

Creating an SSL Certificate for IBM Lotus Domino Servers

Step by Step – Courtesy of Northern Collaborative Technologies



A screenshot of a Domino login form. It features two input fields: 'Username' with the text 'Loyal User' and 'Password' with masked characters. Below the password field is a checkbox labeled 'NCT Remember Me!' which is checked. To the right of the checkbox is a 'Login' button. Below the checkbox, there is a red text warning: 'Not Just Cookies & Javascript -- This is True Session Authentication'.

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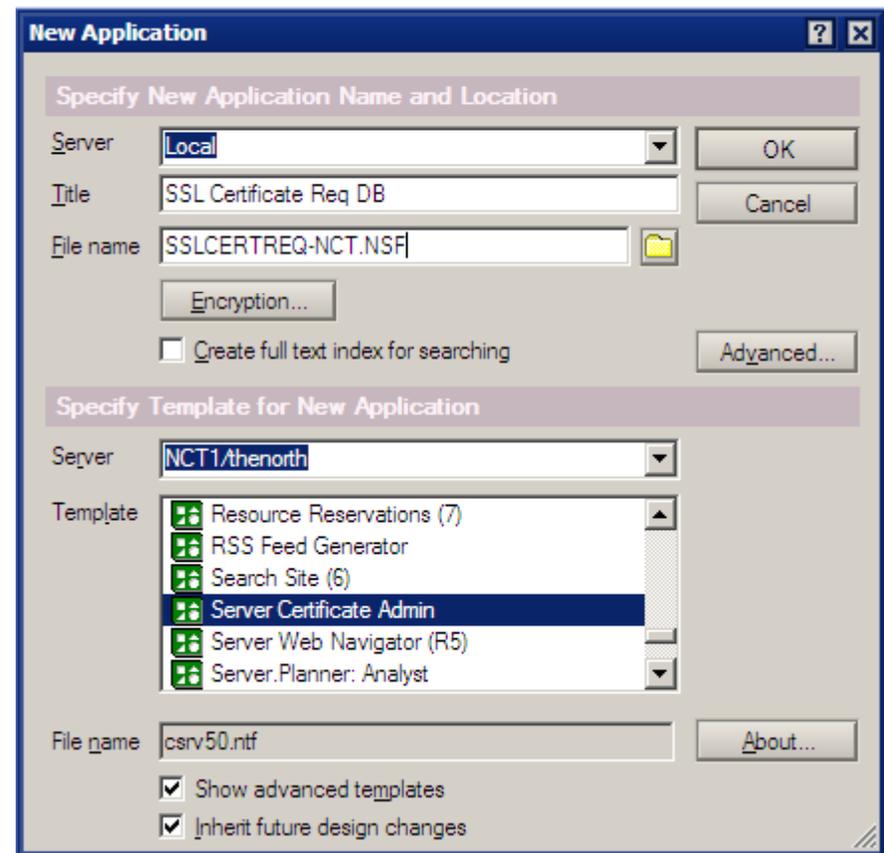
Automatically log-in returning Domino users

Installs in Minutes to existing or new web pages
Does not require a DSAPI filter
Fully Supports ACLs, Reader Names, Groups, etc.
Fully Supports Multi-Server Session Based Authentication

<http://www.Thenorth.com/ncthome.nsf/html/RememberMe>

1. Create A Cert Admin Database

- The template is on your server
- Click the advanced templates button



Open the Database

- See the Nice Menu



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Create A Key Ring

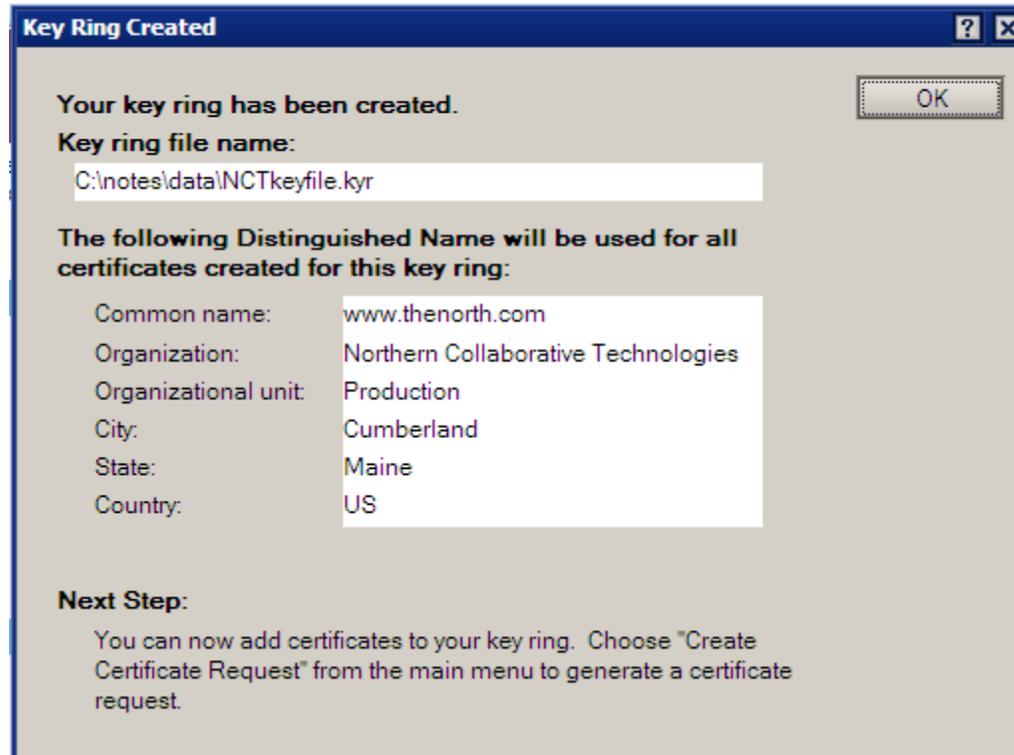
- This file, and its sibling will be copied to your Domino server when you're done. Use a good password – you won't have to enter it when you restart Domino.
- The entries in these fields are picky. Make sure to read the help line as you're entering the information

Create Key Ring

The first step in setting up SSL on a server is to create the key ring. When the key ring is created, a public/private keypair is automatically generated and stored in the key ring.

Key Ring Information	Quick Help
Key Ring File Name: <input type="text" value="NCTkeyfile.kyr"/>	Specify the name and password for the key ring file. Note: You'll be referring to the key ring information you enter here in subsequent steps as you create and install certificates into the key ring.
Key Ring Password: <input type="password" value="*****"/>	
Confirm Password: <input type="password" value="*****"/>	
Key Size	Key Size is the size of the public/private key pair in bits. The larger the key size, the greater the encryption strength. Note: This Edition of Domino provides the ability to generate RSA keys at both 1024 bits and 512 bits, in accordance with export regulations worldwide.
Key Size: <input type="text" value="1024"/>	
Distinguished Name	The Distinguished Name is the information about your site that will appear in any certificates you create. Note: Make sure the Common Name matches the URL of your site. Some browsers check the Common Name and the site URL, and do not allow a connection if they don't match.
Common Name: <input type="text" value="www.thenorth.com"/>	
Organization: <input type="text" value="Northern Collaborative Technologies"/>	
Organizational Unit: <input type="text" value="Production (optional)"/>	
City or Locality: <input type="text" value="Cumberland (optional)"/>	
State or Province: <input type="text" value="Maine (no abbreviations)"/>	
Country: <input type="text" value="US (two character country code)"/>	

Hooray! You have a keyring!



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Creating A Certificate Request

- Make sure to log the request, so you can get back to it if you need a new copy of the request key.
- You almost always will be pasting this value into the CA's website

Create Server Certificate Request

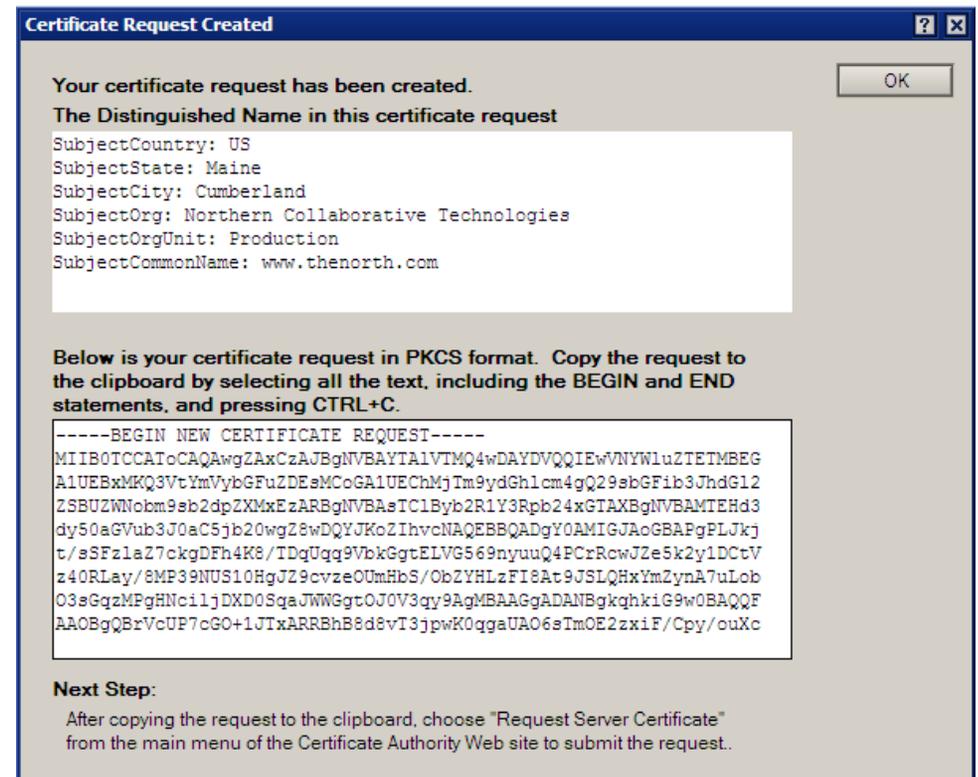
A certificate is required for the public key in the key ring you created. To obtain a certificate, you create a certificate request, and provide it to a Certificate Authority for signing. Use this form to create the certificate request.

Note: Before proceeding you should read the documentation provided by the Certificate Authority you are using to see how they require the certificate request to be delivered.

Key Ring Information	Quick Help
Key Ring File Name <input type="text" value="C:\notes\data\NCTkeyfile.kyr"/>	Specify the key ring file. Note: The key ring contains the Distinguished Name information that will be included in the certificate request.
Certificate Request Information	
Log Certificate Request <input type="text" value="Yes"/>	Log certificate requests for future reference. Note: Choose "View Certificate Request Log" in the main menu page to see a listing of all logged requests.
Method <input checked="" type="radio"/> Paste into form on CA's site <input type="radio"/> Send to CA by e-mail	Choose how to submit the certificate request to the Certificate Authority. Note: The "Paste" method is recommended if it is supported by the Certificate Authority you are using.

Copy Your Certificate Request

- You want the whole text from “Begin” to “End” including those lines
- If you click ok and need to get this back, its in the log document



Here's the Log Entry

Certificate Request Log Entry

Certificate Request Information

Certificate Request Type	Clipboard
Date & Time Created	03/03/2008 12:00:00 AM
Key Ring	C:\notes\data\NCTkeyfile.kyr
Distinguished Name	SubjectCountry: US SubjectState: Maine SubjectCity: Cumberland SubjectOrg: Northern Collaborative Technologies SubjectOrgUnit: Production SubjectCommonName: www.thenorth.com

Certificate Request in PKCS Format

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-----BEGIN NEW CERTIFICATE REQUEST-----
MIIB0TCCAToCAQAwZAXCzAJBgNVBAYTA1VTMQ4wDAYDVQQIEwVNYWluZTETMBEG
A1UEBxMKQ3VtYmVybGFuZDEsMCoGA1UEChMjTm9ydGhlcm4gQ29sbGFib3JhdG12
ZSBUZWNobm9sb2dpZXMxEzARBgNVBAwTC1Byb2R1Y3Rpb24xGTAXBgNVBAMTEHd3
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4A8J3GugojccH3pvcfGjE9gKA65Q08j8TPpKPh/8t8i4edTb/dYFPhcAmcPKSrY/
2TPsWMJkerZ+BcrAj75WOp9XiJCrP/CAj10J90r16jFnzHezMw==
-----END NEW CERTIFICATE REQUEST-----
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Now Go to the Certificate Authority

- Each CA will have their own byzantine process by which you must submit the certificate request.
- Most will need to verify you are who say you are.
- This is a tricky step, and you have to deal with poorly designed CA web sites.
- GoDaddy, Verisign, and InstantSSL are three of many CA's to pick from.

When you have generated your CSR, cut and paste the content into the box below.

Click [here](#) for CSR-generation instructions for all supported server software.

CSR: [View Sample CSR](#)

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A1UEBxMKQ3VtYmVybGFuZDEsMCoGA1UEChMjTm9ydGh  
ZSBUZWNobm9sb2dpZXMxEzARBgNVBAwTCiByb2R1Y3R  
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t/sSFzlaZ7ckgDFh4K8/TDqUqq9VbkGgtELVG569nyuuQ4F  
z40RLay/8MP39NUS10HgJZ9cvzeOUmHbS/ObZYHLzFI8A  
O3sGqzMPgHNciljDXD0SqaJWWGgtOJ0V3qy9AgMBAAGgA  
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4A8J3GugojjcH3pvcfGjE9gKA65QO8j8TPpKPh/8t8i4edTb,  
2TPsWMJkerZ+BcrAj75WOp9XiJCrP/CAj10J90rl6jFnzHezN  
-----END NEW CERTIFICATE REQUEST-----
```

Please select your server software from the drop-down list below.

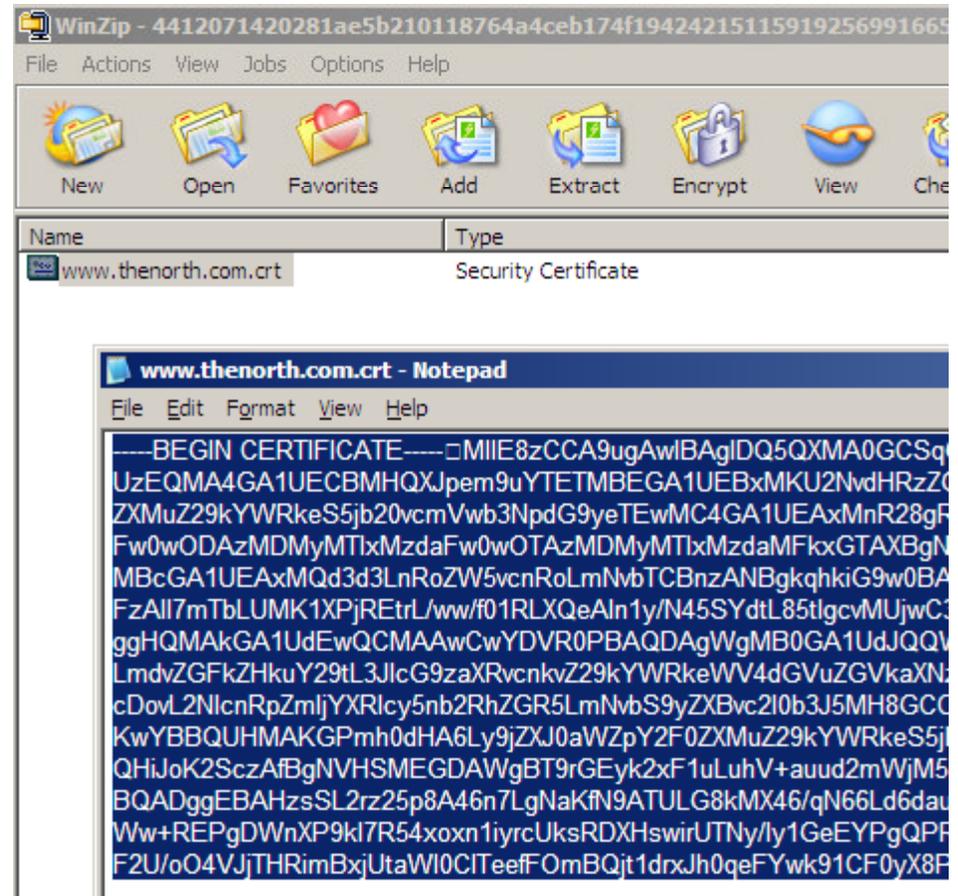
Other

I warrant and represent that I am the registrant, or an authorized representative of the registrant, for the domain name associated with this certificate request.

CANCEL CONTINUE

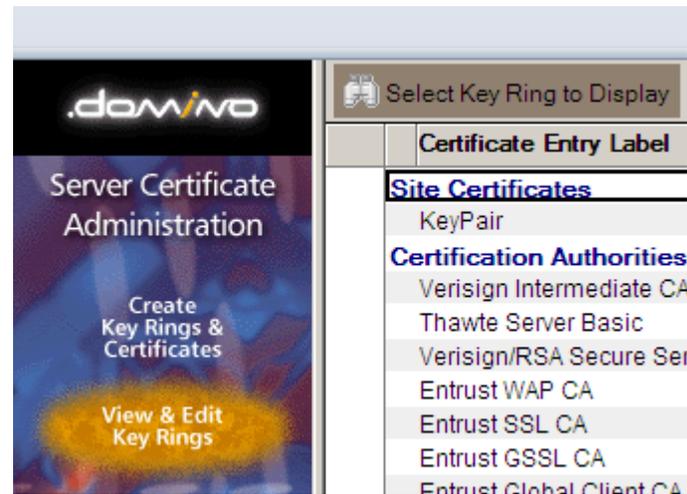
Get the Certificate From The CA

- The CA will have a strange and painful process to give you the certificate.
- In this case, when I finally got it, it is in a certificate file.
- I just open that file in NOTEPAD and copy the text.
- Most CA's will let you just get the certificate as text.



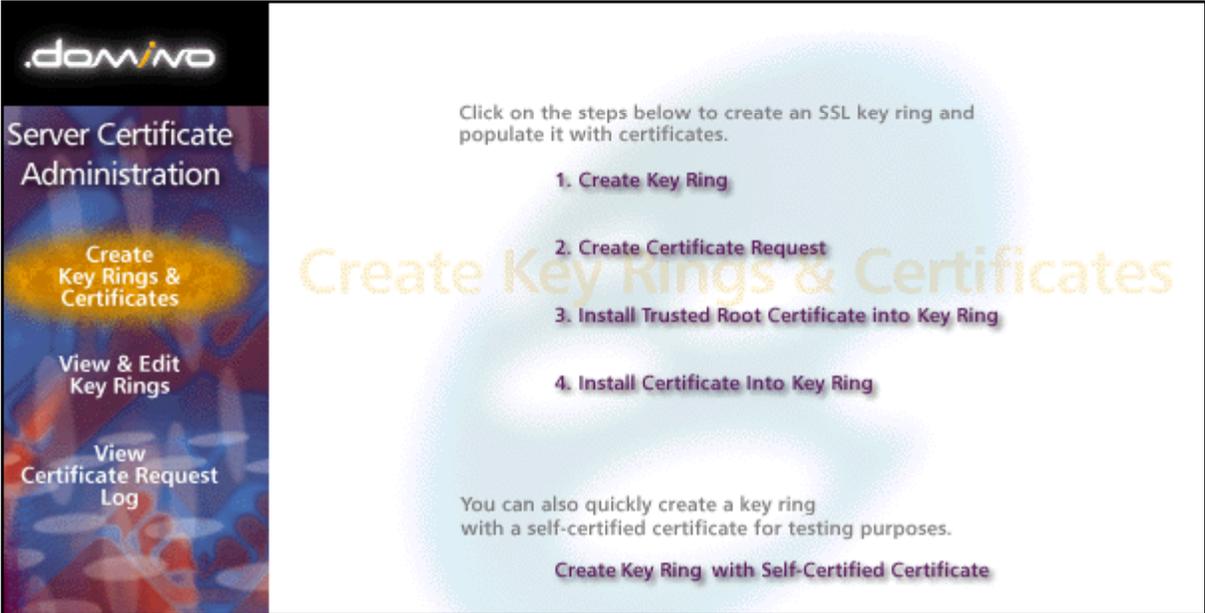
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- You may have to select “View & Edit Key Rings” to open yours before you can proceed



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Install the Certificate

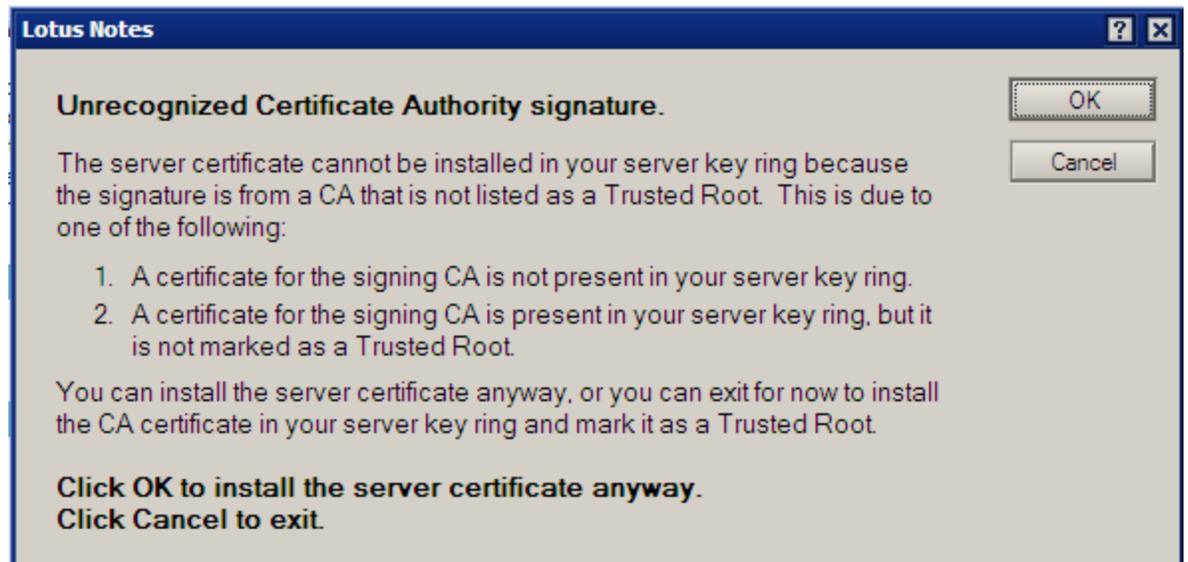
Install Certificate into Key Ring

The Certificate Authority will notify when your signed certificate is ready. The specifics depend on the Certificate Authority, but typically you will receive an e-mail specifying a URL where you can pick up the certificate. Once you have obtained the signed certificate, this form lets you install it into your key ring. **Note:** Before installing this certificate, it is recommended that you install the certificate of the signing Certificate Authority in your key ring as a Trusted Root. If you haven't already done so, choose "Accept This Authority In Your Server" from the main menu of the Certificate Authority Web site to obtain the CA certificate.

Key Ring Information	Quick Help
Key Ring File Name <input type="text" value="C:\notes\data\NCTkeyfile.kyr"/>	Specify the key ring file.
Certificate Information	
Certificate Source <input type="radio"/> File <input checked="" type="radio"/> Clipboard	The source of the certificate can be from a file or from the clipboard.
Certificate from Clipboard: <input type="text" value="-----BEGIN CERTIFICATE-----
dG9yeS9nZF9pbnR1cm1lZG1hdGUuY3J0M0B0GA1UdDgQWBBSX/EDR5euVCgRV71SD
QH1JoK2SczAfBgNVHSMEGDAWgBT9rGEyk2xF1uLuhV+auud2mWjM5zApBgNVHREE
IjAgghB3d3cudGh1bm9ydGguY29tggx0aGVub3J0aC5jb20wDQYJKoZIhvcNAQEF
BQADggEBAHzsSL2rz25p8A46n7LgNaKFN9ATULG8kMX46/qN66Ld6dauPNONZdk1
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fvdQp4gg8Hpn+weTGjG3Q0iXy40tnb8=
-----END CERTIFICATE-----"/>	Paste the clipboard

You May Need A “Trusted Root”

- You’ll get this from your CA Provider
- The Trusted Root is proof to that the actual certificate you have was issued by someone trustworthy even though they’re not the top level certifier.



Install The Trusted Root Certificate

- Back to the CA who will give you a lengthy set of instructions to download their trusted root certificate.

Install Trusted Root Certificate

Use this form to install the Certificate Authority Trusted Root certificate into the server key ring. If you haven't already done so, first obtain the Certificate Authority Trusted Root certificate by choosing "Accept This Authority In Your Server" from the main menu of Certificate Authority Web site. **Note:** This step of installing the Certificate Authority Trusted Root certificate into your server key ring is recommended before installing certificates signed by this Certificate Authority into the key ring.

Key Ring Information	Quick Help
Key Ring File Name <input type="text" value="C:\notes\data\NCTkeyfile.kyr"/>	Specify the key ring file.
Certificate Information	
Certificate Label <input type="text" value="Valicert Class 2 Root"/>	The identifier you'll see for this certificate when you choose "View & Edit Key Ring" from the main menu.
Certificate Source <input type="radio"/> File <input checked="" type="radio"/> Clipboard	The source of the certificate can be from a file or from the clipboard.
Certificate from Clipboard: <pre>-----BEGIN CERTIFICATE----- MIIC5zCCALACAQEwDQYJKoZIhvcNAQEFBQAwgbsxJDA1BgNVBACGTG1ZhbG1DZXJ0 IFZhbG1kYXRpb24gTmV0d29yazEXMBUGA1UEChMOVmFsaUN1cnQsIEluYy4xNTAz BgNVBAsTFmV0d29yazEXMBUGA1UEChMOVmFsaUN1cnQsIEluYy4xNTAzBgNVBAsTFmV0d29y aXRSMSEwHwYDVQQDEXhodHRwO18vd3d3LnZhbG1jZXJ0LmNvbS8xIDAeBgkqhkiG 9w0BCQEWew1uZm9AdmFsaWN1cnQyY29tMB4XDTE5MDYyNjAwMTk1NFoXDTE5MDYy NjAwMTk1NFoYb3Rpb24gTmV0d29yazEXMBUGA1UEChMOVmFsaUN1cnQsIEluYy4xNTAz BgNVBAsTFmV0d29yazEXMBUGA1UEChMOVmFsaUN1cnQsIEluYy4xNTAzBgNVBAsTFmV0d29y aXRSMSEwHwYDVQQDEXhodHRwO18vd3d3LnZhbG1jZXJ0LmNvbS8xIDAeBgkqhkiG 9w0BCQEWew1uZm9AdmFsaWN1cnQyY29tMIGfMA0GCSqGSIb3DQEBAQUAA4GNADCBiQKBgQD0OnHK5avINZJV16vY dA757tn2VUdZ2Uc0BVXc65g2PFxTXdMwzjzsvUGJ75VCCSRrC16zfN1SLUzm1NZ9 WlmpZdRJEy0kTRxQb7XBhVQ7/nHk01xkCYDgkRoKwzk2Z/M/VXwbP7RfZHM047QS v4dk+NoS/zcnwbNDu+97bi5p9wIDAQAAMA0GCSqGSIb3DQEBAQUAA4GBADt/UG9v UUS2SWI40B9L+KXIPqeCgYfYrx+jFzug6EILLGACOTb2cWH+heQClu+mNr0HZDzTu IYEZoDJJKFTEj1bVUjP9UNV+mWwD5MLM/Mtsg2azs1GNSbUUMj4QsxsodyamEwC W/Pou2Lcg5Ktz885h2o+L7tdEy8W9ViH0Pd -----END CERTIFICATE-----</pre>	Paste clipboard contents into this field. Note: The pasted certificate must include the "Begin Certificate" and "End Certificate" lines.

You Can Also Install From .CRT Files

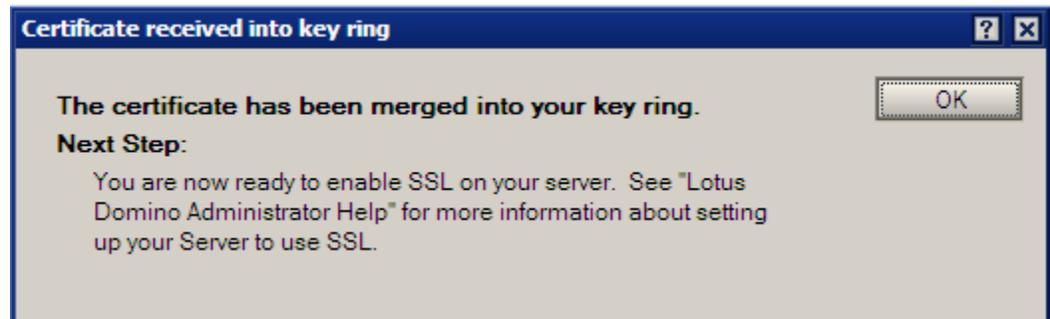
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Key Ring File Name <input type="text" value="C:\notes\data\NCTkeyfile.kyr"/>	Specify the key ring file.
Certificate Information	
Certificate Label <input type="text" value="Go Daddy Class 2 Intermediate"/>	The identifier you'll see for this certificate when you choose "View & Edit Key Ring" from the main menu.
Certificate Source <input checked="" type="radio"/> File <input type="radio"/> Clipboard	The source of the certificate can be from a file or from the clipboard.
File Name <input type="text" value="c:\templgd_intermediate.crt"/>	The name of the file containing the CA's Trusted Root certificate.
File Format <input checked="" type="radio"/> Base 64 encoding <input type="radio"/> Binary file format	Base 64 encoding is most common. Binary format is used by some CA's (e.g., CAs based on the Microsoft CA Server).
<input type="button" value="Merge Trusted Root Certificate into Key Ring"/>	

Finally – You're All Done

- If you had to install trusted root certificates, you may not see this OK screen unless you re-install your actual certificate at the end.
- It is ok to re-install your certificate if you want to be sure



What Do You Do Now?

- Copy your .KYR file and another file with the same first name by the extension .STH which you'll find in the same directory – over to your Domino Data directory

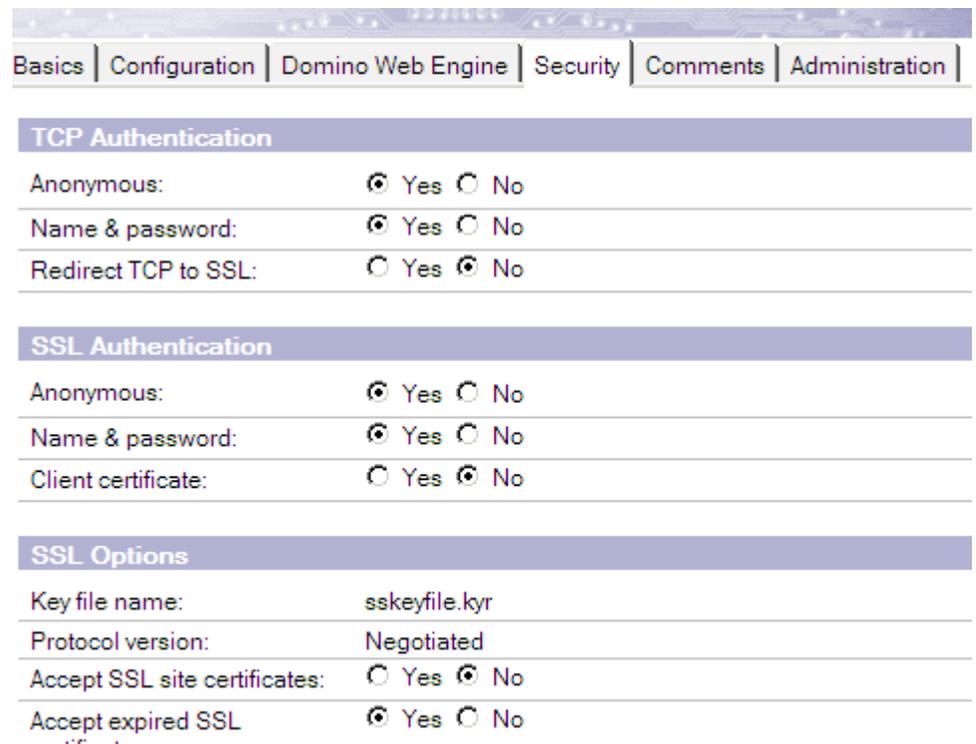
 keyfile.kyr	34 KB KYR File	1/12/2005 4:24 PM
 keyfile.sth	1 KB STH File	1/12/2005 3:51 PM

- Remember, in Linux, to set its Owner and Group to 'notes' and its permissions to 644 so that the server can read it properly

```
-rw-r--r-- 1 notes notes 34K Dec  8 13:19 sskeyfile.kyr  
-rw-r--r-- 1 notes notes 129 Dec  8 13:19 sskeyfile.sth
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And Finally...

- Reference the .KYR file (Key Ring) in your Internet Sites document for the HTTP site you're setting up!
- You have to restart the http task for this to take effect.



The screenshot shows the Domino Administration console with the following configuration options:

TCP Authentication	
Anonymous:	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No
Name & password:	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No
Redirect TCP to SSL:	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No

SSL Authentication	
Anonymous:	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No
Name & password:	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No
Client certificate:	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No

SSL Options	
Key file name:	sskeyfile.kyr
Protocol version:	Negotiated
Accept SSL site certificates:	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No
Accept expired SSL:	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No

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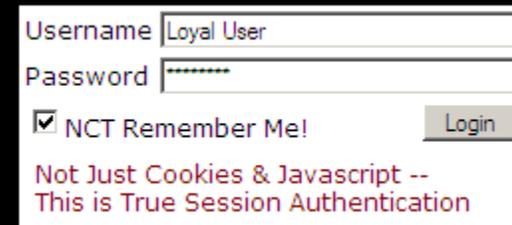
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