

*Note: For the questions below, feel free to use online resources as needed. If necessary, you can create diagrams to aid explanation. Please **cite** your references properly.*

1. (20 points) A bank recently changed its website name from www.bank32.com to www.bank48.com. To cut costs, the bank wants to reuse the existing certificate from www.bank32.com. Would that be possible? If possible, how does it work? (Hint: Do some research for **wildcard certificates**.)

No, it would not. A certificate is tied to a domain name. If the domain name changes, the certificate becomes invalid for the new domain. Wildcard certificates would not be valid as they cover subdomains (eg. bank.bank32.com) , not different domains entirely.

2. (30 points) A TLS client program typically uses the server's certificate to authenticate the server during a TLS handshake. But what about the reverse direction?

Please do some research and answer the following:

- 1) Does TLS support server-to-client authentication? If so, what is this feature called?
How does it work?
Yes, TLS supports server-to-client authentication, and it is called Mutual TLS (mTLS) or client authentication.

How it works:

1. The normal handshake happens (server begins by presenting its certificate)
2. The server sends a CertificateRequest message, which tells the client to prove who they are
3. The client presents a client certificate, signed by a CA
4. The server validates the client's certificate
5. The handshake finishes and the session is secured

- 2) Provide one real-world example or use case where client authentication in TLS is implemented. Describe:
 - What type of application or service uses it?
 - Why is client authentication necessary in that context?
 - What form does the client credential typically take?

One real world use case of TLS client authentication is corporate VPNs. Internal company resources may use a VPN to allow those not on the corporate network to access protected resources. Client authentication is necessary as systems need a machine-level identity. The client credential typically takes an X.509 certificate on the user's device that is usually issued by the company's own CA.