



Lab - Installing Certificate Services

Overview

In this lab, you will learn to configure certificate services for Server 2012 r2. Certificate Services, a service running on a Windows server operating system, receives requests for new digital certificates over transports such as RPC or HTTP. It checks each request against custom or site-specific policies, sets optional properties for a certificate to be issued, and issues the certificate. Certificate Services allows administrators to add elements to a certificate revocation list (CRL), and to publish signed CRLs on a regular basis.

Lab configuration

- Clean virtual install of Server 2012
- Server joined to the existing domain.
- IIS installed

Instructions

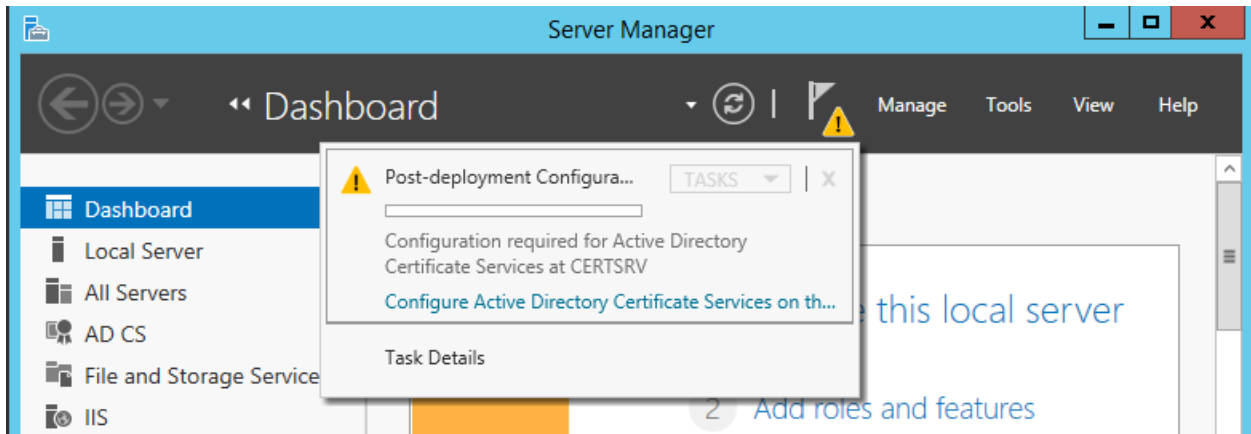
Installing an Enterprise Certificate of Authority

Open PowerShell and type in the following command:

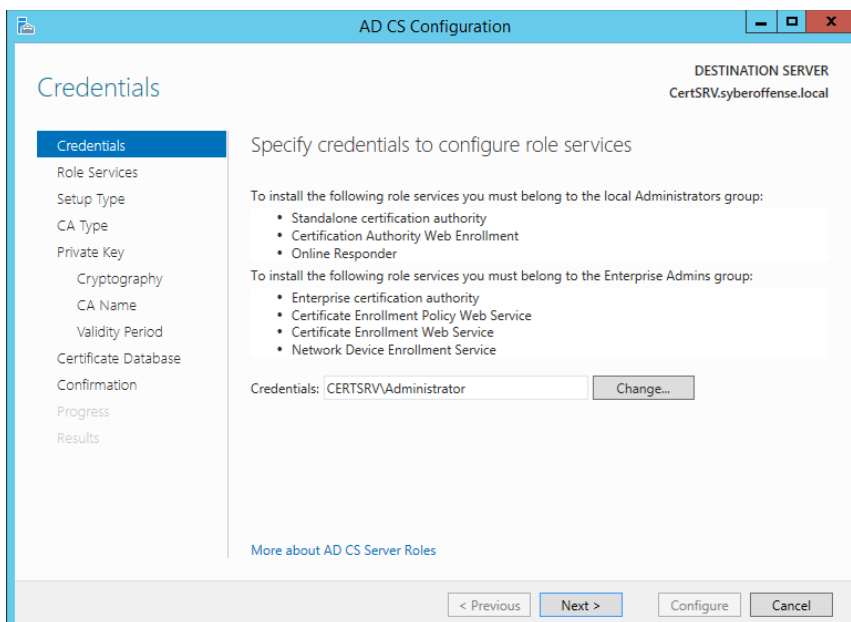
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Add-WindowsFeature ADCS-Cert-Authority
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PS C:\Users\Administrator> Add-WindowsFeature ADCS-Cert-Authority
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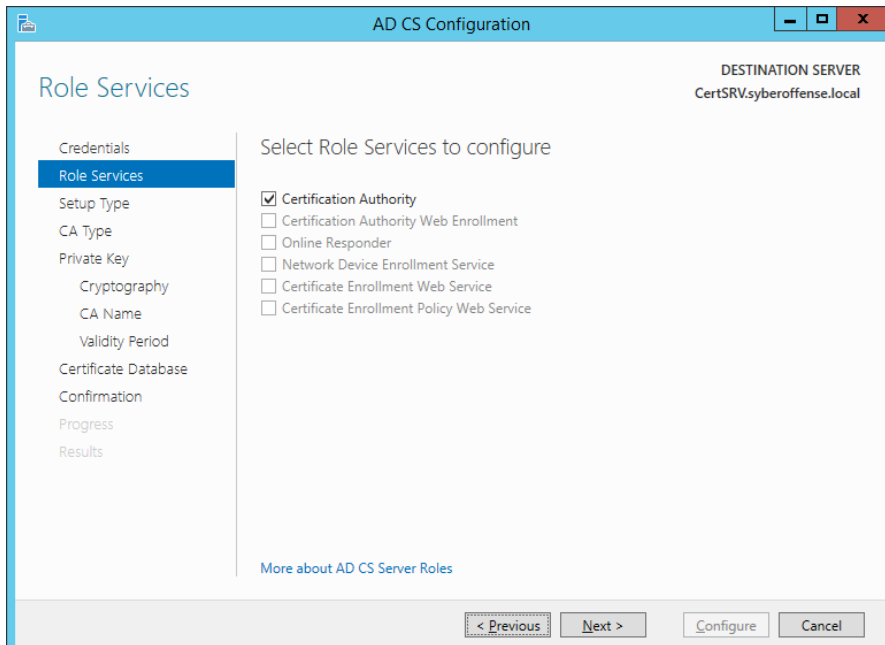
Once the installation has completed successfully, open Server Manager and click on the information warning for Configure Certificate Services on the destination server. This same link is available from the installation page of the wizard.



On the Credentials page, change your credentials to that of your domain administrator account. Next.

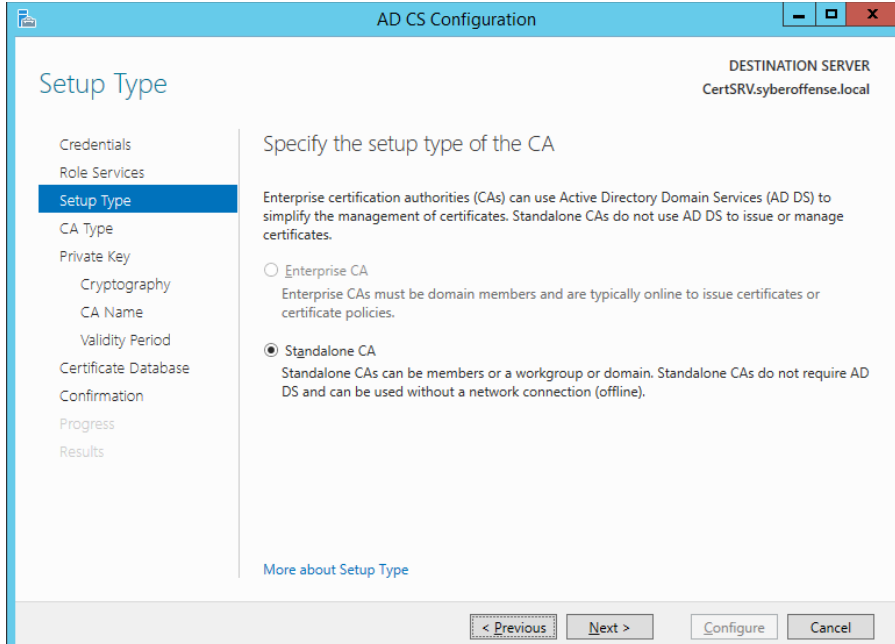


On the Select role, services to configure page, click to select Certificate Authority and click Next.



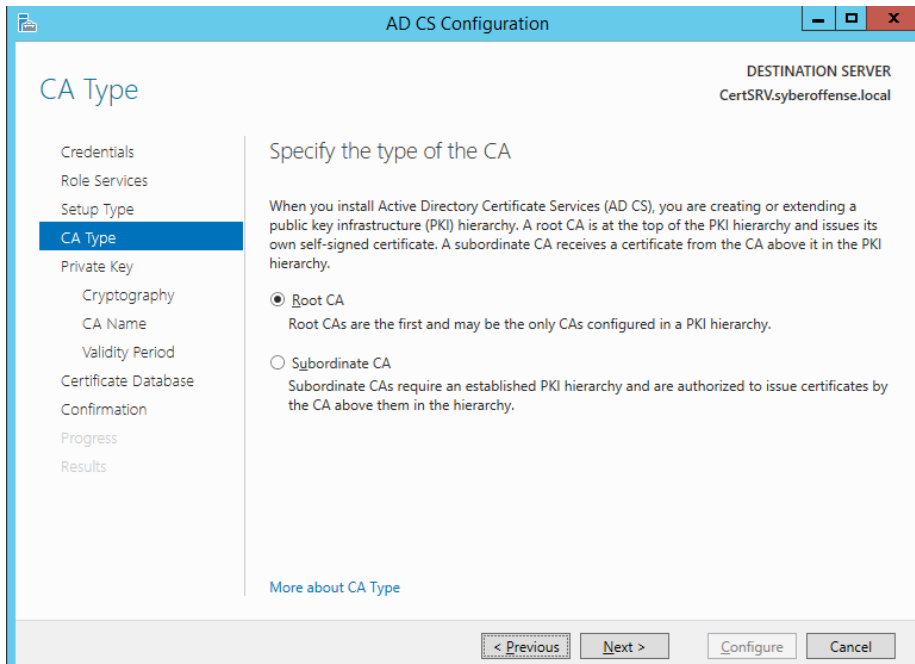
The screenshot shows the 'AD CS Configuration' window with the 'Role Services' tab selected. The left sidebar lists various steps: Credentials, Role Services (selected), Setup Type, CA Type, Private Key, Cryptography, CA Name, Validity Period, Certificate Database, Confirmation, Progress, and Results. The main area is titled 'Select Role Services to configure'. It contains a list of services with checkboxes: ☒ Certification Authority, ☐ Certification Authority Web Enrollment, ☐ Online Responder, ☐ Network Device Enrollment Service, ☐ Certificate Enrollment Web Service, and ☐ Certificate Enrollment Policy Web Service. At the top right, it says 'DESTINATION SERVER CertSRV.syberoffense.local'. At the bottom, there are buttons for '< Previous', 'Next >', 'Configure', and 'Cancel'.

On the Setup Type page, ensure that Standalone CA is selected and click Next.



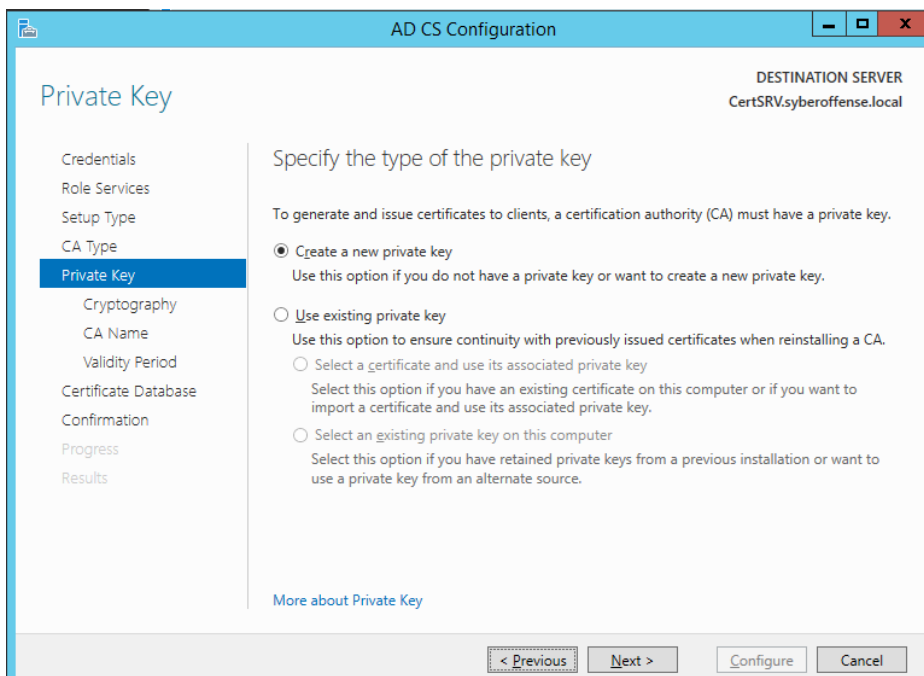
The screenshot shows the 'AD CS Configuration' window with the 'Setup Type' tab selected. The left sidebar is the same as the previous screenshot, but 'Setup Type' is now selected. The main area is titled 'Specify the setup type of the CA'. It contains two radio button options:
1. ☐ Enterprise CA: Enterprise certification authorities (CAs) can use Active Directory Domain Services (AD DS) to simplify the management of certificates. Standalone CAs do not use AD DS to issue or manage certificates. Enterprise CAs must be domain members and are typically online to issue certificates or certificate policies.
2. ☒ Standalone CA: Standalone CAs can be members or a workgroup or domain. Standalone CAs do not require AD DS and can be used without a network connection (offline).
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On the CA Type page, ensure that Root CA is selected and click Next.



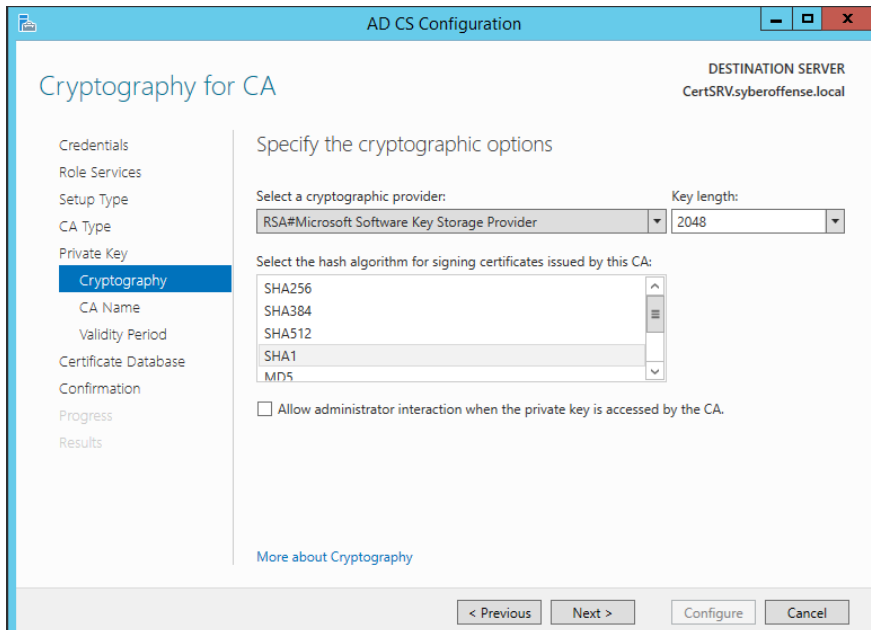
The screenshot shows the 'AD CS Configuration' window with the 'CA Type' tab selected. The left sidebar lists the configuration steps: Credentials, Role Services, Setup Type, CA Type (selected), Private Key, Cryptography, CA Name, Validity Period, Certificate Database, Confirmation, Progress, and Results. The main area is titled 'Specify the type of the CA'. It explains that when installing Active Directory Certificate Services (AD CS), you are creating or extending a public key infrastructure (PKI) hierarchy. A root CA is at the top of the PKI hierarchy and issues its own self-signed certificate. A subordinate CA receives a certificate from the CA above it in the PKI hierarchy. There are two radio button options: 'Root CA' (selected) and 'Subordinate CA'. Below 'Root CA' is the text: 'Root CAs are the first and may be the only CAs configured in a PKI hierarchy.' Below 'Subordinate CA' is the text: 'Subordinate CAs require an established PKI hierarchy and are authorized to issue certificates by the CA above them in the hierarchy.' At the bottom right, it says 'DESTINATION SERVER CertSRV.syberoffense.local'. At the bottom, there are buttons: '< Previous', 'Next >', 'Configure', and 'Cancel'.

On the Private Key page, click to select Create a new Private key and click Next.



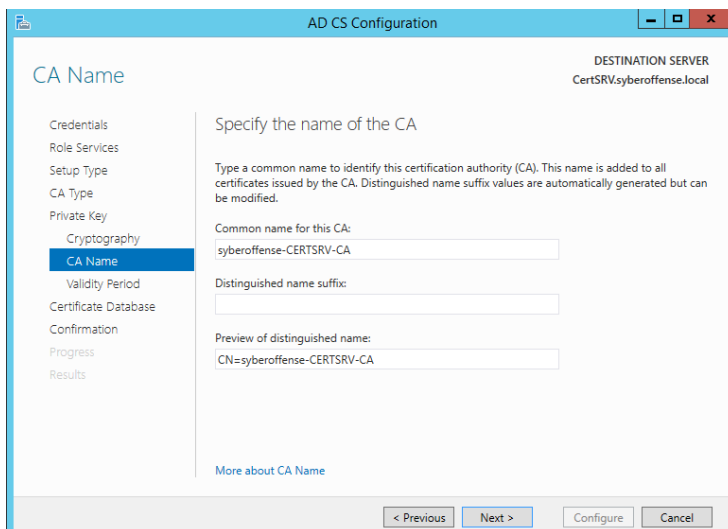
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On the Cryptography for CA page, leave the key length to 20148 and click Next.



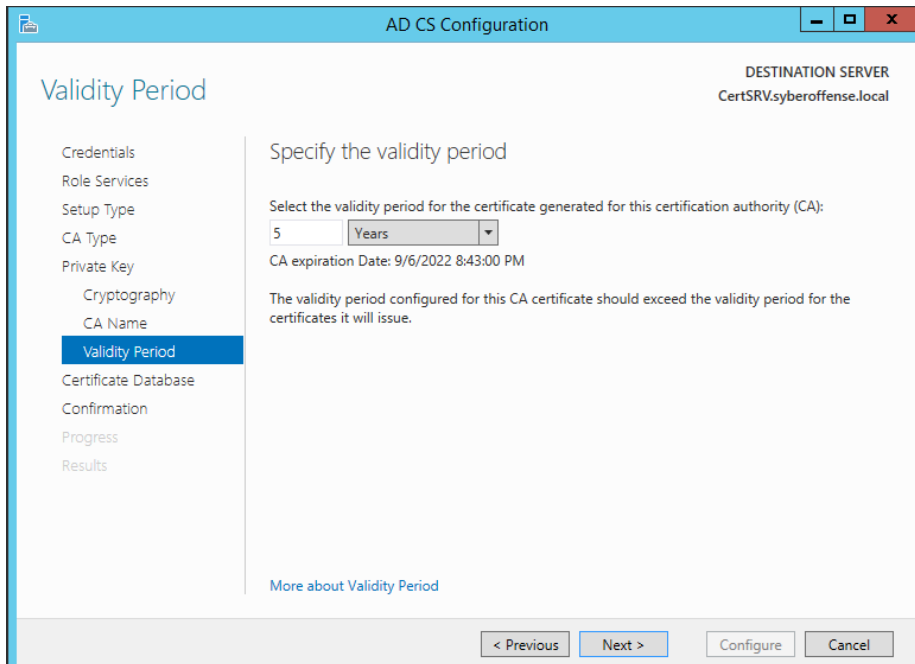
The screenshot shows the 'Cryptography for CA' page of the 'AD CS Configuration' wizard. The left-hand navigation pane lists various steps: Credentials, Role Services, Setup Type, CA Type, Private Key, **Cryptography** (highlighted), CA Name, Validity Period, Certificate Database, Confirmation, Progress, and Results. The main content area is titled 'Specify the cryptographic options'. It includes a 'Select a cryptographic provider:' dropdown menu set to 'RSA#Microsoft Software Key Storage Provider' and a 'Key length:' dropdown set to '2048'. Below this is a 'Select the hash algorithm for signing certificates issued by this CA:' list box containing SHA256, SHA384, SHA512, SHA1, and MD5, with SHA1 selected. A checkbox labeled 'Allow administrator interaction when the private key is accessed by the CA.' is present and unchecked. At the bottom, there are buttons for '< Previous', 'Next >', 'Configure', and 'Cancel'. The top right corner indicates the 'DESTINATION SERVER' as 'CertSRV.syberoffense.local'.

On the CA Name page, accept the default name and click Next.

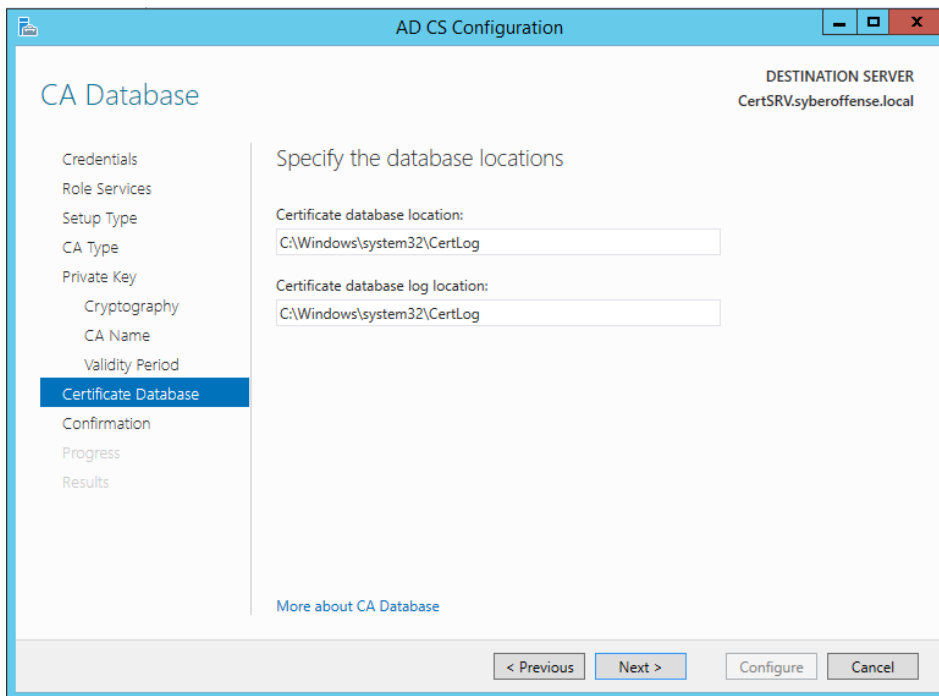


The screenshot shows the 'CA Name' page of the 'AD CS Configuration' wizard. The left-hand navigation pane is the same as the previous page, with 'CA Name' now highlighted. The main content area is titled 'Specify the name of the CA'. It contains a text box for 'Common name for this CA:' with the value 'syberoffense-CERTSRV-CA'. Below it is a text box for 'Distinguished name suffix:' which is empty. A 'Preview of distinguished name:' text box shows 'CN=syberoffense-CERTSRV-CA'. At the bottom, there are buttons for '< Previous', 'Next >', 'Configure', and 'Cancel'. The top right corner indicates the 'DESTINATION SERVER' as 'CertSRV.syberoffense.local'.

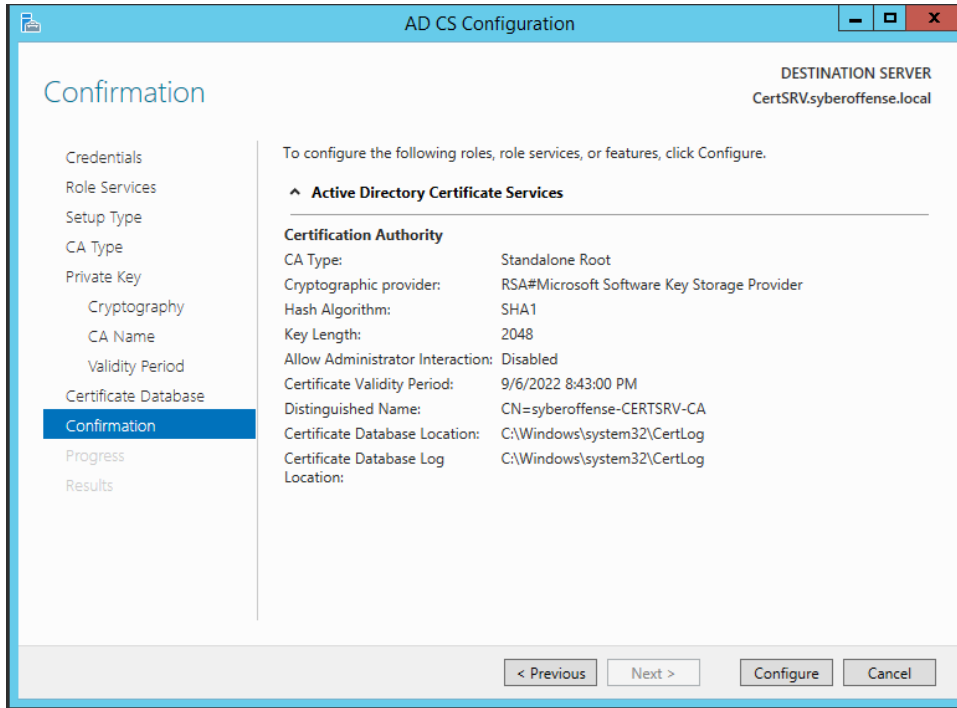
On the Validity Period page, accept the defaults and click Next.



The CA Database page displays the default location where the database will be located.



Click Next. On the Confirmation page, click Configure.



Once the configuration is complete, click Close twice.

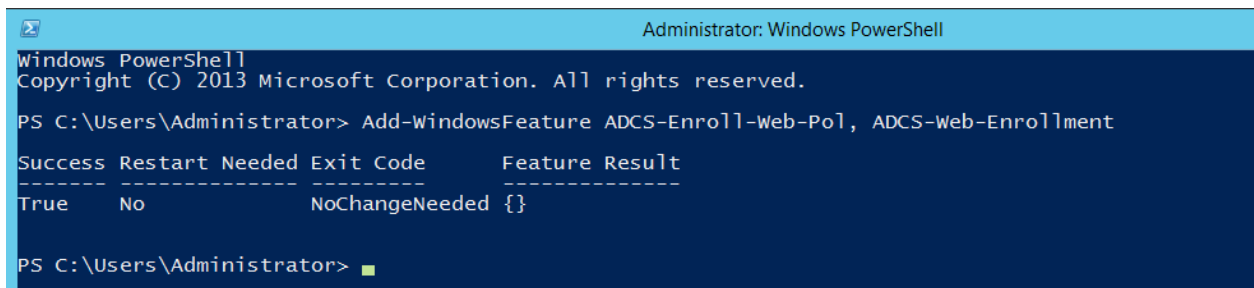
We now need to install some additional features and to do this we will be using PowerShell.

We will Install these two features:

- Certification Authority Web Enrollment
- Certificate Web Enrollment

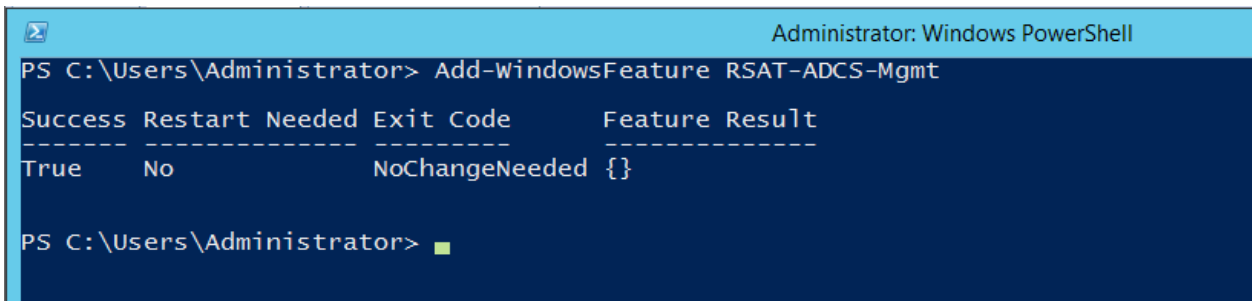
We can Install both features using one command

Add-WindowsFeature ADCS-Enroll-Web-Pol, ADCS-Web-Enrollment



We now need to install the management console for certificate services. For this, we can use the following command:

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Add-WindowsFeature RSAT-ADCS-Mgmt
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PS C:\Users\Administrator> Add-WindowsFeature RSAT-ADCS-Mgmt

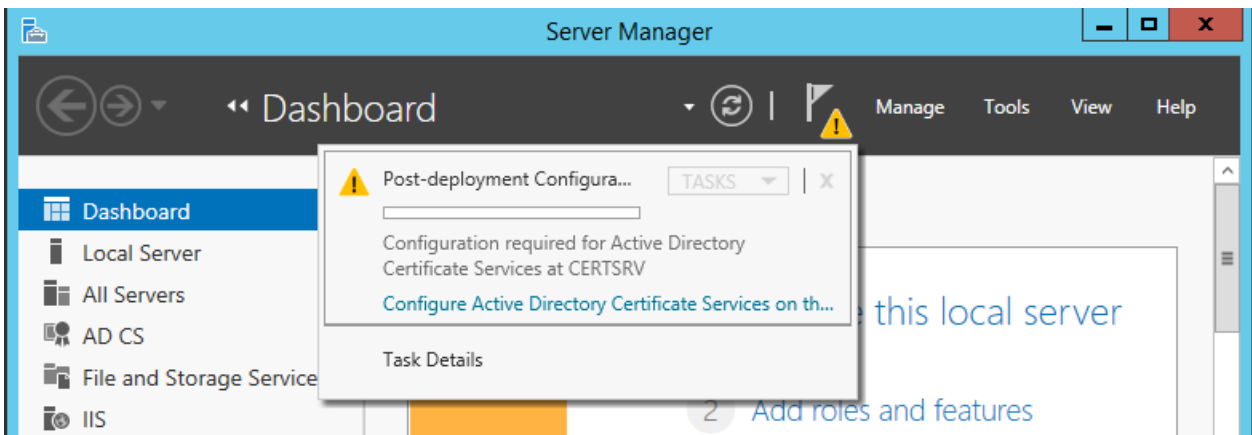
Success Restart Needed Exit Code      Feature Result
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True     No                NoChangeNeeded {}

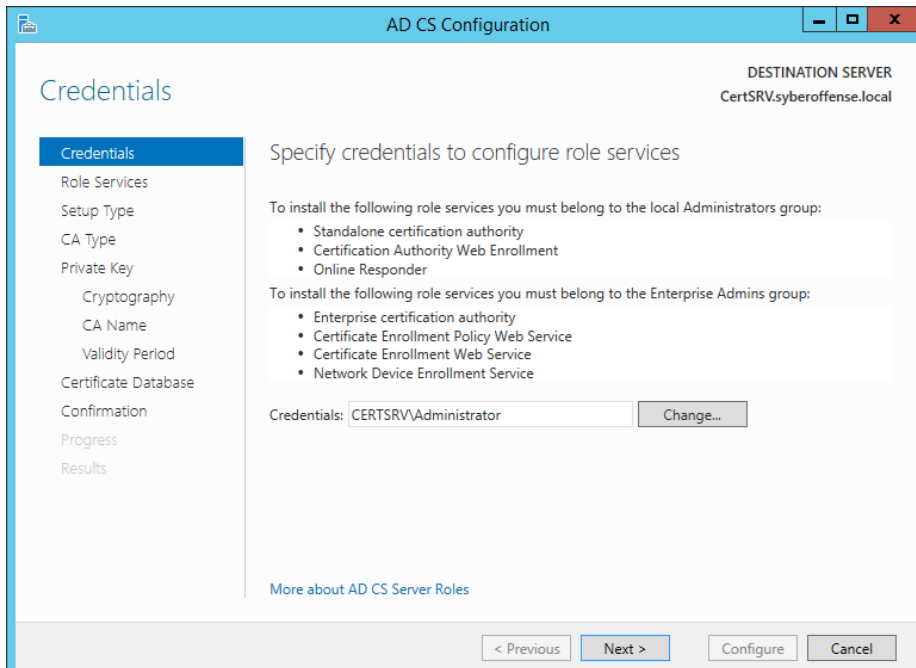
PS C:\Users\Administrator>
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Open Certificate of Authority from Tools in Server Manager.

We can now return to Server Manager and once again, we need to configure the new features we installed.

As before, if Server Manager does not have a notification waiting for us, we can either use the refresh option or close and restart Server Manager for the notification to appear.





AD CS Configuration

DESTINATION SERVER
CertSRV.syberoffense.local

Credentials

Specify credentials to configure role services

To install the following role services you must belong to the local Administrators group:

- Standalone certification authority
- Certification Authority Web Enrollment
- Online Responder

To install the following role services you must belong to the Enterprise Admins group:

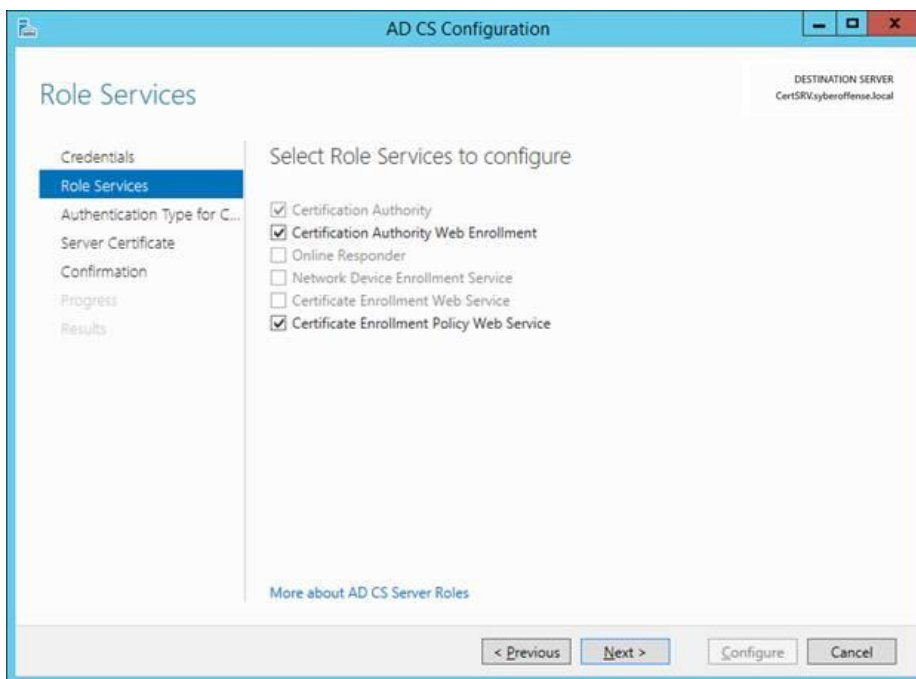
- Enterprise certification authority
- Certificate Enrollment Policy Web Service
- Certificate Enrollment Web Service
- Network Device Enrollment Service

Credentials:

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Check the boxes for Certification Authority Web Enrollment and Certificate Enrollment Policy Web Service.



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Role Services

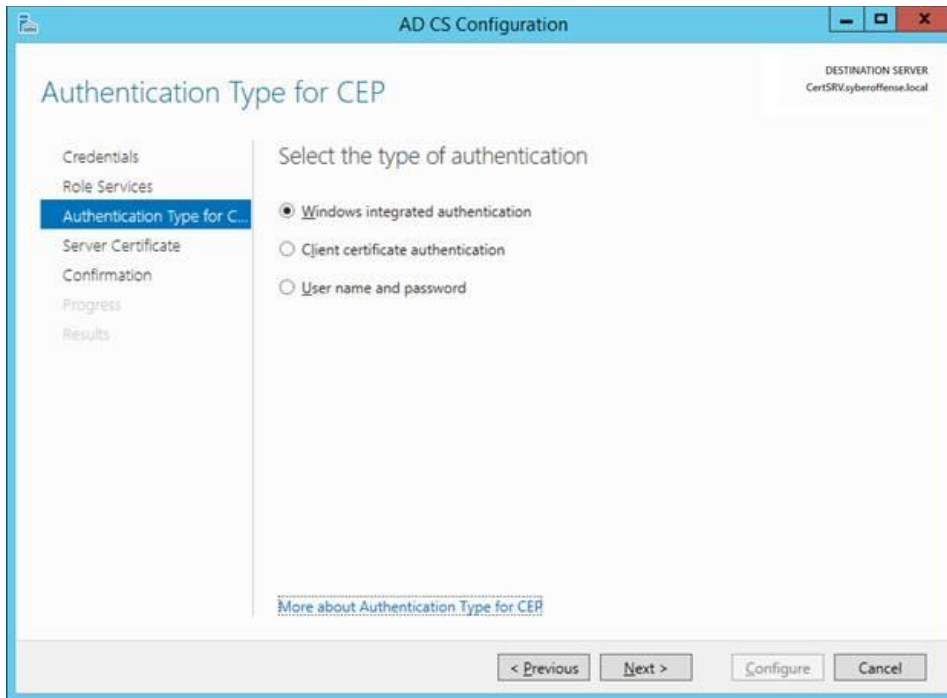
Select Role Services to configure

- ☒ Certification Authority
- ☒ Certification Authority Web Enrollment
- ☐ Online Responder
- ☐ Network Device Enrollment Service
- ☐ Certificate Enrollment Web Service
- ☒ Certificate Enrollment Policy Web Service

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Select, Windows Integrated Authentication.



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Authentication Type for CEP

Credentials
Role Services
Authentication Type for C...
Server Certificate
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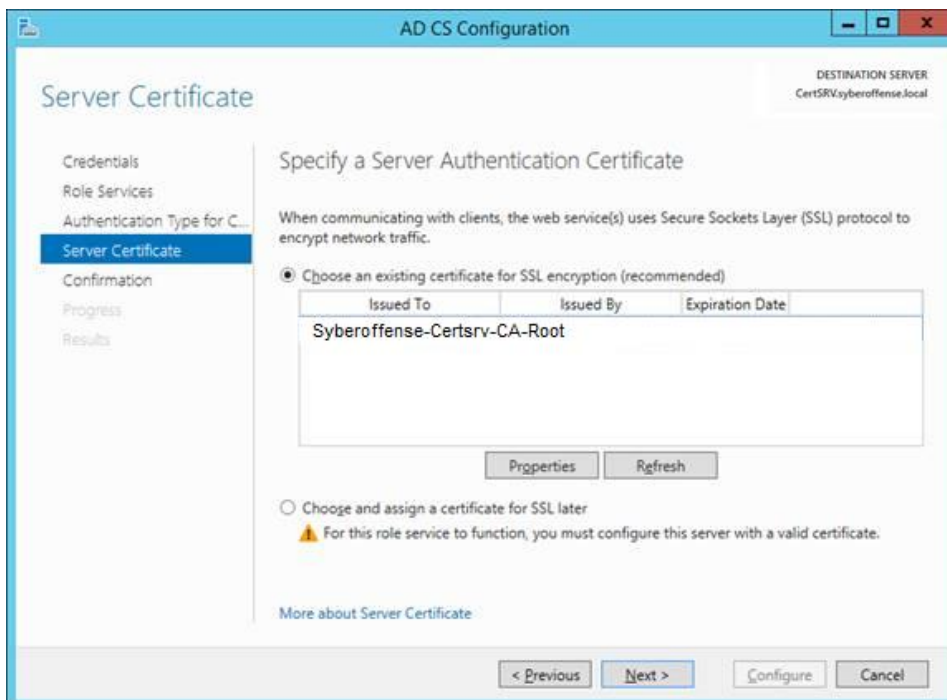
Select the type of authentication

- ☒ Windows integrated authentication
- ☐ Client certificate authentication
- ☐ User name and password

[More about Authentication Type for CEP](#)

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Select the Server Authentication Certificate with your domain name.



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Server Certificate

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Specify a Server Authentication Certificate

When communicating with clients, the web service(s) uses Secure Sockets Layer (SSL) protocol to encrypt network traffic.

- ☒ Choose an existing certificate for SSL encryption (recommended)
- ☐ Choose and assign a certificate for SSL later

Issued To	Issued By	Expiration Date
Syberoffense-Certsrv-CA-Root		

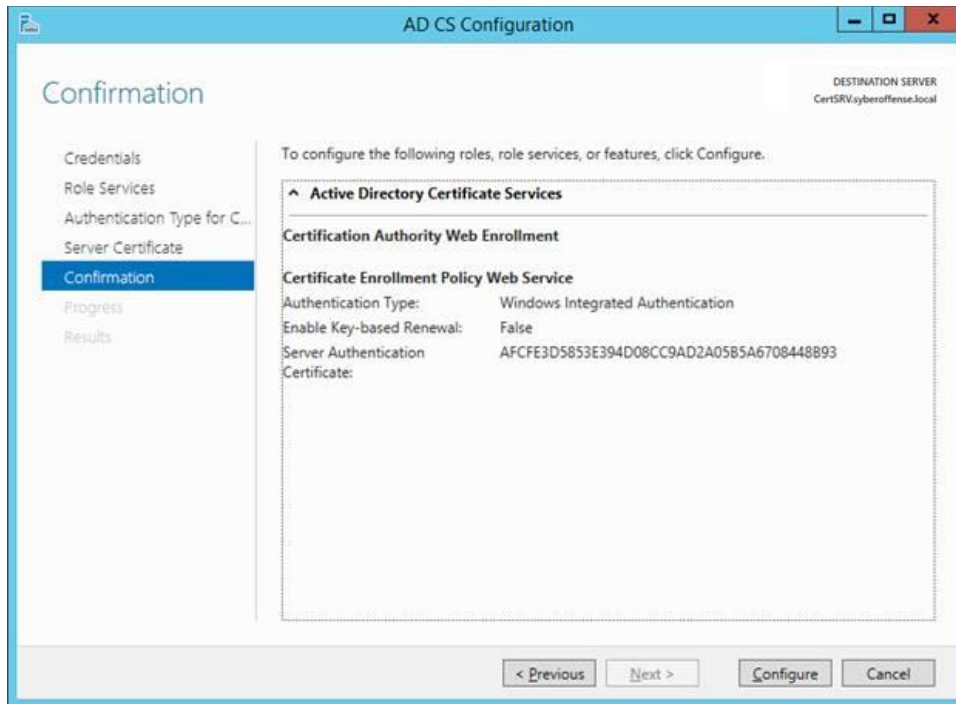
Properties Refresh

 For this role service to function, you must configure this server with a valid certificate.

[More about Server Certificate](#)

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Check over the confirmation page and then click Configure.

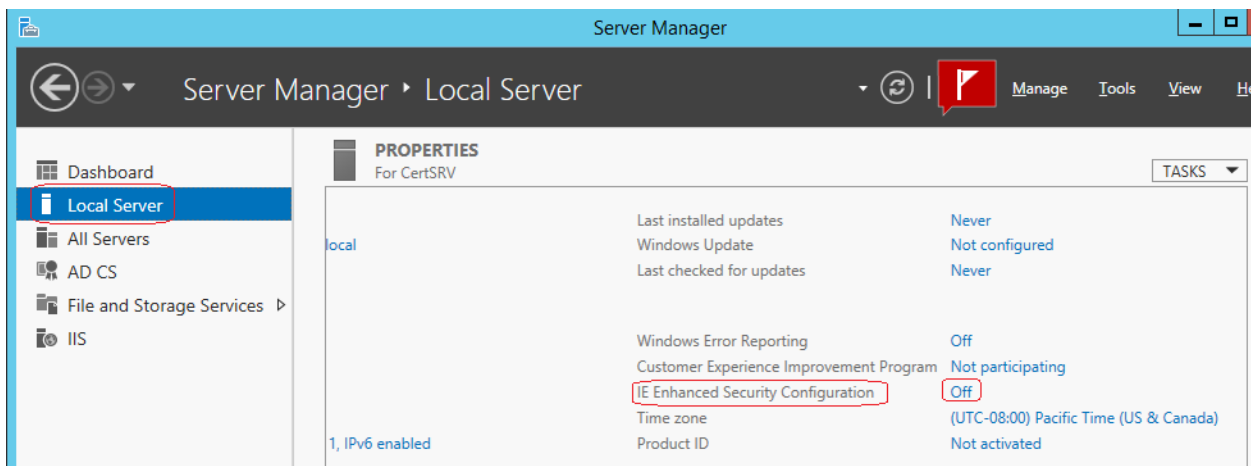


Once the installation of the additional features has completed, close the

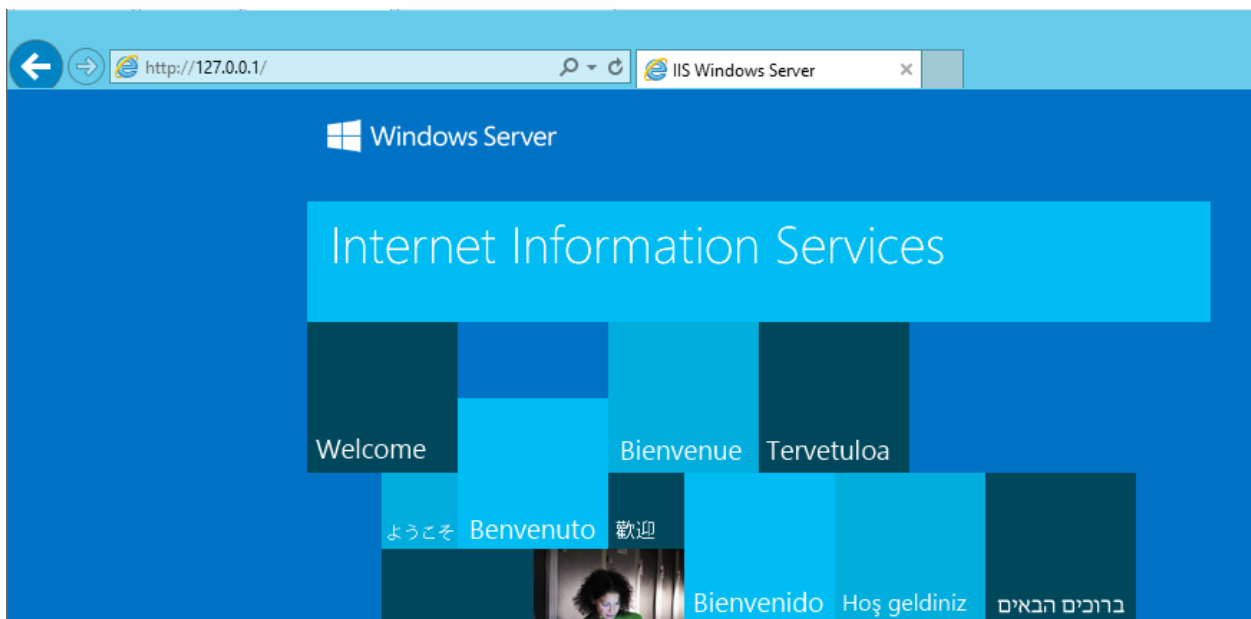


We are now ready to test our installation of Certificate Services. To do this, we will attempt to open the Cert Services Web page using IE.

We begin by ensuring the IE Enhanced Security Configuration is turned off.



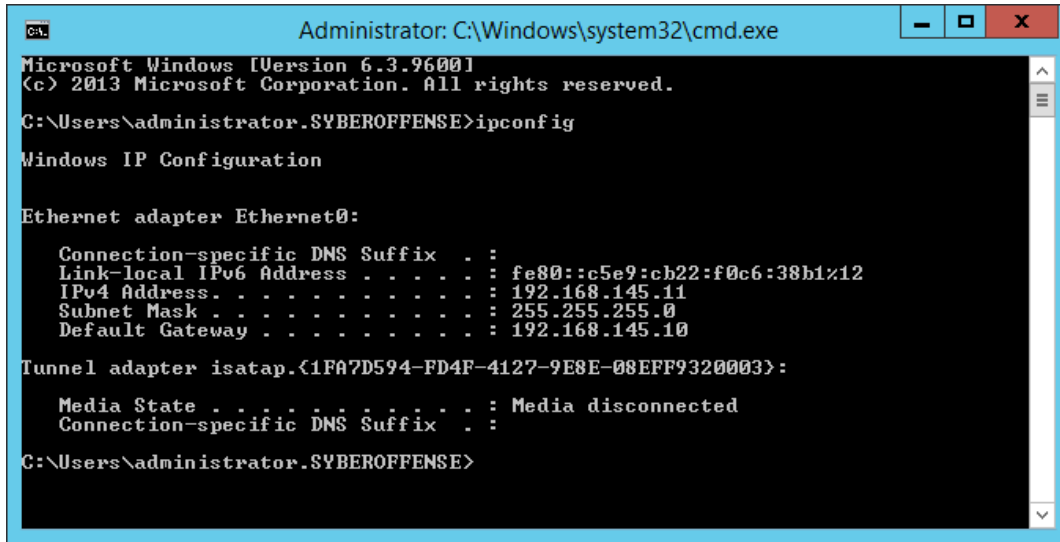
We next open IE, and in the address bar, we type <http://127.0.0.1> to confirm that IIS is installed and working. This should open the default web page for your IIS server.



Once IIS has been confirmed as working, we are ready to launch the Cert Server Web page.

The Cert Server web page is using https. The easiest way to connect to the Cert Server web page is using the servers IP address.

If you do not know your cert Servers IP address, bring up a command prompt and type in the IPCONFIG command.



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Administrator: C:\Windows\system32\cmd.exe
Microsoft Windows [Version 6.3.9600]
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C:\Users\administrator.SYBEROFFENSE>ipconfig

Windows IP Configuration

Ethernet adapter Ethernet0:

    Connection-specific DNS Suffix  . : 
    Link-local IPv6 Address . . . . . : fe80::c5e9:cb22:f0c6:38b1%12
    IPv4 Address. . . . . : 192.168.145.11
    Subnet Mask . . . . . : 255.255.255.0
    Default Gateway . . . . . : 192.168.145.10

Tunnel adapter isatap.{1FA7D594-FD4F-4127-9E8E-08EFF9320003}:

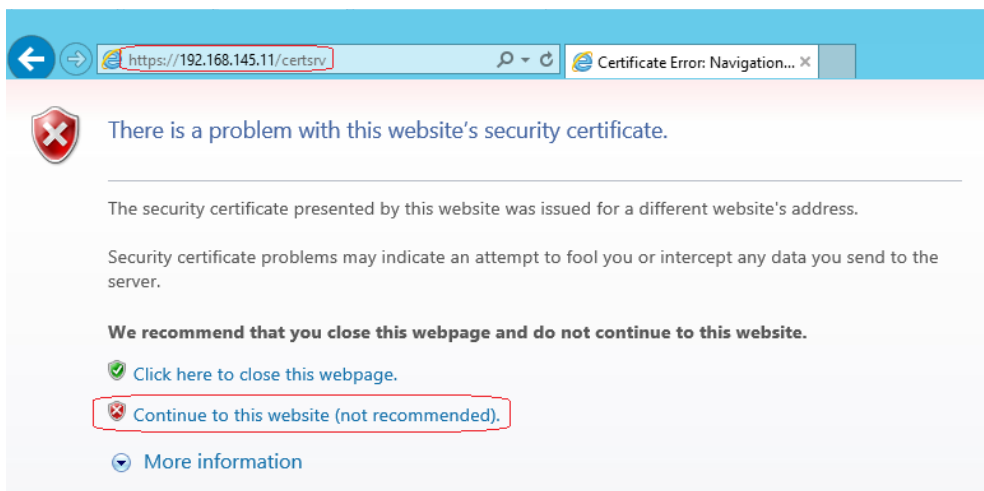
    Media State . . . . . : Media disconnected
    Connection-specific DNS Suffix  . : 

C:\Users\administrator.SYBEROFFENSE>
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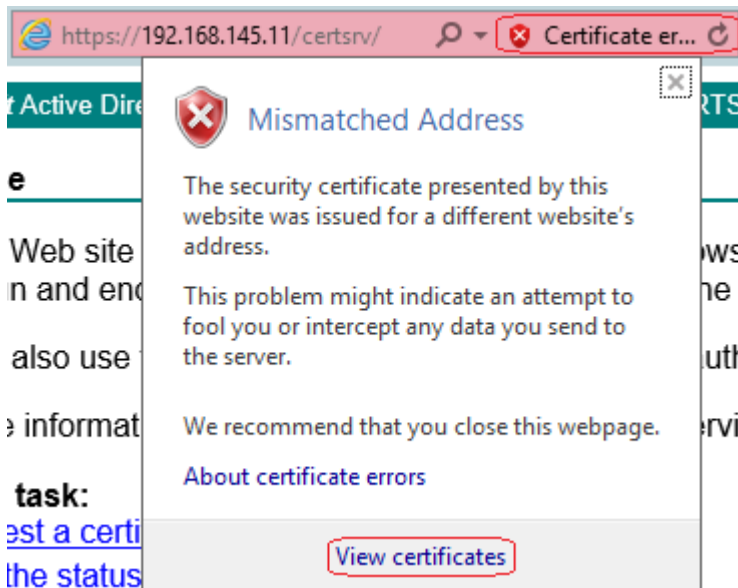
Back at the address bar in IE, we type in the following replacing your Cert Server IP address with the one shown in the example.

<https://192.168.145.11/certsrv>

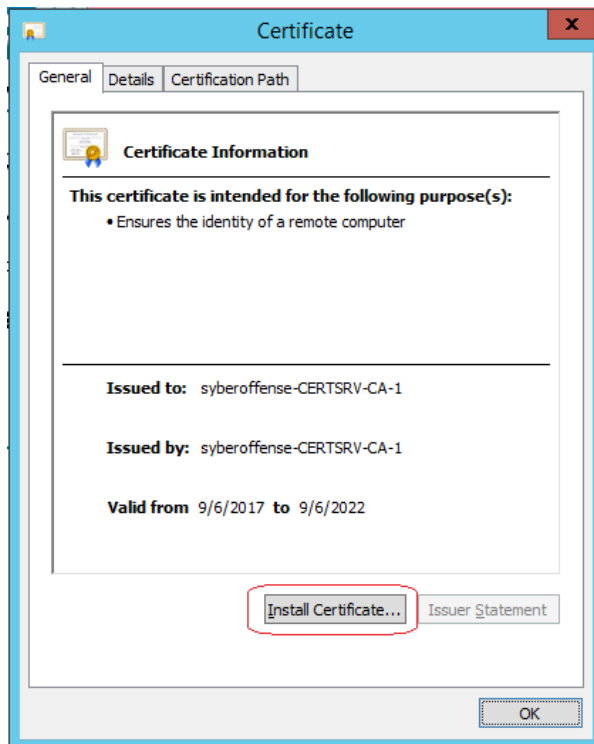
This brings up a warning about the website's security certificate. Accept the risk by selecting the option to Continue to this website (not recommended)



Once the Cert Server page loads, you can go to the address bar and click on the red x to view and install the problem certificate.



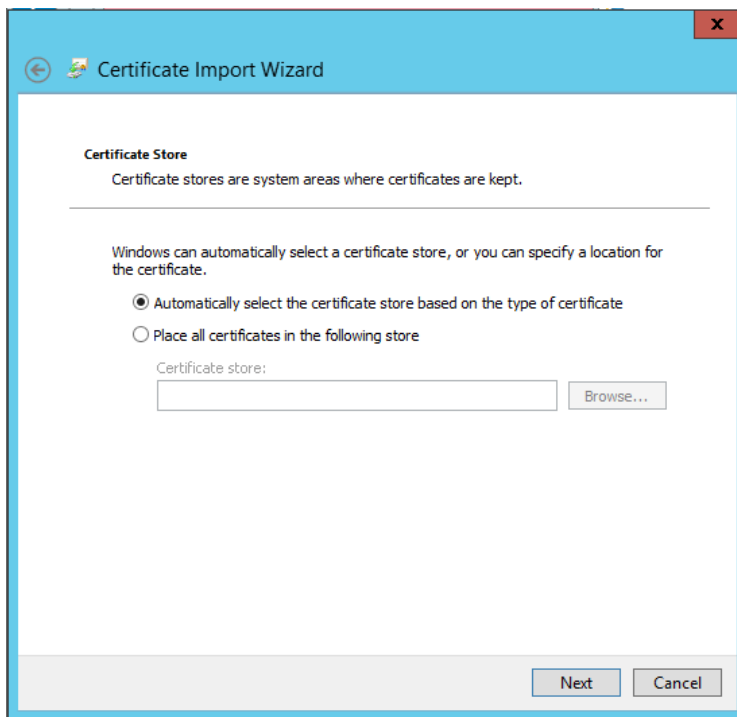
Click on Install Certificate.



Accept the default store location, and click next.

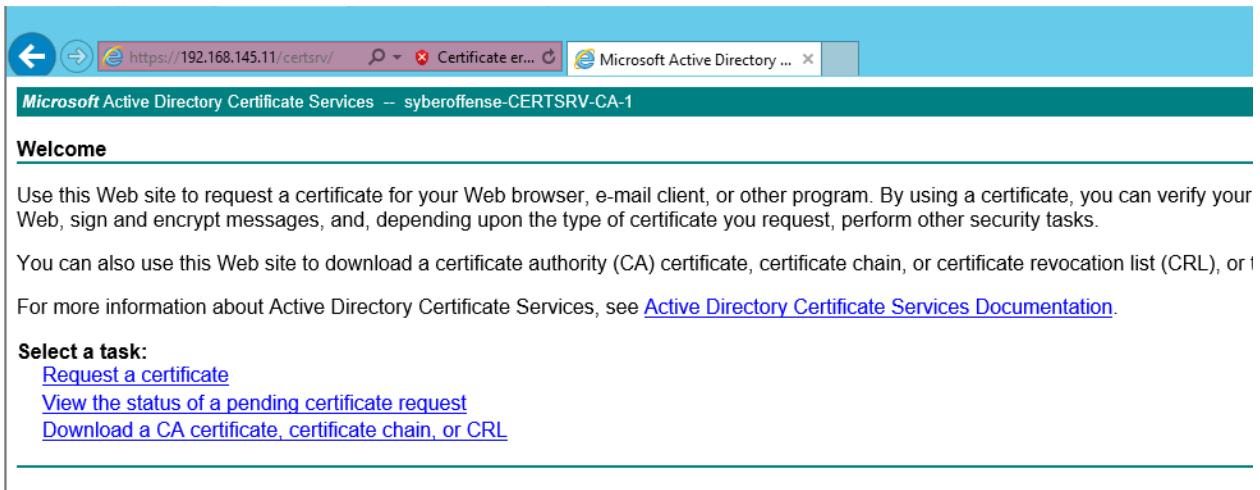


Accept the default for the certificate store.





Click Finish to complete the wizard.



Summary

In this lab, to learned how to install Certificate Services using PowerShell and the Server Manager. Certificate Services can be used to issues a variety of situation to include Citrix and authentication to Active Directory.

End of the Lab!