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vRealize Automation uses SSL certificates for secure communication among IaaS components and instances of the vRealize Automation appliance. The appliances and the Windows installation machines exchange these certificates to establish a trusted connection. You can obtain certificates from an internal or external certificate authority, or generate self-signed certificates during the deployment process for each component.

For important information about troubleshooting, support, and trust requirements for certificates, see VMware Knowledge Base article 2106583.

**Note:**

vRealize Automation supports SHA2 certificates. The self-signed certificates generated by the system use SHA-256 With RSA Encryption. You might need to update to SHA2 certificates due to operating system or browser requirements.

You can update or replace certificates after deployment. For example, a certificate may expire or you may choose to use self-signed certificates during your initial deployment, but then obtain certificates from a trusted authority before going live with your vRealize Automation implementation.

**Certificate Implementations**

Component	Minimal Deployment (non-production)	Distributed Deployment (production-ready)
vRealize Automation Appliance	Generate a self-signed certificate during appliance configuration.	For each appliance cluster, you can use a certificate from an internal or external certificate authority. Multi-use and wildcard certificates are supported.
IaaS Components	During installation, accept the generated self-signed certificates or select certificate suppression.	Obtain a multi-use certificate, such as a Subject Alternative Name (SAN) certificate, from an internal or external certificate authority that your Web client trusts.

No mentioned of wildcard cert