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**How to install your MIT certificate on an Athena cluster**

- Step 1.** Gain access to an Athena cluster. If you need the door code for the clusters, log into Athena and type “tellme combo”.
- Step 2.** Log into a computer, using your MIT username and password.
- Step 3.** Open Firefox.
- Step 4.** Browse to <https://ist.mit.edu/certificates>
- Step 5.** Down at the bottom, click the link "Get MIT Certificate Authority (MIT CA)". Make sure to "Trust this CA to identify websites." This installs the MIT certificate on your Athena account.
- Step 6.** Click "Get MIT personal certificate". Supply your MIT username, password, and ID number. On the next screen, choose "High grade" and "183" as your options. An alert should pop up, saying that your personal certificate has been installed. Don't worry about making a backup copy of the certificate (it's easiest just to generate a new one if you need it).
- Step 7.** Test that the certificates are installed correctly by going to <http://web.mit.edu/certificates/test/> and clicking on "Test my certificate". If a "User Identification Request" alert shows on the screen with your name, you know that it's worked. Because of the way that Athena is set up, all Athena machines will now be able to use your certificate.

**You're done!**