

Release Note - 20. February 2024


Update Pre-Release Note February 2024

With this release the topics mentioned in our [Pre-Release Note - February 2024](#) are going live.

Error messages on connection issues

Up until now when there were connection issues with the external system, we showed the error message 'Communication failure'. To make it easier for our partners to investigate the connection issue on their side, we are going to provide, where possible, a more detailed error message.

Publishing

Test	Last published to Test at 11:15:34 on 12.02.2024, result was: Secure connection to 'rc4.badssl.com' failed (SSL Handshake Failed)
Profile no.	-  [json]

Examples of newly showed typical error messages and their explanation are included hereafter. Moreover, frequently occurring errors and their explanations/how to solve can at any time be found here: [generic_http Errors & FAQ](#)

Certificate Issues

You can generally refer to <https://www.ssllabs.com/ssltest/>, there must be **no** errors related to "Chain Issues" or "Trusted" status. These always indicate an invalid / incomplete configuration on the target server and hence must be fixed by their administrators.

Problem with certificate chain or certificate hostname:

This error message usually indicates one of the following issues

- Incomplete chain is presented: servers must provide full chain up to root CA
- Wrong certificate is presented: (e.g. the certificate is for [umbrellanet.ch](#) but the actual host name from the profile update url is [umbrella.ch](#)) Servers must always present a certificate for the correct hostname
- The certificate is issued by an untrusted CA

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Secure connection to '<hostname>' failed: unable to find valid certification path to requested target
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Expired / Not Yet Valid Certificate

Webservers must provide a valid SSL certificate

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Secure connection to '<hostname>' failed (CertificateExpiredException NotAfter: Mon Apr 13 01:59:59 CEST 2015)
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SSL Handshake failure

SSL Handshake failed. Check supported TLS versions on receiver side - usually the receiver is using outdated (insecure) encryption

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Secure connection to '<hostname>' failed (SSL Handshake Failed)
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Other Issues

Connection refused

The target server is not reachable (check firewall on receiver side)

Connection to '<hostname>' failed (connection refused)

Connection time out

The server did not reply within our timeout of 30 seconds

Remote host '<hostname>' failed to respond (timeout)