

# Setup Server 2019 Enterprise CA 3/5: Subordinate CA

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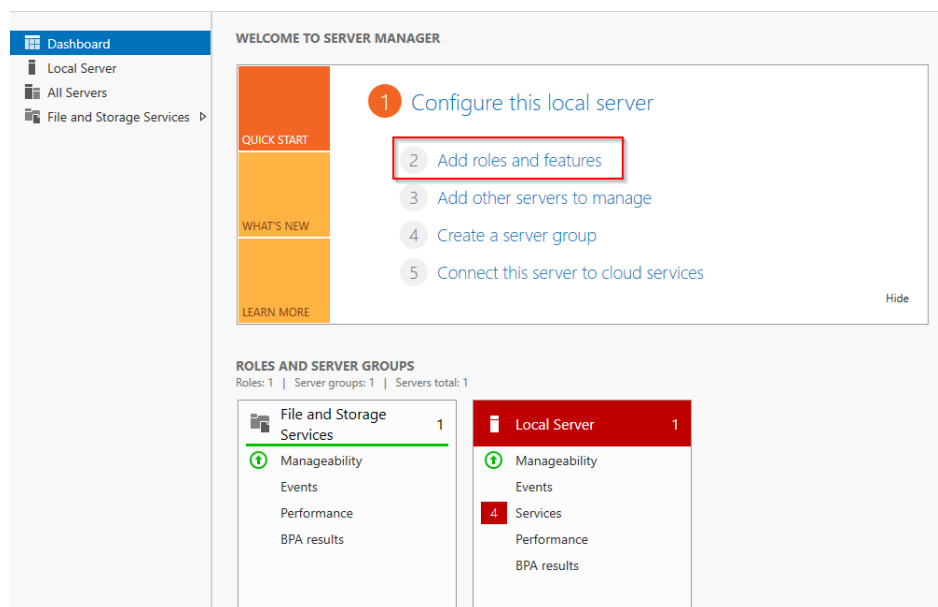
Previous: [Offline Root CA](#)

*Updated 11-12-2020: Added missing role service “Basic Authentication” step 14.*

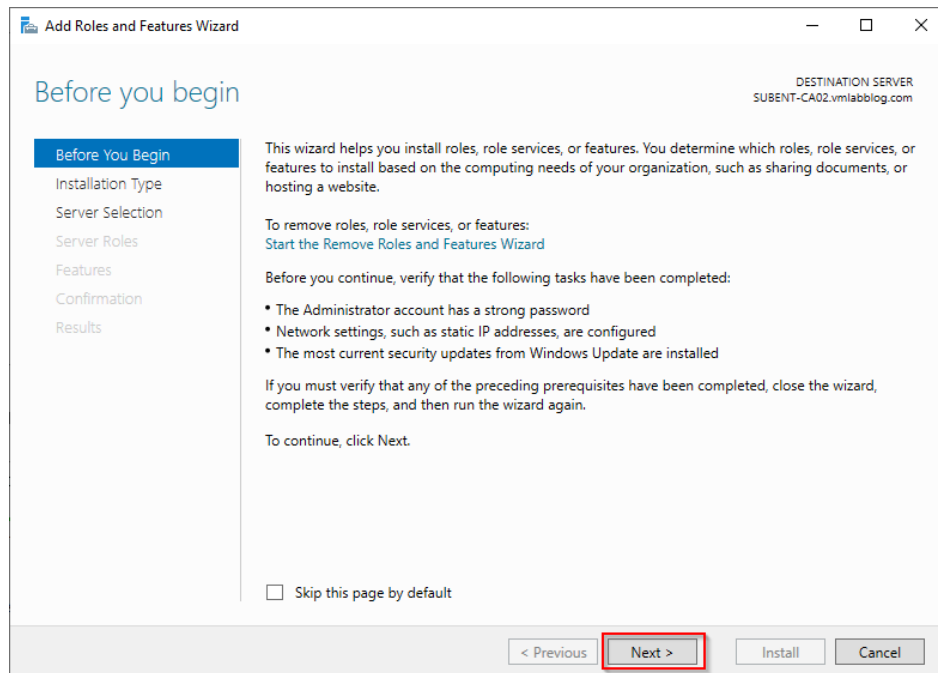
With the Offline Root CA completed, we can now setup of the Subordinate CA server. This server is authorized by the Root CA to issue the certificates. During the setup the CA role will be added and configured. The server will also be authorized by the Root CA The Subordinate CA Server is the SUBENT-CA02. Make sure that the server Subordinate server is domain joined before you start with the AD CS setup and that you have a domain account which is member of the Enterprise admins group.

## Setup Subordinate CA

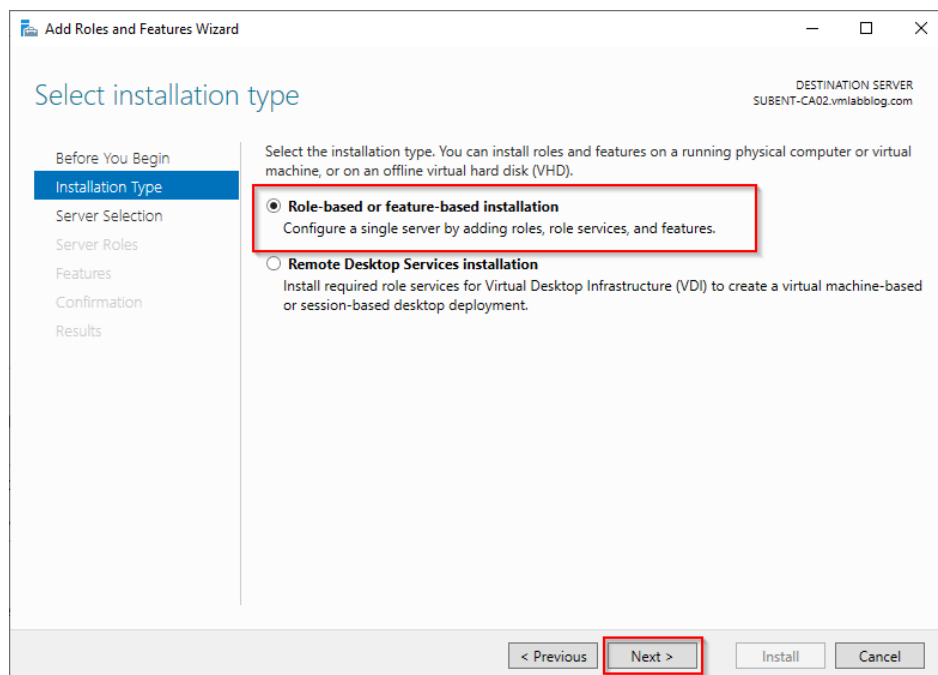
1. Start the Server manager and select “Add roles and features”



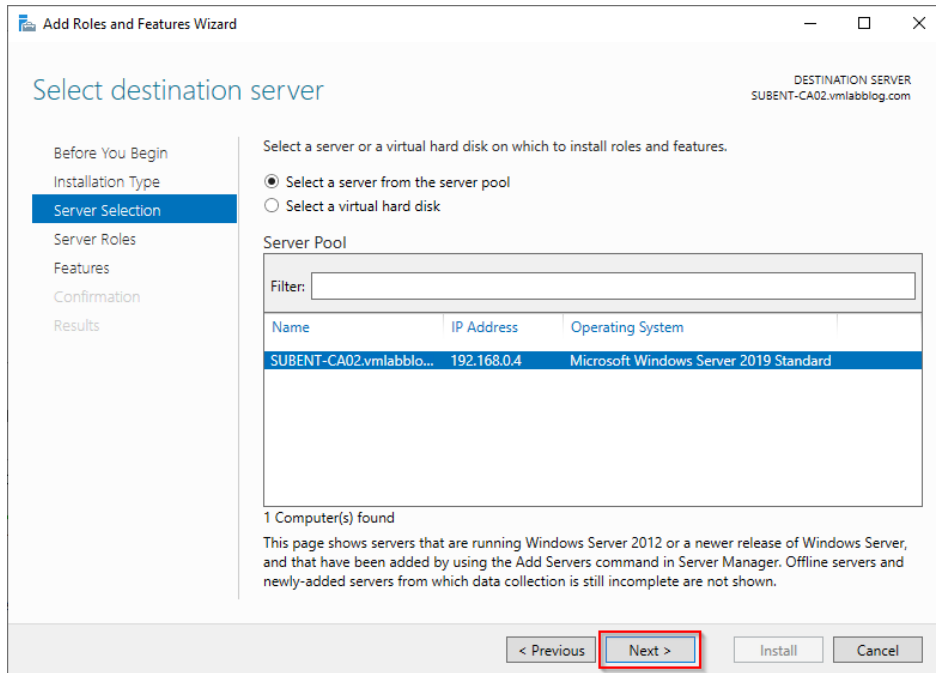
2. The “Add Roles and Features Wizard” will start, press “Next” to continue.



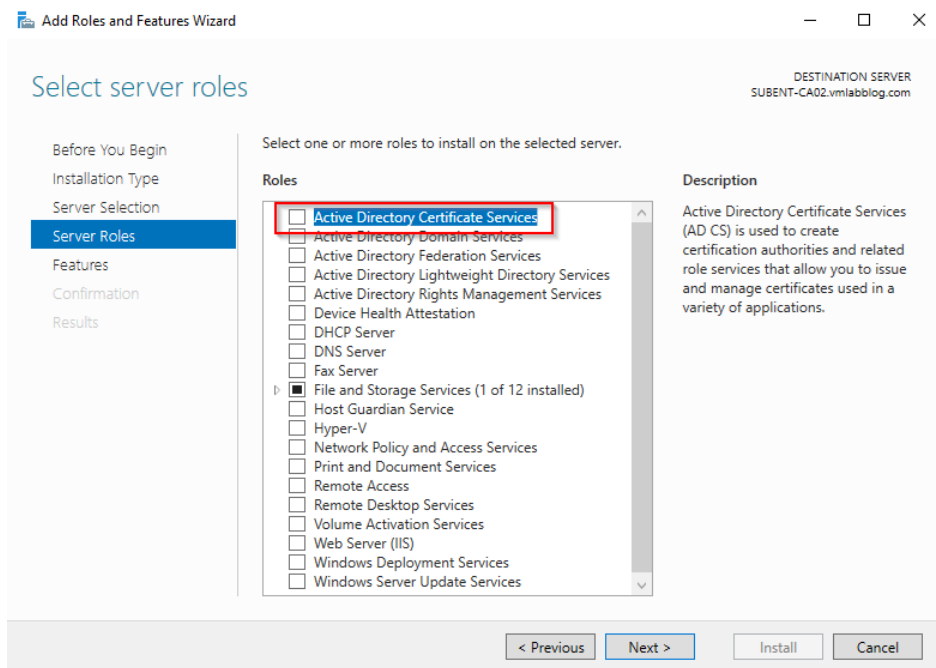
3. Select “Role-based or feature-based installation” and press “Next”



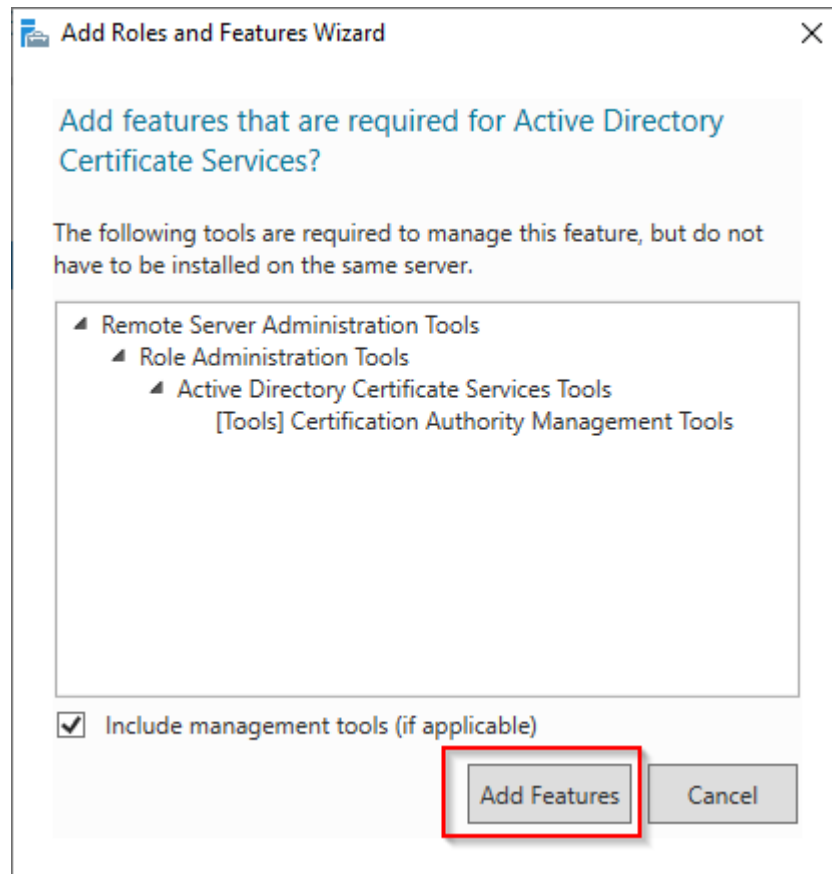
4. Use the default settings and press “Next” to continue.



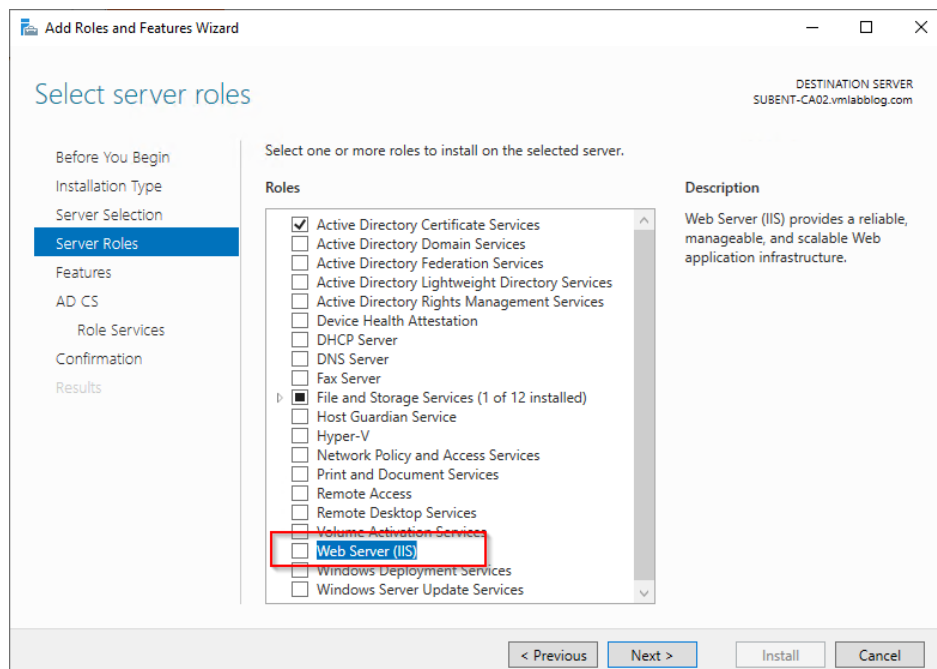
## 5. Select “Active Directory Certificate Services”



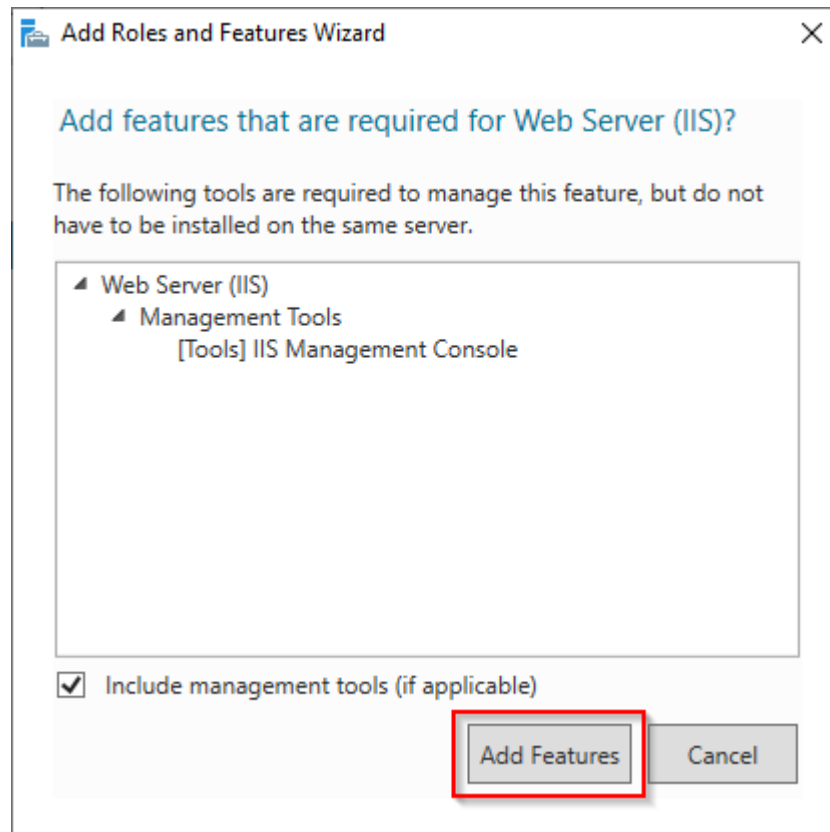
## 6. A pop-up will appear, press “Add Features” to continue.



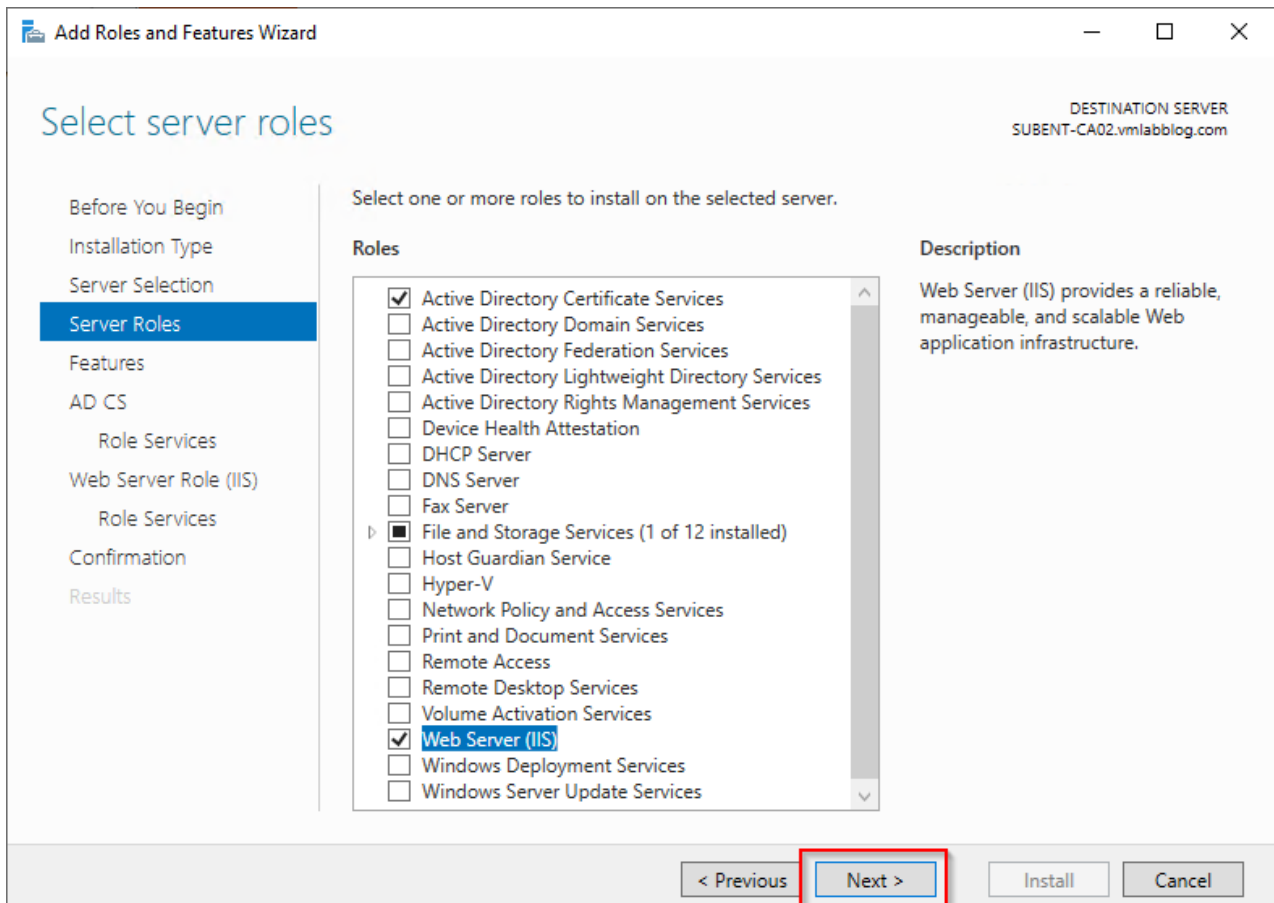
## 7. Select “Web Server (IIS)”



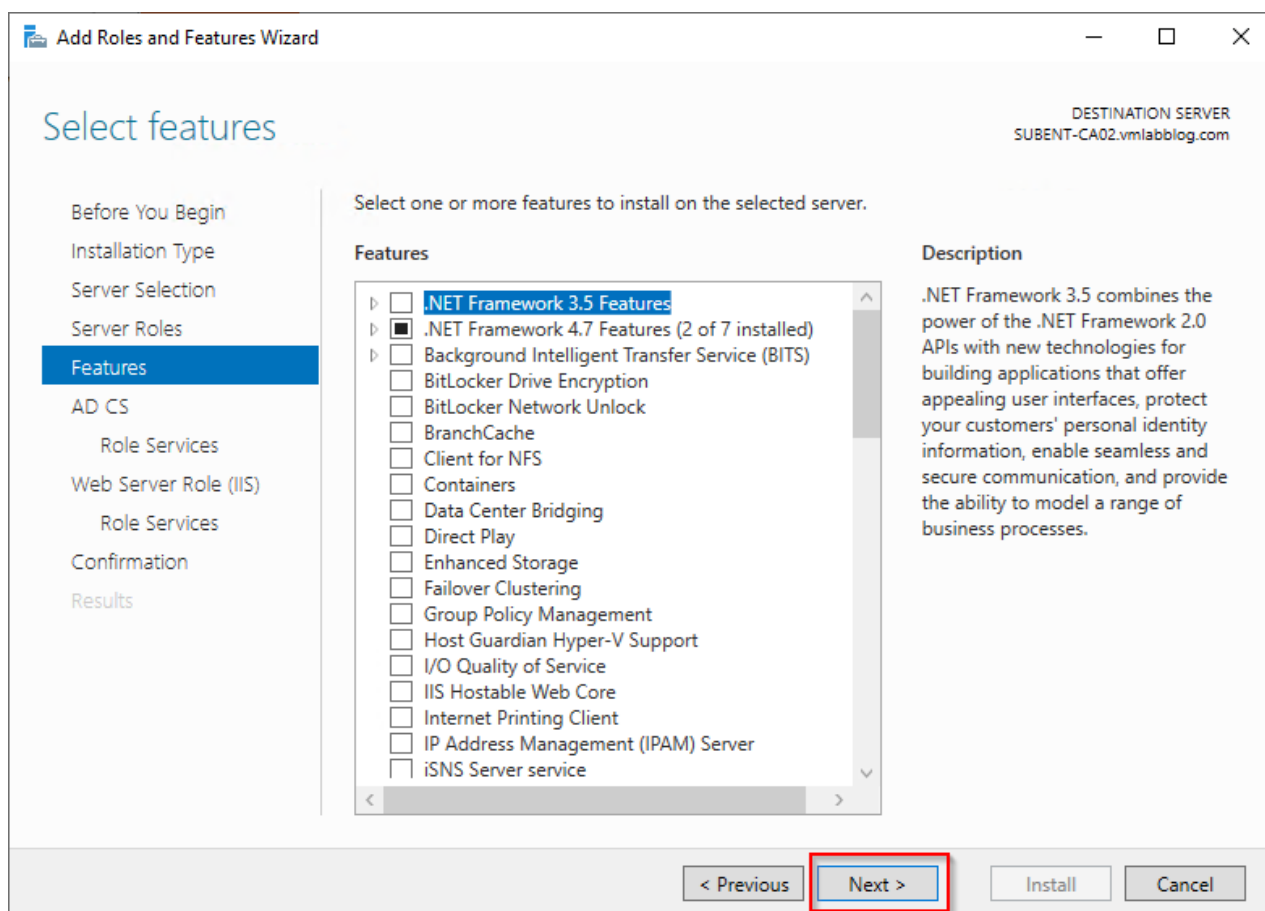
## 8. A pop-up will appear, press “Add Features” to continue.



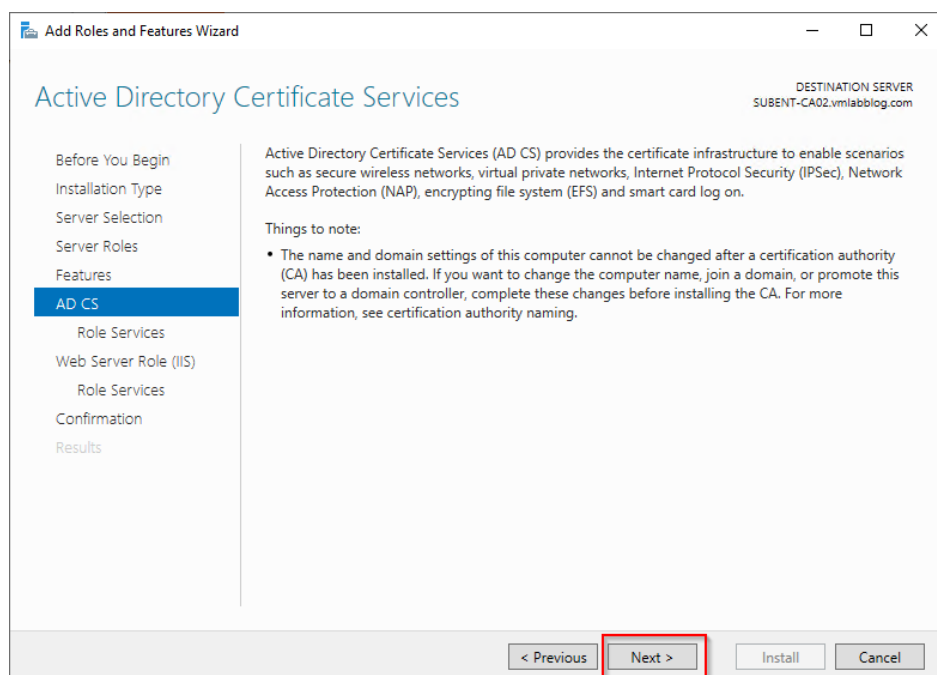
9. Press “Next” to continue



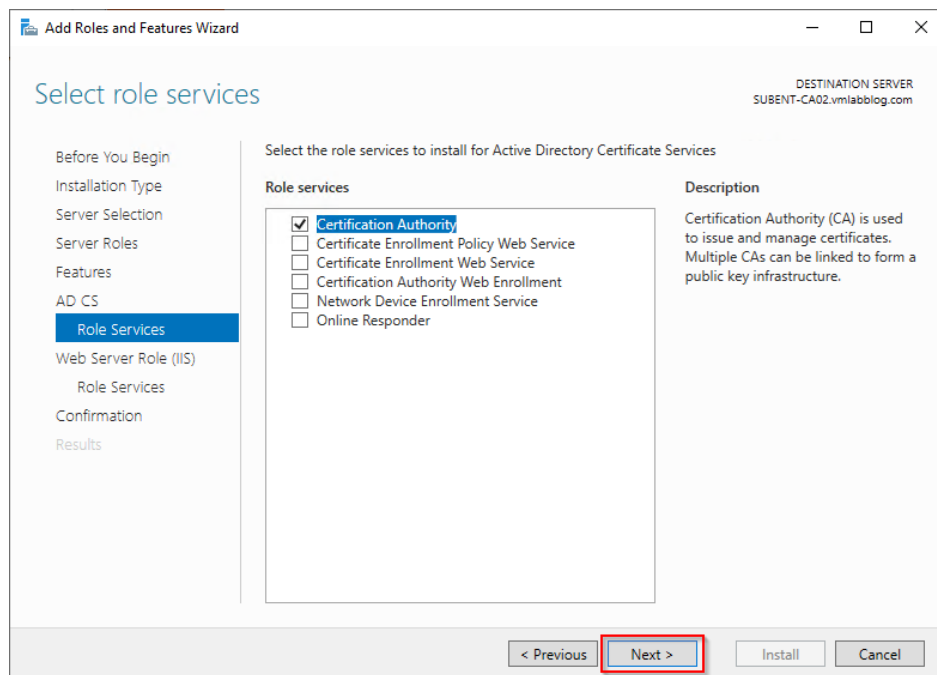
10. Press “Next” to continue.



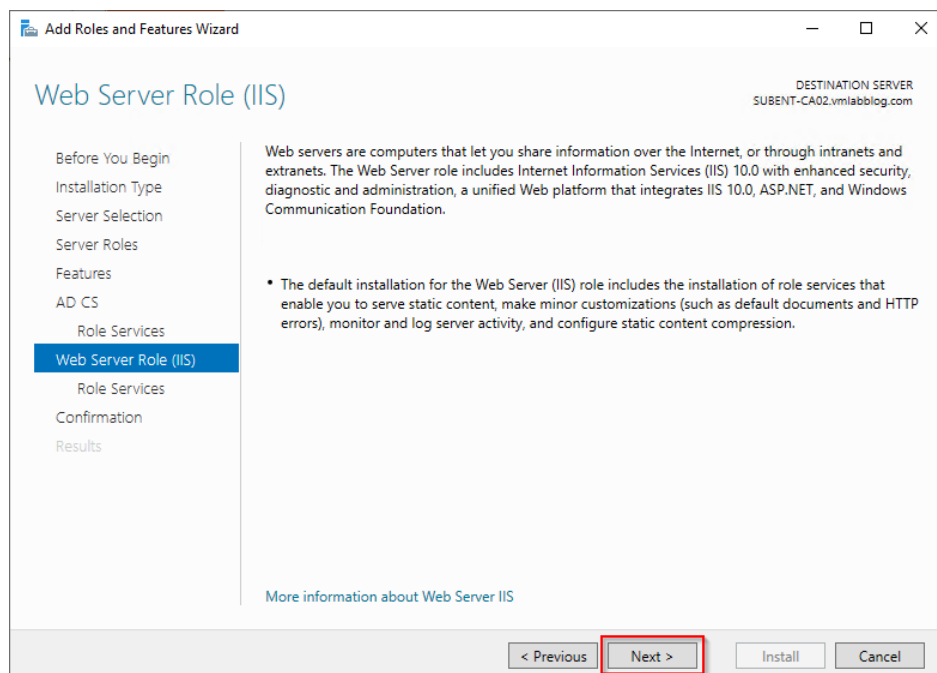
11. Check if the Servername before you start, this cannot be changed after the AD CS role has been installed and press “Next” to continue.



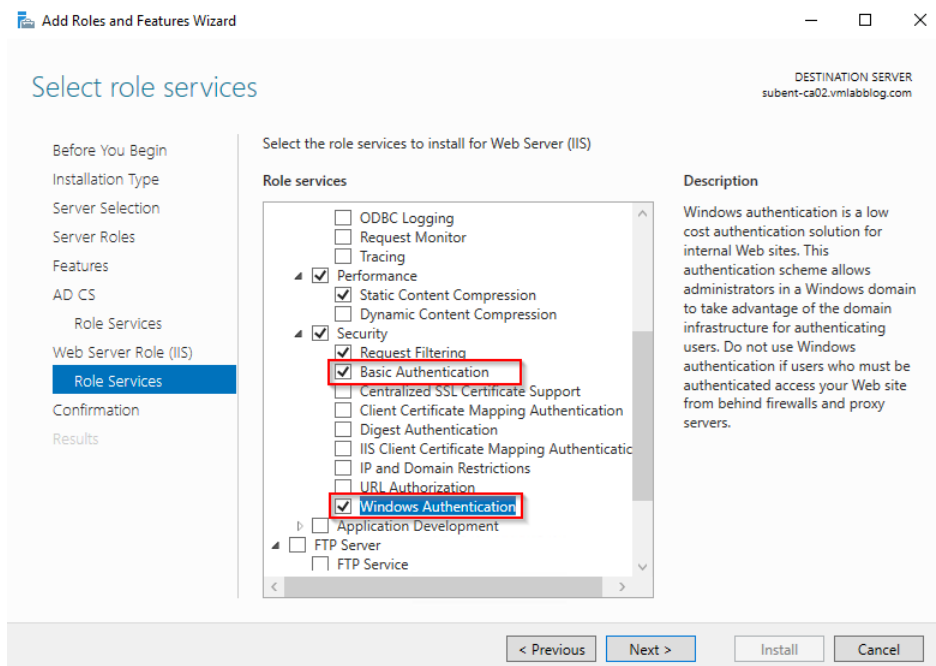
12. Keep the default role services (Certication Authority) and press “Next”



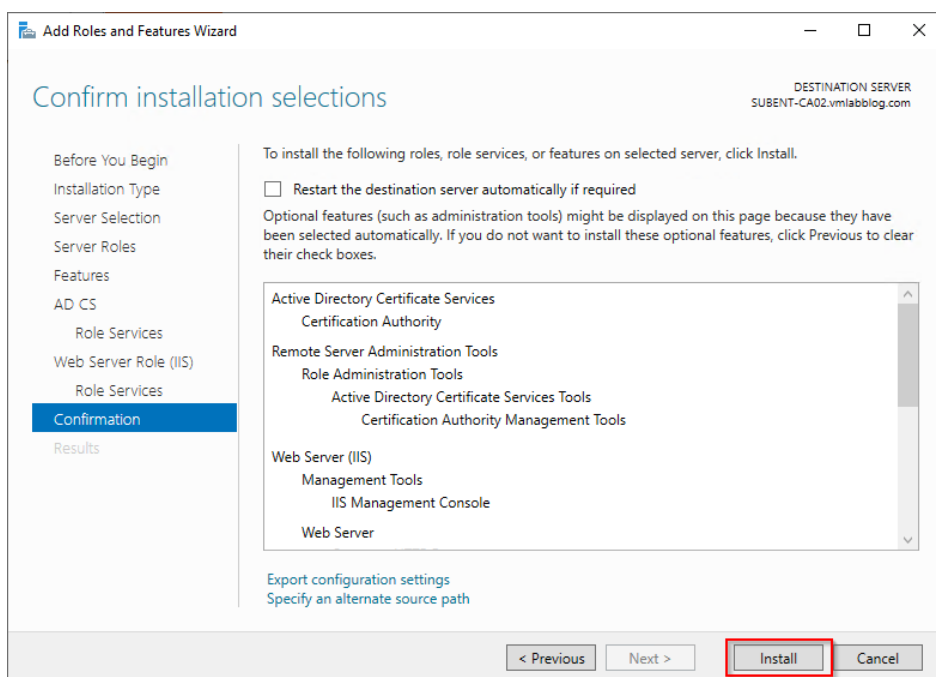
13. On the Web Server Role (IIS) page press “Next”



14. On the Role Services page select “Basic Authentication” and “Windows Authentication”. Press “Next” to continue.

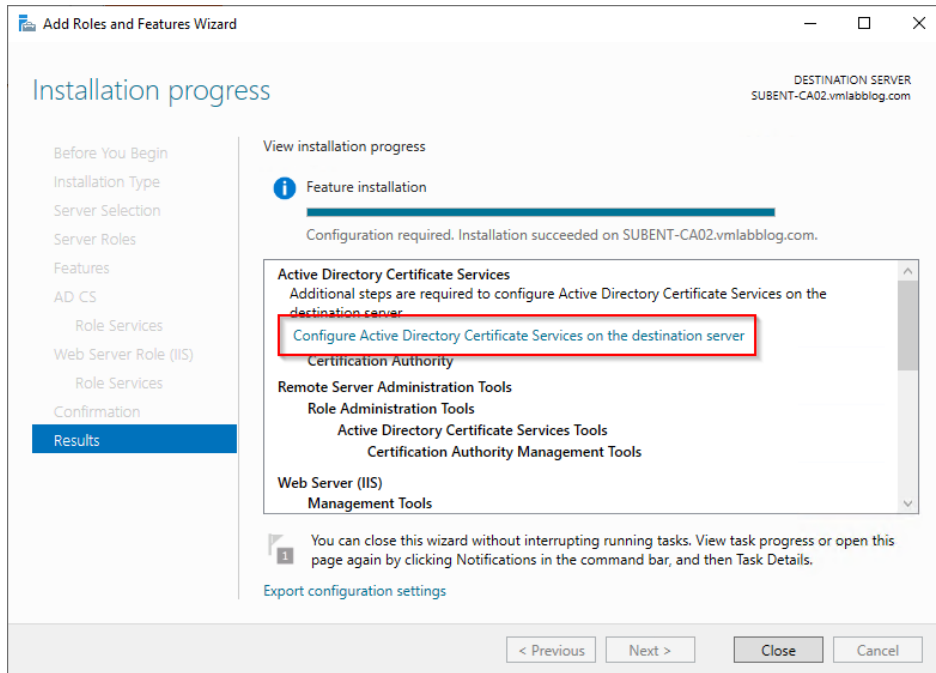


15. In the confirmation screen press “Install” to start the installation.

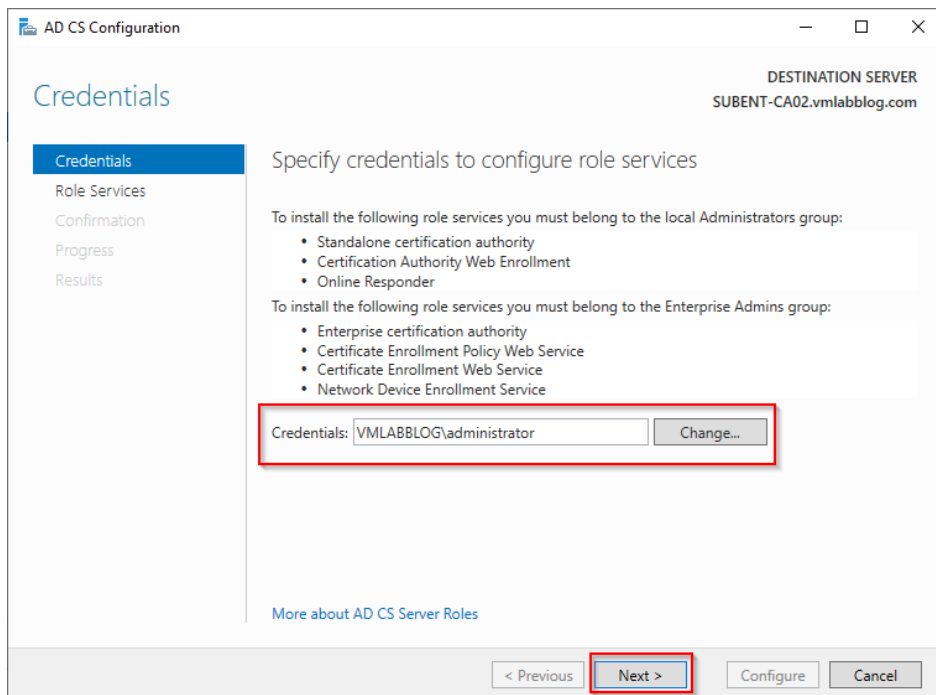


16. When the installation has completed, press the link “Configure Active Directory Certificate Services on the destination server”

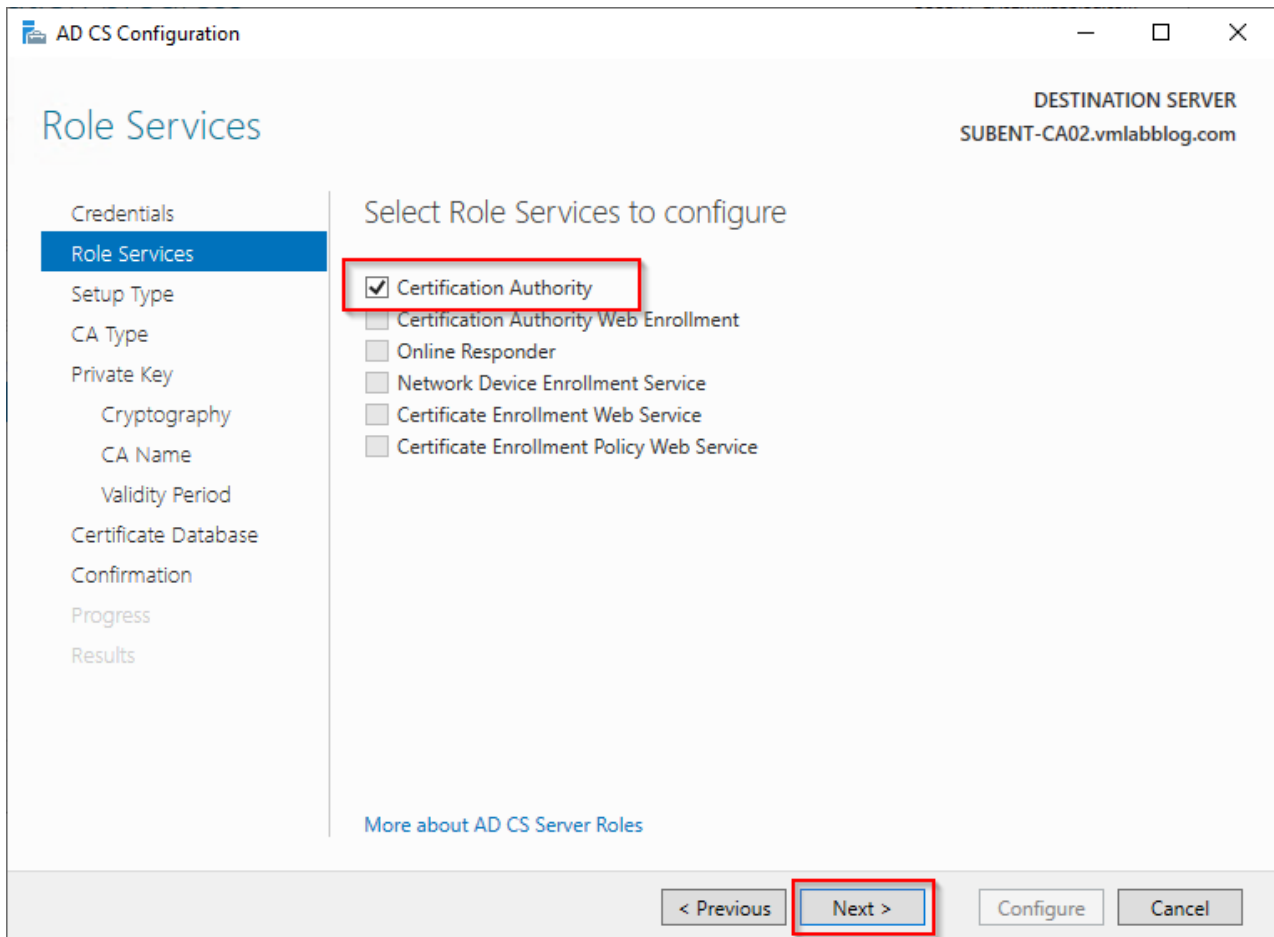




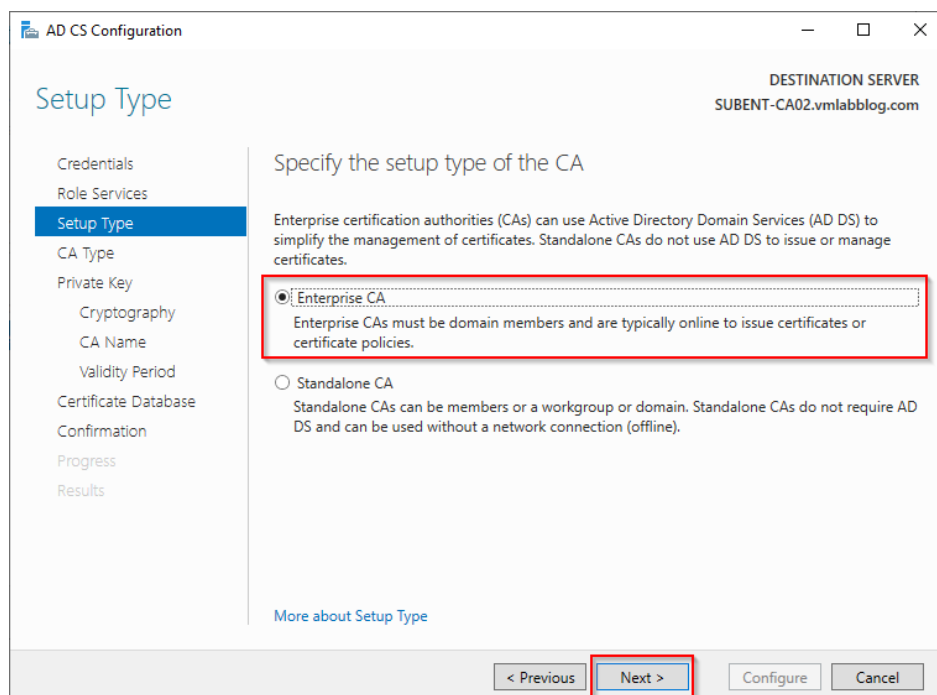
17. Make sure your Domain credentials have been entered and not your local admin credentials. Otherwise you will not be able to configure a Enterprise CA. Press “Next” to continue.



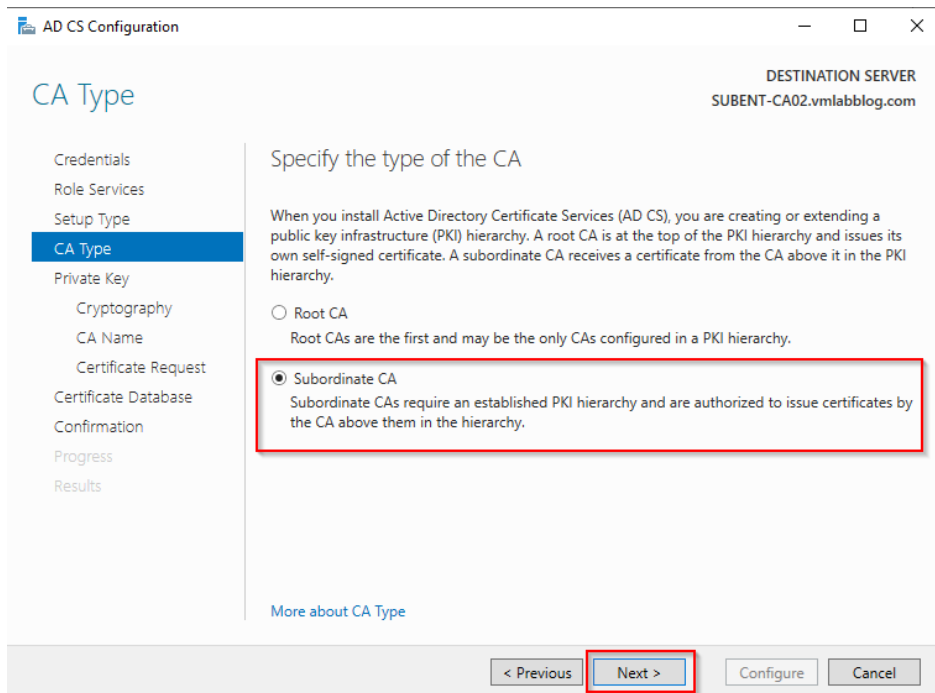
18. Select the box “Certification Authority” and press “Next” to continue.



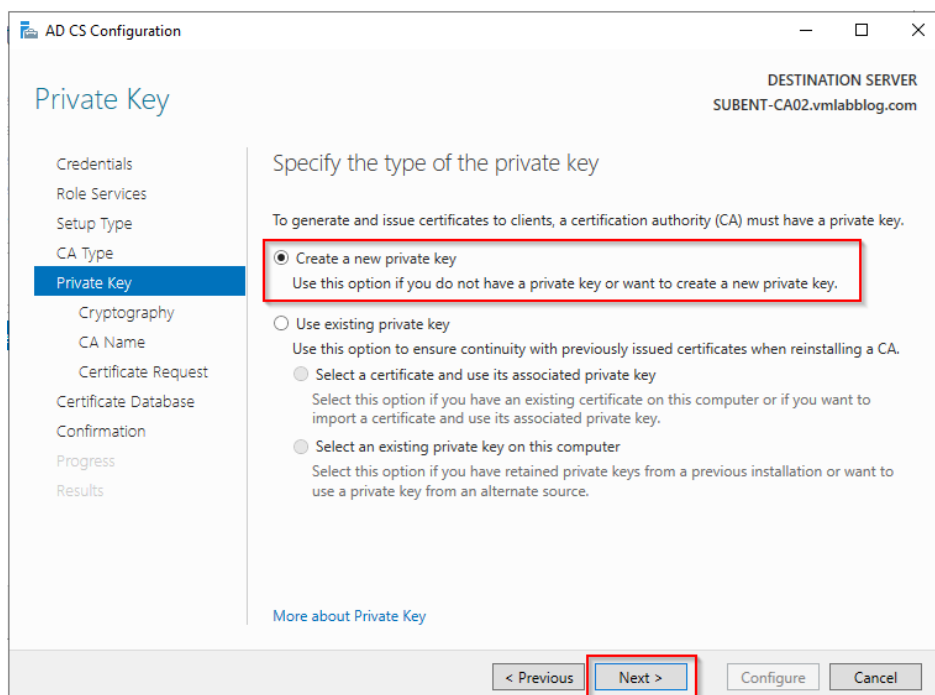
19. Select “Enterprise CA” and press “Next” to continue. (if Enterprise CA is not available check if the server is domain joined and the credentials entered in step 17)



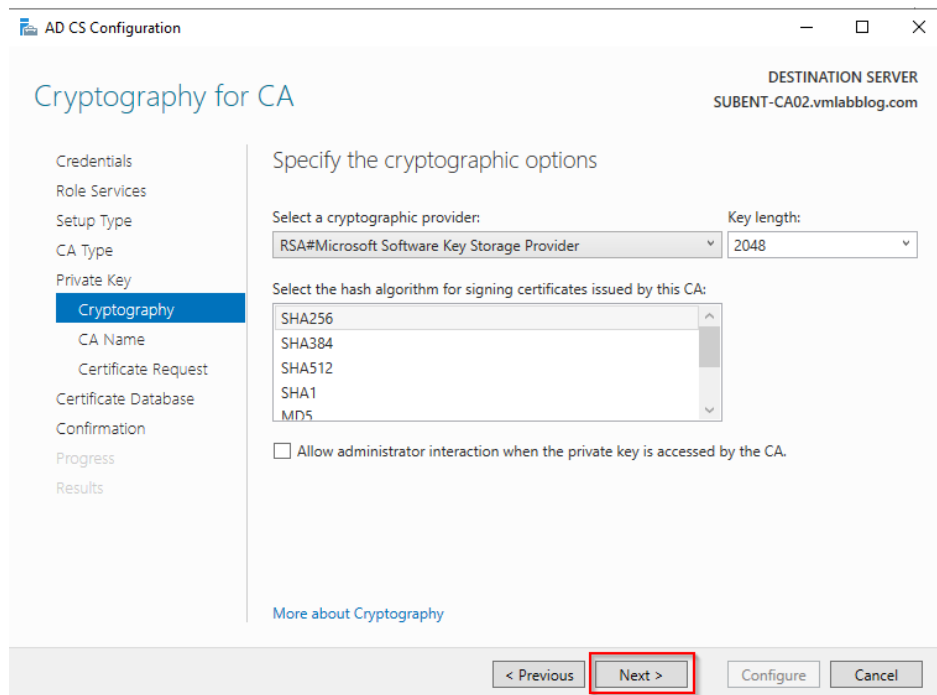
20. Select “Subordinate CA” and press “Next” to continue.



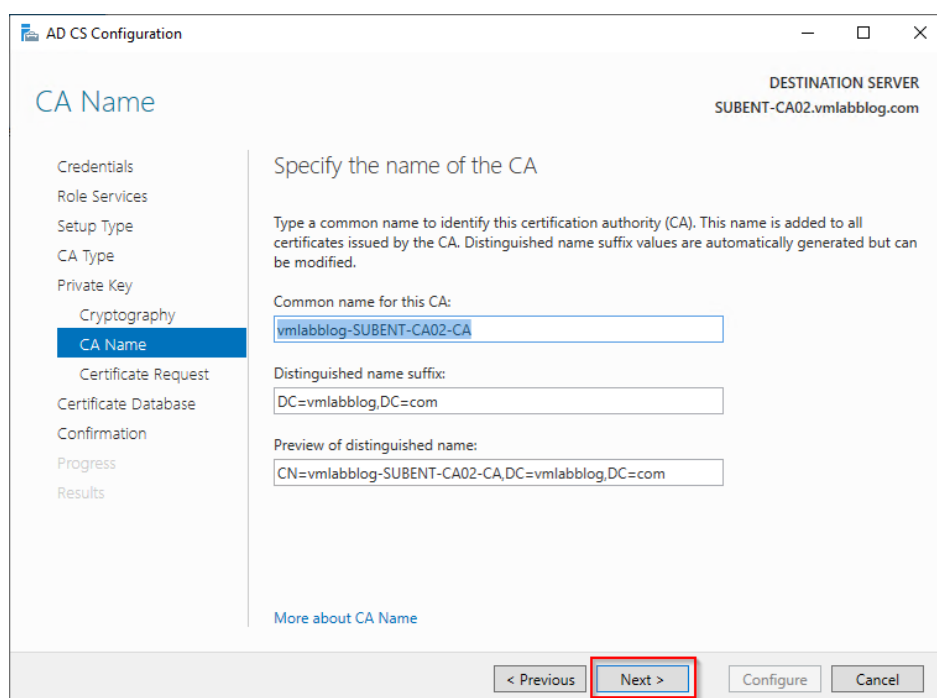
21. Select “Create a new private key” and press “Next”.



22. Use the default settings and press “Next” to continue.



23. Use the default settings and press “Next” to continue



24. Select the folder to save the Certificate Request and press “Next” to continue. (default is “c:\”)

AD CS Configuration

DESTINATION SERVER  
SUBENT-CA02.vmlabblog.com

### Certificate Request

Credentials  
Role Services  
Setup Type  
CA Type  
Private Key  
Cryptography  
CA Name  
**Certificate Request**  
Certificate Database  
Confirmation  
Progress  
Results

Request a certificate from parent CA

You require a certificate from a parent certification authority (CA) to allow this subordinate CA to issue certificates. You can request a certificate from an online CA or you can store your request to a file to submit to the parent CA.

☐ Send a certificate request to a parent CA:

Select:

- ☒ CA name
- ☐ Computer name

Parent CA:

☒ Save a certificate request to file on the target machine:

File name:

**i** You must manually get a certificate back from the parent CA to make this CA operational.

[More about Certificate Request](#)

25. Use the default settings and press “Next” to continue.

AD CS Configuration

DESTINATION SERVER  
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### CA Database

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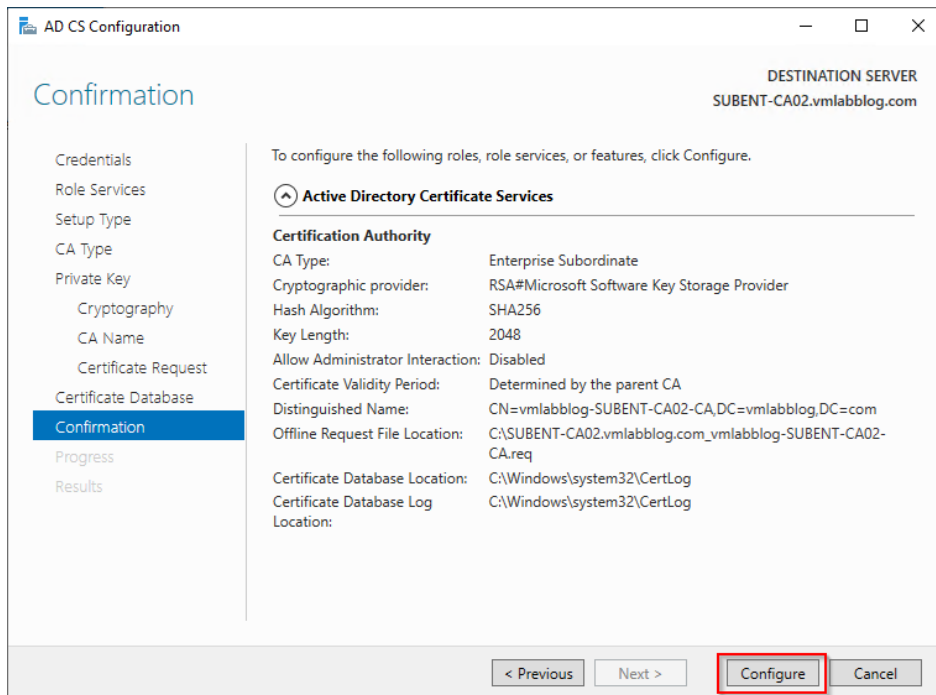
Specify the database locations

Certificate database location:

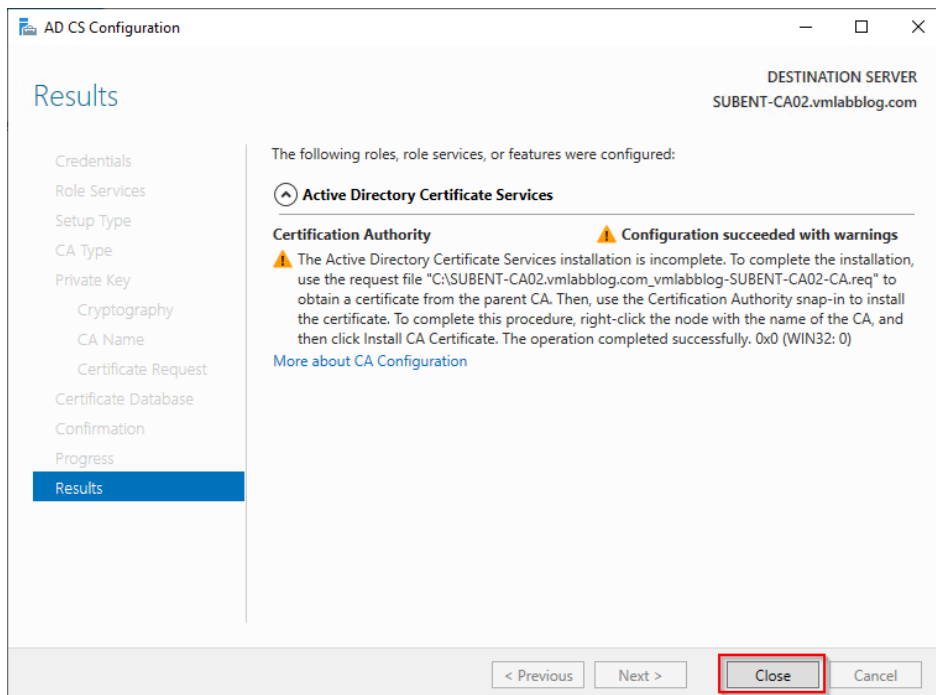
Certificate database log location:

[More about CA Database](#)

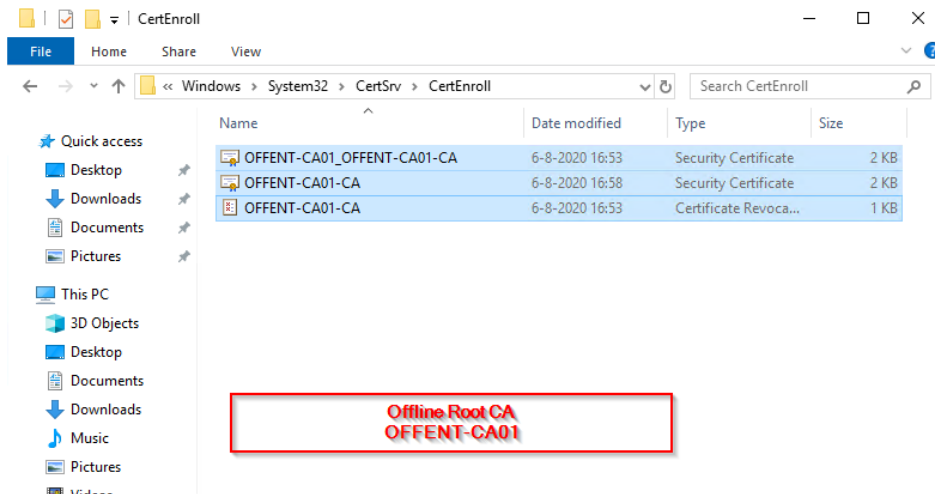
26. Press “Configure” to apply the configuration.



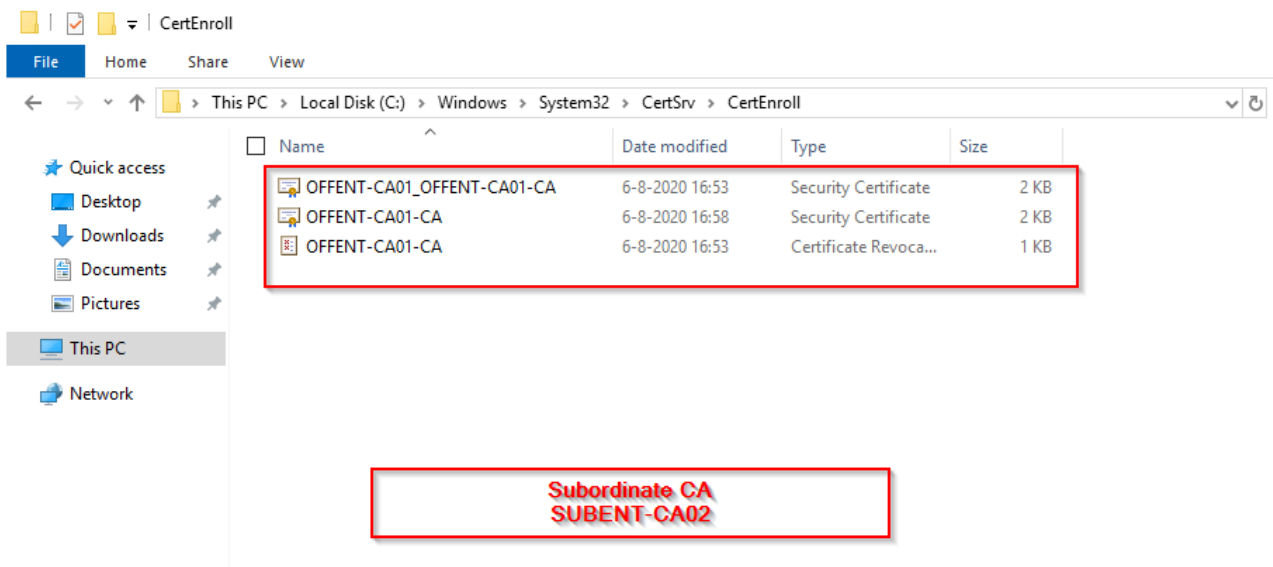
27. When the configuration has succeeded a warning is shown. This is just a notification that the until a certificate of the RootCA has been obtained and applied to the subordinate ca the Configuration is not completed.



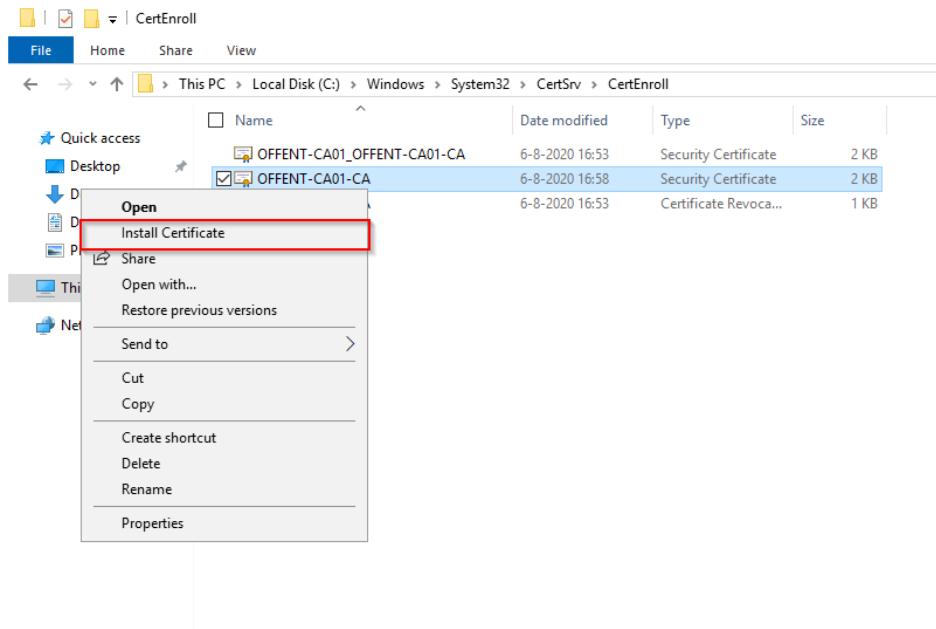
28. Switch over to the Offline Root CA (OFFENT-CA01) and browse to the folder "c:\windows\system32\certsrv\certenroll". There should be three files, select and copy all files.



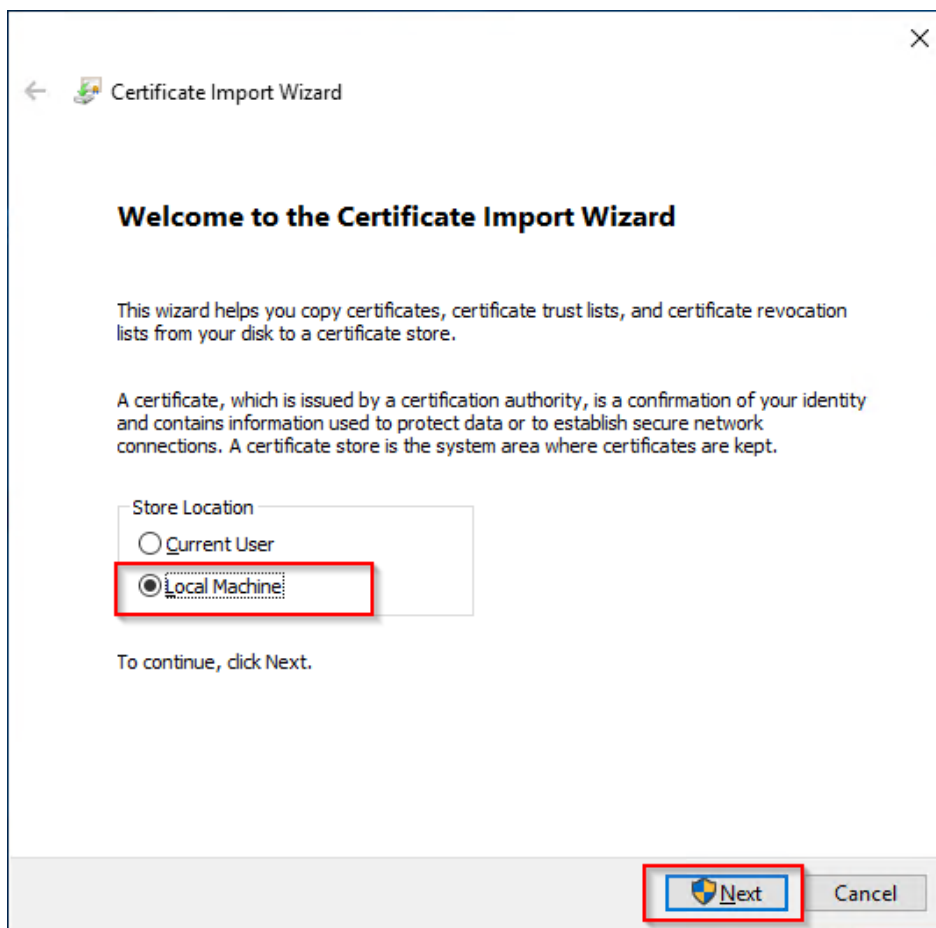
29. Switch back to the Subordinate CA (SUBENT-CA02) and browse to the folder “c:\windows\system32\certsrv\certenroll”. Paste all the files copied in the previous step.



30. Rightclick the Root CA certificate which you just copied and select “Install Certificate”

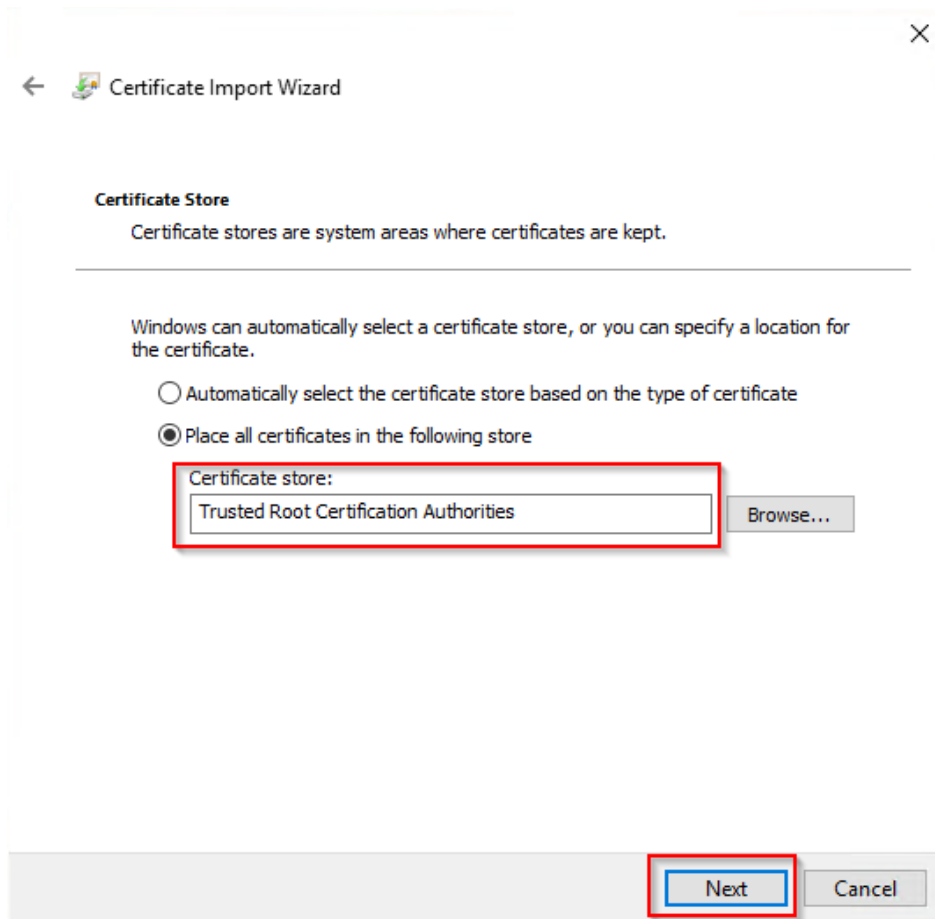


31. Select “Local Machine” and press “Next”

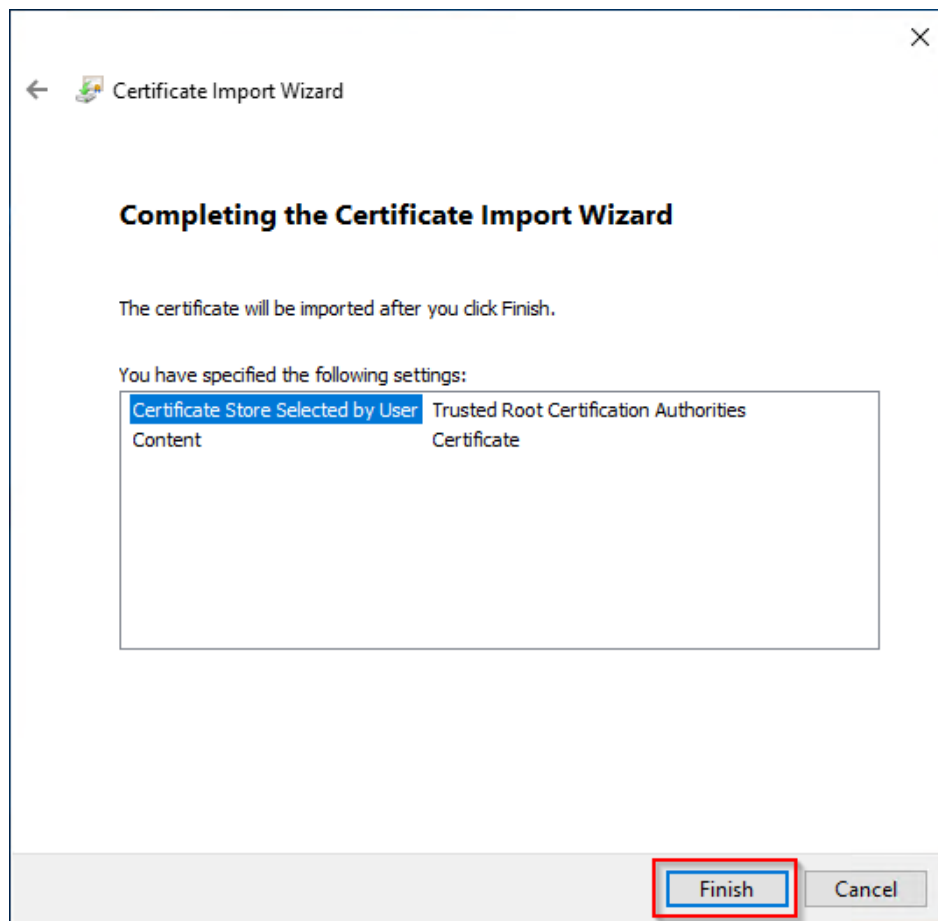


32. Press “Browse” and select the “Trusted Root Certification Authorities” store. Press “Next” to continue.



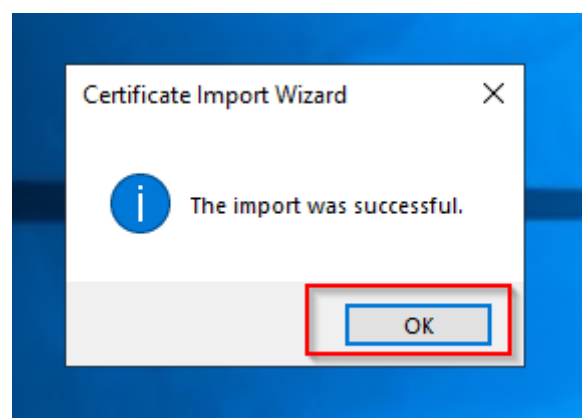


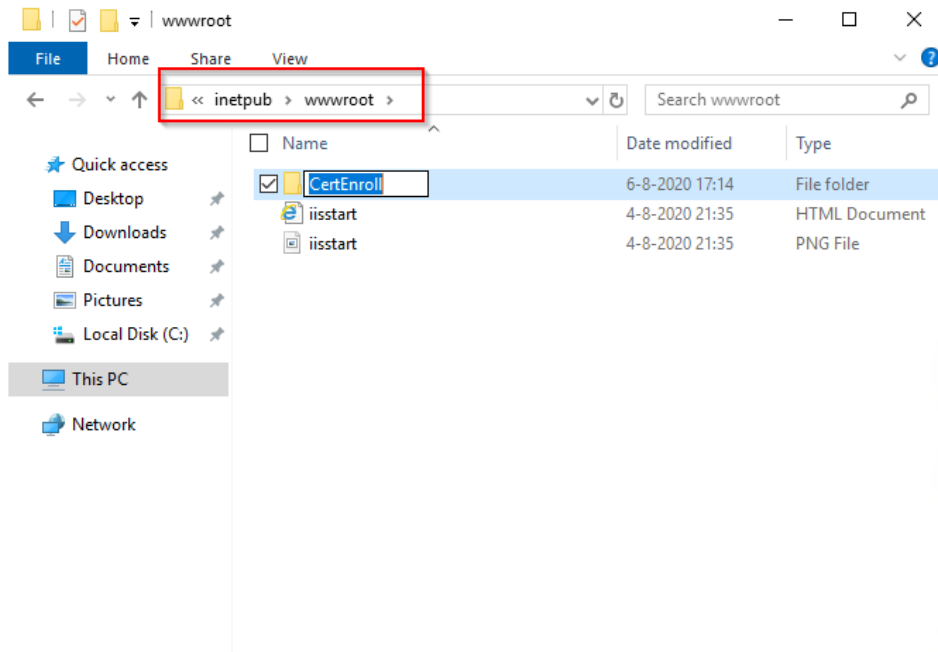
33. Press “Finish” to continue.



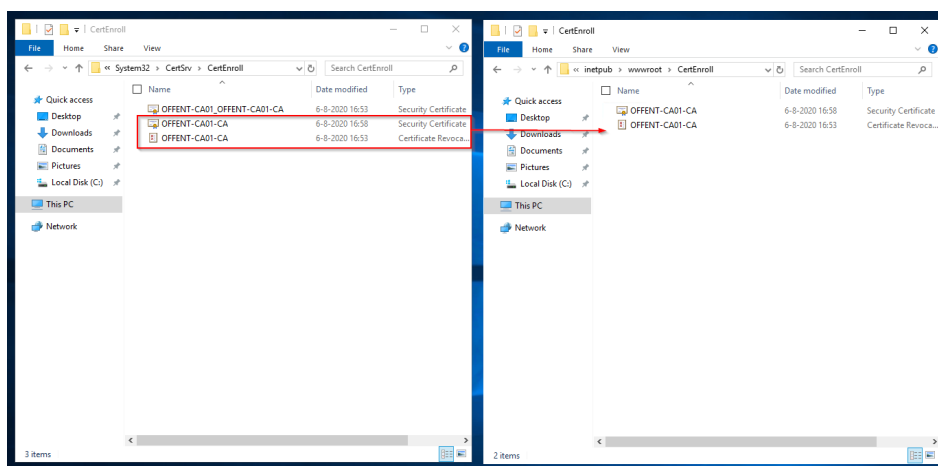
34. After some time a popup will appear when the import has finished. Press “OK” to continue

35. Create a new folder in “C:\inetpub\wwwroot” with the name “CertEnroll”

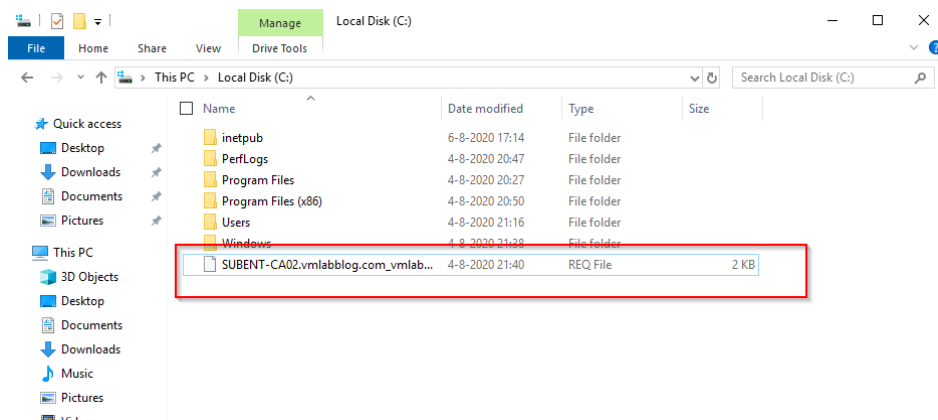




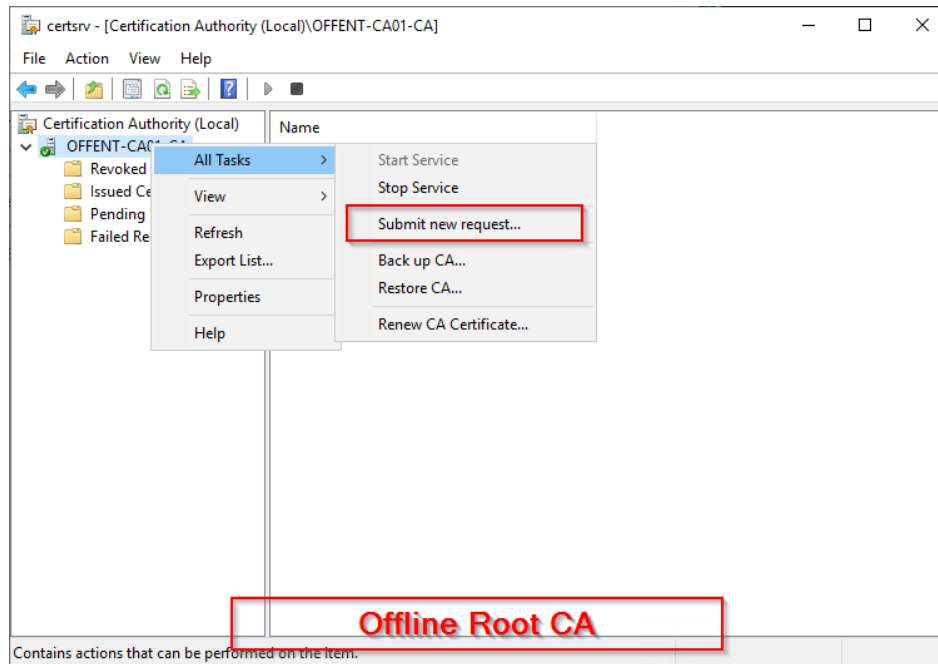
36. Copy the RootCA Certificate and Certificate Revocation List from “C:\Windows\System32\CertSrv\CertEnroll” to “C:\inetpub\wwwroot\CertEnroll”



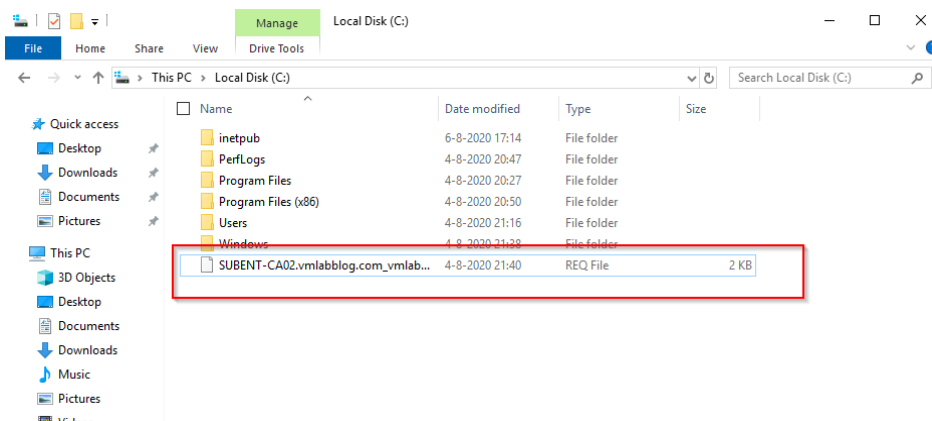
37. Browse to the location entered in step 20 (default “c:\”) and copy the “\*.Req” file to the C: Drive on RootCA server.



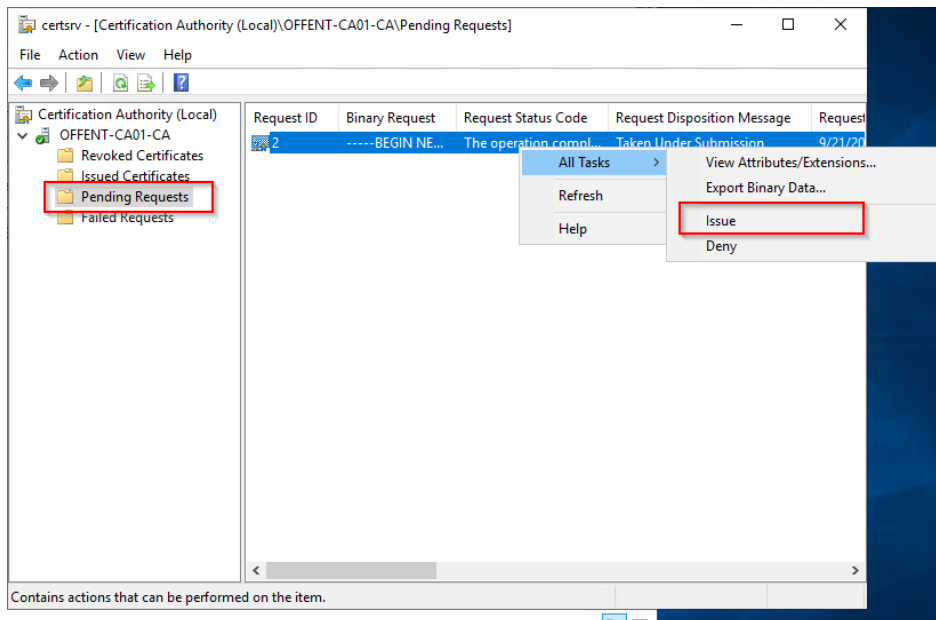
38. On the Root CA Server open "Certification Authority" rightclick the servername and select "All Tasks" -> Submit new request..."



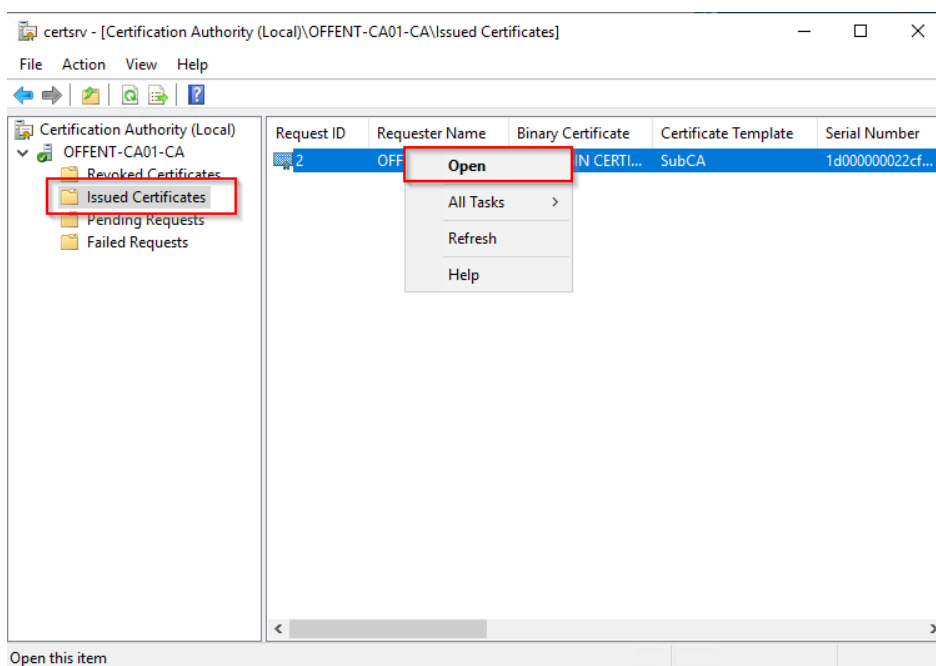
39. Browse to the request file on the C: driver and press "Open"



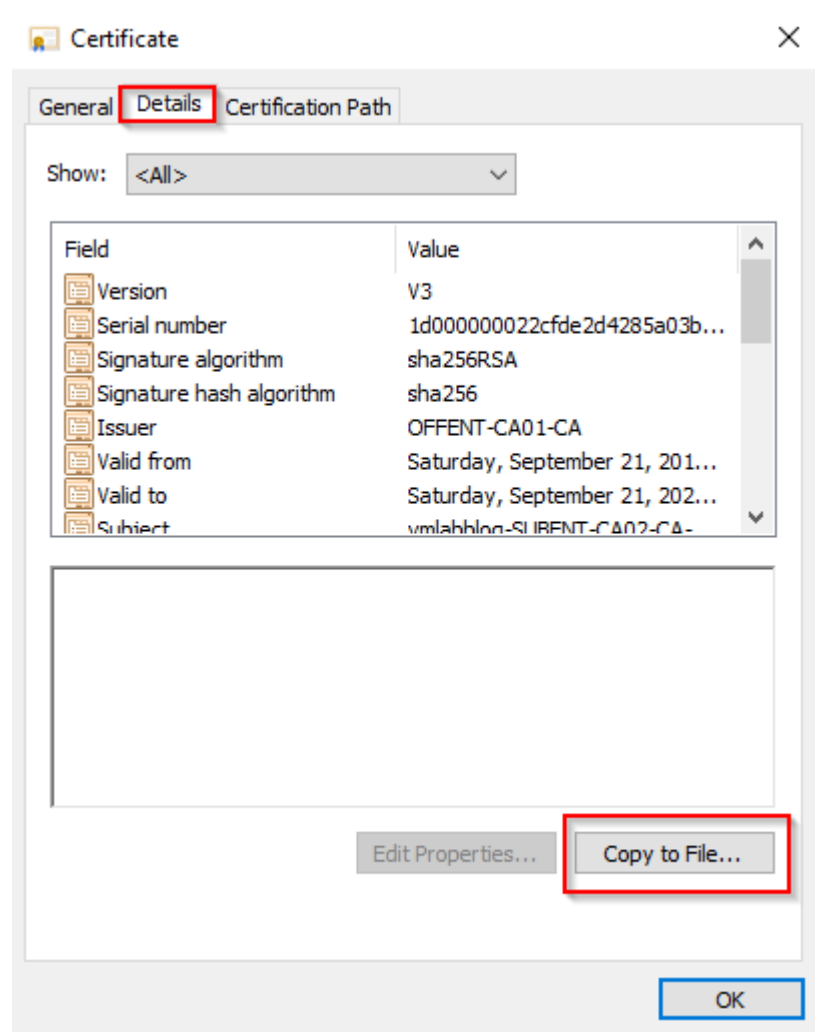
40. Select "Pending Requests". Rightclick the pending request and select "All Tasks" -> "Issue"



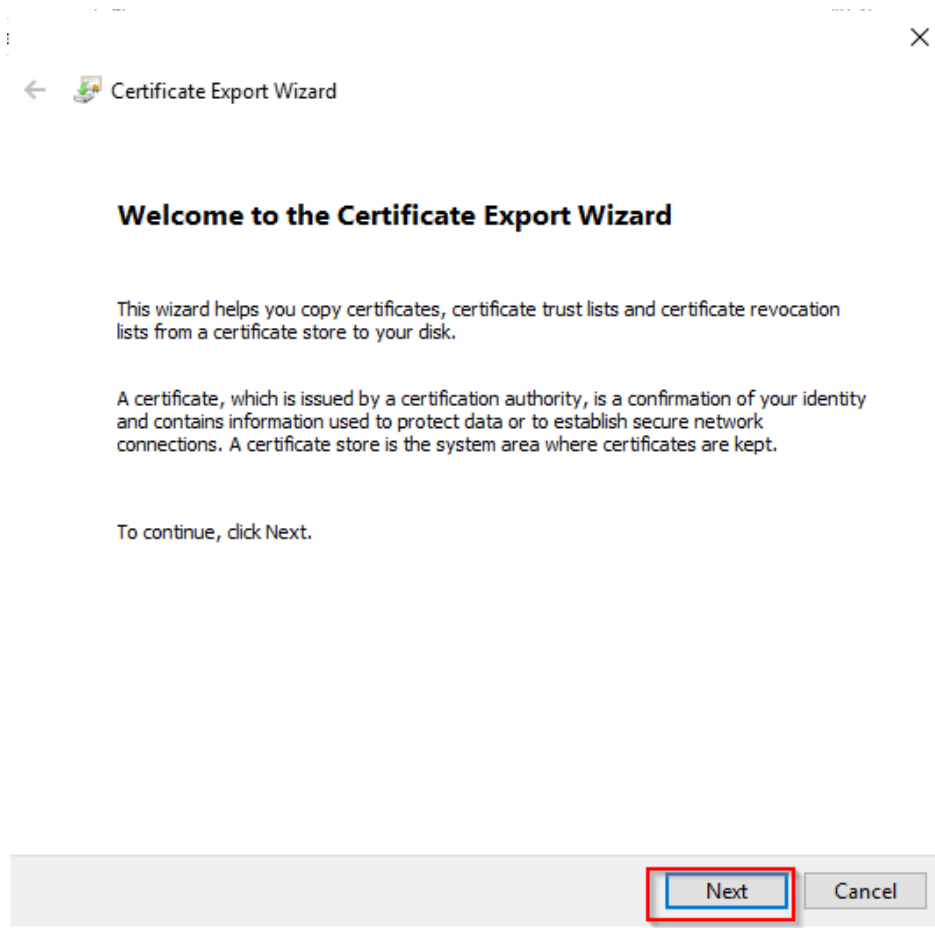
41. Select “Issued Certificates”. Rightclick the issued certificate and select “Open”



42. Select “Details” and press “Copy to file...”



43. Press "Next" to continue



44. Select “Cryptographic Message Syntax Standard – PKCS #7 Certificates (.P7B)” and check the box “Include all certificates in the certification path if possible”. Press “Next” to continue.

### Export File Format

Certificates can be exported in a variety of file formats.

Select the format you want to use:

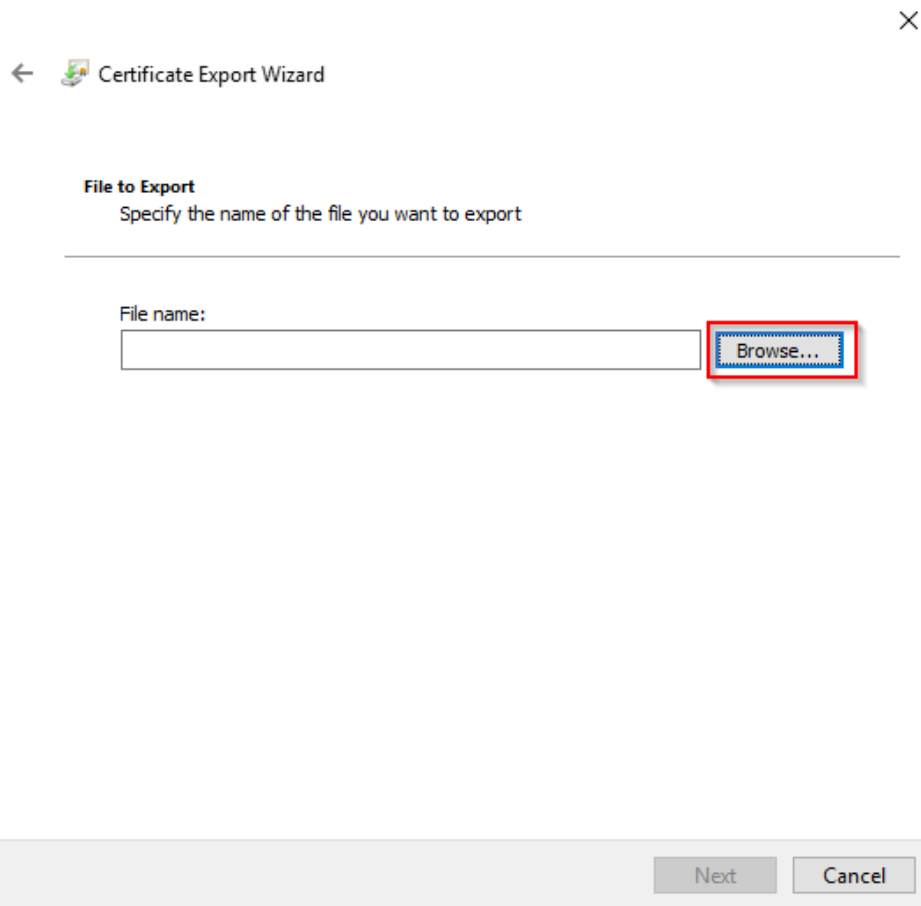
- ☐ DER encoded binary X.509 (.CER)
- ☐ Base-64 encoded X.509 (.CER)
- ☒ Cryptographic Message Syntax Standard - PKCS #7 Certificates (.P7B)
  - ☒ Include all certificates in the certification path if possible
- ☐ Personal Information Exchange - PKCS #12 (.PFX)
  - ☐ Include all certificates in the certification path if possible
  - ☐ Delete the private key if the export is successful
  - ☐ Export all extended properties
  - ☐ Enable certificate privacy
- ☐ Microsoft Serialized Certificate Store (.SST)

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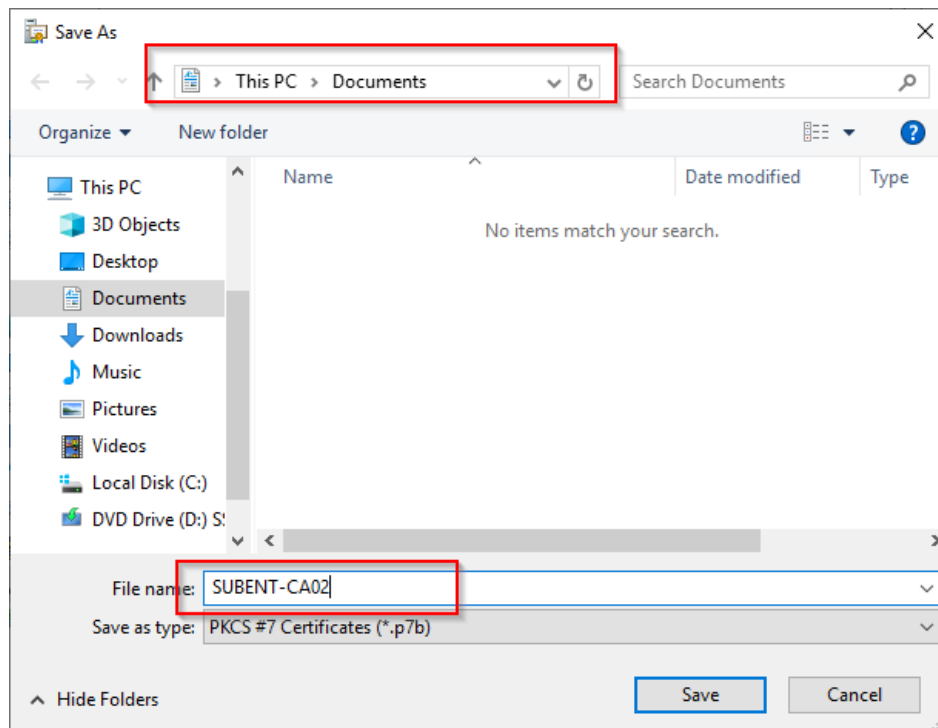
Cancel

45. Press “Browse...”

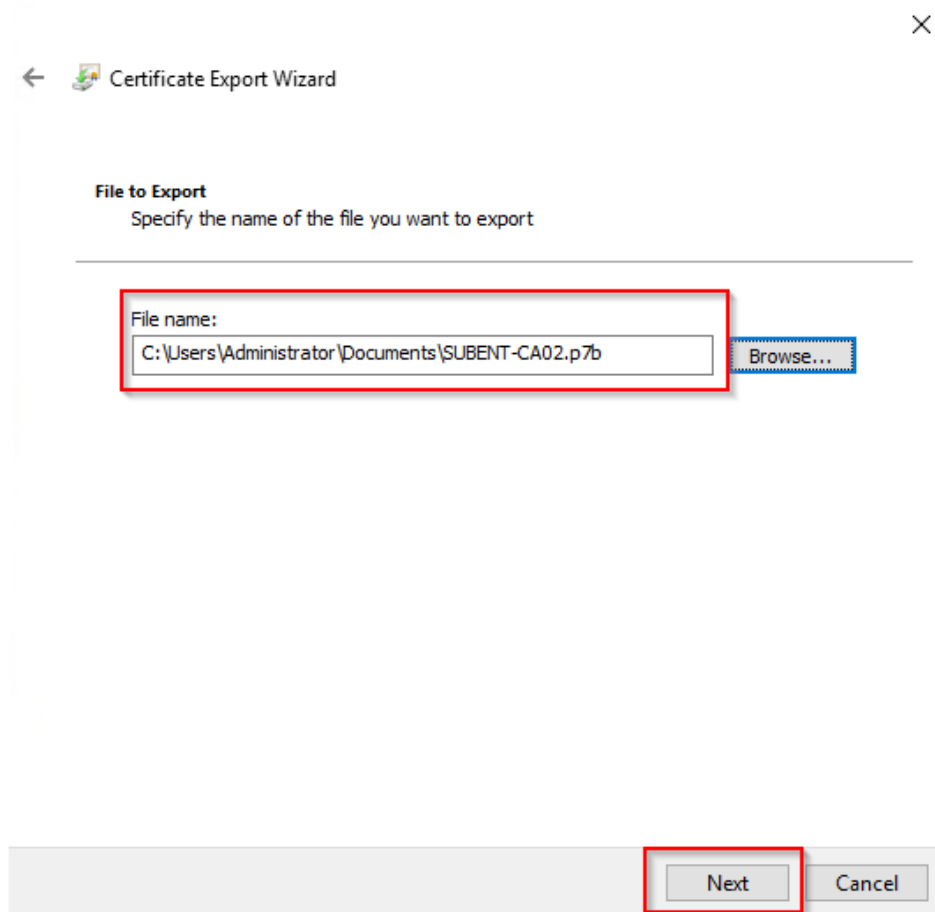




46. Enter a name for the certificate and press “Save” (the default location is the Documents folder)



47. Press “Next” to continue.



48. Press “Finish” to export the CA Certificate.

## Completing the Certificate Export Wizard

You have successfully completed the Certificate Export wizard.

You have specified the following settings:

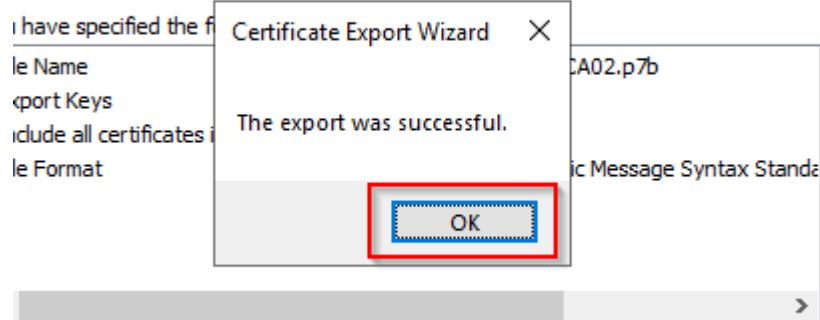
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Export Keys	No
Include all certificates in the certification path	Yes
File Format	Cryptographic Message Syntax Stand

Finish

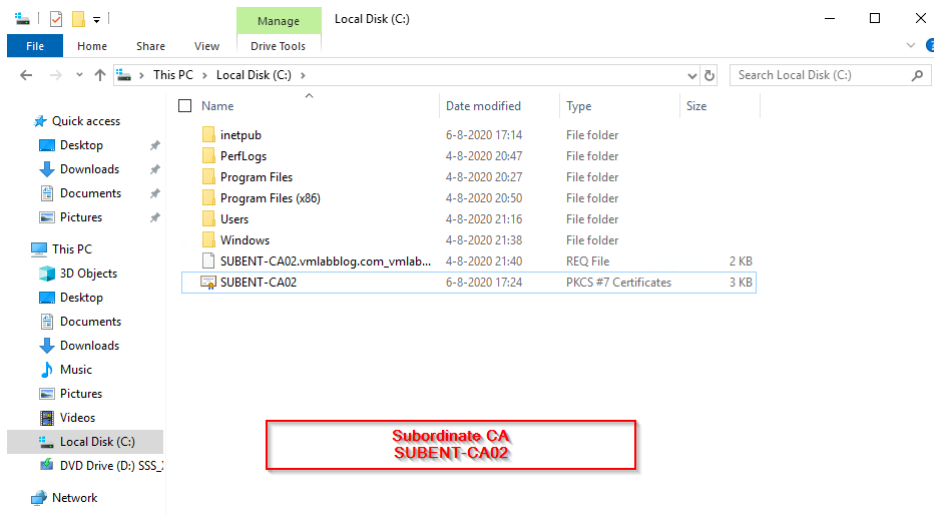
Cancel

49. After some time a popup will appear when the export has finished. Press “OK” to continue.

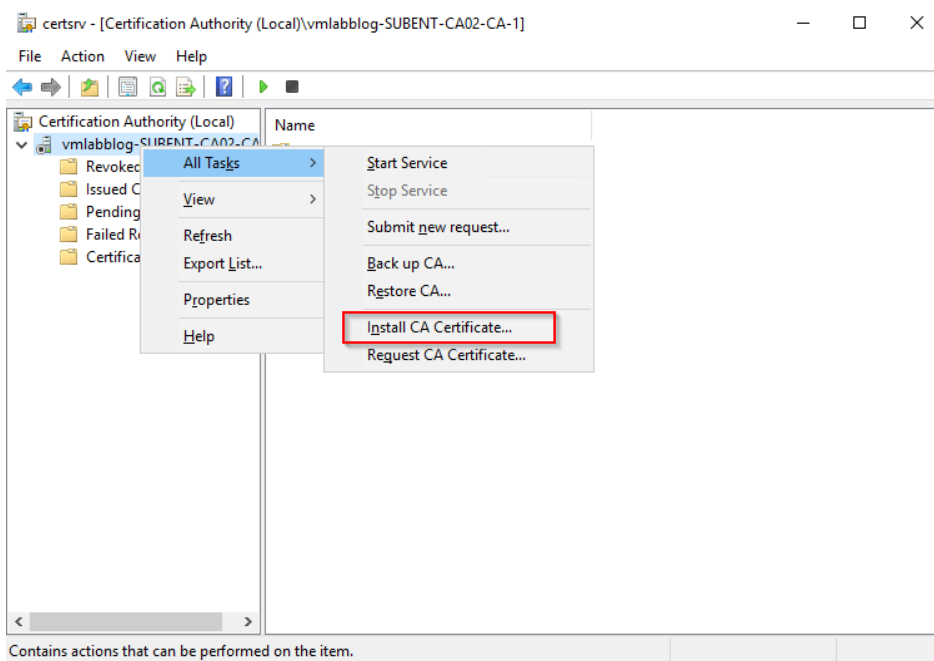
You have successfully completed the Certificate Export wizard.



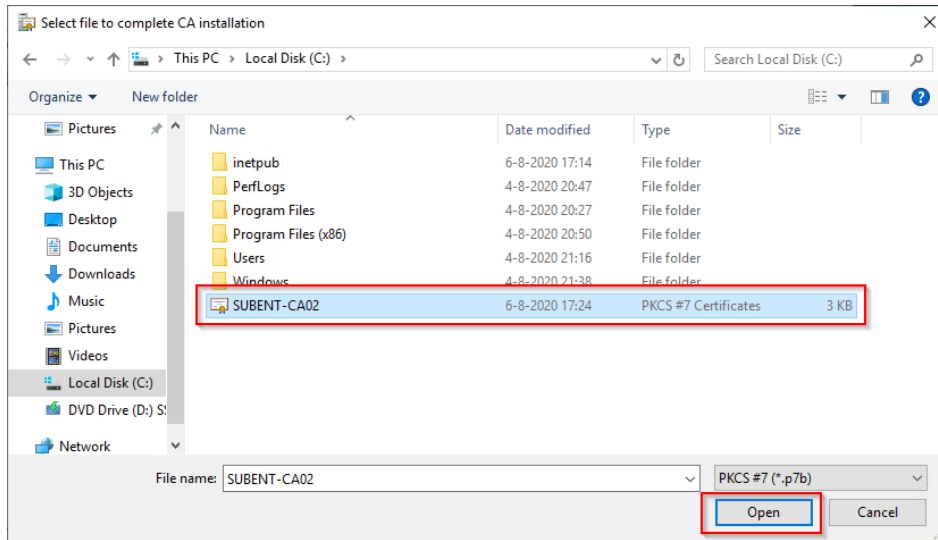
50. Copy the CA Certificate from the RootCA ( step 46) and switch to the subordinate server to paste the file.



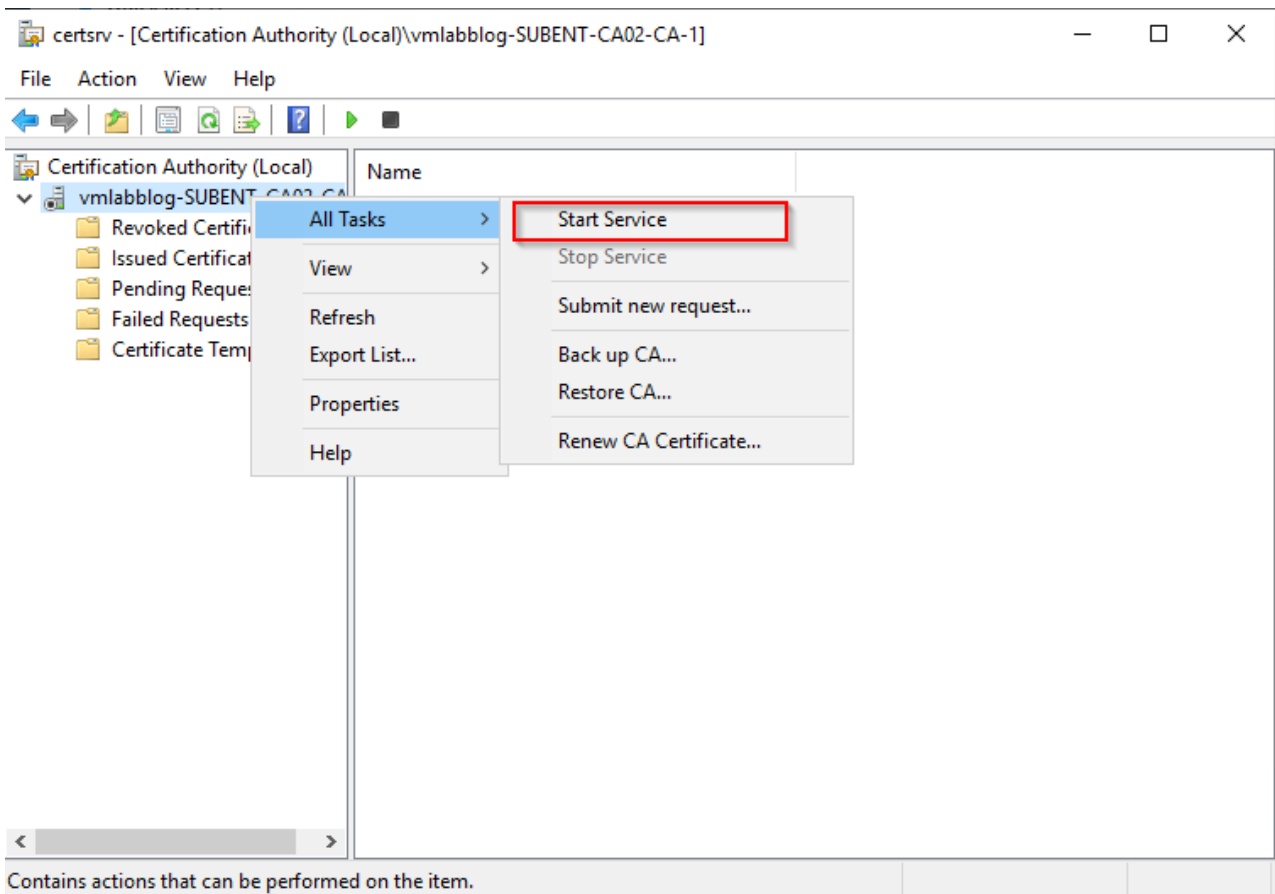
51. On the Subordinate CA open the Certification Authority. Rightclick the Servername and select “All Tasks” -> “Install CA Certificate”



52. Select the copied CA Certificate and press “Open”



53. Rightclick the Servername and select “All Tasks” -> “Start Service”



The setup of the Subordinate CA is now completed

Next: Setup Group Policy.