APNIC eLearning:
Network Security Fundamentals

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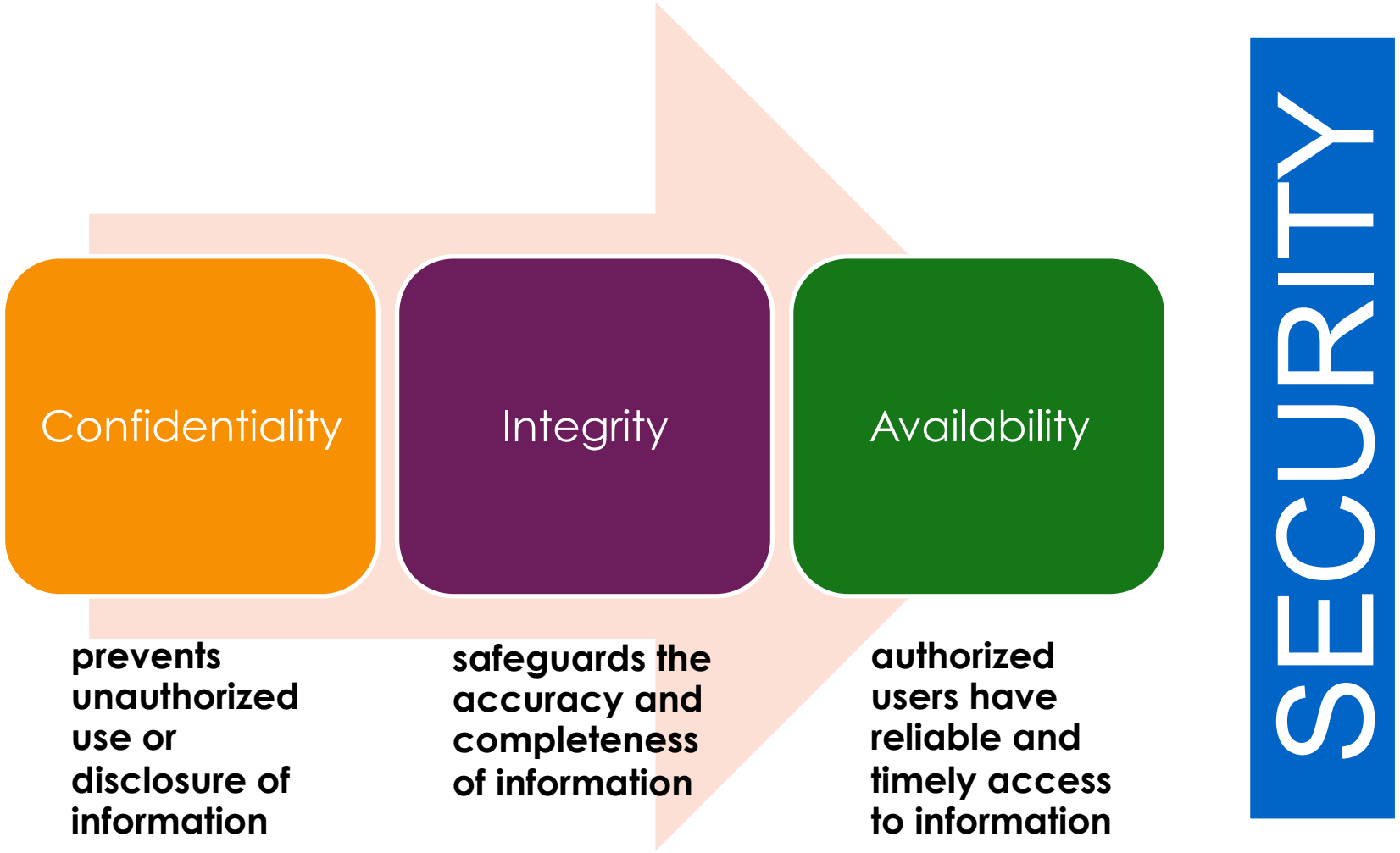
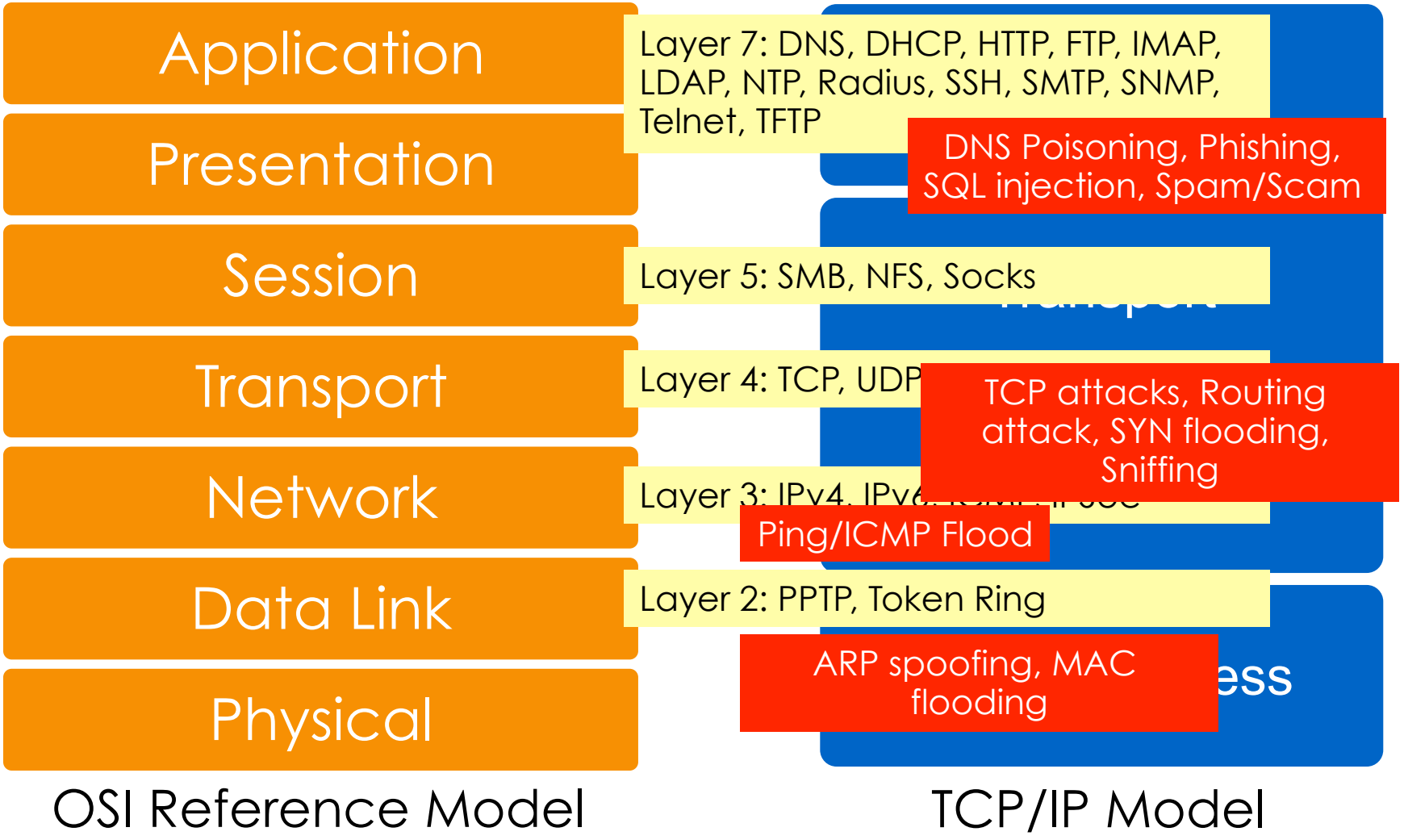
Goals of Information Security



Why Security?

- The Internet was initially designed for connectivity
  - Trust assumed
  - We do more with the Internet nowadays
  - Security protocols are added on top of the TCP/IP
- Fundamental aspects of information must be protected
  - Confidential data
  - Employee information
  - Business models
  - Protect identity and resources
- We can’t keep ourselves isolated from the Internet
  - Most business communications are done online
  - We provide online services
  - We get services from third-party organizations online

Attacks on Different Layers



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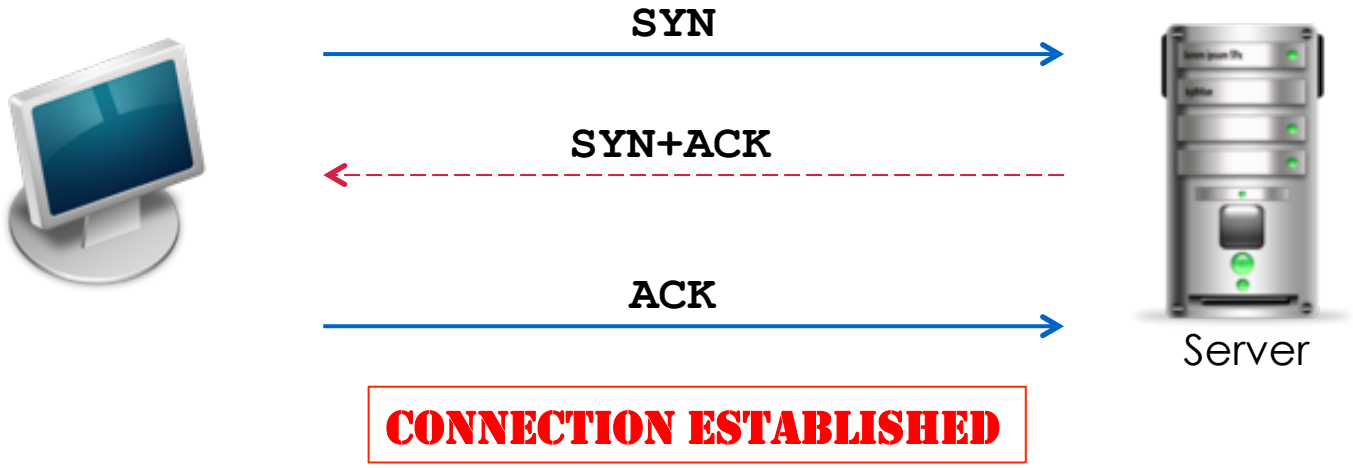

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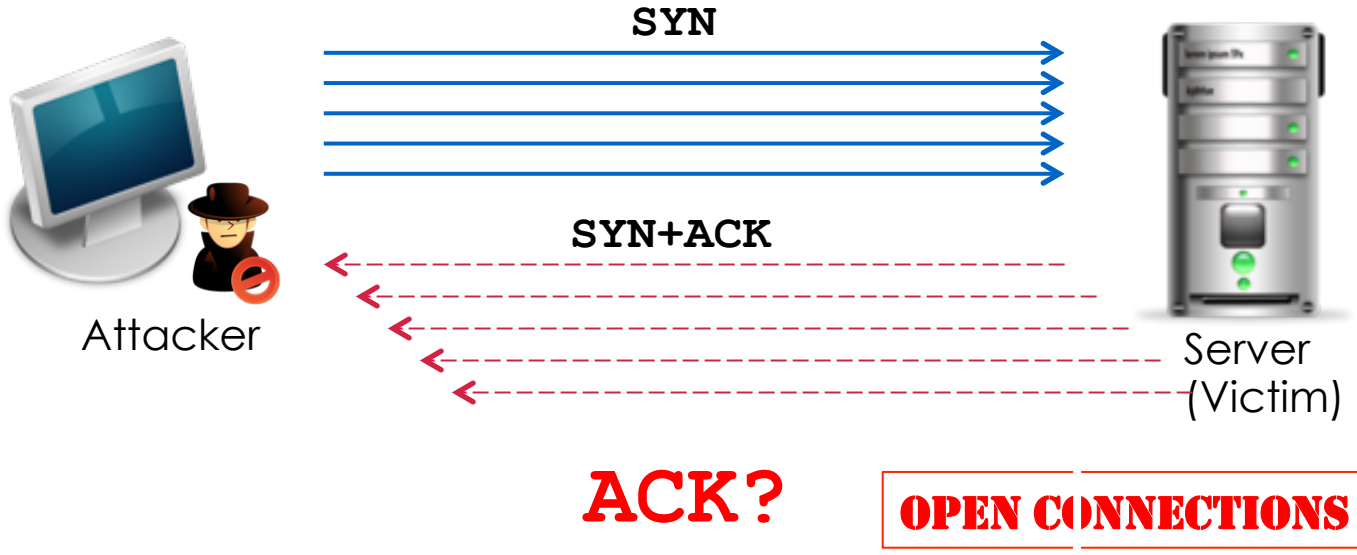
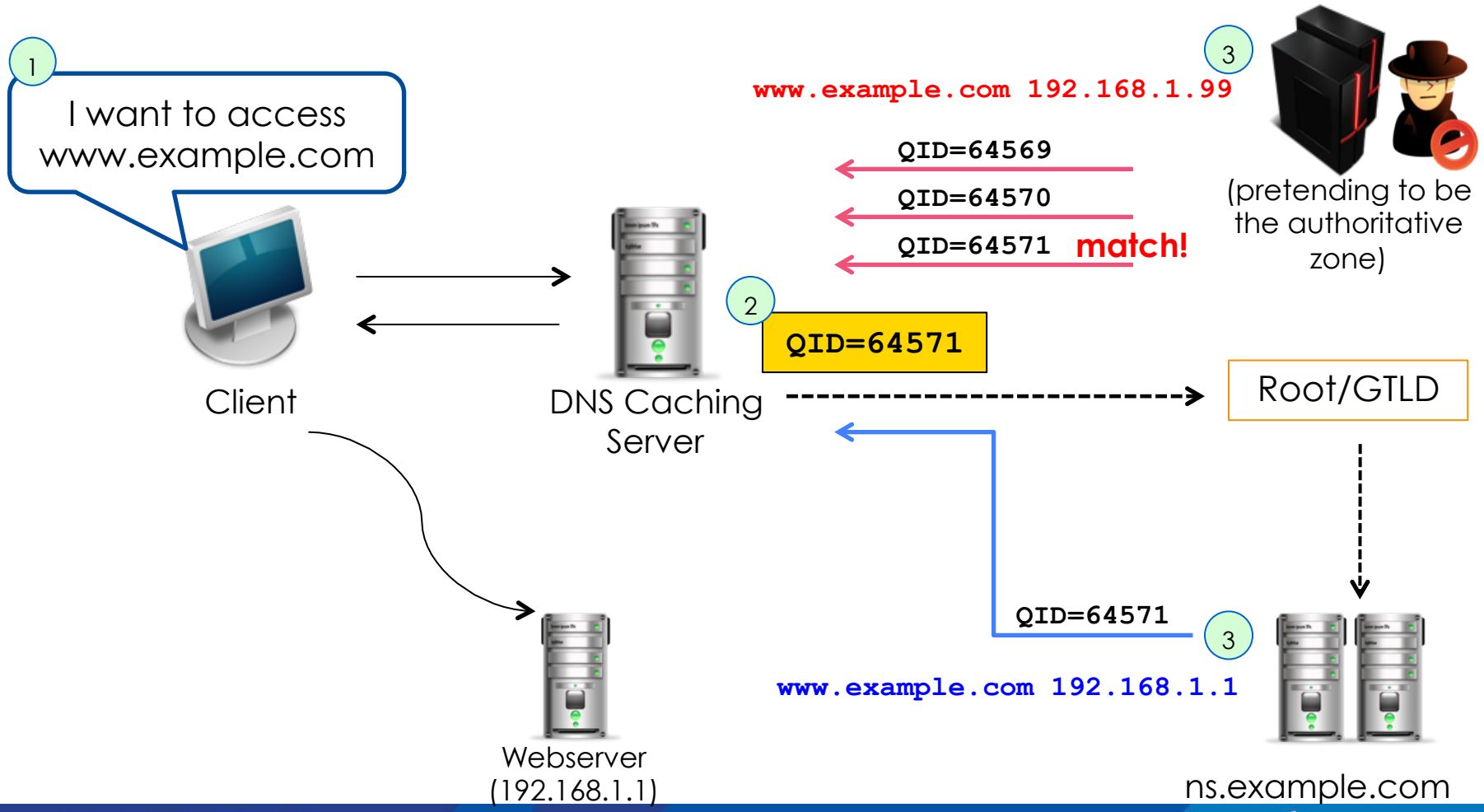


DNS Cache Poisoning



Common Types of Attack

- Ping sweeps and port scans - reconnaissance
- Sniffing – capture packet as they travel through the network
- Man-in-the-middle attack – intercept messages that are intended for a valid device
- Spoofing - set up a fake device and trick others to send messages to it
- Hijacking – take control of a session
- Denial of Service (DoS) and Distributed DoS (DDoS)

Trusted Network

- Standard defensive-oriented technologies
  - Firewall – first line of defense
  - Intrusion Detection
- Build TRUST on top of the TCP/IP infrastructure
  - Strong authentication
    - Two-factor authentication
    - something you have + something you know
  - Public Key Infrastructure (PKI)

Access Control

- Access control - ability to permit or deny the use of an object by a subject.
- It provides 3 essential services (known as AAA):
  - Authentication (who can login)
  - Authorization (what authorized users can do)
  - Accountability (identifies what a user did)

Cryptography

- Has evolved into a complex science in the field of information security
- Encryption – process of transforming plaintext to ciphertext using a cryptographic key
- Symmetric key cryptography – uses a single key to encrypt and decrypt information. Also known as private key.
  - Includes DES, 3DES, AES, IDEA, RC5
- Asymmetric key cryptography – separate keys for encryption and decryption (public and private key pairs)
  - Includes RSA, Diffie-Hellman, El Gamal

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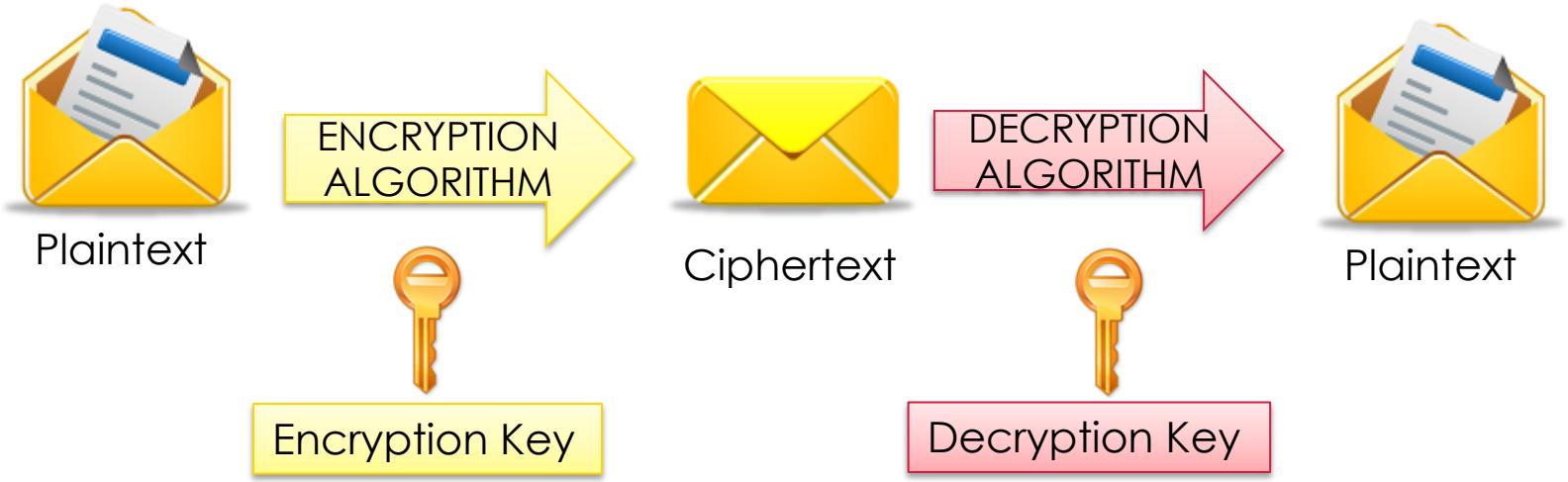


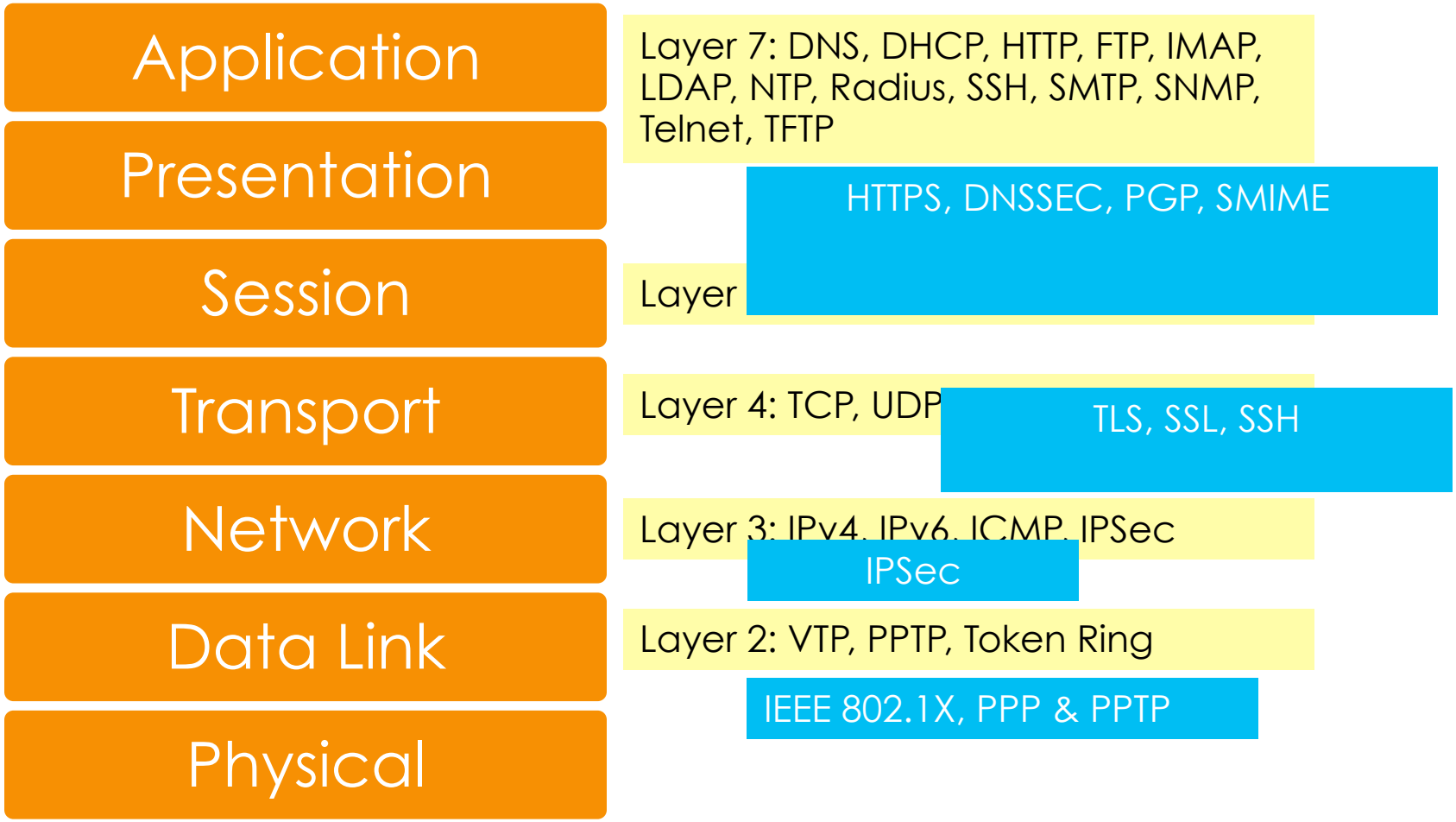
Symmetric Key Cryptography

Asymmetric Key Cryptography

Public Key Infrastructure

- Combines public key cryptography and digital signatures to ensure confidentiality, integrity, authentication, non-repudiation, and access control
- Digital certificate – basic element of PKI; secure credential that identifies the owner
- Basic Components:
  - Certificate Authority (CA)
  - Registration Authority (RA)
  - Repository
  - Archive

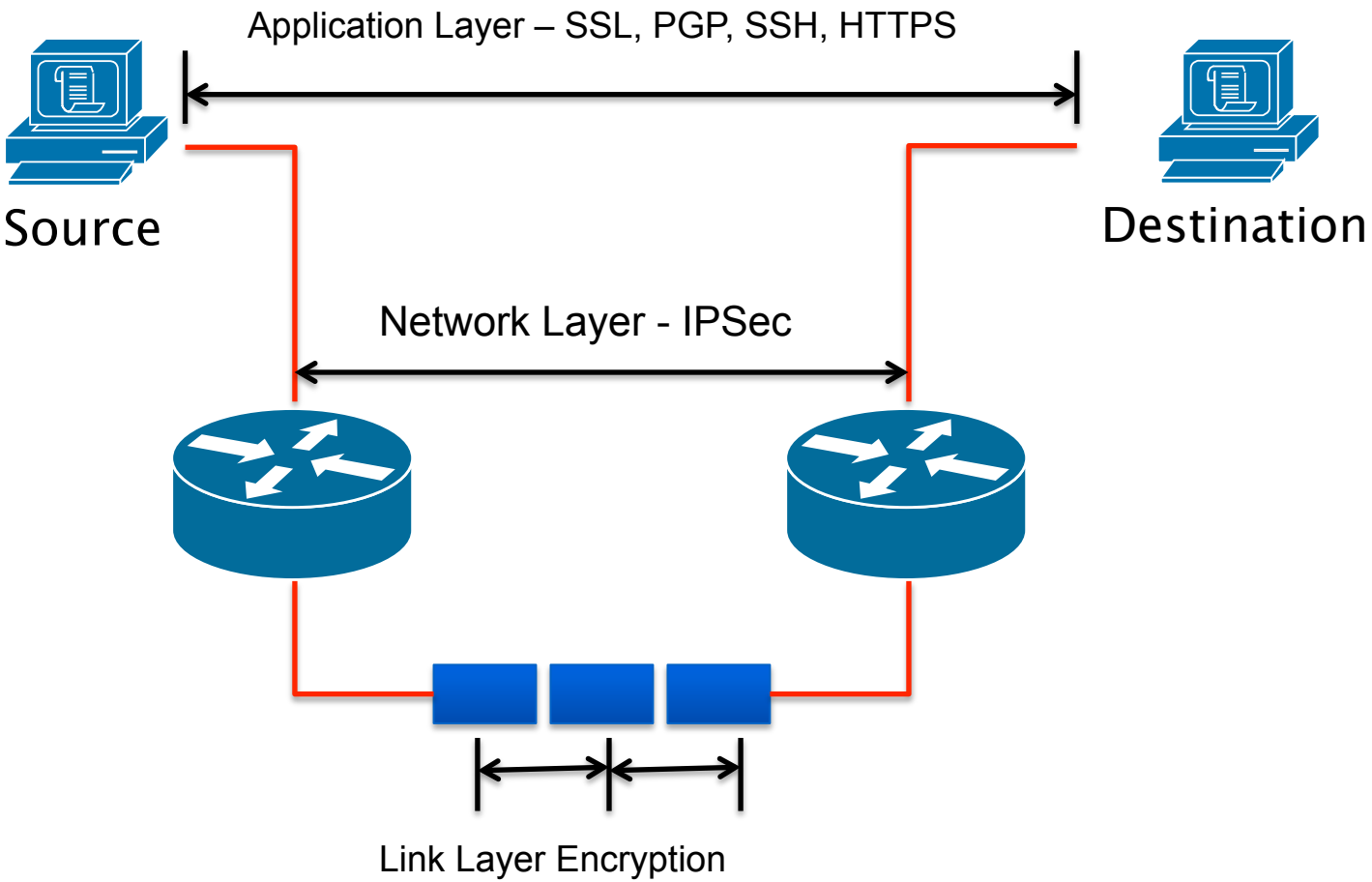
Security on Different Layers



Virtual Private Network

- Creates a secure tunnel over a public network
  - Client-to-firewall, router-to-router, firewall-to-firewall
- VPN Protocol Standards
  - PPTP (Point-to-Point tunneling Protocol)
  - L2F (Layer 2 Forwarding Protocol)
  - L2TP (Layer 2 Tunneling Protocol)
  - IPSec (Internet Protocol Security)

Different Layers of Encryption



IPSec

- Provides Layer 3 security
- Tunnel or Transport mode
  - Tunnel mode – entire IP packet is encrypted
  - Transport mode – IPSec header is inserted in to the packet
- Combines different components:
  - Security associations, Authentication headers (AH), Encapsulating security payload (ESP), Internet Key Exchange (IKE)
- A security context for the VPN tunnel is established via the ISAKMP

Internet Security Protocols

- Layer 4 security: TLS, SSL, SSH
- SSL/TLS (Secure Socket Layer / Transport Layer Security)
  - Session-based encryption and authentication for secure communication (prevent eavesdropping)
  - TLS is the IETF standard succeeding SSL
  - Uses RSA asymmetric key system
- Secure Shell (SSH2) – secure channel between devices, replaces telnet and rsh

Security Management

- Network security is a part of a bigger information security plan
- Policies vs. Standards vs. Guidelines
- Must develop and implement comprehensive security policy
  - Minimum password length, frequency of password change
  - Access of devices, host firewalls
  - User creation/deletion process
  - Data signing/encryption
  - Encrypting all communication (remote access)
  - Use of digital certificates
- Disaster Recovery and Attack Mitigation Plan

Whois Database

- Public network management database
- Tracks network resources
  - IP addreses, ASNs, reverse domains, routing
- Records administrative info
  - Contacts (person/role), authorization (maintainer)
- All Members must register their resources in the Whois database
- Must keep records up to date at all times

Questions

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  - <survey-link>
- Slide handouts will be available after completing the survey

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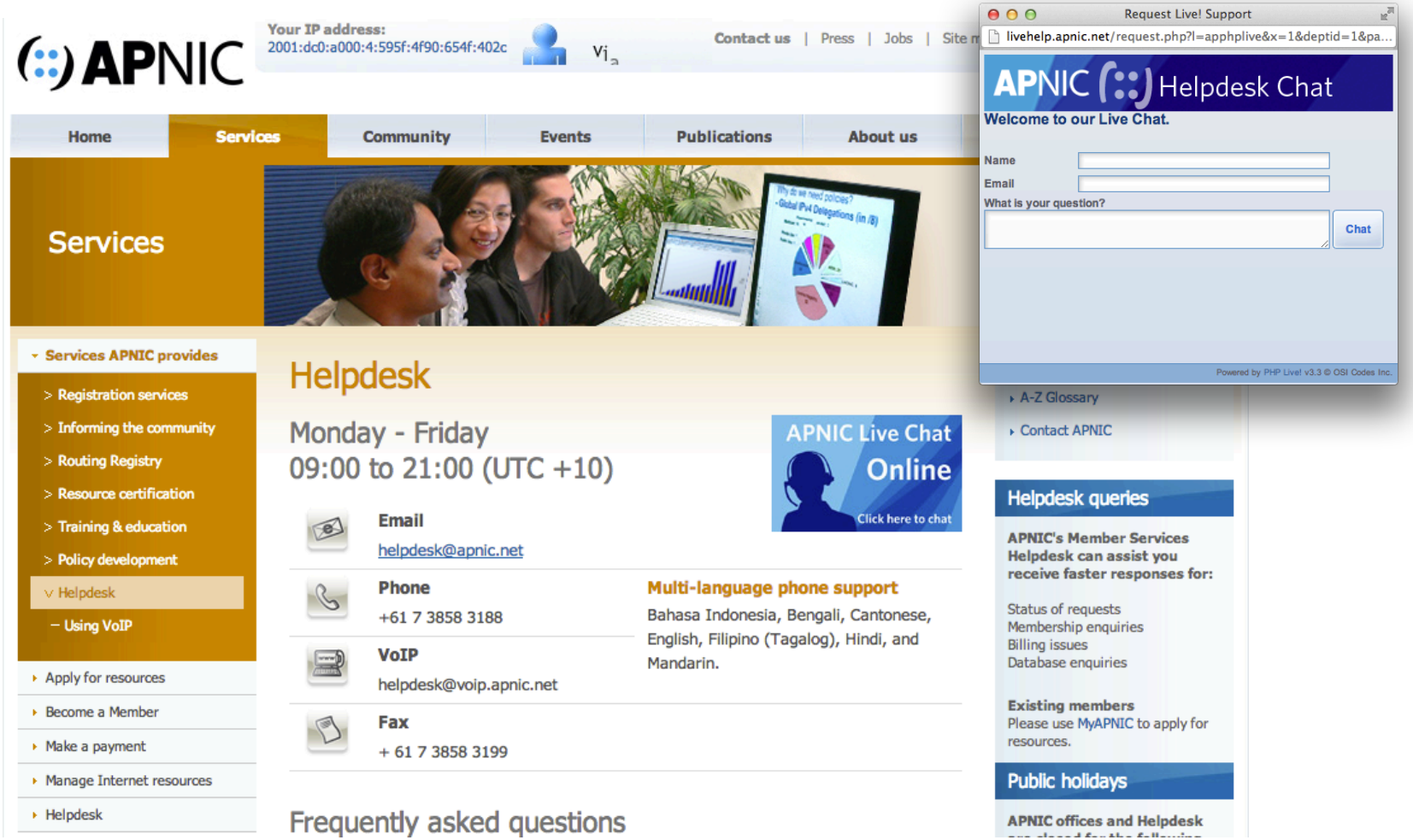

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