



Signed Tcl Scripts

The Signed Tcl Scripts feature allows you to create a certificate to generate a digital signature and sign a Tool Command Language (Tcl) script with that digital signature. This feature also allows you to work with existing scripts and certificates. The digital signature is verified for authentication and then run with trusted access to the Tcl interpreter. If the script does not contain the digital signature, the script may run in a limited mode for untrusted scripts, or may not run at all.

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Finding Feature Information

Your software release may not support all the features documented in this module. For the latest caveats and feature information, see [Bug Search Tool](#) and the release notes for your platform and software release. To find information about the features documented in this module, and to see a list of the releases in which each feature is supported, see the feature information table.

Use Cisco Feature Navigator to find information about platform support and Cisco software image support. To access Cisco Feature Navigator, go to www.cisco.com/go/cfn. An account on Cisco.com is not required.

Prerequisites for Signed Tcl Scripts

For this feature to work, the Cisco public key infrastructure (PKI) configuration trustpoint commands must be enabled.

For further details, see the [Prerequisites for Signed Tcl Scripts](#), on page 2.

Restrictions for Signed Tcl Scripts

For this feature to work, you must be running the following:

- Cisco IOS Crypto image
- OpenSSL Version 0.9.7a or above
- Expect

Information About Signed Tcl Scripts

The Signed Tcl Scripts feature introduces security for the Tcl scripts. This feature allows you to create a certificate to generate a digital signature and sign a Tcl script with that digital signature. This certificate examines the Tcl scripts prior to running them. The script is checked for a digital signature from Cisco. In addition, third parties may also sign a script with a digital signature. You may wish to sign your own internally developed Tcl scripts or you could use a script developed by a third party. If the script contains the correct digital signature, it is believed to be authentic and runs with full access to the Tcl interpreter. If the script does not contain the digital signature, the script may be run in a limited mode, known as Safe Tcl mode, or may not run at all.

To create and use signed Tcl scripts, you should understand the following concepts:

Cisco PKI

Cisco PKI provides certificate management to support security protocols such as IP security (IPsec), secure shell (SSH), and secure socket layer (SSL). A PKI is composed of the following entities:

- Peers communicating on a secure network
- At least one certification authority (CA) that grants and maintains certificates
- Digital certificates, which contain information such as the certificate validity period, peer identity information, encryption keys that are used for secure communication, and the signature of the issuing CA
- An optional registration authority (RA) to offload the CA by processing enrollment requests
- A distribution mechanism (such as Lightweight Directory Access Protocol [LDAP] or HTTP) for certificate revocation lists (CRLs)

PKI provides you with a scalable, secure mechanism for distributing, managing, and revoking encryption and identity information in a secured data network. Every routing device participating in the secured communication

is enrolled in the PKI in a process where the routing device generates a Rivest, Shamir, and Adelman (RSA) key pair (one private key and one public key) and has its identity validated by a trusted routing device (also known as a CA or trustpoint).

After each routing device enrolls in a PKI, every peer (also known as an end host) in a PKI is granted a digital certificate that has been issued by a CA. When peers must negotiate a secured communication session, they exchange digital certificates. Based on the information in the certificate, a peer can validate the identity of another peer and establish an encrypted session with the public keys contained in the certificate.

RSA Key Pair

An RSA key pair consists of a public key and a private key. When setting up your PKI, you must include the public key in the certificate enrollment request. After the certificate has been granted, the public key is included in the certificate so that peers can use it to encrypt data that is sent to the device. The private key is kept on the device and used both to decrypt the data sent by peers and to digitally sign transactions when negotiating with peers.

RSA key pairs contain a key modulus value. The modulus determines the size of the RSA key. The larger the modulus, the more secure the RSA key. However, keys with large modulus values take longer to generate, and encryption and decryption operations take longer with larger keys.

Certificate and Trustpoint

A certification authority (CA), also known as a trustpoint, manages certificate requests and issues certificates to participating network devices. These services (managing certificate requests and issuing certificates) provide centralized key management for the participating devices and are explicitly trusted by the receiver to validate identities and to create digital certificates. Before any PKI operations can begin, the CA generates its own public key pair and creates a self-signed CA certificate; thereafter, the CA can sign certificate requests and begin peer enrollment for the PKI.

You can use a CA provided by a third-party CA vendor, or you can use an internal CA, which is the Cisco Certificate Server.

How to Configure Signed Tcl Scripts

Generating a Key Pair

The key pair consists of a private key and a public key. The private key is intended to be kept private, accessible only to the creator. The public key is generated from the private key and is intended to be known to the public.

To generate a key pair, use the **openssl genrsa** command and then the **openssl rsa** command.

SUMMARY STEPS

1. **openssl genrsa -out** *private-key-file* *bit-length*
2. **ls -l**
3. **openssl rsa -in** *private-key-file* **-pubout -out** *public-key-file*
4. **ls -l**

DETAILED STEPS

Step 1 `openssl genrsa -out private-key-file bit-length`
 This command generates a private key that is *bit-length* bits long and writes the key to the *private-key-file* file.

```
Host% openssl genrsa -out privkey.pem 2048
```

Example:

```
Generating RSA private key, 2048 bit long modulus
.....+++
.....+++
e is 65537 (0x10001)
```

Step 2 `ls -l`
 This command displays detailed information about each file in the current directory, including the permissions, owners, size, and when last modified.

Example:

```
Host% ls -l
total 8
-rw-r--r--  1 janedoe eng12      1679 Jun 12 14:55 privkey.pem
```

The `privkey.pem` file contains the private key generated using the `openssl genrsa` command.

Step 3 `openssl rsa -in private-key-file -pubout -out public-key-file`
 This command generates a public key based on the specified private key in the *private-key-file* file and writes the public key to the *public-key-file* file.

Example:

```
Host% openssl rsa -in privkey.pem -pubout -out pubkey.pem
writing RSA key
```

Step 4 `ls -l`
 This command displays detailed information about each file in the current directory, including the permissions, owners, size, and when last modified.

Example:

```
Host% ls -l
total 16
-rw-r--r--  1 janedoe eng12      1679 Jun 12 14:55 privkey.pem
-rw-r--r--  1 janedoe eng12       451 Jun 12 14:57 pubkey.pem
```

The `pubkey.pem` file contains the public key generated from the private key using the `openssl rsa` command.

Generating a Certificate

Perform this task to generate a certificate. To generate an X.509 certificate, use the **openssl req** command.

SUMMARY STEPS

1. **openssl req -new -x509 -key *private-key-file* -out *certificate-file* -days *expiration-days***
2. **ls -l**

DETAILED STEPS

Step 1

openssl req -new -x509 -key *private-key-file* -out *certificate-file* -days *expiration-days*

This command creates an X.509 certificate, with full access to a private key that is stored in the *private-key-file* file, and stores the certificate in the *certificate-file* file. The certificate is configured to expire in *expiration-days* days.

To complete the command, enter the following Distinguished Name (DN) information when prompted:

- Country name
- State or province name
- Organization name
- Organizational unit name
- Common name
- Email address

At each prompt, text enclosed in square brackets indicates the default value that will be used if you do not enter a value before you press Enter.

This example shows how to create an X.509 certificate that has full access to the private key in the *privkey.pem* file. The certificate is written to the *cert.pem* file and will expire 1095 days after the creation date.

Example:

```
Host% openssl req -new -x509 -key privkey.pem -out cert.pem -days 1095
```

```
You are about to be asked to enter information that will be incorporated
into your certificate request.
```

```
What you are about to enter is what is called a Distinguished Name or a DN.
```

```
There are quite a few fields but you can leave some blank
```

```
For some fields there will be a default value, If you enter '.', the field will be left blank.
```

```
-----
```

```
Country Name (2 letter code) [GB]:US
```

```
State or Province Name (full name) [Berkshire]:California
```

```
Locality Name (eg, city) [Newbury]:San Jose
```

```
Organization Name (eg, company) [My Company Ltd]:Cisco Systems, Inc.
```

```
Organizational Unit Name (eg, section) []:DEPT_ACCT
```

```
Common Name (eg, your name or your server's hostname) []:Jane
```

```
Email Address []:janedoe@company.com
```

Step 2 **ls -l**

This command displays detailed information about each file in the current directory, including the permissions, owners, size, and when last modified.

Example:

```
Host% ls -l
total 24
-rw-r--r--  1 janedoe eng12      1659 Jun 12 15:01 cert.pem
-rw-r--r--  1 janedoe eng12      1679 Jun 12 14:55 privkey.pem
-rw-r--r--  1 janedoe eng12       451 Jun 12 14:57 pubkey.pem
```

The cert.pem file contains the X.509 certificate created using the **openssl req** command.

Signing the Tcl Scripts

Perform this task to sign the Tcl scripts. You will need to sign the Tcl file and output in OpenSSL document in pkcs7 (PKCS#7) format.

To sign the Tcl file, use the **openssl smime** command with the **-sign** keyword.

SUMMARY STEPS

1. **openssl smime -sign -in *tcl-file* -out *signed-tcl-file* -signer *certificate-file* -inkey *private-key-file* -outform DER -binary**
2. **ls -l**

DETAILED STEPS

Step 1 **openssl smime -sign -in *tcl-file* -out *signed-tcl-file* -signer *certificate-file* -inkey *private-key-file* -outform DER -binary**

This command signs the Tcl filename *tcl-file* using the certificate stored in *certificate-file* and the private key stored in *private-key-file* file and then writes the signed Tcl file in DER PKCS#7 format to the *signed-tcl-file* file.

Example:

```
Host% openssl smime -sign -in hello -out hello.pk7 -signer cert.pem -inkey privkey.pem -outform DER -binary
```

Step 2 **ls -l**

This command displays detailed information about each file in the current directory, including the permissions, owners, size, and when last modified.

Example:

```
Host% ls -l

total 40
-rw-r--r--  1 janedoe  eng12      1659 Jun 12 15:01 cert.pem
-rw-r--r--  1 janedoe  eng12       115 Jun 13 10:16 hello
-rw-r--r--  1 janedoe  eng12     1876 Jun 13 10:16 hello.pk7
-rw-r--r--  1 janedoe  eng12     1679 Jun 12 14:55 privkey.pem
-rw-r--r--  1 janedoe  eng12       451 Jun 12 14:57 pubkey.pem
```

The hello.pk7 file contains the signed Tcl file created by the **openssl smime** command from the unsigned Tcl file named hello and using the X.509 certificate in the cert.pem file.

Verifying the Signature

Perform this task to verify that the signature matches the data, use the **openssl smime** command with the **-verify** keyword. The original Tcl content must be provided in the input file, because the file does not have the original content.

SUMMARY STEPS

1. **openssl smime -verify -in *signed-tcl-file* -CAfile *certificate-file* -inform DER -content *tcl-file***
2. **ls -l**

DETAILED STEPS

Step 1

openssl smime -verify -in *signed-tcl-file* -CAfile *certificate-file* -inform DER -content *tcl-file*

This command verifies the signed Tcl file stored in DER PKCS#7 format in *signed-tcl-file* using the trusted Certificate Authority (CA) certificates in *certificate-file* and then writes the detached content to the file *tcl-file*.

The following example shows how to verify the signature with the input file hello.pk7:

Example:

```
Host% openssl smime -verify -in hello.pk7 -CAfile cert.pem -inform DER -content hello

puts hello
puts "argc = $argc"
puts "argv = $argv"
puts "argv0 = $argv0"
puts "tcl_interactive = $tcl_interactive"
Verification successful
```

Note The SSL command page describes **-in *filename*** as the input message to be encrypted or signed or the MIME message to be decrypted or verified. For more information, go to <http://www.openssl.org/>.

Step 2

ls -l

This command displays detailed information about each file in the current directory, including the permissions, owners, size, and when last modified.

Example:

```
Host% ls -l

total 40
-rw-r--r--  1 janedoe  eng12      1659 Jun 13 10:18 cert.pem
-rw-r--r--  1 janedoe  eng12       115 Jun 13 10:17 hello
-rw-r--r--  1 janedoe  eng12     1876 Jun 13 10:16 hello.pk7
-rw-r--r--  1 janedoe  eng12     1679 Jun 12 14:55 privkey.pem
-rw-r--r--  1 janedoe  eng12       451 Jun 12 14:57 pubkey.pem
```

The hello file contains the content detached from the signed Tcl file hello.pk7 by running the **openssl smime** command with the **-verify** keyword. If the verification was successful, the signer's certificates are written to the X.509 certificate in the cert.pem file.

Converting the Signature into Nonbinary Data

Perform this task to convert the signature from binary to nonbinary data.

SUMMARY STEPS

1. **xxd -ps *signed-tcl-file* > *nonbinary-signature-file***
2. Create a script that displays **#Cisco Tcl Signature V1.0** in the first line and inserts a comment character (#) at the beginning of each line of the input file and writes each line to a file whose name is formed by appending the text string "_sig" to the name of the input file.
3. Run the script, supplying the name of the file containing the nonbinary signature file (*nonbinary-signature-file*) as the input argument.
4. **ls -l**
5. **cat *signed-tcl-file* *commented-nonbinary-signature-file* > *signed-tcl-script***
6. **cat *signed-tcl-script***

DETAILED STEPS

Step 1 **xxd -ps *signed-tcl-file* > *nonbinary-signature-file***
 This command converts the signature in *signed-tcl-file* from binary to nonbinary data and stores it as a hexadecimal dump in the file *nonbinary-signature-file*.

Example:

```
Host% xxd -ps hello.pk7 > hello.hex
```

Step 2 Create a script that displays **#Cisco Tcl Signature V1.0** in the first line and inserts a comment character (#) at the beginning of each line of the input file and writes each line to a file whose name is formed by appending the text string "_sig" to the name of the input file.
 In this example the **cat** command is used to display the contents of the script file named my_append.

Example:

```
Host% cat my_append

#!/usr/bin/env expect
set my_first {#Cisco Tcl Signature V1.0}
set newline {}
set my_file [lindex $argv 0]
set my_new_file ${my_file}_sig
set my_new_handle [open $my_new_file w]
set my_handle [open $my_file r]
puts $my_new_handle $newline
puts $my_new_handle $my_first
foreach line [split [read $my_handle] "\n"] {
    set new_line {#}
    append new_line $line
    puts $my_new_handle $new_line
}

close $my_new_handle
close $my_handle
```

- Step 3** Run the script, supplying the name of the file containing the nonbinary signature file (*nonbinary-signature-file*) as the input argument.
- In this example, the `my_append` script is run with the nonbinary signature file `hello.hex` specified as input. The output file will be named `hello.hex_sig`.

Example:

```
Host% my_append hello.hex
```

- Step 4** `ls -l`
- This command displays detailed information about each file in the current directory, including the permissions, owners, size, and when last modified.

Example:

```
Host% ls -l

total 80
-rw-r--r--  1 janedoe eng12      1659 Jun 13 10:18 cert.pem
-rw-r--r--  1 janedoe eng12       115 Jun 13 10:17 hello
-rw-r--r--  1 janedoe eng12     3815 Jun 13 10:20 hello.hex
-rw-r--r--  1 janedoe eng12     3907 Jun 13 10:22 hello.hex_sig
-rw-r--r--  1 janedoe eng12     1876 Jun 13 10:16 hello.pk7
-rwxr--r--  1 janedoe eng12      444 Jun 13 10:22 my_append
-rw-r--r--  1 janedoe eng12     1679 Jun 12 14:55 privkey.pem
-rw-r--r--  1 janedoe eng12      451 Jun 12 14:57 pubkey.pem
```

The `hello.hex` file contains nonbinary data (stored as a hexadecimal dump) converted from the binary signature in the signed Tcl file `hello.pk7`. The `my_append` file contains the script that inserts a comment character at the beginning of each line of the input file. The `hello.hex_sig` file is the file created by running the `my_append` script on the nonbinary signature file.

- Step 5** `cat signed-tcl-file commented-nonbinary-signature-file > signed-tcl-script`
- This command appends the contents of the nonbinary signature file (*commented-nonbinary-signature-file*) to the signed Tcl file stored in DER PKCS#7 format (in the *signed-tcl-file* file). The concatenated output is written to the file *signed-tcl-script*.

Example:

```
Host% cat hello hello.hex_sig > hello.tcl
```

Step 6

```
cat signed-tcl-script
```

This command displays the contents of the file *signed-tcl-script*, which is the concatenation of content detached from the signed Tcl file and the nonbinary signature file.

Example:

```
Host% cat hello.tcl
```

```
puts hello
puts "argc = $argc"
puts "argv = $argv"
puts "argv0 = $argv0"
puts "tcl_interactive = $tcl_interactive"
#Cisco Tcl Signature V1.0
#3082075006092a864886f70d010702a08207413082073d020101310b3009
#06052b0e03021a0500300b06092a864886f70d010701a08204a13082049d
#30820385a003020102020100300d06092a864886f70d0101040500308195
#310b3009060355040613025553311330110603550408130a43616c69666f
#726e69613111300f0603550407130853616e204a6f7365311c301a060355
#040a1313436973636f2053797374656d732c20496e632e310e300c060355
#040b13054e53535447310d300b060355040313044a6f686e3121301f0609
#2a864886f70d01090116126a6c6175746d616e40636973636f2e636f6d30
#1e170d3037303631323232303134335a170d313030363131323230313433
#5a308195310b3009060355040613025553311330110603550408130a4361
#6c69666f726e69613111300f0603550407130853616e204a6f7365311c30
#1a060355040a1313436973636f2053797374656d732c20496e632e310e30
#0c060355040b13054e53535447310d300b060355040313044a6f686e3121
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#67ea20a89d9483ae85e0c63eeded8ab3eb7a08006689f09136f172183665
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#4a34ea88174a8ba7777fa60662974e1fbac85a0f0aeac925dba6e5e850b8
#7caffce2fe8bb04b61b62f532b5893c081522d538005df81670b931b0ad0
#e1e76ae648f598a9442d5d0976e67c8d55889299147d0203010001a381f5
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#e54a667c3081c20603551d230481ba3081b78014bc34132be952ff8b9e1a
#f3b93140a255e54a667ca1819ba48198308195310b300906035504061302
#5553311330110603550408130a43616c69666f726e69613111300f060355
#0407130853616e204a6f7365311c301a060355040a1313436973636f2053
#797374656d732c20496e632e310e300c060355040b13054e53535447310d
#300b060355040313044a6f686e3121301f06092a864886f70d0109011612
#6a6c6175746d616e40636973636f2e636f6d820100300c0603551d130405
#30030101ff300d06092a864886f70d010104050003820101000c83c1b074
#6720929c9514af6d5df96f0a95639f047c40a607c83d8362507c58fa7f84
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#a5e4d78a5c45021e5d4dbabb8784efbf50cab0f5125d164487b31f5cf933
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#a944a15e52e54a24341b3b8a820f23a5bc7ea7b2278bb56838b8a4051926
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#35efabce720ea3d56803a84a2163db4478ae19d7d987ef6971c8312e280a
#aaac0217d4fe620c6582a48faa8ea5e3726a99012e1d55f8d61b066381f77
#4158d144a43fb536c77d6a318202773082027302010130819b308195310b
#3009060355040613025553311330110603550408130a43616c69666f726e
#69613111300f0603550407130853616e204a6f7365311c301a060355040a
#1313436973636f2053797374656d732c20496e632e310e300c060355040b
#13054e53535447310d300b060355040313044a6f686e3121301f06092a86
#4886f70d01090116126a6c6175746d616e40636973636f2e636f6d020100
#300906052b0e03021a0500a081b1301806092a864886f70d010903310b06
```

```
#092a864886f70d010701301c06092a864886f70d010905310f170d303730
#3631333137313634385a302306092a864886f70d01090431160414372cb3
#72dc607990577fd0426104a42ee4158d2b305206092a864886f70d01090f
#31453043300a06082a864886f70d0307300e06082a864886f70d03020202
#0080300d06082a864886f70d0302020140300706052b0e030207300d0608
#2a864886f70d0302020128300d06092a864886f70d010101050004820100
#72db6898742f449b26d3ac18f43a1e7178834fb05ad13951bf042e127eea
#944b72b96f3b8ecf7eb52f3d0e383bf63651750223efe69eae04287c9dae
#b1f31209444108b31d34e46654c6c3cc10b5baba887825c224ec6f376d49
#00ff7ab2d9f88402dab9a2c2ab6aa3ecceef5a594bdc7d3a822c55e7daa
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#9f8f87acfb9e10d6ce91502e34629adca6ee855419afafe6a823333e14
#ad4c107901d1f2bca4d7ffaaddbc54192a25da662f8b8509782c76977b8
#94879453fbb00486ccc55f88db50fcc149bae066916b350089cde51a6483
#2ec14019611720fc5bbe2400f24225fc
```

Configuring the Device with a Certificate

Perform this task to configure the device with a certificate.

Before You Begin

You must already have a Cisco IOS Crypto image; otherwise you cannot configure a certificate.

SUMMARY STEPS

1. **enable**
2. **configure terminal**
3. **crypto pki trustpoint** *name*
4. **enrollment terminal**
5. **exit**
6. **crypto pki authenticate** *name*
7. At the prompt, enter the base-encoded CA certificate.
8. **scripting tcl secure-mode**
9. **scripting tcl trustpoint name** *name*
10. **scripting tcl trustpoint untrusted** {**execute** | **safe-execute** | **terminate**}
11. **exit**
12. **tclsafe**

DETAILED STEPS

Step 1

enable

Enables privileged EXEC mode. Enter your password if prompted.

Example:

```
Device> enable
```

Step 2 **configure terminal**

Enters global configuration mode.

Example:

```
Device# configure terminal
```

Step 3 **crypto pki trustpoint** *name*

Declares the device is to use the Certificate Authority (CA) *mytrust* and enters ca-trustpoint configuration mode.

Example:

```
Device(config)# crypto pki trustpoint mytrust
```

Step 4 **enrollment terminal**

Specifies manual cut-and-paste certificate enrollment. When this command is enabled, the device displays the certificate request on the console terminal, allowing you to enter the issued certificate on the terminal.

Example:

```
Device(ca-trustpoint)# enrollment terminal
```

Step 5 **exit**

Exits ca-trustpoint configuration mode and returns to global configuration mode.

Example:

```
Device(ca-trustpoint)# exit
```

Step 6 **crypto pki authenticate** *name*

Retrieves the CA certificate and authenticates it. Check the certificate fingerprint if prompted.

Note Because the CA signs its own certificate, you should manually authenticate the public key of the CA by contacting the CA administrator when you perform this command.

Example:

```
Device(config)# crypto pki authenticate mytrust
```

Step 7 At the prompt, enter the base-encoded CA certificate.**Example:**

```
Enter the base 64 encoded CA certificate.
End with a blank line or the word "quit" on a line by itself
MIIEuDCCA6CgAwIBAgIBADANBgkqhkiG9w0BAQQFADCBnjELMAkGA1UEBhMCVVMx
EzARBgNVBAgTCkNhbgG1mb3JuaWEeETAPBgNVBACTCFNhbiBKb3NlMRwwGgYDVQQK
ExNDaXNjbyBTexN0ZW1zLkCBJmMuMQ4wDAYDVQQLEwVOU1NURzEWMBQGA1UEAxMN
Sm9obiBMXYXV0bWVubjEhMB8GCSqGSIb3DQEJARYSamxhdXRtYW5AY21zY28uY29t
MB4XDTA2MTEeXNzE3NTgwMVoXDTA5MTEeXNjE3NTgwMVowgZ4xCzAJBgNVBAYTA1VT
MRMwEQYDVQQIEwpDYWxpZm9ueXZlbnRlcmEwDwYDVQQHEWhTYW4gSm9zZTEcMBoGA1UE
```

```

ChMTQ21zY28gU31zdGVtcywSW5jLjEOMAwGA1UECXMFTlNTVEcxFjAUBgNVBAMT
DUUpvaG4gTGFlbG1hbm4xITAFBgkqhkiG9w0BCQEWEmpsYXV0bWFWuQGNpc2NvLmNv
bTCCASIdWQYJKoZIhvcNAQEBBQADggEPADCCAQoCggEBALxtqTMCirMb+CdyWLuH
oWAM8CEJDwQgqL7MWBhoi3TSMd/ww2XBB9biBtdlH6jHsjCiOwAR5OorakwfPyf7
mvRj2PqJALs+Vn93VBKIG6rZu14+wdOx686BVddIZvEJQPbROiYtZfzWV70aLMV
bd7/B7vF1SG1YK9y1tX9p9nZyZ0x47OAXetwOaGinVlG7VNuTXaASBLUjCRZsIlz
SBrXXedBzZ6+BuoWm1FK45EYSlag5Rt9RGXXMBqzx91iyhrJ3zDDmkExa45yKJET
mAgDVMcpeteJtif47UDZJK30g4MbMyx/c8WGhmJ54qRL9BZEPmDxMQkNP10l8MAL
Q8sCAwEAAaOB/jCB+zAdBgNVHQ4EFgQU9/ToDvbMR3JfJ4xEa4X47oNFq5kwgcsG
A1UdIwSbWzCBwIAU9/ToDvbMR3JfJ4xEa4X47oNFq5mhgaSkgEwgZ4xCzAJBgNV
BAYTAlVTMRMwEQYDQQIEWpDYWxpZm9ybmlhMREwDwYDVQQHEWhTYW4gSm9zZTEc
MBoGA1UEChMTQ21zY28gU31zdGVtcywSW5jLjEOMAwGA1UECXMFTlNTVEcxFjAU
BgNVBAMTDUUpvaG4gTGFlbG1hbm4xITAFBgkqhkiG9w0BCQEWEmpsYXV0bWFWuQGNp
c2NvLmNvbYIBADAMBgNVHRMEBTADAQH/MA0GCSqGSIb3DQEBAUAA4IBAQBtEs/4
MQeN9pT+XPCPg2ObQU8y2AadI+I34YK+fDhsFOh68hZhpszTN2VpNEvkFXpAdhgr
7DkNGwtC1a481v70iNFV1QVL+inNrZwWMxoTnUNCK7Hc5kHkXt6cj0mvsefVUzx
Xl70mauhESRVlmYwrJxSsrEILerZYsuv5HbFdand+/rErmP2HVyfdntLnKdSzmXJ
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wcpBIJsLaJu6ZUJQl7IqdsWsa3fHd5qq0/k8P9z0YAYrf3+MFQr4ibvsYvHlO087
o2JslgW4qz34pqNh
Certificate has the following attributes:
    Fingerprint MD5: 1E327DBB 330936EB 2FB8EACB 4FD1133E
    Fingerprint SHA1: EE7FF9F4 05148842 B9D50FAC D76FDC9C E0703246
% Do you accept this certificate? [yes/no]: yes
Trustpoint CA certificate accepted.
% Certificate successfully imported

```

Step 8 scripting tcl secure-mode

Enables signature verification of the interactive Tcl scripts.

```
Device(config)# scripting tcl secure-mode
```

Step 9 scripting tcl trustpoint name *name*

Associates an existing configured trustpoint name with a certificate to verify Tcl scripts.

```
Device(config)# scripting tcl trustpoint name mytrust
```

Step 10 scripting tcl trustpoint untrusted {execute | safe-execute | terminate}

(Optional) Allows the interactive Tcl scripts to run regardless of the scripts failing in the signature check or in untrusted mode using one of the three keywords: **execute**, **safe-execute**, or **terminate**.

- **execute** --Executes Tcl scripts even if the signature verification fails. If the **execute** keyword is configured, signature verification is not at all performed.

Note Use of this keyword is usually not recommended because the signature verification is not at all performed.

The **execute** keyword is provided for internal testing purposes and to provide flexibility. For example, in a situation where a certificate has expired but the other configurations are valid and you want to work with the existing configuration, then you can use the **execute** keyword to work around the expired certificate.

- **safe-execute** --Allows the script to run in safe mode. You can use the **tclsafe** command and also enter the interactive Tcl shell safe mode to explore the safe mode Tcl commands that are available. In order to get a better understanding of what is available in this limited safe mode, use the **tclsafe Exec** command to explore the options.
- **terminate** --Stops any script from running and reverts to default behavior. The default policy is to terminate. When the last trustpoint name is removed, the untrusted action is also removed. The untrusted action cannot be entered until at least one trustpoint name is configured for Tcl.

The following example shows how to execute the Tcl script in safe mode using the **safe-execute** keyword when the signature verification fails.

```
Device(config)# scripting tcl trustpoint untrusted safe-execute
```

Step 11 **exit**
Exits global configuration mode and returns to privileged EXEC mode.

```
Device(config)# exit
```

Step 12 **tclsafe**
(Optional) Enables the interactive Tcl shell untrusted safe mode. This allows you to manually run Tcl commands from the Cisco command line interface in untrusted safe mode.

```
Device# tclsafe
```

Example:

Verifying the Trustpoint

To display the trustpoints that are configured in the device, use the **show crypto pki trustpoints** command.

SUMMARY STEPS

1. **enable**
2. **show crypto pki trustpoints**

DETAILED STEPS

Step 1 **enable**
This command enables privileged EXEC mode.

Example:

```
Device> enable
```

Step 2 **show crypto pki trustpoints**
This command displays the trustpoints that are configured in the device.

Example:

```
Device# show  
crypto pki trustpoints
```

```
Trustpoint mytrust:
  Subject Name:
  ea=janedoe@cisco.com
  cn=Jane
  ou=DEPT_ACCT
  o=Cisco
  l=San Jose
  st=California
  c=US
  Serial Number: 00
Certificate configured.
```

Verifying the Signed Tcl Script

To verify that the Signed Tcl Script is properly running, use the **debug crypto pki transactions** command and the **tclsh** command.

SUMMARY STEPS

1. **enable**
2. **debug crypto pki transactions**
3. **tclsh *flash:signed-tcl-file***

DETAILED STEPS

Step 1 **enable**
This command enables privileged EXEC mode.

Example:

```
Device> enable
```

Step 2 **debug crypto pki transactions**
This command display debugging messages for the trace of interaction (message type) between the CA and the device.

Example:

```
Device# debug crypto pki transactions
Crypto PKI Trans debugging is on
```

Step 3 **tclsh *flash:signed-tcl-file***
This command executes the Tcl script in Tcl shell.

Note The file should be a signed Tcl file.

Example:

```
Device# tclsh flash:hello.tcl
```

```

hello
argc = 0
argv =
argv0 = flash:hello.tcl
tcl_interactive = 0
device#
*Apr 21 04:46:18.563: CRYPTO_PKI: locked trustpoint mytrust, refcount is 1
*Apr 21 04:46:18.563: The PKCS #7 message has 0 verified signers.
*Apr 21 04:46:18.563: CRYPTO_PKI: Success on PKCS7 verify!
*Apr 21 04:46:18.563: CRYPTO_PKI: unlocked trustpoint mytrust, refcount is 0

```

What to Do Next

- To get an overview of Crypto, refer to the “Part 5: Implementing and Managing a PKI” section of the *Security Configuration Guide*.

Configuration Examples for Signed Tcl Script

Generating a Key Pair Example

The following example shows how to generate the key pair--a private key and a public key:

Generate a Private Key: Example

```

Host% openssl genrsa -out privkey.pem 2048
Generating RSA private key, 2048 bit long modulus
.....+++
.....+++
e is 65537 (0x10001)
Host% ls -l
total 8
-rw-r--r--  1 janedoe eng12      1679 Jun 12 14:55 privkey.pem
Host%

```

Generate a Public Key from the Private Key

```

Host% openssl rsa -in privkey.pem -pubout -out pubkey.pem
writing RSA key
Host% ls -l
total 16
-rw-r--r--  1 janedoe eng12      1679 Jun 12 14:55 privkey.pem
-rw-r--r--  1 janedoe eng12       451 Jun 12 14:57 pubkey.pem

```

Generating a Certificate Example

The following example shows how to generate a certificate:

```

Host% openssl req -new -x509 -key privkey.pem -out cert.pem -days 1095

```

You are about to be asked to enter information that will be incorporated into your certificate request.
 What you are about to enter is what is called a Distinguished Name or a DN.
 There are quite a few fields but you can leave some blank
 For some fields there will be a default value, If you enter '.', the field will be left blank.

```
-----
Country Name (2 letter code) [GB]:US
State or Province Name (full name) [Berkshire]:California
Locality Name (eg, city) [Newbury]:San Jose
Organization Name (eg, company) [My Company Ltd]:Cisco Systems, Inc.
Organizational Unit Name (eg, section) []:DEPT_ACCT
Common Name (eg, your name or your server's hostname) []:Jane
Email Address []:janedoe@company.com
Host% ls -l
total 24
-rw-r--r--  1 janedoe  eng12      1659 Jun 12 15:01 cert.pem
-rw-r--r--  1 janedoe  eng12      1679 Jun 12 14:55 privkey.pem
-rw-r--r--  1 janedoe  eng12       451 Jun 12 14:57 pubkey.pem
```

Signing the Tcl Scripts Example

The following example shows how to sign the Tcl scripts:

```
Host% openssl smime -sign -in hello -out hello.pk7 -signer cert.pem -inkey privkey.pem
-outform DER -binary
Host% ls -l
total 40
-rw-r--r--  1 janedoe  eng12      1659 Jun 12 15:01 cert.pem
-rw-r--r--  1 janedoe  eng12       115 Jun 13 10:16 hello
-rw-r--r--  1 janedoe  eng12      1876 Jun 13 10:16 hello.pk7
-rw-r--r--  1 janedoe  eng12      1679 Jun 12 14:55 privkey.pem
-rw-r--r--  1 janedoe  eng12       451 Jun 12 14:57 pubkey.pem
```

Verifying the Signature Example

The following example shows how to verify the signature:

```
Host% openssl smime -verify -in hello.pk7 -CAfile cert.pem -inform DER -content hello
puts hello
puts "argc = $argc"
puts "argv = $argv"
puts "argv0 = $argv0"
puts "tcl_interactive = $tcl_interactive"
Verification successful
```

Converting the Signature with Nonbinary Data Example

The following example shows how to convert the Tcl signature with nonbinary data:

```
#Cisco Tcl Signature V1.0
Then append the signature file to the end of the file.
Host% xxd -ps hello.pk7 > hello.hex
Host% cat my_append
#!/usr/bin/env expect
set my_first {#Cisco Tcl Signature V1.0}
set newline {}
set my_file [lindex $argv 0]
set my_new_file ${my_file}_sig
set my_new_handle [open $my_new_file w]
set my_handle [open $my_file r]
```

```

puts $my_new_handle $newline
puts $my_new_handle $my_first
foreach line [split [read $my_handle] "\n"] {
    set new_line {}
    append new_line $line
    puts $my_new_handle $new_line
}

close $my_new_handle
close $my_handle
Host% my_append hello.hex
Host% ls -l
total 80
-rw-r--r--  1 janedoe eng12      1659 Jun 12 15:01 cert.pem
-rw-r--r--  1 janedoe eng12      115 Jun 13 10:16 hello
-rw-r--r--  1 janedoe eng12     3815 Jun 13 10:20 hello.hex
-rw-r--r--  1 janedoe eng12     3907 Jun 13 10:22 hello.hex_sig
-rw-r--r--  1 janedoe eng12     1876 Jun 13 10:16 hello.pk7
-rwxr--r--  1 janedoe eng12      444 Jun 13 10:22 my_append
-rw-r--r--  1 janedoe eng12     1679 Jun 12 14:55 privkey.pem
-rw-r--r--  1 janedoe eng12      451 Jun 12 14:57 pubkey.pem
Host% cat hello hello.hex_sig > hello.tcl
Host% cat hello.tcl
puts hello
puts "argc = $argc"
puts "argv = $argv"
puts "argv0 = $argv0"
puts "tcl interactive = $tcl_interactive"
#Cisco Tcl Signature V1.0
#3082075006092a864886f70d010702a08207413082073d020101310b3009
#06052b0e03021a0500300b06092a864886f70d010701a08204a13082049d
#30820385a003020102020100300d06092a864886f70d0101040500308195
#310b3009060355040613025553311330110603550408130a43616c69666f
#726e69613111300f0603550407130853616e204a6f7365311c301a060355
#040a1313436973636f2053797374656d732c20496e632e310e300c060355
#040b13054e53535447310d300b060355040313044a6f686e3121301f0609
#2a864886f70d01090116126a6c6175746d616e40636973636f2e636f6d30
#1e170d3037303631323232303134335a170d313030363131323230313433
#5a308195310b3009060355040613025553311330110603550408130a4361
#6c69666f726e69613111300f0603550407130853616e204a6f7365311c30
#1a060355040a1313436973636f2053797374656d732c20496e632e310e30
#0c060355040b13054e53535447310d300b060355040313044a6f686e3121
#301f06092a864886f70d01090116126a6c6175746d616e40636973636f2e
#636f6d30820122300d06092a864886f70d010105000382010f00308201
#0a0282010100a751eb5ec1f3009738c88a55987c07b759c36f3386342283
#67ea20a89d9483ae85e0c63eeded8ab3eb7a08006689f09136f172183665
#c971099ba54e77ab47706069bbefaab8c50184396350e4cc870c4c3f477
#88c55c52e2c411f05b59f0eaec0678ff5cc238fdce2263a9fc6b6c244b8
#ffaead865c19c3d3172674a13b24c8f2c01dd8b1bd491c13e84e29171b85
#f28155d81ac8c69bb25ca23c2921d85fbf745c106e7aff93c72316cbc654
#4a34ea88174a8ba7777fa60662974e1fbac85a0f0aeac925dba6e5e850b8
#7caffce2fe8bb04b61b62f532b5893c081522d538005df81670b931b0ad0
#e1e76ae648f598a9442d5d0976e67c8d55889299147d0203010001a381f5
#3081f2301d0603551d0e04160414bc34132be952ff8b9e1af3b93140a255
#e54a667c3081c20603551d230481ba3081b78014bc34132be952ff8b9e1a
#f3b93140a255e54a667ca1819ba48198308195310b300906035504061302
#553311330110603550408130a43616c69666f726e69613111300f060355
#0407130853616e204a6f7365311c301a060355040a1313436973636f2053
#797374656d732c20496e632e310e300c060355040b13054e53535447310d
#300b060355040313044a6f686e3121301f06092a864886f70d0109011612
#6a6c6175746d616e40636973636f2e636f6d820100300c0603551d130405
#30030101ff300d06092a864886f70d010104050003820101000c83c1b074
#6720929c9514af6d5df96f0a95639f047c40a607c83d8362507c58fa7f84
#aa699ec5e5bef61b2308297a0662c653ff446acfbb6f5cb2dd162d939338
#a5e4d78a5c45021e5d4dbabb8784efbf50cab0f5125d164487b31f5cf933
#a9f68f82cd111cbab1739d7f372ec460a7946882874b0a0f22dd53acbd62
#a944a15e52e54a24341b3b8a820f23a5bc7ea7b2278bb56838b8a4051926
#af9c167274ff8449003a4e012bcf4f4b3e280f85209249a390d14df47435
#35efabce720ea3d56803a84a2163db4478ae19d7d987ef6971c8312e280a
#aac0217d4fe620c6582a48faa8ea5e3726a99012e1d55f8d61b066381f77
#4158d144a43fb536c77d6a318202773082027302010130819b308195310b
#3009060355040613025553311330110603550408130a43616c69666f726e

```

```
#69613111300f0603550407130853616e204a6f7365311c301a060355040a
#1313436973636f2053797374656d732c20496e632e310e300c060355040b
#13054e53535447310d300b060355040313044a6f686e3121301f06092a86
#4886f70d01090116126a6c6175746d616e40636973636f2e636f6d020100
#300906052b0e03021a0500a081b1301806092a864886f70d010903310b06
#092a864886f70d010701301c06092a864886f70d010905310f170d303730
#3631333137313634385a302306092a864886f70d01090431160414372cb3
#72dc607990577fd0426104a42ee4158d2b305206092a864886f70d01090f
#31453043300a06082a864886f70d0307300e06082a864886f70d03020202
#0080300d06082a864886f70d0302020140300706052b0e030207300d0608
#2a864886f70d0302020128300d06092a864886f70d010101050004820100
#72db6898742f449b26d3ac18f43a1e7178834fb05ad13951bf042e127eea
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#9f8f87acfb9e10d6ce91502e34629adca6ee855419afafe6a823333e14
#ad4c107901d1f2bca4d7ffaadddbc54192a25da662f8b8509782c76977b8
#94879453fbb00486ccc55f88db50fcc149bae066916b350089cde51a6483
#2ec14019611720fc5bbe2400f24225fc
```

Configuring the Device with a Certificate Example

The following example shows how to configure the device with a certificate:

```
crypto pki trustpoint mytrust
  enrollment terminal
  !
crypto pki authentication mytrust
crypto pki certificate chain mytrust
  certificate ca 00
    308204B8 308203A0 A0030201 02020100 300D0609 2A864886 F70D0101 04050030
    819E310B 30090603 55040613 02555331 13301106 03550408 130A4361 6C69666F
    726E6961 3111300F 06035504 07130853 616E204A 6F736531 1C301A06 0355040A
    13134369 73636F20 53797374 656D732C 20496E63 2E310E30 0C060355 040B1305
    4E535354 47311630 14060355 0403130D 4A6F686E 204C6175 746D616E 6E312130
    1F06092A 864886F7 0D010901 16126A6C 6175746D 616E4063 6973636F 2E636F6D
    301E170D 30363131 31373137 35383031 5A170D30 39313131 36313735 3830315A
    30819E31 0B300906 03550406 13025553 31133011 06035504 08130A43 616C6966
    6F726E69 61311130 0F060355 04071308 53616E20 4A6F7365 311C301A 06035504
    0A131343 6973636F 20537973 74656D73 2C20496E 632E310E 300C0603 55040B13
    054E5353 54473116 30140603 55040313 0D4A6F68 6E204C61 75746D61 6E6E3121
    301F0609 2A864886 F70D0109 0116126A 6C617574 6D616E40 63697363 6F2E636F
    6D308201 22300D06 092A8648 86F70D01 01010500 0382010F 00308201 0A028201
    0100BC6D A933028A B31BF827 7258BB87 A1600CF0 21090F04 2080BECC 5818688B
    74D231DF F0C365C1 07D6E206 D7651FA8 C7B230A2 3B0011E4 EA2B6A4C 1F3F27FB
    9AF449D8 FA8900BB 3E567F77 5412881B AAD9525E 3EC1D3B1 EBCE8155 D74866F1
    0940F6D1 3A2613CD F6B3595E F468B315 6DDEF077 BBC5D521 B560AF72 D6D5FDA7
    D9D9C99D 31E3B380 5DEB7039 A1A29EF9 46ED536E 4D768048 12D48C24 59B08973
    481AD75D E741CD9E BE06EA16 9B514AE3 91184A56 A0E51B7D 4465D730 1AB3C7DD
    62CA1AC9 DF30C39A 41316B8E 72289113 98080354 C7297AD7 89B627F8 ED40D924
    ADF48383 1B332C7F 73C58686 6279E2A4 4BF41644 3E60F131 090D3F5D 25F0C025
    43CB0203 010001A3 81FE3081 FB301D06 03551D0E 04160414 F7F4E80E F6CC4772
    5F278C44 6B85F8EE 8345AB99 3081CB06 03551D23 0481C330 81C08014 F7F4E80E
    F6CC4772 5F278C44 6B85F8EE 8345AB99 A181A4A4 81A13081 9E310B30 09060355
    04061302 55533113 30110603 55040813 0A43616C 69666F72 6E696131 11300F06
    03550407 13085361 6E204A6F 7365311C 301A0603 55040A13 13436973 636F2053
    79737465 6D732C20 496E632E 310E300C 06035504 0B13054E 53535447 31163014
    06035504 03130D4A 6F686E20 4C617574 6D616E6E 3121301F 06092A86 4886F70D
    01090116 126A6C61 75746D61 6E406369 73636F2E 636F6D82 0100300C 0603551D
    13040530 030101FF 300D0609 2A864886 F70D0101 04050003 82010100 6D12CFF8
    31078DF6 94FE5CF0 8F83639B 414F32D8 069D23E2 37E182BE 7C31EC14 E87AF216
    61A6CCD3 37656934 4BE4157A 400E182B EC390D1A DC130A56 B8F35BFB D2234556
    24152FE8 A736B670 58CC684E 750D08AE C7739907 917B7A72 3D26BEC7 9F554CF1
    5E5EF499 ABA11124 55966616 AC9C52B2 B1082DEA D962CBAF E476C575 A9DDFBFA
    4AE63F6 1D5C9F76 7B4B9CA7 52CE65C9 E65C04FC 4B7642D6 0D1A8AF4 38194B7A
    CA307EC9 51DCB847 8B8C27FB 98ACEE60 0B80DC3F 36E4E252 BD731F5F 0E781E26
    C1CA4120 9B0B689B BA654250 97B22A76 CC126B77 C7779AAA D3F93C3F DCF46006
```

```

2B7F7F8C 150AF889 BBEC62F1 E53B4F3B A3626CD6 05B8AB3D F8A6A361
quit
archive
log config
scripting tcl trustpoint name mytrust
scripting tcl secure-mode
!
!
end

```

Additional References

The following sections provide references related to the Signed Tcl Scripts feature.

Related Documents

Related Topic	Document Title
Cisco PKI Overview: Understanding and Planning a PKI Implementing and Managing a PKI	<i>Security Configuration Guide, Release 12.4</i>
PKI commands: complete command syntax, command mode, command history, defaults, usage guidelines, and examples.	<i>Cisco IOS Security Command Reference, Release 12.4</i>

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RFC	Title
None	--

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Feature Information for Signed Tcl Scripts

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Table 1: Feature Information for Signed Tcl Scripts

Feature Name	Releases	Feature Information
Signed Tcl Scripts		<p>The Signed Tcl Scripts feature allows you to create a certificate to generate a digital signature and sign a Tcl script with that digital signature.</p> <p>In Cisco IOS XE Release 3.6E, this feature is supported on Cisco Catalyst 3850 Series Switches.</p> <p>The following commands were introduced by this feature: scripting tcl secure-mode, scripting tcl trustpoint name, scripting tcl trustpoint untrusted,and tclsafe.</p>

Glossary

CA--certification authority. Service responsible for managing certificate requests and issuing certificates to participating IPsec network devices. This service provides centralized key management for the participating devices and is explicitly trusted by the receiver to validate identities and to create digital certificates.

certificates--Electronic documents that bind a user's or device's name to its public key. Certificates are commonly used to validate a digital signature.

CRL--certificate revocation list. Electronic document that contains a list of revoked certificates. The CRL is created and digitally signed by the CA that originally issued the certificates. The CRL contains dates for when the certificate was issued and when it expires. A new CRL is issued when the current CRL expires.

IPsec--IP security

peer certificate--Certificate presented by a peer, which contains the peer's public key and is signed by the trustpoint CA.

PKI--public key infrastructure. System that manages encryption keys and identity information for components of a network that participate in secured communications.

RA--registration authority. Server that acts as a proxy for the CA so that CA functions can continue when the CA is offline. Although the RA is often part of the CA server, the RA could also be an additional application, requiring an additional device to run it.

RSA keys--Public key cryptographic system developed by Ron Rivest, Adi Shamir, and Leonard Adleman. An RSA key pair (a public and a private key) is required before you can obtain a certificate for your device.

SHA1--Secure Hash Algorithm 1

SSH--secure shell

SSL--secure socket layer

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