

# Integration of AMP Virtual Private Cloud and Threat Grid Appliance

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## Introduction

This document describes the procedure to complete the integration of the Advanced Malware Protection (AMP) Virtual Private Cloud and the Threat Grid Appliance. The document provides as well troubleshooting steps for issues related to the integration process.

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## Prerequisites

### Requirements

Cisco recommends that you have knowledge of these topics:

- Work and operate AMP Virtual Private Cloud
- Work and operate Threat Grid Appliance

#### Components Used

The information in this document is based on these software and hardware versions:

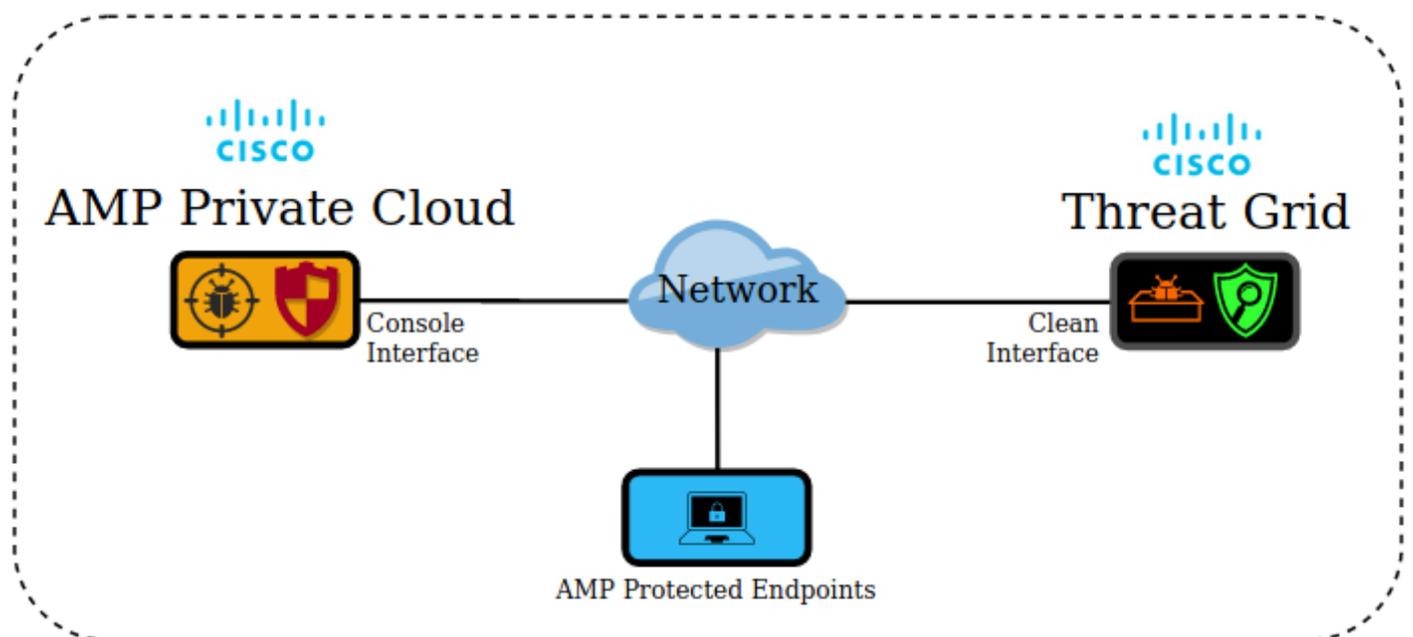
- AMP Private Cloud 3.2.0
- Threat Grid Appliance 2.12.0.1

**Note:** The documentation is valid for Threat Grid appliances and AMP Private Cloud devices in the appliance or virtual version.

The information in this document was created from the devices in a specific lab environment. All of the devices used in this document started with a cleared (default) configuration. If your network is live, ensure that you understand the potential impact of any command.

## Background Information

### Architecture of the Integration



### Basic information about the Integration

- The Threat Grid appliance analyzes samples submitted by the AMP Private Cloud device.
- Samples can be manually or automatically be submitted to the Threat Grid appliance.
- Automatic analysis is not enabled by default in the AMP Private Cloud device.
- The Threat Grid appliance provides to the AMP Private Cloud device a report and score from the analysis of the sample.
- The Threat Grid appliance informs (poke) the AMP Private Cloud device about any sample

with a greater than or equal to 95 score.

- If the score from the analysis is greater than or equal to 95, the sample in the AMP database is marked with a disposition of malicious.
- Retrospective detections are applied by the AMP Private Cloud to samples with a score greater than or equal to 95.

## Procedure

Step 1. Set up and configure the Threat Grid Appliance (no integration yet). Check for updates and install, if necessary.

Step 2. Set up and configure the AMP for Endpoints Private Cloud (no integration yet).

Step 3. In the Threat Grid admin UI, select the **Configuration** tab and choose **SSL**.

Step 4. Generate or upload a new SSL certificate for the Clean interface (PANDEM).

### Regenerating SSL Certificates

A new self-signed certificate can be generated if the hostname of the clean interface does not match the Subject Alternative Name (SAN) in the certificate currently installed in the appliance for the clean interface. The appliance generates a new certificate for the interface, configuring the current interface hostname in the SAN field of the self-signed certificate.

Step 4.1. From the Actions column select (...) and from the pop-up menu select **Generate New Certificate**.

Step 4.2. In the Threat Grid UI, select **Operations**, in the next screen select **Activate** and choose **Reconfigure**.

**Note:** This generated certificate is self-signed.

### Uploading SSL Certificates

If there is a certificate already created for the Threat Grid appliance clean interface, then this certificate can be uploaded to the appliance.

Step 4.1. From the Actions column select (...) and from the pop-up menu select **Upload New Certificate**.

Step 4.2. Copy the certificate and the corresponding private key in PEM format in the text boxes that appear on the screen and select **Add Certificate**.

Step 4.3. In the Threat Grid UI, select **Operations**, in the next screen select **Activate** and choose **Reconfigure**.

Step 5. In the AMP Private Cloud device admin UI, select **Integrations** and choose **Threat Grid**.

Step 6. In the Threat Grid Configuration Details, select **Edit**.

Step 7. In the Threat Grid Hostname enter the FQDN of the clean interface of the Threat Grid appliance.

Step 8. In the Threat Grid SSL Certificate, add the certificate of the clean interface of the Threat Grid appliance. (See notes below)

## **Certificate in the Threat Grid appliance clean interface is self-signed**

Step 8.1. In the Threat Grid admin UI, select the **Configuration** and **choose** SSL.

Step 8.2. From the Actions column select (...) and from the pop-up menu select **Download Certificate**.

Step 8.3. Proceed to add the downloaded file to the AMP Virtual Private device in the Threat Grid integration page.

## **Certificate in the Threat Grid appliance clean interface is signed by a corporate Certificate Authority (CA)**

Step 8.1. Copy in a text file the certificate of the Threat Grid appliance clean interface and the complete CA certificate chain.

**Note:** The certificates in the text file must be in PEM format.

### **Example**

If the complete certificate chain is: ROOT\_CA certificate > Threat\_Grid\_Clean\_Interface certificate; then the text file needs to be created, as shown in the image.

```
-----BEGIN CERTIFICATE-----  
Threat_Grid_Clean_Interface certificate PEM data  
-----END CERTIFICATE-----  
-----BEGIN CERTIFICATE-----  
ROOT_CA certificate PEM data  
-----END CERTIFICATE-----
```

If the complete certificate chain is: ROOT\_CA certificate > Sub\_CA Certificate > Threat\_Grid\_Clean\_Interface certificate; then the text file needs to be created, as shown in the image.

```
-----BEGIN CERTIFICATE-----
Threat_Grid_Clean_Interface certificate PEM data
-----END CERTIFICATE-----
-----BEGIN CERTIFICATE-----
Sub_CA certificate PEM data
-----END CERTIFICATE-----
-----BEGIN CERTIFICATE-----
ROOT_CA certificate PEM data
-----END CERTIFICATE-----
```

Step 9. In Threat Grid API Key enter the API key from the Threat Grid user that will be linked to the uploaded samples.

# API

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API Key \*\*\*\*\*  

Disable API Key   True  False  Unset

Can Download Sample Content Via API   True  False  Unset

**Note:** In the account settings from the Threat Grid user confirm the **Disable API Key** parameter is not set to True.

Step 10. After all changes are completed select **Save**.

Step 11. Apply a reconfiguration to the AMP Virtual Cloud device.

Step 12. From the AMP Private Cloud device admin UI, select **Integrations** and choose **Threat Grid**.

Step 13. From **Details** copy the values of the Disposition Update Service URL, the Disposition Update Service user, and the Disposition Update Service password. This information is used in Step 17.

Step 14. In the Threat Grid admin UI, select **Configuration** and choose **CA Certificates**.

Step 15. Select **Add Certificate** and copy in PEM format the CA certificate that signed the AMP Private Cloud Disposition Update Service certificate.

**Note:** If the CA certificate that signed the AMP Private Cloud Disposition Update certificate is a Sub-CA, repeat the process until all the CAs in the chain are uploaded to **CA Certificates**.

Step 16. In the Threat Grid portal, select Administration and select Manage AMP Private Cloud Integration.

Step 17. In the Disposition Update Syndication Service page enter the information collected in Step 13.

- Service URL: FQDN of the Disposition Update Service of the AMP Private Cloud device.
- User: User from the Disposition Update Service of the AMP Private Cloud device.
- Password: Password for the Disposition Update Service of the AMP Private Cloud device.

At this point, if all steps were applied correctly, the integration must be working successfully.

## Verification

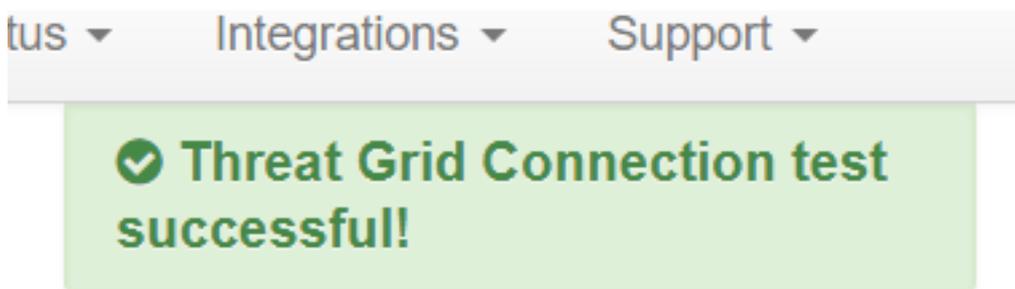
These are the steps to confirm the Threat Grid appliance was integrated successfully.

**Note:** Only steps 1, 2, 3, and 4 are suitable to be applied in a production environment to verify the integration. Step 5 is provided as information to learn more about the integration and is not advised to be applied in a production environment.

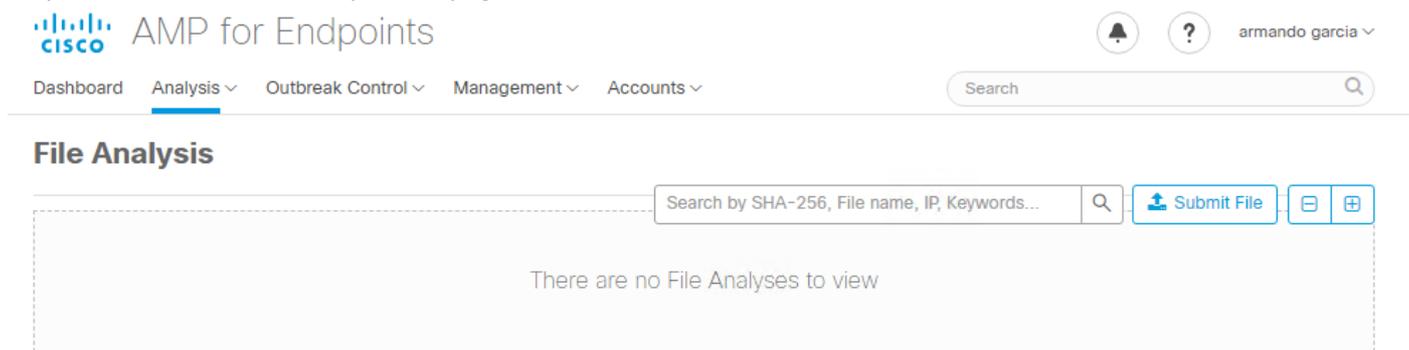
Step 1. Select Test Connection in AMP Private Cloud Device Admin UI > Integrations > Threat Grid, and confirm the message Threat Grid Connection test successful! is received.

The screenshot shows the 'Threat Grid Configuration Details' page. It includes fields for Hostname (redacted), API Key (redacted), and Threat Grid SSL Certificate details. The SSL Certificate section shows Issuer: subca\_tga\_clean, Subject: [redacted].cisco.com, and Validity: 2020-11-24 00:00:00 UTC to 2021-11-23 23:59:59 UTC. A red box highlights the 'Test Connection' button.

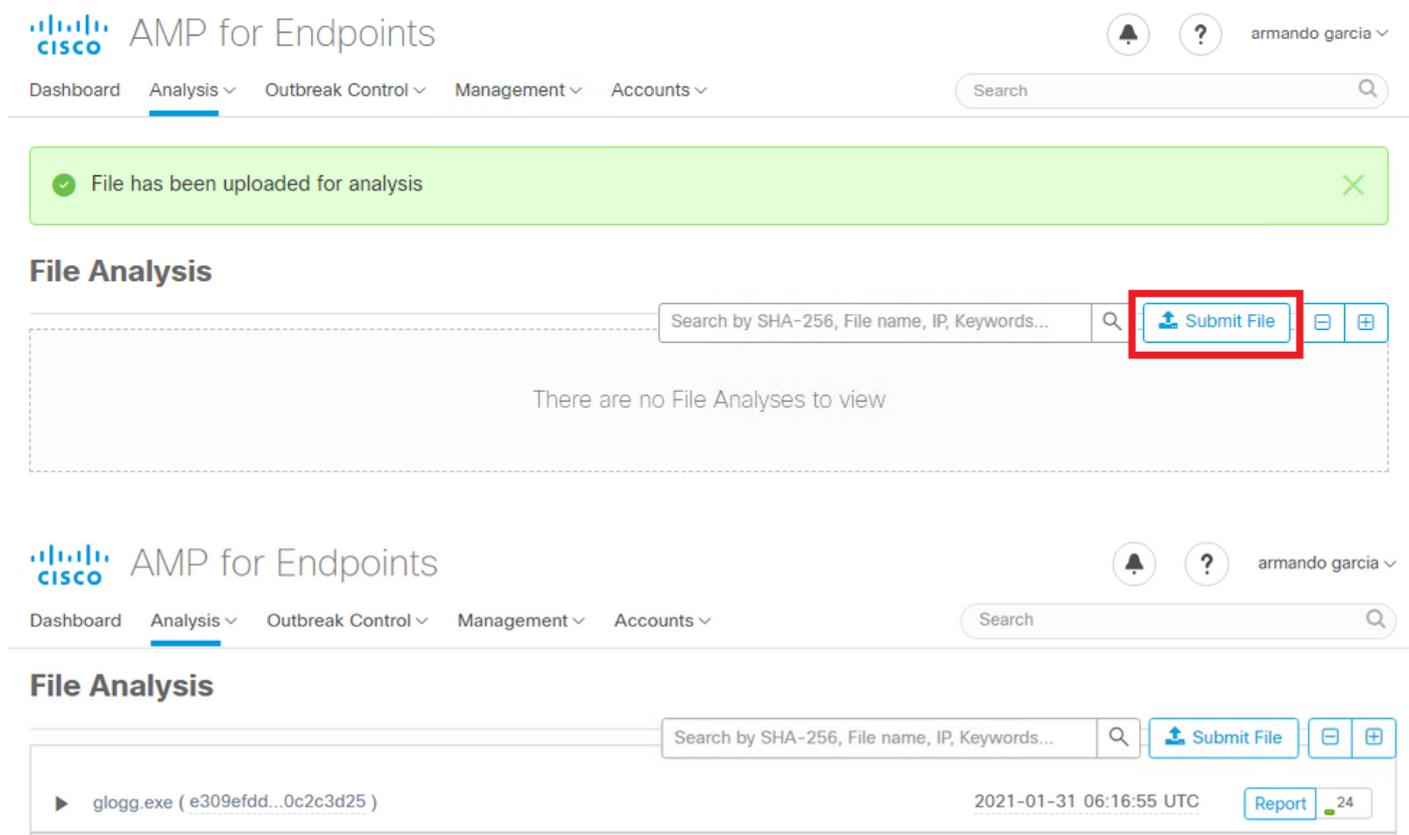
Threat Grid Configuration Details		Edit
Hostname	[redacted].cisco.com	
API Key	[redacted]	
<b>Threat Grid SSL Certificate</b>		<b>Test Connection</b>
Issuer	subca_tga_clean	
Subject	[redacted].cisco.com	
Validity	2020-11-24 00:00:00 UTC - 2021-11-23 23:59:59 UTC	



Step 2. Confirm the File Analysis webpage in the AMP Private Cloud console is loaded without errors.



Step 3. Confirm that files manually submitted from the AMP Private Cloud console **Analysis > File Analysis** are perceived in the Threat Grid appliance, and a report with a score is returned by the Threat Grid appliance.



Step 4. Confirm the CAs that signed the Disposition Update Service certificate of the AMP Private Cloud device are installed in the Threat Grid appliance in **Certificate Authorities**.

Step 5. Confirm that any sample marked by the Threat Grid appliance with a score  $\geq 95$  is recorded in the AMP Private Cloud database with the disposition of malicious after the report and the sample score are provided by the Threat Grid Appliance.

**Note:** A successful reception of sample report and a  $\geq 95$  sample score in the AMP Private Cloud console the **File Analysis** tab, does not necessarily mean the file disposition was

changed in the AMP database. If the CAs that signed the Disposition Update Service certificate of the AMP Private Cloud device is not installed in the Threat Grid appliance in **Certificate Authorities**, reports and scores are received by the AMP Private Cloud device, but no pokes are received from the Threat Grid appliance.

**Warning:** The next test was completed to trigger a sample disposition change in the AMP database after the Threat Grid appliance has marked a file with a  $\geq 95$  score. The purpose of this test was to provide information about the internal operations in the AMP Private Cloud device when the Threat Grid Appliance provides a sample score of  $\geq 95$ . In order to trigger the disposition change process, a malware-imitation test file was created with the Cisco internal makemalware.exe application. Sample: malware3-419d23483.exeSHA256: 8d3bbc795bb47447984bf2842d3a0119bac0d79a15a59686951e1f7c5aacc995.

**Caution:** It is not advised to detonate any malware-imitation test file in a production environment.

## Confirmation of sample disposition update in the AMP Private Cloud Database

The test malware file was manually submitted to the Threat Grid appliance from **File Analysis** in the AMP Private Cloud console. After the analysis of the sample, a sample report and a sample score of 100 were provided to the AMP Private Cloud device by the Threat Grid appliance. A sample score  $\geq 95$  triggers a disposition change for the sample in the AMP Private Cloud device database. This change of the sample disposition in the AMP database based on a  $\geq 95$  sample score provided by Threat Grid is what is known as a poke.

The screenshot shows the AMP for Endpoints interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with 'Dashboard', 'Analysis', 'Outbreak Control', 'Management', and 'Accounts'. A search bar is on the right. The main section is titled 'File Analysis' and contains a table of analyzed files. The table has columns for file name, SHA-256 fingerprint, analysis time, and a 'Report' button with a score indicator. The file 'malware3-8d3bbc795.exe' is highlighted, showing a score of 100. Below the table, a detailed view of this file is shown, including its fingerprint, file name, and threat score.

File Name	SHA-256 Fingerprint	Analysis Time	Score
xca.exe	63019d7c...a24c6c44	2021-01-31 08:16:38 UTC	30
WinRAR.exe	9066f0bc...f79d741e	2021-01-31 06:17:05 UTC	80
glogg.exe	e309efdd...0c2c3d25	2021-01-31 06:16:55 UTC	24
malware3-8d3bbc795.exe	8d3bbc79...5aacc995	2021-01-31 06:16:50 UTC	100

Fingerprint (SHA-256)	8d3bbc79...5aacc995
File name	malware3-8d3bbc795.exe
Threat Score	100
Name	Score

If:

- The integration was completed successfully.
- Sample reports and scores are perceived in **File Analysis** after manually submitting files.

Then:

- For each sample that the Threat Grid appliance marks with a score  $\geq 95$ , an entry is added to the file `/data/poked/poked.log` in the AMP Private Cloud device.
- The `/data/poked/poked.log` is created in the AMP Private Cloud device after the first  $\geq 95$  sample score is provided by the Threat Grid appliance.
- The `db_protect` database in the AMP Private Cloud holds the current disposition for the sample. This piece of information can be used to confirm if the sample has a disposition of 3 after the Threat Grid appliance provided the score.

If the sample report and the  $\geq 95$  score are perceived in **File Analysis** in the AMP Private Cloud console, apply these steps:

Step 1. Log in via SSH to the AMP Private Cloud device.

Step 2. Confirm there is an entry in `/data/poked/poked.log` for the sample.

Listing the `/data/poked/` directory in an AMP Private Cloud device that has never have received a  $\geq 95$  sample score from a Threat Grid appliance shows the `poked.log` file has not been created in the system.

If the AMP Private Cloud device has never received a poke from a Threat Grid appliance the `/data/poked/poked.log` file is not found in the directory, as shown in the image.

```
[root@fireamp ~]# ls /data/poked/
poked_error.log
[root@fireamp ~]#
```

Listing the `/data/poked/` directory after the first  $\geq 95$  sample score has been received, shows the file was created.

After receiving the first sample with a  $\geq 95$  score.

```
[root@fireamp ~]# ls /data/poked/
poked_error.log  poked.log
[root@fireamp ~]#
[root@fireamp ~]# cat /data/poked/poked.log
Jan 30 18:25:18 fireamp poked[9557]: [9557] info @0.004940 127.0.0.1 --
{"disposition": "malicious", "force": 0, "state": "local", "name": "W32.80388C795B-100.SBX.TG", "ok": 1, "time": 1612031118, "hash": "8d3bbc795bb47447984bf2842d3a0119bac0d79a15a59686951e1f7c5aacc995", "engine": "sha256", "user": "-", "mode": "tg", "score": 100}
[root@fireamp ~]#
```

Sample information from the poke provided by the Threat Grid appliance can be perceived inside the `poked.log` file.

Step 3. **Run** this command with the sample SHA256 to retrieve the current disposition from the database of the AMP Private Cloud device.

```
mysql -e "select hex(fingerprint), disposition_id from protect.binaries where fingerprint=0x<SHA256 hash of the sample>;"
```

### Example

A database query to get the sample disposition before the sample is uploaded to the Threat Grid Appliance provides no results, as shown in the image.

```
[root@fireamp ~]# mysql -e "select hex(fingerprint), disposition_id from protect.binaries where fingerprint=0x8d3bbc795bb47447984bf2842d3a0119bac0d79a15a59686951e1f7c5aacc995;"
[root@fireamp ~]#
```

A database query to get the sample disposition after the report and score were received from the Threat Grid appliance, shows the sample with a disposition of 3 which is considered malicious.

```
[root@fireamp ~]# mysql -e "select hex(fingerprint), disposition_id from protect.binaries where fingerprint=0x8d3bbc795bb47447984bf2842d3a0119bac0d79a15a59686951e1f7c5aacc995;"
+-----+-----+
| hex(fingerprint) | disposition_id |
+-----+-----+
| 8D3BBC795BB47447984BF2842D3A0119BAC0D79A15A59686951E1F7C5AACC995 | 3 |
+-----+-----+
[root@fireamp ~]#
```

## Troubleshooting

In the integration process, possible issues can be perceived. In this part of the document, some of the most common issues are addressed.

### Warning in AMP Private Cloud device about host invalid, certificate not tested, API key not tested

#### Symptom

The warning message: Threat Grid host is invalid, Threat Grid SSL Certificate could not be tested, Threat Grid API key could not be tested, is received in the AMP Private Cloud device after is selected the **Test Connection** button in **Integrations > Threat Grid**.

Connect Threat Grid Appliance to AMP for Endpoints Appliance

#### Threat Grid Connection test failed.

- Threat Grid host is invalid.
- Threat Grid SSL Certificate could not be tested.
- Threat Grid API key could not be tested.

There is a problem at the network level in the integration.

#### Recommended Steps:

- Confirm the AMP Private Cloud device console interface can reach the Threat Grid appliance clean interface.
- Confirm the AMP Private Cloud device can resolve the FQDN of the Threat Grid appliance clean interface.
- Confirm there is not a filtering device in the network path of the AMP Private Cloud device and the Threat Grid appliance.

### Warning in AMP Private Cloud device about invalid Threat Grid API key

#### Symptom

The warning message: Threat Grid Connection test failed, Threat Grid API is invalid, is received in the AMP Private Cloud device after is selected the **Test Connection** button in **Integrations > Threat Grid**.

## Connect Threat Grid Appliance to AMP for Endpoints Appliance

### Threat Grid Connection test failed.

- Threat Grid API key is invalid.

The Threat Grid appliance API key configured in the AMP Private cloud.

#### Recommended Steps:

- Confirm in the account settings of the Threat Grid appliance user, the Disable API Key parameter is not set to True.
  - The Disable API Key parameter must be set to: False or Unset.

## API

API Key	*****
Disable API Key ?	<input type="radio"/> True <input checked="" type="radio"/> False <input type="radio"/> Unset
Can Download Sample Content Via API ?	<input type="radio"/> True <input checked="" type="radio"/> False <input type="radio"/> Unset

- Confirm the Threat Grid API key configured in the AMP Private Cloud admin portal **Integrations > Threat Grid**, is the same API key in the user settings in the Threat Grid appliance.
- Confirm if the correct Threat Grid API key is saved in the AMP Private Cloud device database.

From the AMP Private Cloud device command line, it can be confirmed the current Threat Grid API key configured in the AMP device. Log in to the AMP Private Cloud device via SSH and run this command to retrieve the current Threat Grid user API key:

```
mysql -e "select tg_api_key, tg_login, api_client_id from db_smbe.businesses;"
```

This is a correct entry in the database of the AMP Private Cloud device for the Threat Grid appliance API key.

```
[root@fireamp ~]# mysql -e "select tg_api_key, tg_login, api_client_id from db_smbe.businesses;"
+-----+-----+-----+
| tg_api_key          | tg_login          | api_client_id      |
+-----+-----+-----+
| mirtlif: [REDACTED] | argarci2_samples-user | de4c23c64d3e36034bb7 |
+-----+-----+-----+
[root@fireamp ~]#
```

Even though the Threat Grid username was not directly configured in the AMP Private Cloud Device in any step of the integration, the Threat Grid username is perceived in the tg\_login parameter in the AMP database if the Threat Grid API key was correctly applied.

This is an erroneous entry in the AMP database for the Threat Grid API key.

```
[root@fireamp ~]# mysql -e "select tg_api_key, tg_login, api_client_id from db_smbe.businesses;"
+-----+-----+-----+
| tg_api_key          | tg_login | api_client_id      |
+-----+-----+-----+
| thisisanwrongapikey | NULL    | de4c23c64d3e36034bb7 |
+-----+-----+-----+
[root@fireamp ~]#
```

The tg\_login parameter is NULL. The Threat Grid username was not retrieved from the Threat Grid appliance by the AMP Private Cloud device after applying the reconfiguration.

## Sample scores $\geq 95$ are received by the AMP Private Cloud device, but no change perceived in the sample disposition

### Symptom

Reports and  $\geq 95$  sample scores are received successfully from the Threat Grid appliance after a sample is submitted, but no change in the sample disposition is perceived in the AMP Private Cloud device.

### Recommended Steps:

- Confirm in the AMP Private Cloud device if the sample SHA256 is in the content of /data/poked/poked.log.

If the SHA256 is found in /data/poked/poked.log, then run this command to confirm the current sample disposition in the AMP database.

```
mysql -e "select hex(fingerprint), disposition_id from protect.binaries where fingerprint=0x<SHA256 hash of the sample>;"
```

- Confirm the correct AMP Private Cloud integration password was added to the Threat Grid appliance administration portal in **Administration > Manage AMP Private Cloud Integration**.

AMP Private Cloud administration portal.

**Step 2: Threat Grid Portal Setup**

1. Go to the Threat Grid Appliance Portal.
2. Navigate to the `Manage AMP for Endpoints Integration` page on the Threat Grid appliance.
3. Add the Service URL, User, and Password from the section below.

Details	
Service URL	https://dupdateamp3.argarci2-lab.com/
User	disposition_update_user
Password	<input type="password" value="ew236[REDACTED]kJYfPK"/> <span style="float: right; border: 1px solid #ccc; padding: 2px 5px; background-color: #f96;">Change Password</span>

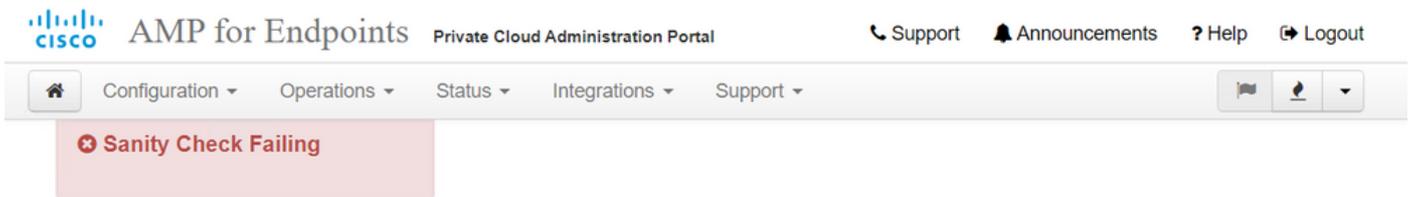
Threat Grid appliance console portal.

Service URL	User	Password	Action(s)
	disposition_update_user	.....	<a href="#">Edit</a> <a href="#">Remove</a>
	disposition_update_user	.....	<a href="#">Edit</a> <a href="#">Remove</a>
	disposition_update_user	.....	<a href="#">Edit</a> <a href="#">Remove</a>
	disposition_update_user	.....	<a href="#">Edit</a> <a href="#">Remove</a>
	disposition_update_user	.....	<a href="#">Edit</a> <a href="#">Remove</a>
	disposition_update_user	.....	<a href="#">Edit</a> <a href="#">Remove</a>
<input type="text" value="https://dupdateamp3.argarci2-lat"/>	<input type="text" value="disposition_update_user"/>	<input type="text" value="ew236[redacted]xJYfPK"/>	<a href="#">Save</a> <a href="#">Cancel</a>
<input type="text"/>	disposition_update_user	.....	<a href="#">Edit</a> <a href="#">Remove</a>

- Confirm the CAs that signed the AMP Private Cloud device Disposition Update Service certificate was installed in the Threat Grid appliance administration portal in **CA Certificates**.

In the below example the certificate chain for the AMP Private Cloud device Disposition Update Service certificate is **Root\_CA > Sub\_CA > Disposition\_Update\_Service certificate**; therefore, the RootCA and the Sub\_CA must be installed in **CA Certificates** in the Threat Grid Appliance.

Certificates authorities in the AMP Private Cloud administration portal.




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❌ **Sanity Check Failing**

Certificate Authorities are used by your Private Cloud device to verify SSL certificates and connections.

[Add Certificate Authority](#)

Certificate <span style="float: right;">(click to collapse)</span>			
Issuer	rootca_vpc		<a href="#">Download</a> <a href="#">Delete</a>
Subject	rootca_vpc		
Validity	2020-11-15 00:00:00 UTC	- 2025-11-14 23:59:59 UTC	

Certificate <span style="float: right;">(click to collapse)</span>			
Issuer	rootca_vpc		<a href="#">Download</a> <a href="#">Delete</a>
Subject	subca-dus		
Validity	2020-12-05 12:01:00 UTC	- 2023-12-05 12:01:00 UTC	

Threat Grid administration portal:

Details	Validity
<b>Subject:</b> CN=rootca_vpc <b>Issuer:</b> CN=rootca_vpc <b>Fingerprint:</b> 66:BF:EB:63:36:9F:AC:E9:39:AD:76:A4:0E:5A:57:B1:45:B9:FD:A4:FD:63:7E:5A:11:FF:47:AA:CC:1E:FF:F2	2020-11-1 Valid for alr
<b>Sub</b> <b>Issu</b> <b>Fin</b>	-03-0 for ab
<b>Sub</b> <b>Issu</b> <b>Fin</b>	-03-2 for ab
<b>Sub</b> <b>Issu</b> <b>Fin</b>	-07-2 for ov
<b>Sub</b> <b>Issu</b> <b>Fin</b>	-03-0 for ab
<b>Subject:</b> CN=subca-dus <b>Issuer:</b> CN=rootca_vpc <b>Fingerprint:</b> 51:D5:74:9A:6C:44:4B:1A:E9:45:93:CB:B6:7C:3A:EB:7B:8B:BD:04:51:4D:79:8E:D4:23:35:92:C0:17:9D:5C	2020-12-0 Valid for alr

- Confirm the AMP Private Cloud device Disposition Update Service FQDN was correctly added to the Threat Grid appliance administration portal in **Administration > Manage AMP Private Cloud Integration**. Confirm as well the IP address of the AMP Private Cloud device console interface was not added instead of the FQDN.

## Warning in AMP Private Cloud device about invalid Threat Grid SSL certificate

### Symptom

The warning message: "Threat Grid SSL certificate is invalid", is received in the AMP Private Cloud device after is selected the **Test Connection** button in **Integrations > Threat Grid**.

**Threat Grid Connection test failed.**

- Threat Grid SSL Certificate is invalid.
- Threat Grid API key could not be tested.

### Recommended Steps:

- Confirm if the certificate installed in the Threat Grid appliance clean interface is signed by a corporate CA.

If it is signed by a CA then the complete certificate chain must be added inside a file to the AMP Private Cloud device administration portal **Integrations > Threat Grid** in **Threat Grid SSL Certificate**.

Threat Grid Configuration Details Edit

Hostname	<input type="text" value="cisco.com"/>
API Key	<input type="text" value="....."/>
<b>Threat Grid SSL Certificate</b>	
Issuer	subca_tga_clean
Subject	<input type="text" value="cisco.com"/>
Validity	2020-11-24 00:00:00 UTC - 2021-11-23 23:59:59 UTC

↔ Test Connection

In the AMP Private Cloud device the currently Threat Grid appliance certificates installed can be found in: /opt/fire/etc/ssl/threat\_grid.crt .

## Warnings in Threat Grid appliance related to certificates

### Warning Message - Public key derived from private key does not match

#### Symptom

The warning message: public key derived from private key does not match, is received in the Threat Grid appliance after an attempt to add a certificate to an interface.


Threat Grid Appliance

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### Upload SSL certificate for PANDEM

Certificate (PEM)

```
-----BEGIN CERTIFICATE-----
hvcNAQELBQADggEBAKXz8oIDWacWY5V0XSHWrQIMULAMNAE8OZIXNkuByG6vvhj
P
JkgjjU9xKrke5LCr+trWnr+qjZlc4ecVCm8FXBWUtr8BjHcimbHUbZIVLYp6WDxO
[REDACTED]
HMS37fv44R9Cir4pjUz0bc61HS4wo5PAfUyjPtO1Dy0dHia4zE3pH4X3D9rzQYYd
Cl6KJpevCJzFyoQW3ahTZoxr4F11I5wO3XcH41Q=
-----END CERTIFICATE-----
```

Private Key (PEM)

```
-----BEGIN RSA PRIVATE KEY-----
wZfa8sZJp30zivJrtvBioPnwmPpNZzhqIW3cC90ASaRSXeU+4c+HmUknahEHJNn8
IjBkA4UJQgWgeD4QKOj8cQKBgQCIZmRmL7H7d1avaPzbEIA0kYnlqIXsBKDCHjYo
g+H0Nxldl8zU5HYFab9LO361thYO+OBwd3EGhbQ2u7CeinFp8Y7mQuqQNFTbHIZO
[REDACTED]
/8E/D+jdT8zhA3aWNXADf8b9xjIRE3241FAfJf/3a59q27y/d96tCa1PFaMOiXGc
nY2D9lwNsn5uk1IHL2SojLtvx8BYqw98w0uuBOMqZZVNprSparsyw==
-----END RSA PRIVATE KEY-----
```

*public key derived from private key does not match*

Add Certificate
Cancel

The public key exported from the private key does not match with the public key configured in the certificate.

## Recommended Steps:

- Confirm if the private key matches the public key in the certificate.

If the private key matches the public key in the certificate, then the modulus and the public exponent must be the same. For this analysis, it is enough to confirm if the modulus has the same value in the private key and the public key in the certificate.

Step 1. Use the OpenSSL tool to compare the modulus in the private key and the public key configured in the certificate.

```
openssl x509 -noout -modulus -in <certificate in PEM format> | openssl md5 openssl rsa -noout -modulus -in <private key in PEM format> | openssl md5
```

Example. Successful match of a private key and a public key configured in a certificate.

```
$ openssl x509 -noout -in certificate.cert | openssl md5
(stdin)= d41d8cd98f00b204e9800998ecf8427e
$
$
$ openssl rsa -noout -in private-key.key | openssl md5
(stdin)= d41d8cd98f00b204e9800998ecf8427e
```

## Warning Message - Private key contains non-PEM content

### Symptom

The warning message: Private key contains non-PEM content, is received in the Threat Grid appliance after an attempt to add a certificate to an interface.

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## Upload SSL certificate for PANDEM

Certificate (PEM)

```
-----BEGIN CERTIFICATE-----  
MIIDTjCCAjagAwIBAgIlcR1youIOY/MwDQYJKoZIhvcNAQELBQAwGjEYMBYGA1UE  
AwwPc3ViY2FfdGdhX2NsZWFuMB4XDTIwMTEyMDAwMDAwMFAwXDTIxMTEyMzNT  
k1  
OVowSTEBMBkGA1UEChMQS2l2Y28gU3lzdGVtYcywgSW5jMSowKAYDVQQDEyFrc2Vj  
  
NlgQT03qqfX7Zh5wKY4BrTWxOpNBodUcl0KxzODPWYZqUUjpeKcJyUkj2L6fY0OV
```

Private Key (PEM)

```
wZfa8sZJp30zivJRtvBioPnwmPpNZzhqIW3cC90ASaRSXeU+4c+HmUknahEHJNn8  
lJbkA4UJQgWgeD4QKOj8cQKBgQCIZmRmL7H7d1avaPzbEIA0kYnlqIXsBKDCHjYo  
g+H0NxlIdl8zU5HYFab9LO361thYO+OBwd3EGhbQ2u7CeinFp8Y7mQuqQNFTbHIZO  
  
/8E/D+jdT8zhA3aWNXADf8b9xjIRE324TFafJf73a59q27y7d96tCa1PFaMOiXGc  
nY2D9lwNsnl5uk1IHL2SojLTVx8BYqw98w0uuBOMqZZVNprSparsyw==  
-----END RSA PRIVATE KEY-----
```

*private key contains non-PEM content*

Add Certificate

Cancel

The PEM data inside the private key file is corrupted.

## Recommended Steps:

- Confirm the integrity of the data inside the private key.

Step 1. Use the OpenSSL tool to verify the integrity of the private key.

```
openssl rsa -check -noout -in <private key in PEM format>
```

Example. Outputs from a private key with errors in the PEM data inside the file, and from another private key with no errors in the PEM content.

```
$ openssl rsa -check -noout -in wrong-private-key.key  
unable to load Private Key  
140333463315776:error:09091064:PEM routines:PEM_read_bio_ex:bad base64 decode:../crypto/pem/pem_lib.c:929:  
  
$ openssl rsa -check -noout -in correct-private-key.key  
RSA key ok
```

If the OpenSSL command output is not **RSA Key ok**, this means problems were found with the PEM data inside the key.

If problems were found with the OpenSSL command, then:

- Confirm if PEM data inside the private key is missing.

PEM data inside the private key file is displayed in lines of 64 characters. A quick eye check of the PEM data inside the file can show if data is missing. The line with missing data is not aligned with other lines in the file.

```

$ cat wrong-private-key.key
-----BEGIN PRIVATE KEY-----
MIIEvAIBADANBgkqhkiG9w0BAQEFAASCbKYwggSiAgEAAoIBAQCvfIytwkf9UIc5
DluK9PTbKvDrShgn8/Cen9wXEUDIBNahlFiZvwZb/5FL+I1ry/P0WKJMiXRhLQ52
Y0oogQsuDTw79Moa6xXYLKq1P5QRIV6tQQDNIHUoHFNSLkoo0H0ubkDtGo/PW4fE
/JNGbMIU/d1DDuzxfgGze0viztT90rpCbZyQP2r+sGxaOKM0c3AEgK/pYA7aCv/G
P6rGkHc/ViM1NTuWVIWdIcLgTUX0DeHLjTicI2q/vH/i0WeIgAv10aGuBCOeg <-----
NwOgPyY3XI8g7l
WXZW1XhNAgMBA
Uh4/Vrdg1TYXfi
fINIJto/x0azh
mdhzCQSTBFYbM
JqSwA5BEgqeH3
WtVHzbVDqJ+rb
SU+TvjNWQGcUs:
4HA6/VsM10NHKT4EhvSks
tU9huSCL7t4BF7VpSeKXM
s7k0sCwmhKUaMacTYAnrg
47ttvLvX3zweLCEXsDXK6
R4M7HiocsbkLjijScTFYQ
rgd4kJ6ddAaSjQS7sJxaf
3gQDePpxacxGRZLXfja3s
a8y8ZQd0lqPZrV0Z6Mym2
i5S+/LS4jHB5hcCfnZpL4M0zHYvX+HPuGHm2xOCy51K5KsfDPa/SrbhDkxZty0SG
lCgVLEycQ5t1xtI6qiBLKNmtrQKBgQDKI+BTMrHFYD50gPcBZyGXVhmSyHcZOP9k
OosXngeKtpdqL8Ck/H2QftFpOAFoHQxD/tiJA6E1eK9HFVnsq9+xbCU1fRlPxeCS
CbcfIDYBwaMn8Ywp9PfZKPgu/gI3XIUWT6T0LcBGtdspYDEbApvYA091PoS0vcBn
g7LG+bcJIQKBGhFn/ZziDtrkSzJ5N6fVGPPhJHCuTI+yZRuBkkz/8ohv1Rf+En+VY
9QG0GBq/MEBZy3TV+SUYfPX1SQ9eQDDYNQToKsfpUh0QvuQ0JeIGSm+E6jFApNeg
QauT9x0TkVDP1bP5LFkTMG27Brzr9oG95F45hrZ0gW0D+w7YdTYlGD7ZAoGASHku
b4XoeNS1771hUg5w27qR9q+LC+8EmiHnRrNxDsnCzd7zGfQw7MKbQDdfQdfQUvyn
FBDKFsrLRT1rJVDGJe2ZNaE/QmE20AVNs7PG3UBYx/RxhYV/60smGGsXz10Mn+A0
SxuwKWoARshnMsDvsTYwofm1SMwTlMmCKpbTiiECgYBi8ZjgsdFv2NtYlmb1pAYS
DHiErbldtVumF42Tax+fucqUrdb3LZo6FjagvPy+LBjA3VjtRYkDjQmstvxD5jfd
V3Pq4IwaocGU8RQUJY5L6rmw+y1s6Z+iNkIcPeZtWidSgP+NZa1xvhfj8XeL5600
a+IQn0Y41zLJ22ScgyFzEQ==
-----END PRIVATE KEY-----

```

- Confirm the first line in the private key starts with 5 hyphens, the words **BEGIN PRIVATE KEY**, and ends with 5 hyphens.

Example.

```
-----BEGIN PRIVATE KEY-----
```

- Confirm the last line in the private key starts with 5 hyphens, the words **END PRIVATE KEY**, and ends with 5 hyphens.

Example.

```
-----END PRIVATE KEY-----
```

Example. Correct PEM format and data inside a private key.

```
$ cat correct-private-key.key
-----BEGIN PRIVATE KEY-----
MIIEvAIBADANBgkqhkiG9w0BAQEFAASCBKYwggSiAgEAAoIBAQCvfIytwKf9UIc5
DluK9PTbKvDrShgn8/Cen9wXEUDIBNahlFiZvwZb/5FL+I1ry/P0WKJMiXRhLQ52
Y0oogQsuDTw79Moa6xXYLKq1P5QRIV6tQQDNiHUoHFNSLkoo0H0ubkDtGo/PW4fE
/JNGbMIU/d1DDuzxfGze0viztT90rpCbZyQP2r+sGxaOKM0c3AEgK/pYA7aCv/G
P6rGkHc/ViM1NTuWVIWdIcLgTUX0DeHLjTicI2q/vH/i0WeIgAv10aGuBC0egVDU
NwOgPyY3XI8g7H 4HA6/VsM10NHKT4EhvSks
WXZW1XhNAgMBAAtU9huSCL7t4BF7VpSeKXM
Uh4/Vrdg1TYXFBs7k0sCwmhKUaMAcTYAnrg
fINIJto/x0azhe47ttvLvX3zweLCEXsDXK6
mdhzCQSTBfYbM4R4M7HiocsbkLjijScTFYQ
JqSwA5BEgqeH3ahgd4kJ6ddAaSjQS7sJxaf
WtVHzbVDqJ+rb9BgQDePpxacxGRZLXfja3s
SU+TvjNWQGcUsXa8y8ZQd0lqPZrV0Z6Mym2
i5S+/LS4jHB5hcCfnZpL4M0zHYvX+HPuGHm2x0Cy51K5KsfDPa/SrbhDkxZty0SG
lCgVLEycQ5t1xtI6qiBLKNmtrQKBgQDKI+BTMrHFYD50gPcBZyGXVhmSyHcZOP9k
OosXngeKtpdqL8Ck/H2QftFp0AFoHQxD/tiJA6E1eK9HfVnsq9+xbCU1fRLPxeCS
CbcflDYBwaMn8Ywp9PfZKpgu/gI3XIUWT6T0LcBGtdspYDEbApvYA091PoS0vcBn
g7LG+bcJIQKBGHFn/ZziDtrkSzJSN6fVgPhJHCutI+yZRuBkkz/8ohv1Rf+En+VY
9QG0GBq/MEBZy3TV+SUYfPX1SQ9eQDDYNQToKsfpUh0QvuQ0JeIGSm+E6jFApNeg
QauT9x0TkVDP1bP5LFkTMG27Brzr9oG95F45hrZ0gWOD+w7YdTYlGD7ZAoGASHku
b4XoeNS1771hUg5w27qR9q+LC+8EmiHnRrNxDsnCZd7zGfQw7MKbQDdFQdfQUvyn
FBDKFsrlRT1rJVDGJe2ZNaE/QmE20AVNs7PG3UBYx/RxhYV/60smGGsXz10Mn+A0
SxuwKWoARshnMsDvsTYwofmlSMwTlMmCKpbTiiECgYBi8ZjgsdFv2NtYlmb1pAYS
DHierblDtVumF42Tax+fucqUrdB3LZo6FjagvPy+LBJA3VjtRYkDjQmstvxD5jfd
V3Pq4IwaocGU8RQUJY5L6rmw+y1s6Z+iNkIcPeZtWidSgP+NZa1xvhfj8XeL560o
a+IQn0Y41zLJ22ScgyFzEQ==
-----END PRIVATE KEY-----
```

## Warning Message - Cannot generate public key from the private key

### Symptom

The warning message: cannot generate public key from the private key, is received in the Threat Grid appliance after an attempt to add a certificate to an interface.

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### Upload SSL certificate for PANDEM

Certificate (PEM)

```
AN
BgkqhkiG9w0BAQsFAAOCAQEAsCQ1iOkPkLj6A1R94eueZ64zCYGuf8wg0z2S9Kle
epjqQobaJadl3WTh7LMHuxHZP02YZJIO/OjUQ/8uLk1sG7rVE5ROe/Ev9OvjL5nF
[Redacted]
wbTboJukREZOyiBoQDPcSWHqe8j3FEtJlf9yfv2bthOFQQ+Lf3BU4ZPiXPVEtuUL
7FIP0kjC/33s5ZWpC8OzCmdPvFgx//JbpWr1gllYVs1uYg==
-----END CERTIFICATE-----
```

Private Key (PEM)

```
-----BEGIN RSA PRIVATE KEY-----
MIIEpAIBAACAQEAucb3AU15P91Ym/PvHva/xKBCbLeY7+jQJGO7wm7eruX3KTZY
EE9N6qn1+2YecCmOAA01sTqTQaHVHJdCsczgz1mGalFI6Xinl8JI9i+n2NDlcNr
XBVPvCUs5fnH2cZwKGTen/NDJhnyC5DIb17RLy7Y+wxhMiyRCHH3aZ3lOMpl1k4X
[Redacted]
cjSc9W8Fy/CDXbX27KncS4qWe91phsKXq0jo7wIDAQABAoIBAFrH8EHRsvNTXY5v
yCSwXQtfALYpjXGGqdduaPzdlrICrCGWbbgimKeYQByGTU9v7vXAX2EAh57Izvb2
```

*cannot generate public key from private key*

The public key cannot be generated from the current PEM data inside the private key file.

#### Recommended Steps:

- Confirm the integrity of the data inside the private key.

Step 1. Use the OpenSSL tool to verify the integrity of the private key.

```
openssl rsa -check -noout -in <private key in PEM format>
```

If the OpenSSL command output is not **RSA Key ok**, this means problems were found with the PEM data inside the key.

Step 2. Use the OpenSSL tool to verify if the public key can be exported from the private key.

```
openssl rsa -in <private key in PEM format> -pubout
```

Example. Failed public key export and a successful public key export.

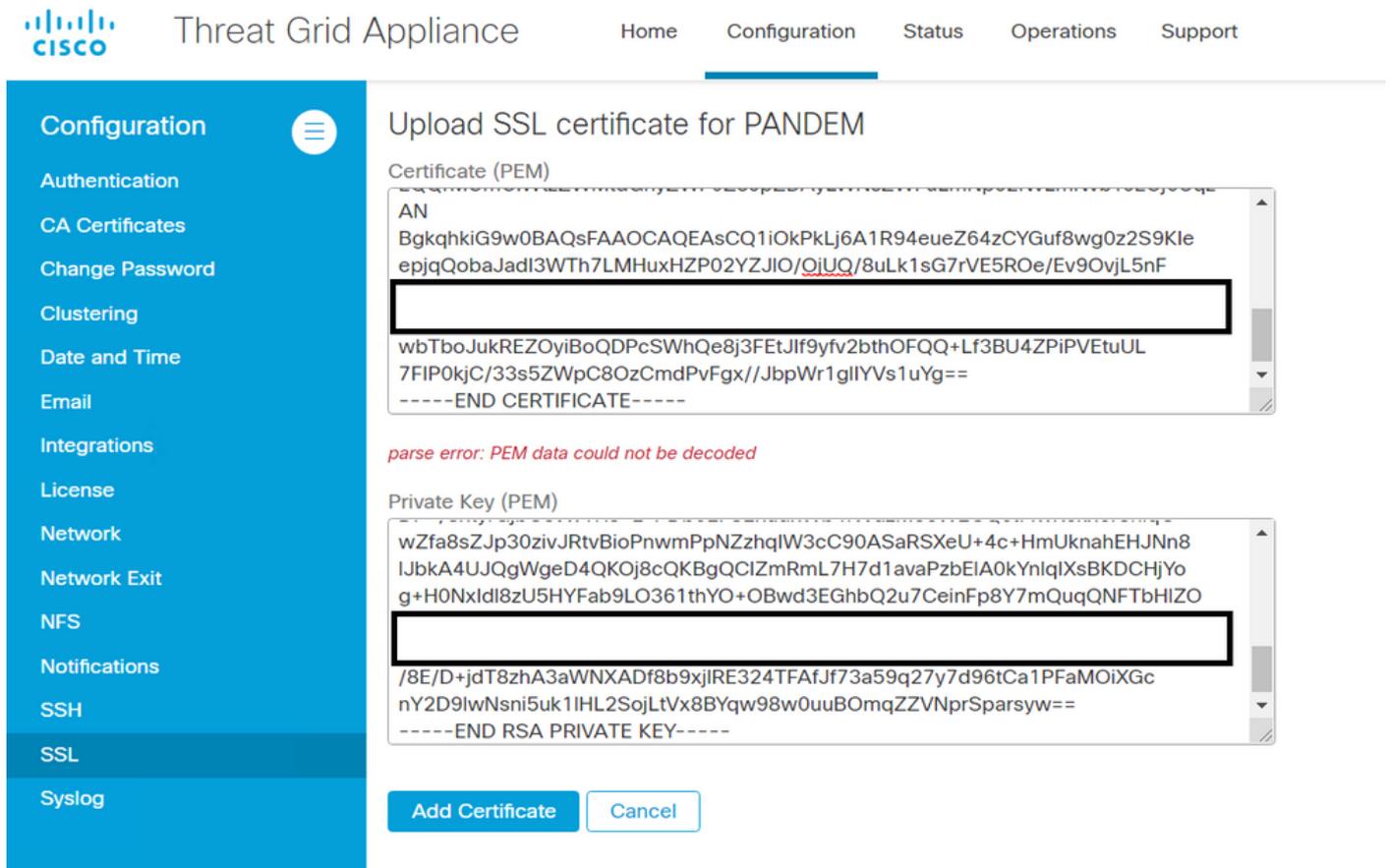
```
$ openssl rsa -in wrong-private-key.key -pubout
unable to load Private Key
140195161523520:error:09091064:PEM routines:PEM_read_bio_ex:bad base64 decode:../crypto/pem/pem_lib.c:929:

$ openssl rsa -in correct-private-key.key -pubout
writing RSA key
-----BEGIN PUBLIC KEY-----
MIIBIjANBgkqhkiG9w0BAQEFAAOCAQ8AMIIBCgKCAQEAr3yMrcJH/VCH0Q5bivT0
2yrw60oYJ/Pwnp/cFxFayATWoZRYmb8GW/+RS/iNa8vz9FiiTI10YS00dmNKKIEL
Lg080/TKGusV2CyqtT+UESFerUEAzYh1KBxTUi5KKNB9Lm5A7RqPz1uHxPyTRmzC
FP3dQw7s8X4Bs3tL4s7U/Tq6Qm2ckD9q/rBswjijNHNwBICv6WA02gr/xj+qxpB3
P1YjNTU7l1SFnSHC4E1Fzg3hy40yHCNqv7x/4jlniIAL9dGhrgQjnoFQ1DcDoD8m
N1yPI0x3C0lweVForZmx+Dg61+J4uIjytkVceBw0v1bDNdDRyk+BIB0pLF12VtV4
TQIDAQAB
-----END PUBLIC KEY-----
```

## Warning Message - parse error: PEM data could not be decoded

### Symptom

The warning message: parse error: PEM data could not be decoded, is received in the Threat Grid Appliance after an attempt to add a certificate to an interface.



The screenshot shows the Threat Grid Appliance configuration interface. The left sidebar is set to 'Configuration' > 'SSL'. The main content area is titled 'Upload SSL certificate for PANDEM'. It contains two text input fields: 'Certificate (PEM)' and 'Private Key (PEM)'. Both fields contain base64-encoded data. Below the 'Certificate (PEM)' field, a red error message reads 'parse error: PEM data could not be decoded'. At the bottom of the form are 'Add Certificate' and 'Cancel' buttons.

The certificate cannot be decoded from the current PEM data inside the certificate file. The PEM data inside the certificate file is corrupted.

- Confirm if the certificate information can be retrieved from the PEM data inside the certificate file.

Step 1. Use the OpenSSL tool to display the certificate information from the PEM data file.

```
openssl x509 -in <certificate in PEM format> -text -noout
```

If the PEM data is corrupted an error is perceived when the OpenSSL tool tries to load the certificate information.

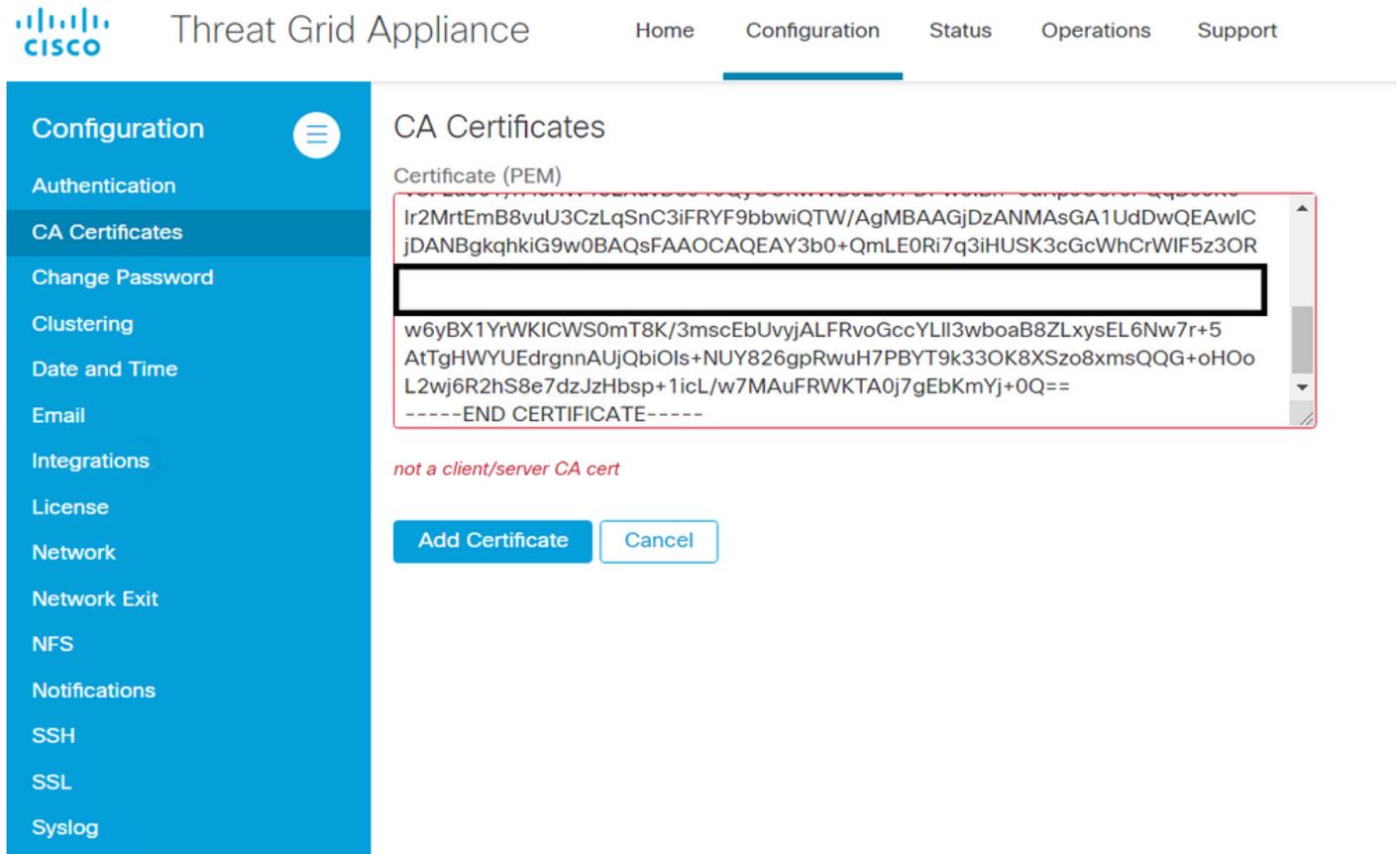
Example. Failed attempt to load the certificate information due to corrupt PEM data in the certificate file.

```
$ openssl x509 -in wrong-certificate.cert -text -noout
unable to load certificate
140159319831872:error:09091064:PEM routines:PEM_read_bio_ex:bad base64 decode:../crypto/pem/pem_lib.c:929:
```

## Warning Message - not a client/server CA cert

### Symptom

The warning message: parse error: not a client/server CA cert, is received in the Threat Grid appliance after an attempt to add a CA certificate to **Configuration > CA Certificates**.



The screenshot shows the Threat Grid Appliance web interface. The left sidebar is blue and contains a menu with items: Configuration, Authentication, CA Certificates (highlighted), Change Password, Clustering, Date and Time, Email, Integrations, License, Network, Network Exit, NFS, Notifications, SSH, SSL, and Syslog. The main content area is titled 'CA Certificates'. Under the heading 'Certificate (PEM)', there is a text input field containing a long PEM-formatted certificate string. A red box highlights the certificate text, and a black box highlights a portion of it. Below the text area, a red error message reads 'not a client/server CA cert'. At the bottom, there are two buttons: 'Add Certificate' and 'Cancel'.

The Basic Constraints extension value in the CA certificate is not defined as CA: True.

Confirm with the OpenSSL tool if the Basic Constraints extension value is set to CA: True in the CA certificate.

Step 1. Use the OpenSSL tool to display the certificate information from the PEM data file.

```
openssl x509 -in <certificate in PEM format> -text -noout
```

Step 2. Search in the certificate information the current value of the **Basic Constraints** extension.

Example. Basic Constraint value for a CA accepted by the Threat Grid appliance.

Exponent: 65537 (0x10001)

X509v3 extensions:

X509v3 Basic Constraints:

CA:TRUE

X509v3 Key Usage:

Digital Signature, Key Agreement, Certificate

## Related Information

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