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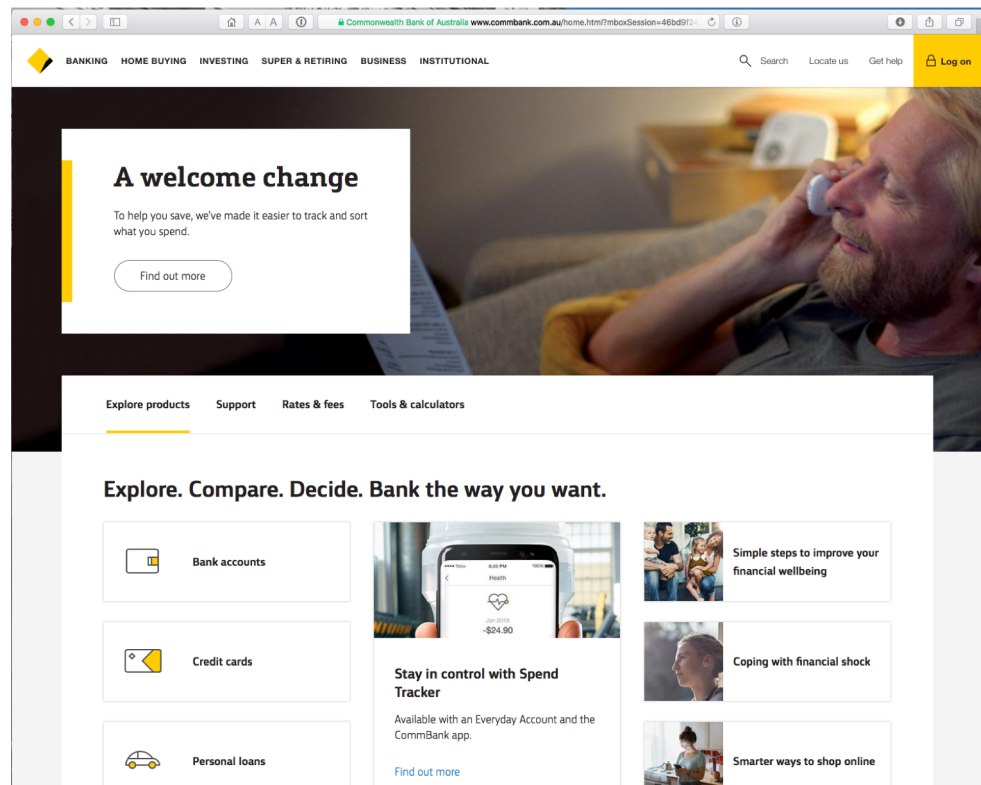
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I hope!

# Security on the Internet

How do you know that you are really going to where you thought you were going to?



BORDER GATEWAY PROTOCOL ATTACK—

# Suspicious event hijacks Amazon traffic for 2 hours, steals cryptocurrency

Almost 1,300 addresses for Amazon Route 53 rerouted for two hours.

DAN GOODIN - 4/25/2018, 5:00 AM

The logo for amazon.com, featuring the word "amazon.com" in a bold, black, sans-serif font. Below the text is the Amazon smile logo, a curved orange arrow pointing from the 'a' to the 'm'.

Amazon

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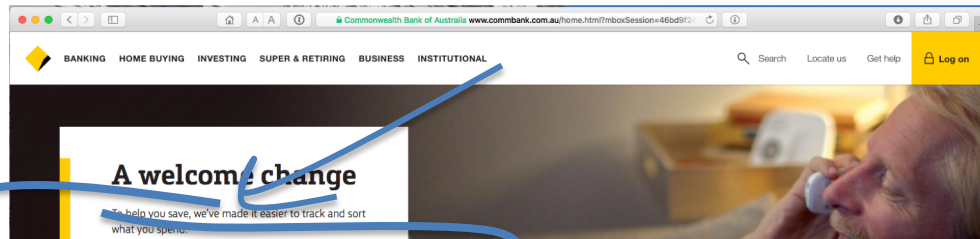
Amazon lost control of a small number of its cloud services IP addresses for two hours on Tuesday morning when hackers exploited a known Internet-protocol weakness that let them to redirect traffic to rogue destinations. By subverting Amazon's domain-resolution service, the attackers masqueraded as cryptocurrency website MyEtherWallet.com and stole about \$150,000 in digital coins from unwitting end users. They may have targeted other Amazon customers as well.

The incident, which started around 6 AM California time, hijacked roughly 1,300 IP addresses, Oracle-owned Internet Intelligence [said on Twitter](#). The malicious redirection was caused by fraudulent routes that were announced by [Columbus, Ohio-based eNet](#), a large Internet service provider that is referred to as autonomous system 10297. Once in place, the eNet announcement caused Hurricane Electric and possibly Hurricane Electric customers and other eNet peers to send traffic over the same unauthorized routes. The 1,300 addresses belonged to [Route 53](#), Amazon's domain name system service

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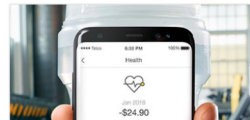
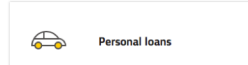
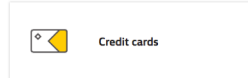
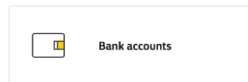


Commonwealth Bank of Australia www.commbank.com.au/home.html?mboxSession=46bd9f24

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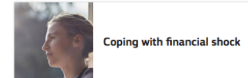
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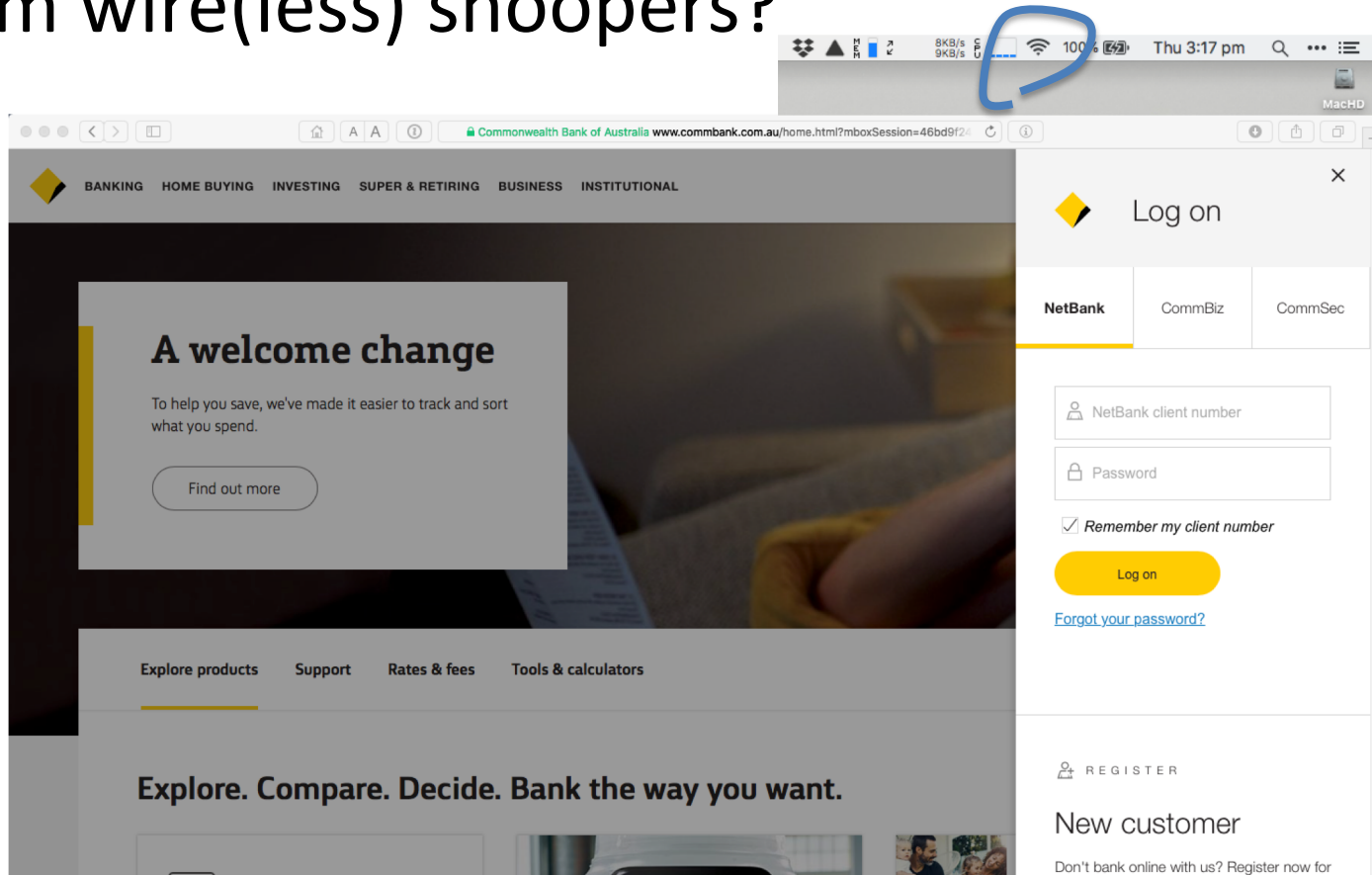
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[Find out more](#)



# Security on the Internet

Also, how can you keep your session a secret from wire(less) snoopers?





# Opening the Connection: First Steps



Client:

*DNS Query:*

www.commbank.com.au?



*DNS Response:*

23.77.138.30

*TCP Session:*

TCP Connect 23.77.138.30, port 443



# Hang on...

```
$ dig -x 23.77.138.30 +short  
a23-77-138-30.deploy.static.akamaitechnologies.com.
```

That's **not** an IP addresses that was allocated to the Commonwealth Bank!

The Commonwealth Bank of Australia has the address blocks  
140.168.0.0 - 140.168.255.255 and  
203.17.185.0 - 203.17.185.255

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That's an Akamai address block

And I am NOT a customer of the Internet Bank of Akamai!

So why should my browser trust that 23.77.138.30 is really the “proper” web site for the Commonwealth Bank of Australia, and not some dastardly evil scam designed to steal my passwords and my money?

# The major question...

How does my browser tell the difference between an intended truth and a lie?



# Public Key Cryptography

Pick a **pair** of keys such that:

- Messages encoded with one key can only be decoded with the other key
- Knowledge of the value of one key does not infer the value of the other key
- Make one key public, and keep the other a closely guarded private secret



# The Power of Primes

$$(m^e)^d \equiv m \pmod{n}$$

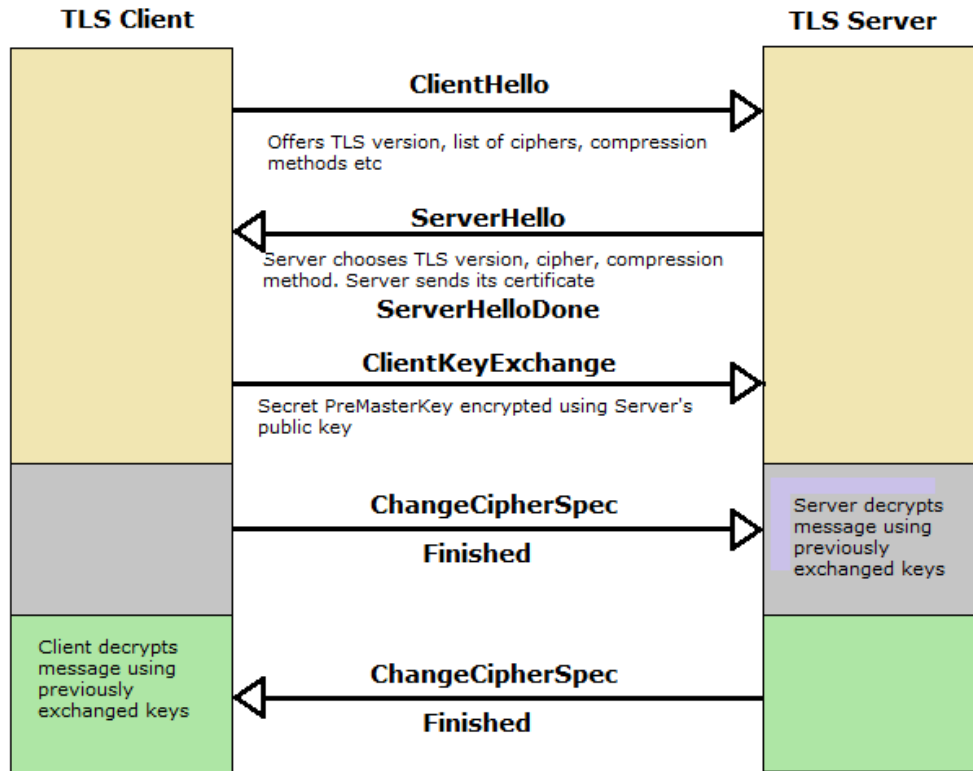
As long as  $d$  and  $n$  are relatively large, and  $n$  is the product of two large prime numbers, then finding the value of  $d$  when you already know the values of  $e$  and  $n$  is computationally expensive

# Why is this important?

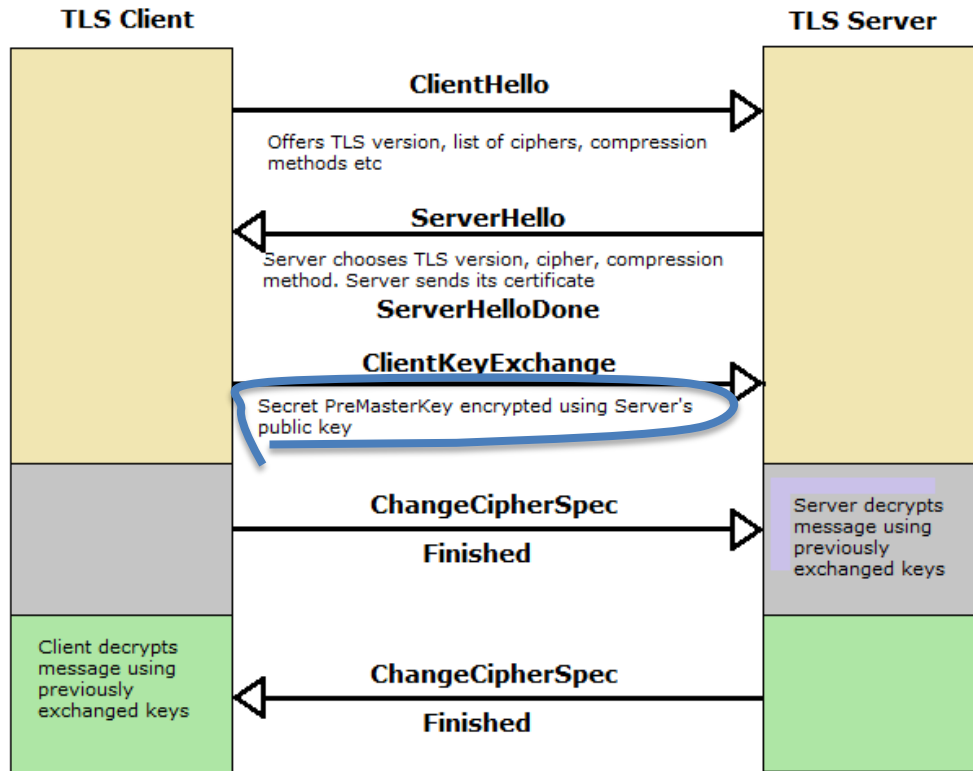
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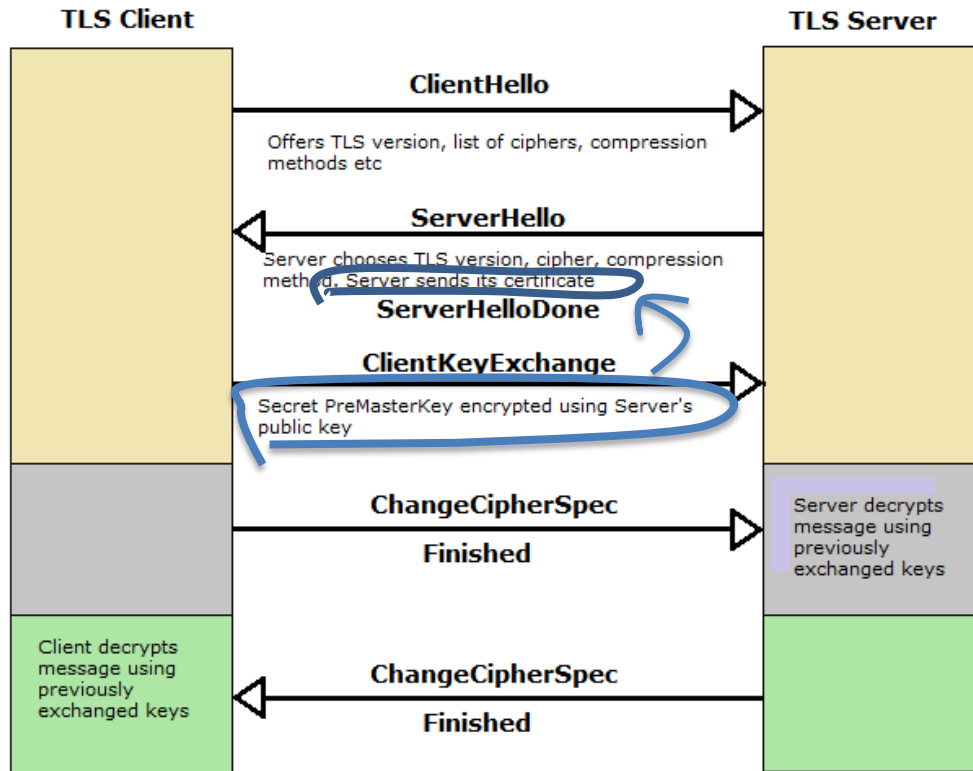
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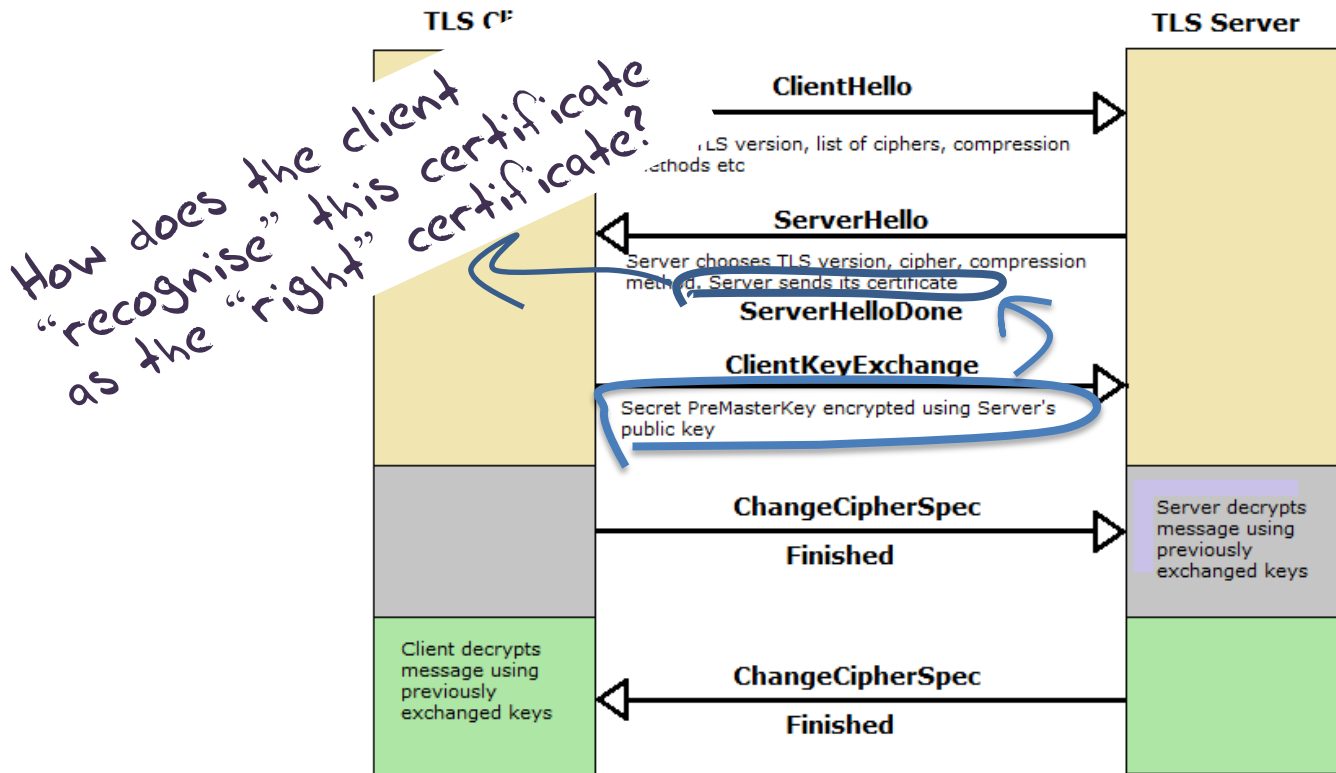
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Safari is using an encrypted connection to www.commbank.com.au.

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Symantec Corporation has identified www.commbank.com.au as being owned by Commonwealth Bank of Australia in SYDNEY, New South Wales, AU.

- VeriSign Class 3 Public Primary Certification Authority - G5
- Symantec Class 3 EV SSL CA - G3
- www.commbank.com.au



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 Expires: Saturday, 27 February 2016 at 10:59:59 AM Australian Eastern Daylight Time  
 This certificate is valid

- Trust
- Details

Subject Name	
Inc. Country	AU
Business Category	Private Organization
Serial Number	123 123 124
Country	AU
Postal Code	2000
State/Province	New South Wales
Locality	SYDNEY
Street Address	201 SUSSEX S T
Organization	Commonwealth Bank of Australia
Organizational Unit	CBA Business System Hosting
Common Name	www.commbank.com.au
Issuer Name	
Country	US
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Serial Number	1A 9F E9 4B 03 9D E2 9A B6 15 56 69 60 3E 98 AE
Version	3
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Parameters	none
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Algorithm	RSA Encryption ( 1.2.840.113549.1.1.1 )
Parameters	none
Public Key	256 bytes : CA B4 74 93 E8 00 22 10 ...
Exponent	65537
Key Size	2048 bits
Key Usage	Encrypt, Verify, Wrap, Derive
Signature	256 bytes : 95 32 C3 F0 62 F1 F8 F1 ...



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*Why should i trust them?*



# Local Trust

Keychain Access

Click to unlock the System Roots keychain.

Keychains

- login
- Directory Services
- iCloud
- System
- System Roots**

Category

- All Items

AAA Certificate Services

Root certificate authority

Expires: Monday, 1 January 2029 at 10:59:59 AM Australian Eastern Daylight Time

✓ This certificate is valid

Name	Kind	Expires	Keychain
SwissSign Platinum CA - G2	certificate	25 Oct 2036, 7:36:00 PM	System Roots
SwissSign Platinum Root CA - G3	certificate	4 Aug 2037, 11:34:04 PM	System Roots
SwissSign Silver CA - G2	certificate	25 Oct 2036, 7:32:46 PM	System Roots
SwissSign Silver Root CA - G3	certificate	4 Aug 2037, 11:19:14 PM	System Roots
Symantec Class 1 Public Primary Certification Authority - G4	certificate	19 Jan 2038, 10:59:59 AM	System Roots
Symantec Class 1 Public Primary Certification Authority - G6	certificate	2 Dec 2037, 10:59:59 AM	System Roots
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T-TeleSec GlobalRoot Class 2	certificate	2 Oct 2033, 10:59:59 AM	System Roots
T-TeleSec GlobalRoot Class 3	certificate	2 Oct 2033, 10:59:59 AM	System Roots
TC TrustCenter Class 2 CA II	certificate	1 Jan 2026, 9:59:59 AM	System Roots
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TC TrustCenter Universal CA I	certificate	1 Jan 2026, 9:59:59 AM	System Roots
TC TrustCenter Universal CA II	certificate	1 Jan 2031, 9:59:59 AM	System Roots
TC TrustCenter Universal CA III	certificate	1 Jan 2030, 10:59:59 AM	System Roots
TeliaSonera Root CA v1	certificate	18 Oct 2032, 11:00:50 PM	System Roots
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TRUST2408 OCES Primary CA	certificate	4 Dec 2037, 12:11:34 AM	System Roots
Trusted Certificate Services	certificate	1 Jan 2029, 10:59:59 AM	System Roots
Trustis FPS Root CA	certificate	21 Jan 2024, 10:36:54 PM	System Roots
TÜBİTAK UEKAE Kök Sertifika Hizmet Sağlayıcısı - Sürüm 3	certificate	21 Aug 2017, 9:37:07 PM	System Roots
TÜRKRÜST Elektronik Sertifika Hizmet Sağlayıcısı	certificate	23 Dec 2017, 5:37:19 AM	System Roots
TWCA Global Root CA	certificate	1 Jan 2031, 2:59:59 AM	System Roots
TWCA Root Certification Authority	certificate	1 Jan 2031, 2:59:59 AM	System Roots
UCA Global Root	certificate	31 Dec 2037, 11:00:00 AM	System Roots
UCA Root	certificate	31 Dec 2029, 11:00:00 AM	System Roots
UTN - DATACorp SGC	certificate	25 Jun 2019, 5:06:30 AM	System Roots
UTN-USERFirst-Client Authentication and Email	certificate	10 Jul 2019, 3:36:58 AM	System Roots
UTN-USERFirst-Hardware	certificate	10 Jul 2019, 4:19:22 AM	System Roots
UTN-USERFirst-Network Applications	certificate	10 Jul 2019, 4:57:49 AM	System Roots
UTN-USERFirst-Object	certificate	10 Jul 2019, 4:40:36 AM	System Roots
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Visa eCommerce Root	certificate	24 Jun 2022, 10:16:12 AM	System Roots
Visa Information Delivery Root CA	certificate	30 Jun 2025, 3:42:42 AM	System Roots
VRK Gov. Root CA	certificate	19 Dec 2023, 12:51:08 AM	System Roots
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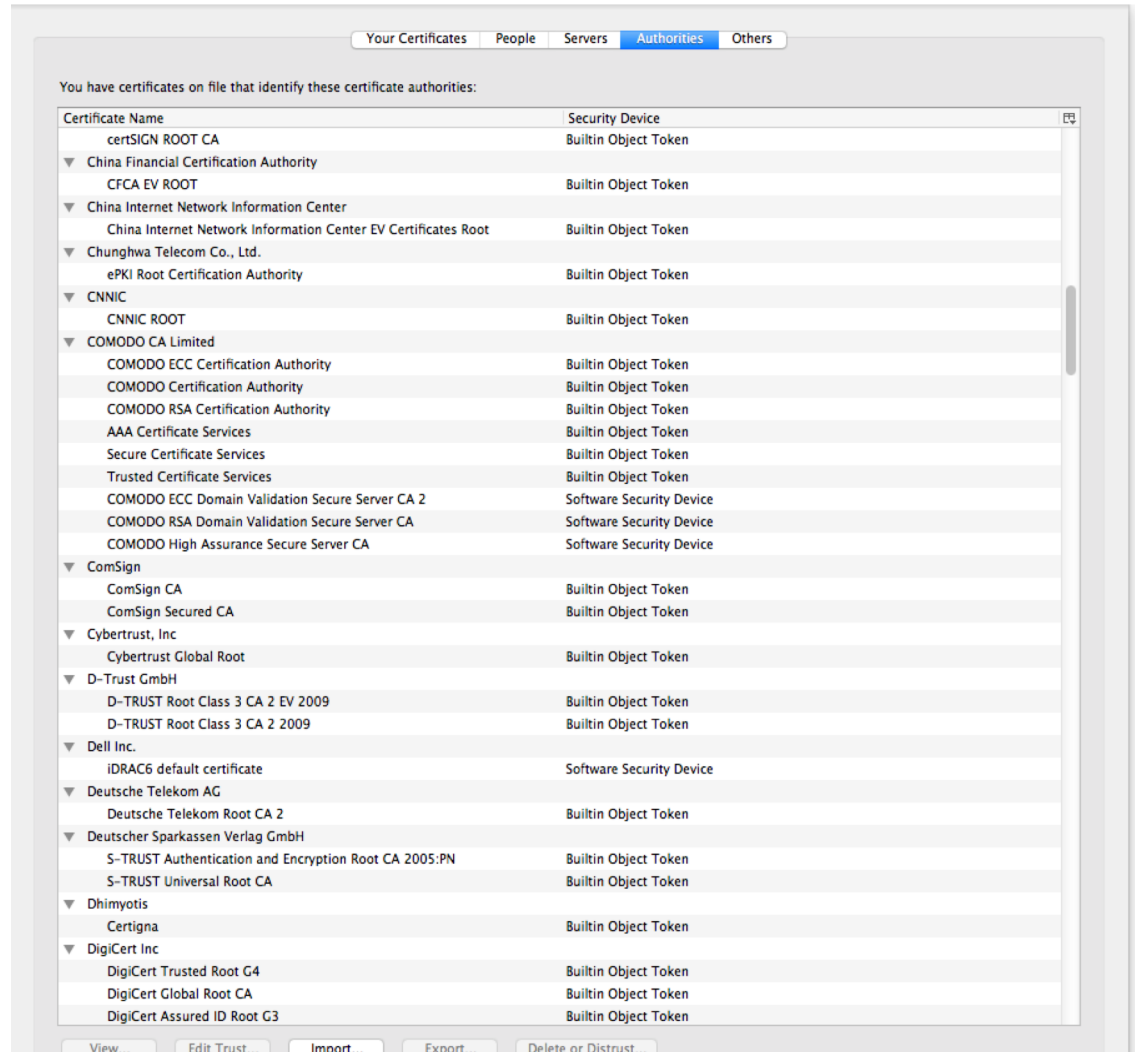
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The cert i'm being asked to trust was issued by a certification authority that my browser already trusts - so i trust that cert!

# Local Trust or Local Credulity\*?

That's a big list of people to Trust

Are they all trustable?



\* cre·du·li·ty

/krə'd(y)ooledē/

noun

a tendency to be too ready to believe that something is real or true.

# Local Credulity

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*Evidently Not!*

Your Certificates | People | Servers | **Authorities** | Others

You have certificates on file that identify these certificate authorities:

Certificate Name	Security Device
certSIGN ROOT CA	Builtin Object Token
▼ China Financial Certification Authority	
CFCA EV ROOT	Builtin Object Token
▼ China Internet Network Information Center	
China Internet Network Information Center EV Certificates Root	Builtin Object Token
▼ Chunghwa Telecon	
ePKI Root Certif	
▼ CNNIC	
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▼ Cybertrust, Inc	
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▼ Deutscher Sparkas:	
S-TRUST Authel	
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Certigna	
▼ DigiCert Inc	
DigiCert Truste	
DigiCert Global	
DigiCert Assure	

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## Maintaining digital certificate security

Posted: Monday, March 23, 2015

Posted by Adam Langley, Security Engineer

On Friday, March 20th, we became aware of unauthorized digital certificates for several Google domains. The certificates were issued by an intermediate certificate authority apparently held by a company called [MCS Holdings](#). This intermediate certificate was issued by [CNNIC](#).

CNNIC is included in all major root stores and so the misissued certificates would be trusted by almost all browsers and operating systems. Chrome on Windows, OS X, and Linux, ChromeOS, and Firefox 33 and greater would have rejected these certificates because of [public-key pinning](#), although misissued certificates for other sites likely exist.

We promptly alerted CNNIC and other major browsers about the incident, and we blocked the MCS Holdings certificate in Chrome with a [CRLSet](#) push. CNNIC responded on the 22nd to explain that they had contracted with MCS Holdings on the basis that MCS would only issue certificates for domains that they had registered. However, rather than keep the private key in a suitable [HSM](#), MCS installed it in a man-in-the-middle proxy. These devices intercept secure connections by masquerading as the intended destination and are sometimes used by companies to intercept their employees' secure traffic for monitoring or legal reasons. The employees' computers normally have to be configured to trust a proxy for it to be able to do this. However, in this case, the presumed proxy was given the full authority of a public CA, which is a serious breach of the CA system. This situation is similar to a [failure by ANSSI](#) in 2013.

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The image shows a Windows 'Certificate Authorities' window on the left, listing various root certificates. A blue circle highlights 'COMODO CA Limited' in the list. A blue arrow points from this circle to the main article on the right. The article is titled 'The real security issue behind the Comodo hack' by Roger A. Grimes. A blue circle highlights a paragraph in the article: 'News of an Iranian hacker duping certification authority Comodo into issuing digital certificates to one or more unauthorized parties has caused an uproar in the IT community, moving some critics to call for Microsoft and Mozilla to remove Comodo as a trusted root certification authority from the systems under their control. Though the hacker managed his feat by first compromising a site containing a hard-coded logon name and password, then generating certificates for several well-known sites, including Google, Live.com, Skype, and Yahoo, I'm not bothered by the'.

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## The real security issue behind the Comodo hack

The Comodo hack has grabbed headlines, but more troubling is the public's ignorance over PKI and digital certificates

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5 High Impact Big Data Use Cases

But my bank used Symantec

as their Certificate Authority

And Symantec NEVER lie in the certificates they issue

Never?

# Well, hardly ever

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RISK ASSESSMENT —

## Already on probation, Symantec issues more illegit HTTPS certificates

At least 108 Symantec certificates threatened the integrity of the encrypted Web.

DAN GOODIN - 1/21/2017, 8:40 AM



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A security researcher has unearthed evidence showing that three browser-trusted certificate authorities (CAs) owned and operated by Symantec improperly issued more than 100 unvalidated [transport layer security](#) certificates. In some cases, those certificates made it possible to spoof HTTPS-protected websites.

### Misissued/Suspicious Symantec Certificates

Andrew Ayer | Thu, 19 Jan 2017 13:47:06 -0800

#### I. Misissued certificates for example.com

On 2016-07-14, Symantec misissued the following certificates for example.com:

<https://crt.sh/?sha256=A8F14F52CC1282D7153A13316E7DA39E6AE37B1A10C16288B9024A9B9DC3C4C6>

<https://crt.sh/?sha256=8B5956C57FDCF720B6907A4B1BC8CA2E46CD90EAD5C061A426CF48A6117BFBFA>

<https://crt.sh/?sha256=94482136A1400BC3A1136FECA3E79D4D200E03DD20B245D19F0E78B5679EAF48>

<https://crt.sh/?sha256=C69AB04C1B20E6FC7861C67476CADD1DAE7A8DCF6E23E15311C2D2794BFCDD1>

I confirmed with ICANN, the owner of example.com, that they did not authorize these certificates. These certificates were already revoked at the time I found them.

#### II. Suspicious certificates for domains containing the word "test"

On 2016-11-15 and 2016-10-26, Symantec issued certificates for various domains containing the word "test" which I strongly suspect were misissued:

# Well, hardly ever



## Google Security Blog

The latest news and insights from Google on security and safety on the Internet

### Distrust of the Symantec PKI: Immediate action needed by site operators

March 7, 2018

Posted by Devon O'Brien, Ryan Sleevi, Emily Stark, Chrome security team

We [previously announced](#) plans to deprecate Chrome's trust in the Symantec certificate authority (including Symantec-owned brands like Thawte, VeriSign, Equifax, GeoTrust, and RapidSSL). This post outlines how site operators can determine if they're affected by this deprecation, and if so, what needs to be done and by when. Failure to replace these certificates will result in site breakage in upcoming versions of major browsers, including Chrome.

#### Chrome 66

If your site is using a SSL/TLS certificate from Symantec that was issued before June 1, 2016, it will stop functioning in Chrome 66, which could already be impacting your users.

If you are uncertain about whether your site is using such a certificate, you can preview these changes in [Chrome Canary](#) to see if your site is affected. If connecting to your site displays a certificate error or a warning in DevTools as shown below, you'll need to replace your certificate. You can get a new certificate from any [trusted CA](#), including Digicert, which recently acquired Symantec's CA business.



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## 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 be many as 300,000 e-mails.

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 summer of 2010, Comodohacker, a 21-year-old student of software engineering in Tehran, was one of the few people in the world who could tap into the e-mail accounts of many of the world's leading companies. He did so by exploiting a vulnerability in a widely used Internet security protocol. He then shared the bounty with people he declines to identify.

International Herald Tribune  
Sep 13, 2011 Front Page

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Here's a lock - it might be the lock on your front door for all i know.

The lock might LOOK secure, but don't worry - literally ANY key can open it!

!

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validate a certificate!

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# What's going wrong here?

- There is no incentive for quality in the CA marketplace
- Why pay more for any certificate when the entire CA structure is only as strong as the weakest CA
- And your browser trusts a LOT of CAs!
  - About 60 – 100 CA's
  - About 1,500 Subordinate RA's
  - Operated by 650 different organisations

*See the EFF SSL observatory*

*<http://www.eff.org/files/DefcomSSLiverse.pdf>*

# In a commercial environment

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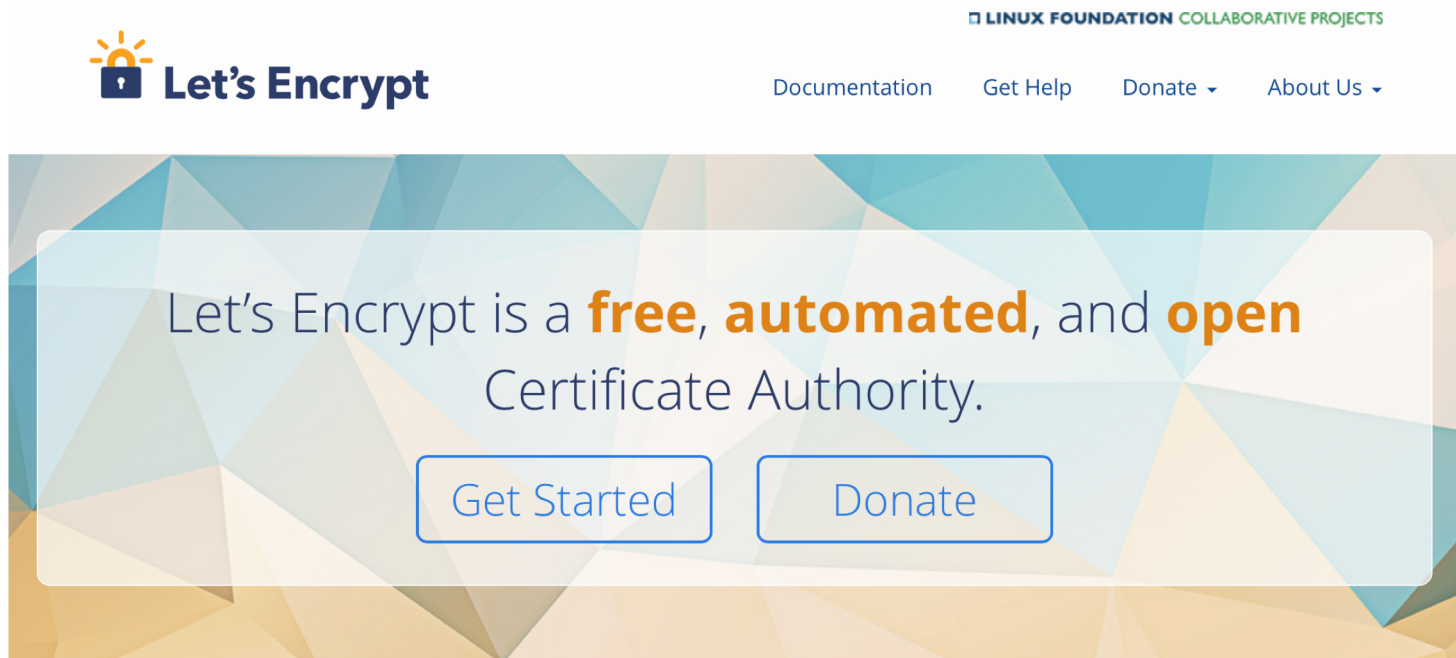
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Cheap!

# Where now?

Option A: Take all the money out of the system!



The image shows a screenshot of the Let's Encrypt website. At the top left is the Let's Encrypt logo, which consists of a blue padlock with a yellow sunburst above it, followed by the text "Let's Encrypt" in a dark blue font. To the right of the logo, in the top right corner, is the text "LINUX FOUNDATION COLLABORATIVE PROJECTS" in a small, green, sans-serif font. Below this, there is a navigation menu with four items: "Documentation", "Get Help", "Donate" (with a small downward arrow), and "About Us" (with a small downward arrow). The main content area features a large, semi-transparent white box with a blue and orange geometric pattern in the background. Inside this box, the text reads: "Let's Encrypt is a **free, automated, and open** Certificate Authority." Below this text are two blue-outlined buttons: "Get Started" and "Donate".

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## Option B: White Listing and Pinning with HSTS

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```
transport_security_state_static.json  Layers Find

1 // Copyright (c) 2012 The Chromium Authors. All rights reserved.
2 // Use of this source code is governed by a BSD-style license that can be
3 // found in the LICENSE file.
4
5 // This file contains the HSTS preloaded list in a machine readable format.
6
7 // The top-level element is a dictionary with two keys: "pinsets" maps details
8 // of certificate pinning to a name and "entries" contains the HSTS details for
9 // each host.
10 //
11 // "pinsets" is a list of objects. Each object has the following members:
12 //   name: (string) the name of the pinset
13 //   static_spki_hashes: (list of strings) the set of allowed SPKIs hashes
14 //   bad_static_spki_hashes: (optional list of strings) the set of forbidden
15 //     SPKIs hashes
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17 //     reports will be in the format defined in RFC 7469
18 //
19 // For a given pinset, a certificate is accepted if at least one of the
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21 // "bad_static_spki_hashes" SPKIs are. SPKIs are specified as names, which must
22 // match up with the file of certificates.
23 //
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## Google moves into the Certificate Authority business

Google doesn't seem to trust the current system, as it has launched its own security certificates

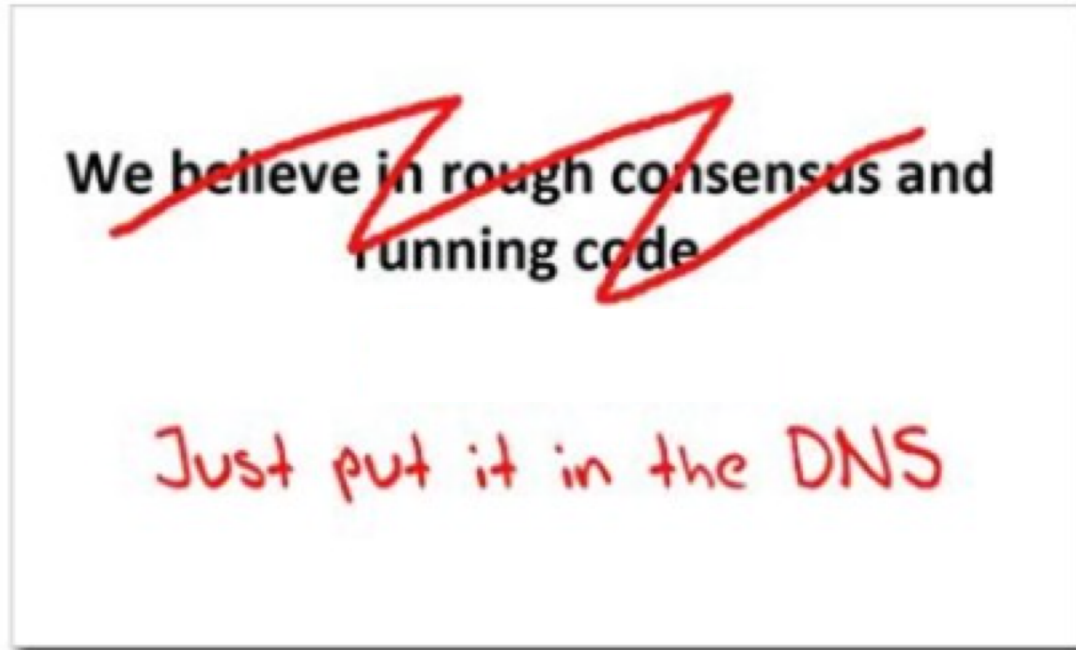
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Why not query the DNS for the hash of the domain name public key?

# DANE

- Using the DNS to associated domain name public key certificates with domain name

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Request for Comments: 6698 P. Hoffman

Category: Standards Track VPN Consortium

ISSN: 2070-1721 J. Schlyter

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August 2008

**The DNS-Based Authentication of Names  
Transport Layer Security**

Abstract

Encrypted communication on the Internet often uses Transport Layer Security (TLS). This document depends on third parties to certify the keys used in TLS. This document improves on that situation by enabling the administrators of domain names to specify the keys used in that domain's TLS servers. This requires matching improvements in TLS client software, but no change in TLS server software.

Status of This Memo

This is an Internet Standards Track document.

*RFC 6698 -- You should read this!*



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The DNS-Based Authentication of Names (DANE) Protocol:  
Updates and

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... and updates the DNS-Based Authentication of Names (DANE) TLSA specification (RFC 6698), based on subsequent implementation experience. It also contains guidance for implementers, operators, and protocol developers who want to use DANE records.

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*You probably should read RFC 7671 as well!*

# DANE

## 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. IN TLSA (  
  0 0 1 d2abde240d7cd3ee6b4b28c54df034b9  
      7983ald16e8a410e4561cb106618e971 )
```

CA Cert Hash

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

```
_443._tcp.www.example.com. IN TLSA  
  1 1 2 92003ba34942dc74152e2f2c408d29ec  
      a5a520e7f2e06bb944f4dca346baf63c  
      1b177615d466f6c4b71c216a50292bd5  
      8c9ebdd2f74e38fe51ffd48c43326cbc )
```

EE Cert Hash

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

```
_443._tcp.www.example.com. IN TLSA  
  2 0 0 30820307308201efa003020102020... )
```

Trust Anchor

# EECert TLSA record generation

```
; Convert the public key certificate to DER format  
; Generate the SHA256 hash  
; Add DNS gunk!
```

```
$ /usr/bin/openssl x509 -in /usr/local/etc/letsencrypt/live/www.dotnxdomain.net/cert.pem -outform DER |  
/usr/bin/openssl sha256 |  
cut -d ' ' -f 2 |  
awk '{print "_443._tcp.www.dotnxdomain.net  IN TLSA 3 0 1 " $1}'
```

```
_443._tcp.www.dotnxdomain.net. 899 IN      TLSA 3 0 1 D42101BCCE941D22E8E467C5D75E77EC4A7B8B7C9366C6A878CB4E15 7E602F17
```

```
$ dig +dnssec TLSA _443._tcp.www.dotnxdomain.net.
```

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# SPKI TLSA record generation

- ; Generate the public key
- ; Convert it to DER format
- ; Generate the SHA256 hash
- ; Add DNS gunk!

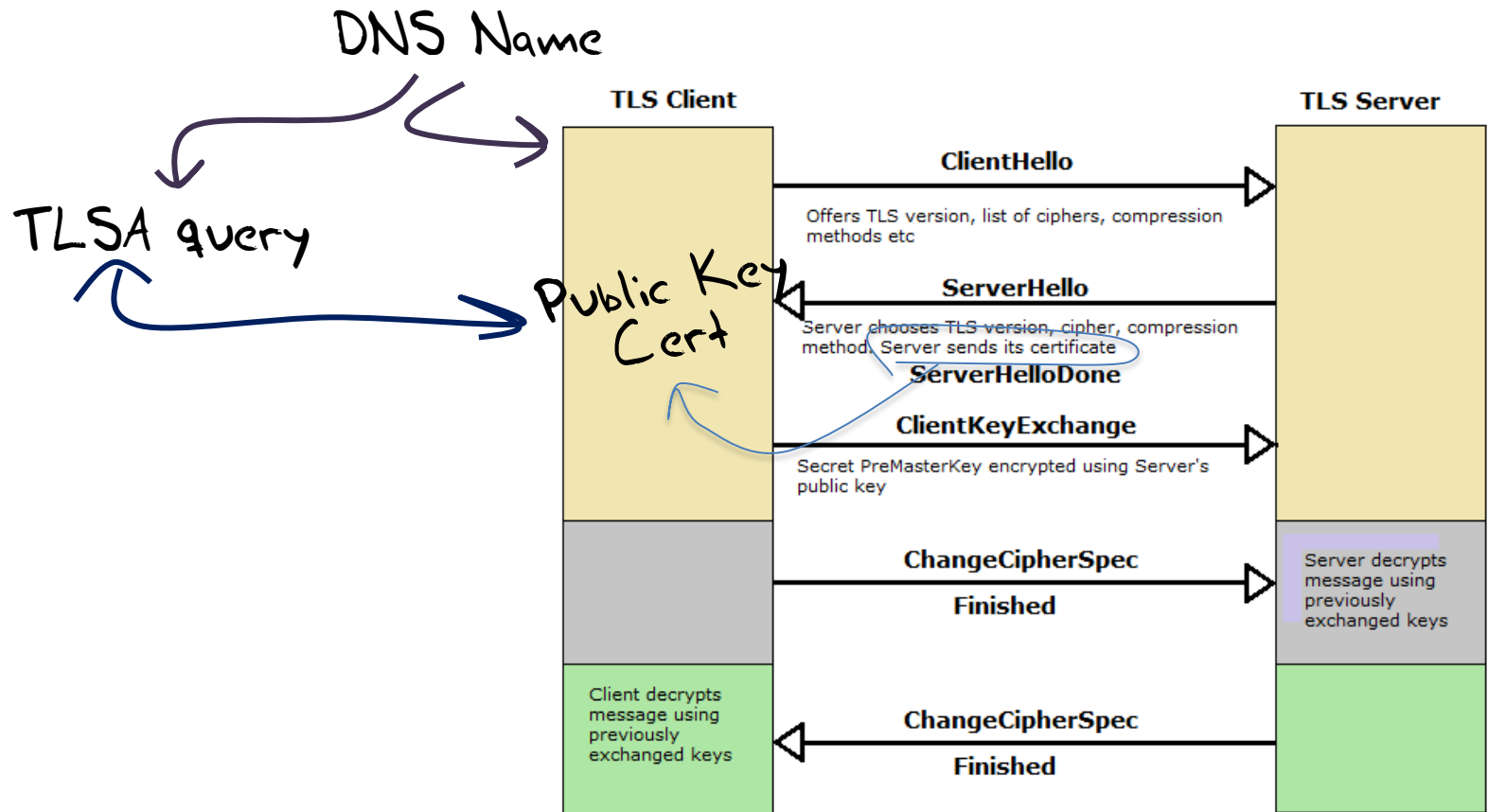
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openssl rsa -pubin -outform der |  
/usr/bin/openssl sha256 |  
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```

```
_443._tcp.www.ndotnxdomain.net IN TLSA 3 1 1 df3a810d998cfddf8fa935ed33065ee27a67747366e2da40ddefef2b3a2032eb
```

# TLS with DANE

- Client receives server cert in Server Hello
  - *Client lookups the DNS for the TLSA Resource Record of the domain name*
  - *Client validates the presented certificate against the TLSA RR*
- Client performs Client Key exchange

# TLS Connections



# Just one problem...

- The DNS is full of liars and lies!
- And this can compromise the integrity of public key information embedded in the DNS
- Unless we fix the DNS we are no better off than before with these TLSA records!

# Just one response...

- We need to allow users to **validate** DNS responses for themselves
- And for this we need a Secure DNS framework
- Which we have – and its called **DNSSEC!**



# DNSSEC Interlocking Signatures

## . (root)

- . Key-Signing Key – signs over
  - . Zone-Signing Key – signs over
    - DS for .com (Key-Signing Key)

## .com

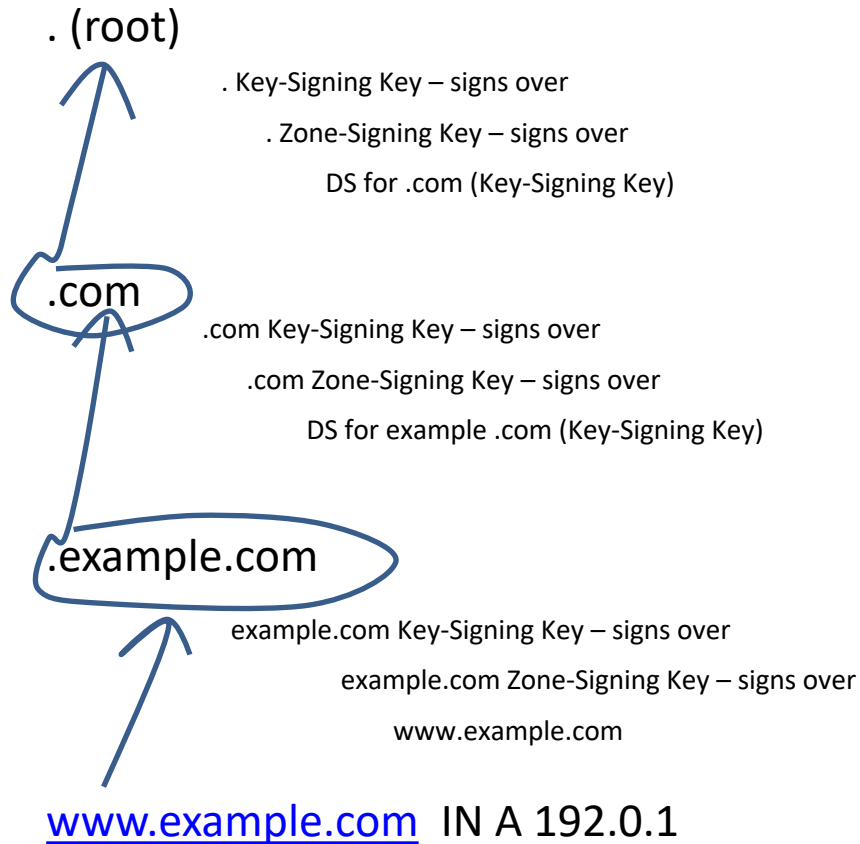
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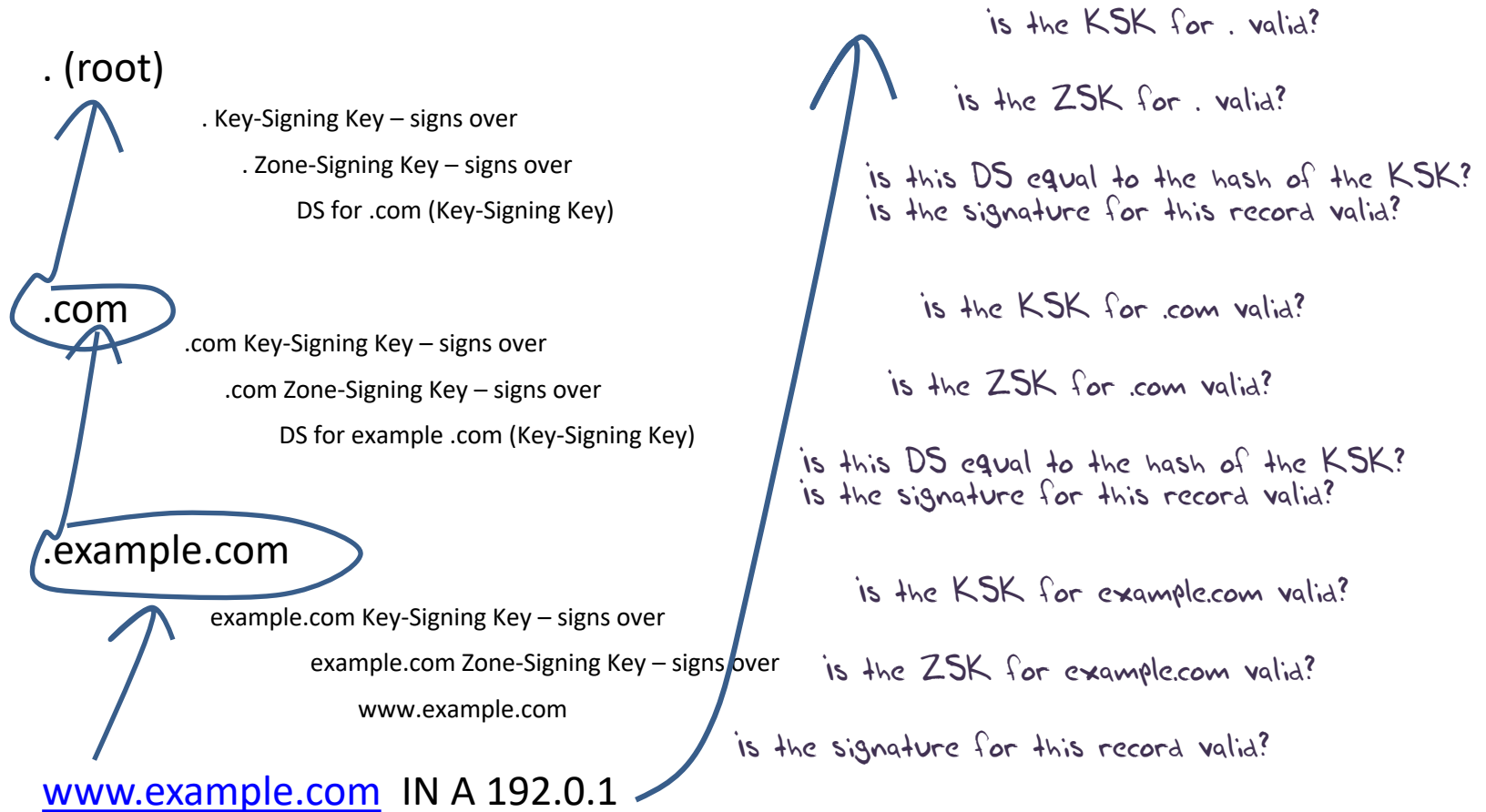
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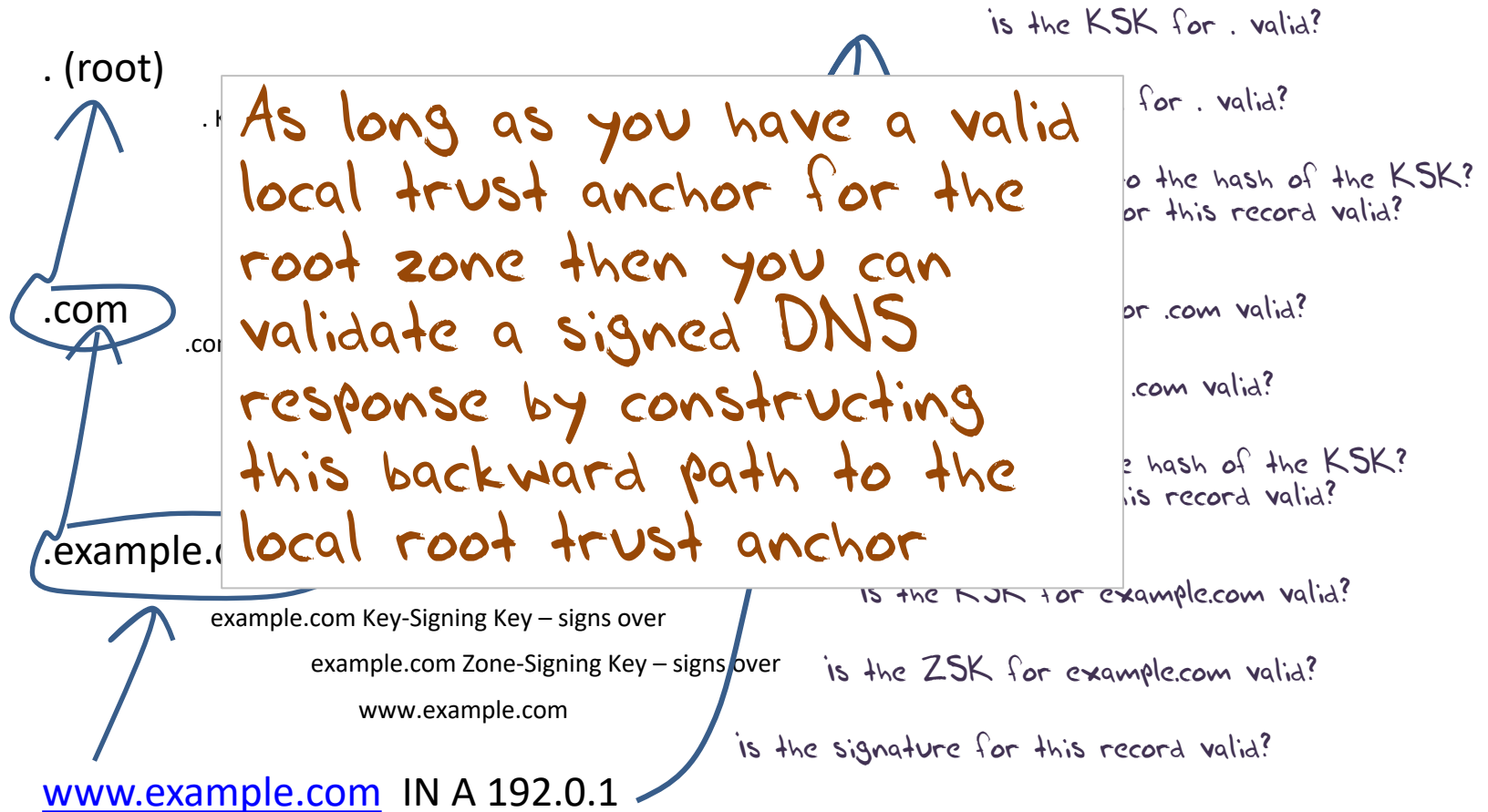
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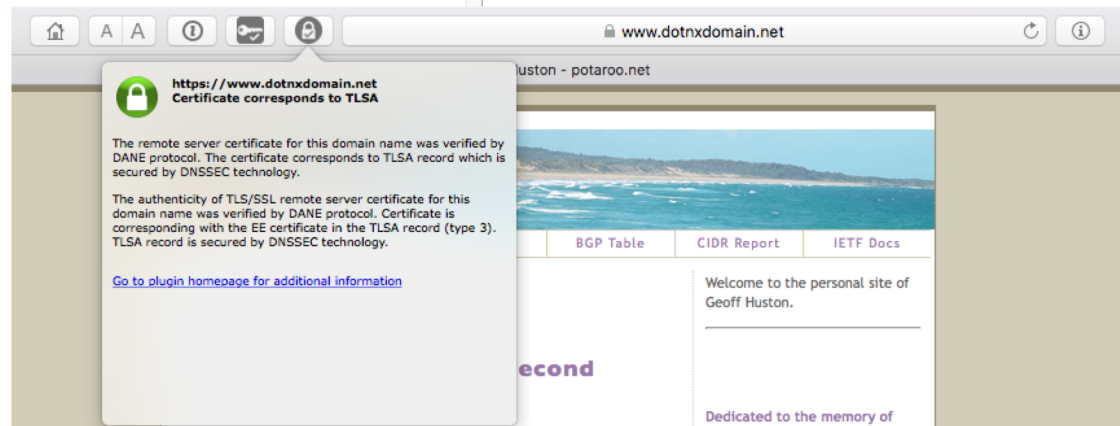
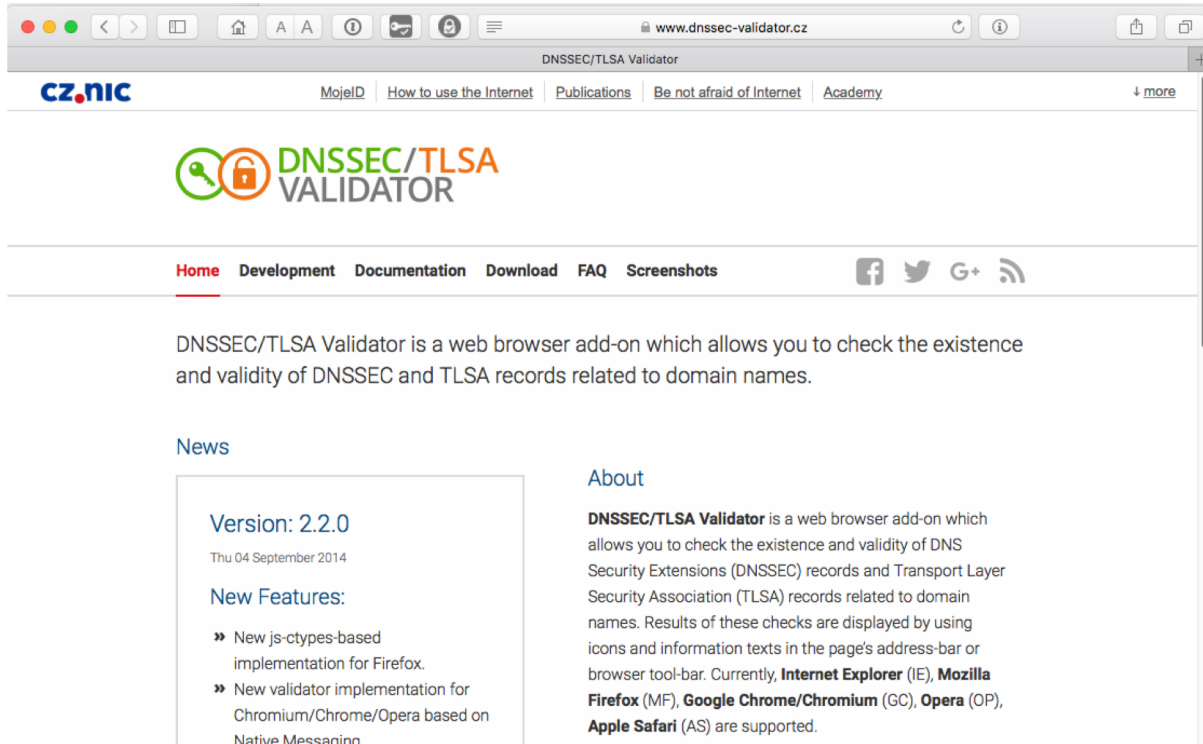
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# DANE + DNSSEC

- Query the DNS for the TLSA record of the domain name and ask for the DNSSEC signature to be included in the response
- Validate the signature to ensure that you have an unbroken signature chain to the root trust point
- At this point you can accept the TLSA record as the authentic record, and set up a TLS session based on this data

# DANE Does DNS via a Browser Extension

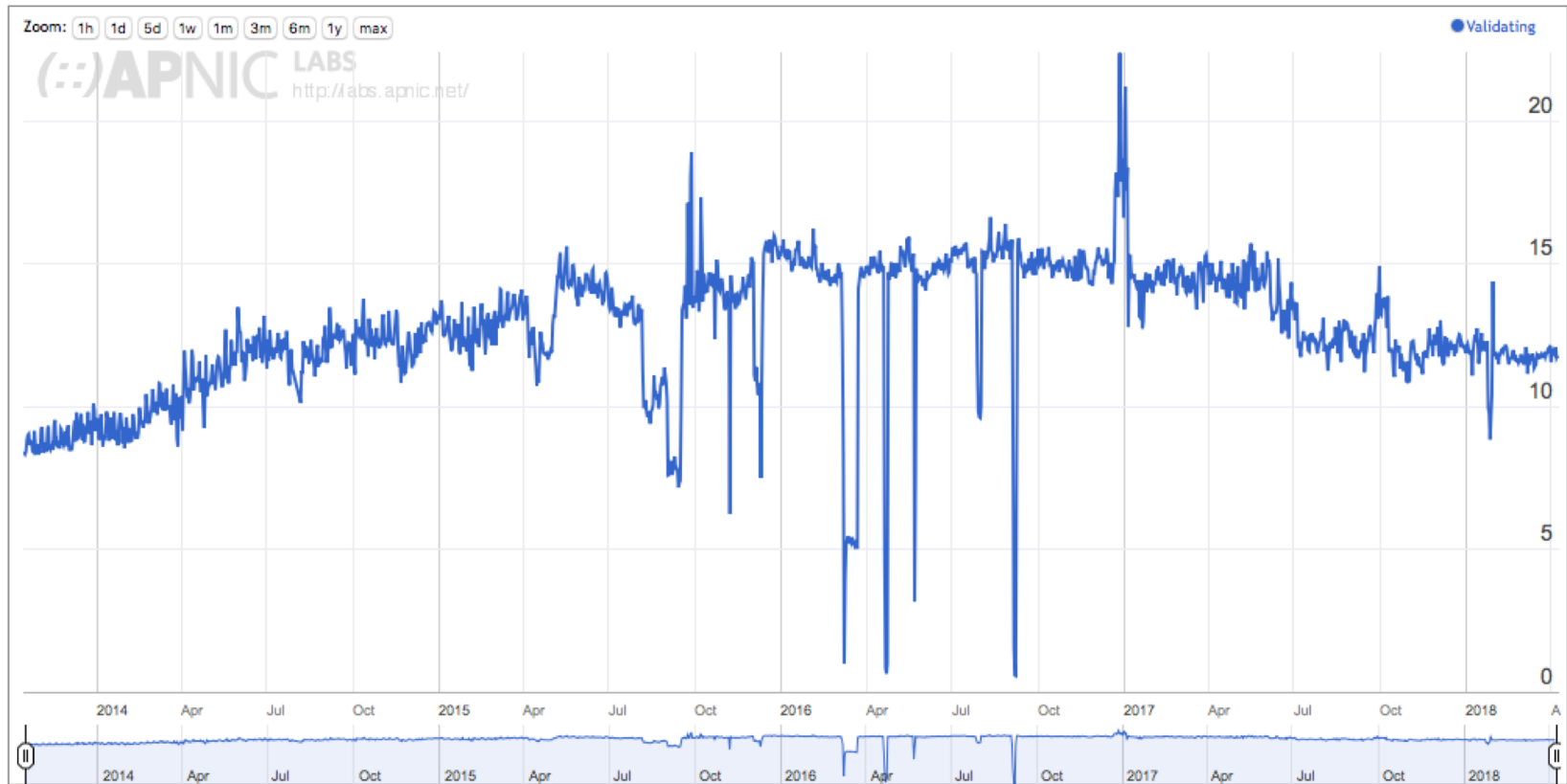


So we need DNSSEC as well as DANE...

How much DNSSEC Validation is out there?

# Do we do DNSSEC Validation?

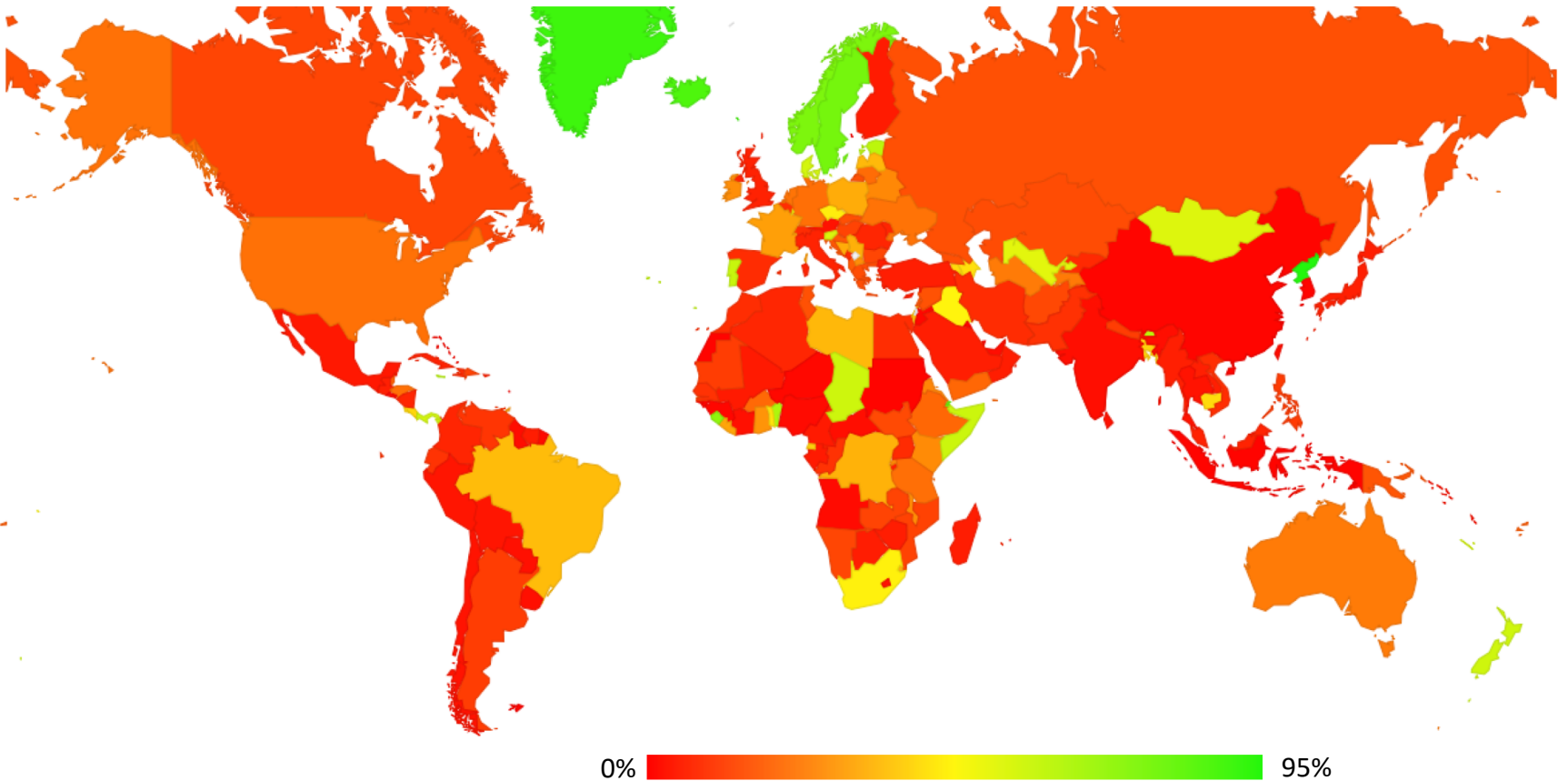
## Use of DNSSEC Validation for World (XA)



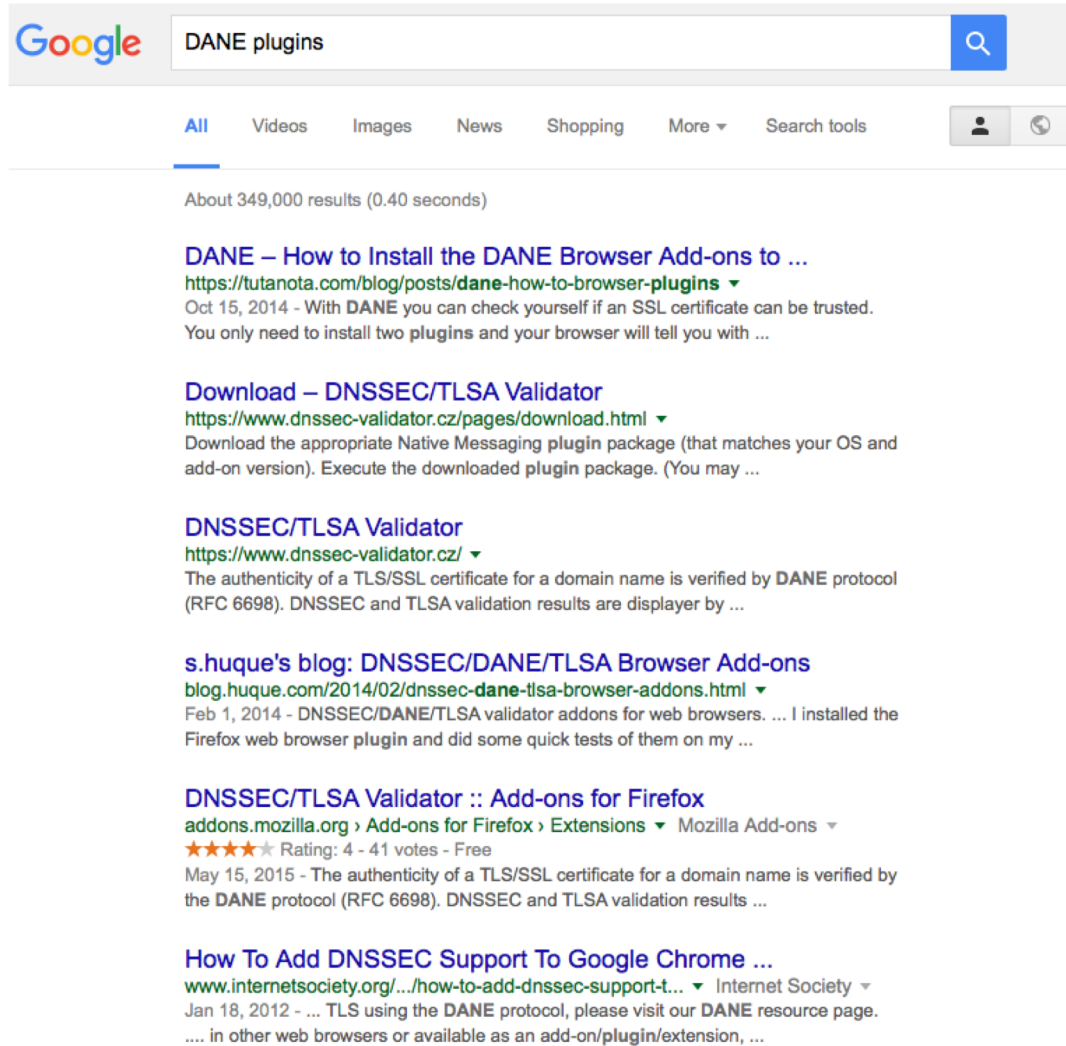
[stats.labs.apnic.net/dnssec/XA](https://stats.labs.apnic.net/dnssec/XA)



# Where do we do DNSSEC Validation?



# Where now?



Google search results for "DANE plugins". The search bar shows "DANE plugins" and the search button is a magnifying glass icon. Below the search bar are navigation tabs: All, Videos, Images, News, Shopping, More, and Search tools. The search results show about 349,000 results in 0.40 seconds. The first result is "DANE – How to Install the DANE Browser Add-ons to ..." from tutanota.com, dated Oct 15, 2014. The second result is "Download – DNSSEC/TLSA Validator" from dnssec-validator.cz, dated Feb 1, 2014. The third result is "DNSSEC/TLSA Validator" from dnssec-validator.cz, dated Feb 1, 2014. The fourth result is "s.huque's blog: DNSSEC/DANE/TLSA Browser Add-ons" from blog.huque.com, dated Feb 1, 2014. The fifth result is "DNSSEC/TLSA Validator :: Add-ons for Firefox" from addons.mozilla.org, dated May 15, 2015. The sixth result is "How To Add DNSSEC Support To Google Chrome ..." from www.internetsociety.org, dated Jan 18, 2012.

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Oct 15, 2014 - With **DANE** you can check yourself if an SSL certificate can be trusted. You only need to install two **plugins** and your browser will tell you with ...

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Browser vendors appear to be dragging the chain on DANE support

DANE exists today as plug-ins rather than a core functionality

Cynically, one could observe that fast but insecure is the browser vendors' current preference!

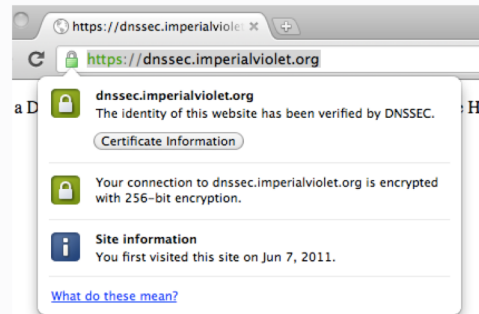
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## ImperialViolet

DNSSEC authenticated HTTPS in Chrome (16 Jun 2011)

**Update:** this has been removed from Chrome due to lack of use.

DNSSEC validation of HTTPS sites has been hanging around in Chrome for nearly a year now. But it's now enabled by default in the current canary and dev channels of Chrome and is on schedule to go stable with Chrome 14. If you're running a canary or dev channel (and you need today's dev channel release: 14.0.794.0) then you can go to <https://dnssec.imperialviolet.org> and see a DNSSEC signed site in action.



DNSSEC stapled certificates (and the reason that I use that phrase will become clear in a minute) are aimed at sites that currently have, or would use, self-signed certificates and, possibly, larger organisations that are Chrome based and want certificates for internal sites without having to bother with installing a custom root CA on all the client devices. Suggesting that this heralds the end of the CA system would be utterly inaccurate. Given the deployed base of software, all non-trivial sites will continue to use CA signed certificates for decades, at least. DNSSEC signing is just a gateway drug to better transport security.

Browser vendors appear to be dragging the chain on DANE support

DANE exists today as plug-ins rather than a core functionality

Cynically, one could observe that fast but insecure is the browser vendors' current preference!

# Or...

- We could change the DNS to allow TLS to make efficient use of DANE

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## CHAIN Query Requests in DNS

### Abstract

This document defines an EDNS0 extension that can be used by a security-aware validating resolver configured to use a forwarding resolver to send a single query, requesting a complete validation path along with the regular query answer. The reduction in queries potentially lowers the latency and reduces the need to send multiple queries at once. This extension mandates the use of source-IP-verified transport such as TCP or UDP with EDNS-COOKIE, so it cannot be abused in amplification attacks.

Status of This Memo

# Look - No DNS!

- Server packages server cert, TLSA record and the DNSSEC credential chain in a single bundle
- Client receives bundle in Server Hello
  - *Client performs validation of TLSA Resource Record using the supplied DNSEC signatures plus the local DNS Root Trust Anchor without performing any DNS queries*
  - *Client validates the presented certificate against the TLSA RR*
- Client performs Client Key exchange

# Where now?

We could do a **far** better job at Internet Security:

- Publishing DNSSEC-signed zones

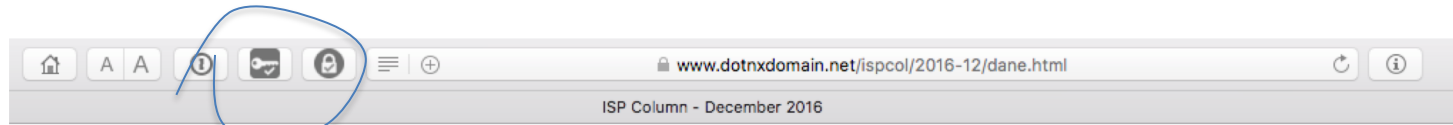
- Publishing DANE TLSA records

- Using DNSSEC-validating resolution

- Using TLSA records to guide TLS Key Exchange



What this can offer is robust, affordable, accessible security without the current overheads of high priced vanity CA offerings

# Let's Do it!



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### Let's Encrypt with DANE

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There is a frequently quoted adage in communications that goes along the lines of "Good, Fast, Cheap: pick any two!" It may well be applied to many other forms of service design and delivery, but the basic idea is that high quality, high speed services are costly to obtain, and if you want a cheaper service that you need to compromise either on the speed of the service or its quality. However, if you looked at the realm of security, and X.509 certificate-based secure systems, we appear to be in the worst of all worlds: It can be expensive, inherently comrisable and slow to set up and access. So somehow we've managed to achieve: "Security: Poor, Slow and Expensive!"

However, this environment is changing, and it may no longer be the case. In this column I'd like to walk through the process of setting up good, inexpensive and accessible security using several public tools.

What I'll do here is a step by step log of my efforts to set up a secure web service using Let's Encrypt Domain Name public key X.509 certificates and DNSA TLSA records. I'm using a platform of a FreeBSD system running an Apache web server in this example. While the precise commands and configuration may be different for other OS platforms and other web servers, the underlying steps are much the same, and these steps can be readily ported.

What Let's Encrypt and DNSSEC offers is robust, affordable, accessible security without the current overheads of high priced vanity CA offerings

That's it!

Questions?