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Systems and Network Security

Milestone 2

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1. Install a Windows Server virtual machine for RSA MFA deployment.

- a. Add a static IP address to this Windows machine and add the IP address of the AD Windows machine as a DNS server for this machine.
- b. Connect this machine to the domain controller.

2. Protect the Windows Virtual Machine with RSA MFA Agent

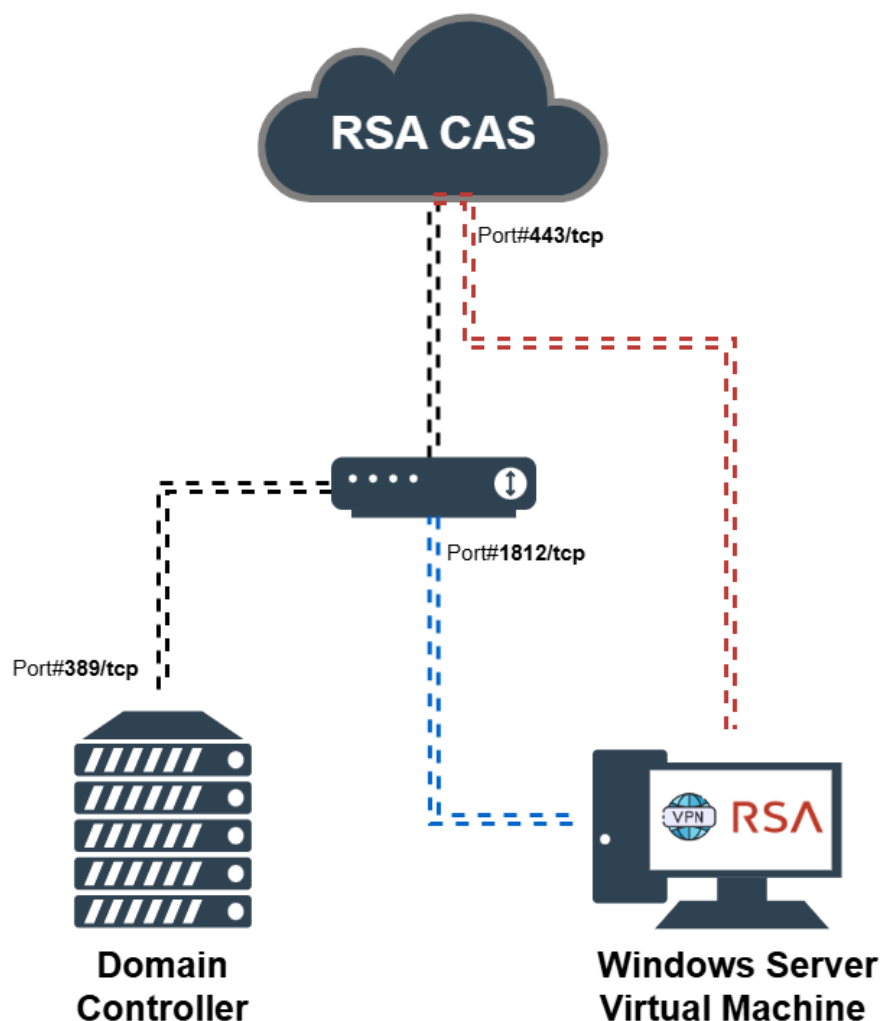
- a. Download the latest RSA MFA Agent as a zipped file
- b. Copy and paste the RSA MFA Agent for Windows zipped file on the Windows virtual machine.
- c. Unzip the RSA MFA Agent for Windows zipped file.
- d. Execute RSA MFA Agent for Microsoft Windows x64
- e. Configure the RSA MFA Agent for Windows
 - I. From the RSA CAS side
 1. Add a 1.0 access policy called **MFA Policy** that enforces multi-factor authentication utilizing a notification-based challenge for user verification.
 2. Copy the authentication API REST URL
 3. Add an API Access Key and copy it into a notepad.
 - II. From the RSA MFA Agent side
 1. Open the start menu > Write "Edit Group Policy"
 2. Choose Local Computer Policy > Computer Configuration > Administrative Templates > RSA Desktop.
 - a. In the Local Authentication Settings folder, enable and configure the following policies with the appropriate entries
 - i. RSA Challenge Group
 - ii. Specify the format used when sending usernames to the RSA authentication server during an MFA authentication
 - iii. Specify logging options
 1. Set the log level to **VERBOSE**.
 2. Select all the components to include in the log files
 - iv. Enable offline authentication
 - b. In the RSA Settings folder, enable and configure the following policies with the appropriate entries
 - i. RSA Authentication API Key
 - ii. Cloud Authentication Service access policy
 - iii. RSA Authentication API REST URL
 3. Open the start menu > Execute "RSA MFA Agent Test Authentication" as an administrator
 4. Enter a username for a user who is a member of the challenge group
 5. You should be prompted to additional authentication using the push notification method
 6. You should have received a push notification on the RSA Authenticator App
 7. After approving the challenge request, a successful authentication method should be promoted
 - f. Validate the user authentication activity from the CAS User Event Monitor.
 - g. Make sure that offline days are downloaded from the RSA CAS User Event Monitor.
 - h. Make sure that offline days are downloaded in the offline days folder on Windows VM
 - i. Do an offline authentication by entering the authenticate tokencode.
 - j. When 'Testing online and offline authentication' shows SUCCESSFUL, navigate to **Local Group Policy Editor > Local Computer Policy > Computer Configuration > Administrative Templates > RSA Desktop > Local Authentication Settings** and make sure that the **Enable RSA authentication group policy** is enabled.

- k. Lockout your PC and try to authenticate using the test user
 - I. You should be prompted to enter the LDAP user password and then receive a push notification for the additional authentication.

3. Integrate a RADIUS client with RSA CAS

- a. Download the latest NTRADPing as a zipped file
- b. Add a RADIUS client on RSA CAS and configure it so that:
 - I. Cloud Authentication Service validates both passwords and applies an access policy for additional authentication.
 - II. Challenged users will always be authenticated using push notification
 - III. The code-matching feature should be disabled. Hint, make sure that Strict code-matching enforcement is disabled
 - IV. Set the same access policy used in the RSA MFA Agent configurations
- c. Transfer the zipped file to the Windows machine on which the RSA MFA Agent is installed
- d. Extract the zipped file and open the NTRADPing program
- e. Check the User Event Monitor for the authentication attempt

Expected Architecture:



Reference Links:

1. [Assurance Levels](#) & [Configure Assurance Levels](#)
2. [Access Policies](#), [Manage Access Policies](#) & [Access Policy Examples](#)
3. [Manage the RSA Authentication API Keys](#)
4. [Add a RADIUS Client for the Cloud Authentication Service](#)
5. [Configure Code Matching Settings](#)

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