Secure websites (HTTPS) use digital certificates to establish secure connections via Public Key Infrastructure (PKI). In order for a web browser to properly authenticate the identity of a secure website, it must know to communicate with the Certificate Authority (CA) that issues the site its digital certificate. Most web browsers already have commercial CA certificates associated. However, military hosting utilizes its own CA's.

As USACE is subject to the rules set by military hosting, you may need to manually install the DoD CA certificates on your personal or non-DoD computer in order to access our secure websites; this includes the DAU Virtual Campus. DoD-issued computers generally have these certificates and up-to-date.

To download the DoD CA certificates:

Go to
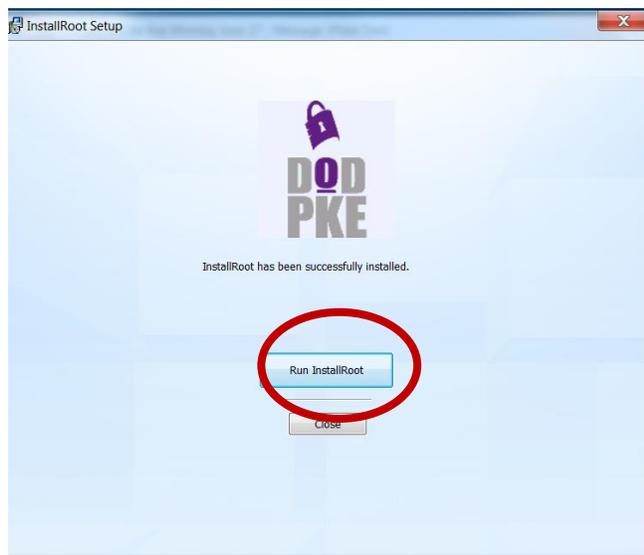
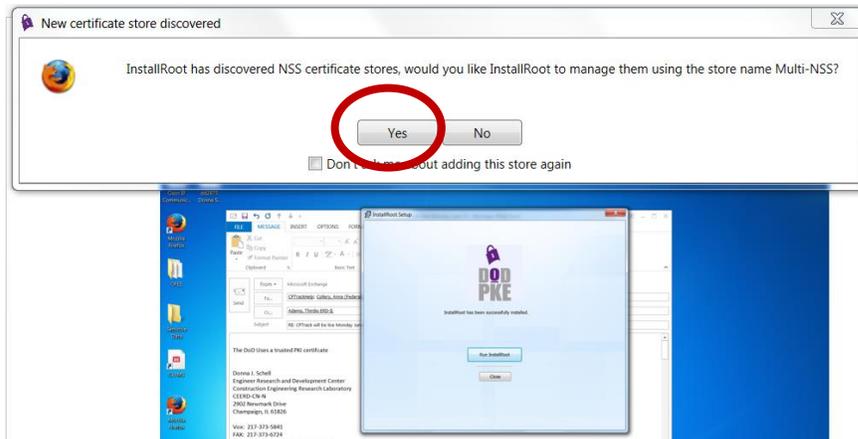http://iase.disa.mil/pki-pke/Pages/tools.aspx
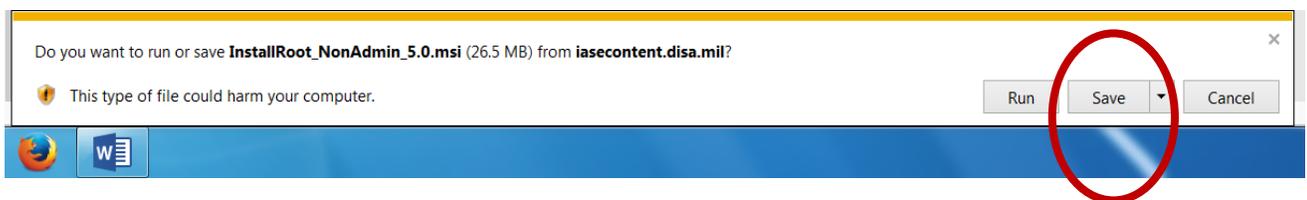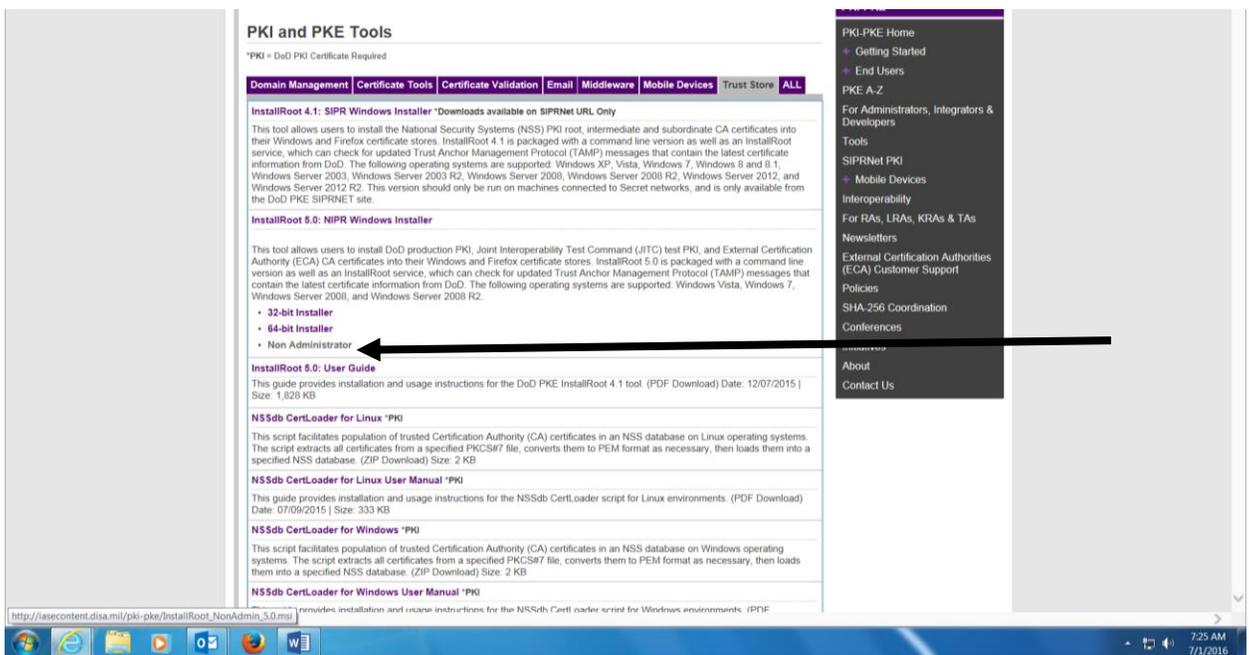
Just keep hitting NEXT. When prompted to select the features you wish to install, ensure that *at least* the "Graphical Interface" is checked. Afterwards, click on "next" and then "install."

After the installation of the tool is complete, click "Run InstallRoot."

A "Quick Start" screen will appear showing screenshots of the final steps required to complete the installation. Please read the red text within these screenshots and choose "Next" until you're able to select "Finish."
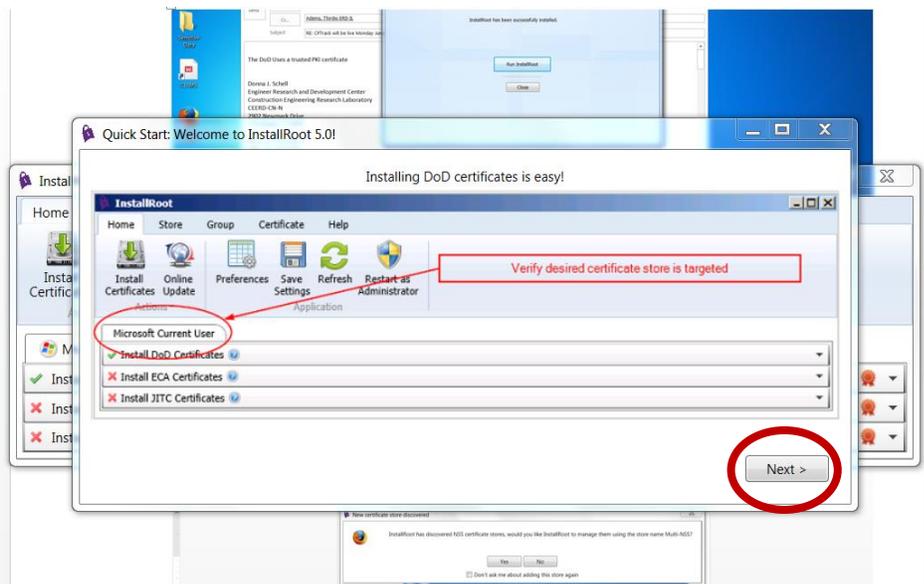
After selecting "Finish," you should be presented with a Microsoft Current User tab and, if you chose to install certificates to Firefox as indicated in step #8, a Firefox tab should also appear for each Firefox profile on your computer. Please look under each of these tabs and make sure that "Install DoD Certificates" has a green checkmark. The other certificates (ECA and JITC) are not required.