

# What we will cover

- Why SSL and certificates exist
- Encryption
  - Why encrypt?
  - How encryption works
- Identification
  - How your computer can decide who to trust

## Why SSL exists

### Encryption

Hiding what is sent from one computer to another

### Identification

Making sure the computer you are speaking to is the one you trust

# Encryption - why?



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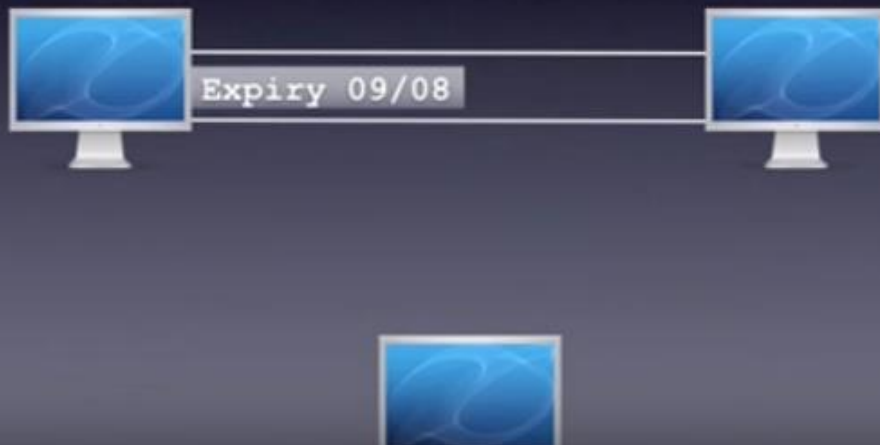
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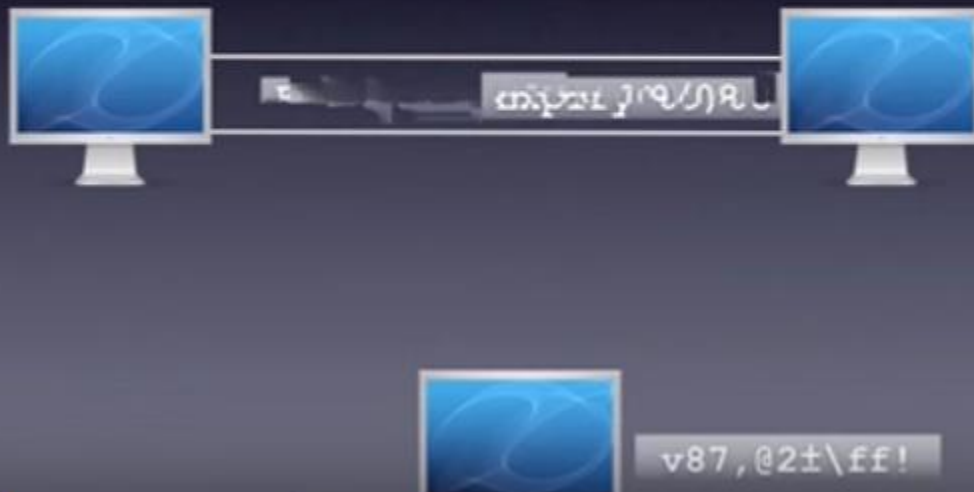
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# Encryption - why?



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# Encryption - how?

1. Computers agree on how to encrypt
2. Server sends certificate
3. Your computer says 'start encrypting'
4. The server says 'start encrypting'
5. All messages are now encrypted

# Encryption - how?

1. Computers agree on how to encrypt



Key	Cipher	Hash
RSA	RC4	HMAC-MD5
Diffie-Hellman	Triple DES	HMAC-SHA
DSA	AES	

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# Encryption - how?

## 2. Server sends a certificate



Serial: 123123  
Issuer: Verisign  
Valid: from-to  
Public key  
Subject:  
Site  
Company

# Encryption - how?

## 3. Your computer says 'start encrypting'



Client Key  
Exchange

Change  
Cipher Spec

Finished

# Encryption - how?

## 3. Your computer says 'start encrypting'



Client Key  
Exchange

Both computers calculate a master secret code

Change  
Cipher Spec

Your computer is asking server to encrypt

Finished

Let's start now

# Encryption - how?

## 4. The server says 'start encrypting'



Change  
Cipher Spec

Finished

# Encryption - how?

4. The server says 'start encrypting'



I'm going to send encrypted messages now

Let's go



Change  
Cipher Spec

Finished

# Encryption - how?

4. The server says 'start encrypting'



Change  
Cipher Spec

'f33^ v%p98

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# Encryption - how?

5. All messages are now encrypted



login=janedoe  
pass=myP4\$\$





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hx&@HX373  
nwd73\*§dh'm  
/\*yqw



# Who to trust

1. Company asks CA for a certificate
2. CA creates certificate and signs it
3. Certificate installed in server
4. Browser issued with root certificates
5. Browser trusts correctly signed certs

# Who to trust?

1. Company asks CA for a certificate

The company has to give information about:

The web server

What the company is

Where it is located

Certificate Authority checks correctness and  
authenticity of company

# Who to trust?

## 2. CA creates certificate and signs it

Version  
Serial Number  
Algorithm ID  
Issuer  
Validity (from - to)  
Company details  
Subject public key info  
Algorithm  
Key  
Identifier for issuer  
Identifier for company  
Signature algorithm  
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Signature created  
by condensing  
all details  
into a number  
(through hashing)

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## 3. Certificate installed in server

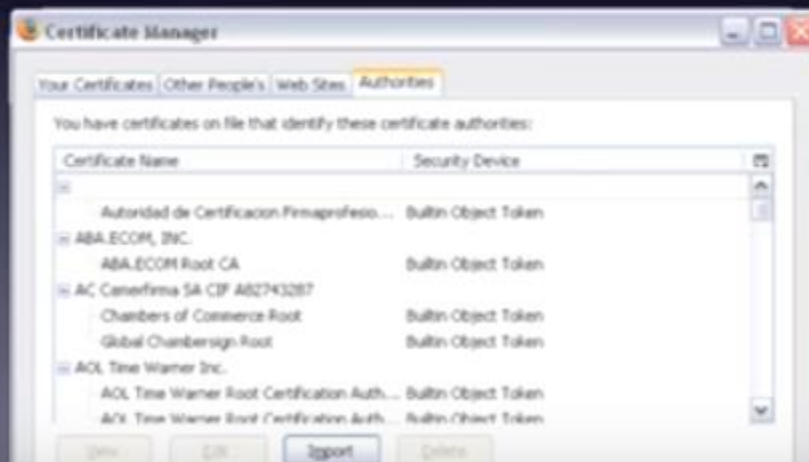
The company will run a web server



The certificate is installed into this server

# Who to trust?

## 4. Browser issued with root certificates



# Who to trust?

## 5. Browser trusts correctly signed certs



CA Cert



Site Cert

Veri

