

Kubelet to Istio: Kubernetes Network Security Demystified

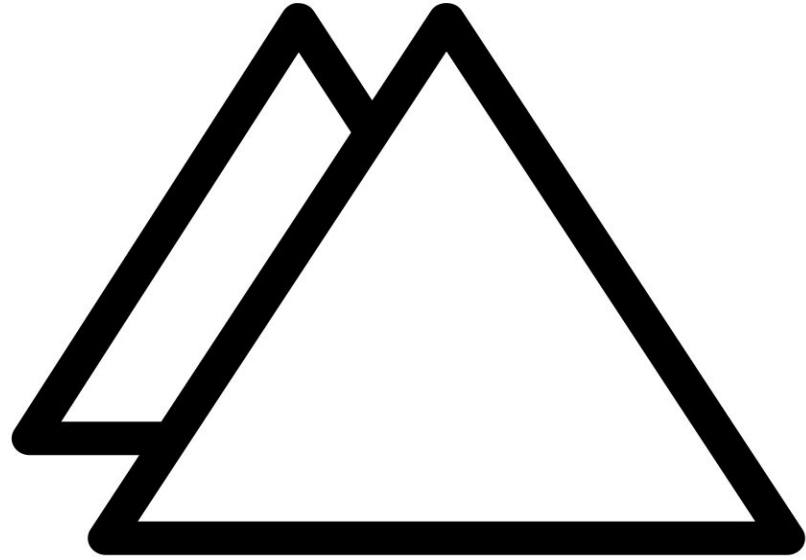
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- Andy
- Dev-like
- Sec-ish
- Ops-y



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What is Network Security



Why do we need Network Security?



Happy Path Application Design



How Applications Run in “Piratical Reality™”



How Kubernetes does it



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Self Signed Certs. Always a bad thing?



Takeaway: Encrypt Everything Everywhere



What this talk is about

- Network Security 101
- Kubernetes API Components
- TLS, X.509, and Mutual Authentication
- CNI and Network Policies for Applications
- Bootstrapping Identity with SPIFFE



Network Security 101



Private & Trusted Communications



Human Communication: Trusted and Local



Human Communication: Untrusted and Local



Human Communication: Untrusted and Remote



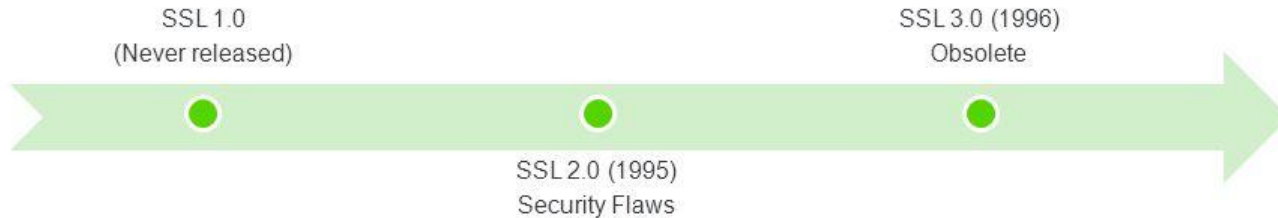
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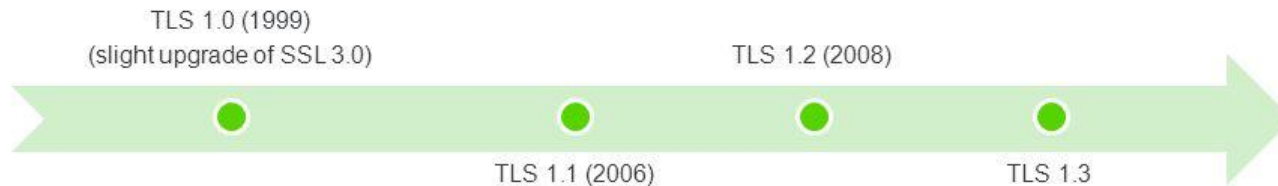
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SSL/TLS – A brief history lesson

Secure Socket Layer (SSL) – Originated in Netscape Web browser



Transport Layer Security(TLS) – Standardized by IETF



Is it really that simple?





Blu-ray Disc



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Securing API Server Traffic

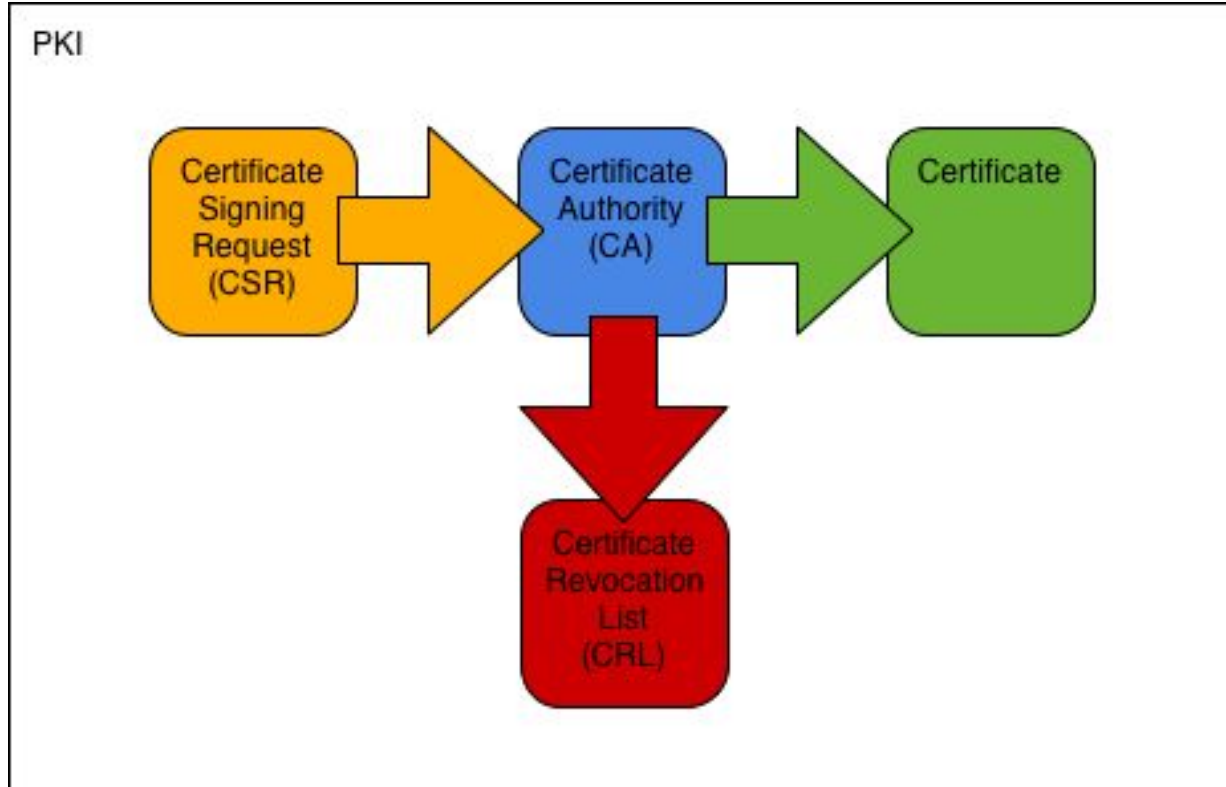


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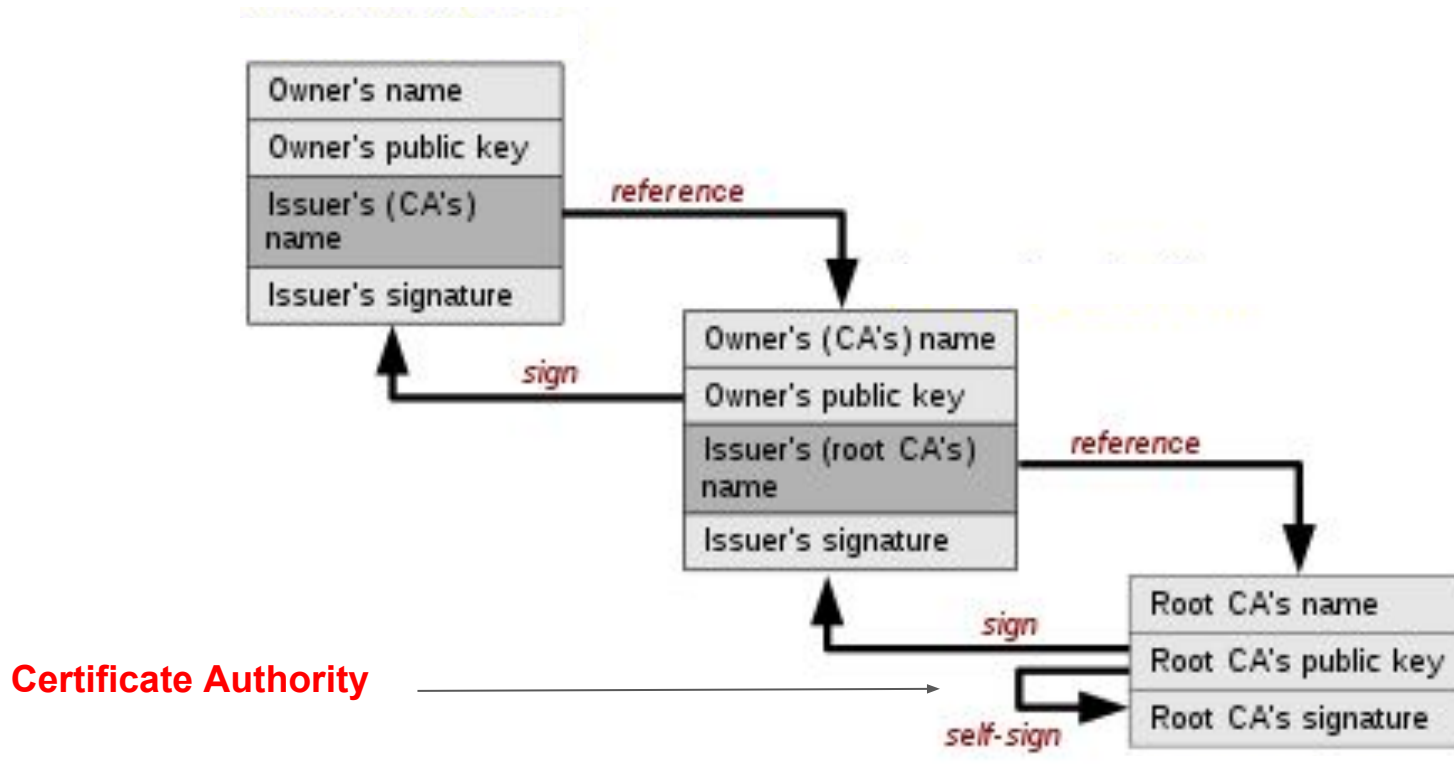
```
kube-apiserver
...
--client-ca-file=/secret/authca.pem
...
--etcd-cafile=/secret/ca.pem
--etcd-certfile=/secret/cert.pem
--etcd-keyfile=/secret/key.pem
--experimental-encryption-provider-config=/secret/encryption.cfg
...
--kubernetes-certificate-authority=/secret/ca.pem
--kubernetes-client-certificate=/secret/cert.pem
--kubernetes-client-key=/secret/key.pem
...
--oidc-ca-file=/secret/ca.pem
...
--service-account-key-file=/secret/service_account_key.pem
...
--tls-ca-file=/secret/ca.pem
--tls-cert-file=/secret/cert.pem
--tls-private-key-file=/secret/key.pem
--tls-sni-cert-key=/secret/cert.pem,/secret/key.pem:localhost
--tls-sni-cert-key=/secret/controller/cert.pem,/secret/controller/key.pem
...
```



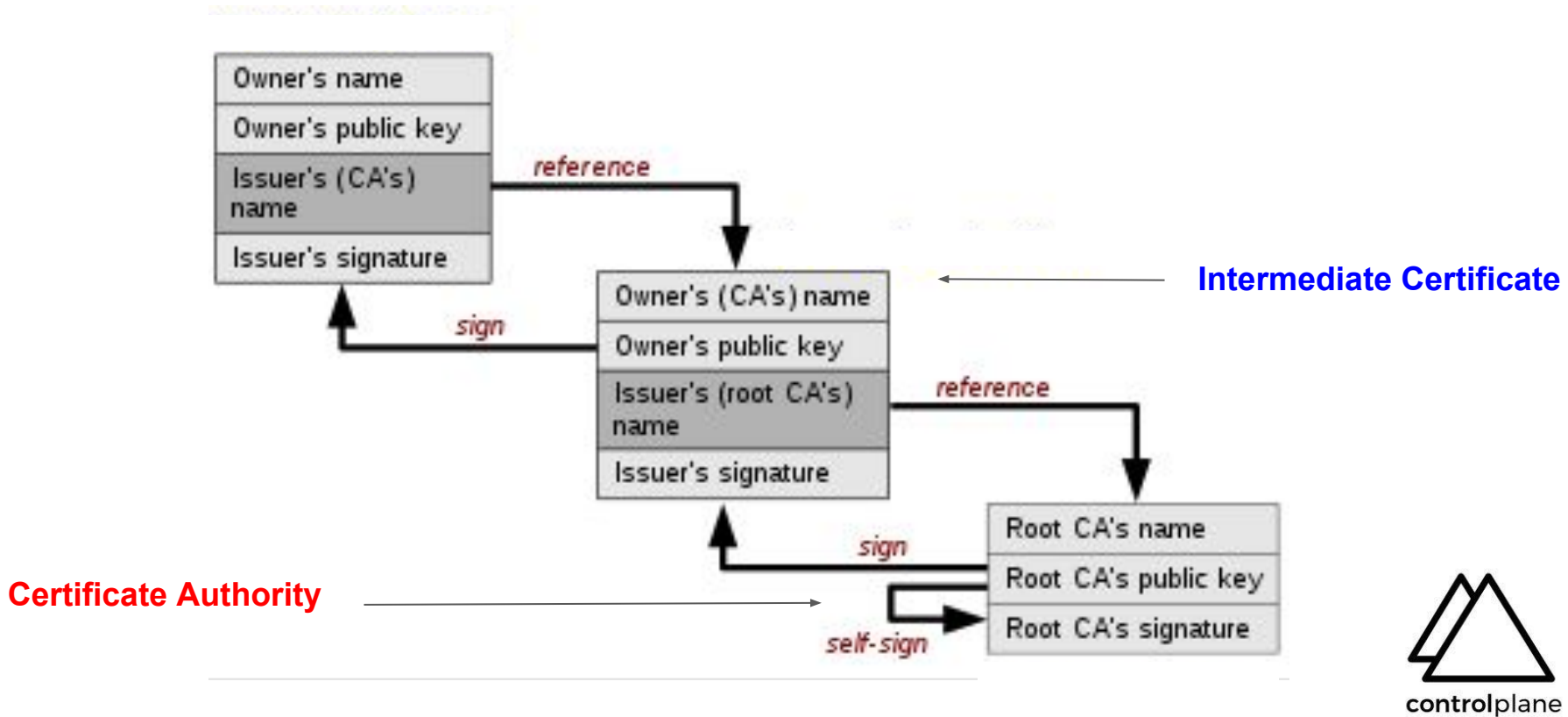
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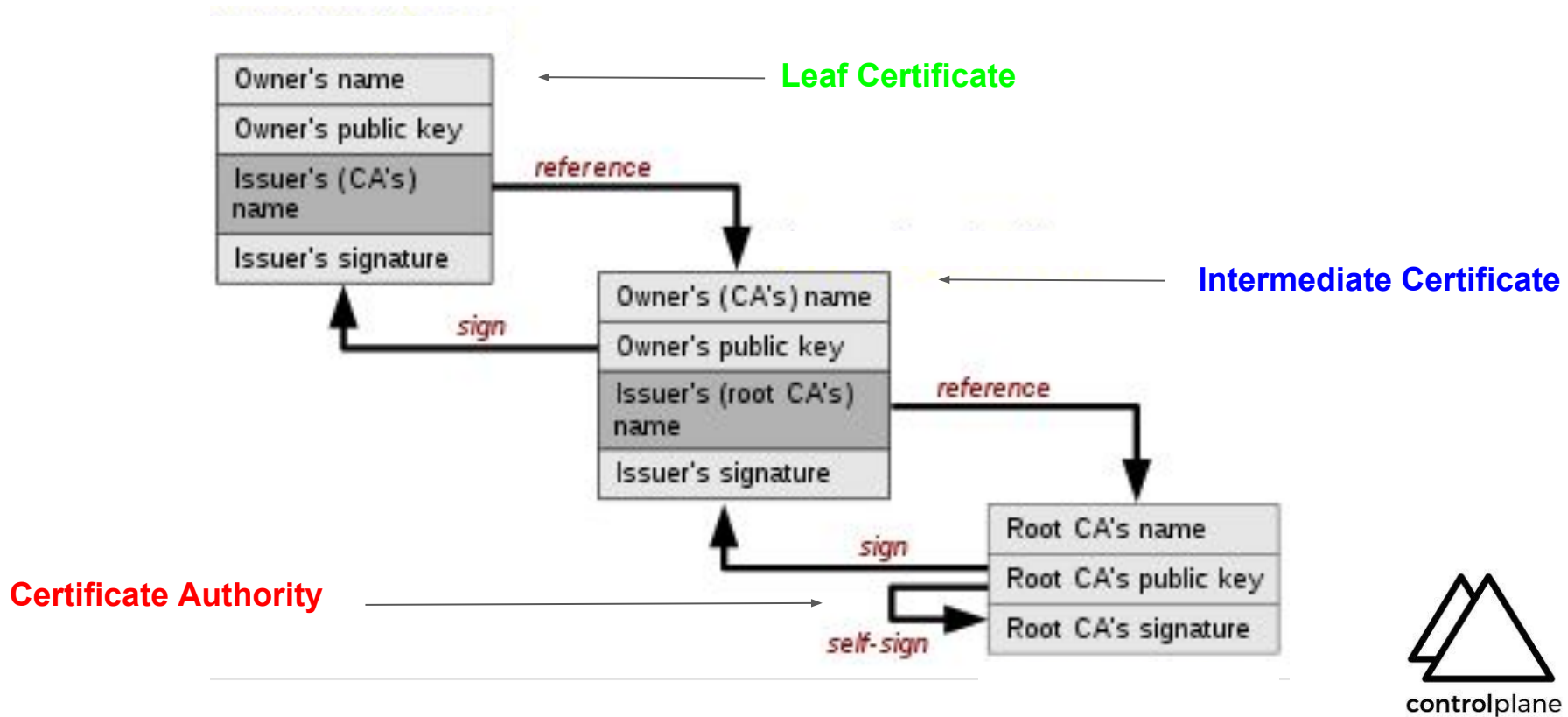
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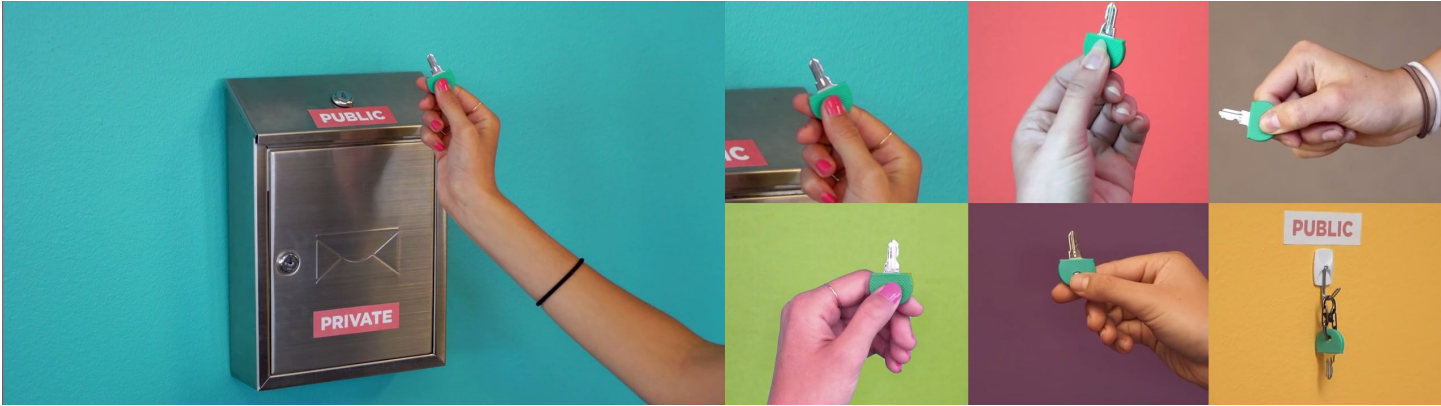


TLS, X.509, and mutual authentication

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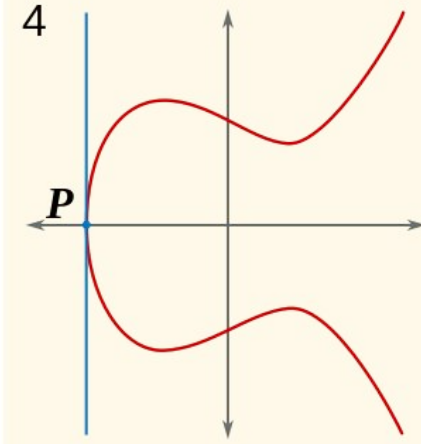
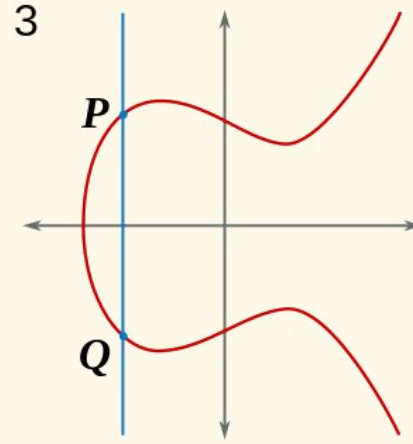
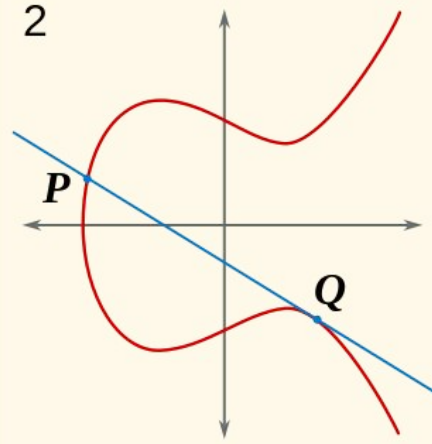
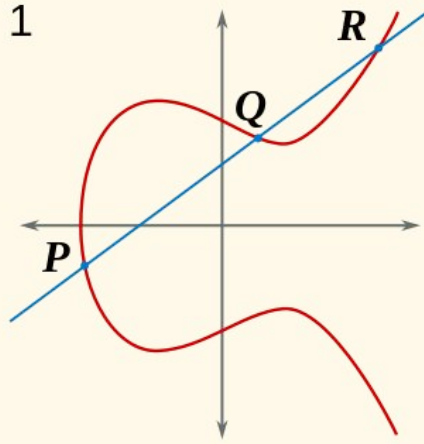


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Elliptic Curves



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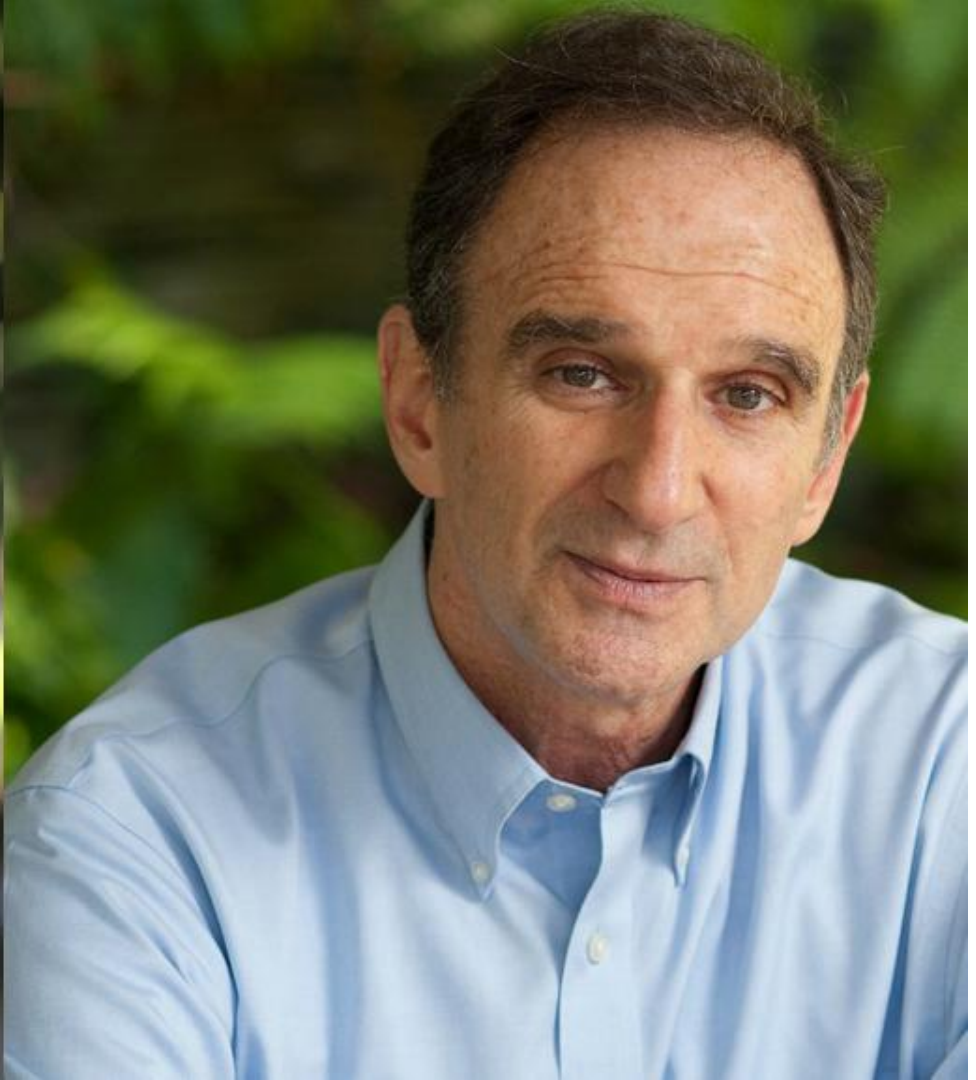
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Cryptography!

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More Info on TLS

- <https://howhttps.works/> by DNSimple



The Original Crypto!



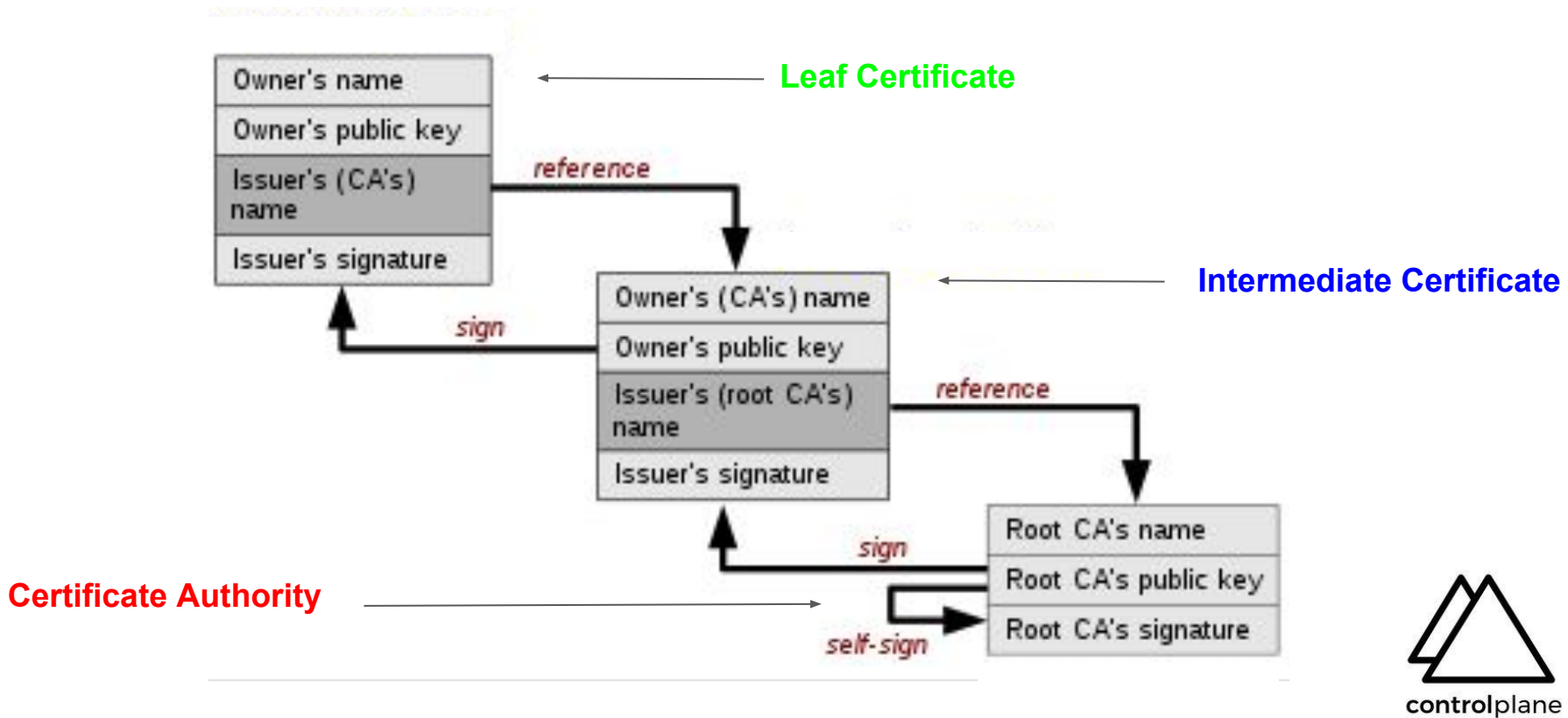
A network diagram illustrating a blockchain concept. The background is a dark blue field filled with a dense pattern of white binary code (0s and 1s). Overlaid on this is a network of white circular nodes connected by thin white lines. Each node contains a white icon representing a device: a laptop, a tablet, or a smartphone, with a small white silhouette of a person on the screen. The nodes are arranged in a complex, interconnected web, with some nodes having multiple connections, symbolizing a decentralized network.

BLOCK CHAIN

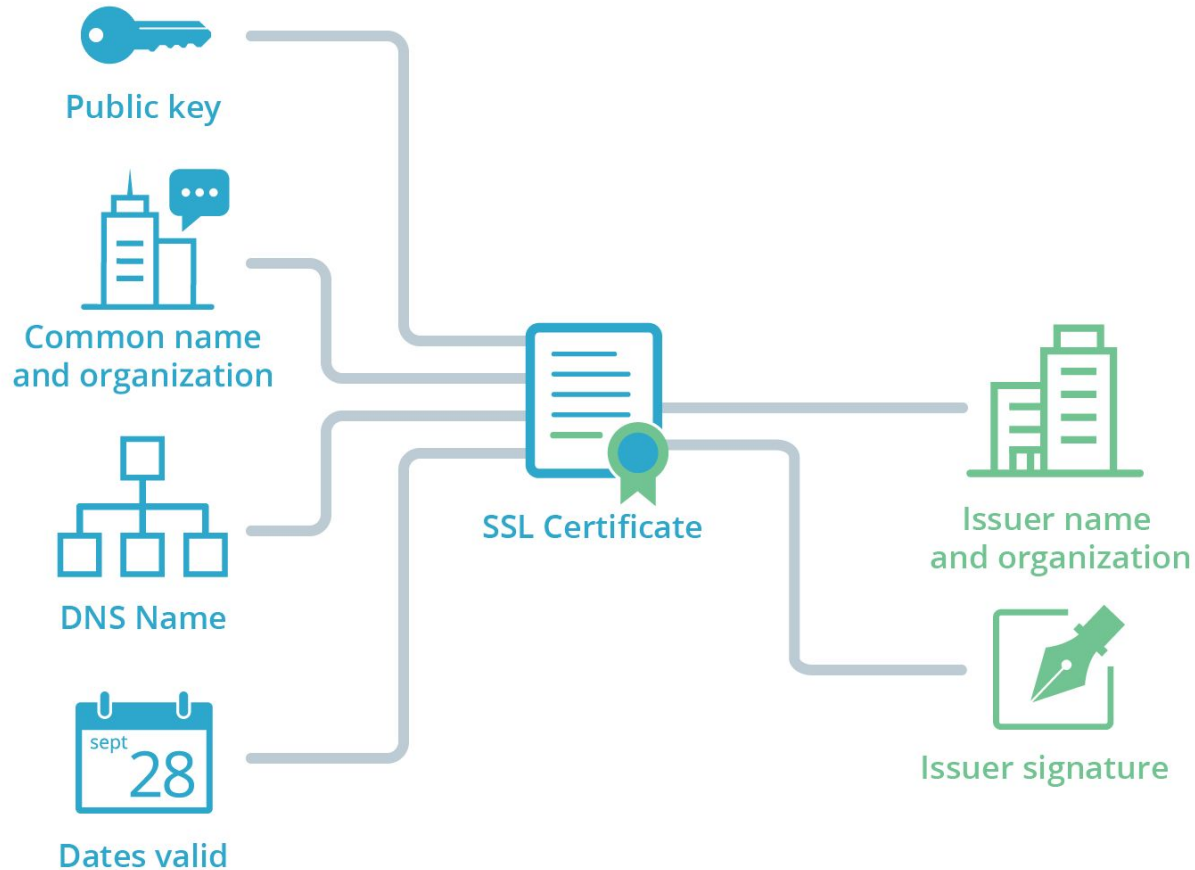
TLS in Kubernetes



Certificate Path Validation



X.509



X.509 RFC Format

```
Certificate ::= SEQUENCE {
    tbsCertificate      TBSCertificate,
    signatureAlgorithm  AlgorithmIdentifier,
    signatureValue      BIT STRING }

TBSCertificate ::= SEQUENCE {
    version             [0] EXPLICIT Version DEFAULT v1,
    serialNumber        CertificateSerialNumber,
    signature            AlgorithmIdentifier,
    issuer              Name,
    validity            Validity,
    subject             Name,
    subjectPublicKeyInfo SubjectPublicKeyInfo,
    issuerUniqueID      [1] IMPLICIT UniqueIdentifier OPTIONAL,
                        -- If present, version MUST be v2 or v3
    subjectUniqueID     [2] IMPLICIT UniqueIdentifier OPTIONAL,
                        -- If present, version MUST be v2 or v3
    extensions          [3] EXPLICIT Extensions OPTIONAL
                        -- If present, version MUST be v3
}

Version ::= INTEGER { v1(0), v2(1), v3(2) }

CertificateSerialNumber ::= INTEGER
```

```
Validity ::= SEQUENCE {
    notBefore          Time,
    notAfter           Time }

Time ::= CHOICE {
    utcTime            UTCTime,
    generalTime        GeneralizedTime }

UniqueIdentifier ::= BIT STRING

SubjectPublicKeyInfo ::= SEQUENCE {
    algorithm           AlgorithmIdentifier,
    subjectPublicKey    BIT STRING }

Extensions ::= SEQUENCE SIZE (1..MAX) OF Extension

Extension ::= SEQUENCE {
    extnID             OBJECT IDENTIFIER,
    critical            BOOLEAN DEFAULT FALSE,
    extnValue          OCTET STRING
    -- contains the DER encoding of an ASN.1 value
    -- corresponding to the extension type identified
    -- by extnID
}
```

X.509 Example Cert

```
-----BEGIN CERTIFICATE-----
MIIC2jCCAkMCAg38MA0GCSqGSIb3DQEgBBQUAMIGbMQswCQYDVQQGEwJKUDEOMAwG
A1UECBMFVG9reW8xEDA0BgNVBACTB0NodW8ta3UxETAPBgNVBAoTCEZyYW5rNERE
MRgwFgYDVQQLEw9XZWJDZXJ0IFN1cHBvcnQxGDAWBgNVBAMTD0ZyYW5rNEREIFd1
YiBDQTEjMCEGCSqGSIb3DQEJARYUc3VwcG9ydEBmcmFuazRkZC5jb20wHhcNMTIw
ODIyMDUyNzQxWhcNMTcwODIxMDUyNzQxWjBKMQswCQYDVQQGEwJKUDEOMAwGA1UE
CAwFVG9reW8xETAPBgNVBAoMCEZyYW5rNEREMRgwFgYDVQQDDA93d3cuZXhhbXBs
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/uAKbzpEL8xTcxYyP31k0eh4FoxySqw5pGFALdPONoDuYFpLhjJSZaEwuvjI/Tr
rGhLV1pRG9frwDFshqD2Vaj4ENBCBh6UpeBop5+285zQ4SI7q4U9oSebUDJiu0x6
+tZ9KynmrbJpTSi0+BM=
-----END CERTIFICATE-----
```



How to decode an X.509 Cert

```
$ openssl s_client -connect wikipedia.org:443
CONNECTED(00000003)
depth=2 C = US, O = DigiCert Inc, OU = www.digicert.com, CN = DigiCert High Assurance EV Root CA
verify return:1
depth=1 C = US, O = DigiCert Inc, OU = www.digicert.com, CN = DigiCert SHA2 High Assurance Server CA
verify return:1
depth=0 C = US, ST = California, L = San Francisco, O = "Wikimedia Foundation, Inc.", CN = *.wikipedia.org
verify return:1
---
Certificate chain
 0 s:/C=US/ST=California/L=San Francisco/O=Wikimedia Foundation, Inc./CN=*.wikipedia.org
  i:/C=US/O=DigiCert Inc/OU=www.digicert.com/CN=DigiCert SHA2 High Assurance Server CA
 1 s:/C=US/O=DigiCert Inc/OU=www.digicert.com/CN=DigiCert SHA2 High Assurance Server CA
  i:/C=US/O=DigiCert Inc/OU=www.digicert.com/CN=DigiCert High Assurance EV Root CA
---
Server certificate
-----BEGIN CERTIFICATE-----
MIIfDCCB2SgAwIBAgIQDCUYtH+pgrgur/174vFRTANBgkqhkiG9w0BAQsFADBw
MQswCQYDVQQGEwJVUzEVMBMGA1UEChMMRGlnaUNlcnQgSW5jMRkwFwYDVQQLExB3
d3cuZGlnaWNaW1cnQuY29tMS8wLQYDVQQDEyZEaWdpQ2VydCBTSEEyIEhpZ2ggQXNz
dXJhbmNlIFNlcnZlciBDQTAEwF0xNzEyMjEwMDAwMDBaFw0xOTAxMjQxMjAwMDBa
...
```



X.509 Example Decoded Cert

Certificate:

```
Data:
  Version: 3 (0x2)
  Serial Number:
    10:e6:fc:62:b7:41:8a:d5:00:5e:45:b6
  Signature Algorithm: sha256WithRSAEncryption
  Issuer: C=BE, O=GlobalSign nv-sa, CN=GlobalSign Organization Validation CA - SHA256 - G2
  Validity
    Not Before: Nov 21 08:00:00 2016 GMT
    Not After : Nov 22 07:59:59 2017 GMT
  Subject: C=US, ST=California, L=San Francisco, O=Wikimedia Foundation, Inc.,
  CN=*.wikipedia.org
  Subject Public Key Info:
    Public Key Algorithm: id-ecPublicKey
    Public-Key: (256 bit)
    pub:
      04:c9:22:69:31:8a:d6:6c:ea:da:c3:7f:2c:ac:a5:
      af:c0:02:ea:81:cb:65:b9:fd:0c:6d:46:5b:c9:1e:
      ed:b2:ac:2a:1b:4a:ec:80:7b:e7:1a:51:e0:df:f7:
      c7:4a:20:7b:91:4b:20:07:21:ce:cf:68:65:8c:c6:
      9d:3b:ef:d5:c1
    ASN1 OID: prime256v1
    NIST CURVE: P-256
  X509v3 extensions:
    X509v3 Key Usage: critical
      Digital Signature, Key Agreement
    Authority Information Access:
      CA Issuers - URI:http://secure.globalsign.com/cacert/gsorganizationvalsha2g2r1.crt
      OCSP - URI:http://ocsp2.globalsign.com/gsorganizationvalsha2g2
```

X509v3 Certificate Policies:

```
Policy: 1.3.6.1.4.1.4146.1.20
CPS: https://www.globalsign.com/repository/
Policy: 2.23.140.1.2.2
```

X509v3 Basic Constraints:

```
CA:FALSE
```

X509v3 CRL Distribution Points:

Full Name:

```
URI:http://crl.globalsign.com/gsorganizationvalsha2g2.crl
```

X509v3 Subject Alternative Name:

```
DNS:*.wikipedia.org, DNS:*.m.mediawiki.org, DNS:*.m.wikibooks.org, ...
```

X509v3 Extended Key Usage:

```
TLS Web Server Authentication, TLS Web Client Authentication
```

X509v3 Subject Key Identifier:

```
28:2A:26:2A:57:8B:3B:CE:B4:D6:AB:54:EF:D7:38:21:2C:49:5C:36
```

X509v3 Authority Key Identifier:

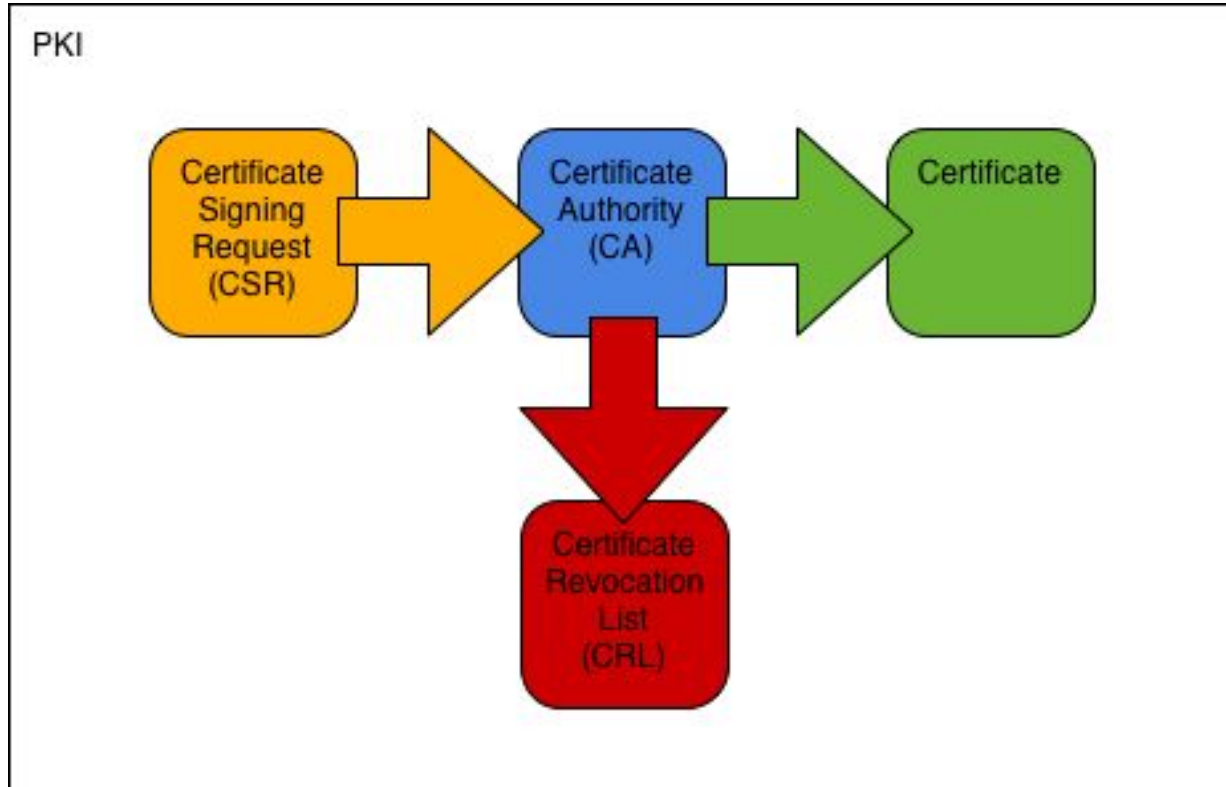
```
keyid:96:DE:61:F1:BD:1C:16:29:53:1C:C0:CC:7D:3B:83:00:40:E6:1A:7C
```

Signature Algorithm: sha256WithRSAEncryption

```
8b:c3:ed:d1:9d:39:6f:af:40:72:bd:1e:18:5e:30:54:23:35:
```

```
...
```

Self Signed Certs aka Signing Your Own Homework



PKI

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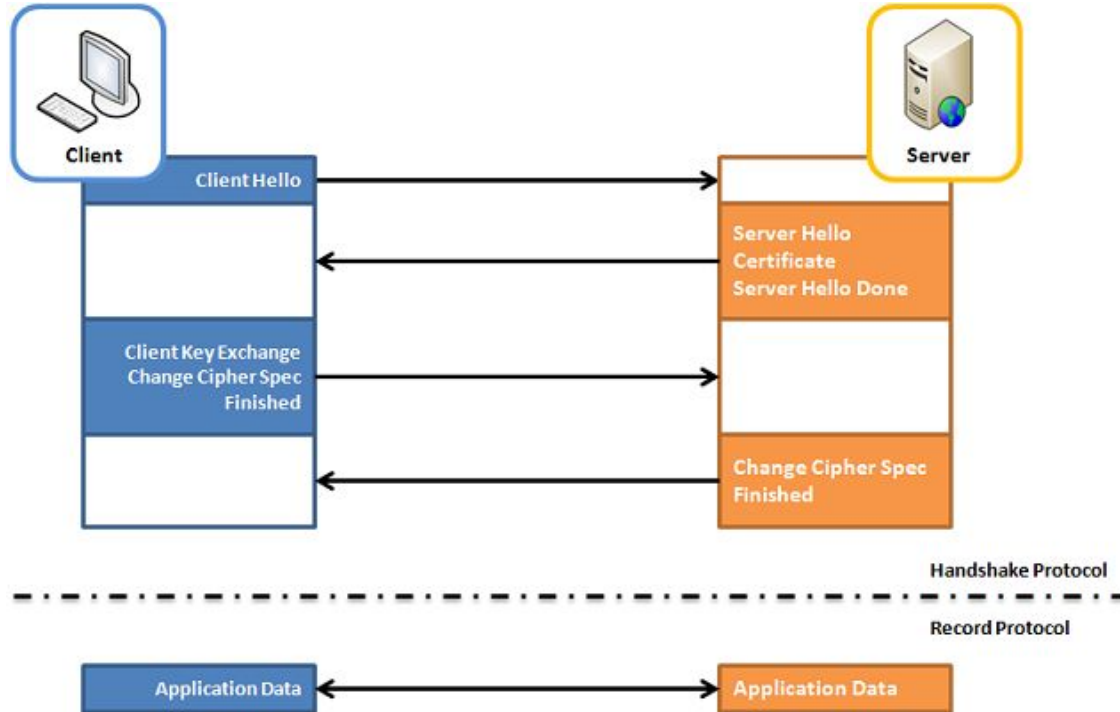


Private PKI and Self-Signed Certs

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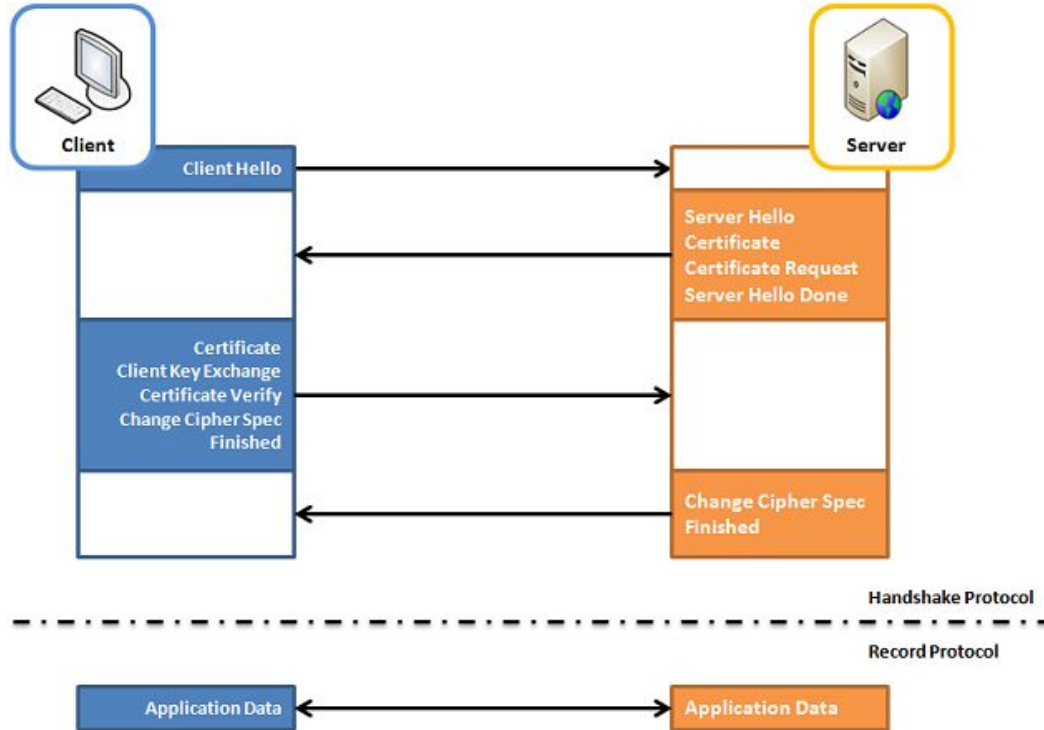


One-Way (Traditional) TLS Handshake



SSL authentication handshake messages

Mutual TLS Handshake (mTLS)



Mutual SSL authentication handshake messages

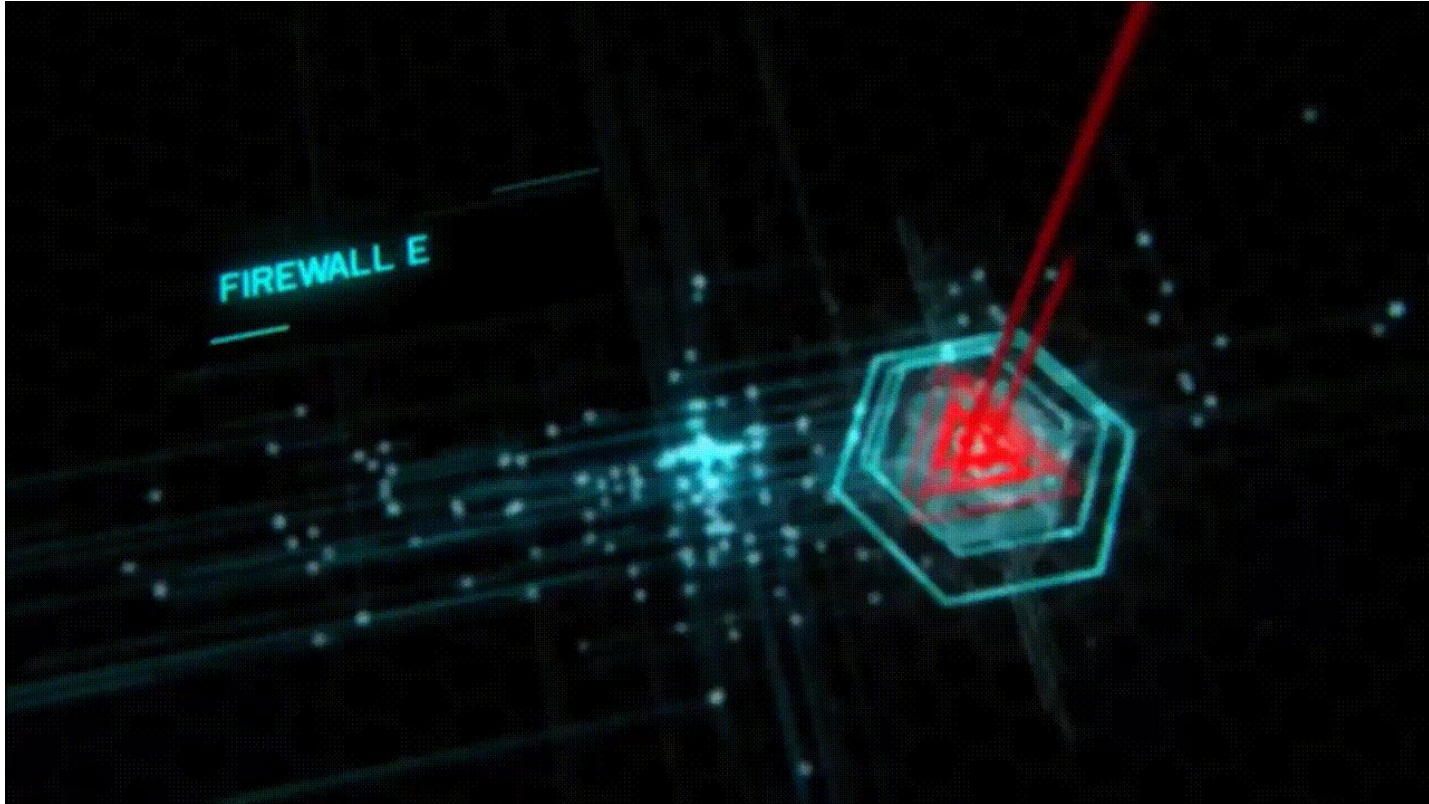
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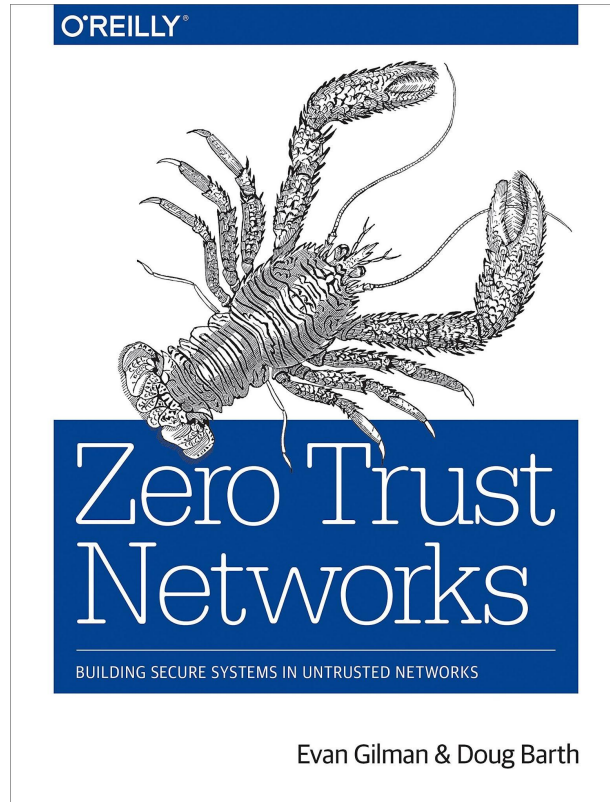


Don't we trust our networks and firewalls?



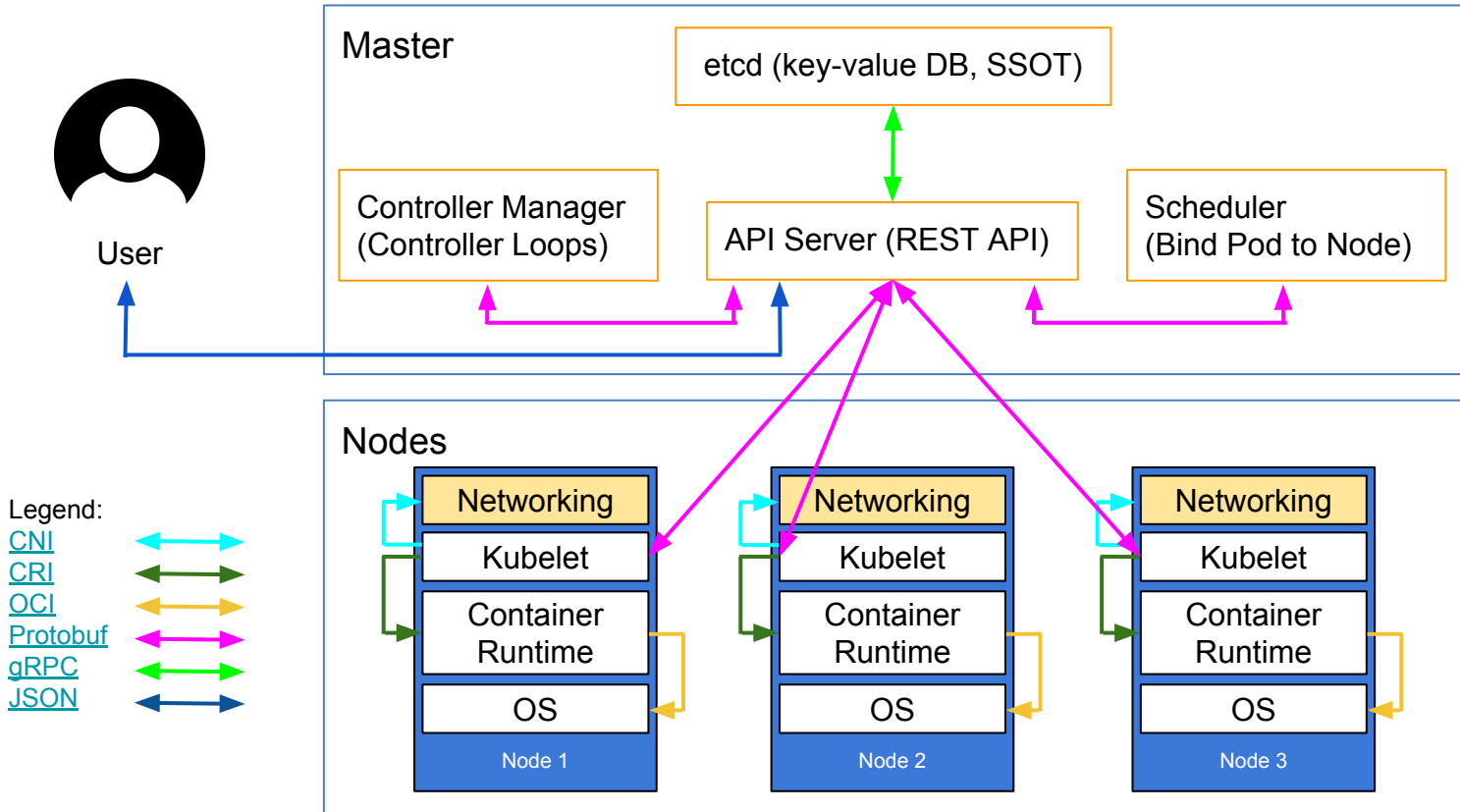
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Zero Trust Networking



Zero Trust API Server?





What could possibly go wrong?



**GAME
OVER**

What could possibly go wrong?



Game Over?

What could possibly go wrong?



GAME OVER

Would you like to
continue?

Continuous (Kubernetes) Security



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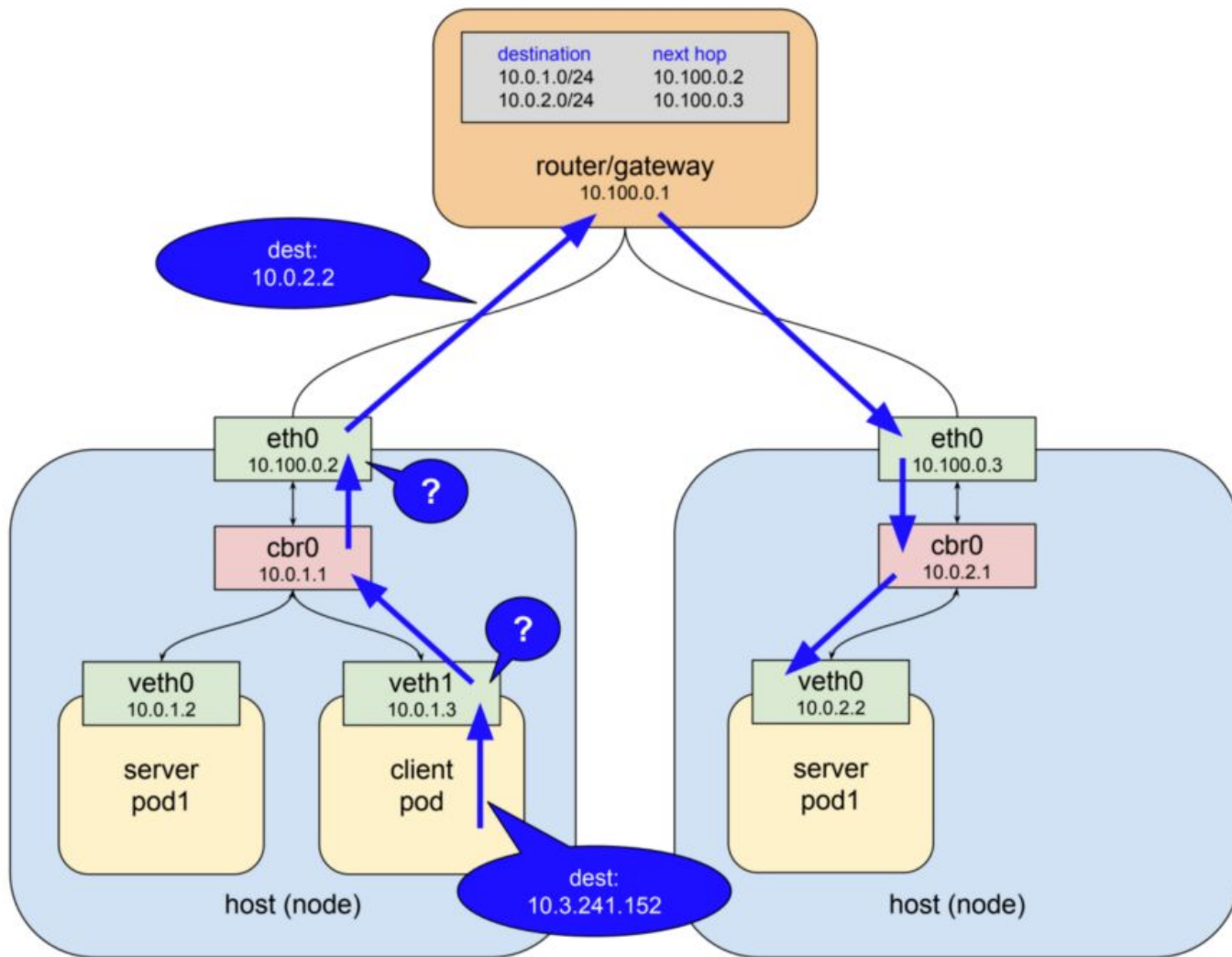
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Application Layer



Containers and Traditional Network Security?





<https://medium.com/google-cloud/understanding-kubernetes-networking-services-f0cb48e4cc82>



```
apiVersion: networking.k8s.io/v1
kind: NetworkPolicy
metadata:
  name: default-deny
spec:
  podSelector:
```

Kubernetes NetworkPolicy: default deny

<https://github.com/ahmetb/kubernetes-network-policy-recipes>



```
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spec:
  podSelector:
```

```
- "*"
```

Illegal syntax, but
represents what it
actually does
(effectively a wildcard)

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Kubernetes NetworkPolicy: default deny



```
apiVersion: networking.k8s.io/v1
kind: NetworkPolicy
metadata:
  name: foo-deny-external-egress
spec:
  podSelector:
    matchLabels:
      app: foo
  policyTypes:
  - Egress
  egress:
  - ports:
    - port: 53
      protocol: UDP
    - port: 53
      protocol: TCP
  - to:
    - namespaceSelector: {}
```

<https://github.com/ahmetb/kubernetes-network-policy-recipes>

Kubernetes NetworkPolicy





thockin (Tim Hockin) 27 days ago <>

Owner + 😊

I really don't think we want to impose DNS refreshing on implementations of NetworkPolicy without a bunch of REALLY REALLY good use cases that just CAN NOT be solved any other way. Do we have such use cases?



thockin (Tim Hockin) closed this 27 days ago

<https://github.com/kubernetes/kubernetes/issues/56901>

Kubernetes NetworkPolicy - NO DNS NAMES



```
apiVersion: networking.k8s.io/v1
kind: NetworkPolicy
metadata:
  name: foo-deny-external-egress
spec:
  podSelector:
    dnsName: control-plane.io
  policyTypes:
  - Egress
  egress:
  - ports:
    - port: 53
      protocol: UDP
    - port: 53
      protocol: TCP
  - to:
    - namespaceSelector: {}
```

ILLEGAL! NOT ALLOWED!

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Kubernetes NetworkPolicy - ILLEGAL!



netassert - cloud native network testing

- netassert - network security testing for DevSecOps workflows
<https://github.com/controlplaneio/netassert>

```
host:  
  localhost:  
    bitbucket.com:  
      - 22  
  control-plane.io:  
    github.com:  
      - 22
```



netassert - cloud native network testing

```
k8s: # used for Kubernetes pods
deployment: # only deployments currently supported
  test-frontend: # pod name, defaults to `default` namespace
    test-microservice: 80 # `test-microservice` is the DNS name of the target service
    test-database: -80 # should not be able to access port 80 of `test-database`

new-namespace:test-microservice: # `new-namespace` is the namespace name
  test-database.new-namespace: 80 # longer DNS names can be used for other namespaces
  test-frontend.default: 80

default:test-database:
  test-frontend.default.svc.cluster.local: 80 # full DNS names can be used
  test-microservice.default.svc.cluster.local: -80
  control-plane.io: 443 # we can check remote services too
```

<https://github.com/controlplaneio/netassert>



```
[2018-02-02T16:06:49.124+0000] ./netassert: Results: localhost
```

```
TAP version 13
```

```
# localhost TCP:30731 closed
```

```
ok 1 - localhost TCP:30731 closed
```

```
# localhost UDP:1234 closed
```

```
ok 2 - localhost UDP:1234 closed
```

```
# localhost TCP:22 open
```

```
ok 3 - localhost TCP:22 open
```

```
# binarysludge.com TCP:443 open
```

```
ok 4 - binarysludge.com TCP:443 open
```

```
# localhost TCP:999 closed
```

```
ok 5 - localhost TCP:999 closed
```

```
# control-plane.io TCP:443 open
```

```
ok 6 - control-plane.io TCP:443 open
```

```
# localhost UDP:555 closed
```

```
ok 7 - localhost UDP:555 closed
```

```
# control-plane.io TCP:80 open
```

```
ok 8 - control-plane.io TCP:80 open
```

```
# binarysludge.com TCP:22 open
```

```
ok 9 - binarysludge.com TCP:22 open
```

```
# binarysludge.com TCP:80 open
```

```
ok 10 - binarysludge.com TCP:80 open
```

```
# 8.8.8.8 UDP:53 open
```

```
ok 11 - 8.8.8.8 UDP:53 open
```

```
# google.co.uk TCP:443 open
```

```
ok 12 - google.co.uk TCP:443 open
```

```
# binarysludge.com TCP:81 open
```

```
ok 13 - binarysludge.com TCP:81 open
```

```
# 8.8.4.4 UDP:53 open
```

```
ok 14 - 8.8.4.4 UDP:53 open
```

```
1..14
```

```
# tests 14
```

```
# pass 14
```

```
# fail 0
```

```
[2018-02-02T16:06:49.129+0000] ./netassert: localhost pass
```



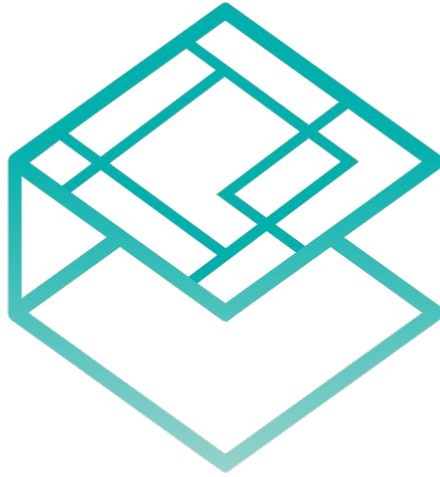
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Cloud Native Dynamic Firewalls

- Network Policy recipes - <https://github.com/ahmetb/kubernetes-network-policy-recipes>
- WeaveNet Network Policy - <https://kubernetes.io/docs/tasks/administer-cluster/weave-network-policy/>
- NeuVector Container Firewall - <https://neuvector.com/products/>
- Tesla Compromise mitigation - <https://www.tigera.io/tesla-compromise-network-policy/>



Applications: CNI and Network Policy



CNI



Applications: CNI and Network Policy

Provider	Network Model	Route Distribution	Network Policies	Mesh	External Datastore	Encryption	Ingress/Egress Policies	Commercial Support
Calico	Layer 3	Yes	Yes	Yes	Etcd ¹	Yes	Yes	Yes
Canal	Layer 2 vxlan	N/A	Yes	No	Etcd ¹	No	Yes	No
flannel	vxlan	No	No	No	None	No	No	No
kopeio-networking	Layer 2 vxlan ²	N/A	No	No	None	Yes ³	No	No
kube-router	Layer 3	BGP	Yes	No	No	No	No	No
romana	Layer 3	OSPF	Yes	No	Etcd	No	Yes	Yes
Weave Net	Layer 2 vxlan ⁴	N/A	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes ⁵	Yes

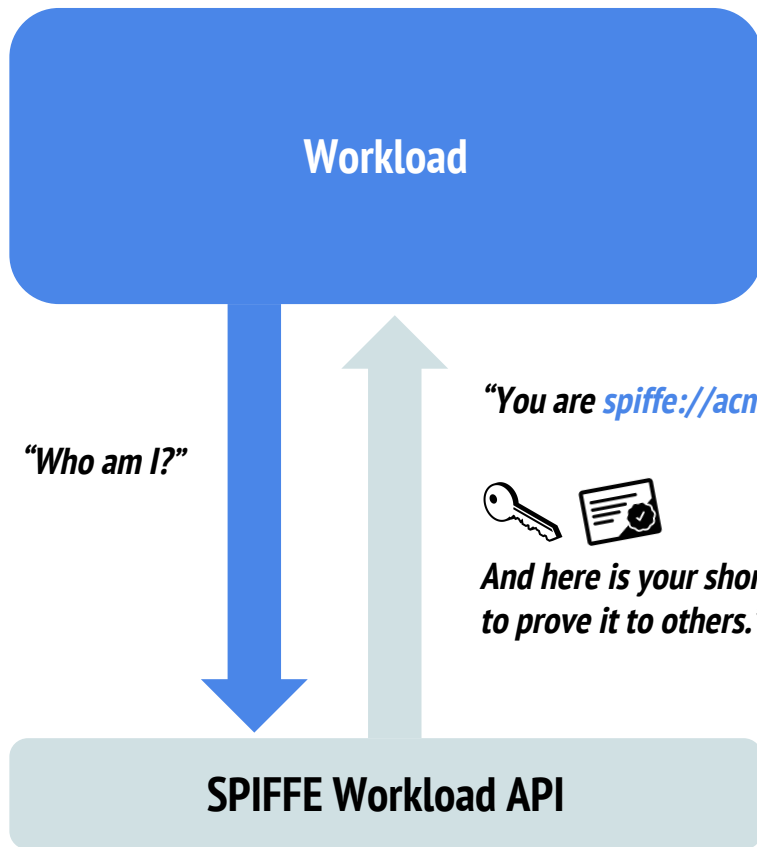
Bootstrapping identity with SPIFFE



Attestation Example: Kubernetes

```
/proc/[pid]/cgroup
```





SPIFFE ID

spiffe://acme.com/billing/payments



Trust Domain

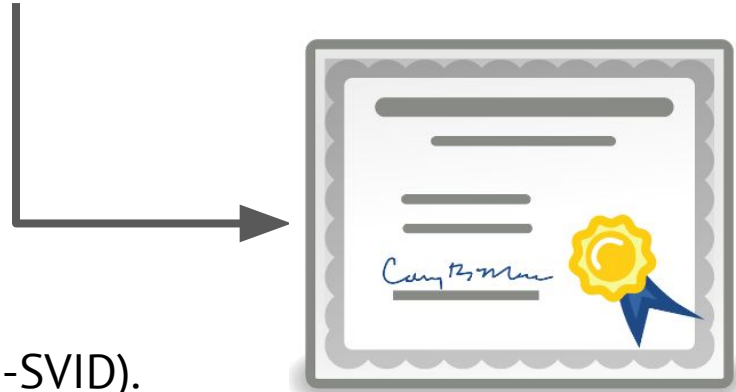
Workload Identifier



SPIFFE Verifiable Identity Document

`spiffe://acme.com/billing/payments`

Typically short-lived



Today only one form of SVID (X509-SVID).
Other document types under consideration
(including JWT-SVID)

X.509 RFC Format

```
Certificate ::= SEQUENCE {
    tbsCertificate      TBSCertificate,
    signatureAlgorithm  AlgorithmIdentifier,
    signatureValue      BIT STRING }

TBSCertificate ::= SEQUENCE {
    version             [0] EXPLICIT Version DEFAULT v1,
    serialNumber        CertificateSerialNumber,
    signature           AlgorithmIdentifier,
    issuer              Name,
    validity            Validity,
    subject             Name,
    subjectPublicKeyInfo SubjectPublicKeyInfo,
    issuerUniqueID     [1] IMPLICIT UniqueIdentifier OPTIONAL,
                      -- If present, version MUST be v2 or v3
    subjectUniqueID    [2] IMPLICIT UniqueIdentifier OPTIONAL,
                      -- If present, version MUST be v2 or v3
    extensions         [3] EXPLICIT Extensions OPTIONAL
                      -- If present, version MUST be v3
}

Version ::= INTEGER { v1(0), v2(1), v3(2) }

CertificateSerialNumber ::= INTEGER
```

```
Validity ::= SEQUENCE {
    notBefore          Time,
    notAfter           Time }

Time ::= CHOICE {
    utcTime            UTCTime,
    generalTime        GeneralizedTime }

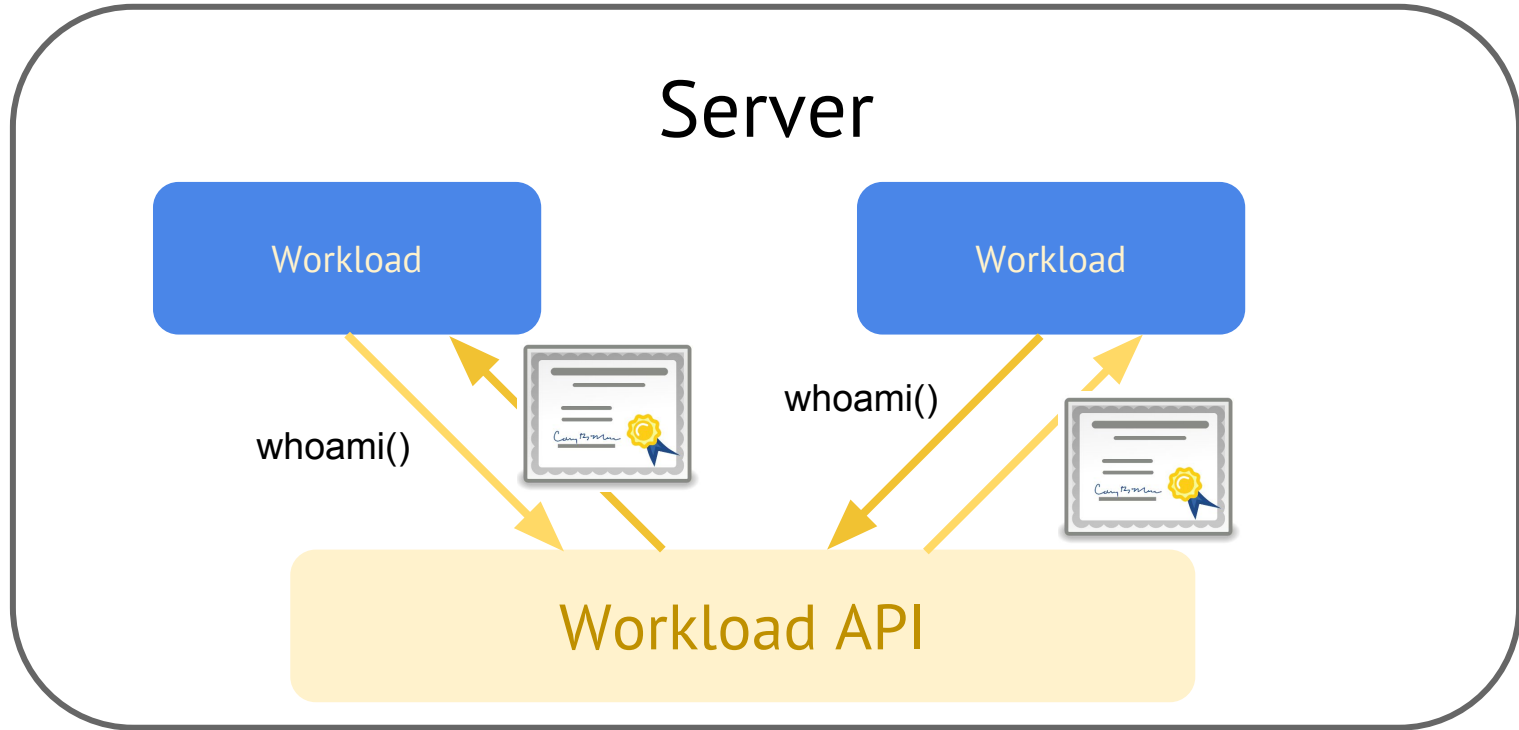
UniqueIdentifier ::= BIT STRING

SubjectPublicKeyInfo ::= SEQUENCE {
    algorithm           AlgorithmIdentifier,
    subjectPublicKey    BIT STRING }

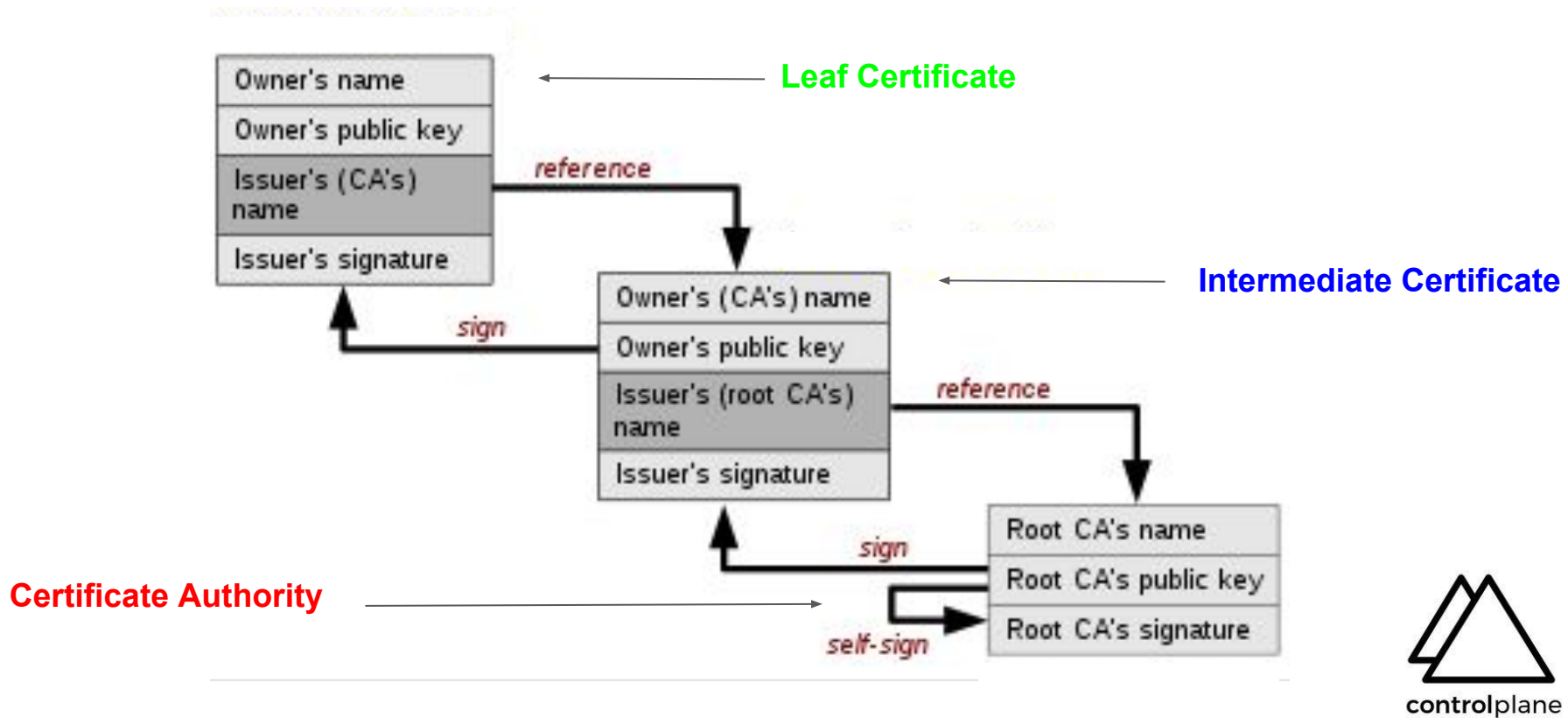
Extensions ::= SEQUENCE SIZE (1..MAX) OF Extension

Extension ::= SEQUENCE {
    extnID             OBJECT IDENTIFIER,
    critical           BOOLEAN DEFAULT FALSE,
    extnValue          OCTET STRING
    -- contains the DER encoding of an ASN.1 value
    -- corresponding to the extension type identified
    -- by extnID
}
```

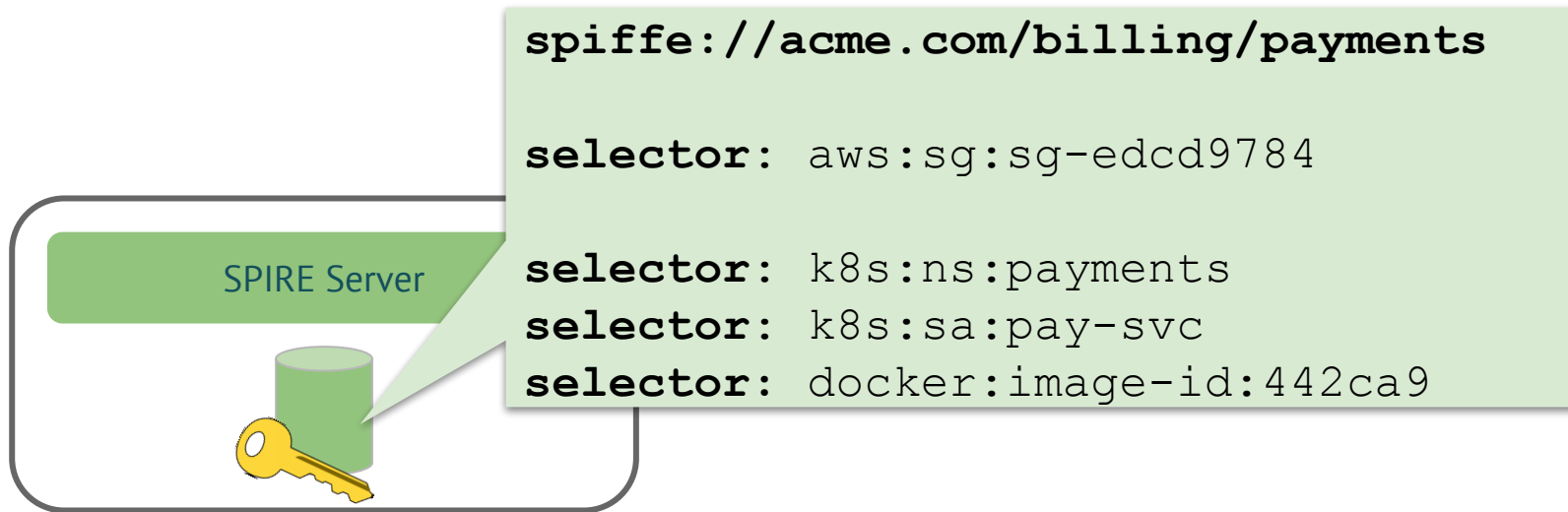
SPIFFE Workload API



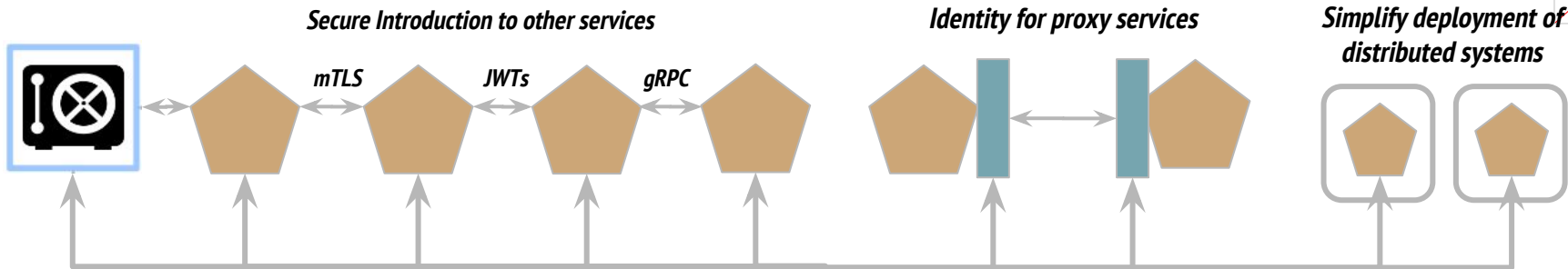
Certificate Path Validation



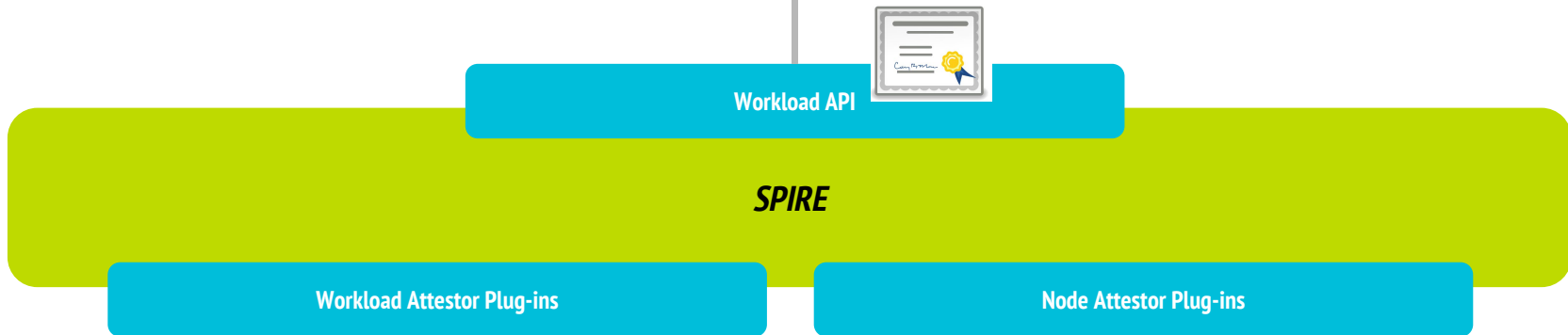
SPIFFE Runtime Environment



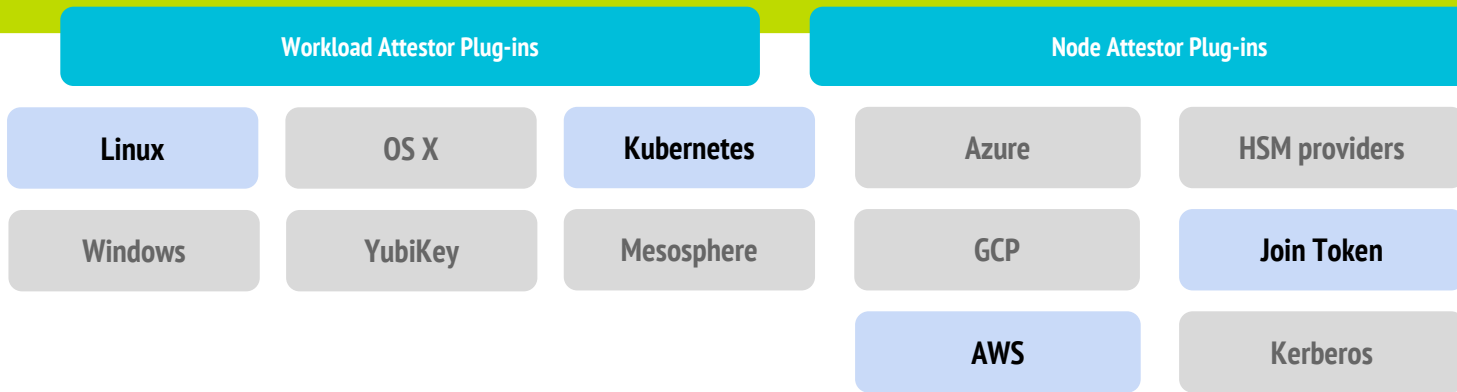
Workload



Core



Platform

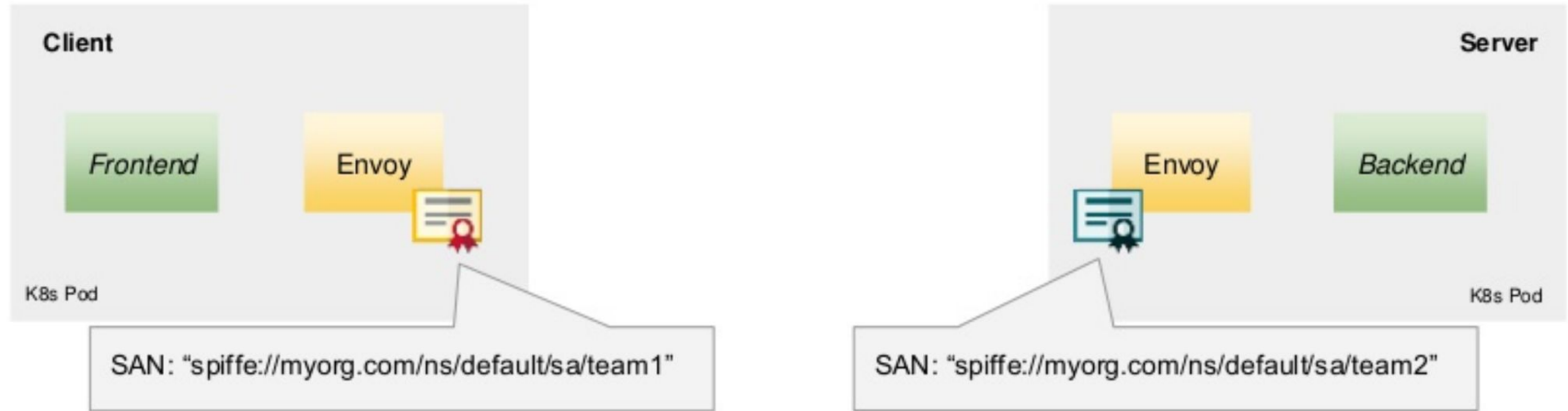


What SPIFFE is *not*

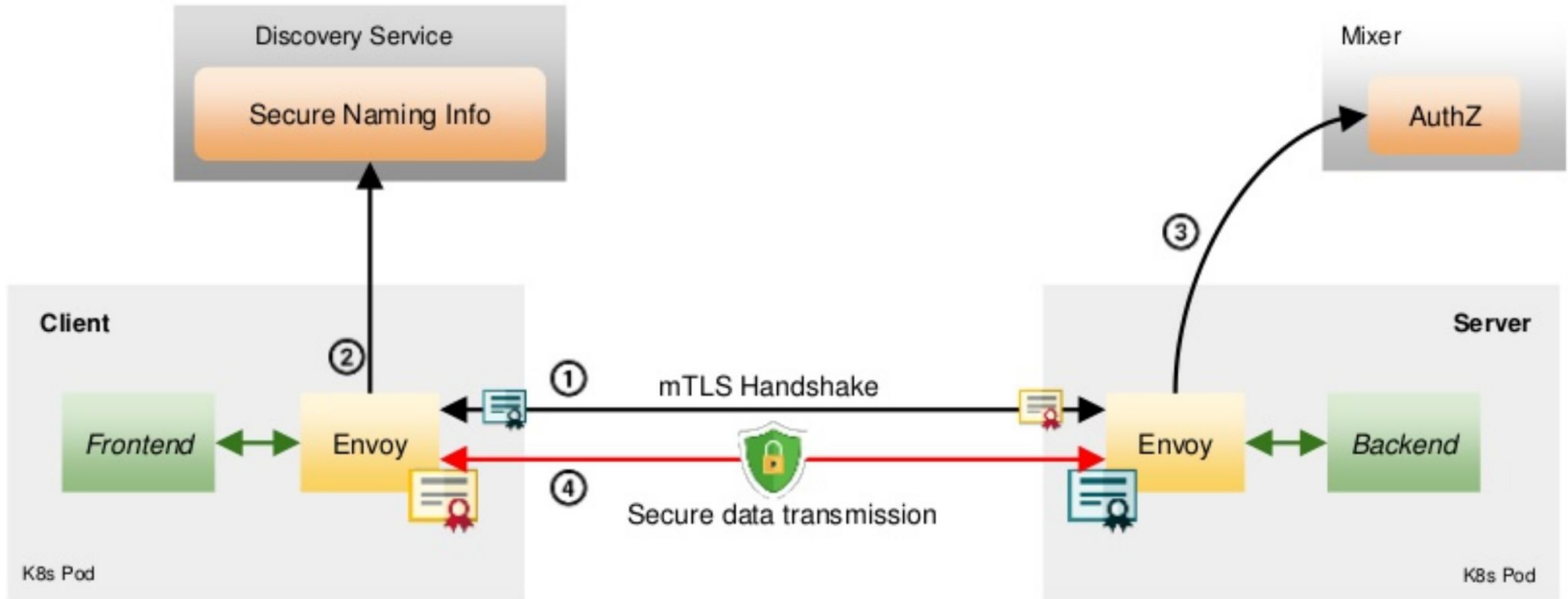


- **Authorization** (however it provides identities upon which authorization schemes can be deployed)
- **Transport level security** (however SVIDs can be used to facilitate things like TLS or JWT signing)

Using SPIFFE in TLS Certificates



Istio and SPIFFE



Recap



End to End Encryption

- TLS on API Server Components
- SPIFFE to identify application workloads
- Istio CA to issue TLS certificates to application workloads
- Envoy to proxy application's HTTPS traffic across the Istio service mesh



Takeaway: Encrypt Everything Everywhere

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Conclusion

- Network Security is important
- TLS, X.509, and Network Policies keep us safe
- Cloud Native applications have more security primitives than ever before
- Istio and SPIFFE give you wings
- Encrypt Everything Everywhere

