

PeSIT file transfer with IBM Sterling Secure Proxy Getting started

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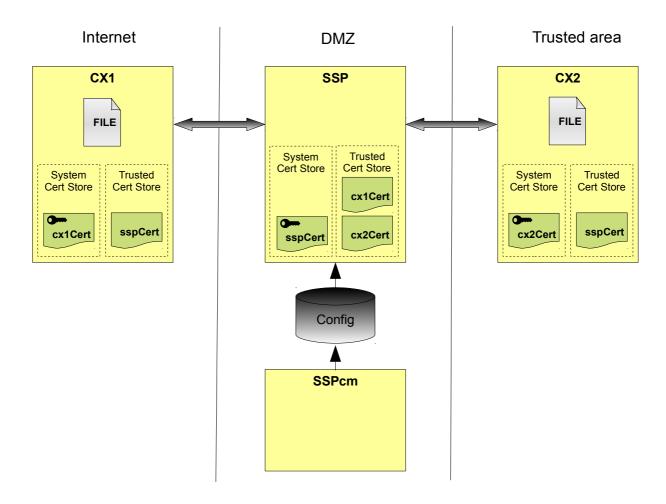


Presentation

The purpose of this document is to take people on a fast path to successfully achieve PeSIT file transfer between two instances of IBM Sterling Connect:Express (C:X) isolated to each other by an instance of IBM Sterling Secure Proxy (SSP). This tutorial will cover how to generate SSL certificates, how to install these certificates and how to configure SSL on the C:X instances and SSP.

Architecture

Here is a picture of the architecture used in this tutorial.



This is a very simple architecture with 2 instances of Connect:Express (CX1 and CX2) and 1 instance of Sterling Secure Proxy (SSP) and its configuration manager (named hereafter SSPcm or CM). A production environment will probably use a remote perimeter server, an external authentication server, firewalls, load balancer, and so on. Also, for the secured communication between SSP and CM we will keep using the factory certificates which is not recommended for a production platform.

Requirements

Before going through this tutorial some pieces of hardware and software are required.

Hardware

The following hosts are required.



- A UNIX host named cx1. The UNIX flavor used in this tutorial is Ubuntu 10.04.
- A Microsoft Windows host named cx2. The Windows version used in this this tutorial is Microsoft Windows XP SP3.
- A UNIX or Microsoft Windows host named ssp. For this tutorial we used Microsoft Windows XP SP3.

Software

The following products are required.

- IBM Connect:Express V1.5.00 for UNIX. C:X must be installed on host cx1.
- IBM Connect:Express V3.1.00 for Windows. C:X must be installed on host cx2.
- · IBM Sterling Secure Proxy V3.4.0 for UNIX or Windows; SSP must be installed on host ssp
- An implementation of OpenSSL (V0.9.8 or later) for UNIX or Microsoft Windows. Most of the UNIX flavors come with an OpenSSL package. A few number of implementations can be found on Internet for the Microsoft Windows platform. OpenSSL for Windows is one of them (see the References section).
- The network must be properly configured on each host; ssp must know cx1 and cx2; cx1 and cx2 must know ssp. The traffic must be allowed between ssp and cx1, ssp and cx2, cx1 and ssp, cx2 and ssp. Use the ping command to ensure this is the case.

This tutorial will not cover the installation of the above products. Refer to their relevant documentation to know how to install these products (see the References section).

SSL certificates

When a client connects to a SSL server, the server sends back to the client its certificate. The client then checks that the received certificate is trusted with a certificate issued by a Certification Authority (CA). If the certificate is trusted, then the connection can be established and the data can be encrypted using the server public key. Using SSL with SSP and the PeSIT protocol in our architecture requires 3 certificates: 1 for SSP and 1 per instance of Connect:Express

Use of self-signed certificates

For the purpose of this tutorial we will use self-signed certificates. Self-signed certificates are perfectly suitable for test or development environment but not for a production environment where it is strongly recommended to use certificates issued by a trusted Certificate Authority. The advantage of a self-signed certificate is that it is trusted by itself which means that the certificated can also be used as a CA certificate. To succeed the SSL handshake with a server, the self-signed certificate has to be found in the client certificate store.

Creation of the self-signed certificates for SSP and C:X instances

On a host where OpenSSL is installed run the following commands:

```
openss1 req -x509 -days 365 -subj "/C=FR/L=Paris/O=IBM/OU=France Labs/CN=SSP Certificate" -newkey rsa:1024 -keyout sspKey.pem -out sspCert.pem -passout pass:password openss1 pkcs12 -export -in sspCert.pem -inkey sspKey.pem -passin pass:password -certfile sspCert.pem -name "SSP Certificate" -out sspCert.p12 -passout pass:password openss1 req -x509 -days 365 -subj "/C=FR/L=Paris/O=IBM/OU=France Labs/CN=CX1 Certificate" -newkey rsa:1024 -keyout cx1Key.pem -out cx1Cert.pem -passout pass:password openss1 pkcs12 -export -in cx1Cert.pem -inkey cx1Key.pem -passin pass:password -certfile cx1Cert.pem -name "CX1 Certificate" -out cx1Cert.p12 -passout pass:password openss1 req -x509 -days 365 -subj "/C=FR/L=Paris/O=IBM/OU=France Labs/CN=CX2 Certificate" -newkey rsa:1024 -keyout cx2Key.pem -out cx2Cert.pem -passout pass:password openss1 pkcs12 -export -in cx2Cert.pem -inkey cx2Key.pem -passin pass:password -certfile cx2Cert.pem -name "CX2 Certificate" -out cx2Cert.p12 -passout pass:password
```

The above commands have created 3 self-signed certificates: **SSP Certificate**, **CX1 Certificate** and **CX2 Certificate** which will be valid during 365 days. For each certificate there are 3 files:

- (cx1 | cx2 | ssp)Cert.pem the certificate which contain the public key;
- (cx1|cx2|ssp)Key.pem the encrypted private keys; the password used for the encryption is password;
- (cx1|cx2|ssp)Cert.p12 the certificate and the private key encrypted in a PKCS12 format file.



Notes:

- PEM files are text files which can be displayed using a simple text editor;
- with the openssl req command above, a private key is normally encrypted in Traditional PEM-Encoded format (is starts with ----BEGIN RSA PRIVATE KEY----); if for some reason, the private key is encrypted in PKCS#8 format (it starts with ----BEGIN ENCRYPTED PRIVATE KEY----) then use the openssl pkcs8 command to change the encryption format.

Import the self-signed certificates in SSP

SSP is using its own certificate stores. The self-signed certificates created above can be imported in the SSP configuration using SSP configuration manager (SSPcm) graphical interface. Before importing the certificates make sure the SSPcm graphical interface is running. If not, run the following Microsoft Windows command:

C:\Program Files\Sterling Commerce\SSPcm\bin\startCM.bat

Note:

Sterling Secure Proxy is available for different platforms (Microsoft Windows and different UNIX flavors). In this tutorial
we are using SSP for Microsoft Windows and the command have a .bat extension. For UNIX, the commands have the
same base name but with a .sh extension.

When SSPcm is ready you should see something like:

```
IBM Sterling Secure Proxy Configuration Manager Version 3.4.00, Build 126
(C) Copyright IBM Corp. 2003, 2011 All Rights Reserved.
IBM and the IBM logo are Trademarks of International Business Machines.
IBM Sterling Secure Proxy Configuration Manager Starting...
IBM Sterling Secure Proxy Configuration Manager is ready for Service.
To connect the UI to the Configuration Manager Server, open a web browser to
https://ssp:8443/SSPDashboard
```

Point your favorite web browser to the displayed URL (https://ssp:8443/SSPDashboard/ in the above snapshot) . Something similar to the following must be shown.

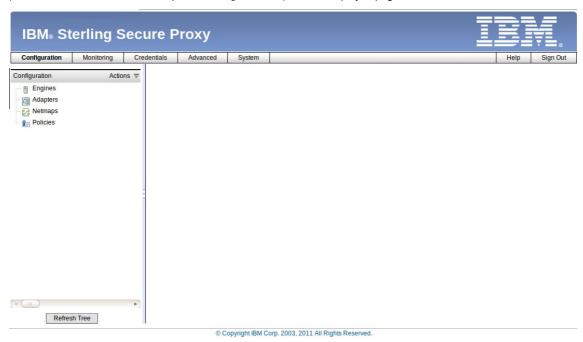
IBM₅ Sterling Secure Proxy	IBM.
Sign in to IBM Sterling Secure Proxy	
User ID: Password:	
Sign In New Password	

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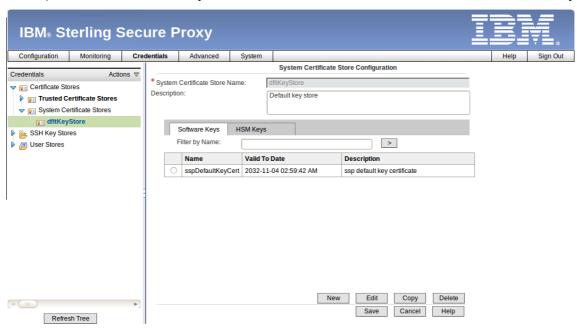
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Sign In (default user is admin and default password is password). On the displayed page select the Credentials tab.



From the left, expand Certificate Stores, then System Certificate Stores and select the default trusted certificate store dfltKeyStore.



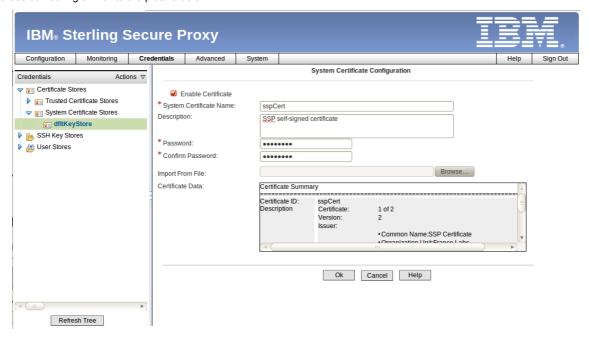
A list of already imported certificates must be displayed.

Notes:

- We could keep using the existing sspDefaultKeyCert certificate between SSP and the C:X partners but, for the
 purpose of this tutorial, and for security reason (you should not use for the SSP default certificate in production), we show
 how to use a new certificate.
- · For clarity we keep using the default stores from installation, but it is possible to create other stores.



Click the **New** button and fill the fields **System Certificate Name**, **Description** (optional), **Password** of the encrypted private key and **Import From File**. Use the **Browse**... button to find the <code>ssp_cert.p12</code> file which has been created earlier in this paragraph (you will maybe have to copy this file to the host where you browser is running). Once the content of the file has been successfully parsed you should see something similar to the picture below.



Ensure the **Enable Certificate** check box is ticked and click the **Ok** button. The imported certificate should now appear in the **System Certificate Store Configuration** list.



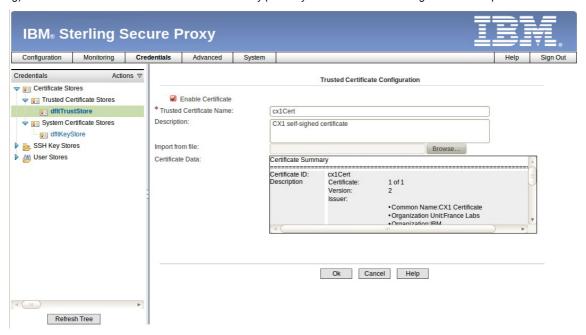
Click the **Save** button to save the configuration. The SSP certificate is now installed in the default system certificates store. It's now the turn of the C:X instances certificates to be installed, but in the default Trusted Certificates store this time.

Expand the Trusted Certificate Stores and select the default trusted certificate store dfltTrustStore.



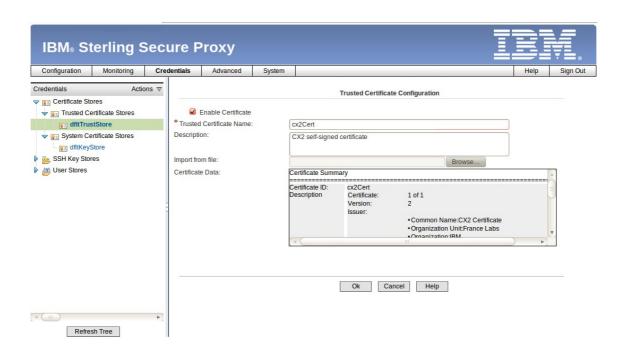


Click the **New** button and fill the fields **Trusted Certificate Name**, **Description** (optional). Use the **Browse...** button to find the cx1Cert.pem file which has been created earlier in this paragraph (you will maybe have to copy this file to the host where you browser is running). Once the content of the file has been successfully parsed you should see something similar to the picture below.

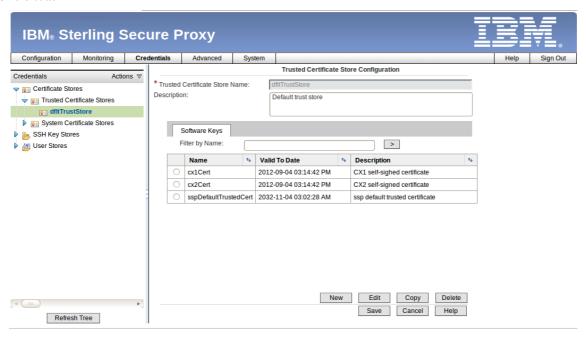


Click **Ok** the button. Click the **New** button again and fill the fields **Trusted Certificate Name**, **Description** (optional). Use the **Browse...** button to find the <code>cx2Cert.pem</code> file which has been created earlier in this paragraph (you will maybe have to copy this file to the host where you browser is running). Once the content of the file has been successfully parsed you should see something similar to the picture below.





Click Ok the button.



Click the Save button to save the configuration. The CX1 and CX2 certificates are now installed in the trusted certificates store.

Import the self-signed certificates in Connect:Express

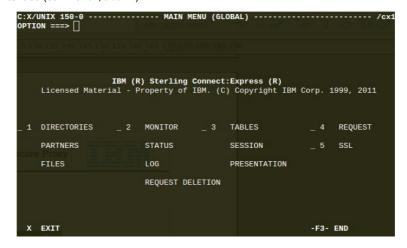
The place where C:X for UNIX and C:X for Microsoft Windows look up certificates is different: C:X for UNIX has its own certificates store while C:X for Microsoft Windows uses the operating system certificates store. For that reason, the way to import certificates differs depending on C:X type.



Import the self-signed certificates in C:X for UNIX

For this tutorial, 2 certificates need to be installed in this C:X instance: the CX1 and the SSP certificate self-signed. To import these self-signed certificates the following must be done.

- Under the user who is running Connect:Express for UNIX copy the files sspCert.pem and cx1Cert.pem created previously (Creation of the self-signed certificates for SSP and C:X instances) in the directory \$TOM DIR/config/ss1/cert import/.
- The same way copy the file cx1Key.pem in the directory \$TOM DIR/config/ssl/priv/.
- If it is not running already, start the C:X monitor (command \$start tom).
- Run the C:X operator interface (command \$sterm).



• Select option 5 SSL.



• Select option 2 IMPORT CERTIFICATES.



• Select option I IMPORT, enter SSPCERT for the ID and press the ENTER key.



• Enter C for TYPE, 1 for the FORMAT, set the FILE CONTAINING THE CERTIFICATE TO IMPORT to sspCert.pem, press ENTER and at the DO YOU WANT TO GO ON ? prompt press the ENTER key.

• If the certificate has been successfully imported the IMPORT CERTIFICATES menu must be displayed back.



• Select option I IMPORT, enter CX1CERT for the ID and press the ENTER key.

• Set TYPE to P, FORMAT to 1, FILE CONTAINING THE CERTIFICATE TO IMPORT to cx1Cert.pem, KEY FILE FORMAT to 1, FILE CONTAINING THE PRIVATE KEY TO IMPORT to cx1Key.pem, the PRIVATE KEY PASSWORD accordingly, press ENTER and at the DO YOU WANT TO GO ON? prompt press the ENTER key.

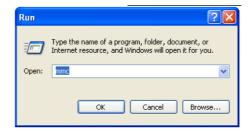
• If the certificate has been successfully imported the **IMPORT CERTIFICATES** menu must be displayed back. Press **L LIST** to display all the imported certificates.



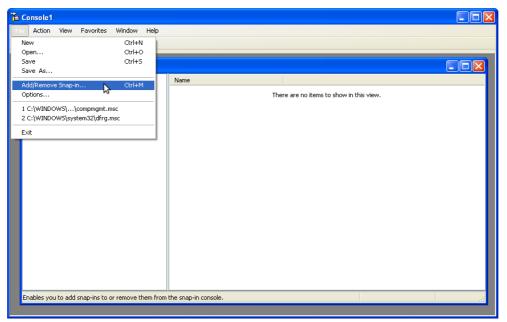
Import the self-signed certificates in C:X for Microsoft Windows

For this tutorial, 2 certificates need to be installed in this C:X instance: the CX2 and the SSP self-signed certificates. The cx2Cert.p12 and sspCert.pem file which has been created previously in the paragraph Creation of the self-signed certificates for SSP and C:X instances must be accessible from the C:X host. To import the certificates the following must be done.

• Importing a certificate in the operating system certificates stores requires the use of the Microsoft Management Console application. Click the **Start** button, select **Run...** and enter mmc.

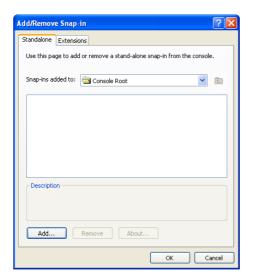


• Select File > Add/Remove Snap-in...



Select Add... button.

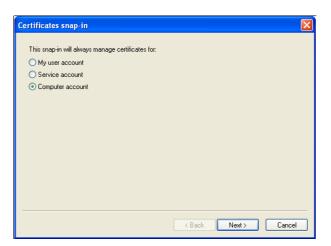




• Select Certificates and click the Add button.

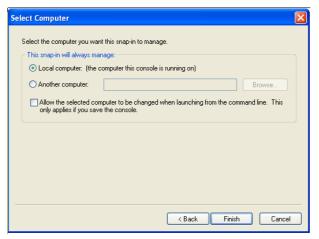


• Select Computer account.

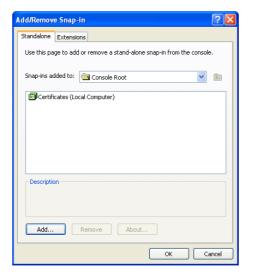




• Select Local computer and click the Finish button.

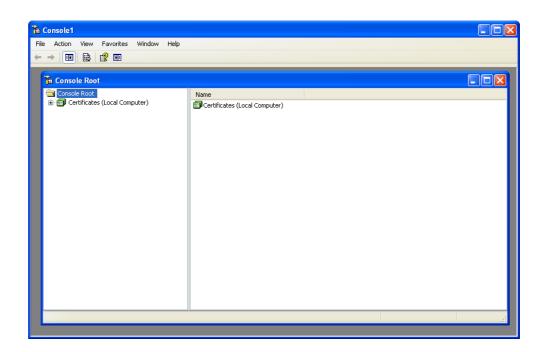


Click the Close button.

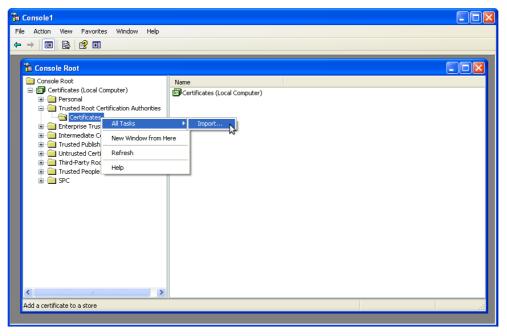


· Click the **OK** button.





• Expand Certificates > Trusted Root Certification Authorities. Right click on Certificates and select All Tasks > Import...

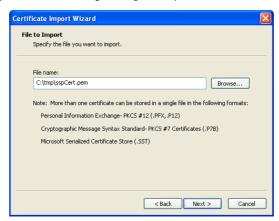


• Click the **Next** > button.





• Set the File name field with the full path name of the sspCert.pem file (use the Browse... button if necessary).



• Click the **Next** > button.



• Check that Place all certificates in the following store is selected and points to the Trusted Root Certification Authorities. Click the Next > button.

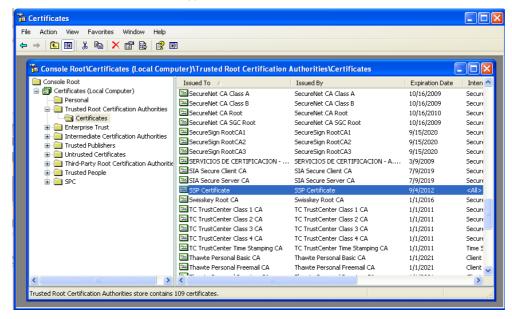




• Click the Finish button. A dialog box should report the success of the import.

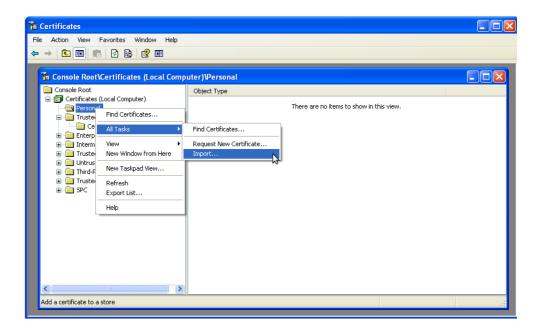


• Click the OK button. The SSP Certificate should appear in the Certificates list of the Trusted Root Certification Authorities.



Expand Certificates > Personal; right click on Certificates and select All Tasks > Import... (if there are no certificates already
installed then right-click Personal).

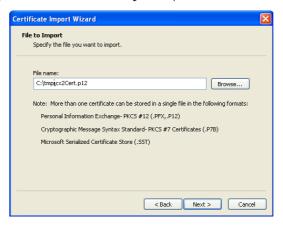




• Click the Next > button.



• Set the File name field with the full path name of the cx2Cert.p12 file (use the Browse... button if necessary).

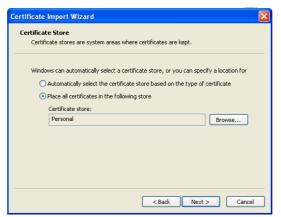




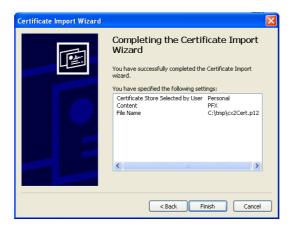
• Click the **Next** > button.



• Set the **Password** with the private key password and click the **Next** > button.



Check that Place all certificates in the following store is selected and points to the Personal certificate store. Click the Next > button.

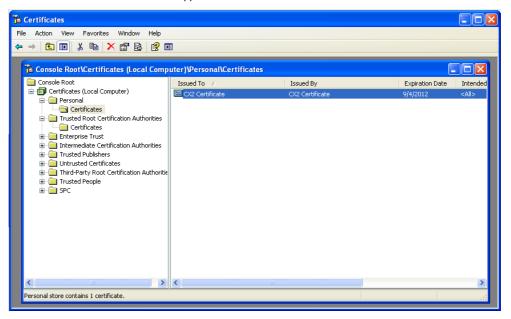


• Click the Finish button. A dialog box should report the success of the import.





• Click the OK button. The CX2 Certificate should appear in the Certificates list of Personal.



• Close the Microsoft Management Console. Click the **No** button to not save the console settings (the certificates will remain installed).





Configuration

This section explains how to configure the C:X instances and SSP.

Configure Connect: Express for Unix

In order to do a secured file transfer to another C:X instance we need to create a few Connect:Express objects. The required certificates should have been already installed as described in the section **Import the self-signed certificates in C:X for UNIX**.

Define the client SSL session

Even if we will not use SSL client authentication in this tutorial, C:X for UNIX requires to define a client session.

- If it is not running already, start the C:X monitor (command \$start_tom).
- Run the C:X operator interface (command \$sterm).



• Select option 5 ssL.



• Select option 1 SSL SESSION PARAMETERS.



• Select option A ADD. Set the ID to CX1CLI. Press the ENTER key.



• Set the STATE to E, MODE to C, VERIFY OPTIONS to 0, CERTIFICATE ID to CX1CERT, TLSV1, SSLV2 and SSLV3 to Y, leave the IP HEADER set to N. At the DO YOU WANT TO GO ON? prompt press the ENTER key.

• Press F3 to go back to the MAIN MENU.



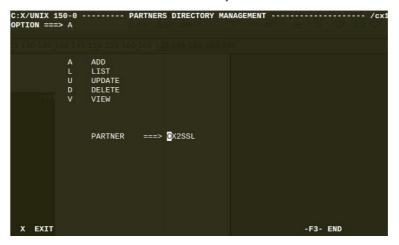
Define the partner CX2

We need to define the partner to which we will send the file.

• From the MAIN MENU select option 1 DIRECTORIES PARTNERS FILES.



- Select option 1 P-PARTNERS.
- Select option A ADD and set PARTNER to CX2SSL. Press the ENTER key.



• Set PASSWORD to CX2SSL, INITIALIZATION STATUS to E, PARTNER TYPE to O, PROTOCOL NUMBER to 3, SESSION TABLE NUMBER to 1, MAX NO. CONNECTIONS to 05/05/10, TYPE OF CONNECTIONS to T, TCPIP HOST to ssp, TCPIP PORT to 16100, DPCSID ALIAS to CX1SSL, SSL PARMID to CX1CLI, DPCPSW ALIAS to CX1SSL, NUMBER OF RETRIES to 02, INTERV.SESS to 01. At the DO YOU WANT TO GO ON? prompt press the ENTER key.



• Press F3 to go back to the MAIN MENU.

Define the file definition

The last object to define is the characteristics a the file to transfer.

• From the MAIN MENU select option 1 DIRECTORIES PARTNERS FILES.



- Select option 2 F-FILES.
- Select option A ADD and set FILE to TEST. Press the ENTER key.





• Set Initialization status to E, direction to *, receiving partner to \$\$ALL\$\$, Transmitting partner to \$
\$ALL\$\$, PRIORIY to 2, DEFINITION TYPE to D, PRESENTATION TABLE to 1, PARAMETER CARD FILE to N,

SPACE TO RESERVER to N, ALLOCATION RULE to 0, PHYSICAL NAME to /tmp/TEST_&REQNUMB.txt, RECORD FORMAT to B*,

DEFINITION TYPE to D, RECORD LENTGH to 512. Leave the parameters to the default by pressing the ENTER key.

The physical name of the file is /tmp/TEST_&REQNUMB.txt. &REQNUMB is a variable which will be replaced by the request number when the transfer request will be executed.

• On the next screen, press the F8 key. At the DO YOU WANT TO GO ON? prompt press the ENTER key.



At this point the configuration is finished to be able to transfer the file TEST to the CX2 partner.

Define the server SSL session

Because we want CX1 instance to be able to accept inbound connections, it must be configured as a server as well.

- If it is not running already, start the C:X monitor (command \$start tom).
- Run the C:X operator interface (command \$sterm).



• Select option 5 SSL.



• Select option 1 SSL SESSION PARAMETERS.



• Select option A ADD. Set the ID to CX1SRV. Press the ENTER key.



• Set the STATE to E, MODE to S, VERIFY OPTIONS to 0, CERTIFICATE ID to CX1CERT, CYPHER LIST blank, TLSV1, SSLV2 and SSLV3 to Y, NETWORK to T, IP ADDRESS blank, TCP PORT to 5100, leave the IP HEADER set to N. At the DO YOU WANT TO GO



ON? prompt press the ENTER key.

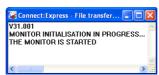
```
C:X/UNIX 150-0 ------SSL SESSION PARAMETERS-----
ID
STATE
                                 : CX1CLI
                                                                (E:ENABLED, H:DISABLED)
                                                                (C:CLIENT,S:SERVER)
(0:NONE,1:PEER
2:PEER + FAIL_IF_NO_PEER_CERT)
VERIFY OPTIONS
CERTIFICATE ID
                                                               (LIST FILE NAME)
CIPHER LIST
SSL PROTOCOL VERSIONS :
TLSV1 : Y SSLV3 : Y SSLV2 : Y
CA LIST (SERVER MODE) : .......
DH PARAMETERS (SERVER) : ........
LOCAL NETWORK ADDRESS (SERVER MODE) :
                                                               ('CACERT-ID',#LIST)
(FILE NAME)
NETWORK (T:TCPIP)
TCP/IP : IP ADDRESS
IP HEADER
                                                               TCP PORT : .....
DO YOU WANT TO GO ON ?[]
-ENTER- NEXT FIELD
                                                                                         -F8- COMPLETION
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At this point the configuration is finished. Press F3 to go back to the MAIN MENU. For the new server to be enabled, you stop and restart Connect:Express.

Configure Connect: Express for Windows

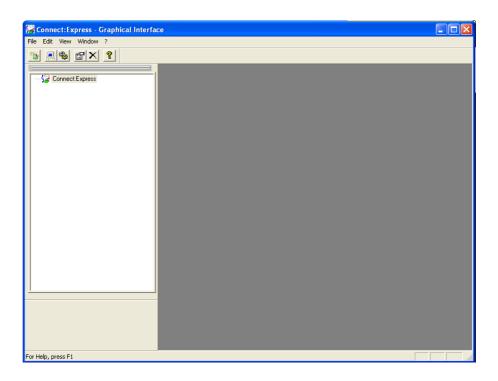
To do a secured file transfer to another C:X instance we need to create a few Connect:Express objects. The required certificates should have been already installed as described in the section **Import the self-signed certificates in C:X for Microsoft Windows**. The creation of the configuration objects is done using the CX Graphical Interface and the CX Monitor must be running. Do the following.

• Launch CX Monitor from the Start menu: All Programs > CONNECT Express > CX2 > CX Monitor.



• Launch Graphical Interface from the Start menu: All Programs > CONNECT Express > CX2 > CX Graphical Interface.





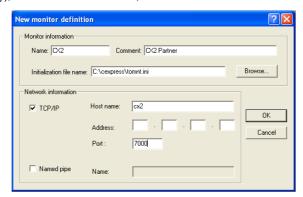
Create the monitor instance CX2

The first object to create is the monitor instance CX2.

• On the left pane, right-click Connect:Express > New > Monitor.



• Set the Name to cx2, optionally the Description, the Initialization file name to tomnt.ini (use the Browse... button to find the file in the C:X installation directory), tick the TCP/IP check box, set the Host name to cx2 and the Port to 7000.



The host name must be the same as the host where the CX Monitor is running. The CX Graphical Interface enables to manage remote C:X instances. The port value is the default from the installation.

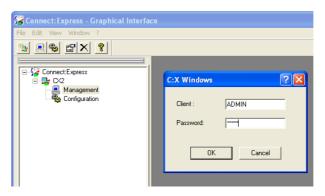


· Click OK.

Create the client SSL session

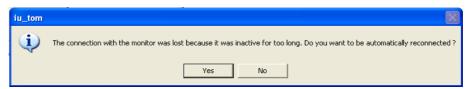
Even if we will not use SSL client authentication in this tutorial, C:X for Windows requires to define a client session.

• Expand the CX2 node in the left pane and double-click on Management. Sign in using ADMIN for both the Client and the Password.



Note:

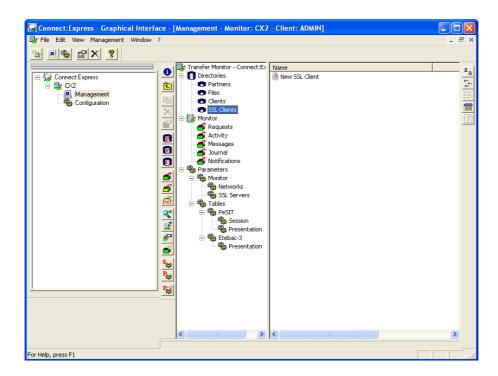
O The CX Graphical Interface establishes a connection with the CX monitor. This connection has a timeout and in case of inactivity the connection will be stopped. If it happens at some point of a configuration operation, you will see the following message box.



Just click the **OK** button and your work will continue normally.

• In the middle pane select **Directories > SSL Clients** then double-click on **New SSL Client** in the right pane.



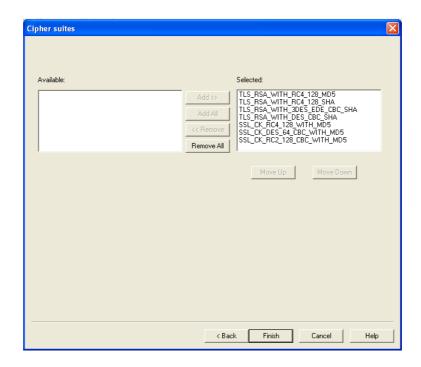


• Set the Name to CX2CLI, ensure the Enabled check box is ticked, select Protocol SSL V3.0, Store provider STORE_PROV_SYSTEM, Store location SYSTEM_STORE_LOCAL_MACHINE, set Store provider to My, Subject DN to CX2 Certificate.



• Click the Next button. Click the Add All button.



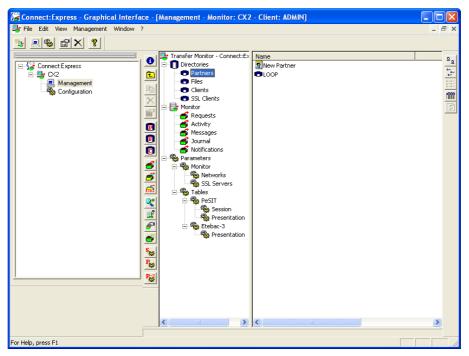


• Click the Finish button.

Create the partner CX1

We need to define the partner to which we will send the file.

• In the middle pane select **Directories > Partners** then double-click on **New Partner** in the right pane.



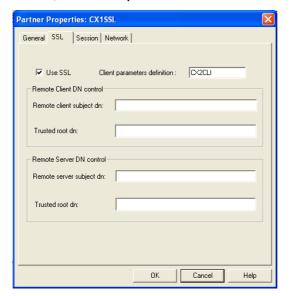
• Set the Name to CX1SSL, optionally a Comment, the Local name to CX2SSL, Local password to CX2SSL, leave the



C:X monitor check box non ticked.

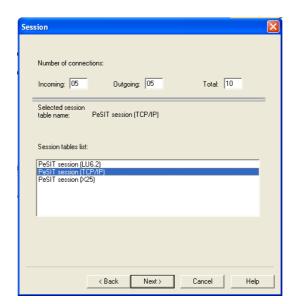


• Click the Next > button. Tick the Use SSL box, set the Client parameter definition to CX2CLI.

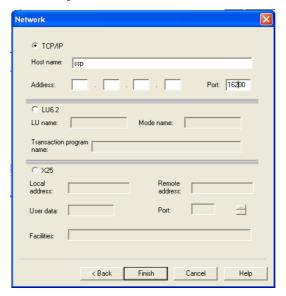


• Click the **Next** > button. Set **Incoming** to 5, **Outgoing** to 5, **Total** to 10, in the **Session tables list** select PeSIT session (TCP/IP).





• Click the **Next** > button. Set the **Host name** to ssp, the **Port** to 16200.



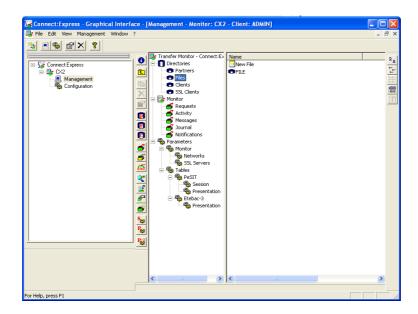
• Click the Finish button.

Create the file definition

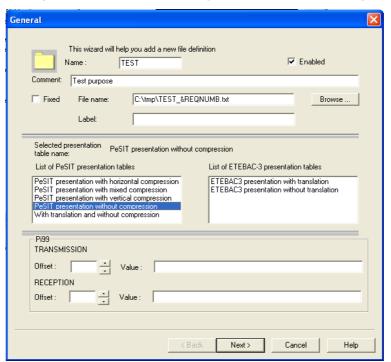
The last object to define is the characteristics of the file to transfer.

• In the middle pane select **Directories > Files** then double-click on **New File** in the right pane.



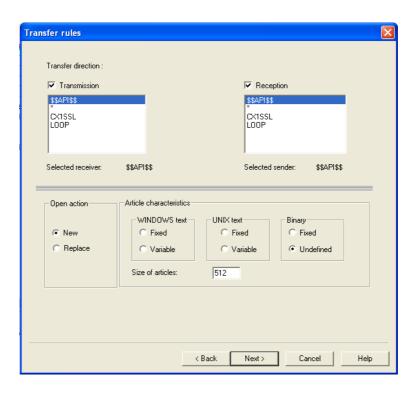


• Set the NAME to TEST, optionally the Comment, the File name to C:\tmp\TEST_&REQNUMB.txt (the file name will be explained later), in List of PeSIT presentation table select PeSIT presentation without compression.

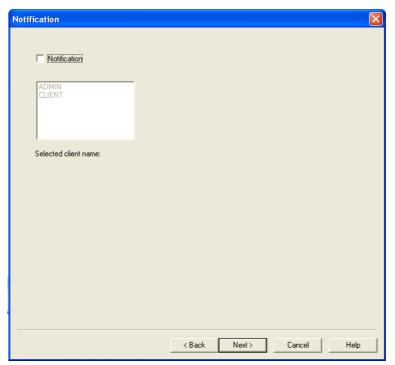


- Click the Next > button.
- Tick the **Transmission** check box, select \$\$API\$\$ in the list, tick the **Reception** check box, select \$\$API\$\$ in the list, click the **New** radio button in the **Open action** box, click the **Undefined** radio button in the **Binary** box, set the **Size of articles** to 512.



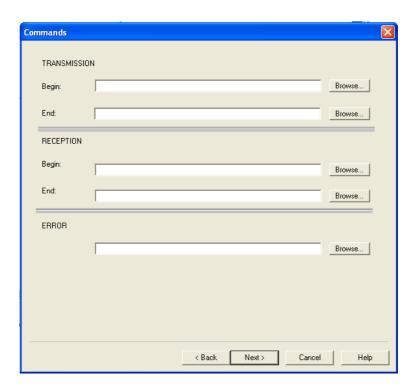


- Click the **Next >** button.
- Leave the Notification check box non ticked.

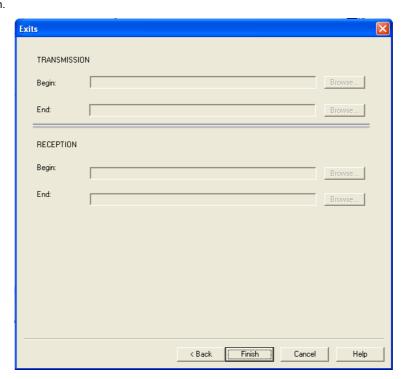


- Click the **Next >** button.
- Leave of the fields blank.





• Click the **Next** > button.



Click the **Finish** button.



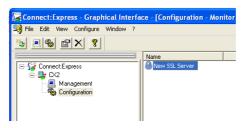
Define the SSL server

Because we want CX2 instance to be able to accept inbound connections, it must be configured as a server as well. This is done with the CX Graphical Interface.

• In the left pane expand the CX2 node and double-click on Configuration. Sign in using ADMIN for both the Client and the Password.



• In the right pane select SSL Servers and double-click on New SSL Server.

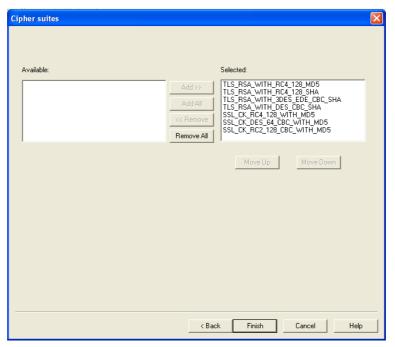


• Set the Name to CX2SSL, ensure the Status Enabled check box is ticked, set SSL server port to 5100, clear the Client authentication check box, clear the Data are prefixed with 2 bytes length, select Protocol TLS V1.0, Store provider STORE_PROV_SYSTEM, Store location SYSTEM_STORE_LOCAL_MACHINE, set Store provider to My, Subject DN to CX2 Certificate.





• Click the Next button. Click the Add All button.



Click the Finish button.

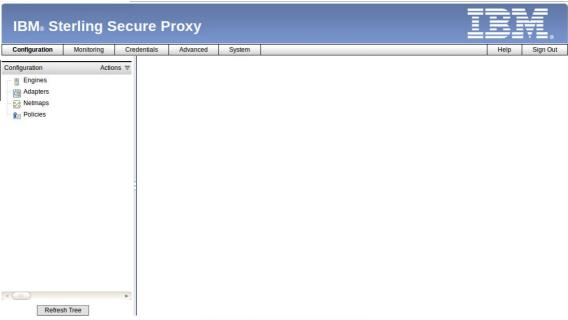
At this point the configuration of the CX2 instance is finished.



Configure the secured inbound and outbound nodes in SSP

To enable a C:X instance to securely send a file to another C:X instance through SSP some configuration is required at SSP level. In particular, the inbound and outbound connections must be configured. Do the following:

• Connect to the SSPcm graphical interface with administrator privileges (the section **Import the self-signed certificates in SSP** explains how to connect to the SSPcm graphical interface).



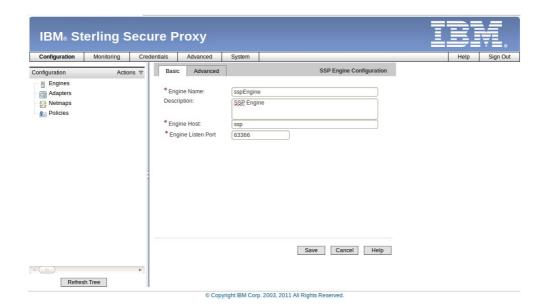
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• Open the Actions drop down list and select New Engine...



• Set the **Engine Name** with sspEngine, optionally the **Description** and the **Engine Host** with ssp (host name where SSP will run), leave the default **Engine Listen Port**.





• Click the **Save** button. The newly created sspEngine must appear on the left pane as well as a successful message on the right pane.



• Open the Actions drop down list, expand New Policy... and select PeSIT Policy...

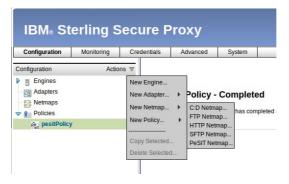


• Set the **Policy Name** to pesitPolicy, optionally the **Description**. Click the **Save** button.

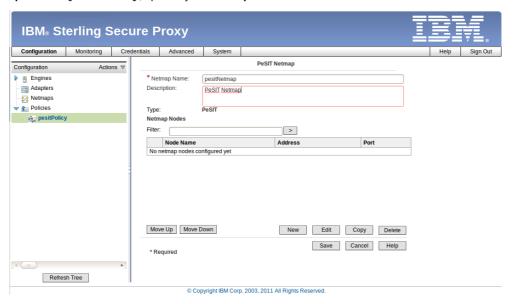




• Open the Actions drop down list, expand New Netmap... and select PeSIT Netmap...

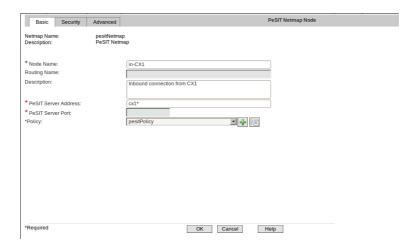


• Set the Netmap Name to pesitNetmap, optionally the Description. Click the New button.

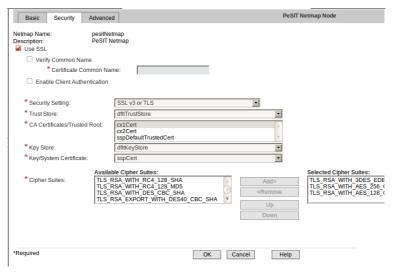




• In the Basic tab, set the Node Name to in-CX1, optionally the Description, the PeSIT Server Address to cx1*, select the Policy pesitPolicy. Here, cx1 is the host name from which the node in-CX1 will accept connections. Specifying the wild-card (*) means that SSP will listen connections from cx1 on all ports. The PeSIT Server Port field is then greyed because we implicitly specified all the ports. Click the Ok button.



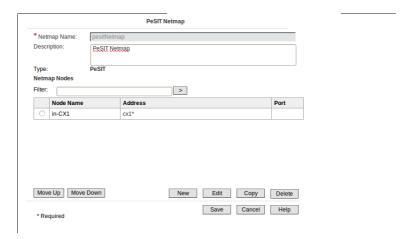
• Select the Security tab and, tick the Use SSL check box, select the dfltTrustStore from the Trust Store drop down list, select cxlCert from the CA Certificates/Trusted Root drop down list, select dfltKeyStore from the Key Store drop down list, select sspCert for the Key/System Certificate drop down list.



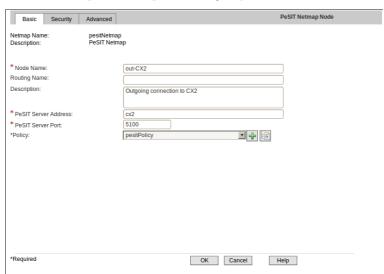
The cx1Cert CA certificate will be used to check that the certificate presented by the client cx1 is trusted. For simplicity we are not using the client authentication but this information needs to be filled. The system certificate sspCert is the certificate the server will send to the cx1 client during the SSL handshake. The cx1 client will successfully check that sspCert is trusted if it finds sspCert in its trusted certificates store.

· Click the Ok button.





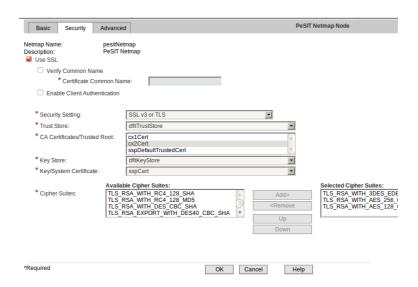
• Click the **New** button and, set the **Node Name** to out-CX2, optionally the **Description**, the **PeSIT Server Address** to cx2, the **PeSIT Server Port** to 5100 and select the pesitPolicy in the **Policy** drop down list.



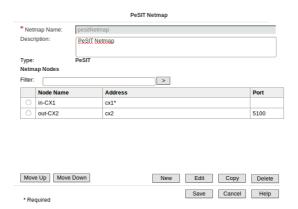
5100 is the value of the port on which the CX2 instance is listening incoming SSL connections.

• Select the Security tab, tick the Use SSL check box, select the dfltTrustStore from the Trust Store drop down list, select cx2Cert from the CA Certificates/Trusted Root drop down list, select dfltKeyStore from the Key Store drop down list, select sspCert for the Key/System Certificate drop down list.



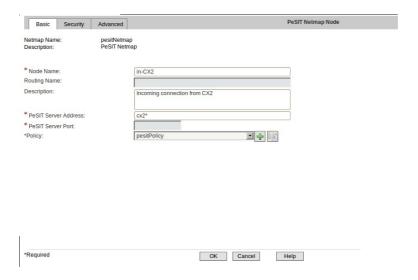


· Click the Ok button.

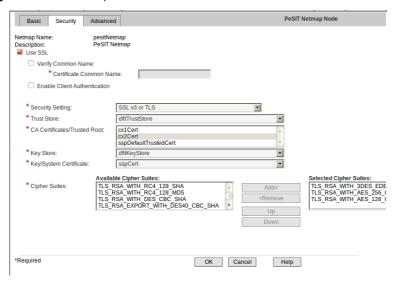


• Click the **New** button and, in the **Basic** tab, set the **Node Name** to in-Cx2, optionally the **Description**, the **PeSIT Server Address** to cx2*, select the **Policy** pesitPolicy and click the **Ok** button.



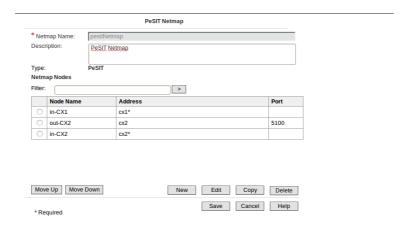


• Select the Security tab, tick the Use SSL check box, select the dfltTrustStore from the Trust Store drop down list, select cx2Cert from the CA Certificates/Trusted Root drop down list, select dfltReyStore from the Key Store drop down list, select sspCert for the Key/System Certificate drop down list.

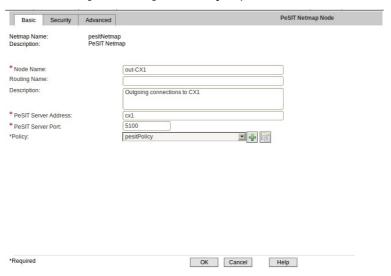


• Click the Ok button.





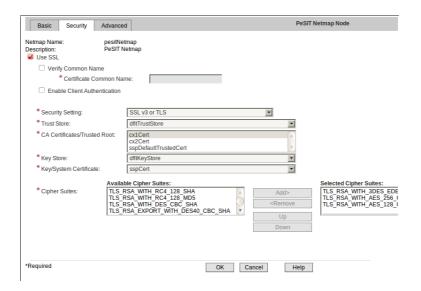
• Click the **New** button and, set the **Node Name** to out-CX1, optionally the **Description**, the **PeSIT Server Address** to cx1, the **PeSIT Server Port** to 5100 and select the pesitPolicy in the **Policy** drop down list.



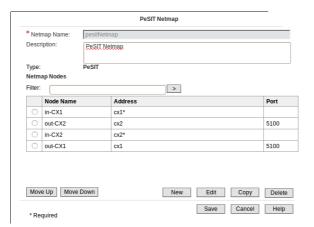
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• Select the Security tab, tick the Use SSL check box, select the dfltTrustStore from the Trust Store drop down list, select cx2Cert from the CA Certificates/Trusted Root drop down list, select dfltReyStore from the Key Store drop down list, select sspCert for the Key/System Certificate drop down list.

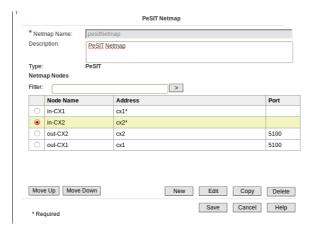




· Click the Ok button.

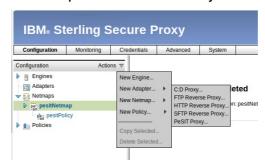


• Because of a known bug in the PeSIT adapter code, the node list must be reorganized. All the incoming nodes must be before the outgoing nodes. Select the node in-cx2 and click the **Move Up** button.

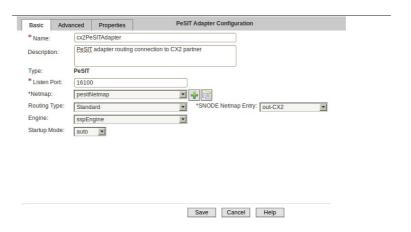




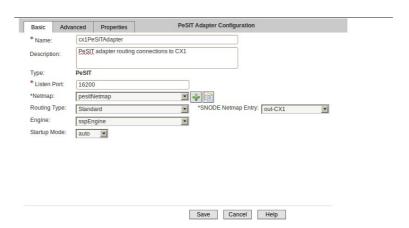
- Click the Save button to save changes.
- Open the Actions drop down list, expand New Adapter... and select PeSIT Proxy...



• In the Basic tab, set the Name to cx2PeSITAdapter, optionally a Description, the Listen Port to 16100, select pesitNemap from the Netmap drop down list, select out-CX2 from the SNODE Netmap Entry drop down list, select sspEngine from the Engine drop down list.



- · Click the Save button.
- Open the Actions drop down list, expand New Adapter... and select PeSIT Proxy...





Test of file transfers

Everything should be now ready to do a file transfer. We will start with transferring a file from CX1 to CX2 then the opposite.

File transfer from CX1

We must choose a file to transfer. For the clarity of this tutorial, we suggest to copy the file \$TOM_DIR/install.txt to /tmp/file to send Any other file can be chosen for a transfer.

• Run the C:X operator interface (command \$sterm).



 Select option 4 REQUEST. Set the NAME to TEST, DIRECTION to T, PARTNER to CX2SSL, DPCSID ALIAS and DPCPSW ALIAS to CX1SSL (not necessary if they have been defined in the partner directory), DPCPSW ALIAS to CX1SSL, PHYSICAL NAME to /tmp/file to send.

```
DPCPSW ALIAS .....: CX1SSL..
DESTINATION ....:
RECORD FORMAT .....:
RECORD LENGTH .....:
TYPE/STRUCTURE/MODE FTP :
                          TF, TV, BF, BU
                          E/A/I/*,F/R/*,B/S/*
STORE UNIQUE (FTP) ....:
TYPE .....:
                          Y/N FA: Y/N NOT: (0-7) (N/I/H/M)
TYPE ....:
TYPE OF CONNECTION ....:
                          (X/P/T)
(0/1/2)
PRIORITY .....:
-ENTER- NEXT FIELD
                      -F3- CANCEL
                                         -F8- COMPLETION
```

Press the F8 key. At the DO YOU WANT TO GO ON? prompt press the ENTER key. The request number will be displayed at the
bottom of the screen.

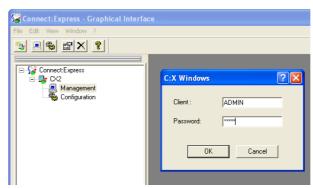


- Press the ENTER key then the F3 key to go back to the MAIN MENU.
- Select 2 MONITOR and 2 INTERROGATION OF LOG. We should be able to see the success of the file transfer.

We can see from the log above that the request 06800007 was a transfer of the file TEST (TEST TRANSFER ACCEPTED), it has been successful started (TEST TRANSFER STARTED), it was a transmission ((T)) of the file /tmp/file_to_send and it has ended successfully (TEST TRANSFER ENDED).

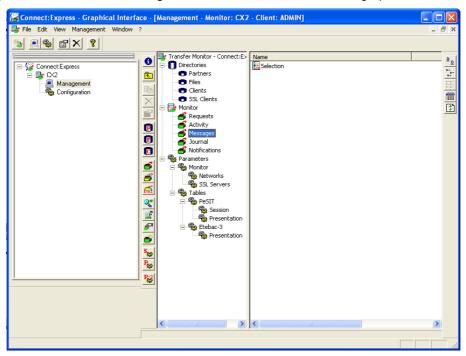
Another way to check that the file has been successfully transferred to the CX2 instance is to use the CX Graphical Interface on the cx2 host.

 Expand the CX2 node in the left pane and double-click on Management. Sign in using ADMIN for both the Client and the Password.

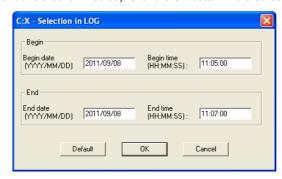




• In the middle pane select Directories > Messages then double-click on Selection in the right pane.



• Optionally use the **Begin time** and **End time** text fields to set the time slot. You can refer to the CX1 log for the time of the transfer (in this example the transfer has been done around 11:06:00). Click the **OK** button in the **Selection in LOG** window.



• We can see from the following log that the request 201125100003 was a reception of the file TEST (TEST TRANSFER STARTED (RECEIVE)) and it has ended successfully (TEST - TRANSFER ENDED).



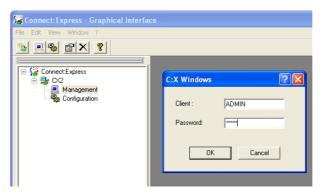
Note that the request number (201125100003) is not the same as the request number in CX1 (06800007). This is normal because the 2 C:X instances maintain different request counters.



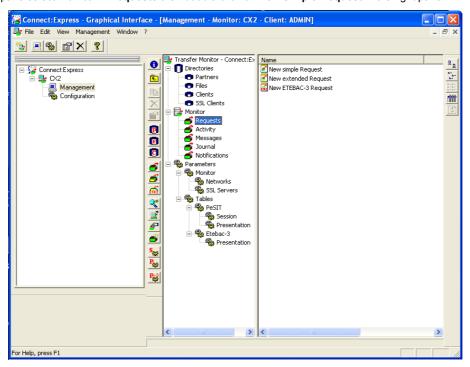
File transfer from CX2

As for the file transfer from CX1 partner we need to choose a file to transfer. For the clarity of this tutorial, we suggest to copy the file C:\cexpress\tomnt.ini to C:\tmp\file_to_send.txt. Any other file can be chosen for a transfer. Start the CX Graphical Interface to do the transfer.

 Expand the CX2 node in the left pane and double-click on Management. Sign in using ADMIN for both the Client and the Password.



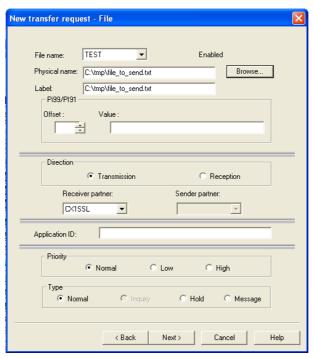
• In the middle pane select Monitor > Requests then double-click on New simple Request in the right pane.





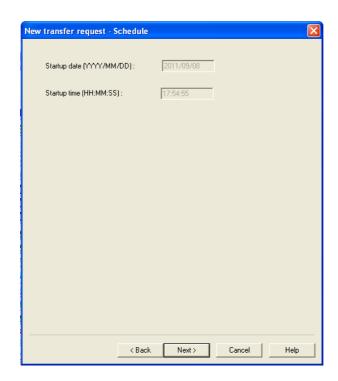


- In the Client window, leave ADMIN selected in the client drop down list and click the Next > button.
- In the File dialog window, select TEST in the File name drop down list, set the Physical name to C:\tmp\file_to_send.txt, leave the value for the Label, check that Transmission radio button is selected in the Direction box, select CX1SSL in the Receiver partner list.

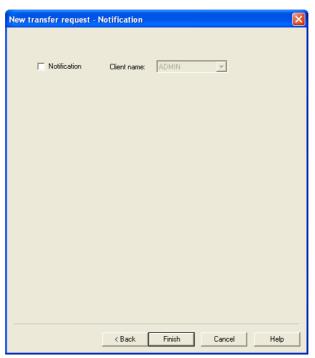


- Click the **Next >** button.
- In the **Schedule** dialog window click the **Next >** button.





• In the **Notification** dialog window click the **Finish** button.

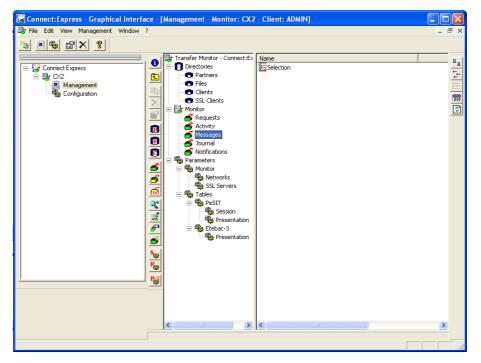


• A message window will be displayed giving the request number.

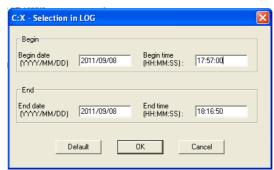




- · Click the OK button.
- To check the result of the transfer, select **Directories > Messages** in the middle pane then double-click on **Selection** in the right pane.



• Optionally use the **Begin time** and **End time** text fields to set the time slot. You can refer to the CX1 log for the time of the transfer (in this example the transfer has been done around 17:58:00). Click the **OK** button in the **Selection in LOG** window.



• We can see from the following log that the request 201125100007 was a transmission of the file TEST (TEST TRANSFER STARTED (TRANSMIT)) and it has ended successfully (TEST - TRANSFER ENDED).



```
Time Comment
  2011/09/08 17:58:10
                           C20112510006 - 201125100007 - ACCEPTED (N)
2011/09/08 17:58:10
2011/09/08 17:58:10
                           201125100007 - SELECTED
2011/09/08
2011/09/08
               17:58:10
                           201125100007 - COMMUNICATION OPENED (OUT) WITH CX1SSL (SSL/TCP)
                           201125100007 - TRANSFER ACCEPTED
               17:58:10
2011/09/08
2011/09/08
2011/09/08
2011/09/08
                          201125100007 - TEST - TRANSFER STARTED (TRANSMIT)
201125100007 - TEST - TRANSFER ENDED
                17:58:10
               17:58:10
                           201125100007 - DISABLED
                17:58:10
2011/09/08
               17:58:11
                          201125100007 - COMMUNICATION CLOSED WITH CX1SSL (SSL/TCP)
  2011/09/08
               17:58:11
                           201125100007 - PURGED
  Selection
```

Another way to check the result of the transfer is to use the C:X operator interface on host cx1.

 From the MAIN MENU select 2 MONITOR and 2 INTERROGATION OF LOG. We should be able to see the success of the file transfer.

```
MUNICATION OPENED (I)
     17:58:47
             REQUEST
                               TEST
                                        TRANSFER ACCEPTED
             REQUEST
                                        TRANSFER STARTED
             REQUEST
    17:58:47
                               (R) /tmp/TEST A6800009.txt
             REQUEST
                                        TRANSFER ENDED
                               RECEIVING
                                                           FILE TEST
             REQUEST
     17:58:48 COMMUNICATION CLOSED (I) WITH: CX2SSL
<- -F10- -F3- END -F7- PREVIOUS SCREEN -F8- NEXT SCREEN
```

We can see from the log above that the request 06800009 was a transfer of the file TEST (TEST TRANSFER ACCEPTED), it has been successfully started (TEST TRANSFER STARTED), it was a reception ((R)) and the received file has been save under the name /tmp/TEST_A6800009.txt (the file name in the definition of the file TEST is /tmp/TEST_&REQNUMB.txt) and the request has ended successfully (TEST TRANSFER ENDED).

Troubleshooting

Connect:Express and Sterling Secure Proxy can provide trace which help to diagnose problems. Enabling trace usually decreases performance and must be left inactive during normal production operation.

Enable trace in C:X for UNIX

Trace can be enabled by setting STRACE=1 in the \$TOM_DIR/config/sysin configuration file. This requires however to restart the monitor. There is a dynamic way to change the trace activity. The command:

```
$TOM_DIR/config/ch_conf /STRACE=1
```

will activate the trace, while the command:

```
$TOM_DIR/config/ch_conf /STRACE=0
```

will stop the trace activity.

Trace will be written in different files in the \$TOM_DIR/strf directory (refer to the IBM® Sterling Connect:Express® for UNIX - User and Installation Guide for the details). The more relevant trace files to diagnose SSL problems are the trace files RTQQQNNNNN.pid for outbound transfers and RTQQQNNNNN.pid for inbound transfers.

Enable trace in C:X for Microsoft Windows

There are 2 levels of trace in C:X for Microsoft Windows. Both can be activated using the CX Graphical Interface.



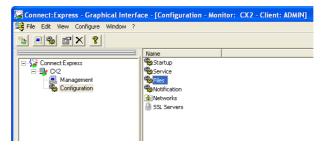
Enable PeSIT protocol trace

A first level of trace to help diagnose PeSIT protocol problems when C:X is used as a server or a client can be enabled.

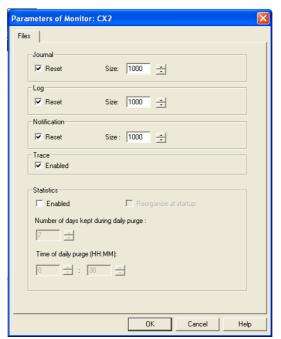
• In the left pane expand the CX2 node and double-click on Configuration. Sign in using ADMIN for both the Client and the Password.



• In the right pane double-click on Files.



• Tick the **Enabled** check box in the **Trace** box and click the **OK** button.



Click the **OK** button.

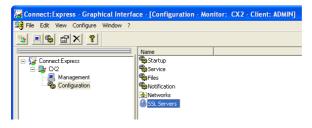


There is no need to restart the monitor. The trace will be written in the file CYYYYDDDNNNNN.txt where YYYY is the year, DDD is the day of the year (001 to 366) and NNNNN is the request number. Be aware that restarting the CX monitor during the same day will reset the request counter to 1 and therefore trace files could be overwritten without notice. Below is an example of the trace file C201125400002.txt.

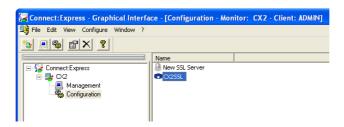
Enable SSL handshake trace for server

The second level of trace which can be activated is the SSL handshake trace. It can be very useful to diagnose problem during a SSL connection between a CX monitor trying to connect to SSP.

• In the right pane of the Configuration-Monitor window, double-click on SSL Servers.

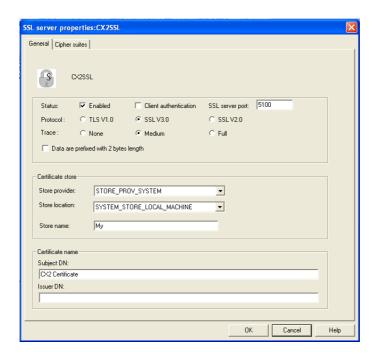


· Double-click on CX2SSL.



· Select the Trace radio button Medium or Full.





· Restart the CX monitor.

The trace of the SSL handshake when the monitor is used as a server will be written in the file YYYYDDDNNNNN.txt where YYYY is the year, DDD is the day of the year (001 to 366) and NNNNN is the request number. Be aware that restarting the CX monitor during the same day will reset the request counter to 1 and therefore trace wiles could be overwritten without notice. Below is an snapshot of the trace file 201125100002.txt.

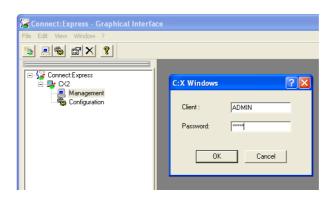
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Certificate subject: C=FR, L=Paris, O=IBM, OU=France Labs, CN=CX2 Certificate
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Certificate to find: CX2 Certificate
Certificates in: STORE_PROV_SYSTEM : SYSTEM_STORE_LOCAL_MACHINE : ROOT
Certificate subject: DC=com, DC=microsoft, CN=Microsoft Root Certificate Authority
Certificate subject: OU=Copyright (c) 1997 Microsoft Corp., OU=Microsoft Corporation, CN=Microsoft Root Authority
Certificate subject: C=FR, L=Paris, O=IBM, OU=France Labs, CN=SSP Certificate
Certificate subject: C=US, O=MSFT, CN=Microsoft Authenticode(tm) Root Authority
Certificate subject: O=Microsoft Trust Network, OU=Microsoft Corporation, OU=Microsoft Time Stamping Service Root, OU=Copyr
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Certificate subject: C=MX, CN="Autoridad Certificadora del Colegio Nacional de Correduria Publica Mexicana, A.C.", O="Coleç
Certificate subject: C=us, S=Utah, L=Salt Lake City, O=Digital Signature Trust Co., OU=United Parcel Service, CN=DST (UPS)
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Enable SSL handshake trace for client

To help diagnose SSL problems when SSP tries to connect to a CX monitor, the trace can be enabled at the client level.

• Expand the CX2 node in the left pane and double-click on Management. Sign in using ADMIN for both the Client and the Password.





• In the middle pane select **Directories > SSL Clients** then double-click on **CX2CLI** in the right pane.



• Double-click on CX2SSL.



• Select the Trace radio button Medium or Full.





. Click the **OK** button. There is no need to restart the monitor.

The trace of the SSL handshake when the monitor is used as a client will also be written in the file YYYYDDDNNNNN.txt.

Enable trace in SSP

Sterling Secure Proxy has trace facilities which help to diagnose problems. There are many components in SSP for which the trace can be independently enabled (engines, perimeter server, adapters, etc).

Enabling SSL or TLS trace

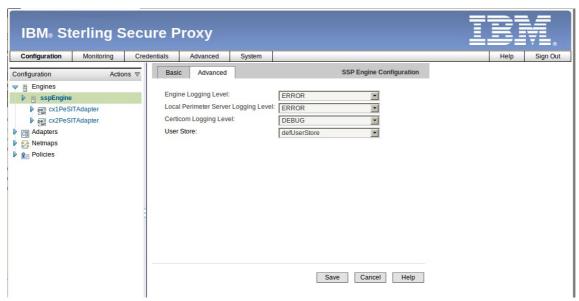
Enabling SSL or TLS trace can be very useful to diagnose handshake problems. Enabling trace is done through the SSPcm graphical interface.

- Connect to the SSPcm graphical interface with administrator privileges (the section **Import the self-signed certificates in SSP** explains how to connect to the SSPcm graphical interface).
- On the left pane expand Engines and click sspEngine.



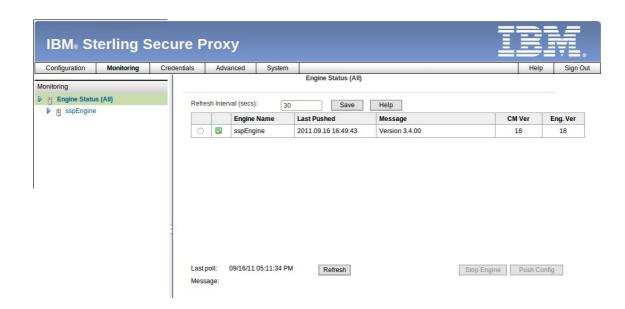


• select the Advanced tab and select DEBUG from the Certicom Logging Level drop down list.



- Click the **OK** button to save the new configuration.
- Every time you save the configuration, a version number is incremented. By default, SSP is checking if there is a new configuration in SSPcm every 30 seconds. You can check if the configuration version numbers are the same by selecting the **Monitoring** in the top banner and select **Engine Status** in the left pane.





• Once the trace is enabled you can try a file transfer from the CX1 partner to the CX2 partner. On the SSP host, navigate to the directory where SSP has been installed. Go into the logs directory. You should see a file named certicom.log. This file contains the trace of the SSL handshake.

Some part of the file above have been truncated to make it more readable.



PeSIT trace in SSP

Below is a list of other components for which a trace can be enabled in SSP.

- PeSIT adapters: trace for PeSIT adapters is written in files of the form secureproxy-pesitNetmap.<node_name>.log in the logs directory. Trace gives interesting informations about the status of inbound and outbound sessions.
- PeSIT Netmap nodes: PeSIT trace for inbound nodes (there is no trace for outbound nodes). Trace files are written in the log directory in the form pesit.<node_name>.<session_id>.trace. The trace gives the detail of the messages exchanged between the PeSIT node and SSP.

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- OpenSSL for Windows: http://gnuwin32.sourceforge.net/packages/openssl.htm