

https: Certificate Not Trusted

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Motivation

- Level? beginner
- Why? problems with https
- What? understand what is happening
- How? get your hands dirty in CLI!



Theory

- public key cryptography
 - "hey, everybody, this is my public key!"
 - vs. "let's meet in the docks to exchange private keys"
- certificate
 - "whose public key is that?"
 - attested by certification authority (CA)
- public key infrastructure
 - "should I trust this key?"



Theory - continued

- root CA
 - intermediate CA (0-N)
 - server certificate



Practice

- trusted certificate authorities preinstalled
 - system or browser
- situation is complicated
- let's get our hands dirty



Situation - Bad Domain



Your connection is not secure

The owner of **localhost** has configured their website improperly. To protect your information from being stolen, Firefox has not connected to this website.

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Situation - Bad Domain

localhost:4433 uses an invalid security certificate.

The certificate is only valid for badname

Error code: SSL_ERROR_BAD_CERT_DOMAIN

Add Exception...



Get Certificate

- openssl s_client
 - -connect <host>:<port>
 - -showcerts
 - -servername < name >



Get Certificate

```
CONNECTED (00000003)
Certificate chain
 0 s:/CN=badname
   i:/CN=DevConf2017CA
----BEGIN CERTIFICATE----
MIIDMzCCAhugAwIBAgIBBjANBgkg
b25mMjAxN0NBMCIYDzIwMTcwMTI4
KcW/3vlbfdH/DrYGzR0SqWEiDa/l
Cmj3+oSBUulpdHF3K2CVvPEadihm
hrH47JuVyQ==
----END CERTIFICATE----
```



View Certificate

openssl x509

- -noout -text
- -in <filename> (or stdin)



View Certificate

```
Certificate:
   Data:
...
   Issuer: CN=DevConf2017CA
   Validity
     Not Before: Jan 28 12:29:18 2017 GMT
     Not After : Jan 28 12:29:18 2018 GMT
   Subject: CN=badname
```



Situation - Expired

localhost:4433 uses an invalid security certificate.

The certificate expired on 01/28/2015 02:33 PM. The current time is 01/28/2017 02:33 PM.

Error code: SEC_ERROR_EXPIRED_CERTIFICATE

Add Exception...



Get and View Certificate

```
Certificate:
Data:
...
Issuer: CN=DevConf2017CA
Validity
Not Before: Jan 28 13:33:26 2014 GMT
Not After: Jan 28 13:33:26 2015 GMT
```



Situation - Unknown Issuer

localhost:4433 uses an invalid security certificate.

The certificate is not trusted because the issuer certificate is unknown.

The server might not be sending the appropriate intermediate certificates.

An additional root certificate may need to be imported.

Error code: SEC_ERROR_UNKNOWN_ISSUER

Add Exception...



Get Certificate

```
Certificate chain
 0 s:/CN=localhost
   i:/CN=localhost
----BEGIN CERTIFICATE----
MIIDJDCCAgygAwIBAgIBATANBgkghki
bGhvc3QwIhgPMjAxNzAxMjAw0TI5MDd
3lAGP4leYcH3HEecJVNGTDMcVrtS0Cp
4NMQM+eb1Cl6Vskeq2zf+eJug==
----END CERTIFICATE----
    Verify return code: 21 (unable to
verify the first certificate)
```



Get Certificate - alternative

```
Certificate chain
 0 s:/CN=localhost
   i:/CN=UnknownCA
----BEGIN CERTIFICATE----
----END CERTIFICATE----
 1 s:/CN=UnknownCA
   i:/CN=UnknownCA
----BEGIN CERTIFICATE----
----END CERTIFICATE----
    Verify return code: 19 (self
signed certificate in certificate
chain)
```



Verify Certificate

openssl verify
-CAfile <rootca>
<cert>

cert.pem: OK



Verify Certificate - alternative

cert.pem: CN = localhost error 20 at 0 depth lookup: unable to get local issuer certificate



Get Certificate - alternative

```
Certificate chain
 0 s:/CN=localhost
   i:/CN=IntermediateCA
----BEGIN CERTIFICATE----
----END CERTIFICATE----
 1 s:/CN=TrustedCA
   i:/CN=TrustedCA
----BEGIN CERTIFICATE----
----END CERTIFICATE----
```



Verify Certificate Chain

openssl verify
 -CAfile <rootca>
 -untrusted <inter>
 <cert>

cert.pem: OK



Conclusion

- we covered some typical problems
- reality is much more complicated
 - very complex system (X.509)
 - many other possible problems
 - extensions
 - certificate revocation
 - •
- come talk to me if you are interested
 - possible project on certificate verification





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