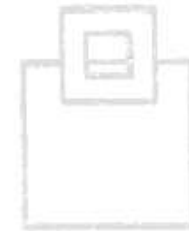


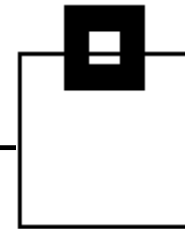
Understand, manage and love certificates in z/OS and USS

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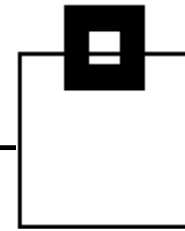


- General basics
 - Where/what are certificates used for?
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- Real examples from the ZOWE ecosystem,
 - as well as z/OSMF, UMS, SQLDI, Db2
- Managing certificates in USS and z/OS
- Analyzing certificate issues



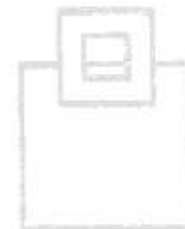
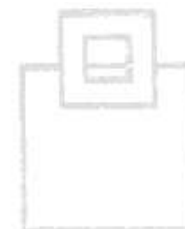
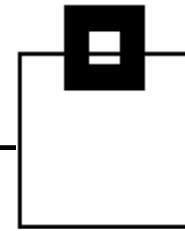
General Basics

- Like an official identity card in the analog world, a certificate reliably proves an identity in the digital world to
 - Protect from fake identities
 - Refer to an authority that proves the identity
 - Acknowledge the data by the electronic signature of the authority
 - Relate a public key (owner) to an identity
 - Associate a public key to the identity data of
 - a person
 - an organization
 - a device



General Basics

- Digital certificates, or public key certificates, or identity certificates are used to **identify** and **validate** an unknown origin and to **communicate securely** with it
 1. It includes information about the owner/subject, plus typically a certificate of the entity/issuer that has verified the owner/subject
 2. It includes a public key that allows asymmetric, one-way encryption
 - The public key is intended to be shared
 - A Public key enables anybody to encrypt content
 - Only the corresponding private key of a public/private key pair can decrypt the content



General Basics

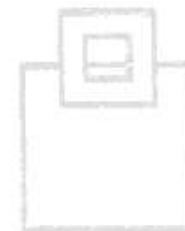
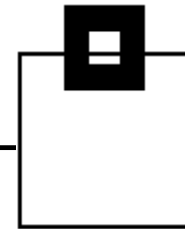
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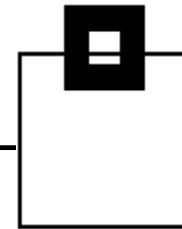
1. prove an identity and
2. to provide a key
which is part of the document

→ Once a certificate is verified to be trustworthy the validity proves

- sender/integrity of an e-mail (S/MIME)
 - authenticity of a payment card for transactions (EMV)
 - owner/integrity/genuine of apps/binaries (code signing)
 - Document, eID, role, ...
 - device (domain/host/IP) (TLS/SSL)
-
- Further, the public key can be used for secure communication with a
 - Person, or organization (e.g. e-mail, messaging)
 - Device (https, ftps, sftp, ssh, VPN, RDP...)




Where/what are certificates used for?



Digital Signature: Valid

Subject: RE: [EXTERNAL] RE: SEGUS Runtime Stats Maintenance Packa
From: db2support
Signed By: db2support@segus.com

 The digital signature on this message is Valid and Trusted.


For more information about the certificate used to digitally sign the message. click Details.

Warn me about errors in digitally signed messages



Digital Signature: Valid

Subject: RE: IBM Verify
From: Heinrich, Ulf
Signed By: u.heinrich@segus.com

 The digital signature on this message is Valid and Trusted.

For more information about the certificate used to digitally sign the message. click Details.

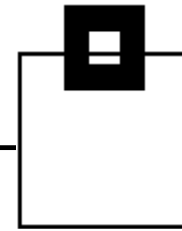
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Where/what are certificates used for?

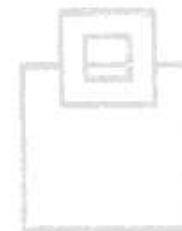
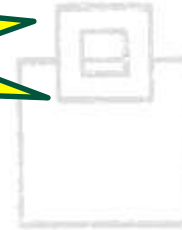


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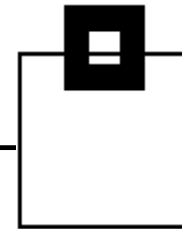


Program signing and verification

This chapter provides information about enabling users to digitally sign programs and enabling RACF® to verify signed programs.

⌊This chapter also provides instructions for enabling RACF support for Validated Boot for z/OS. Here, you must perform some set-up activities before using Validated Boot for z/OS to sign IPL data. The term *IPL data* includes IPL text and system load modules, such as the system residence volume (SYSRES) contents. With Validated Boot for z/OS, your installation can ensure that its IPL data is intact, untampered-with, and originates from a trusted build-time source. Information about RACF support for Validated Boot for z/OS is provided in [IPL data signing for Validated Boot for z/OS](#). ⌋

Where/what are certificates used for?




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Certified by Software Engineering GmbH <db2announcement@seg.de>, Marketing, certificate issued by D-TRUST Application Certificates CA 3-12013. | Signature Panel

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BufferPool HealthCheck for Db2 z/OS High Performance for your data

BufferPool HealthCheck for Db2 z/OS is a lightweight, fast Db2 for z/OS Local and Group Bufferpool checker that identifies thresholds that can cause performance degradation.

The Db2 Buffer pools are the central area of Db2. They are used by everything and, arguably, they have been forgotten over the past years. especially the GROUP BUFFERPOOLS have all fallen into the shadows. Afterall, just add some CPs, ZIIPs or some memory and all is well?

So, what does **BufferPool HealthCheck for Db2 z/OS** then do? It issues -DISPLAY BUFFERPOOL and -DISPLAY GROUPBUFFERPOOL commands, reads the results, computes various values and checks if these values have broken any pre-defined thresholds or not.

Freeware Version

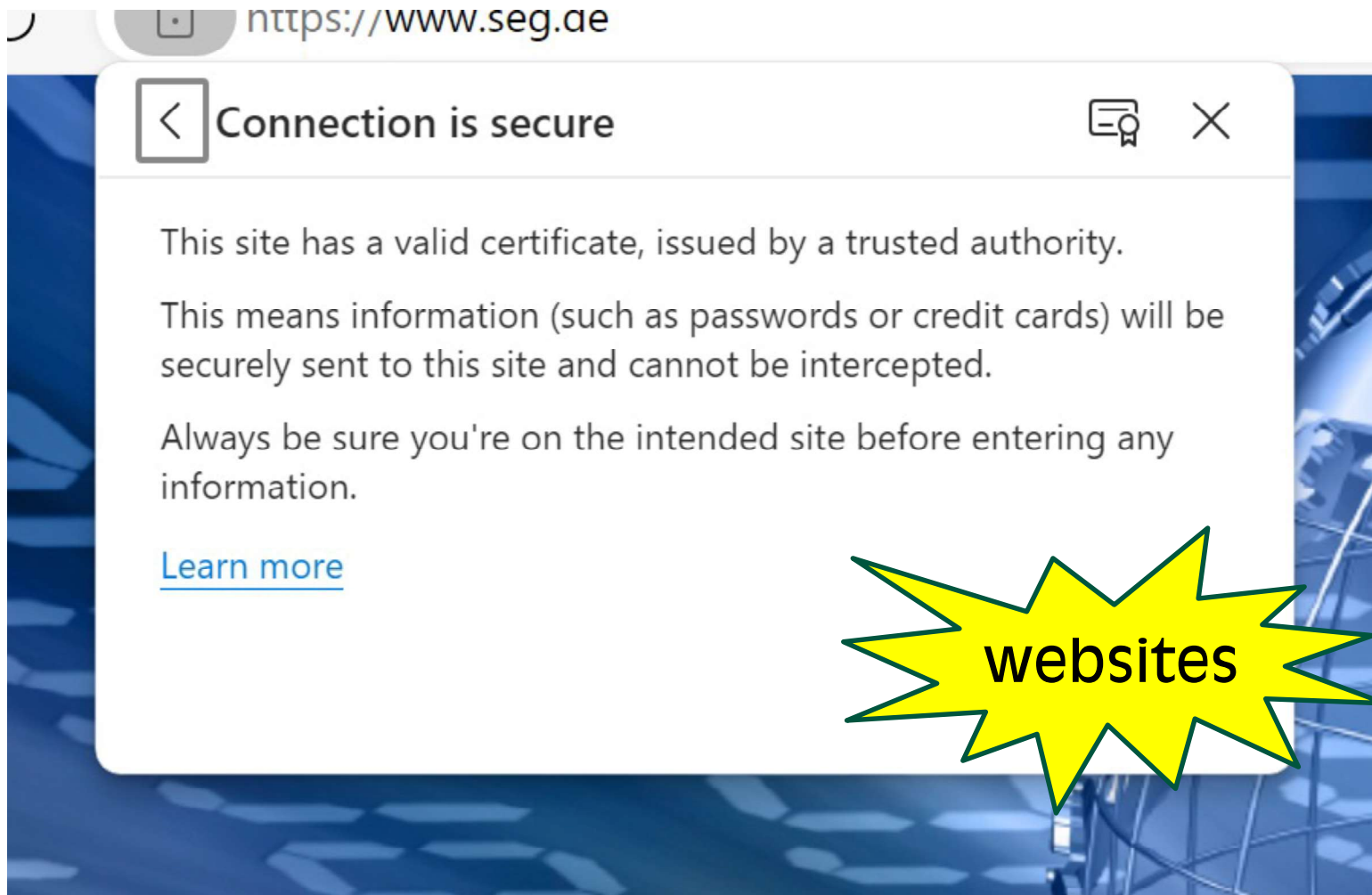
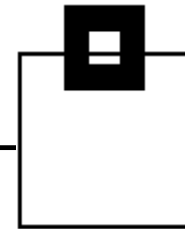
The Freeware Version is a simple Batch job that outputs to SYSPRINT.

Licensed Freeware:
Comes as a lightweight Batch job
Validates more than 30 rules (system residency, prefetch, VPSEQT, ...)

The full WLX version:
Supports BP simulation

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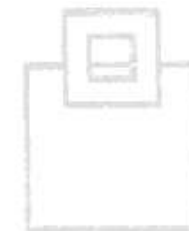
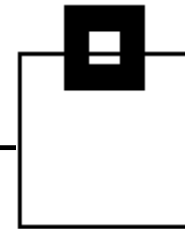
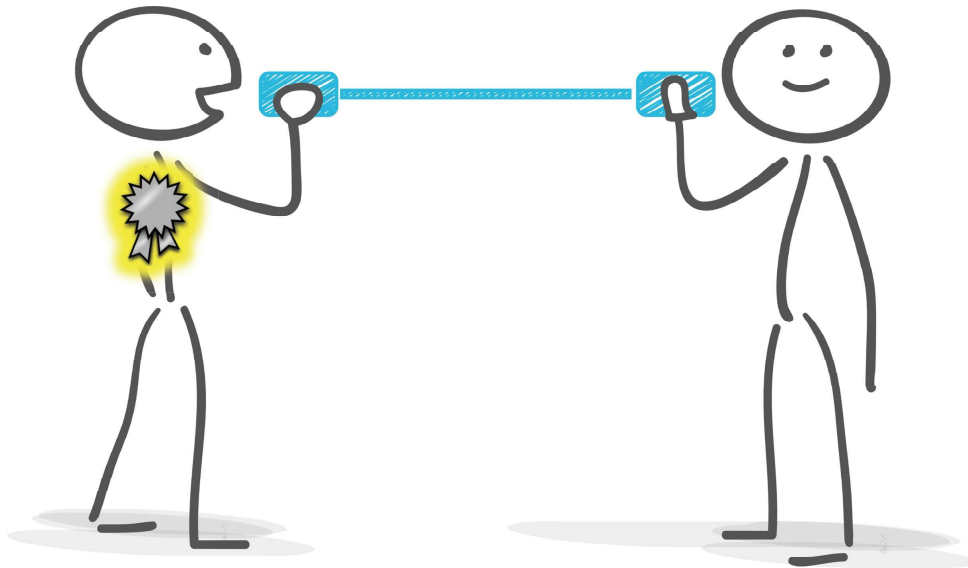
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Where/what are certificates used for?

The technology is always the same, but today we focus on secure client – server communication:

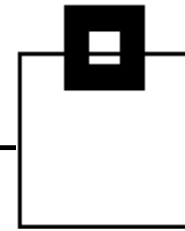
1. Assure that a subject is really the one it supposes to be.
2. Assure that the information exchanged isn't manipulated.
3. Assure that the communication is treated confidentially.



How is it used/realized?

Let's have a closer look at secure client – server communication:

- A standardized process,...
 - 1987 Secure Data Network System (SDNS) project initiated
 - 1996 using SSL 3.0 under governance of the IETF to develop internet-standards
 - since 1999 continuously enhanced as transport layer security (TLS)
- ... that anybody understand/supports
 - Any current client (e.g. browser, desktop, smartphome) and server (e.g. mail, web, database) supports secure communication via the X.509 based mechanisms
 - TLS handshake
 - TLS record



How is it used/realized?

Secure client – server communication starts with a secure connection request, (e.g. https, ftps, ...) and often requires to specify a secure port:

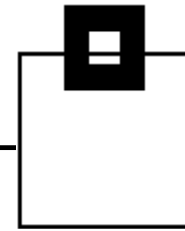
`https://s0w1.dus.seg.de:10443/zosmf`

1. Connection request from a client to a server
2. Server replies with its certificate
3. Verification of the replying server and its trustworthiness by the client
4. Connection dependent handshake of the encryption between client and server

Optionally: Certificate authentication of the client

Verification of the client by the server

5. Start encrypted communication



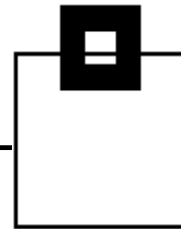
How is it used/realized?

After we've received the certificate (including a key) from a server how is the information verified to guarantee its identity?

- **A certificate alone does not guarantee the identity shown, nor its trustworthiness!**
 - An identity can only be proved by a trusted entity
 - Trustworthiness can only be judged by the communication partner

- So, how can a client know if the communication partner is safe and trustworthy?
 1. Either the provided certificate is individually categorized trustworthy,
 2. or a superior certificate authority (CA) is trusted that confirms the identity shown (certificate chain)

This is the major concept used throughout X.509-based TLS.

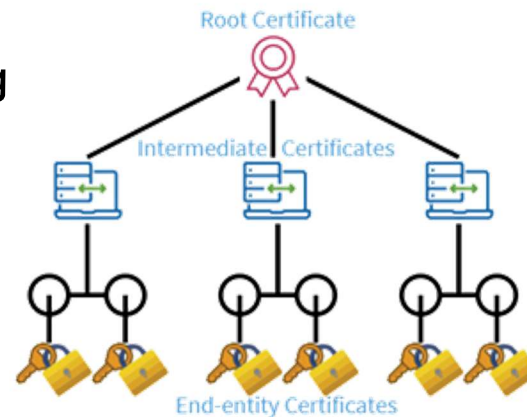


How is it used/realized?

Who is a *superior certificate authority* (CA)?

- Higher instance in a certificate chain of trust (intermediate, or root)
 - Reputable, commonly trusted organizations*
 - May assign limited duties to external identity authorities
 - Companies usually have an “internal” CA to simplify certificate management
- Validates the content of a certificate (signing request - CSR) and can issue/revoke certificates inheriting trustworthiness
 - **Certificates signed by a trusted CA are automatically trusted!**

*The Certification Authority Browser Forum (CA/Browser Forum) is a voluntary gathering of certificate Issuers and suppliers of internet browser software and other applications that use certificates.



How is it used/realized?

Who is a *superior certificate authority* (CA)?

https://www.seg.de

Connection is secure

This site has a valid certificate, issued by a trusted authority.

This means information (such as passwords or credit cards) will be securely sent to this site and cannot be intercepted.

Always be sure you're on the intended site before entering any information.

[Learn more](#)

Certificate Viewer: seg.de

General Details

Certificate Hierarchy

- ISRG Root X1
 - R3
 - seg.de

Certificates

Intended purpose: <All>

Other People Intermediate Certification Authorities Trusted Root Certification Authorities

Issued To	Issued By	Expiration...	Friendly Name
D-TRUST Root CA 3 2013	D-TRUST Root CA 3 2013	9/20/2028	D-TRUST Root
GlobalSign	GlobalSign	3/18/2029	GlobalSign Ro
GlobalSign Root CA	GlobalSign Root CA	1/28/2028	GlobalSign Ro
Go Daddy Class 2 Certification A...	Go Daddy Class 2 Certifi...	6/29/2034	Go Daddy Clas
Go Daddy Root Certificate Autho...	Go Daddy Root Certificat...	1/1/2038	Go Daddy Roo
IdenTrust Commercial Root CA 1	IdenTrust Commercial R...	1/16/2034	IdenTrust Con
ISRG Root X1	ISRG Root X1	6/4/2035	ISRG Root X1
Microsoft Authenticode(tm) Root...	Microsoft Authenticode(t...	1/1/2000	Microsoft Auth
Microsoft ECC Product Root Cert...	Microsoft ECC Product R...	2/27/2043	Microsoft ECC
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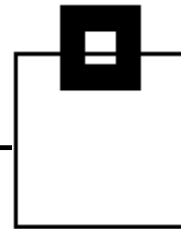
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Certificate intended purposes

Client Authentication, Server Authentication

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How is it used/realized?

Besides the verification of an identity we want to initiate the secure connection, but

- Client and server may not know each others yet
- Communicating securely requires that both parties are able to encrypt and to decrypt the information sent/received

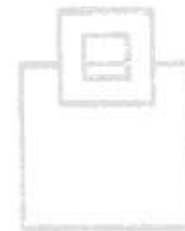
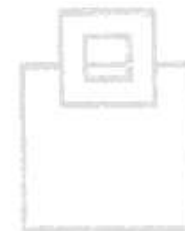
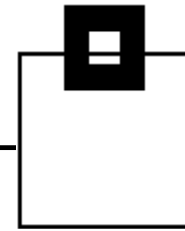


BUT:

- Without a common (symmetric) encryption key, no encryption!
- If they'd negotiate a key to start encryption, it would need to be unencrypted and someone else on the network could use a network sniffer, steal the key and compromise the encryption

The solution:

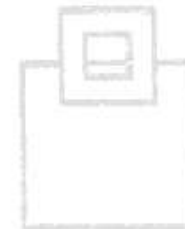
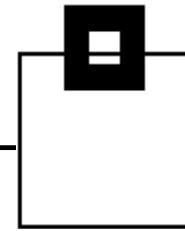
- Client and server negotiate the symmetric encryption key using asymmetric encryption



How is it used/realized?

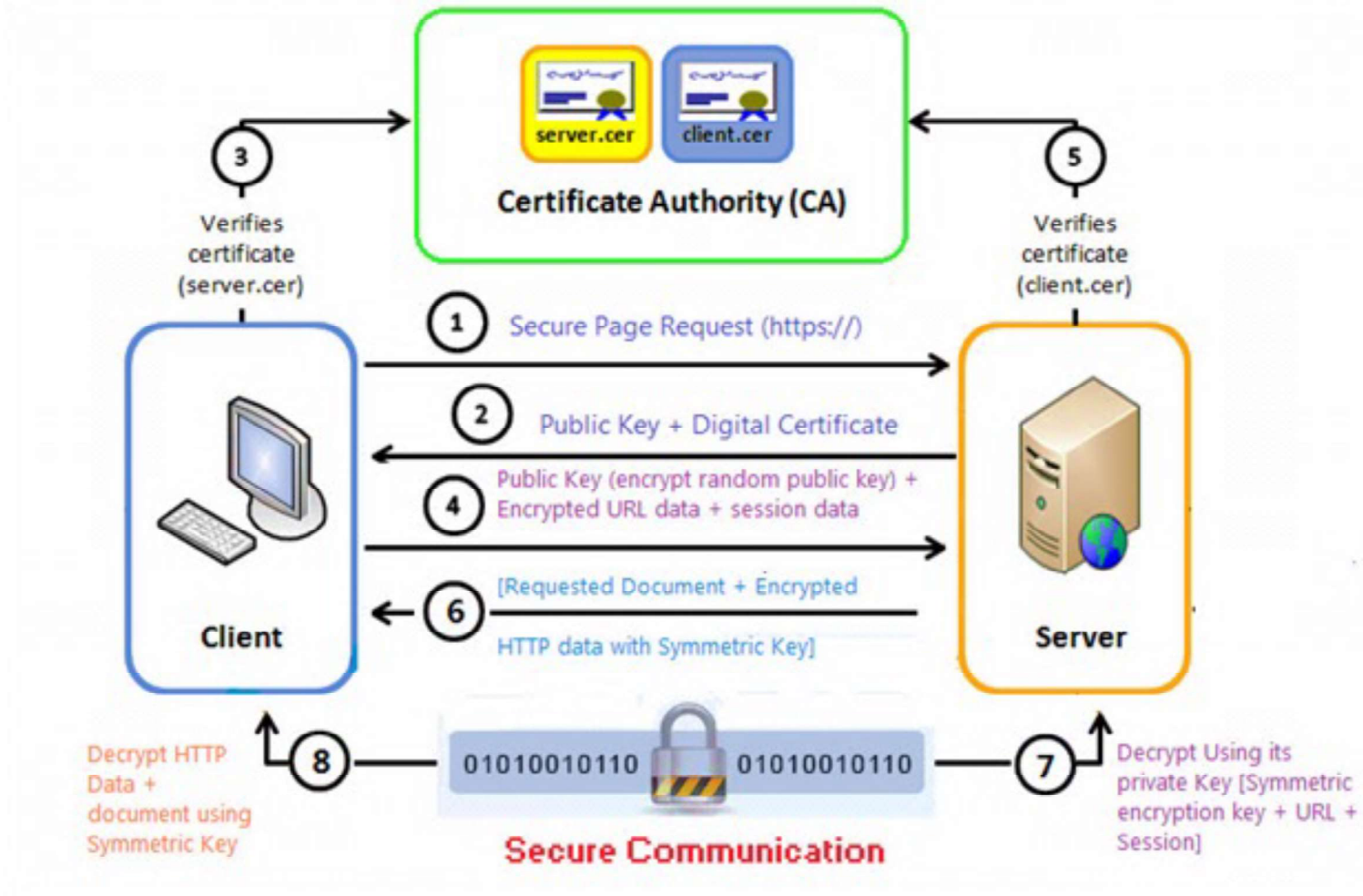
- TLS encryption is based on X.509 certificates that identify the owner and provide the public key from a public/private key pair
- The public key coming with this certificate can be used to initiate asymmetric encrypted communication
 - Therefore, the *public* key provided along with the certificate at connection request is used by the recipient to check integrity and create and return an encrypted pre-master-key
 - The encrypted pre-master-key can only be decrypted with the appropriate *private* key, which is then used for the further encryption
- Public key can encrypt, but only private key can decrypt (asymmetric encryption)
- Due to the fact that the private key should never ever be accessible by someone else but the owner, certificates are typically generated manually by the owner, or as part of an installation by the owner (like ZOWE does):
 - E.g.:

```
openssl req -x509 -newkey rsa:4096 -keyout key.pem  
out cert.pem OR certsigreq.csr -days 365
```



How is it used/realized?

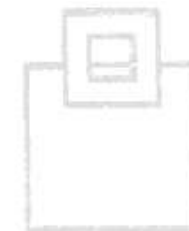
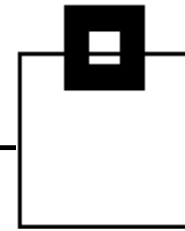
TLS overview:



How is it used/realized?

z/OSMF, ZOWE and Db2 work exactly this way:

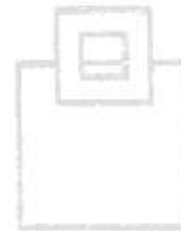
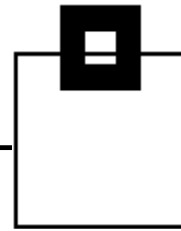
1. Connection request against z/OSMF, ZOWE, Db2 (secure port!)
2. Reply by z/OSMF, ZOWE, Db2 with its certificate (incl. certificate chain with a certificate authority if applicable)
3. Trustworthiness verification of the certificate, resp. of the root/intermediate certificate authority
4. Generation and return of the pre-master-key by the client using the servers public key
5. Generation of the encryption of an individual connection and start of the encrypted communication
 - Manipulation can be detected by an individual message authentication code



Real examples from the ZOWE ecosystem

- The standardized certificate based on TLS is used
- Certificates are managed either in a KEYSTORE/TRUSTSTORE, or...
 - <https://docs.zowe.org/stable/user-guide/configure-certificates-keystore>
- by RACF KEYRINGS
 - <https://docs.zowe.org/stable/user-guide/configure-certificates-keyring>
- More detailed information about certificate generation/management for application development extending ZOWE is available at
 - <https://docs.zowe.org/stable/extend/extend-apiml/onboard-plain-java-enabler/#api-security>

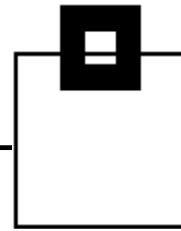
Reminder: It's all about trustworthiness!



Real examples from the ZOWE ecosystem

- The certificate store is specified in the ZOWE configuration (zowe.yaml, formerly instance.env), as a java keystore/truststore, or...

```
certificate:  
  keystore:  
    type: PKCS12  
    file: /zowe/keystore/localhost/localhost.keystore.p12  
    password: password  
    alias: localhost  
  truststore:  
    type: PKCS12  
    file: /zowe/keystore/localhost/localhost.truststore.p12  
    password: password  
pem:  
  key: /zowe/keystore/localhost/localhost.key  
  certificate: /zowe/keystore/localhost/localhost.cer  
  certificateAuthorities: /zowe/keystore/local_ca/local_ca.cer  
verifyCertificates: STRICT
```



Real examples from the ZOWE ecosystem

- ... as a RACF keyring

certificate:

keystore:

type: "JCERACFKS"

file: "safkeyring:///ZWESVUSR/ZOWEKEYS"

password: "password"

alias: "ZWESRV"

truststore:

type: "JCERACFKS"

file: "safkeyring:///ZWESVUSR/ZOWEKEYS"

password: "password"

pem:

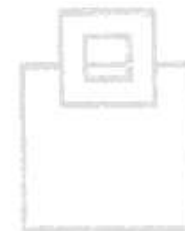
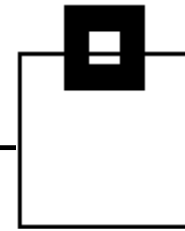
key: ""

certificate: ""

certificateAuthorities:

"safkeyring:///ZWESVUSR/ZOWEKEYS&SEGROOTCA"

verifyCertificates: "STRICT"



Real examples from the ZOWE ecosystem

- **KEYSTORE:**
 - Stores its own certificate
- **TRUSTSTORE**
 - Stores trusted certificates

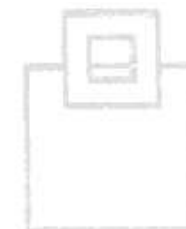
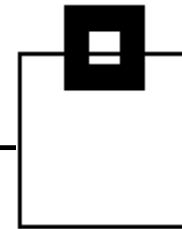
```
localhost
├── localhost.keystore.cer
├── localhost.keystore.cer-ebcdic
├── localhost.keystore.csr
├── localhost.keystore.jwtsecret.cer
├── localhost.keystore.jwtsecret.pem
├── localhost.keystore.key
├── localhost.keystore.p12
├── localhost.keystore_signed.cer
└── localhost.truststore.p12

local_ca
├── localca.cer
├── localca.cer-ebcdic
└── localca.keystore.p12
```

- **RACF KEYRING**
 - Stores both

Ring:
ZOWEKEYS

Certificate Label Name	Cert Owner	USAGE	DEFAULT
SEGR00TCA	CERTAUTH	CERTAUTH	NO
ZWESRV	ID (ZWESVUSR)	PERSONAL	YES



Real examples from UMS and z/OSMF

- IBM Unified Management Server uses ZOWE's keystore/truststore/keyring by default, unless you specify something else in UMS's parmlib member

```
certificate:
```

```
    allowSelfSigned: true
```

```
truststore:
```

```
    location: "safkeyring:///ZWESVUSR/IZPRING"
```

```
    type: "JCERACFKS"
```

```
keystore:
```

```
    location: "safkeyring:///ZWESVUSR/IZPRING"
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```
    type: "JCERACFKS"
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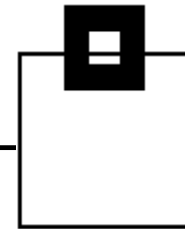
```
    alias: "UMSSRV"
```

- For z/OSMF you can specify the RACF keyring in the IZU PARMLIB member

```
(...)
```

```
KEYRING_NAME('ZOSMFKEYS')
```

```
(...)
```



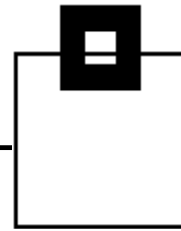
Real examples from SQLDI and Db2

- For SQL Data Insights you are prompted to specify the RACF keyring when running the installation script `sqldi.sh`

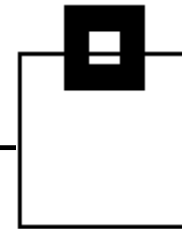
```
Enter your keystore information > SQLDIID.SQLDIKEYRING
```

- For Db2 you have to configure the TLS setup via `PAGENT`

```
TTLSSRule DD10SecureServer
{ LocalPortRange 15151
  JobName DD10DIST
  Direction Inbound
  TTLSSGroupActionRef DD10SecureGrpAct
  TTLSEnvironmentActionRef DD10SecureEnvAct
  TTLSSConnectionActionRef DD10SvrAuthConn
}
TTLSSGroupAction DD10SecureGrpAct
{ TTLSEnabled On
  Trace 15
}
TTLSEnvironmentAction DD10SecureEnvAct
{ TTLSSKeyRingParms
  { Keyring SEGDB2KEYRING
  }
  (...)
}
```



Managing certificates in USS and z/OS



How to manage keystores, truststores, keyrings?

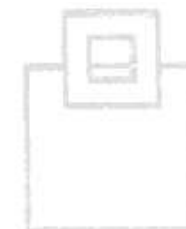
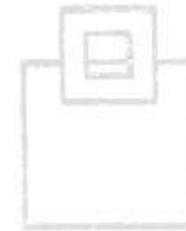
- A keystore/truststore can be managed using the keytool

```
>keytool
```

```
Key and Certificate Management Tool
```

```
Commands:
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-certreq	Generates a certificate request
-changealias	Changes an entry's alias
-delete	Deletes an entry
-exportcert	Exports certificate
-exportseckey	Export a batch of secret keys
-genkeypair	Generates a key pair
-genseckey	Generates a secret key
-gencert	Generates certificate from a certificate request
-importcert	Imports a certificate or a certificate chain
-importpass	Imports a password
-importkeystore	Imports one or all entries from another keystore
-importseckey	Import a batch of secret keys
-keypasswd	Changes the key password of an entry
-list	Lists entries in a keystore
-printcert	Prints the content of a certificate
-printcertreq	Prints the content of a certificate request
-printcrl	Prints the content of a CRL file
-storepasswd	Changes the store password of a keystore



Managing certificates in USS and z/OS

How to manage keystores, truststores, keyrings?

- A keyring can be managed using RACF
 - Services option menu

RACF - SERVICES OPTION MENU

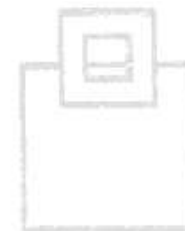
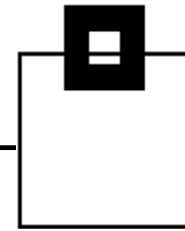
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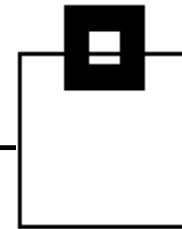
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- 2 GENERAL RESOURCE PROFILES
- 3 GROUP PROFILES AND USER-TO-GROUP CONNECTIONS
- 4 USER PROFILES AND YOUR OWN PASSWORD
- 5 SYSTEM OPTIONS
- 6 REMOTE SHARING FACILITY
- 7 DIGITAL CERTIFICATES, KEY RINGS, AND TOKENS
- 99 EXIT

- RACDCERT (Manage RACF digital certificates)

“Use the RACDCERT command to install and maintain digital certificates, key rings, and digital certificate mappings in RACF.”



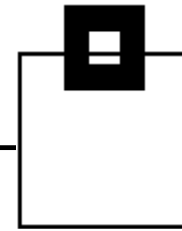
Managing certificates in USS and z/OS



- Using KEYSTORE/TRUSTSTORE with self-signed certificates might be ok for testing,
 - 👍 Easy setup without additional RACF
 - 👍 Unix/USS OPENSSL and KEYTOOL usage as usual
 - 👎 Has to be trusted by the ZOWE user
 - 👎 No centralized certificate management
- but at the end, a RACF KEYRING with company CA-signed certificates is a better choice
 - 👍 Centralized z/OS/USS certificate management
 - 👍 Implicitly trusted for all employers
 - 👎 Requires RACDCERT knowledge and authorization
 - 👎 Some (Db2) require additional PAGENT definition



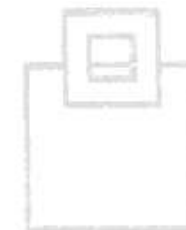
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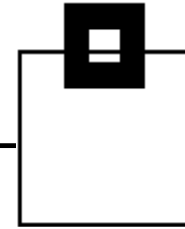
RACDCERT example of a certificate + company CA

1. Create a company CA to make any of your certificates trustworthy

```
//GENCACRT EXEC PGM=IKJEFT01,REGION=0M
//SYSTSPRT DD SYSOUT=*
//SYSTSIN DD DDNAME=RACF
//RACF DD DATA,DLM=$$,SYMBOLS=JCLONLY
    RACDCERT GENCERT CERTAUTH +
        SUBJECTSDN( +
            CN('SOFTWARE ENGINEERING ROOT CA') +
            OU('DEVELOPMENT') +
            O('SOFTWARE ENGINEERING GMBH') +
            L('DUESSELDORF') +
            SP('NORTH RHINE WESTPHALIA') +
            C('DE')) +
        SIZE(2048) +
        NOTAFTER(DATE(2033-01-07)) +
        WITHLABEL('SEGROOTCA') +
        KEYUSAGE(CERTSIGN)
    $$
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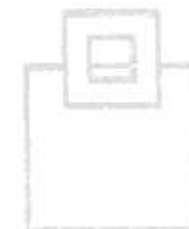
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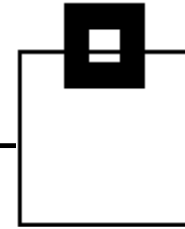
RACDCERT example of a certificate + company CA

2. Create a certificate signed with the CA created before

```
//GENSVCRT EXEC PGM=IKJEFT01,REGION=0M
//SYSTSPRT DD SYSOUT=*
//SYSTSIN DD DDNAME=RACF
//RACF DD DATA,DLM=$$,SYMBOLS=JCLONLY
  RACDCERT GENCERT ID(IZUSVR1) +
    SUBJECTSDN( +
      CN('ZOSMF MANAGEMENT SERVICE') +
      OU('DEVELOPMENT') +
      O('SOFTWARE ENGINEERING GMBH') +
      L('DUESSELDORF') +
      SP('NORTH RHINE WESTPHALIA') +
      C('DE')) +
    SIZE(2048) +
    NOTAFTER(DATE(2025-04-02)) +
    WITHLABEL('IZUSR') +
    KEYUSAGE(HANDSHAKE) +
    ALTNAME(IP(192.168.9.98) +
      DOMAIN('S0W1.DUS.SEG.DE')) +
    SIGNWITH(CERTAUTH LABEL('SEGROOTCA'))
  $$
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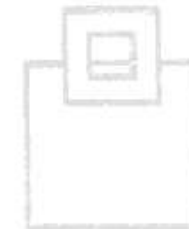
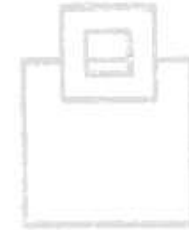
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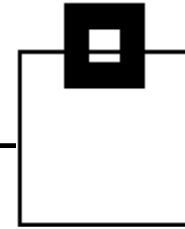
RACDCERT example of a certificate + company CA

3. Create a keyring for the certificates created

```
//GENSVCRT EXEC PGM=IKJEFT01,REGION=0M
//SYSTSPRT DD SYSOUT=*
//SYSTSIN DD DDNAME=RACF
//RACF DD DATA,DLM=$$,SYMBOLS=JCLONLY
        RACDCERT ADDRING(ZOSMFKEYS) ID(IZUSVR1)
        SETROPTS RACLIST(DIGTRING) REFRESH
$$
```



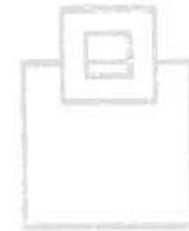
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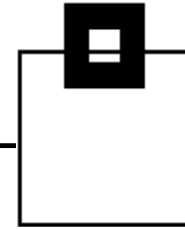
RACDCERT example of a certificate + company CA

4. Add the certificates created to the keyring created

```
//GENSVCRT EXEC PGM=IKJEFT01,REGION=0M
//SYSTSPRT DD SYSOUT=*
//SYSTSIN DD DDNAME=RACF
//RACF DD DATA,DLM=$$,SYMBOLS=JCLONLY
    RACDCERT CONNECT (CERTAUTH LABEL('SEGROOTCA') +
        RING(ZOSMFKEYS)) +
        ID(IZUSVR1)
    RACDCERT CONNECT (ID(IZUSVR1) +
        LABEL('IZUSRV') +
        RING(ZOSMFKEYS) +
        USAGE(PERSONAL) DEFAULT) +
        ID(IZUSVR1)
$$
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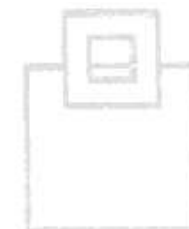


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5. Permit access to the keyring created

```
//GENSVCRT EXEC PGM=IKJEFT01,REGION=0M
//SYSTSPRT DD SYSOUT=*
//SYSTSIN DD DDNAME=RACF
//RACF DD DATA,DLM=$$,SYMBOLS=JCLONLY
 RDEFINE RDATA LIB IZUSVR1.ZOSMFKEYS.LST UACC(NONE)
 PERMIT IZUSVR1.ZOSMFKEYS.LST CLASS(RDATA) ID(IZUSVR1) +
 ACCESS(CONTROL)
/* Uncomment this command to allow other user to access key ring ... */
/* PERMIT IZUSVR1.ZOSMFKEYS.LST CLASS(RDATA) ID(<USER>) + */
/* ACCESS(READ) */
 SETROPTS RACLIST(RDATA) REFRESH

 PERMIT IRR.DIGTCERT.LISTRING CLASS(FACILITY) ID(IZUSVR1) +
 ACCESS(READ)
 PERMIT IRR.DIGTCERT.LIST CLASS(FACILITY) ID(IZUSVR1) +
 ACCESS(READ)
 SETROPTS RACLIST(FACILITY) REFRESH
$$
```



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This Connection Is Not Private

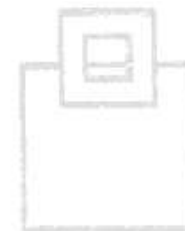
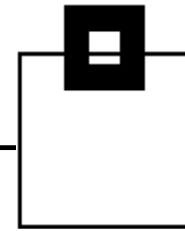
This website may be impersonating "s0w1.dus.seg.de" to steal your personal or financial information. You should go back to the previous page.

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Safari warns you when a website has a certificate that is not valid. This may happen if the website is misconfigured or an attacker has compromised your connection.

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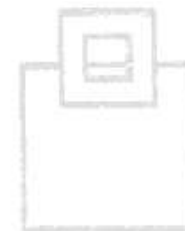
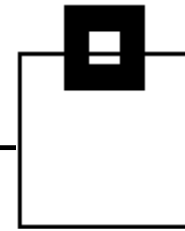
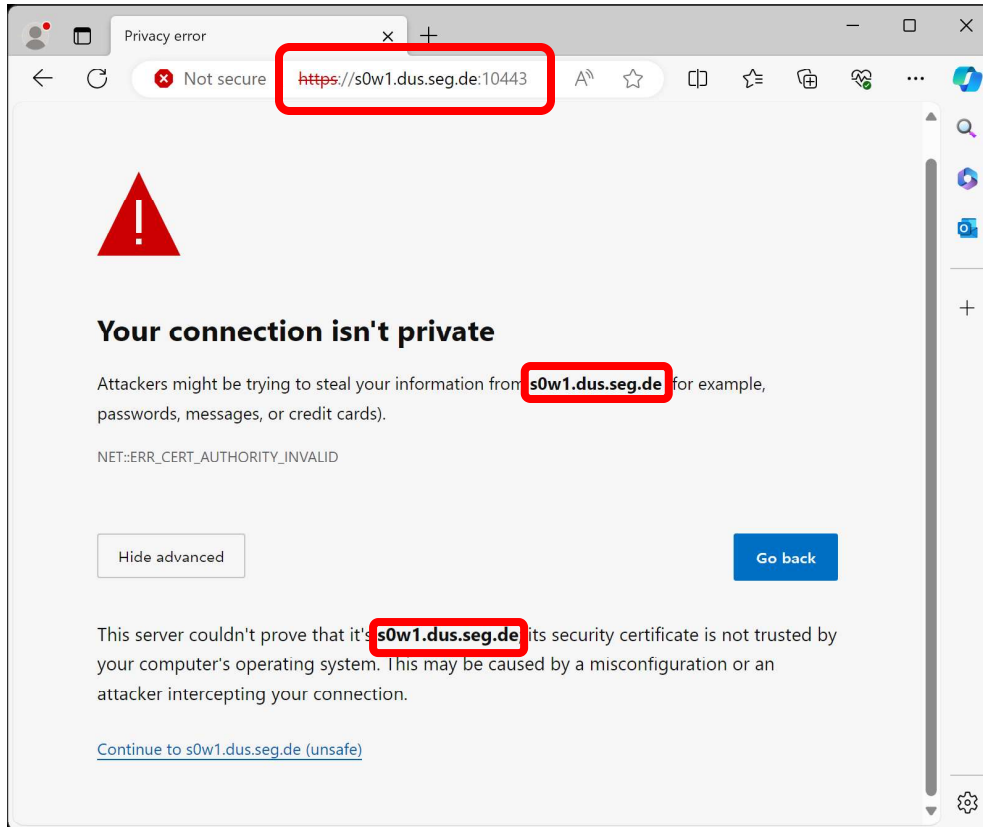
How to fix this???



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1. Make sure the host, or IP is correct!



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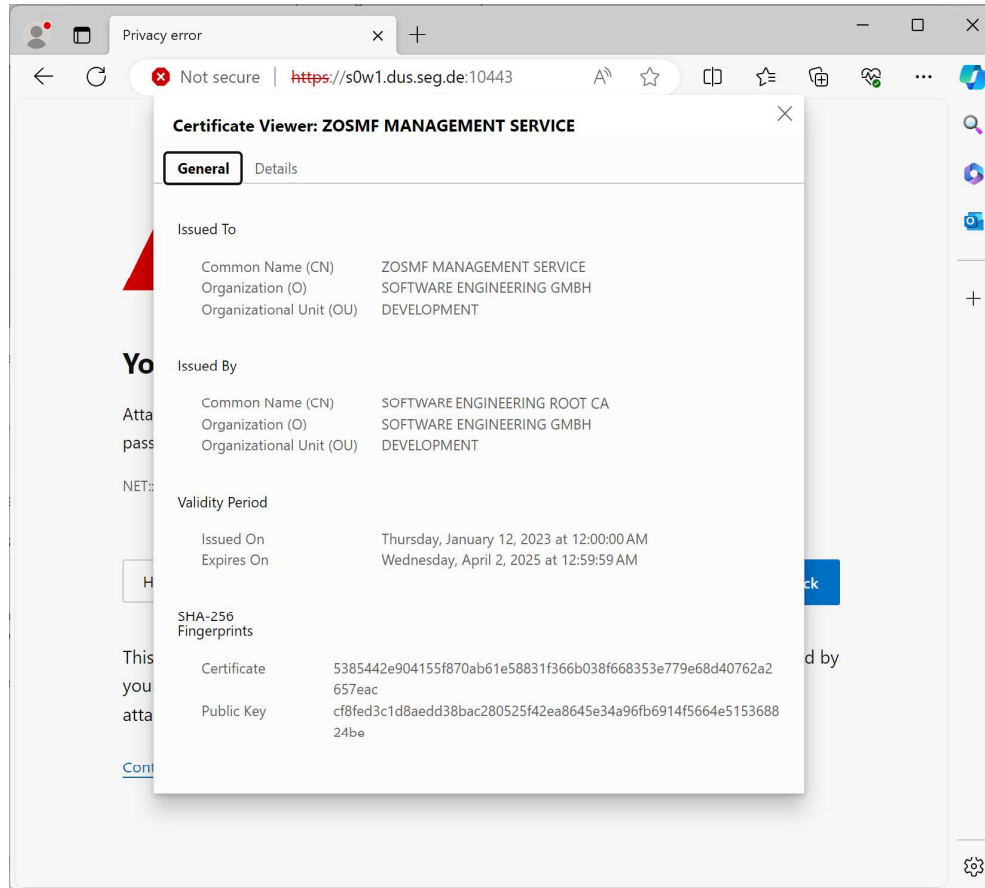
2. Verify the certificate

The image shows a browser window with a security warning. The address bar displays "Not secure" and the URL "https://s0w1.dus.seg.de:10443". A red arrow points to the "Not secure" indicator. The warning message reads: "Your connection to this site isn't secure. Don't enter any sensitive information on this site (for example, passwords or credit cards). It could be stolen by attackers." Below the warning, there are options for "Permissions for this site", "Cookies (0 cookies in use)", "Tracking prevention for this site (Balanced)", and "Trackers (0 blocked)". A second red arrow points to the warning message. A third red arrow points to the "Learn more" link in the expanded warning dialog. The error code "NET::ERR_CERT_AUTHORITY_INVALID" is visible at the bottom of the page.

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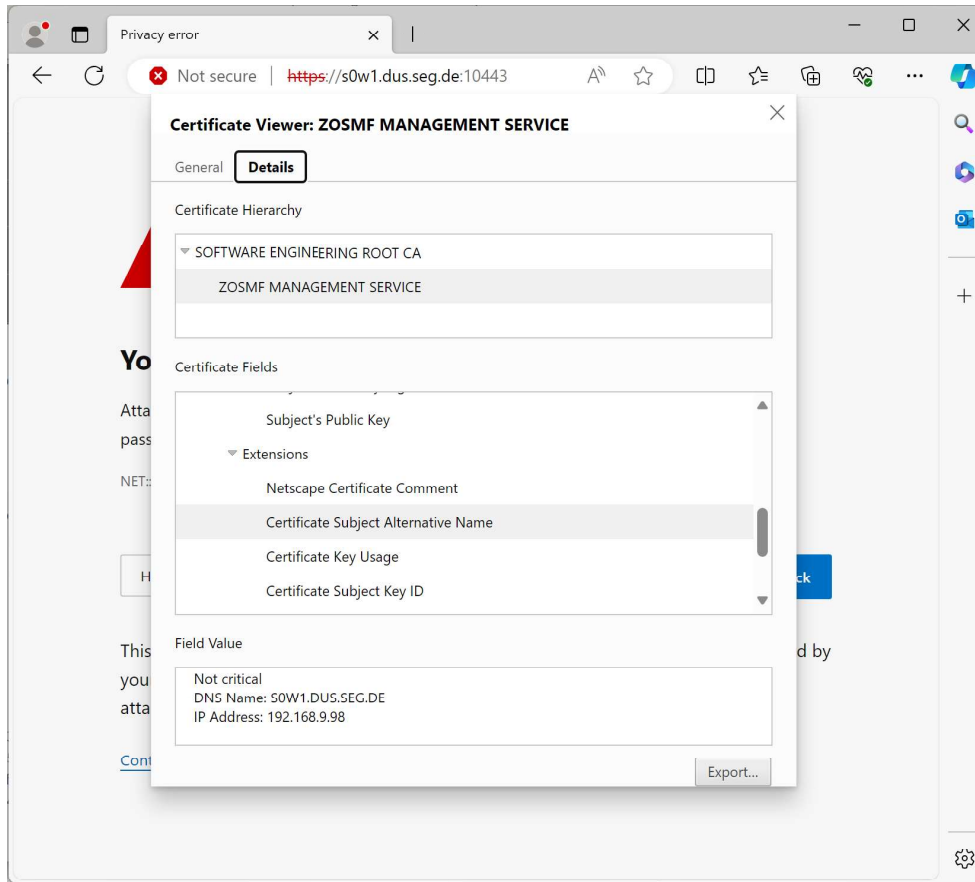
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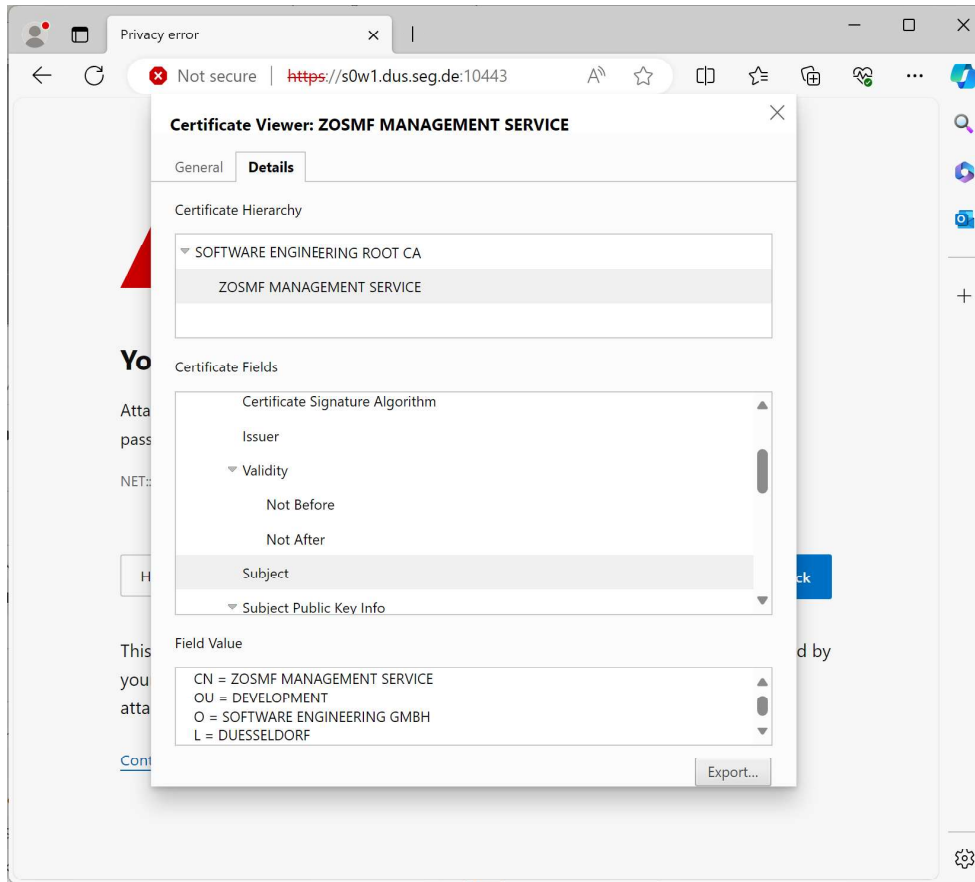
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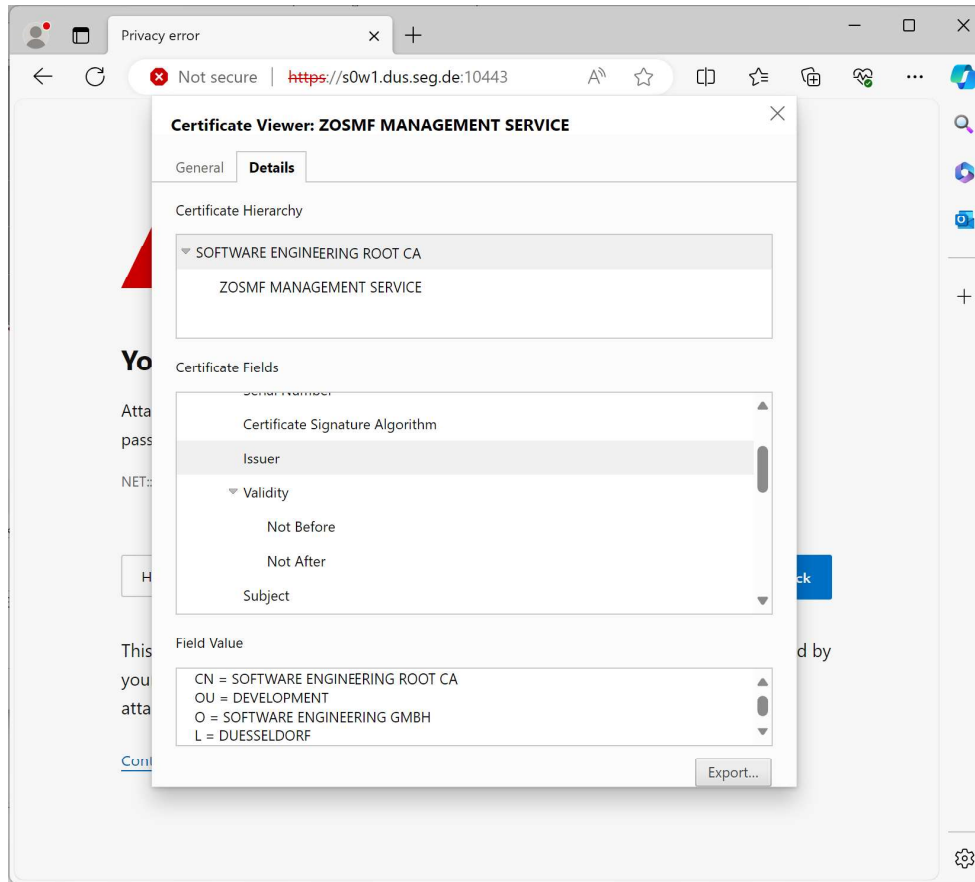
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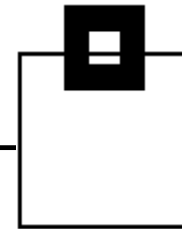
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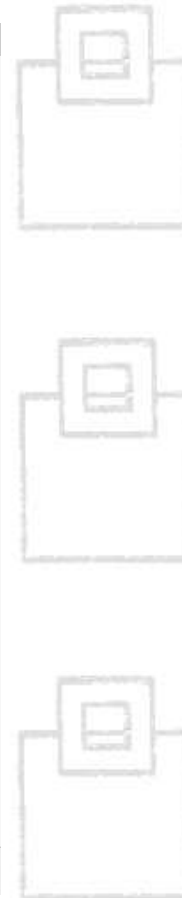
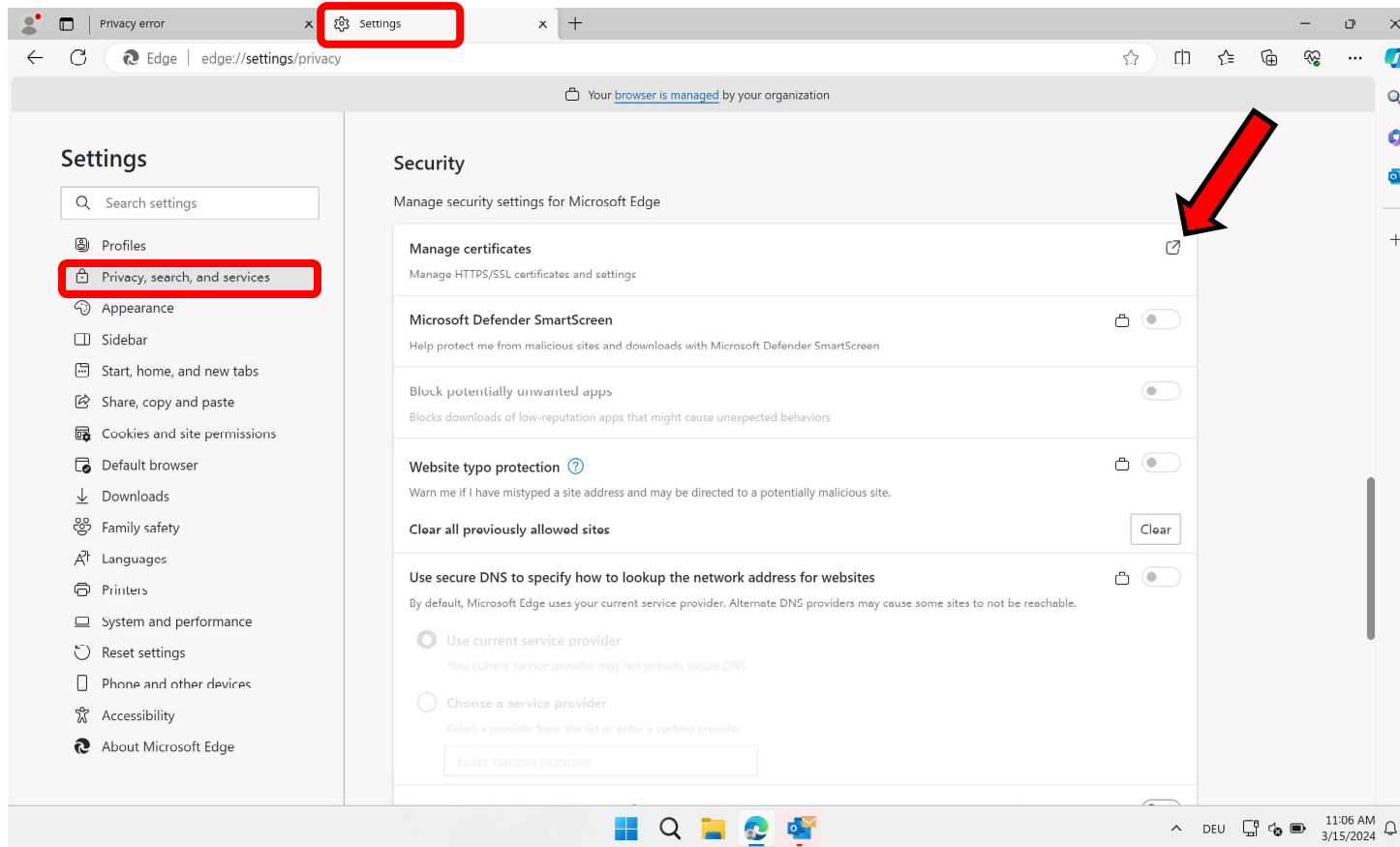


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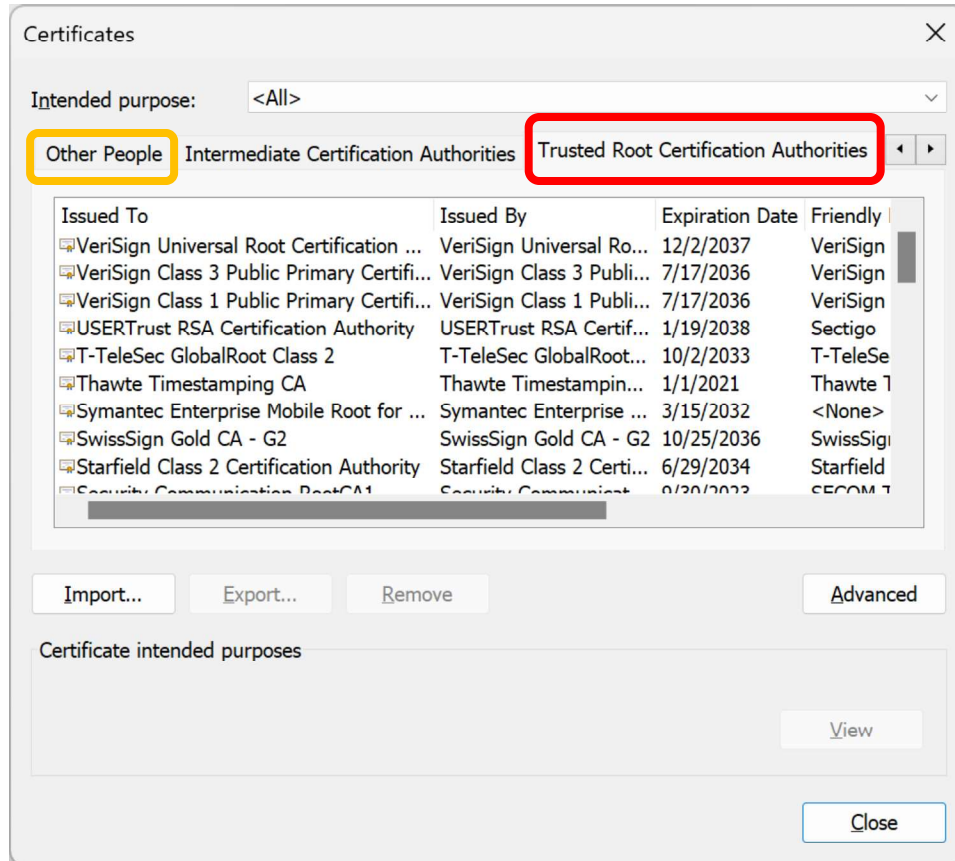
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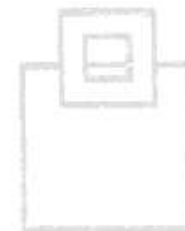
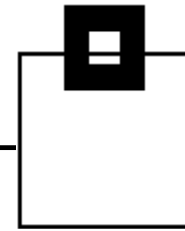
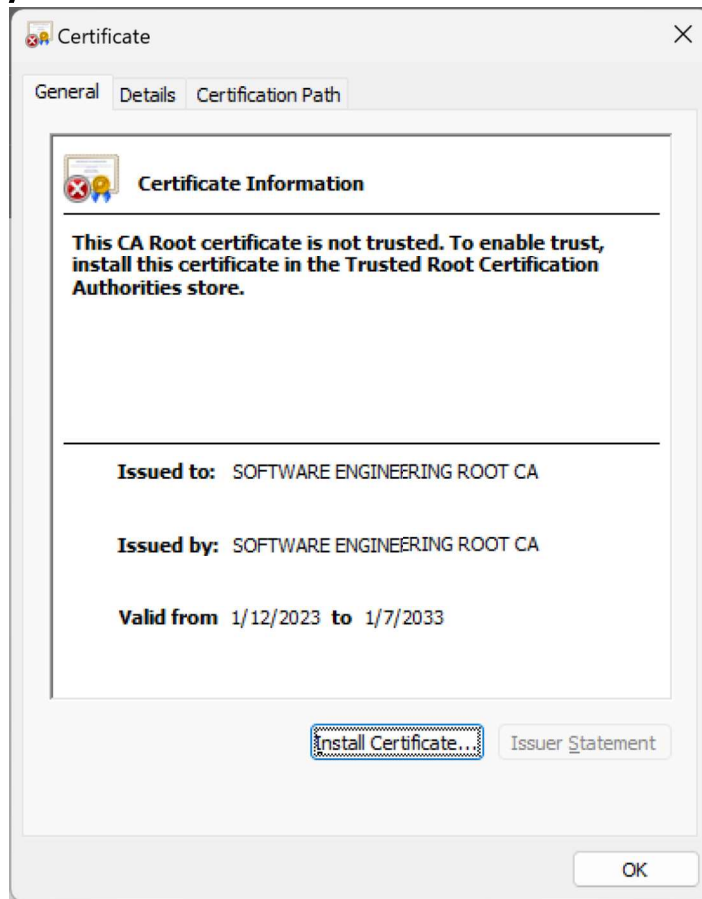
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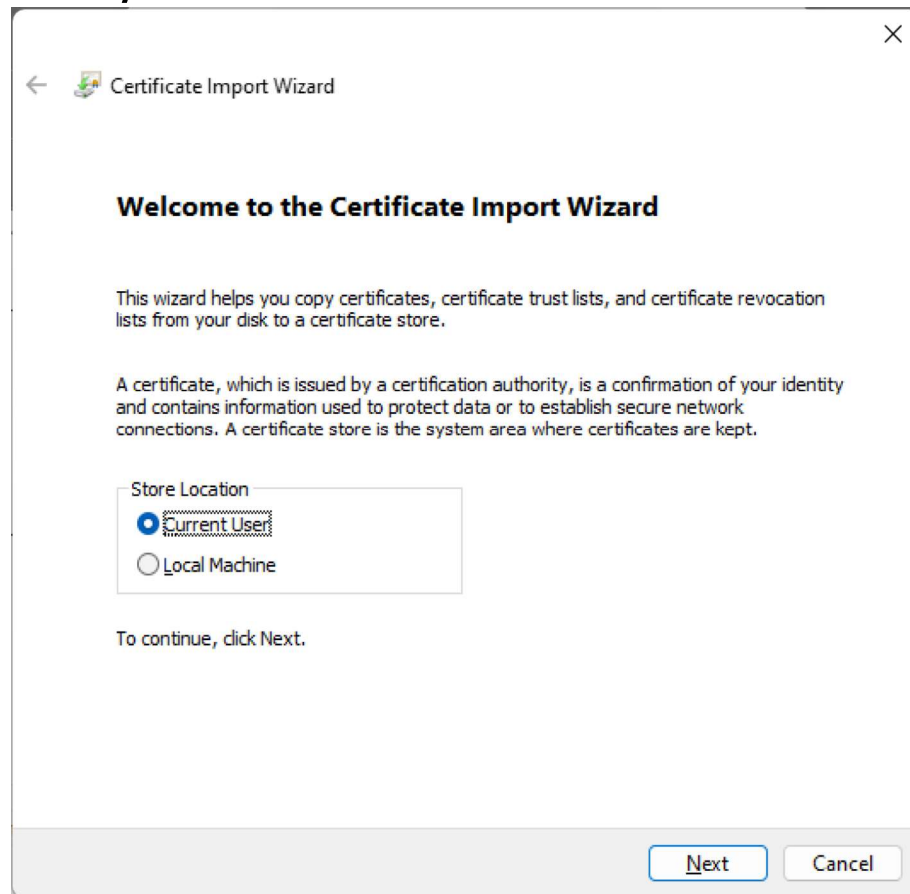
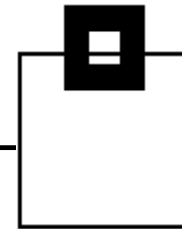
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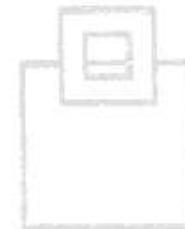
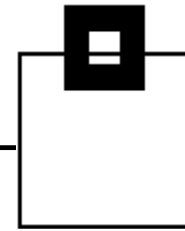
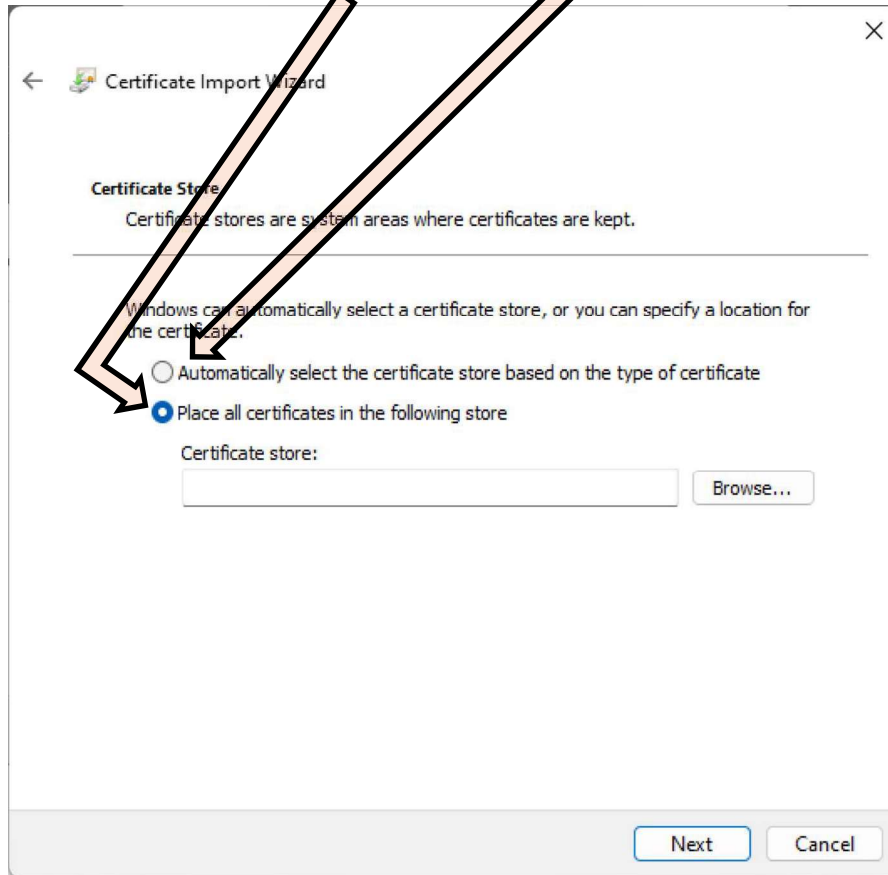
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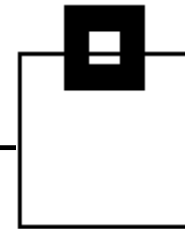
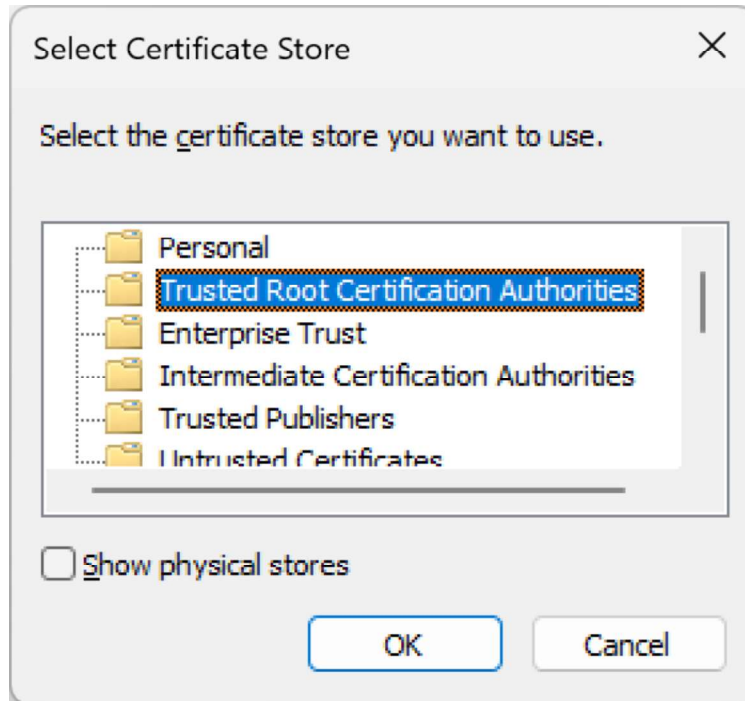
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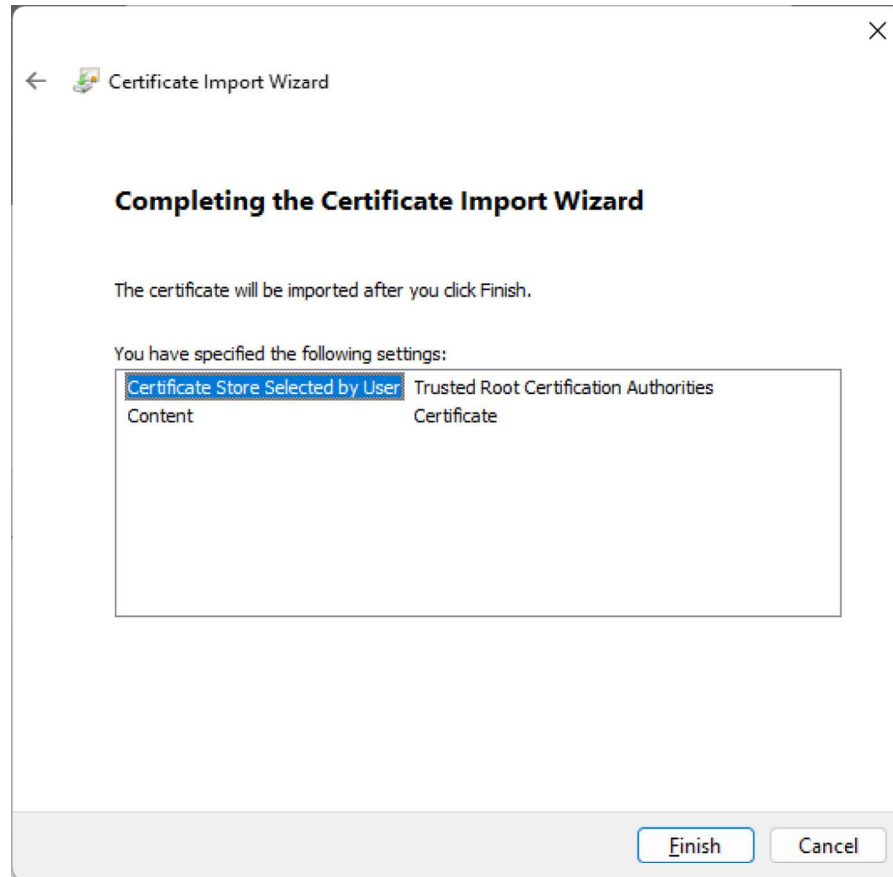
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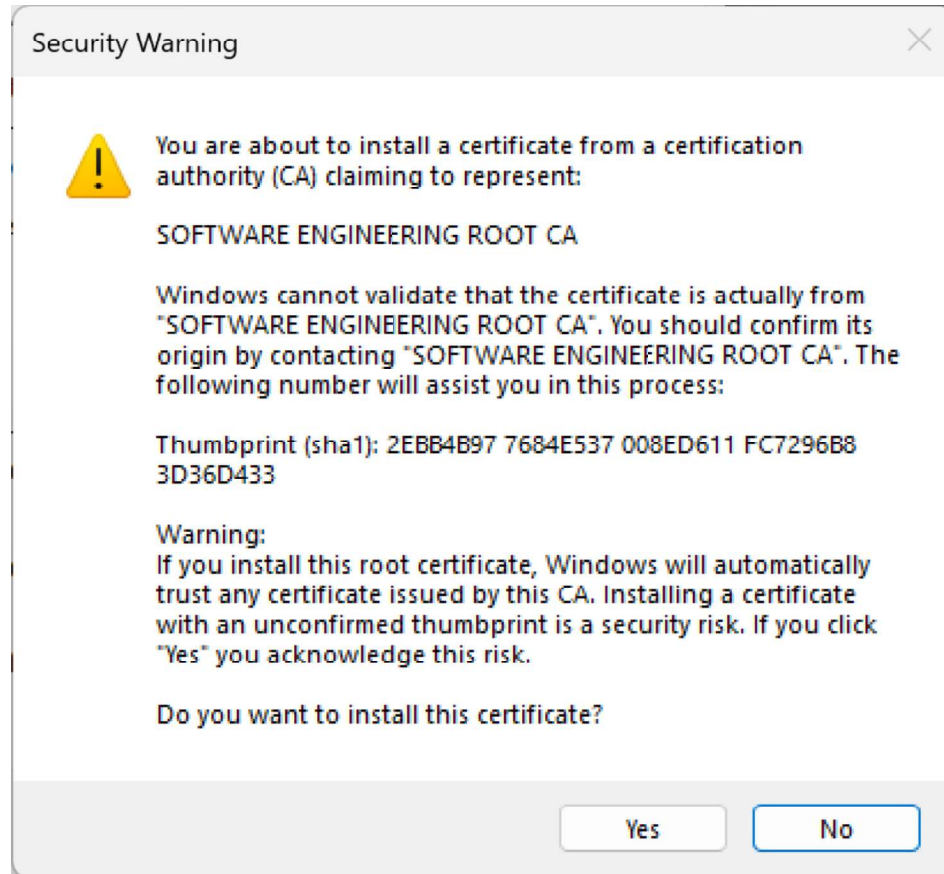
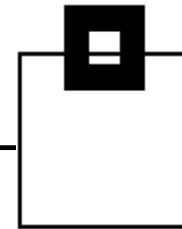
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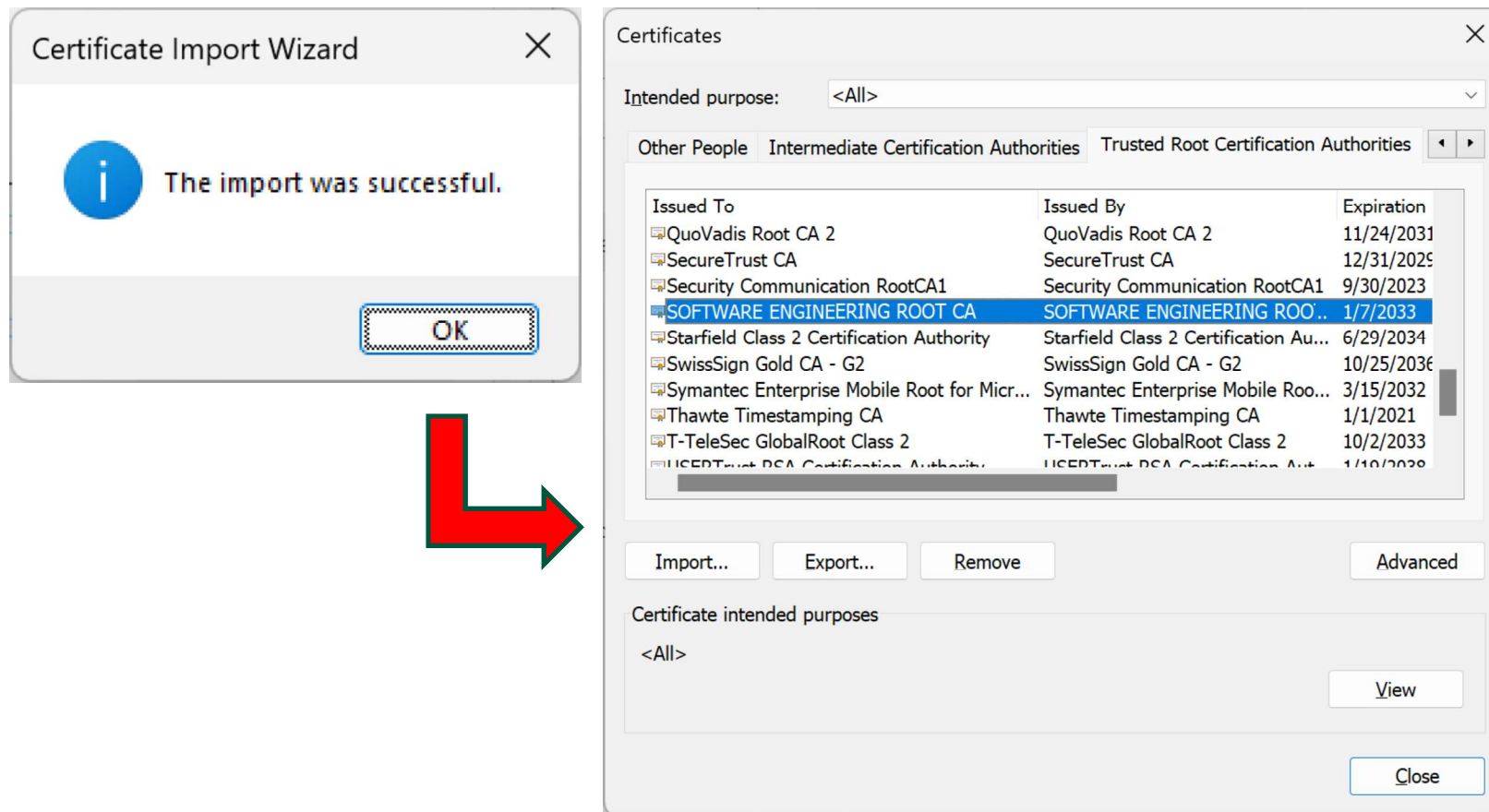
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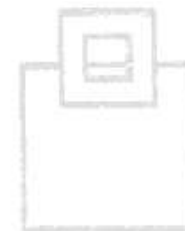
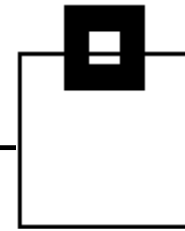
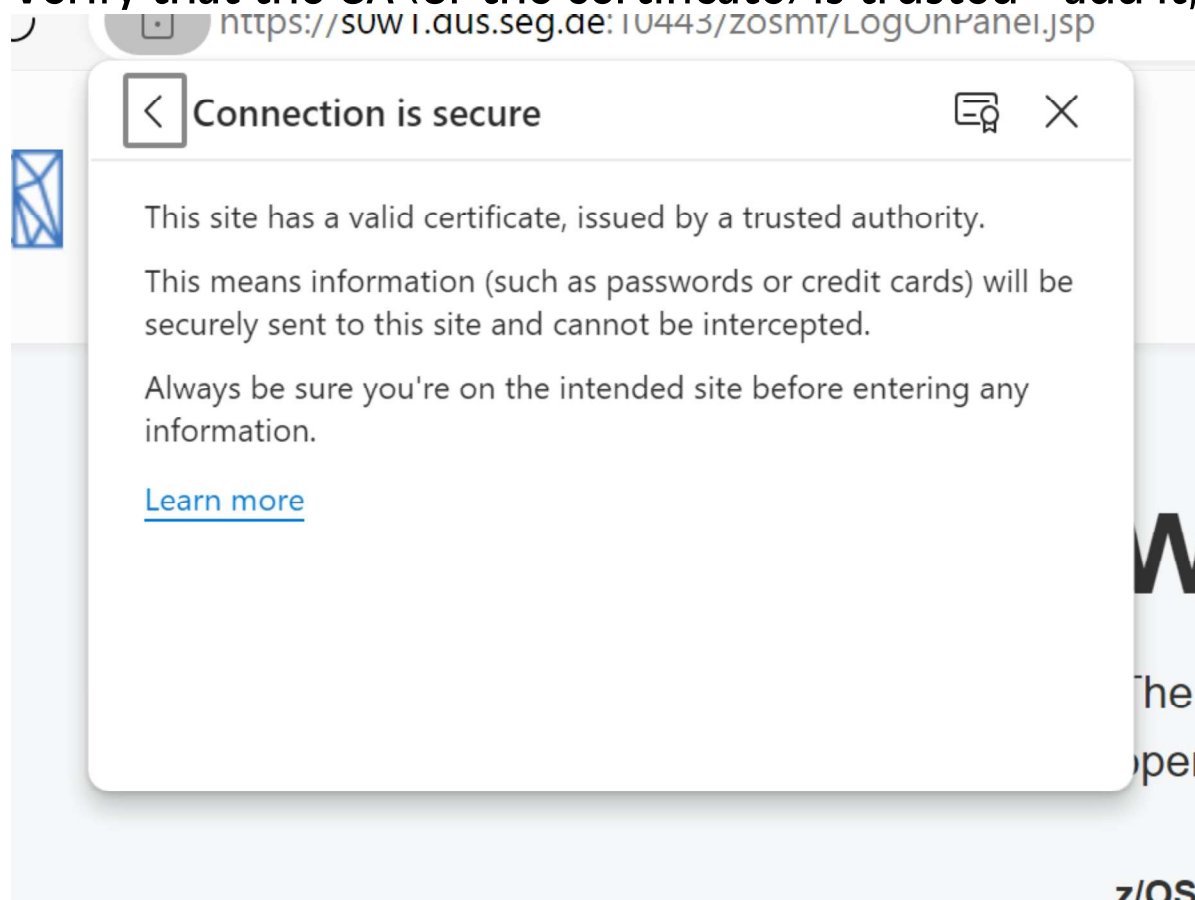
The image shows two windows from a Windows operating system. On the left is the 'Certificate Import Wizard' dialog box, which displays a blue information icon and the text 'The import was successful.' with an 'OK' button. A large red arrow points from this dialog to the 'Certificates' console window on the right. The 'Certificates' window shows a list of certificates under the 'Trusted Root Certification Authorities' tab. The 'SOFTWARE ENGINEERING ROOT CA' is highlighted in blue. Below the list are buttons for 'Import...', 'Export...', 'Remove', and 'Advanced'. At the bottom, there is a 'Certificate intended purposes' section with a '<All>' dropdown and a 'View' button. A 'Close' button is at the bottom right.

Issued To	Issued By	Expiration
QuoVadis Root CA 2	QuoVadis Root CA 2	11/24/2031
SecureTrust CA	SecureTrust CA	12/31/2025
Security Communication RootCA1	Security Communication RootCA1	9/30/2023
SOFTWARE ENGINEERING ROOT CA	SOFTWARE ENGINEERING ROO..	1/7/2033
Starfield Class 2 Certification Authority	Starfield Class 2 Certification Au...	6/29/2034
SwissSign Gold CA - G2	SwissSign Gold CA - G2	10/25/2036
Symantec Enterprise Mobile Root for Micr...	Symantec Enterprise Mobile Roo...	3/15/2032
Thawte Timestamping CA	Thawte Timestamping CA	1/1/2021
T-TeleSec GlobalRoot Class 2	T-TeleSec GlobalRoot Class 2	10/2/2033
USERTrust RSA Certification Authority	USERTrust RSA Certification Aut	1/10/2028

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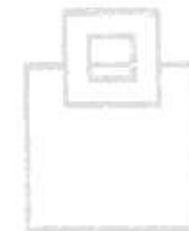
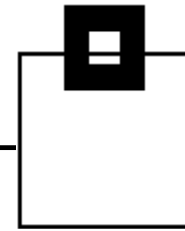


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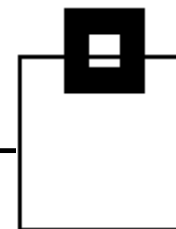
But what can you do if it's not a browser client, but an API, like a RESTful service?

→ OPENSSLs tls debugging is your friend!



Analyzing certificate issues

```
openssl s_client -connect s0w1.dus.seg.de:15151 -tlsextdebug
CONNECTED(00000005)
TLS client extension "renegotiation info" (id=65281), len=1
0001 - <SPACES/NULS>
depth=1 C = DE, ST = NORTH RHINE WESTPHALIA, L = DUESSELDORF, O =
SOFTWARE ENGINEERING GMBH, OU = DEVELOPMENT, CN = SOFTWARE
ENGINEERING ROOT CA
verify error:num=19:self signed certificate in certificate chain
verify return:0
write W BLOCK
---
Certificate chain
 0 s:/C=DE/ST=NORTH RHINE WESTPHALIA/L=DUESSELDORF/O=SOFTWARE
ENGINEERING GMBH/OU=DEVELOPMENT/CN=DB2 SECURE DISTRIBUTION SERVICE
   i:/C=DE/ST=NORTH RHINE WESTPHALIA/L=DUESSELDORF/O=SOFTWARE
ENGINEERING GMBH/OU=DEVELOPMENT/CN=SOFTWARE ENGINEERING ROOT CA
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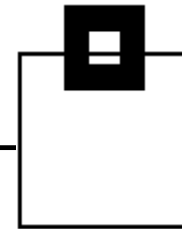
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Server certificate

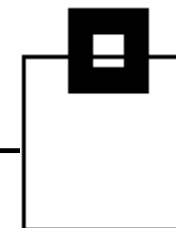
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Analyzing certificate issues



Base 64 encoded certificates can be decoded using OPENSSL:

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Certificate: Data: Version: 3 (0x2) Serial Number: 4 (0x4) Signature Algorithm: sha256WithRSAEncryption
Issuer: C=DE, ST=NORTH RHINE WESTPHALIA, L=DUESSELDORF, O=SOFTWARE ENGINEERING GMBH, OU=DEVELOPMENT,
CN=SOFTWARE ENGINEERING ROOT CA Validity Not Before: Jan 15 23:00:00 2023 GMT Not After : Apr 1 22:59:59
2025 GMT Subject: C=DE, ST=NORTH RHINE WESTPHALIA, L=DUESSELDORF, O=SOFTWARE ENGINEERING GMBH,
OU=DEVELOPMENT, CN=DB2 SECURE DISTRIBUTION SERVICE Subject Public Key Info: Public Key Algorithm:
rsaEncryption Public-Key: (2048 bit) Modulus: 00:fb:d3:1d:13:67:95:ac:aa:c2:ba:65:3c:b7:6f:
e4:72:fb:12:1c:31:36:b0:3b:5f:8e:79:51:b4:e1: d3:8f:be:b6:44:b5:5b:2f:89:c4:bb:e2:f7:65:96:
29:41:23:53:98:9d:c1:cd:67:df:f7:13:c4:70:c5: 3b:f9:a9:2c:46:e0:a5:ba:3c:ab:20:77:64:29:93:
b8:81:3f:8a:cc:5c:a9:2b:be:9f:2b:12:9d:34:39: 6d:0b:80:fb:ab:e2:c0:ad:42:91:32:b5:f6:29:b3:
f0:05:84:dc:0f:a1:3d:61:2b:58:59:91:78:f2:c0: 82:e7:ef:fb:09:de:df:73:60:27:ac:0c:35:09:94:
42:64:cb:06:8e:f1:4f:d5:be:02:e1:d1:2b:04:ab: 66:94:95:ac:52:62:1c:9c:e0:a0:0f:b1:d7:a7:71:
4d:10:bb:34:99:85:bc:0c:c8:0f:b8:8b:47:92:2b: 87:e0:3a:c1:94:99:2a:00:09:57:38:4e:0d:2a:bc:
52:c5:ea:24:dc:3c:45:d6:f5:73:49:aa:55:46:aa: 0d:51:69:6b:8d:c0:a1:b4:d1:9d:25:11:36:54:6c:
05:59:b1:a9:b8:7b:18:98:9d:15:22:4f:a2:7d:a3: 23:df:cd:09:c1:f3:ec:39:f6:2a:f6:27:1d:e9:f3: 07:db
Exponent: 65537 (0x10001) X509v3 extensions: Netscape Comment: Generated by the Security Server for z/OS
(RACF) X509v3 Subject Alternative Name: DNS:S0W1.DUS.SEG.DE, IP Address:192.168.9.98 X509v3 Key Usage:
critical Digital Signature, Key Encipherment X509v3 Subject Key Identifier:
25:CA:3B:A8:CB:A4:A2:A5:4D:C7:DB:77:C7:ED:CA:70:F8:02:C1:D3 X509v3 Authority Key Identifier:
FF:32:08:8D:E2:29:BA:E4:6A:6D:E2:23:C1:04:68:44:CF:55:E9:5F Signature Algorithm: sha256WithRSAEncryption
Signature Value: 90:31:54:e7:7d:52:0e:9d:e5:1b:58:c7:20:f7:40:eb:0f:4c:
78:9c:77:e3:8b:20:77:f2:b8:2c:fc:df:20:6b:b3:9a:6b:87:
66:b0:07:08:76:4d:68:0e:b8:04:13:28:81:e1:8e:57:6c:e8:
c5:e9:f0:7f:4e:c0:08:87:93:42:9a:84:d7:d4:ee:34:7d:af:
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d8:71:25:3a:52:21:ee:e9:ec:56:aa:b6:e2:a7:c3:73:3c:47:
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