

about Thawte

Founded 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 VeriSign, Inc. and has become a key member of the VeriSign 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

Thawte's history gives a uniquely international view of business - one that reflects a truly global perspective. This orientation drives Thawte to provide services at a world class standard. 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).

Trusted by browsers:



Core Business

Thawte-branded certificates benefit from the strength and reliability of the VeriSign authentication infrastructure. SSL is Thawte's core business, so the company constantly improve its products to deliver the tools and features our customers want and need. Continuous investment in research and development keeps a practice standard among the highest in the industry.

The Mission

As a leading global certificate authority, Thawte provides on-line security trusted by millions around the world. Robust authentication practices, and easy on-line management make Thawte the best value for SSL certificates and code signing certificates.

