

HTTPS certificate based on IP address

White paper

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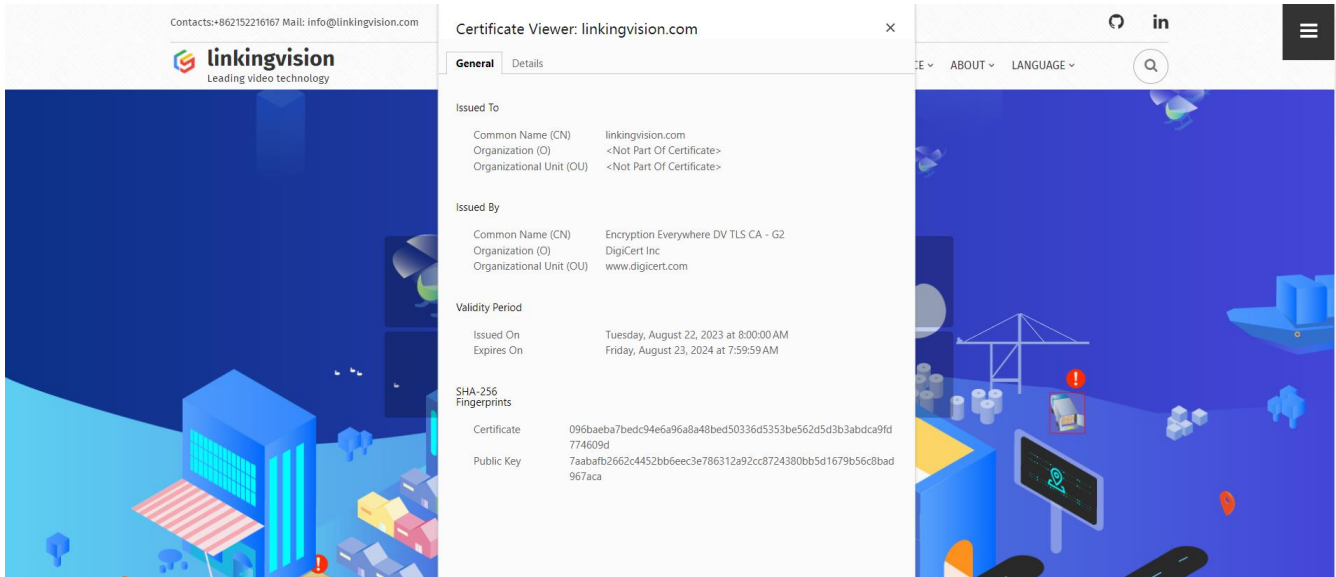
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1.0 Background Introduction

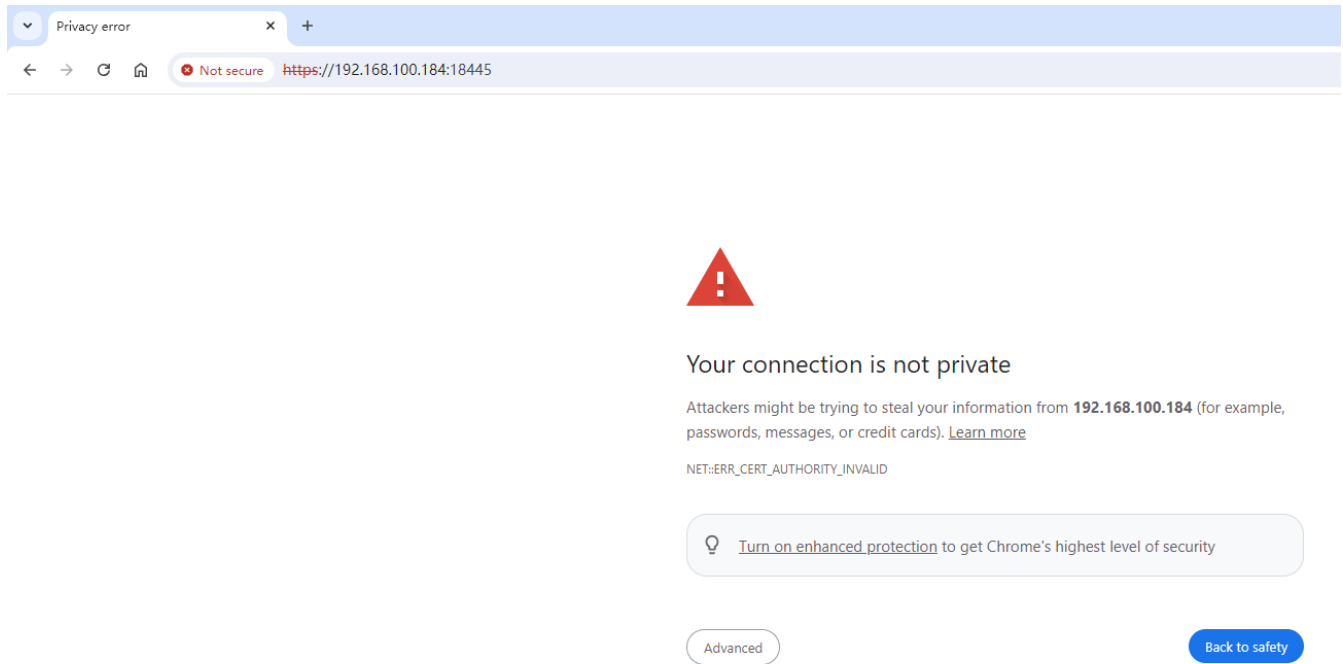
If you want to let the browser trust a HTTPS service (hereinafter referred to as the service), the service must use a certificate that is on the browser's trusted certificate chain. Generally, certificates need to be purchased and bound to a domain name, similar to the following image:



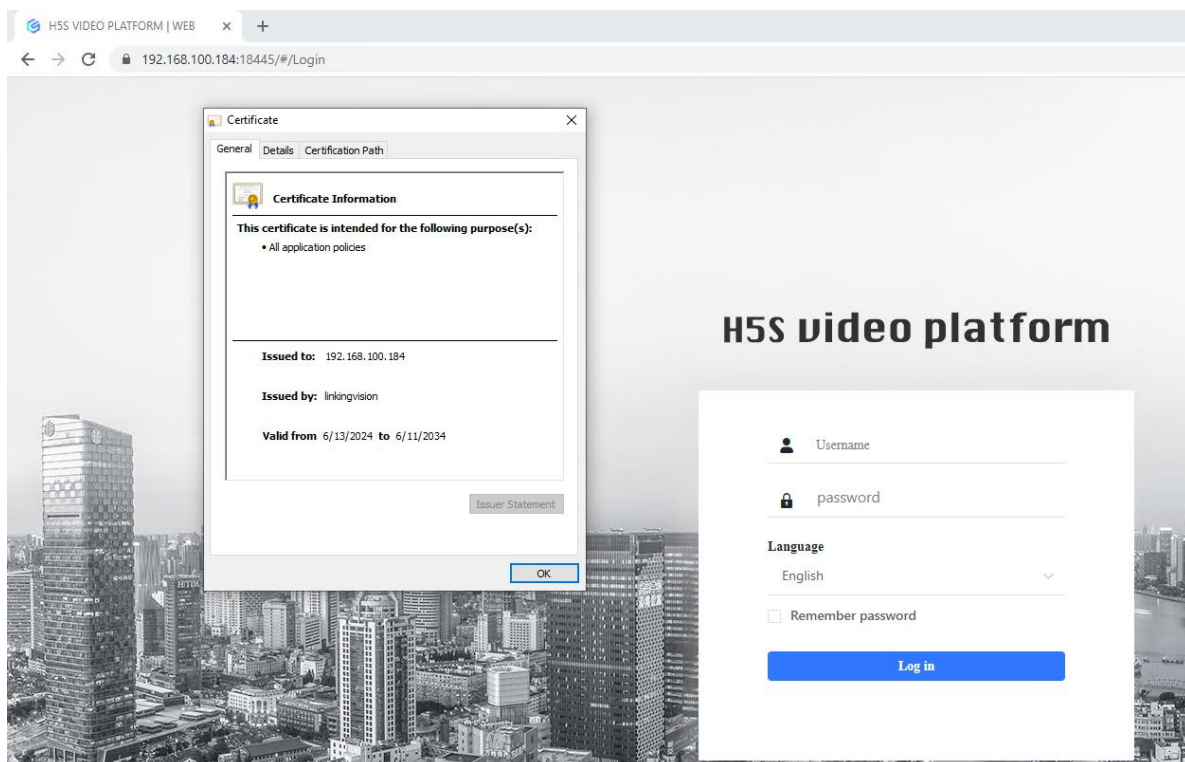
But if the service is on the intranet and cannot use a domain name, can the browser trust the service based on the IP address? The answer is yes, but it requires all the computers where the browser is located to manually import the root certificate. All clients use a single root certificate, which is easier to distribute. Taking Chrome as an example, if there are multiple services, only the certificate needs to be generated on each server, and the root certificate remains unchanged.

2.0 Configuration method

If you want to access the service before configuration, you need to manually trust it, as shown in the following figure:



After configuration, if you access the service, it has become a trusted service, as shown in the following figure:

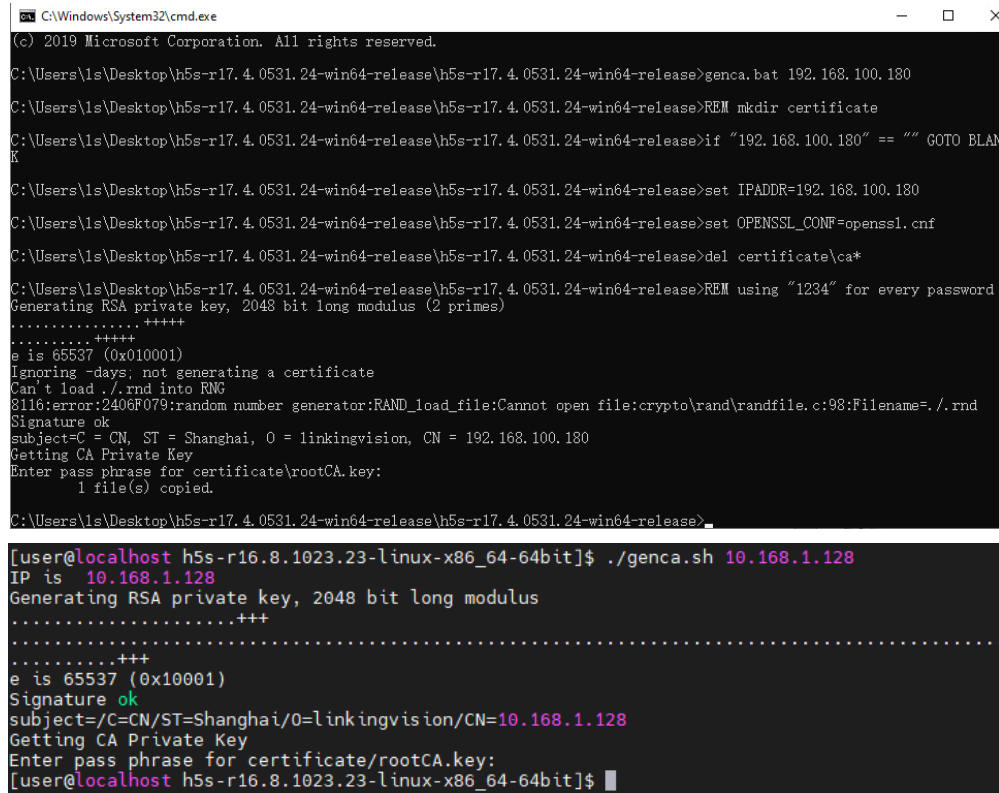


2.1 Server configuration

2.1.1 Generate certificate

Assuming the service IP address is 10.168.1.128, when entering the service root directory, Windows needs to open cmd.exe.

Execute `genca.bat 10.168.1.128` (Linux is `./genca.sh`) and refer to the following figure. Enter the password 1234:



```
C:\Windows\System32\cmd.exe
(c) 2019 Microsoft Corporation. All rights reserved.
C:\Users\ls\Desktop\h5s-r17.4.0531.24-win64-release>genca.bat 192.168.100.180
C:\Users\ls\Desktop\h5s-r17.4.0531.24-win64-release>REM mkdir certificate
C:\Users\ls\Desktop\h5s-r17.4.0531.24-win64-release>if "192.168.100.180" == "" GOTO BLANK
C:\Users\ls\Desktop\h5s-r17.4.0531.24-win64-release>set IPADDR=192.168.100.180
C:\Users\ls\Desktop\h5s-r17.4.0531.24-win64-release>set OPENSSL_CONF=openssl.cnf
C:\Users\ls\Desktop\h5s-r17.4.0531.24-win64-release>del certificate\ca*
C:\Users\ls\Desktop\h5s-r17.4.0531.24-win64-release>REM using "1234" for every password
Generating RSA private key, 2048 bit long modulus (2 primes)
.....++++
.....++++
e is 65537 (0x010001)
Ignoring -days; not generating a certificate
Can't load ./rnd into RNG
8116:error:2406F079:random number generator:RAND_load_file:Cannot open file:crypto\rand\randfile.c:98:Filename= ./rnd
Signature ok
subject=C = CN, ST = Shanghai, O = linkingvision, CN = 192.168.100.180
Getting CA Private Key
Enter pass phrase for certificate\rootCA.key:
1 file(s) copied.
C:\Users\ls\Desktop\h5s-r17.4.0531.24-win64-release>

[user@localhost h5s-r16.8.1023.23-linux-x86_64-64bit]$ ./genca.sh 10.168.1.128
IP is 10.168.1.128
Generating RSA private key, 2048 bit long modulus
.....+++
.....+++
e is 65537 (0x10001)
Signature ok
subject=/C=CN/ST=Shanghai/O=linkingvision/CN=10.168.1.128
Getting CA Private Key
Enter pass phrase for certificate/rootCA.key:
[user@localhost h5s-r16.8.1023.23-linux-x86_64-64bit]$
```

2.1.2 Application certificate

The new certificate generated in the previous step is under the certificate folder, with the file name `ca.pem`. The file structure is the same on Linux and Windows, as shown in the following figure:

ca	7/4/2022 5:14 PM	Security Certificate	2 KB
ca.csr	7/4/2022 5:14 PM	CSR File	1 KB
ca.key	7/4/2022 5:14 PM	KEY File	2 KB
ca.pem	7/4/2022 5:14 PM	PEM File	4 KB
cluster.pem	7/4/2022 5:14 PM	PEM File	4 KB
rootCA	7/4/2022 5:05 PM	Security Certificate	2 KB
rootCA.key	7/4/2022 5:05 PM	KEY File	4 KB
rootCA.srl	7/4/2022 5:14 PM	SRL File	1 KB
server.pem	7/4/2022 5:14 PM	PEM File	4 KB

Then delete server.pem, rename ca.pem to server.pem, and restart the service. The new certificate will be applied after the service restarts.

At the same time, copy the rootCA.crt file and distribute it to the computers where Chrome needs to access the service. The root certificate is fixed. Multiple services can be applied. If you need to modify the root certificate information, you can modify genrootca.bat (genrootca.sh) and generate a new root certificate. It is recommended that all services share a root certificate in a project, which makes it easier to distribute the root certificate. If the root certificate changes, all service certificates need to be recreated because the service certificates are issued using the root certificate.

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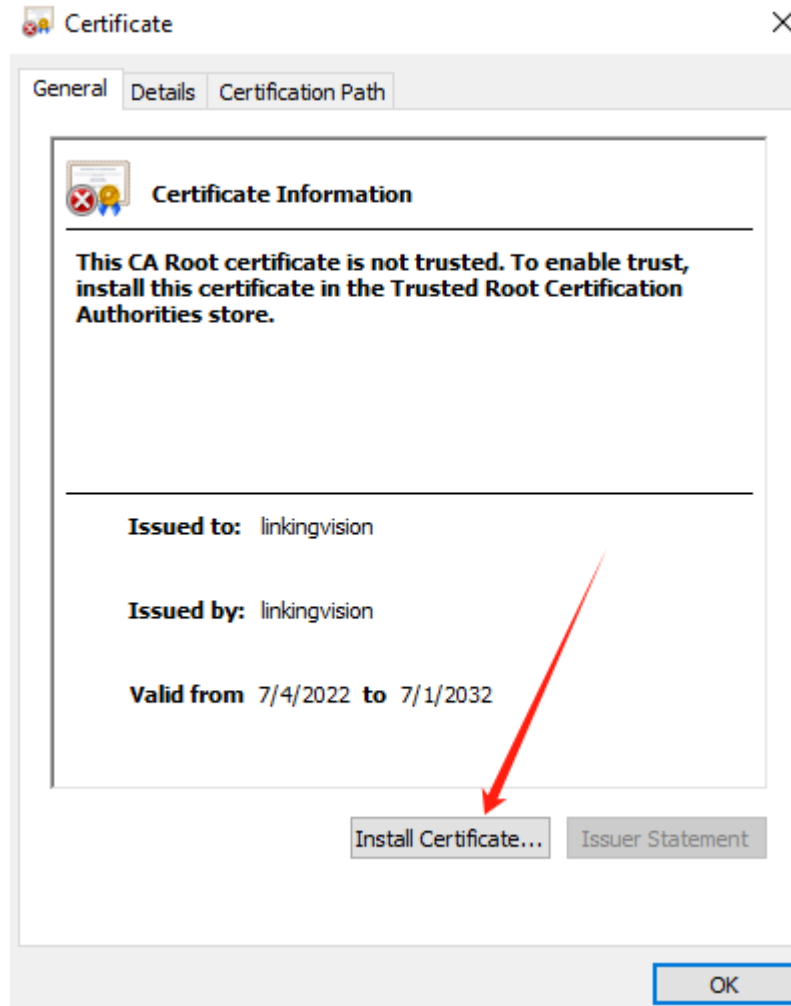
1  mkdir certificate
2
3  del certificate\root*
4  REM using "1234" for every password
5
6  set OPENSSL_CONF=openssl.cnf
7
8
9
10 openssl genrsa -des3 -out certificate\rootCA.key 4096
11 openssl req -x509 -new -nodes -key certificate\rootCA.key -subj
    "/C=CN/ST=Shanghai/O=linkingvision/CN=linkingvision" -sha256 -days 3650 -out
12 certificate\rootCA.crt

```



2.2 Configuration of the machine where the browser is located

2.2.1 Import root certificate

Double-click rootCA.crt copied from the service to open it, and follow the screenshot below:





←  Certificate Import Wizard

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.

Store Location

Current User

Local Machine



To continue, click Next.

 Next

Cancel

Certificate Store

Certificate stores are system areas where certificates are kept.

Select Certificate Store

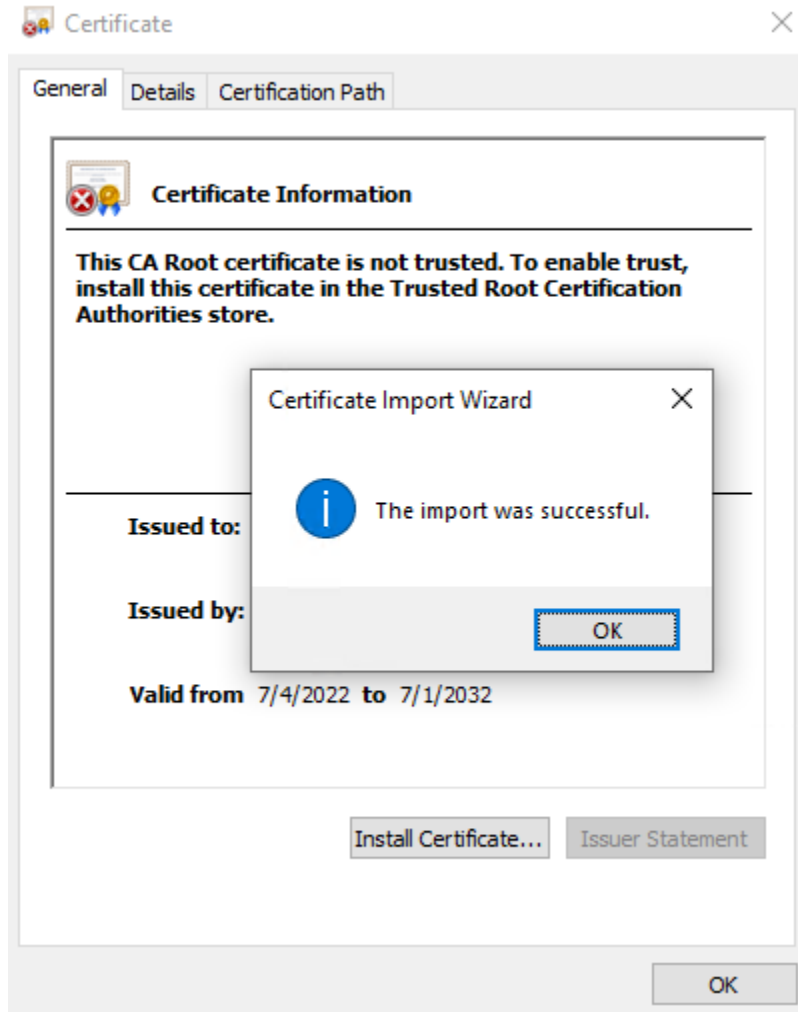
Select the certificate store you want to use.

- Personal
- Trusted Root Certification Authorities
- Enterprise Trust
- Intermediate Certification Authorities
- Trusted Publishers
- Untrusted Certificates

Show physical stores

OK Cancel

Browse...



Finally, it is displayed that the import is successful, and the service has become a trusted service after the import is successful.