Datagram Transport Layer Security (DTLS)

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ClientKeyExchange

ClientHello

ServerHello, Certificate

ServerHelloDone

[ChangeCipherSpec], Finished

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Application Data



Server

DTLS Protocol Overview

Datagram-capable version of TLS

- Protocol flow same as TLS
 - Initial handshake (2-3 round trips)
 - Data sent in DTLS records
- Provide reliability for handshake phase
 - Using standard timeout and retransmits

PMTU Issues

Handshake phase

- Certificate message can be quite large
 - 500-1000 bytes per certificate
 - Can this exceed PMTU?
- Compromise between PMTU discovery and handshake completeness
- Application data transfer
 - Records can be up to 2¹⁴ bytes
 - Obviously this exceeds most PMTUs