

ASA 8.x: Renew and Install the SSL Certificate with ASDM

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[Introduction](#)

The procedure in this document is an example and can be used as a guideline with any certificate vendor or your own root certificate server. Special certificate parameter requirements are sometimes required by your certificate vendor, but this document is intended to provide the general steps required to renew an SSL certificate and install it on an ASA that uses 8.0 software.

[Prerequisites](#)

[Requirements](#)

There are no specific requirements for this document.

[Components Used](#)

This procedure pertains to ASA versions 8.x with ASDM version 6.0(2) or later.

The procedure in this document is based on a valid configuration with a certificate installed and used for SSL VPN access. This procedure does not impact your network as long as the current certificate is not deleted. This procedure is a step-by-step process on how to issue a new CSR for a current certificate with the same root certificate that issued the original root CA.

The information in this document was created from the devices in a specific lab environment. If your network is live, make sure that you understand the potential impact of any command.

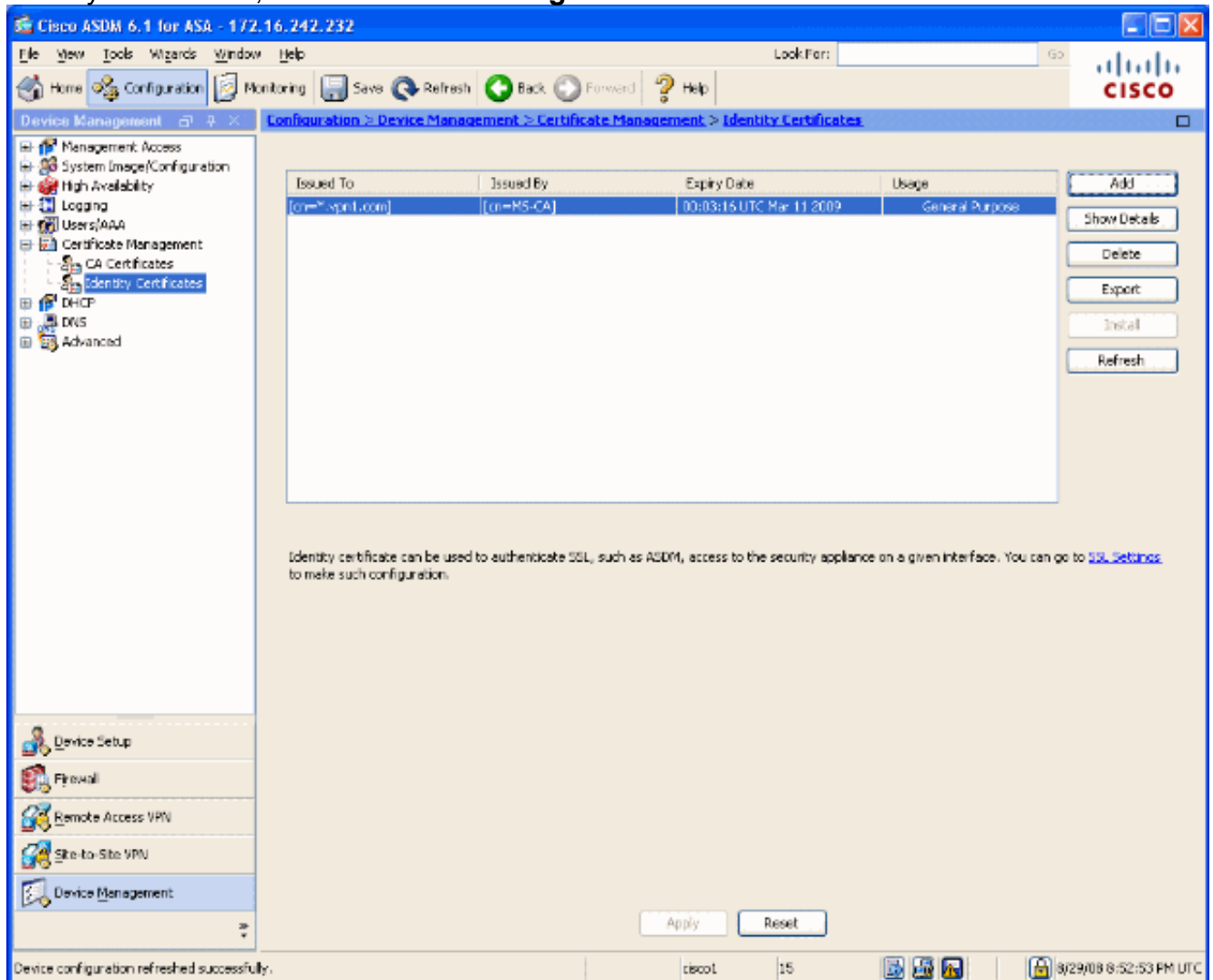
[Conventions](#)

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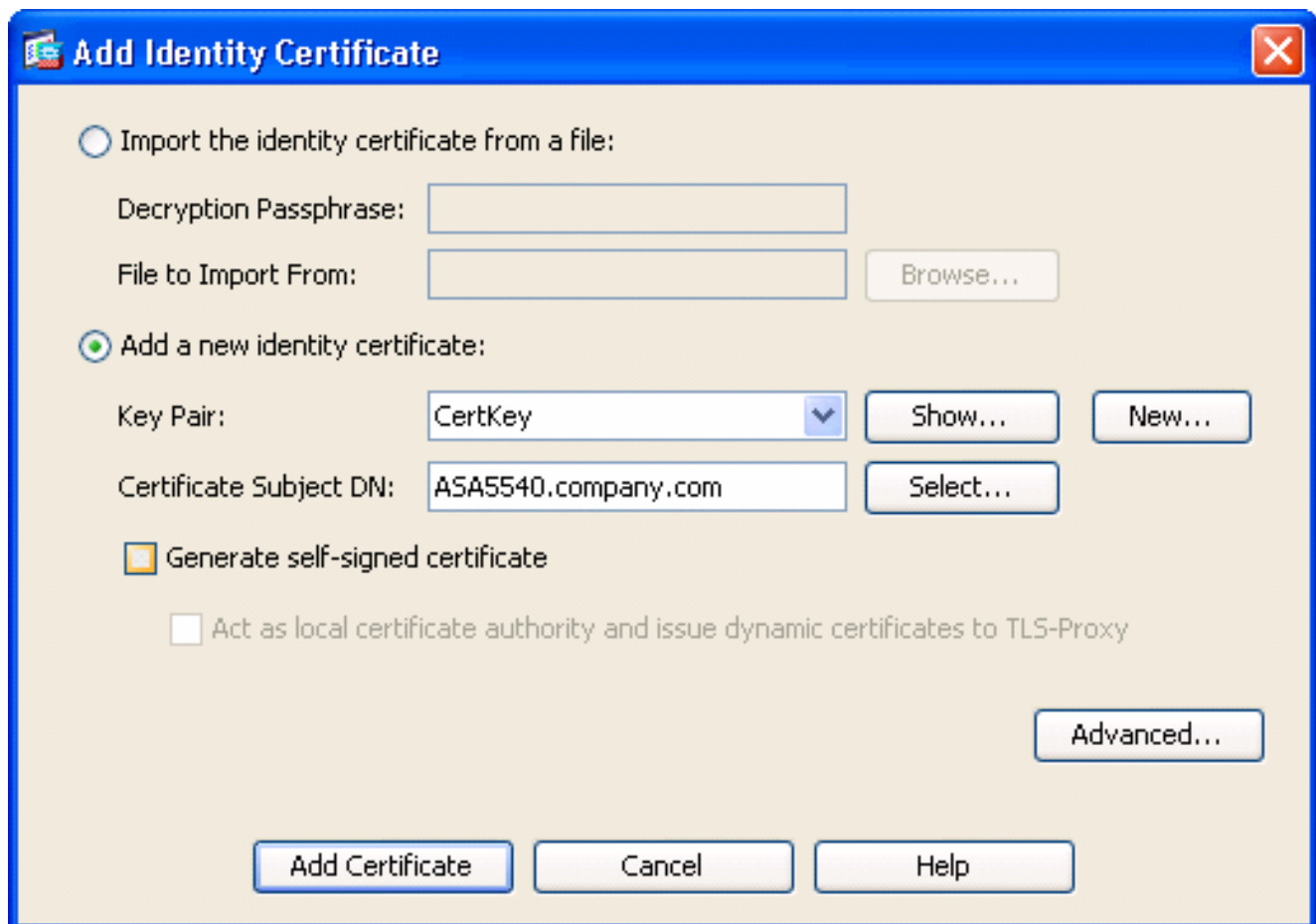
Procedure

Complete these steps:

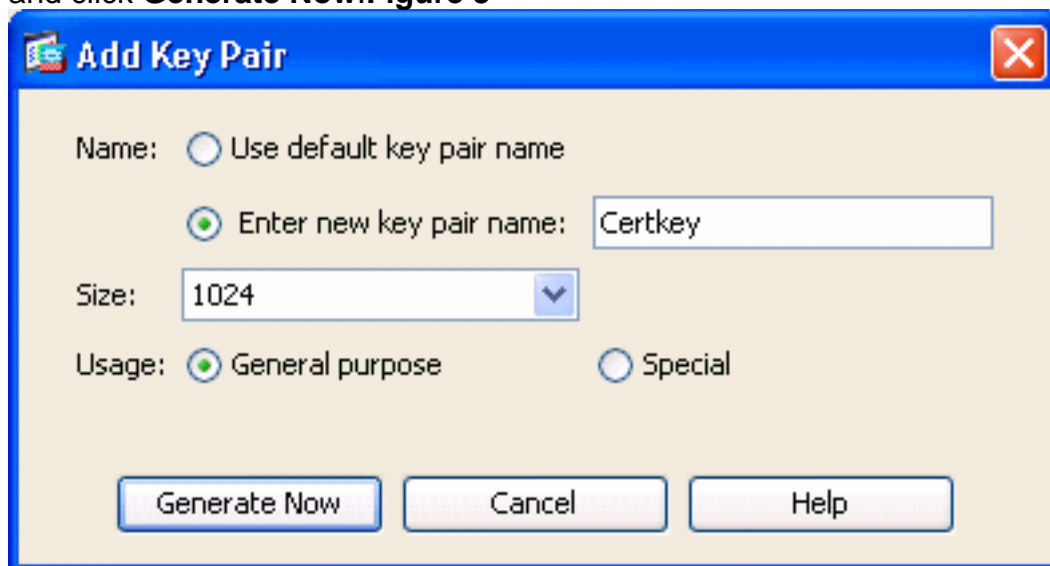
1. Select the certificate you want to renew beneath Configuration > Device Management > Identity Certificates, and then click **Add**. **Figure 1**



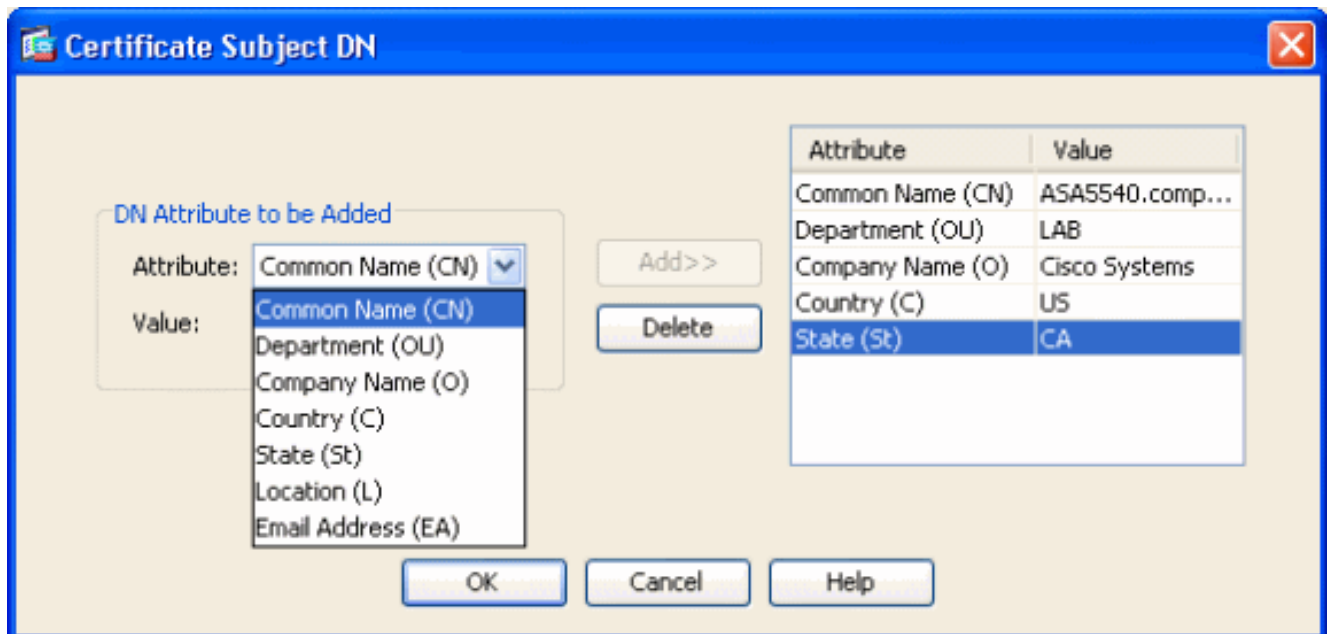
2. Under Add Identity Certificate, select the **Add a new identity certificate** radio button, and choose your key pair from the drop-down menu. **Note:** It is not recommended to use <Default-RSA-Key> because if you regenerate your SSH key, you invalidate your certificate. If you do not have an RSA key, complete Steps a and b. Otherwise continue to Step 3. **Figure 2**



(Optional) Complete these steps if you do not have an RSA key configured yet, otherwise skip to Step 3. Click **New...** Enter the key pair name in the **Enter new key pair name** field, and click **Generate Now**. **Figure 3**



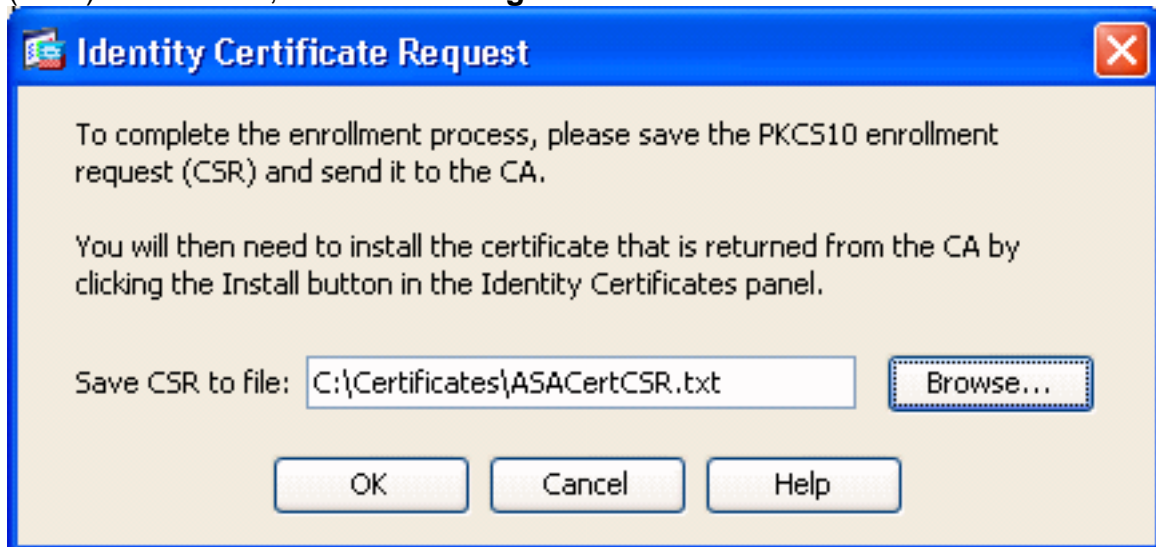
3. Click **Select**.
4. Enter the appropriate certificate attributes as shown in Figure 4. Once completed, click **OK**. Then click **Add Certificate**. **Figure 4**



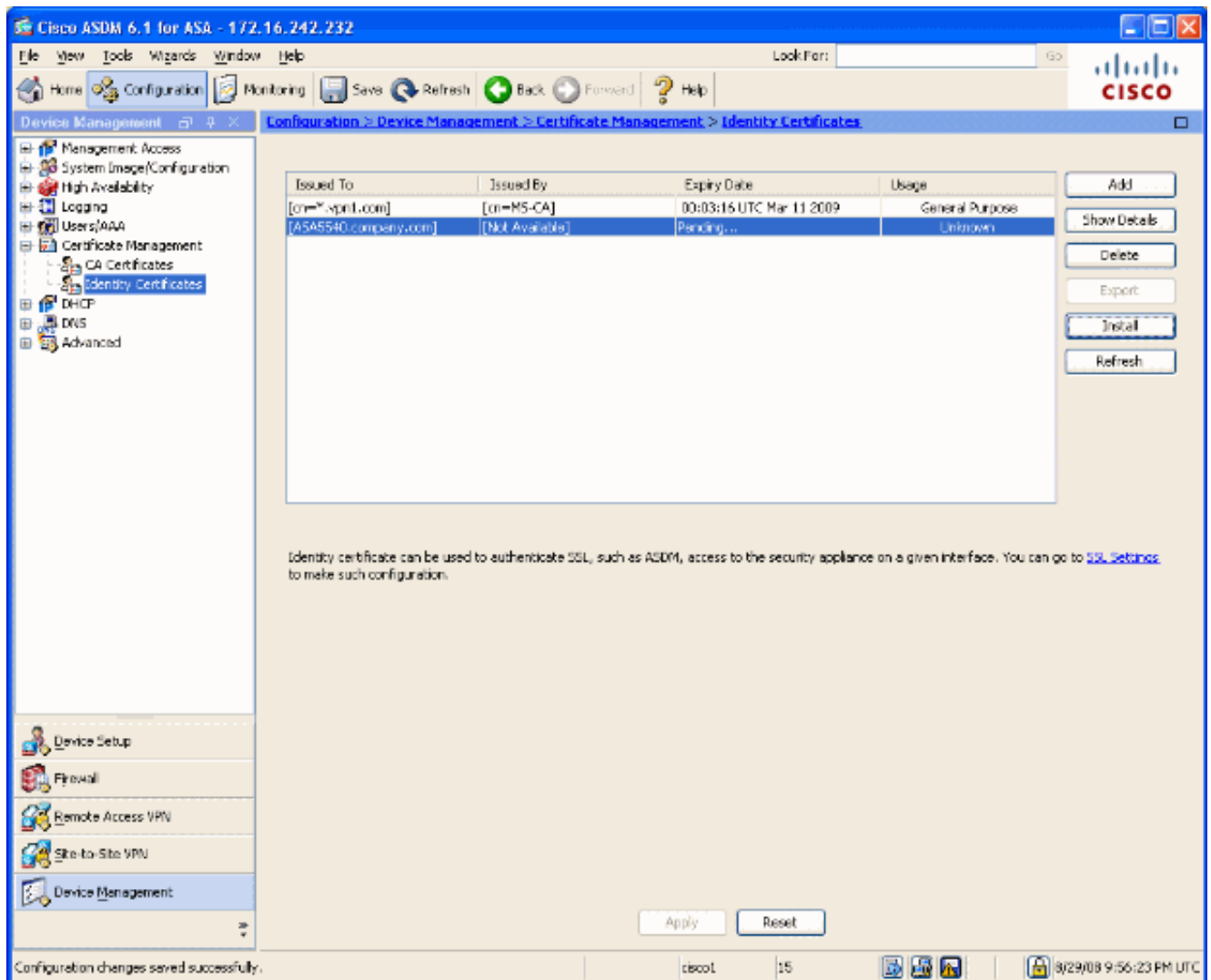
CLI output:

```
crypto ca trustpoint ASDM_TrustPoint0 keypair CertKey id-usage ssl-ipsec fqdn 5540-uwe subject-name
CN=ASA5540.company.com,OU=LAB,O=Cisco systems,C=US,St=CA enrollment terminal crypto ca enroll
ASDM_TrustPoint0
```

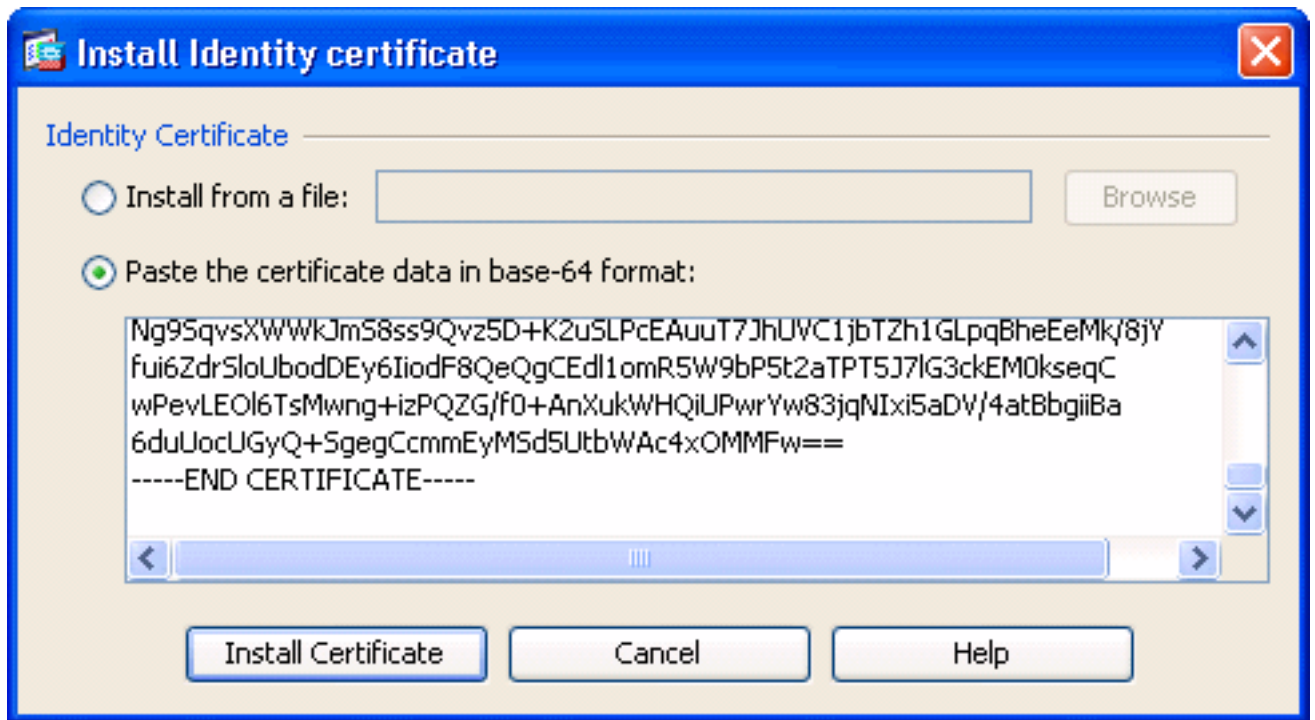
5. In the **Identity Certificate Request** popup window, save your Certificate Signing Request (CSR) to a text file, and click **OK**. **Figure 5**



6. (Optional) Verify in ASDM that the CSR is pending, as shown in Figure 6. **Figure 6**



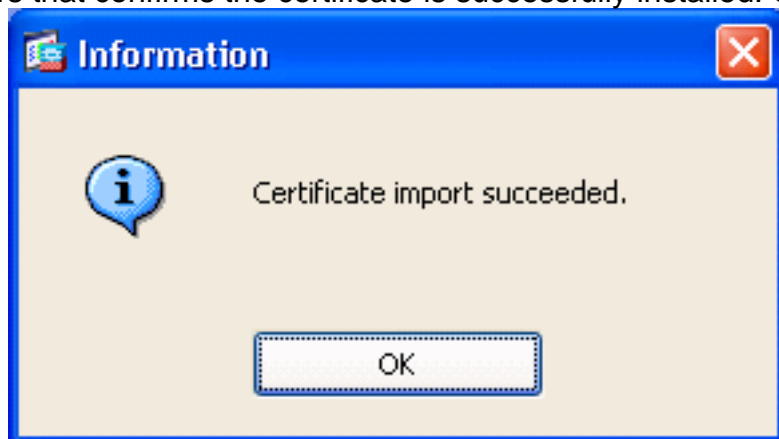
7. Submit the certificate request to the certificate administrator, who issues the certificate on the server. This can either be through a web interface, e-mail, or directly to the root CA server for certificate issue process.
8. Complete these steps in order to install the renewed certificate. Select the pending certificate request under Configuration > Device Management > Identity Certificates, as shown in Figure 6, and click **Install**. In the Install Identity Certificate window, select the **Paste the certificate data in base-64 format** radio button, and click **Install Certificate**. **Note:** Alternatively, if the certificate is issued in a .cer file rather than a text based file or e-mail, you can also select **Install from a file**, browse to the appropriate file on your PC, click **Install ID certificate file** and then click **Install Certificate**. **Figure 7**



CLI output:

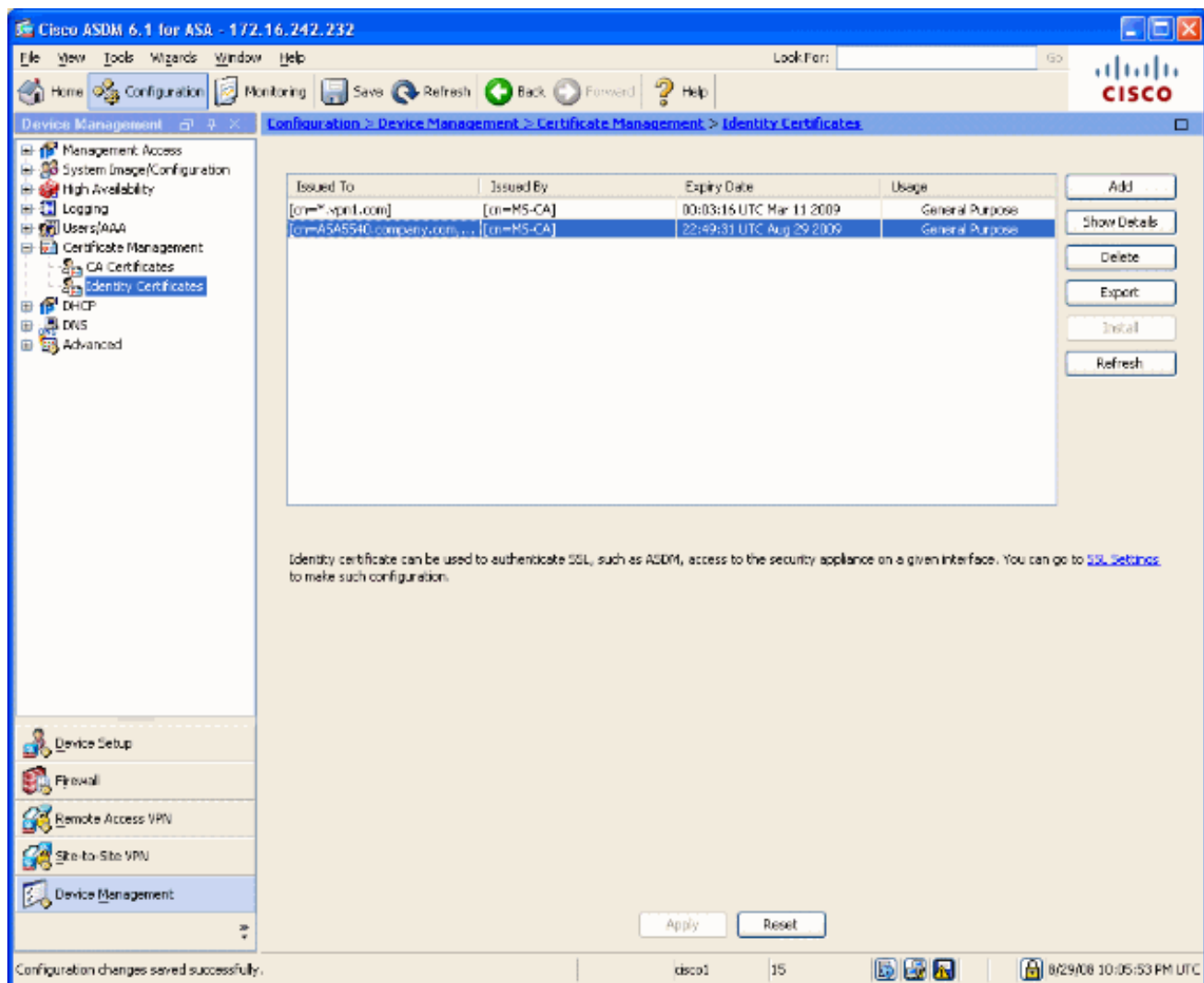
```
crypto ca import ASDM_TrustPoint0 certificate
WIID2DCCAsCgAwIBAgIKYb9wewAAAAAAJzANBgkqhkiG9w0BAQUFADAQM0 !--- output truncated
wPevLEOl6TsMwng+izPQZG/f0+AnXukWHQiUPwrYw83jqNixi5aDV/4atBbgiiBa
6duUocUGyQ+SgegCcmEYMSd5UtbWAc4xOMMFw== quit
```

9. A window appears that confirms the certificate is successfully installed. Click “OK” to

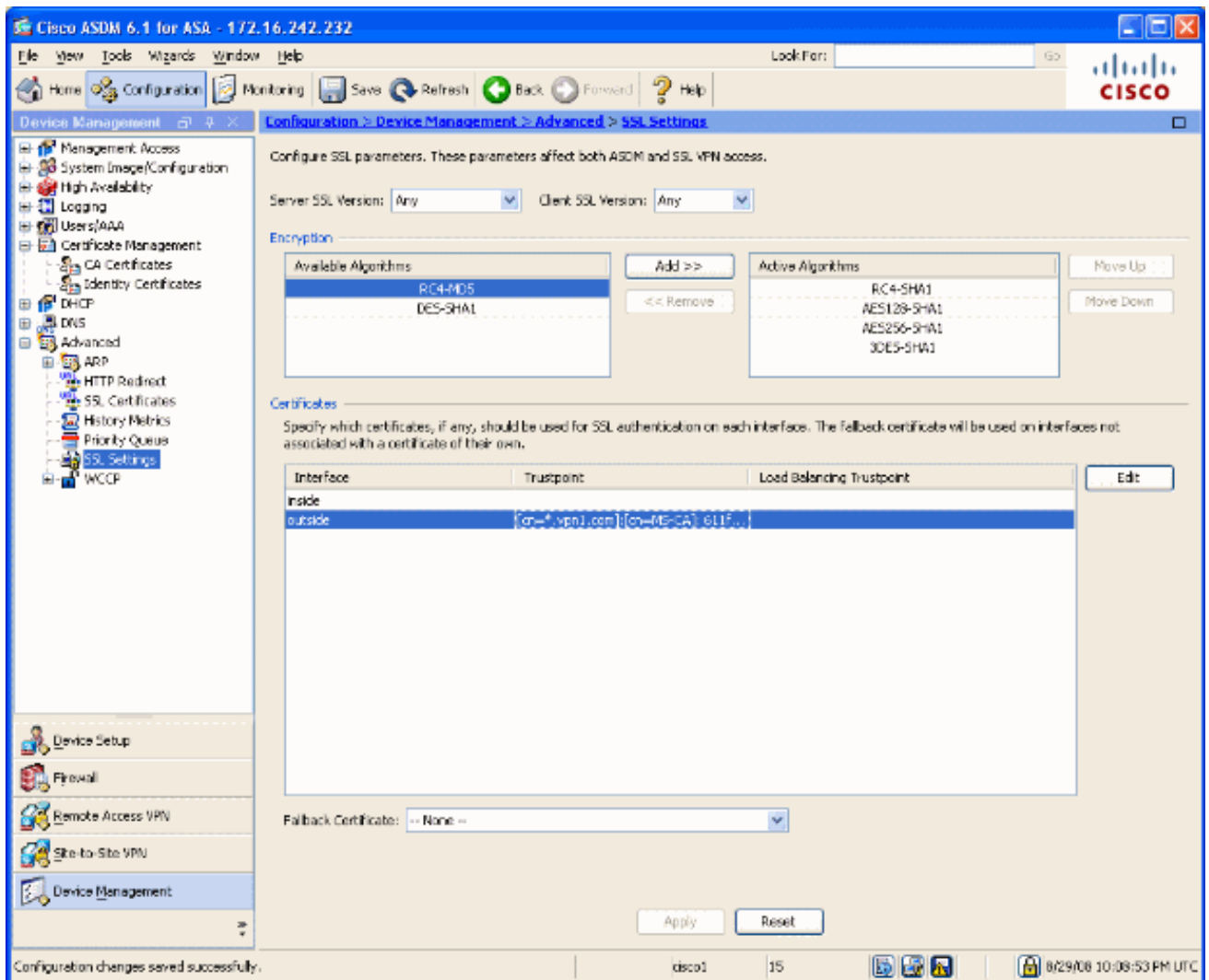


confirm. **Figure 8**

10. Ensure your new certificate appears under Identity Certificates. **Figure 9**

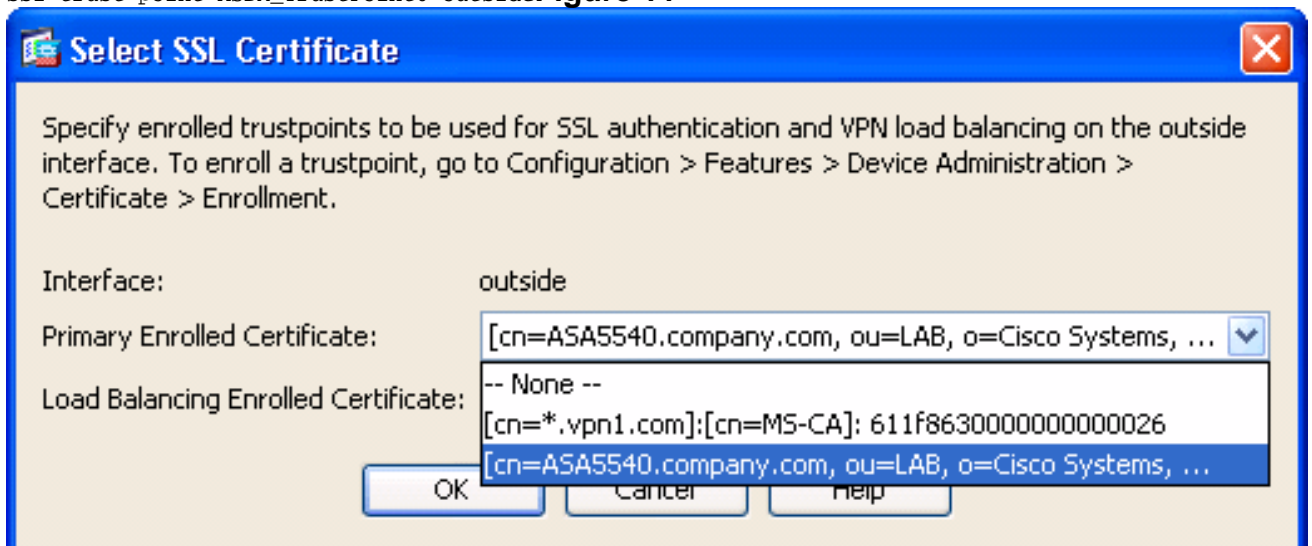


- Complete these steps in order to bind the new certificate to the interface: Choose **Configuration > Device Management > Advanced > SSL Settings**, as shown in Figure 10. Select your interface under Certificates, and click **Edit**. **Figure 10**



12. Choose your new certificate from the drop-down menu, click **OK**, and click **Apply**.
 encryption rc4-sha1 aes128-sha1 aes256-sha1 3des-sha1
 ssl trust-point ASDM_TrustPoint0 outside

Figure 11



13. Save your configuration in either ASDM or on the CLI.

Verify

You can use the CLI interface in order to verify that the new certificate is installed to the ASA correctly, as shown in this sample output:


```
ASA(config)#show crypto ca certificates Certificate Status: Available Certificate Serial
Number: 61bf707b000000000027 Certificate Usage: General Purpose Public Key Type: RSA (1024
bits) Issuer Name: cn=MS-CA Subject Name: cn=ASA5540.company.com !---new certificate ou=LAB
o=Cisco Systems st=CA c=US CRL Distribution Points: [1] http://win2k3-base1/CertEnroll/MS-
CA.crl [2] file://\\win2k3-base1\CertEnroll\MS-CA.crl Validity Date: start date: 22:39:31 UTC
Aug 29 2008 end date: 22:49:31 UTC Aug 29 2009 Associated Trustpoints: ASDM_TrustPoint0 CA
Certificate Status: Available Certificate Serial Number: 211020a79cfd96b34ba93f3145d8e571
Certificate Usage: Signature Public Key Type: RSA (2048 bits) Issuer Name: cn=MS-CA Subject
Name: cn=MS-CA !---'old' certificate CRL Distribution Points: [1] http://win2k3-
base1/CertEnroll/MS-CA.crl [2] file://\\win2k3-base1\CertEnroll\MS-CA.crl Validity Date:
start date: 00:26:08 UTC Jun 8 2006 end date: 00:34:01 UTC Jun 8 2011 Associated Trustpoints:
test Certificate Status: Available Certificate Serial Number: 611f8630000000000026
Certificate Usage: General Purpose Public Key Type: RSA (1024 bits) Issuer Name: cn=MS-CA
Subject Name: cn=*.vpn1.com CRL Distribution Points: [1] http://win2k3-base1/CertEnroll/MS-
CA.crl [2] file://\\win2k3-base1\CertEnroll\MS-CA.crl Validity Date: start date: 23:53:16 UTC
Mar 10 2008 end date: 00:03:16 UTC Mar 11 2009 Associated Trustpoints: test ASA(config)#
```

Troubleshoot

(Optional) Verify on the CLI that the correct certificate is applied to the interface:

```
ASA(config)#show running-config ssl ssl trust-point ASDM_TrustPoint0 outside !--- Shows that
the correct trustpoint is tied to the outside interface that terminates SSL VPN. ASA(config)#
```

How to copy SSL certificates from one ASA to another

This can be done if you had generated exportable keys. You need to export the certificate to a PKCS file. This includes exporting all of the associated keys.

Use this command to export your certificate via CLI:

```
ASA(config)#crypto ca export <trust-point-name> pkcs12 <passphrase>
```

Note: Passphrase - used to protect pkcs12 file.

Use this command to import your certificate via CLI:

```
SA(config)#crypto ca import <trust-point-name> pkcs12 <passphrase>
```

Note: This passphrase should be the same as used when exporting the file.

This can also be done through ASDM for an ASA failover pair. Complete these steps to perform this:

1. Login to the primary ASA via ASDM and choose **Tools--> Backup Configuration**.
2. You can backup everything or just the certificates.
3. On the standby, open ASDM and choose **Tools --> Restore Configuration**.

Related Information

- [Cisco Adaptive Security Appliance \(ASA\) Support Page](#)
- [ASA 8.x Manually Install 3rd Party Vendor Certificates for use with WebVPN Configuration Example](#)

- [Technical Support & Documentation - Cisco Systems](#)