

EV Kernel-Mode Driver Signing

Microsoft Documentation: <https://msdn.microsoft.com/en-us/library/windows/hardware/hh967734%28v=vs.85%29.aspx>

Video Tutorial of the signing process: [1-31-2013 Kernel-Mode Driver Signing](#) (this did not use a token but the process should still be the same)

Basic Token Set up Steps: [EV Code Signing Token Preparation](#)

Signing Process:

1. They need to create a .cat file. This requires both a .sys and a .inf file. (They should have both) To do so, they will need to run the **Inf2cat** command listed in the instructions above. For details, see Taylor's video above. Note: Even if you have admin privileges, sometimes you have to right click and choose **Run as Administrator** anyway.
2. Sign the sys files (if needed). Then, create the .cat file and sign the .cat file. To do so, they need to run something like this from their command line:
 - a. SHA1 signing option:
 - i. `signtool sign /v /ac "C:\test\DigiCert High Assurance EV Root CA.crt" /s my /n "Company Name, Inc" /t http://timestamp.digicert.com DRIVER.SYS`
 - b. SHA2 signing option:
 - i. `signtool sign /v /ac "DigiCert High Assurance EV Root CA.crt" /tr http://timestamp.digicert.com /td sha256 /fd sha256 /s my /n "Company Name, Inc" DRIVER.SYS`
 - c. NOTE:

"Company Name, Inc." is the Common Name of the code signing certificate
"DigiCert High Assurance EV Root CA.crt" is the cross-signed certificate, which is [available for download here](#)
DRIVER.SYS is the driver file you want to sign
For all of the command-line options for using SignTool, please see [Microsoft's Signtool Documentation Page](#).
When using the SHA2 timestamp or /fd sha256 please make sure the latest version of [signtool](#) (6.3 or newer) and [safenet](#) are used.
 - d. **IMPORTANT NOTE:** The order in which they sign can be very important. If they are signing the .sys files, they must do so **before** they generate and sign the .cat.

The Globalsign Documentation may be insightful here: <https://support.globalsign.com/customer/portal/articles/1491089-kernel-mode-driver-signing-%E2%80%93-windows-7-8>

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Windows Win7 x64 Free Build Environment - vscsign64

The following certificate was selected:
  Issued to: Advanced Storage Concepts, Inc.
  Issued by: DigiCert EU Code Signing CA
  Expires:   Mon Feb 03 06:00:00 2014
  SHA1 hash: 58C2BB73A1504A116D875A3A59154913F6939446

Cross certificate chain (using machine store):
  Issued to: Microsoft Code Verification Root
  Issued by: Microsoft Code Verification Root
  Expires:   Sat Nov 01 07:54:03 2025
  SHA1 hash: 8FBE4D070EF8AB1BCCAF2A9D5CCAE7282A2C66B3

  Issued to: DigiCert High Assurance EU Root CA
  Issued by: Microsoft Code Verification Root
  Expires:   Thu Apr 15 13:55:33 2021
  SHA1 hash: 2F2513AF3992DB0A3F79709FF8143B3F7BD2D143

  Issued to: DigiCert EU Code Signing CA
  Issued by: DigiCert High Assurance EU Root CA
  Expires:   Sun Apr 18 06:00:00 2027
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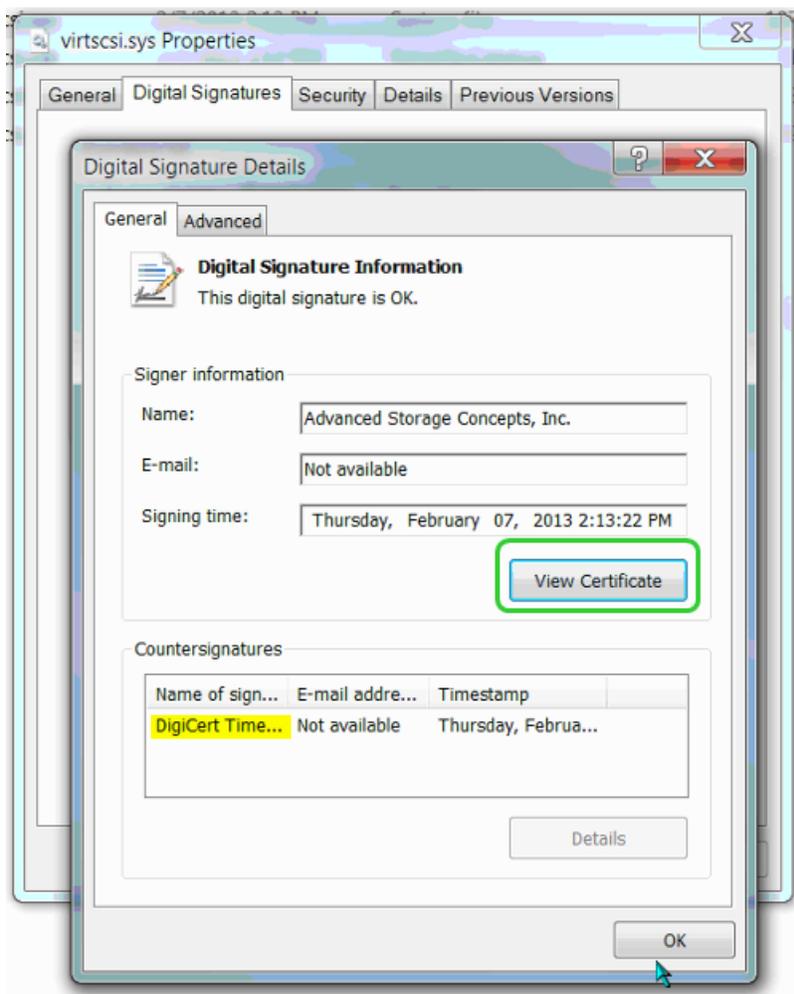
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Done Adding Additional Store
Successfully signed and timestamped: C:\WinDDK\7600.16385.1\bin\selfsign\virtscsi64\virtscsi.cat

Number of files successfully Signed: 1
Number of warnings: 0
Number of errors: 0

C:\WinDDK\7600.16385.1\bin\selfsign>pause
Press any key to continue . . .
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3. Note that in the command above, we are specifically referencing the cross root cert signed by Microsoft. It's still called DigiCert High Assurance EV Root CA, but its signed by their root. If you don't see that, then they're signing with the wrong root. They can grab the correct one here: https://www.digicert.com/code-signing/driver-signing-in-windows-using-signtool.htm#download_cross_certificate
4. To test it, they can go to the properties of the cat file. Under 'Digital Signatures' it should show the new signature:



5. Verify that it signed correctly by running the signtool verify command (it should show the Microsoft root in the Cross-Certificate section): `si gntool.exe verify /kp /v /c catalog.cat driver.sys`
6. You're done!

Known Issues

- The customer gets a 'smartcard' error, or something about 'the drivers could not be found'. This typically indicates that the SafeNet drivers have not been installed, so it doesn't recognize the token.
- The signature no longer shows valid. This can happen if they modified the certificate after it was signed. (I know, you would think this would be obvious, but checking this one thing could have saved us a 3 hour phone call.)
- The Safenet Authentication client says, 'This is an unlicensed copy for evaluation use only'. The client, although a trial, is fully functional and has no expiration date. If the customer throws a fuss about it, we do have a key they can use to authenticate it. This is it:

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MQAzADMANQA0ADYANAAzADEANAA7ADIAOQA5ADQAMwA7AEQAaQBnAGkAYwBIAHIAAdAAgAEkAbgBjAC4AOwAxADAAMQA7ADAAOw
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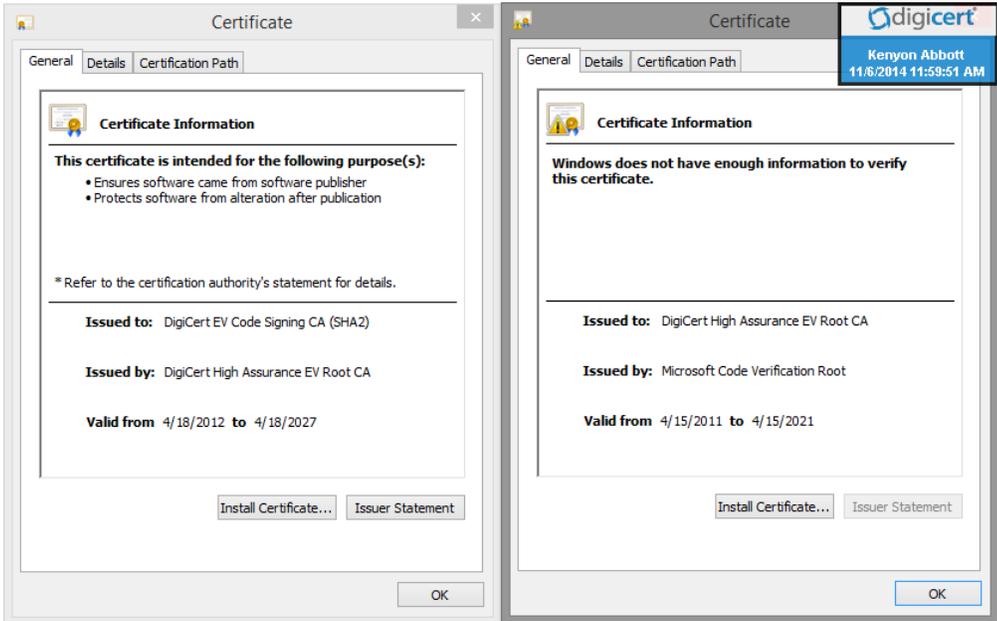
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Other Notes

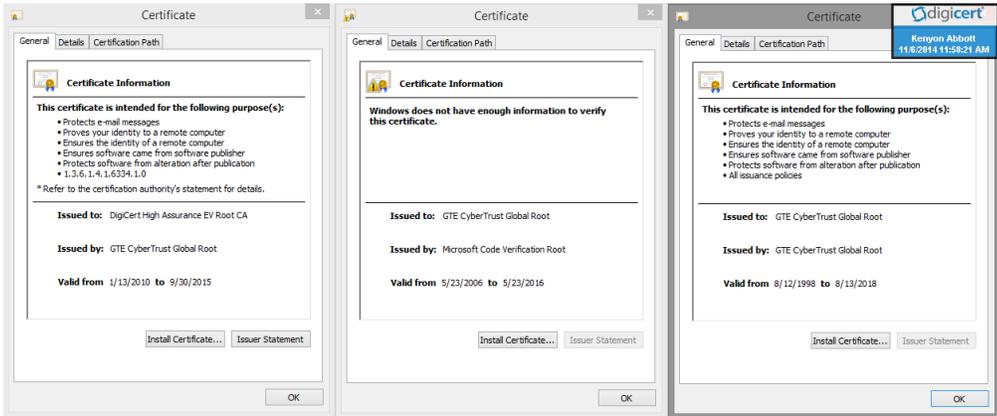
We can cross chain code signing certificates as well, additionally we can cross-chain to Baltimore or GTE CyberTrust, then use their Microsoft verification root.

Please see here for the three chains: [kernel-chains.zip](#)

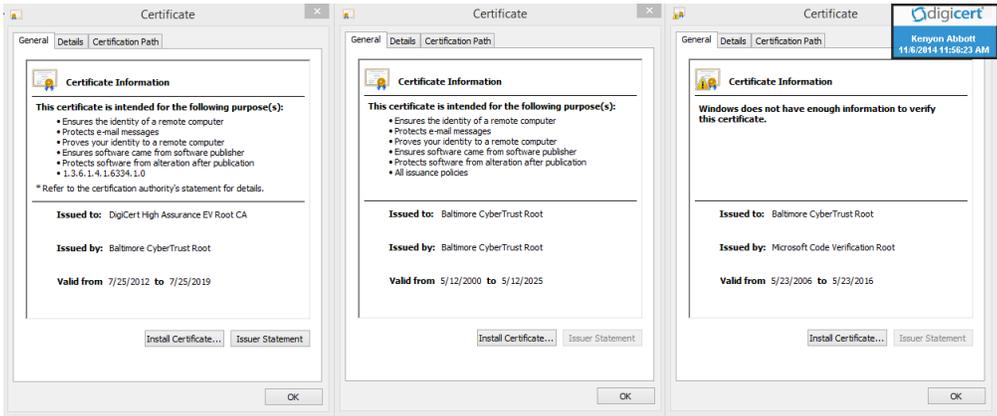
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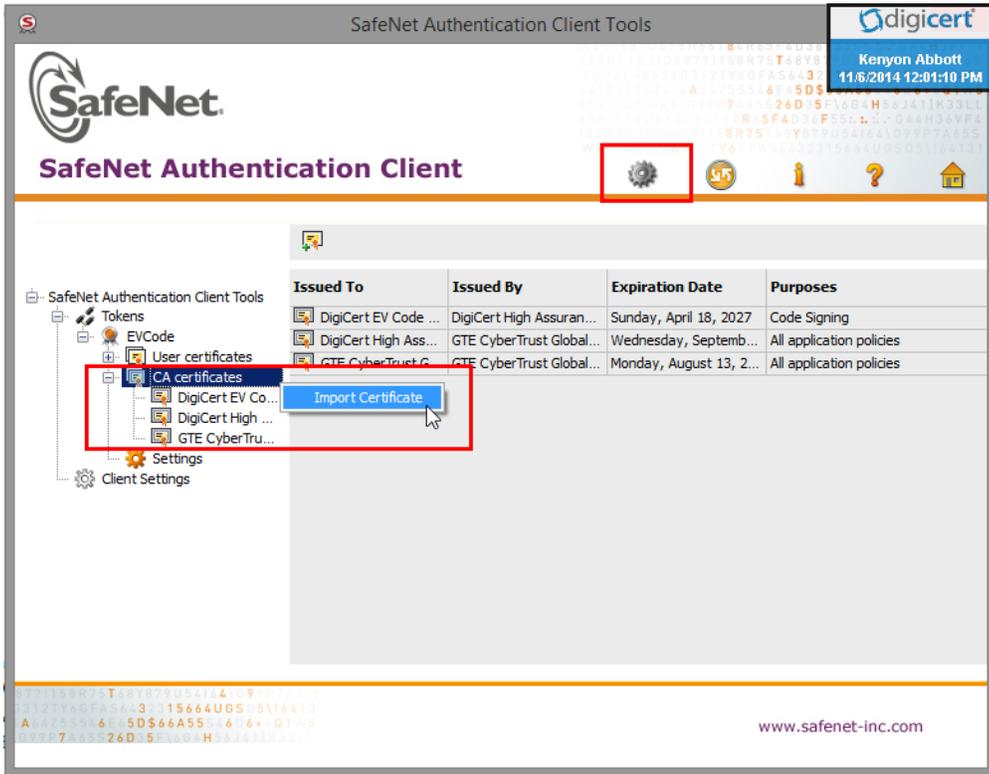
GTE



Baltimore



To use them on the token you can import them manually in the SAC Tools



- Customer tries signing on Windows 7 and gets:
Signtool Error: An Unexpected Internal Error
Error information: "CryptQueryObject" (-2147024773/0x8007007b)
Something is either wrong with their syntax, or the filename itself. This customer renamed the file to rick.crt and then it worked fine.