

GNOME Evolution - Linux - certificate setup

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This guide describes how to integrate a personal certificate for signing and encrypting emails in Evolution. To do this, you need a certificate, which must be available as a .p12 file.

[1]How do I request a personal certificate?

Please note the information on [2]Email Encryption.

Import certificate

- Open the "Preferences" via the key combination: Shift + Ctrl + S or via "Menu" - "Edit" - "Preferences". Screenshot Evolution - Edit menu
- Now call up the certificate settings. Navigate to the "Certificates" tab. Select the "Import" button. Screenshot Evolution - Settings for certificates

- The file manager of your desktop environment opens. Navigate to your certificate file, select it and choose "Open". Screenshot Gnome Dateien - Open file
- Enter the password for your certificate and confirm with "OK". Screenshot Evolution - Unlock certificate
- Your certificate will now appear in "Your Certificates". Screenshot Evolution - Settings for certificates

Activate signature and encryption

- Open the "Preferences" via the key combination: Shift + Ctrl + S or via "Menu" - "Edit" - "Preferences". Screenshot Evolution - Edit menu
- Call up the settings for the mail account. You are automatically in the "Mail accounts" tab. Select your email account in the list. Select "Edit". Screenshot Evolution - Settings for email accounts
- Navigate to the "Security" tab in the "Account Editor". In the "Secure MIME (S/MIME)" section, click on the "Select" button for the "Signing certificate" and the "Encryption certificate". Screenshot Evolution - Account editor for security
- In the "Select certificate" window that opens, select "Imported Certificate" from the certificate dropdown and confirm with the "OK" button. Screenshot Evolution - Select certificate
- It is recommended to activate the options "Always sign outgoing messages when using this account" and "Always encrypt outgoing messages when using this account". Confirm the changes by selecting the "OK" button.
- The setup is now complete. When you compose an email, the buttons for signing and encrypting now appear. Screenshot Evolution - Compose message

[1] <https://faq.tickets.tu-dresden.de/v/ItemID=1027>

[2] <https://faq.tickets.tu-dresden.de/v/ItemID=1086>