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To: For users of Fedora Core releases <fedora-list@redhat.com>

On Mon, Jun 06, 2005 at 06:05:58AM -0700, bruce wrote:

- > *but you still haven't addressed my problem/issue/question...*
- > *and that's how do i as a user (not an app) know that this is the right*
- > *site for the url i entered... my fear is that a malicious site, could*
- > *simply fake the information he's providing, to 'look' like the actual/real*
- > *site...*
- > *and as of yet.. i can't craft a solution to this issue...*

You could trust us that it's very hard to fake the SSL information, and then you could inspect that. (Double click on the little lock icon.) You'll see something like:

Web Site Identity Verified

The web site www.bu.edu supports authentication for the page you are viewing. The identity of this web site has been verified by Thawte Consulting cc, a certificate authority you trust for this purpose.

In the Firefox advanced preferences, you can manage which certificate authorities you trust.

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