Why Dane?

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Security on the Internet

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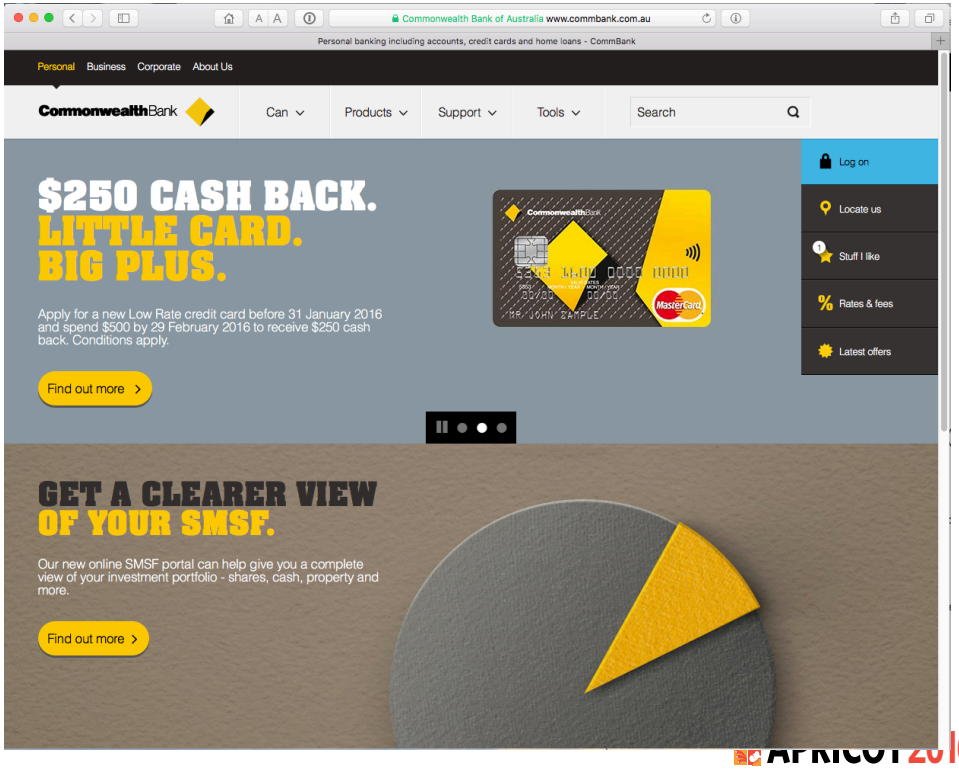

Connection Steps

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?

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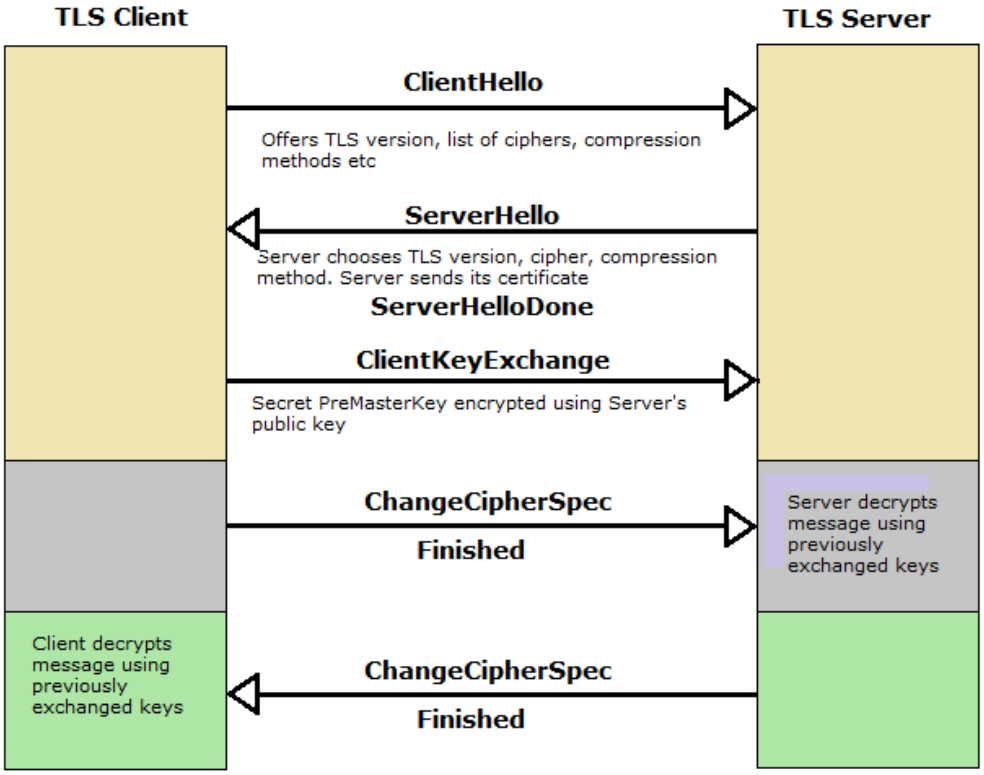

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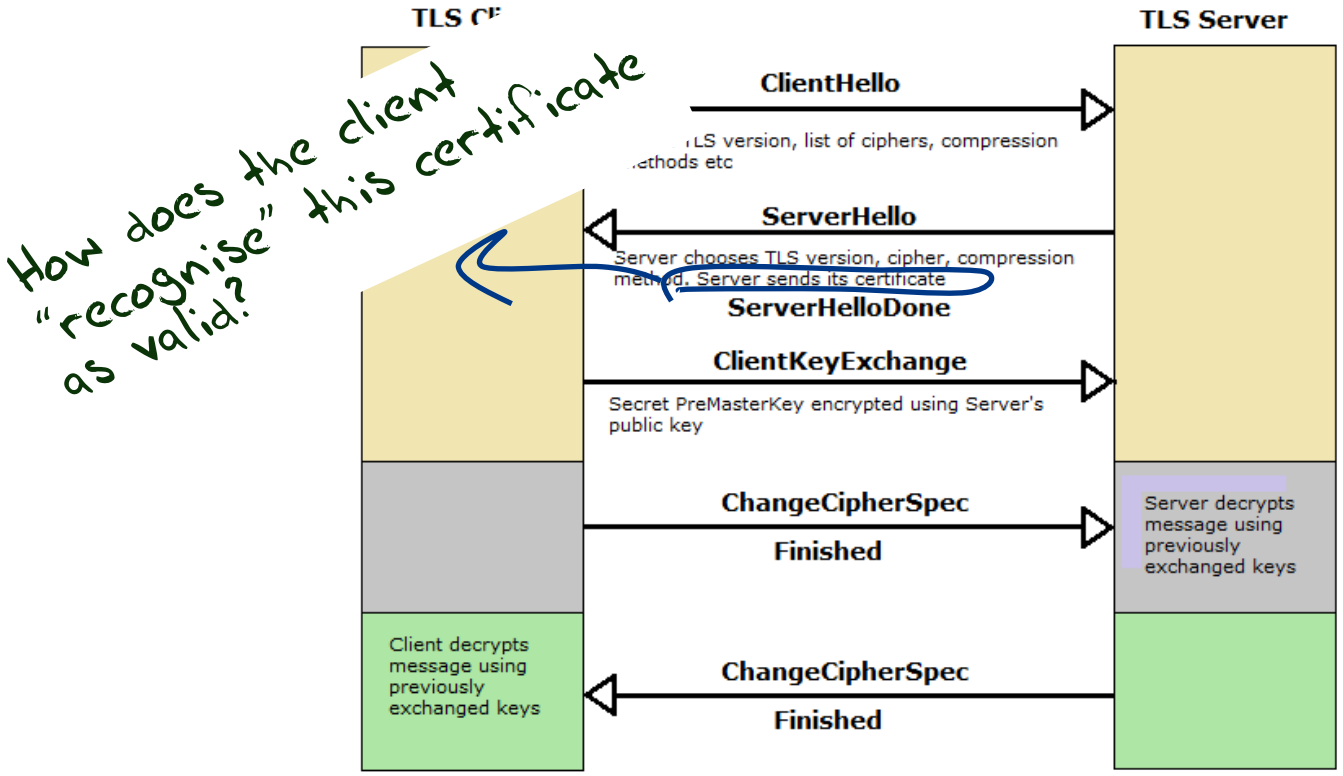

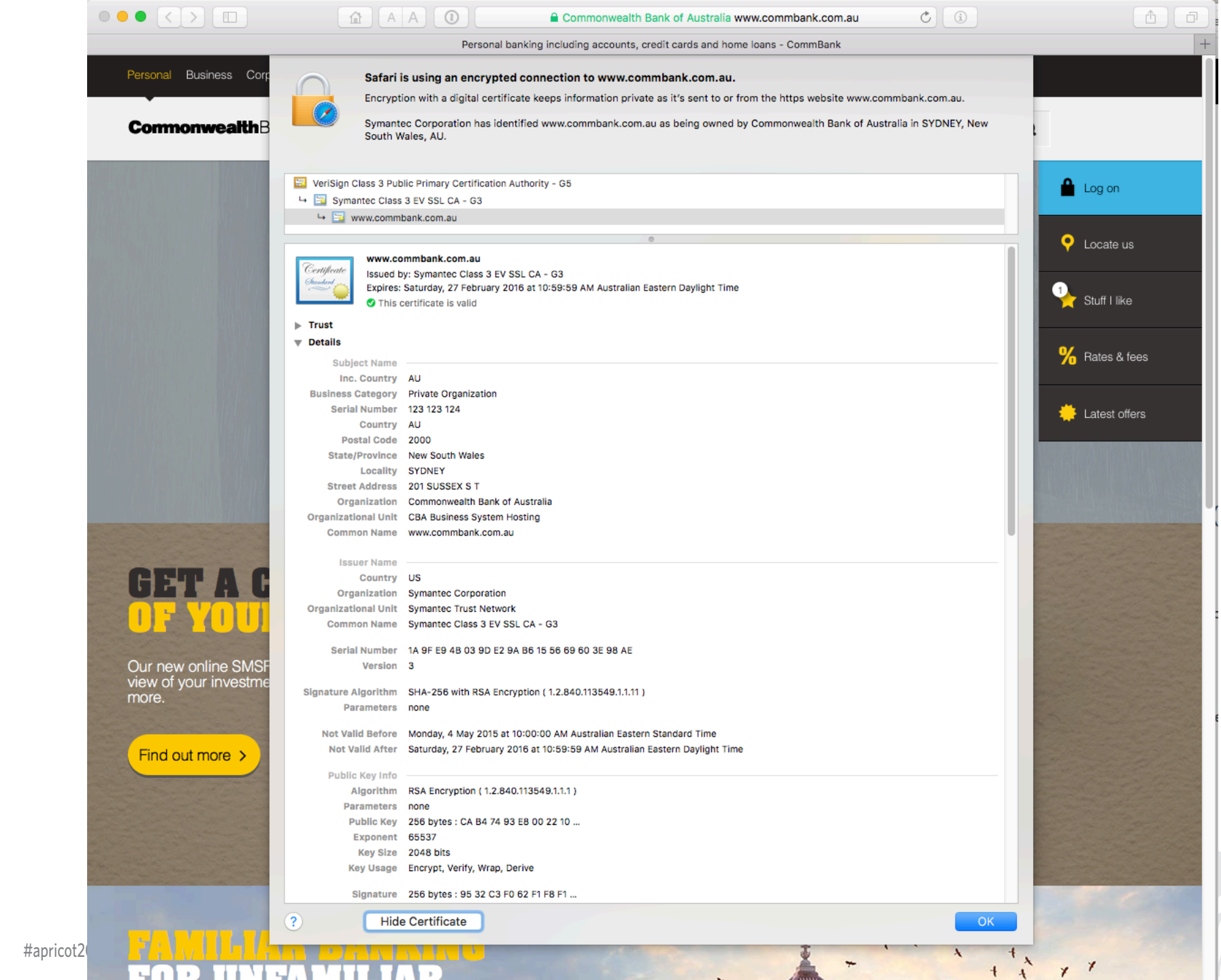
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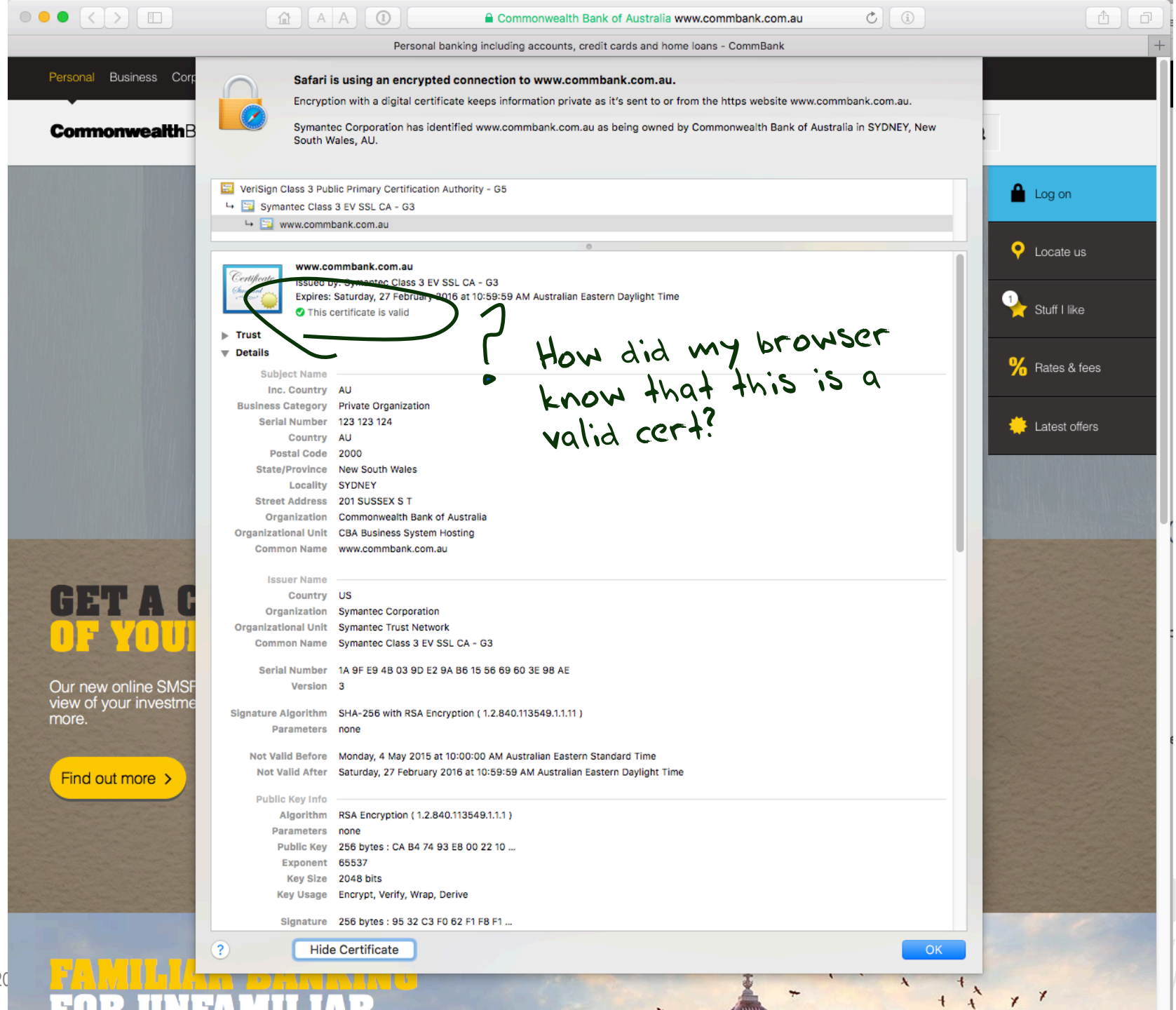
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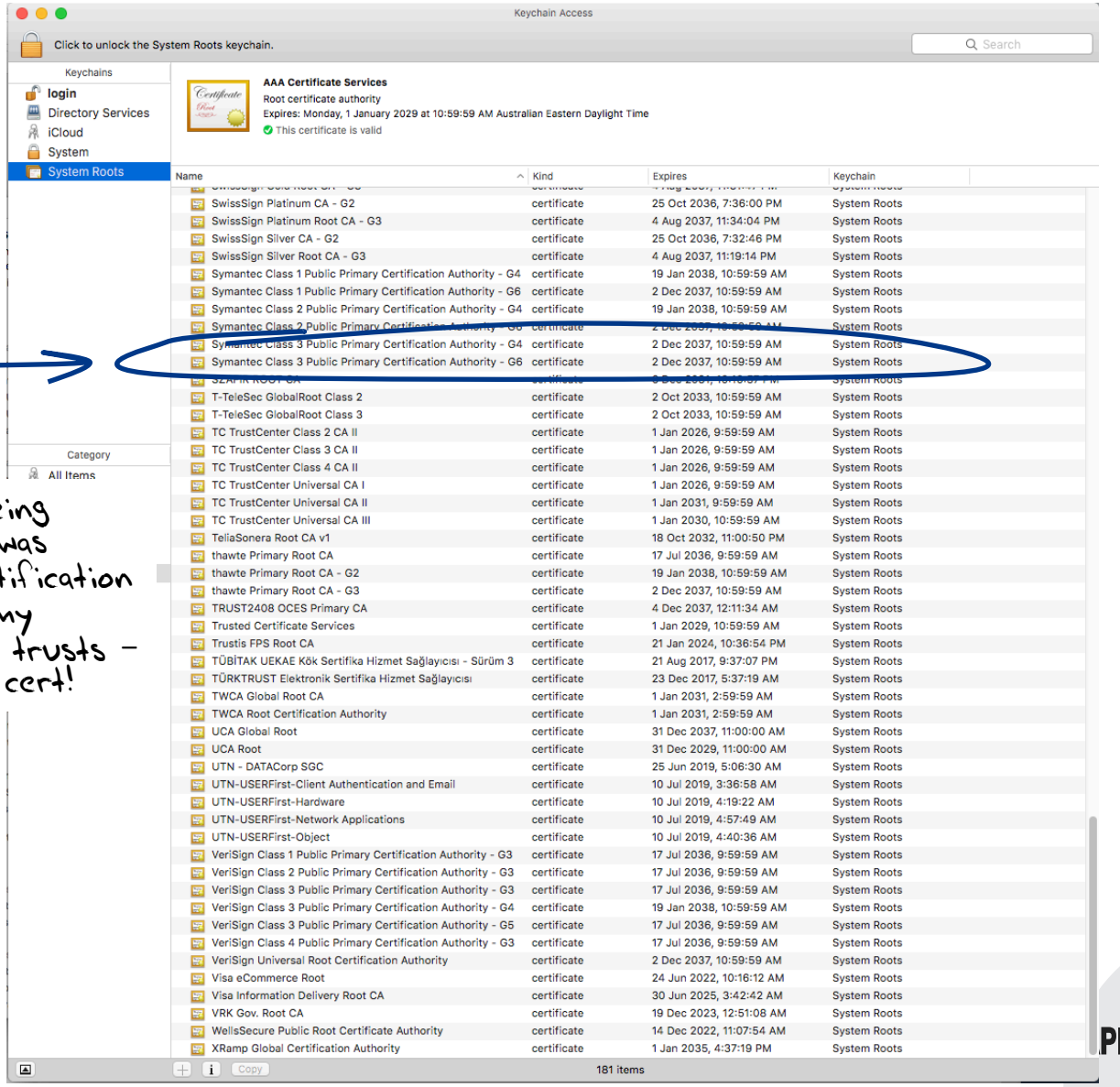

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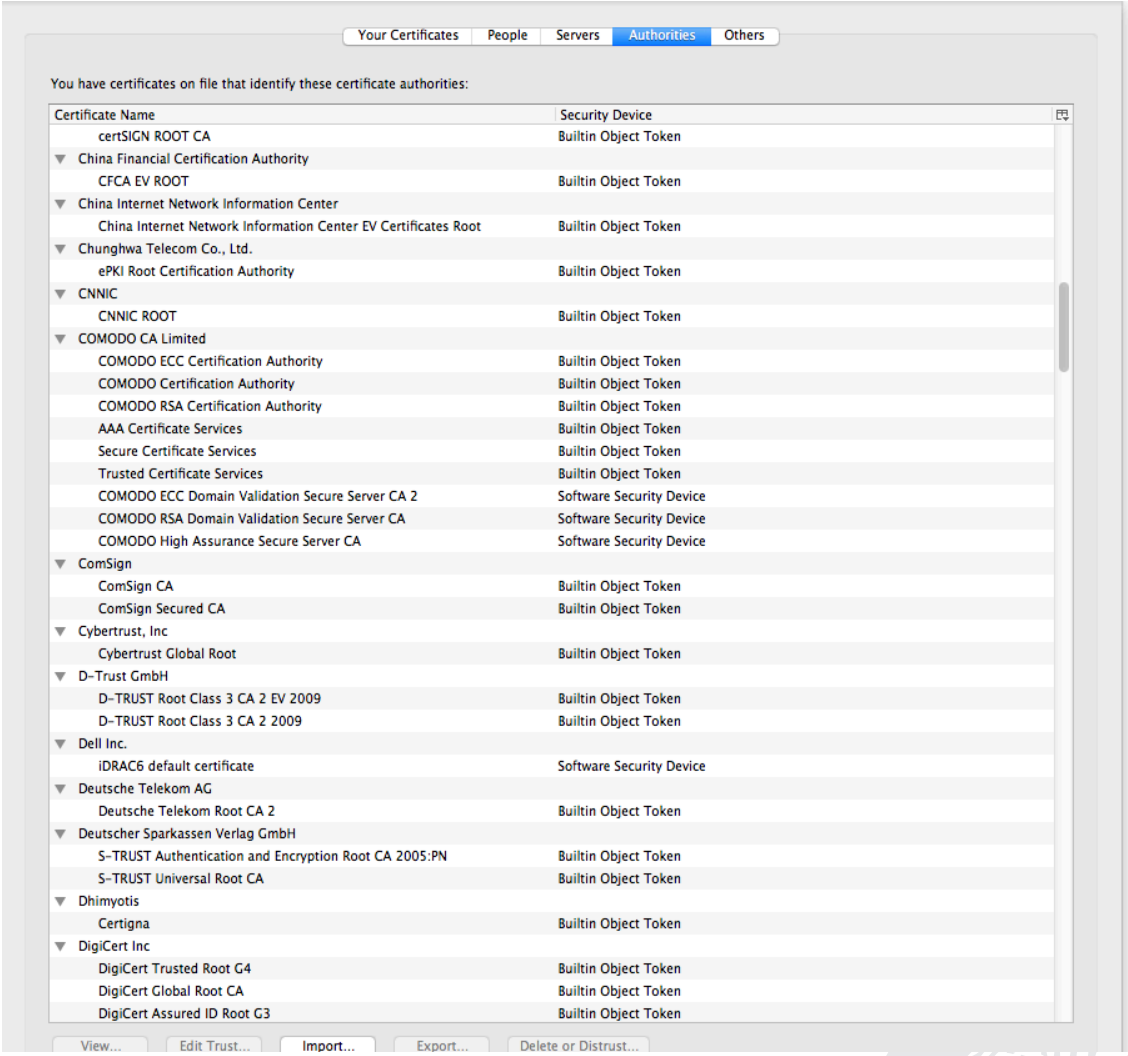

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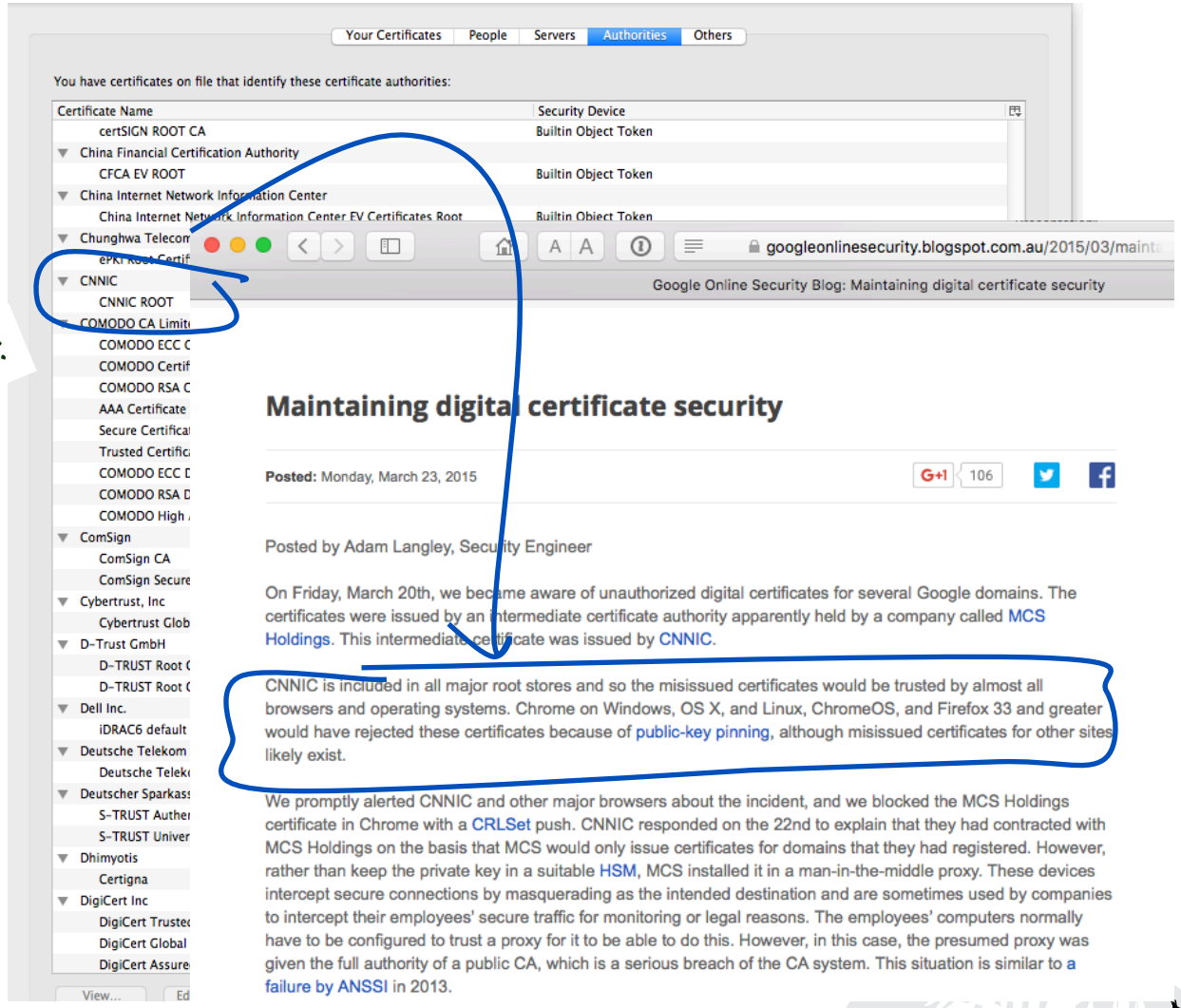

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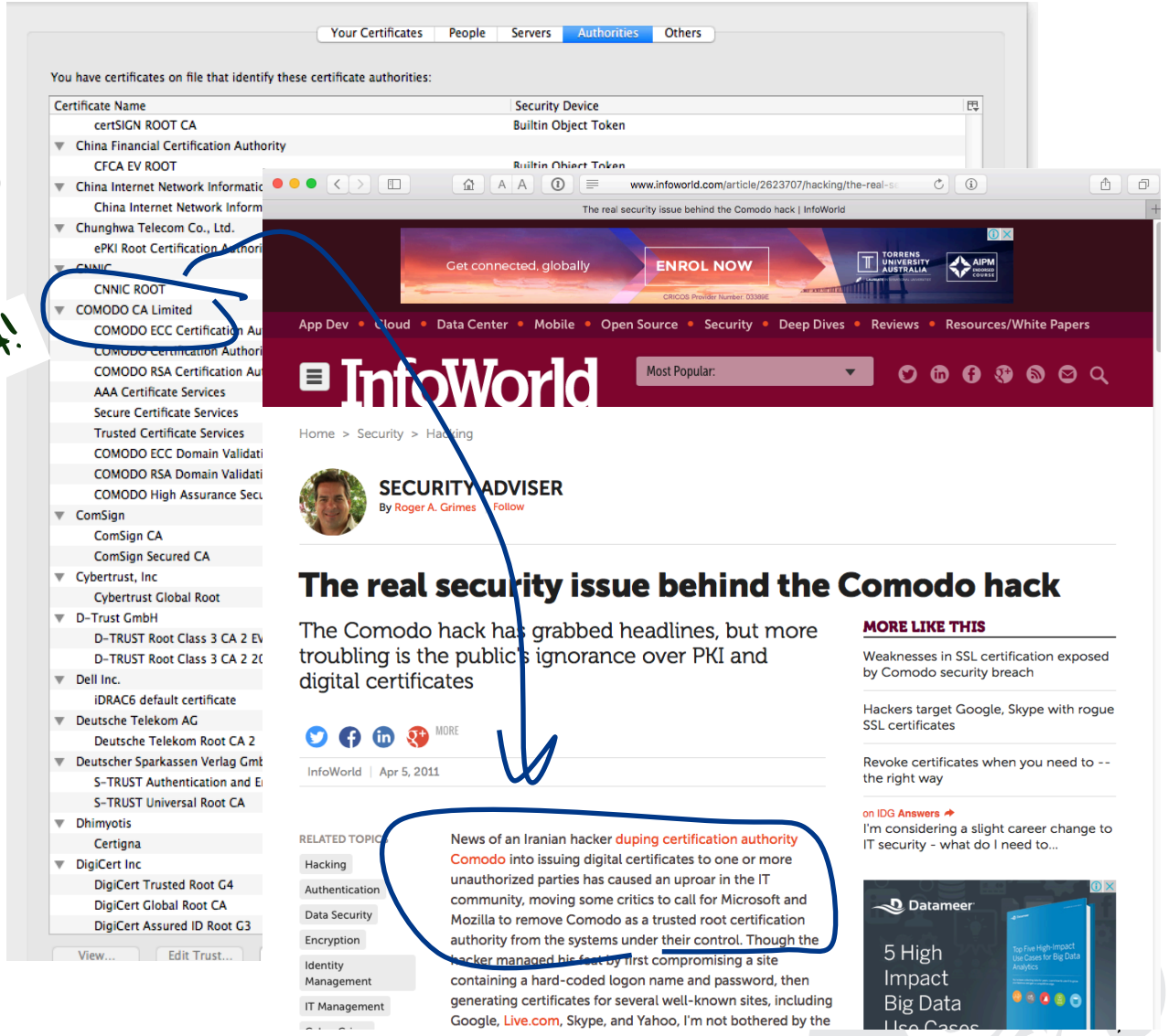

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Iranian activists feel the chill as hacker taps into e-mails

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.

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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."

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International Herald Tribune
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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 you 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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its not a totally insane idea -- until you realise that it appears to be completely unscaleable!

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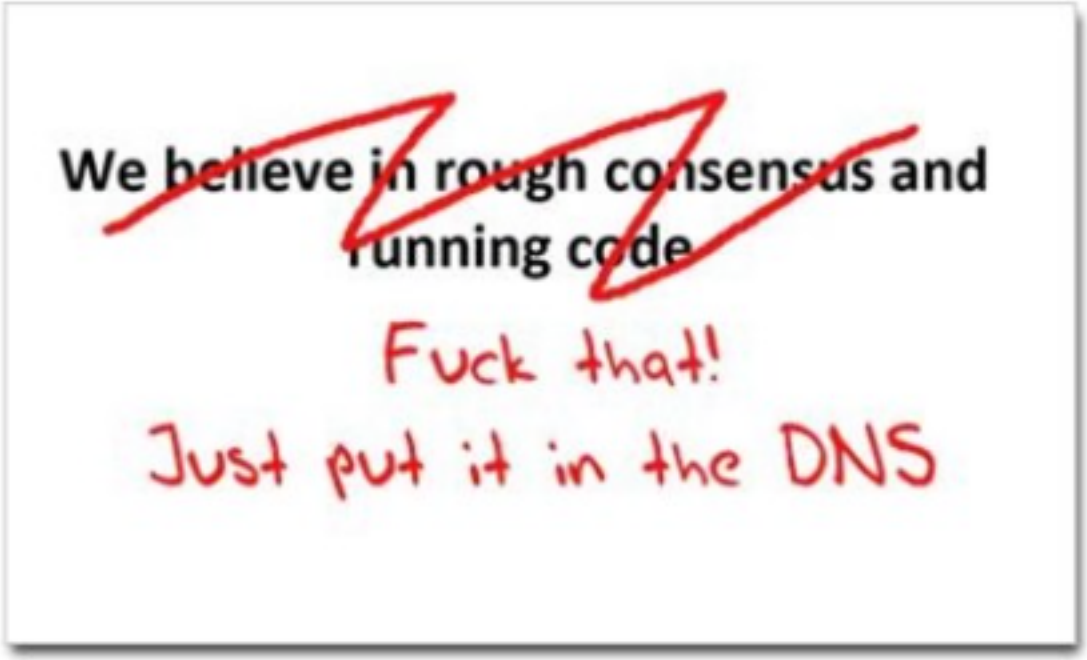
Option C: Use the DNS!



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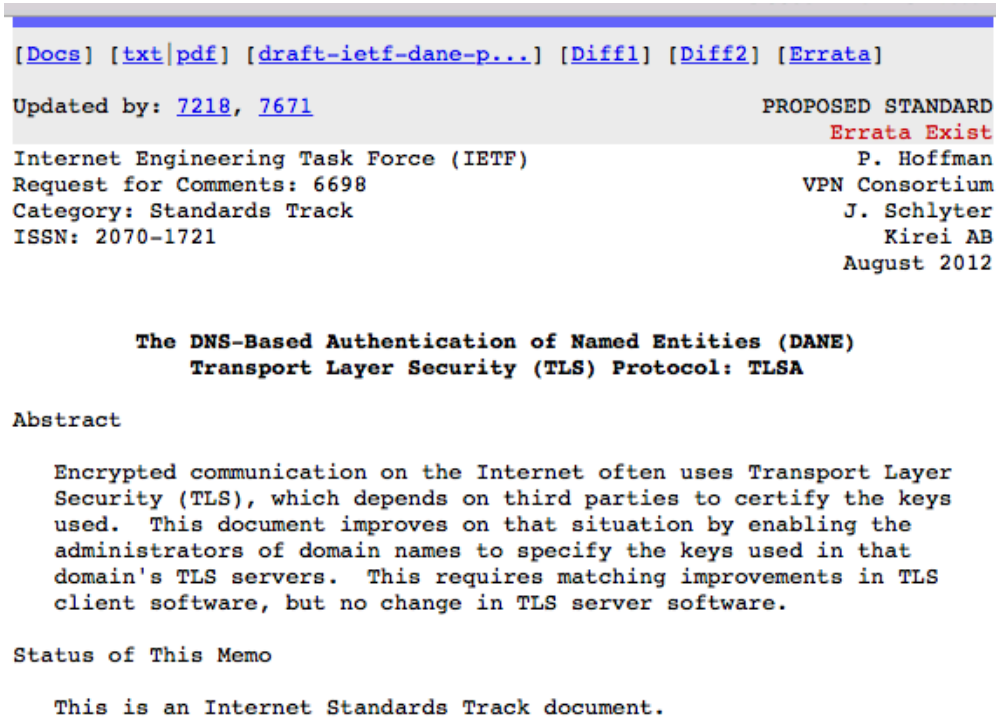
Who needs CA's anyway?

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
          7983a1d16e8a410e4561cb106618e971 )
```

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
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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 308203073082 01efa003020102020... )
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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*
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- Client performs Client Key exchange

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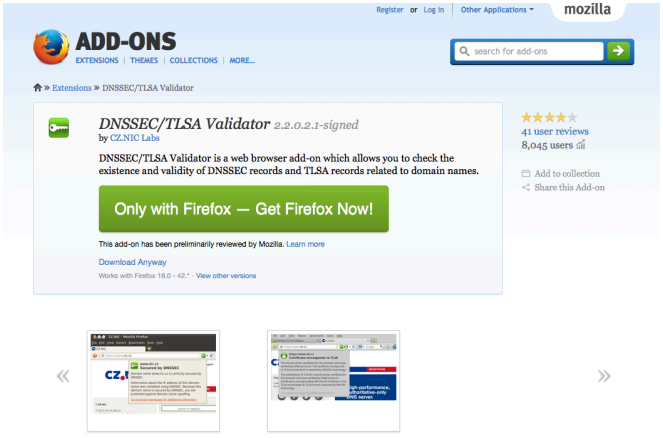

Just one problem…

- 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

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DS for example .com (Key-Signing Key)

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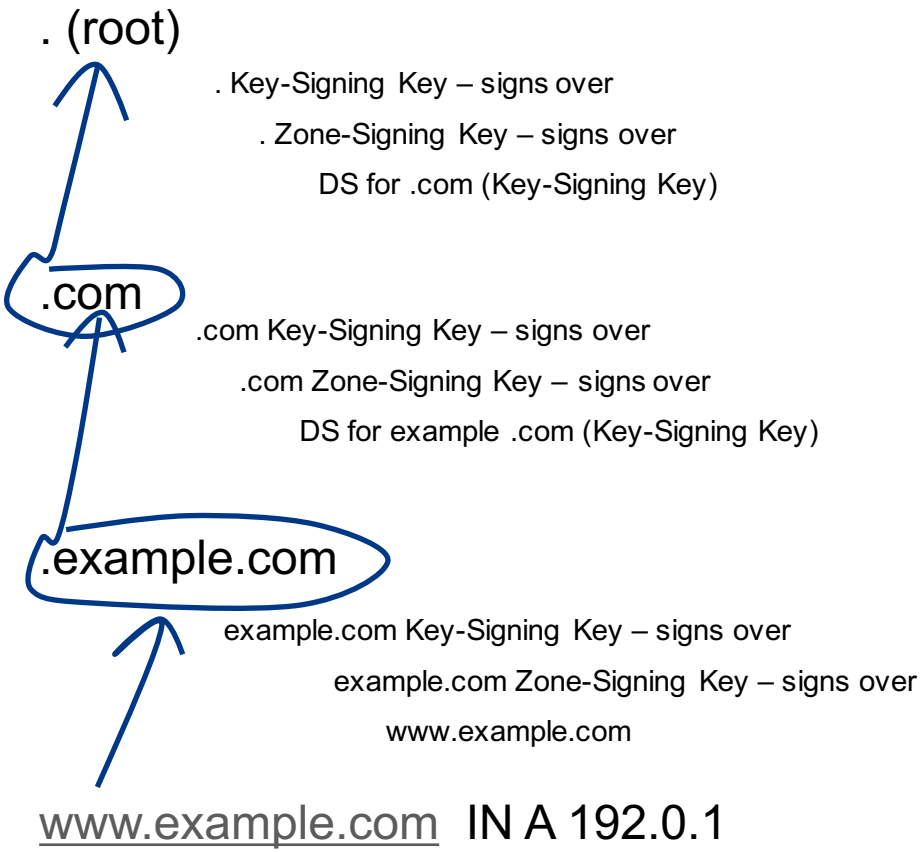

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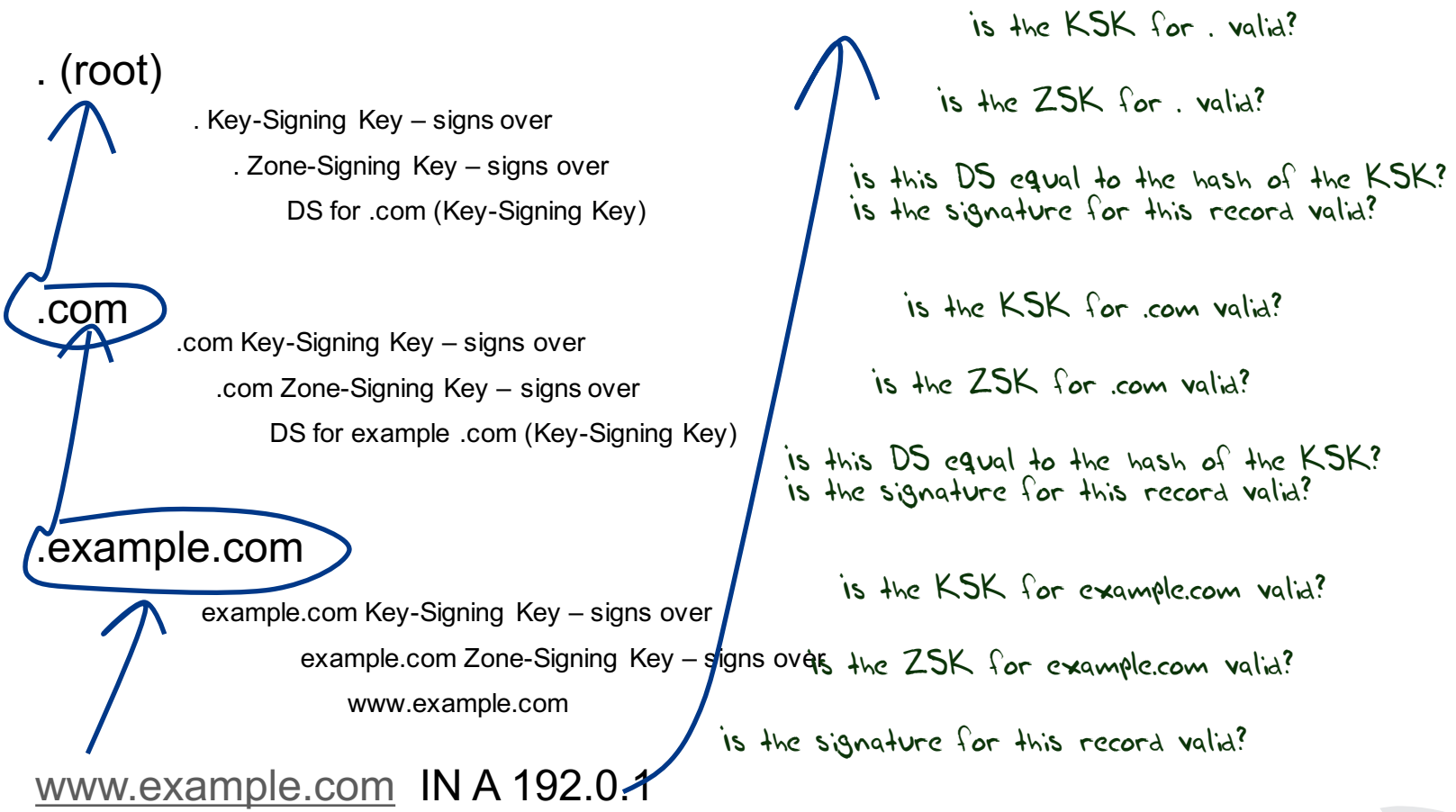

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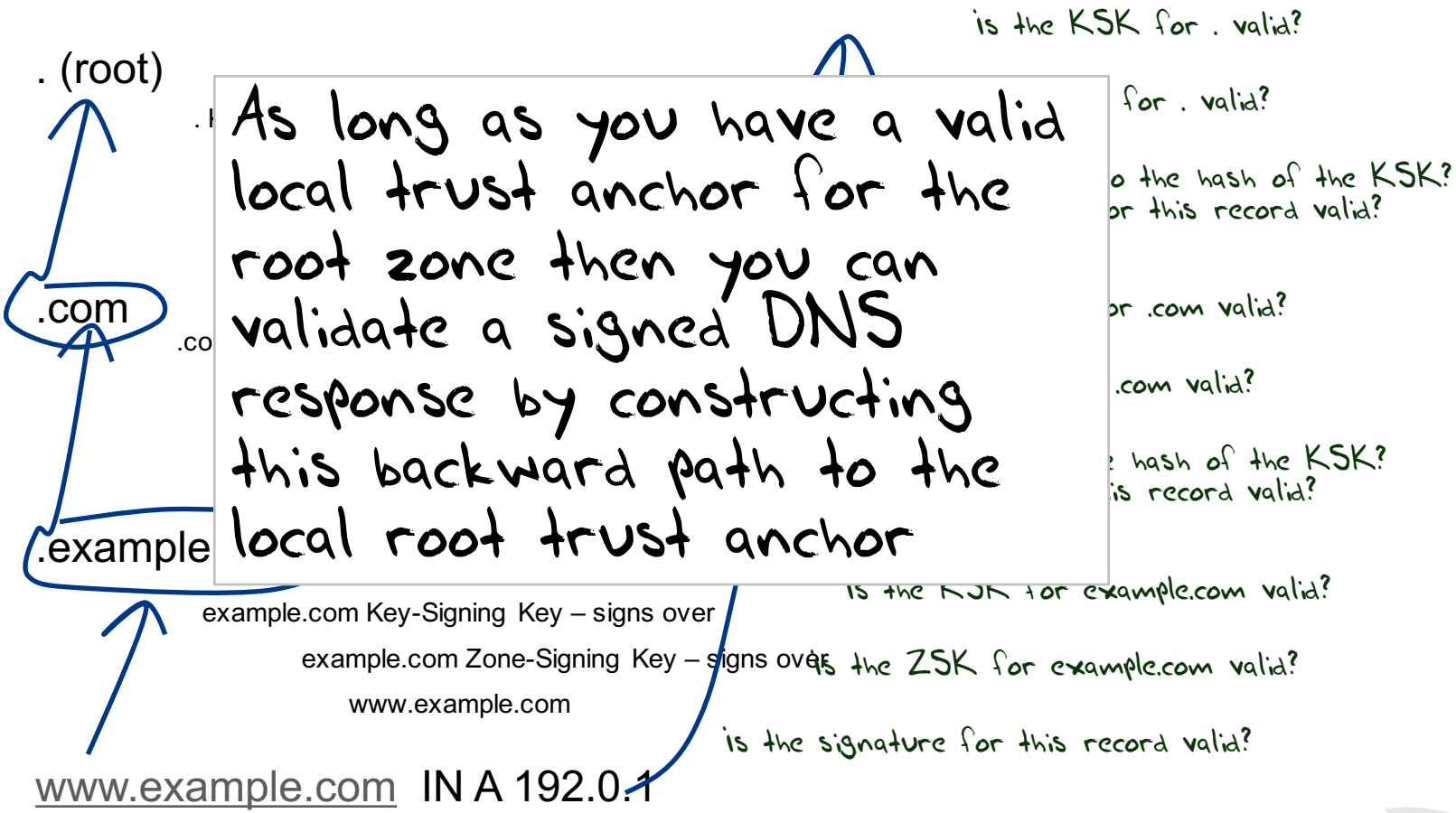


DANE + DNSSEC

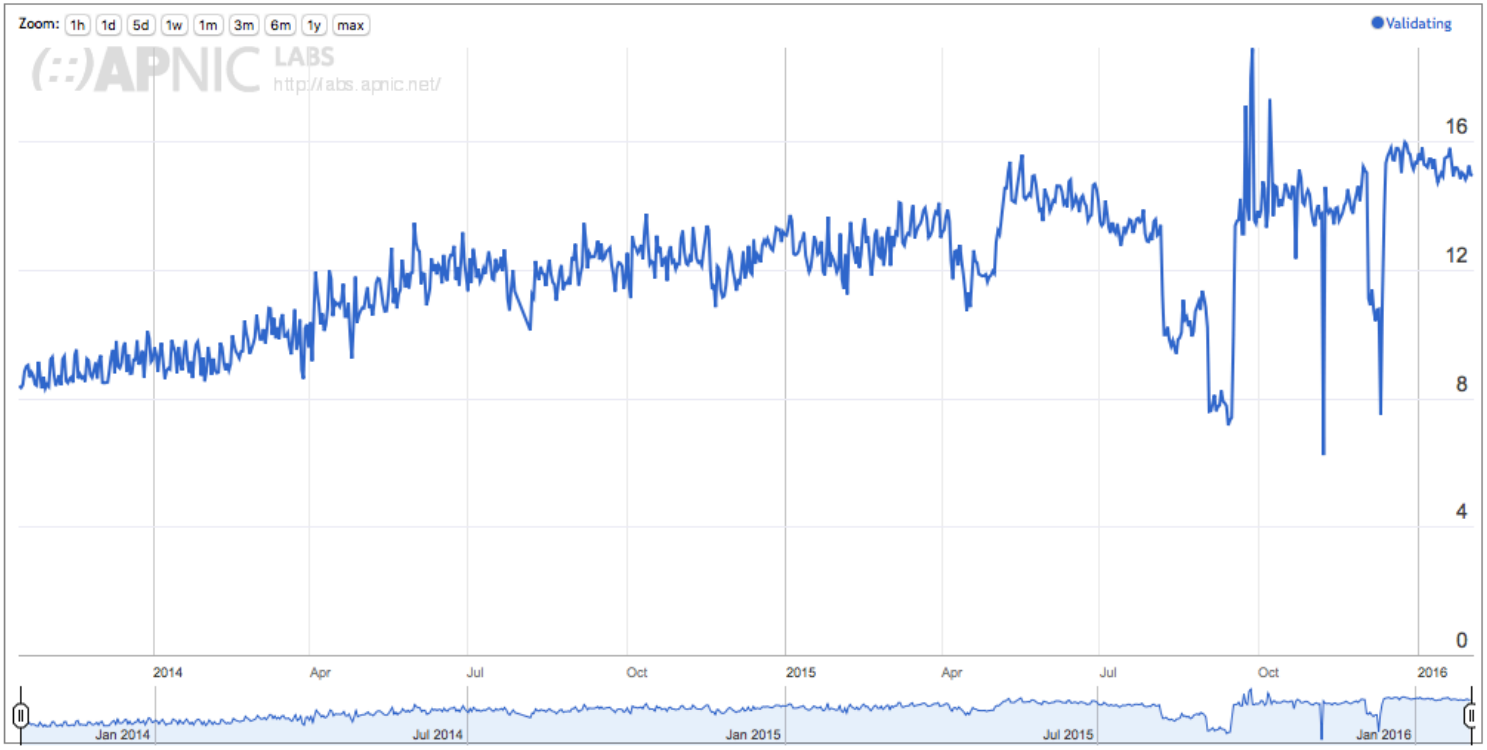
- Query the DNS for the TLSA record of the domain name and ask for the DNSSEC signature to be included in the response
- Validate the signature to ensure that you have an unbroken signature chain to the root trust point
- At this point you can accept the TLSA record as the authentic record, and set up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

So we need DNSSEC as well as DANE…

How much DNSSEC Validation is out there?

Do we do DNSSEC Validation?

Use of DNSSEC Validation for World (XA)



stats.labs.apnic.net/dnssec/XA

Or…

Look! No DNS!

- Server packages server cert, TLSA record and the DNSSEC credential chain in a single bundle
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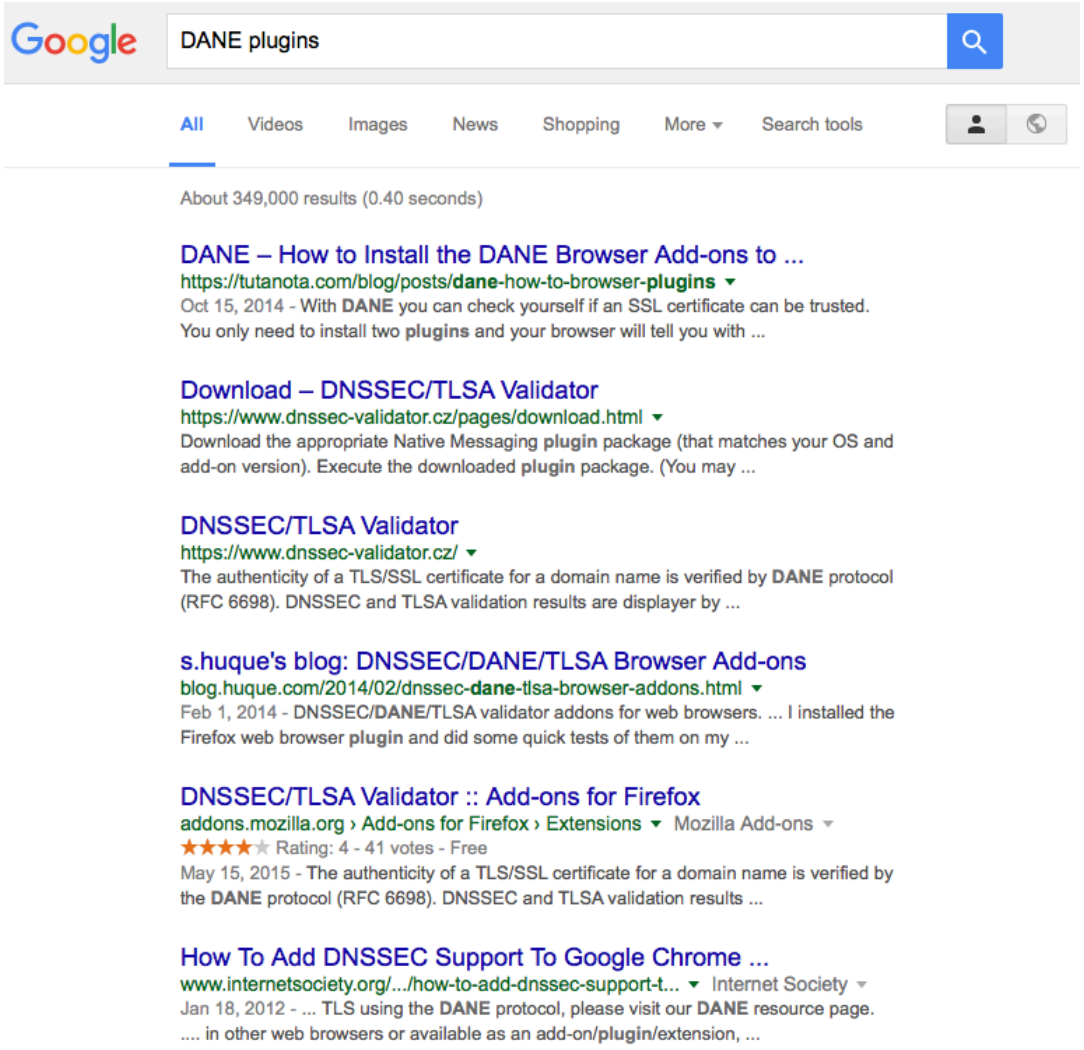

Browser vendors appear to be dragging the chain on DANE support

DANE exists today as plug-ins 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?