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# Public Key Infrastructure



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## Chapter 7



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# Encryption Revisit

- ★ Hash/Digest
    - Fastest
    - Integrity



- ★ Symmetric Encryption
    - Fast
    - Confidentiality
    - Integrity ?
    - ~~Scalability~~ M
    - ~~Authentication~~
    - ~~Non Repudiation~~



manage key  
ໃບຕົມມາລັກ  
In Access

- ★ Asymmetric Encryption
    - Slow (100 - 1000 times slower than that of Symmetric Encryption)
    - Confidentiality : ສາມາດຕັ້ງຕົວເລີດໄດ້
    - Integrity : ນັບສາມາດຕັ້ງຕົວໄດ້ໄວ້
    - Scalability : ສັງເກດໄວ້ໄດ້
    - Authentication? : ສັງເກດໄວ້ໄດ້
    - Non-Repudiation : ສັງເກດໄວ້ໄດ້

Combination of methodologies (protocols) can solve most issues, except **AUTHENTICATION.**

## ការកិច្ចការណ៍នូវ Public key



# Scalability of Symmetric Encryption (Revisit)

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- ★ Assuming that a professor wants to share a piece of information with 100 students, how many (symmetric) key do we need in order to prove the integrity of the information? (ie. proof that the document is created by a professor.)  
*100 keys*

- ★ Hint.  
With one key, anyone (with the key) can write a message.



# Asymmetric Encryption

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- ★ Now, we only have to keep the private key. Our public key can freely be distributed. (eg. posted on our personal page.)
- ★ A key pair can be used for
  - Confidentiality -  
Encrypted with public key, only a person with the private key can read.
  - Integrity -  
Decrypted with public key, only a person with the private key can create.
  - Scalability - A key pair is enough for a person.



# Missing Link (Asymmetric Encryption)

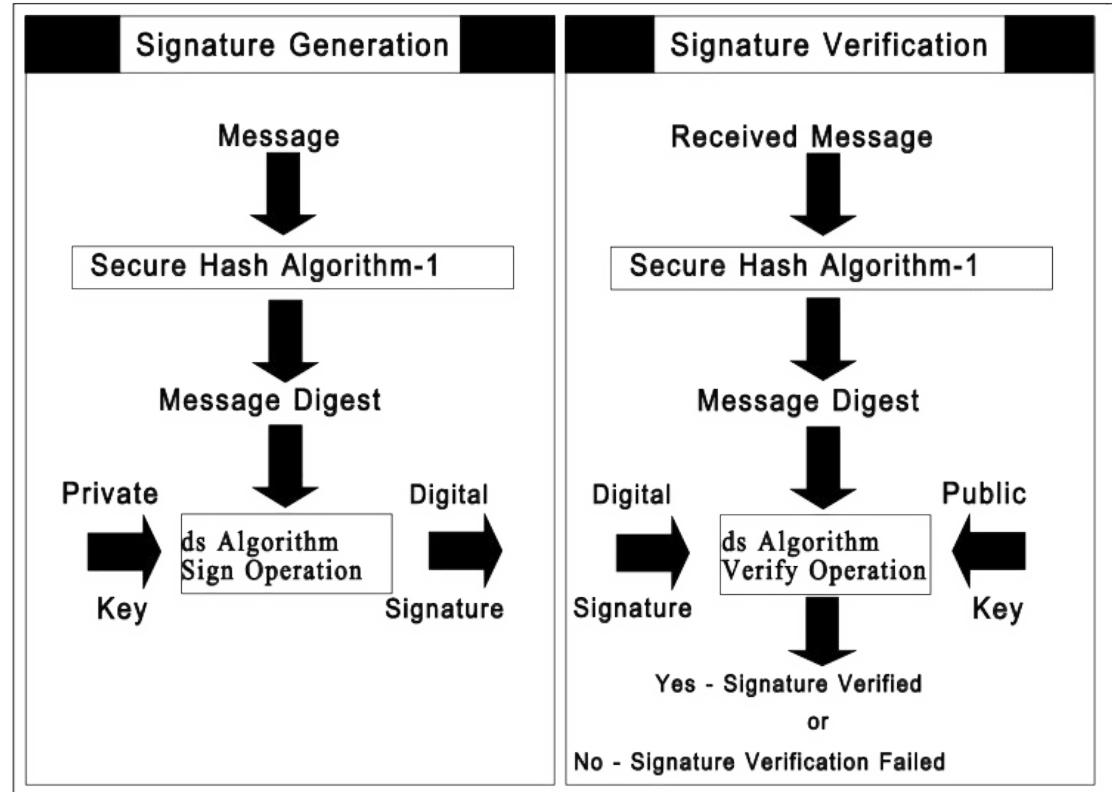
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- ★ Unless we can bind a private key to a person,  
we cannot solve **Authentication**.
- ★ Receiving a public key in a sealed envelope with a person  
name on it, can you prove that it belongs to this person?



# Security Protocol: Digital Signature (Revisit)

- ★ A receiver can verify the originality of the a (plain) text.
- ★ Combine the speed of message digest with the scalability of public key.

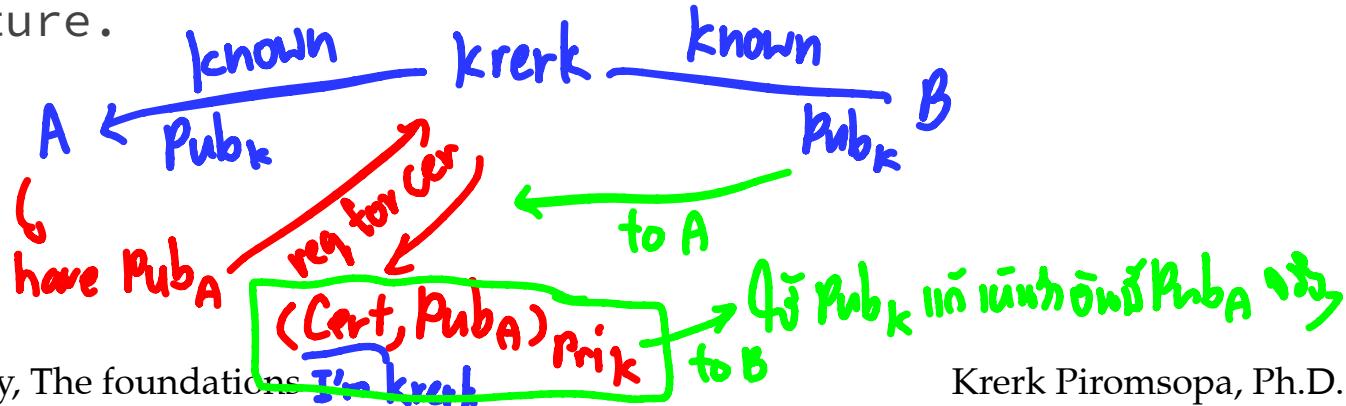




# Digital Certificate

↳ Information Message in cert

- ★ A Digital Certificate is a binding between an entity's Public Key and one or more Attributes relating its Identity.
- ★ Digital Certificate is a trusted document issued and signed by a (known/trusted third) party with digital signature.





# Web of Trust

Do you trust a document signed by a trusted party?

- ★ Assuming that you have a public key of a trusted person/organization, a document (certificate) signed by the associated private key can/should be trustworthy.

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# Digital Certificate

- ★ Dicert Inc has verified Thawte TLS RSA is real.
- ★ Thawte TLS RSA has verified [www.chula.ac.th](http://www.chula.ac.th) is real.
- ★ If we have a public of Dicert Inc in hands, we should be able to verified that [www.chula.ac.th](http://www.chula.ac.th) is valid.

General Details

This certificate has been verified for the following uses:

SSL Client Certificate

SSL Server Certificate

**Issued To**

Common Name (CN) www.chula.ac.th  
Organization (O) <Not Part Of Certificate>  
Organizational Unit (OU) <Not Part Of Certificate>  
Serial Number 09:22:09:61:E6:36:9C:F3:81:B2:17:BB:24:9C:BA:CD

**Issued By**

Common Name (CN) Thawte TLS RSA CA G1  
Organization (O) DigiCert Inc  
Organizational Unit (OU) www.digicert.com

**Period of Validity**

Begins On 29 December BE 2560  
Expires On 29 December BE 2562

**Fingerprints**

SHA-256 Fingerprint E1:F2:42:B1:21:CF:6C:25:F0:4F:8E:8E:21:FC:EF:C6:  
B6:D4:4C:E6:73:B3:E2:A3:4F:30:31:EA:82:05:81:E3  
SHA1 Fingerprint DF:C4:47:09:27:86:31:CA:1F:46:FD:1D:A1:25:CA:04:DA:CA:1D:49

General Details

**Certificate Hierarchy**

✓ DigiCert Global Root G2  
  ✓ Thawte TLS RSA CA G1  
    www.chula.ac.th

**Certificate Fields**

✓ www.chula.ac.th  
  ✓ Certificate  
    Version  
    Serial Number  
    Certificate Signature Algorithm  
    Issuer  
  ✓ Validity

**Field Value**

Export...



# Anatomy of Certificate

- ★ Issuer
- ★ Subject
- ★ Subject Public Key
- ★ Issuer Digital Signature



Picture is taken from <https://www.slideshare.net/natemiller67/pki-overview>



# Fact

Self-Signed Certificate

ເຮັດວຽກ, ມີເປົ້າ Public key (cert)  
ທີ່ມີມາເພື່ອ browser ສິ້ນ

- ★ Technically, a person may create and sign his/her own certificate (self-signed).
- ★ You may personally hand the public key/certificate to another person. (ie. import a certificate to the browser.)
- ★ Do you trust this person?



# (Legal) Issues of Digital Certificate

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ទីតាំងនៃគម្រោង

- ★ How are Digital Certificates Issued?
- ★ Who is issuing them?
- ★ Why should I Trust the Certificate Issuer?
- ★ How can I check if a Certificate is valid?
- ★ How can I revoke a Certificate?
- ★ Who is revoking Certificates?



# Public Key Infrastructure (to the rescue)



# What is Public Key Infrastructure?

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- ★ Set of (physical) roles, policies, and procedures for enforcing:
  - The registration of public key
  - The management of public key (create, store, distribute, validate, revoke)
  - The validation of public key
- ★ Based on digital certificates
- ★ Bind public keys to identities (persons, organizations)



# PKI Standards

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- ★ There exist several PKI standards (X509, SPKI, etc).  
We only focus on
  - X509 PKI
  - X509 Digital Certificates
- ★ Standards defined by IETF, PKIX WG:
  - <http://www.ietf.org/>

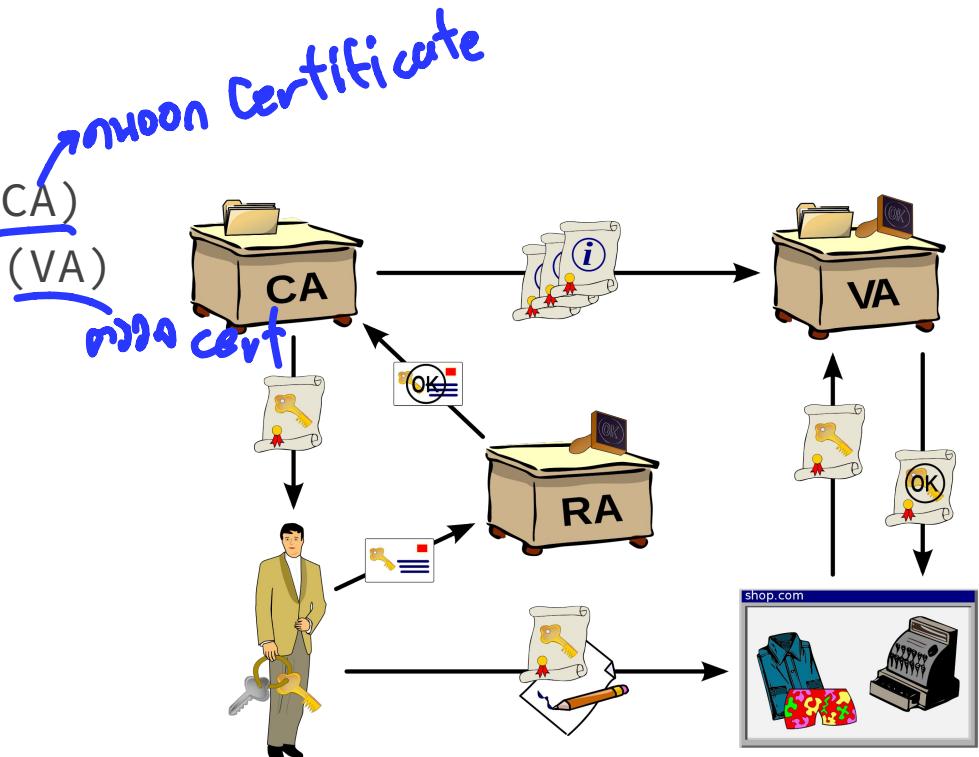
Internet Engineering Task Force

RFC : request for comment



# PKI Parties

- ★ Certificate Authority (CA)
  - ★ Verification Authority (VA)
  - ★ Certificate management system
  - ★ Central directory
  - ★ Certificate policy
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- ★ Optional - Registration Authority (RA) *รับรองตัวบุคคล*
  - ★ PKI-Enabled Applications



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<https://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/thumb/3/34/Public-Key-Infrastructure.svg/2560px-Public-Key-Infrastructure.svg.png>



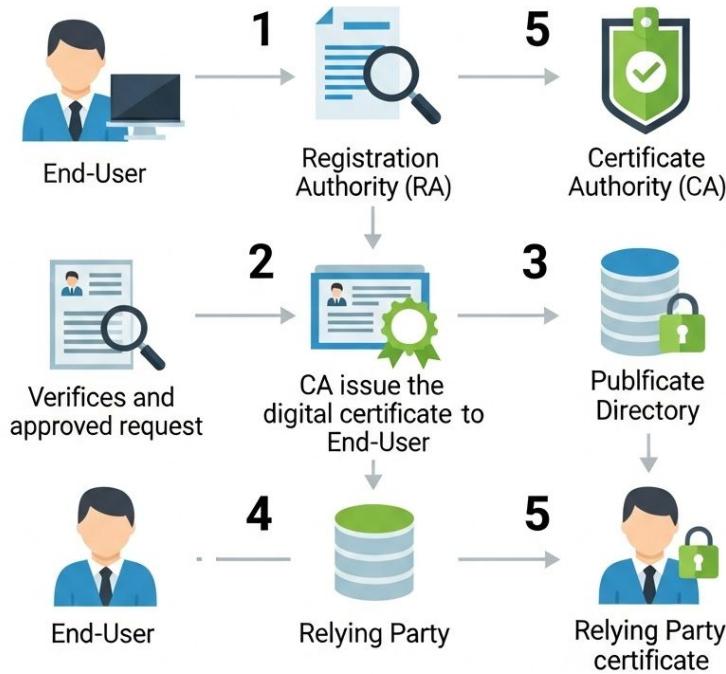
# The PKI Lifecycle

Enrollment

Issuance

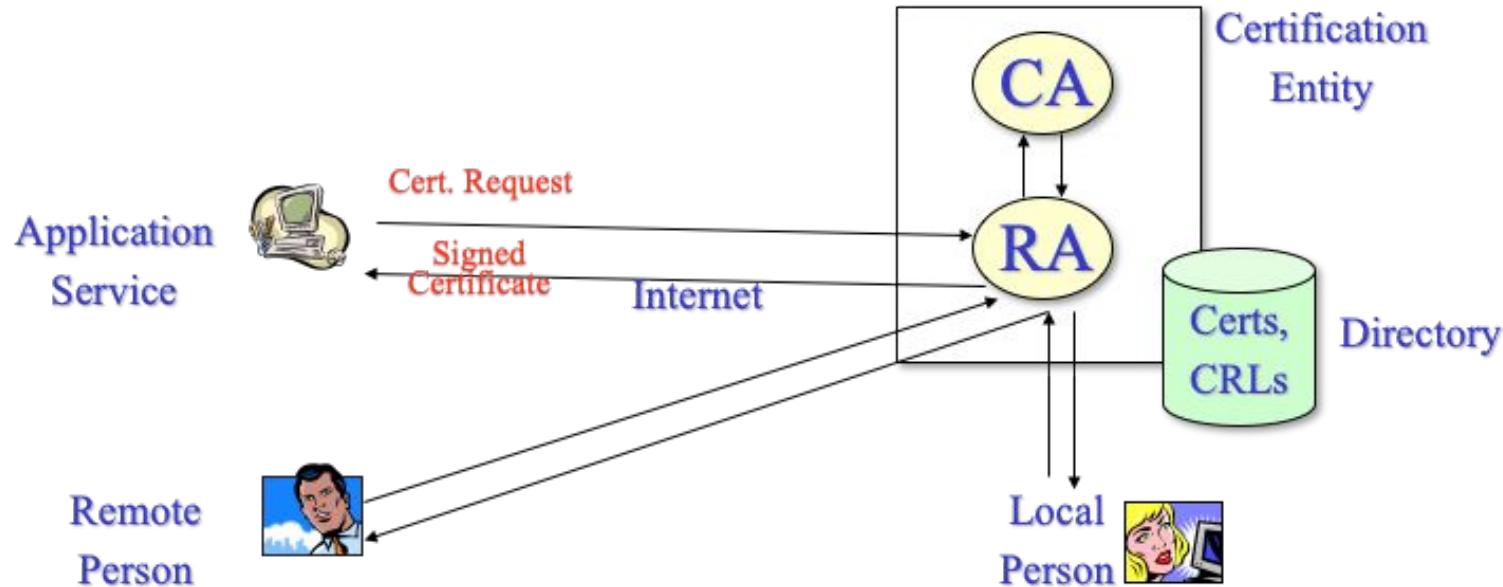
Validation

## Public Key Infrastructure PKI





# X509 PKI - Simple Model



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# Roles

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## ★ CA

- Key Generation
- Digital Certificate Generation
- Issuance and Distribution
- Revocation
- Key Backup and Recovery System
- Cross Certification

## ★ RA

- Face-to-Face Registration
- Remote Registration
- Automatic Registration
- Revocation



# Roles (ctd.)

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## ★ Certificate Distribution System

- Digital Certificates
- Certificate Revocation Lists (CRLs)
- LDAP or Special Purpose Databases
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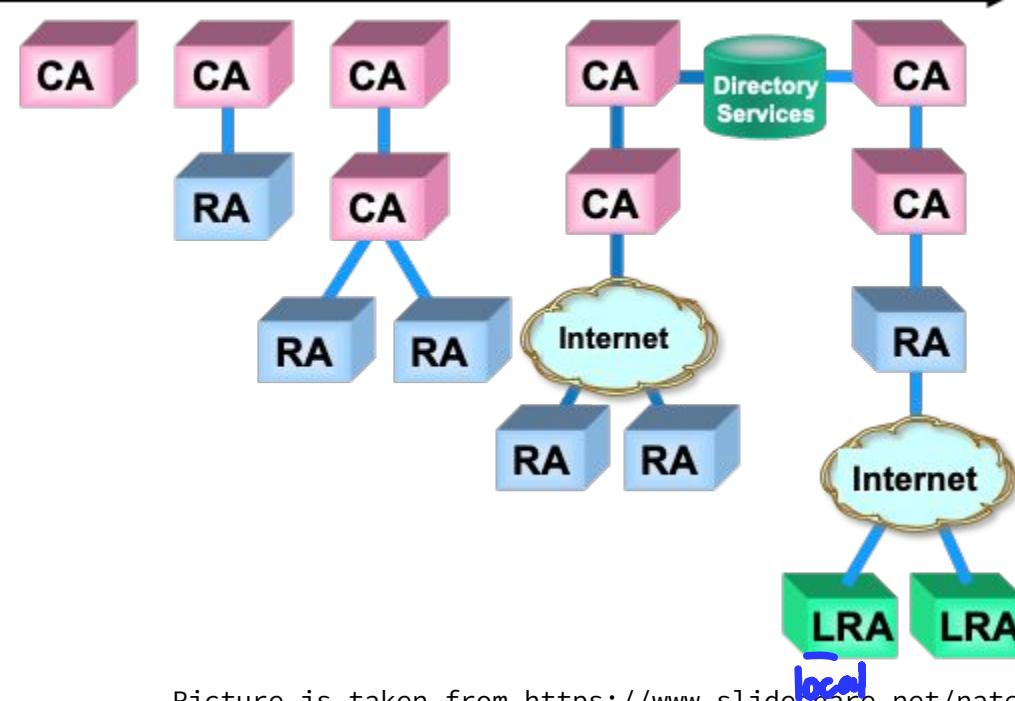
# Why should I trust CA?

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- ★ Why should I Trust a CA?
  - Certificate Hierarchies, Cross-Certification
- ★ How can I determine the liability of a CA?
  - Certificate Policies (CP)
  - Certificate Policy Statement (CPS)



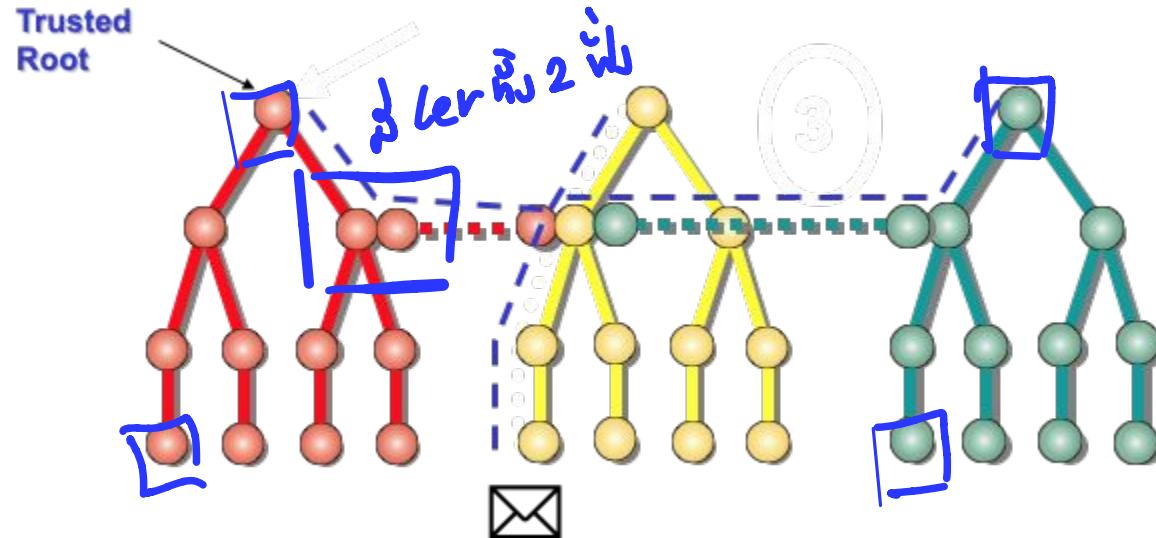
# CA in real life



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# Cross-Certification and Path Discovery





# Conclusion

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- ★ PKI is a physical infrastructure for managing Digital Certificate.
- ★ The main function is to validate the identity of public key owner.
- ★ We do not cover the policy and the legal part here.



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# Food for Thought: Root Certificate

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- ★ If a bad guy can manage to install a root certificate to your computer, how bad can it be?
- ★ Historically, a chinese company was able to ask every browsers to install its root certificate. Since they abused this certificate, several harmful things happened. What were the harmful things?



# WoSign/StartCom incident: A Breakdown of Trust

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The WoSign and StartCom incident, which unfolded around 2016, led to the complete removal of their root certificates from all major browsers (Google, Mozilla, Apple, and Microsoft).

- Secret Acquisition
- Issuing Certificates for Domains Without Proper Authorization
  - Unprivileged Port Validation
  - Base Domain from Subdomain
- Backdating SHA-1 Certificates
- Failure to Report and Concealment



# End of Chapter 7