

Kurer and DANEportal.net

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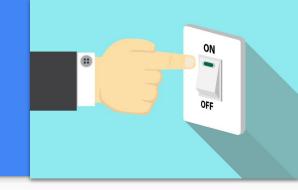
Making DANE easy

Using DANE protocols to power S/MIME

DANE is a powerful protocol suite:

- It makes doing security and privacy easier
- But what can we do to make DANE easier?





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 - Organizational boundaries
 - Usability concerns
 - ... Anything else?





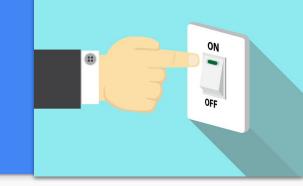




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... it starts with core internet protocols which everyone uses: email

- To find out exactly what **people need** to make end-to-end Internet security **seamless** and turned on **everywhere**: *make it invisible*



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... and find out what people need to make E2E security a default

We know one thing for sure:

E2E needs key management, and cert discovery





And if our ambitions are **Internet-scale**:

DANE is an excellent answer — and we made just the tool to make it easy

Making DANE easy:

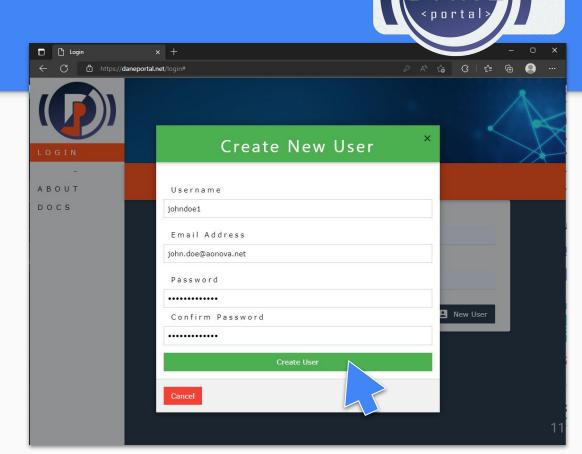


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- An open-source federated cert management portal and dedicated DNS infrastructure to make DANE easy
 - Domain holders enable DANE for their DNSSEC-signed zone
 - Email users manage their certs for their email addresses

Make a new user

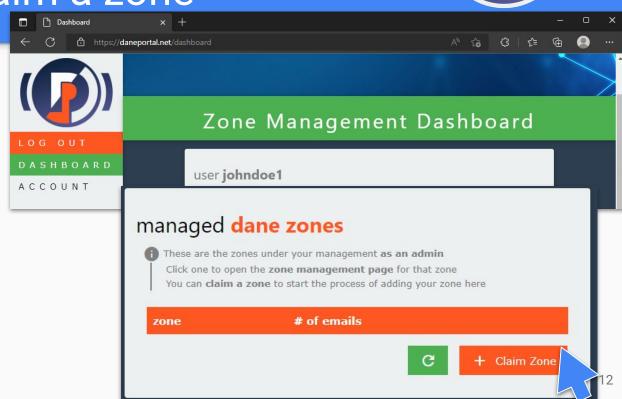
 Let's see how a new domain holder would enable DANE





Dashboard: claim a zone

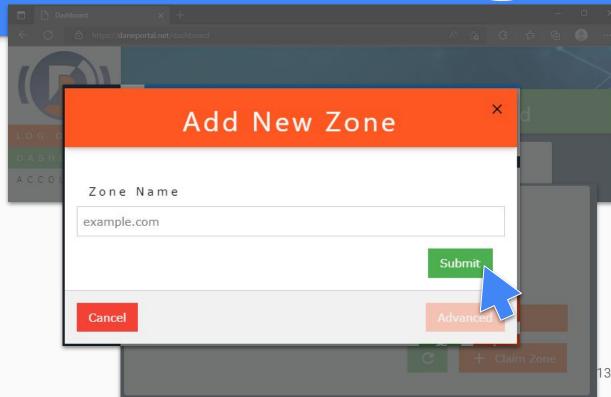
- Users can see the dane zones and email addresses managed under their portal dashboard
- Domain holders can enable DANE for their zone by first claiming it





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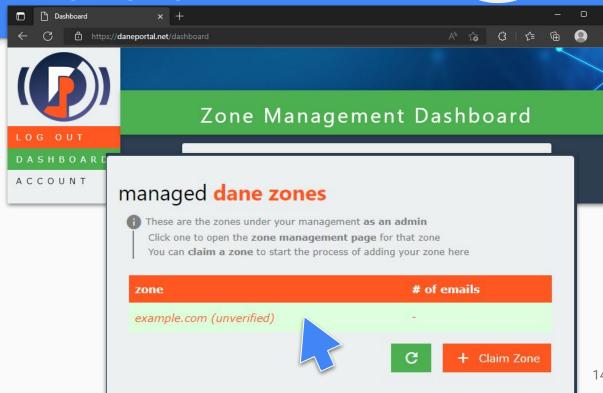
 Anyone can add a zone claim to their dashboard





Dashboard: claim a zone

But to actually create the **DANE zone** and **admin it** they will need to **verify** their claim



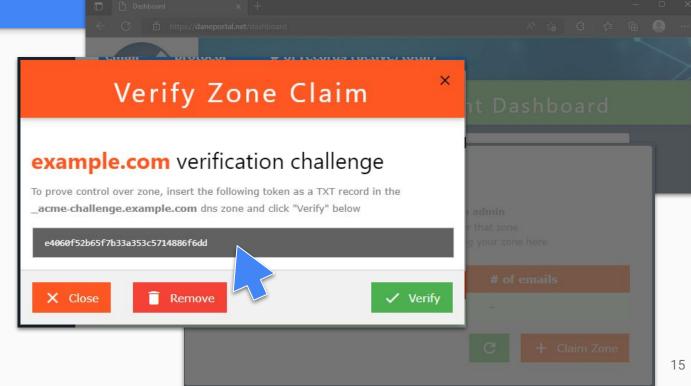


Dashboard: verify a claim



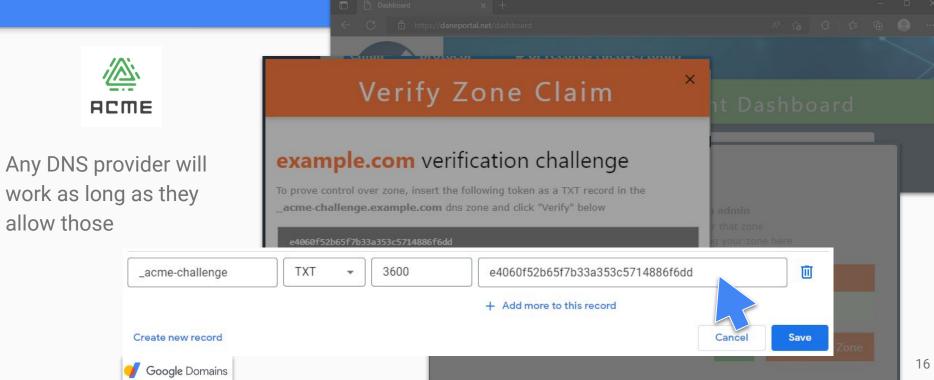
To prove ownership and verify, the user will need to add a TXT record and have the zone

DNSSEC enabled





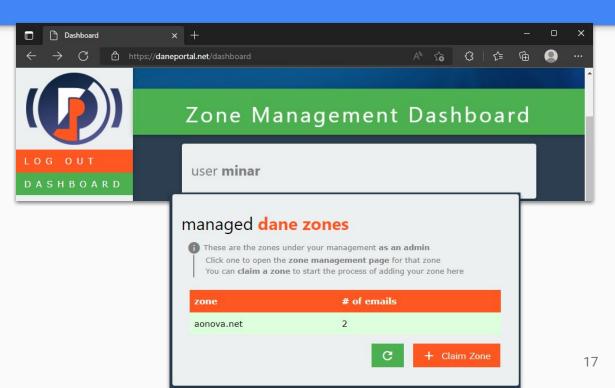
Dashboard: verify a claim





Let's see a real delegation

Once verified, daneportal will create the DANE zone for you





Zone management: delegation

status - Active

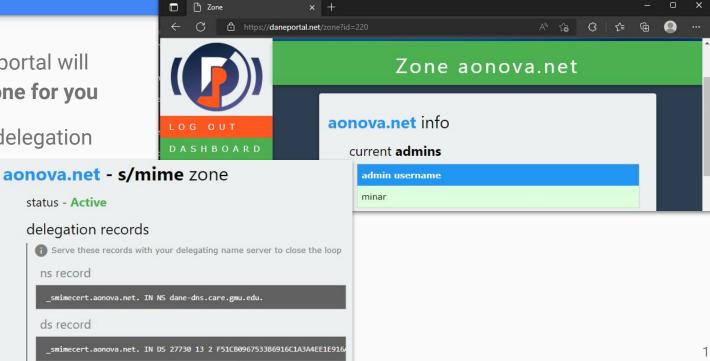
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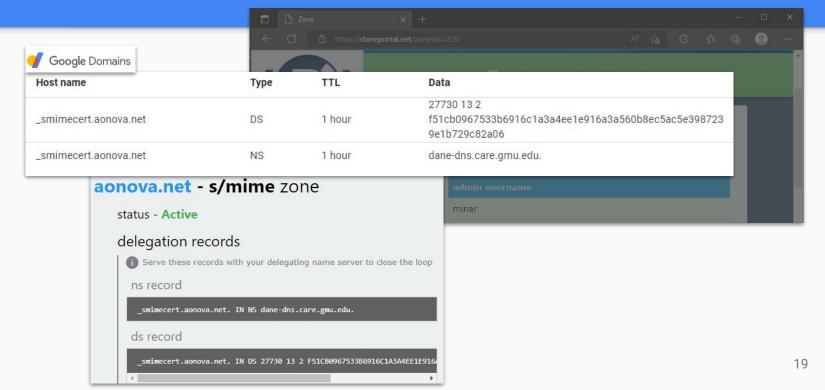
Just complete the delegation

to hook it up





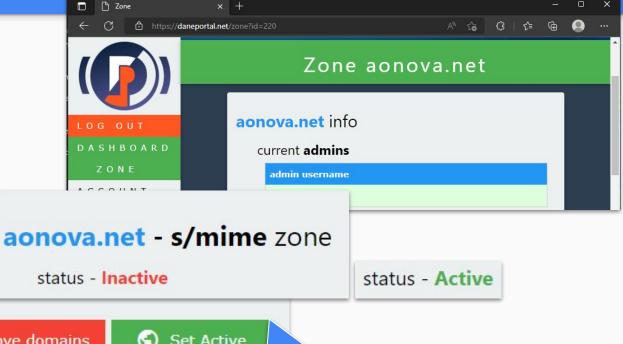
Zone management: delegation





Zone management: active

As admin you hold all the keys: daneportal will only serve the DANE zone when you set it active



Add domain



Remove domains



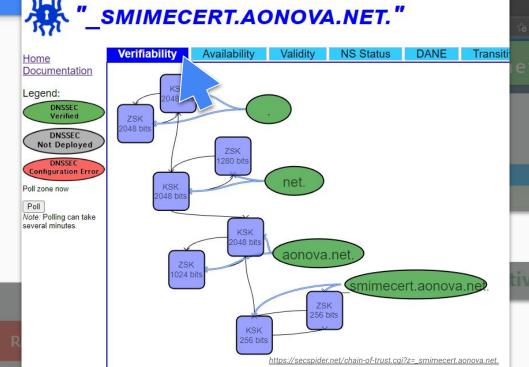
Set Active

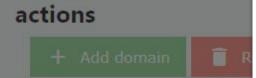


Zone management: active

Your DANE zone is now **live** with **DNSSEC**

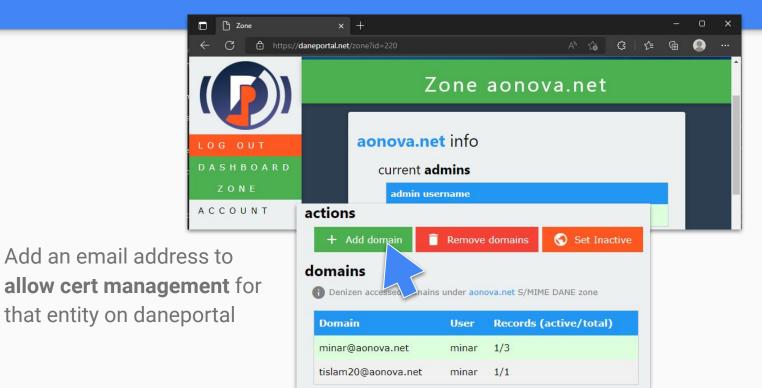
Confirm it checks out: secspider.net





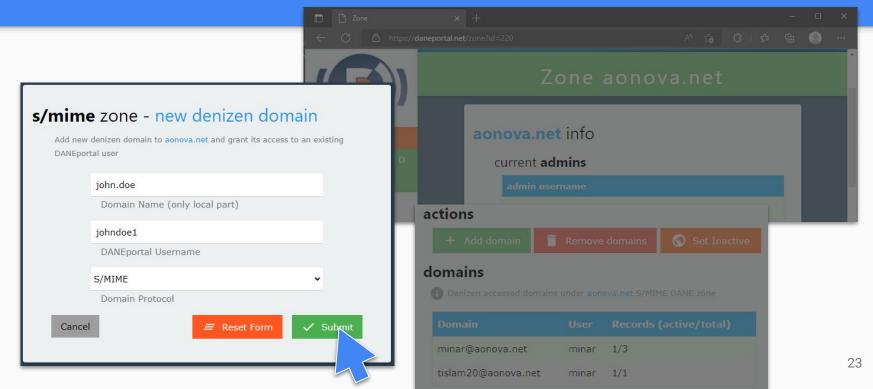


Zone management: add new email



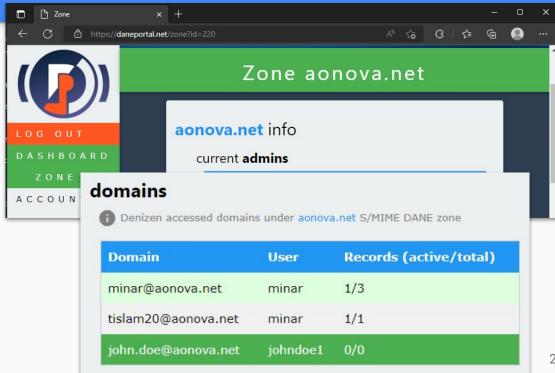


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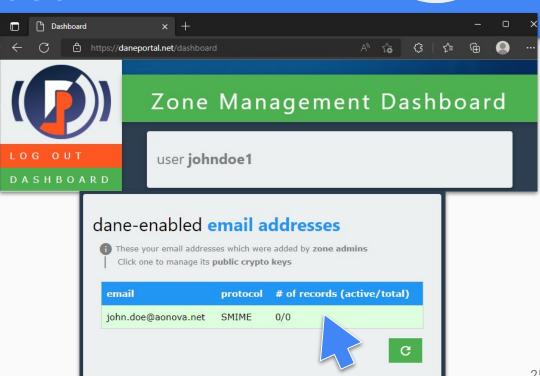
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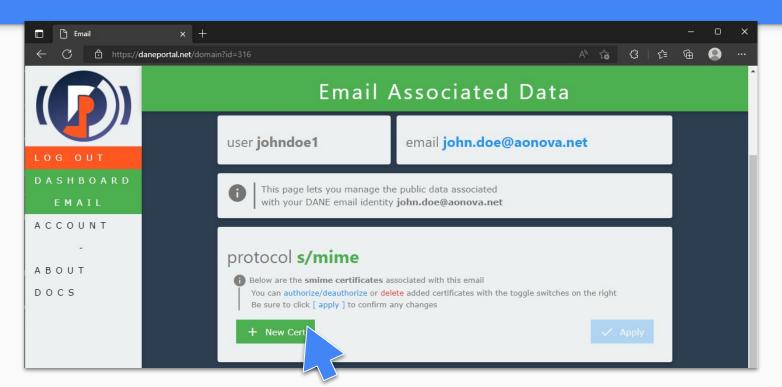
Dashboard: email user

Now lets see how that newly added email user can manage their certs on DANE under your zone



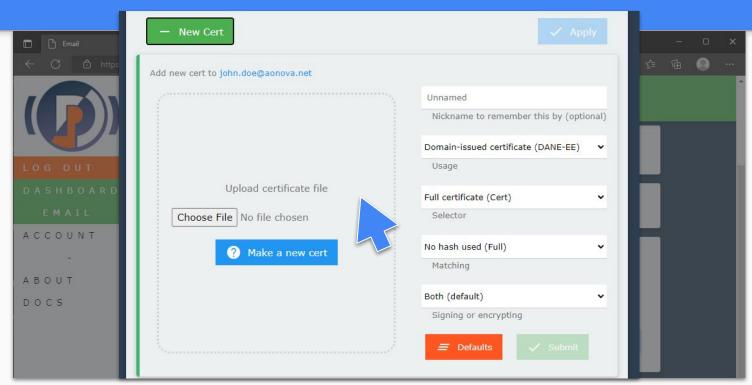


Email data: add new cert



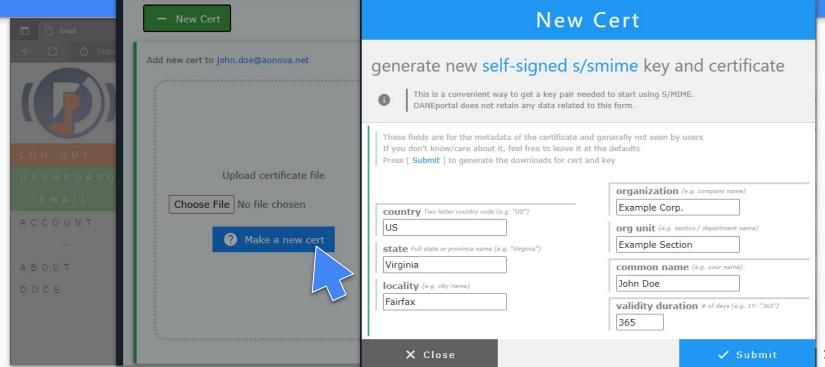


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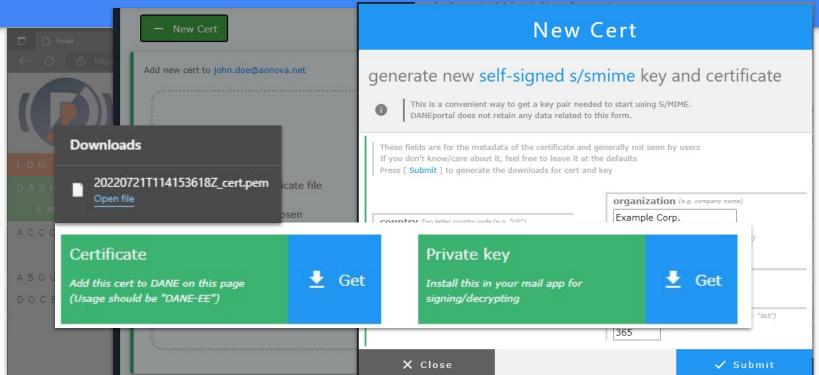


Email data: create a new cert



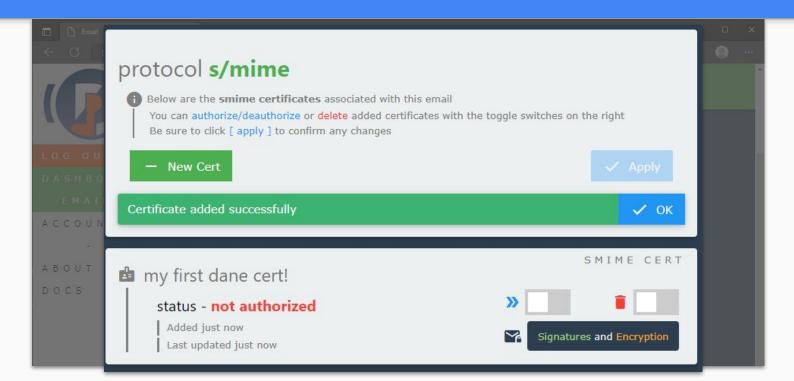


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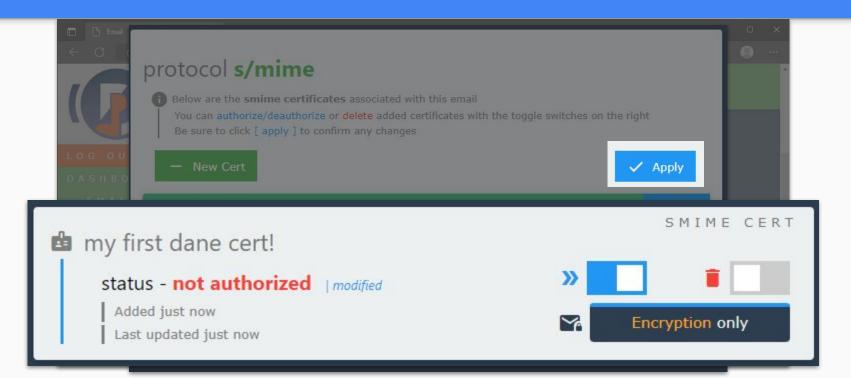


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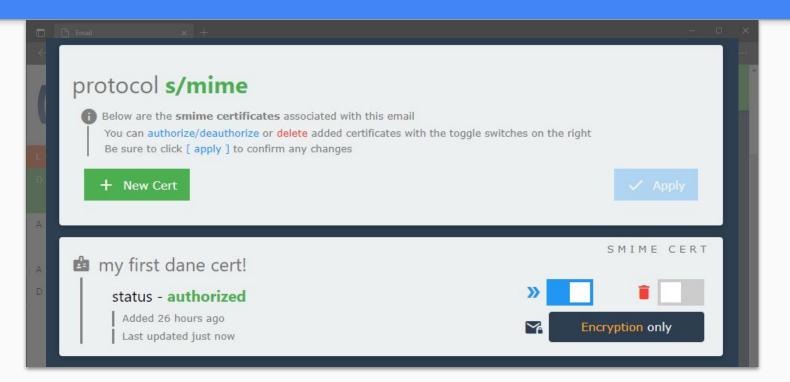


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Making DANE easy:



- Create an account
- Claim and verify their zone
- Hook up the DANE zone by DNS delegation
- Add email addresses / users under their zone

Email user: allow federated certificate management

- Access their email address under the portal
- Create/add certificates under their address on DANE
- Manage the state of their certs
- Check out the dets: https://daneportal.net/docs
- Give us feedback: <u>contact@daneportal.net</u>



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Now for the other half:

- Using certs from DANE needs integration with users' mail clients
 - MUA add-on Kurer

... to find out what people need to make **E2E security a default**



Invisible Security

- We don't have wide-scale E2E email security deployed on the Internet
- By observing our tools in action we can find out what makes sense if we are to make E2E a default
- To that end we instrumented our next tool as a live experiment
 - Where you can help us to get some real numbers on the human puzzle piece in security automation



Let's show just how easy it is

With Kurer on the popular email client of your choice

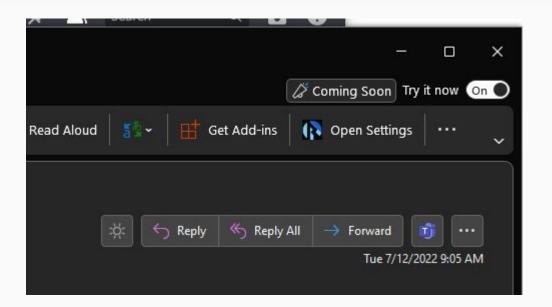




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Coming Soon Try it now On

Get Add-ins Open Settings · · ·



You just need to add your private key in the settings

New folder

✓ testK... > actalis_minar...

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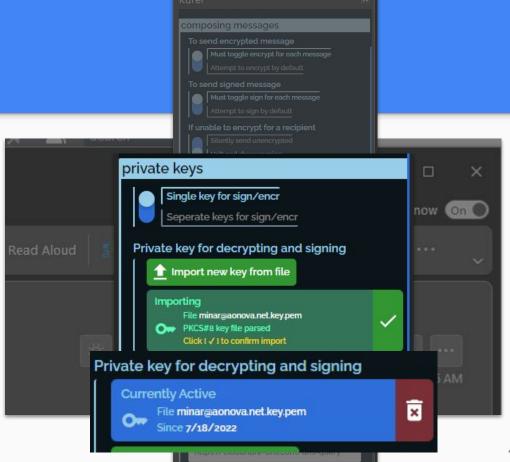
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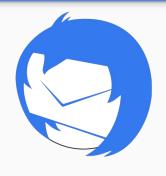
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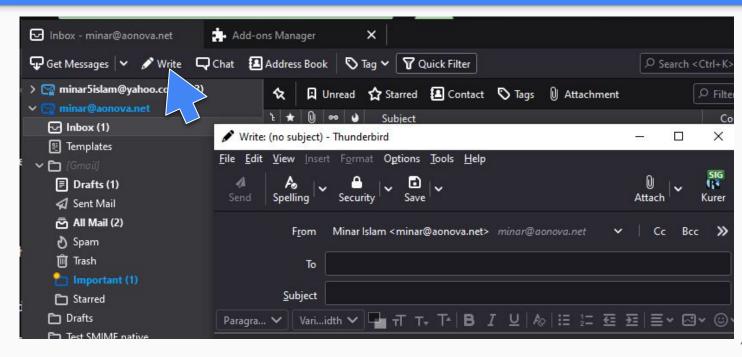
You just need to add your **private key** in the settings



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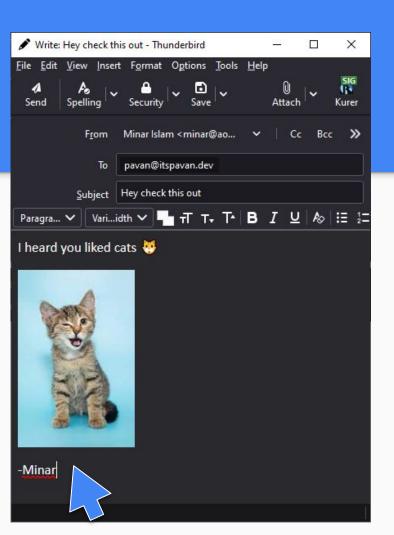
Now jump into a secure email convo with a stranger





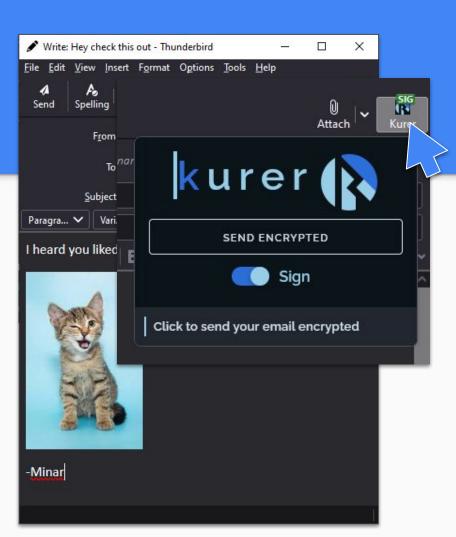
Compose as normal





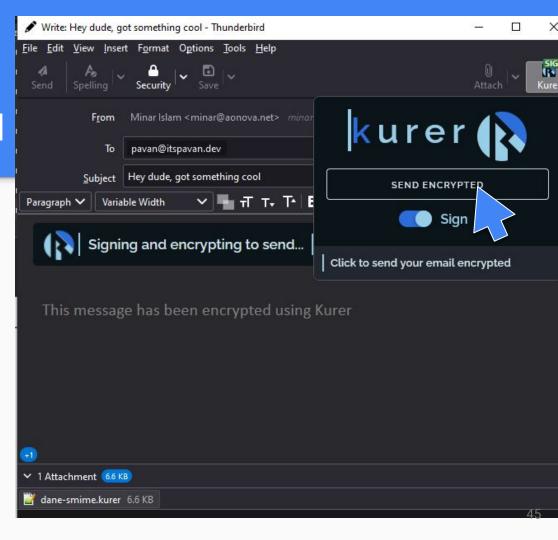
Decide to sign/encrypt





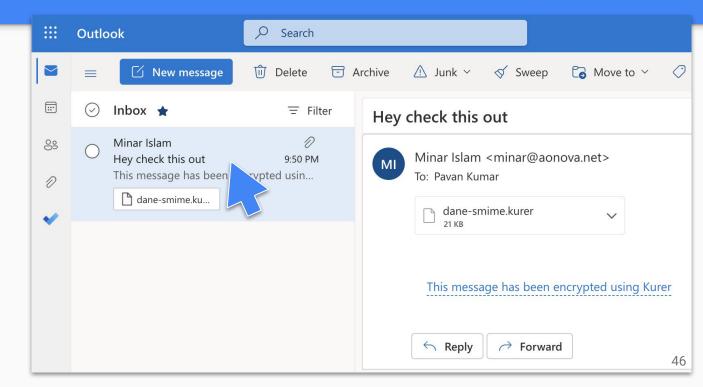
One click secure send





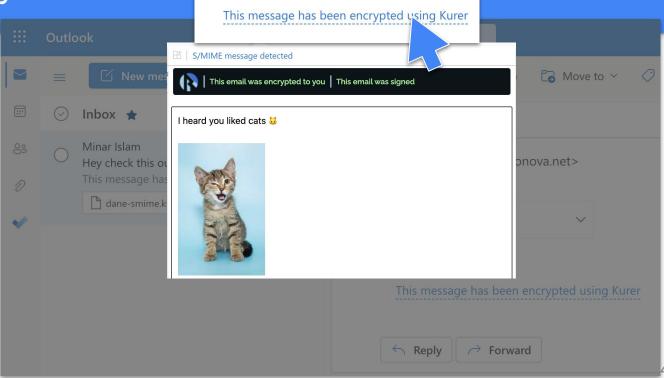
Read it on the other end





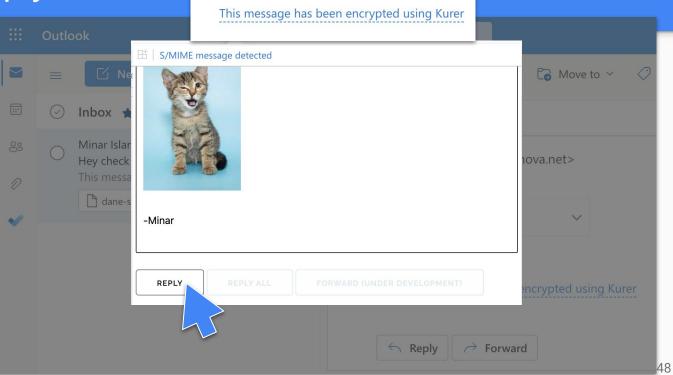
Quick security details





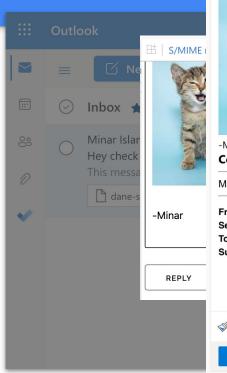
Easily start reply

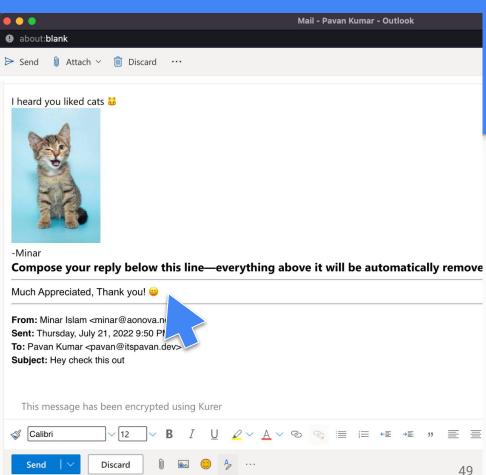




Reply as normal

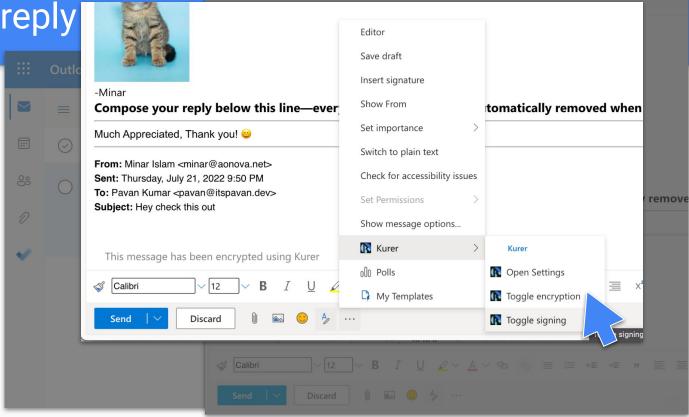




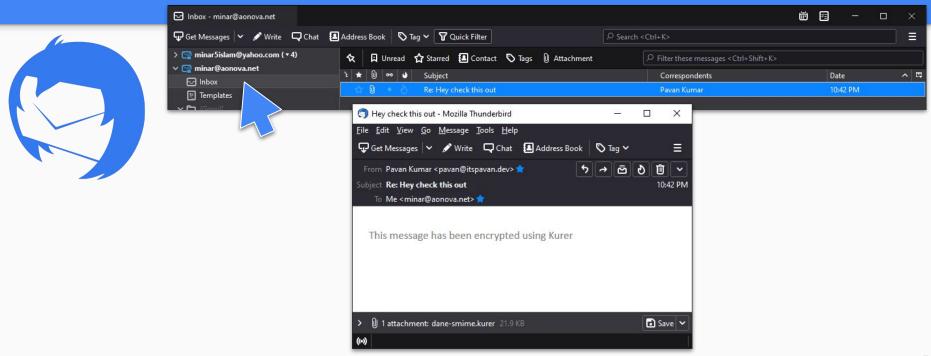








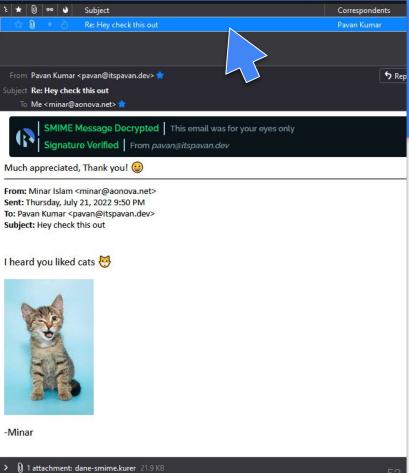
Read the reply



Seamless secure convo









Kurer: details

Secure messages sent as attachments (standard PKCS7 S/MIME)

> 🗓 1 attachment: dane-smime.kurer 1.6 KB

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Content-Type: application/pkcs7-mime; name=smime.p7m; smime-type=enveloped-data; charset=binary
Content-Description: Enveloped Data
Content-Disposition: attachment; filename=smime.p7m
Content-Transfer-Encoding: base64
Date: Fri, 15 Jul 2022 15:46:42 +0000
Message-Id: <1657900002932-8ede23ae-29300195-27d3d300@localhost>
MIME-Version: 1.0
MIIDsgYJKoZIhvcNAQcDoIIDozCCA58CAQIxggHiMIIB3gIBADCBljCBgTELMAkGA1UEBhMCSVQx
EDAOBgNVBAgMB0JlcmdhbW8xGTAXBgNVBAcMEFBvbnRlIFNhbiBQaWV0cm8xFzAVBgNVBAoMDkFjdGFsaXMqUy5wLkEuMSwwkqYDVQQDDCNBY3RhbGlzIENsaWVudCBBdXRoZW50aWNhdGlvbiBDQSBH
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- DANE cert resolution handled silently and directly
 - Does not step on client keystore
 - Can honor DANE cert Usage (even without PKIX)



Kurer: details

Live right now (<u>https://kurer.daneportal.net</u>) and open source

- For Outlook Exchange synchronized add-on
- And Thunderbird Standard .xpi package
- Standard installation flows

It's not just a convenient tool:

 Vital part of our research to discover what people need and expect to make E2E security a default at scale

What do people need?



We saw how people configure their keys, but what other settings to people need?

- We've condensed to a set of usable settings
 - o with (what we believe to be) sane defaults
- What should be silent vs explicit?



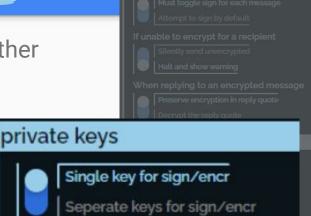
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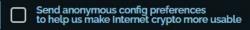


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We can learn from what they choose





Invisible Security: how?

- Kurer lets users opt-in to an anonymous user study
 - IRB approved

This is where **you can help us** to see what the shape of needed security is

Did you know?

Kurer is an <u>open-source project</u> and part of a study looking at cryptography designed for everyday people.

You can help us make it more usable by allowing Kurer to securely share anonymous configuration (only) statistics

If you accept, Kurer will share your preferred configuration choices anonymously. (i.e., data containing the toggle options you set on the options page)

This is only sent when clicking "Save".

Kurer will never track any email activity when reading or composing emails.

Kurer will also never send any other written input fields such as your keys or passwords, etc.

You are free to decline and continue to use Kurer without any restrictions

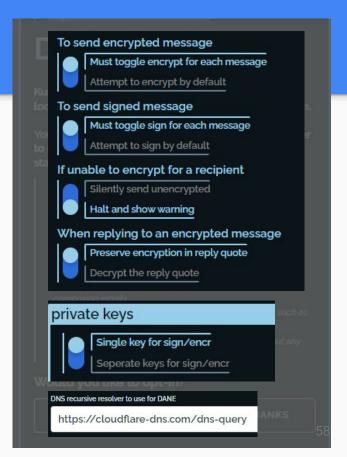
Would you like to opt-in?

ACCEPT

NO THANKS

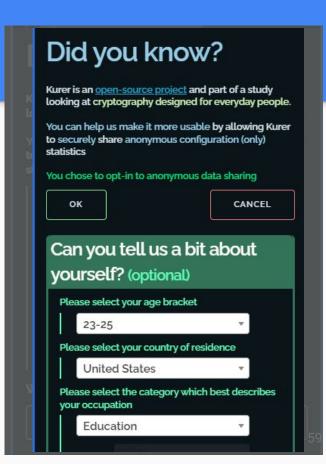


- When accepted, certain settings toggles will be securely shared with our telemetry server
 - Also, DoH resolver configured will be shared (if it is on the list of known public servers)



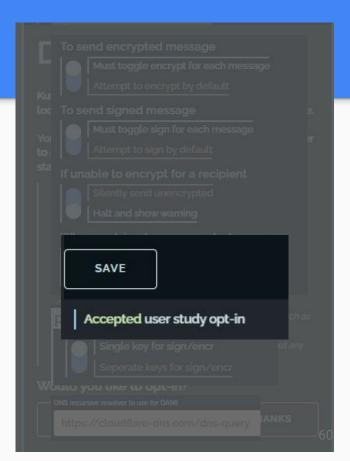


 Users can optionally answer basic demographic queries



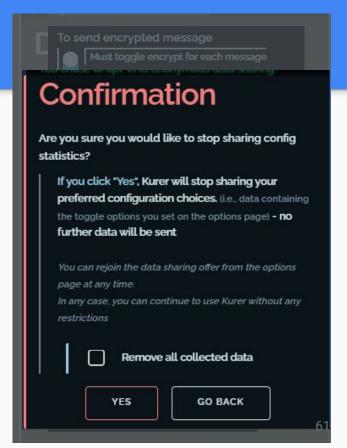


- Does **not** invade your privacy:
 - Telemetry is only shared when clicking "save" on the settings page after opting-in the user study
 - We never track or care about your emails,
 only noting the set default configs





- You have the right to be forgotten
 - Users can toggle off their participation at any time
 - On top of sent data being anonymous, users can also request all the data ever sent from their current install to be purged



Send anonymous config preferences to help us make Internet crypto more usable

We can't do it alone

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Big picture

- DANE as an architecture lets us make E2E security more seamless for the everyday person on the Internet
- In the past the IETF made a push for "HTTPS everywhere" and we now live in a world where Internet-scale transport security is the default
 - We believe that sort of ubiquity should be the case for E2E: *Internet-scale Object Security*
- We start with tools for email security but this is the proving grounds
 - Try them out, and help us to see what users need
 - Further our research on using DANE advance CTI, mHealth, SCC, etc, to be what users actually need

Thank you