

**CS 594—Spring 2019**  
**Enterprise Security and Information Assurance**  
**Assignment Three—Certificate Manager**

In this assignment, you will complete a simple certificate manager that you will use in future assignments to develop a public key infrastructure. Although you could use `keytool` for the same purpose, managing keys and certificates, eventually some of the functionality of the certificate manager will be moved on-line, to a REST service and interface. The purpose of this assignment is partly to give you some experience with developing an enterprise PKI using Java APIs, and partly to develop some of the infrastructure for an online PKI in the next assignment.

You are provided with a desktop application, as a Maven project `CertManager`. When you perform a `"mvn install"`, Maven installs a jar file `certmanager.jar` in a subfolder `cs594` of your home directory. You should complete the parts of the assignment that have been deliberately left incomplete (marked "TODO" in the code). Once completed, you should use the certificate manager to generate the certificates for a simple Web service application. In the next assignment, you will deploy a Web service and a desktop Web client, that take over some of the functionality of the certificate manager.

### **Certificate Manager**

The certificate manager manages keystores and truststores in several directories:

1. `certs-offline` stores the offline keystore, `caroot.p12`, that contains the root CA signing key.
2. `certs-online` stores the online keystores `keystore.p12`, that contains the signing key for the online CA, `keystore.jks`, that contains the SSL signing key for the server, and `cacerts.jks`, that contains the certificates that the server uses to authenticate clients.
3. `certs-backup` stores backups of the keystores and truststores when any changes are made, so that no private keys are lost.

Note that we will be using Bouncycastle exclusively as the JCE provider, so although we use PKCS12 format for keystores, this is different from the PKCS12 provided by the JDK provider and by `keytool`.

The certificate manager provides a command line interface (CLI), with several optional arguments at the shell command line:

1. `--basedir`: Specifies the base directory where keystores and truststores are stored. This defaults to the current directory.

2. `--passwordfile`: Specifies a properties file where keystore and truststore passwords are stored<sup>1</sup>. Defaults to “`passwords.properties`” in the base directory.
3. `--namesfile`: Specifies a properties file that provides distinguished names for the managed certificates. Defaults to “`names.properties`” in the base directory.
4. `--scriptfile`: Specifies the name of a script file of commands. If this is not provided, then the certificate manager launches its own shell to accept commands interactively.

The manager understands the following commands. For the off-line root certificate authority, it provides these commands:

1. `gencaroot`: Initialize the off-line keystore with the self-signed certificate for the root CA.
2. `exportcaroot --cert cert-file`: Export an X509 certificate for the root CA, as a PEM file.

For managing online keystores, the manager provides these commands:

1. `genservercert --dns server-domain-name`: Generate an SSL certificate for the server, signed by the root CA, that clients can use to authenticate the server, and stored in the application server keystore.
2. `genonlinecacert`: Generate a certificate for the online CA, signed by the offline CA, and stored in the online keystore.
3. `exportonlinecacert --cert cert-file`: Export an X509 certificate for the online CA, as a PEM file.

For now, we manage client certificates using the certificate manager, with these commands:

1. `genclientroot --clientdn client-dist-name --duration cert-duration -keystore client-keystore --storepass keystore-password --keypass key-password`: Initialize the client keystore with a self-signed v1 certificate.
2. `genclientcsr --keystore client-keystore --storepass keystore-password --keypass key-password --csr csr-file [--dns client-domain-name]`: Generate a certificate signing request with the client keystore, outputting the result as a PEM file. The CSR is signed by the self-signed root certificate for the client, stored in the specified client keystore. Optionally the CSR may include a DNS domain name for the client.
3. `genclientcert --csr csr-file --cert cert-file`: Generate a client certificate from the certificate signing request (CSR). The client certificate is signed by the online CA. Both the input CSR and the output certificate are PEM files.
4. `importclientcert --keystore client-keystore --storepass keystore-password --keypass key-password --cert cert-file`: Import the client

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<sup>1</sup> You will need to make sure that the passwords for the application server keystore and truststore match the master password that you specified when you set up your domain in the application server.

certificate into the specified client keystore. The certificate is provided as a PEM file.

Finally the certificate manager has a `showcerts` command, that shows the certificates in the online and offline keystores. If you provide the appropriate arguments, it can also show you the contents of a client keystore:

1. `showcerts [--keystore client-keystore --storepass keystore-password --keypass key-password]`: Show the certificates, including the client certificate if specified.

## Deployment

In order to deploy this app, you will need to have administrative access to any machines on which you wish to deploy, because of the use of Bouncycastle, and because you should be using reasonably sized cryptographic keys. Even though the Maven POM file for the certificate manager has the proper Maven dependencies for the Bouncycastle libraries, you will need to manually install the jar files on any machine on which this app runs. First, download the following jar files from the Bouncycastle Web site ([https://www.bouncycastle.org/latest\\_releases.html](https://www.bouncycastle.org/latest_releases.html)):

- `bcprov-jdk15on-161.jar`
- `bcpkix-jdk15on-161.jar`

Copy these jar files to `$JAVA_HOME/jre/lib/ext`, the folder in the JDK installation directory for jar files that extend the standard JDK library. On Unix, type:

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$ sudo cp bcpkix-jdk15on-161.jar bcprov-jdk15on-161.jar \  
    $JAVA_HOME/jre/lib/ext  
$ cd $JAVA_HOME/jre/lib/ext  
$ sudo chmod go+r *.jar
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Edit the file `$JAVA_HOME/jre/lib/security/java.security` file, adding Bouncycastle as the second provider in order of priority (after the default Sun provider), and renumbering all providers below it. See the lecture slides for an example of how to do this.

Although you have now installed Bouncycastle as a provider in your JDK installation, you will still need to enable unlimited encryption, because we are accessing Bouncycastle through the JCE API. Download the JCE unlimited strength jurisdiction policy files from here:

<http://www.oracle.com/technetwork/java/javase/downloads/jce8-download-2133166.html>

Make sure that your project is not exported outside the U.S., or you may be in violation of US export laws. When deploying to the cloud, make sure that you

deploy in a US data center. Read the README.txt file accompanying the jurisdiction files carefully. Copy both of the jurisdiction files to `$JAVA_HOME/jre/lib/security`<sup>2</sup>.

```
$ sudo cp US_export_policy.jar local_policy.jar \  
    $JAVA_HOME/jre/lib/security  
$ cd $JAVA_HOME/jre/lib/security  
$ sudo chmod go+r *.jar
```

You will need to do this both on the desktop machine on which you run the certificate manager, and eventually (in the next assignment) on the VM instance where you run your server, using Glassfish.

To manage your certificates, you should first copy the application server keystore and truststore, `keystore.jks` and `cacerts.jks` respectively, from the `domains/domain1/config` subdirectory of the Glassfish installation directory, to the `certs-online` subfolder of your base directory. Do this before you create the server certificate or the online CA certificate. Then create the root CA certificate, the server SSL certificate and the online CA certificate.

Creating the ~~server SSL~~ root CA certificate will save the credential in `caroot.p12`, a PKCS12 keystore in the `certs-offline` subdirectory.

Creating the server SSL certificate will save the credential in `keystore.jks` (in the `certs-online` subdirectory) and will save the root CA certificate in `cacerts.jks`. Clients should import the root CA certificate into their truststore, so that they will trust SSL certificates provided by the server and issued by the root CA. Inserting the root CA certificate in `cacerts.jks` ensures that the administration console for Glassfish trusts the server it is administering. Any clients wishing to access the server safely should include the root CA certificate in their truststore, so that they can authenticate the server.

Creating the online CA certificate will save the credential in the online `keystore.p12`, that will be used by the application rather than the application server. The certificate will be saved in `cacerts.jks`, so that the application server will accept client certificates issued by the online CA. We will use this in the next assignment, when we deploy a RESTful application using client certificates for authentication.

To deploy the certificates to your service, you should copy the app keystore, app server keystore and app server truststore (`keystore.p12`, `keystore.jks` and `cacerts.jks`) to the `domains/domain1/config` subfolder of your Glassfish installation<sup>3</sup>, by ssh-ing to the running and restart the application server. If you install the root CA certificate as a trust anchor in your browser, then you should be

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<sup>2</sup> Make sure you make a backup copy of the existing jurisdiction files before you do this.

<sup>3</sup> Make sure to save a copy of the app server keystore and truststore before you do this.

able to use the Web application from the previous assignment without being warned about an untrusted host.

### Submission

You should submit your completed version of the `CertManager` class, as well as certificates (keystores, truststores and PEM files) generated by your completed tool. Include in these a client truststore and keystore that incorporate client certificates issued by your application. You can use the `keytool` command to import the root CA certificate into the client truststore, which you can make a JKS truststore (`truststore.jks`) for now.

Your solution should be developed for Java 8 and Bouncycastle 16.1. In addition, record short flash, mpeg, avi or Quicktime videos of a demonstration of your assignment working. In these videos, you should run the commands, and at each step use the `showcerts` command to show your certificates. Make sure that your name appears at the beginning of the video. *Do not provide private information such as your email or cwid in the video.*

Your solution should be uploaded via the Canvas classroom. Your solution should consist of a zip archive with one folder, identified by your name. Within that folder, you should have the Eclipse projects: `CertManager`. You should also have a folder called `test` with the results of your testing. This should include the `certs-offline` and `certs-online` folders, as well as a client truststore and keystore, and any properties files required for your application (`passwords.properties` and `names.properties`). You should also provide videos demonstrating the working of your assignment. You should also provide a completed rubric for the assignment. Finally the root folder should contain the jar file (`CertManager.jar`) that you used to test your application.