Lab Assignment 3 (Part I) – Deploying a Certificate Authority Server

Lab Objective

The objective of this lab is to provide students with hands-on experience in deploying a **Public Key Infrastructure (PKI)** using **Active Directory Certificate Services (AD CS)**.

By the end of this lab, you should be able to:

- Deploy a **Standalone Root CA** in an **offline** environment.
- Deploy an **Enterprise Subordinate CA** that integrates with **Active Directory**.
- Configure the Root CA to issue a certificate for the Subordinate CA.
- Enable secure certificate issuance and management in an AD domain.

Lab Environment Requirements

- DC1XX → Online Enterprise Subordinate CA (Domain-joined)
- DC2XX → Offline Standalone Root CA (Not domain-joined)

Tasks

Task 1: Deploy an Offline Standalone Root CA on DC2XX

- 1. Demote **DC2XX** and remove it from the domain.
- 2. Rename DC2XX to RootXXCA.
- 3. Install Active Directory Certificate Services (AD CS) on RootXXCA.
- 4. Configure RootXXCA as a Standalone Root CA.
- 5. Configure the Server Registry keys.
- 6. Modify the CRL Distribution Points (CDP) and Authority Information Access (AIA) settings from DC2XX to DC1XX.
- Copy the Root CA Certificate, Certificate Revocation List (CRL) and CA private key to DC1XX.

Task 2: Deploy an Enterprise Subordinate CA on DC1XX

- 1. Install Active Directory Certificate Services (AD CS) including all AD CS features on DC1XX.
- 2. Configure **DC1XX** as an **Enterprise Subordinate CA.**
- 3. Configure AD CS other roles on DC1XX.
- 4. Secure Root CA and take it offline.
- 5. Verify that **Enterprise Subordinate CA** is working fine.

Lab Assignment Deliverables

You should submit a **lab report** in **PDF** including **screenshots** covering your work.