Free SSL Certificates



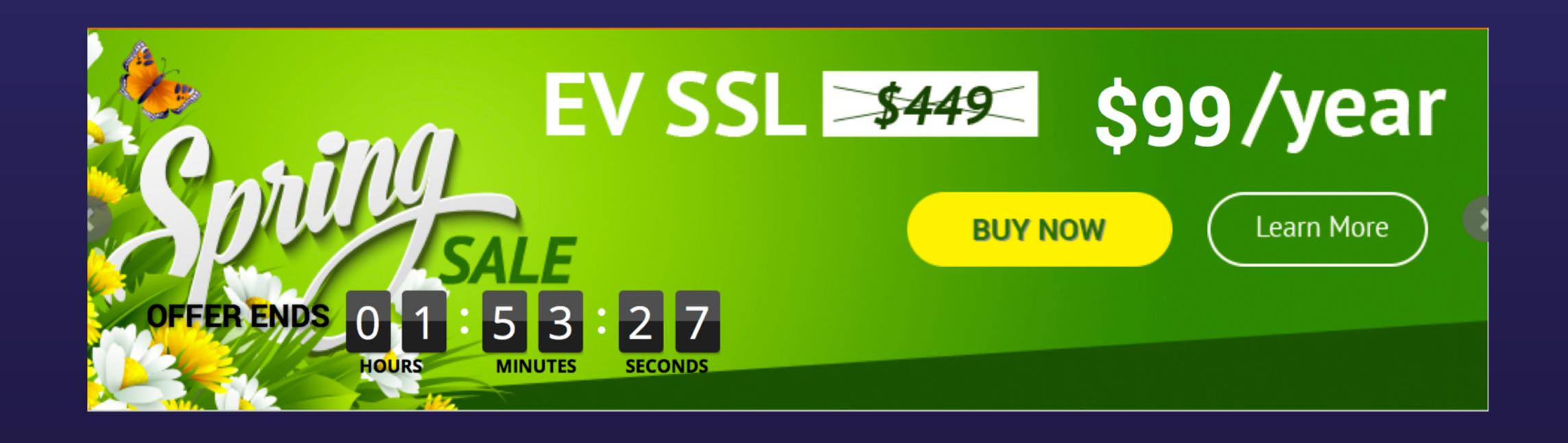
SSL/TLS

- Trust comes from Certificate Authorities
- Certificate for each server (or wildcard for domains)

SSL is expensive?

- RapidSSL: \$49 / \$199 wildcard
- Thawte:
 - SSL123: \$149 / \$745 wildcard SSL Web Server: \$199 / \$299 EV / \$499 wildcard
- Comodo: \$77 / \$99 EV / \$405 wildcard

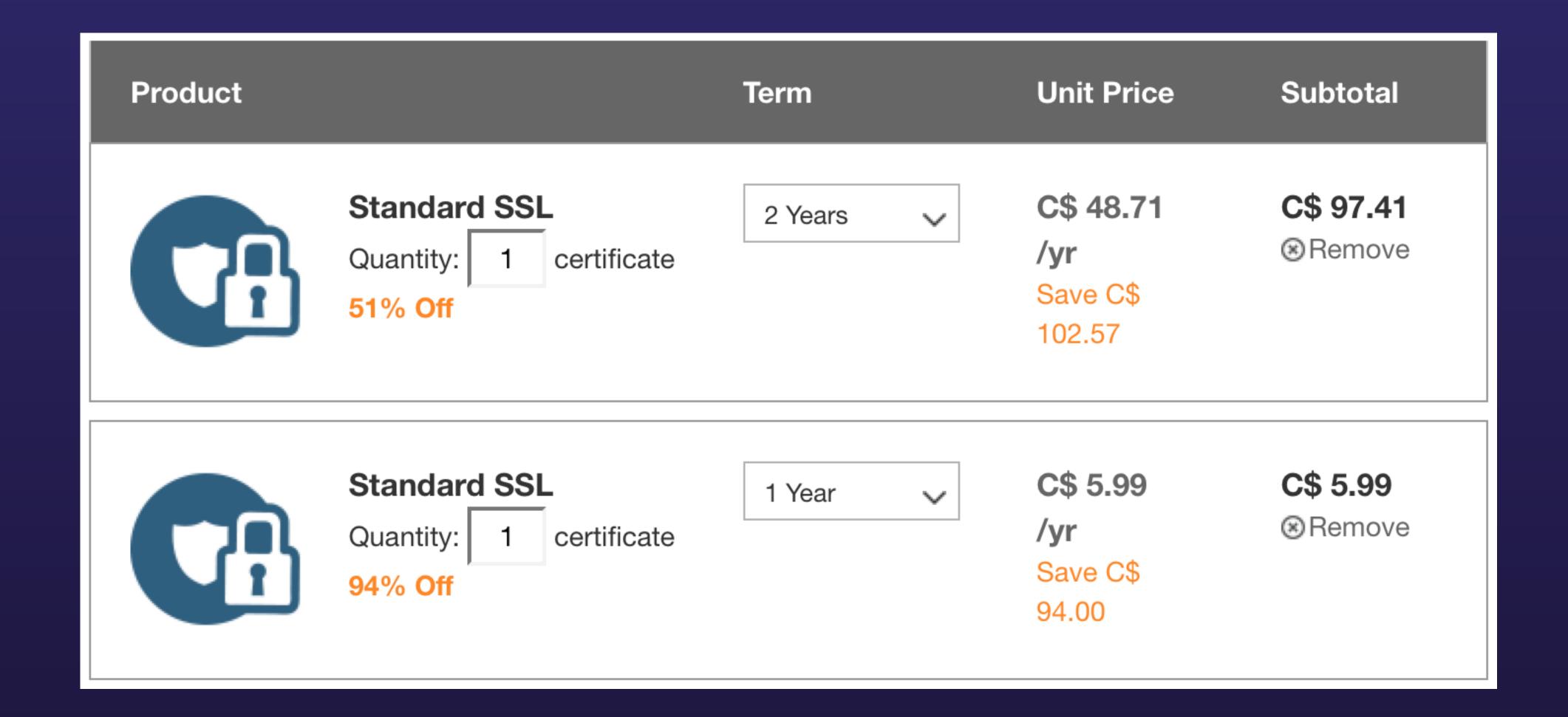
Want a used car with that?



It's Go Time



WTF?



Certificate Authorities

- Supposed to check business information
- In practice, can get a certificate in minutes, no human intervention, no business documents
- What are we paying for?

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Let's Encrypt

- New kind of CA
- ACME protocol to check domain ownership
- Provisioning via simple software
- Standard certificates
- CRL / OCSP support

EASY!

- Two commands (FreeBSD):
 - pkg install py27-letsencrypt
 - · letsencrypt certonly --webroot
 - -w /usr/local/christodeluxe/www
 - -d christodeluxe.com
 - -d www.christodeluxe.com

EASY!

Enter email address	(used	for	urgent	notices	and	lost	key	recovery)	
csaldanh@gmail.com									
	< OK	>		<cancel></cancel>					

Please read the Terms of Service at https://letsencrypt.org/documents/LE-SA-v1.0.1-July-27-2015.pdf. You must agree in order to register with the ACME server at https://acme-v01.api.letsencrypt.org/directory <Agree > <Cancel>

EASY!

IMPORTANT NOTES:

- Congratulations! Your certificate and chain have been saved at /usr/local/etc/letsencrypt/live/christodeluxe.com/fullchain.pem. Your cert will expire on 2016-07-09. To obtain a new version of the certificate in the future, simply run Let's Encrypt again.
- If you lose your account credentials, you can recover through e-mails sent to csaldanh@gmail.com.
- Your account credentials have been saved in your Let's Encrypt configuration directory at /usr/local/etc/letsencrypt. You should make a secure backup of this folder now. This configuration directory will also contain certificates and private keys obtained by Let's Encrypt so making regular backups of this folder is ideal.
- If you like Let's Encrypt, please consider supporting our work by:

Donating to ISRG / Let's Encrypt: https://letsencrypt.org/donate Donating to EFF: https://eff.org/donate-le

Apache Setup

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<VirtualHost *:443>
   SSLEngine On
   SSLHonorCipherOrder on
   SSLCipherSuite HIGH:!aNULL:!MD5:!RC4
   SSLProxyCipherSuite HIGH:!aNULL:!MD5:!RC4
   SSLProtocol all -SSLv3
   SSLProxyProtocol all -SSLv3
   SSLCertificateFile /usr/local/etc/letsencrypt/live/christodeluxe.com/cert.pem
   SSLCertificateKeyFile /usr/local/etc/letsencrypt/live/christodeluxe.com/privkey.pem
   SSLCertificateChainFile /usr/local/etc/letsencrypt/live/christodeluxe.com/chain.pem
</VirtualHost>
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Browsers



Safari is using an encrypted connection to www.christodeluxe.com.

Encryption with a digital certificate keeps information private as it's sent to or from the https website www.christodeluxe.com.



→ 🛅 Let's Encrypt Authority X3

→ 🔯 www.christodeluxe.com



www.christodeluxe.com

Issued by: Let's Encrypt Authority X3

Expires: Saturday, July 9, 2016 at 11:18:00 AM Eastern Daylight Time

This certificate is valid

▶ Trust

Details

Subject Name

Common Name www.christodeluxe.com

Issuer Name

Country US

Organization Let's Encrypt

Common Name Let's Encrypt Authority X3

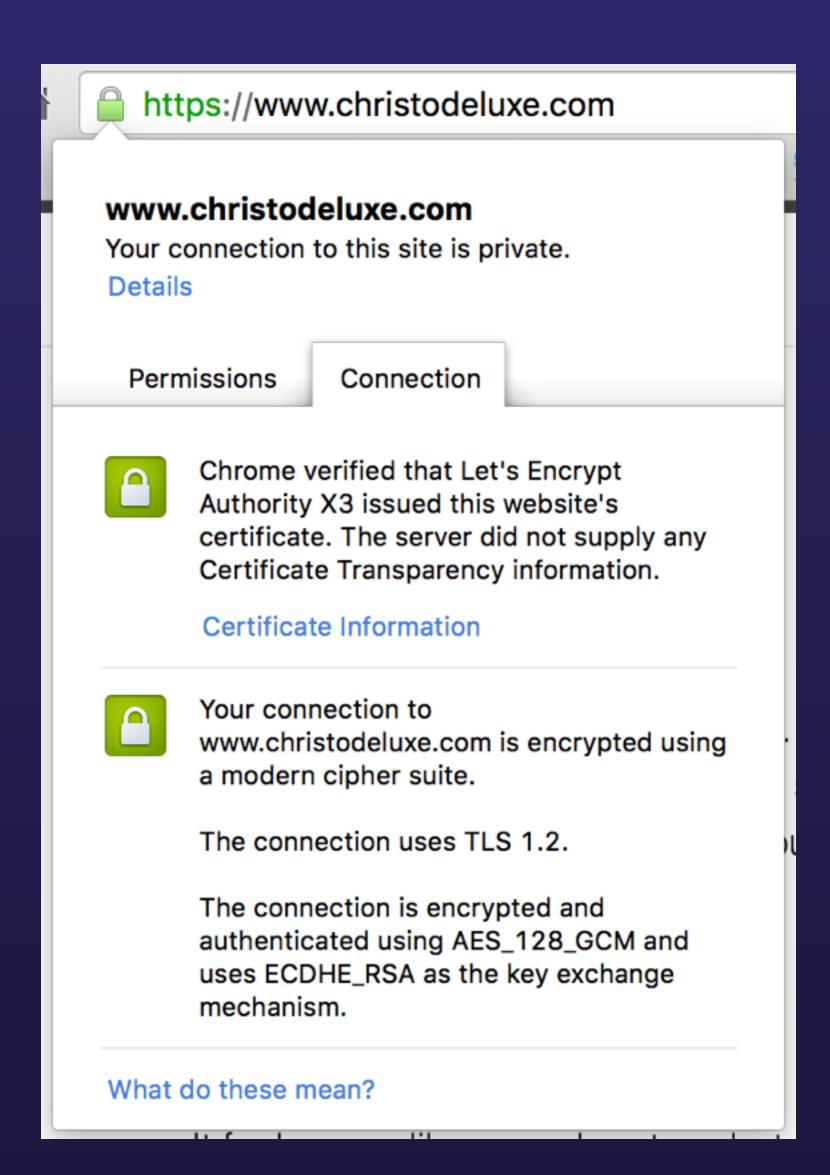
Serial Number 03 2C D4 20 36 3D EF 16 25 E3 2F 1E 55 8E 5E 53 D8 F0

Version 3

Signature Algorithm SHA-256 with RSA Encryption (1.2.840.113549.1.1.11)

Parameters none

Not Valid Before Sunday, April 10, 2016 at 11:18:00 AM Eastern Daylight Time Not Valid After Saturday, July 9, 2016 at 11:18:00 AM Eastern Daylight Time

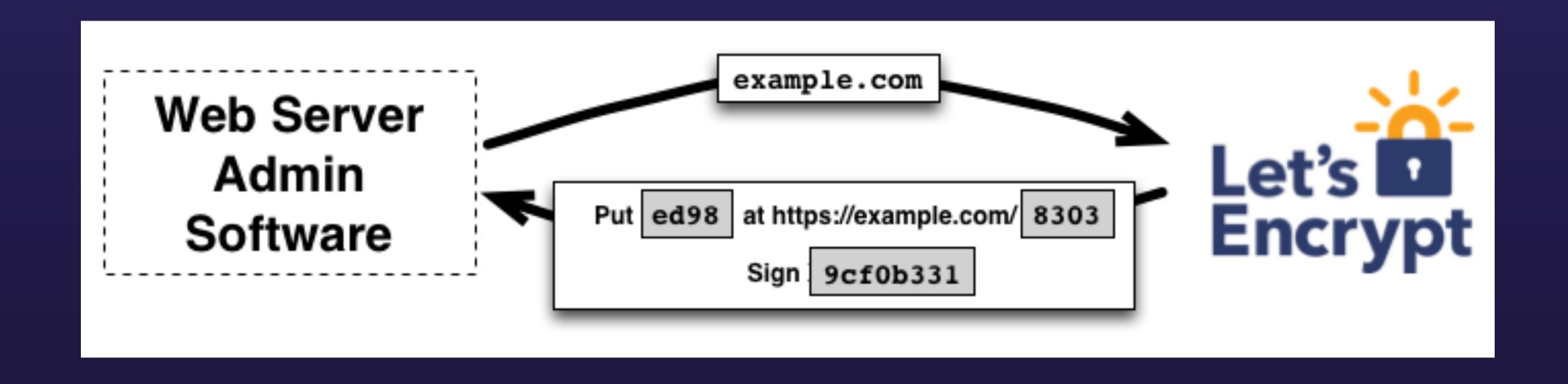


Domain Validation: ACME

- Need to know you control the site
- ACME protocol to the rescue!
 - Web-based approach
 - DNS-based approach

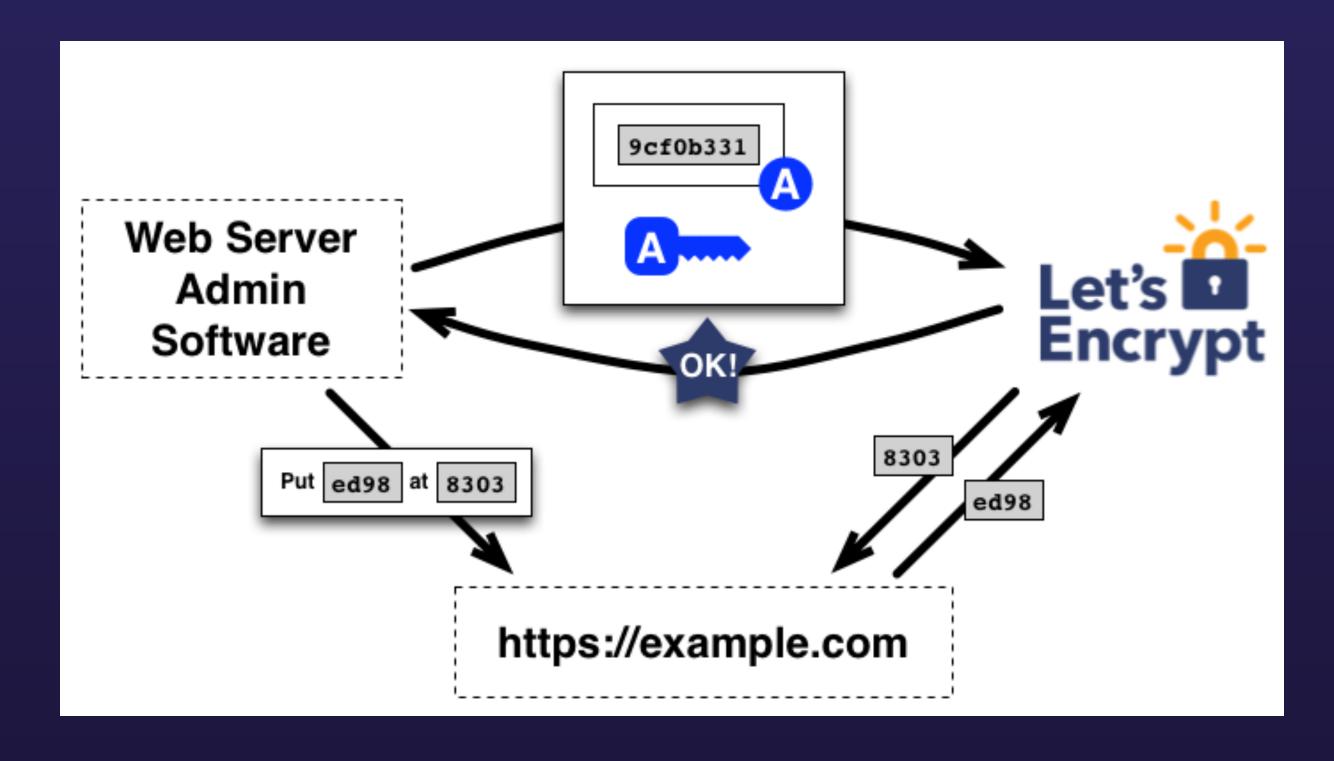
ACME - Web Validation

- CA sends a nonce (random value), client to encrypt
- CA asks for a resource to be created on the site



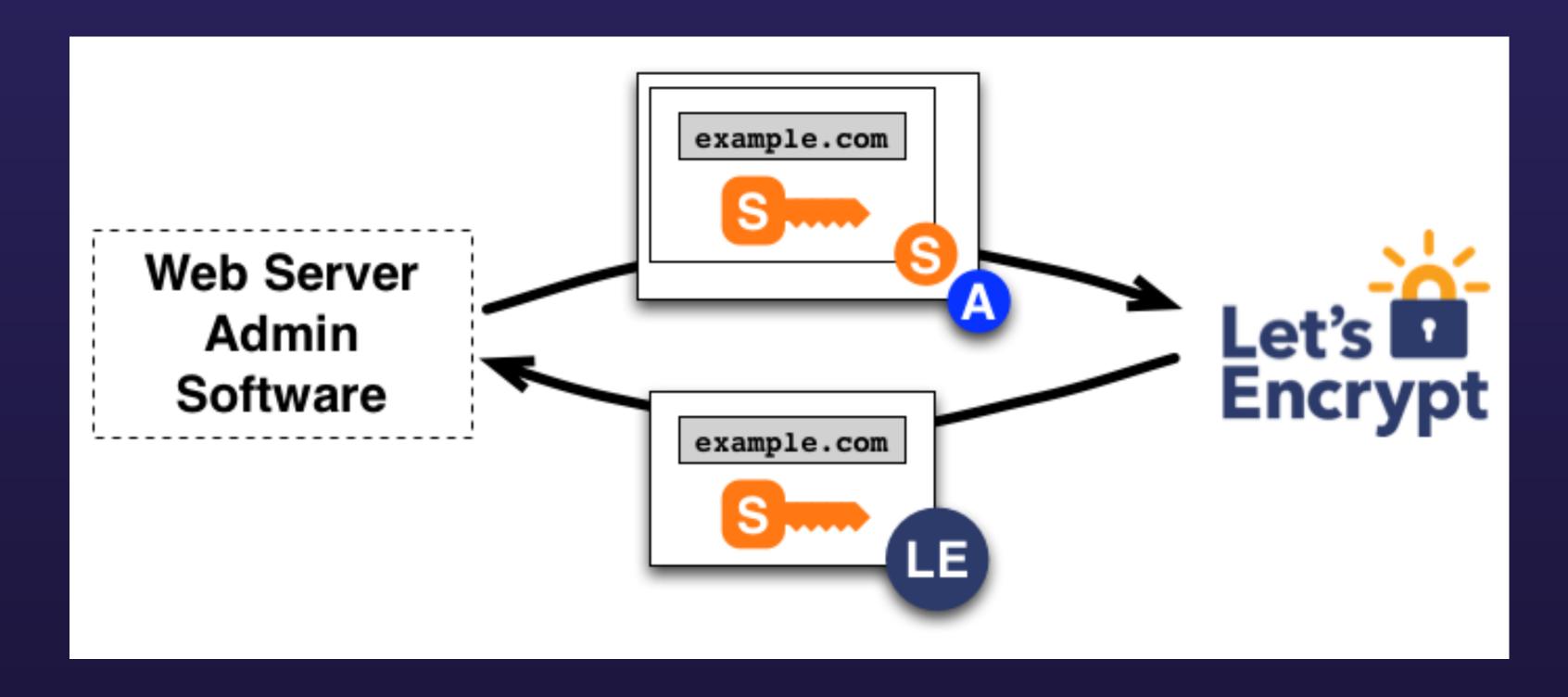
ACME - Web Validation

- client returns signed nonce, provisions resource
- CA goes to live web site, downloads resource



ACME - Web Validation

- If checks pass, client sends CSR to CA
- CA returns signed certificate



Limits

- LE issues 3-month certificates (expects regular, automated renewal)
- 100 host names per certificate
- 5 changes/week for existing host names
- 20 certs per domain per week

Browser support

- √ Firefox, Chrome
- ✓IE / Windows Vista+ (XP SP3 too)
- ✓ Safari 4.0+, iOS 3.1+
- ✓ Android 2.3.6+
- Mo Blackberry, Nintendo 3DS support

SSL FTW!

