

# Usable Security: Was ist das und wozu in aller Welt braucht man das?

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# Usability



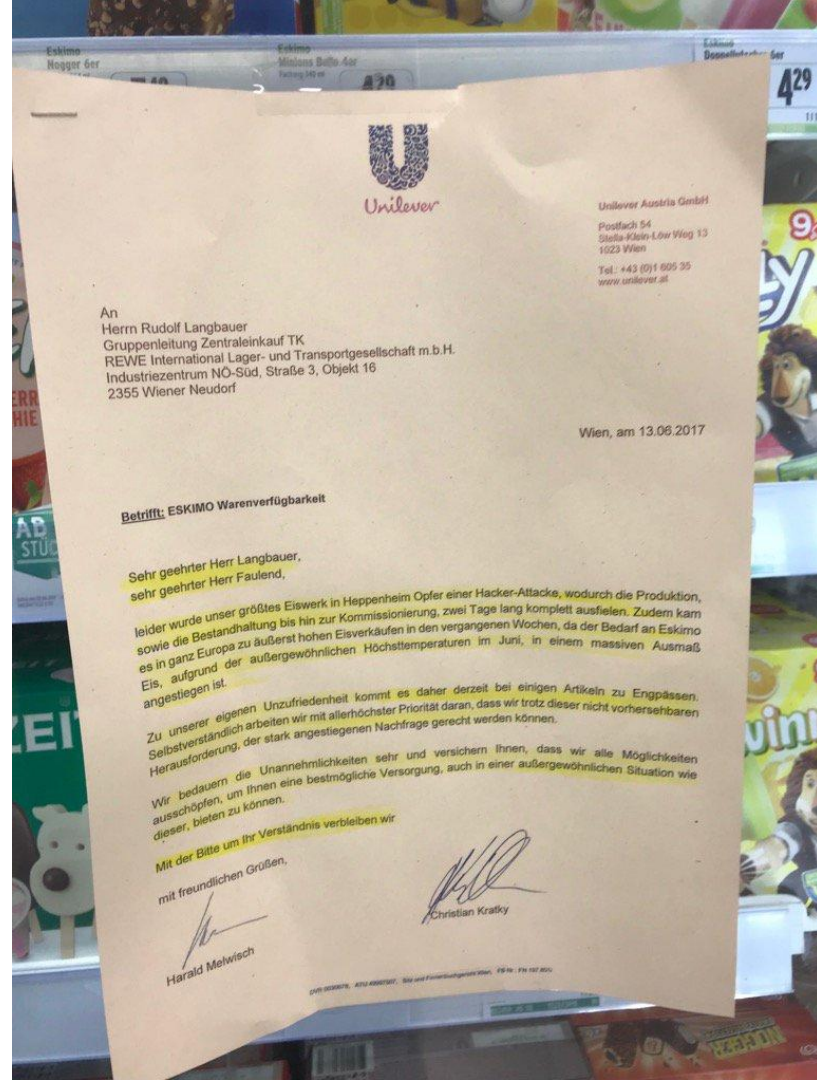
# Security

“leider wurde unser größtes Eiswerk in Hoppenheim Opfer einer Hacker-Attacke, wodurch die Produktion [...] zwei Tage lang komplett ausfielen.

[...]

Zu unserer eigenen Unzufriedenheit kommt es daher derzeit bei einigen Artikeln zu Engpässen.”

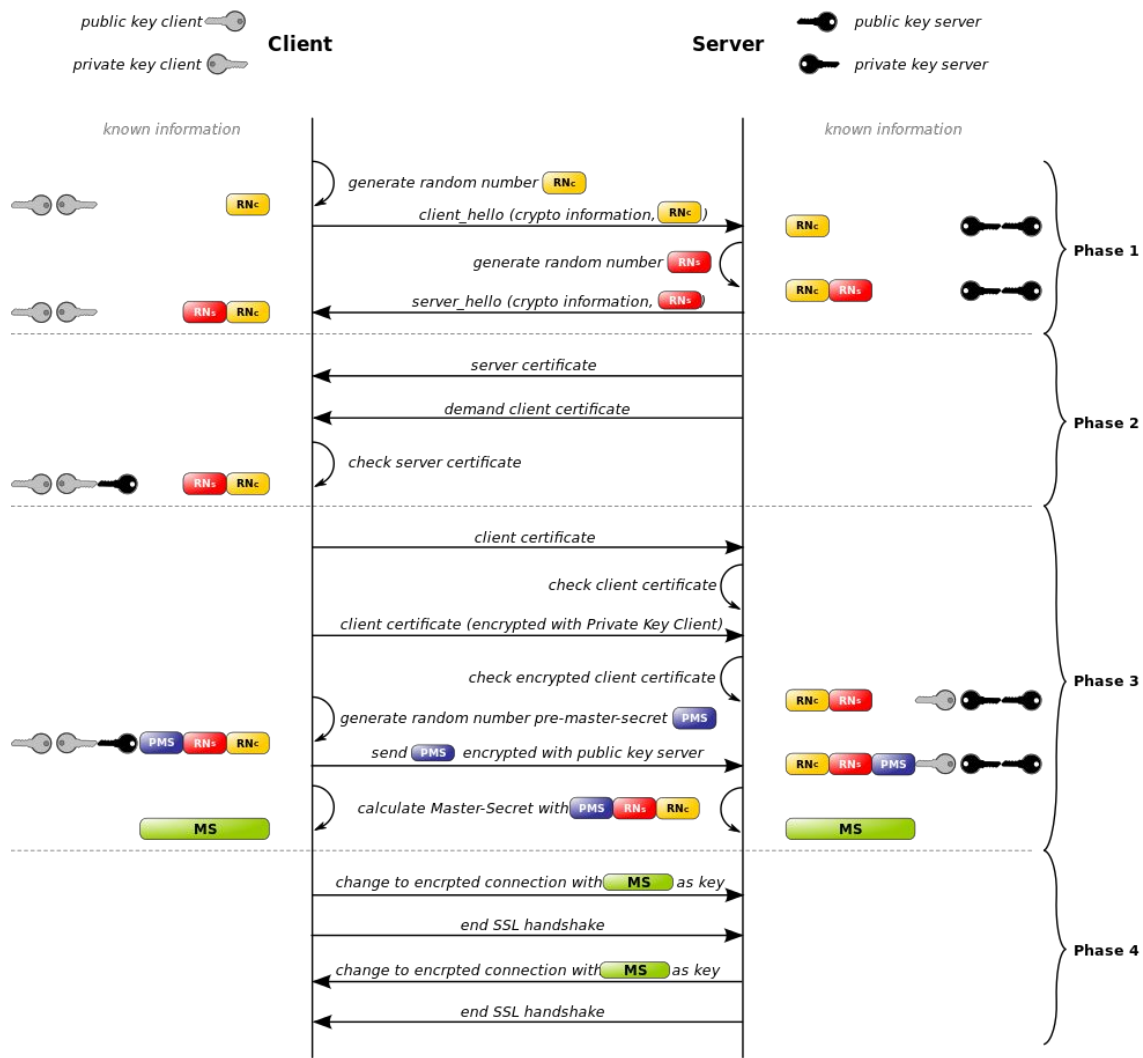
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... but how?

# Fallbeispiel: SSL/TLS

# SSL Handshake



# Indicators






# Warnings

Privacy error - Chromium

Privacy error

Not secure | ~~https://~~pads.ccc.de



## Your connection is not private

Attackers might be trying to steal your information from **pads.ccc.de** (for example, passwords, messages, or credit cards). NET::ERR\_CERT\_AUTHORITY\_INVALID

ADVANCED

Back to safety



Something happened and you need to click OK to get on with things.

Certificate mismatch security identification  
administration communication intercept liliputian  
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Technical Crap ...

- More technical crap
- Hoyvin-Glayvin!
- Launch photon torpedos

OK

Cancel

Was hat die Forschung gemacht?

# Ressourcen zum Thema HTTPS und Usability

Sunshine et al., “Crying Wolf: An Empirical Study of SSL Warning Effectiveness”, 18th Usenix Security Symposium, 2009

Porter Felt et al., “Experimenting at Scale with Google Chrome’s SSL Warning”, CHI 2014

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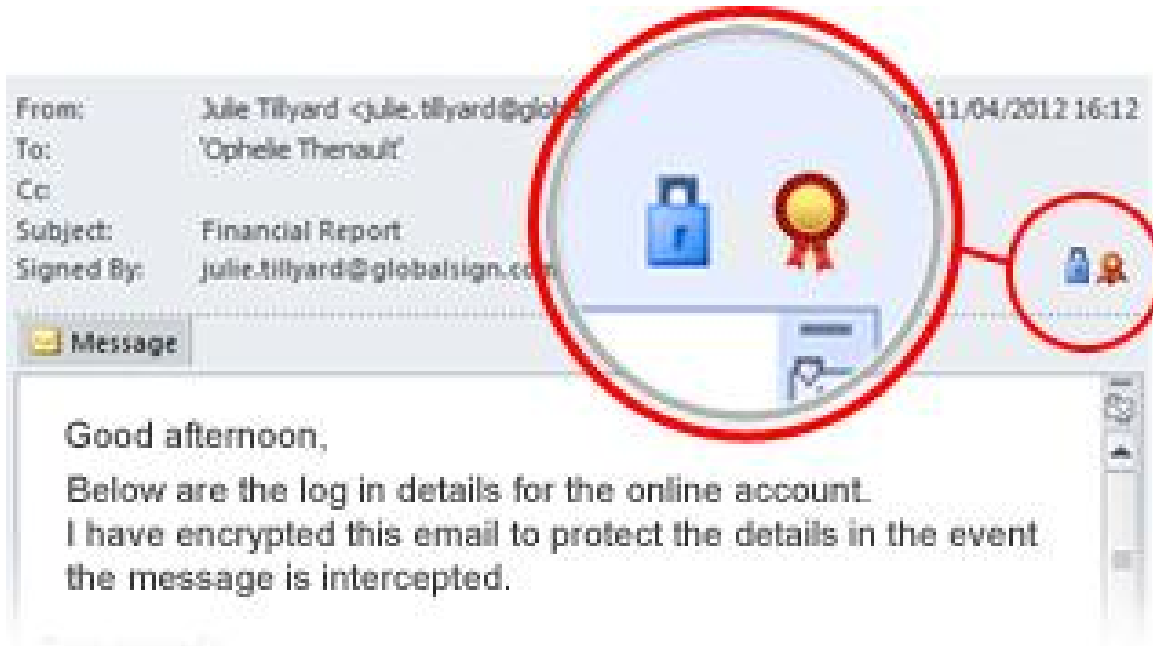
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Adrienne Porter Felt auf Twitter: @\_\_apf\_\_

# Fallbeispiel PGP (Der Klassiker)



# Encryption & Digital Signature







Most prominent USec paper: Why  
Johnny can't Encrypt

# Even the pros are quitting

“Trust me when I tried [...] But it just didn't work. [...] First, there's the adoption issue [...]. Then, there's the UX problem. Easy crippling mistakes. [...] And all this for what gain?”

“I'm not dropping to plaintext. [...] Mostly I'll use Signal or WhatsApp, which offer vastly better endpoint security on iOS, ephemerality, and smoother key rotation.”

What next?  
(Google seems to give up, too)

# Ressourcen zum Thema PGP Usability

Whitten und Tygar, “Why Johnny Can’t Encrypt: A Usability Evaluation of PGP 5.0”, Usenix Security Symposium 1999

Sheng et al, “Why Johnny Still Can’t Encrypt: Evaluating the Usability of Email Encryption Software”, SOUPS 2006

Ruoti et al., “ "We're on the Same Page": A Usability Study of Secure Email Using Pairs of Novice Users”, CHI 2016

Okay, aber wie geht das jetzt mit Usable  
Security?