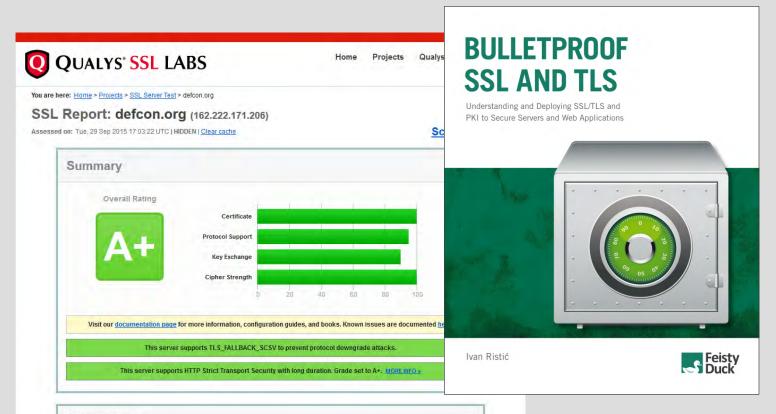
# Some Thoughts On SSL/TLS and PKI

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### My recent work (for context)



#### Who uses SSL/TLS and PKI?

#### Everyone does.

- <u>2+ billion</u> smart phones
- <u>170m</u> web sites
- 10s of millions of developers and IT professionals



#### SSL/TLS and PKI ecosystem

IETF TLS Working Group

**OpenSSL** 



- Library developers
- Operating systems











- Vendors
  - Server vendors
  - Browser vendors
- Certification authorities, partners and resellers

























# Deploying TLS securely is getting more complicated, not less.

#### SSL Labs







2016

Back in the day, all you needed was a valid certificate.

Today, the certificate comes with a **550-page** manual.



#### www.qualys.com

Issued by: Symantec Class 3 EV SSL CA - G3

Expires: Wednesday, 20 September 2017 00:59:59 British Summer Time

This certificate is valid

#### **▼** Details

Subject Name

Inc. Country US

Inc. State/Province Delaware

Business Category Private Organization

Serial Number 3152140

Country US

Postal Code 94065

State/Province California

Locality Redwood City

Street Address 1600 Bridge Parkway

Organization Qualys, Inc.

Organizational Unit Production

Common Name www.qualys.com

Issuer Name

Country US

Organization Symantec Corporation
Organizational Unit Symantec Trust Network

Common Name Symantec Class 3 EV SSL CA - G3

#### **TLS 1.2**

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[Docs] [txt|pdf] [draft-ietf-tls-rf...] [Diff1] [Diff2] [IPR] [Errata]
Updated by: 5746, 5878, 6176, 7465, 7507, 7568,
Network Working Group
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Request for Comments: 5246
Obsoletes: 3268, 4346, 4366
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Updates: 4492
                                                              RTFM, Inc.
Category: Standards Track
                                                              August 2008
              The Transport Layer Security (TLS) Protocol
                              Version 1.2
Status of This Memo
   This document specifies an Internet standards track protocol for the
   Internet community, and requests discussion and suggestions for
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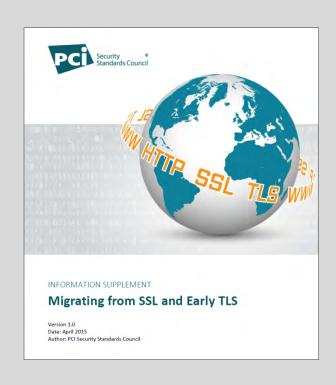
#### Abstract

This document specifies Version 1.2 of the Transport Layer Security (TLS) protocol. The TLS protocol provides communications security over the Internet. The protocol allows client/server applications to communicate in a way that is designed to prevent eavesdropping, tampering, or message forgery.

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- Released in 2008
- 2. Browsers started supporting in 2013/2014, after 5 years
- 3. Only 76% of servers support today (SSL Pulse, May 2016)

### PCI Security Standards Council



"SSL 3 and TLS 1.0 are not secure..."

"Upgrade now, or by June 30 2018 at the latest."

#### HTTP/2 (RFC 7540)



#### 9.2. Use of TLS Features

Implementations of HTTP/2 MUST use TLS version 1.2 [TLS12] or higher for HTTP/2 over TLS. The general TLS usage guidance in [TLSBCP] SHOULD be followed, with some additional restrictions that are specific to HTTP/2.

The TLS implementation MUST support the Server Name Indication (SNI) [TLS-EXT] extension to TLS. HTTP/2 clients MUST indicate the target domain name when negotiating TLS.

A deployment of HTTP/2 over TLS 1.2 MUST disable compression.

A deployment of HTTP/2 over TLS 1.2 MUST disable renegotiation.

Implementations MUST support ephemeral key exchange sizes of at least 2048 bits for cipher suites that use ephemeral finite field Diffie-Hellman (DHE) [ $\underline{\text{TLS12}}$ ] and 224 bits for cipher suites that use ephemeral elliptic curve Diffie-Hellman (ECDHE) [ $\underline{\text{RFC4492}}$ ]. Clients MUST accept DHE sizes of up to 4096 bits.

#### **Apple**



#### App Transport Security Technote

App Transport Security is a feature that improves the security of connections between an app and web services. The feature consists of default connection requirements that conform to best practices for secure connections. Apps can override this default behavior and turn off transport security.

Transport security is available in iOS 9.0 or later, and in OS X v10.11 and later.

These are the App Transport Security requirements:

- The server must support at least Transport Layer Security (TLS) protocol version 1.2.
- Connection ciphers are limited to those that provide forward secrecy (see the list of ciphers below.)
- Certificates must be signed using a SHA256 or greater signature hash algorithm, with either a 2048-bit or greater RSA key or a 256-bit or greater Elliptic-Curve (ECC) key.

Invalid certificates result in a hard failure and no connection.

#### **US Government**



EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20503

June 8, 2015

#### M-15-13

MEMORANDUM FOR THE HEADS OF EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES

FROM: Tony Scott

Tony Scott Federal Chief Information Officer

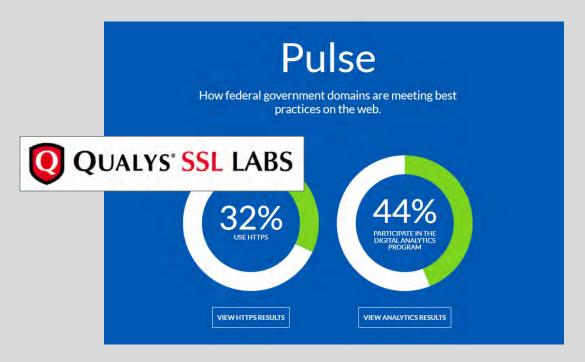
SUBJECT: Policy to Require Secure Connections across Federal Websites and Web

Services

This Memorandum requires that all publicly accessible Federal websites and web services only provide service through a secure connection. The strongest privacy and integrity protection currently available for public web connections is Hypertext Transfer Protocol Secure (HTTPS).

This Memorandum expands upon the material in prior Office of Management and Budget (OMB) guidance found in M-05-04<sup>2</sup> and relates to material in M-08-23<sup>3</sup>. It provides guidance to agencies for making the transition to HTTPS and a deadline by which agencies must be in compliance.

#### **US** Government



https://pulse.cio.gov

#### Google



The latest news and insights from Google on security and safety on the Internet

#### Minimum standards for TLS clients

- 1. TLS 1.2 must be supported.
- 2. A Server Name Indication (SNI) extension must be included in the handshake and must contain the domain that's being connected to.
- 3. The cipher suite <a href="TLS\_ECDHE\_RSA\_WITH\_AES\_128\_GCM\_SHA256">TLS\_ECDHE\_RSA\_WITH\_AES\_128\_GCM\_SHA256</a> must be supported with P-256 and uncompressed points.
- 4. At least the certificates in https://pki.google.com/roots.pem must be trusted.
- Certificate handling must be able to support DNS Subject Alternative Names and those SANs may include a single wildcard as the left-most label in the name.

#### Facebook



#### SSL Pulse





#### SSL Pulse: Protocols



## In the meantime, TLS 1.3 is getting a complete overhaul

Work began in 2013

# **Current Status**

Enable TLS 1.2

Use AEAD cipher suites

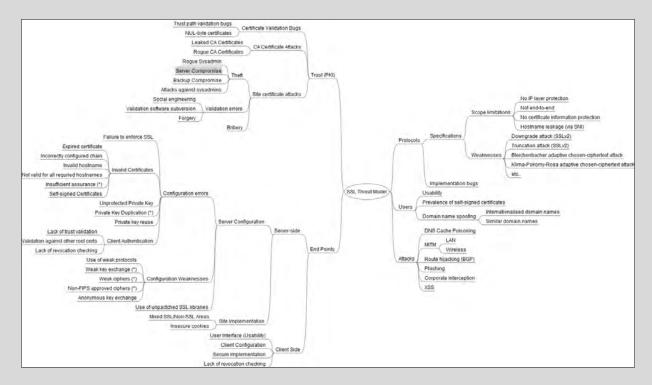
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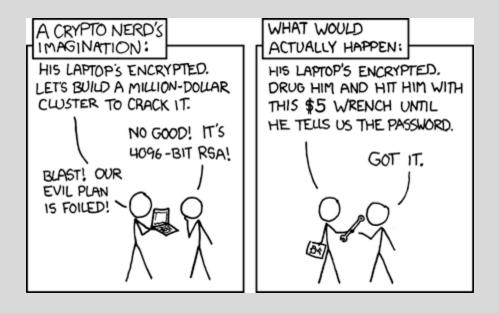
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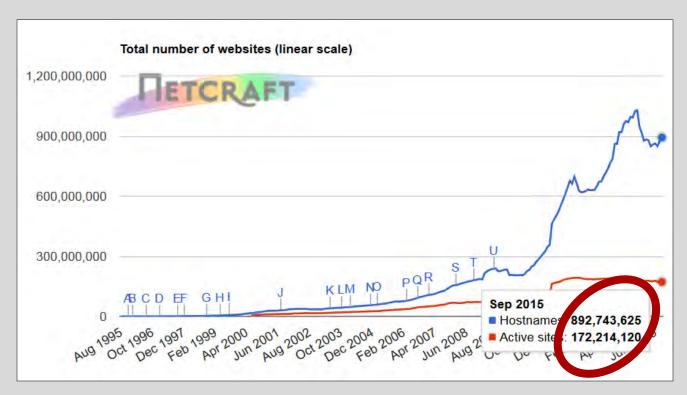
Stop using SHA1 certs

## What is your threat model?

## My 2009 Model

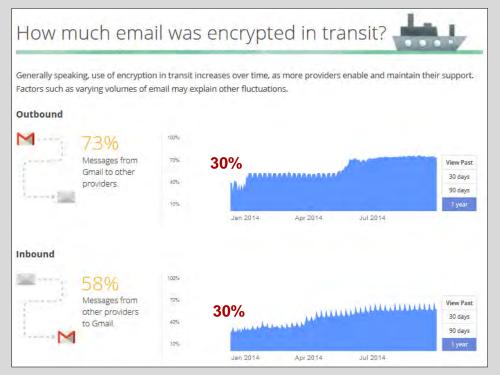


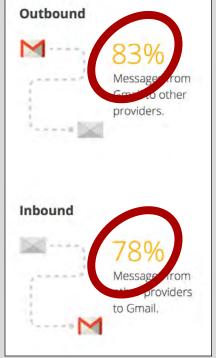




About 170m active sites. Probably less than 5% encrypted.

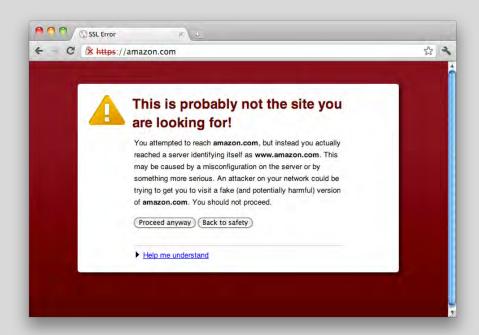
#### Lack of Encryption





2014 May 2016

### Certificate Warnings



Click-through rate: 30-70%

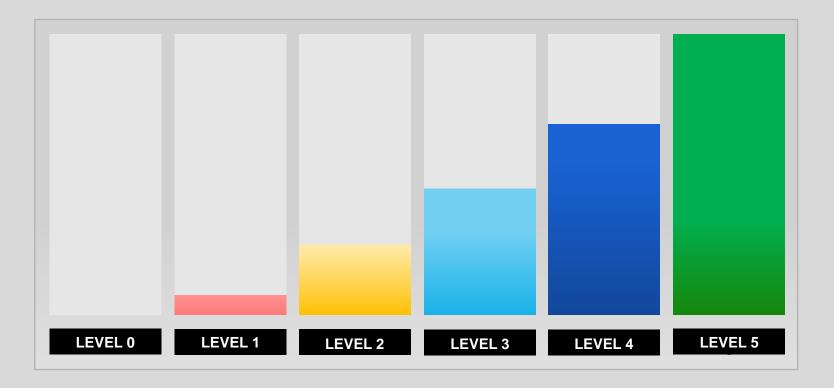
Depends on browser/message style

#### Fraudulent Certificates



The Fall of DigiNotar, 2011 Approx. 300,000 users affected.

## **TLS Maturity Model**



## Zero Chaos

# Level 1 Visibility

# Level 2 Encryption

**Protocols** 

Cipher Suites

Key

Certificate

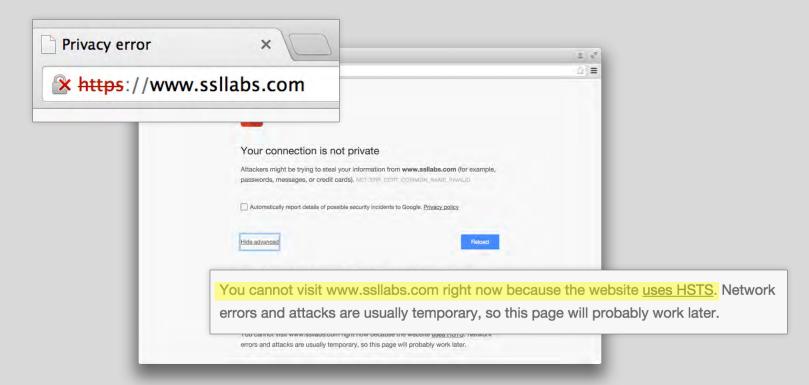
# Level 3 Application security

All traffic encrypted
Secure cookies
No mixed content

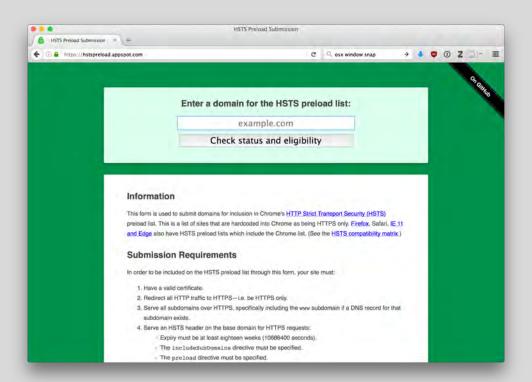
# Level 4 Commitment

**HTTP Strict Transport Security** 

#### Strict Transport Security (HSTS)



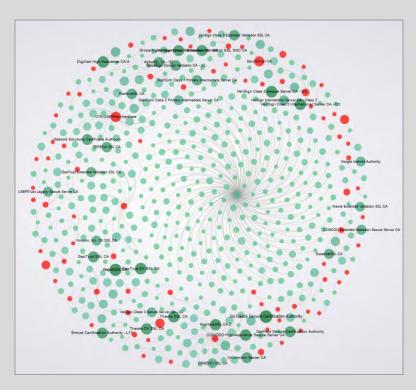
### **HSTS** Preloading



## Level 5 Robust Security

**Public Key Pinning?** 

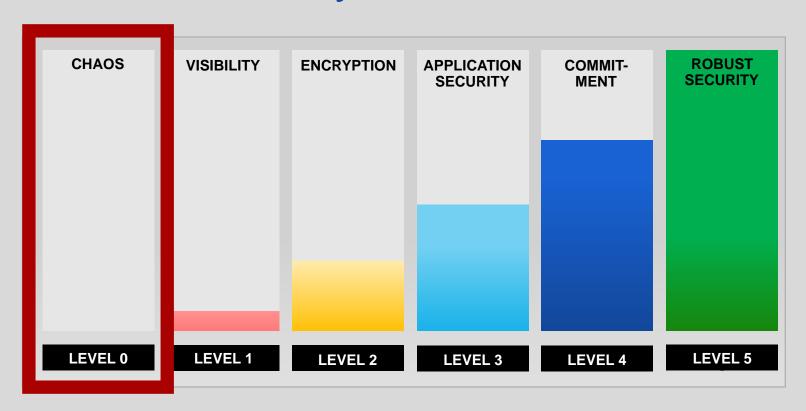
### Public Key Pinning (HPKP)



**ICSI Tree of Trust** 

https://notary.icsi.berkeley.edu/trust-tree/

### TLS Maturity Model in Practice



### Horizontal vs Vertical Improvement

### TLS Maturity Model

- 1. First, achieve Visibility (1)
- 2. Triage
- Move important sites as fast as possible to Commitment (4) or even Robust Security (5)
- 4. Move all sites to Encryption (2)
- 5. Continue bringing the bottom up

# Key problems we seemingly solved (or will probably solve)

### 1 Lack of interest for security until ~2008

# 2 Lack of motivation: cost, resources, performance





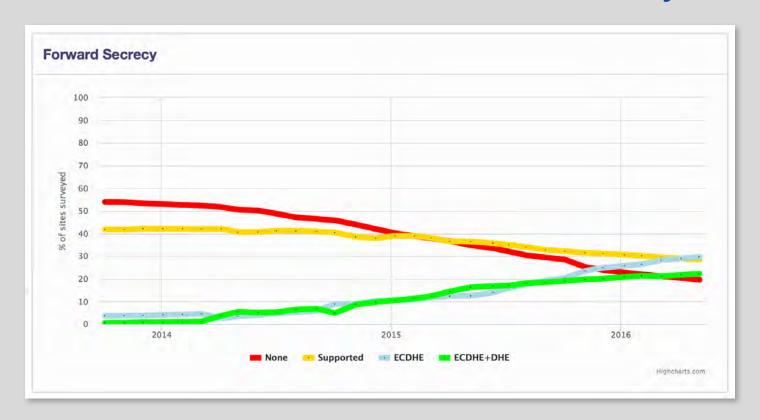
# 3 Conflicting browser vendor goals: be secure but don't break anything

## 4 Virtual secure server hosting not feasible

### 5 Manual key and certificate management

### 6 Too many protocol options; sad defaults

### SSL Pulse: Forward Secrecy



#### **Positives**

- Security became important
- Opt-in mechanisms
- HTTP/2, TLS 1.3, DANE
- Low-cost or free DV certificates
- Automated certificate issuance
- Virtual secure hosting (SNI)

## Some remaining rough edges

### Public Key Pinning

- HPKP unlikely to be widely adopted
  - Difficult and tricky
  - Very dangerous
  - Requires time, effort, skills

### **HSTS Preload Scaling**

### HSTS preload is taking off, but how to scale it?



#### Revocation Doesn't Work

- Must-staple to the rescue!
- OCSP client implementations not good enough
- Minimising damage of fraudulent certificates?
  - CAA + must-staple?
  - HSTS + must-staple?
- Can must-staple be a lightweight alternative to HPKP?

## **Ecosystem Monitoring**

#### SSL Pulse





### SSL Pulse: Grades

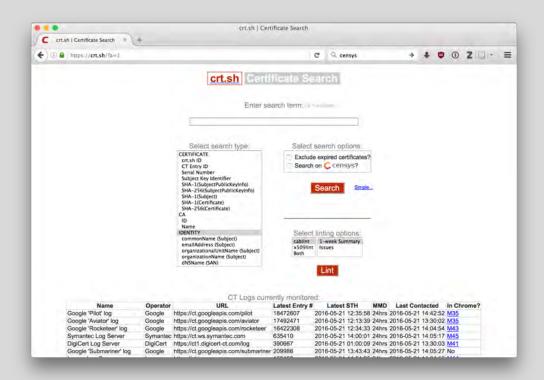


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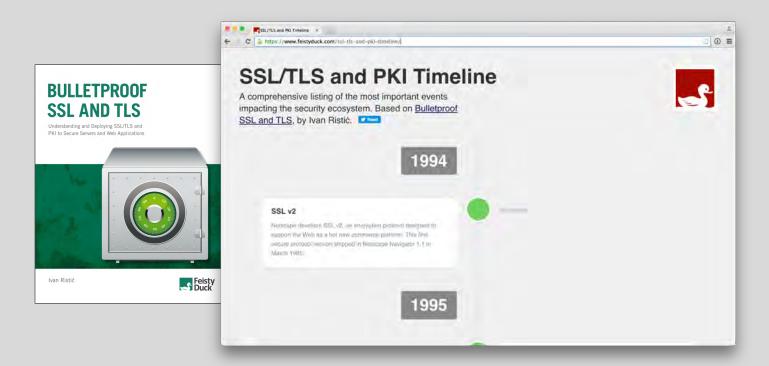
#### censys.io

#### crt.sh





#### SSL/TLS and PKI Timeline



www.feistyduck.com/ssl-tls-and-pki-timeline/

### Thank you!

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