

Certificate Management

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About Public Key Infrastructure Management (GUI)

The Public Key Infrastructure (PKI) Management page displays the following tabs:

Trustpoints tab: Used to add, create or enroll a new trustpoint. This page also displays the current trustpoints configured on the controller and other details of the trustpoint. You can also view if the trustpoint is in use for any of the features. For example, Webadmin or AP join (Wireless Management Interface), and others.

CA Server tab: Used to enable or disable the Certificate Authority (CA) server functionality on the controller. The CA server functionality should be enabled for the controller to generate a Self Signed Certificate (SSC).

Key Pair Generation tab: Used to generate key pairs.

Certificate Management tab: Used to generate and manage certificates, and perform all certificate related operations, on the controller.

Authenticating and Enrolling a PKI Trustpoint (GUI)

Procedure

- Step 1 Choose Configuration > Security > PKI Management.
- Step 2 In the PKI Management window, click the Trustpoints tab.
- **Step 3** In the **Add Trustpoint** dialog box, provide the following information:
 - a) In the **Label** field, enter the RSA key label.
 - b) In the **Enrollment URL** field, enter the enrollment URL.
 - c) Check the **Authenticate** check box to authenticate the Public Certificate from the enrollment URL.

- d) In the Subject Name section, enter the Country Code, State, Location, Organization, Domain Name, and Email Address.
- e) Check the **Key Generated** check box to view the available RSA keypairs. Choose an option from the **Available RSA Keypairs** drop-down list.
- f) Check the **Enroll Trustpoint** check box.
- g) In the **Password** field, enter the password.
- h) In the **Re-Enter Password** field, confirm the password.
- i) Click Apply to Device.

The new trustpoint is added to the trustpoint name list.

Generating an AP Self-Signed Certificate (GUI)



Note

This section is valid only for virtual controllers (Cisco Catalyst 9800-CL Wireless Controller for Cloud) and not applicable for appliance based controllers (Cisco Catalyst 9800-40 Wireless Controller, Cisco Catalyst 9800-80 Wireless Controller, Cisco Catalyst 9800-L Wireless Controller (Copper Uplink), and Cisco Catalyst 9800-L Wireless Controller (Fiber Uplink)).

Procedure

- **Step 1** Choose Configuration > Security > PKI Management.
- **Step 2** In the **AP SSC Trustpoint** area, click **Generate** to generate an AP SSC trustpoint.
- **Step 3** From the **RSA Key-Size** drop-down list, choose a key size.
- **Step 4** From the **Signature Algorithm** drop-down list, choose an option.
- **Step 5** From the **Password Type** drop-down list, choose a password type.
- **Step 6** In the **Password** field, enter a password. The valid range is between 8 and 32 characters.
- Step 7 Click Apply to Device.

Adding the Certificate Authority Server (GUI)

Procedure

- **Step 1** Choose Configuration > Security > PKI Management.
- Step 2 In the PKI Management window, click the CA Server tab.
- Step 3 In the CA Server section, click the Shutdown Status toggle button, to enable the status. If you choose the shutdown status as Enabled, you must enter the password and confirm the same.

- Step 4 If you choose the shutdown status as **Disabled**, you must enter the **Country Code**, **State**, **Location**, **Organization**, **Domain Name**, and **Email Address**.
- **Step 5** Click **Apply** to add the CA server.
- **Step 6** Click **Remove CA Server** to delete the CA server.

Adding an RSA or EC Key for PKI Trustpoint (GUI)

Procedure

- **Step 1** Choose Configuration > Security > PKI Management.
- Step 2 In the PKI Management window, click the Key Pair Generation tab.
- Step 3 In the Key Pair Generation section, click Add.
- **Step 4** In the dialog box that is displayed, provide the following information:
 - a) In the **Key Name** field, enter the key name.
 - b) In the **Key Type** options, select either **RSA Key** or **EC Key**.
 - c) In the **Modulus Size** field, enter the modulus value for the RSA key or the EC key. The default modulus size for the RSA key is 4096 and the default value for the EC key is 521.
 - d) Check the **Key Exportable** check box to export the key. By default, this is checked.
 - e) Click Generate.

Adding and Managing Certificates

To add and manage certificates, use one of the following methods:



Note

While configuring a password for the .pfx file, do not use the following ASCII characters: "*, $^{\land}$, (), [], $^{\lor}$, and +"

Using these ASCII characters results in error with bad configuration and does not import the certificate to the controller.

Method 1

Procedure

- Step 1 Choose Configuration > Security > PKI Management > Add Certificate.
- Step 2 Click Generate Certificate Signing Request.
 - a) In the **Certificate Name** field, enter the certificate name.

- b) From the **Key Name** drop-down list, choose an RSA key pair. (Click the plus (+) icon under the **Key Pair Generation** tab to create new RSA key pairs.).
- Enter values the Country Code, Location, Organization, State, Organizational Unit, and the Domain Name fields.
- d) Click Generate.

The generated Certificate Signing Request (CSR) is displayed on the right. Click **Copy** to copy and save a local copy. Click **Save to Device** to save the generated CSR to the /bootflash/csr directory.

Note

If an IP address is used on the Domain Name field the controller creates the CSR without a Subject Alternative Name (SAN), since the IP address is not supported as an attribute in the SAN field of the CSR when the CSR is generated from the controller.

Step 3 Click Authenticate Root CA.

- a) From the **Trustpoint** drop-down list, choose the trustpoint label generated in Step 2, or any other trustpoint label that you want to authenticate.
- b) In the **Root CA Certificate (.pem)** field, copy and paste the certificate that you have received from the CA.

Note

Ensure that you copy and paste the PEM Base64 certificate of the issuing CA of the device certificate.

c) Click Authenticate.

Step 4 Click Import Device Certificate.

- a) From the **Trustpoint** drop-down list, choose the trustpoint label that was generated in Step 2, or any other trustpoint label that you want to authenticate.
- In the Signed Certificate (.pem) field, copy and paste the signed certificate that you received, from your CA.
- c) Click Import.

This completes the device certificate import process and the certificate can now be assigned to features.

Method 2

Procedure

Click Import PKCS12 Certificate.

Note

You can import an entire certificate chain in the PKCS12 format using different transport types.

a) From the **Transport Type** drop-down list, choose either **FTP**, **SFTP**, **TFTP**, **SCP**, or **Desktop** (**HTTPS**).

For FTP, SFTP, and SCP, enter values in the Server IP Address (IPv4/IPv6), Username, Password, Certificate File Path, Certificate Destination File Name, and Certificate Password fields.

For TFTP, enter values in the Server IP Address (IPv4/IPv6), Certificate File Path, Certificate Destination File Name, and Certificate Password fields.

For **Desktop** (HTTPS), enter values in the **Source File Path** and **Certificate Password** fields.

b) Click Import.