

Decrypt SSL traffic with certificates and private keys

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You can decrypt forwarded SSL traffic by uploading the private key and server certificate associated with that traffic. The certificate and key are uploaded over an HTTPS connection from a web browser to the ExtraHop system.

After upload, private keys are encrypted and stored on the ExtraHop system. To ensure that private keys are not transferable to other systems, they are encrypted with an internal key that has information specific to the system to which it was uploaded.

Separation of privileges is enforced so that only the SSL decryption process on the system can access the private keys. While you can add new private keys through the Administration settings, you cannot access stored private keys.



Note: Your traffic must be encrypted with a [supported cipher suite](#). Learn more about [SSL/TLS decryption](#).

Upload a PEM certificate and RSA private key



Tip: You can export a password-protected key to add to your ExtraHop system by running the following command on a program such as OpenSSL:

```
openssl rsa -in yourcert.pem -out new.key
```

1. Log in to the Administration settings on the ExtraHop system through `https://<extrahop-hostname-or-IP-address>/admin`.
2. In the System Configuration section, click **Capture**.
3. Click **SSL Decryption**.
4. In the Private Key Decryption section, select the checkbox for **Require Private Keys**.
5. Click **Save**.
6. In the Private Keys section, click **Add Keys**.
7. In the Add PEM Certificate and RSA Private Key section, enter the following information:

Name

A descriptive name to identify this certificate and key.

Enabled

Clear this checkbox if you want to disable this SSL certificate.

Certificate

The public key certificate.

Private Key

The RSA private key.

8. Click **Add**.

Next steps

[Add the encrypted protocols](#) you want to decrypt with this certificate.

Upload a PKCS#12/PFX file

PKCS#12/PFX files are archived in a secure container on the ExtraHop system and contains both public and private key pairs, which can only be accessed with a password.



Tip: To export private keys from a Java KeyStore to a PKCS#12 file, run the following command on your server, where javakeystore.jks is the path of your Java KeyStore:

```
keytool -importkeystore -srckeystore javakeystore.jks -
destkeystore
pkcs.p12 -srcstoretype jks -deststoretype pkcs12
```

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4. In the Private Key Decryption section, select the checkbox for **Require Private Keys**.
5. Click **Save**.
6. In the Private Keys section, click **Add Keys**.
7. In the Add PKCS#12/PFX File With Password section, enter the following information:

Description

A descriptive name to identify this certificate and key.

Enabled

Clear this checkbox to disable this SSL certificate.

8. Next to PKCS#12/PFX file, click **Choose File**.
9. Browse to the file and select it, then click **Open**.
10. In the Password field, type the password for the PKCS#13/PFX file.
11. Click **Add**.
12. Click **OK**.

Next steps

[Add the encrypted protocols](#) you want to decrypt with this certificate.

Add encrypted protocols

You must add each protocol that you want to decrypt for each uploaded certificate.

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2. In the System Configuration section, click **Capture**.
3. Click **SSL Decryption**.
4. In the Protocol to Port Mapping by Key section, click **Add Protocol**.
5. On the Add Encrypted Protocol page, enter the following information:

Protocol

From the drop-down list, select the protocol you want to decrypt.

Key

From the drop-down list, select an uploaded private key.

Port

Type the source port for the protocol. By default this value is set to 443, which specifies HTTP traffic. Specify 0 to decrypt all protocol traffic.

6. Click **Add**.

Supported SSL/TLS cipher suites

The ExtraHop system can decrypt SSL/TLS traffic that has been encrypted with PFS or RSA cipher suites. All supported cipher suites can be decrypted by installing the session key forwarder on a server and configuring the ExtraHop system.

Cipher suites for RSA can also decrypt the traffic with a certificate and private key—with or without session key forwarding.

Decryption methods

The table below provides a list of cipher suites that the ExtraHop system can [decrypt](#) along with the supported decryption options.

- **PFS + GPP:** the ExtraHop system can decrypt these cipher suites with session key forwarding and global protocol to port mapping
- **PFS + Cert:** the ExtraHop system can decrypt these cipher suites with the session key forwarding and the certificate and private key
- **RSA + Cert:** the ExtraHop system can decrypt these cipher suites without session key forwarding as long as you have uploaded the certificate and private key.

Hex Value	Name (IANA)	Name (OpenSSL)	Supported Decryption
0x04	TLS_RSA_WITH_RC4_128_MD5	RC4-MD5	PFS + GPP PFS + Cert RSA + Cert
0x05	TLS_RSA_WITH_RC4_128_SHA	RC4-SHA	PFS + GPP PFS + Cert RSA + Cert
0x0A	TLS_RSA_WITH_3DES_EDE_CBC_SHA	DES-CBC3-SHA	PFS + GPP PFS + Cert RSA + Cert
0x16	TLS_DHE_RSA_WITH_3DES_EDE_CBC_SHA	EDH-RSA-DES-CBC3-SHA	PFS + GPP PFS + Cert
0x2F	TLS_RSA_WITH_AES_128_CBC_SHA	AES128-SHA	PFS + GPP PFS + Cert RSA + Cert
0x33	TLS_DHE_RSA_WITH_AES_128_CBC_SHA	DHE-RSA-AES128-SHA	PFS + GPP PFS + Cert
0x35	TLS_RSA_WITH_AES_256_CBC_SHA	AES256-SHA	PFS + GPP PFS + Cert RSA + Cert
0x39	TLS_DHE_RSA_WITH_AES_256_CBC_SHA	DHE-RSA-AES256-SHA	PFS + GPP PFS + Cert
0x3C	TLS_RSA_WITH_AES_128_CBC_SHA256	AES128-SHA256	PFS + GPP PFS + Cert RSA + Cert
0x3D	TLS_RSA_WITH_AES_256_CBC_SHA256	AES256-SHA256	PFS + GPP PFS + Cert RSA + Cert
0x67	TLS_DHE_RSA_WITH_AES_128_CBC_SHA256	DHE-RSA-AES128-SHA256	PFS + GPP PFS + Cert
0x6B	TLS_DHE_RSA_WITH_AES_256_CBC_SHA256	DHE-RSA-AES256-SHA256	PFS + GPP PFS + Cert

Hex Value	Name (IANA)	Name (OpenSSL)	Supported Decryption
0x9C	TLS_RSA_WITH_AES_128_GCM_SHA256	AES128-GCM-SHA256	PFS + GPP PFS + Cert RSA + Cert
0x9D	TLS_RSA_WITH_AES_256_GCM_SHA384	AES256-GCM-SHA384	PFS + GPP PFS + Cert RSA + Cert
0x9E	TLS_DHE_RSA_WITH_AES_128_GCM_SHA256	DHE-RSA-AES128-GCM-SHA256	PFS + GPP PFS + Cert
0x9F	TLS_DHE_RSA_WITH_AES_256_GCM_SHA384	DHE-RSA-AES256-GCM-SHA384	PFS + GPP PFS + Cert
0x1301	TLS_AES_128_GCM_SHA256	TLS_AES_128_GCM_SHA256	PFS + GPP PFS + Cert
0x1302	TLS_AES_256_GCM_SHA384	TLS_AES_256_GCM_SHA384	PFS + GPP PFS + Cert
0x1303	TLS_CHACHA20_POLY1305_SHA256	TLS_CHACHA20_POLY1305_SHA256	PFS + GPP PFS + Cert
0xC007	TLS_ECDHE_ECDSA_WITH_RC4_128_SHA	ECDHE-ECDSA-RC4-SHA	PFS + GPP
0xC008	TLS_ECDHE_ECDSA_WITH_3DES_EDE_CBC_SHA	ECDHE-ECDSA-DES-CBC3-SHA	PFS + GPP
0xC009	TLS_ECDHE_ECDSA_WITH_AES_128_CBC_SHA	ECDHE-ECDSA-AES128-SHA	PFS + GPP
0xC00A	TLS_ECDHE_ECDSA_WITH_AES_256_CBC_SHA	ECDHE-ECDSA-AES256-SHA	PFS + GPP
0xC011	TLS_ECDHE_RSA_WITH_RC4_128_SHA	ECDHE-RSA-RC4-SHA	PFS + GPP PFS + Cert
0xC012	TLS_ECDHE_RSA_WITH_3DES_EDE_CBC_SHA	ECDHE-RSA-DES-CBC3-SHA	PFS + GPP PFS + Cert
0xC013	TLS_ECDHE_RSA_WITH_AES_128_CBC_SHA	ECDHE-RSA-AES128-SHA	PFS + GPP PFS + Cert
0xC014	TLS_ECDHE_RSA_WITH_AES_256_CBC_SHA	ECDHE-RSA-AES256-SHA	PFS + GPP PFS + Cert
0xC023	TLS_ECDHE_ECDSA_WITH_AES_128_CBC_SHA256	ECDHE-ECDSA-AES128-SHA256	PFS + GPP
0xC024	TLS_ECDHE_ECDSA_WITH_AES_256_CBC_SHA384	ECDHE-ECDSA-AES256-SHA384	PFS + GPP
0xC027	TLS_ECDHE_RSA_WITH_AES_128_CBC_SHA256	ECDHE-RSA-AES128-SHA256	PFS + GPP PFS + Cert
0xC028	TLS_ECDHE_RSA_WITH_AES_256_CBC_SHA384	ECDHE-RSA-AES256-SHA384	PFS + GPP PFS + Cert
0xC02B	TLS_ECDHE_ECDSA_WITH_AES_128_GCM_SHA256	ECDHE-ECDSA-AES128-GCM-SHA256	PFS + GPP

Hex Value	Name (IANA)	Name (OpenSSL)	Supported Decryption
0xC02C	TLS_ECDHE_ECDSA_WITH_AES_256_GCM_SHA384	ECDHE-ECDSA-AES256-GCM-SHA384	PFS + GPP
0xC02F	TLS_ECDHE_RSA_WITH_AES_128_GCM_SHA256	ECDHE-RSA-AES128-GCM-SHA256	PFS + GPP PFS + Cert
0xC030	TLS_ECDHE_RSA_WITH_AES_256_GCM_SHA384	ECDHE-RSA-AES256-GCM-SHA384	PFS + GPP PFS + Cert
0xCCA8	TLS_ECDHE_RSA_WITH_CHACHA20_POLY1305_SHA256	ECDHE-RSA-CHACHA20-POLY1305	PFS + GPP PFS + Cert
0xCCA9	TLS_ECDHE_ECDSA_WITH_CHACHA20_POLY1305_SHA256	ECDHE-ECDSA-CHACHA20-POLY1305	PFS + GPP
0xCCAA	TLS_DHE_RSA_WITH_CHACHA20_POLY1305_SHA256	DHE-RSA-CHACHA20-POLY1305	PFS + GPP PFS + Cert