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Subscription SSL

Sectigo now offers three-, four-, and five-year Subscription SSL bundles, allowing customers to obtain continuous certificate coverage for up to five years.

The Problem

Current CA/Browser Forum guidelines limit maximum certificate lifetimes to two years. As you may be aware, the recent CA/Browser Forum (CABF) ballot SC22, sought to further reduce the allowed durations of TLS/SSL certificates down to one-year. Although the ballot did not pass on this occasion, Sectigo anticipates that a maximum certificate duration of one year will become the standard soon. Historically, multi-year certificates allowed our customers and our partners' customers to benefit from added savings and reduced the burden of preventing expired certificates and possible browser alerts such as 'Not Secure' warnings.

How Does It Work

When a customer orders a certificate bundle, Sectigo will issue a certificate with an expiration date of 825 days from the date of issuance. Upon expiration, a new CSR will need to be submitted to Sectigo. Upon submission and validation, Sectigo will issue another certificate for the remainder of the subscription length or 825 days, whichever is longer. If you purchase a 5 year bundle, this process will need to be done again upon expiration of the second 825 day certificate.

Examples

For a five-year Subscription SSL bundle, a certificate would be issued on January 5, 2020 with an expiration date of May 5, 2022 (825 days after issuance). A new CSR would need to be provided before May 5, 2022. Upon validation, a new certificate would be issued for another 825-day validity expiring on August 7, 2024. On or before August 7, 2024, a new CSR would need to be provided and validated. Once complete, Sectigo will issue the last cert of the Subscription which will be set to expire one-year after the issuance.

This process is the same for the shorter bundles. A new CSR will need to be provided and manually validated at the end of each 825-day period Until the remaining lifetime of the subscription purchase is less than 825 days, then it will be issued to max duration allowed. A four-year Subscription SSL bundle will only need to be re-issued once.

How to Utilize Subscription SSL in the Partner Portal or via the AutoApplyOrder API?

In the portal, choose a '3, 4 or 5 year' options when ordering the certificate.
Via the API, change the 'days' parameter value to 1095, 1461 or 1826.

If you have additional questions, please contact **Partners@Sectigo.com.**