

Configure Decryption Certificate in Secure Web Appliance

Contents

[Introduction](#)
[Prerequisites](#)
[Requirements](#)
[Components Used](#)
[HTTPS Decryption](#)
[Configure Decryption Certificate in SWA](#)
[Upload a Root Certificate and Key](#)
[Generate a Certificate and Key for the HTTPS Proxy](#)
[Import Certificate](#)
[Import Upstream Proxy Certificate to SWA](#)
[Import SWA Certificate to Another SWA](#)
[Import SWA Certificate in Windows Client](#)
[Import SWA Certificate in Mac Client](#)
[Import SWA Certificate in Ubuntu/Debian](#)
[Import SWA Certificate in CentOS 6](#)
[Import SWA Certificate in CentOS 5](#)
[Import SWA Certificate in Mozilla Firefox](#)
[Import SWA Certificate in Google Chrome](#)
[Import SWA Certificate in Microsoft Edge/Internet Explorer](#)
[Import SWA Certificate in Safari](#)
[Import SWA Certificate from Group Policy to Clients](#)
[Related Information](#)

Introduction

This document describes the steps to Configure HTTPS Encryption Certificates in Secure Web Appliances (SWA) and Proxy clients.

Prerequisites

Requirements

Cisco recommends that you have knowledge of these topics:

- Access To the Graphic User Interface (GUI) of SWA
- Administrative Access to the SWA

Components Used

This document is not restricted to specific software and hardware versions.

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.

HTTPS Decryption

The SWA Hypertext Transfer Protocol Secure (HTTPS) decryption uses the root certificates and private key files you upload to the appliance to encrypt traffic. The root certificate and private key files you upload to the appliance must be in PEM format.

Note: DER format is not supported.

You can also upload an intermediate certificate that a root certificate authority has signed. When the SWA mimics the server certificate, it sends the uploaded certificate along with the mimicked certificate to the client application. That way, as long as the intermediate certificate is signed by a root Certificate Authority (CA) that the client application trusts, the application trust the mimicked server certificate, as well.

Configure Decryption Certificate in SWA

The SWA has the ability to use a current certificate and private key for use with HTTPS decryption. However, there can be confusion about the type of certificate that must be used, since not all x.509 certificates work.

There are two major types of certificates: 'Server certificates' and 'Root certificates'. All x.509 certificates contain a Basic Constraints field, which identifies the type of certificate:

- Subject Type=End Entity- Server certificate
- Subject Type=CA- Root certificate

Upload a Root Certificate and Key

Step 1. From GUI navigate to Security Services and choose HTTPS Proxy.

Step 2. Click Edit Settings.

Step 3. Click Use Uploaded Certificate and Key.

Step 4. Click Browse for the Certificate field to navigate to the certificate file stored on the local machine.

Note: If the file you upload contains multiple certificates or keys, the Web Proxy uses the first certificate or key in the file.

Step 5. Click Browse for the Key field in order to navigate to the private key file.

Note: The key length must be 512, 1024, or 2048 bits.

Step 6. Select Key is Encrypted if the key is encrypted.

Step 7. Click Upload Files in order to transfer the certificate and key files to the Secure Web Appliance. The uploaded certificate information is displayed on the Edit HTTPS Proxy Settings page.

Step 8. (Optional) Click Download Certificate to transfer it to the client applications on the network.

Step 9. Submit and Commit changes.

Generate a Certificate and Key for the HTTPS Proxy

Step 1. From GUI navigate to Security Services and choose HTTPS Proxy.

Step 2. Click Edit Settings.

Step 3. Choose Use Generated Certificate and Key.

Step 4. Click Generate New Certificate and Key.

Step 5. In the Generate Certificate and Key dialog box, enter the information in order to display it in the root certificate.

You can enter any ASCII character except the forward slash (/) in the Common Name field.

Step 6. Click Generate.

Step 7. The generated certificate information is displayed on the Edit HTTPS Proxy Settings page.

Step 8. (Optional) Click Download Certificate so you can transfer it to the client applications on the network.

Step 9. (Optional) Click the Download Certificate Signing Request link, so you can submit the Certificate Signing Request (CSR) to a CA.

Step 10. (Optional) Upload the signed certificate to the Secure Web Appliance after you receive it back from the CA. You can do this at any time after you generate the certificate on the appliance.

Step 11. Submit and Commit changes.

Import Certificate

Import Upstream Proxy Certificate to SWA

If SWA is configured to use an upstream proxy and the upstream proxy is configured for HTTPS decryption, you must import the upstream proxy encryption certificate to SWA.

You can manage the trusted certificate list and add certificates to it and functionally remove certificates from it.

Step 1. From GUI, choose Network and choose Certificate Management.

Step 2. Click Manage Trusted Root Certificates on the Certificate Management page.

Step 3. In order to add a custom trusted root certificate with signing authority, not on the Cisco-recognized list, click Import and then Submit the certificate file.

Step 4. Submit and Commit changes.

Import SWA Certificate to Another SWA

In case you have uploaded HTTPS Certificate and Key in one SWA for HTTPS Proxy and the original files are accessible at the moment, you can import them to another SWA from the configuration file.

Step 1. From the GUI of both SWAs, choose System Administration and click Configuration File.

Step 2. Click Download file on the local computer in order to view or save.

Step 3. Choose Encrypt passwords in the Configuration Files.

Step 4. (Optional) Choose Use a user-defined file name and give the desired name to the Configuration File.

Step 5. Click Submit under Current Configuration in order to download the configuration .xml file.

Step 6. Open downloaded files with text editors or XML editors.

Step 7. Copy these tags from SWA with the certificate, copy all the data inside tags, and replace them in the configuration file of other SWA:

```
<prox_config_signing_cert_name>...</prox_config_signing_cert_name>  
<prox_config_uploaded_cert_name>...</prox_config_uploaded_cert_name>  
<prox_config_uploaded_cert>...</prox_config_uploaded_key>  
<prox_config_uploaded_key>...</prox_config_uploaded_key>
```

Step 8. Save the changes in **.xml** file of the destination SWA.

Step 9. In order to Import the edited **.xml** configuration file back to the destination SWA, from GUI, choose System Administration and click Configuration File.

Step 10. In the Load Configuration section click Load a configuration file from local computer.

Step 11. Click Choose file and choose the edited **.xml** configuration file.

Step 12. Click Load in order to import the new configuration file with the certificate and key.

Step 13. Commit changes if the system is prompted for.

Import SWA Certificate in Windows Client

In order to import the SWA HTTPS Proxy certificate as trusted in client computers with the Microsoft Windows operating system, here are the steps:

Step 1. Click Start from the taskbar and type Manage computer certificates.

Step 2. On the Certificates-Local Computer page, expand Trusted Root Certification and right-click on the Certificates folder.

Step 3. Click All Tasks and choose Import.

Step 4. From the Certificate Import Wizard page, click Next.

Step 5. In order to import the SWA certificate file, click Browse and choose the certificate which you have downloaded from SWA.

Tip: In order to download the SWA certificate, refer to Step 8. from the section 'Upload a Root Certificate and Key' or 'Generating a Certificate and Key for the HTTPS Proxy' in this document.

Step 6. Click Place all certificates in the following check box.

Step 7. Choose Trusted Root Certification Authorities and click Next.

Step 8. Click Finish.

Alternatively, you can use this command in order to import the certificate to Trusted Root Certification Authorities.

```
certutil -addstore -f "ROOT" <Path to SWA Certificate/CertificateName.crt>
```

Note: You must replace <Path to SWA Certificate/CertificateName.crt> with your current downloaded certificate path and file name.

Import SWA Certificate in Mac Client

Step 1. Download the HTTPS Proxy certificate from SWA to the Mac OS client.

Step 2. Rename the file extension to .crt.

Step 3. Run this command in order to import the certificate as a trusted certificate:

```
sudo security add-trusted-cert -d -r trustRoot -k /Library/Keychains/System.keychain <Path to SWA Certifi
```

Note: You must replace it with your current downloaded certificate path and file name.

Import SWA Certificate in Ubuntu/Debian

Step 1. Download the HTTPS Proxy certificate from SWA.

Step 2. Open the certificate file in the text editor and copy all the contents.

Step 3. Create a new file in /usr/local/share/ca-certificates/ with .crt an extension.

Step 4. Edit the file with your desired text editor and past copied text into the new file, and save.

Step 5. Run this command in order to refresh certificates in the operating system.

```
sudo update-ca-certificates
```

Tip: If you have the certificate stored locally on the client, you can copy the certificate to /usr/local/share/ca-certificates/ and run `sudo update-ca-certificates`.

Note: In some versions, you must Install the ca-certificates package with this command: `sudo apt-get install -y ca-certificates`.

Import SWA Certificate in CentOS 6

Step 1. Download the HTTPS Proxy certificate from SWA.

Step 2. Open the certificate file in the text editor and copy all the contents inside the file.

Step 3. Create a new file in /etc/pki/ca-trust/source/anchors/ with .crt extension.

Step 4. Edit the file with your desired text editor and past copied text into the new file, and save.

Step 5. Install the ca-certificates package:

```
yum install ca-certificates
```

Step 6. Run this command to refresh certificates in the operating system:

```
update-ca-trust extract
```

Tip: If you have the certificate stored locally on the client, you can copy the certificate to `/etc/pki/ca-trust/source/anchors/` and run `update-ca-trust extract` after you install the `ca-certificates`.

Import SWA Certificate in CentOS 5

Step 1. Download the HTTPS Proxy certificate from SWA.

Step 2. Open the certificate file in the text editor and copy all the contents inside the file.

Step 3. Create a new file in the current folder with `.crt` extension (for example, `SWA.crt`).

Step 4. Edit the `/etc/pki/tls/certs/ca-bundle.crt` with your desired text editor, paste the copied text at the end of the file, and save.

Tip: If you have the certificate stored locally on the client (in this example the file name is `SWA.crt`), you can append the certificate with this command: `cat SWA.crt >>/etc/pki/tls/certs/ca-bundle.crt`.

Import SWA Certificate in Mozilla Firefox

Step 1. Download the HTTPS Proxy certificate from SWA.

Step 2. Rename the file to `.crt`.

Step 3. Open Firefox and click the menu (three bars in the top right corner).

Step 4. Choose Settings (in some versions it is Options).

Step 5. Click Privacy & Security in the left side menu and scroll to Certificates.

Step 6. Click View Certificates.

Step 7. Click the Authorities tab and then Import.

Step 8. Choose the certificate file and click Open.

Step 9. Click OK.

Import SWA Certificate in Google Chrome

Step 1. Download the HTTPS Proxy certificate from SWA.

Step 2. Rename the file to .crt.

Step 3. Open Google Chrome and click Customize and control Google Chrome(three dots on the top right corner).

Step 4. Choose Settings.

Step 5. Click Privacy and Security from the left-side menu.

Step 6. Choose Security.

Step 7. Scroll to **Manage certificates** and click the button on the right.

Step 8. Choose the Trusted Root Certification Authorities tab and click Import.

Step 9. Choose the certificate file and click Open.

Step 10. Click OK.

Note: If you install the SWA certificate in the operating system, Google Chrome trusts that certificate and there is no need to import the certificate separately to your browser.

Import SWA Certificate in Microsoft Edge/Internet Explorer

Microsoft Edge and Internet Explorer (IE) use operating system certificates. If you install the SWA certificate in the operating system, there is no need to import the certificate separately to your browser.

Import SWA Certificate in Safari

Step 1. Download the HTTPS Proxy certificate from SWA.

Step 2. Rename the file to .crt.

Step 3. In the Launchpad, search for Keychain Access and click it.

Step 4. From the File menu click Add Keychain.

Step 5. Choose the SWA certificate file and click Add.

Step 6. Choose Security.

Step 7. Scroll to Manage certificates and click the button on the right.

Step 8. Choose the Trusted Root Certification Authorities tab and click Import.

Step 9. Choose the certificate file and click Open.

Step 10. Click OK.

Import SWA Certificate from Group Policy to Clients

In order to distribute certificates to the client computers by Group Policy from Active Directory, use these steps:

Step 1. Download the HTTPS Proxy certificate from SWA.

Step 2. Rename the file to .crt.

Step 3. Copy the certificate file to your domain controller.

Step 4. On the domain controller, click `start` and open the Group Policy Management snap-in.

Step 5. Find the desired Group Policy Object (GPO) or create a new GPO to contain the SWA certificate in order to import it to the client.

Step 6. Right-click the GPO, and then click `Edit`.

Step 7. From the left-side menu, navigate to `Computer Configuration > Policies > Windows Settings > Security Settings > Public Key Policies`.

Step 8. Right-click the `Trusted Root Certification Authorities`, and click `Import`.

Step 9. Click `Next` on the `Welcome to the Certificate Import Wizard` page.

Step 10. Choose the SWA certificate file in order to import and click `Next`.

Step 11. Click `Place all certificates in the following store`, and then click `Next`.

Step 12. Verify that the information provided is accurate, and click `Finish`.

Note: In some conditions, you must restart the client or run `gpupdate /force` in order to apply the changes on the Active Directory client machine.

Related Information

- [User Guide for AsyncOS 14.5 for Cisco Secure Web Appliance - GD \(General Deployment\)](#)
- [Distribute Certificates to Client Computers by Using Group Policy | Microsoft Learn](#)
- [Technical Support & Documentation - Cisco Systems](#)