Installing the CA-Certificates with the Internet Explorer

Certificates are an important security feature for web Browsers. They can be seen as a digital ID card of a server and identify your web server. In addition, and are needed for proper encryption of data transferred. Meanwhile, the Max Planck Society has a so called certificate authority. This can be compared to a passport office, which can provide and approve digital IDs of servers and people. At the MPI of Economics, we use those certificates to properly identify our web servers. In order to get this to work properly, you must load the certificates into your browser. This must be done just once. Please read below, how it would work. In case of questions or problems, please do not hesitate to ask at the IT department.

Best regards

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You need to install a 'chain of trust'. These certificates are used to identify our web-server to ensure the security of your data.

Just follow the steps and click the buttons or links highlighted with the red border.

Open the Max Planck Institute of Economics Homepage.

Click on “install certificates”

Choose the “1. Rootcertificate” entry
Choose “Open” in the opening dialog-box

Choose “Install Certificate…”

During next steps please confirm the given default values.
Welcome to the Certificate Import Wizard

This wizard helps you copy certificates, certificate trust lists, and certificate revocation lists from your disk to a certificate store.

A certificate, which is issued by a certification authority, is a confirmation of your identity and contains information used to protect data or to establish secure network connections. A certificate store is the system area where certificates are kept.

To continue, click Next.

Certificate Import Wizard

Certificate Store
Certificate stores are system areas where certificates are kept.

Windows can automatically select a certificate store, or you can specify a location for:

- Automatically select the certificate store based on the type of certificate
- Place all certificates in the following store

Certificate Store: [ ]

Certificate Import Wizard

Completing the Certificate Import Wizard

You have successfully completed the Certificate Import Wizard.

You have specified the following settings:

Certificate Store Selected: Automatically determined by
Certificate Content:

Certificate Import Wizard

[Finish]
Now follow the procedure again for “2. DFN-PCA Certificate” and “3. MPG CA Certificate”