DigiCert now offers code signing certificates, currently in beta testing, to validate publishers of software and applications as trusted individuals and organizations. These certificates also protect the code itself so that if it is modified or corrupted, the user will be warned about trusting the distributor of the software or application.

Code signing certificates are extremely valuable since they can be used to sign any program code. Whether it is distributed online or on a physical disk, using these certificates will validate the provider as a legitimate and trusted source.

End users will be asked if they trust the publisher upon program installation and with a code signing certificate, the validated organization’s name will be displayed instead of an untrusted or unknown source.

DigiCert’s code signing certificates start at $223 and are available in 1-, 2-, or 3-year terms. They are compatible with Microsoft, Java, Apple, and Adobe applications and code signing certificate support is available for all four applications on the DigiCert website.

For questions about code signing certificates or any DigiCert products, please contact our support team by sending an email to support@digicert.com or calling in to 1-800-896-7973.
Facebook Increases Security
Secure Browsing Option Now Available

On January 26, Facebook announced expanded usage of HTTPS through a new “Account Settings” feature for all Facebook users that automatically enables secure browsing whenever possible. By enabling the “Secure Browsing” option, users can ensure that the information they send while interacting on Facebook remains private when they do browse over a secure connection.

https://blog.facebook.com/blog.php?post=486790652130

This new feature is especially useful for those who log in and use their Facebook account from public Internet access points at airports, cafes, schools, or libraries. You can find this new setting under the “Account Security” portion of the “Account Settings” page.

Enabling this feature might cause Facebook to run slower since encrypted pages take more time to load. According to Facebook’s blog, “some Facebook features, including many third-party applications, are not currently supported in HTTPS.” Facebook is working on resolving these issues and will rollout the expanded usage of HTTPS over the next several weeks.

Facebook also states they “hope to offer HTTPS as a default whenever you are using Facebook sometime in the future.” For any questions about encryption or SSL certificates, please call our support team at 1-800-896-7973 or send an email to support@digicert.com.