

Secure Context

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Needs a valid certificate

How can we provide the devices with valid certificates?

What kind of TLS server certificate  
should we adopt for the devices?

<https://github.com/httpslocal/usecases/blob/master/Certificates.md>

## A) Public CA Certificate

- can chain up to Root CAs trusted by UA.

## B) Private CA Certificate

- cannot chain up to the trusted Root CAs and it is used for internal server name.

## C) Self-Signed Certificate

- is generated and signed by the device itself.



# (A) Public CA certificate

- **Pros**

- There is no need to extend UA implementation.
  - UA can trust the issued certificates by default.

- **Cons**

- UA cannot access the device when the internet connection is down.
  - The domain name must be resolved by Public DNS.
- The domain name and IP address of the device is disclosed globally because it must be registered in public DNS servers.
  - *“CAs SHALL revoke all unexpired Certificates whose SAN or Subject Common Name field contains a Reserved IP Address or Internal Server Name.”*  
(CA/Browser Forum Guidance[2])

## (B) Private CA certificate

- **Pros**

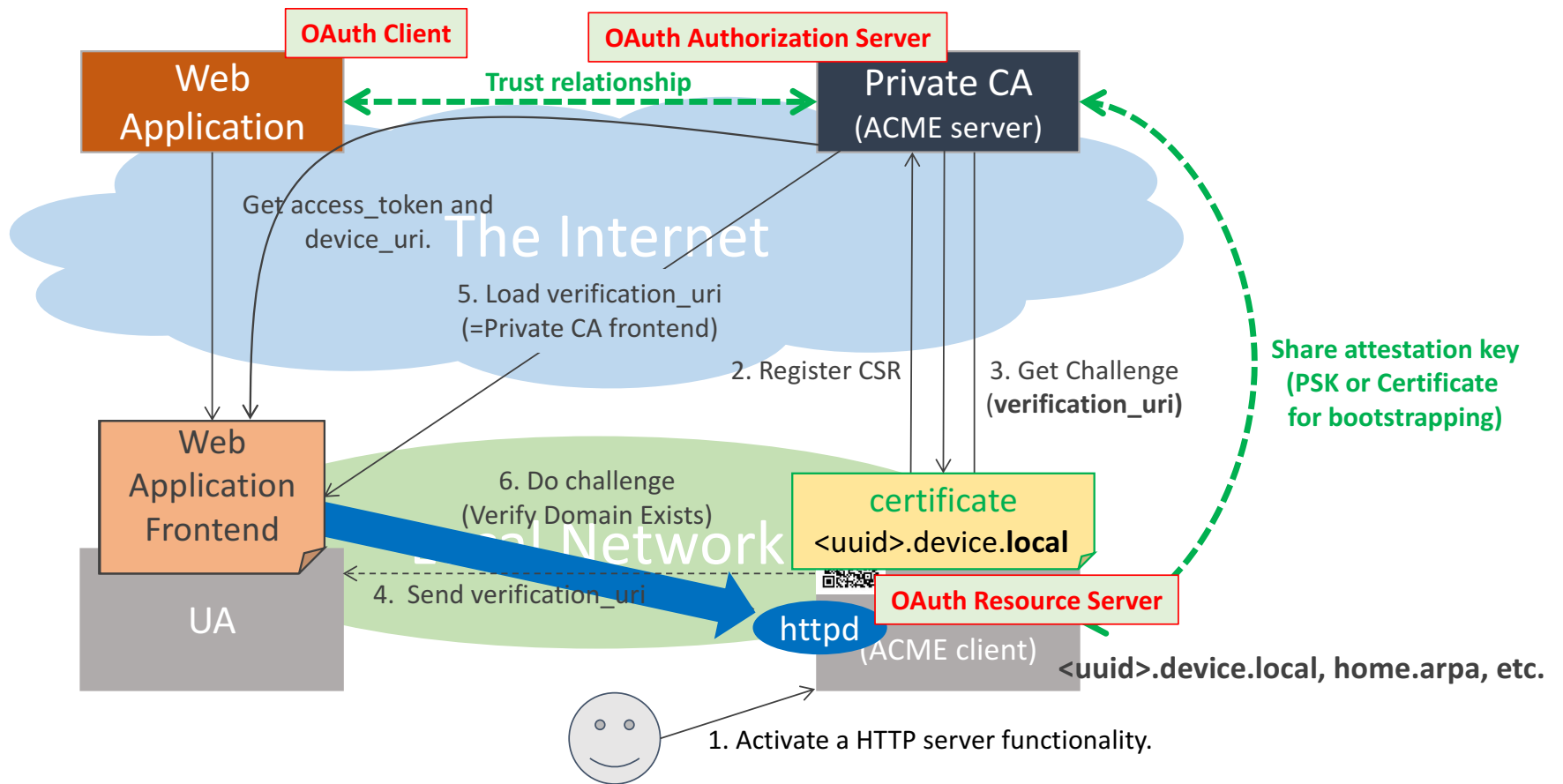
- UA can access the device even if the internet connection is down.
  - *“Internal Server Name”* MUST NOT be resolvable using the public DNS.
- The domain name of the device is not disclosed globally. There is no such kind of privacy concern.

- **Cons**

- This kind of certificate is not permitted by UA.
  - If we'd like to make UA permit the certificate without manual operations, some kind of extensions are needed on UA specification and implementation.

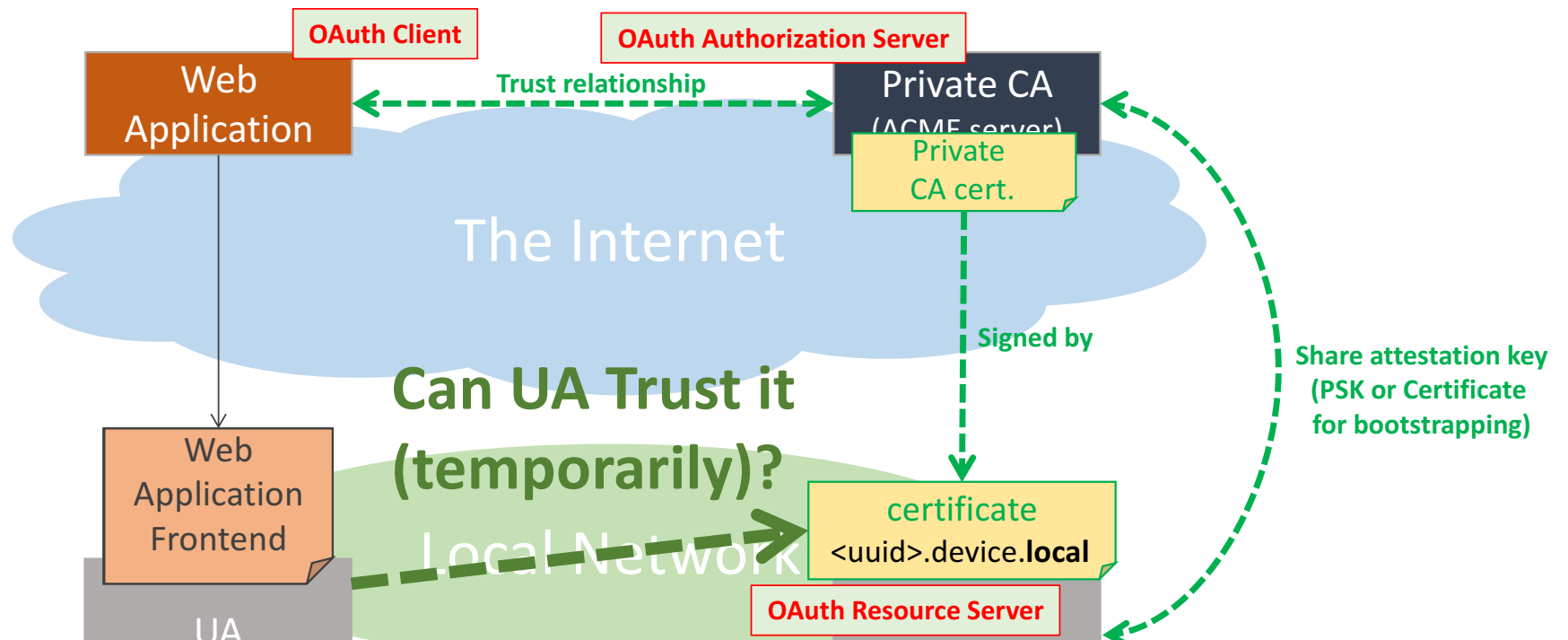
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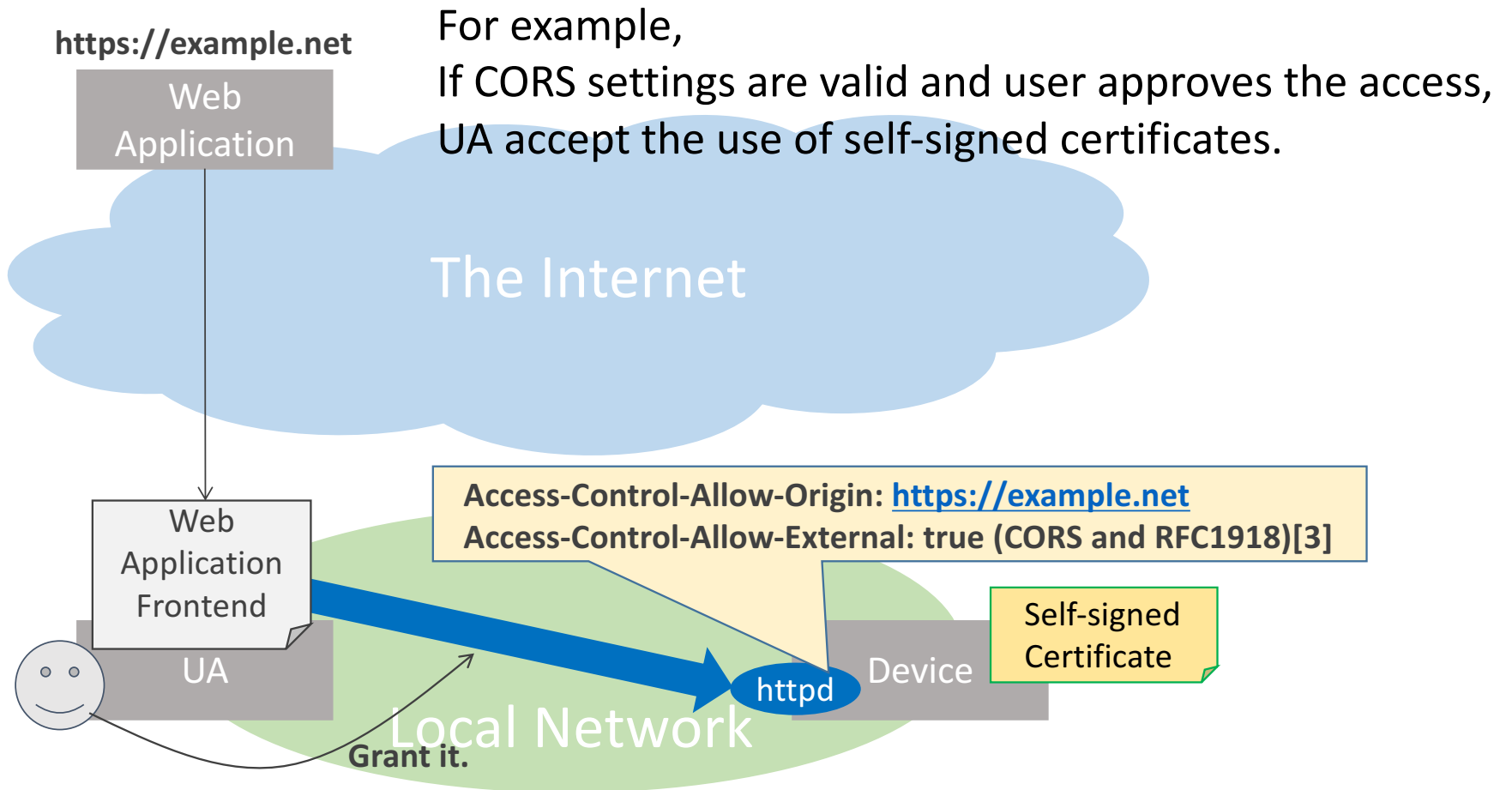
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Are there any possibilities for UA to be able to accept a private CA certificate if it is trusted by the web application and it is the root of the device's certificate?



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- **Cons**

- There is no trust in the certificate.
- There is no way to revoke the certificate even if we find the device is imperiled.

## Discussions:

What kind of TLS server certificate should we adopt for the devices?

	<b>Public Cert.</b>	<b>Private Cert.</b>	<b>Self-signed Cert.</b>
Pros	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• No extensions required on UA.</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• can get access to the device even if the internet connection is down.</li><li>• There is no privacy concerns related to DNS.</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Same as Private Cert case.</li></ul>
Cons	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• cannot access the device when the internet connection is down [1].</li><li>• disclose the domain name and IP address of the device globally.</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• This kind of certificate is not permitted by UA [2].</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• There is no trust in the certificate.</li><li>• There is no way to revoke the certificate when the device is imperiled.</li></ul>
	To resolve [1], we need some improvements on DNS protocols/systems. (Igarashi-san will talk about it.)	To resolve [2], we need to extend UA to permit such kind of certificates under some strict conditions.	Can we exclude this case ?

# References

- [1] PLEX
  - <https://blog.filippo.io/how-plex-is-doing-https-for-all-its-users/>
- [2] Internal Server Names and IP Address Requirements for SSL
  - <https://cabforum.org/wp-content/uploads/Guidance-Deprecated-Internal-Names.pdf>
- [3] CORS and RFC1918
  - <https://wicg.github.io/cors-rfc1918/>