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World websites to have SSL available to use in 2015

SSL will be free starting Summer 2015

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USPA NEWS - Summer of 2015 marks the start of free SSL certificates becoming available for anyone using a website.
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November 18th it was announced by the Electronic Frontier Foundation (EFF) announced a project that will make SSL and encryption on the web completely free. They have created a non-profit organization called the Internet Security Research Group (ISRG) in collaboration with Mozilla, the University of Michigan, Cisco, Akamai and Identrust. They are launching a project termed Lets Encrypt which will make available free SSL certificates to any website.

Normally you would need to buy a SSL certificate from a provider for each site you wish to protect. Pricing varies among provider sites but usually there are no discounts for multiple sites, so the cost is very prohibitive for small business owners or private website owners. If you are not using any SSL all of your information can be seen by anyone on the web as that information is passed from server to server.

Now that SSL certificates will become available for no cost and have easy installation, there would be no reason to not have the added protection that a SSL certificate would offer your website. Thankfully installation will be done with just a few keystrokes and not require any real knowledge of programming or website maintenance. The only other concern would be how does free certificates impact the company offering them and will consumers be subjected to some type of ads or other intrusions?

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