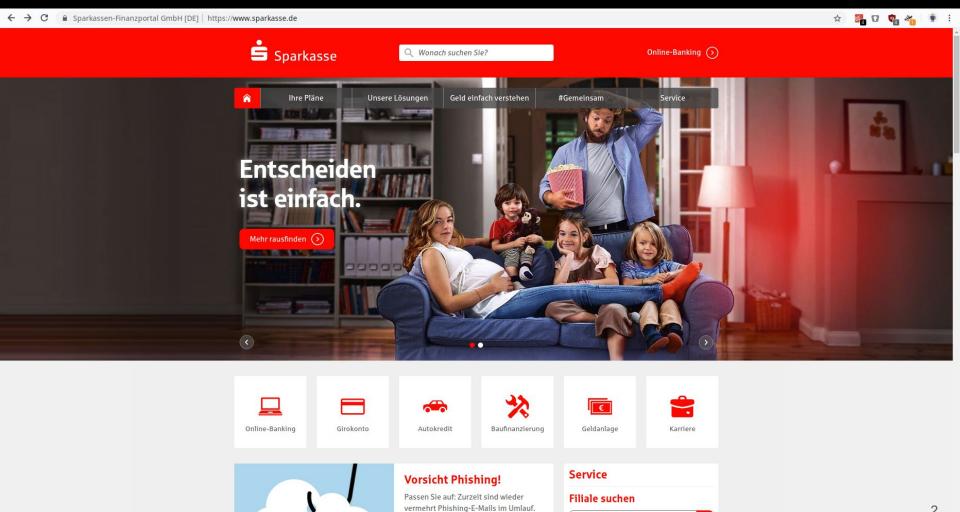
Certificate Pinning



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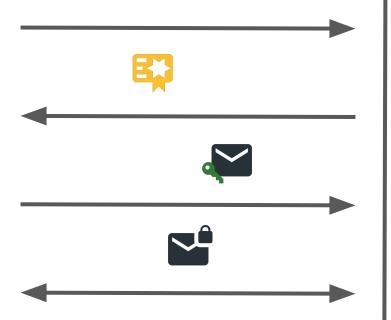




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OK. Here is my certificate including my public key. I agree we should talk secure.

I got your message and decrypted it with my private key. Let's talk secure with the shared secret!

Certificate

Name: ...

Organization: ...

Address: my domain

. . .

My Public Key:



Certificate Authority (CA) verifies the identity and encrypts with its own private key

Certificate



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Address: my domain

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My Public Key:



Digital signature of the certificate body by the CA

Chain of trust



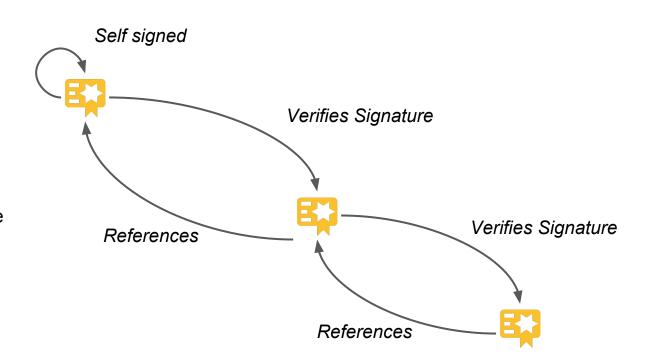
Root Certificate



Intermediate Certificate



Leaf Certificate





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MITM-Attack

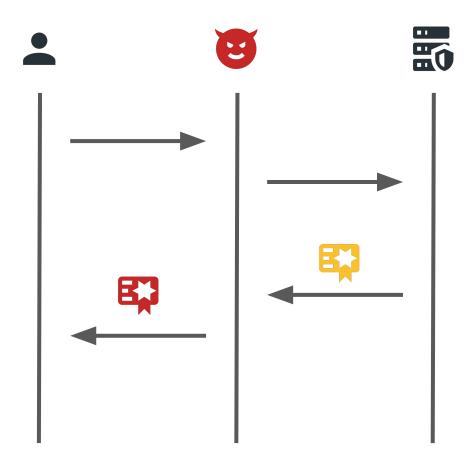
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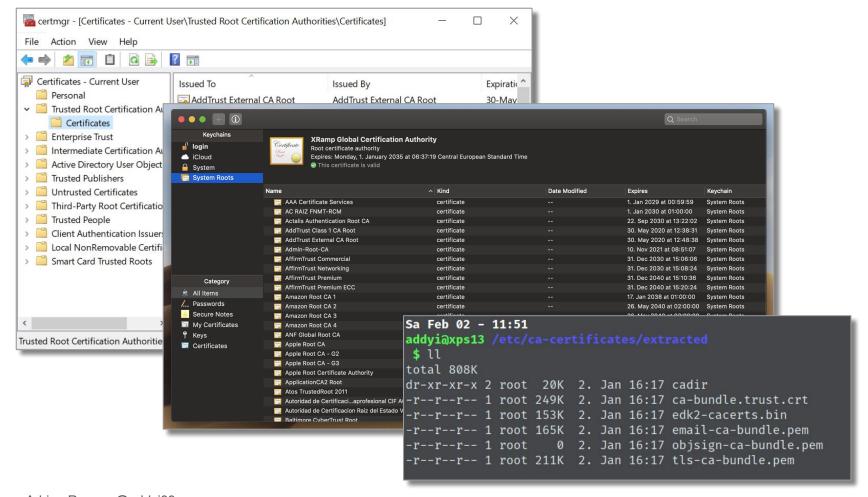
- Man In The Middle
- MITM returns wrong certificate
- MITM-techniques:
 - ARP cache poisoning
 - DNS spoofing
 - Public WIFI (restaurants, ...)
- Fraud prevention via Trust Store / Keychain
- Pre installed certificates











Trust Store

- Are we safe now?
- CA loses control
 - <u>DigiNotar</u> (Google Security Blog)
 - o GlobalSign
 - Comodo
- Social Engineering
 - <u>Elektronisches Anwaltspostfach</u>
 (beA) by BRAK



The latest news and ins

Root-Zertifikat führt zu Sicherheitsrisiko

An update on

August 29, 2011

Posted by Heather Adki

Today we received in Google users, where services. The people fraudulent SSL certinot issue certificate

Google Chrome use detect the frauduler Wie bereits unter [beA-Zertifikat zurückgezogen] und [Sondernewsletter der BRAK] berichtet, gab es am 22.12.2017 Komplikationen mit einem für das beA notwendigen Zertifikat. Dieses war nicht abgelaufen, wie teilweise berichtet worden, sondern es musste gemäß der Richtlinien (siehe hierzu: "About the Baseline Requirements") des CA/Browse Forum zurückgezogen werden.

Zertifikat musste zurückgezogen werden

Die Baseline Requirements regeln in der Ziffer 4.9. CERTIFICATE REVOCATION AND SUSPENSION / 4.9.1. Circumstances for Revocation / 4.9.1.1. Reasons for Revoking a Subscriber Certificate genau, unter welchen Umständen Zertifikate zurückzogen werden müssen. So müssen die Zertifizierungsstellen eine Zertifikat zurückziehen, dessen privater Schlüssel als nicht mehr sicher gilt oder weil der private Schlüssel bekannt gemacht wurde und damit als kompromittiert gilt.

Die aktuelle Version 1.5.4 der Baseline Requirements finden Sie hier.

So war aufgefallen, dass der im Rahmen des **beA** notwendig **beA**-Client bei der Installation auch den privaten Schlüssel des verwendeten Zertifikats auf den Client mit aufgespielt hatte.

Dies hatte heise online am 22.12.2017 berichtet – Schwere Panne beim elektronischen Anwaltspostfach.

What can I do as a web user?

- Check the grey/green padlock
- Check the certificate
- Check the chain of trust (CA)
- What can I do as an app user?

 - Trust the developer
 - I can't even verify that they are using SSL/TLS for their API
- What can I do as an app developer for my users?
 - Use a TLS secured API
 - ⇒ Certificate Pinning

Certificate Pinning

Certificate Pinning

- Detect and block many kinds of MITM attacks
- Extra step beyond the normal X.509 certificate validation
- (Application is shipped with pin)
- Pin demands specific certificate or which certificate must be in the chain of trust



04 6F F4 83 79 E4 50 FF ED 3A 75 D0 26 C5 FA 17 91 E2 56 66 9F 4C 67 82 0D 7E DB 42 93 3A 0D 02 8F 2A E5 05 08 BA 01 7A 80 01 BB DE D1 2C F3 AD C4 C6 1A EB 6E 47 A7 DE A7 18 BE DA E7 37 6A 0A 7B



sha256/y2HhTRXXLdmAF1esYBb/muQUl3BIBdmEB8jUv
MrGc28=

Demo

- MITM-Attack with mitmproxy against Android Emulator
- A malicious certificate has been pre-installed on the Emulator
- GET Request to GitHub API
 - Unpinned
 - Pinned

Code: https://github.com/addyi/CertPin

Challenges and Decision

- Protection
 - Protects the client, but not the server
 - Harder to snoop API
- Bypassing Certificate Pinning
 - Decompile & Recompile
 - Obfuscation
 - Harder not impossible
- WebView of an App
- network_security_config.xml
 - o Min SDK 24
 - o approx. 50% usage (Oct 2018)

- Emergency plan: Private Key leak?
- Pin against which certificate?
 - Root
 - Intermediate
 - Leaf
- Fail Hard or Fail Soft?
- Where to store the pin?
 - Hard coded in the app
 - Trust on first use
 - Pin server (pinned obviously)

Conclusion

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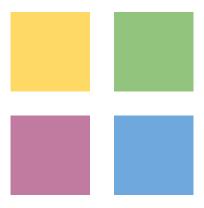
- Process of secure connection
- MITM-Attack planned and executed
- Protected our users with Certificate Pinning
- Challenges and Decisions
- Objective: To ensure that our counterpart is the one he claims to be

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- Icons are from: https://materialdesignicons.com/
- Some Screenshots



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What can I do as an web developer for my users?

- There is "trust on first use" Certificate Pinning in the Browser but there is a lot of criticism
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