Security, Certificates, and the System Administrator

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Kathy Sobus	Self-Service Journey to the Future	Tuesday 6/20	11:15-12:00
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David Lover	C1 Consolidation, Modernization, and Automation- A Real Life Model	Tuesday 6/20	9:00-10:00
Dwight Reifsnyder	Next Gen Experience Center Building Blocks 101	Wednesday 6/21	10:45-11:45
Carmen Piunno	Avaya Aura Guide to Security: Confidentiality, Integrity, Access Control	Wednesday 6/21	2:30-3:15
Chris Clauss	Deploying Avaya Workplace for UC and call Center Users, Mobile Users, and VDI Environments	Wednesday 6/21	2:30-3:15
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David Lover	How Will I Know When it's Time to Migrate to the Cloud?	Wednesday 6/21	3:30-4:15

What is or will be driving security in your organization?

- Devices
  - Remote Worker
  - Internet Connected Device
  - BYOD
  - Hosted Solutions
- Security Teams
  - Are they asking for audits?
  - Are they taking notice of U/C?
  - Is management worried (news)?
- What needs to be secured?
  - Voice conversations
  - The systems themselves

A brief introduction to security…

A security system must provide: (CIA+A)

Confidentiality

Integrity

Availability

Authentication

Security systems must make the cost of attacking an asset higher than the value of the asset being attacked.

- Failure to provide adequate security:
  - Exposure or loss of information
  - Loss of time, money, or capital resources.
  - Legal exposure (liability).
  - Loss of credibility, trust, or market share.

A brief introduction to security…

Confidentiality

Ensuring no eavesdropping – keeping information private.

Availability

Protecting from Denial-of-Service attacks, System Hacks

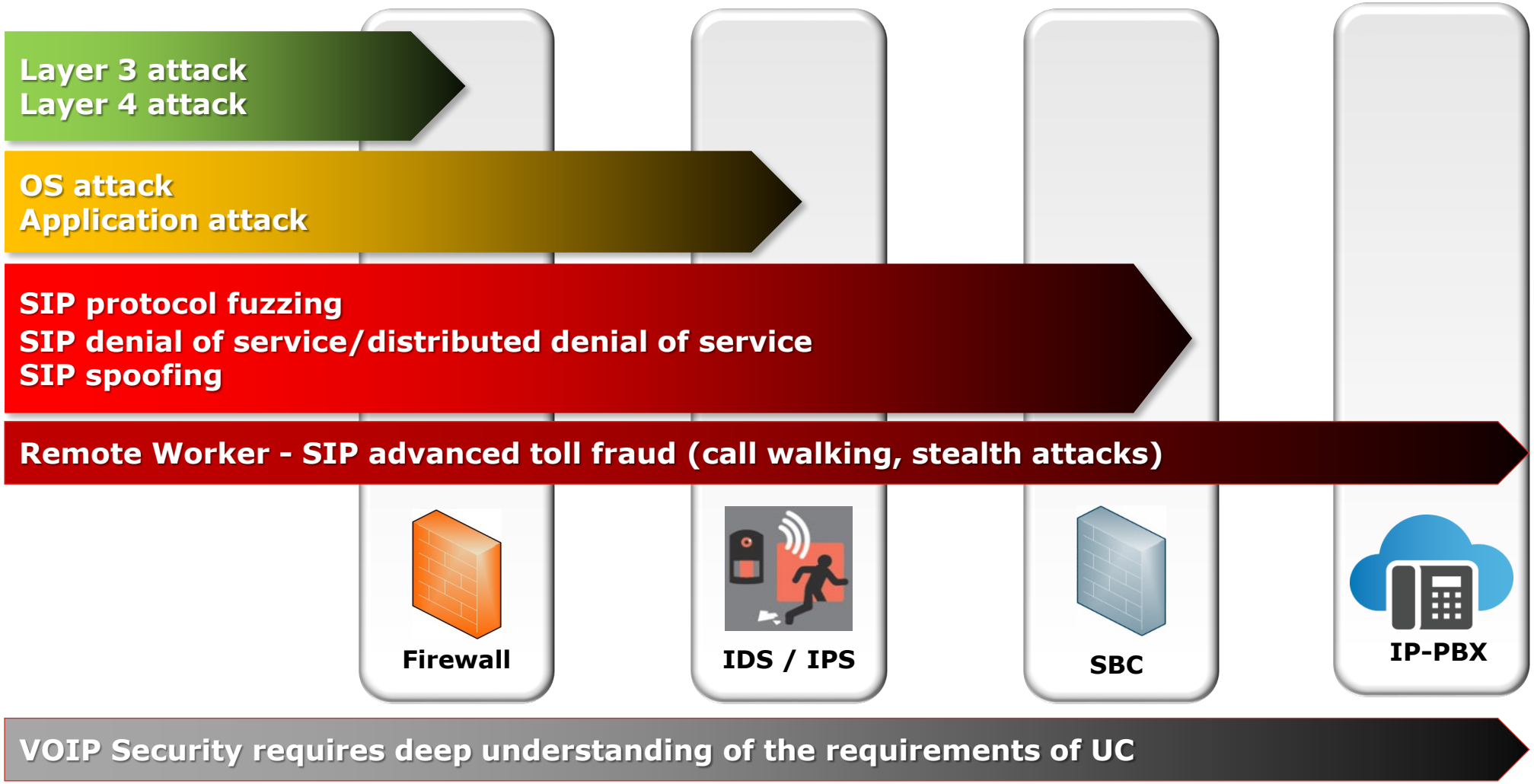
Integrity

Ensure data cannot be manipulated.

Authentication

Insure the identity of people or applications.

U/C Security is Different from Data security



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Joseph Burton is the CEO of TeleSign.

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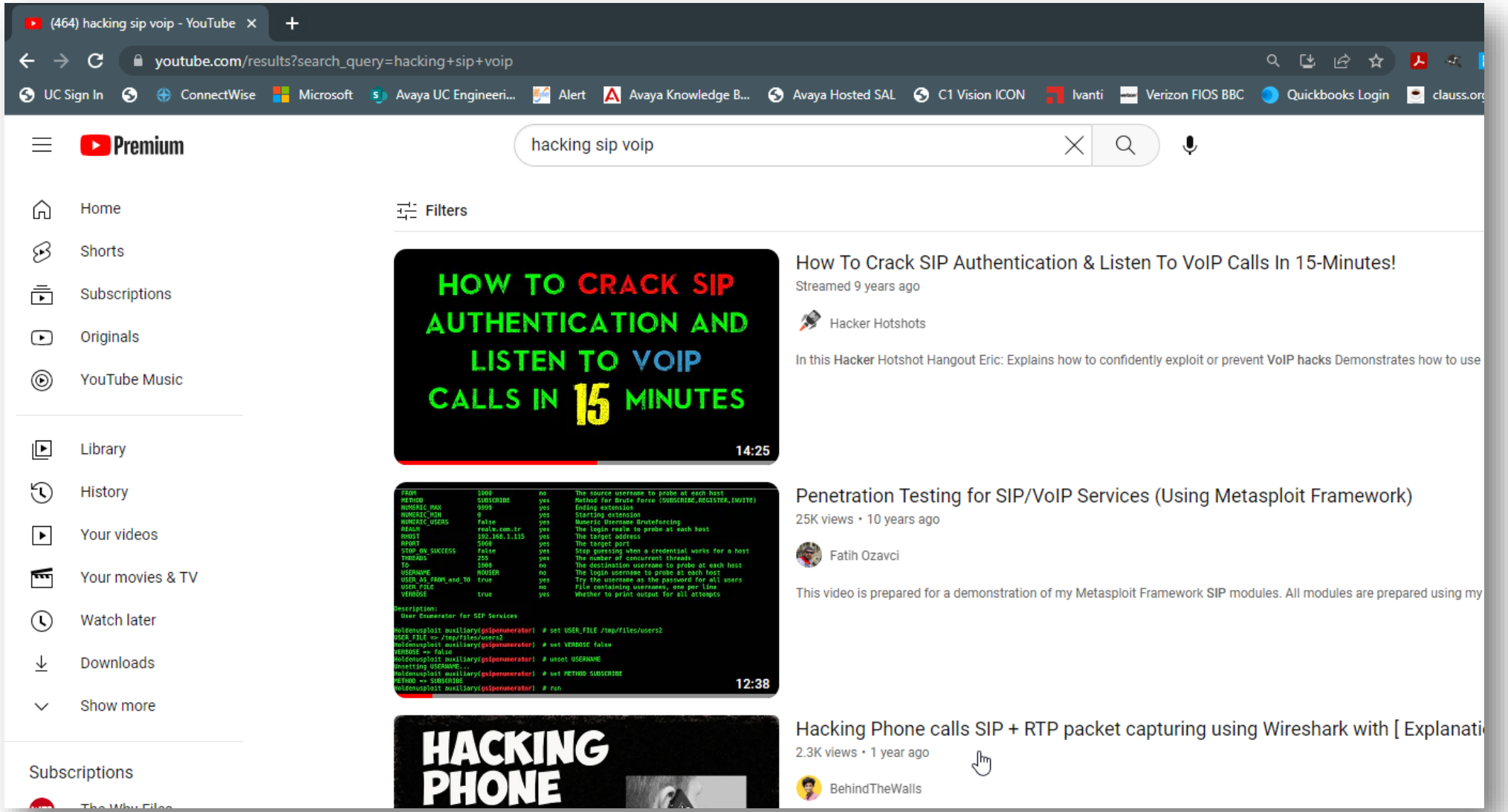

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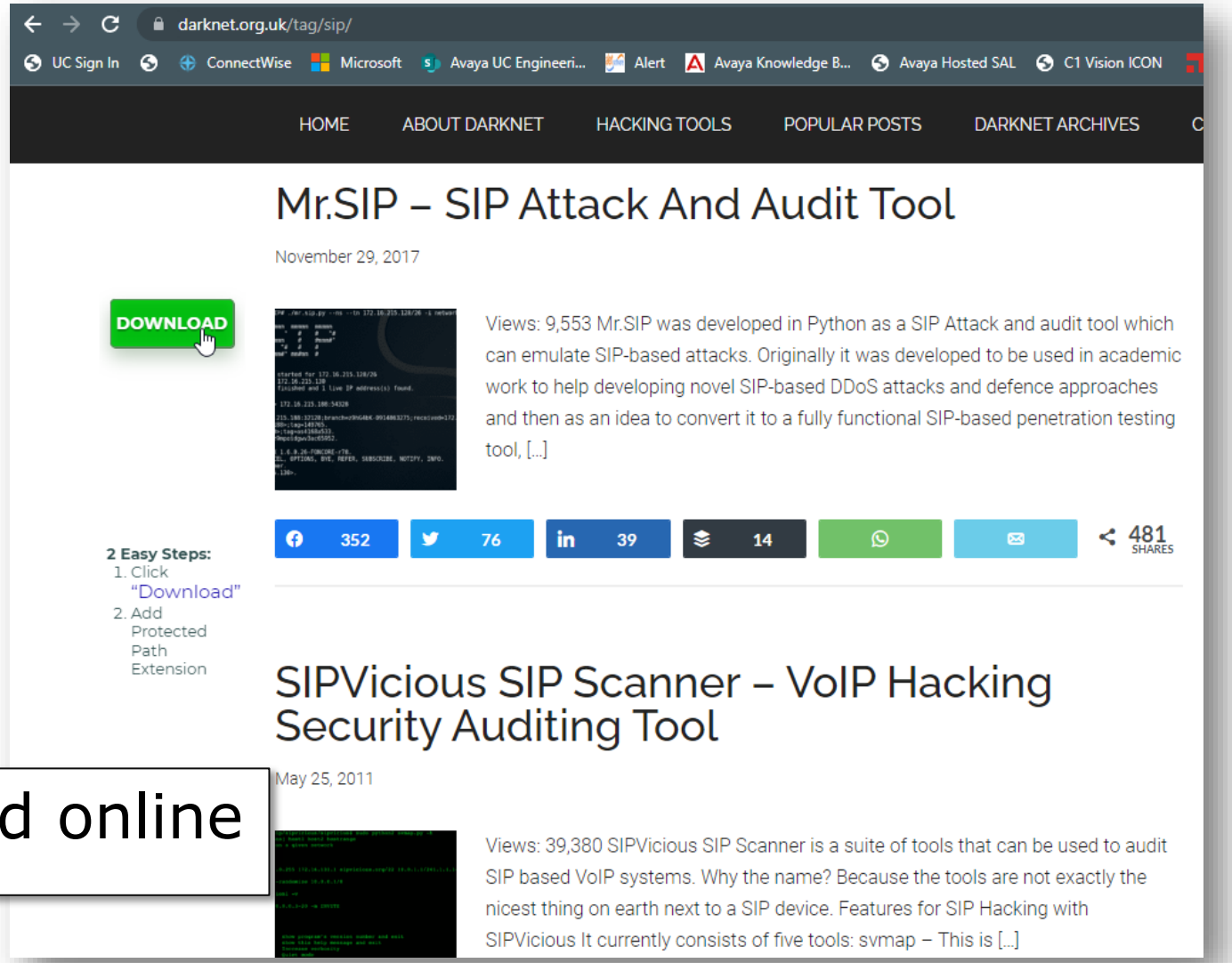
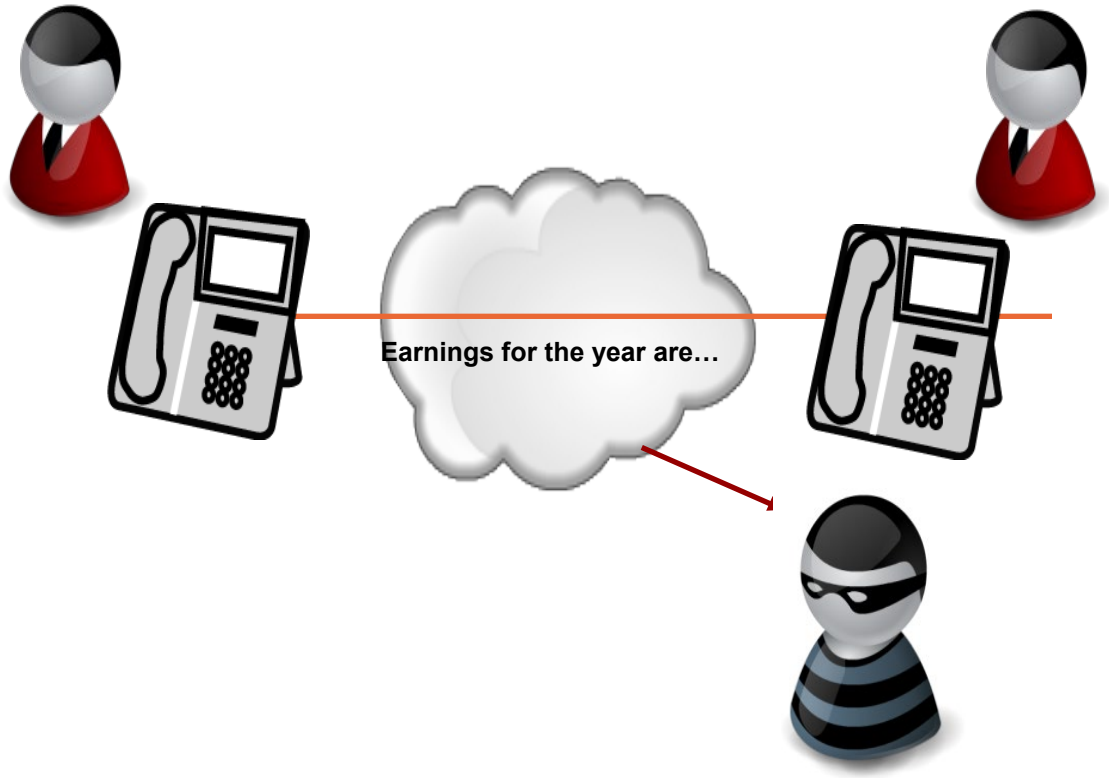


Tools are easily found online

https://www.darknet.org.uk/tag/sip/

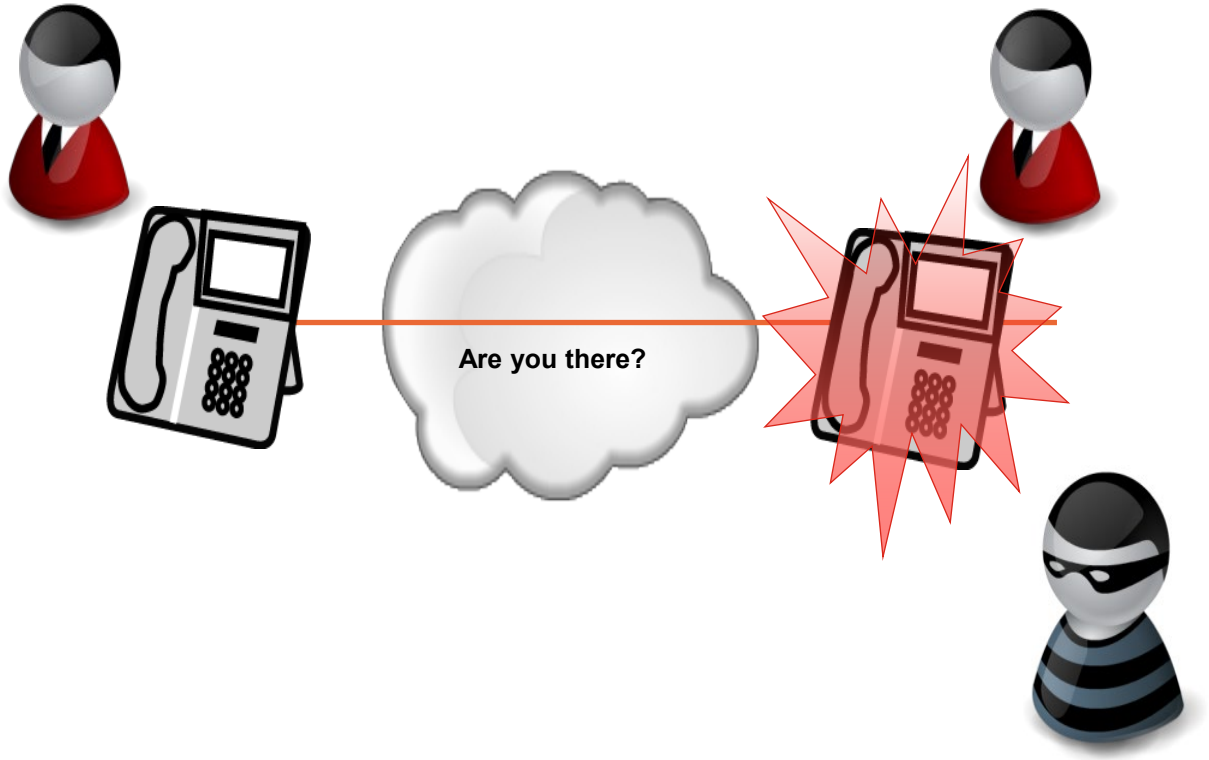
Confidentiality Attacks – is someone listening in?

- Eavesdropping signaling – Who calls whom and when?
- Eavesdropping media – Obtaining voice, fax, video, data.
- Remote software exploits – Theft of confidential data.



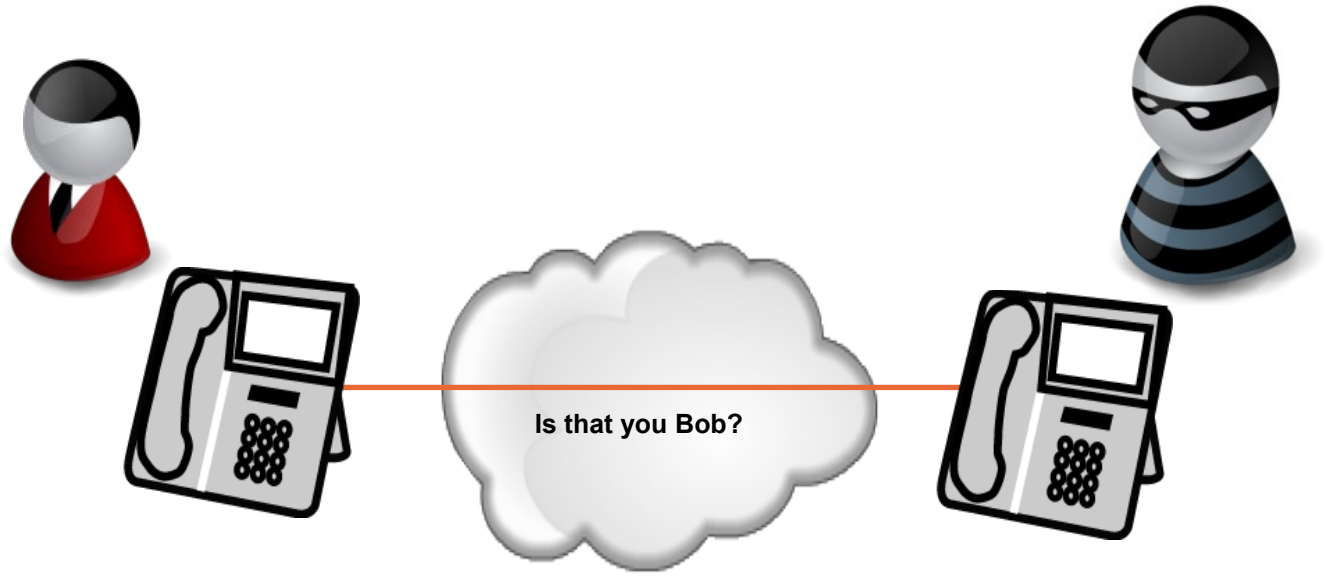
Availability Attacks – Denial of Service

- Denial of Service (DoS) and Distributed Denial of Service (DDoS) floods – network layer, SIP layer.
- Fuzzing applications that send malformed SIP or RTP to test for security vulnerabilities or crash the voice system.
- Stealth DoS such as harassment (phone rings every 5 minutes)

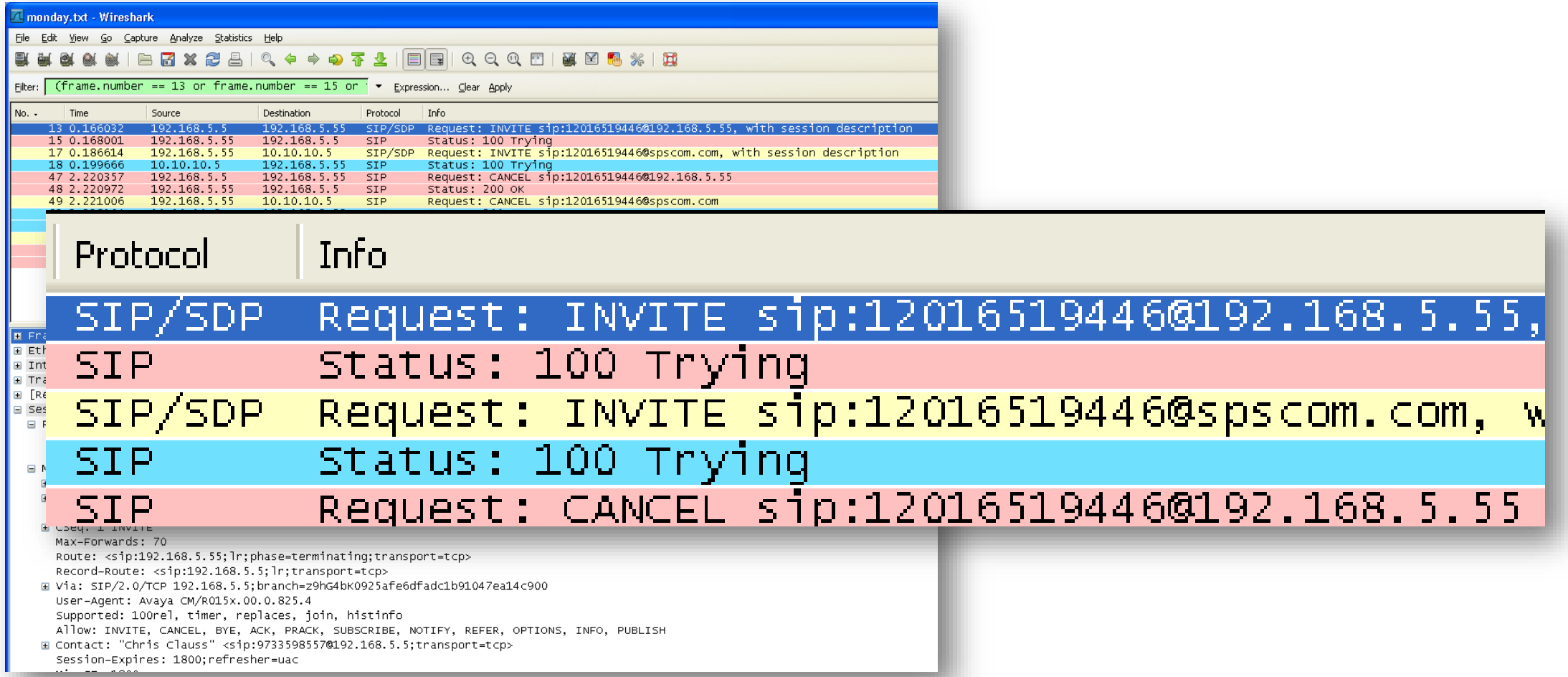


Security Attacks - Authentication (e.g. Toll Fraud)

- Unauthorized toll calls placed by internal or external users.
- Intercepting dial patterns to retrieve access codes.
- Using SIP methods to transfer sessions.



VOIP Trace – What's the problem with this picture?



We need to protect voice call and signalling

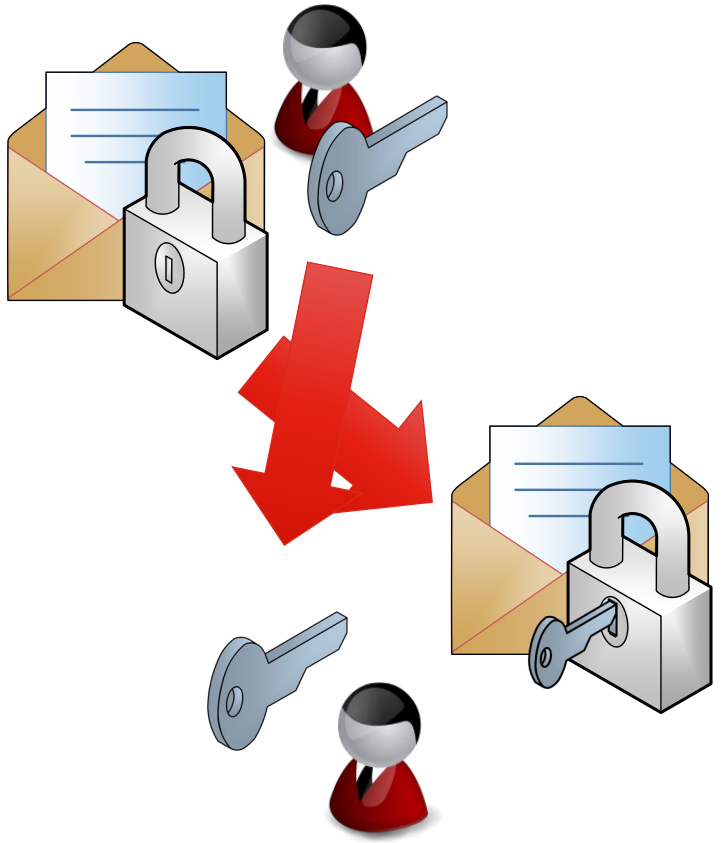
We can protect voice calls using encryption.

TLS based encryption of SIP and h.323 signaling

Secure RTP (SRTP) of the media path.

We use encryption to protect data.
Lock data – unlock with a key

- The sender encrypts the data with a key.
- The receiver uses the key to unlock the data.
- This is symmetric encryption – both sides use the same key.
- Problem is key distribution. How can we share the keys in a secure fashion?



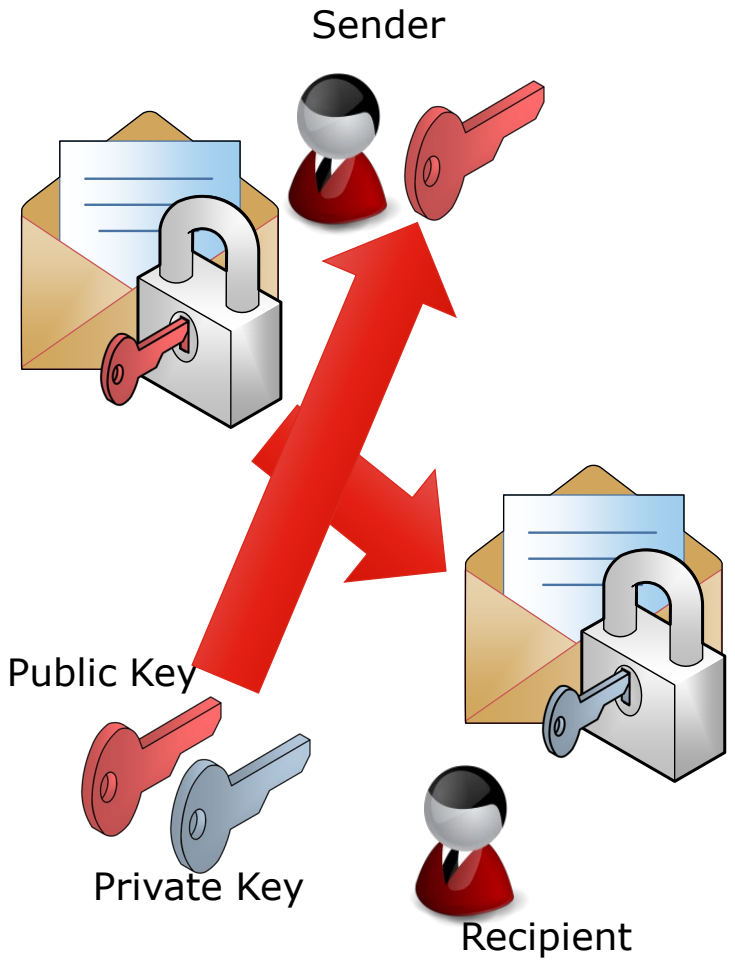
We use encryption to protect data.
Public Key Encryption

Instead of sending a key, we send a lock. Only the recipient has the key to unlock the data.

Based on mathematic formulas that create a key pair. One private and one public.

Data encrypted with one key can be decrypted with another.

Send uses public key to encrypt data, receiver uses private key to decrypt.

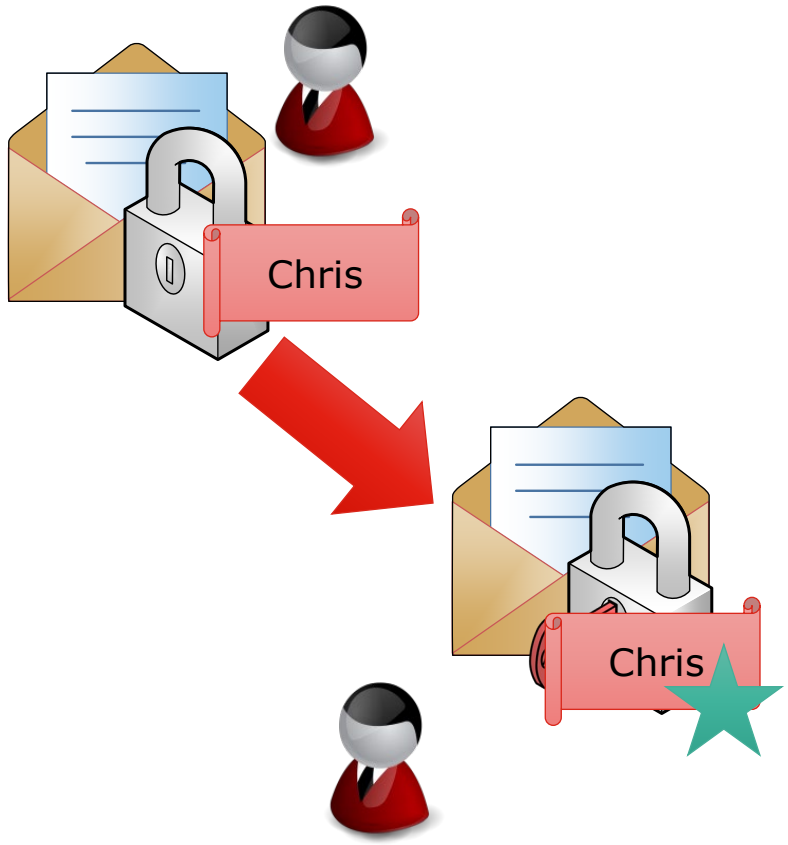


Encryption provides confidentiality, but does not provide authentication.

To provide authentication, the sender can “sign” the data with their own private key. This is the senders certificate.

The receiver can decrypt the signature using the sender’s public key.

Problem remains, how can we be sure the sender is who they say they are?



So, what is a Certificate Authority

A trusted source of Certificates.

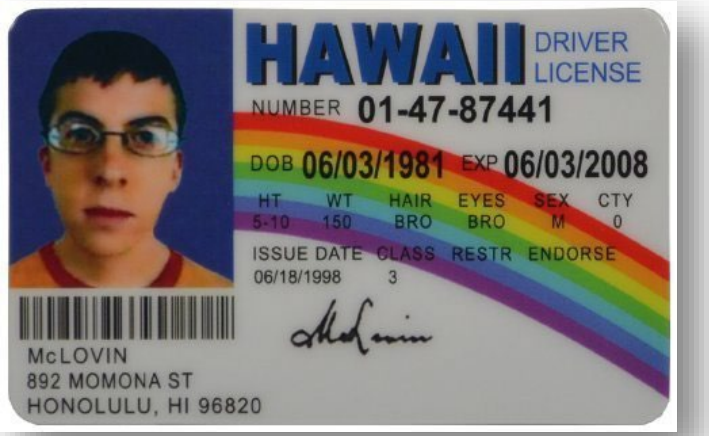
- This can be a public company such as GoDaddy / GlobalSign / SSL.COM
- It can be a private service your company hosts using software such as Microsoft Active Directory Certificate Services or Java Certificate Authority (EJBCA)
- In an Avaya Aura Solution, System Manager can be used as a certificate authority. SMGR leverages EJBCA

The certificate authority is responsible for issuing certificates. If you trust the certificate authority, your trust the certificates.

A simple example of certificate issued by some authorities. Would you trust…?

Certificate trusted universally because we trust the US Government to issue valid passports with security features to prevent counterfeiting.

Trusted withing an organization. May or may not be trusted outside unless there is a relationship.



Would you trust this "certificate"? Why or why not?

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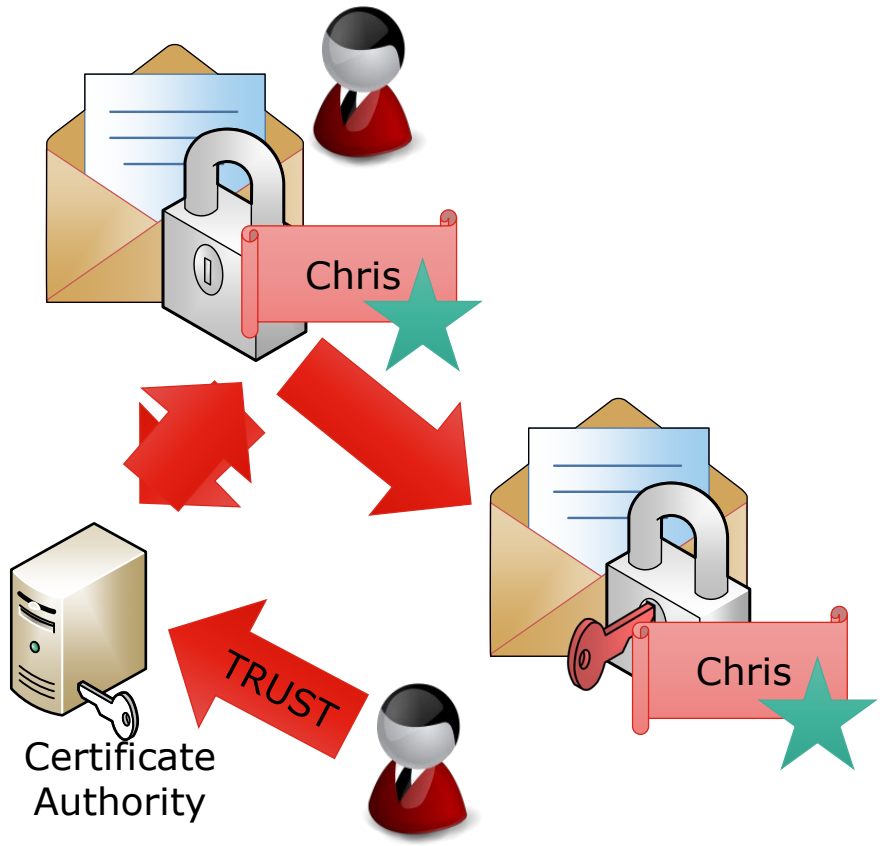
Use a certificate authority to certify the identity of the sender…

The sender sends a copy of the certificate to a certificate authority (CA).

The certificate authority signs the senders certificate, and establishes a chain of trust.

Since we trust the CA, and the sender's data was signed by a certificate trusted by the CA, we trust the data.

This is the "chain of trust".

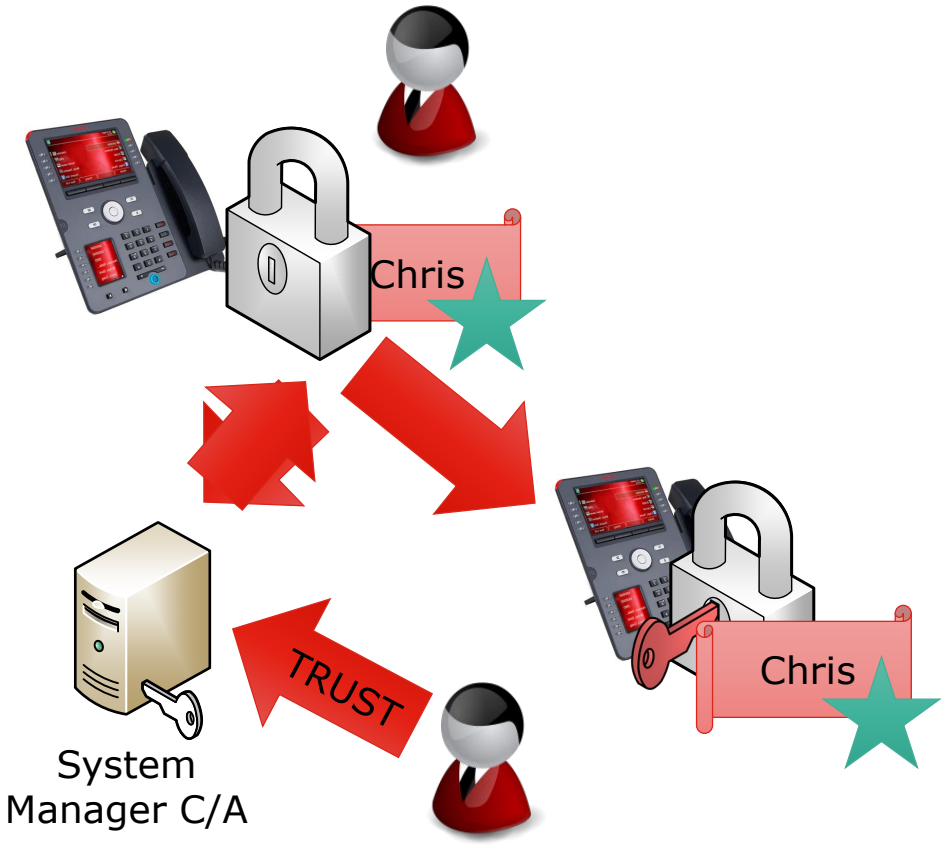


In an Avaya Infrastructure System Manager can be the “CA”

System Manager can serve as the certificate authority for Avaya servers.

System Manager provides signed certificates for Session Manager, CM, SBC, etc.

Customers can use a public CA. In this case System Manager becomes a subordinate CA.



Three types of Certificates

Root / Trusted Certificates (and also intermediate certs).

- Certificate that validates the Certificate Authority itself (GoDaddy / System Manager). A root certificate is self signed, and keys are very secure.

Server / Identity Certificates

- Signed by a Root Certificate Authority
- Systems will trust the server / identity certificate if the system trusts the root.

Self Signed Certificate

- A certificate created by a server itself. Any other server that needs to trust this machine must also install this self signed cert in the server's trust store.

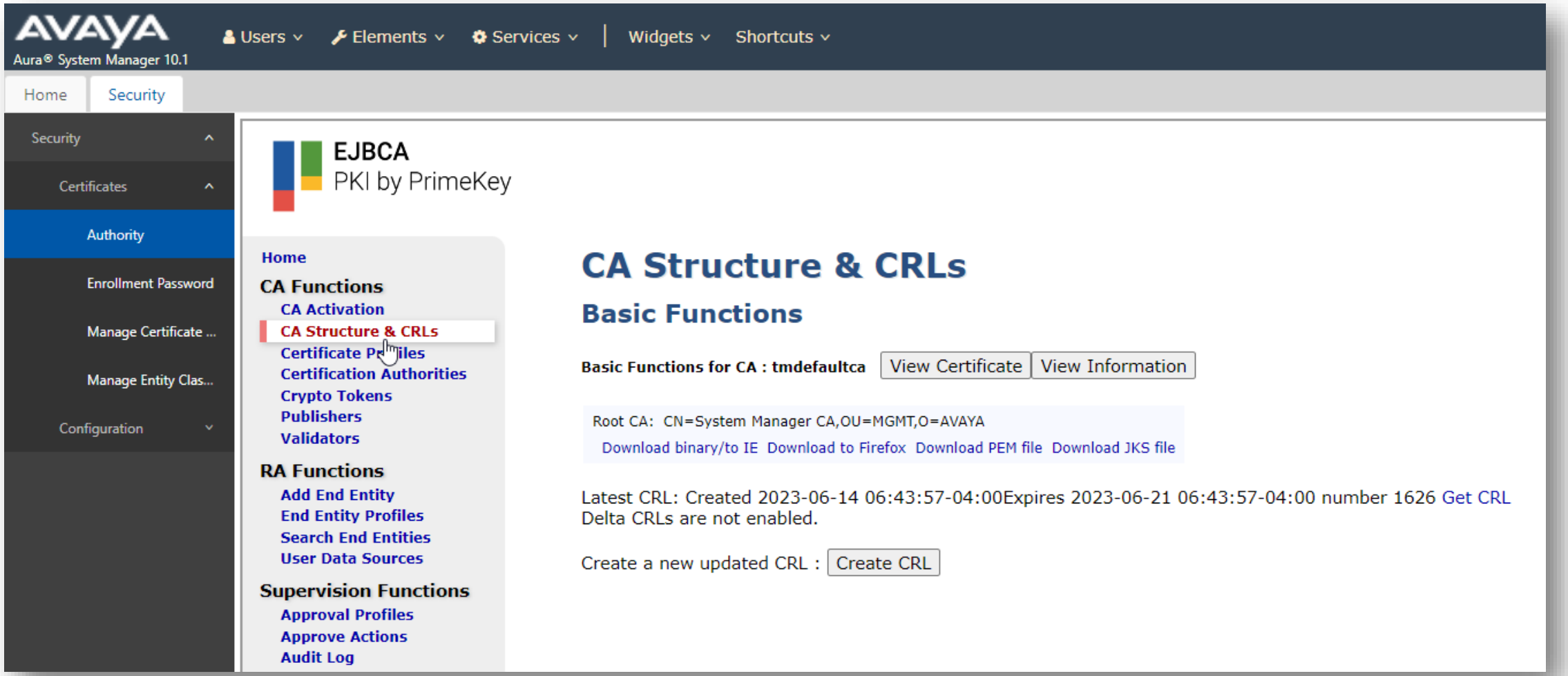
How to get Certificates for a server?

Certificates can be requested from a certificate authority two ways. Recall that for public key encryption, two keys are needed – a private key and a public key.

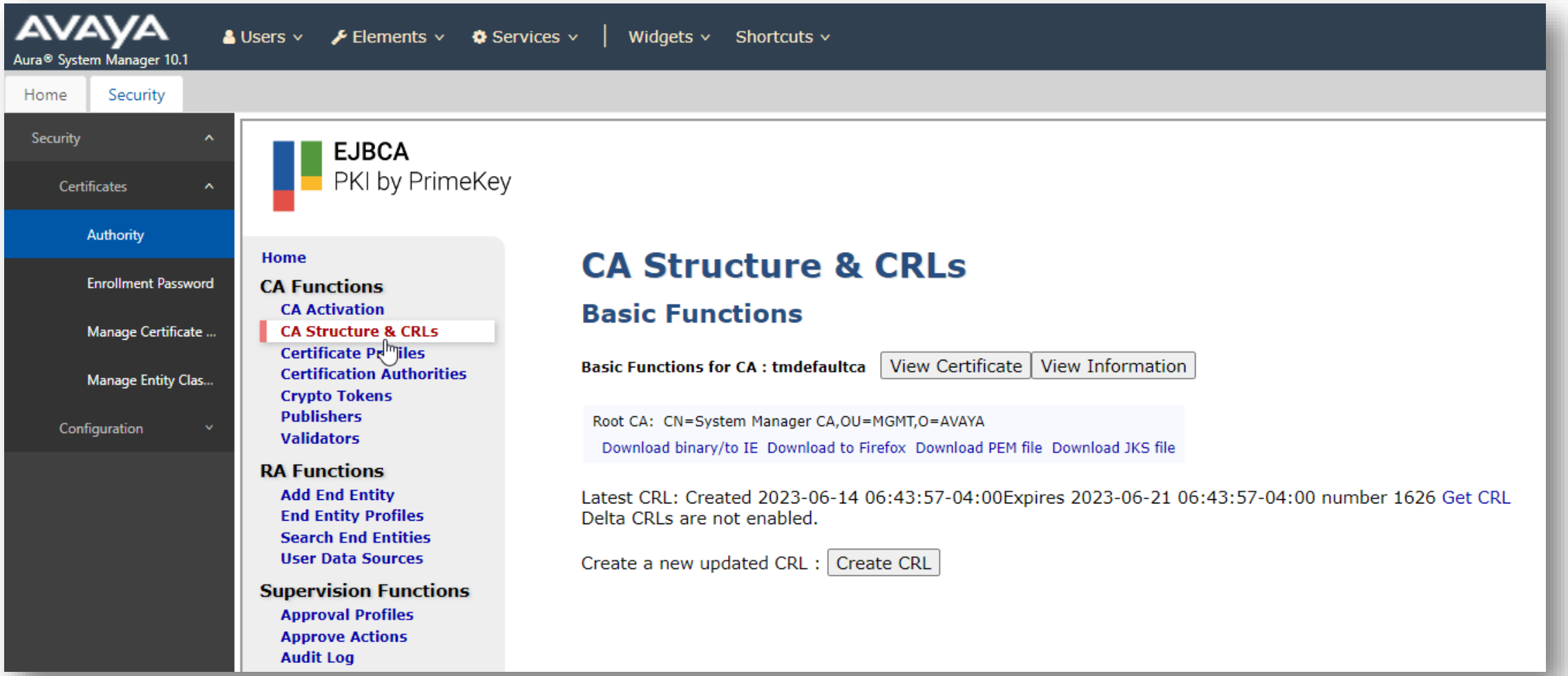
Create a certificate signing request. This will create our keys and creates and unsigned certificate in a request. This request is sent to the CA to be signed. We can now install this signed certificate to be used by the server.

Have the CA create the keys and certificate. This will generate a password protected file with the two keys and a signed certificate that can be installed an used by the server.

System Manager Certificate Authority



System Manager Certificate Authority – Viewing / Download Root



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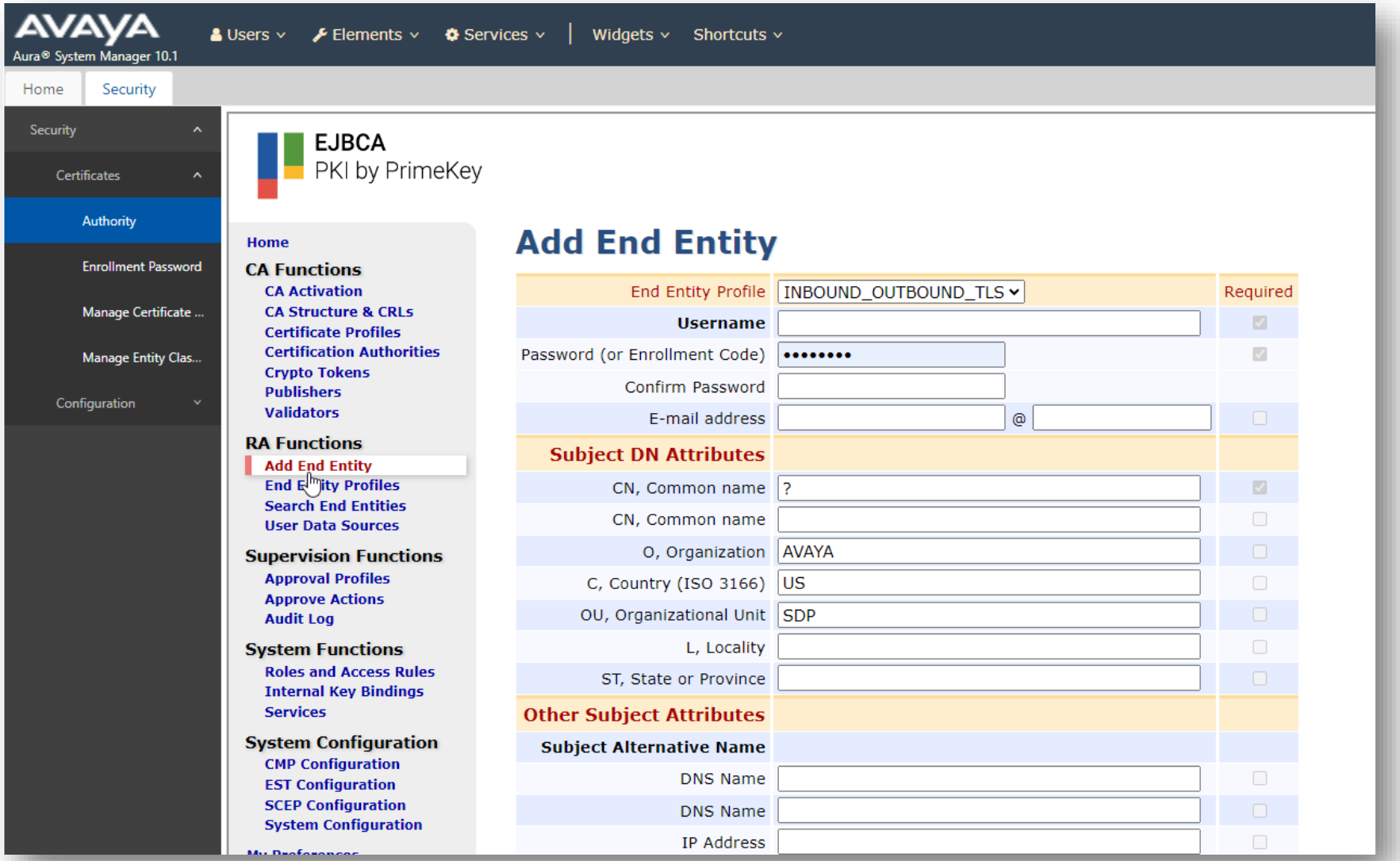
System Manager Certificate Authority – Registration Authority (RA) Functions – Registers info for a certificate



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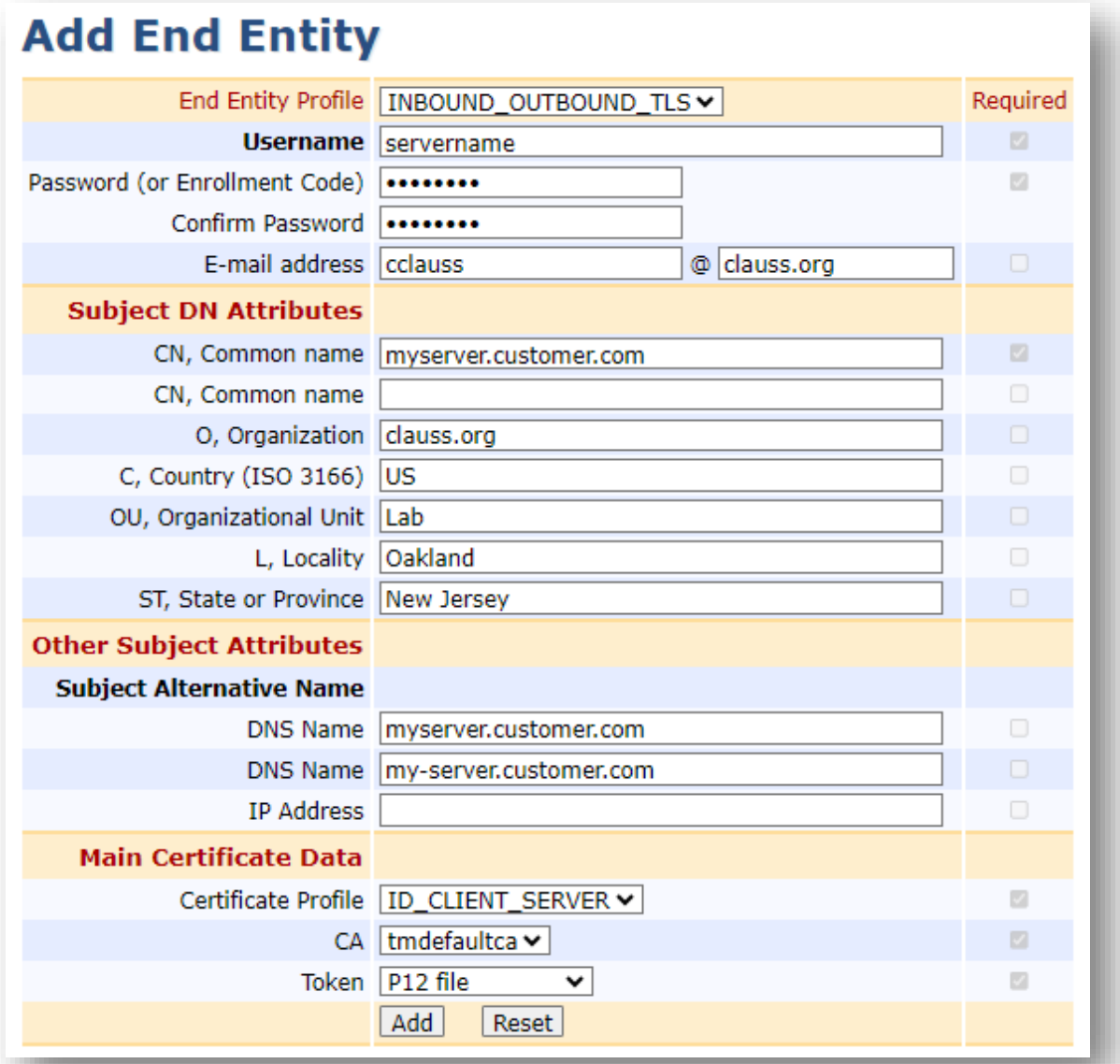
System Manager Certificate Authority – RA Functions – Create or Sign Identity Certs for Servers

- Username – use the server name
- Password – your choice – remember it
- eMail – options
- Common Name – server DNS name
- Organization / Country / Unit / Locality / State are all optional. Informational
- Subject Alternative Name – very important.
  Specify the DNS name of the server.
  Add a secondary name if needed.
  Do not add IP address – bad practice.
  SAN is enforced by Apple and Google since 2018.
- Select the Token Type



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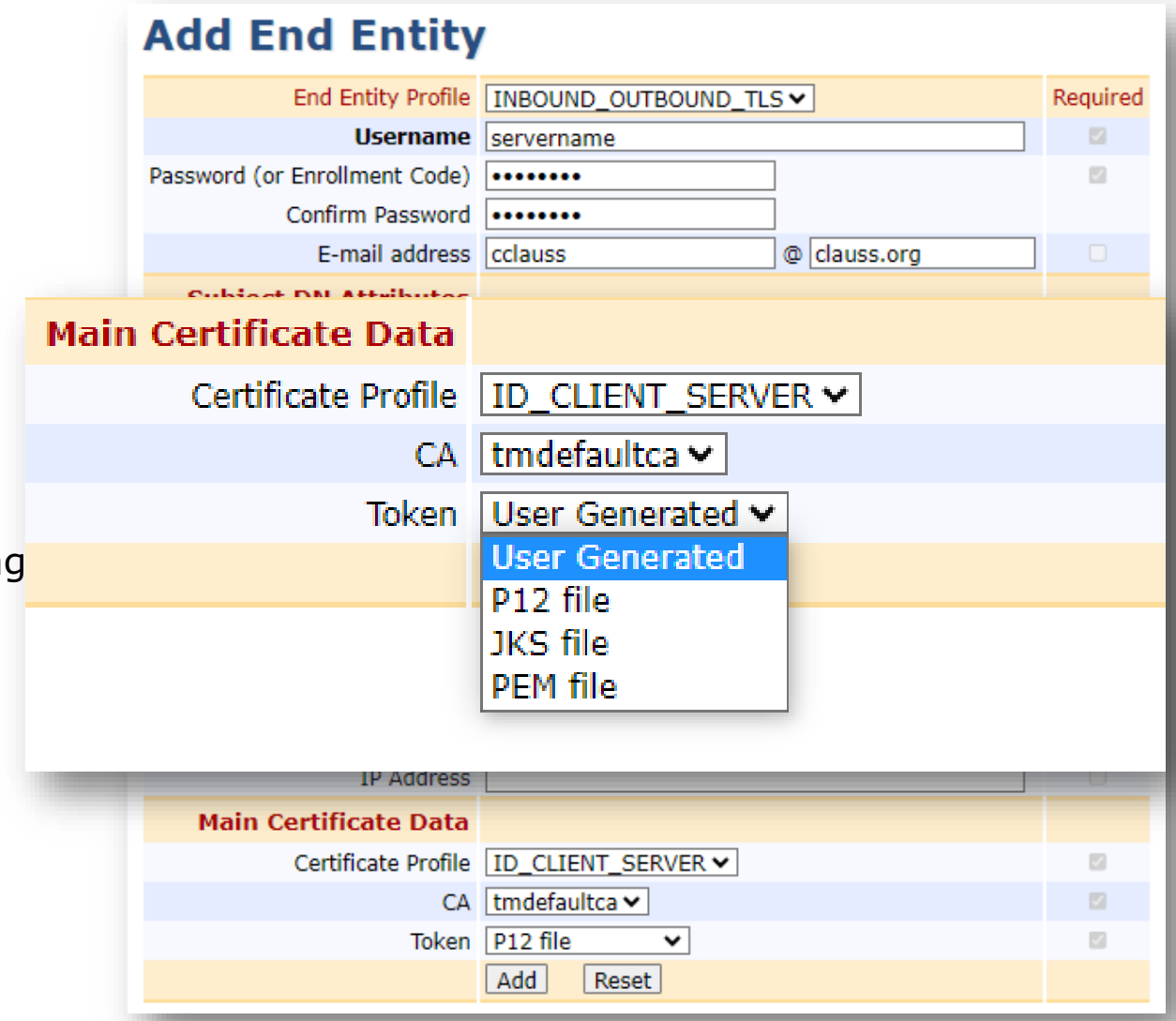
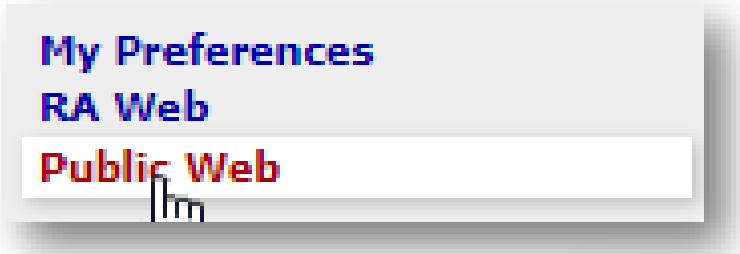
Main Certificate Data

- Certificate used for Client / Server interactions
- CA – the CA that is signing your certificate. By default that is "tmdefaultca" which is the default name of the System Manager
- Type of "token" to be generated
  - P12 file – the SMGR will create a password protected certificate for the server including keys
  - PEM file – the SMGR will create a simple certificate file but requires a certificate signing request from the server
- Click Add when done

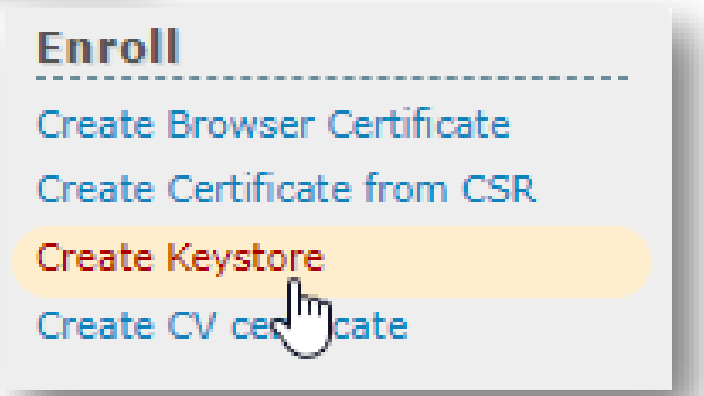


We added a registration, and now need to create a certificate.

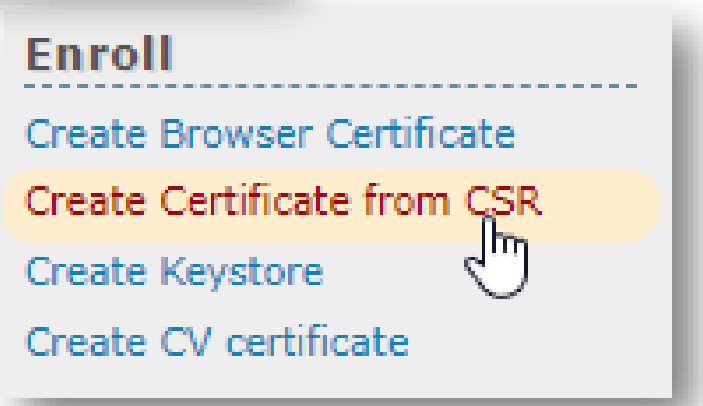
Select Public Web



To generate a new cert with keys, select the option to Create a Keystore.



To generate a new cert in response to a signing request, select Create Certificate from CSR.



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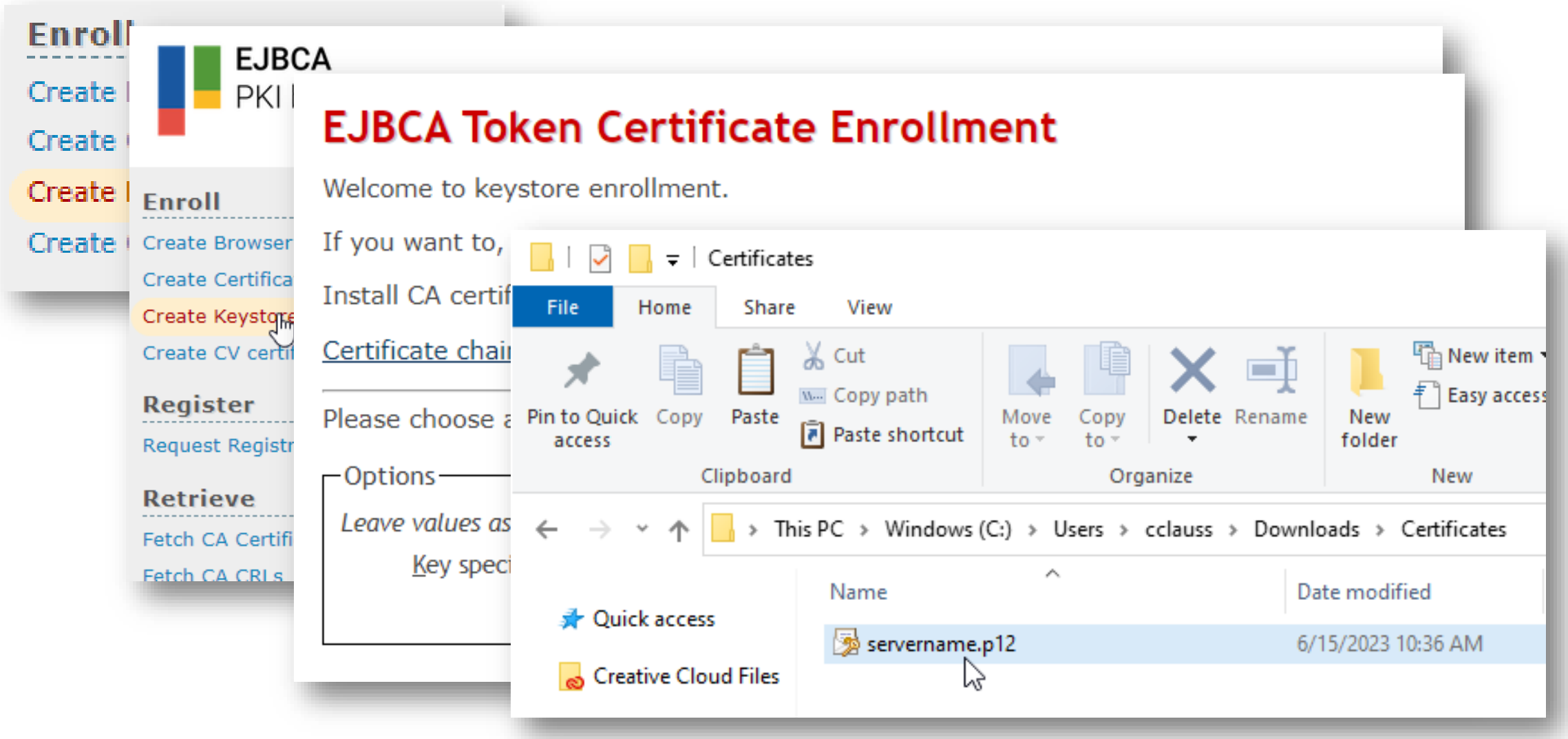

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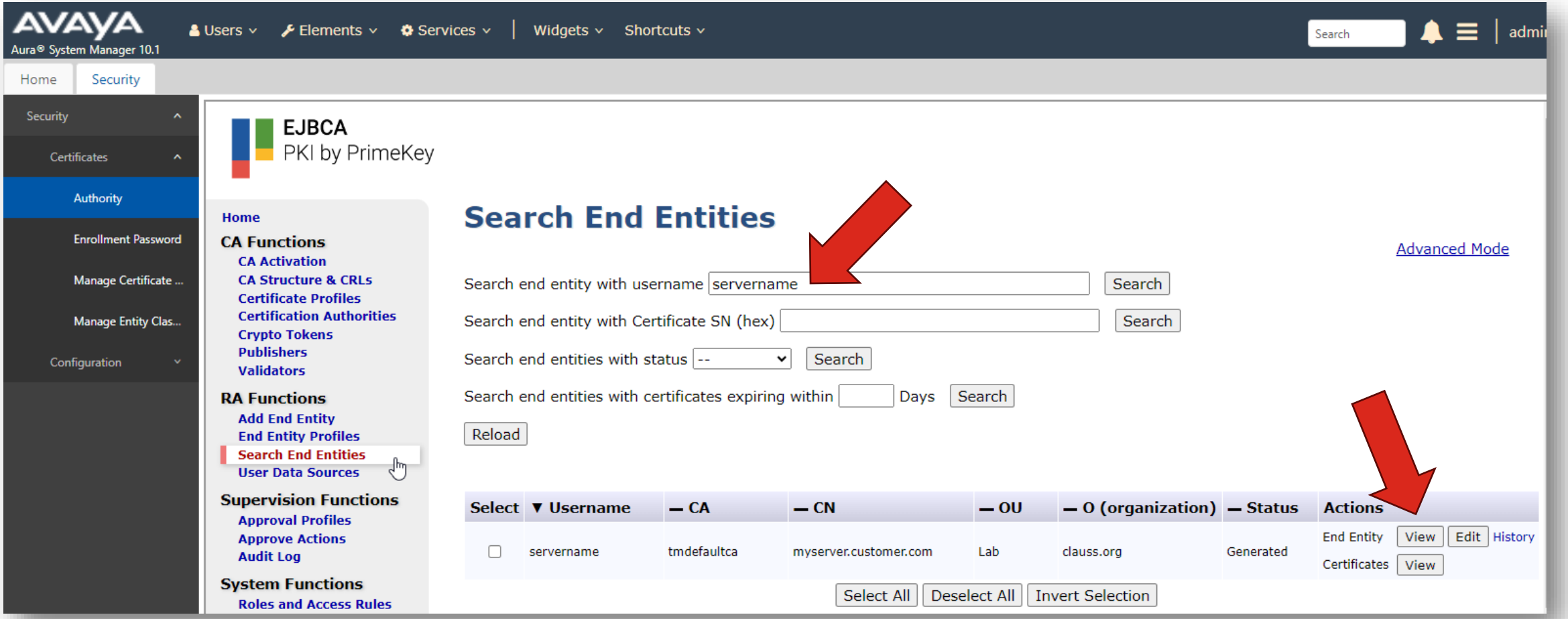
Viewing the Certificate in System Manager



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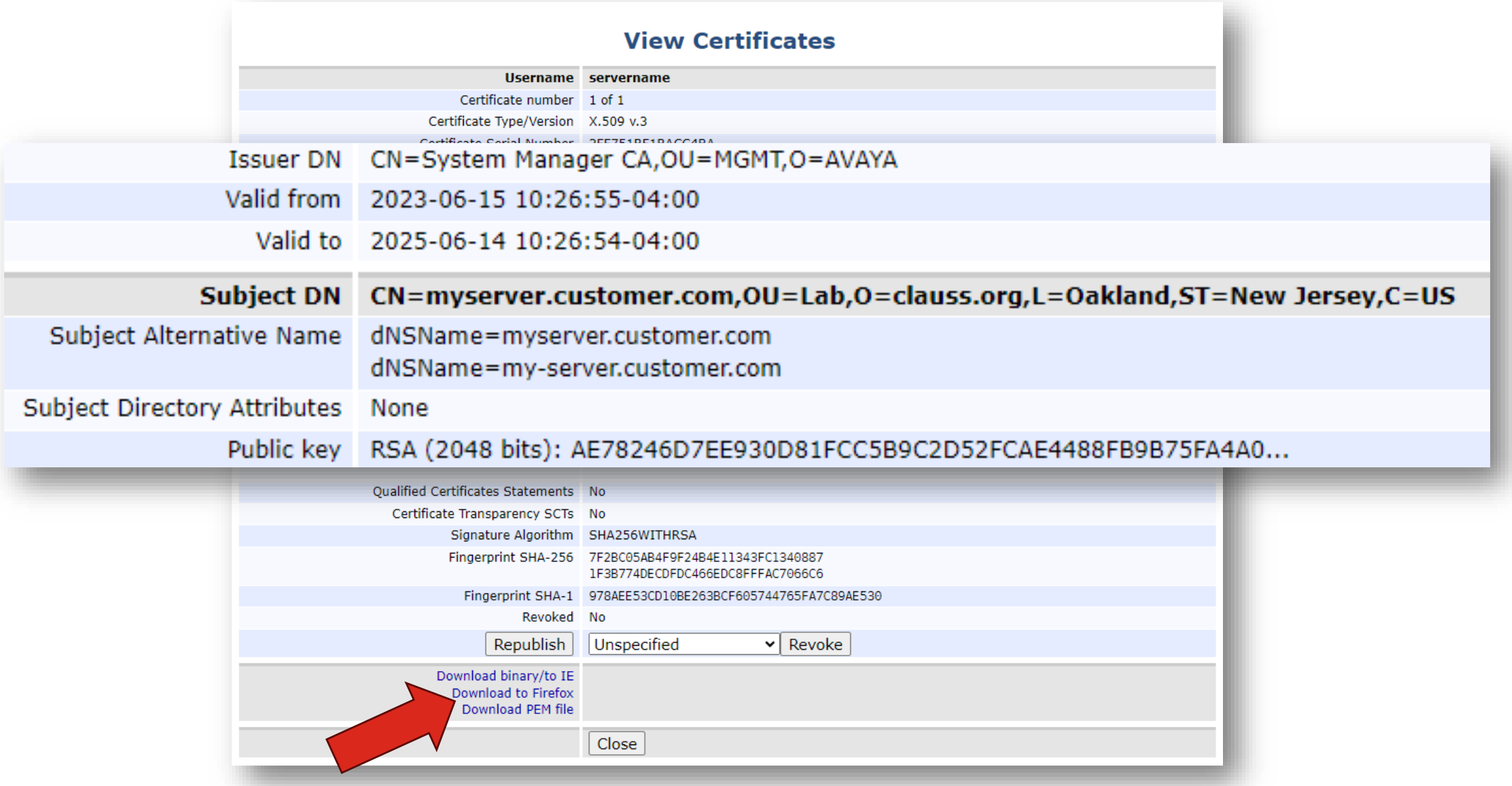

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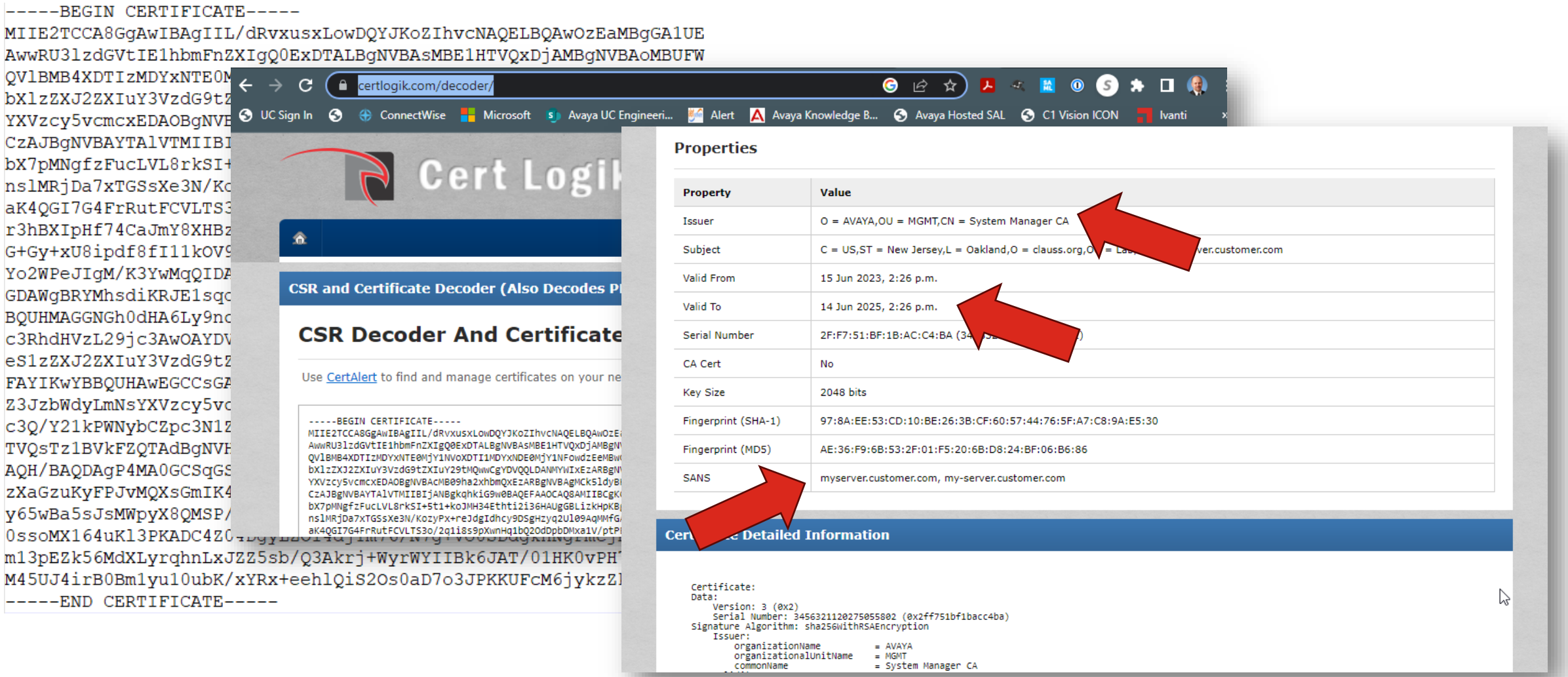
Looking at a certificate file – copy and paste your cert to an online decoder…

https://certlogik.com/decoder/



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Nothing lasts forever – certificates expire…

When certificates expire, they must be replaced, just like a driver's license or a passport.

It is important to know when certs expire.

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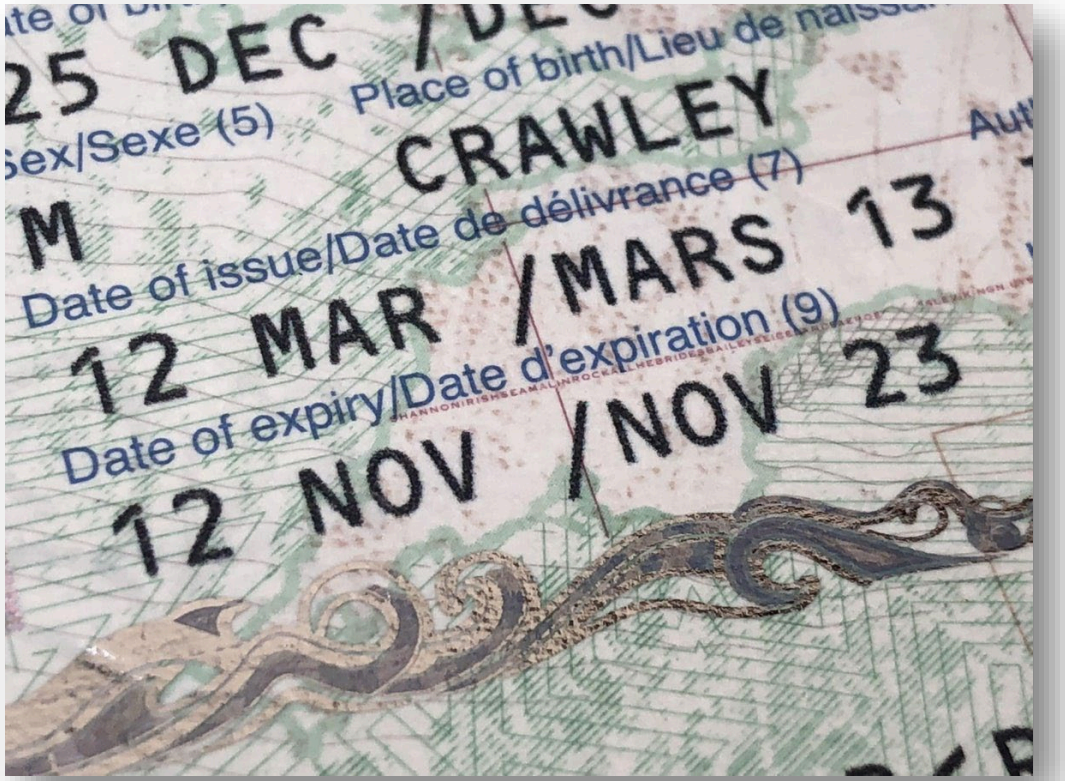

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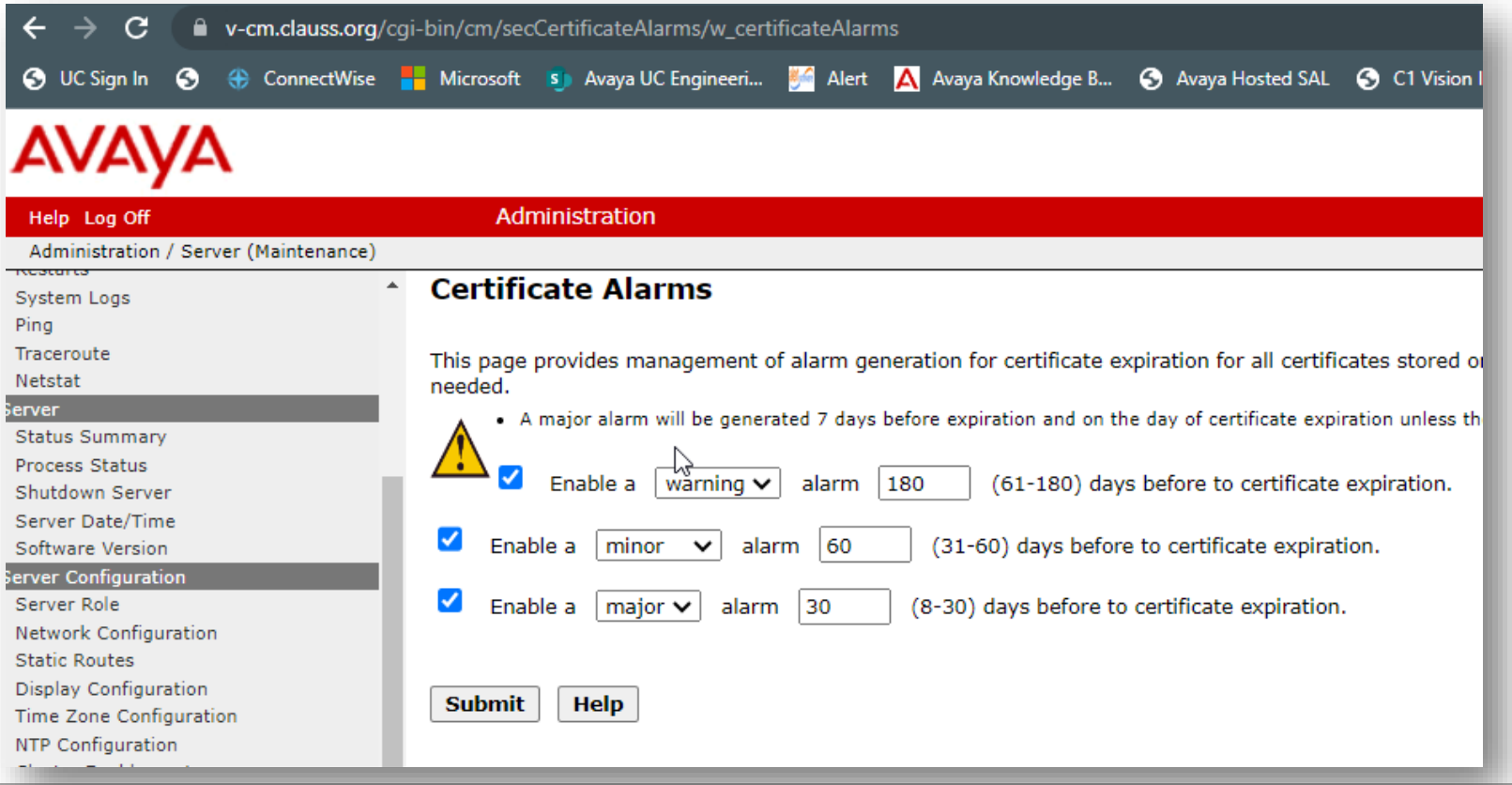

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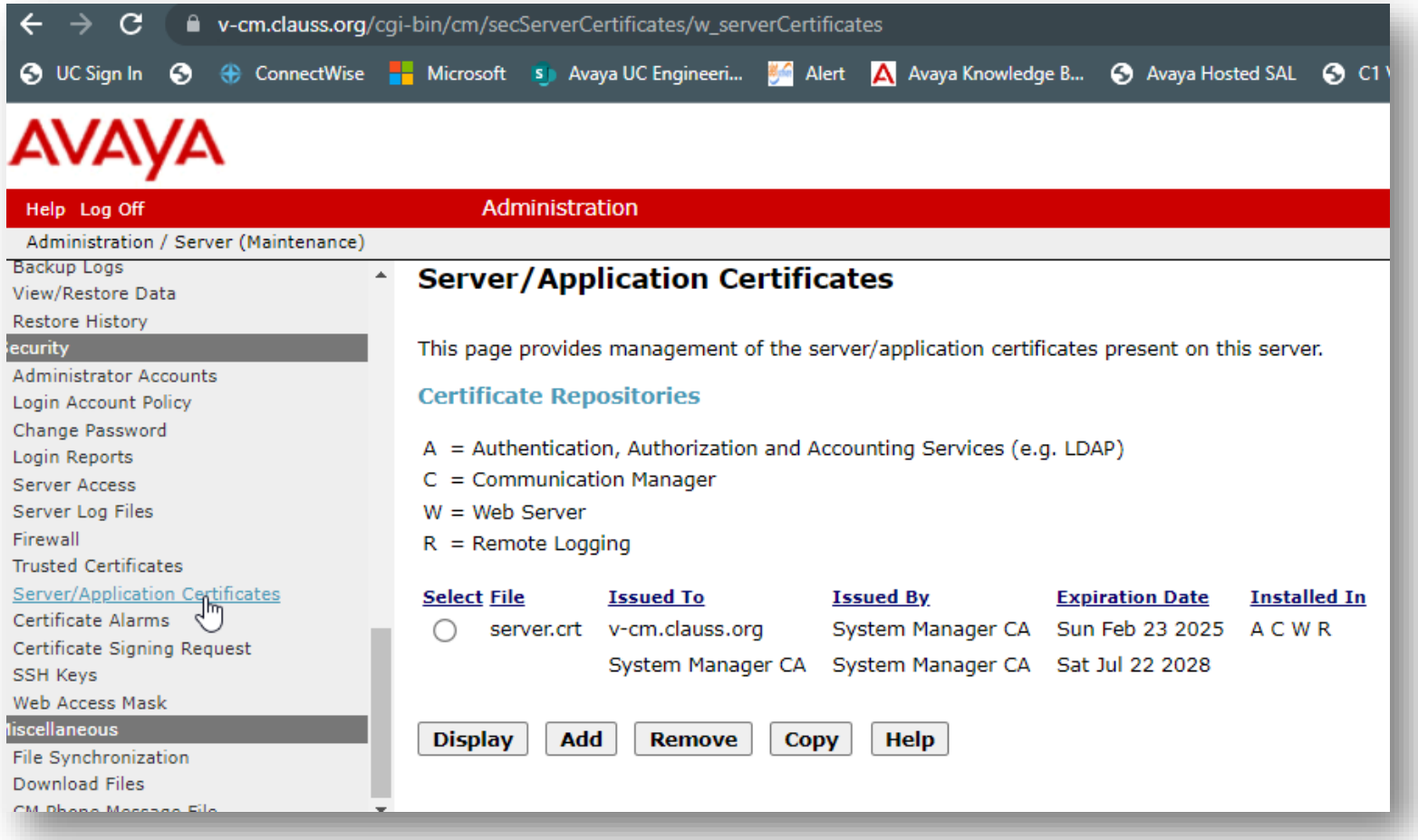
How can I find out when my certificates expire?

Look at the certificate. Certs can be viewed on the servers they are installed on.

Each product is different.



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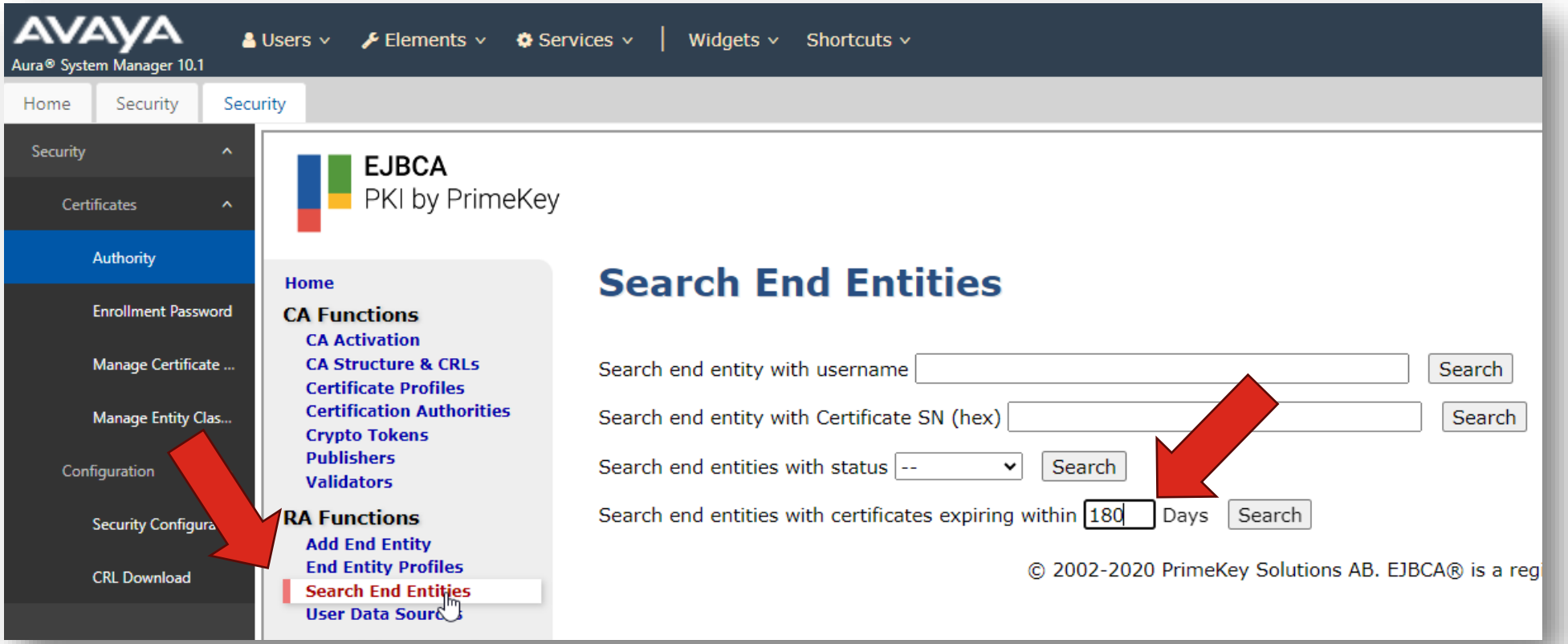

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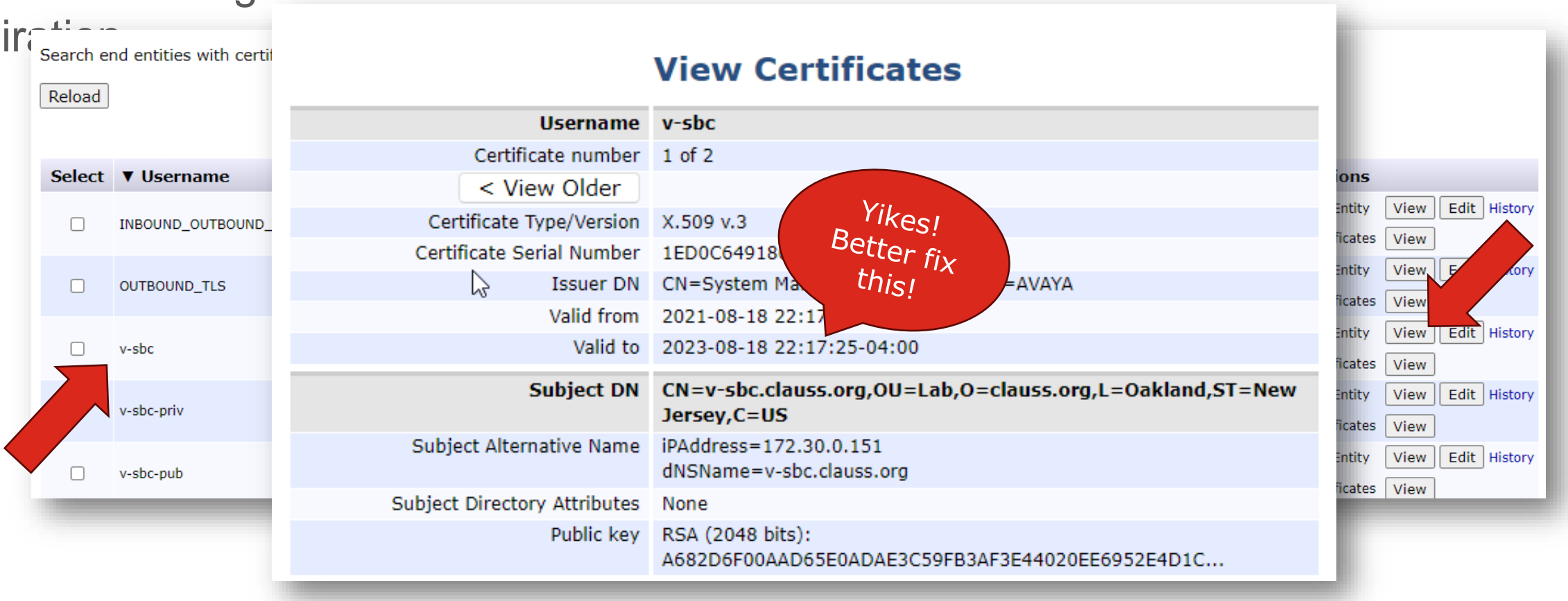

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System Manager can auto renew certain certificates…

System Manager automatically renews certificates for systems in the following cases…

- System Manager is the CA that issued the certificates for the specific system.
- The system is managed by System Manager
  - Session Manager
  - Breeze
- Also, for some servers, there is an enrollment process to make renewals easier
  - Media Server
  - Avaya Aura Device Services / Web Gateway

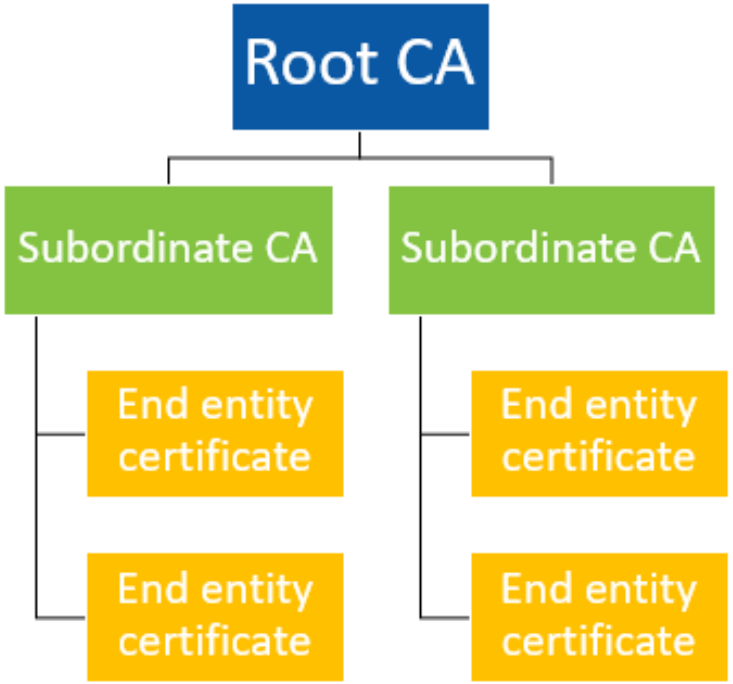
So what should we use for our Certificate Authority

Several options…

- Check with internal security team on specific company mandates.
- Use System Manager as CA for Avaya server to server communications (ease of admin and secure)
- Use Public CA for end user facing systems (SBC remote worker / web)
- Use internal CA if required.

Summary of ca hierarchy

- Root CA may be System Manager or customer CA
- Intermediate CA may or may not be used
- Each end entity will have a unique identity certificate signed by the CA.
- Each end entity must have root or intermediate certificates installed.



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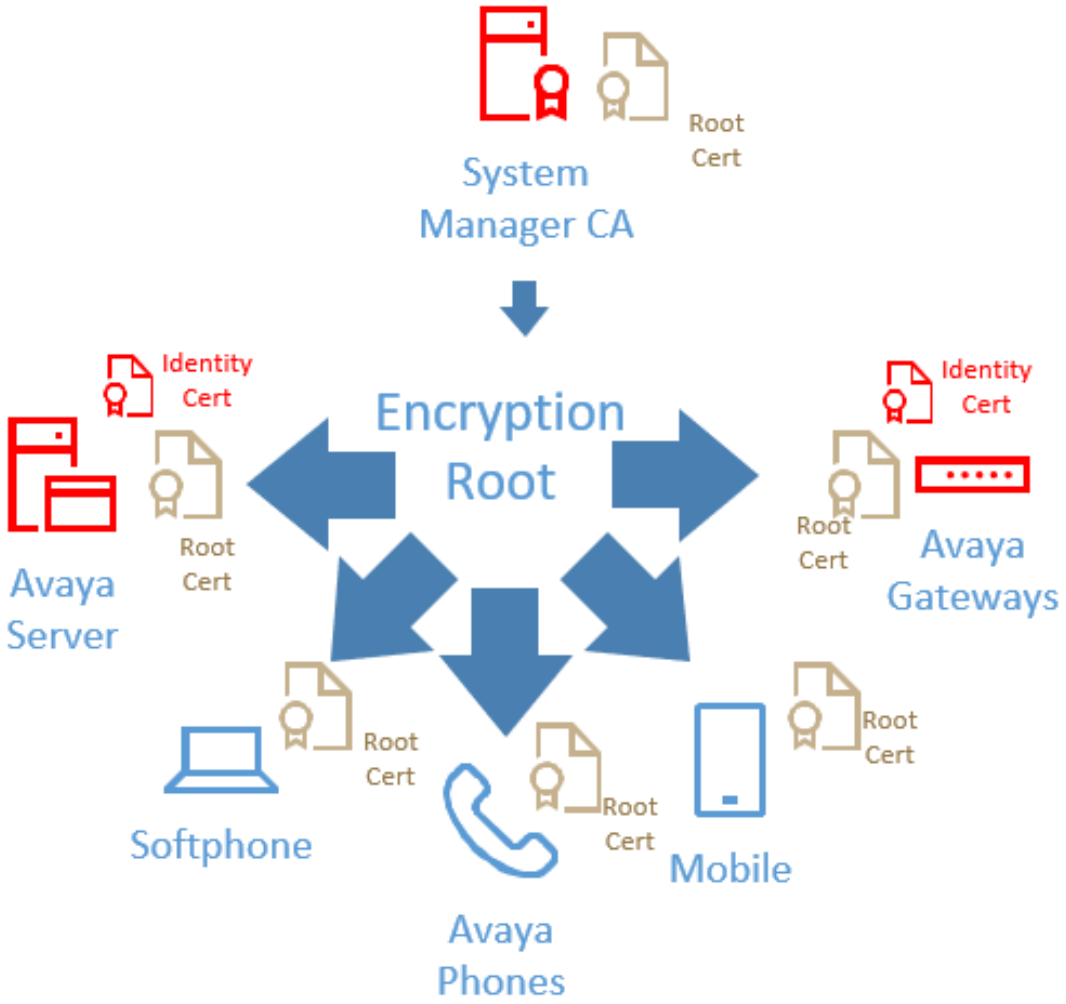

System Manager as the Certificate Authority

Pros

- Works out of box
- Automatically issues and deploys and redeploys certificates for managed elements (SMGR / SM) Aura environment stands alone
- Simplest - Easy to manage by customer & partners

Cons

- PKI is independent of other PKI
- No enterprise branding
- Must distribute PKI to endpoints

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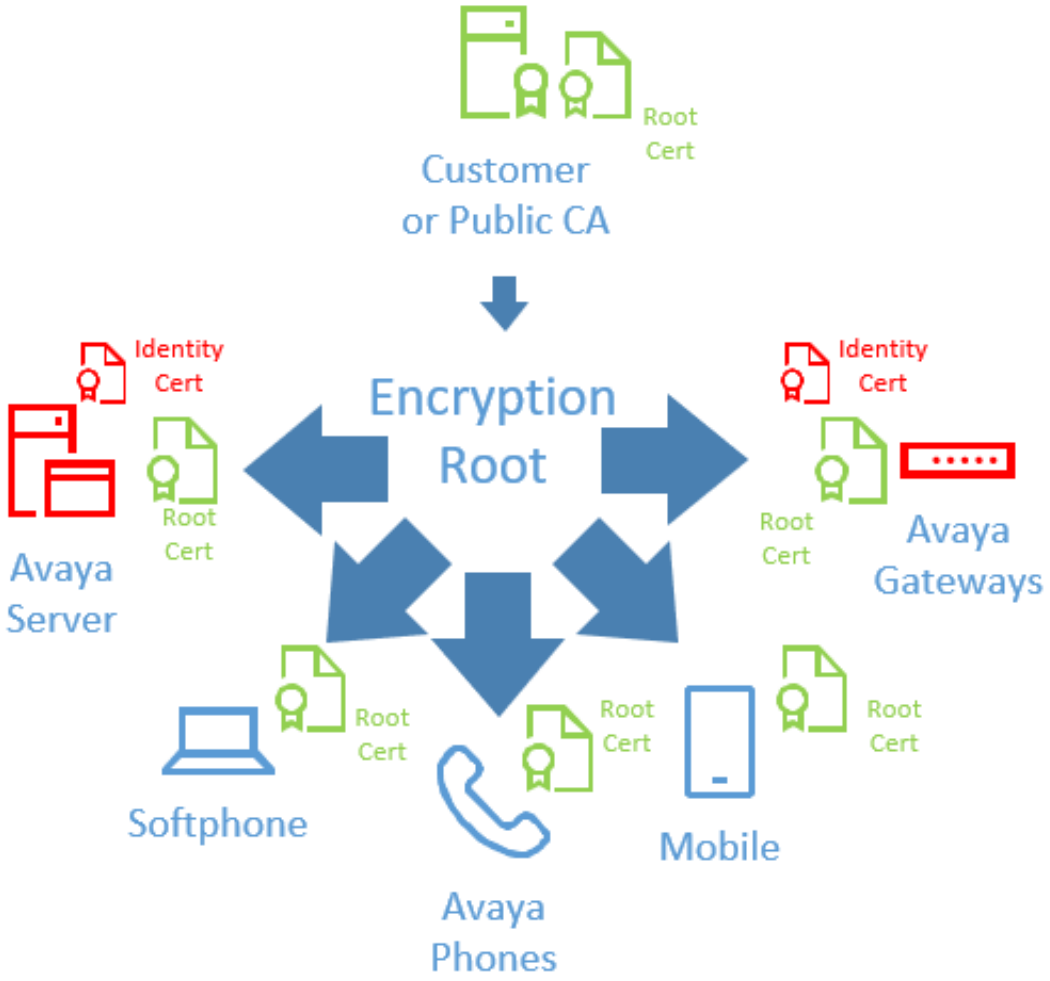
Enterprise Certificate Authority



Enterprise Certificate Authority

Pros

- Provide enterprise asserted trust
- Certificates may already be distributed to client devices.

Cons

- Must manually establish PKI trust chain to Aura managed devices.
- Must create Certificate signing request and import identity certificates
- No automatic issue or re-issue of certificates.
- Involve IT for all certificates needed

Relatively straightforward deployment. Not require for all devices. (Can generate identity certs only for required)

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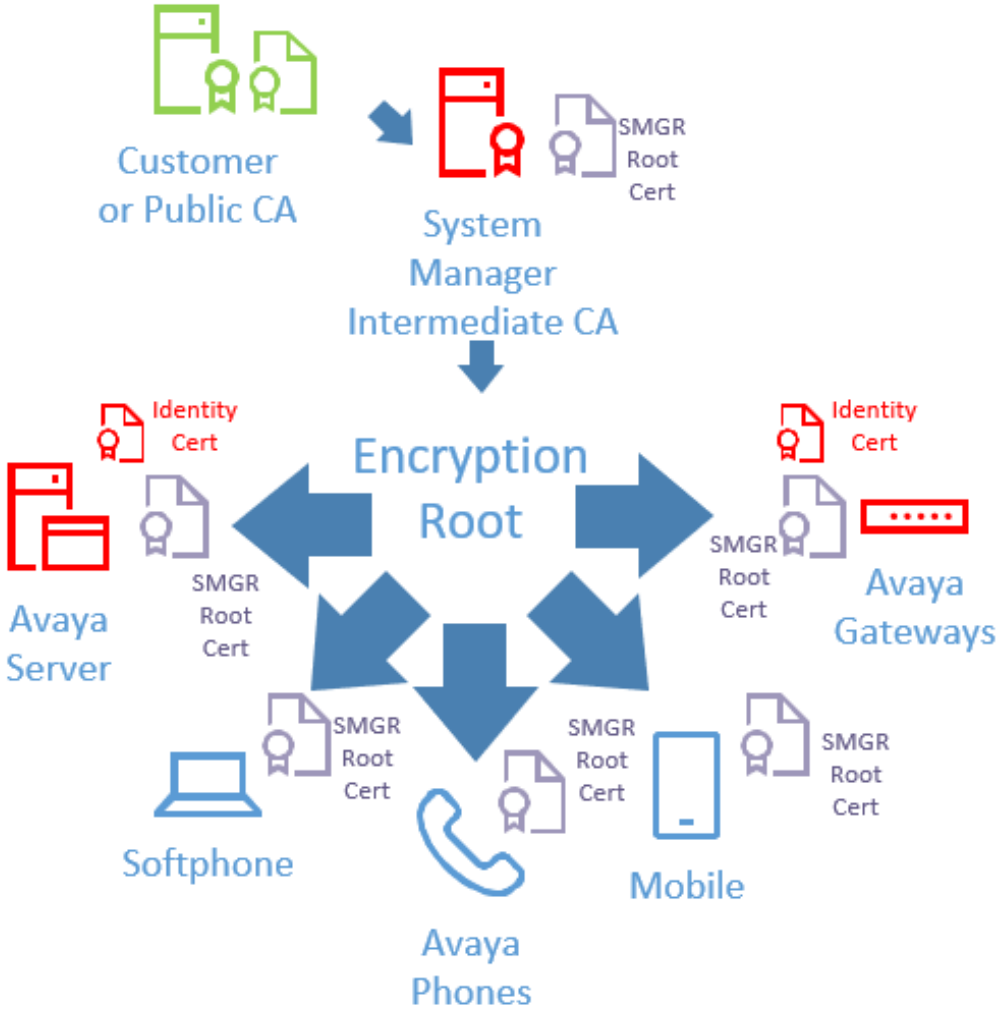
System Manager as a Subordinate CA



System Manager as a Subordinate CA

Pros

- Provides enterprise certs.
- Certificates may already be distributed to client devices.
- Automatically issues and deploys and redeploys certificates for managed elements (SMGR / SM)

Cons

- Enterprise must allow sub-CA
- Trust chain must be distributed to all Aura elements

Difficult to implement but allows for a chain of trust to internal I/T. Usually not well received by I/T.

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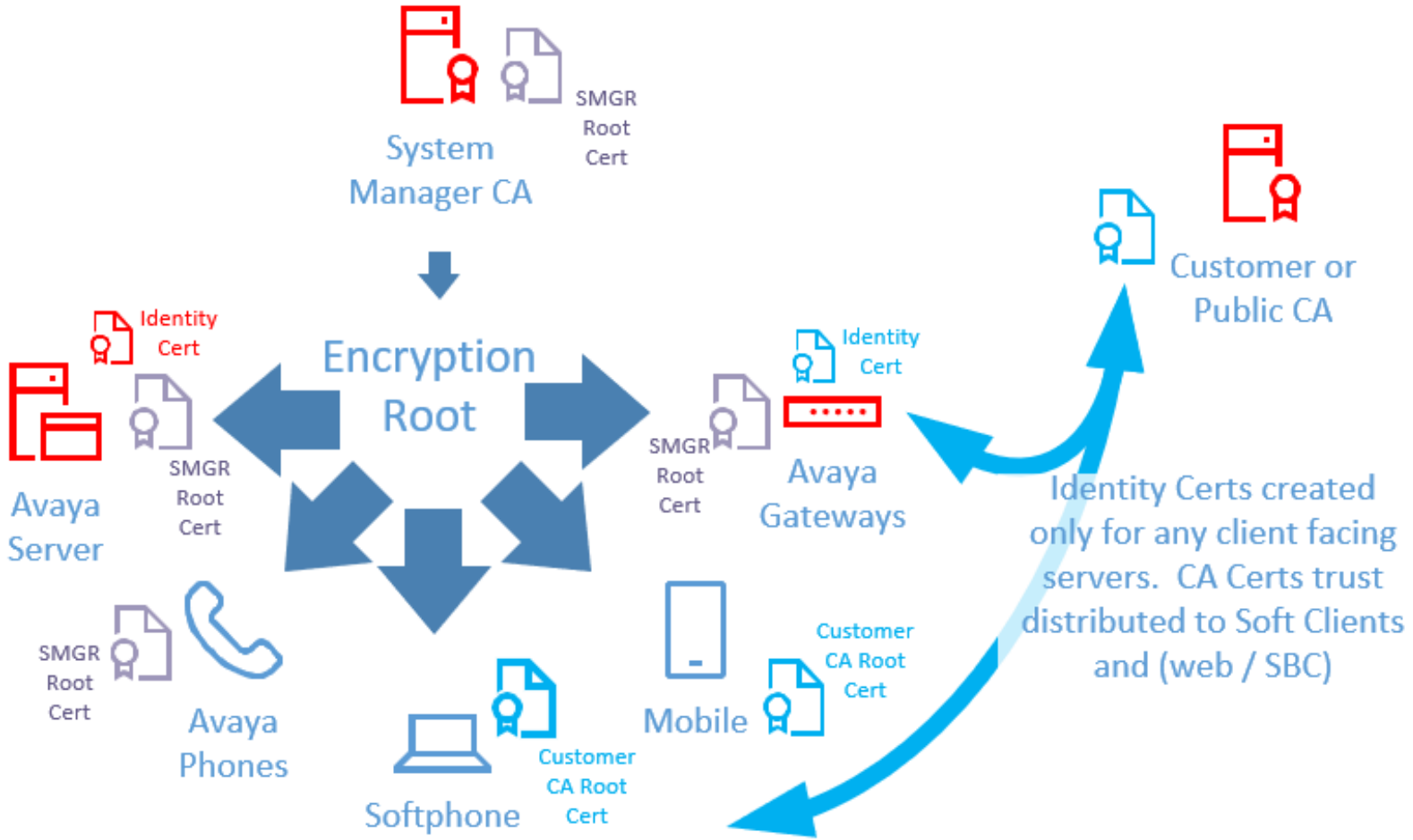
SMGR for Aura / Public CA where needed



SMGR for Aura / Public CA where needed

Pros

- Provides enterprise certs where needed.
- Allows SMGR to provide certs for Aura
- Certificates may already be distributed to client devices.
- Automatically issues and deploys and redeploys certificates for managed elements (SMGR / SM)
- Aura managed certs for most “internal” servers.

Cons

- Two PKI authorities

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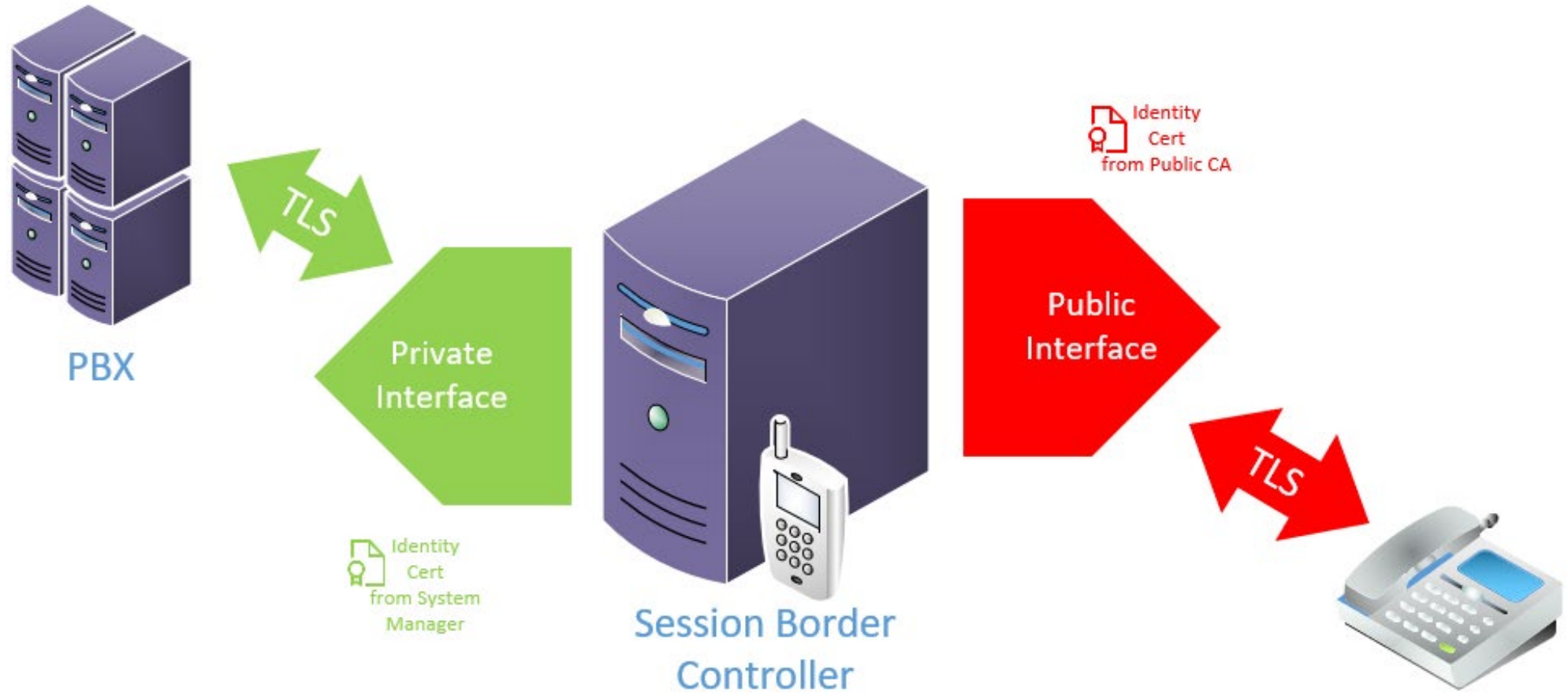
Examples of TLS links used by SBC – different certs signed by different CAs



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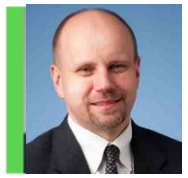

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