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Answer

There are multiple ways another user's certificate can be added to your keychain, but the most common cause is a user sending you a secure email using the S/MIME standard. Messages sent with S/MIME include the sender's public certificate, which Mail automatically adds to your keychain when the message is viewed. A user's public certificate cannot be used to access secure websites and does not give them access to your machine or data.