

# Re: SMTP and IMAP SSL Certificates

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For the sake of convenience (and if there's really no other use for an internal CA), I would go with a cheaper cert from a recognized CA. Given the prices of these certs, it's not worth installing and maintaining an internal/in-house CA for issuing 1 or 2 certs, imo.

If you're just interested in figuring out what's going on and don't care how much time you spend on this as long as you understand/learn something, continue troubleshooting. Check if the CA appears as a Trusted Root CA in the **computer's account** – from the certificates snap-in.

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I made sure i did install the CA as an Enterprise CA.

I found a great MS article that lets you create a .asp html document which you can store on your IIS web server. When the client opens that .asp page it prompts you to install and trust the certificate i specify.

So far, thats not working either.

I may just buy the \$25 certificate, any special place i should start looking?

Bharat Suneja [MVP] wrote:

Most likely the CA you installed is not an Enterprise CA (gets published in

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AD).

Add the CA as a trusted CA on the client side. Can be done from AD as well.

This may help:

<http://support.microsoft.com/default.aspx?scid=kb:en-us:q313197&sd=tech>

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I created a SSL certificate locally with a local CA on the domain controller. I applied this certificate to my IMAP and SMTP virtual servers in Exchange 2003, which is also located on the very same server.

Whenever my clients or i connect to check our mail, i get a "Internet Security Warning" window that states "The server you are connected to is using a security certificate that could not be verified. A certificate chain processed, but terminated in a root certificate which is not trusted by the trust provider. Do you want to continue using this server?"

In order to initiate the SSL connection for email, you would have to accept this message every time you open up Outlook 2003.

Is there anyway to get the CA server to trust this certificate? It sounds like it's the client side that doesn't trust the certificate, now that i really think about it.

Any help would be greatly appreciated!

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