

Digi who?

DigInotar, DANE, and  
DNSSEC Deployment

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Need I say  
more?



Ah well, a quick  
summary

A Certificate Authority



HOME ACTUEEL

KLANTENSERVICE OVER DIGINOTAR



Zorgeloos documenten online uitwisselen  
Hoe toont u aan dat uw document de originele en geautoriseerde versie is en dat het bij de juiste persoon komt?  
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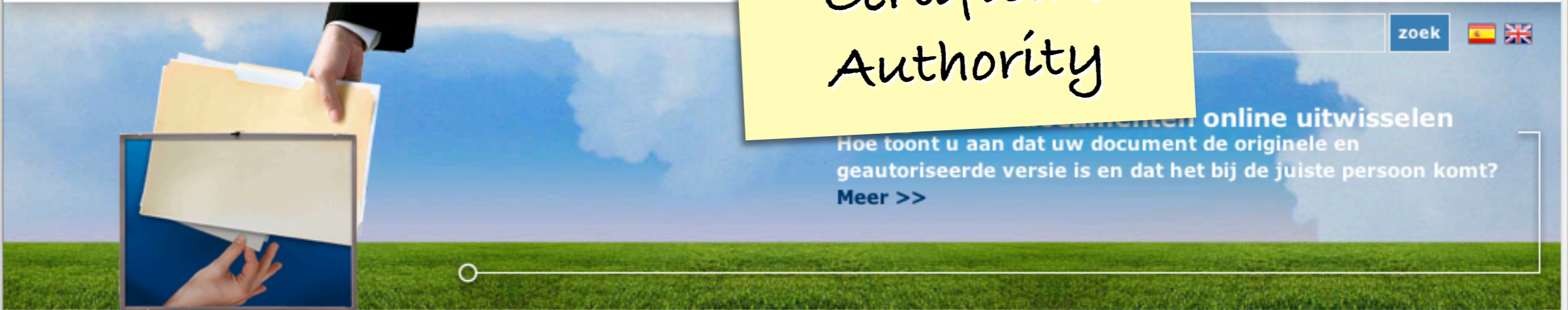
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A Bankrupt certificate Authority



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television interview  
Société Générale, BNP Paribas  
Credit Agricole, are considered integ-  
rators in the French economy, lending

# Iranian activists feel the chill as hacker taps into e-mails

BY SOMINI SENGUPTA

He claims to be 21 years old, a student of software engineering in Tehran who reveres Ayatollah Ali Khamenei and despises dissidents in his country. He sneaked into the computer systems of a security firm on the outskirts of Amsterdam. He created fake credentials that could allow someone to spy on Internet connections that appeared to be secure. He then shared that bounty with people he declines to identify.

The fruits of his labor are believed to have been used to tap into the online communications of as many as 300,000 unsuspecting Iranians this summer. He punched a hole in an

online security mechanism that is trusted by Internet users all over the world. Comodohacker, as he calls himself, insists that he acted on his own and is unperturbed by the notion that his work might have been used to spy on anti-government compatriots.

"I'm totally independent," he said in an e-mail exchange with The New York Times. "I just share my findings with some people in Iran. They are free to do anything they want with my findings and things I share with them, but I'm not responsible."

In the annals of Internet attacks, this is most likely to go down as a moment of reckoning. For activists, it shows the HACKER, PAGE 17

Front-Page  
NEWS

Events  
chain of ~~trust~~

Something fishy

[Help forum](#) > [Gmail](#) > [Coffee Shop \(off-topic\)](#) > Is This MITM Attack to Gmail's SSL ?



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Level 1  
8/28/11

[Report abuse](#)

28 Aug 2011

## ★ Is This MITM Attack to Gmail's SSL ?

Hi,  
Today, when I trid to login to my Gmail account I saw a certificate warning in Chrome .  
I took a screenshot and I saved certificate to a file .

this is the certificate file with screenshot in a zip file:  
<http://www.mediafire.com/?rrklb17slctityb>

and this is text of decoded fake certificate:  
<http://pastebin.com/ff7Yg663>

when I used a vpn I didn't see any warning ! I think my ISP or my government did this attack (because I live in Iran and you may hear something about the story of Comodo hacker!)

<http://www.google.com/support/forum/p/gmail/thread?tid=2da6158b094b225a>

### Invalid Server Certificate

You attempted to reach [www.google.com](https://www.google.com), but the server presented an invalid certificate.

[Back](#)

[Help me understand](#)

When you connect to a secure website, the server hosting that site presents your browser with something. This certificate contains identity information, such as the address of the website, which is verified by a third party. Checking that the address in the certificate matches the address of the website, it is possible to verify that you are on the website you intended, and not a third party (such as an attacker on your network).

In this case, the server certificate or an intermediate CA certificate presented to your browser is invalid. This certificate is malformed, contains invalid fields, or is not supported.

#### Certificate

General Details Certification Path

Certification path

- DigiNotar Root CA
  - DigiNotar Public CA 2025
    - \*.google.com

[View Certificate](#)

Certificate status:  
This certificate is OK.

Learn more about [certification paths](#)

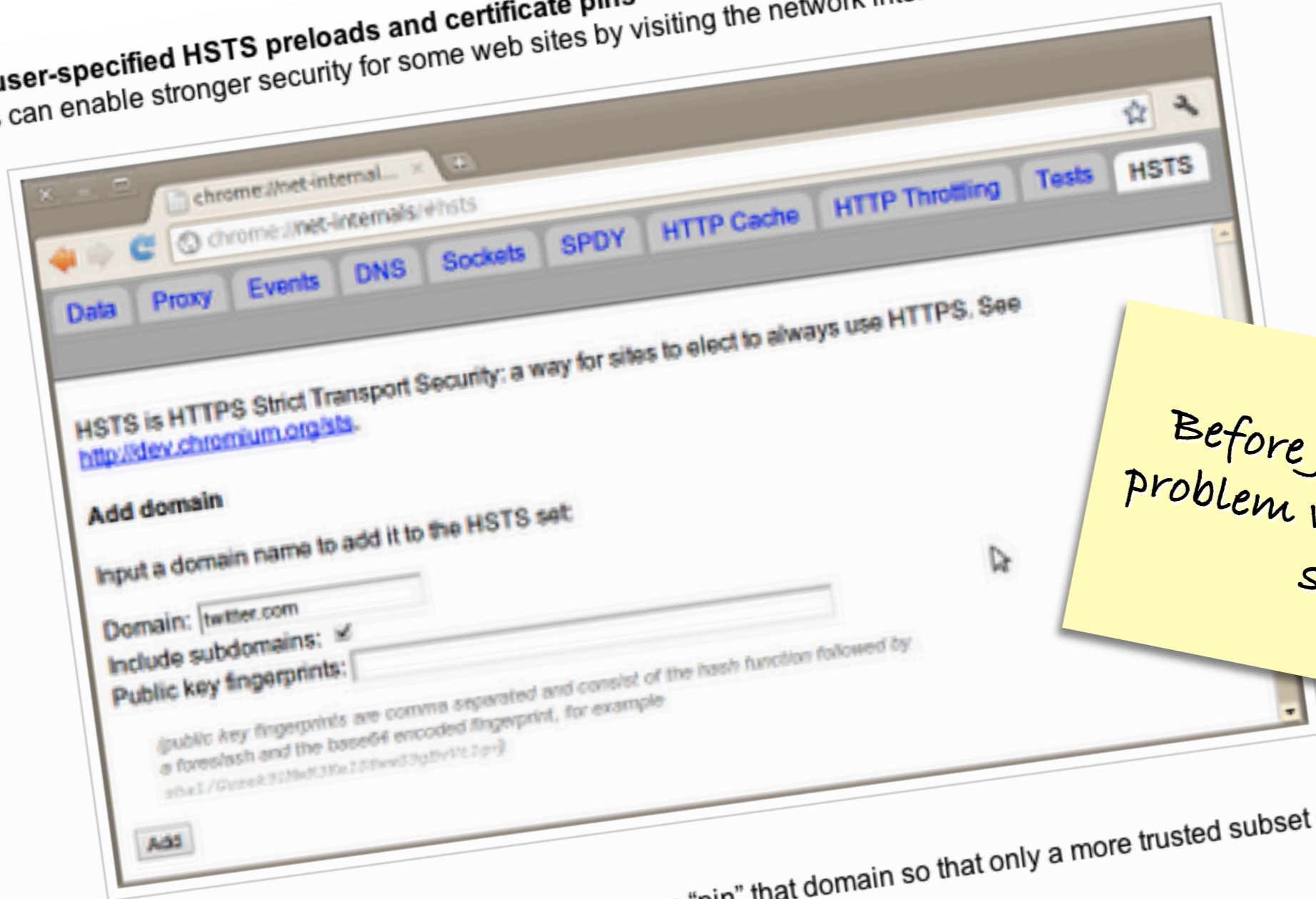
[OK](#)

Google Chrome magic caught this!



# Chromium 12: user-specified HSTS preloads and certificate pins

Advanced users can enable stronger security for some web sites by visiting the network internals page: <chrome://net-internals/#hsts>



Before June 2011 the problem would not have shown

You can now force HTTPS for any domain you want, and even "pin" that domain so that only a more trusted subset of CAs are permitted to identify that domain.  
It's an exciting feature but we'd like to warn that it's easy to break things! We recommend that only experts experiment with net internals settings.

<http://blog.chromium.org/2011/06/new-chromium-security-features-june.html>

**Interim Report**  
September 5, 2011

*DigiNotar Certificate Authority breach  
"Operation Black Tulip"*

Classification **PUBLIC**

Customer DigiNotar B.V.

Subject: Investigation DigiNotar Certificate Authority Environment

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What went  
wrong?

[http://www.diginotar.nl/Portals/7/Persberichten/  
Operation%20Black%20Tulip%20v1.0a.pdf](http://www.diginotar.nl/Portals/7/Persberichten/Operation%20Black%20Tulip%20v1.0a.pdf)

Compromised  
certificate issued  
by:  DigiNotar®  
A & S VASCO COMPANY

Fox-IT hired to  
investigate

Earlier report (Jul 27):  
Compromise of External  
web servers

Incomplete  
audit trails

Multiple  
hacker tools  
on the servers

Specialized  
PKI scripts

Advanced and  
Amateur

Fingerprint  
Similarity to  
Comodo Hacker

And a claim by  
the guy

Hi again! I strike back again, huh?

I told all that I can do it again, I told all in interviews that I still have accesses in Comodo resellers, I told all I have access to most of CAs, you see that words now?

You know, I have access to 4 more so HIGH profile CAs, which I can issue certs from them too which I will, I won't name them, I also had access to StartCom CA, I hacked their server too with so sophisticated methods, he was lucky by being sitted in front of HSM for signing, I will name just one more which I still have access: GlobalSign, let me use these accesses and CAs, later I'll talk about them too..

I won't talk so many detail for now, just I wanted to let the world know that ANYTHING you do will have consequences, ANYTHING your country did in past, you have to pay for it...

I was sure if I issue those certificates for myself from a company, company will be closed and will not be able to issue certs anymore, Comodo was really really lucky!

I thought if I issue certs from Dutch Gov. CA, they'll lose a lot of money:  
[http://www.nasdaq.com/asp/dynamic\\_charting.aspx?selected=VDSI&timeframe=6m&charttype=line](http://www.nasdaq.com/asp/dynamic_charting.aspx?selected=VDSI&timeframe=6m&charttype=line)

But I remembered something and I hacked DigiNotar without more thinking in anniversary of that mistake:  
<http://www.tepav.org.tr/en/kose-yazisi-tepav/s/2551>

When Dutch government, exchanged 8000 Muslim for 30 Dutch soldiers and Animal Serbian soldiers killed 8000 Muslims in same day, Dutch government have to pay for it, nothing is changed, just 16 years has been passed. Dutch government's 13 million dollars which paid for DigiNotar will have to go DIRECTLY into trash, it's what I can do from KMs away! It's enough for Dutch government for now, to understand that 1 Muslim soldier worth 10000 Dutch government.

I'll talk technical details of hack later, I don't have time now... How I got access to 6 layer network behind internet servers of DigiNotar, how I found passwords, how I got SYSTEM privilege in fully patched and up-to-date system, how I bypassed their nCipher NethSM, their hardware keys, their RSA certificate manager, their 6th layer internal "CERT NETWORK" which have no ANY connection to internet, how I got full remote desktop connection when there was firewalls that blocked all ports except 80 and 443 and doesn't allow Reverse or direct VNC connections, more and more and more...

After I explain, you'll understand how sophisticated attack it was, It will be a good hacking course for hackers like Anonymous and Lulzsec :) There was so many 0-day bugs, methods and skill shows...

Have you ever heard of XUDA programming language which RSA Certificate manager uses it? NO! I heard of it in RSA Certificate Manager and I learned programming in it in same night, it is so unusual like greater than sign in all programming languages is ">" but in XUDA it is "{"

Anyway... I'll talk about DigiNotar later! For now keep thinking about what Dutch government did in 16 years ago in same day of my hack, I'll talk later and I'll introduce to you MOST sophisticated hack of the year which will come more, you have to also wait for other CA's certificates to be used by me, then I'll talk about them too.

Interviews will be done via email ichsun [at] ymail.com

By the way, ask DigiNotar about this username/password combination: Username: PRODUCTION\Administrator (domain administrator of certificate network) Password: Pr0d@dm1n

It's not all about passwords or cracking them,

1) you can't have remote desktop connection in a really closed and protected network by firewalls which doesn't allow Reverse VNC, VNC, remote desktop, etc. by packet detection.

2) you can't even dump hashes of domain if you don't have admin privilege to crack them

3) you can't access 6th layer network which have no ANY connection to internet from internet

Yeah!

Bye for now

<http://pastebin.com/IAxH30em>

# A Rogue Certificate is Useful to an Adversary When:

1. The victim wants to go to the site where the attacker has a rogue certificate

2. The compromised certificate is not in a blacklist (OCSP CRL), or not checked otherwise

3. The attacker can divert the user's traffic (Man in the Middle)

What kind of adversary has a-priori knowledge that it can effectively be a man in the middle?

Assuming hackers act rational economically

3. The attacker can divert the user's traffic (Man in the Middle)

Is the hack worth the investment?

Geo-locating the source of  
OCSP queries for the  
fake cert for \*.google.com



Operation Black Tulip  
2011-08-28 14:00:00

**FOX-IT**  
EXPERTS IN IT SECURITY

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wZsWoSxxwVY&hd=I>

This particular  
attack...

was a determined  
adversary

with direct access  
to Nationwide  
infrastructure

The attack vector would work at  
any scale, large or small as long  
as you can position the attack on  
path



As a result

Iranian users had some of their communications, including username/passwords tapped by an eavesdropper

The Diginotar CA got pulled from browsers

(Inconvenient, and not everyone updates their browsers)

Diginotar was the Dutch Authorities' CA provider

Backend

Processing

Tax

Various Gov Sites

# Why could it happen?

The TLS session cannot say WHICH CA is to be used. validate the digital signature

Your browser will allow ANY CA to be used to validate a digital signature

Rogue CAs imperil the ENTIRE DNS!

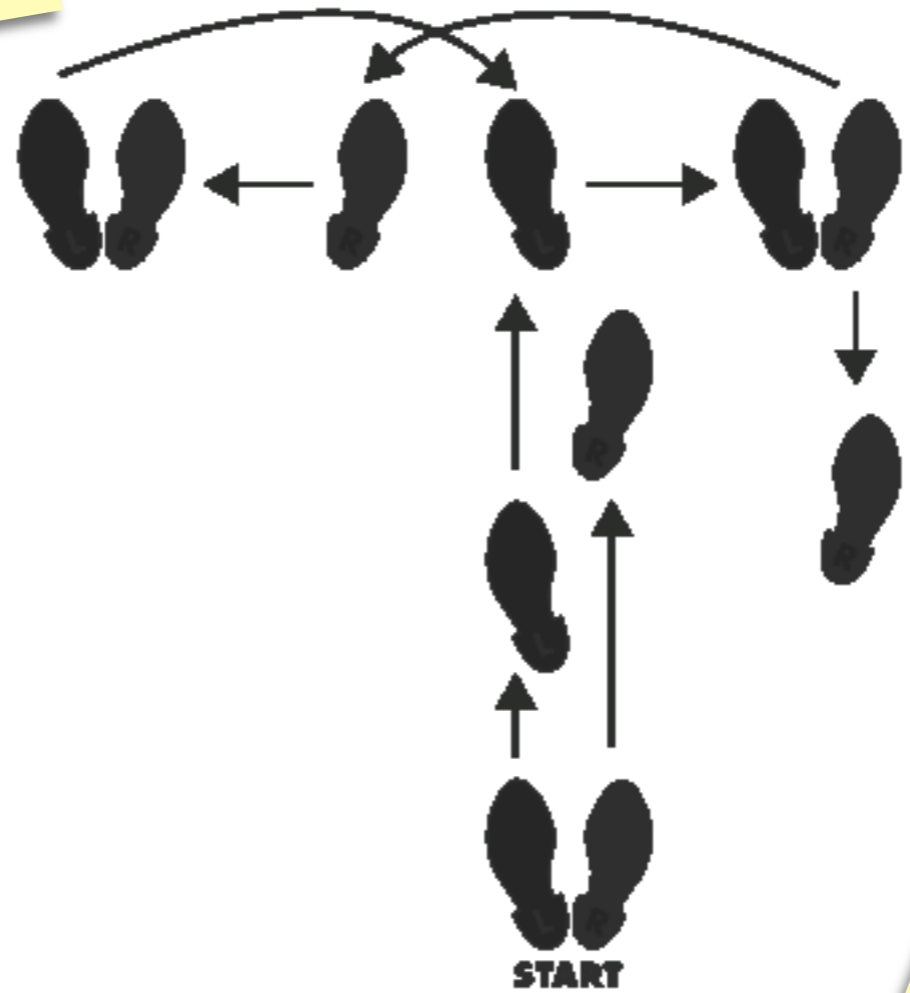
Domain Name  
certificates are  
structurally weak:

Its hard to  
differentiate services  
within the domain  
name

The entire domain name  
certification setup is only as  
good as the weakest CA!

any compromised  
CA can issue rogue  
certificates for ANY  
domain name

Lets take a  
step back



and talk  
about PKI

The role of a  
CA:

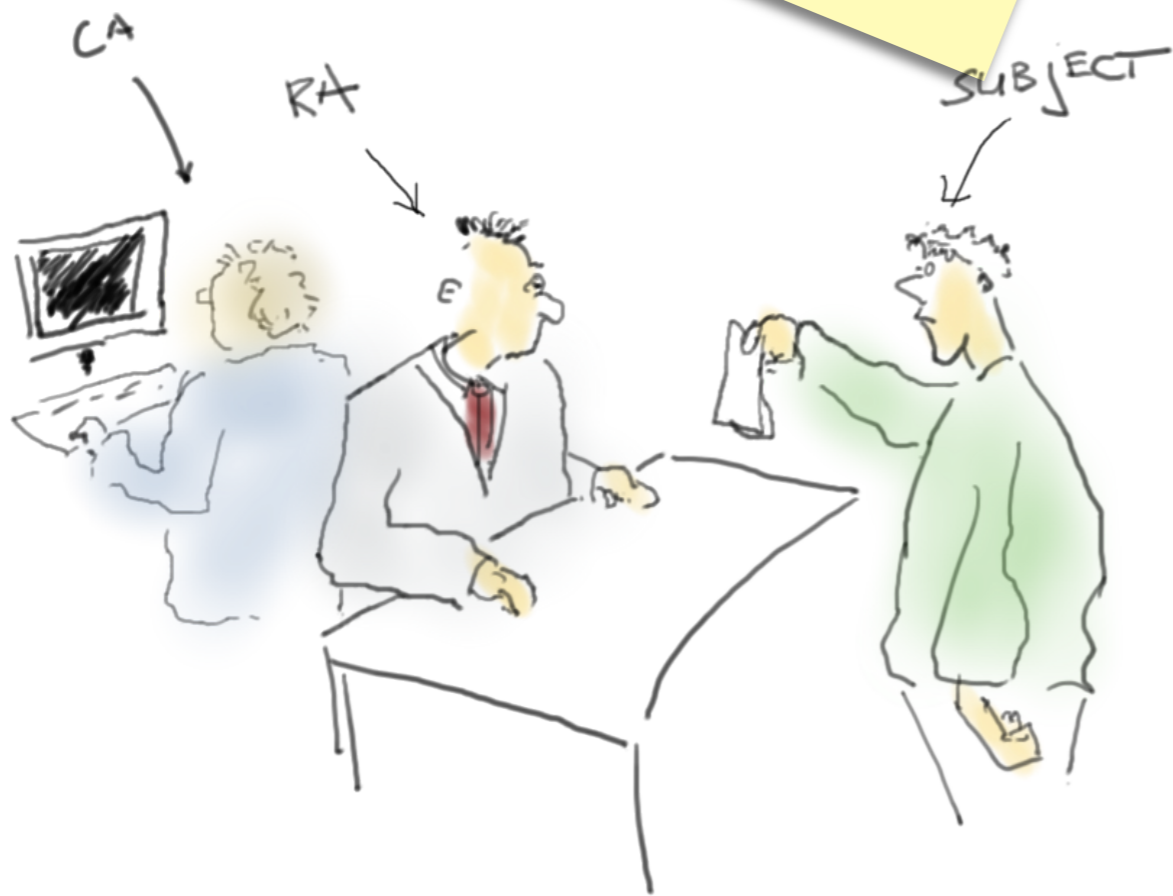
3rd party  
trust broker

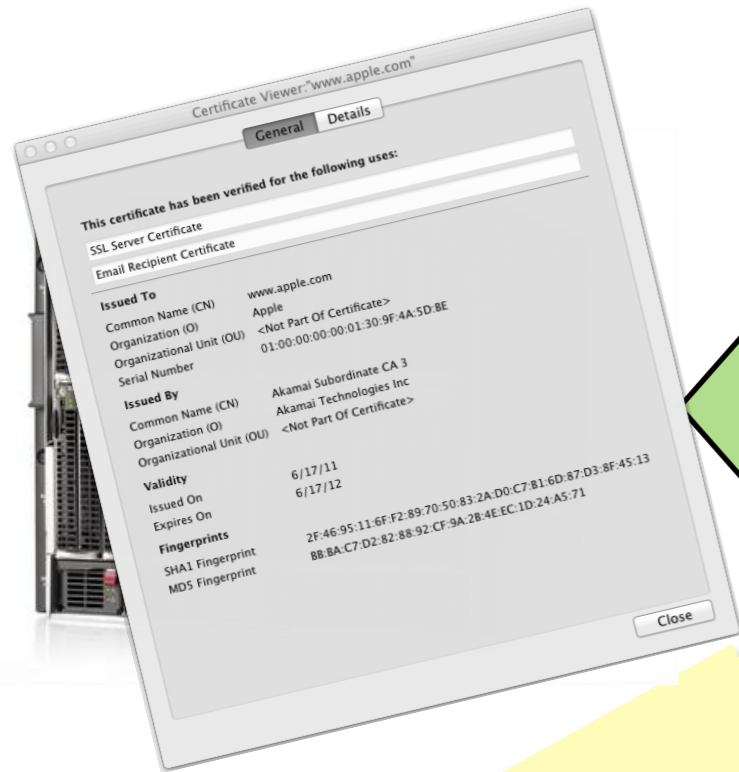
Subject  
Requests

RA performs  
checks

RA tells CA to  
sign

Browser trusts  
CA signed  
certificates





Browser trusts  
~60 CAs

And therefore  
~1500 subordinate CAs  
(~651 organizations)

See the EFF SSL observatory  
<http://www.eff.org/files/DefconSSLiverse.pdf>

In a commercial world...



what succeeds in the market?



Some CAs don't apply rigorous identity checks to issued domain name validation certificates

An important motivation for using digital certificates to restore trust to online transactions by requiring website operators to undergo vetting with a certificate authority (CA) in order to get an SSL certificate. However, commercial pressures have led some CAs to introduce "domain validation only" SSL certificates for which minimal verification is performed of the details in the certificate.

Most browsers' user interfaces did not clearly differentiate between low-validation certificates and those that have undergone more rigorous vetting. Since any successful SSL connection causes the padlock icon to appear, users are not likely to be aware of whether the website owner has been validated or not. As a result, fraudsters (including phishing websites) have started to use SSL to add perceived credibility to their websites.

By establishing stricter issuing criteria and requiring consistent application of those criteria by all participating CAs, EV SSL certificates are intended to restore confidence among users that a website operator is a legally established business or organization with a verifiable identity.

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Extended\\_Validation\\_Certificate](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Extended_Validation_Certificate)



All these CA worker bees and all these manual checks are a tad expensive

And the certificate market is undifferentiated

Reduce CA costs through automation of the process

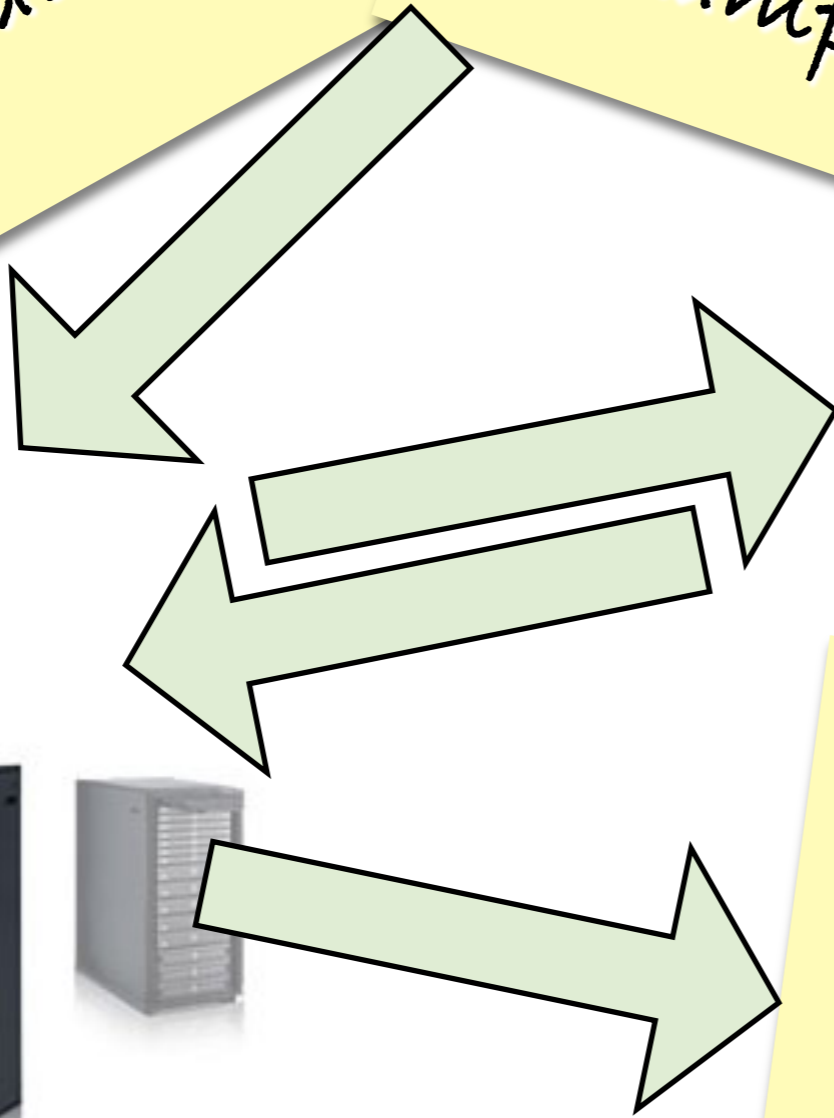


DV  
Domain Validation

Subject: Please sign  
certificate for  
"example.com"

RA sends a mail to  
well known address  
@example.com

When mail  
returned CA will  
sign



DV  
Domain Validation

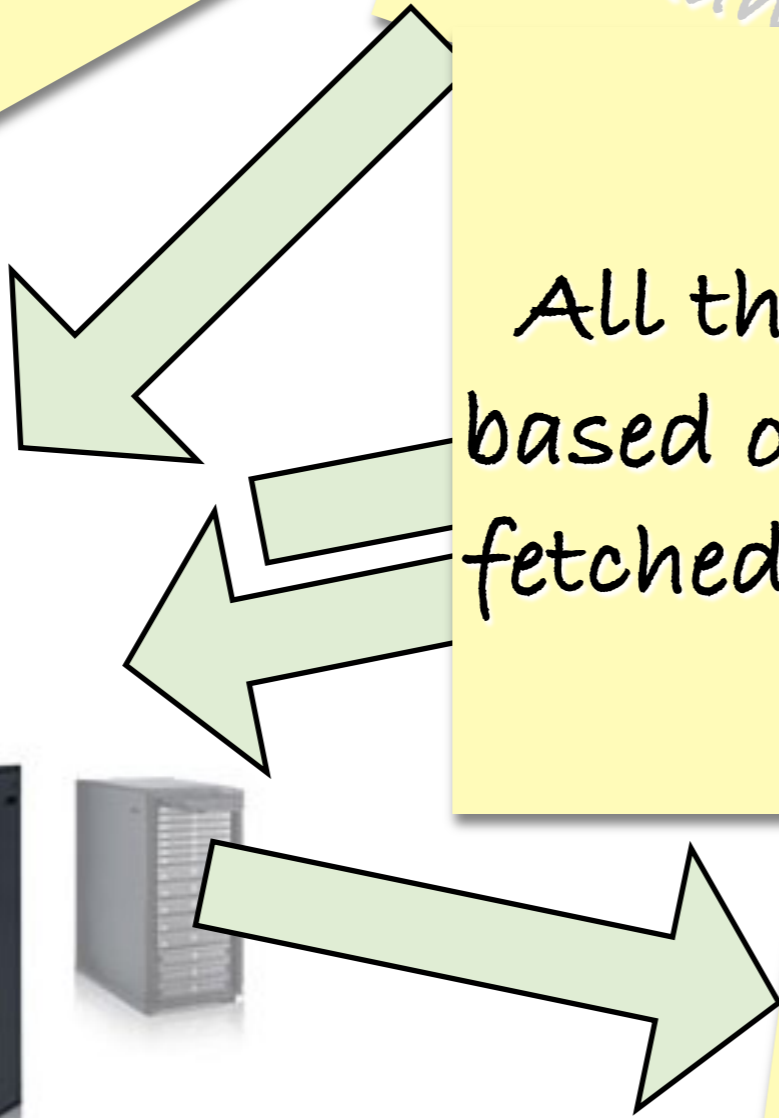
Subject: Please sign  
certificate for  
Example.com

All these checks are  
based on information  
fetched from the DNS

mail to  
address  
@example.com

When mail  
returned CA will  
sign

Hold that thought!



An important motivation for digital certificates with SSL was to add trust to online transactions by requiring operators to undergo vetting with a certificate authority (CA) in order to create a certificate. However, commercial pressures have led some CAs to introduce SSL certificates for which minimal verification is performed.

Not everyone  
is honest!

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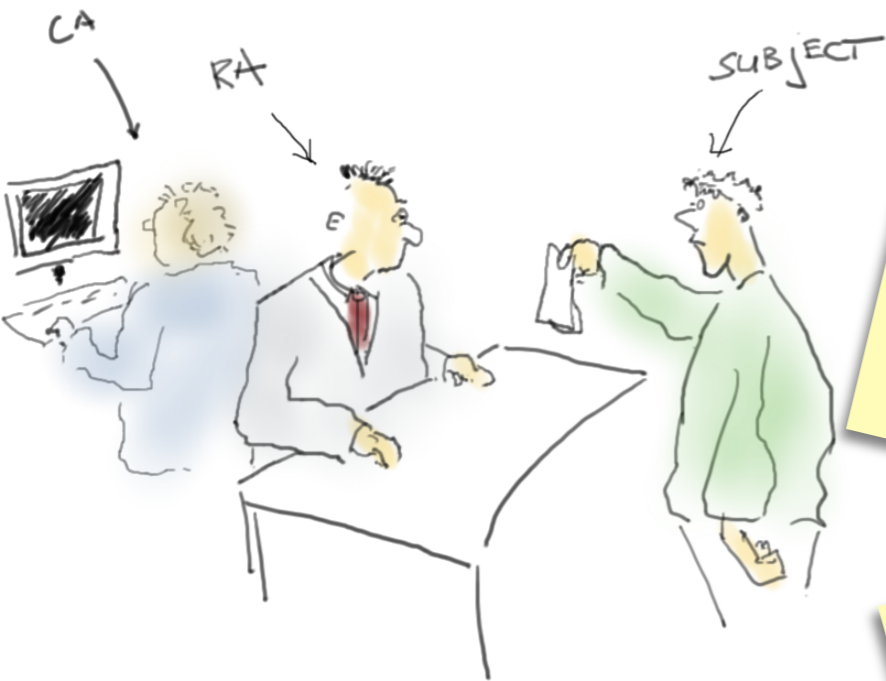
RA tells CA to  
sign

Browser  
recognises CA  
signed EV  
certificates

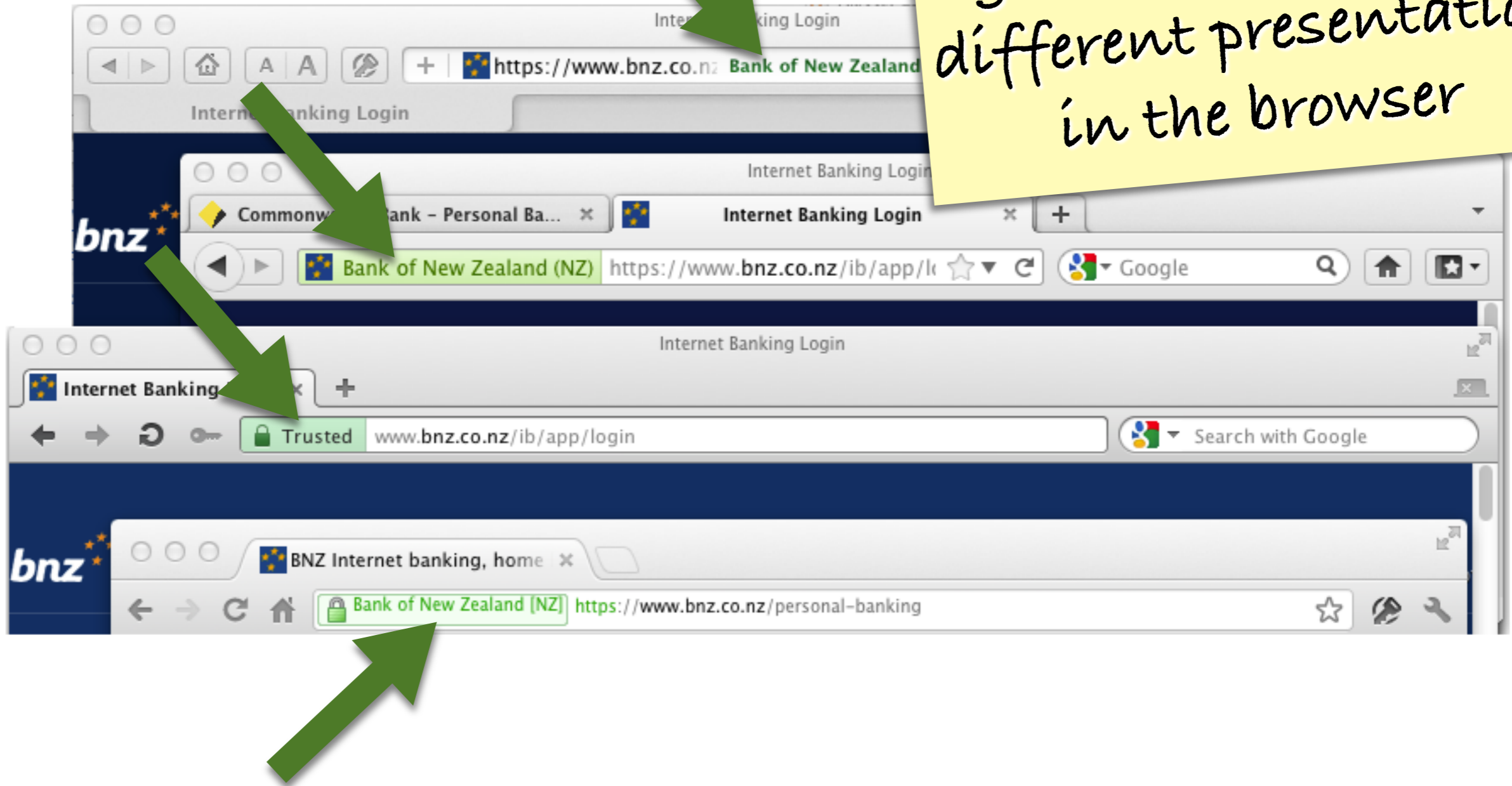
- Who are you?
- Do you own the domain name?
- What web site are you using?
- Who is operating the web site?
- Are you authorized to act on behalf of the domain name holder?

[http://www.cabforum.org/Guidelines\\_v1\\_3.pdf](http://www.cabforum.org/Guidelines_v1_3.pdf)

**Certificate  
with EV policy  
Identifier**



EV certificates  
generate a slightly  
different presentation  
in the browser

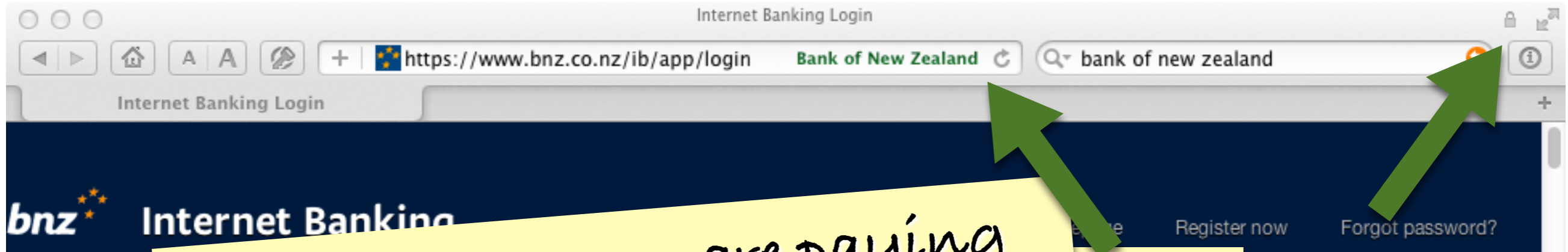


Why should I care  
about DV or EV  
anyway?

Now and then it's possible that one of those CA organizations will make a mistake or be compromised.

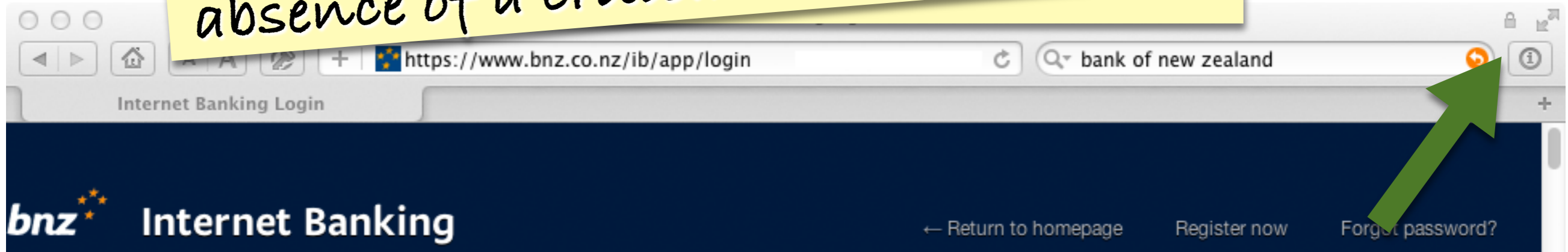
And then there are two signed certificates for a domain name, and only one is the "good" EV one.... while the other one might be a DV cert from a duped CA





Fortunately you are paying attention... and notice the absence of a critical visual clue

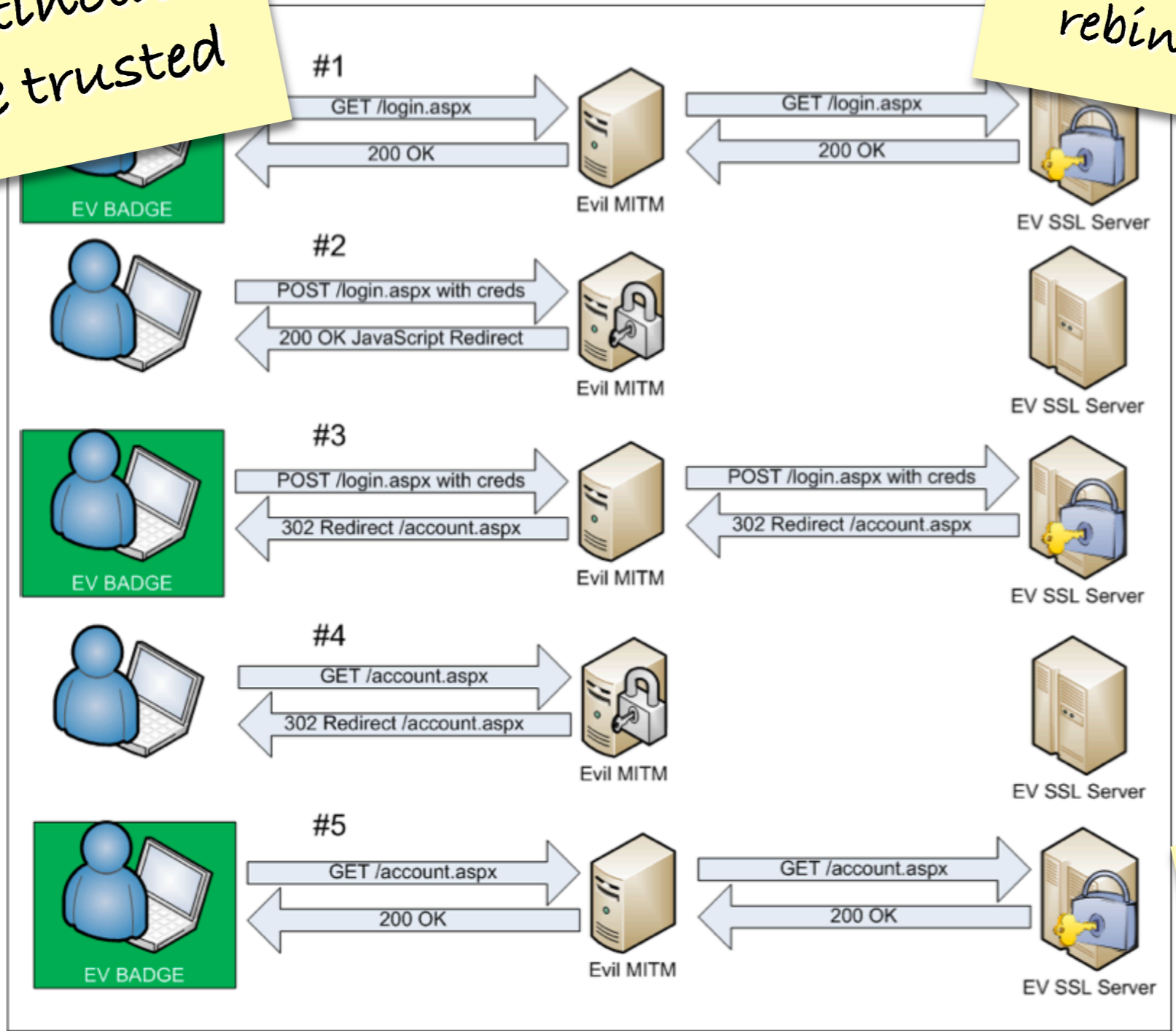
EV



DV

BUT: In Practice the DV-EV distinction can not be trusted

Zusman and Sotirov demonstrated rebinding attacks



W1 armsrace

Figure: The request and response flow of an SSL Rebinding attack

ooops!

Rogue Certificate  
Counter Measure

Blacklisting

CRL

OCSP

Doesn't scale well  
Only available when compromise is  
known to have happened  
Relies on OCSP use!

Extended  
Validity

DV-EV distinction cannot be  
made reliably without  
external knowledge

Whitelisting

next page

What if you know before starting the TLS/SSL session that a certain certificate is to be expected?

Whitelisting

HTSP

Leap of Faith

Or use an alternative infrastructure

Domain Name  
System

Independent Hierarchical  
Registration

One root

Scalable and  
Global

Namespace maps 1:1 to PKI  
Use

# DANE

Using Secure DNS to Associate Certificates with Domain Names for TLS

<http://tools.ietf.org/wg/dane>

draft-ietf-dane-protocol

# TLSA RR

## 2.3. TLSA RR Examples

An example of a hashed (SHA-256) association of a PKIX CA certificate:

```
_443._tcp.www.example.com. 1  
0 0 1 d2abde240d7cd3ee6b4  
7983ald16e8a410e456
```

CA Cert

An example of a hashed (SHA-512) subject public key association of a PKIX end entity certificate:

```
_443._tcp.www.example.c  
1 1 2 92003ba34942dc  
a5a520e7f2e06b  
1b177615d466f6  
8c9ebdd2f74e38fe5111a48e4932000
```

EE Cert

An example of a full certificate association of a PKIX trust anchor:

```
_443._tcp.www.example.co  
2 0 0 30820307308201e
```

Trust Anchor



valid CERTS and/or CAs are  
stored in the the DNS:  
allow only those CAs to validate  
presented certs for your SSL  
connection

Prevents a rogue  
DigNotar CA vouching  
for Google's gmail

If DANE provides the CA's identity, then DANE offers the protection that you are looking at a valid EV certificate issued by the CA that performed the EV validation checks in the first place

CA compromise then has limited liability to those certificates issued by the compromised CA

How about DV certificates:  
are they useless?

CAs checking the  
DNS are not  
needed

The CERT can be  
stored in the DNS  
at once

Not with DANE

DV becomes a  
commodity

Encryption is free

How does  
DNSSEC get  
into the picture?



DANE Specification  
REQUIRES it

Even Before DANE gets  
deployed DNSSEC is  
useful

Obtaining Rogue  
(DV) certificates

Use of Rogue  
certificates

Obtaining Rogue  
(DV) certificates

Hacking the  
provisioning path

Diginotar  
CA  
compromise

Comodo  
reseller  
impersonation

For DV certificates  
you have to  
impersonate the  
Domain

Impersonation  
during the request  
(Men in the Middle)

For EV, much more fraud  
(Social Engineering)

Did you keep this thought?

Domain DV

Obtaining Rogue (DV) Certificates

All these checks are based on information fetched from the DNS

Own the DNS and the DV is yours



DANE has the potential to solve important PKI/TLS problems

Not a magic bullet

And for DANE to work then DNSSEC is necessary



# DNSSEC Potential Problems

Why now?

UDP  
agmentation

TCP problem

Software  
support

Tools  
Availability

Increase  
Costs

Under  
provisioned  
Infrast.

Trained Staff

Unaware  
Firewalls

Home  
gateways

Challenges

DNSSEC last  
mile

Libraries and APIs

Tunnel Hacks

DNSSEC for  
SUS Admins

BIND9.8

OpenDNSS  
FC

Tools, Trainers,  
and consultants  
are available

Registrar  
support

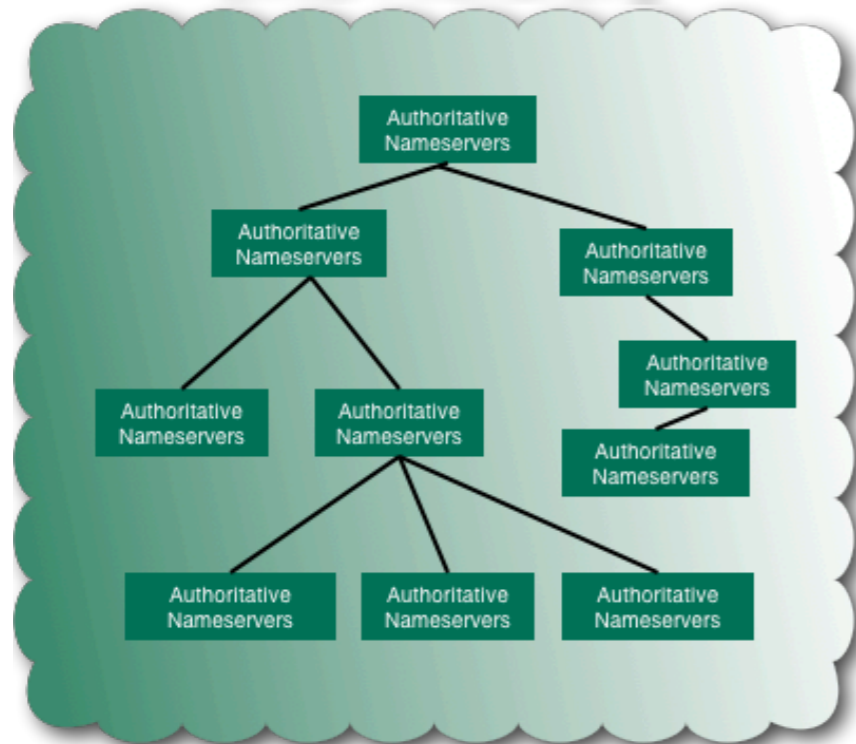
Why invest in DNSSEC?

In signing when there is no validation

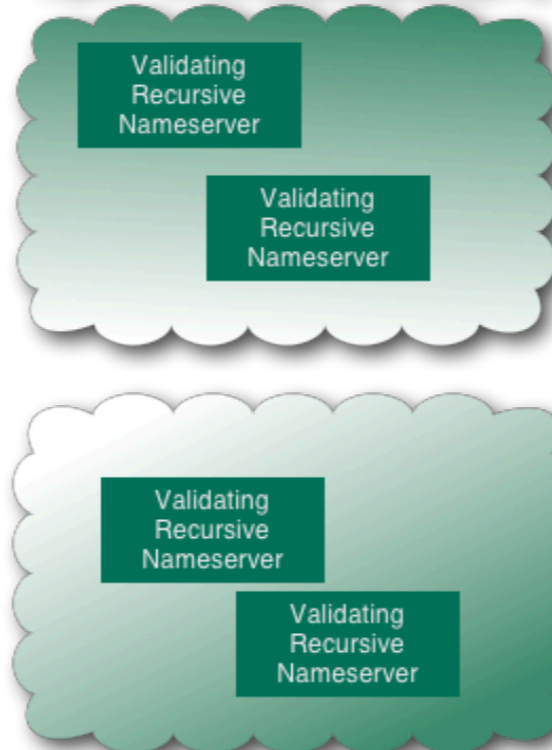
In validation when nothing is signed?

In development if there is no infrastructure?

### DNS Hierarchy



### ISP infrastructure



### OS and Application Support



Why invest in  
DNSSEC?

Because the DNS represents a  
major point of vulnerability in  
today's networks

Cyber attacks are no longer just  
a teenage hobby or even petty  
crime

Attacks on the DNS are  
highly effective for all  
kinds of reasons!

You

**MUST**

- play a role

It's not about short term economics  
It's about long term maintenance of  
the Public Good

Thats it!