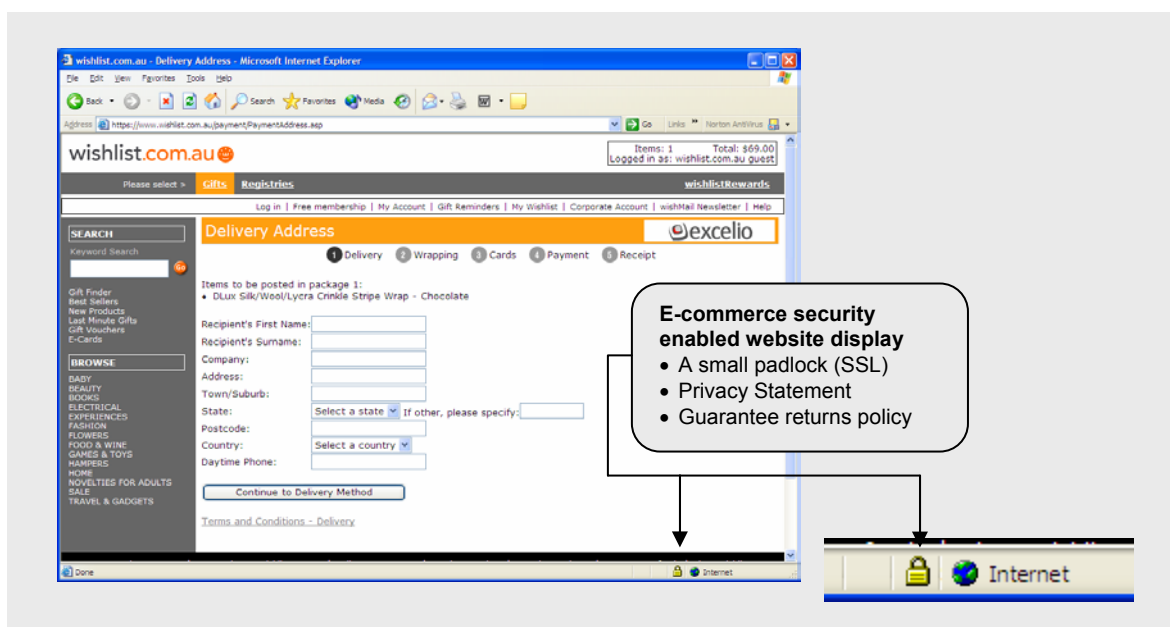


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How do I tell if I'm completing a secure transaction?

When conducting transactions online, it is important to make sure they are carried out securely. The most common mechanism for ensuring secure transactions on websites is Secure Sockets Layer (SSL). SSL is widely used because it is supported in all the major web browsing software packages.

To ensure that a website that is selling a product or service is using SSL, look for the small padlock in the bottom right hand corner of the Internet browser as shown in the www.wishlist.com.au example below.



When the padlock in the bottom right hand corner of the Internet browser appears on the screen, the computer has successfully established a secure connection with the website. This ensures that personal details, order details, credit card details, delivery address and contact telephone numbers are protected whilst they are sent to the online store.

Apart from the padlock, using SSL is virtually an invisible process. You will also notice that most sites using SSL have an address that begins with <https://> rather than <http://>.

Terms you should know

SSL (Secure Sockets Layer) - The most widely used security protocol on the Internet, often used for online shopping sites. SSL creates a secure channel so that data can be sent between a website and an individual PC without being intercepted by others.