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OpenWebStart and Expired Certificates

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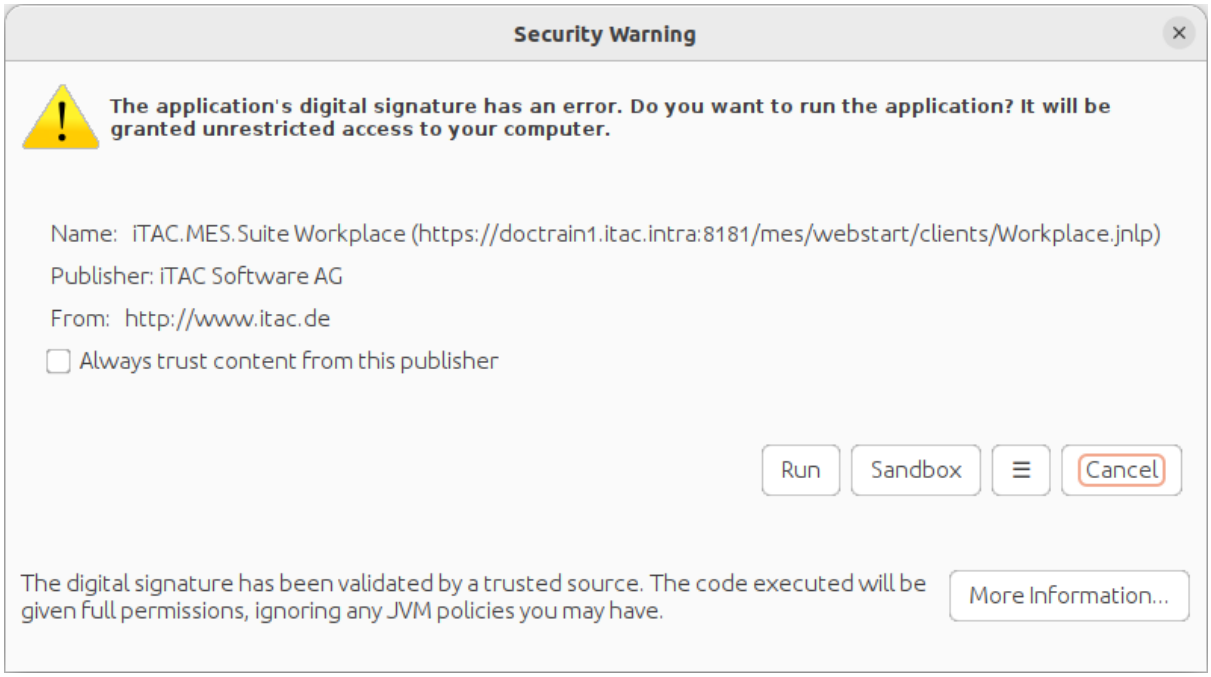
1. Scope of this document

This document describes the necessary steps for configuring OpenWebStart to accept applications with expired code signing certificates. This only applies to systems using **OpenWebStart**.

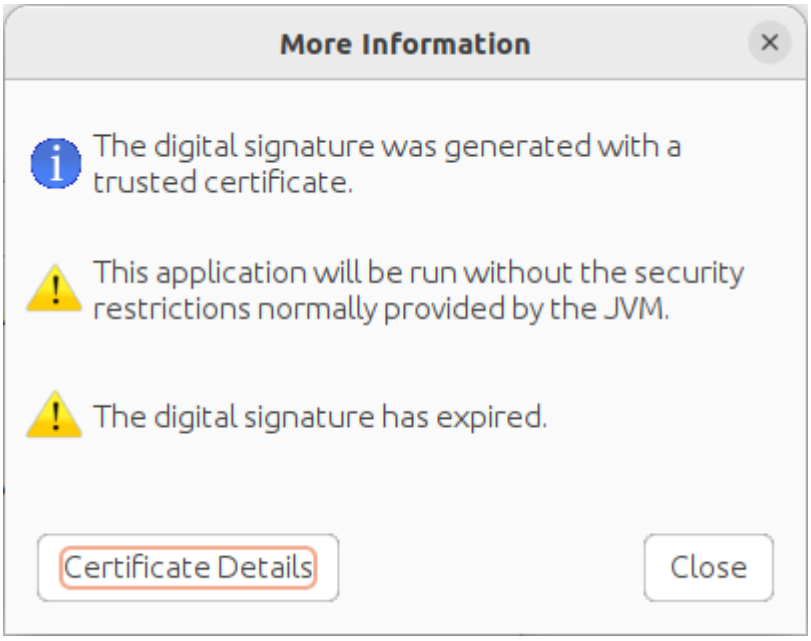
This document describes only a temporary workaround until the respective OpenWebStart applications with expired code signing certificates have been exchanged by applications with valid certificates!
Running applications with expired certificates as a general measure is not recommended due to security concerns!

2. How to configure OpenWebStart application to accept applications with expired code signing certificates

When starting an OpenWebStart application with an expired code signing certificate, a warning dialog similar to the following will be shown:

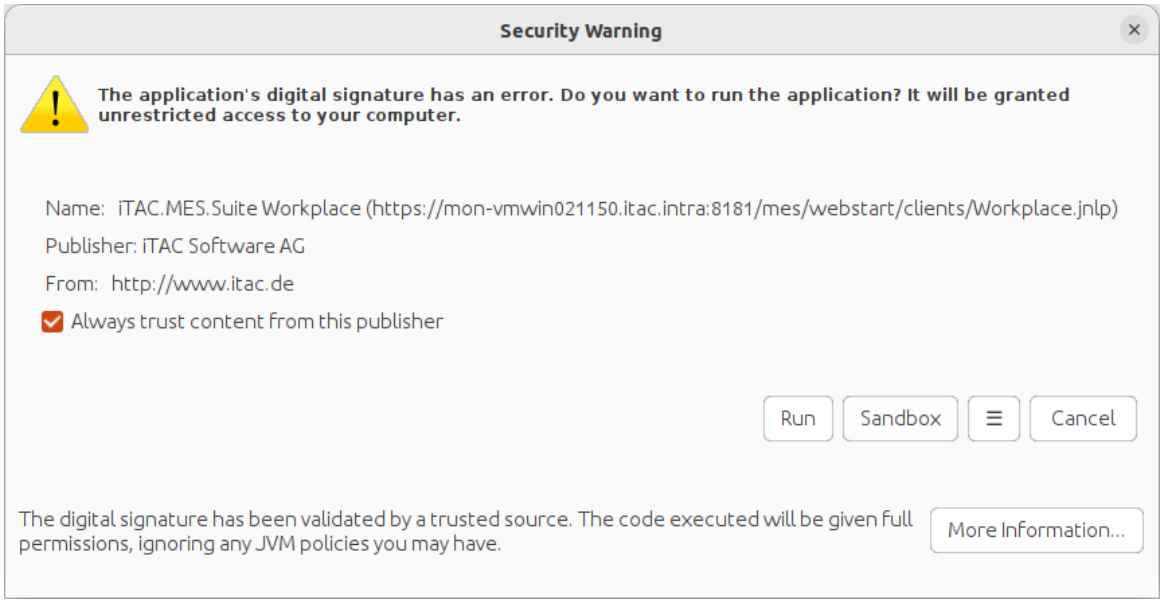


1. Click on **[More information]** to get more details on the warning.
2. See the third point:
   The digital signature has expired.



In case of an expired code signing certificate, this the expected outcome. Click on **[Close]**.

3. To avoid these **Security Warnings** showing up, activate the checkbox **Always trust content from this publisher** and click **[Run]**.

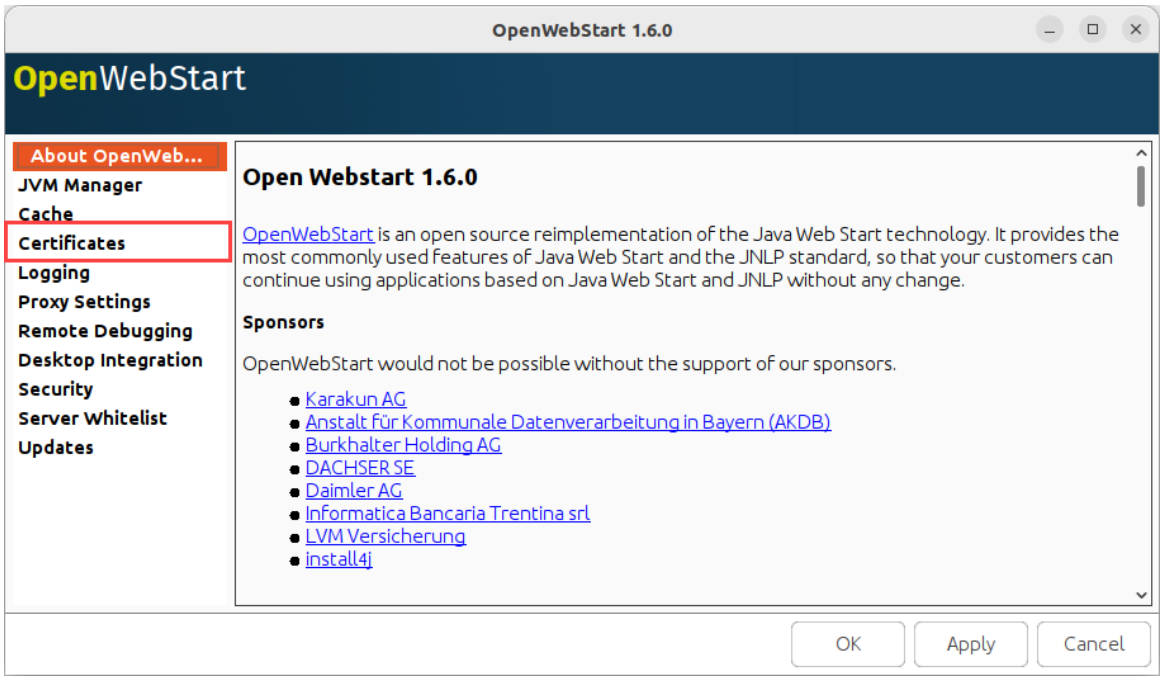


The application will start as usual. When starting the same or another application from the same publisher, this **Security Warning** dialog will not be shown.

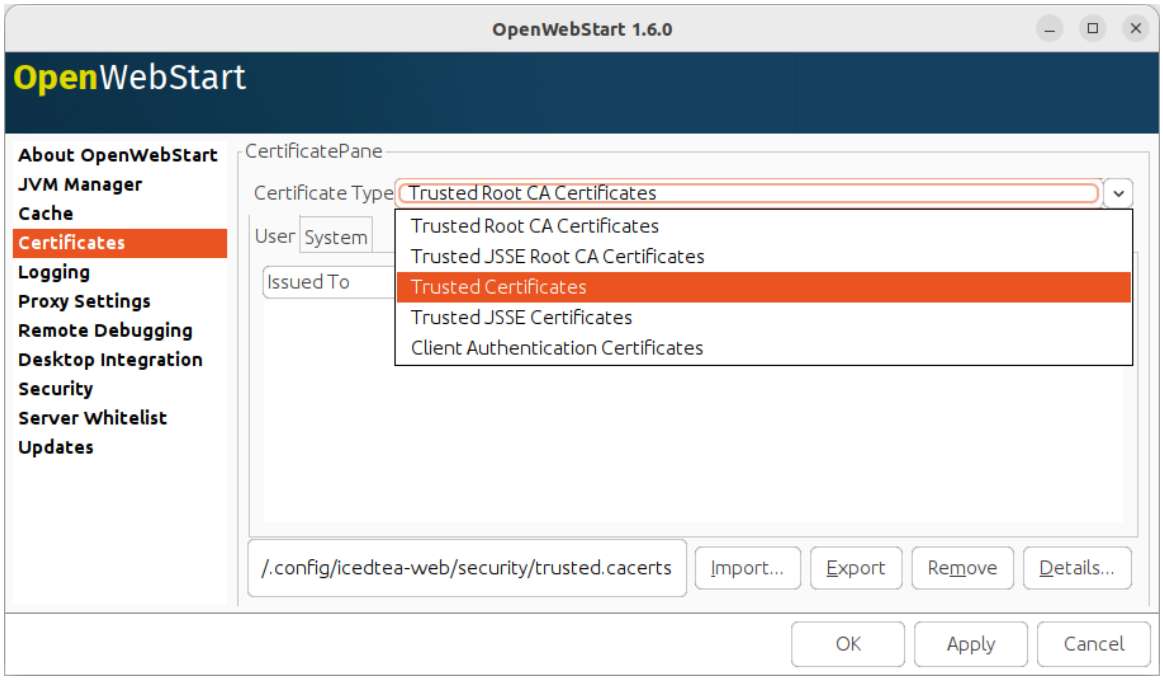
Once the respective OpenWebStart applications have been exchanged by applications with valid certificates, follow the steps in How to remove expired code signing certificates from OpenWebStart.

3. How to remove expired code signing certificates from OpenWebStart

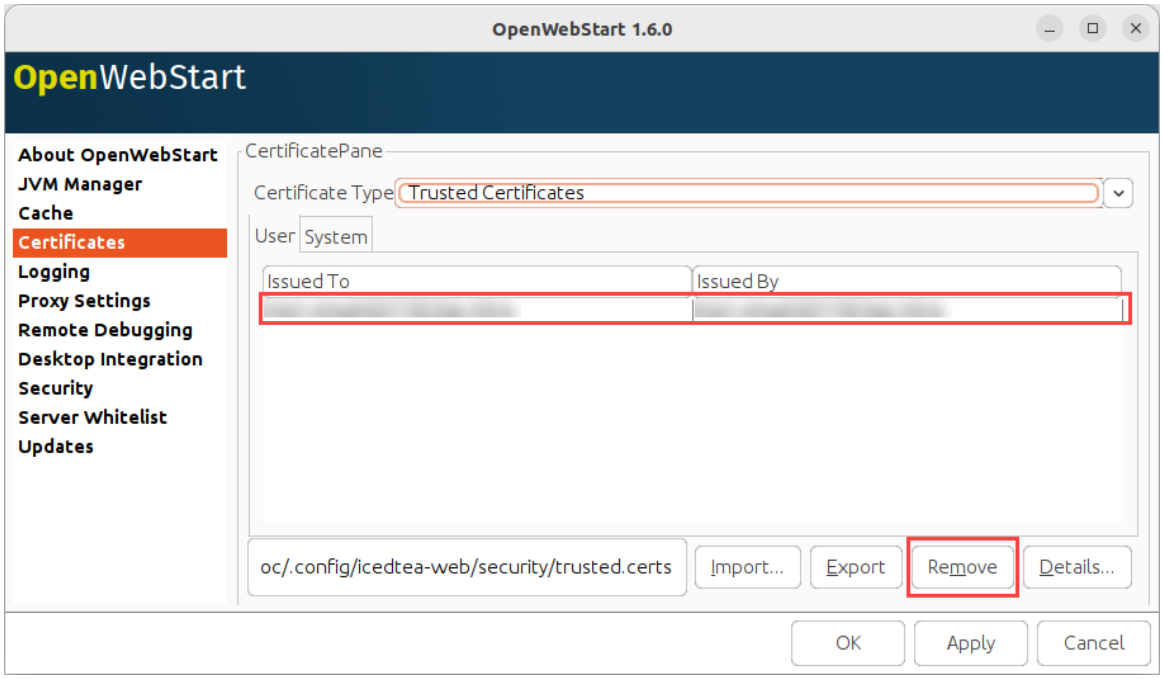
1. Start the application **OpenWebStart Settings** (e.g. search for it in the OS start/launcher menu).
2. Select **Certificates** from the main menu.



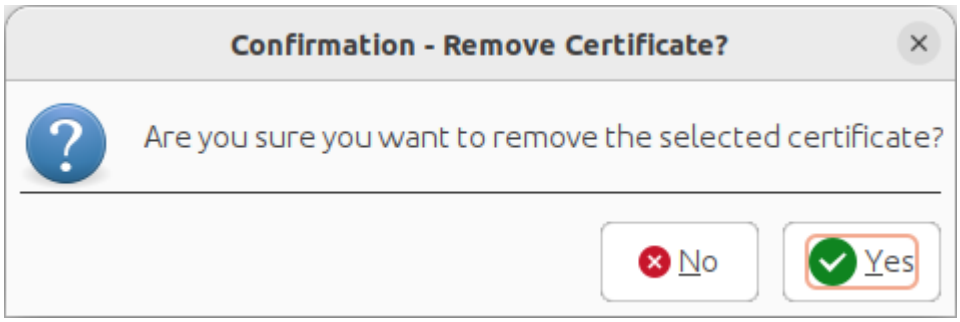
3. From the **Certificate Type** drop down menu select **Trusted Certificate**.



4. Select the certificate you would like to remove, then click **[Remove]**.



5. Click **[Yes]** to confirm.



The trusted certificate has been removed. In case of an expired code signing certificate when starting an OpenWebStart application, the respective warning dialog will be shown again.