It Just (Net)works

The Truth About iOS' Multipeer Connectivity Framework

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Agenda

- What is Multipeer Connectivity?
- Reversing the MC protocol(s)
- Security analysis of MC

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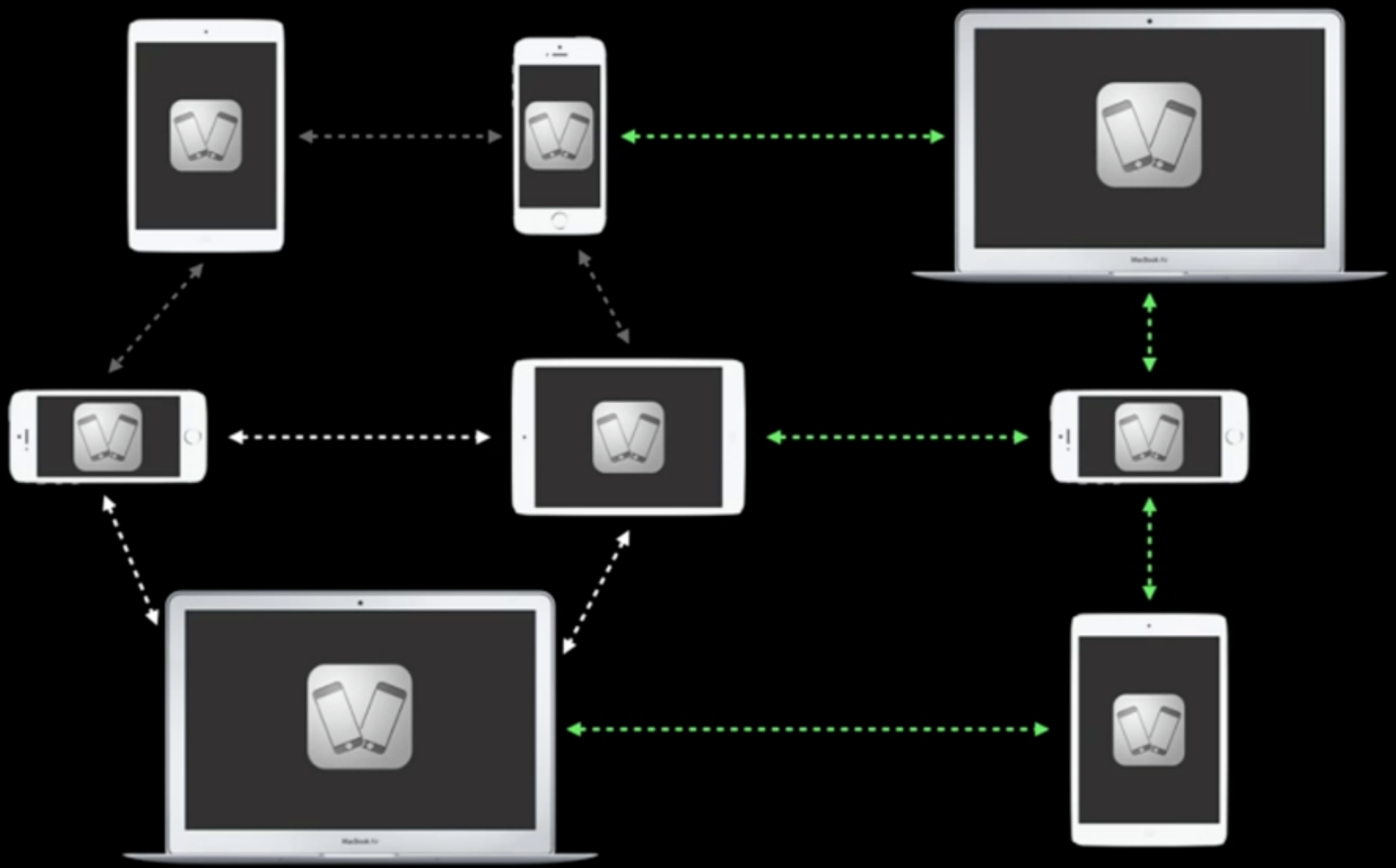
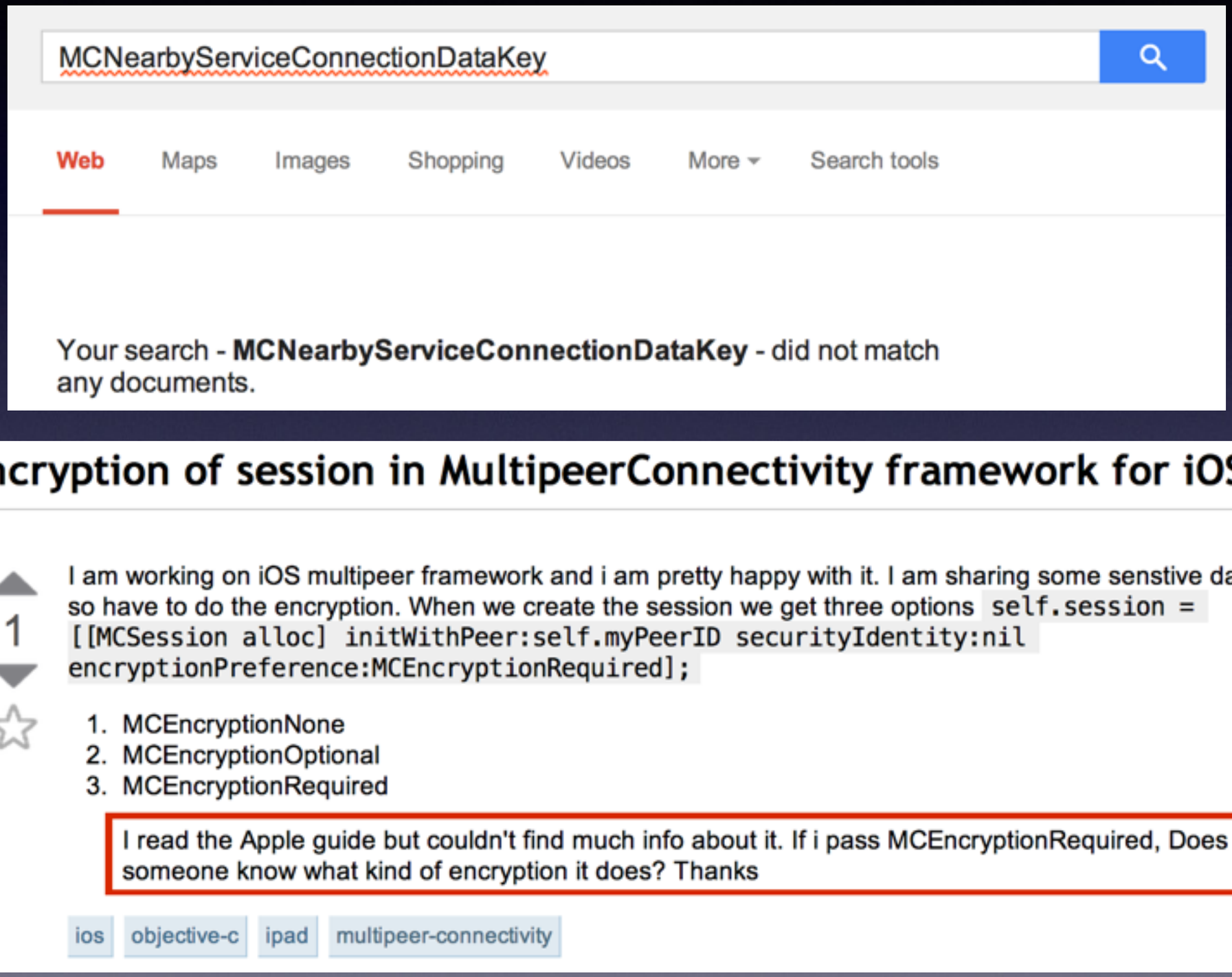
Multipeer Connectivity



Demo

Motivation


MCNearbyServiceConnectionDataKey
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Encryption of session in MultipeerConnectivity framework for iOS
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I am working on iOS multipeer framework and i am pretty happy with it. I am sharing some senstive data so have to do the encryption. When we create the session we get three options self.session = [[MCSession alloc] initWithPeer:self.myPeerID securityIdentity:nil encryptionPreference:MCEncryptionRequired];
1. MCEncryptionNone
2. MCEncryptionOptional
3. MCEncryptionRequired
I read the Apple guide but couldn't find much info about it. If i pass MCEncryptionRequired, Does someone know what kind of encryption it does? Thanks
ios
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ipad
multipeer-connectivity

Reversing the MC protocol(s)

MC API - Encryption

- The App can specify an *encryptionPreference*

```
– initWithPeer:securityIdentity:encryptionPreference:
```

- Three encryption levels:

`MCEncryptionOptional`
The session prefers to use encryption, but will accept unencrypted connections.

`MCEncryptionRequired`
The session requires encryption.

`MCEncryptionNone`
The session should not be encrypted.

- No further explanation in the documentation

MC API - Authentication

- The App can specify a *securityIdentity*

```
– initWithPeer:securityIdentity:encryptionPreference:
```

- A "security identity" is an X509 certificate and the corresponding private key
  - The peer's identify when pairing with other peers
- A callback has to be implemented for validating other peers' certificates/identities during pairing:

```
– session:didReceiveCertificate:fromPeer:certificateHandler:
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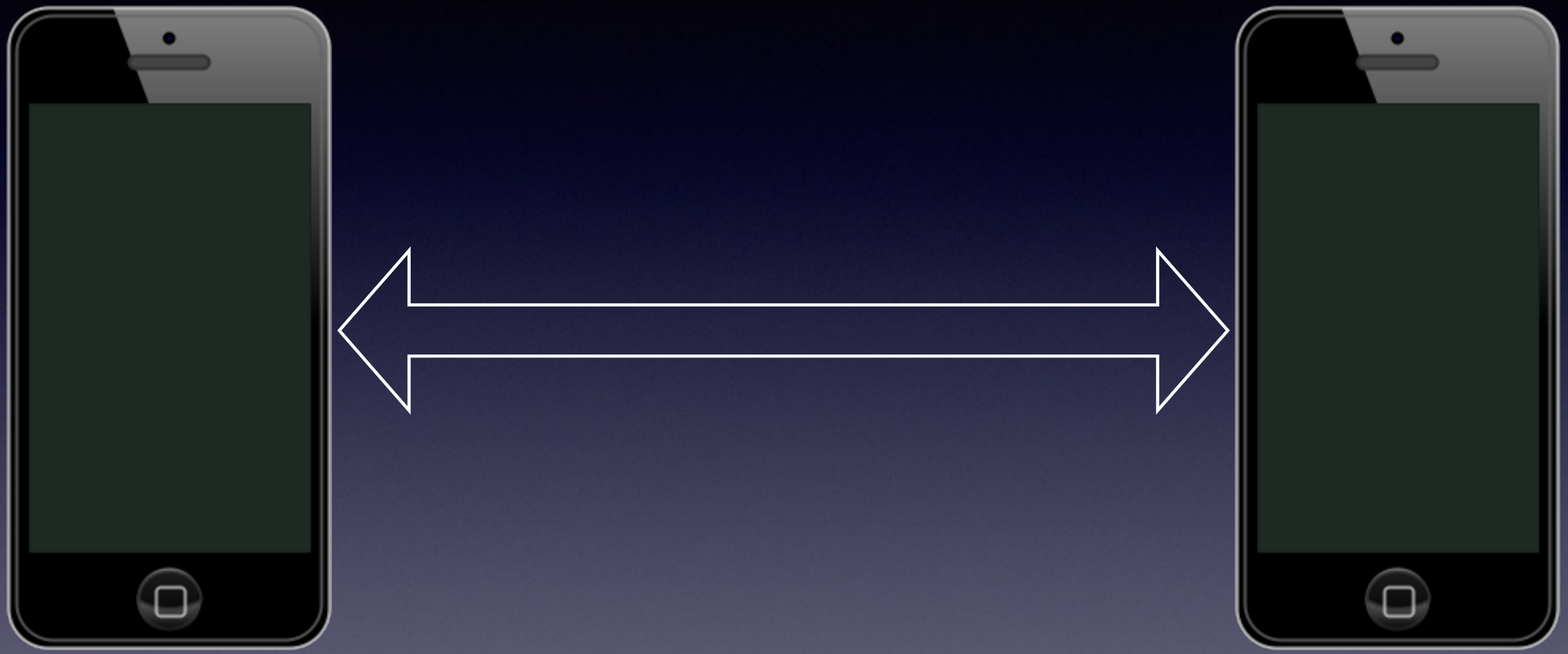
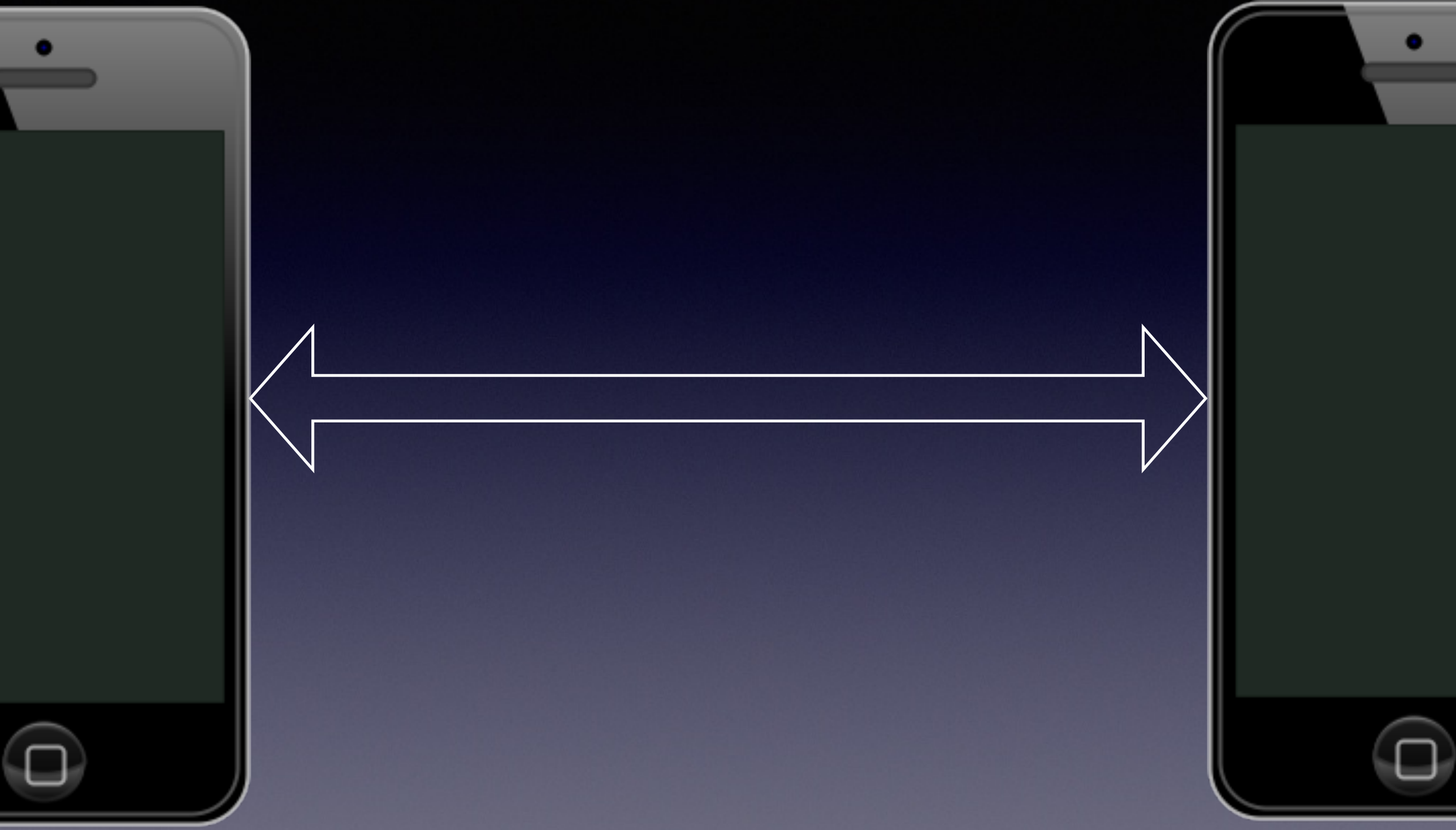
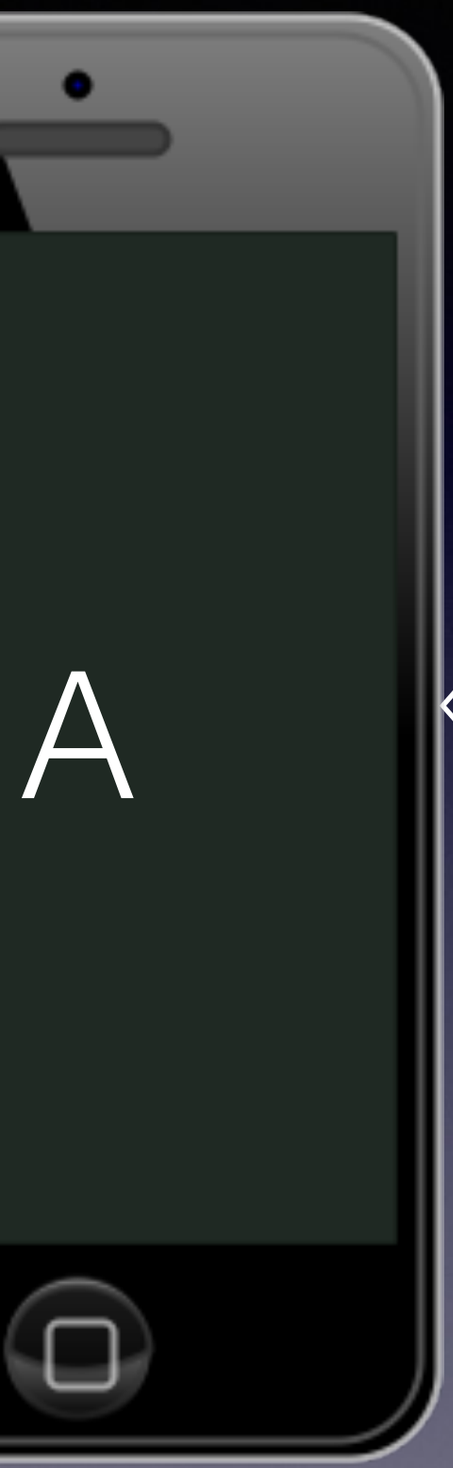
Test Setup

- Macbook in WiFi Access Point mode + Wireshark
- Sample MC App with default MC settings
- Two devices:
  - iPad Air with Bluetooth disabled
  - iOS Simulator







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S3cr3t-iP…	224.0.0.2…	MDNS	139	Standard query…
S3cr3t-iP…	224.0.0.2…	MDNS	442	Standard query…
192.168.1…	S3cr3t-iP…	TCP	440	51118 → 49585 …
S3cr3t-iP…	192.168.1…	TCP	66	49585 → 51118 …
S3cr3t-iP…	192.168.1…	TCP	82	49585 → 51118 …
192.168.1…	S3cr3t-iP…	TCP	66	51118 → 49585 …
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S3cr3t-iP…	192.168.1…	UDP	118	Source port: 1…
192.168.1…	S3cr3t-iP…	UDP	138	Source port: 1…
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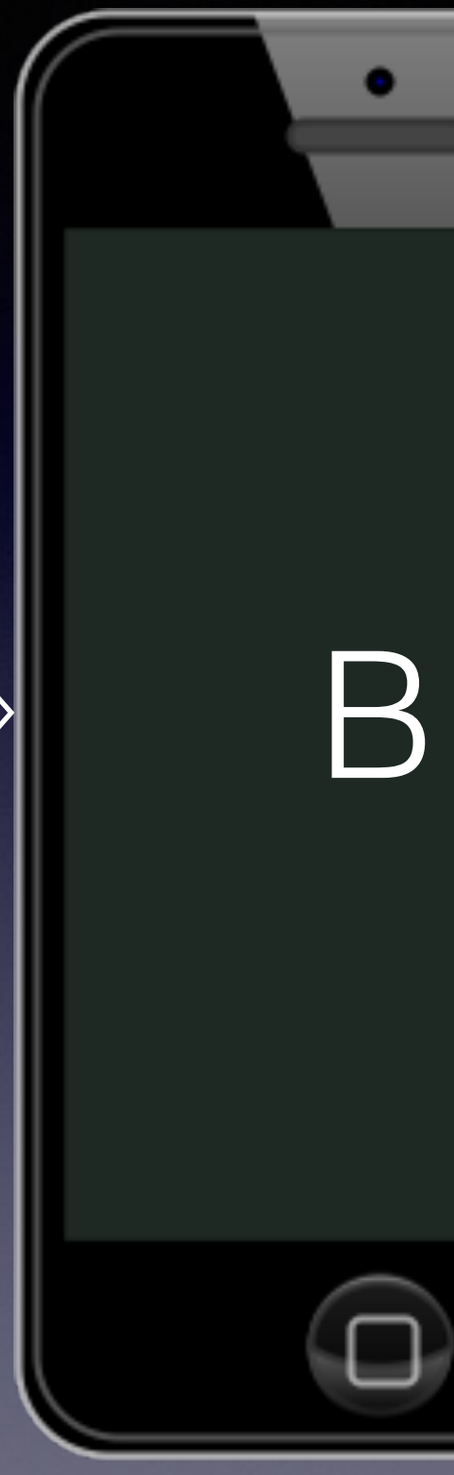

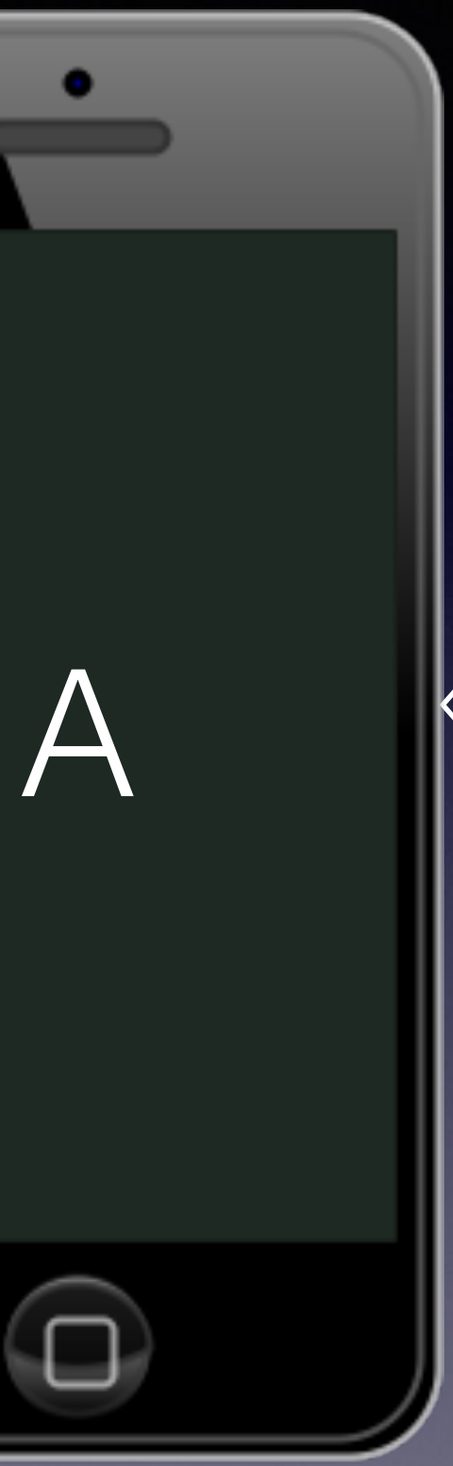

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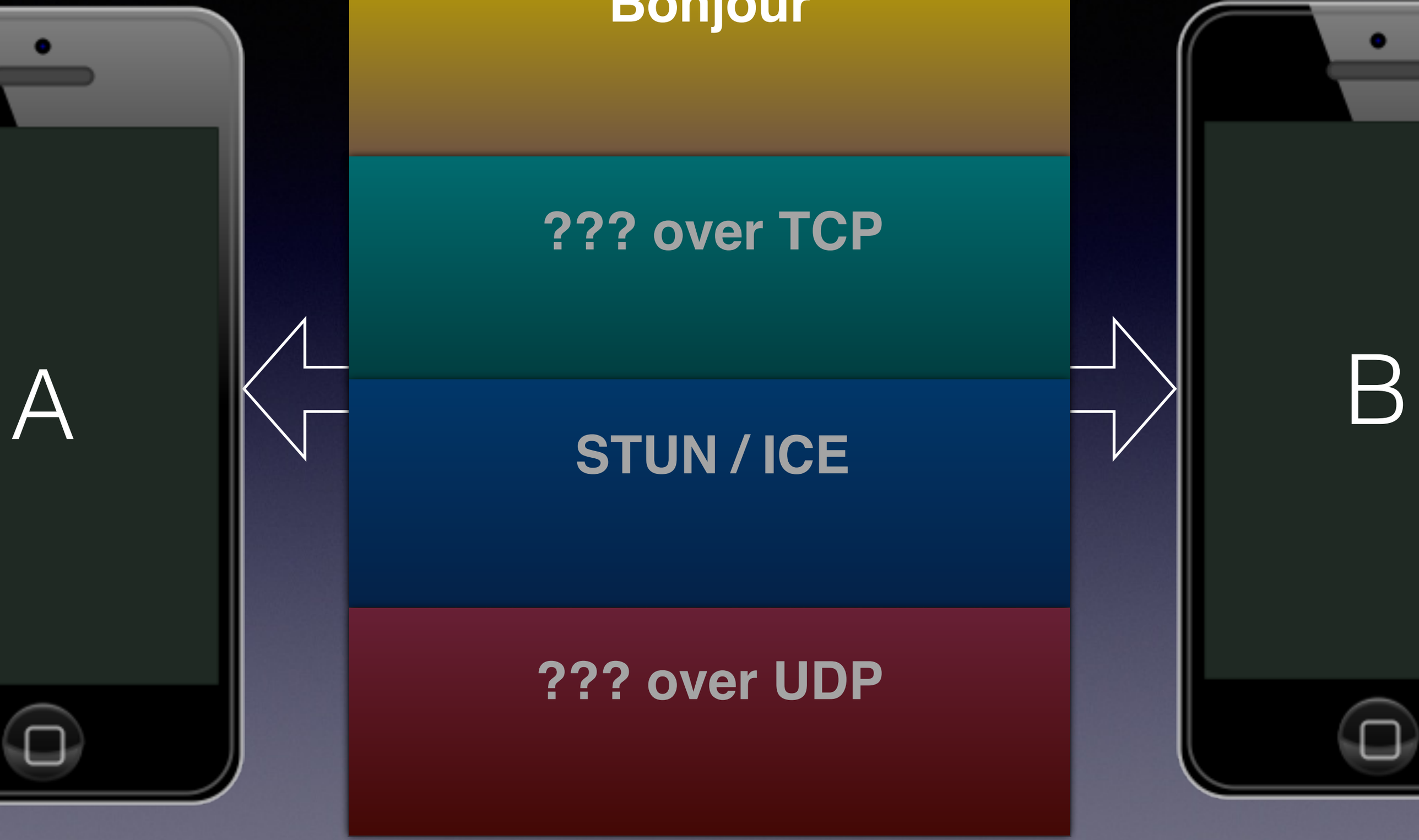
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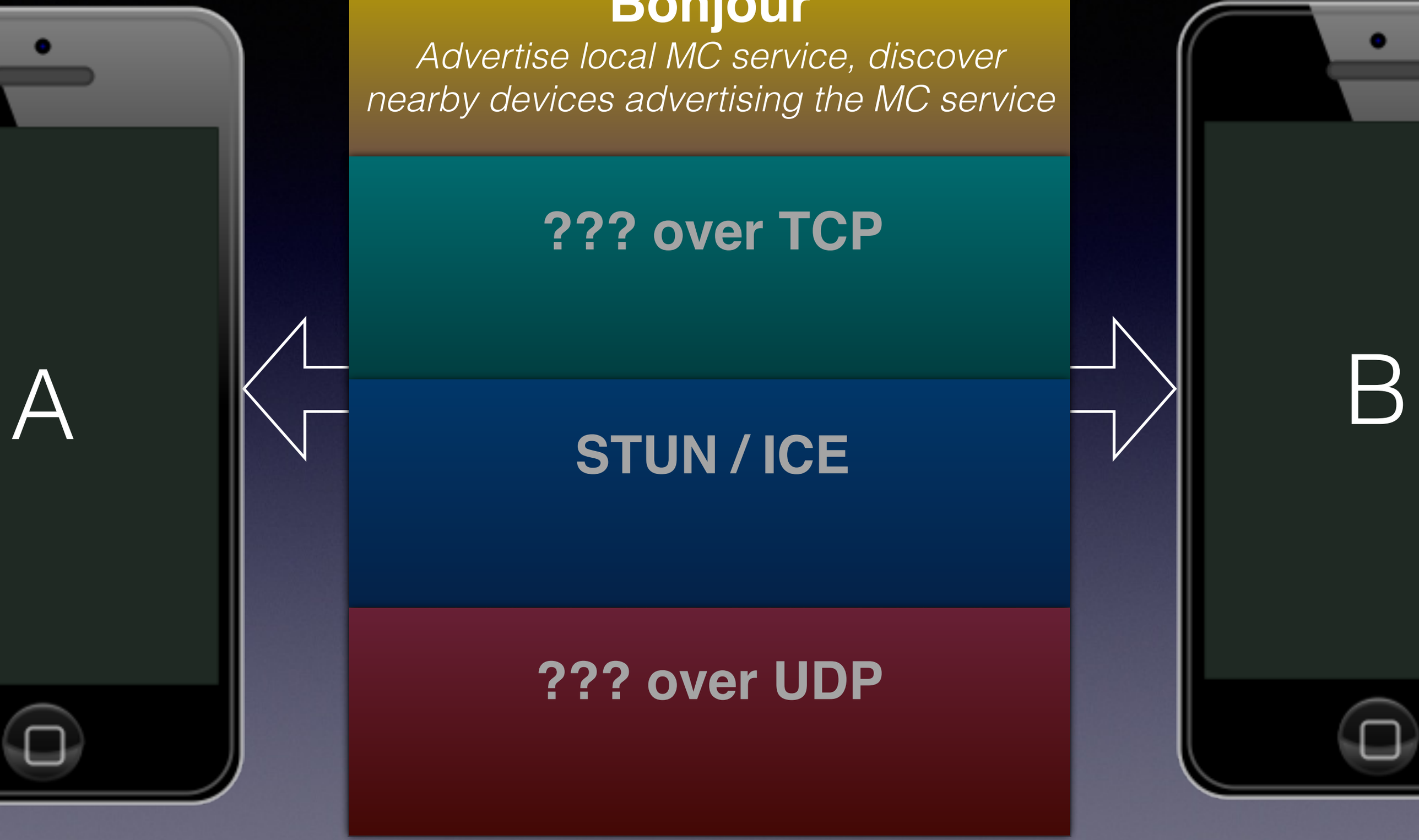
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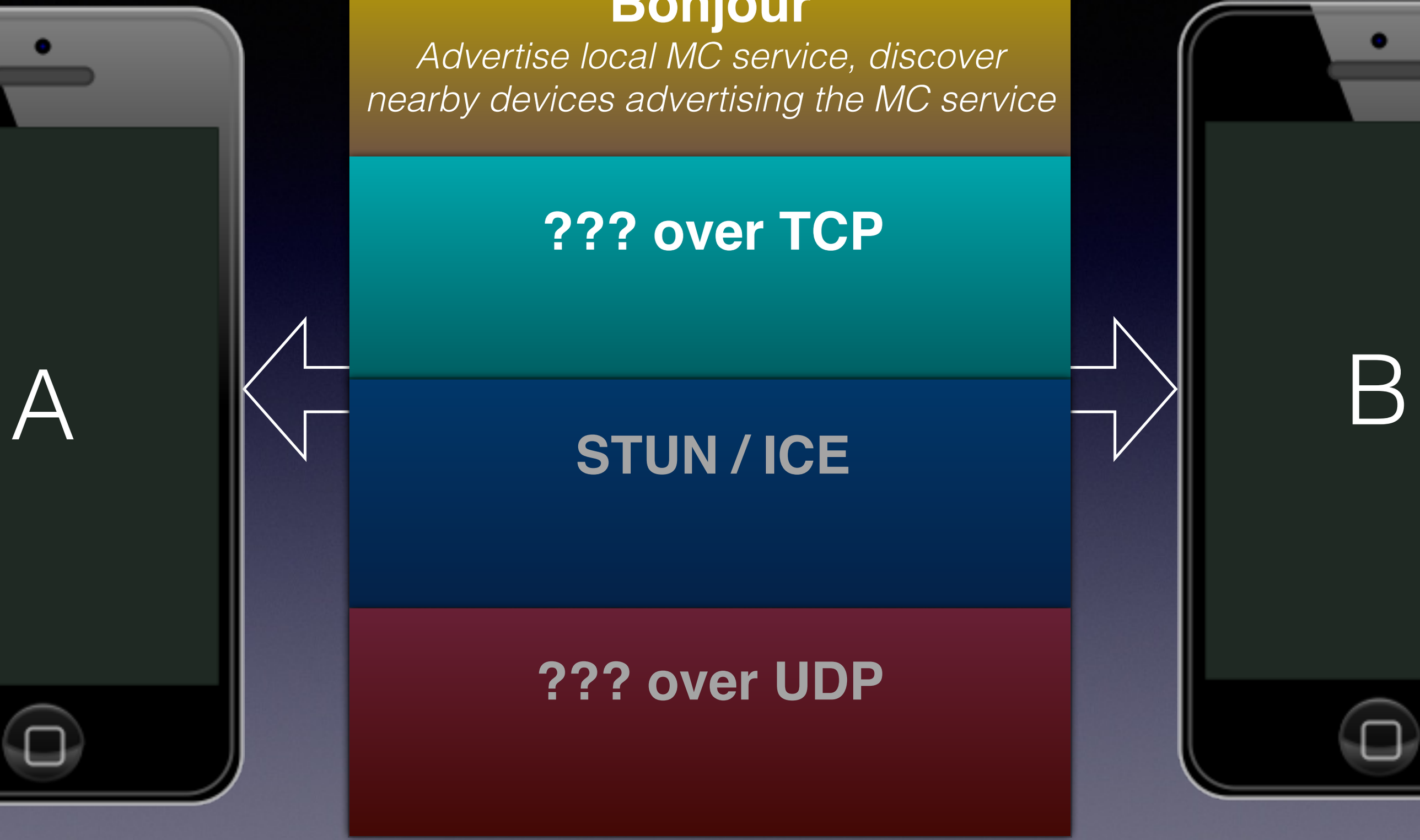
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- Peer connects to the other peer over TCP
- Each peer sends their “PeerID” first
  - (random) “idString” + device name
  - For example: ”ory2g6r8fkq+iPhone Simulator”
- Three plists are then exchanged

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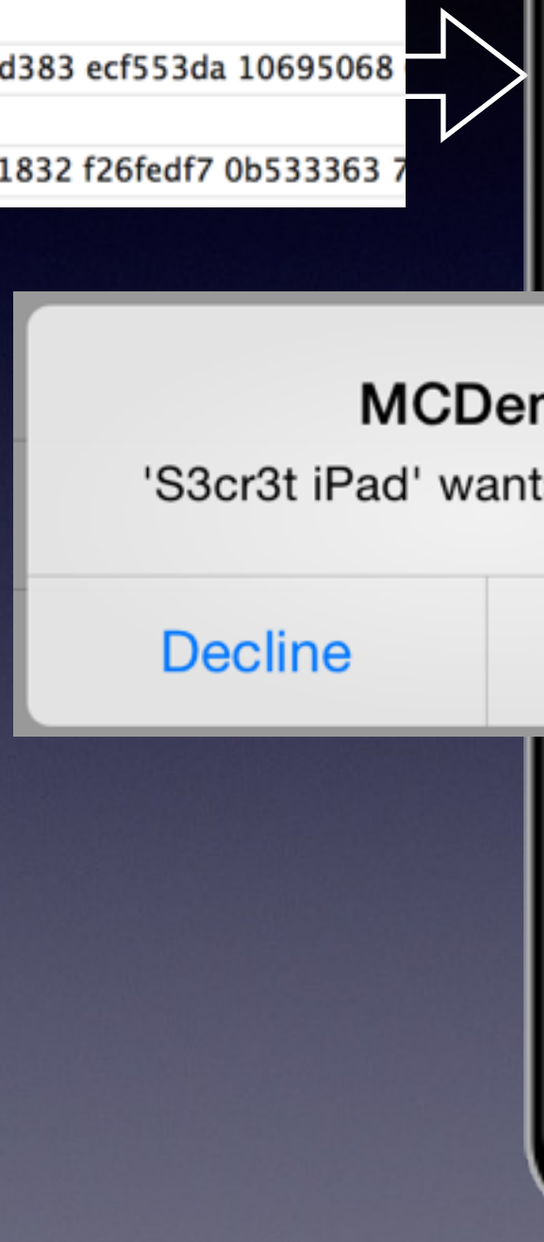

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  - The peer’s security settings as bit fields:
    - Encryption level (optional = X00, none = X10, required = X01)
    - Whether authentication is enabled (yes = 1XX, no = 0XX)
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ID[45A87A1400000000]    [192.168.2.1:16401] flag(08).
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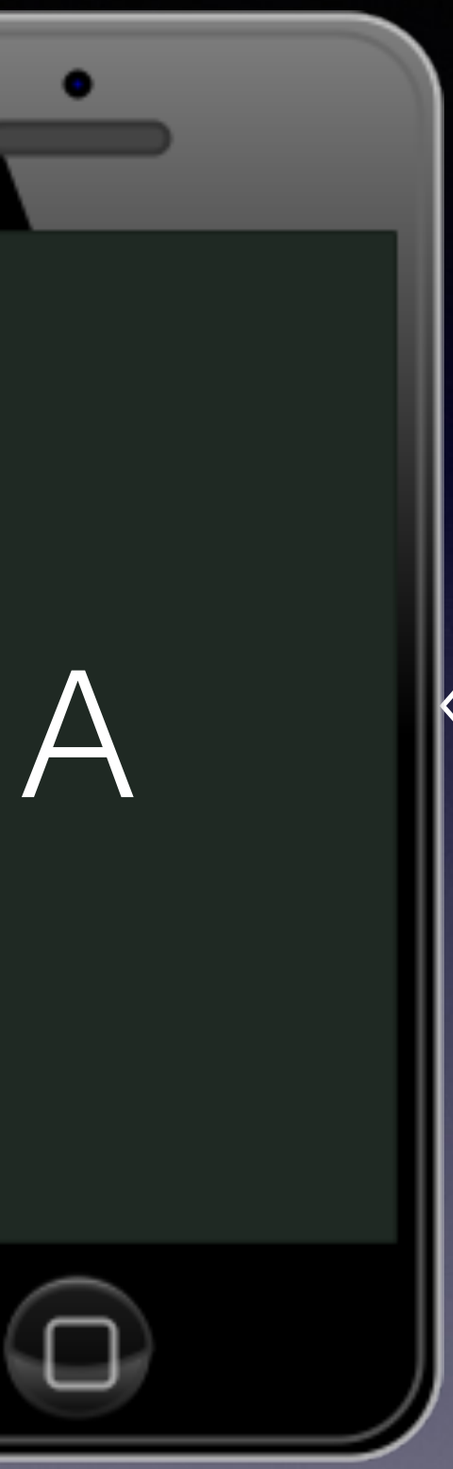

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GCK1 over TCP

Exchange peer names, security options and "candidate" UDP sockets

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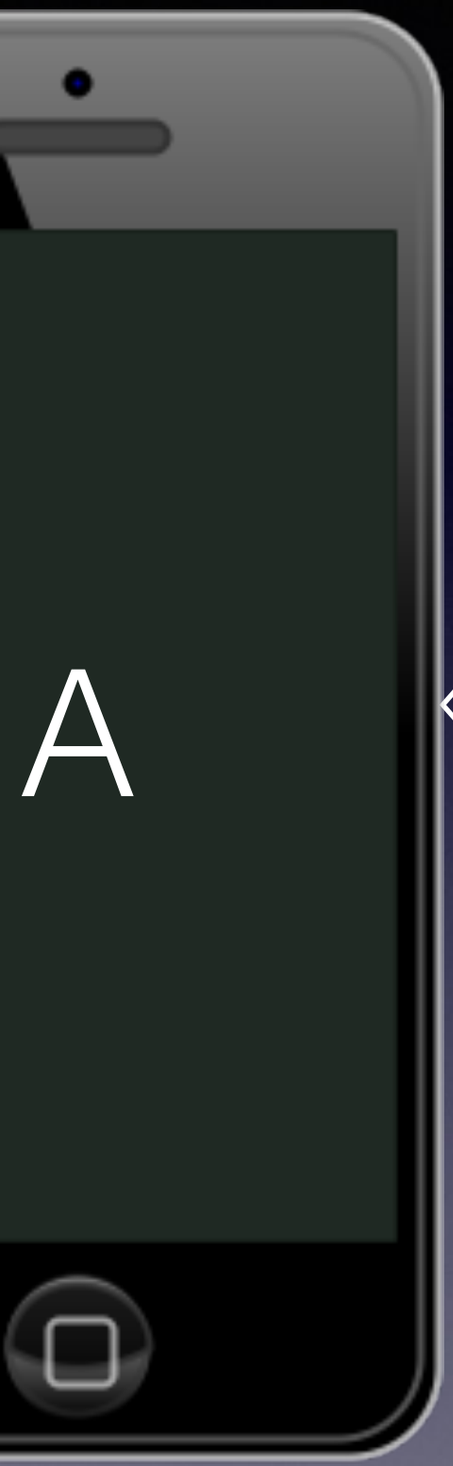

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com.apple.ICE: Local candidate(1/3):   ID[07FEE53F00000000]    [192.168.2.2:16402] flag(08) if(en0).
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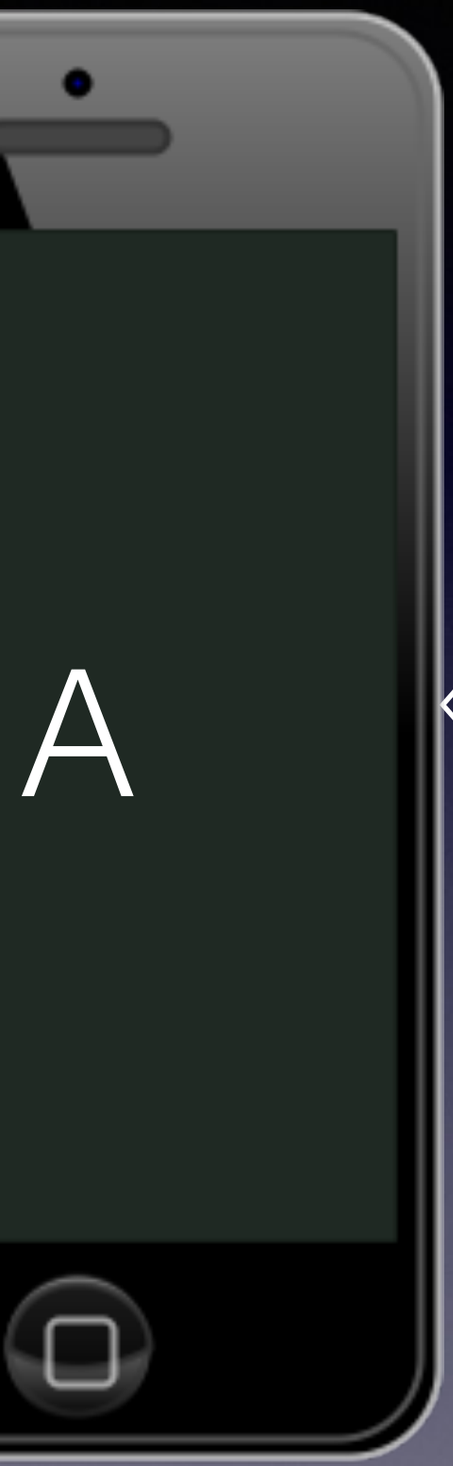

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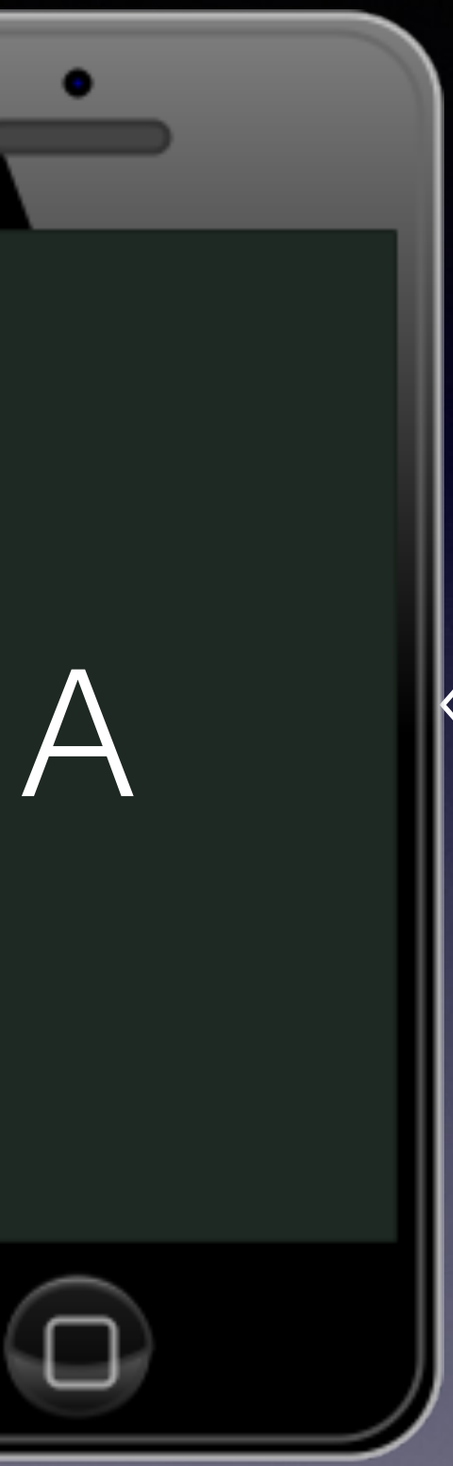

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192.168.1.…	MacBook-Pr…	UDP	60	Source port: 16402 Destination port: …
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    000004F8  d0 14 fe ff 00 00 00 00  00 00 00 04 00 01 01    ........ .......
    00000507  d0 16 fe ff 00 01 00 00  00 00 00 01 00 40 94 53 ........ .....@.S
    00000517  45 76 f9 0a 37 4f 03 67  5f 8d 2d 54 14 12 65 a4 Ev..7O.g _.-T..e.
    00000527  b8 ec 86 76 b9 4c 25 dc  2a 63 9d 58 74 aa e1 ce ...v.L%. *c.Xt...
    00000537  75 7a 3d c5 20 15 c0 91  8a 57 3d 6a 1f a8 8b 7c uz=. ... .W=j...|
    00000547  ae da fd e2 88 72 2b 2a  4a 7d a1 28 20 87       .....r+* J}.( .
0000049E  d0 17 fe ff 00 01 00 00  00 00 00 03 00 50 70 94 ........ .....Pp.
000004AE  48 9f 70 cb d5 42 78 17  af 3a 94 78 01 37 37 0a H.p..Bx. .:.x.77.
000004BE  3a 61 49 91 a3 3f 66 9f  0e e1 f8 45 34 6e e0 64 :aI..?f. ...E4n.d
000004CE  1f 4f f9 88 97 64 e4 dc  dc 30 d6 7e aa 1d d2 88 .O...d.. .0.~....
000004DE  6a fd d1 f0 bd a2 03 63  8f cb 1f e9 66 c2 7d 74 j......c ....f.}t
000004EE  2c 79 42 27 61 ae 9e 7a  cc 09 ef 75 0c 17       ,yB'a..z ...u..
    00000555  d0 14 fe ff 00 00 00 00  00 00 00 05 00 01 01    ........ .......
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    00000584  4b 59 01 10 45 bf 84 c7  2c d0 60 dd f6 d4 66 5b KY..E... ,.`...f[
    00000594  6b 48 31 16 e0 36 cf af  65 58 7d 1d 58 11 15 09 kH1..6.. eX}.X...
    000005A4  c4 5f 33 4c d5 20 66 f3  d8 6c c4 0e fe 37       ._3L. f. .l...7
000004FC  d0 17 fe ff 00 01 00 00  00 00 00 04 00 50 78 14 ........ .....Px.
0000050C  1b 08 53 e8 b5 92 bc bf  3c 42 84 f6 11 c9 7d a6 ..S..... <B....}.
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Packet 179. 25 client pkts, 27 server pkts, 31 turns. Click to select.

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    00000154  d0 16 fe ff 00 00 00 00  00 00 00 00 00 86 01 00 ........ ........
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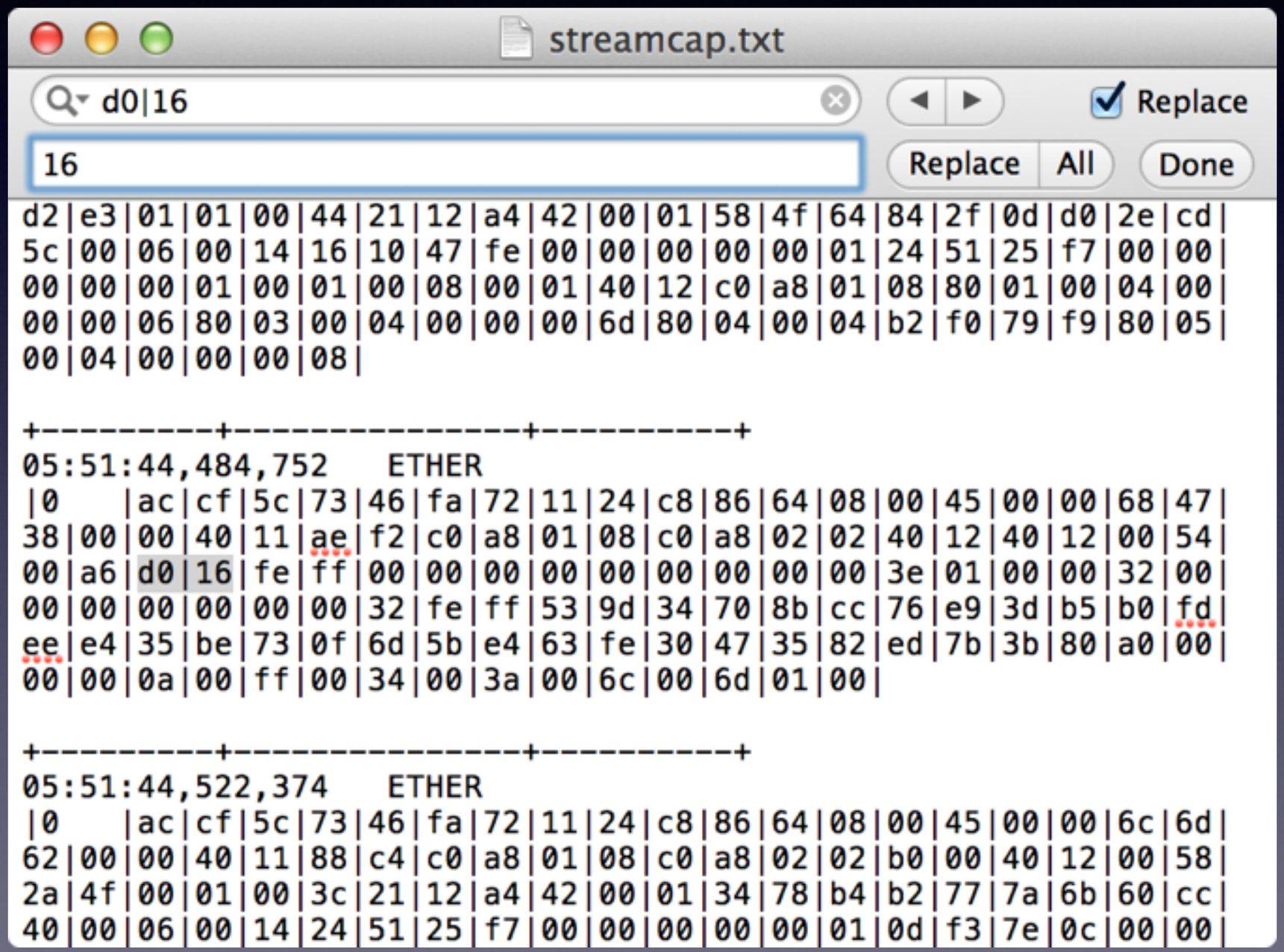

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- Success!

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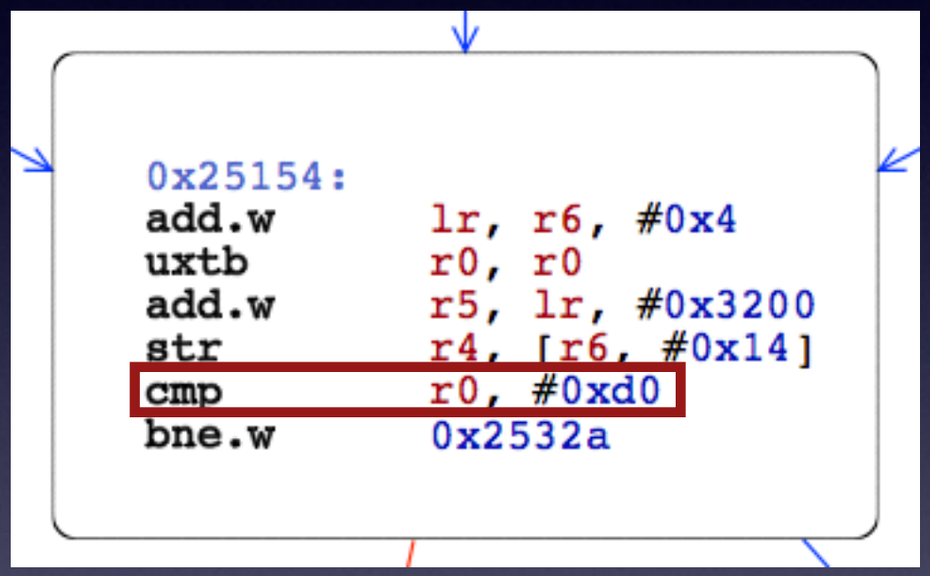
- DTLS 1.0 with the byte 0xd0 appended to **every** DTLS record



- _gckSessionRecvMessage()

- Inside the DTLS stream
  - Simple plaintext protocol
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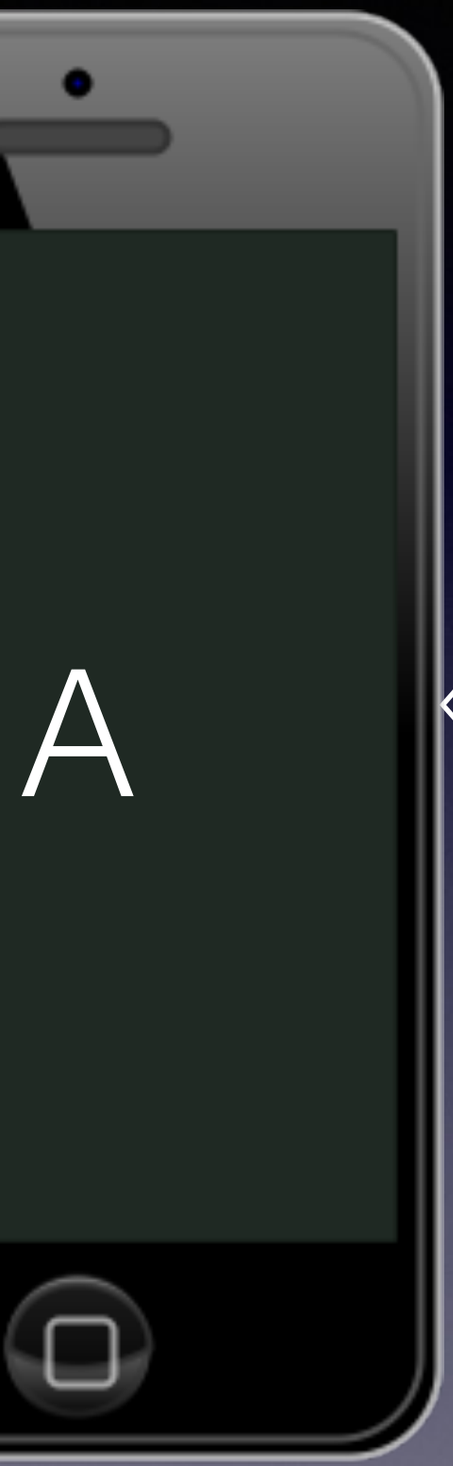

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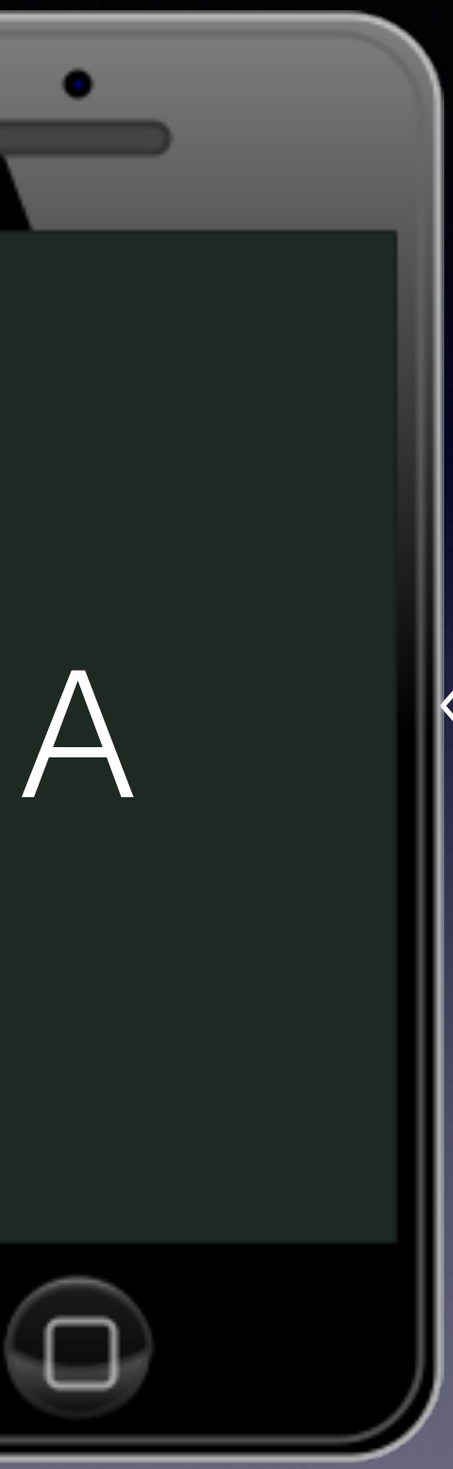

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  - In practice, **TLS_RSA_WITH_AES_256_CBC_SHA256** is always negotiated, which doesn't provide PFS

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- No certificates exchanged
- “Anon" AES TLS cipher suites:
  - TLS_DH_anon_WITH_AES_128_CBC_SHA, TLS_DH_anon_WITH_AES_256_CBC_SHA, TLS_DH_anon_WITH_AES_128_CBC_SHA256, TLS_DH_anon_WITH_AES_256_CBC_SHA256

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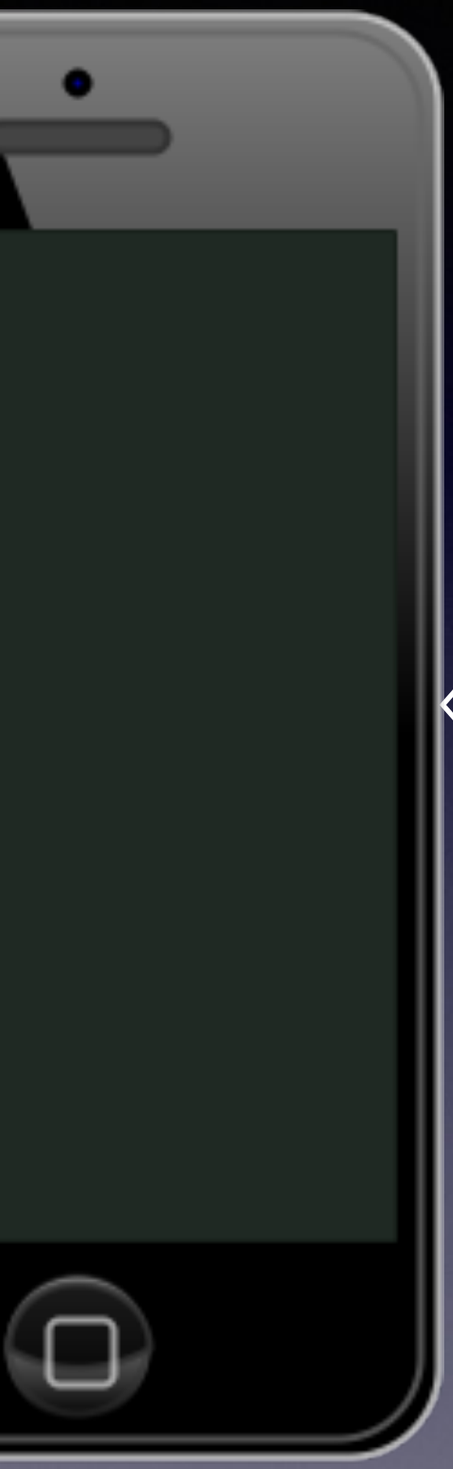

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ICE / STUN
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DTLS with NULL cipher suite

- **Plaintext traffic (authenticated)**
- **No post-auth checks on the MCEncryption parameters exchanged**
- **Same security as MCEncryptionNone**

MCEncryptionOptional Downgrade Attack

```
00000A4F  d0 17 fe ff 00 01 00 00  00 00 00 19 00 46 c1 05 ........ .....F..
00000A5F  00 32 00 00 cf f0 7e 0c  0c 44 6f bb 0f 19 01 02 .2....~. .Do.....
00000A6F  43 2e 74 68 69 73 20 69  73 20 61 20 74 65 73 74 C.this i s a test
00000A7F  20 6d 65 73 73 61 67 65  20 31 32 33 20 31 32 33  message  123 123
00000A8F  80 d1 dd f4 13 89 45 80  36 ad 2b 4f f4 0e dc e4 ......E. 6.+O....
00000A9F  b4 2e 2f 32                                     ../2
    00000B8F  d0 17 fe ff 00 01 00 00  00 00 00 1a 00 28 c1 08 ........ .....(..
    00000B9F  00 14 00 00 1c 2b 6f bb  0f 19 7e 0c 0c 44 00 02 .....+o. ..~..D..
    00000BAF  00 01 e0 aa 33 77 44 53  91 6f 63 a6 85 4f f5 50 ....3wDS .oc..O.P
    00000BBF  f8 73 48 2e bc 35                               .sH..5
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MC Security Analysis

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- Most security settings work as advertised by the MC API
  - **Except for** MCEncryptionOptional with Authentication
- Some combinations should never be used
  - MCEncryptionOptionaI
  - MCEncryptionNone with Authentication
- Only MCEncryptionRequired with Authentication is secure

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- Possible improvements to the MC Framework:
  - MCEncryptionRequired with Authentication:
    - Prioritize PFS TLS Cipher Suites
  - MCEncryptionOptional with Authentication:
    - Peers should validate security parameters post-authentication to prevent downgrade attacks
    - Better: remove MCEncryptionOptional and make MCEncryptionRequired the default setting?

Thanks!

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