Generating a Certificate Signing Request (CSR) in CentOS

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This guide will walk you through the steps to create a Certificate Signing Request, (CSR for short.) SSL certificates are the industry-standard means of securing web traffic to and from your server, and the first step to getting your own SSL is to generate a CSR. This guide is written specifically for CentOS 7.

1. Log onto your server using SSH.
2. Enter the following command at the prompt.

> ## Note:
>
> Replace mydomain with your actual domain name.
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> ```
> openssl req -new -newkey rsa:2048 -nodes -keyout
> mydomain.key -out mydomain.csr
> ```

3. You will be prompted to answer a series of questions, explained below.

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Finding Your CSR

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ls -l
total 8
-rw-r--r--. 1 root root 1082 Jan 31 12:10 mydomain.csr
-rw-------. 1 root root 1704 Jan 31 12:10 mydomain.key
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cat mydomain.csr
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