

Cryptographic stores in Alfresco

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Electronic Certificates



X509 Certificate

Issuer Name
DN
Common Name
CN

*RSA 1024 bits
with SHA 256*

This should match with
Server DNS Name

Distinguished Name
DN



```
openssl x509 -in Alfresco_Client_Alfresco_CA.pem -text -noout

Certificate:
    Data:
        Version: 3 (0x2)
        Serial Number: 4097 (0x1001)
        Signature Algorithm: sha256WithRSAEncryption
    Issuer: C=GB, ST=UK, L=Maidenhead, O=Alfresco Software Ltd., OU=Unknown, CN=Custom Alfresco CA
    Validity
        Not Before: Jun 30 09:24:08 2020 GMT
        Not After: Jun 28 09:24:08 2030 GMT
    Subject: C=GB, ST=UK, O=Alfresco Software Ltd., OU=Unknown, CN=Custom Alfresco Repository Client
    Subject Public Key Info:
        Public Key Algorithm: rsaEncryption
        Public-Key: (1024 bit)
        Modulus:
            00a2:89:cf:f8:d0:f6:47:76:fd:66:5b:f5:b6:
            d8:26:9f:59:b1:3d:8:39:fa:7d:38:5e:0a:61:5e:
            5c:dd:e5:50:c2:1c:d:99:db:26:de:f2:3b:26:47:
            5c:d1:8a:6e:1a:50:8ec:7c:60:3b:2a:5ce:3:7e:
            97:26:59:3a:ed:d7:a:69:c0:9e:47:5b:a0:03:64:
            73:29:35:70:0e:7:a:a4:b7:5ac:5a:08:52:9b:
            e7:95:72:7e:0d:a4:d:b6:85:84:e7:c5:4c:7cf:
            89:93:de:88:f9:c7:b:52:16:59:95:04:89:3a:96:
            b9:e6:a0:e9:e3:d4:8:3a:87
        Exponent: 65537 (0x10001)
    X509v3 extensions:
        X509v3 Basic Constraints:
            CA:FALSE
        Netscape Cert Type:
            SSL Server
        Netscape Comment:
            OpenSSL Generated Server Certificate
        X509v3 Subject Key Identifier:
            84:E1:8B:E1:3C:9E:66:20:79:8F:AE:C5:9E:06:50:23:F2:54:A1:72
        X509v3 Authority Key Identifier:
            keyid:2D:AC:E1:41:70:08:36:16:3F:E5:C9:A8:0C:B1:CF:CF:6B:A4:80:BC
            DirName:/C=GB/ST=UK/L=Maidenhead/O=Alfresco Software Ltd./OU=Unknown/CN=Custom Alfresco CA
            serial:94:78:32:24:4E:A5:07:2B
        X509v3 Key Usage: critical
            Digital Signature, Key Encipherment
        X509v3 Extended Key Usage:
            TLS Web Server Authentication
        X509v3 Subject Alternative Name:
            DNS:localhost
    Signature Algorithm: sha256WithRSAEncryption
    1:4d:81:49:ca:e7:00:13:2e:74:1b:2a:de:41:a5:45:79:45:
    3:1c:0b:58:30:a8:a0:a4:f2:52:36:ba:6c:e8:9b:7e:4c:15:
    8:86:56:a4:e7:38:0d:13:e5:f3:d1:23:5f:f1:28:d8:d7:d6:
    6:a8:x9:21:ec:aa:9f:7d:4e:79:87:14:b7:d5:8f:e8:cc:67:
    2:1b:84:fd:de:ef:ab:c2:49:e4:8f:9e:a4:2e:49:ef:75:79:
    c:7b:e2:a9:16:c6:14:94:2a:70:9e:1e:82:d8:d7:c5:54:b5:
    3:bb:17:00:e1:86:5f:5c:7:fe:da:12:35:6f:33:55:ca:11
```



Dates valid



Private Key



Public Key

Keystore

Truststore



Key Usage
Policies



Issuer Signature

Electronic Certificates: File Format

.pem – Base64 encoded DER certificate, *password*

.cer, .crt, .der – Binary DER form, *password*

.p7b, .p7c – Base 64 Ascii file with PKCS#7, just for *public* certificate(s) or CRL(s)

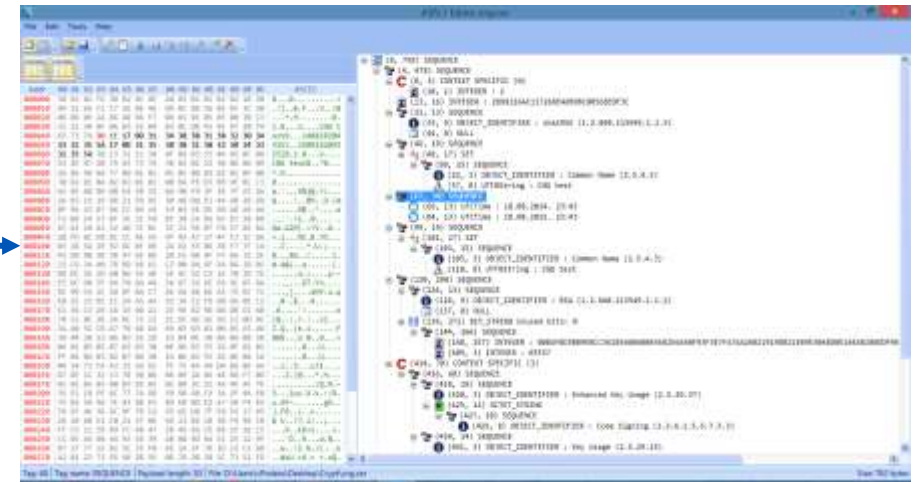
.p12 – PKCS#12, may contain certificate(s) (public) and *private* keys, binary format (ASN.1), *password*

.pfx – PFX, predecessor of PKCS#12 (usually contains data in PKCS#12 format, e.g., with PFX files generated in IIS)

```
-----BEGIN CERTIFICATE-----
MIIC3DCCakWgAwIBAgIJAJR4MiROpQcrMA0GCSqGSIb3DQEBCwUAMH8xCzAJBgNV
BAYTAkdCMQswCQYDVQQLIDAJVSzETMBEGA1UEBwwKTWFpZGVuaGVhZDEfM0BGA1UE
...
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19vwwF3KrhH0SGi8dEgf8iQ=
-----END CERTIFICATE-----

-----BEGIN RSA PRIVATE KEY-----
MIIC3DCCakWgAwIBAgIJAJR4MiROpQcrMA0GCSqGSIb3DQEBCwUAMH8xCzAJBgNV
...
19vwwF3KrhH0SGi8dEgf8iQ=
-----END RSA PRIVATE KEY-----
```

```
-----BEGIN PKCS7-----MIICDCCACgAwIABgAJR4MIROpQcrrMA0GCSqGSIb3DQEBChUAMH8xCzAJBgNV
BAYTAkdCMQswCQYDVQIDAJV5ZETMBEGA1UEBwwtKwFpZGVuZGhvdzZDEMB0BGA1UE
HNFnBC+FX4Kw2NsZTgcdNQTSXGxen//4MN6BklpcHATM0hlchKcjrZHI9o3qi1
19vwF3KrljH0SGi8dEgF8iQ==
-----END PKCS7-----
```



Public and Private CAs

CA (Certificate Authority) is an entity that *issues* electronic certificates.

Public CA

- Trusted Third-Party for general public, mainly oriented to final *users*
- Issued certificates are trusted *by default* in Operating Systems and Browsers
- The information and services we provide on these servers is open in *Internet*

Private CA

- Trusted Third-Party for internal users and services
- Issued certificates aren't trusted by default, so you need to configure computers and servers in order to trust them
- The information and services we provide on these servers is restricted to *Intranet*



Chain of Trust

A certificate must be traceable back to the trust root it was signed with.

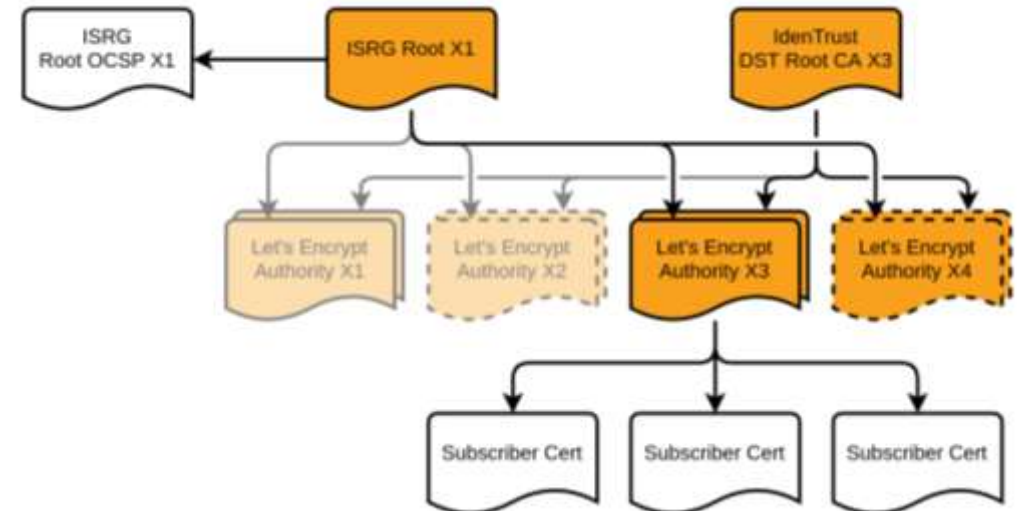
All **public certificates** in the chain [server, intermediate(s), and root] need to be present in the truststore.

- **Root Certificate:** A root certificate is a digital certificate that belongs to the issuing *Certificate Authority*.
- **Intermediate Certificate(s):** Intermediate certificates branch of root certificates like branches of trees. They act as middle-men between the protected root certificates and the server certificates issued.
- **Server Certificate** – The server certificate is the one issued to the specific server

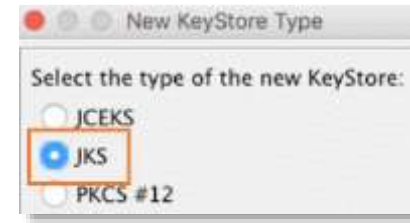
```
-----BEGIN RSA PRIVATE KEY-----
MIICXAIBAAKBgQCciic//jQv2R3b9Zlv1ttgmn1mxPVg5+n04XgphXld5VDCHA2Z
...
nD6OWE6wMqGqCkzz/QlGPaR4n3E4cnm8YgsCZJRwZ/Q=
-----END RSA PRIVATE KEY-----

-----BEGIN CERTIFICATE-----
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...
nh6C2NfVLUwuxcA4YZfXMF+2h11bzNVyhEZCQ==
-----END CERTIFICATE-----

-----BEGIN CERTIFICATE-----
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...
19vwF3KrijH0SGi8dEgF8iQ==
-----END CERTIFICATE-----
```



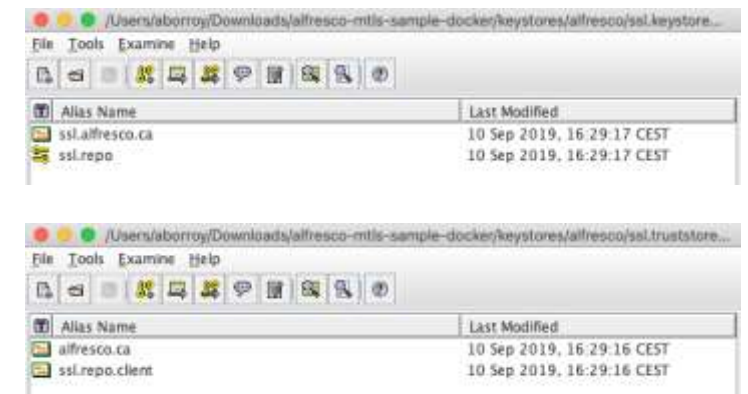
Cryptographic Stores



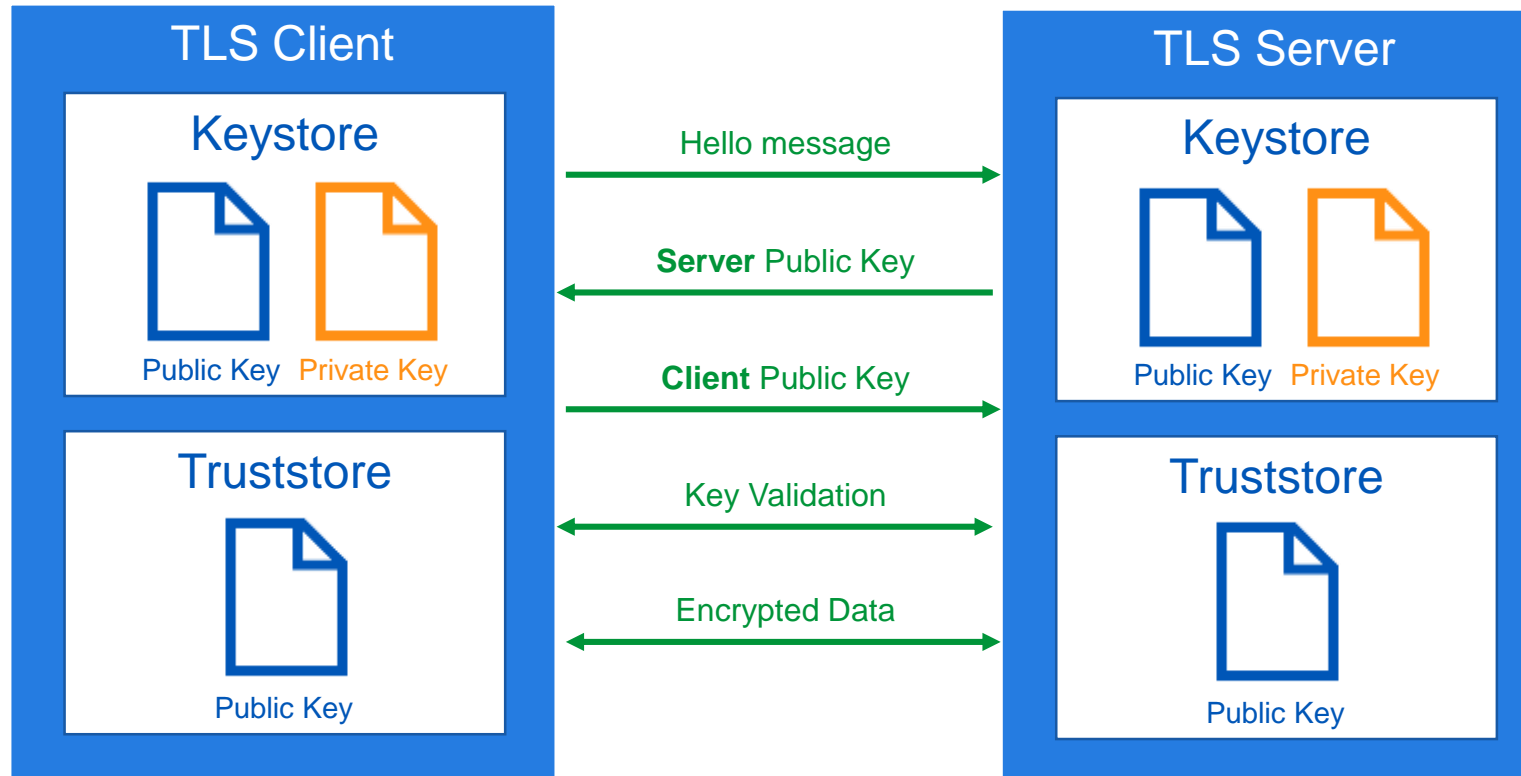
Java KeyStores are used to store key material and associated certificates.

- Each key store has an *overall password* used to protect the entire store, and can optionally have *per-entry passwords* for each secret- or private-key entry.
- **Java Key Store (JKS)**
 - The original Sun JKS (Java Key Store) format is a proprietary binary format file that can only store asymmetric private keys and associated X.509 certificates.
- **JCE Key Store (JCEKS)**
 - Sun later updated the cryptographic capabilities of the JVM with the Java Cryptography Extensions (JCE). With this they also introduced a new proprietary key store format: JCEKS.
- **PKCS#12**
 - Apart from these proprietary key stores, Java also supports standard PKCS#12 format

>> In **Alfresco** both “keystore” and “truststore” file types are Java Keystores stored in one of the formats described above (JKS, JCEKS, PKCS12)



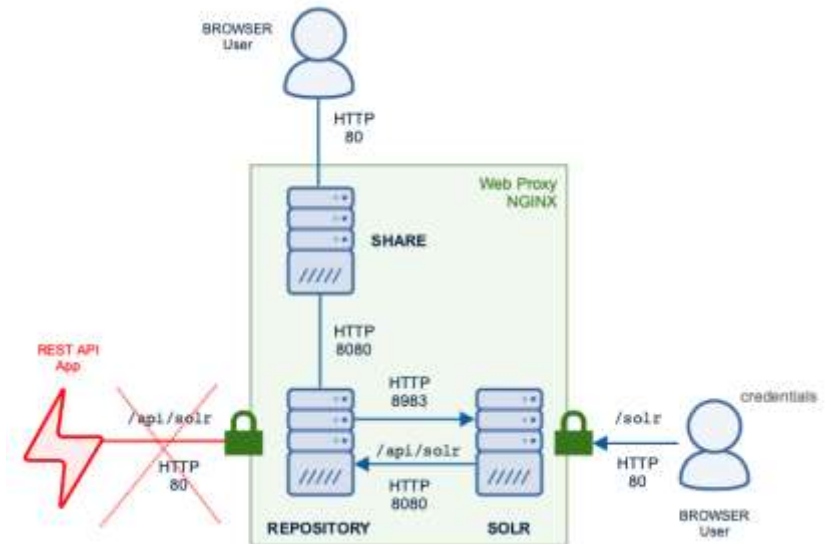
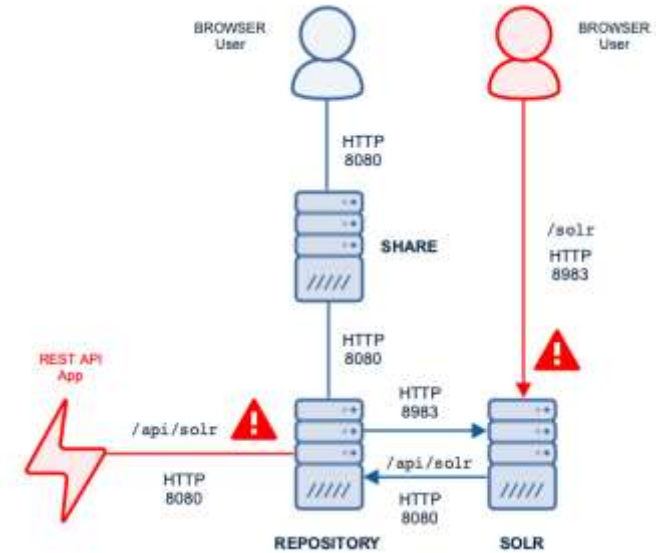
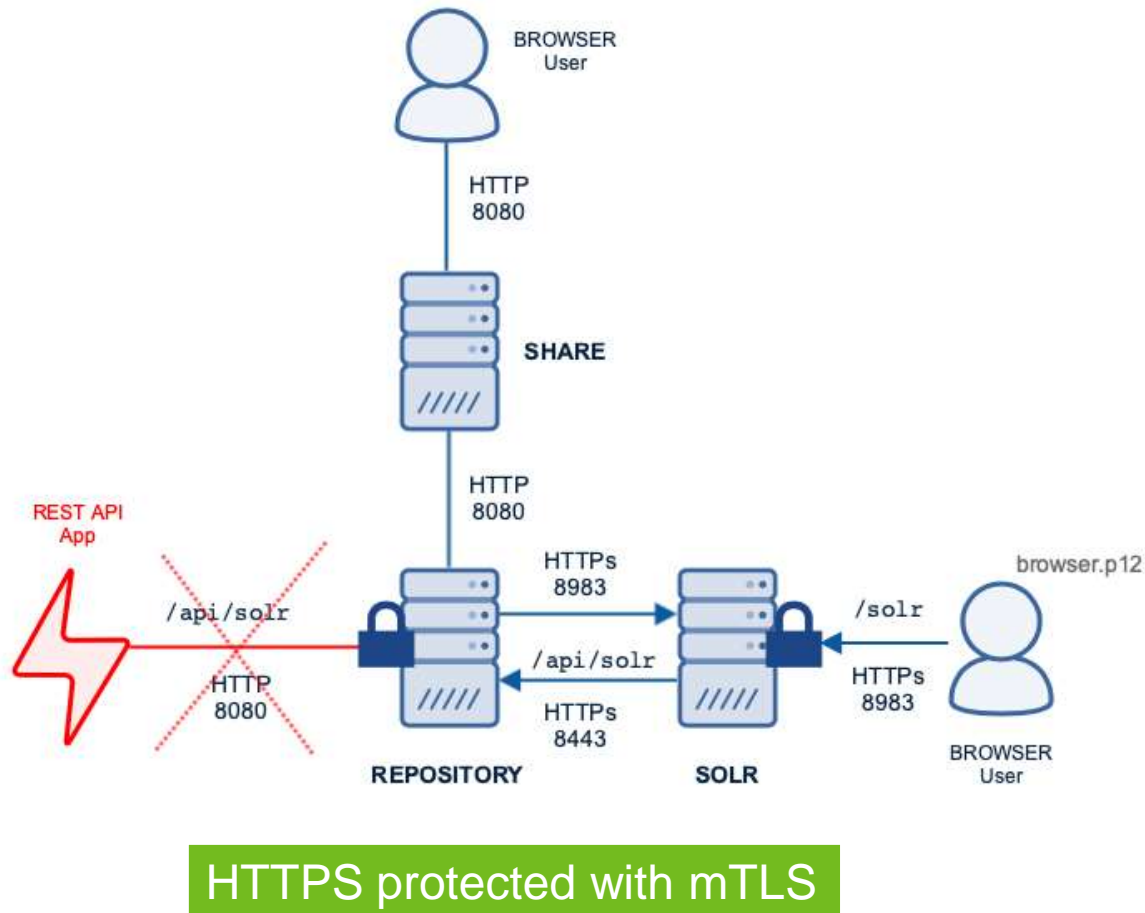
mTLS Protocol



In Practice



When to use mTLS Communication



Cryptographic Tools

Issuing certificates

- *keytool* only supports self-signed certificates and a limited set of policies
- *openssl* allows to create an internal CA and to issue certificates signed by this CA with a full set of policies

Managing Certificates and Java KeyStores

- Command line
 - *keytool* provides the ability to create Java KeyStores (JKS, JCEKS, PKCS12) including public and private certificates
- Window based programs (*keytool wrappers*)



Portecle



KeyStore Explorer



<https://docs.oracle.com/en/java/javase/11/tools/keytool.html>

<https://www.openssl.org/docs/>

<http://portecle.sourceforge.net>

<https://keystore-explorer.org/index.html>

Alfresco KeyStores: Repository

<https://github.com/Alfresco/alfresco-ssl-generator>

By default all the KeyStores are stored in JCEKS format

KeyStore and private certificates are protected by password

The alias (ssl.repo and so on) are not relevant, different ones can be used

keystore

- Not related with mTLS configuration, but with encrypting secrets*

ssl.keystore

- ssl.repo is the private key used to sign HTTP requests
- ssl.alfresco.ca is the public key of the CA issuing the certificates

ssl.truststore

- alfresco.ca is the public key of the CA issuing the certificates
- ssl.repo.client is the public key of the certificate used by SOLR as client

* <https://docs.alfresco.com/6.2/concepts/alf-keystores.html>



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ssl-repo-client.keystore

- ssl.repo.client is the private key used to sign HTTP requests
- alfresco.ca is the public key of the CA issuing the certificates

ssl-repo-client.truststore

- ssl.alfresco.ca is the public key of the CA issuing the certificates
- ssl.repo is the public key of the certificate used by Repository as client
- ssl.repo.client is the public key of the certificate used by SOLR as client

>> Zeppelin is connecting with the Alfresco Repository, so the KeyStores are the same from SOLR



Alfresco KeyStores: Browser

<https://github.com/Alfresco/alfresco-ssl-generator>

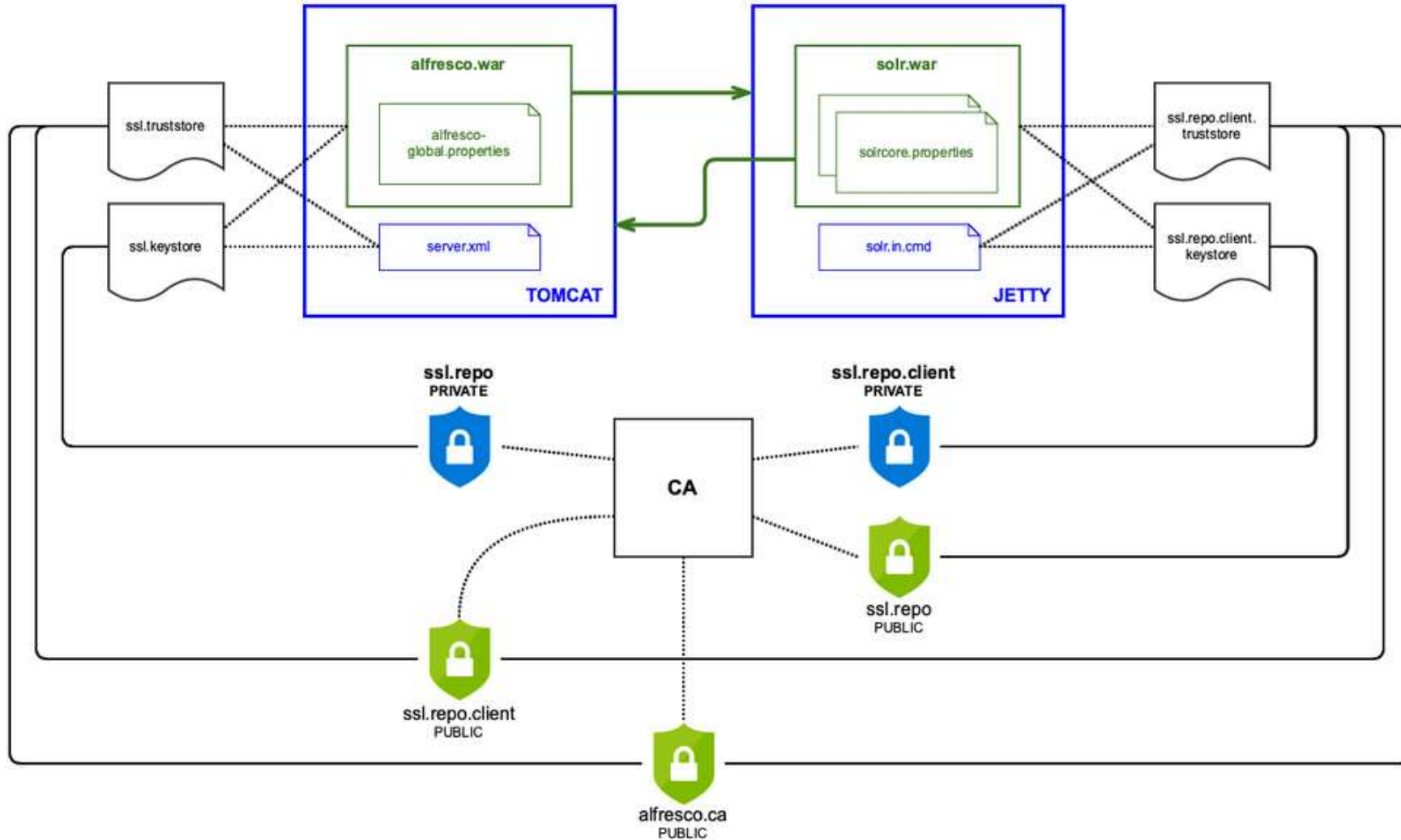


Connecting to SOLR Admin Web Console (by default available in <https://127.0.0.1:8983/solr>) requires a client certificate

- This certificate needs to be installed in Windows, Mac OS X and Linux.
- When using Mozilla Firefox, the certificate needs also to be installed in that browser.

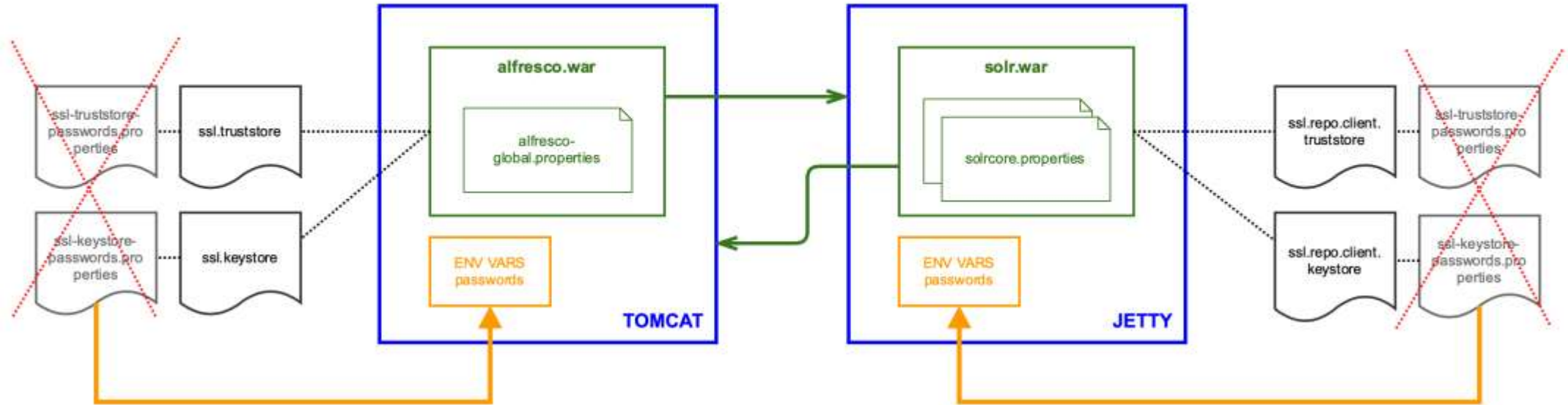


Alfresco mTLS



<https://hub.alfresco.com/t5/alfresco-content-services-blog/alfresco-mtls-configuration-deep-dive/ba-p/296422>

Alfresco mTLS





Alfresco mTLS: Repository Properties

Apache HTTP Client in **alfresco.war** configuration to send HTTPs queries to SOLR

```
# default keystores location
dir.keystore=classpath:alfresco/keystore
```

```
# general encryption parameters (keystore)
encryption.keySpec.class=org.alfresco.encryption.DESEDEKeyGenerator
encryption.keyAlgorithm=AES
encryption.cipherAlgorithm=AES/CBC/PKCS5Padding

# secret key keystore configuration
encryption.keystore.location=${dir.keystore}/keystore
encryption.keystore.keyMetaData.location=${dir.keystore}/keystore-passwords.properties
encryption.keystore.provider=
encryption.keystore.type=pkcs12
```

```
# ssl.keystore
encryption.ssl.keystore.location=${dir.keystore}/ssl.keystore
encryption.ssl.keystore.provider=
encryption.ssl.keystore.type=JKS
encryption.ssl.keystore.keyMetaData.location=${dir.keystore}/ssl-keystore-password.properties
```

```
# ssl.truststore
encryption.ssl.truststore.location=${dir.keystore}/ssl.truststore
encryption.ssl.truststore.provider=
encryption.ssl.truststore.type=JKS
encryption.ssl.truststore.keyMetaData.location=${dir.keystore}/ssl-truststore-password.properties
```

```
# SOLR Configuration
solr.port.ssl=8984
solr.secureComms=https
```

ENCRYPTION PROPERTIES

Not related with mTLS Configuration
Required even when not using mTLS

KEYSTORE

Includes Repository private key

TRUSTSTORE

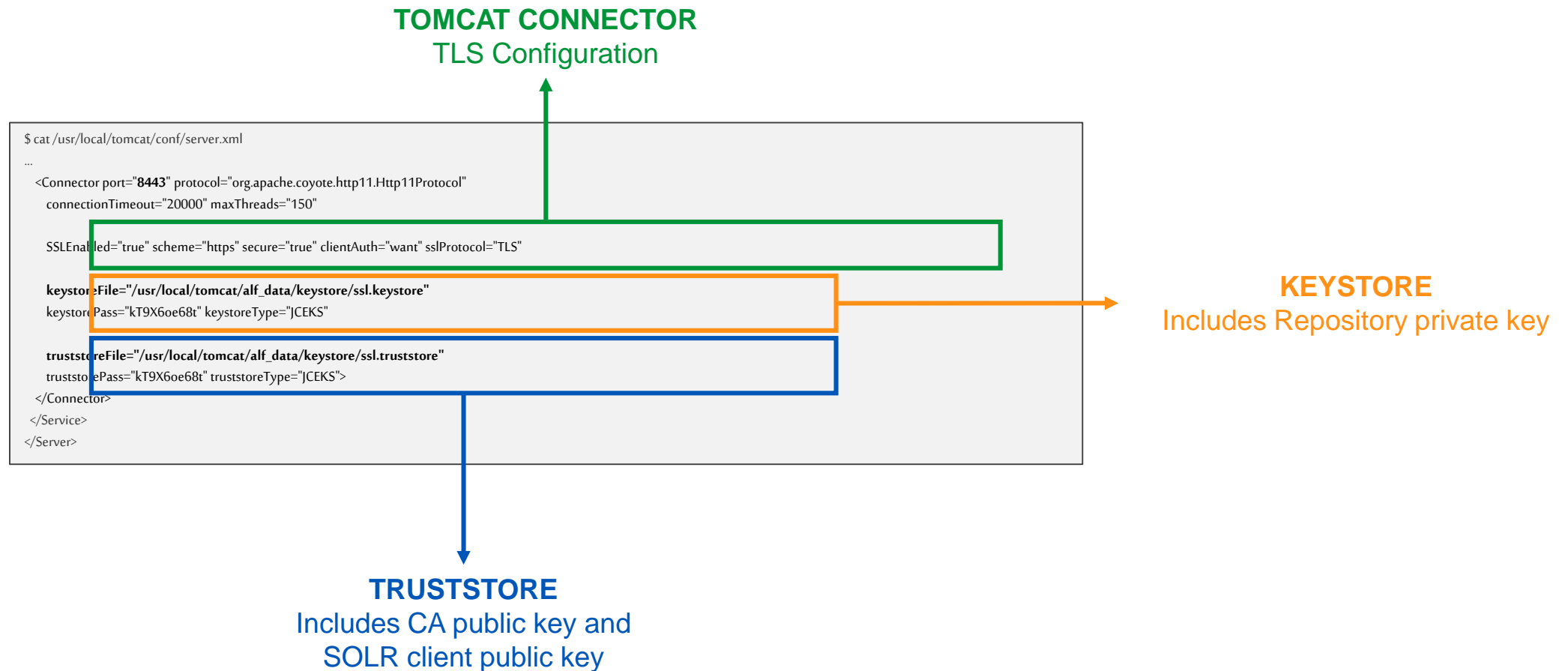
Includes CA public key and
SOLR client public key

<https://github.com/Alfresco/alfresco-community-repo/blob/8.307/repository/src/main/resources/alfresco/repository.properties#L719>



Alfresco mTLS: Tomcat Repository Connector

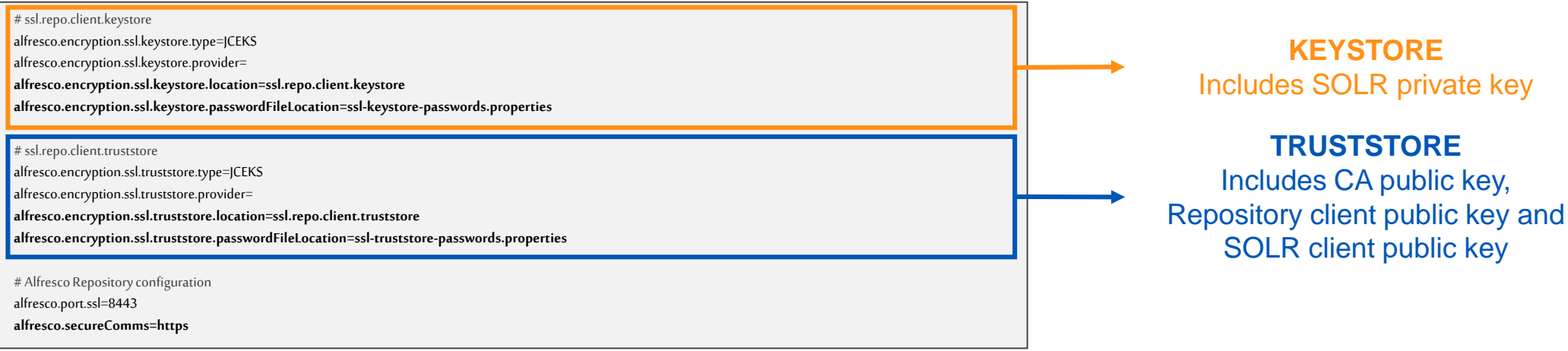
Tomcat Server configuration to receive HTTPs queries from SOLR





Alfresco mTLS: SOLR Properties

Apache HTTP Client in **solr.war** configuration to send HTTPs indexing requests to Alfresco



Alfresco mTLS: Jetty SOLR Server

Jetty Server configuration to receive HTTPs queries from Alfresco

```
$ cat /opt/alfresco-search-services/solr.in.sh

# ssl.repo.client.keystore
SOLR_SSL_KEY_STORE=/opt/alfresco-search-services/keystore/ssl-repo-client.keystore
SOLR_SSL_KEY_STORE_TYPE=JCEKS
SOLR_SSL_KEY_STORE_PASSWORD=password

# ssl.repo.client.truststore
SOLR_SSL_TRUST_STORE=/opt/alfresco-search-services/keystore/ssl-repo-client.truststore
SOLR_SSL_TRUST_STORE_TYPE=JCEKS
SOLR_SSL_TRUST_STORE_PASSWORD=password

# Jetty mTLS configuration
SOLR_SSL_NEED_CLIENT_AUTH=true
```

KEYSTORE
Includes SOLR private key

TRUSTSTORE
Includes CA public key,
Repository client public key and
SOLR client public key

Alfresco mTLS: SOLR Endpoints

Apache HTTP Client from **alfresco.war** is sending signed HTTPs requests to **SOLR Jetty** server

Search Queries

<https://127.0.0.1:8983/solr/alfresco/afts>

<https://127.0.0.1:8983/solr/alfresco/browse>

<https://127.0.0.1:8983/solr/alfresco/cmisis>

<https://127.0.0.1:8983/solr/alfresco/query>

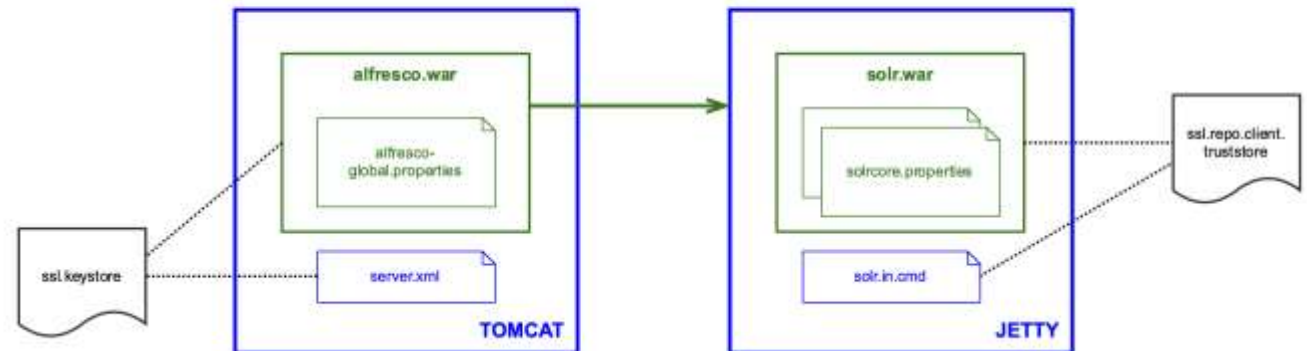
<https://127.0.0.1:8983/solr/alfresco/select>

SQL Queries

<https://127.0.0.1:8983/solr/alfresco/sql>

Admin Actions

<https://127.0.0.1:8983/solr/admin>



Alfresco mTLS: Repository Endpoints

Apache HTTP Client from **solr.war** is sending signed HTTPs requests to **Alfresco Tomcat** server

Indexing requests

<https://127.0.0.1:8443/alfresco/service/api/solr/aclchangesets>

<https://127.0.0.1:8443/alfresco/service/api/solr/acls>

<https://127.0.0.1:8443/alfresco/service/api/solr/aclsReaders>

<https://127.0.0.1:8443/alfresco/service/api/solr/metadata>

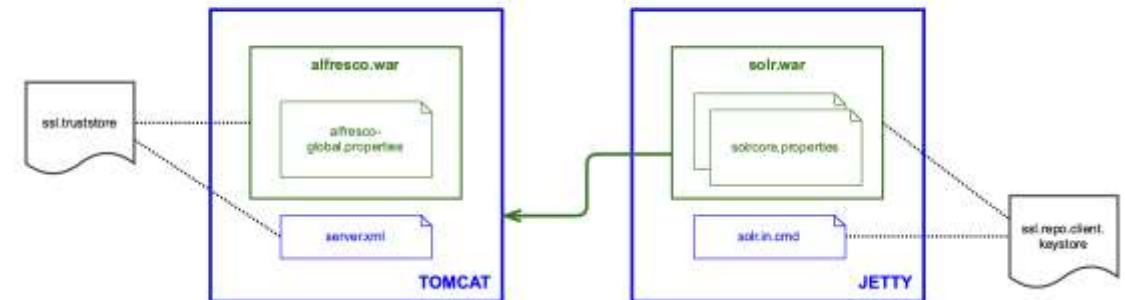
<https://127.0.0.1:8443/alfresco/service/api/solr/model>

<https://127.0.0.1:8443/alfresco/service/api/solr/modelsdiff>

<https://127.0.0.1:8443/alfresco/service/api/solr/nodes>

<https://127.0.0.1:8443/alfresco/service/api/solr/textContent>

<https://127.0.0.1:8443/alfresco/service/api/solr/transactions>



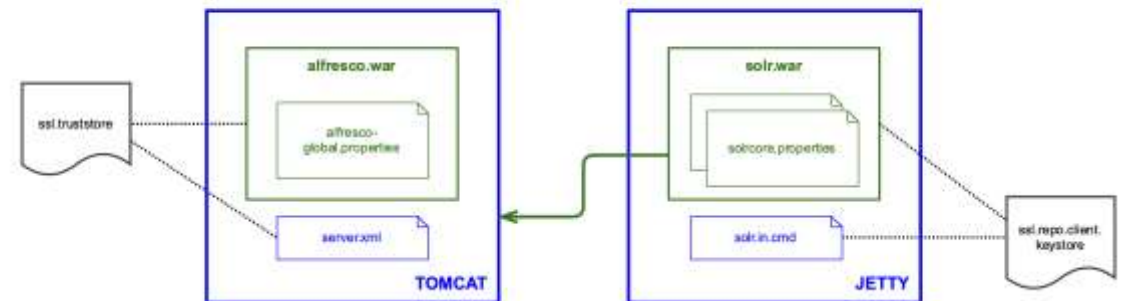
Alfresco mTLS: Sharding

mTLS Configuration can be applied to SOLR Shards in the same way.

- The same KeyStores can be used for every Shard
- A new certificate `ssl.client.repo` can be generated for each Shard
 - You need to add these new certificates to Alfresco Repository truststore (`ssl.truststore`)

Sample configuration using DB_ID for two shards is available in:

https://github.com/aborroy/solr-sharding-docker-compose/tree/master/ssl_db_id





DEMO TIME: Using Custom Certificates

1 - Starting with a working mTLS configuration

- Docker Compose for Alfresco Repository
- ZIP Distribution file for Alfresco Search SOLR

2 - Create new KeyStores with different values

```
$ ./run.sh \  
-alfrescoversion community \  
-keysize 4096 \  
-keystoretype PKCS12 -keystorepass password \  
-truststoretype PKCS12 -truststorepass password \  
-alfrescoformat classic
```

<https://github.com/Alfresco/alfresco-ssl-generator>

3 - Copy the new KeyStores but preserve encryption resources: `keystore` and `keystore-passwords.properties`

4 - Modify configuration in Alfresco Repository, Apache Tomcat, Alfresco Search SOLR and Jetty

- Use `pkcs12` as KeyStore Type
- Use `password` as password for the KeyStores

*Panic! at the
Disco*

Common mistakes: Searching

If you are experimenting problems when **searching** from Alfresco, Share or from the REST API:

- Review Alfresco *Repository configuration* > alfresco-global.properties

```
solr.port.ssl=8983
solr.secureComms=https

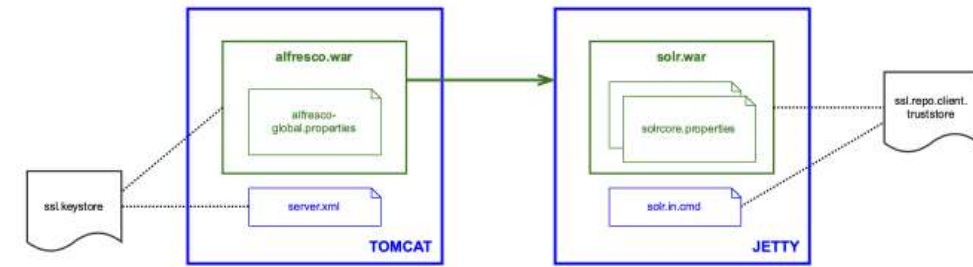
dir.keystore=/usr/local/tomcat/alf_data/keystore

# ssl.keystore
encryption.ssl.keystore.location=${dir.keystore}/ssl.keystore
encryption.ssl.keystore.type=JCEKS
encryption.ssl.keystore.keyMetaData.location=${dir.keystore}/ssl-keystore-password.properties

# ssl.truststore
encryption.ssl.truststore.location=${dir.keystore}/ssl.truststore
encryption.ssl.truststore.type=JCEKS
encryption.ssl.truststore.keyMetaData.location=${dir.keystore}/ssl-truststore-passwords.properties
```

- Review *SOLR Jetty* configuration > solr.in.sh | solr.in.cmd

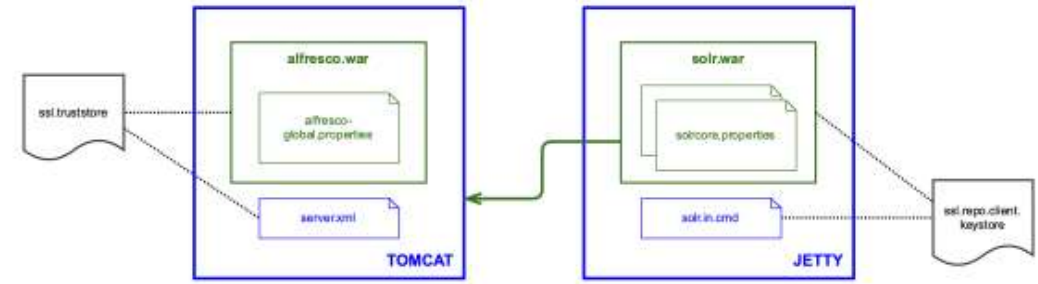
```
SOLR_SSL_TRUST_STORE=/opt/alfresco-search-services/keystore/ssl.repo.client.truststore
SOLR_SSL_TRUST_STORE_PASSWORD=kT9X6oe68t
SOLR_SSL_TRUST_STORE_TYPE=JCEKS
SOLR_SSL_KEY_STORE=/opt/alfresco-search-services/keystore/ssl.repo.client.keystore
SOLR_SSL_KEY_STORE_PASSWORD=kT9X6oe68t
SOLR_SSL_KEY_STORE_TYPE=JCEKS
SOLR_SSL_NEED_CLIENT_AUTH=true
```



<https://hub.alfresco.com/t5/alfresco-content-services-blog/alfresco-mtls-configuration-deep-dive/ba-p/296422>

Common mistakes: Indexing

If you are experimenting problems when **indexing** from SOLR:



- Review *Alfresco Tomcat* configuration > server.xml

```
<Connector port="8443" protocol="org.apache.coyote.http11.Http11Protocol"
connectionTimeout="20000"
SSLEnabled="true" maxThreads="150" scheme="https"
keystoreFile="/usr/local/tomcat/alf_data/keystore/ssl.keystore"
keystorePass="kT9X6oe68t" keystoreType="JCEKS" secure="true"
truststoreFile="/usr/local/tomcat/alf_data/keystore/ssl.truststore"
truststorePass="kT9X6oe68t" truststoreType="JCEKS" clientAuth="want" sslProtocol="TLS">
</Connector>
```

- Review *SOLR properties* configuration > solrcore.properties

```
alfresco.secureComms=https
alfresco.port.ssl=8443

alfresco.encryption.ssl.truststore.location=/opt/alfresco-search-services/keystore/ssl.repo.client.truststore
alfresco.encryption.ssl.keystore.provider=JCEKS
alfresco.encryption.ssl.truststore.type=
alfresco.encryption.ssl.keystore.location=/opt/alfresco-search-services/keystore/ssl.repo.client.keystore
alfresco.encryption.ssl.truststore.provider=JCEKS
alfresco.encryption.ssl.truststore.passwordFileLocation=/opt/alfresco-search-services/keystore/ssl-truststore-passwords.properties
alfresco.encryption.ssl.keystore.type=
alfresco.encryption.ssl.keystore.passwordFileLocation=/opt/alfresco-search-services/keystore/ssl-keystore-passwords.properties
```

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Troubleshooting: cURL

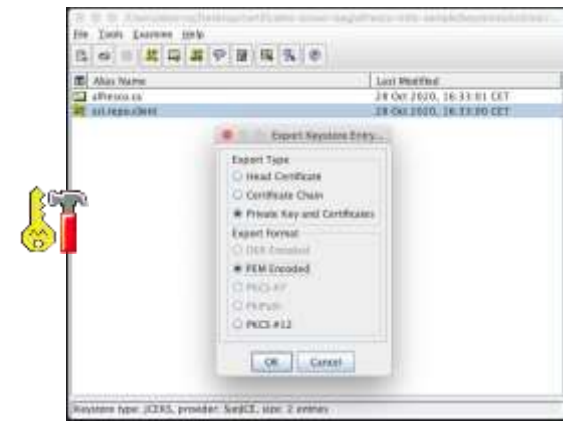
Testing the configuration with CURL

Extract **ssl.repo.client** certificate from *keystores/solr/ssl.repo.client.keystore* in PEM format:

```
$ curl -k --cert Custom_Alfresco_Repository_Client_Custom_Alfresco_CA.pem -v \  
"https://127.0.0.1:8443/alfresco/service/api/solr/aclchangesets?fromTime=0&toTime=1603454490108&maxResults=2000"
```

In the other way, extract **ssl.repo** certificate from *keystores/alfresco/ssl.keystore* in PEM format

```
$ curl -k --cert Custom_Alfresco_Repository_Custom_Alfresco_CA.pem -v \  
"https://127.0.0.1:8983/solr/alfresco/select?indent=on&q=@sys\:node-dbid:101&wt=json"
```



Troubleshooting: Debugging

Debugging the configuration

The best approach to debug *SSL Handshake* is not using the *Log4j* categories, but setting this Java parameter for both Solr and Alfresco web apps:

-Djavax.net.debug=ssl:handshake

```
"ClientHello": {
  "client version" : "TLSv1.2",
  "random" : "79 4D 93 54 F9 59 83 0C 75 58 73 F8 DE 3A 3C B6 95 57 8F 72 A4 FE 92 BB D0 89 50 C3 A0 11 84 9C",
  "session id" : "49 61 34 4C 45 80 A0 69 75 E3 92 C2 7D F6 2E 04 70 3F 6C 4D A1 91 F0 B8 CE 79 1C 3B 15 0B 11 F5",
  "cipher suites" : "[TLS_AES_128_GCM_SHA256(0x1301), TLS_AES_256_GCM_SHA384(0x1302), ...]",
  "compression methods" : "00",
  "extensions" : []
}
)

"ServerHello": {
  "server version" : "TLSv1.2",
  "random" : "30 8C EE E3 E3 08 6D 38 FD BC 47 5E 9A C5 4C A5 AD 14 3E 97 DB 3E DA C9 BE 61 F9 0F 88 F3 25 10",
  "session id" : "",
  "cipher suite" : "TLS_ECDHE_RSA_WITH_AES_256_GCM_SHA384(0xC030)",
  "compression methods" : "00",
  "extensions" : [
    "renegotiation_info (65,281)": {
      "renegotiated connection": [<no renegotiated connection>]
    },
    "ec_point_formats (11)": {
      "formats": [uncompressed, ansiX962_compressed_prime, ansiX962_compressed_char2]
    }
  ]
}
```

Troubleshooting: Resources

Alfresco Documentation

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Thank you!

