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> **Warning:** If you have used S/MIME for email encryption, you should export certificates in order to retain a backup copy, before deleting them from the browser.
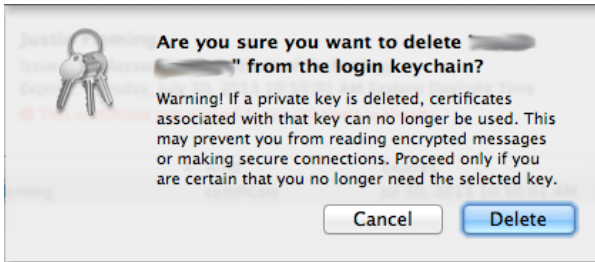> [How can I tell if I've used S/MIME for email encryption?].

1. Navigate, in Finder, to **Applications > Utilities > Keychain Access**.
   Double-click to open Keychain Access.
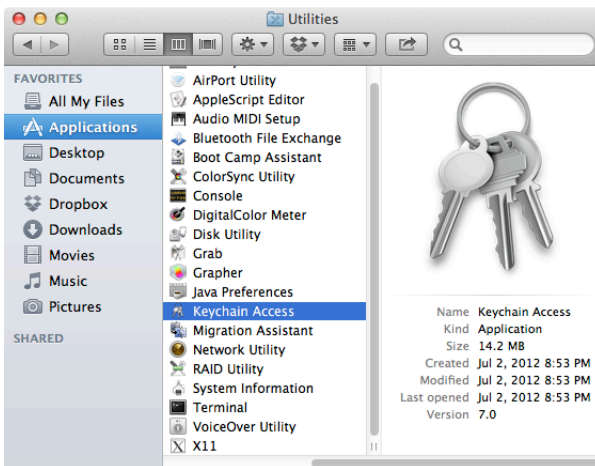
2. Select the **login** keychain, and then select **My Certificates** from the list in the lower pane.
   If you do not have a list in the lower pane, with **All Items**, **Certificates**, **Passwords...**, press the button in the bottom left of the Keychain Access window. Your window should look like the image below:
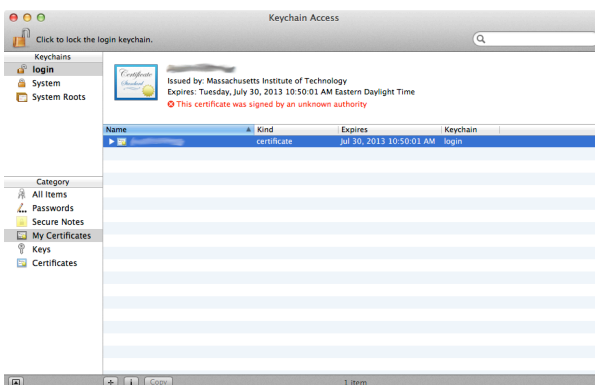

3. Highlight all certificates.

4. Follow the menu path **Edit** > **Delete**, or press the **delete key** on your keyboard.
   Result: A popup windows prompts to confirm deletion of the certificate. Click **Delete**.

Are you sure you want to delete "▓▓▓▓▓▓ ▓▓▓▓▓▓" from the login keychain?

Warning! If a private key is deleted, certificates associated with that key can no longer be used. This may prevent you from reading encrypted messages or making secure connections. Proceed only if you are certain that you no longer need the selected key.

[Cancel]   [Delete]

5. Select "All Items" from the Category list in the lower left-hand page. Click "Kind" to sort the certificate items by their type
6. Select everything that has the type "identity preference" and **Delete** them.
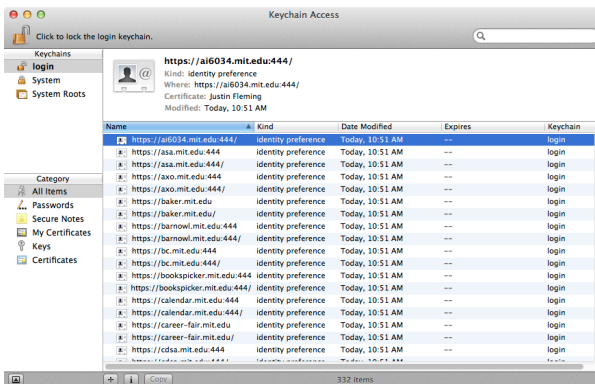
7. Type "MIT Certification" into the search box in the upper right hand corner.
8. Highlight the MIT Certification Authority certificate and **Delete** it.
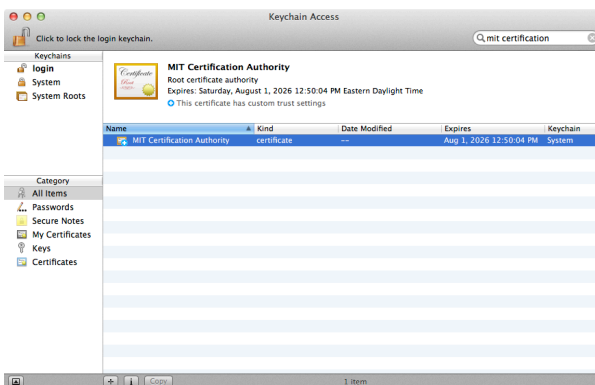
See Also

- Certificates Landing Page