



Changes to FirebirdNet

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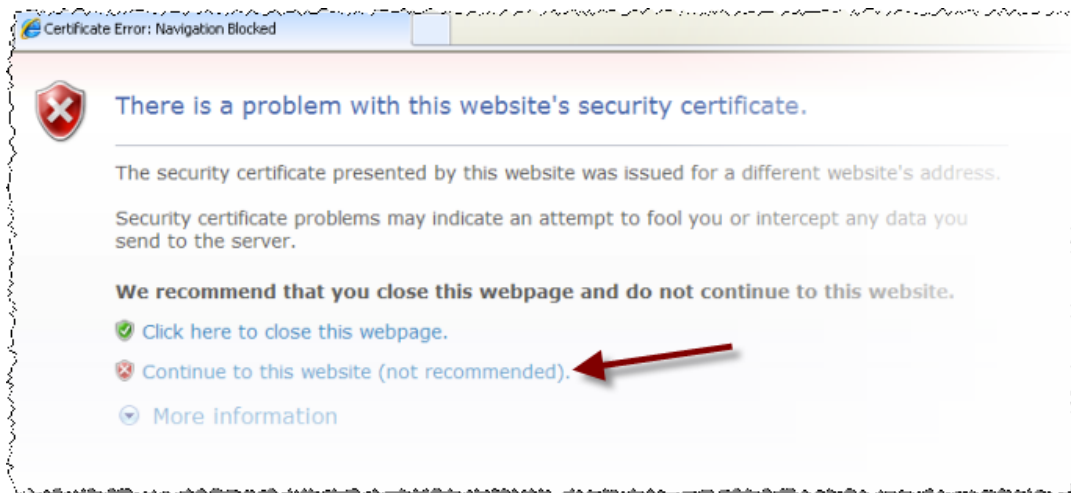
We recently updated our school Intranet to comply with DoD Security Guidelines. Our new URL for the School Intranet is <https://firebirdnet.pac.dodea.edu>.

What does this mean for you?

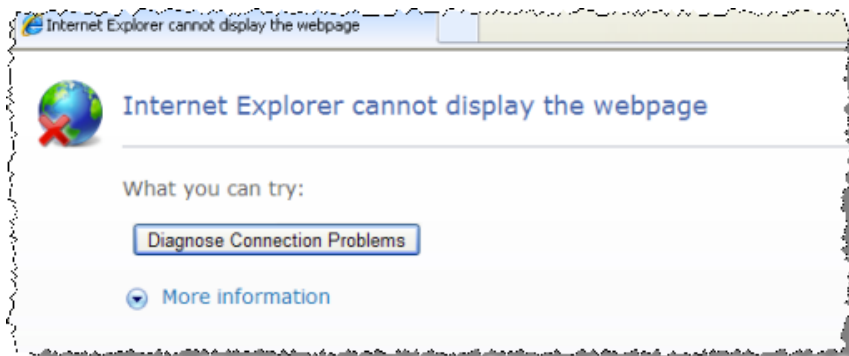
You may receive warning messages about accessing our site from home. Various web browsers will offer you different warning messages. Please follow these steps to access our secure site:

If you are using **Internet Explorer**: 

Step #1: When you first access **FirebirdNet** you will see the following page:



If you were to click on the Continue to this website link you may receive the following error message:



You will need to download the appropriate DoD (Department of Defense) digital certificate to grant you access to this secure site. To download this digital certificate click on the following link:

<https://www.dodpke.com/InstallRoot/>

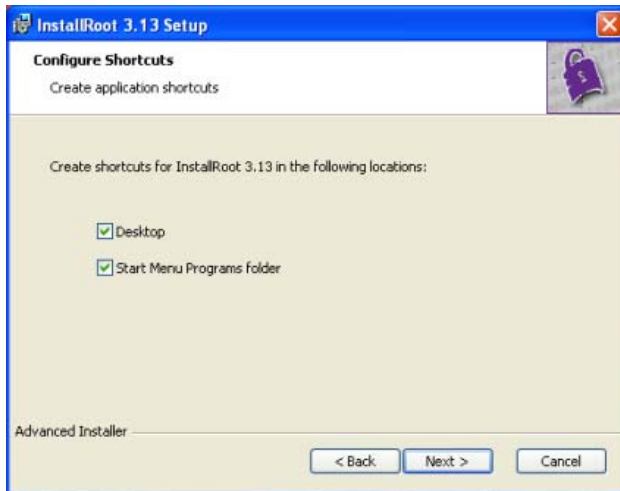
A screenshot of the InstallRoot 3.13 website. The page has a title "InstallRoot 3.13" and a subtitle "Updated 2/03/2010". Below this is a horizontal line. The main content is divided into two sections. The first section is titled "InstallRoot for Microsoft Windows" and contains a link to "InstallRoot 3.13.msi" with a description: "A graphical utility that can be used to install and manage DoD authorized root and intermediate Certification Authorities (CAs) on Microsoft-based operating systems." Below this is a note: "NOTE: This versions requires a Java Runtime Environment(JRE) to be installed." The second section is titled "InstallRoot Microsoft Windows with packaged JRE" and contains a link to "InstallRoot 3.13wJRE-6u18.msi" with a description: "InstallRoot pre-packaged with Java Runtime Environment 6 update 18." A red arrow points to this link.

Step #2: Click and download the **installRoot 3.13Wjre-6u18.msi** file. Save the file to your computer.

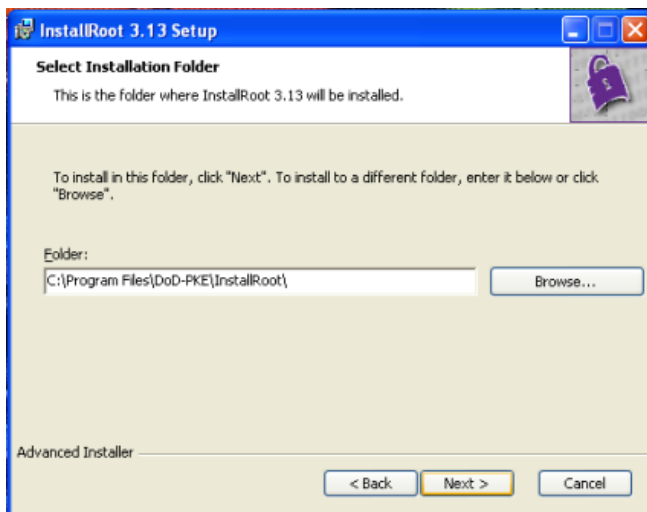
Step #3: Double-click and run (install) the file. Follow the instructions on the screen to install the free digital certificate.

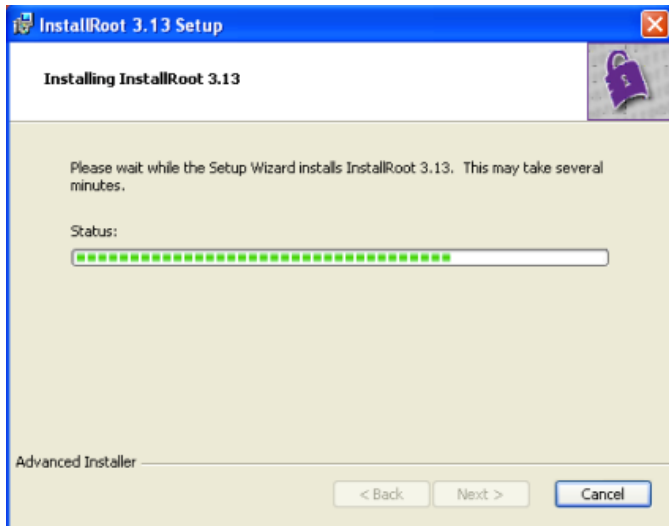


Accept the default settings:



Click next...





Press the **finish** button:



When you press finish the confirmation install screen may display.

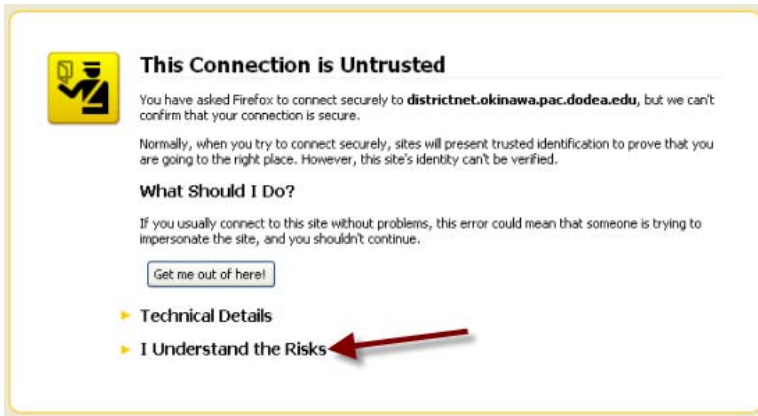


Please close and then open Internet Explorer browser. You may now access the secure **FirebirdNet** site.

If you are using **Firefox**:

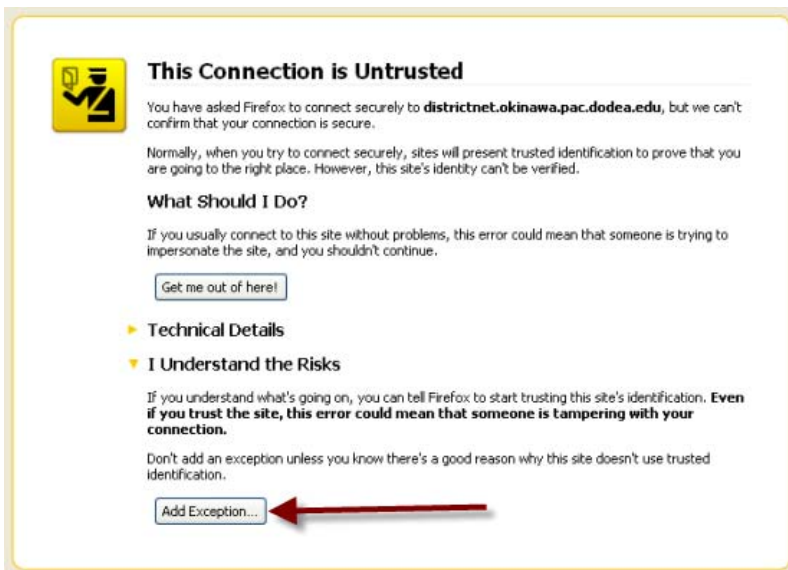


Users accessing **FirebirdNet** using the Firefox web browser may see the following page. With Firefox, users will not have to download the digital certificate to access **FirebirdNet**. Rather users may add the site to the Firefox trust site list.



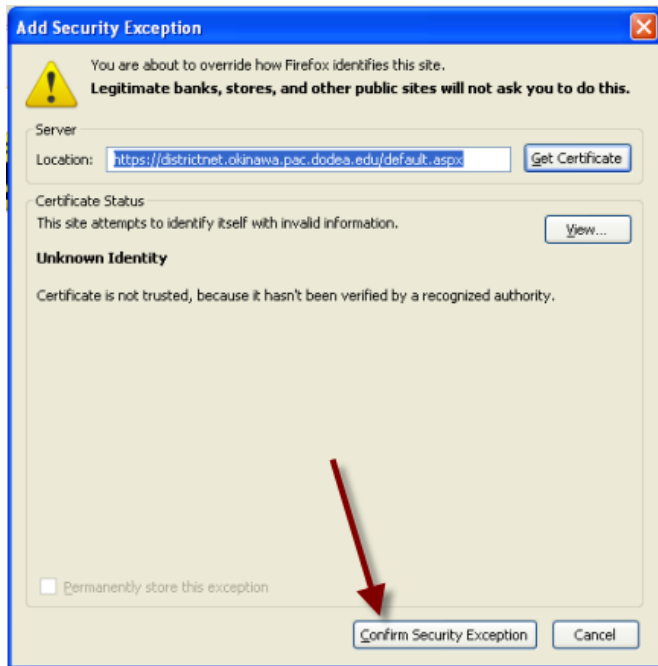
The screenshot shows a yellow warning box with a shield icon containing a red 'X'. The title is "This Connection is Untrusted". The text explains that Firefox cannot confirm the connection is secure to the URL "districtnet.okinawa.pac.dodea.edu". It provides a "Get me out of here!" button and two options: "Technical Details" and "I Understand the Risks". A red arrow points to the "I Understand the Risks" option.

Step #1: Select **I Understand the Risks**.



The screenshot shows the same warning box as above, but the "I Understand the Risks" option is now selected and expanded. It contains a warning: "If you understand what's going on, you can tell Firefox to start trusting this site's identification. **Even if you trust the site, this error could mean that someone is tampering with your connection.**" Below this is a "Don't add an exception unless you know there's a good reason why this site doesn't use trusted identification." and an "Add Exception..." button. A red arrow points to the "Add Exception..." button.

Step #2: Select the **Add Exception** button.



Step #3: Select **Confirm Security Exception**. (The DoD certificate used to secure the school's Intranet site is from the Department of Defense and not a commercial certificate authority like Verisign. For this reason, you may receive the innocuous "Unknown Identity" warning.)

Once you do this you may then proceed and access **FirebirdNet**.

Thank you for your patience while we do more to ensure our school's online presence is secure.

Please contact Tina.Kisela@pac.dodea.edu if you encounter any problems.