

# Expect-CT

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# Background

Certificate Transparency (CT): a framework for publicly logging certificates and proving that they've been logged. Standardization in TRANS WG.

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Today, domain owners can monitor logs for misissued certificates... but how do they defend against unlogged misissuances?

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Allow site owners to opt in to CT enforcement in the browser.

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HTTP/1.1 200 OK

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Expect-CT: require; report-uri="https://..."; max-age: 31536000



Asks the browser to refuse and report connections that violate the browser's CT policy (e.g. two Signed Certificate Timestamps from two different logs).

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Expect-CT: **report**; report-uri="https://..."; max-age: 31536000



Allows the site owner to discover  
misconfigurations before turning on  
enforcement.

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- HTTP header for deployability.
- Syntax/semantics familiar to site operators (from HSTS).
- Allows site operators to ensure that all certificates in use for their domains are publicly logged.

# Next steps

- Draft at <https://github.com/bifurcation/expect-ct>
- Up for adoption!