



How to setup Secure Telnet with VSE

Server and client authentication

Client Setup with IBM Personal Communications and Attachmate® EXTRA! X-treme™

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1 Introduction

This paper describes the setup of secure Telnet in various scenarios with VSE acting as server. This involves the creation of RSA key pairs and digital certificates on the server and on the client side. For simplification, we do not purchase certificates from official Certificate Authorities (CAs), but create our own set of so called self signed certificates. Self-signed certificates are not signed by an official CA and therefore work only in a closed test environment.

The following software has been used in the test setup.

- z/VSE 4.1.0 GA version
- TCP/IP for VSE/ESA 1.5E as part of z/VSE 4.1 GA version
- VSE Connector Server as part of z/VSE 4.1.0 (job STARTVCS)
- Microsoft Windows XP Professional, SP2
- Java 1.4.2 from Sun Microsystems
- Keyman/VSE, update from 08/2007
- IBM Personal Communications 5.7 for Windows
- Attachmate® EXTRA! X-treme™ V9 Evaluation for Windows

Note: following fixes are necessary for secure Telnet:

- ZP15F202 (TCP/IP **1.5F**. As shipped TCP/IP 1.5F does not support Secure Telnet connections.)

2 Generating the server key and certificates

The easiest way to generate all necessary keys and certificates for the VSE server side is by using the Keyman/VSE utility which is provided by IBM without warranty for free download from

<http://www.ibm.com/servers/eserver/zseries/zvse/downloads/>

Keyman/VSE is a Java application, which is typically installed on a Personal Computer. It has the following prerequisites.

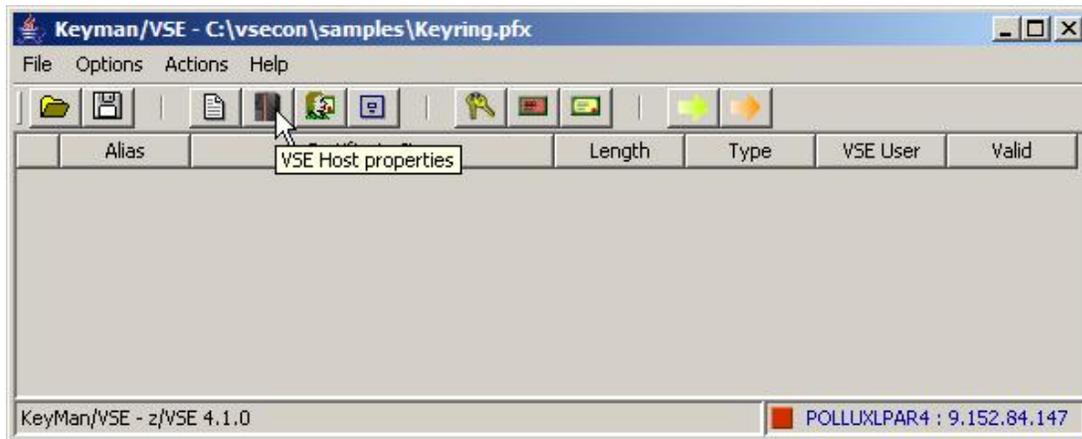
- Java 1.4 or higher on the workstation side
- TCP/IP for VSE/ESA 1.5E on the VSE side
- VSE Connector Server up and running in non-SSL mode on the VSE side

Although Keyman/VSE provides many functions for manually creating keys and certificates, sign certificate requests, and so on, the easiest way for creating the necessary files on VSE is using the Wizard dialog for creating a self-signed keyring. For details about Keyman/VSE functions refer to the HTML-based help of the Keyman tool.

Our first step is to start Keyman/VSE and entering the properties of your VSE system. This information is needed later for sending created keys and certificates to VSE.

2.1 Defining the properties of your VSE system

On the main window click on the **VSE host properties** toolbar button.



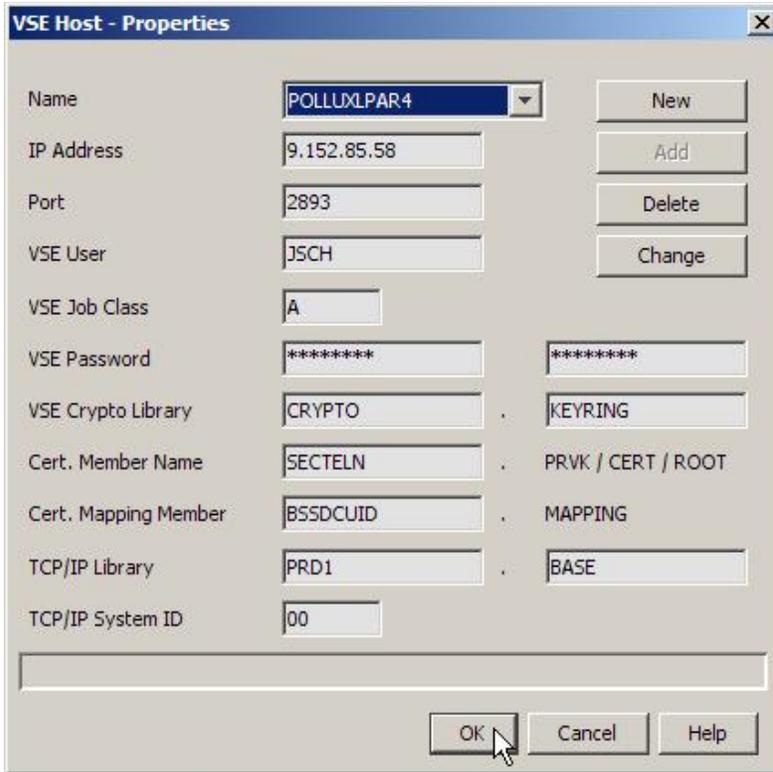
On the **VSE Host – Properties** dialog box enter the required information for your VSE system. Press the **New** button to create a new VSE host definition.

 A screenshot of the 'VSE Host - Properties' dialog box. The dialog has a title bar with the text 'VSE Host - Properties' and a close button. The main area contains several fields and buttons:

- Name:** A dropdown menu with 'SAMPLE' selected.
- IP Address:** An empty text input field.
- Port:** A text input field containing '2893'.
- VSE User:** A text input field containing 'SYSA'.
- VSE Job Class:** A text input field containing 'A'.
- VSE Password:** Two empty text input fields.
- VSE Crypto Library:** Two text input fields containing 'CRYPTO' and 'KEYRING'.
- Cert. Member Name:** A text input field containing 'TEST01'.
- Cert. Mapping Member:** A text input field containing 'BSSDCUID'.
- TCP/IP Library:** Two text input fields containing 'PRD1' and 'BASE'.
- TCP/IP System ID:** A text input field containing '00'.

 To the right of the 'Name' field are four buttons: 'New', 'Add', 'Delete', and 'Change'. The 'New' button is highlighted with a mouse cursor. At the bottom of the dialog are three buttons: 'OK', 'Cancel', and 'Help'.

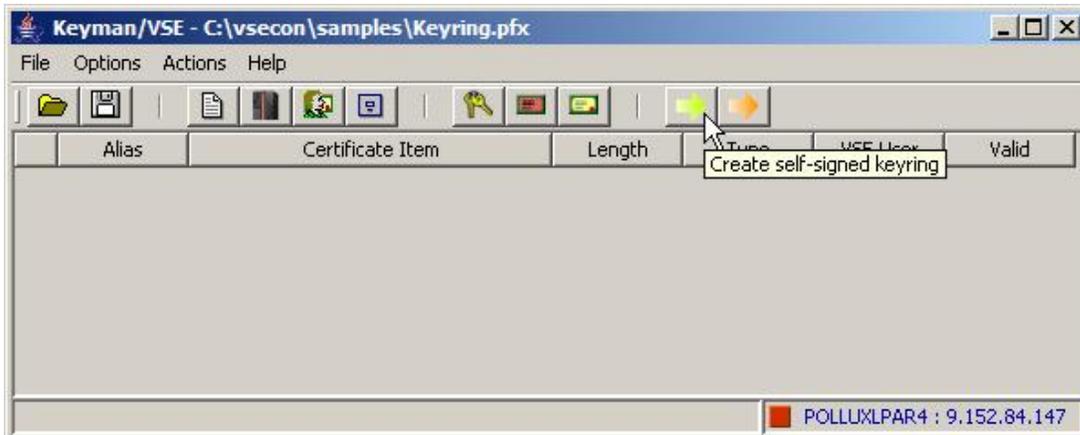
Then enter a unique name for your VSE system, its IP address, the port number of the VSE Connector Server, a VSE user ID together with its password and so on.



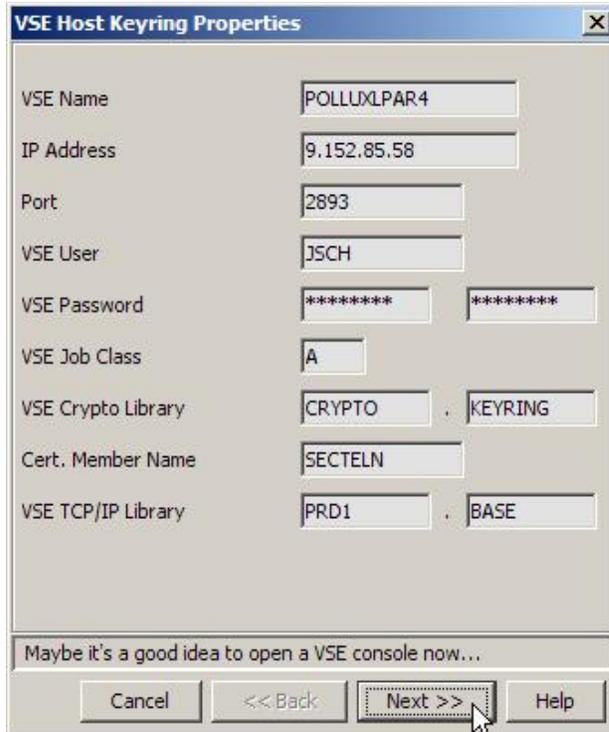
Then press the **Add** button to add the new definition. We are now ready to create the VSE server key and the necessary certificates.

2.2 *Creating a self-signed keyring*

Click on the **Create self-signed keyring** toolbar button.



Fill in the required information on the next dialog box



The screenshot shows the "VSE Host Keyring Properties" dialog box. It contains the following fields and values:

VSE Name	POLLUXLPAR4
IP Address	9.152.85.58
Port	2893
VSE User	J5CH
VSE Password	*****
VSE Job Class	A
VSE Crypto Library	CRYPTO . KEYRING
Cert. Member Name	SECTELN
VSE TCP/IP Library	PRD1 . BASE

At the bottom, there is a message: "Maybe it's a good idea to open a VSE console now..." and four buttons: "Cancel", "<< Back", "Next >>", and "Help". A mouse cursor is pointing at the "Next >>" button.

Press **Next**.

On the next dialog specify a password which is used for protecting the local keyring file. You should leave the settings for the encryption of public and private items on **No encryption**. Otherwise there might be problems when reading the file afterwards.



The screenshot shows the "Local Keyring File Properties" dialog box. It contains the following fields and values:

Name	c:\vsecon\samples\sectel.pfx
Keyring File Password	*****
Retype password	*****
Encryption of public items	No encryption
Encryption of private items	No encryption
Password protection	1 1 ... 2000

At the bottom, there is a message: "This keyring file can be directly used on the client side by the VSE Connector Client. To use it with CWS you must import it into your Web Browser." and four buttons: "Cancel", "<< Back", "Next >>", and "Help". A mouse cursor is pointing at the "Next >>" button.

Press **Next**. On the next dialog box specify the key length of your server key and a unique alias string to identify the key. The box shows you a list of available cipher suites with the selected RSA key length. This association has been removed with TCP/IP fix ZP15E250; refer to the notes below Table 1 on page 14.

Generate RSA Key Pair

Generate new RSA key pair with strength:

Key length: 1024 bits

Alias: vseKey

Available SSL cipher suites with this RSA key length:

- 09 : RSA1024_DES_CBC_SHA (56-bit DES)
- 0A : RSA1024_3DES_CBC_SHA (168-bit Triple-DES)
- 2F : TLS_RSA_WITH_AES_128_CBC_SHA (128-bit AES)
- 62 : RSA1024_EXPORT_DES_CBC_SHA (56-bit DES)

This RSA key pair will be stored in your VSE crypto library as .PRVK member. Further keys with the same strength will be created for your certificates.

Make sure the VSE Connector Server is started non-SSL!

Cancel << Back **Next >>** Help

Press **Next**. On the following dialog box specify the personal information for the VSE ROOT certificate.

Personal Information for VSE ROOT Certificate

Common name: VSE ROOT Certificate

Organizational unit: Development

Organization: IBM Germany

City/Location: Boeblingen

State/Province: N/A

Country: DE Germany (DE)

e-mail: zvse@de.ibm.com

Expires: 2008-9-21 1 year

Alias: rootCert

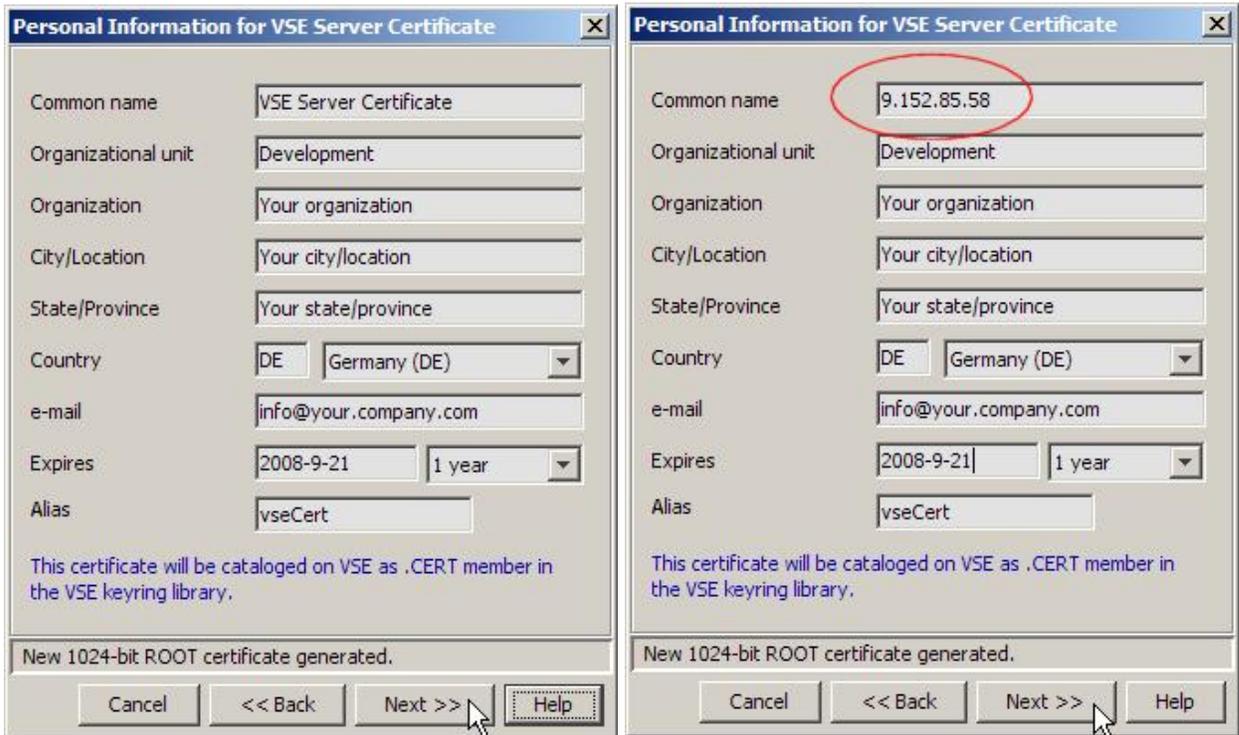
This certificate will be cataloged on VSE as .ROOT member in the VSE keyring library.

New 1024-bit Key generated, elapsed time: 1 second(s).

Cancel << Back **Next >>** Help

Press **Next**. On the following dialog box specify the personal information for the VSE server certificate.

Note: Attachmate Extra! in some cases requires the Common Name to be identical to the VSE IP address in order to accept the server certificate during the SSL handshake. Refer to section Attachmate Extra! session setup on page 30 for more information and see right hand picture below.



Press **Next**.

A client certificate is only needed for client authentication (refer to chapter Setting up for client authentication on page 23).

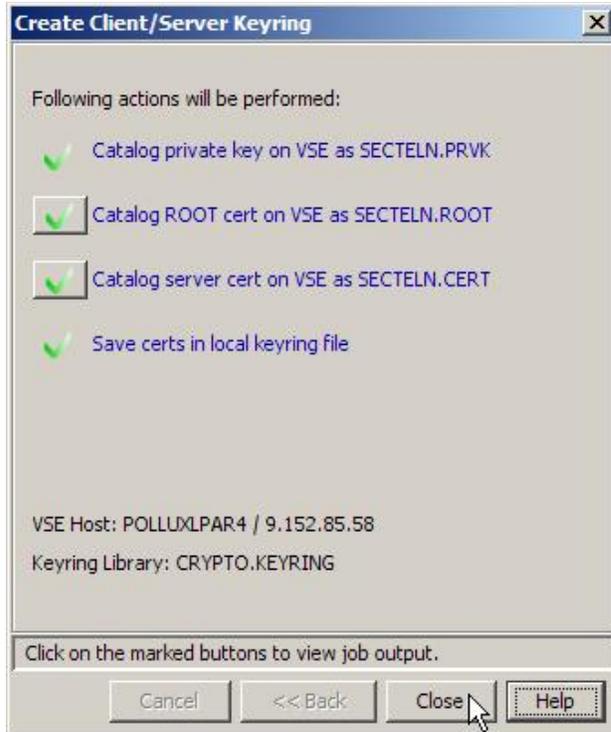
The screenshot shows a dialog box titled "Personal Information for VSE Client Certificate". It contains several input fields: "Common name" (VSE Client Certificate), "Organizational unit" (Your company), "Organization" (Your organization), "City/Location" (Your location), "State/Province" (Your state/province), "Country" (DE, Germany (DE)), "e-mail" (vseclient@your.company.com), "Expires" (2008-9-21, 1 year), "Map to VSE User" (Optional), and "Alias" (clientCert). At the bottom, there is a status bar that says "New 1024-bit server certificate generated." and a set of buttons: "Cancel", "<< Back", "Next >>", and "Help". A mouse cursor is pointing at the "Next >>" button.

Press **Next**.

The screenshot shows a dialog box titled "Create Client/Server Keyring". It lists the following actions: "Catalog private key on VSE as SECTELN.PRVK", "Catalog ROOT cert on VSE as SECTELN.ROOT", "Catalog server cert on VSE as SECTELN.CERT", and "Save certs in local keyring file". Below this, it shows "VSE Host: POLLUXLPAR4 / 9.152.85.58" and "Keyring Library: CRYPTO.KEYRING". At the bottom, there is a status bar that says "New 1024-bit client certificate generated." and a set of buttons: "Cancel", "<< Back", "Finish", and "Help". A mouse cursor is pointing at the "Finish" button.

Press **Finish**.

This will send all items to VSE and save the certificates in the local keyring file.



Press **Close**.

Now you have three VSE library members cataloged into CRYPTO.KEYRING. The PRVK member contains the RSA key pair, the ROOT member contains the self-signed VSE ROOT certificate, and the CERT member contains the VSE server certificate.

```
LD SECTELN.*

DIRECTORY DISPLAY      SUBLIBRARY=CRYPTO.KEYRING      DATE: 2007-09-21
                                                                    TIME: 19:38
-----
 M E M B E R          CREATION   LAST      BYTES   LIBR CONT SVA  A- R-
NAME      TYPE      DATE      UPDATE  RECORDS  BLKS STOR ELIG MODE
-----
SECTELN  CERT      07-09-21  - -      724 B    1 YES  -  -  -
SECTELN  PRVK      07-09-21  - -     2048 B    3 YES  -  -  -
SECTELN  ROOT      07-09-21  - -      686 B    1 YES  -  -  -
L113I RETURN CODE OF LISTDIR IS 0
L001A ENTER COMMAND OR END
```

You can also close the Keyman/VSE tool now. As we don't need the server key on the client side, the key was not saved to the local file.

We will need the client keyring file later in order to import the self-signed root certificate into Personal Communications.

3 Setting up a TELNETD

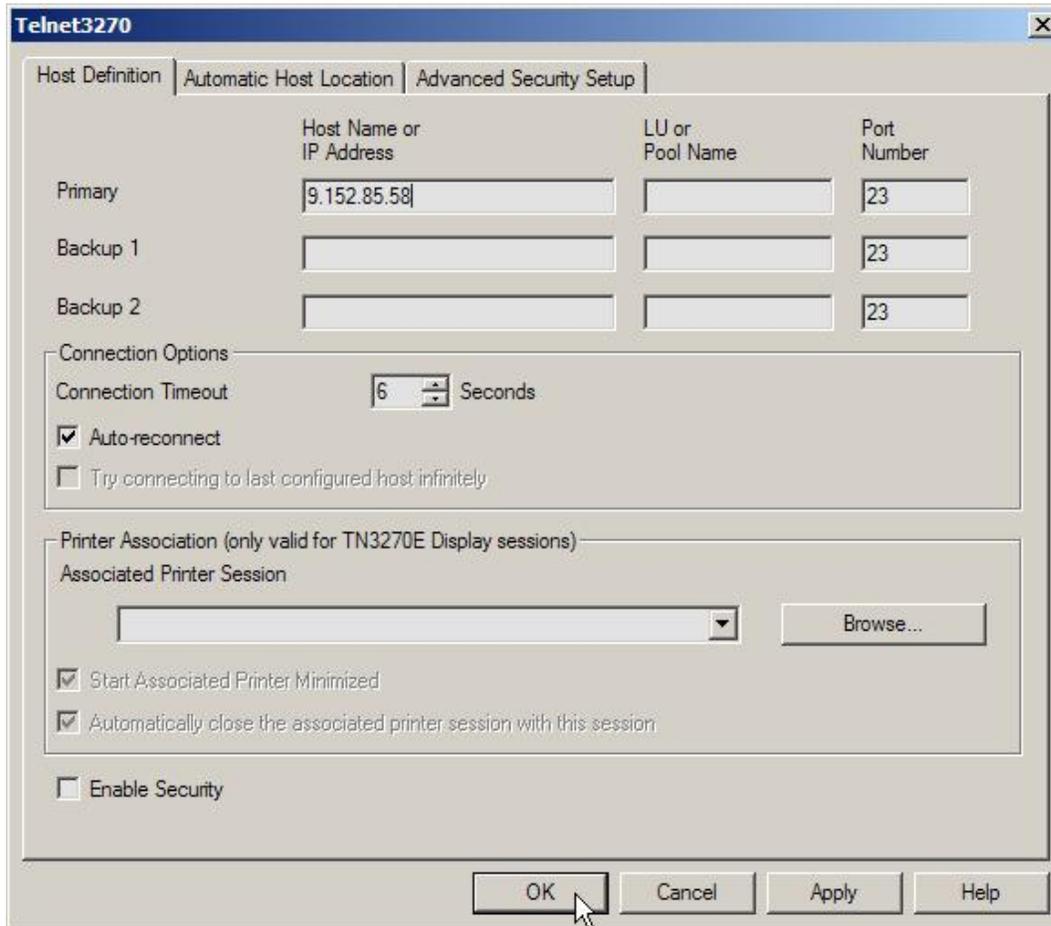
First, let's do the basic setup for unsecure Telnet. We will later add the definitions for secure Telnet. The following command defines a standard Telnet daemon.

```
DEFINE TELNETD, ID=LU, TERMNAME=TELNLU, TARGET=DBDCCICS, PORT=23, COUNT=4, -
LOGMODE=S3270, LOGMODE3=D4B32783, LOGMODE4=D4B32784, -
LOGMODE5=D4B32785, POOL=YES
```

The daemon startup is shown on the VSE console.

```
F7 0097 0030: TEL900I Daemon Startup Telnet Termname: TELNLU04 Port: 23
F7 0097 002F: TEL900I Daemon Startup Telnet Termname: TELNLU03 Port: 23
F7 0097 002E: TEL900I Daemon Startup Telnet Termname: TELNLU02 Port: 23
F7 0097 002D: TEL900I Daemon Startup Telnet Termname: TELNLU01 Port: 23
```

We can now immediately use this daemon with a Telnet 3270 capable client. Following picture is taken from IBM Personal Communications, setting up the session with the VSE IP address.



The following picture shows a VSE signon screen connected via Telnet.

```

Session C - [24 x 80]
File Edit View Communication Actions Window Help
IESADMS01 z/USE ONLINE
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      ++  UU  UU  SSSSS  EEEEEEE
      ++  UU  UU  SSSSSSS EEEEEEE
ZZZZZZ  ++  UU  UU  SS      EE
ZZZZZZ  ++  UU  UU  SSSSSS  EEEEEEE
ZZ       ++  UU  UU  SSSSSS  EEEEEEE
ZZ       ++  UU  UU      SS   EE
ZZZZZZ  ++  UUUU  SSSSSSS  EEEEEEE
ZZZZZZ  ++  UU    SSSSS   EEEEEEE

Your terminal is LU02 and its name in the network is TELNLU02
Today is 09/21/2007 To sign on to DBDCCICS -- enter your:

USER-ID..... |_____ The name by which the system knows you.
PASSWORD..... Your personal access code.

PF1=HELP      2=TUTORIAL      4=REMOTE APPLICATIONS
                          10=NEW PASSWORD

c 18/025
Connected to remote server/host 9.152.85.58 using port 23
Print to Disk - Append

```

The next chapter shows how our previously defined Telnet daemon is SSL enabled.

4 VSE host setup for secure Telnet

Setting up SSL for the Telnet protocol is based on the SSL daemon (TLSD) provided by TCP/IP for VSE/ESA. In general there are two modes available:

- SSL in *native* mode. Hereby SSL traffic goes directly to the SSL enabled daemon on VSE. Native mode is supported by HTTPD, FTPD, and TELNETD. In addition to one of these daemons you have to define a TLSD daemon that defines the SSL parameters.
- SSL in *pass-through* mode, where a TLSD serves as a proxy. In this case encrypted traffic goes to the TLSD, which in turn passes the data unencrypted to an HTTPD, FTPD, or TELNETD. The PASSPORT parameter is used to route SSL traffic from an unsecured daemon to the TLSD.

4.1 Setting up pass-through mode

Following TLSD definition is used to secure our previously defined TELNETD. Note that the PORT and PASSPORT parameters are different.

DEFINE TLSD, ID=TLSDTELNET,	Id of this SSL/TLS daemon
PORT=992,	Secure telnet port
PASSPORT=23,	Port data is passed to
CIPHER=2F350A0962,	Allowed cipher suites
CERTLIB=CRYPTO,	Library name
CERTSUB=KEYRING,	Sublibrary name
CERTMEM=SECTELN,	Member name
TYPE=1,	SSL server authentication
MINVERS=0300,	Minimum version required
DRIVER=SSLD	Driver phase name

Make sure that you specify the same member name (here SECTELN) used when uploading the keyring files to VSE (see section Creating a self-signed keyring on page 6). The daemon startup is shown on the VSE console.

```
F7 0097 0036: TLS900I Daemon Startup Transport Security Layer SSLD
                =81640040
```

Table 1 shows the available cipher suites on VSE. Parameter CIPHER in the TLSD definition lists the hex codes of the ciphers you want to use with this TLSD. When the secure Telnet session is established, the client and server will negotiate one of these cipher suites to be used. The session will fail if there is no cipher suite supported by both sides.

Hex Code	Cipher Suite	Handshaking (*)	Encryption	Min. TCP/IP
01	SSL_RSA_WITH_NULL_MD5	512	None	1.5D
02	SSL_RSA_WITH_NULL_SHA	512	None	1.5D
08	SSL_RSA_EXPORT_WITH_DES40_CBC_SHA	512	40 bits	1.5D
09	SSL_RSA_WITH_DES_CBC_SHA	1024	56 bits	1.5D
0A	SSL_RSA_WITH_3DES_EDE_CBC_SHA	1024	168 bits	1.5D
2F	TLS_RSA_WITH_AES_128_CBC_SHA	1024 / 2048	128 bits	1.5E
35	TLS_RSA_WITH_AES_256_CBC_SHA	1024 / 2048	256 bits	1.5E
62	RSA1024_EXPORT_DES_CBC_SHA	1024	56 bits	1.5D

Table 1: available cipher suites on VSE

Notes:

- When using 2048-bit keys you need a Crypto Express2 or PCI-X Cryptographic Coprocessor card.
- AES support was introduced with TCP/IP fix ZP15E214.
- AES-128 is available as hardware function on IBM System z9 processors and is much faster than the software implementations provided by TCP/IP. It is used transparently by TCP/IP when available.
- (*) TCP/IP fix ZP15E250 removes the restriction of allowing some cipher suites only with a specific RSA key length. If you look at the RFC2240 for TLS you will notice that it does not have a RSA key size associated with the specific cipher suites. Any cipher suite can now be used with any of the RSA key sizes.

4.2 Setting up SSL native mode

SSL native mode is used automatically when the DEFINE TLSD contains *the same port number* for the PORT and PASSPORT parameters as shown below.

```

DEFINE  TLSD, ID=TLSDELNET,          -
        PORT=992,                    -
        PASSPORT=992,                -
        CIPHER=2F350A0962,          -
        MINVERS=0300,                -
        CERTLIB=CRYPTO,               -
        CERTSUB=KEYRING,             -
        CERTMEM=SECTELN,             -
        TYPE=1,                      -
        DRIVER=SSLD

DEFINE  TELNETD, ID=TELVSSL, TCPAPPL=TNSSL0, TARGET=DBDCCICS, -
        COUNT=3, MENU=MENUZ, TYPE=VTAM, POOL=YES, PORT=992, -
        DRIVER=TELNETD

```

With the above definition the TELNETD will natively support SSL, but pick up the necessary SSL configuration information from the DEFINE TLSD keywords.

4.3 Setting up a Telnet Listener daemon

When additional security is required, such as restricting Telnet traffic to specific IP addresses, you may use the following variant of setting up Secure Telnet on VSE.

Note: this scenario requires TCP/IP for VSE/ESA 1.5F with fix ZP15F202. See fix description on

<http://www.csi-international.com/csi-support/zaps15f.htm#ZP15F202>

In this example, the listener daemon only accepts connections from the below specified IP address, which usually belongs to a dedicated Terminal server. Note that this is only possible with TN3270E.

```

DEFINE  TELNETD, TN3270E=L, PORT=992, POOL=YES, DRIVER=TELNETD, -
        ID=TLSL1, IPADDR=3.196.98.105
*
DEFINE  TLSD, ID=TLS2, PORT=992, PASSPORT=992, CIPHER=090A62, -
        CERTLIB=CRYPTO, CERTSUB=KEYRING, CERTMEM=SECTEL01, TYPE=1, DRIVER=SSLD, -
        MINVERS=0300
*
DEFINE  TELNETD, TERMNAME=TLS32AA, ID=TLS32AA, POOL=YES, -
        TN3270E=E, TYPE=VTAM, MENU=MENU2, LOGMODE=SP3272QN, -
        LOGMODE3=SP3272QN, LOGMODE4=SP3272QN, LOGMODE5=SP3272QN, PORT=992, -
        DRIVER=TELNETD

```

This JCL adds the related VTAM definitions.

```

* $$ JOB JNM=CAT, CLASS=0
// JOB CAT      TEST
// EXEC LIBR, PARM='A S=PRD2.CONFIG'
CATALOG  TLSD.B  REPLACE=YES
TLSD     VBUILD  TYPE=APPL
TLS32AA  APPL   AUTH=(ACQ), MODETAB=IESINCLM, EAS=1
TELNLU01 APPL   AUTH=(ACQ), MODETAB=IESINCLM, EAS=1
TELNLU02 APPL   AUTH=(ACQ), MODETAB=IESINCLM, EAS=1
TELNLU03 APPL   AUTH=(ACQ), MODETAB=IESINCLM, EAS=1

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5 Client setup with IBM Personal Communications

Basically, we have to import our self-signed root certificate into the PCOM key database. It is important to import the PFX file into the PCOM key database to not loose the contained private keys.

5.1 *Importing the VSE certificates into PCOM*

Open the IBM Key Management tool, which is part of the Personal Communications installation. You will find the tool under **Utilities - Certificate Management**.

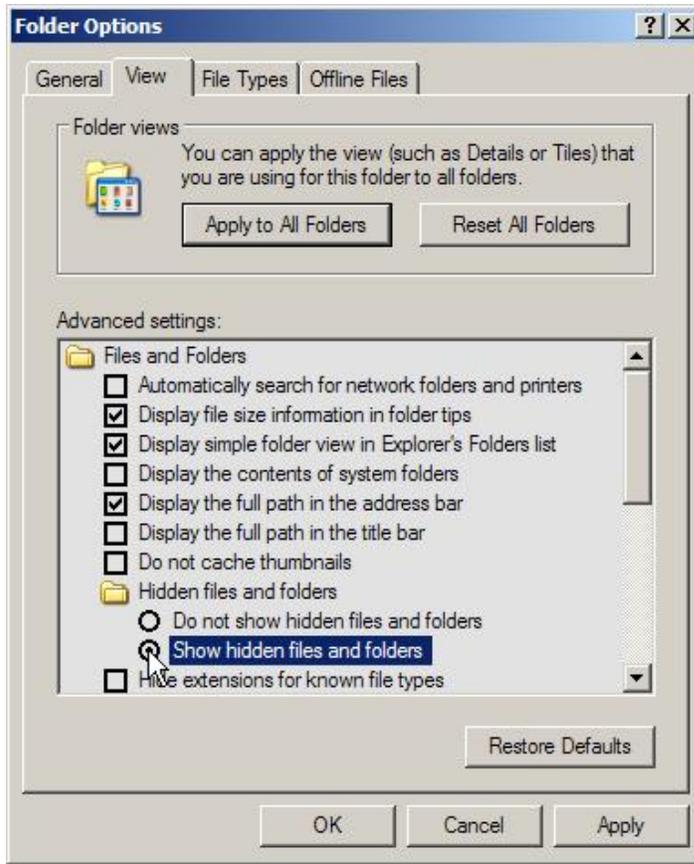
5.1.1 Location of the PCOM key database on Windows

On Windows, the PCOM key database is located in folder

C:\Documents and Settings\All Users\Application Data\IBM\Personal Communications

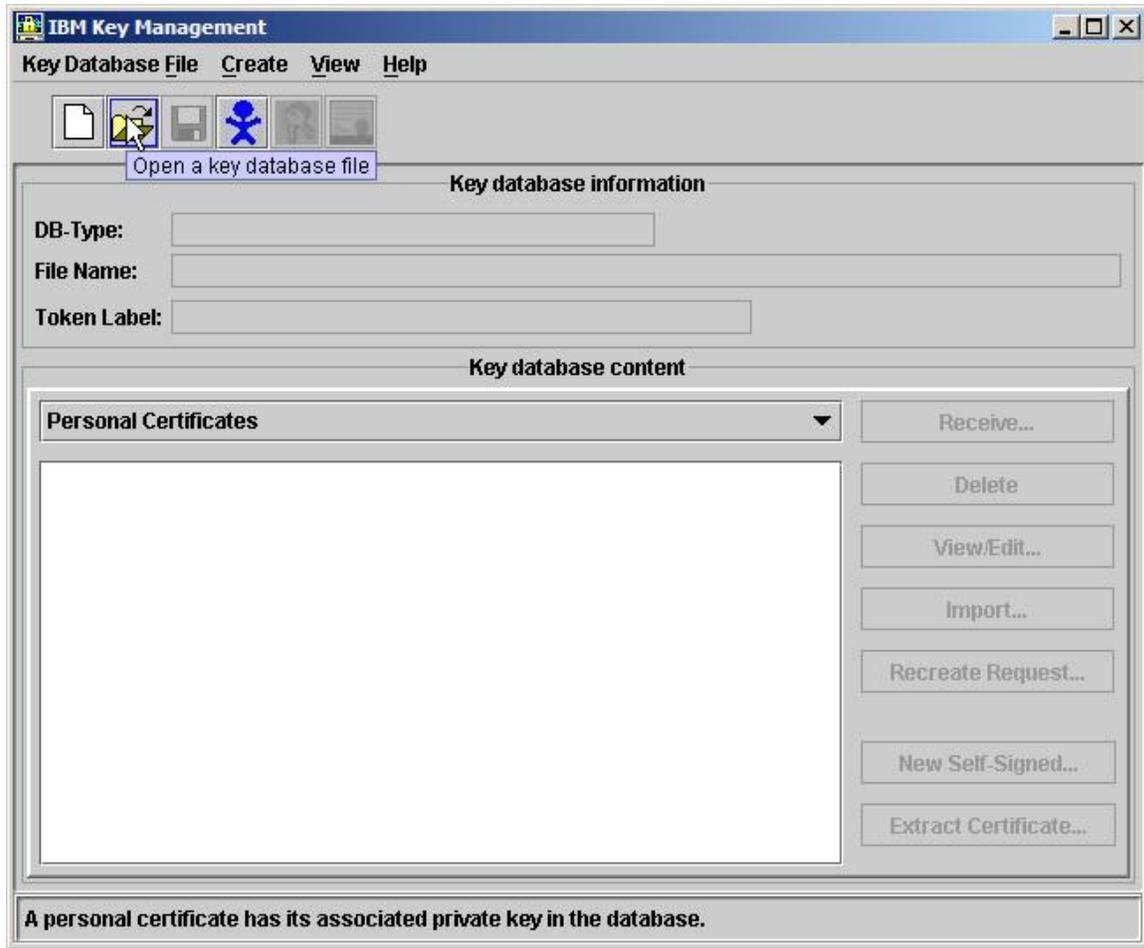
This folder is not visible via the Windows Explorer when your current folder options specify to not show hidden files and folders. You can change this in the Windows Explorer via menu Tools – Folder options.

In the below dialog box click on **Show hidden files and folders**.

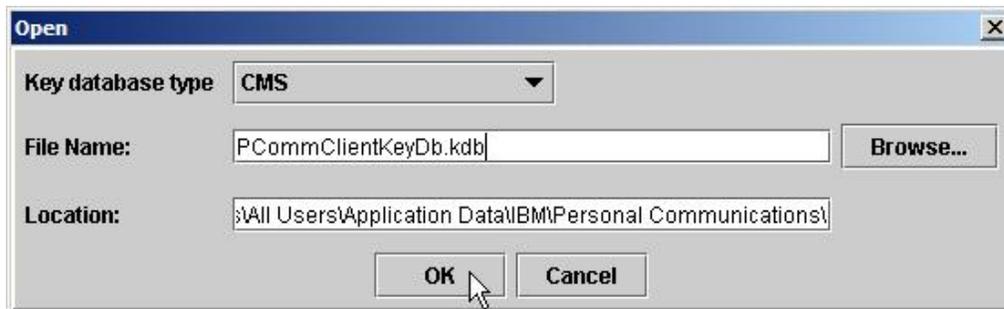


5.1.2 Opening the PCOM key database

Now open the PCOM key database.



If the fields in the below box are empty, browse to the KDB location, see Location of the PCOM key database on Windows on page 16.



Press **OK**.

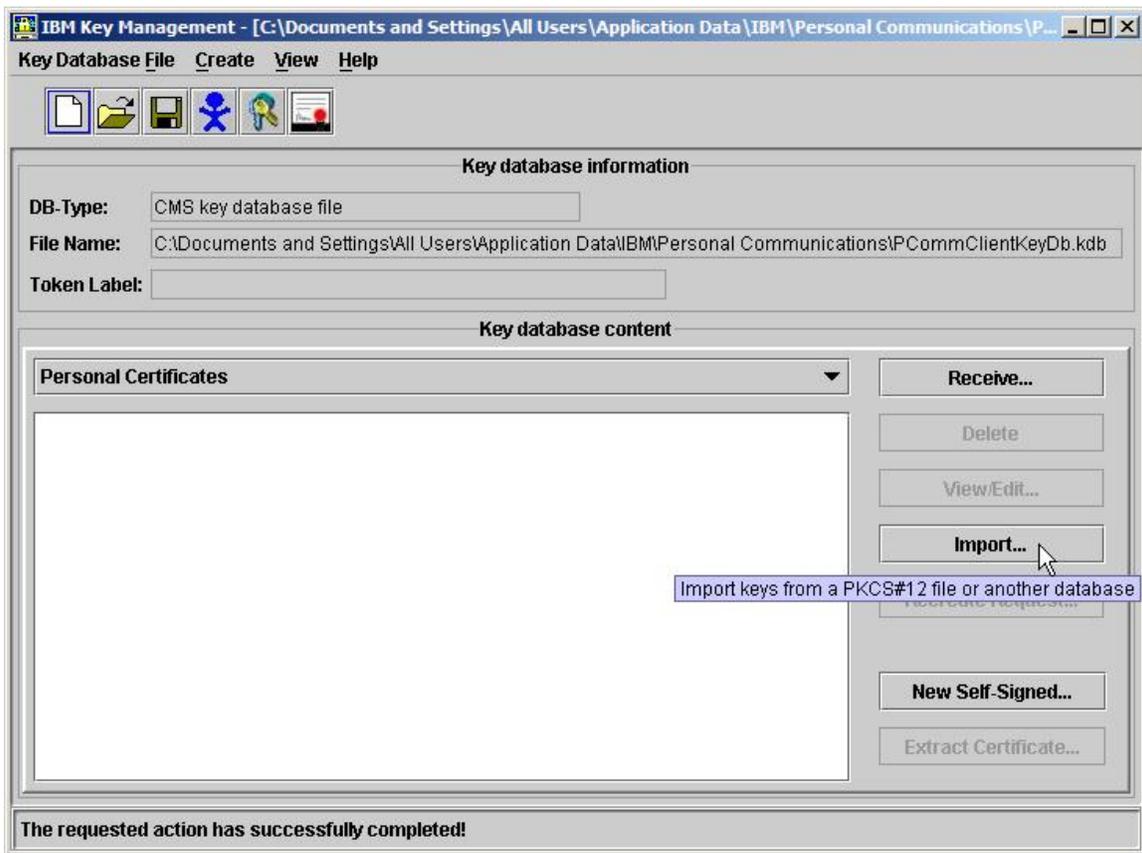
You are now prompted for the key database password. The default password for the PCOM key database is *pcomm*.



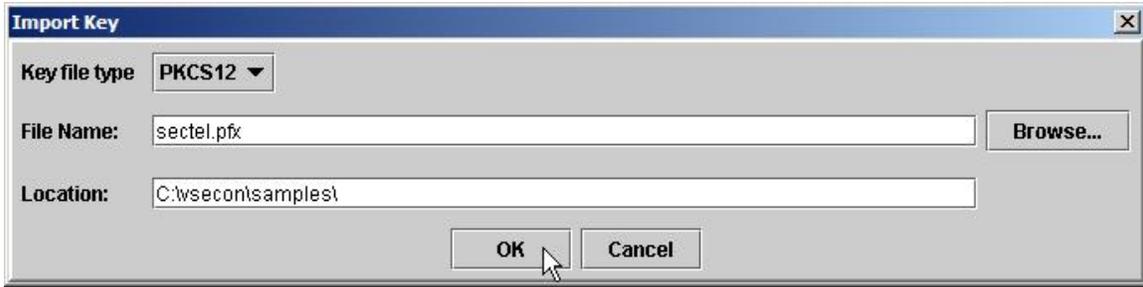
Enter the password and press **OK**.

5.1.3 Importing the PFX file into the PCOM key database

It is important to import the certificate with its private key, i.e. to import the certificate as a **Personal certificate**. In the PCOM key management GUI select **Personal Certificates** and click on **Import**. This will also import our VSE client certificate, which is needed later for client authentication.



On the next dialog box select Key file type **PKCS12** and enter the name and location of the VSE keyring file.

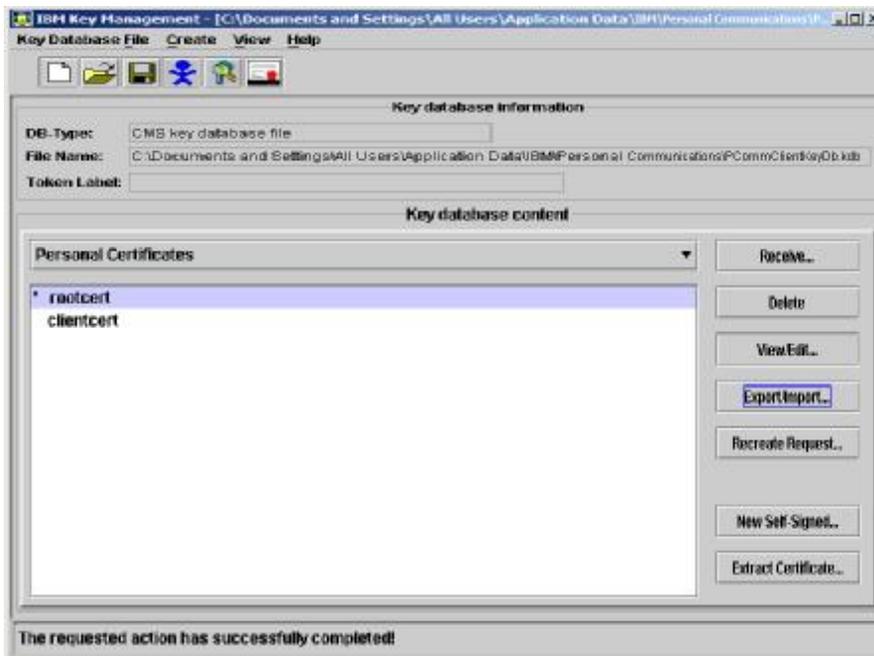


Press **OK**.



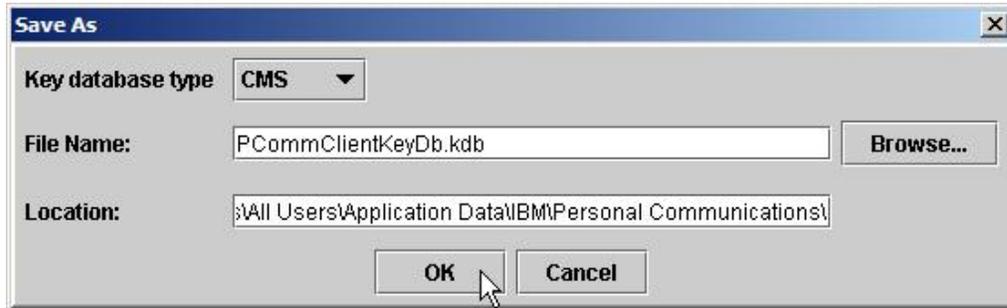
Enter the password of the keyring file and press **OK**.

Note: exporting the VSE certificates in base64 text form from Keyman/VSE and using the **Add** function in the PCOM key management tool, would result in losing the private keys and the certificates would be imported as signer certificates, rather than as personal certificates. In this case client authentication would not work.

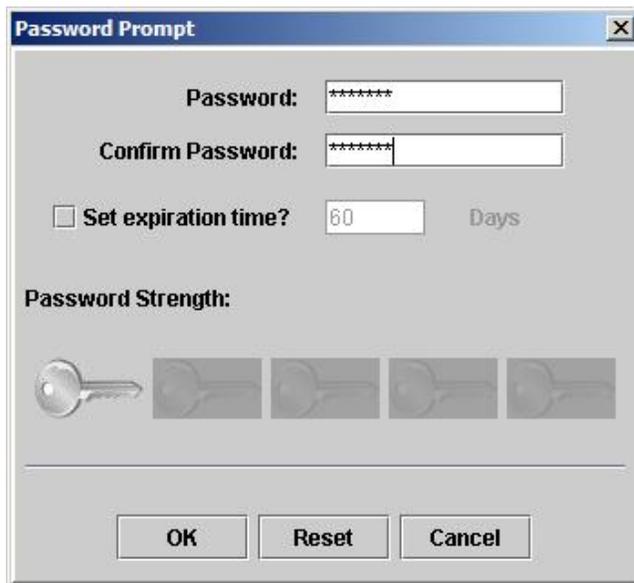


Now save the key database file and close the PCOM certificate management tool. I would recommend changing the default password before saving the KDB. You can do this via menu **Key Database File – Change password**. After changing the password, use option **Stash password** to save an encrypted copy of the password in a separate file for verifying the password in future.

To save the KDB select menu **Key Database File – Save as...** and proceed with the dialogs.



Press **OK**.



Enter the KDB password and press **OK**.

5.2 Starting a secure session

In the PCOM session window we have to change the port number to the secure Telnet port **992** and we have to check the box labeled **Enable Security**.

The screenshot shows the 'Telnet3270' dialog box with the 'Advanced Security Setup' tab selected. The dialog is divided into several sections:

- Host Definition:** A table with columns for 'Host Name or IP Address', 'LU or Pool Name', and 'Port Number'.

	Host Name or IP Address	LU or Pool Name	Port Number
Primary	9.152.85.58		992
Backup 1			23
Backup 2			23
- Connection Options:** Includes a 'Connection Timeout' spinner set to 6 seconds, and checkboxes for 'Auto-reconnect' (checked) and 'Try connecting to last configured host infinitely' (unchecked).
- Printer Association (only valid for TN3270E Display sessions):** Features a dropdown for 'Associated Printer Session' with a 'Browse...' button, and checkboxes for 'Start Associated Printer Minimized' (checked), 'Automatically close the associated printer session with this session' (checked), and 'Enable Security' (checked).

Buttons at the bottom include 'OK', 'Cancel', 'Apply', and 'Help'.

That's all. When now connecting again to VSE, the connection is secured.

Note: If the Enable Security checkbox is grayed out, then SSL support is not installed. Check Personal Communications Installation information to see if an error occurred during product installation.

```

Session C - [24 x 80]
File Edit View Communication Actions Window Help
IESADMS01 z/USE ONLINE
5609-ZU4 and Other Materials (C) Copyright IBM Corp. 2005 and other dates

      ++
      ++  UU  UU  SSSSS  EEEEEEE
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Your terminal is LU04 and its name in the network is TELNLU04
Today is 09/26/2007 To sign on to DBDCCICS -- enter your:

USER-ID.....
PASSWORD.....

The name by which the system knows you.
Your personal access code.

PF1=HELP      2=TUTORIAL      4=REMOTE APPLICATIONS
                10=NEW PASSWORD
  
```

168 Connected through TLS1.0 to secure remote server/host 9.152.85.5|FinePrint pdfFactory on FPP1:

A closed lock icon is displayed in the bottom left-hand corner of the session window to indicate that the session is encrypted.

The number **168** indicates the key length of the symmetric key used in this session. Here, it tells us that we are connected with Triple-DES (3 times 56 bits DES). Typical values are 0 (no encryption), 40 (DES with 40-bit key), 56 (DES with 56-bit key), 128 (AES with 128-bit key), 168 (Triple-DES). For a list of supported ciphers refer to Table 1: available cipher suites on VSE on page 14.

5.3 Setting up for client authentication

SSL client authentication provides more security than server authentication, because both communication partners provide a certificate in order to establish trust. To setup client authentication for secure Telnet we have to do four things:

1. Change the TLS definition on the VSE side to enable client authentication. This is done via the TYPE parameter of the TLS definition.
2. Make sure our Client Certificate is contained in the Personal Communications key database; see section Importing the VSE certificates into PCOM on page 16. During the SSL handshake the server will request the client's certificate.
3. Restart the TLS in client authentication mode (type=2).
4. Change the PCOM session definition for client authentication.

5.3.1 Change TLS D for client authentication

In the TLS D definition we have to change the TYPE to 2 (client authentication).

DEFINE TLS D, ID=TLS DTELNET,	Id of this SSL/TLS daemon
PORT=992,	Secure telnet port
PASSPORT=23,	Port data is passed to
CIPHER=2F350A096208,	Allowed cipher suites
CERTLIB=CRYPTO,	Library name
CERTSUB=KEYRING,	Sublibrary name
CERTMEM=SECTELN,	Member name
TYPE=2,	SSL client authentication
MINVERS=0300,	Minimum version required
DRIVER=SSLD	Driver phase name

5.3.2 Restart TLS D for client authentication

We now have to restart the TLS D with changed TYPE parameter.

```

101 delete tlsd,id=TLS DTELNET
F7-0101 IPN300I Enter TCP/IP Command
F7 0097 00E1: TLS903I Daemon Shutdown TLS Id:TLS DTELN
101 DEFINE TLS D, ID=TLS DTELNET, PORT=992, PASSPORT=23, CIPHER=2F350A096208, -
F7-0101 IPN300I Continue TCP/IP Command
101 CERTLIB=CRYPTO, CERTSUB=KEYRING, CERTMEM=SECTELN, TYPE=2, -
F7-0101 IPN300I Continue TCP/IP Command
101 MINVERS=0300, DRIVER=SSLD
F7-0101 IPN300I Enter TCP/IP Command
F7 0097 0212: TLS900I Daemon Startup Transport Security Layer SSLD
=81640040

```

You may verify that the TLS D is now started for client authentication:

```

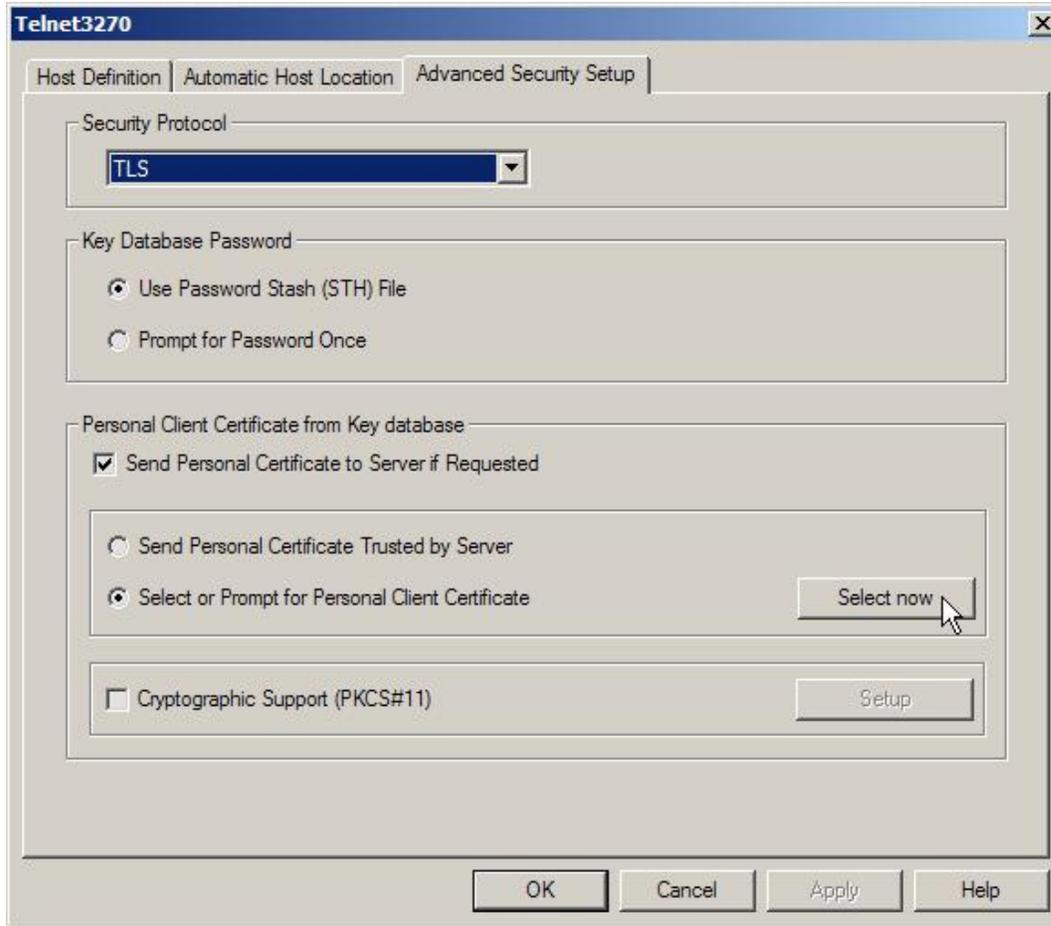
101 q tlds
F7 0097 IPN253I << TCP/IP TLS Daemons >>
F7 0097 IPN617I ID: TLS DTELNET Cipher: 2F350A096208
F7 0097 IPN618I Port: 992 Passport: 23 Type: Server_Auth
F7 0097 IPN619I Driver: SSLD Minimum version: 0300

```

Don't be confused: type **Server_Auth** is displayed for client authentication, while just **Server** would be displayed for server authentication.

5.3.3 Setting up the PCOM session for client authentication

Finally, we have to enable client authentication in the PCOM session. On the Advanced Security Setup page select Send Personal Certificate to Server if Requested and click on Select or Prompt for Personal Client Certificate. Then click on button Select now.



On the next dialog box enter the PCOM key database password and select the VSE client certificate. You may have to enter the password, leave the box with OK, and enter the box again to see the certificates in the list box. The dialog remembers the password for further use.



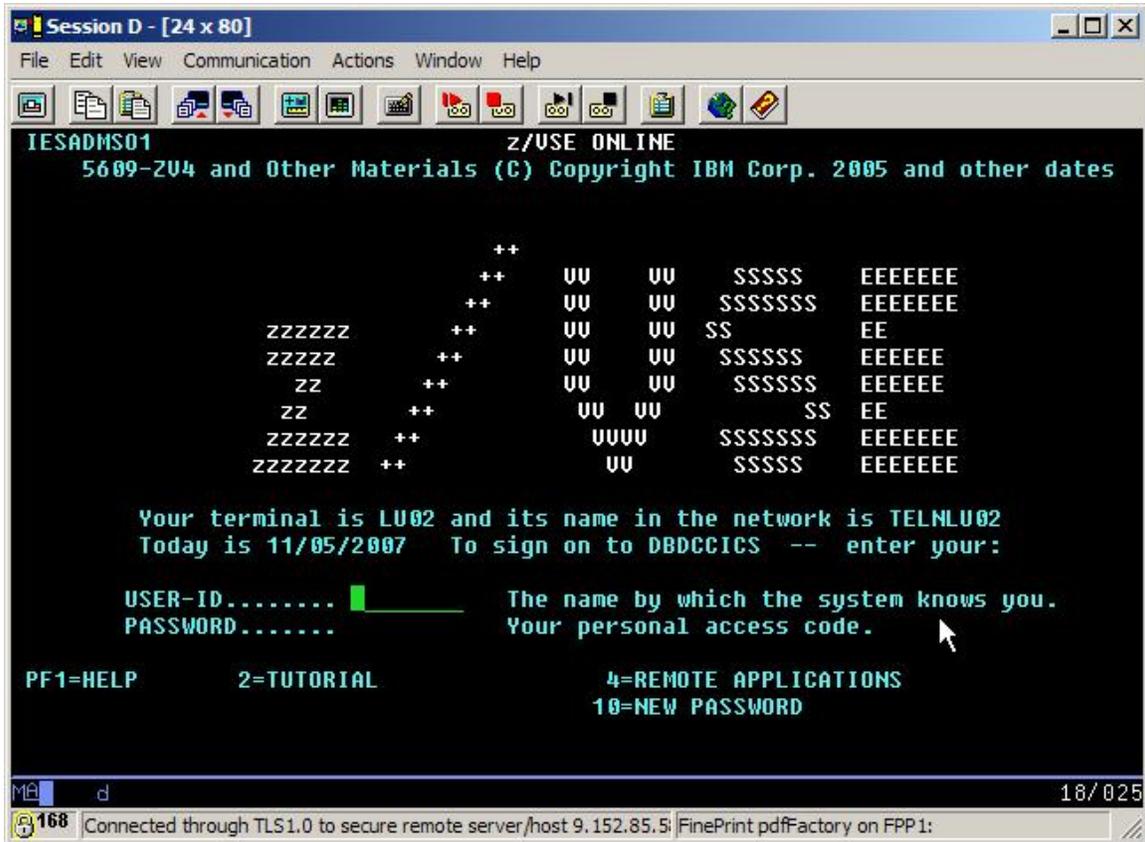
Then press **OK**.

Note: if your certificates don't show up in the list box, they are either

- not correctly imported into the PCOM key database with their private keys, or
- you entered a wrong password.

5.3.4 Connect using client authentication

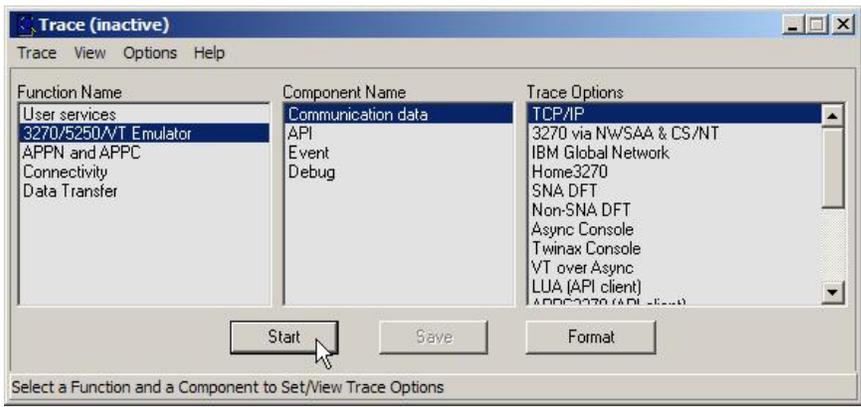
After leaving the session configuration boxes with OK, we are now ready for connect to the VSE TLSD with client authentication.



5.4 Taking a PCOM trace

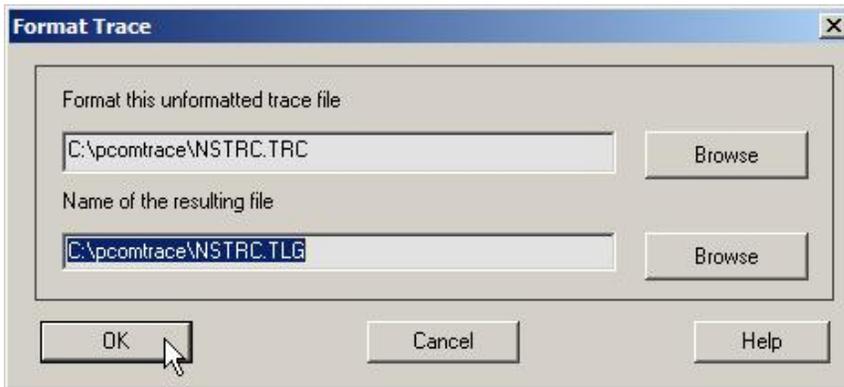
If you get any problems connecting to VSE, you might want to take a trace. PCOM provides a trace function that is activated via the session window. Click on **Actions – Launch – Trace Facility**.

On the trace box, specify a TCP/IP trace.

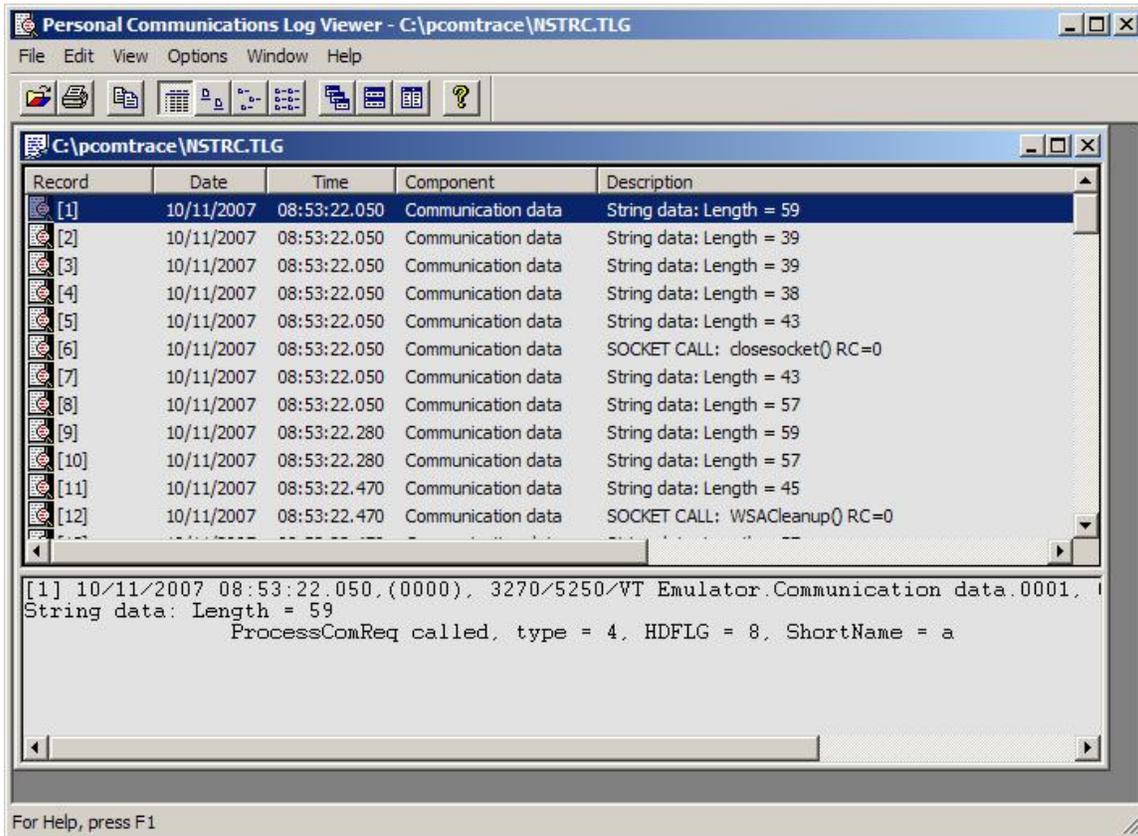


Click on **Start** and try to connect again.

Then stop and format the trace. I would recommend to place the trace output into an “easy to find” folder.



You can now use the PCOM trace viewer to view the formatted trace.



6 Client setup with Attachmate Extra! X-treme

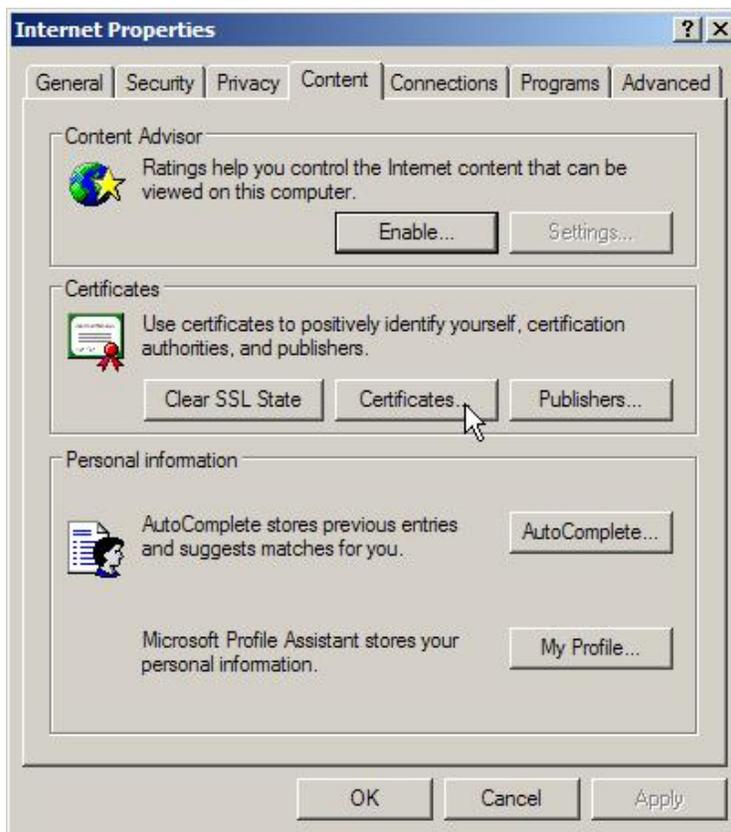
This chapter describes the secure Telnet setup with Attachmate Extra! X-treme V9 Evaluation. The evaluation version of the emulator was downloaded from

<http://www.attachmate.com/en-US/Evals/Evaluate.htm>

The main difference of Attachmate Extra! To IBM Personal Communications is that Attachmate uses the certificate store of Windows instead of providing an own certificate management tool. We will see later that there are also some differences in the session setup.

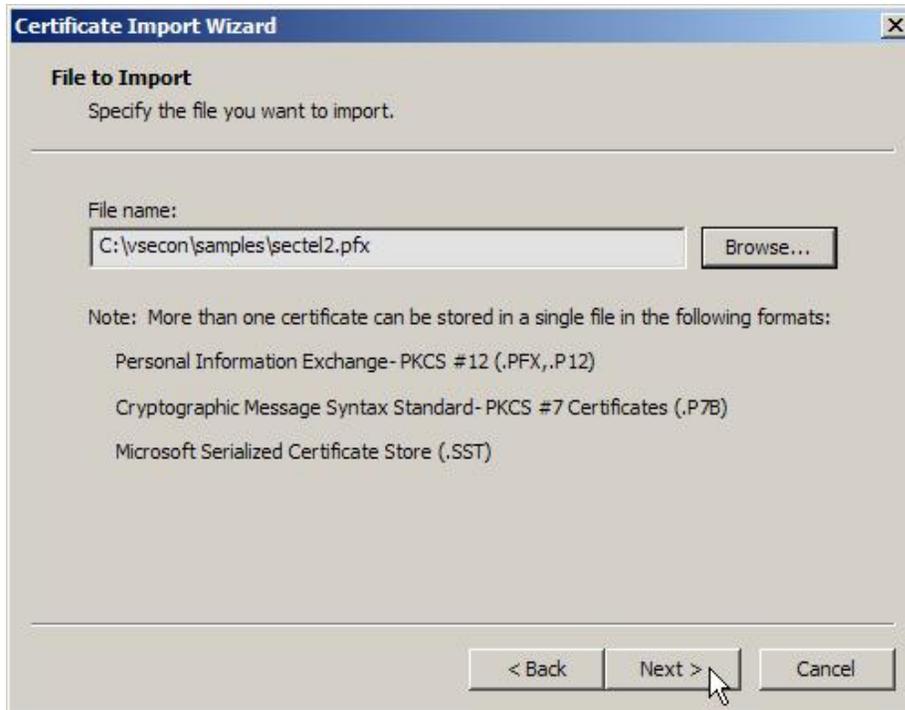
6.1 Import certificates into the Windows certificate store

To import the certificates created in section Creating a self-signed keyring on page 6, open the Windows **Control Panel** and double-click **Internet Options**. On tab **Content** click on **Certificates**.

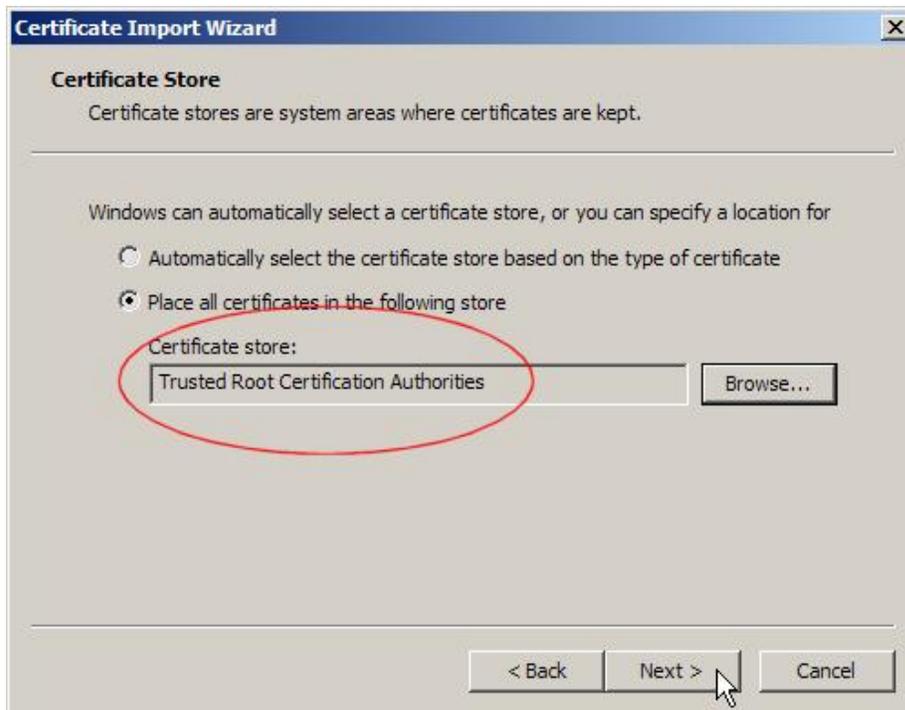


In the next box click on **Import...** and follow the Import Wizard dialogs.

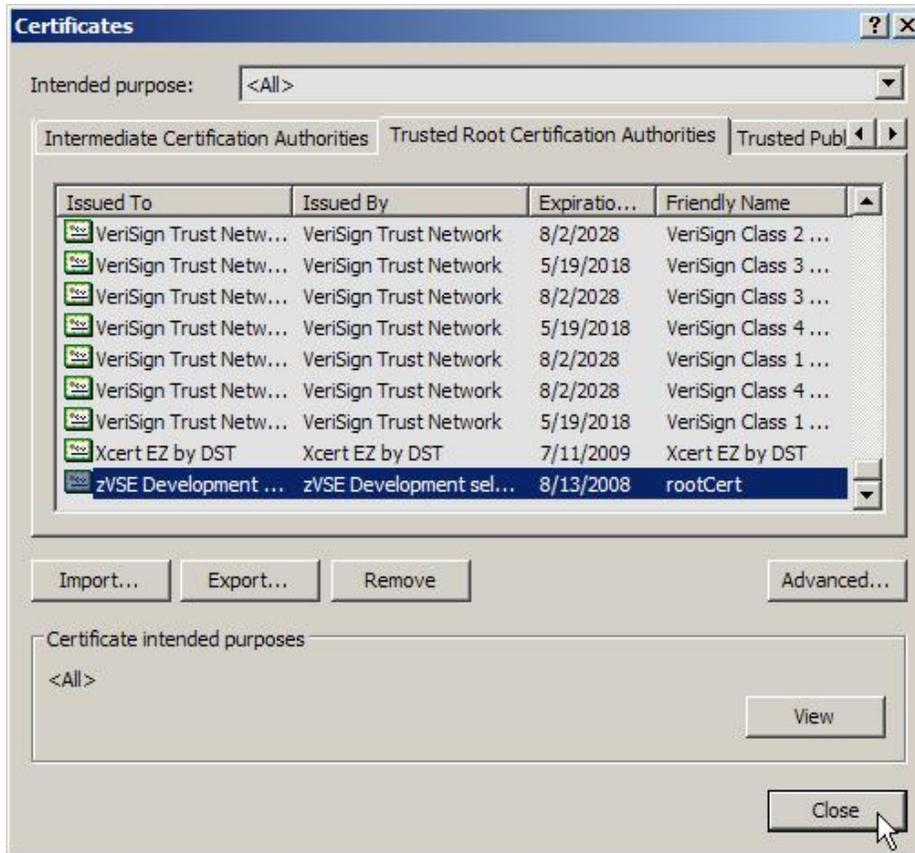
In the below picture, file **sectel2.pfx** is a new keyring file with a server certificate where the Common Name is identical to the VSE IP address, while the original file we created in section Creating a self-signed keyring on page 6 does not fulfill this condition.



In the following box select the lower radio button to place the VSE root certificate into the **Trusted Root Certification Authorities** store. If you would select the upper radio button, Windows would place the certificates into the **Personal** certificate store. This would have the same effect as not importing the root certificate at all (see problem described in section Problem with missing root certificate on page 33).



Press **Next** and finish the dialog.



The VSE root certificate is now available in the Windows certificate store. The also contained server certificate has not been imported into this store, because it's not self-signed or signed by a known CA.

6.2 Attachmate Extra! session setup

Start a new Attachmate Extra! session and enter the IP address of your VSE system and the port number of the secure Telnet port. For Terminal / device type select IBM-3278. Checkbox **Use Microsoft security implementation** must be checked in order to get access to the Windows certificate store. Also, **Level of encryption** must be set to **SSL V3.0**.

Note: for unsecure connections, you have to

- Change the port back to your unsecure telnet port (normally 23)
- set the **Level of encryption** to **None** and
- deselect checkbox **Use Microsoft security implementation**.

Configure Connection

Host alias / IP address:
9.152.85.58

Terminal / device type:
IBM-3278

Port number:
992

Auto reconnect

Encryption
Level of encryption: SSL V3.0

Server Authentication
 Verify server identity

Use Microsoft security implementation

Client Authentication
 Provide client identity

Certificate:
[Empty text box] [Select...]

Automatically enter data on this screen for new connections

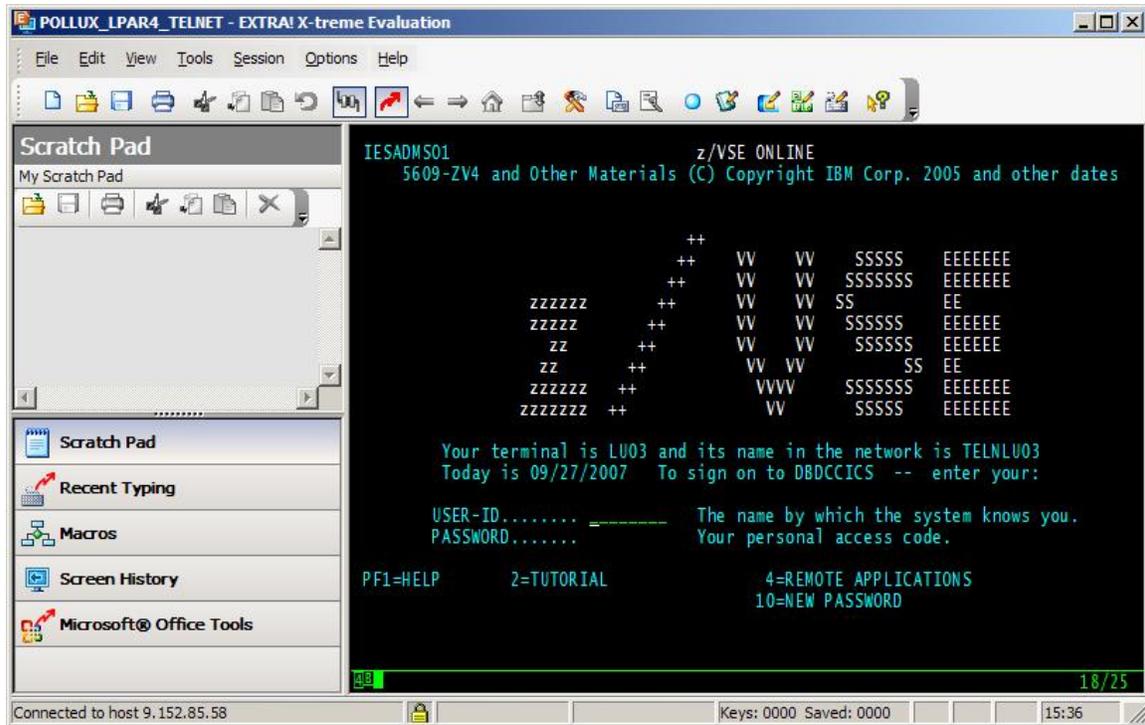
OK
Cancel
Help

Note: You can define an additional level of security by also marking checkbox **Verify server identity**. In this case the Common Name of your VSE server certificate must be identical to the VSE IP address. This behavior is described in

<http://support.attachmate.com/kb/IRE2904.html>

It looks like only when **Verify server identity** is marked, the received server certificate is really checked. Otherwise the session is established in any case.

You can now connect to VSE via secure Telnet.



The closed lock icon shows that the session is now encrypted.

6.3 Viewing the log

To view the Attachmate event log, start application **Status App** in the Attachmate Extra! Program group. The log provides some detailed information about the SSL handshaking process and the used cipher suite for this session. For a list of supported cipher suites refer to Table 1: available cipher suites on VSE on page 14.

Following problems occurred in our test setup.

6.3.1 Problem with option Verify server identity

In the below log, message “Certificate signature does not verify from host 9.152.85.58” indicates that option **Verify server identity** was active, but the Common Name of the received server certificate was not identical to the server’s IP address. After setting up new certificates with having this precondition fulfilled, it worked.

Date	Time	Category	Description
9/27/2007	12:16:187:49		SSLInfo: Header: 0x5, Trailer: 0x1c, MaxMessage: 0x4000
9/27/2007	12:16:171:49		SSLInfo: Cipher 26115, 168
9/27/2007	12:16:156:49		SSLInfo: Key exchange strength: 1024
9/27/2007	12:16:156:49		SSLInfo: Key exchange: RSA
9/27/2007	12:16:156:49		SSLInfo: Hash strength: 160
9/27/2007	12:16:140:49		SSLInfo: Hash: SHA
9/27/2007	12:16:140:49		SSLInfo: Cipher strength: 168
9/27/2007	12:16:125:49		SSLInfo: Cipher: Triple DES
9/27/2007	12:16:125:49		SSLInfo: Protocol: SSL3
9/27/2007	12:16:125:49		SSLInfo: Server issuer of the Certificate: E=zvse@de.ibm.com, C
9/27/2007	12:16:109:49		SSLInfo: Server subject: E=zvse@de.ibm.com, C=DE, S=Bader
9/27/2007	12:16:109:49		SSLInfo: A certificate chain processed, but terminated in a root c
9/27/2007	12:16:093:49		SSLInfo: Error0x800b0109 (The certificate is untrusted or expire
9/27/2007	12:16:078:49		SSLInfo: total certificate chains 0x1
9/27/2007	12:16:078:49		SSLInfo: Server Certificate Issuer CN Name : zVSE Developer
9/27/2007	12:16:078:49		SSLInfo: Server Certificate Subject CN Name : 9.152.85.58
9/27/2007	12:16:453:48		SSLInfo: Credentials Created
9/27/2007	11:32:046:58	ADMTN (TN3270)	Certificate signature does not verify from host 9.152.85.58
9/27/2007	11:30:718:37	ADMTN (TN3270)	Certificate signature does not verify from host 9.152.85.58
9/27/2007	11:30:234:37		SSL Socket Closed
9/27/2007	11:30:218:37		SSLInfo: ***** Remote closed connection
9/27/2007	11:30:218:37		SSLInfo: Error 0x274a sending close notify
9/27/2007	11:29:000:45		SSLInfo: Header: 0x5, Trailer: 0x1c, MaxMessage: 0x4000

6.3.2 Problem with missing root certificate

Another thing worth mentioning is that the connection is established even when the VSE root certificate is not contained in the Windows certificate store. Following two messages show that it was not possible to verify the received server certificate. However, the connection was established anyway.

```
SSLInfo: A certificate chain processed, but terminated in a root certificate which is not
trusted by the trust provider.
SSLInfo: Error0x800b0109 (The certificate is untrusted or expired!) returned by
CertVerifyCertificateChainPolicy!
```

After importing the keyring file (created in section Creating a self-signed keyring on page 6) into the Windows certificate store, these messages disappeared.

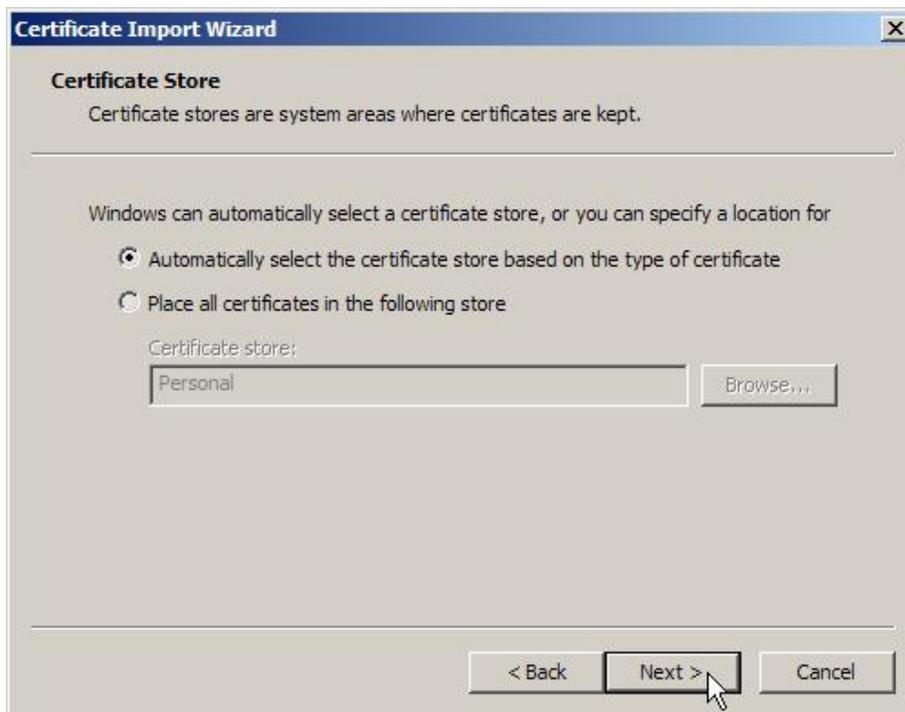
6.4 Setting up for client authentication

To establish client authentication with Attachmate Extra! we have to do three things. We assume that the TLS/D is still running in client authentication mode.

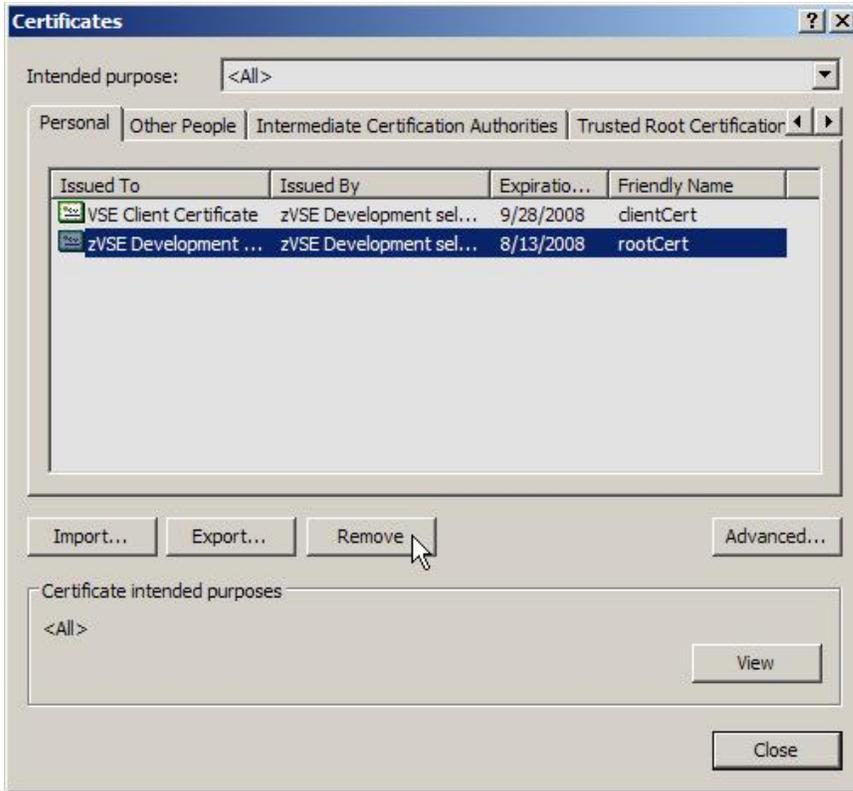
1. Change the TLS D definition on the VSE side to enable client authentication. This is done via the TYPE parameter of the TLS D definition. Refer to section Change TLS D for client authentication on page 24.
2. Import our Client Certificate into the Windows key database.
3. Change the Attachmate session definition for client authentication

6.4.1 Import the client certificate into the Windows key database

Open the Windows Control Panel and double-click on **Internet Options**. On tab **Content** click on **Certificates**. In the next box click on **Import...** and follow the Import Wizard dialogs.

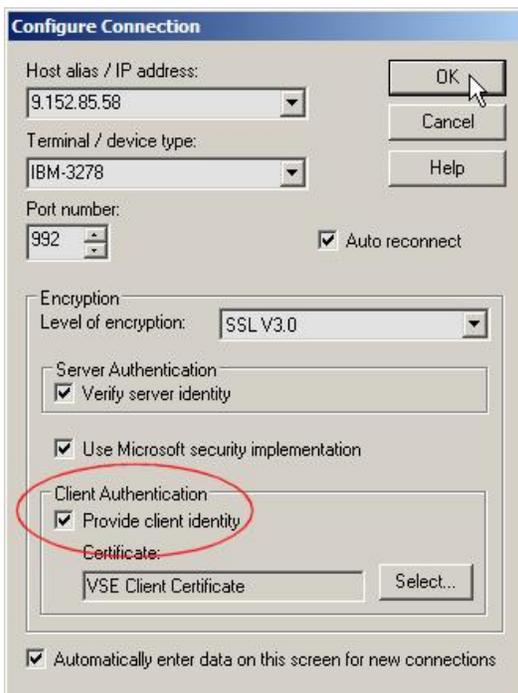


This time select the upper radio button to select the certificate store based on the type of the certificate. The certificates are now stored in section **Personal**. Because we already imported the root certificate, we now have it twice in the store. Just remove it from the **Personal** store, like shown in the below picture.



6.4.2 Change Attachmate session for client authentication

On the Attachmate session setup box select checkbox **Provide client identity** and press button **Select**.



The available certificates are displayed in the drop-down list box. Select the VSE client certificate for use by this session.



That's it. After applying your changes the session will use client authentication.

7 More information

You can find more information on the web pages below.

Personal Communications Administrator's Guide and Reference, SC31-8840

http://ftp.software.ibm.com/software/network/pcomm/publications/pcomm_57/pcadmin.pdf

Online admin guide for Personal Communications

http://publib.boulder.ibm.com/infocenter/pcomhelp/v5r9/index.jsp?topic=/com.ibm.pcomm.doc/books/html/admin_guide13.htm

Redbook: Personal Communications Version 4.3 for Windows 95, 98 and NT, SG24-4689

<http://www.redbooks.ibm.com/abstracts/sg244689.html?Open>

Attachmate® EXTRA! X-treme™ Evaluator's Guide

http://support.attachmate.com/manuals/extra/9.0/060051.1006_Xtreme_evalgd_LR.pdf

TCP/IP for VSE Commands Reference

<http://www.csi-international.com/download.htm>

Download Keyman/VSE from the VSE Internet homepage

<http://www.ibm.com/servers/eserver/zseries/zvse/downloads/>

How to setup Secure FTP with VSE, Technical Article, downloadable as PDF from

<http://www.ibm.com/servers/eserver/zseries/zvse/documentation/documents.html>

How to setup cryptographic hardware for VSE, Technical Article, downloadable as PDF from

<http://www.ibm.com/servers/eserver/zseries/zvse/documentation/documents.html>