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# Import-Certificate

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Imports one or more certificates into a certificate store.

## Syntax

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```
Import-Certificate
    [-FilePath] <String>
    [-CertStoreLocation <String>]
    [-WhatIf]
    [-Confirm]
    [<CommonParameters>]
```

## Description

The `Import-Certificate` cmdlet imports one or more certificates into a certificate store.

## Examples

### EXAMPLE 1

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```
$params = @{
    FilePath = 'C:\Users\Xyz\Desktop\BackupCert.cer'
    CertStoreLocation = 'Cert:\CurrentUser\Root'
}
Import-Certificate @params
```

This example imports the certificate from the file into the root store of the current user.

### EXAMPLE 2

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```
Set-Location -Path cert:\CurrentUser\My
```

```
Import-Certificate -Filepath 'C:\files\intermediate.cert'
```

This example imports the certificate from the file into the current store.

## EXAMPLE 3

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```
$params = @{  
    FilePath = 'C:\Users\Xyz\Desktop\BackupCert.cert'  
    CertStoreLocation = 'Cert:\LocalMachine\Root'  
}  
Import-Certificate @params
```

This example imports the certificate from the file into the root store of the local machine.

## Parameters

### -CertStoreLocation

Specifies the path to the certificate store where the certificates will be imported. If the path to the certificate store is not specified, then the current store is used. In order to get a list of valid **CertStoreLocation** values, open PowerShell and run `Get-ChildItem Cert:\.`.

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Type:	String
Position:	Named
Default value:	None
Required:	False
Accept pipeline input:	False
Accept wildcard characters:	False

### -Confirm

Prompts you for confirmation before running the cmdlet.

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Type:	SwitchParameter
Aliases:	cf
Position:	Named
Default value:	False
Required:	False
Accept pipeline input:	False
Accept wildcard characters:	False

### -FilePath

Specifies the path to a certificate file to be imported. Acceptable formats include `.sst`, `.p7b`, and `.cert` files. If the file contains multiple certificates, then each certificate will be imported to the destination store. The file must be in `.sst` format to import multiple certificates; otherwise, only the first certificate in the file will be imported.

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Type:	String
Aliases:	FullName
Position:	0
Default value:	None
Required:	True
Accept pipeline input:	True
Accept wildcard characters:	False

**-WhatIf**

Shows what would happen if the cmdlet runs. The cmdlet is not run.

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Type:	SwitchParameter
Aliases:	wi
Position:	Named
Default value:	False
Required:	False
Accept pipeline input:	False
Accept wildcard characters:	False

## Inputs

**String**

A **String** containing the file path.

## Outputs

**X509Certificate2[]**

The output is an array of **X509Certificate2[]** objects.

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- [Get-ChildItem](#)
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- [Export-Certificate](#)
- [System Store Locations](#)

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