

Remote Access VPN with FreeRADIUS and OpenLDAP - Debian

-Setup

- Domain: wsc2022.kr
- Public subnet: 10.10.10.0/24
- Debian server: 10.10.10.1/24
- Windows client: 10.10.10.10/24
- Debian client: 10.10.10.100/24
- Private subnet: 192.168.100.0/24
- Debian server: 192.168.100.100/24
- VPN private IP pool: 192.168.3.0/24
- Users in FreeRADIUS
 - alice
 - bob
- Users in LDAP:
 - cecil
 - dennis

-Install slapd, freeradius, freeradius-ldap, strongswan and it's plugins

apt install slapd freeradius freeradius-ldap strongswan strongswan-pki libcharon-extra-plugins

-Create a CA and create the certs

- Create the directories
- ```
mkdir -p ~/pki/{cacerts,certs,private}
chmod 700 ~/pki
```

## **-Generate the key**

```
pki --gen --type rsa --size 4096 --outform pem > ~/pki/private/ca-key.pem
```

## **-Sign the root cert**

```
pki --self --ca --lifetime 3650 --in ~/pki/private/ca-key.pem --type rsa --dn "CN=vpn.wsc2022.kr" --outform pem > ~/pki/cacerts/ca-cert.pem
```

## **-Generate a private key for the VPN server**

```
pki --gen --type rsa --size 4096 --outform pem > ~/pki/private/server-key.pem
```

## **-Create and sign the VPN server cert. If you use the DNS name of the server in the CN and SAN fields you'll only need one SAN field**

```
pki --pub --in ~/pki/private/server-key.pem --type rsa | pki --issue --lifetime 1825 --cacert ~/pki/cacerts/ca-cert.pem --cakey ~/pki/private/ca-key.pem --dn "CN=10.10.10.1" --san @10.10.10.1 --san 10.10.10.1 --flag serverAuth --flag ikeIntermediate --outform pem > ~/pki/certs/server-cert.pem
```

## **-Copy the certs and keys to /etc/ipsec.d and /etc/freeradius/3.0**

```
cp -r ~/pki/* /etc/ipsec.d
cp -r ~/pki/* /etc/freeradius/3.0
```

## **-Configure Strongswan-**

### **-Edit /etc/ipsec.conf**

```
config setup
 uniqueids = no
 charondebug = "ike 1, knl 1, cfg 0"

conn ikev2-vpn
 auto = add
 compress = no
 type = tunnel
 keyexchange = ikev2
```

```
fragmentation = yes
forceencaps = yes
dpdaction = clear
dpddelay = 300s
rekey = no
left = %any
leftid = 10.10.10.1 #you can use a domain name aswell: leftid = @domain.tld
leftcert = server-cert.pem
leftsendcert = always
leftsubnet = 192.168.100.0/24
right = %any
rightid = %any
rightauth = eap-radius
rightsourceip = 192.168.3.0/24
rightdns = 8.8.8.8,8.8.4.4
rightsendcert = never
eap_identity = %identity
ike = aes128-sha1-modp1024!
esp = aes128-sha1!
```

```
GNU nano 5.4 /etc/ipsec.conf *
ipsec.conf - strongSwan IPsec configuration file

basic configuration

config setup
 uniqueids = no
 charondebug = "ike 1, knl 1, cfg 0"
Add connections here.
conn ikev2-vpn
 auto = add
 compress = no
 type = tunnel
 keyexchange = ikev2
 fragmentation = yes
 forceencaps = yes
 dpdaction = clear
 dpddelay = 300s
 rekey = no
 left = %any
 leftid = 10.10.10.1
 leftcert = server-cert.pem
 leftsendcert = always
 leftsubnet = 192.168.100.0/24
 right = %any
 rightid = %any
 rightauth = eap-radius
 rightsourceip = 192.168.3.0/24
 rightdns = 8.8.8.8,8.8.4.4
 rightsendcert = never
 eap_identity = %any
 ike = aes128-sha1-modp1024!
 esp = aes128-sha1!
```

-Edit /etc/ipsec.secrets

: RSA "server-key.pem"

```
GNU nano 5.4 /etc/ipsec.secrets
This file holds shared secrets or RSA private keys for authentication.

RSA private key for this host, authenticating it to any other host
which knows the public part.

: RSA "server-key.pem"
```

## -Edit /etc/strongswan.conf

-In the plugins module define the eap-radius module and the radius server itself

```
GNU nano 5.4 /etc/strongswan.conf
strongswan.conf - strongSwan configuration file
#
Refer to the strongswan.conf(5) manpage for details
#
Configuration changes should be made in the included files

charon {
 load_modular = yes
 plugins {
 include strongswan.d/charon/*.conf
 eap-radius {
 servers {
 server-a {
 # "server-a" is just a name for the RADIUS server
 # it can be anything as far as I know
 address = 10.10.10.1
 secret = supersecret
 }
 }
 }
 }
}
```

## -Configure Slapd-

### -Reconfigure slapd

dpkg-reconfigure slapd

-Add a users group by creating a new LDIF file in /etc/ldap/ and adding the following content

```
nano /etc/ldap/users.ldif
dn: ou=People,dc=wsc2022,dc=kr
objectClass: organizationalUnit
ou: People
```

```
GNU nano 5.4 /etc/ldap/users.ldif
dn: ou=People,dc=wsc2022,dc=kr
objectClass: organizationalUnit
ou: People
```

-Add the new entry to the LDAP directory

ldapadd -D "cn=admin,dc=wsc2022,dc=kr" -W -H ldapi:/// -f /etc/ldap/users.ldif

-Add new users to LDAP by creating a new LDIF file in /etc/ldap/ and adding the following

## content

```
nano /etc/ldap/new_users.ldif
dn: cn=cecil,ou=People,dc=wsc2022,dc=kr
objectClass: top
objectClass: account
objectClass: posixAccount
objectClass: shadowAccount
cn: cecil
uid: cecil
uidNumber: 10001
gidNumber: 10001
homeDirectory: /home/cecil
userPassword: cecil
loginShell: /bin/bash
#Have an empty line between entries
dn: cn=dennis,ou=People,dc=wsc2022,dc=kr
objectClass: top
objectClass: account
objectClass: posixAccount
objectClass: shadowAccount
cn: dennis
uid: dennis
uidNumber: 10002
gidNumber: 10002
homeDirectory: /home/dennis
userPassword: dennis
loginShell: /bin/bash
```

```
GNU nano 5.4 /etc/ldap/new_users.ldif
dn: cn=cecil,ou=People,dc=wsc2022,dc=kr
objectClass: top
objectClass: account
objectClass: posixAccount
objectClass: shadowAccount
cn: cecil
uid: cecil
uidNumber: 10001
gidNumber: 10001
homeDirectory: /home/cecil
userPassword: cecil
loginShell: /bin/bash

dn: cn=dennis,ou=People,dc=wsc2022,dc=kr
objectClass: top
objectClass: account
objectClass: posixAccount
objectClass: shadowAccount
cn: dennis
uid: dennis
uidNumber: 10002
gidNumber: 10002
homeDirectory: /home/dennis
userPassword: dennis
loginShell: /bin/bash
```

-Add the new entries to the LDAP directory

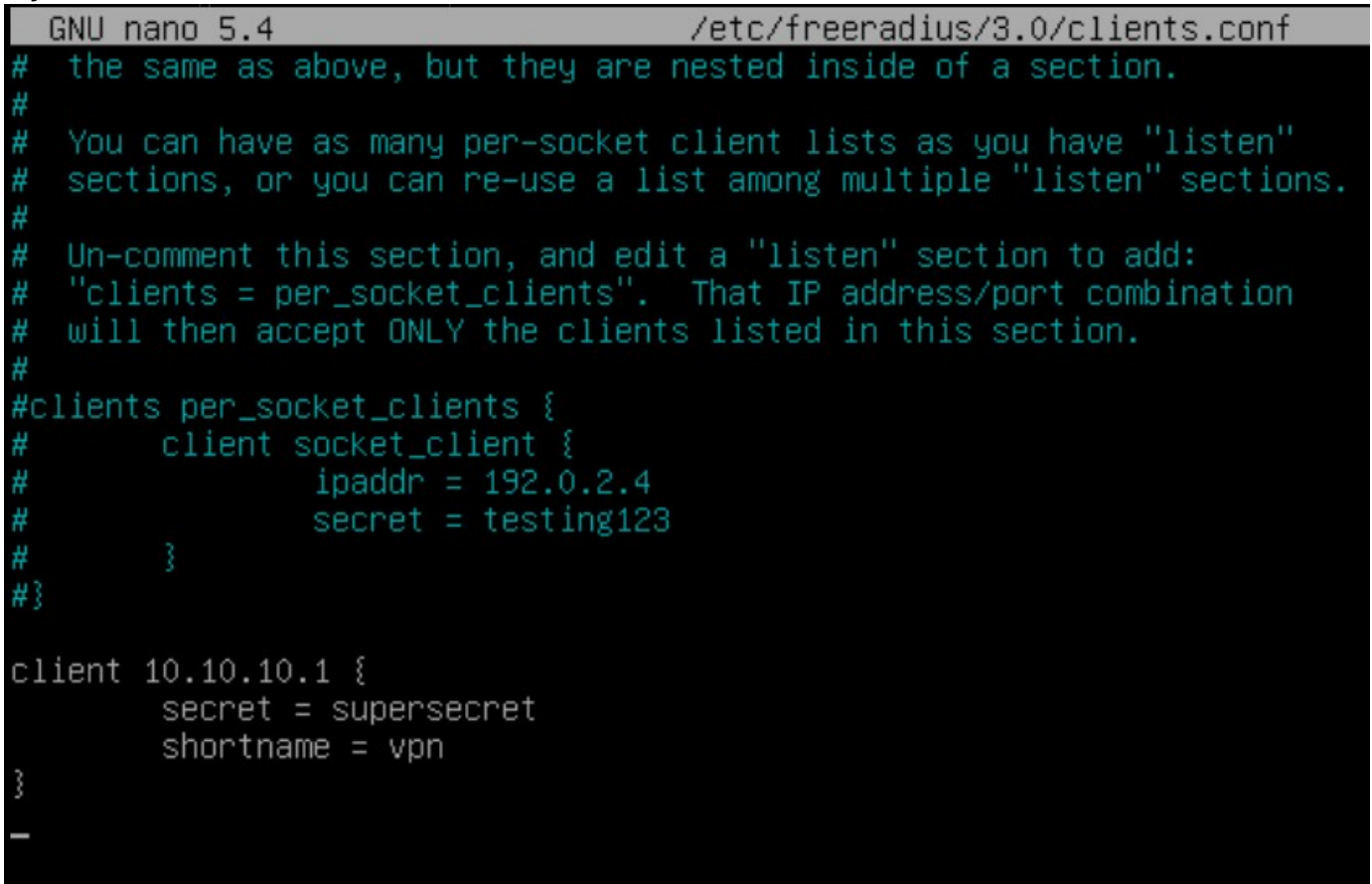
```
ldapadd -D "cn=admin,dc=wsc2022,dc=kr" -W -H ldapi:/// -f /etc/ldap/new_users.ldif
```

-Configure FreeRADIUS-

-Edit /etc/freeradius/3.0/clients.conf

-Define the VPN server as a RADIUS client at the end of the file

```
client 10.10.10.1 {
 secret = <random_secret>
 shortname = vpn
}
```



```
GNU nano 5.4 /etc/freeradius/3.0/clients.conf
the same as above, but they are nested inside of a section.

You can have as many per-socket client lists as you have "listen"
sections, or you can re-use a list among multiple "listen" sections.

Un-comment this section, and edit a "listen" section to add:
"clients = per_socket_clients". That IP address/port combination
will then accept ONLY the clients listed in this section.

#clients per_socket_clients {
client socket_client {
ipaddr = 192.0.2.4
secret = testing123
}
#}

client 10.10.10.1 {
 secret = supersecret
 shortname = vpn
}
-
```

-Edit /etc/freeradius/3.0/users -> Only edit this file if you want to authenticate with RADIUS only. If you want to authenticate with LDAP just skip this step.

-Define the users that can authenticate

```
"<username>" Cleartext-Password := "<userpassword>"
```

```

GNU nano 5.4 /etc/freeradius/3.0/users
Last default: shell on the local terminal server.
#
DEFAULT
Service-Type = Administrative-User

On no match, the user is denied access.

#####
You should add test accounts to the TOP of this file!
See the example user "bob" above.
#####

"bob" Cleartext-Password := "bob"
"alice" Cleartext-Password := "alice"

```

-Edit /etc/freeradius/3.0/mods-enabled/mschap

-Uncomment the following lines and change their values to "yes"

```

use_mppe = yes
require_encryption = yes
require_strong = yes

```

```

GNU nano 5.4 /etc/freeradius/3.0/mods-enabled/mschap
This module supports MS-CHAP and MS-CHAPv2 authentication.
It also enforces the SMB-Account-Ctrl attribute.
#
mschap {
 #
 # If you are using /etc/smbpasswd, see the 'passwd'
 # module for an example of how to use /etc/smbpasswd
 #
 #
 # If use_mppe is not set to no mschap, will
 # add MS-CHAP-MPPE-Keys for MS-CHAPv1 and
 # MS-MPPE-Recv-Key/MS-MPPE-Send-Key for MS-CHAPv2
 #
 use_mppe = yes

 #
 # If MPPE is enabled, require_encryption makes
 # encryption moderate
 #
 require_encryption = yes

 #
 # require_strong always requires 128 bit key
 # encryption
 #
 require_strong = yes
}

```

-Edit /etc/freeradius/3.0/mods-enabled/eap



-In the eap module set default\_eap\_type to peap

```
GNU nano 5.4 /etc/freeradius/3.0/mods-enabled/eap
Whatever you do, do NOT set 'Auth-Type := EAP'. The server
is smart enough to figure this out on its own. The most
common side effect of setting 'Auth-Type := EAP' is that the
users then cannot use ANY other authentication method.
#
eap {
 # Invoke the default supported EAP type when
 # EAP-Identity response is received.
 #
 # The incoming EAP messages DO NOT specify which EAP
 # type they will be using, so it MUST be set here.
 #
 # For now, only one default EAP type may be used at a time.
 #
 # If the EAP-Type attribute is set by another module,
 # then that EAP type takes precedence over the
 # default type configured here.
 #
 default_eap_type = peap
}
```

-In the tls-config tls-common module

-comment the private\_key\_password line if you don't need a password for the private key

-set the private\_key\_file, certificate\_file and ca\_file

-uncomment this line: random = /dev/urandom

private\_key\_file = /etc/freeradius/3.0/private/server-key.pem

certificate\_file = /etc/freeradius/3.0/certs/server-cert.pem

ca\_file = /etc/freeradius/3.0/cacerts/ca-cert.pem

```
GNU nano 5.4 /etc/freeradius/3.0/mods-enabled/eap
authenticate via EAP-TLS! This is likely not what you want.
#
tls-config tls-common {
 #private_key_password =
 private_key_file = /etc/freeradius/3.0/private/server-key.pem
}
```

```
GNU nano 5.4 /etc/freeradius/3.0/mods-enabled/eap
#
certificate_file = /etc/freeradius/3.0/certs/server-cert.pem

Trusted Root CA list
#
This file can contain multiple CA certificates.
ALL of the CA's in this list will be trusted to
issue client certificates for authentication.
#
In general, you should use self-signed
certificates for 802.1x (EAP) authentication.
In that case, this CA file should contain
one CA certificate.
#
ca_file = /etc/freeradius/3.0/cacerts/ca-cert.pem
```

```
GNU nano 5.4 /etc/freeradius/3.0/mods-enabled/eap

If your system doesn't have /dev/urandom,
you will need to create this file, and
periodically change its contents.
#
For security reasons, FreeRADIUS doesn't
write to files in its configuration
directory.
#
random_file = /dev/urandom
```

-In the peap module set the default\_eap\_type to mschapv2 #This should be the default option just make sure it is

```
GNU nano 5.4 /etc/freeradius/3.0/mods-enabled/eap
which is separate from the one for the non-tunneled
EAP module. Inside of the TLS/PEAP tunnel, we
recommend using EAP-MS-CHAPv2.
#
peap {
 # Which tls-config section the TLS negotiation parameters
 # are in - see EAP-TLS above for an explanation.
 #
 # In the case that an old configuration from FreeRADIUS
 # v2.x is being used, all the options of the tls-config
 # section may also appear instead in the 'tls' section
 # above. If that is done, the tls= option here (and in
 # tls above) MUST be commented out.
 #
 tls = tls-common

 # The tunneled EAP session needs a default
 # EAP type which is separate from the one for
 # the non-tunneled EAP module. Inside of the
 # PEAP tunnel, we recommend using MS-CHAPv2,
 # as that is the default type supported by
 # Windows clients.
 #
 default_eap_type = mschapv2
```

-Edit /etc/freeradius/3.0/mods-available/ldap

-Edit the following lines in the ldap module

```
server = 'localhost' #Only edit this if the LDAP service is on a different server
identity = 'cn=admin,dc=wsc2022,dc=kr'
password = 'Passw0rd' #LDAP admin password
base_dn = 'dc=wsc2022,dc=kr'
```



```

GNU nano 5.4 /etc/freeradius/3.0/mods-available/ldap
ldap {
 # Note that this needs to match the name(s) in the LDAP server
 # certificate, if you're using ldaps. See OpenLDAP documentation
 # for the behavioral semantics of specifying more than one host.
 #
 # Depending on the libldap in use, server may be an LDAP URI.
 # In the case of OpenLDAP this allows additional the following
 # additional schemes:
 # - ldaps:// (LDAP over SSL)
 # - ldapi:// (LDAP over Unix socket)
 # - ldapc:// (Connectionless LDAP)
 server = 'localhost'
server = 'ldap.rrdns.example.org'
server = 'ldap.rrdns.example.org'

 # Port to connect on, defaults to 389, will be ignored for LDAP URIs.
port = 389

 # Administrator account for searching and possibly modifying.
 # If using SASL + KRB5 these should be commented out.
 identity = 'cn=admin,dc=wsc2022,dc=kr'
 password = Passw0rd

 # Unless overridden in another section, the dn from which all
 # searches will start from.
 base_dn = 'dc=wsc2022,dc=kr'

```

-Copy /etc/freeradius/3.0/mods-available/ldap to /etc/freeradius/3.0/mods-enabled/ldap and set the correct permissions

```

cp /etc/freeradius/3.0/mods-available/ldap /etc/freeradius/3.0/mods-enabled/ldap
chown freerad:freerad /etc/freeradius/3.0/mods-enabled/ldap
chmod 775 /etc/freeradius/3.0/mods-enabled/ldap

```

-Enable packet forwarding in /etc/sysctl.conf

-Uncomment the following lines

```

net.ipv4.ip_forward = 1
net.ipv6.conf.all.forwarding = 1
net.ipv4.conf.all.accept_redirects = 0
net.ipv4.conf.all.send_redirects = 0

```

-Enable the changes with: sysctl -p

```

root@debvpn:~# sysctl -p
net.ipv4.ip_forward = 1
net.ipv6.conf.all.forwarding = 1
net.ipv4.conf.all.accept_redirects = 0
net.ipv4.conf.all.send_redirects = 0
root@debvpn:~#

```

-Restart the strongswan and freeradius

```

systemctl restart freeradius
systemctl restart strongswan-starter

```

-To check active connections

```

ipsec status

```

```

root@debvpn:~# ipsec status
Security Associations (2 up, 0 connecting):
 ikev2-vpn[2]: ESTABLISHED 2 minutes ago, 10.10.10.1[10.10.10.1]...10.10.10.100[bob]
 ikev2-vpn[2]: INSTALLED, TUNNEL, reqid 2, ESP in UDP SPIs: c045f69d_i c991dcb4_o
 ikev2-vpn[2]: 192.168.100.0/24 === 192.168.3.2/32
 ikev2-vpn[1]: ESTABLISHED 3 minutes ago, 10.10.10.1[10.10.10.1]...10.10.10.10[10.10.10.10]
 ikev2-vpn[1]: INSTALLED, TUNNEL, reqid 1, ESP in UDP SPIs: ce708cc6_i 32184764_o
 ikev2-vpn[1]: 192.168.100.0/24 === 192.168.3.1/32
root@debvpn:~# _

```

## -Configuring the Debian client-

### -Install strongswan on the client aswell

apt install strongswan libcharon-extra-plugins

### -Copy the CA certificate from the server to /etc/ipsec.d/cacerts

### -To ensure the VPN only runs on demand, disable it from running automatically

systemctl disable --now strongswan-starter

### -Edit the /etc/ipsec.secrets file

<username> : EAP "<password>"

```

GNU nano 5.4 /etc/ipsec.secrets
This file holds shared secrets or RSA private keys for authentication.

RSA private key for this host, authenticating it to any other host
which knows the public part.

cecil : EAP "cecil"

```

### -Edit the /etc/ipsec.conf

conn ikev2-rw

```

right = 10.10.10.1 #You can use domain name
rightid = 10.10.10.1 #You can use domain name
rightsubnet = 0.0.0.0/0
rightauth = pubkey
leftsourceip = %config
leftid = <username> #Enter a username from /etc/ipsec.secrets
leftauth = eap-mschapv2
eap_identity = %identity
auto = start
ike = aes128-sha1-modp1024! #Needs to be same as it's on the server
esp = aes128-sha1! #Needs to be the same as it's on the server

```

```

GNU nano 5.4 /etc/ipsec.conf

config setup
 # strictcrulpolicy=yes
 # uniqueids = no

Add connections here.
conn ikev2-rw
 right = 10.10.10.1
 rightid = 10.10.10.1
 rightsubnet = 0.0.0.0/0
 rightauth = pubkey
 leftsourceip = %config
 leftid = cecil
 leftauth = eap-mschapv2
 eap_identity = %identity
 auto = start
 ike = aes128-sha1-modp1024!
 esp = aes128-sha1!

```

### -To connect to the VPN

systemctl start strongswan-starter

-To disconnect

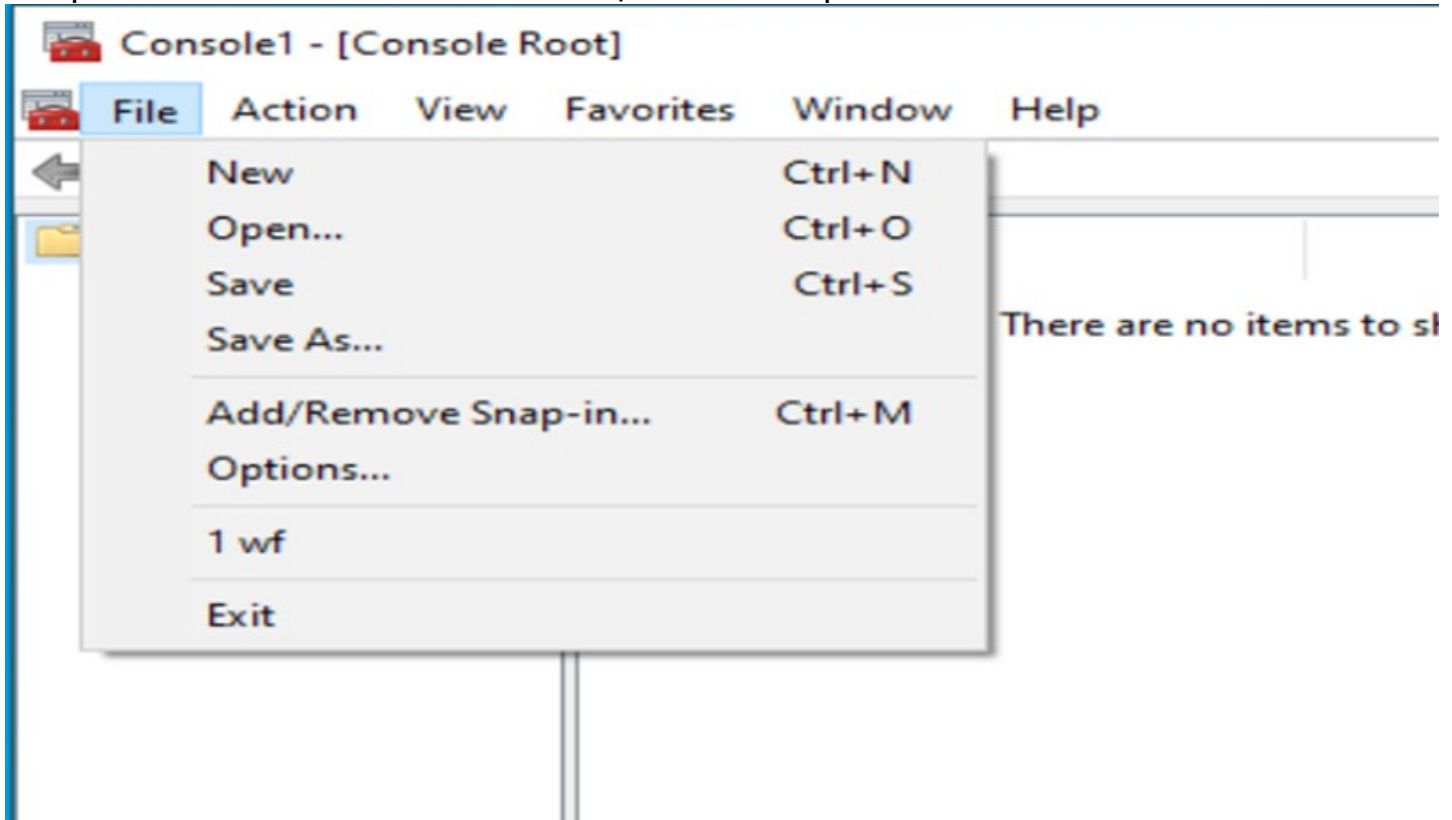
systemctl stop strongswan-starter

-Configuring the Windows client-

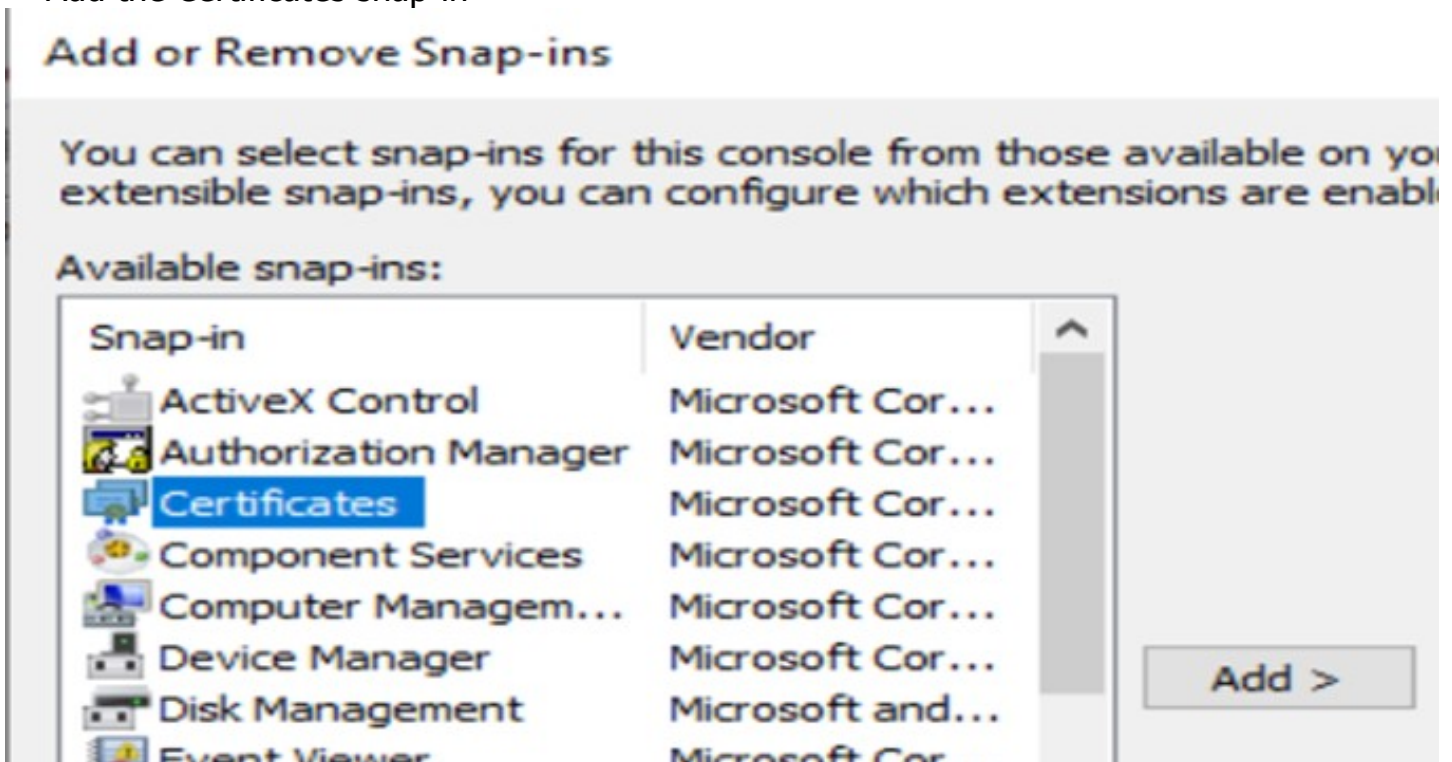
-Copy the CA certificate from the server

-Import the root cert

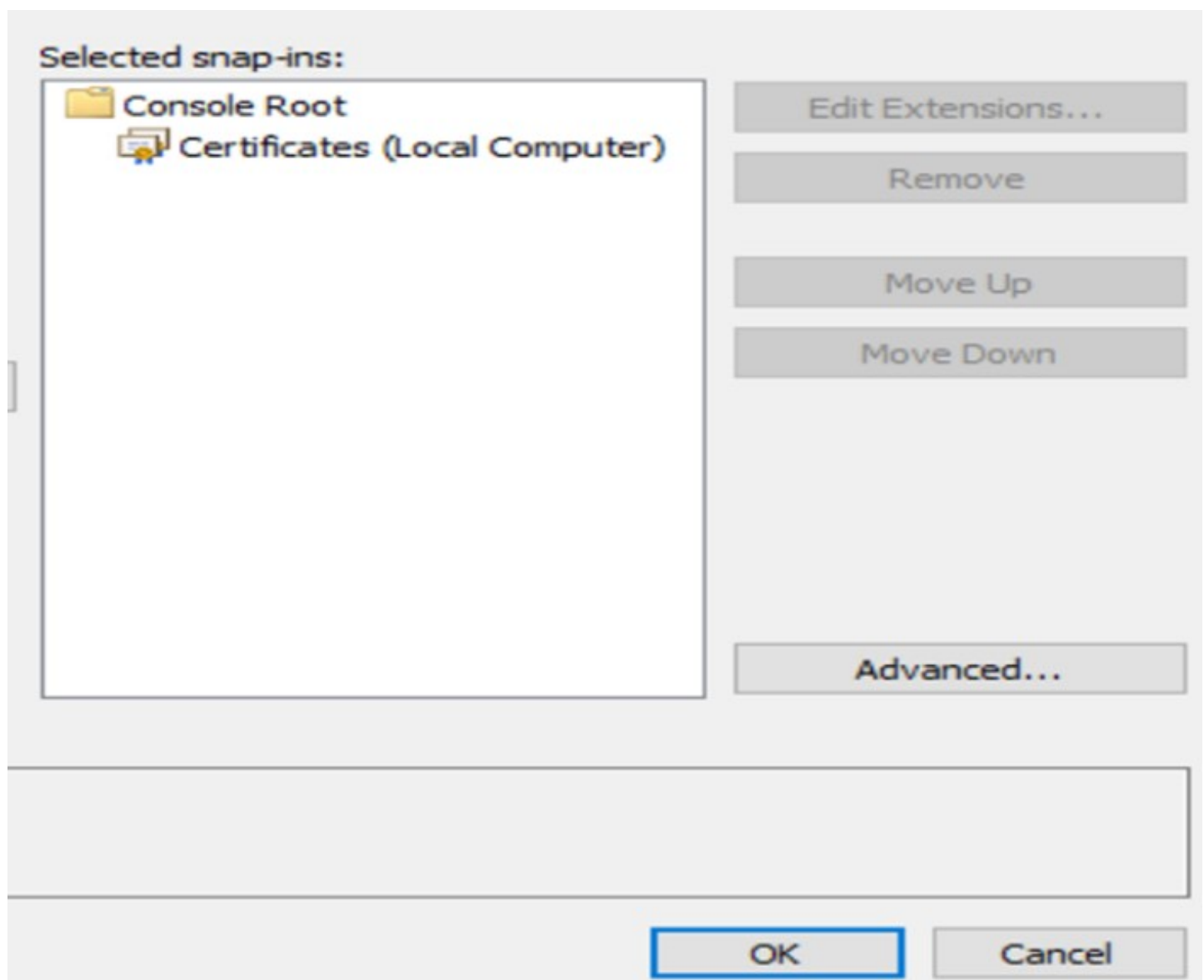
-Open mmc.exe -> click on File > Add/Remove Snap-in...



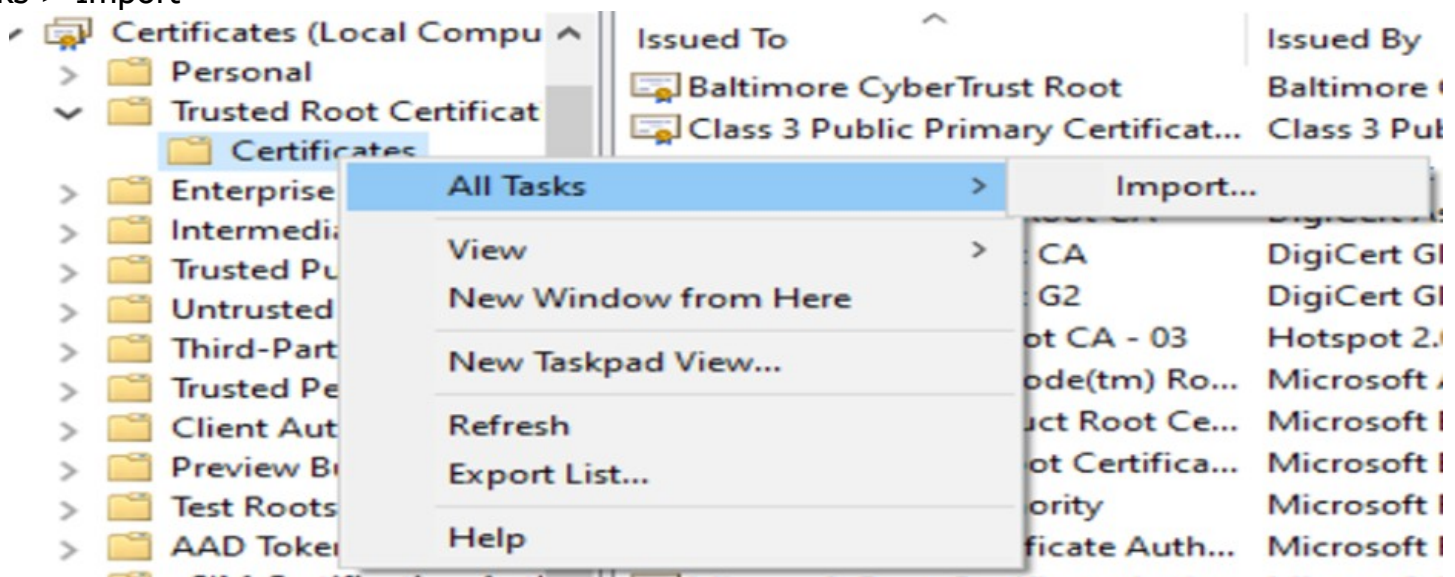
-Add the Certificates snap-in



-Select Computer Account, then Local Computer, then OK

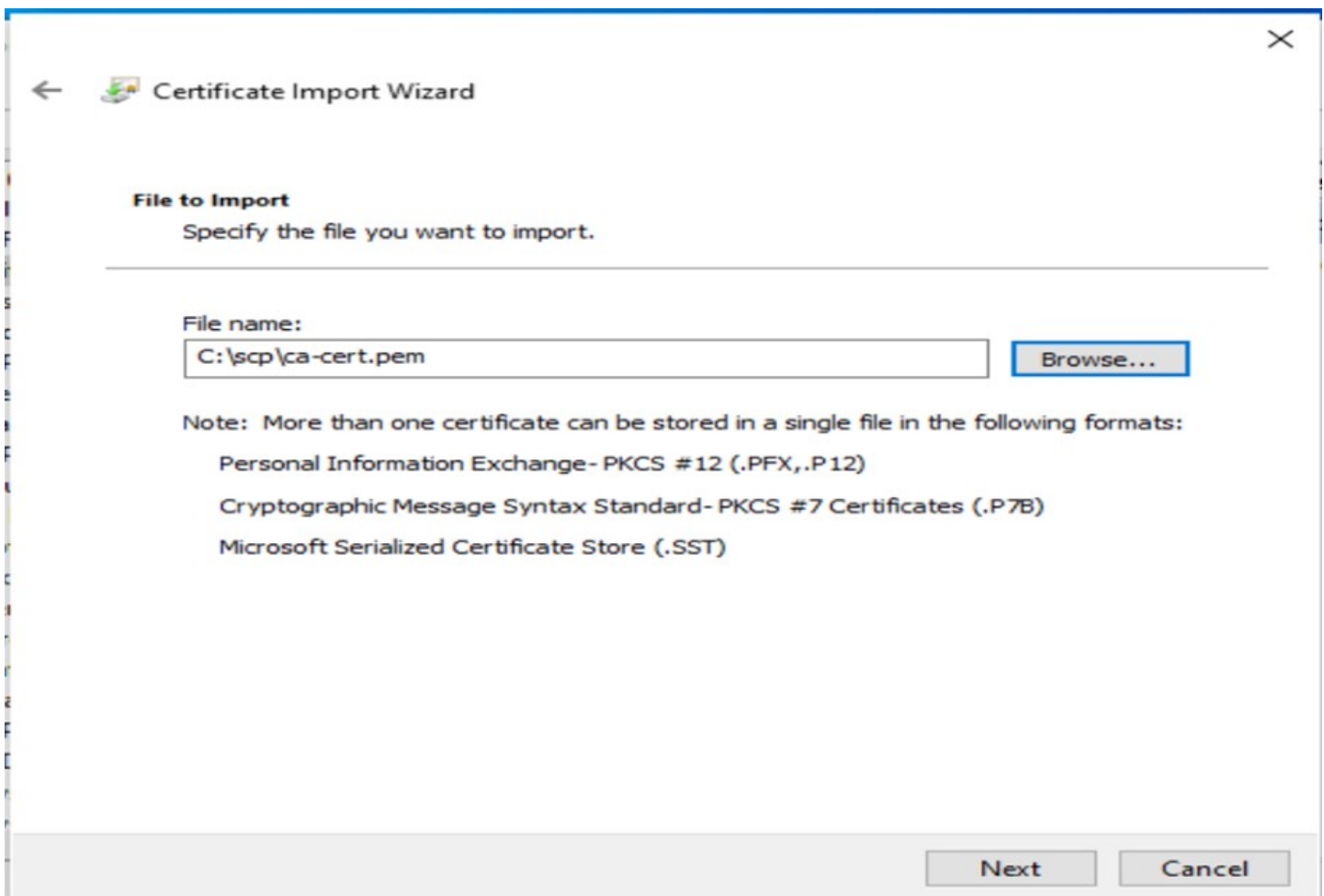


-Open Trusted Root Certification Authorities and right click on Certificates, then click on All tasks > Import



-Specify the cert you copied over





The image shows the 'File to Import' step of the Certificate Import Wizard. The title bar reads 'Certificate Import Wizard'. Below the title, the text 'File to Import' is followed by 'Specify the file you want to import.' A text box labeled 'File name:' contains the path 'C:\scp\ca-cert.pem', with a 'Browse...' button to its right. Below this, a note states: 'Note: More than one certificate can be stored in a single file in the following formats: Personal Information Exchange- PKCS #12 (.PFX,.P12), Cryptographic Message Syntax Standard- PKCS #7 Certificates (.P7B), and Microsoft Serialized Certificate Store (.SST)'. At the bottom right, there are 'Next' and 'Cancel' buttons.

← Certificate Import Wizard

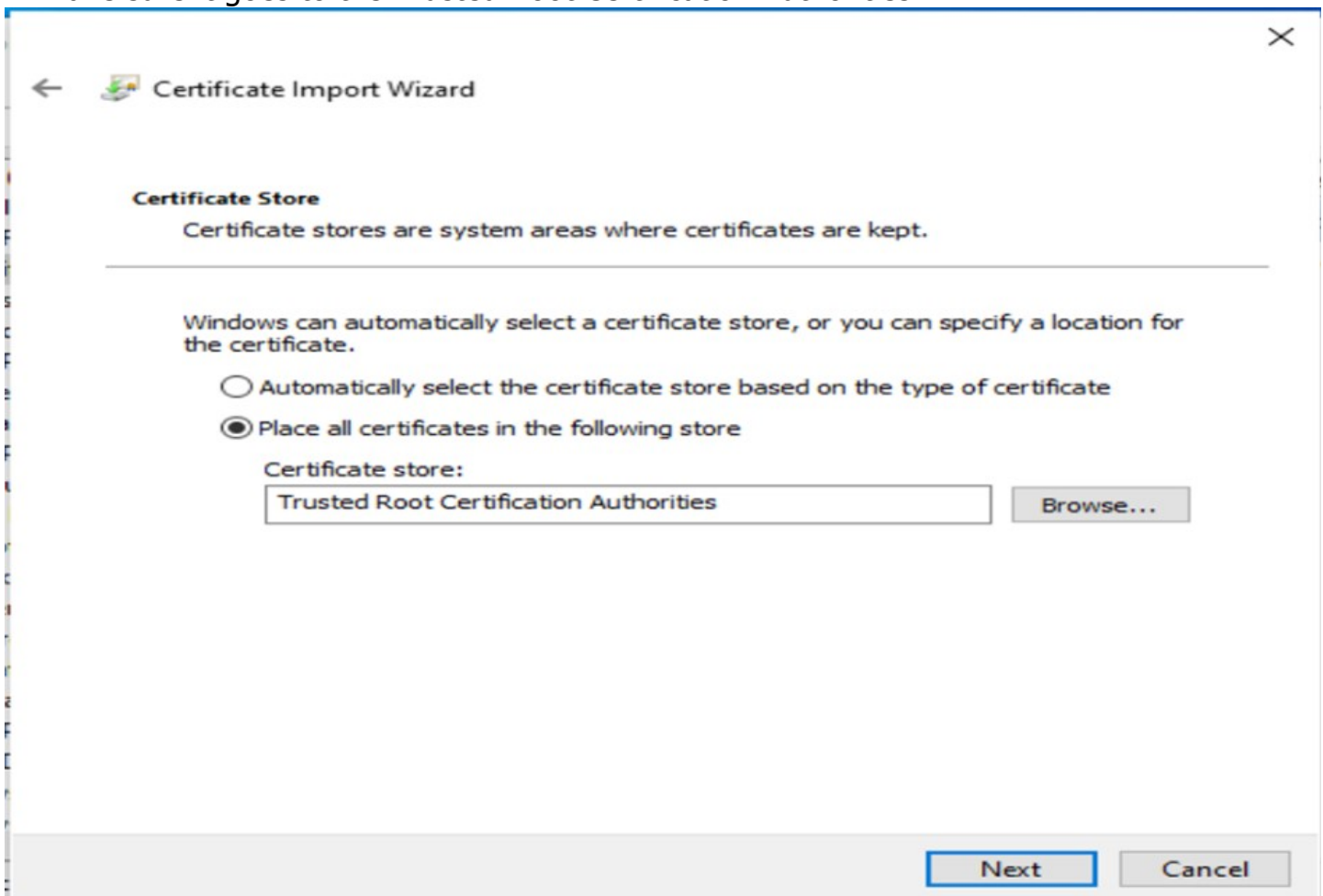
**File to Import**  
Specify the file you want to import.

File name:  
C:\scp\ca-cert.pem Browse...

Note: More than one certificate can be stored in a single file in the following formats:  
Personal Information Exchange- PKCS #12 (.PFX,.P12)  
Cryptographic Message Syntax Standard- PKCS #7 Certificates (.P7B)  
Microsoft Serialized Certificate Store (.SST)

Next Cancel

-Make sure it goes to the Trusted Root Certification Authorities



The image shows the 'Certificate Store' step of the Certificate Import Wizard. The title bar reads 'Certificate Import Wizard'. Below the title, the text 'Certificate Store' is followed by 'Certificate stores are system areas where certificates are kept.' Below this, a note states: 'Windows can automatically select a certificate store, or you can specify a location for the certificate.' There are two radio button options: 'Automatically select the certificate store based on the type of certificate' (unselected) and 'Place all certificates in the following store' (selected). Below the selected option, a text box labeled 'Certificate store:' contains the text 'Trusted Root Certification Authorities', with a 'Browse...' button to its right. At the bottom right, there are 'Next' and 'Cancel' buttons.

← Certificate Import Wizard

**Certificate Store**  
Certificate stores are system areas where certificates are kept.

Windows can automatically select a certificate store, or you can specify a location for the certificate.

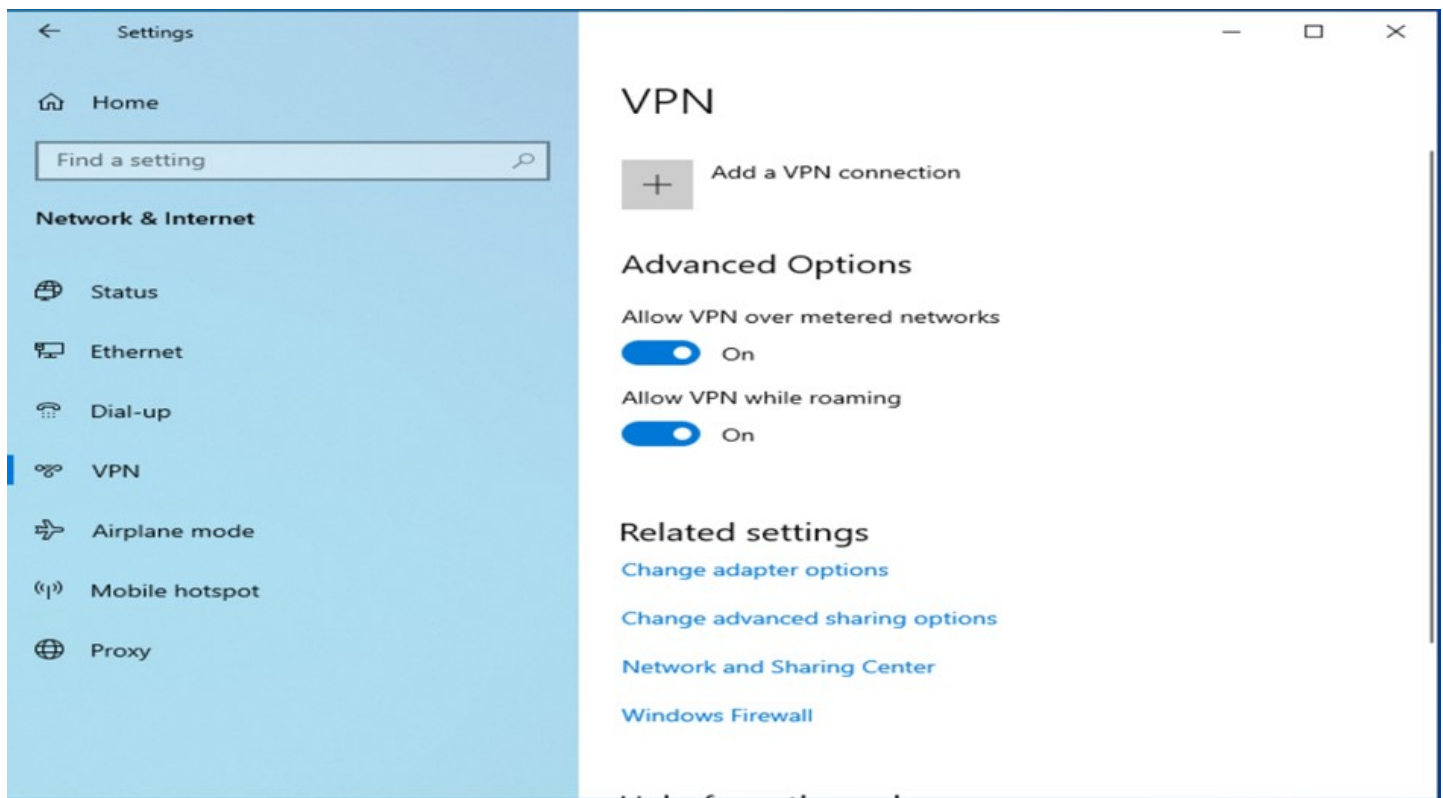
☐ Automatically select the certificate store based on the type of certificate  
☒ Place all certificates in the following store

Certificate store:  
Trusted Root Certification Authorities Browse...

Next Cancel

- Add a new VPN connection
- Go to Settings > VPN > Add a VPN connection





-Fill out the fields

A screenshot of the 'Add a VPN connection' window in Windows. The form has a blue background and contains the following fields:

- VPN provider:** A dropdown menu with 'Windows (built-in)' selected.
- Connection name:** A text input field containing 'RAvpn'.
- Server name or address:** A text input field containing '10.10.10.1'.
- VPN type:** A dropdown menu with 'IKEv2' selected.

Type of sign-in info

User name and password

User name (optional)

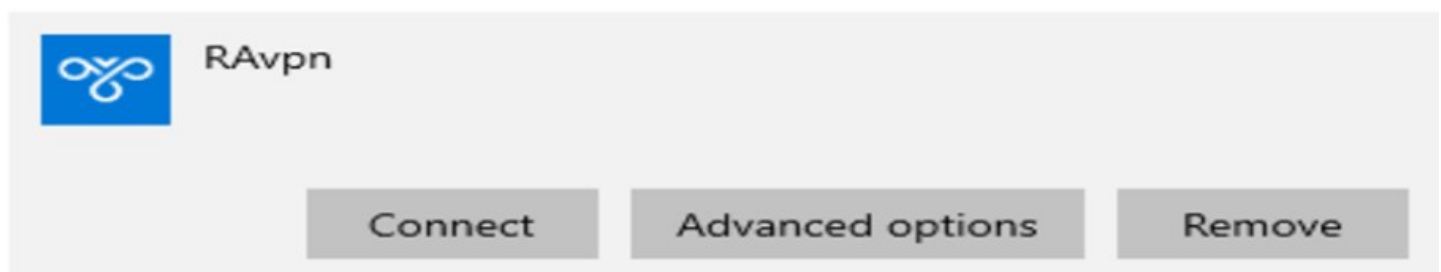
dennis

Password (optional)

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☒ Remember my sign-in info

-Click on connect on the new VPN connection



-If everything works you should be able to ping stuff in 192.168.100.0/24

```
C:\Users\LocalAdmin>ping 192.168.100.100

Pinging 192.168.100.100 with 32 bytes of data:
Reply from 192.168.100.100: bytes=32 time=1ms TTL=64
Reply from 192.168.100.100: bytes=32 time=1ms TTL=64

Ping statistics for 192.168.100.100:
 Packets: Sent = 2, Received = 2, Lost = 0 (0% loss),
 Approximate round trip times in milli-seconds:
 Minimum = 1ms, Maximum = 1ms, Average = 1ms

bob@debClient:~$ ping 192.168.100.100
PING 192.168.100.100 (192.168.100.100) 56(84) bytes of data.
64 bytes from 192.168.100.100: icmp_seq=1 ttl=64 time=1.24 ms
64 bytes from 192.168.100.100: icmp_seq=2 ttl=64 time=0.808 ms
64 bytes from 192.168.100.100: icmp_seq=3 ttl=64 time=0.712 ms
64 bytes from 192.168.100.100: icmp_seq=4 ttl=64 time=0.966 ms
^C
--- 192.168.100.100 ping statistics ---
4 packets transmitted, 4 received, 0% packet loss, time 3008ms
rtt min/avg/max/mdev = 0.712/0.930/1.237/0.198 ms
bob@debClient:~$
```