

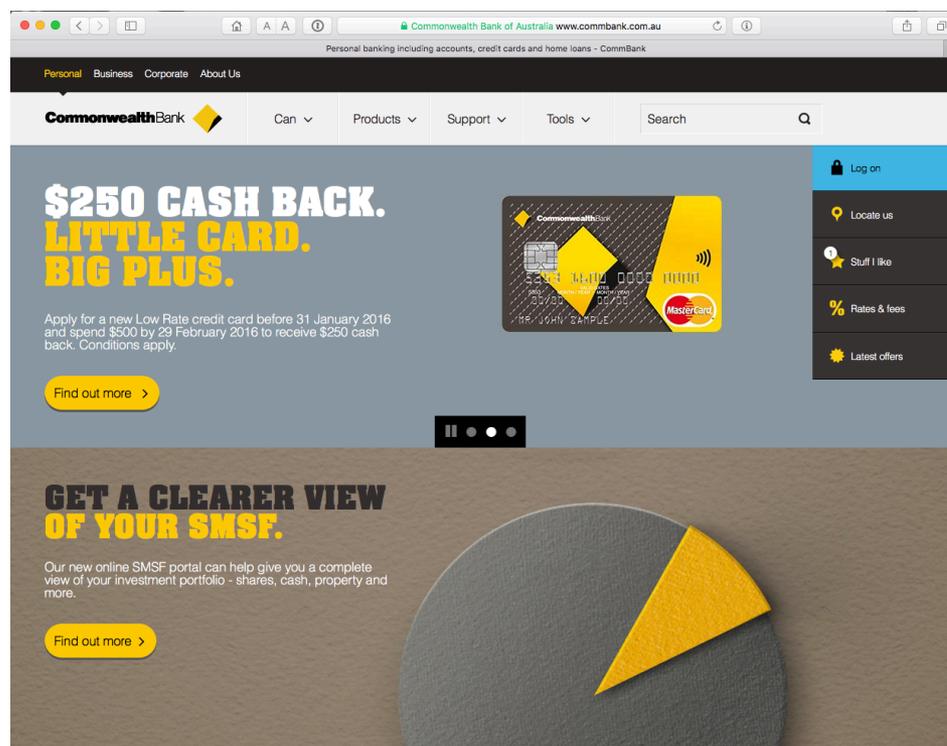
# Why Dane?

Geoff Huston  
Chief Scientist, APNIC



# Security on the Internet

How do you know that you are going to where you thought you were going to?



# Connection Steps



Client:

*DNS Query:*

www.commbank.com.au?



*DNS Response:*

104.97.235.12



*TCP Session:*

TCP Connect 104.97.235.12, port 443



# Hang on...

```
$ dig -x 104.97.235.12 +short  
a104-97-235-12.deploy.static.akamaitechnologies.com.
```

That's not an IP addresses that was allocated to the Commonwealth Bank!

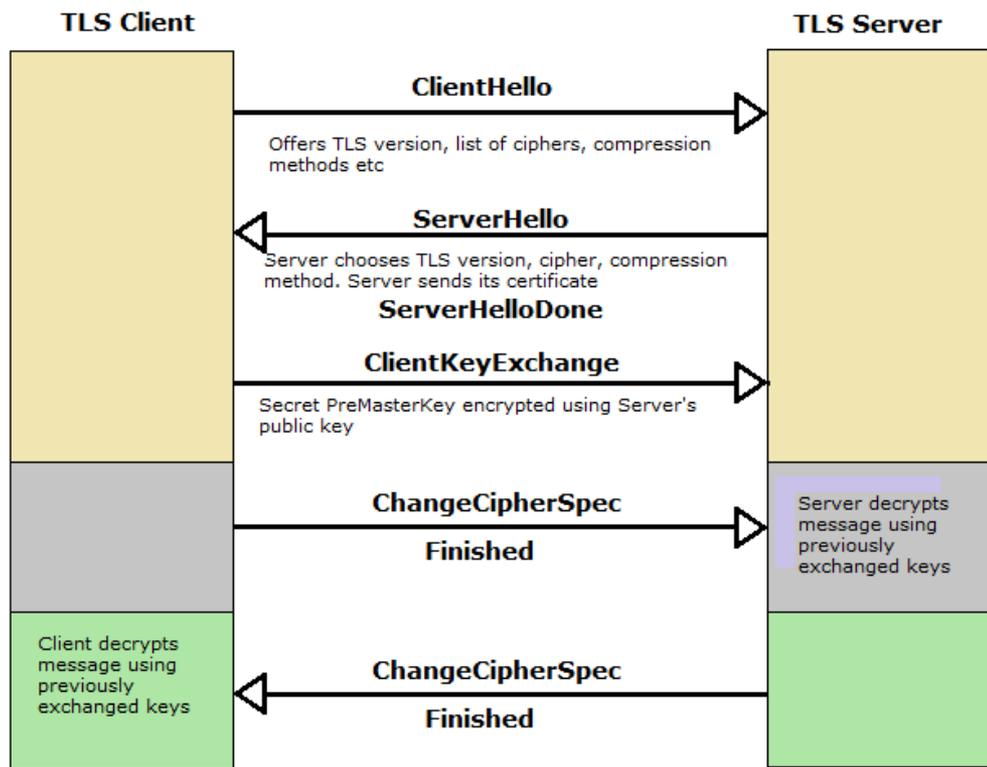
The Commonwealth Bank of Australia has 140.168.0.0 - 140.168.255.255  
and 203.17.185.0 - 203.17.185.255

So why should my browser trust that 104.97.235.12 is really the “proper” web site for the Commonwealth Bank of Australia and not some dastardly evil scam?

How can my browser tell the difference between an intended truth and a lie?

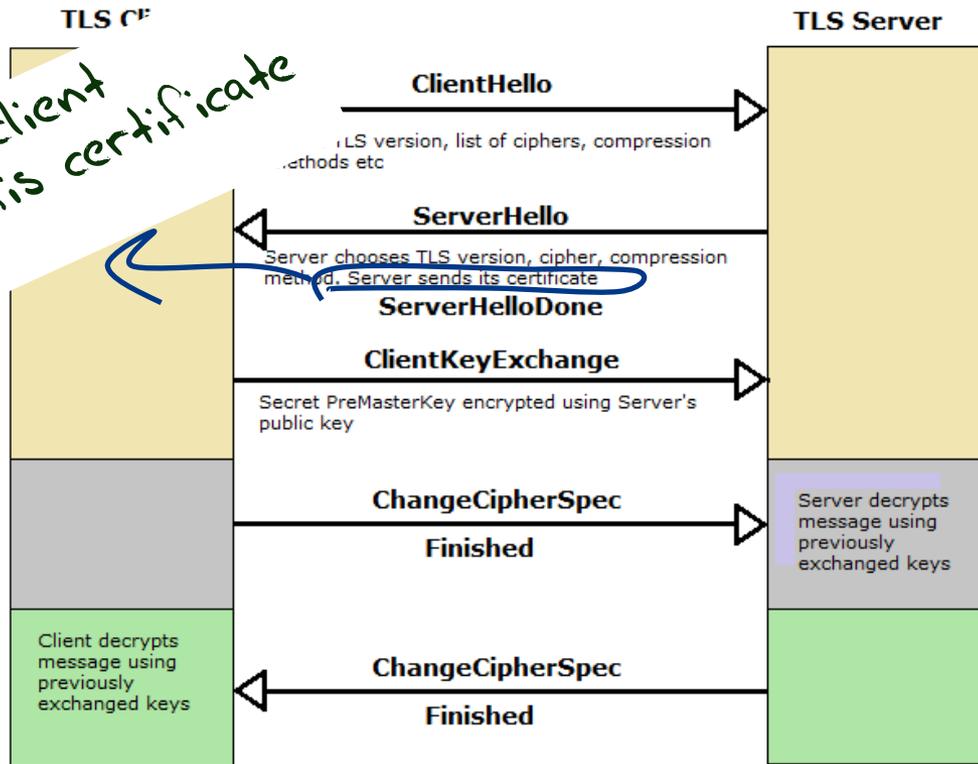


# TLS Connections



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How does the client "recognise" this certificate as valid?





Safari is using an encrypted connection to www.commbank.com.au.

Encryption with a digital certificate keeps information private as it's sent to or from the https website www.commbank.com.au.

Symantec Corporation has identified www.commbank.com.au as being owned by Commonwealth Bank of Australia in SYDNEY, New South Wales, AU.

- VeriSign Class 3 Public Primary Certification Authority - G5
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- www.commbank.com.au



www.commbank.com.au

Issued by: Symantec Class 3 EV SSL CA - G3  
 Expires: Saturday, 27 February 2016 at 10:59:59 AM Australian Eastern Daylight Time  
 This certificate is valid

Trust

Details

Subject Name	
Inc. Country	AU
Business Category	Private Organization
Serial Number	123 123 124
Country	AU
Postal Code	2000
State/Province	New South Wales
Locality	SYDNEY
Street Address	201 SUSSEX S T
Organization	Commonwealth Bank of Australia
Organizational Unit	CBA Business System Hosting
Common Name	www.commbank.com.au
Issuer Name	
Country	US
Organization	Symantec Corporation
Organizational Unit	Symantec Trust Network
Common Name	Symantec Class 3 EV SSL CA - G3
Serial Number	1A 9F E9 4B 03 9D E2 9A B6 15 56 69 60 3E 98 AE
Version	3
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Parameters	none
Not Valid Before	Monday, 4 May 2015 at 10:00:00 AM Australian Eastern Standard Time
Not Valid After	Saturday, 27 February 2016 at 10:59:59 AM Australian Eastern Daylight Time
Public Key Info	
Algorithm	RSA Encryption ( 1.2.840.113549.1.1.1 )
Parameters	none
Public Key	256 bytes : CA B4 74 93 E8 00 22 10 ...
Exponent	65537
Key Size	2048 bits
Key Usage	Encrypt, Verify, Wrap, Derive
Signature	256 bytes : 95 32 C3 F0 62 F1 F8 F1 ...



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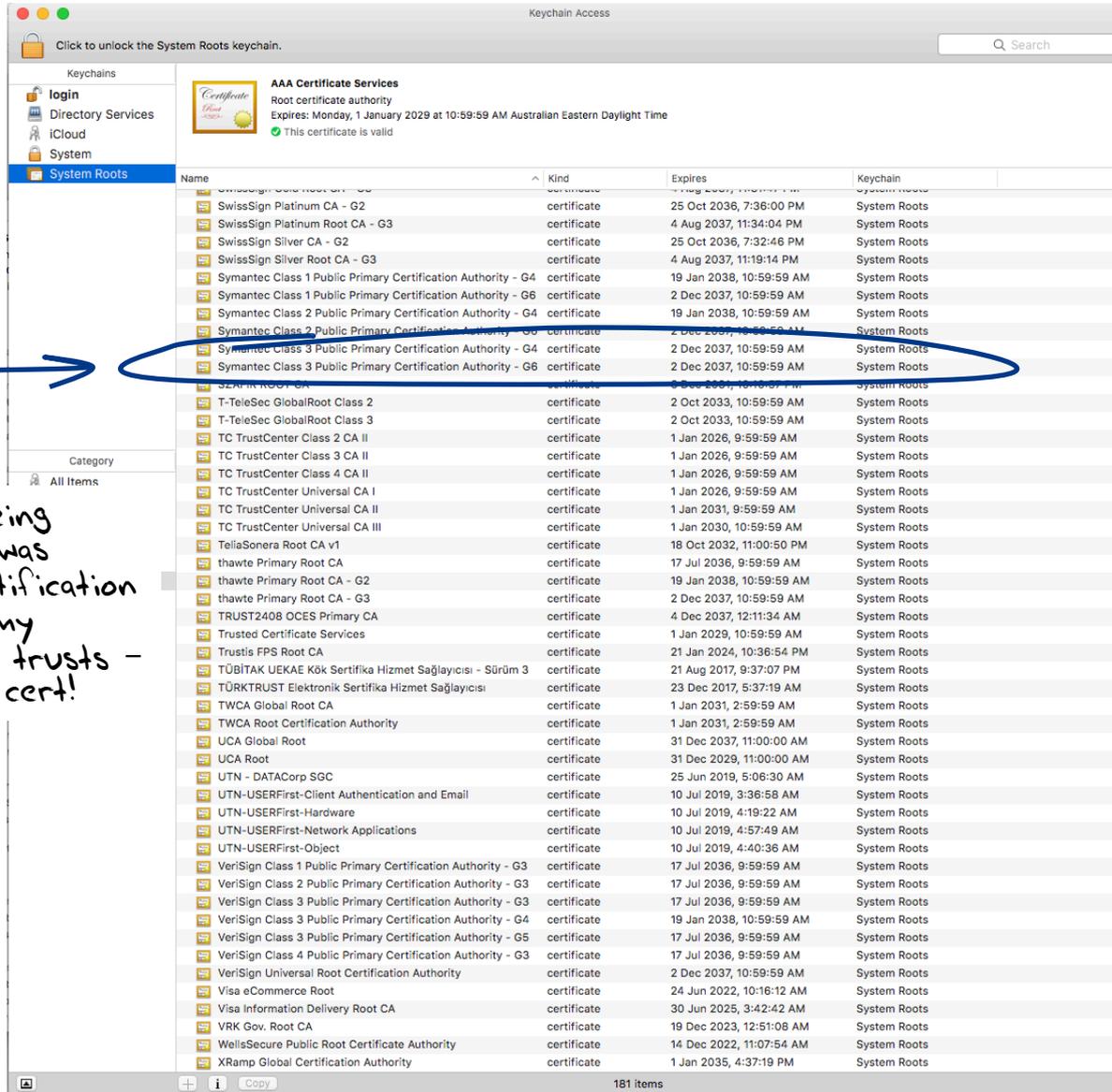
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*Why should i trust them?*



# Local Trust



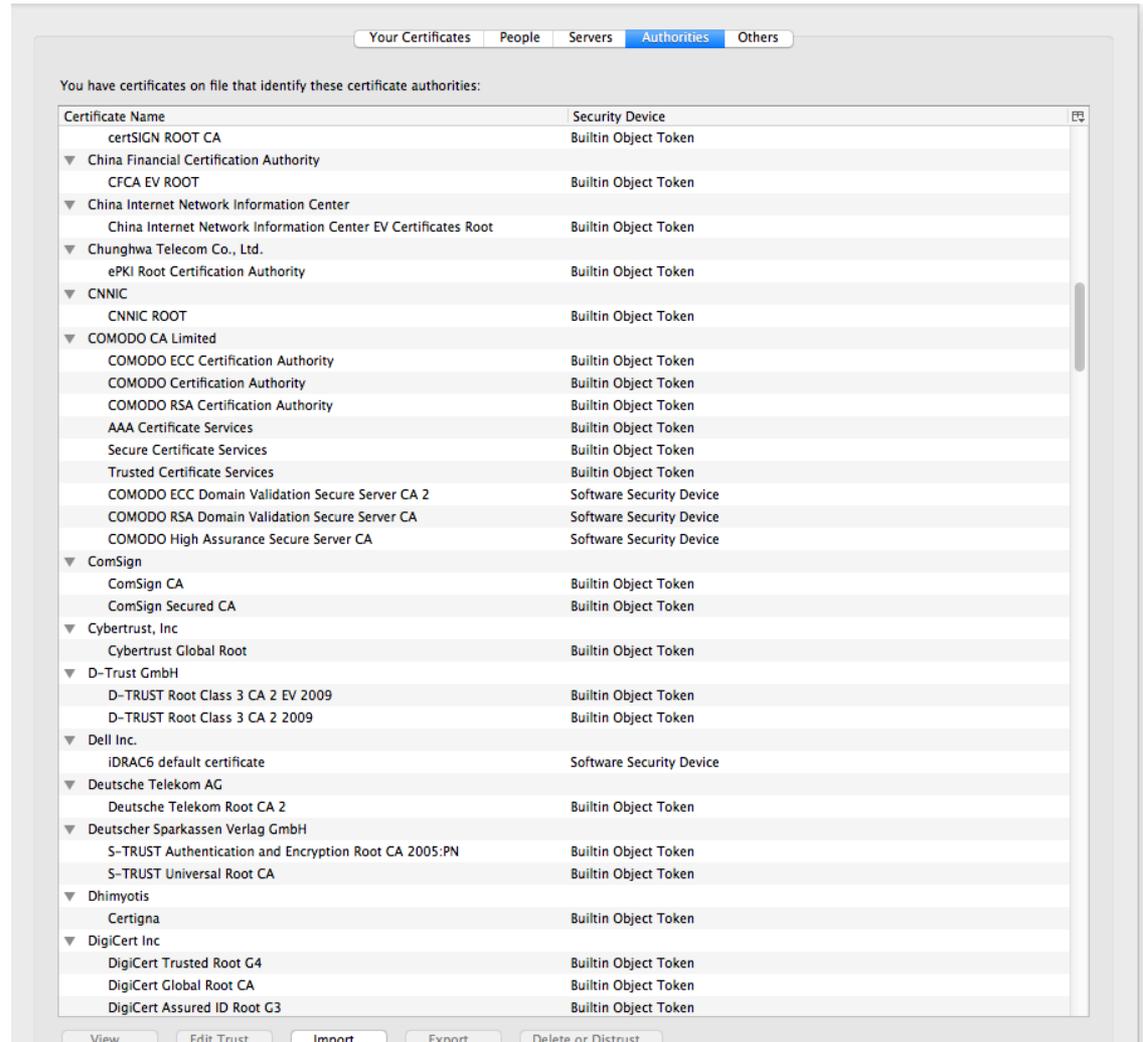
The cert I'm being asked to trust was issued by a certification authority that my browser already trusts - so I trust that cert!



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**With unpleasant consequences  
when it all goes wrong**



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## Iranian activists feel the chill as hacker taps into e-mails

BY SOMINI SENGUPTA

He claims to be 21 years old, a student of software engineering in Tehran who reveres Ayatollah Ali Khamenei and despises dissidents in his country.

He sneaked into the computer systems of a security firm on the outskirts of Amsterdam. He created fake credentials that could allow someone to spy on Internet connections that appeared to be secure. He then shared that bounty with people he declines to identify.

The fruits of his labor are believed to be many as 300,000 e-mails. He has been in the U.S. since last summer.

online security mechanism that is trusted by Internet users all over the world. Comodohacker, as he calls himself, insists that he acted on his own and is unperturbed by the notion that his work might have been used to spy on anti-government compatriots.

"I'm totally independent," he said in an e-mail exchange with The New York Times. "I just share my findings with some people in Iran. They are free to do anything they want with my findings and things I share with them, but I'm not responsible."

In the annals of Internet attacks, this is most likely to go down as a moment of reckoning. For activists, it shows the HACKER, PAGE 1

# With unpleasant consequences when it all goes wrong

The image shows a screenshot of the DigiNotar website. The browser address bar shows the URL <http://www.diginotar.nl/>. The website header includes the DigiNotar logo and navigation links: HOME, ACTUEEL, PRODUCTEN, BRANCHES, PARTNERS, AANVRAGEN, KLANTENSERVICE, and OVER DIGINOTAR. A search bar is visible with the text "zoek...". The main banner features a hand holding a folder over a laptop with the text: "Zorgeloos documenten online uitwisselen. Hoe toont u aan dat uw document de originele en geautoriseerde versie is en dat het bij de juiste persoon komt? Meer >>". Below the banner, there are sections for "Ga direct naar ..." (listing services like Digitale Polis, Elektronische handtekening WABO, etc.), "Lopende projecten" (with a dropdown menu for "Belastingdienst"), "DigiNotar®, Internet Trust Provider" (describing services like online identification and document exchange), and "Actueel" (news section). The "Actueel" section contains a red circle around the headline "Faillissement DigiNotar" and a sub-headline "DigiNotar failliet. Overheid blijft betrokken bij operationeel beheer". Other news items include "Besluit OPTA om de registratie van DigiNotar als certificatieinstantie te trekken".

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*WOW! That's awesomely bad!*



*Here's a lock - it might be the lock on your front door for all I know.*

*The lock might LOOK secure, but don't worry - literally ANY key can open it!*



# What's going wrong here?

- There is no incentive for quality in the CA marketplace
- Why pay more for any certificate when the entire CA structure is only as strong as the weakest CA
- And your browser trusts a LOT of CAs!
  - About 60 – 100 CA's
  - About 1,500 Subordinate RA's
  - Operated by 650 different organisations

See the EFF SSL observatory  
<http://www.eff.org/files/DefconSSLiverse.pdf>



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# Where now?

Option A: Take all the money out of the system!

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# Where now?

Option B: White Listing and Pinning with HSTS

[https://code.google.com/p/chromium/codesearch#chromium/src/net/http/transport\\_security\\_state\\_static.json](https://code.google.com/p/chromium/codesearch#chromium/src/net/http/transport_security_state_static.json)



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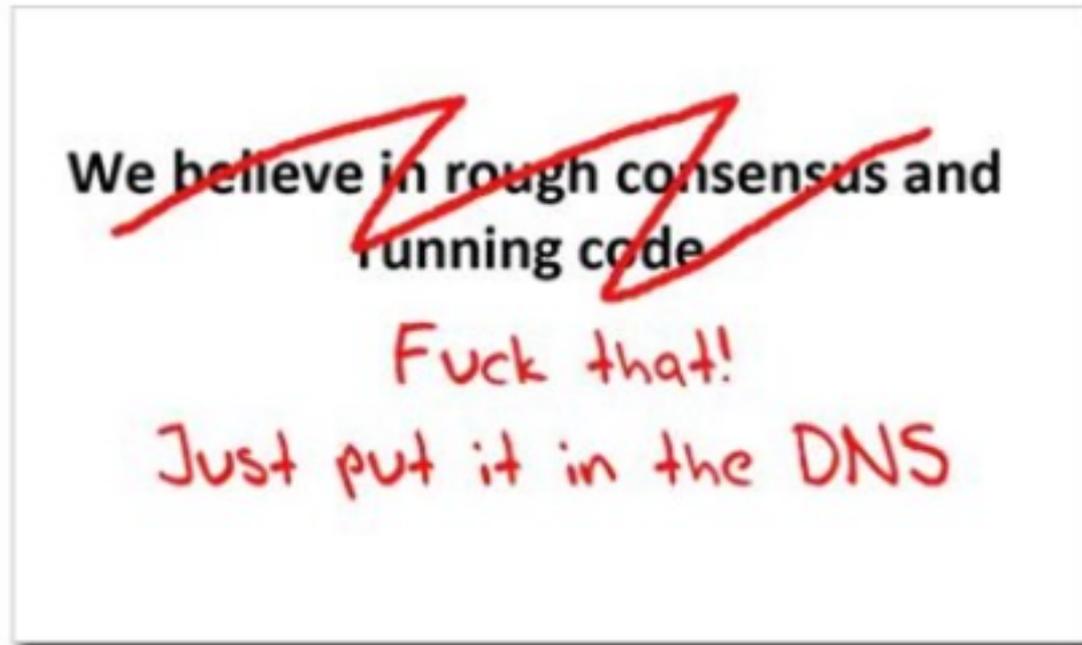
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*its not a totally insane idea -- until you realise that it appears to be completely unscalable!*



# Where now?

Option C: Use the DNS!



# Seriously

Where better to find out the public key associated with a DNS name than to look it up in the DNS?



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- Why not query the DNS for the domain name public key cert as a signed cert?

*Who needs CA's anyway?*



# DANE

- Using the DNS to associated domain name public key certificates with domain name

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## The DNS-Based Authentication of Named Entities (DANE) Transport Layer Security (TLS) Protocol: TLSA

### Abstract

Encrypted communication on the Internet often uses Transport Layer Security (TLS), which depends on third parties to certify the keys used. This document improves on that situation by enabling the administrators of domain names to specify the keys used in that domain's TLS servers. This requires matching improvements in TLS client software, but no change in TLS server software.

### Status of This Memo

This is an Internet Standards Track document.



# DANE

## TLSA RR

### 2.3. TLSA RR Examples

An example of a hashed (SHA-256) association of a PKIX CA certificate:

```
_443._tcp.www.example.com. IN TLSA (  
  0 0 1 d2abde240d7cd3ee6b4b28c54df034b9  
      7983ald16e8a410e4561cb106618e971 )
```

CA Cert Hash

An example of a hashed (SHA-512) subject public key association of a PKIX end entity certificate:

```
_443._tcp.www.example.com. IN TLSA  
  1 1 2 92003ba34942dc74152e2f2c408d29ec  
      a5a520e7f2e06bb944f4dca346baf63c  
      1b177615d466f6c4b71c216a50292bd5  
      8c9ebdd2f74e38fe51ffd48c43326cbc )
```

EE Cert Hash

An example of a full certificate association of a PKIX trust anchor:

```
_443._tcp.www.example.com. IN TLSA  
  2 0 0 30820307308201efa003020102020... )
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Trust Anchor



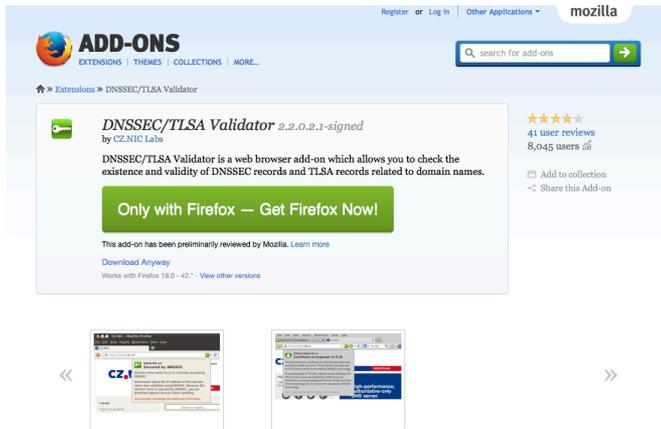
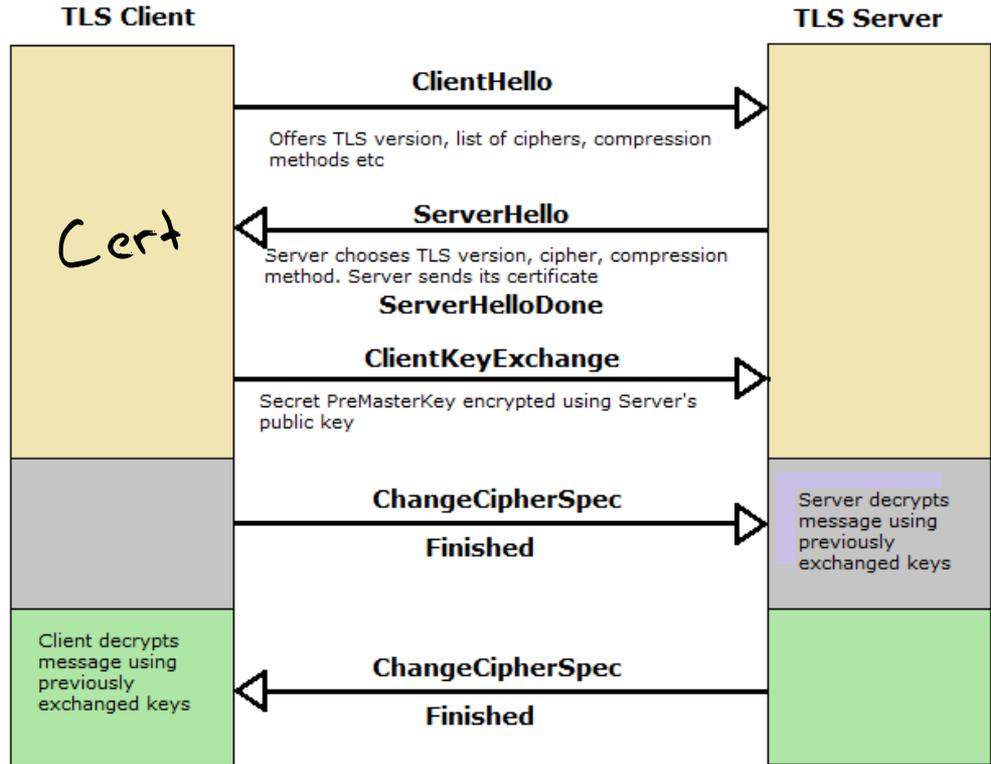
# TLS with DANE

- Client receives server cert in Server Hello
  - *Client lookups the DNS for the TLSA Resource Record of the domain name*
  - *Client validates the presented certificate against the TLSA RR*
- Client performs Client Key exchange



# TLS Connections

DNS Name  
 TLSA query  
 Cert



**About this Add-on**  
 DNSSEC/TLSA Validator allows you to check the existence and validity of DNS Security Extensions (DNSSEC) signed records. If a valid DNSSEC chain related to the domain is found the plug-in will also check for the existence of Transport Layer Security Association (TLSA) records. TLSA records store hashes of remote server TLS/SSL certificates. The authenticity of a TLS/SSL certificate for a domain name is verified by the DANE protocol (RFC 6698). DNSSEC and TLSA validation results are displayed by using several icons. Clicking on a given icon symbol reveals more detailed information.  
 DNSSEC/TLSA Validator uses external libraries to resolve and validate DNSSEC/TLSA signatures and to verify HTTPS server certificates. More info is available on the [www.dnssec-validator.cz](http://www.dnssec-validator.cz) page.

- ★ Add-on home page
  - ★ Support site
  - ★ Support E-mail
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 Last Updated: May 15, 2015  
 Released under GNU General Public License, version 3.0

# Just one problem...

- The DNS is full of liars and lies!
- And this can compromise the integrity of public key information embedded in the DNS
- Unless we fix the DNS we are no better off than before with these TLSA records!



# Just one response...

- We need to allow users to validate DNS responses for themselves
- And for this we need a Secure DNS framework
- Which we have – and its called DNSSEC!



# DNSSEC Interlocking Signatures

. (root)

- . Key-Signing Key – signs over
  - . Zone-Signing Key – signs over
    - DS for .com (Key-Signing Key)

.com

- .com Key-Signing Key – signs over
  - .com Zone-Signing Key – signs over
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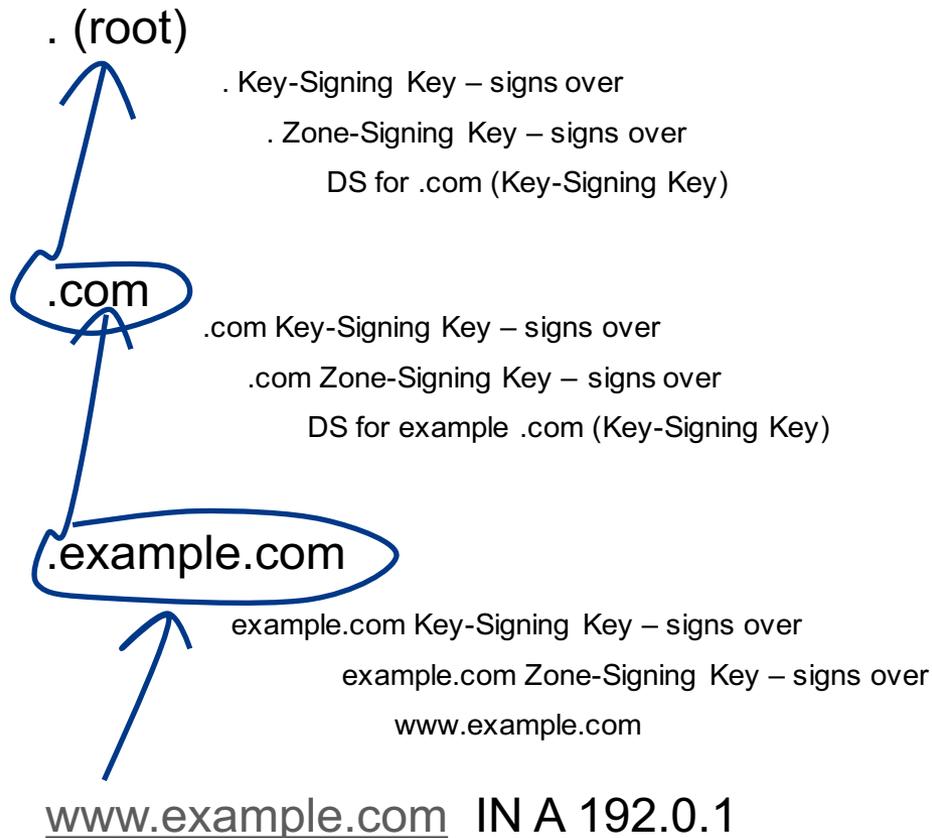
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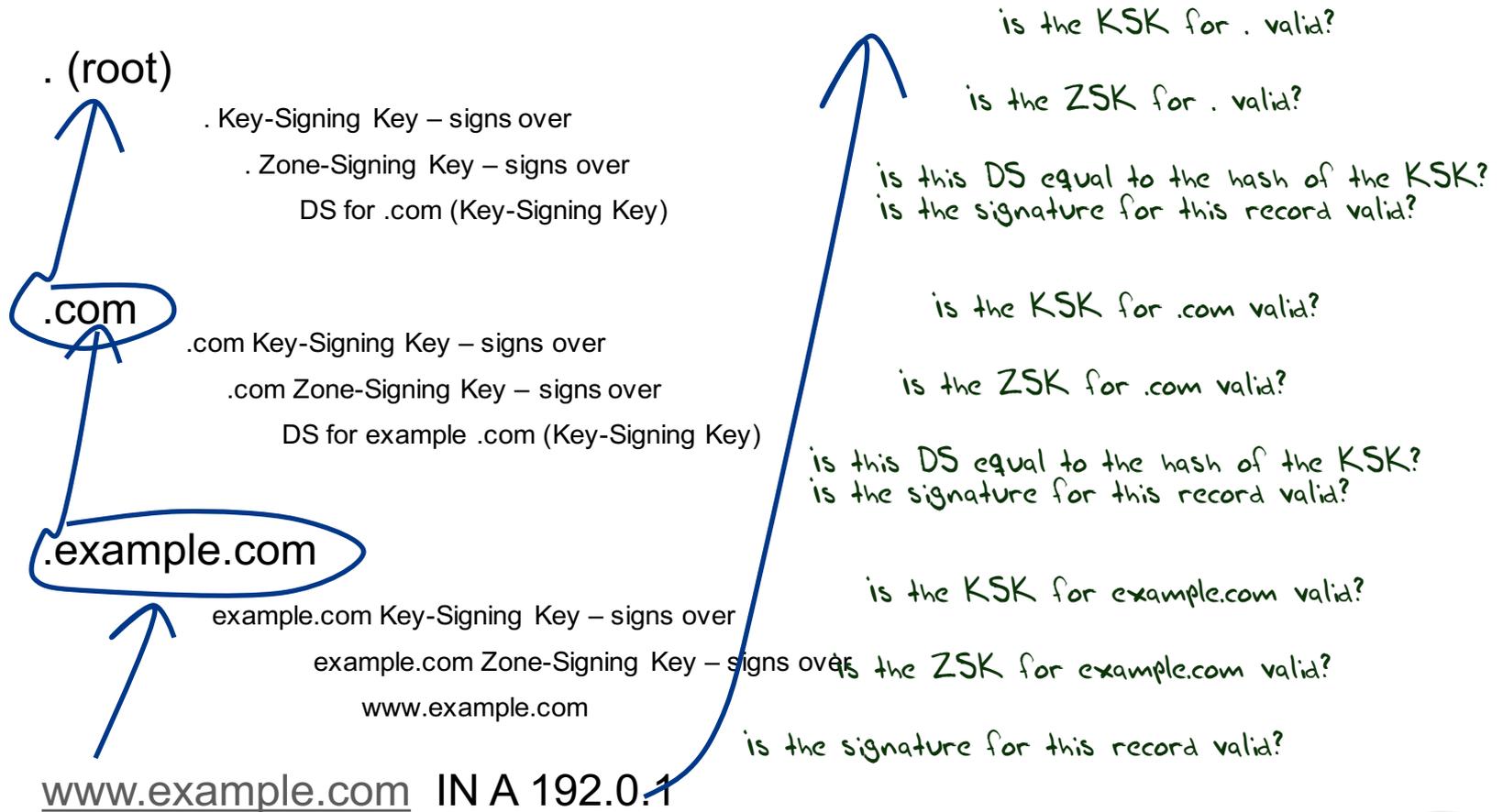
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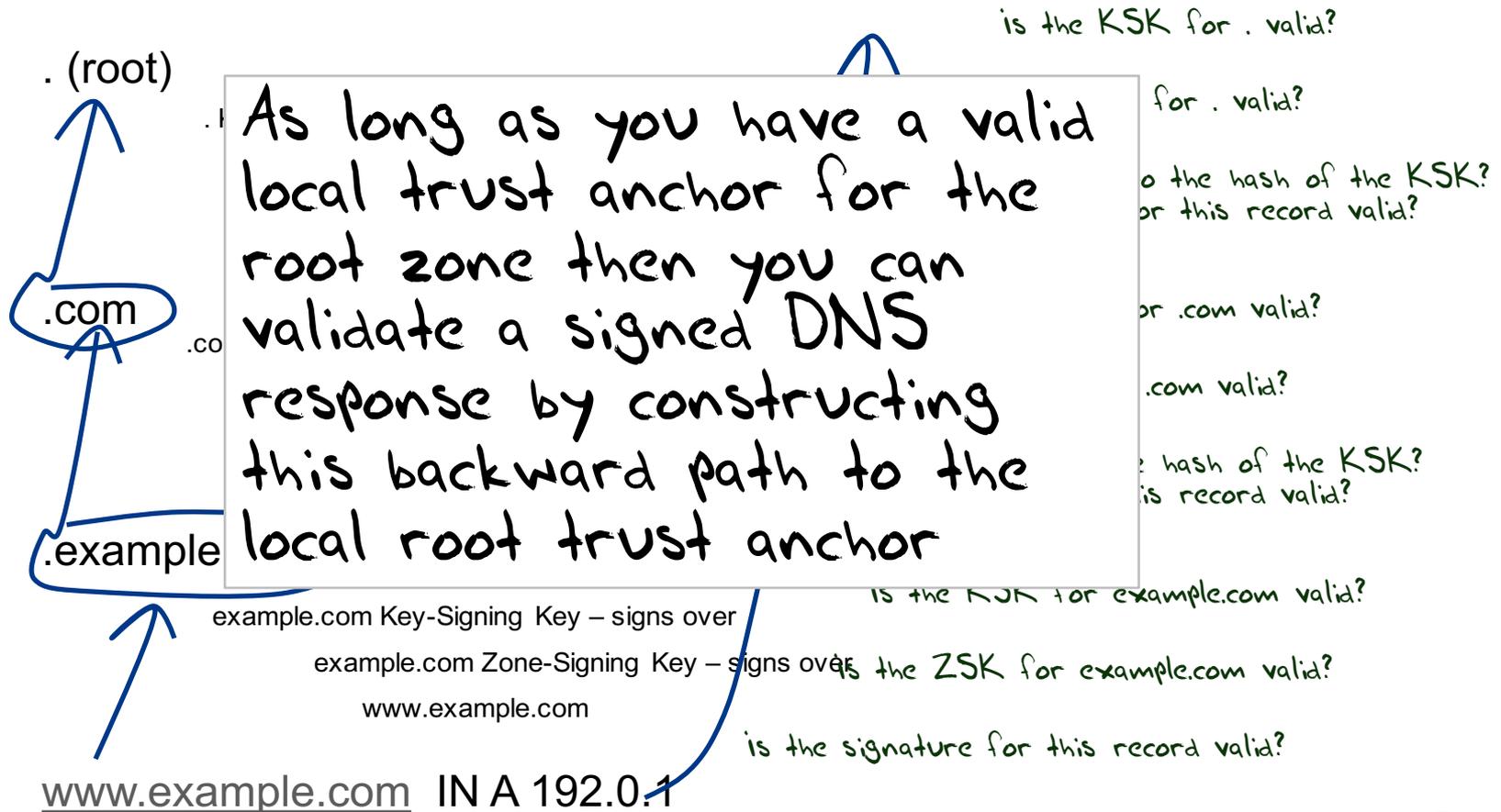
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# DANE + DNSSEC

- Query the DNS for the TLSA record of the domain name and ask for the DNSSEC signature to be included in the response
- Validate the signature to ensure that you have an unbroken signature chain to the root trust point
- At this point you can accept the TLSA record as the authentic record, and set up a TLS session based on this data



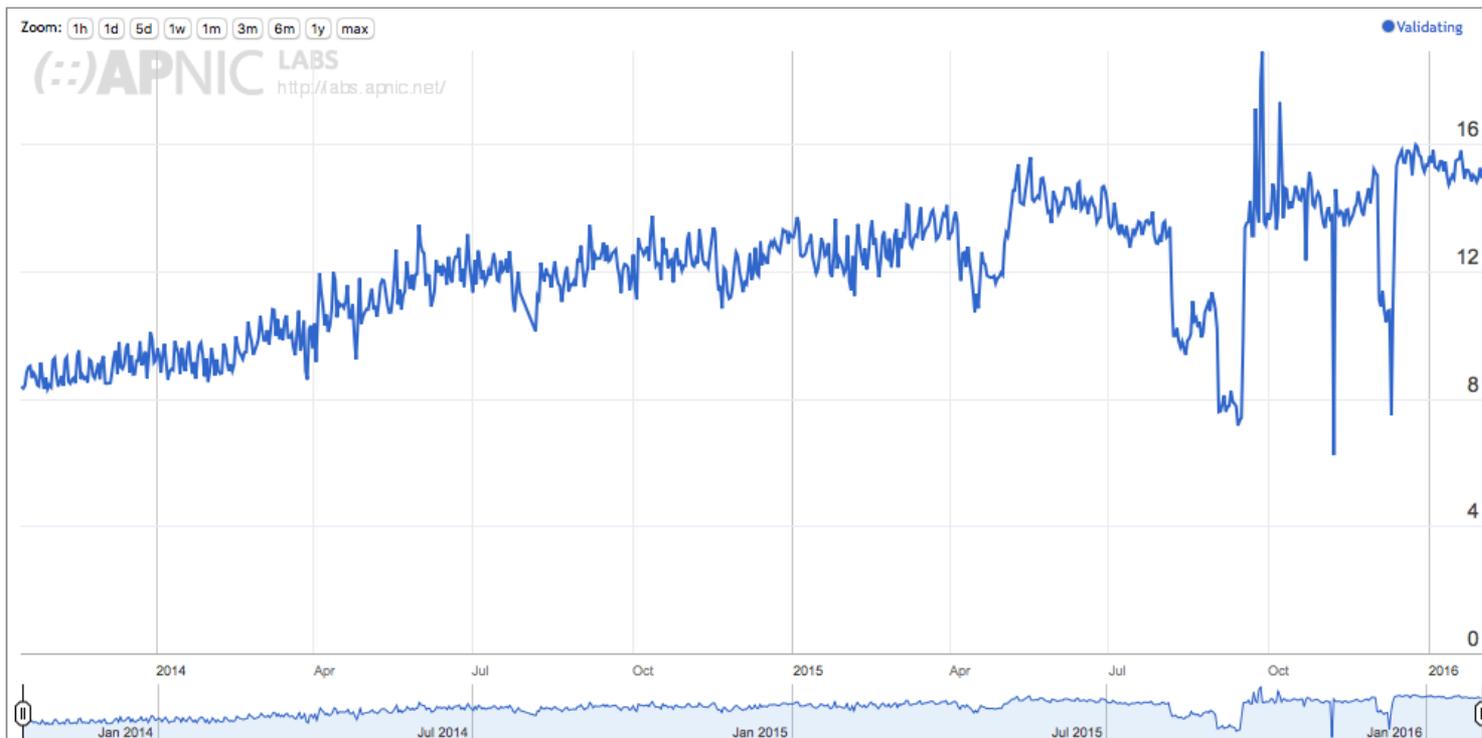
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DANE...

How much DNSSEC Validation is out there?



# Do we do DNSSEC Validation?

## Use of DNSSEC Validation for World (XA)



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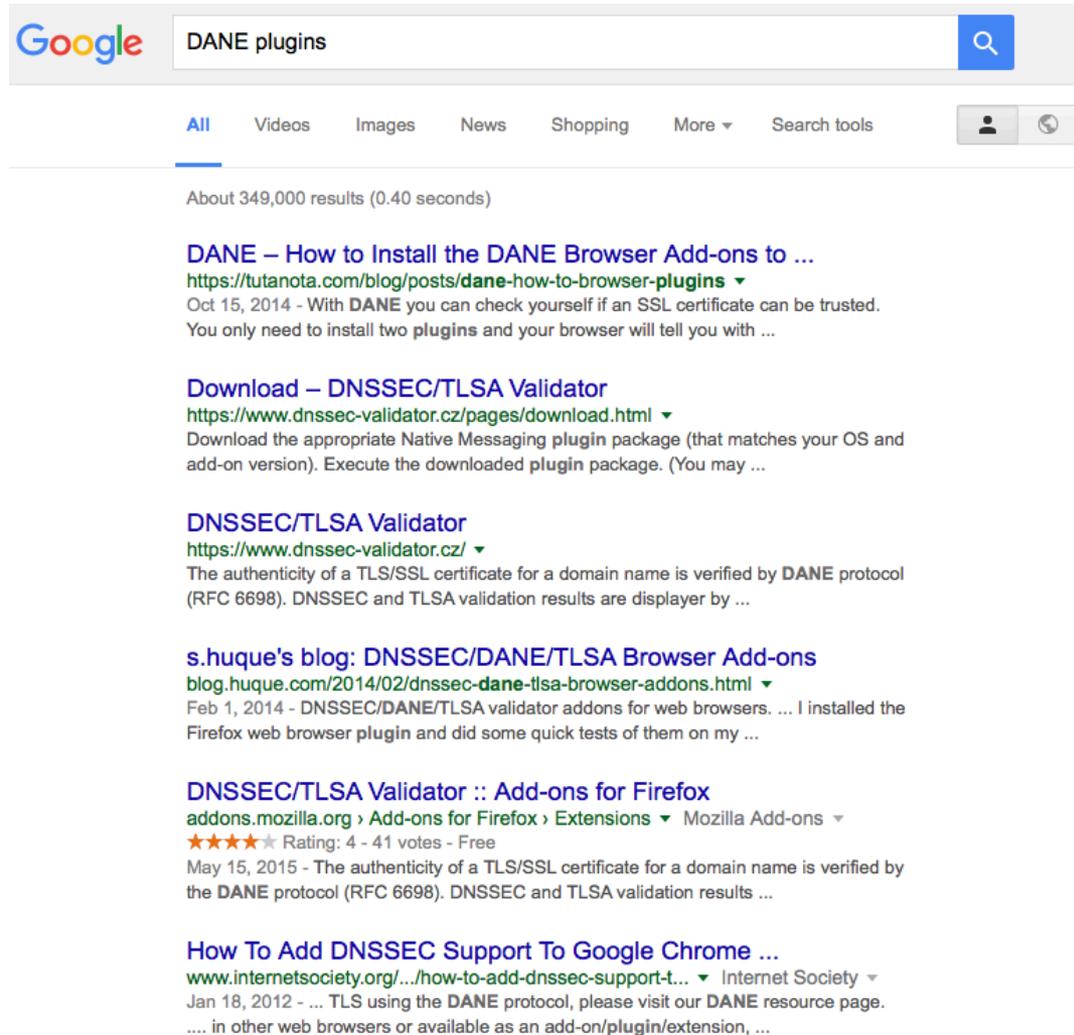


# Look! No DNS!

- Server packages server cert, TLSA record and the DNSSEC credential chain in a single bundle
- Client receives bundle in Server Hello
  - *Client performs validation of TLSA Resource Record using the supplied DNSEC signatures plus the local DNS Root Trust Anchor without performing any DNS queries*
  - *Client validates the presented certificate against the TLSA RR*
- Client performs Client Key exchange



# Where now?



Google search results for "DANE plugins". The search bar shows "DANE plugins" and the search button is a magnifying glass. Below the search bar are tabs for "All", "Videos", "Images", "News", "Shopping", "More", and "Search tools". The results show "About 349,000 results (0.40 seconds)".

**DANE – How to Install the DANE Browser Add-ons to ...**  
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[blog.huque.com/2014/02/dnssec-dane-tlsa-browser-addons.html](http://blog.huque.com/2014/02/dnssec-dane-tlsa-browser-addons.html) ▾  
Feb 1, 2014 - DNSSEC/DANE/TLSA validator addons for web browsers. ... I installed the Firefox web browser plugin and did some quick tests of them on my ...

**DNSSEC/TLSA Validator :: Add-ons for Firefox**  
[addons.mozilla.org](https://addons.mozilla.org/) > Add-ons for Firefox > Extensions ▾ Mozilla Add-ons ▾  
★★★★★ Rating: 4 - 41 votes - Free  
May 15, 2015 - The authenticity of a TLS/SSL certificate for a domain name is verified by the **DANE** protocol (RFC 6698). DNSSEC and TLSA validation results ...

**How To Add DNSSEC Support To Google Chrome ...**  
[www.internetsociety.org/.../how-to-add-dnssec-support-t...](http://www.internetsociety.org/.../how-to-add-dnssec-support-t...) ▾ Internet Society ▾  
Jan 18, 2012 - ... TLS using the **DANE** protocol, please visit our **DANE** resource page. ... in other web browsers or available as an add-on/plugin/extension, ...

Browser vendors appear to be dragging the chain on DANE support

DANE exists today as plugins rather than a core functionality

Cynically, one could observe that fast but insecure is the browser vendors' current preference!



# Where now?

We could do a **far** better job at Internet Security:

- Publishing DNSSEC-signed zones

- Publishing DANE TLSA records

- Using DNSSEC-validating resolution

- Using TLSA records to guide Key Exchange for TLS

What this can offer is robust, affordable, accessible security without the current overheads of high priced vanity CA offerings



That's it!

Questions?

