Generating and Converting Certificates with OpenSSL and Keytool

1. Generate RSA 4096-bit Private Key

Use OpenSSL to generate a 4096-bit RSA private key:

openssl genpkey -algorithm RSA -out private key.pem -pkeyopt rsa keygen bits:4096

2. Generate the Public Key

Extract the public key from the private key:

openssl rsa -in private_key.pem -pubout -out public_key.pem

3. Generate a Self-Signed Certificate

Create a self-signed certificate valid for 1 year (365 days):

openssl req -new -x509 -key private key.pem -out certificate.pem -days 36500

Convert Certificate to Different Formats

5. Convert PEM to PKCS#12 (.p12)

Convert the private key and certificate to a PKCS#12 file:

openssl pkcs12 -export -out certificate.p12 -inkey private_key.pem -in certificate.pem -name "myalias"

You will be asked to set a password for the .p12 file.

6. Convert PKCS#12 (.p12) to Java KeyStore (JKS)

Use the Java Keytool utility to convert .p12 to .jks:

keytool -importkeystore -srckeystore certificate.p12 -srcstoretype PKCS12 -srcstorepass password@123 -destkeystore mykeystore.jks -deststorepass changeit -destkeypass changeit - alias myalias

Parameters:

- -srckeystore: The path to the .p12 file (e.g., certificate.p12).
- -srcstoretype: Specifies the type of the source keystore, which is PKCS12 in this case.
- -srcstorepass: The password for the source .p12 file (in this example, Pass@123).
- -destkeystore: The path where the . jks file will be saved (e.g., mykeystore.jks).
- -deststorepass: The password for the destination .jks keystore (in this example, changeit).
- -destkeypass: The password for the key entry in the JKS keystore (in this example, changeit).
- -alias: The alias for the key entry in the keystore (e.g., myalias).

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KeyStore Configuration for JWKs in ECRNow:

To configure the JWKS (JSON Web Key Set) with RSA keys stored in a Java KeyStore (.jks), you need to specify the file path to the keystore and the password to access it. This configuration is done in the application.properties or application.yml file.

Configuration Example:

In your application.properties or application.yml, specify the following properties:

Location of the KeyStore file

jwks.keystore.location=pathtofile/ecrnow.jks

Password for accessing the KeyStore

jwks.keystore.password=password

Summary

- PEM Files: Private key (private_key.pem), Public key (public_key.pem),
 Certificate (certificate.pem).
- PKCS#12 File: .p12 format containing the private key and certificate.
- Java KeyStore (JKS): . jks file for Java-based applications.

This document provides a structured approach to generating and converting certificates using OpenSSL and Keytool.