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1. What is the impact on individuals, organizations, and society as a whole of moving (or not moving) to a Notary system of validating server certificates, mentioned in the above article?

The new SSL Notary system just adds another authentication of web certificates. This benefits people and business because it an additional protection against attacks like Man in the Middle Attacks. Man in the middle attacks where the attacker actively eaves drops on a connection and intercepts all messages going between the two victims and injects new messages. The additional protection is another certifying certificate.

1. Include any ethical, legal, and security issues associated with server certificates.

Like I said before one of the security issues that can arise with SSL is Man in the middle attacks. Server certificates can be more secured, to protect user information going over a connection. I don’t see any ethical or legal issues arising through the use of ssl, except on the side of the black hat hacker.