Signing and Encryption: Configuring Apple Mail

As long as you have imported your certificate into the OS X Keychain, Apple Mail detects the certificates and uses them.

1. When you open the Mail application after importing your certificate, a prompt will appear:

![Mail wants to use your confidential information stored in "privateKey" in your keychain. Do you want to allow access to this item?

Options: Always Allow, Deny, Allow]

2. By selecting “Always Allow” you are permitting Mail to use your personal signature to sign your emails.

3. Under Options you can select the desired signing and encryption settings:

![Mail client options with checkboxes for digitally sign message and encrypt message]

4. When composing a new message, the Mail client will notify you that the message will be signed:

![Message will be digitally signed and encrypted]

**NOTE**

You can send an encrypted message only if you have the recipient’s public key. If you do not, Mail displays the following message: “This message cannot be encrypted because you do not have the public key for destination email address. Do you want to send the message without encryption?”