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On Mon, 6 Jun 2005, bruce wrote:

> *matt, i unsderstand what you're saying...*
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> *but i still don't see how this protects/allows a user to 'know' that th site*
> *he's on is the correct site...*
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> *as an example. i go to the verisign site (www.verisign.com) i can select the*
> *verisign logo, which displays a pop-up. i read it, it looks good.. i think*
> *i'm secure...*
>
> *however, there's nothing that i look at, that couldn't be forged/faked by*
> *you or i with the right web app knowledge...*

No, that's the point, the cert is infeasible to forge.

> *i understand that the 'ssl/lock' is a function of the browser and is*
> *supposed to be used to present details of the ssl certificate employed... i*
> *also understand that the lock function is a component of the browser...*
> *however, this asumes the user knows to click on the 'lock'. if i were to*
> *provide a fake 'picture/icon' for the user to select, such that it displayed*
> *the fake ssl information, in all likelihood, the user wouldn't know the*
> *difference..*

Social engineering is something that can only be prevent through vigilance.

> *-bruce*
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> -----Original Message-----
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> *On Mon, Jun 06, 2005 at 06:05:58AM -0700, bruce wrote:*

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