



PALO ALTO NETWORKS - EDU-210



Lab 7: Decryption

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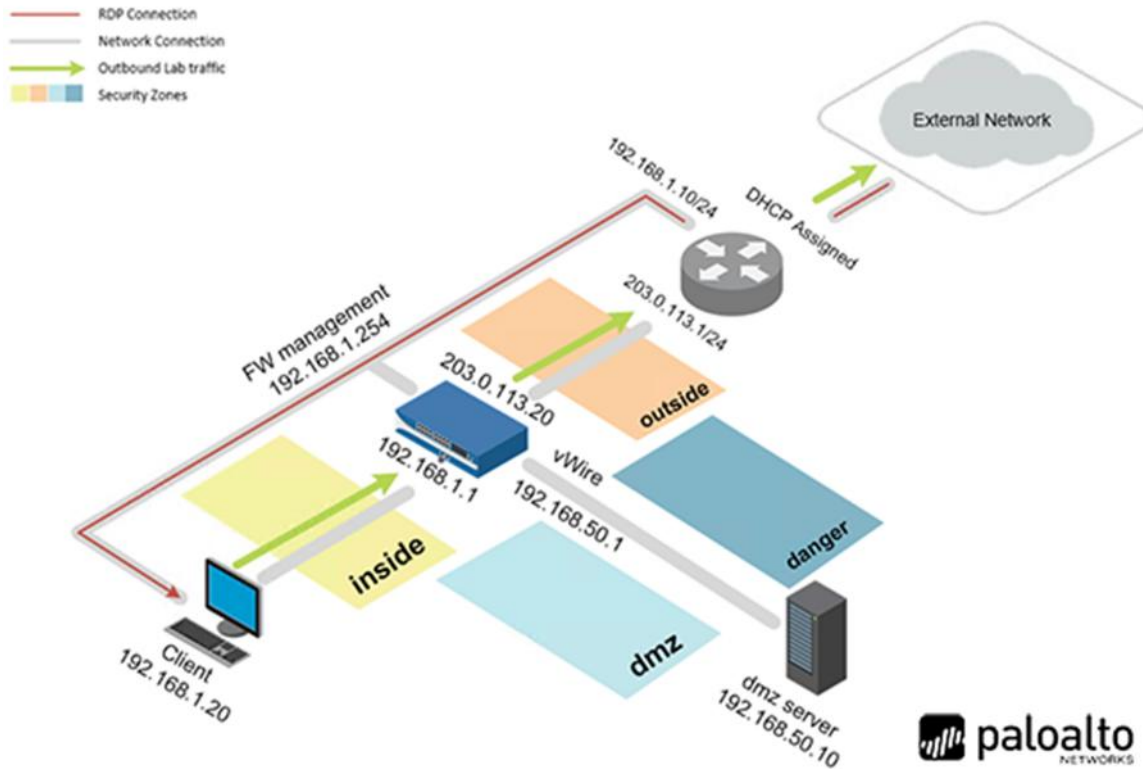
Introduction

As you browsed through the logs, you noticed that there was a lot of ssl traffic. When you were testing the system and attempted to download an Eicar file from one of the ssl links, you found that it was allowed. The CSO has determined that we need to inspect all traffic within the acceptable risk categories. Therefore, you need to set up the system to decrypt all traffic that is not to be excluded because of compliance requirements.

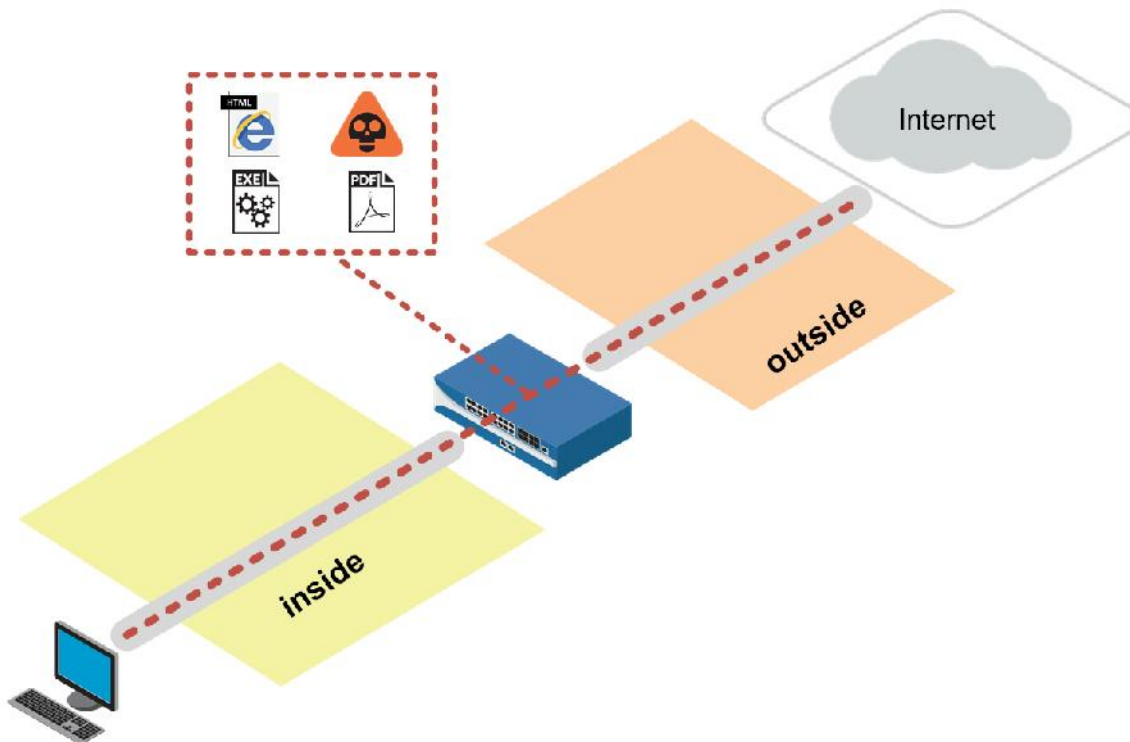
Objectives

-) Observe firewall behavior without decryption
-) Create Forward Trust and Untrust certificates
-) Create a custom decryption category
-) Create a Decryption policy
-) Observe firewall behavior after decryption is enabled
-) Review logs

Lab Topology



Theoretical Lab Topology



Lab Settings

The information in the table below will be needed in order to complete the lab. The task sections below provide details on the use of this information.

Virtual Machine	IP Address	Account (if needed)	Password (if needed)
Client	192.168.1.20	lab-user	Pa10Alt0
Firewall	192.168.1.254	admin	admin

1 Decryption

1.0 Load Lab Configuration

1. Launch the **Client** virtual machine to access the graphical login screen.



To launch the console window for a virtual machine, you may access by either clicking on the machine's graphic image from the topology page or by clicking on the machine's respective tab from the navigation bar.

2. Click within the splash screen to bring up the login screen. Log in as **lab-user** using the password **Pa10A1t0**.



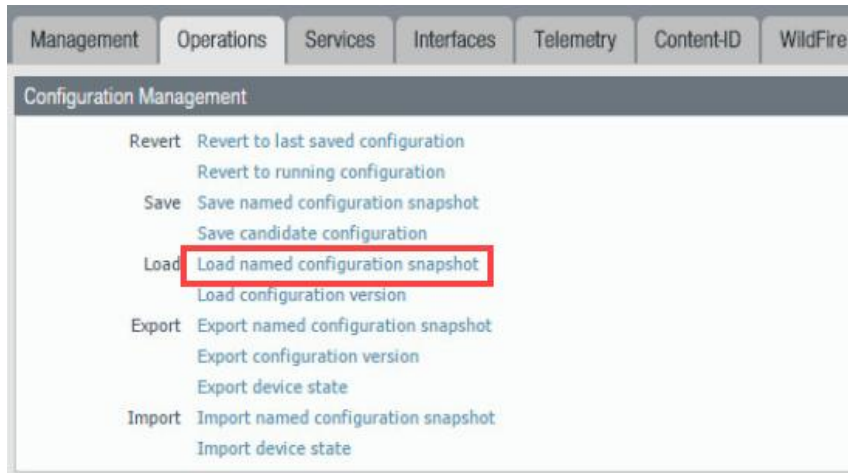
3. Launch the **Chrome** browser and connect to **https://192.168.1.254**.
4. If a security warning appears, click **Advanced** and proceed by clicking on **Proceed to 192.168.1.254 (unsafe)**.
5. Log in to the *Palo Alto Networks* firewall using the following:

Parameter	Value
Name	admin
Password	admin

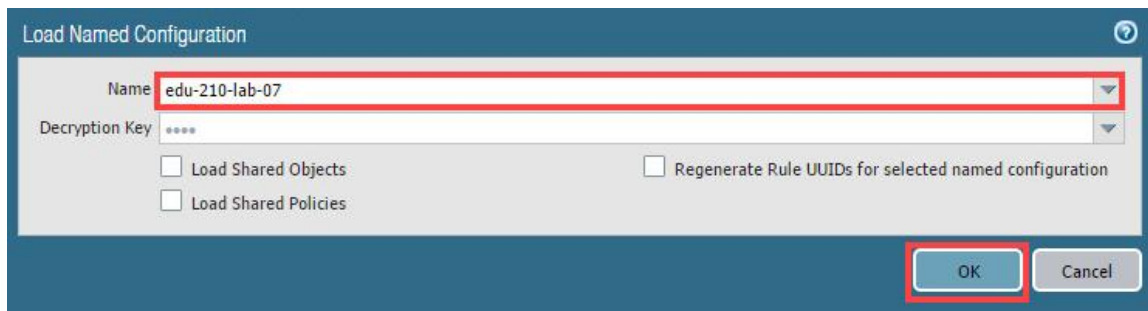
6. In the web interface, navigate to **Device > Setup > Operations**.



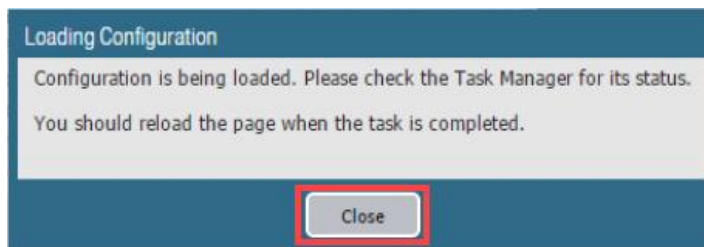
- Click **Load named configuration snapshot**:



- Click the drop-down list next to the *Name* text box and select **edu-210-lab-07**. Click **OK**.



- Click **Close**.

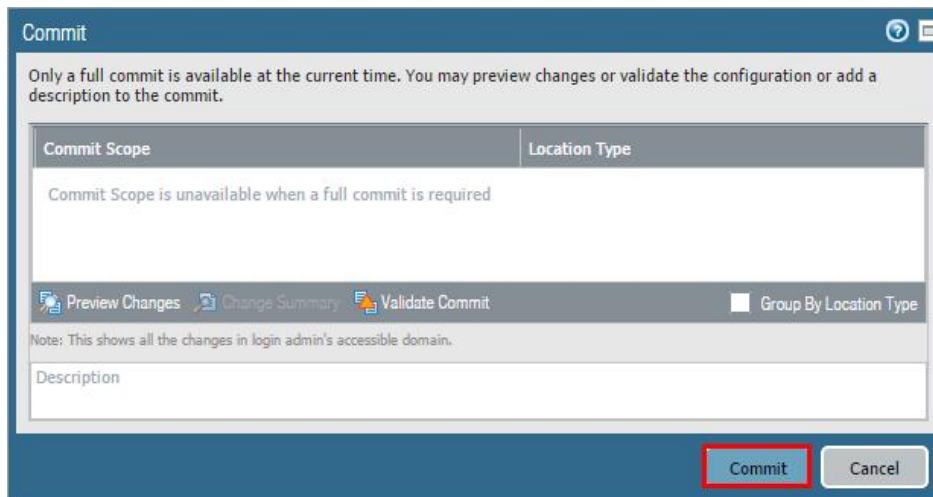


The following instructions are the steps to execute a **“Commit All”** as you will perform many times throughout these labs.

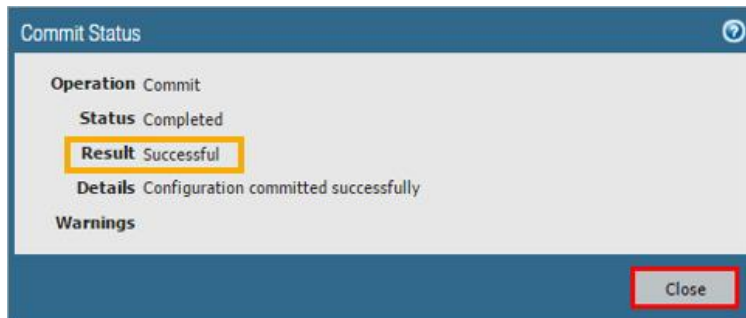
- Click the **Commit** link at the top-right of the web interface.



11. Click **Commit** and wait until the commit process is complete.



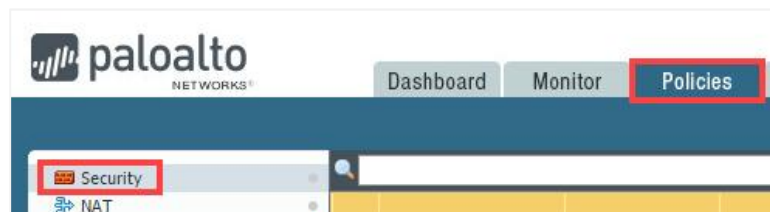
12. Once completed successfully, click **Close** to continue.



13. Leave the firewall web interface open to continue with the next task.

1.1 Test Firewall Behavior Without Decryption

1. In the web interface, navigate to **Policies > Security**.

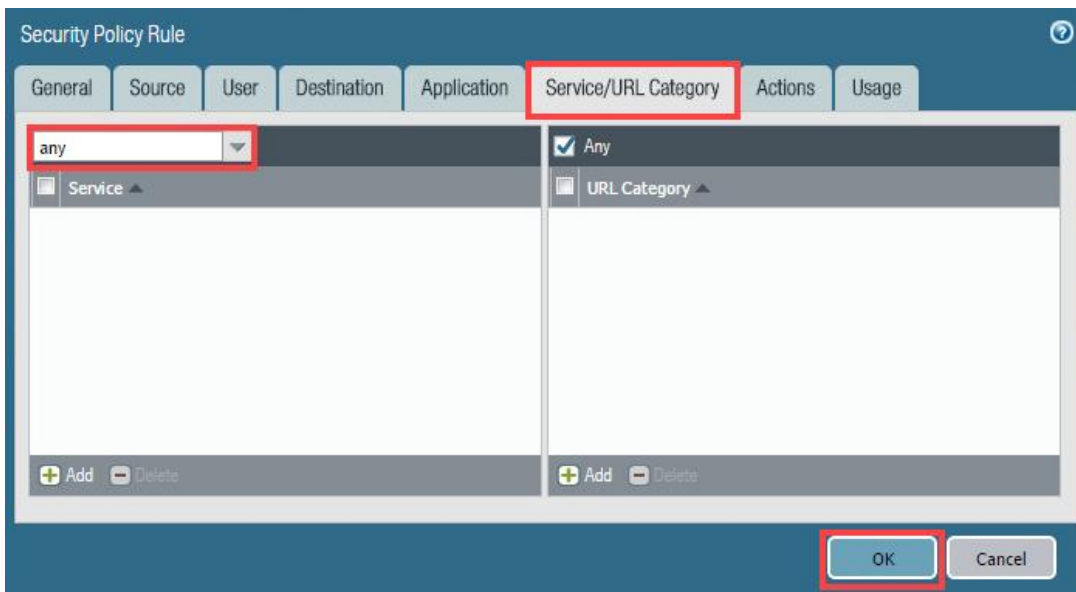


- Click on **egress-outside-content-id** to open the Security policy rule.

	Name	Tags	Type	Zone
1	internal-inside-dmz	internal	universal	inside
2	egress-outside	egress	universal	inside
3	egress-outside-content-id	egress	universal	inside
4	danger-simulated-traffic	none	universal	danger
5	intrazone-default	none	intrazone	any
6	interzone-default	none	interzone	any

- In the *Security Policy Rule* window, click the **Service/URL Category** tab and configure the following. Once finished, click **OK**.

Parameter	Value
Service	Select any from the drop-down list



Security Policy Rule

General Source User Destination Application **Service/URL Category** Actions Usage

any

Service

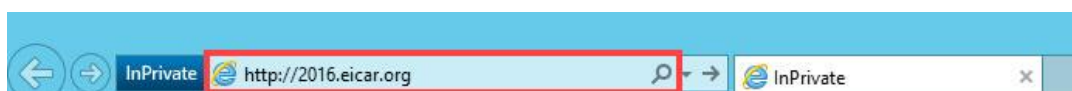
URL Category

Any

Add Delete

OK Cancel

- Commit** all changes.
- Open a new **Internet Explorer** browser window in **private/incognito** mode and browse to **http://2016.eicar.org**.



- Click the **Download Anti Malware Testfile** image in the upper-right corner of the webpage.



- Click the **Download** link on the left of the web page.



- Within the *Download* area at the bottom of the page, click either the **eicar.com** or the **eicar.com.txt** file to download the file using the standard HTTP protocol and not the SSL-encrypted HTTPS protocol. The firewall will not be able to detect the viruses in an HTTPS connection until decryption is configured.

Download area using the standard protocol http			
eicar.com 68 Bytes	eicar.com.txt 68 Bytes	eicar_com.zip 184 Bytes	eicarcom2.zip 308 Bytes
Download area using the secure, SSL enabled protocol https			
eicar.com 68 Bytes	eicar.com.txt 68 Bytes	eicar_com.zip 184 Bytes	eicarcom2.zip 308 Bytes

- Notice a message appears stating that the download was blocked.

Virus/Spyware Download Blocked

Download of the virus/spyware has been blocked in accordance with company policy. Please contact your system administrator if you believe this is in error.

File name: eicar.com

- Go back in the browser and download one of the test files using HTTPS:

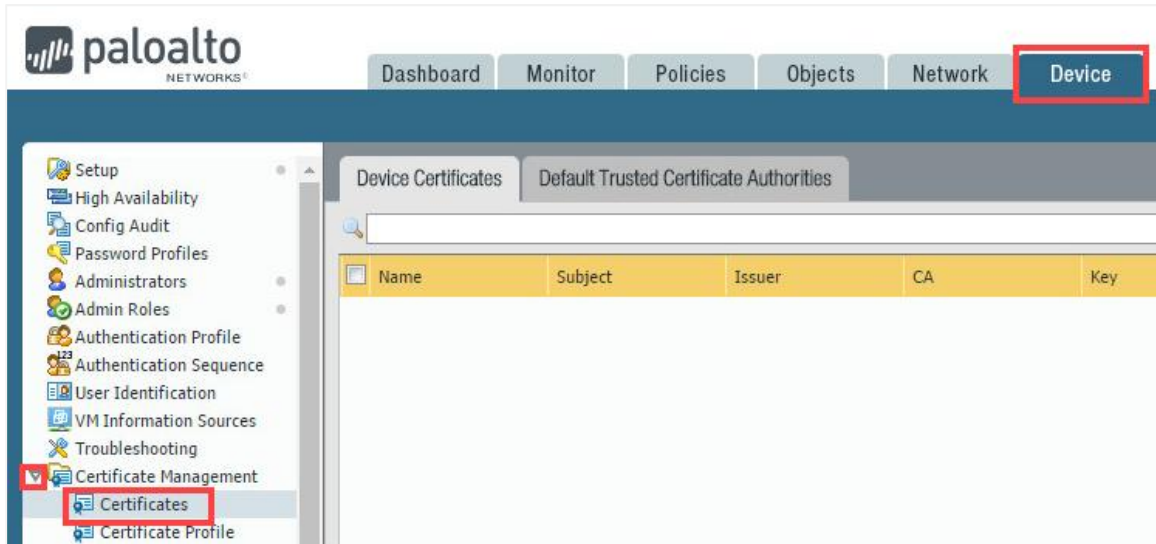
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- Notice that the download is not blocked because the connection is encrypted, and the virus is hidden. When prompted for the download, click **Cancel** to terminate the download session.
- Close the **IE** browser.

1.2 Create Two Self-Signed Certificates

In this task, you will generate certificates so that the firewall can decrypt the traffic.

1. In the web interface, navigate to **Device > Certificate Management > Certificates**:

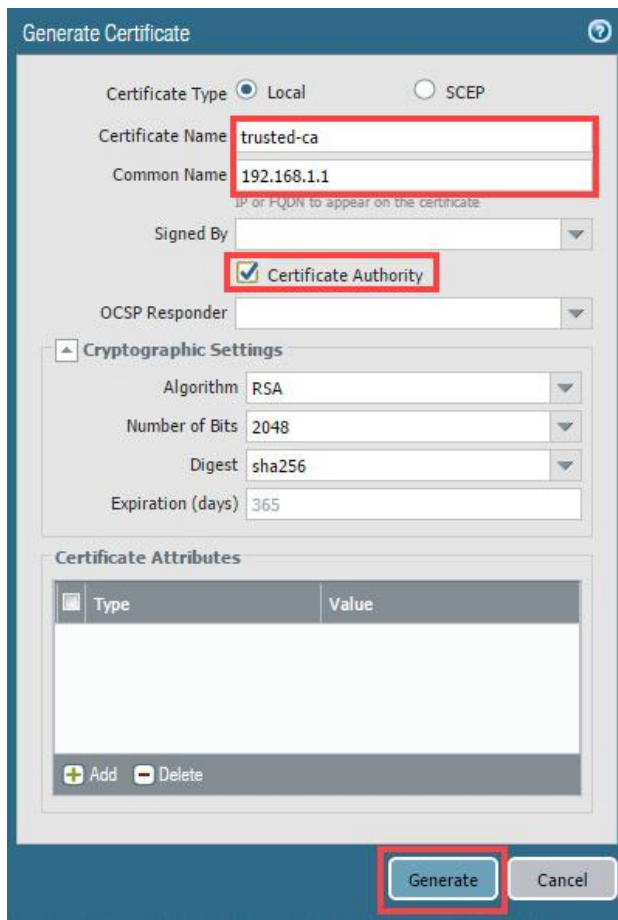


2. Click **Generate** at the bottom of the page to create a new CA certificate.



3. Configure the following and then click **Generate** to create the certificate.

Parameter	Value
Certificate Name	Type <code>trusted-ca</code>
Common Name	Type <code>192.168.1.1</code>
Certificate Authority	Select the Certificate Authority checkbox



The 'Generate Certificate' dialog box is shown with the following settings:

- Certificate Type: ☒ Local
- Certificate Name: **trusted-ca**
- Common Name: **192.168.1.1**
IP or FQDN to appear on the certificate
- Signed By: [Dropdown]
- ☒ Certificate Authority
- OCSP Responder: [Dropdown]
- Cryptographic Settings**
 - Algorithm: RSA
 - Number of Bits: 2048
 - Digest: sha256
 - Expiration (days): 365
- Certificate Attributes**

Type	Value
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+ Add - Delete

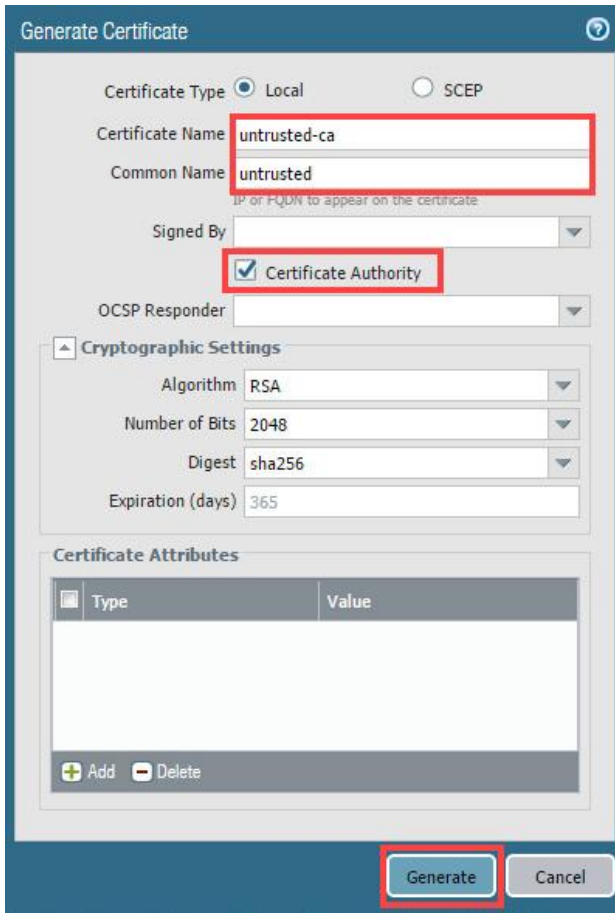
Buttons: **Generate** (highlighted), Cancel

- Click **OK** to close the *Generate Certificate* success window.
- Click **Generate** at the bottom of the page to create another CA certificate.



6. Configure the following and then click **Generate** to create the certificate.



Parameter	Value
Certificate Name	Type untrusted-ca
Common Name	Type untrusted
Certificate Authority	Select the Certificate Authority checkbox



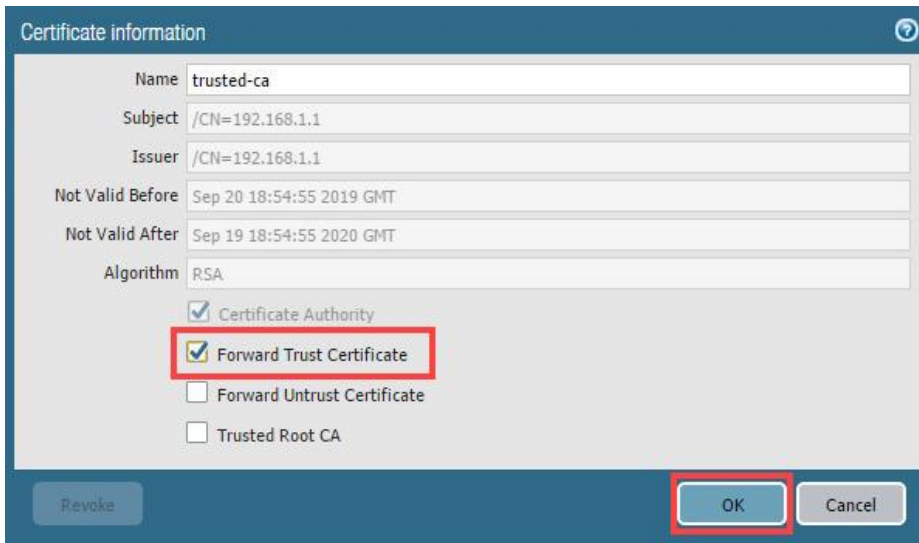
The 'Generate Certificate' dialog box is shown with the following configuration:

- Certificate Type:** Local (selected), SCEP
- Certificate Name:** untrusted-ca
- Common Name:** untrusted
- Signed By:** (empty dropdown)
- Certificate Authority:** ☒ (checked)
- OCSP Responder:** (empty dropdown)
- Cryptographic Settings:**
 - Algorithm:** RSA
 - Number of Bits:** 2048
 - Digest:** sha256
 - Expiration (days):** 365
- Certificate Attributes:** (empty table with 'Add' and 'Delete' buttons)
- Buttons:** Generate (highlighted), Cancel

7. Click **OK** to dismiss the *Generate Certificate* success window.
 8. Click on **trusted-ca** in the list of certificates to edit the certificate information.



Name	Subject	Issuer	CA
 trusted-ca	CN = 192.168.1.1	CN = 192.168.1.1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
 untrusted-ca	CN = untrusted	CN = untrusted	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

9. In the *Certification Information* window, select the **Forward Trust Certificate** checkbox and click **OK**:

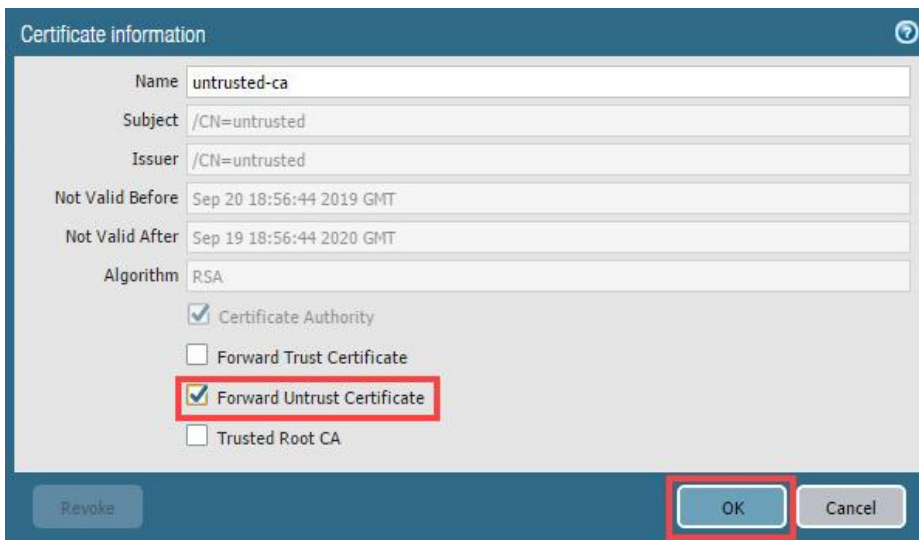


The screenshot shows the 'Certificate information' window for a certificate named 'trusted-ca'. The fields are: Name: trusted-ca, Subject: /CN=192.168.1.1, Issuer: /CN=192.168.1.1, Not Valid Before: Sep 20 18:54:55 2019 GMT, Not Valid After: Sep 19 18:54:55 2020 GMT, Algorithm: RSA. The checkboxes are: Certificate Authority (checked), Forward Trust Certificate (checked and highlighted with a red box), Forward Untrust Certificate (unchecked), and Trusted Root CA (unchecked). At the bottom, there are buttons for Revoke, OK (highlighted with a red box), and Cancel.

10. Click on **untrusted-ca** in the list of certificates to edit the certificate information.

<input type="checkbox"/>	Name	Subject	Issuer	CA
<input type="checkbox"/>	 trusted-ca	CN = 192.168.1.1	CN = 192.168.1.1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	 untrusted-ca	CN = untrusted	CN = untrusted	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

11. Select the **Forward Untrust Certificate** checkbox and click **OK**.



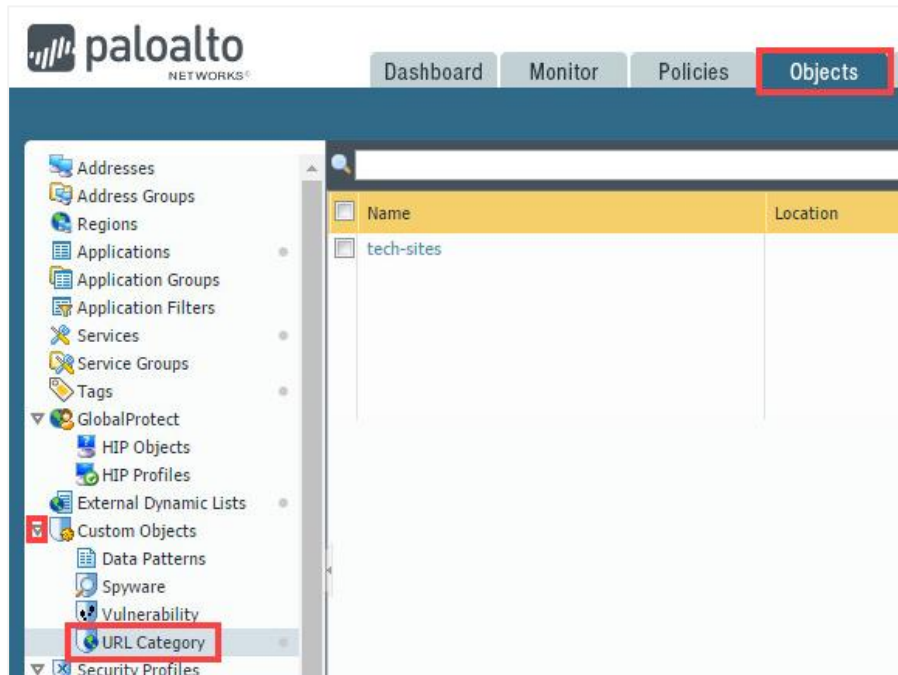
The screenshot shows the 'Certificate information' window for a certificate named 'untrusted-ca'. The fields are: Name: untrusted-ca, Subject: /CN=untrusted, Issuer: /CN=untrusted, Not Valid Before: Sep 20 18:56:44 2019 GMT, Not Valid After: Sep 19 18:56:44 2020 GMT, Algorithm: RSA. The checkboxes are: Certificate Authority (checked), Forward Trust Certificate (unchecked), Forward Untrust Certificate (checked and highlighted with a red box), and Trusted Root CA (unchecked). At the bottom, there are buttons for Revoke, OK (highlighted with a red box), and Cancel.

12. Leave the firewall web interface open to continue with the next task.

1.3 Create a Custom Decryption URL Category

In this task, you will create a custom *URL Category* to ensure that only intended traffic is being decrypted.

1. In the web interface, navigate to **Objects > Custom Objects > URL Category**.

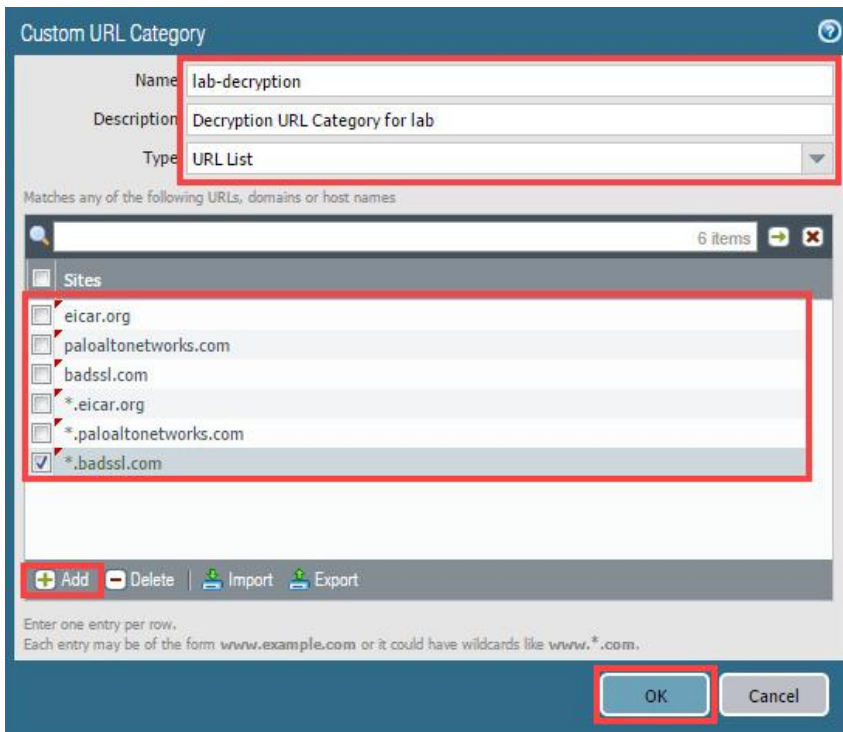


2. Click **Add** to open the *Custom URL Category* configuration window.



3. In the *Custom URL Category* window, configure the following, then click **OK**.

Parameter	Value
Name	Type lab-decryption
Description	Type Decryption URL Category for lab
Type	Verify that URL List is selected
Sites	Click Add and type the following websites: eicar.org paloaltonetworks.com badssl.com *.eicar.org *.paloaltonetworks.com *.badssl.com



Custom URL Category

Name: lab-decryption

Description: Decryption URL Category for lab

Type: URL List

Matches any of the following URLs, domains or host names

6 items

Site	Selected
eicar.org	<input type="checkbox"/>
paloaltonetworks.com	<input type="checkbox"/>
badssl.com	<input type="checkbox"/>
*.eicar.org	<input type="checkbox"/>
*.paloaltonetworks.com	<input type="checkbox"/>
*.badssl.com	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Enter one entry per row.
Each entry may be of the form www.example.com or it could have wildcards like www.*.com.

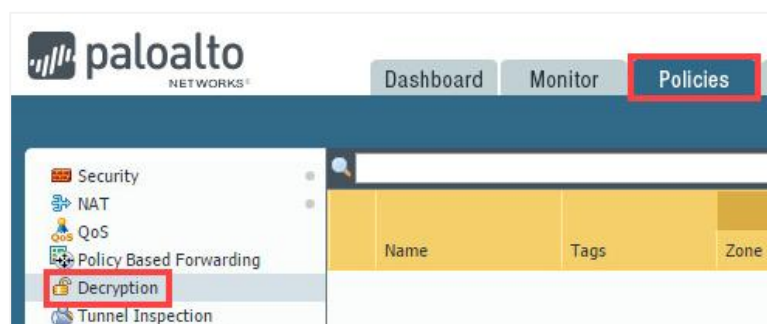
OK Cancel

4. Leave the firewall web interface open to continue with the next task.

1.4 Create a Decryption Policy

In this task, you will create a *Decryption Policy* to decrypt traffic that matches the *Custom URL Category* you created in the previous task.

1. In the web interface, select **Policies > Decryption**.

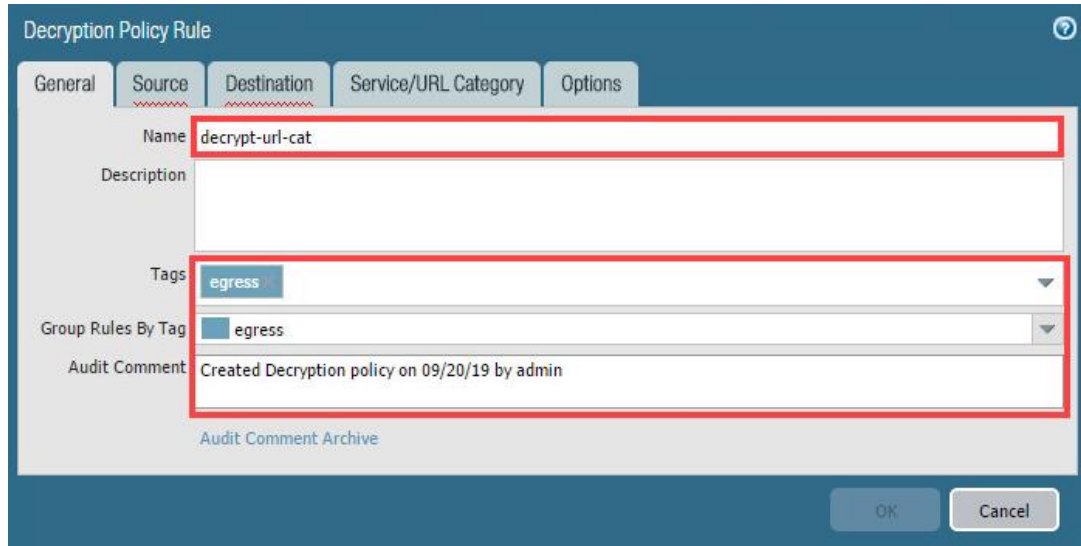


2. Click **Add** to create a Decryption policy rule.



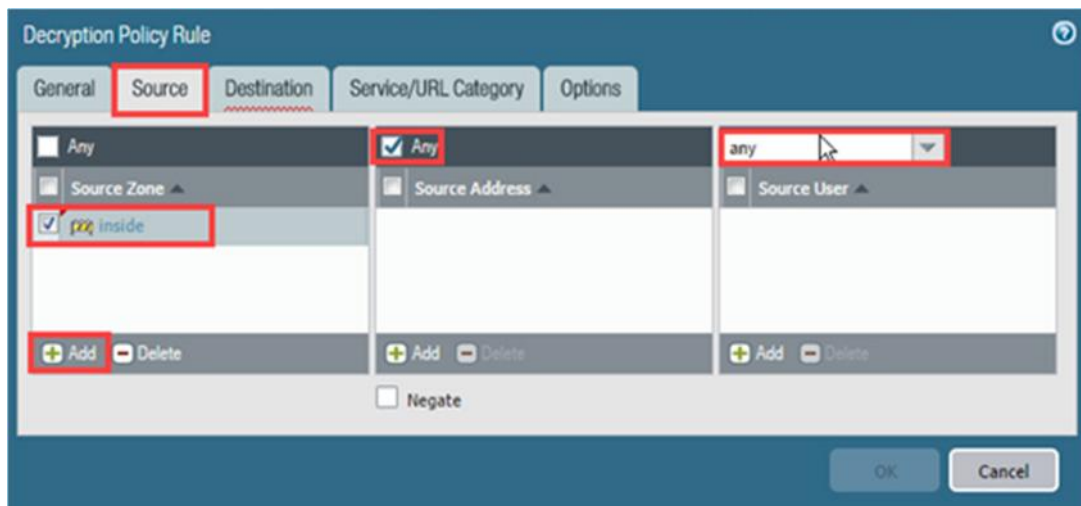
3. In the *Decryption Policy Rule* window, while on the **General** tab, configure the following:

Parameter	Value
Name	Type <code>decrypt-url-cat</code>
Tags	Select egress from the drop-down list
Group Rules By Tag	Select egress from the drop-down list
Audit Comment	Type <code>Created Decryption policy on <date> by admin</code>



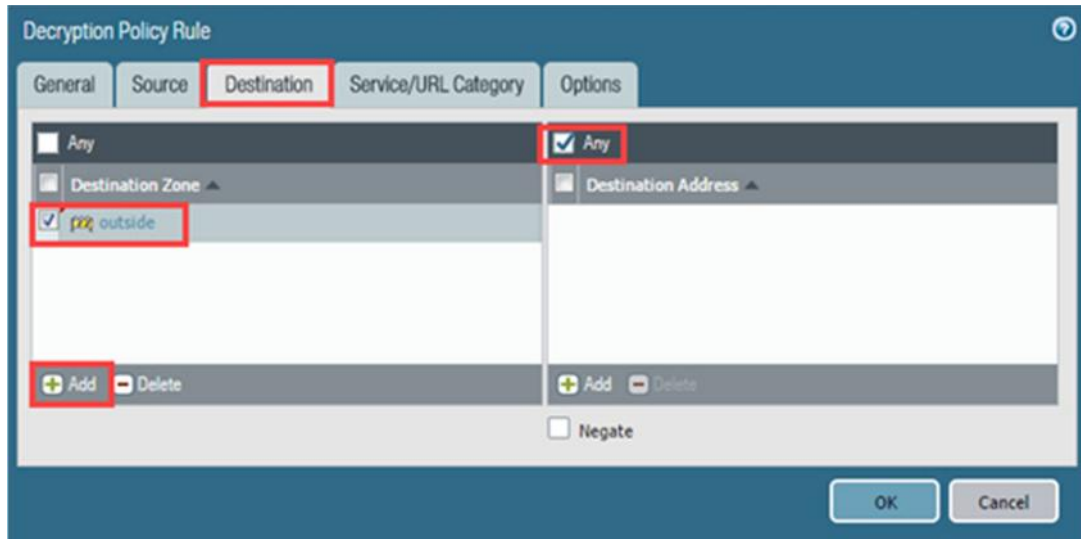
4. In the *Decryption Policy Rule* window, click the **Source** tab and configure the following:

Parameter	Value
Source Zone	Click Add and select inside from the drop-down list
Source Address	Verify that the Any checkbox is selected
Source User	Verify that any is selected



5. In the *Decryption Policy Rule* window, click the **Destination** tab and configure the following:

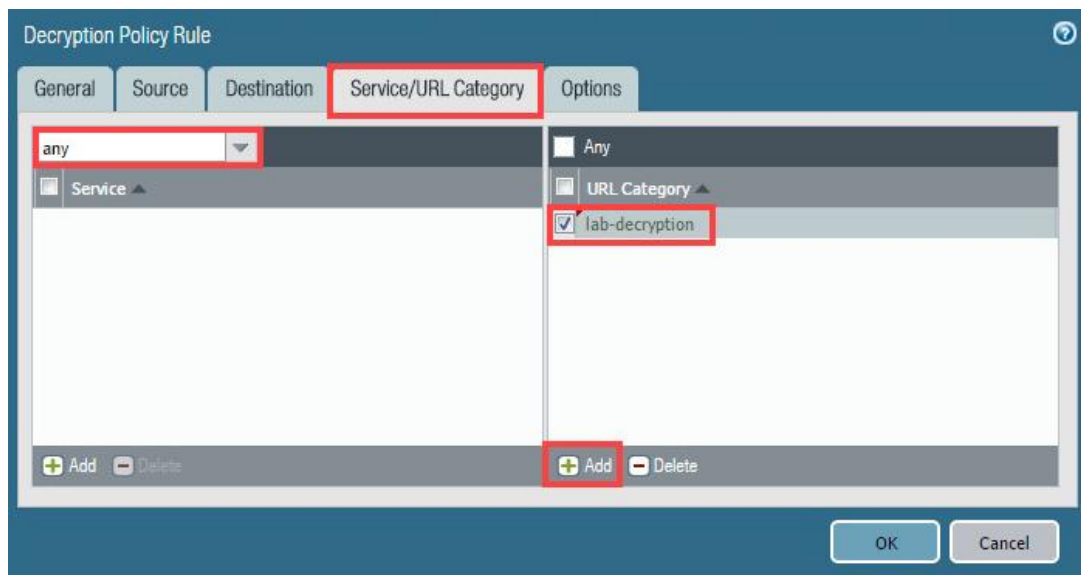
Parameter	Value
Destination Zone	Click Add and select outside from the drop-down list
Destination Address	Verify that the Any checkbox is selected



The screenshot shows the 'Decryption Policy Rule' window with the 'Destination' tab selected. The 'Destination Zone' dropdown is set to 'outside' and the 'Destination Address' checkbox 'Any' is checked. The 'Add' button is highlighted.

6. In the *Decryption Policy Rule* window, click the **Service/URL Category** tab and configure the following:

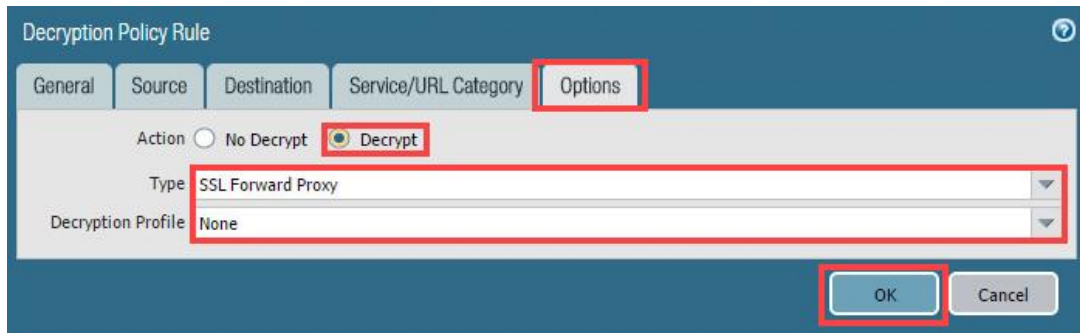
Parameter	Value
Service	Verify that any is selected
URL Category	Click Add and select lab-decryption from the drop-down list



The screenshot shows the 'Decryption Policy Rule' window with the 'Service/URL Category' tab selected. The 'Service' dropdown is set to 'any' and the 'URL Category' dropdown is set to 'lab-decryption'. The 'Add' button is highlighted.

- In the *Decryption Policy Rule* window, click the **Options** tab, configure the following and then click **OK**.

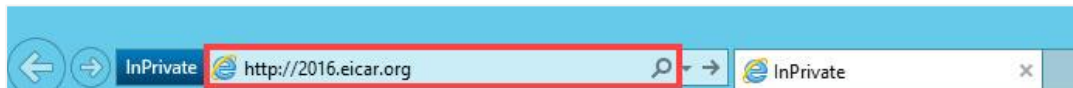
Parameter	Value
Action	Select the Decrypt radio button
Type	Verify that SSL Forward Proxy is selected
Decryption Policy	Verify that None is selected



- Commit** all changes.

1.5 Test AV Security Profile with the Decryption Policy

- Open a new **Internet Explorer** browser window in **private/incognito** mode and browse to <http://2016.eicar.org>.



- Click the **Download Anti Malware Testfile** image in the upper-right corner of the webpage.



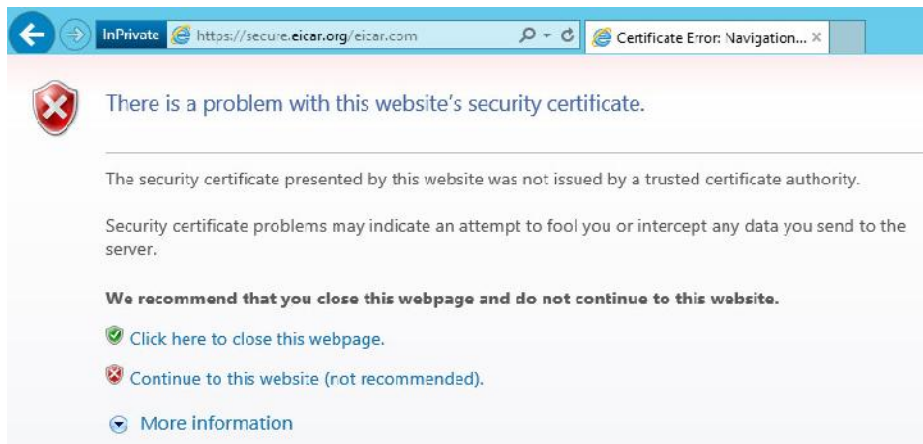
- Click the **Download** link on the left of the web page.



- Within the *Download* area at the bottom of the page, click either the **eicar.com** or the **eicar.com.txt** file to download the file using the SSL-enabled HTTPS protocol.

Download area using the standard protocol http			
eicar.com	eicar.com.txt	eicar_com.zip	eicarcom2.zip
68 Bytes	68 Bytes	184 Bytes	308 Bytes
Download area using the secure, SSL enabled protocol https			
eicar.com	eicar.com.txt	eicar_com.zip	eicarcom2.zip
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Notice a certificate issue is presented:

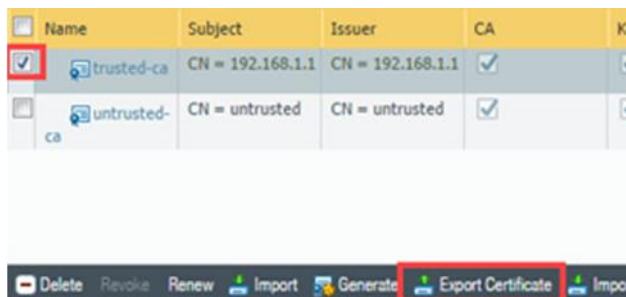


The endpoint (Windows desktop) does not trust the certificate generated by the firewall.

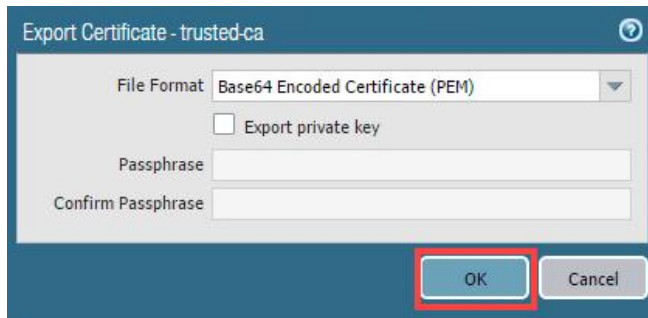
- Close the **IE** browser.

1.6 Export the Firewall Certificate

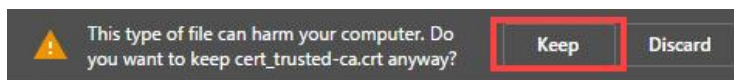
- Change focus back to the firewall's web interface and navigate to **Device > Certificate Management > Certificates**.
- Check the checkbox for **trusted-ca**, then click **Export Certificate** to open the Export Certificate configuration window.



- In the *Export Certificate - trusted-ca* window, click **OK** to export the *trusted-ca* certificate.



- If prompted, click **Keep**.

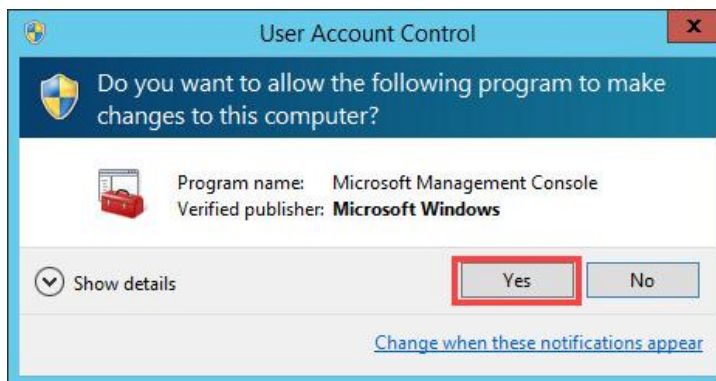


- Leave the firewall web interface open to continue with the next task.

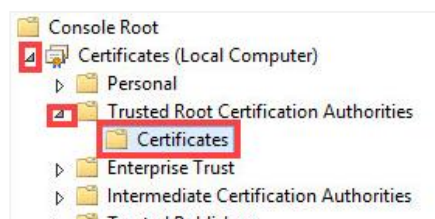
1.7 Import the Firewall Certificate



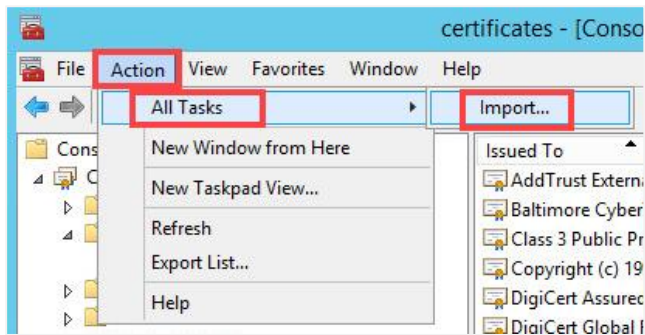
- On the Windows desktop, double-click the **certificates** icon.
- If prompted, click **Yes** to continue.



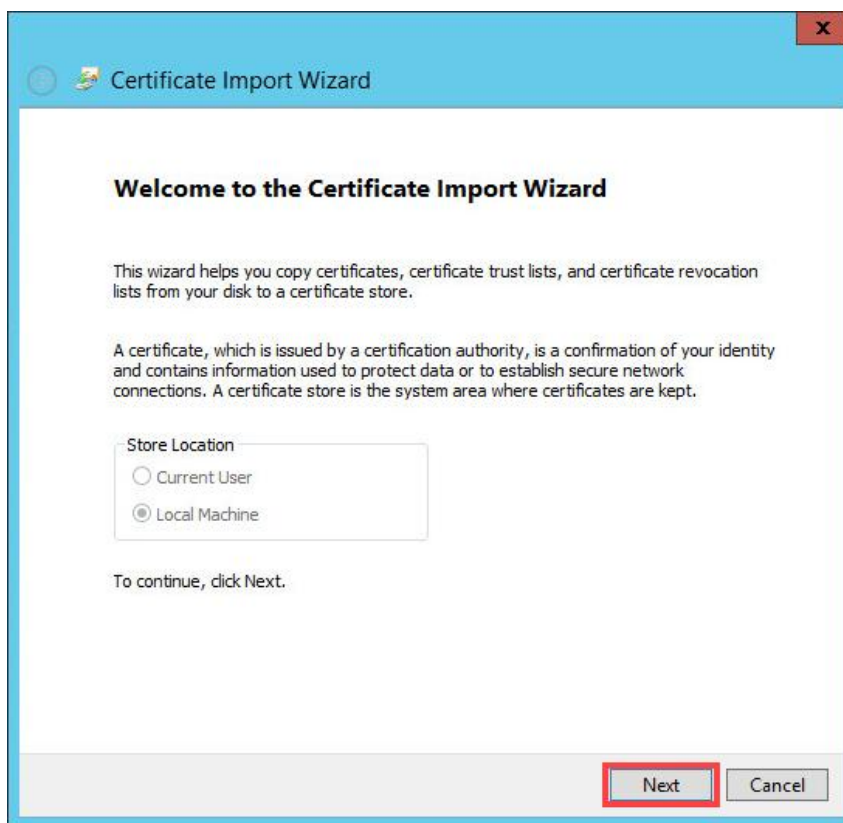
- In the *certificates - [Console Root]* window, expand **Certificates (Local Computer)**, and then expand **Trusted Root Certification Authorities** and select the **Certificates** folder.



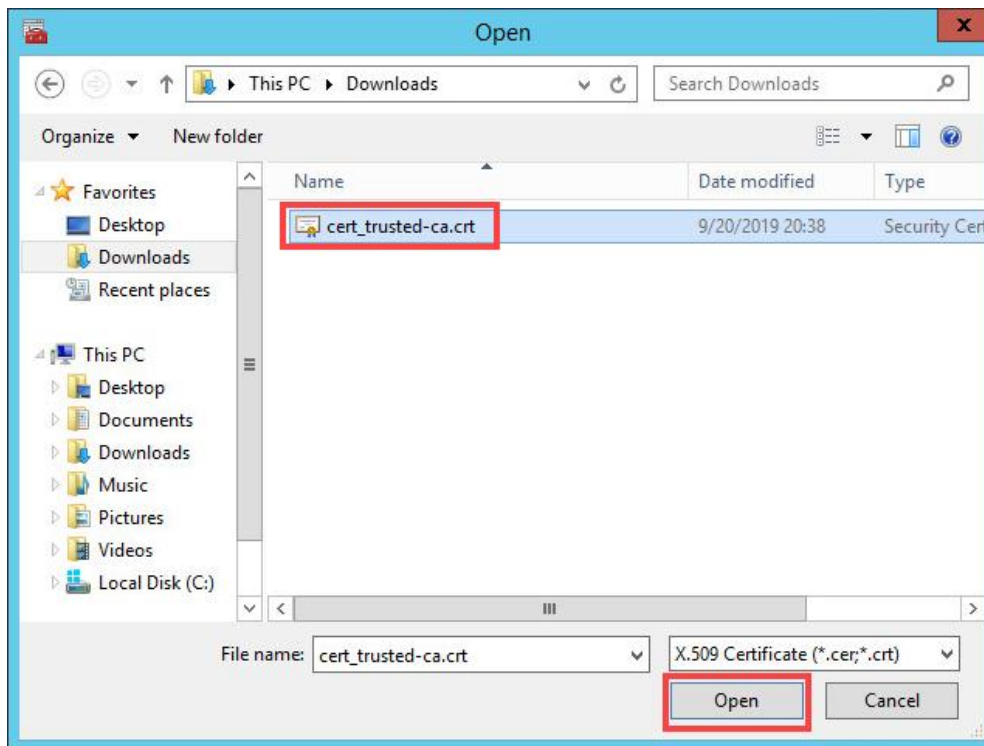
4. Select **Action > All Tasks > Import**.



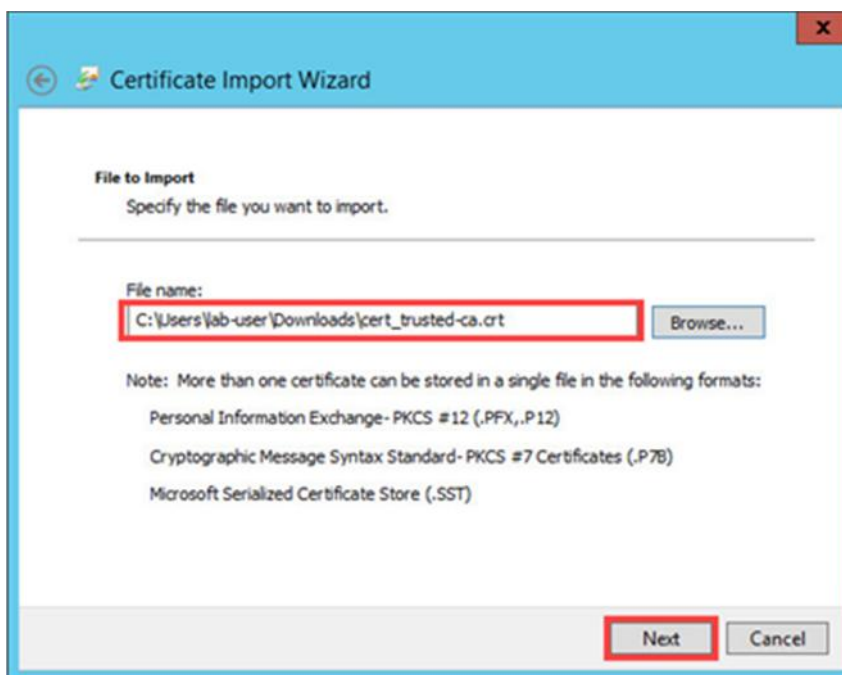
5. The *Certificate Import Wizard* opens. Click **Next**.



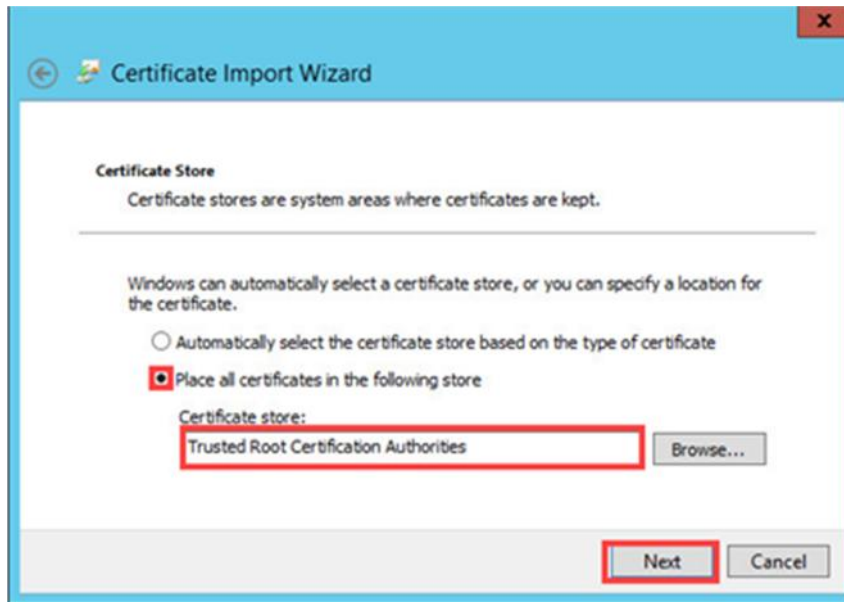
6. On the next step, click **Browse** and select the recently exported **cert_trusted-ca.crt** file in the *Downloads* directory. Click **Open**.



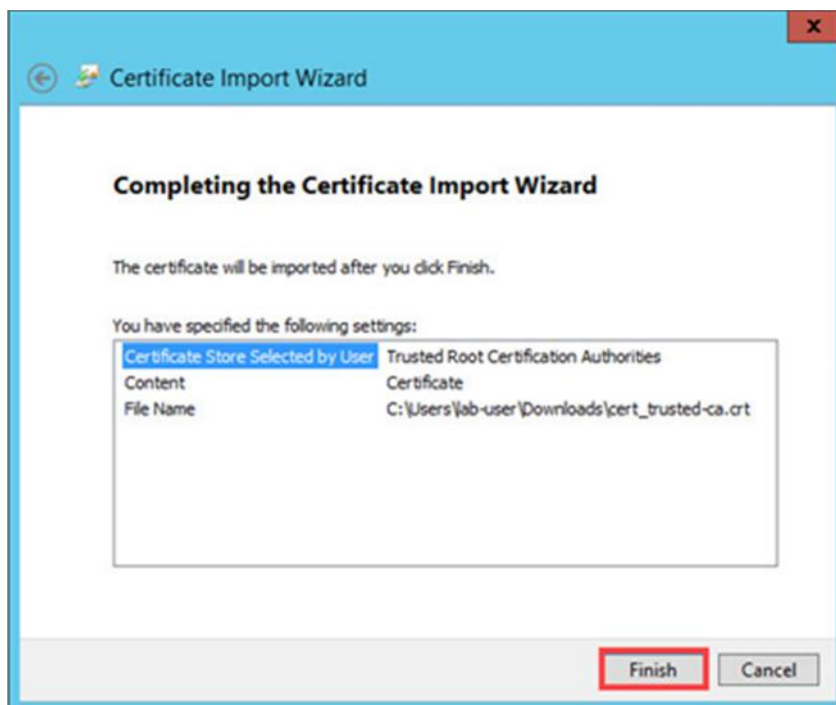
7. Confirm that the correct file is selected and click **Next** to continue.



8. Verify that the following is configured. Click **Next**.



9. Click **Finish** to import the certificate.



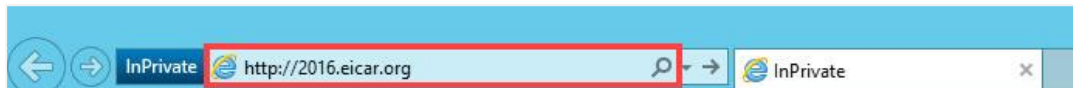
10. Notice that the *trusted-ca* certificate is now imported.

Issued To	Issued By	Expiration Date	Intended Purposes	Friendly Name
192.168.1.1	192.168.1.1	9/19/2020	<All>	<None>
AddTrust External CA Root	AddTrust External CA Root	5/30/2020	Server Authenticati...	Sectigo (AddT
Baltimore CyberTrust Root	Baltimore CyberTrust Root	5/12/2025	Server Authenticati...	DigiCert Balti...

11. Close the *Microsoft Management Console*. Click **No** when asked to save console settings.

1.8 Test the Decryption Policy

1. Open a new **Internet Explorer** browser window in **private/incognito** mode and browse to `http://2016.eicar.org`.



2. Click the **Download Anti Malware Testfile** image in the upper-right corner of the webpage.



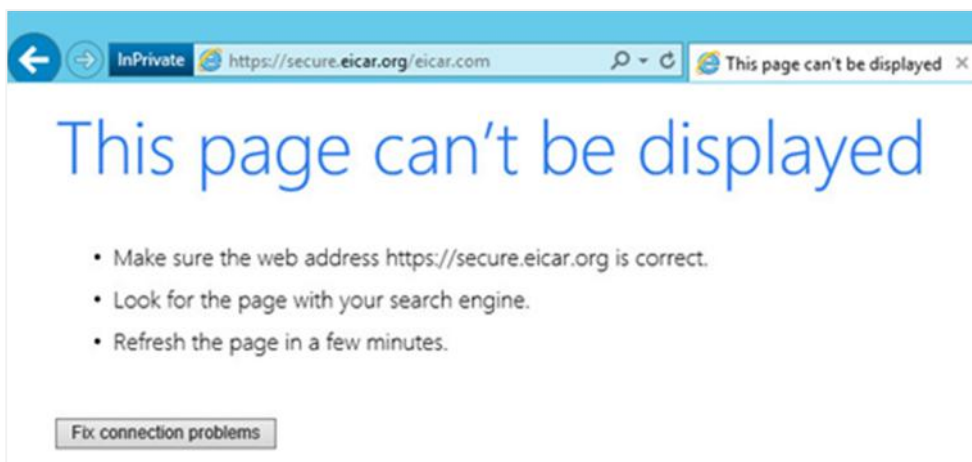
3. Click the **Download** link on the left of the web page.



4. Within the *Download* area at the bottom of the page, click either the **eicar.com** or the **eicar.com.txt** file to download the file using the SSL-enabled HTTPS protocol.


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Download area using the secure, SSL enabled protocol https			
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68 Bytes	68 Bytes	184 Bytes	308 Bytes

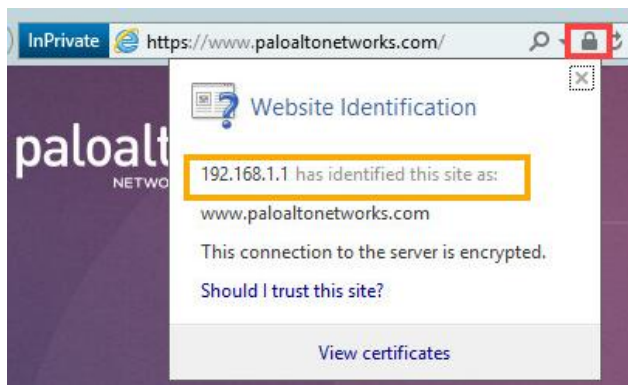
Notice that the eicar test file is detected, and the connection gets reset.



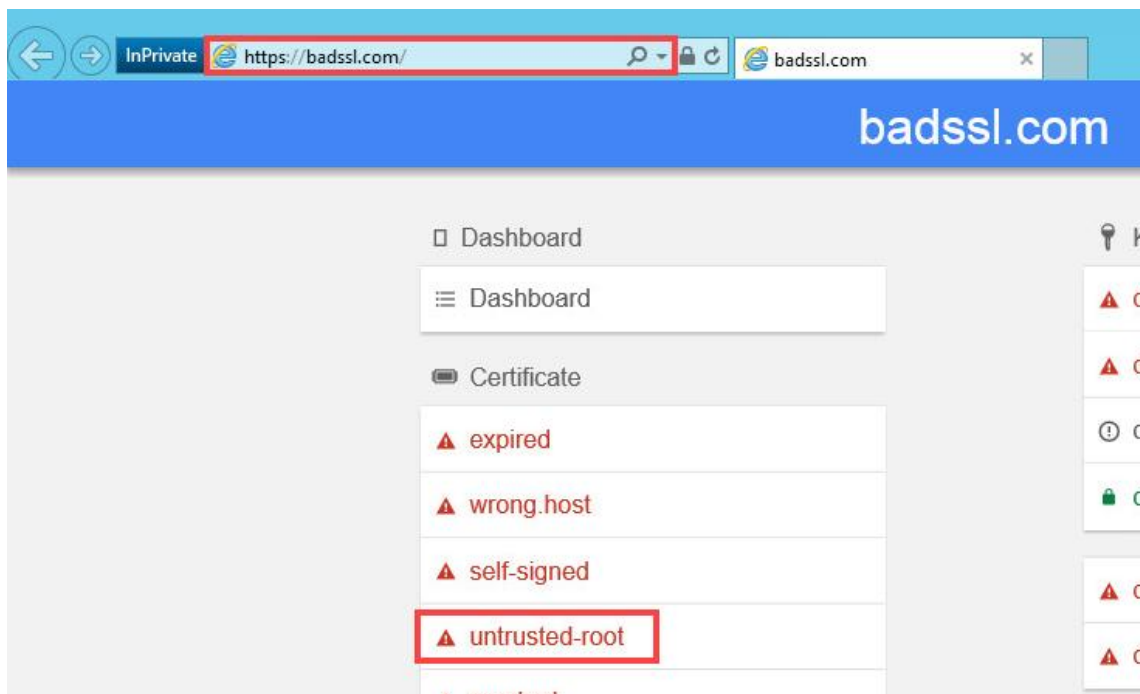
5. In the same browser, browse to <https://www.paloaltonetworks.com>. Notice that there is no certificate warning, and the page is displayed correctly.



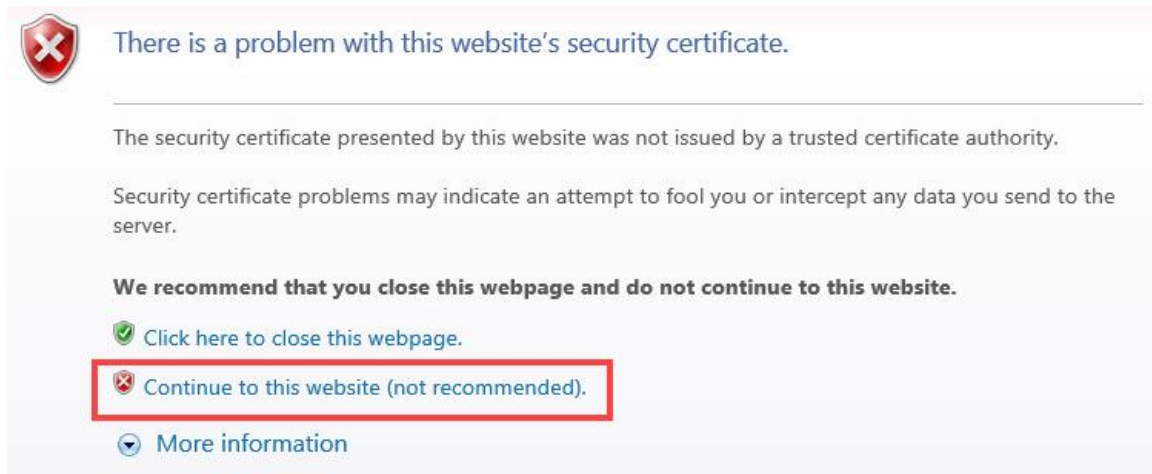
6. Click the **lock**  icon next to the URL in the browser and notice that the signer is the firewall *192.168.1.1*.



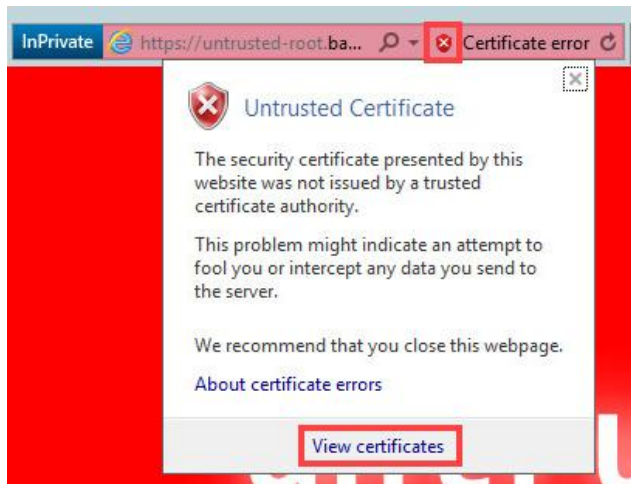
7. Close the **IE** browser.
8. Open a new **Internet Explorer** browser window in **private/incognito** mode and browse to <https://www.badssl.com>, then click on **untrusted-root**.



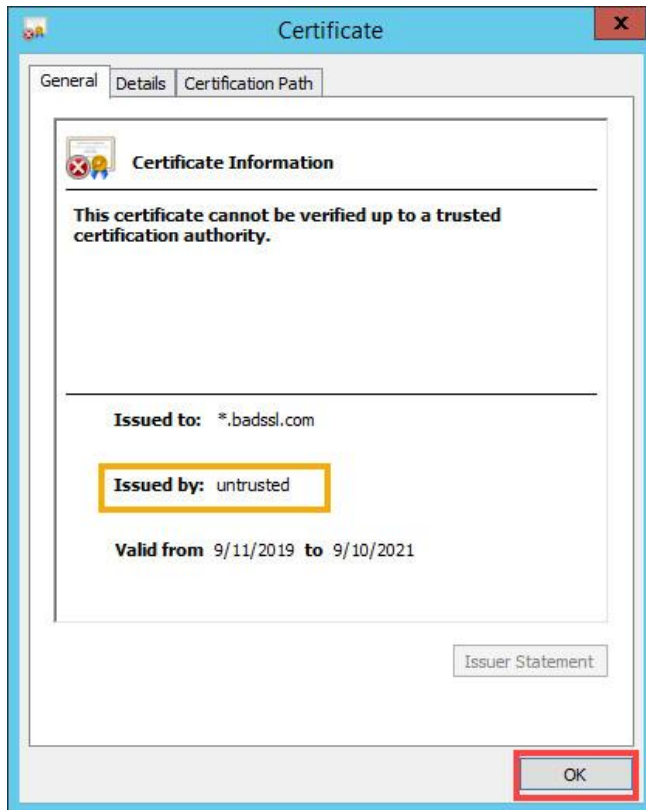
9. Notice that a certificate warning is now displayed. Click on the **Continue to this website (not recommended)** link.



10. Click the **Certificate** icon near the URL, followed by clicking **View certificates**.



11. Notice that the certificate is still signed by the firewall. However, it was signed with the untrusted certificate. Click **OK**.



12. Close the IE browser.

1.9 Review Logs

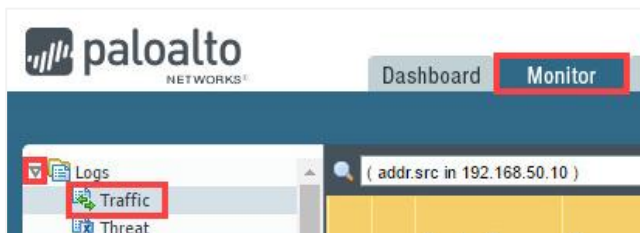
1. Change focus to the firewall's web interface and navigate to **Monitor > Logs > Threat**.



- Clear any existing filters and notice that there is an entry for when the connection was reset in the browser.

	Receive Time	Type	Name	From Zone	To Zone	Source address
	09/20 21:21:00	spyware	Suspicious TLS Evasion Found	inside	outside	192.168.1.20
	09/20 21:20:54	spyware	Suspicious HTTP Evasion Found	inside	outside	192.168.1.20
	09/20 21:20:50	spyware	Suspicious HTTP Evasion Found	inside	outside	192.168.1.20
	09/20 21:19:49	virus	Eicar Test File	inside	outside	192.168.1.20
	09/20 18:57:37	spyware	Suspicious TLS Evasion Found	inside	outside	192.168.1.20
	09/20 18:48:38	virus	Eicar Test File	inside	outside	192.168.1.20
	09/20 18:46:42	spyware	Suspicious TLS Evasion	inside	outside	192.168.1.20

- Select **Monitor > Logs > Traffic**.



- Clear any existing filters and then type (**flags has proxy**) in the filter text box. Press **Enter**. This filter flags only traffic entries that were decrypted.

(flags has proxy)										
	Receive Time	Decrypted	Type	From Zone	To Zone	Source	Source User	Destination	To Port	Application
	09/20 21:32:01	yes	deny	inside	outside	192.168.1.254		199.167.52.141	443	ssl
	09/20 21:31:01	yes	deny	inside	outside	192.168.1.254		199.167.52.141	443	ssl
	09/20 21:30:04	yes	deny	inside	outside	192.168.1.254		199.167.52.141	443	ssl
	09/20 21:29:01	yes	deny	inside	outside	192.168.1.254		199.167.52.141	443	ssl
	09/20 21:28:01	yes	deny	inside	outside	192.168.1.254		199.167.52.141	443	ssl
	09/20 21:27:20	yes	deny	inside	outside	192.168.1.254		199.167.52.141	443	web-browsing



If the *Decrypted* column is not present, hover the mouse over *Receive Time* and click the **drop-down** arrow and check the check box for **Decrypted** to add the column view.

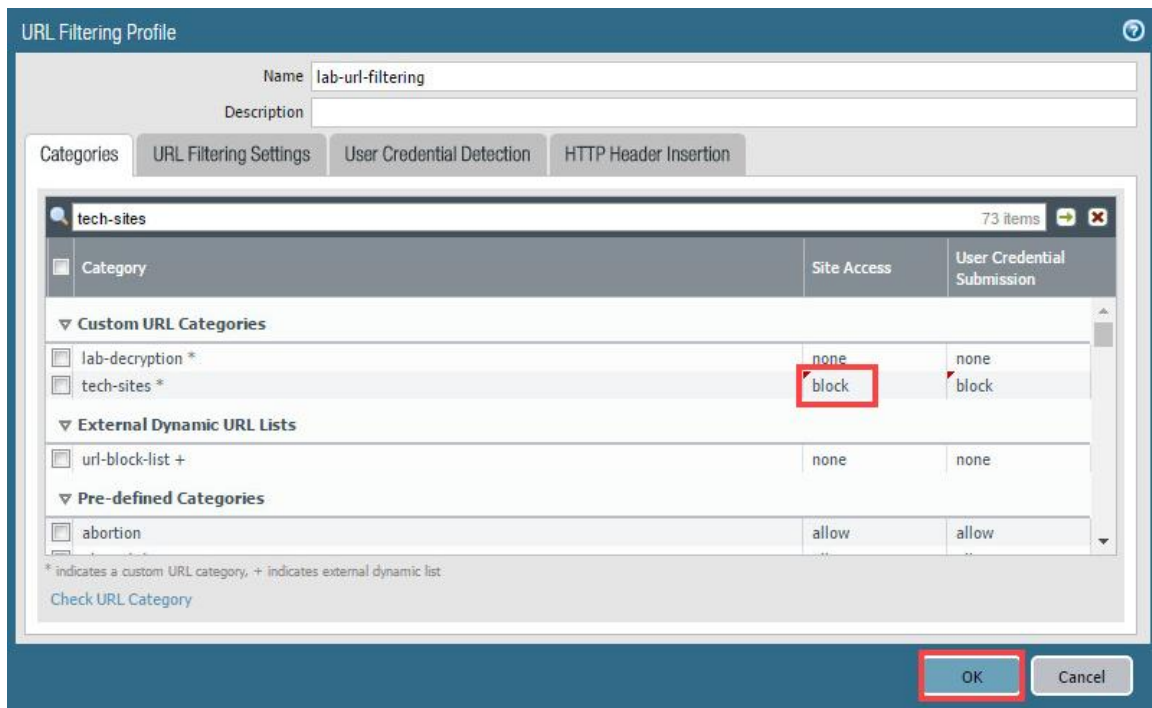
- Leave the firewall web interface open to continue with the next task.

1.10 Test URL Filtering with Decryption

1. In the web interface, select **Objects > Security Profiles > URL Filtering**.
2. Click on **lab-url-filtering** to open the object.

<input type="checkbox"/> Name	Location	Site Access
<input type="checkbox"/> default	Predefined	Allow Categories (58) Alert Categories (3) Continue Categories (0) Block Categories (9) Override Categories (0)
<input type="checkbox"/> lab-url-filtering		Allow Categories (69) Alert Categories (0) Continue Categories (0) Block Categories (3) Override Categories (0)

3. In the *URL Filtering Profile* window, while on the *Categories* tab, locate tech-sites from the list without utilizing the search feature and change **Site Access** to **block** and then click **OK**.



URL Filtering Profile

Name: lab-url-filtering

Description:

Categories | URL Filtering Settings | User Credential Detection | HTTP Header Insertion

tech-sites 73 items

Category	Site Access	User Credential Submission
lab-decryption *	none	none
tech-sites *	block	block
url-block-list +	none	none
abortion	allow	allow

* indicates a custom URL category, + indicates external dynamic list.

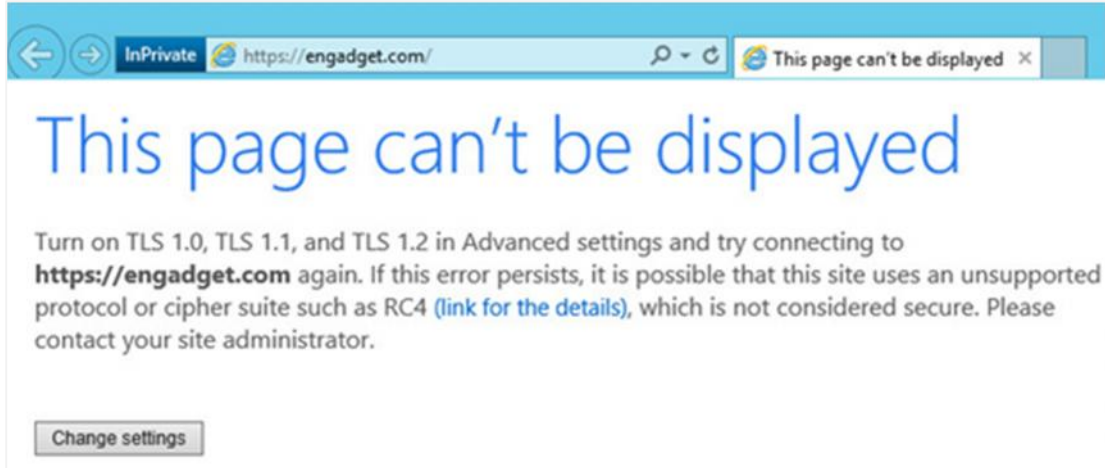
Check URL Category

OK Cancel

4. **Commit** all changes.
5. Open a new **Internet Explorer** browser window in **private/incognito** mode and browse to **https://engadget.com**.



6. Notice that *Engadget* is now blocked because the site can be identified and blocked per the *URL Filtering Profile*.



7. The lab is now complete; you may end the reservation.