Secure Communication

USABILITY AND NECESSITY OF SSL / TLS

We're going to talk about:

1. **Why** is this important?
2. **What** is SSL?
3. **Where** is SSL being used?
4. **Features**: What to look for in an SSL library?

Why is This Important?

- Number of connected devices is ever increasing

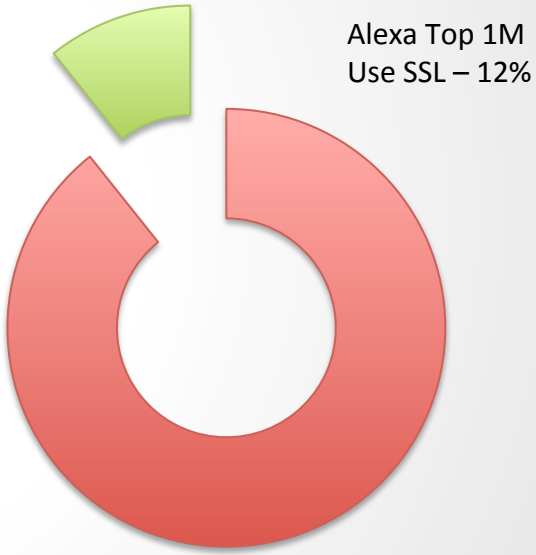
- Frequent Road-blocks:
  - Lack of understanding
  - Insufficient funding
  - Tight deadlines

Why is This Important?

Ivan Ristic: Internet SSL Survey 2010
http://www.ssllabs.com

- Alexa Top 1M Sites

  120,000 Use SSL (12%)



What is SSL?

X509, Encryption, handshakes, and more.

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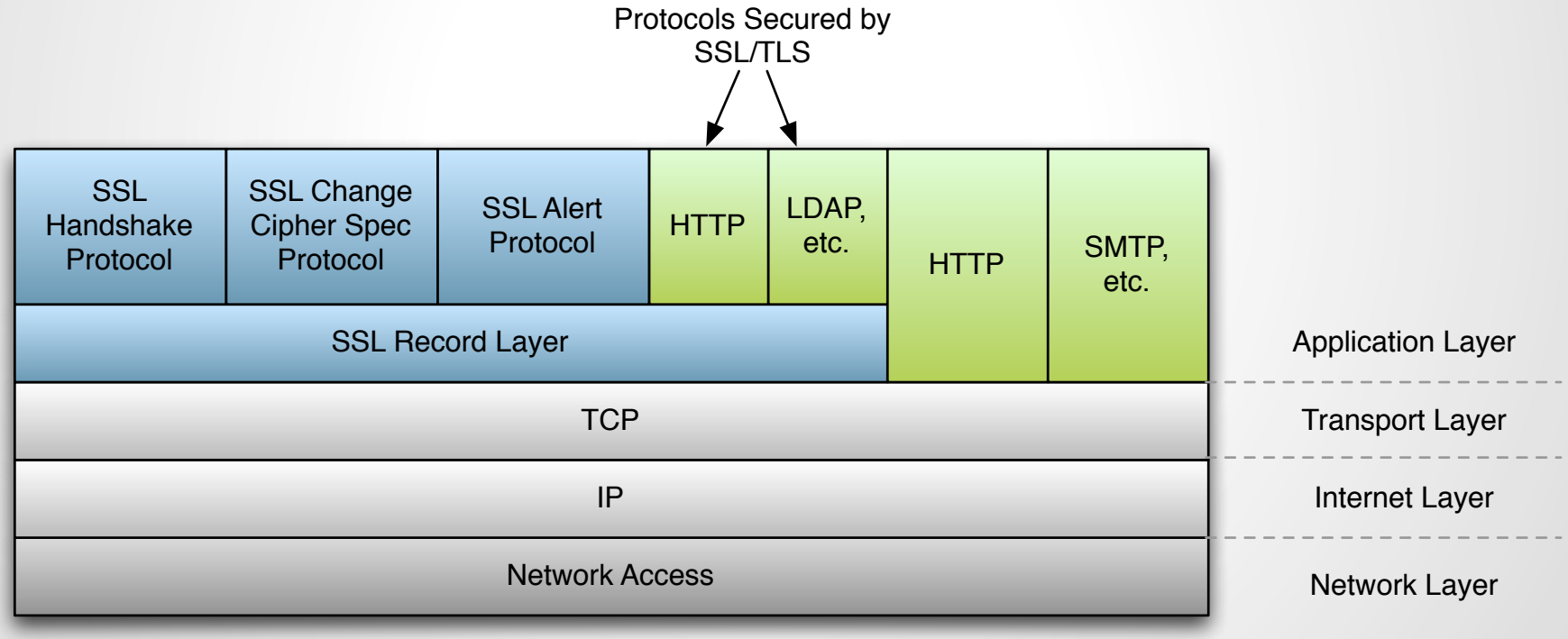
What is SSL?

- Enables secure client / server communication, providing:

Privacy	+ Prevent eavesdropping
Authentication	+ Prevent impersonation
Integrity	+ Prevent modification

Where does SSL fit?

- Layered between **Transport** and **Application** layers



SSL: Authentication

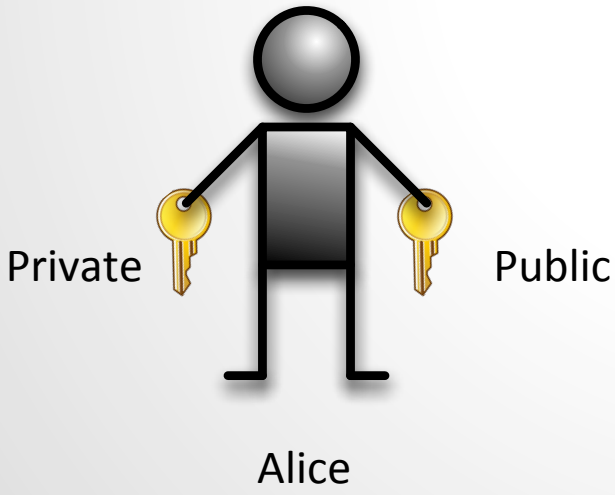
- Do you really know who you're communicating with?

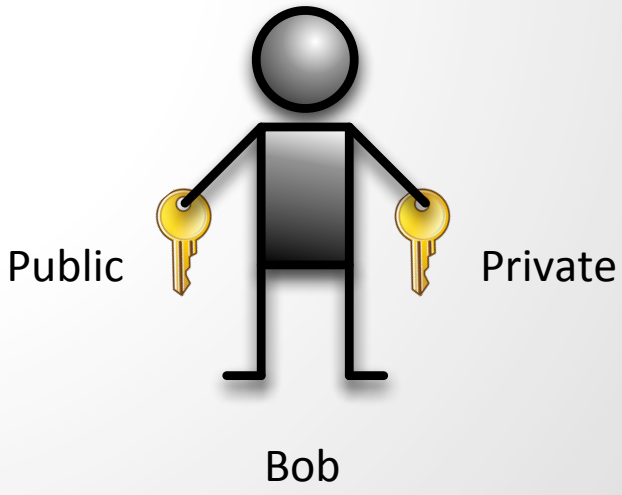
Alice

Bob

SSL: Authentication

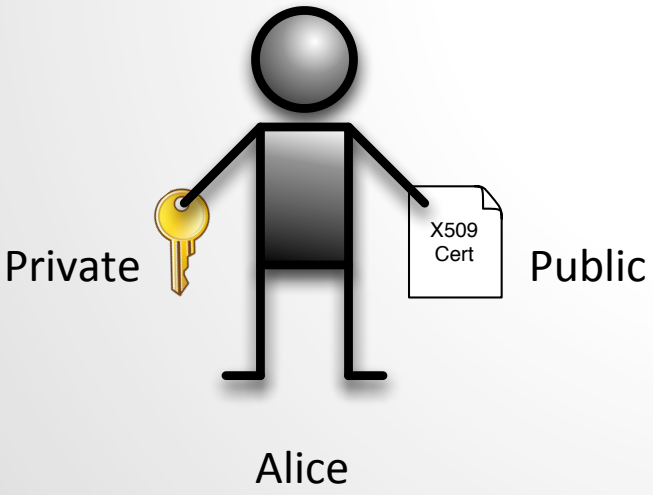
- Generate a key pair (private and public key)

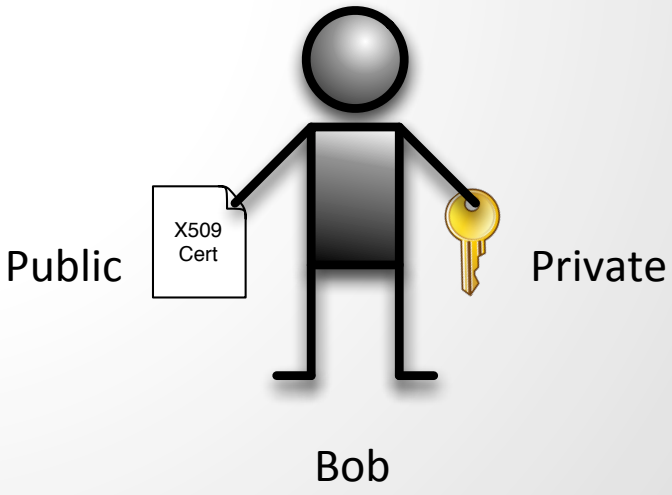




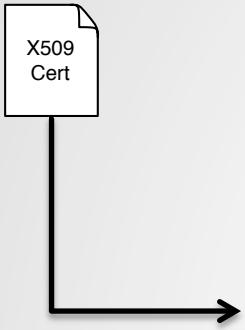
SSL: Authentication

- X.509 Certificate == Wrapper around public key





SSL: X.509 Certificates

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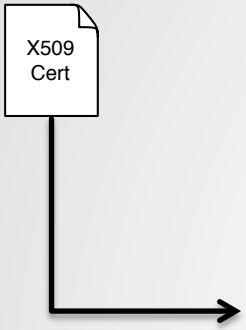


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emailAddress=info@yassl.com
        Subject Public Key Info:
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                Public-Key: (2048 bit)
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            X509v3 Basic Constraints:
                CA:TRUE
    Signature Algorithm: sha1WithRSAEncryption
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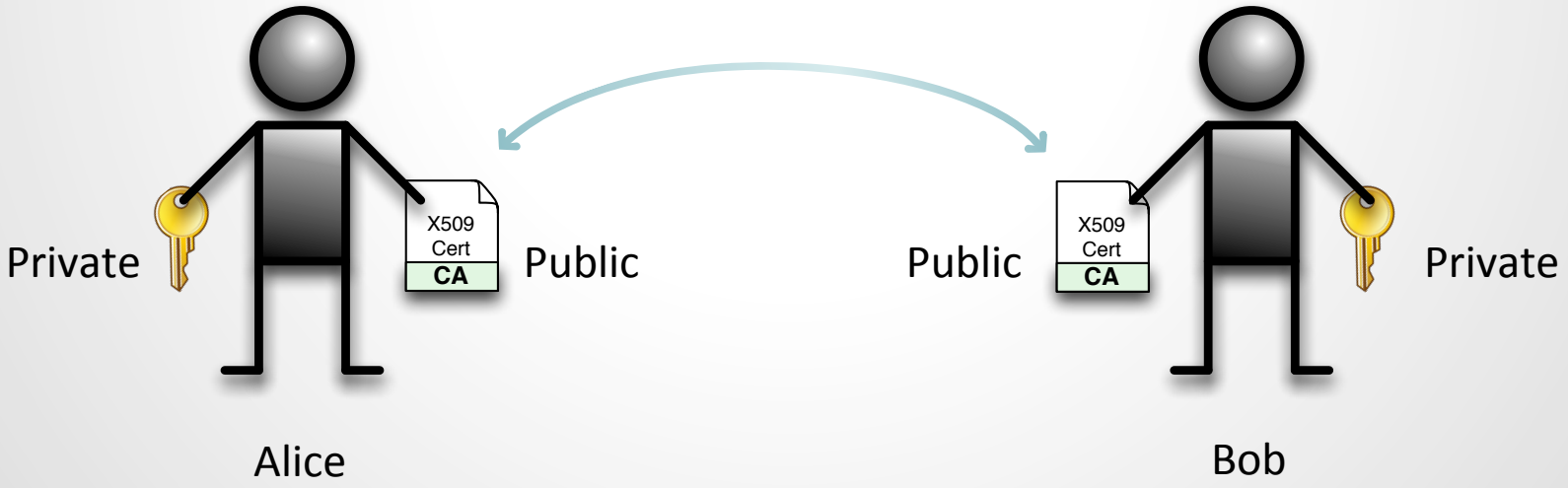
SSL: Authentication

- Alice and Bob exchange **CA-signed** public keys



SSL: Authentication

- How do you get a CA-signed cert?

Buy

VeriSign, DigiCert, Comodo, etc.

- *Costs $$$*
- *Trusted*

Create

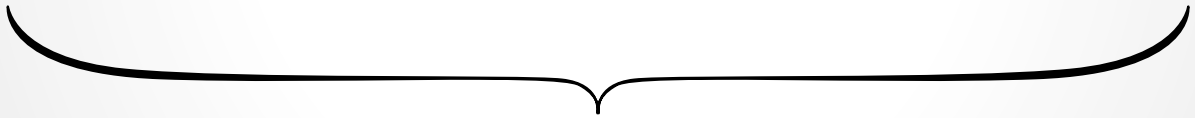
Created yourself (self-sign)

- *Free!*
- *Trusted (if you control both sides)*

SSL: Encryption

- Uses a variety of encryption algorithms to secure data

Hashing Functions	*MD4, MD5, SHA …*
Block and Stream Ciphers	*DES, 3DES, AES, ARC4 …*
Public Key Options	*RSA, DSS …*



CIPHER SUITE

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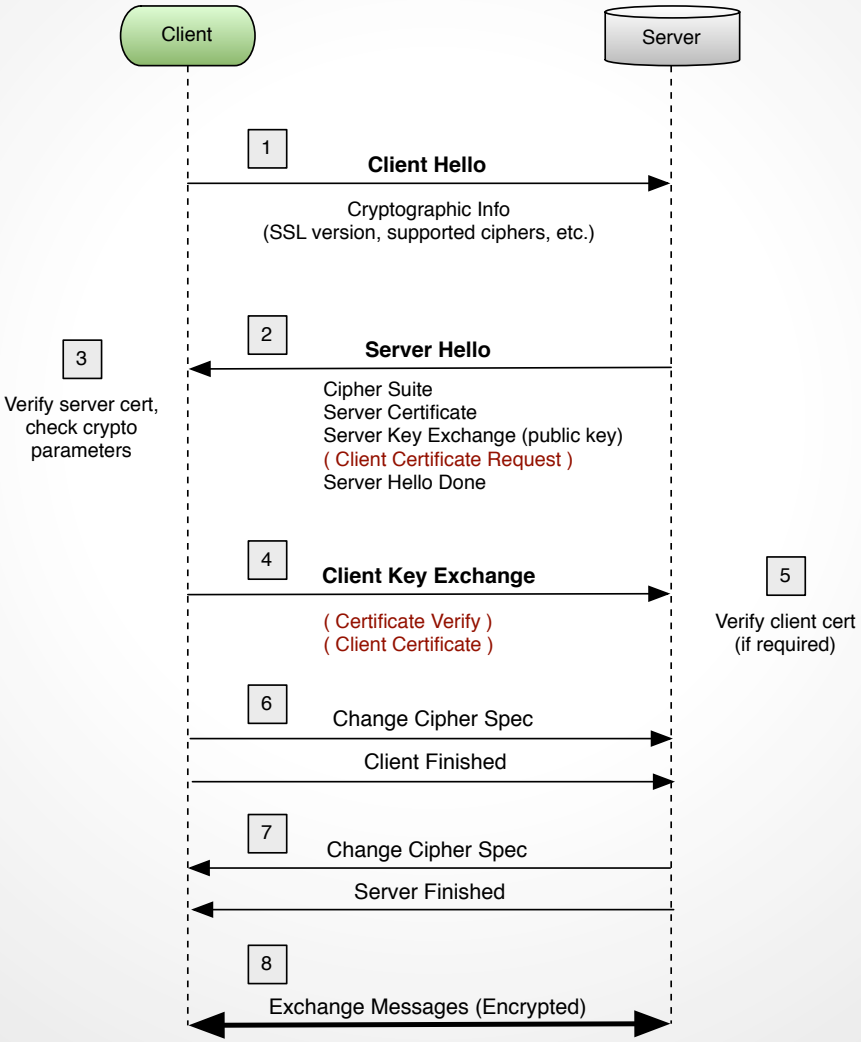
SSL: Encryption

- A common **CIPHER SUITE** is negotiated

Protocol_keyexchange_WITH_bulkencryption_mode_messageauth

SSL_RSA_WITH_DES_CBC_SHA
SSL_DHE_RSA_WITH_DES_CBC_SHA
TLS_RSA_WITH_AES_128_CBC_SHA
TLS_DHE_DSS_WITH_AES_128_CBC_SHA
TLS_DHE_RSA_WITH_AES_256_CBC_SHA

SSL: Handshake



Where is SSL used?

Everywhere!

SSL: Where is it used?

- Energy Monitoring
- Gaming
- Databases
- Sensors
- VoIP
- M2M communication
- And much more...

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What to look for?

When shopping for an SSL stack.

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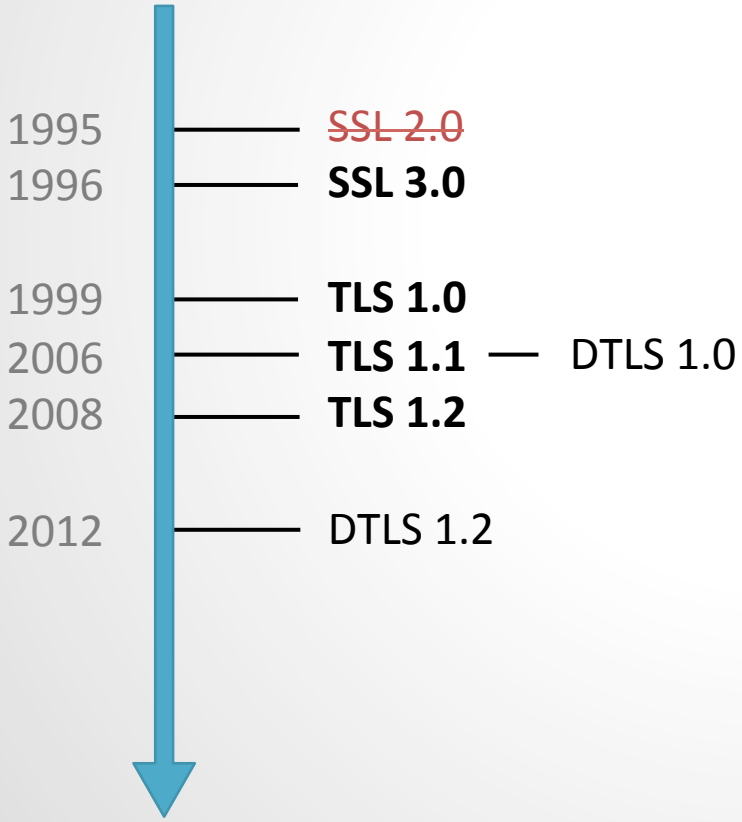
1: Protocols

- Support for current protocols?



Notes:

- SSL 2.0 is insecure
- SSL = “Secure Sockets Layer”
- TLS = “Transport Layer Security”
- DTLS = “Datagram TLS”

2: Ciphers

- Support for needed cipher suites?

Public Key	Block / Stream	Hash
RSA, DSS, DH, NTRU …	DES, 3DES, AES, ARC4, RABBIT, HC-128 …	MD2, MD4, MD5, SHA-128, SHA-256, RIPEMD …

Ex: *TLS_RSA_WITH_AES_128_CBC_SHA*

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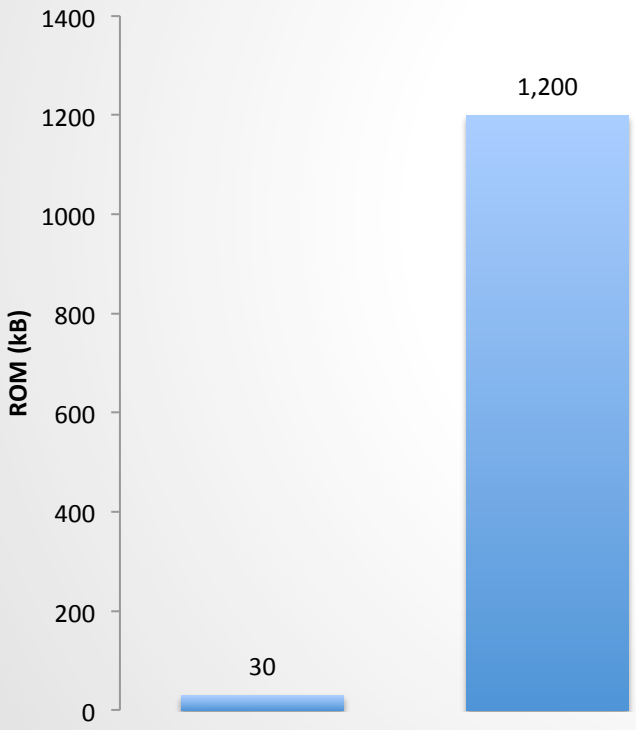
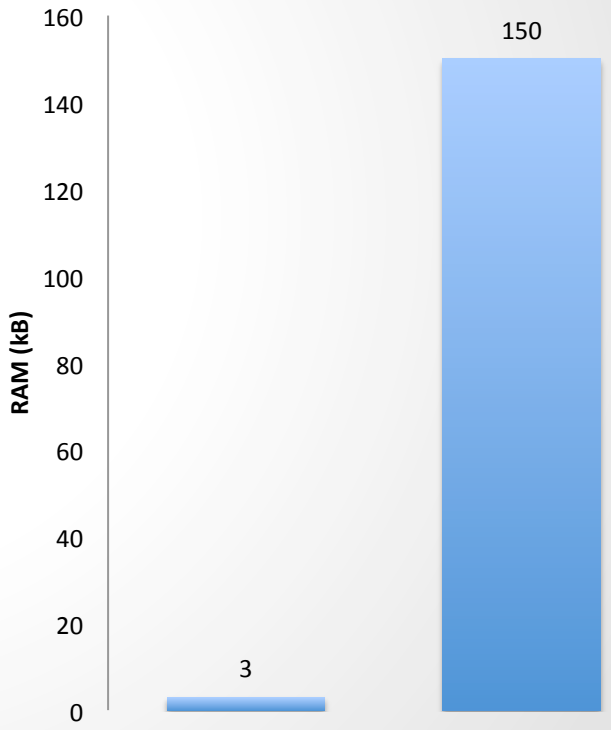
3: Memory Usage

- ROM / RAM usage





4: Simple to Use

- Learning curve?
- Myth: Encryption is too hard to use.

5: Portability

- OS support out-of-the-box?
- Customizable?

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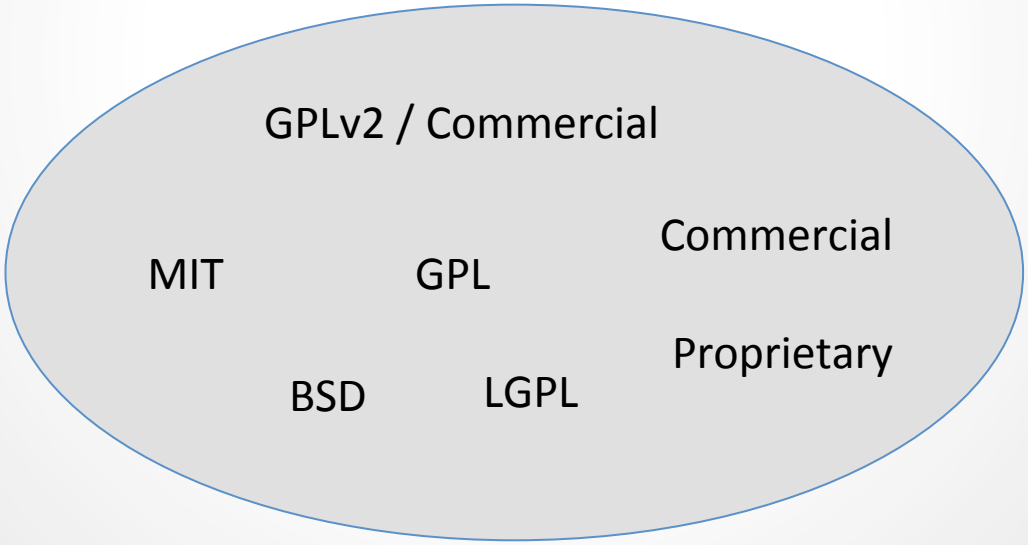
6: Hardware Acceleration

- Support for hardware acceleration?
- Assembly code optimizations

7: License

- Flexible license model?
- Does it meet your license needs?



8: Maturity

- Track record?
- Code origin?
- Actively developed?

9: Compatibility

- Is interoperability testing being conducted?
- What browsers is the library actively tested against?

10: Crypto Access

- Direct access to crypto?

Many reasons:

- Direct encryption
- Code Signing
- Verifying hashes, etc.

11: Support

- What happens if:
  - Something goes wrong
  - You can't get it to work on your system
  - New vulnerability comes out
  - You need a new cipher/feature
- Is there support available to help you out?

SSL: Shopping List

1. Protocols
2. Ciphers
3. Memory Usage
4. Simple to Use
5. Portability
6. Hardware Acceleration
7. License
8. Maturity
9. Compatibility
10. Crypto Access
11. Support

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