



## CHAPTER 25

# Configuring SSL in Cisco Unity Connection 8.x

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This chapter contains information on creating a certificate signing request, issuing an SSL certificate (or having it issued by an external certification authority), and installing the certificate on the Cisco Unity Connection server to secure Cisco Unity Connection Administration, Cisco Personal Communications Assistant (Cisco PCA) and IMAP email client access to Cisco Unity Connection.

The Cisco PCA website provides access to the web tools that users use to manage messages and personal preferences with Connection. Note that IMAP client access to Connection voice messages is a licensed feature.

See the following sections:

- [Deciding Whether to Create and Install an SSL Certificate in Cisco Unity Connection 8.x, page 25-1](#)
- [Securing Cisco Unity Connection Administration, Cisco PCA, and IMAP Email Client Access to Cisco Unity Connection 8.x, page 25-2](#)
- [Installing Microsoft Certificate Services \(Windows Server 2003 Only\) in Cisco Unity Connection 8.x, page 25-5](#)

## Deciding Whether to Create and Install an SSL Certificate in Cisco Unity Connection 8.x

When you install Cisco Unity Connection, a local certificate is automatically created and installed to secure communication between the Cisco PCA and Connection, and between IMAP email clients and Connection. This means that all network traffic (including usernames, passwords, other text data, and voice messages) between the Cisco PCA and Connection is automatically encrypted, and network traffic between IMAP email clients and Connection is automatically encrypted if you enable encryption in the IMAP clients. However, if you want to reduce the risk of man-in-the-middle attacks, do the procedures in this chapter.

If you decide to install an SSL certificate, we recommend that you also consider adding the trust certificate of the certification authority to the Trusted Root Store on user workstations. Without the addition, the web browser displays security alerts for users who access the Cisco PCA and for users who access Connection voice messages with some IMAP email clients.

(For information on managing security alerts, see the “Managing Security Alerts When Using Self-Signed Certificates with SSL Connections in Cisco Unity Connection 8.x” section in the “[Setting Up Access to the Cisco Personal Communications Assistant in Cisco Unity Connection 8.x](#)” chapter of the *User Workstation Setup Guide for Cisco Unity Connection Release 8.x*. For information on

configuring supported IMAP email clients, see the “[Configuring an Email Account to Access Cisco Unity Connection 8.x Voice Messages](#)” chapter of the same guide. The guide is available at [http://www.cisco.com/en/US/docs/voice\\_ip\\_comm/connection/8x/user\\_setup/guide/8xcucuwsx.html](http://www.cisco.com/en/US/docs/voice_ip_comm/connection/8x/user_setup/guide/8xcucuwsx.html).)

## Securing Cisco Unity Connection Administration, Cisco PCA, and IMAP Email Client Access to Cisco Unity Connection 8.x

Do the following tasks to create and install an SSL server certificate to secure Cisco Unity Connection Administration, Cisco Personal Communications Assistant, and IMAP email client access to Cisco Unity Connection:

1. If you are using Microsoft Certificate Services to issue certificates, install Microsoft Certificate Services. For information on installing Microsoft Certificate Services on a server running Windows Server 2003, see the “[Installing Microsoft Certificate Services \(Windows Server 2003 Only\) in Cisco Unity Connection 8.x](#)” section on page 25-5. For information on installing Microsoft Certificate Services on a server running a later version of Windows Server, refer to Microsoft documentation.

If you are using another application to issue certificates, install the application. See the manufacturer documentation for installation instructions. Then skip to Task 2.

If you are using an external certification authority to issue certificates, skip to Task 2.



**Note** If you already have installed Microsoft Certificate Services or another application that can create certificate signing requests, skip to Task 2.

2. If a Connection cluster is configured, run the `set web-security` CLI command on both Connection servers in the cluster and assign both servers the same alternate name. The alternate name will automatically be included in the certificate signing request and in the certificate. For information on the `set web-security` CLI command, see the applicable *Command Line Interface Reference Guide for Cisco Unified Communications Solutions* at [http://www.cisco.com/en/US/products/ps6509/prod\\_maintenance\\_guides\\_list.html](http://www.cisco.com/en/US/products/ps6509/prod_maintenance_guides_list.html).
3. If a Connection cluster is configured, configure a DNS A record that contains the alternate name that you assigned in Task 2. List the publisher server first. This allows all IMAP email applications and the Cisco Personal Communications Assistant to access Connection voice messages by using the same Connection server name.
4. Create a certificate signing request. Then download the certificate signing request to the server on which you installed Microsoft Certificate Services or another application that issues certificates, or download the request to a server that you can use to send the certificate signing request to an external CA. Do the “[To Create and Download a Certificate Signing Request](#)” procedure on page 25-3.
5. If you are using Microsoft Certificate Services to export the issuer certificate and to issue the server certificate, do the procedure in the “[Exporting the Issuer Certificate and Issuing the Server Certificate \(Microsoft Certificate Services Only\) in Cisco Unity Connection 8.x](#)” section on page 25-6.

If a Connection cluster is configured, do this task for both servers in the Connection cluster.

If you are using another application to issue the certificate, see the documentation for the application for information on issuing certificates.

If you are using an external CA to issue the certificate, send the certificate signing request to the external CA. When the external CA returns the certificate, continue with Task 6.

If a Connection cluster is configured, do this task for both servers in the Connection cluster.

6. Upload the issuer certificate and the server certificate to the Connection server. Do the [“To Upload the Issuer and Server Certificates to the Cisco Unity Connection Server” procedure on page 25-3](#).

If a Connection cluster is configured, do this task for both servers in the Connection cluster.

7. Restart the Connection IMAP Server service so that Connection and the IMAP email clients use the new SSL certificates. Do the [“To Restart the Connection IMAP Server Service” procedure on page 25-5](#).

If a Connection cluster is configured, do this task for both servers in the Connection cluster.

8. To prevent users from seeing a security alert whenever they access Connection by using Connection Administration, the Cisco PCA, or an IMAP email client, do the following tasks on all computers from which users will access Connection:
  - Import the server certificate that you uploaded to the Connection server in Task 6. into the certificate store. The procedure differs based on the browser or IMAP email client. For more information, see the documentation for the browser or IMAP email client.
  - Import the server certificate that you uploaded to the Connection server in Task 6. into the Java store. The procedure differs based on the operating system running on the client computer. For more information, see the operating system documentation and the Java Runtime Environment documentation.

#### To Create and Download a Certificate Signing Request

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- Step 1** On the Cisco Unity Connection server, sign in to Cisco Unified Operating System Administration.
  - Step 2** On the Security menu, select **Certificate Management**.
  - Step 3** On the Certificate List page, select **Generate CSR**.
  - Step 4** On the Generate Certificate Signing Request page, in the **Certificate Name** list, select **tomcat**.
  - Step 5** Select **Generate CSR**.
  - Step 6** When the Status area displays a message that the CSR was successfully generated, select **Close**.
  - Step 7** On the Certificate List page, select **Download CSR**.
  - Step 8** On the Download Certificate Signing Request page, in the **Certificate Name** list, select **tomcat**.
  - Step 9** Select **Download CSR**.
  - Step 10** In the File Download dialog box, select **Save**.
  - Step 11** In the Save As dialog box, in the **Save As Type** list, select **All Files**.
  - Step 12** Save the file **tomcat.csr** to a location on the server on which you installed Microsoft Certificate Services or on a server that you can use to send the CSR to an external certification authority.
  - Step 13** On the Download Certificate Signing Request page, select **Close**.
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#### To Upload the Issuer and Server Certificates to the Cisco Unity Connection Server

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- Step 1** On the Cisco Unity Connection server on which you created the certificate signing request, sign in to Cisco Unified Operating System Administration.
  - Step 2** On the Security menu, select **Certificate Management**.

**Note**

If you select **Find** and display a list of the certificates currently installed on the server, you will see an existing, automatically generated, self-signed certificate for Tomcat. That certificate is unrelated to the Tomcat certificates that you upload in this procedure.

**Step 3** Upload the issuer certificate:

- a. On the Certificate List page, select **Upload Certificate**.
- b. On the Upload Certificate page, in the Certificate Name list, select **tomcat-trust**.
- c. Leave the Root Certificate field blank.
- d. Select **Browse**, and browse to the location of the issuer CA certificate.

If you used Microsoft Certificate Services to issue the certificate, this is the location of the issuer certificate that you exported in the [“To Export the Issuer Certificate and to Issue the Server Certificate” procedure on page 25-6](#).

If you used an external certification authority to issue the certificate, this is the location of the issuer CA certificate that you received from the external certification authority.

- e. Select the name of the file.
- f. Select **Open**.
- g. On the Upload Certificate page, select **Upload File**.
- h. When the Status area reports that the upload succeeded, select **Close**.

**Step 4** Upload the server certificate:

- a. On the Certificate List page, select **Upload Certificate**.
- b. On the Upload Certificate page, in the Certificate Name list, select **tomcat**.
- c. In the Root Certificate field, enter the filename of the issuer certificate that you uploaded in [Step 3](#).
- d. Select **Browse**, and browse to the location of the server certificate.

If you used Microsoft Certificate Services to issue the certificate, this is the location of the server certificate that you issued in the [“To Export the Issuer Certificate and to Issue the Server Certificate” procedure on page 25-6](#).

If you used an external certification authority to issue the certificate, this is the location of the server certificate that you received from the external certification authority.

- e. Select the name of the file.
- f. Select **Open**.
- g. On the Upload Certificate page, select **Upload File**.
- h. When the Status area reports that the upload succeeded, select **Close**.

**Step 5** Restart the Tomcat service (the service cannot be restarted from Cisco Unified Serviceability):

- a. Sign in to the Connection server by using an SSH application.
- b. Run the following CLI command to restart the Tomcat service:

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utils service restart Cisco Tomcat
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### To Restart the Connection IMAP Server Service

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- Step 1** Sign in to Cisco Unity Connection Serviceability.
  - Step 2** On the Tools menu, select **Service Management**.
  - Step 3** In the Optional Services section, for the Connection IMAP Server service, select **Stop**.
  - Step 4** When the Status area displays a message that the Connection IMAP Server service was successfully stopped, select **Start** for the service.
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## Installing Microsoft Certificate Services (Windows Server 2003 Only) in Cisco Unity Connection 8.x

If you want to use a third-party certificate authority to issue SSL certificates, or if Microsoft Certificate Services is already installed, skip this section.

Do the procedure in this section if you want to use Microsoft Certificate Services to issue your own certificate and if you want to install the application on a server running Windows Server 2003.

If you want to install a root certification authority (the generic term for Microsoft Certificate Services) on a Windows Server 2008 server, refer to the Windows Server 2008 online help.

### To Install the Microsoft Certificate Services Component

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- Step 1** On any server whose DNS name (FQDN) or IP address can be resolved by all client computers that will use the Cisco PCA or that will use an IMAP client to access Cisco Unity Connection voice messages, sign in to Windows by using an account that is a member of the local Administrators group.
  - Step 2** On the Windows Start menu, select **Settings > Control Panel > Add or Remove Programs**.
  - Step 3** In the left pane of the Add or Remove Programs control panel, select **Add/Remove Windows Components**.
  - Step 4** In the Windows Components dialog box, check the **Certificate Services** check box. Do not change any other items.
  - Step 5** When the warning appears about not being able to rename the computer or to change domain membership, select **Yes**.
  - Step 6** Select **Next**.
  - Step 7** On the CA Type page, select **Stand-alone Root CA**, and select **Next**. (A stand-alone certification authority (CA) is a CA that does not require Active Directory.)
  - Step 8** On the CA Identifying Information page, in the Common Name for This CA field, enter a name for the certification authority.
  - Step 9** Accept the default value in the Distinguished Name Suffix field.
  - Step 10** For Validity Period, accept the default value of **5 Years**.
  - Step 11** Select **Next**.
  - Step 12** On the Certificate Database Settings page, select **Next** to accept the default values.

If a message appears indicating that Internet Information Services is running on the computer and must be stopped before proceeding, select **Yes** to stop the services.

- Step 13** If you are prompted to insert the Windows Server 2003 disc into the drive, do so.
- Step 14** In the Completing the Windows Components Wizard dialog box, select **Finish**.
- Step 15** Close the Add or Remove Programs dialog box.
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## Exporting the Issuer Certificate and Issuing the Server Certificate (Microsoft Certificate Services Only) in Cisco Unity Connection 8.x

Do the following procedure only when you are using Microsoft Certificate Services to issue the certificate.

### To Export the Issuer Certificate and to Issue the Server Certificate

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- Step 1** On the server on which you installed Microsoft Certificate Services, sign in to Windows by using an account that is a member of the Domain Admins group.
- Step 2** On the Windows Start menu, select **Programs > Administrative Tools > Certification Authority**.
- Step 3** In the left pane, expand **Certification Authority (Local) > <Certification authority name>**, where <Certification authority name> is the name that you gave to the certification authority when you installed Microsoft Certificate Services in the [“To Install the Microsoft Certificate Services Component” procedure on page 25-5](#).
- Step 4** Export the issuer certificate:
- Right-click the name of the certification authority, and select **Properties**.
  - On the General tab, select **View Certificate**.
  - Select the **Details** tab.
  - Select **Copy to File**.
  - On the Welcome to the Certificate Export Wizard page, select **Next**.
  - On the Export File Format page, select **Next** to accept the default value of **DER Encoded Binary X.509 (.CER)**.
  - On the File to Export page, enter a path and filename for the .cer file. Select a network location that you can access from the Connection server.  
Write down the path and filename. You will need it in a later procedure.
  - Follow the onscreen prompts until the wizard has finished the export.
  - Select **OK** to close the Certificate dialog box, and select **OK** again to close the Properties dialog box.
- Step 5** Issue the server certificate:
- Right-click the name of the certification authority, and select **All Tasks > Submit New Request**.
  - Browse to the location of the certificate signing request file that you created in the [“To Create and Download a Certificate Signing Request” procedure on page 25-3](#), and double-click the file.
  - In the left pane of Certification Authority, select **Pending Requests**.

- d. Right-click the pending request that you submitted in [b.](#), and select **All Tasks > Issue**.
- e. In the left pane of Certification Authority, select **Issued Certificates**.
- f. Right-click the new certificate, and select **All Tasks > Export Binary Data**.
- g. In the Export Binary Data dialog box, in the Columns that Contain Binary Data list, select **Binary Certificate**.
- h. Select **Save Binary Data to a File**.
- i. Select **OK**.
- j. In the Save Binary Data dialog box, enter a path and filename. Select a network location that you can access from the Cisco Unity Connection server.  
  
Write down the path and filename. You will need it in a later procedure.
- k. Select **OK**.

**Step 6** Close Certification Authority.

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