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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. Open Firefox Preferences
    a. Click on the three bars in the upper right and select **Preferences** from the menu.

    b. Open Preferences from menu path:
        - On Windows (depending on your version of Windows and Firefox):
        - **Tools > Options > Preferences**
        - **Firefox > Options > Preferences**
        - **Options** (next to the gear icon) **> Preferences**
        - **Tools > Options > Advanced > Encryption** (skip to step 3)
        - On Linux: **Edit > Preferences**
        - On Mac OS X: **Firefox > Preferences**

2. Select the **Privacy & Security** pane. Then scroll down to the **Certificates** section.
3. From **Your Certificates**, click **View Certificates**.
4. Select the expired or duplicate certificate and click the **Delete** button. You will be prompted if you want to delete the certificate. Click **OK** to continue.
5. Close and re-open Firefox, and confirm that you have one, non-expired certificate.

**Note:** You also want to empty your browser cache after deleting your certificate.

## See Also

- Certificates Landing Page