

# Digital Certificates

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>From what I've seen, I don't see how the certificates generated by the CEICW can be verified (although maybe someone might describe something I've missed).

Consider what purpose you wish to use your certificates. If you wish to secure email, you only need to issue certificates, you do not need to publicly verify the certificate, it's a private mutual exchange of certificates between the two parties only.

If you want to set yourself up as a public CA where you verify the identity of a webserver or client through PKI, you will probably need to install Certificate Server, publish it and modify the entry which describes how your Certificate Server is to be identified on the Internet.

I describe how to install Certificate Server in my "Web Publishing Companyweb" paper so you can issue any number of certificates for any need you might have.

You would also publish your CA by either modifying your OWA Web Publishing Rule or creating a new rule.

The instructions for modifying your CA for its Internet name is in the help files and KB.

If your Users are configured to trust your private CA, they will not see the popup warnings you often see today in SBS (which, by the way IMO is a serious security issue people are not paying enough attention to).

Tony Su

>-----Original Message-----

>I've been asked by one of our users if it's possible to have a digital

>certificate without paying for it. I know it will be  
untrusted and will  
>prompt people because of that and have warned him of this.  
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>I've had a look at the certificates bit on the server and  
have figured out  
>issuing certificates. My question is how do I make the  
verification service  
>available over the net, so that if people choose to trust  
the issuing  
>authority the authenticity of a certificate can be  
verified?  
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>Running SBS 2003 Premium with ISA installed.  
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>Thanks for any assistance you can give me.  
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