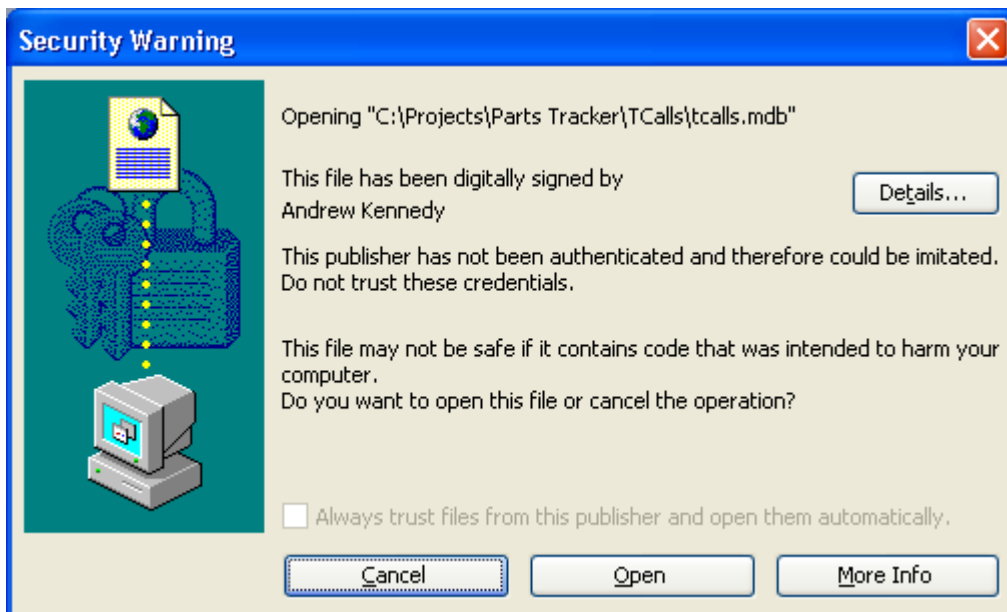


Skipping the Security Warning Dialog On Startup

In Office 2003, Parts Tracker will start up with the following dialog box:

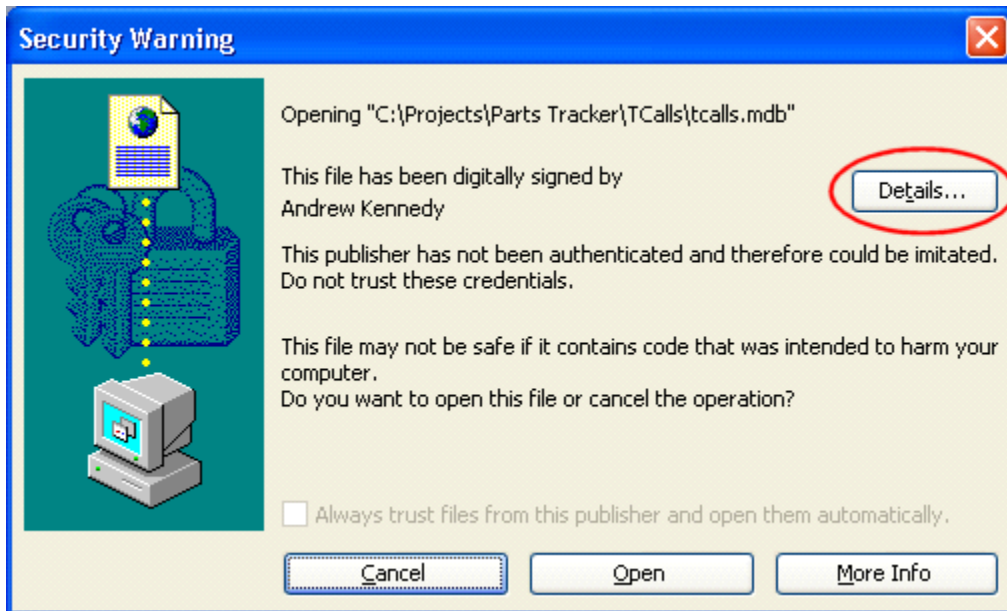


This is an Office 2003 feature that warns you before opening potentially malicious software. Note that this behaviour is not part of Parts Tracker, but of Microsoft Access (version 2003).

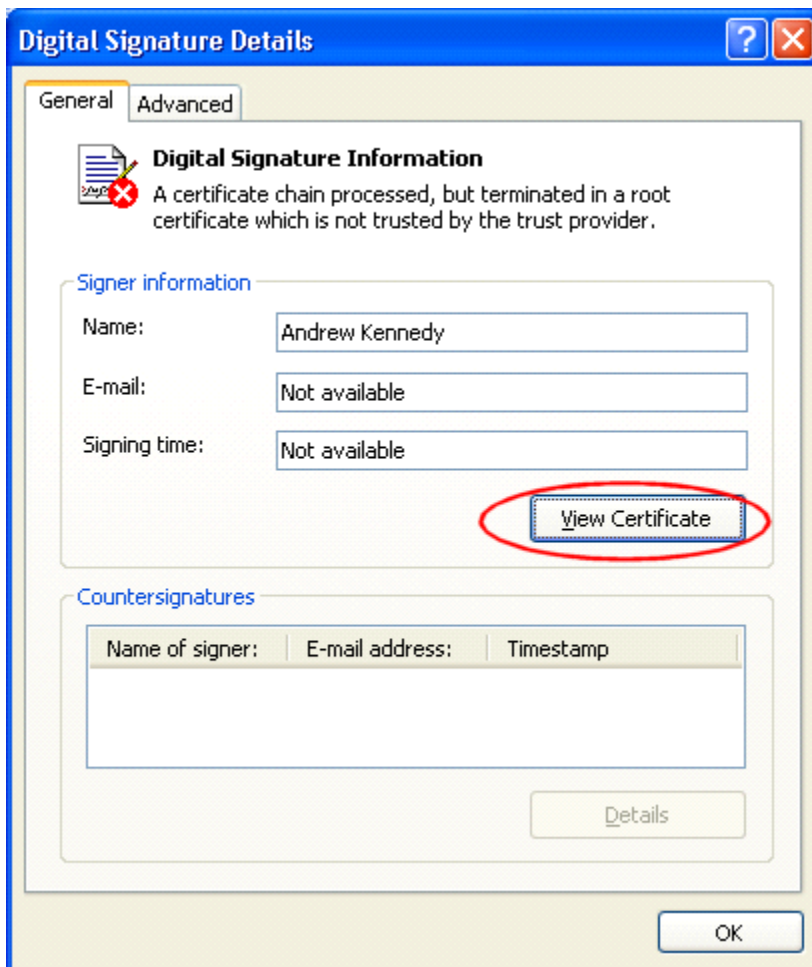
To prevent this warning every time Parts Tracker opens, you must install the 'digital signature' that comes with Parts Tracker so that Microsoft Access can recognise it as 'trusted' software.

To do this, follow the steps below.

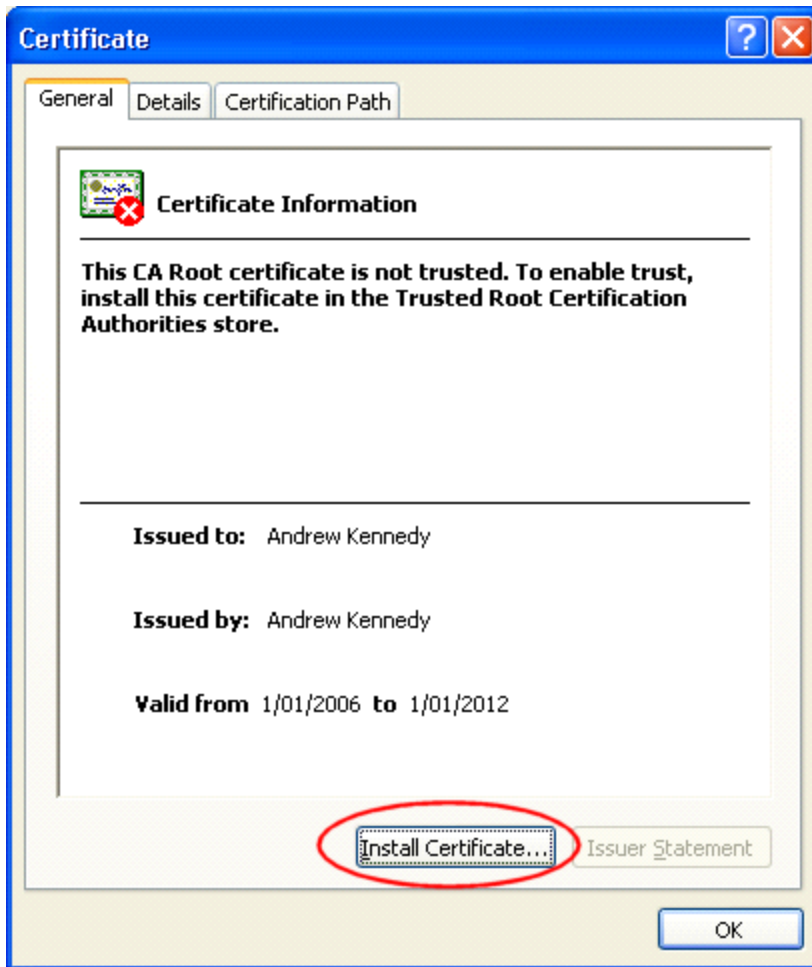
1. When Parts Tracker starts the following dialog is displayed:



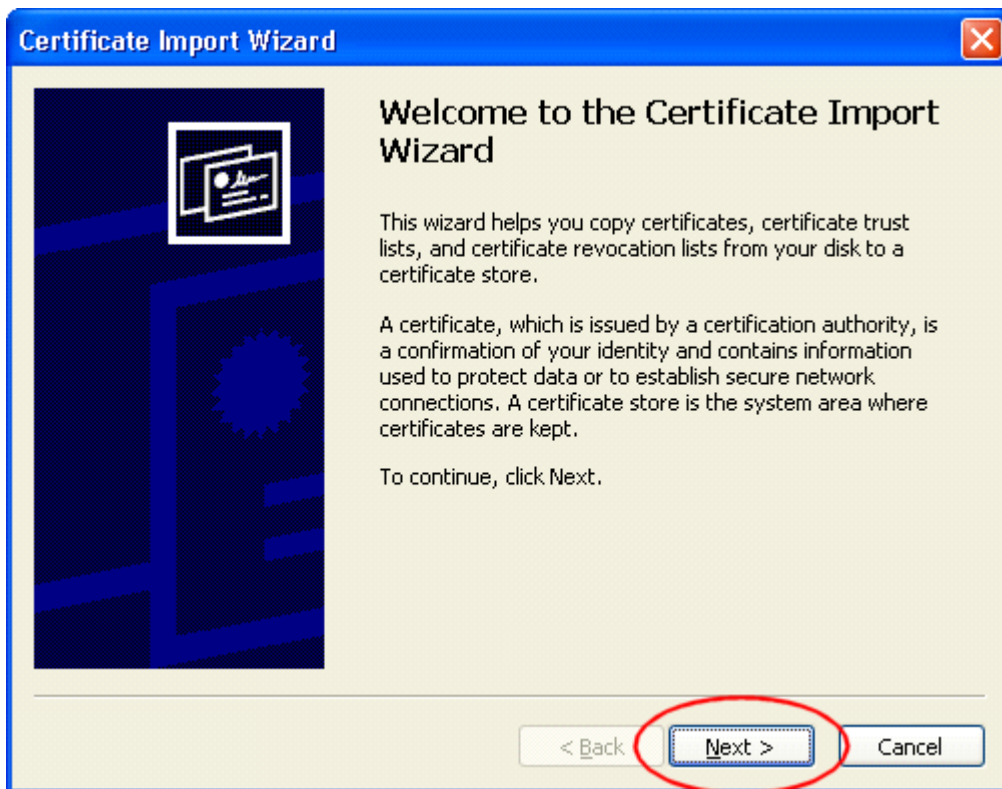
1. Press the **Details...** button in the 'Security Warning' dialog as shown in red above. A 'Digital Signature Details' dialog box will be displayed:



2. Press the **View Certificate** button as shown in red above.
A 'Certificate' dialog will be displayed:

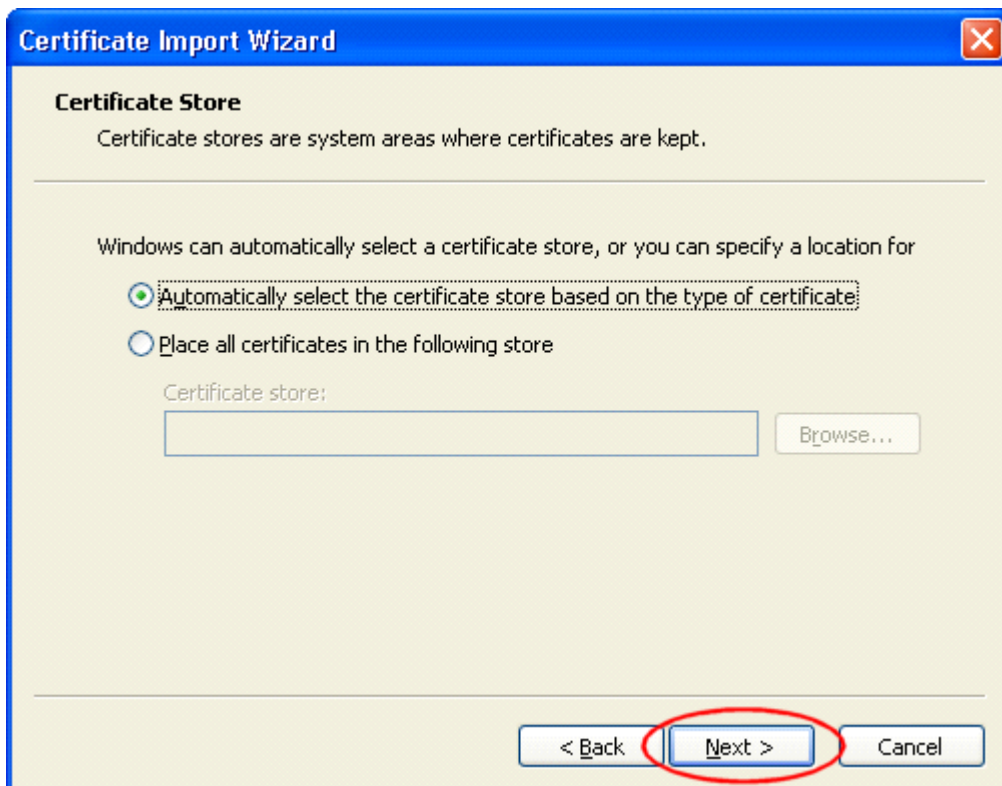


3. Press the **Install Certificate** button as shown in red above.
A 'Certificate Import Wizard' dialog box is shown:



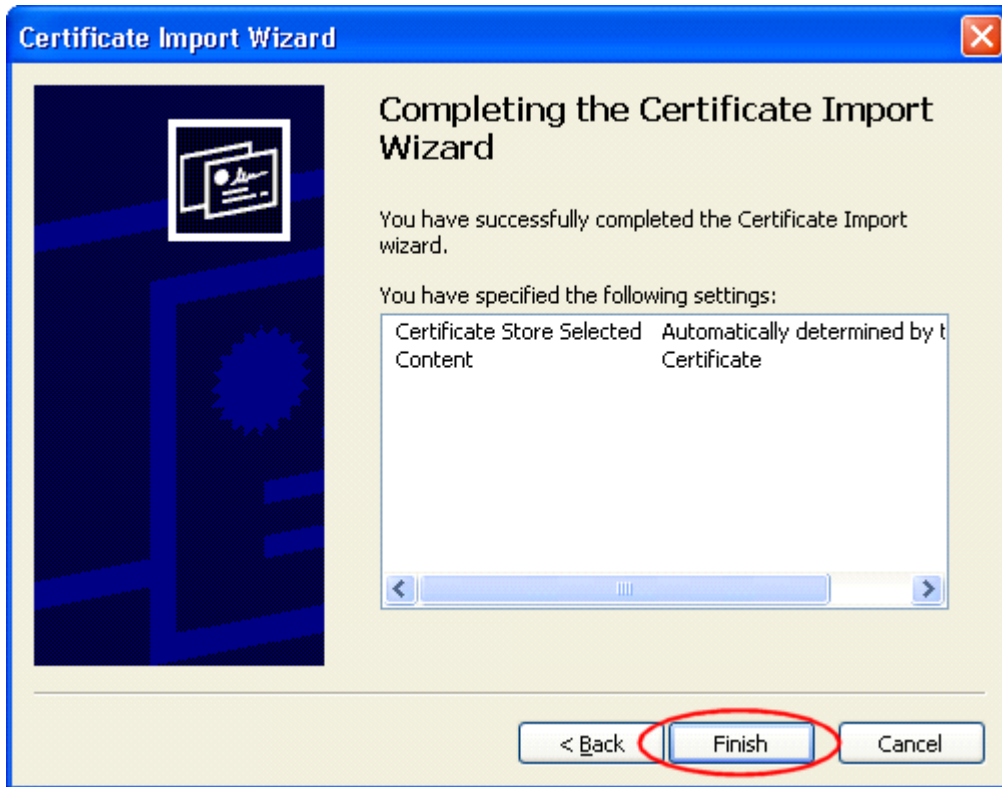
4. Press the **Next** button as shown above.

The dialog changes to the following:



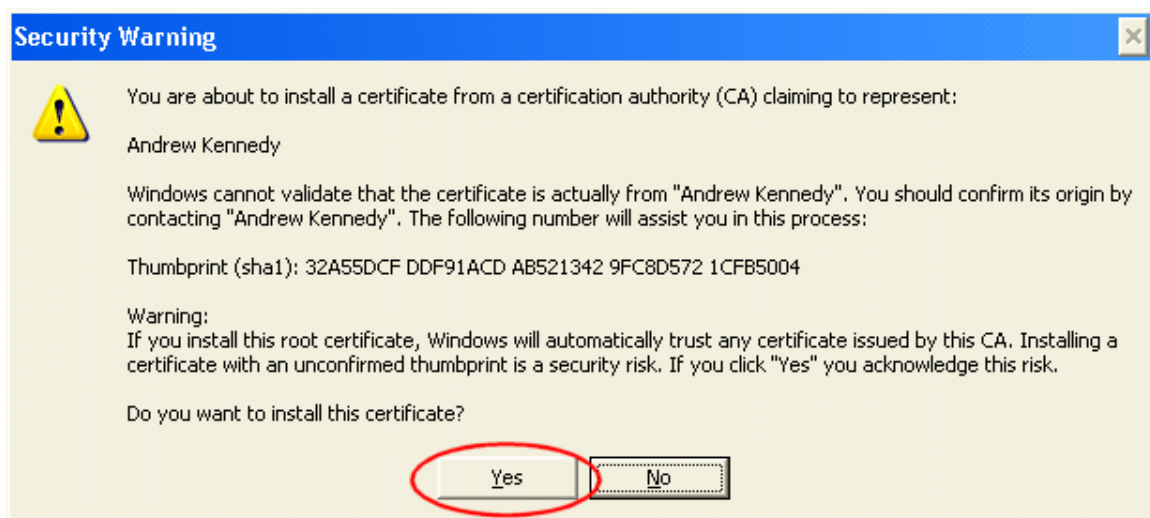
5. Press the **Next** button again as shown in red above.

The dialog changes to the following:



6. Press the **Finish** button as shown in red above.

A 'Security Warning' message will be displayed:



This dialog is basically saying that:

- The writer of Parts Tracker (me, Andrew Kennedy) has generated his own security certificate. And since Windows doesn't know *me* personally, it cannot know for sure that the information in this certificate is in fact valid (i.e. it says

Andrew Kennedy, but maybe someone's pretending to be Andrew Kennedy). It's basically an anonymous certificate.

- If you install this certificate, you are telling Windows to 'believe' any certificates generated by that *same* Andrew Kennedy in the future and thus this warning dialog will be skipped for such certificates. It does not mean new certificates created by anyone *called* Andrew Kennedy will be accepted - they won't. Only the same person can produce certificates matching this one (i.e. *me*).

7. Press the **Yes** button as shown in red above.

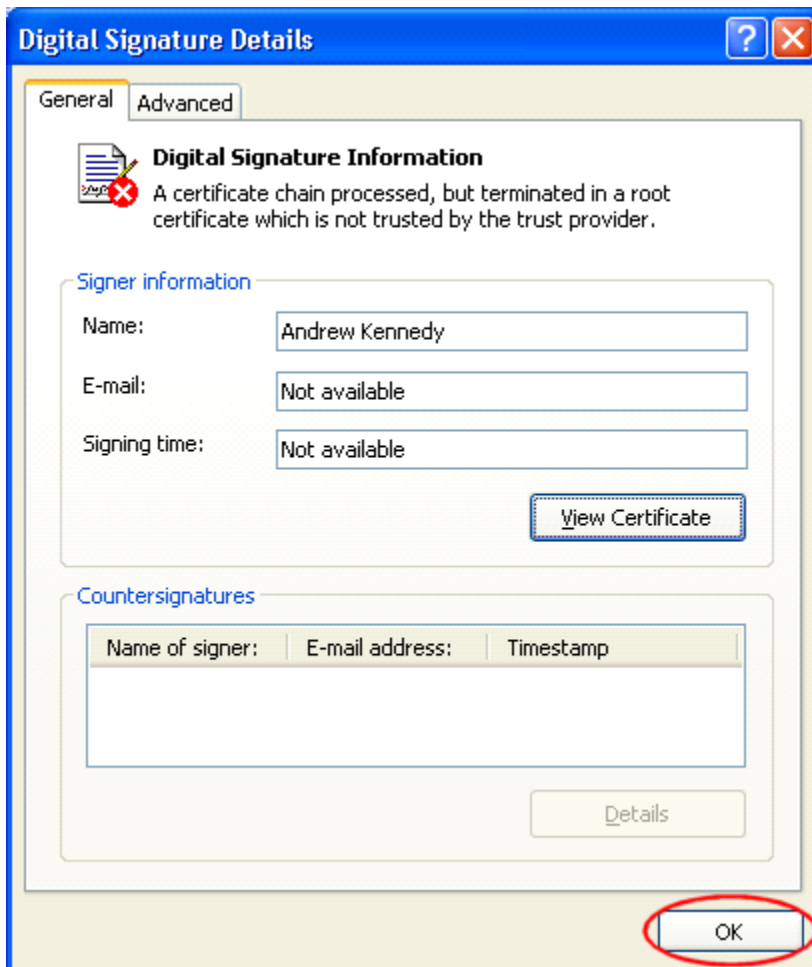
The following message will be displayed:



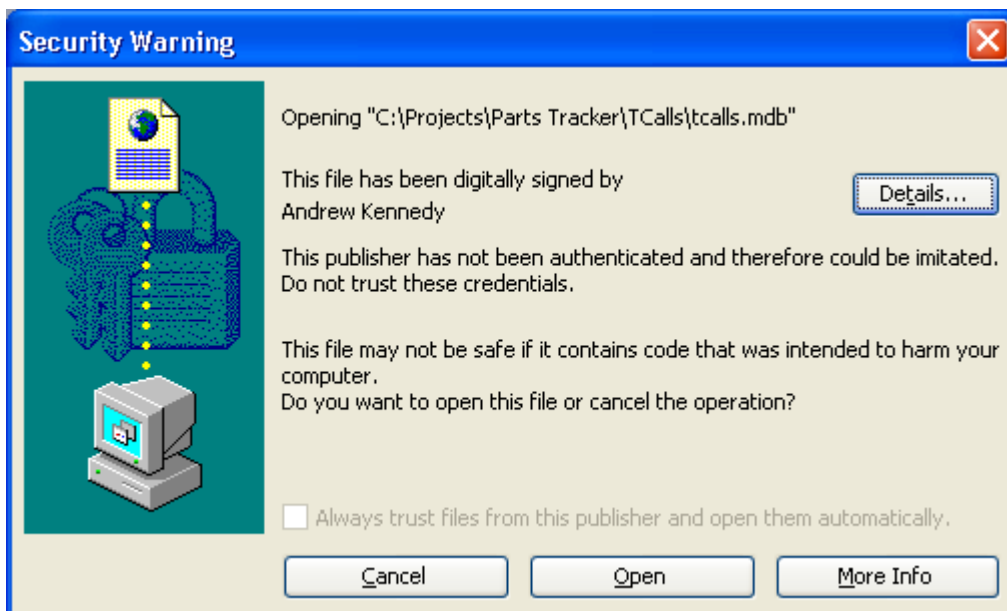
8. Press **OK** and you'll return to the 'Certificate' dialog box.



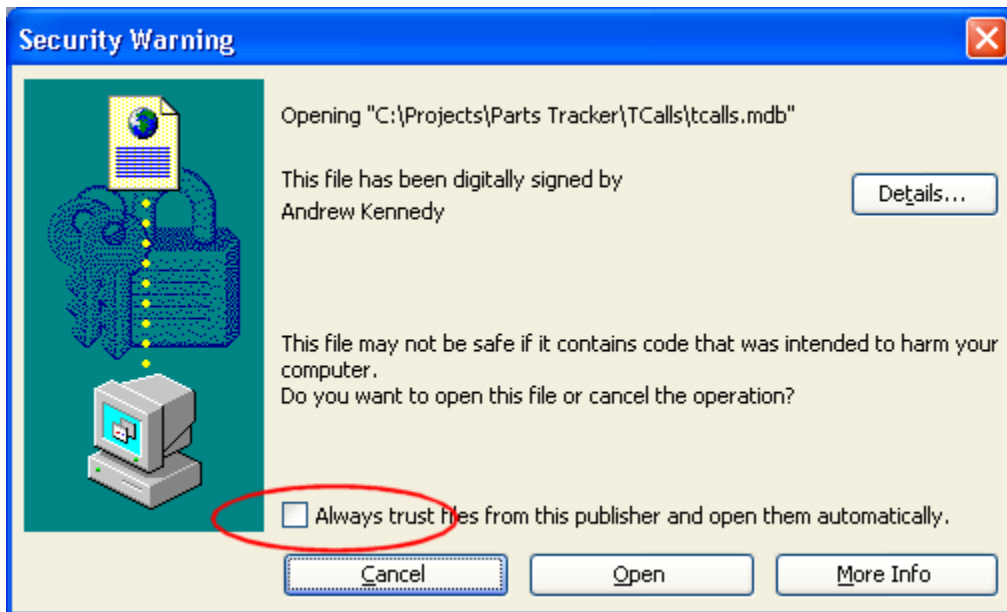
9. Press OK again and you'll return to the 'Digital Signature Details' dialog box.



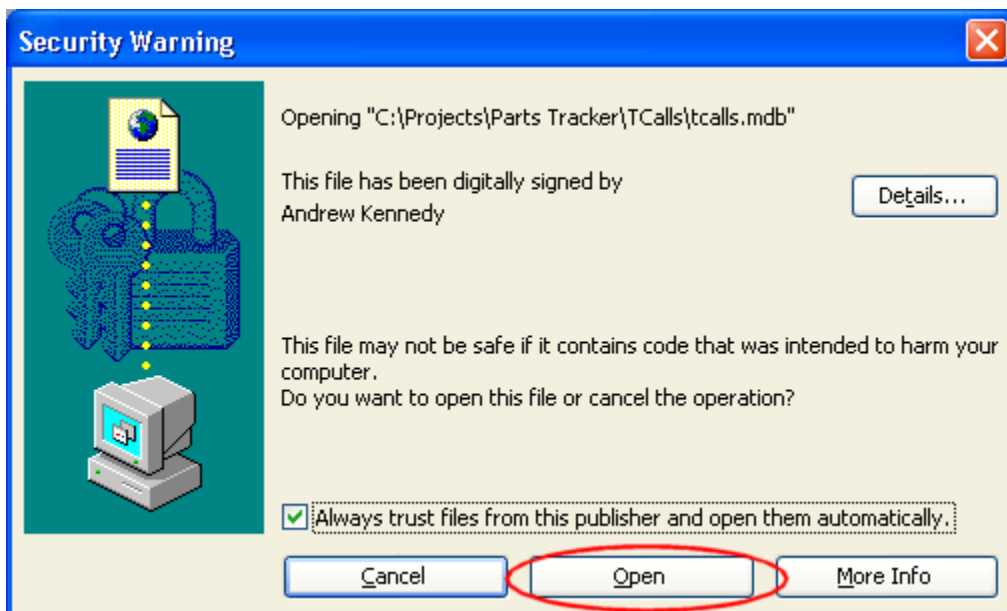
10. Press OK again and you'll return to the 'Security Warning' dialog box.



11. Press **Open** and Parts Tracker will open.
12. Exit Parts Tracker.
13. Run Parts Tracker again.
14. Once again you'll see the 'Security Warning' dialog box (*I know, it's getting tedious, but we're almost there!*). This time, however, the dialog has a checkbox that can be ticked:



15. Tick the box and press **Open** as shown in red below.



Parts Tracker will open.

From now on, when you start Parts Tracker, the Security Warning dialog will not be displayed (yay!).

One more note: Occasionally, Parts Tracker updates may be released with a new certificate. Not all updates will require a new certificate - only some. This means you will need to repeat these steps.