

What is a Wildcard SSL certificate?

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Wildcard SSL certificates secure your website URL and an unlimited number of its subdomains. For example, a single Wildcard certificate can secure `www.coolexample.com`, `blog.coolexample.com`, and `store.coolexample.com`. Wildcard certificates secure the common name and all subdomains at the level you specify when you submit your request. Just add an asterisk (*) in the subdomain area to the left of the common name. **Examples** If you request your certificate for `*.coolexample.com`, you can secure: `coolexample.com` **www.coolexample.com** **photos.coolexample.com** **blog.coolexample.com** If you request your certificate for `*.www.coolexample.com`, you can secure: `www.coolexample.com` **mail** `.www.coolexample.com` **photos.www.coolexample.com** **blog.www.coolexample.com** Wildcard certificates secure websites just like regular SSL certificates, and requests are processed using the same validation methods. However, some Web servers might require a unique IP address for each subdomain on the Wildcard certificate.

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