

Anonymity Online

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Introduction

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Cryptology

Classic

Modern

Cryptography

Cryptanalysis

Keyed Primitives

Unkeyed Primitives

Symmetric

Asymmetric

MAC

Hash Functions

PRNG

Block Ciphers

AES, DES, RC5, IDEA etc.

Stream Ciphers

RC4, A5/1, E0 etc.

PKC

RSA, ECC, ElGamal etc.

Digital Signature

DSA, RSA, ECC etc.

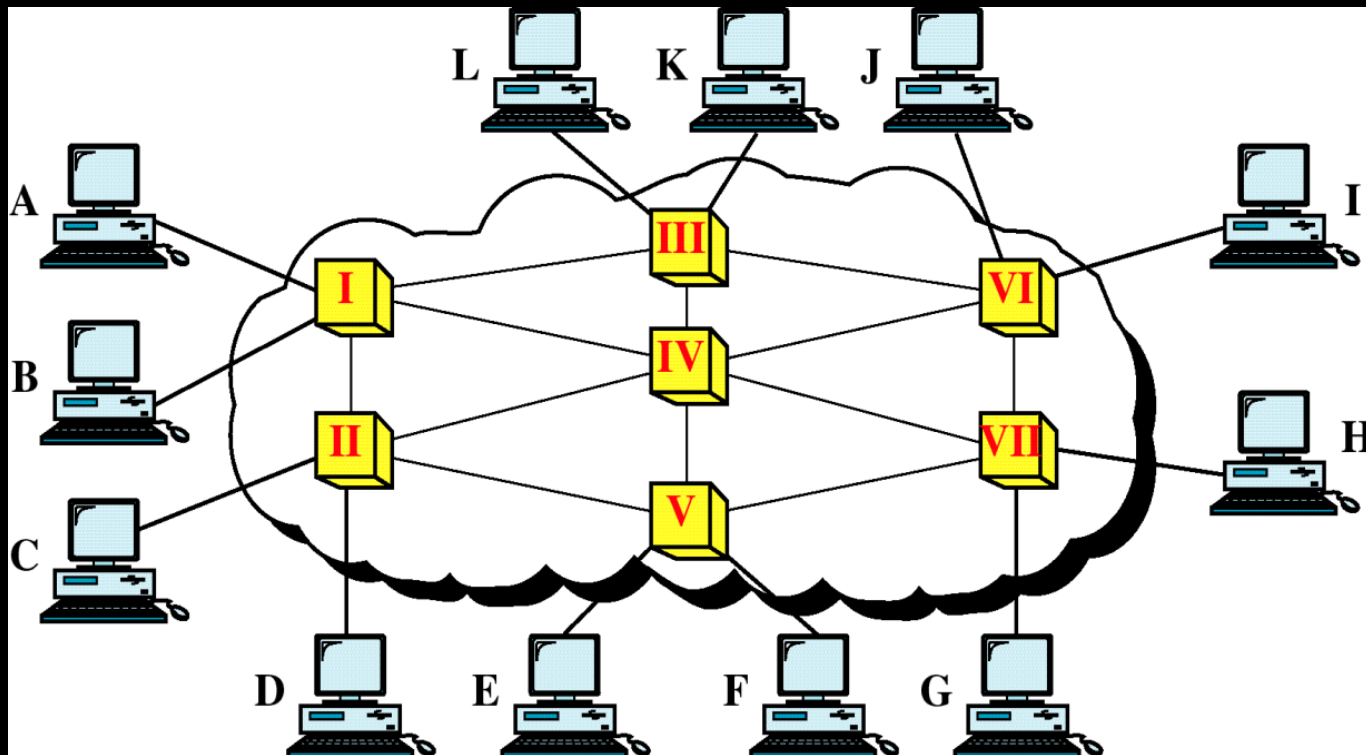
Internet

A little history

- As always, Alice and Bob want to communicate with each other.
- Circuit Switched Network
- Packet Switched Network

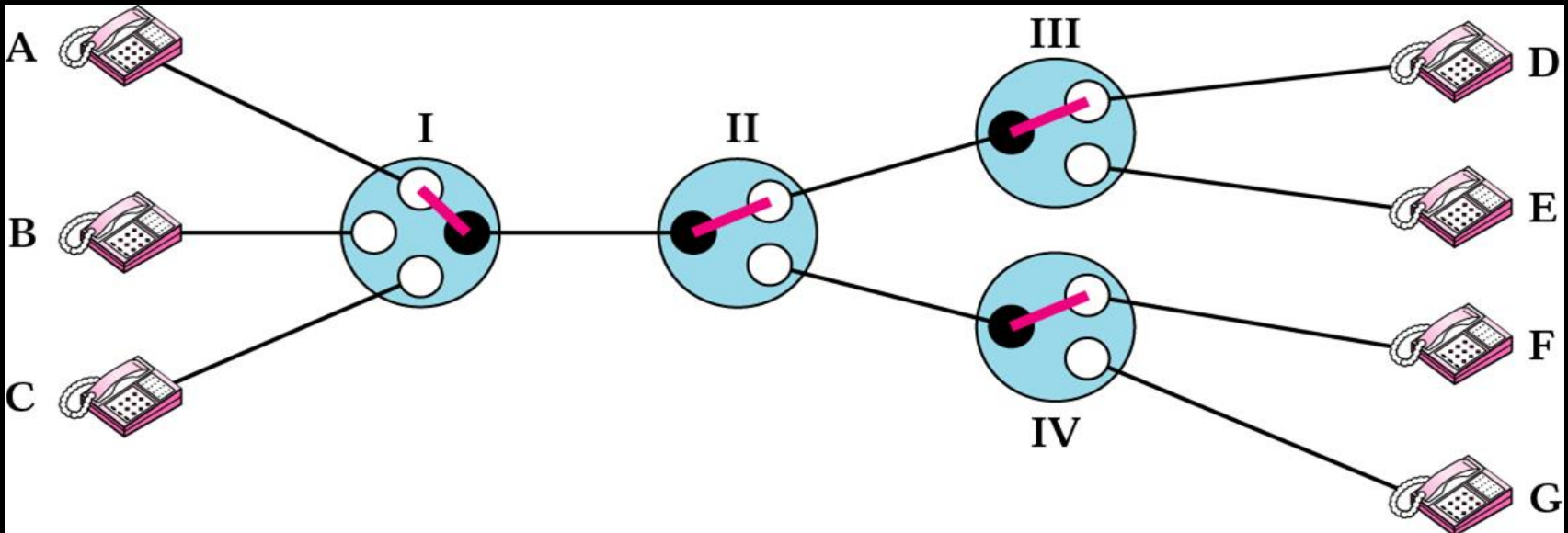
Circuit Switched Network

- Developed by Bell, Hubbard and Sanders in 1878.
- Primarily designed for audio communication.
- Manual systems were used until 1920s.



Circuit Switched Network

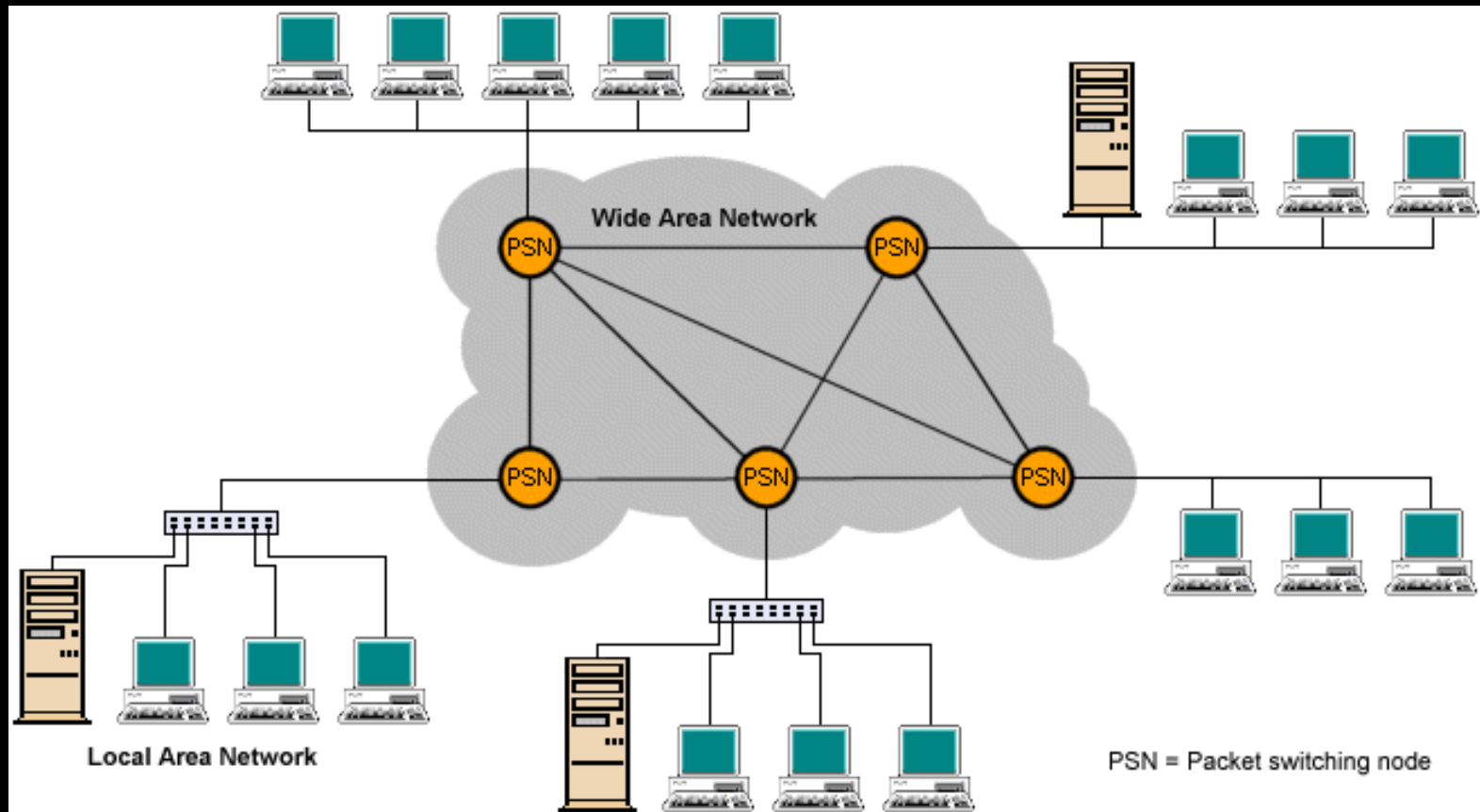
- Creates a direct physical connection between 2 devices such as phones or computers.



Packet Switched Network

- First proposed for military uses in the early 1960s.
- Developed by Advanced Research Projects Agency (ARPA) within the U.S. Department of Defense.
- First implementation appeared in 1968 known as ARPANET

Packet Switched Network



ARPANET

The initial ARPANET consisted of four nodes:

- University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA)
- Stanford Research Institute
- University of California, Santa Barbara (UCSB)
- University of Utah

ARPANET

- First message was sent from UCLA to Stanford Research Institute at 22:30 on 29.10.1969
- It was supposed to be *login*;
- But, after sending the *l* and *o* characters, system crashed.
- Hence, *lo* was the first message sent over the ARPANET.
- This was the beginning of today's Internet.

Models

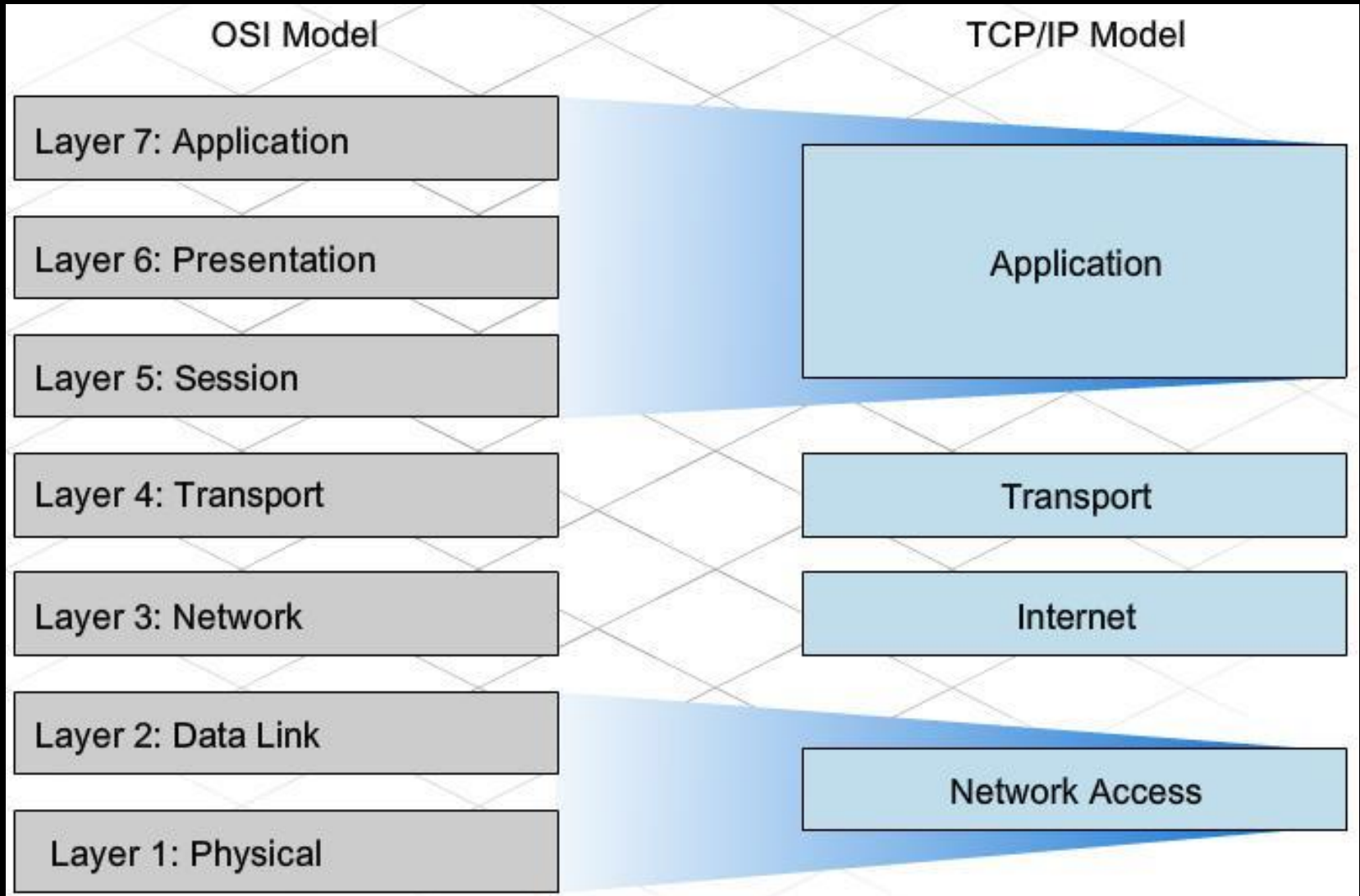
- Open Systems Interconnection (OSI) model
 - No protocol has yet been developed using this model. It just shows the abstraction layers of a network communication
 - So it is called as OSI Reference Model
- TCP/IP model
 - a.k.a Internet protocol suite
 - a.k.a DoD4 model
 - Set of communications protocols used for the Internet

OSI

OSI (Open Source Interconnection) 7 Layer Model

Layer	Application/Example	Central Device/ Protocols	DOD4 Model
Application (7) Serves as the window for users and application processes to access the network services.	End User layer Program that opens what was sent or creates what is to be sent Resource sharing • Remote file access • Remote printer access • Directory services • Network management	User Applications SMTP	G A T E W A Y Process
Presentation (6) Formalizes the data to be presented to the Application layer. It can be viewed as the "Translator" for the network.	Syntax layer encrypt & decrypt (if needed) Character code translation • Data conversion • Data compression • Data encryption • Character Set Translation	JPEG/ASCII EBDIC/TIFF/GIF PICT	
Session (5) Allows session establishment between processes running on different stations.	Synch & send to ports (logical ports) Session establishment, maintenance and termination • Session support - perform security, name recognition, logging, etc.	Logical Ports RPC/SQL/NFS NetBIOS names	
Transport (4) Ensures that messages are delivered error-free, in sequence, and with no losses or duplications.	TCP Host to Host, Flow Control Message segmentation • Message acknowledgement • Message traffic control • Session multiplexing	F I L T E R I N G TCP/SPX/UDP	Host to Host
Network (3) Controls the operations of the subnet, deciding which physical path the data takes.	Packets ("letter", contains IP address) Routing • Subnet traffic control • Frame fragmentation • Logical-physical address mapping • Subnet usage accounting		Routers IP/IPX/ICMP
Data Link (2) Provides error-free transfer of data frames from one node to another over the Physical layer.	Frames ("envelopes", contains MAC address) [NIC card — Switch — NIC card] (end to end) Establishes & terminates the logical link between nodes • Frame traffic control • Frame sequencing • Frame acknowledgment • Frame delimiting • Frame error checking • Media access control	Switch Bridge WAP PPP/SLIP	Can be used on all layers Network
Physical (1) Concerned with the transmission and reception of the unstructured raw bit stream over the physical medium.	Physical structure Cables, hubs, etc. Data Encoding • Physical medium attachment • Transmission technique - Baseband or Broadband • Physical medium transmission Bits & Volts	Hub Land Based Layers	

OSI vs. TCP/IP



TCP/IP Model

Layer 4: Application

- HTTP (80), HTTPS (443), FTP (20,21), POP3 (110), SMTP (25), DNS (53), DHCP (67,68)

Layer 3: Transport

- TCP, UDP

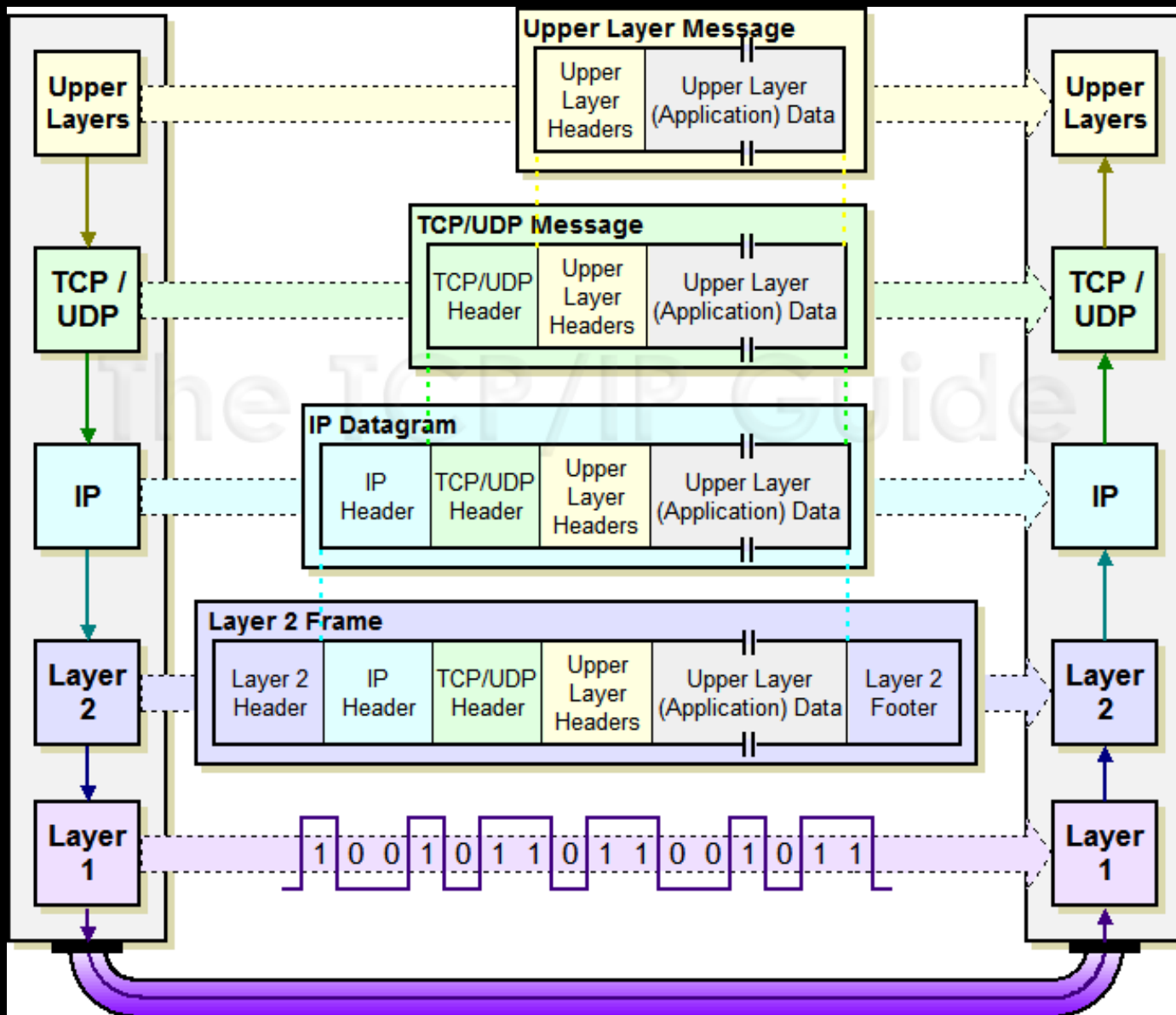
Layer 2: Internet

- IP, ICMP, ARP

Layer 1: Link

- Twisted-Pair, Co-ax, Fiber, Radio
- Ethernet, Wi-Fi (802.11a/b/g/n)

TCP/IP Model



Example of TCP/IP Communication

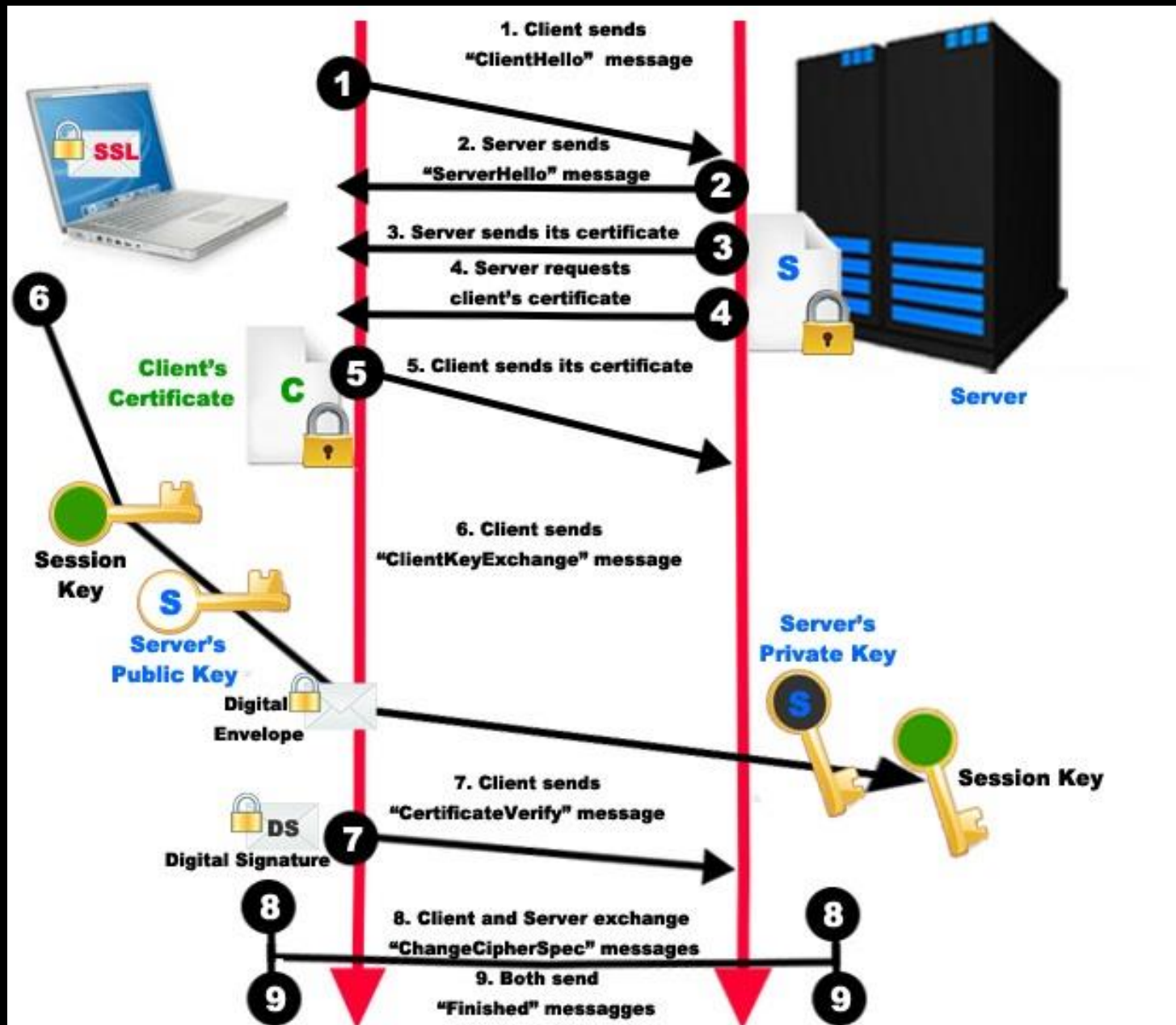
Create a TCP/IP Packet

- Create HTTP Packet
 - Header: «GET / HTTP/1.1\nHost: www.google.com\n\n»
 - Payload: Empty!
- Create TCP Packet
 - Header: Source Port, Destination Port, Checksum, Seq Numbers, Flags.
 - Payload: HTTP Packet
- Create IP Packet
 - Header: Source IP, Destination IP, Checksum, TTL, etc.
 - Payload: TCP Packet
- Create MAC Frame
 - Header: Source MAC, Destination MAC
 - Payload: IP Packet

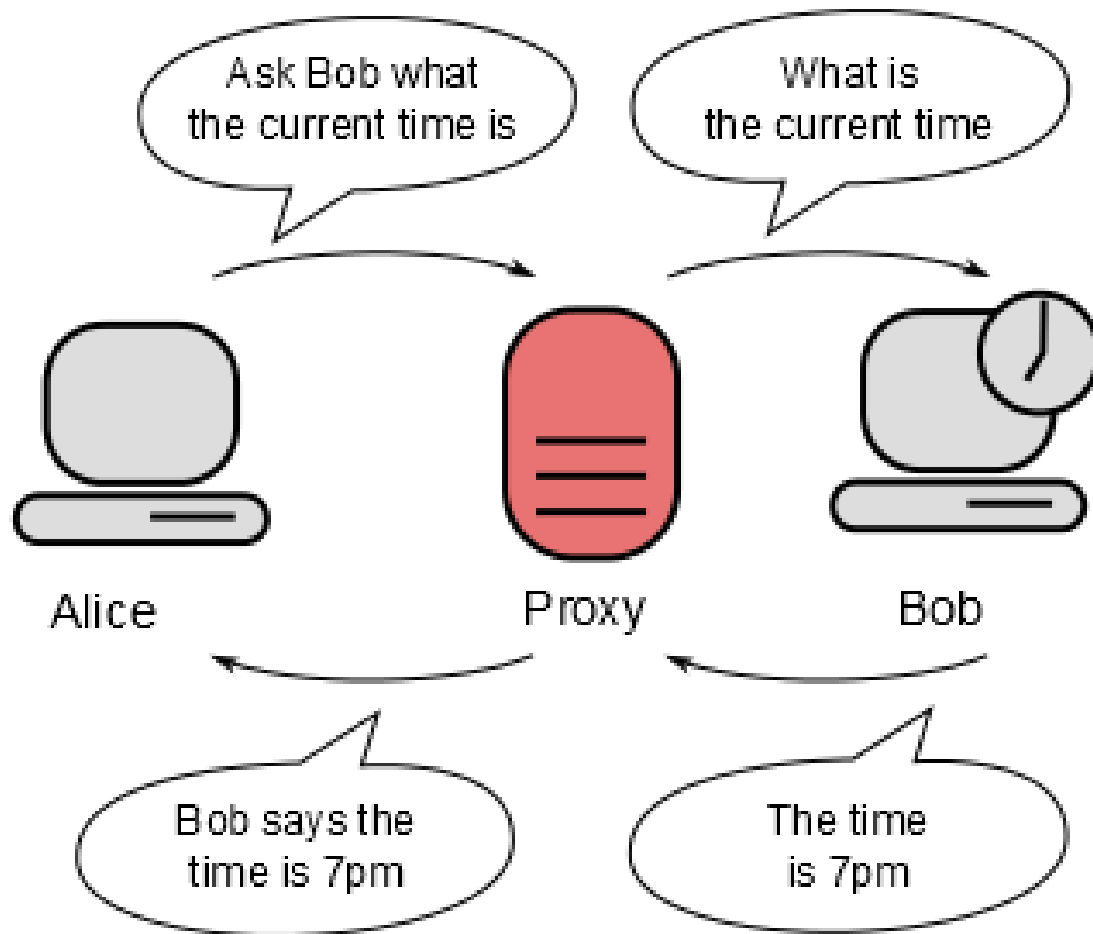
Network Security

- There is no security in the basics of network communication.
- Design of TCP/IP model is lack of security concerns.
- There are two basic secure communication protocols in the current model
 - Layer 2.5: IPsec
 - Layer 3.5: SSL/TLS

SSL/TLS



Proxy



Proxy

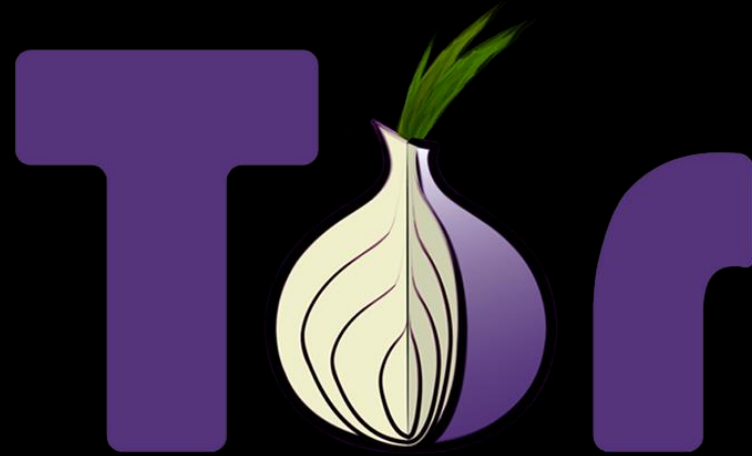
Why is it used?

- Security
 - Abstraction of Computers
 - Against viruses/malware
- Access to restricted content
- Speed up access to resources
 - Save bandwidth
- Content Control
- Monitoring
- etc.

Digital Concerns

- Security
 - Protection of communication from intrusion by an outside user.
- Privacy
 - Privacy is a person's right to control access to his or her personal information.
- Anonymity
 - Anonymity is a condition in which an individual's true identity is unknown.

The Onion Router



What is Tor?

- Tor was originally developed with the U.S. Navy for the primary purpose of protecting government communications.
- Tor aims to achieve online anonymity.
- Tor anonymizes the origin of your traffic!

Who is using Tor?

- Normal people
- Governments
- Militaries and law-enforcement
- Journalists, bloggers, and their audience
- Activists and whistleblowers
- Business executives, IT professionals

- And criminals!

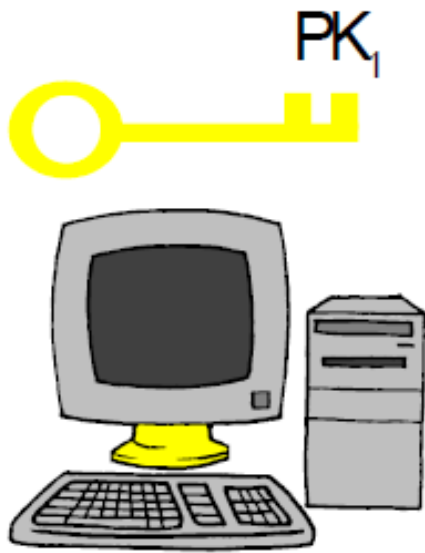
Threat Model

- Tor aims to protect the anonymity of its users from non-global adversaries.
- This means that the adversary has the ability to observe and control some part of the network, but not its totality.

Digital Mixes

- a.k.a Mix Networks
- Invented in 1981 by David Chaum the founder of IACR.
- The idea is to create hard-to-trace communications by using a chain of proxy servers.

Mixing



Server 1

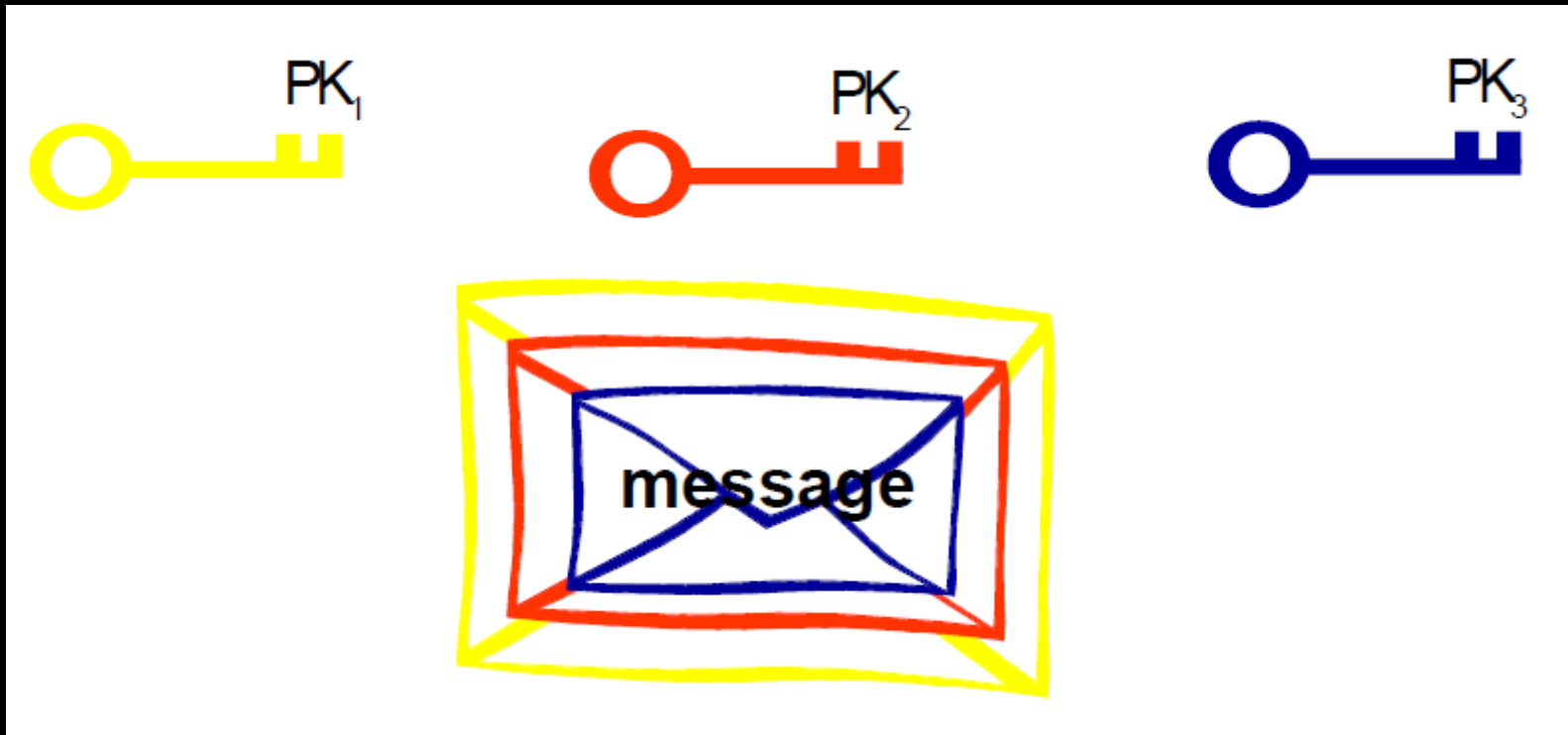


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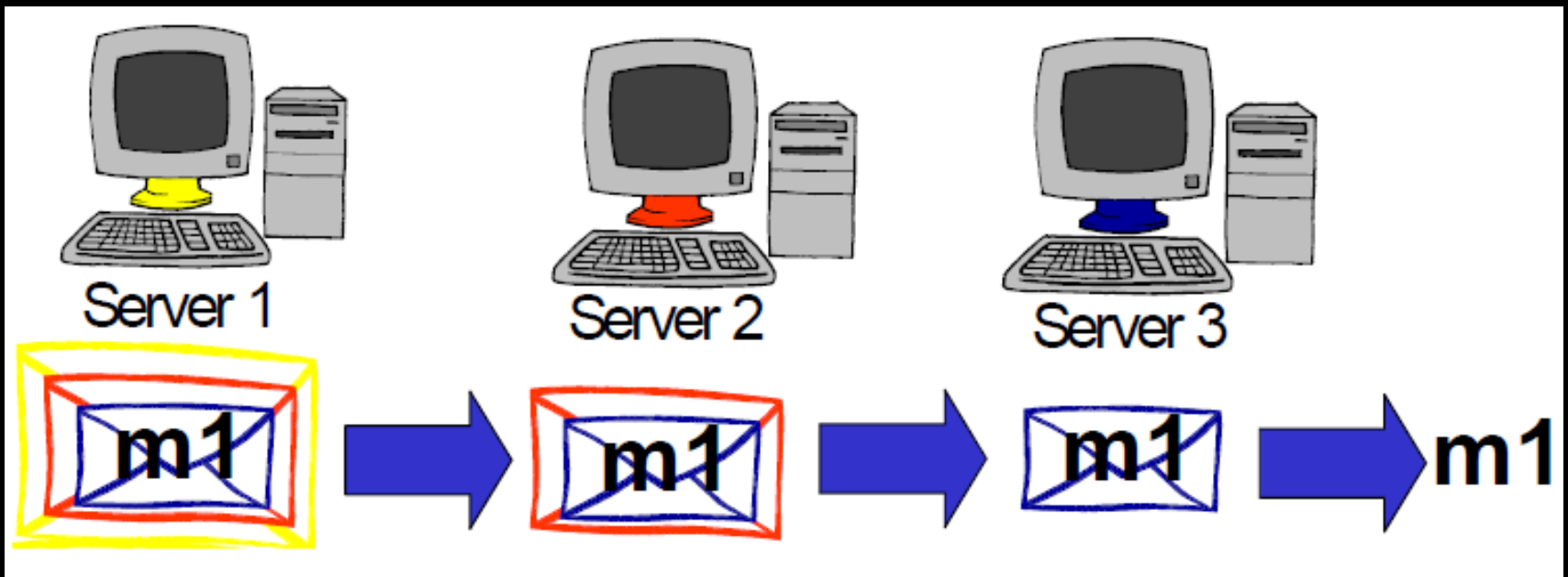
Server 3

Mixing



Ciphertext: $E_{PK_1} [E_{PK_2} [E_{PK_3} [\text{message}]]]$

Mixing






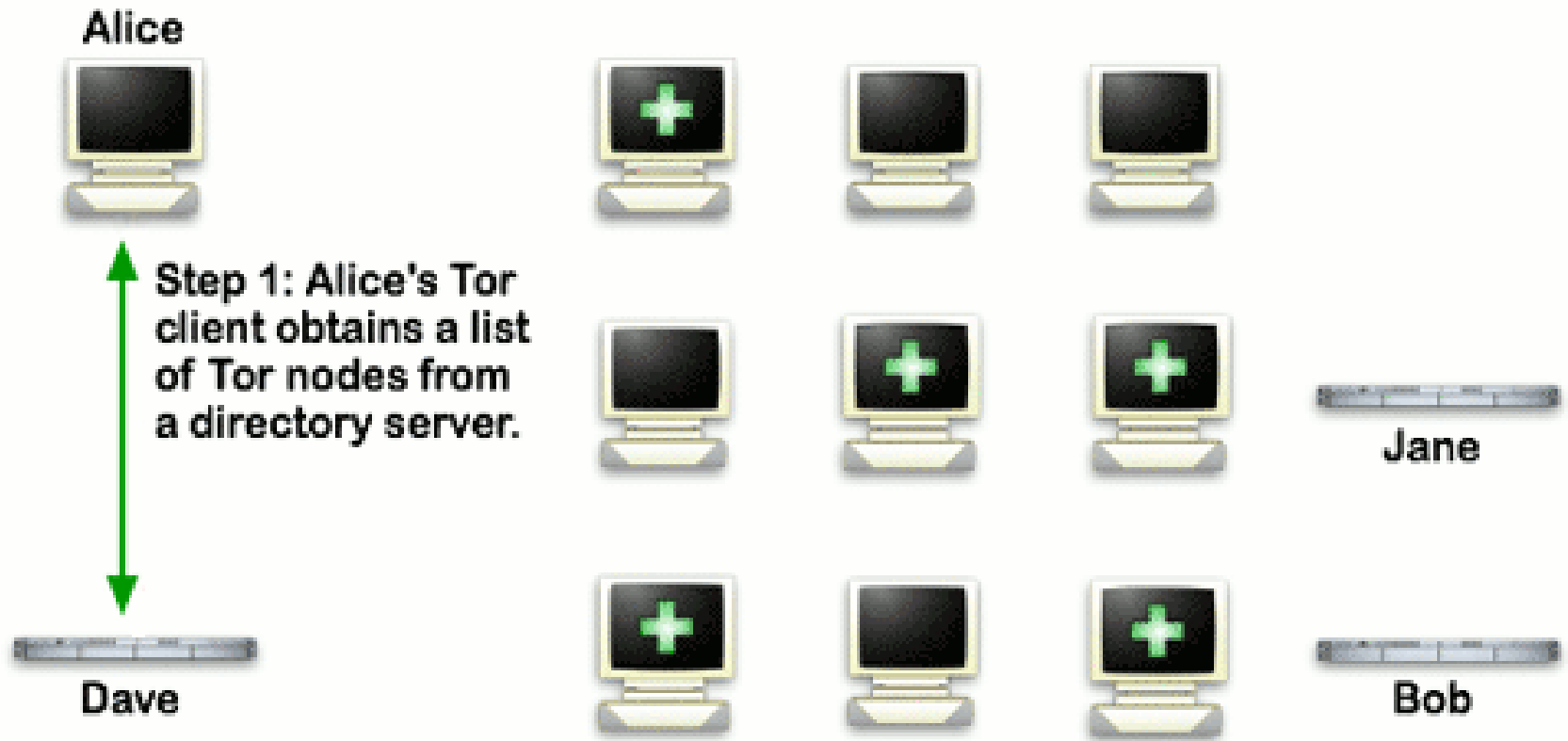
Onion Routing

- Aim: Traffic Analysis Resistant Communication
- Protect the privacy of the sender and recipient of a message
- Combine Mixes and Proxies
- Use Hybrid Cryptosystem
 - PKC to establish circuits
 - Symmetric-key to transfer data

How it works?

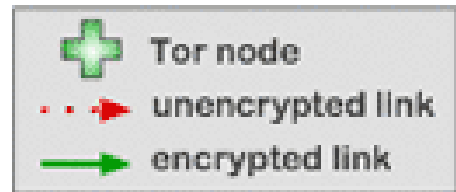
How Tor Works: 1

-  Tor node
-  unencrypted link
-  encrypted link



How it works?

How Tor Works: 2



Alice



Step 2: Alice's Tor client picks a random path to destination server. **Green links** are encrypted, **red links** are in the clear.



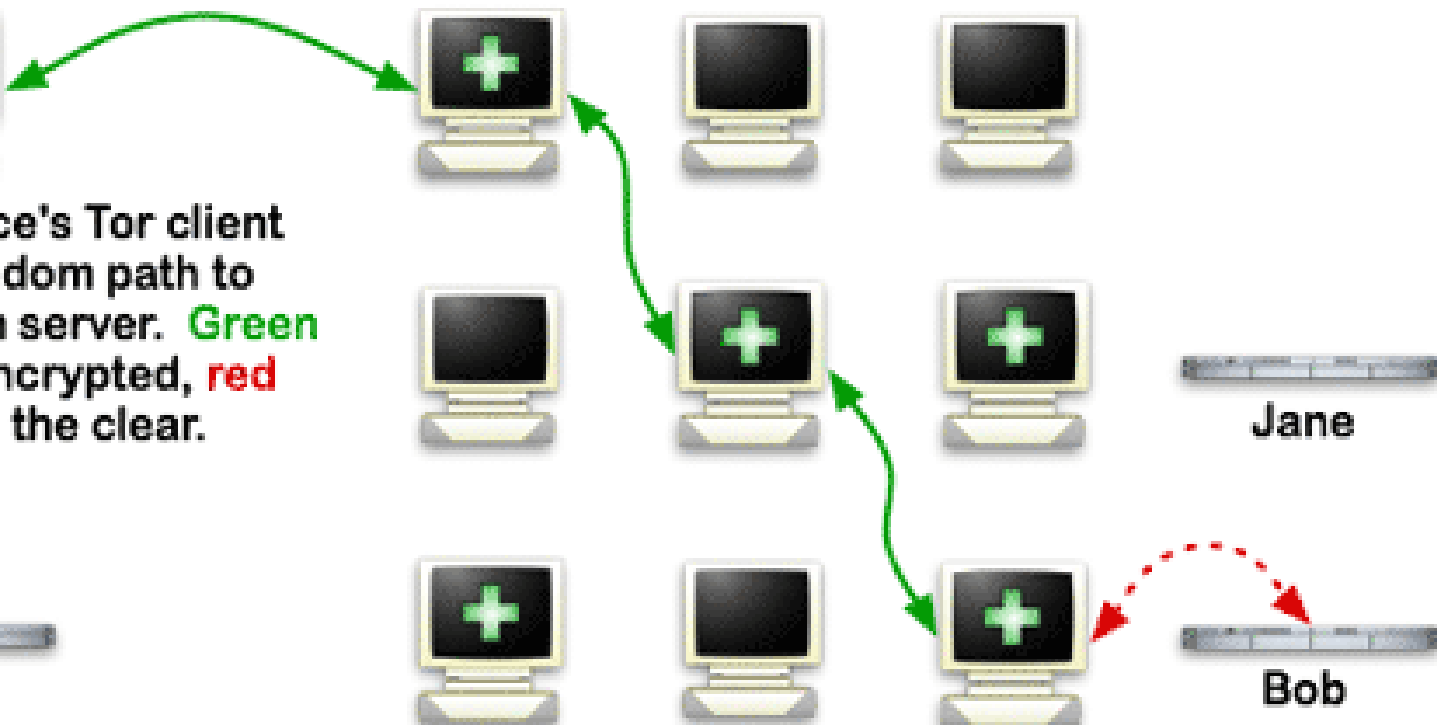
Jane



Dave






Bob



How it works?

How Tor Works: 3

-  Tor node
-  unencrypted link
-  encrypted link

Alice



Step 3: If at a later time, the user visits another site, Alice's tor client selects a second random path. Again, **green links** are encrypted, **red links** are in the clear.



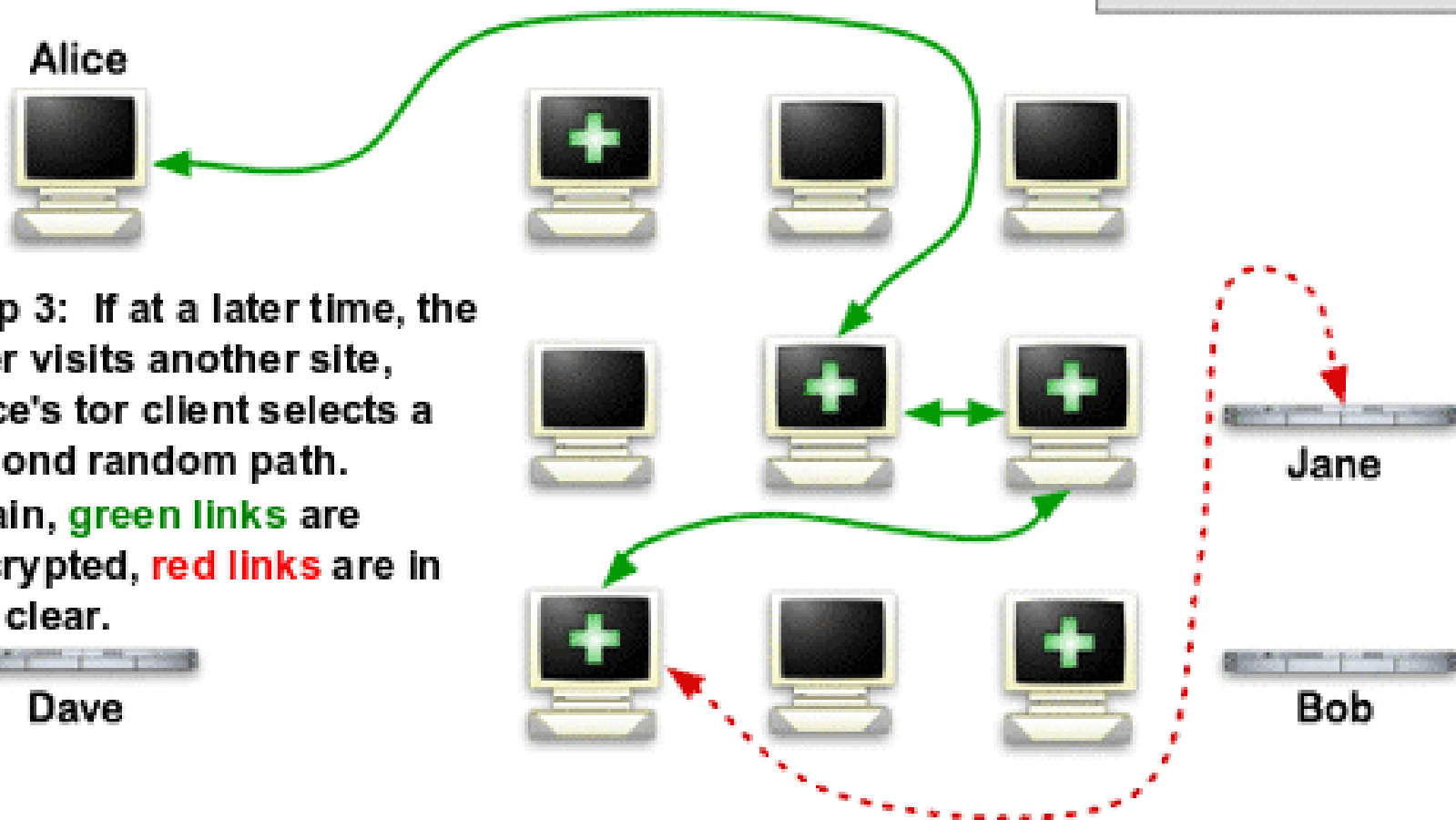
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Bob



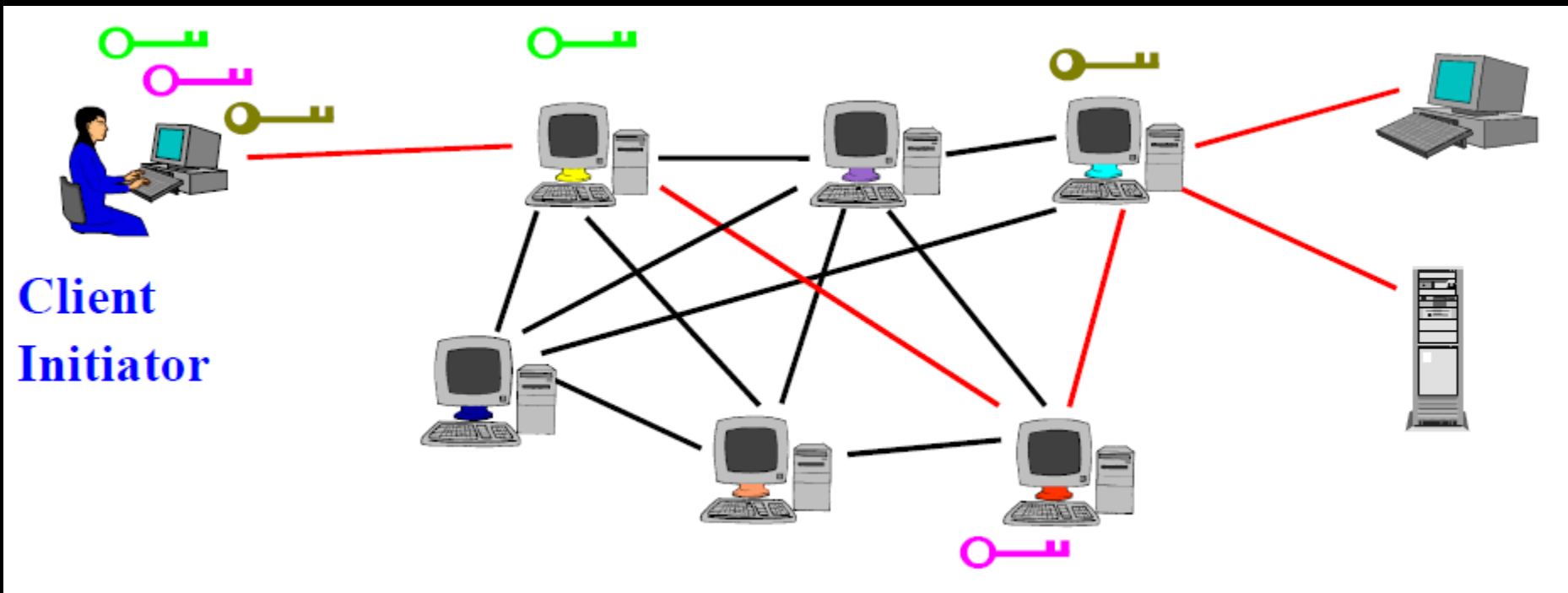
Tor Specification

Tor uses a stream cipher, a public-key cipher, the Diffie-Hellman protocol, and a hash function.

- For a stream cipher, Tor uses 128-bit AES in counter mode, with an IV of all 0 bytes.
- For a public-key cipher, Tor uses RSA with 1024-bit keys and a fixed exponent of 65537.
- For Diffie-Hellman, Tor uses a generator (g) of 2.
 - For the modulus (p), Tor uses the 1024-bit safe prime from rfc2409 section 6.2
- For hash function, Tor uses SHA1

Establish a Circuit

- Create and Extend Circuit



Creating Circuits

When creating a circuit through the network, the circuit creator (OP) performs the following steps:

- Choose an onion router as an exit node OR_N ($N=5$)
- Choose a chain of $N-1$ onion routers
 - $OR_1 \dots OR_{N-1}$ to constitute the path, s.t. no router appears in the path twice.
- If not already connected to the first router in the chain, open a new connection to that router.

Creating Circuits

- Choose a circID not already in use on the connection with the first router in the chain.
 - Send a CREATE cell along the connection, to be received by the first onion router.
- Wait until a CREATED cell is received
 - Finish the handshake
- For each subsequent onion router OR (OR_2 through R_{N-1}), extend the circuit to R_N .

How to Create a Circuit

- Create an SSL/TLS Connection
- Challenge-Response between the OP and OR_1
- OP Generates
 - Symmetric key: K
 - DH data: g^x
- OP sends to OR_1
 - $E_{PK_1}[K || (g^x \text{ part 1})]$
 - $E_K(g^x \text{ part 2})$
- OR_1 responds
 - g^y
 - KH verification value from KDF-TOR
- OP computes g^{xy}
 - Use KDF-TOR to obtain shared secret.
 - Verify KH value

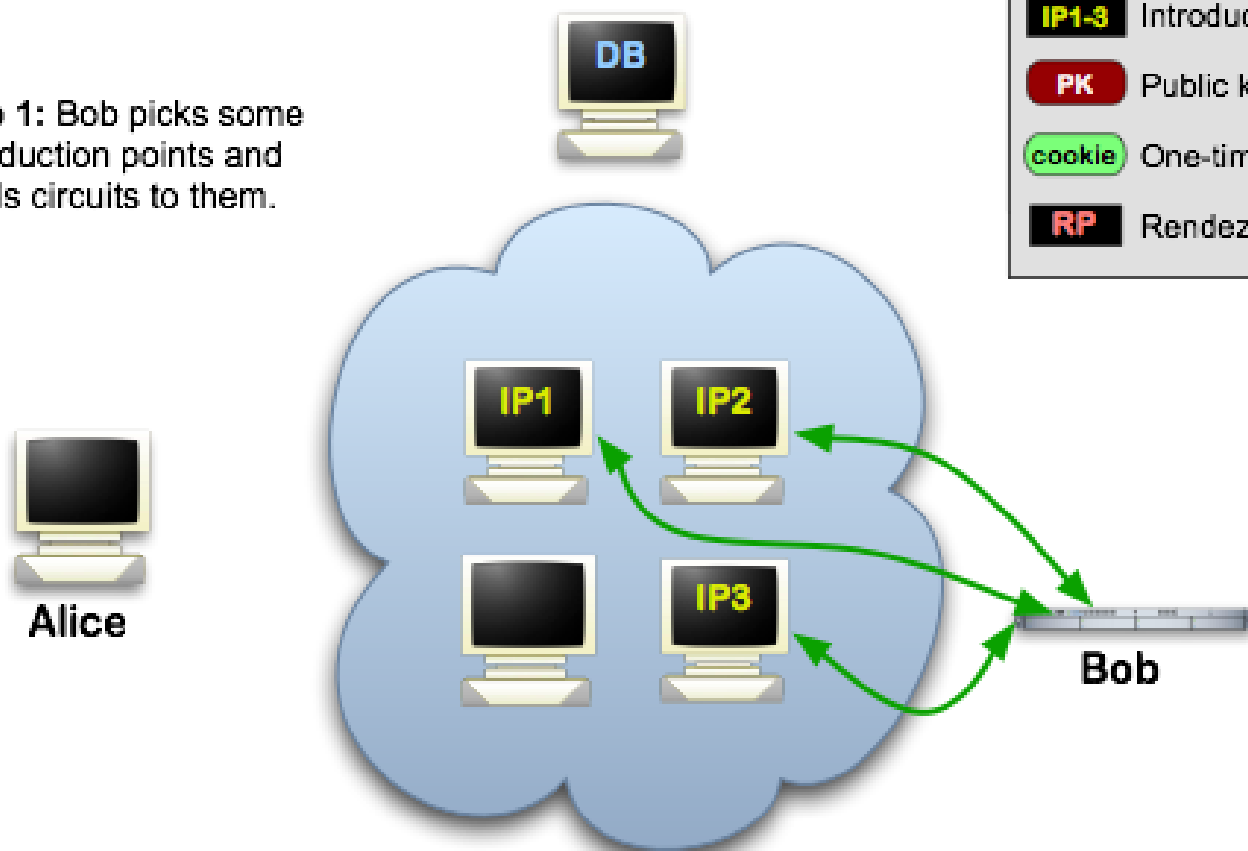
Tor Hidden Services

- Tor makes it possible for users to hide their locations while offering various kinds of services, such as web publishing.
- Tor users can connect to these hidden services, each without knowing the other's network identity.
- Uses .onion TLDs

Tor Hidden Services

Tor Hidden Services: 1

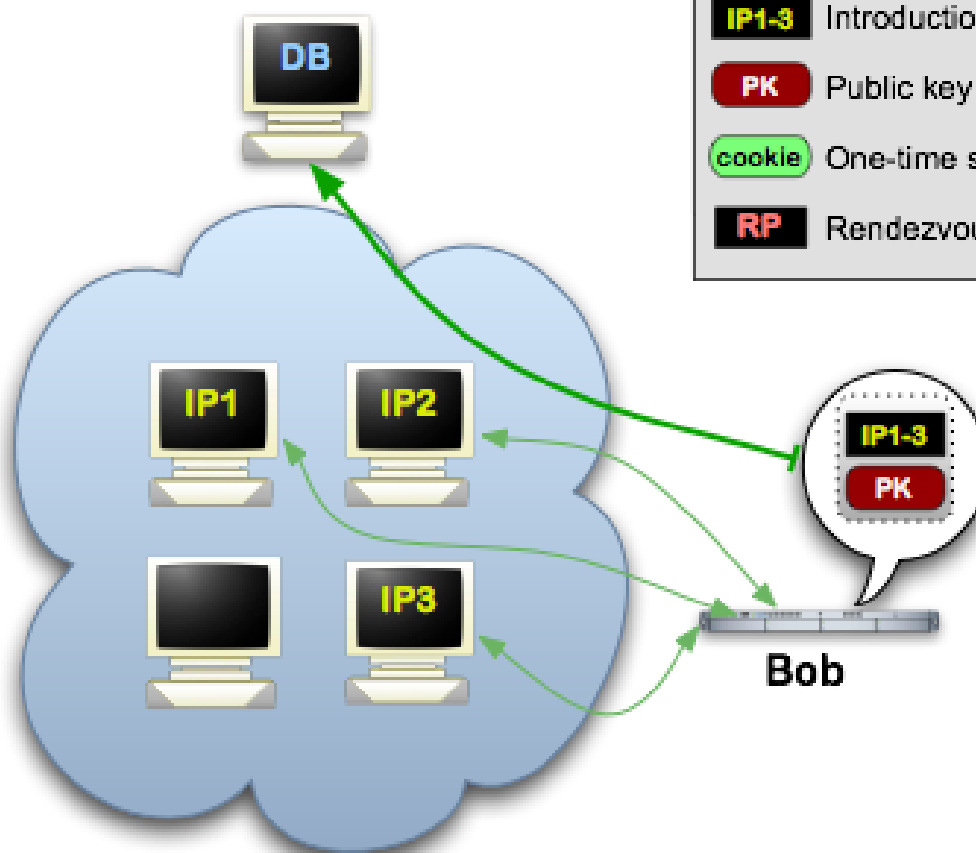
Step 1: Bob picks some introduction points and builds circuits to them.



Tor Hidden Services

Tor Hidden Services: 2

Step 2: Bob advertises his hidden service -- XYZ.onion -- at the database.



Tor Hidden Services

Tor Hidden Services: 3

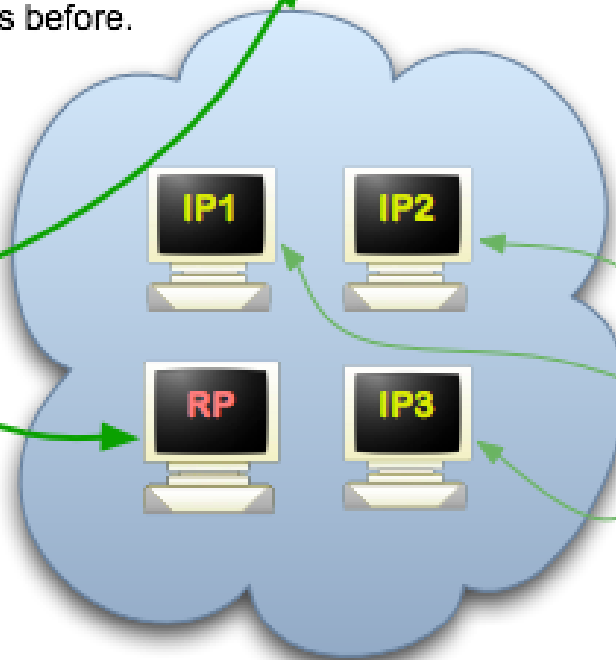
Step 3: Alice hears that XYZ.onion exists, and she requests more info from the database. She also sets up a rendezvous point, though she could have done this before.



Alice



DB



IP1



IP2



RP



IP3



Tor cloud



Tor circuit

IP1-3

Introduction points

PK

Public key

cookie

One-time secret

RP

Rendezvous point

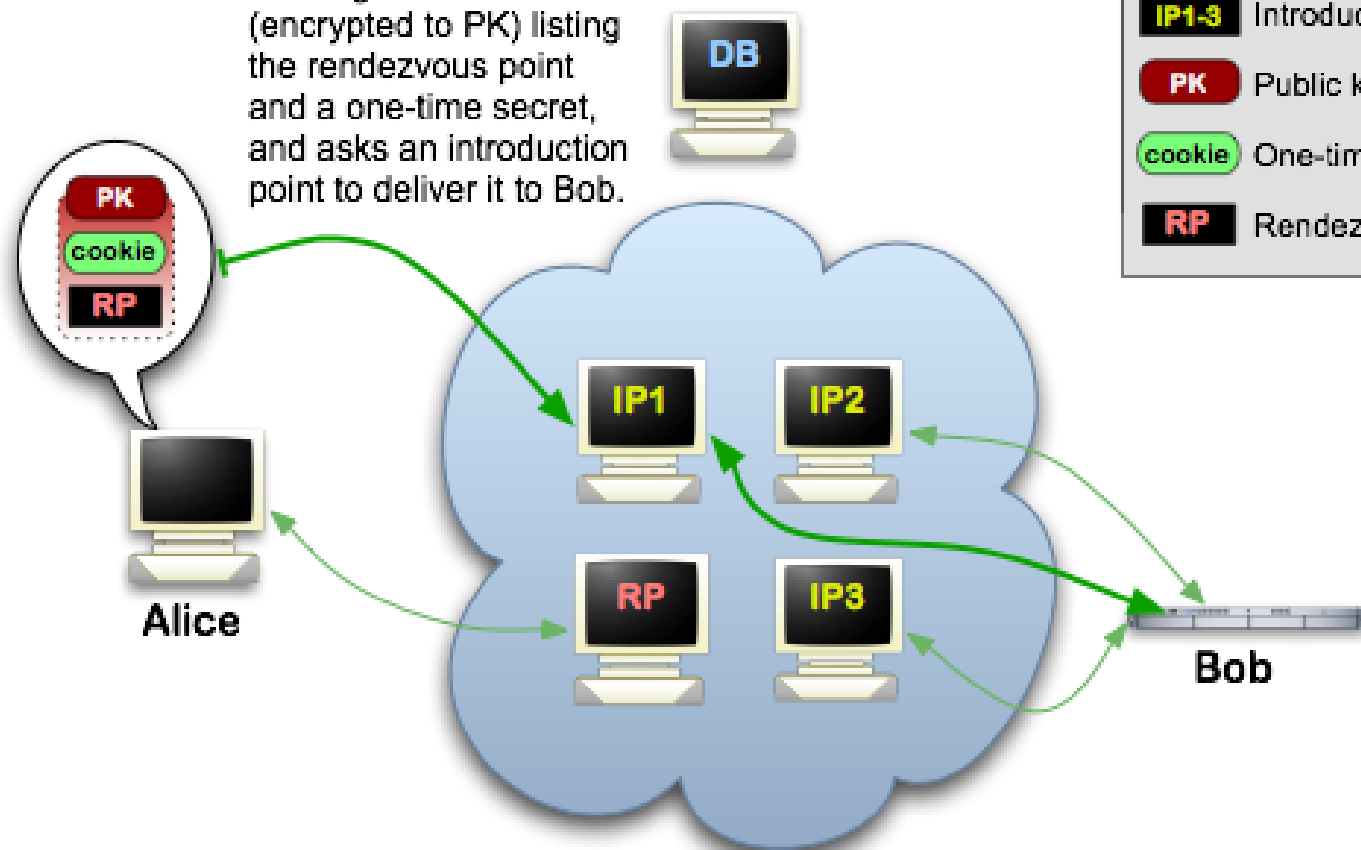








Bob

Tor Hidden Services

Tor Hidden Services: 4

Step 4: Alice writes a message to Bob (encrypted to PK) listing the rendezvous point and a one-time secret, and asks an introduction point to deliver it to Bob.

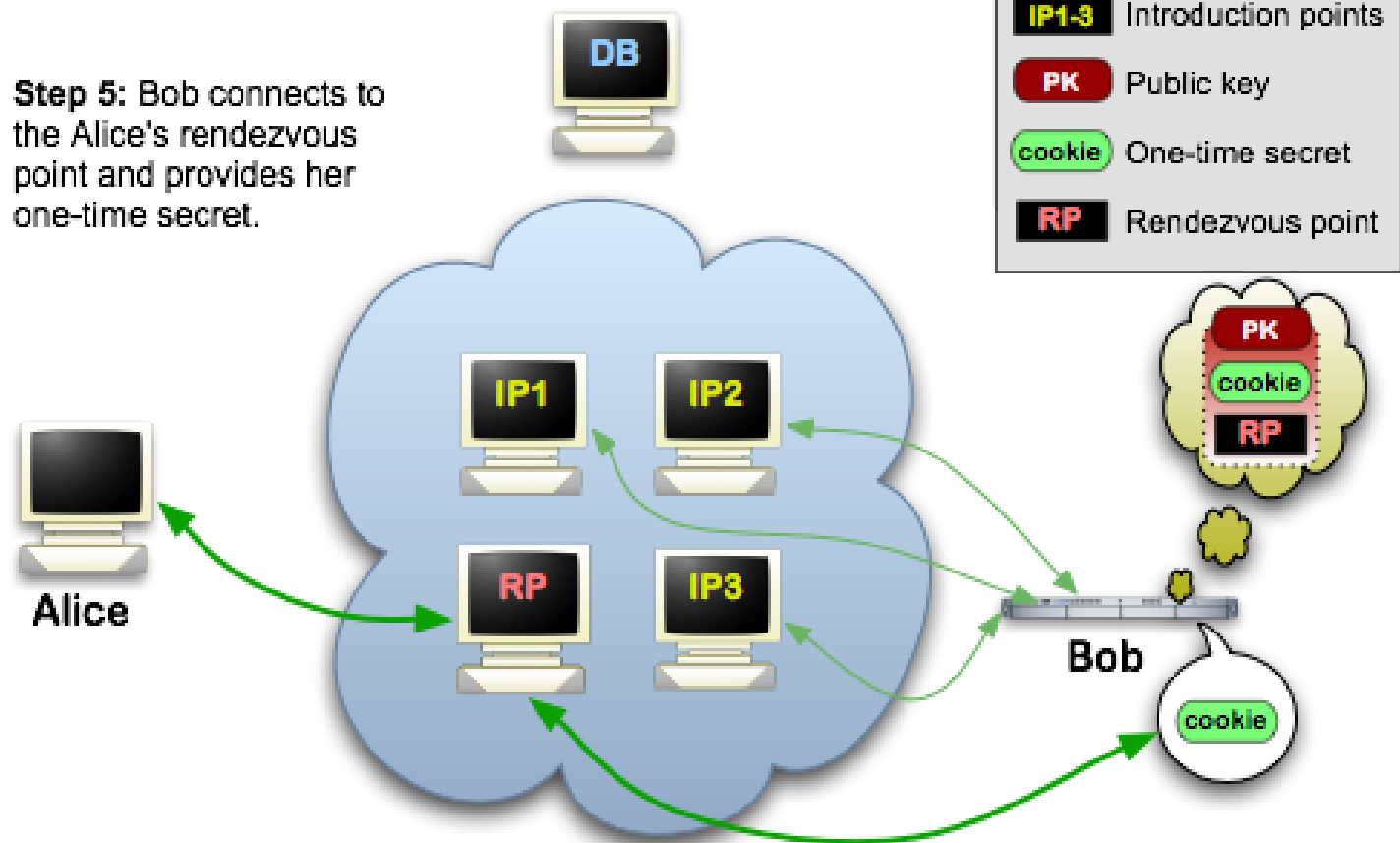


-  Tor cloud
-  Tor circuit
-  IP1-3 Introduction points
-  PK Public key
-  cookie One-time secret
-  RP Rendezvous point

Tor Hidden Services

Tor Hidden Services: 5

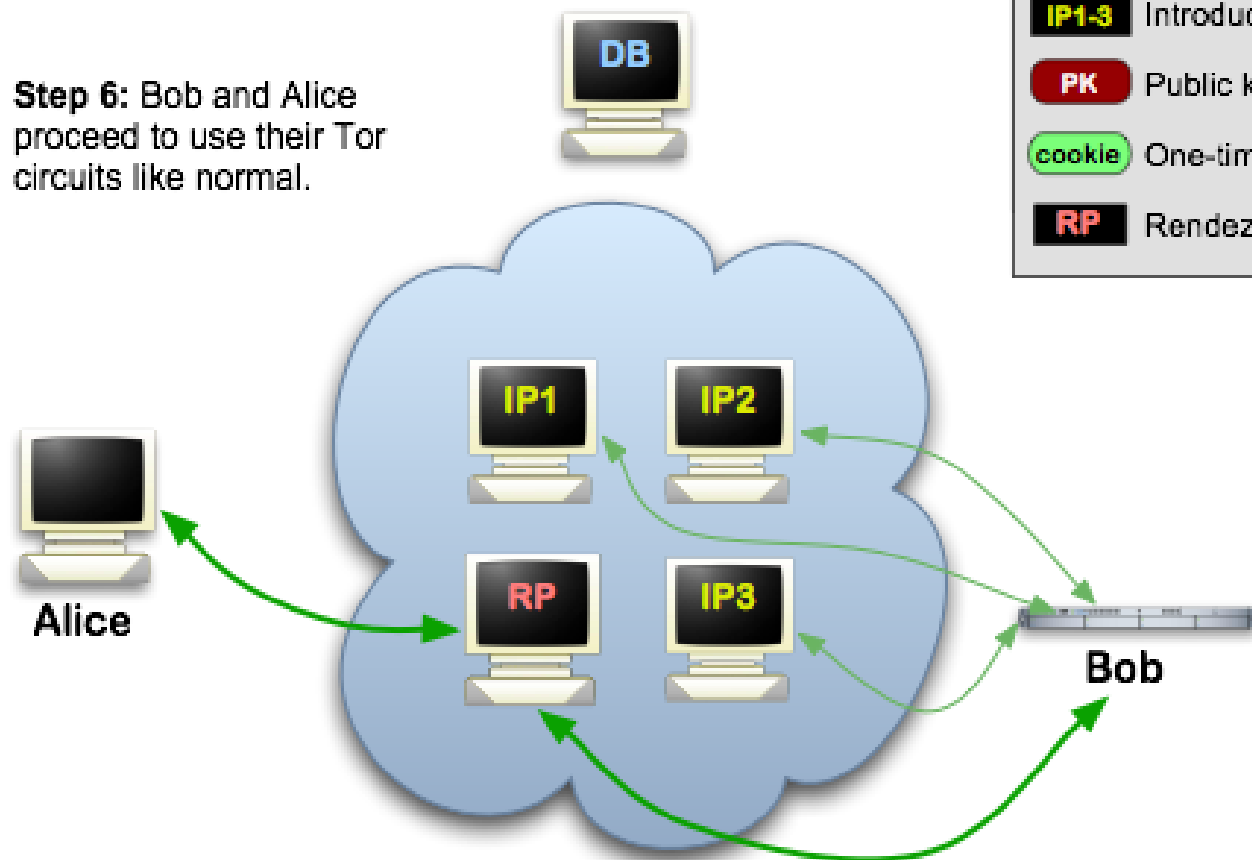
Step 5: Bob connects to the Alice's rendezvous point and provides her one-time secret.



Tor Hidden Services

Tor Hidden Services: 6

Step 6: Bob and Alice proceed to use their Tor circuits like normal.

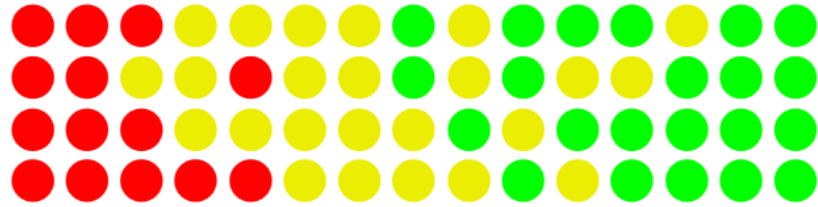


Tor Tools

- Tails
- Tor Browser Bundle (Windows / Linux / OS X)
- Vidalia
- Tor Cloud
- Tor2web
- Orbot: Tor on Android
- Onion Browser for iPhone

Invisible Internet Project

I2P



What is I2P?

- I2P is an anonymizing network, offering a simple layer that identity-sensitive applications can use to securely communicate.
- All data is wrapped with several layers of encryption, and the network is both distributed and dynamic, with no trusted parties.
- Uses .i2p TLDs.

Threat Model

- Model based on Tor
- I2P software will not make you indistinguishable from people that don't use computers or who are not on the Internet.
- Instead, I2P is supposed to provide sufficient anonymity to meet the real needs.
 - Browse web pages
 - Exchange data
 - Fear of discovery by powerful organizations or states.

Garlic Concept

When referring to I2P, the term "garlic" may mean one of three things:

- Layered Encryption
- Bundling multiple messages together
- ElGamal/AES Encryption

Garlic Concept

- Garlic Routing
 - For building and routing through tunnels
- Garlic Bundling
 - For determining the success or failure of end to end message delivery
- Garlic Encryption
 - For publishing some network database entries (dampening the probability of a successful traffic analysis attack)

Crypto @ I2P

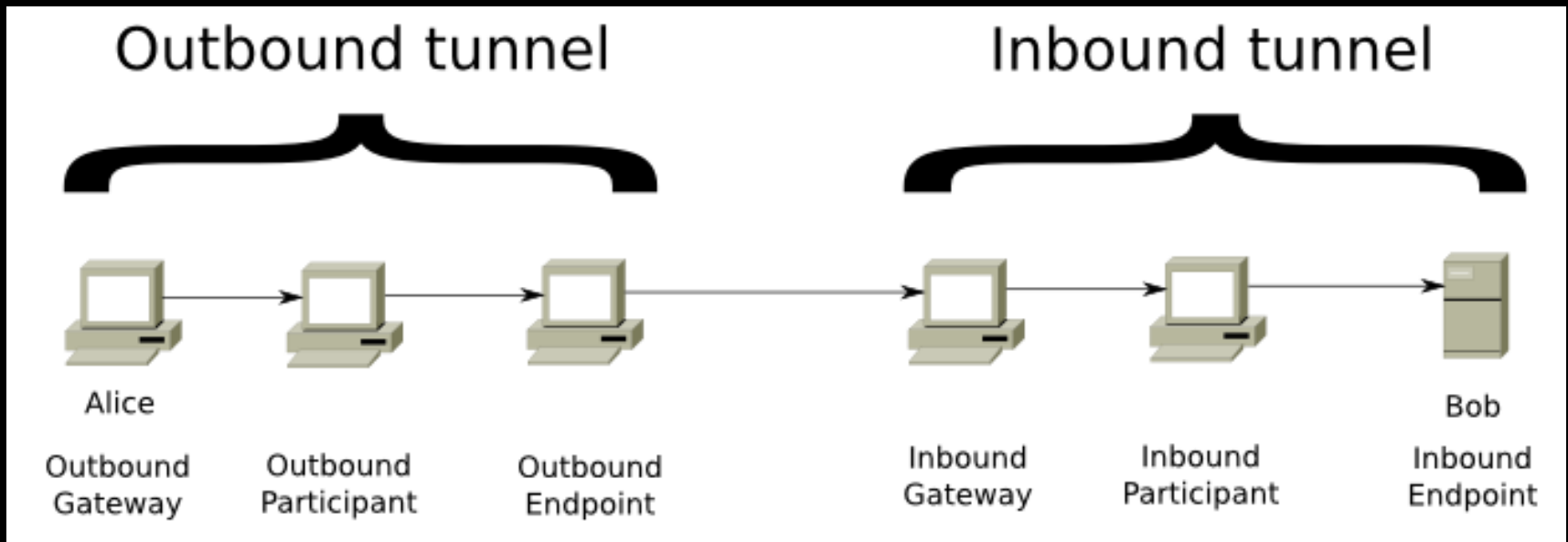
- ElGamal is used for asymmetric encryption.
- AES-256-CBC is used for symmetric encryption.
- 1024-bit DSA used for signing.
- DH is used for key agreement with RFC3526 2048bit MODP group (#14).
- SHA256 is used for hashing.

How I2P works?

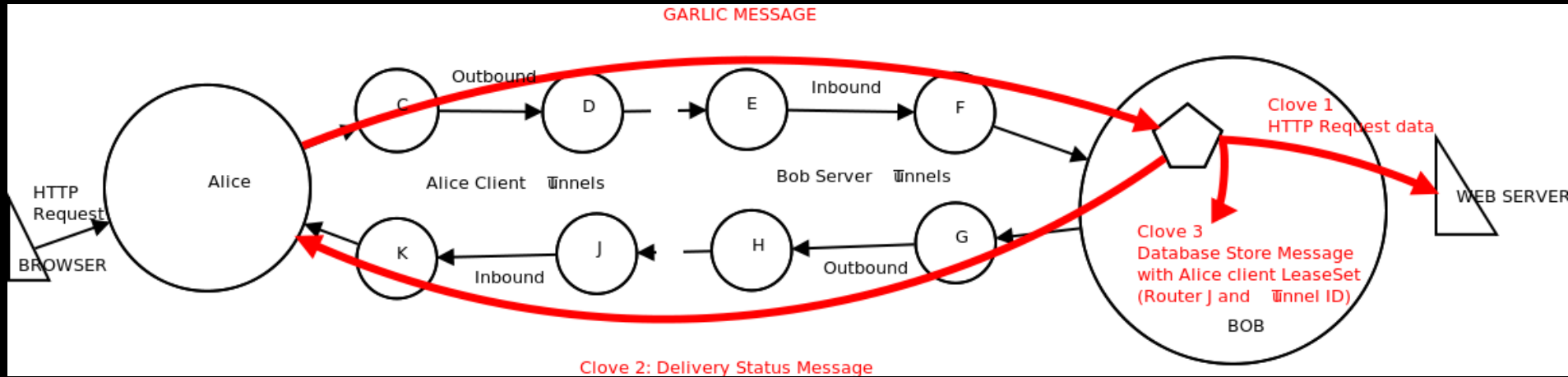
Two types of tunnels exist:

- **outbound** tunnels send messages away from the tunnel creator.
- **inbound** tunnels bring messages to the tunnel creator.

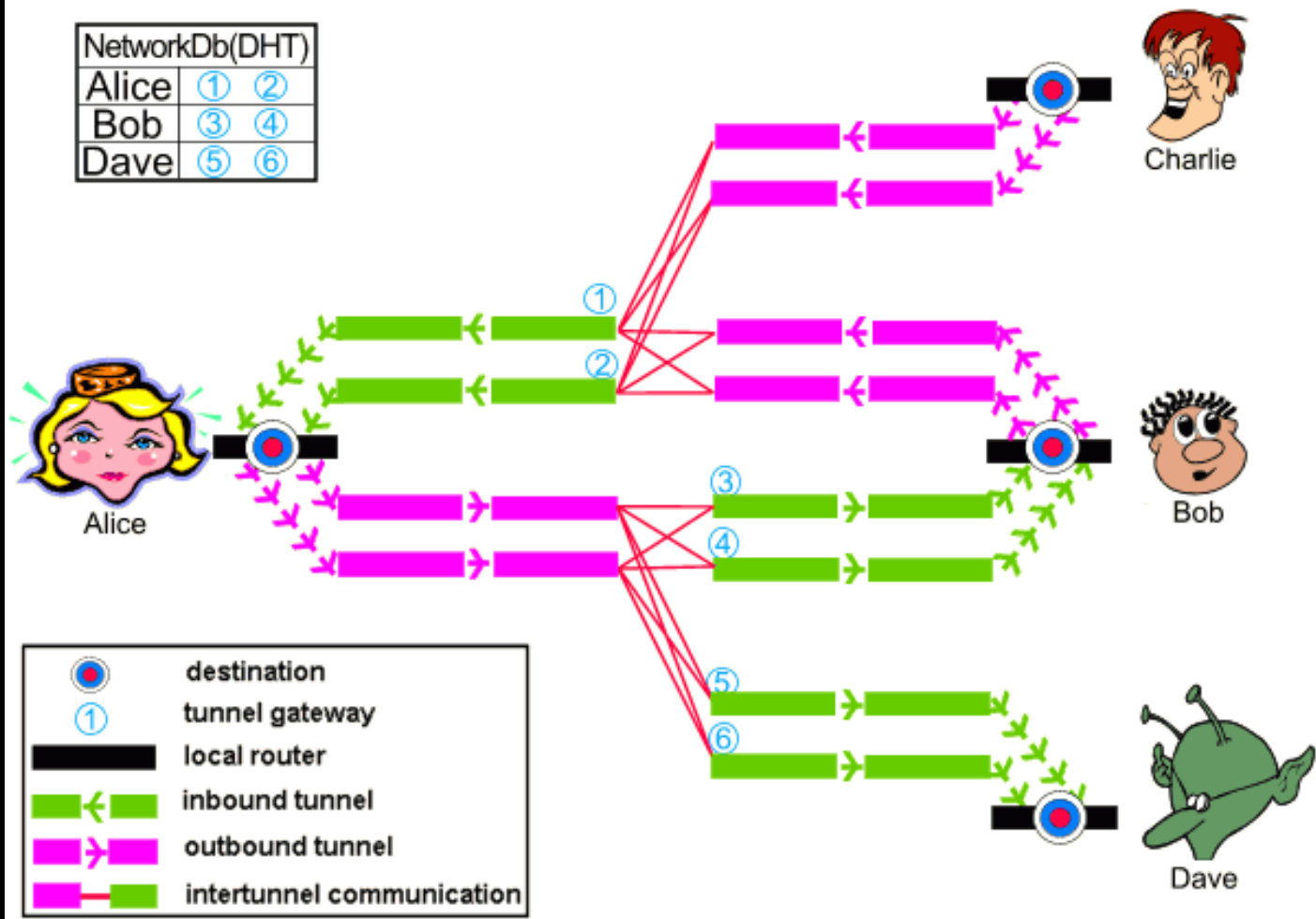
How I2P works?



Garlic Message



I2P Example



I2P Services

- Invisible Internet & Public Web Browsing
- Anonymous Encrypted Web Hosting (eepsites)
- Anonymous E-Mail
- Anonymous File Transfer
- Anonymous Chat
- Forums & Blogging

I2P Tools

- I2P (Windows / Linux / OS X)
 - routerconsole
 - susidns
 - susimail
 - i2psnark
 - i2ptunnel
 - I2P Webserver for eepsite
 - I2P HTTP Proxy
 - I2P HTTPS Proxy

Benefits of Tor over I2P

- Much more visibility in the academic and hacker communities
- Has significant funding
- Designed and optimized for exit traffic, with a large number of exit nodes
- Centralized control reduces the complexity at each node

Benefits of I2P over Tor

- Designed and optimized for hidden services, which are much faster than in Tor
- Fully distributed and self organizing
- Peers are selected by continuously profiling and ranking performance, rather than trusting claimed capacity
- Unidirectional tunnels instead of bidirectional circuits

Tor & I2P Hands on

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Questions?

