TLS Cached Info

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Size of TLS Exchange: ECC Example

Server	Size
	121 bytes
ServerHello	87 bytes
Certificate	557 bytes
Server Key Exchange	215 bytes
Certificate Request	78 bytes
Server Hello Done	4 bytes
	570 bytes
	I 38 bytes
	80 bytes
	l byte
	40 bytes
Change Cipher Spec	l byte
TLS Finished	40 bytes
	ServerHello Certificate Server Key Exchange Certificate Request Server Hello Done

- Example assumes a ECC-based ciphersuite with a 256 bit key.
- Only a single certificate is exchanged in the Certificate message.
- Result: 1932 bytes
- TLS exchanges lots of fairly static information.
 - Certificates
 - List of acceptable certificate authorities
 - OCSP responses



draft-ietf-tls-cached-info-18: Basic Concept

- Client starts with full exchange and caches information (e.g., server provided certificate)
- In a subsequent exchange the client indicates support for the "CachedInfo" extension in the ClientHello
 - Also includes the fingerprint of what it has cached.
- Server confirms that it supports "CachedInfo", what objects it supports, and omits transmission of specific payloads.
- Previous versions of the document only sent empty (or almost empty) payloads.
- State requirements: only at client side



Caching Client Certificates

- Server now also has to keep state and it has to be indexed.
 - Similarity to session resumption and session ticket.
- Option #1:
 - Server provides an *cache-id* in the full exchange.
 - Client repeats it again in a future exchange.
 - Server uses the session id to select the client certificate.
- Option #2:
 - Client indicates hash of public key to allow server to select the cached client certificate.
 - Similar to client_certificate_url (and could even re-use the structure with a new type).
 - Problem: Linkability as with session ticket and session resumption

