

# Flipped Classroom Session 8: PKI and TLS

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## 1. X.509 Certificates

### 1.1. Critical extensions

Some extensions in a certificate contain a "critical" tag, which indicates that software using the certificate must raise an error if it doesn't understand the extension.

Which kinds of extension make sense to mark as critical, and which do not? Give an example of each.

### 1.2. Trusting the contents of a certificate

An X.509 certificate contains both the identity of the subject (the entity that the certificate "is about"), and the issuer (the entity that produced the certificate)). For example,

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Issuer: C = US, O = Amazon, CN = Amazon RSA 2048 M02
Subject: CN = gunn.ee
```

If we trust the issuer named in the certificate, does this mean that we can trust that the public key in the certificate really belongs to the subject? Why (not)?

## 2. Public Key Infrastructure in the browser

### 2.1. Certificate chain validation

Consider the following certificates, obtained by running

```
openssl s_client -showcerts gunn.ee:443
```

and then copying the certificates from the output and processing them with

```
openssl x509 -in <cert>.pem -text -fingerprint
```

to obtain the output below. Explain in detail how a web browser checks this specific certificate chain, and how the browser uses it to authenticate the website in TLS.

Notes:

- You do not need to explain the details of the TLS handshake protocol, or Certificate Transparency
- The fingerprint at the bottom of each certificate is computed by OpenSSL, and can be trusted to be a correct hash of the rest of the certificate
- You can refer to Mozilla's database of trusted Certificate Authorities at <https://ccadb.my.salesforce-sites.com/mozilla/IncludedCACertificateReport>.

```
Certificate:
Data:
  Version: 3 (0x2)
  Serial Number:
    08:a9:d1:a3:b7:69:bc:5f:4e:21:b2:75:c5:44:91:14
  Signature Algorithm: sha256WithRSAEncryption
  Issuer: C = US, O = Amazon, CN = Amazon RSA 2048 M02
  Validity
    Not Before: Aug 28 00:00:00 2023 GMT
    Not After : Sep 24 23:59:59 2024 GMT
  Subject: CN = gunn.ee
  Subject Public Key Info:
    Public Key Algorithm: rsaEncryption
    Public-Key: (2048 bit)
    Modulus:
      00:a8:6a:ee:f5:fb:1c:bf:8b:18:bb:1c:b8:ac:db:
      cc:46:6d:3d:75:e1:cf:5e:9c:03:24:d2:be:21:64:
      e5:0d:f4:dd:a1:85:47:48:1f:df:b1:bb:e2:a6:5a:
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sJpW+Ji8ofyQUGnpEMp24km9boGrCtqVSzN5fju+3s5cAckLgPnbCTK1CIU6BmX  
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0B3/8MnANj6wS4wKXrZEZ05/J07bFZNHetz8Vfjp6z61nml  
-----END CERTIFICATE-----

Certificate:

Data:

Version: 3 (0x2)

Serial Number:

07:73:12:4a:4b:cb:d4:4e:c7:b5:3b:ea:f1:94:84:2d:3a:0f:a1

Signature Algorithm: sha256WithRSAEncryption

Issuer: C = US, 0 = Amazon, CN = Amazon Root CA 1

Validity

Not Before: Aug 23 22:25:30 2022 GMT

Not After : Aug 23 22:25:30 2030 GMT

Subject: C = US, 0 = Amazon, CN = Amazon RSA 2048 M02

Subject Public Key Info:

Public Key Algorithm: rsaEncryption

Public-Key: (2048 bit)

Modulus:

00:bb:43:18:c6:5a:a8:79:de:29:e8:b5:6f:2e:be:  
a5:43:cf:2e:58:d3:07:5e:37:4a:2e:95:a4:45:8f:  
73:a9:92:90:58:59:6f:fe:aa:ae:46:72:a0:79:50:  
2d:b0:d8:9c:8d:83:ee:10:f4:b1:dc:c4:a9:f9:ee:  
02:32:2c:b9:74:0b:1b:70:3c:4e:f5:fa:57:7a:05:  
34:11:55:7b:c3:65:2c:91:ef:06:c7:8a:63:cf:2c:  
68:bc:2e:7f:19:19:57:09:3b:e2:0e:27:5a:53:4c:  
5f:39:5a:f5:8e:45:df:0c:11:1f:03:15:1f:8e:37:  
c4:6c:fa:52:d1:92:65:2a:90:f7:87:85:c7:95:fb:  
4e:5a:ad:f3:08:62:f2:a0:9a:29:d6:79:ac:d6:a4:  
fa:bf:67:51:38:4e:78:29:6a:15:de:28:5f:27:21:  
ff:f4:5c:ed:8d:1e:5f:52:8d:58:76:12:23:53:64:  
df:59:98:82:22:b7:26:f1:f4:eb:78:3e:2b:db:47:  
03:ad:d9:79:38:0a:82:77:65:87:e5:88:fb:3b:fb:  
8b:8e:07:7a:94:59:8c:0d:45:63:06:19:f5:5b:ff:  
f5:49:02:e5:8c:fc:ff:25:3a:e5:f8:23:68:4f:b0:  
54:73:38:7b:f6:32:0b:6a:2c:ac:f5:84:ee:02:7e:  
75:73

Exponent: 65537 (0x10001)

X509v3 extensions:

X509v3 Basic Constraints: critical

CA:TRUE, pathlen:0

X509v3 Key Usage: critical

Digital Signature, Certificate Sign, CRL Sign

X509v3 Extended Key Usage:

TLS Web Server Authentication, TLS Web Client Authentication

X509v3 Subject Key Identifier:

C0:31:52:CD:5A:50:C3:82:7C:74:71:CE:CB:E9:9C:F9:7A:EB:82:E2

X509v3 Authority Key Identifier:

84:18:CC:85:34:EC:BC:0C:94:94:2E:08:59:9C:C7:B2:10:4E:0A:08

Authority Information Access:

OCSP - URI:http://ocsp.rootca1.amazontrust.com

CA Issuers - URI:http://crt.rootca1.amazontrust.com/rootca1.cer

X509v3 CRL Distribution Points:

Full Name:

URI:http://crl.rootca1.amazontrust.com/rootca1.crl

X509v3 Certificate Policies:

Policy: 2.23.140.1.2.1

Signature Algorithm: sha256WithRSAEncryption

Signature Value:

2d:4e:2e:85:b3:40:33:7e:2f:a2:c2:6e:e3:af:3f:82:4b:11:  
c7:fa:e1:e5:ec:b6:b0:dc:c4:12:5d:5b:51:f1:15:79:dc:fb:  
51:ea:bf:fa:80:da:6a:97:37:68:66:ae:05:29:b0:03:8b:5b:  
fd:06:e9:fc:45:8f:03:e7:5b:9e:75:17:e3:b1:b7:a8:76:2c:  
de:04:1f:27:5e:67:b2:0f:7d:c4:a7:b5:40:4e:3e:28:cd:c7:  
77:d5:81:55:7e:04:61:bd:34:b1:36:ba:d3:94:da:56:91:49:  
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6a:f6:ec:2c:ff:76:24:2a:a4:62:13:3d:d3:b1:a5:a6:26:a2:  
11:66:13:1b:80:07:e9:ec:ee:c5:53:01:48:6f:b5:08:b2:9a:  
20:65:22:b1:3c:85:89:a7:18:8f:a3:74:dc:05:a9:9b:6d:5b:  
50:39:c3:51:5b:3e:6a:09:07:43:b2:52:36:c9:ac:aa:d2:7d:  
93:5e:81:f2:34:22:c4:1f:ca:e9:b0:94:55:20:b1:6c:83:48:  
dc:ec:16:85:ac:c9:c5:e3:ad:be:6a:34:9e:86:08:f5:d8:88:  
9d:35:e4:4d:e3:39:7e:12:83:5a:59:da:67:5a:77:6f:4a:90:  
04:92:ad:8f

SHA1 Fingerprint=41:4A:20:60:B7:38:C6:35:CC:7F:C2:43:E0:52:61:55:92:83:0C:53





