

THE SECURITY SYSTEM WITH AN 'A' RATING HOW TO TEST IF YOUR PORTAL IS AS SECURE AS IT SHOULD BE

You've invested in a high quality, state-of-the-art security solution, which means all your private data is secure, right? Not necessarily. Even the best, most cutting edge system can be vulnerable to breaches if the portal you use to manage it isn't secure.

One critical way to make certain the management portal you use is protected from being compromised by third parties is to verify the effectiveness of its Secure Sockets Layer (SSL) implementation — a technology that encrypts private information (login credentials, data transfer and other sensitive information) between you and the web server. The SSL Labs test, a free online assessment that performs a deep analysis of the configuration on any server, is an easy way to do this.

Developed by Qualys, Inc., a leading provider of cloud security and compliance solutions, the SSL Labs test checks the SSL implementation for any weaknesses or misconfigurations and assigns a letter-grade of "A" through "F." A site that receives anything other than an "A" may be vulnerable to security violations unless its configuration is updated.

Fortunately, Kastle customers don't have to worry as the myKastle portal — the interface used to manage Kastle solutions — has an "A" rating. That's because, as Todd Scalzott, director of Information Technology at Kastle explained, the company has made it a priority to configure its servers to ensure that they aren't vulnerable to exploits. "We have a security team that is continuously keeping abreast of the latest developments and ensuring that they are implemented quickly to be as secure as we possibly can be," he said.

Concerns about data breaches underscore how critical it is to work with a security company that has such a team in place. "There are a lot of variables that are easy to neglect when it comes to making a site secure," Scalzott said. "It takes highly adaptable, knowledgeable team to make sure you are really protected."

Wondering what kind of SSL rating your portal has? It's easy to find out. Visit https://www.ssllabs.com/ssltest/, submit your site URL, and the test automatically generates a letter grade. You shouldn't have to waste precious time and energy worrying if your data is protected.

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