




# Public Key Infrastructure

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# Recollect Diffie-Hellman Key Exchange


- **Key Establishment** : “Alice and Bob want to use a block cipher for encryption. How do they agree upon the secret key”



choose a secret  $a$   
compute  $A = g^a \bmod p$

Compute  $K = B^a \bmod p$

Alice and Bob agree upon a prime  $p$  and a generator  $g$ .  
This is public information

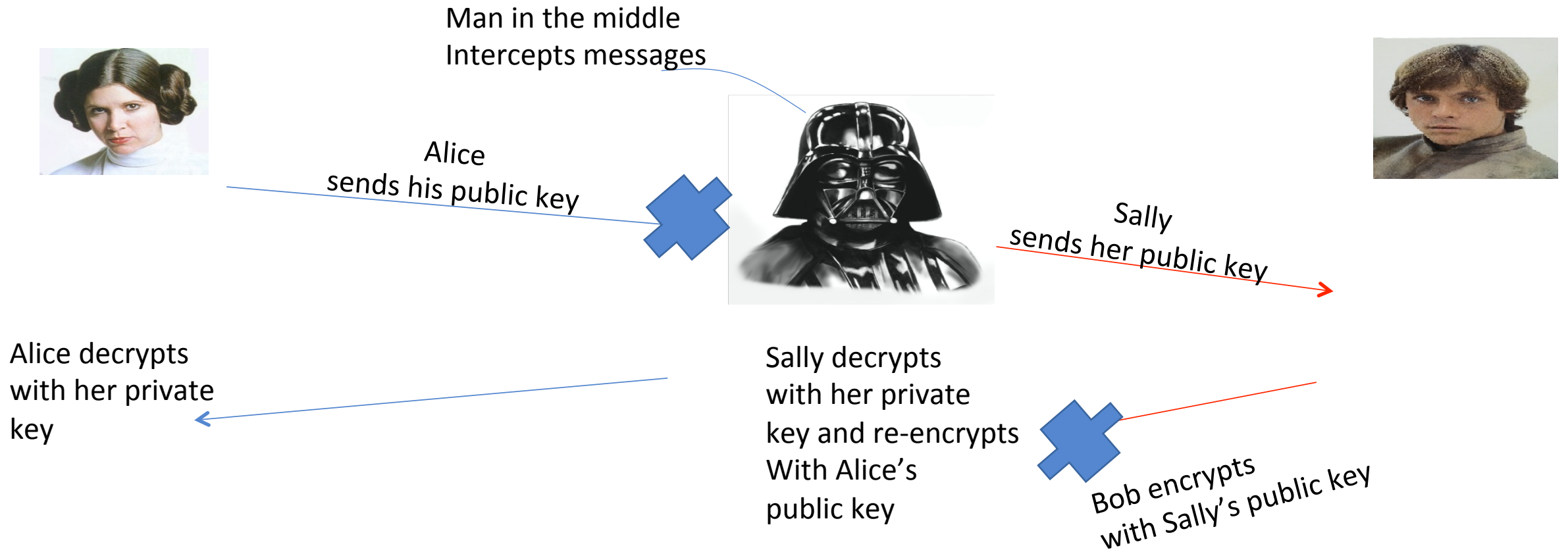


choose a secret  $b$   
compute  $B = g^b \bmod p$

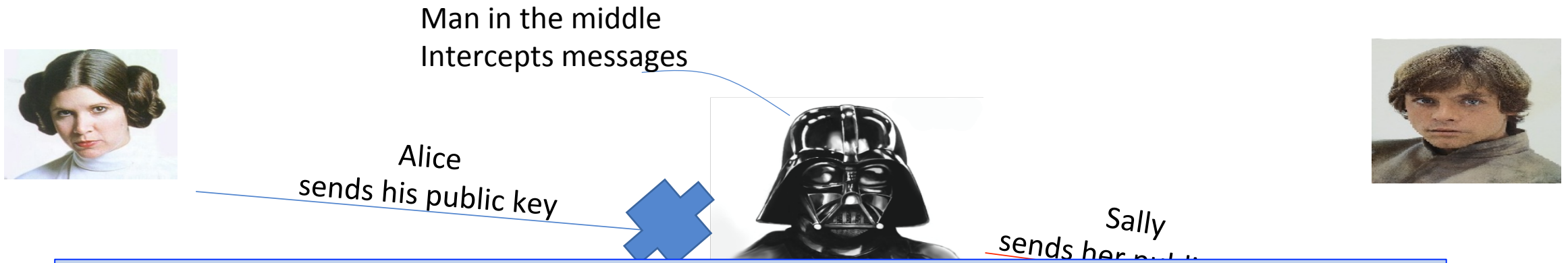
Compute  $K = A^b \bmod p$

$$A^b \bmod p = (g^a)^b \bmod p = (g^b)^a \bmod p = B^a \bmod p$$

# Man in the Middle Attack



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**Fundamental Problem: Who is Alice?**

**Bob has no way to tell whether the public key he received belongs to Alice or not.**

Alice  
with her  
key

public key

Sally  
with Mallory's

# Certifying Authority



choose a secret  $a$   
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Compute  $K = B^a \bmod p$

Digitally certificate  
Public key of Bob (B)

Digitally certificate  
Public key of Alice (A)



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# X.509 Digital Certificates

## Contains

- Serial Number
- Issuer → *the certifying authority details*
- Subject → *information about the owner (who own's the public key for example Alice)*
- Public Key → *Alice's public key*
- Validity
- Signature → *The signature of the certificate signed by the certifying authority*

# A more practical Perspective



1. Register with CA



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2, Verify Identity of Alice

## Verify the subject

Ensure that the person applying for the certificate either owns or represents the identity in the subject field.



# A more practical Perspective



1. Register with CA



2, Verify Identity of Alice  
3. Digitally Sign

## Signing digital certificates

CA generates a digital signature for the certificate using its private key. Once the signature is applied, the certificate cannot be modified. Signatures can be verified by anyone with the CA's public key.

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**Alice's certificate**  
**Signed by CA**

choose a secret  $a$   
compute  $A = g^a \text{ mod } p$   
Compute  $K = B^a \text{ mod } p$



**Bob's certificate**  
**Signed by CA**

choose a secret  $b$   
compute  $B = g^b \text{ mod } p$   
Compute  $K = A^b \text{ mod } p$



# Fetching certificates with openssl

```
bellatrix:tmp chester$ openssl s_client -showcerts -connect www.paypal.com:443
```



Hostname : port

-- BEGIN CERTIFICATE --

-- END CERTIFICATE --

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```

```
-----BEGIN CERTIFICATE-----  
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IFZhbGlkYXRpb24gU2VydMvYIENBMB4XDTE4MDgxNDAwMDAwMFoXDTEwMDgxODEy  
MDAwMFowGdwxHTAbBgNVBA8MFFByaXZhdGUgT3JnYW5pemF0aW9uMRMwEQYLKwYB  
BAGCNzwCAQMTA1VTMRkwFwYkYBBAGCNzwCAQITCERlbGF3YXJlMRAwDgYDVQQF  
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A1UEBxMIU2FuIEpvc2UxFTATBgNVBAoTDFBheVBhbCwgSW5jLjEUMBIGA1UECXML
```

```
-----  
kntHOFeVCqtS6BqQlMq2jh7RhQAAAWU6rkRoAAAEAwBHMEUCIQDL83Cc0ZaDn1Zw  
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4z9y2lcaMo8IIY2tN5jQVz5nZBCBvle/Dr+YiJur8Rh9cUox7LFfIl6VqN4CfsR9  
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9ZXk76n7dH4/nv2u3h8dbt32AMTVozQCJiMarlMlMElaNvcPwmGHnNevucs=  
-----END CERTIFICATE-----
```

Hostname : port

Cut and paste in a file paypal.pem

(PEM: privacy enhanced mail)

To view text equivalent of this, use

**openssl x509 -in paypal.pem -text -noout**

# Example of X.509 Certificate (1<sup>st</sup> Part)

```
Certificate:
Data:
  Serial Number:
    2c:d1:95:10:54:37:d0:de:4a:39:20:05:6a:f6:c2:7f
  Signature Algorithm: sha256WithRSAEncryption
  Issuer: C=US, O=Symantec Corporation, OU=Symantec Trust Network,
    CN=Symantec Class 3 EV SSL CA - G3
  Validity
    Not Before: Feb  2 00:00:00 2016 GMT
    Not After  : Oct 30 23:59:59 2017 GMT
  Subject: 1.3.6.1.4.1.311.60.2.1.3=US/
    1.3.6.1.4.1.311.60.2.1.2=Delaware/
    businessCategory=Private Organization/
    serialNumber=3014267, C=US/
    postalCode=95131-2021, ST=California,
    L=San Jose/street=2211 N 1st St,
    O=PayPal, Inc., OU=CDN Support, CN=www.paypal.com
```

The CA's identity  
(Symantec)

The owner of the  
certificate  
(paypal)

# Example of X.509 Certificate (2<sup>nd</sup> Part)

Public key

**Subject Public Key Info:**

Public Key Algorithm: rsaEncryption

Public-Key: (2048 bit)

Modulus:

00:da:43:c8:b3:a6:33:5d:83:c0:63:14:47:fd:6b:22:bd:

bf:4e:a7:43:11:55:eb:20:8b:e4:61:13:ee:de:fe:c6:e2:

... (omitted) ...

7a:15:00:c5:01:69:b5:10:16:a5:85:f8:fd:07:84:9a:c9:

Exponent: 65537 (0x10001)

CA's signature

**Signature** Algorithm: sha256WithRSAEncryption

4b:a9:64:20:cc:77:0b:30:ab:69:50:d3:7f:de:dc:7c:e2:fb:93:84:fd:

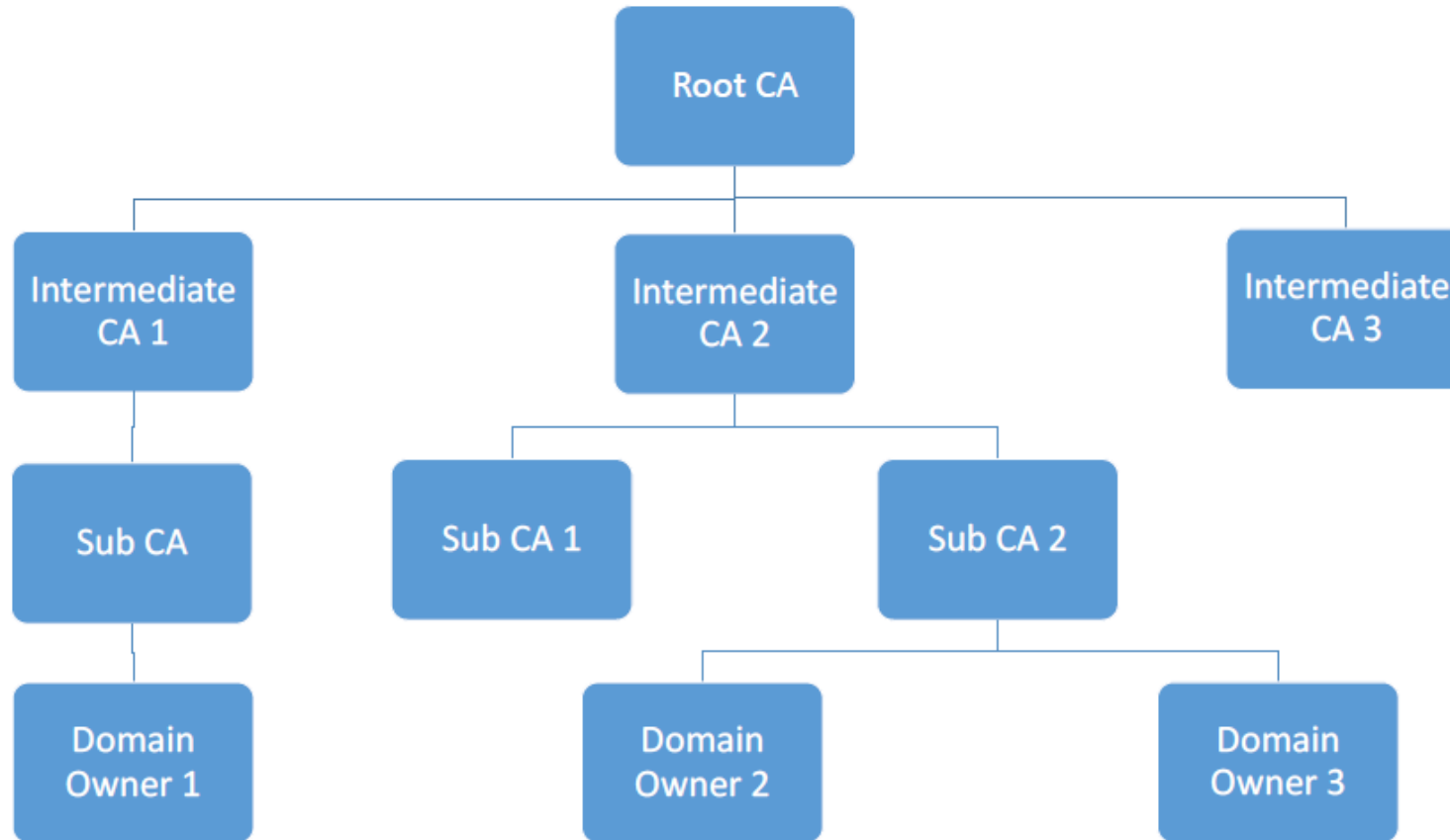
78:a7:06:e8:14:03:99:c0:e4:4a:ef:c3:5d:15:2a:81:a1:b9:ff:dc:3a:

... (omitted) ...

fb:00:3e:7d:6a:de:cb:9f:ff:ef:8c:65:35:e4:22:b5:88:b2:48:32:1e:

# Who Certifies the CA?

There are many CAs in the real world, and they are organized in a hierarchical structure.



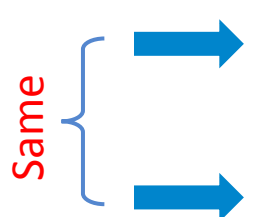


# Root CAs and Self-Signed Certificate

- A root CA's public key is also stored in an X.509 certificate. It is self-signed.
- Self-signed: the entries for the issuer and the subject are identical.

Same {

```
Issuer: C=US, O=VeriSign, Inc., OU=VeriSign Trust Network,  
        OU=(c) 2006 VeriSign, Inc. - For authorized use only,  
        CN=VeriSign Class 3 Public Primary Certification Authority - G5  
Subject: C=US, O=VeriSign, Inc., OU=VeriSign Trust Network,  
        OU=(c) 2006 VeriSign, Inc. - For authorized use only,  
        CN=VeriSign Class 3 Public Primary Certification Authority - G5
```



- How can they be trusted?
  - Public keys of root CAs are pre-installed in the OS, browsers and other software

# Root CAs in Mac OS

Keychains

- login
- Local Items
- System
- System Roots**

Category

- All Items
- Passwords
- Secure Notes
- My Certificates
- Keys
- Certificates

**AAA Certificate Services**  
Root certificate authority  
Expires: Monday, 1 January 2029 at 5:29:59 AM India Standard Time  
This certificate is valid

Name	Kind	Date Modified	Expires	Keychain
AAA Certificate Services	certificate	--	01-Jan-2029 at 5:29:59...	System Roots
AC RAIZ FNMT-RCM	certificate	--	01-Jan-2030 at 5:30:00...	System Roots
Actalis Authentication Root CA	certificate	--	22-Sep-2030 at 4:52:02...	System Roots
AddTrust Class 1 CA Root	certificate	--	30-May-2020 at 4:08:31...	System Roots
AddTrust External CA Root	certificate	--	30-May-2020 at 4:18:38...	System Roots
Admin-Root-CA	certificate	--	10-Nov-2021 at 1:21:07 PM	System Roots
AffirmTrust Commercial	certificate	--	31-Dec-2030 at 7:36:06...	System Roots
AffirmTrust Networking	certificate	--	31-Dec-2030 at 7:38:24...	System Roots
AffirmTrust Premium	certificate	--	31-Dec-2040 at 7:40:36...	System Roots
AffirmTrust Premium ECC	certificate	--	31-Dec-2040 at 7:50:24...	System Roots
Amazon Root CA 1	certificate	--	17-Jan-2038 at 5:30:00...	System Roots
Amazon Root CA 2	certificate	--	26-May-2040 at 5:30:00...	System Roots
Amazon Root CA 3	certificate	--	26-May-2040 at 5:30:00...	System Roots
Amazon Root CA 4	certificate	--	26-May-2040 at 5:30:00...	System Roots
ANF Global Root CA	certificate	--	05-Jun-2033 at 11:15:38...	System Roots
Apple Root CA	certificate	--	10-Feb-2035 at 3:10:36...	System Roots
Apple Root CA - G2	certificate	--	30-Apr-2039 at 11:40:09...	System Roots
Apple Root CA - G3	certificate	--	30-Apr-2039 at 11:49:06...	System Roots
Apple Root Certificate Authority	certificate	--	10-Feb-2025 at 5:48:14...	System Roots
ApplicationCA2 Root	certificate	--	12-Mar-2033 at 8:30:00...	System Roots
Atos TrustedRoot 2011	certificate	--	01-Jan-2031 at 5:29:59...	System Roots

# Intermediate CAs and Chain of Trust

```
$ openssl s_client -showcerts -connect www.paypal.com:443
```

```
Certificate chain
```

```
0 s: ... /CN=www.paypal.com
```

```
i: ... /CN=Symantec Class 3 EV SSL CA - G3
```

Paypal's certificate

```
-----BEGIN CERTIFICATE-----
```

```
B MIIHWTCBkGgAwIBAgIQLNGVEFQ30N5KOSAFavbCfzANBgkqhkiG9w0BAQsFADB3
```

```
...
```

```
-----END CERTIFICATE-----
```

```
1 s: ... /CN=Symantec Class 3 EV SSL CA - G3
```

```
i: ... /CN=VeriSign Class 3 Public Primary Certification
```

```
Authority - G5
```

Intermediate CA's certificate

```
-----BEGIN CERTIFICATE-----
```

```
A MIIFKzCCBBOgAwIBAgIQfuFKb2/v8tN/P61lTTratDANBgkqhkiG9w0BAQsFADCB
```

```
...
```

```
-----END CERTIFICATE-----
```

A is used  
to verify B

Something else is need to verify A (certificate from another intermediate CA or root CA)

# Fetching certificates with openssl

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```



Hostname : port

-- BEGIN CERTIFICATE --

-- END CERTIFICATE --

Certificate chain

0 s:/businessCategory=Private Organization/jurisdictionCountryName=US/jurisdictionStateOrProvinceName=Delaware/serialNumber=3014267/C=US  
/ST=California/L=San Jose/O=PayPal, Inc./OU=CDN Support/CN=www.paypal.com

i:/C=US/O=DigiCert Inc/OU=www.digicert.com/CN=DigiCert SHA2 Extended Validation Server CA

-----BEGIN CERTIFICATE-----

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5K7WNQLZINuNyYMDQI8YKdNVTCwJryL706piCnhHfPFJHOpB3G6BI8cLTYr1sdp

| | | | |  
5dXMg7vQdcCStA+TLiAV4GxSpqIIVpRF0YpqYbzjTiRne9ak/eG0//m4atvKBpXh  
9ZXk76n7dH4/nv2u3h8dbt32AMTVozQCJiMaRlMlMElaNvcPwmGHNNuEuvcs=

-----END CERTIFICATE-----

1 s:/C=US/O=DigiCert Inc/OU=www.digicert.com/CN=DigiCert SHA2 Extended Validation Server CA

i:/C=US/O=DigiCert Inc/OU=www.digicert.com/CN=DigiCert High Assurance EV Root CA

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| | | | |  
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8TUoE6smftX3eg==

-----END CERTIFICATE-----

2 s:/C=US/O=DigiCert Inc/OU=www.digicert.com/CN=DigiCert High Assurance EV Root CA

i:/C=US/O=DigiCert Inc/OU=www.digicert.com/CN=DigiCert Transition RSA Root

-----BEGIN CERTIFICATE-----

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MQswCQYDVQQGEwJVUzEVMBMGA1UEChMMRGlnaUNlcnQgSW5jMRkwFwYDVQQLEXB3

| | | | |  
hM+Z1af6ar1CJt+VYK7U6hY9CdP+hLx10mbkVv91aXdlZhrZHQRv6fobmKych0zd  
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hUjKXh8=

-----END CERTIFICATE-----

3 s:/C=US/O=DigiCert Inc/OU=www.digicert.com/CN=DigiCert Transition RSA Root

i:/C=US/O=VeriSign, Inc./OU=VeriSign Trust Network/OU=(c) 2006 VeriSign, Inc. - For authorized use only/CN=VeriSign Class 3 Public Pri

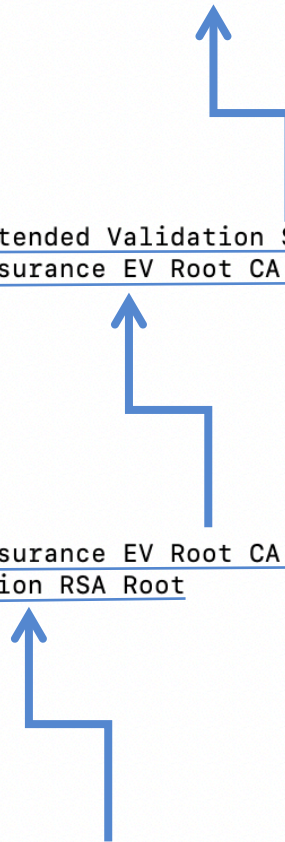
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| | | | |  
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A4rg1sEFqCw=

-----END CERTIFICATE-----

-----END CERTIFICATE-----



Certificate chain

0 s:/businessCategory=Private Organization/jurisdictionCountryName=US/jurisdictionStateOrProvinceName=Delaware/serialNumber=3014267/C=US  
/ST=California/L=San Jose/O=PayPal, Inc./OU=CDN Support/CN=www.paypal.com  
i:/C=US/O=DigiCert Inc/OU=www.digicert.com/CN=DigiCert SHA2 Extended Validation Server CA  
-----BEGIN CERTIFICATE-----

MIIE...  
5K7...  
5dX...  
9ZX...  
1...  
---  
MIIE...  
MQS...  
10G...  
oVW...  
8TU...  
2...  
---  
MIIE...  
MQS...  
hM+...  
2PF...  
hUj...  
3...  
mar...  
---  
MIIE...  
yJE...  
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A4rg1sEFqCw=  
-----END CERTIFICATE-----

VeriSign Class 3 Public Primary Certification Authority - G4

**VeriSign Class 3 Public Primary Certification Authority - G4**  
Root certificate authority  
Expires: Tuesday, 19 January 2038 at 5:29:59 AM India Standard Time  
This certificate is valid

Trust  
Details

**Subject Name**

Country US  
Organisation VeriSign, Inc.  
Organisational Unit VeriSign Trust Network  
Organisational Unit (c) 2007 VeriSign, Inc. - For authorized use only  
Common Name VeriSign Class 3 Public Primary Certification Authority - G4

**Issuer Name**

Country US  
Organisation VeriSign, Inc.  
Organisational Unit VeriSign Trust Network  
Organisational Unit (c) 2007 VeriSign, Inc. - For authorized use only  
Common Name VeriSign Class 3 Public Primary Certification Authority - G4

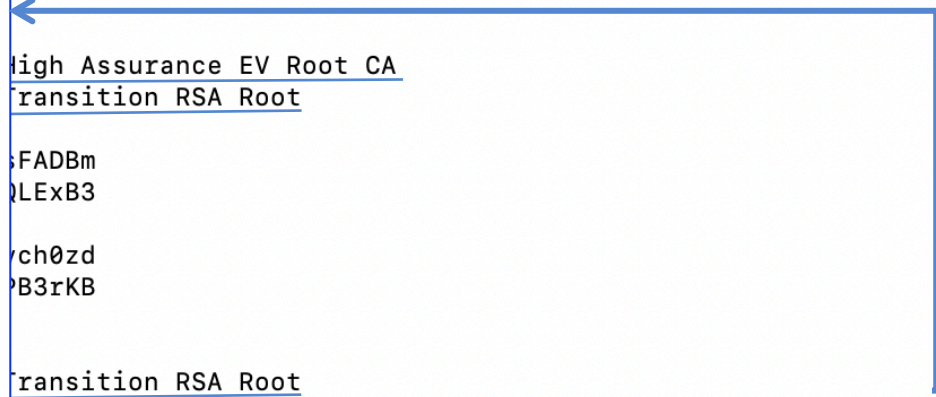
**Serial Number** 2F 80 FE 23 8C 0E 22 0F 48 67 12 28 91 87 AC B3  
**Version** 3  
**Signature Algorithm** ECDSA Signature with SHA-384 ( 1.2.840.10045.4.3.3 )  
**Parameters** None

**Not Valid Before** Monday, 5 November 2007 at 5:30:00 AM India Standard Time  
**Not Valid After** Tuesday, 19 January 2038 at 5:29:59 AM India Standard Time

**Public Key Info**

**Algorithm** Elliptic Curve Public Key ( 1.2.840.10045.2.1 )  
**Parameters** Elliptic Curve secp384r1 ( 1.3.132.0.34 )  
**Public Key** 97 bytes: 04 A7 56 7A 7C 52 DA 64

FADB1  
r1sdp  
KBpXh  
=  
SHA2 Extended Validation Server CA  
High Assurance EV Root CA  
FADB3  
QLExB3  
mXMS1  
7kVkn  
High Assurance EV Root CA  
Transition RSA Root  
FADBm  
QLExB3  
ych0zd  
PB3rKB  
Transition RSA Root  
) 2006 VeriSign, Inc. - For authorized use only/CN=VeriSign Class 3 Public Pri  
FADCB  
DVQQQL



# Manually Verifying a Certificate Chain

- Paypal.pem: Save Paypal's certificate to a file called
- Symantec-g3.pem: Save certificate from "Symantec Class 3 EV SSL CA – G3"
- VeriSign-G5.pem: Save the VeriSign-G5's certificate from the browser

Root CA's certificate



```
$ openssl verify -verbose -CAfile VeriSign-G5.pem  
-untrusted Symantec-G3.pem Paypal.pem  
Paypal.pem: OK
```

Chain of certificates



# The Entire Process

CA

1. Setup the CA



## 1. Setup the CA

```
[bellatrix:~ chester$ mkdir demoCA
[bellatrix:~ chester$ cd demoCA/
[bellatrix:demoCA chester$ mkdir certs crl newcerts
[bellatrix:demoCA chester$ touch index.txt serial
[bellatrix:demoCA chester$ echo 1000 > serial
[bellatrix:demoCA chester$ openssl req -x509 -newkey rsa:4096 -sha256 -days 3650
-keyout modelCA_key.pem -out modelCA_cert.pem
Generating a 4096 bit RSA private key
.....++
.....
.....++
writing new private key to 'modelCA_key.pem'
[Enter PEM pass phrase:
[Verifying - Enter PEM pass phrase:
-----
You are about to be asked to enter information that will be incorporated
into your certificate request.
What you are about to enter is what is called a Distinguished Name or a DN.
There are quite a few fields but you can leave some blank
For some fields there will be a default value,
If you enter '.', the field will be left blank.
-----
Country Name (2 letter code) []:in
State or Province Name (full name) []:Tamil Nadu
Locality Name (eg, city) []:Chennai
Organization Name (eg, company) []:IIT Madras
Organizational Unit Name (eg, section) []:Computer Sc and Engg
Common Name (eg, fully qualified host name) []:cse.iitm.ac.in
Email Address []:chester@cse.iitm.ac.in
[bellatrix:demoCA chester$ ls
```

→ CA's self signed certificate

→ CA's public-private key  
(password protected)

## 1. Setup the CA

```
bellatrix:demoCA chester$ openssl x509 -in modelCA_cert.pem -text -noout
Certificate:
```

```
Data:
```

```
Version: 1 (0x0)
```

```
Serial Number: 14292097484872891496 (0xc657baf0911a3c68)
```

```
Signature Algorithm: sha256WithRSAEncryption
```

```
Issuer: C=in, ST=Tamil Nadu, L=Chennai, O=IIT Madras, OU=Computer Sc and Engg, CN=cse.
iitm.ac.in/emailAddress=chester@cse.iitm.ac.in
```

```
Validity
```

```
Not Before: Mar 19 14:16:54 2019 GMT
```

```
Not After : Mar 16 14:16:54 2029 GMT
```

```
Subject: C=in, ST=Tamil Nadu, L=Chennai, O=IIT Madras, OU=Computer Sc and Engg, CN=cse
.iitm.ac.in/emailAddress=chester@cse.iitm.ac.in
```

```
Subject Public Key Info:
```

```
Public Key Algorithm: rsaEncryption
```

```
Public-Key: (4096 bit)
```

```
Modulus:
```

```
00:cf:61:62:39:46:4d:30:98:e1:5a:4c:19:29:0d:
```

```
24:fa:b3:03:40:00:0d:1f:8d:b2:e9:72:cd:be:da:
```

```
      |           |           |           |
```

```
12:40:f5:9a:93:ed:48:a0:c5:6b:92:57:22:bf:04:
```

```
97:01:20:d9:7a:13:31:15:87:41:38:35:70:a5:2c:
```

```
73:7c:bd
```

```
Exponent: 65537 (0x10001)
```

```
Signature Algorithm: sha256WithRSAEncryption
```

```
3d:af:87:6b:dc:f6:b9:0d:a6:85:be:8a:63:b7:b9:b8:df:7b:
```

```
58:4a:9a:40:b7:da:b7:9a:9c:bc:8e:74:2c:f8:e8:27:a6:da:
```

```
      |           |           |           |
```

```
36:8b:95:2c:2e:84:f3:b8:43:b3:c8:13:68:61:dc:ab:ff:80:
```

```
2f:15:01:c7:71:0e:4f:d3
```

modelCA's certificate

Self signed

# The Entire Process

user

1. Generate Keys

CA

1. Setup the CA

## 1. User Generate Keys

```
[bellatrix:client chester$ openssl genrsa -aes128 -out bank_key.pem 2048
Generating RSA private key, 2048 bit long modulus
[.....+++
.....+++
]e is 65537 (0x10001)
[Enter pass phrase for bank_key.pem:
Verifying - Enter pass phrase for bank_key.pem:
```

# 1. User Generate Keys

$$n = p \times q$$

```
bellatrix:demoCA chester$ openssl rsa -noout -text -in modelCA_key.pem
Enter pass phrase for modelCA_key.pem:
Private-Key: (4096 bit)
modulus:
  00:cf:61:62:39:46:4d:30:98:e1:5a:4c:19:29:0d:
  |         |         |         |         |
  12:40:f5:9a:93:ed:48:a0:c5:6b:92:57:22:bf:04:
publicExponent: 65537 (0x10001)
privateExponent:
  21:9b:b9:ac:68:8d:47:eb:ee:d1:90:75:9f:66:8c:
  |         |         |         |         |
  be:76:d1:4b:06:f7:0a:6c:84:7e:3d:b3:67:49:35:
prime1:
  00:f4:c9:7f:1a:c7:68:c5:01:d4:e3:7b:d3:fb:d8:
  |         |         |         |         |
  f8:47:8b:f2:41:b7:90:b2:ac:b3:91:e5:b0:8c:af:
prime2:
  00:d8:e1:3c:88:ba:dd:02:1f:4e:52:82:e4:7f:1d:
  |         |         |         |         |
  5e:cf:b7:33:e2:7d:6a:09:cd:4f:a1:99:58:71:dc:
exponent1:
  02:5b:5a:4c:f0:b4:92:89:04:fa:b7:bb:7f:c6:44:
  |         |         |         |         |
  92:eb:87:81:b5:31:b2:1b:99:2c:61:73:4a:d9:3a:
exponent2:
  1b:c8:df:44:75:0c:13:55:87:67:32:b5:ab:43:45:
  |         |         |         |         |
  f6:ed:75:8c:32:9c:ff:1c:7a:73:2d:7e:13:38:29:
coefficient:
  72:55:d8:83:3f:8f:dc:c5:ba:16:49:34:46:2d:c3:
  |         |         |         |         |
  fa:3f:df:96:de:de:c9:33:dc:14:be:97:43:e1:e9:
```

n

Public key (A)

Private key (a)

p

q

ap

aq

$q^{-1}$

# The Entire Process

user

1. Generate Keys

2. Generate CSR  
(certi signing req)

CA

1. Setup the CA

## 2. Generate CSR (certi signing req)

```
bellatrix:client chester$ openssl req -new -key bank_key.pem -out bank.csr -sha256
Enter pass phrase for bank_key.pem:
You are about to be asked to enter information that will be incorporated
into your certificate request.
What you are about to enter is what is called a Distinguished Name or a DN.
There are quite a few fields but you can leave some blank
For some fields there will be a default value,
If you enter '.', the field will be left blank.
-----
Country Name (2 letter code) []:IN
State or Province Name (full name) []:Tamil Nadu
Locality Name (eg, city) []:Chennai
Organization Name (eg, company) []:IIT M
Organizational Unit Name (eg, section) []:Computer Sc and Engg
Common Name (eg, fully qualified host name) []:cse.iitm.ac.in
Email Address []:chester@cse.iitm.ac.in

Please enter the following 'extra' attributes
to be sent with your certificate request
A challenge password []:cs6500
```

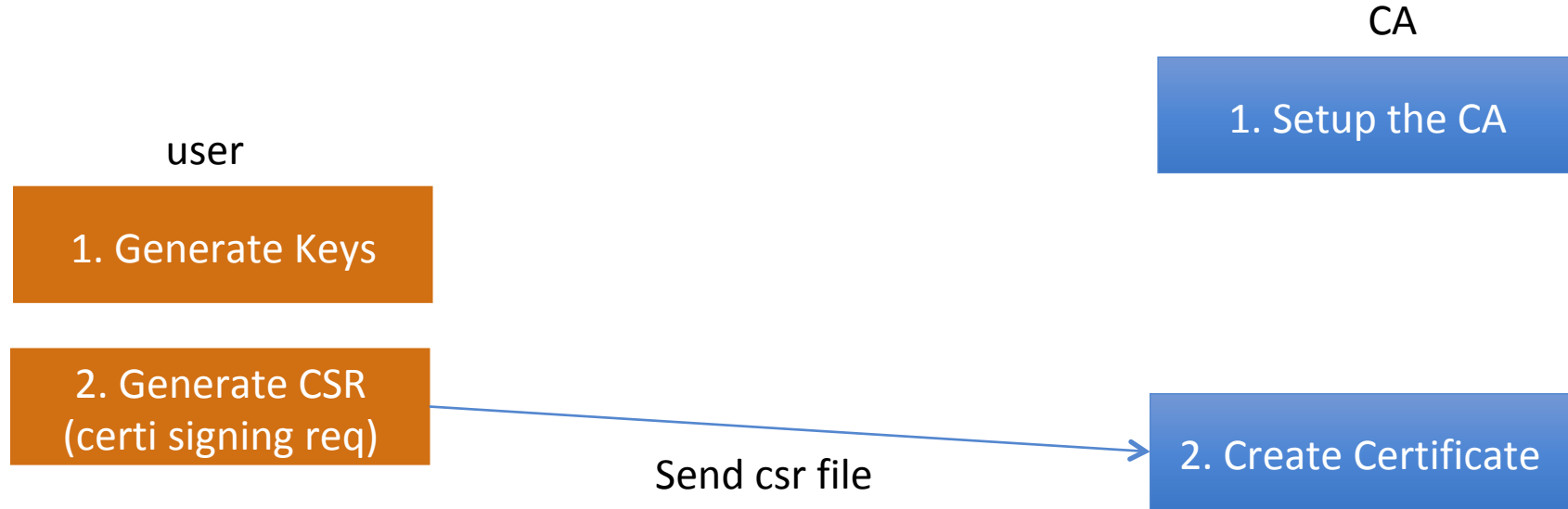
## 2. Generate CSR (certi signing req)

```
bellatrix:client chester$ openssl req -in bank.csr -text -noout
Certificate Request:
  Data:
    Version: 0 (0x0)
    Subject: C=IN, ST=Tamil Nadu, L=Chennai, O=IIT M, OU=Computer Sc and Engg, CN=cse.iitm
.ac.in/emailAddress=chester@cse.iitm.ac.in
    Subject Public Key Info:
      Public Key Algorithm: rsaEncryption
      Public-Key: (2048 bit)
      Modulus:
        00:bf:73:0c:66:3a:4b:49:00:a8:fc:2b:bf:d7:2c:
        26:82:3e:5d:d2:1c:57:55:d0:6d:c7:1d:ec:85:c1:
           |           |           |           |
        4e:d5:a3:3f:64:f4:43:47:e0:1e:48:97:fa:f6:4f:
      Exponent: 65537 (0x10001)
    Attributes:
      challengePassword      :unable to print attribute
  Signature Algorithm: sha256WithRSAEncryption
    04:ea:38:df:d6:e2:4a:08:08:d0:3a:26:b9:4b:e8:7c:9f:e9:
    c7:5f:84:52:c0:7d:5d:bb:98:5d:f9:f6:c2:a6:15:79:ce:e1:
       |           |           |           |           |
    df:26:d0:9f:52:a1:09:0b:ac:6b:25:61:ca:29:a8:f7:55:4e:
    0b:b8:c4:db
```

Signed with the bank's private key  
(self signed)



# The Entire Process

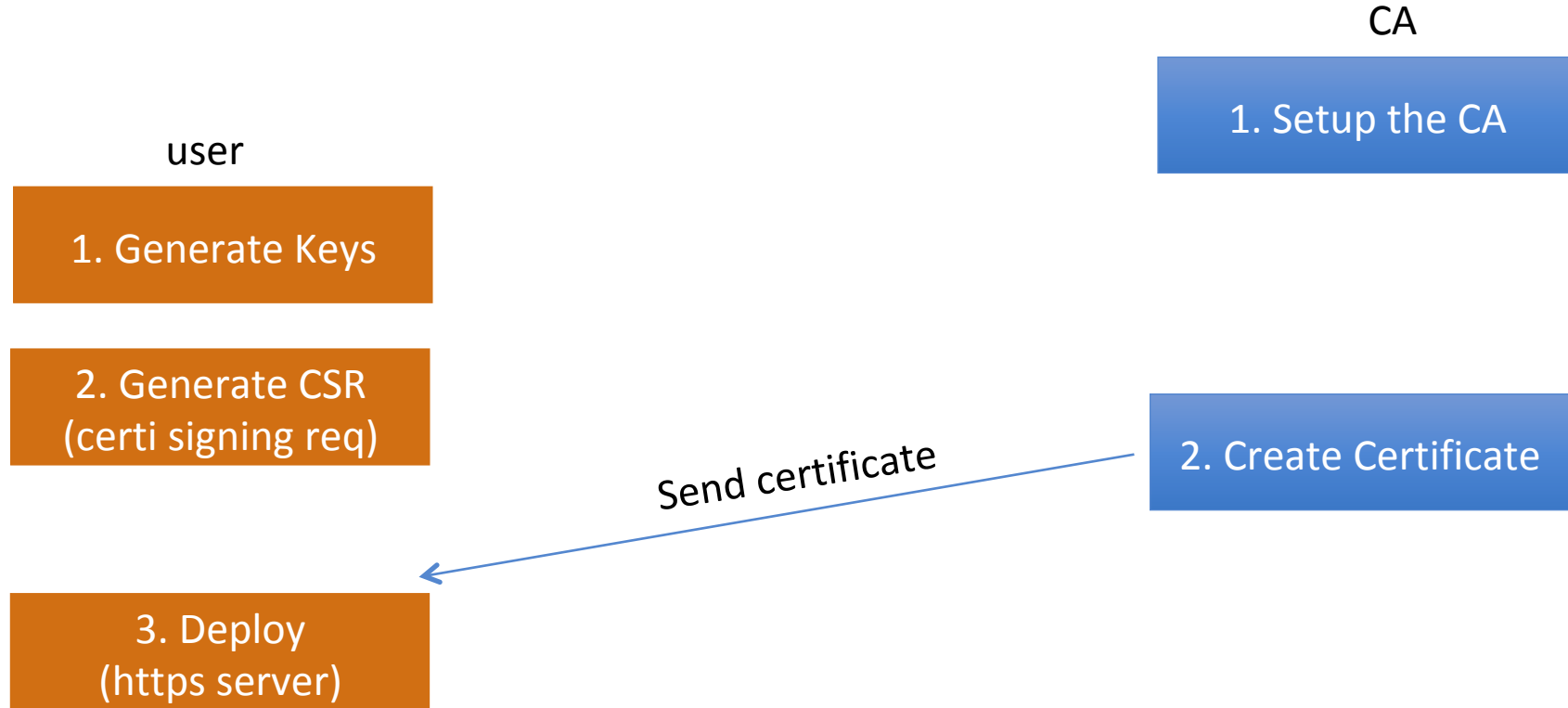


## 2. Create Certificate

```
bellatrix:demoCA chester$ openssl ca -config ca.conf -in ../client/bank.csr -out bank_cert.pem
-md sha256 -cert modelCA_cert.pem -keyfile modelCA_key.pem
Using configuration from ca.conf
Enter pass phrase for modelCA_key.pem:
Check that the request matches the signature
Signature ok
The Subject's Distinguished Name is as follows
countryName           :PRINTABLE:'IN'
stateOrProvinceName   :ASN.1 12:'Tamil Nadu'
localityName          :ASN.1 12:'Chennai'
organizationName      :ASN.1 12:'IIT M'
organizationalUnitName:ASN.1 12:'Computer Sc and Engg'
commonName            :ASN.1 12:'cse.iitm.ac.in'
emailAddress          :IA5STRING:'chester@cse.iitm.ac.in'
Certificate is to be certified until Mar 16 16:16:52 2029 GMT (3650 days)
Sign the certificate? [y/n]:y

1 out of 1 certificate requests certified, commit? [y/n]
Write out database with 1 new entries
Data Base Updated
```

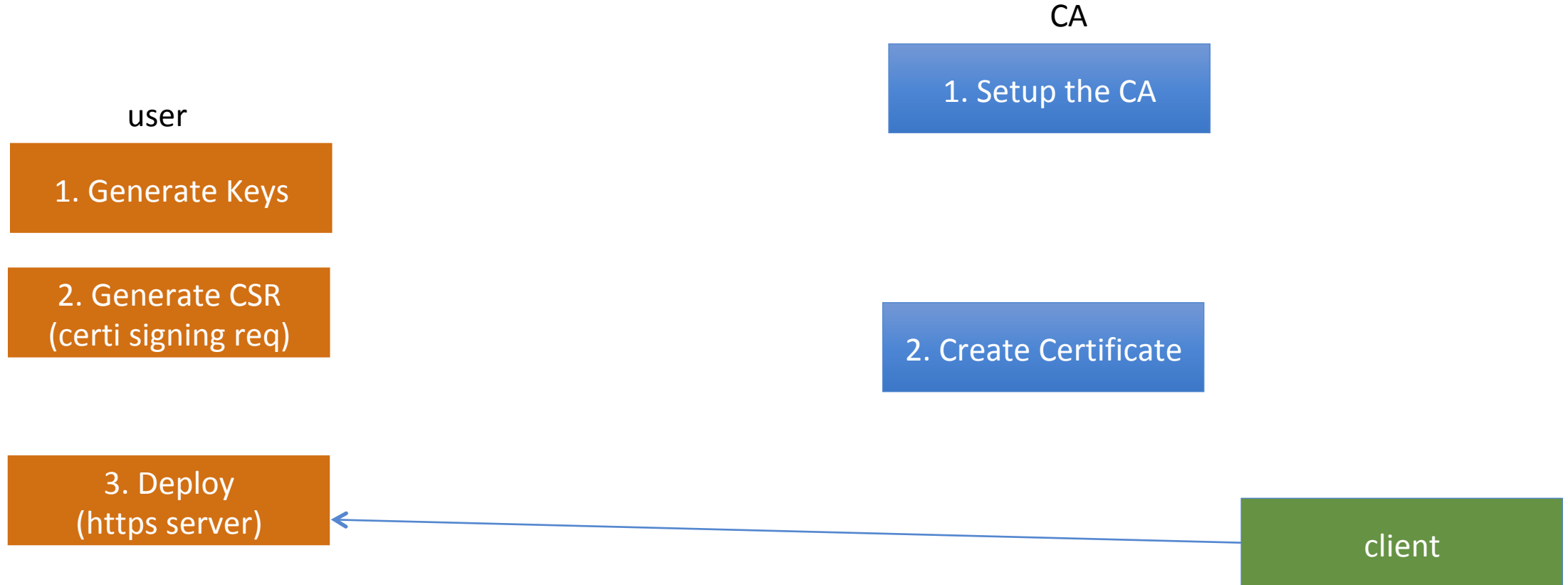
# The Entire Process



### 3. Deploy

```
bellatrix:client chester$ openssl s_server -key bank_key.pem -cert bank_cert.pem -accept 44330  
-www  
[Enter pass phrase for bank_key.pem:  
Using auto DH parameters  
Using default temp ECDH parameters  
ACCEPT  
4709049964:error:140370E5:SSL routines:ACCEPT_SR_KEY_EXCH:ssl handshake failure:/BuildRoot/Lib  
rary/Caches/com.apple.xbs/Sources/libressl/libressl-22.200.4/libressl-2.6/ssl/ssl_pkt.c:956:  
ACCEPT
```

# The Entire Process



client

A client fails to connect because it cannot verify the first (root) Certificate (modelCA)

```
bellatrix:demoCA chester$ openssl s_client -connect cse.iitm.ac.in:44330
CONNECTED(00000003)
depth=0 C = IN, ST = Tamil Nadu, O = IIT M, OU = Computer Sc and Engg, CN = cse.
iitm.ac.in
verify error:num=20:unable to get local issuer certificate
verify return:1
depth=0 C = IN, ST = Tamil Nadu, O = IIT M, OU = Computer Sc and Engg, CN = cse.
iitm.ac.in
verify error:num=21:unable to verify the first certificate
verify return:1
---
Certificate chain
 0 s:/C=IN/ST=Tamil Nadu/O=IIT M/OU=Computer Sc and Engg/CN=cse.iitm.ac.in
  i:/C=in/ST=Tamil Nadu/L=Chennai/O=IIT Madras/OU=Computer Sc and Engg/CN=cse.i
itm.ac.in/emailAddress=chester@cse.iitm.ac.in
---
```

```
Start Time: 1553014493
Timeout    : 7200 (sec)
Verify return code: 21 (unable to verify the first certificate)
---
```

A client connects if the modelCAs certificate is known

client

```
bellatrix:demoCA-chester$ openssl s_client -connect cse.iitm.ac.in:44330 -CAfile
./modelCA_cert.pem
CONNECTED(00000003)
depth=1 C = in, ST = Tamil Nadu, L = Chennai, O = IIT Madras, OU = Computer Sc a
nd Engg, CN = cse.iitm.ac.in, emailAddress = chester@cse.iitm.ac.in
verify return:1
depth=0 C = IN, ST = Tamil Nadu, O = IIT M, OU = Computer Sc and Engg, CN = cse.
iitm.ac.in
verify return:1
---
Certificate chain
 0 s:/C=IN/ST=Tamil Nadu/O=IIT M/OU=Computer Sc and Engg/CN=cse.iitm.ac.in
  i:/C=in/ST=Tamil Nadu/L=Chennai/O=IIT Madras/OU=Computer Sc and Engg/CN=cse.i
itm.ac.in/emailAddress=chester@cse.iitm.ac.in
---
```

```
Start Time: 1553014904
Timeout    : 7200 (sec)
Verify return code: 0 (ok)
---
```

https://localhost:44330

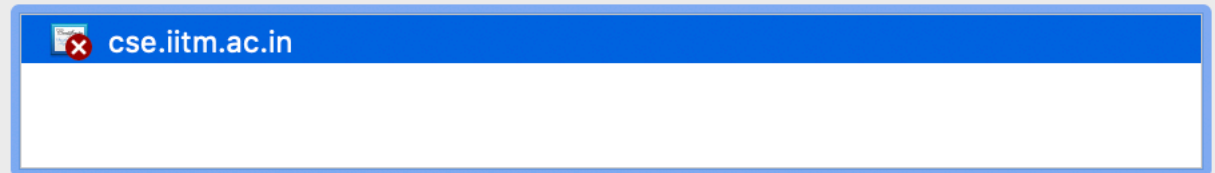
## This Connection Is Not Private

This website may be impersonating "localhost" to steal your personal or financial information. You should go back to the previous page.

Go Back

Safari warns you when a website has a certificate that is invalid. This may happen if the website is misconfigured or an attacker has compromised your connection.

To learn more, you can [view the certificate](#). If you understand the risks involved, you can [this website](#).



### cse.iitm.ac.in

Issued by: cse.iitm.ac.in

Expires: Friday, 16 March 2029 at 9:46:52 PM India Standard Time

 "cse.iitm.ac.in" certificate is not trusted

#### ▼ Details

**Issuer Name** \_\_\_\_\_

**Country** in

**County** Tamil Nadu

**Locality** Chennai

**Organisation** IIT Madras

**Organisational Unit** Computer Sc and Engg

**Common Name** cse.iitm.ac.in

**Email Address** chester@cse.iitm.ac.in



OK



https://cse.iitm.ac.in:44330



## This Connection Is Not Private

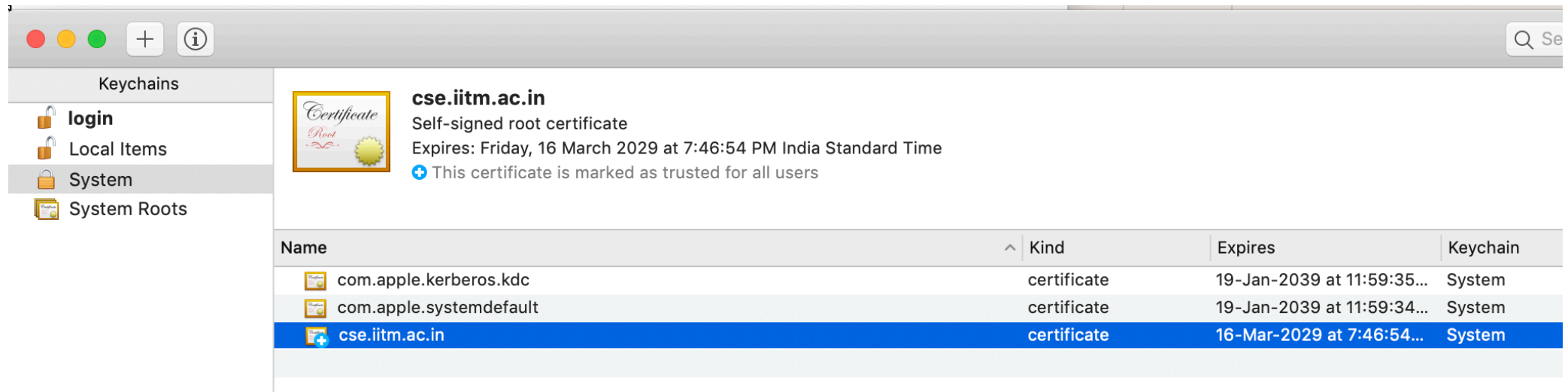
This website may be impersonating "cse.iitm.ac.in" to steal your personal or financial information. You should go back to the previous page.

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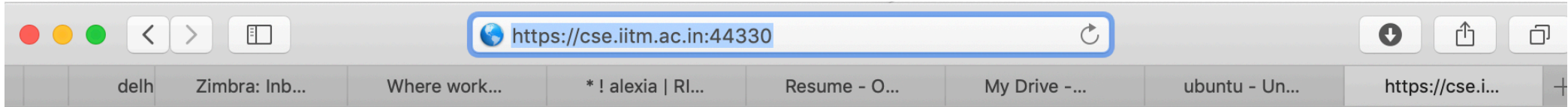
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Register modeCA in your system  
(need to select that you trust this CA)

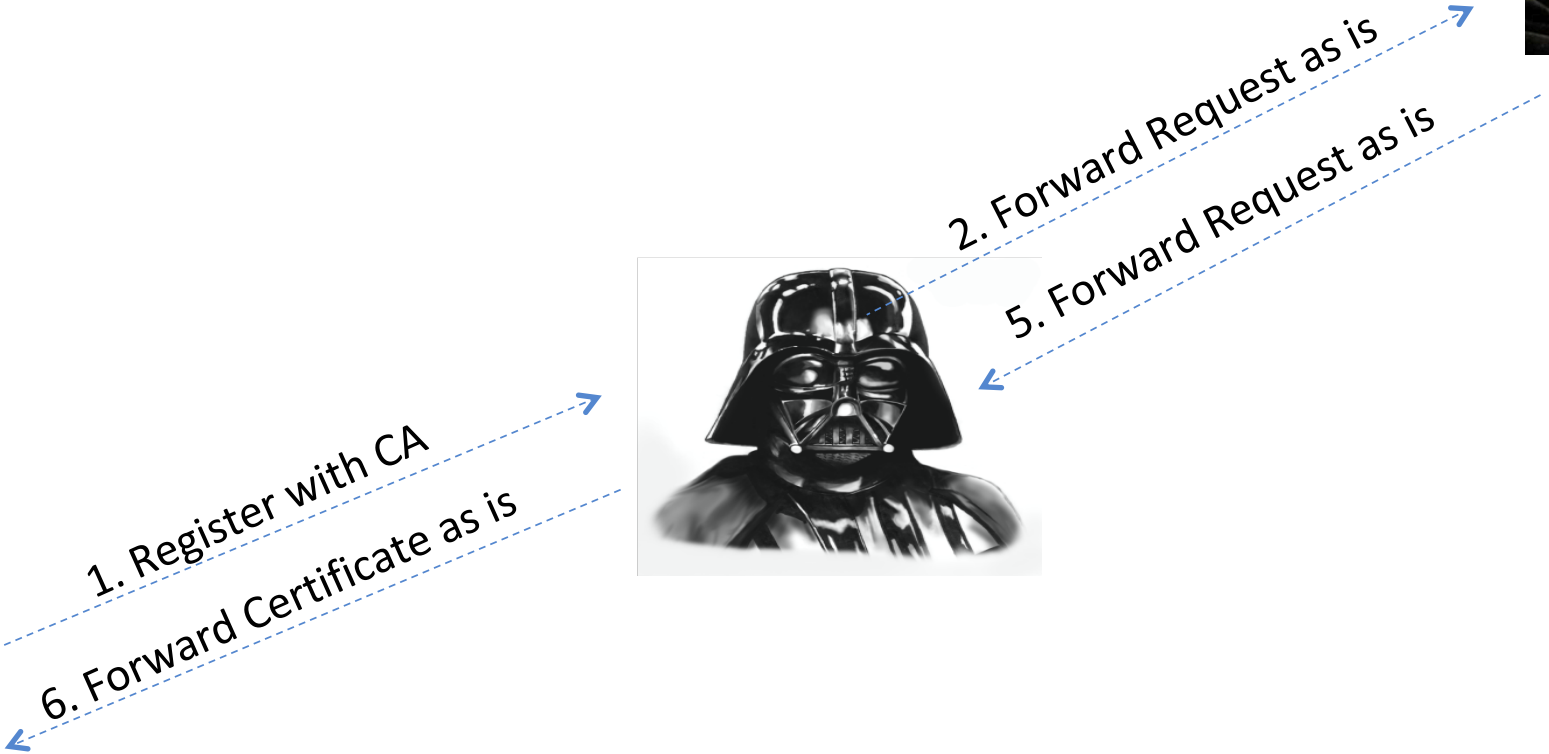
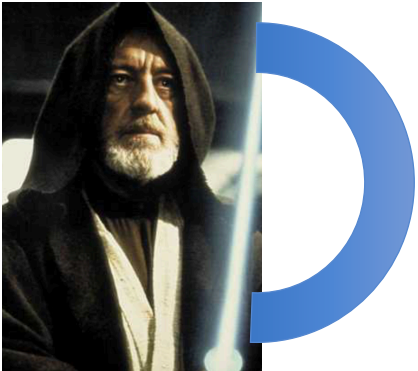


https://cse.iitm.ac.in:44330



```
s_server -key bank_key.pem -cert bank_cert.pem -accept 44330 -www
Secure Renegotiation IS supported
Ciphers supported in s_server binary
TLSv1/SSLv3:ECDHE-ECDSA-CHACHA20-POLY1305TLSv1/SSLv3:ECDHE-RSA-CHACHA20-POLY1305
TLSv1/SSLv3:DHE-RSA-CHACHA20-POLY1305TLSv1/SSLv3:ECDHE-RSA-AES256-GCM-SHA384
TLSv1/SSLv3:ECDHE-ECDSA-AES256-GCM-SHA384TLSv1/SSLv3:ECDHE-RSA-AES256-SHA384
TLSv1/SSLv3:ECDHE-ECDSA-AES256-SHA384TLSv1/SSLv3:ECDHE-RSA-AES256-SHA
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TLSv1/SSLv3:DHE-RSA-AES256-SHA256 TLSv1/SSLv3:DHE-RSA-AES256-SHA
TLSv1/SSLv3:GOST2012256-GOST89-GOST89TLSv1/SSLv3:DHE-RSA-CAMELLIA256-SHA256
TLSv1/SSLv3:DHE-RSA-CAMELLIA256-SHA TLSv1/SSLv3:GOST2001-GOST89-GOST89
TLSv1/SSLv3:AES256-GCM-SHA384 TLSv1/SSLv3:AES256-SHA256
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TLSv1/SSLv3:ECDHE-ECDSA-RC4-SHA TLSv1/SSLv3:RC4-SHA
TLSv1/SSLv3:RC4-MD5 TLSv1/SSLv3:ECDHE-RSA-DES-CBC3-SHA
TLSv1/SSLv3:ECDHE-ECDSA-DES-CBC3-SHA TLSv1/SSLv3:EDH-RSA-DES-CBC3-SHA
TLSv1/SSLv3:DES-CBC3-SHA TLSv1/SSLv3:EDH-RSA-DES-CBC-SHA
TLSv1/SSLv3:DES-CBC-SHA
```

# Attacker forwards authentic certificate

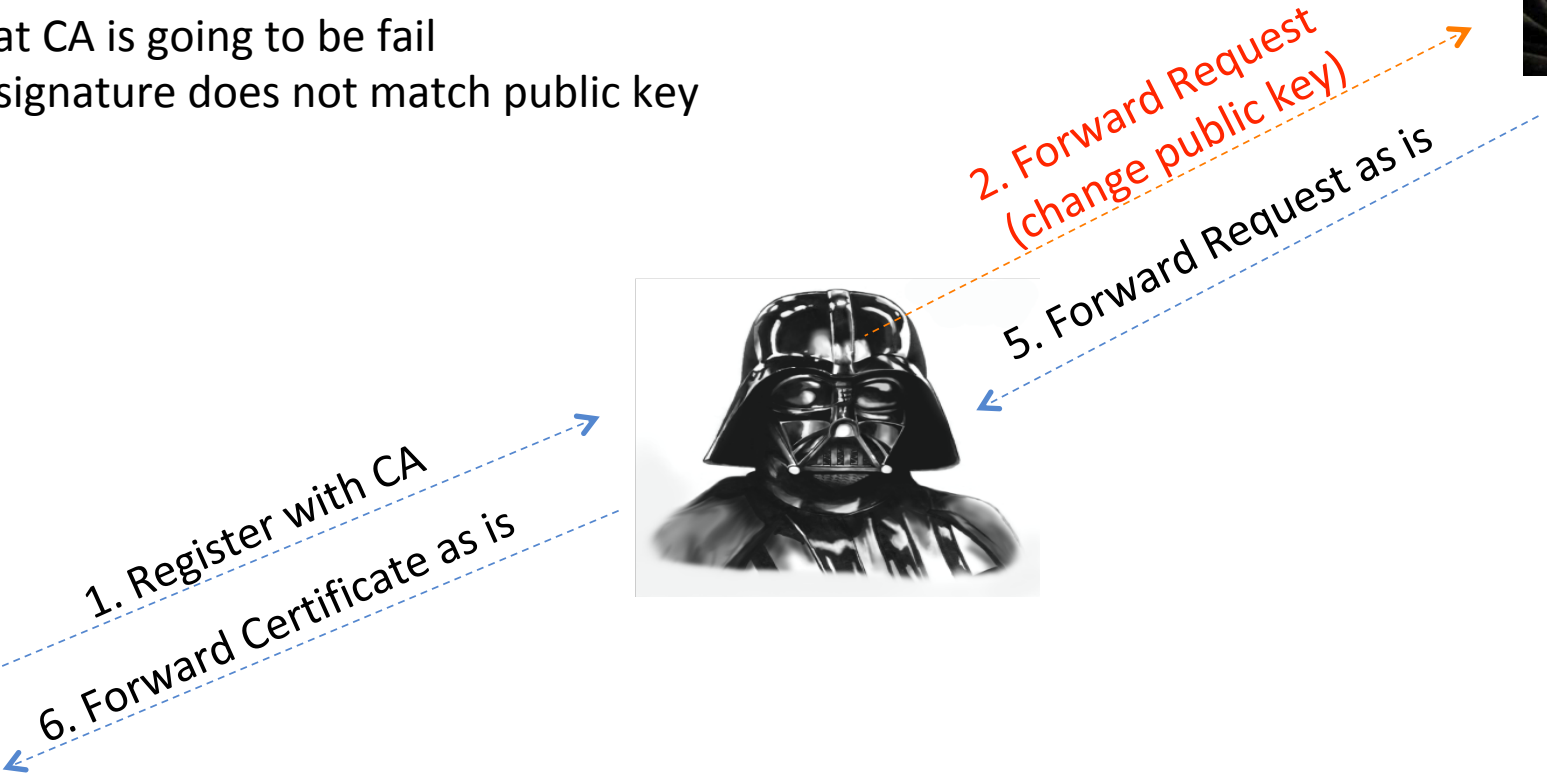
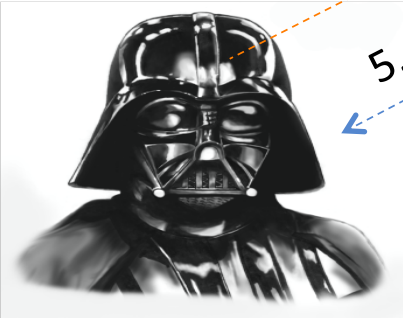
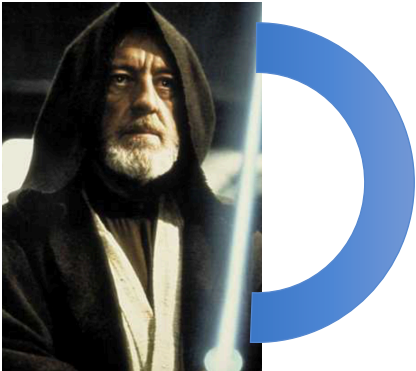


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3, Verify Identity of Alice  
4. Digitally Sign

# Attacker changes public key with her own

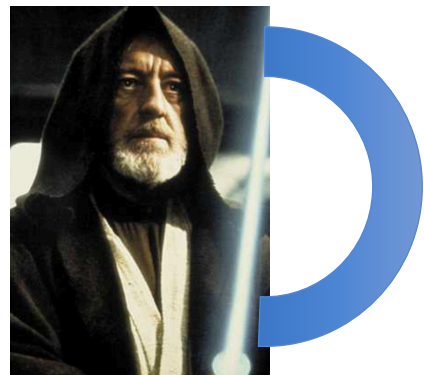
Request at CA is going to be fail  
Because signature does not match public key



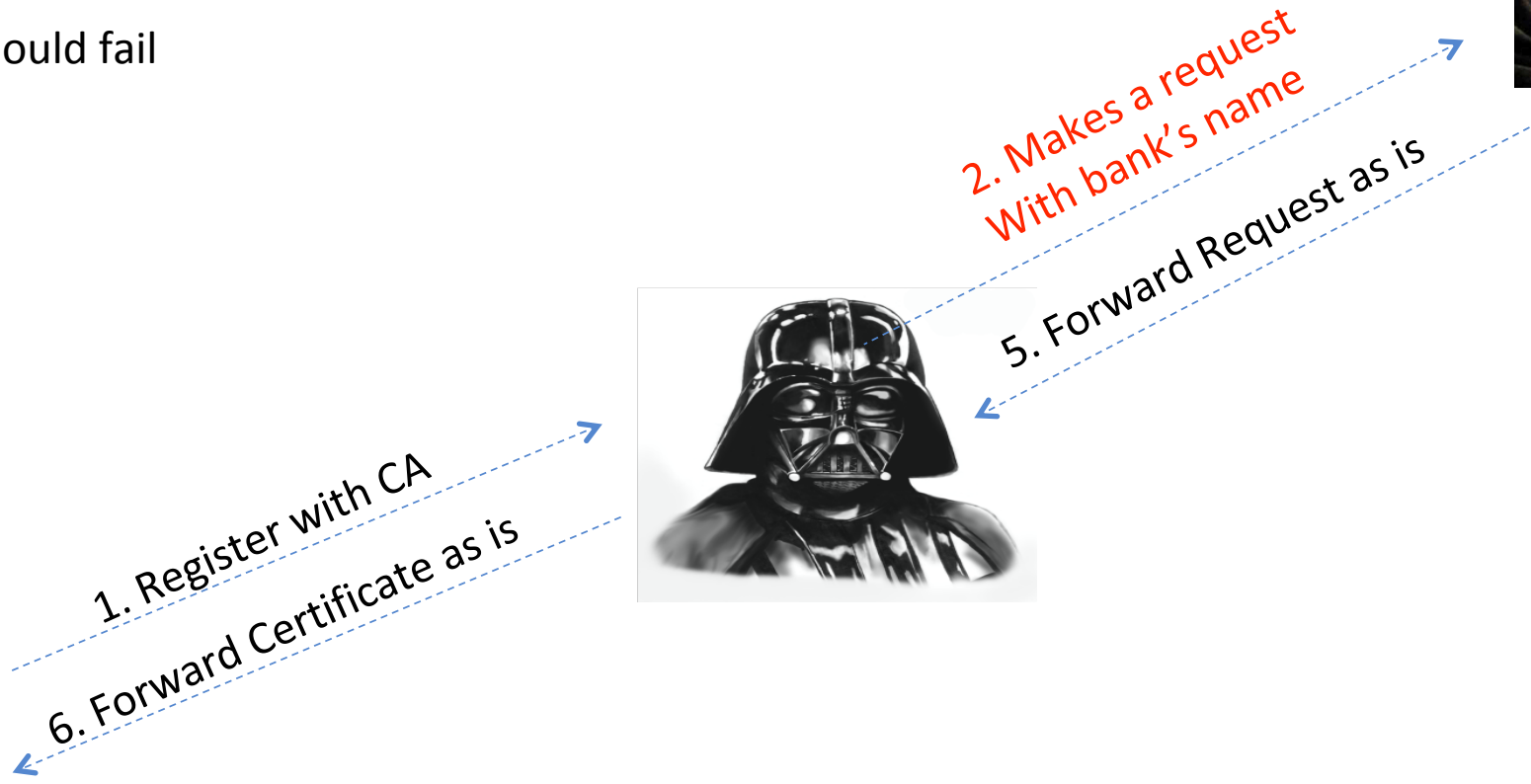
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# Attacker sends her own public key + signature

Verify should fail

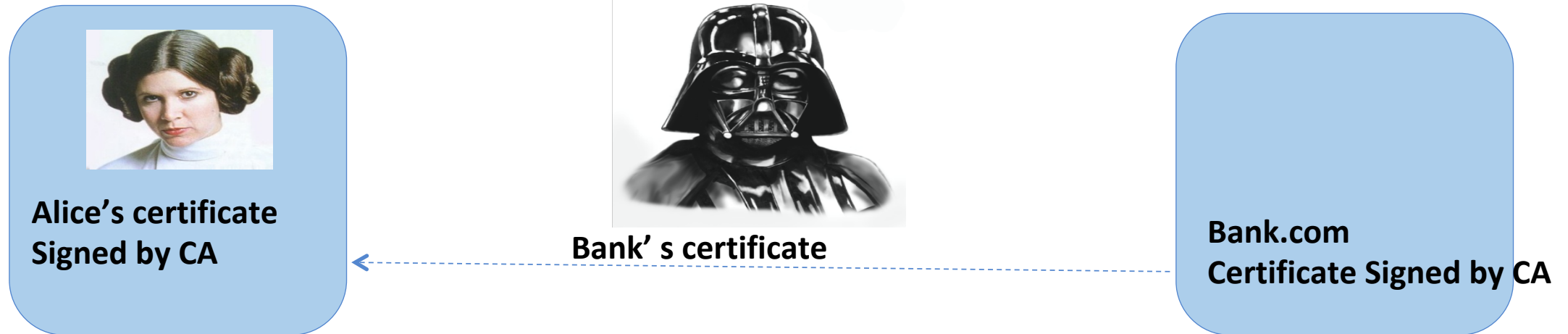


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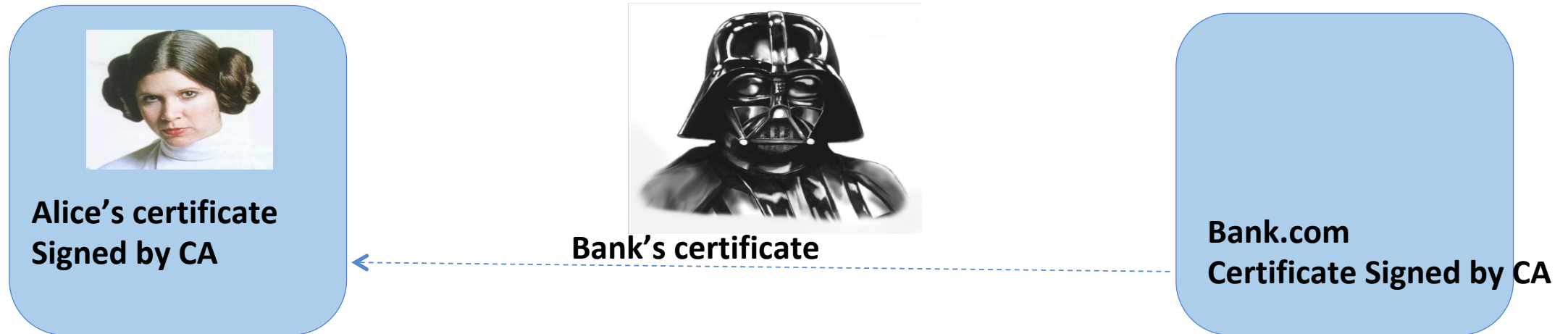
3, Verify Identity of Alice  
4. Digitally Sign

# Consider this Situation



1. Attacker modifies public keys
2. Attacker replaces Bob's certificate with his/her own

# Consider this Situation

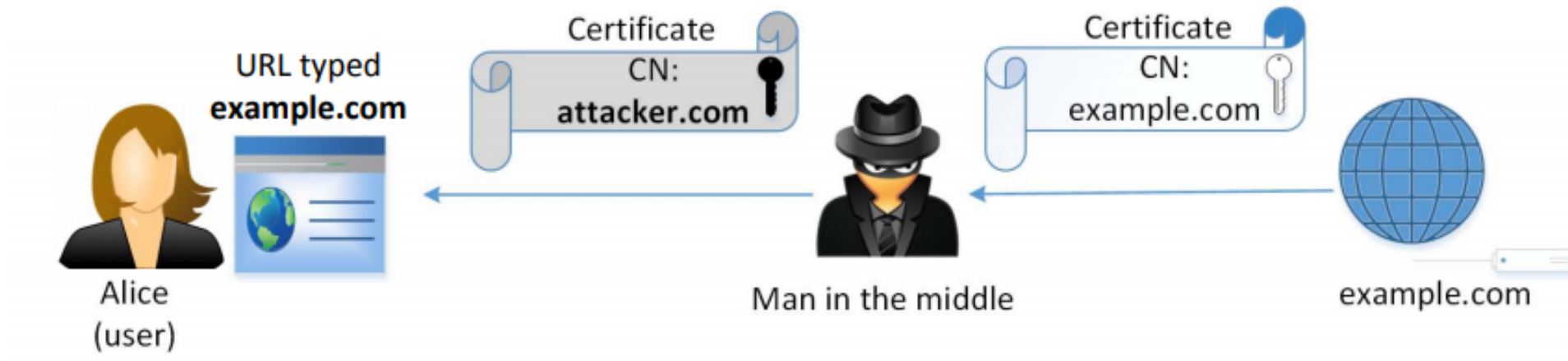


1. Attacker forwards fake certificate
2. Attacker replaces Bob's certificate with his/her own

(What is the requirement to have a MIMA?)



# Attacker Sends His/Her Own Certificate



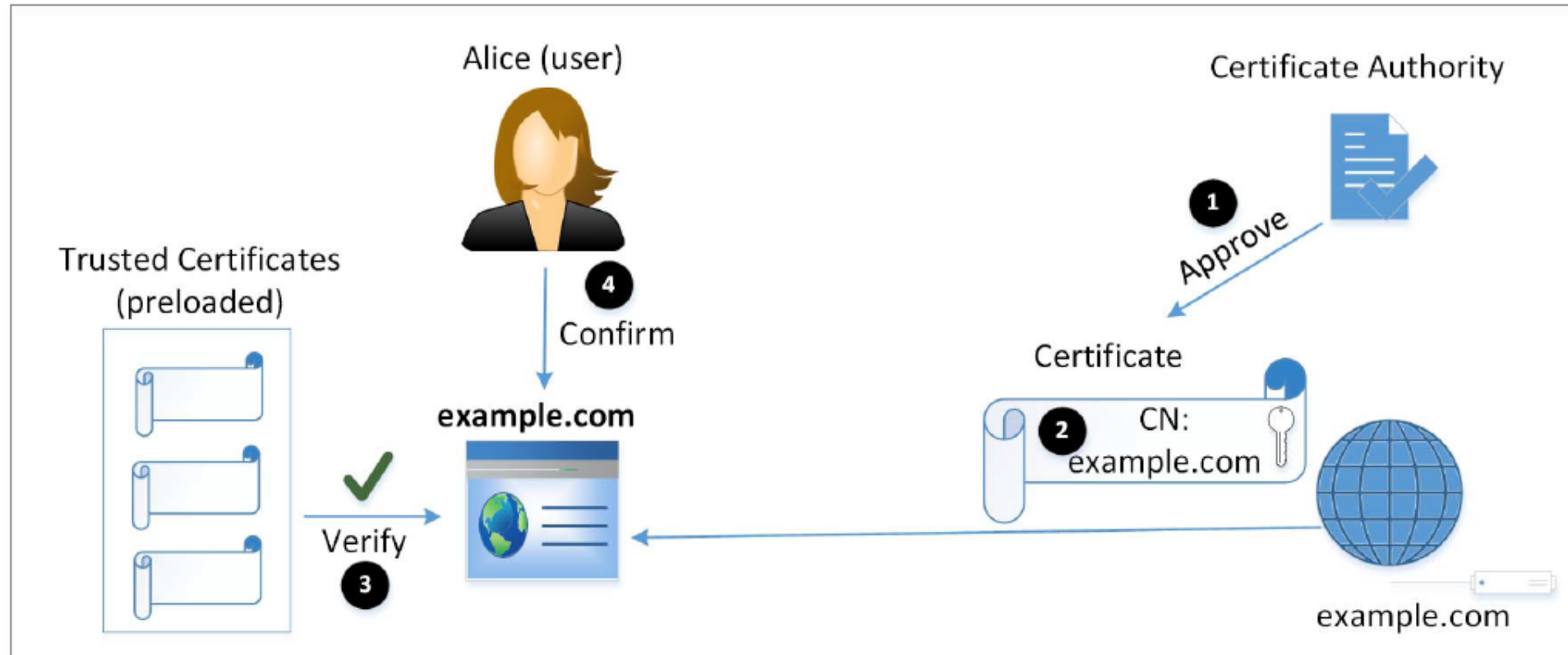
- Attacker's certificate is valid.
- Browser checks if the identity specified in the subject field of the certificate matches the Alice's intent.
  - There is a mismatch: `attacker.com`  $\neq$  `example.com`
- Browser terminates handshake protocol: **MITM fails**

# Emulating an MITM Attack

- DNS Attack is a typical approach to achieve MITM
  - We emulate an DNS attack by manually changing the /etc/hosts file on the user's machine to map example.com to the IP address of the attacker's machine.
- On attacker's machine we host a website for example.com.
  - We use the attacker's X.509 certificate to set up the server
  - The Common name field of the certificate contains **attacker32.com**
- When we visit example.com, we get an error message:

```
example.com uses an invalid security certificate.  
The certificate is only valid for attacker32.com  
(Error code: ssl_error_bad_cert_domain)
```

# Attacks Surfaces on PKI



# Attack on CA's Verification Process

- CA's job has two parts:
  - Verify the relationship between certificate applicant and the subject information inside the certificate
  - Put a digital signature on the certificate
- **Case study: Comodo Breach [March 2011]**
  - Popular root CA.
  - **The approval process in Southern Europe was compromised.**
  - Nine certificates were issued to seven domains and hence the attacker could provide false attestation.
  - One of the affected domain (a key domain for the Firefox browser):  
`addons.mozilla.org`

# Attack on CA's Signing Process

- If the CA's private key is compromised, attackers can sign a certificate with any arbitrary data in the subject field.
- **Case Study: the DigiNotar Breach [June-July 2011]**
  - A top commercial CA
  - **Attacker got DigiNotar's private key**
  - 531 rogue certificates were issued.
  - Traffic intended for Google subdomains was intercepted: MITM attack.
- How CAs Protect Their Private Key
  - Hardware Security Model (HSM)

# Attacks on Algorithms

- Digital Certificates depend on two types of algorithms
  - one-way hash function and digital signature
- **Case Study: the Collision-Resistant Property of One-Way Hash**
  - At CRYPTO2004, Xiaoyun Wang demonstrated collision attack against MD5.
  - In February 2017, Google Research announced SHattered attack
    - Attack broke the collision-resistant property of SHA-1
    - Two different PDF files with the same SHA-1 has was created.
- Countermeasures: use stronger algorithm, e.g. SHA256.

# Attacks on User Confirmation

- After verifying the certificate from the server, client software is sure that the certificate is valid and authentic
- In addition, the software needs to confirm that the server is what the user intends to interact with.
- Confirmation involves two pieces of information
  - Information provided or approved by user
  - The common name field inside the server's certificate
  - Some software does not compare these two pieces of information: **security flaw**

# Attacks on Confirmation: Case Study

## Phishing Attack on Common Name with Unicode

- Zheng found out several browsers do not display the domain name correctly if name contains Unicode.
- xn-80ak6aa92e.com is encoded using Cyrillic characters. But domain name displayed by browser looks like apple.com
- Attack:
  - Get a certificate for xn-80ak6aa92e.com
  - Get user to visit xn-80ak6aa92e.com, so the common name is matched
  - User's browser shows that the website is apple.com. **User can be fooled.**
- Had the browser told the user that the actual domain is not the real apple.com, the user would stop.