

Online Trust and Digital Certificates: Tech Tutorial

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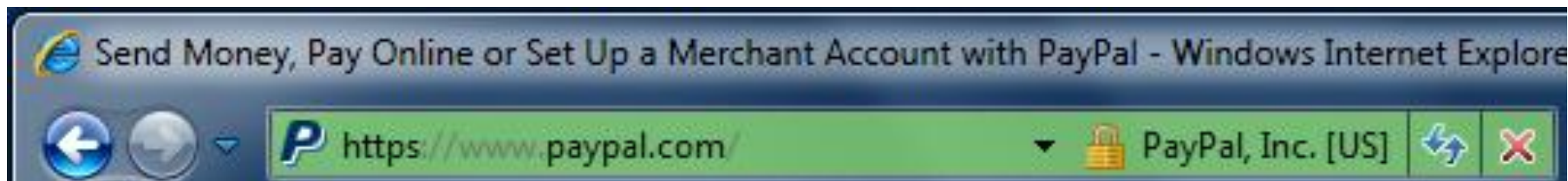
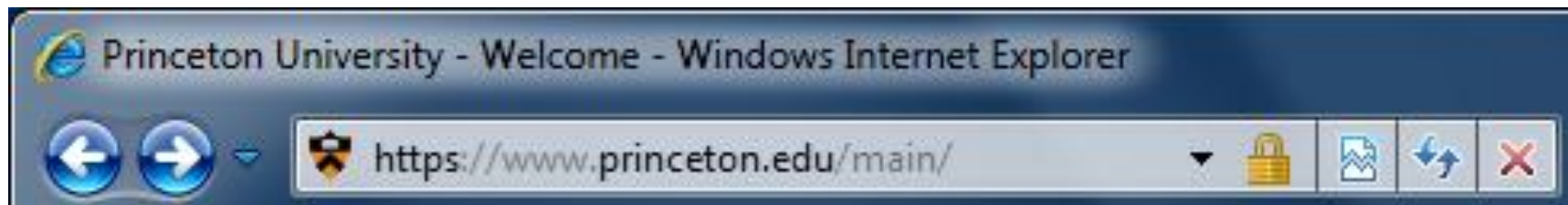
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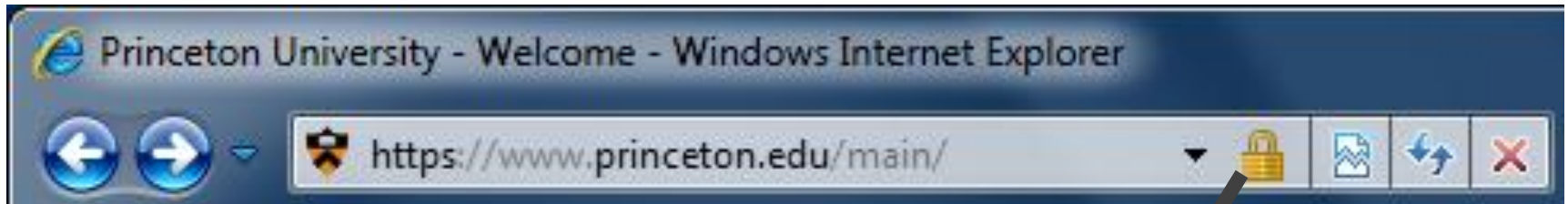


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Secure connection means:

1. Protected channel to some server
2. Authentication of the server's identity

$$\forall 0 < x < pq: x^{(p-1)(q-1)} \bmod pq = 1$$

online identity: distinctive but anonymous

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like a fingerprint



digital signature

stamp document with your fingerprint

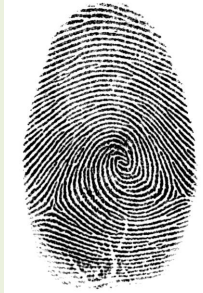


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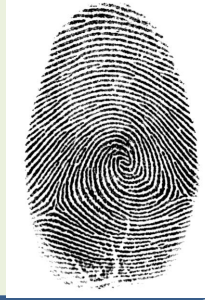
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Whose fingerprint is that?

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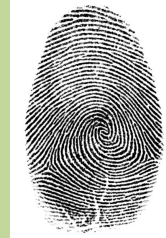


Signed,



certificate (“cert”)

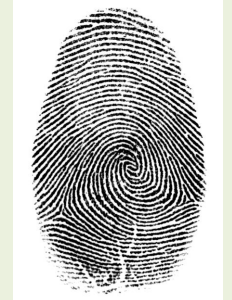
princeton.edu’s fingerprint:



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princeton.edu's fingerprint:



Signed,



Certificate Authority (“CA”)



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issues / signs certificates

Certificate Authority (“CA”)



issues / signs certificates
based on due diligence





Is that really the CA's fingerprint?



Is that really the CA's fingerprint?

Do I trust the CA?

Certificates



Intended purpose:

<All>

Trusted Root Certification Authorities

Trusted Publishers

Untrusted Publishers



Issued To	Issued By	Friendly Name
AAA Certificate Services	AAA Certificate Services	C·O·M·O·D·O
ABA.ECOM Root CA	ABA.ECOM Root CA	DST (ABA.ECOM) CA
AC Raíz Certicámara S.A.	AC Raíz Certicámara ...	AC Raíz Certicámara S.A.
AC RAIZ DNIE	AC RAIZ DNIE	DIRECCION GENERAL DE LA .
AC RAIZ FNMT-RCM	AC RAIZ FNMT-RCM	AC RAIZ FNMT-RCM
ACEDICOM Root	ACEDICOM Root	EDICOM
A-CERT ADVANCED	A-CERT ADVANCED	A-CERT ADVANCED
ACNLB	ACNLB	NLB Nova Ljubljanska Banka .

Import...

Export...

Remove

Advanced

Certificate intended purposes

View

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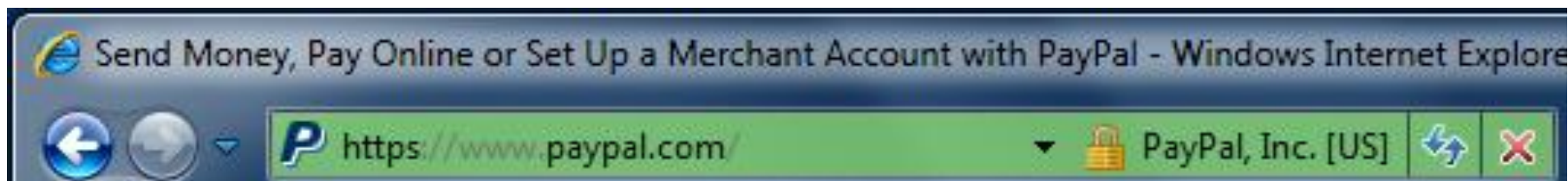
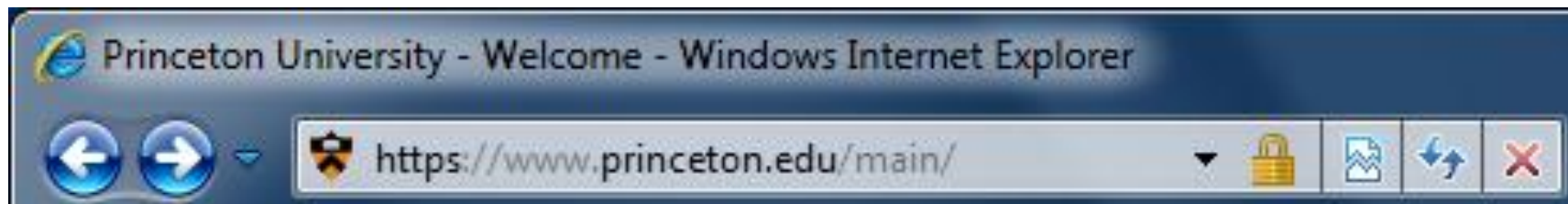
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Treat this fingerprint
as if it were my own

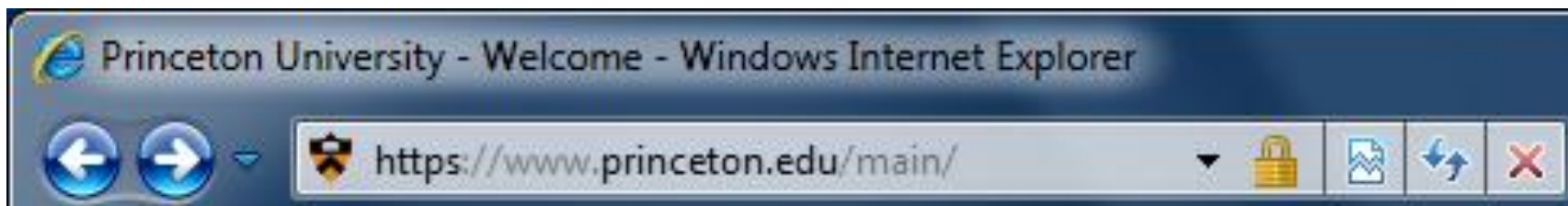


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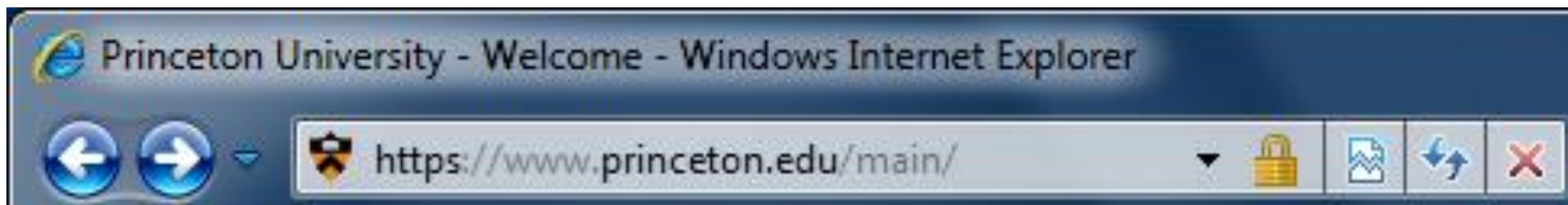
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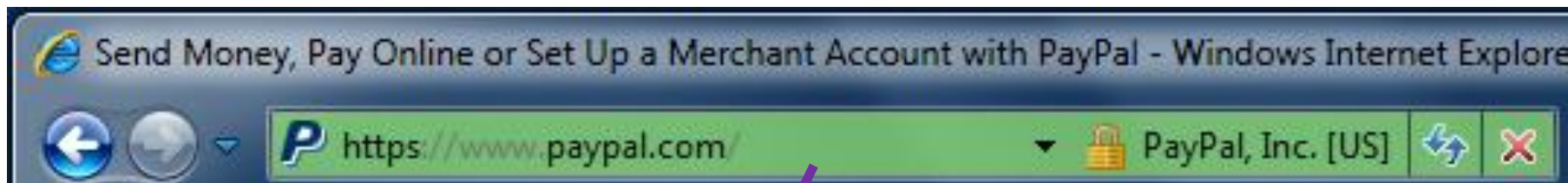
“extended validation” cert



“domain validation” cert

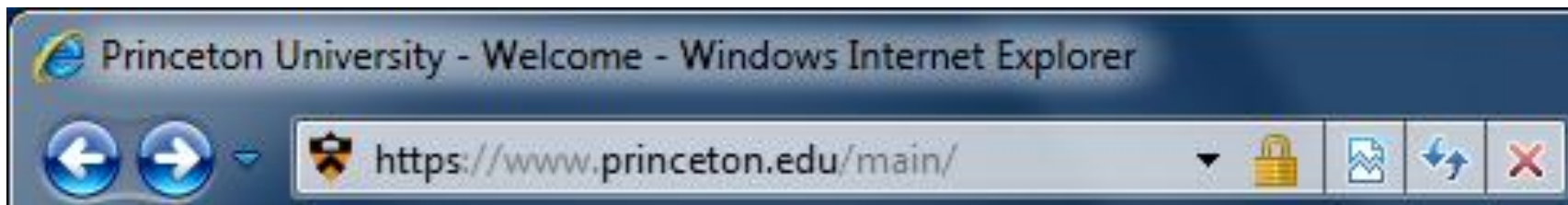


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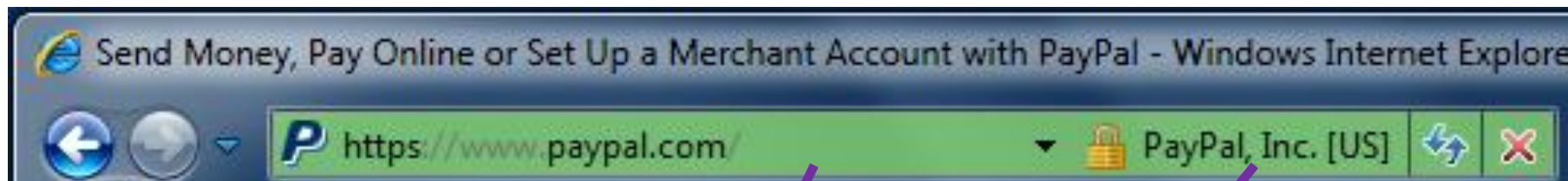


green

“domain validation” cert



“extended validation” cert



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true name