

Managing Certificates

Managing Certificates chapter describes how to generate a Self-signed certificates and Certificate Signing Request (CSR) that can be used to obtain SSL certificates from a Certificate Authority such as Verisign, Digicert and so on. This chapter also describes how to import a generated Self-Signed certificate or CA certificate in Prime Network Operation Report.

Generating Self-Signed Certificates and Certificate Signing Request

Generate a self-signed certificate and a Certificate Signing Request (CSR) by using the **Generate Self-Signed Certificate and Certificate Signing Request** option. When you generate a self-signed certificate, a new self-signed certificate in PEM format and a CSR file are created in the \$ANAHOME/scripts/CSR/ directory. When you press enter in a command without specifying any value the script will select a default option automatically. For example, if you do not specify a domain name, the script by default picks the domain name as cisco.com.

Step 1 Execute \$ANAHOME/local/scripts/selfsignedcert.pl.

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Step 2 Choose **Generate Self-Signed Certificate and Certificate Signing Request(.csr)** and press **Enter**. The system prompts you to enter information as listed in the following table.

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| Parameter | Description | Display Message |
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| Domain Name [cisco.com]: | Enter the domain name. By default the script accepts cisco.com as domain name. | |
| How many days is self-signed certificate valid for? [365]: | Enter the number of days that you want the self-signed certificate to be valid for. | <pre>writing new CSR (Certificate Signing Request) to /export/home/pn430/scripts/C SR/test.csr writing private key to /export/home/pn430/scripts/C SR/test.key Generating a 2048 bit RSA private key writing new private key to /export/home/pn430/local/scr ipts/cisco.com.key' 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 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.</pre> |
| Country Name (2 letter code) [GB]: State or Province Name (full name) [Berkshire]: Locality Name (eg, city) [Newbury]: | Enter the country name, state or province name and locality name, | |
| Organization Name (eg, company) [My Company Ltd]: Organizational Unit Name (eg, section) []: | Enter the organization name and Organizational unit name. | |
| Common Name (eg, your name or your server's hostname) []: | Enter the common name. | |

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| Parameter | Description | Display Message |
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| Email Address []: | Enter the email address. | |
| A challenge password []: An optional company name: | (Optional) Enter a challenge password and an optional company name. | CSR generated successfully (/export/home/pn430/scripts/ CSR/cisco.com.csr) Use the CSR to obtain a certificate in PEM/CER format from a CA (Certificate Authority). New self-signed certificate in PEM format generated (/export/home/pn430/scripts/ CSR/cisco.com.pem) |

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Importing Certificate Authority or Self-Signed Certificate

Import a Certificate Authority (CA) signed certificate or self-signed certificate by using Import CA/Self-Signed Certificate option. You can either import the generated self-signed certificate or import a certificate generated by another system or third party by copying the .pem and .key (private key) files to the \$ANAHOME/scripts/CSR directory. The .pem file provided is exported into PKCS12 format, and then converted to JKS format. The JKS file can be imported into Tomcat.

Step 1 Execute \$ANAHOME/local/scripts/selfsignedcert.pl as PN user.

Step 2 Choose the Import CA/Self-Signed Certificate option and press Enter.

Step 3 Specify values for the following parameters and then press **Enter**:

| Parameters | Description | |
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| Domain Name [cisco.com]: | Enter the domain name. | |
| CA/self-signed certificate (.pem/.cer) file path: | Enter the path to the CA signed certificate or self-signed certificate. | |
| private key file path: | Enter the path to the private key. | |
| keystore password: | Enter the Java KeyStore (JKS) password to set. | |
| The following confirmation messages might appea | ar, enter Yes or No to proceed further. | |
| Existing certificate will be erased, wa.nt to proceed (Yes/No): | Enter Yes to proceed or No to exit. | |
| Prime Network and Operation Report restart required applying certificate, do you want to restart (Yes/No): | Enter Yes to proceed or No to exit. If you enter yes then a message similar to the following one appears: Restarting Prime Network and Operation | |
| | ReportDone | |
| | Certificate \$ANAHOME /scripts/CSR/cisco.com.pem imported to server successfully. | |

Table 33-2 Parameters and Description

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