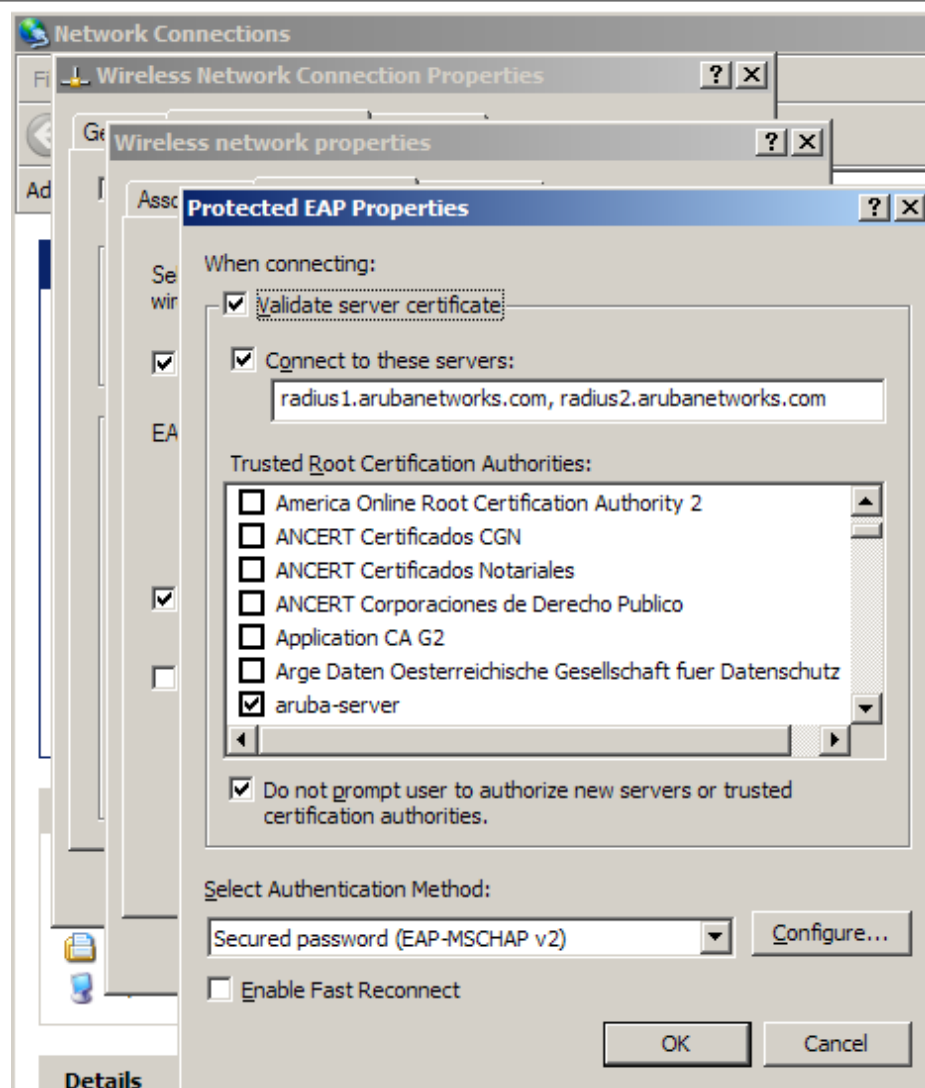


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Configure Supplicant Properly



- **Configure the Common Name of your RADIUS server (matches CN in server certificate)**
- **Configure trusted CAs (an in-house CA is better than a public CA)**
- **ALWAYS validate the server certificate**
- **Do not allow users to add new CAs or trust new servers**
- **Enforce with group policy**

- **PEAP Termination**

- Authentication against whatever AAA server has been configured (RADIUS, internal DB, LDAP)
- If LDAP is used, use GTC as the inner EAP method

- **EAP-TLS Termination**

- If client certificate is valid and not revoked, client will be authenticated
- Optional: Look up certificate name in RADIUS/LDAP (configure 'aaa authentication dot1x cert-cn-lookup')

Check certificate common name
against AAA server



Multi-Factor 802.1X Authentication?



- **Sequenced authentication**

- Machine credential followed by user credential
- Sequencing must be tracked by auth server (CPPM)
- Supported in Windows domain environment.... but nowhere else
- Timing / user behavior dependencies

- **Hardware tokens**

- Viable option, but users don't like them...
- Use EAP-GTC, EAP-POTP
- RSA supplicant available

- **Stacked authentication**

- Machine and user credential in same EAP transaction
- Theoretically possible, but not supported by any known supplicant

Isn't MSCHAPv2 broken?



- **Short answer: Yes – because of things like rainbow tables, distributed cracking, fast GPUs, etc.**
- **This is why we use MSCHAPv2 *inside* a TLS tunnel for Wi-Fi**
- **Still using PPTP for VPN? Watch out...**

Future directions: EAP-PWD



- **The problem: Today's password-based auth exposes password hashes to a possibly unknown entity**
- **Goal of PWD: Mutual authentication using a password**
- **Both sides prove they possess the password without actually *exposing* the password or a password derivative**
- **Developed by Dan Harkins of Aruba Networks – standardized in RFC xxx**

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