# Exporting your Cert to a File
With Internet Explorer

Exporting your Cert to a file is the first step in having a usable personal certificate. Save this cert and guard it with your life. Make sure to password encrypt any cert you create (shown later), because without a password, impersonating you is as easy as copying the certificate file.
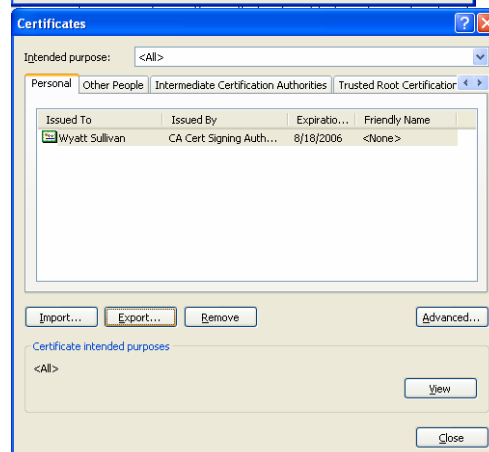
1. Open up *Internet Explorer*
2. Click Tools -> Internet Options…
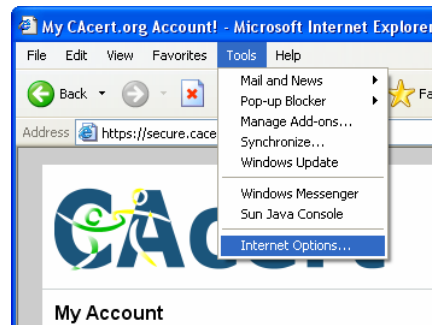
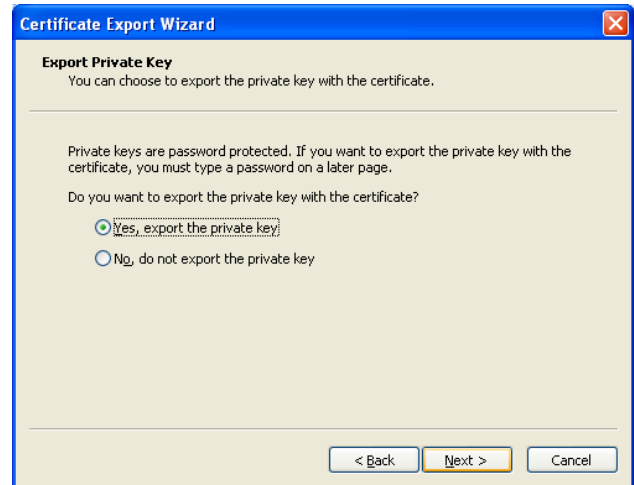3. Click the Contents Tabs
4. Choose "Certificates…"
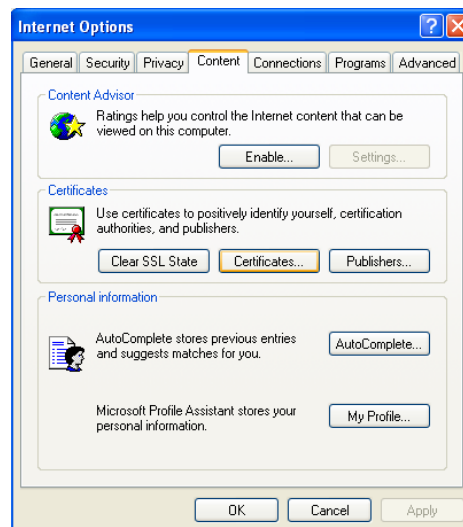
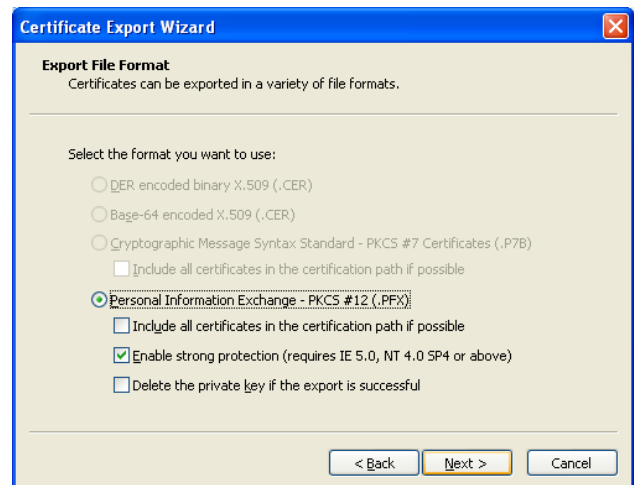5. Find and Click on the certificate that you want.
6. Click "Export"

7. Export Private Key
    a. Yes, if you will use this key for personal use
    b. No, if you want to give others the public key to verify your identity

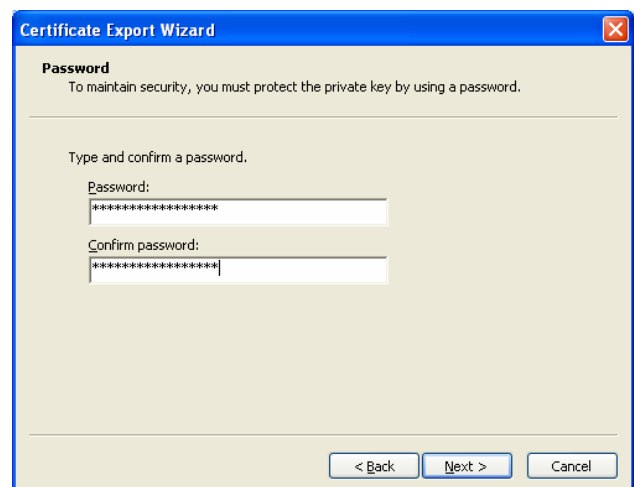*Note:* Never give your Private key to anyone.

8. Click Next

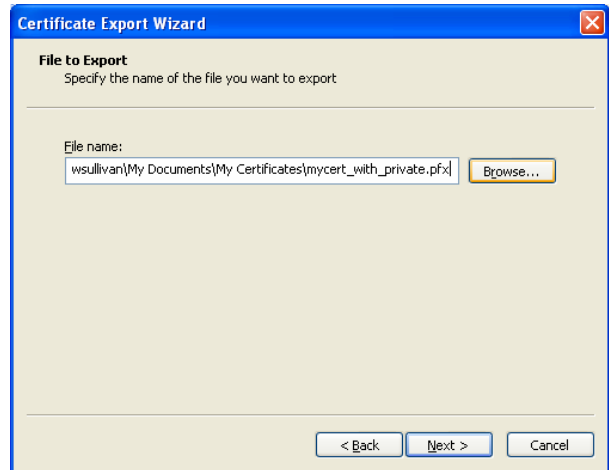9. Choose the option that best fits your needs.
10. Click Next.

11. Create a password.

Note: As always, please don't be a dumb and make it too easy to guess/brute force easily.
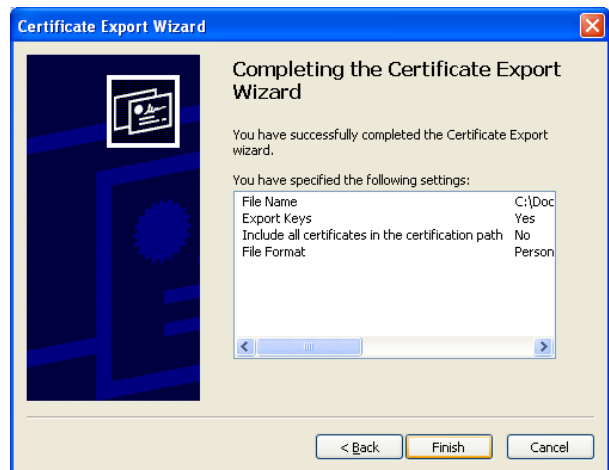
12. Click Next

13. Choose a location to save your
    newly created certificate file.
14. Click Next

15. Verify, then click Next

16. Jump for joy, then tell everyone you
know about CaCert.org.

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