

# SSL CN

The Common Name - CN - identifies a [hostname](#) associated with an [SSL](#) server [certificate](#).

The certificate is valid for a request only if the requested hostname matches the certificate common name.

For a single-name certificate, the common name is a single hostname (`example.com` or `www.example.com`).

For a wildcard certificate, the common name is a wildcard name (`*.example.com`).

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