

# Delegated credentials

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# Brief overview

Server (trusted  
location)

example.com  
certificate and  
private key

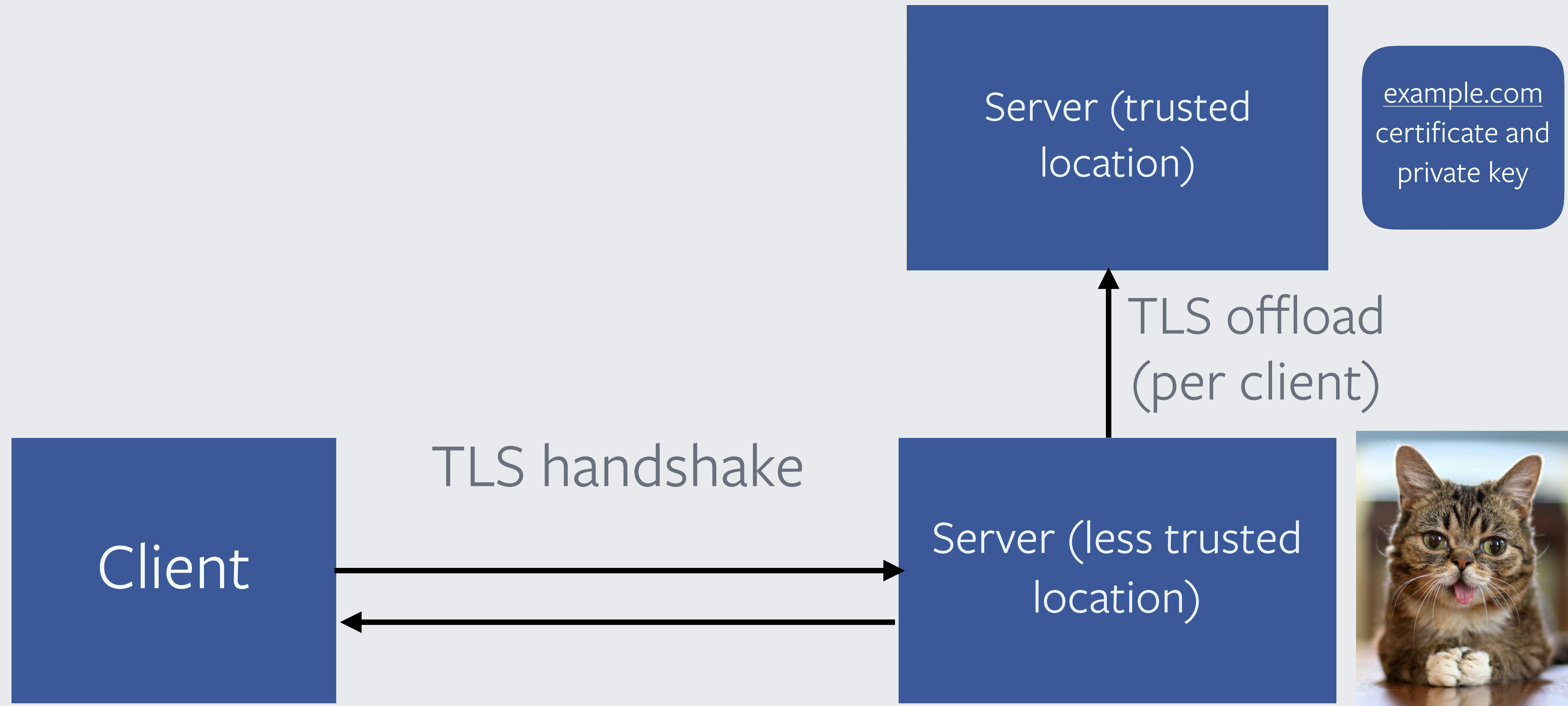
Client

TLS handshake

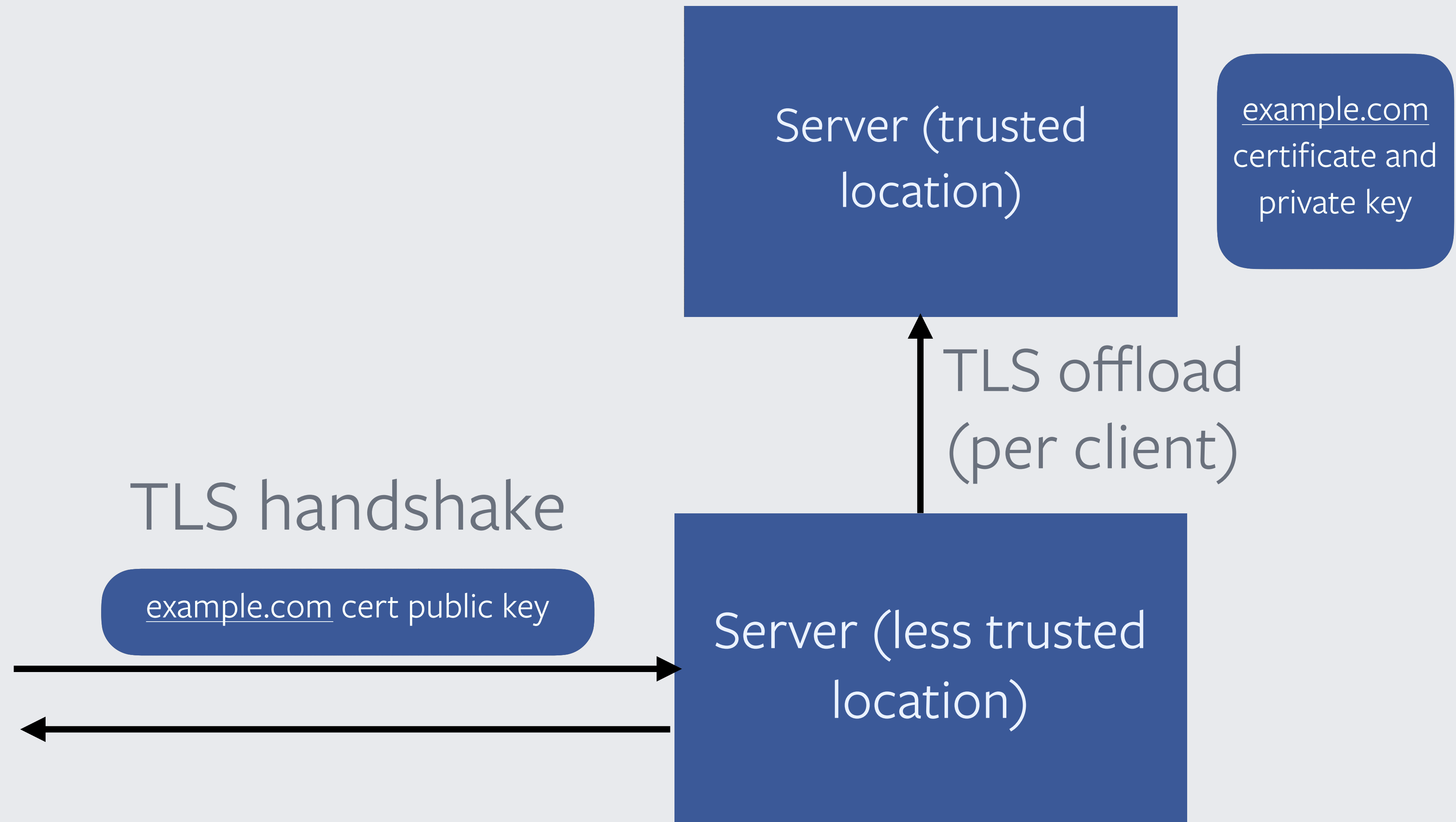
Server (less trusted  
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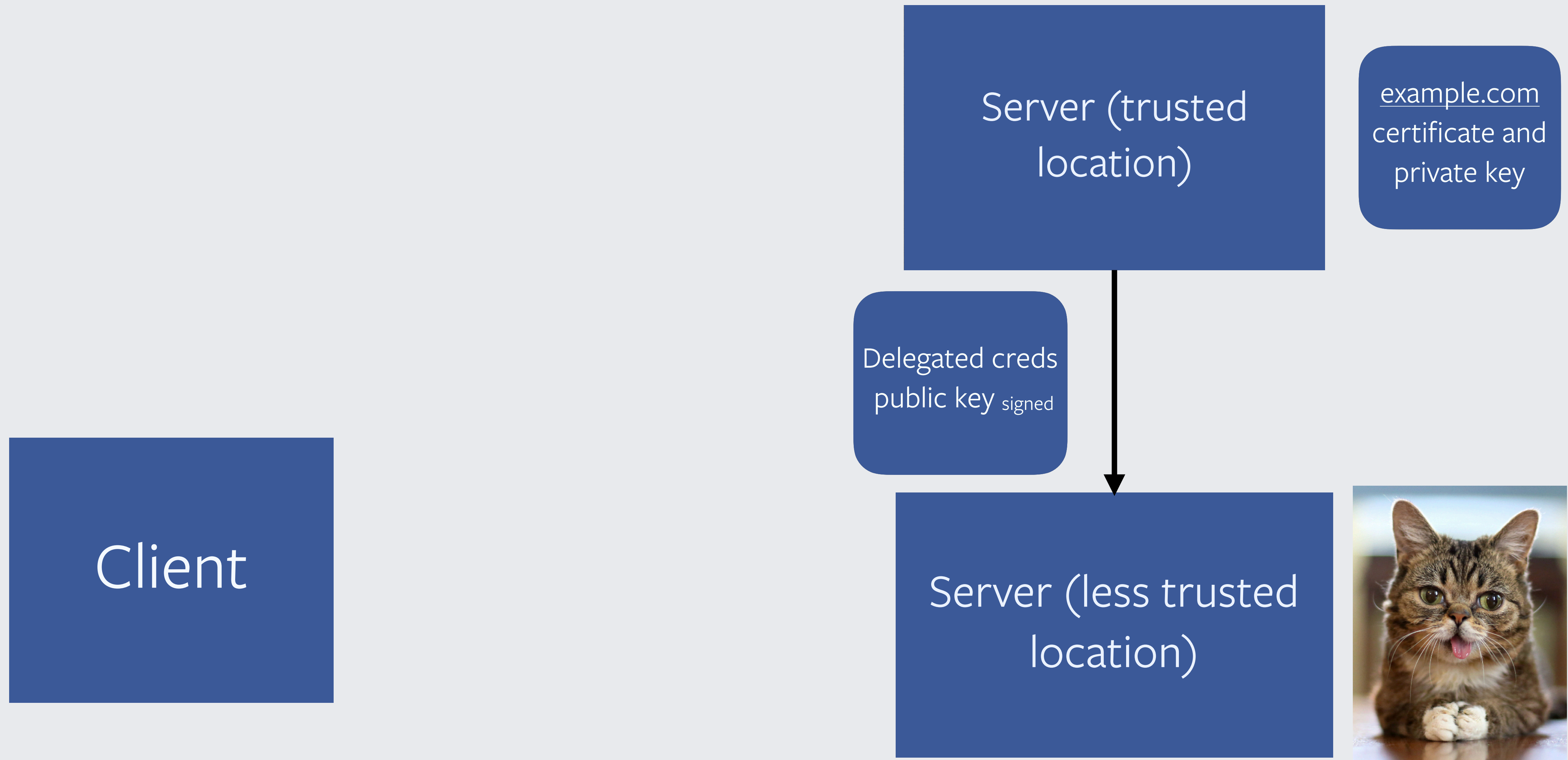


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## TLS handshake



Delegated creds  
public key<sub>signed</sub>

Server (less trusted  
location)

# Major changes in draft-rescorla-tls-subcerts-01

- Delegated credentials are trimmed to the bare essentials
- Changed signature scheme
- Cleaned up draft to only have one option
- Added requirement for a new X509 extension



# Bare essentials

```
struct {  
    uint32 validTime;  
    opaque publicKey<0..224-1>;  
} DelegatedCredentialParams;
```

```
struct {  
    DelegatedCredentialParams cred;  
    SignatureScheme scheme;  
    opaque signature<0..216-1>;  
} DelegatedCredential;
```

# Signature scheme

- A string that consists of octet 32 (0x20) repeated 64 times.
- "TLS, server delegated credentials".
- TLS ProtocolVersion
- End entity certificate used to sign the DelegatedCredential.
- SignatureScheme scheme.
- The DelegatedCredentialParams structure.

# Draft cleanup

- Last draft presented several options
- Trimmed to the Delegated Credential structure

# New X509 extension

- Comments from WG
- DelegationUsage X509 extension required on EE certificate

# Hackathon results

IETF 98 hackathon we got interop between:

- Fizz (Facebook, C++)
- tls-tris (Cloudflare, Go)
- picotls (Fastly, C)



# Open discussions

- We restrict lifetime to max 7 days. Does that work for everyone? Should we make this configurable?
- Delegated credentials can be taken from untrusted locations and used in trusted locations.