

Assignment Question:

Illustrate the steps for implementation of S/MIME email security through Microsoft® Office Outlook.

S/MIME (Secure/Multipurpose Internet Mail Extensions) is a standard for public key encryption and digital signing of MIME data. Configuring S/MIME in Office 365 is a slightly different procedure than configuring S/MIME on-premises. Configuring S/MIME will allow users to encrypt and/or digitally sign an email. S/MIME provides the following cryptographic security services for electronic messaging applications: authentication, message integrity, non-repudiation of origin (using digital signatures), privacy, and data security (using encryption). Further, Office 365 also provides the capability for end users to compose, encrypt, decrypt, read, and digitally sign emails between two users in an organization using Outlook, Outlook Web App (OWA) or Exchange ActiveSync (EAS) clients.

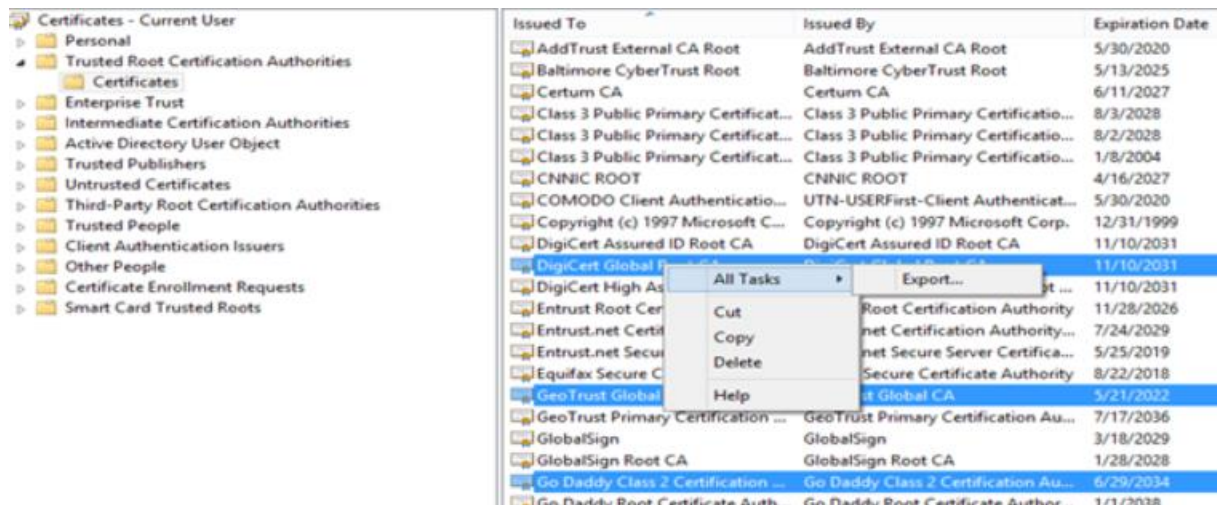
In this scenario, all the users are hosted on cloud and there is no on-premises Exchange organization.

Requirements

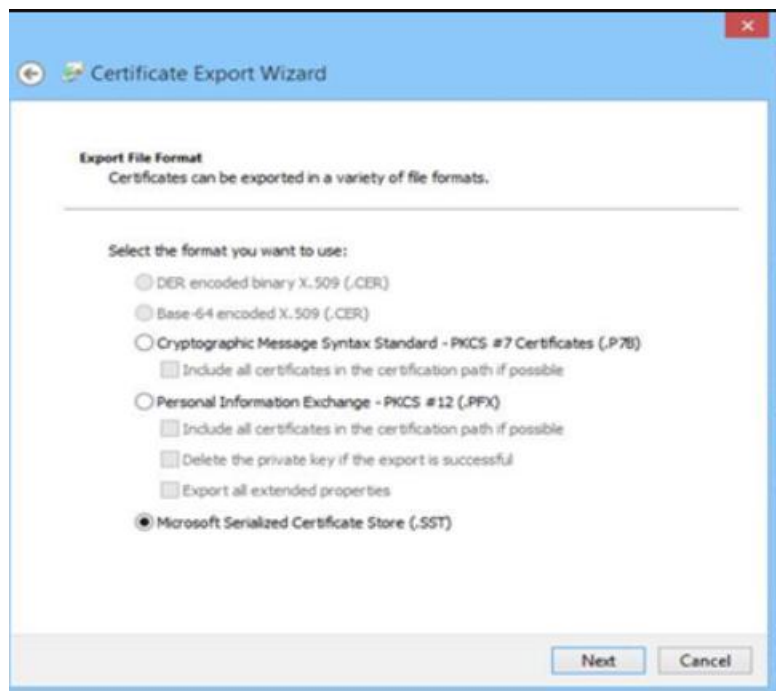
1. .SST File (Serialized store): The SST file contains all the root and intermediate certificates that are used when validating the S/MIME message in Office 365. The .SST file is created from certificate store explained below.
2. End user's certificate for signing and encrypting the message issued from Certificate Authorities(CA) either Windows based CA or Third party CA.

Configuration

Remember that in Exchange Online, only the SST will be used for S/MIME certificate validation. **1. Create a .SST file for the Trusted Root CA / Intermediate CA of the certificate issued to the users:** You can use either Certificate MMC or [PowerShell](#) cmdlets to export SST file. I am using Certificate console to export the .SST here: Open **certmgr.msc** snap-in, expand **Trusted Root Certificate Authorities** > **Certificates** > select the CA Certificates which issued the certificates to end users for S/MIME and right click > **All Tasks** > **Export...**



2. Select Microsoft Serialized Certificate Store(.SST) > Click Next and save the SST file:



3. Upload .SST to office 365 server: Update the SST on office 365 exchange server by executing the following commands using remote PowerShell.

\$sst = Get-Content <sst file copied from the box>.sst -Encoding Byte

(Example: \$sst = Get-Content TenantRoot.sst -Encoding Byte)

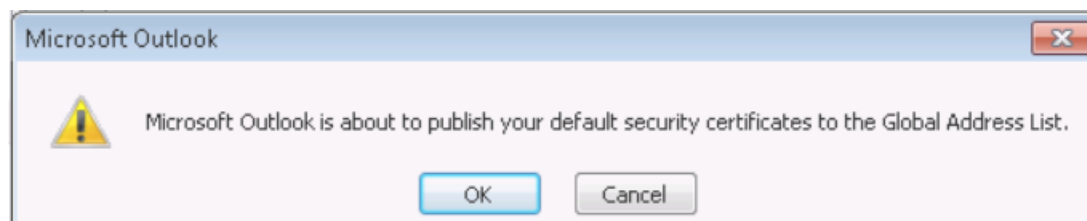
Set-SmimeConfig -SMIMECertificateIssuingCA \$sst

4. Publish user's certificate to the Exchange Online GAL (Global Address List) using Outlook. If not published, users will not be able to exchange S/MIME encrypted messages.

- On the **File** menu in Outlook 2013, click **Options**.
- On the **Outlook Options** window, click **Trust Center**, click **Trust Center Settings...**, and then click **Email Security**.
- In the **Trust Center** window, click **Settings...** (Here, you need to choose certificate issued by the CA you are going to use for S/MIME).
- In the Change Security Settings window, type the Security Settings Name (you can name it anything) and choose Signing and Encryption certificate. Select the appropriate certificate assigned in previous steps, leave the Algorithm default and click OK.



- Once the information is selected, you will notice the Default Setting is populated with Security Settings Name. Now you can click the Publish to GAL button. To publish the certificate to the GAL, click OK.



5. To confirm the certificate is published in AAD (Azure Active Directory), connect to Exchange Online using [remote PowerShell](#) and run following command. Check to make sure that the UserSMimeCertificate attribute is populated with the certificate information. If not, return to step 4.

Get-Mailbox <user> | FL or FT *user*

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PS C:\Users\suku> Get-Mailbox UserA |ft *user*

ExchangeUserAccountControl      UserPrincipalName      UserSMimeCertificate
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None                             UserA@sukuoncloud.onmicro... {48 130 9 194 6 9 42 134 7...
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6. Once you confirm the end user has the certificate on their machine under **certificates > personal** store and also published in AAD, the users can use Outlook, OWA, or EAS to send and receive S/MIME messages.