

Using SSL TLS to connect two MQ queue managers in MQ 7.5 and MQ 8.0 / MQ 9.0 using self-signed certificates

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+++ Objective

The objective of this document is to provide the step-by-step details for connecting a MQ queue manager 7.5 in one platform (Windows) to another queue manager 8.0 running on another platform (Linux), using SSL TLS self-signed certificates.

For illustration purposes the following protocol will be used, which is valid in MQ 7.5 and 8.0.

TLS_RSA_WITH_AES_128_CBC_SHA

Note for MQ 9.0:

The commands mentioned in this tutorial apply too to MQ 9.0 and they were verified in a test queue manager running in MQ 9.0.

+ Update on August-2016

An appendix was added to include a brief description of using the IBM Key Management GUI (iKeyman) for the corresponding runmqakm commands.

+++ Summary of steps using runmqakm:
Sender in Windows connecting to a Receiver in Linux

Step 1: Client (Windows): Create SSL client key database

```
cd C:\var\mqm\Qmgrs\QM75WIN\ssl
runmqakm -keydb -create -db "C:\var\mqm\Qmgrs\QM75WIN\ssl\QM75WIN.kdb" -pw
clientpass -type cms -expire 365 -stash
```

Step 2: Client (Windows): Create certificate

+ Create certificate: self-signed

```
runmqakm -cert -create -db "C:\var\mqm\Qmgrs\QM75WIN\ssl\QM75WIN.kdb" -pw
clientpass -label ibmwebspheremqqm75win -dn "CN=QM75WIN,O=IBM,C=USA" -expire
365 -sigalg sha1 -size 2048
```

+ List newly created SSL certificate in Windows

```
runmqakm -cert -list -db "C:\var\mqm\Qmgrs\QM75WIN\ssl\QM75WIN.kdb" -pw client-
pass
```

+ List the details of the certificate.

```
runmqakm -cert -details -db "C:\var\mqm\Qmgrs\QM75WIN\ssl\QM75WIN.kdb" -pw
clientpass -label ibmwebspheremqqm75win
```

+ REFERENCE: In case that you need to delete the certificate (we are providing this command just for completeness, you do NOT need to issue it for this tutorial)

```
runmqakm -cert -delete -db "C:\var\mqm\Qmgrs\QM75WIN\ssl\QM75WIN.kdb" -pw
clientpass -label <label>
```

Step 3: Client (Windows): Extract the public SSL client certificate

```
runmqakm -cert -extract -db "C:\var\mqm\Qmgrs\QM75WIN\ssl\QM75WIN.kdb" -pw
clientpass -label ibmwebspheremqqm75win -target QM75WIN.crt -format ascii
```

Step 4: Client (Windows): Copy Windows certificate to the SSL server side in Linux

Copy/transfer the public/signer SSL certificate QM75WIN.crt in ASCII mode from the Windows host to the Linux host.

Step 5: Server (Linux): Create SSL server key database

```
cd /var/mqm/qmgrs/QM80LNX/ssl
runmqakm -keydb -create -db "/var/mqm/qmgrs/QM80LNX/ssl/QM80LNX.kdb" -pw
serverpass -type cms -expire 365 -stash
```

Step 6: Server (Linux): Create certificate

+ Create certificate: self-signed

```
runmqakm -cert -create -db "/var/mqm/qmgrs/QM80LNX/ssl/QM80LNX.kdb" -pw  
serverpass -label ibmwebspheremqmqm80lnx -dn "CN=QM80LNX,O=IBM,C=USA" -expire  
365 -sigalg sha1 -size 2048
```

+ List newly created SSL certificate in Linux

```
runmqakm -cert -list -db "/var/mqm/qmgrs/QM80LNX/ssl/QM80LNX.kdb" -pw server-  
pass
```

+ List the details of the certificate.

```
runmqakm -cert -details -db "/var/mqm/qmgrs/QM80LNX/ssl/QM80LNX.kdb" -pw  
serverpass -label ibmwebspheremqmqm80lnx
```

+ REFERENCE: In case that you need to delete the certificate (we are providing this command just for completeness, you do NOT need to issue it for this tutorial)

```
runmqakm -cert -delete -db "/var/mqm/qmgrs/QM80LNX/ssl/QM80LNX.kdb" -pw  
serverpass -label <label>
```

Step 7: Server (Linux): Extract the public SSL server certificate

```
runmqakm -cert -extract -db "/var/mqm/qmgrs/QM80LNX/ssl/QM80LNX.kdb" -pw  
serverpass -label ibmwebspheremqmqm80lnx -target QM80LNX.crt -format ascii
```

Step 8: Server (Linux): Copy Linux certificate to the SSL client side in Windows

Copy/transfer the public/signer SSL certificate QM80LNX.crt in ASCII mode from the Linux host to the Windows host.

Step 9: Server (Linux): Add the Windows certificate to Linux key database

+ Add the public/signer certificate

```
runmqakm -cert -add -db "/var/mqm/qmgrs/QM80LNX/ssl/QM80LNX.kdb" -pw server-  
pass -label ibmwebspheremqmqm75win -file QM75WIN.crt -format ascii
```

+ List the certificates.

```
runmqakm -cert -list -db "/var/mqm/qmgrs/QM80LNX/ssl/QM80LNX.kdb" -pw server-  
pass
```

Step 10: Server (Linux): Run MQSC commands for SSL server side queue manager

```
runmqsc QM80LNX
```

```
ALTER QMGR SSLKEYR('/var/mqm/qmgrs/QM80LNX/ssl/QM80LNX')
DEFINE CHANNEL('QM75WIN.TO.QM80LNX') CHLTYPE(RCVR) TRPTYPE(TCP) +
  SSLCIPH(TLS_RSA_WITH_AES_128_CBC_SHA) SSLCAUTH(REQUIRED) +
  SSLPEER('CN=QM75WIN,O=IBM,C=USA') REPLACE
REFRESH SECURITY TYPE(SSL)
end
```

Step 11: Client (Windows): Add the Linux certificate to the Windows key database

+ Add the public/signer certificate

```
runmqakm -cert -add -db "C:\var\mqm\Qmgrs\QM75WIN\ssl\QM75WIN.kdb" -pw client-
pass -label ibmwebspheremqqm80lnx -file QM80LNX.crt -format ascii
```

+ List the certificates.

```
runmqakm -cert -list -db "C:\var\mqm\Qmgrs\QM75WIN\ssl\QM75WIN.kdb" -pw client-
pass
```

Step 12: Client (Windows): Run MQSC commands for SSL client side queue manager

```
runmqsc QM75WIN
```

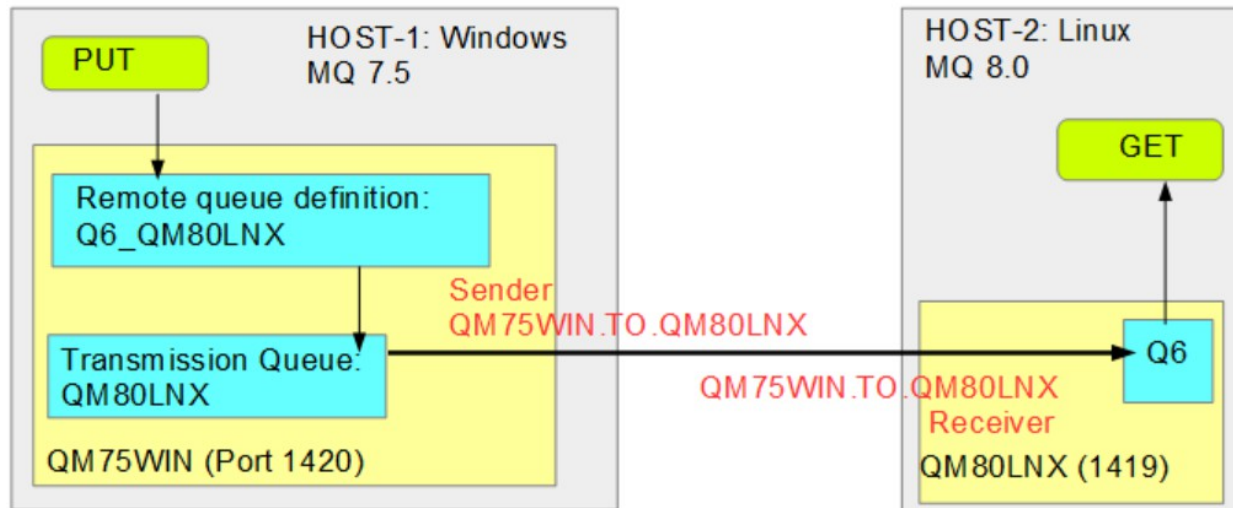
```
ALTER QMGR SSLKEYR('C:\var\mqm\Qmgrs\QM75WIN\ssl\QM75WIN')
DEFINE CHANNEL('QM75WIN.TO.QM80LNX') CHLTYPE(SDR) TRPTYPE(TCP) +
  XMITQ('QM80LNX') CONNAME('9.30.145.117(1419)') +
  SSLCIPH(TLS_RSA_WITH_AES_128_CBC_SHA) +
  SSLPEER('CN=QM80LNX,O=IBM,C=USA') REPLACE
DEFINE QL(QM80LNX) USAGE(XMITQ) REPLACE
REFRESH SECURITY TYPE(SSL)
START CHANNEL('QM75WIN.TO.QM80LNX')
DISPLAY CHSTATUS(QM75WIN.TO.QM80LNX)
DISPLAY CHSTATUS(QM75WIN.TO.QM80LNX) ALL
end
```

Step 13: Test of sending message from Client (Windows) to Server (Linux)

++ Scope

This tutorial provides all the steps to configure a TLS enabled "sender" channel in the Windows queue manager, and a TLS enabled "receiver" channel in the Linux queue manager. This will be used to Put a message in the Windows queue manager and send it to the Linux queue manager.

Using channel with TLS protection



Conceptually, the queue manager that has the SENDER channel is a "client" and the queue manager that has the RECEIVER channel is a "server". These terms will be used in the tutorial, in addition to the distinction of Windows (MQ 7.5) and Linux (MQ 8.0). Why?

One common source of confusion is: which side of the connection a certain step/command needs to be taken on.

Therefore, by being extremely explicit in this tutorial, hopefully this source of confusion will be eliminated.

++ Clarification of “extract”/“add” versus “export”/“import”

SSL uses public/private keys to provide a flexible encryption scheme that can be set-up at the time of the secure transaction.

When a certificate is created, it contains both the public and private keys.

The "extract" and "add" functions deal with ONLY the public keys.

That is, the "extract" gets the public key of a certificate from a database and the "add" puts the public key into a database.

No passwords are required because the private key is not obtained.

The "export" and "import" functions deal with BOTH the public and private keys for a certificate.

Passwords are required due to the private key.

+++ Configuration

a) MQ 7.5.0.5 running in Windows 7

Queue Manager name: QM75WIN

Hostname: angelillo.x.com

Port: 1420

Data directory: C:\var\mqm\Qmgrs\QM75WIN

SSL directory: C:\var\mqm\Qmgrs\QM75WIN\ssl

Channel for administrative purposes (MQ Explorer): SYSTEM.ADMIN.SVRCONN

Channel with TLS enablement:

Sender channel: QM75WIN.TO.QM80LNX

b) MQ 8.0.0.4 running on Linux Intel 64-bit

Queue Manager name: QM80LNX

Hostname: Suse-host4 ip-9-30-145-117.svl.ibm.com

Port: 1419

Data directory: /var/mqm/qmgrs/QM80LNX

SSL directory: /var/mqm/qmgrs/QM80LNX/ssl

Channel for administrative purposes (MQ Explorer): SYSTEM.ADMIN.SVRCONN

Channel with TLS enablement:

Receiver channel: QM75WIN.TO.QM80LNX

c) The 2 queue managers involved in the scenario were available prior to the scenario described in this document.

In addition, because these queue managers are used for TESTING and not for PRODUCTION, some intrinsic security layers were relaxed, in order to focus on the SSL/TLS aspects of the configuration, which is the primary goal for this document.

Once the SSL/TLS function is established and working fine, then you could enable these other intrinsic security layers.

c.1) For MQ 7.5 and MQ 8.0:

Starting with MQ 7.1, a new security feature was introduced: channel authentication records.

The default behavior is that MQ administrators are blocked from doing a remote access.

For more information on the errors and the workarounds see:

<http://www.ibm.com/support/docview.wss?uid=swg21577137>

WMQ 7.1, 7.5, 8.0 queue manager RC 2035 MQRC_NOT_AUTHORIZED or AMQ4036 when using client connection as an MQ Administrator

Main workaround mentioned in the above technote:

For a testing queue manager:

For MQ 7.1 and later: if desiring to exploit channel authentication records and allow remote connections by an MQ Administrator:

```
set CHLAUTH(*) TYPE(BLOCKUSER) USERLIST('nobody','*MQADMIN')
```

```
set CHLAUTH(SYSTEM.ADMIN.*) TYPE(BLOCKUSER) USERLIST('nobody')
```

c.2) For MQ 8.0:

The MQ Administrators are required to provide a password when doing a remote access.

<http://www.ibm.com/support/docview.wss?uid=swg21680930>

MQ 8.0: errors AMQ5540, AMQ5541 and AMQ5542, application did not supply a user ID and password, 2035 MQRC_NOT_AUTHORIZED

For a testing queue manager or if you want to have your queue manager with the same behavior as in MQ 7.x and not requiring passwords to be specified.

Issue the following 2 runmqsc commands to change the value of CHCKCLNT from REQDADM to OPTIONAL for the AUTHINFO shown below and this will allow users to not necessarily provide a userid/password.

```
ALTER AUTHINFO(SYSTEM.DEFAULT.AUTHINFO.IDPWOS) AUTHTYPE(IDPWOS) +
```

```
  CHCKCLNT(OPTIONAL)
```

```
REFRESH SECURITY TYPE(CONNAUTH)
```

d) TLS Protocol:

For illustration purposes I chose the following protocol, which is valid in MQ 7.5, 8.0 and 9.0.

TLS_RSA_WITH_AES_128_CBC_SHA

Here are the web pages regarding this protocol for the different versions of MQ:

http://www.ibm.com/support/knowledgecenter/SSFKSJ_7.5.0/com.ibm.mq.sec.doc/q014260_.htm?lang=en

MQ 7.5.0 > WebSphere MQ > Security > Confidentiality of messages > Specifying CipherSpecs

.
CipherSpec name: TLS_RSA_WITH_AES_128_CBC_SHA
Protocol used: TLS 1.0
Data integrity: SHA-1
Encryption algorithm: AES
Encryption bits: 128
FIPS: Yes
Suite B 128 bit: No
Suite B 192 bit: No
Platforms: Available only on UNIX, Linux, and Windows platforms.

http://www.ibm.com/support/knowledgecenter/SSFKSJ_8.0.0/com.ibm.mq.sec.doc/q014260_.htm?lang=en

MQ 8.0.0 > IBM MQ > Security > Confidentiality of messages > Enabling CipherSpecs

.
Platform support: All
CipherSpec name: TLS_RSA_WITH_AES_128_CBC_SHA
Protocol used: TLS 1.0
Data integrity: SHA-1
Encryption algorithm: AES
Encryption bits: 128
FIPS: Yes
Suite B: No

http://www.ibm.com/support/knowledgecenter/en/SSFKSJ_9.0.0/com.ibm.mq.sec.doc/q014260_.htm

WebSphere MQ > WebSphere MQ 9.0.0 > IBM MQ > Security > Confidentiality of messages > Enabling CipherSpecs

++ References

The following technote provides the steps for non SSL non TLS connections.

<http://www-01.ibm.com/support/docview.wss?uid=swg21470997>

Commands to setup both ways communication between 2 queue managers via Sender and Receiver channels

https://www.ibm.com/support/knowledgecenter/SSFKSJ_8.0.0/com.ibm.mq.sce.doc/q014200_.htm

WebSphere MQ > WebSphere MQ 8.0.0 > IBM MQ > Scenarios > Security scenarios >

Connecting two queue managers using SSL or TLS >

Using CA-signed certificates for mutual authentication

If you would like a shorter version of the instructions, please consult:

<https://developer.ibm.com/answers/questions/250219/how-do-i-configure-ssl-between-2-mq-queue-managers.html>

How do I configure SSL between 2 MQ queue managers (Sender/Receiver channels)?

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```
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Step 1: Client (Windows): Create SSL client key database  
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```

Host: Windows

Login as an MQ administrator

```
runmqakm -keydb -create -db "C:\var\mqm\Qmgrs\QM75WIN\ssl\QM75WIN.kdb" -pw  
clientpass -type cms -expire 365 -stash
```

Result: 4 files were created in the specified ssl directory:

```
C:\> dir C:\var\mqm\Qmgrs\QM75WIN\ssl\  
05/26/2016 02:24 PM          88 QM75WIN.crl  
05/26/2016 02:24 PM          88 QM75WIN.kdb  
05/26/2016 02:24 PM          88 QM75WIN.rdb  
05/26/2016 02:24 PM         129 QM75WIN.sth
```

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Step 2: Client (Windows): Create certificate: self-signed
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Host: Windows

+ Create the certificate: self-signed

```
runmqakm -cert -create -db "C:\var\mqm\Qmgrs\QM75WIN\ssl\QM75WIN.kdb" -pw  
clientpass -label ibmwebspheremqmqm75win -dn "CN=QM75WIN,O=IBM,C=USA" -expire  
365 -sigalg sha1 -size 2048
```

Where:

-label is the label name:

ibmwebspheremqmqm75win

It is required to be the concatenation of:

ibmwebspheremq + queue manager in lower case

In this case:

ibmwebspheremq + qm75win

-dn is the "Distinguished Name"

-sigalg is the signature algorithm

-size The recommended size is 2048 bits. The certificates with a size of 1024 are no longer recommended.

For more details, see:

http://www.ibm.com/support/knowledgecenter/SSFKSJ_7.5.0/com.ibm.mq.sec.doc/q012680_.htm

WebSphere MQ > WebSphere MQ 7.5.0 > WebSphere MQ > Security > Setting up security > Working with SSL or TLS > Working with SSL or TLS on UNIX and Windows systems > Setting up a key repository on UNIX, Linux and Windows systems

Result: Notice that the size of QM75WIN.kdb was increased

```
C:\>dir C:\var\mqm\Qmgrs\QM75WIN\ssl\
```

```
05/26/2016 02:24 PM          88 QM75WIN.crl  
05/26/2016 02:28 PM      5,088 QM75WIN.kdb => size increase  
05/26/2016 02:24 PM          88 QM75WIN.rdb  
05/26/2016 02:24 PM         129 QM75WIN.sth
```

+ List newly created SSL certificate in Windows

Host: Windows

Result: notice that a "personal" certificate was created.

```
runmqakm -cert -list -db "C:\var\mqm\Qmgrs\QM75WIN\ssl\QM75WIN.kdb"  
-pw clientpass
```

Certificates found

```
* default, - personal, ! trusted  
-      ibmwebspheremqqm75win
```

+ List the details of the certificate.

For brevity, I am deleting some lines.

```
runmqakm -cert -details -db "C:\var\mqm\Qmgrs\QM75WIN\ssl\QM75WIN.kdb" -pw  
clientpass -label ibmwebspheremqqm75win
```

Label : ibmwebspheremqqm75win

Key Size : 2048

Version : X509 V3

Serial : 4dc6c31900fcee

Issuer : CN=QM75WIN,O=IBM,C=USA

Subject : CN=QM75WIN,O=IBM,C=USA

Not Before : May 25, 2016 2:28:37 PM EDT

Not After : May 26, 2017 2:28:37 PM EDT

Public Key

30 81 9F 30 0D 06 09 2A 86 48 86 F7 0D 01 01 01

Public Key Type : RSA (1.2.840.113549.1.1.1)

Fingerprint : SHA1 :

0A 4C 87 BF 3D 32 70 D1 1C 3A C7 B7 F8 78 2E BC

Fingerprint : MD5 :

78 10 23 BD 31 52 17 38 AE 05 EA 1A 44 DB 7F 9E

Fingerprint : SHA256 :

37 18 EA 73 B9 D9 D3 B6 3C 8C 26 F6 DE B9 7E 9A

CD 4C 19 9B 4F 69 30 DD 2D 5C 0B 66 48 46 57 85

Signature Algorithm : SHA1WithRSASignature (1.2.840.113549.1.1.5)

Value

55 15 FD 52 89 0E 92 C2 74 5A 8D A4 41 30 1C EC

01 F2 55 F6 EF AB 68 28 95 EC 23 D8 29 BD CB F9

Trust Status : Enabled

+ Reference: deleting a certificate

We are including the following command just for completeness, you do NOT need to issue it for this tutorial.

If you need to delete the certificate, specify the proper label and issue:

```
runmqakm -cert -delete -db "C:\var\mqm\Qmgrs\QM75WIN\ssl\QM75WIN.kdb" -pw  
clientpass -label <label>
```

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Step 3: Client (Windows): Extract the public SSL client certificate
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Host: Windows

Notes:

- The flag -extract deals only with the signer/public key of a certificate, and does NOT deal with the private key.
- The flag "-format ascii" means "Base64-encoded ASCII"

```
runmqakm -cert -extract -db "C:\var\mqm\Qmgrs\QM75WIN\ssl\QM75WIN.kdb" -pw  
clientpass -label ibmwebspheremqqm75win -target QM75WIN.crt -format ascii
```

Notice a new file:

```
C:\var\mqm\Qmgrs\QM75WIN\ssl> dir  
05/26/2016 02:24 PM          88 QM75WIN.crl  
05/26/2016 02:38 PM      1072 QM75WIN.crt => new file  
05/26/2016 02:28 PM     5,088 QM75WIN.kdb  
05/26/2016 02:24 PM          88 QM75WIN.rdb  
05/26/2016 02:24 PM         129 QM75WIN.sth
```

The new file looks like this.

For brevity, I am showing only few lines and I am deleting others:

```
C:\var\mqm\Qmgrs\QM75WIN\ssl> type QM75WIN.crt  
-----BEGIN CERTIFICATE-----  
MIICJzCCAZCgAwIBAgIIQMjeXQWo9ocwDQYJKoZIhvcNAQELBQAwVjEMMAoGA1UE  
ucxvCfw+QqOf8pubxzVzf78lJFPaYbuzXgi+  
-----END CERTIFICATE-----
```

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Step 4: Client (Windows): Copy Windows certificate to the SSL server side in Linux
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Host: Windows

Use FTP to transfer the SSL certificate QM75WIN.crt in ASCII mode from the Windows host to the Linux host.

The file can be placed in the directory:

 /var/mqm/qmgrs/QM80LNX/ssl/

Host: Linux

mqm@SUSE-host4: /var/mqm/qmgrs/QM80LNX/ssl

\$ ls -l

-rw-r--r-- 1 root mqm 1072 2016-05-26 11:41 QM75WIN.crt => New file

```
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Step 5: Server (Linux): Create SSL server key database  
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```

Host: Linux

Log in as an MQ Administrator

```
cd /var/mqm/qmgrs/QM80LNX/ssl
```

```
runmqakm -keydb -create -db "/var/mqm/qmgrs/QM80LNX/ssl/QM80LNX.kdb" -pw  
serverpass -type cms -expire 365 -stash
```

Result: 4 files were created in the specified ssl directory:

```
mqm@SUSE-host4: /var/mqm/qmgrs/QM80LNX/ssl  
$ ls -l  
-rw-r--r-- 1 root mqm 712 2016-05-26 11:41 QM75WIN.crt  
-rw----- 1 mqm mqm 88 2016-05-26 11:48 QM80LNX.crl => new  
-rw----- 1 mqm mqm 88 2016-05-26 11:48 QM80LNX.kdb => new  
-rw----- 1 mqm mqm 88 2016-05-26 11:48 QM80LNX.rdb => new  
-rw----- 1 mqm mqm 129 2016-05-26 11:48 QM80LNX.sth => new
```



```
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Step 6: Server (Linux): Create certificate: self-signed
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```

Host: Linux

```
runmqakm -cert -create -db "/var/mqm/qmgrs/QM80LNX/ssl/QM80LNX.kdb" -pw
serverpass -label ibmwebspheremqmqm80lnx -dn "CN=QM80LNX,O=IBM,C=USA" -expire
365 -sigalg sha1 -size 2048
```

Note:

In MQ 8.0, the queue manager's certificate does not need to be as in MQ 7.x:

```
ibmwebspheremq + qmgrname
```

But we still recommend using that convention.

If the queue manager's label name is set to something else, the CERTLABL property of the queue manager must be set to the correct certificate labelname.

For more details see:

[http://www.ibm.com/support/knowledgecenter/SSFKSJ_9.0.0/com.ibm.mq.ref.con.-doc/q113280 .htm](http://www.ibm.com/support/knowledgecenter/SSFKSJ_9.0.0/com.ibm.mq.ref.con.-doc/q113280.htm)

WebSphere MQ > WebSphere MQ 9.0.0 > IBM MQ > Reference > Configuration reference > Channel attributes > Channel attributes in alphabetical order > Certificate label (CERTLABL)

Result: Notice that the size of QM80LNX.kdb was increased

```
mqm@SUSE-host4: /var/mqm/qmgrs/QM80LNX/ssl
```

```
$ ls -l
```

```
-rw-r--r-- 1 root mqm 1072 2016-05-26 11:41 QM75WIN.crt
-rw----- 1 mqm mqm 88 2016-05-26 11:48 QM80LNX.crl
-rw----- 1 mqm mqm 5088 2016-05-26 11:51 QM80LNX.kdb => size increase
-rw----- 1 mqm mqm 88 2016-05-26 11:48 QM80LNX.rdb
-rw----- 1 mqm mqm 129 2016-05-26 11:48 QM80LNX.sth
```

+ List newly created SSL certificate in Linux

Result: notice that a "personal" certificate was created.

```
runmqakm -cert -list -db "/var/mqm/qmgrs/QM80LNX/ssl/QM80LNX.kdb" -pw server-
pass
```

Certificates found

```
* default, - personal, ! trusted, # secret key
```

```
- ibmwebspheremqmqm80lnx
```

+ List the details of the certificate.
For brevity, I am deleting some lines.

```
runmqakm -cert -details -db "/var/mqm/qmgrs/QM80LNX/ssl/QM80LNX.kdb" -pw  
serverpass -label ibmwebspheremqqm80lnx
```

```
Label : ibmwebspheremqqm80lnx  
Key Size : 2048  
Version : X509 V3  
Serial : 1b8895dac7a7708f  
Issuer : CN=QM80LNX,O=IBM,C=USA  
Subject : CN=QM80LNX,O=IBM,C=USA  
Not Before : May 25, 2016 11:51:50 AM PDT  
Not After : May 26, 2017 11:51:50 AM PDT  
Public Key  
 30 81 9F 30 0D 06 09 2A 86 48 86 F7 0D 01 01 01  
Public Key Type : RSA (1.2.840.113549.1.1.1)  
Fingerprint : SHA1 :  
  CF 70 23 06 AB 25 29 35 EF 87 EB A3 49 2A 3B 78  
Fingerprint : MD5 :  
  9E 85 14 24 57 2E 83 EF 61 45 25 0A F4 31 5E B0  
Fingerprint : SHA256 :  
  74 E4 FF 26 1F BD 6B F9 CA 19 D8 35 7D 17 39 DA  
Extensions  
  SubjectKeyIdentifier  
    keyIdentifier:  
  04 93 F0 52 04 84 43 95 E2 96 1F 7C F7 AA 7F 87  
  CB DA BE D2  
  AuthorityKeyIdentifier  
    keyIdentifier:  
  04 93 F0 52 04 84 43 95 E2 96 1F 7C F7 AA 7F 87  
  CB DA BE D2  
    authorityIdentifier:  
    authorityCertSerialNumber:  
Signature Algorithm : SHA1WithRSASignature (1.2.840.113549.1.1.5)  
Value  
  7C 1D 3A 08 31 FC 9E DC D9 5A AA C7 E3 E7 D1 F6  
Trust Status : Enabled
```

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Step 7: Server (Linux): Extract the public SSL server certificate
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Host: Linux

Notes:

- The flag `-extract` deals only with the signer/public key of a certificate, and does NOT deal with the private key.
- The flag `"-format ascii"` means "Base64-encoded ASCII"

```
runmqakm -cert -extract -db "/var/mqm/qmgrs/QM80LNX/ssl/QM80LNX.kdb" -pw  
serverpass -label ibmwebspheremqmqm80lnx -target QM80LNX.crt -format ascii
```

Notice the new file: QM80LNX.crt

```
$ ls -l  
-rw-r--r-- 1 root mqm 1072 2016-05-26 11:41 QM75WIN.crt  
-rw----- 1 mqm mqm 88 2016-05-26 11:48 QM80LNX.crl  
-rw----- 1 mqm mqm 1143 2016-05-26 11:56 QM80LNX.crt => new file  
-rw----- 1 mqm mqm 5088 2016-05-26 11:51 QM80LNX.kdb  
-rw----- 1 mqm mqm 88 2016-05-26 11:48 QM80LNX.rdb  
-rw----- 1 mqm mqm 129 2016-05-26 11:48 QM80LNX.sth
```

The new file looks like this.

For brevity, I am showing only few lines and I am deleting others:

```
$ cat QM80LNX.crt  
-----BEGIN CERTIFICATE-----  
MIICbTCCAdagAwIBAgIlletAWwN2vaPQwDQYJKoZIhvcNAQELBQAwVzEMMAoGA1UE  
hw==  
-----END CERTIFICATE-----
```

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Step 8: Server (Linux): Copy Linux certificate to the SSL client side in Windows
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Host: Linux

Use FTP to transfer the SSL certificate QM80LNX.crt in ASCII mode from the Linux host to the Windows host.

The file can be placed in the directory:

C:\var\mqm\Qmgrs\QM75WIN\ssl

Host: Windows

Notice the new file:

05/26/2016 02:24 PM	88 QM75WIN.crl
05/26/2016 02:38 PM	1072 QM75WIN.crt
05/26/2016 02:28 PM	5,088 QM75WIN.kdb
05/26/2016 02:24 PM	88 QM75WIN.rdb
05/26/2016 02:24 PM	129 QM75WIN.sth
05/26/2016 02:59 PM	<u>1143 QM80LNX.crt => new file</u>

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Step 9: Server (Linux): Add the Windows certificate to Linux key database
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Host: Linux

+ Add the public/signer certificate

Note: the flag -add deals only with the signer/public key of a certificate, and does NOT deal with the private key.

```
runmqakm -cert -add -db "/var/mqm/qmgrs/QM80LNX/ssl/QM80LNX.kdb" -pw server-pass -label ibmwebspheremqqm75win -file QM75WIN.crt -format ascii
```

Notice the size increase for QM80LNX.kdb

```
$ ls -l
```

```
-rw-r--r-- 1 root mqm 1072 2016-05-26 11:41 QM75WIN.crt
-rw----- 1 mqm mqm 88 2016-05-26 11:48 QM80LNX.crl
-rw----- 1 mqm mqm 1143 2016-05-26 11:56 QM80LNX.crt
-rw----- 1 mqm mqm 10088 2016-05-26 11:59 QM80LNX.kdb => size increase
-rw----- 1 mqm mqm 88 2016-05-26 11:48 QM80LNX.rdb
-rw----- 1 mqm mqm 129 2016-05-26 11:48 QM80LNX.sth
```

+ List the certificates.

Notice the new one: ibmwebspheremqqm75win

```
runmqakm -cert -list -db "/var/mqm/qmgrs/QM80LNX/ssl/QM80LNX.kdb" -pw server-pass
```

Certificates found

* default, - personal, ! trusted, # secret key

! ibmwebspheremqqm75win

- ibmwebspheremqqm80lnx

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Step 10: Server (Linux): Run MQSC commands for SSL server side queue manager
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Host: Linux

NOTES regarding SSLPEER:

Even though the SSLPEER attribute for the queue manager is optional, it is a good practice to use it for extra security.

Notice that the SSLPEER needs to match the details from the Windows certificate (from Step 2: Client (Windows): Create certificate).

Issuer : CN=QM75WIN,O=IBM,C=USA

NOTES regarding SSLKEYR:

GSKit is going to add the “.kdb” suffix for the key database. That is, do NOT add the kdb extension!

You MUST provide the value for SSLKEYR as follows: full path name of the key store MINUS the .kdb suffix (the .kdb is added at runtime):

Full path name with suffix: /var/mqm/qmgrs/QM80LNX/ssl/QM80LNX.kdb

Full path name minus suffix: /var/mqm/qmgrs/QM80LNX/ssl/QM80LNX

Run the following MQSC commands for creating a RECEIVER channel.

```
runmqsc QM80LNX
```

```
ALTER QMGR SSLKEYR('/var/mqm/qmgrs/QM80LNX/ssl/QM80LNX')
```

```
DEFINE CHANNEL('QM75WIN.TO.QM80LNX') CHLTYPE(RCVR) TRPTYPE(TCP) +  
SSLCIPH(TLS_RSA_WITH_AES_128_CBC_SHA) SSLCAUTH(REQUIRED) +  
SSLPEER('CN=QM75WIN,O=IBM,C=USA') REPLACE
```

* The refresh for SSL ends all SSL channels, then re-loads the keystore and certificates, and restarts any SSL channels that were running

```
REFRESH SECURITY TYPE(SSL)
```

* Define local queue for testing

```
DEFINE QLOCAL(Q6)
```

```
end
```

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Step 11: Client (Windows): Add the Linux certificate to the Windows key database
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Host: Windows

+ Add the public/signer certificate

Note: the flag -add deals only with the signer/public key of a certificate, and does NOT deal with the private key.

```
runmqakm -cert -add -db "C:\var\mqm\Qmgrs\QM75WIN\ssl\QM75WIN.kdb" -pw client-  
pass -label ibmwebspheremqqm80lnx -file QM80LNX.crt -format ascii
```

Notice the size increase for QM75WIN.kdb

05/26/2016 02:24 PM	88 QM75WIN.crl
05/26/2016 02:38 PM	1072 QM75WIN.crt
05/26/2016 03:08 PM	<u>10,088 QM75WIN.kdb => size increase</u>
05/26/2016 02:24 PM	88 QM75WIN.rdb
05/26/2016 02:24 PM	129 QM75WIN.sth
05/26/2016 02:59 PM	1143 QM80LNX.crt

+ List the certificates.

Notice the new one: ibmwebspheremqqm80lnx

```
runmqakm -cert -list -db "C:\var\mqm\Qmgrs\QM75WIN\ssl\QM75WIN.kdb" -pw client-  
pass
```

Certificates found

```
* default, - personal, ! trusted  
!   ibmwebspheremqqm80lnx  
-   ibmwebspheremqqm75win
```

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Step 12: Client (Windows): Run MQSC commands for SSL client side queue manager
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Host: Windows

NOTES regarding SSLPEER:

Even though the SSLPEER attribute for the queue manager is optional, it is a good practice to use it for extra security.

Notice that the SSLPEER needs to match the details from the Linux certificate (from Step 6: Server (Linux): Create certificate).

Issuer : CN=QM80LNX,O=IBM,C=USA

NOTES regarding SSLKEYR:

GSKit is going to add the “.kdb” suffix for the key database. That is, do NOT add the kdb extension!

You MUST provide the value for SSLKEYR as follows: full path name of the key store MINUS the .kdb suffix (the .kdb is added at runtime):

Full path name with suffix: C:\var\mqm\Qmgrs\QM75WIN\ssl\QM75WIN.kdb

Full path name minus suffix: C:\var\mqm\Qmgrs\QM75WIN\ssl\QM75WIN

Run the following MQSC commands for creating a SENDER channel and auxiliary object (transmission queue).

In addition, create a remote queue definition in order to test the channel.

```
runmqsc QM75WIN
```

```
ALTER QMGR SSLKEYR('C:\var\mqm\Qmgrs\QM75WIN\ssl\QM75WIN')
```

```
DEFINE CHANNEL('QM75WIN.TO.QM80LNX') CHLTYPE(SDR) TRPTYPE(TCP) +  
XMITQ('QM80LNX') CONNAME('9.30.145.117(1419)') +  
SSLCIPH(TLS_RSA_WITH_AES_128_CBC_SHA) +  
SSLPEER('CN=QM80LNX,O=IBM,C=USA') REPLACE
```

```
DEFINE QL(QM80LNX) USAGE(XMITQ) REPLACE
```

* The refresh for SSL ends all SSL channels, then re-loads the keystore and certificates, and restarts any SSL channels that were running

```
REFRESH SECURITY TYPE(SSL)
```

* Define remote queue definition for QM80LNX


```
DEFINE QREMOTE(Q6_QM80LNX) RNAME(Q6) RQMNAME(QM80LNX) XMITQ(QM80LNX)
```

```
* Start the channel and display the status
START CHANNEL('QM75WIN.TO.QM80LNX')
DISPLAY CHSTATUS(QM75WIN.TO.QM80LNX)
DISPLAY CHSTATUS(QM75WIN.TO.QM80LNX) ALL
```

end

For the DISPLAY CHSTATUS(QM75WIN.TO.QM80LNX)
you should see: STATUS(RUNNING)

AMQ8417: Display Channel Status details.

```
CHANNEL(QM75WIN.TO.QM80LNX)      CHLTYPE(SDR)
CONNNAME(9.30.145.117(1419))     CURRENT
RQMNAME(QM80LNX)                 STATUS(RUNNING)
SUBSTATE(MQGET)                   XMITQ(QM80LNX)
```

For the DISPLAY CHSTATUS(QM75WIN.TO.QM80LNX) ALL
you should see:

```
SSLCERTI(CN=QM80LNX,O=IBM,C=USA)
SSLPEER(SERIALNUMBER=51:73:46:05:81:9B:AE:BA,CN=QM80LNX,O=IBM,C=USA)
STATUS(RUNNING)
```

The SSLCERTI and SSLPEER attributes (remote signer and remote peer DN) help validate that the channel is using the certificates.

AMQ8417: Display Channel Status details.

```
CHANNEL(QM75WIN.TO.QM80LNX)      CHLTYPE(SDR)
BATCHES(0)                        BATCHSZ(50)
BUFSRCVD(2)                       BUFSSSENT(2)
BYTSRCVD(472)                     BYTSSSENT(472)
CHSTADA(2016-06-14)               CHSTATI(08.27.10)
COMPHDR(NONE,NONE)               COMPMSG(NONE,NONE)
COMPRATE(0,0)                    COMPTIME(0,0)
CONNNAME(9.30.145.117(1419))     CURLUID(05F85F5710000101)
CURMSG(0)                         CURRENT
CURSEQNO(0)                       EXITTIME(0,0)
HBINT(300)                        INDOUBT(NO)
JOBNAME(0000185C000008B8)        LOCLADDR(9.76.138.138(58347))
LONGRTS(999999999)              LSTLUUID(0000000000000000)
LSTMSGDA( )                      LSTMSGTI( )
```

LSTSEQNO(0)	MCASTAT(RUNNING)
MONCHL(OFF)	MSG5(0)
NETTIME(0,0)	NPMSPEED(FAST)
RQMNAME(QM80LNX)	SHORTRTS(10)
<u>SSLCERTI(CN=QM80LNX,O=IBM,C=USA)</u>	SSLKEYDA()
SSLKEYTI()	
<u>SSLPEER(SERIALNUMBER=51:73:46:05:81:9B:AE:BA,CN=QM80LNX,O=IBM,C=USA)</u>	
SSLRKEYS(0)	<u>STATUS(RUNNING)</u>
STOPREQ(NO)	SUBSTATE(MQGET)
XBATCHSZ(0,0)	XMITQ(QM80LNX)
XQTIME(0,0)	RVERSION(08000004)
RPRODUCT(MQMM)	

```
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Step 13: Test of sending message from Client (Windows) to Server (Linux)
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```

Host: Windows

Use sample amqspout to put a message into the remote queue definition Q6_QM80LNX

```
C:\var\mqm\Qmgrs\QM75WIN\ssl> amqspout Q6_QM80LNX QM75WIN
Sample AMQSPUTO start
target queue is Q6_QM80LNX
Testing of SSL channel
Sample AMQSPUTO end
```

Host: Linux

Use sample amqsget to get the message sent from Windows

```
mqm@SUSE-host4: /var/mqm/qmgrs/QM80LNX/ssl
$ amqsget Q6 QM80LNX
Sample AMQSGETO start
message <Testing of SSL channel>
no more messages
Sample AMQSGETO end
```

Result:

The message with contents:

Testing of SSL channel
... was successfully sent from the Client queue manager QM75WIN in Windows, to the Server queue manager QM80LNX in Linux.

++ APPENDIX ++ Brief description of using the GUI: IBM Key Management (iKeyman)

This section shows briefly how to perform the equivalent tasks in the GUI for the actions performed with the runmqakm commands described in this techdoc.

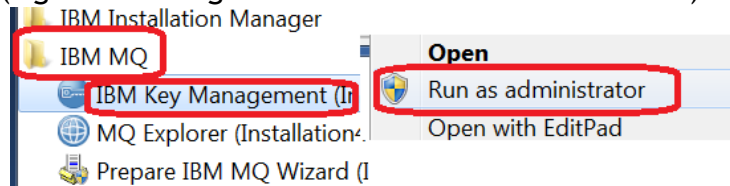
Note: The name of the queue manager and the name of the client key database are different in these examples (because it was convenient).

+ Step 1: Client (Windows): Create SSL client key database

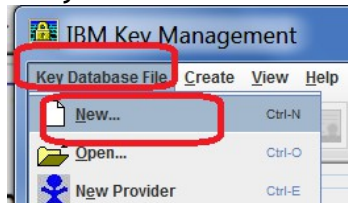
```
cd C:\var\mqm\Qmgrs\QM75W\ssl
```

```
runmqakm -keydb -create -db "C:\var\mqm\Qmgrs\QM75WIN\ssl\key.kdb"  
-pw clientpass -type cms -expire 365 -stash
```

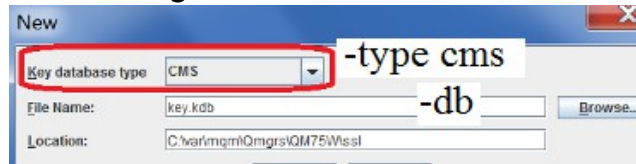
Start the GUI: (right-click to get menu to Run as administrator)



Create SSL client key database: Key Database File > New ...



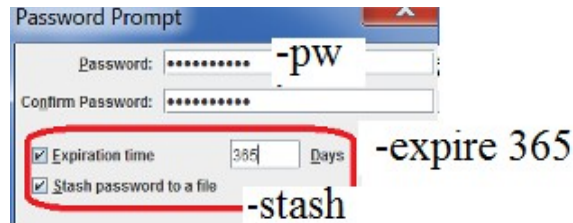
Specify: Key database type: CMS
... and other fields. Click OK to get next screen.



Then enable the checkboxes and press OK

(*) Expiration time ==> Enter the desired days, in this case: 365

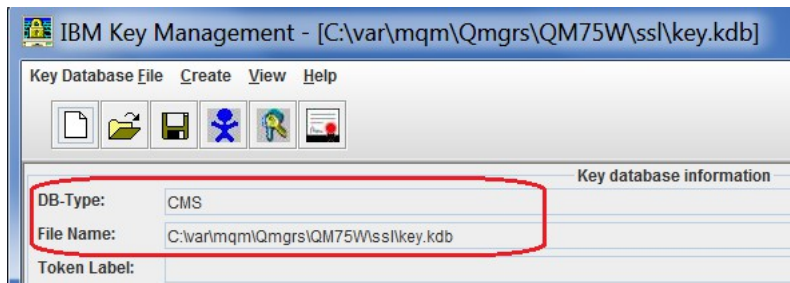
(*) Stash password to a file



You will see the following data in the top section: Key database information

DB-Type: CMS

File Name: C:\var\mqm\Qmgrs\QM75WIN\ssl\key.kdb



The result is the creation of 3 files:

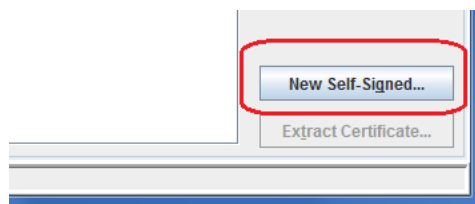
```
C:\var\mqm\Qmgrs\QM75W\ssl> dir
08/16/2016 03:22 PM      88 key.kdb
08/16/2016 03:22 PM      80 key.rdb
08/16/2016 03:22 PM     129 key.sth
```

Step 2: Client (Windows): Create certificate: self-signed

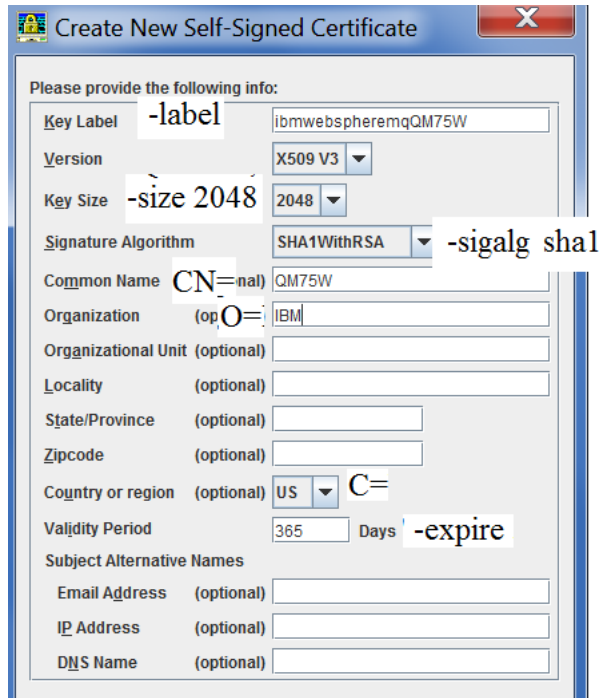
+ Create certificate

```
runmqakm -cert -create -db "C:\var\mqm\Qmgrs\QM75W\ssl\key.kdb" -pw clientpass
-label ibmwebspheremqQM75W -dn "CN=QM75W,O=IBM,C=USA" -expire 365 -sigalg
sha1 -size 2048
```

Click on "New Self-Signed..."

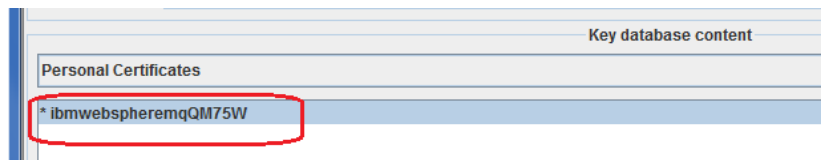


Provide the desired values:



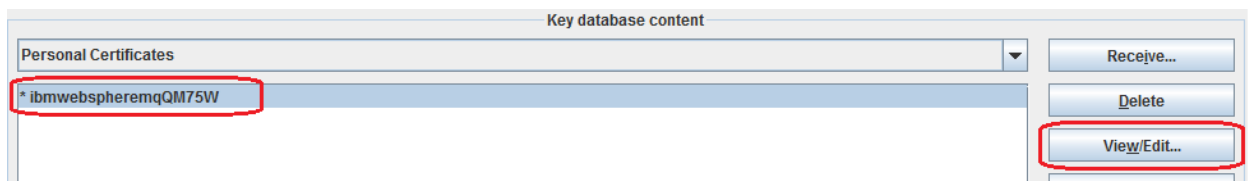
+ List newly created SSL certificate in Windows
`runmqakm -cert -list -db "C:\var\mqm\Qmgrs\QM75W\ssl\key.kdb" -pw clientpass`

After creating a personal, self-signed certificate, it will be show in the section "Key database content", under "Personal Certificates".

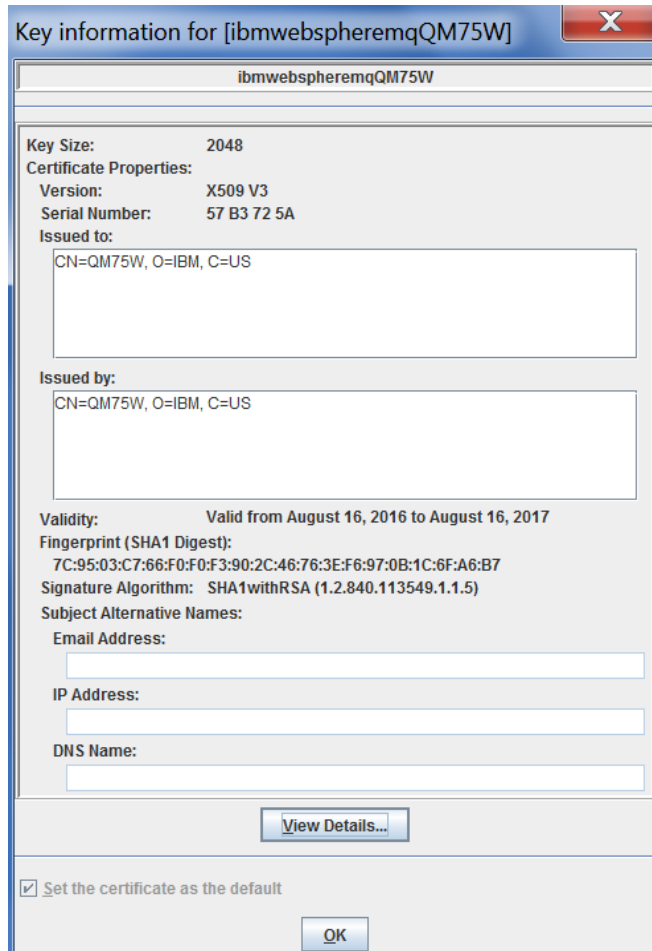


+ List the details of the certificate.
`runmqakm -cert -details -db "C:\var\mqm\Qmgrs\QM75W\ssl\key.kdb" -pw clientpass -label ibmwebspheremqQM75W`

Select the desired certificate and click the button "View/Edit..."

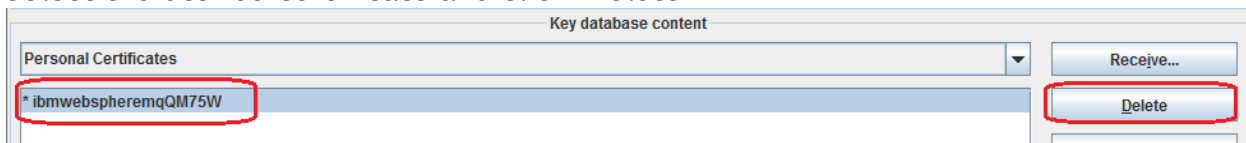


A window will be shown with the details:



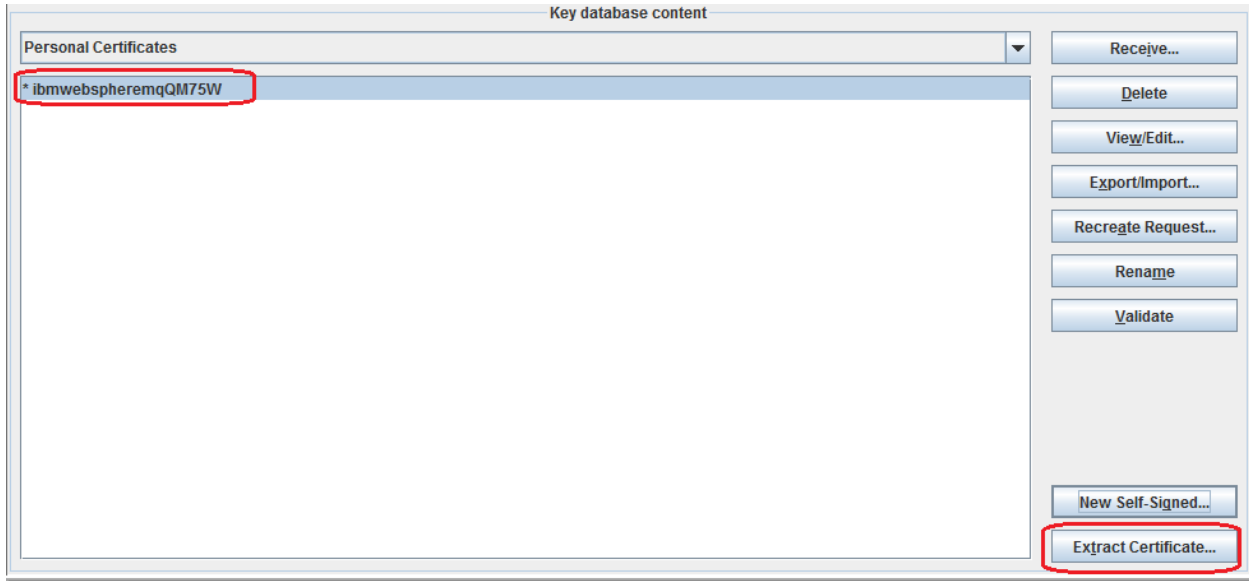
+ REFERENCE: In case that you need to delete the certificate (we are providing this command just for completeness, you do NOT need to issue it for this tutorial)
runmqakm -cert -delete -db "C:\var\mqm\Qmgrs\QM75W\ssl\key.kdb" -pw clientpass -label <label>

Select the desired certificate and click "Delete"



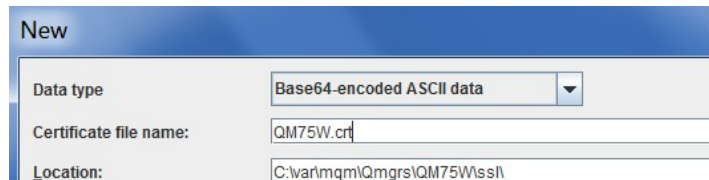
Step 3: Client (Windows): Extract the public SSL client certificate
runmqakm -cert -extract -db "C:\var\mqm\Qmgrs\QM75W\ssl\key.kdb" -pw clientpass
-label ibmwebspheremqQM75W -target QM75W.crt -format ascii

Select the desired certificate and click "Extract Certificate..."



Then enter the desired Certificate file name.

Note that the "Data type" of "Base64-encoded ASCII data" corresponds to the flag "-format ascii".



Step 11: Client (Windows): Add the Linux certificate to the Windows key database

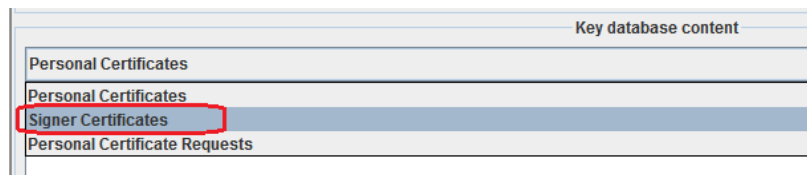
+ Add the public/signer certificate

```
runmqakm -cert -add -db "C:\var\mqm\Qmgrs\QM75W\ssl\key.kdb" -pw clientpass -label ibmwebspheremqqm80lnx -file QM80LNX.crt -format ascii
```

Hum... there is no button "Add" !



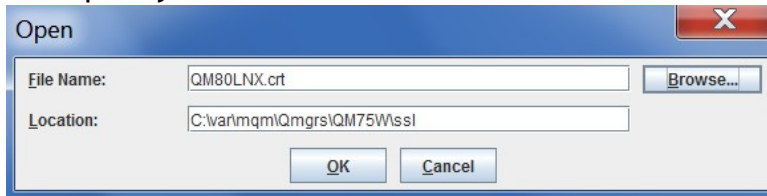
Indeed! Under the "Personal Certificates" view of the Key database, there is no "Add".



BUT, there is an "Add" under the "Signer Certificates" view!



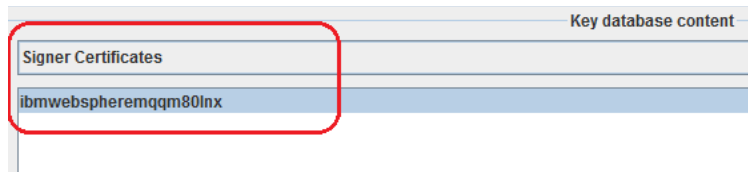
Click "Add" and then specify the file name:



And specify the label:



You will see the added certificate (under the view for "Signer Certificates").



To see the personal self-signed certificate, you have to change the view to "Personal Certificates"



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+++ end +++