

How do I check certificate expiration dates?

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If you are looking for how to get certificates, see [Certificates Landing Page](#)

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In Firefox

1. On Athena, Linux, and Macintosh: open **Preferences**.
2. On Windows: open **Tools > Options**
3. In the Preferences/Options window, click **Privacy and Security**, then scroll down to **Security**.
4. In the **Certificates** subsection, click **View Certificates**.
5. In the *Certificate Manager* window, you should see your personal certificates listed (if not, click **Your Certificates**).
Result: The expiration date is given in the column headed "Expires On".
6. Click **OK** in the Preferences/Options window, and then close the *Certificate Manager* window.
7. See also [How do I test my MIT personal certificate?](#)

In Internet Explorer

1. Go to **Tools > Internet Options**.
2. Click the **Content** tab, then click the **Certificates** button (middle of the window).
3. In the *Certificates* window, click the **Personal** tab.
Result: Your personal certificates should be listed. The expiration date is given in the column headed "Expiration Date".
4. Close the Certificates window, then click **OK** in the Internet Options window.
5. See [How do I test my MIT personal certificate?](#)

In Safari and Chrome on Mac OS

Note: Safari and Chrome store your MIT CA (Certificate Authority) and personal certificate in a file known as a Keychain.

1. Under your Mac OS X account, go to **Applications > Utilities > Keychain Access**. If necessary, click **Show Keychains** in the lower left-hand corner of the Keychain Access window.
2. In the list of Keychains, click **login**.
3. Click **My Certificates** under Category in the lower left-hand corner of the sidebar.
4. There should be a certificate under your name listed. The expiration date should be listed to the right.
Note: There should only be one certificate here. If there are duplicate/expired certificates, please delete them by highlighting and selecting **Edit > Delete**. You will be prompted to confirm the deletion. Select **Delete**.
5. Quit from **Keychain Access**.
6. See [How do I test my MIT personal certificate?](#)

In Chrome on Windows

1. Click on the Chrome menu and then proceed to click on **Settings**.
Result: Settings will open up in a new tab.
2. Select **Show advanced settings...** at the bottom of the page.
3. Scroll the page to reach HTTPS/SSL and then select **Manage certificates...**
Result: Your personal certificate should now be shown with the expiration date in the column headed "Expiration Date"

4. Select **Close** in order to save your settings.

Note: There should only be one certificate here. If there are duplicate/expired certificates, please delete them by highlighting the additional certificate/s and selecting **Remove**.

5. See [How do I test my MIT personal certificate?](#)