

# Open Security Standards and their Adoption Mapping

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The principles of the basic architecture of the Internet have always favored simplicity and scalability over security. This was a clever decision at that time since it prevented the adoption of wrong solutions to poorly understood problems, which would make the Internet architecture centralized, fragile and unable to scale and evolve. Public-key cryptography, for example, was still little known at the time, while today it forms the basis of all decentralized and scalable Internet security solutions.

Thus, security mechanisms were added later in a continuous trial and error process, and standardized year after year by the IETF. Some of these standards bring new operational costs that sometimes do not immediately produce the intended results. Thus, sometimes, progress in their deployment is disappointingly slow. For this reason, users, whose privacy and security protection should be the ultimate goal of these standards, must have a say and be able to ask their software, service and connectivity providers to deploy all possible security mechanisms.

In this presentation we will briefly review some fundamental standards for Internet security as well as how users can know their degree of adoption by their providers, or in their country, and put pressure on them to adopt and deliver services based on the proper security standards. We will introduce several sites that allow us to know how some of our providers are performing in this respect, as well as sites that monitor the adoption of some of these standards in different regions. This way, suppliers may have market driven reasons to enhance their services, instead of postponing the decision of deploying all safety standards already available.

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