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About Thawte

Founded by Mark Shuttleworth in South Africa, Thawte was the first certificate authority to issue SSL certificates to public entities outside of the United States, quickly accounting for 40% of the global SSL market. In 2000, Thawte was acquired by Symantec and has become a key member of the Symantec family of trust brands. To date, Thawte has issued more than 945,000 SSL and code signing certificates since 1995, protecting identities and transactions in over 240 countries.

A World-Class Company

Our history gives us a uniquely international view of business - one that reflects a truly global perspective. This orientation drives us to provide our services at a standard we can proudly say is world class. We offer expert support by phone, chat, and email throughout the global workday. Our [Thawte® Trusted Site Seal](#), available in 18 languages, helps users verify the identity of web sites in their own language. In 2004, Thawte became the first certificate authority to recognize and secure Internationalized Domain Names (IDNs), enabling more people to navigate the web securely in their own language.

Our Core Business

Thawte-branded certificates benefit from the strength and reliability of the Symantec authentication infrastructure. Because SSL is our core business, we constantly improve our products to deliver the tools and features our customers want and need. Continuous investment in research and development keeps our practice standard among the highest in the industry and helps us stay well ahead of evolving security risks. Our data centers and disaster recovery sites provide unsurpassed customer data protection.

Our Mission

As a leading global certificate authority, Thawte provides online security trusted by millions around the world. Expert support, robust authentication practices, and easy online management make Thawte the best value for [SSL certificates](#) and [code signing certificates](#).

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Thawte is a leading global Certification Authority. Our SSL and code signing digital certificates are used globally to secure servers, provide data encryption, authenticate users, protect privacy and assure online identities through stringent authentication and verification processes. Our SSL certificates include Wildcard SSL Certificates, SAN /UC Certificates and Extended Validation SSL Certificates.

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Inspire Trust Online

The browser's padlock plus https in the address bar show that a site is encrypted, but how do Internet users know it's your web site? With concerns about identity theft and online imposters on the rise, how do users know your web site should be trusted? They look for trust marks that they recognize and your verified name in the browser address bar.

Display The Thawte Trusted Site Seal

Concerns about fraud and identity theft have made users more hesitant to share personal information online. However, 86% of online shoppers feel more confident about entering personal information on sites using security indicators, such as a trust mark (Synovate/GMI, 2008).



Valid Certificate

| | |
|--------------------|-----------------------|
| [organization] | Woodgrove Bank |
| [domain] | www.woodgrovebank.com |
| [country] | United States |
| [current status] | Valid |
| [valid from] | 2008.11.19 |
| [valid until] | 2010.01.17 |

To give your users the confidence to click, display the Thawte® Trusted Site Seal, a globally recognized trust mark. The seal is a bit of code that can be posted on any or all pages within a domain that is secured by a Thawte® SSL Certificate. Learn more: [Thawte Trusted Site Seal](#).

Show The Green Address Bar

For maximum trust, choose an [SSL Web Server Certificate with EV](#), issued with the industry's highest standard of authentication. Extended Validation works with high-security browsers to turn the address bar green, showing that it is safe to proceed. When your customers see the green address bar combined with the [Thawte Trusted Site Seal](#), they will have many reasons to trust your site and complete their transactions. Learn more: [Extended Validation FAQ](#).



Why choose Thawte?

Thawte is trusted by millions of people worldwide. When we issue an SSL certificate, we know that our name will appear next to yours as the trusted third party who verified it. We take that trust

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seriously and lead the industry with rigorous authentication methods and a global infrastructure to support real-time certificate look-ups.

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