

Managing Certificates

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Information about Loading an Externally Generated SSL Certificate

You can use a supported transfer method such as TFTP server to download an externally generated SSL certificate to the controller. Follow these guidelines for using TFTP:

- If you load the certificate through the service port, the TFTP server must be on the same subnet as the controller because the service port is not routable, or you must create static routes on the controller. Also, if you load the certificate through the distribution system network port, the TFTP server can be on any subnet.
- A third-party TFTP server cannot run on the same PC as the Cisco Prime Infrastructure because the Prime Infrastructure built-in TFTP server and the third-party TFTP server require the same communication port.

Note Chained certificates are supported for web authentication and management certificate.

CSR compliance with RFC-5280

With all parameters in CSR aligned with RFC-5280, there are some restrictions as follows:

- *emailAddress* in CSR can only be 128 characters long.
- If the CSR is generated using the CLI, the maximum number of characters (of all input combined for CSR) is limited to 500 including **config certificate generate csr-*****.

Related Documentation

Generate CSR for Third-Party Certificates and Download Chained Certificates to the Controller—https://www.cisco.com/c/en/us/support/docs/wireless/4400-series-wireless-lan-controllers/109597-csr-chained-certificates-wlc-00.html

Loading an SSL Certificate (GUI)

Procedure

Step 1 Choose **Security** > **Web Auth** > **Certificate**.

Step 2 On the **Web Authentication Certificate** page, check the **Download SSL Certificate** check box.

Note
On the controller GUI, only TFTP transfer mode is used. You can use other methods such as FTP, and so on, on the controller CLI.

Step 3 In the **Server IP Address** field, enter the IP address of the TFTP server.

Step 4 In the **Maximum Retries** field, enter the maximum number of times that the TFTP server attempts to download the certificate.

Step 5 In the **Timeout** field, enter the amount of time (in seconds) that the TFTP server attempts to download the certificate.

Step 6 In the **Certificate File Path** field, enter the directory path of the certificate.

Step 7 In the **Certificate File Name** field, enter the name of the certificate (webadmincert_name.pem).

Step 8 (Optional) In the **Certificate Password** field, enter a password to encrypt the certificate.

Step 9 Save the configuration.

Step 10 Choose **Commands** > **Reboot** > **Reboot** > **Save and Reboot** to reboot the controller for your changes to take effect,

Loading an SSL Certificate (CLI)

The procedure described in this section is similar for both webauthcert and webadmincert installation, with the difference being in the download of the datatype.

Procedure

Step 1 Use a password to encrypt the HTTPS certificate in a .PEM-encoded file. The PEM-encoded file is called a web administration certificate file (`webadmincert_name.pem`).

Step 2 Move the `webadmincert_name.pem` file to the default directory on your TFTP server.

Step 3 To view the current download settings, enter this command and answer **n** to the prompt:

transfer download start

Information similar to the following appears:

```
Mode..................................... TFTP
Data Type................................ Admin Cert
TFTP Server IP........................... xxx.xxx.xxx.xxx
TFTP Path................................ <directory path>
TFTP Filename............................
Are you sure you want to start? (y/n) n
Transfer Canceled
```

Step 4 Use these commands to change the download settings:

transfer download mode *tftp*

transfer download datatype *webadmincert*

transfer download serverip *TFTP_server IP_address*

transfer download path *absolute_TFTP_server_path_to_the_update_file*

transfer download filename *webadmincert_name.pem*

Step 5 To set the password for the .PEM file so that the operating system can decrypt the web administration SSL key and certificate, enter this command:

transfer download certpassword *private_key_password*

Step 6 To confirm the current download settings and start the certificate and key download, enter this command and answer **y** to the prompt:

transfer download start

Information similar to the following appears:

```
Mode..................................... TFTP
Data Type................................ Site Cert
TFTP Server IP........................... xxx.xxx.xxx.xxx
TFTP Path................................ directory path
TFTP Filename............................ webadmincert_name
Are you sure you want to start? (y/n) y
TFTP Webadmin cert transfer starting.
Certificate installed.
Please restart the switch (reset system) to use the new certificate.
```

Step 7 To save the SSL certificate, key, and secure web password to NVRAM so that your changes are retained across reboots, enter this command:

save config

Step 8 To reboot the controller, enter this command:

reset system

Downloading Device Certificates

Each wireless device (controller, access point, and client) has its own device certificate. For example, the controller is shipped with a Cisco-installed MIC device certificate.

Note For more information about configuring local EAP, see the "Configuring Local EAP" section.

Follow the instructions in this section to download a vendor-specific device certificate to the controller through the GUI or CLI. However, before you begin, make sure you have a TFTP or FTP server available for the certificate download. Follow these guidelines when setting up a TFTP or FTP server:

- If you are downloading through the service port, the TFTP or FTP server must be on the same subnet as the service port because the service port is not routable, or you must create static routes on the controller.
- If you are downloading through the distribution system network port, the TFTP or FTP server can be on the same or a different subnet because the distribution system port is routable.
- A third-party TFTP or FTP server cannot run on the same computer as Cisco Prime Infrastructure because the Prime Infrastructure built-in TFTP or FTP server and the third-party TFTP or FTP server require the same communication port.

Note All certificates downloaded to the controller must be in PEM format.

Note Clients using Microsoft Windows 10 with default (zero-touch config) supplicant fail to connect to controller when there is no CA certificate to validate the server certificate. This is because the supplicant does not pop up a window to accept the server certificate and silently rejects the 802.1X authentication. Therefore, we recommend that you do either of the following:

- Manually install a third-party CA certificate on the AAA server, which the clients using Microsoft Windows 10 can trust.
- Use any other supplicant, such as Cisco AnyConnect, which pops up a window to trust or not trust the server certificate. If you accept the trust certificate, then the client is authenticated.

Related Topics

Local EAP

Downloading Device Certificates (GUI)

Procedure

Step 1 Copy the device certificate to the default directory on your server.

Step 2 Choose **Commands** > **Download File** to open the Download File to Controller page.

Step 3 From the File Type drop-down list, choose **Vendor Device Certificate**.

Step 4 In the Certificate Password text box, enter the password that was used to protect the certificate.

Step 5 From the Transfer Mode drop-down list, choose from the following options:

- **TFTP**
- **FTP**
- **SFTP** (available in 7.4 and later releases)

Step 6 In the IP Address text box, enter the IP address of the server.

If you are using a TFTP server, the default values of 10 retries and 6 seconds for the Maximum Retries and Timeout text boxes should work correctly without any adjustment. However, you can change these values.

Step 7 Enter the maximum number of times that the TFTP server attempts to download the certificate in the Maximum Retries text box and the amount of time (in seconds) that the TFTP server attempts to download the certificate in the Timeout text box.

Step 8 In the File Path text box, enter the directory path of the certificate.

Step 9 In the File Name text box, enter the name of the certificate.

Step 10 If you are using an FTP server, follow these steps:

a) In the Server Login Username text box, enter the username to log into the FTP server.
b) In the Server Login Password text box, enter the password to log into the FTP server.
c) In the Server Port Number text box, enter the port number on the FTP server through which the download occurs. The default value is 21.

Step 11 Click **Download** to download the device certificate to the controller. A message appears indicating the status of the download.

Step 12 After the download is complete, choose **Commands** > **Reboot** > **Reboot**.

Step 13 If prompted to save your changes, click **Save and Reboot**.

Step 14 Click **OK** to confirm your decision to reboot the controller.

Downloading Device Certificates (CLI)

Procedure

Step 1 Log onto the controller CLI.

Step 2 Specify the transfer mode used to download the config file by entering this command:

transfer download mode {**tftp** | **ftp** | **sftp**}

Step 3 Specify the type of the file to be downloaded by entering this command:

transfer download datatype eapdevcert

Step 4 Specify the certificate's private key by entering this command:

transfer download certpassword *password*

Step 5 Specify the IP address of the TFTP or FTP server by entering this command:

transfer download serverip *server-ip-address*

Step 6 Specify the name of the config file to be downloaded by entering this command:

transfer download path *server-path-to-file*

Step 7 Specify the directory path of the config file by entering this command:

transfer download filename *filename.pem*

Step 8 (Optional) If you are using a TFTP server, enter these commands:

- **transfer download tftpMaxRetries retries**
- **transfer download tftpPktTimeout timeout**

Note
The default values of 10 retries and a 6-second timeout should work correctly without any adjustment. However, you can change these values. To do so, enter the maximum number of times that the TFTP server attempts to download the software for the *retries* parameter and the amount of time (in seconds) that the TFTP server attempts to download the software for the *timeout* parameter.

Step 9 If you are using an FTP server, enter these commands (skip this step if you are not using FTP server):

- **transfer download username** *username*
- **transfer download password** *password*
- **transfer download port** *port*

Note
The default value for the port parameter is 21.

Step 10 View the updated settings by entering the **transfer download start** command. Answer **y** when prompted to confirm the current settings and start the download process.

Step 11 Reboot the controller by entering this command:

reset system

Uploading Device Certificates

Uploading Device Certificates (GUI)

Procedure

Step 1 Choose **Commands** > **Upload File** to open the Upload File from Controller page.

Step 2 From the File Type drop-down list, choose **IPSec Device Certificate**.

Step 3 From the Transfer Mode drop-down list, choose from the following options:

- **TFTP**
- **FTP**
- **SFTP**

Step 4 In the IP Address text box, enter the IP address of the server.

Step 5 In the File Path text box, enter the directory path of the certificate.

Step 6 In the File Name text box, enter the name of the certificate.

Step 7 If you are using an FTP server, follow these steps (skip this step if you are not using FTP server):

a) In the Server Login Username text box, enter the username to log on to the FTP server.

b) In the Server Login Password text box, enter the password to log on to the FTP server.

c) In the Server Port Number text box, enter the port number on the FTP server through which the download occurs. The default value is 21. For SFTP, the default value is 22.

Step 8 Click **Upload** to upload the CA certificate from the controller. A message appears indicating the status of the upload.

Step 9 After the upload is complete, choose **Commands** > **Reboot** > **Reboot**.

Step 10 If prompted to save your changes, click **Save and Reboot**.

Step 11 Click **OK** to confirm your decision to reboot the controller.

Uploading Device Certificates (CLI)

Procedure

Step 1 Log on to the controller CLI.

Step 2 Specify the type of the file to be uploaded by entering this command:

transfer upload datatype ipsecdevcert

Step 3 Specify the transfer mode used to upload the file by entering this command:

transfer upload mode {**tftp** | **ftp** | **sftp**}

Step 4 Specify the IP address of the TFTP or FTP server by entering this command:

transfer upload serverip *server-ip-address*

Step 5 Specify the directory path of the file by entering this command:

transfer upload path *server-path-to-file*

Step 6 Specify the name of the file to be uploaded by entering this command:

transfer upload filename *filename*

Step 7 If you are using an FTP server, enter these commands (skip this step if you are not using FTP server):

- **transfer upload username** *username*
- **transfer upload password** *password*
- **transfer upload port** *port*

Note
The default value for the port parameter for is 21. For SFTP, the default value is 22.

Step 8 View the updated settings by entering the **transfer upload start** command. Answer y when prompted to confirm the current settings and start the upload process.

Step 9 Reboot the controller by entering the **reset system** command.

Downloading CA Certificates

Controllers and access points have a Certificate Authority (CA) certificate that is used to sign and validate device certificates. The controller is shipped with a Cisco-installed CA certificate. This certificate may be used by EAP-FAST (when not using PACs), EAP-TLS, PEAP-GTC, and PEAP-MSCHAPv2 to authenticate wireless clients during local EAP authentication. However, if you want to use your own vendor-specific CA certificate, it must be downloaded to the controller.

Note For more information about configuring local EAP, see the "Configuring Local EAP" section.

Follow the instructions in this section to download CA certificates to the controller through the GUI or CLI. However, before you begin, make sure that you have a TFTP or FTP server available for the certificate download. Follow these guidelines when setting up a TFTP or FTP server:

- If you are downloading through the service port, the TFTP or FTP server must be on the same subnet as the service port because the service port is not routable, or you must create static routes on the controller.
- If you are downloading through the distribution system network port, the TFTP or FTP server can be on the same or a different subnet because the distribution system port is routable.
- A third-party TFTP or FTP server cannot run on the same computer as Cisco Prime Infrastructure because the Prime Infrastructure built-in TFTP or FTP server and the third-party TFTP or FTP server require the same communication port.

Note All certificates downloaded to the controller must be in PEM format.

Download CA Certificates (GUI)

Procedure

Step 1 Copy the CA certificate to the default directory on your server.

Step 2 Choose **Commands** > **Download File** to open the Download File to Controller page.

Step 3 From the File Type drop-down list, choose **Vendor CA Certificate**.

Step 4 From the Transfer Mode drop-down list, choose from the following options:

- **TFTP**
- **FTP**

- **SFTP** (available in 7.4 and later releases)

Step 5 In the IP Address text box, enter the IP address of the server.

If you are using a TFTP server, the default values of 10 retries and 6 seconds for the Maximum Retries and Timeout text boxes should work correctly without any adjustment. However, you can change these values.

Step 6 Enter the maximum number of times that the TFTP server attempts to download the certificate in the Maximum Retries text box and the amount of time (in seconds) that the TFTP server attempts to download the certificate in the Timeout text box.

Step 7 In the File Path text box, enter the directory path of the certificate.

Step 8 In the File Name text box, enter the name of the certificate.

Step 9 If you are using an FTP server, follow these steps:

a) In the Server Login Username text box, enter the username to log on to the FTP server.
b) In the Server Login Password text box, enter the password to log on to the FTP server.
c) In the Server Port Number text box, enter the port number on the FTP server through which the download occurs. The default value is 21.

Step 10 Click **Download** to download the CA certificate to the controller. A message appears indicating the status of the download.

Step 11 After the download is complete, choose **Commands** > **Reboot** > **Reboot**.

Step 12 If prompted to save your changes, click **Save and Reboot**.

Step 13 Click **OK** to confirm your decision to reboot the controller.

Downloading CA Certificates (CLI)

Procedure

Step 1 Log on to the controller CLI.

Step 2 Specify the transfer mode used to download the config file by entering this command:

transfer download mode {**tftp** | **ftp** | **sftp**}

Step 3 Specify the type of the file to be downloaded by entering this command:

transfer download datatype eapdevcert

Step 4 Specify the IP address of the TFTP or FTP server by entering this command:

transfer download serverip *server-ip-address*

Step 5 Specify the directory path of the config file by entering this command:

transfer download path *server-path-to-file*

Step 6 Specify the name of the config file to be downloaded by entering this command:

transfer download filename *filename*

Step 7 (Optional) If you are using a TFTP server, enter these commands:

- **transfer download tftpMaxRetries** *retries*
- **transfer download tftpPktTimeout** *timeout*

Note
The default values of 10 retries and a 6-second timeout should work correctly without any adjustment. However, you can change these values. To do so, enter the maximum number of times that the TFTP server attempts to download the software for the *retries* parameter and the amount of time (in seconds) that the TFTP server attempts to download the software for the *timeout* parameter.

Step 8 If you are using an FTP server, enter these commands (skip this step if you are not using FTP server):

- **transfer download username** *username*
- **transfer download password** *password*
- **transfer download port** *port*

Note
The default value for the port parameter is 21.

Step 9 View the updated settings by entering the **transfer download start** command. Answer y when prompted to confirm the current settings and start the download process.

Step 10 Reboot the controller by entering the **reset system** command.

Uploading CA Certificates

Uploading CA Certificates (GUI)

Procedure

Step 1 Choose **Commands** > **Upload File** to open the Upload File from Controller page.

Step 2 From the File Type drop-down list, choose **IPSec CA Certificate**.

Step 3 From the Transfer Mode drop-down list, choose from the following options:

- **TFTP**
- **FTP**
- **SFTP**

Step 4 In the **IP Address** field, enter the IP address of the server.

Step 5 In the **File Path** field, enter the directory path of the certificate.

Step 6 In the **File Name** field, enter the name of the certificate.

Step 7 (Optional) If you are using an FTP server, follow these steps (skip this step if you are not using FTP server):

a) In the **Server Login Username** field, enter the username to log on to the FTP server.
b) In the **Server Login Password** field, enter the password to log on to the FTP server.

c) In the **Server Port Number** field, enter the port number on the FTP server through which the download occurs. The default value is 21. For SFTP, the default value is 22.

Step 8 Click **Upload** to upload the CA certificate from the controller. A message appears indicating the status of the upload.

Step 9 If prompted to save your changes, click **Save**.

Uploading CA Certificates (CLI)

Procedure

Step 1 Log on to the controller CLI.

Step 2 Specify the type of the file to be uploaded by entering this command:

transfer upload datatype ipseccacert

Step 3 Specify the transfer mode used to upload the file by entering this command:

transfer upload mode {**tftp** | **ftp** | **sftp**}

Step 4 Specify the IP address of the TFTP or FTP server by entering this command:

transfer upload serverip *server-ip-address*

Step 5 Specify the directory path of the file by entering this command:

transfer upload path *server-path-to-file*

Step 6 Specify the name of the file to be uploaded by entering this command:

transfer upload filename *filename*

Step 7 (Optional) If you are using an FTP server, enter these commands (skip this step if you are not using FTP server):

- **transfer upload username** *username*
- **transfer upload password** *password*
- **transfer upload port** *port*

Note
The default value for the port parameter is 21. For SFTP, the default value is 22.

Step 8 View the updated settings by entering the **transfer upload start** command. Answer y when prompted to confirm the current settings and start the upload process.

Step 9 Reboot the controller by entering the **reset system** command.

Generating a Certificate Signing Request

This section describes how to generate a Certificate Signing Request (CSR) to get a third-party certificate and how to download a chained certificate to the controller. You can generate a CSR using either of the following methods:

- Using OpenSSL
- Using the controller itself

Related Documentation

Generate CSR for Third-Party Certificates and Download Chained Certificates to the Controller: https://www.cisco.com/c/en/us/support/docs/wireless/4400-series-wireless-lan-controllers/109597-csr-chained-certificates-wlc-00.html

Generating a Certificate Signing Request using OpenSSL

Procedure

Step 1 Install and open the OpenSSL application.

Step 2 Enter the command:

```
OpenSSL> req -new -newkey rsa:1024 -nodes -keyout mykey.pem -out myreq.pem
```

Generating the CSR by the controller itself will use a 2048-bit key size and the maximum ECDSA key size is 256 bits.

Note
You must provide the correct Common Name. Ensure that the host name that is used to create the certificate (Common Name) matches the Domain Name System (DNS) host name entry for the virtual interface IP on the controller. This name should exist in the DNS as well. Also, after you make the change to the VIP interface, you must reboot the system in order for this change to take effect.

After you issue the command, you are prompted to enter information such as country name, state, city, and so on.

Information similar to the following appears:

```
OpenSSL> req -new -newkey rsa:1024 -nodes -keyout mykey.pem -out myreq.pem
Loading 'screen' into random state - done
Generating a 1024 bit RSA private key
.....................................................................++++++
.....................................................++++++
writing new private key to 'mykey.pem'
-----
You are about to be asked to enter information that will be incorporated
into your certificate request.
What you are about to enter is what is called a Distinguished Name or a DN.
There are quite a few fields but you can leave some blank
For some fields there will be a default value,
```

```
If you enter '.', the field will be left blank.
-----
Country Name (2 letter code) [AU]:US
State or Province Name (full name) [Some-State]:CA
Locality Name (eg, city) []:San Jose
Organization Name (eg, company) [Internet Widgits Pty Ltd]:ABC
Organizational Unit Name (eg, section) []:CDE
Common Name (eg, YOUR name) []:XYZ.ABC
Email Address []:Test@abc.com


Please enter the following 'extra' attributes
to be sent with your certificate request
A challenge password []:Test123
An optional company name []:
OpenSSL>
```

After you provide all the required details two files are generated:

- A new private key that includes the name *mykey.pem*
- A CSR that includes the name *myreq.pem*

Step 3 Copy and paste the Certificate Signing Request (CSR) information into any CA enrollment tool. After you submit the CSR to a third party CA, the third party CA digitally signs the certificate and sends back the signed certificate chain through e-mail. In case of chained certificates, you receive the entire chain of certificates from the CA. If you only have one intermediate certificate similar to the example above, you will receive the following three certificates from the CA:

- Root certificate.pem
- Intermediate certificate.pem
- Device certificate.pem

Note
Ensure that the certificate is Apache-compatible with SHA1 encryption.

Step 4 Once you have all the three certificates, copy and paste into another file the contents of each .pem file in this order:

```
------BEGIN CERTIFICATE------
*Device cert*
------END CERTIFICATE------
------BEGIN CERTIFICATE------
*Intermediate CA cert *
------END CERTIFICATE--------
------BEGIN CERTIFICATE------
*Root CA cert *
------END CERTIFICATE------
```

Step 5 Save the file as *All-certs.pem*.

Step 6 Combine the All-certs.pem certificate with the private key that you generated along with the CSR (the private key of the device certificate, which is mykey.pem in this example), and save the file as final.pem.

Step 7 Create the All-certs.pem and final.pem files by entering these commands:

```
openssl> pkcs12 -export -in All-certs.pem -inkey mykey.pem
       -out All-certs.p12 -clcerts -passin pass:check123
       -passout pass:check123

openssl> pkcs12 -in All-certs.p12 -out final.pem
       -passin pass:check123 -passout pass:check123
```

final.pem is the file that we need to download to the controller.

Note
You must enter a password for the parameters **-passin** and **-passout**. The password that is configured for the **-passout** parameter must match the certpassword parameter that is configured on the controller. In the above example, the password that is configured for both the **-passin** and **-passout** parameters is check123.

What to do next

Download the final.pem file to the controller either using CLI or GUI.

Generating a Certificate Signing Request using Cisco Wireless Controller (GUI)

In Release 8.3 or a later release, the more secure option is to use the controller itself to generate the CSR.

If you generate the CSR and do not install the resulting certificate, the controller will be inaccessible over HTTPS upon the next reboot because the controller looks for the newly generated CSR key after the reboot.

Procedure

Step 1 Choose **Security** > **Certificate** > **CSR**.

Step 2 On the **CSR** page, specify the following details:

- Certificate Type
- Country Code
- State
- City
- Organization
- Department
- Common Name
- E-mail
- Key Type

Step 3 Click **Generate**.

What to do next

Download the CSR certificate file that is generated by navigating to **Commands** > **Upload File**.

Generating a Certificate Signing Request using Cisco Wireless Controller (CLI)

In Release 8.3 or a later release, the more secure option is to use the controller itself to generate the CSR.

If you generate the CSR and do not install the resulting certificate, the controller will be inaccessible over HTTPS upon the next reboot because the controller looks for the newly generated CSR key after the reboot.

Procedure

- Generate a CSR by entering this command:

  config certificate generate csr-webauth {**csr-webauth** | **csr-webadmin**} *country state city organization department common-name e-mail*

  The CSR is printed on the terminal after you enter the command.

What to do next

You must copy and paste the CSR printed on the terminal to a file on your computer. You must hand over the CSR to your third-party signing authority or your enterprise public key infrastructure (PKI).

The generated key stays in the controller until the next CSR is generated (the previously generated CSR is overwritten). If you have to change the controller hardware later on (RMA), it is not possible to reinstall the same certificate; instead, you must generate the certificate newly on the new controller.

Downloading Third-Party Certificate

Downloading Third-Party Certificate (GUI)

Procedure

Step 1 Copy the device certificate final.pem to the default directory on your TFTP server.

Step 2 Choose **Security > Web Auth > Certificate** to open the Web Authentication Certificate page.

Step 3 Check the **Download SSL Certificate** check box to view the Download SSL Certificate From Server parameters.

Step 4 In the **Server IP Address** text box, enter the IP address of the TFTP server.

Step 5 In the **File Path** text box, enter the directory path of the certificate.

Step 6 In the **File Name** text box, enter the name of the certificate.

Step 7 In the **Certificate Password** text box, enter the password to protect the certificate.

Step 8 Click **Apply**.

Step 9 After the download is complete, choose **Commands > Reboot** and click **Save and Reboot**.

Step 10 Click **OK** in order to confirm your decision to reboot the controller.

Downloading Third-Party Certificate (CLI)

Procedure

Step 1 Move the *final.pem* file to the default directory on your TFTP server. Change the download settings by entering the following commands:

```
(Cisco Controller) > transfer download mode tftp
(Cisco Controller) > transfer download datatype webauthcert
(Cisco Controller) > transfer download serverip <TFTP server IP address>
(Cisco Controller) > transfer download path <absolute TFTP server path to the update file>
(Cisco Controller) > transfer download filename final.pem
```

Step 2 Enter the password for the .pem file so that the operating system can decrypt the SSL key and certificate.

```
(Cisco Controller) > transfer download certpassword password
```

Note
Ensure that the value for *certpassword* is the same as the **-passout** parameter when you generate a CSR.

Step 3 Start the certificate and key download by entering the this command:

transfer download start

Example:

```
(Cisco Controller) > transfer download start

Mode............................................ TFTP
Data Type....................................... Site Cert
TFTP Server IP.................................. 10.77.244.196
TFTP Packet Timeout............................. 6
TFTP Max Retries................................ 10
TFTP Path......................................./
TFTP Filename................................... final.pem

This may take some time.
Are you sure you want to start? (y/N) y

TFTP EAP Dev cert transfer starting.

Certificate installed.
Reboot the switch to use new certificate.
```

Step 4 Reboot the controller.