

Generate Request and Certificate PKI Application

User Guide

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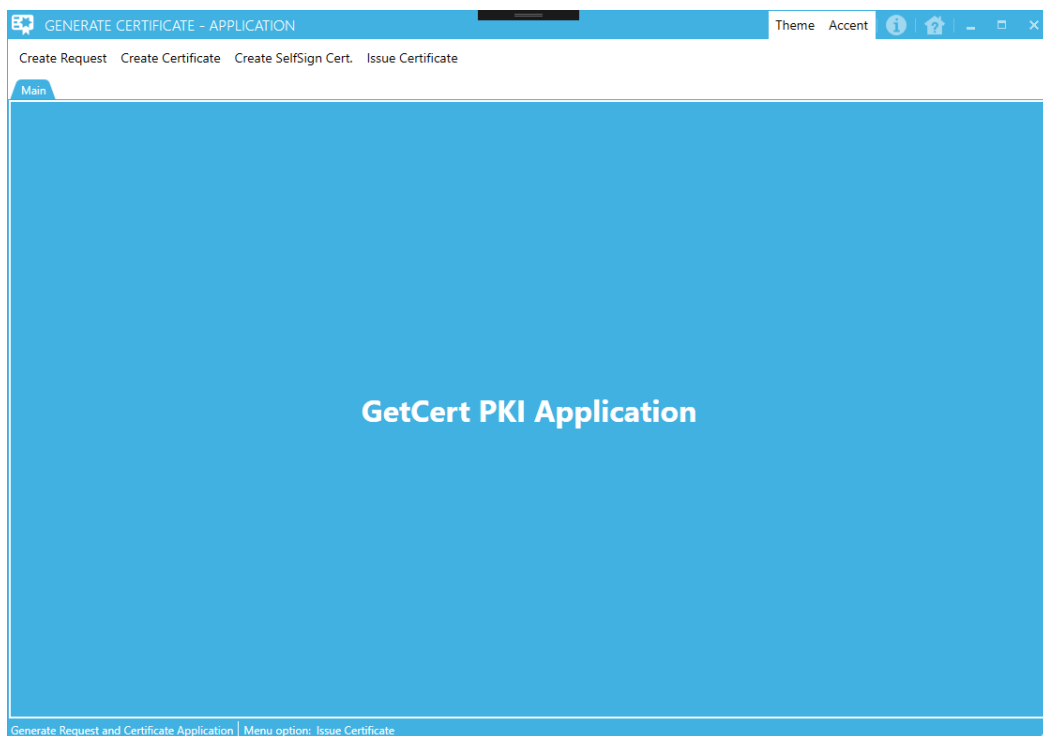
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1. INTRODUCTION

This document describes how to use Generate Request and Certificate PKI Application (GenCert) application.

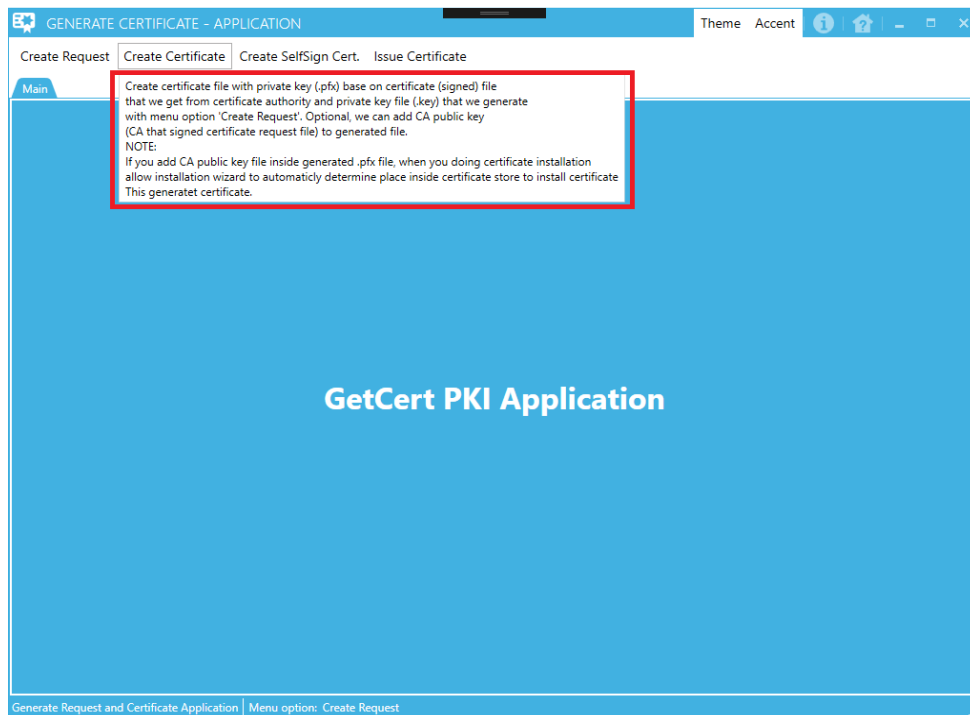
The application consists of 4 menu options:

- Create Request
- Create Certificate
- Create SelfSign Cert.
- Issue Certificate



1.1. User Interface

If you position mouse pointer over each menu option, you can get ToolTip help, what does that menu option do.



When you click on any menu option at the top of the window inside, appropriate form will be open inside new tab.

The screenshot shows the 'GENERATE CERTIFICATE - APPLICATION' window with the 'Create Request' form open. The form contains the following fields and controls: 'Common Name' (text input with placeholder 'For example server1.websserver.local'), 'Subject Alternative Names' (text area), 'Key Length' (dropdown menu set to 1024), 'Signature Algorithm' (dropdown menu set to SHA1WITHRSA), 'Country Code' (text input with placeholder 'For example "RS"'), 'State or Province Name' (text input with placeholder 'For example "Serbia"'), 'Locality Name' (text input with placeholder 'For example "Novi Sad"'), 'Organization' (text input with placeholder 'For example "Company123"'), 'Choose Key Usage' (dropdown menu), 'Choose Extended Key Usage' (dropdown menu set to ServerAuthetification), 'Path to store generate files' (text input with placeholder 'G:_PKI\GenCert\GenCert\bin\Debug'), 'Private Key File Name' (text input with placeholder 'Name for private key file without extension'), 'Request Key File Name' (text input with placeholder 'Name for cert. request key file without extension'), 'Generate' button, and 'Continue' button. The status bar at the bottom indicates 'Generate Request and Certificate Application | Menu option: Create Request'.

To close new opened tab, you can use 'x' circle inside each opened tab

GENERATE CERTIFICATE - APPLICATION

Theme Accent

Create Request Create Certificate Create SelfSign Cert. Issue Certificate

Main Create Certificate

Certificate Friendly name: TelventDMS WebApp

Path for signed request file (.cer): Select .cer file path

Path for private key file (.key): Select .key file path

Path for generate certificate file (.pfx): G:_PKI\GenCert\GenCert\bin\Debug

Certificate File Name: Name for certificate file without extension .pfx

Password for export private key: Password

Path for CA file (.cer) (Optional): Select CA .cer file path

Generate

Generate Request and Certificate Application | Menu option: Create Certificate

If you wish to reorder opened tab you can drag, move and drop each opened tab

GENERATE CERTIFICATE - APPLICATION

Theme Accent

Create Request Create Certificate Create SelfSign Cert. Issue Certificate

Main Create Certificate Create SelfSign Cert. Create Request

Common Name: ABC root CA

Is this CA certificate: No

Key Length: 1024

Signature Algorithm: SHA1WITHRSA

Country Code: CO

State or Province Name: Colombia

Locality Name: Cali

Organization: ABC

Start Date: 10.5.2017.

End Date: 10.5.2027.

Path to store generate files: G:_PKI\GenCert\GenCert\bin\Debug\CA

Private Key File Name: ABC_CA_private

Public Key File Name: ABC_CA_public

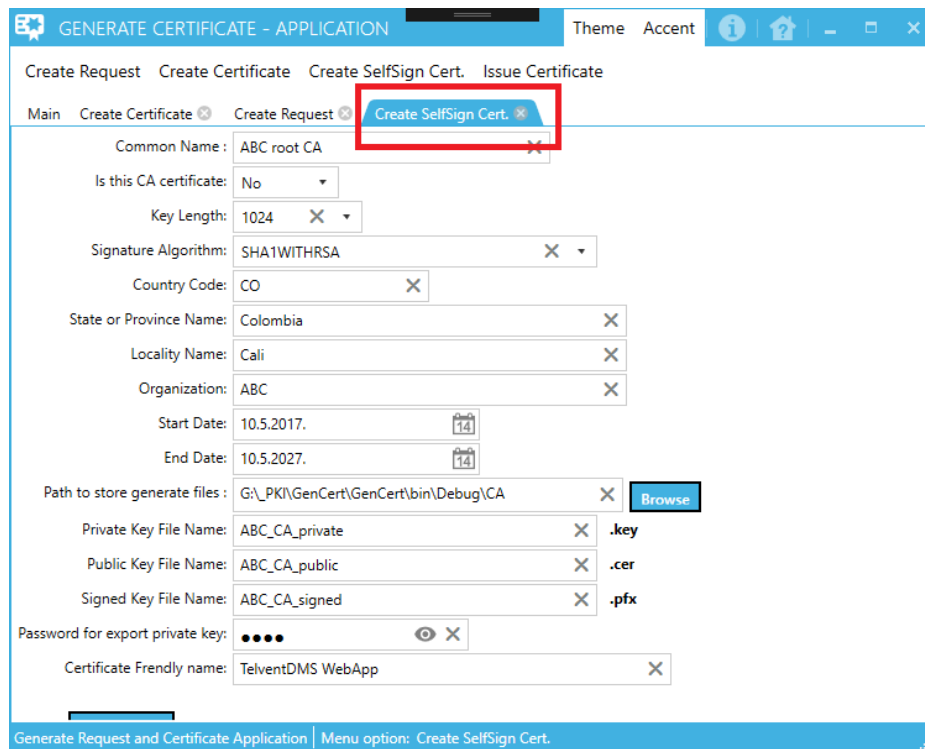
Signed Key File Name: ABC_CA_signed

Password for export private key:

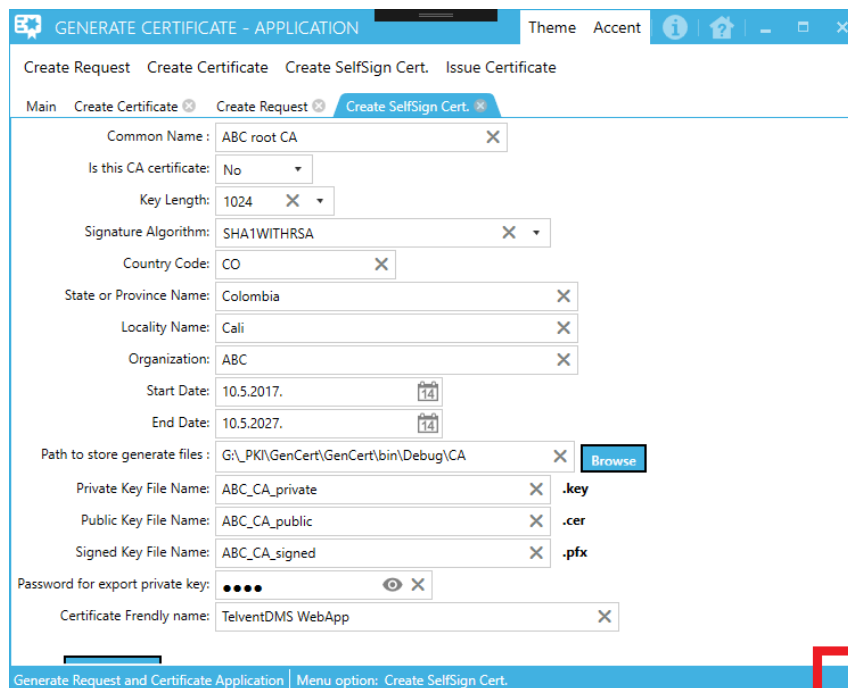
Certificate Friendly name: TelventDMS WebApp

Generate

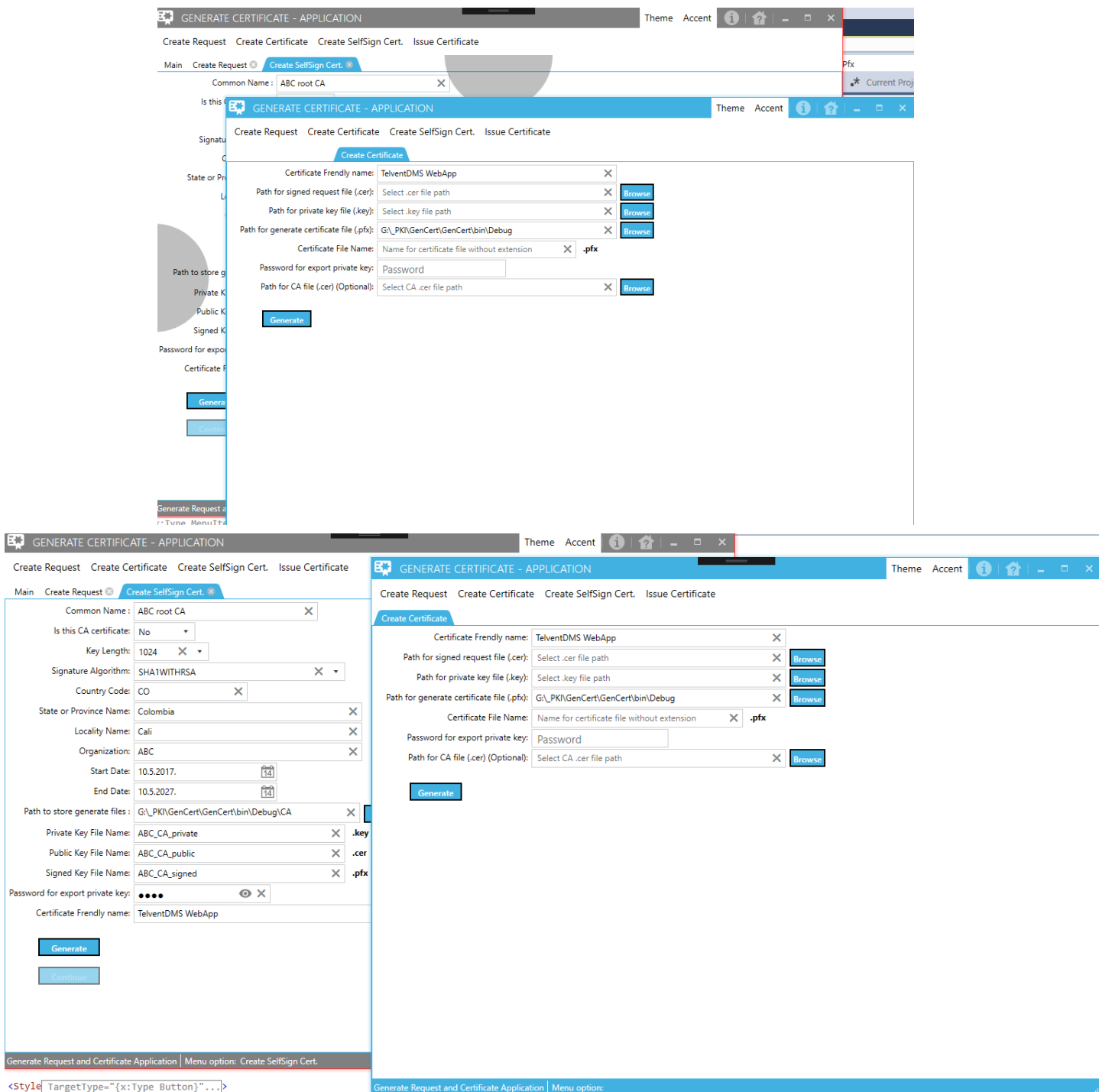
Generate Request and Certificate Application | Menu option: Create SelfSign Cert.



To resize application window, you can use grip inside down right corner of application window



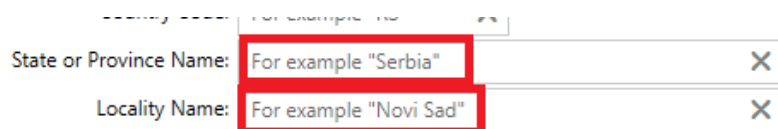
You can drag and drop each opened tab inside main application window to totally new window by clicking on any tab, press left mouse button, hold and move tab outside the main application window.



But, be careful, if you close any application window, all created application windows also will be closed.

On the open form for any menu option you will find different UI elements (textboxes, comboboxes, checkcomboboxes, passwords, ... etc.).

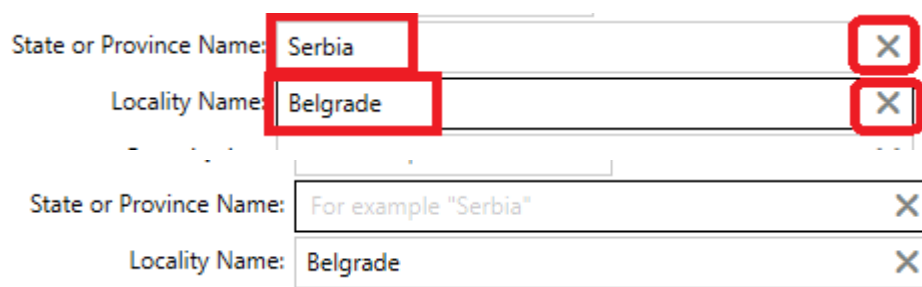
When textbox is empty, you will see watermark message as help, what you need to enter inside that textbox (picture below).



State or Province Name: For example "Serbia" X

Locality Name: For example "Novi Sad" X

At the end of each textbox you will find "X" mark. If you enter some value inside textbox and after that you click on "X" mark at the end of that textbox, entered value inside textbox will be deleted (picture below).



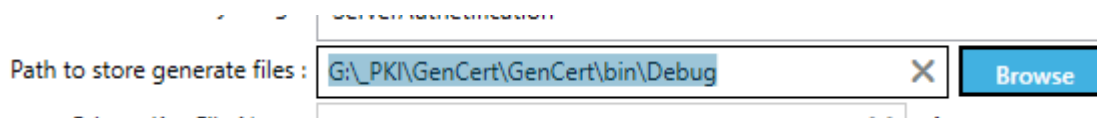
State or Province Name: Serbia X

Locality Name: Belgrade X

State or Province Name: For example "Serbia" X

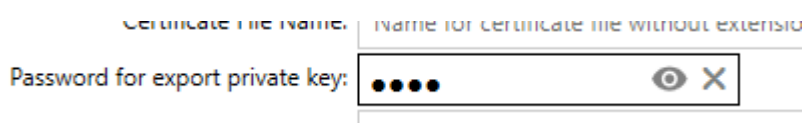
Locality Name: Belgrade X

When you click on textboxes that use to store value from Browse button, all content of that textboxes will be automatically selected (picture below)



Path to store generate files : G:_PKI\GenCert\GenCert\bin\Debug X Browse


When you are entering value inside password box, you will see dot character instead of character you entered (picture below)

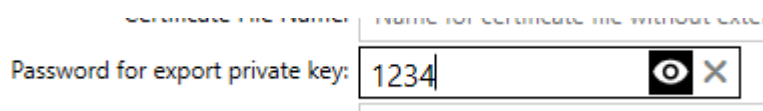


Certificate file name: Name for certificate file without extension

Password for export private key: eye X

When password box has some value, at the end of password box you will see new mark "eye"

 . When you click on "eye" you will see real content inside password box (picture below)



Certificate file name: Name for certificate file without extension

Password for export private key: 1234 eye X

When you need to enter value for date field on the form, you can enter that value manually or click on calendar symbol at the end of date field and choose value (picture below)

Start Date: 11.5.2018.

End Date: maj 2018.

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7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31	1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10

If you position mouse pointer over each button inside opened form, you will get help for current button under the mouse pointer. For example, mouse pointer located over button “Generate”, picture below:

GENERATE CERTIFICATE - APPLICATION

Theme Accent

Create Request Create Certificate Create SelfSign Cert. Issue Certificate

Main Create Request *

Common Name: For example server1.webserver.local

Subject Alternative Names:

Key Length: 1024

Signature Algorithm: SHA1WITHRSA

Country Code: For example "RS"

State or Province Name: For example "Serbia"

Locality Name: For example "Novi Sad"

Organization: For example "Company123"

Choose Key Usage:

Choose Extended Key Usage: ServerAuthetification

Path to store generate files: G:_PKI\GenCert\GenCert\bin\Debug

Private Key File Name: Name for private key file without extension

Request Key File Name: Name for cert. request key file without extension

Generate

This button will generate two files inside folder path entered inside field 'Path to store generate files'
 The first file with (.key) extension contains private key for certificate
 The second file with (.csr) extension contains data for certificate request
 that need to be signed by external or internal certificate authority.

When you click on the Theme button on the application title bar, menu options for application themes will be open. You can choose between “Base Light” (see picture under) and “Base Dark” theme.

GENERATE CERTIFICATE - APPLICATION

Theme Accent

Base Light
Base Dark

Create Request Create Certificate Create SelfSign Cert. Issue Certificate

Main Create Request

Common Name: For example server1.websserver.local X Gen.Alternative Names

Subject Alternative Names:

Key Length: 1024 X

Signature Algorithm: SHA1WITHRSA X

Country Code: For example "RS" X

State or Province Name: For example "Serbia" X

Locality Name: For example "Novi Sad" X

Organization: For example "Company123" X

Choose Key Usage:

Choose Extended Key Usage: ServerAuthentification

Path to store generate files: G:_PKI\GenCert\GenCert\bin\Debug X Browse

Private Key File Name: Name for private key file without extension X .key

Request Key File Name: Name for cert. request key file without extension X .csr

Generate

Continue

Generate Request and Certificate Application Menu option: Create Request

When you click on the Accent button on the application title bar, menu options for application color theme will be open. You can choose between 23 color themes.

GENERATE CERTIFICATE - APPLICATION

Theme Accent

Red
Green
Blue
Purple
Orange
Lime
Emerald
Teal
Cyan
Cobalt
Indigo
Violet
Pink
Magenta
Crimson
Amber
Yellow
Brown
Olive
Steel
Mauve
Taupe
Sienna

Create Request Create Certificate Create SelfSign Cert. Issue Certificate

Main Create Request

Common Name: For example server1.websserver.local X Gen.Alternative Names

Subject Alternative Names:

Key Length: 1024 X

Signature Algorithm: SHA1WITHRSA X

Country Code: For example "RS" X

State or Province Name: For example "Serbia" X

Locality Name: For example "Novi Sad" X

Organization: For example "Company123" X

Choose Key Usage:

Choose Extended Key Usage: ServerAuthentification

Path to store generate files: G:_PKI\GenCert\GenCert\bin\Debug X Browse

Private Key File Name: Name for private key file without extension X .key

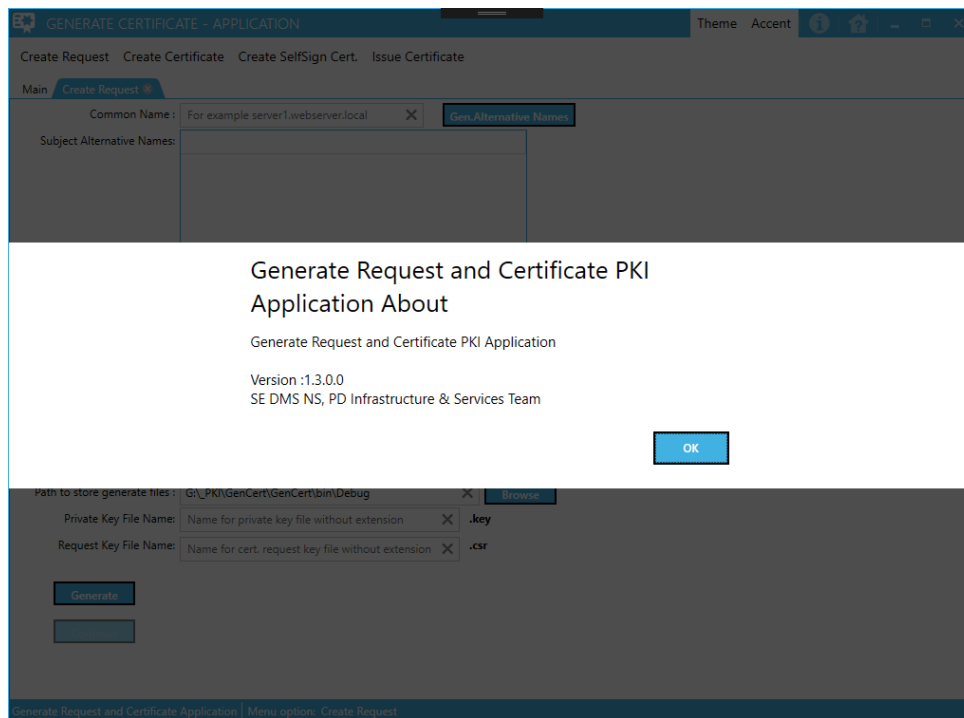
Request Key File Name: Name for cert. request key file without extension X .csr

Generate

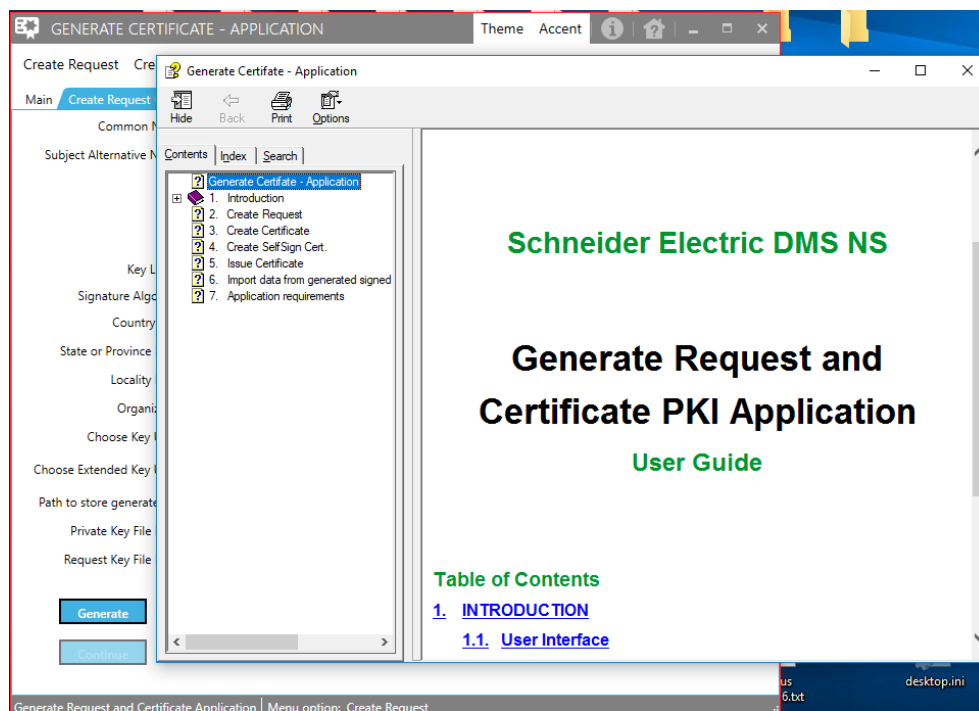
Continue

Generate Request and Certificate Application Menu option: Create Request

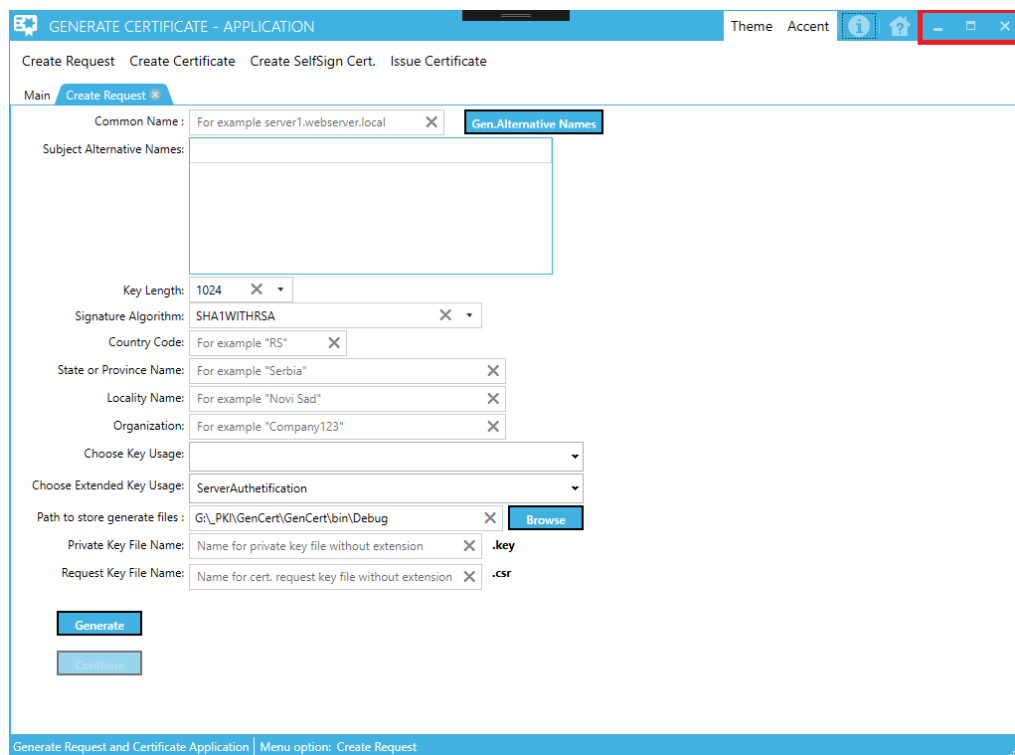
When you click on the Application Info button on the application title bar, application info will be open.



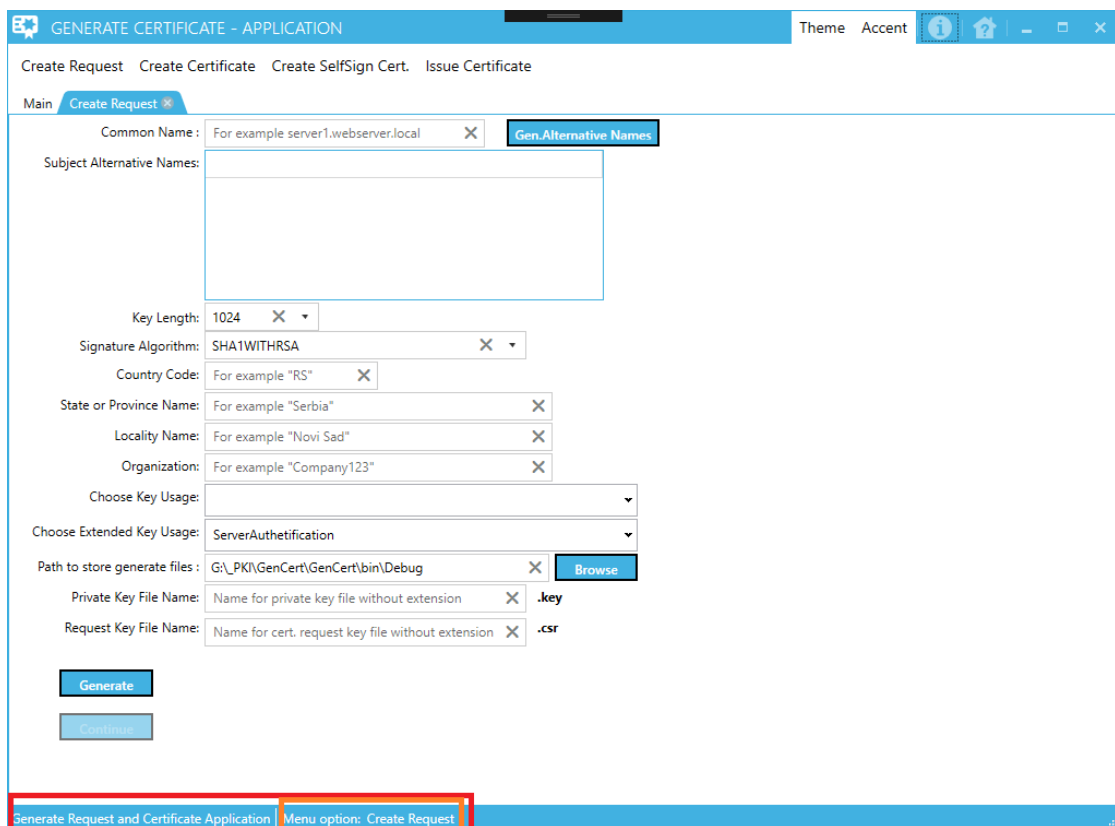
When you click on the Get Application Help button on the application title bar, application help in .chm format will be open.



When click on the main window command buttons (upper red rectangle in the picture below), you can minimize, maximize and close (exit) application.



Inside application status bar, you can see name of currently activated menu option (see picture below)



Inside windows task bar you can see application icon (see picture below)



2. CREATE REQUEST

This option is used to create certificate request file, that will be send to external certificate authority to be signed .

The screenshot shows the 'GENERATE CERTIFICATE - APPLICATION' window with the 'Create Request' tab selected. The 'Common Name' field contains 'For example server1.webserver.local'. The 'Subject Alternative Names' field is empty. The 'Key Length' is set to '1024'. The 'Signature Algorithm' is 'SHA1WITHRSA'. The 'Country Code' is 'For example "RS"'. The 'Create Request' button is highlighted with a red box.

The screenshot shows the 'GENERATE CERTIFICATE - APPLICATION' window with the 'Create Request' tab selected. The 'Common Name' field contains 'For example server1.webserver.local'. The 'Subject Alternative Names' field is empty. The 'Key Length' is set to '1024'. The 'Signature Algorithm' is 'SHA1WITHRSA'. The 'Country Code' is 'For example "RS"'. The 'State or Province Name' is 'For example "Serbia"'. The 'Locality Name' is 'For example "Novi Sad"'. The 'Organization' is 'For example "Company123"'. The 'Choose Key Usage' dropdown is set to 'ServerAuthetification'. The 'Path to store generate files' is 'G:_PKI\GenCert\GenCert\bin\Debug'. The 'Private Key File Name' is 'Name for private key file without extension'. The 'Request Key File Name' is 'Name for cert. request key file without extension'. The 'Generate' button is highlighted with a red box.

You need to fill all displayed fields on the form under before generate certificate request file. Some fields offer default value that can be changed. Another fields need to be fill with appropriate value(s).

Watermark inside fields that need to be fill with value(s) show example value for each field.

When enter value inside field "Common Name:" you can click on the button "Gen.Alternative Names" to generate alternative web server names to fill "Subject Alternative Names:" table or you can fill this table with alternative names manually. Or you can generate and then change names of generated alternative names.

When you fill all fields inside form click on the button "Generate" to create following files:

1. File with certificate private key (.key)
2. File with certificate request (.csr)

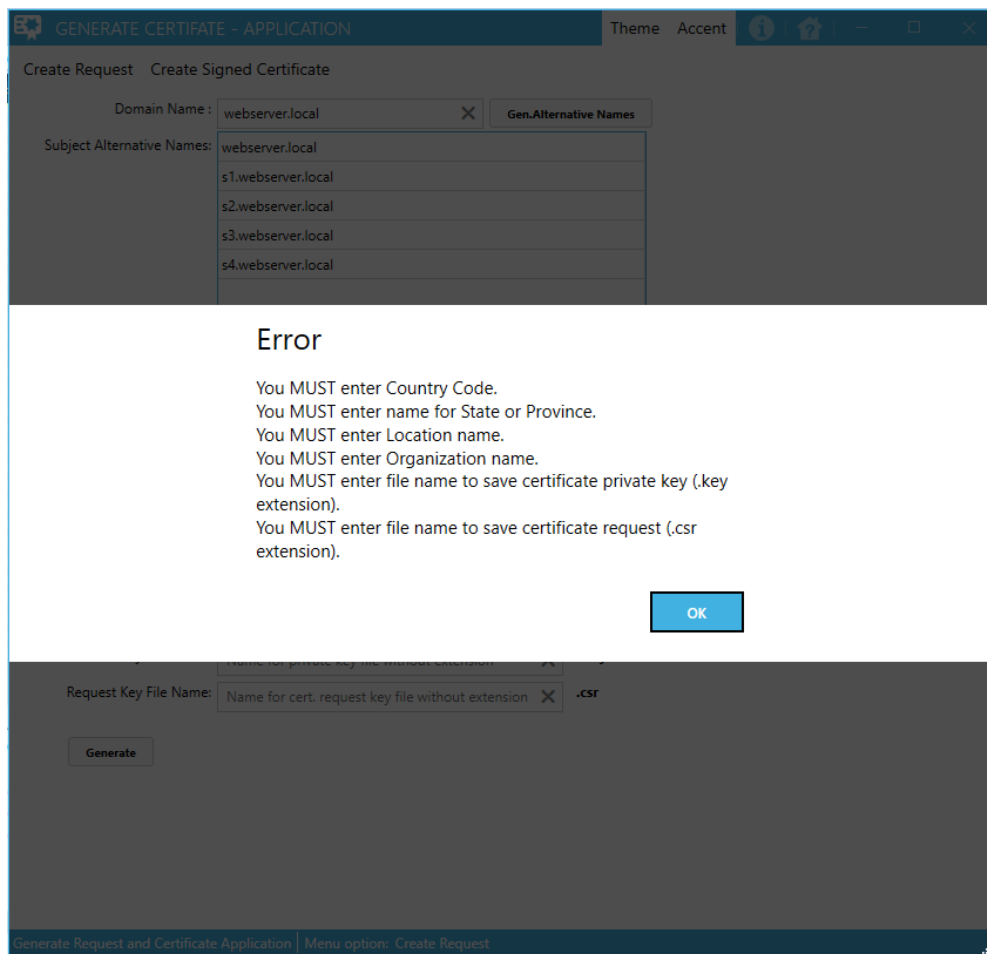
If everything is OK, form will be generated 2 files. Inside directory path entered inside field "Path to store generate files:", you will find two files. First file with .key extension (certificate private key file) and the second file with .csr extension (certificate request file).

File with .csr extension need to be send to external certificate authority for signing and generate file with .cer extension. This file will be use lately to generate signed certificate file with private key (file with .pfx extension).

Also, you can generate own CA root authority certificate and sign certificate request file with generated CA root certificate (menu option "Create SelfSign Cert."), or if you already have generated CA root certificate file you immediately can proceed with sign certificate file with that root CA certificate (menu option "Issue Certificate").

NOTE:

If data inside form not filled as need, you will get error screen, for example:



You need to fix all error messages and then try to generate certificate request file again.

If everything fills correctly on the form, when you press Generate button, two files (.key and .csr) will be generate and button "Continue" on the form will be enabled.

GENERATE CERTIFICATE - APPLICATION Theme Accent

Create Request Create Certificate Create SelfSign Cert. Issue Certificate

Main **Create Request**

Common Name: webserver.local **Gen.Alternative Names**

Subject Alternative Names:

- s1.webserver.local
- s2.webserver.local
- s3.webserver.local
- s4.webserver.local

Key Length: 1024

Signature Algorithm: SHA1WITHRSA

Country Code: RS

State or Province Name: Serbia

Locality Name: Novi Sad

Organization: Electrica Company

Choose Key Usage:

Choose Extended Key Usage: ServerAuthetification

Path to store generate files: G:_PKI\GenCert\GenCert\bin\Debug\Electrica **Browse**

Private Key File Name: electrica_private .key

Request Key File Name: electrica_request .csr

Generate

Continue

Generate Request and Certificate Application | Menu option: Create Certificate

Click Generate

GENERATE CERTIFICATE - APPLICATION Theme Accent

Create Request Create Certificate Create SelfSign Cert. Issue Certificate

Main **Create Request**

Common Name: webserver.local **Gen.Alternative Names**

Subject Alternative Names:

- s1.webserver.local
- s2.webserver.local
- s3.webserver.local
- s4.webserver.local

Key Length: 1024

Signature Algorithm: SHA1WITHRSA

Country Code: RS

State or Province Name: Serbia

Locality Name: Novi Sad

Organization: Electrica Company

Choose Key Usage:

Choose Extended Key Usage: ServerAuthetification

Path to store generate files: G:_PKI\GenCert\GenCert\bin\Debug\Electrica **Browse**

Private Key File Name: electrica_private .key

Request Key File Name: electrica_request .csr

Generate

Continue

File with private key: G:_PKI\GenCert\GenCert\bin\Debug\Electrica\electrica_private.key sucessfully generated.
File with certificate request : G:_PKI\GenCert\GenCert\bin\Debug\Electrica\electrica_request.csr sucessfully saved.

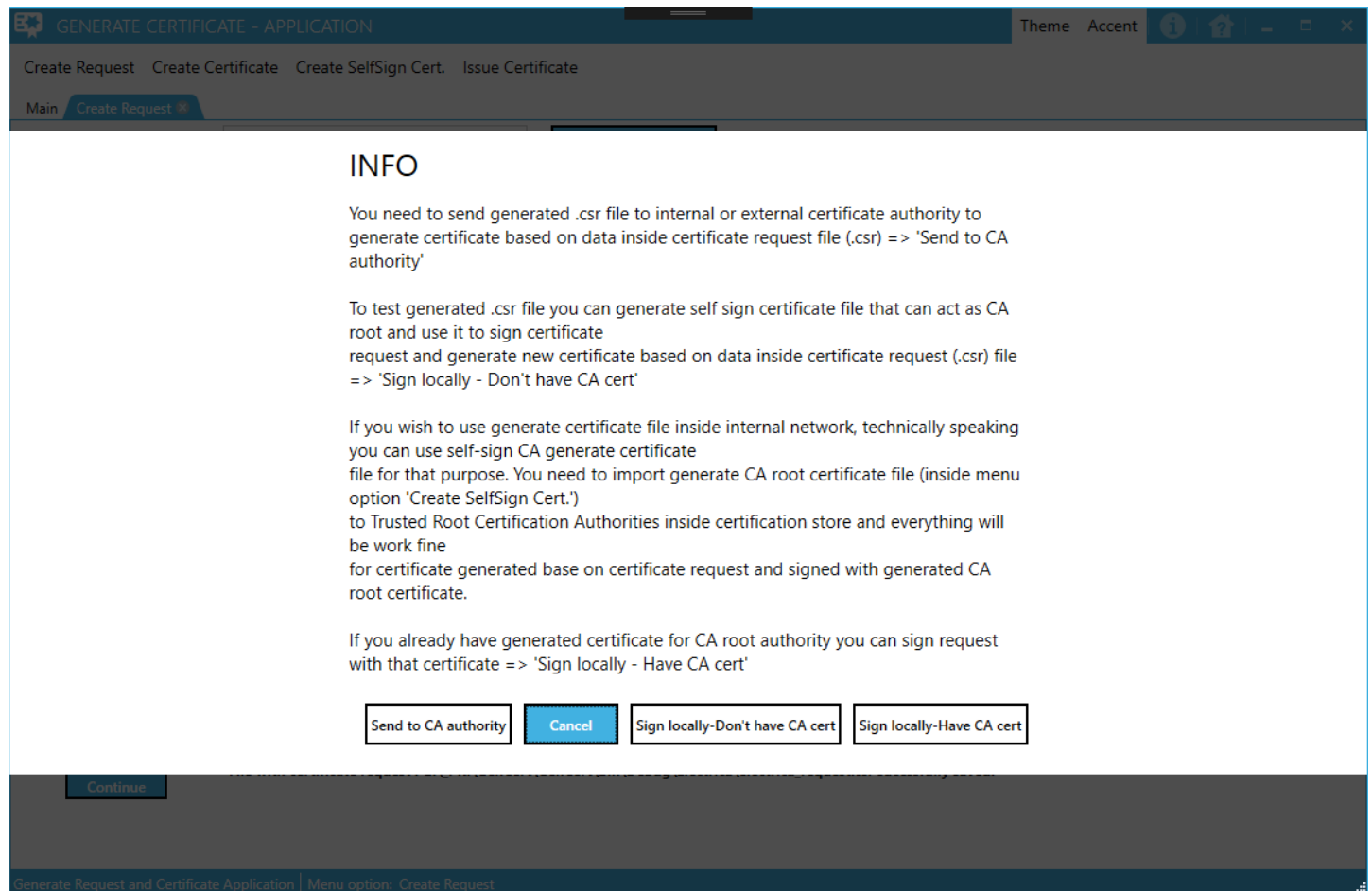
Generate Request and Certificate Application | Menu option: Create Certificate

Messages shown upper inside red square informing you that .key and .csr files has been generated.

Tip:

You can use Browse button to locate folder where generated files will be stored or you can enter path manually and if path not exist, that folders path will be created.

If you click on button Continue, new wizard dialog will be open.



1. Option "Send to CA authority" will be use if you wish to send generated .csr file to internal or external CA authority for issuing
2. Option "Cancel" will close current dialog and return you to previous screen
3. Option "Sign locally-Don't have CA cert" will activate menu option "Create SelfSign Cert." and set value inside opened form "Is this CA certificate:"=Yes. We can use this option if we wish to generate certificate for CA root authority that we will use to sign certificate request (.csr) file
4. Option "Sign locally-Have CA cert" will activate menu option "Issue Certificate" to sign certificate request file (.csr) with previously generated CA root authority certificate (option "Create SelfSign Cert.").

3. CREATE CERTIFICATE

This option is used to create certificate request file, that will be send to external certificate authority to be signed .

The screenshot shows the 'GENERATE CERTIFICATE - APPLICATION' window with the 'Create Certificate' tab selected. The 'Create Certificate' button in the top menu is highlighted with a red box. The form contains the following fields and buttons:

- Certificate Friendly name:** Web Server
- Path for signed request file (.cer):** G:_PKI\GenCert\GenCert\bin\Debug\Electrica\generated_sigs\ X **Browse**
- Path for private key file (.key):** C:\GenCert\GenCert\bin\Debug\Electrica\electrica_private.key X **Browse**
- Path for generate certificate file (.pfx):** G:_PKI\GenCert\GenCert\bin\Debug\Electrica X **Browse**
- Certificate File Name:** electrica X **.pfx**
- Password for export private key:** X
- Path for CA file (.cer) (Optional):** G:_PKI\GenCert\GenCert\bin\Debug\CA\ABC_CA_public.cer X **Browse**

A **Generate** button is located at the bottom left of the form.

You need to fill all displayed fields on the form under before generate file signed certificate file with private key.

You can enter data manually or click on the “Browse” buttons to select appropriate files and output directory where generate file (.pfx extension) will be generate.

Inside field "Password for export private key:" you need to enter password that will be use when import data for generated certificate file to computer store. When enter data inside this field, you will see black dots. When click on the right icon on right inside this field, you will see what you typed.

Watermark inside fields show help message what kind of data need to be enter to each field.

Tip:

You can use Browse button to locate folder where generated files will be stored or you can enter path manually and if path not exist, that folders path will be created.

GENERATE CERTIFICATE - APPLICATION

Theme Accent

Create Request Create Certificate Create SelfSign Cert. Issue Certificate

Main Create Certificate

Certificate Friendly name: Web Server

Path for signed request file (.cer): G:_PKI\GenCert\GenCert\bin\Debug\Electrica\generated_sigr Browse

Path for private key file (.key): C:\GenCert\GenCert\bin\Debug\Electrica\electrica_private.key Browse

Path for generate certificate file (.pfx): G:_PKI\GenCert\GenCert\bin\Debug\Electrica Browse

Certificate File Name: electrica .pfx

Password for export private key: Password icon

Path for CA file (.cer) (Optional): G:_PKI\GenCert\GenCert\bin\Debug\CA\ABC_CA_public.cer Browse

Generate

Generate Request and Certificate Application | Menu option: Issue Certificate

When you fill all fields inside form click on the button “Generate” to create files.

If everything is OK, form will generate certificate file with private key inside directory path entered inside field "Path for generate certificate file (.pfx):".

This file and external CA public key file need to be installed inside computer store on each computer that will access web server.

NOTE:

If data inside form not filled as need, you will get error screen, for example:

GENERATE CERTIFICATE - APPLICATION

Theme Accent

Create Request Create Signed Certificate

Path for signed request file (.cer): G:_PKI\GenCert\GenCert\bin\Debug\Fortum\fortum.cer Browse

Path for private key file (.key): G:_PKI\GenCert\GenCert\bin\Debug\Fortum\fortum_private. Browse

Path for generate certificate file (.pfx): G:_PKI\GenCert\GenCert\bin\Debug\Fortum Browse

Certificate File Name: Password icon

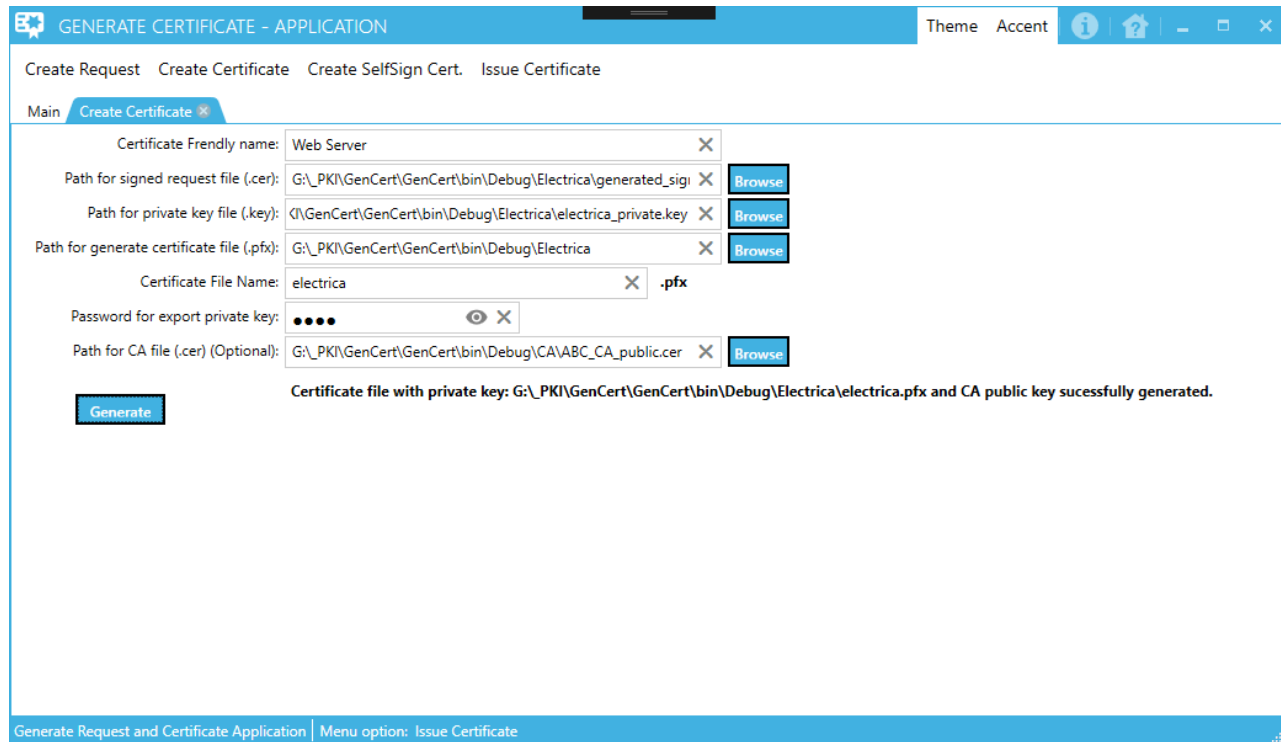
Error

You MUST enter name for generate certificate file (.pfx).
You MUST enter password for export private key from certificate file.

OK

Generate Request and Certificate Application | Menu option: Create Signed Certificate

You need to fix all error messages and then try to generate certificate request file again.



GENERATE CERTIFICATE - APPLICATION

Theme Accent

Create Request Create Certificate Create SelfSign Cert. Issue Certificate

Main Create Certificate

Certificate Friendly name: Web Server

Path for signed request file (.cer): G:_PKI\GenCert\GenCert\bin\Debug\Electrica\generated_sigi Browse

Path for private key file (.key): C:\GenCert\GenCert\bin\Debug\Electrica\electrica_private.key Browse

Path for generate certificate file (.pfx): G:_PKI\GenCert\GenCert\bin\Debug\Electrica Browse

Certificate File Name: electrica .pfx

Password for export private key: Password for export private key

Path for CA file (.cer) (Optional): G:_PKI\GenCert\GenCert\bin\Debug\CA\ABC_CA_public.cer Browse

Generate

Certificate file with private key: G:_PKI\GenCert\GenCert\bin\Debug\Electrica\electrica.pfx and CA public key sucessfully generated.

Generate Request and Certificate Application | Menu option: Issue Certificate

Generated .pfx file, now can be import to appropriate computer certificate store.

See chapter 6, how to import data from generated certificate file to computer certificate store.

4. CREATE SELFSIGN CERT.

This option is used to create self-sign certificate or create self-sign certificate for CA root .

The screenshot displays the 'GENERATE CERTIFICATE - APPLICATION' window. The 'Create SelfSign Cert.' tab is selected and highlighted with a red box. The form contains the following fields:

- Common Name: ABC root CA
- Is this CA certificate: No
- Key Length: 1024
- Signature Algorithm: SHA1WITHRSA
- Country Code: CO
- State or Province Name: Colombia
- Locality Name: Cali
- Organization: ABC
- Start Date: 10.5.2017.
- End Date: 10.5.2027.
- Path to store generate files: G:_PKI\GenCert\GenCert\bin\Debug\CA
- Private Key File Name: ABC_CA_private
- Public Key File Name: ABC_CA_public
- Signed Key File Name: ABC_CA_signed
- Password for export private key: (masked)
- Certificate Friendly name: TelventDMS WebApp

Buttons for 'Generate' and 'Continue' are visible at the bottom. The status bar at the bottom indicates 'Generate Request and Certificate Application | Menu option: Create SelfSign Cert.'

You need to fill all displayed fields on the form over before generating self-sign certificate file.

If you use option "Is this CA certificate"=Yes, generated certificate file can be use as CA root certificate.

GENERATE CERTIFICATE - APPLICATION

Theme Accent

Create Request Create Certificate Create SelfSign Cert. Issue Certificate

Main Create SelfSign Cert. *

Common Name: ABC root CA

Is this CA certificate: Yes

Key Length: 1024

Signature Algorithm: SHA1WITHRSA

Country Code: CO

State or Province Name: Colombia

Locality Name: Cali

Organization: ABC

Start Date: 10.5.2017.

End Date: 10.5.2027.

Path to store generate files: G:_PKI\GenCert\GenCert\bin\Debug\CA

Private Key File Name: ABC_CA_private

Public Key File Name: ABC_CA_public

Signed Key File Name: ABC_CA_signed

Password for export private key:

Certificate Friendly name: TelventDMS WebApp

Generate

Continue

Generate Request and Certificate Application | Menu option: Create SelfSign Cert.

When you click on Generate, application will generate 3 files:

1. File with certificate private key (.key)
2. File with certificate public key (.cer)
3. File with private and public key (.pfx)

If all files successfully generated and you choose Yes value for field "Is this CA certificate", button Continue will be enabled.

GENERATE CERTIFICATE - APPLICATION

Theme Accent

Create Request Create Certificate Create SelfSign Cert. Issue Certificate

Main Create SelfSign Cert. ✕

Common Name: ABC root CA ✕

Is this CA certificate: Yes ▾

Key Length: 2048 ✕ ▾

Signature Algorithm: SHA256WITHRSA ✕ ▾

Country Code: RS ✕

State or Province Name: Serbia ✕

Locality Name: Belgrade ✕

Organization: ABC Trusted Root ✕

Start Date: 10.5.2017. 📅

End Date: 10.5.2027. 📅

Path to store generate files: G:\PKI\GenCert\GenCert\bin\Debug\CA ✕ Browse

Private Key File Name: ABC_CA_private ✕ .key

Public Key File Name: ABC_CA_public ✕ .cer

Signed Key File Name: ABC_CA_signed ✕ .pfx

Password for export private key: ●●●● 🔍 ✕

Certificate Friendly name: ABC Trusted Root CO ✕

Generate

Continue

File with private key: G:\PKI\GenCert\GenCert\bin\Debug\CA\ABC_CA_private.key successfully generated.
Certificate file with private key: G:\PKI\GenCert\GenCert\bin\Debug\CA\ABC_CA_signed.pfx successfully generated.

Generate Request and Certificate Application | Menu option: Create SelfSign Cert.

If you click Continue button, you will get dialog wizard to explain what to do next.

GENERATE CERTIFICATE - APPLICATION

Theme Accent

Create Request Create Certificate Create SelfSign Cert. Issue Certificate

Main Create SelfSign Cert. ✕

Common Name: ABC root CA ✕

Is this CA certificate: Yes ▾

Key Length: 2048 ✕ ▾

Signature Algorithm: SHA256WITHRSA ✕ ▾

Country Code: RS ✕

INFO

If you wish to generate certificate base on certificate request file (.csr) inside menu option 'Create Request', use button 'Issue certificate base on request'.
Generated CA root certificate: ABC_CA_signed will be use to sing certificate request (.csr) file, generated inside menu option 'Create Request'.

Issue certificate base on request Cancel

Password for export private key: ●●●● 🔍 ✕

Certificate Friendly name: ABC Trusted Root CO ✕

Generate

Continue

File with private key: G:\PKI\GenCert\GenCert\bin\Debug\CA\ABC_CA_private.key successfully generated.
Certificate file with private key: G:\PKI\GenCert\GenCert\bin\Debug\CA\ABC_CA_signed.pfx successfully generated.

Generate Request and Certificate Application | Menu option: Create SelfSign Cert.

If you use option "Create Certificate base on generated (.cer) file", this will activate menu option "Create Certificate" and automatically fill all fields with appropriate value:

"Path for signed request file (.cer):"

"Path for private key file (.key):"

"Path for generate certificate file (.pfx):"

"Path for CA file (.cer) (Optional):"

5. ISSUE CERTIFICATE

This option is used to create signed certificate file base on request certificate file which will be signed by generated CA root certificate file inside menu option "Create SelfSign Cert."

The screenshot shows the 'GENERATE CERTIFICATE - APPLICATION' window. The 'Issue Certificate' menu option is highlighted with a red box. Below it, the 'Main' tab is active, and the 'Issue Certificate' sub-tab is selected. The form contains the following fields:

- Certificate Friendly name: Web Server Cert
- Path for request file (.csr): J:\GenCert\GenCert\bin\Debug\Electrica\electrica_request.csr (with a 'Browse' button)
- Path CA certificate with private key (.pfx): G:_PKI\GenCert\GenCert\bin\Debug\CA\ABC_CA_signed.pfx (with a 'Browse' button)
- Path for generate signed cert. file (.cer): G:_PKI\GenCert\GenCert\bin\Debug\Electrica (with a 'Browse' button)
- Signed request File Name: generated_signed (with a '.cer' extension)
- Password for CA private key: (masked with dots and an eye icon)
- Start Date: 10.5.2018. (with a calendar icon)
- End Date: 10.5.2019. (with a calendar icon)

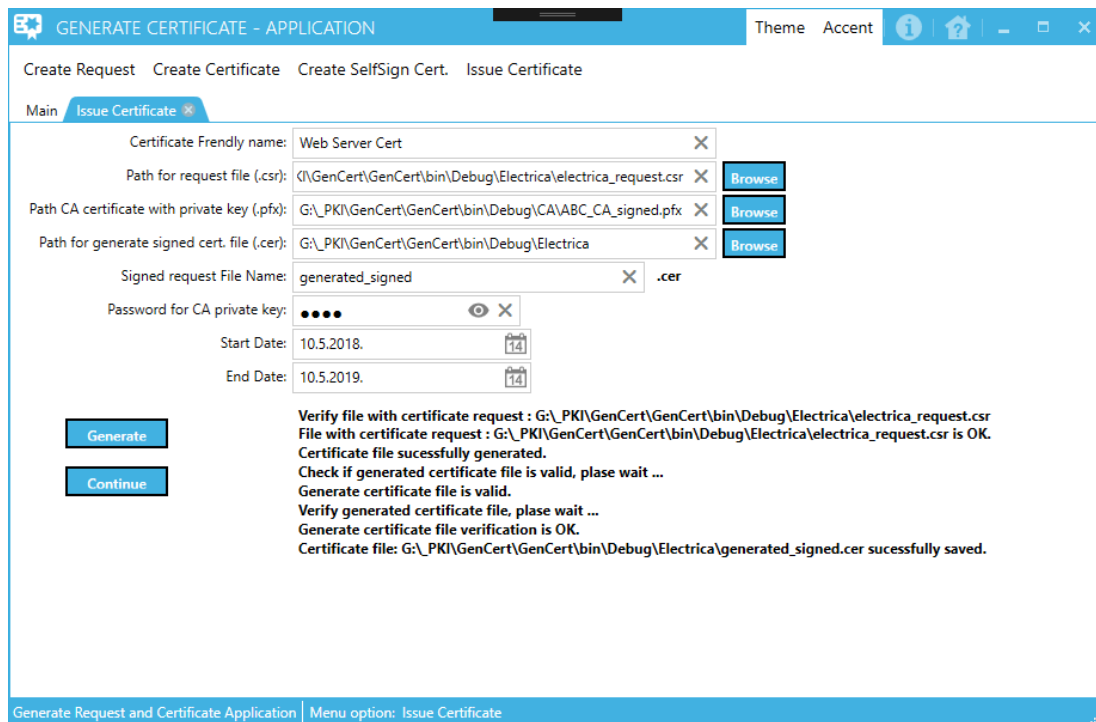
At the bottom of the form, there are two buttons: 'Generate' and 'Continue'.

You need to fill all displayed fields on the form over before generating certificate signed file.

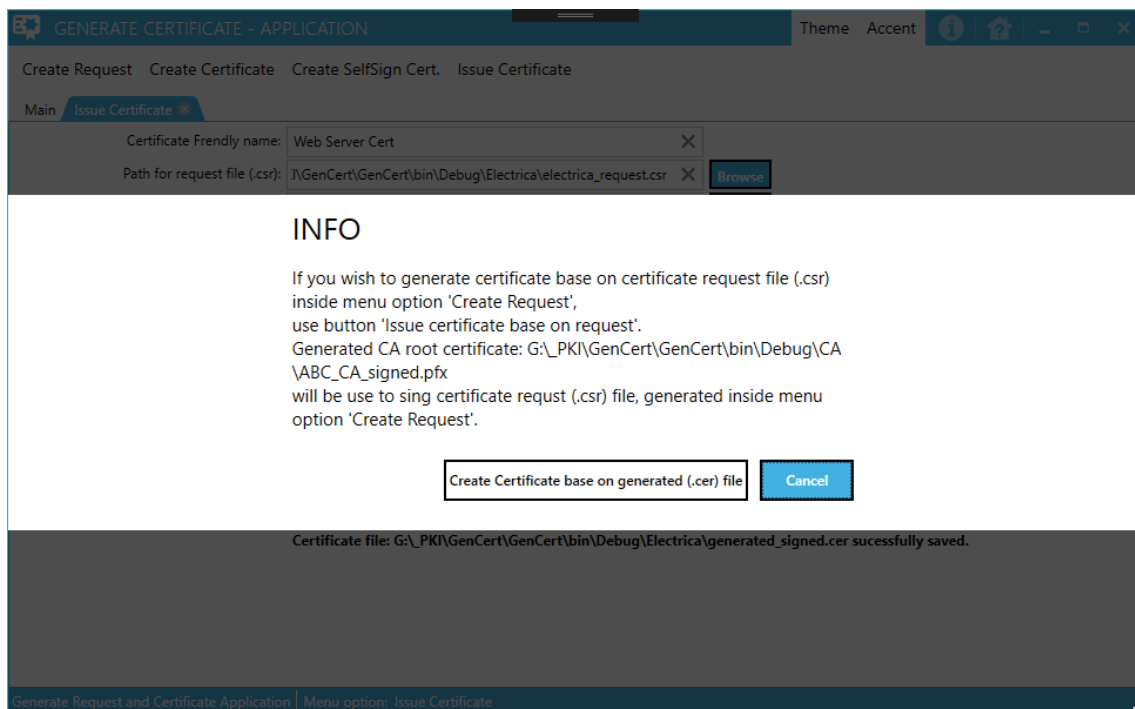
When you click on Generate, application will generate file:

1. File with certificate public key (.cer)

If all files successfully generated, button Continue will be enabled.

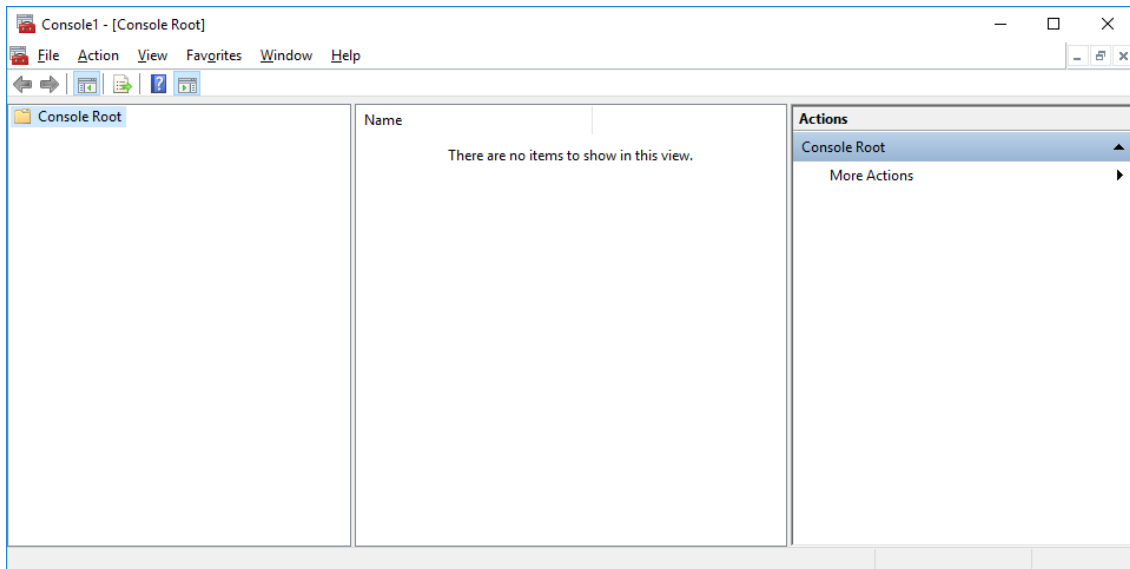


If you click Continue button, you will get dialog wizard to explain what to do next.

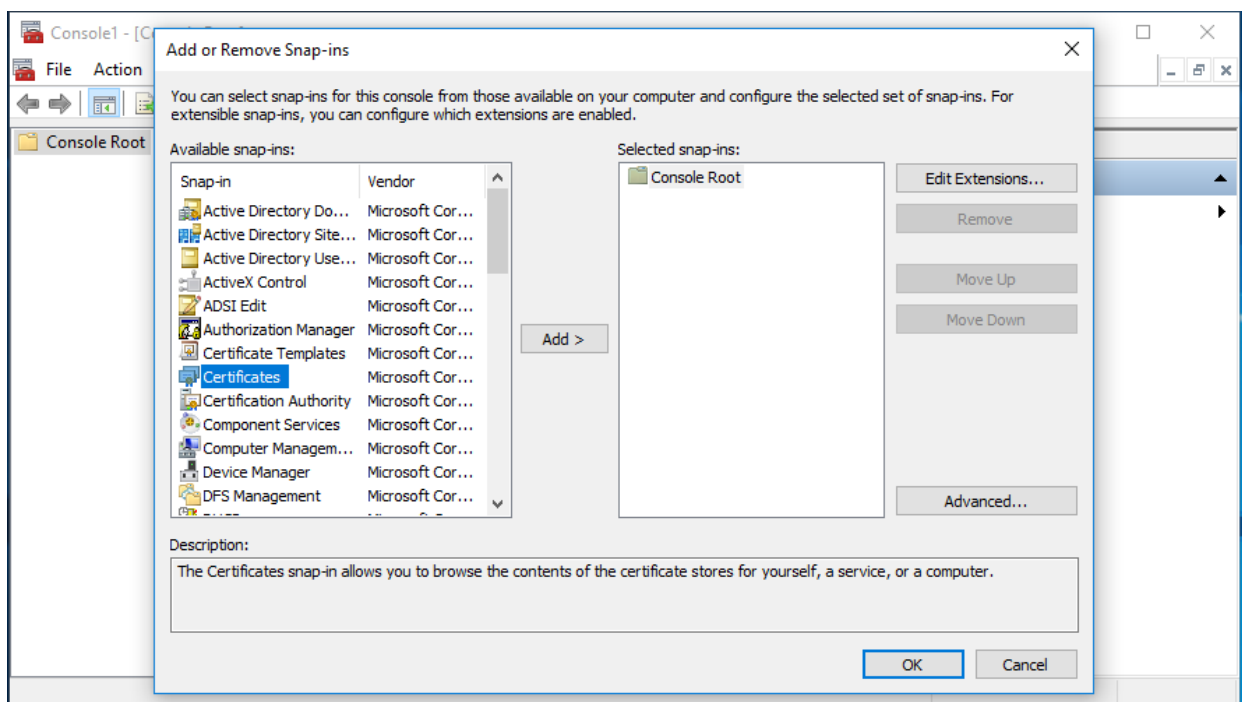


6. IMPORT DATA FROM GENERATED SIGNED CERTIFICATE FILE TO CERTIFICATE STORE

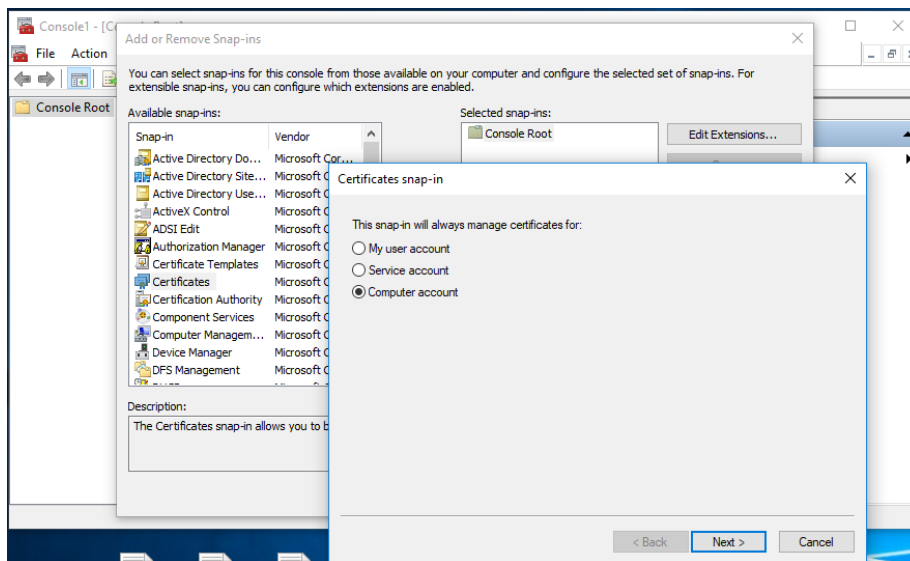
On the computer, open mmc.exe console.



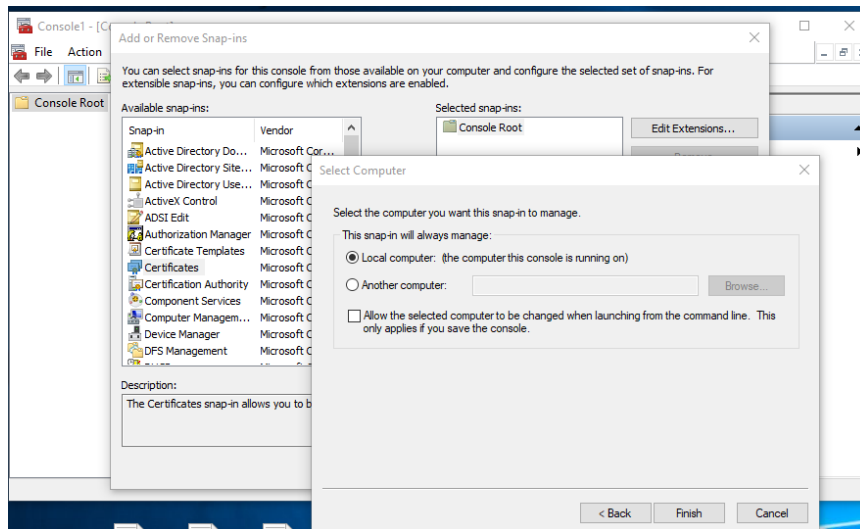
Add Certificate Snap-in



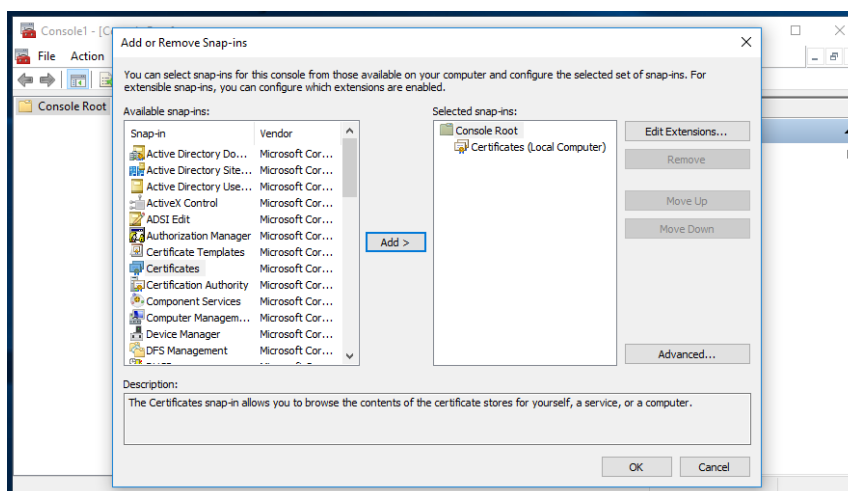
Add, Choose option "Computer account"



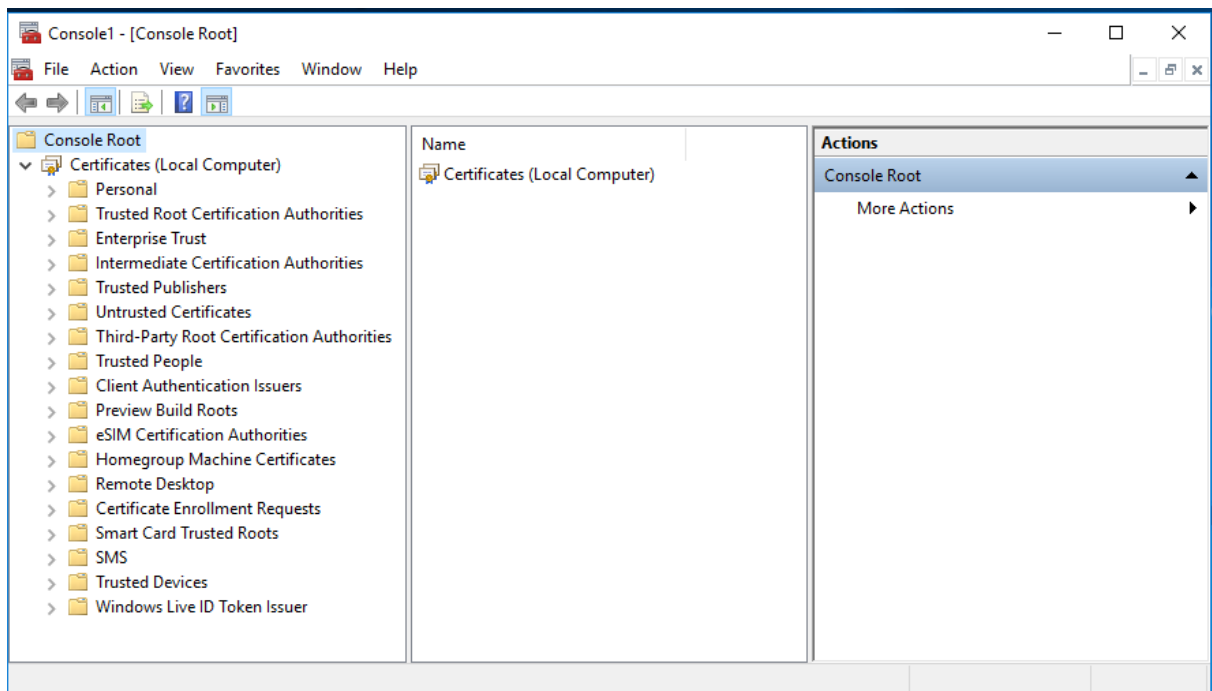
Next



Finish

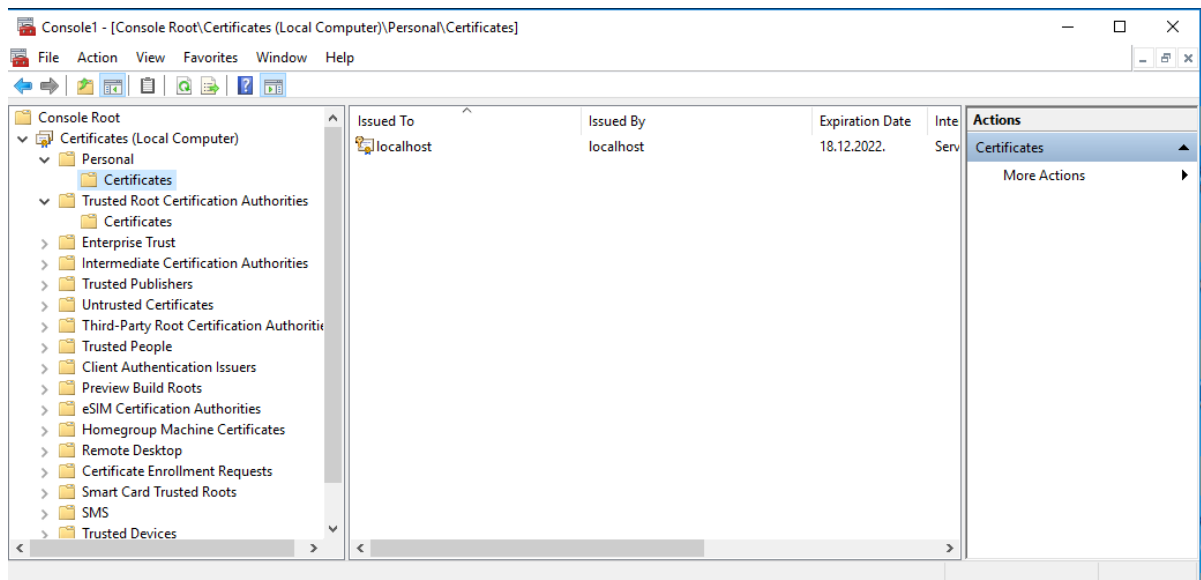


OK

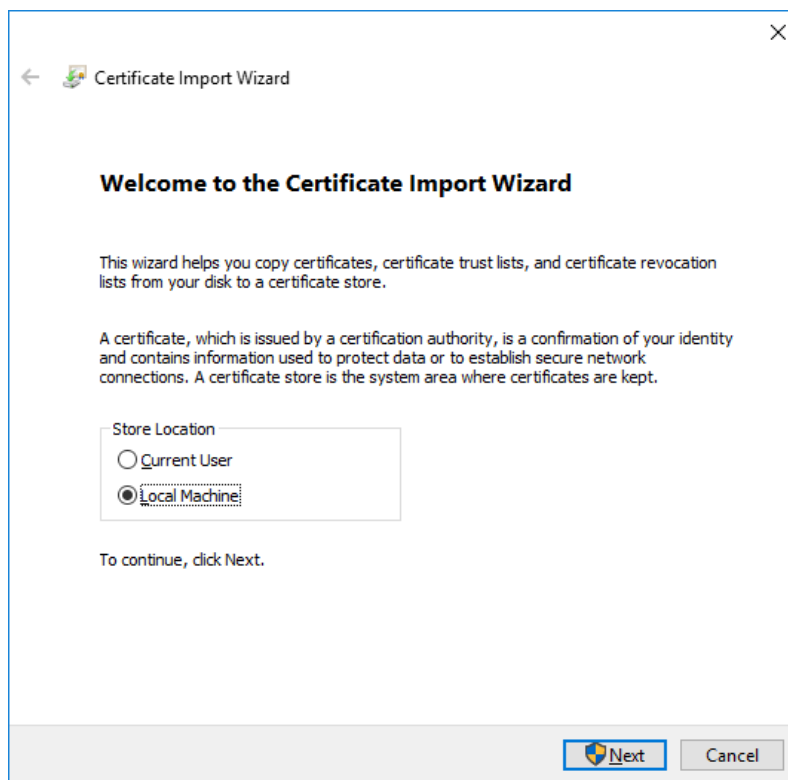


Parts of local computer Certificate store for interest are:

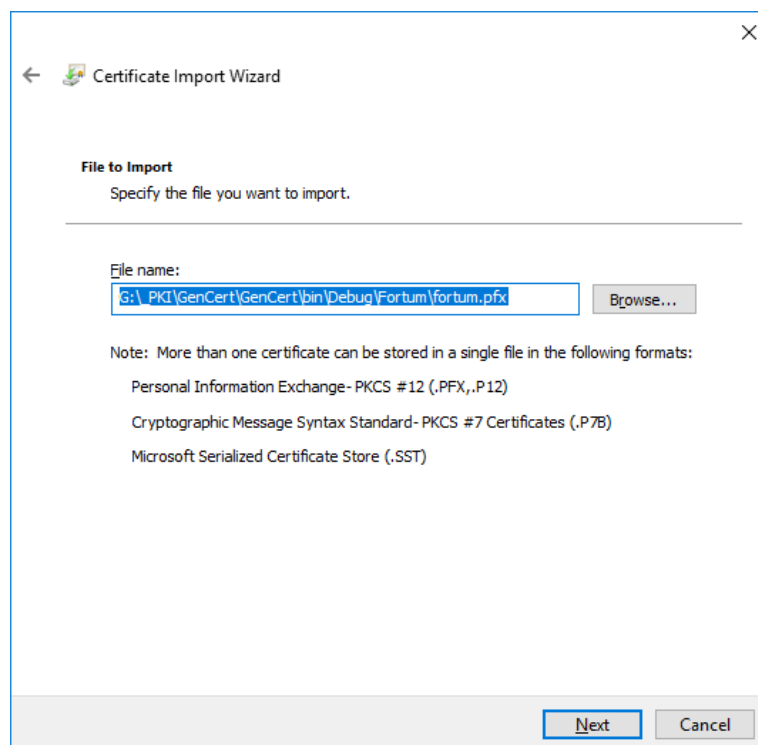
1. Personal, Certificates
2. Trusted Root Certification Authorities



Double click on generated signed certificate request file with .pfx extension will open Certificate Import Wizard. Select Store location -> Local Machine

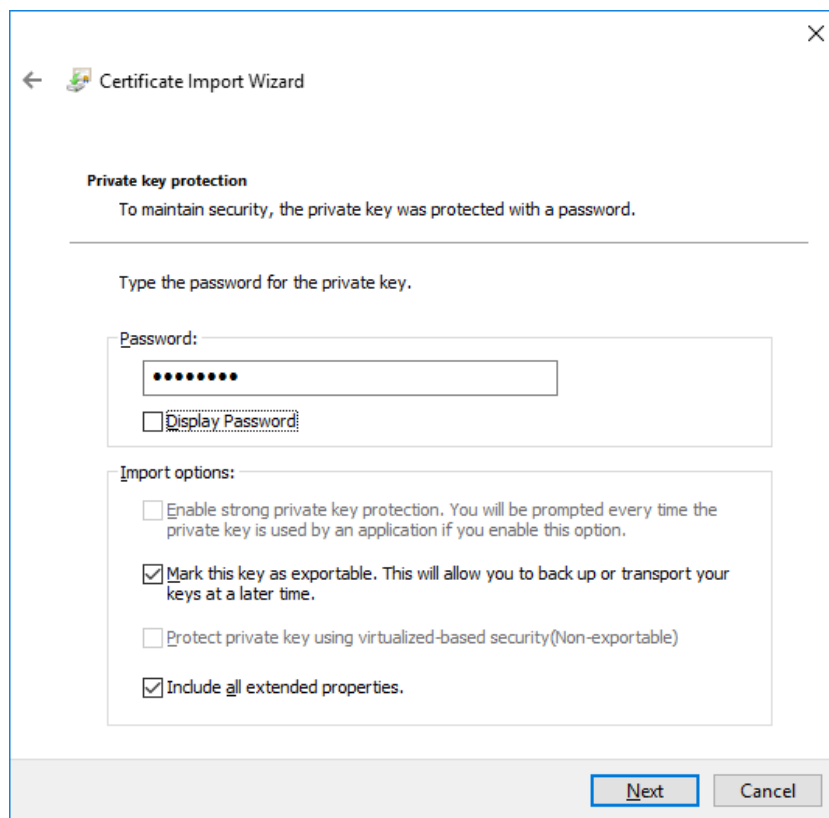



Next



Next

Enter password you set when generated .pfx file. Optionally you can allow that this certificate can be exportable from certificate store by checking option "Mark this key as exportable."



←  Certificate Import Wizard

Private key protection
To maintain security, the private key was protected with a password.

Type the password for the private key.

Password:

☐ Display Password

Import options:

☐ Enable strong private key protection. You will be prompted every time the private key is used by an application if you enable this option.

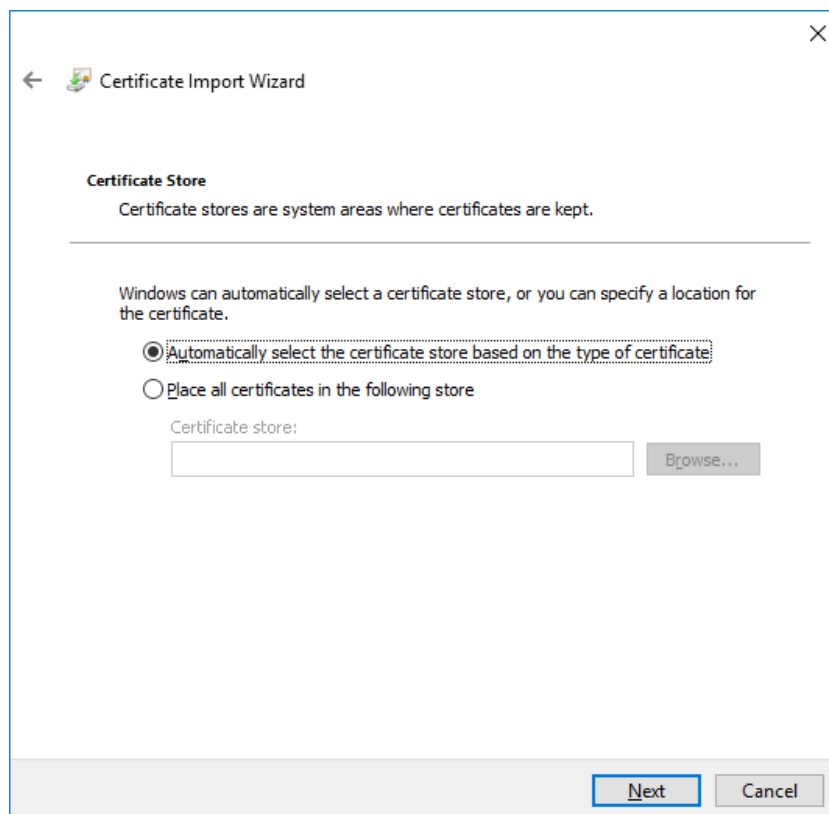
☒ Mark this key as exportable. This will allow you to back up or transport your keys at a later time.


☐ Protect private key using virtualized-based security(Non-exportable)

☒ Include all extended properties.

Next Cancel

Next



←  Certificate Import Wizard

Certificate Store
Certificate stores are system areas where certificates are kept.

Windows can automatically select a certificate store, or you can specify a location for the certificate.

☒ Automatically select the certificate store based on the type of certificate

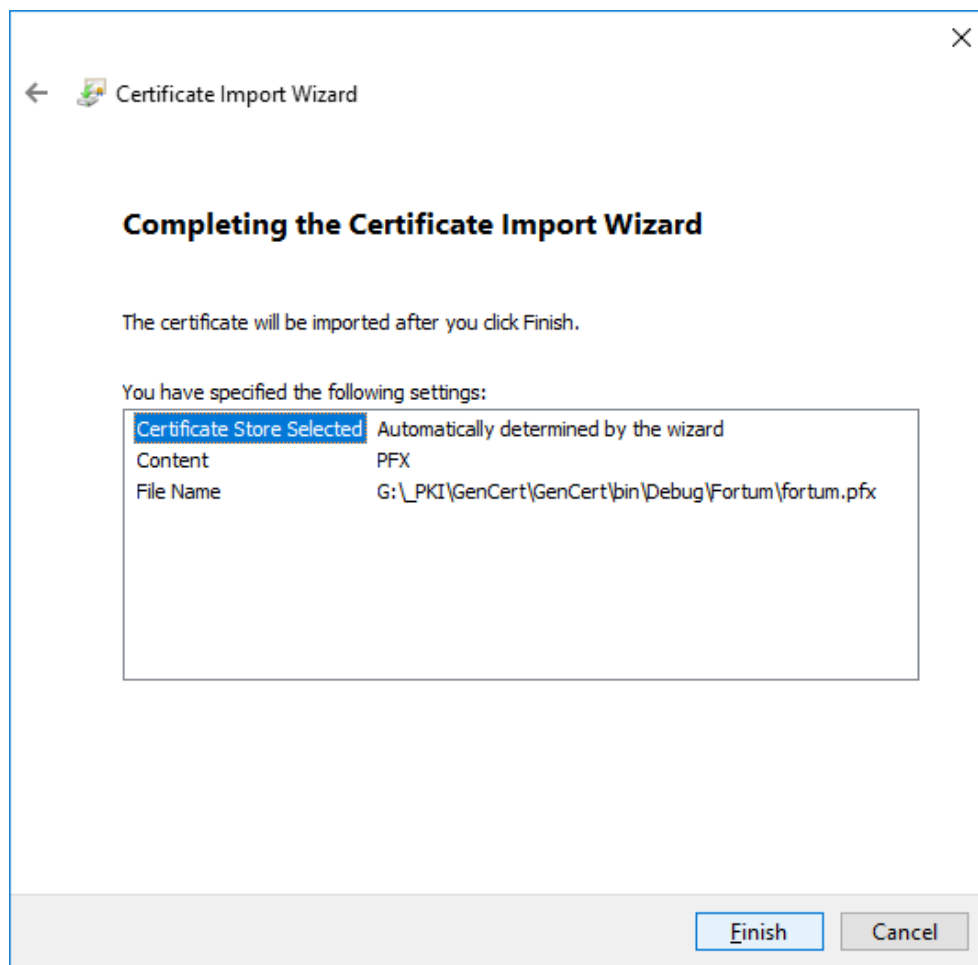
☐ Place all certificates in the following store

Certificate store:

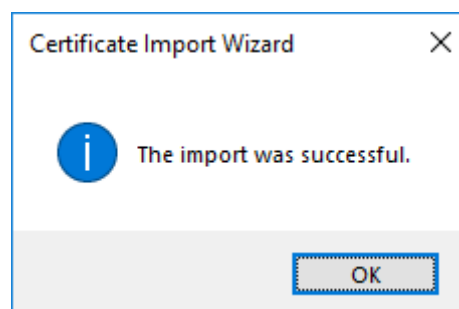
Browse...

Next Cancel

Next

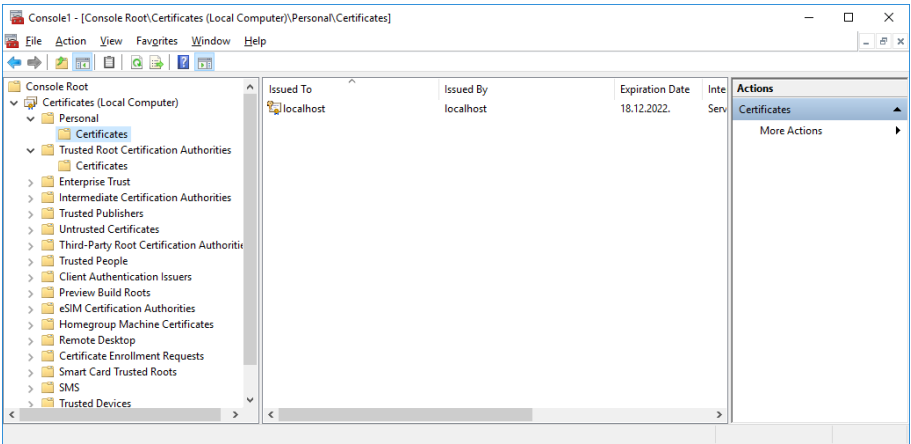


Finish

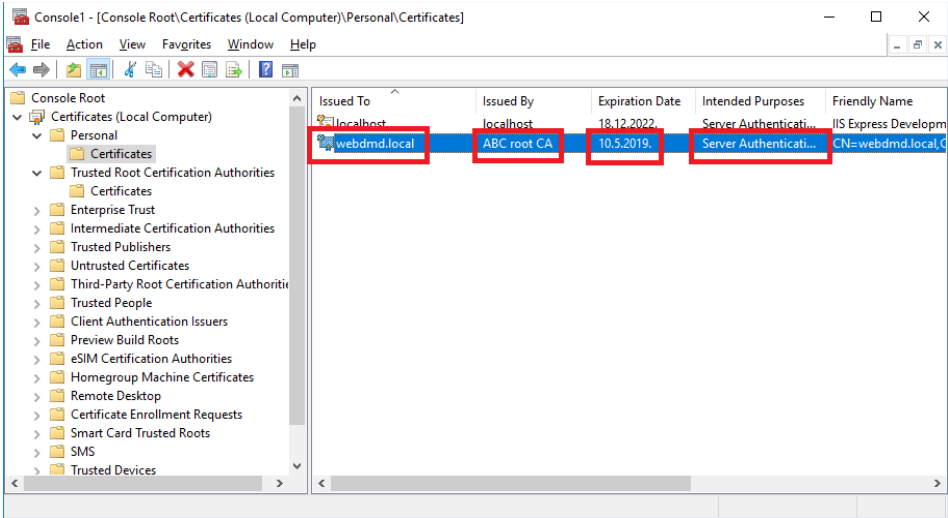


OK

Refresh Personal and Trusted Root Certification Authorities inside mmc console.

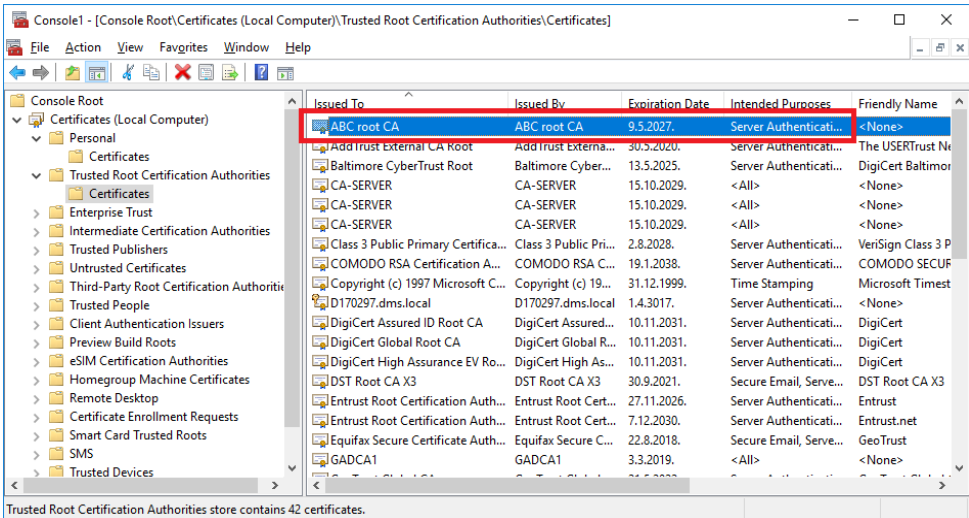


After refresh



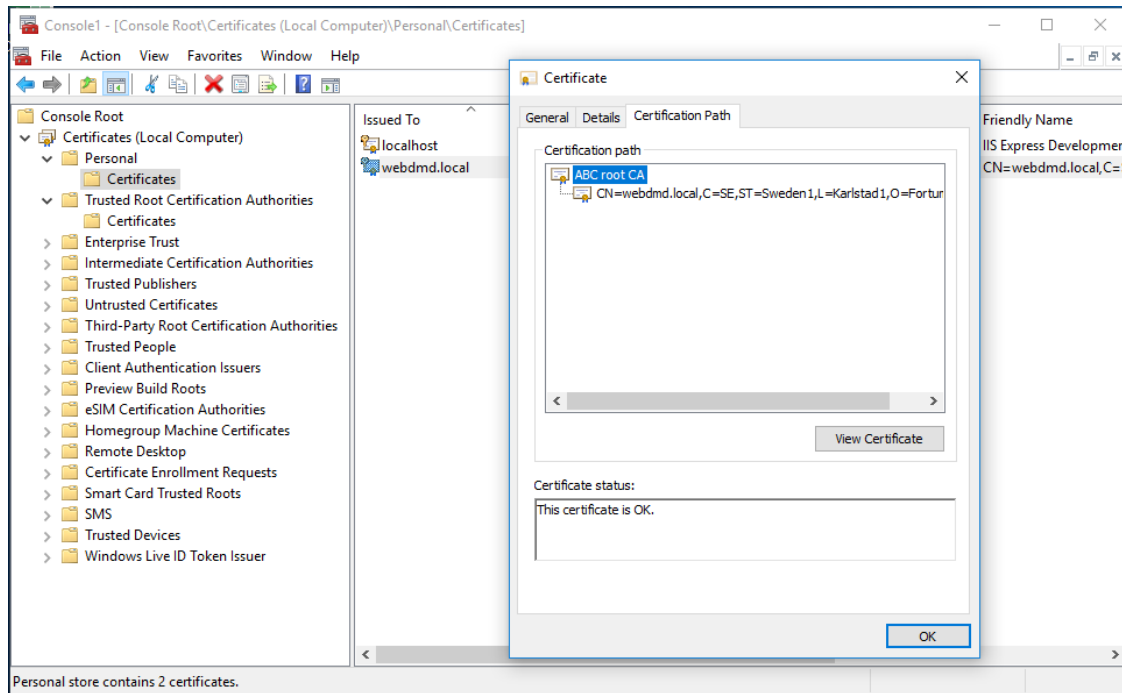
You can see data from imported certificate file inside Personal, Certificate store.

On the picture, you can see that certificate issued to webdmd.local by CA root name “ABC root CA”, expiration day for imported certificate and purpose (Server Authentication)



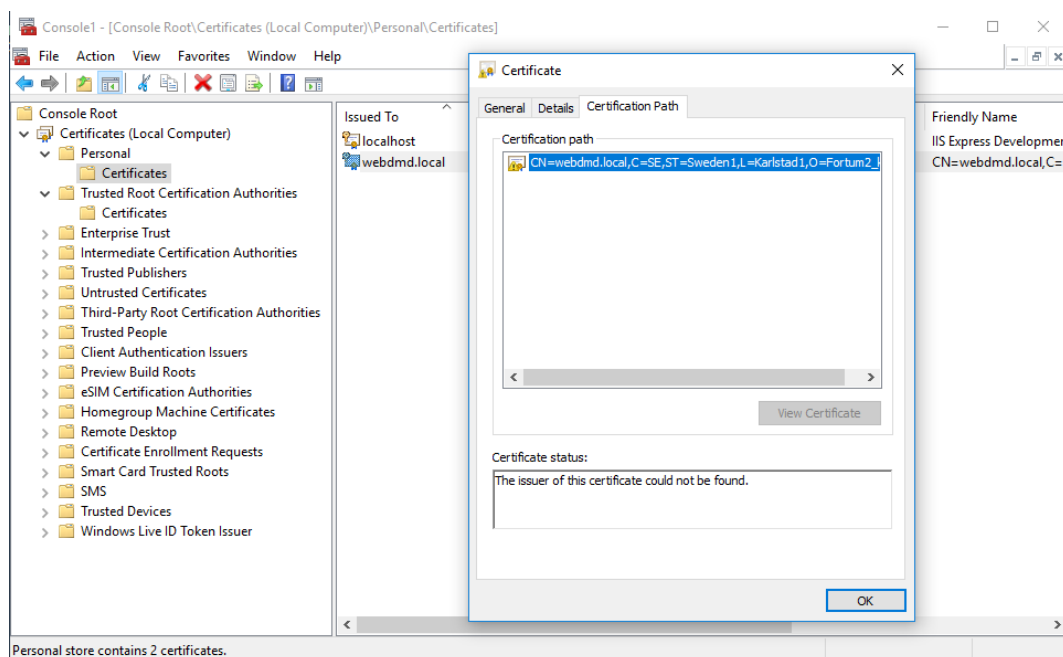
If Refresh “Trusted Root Certification Authorities” you can see certificate for root CA that signed our generated certificate file, that we imported when generate our certificate file. In our case, that is certificate named “ABC root CA”

If you sign your certificate request file by some internal or external certificate authorities, you need to import data from that CA certificate authorities to “Trusted Root Certification Authorities”, otherwise imported generated certificate don’t be valid.



Valid imported certificate look.

If you didn't import data for CA root public key to certificate store, certificate look like this:



7. APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

To successfully start application, you need .NET Framework 4.x installed on computer where application need to be started.

For minimal configuration, you ONLY need a file GenCert.exe to run application.


Inside Help folder you can find generated application user manual in different file formats: pdf, chm, xps, html.

For complete configuration, you need following files:

GenCert.exe

GenCert.chm

config.ini

File GenCert.chm extension is help file for application. If you put GenCert.chm file inside the same folder where you start application, this help will be open when you click on Home button 

When you start application for the first time 3 new files will be created:

Log4NetApplicationLog.log – log4net application log file in txt format

Log4NetApplicationLog.xml – log4net application log file in xml format

config.ini – application configuration file

Inside config.ini file, you can configure default value for option Certificate Friendly Name which is used inside application on different menu options.