

Improving security of complex ecosystems

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**Everyone
deserves good
internet security.**

**Less than 1% of top
web sites use security
features available today.**

**The future [of security] is
already here, but it's not
evenly distributed.**

William Gibson, adapted.

Internet is insecure by default. To be secure, we need to work hard.

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No one has **time,
expertise, or **budget**
to do all of this properly.**

Level 0. There is no security.

No standards, know-how, or
awareness. Experts can't agree.

Level 1. Security is very difficult and expensive.

Only for the wealthiest, most
exposed, and most determined.

Level 2. Security is possible, but at substantial cost.

Within the reach of many, but must fight bad tools, libraries, docs, and practices.

Level 3. Security is a widely-accepted best practice.

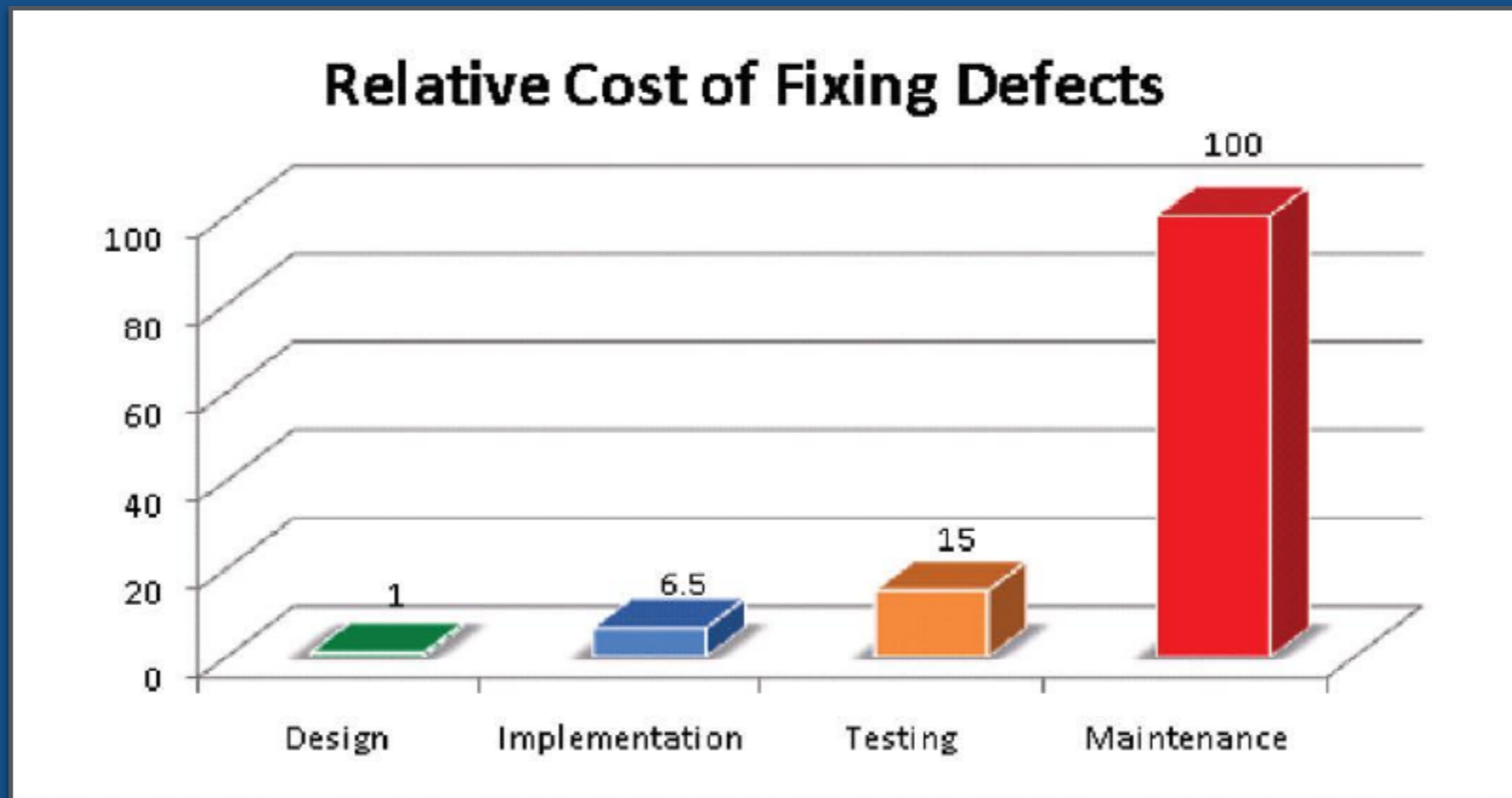
Documentation and know-how widely
available, most can get it right.

Level 4. Security is required, by industry or law.

Security is now in the mainstream, and
required to belong in the community.

**Level 5. Security is
built-in for everyone.**

End-game: Built-in Security



From: "Integrating Software Assurance into the Software Development Life Cycle" (2010)

End-game: Built-in Transparency



Ryan Hurst ✓

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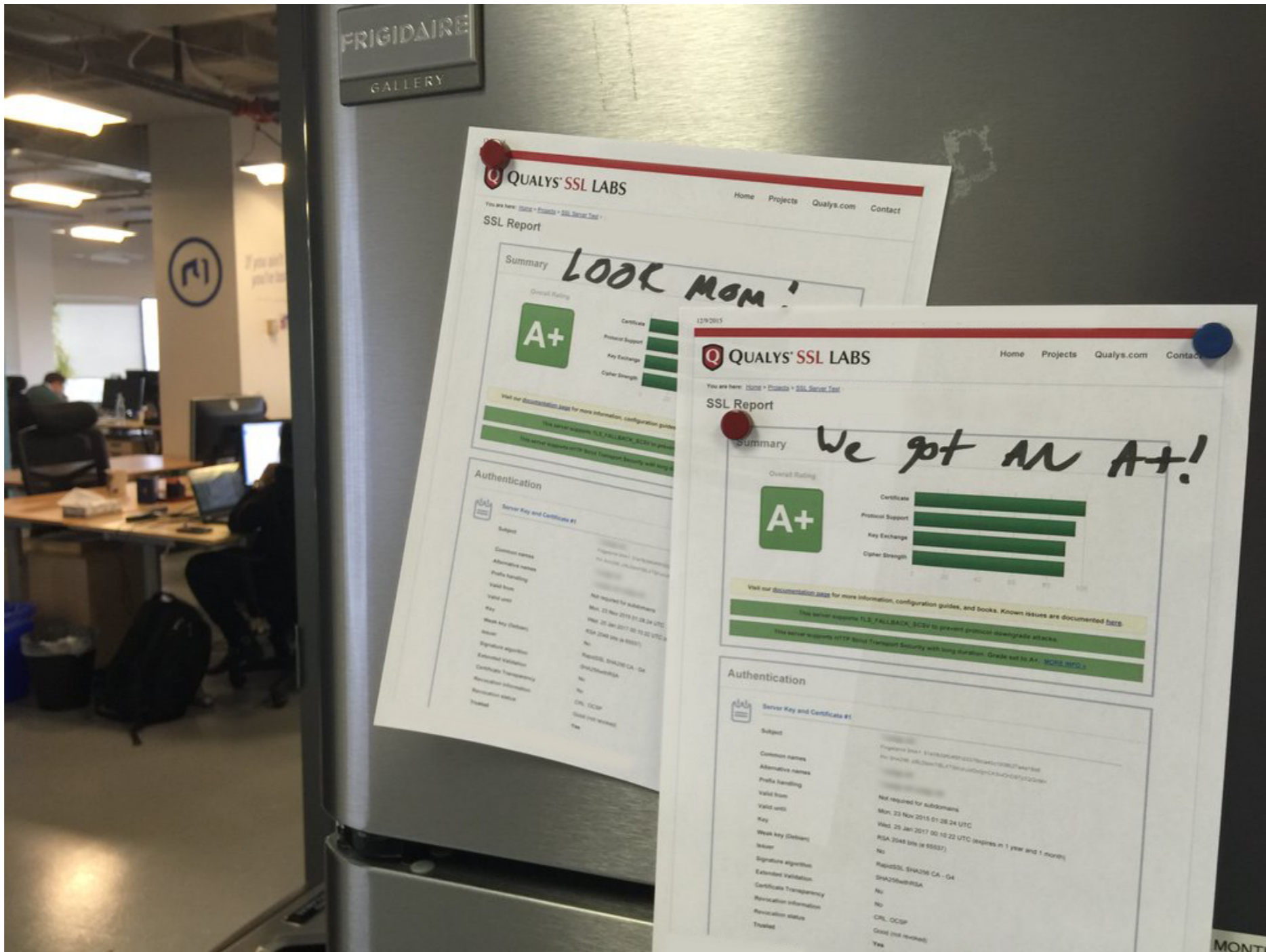


We are approaching a time when countries will be readily able to compel companies to hack themselves and their customers. The only real defence from this is the concept of transparency being ingrained in how we build products and services. zdnet.com/article/home-a ...

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Make security interesting

Usable security that
people actually want to use.



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SSL Report

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Overall Rating
A+

LOOK MOM!

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Key Exchange
Cipher Strength

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Alternative names	...
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“Try it now”

Remove the barrier to entry by
making tools easily available.

Make it clear

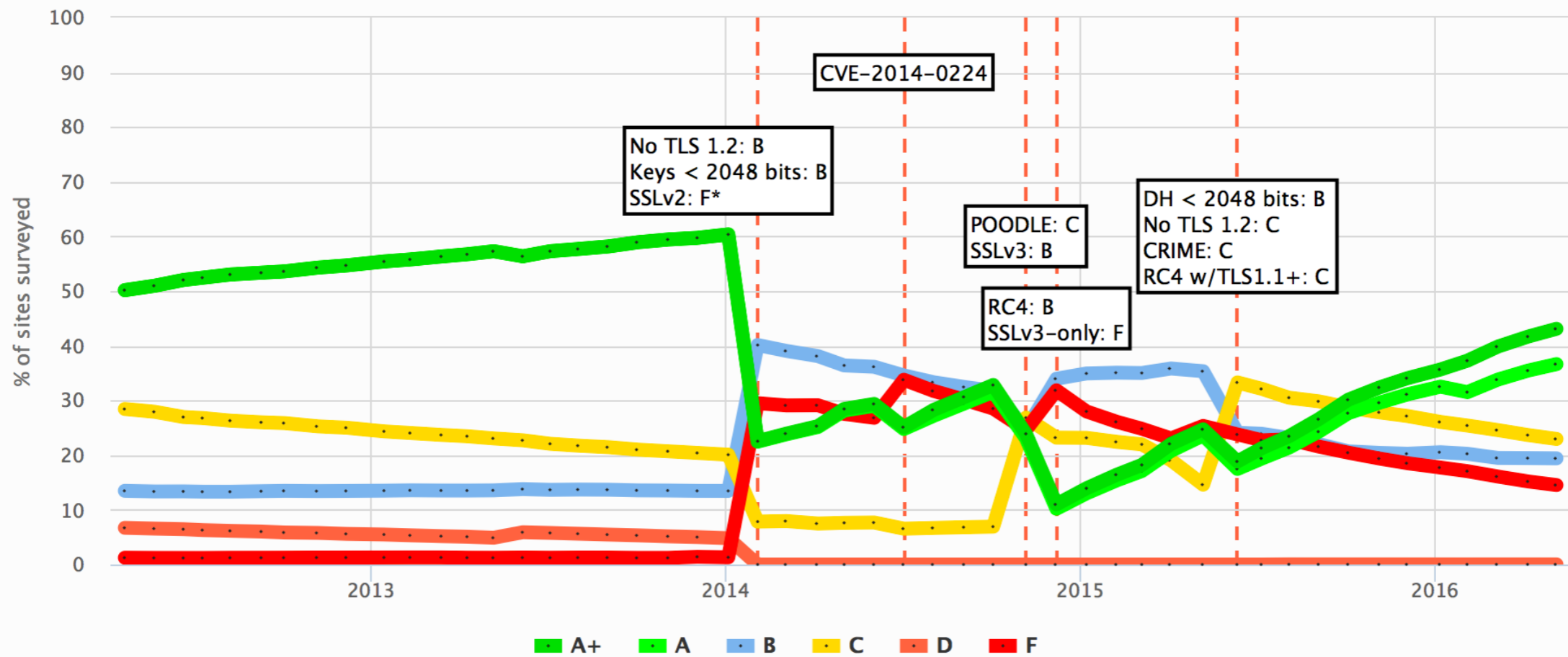
Hide most of technical information. What you do show, make clear and relevant.

It should be a game

Develop useful grading criteria that makes the next step just out of reach.

SSL Pulse

SSL Labs Grade



 **Hardenize**

Meet the new standard for web site network and security configuration monitoring

With so many security features to deploy and services to configure, most organizations struggle to understand where they are, security-wise, and where they need to be. Things break. Our continuous monitoring service keeps an eye on your properties and enables you to have exactly the security you want.

Try our public report against your domain name:

The screenshot shows a web browser displaying a report for 'hardenize.com' dated '10 Jul 2018 13:30 UTC'. The report is divided into two main sections: 'WEB SECURITY OVERVIEW' and 'EMAIL SECURITY OVERVIEW'. The 'WEB SECURITY OVERVIEW' section lists several security checks, all of which are marked as successful with green checkmarks: HTTPS, HTTPS Redirection, HTTP Strict Transport Security, HSTS Preloaded, and Content Security Policy. The 'EMAIL SECURITY OVERVIEW' section lists STARTTLS, SPF, and DMARC. DMARC is marked with a red 'x', indicating a failure. The left sidebar of the report lists various security categories and their status: Domain (Name servers, DNSSEC, CAA), Email (Mail servers, SECURE TRANSPORT (SMTP), TLS, Certificates, MTA-STS, DANE), AUTHENTICATION AND POLICY (SPF, DMARC), WWW (PROTOCOLS, SECURE TRANSPORT, MODERN SECURITY FEATURES, APPLICATION SECURITY).

Simple on
the surface

Easy to
understand and
communicate

Wide coverage
of security and
configurations
standards



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Domain

- ✓ Name servers 
- ✗ DNSSEC 
- ✗ CAA 

Email

- ✓ Mail servers 
- SECURE TRANSPORT (SMTP)
- ✓ TLS 
- ✓ Certificates 
- ✗ DANE 
- AUTHENTICATION AND POLICY
- ✓ SPF 
- ✗ DMARC 

WWW

- PROTOCOLS
- ✓ HTTP (80) 
- ✓ HTTPS (443) 



Hundreds of complex tests under the hood

Correlation and meaningful findings

Full data available when needed

AUTHENTICATION AND POLICY

- ✓ SPF ■
- ✗ DMARC ■

WWW

PROTOCOLS

- ✓ HTTP (80) ■
- ✓ HTTPS (443) ■

SECURE TRANSPORT

- ⓘ TLS ■
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- ✓ Cookies ■
- ✓ Mixed Content ■

MODERN SECURITY FEATURES

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- ✓ Subresource Integrity ■

APPLICATION SECURITY

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WEB SECURITY OVERVIEW

- ✓ **HTTPS**
Web sites need to use encryption to help their visitors know they're in the right place, as well as provide confidentiality and content integrity. Sites that don't support HTTPS may expose sensitive data and have their pages modified and subverted.
For all sites
■ VERY IMPORTANT
■ MEDIUM EFFORT
- ✓ **HTTPS Redirection**
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For all sites
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■ LOW EFFORT
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- ✓ **Content Security Policy**
Content Security Policy (CSP) is an additional security layer that enables web sites to control browser behavior, creating a safety net that can counter attacks such as cross-site scripting.
For important sites
■ IMPORTANT
■ HIGH EFFORT

EMAIL SECURITY OVERVIEW

- ✓ **STARTTLS**
All hosts that receive email need encryption to ensure confidentiality of email messages. Email servers thus need to support STARTLS, as well as provide decent TLS configuration and correct certificates.
For all sites
■ VERY IMPORTANT
■ LOW EFFORT
- ✓ **SPF**
Sender Policy Framework (SPF) enables organizations to designate servers that are allowed to send email messages on their behalf. With SPF in place, spam is easier to identify.
For important sites
■ IMPORTANT
■ LOW EFFORT
- ✗ **DMARC**
Domain-based Message Authentication, Reporting, and Conformance (DMARC) is a mechanism that allows organizations to specify how unauthenticated email (identified using SPF and DKIM) should be handled.
For important sites
■ IMPORTANT
■ LOW EFFORT

Full data
available
as needed






Ease of Use

Reports show only what they need to, and provide practical advice.

HSTS Policy Apex host

Location	https://example.com/
max-age	63,113,904 seconds (about 2 years 11 hours)
includeSubDomains	✘
preload	✘

Analysis

-  Policy is valid OK. Your HSTS policy uses correct syntax.
-  Long policy age Your HSTS policy has a long max-age value, which offers better protection.
-  No subdomains This HSTS policy doesn't cover subdomains. Without full coverage, HSTS can't protect from certain cookie attacks that typically allow active network attackers to inject cookies into an application. Additionally, subdomain coverage is one of the requirements to allow preloading.
-  Preloading not enabled This policy doesn't give browsers permission to embed it and provide protection even to the first request to the web site. Sites that wish to use preloading can apply at hstspreload.org.
-  Redirection from HTTP to HTTPS not to the same host When HSTS is used, the plaintext port should redirect to the HTTPS variant of the same hostname. This approach ensures that HSTS is enabled on that hostname,

**“Doesn’t look like a
security product”**

— One of our early users

Transparency is a vital ingredient

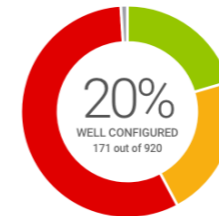
Transparency creates urgency. Urgency
creates budget. Things get done.

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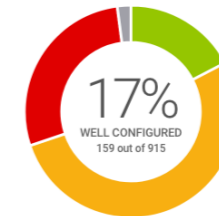
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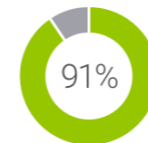
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1000 hosts tested

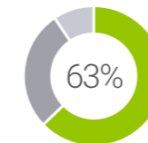
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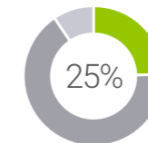
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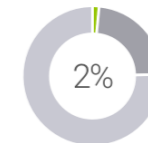
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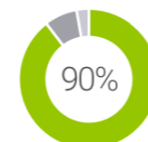
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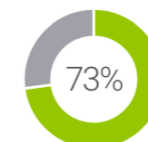
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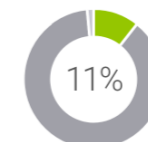
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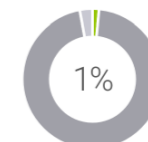
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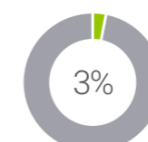
DMARC



DANE

Domain Name Security Overview

Key aspects of DNS configuration and security; only DNSSEC at the moment.



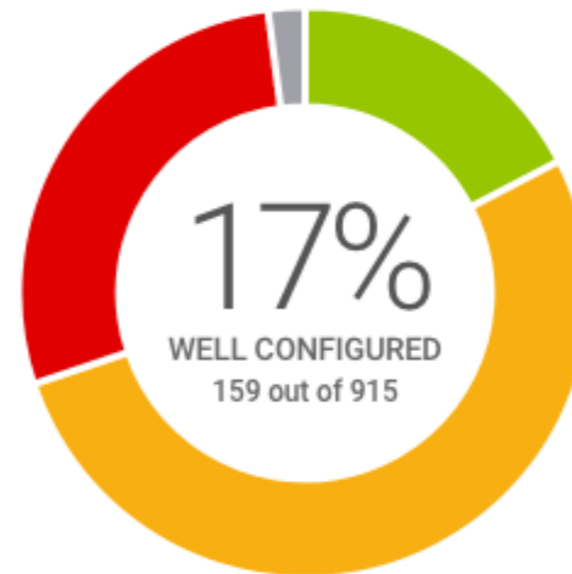
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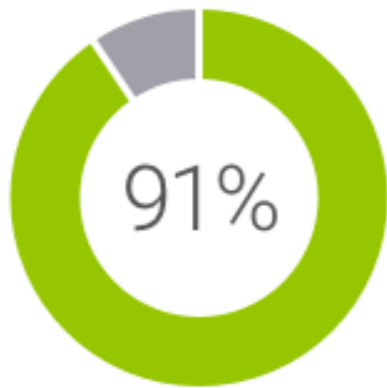
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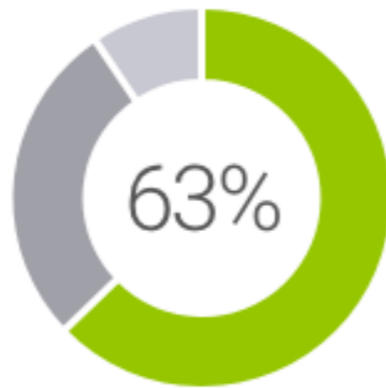
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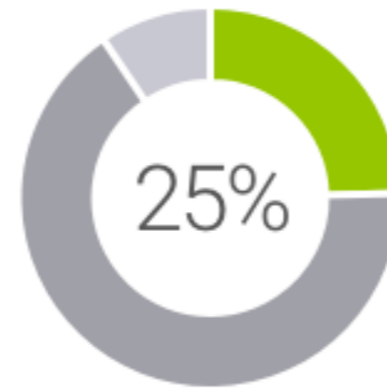
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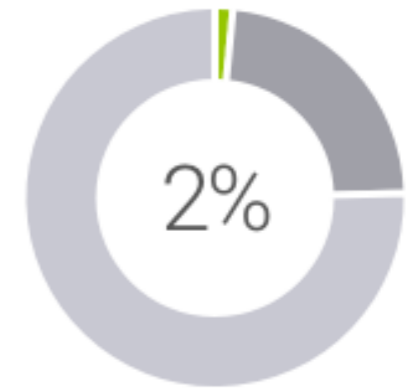
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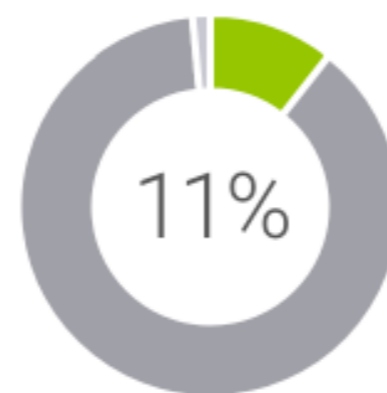
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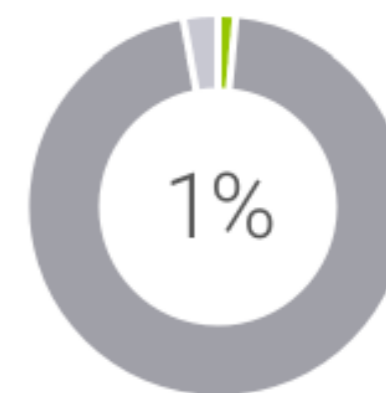
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DNSSEC

Web site badges



Everyone starts with the default badge



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Simplified to
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