Website Hosting - Bug #527

Unable to Login to StartCom Control Panel With "ssl_error_unknown_ca_alert" Error

01/05/2015 10:02 AM - Daniel Curtis

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Assignee:	Daniel Curtis	% Done:	100%
Category:		Estimated time:	0.50 hour
Target version:		Spent time:	1.00 hour

Description

While going to renew one of my SSL certificates, I came across an error that prevented me from logging into the StartCom Control Panel. The error stated:

Secure Connection Failed

An error occurred during a connection to auth.startssl.com.

Peer does not recognize and trust the CA that issued your certificate.

(Error code: ssl_error_unknown_ca_alert)

The browser I use to administer my StartCom account is Firefox 34, and after looking around online I found a workaround.

- Go to Preferences -> Advanced -> Certificates -> View Certificates -> Authorities
- Scroll down to the StartCom Certificate Authority
- Now Delete/Distrust every certificate that is marked Software Security Device

Doing this allowed me to once again log into the StartCom Control Panel. Although I do not like the prospect of manipulating certificate authorities in the browser, I understand that StartCom recently changed one or more of their certificates, which will undoubtedly cause problems.

Resources

 https://forum.startcom.org/viewtopic.php?f=15&t=2522&start=0&st=0&sk=t&sd=a&sid=8e35c7ce6440a09fbf7e808e0444e579&v iew=print

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