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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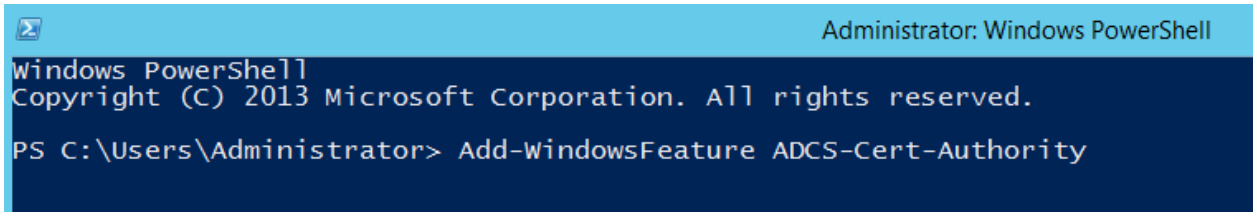
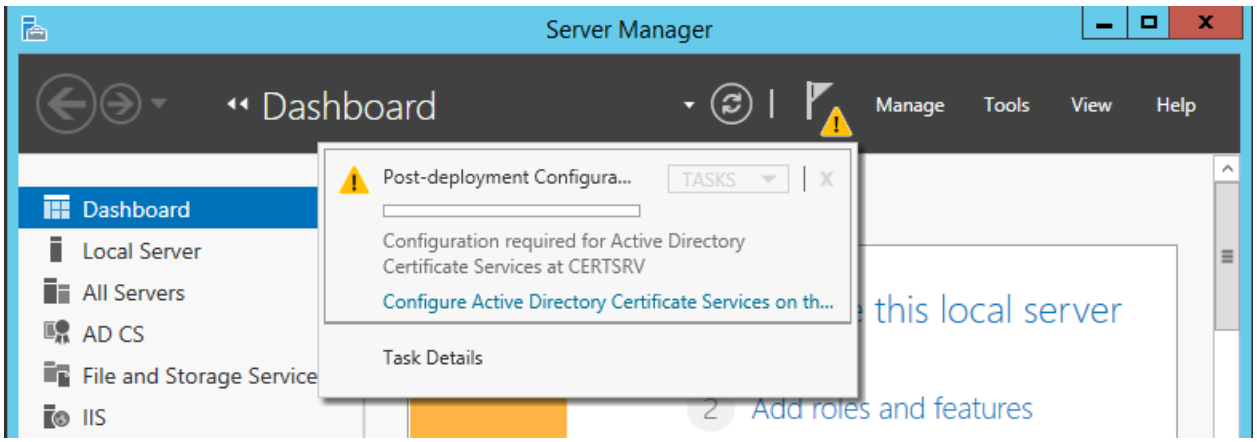
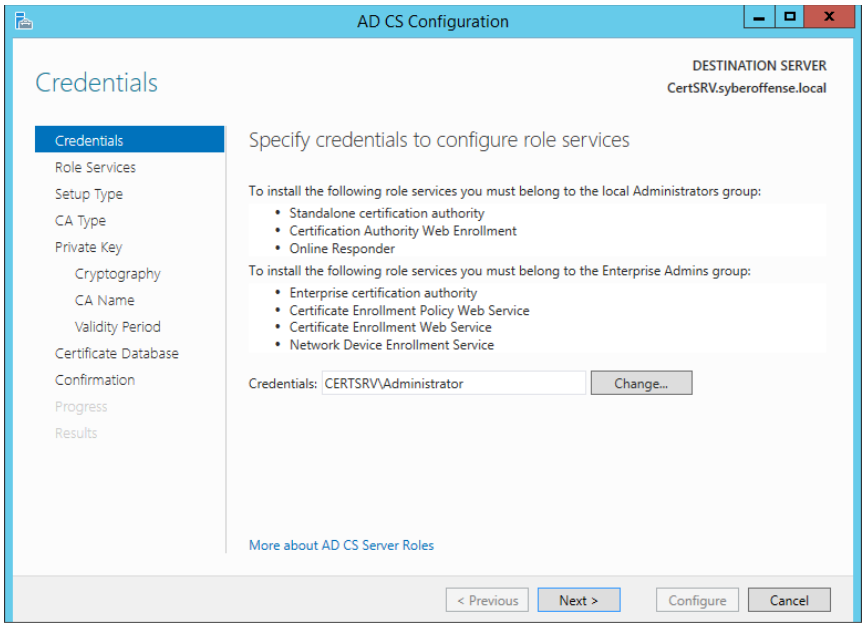


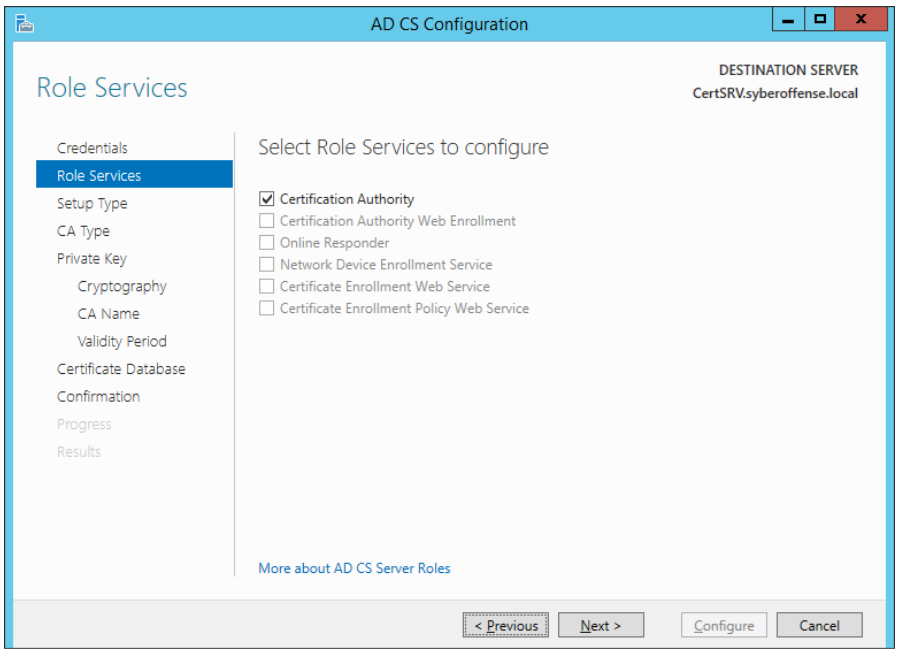
Once the installation has completed successfully, open Server Manager and click on the information warning for Configure Certificate Services on the destination server. This same link is available from the installation page of the wizard.



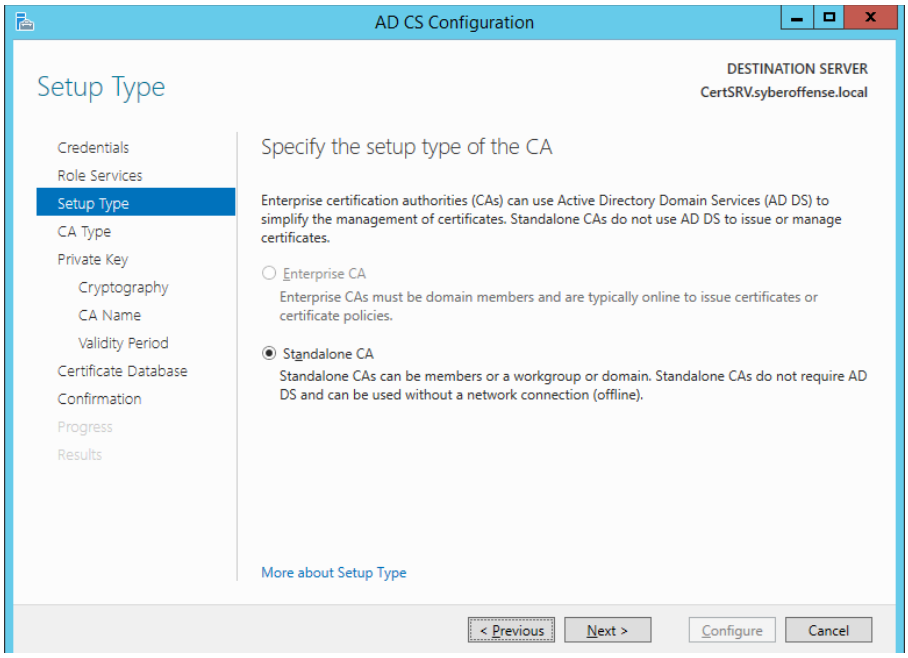
On the Credentials page, change your credentials to that of your domain administrator account. Next.



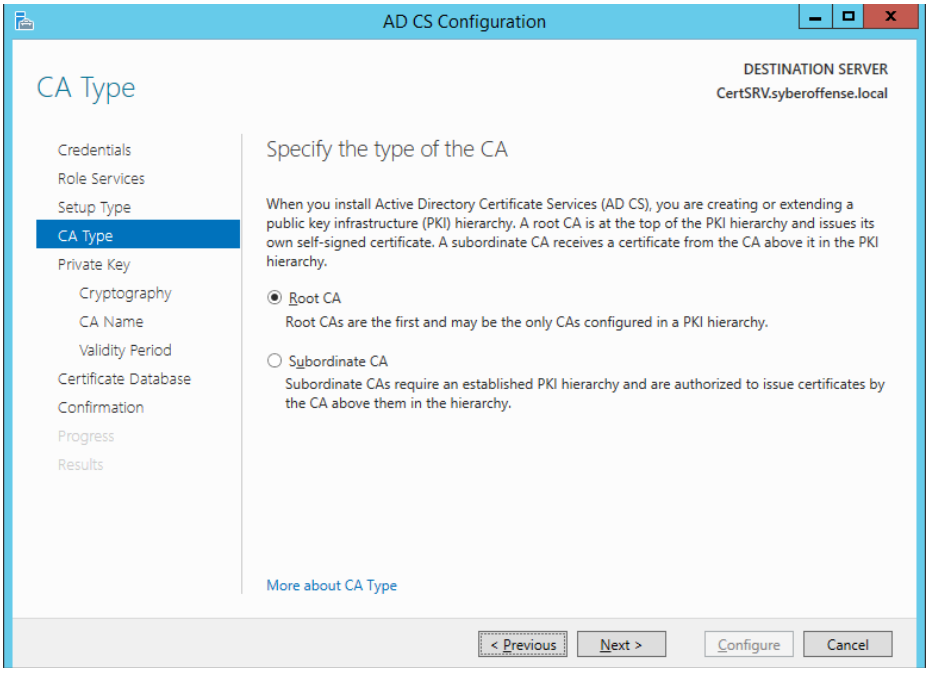
On the Select role, services to configure page, click to select Certificate Authority and click Next.



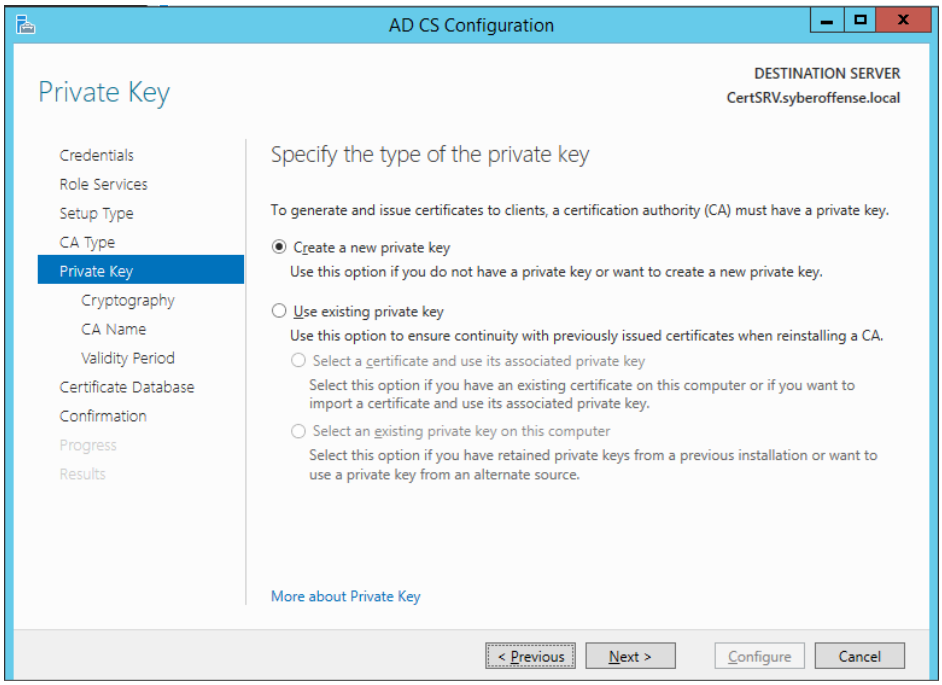
On the Setup Type page, ensure that Standalone CA is selected and click Next.



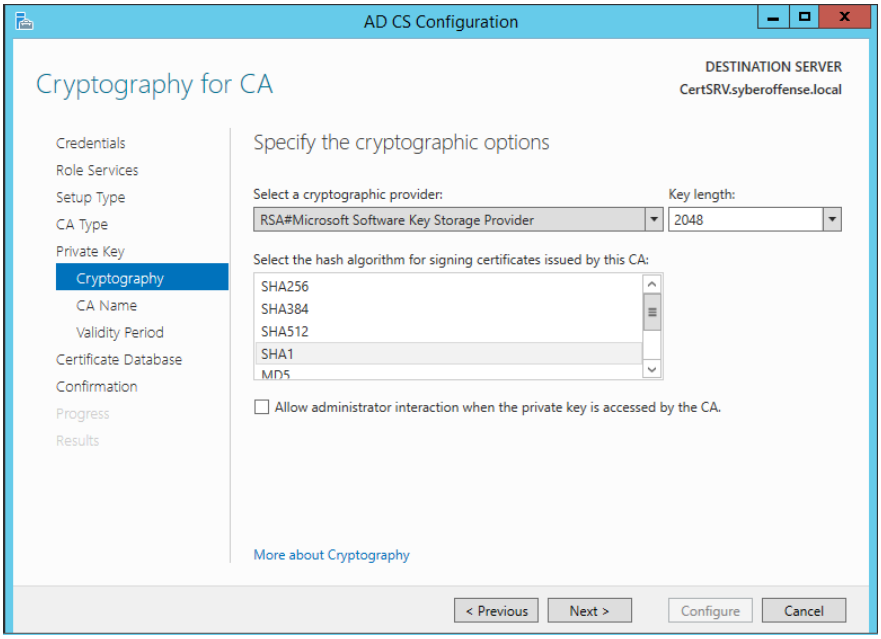
On the CA Type page, ensure that Root CA is selected and click Next.



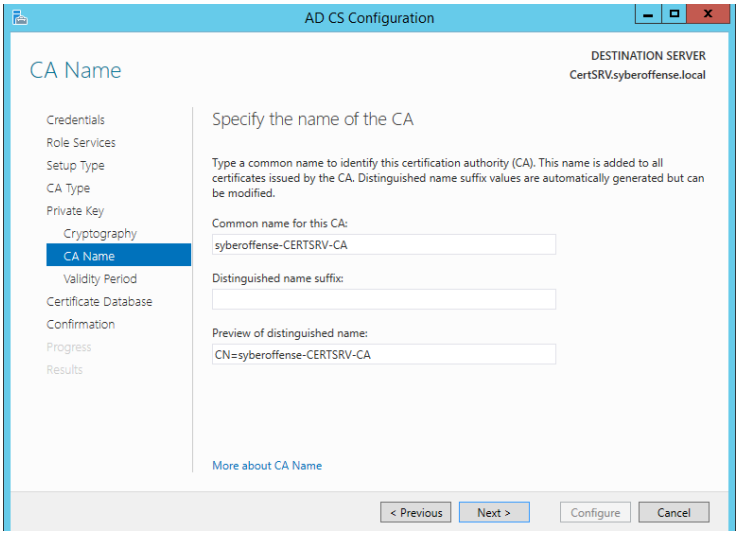
On the Private Key page, click to select Create a new Private key and click Next.



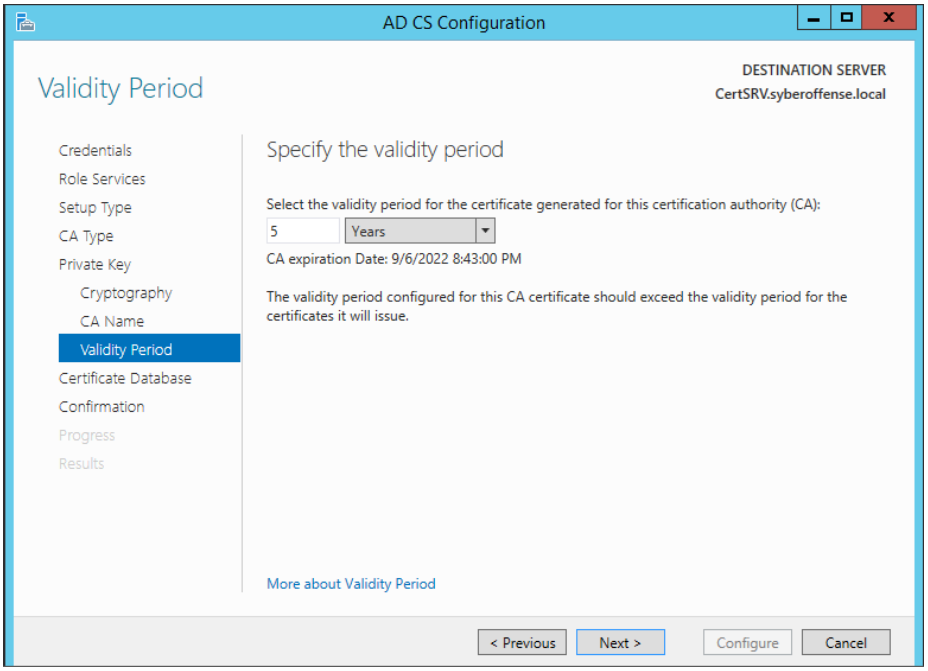
On the Cryptography for CA page, leave the key length to 20148 and click Next.



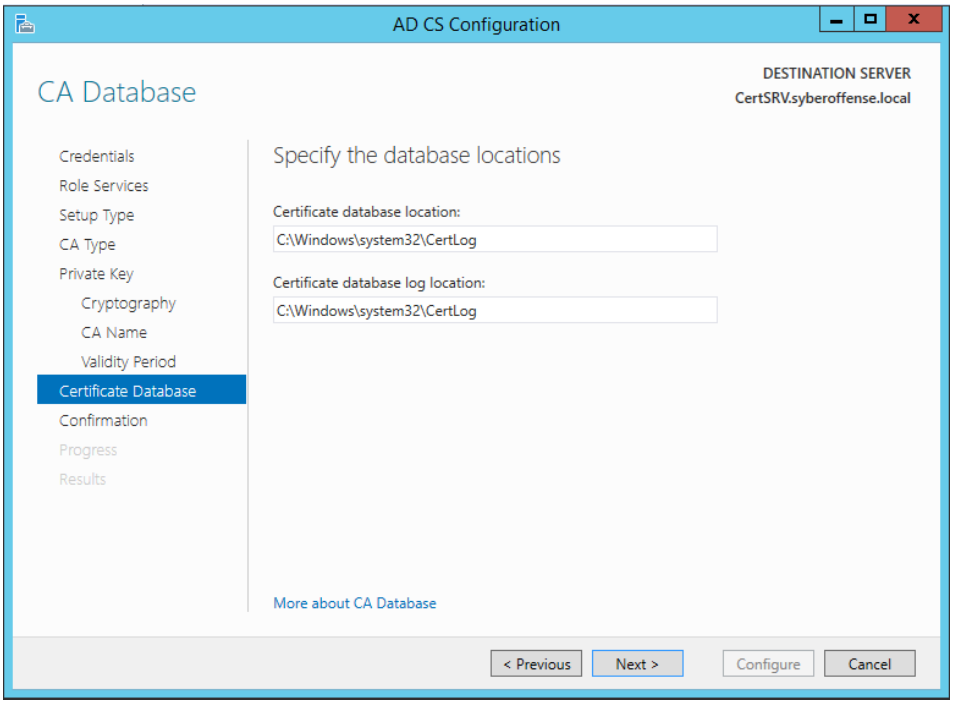
On the CA Name page, accept the default name and click Next.



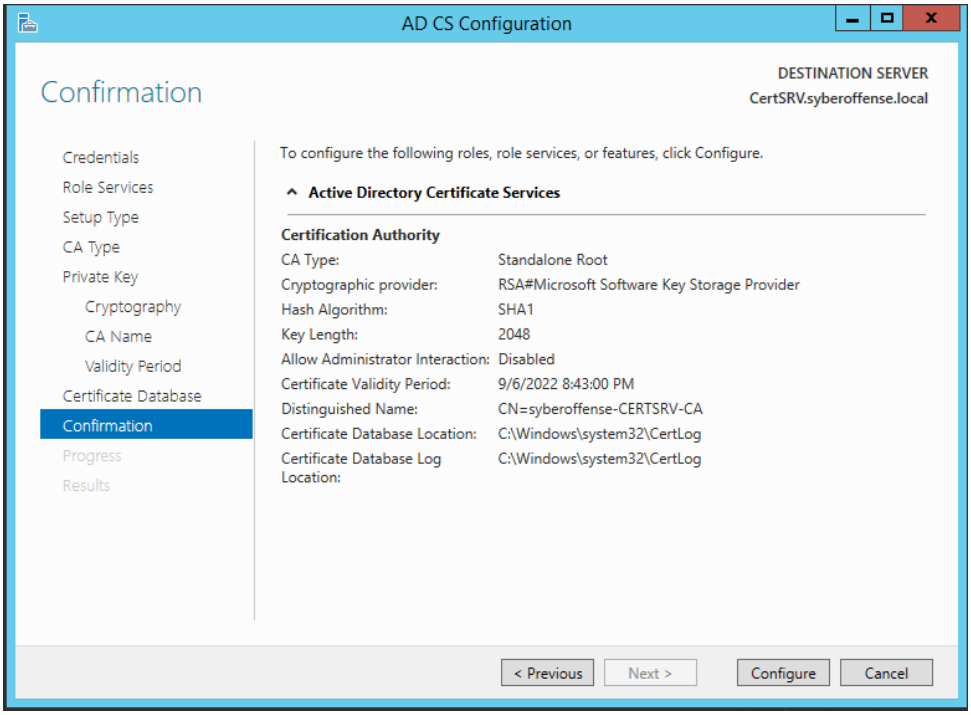
On the Validity Period page, accept the defaults and click Next.



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

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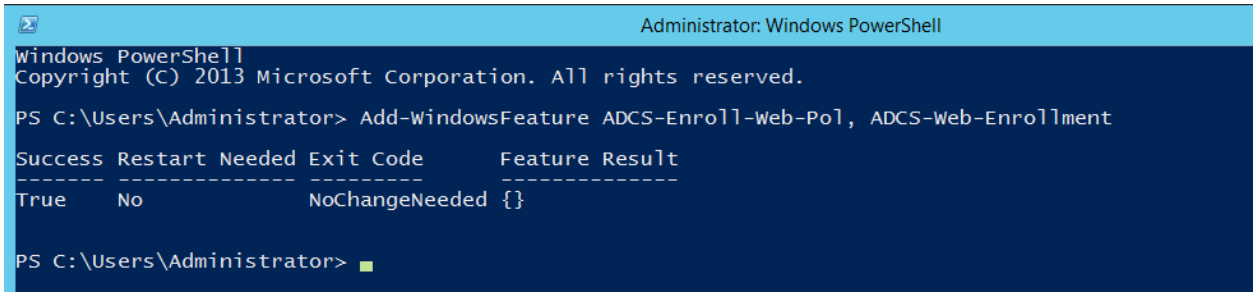

We now need to install the management console for certificate services. For this, we can use the following command:

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Add-WindowsFeature RSAT-ADCS-Mgmt
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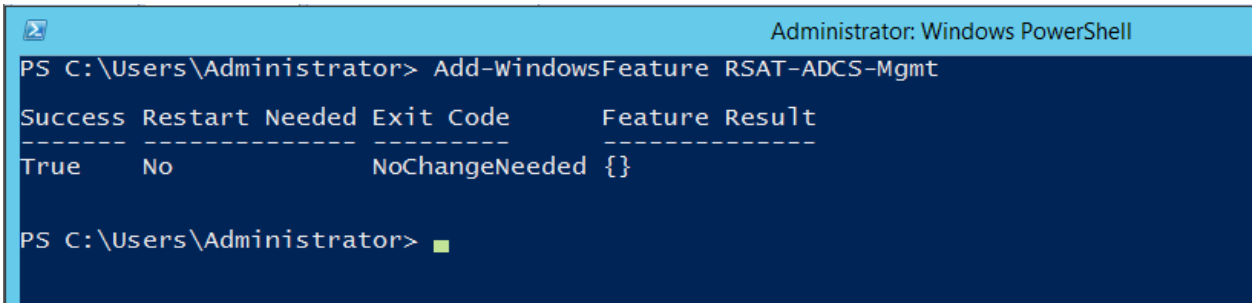
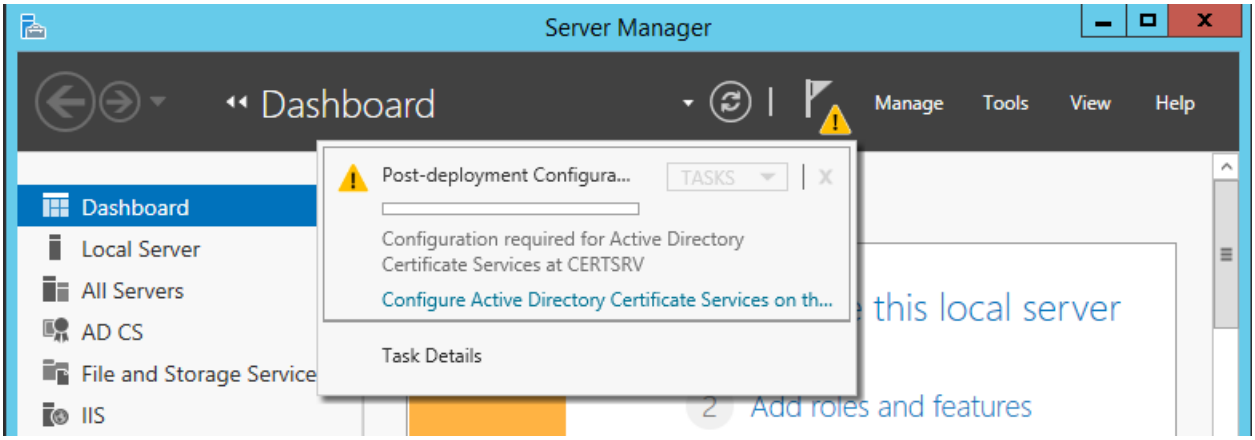
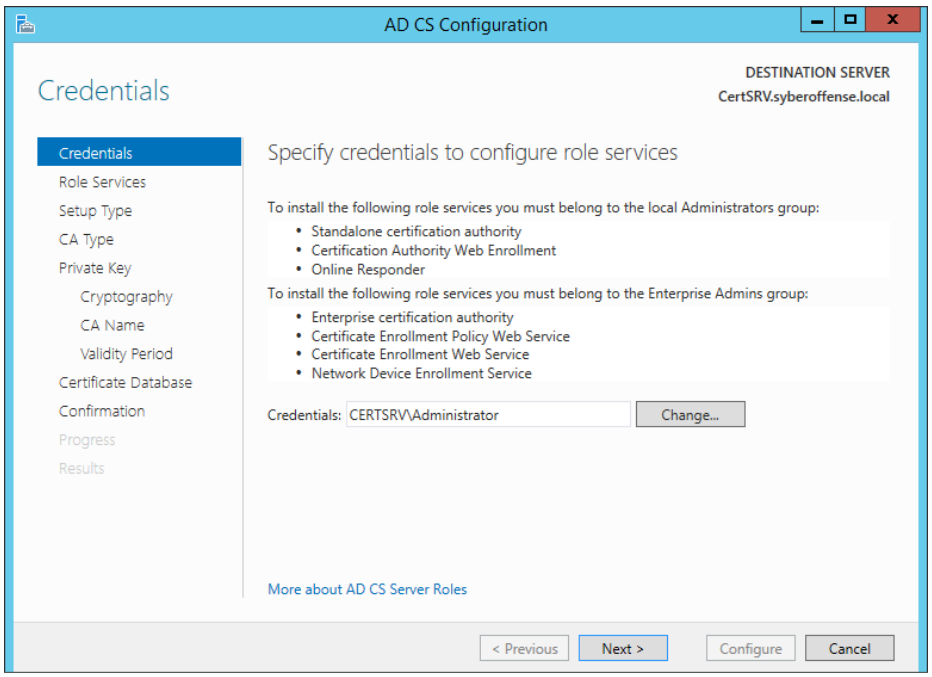


Open Certificate of Authority **from Tools in Server Manager.**

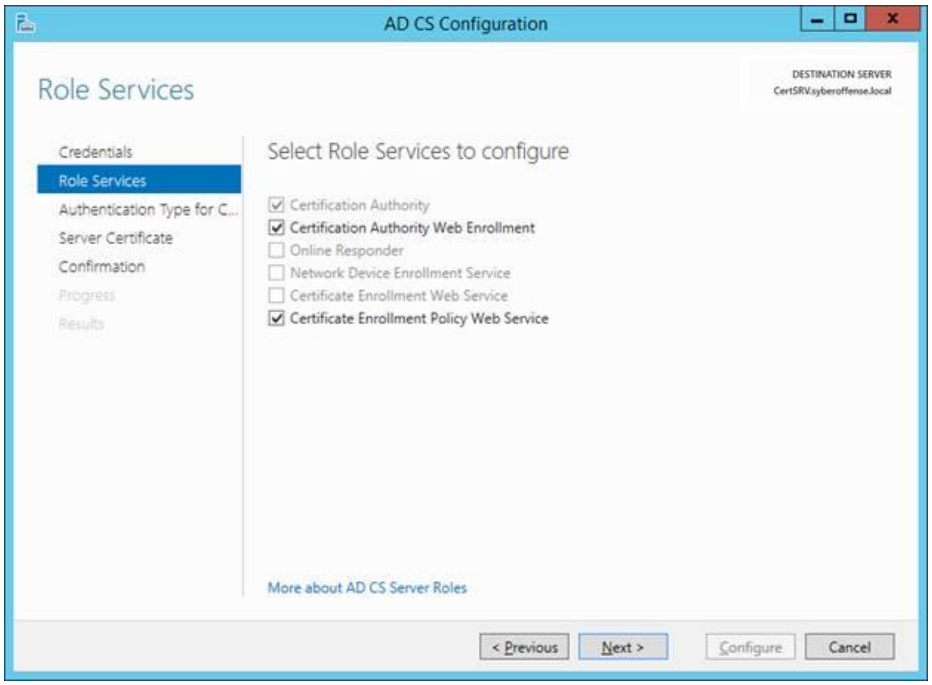
We can now return to Server Manager and once again, we need to configure the new features we installed.

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.

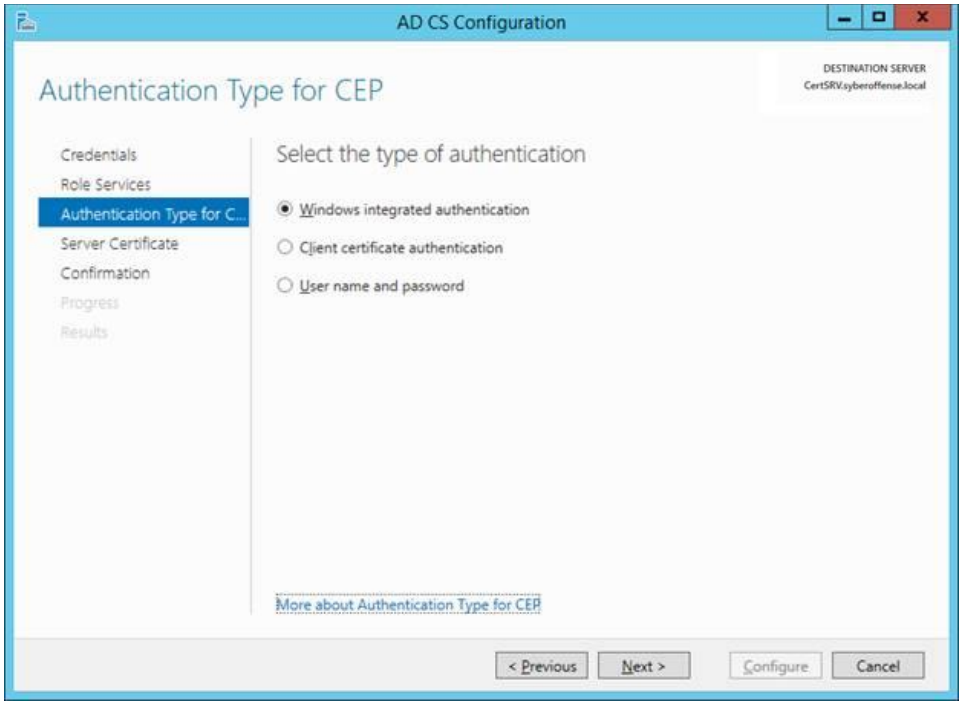




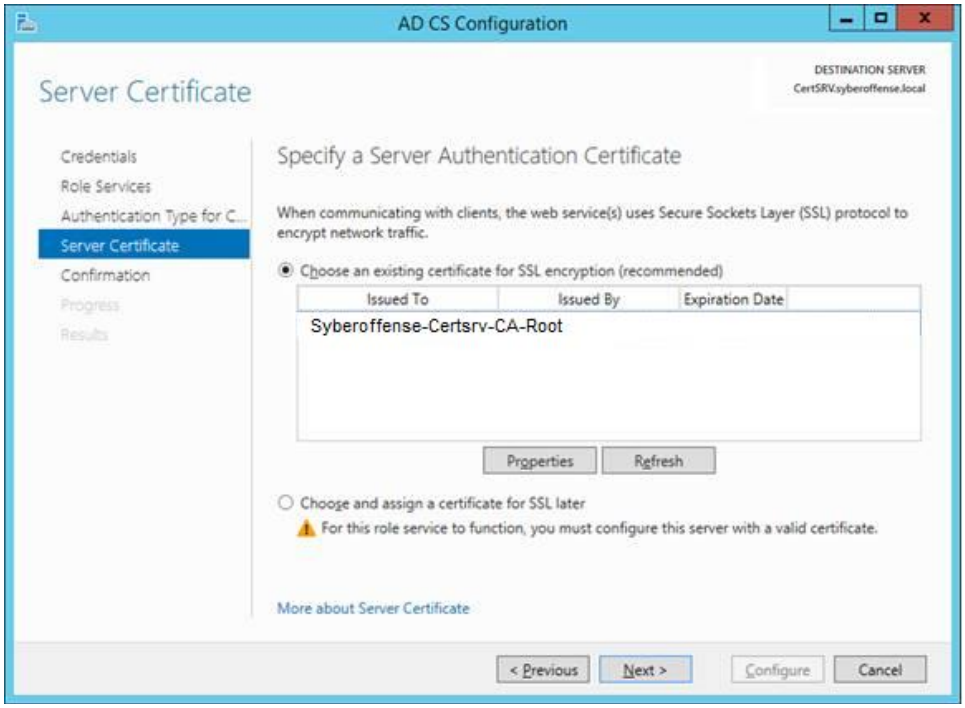
Check the boxes for Certification Authority Web Enrollment and Certificate Enrollment Policy Web Service.



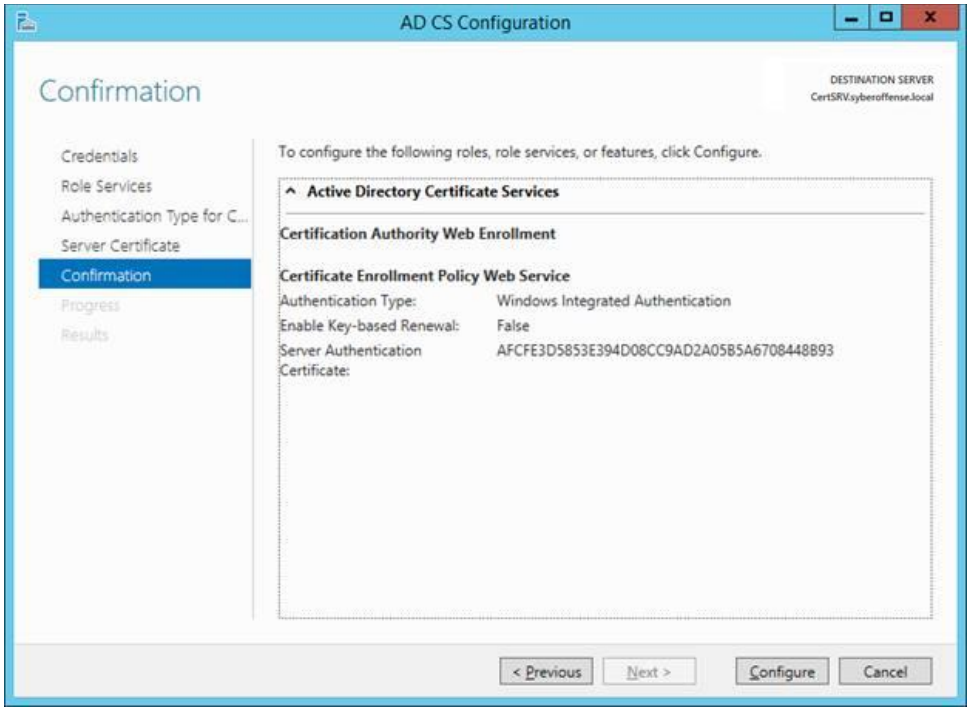
Select, Windows Integrated Authentication.



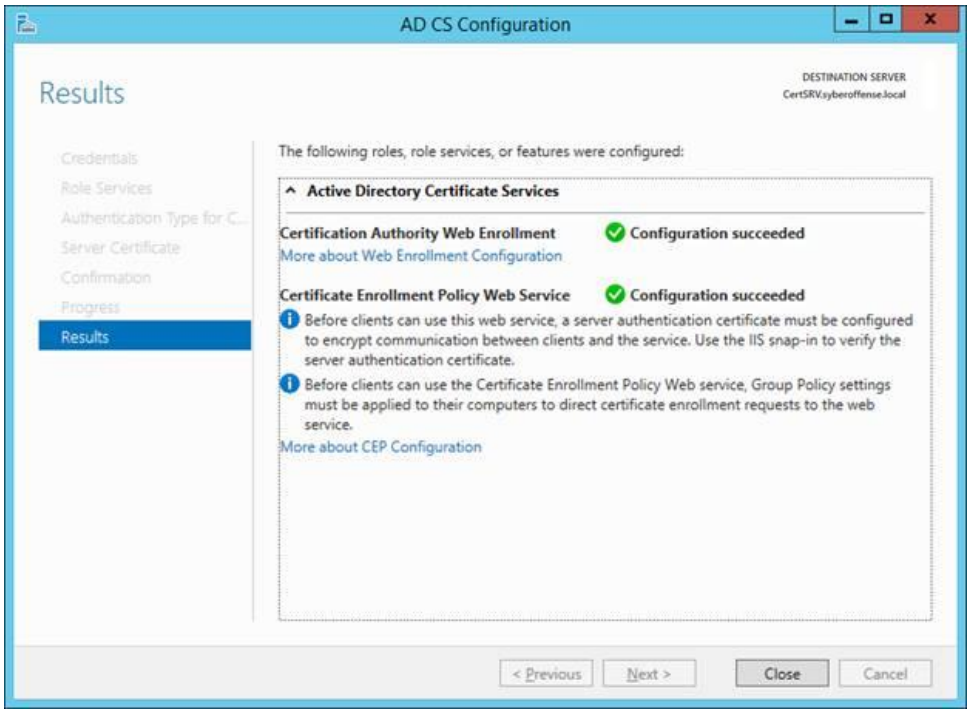
Select the Server Authentication Certificate with your domain name.



Check over the confirmation page and then click Configure.

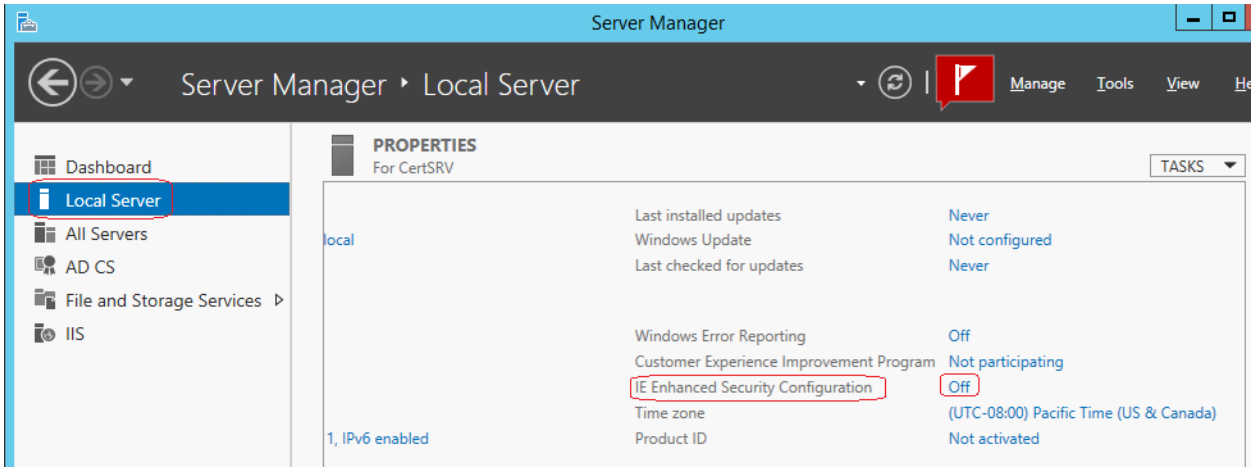


Once the installation of the additional features has completed, close the

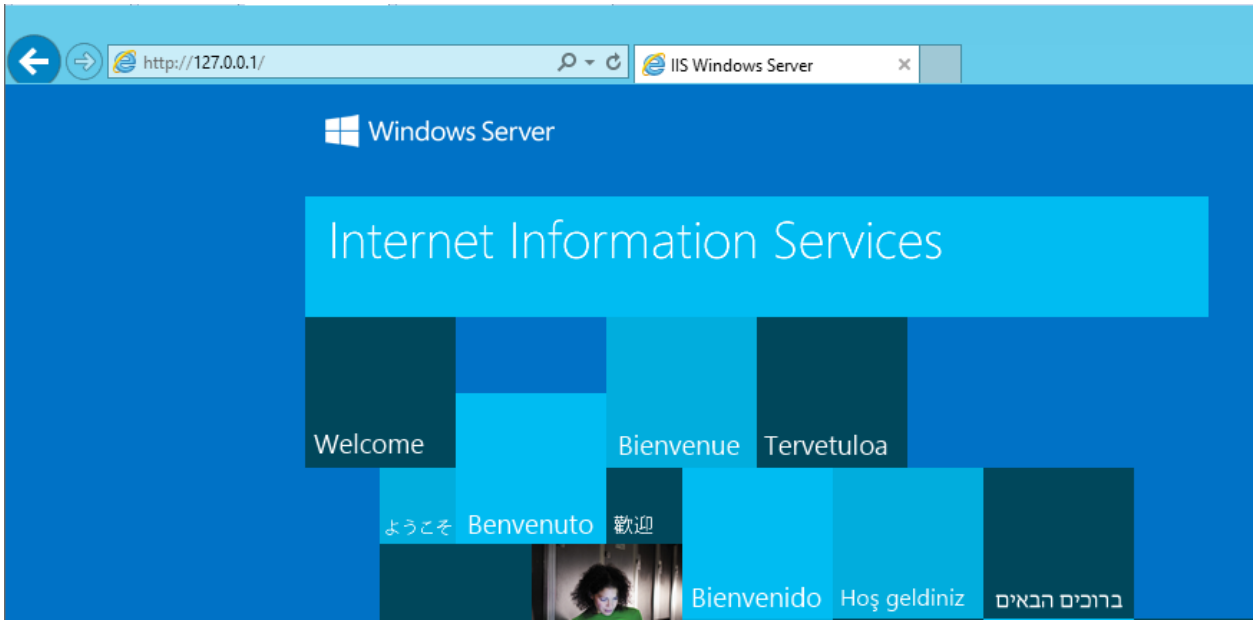


We are now ready to test our installation of Certificate Services. To do this, we will attempt to open the Cert Services Web page using IE.

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



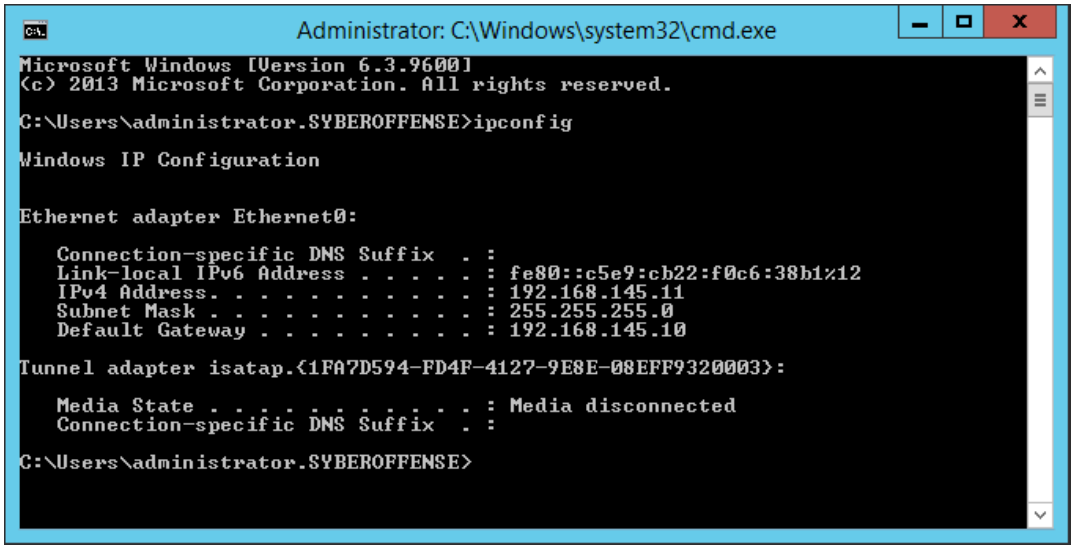
We next open IE, and in the address bar, we type http://127.0.0.1 to confirm that IIS is installed and working. This should open the default web page for your IIS server.



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.

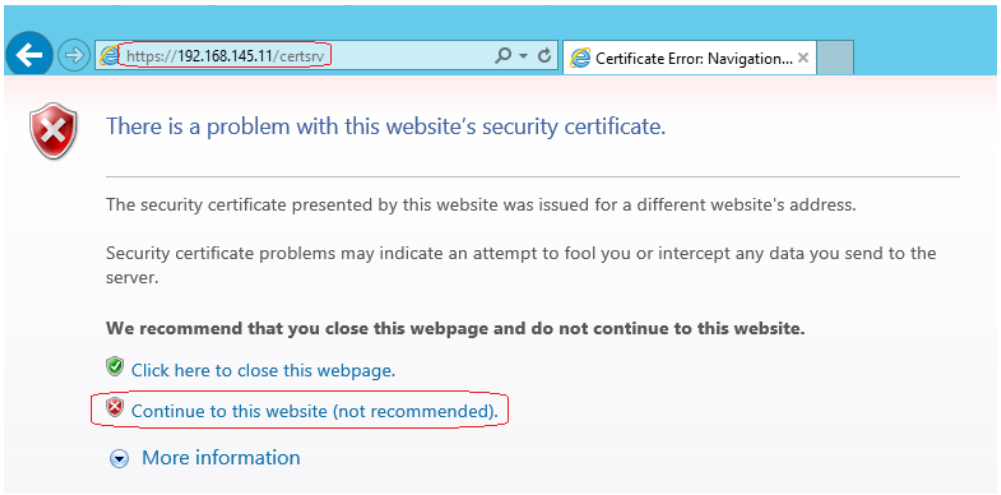
If you do not know your cert Servers IP address, bring up a command prompt and type in the IPCONFIG command.



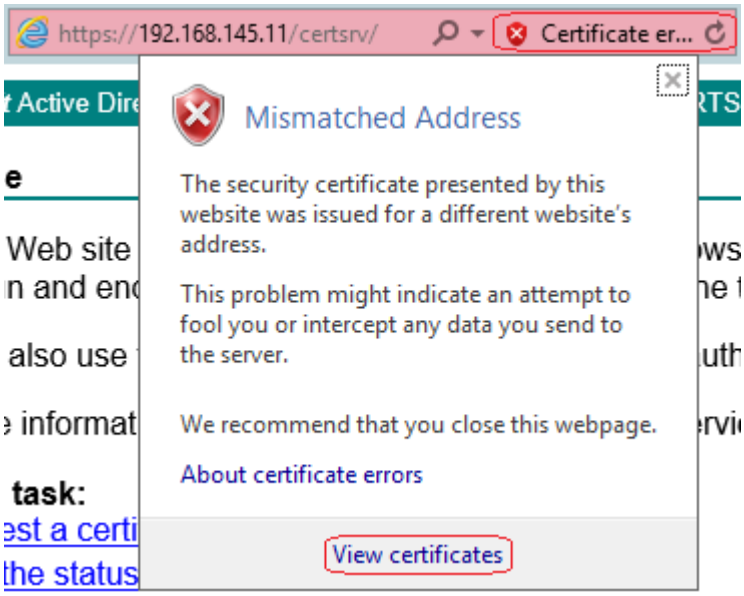
Back at the address bar in IE, we type in the following replacing your Cert Server IP address with the one shown in the example.

https://192.168.145.11/certsrv

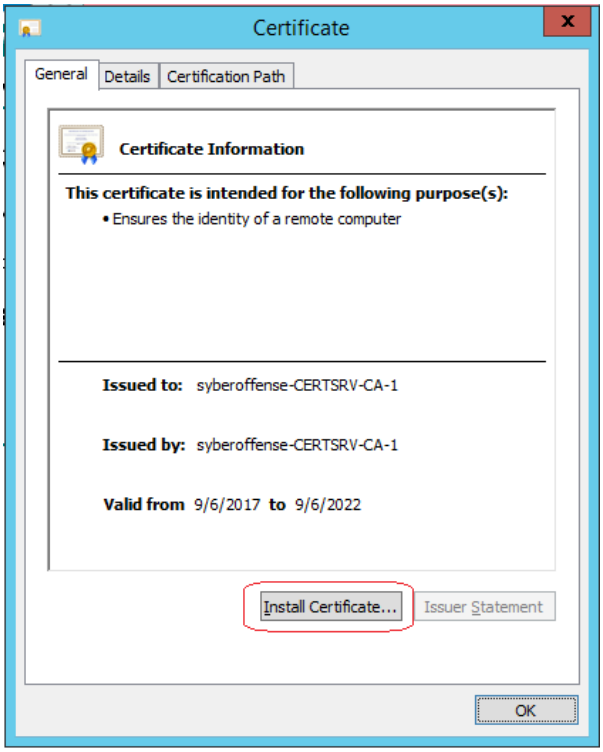
This brings up a warning about the website's security certificate. Accept the risk by selecting the option to Continue to this website (not recommended)



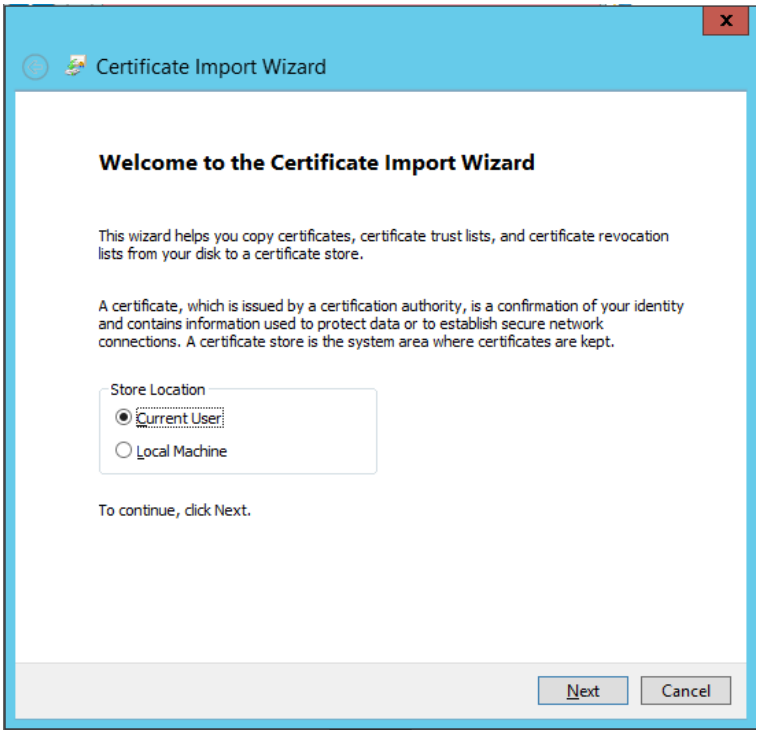
Once the Cert Server page loads, you can go to the address bar and click on the red x to view and install the problem certificate.



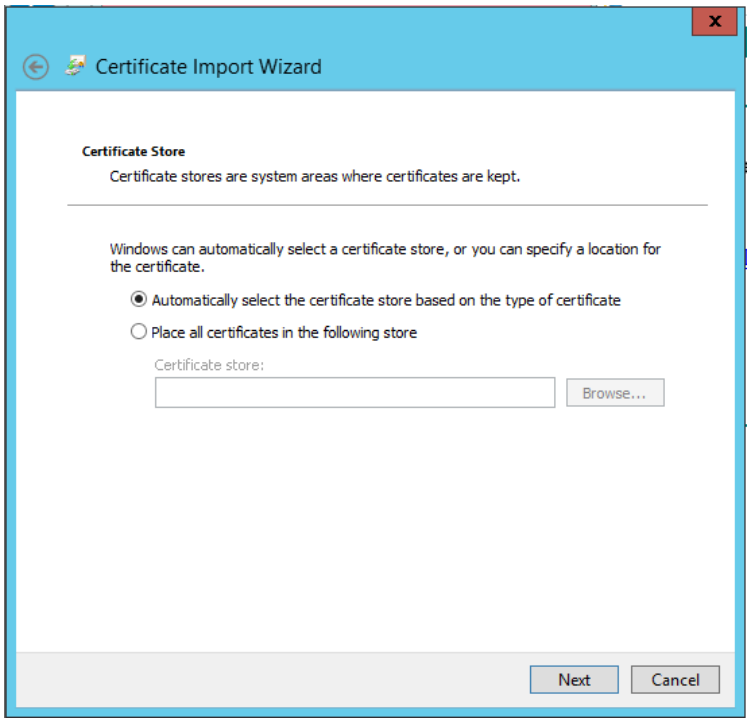
Click on Install Certificate.



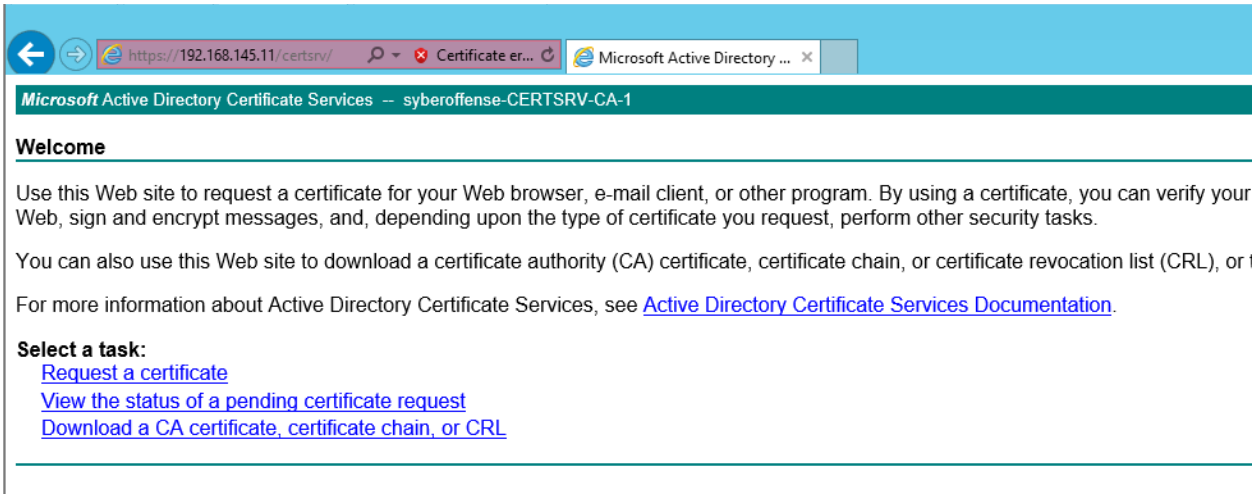
Accept the default store location, and click next.



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!