

# Re: ClickOnce Security Risk

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NickP wrote:

Hi there,

I've discovered what I believe to be a security risk with ClickOnce. I have only just started publishing my application using our own Trusted certificate, before this I was using a test certificate.

The problem is that when I published a new build with the new certificate and then updated the client on a separate machine, it didn't even warn me that the signature did not match the previous version. Surely this is a security risk? So basically I could create an application with the same name / guid etc, use a test certificate with a similar company name and then overwrite the app and the user would be none the wiser...

Unless I've missed the point somewhere along the lines of course.

I'm surprised, I have seen exactly the opposite, any change in certificate being considered completely invalid. Did the user run the update from a shortcut on their machine, or go to the web site again? You may have simply installed a new program on their machine, not updated the old one.