



GOING UNDETECTED:

HOW CYBERCRIMINALS, HACKTIVISTS, AND NATION STATES MISUSE DIGITAL CERTIFICATES

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The Future: Machines

The future is machines Adversaries exploiting machine identities Good news: guidance exists

- Reduce risk
- Build in agility
- Respond faster

What Are Machines?





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Device

Code

Algorithm

Service

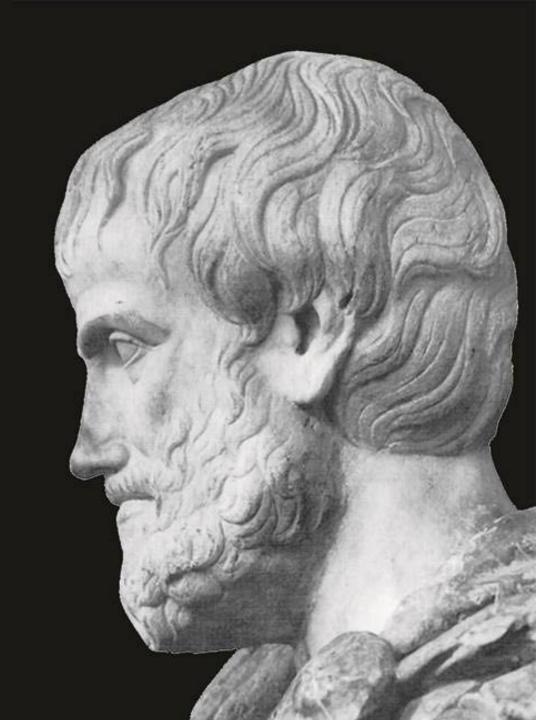




An entity without an identity cannot exist because it would be nothing

Aristotle

Law of Identity
Metaphysics, Book IV, Part 4



Machine Identities





1 0 1 0 0 1 0 1 0 1 0 1

HUMANS

User name, Password, Biometric

MACHINES

What are Machine Identities?

Encrypted Tunnel

Authentication Execution





TwL2iGABf9DHoTf09 kqeF8tAmbihY



SSL/TLS Certificates

SSH Keys

API Keys

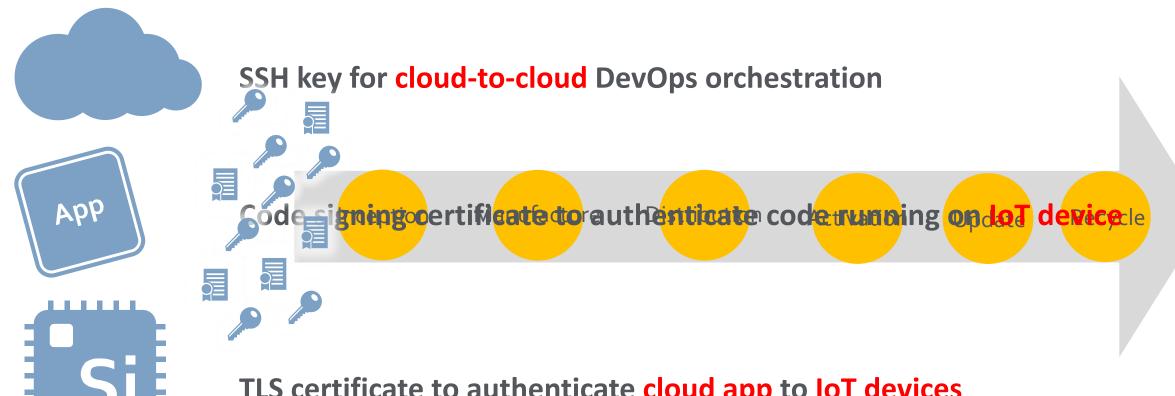
Code Signing Certificates







Role & Lifecycle Leaves Identities Vulnerable



TLS certificate to authenticate cloud app to IoT devices



Misuse of Machine Identities



Phishing effectiveness
Malicious code execution



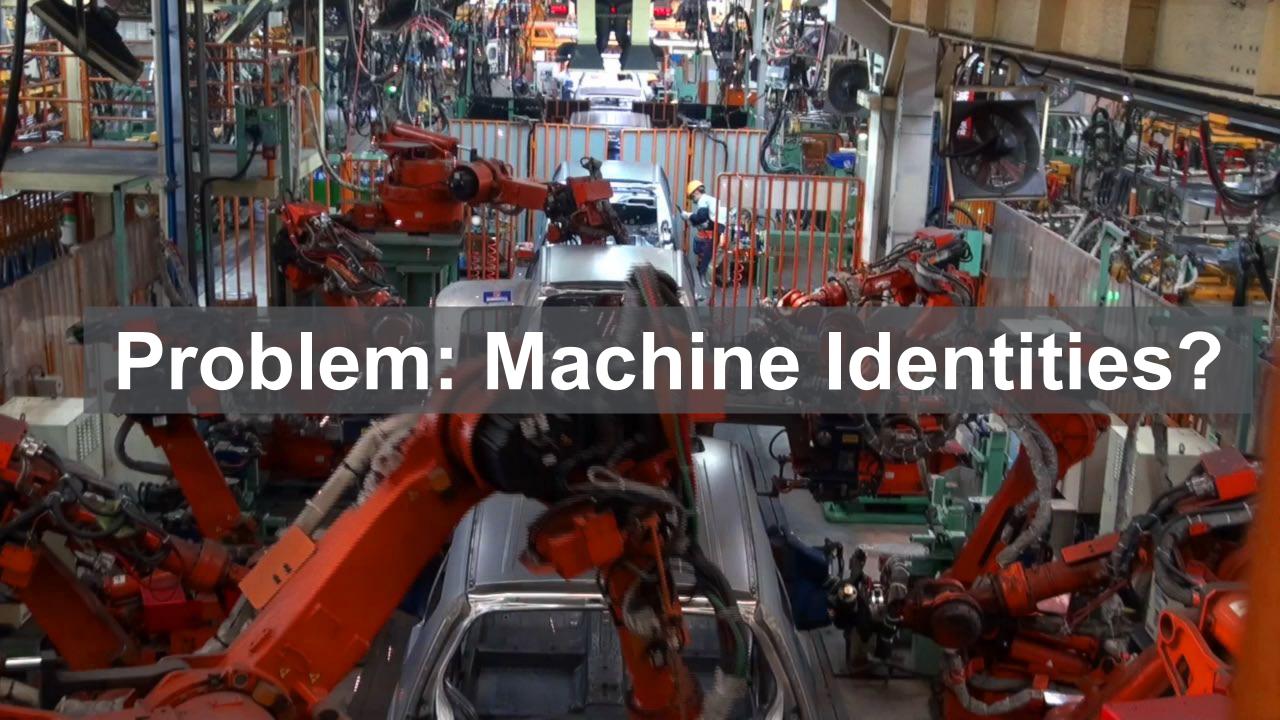
ESTABLISH TRUSTED IDENTITY

Create backdoors Build privilege



Hide, stealth, cloak









NEWS

Microsoft's Azure service hit by expired SSL certificate

The company also reported service problems with Xbox Music and Video Store services















By John Ribeiro





16,500 Unknown Keys & Certificates Found

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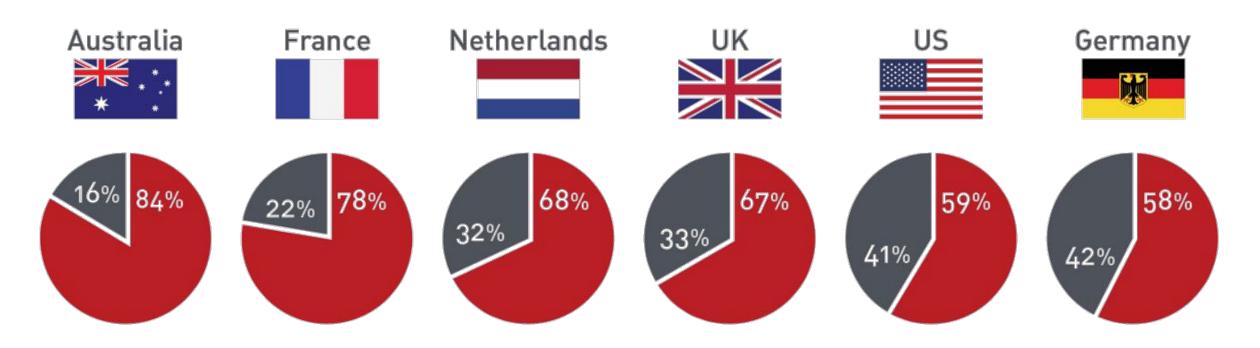
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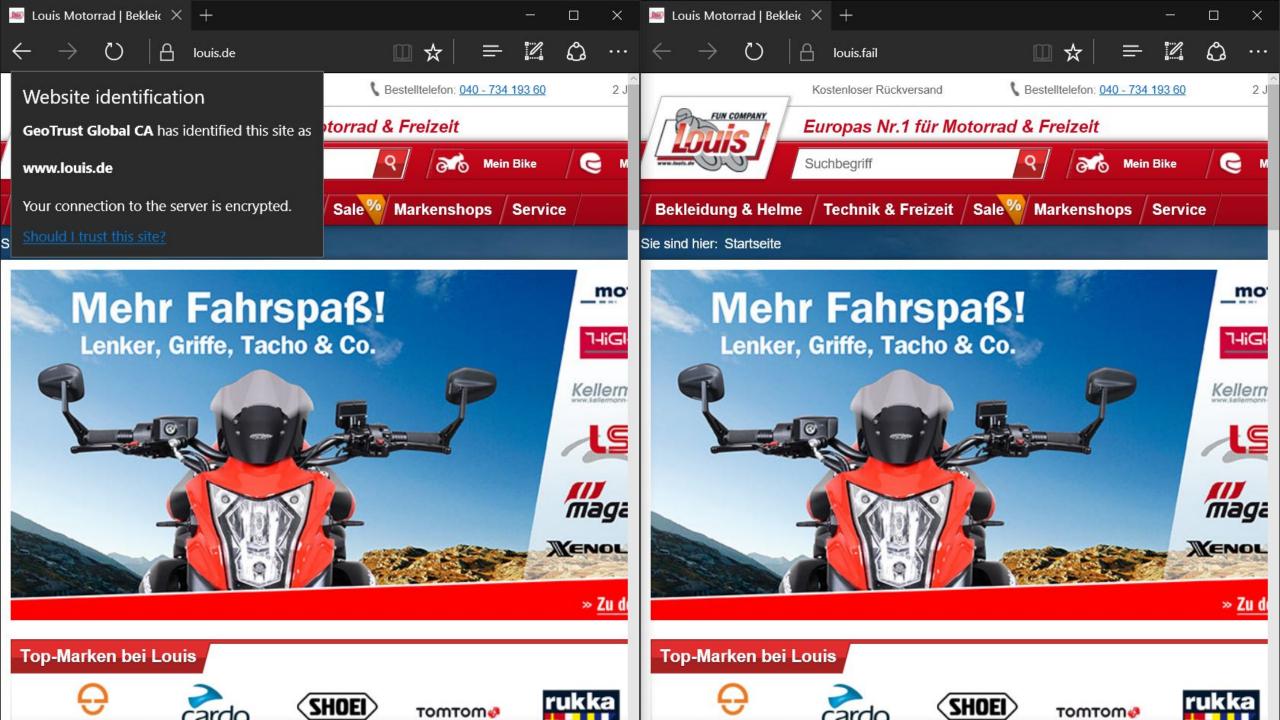
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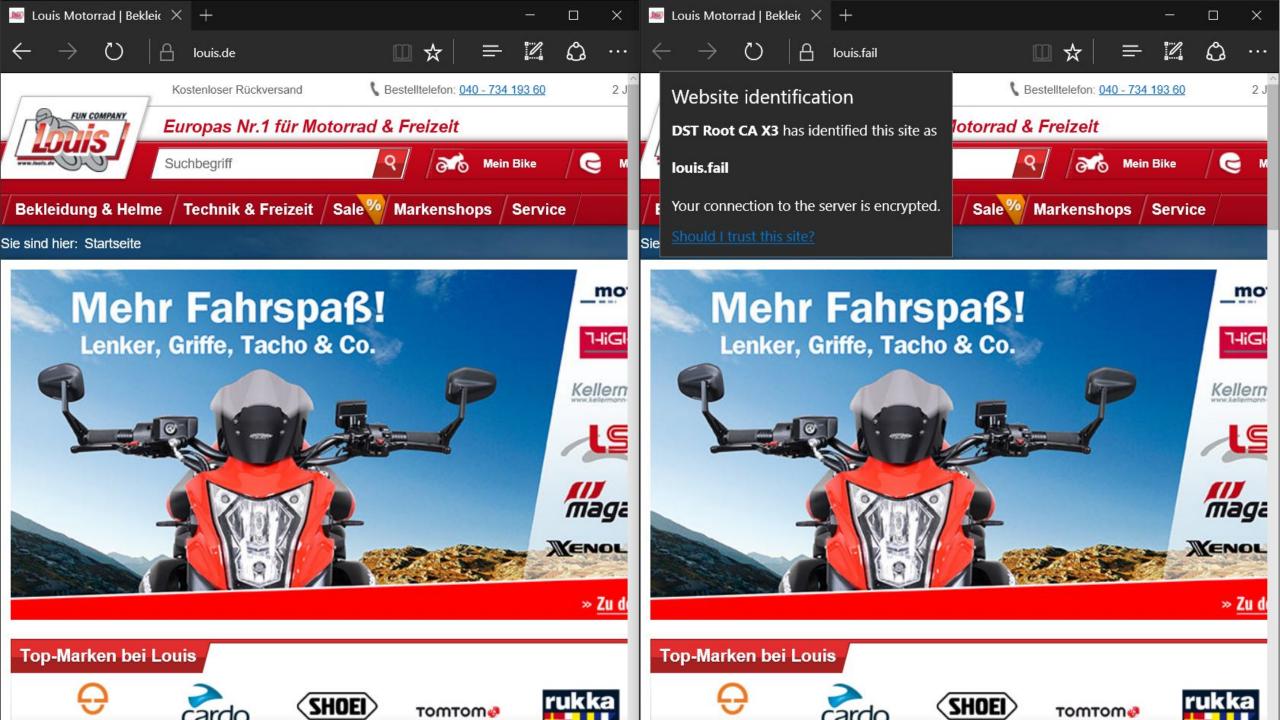


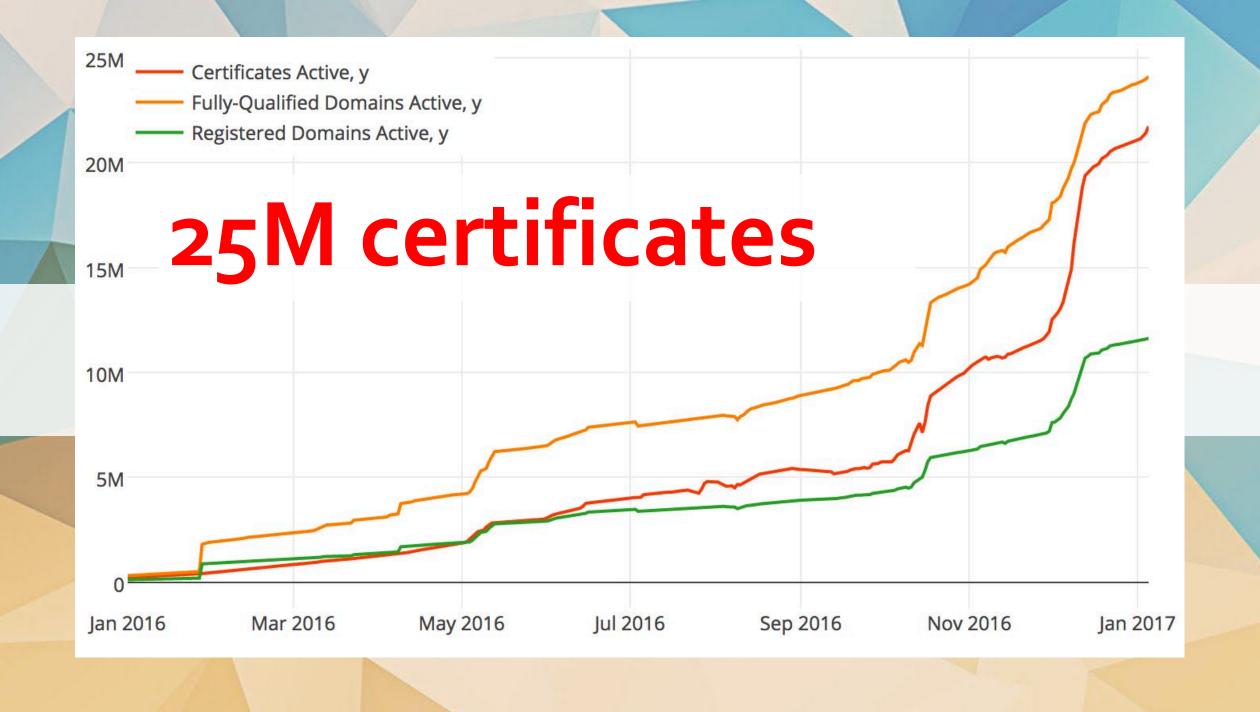
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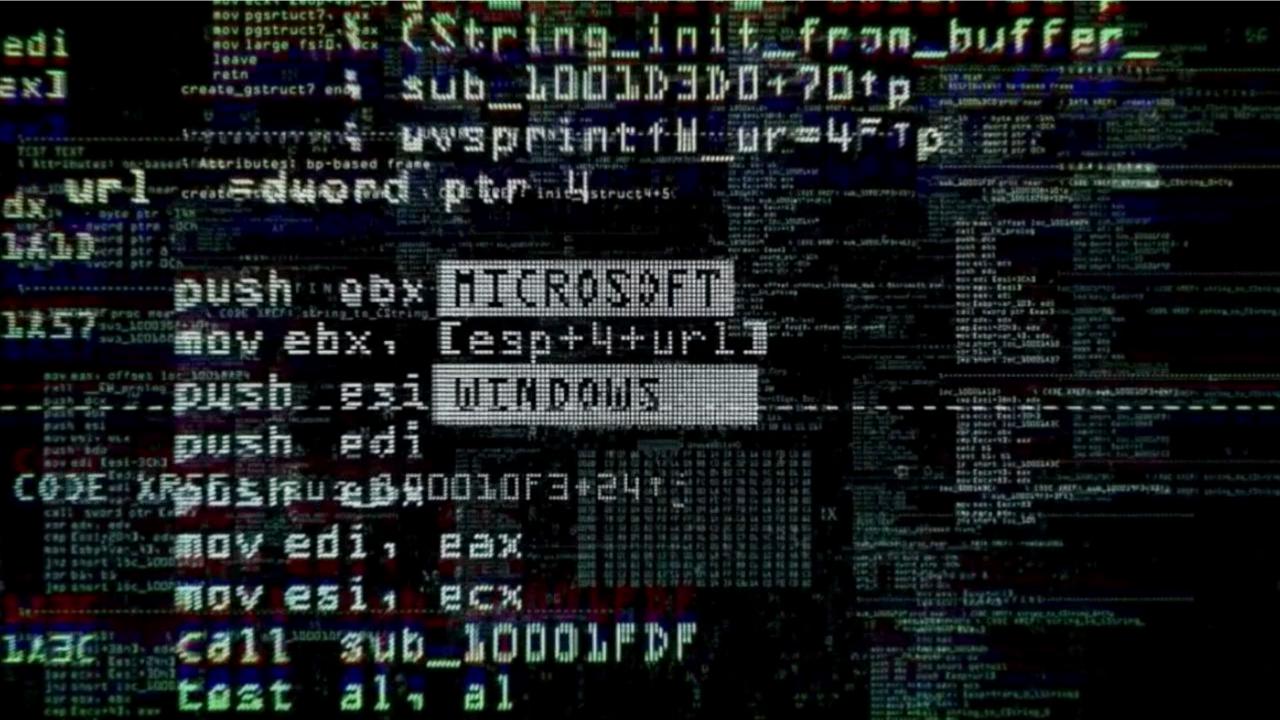
Let's Encrypt Hands Out 15,000 Fraudulent **Security Certificates to Phishers**

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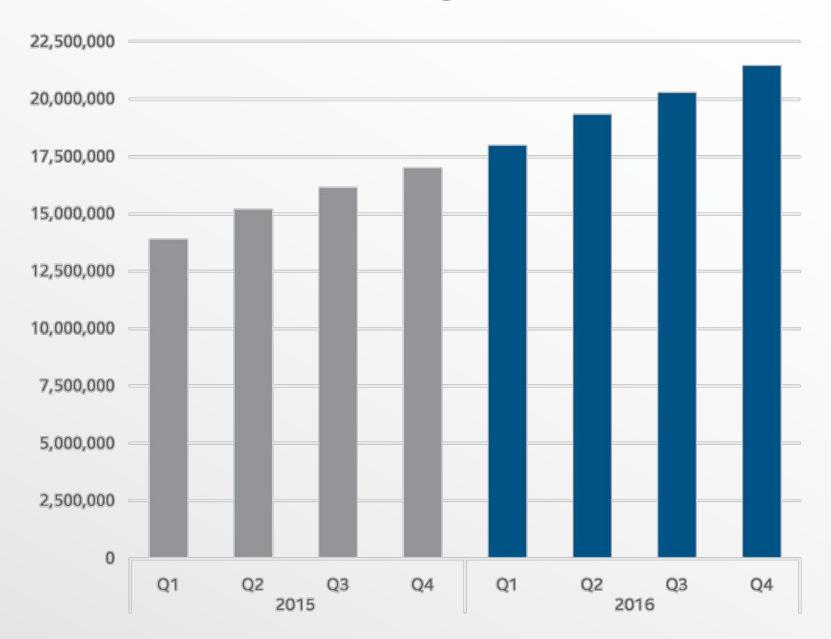
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Let's Encrypt, a free and open Certificate Authority, has issued close to 15,000 certificates containing the term "PayPal" for phishing sites.

The discovery was made by encryption expert Vincent Lynch, who says 96.7% of the 15,270 security certificates featuring the term "PayPal" issued by Let's Encrypt in the past year have been for phishing sites. The highest density of certificates was issued starting in



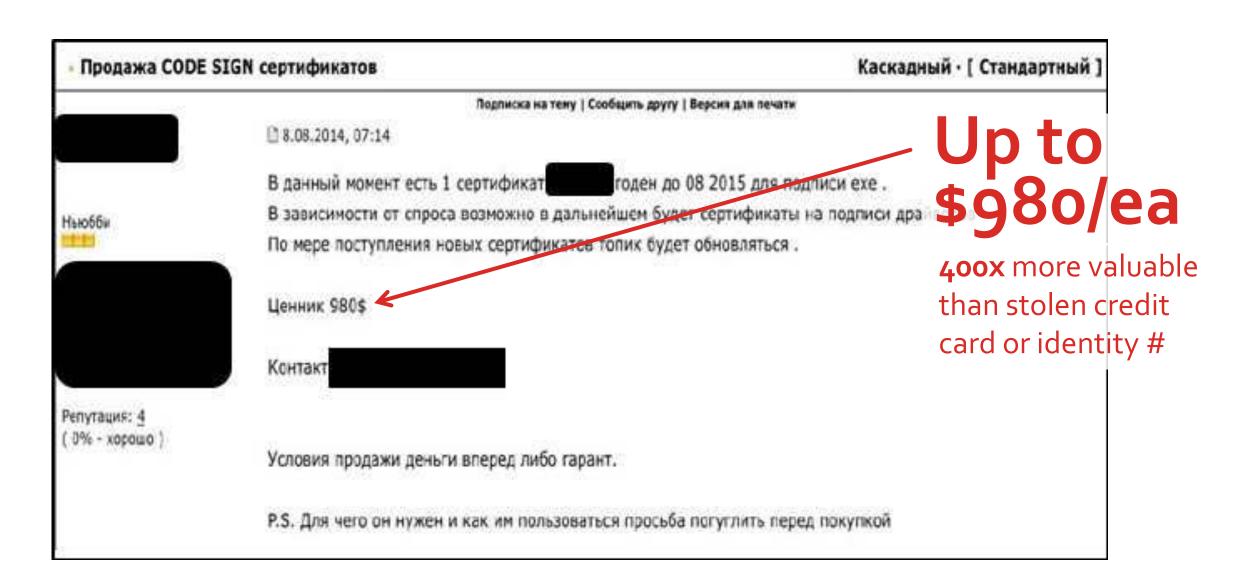
Total Malicious Signed Binaries





"Stealing Certificates will be the Next Big Market for Hackers"











APT1

Exposing One of China's Cyber Espionage Units

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APPENDIX F: APT1 SSL CERTIFICAT

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The following self-signed X.509 certificates are used by APT1 to encrypt malware communications using The rollowing self-signed X.309 certificates are used by APT1 to encrypt maiware SSL. Detection of these SSL certificates may indicate an APT1 malware infection.

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ta:
Version: 3 (0x2)
Version: 3 (0x2)
Serial Number: 1 (0x1)
Signature Algorithm: shalWithRSAEncryption
Validity = 0.5, ST=Some-State, O=WWW.Virtuallythere.com, OU=new, CN=new
                                              Validity
Not Before: Oct 23 03:25:49 2007 GMT
Not After: Oct 22 03:25:49 2007 GMT
Subject: C-US, ST-Some-State, O=WWW.virtuallythere.com, OU=new, CN=new
                                                    Public Key Algorithm: rsaEncryption
Public-Key: (1024 bit)
Modulus:
                                                                 4e:16:01:4e:8f:88:f8:a2:8c:4d:2e:b2:3d:6b:bd:
2e:cc:lb:b0:c3:5d:d6:a6:bc:le:la:3l:b2:27:8d:
64:9c:0b:b7:le:b0:5e:82:96:e8:7l:f6:ca:95:cf:
e1:40:bd:50:94:25:74:a0:90:c6:f5:b9:8e:ba:
65:f2:d4:10:79:68:eb:fb:31:63:0c:7b:11:2d:
65:f2:d3:06:96:d2:rd:77:c4:04:55:46:84:e4:24:
Exponent: 65537 (0x10001)
                                      X509v3 extensions:
                                             X509v3 Basic Constraints:
CA:FALSE
                                     CA:FALSE

Netscape Comment:

OpenSI Generated Certificate

X509v3 Subject Key Identifier:

X509v3 Authority Key Identifier:

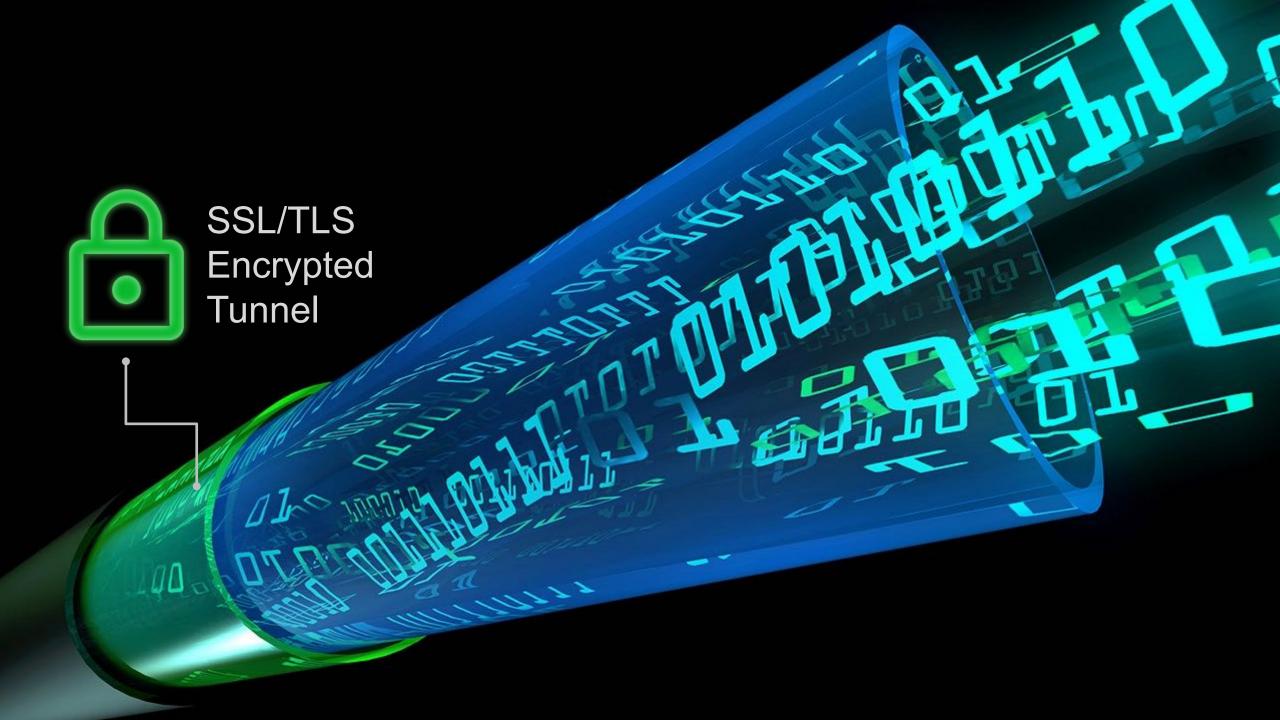
X509v3 Authority Key Identifier:
                                    Signature Algorithm: shalWithRSAEncryption
b8:2c:50:58:a8:29:ce:d1:f3:02:33:00:90:56:9f:45:24:f1:
48:d3:38:d7:2e:f61:67:aa:08:74:74:d5:50:62:ae:00:d5:
1a:91:61:01:94:ea:16:2e:63:3a5:0d:6a:f4:f41:81:ee:02:
60:8d:e2:ae:3a:12:2d:aa:08:3a5:0d:6a:f4:f41:81:ee:02:
11:45:54:33:12:2d:aa:08:53:f5:f4:d2:9e:b2:f3:38:57:
4d:be:7e:36:ae:d6:59:f5:2a:2c:88:da:eb:8b:12:23:23:23:24:22:
26:9e
            Data:
            version: 3 (0x2)
Version: 3 (0x2)
Serial Number: 290 (0x122)
Signature Algorithm: shalWithRSAEncryption
Issuer: C=US, ST=Some-State, O=Internet Widgits Pty Ltd, CN=IBM
Mandiant APT1
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As you can see in Figure 4, this version of Dropbear SSH will authenticate the user if the password passDs5Bu9Te7 was entered. The same situation applies to authentication by key pair – the server contains a pre-defined constant public key and it allows authentication only if a particular private key is used.

ssh-rsa AAAAB3NzaC1yc2EAAAABJQAAAQEAsrGnWG3XPW4t08tRLhF+XQyuM5ZcL19tIsn1MyIUXwp tcU29hGpzMWUmbAy+18EEEXKtyXI1x0Kqp7CWgEJWWxjsvXKB66Gp/sUcizX+qbU2P0PfUMRwZ144Ui 0ffrpGxWMOnp7rrByANQSPdGtJ1Q/yqqFFgiM2u7i1LsREQHSGsU6L1b8krnf0BrcwQ08MD3q7tNq3H 3FEt0LPithBiCpRTuA9emsowt3gtUo745Qt1GUChYLA9GilmUmBO49HAnceZA9bUFA58Keq3Jy5W1DU v3HoWJkWBHkUn2IH1LSKurUr/xjNEi9Hez7uQP9j44xk/V/kA9Kh4E3cz0CDxQ== rsa-key-201311

Figure 5 - The embedded RSA public key in SSH server







"70% OF MALWARE ATTACKS WILL USE SSL BY 2020"

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LESS THAN 20%

Of Organizations with a FW, IPS/IDS, or UTM decrypt SSL/TLS traffic

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BLIND TO ATTACK

One Unknown Certificate

Encrypted tunnel

Can't see what's coming

Weaponizing Machine Identities



2010-2012

Attacks Begin

- 2010: Blueprint Stuxnet and Duqu
- 2011: CAs Attacked
- 2012: Online Trust Questioned by Experts

2013

Attacks Become Mainstream

- SSH & server key theft
- Code-signing certificate theft
- MITM by CA compromise

2014

Advanced Campaigns Launch

- Targeted key & certificate theft
- Sold on Underground
- Multi-year campaigns
- SSL & SSH vulnerabilities

2015

Online Trust Crumbles

- Price increases on underground
- Digitally-signed malware doubles quarterly
- SSL/TLS used to hide activity
- MitM attacks
- SSH pivoting

2016-2017

Threatscape Expands

- SSL/TLS used to bypass security
- Encrypt Everywhere grows attack surface
- SHA-1 deprecation
- SHA-1 collision succesful

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Better Safe Than Sorry: Preparing for Crypto-

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Key Challenges

- Cryptographic algorithms break suddenly, at least from an end-user point of view.
- Most IT organizations are not aware of the type of encryption they are using, which applications
- Developers are often blind to the details of cryptographic and hash function libraries and sometimes hard-code dependencies. This can make patching or incidence response difficult or
- Open-source algorithms are often viewed as safe because of their constant public exposure,

Recommendations

Crypto-agility

Recommendations

Security and risk management leaders responsible for application security:

- Build crypto-agility into application development or application procurement workflow. Ask
 vendors specifically about how security incidents are communicated and who is responsible for
 incident response.
- Inventory the applications that use cryptography, thereby evaluating your dependence on such algorithms. This will give your organization a way to scope the impact of a break, and allow you to determine the risk to specific applications and prioritize incident response plans accordingly.
- Include cryptographic alternatives and an algorithm swap-out procedure in your incident response plans.



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Preparing for and Responding to Certification Authority Compromise and

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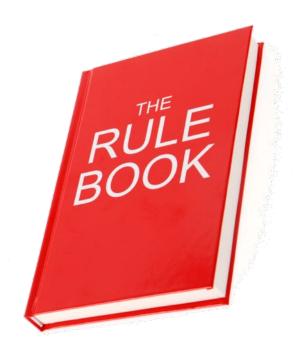
As the use of Public Key Infrastructure (PKI) and digital certificates (e.g., the use of Transport Layer Security [TLS] and Secure Sockets Layer [SSL]) for the security of systems has increased, the certification authorities (CAs) that issue certificates have increasingly become targets for sophisticated cyber-attacks. In 2011, several public certification authorities were attacked, and at least two attacks resulted in the successful issuance of fraudulent certificates by the attackers. An attacker who breaches a CA to generate and obtain fraudulent certificates does so to launch further attacks against other organizations or individuals. An attacker can also use fraudulent certificates to authenticate as another individual or system or to forge digital

These recent attacks on CAs make it imperative that organization

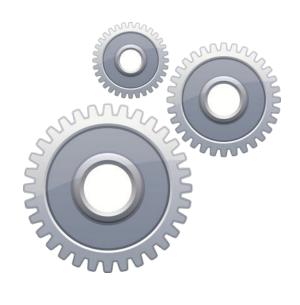




Find What's Out There



Set, Enforce a Policy



Automate Response

Roadmap: Control of Machine Identities



Level 0: **Chaos**

Have unquantified security risk, outages, expensive and manual processes, and compliance challenges



Level 1:

Control

Build a security foundation with focus on known and trusted keys and certificates



Level 2: Critical Systems

Secure and protect all keys and certificates on business-critical infrastructure



Level 3:
Enterprise
Protection

Protect and automate <u>all</u>
keys and certificates
enterprise-wide
and further reduce costs and extract more business value



Level 4:

Machine
Identity
Protection

Rapidly respond to internal and external threats and security incidents related to keys and certificates

Endpoint/Mobile Servers Virtual Machines Cloud



Start Change



- Who is responsible?
- How do we enforce policies?
- How do we monitor Let's Encrypt and other CAs?
- How will we automate for IoT, DevOps, cloud?
- How would we respond to?
 - CA compromise
 - SSH key theft
- And keeping asking more...





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Keys and CertificatesAre the Foundation of Your Security Infrastructure

- SSL/TLS Encryption
- WiFi & VPN Access
- Cloud
- DevOps
- Mobility
- Internet of Things
- SSH Privileged Access

