Exercise 1 - Install and Configure Active Directory Certificate Services

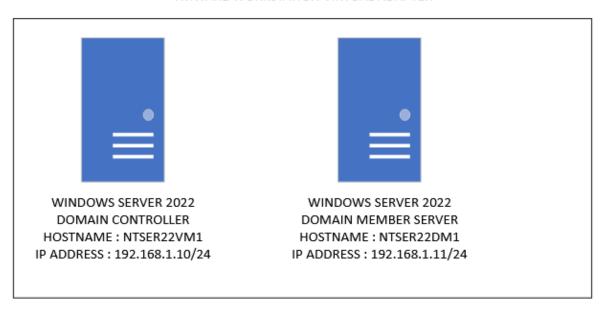
An organization can use Active Directory Certificate Services (AD CS) to create a public key infrastructure (PKI). Its purpose is to provide the following features:

- 1. Public key cryptography
- 2. Digital certificates
- 3. Digital signature

In this exercise, we will cover Install Active Directory Enterprise Root Certificate Service, Configure Active Directory Certificate Services, Install Subordinate CA and Configure Subordinate CA

Topology

VMWARE WORKSTATION VIRTUAL ADAPTER



DOMAIN = networktute.com

NTSER22VM1 = Windows Server 2022 - Domain Controller

NTSER22DM1 = Windows Server 2022 - Domain Member Server

Prerequisite

- VMware Workstation 16 Pro
 - When making this tutorial, we used the "Windows Server 2019" VM Template and "Windows 10 & later" VM Template. Since VMware didn't have the updated templates.
- Microsoft Windows Server 2022

Task 1: Install Active Directory Enterprise Root Certificate Service

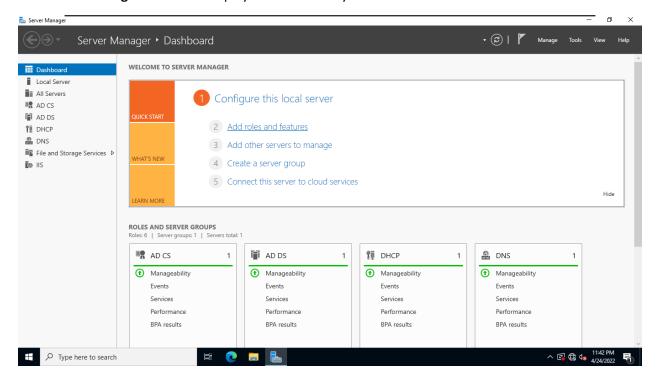
An Active Directory Enterprise CA is a certificate authority that is connected with Active Directory. The CA's initial server might be any Root server. In the Active Directory context, an Enterprise CA can be set to auto-enroll certificates.

Now let's install AD Certificate Services on the Domain Controller device.

Step 1:

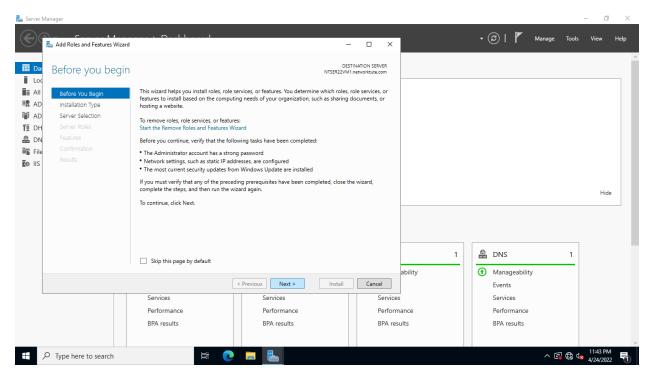
Connect to NTSER22VM1.

The Server Manager window is displayed automatically and Click Add roles and features.



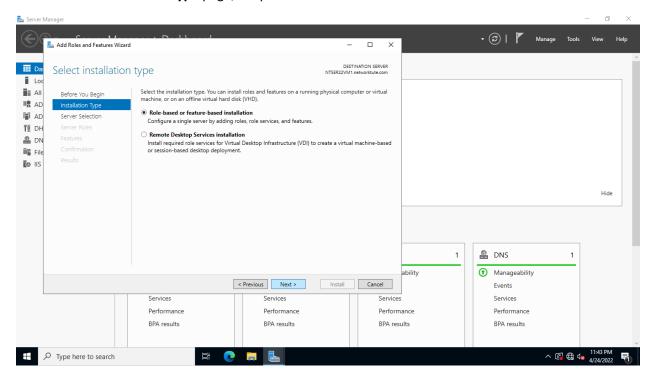
Step 2:

On the Before you begin page of the Add Roles and Features Wizard, click Next.



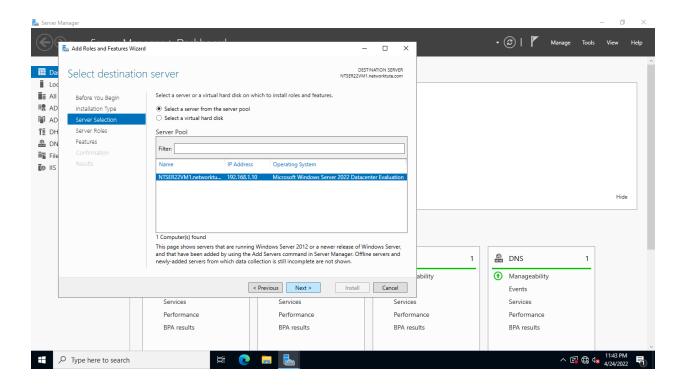
Step 3:

On the **Select installation type** page, keep the default selection and click **Next**.



Step 4:

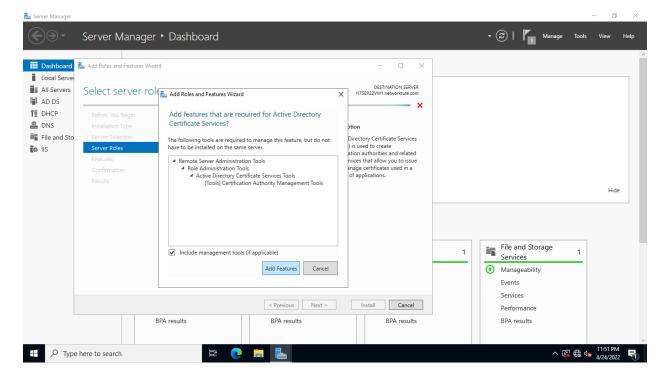
In Select destination server, keep the default options and click Next.



Step 5:

From the **Select server roles** page, select the **Active Directory Certificate Services** checkbox.

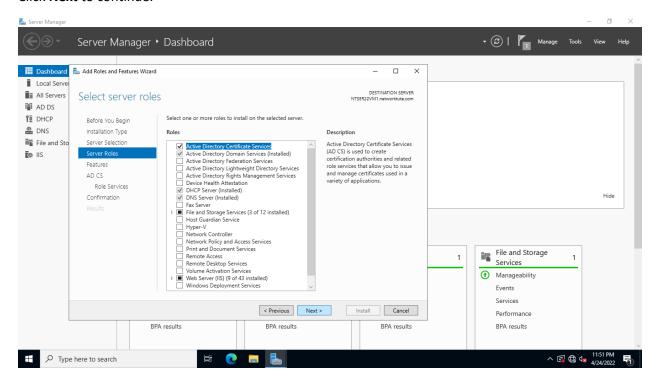
The Add Roles and Features Wizard automatically appears. Click Add Features.



Step 6:

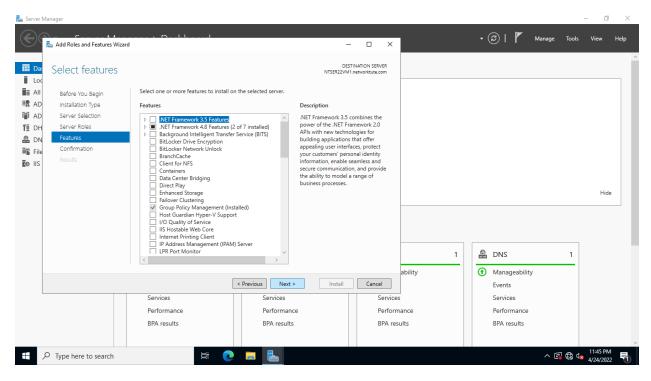
Back on the **Select server roles** page, notice the **Active Directory Certificate Services** checkbox is now selected.

Click **Next** to continue.



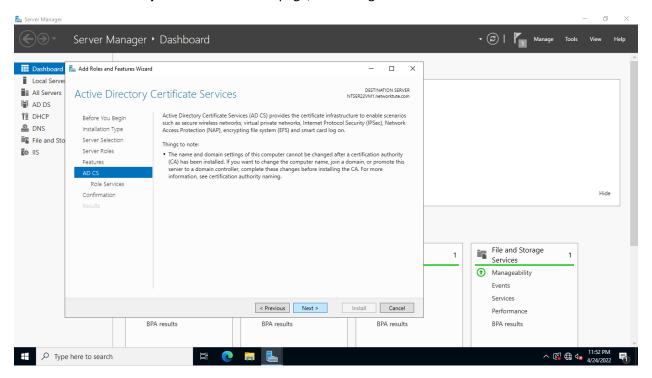
Step 7:

On the **Select features** page, keep the default settings and then click **Next**.



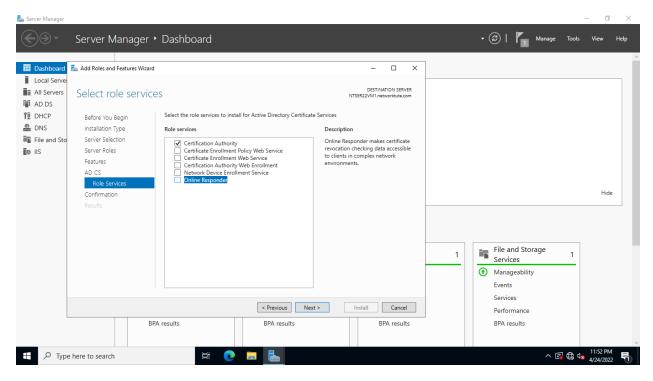
Step 8:

On the Active Directory Certificate Services page, read the given information and click Next.



Step 9:

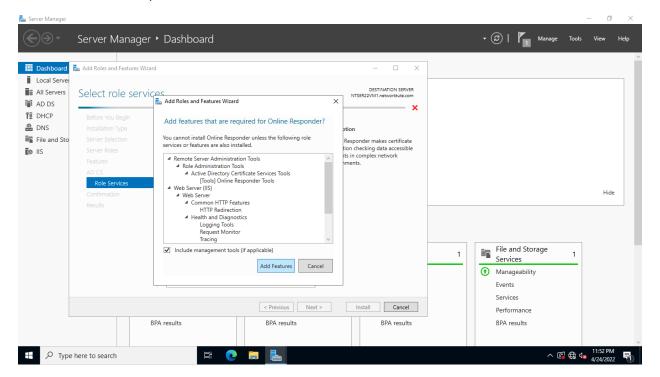
From the **Select role services** page, ensure that the **Certification Authority** checkbox is selected, and then select the **Online Responder** checkbox.



Step 10:

The **Add Roles and Features Wizard** box appears as the component you selected will require other components for it to run.

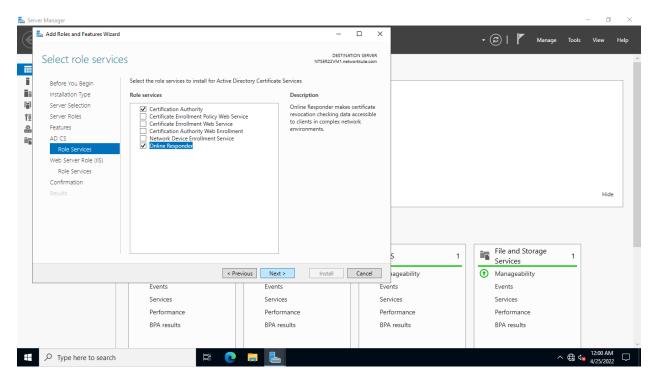
Click Add Features to proceed.



Step 11:

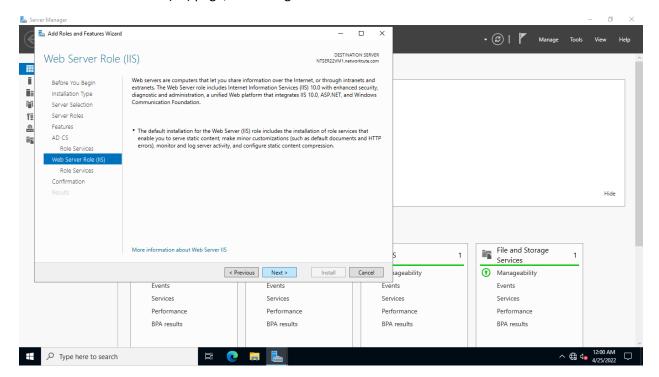
Back on the Select role services page, now, the **Certification Authority** and **Online Responder** checkboxes are selected.

Click Next.



Step 12:

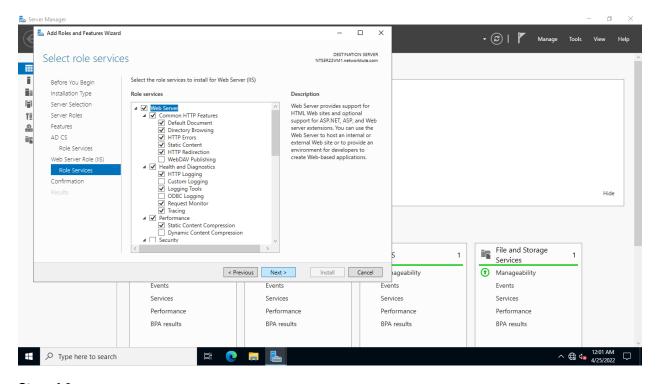
On the Web Server Role (IIS) page, read the given information and then click Next.



Step 13:

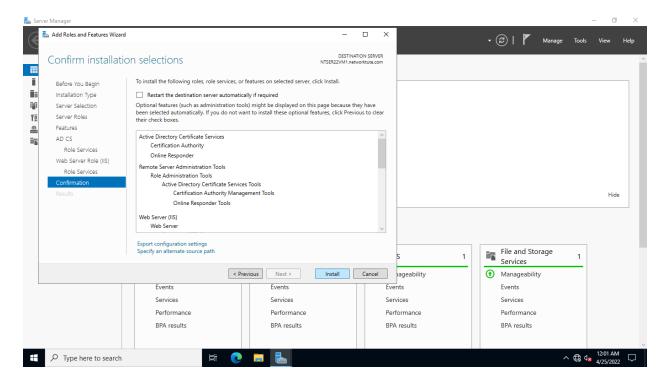
In the Select role services page, accept the default role services that will be added by IIS.

Click Next.



Step 14:

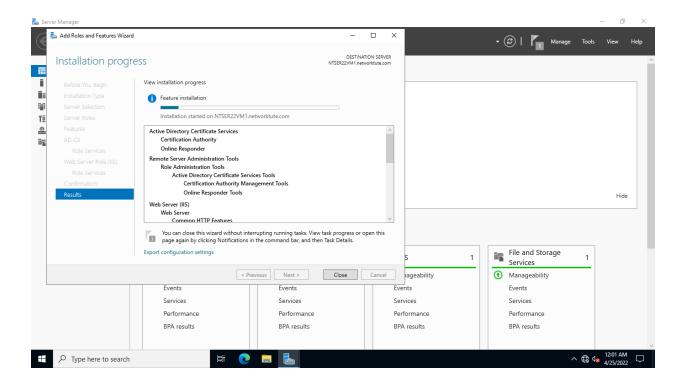
On the Confirm installation selections page, click Install.



Step 15:

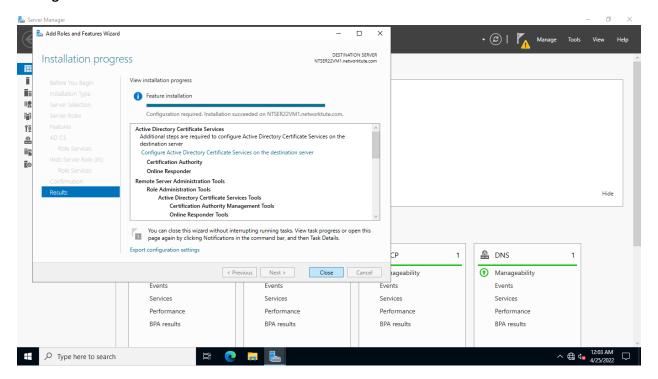
The installation will begin, which will take a few minutes.

Important: "The request to add or remove features on the specified server failed," if you get an error message. Close the window. When the Server Manager is busy collecting system information about the server after a recent start-up or reboot, this happens. Wait around 1 minute before continuing with the Windows feature installation in this task. If the problem persists, restart the infected computer and reinstall the Windows features from scratch.



Step 16:

Click **Close** when **Installation progress** reports a successful operation. You are back on the **Server Manager** console.



Task 2: Configure Active Directory Certificate Services

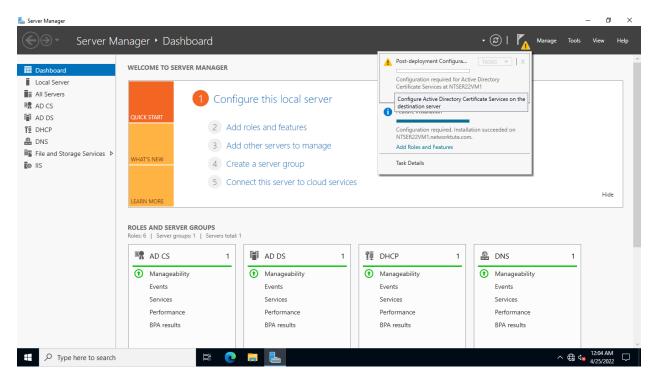
After you've installed Active Directory Certificate Services and Online Responder on **NTSER22VM1**, you'll need to configure these services with the correct settings. This will allow these services to fulfill their intended functions.

Follow these steps to configure Active Directory Certificate Services

Step 1:

On NTSER22VM1, ensure that you are on the Server Manager console.

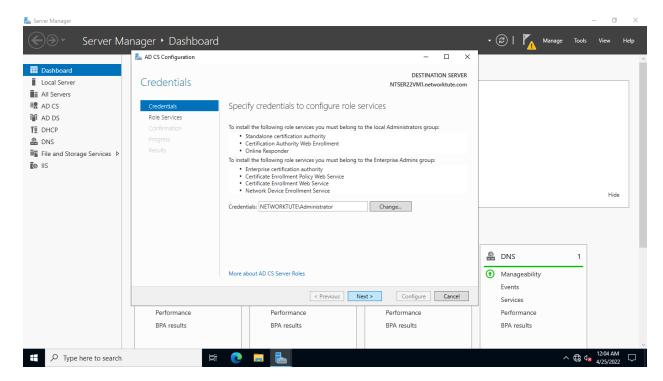
Click the flag icon and click the **Configure Active Directory Certificate Services on the destination server** link.



Step 2:

On the **Credentials** page of the **AD CS Configuration** wizard, the system has detected that you are currently signed in as **NETWORKTUTE\Administrator**.

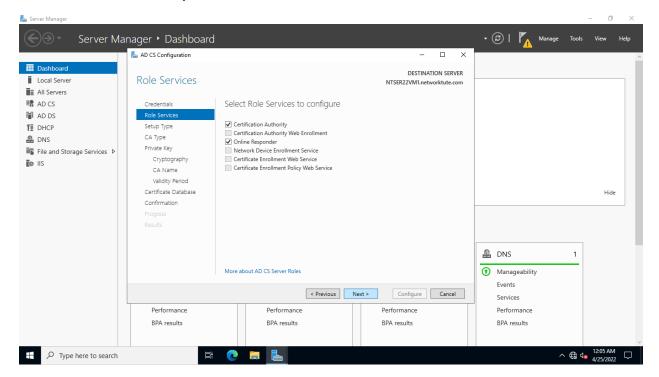
Click Next.



Step 3:

In **Role Services**, select the **Certification Authority** checkbox. There will be a momentary pause when you select this.

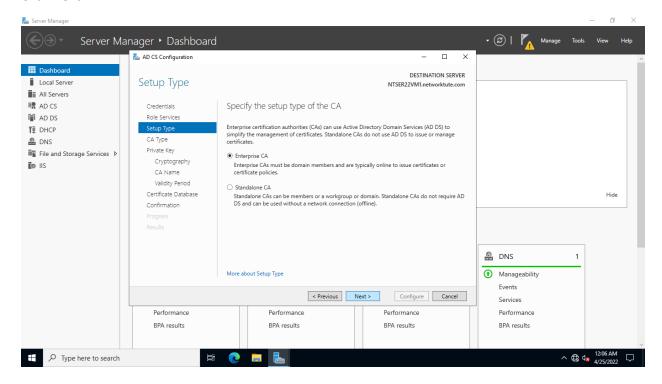
Then, select the Online Responder checkbox and click Next.



Step 4:

On the **Setup** Type page, ensure that the **Enterprise CA** option is selected.

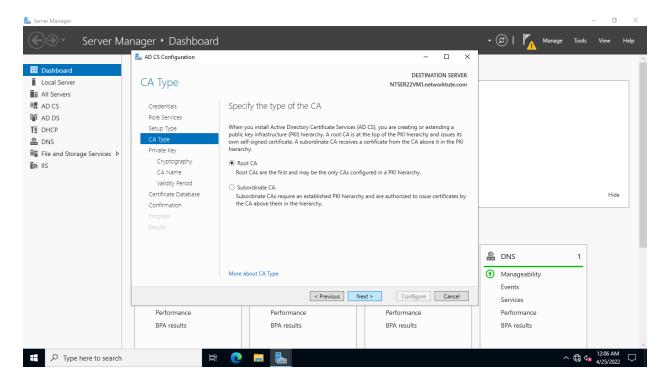
Click Next.



Step 5:

On the **CA Type** page, ensure that **Root CA** is selected.

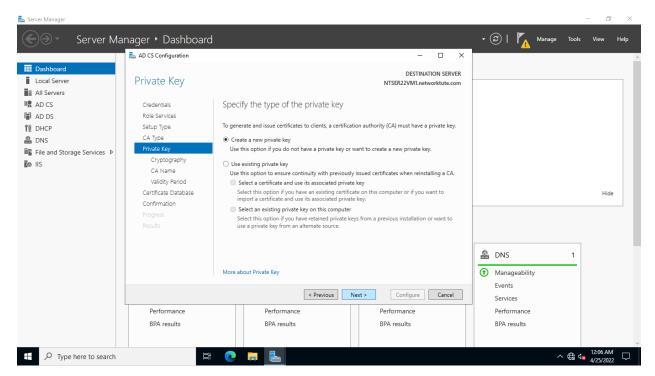
Click Next.



Step 6:

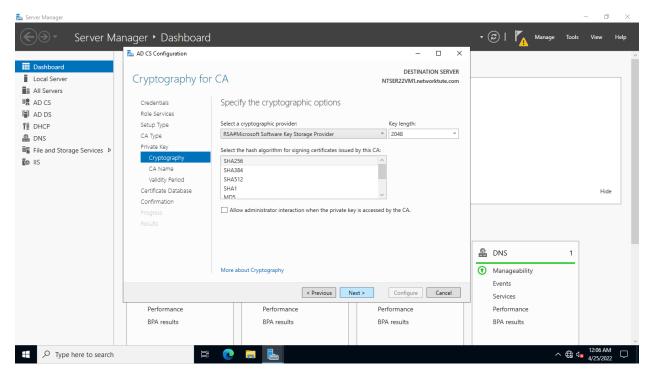
On the **Private Key** page, verify that the **Create a new private key** radio button is selected.

Click Next.



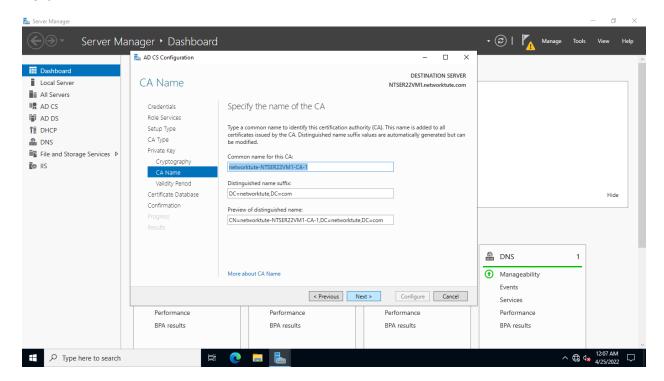
Step 7:

On the Cryptography for CA page, keep the default cryptographic settings and click Next.



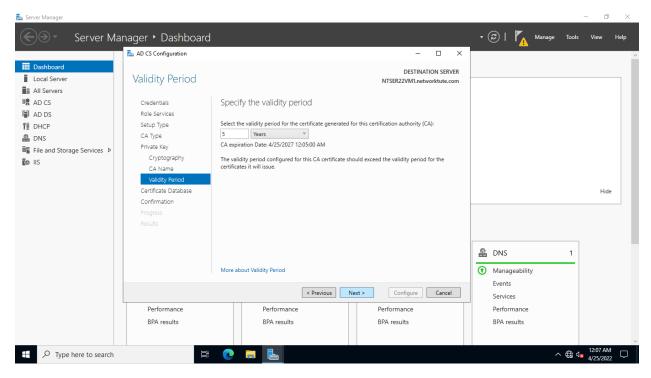
Step 8:

On the **CA Name** page, keep the default **CA Name** supplied by the **AD CS Configuration** and then click **Next**



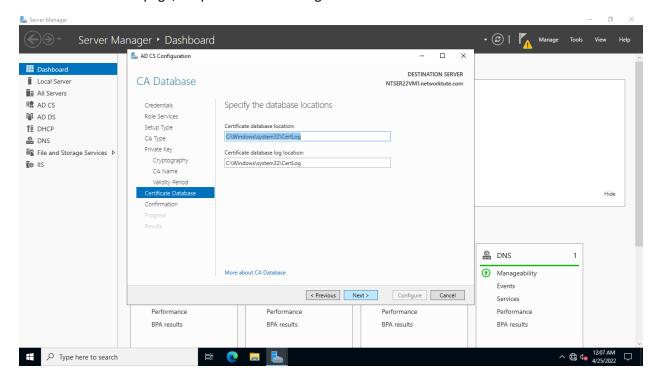
Step 9:

On the Validity Period page, keep the default settings and click Next.



Step 10:

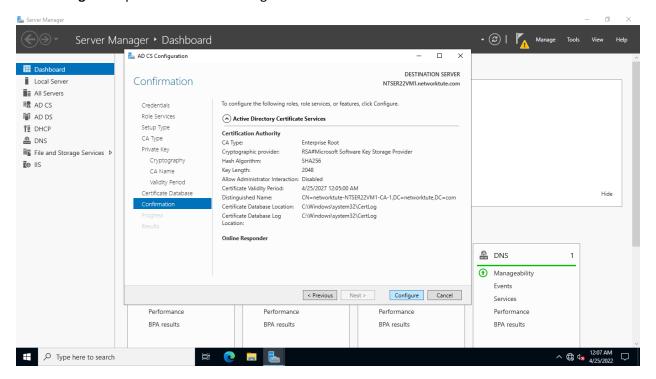
On the CA Database page, keep the default settings and then click Next.



Step 11:

On the **Confirmation** page, read through the summary settings of this **Active Directory Certificate Services** that are about to be set up.

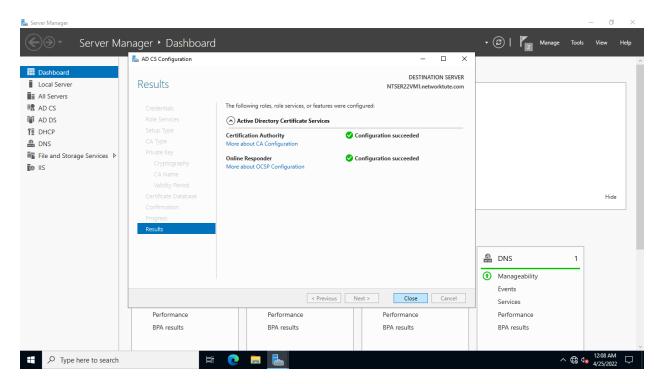
Click **Configure** to proceed with the configuration of AD CS.



Step 12:

Please wait while the service is being set up.

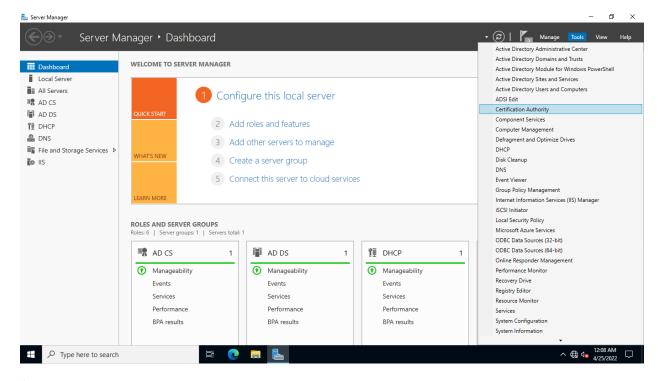
On the Results page, when the results are displayed with Configuration succeeded, click Close



Step 13:

You are back on the Server Manager console. You need to verify now that AD CS is working.

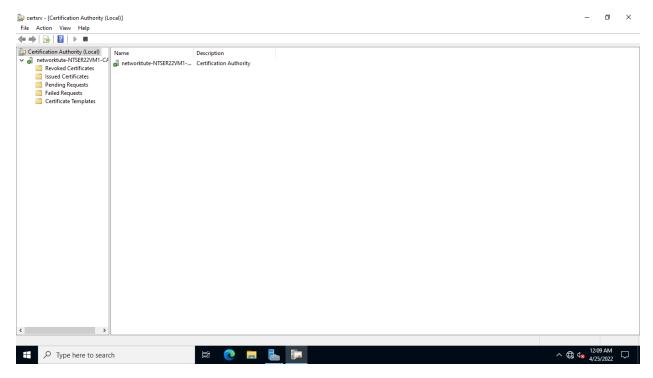
From the Server Manager console, click Tools and then select Certification Authority.



Step 14:

Verify Certification Authority snap-in works by expanding the networktute-NTSER22VM1-CA node.

Minimize the Certification Authority and Server Manager windows.



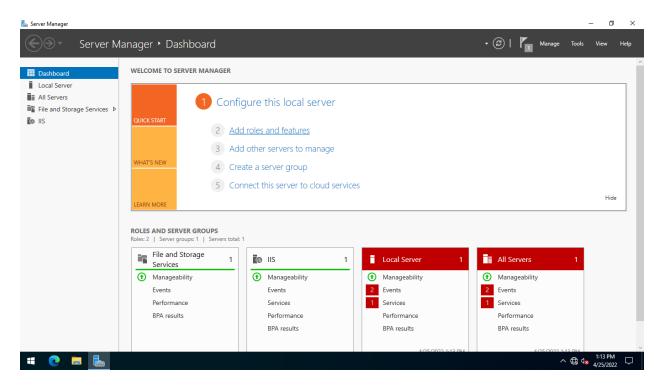
Task 3: Install Subordinate CA

On a domain member server named **NTSER22DM1**, you will install a subordinate CA of Networktute.com. The steps will be the same as when you installed the Enterprise Root CA previously.

Step 1:

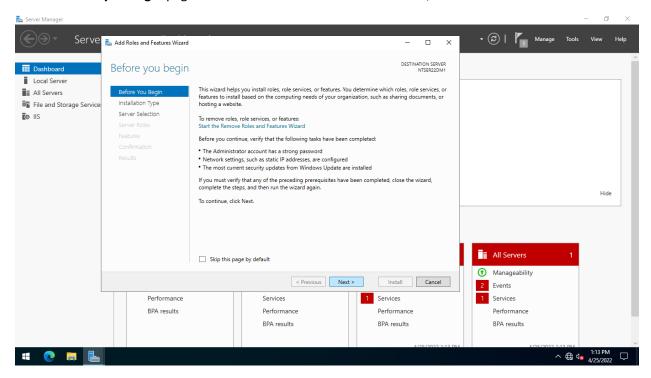
Connect to NTSER22DM1.

The Server Manager console opens automatically. Click Add roles and features.



Step 2:

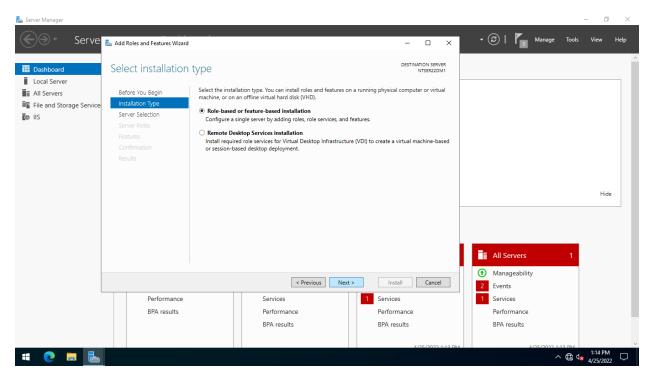
On the Before you begin page of the Add Roles and Features Wizard, click Next.



Step 3:

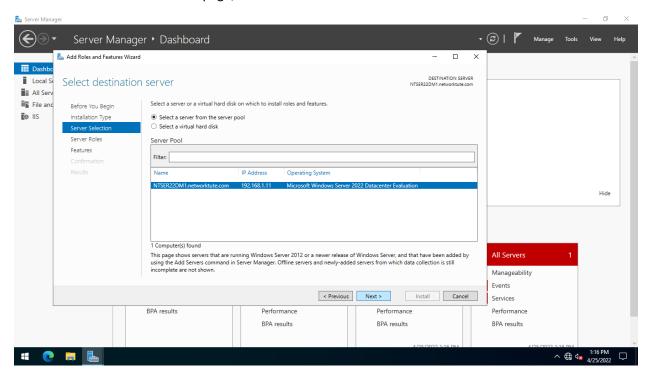
On the **Select installation type** page, keep the default setting **Role-based or feature-based installation** option.

Click Next.



Step 4:

From Select destination server page, click Next.

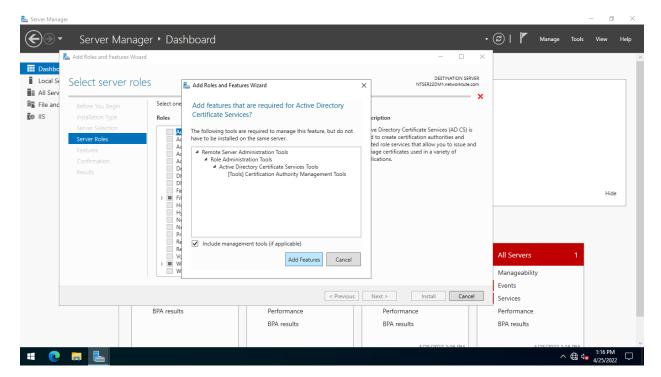


Step 5:

From the Select server roles page, click the Active Directory Certificate Services checkbox.

The Add Roles and Features Wizard displays, just as it did in the last assignment. For Active Directory Certificate services to work on this computer, further components are necessary.

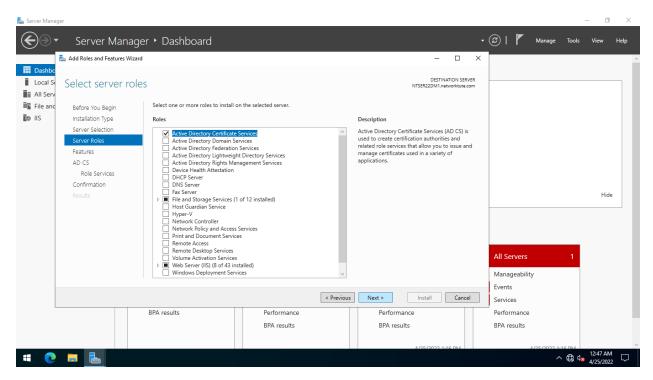
Click Add Features.



Step 6:

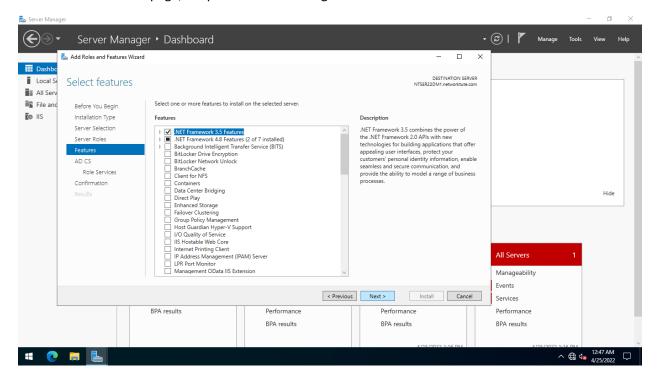
You are back on the **Select server roles** page.

Click Next.



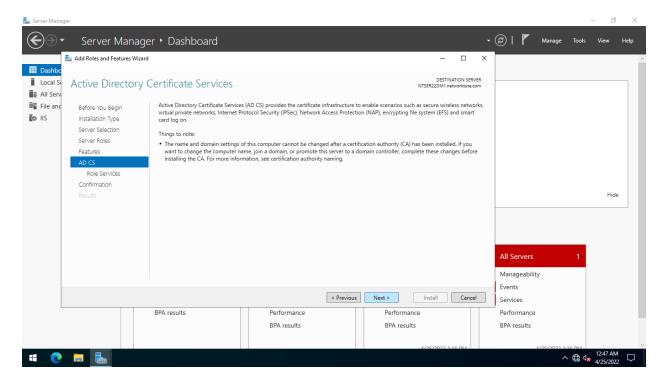
Step 7:

In the Select features page, keep the default settings and click Next.



Step 8:

On the Active Directory Certificate Services, click Next.

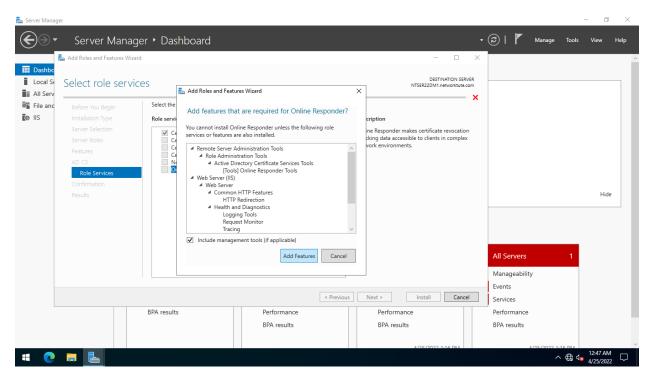


Step 9:

In the **Select role services** page, select the **Online Responder** checkbox.

The Add Roles and Features Wizard is displayed.

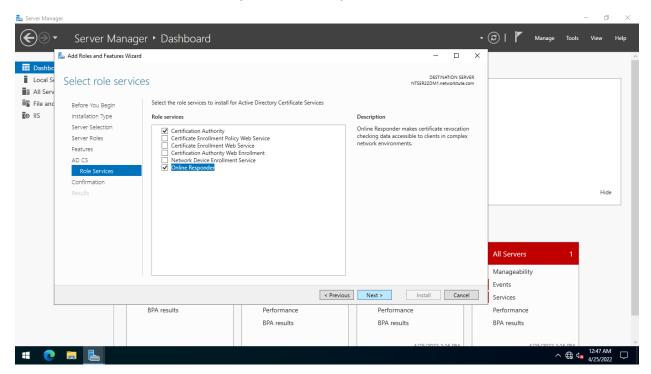
Click Add Features.



Step 10:

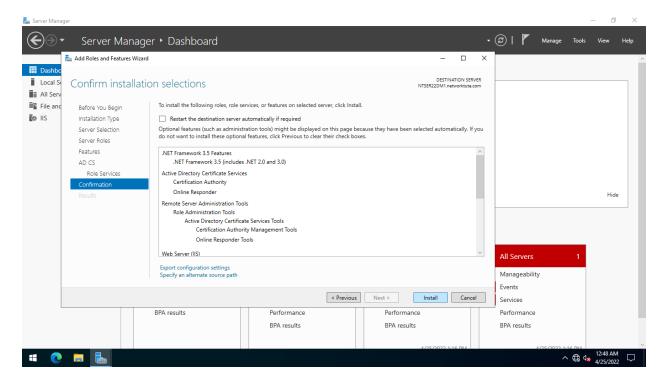
You are back on the **Select role services** page.

When both the Certification Authority and Online Responder are selected, click Next



Step 11:

In Confirm installation selections, click Install.

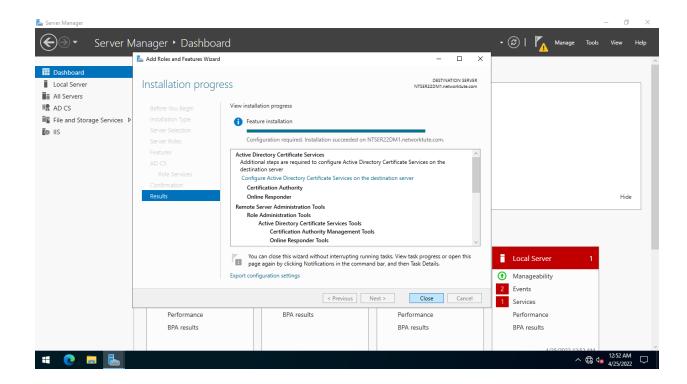


Step 12:

On the Installation progress page, wait while the services and its components are getting installed.

When **Installation progress** is completed, click **Close**.

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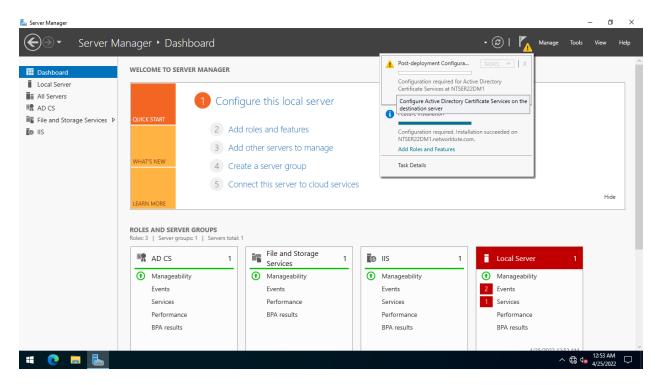
Task 4: Configure Subordinate CA

You must set up this Certificate service on **NTSER22DM1** to assume the role of a subordinate CA to **NTSER22VM1-NETWORKTUTE.COM-CA** after a brief installation of Active Directory Certificate Services and Online Responder.

Step 1:

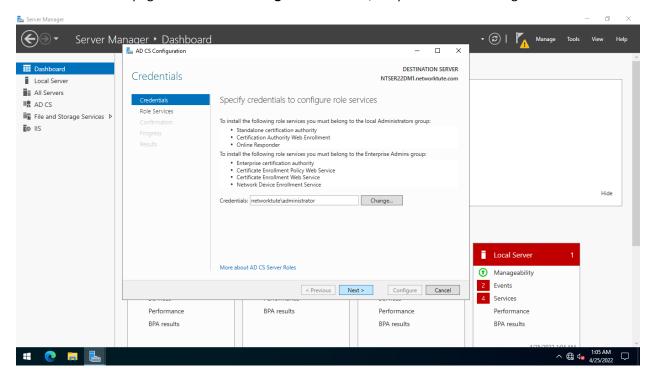
On NTSER22DM1, you are back in the Server Manager window.

Select the flag icon with an exclamation point and click the **Configure Active Directory Certificate Services on the destination server** link.



Step 2:

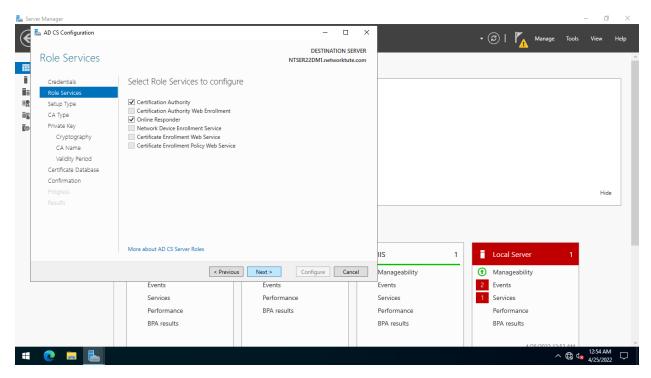
On the Credentials page of the AD CS Configuration wizard, keep the default settings and click Next.



Step 3:

Similar to the task done earlier about configuring the **Enterprise Root CA**, select the **Certification Authority** and **Online Responder** checkboxes.

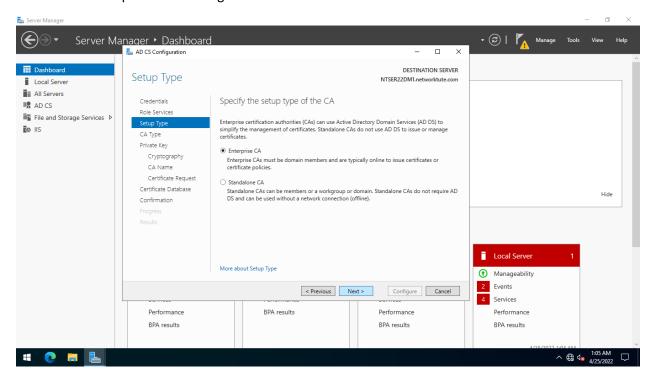
Then, click Next.



Step 4:

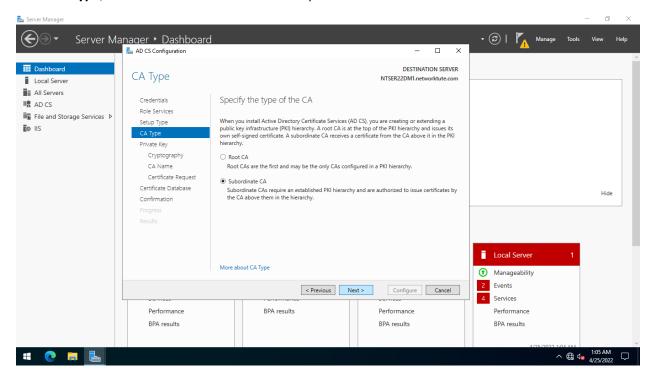
In the **Setup Type** page, verify that the **Enterprise CA** radio button is selected.

Click **Next** to accept default settings.



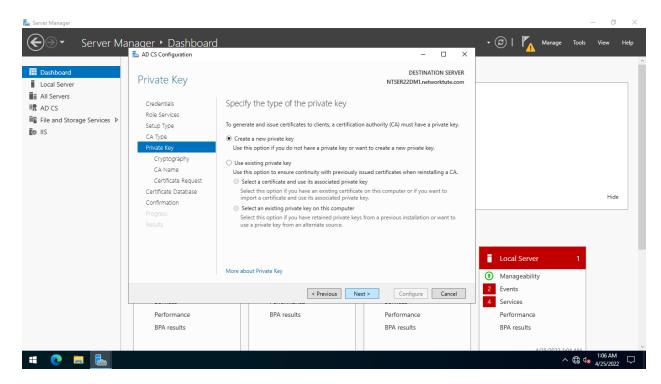
Step 5:

From **CA Type**, ensure that the **Subordinate CA** option is selected and click **Next**.



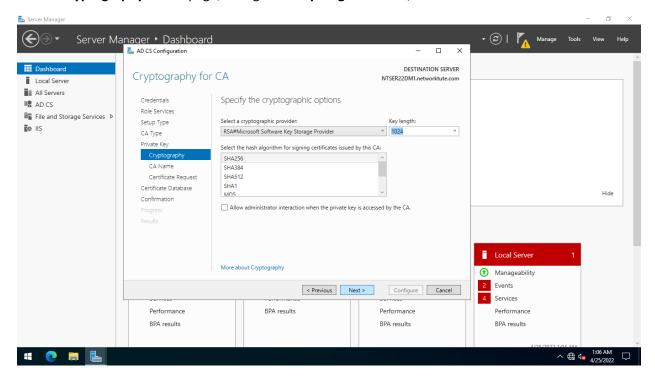
Step 6:

On the Private Key page, keep the default setting, create a new private key and click Next



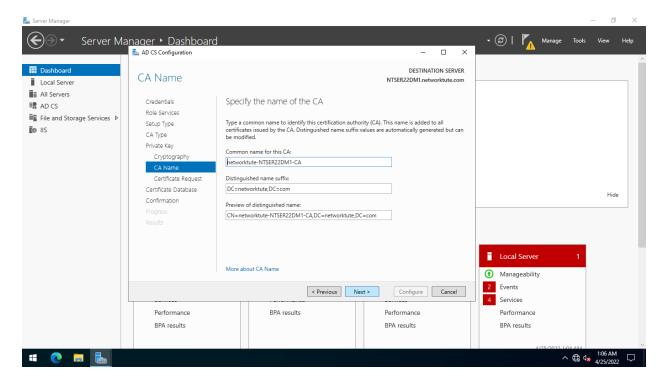
Step 7:

On the Cryptography for CA page, change the Key length to 1024, and then click Next.



Step 8:

On the CA Name page, accept the name automatically assigned by Windows, click Next to continue

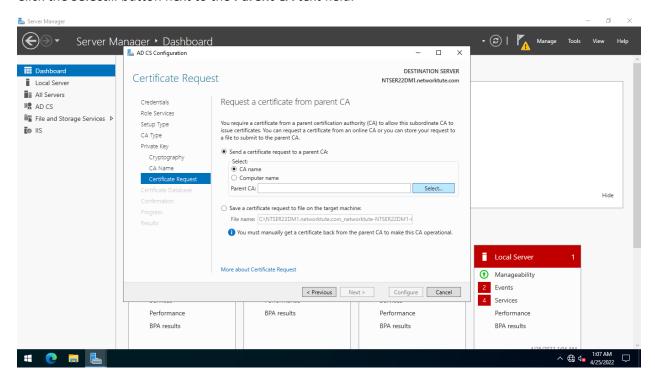


Step 9:

On the **Certificate Request** page, select the following radio buttons:

- Send a certificate request to a parent CA
- CA Name

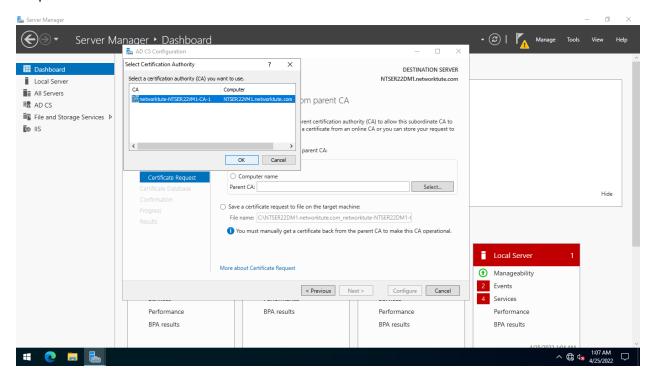
Click the Select... button next to the Parent CA text field.



Step 10:

The **Select Certification Authority** dialog box displays the detected **CA** in the network called **networktute-NTSER22VM1-CA** automatically.

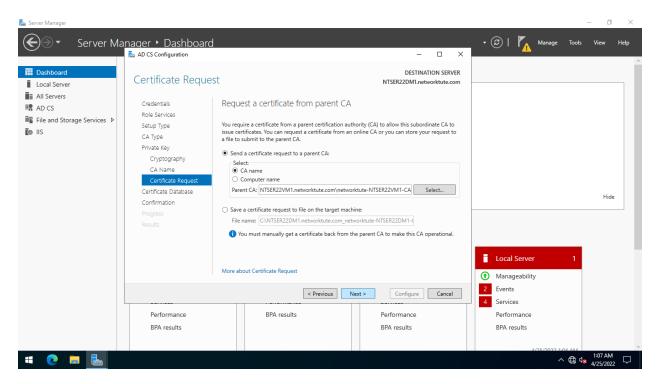
Keep the default selection and click OK.



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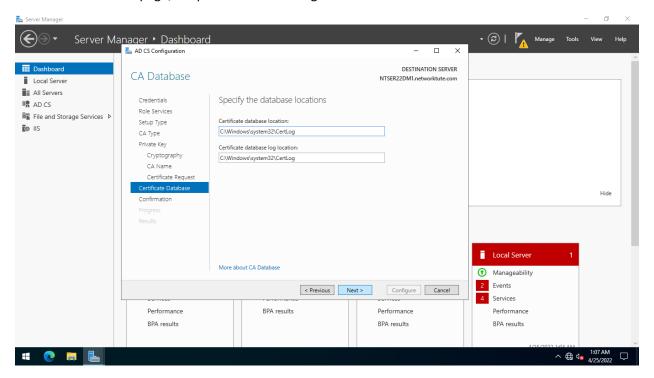
You are redirected back to the **Certificate Request** page.

It is now filled in with the correct information. Click Next.



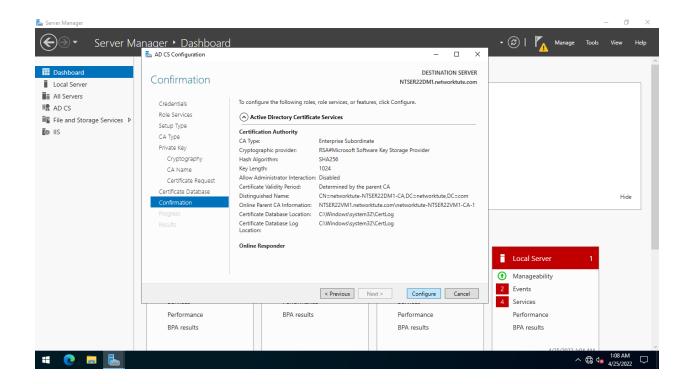
Step 12:

On the CA Database page, keep the default settings and click Next.



Step 13:

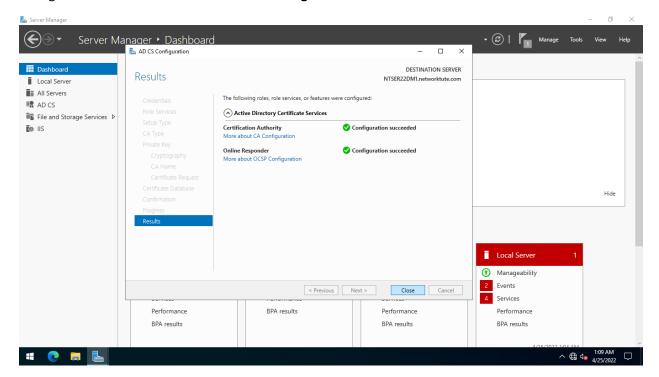
On the **Confirmation** page, click **Configure** to proceed.



Step 14:

It will take a while for the subordinate CA to be configured on NTSER22DM1.

Server Manager will then report that **Certification Authority** and **Online Responder** are successfully configured. Click **Close** to close the **AD CS Configuration** wizard.



Step 15:

You are redirected back to the **Server Manager** console.

Tip - Click on the refresh dashboard button to refresh the display.

Now you can confirm that there are no errors in this CA configuration on this server.

