

E - Banking

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Part I

E-Banking

Introduction to E - Banking

Introduction

- Banking consumers today have more options than ever before:

- “brick and mortar” institution
(has a building and personal service representatives)
- “brick and click” institution
(physical structure + Internet bank services)
- “virtual bank”
(no public building – exists only online)



What Is an E-Bank?

- Traditional banking business assumes:
 - Customer desk at bank's building
 - Office hours from 8.00 am to 7.00 pm
- Customers have:
 - Their job during the day
 - Family or other activities after the job



What can we do about it?

What Is an E-Bank?

- Logical answer is to use e-channels:

- Internet
- WAP based mobile network
- Automated telephone
- ATM network
- SMS and FAX messaging
- Multipurpose information kiosks
- Web TV and others ...



- E-channels enable financial transactions from anywhere and allow non-stop working time.

What Is an E-Bank?

- E-Bank is transforming banking business into e-Business through utilizing e-Channels
- Customers' requests are:
 - Non-stop working time
 - Using services from anywhere
- E-channels provide:
 - Working time 0 - 24h
 - Great flexibility

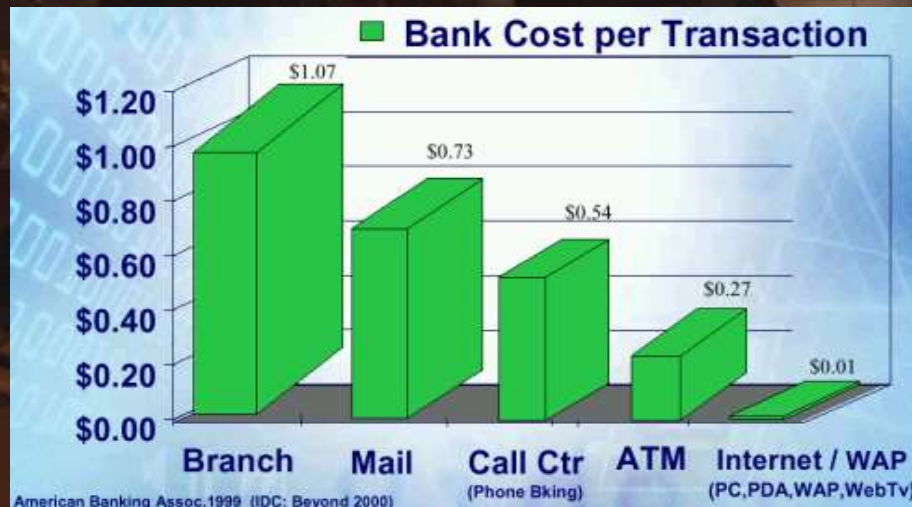
Perfect
match!



Other Advantages of E-Banking



- Possibility to extend your market (even out of country)
- Possibility to process more financial transactions
- Possibility to lower your transaction cost



Internet Banking ... and E-Banking

- There are two different types of online banking:
 1. Internet banking
 2. Electronic banking

Internet Banking

- Through a PC that connects to a banking website via modem and phone line (or other telecommunication connection) and Internet Service Provider
- Or via wireless technology through PDA or cell phone

Internet Banking

- In this tutorial we shall focus on Internet Banking.
- No need explaining why Internet is so important e-channel:
 - 670 million users worldwide (end of 2001)
 - Almost 1.2 billion users in 2005 (forecasts, worldwide)
 - 54% of U.S. population (143 mil.) is using it (February 2002)
 - Every month 2 million users are going online only in USA

No I am NOT addicted!!!



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What Internet Banking Offers

- As a consumer, you can use Internet banking to:
 - Access account information
 - Review and pay bills
 - Transfer funds
 - Apply for credit
 - Trade securities
 - Find out if a check was cleared
 - Find out when a bill is due
 - Apply for mortgage
 - Search for the best loan rates
 - Compare insurance policies and prices
- Many consumers also like the idea of not waiting in line to do their banking, and paying their bills without shuffling papers and buying stamps.



Some Facts

- More than 12 million Internet bank consumers in Europe
- In Germany 51% of the online population use online banking services (average for Europe is 10%; expected to be 15% by the end of 2003)

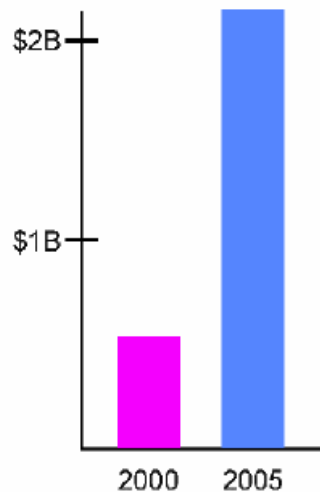


Figure 1. E-Banking Technology Investments

- Structural change in the new economy (USA)
- More than \$2B investments in 2005 planned.

E-Banking in the USA

- Powerful banks are more present

Assets	Number of Banks	Online Presence
Less than \$100M	5,912	5%
\$100M to \$500M	3,403	16%
\$500M to \$1B	418	34%
\$1B to \$3B	312	42%
\$3B to \$10B	132	52%
More than \$10B	94	84%

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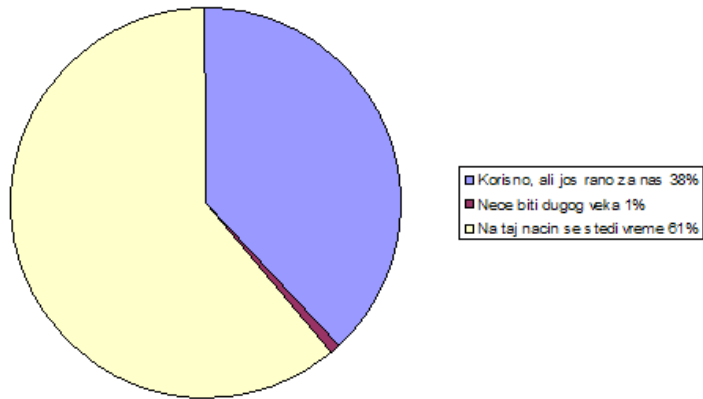
Online Status of the Top 100 U.S. Banks
(Sept. 2000)



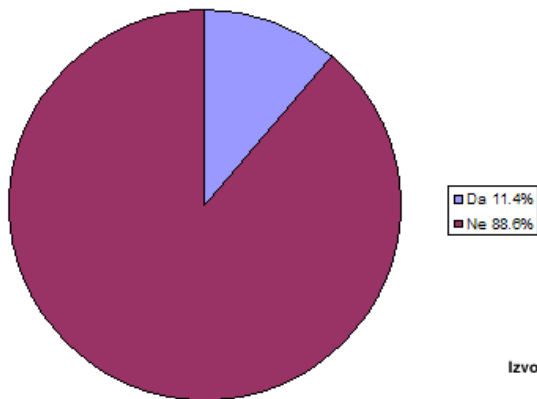
- Today about 1,100 U.S. banks, large and small, provide full-fledged transactional banking on-line
- In next two years additional 1,200 transactional on-line banks are expected
- By 2005, the number of such banks should increase to more than 3,000

E-Banking in Serbia

Sta mislite o elektronskom bankarstvu?



Da li ste koristili usluge elektronskog bankarstva?



Izvor: Mikro, jun 2003.

- Mali procenat korisnika
- Prilično veliko interesovanje

E-Banking in Serbia

- Elektronski promet Delta banke: 6.5 milijardi dinara u prva tri meseca
- 25% naloga u Raiffeisen banci stižu elektronskim putem
- U HVB banci svaki drugi nalog je elektronski
- 35% prometa Nacionalne štedionice obavlja se kroz elektronske usluge
- 30% klijenata Atlas banke koristi elektronsko bankarstvo

Internet Banking

- Using Internet as an e-Channel makes financial services available to wide population
- WWW service
- In this tutorial we shall focus on the Internet banking



CustomerLink PC Banking - Bank of Holland - Netscape

File Edit View Go Communicator Help

Back Forward Reload Home Search Netscape Print Security Shop Stop

Bookmarks Location: <https://www.efixbanking.com/clkpcb/072413900/site/index.asp> What's Related

the bank of holland

Account Summary Transfers & Payments Account Services Other Services User Info Contact Us Help Exit

Account Summary

Return to this Account Summary page at any time for the current status of all your accounts. Click on any account below to see the details of that account.

Deposit Accounts			
Account	Current Balance	Available Balance	As of Date
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DDAxxxxx222	\$3,223.21	\$3,223.21	2/14/01
DDAxxxxx444	\$761.52	\$761.52	2/14/01
MMAxxxxx333	\$645,211.32	\$645,211.32	2/14/01
SAVxxxxx555	\$28,259.77	\$28,259.77	2/14/01

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Part II

E-Banking

Security Issues

Security problems

- Online banking relies on a networked environment.
- Network access can be performed through a combination of devices (PC, telephone, interactive TV equipment, card devices with embedded computer chips, ...)
- Connections are completed primarily through telephone lines, cable systems, in some instances even wireless tech.
- All these systems improve efficiency, speed and access but also present some privacy and security issues.
- **Worth noting:**
Internal attacks are potentially the most damaging!

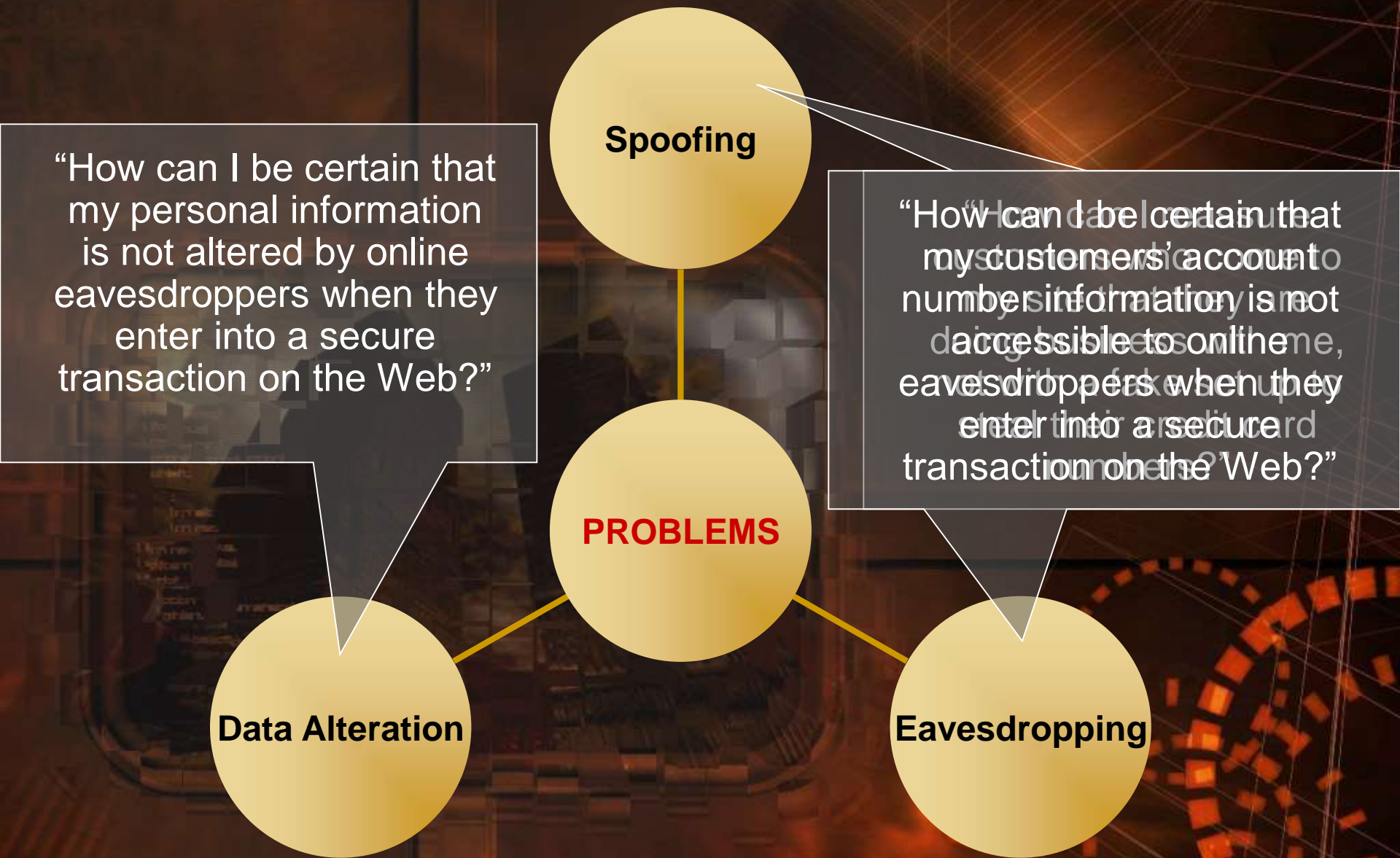


Security Problems

- Internet is a public network and open system where the identity of the communicating partners is not easy to define.
- Communication path is non-physical and may include any number of eavesdropping and active interference possibilities.
- *“Internet communication is much like anonymous postcards, which are answered by anonymous recipients.”*
- Although open for everyone to read, and even write in them, they must carry messages between specific endpoints in a secure and private way.



Security Problems



What Do We Have to Achieve

Authentication
no spoofing

Non-repudiation
*no claiming
of user action*

Privacy
no eavesdropping

Data Integrity
no data alteration



How to Achieve It?

- Cryptography algorithms to provide privacy.
- Digital Certificates and Digital Signatures for Web servers, to provide authentication, data integrity, and non-repudiation service.
- Secure Sockets Layer (SSL) uses all these techniques to achieve trusted communication.

When URL begins with *https* it identifies the site as “secure” (meaning that it encrypts or scrambles transmitted information)



Few Security Tips 1/3

- Protect yourself from potential pitfalls and make your Internet banking more safe, productive and enjoyable by following these advices (*given by Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago*)



- Make sure your transmissions are encrypted before doing any online transactions or sending personal information.
- E-mail is usually *not* secure. Do not send sensitive data via e-mail (unless you know it is encrypted). Change all passwords and PIN codes received via e-mail that is not encrypted.
- Make sure you are on the right website.

Few Security Tips 2/3

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- Make sure that the financial institution is properly insured.
- Be “password smart” (use mix of letters and numbers; change pw regularly; keep your pw and PIN codes to yourself; avoid easy to guess pw like first names, birthdays, anniversaries, social security numbers...)
- Keep good records. Save information about banking transactions. Check bank, debit and credit card statements thoroughly every month. Look for any errors or discrepancies.



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Few Security Tips 3/3

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- Report errors, problems or complaints promptly
- Keep virus protection software up-to-date.
Back-up key files regularly.
- Exit the banking site immediately after completing your banking.
- Do not have other browser windows open at the same time you are banking online.
- Do not disclose personal information such as credit card and Social Security numbers unless you know whom you are dealing with, why they want this information and how they plan to use it.



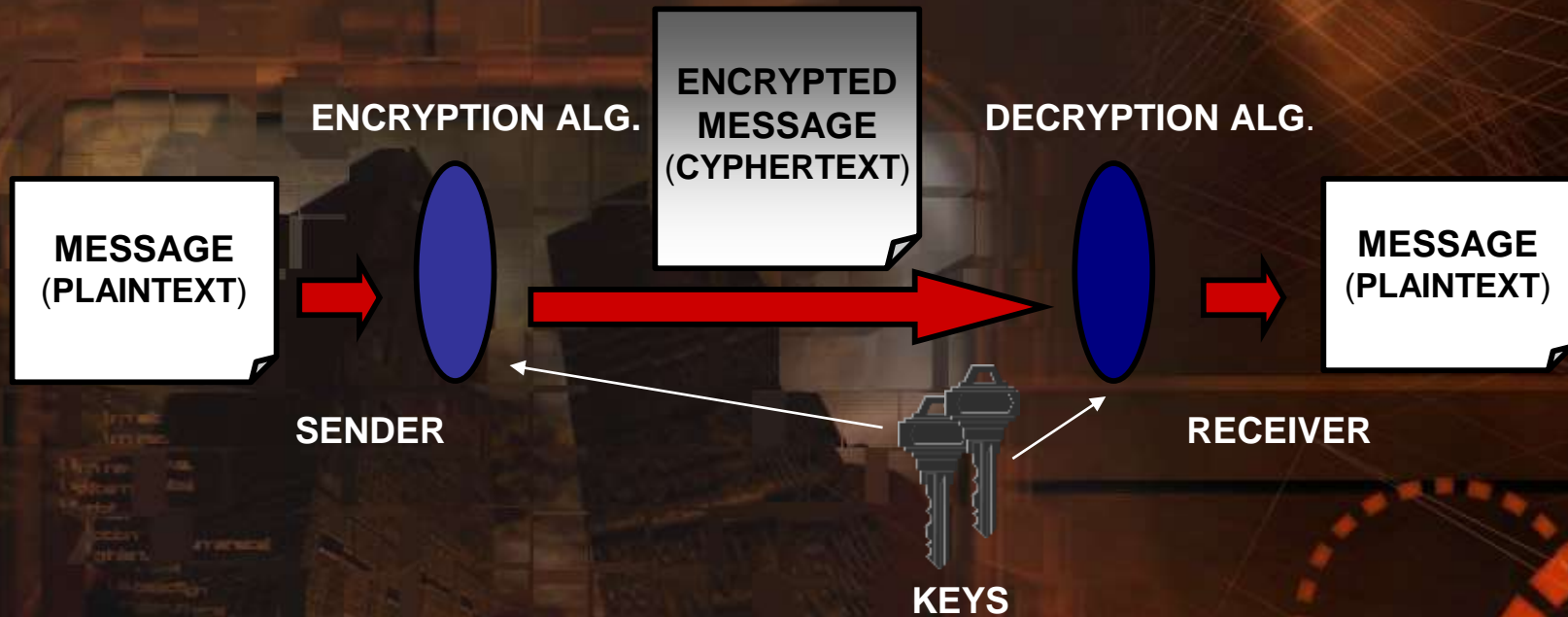
Know Your Rights

- There are regulations against unauthorized transactions (Including Internet banking, ATM and debit card transactions)
- A consumer's liability for an unauthorized transaction is determined by how soon the financial institution is notified (max. 60 days upon receipt of statement)
- When making purchases via the Internet it is smart to use a credit card instead of a debit card (liability should be no more than \$50 if properly reported, plus you do not have to pay disputed amount during investigation).



Cryptography Basics

- Cryptography provides privacy



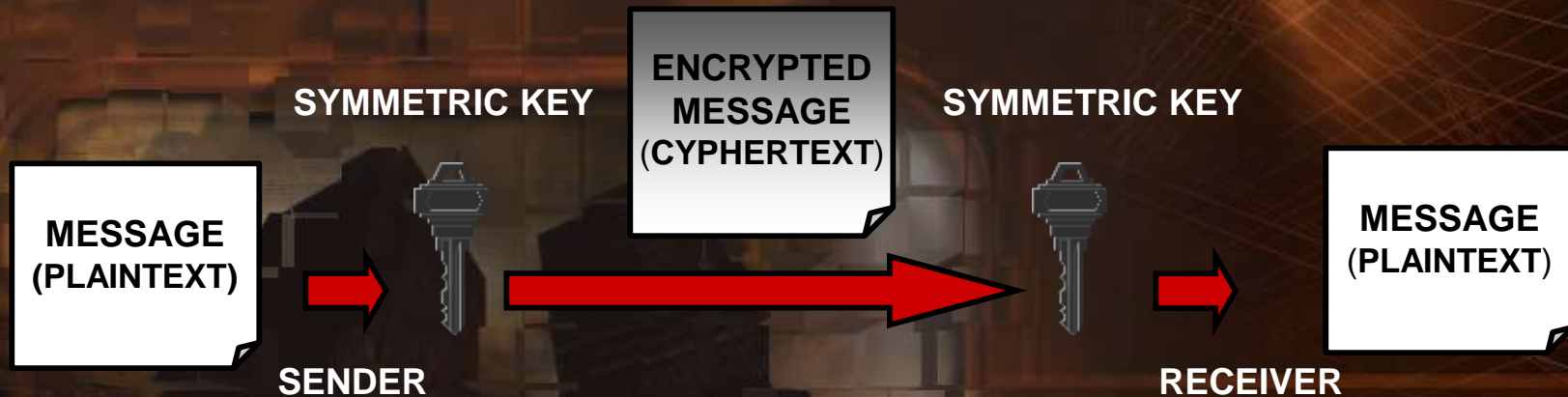
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- Asymmetric approach

- Hybrid approach

Symmetric Approach

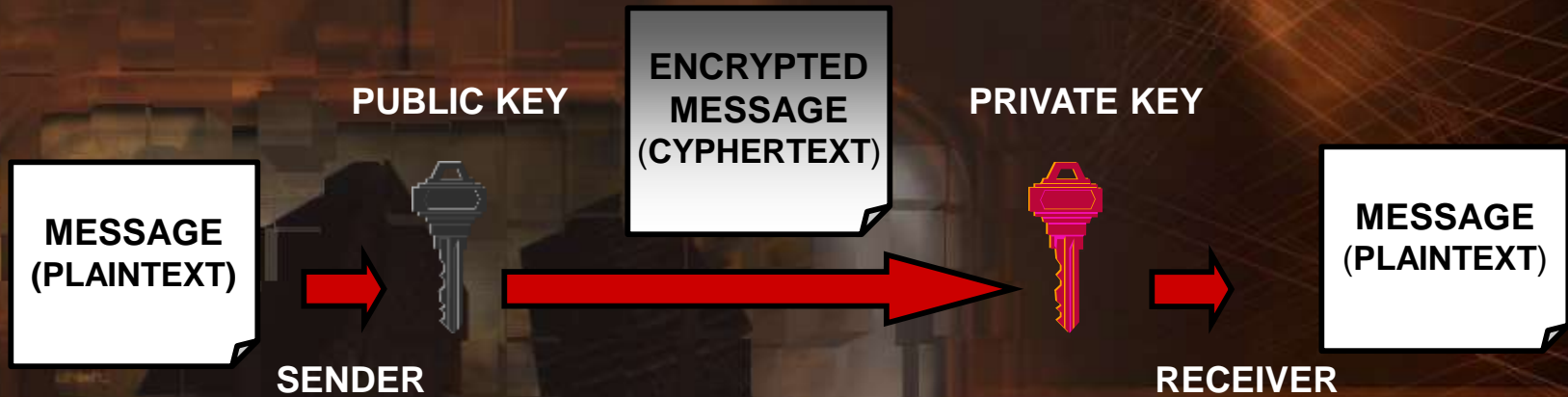
- Both sides use the same key for encryption and decryption



- Convenient for bulk data encryption (computationally faster than other methods)
- Problem: key distribution
- Examples: **DES** (Digital Encryption Standard, IBM & National Bureau of Standards, 1977, breaking record 22h15m), 3DES (enhanced DES), AES (Joan Daemen & Vincent Rijmen, 2000)

Asymmetric Approach

- Sender uses public key for encryption, receiver uses private key for decryption



- Convenient for short data encryption (computationally slower than other methods)
- Problem: binding the public key and its owner.
- Examples: **RSA** (Ronald Rivest, Adi Shamir & Leonard Adleman, 1977), basics given by Whitfield Diffie & Martin Hellman (1976), ...

Hybrid Approach

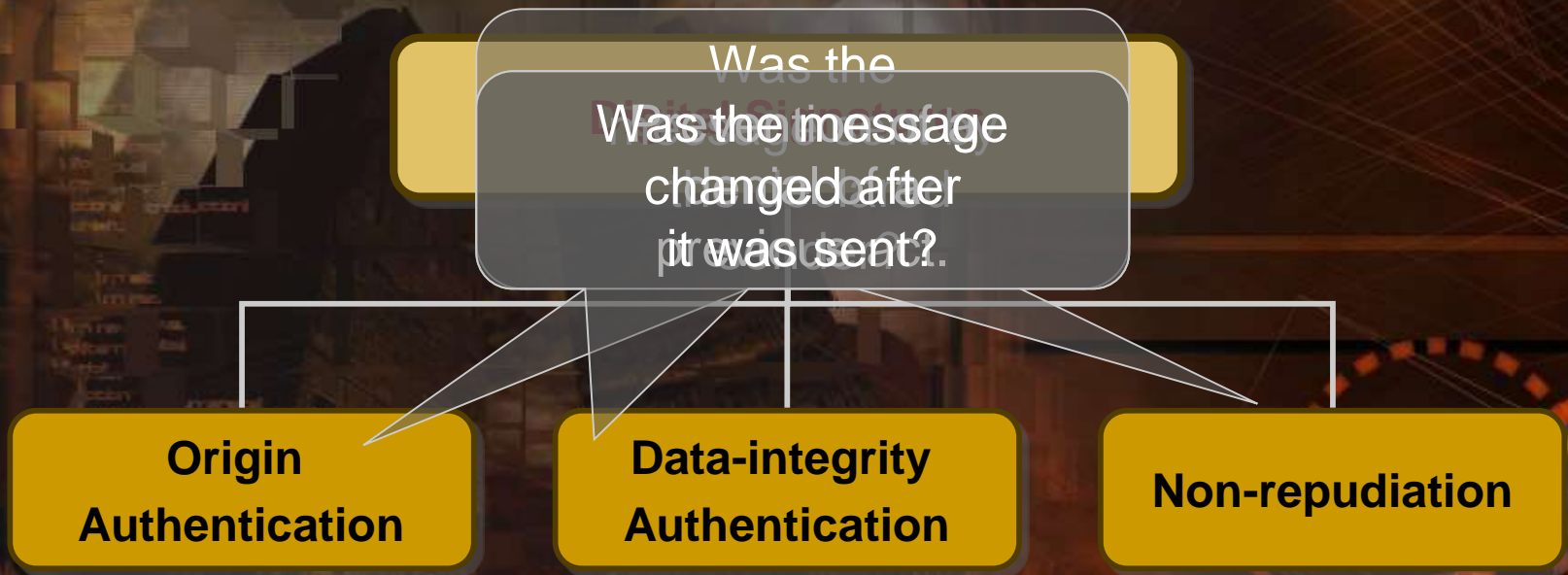
- Uses asymmetric approach for passing the symmetric key
- Uses symmetric approach for data encryption



This approach is applied in SSL

Digital Signatures

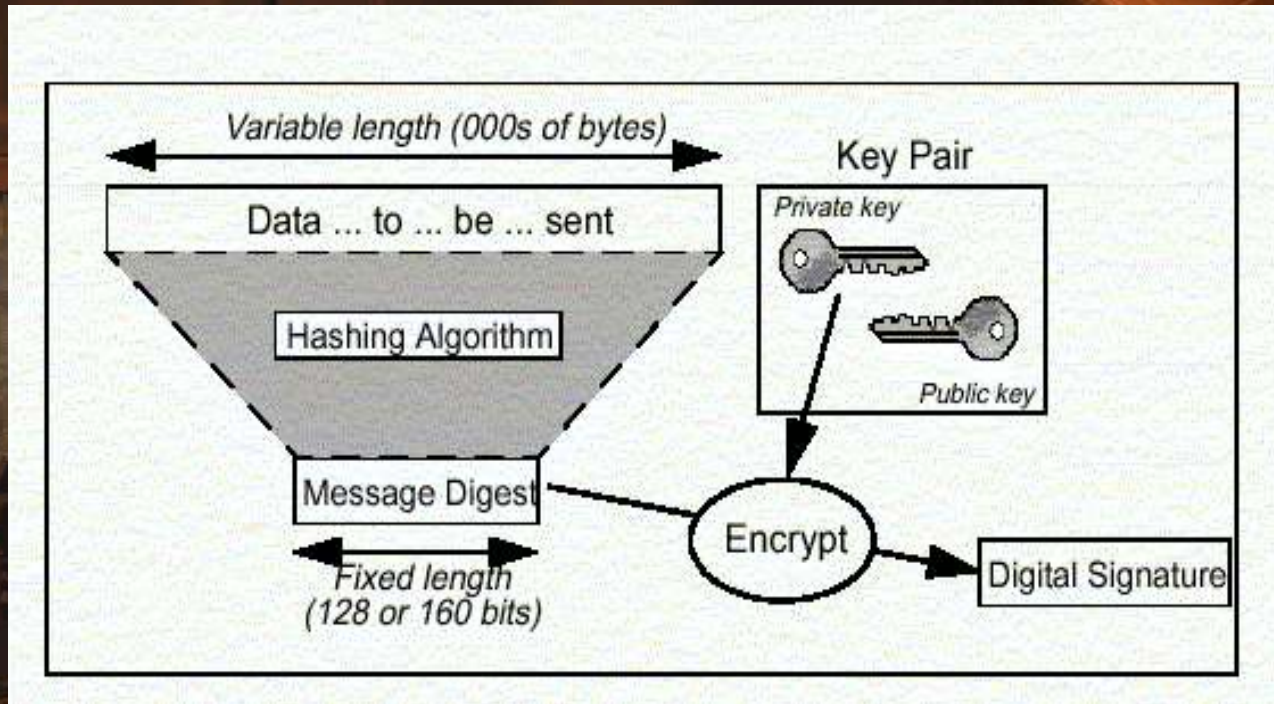
- Cryptography provides privacy, but what about security?
- As mentioned before, from a security point of view, we have to achieve three important things:



- This is all accomplished through the Digital Signatures.

Digital Signatures

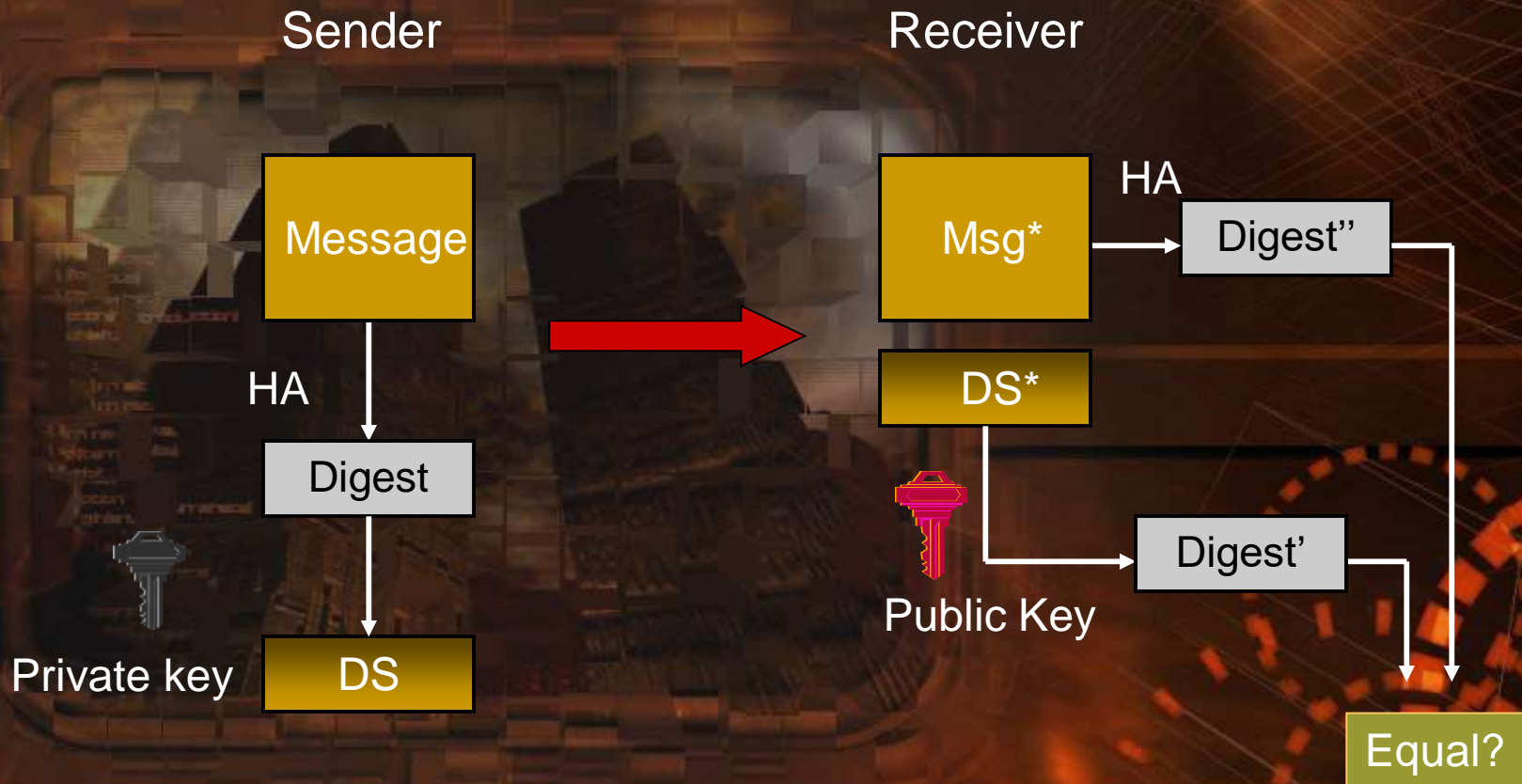
- Process of generation of Digital Signatures:



- Creating message digest using one way hashing algorithm (MD5 from RSA, SHA-1 from NIST...)
- Encrypting digest with private key

Digital Signatures

- Authentication of the message using Digital Signature:



Digital Signatures

“Non-repudiation: a service that prevents the denial of a previous act.”

A. Menezes – “Handbook of Applied Cryptography”



- Non-repudiation service provides proof of the integrity and origin of data – both in an unforgeable relationship which can be verifiable by any third party at any time.

Key Management Problem

- The whole system of Digital Signatures relies on the capability to securely bind the public key and its owner.
 - Q1: “How can I be sure that the public key my browser uses to send account number information is in fact the right one for that Web site, and not a bogus one?”
 - Q2: “How can I reliably communicate my public key to customers so they can rely on it to send me encrypted communications?”
- The solution is to use Digital Certificates.



Digital Certificates

“Man-in-the-middle” attack
(gaining knowledge over controlled data)



These problems do not disappear
with encryption or even a secure protocol
Problems caused by a false certification
or no certification mechanism



Completely open attack
(gaining access to data & resources)

Certification

- Certificates provide strong binding between the public-key and some attribute (name or identity).
- Certificates introduce tamperproof attributes used to help someone receiving a message decide whether the message, the key and the sender's name are what they appear to be...

without asking the sender.

Absolute certification methods are logically impossible because a certificate cannot certify itself.



Digital Certificates

- An electronic file that uniquely identifies communication entities on the Internet.
- Associate the name of an entity with its public key.
- Issued and signed by Certification Authority.

Everybody trusts CA, and CA is responsible for entity name – public key binding.



ITU-T Recommendation X.509



X.509 defines framework
for provision of
authentication services
under a central control
paradigm represented
by “Directory”

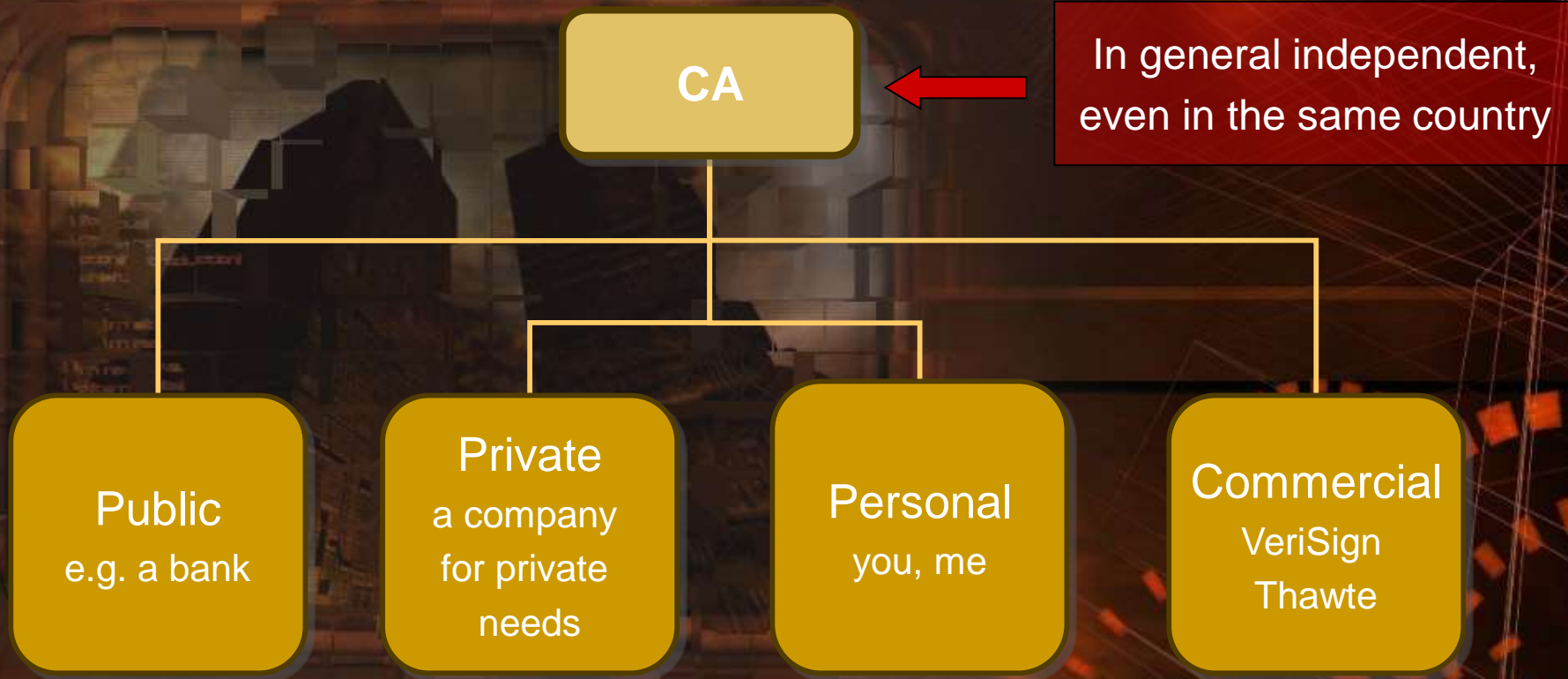
De facto standard

*There are three
main entities
recognizable
in X.509
certification
procedures*

The “Directory” is implemented by **CA**, which issues certificates to **subscribers** (CA clients) in order for such certificates to be verifiable by **users** (the public in general).

Certification Authority

- **CA** is a general designation for any entity that controls the authentication services and the management of certificates (also called **issuer**)



X.509 Naming Scheme

- A certificate associates the public key and unique distinguished name (DN) of the user it describes.
- Authentication relies on each user possessing a unique distinguished name.

- The DN is derived by a CA and as unique as possible when

It's interesting to note that the same user can have different DNs in different CAs, or can have the same DN in different CAs even if the user is **not the first** to use it in any of the CAs.



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How X.509 Certificate Is Issued

Section 3.3.3 of X.509v3 defines a certificate as:

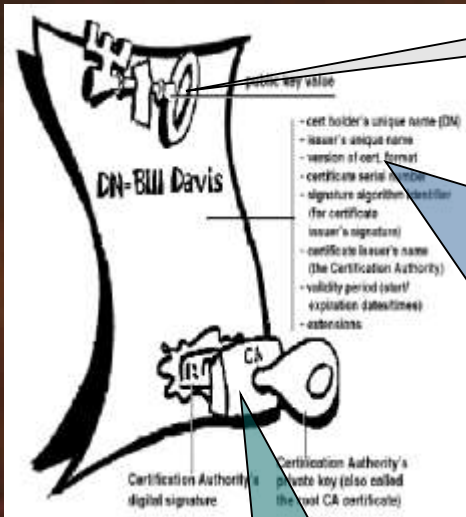
user certificate; public key certificate; certificate:

the public keys of a user, together with some other information, rendered unforgeable by encipherment with the private key of the certification authority which issued it.



Contents of X.509 Certificate

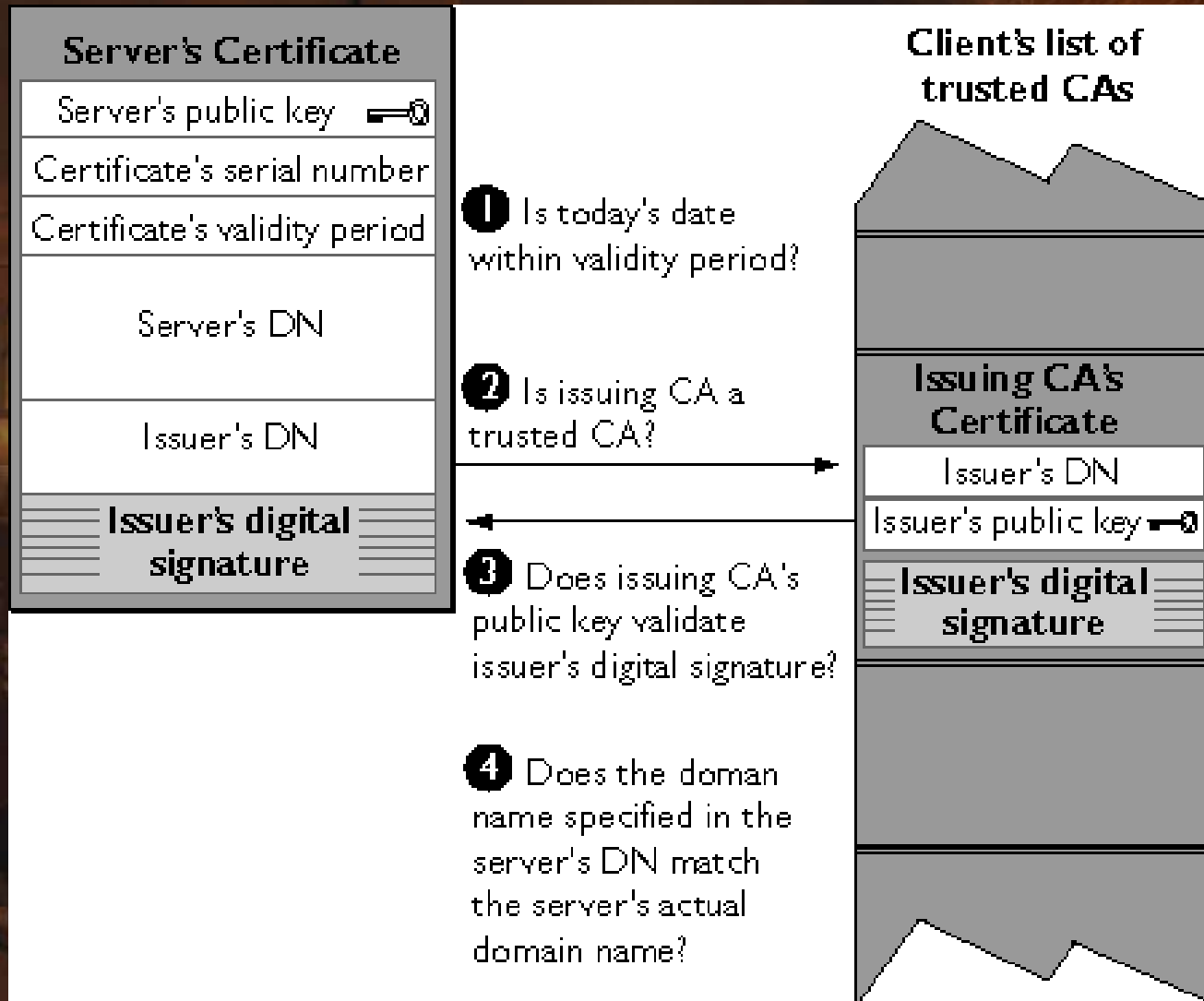
The certificate holder's public key value



- The certificate holder's unique name (DN)
- Version of the certificate format
- Certificate serial number
- Signature algorithm identifier (for certificate issuer's signature)
- Certificate issuer's name (the CA)
- Validity period (start/expiration dates/times)
- Extensions

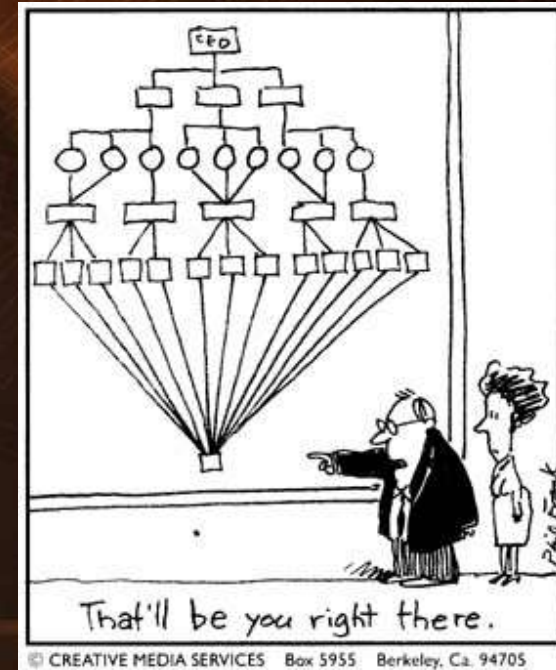
Certificate is signed by the CA with its private key

Verification of DCs in User Browser



Verification of DCs in User Browser

- Most of the servers that use CA certificates force the client to accept certain CAs' signatures (for top level CAs), which are "hardwired" into the software, or stored on Smart cards.



- The CAs' PK may be the target of an

- ➔ CAs that may be the most probable targets are the ones that offer the smallest protection level.
- ➔ Protection, in this case, is an inverse function of worth.

Useful Links to Visit

Two largest commercial CA's:

- www.verisign.com

how to apply for DC,
security related stuff

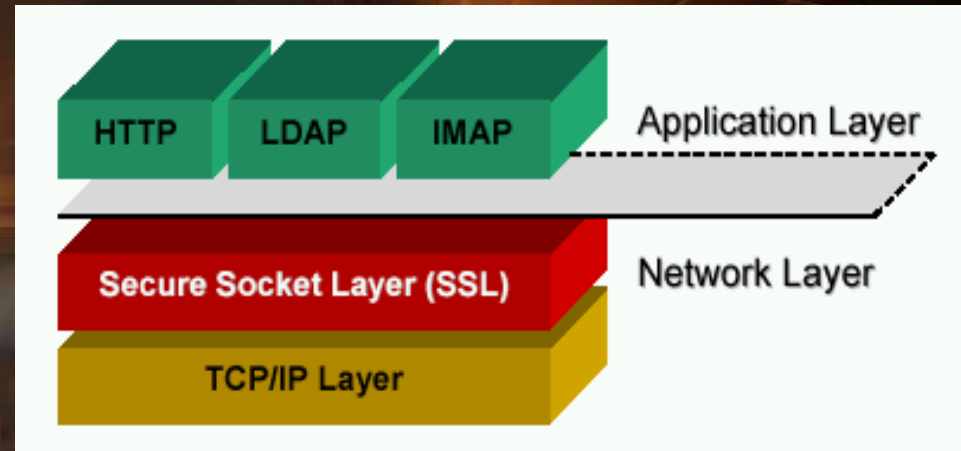
- www.thawte.com

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Secure Sockets Layer

- SSL is perhaps the widest used security protocol on the Internet today.
- Together with DC enables secure communication over the TCP/IP network



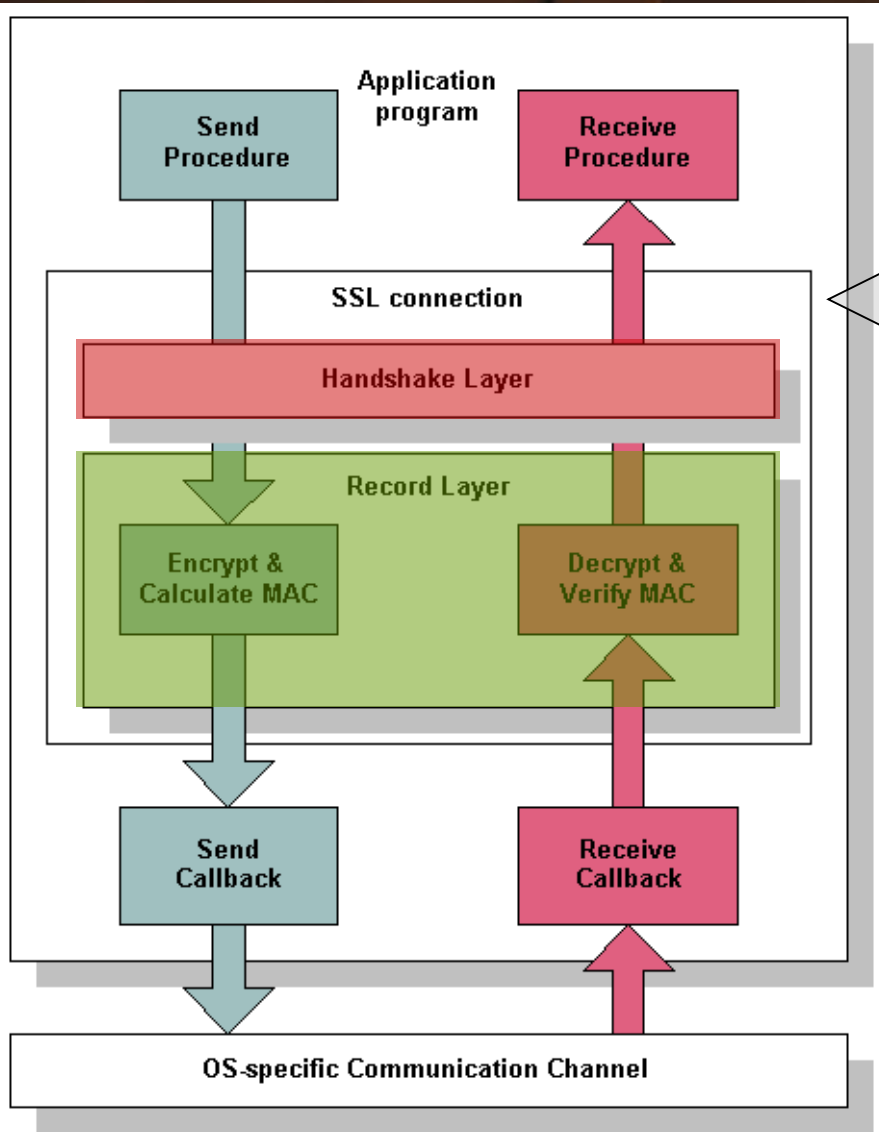
Common mistake is to regard HTTPS and S-HTTP as identical

HTTPS = HTTP + SSL (part of the Network Layer)

S-HTTP = Secure HTTP (superset of HTTP and part of the App. Layer)

- Higher level protocols can layer on top of the SSL transparently.

SSL Communication Channel



SSL connection is established between application program and OS specific communication channel.

SSL has two layers:

- Handshake Layer
- Record Layer

SSL Record Layer

- At the lowest level, layered on top of some reliable transport protocol (e.g. TCP)
- It provides connection security using data encryption with symmetric cryptography and message integrity check with keyed MAC (Message Authentication Code)
- As a public key for encryption for every SSL session we create a randomly generated temporary master key, SSK (adoption of a SSK is described in Handshake Layer)



SSL Data Exchange Phase (simplified)

Client

Fragments msg.
into blocks (bytes)

Calculates MAC and
appends it to msg.

Encrypts data with
SSK

Msg. block MAC



Server

Decrypts data with
SSK

Calculates new MAC
and verifies the old one

Reassembles the msg.

Failures to authenticate, decrypt or otherwise
get correct answers result in a close of connection.

SSL Handshake Layer

- A handshake occurs when a machine tries to *use* a SSL connection.
- If connection is opened, but no session exist recently (suggested under 100 sec - SSL, C.8) we have to make a new handshake.
- Other type of handshake occurs when client authentication is desired.

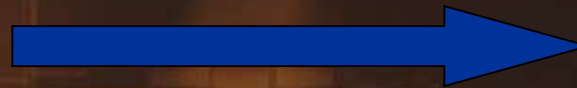


SSL Handshaking Phase (simplified)

Client

Server

List of supported
ciphers

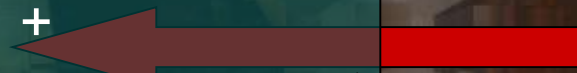


Strongest cipher
supported + DC

CLIENT-HELLO message

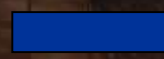
OK

+
Challenge



SERVER-HELLO message
+
Responding challenge (encrypt. with SWK)
+
Connection ID

SSK generated
and encrypted
with SPK



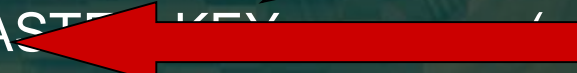
Decrypts SSK with own
SK and sends ack.

**From now
use SSK!**

CLIENT-MASTER KEY

CLIENT-VERIFY message (encrypt. with SPK)

CLIENT-FINISHED message (encrypt. with CWK)



SSL Handshaking Phase

- If client authentication is in use there are three more steps:
 1. REQUEST-CERTIFICATE message
challenge' + means of authentication desired
 2. CLIENT-CERTIFICATE message
client certificate's type + certificate
+ bunch of response data
 3. SERVER-FINISHED message

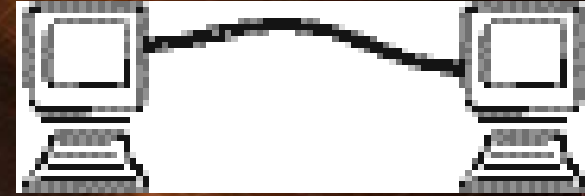


SSL Keys

- There are number of keys used over the course of a conversation:
 - Server's public key (SPK)
 - Master key (SSK) – randomly generated
 - Client-read-key also called Server-write-key (CRK/SWK)
 - Client-write-key also called Server-read-key (CWK/SRK)
- CWK & CRK are derived via a secure hash from the master key, the challenge, and the connection ID.
- Only master key is sent encrypted (with SPK)
- The master key is reused across sessions, while the read- & write- keys are generated anew for each session.



SSL Data Exchange Phase



- Once the handshaking is complete, the application protocol begins to operate, as described in the Record Layer.
(this is also called the data-exchange phase, as noted before)
- SSL specification is not clear at what point the SSL connection is considered to be done with a connection, or what to do with the keys at that point.
- Implicitly, the session is done when the TCP connection is torn down, and the keys should be kept for roughly 100 sec after that (although that is not explicitly defined)

About SSL Strength

- Two variants of SSL:

40-bit and 128-bit
(refers to master key length)

- According to RSA labs it would take a **trillion trillion years** to crack 128-bit SSL using today's technology!
- However, SSL, being a low level protocol, does little to protect you once your host is compromised.

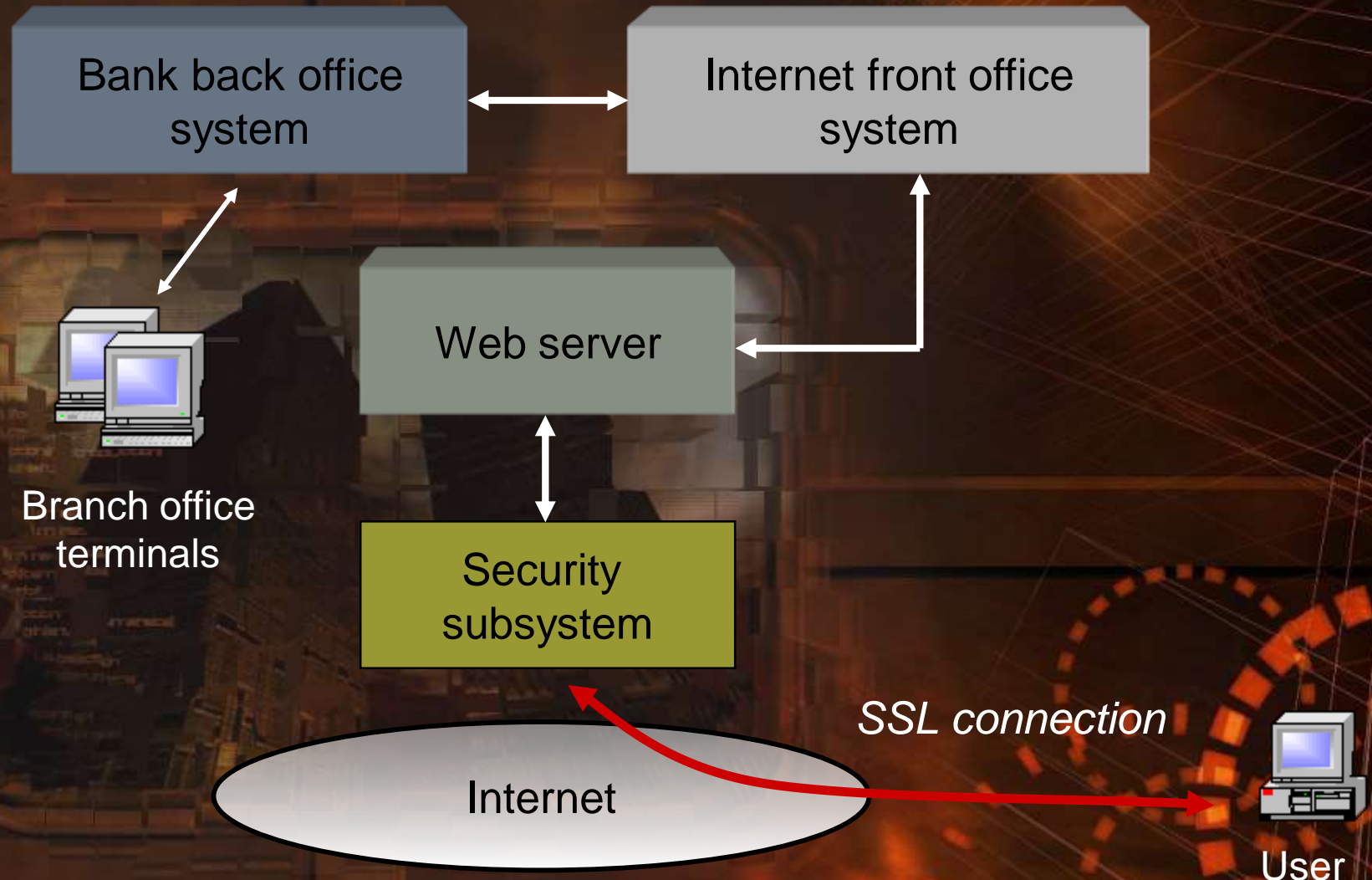


Part III

E-Banking

Bankers'
Point of View

Internet Bank Architecture



In-house Architecture

(CustomerLink Primer)

CustomerLink Server
(On Site)

Core System
(On Site)

In-house Web Server
(On Site)

Security Firewall
(On Site)

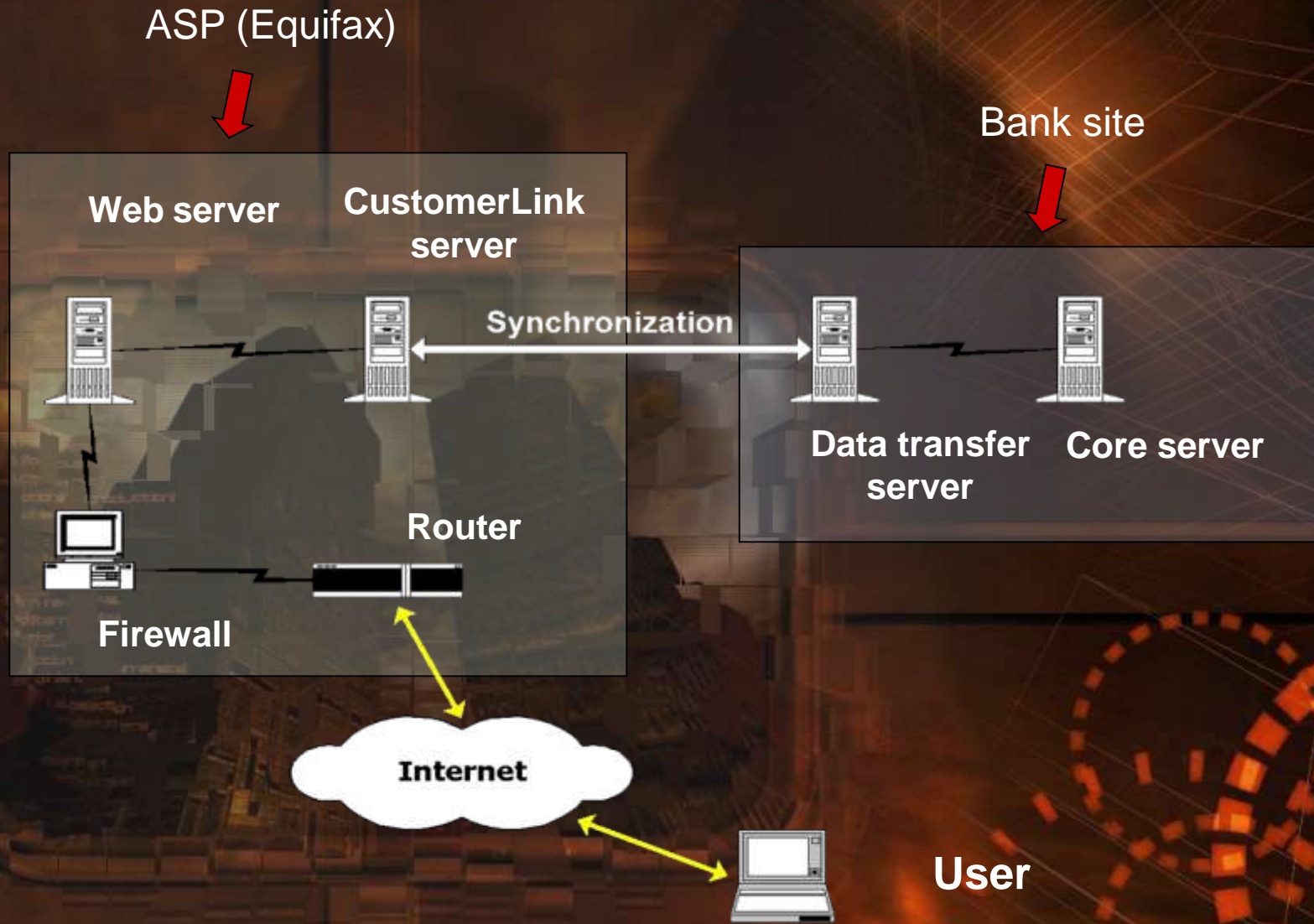
Router
(On Site)

Local Internet
POP

Internet

All components are in the bank

Out-of-house Architecture



ASP (Equifax)

Bank site

Web server

CustomerLink server

Synchronization

Data transfer server

Core server

Router

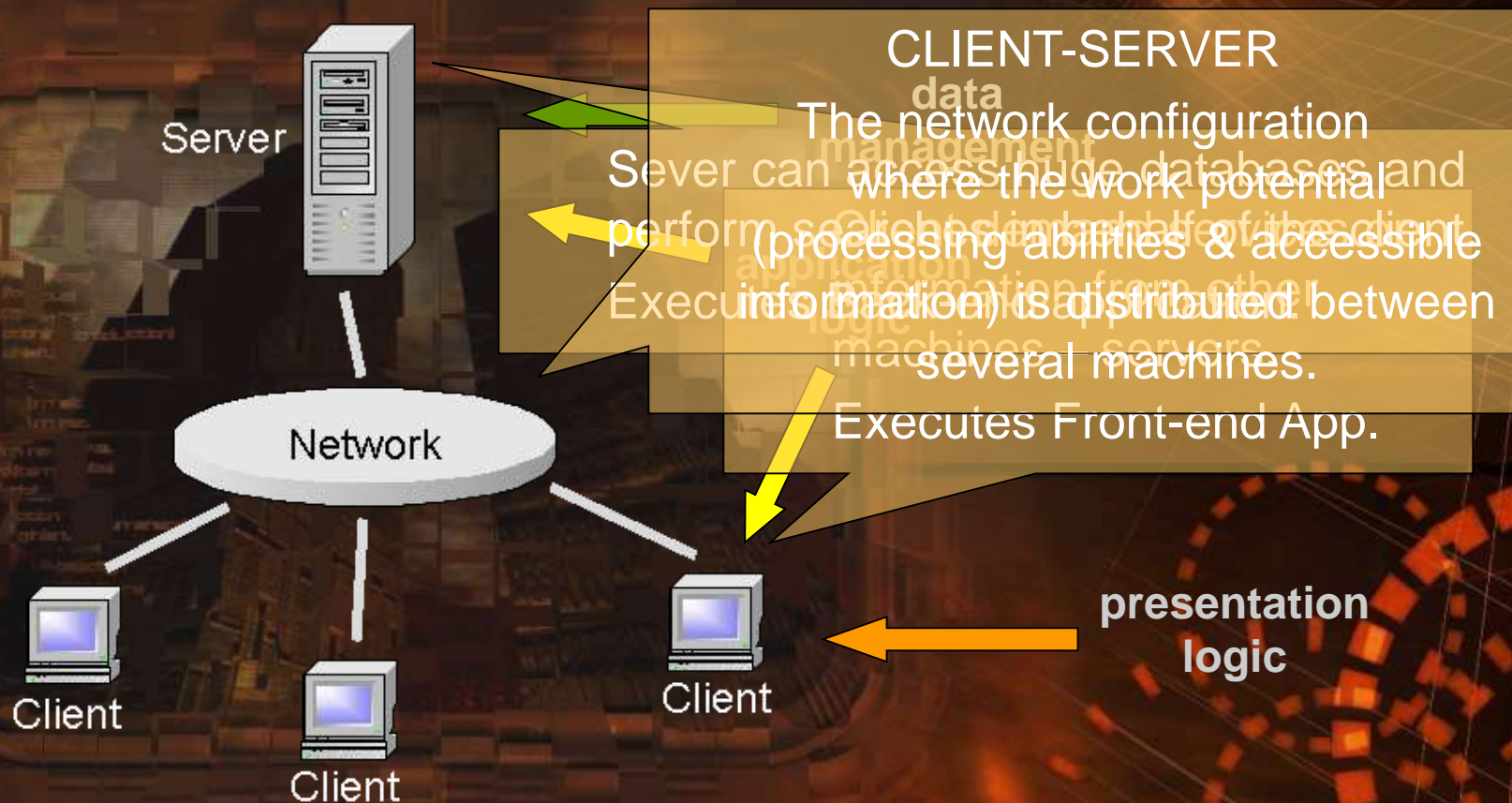
Firewall

Internet

User

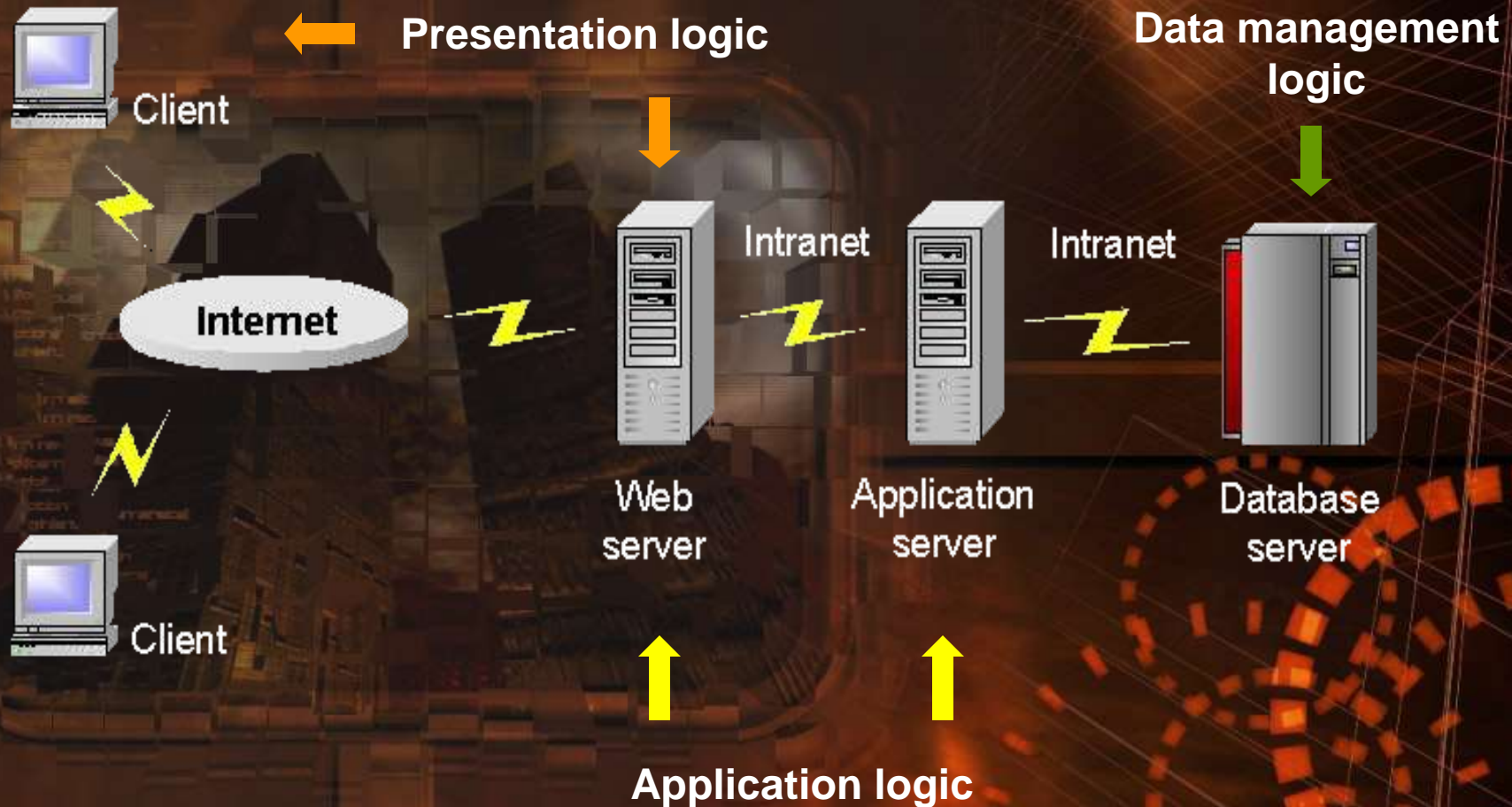
Banking Software Architecture

- Before Internet revolution, banking software systems were dominantly of client-server type



Banking Software Architecture

- In the Internet era banking software systems are n-tier ($n > 2$)

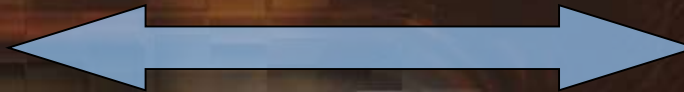


Presentation Logic



thin client

https = ssl + http

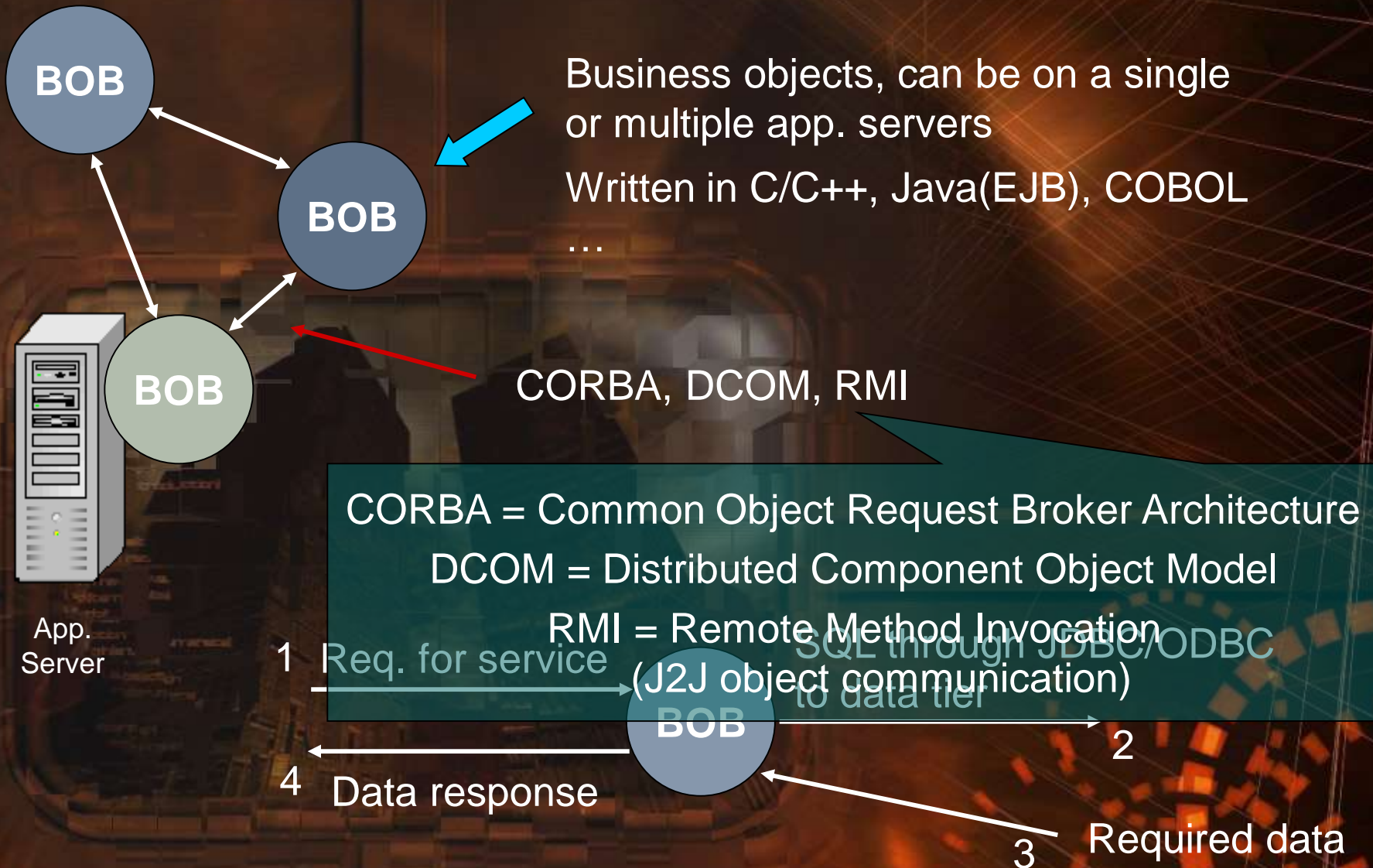


web server

Presentation logic forms HTML and interacts with application tier

Java Server Pages/Servlets
Active Server Pages
PHP ...

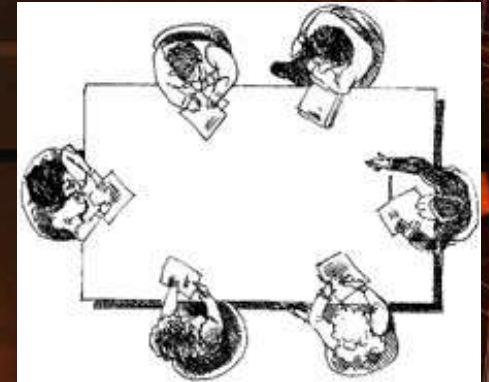
Application Logic



Application Service Providers

First step in the setup process is making a plan.

1. What are the services to be installed?
2. What services we (bank) could implement in-house?
3. What services we could implement through ASPs (out-of-house)?
4. Who are technology partners?



Application Service Providers

"If you're a CIO with a head for business, you won't be buying computers anymore. You won't buy software either. You'll rent all your resources from a service provider."

-Scott McNealy, CEO of Sun¹ Microsystems²

ASP offers:

Standardized packages of applications

Necessary infrastructure

Certain degree of service

Main characteristic of ASPs is that they offer applications that are already purchasable.

- ASP → one-to-many solution
- Classic IT outsourcing → one-to-one solution

ASPs – Pros and Cons

Advantages:

- Thin client
- Renting instead of buying
- Only effective using time charged
- Cost planning more reliable
- Total cost of ownership decreased
- Less IT workforce needed
- Installation / upgrading time saved
- Reaction time reduced
- One single business partner

Disadvantages:

- Every workstation needs Internet access
- Broad bandwidth necessary
- Doubtful data security on the Internet
- Not all applications have Internet compatible surfaces yet
- Loss of company's independence

Planning Phase in the Setup Process

- Complexity of a problem
 - Telecommunications infrastructure
 - Security
 - Multi-tier software infrastructure
 - Maintenance



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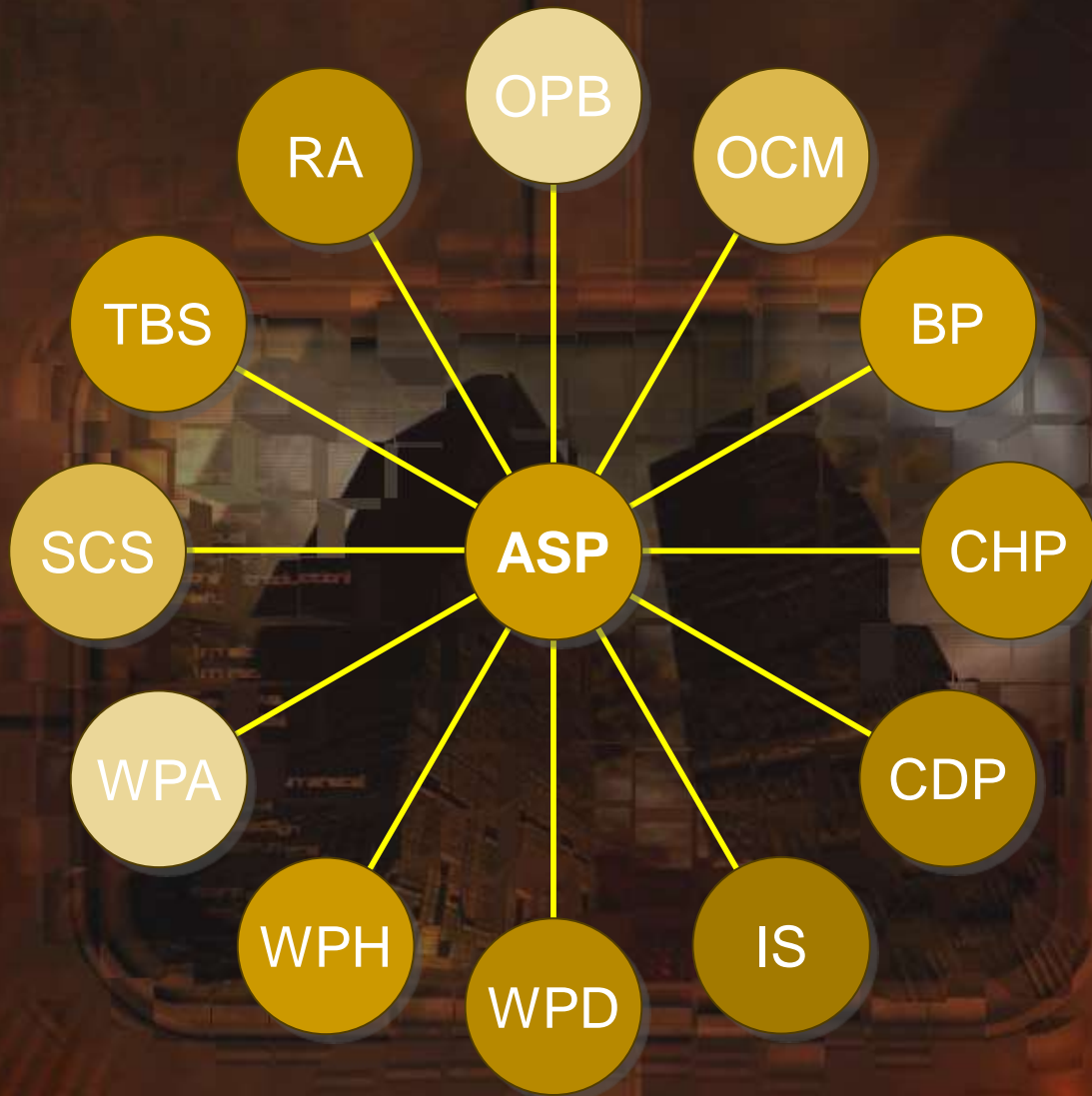
Bank size?

big

We recommend using ASPs
for setting up
a new Internet channel

Reconsider which services
to delegate to ASPs

Services offered by ASPs



- Online personal banking (*account information, transfers, deposits, ...*)
- Online cash management for companies
- Bill payment
- Check payment
- Card payment solutions
- Insurance services
- Web presentation design, hosting, administration
- Security services
- Testing of electronic business software
- Remote administration

Choosing Strategic and Tech Partners

Choosing the right ASP is the most important task in the setup procedure

An ASP must

Be an expert for Internet access

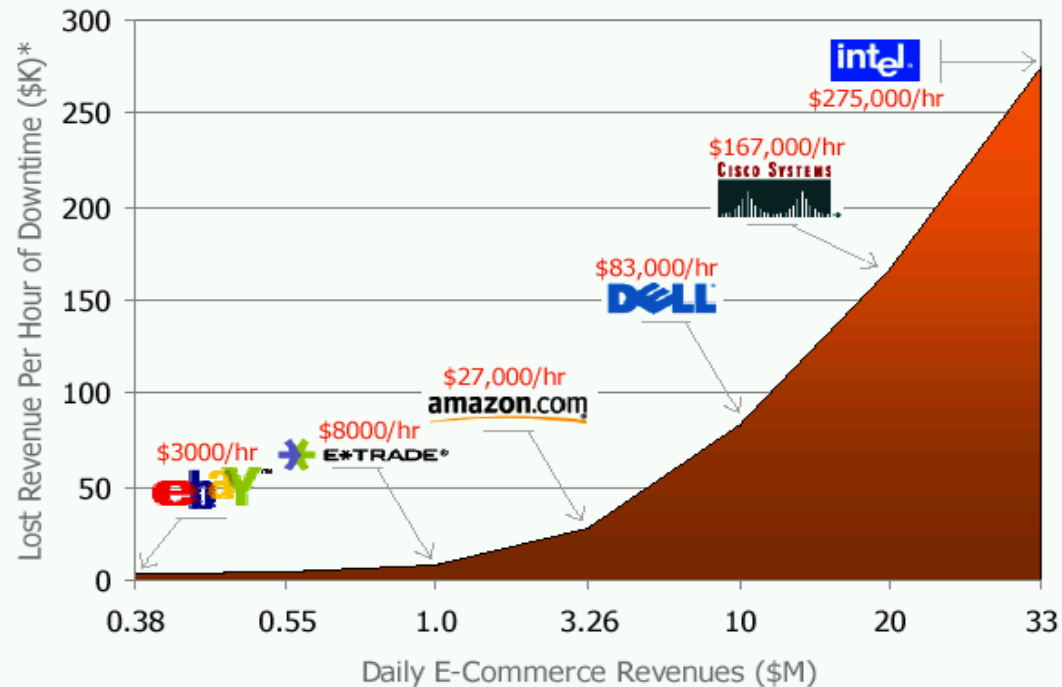
Have experience in electronic business

Have a secure and fault-tolerant LAN

Have a good software solution

Have well educated IT staff
Accessible 24 hours, 365 days

ASPs – The Cost of Downtime



(Forrester research March 1999)

* The methodology used assumes 20% of transactions are lost during downtime and does not account for brand erosion and decreased customer satisfaction.

99.9% uptime is still nearly 10h of downtime per year!

Choosing ASPs - International

- **Personal Banking & Cash Management:**
 - Equifax, www.equifax.com;
 - CustomerLink, www.efx-ebanking.com
 - Digital Insight, www.digitalinsight.com, AXIS
 - Vifi, www.vifi.com, InternetBanker
- **Bill Payment:**
 - CheckFree, www.checkfree.com
- **Card Payment:**
 - RS2 Software Group, www.rs2group.com, BankWorks
- **Web Hosting and Web Design:**
 - Digex , www.digex.com
 - DiamondBullet, www.diamondbullet.com,
www.bankingwebsites.com

Choosing ASPs - Serbia

- **PEXIM** (Nacionalna Štedionica, Delta banka)
 - Web pristup
 - Namenska aplikacija
- **HALCOM** (HVB, Vojvođanska banka)
 - Isključivo namenska aplikacija
- **SAGA** (Atlas banka, Raiffeisen banka)
 - Isključivo Web pristup

After Initial Introduction of a New Channel

- Required tasks after initial introduction of a new channel:



Education of Staff

- Studies show that education of bank's staff in using the Internet channel is often incomplete.
- Staff should provide answers to FAQ about using the Internet channel to their customers.

- Education process can be done through:
 - Courses after the job
 - By stimulating staff to use Internet Banking from home (participating in PC purchase, obtaining discounts from local ISP)

You do it (Internet Banking) because everyone does it.



Conclusions deduced from incompetence of the staff...



Permanent Marketing

We have a good solution for Internet banking but number of online users is very low after initial setup.

What's wrong?

The answer is:

We need a permanent marketing campaign!



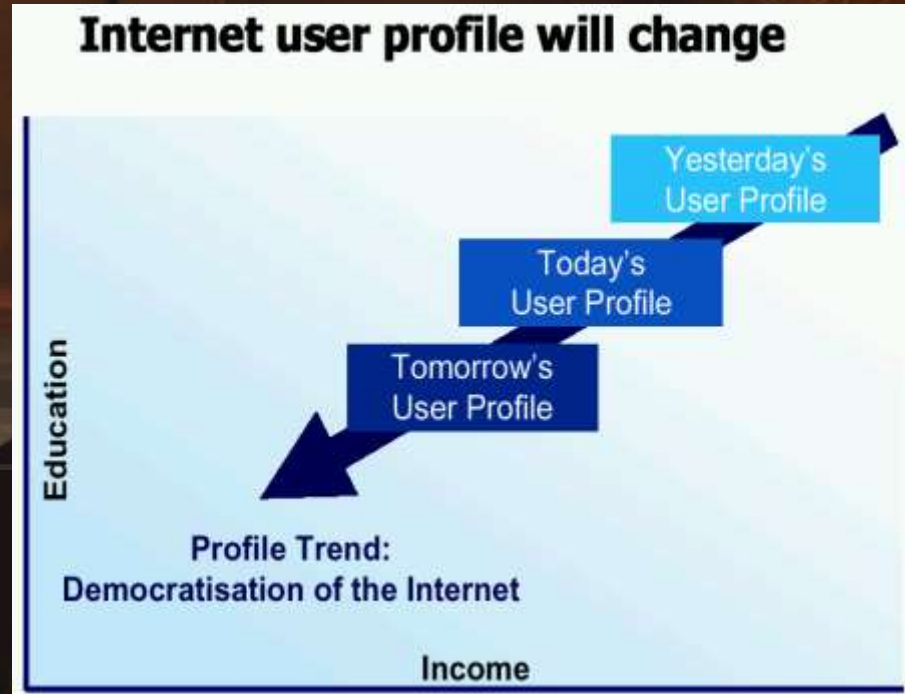
- Customers who were not ready for new service at the moment of initial introduction will be ready after few months to involve customers that became ready in the meanwhile
- **Key of success – enthusiasm,** especially among the management

How To Do Marketing

- Spreading enthusiasm among staff
- Utilizing common media for advertising (professional agencies).
- Organizing education about Internet technologies and new banking services among customers.
- Agreements with local ISPs and resellers of PC equipment.



Education of Customers



- Studies show that:
 - 7% of bank users are technically advanced
 - 25% is open to new banking services but they lack technical experience

Education of Customers

**How to attract more
online customers?**

Provide PC installations
inside bank halls and rooms,
accessible to customers

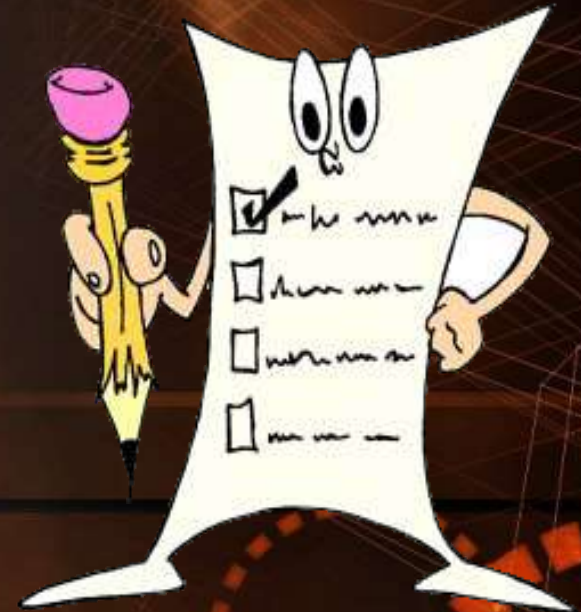
Organize courses for
using PCs and Internet

Make agreements
with local ISP
to give discounts for
online bank customers

Organize periodical meetings
where online customers
can exchange information
about Internet banking services
and e-Business in general

Monitoring Activity on Internet Channel

- In order to react fast we should gather information about channel use
- Different statistics should be made:
 - Number of visitors
 - Number of transactions
 - Which services are most/least used
 - Average time spent at Web site by common user
- Feedback support
 - customers forms
 - e-mail for additional questions/services



Be Informed!

- To be successful in any business (including banking services) you constantly need information about:
 - Competition
(what they offer, what are the complaints of their customers)
 - Potential customers
- Among other ways for obtaining information, it is useful to monitor the Web and Web activity **using search engines.**



Financial Data on the Internet

- Huge amount of financial data publicly available on the Internet
- Among **660 largest companies from 22 countries** (30 from each) **62%** had some form of financial data on their Web sites (IASC Report for 1999)
- The role of outsiders:
 - DigiTRADE
 - EDGAR
 - Wall Street City.Com
 - Yahoo! Finance



Nature of the Financial Data on the Internet

Among others, we can find information about:

- Quarterly and annual financial report
- Financial history
- SEC filings
- Stock quotas
- Press releases
- Information request forms
- Other shareholder information



Searching Services on the Web

We can generally search the Web using three types of searching services:

Subject
directories

Search
Engines

Meta
crawlers



Subject Directories

- Links to Web sites are collected according to topics they treat
- Links are collected by humans who evaluate them
- Useful when searching for some topic in general
- Not effective when trying to find something specific
- Examples:
Yahoo!, Lycos, LookSmart, Excite...

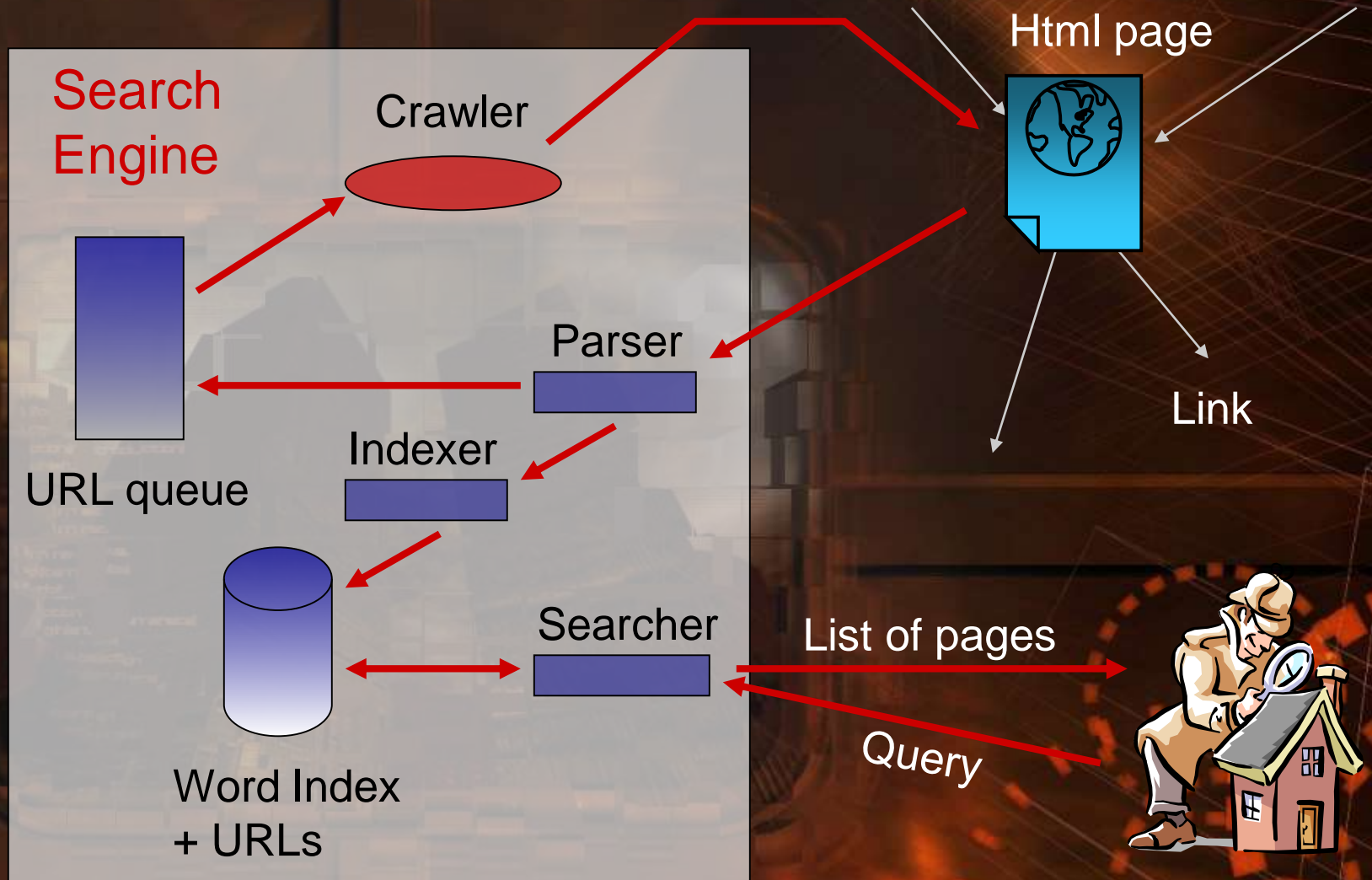


Search Engines

- They try to collect as many as possible pages from the Web and store them locally for later keyword search.
- Pages are collected by using crawlers (SW components).
 - Good for search on specific query
 - Result pages are sorted by relevancy
 - Results can be out of date (currency problem)
- Examples:
Google, AltaVista, Fast, Northern Light, ...



Search Engines – How Do They Work?



Meta-crawlers

- They utilize other search engines concurrently by sending user's request to them.
- Good for queries about exotic topics.
- Queries have to be simple because of different formats among search engines.
- Examples:
MetaCrawler, Dogpile, HotBot, ...

DOGPILE
All results, no mess.

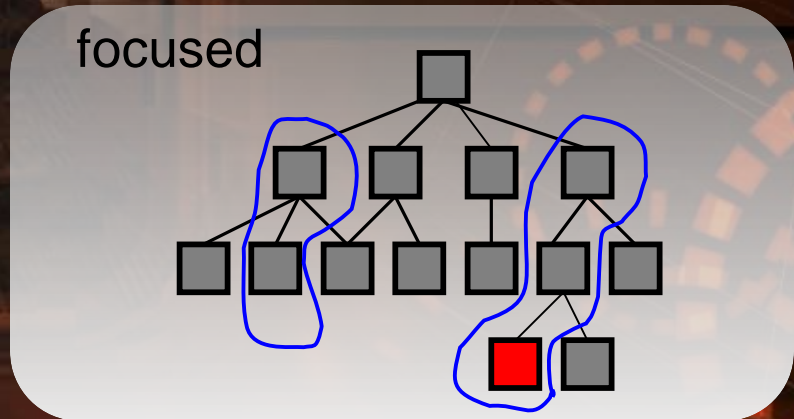
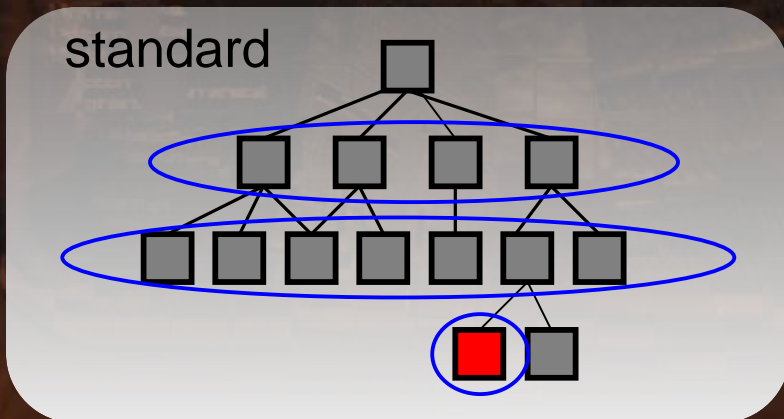


Focused Crawling

- Focused crawlers visit **only** topic-specific pages.



- Focused crawlers versus classic crawlers (solve currency problem)



Search Engines - Comparison

- Recent extensive comparison (September 2001) of search engines conducted by PC World's staff can be found on the following URL:

<http://find.pcworld.com/11060>

- Leaders are:

- Google – www.google.com
- Fast – www.alltheweb.com
- Yahoo – www.yahoo.com
- Lycos – www.lycos.com
- Northern Light – www.northernlight.com



Search Engines - Comparison

- Directories of search engines can be found on following URLs:
 - Search Engine Guide – www.searchengineguide.com
 - Argus Clearinghouse – www.clearinghouse.com
 - BeauCoup – www.beaucop.com
 - Search Engine Watch – www.searchenginewatch.com
- There is even directory of directories of search engines
 - SearchAbility – www.searchability.com
- You can also try with public databases not accessible to search engines.
 - Lycos Searchable Databases Directory
http://dir.lycos.com/reference/searchable_databases

Other Useful Links to Visit

- www.streeteye.com/cgi-bin/allseeingeeye.cgi,
financial data meta-crawler
- www.moneysearch.com,
finance specific directory search
- www.dailystocks.com,
excellent financial portal for investors
- www.companysleuth.com,
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Part IV

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Conclusion

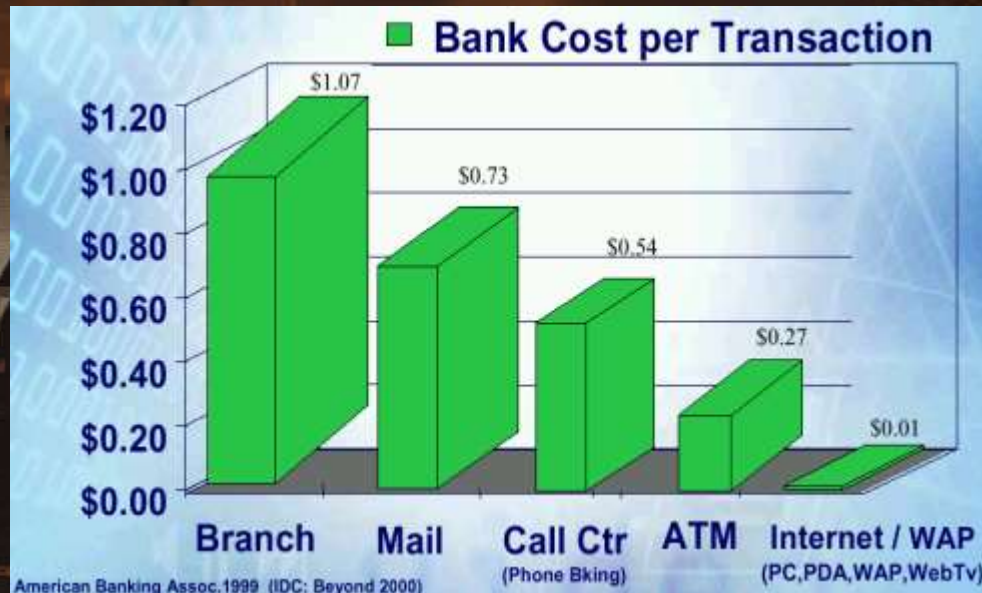
Conclusion

- In this tutorial on e-Banking we covered many of its aspects:
 - You learned what an e-Bank is, and what the benefits of e-Banking are
 - You familiarized yourself with the structure of the e-Bank
 - You learned how to implement your own Internet channel and how to afterwards search for financial information on the Web in order to improve your business
 - And you have also learned what possible security problems can occur and how to fight those problems



Conclusion in 40 Words

- Every bank should implement its Internet channel (reduced cost of transaction, global connectivity).



- Small and mid sized banks could benefit from using Application Service Providers for different kind of service (and choosing the good ASP is the most important step).

Final Words...

Some Internet Myths

(from “European ECM momentum”, Maria Luisa Rodriguez, San Jose State University)

Myth:

- The Internet requires little upfront investment.
- The Internet will drive transactions from other channels.
- The Internet is borderless.

Fact:

- You get what you pay for.
- Channel behavior is additive (channel adoption has always been additive).
- Brand, marketing and consumer behavior is local.

