

Guide to create and export custom certificates using XCA.

1. Download XCA : <https://sourceforge.net/projects/xca/>

2. After installing it you'll have to create a database within which the private keys and certificates will be stored.

File→New DataBase → set a file name on your disk, called for example test.xdb and a password to encrypt data within it.

3. Open the new created xdb file.

4. We'll create a chain composed of 1 ROOT→ 1 CA→ and 2 user certificates:

ROOT MyOrg_ROOT.crt

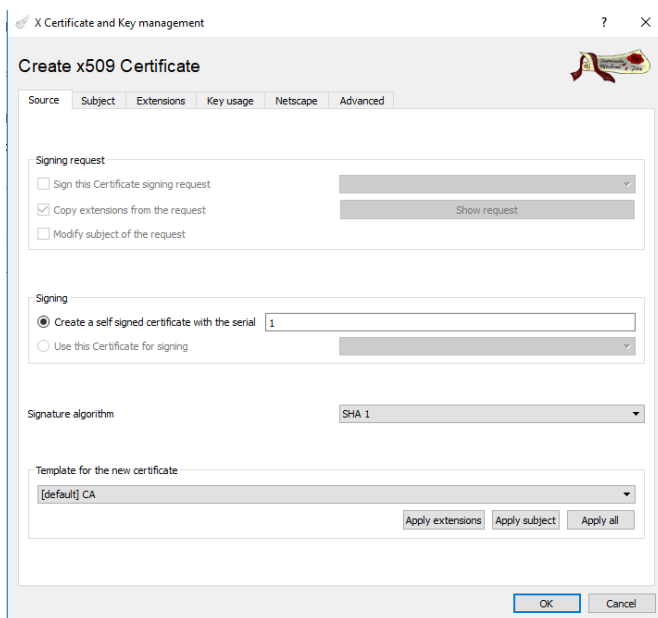
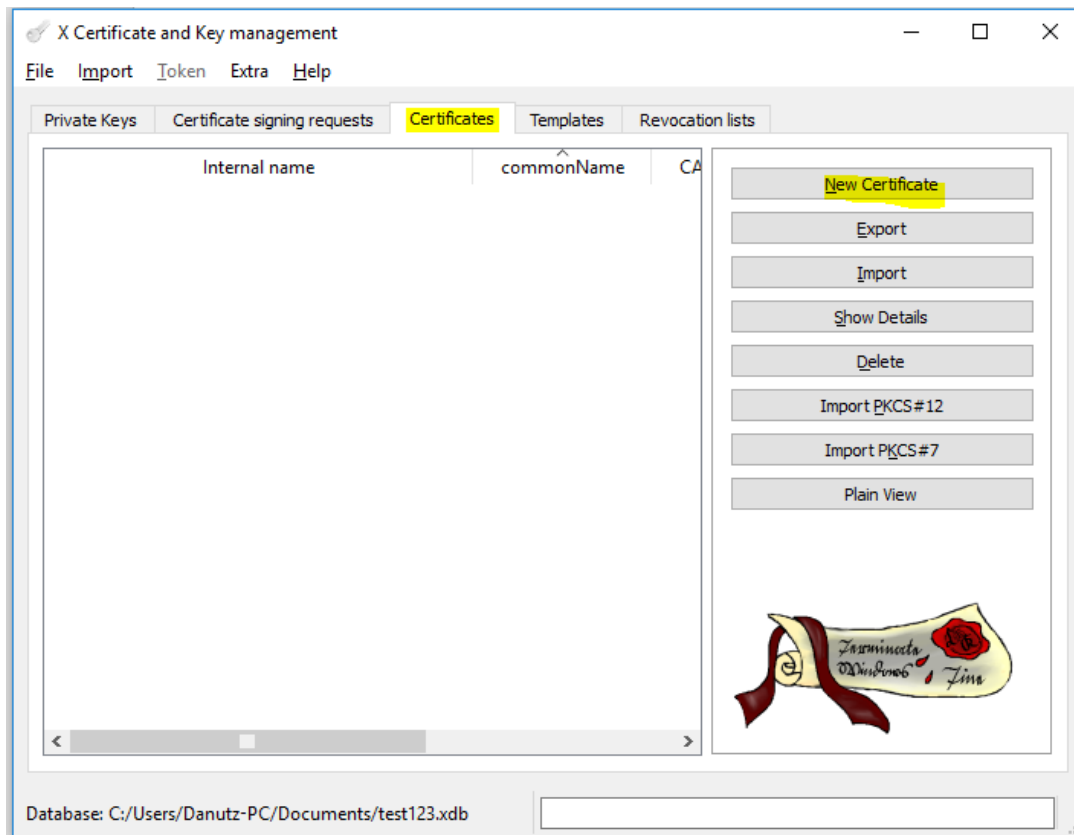
CA MyOrg_CA.crt

USER_SSL MyOrg_USER_SSL.p12

USER_SSO MyOrg_USER_SSO.p12

a) ROOT

In the Certificates tab click on New Certificate



Click on the second tab, **Subject** add the details of your ROOT certificate.
After adding the details we'll generate the Private key by clicking on "Generate a new key".

X Certificate and Key management

Create x509 Certificate

Source Subject Extensions Key usage Netscape Advanced

Distinguished name

Internal name	MyOrg_ROOT	organizationName	AxwayMFT
countryName	RO	organizationalUnitName	AxwayPassPort
stateOrProvinceName	Bucharest	commonName	MyOrg_ROOT
localityName	Bucharest	emailAddress	support@axway.com

Type	Content
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Private key

☐ Used keys too [Generate a new key](#)

OK Cancel

X Certificate and Key management

New key

Please give a name to the new key and select the desired keysize

Key properties

Name

Keytype

Keysize

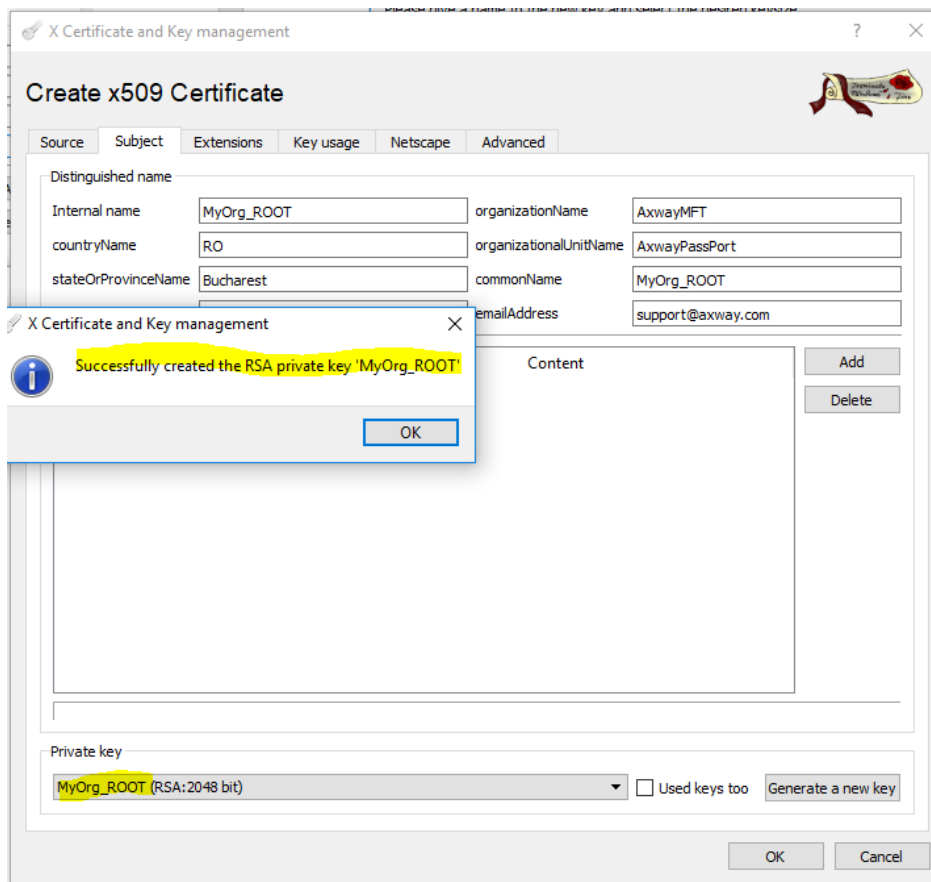
☐ Remember as default

Create Cancel

You can adjust the Name, Keytype and Keysize as per your need. In my case I'll keep the default values.

Click on **Create**.

The private key for the MyOrg_ROOT has been created.



Afterwards switch to the 3rd tab, **Extensions** and set the Type to **Certification Authority**.
Do not click on OK at this step.

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Create x509 Certificate

Source Subject **Extensions** Key usage Netscape Advanced

X509v3 Basic Constraints

Type **Certification Authority**

Path length ☐ Critical

Key identifier

☐ Subject Key Identifier

☐ Authority Key Identifier

Validity

Not before 2019-05-28 07:28 GMT

Not after 2020-05-28 07:28 GMT

Time range

1 Years

☐ Midnight ☐ Local time ☐ No well-defined expiration

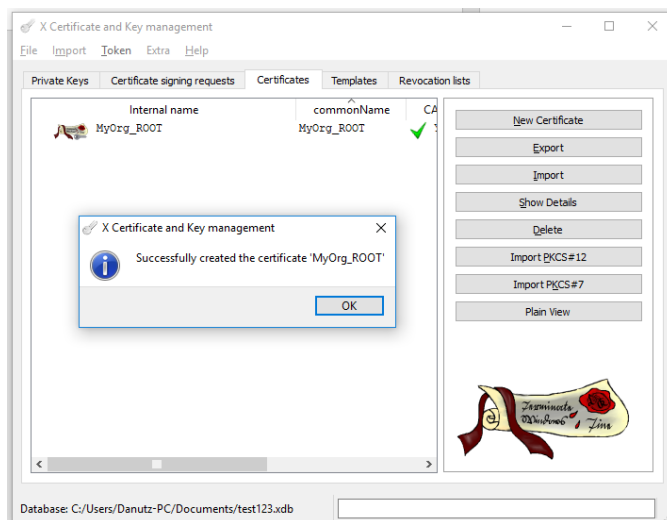
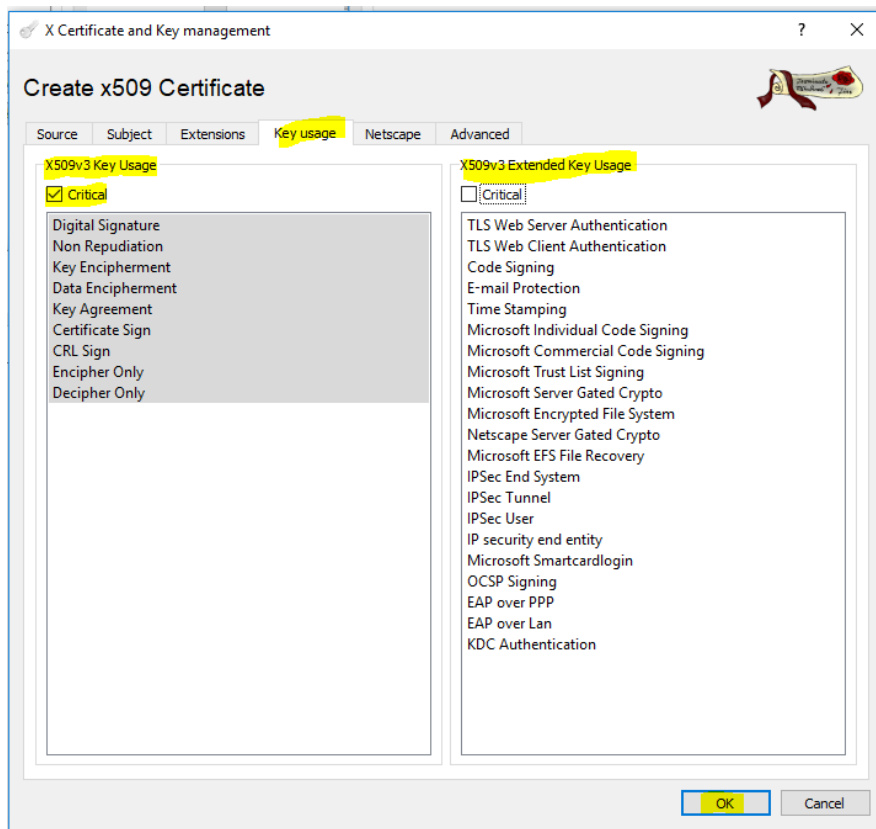
X509v3 Subject Alternative Name

X509v3 Issuer Alternative Name

X509v3 CRL Distribution Points

Authority Information Access OSCP

Switch to the 4th tab, [Key usage](#) and set the needed, desired key usages and then **click OK**.

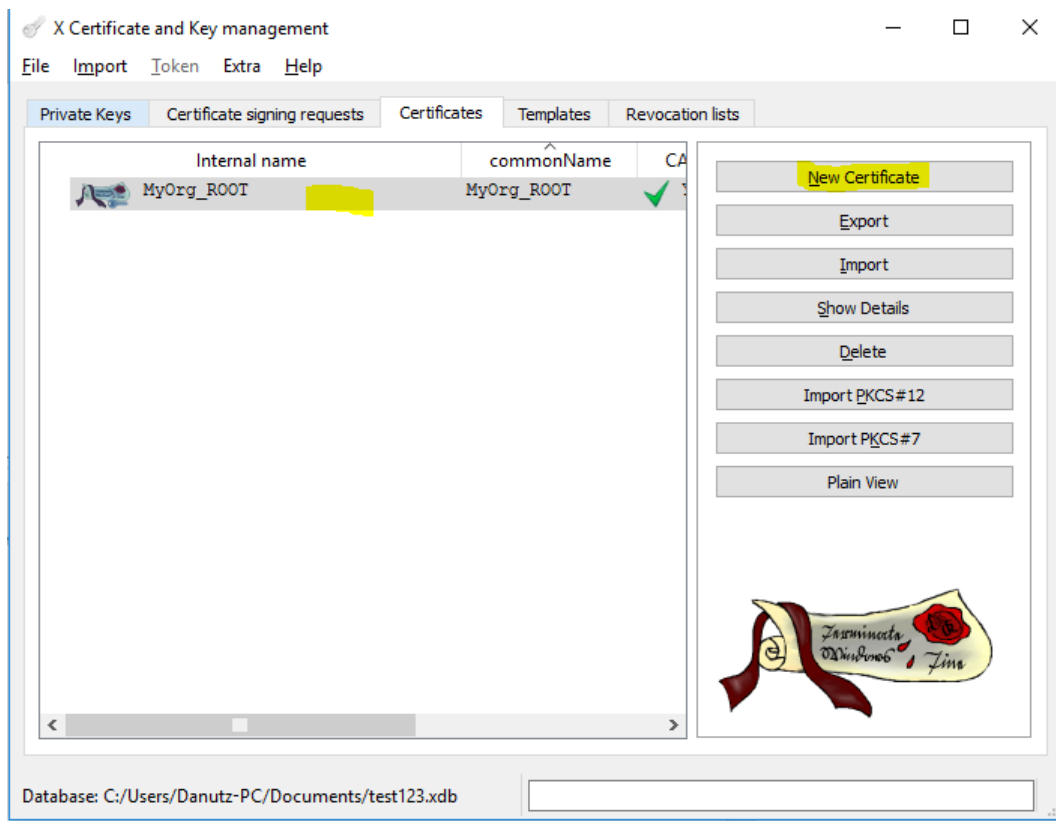


Congrats you've created the ROOT certificate.

b) INTERMEDIATE CA

We'll proceed same way with the Intermediate CA certificate.

Click on the MyOrg_ROOT and then click the tab New Certificate to create the CA under it.



Click on Subject tab, add details of your Intermediate CA certificate, followed by Generate a new key:

X Certificate and Key management

Create x509 Certificate

Source Subject Extensions Key usage Netscape Advanced

Distinguished name

Internal name	MyOrg_CA	organizationName	AxwayMFT
countryName	RO	organizationalUnitName	AxwayPassPort
stateOrProvinceName	Bucharest	commonName	MyOrg_CA
localityName	Bucharest	emailAddress	support@axway.com

Type	Content
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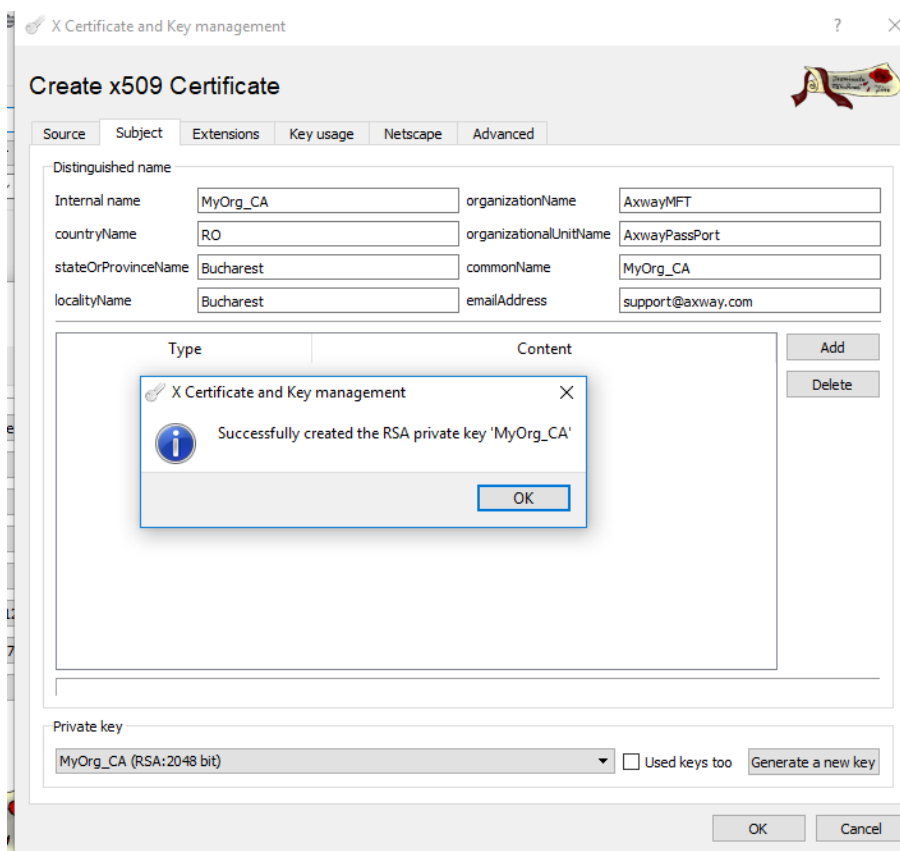
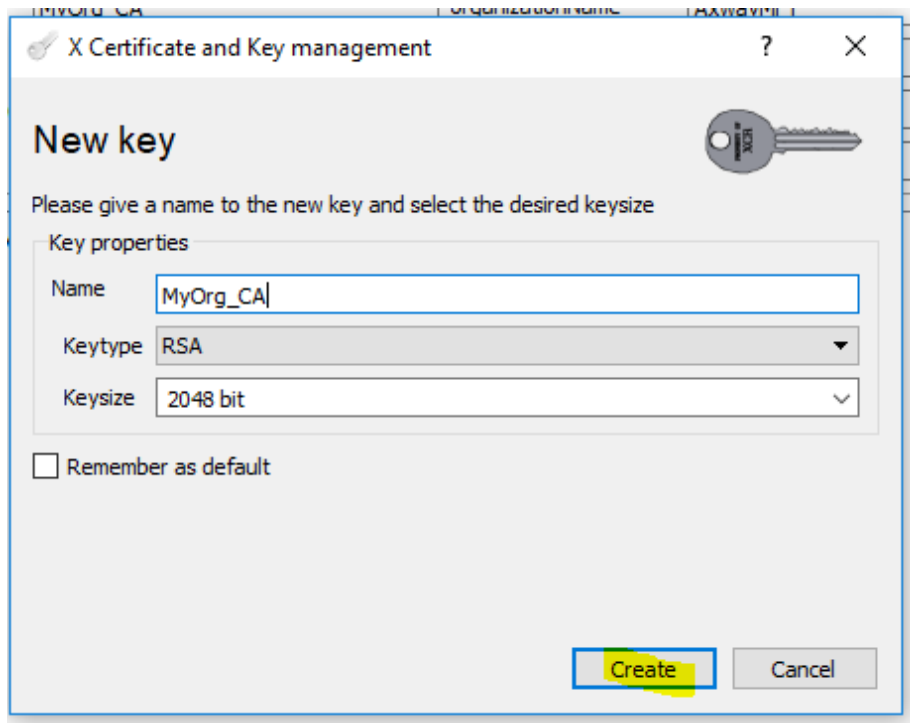
Add
Delete

Private key

☐ Used keys too [Generate a new key](#)

OK Cancel

Click on Create and the private key for the Intermediate certificate will be created:



Then switch to the 3rd tab, Extensions and set Type as Certification Authority.

Note: As long as this certificate will not be the last one in the chain(entity) it will be set as CA(Certification Authority). Only the last certificate in the chain, the user one, will be set as the End Entity.

Validity of Certificate can be adjusted as well.

X Certificate and Key management

Create x509 Certificate

Source Subject Extensions Key usage Netscape Advanced

X509v3 Basic Constraints

Type: **Certification Authority**

Path length: ☐ Critical

Key identifier

☐ Subject Key Identifier
☐ Authority Key Identifier

Validity

Not before: 2019-05-28 07:46 GMT
Not after: 2020-05-28 07:28 GMT

Time range

1 Years

☐ Midnight ☐ Local time ☐ No well-defined expiration

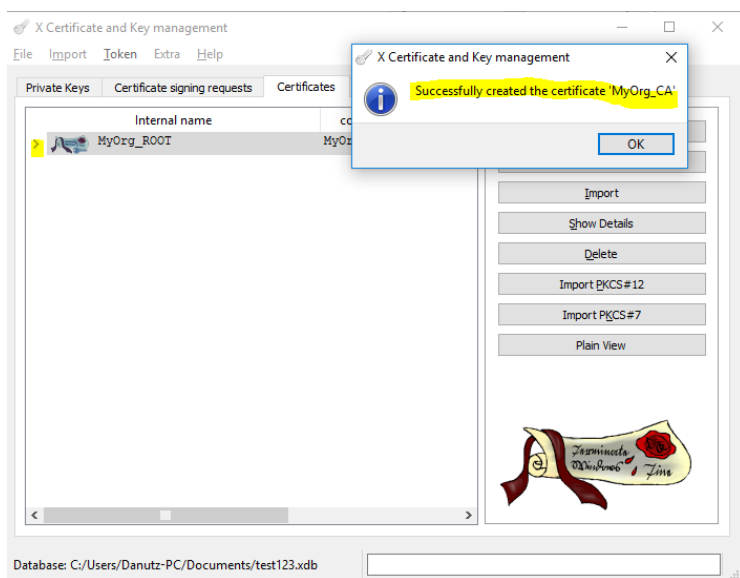
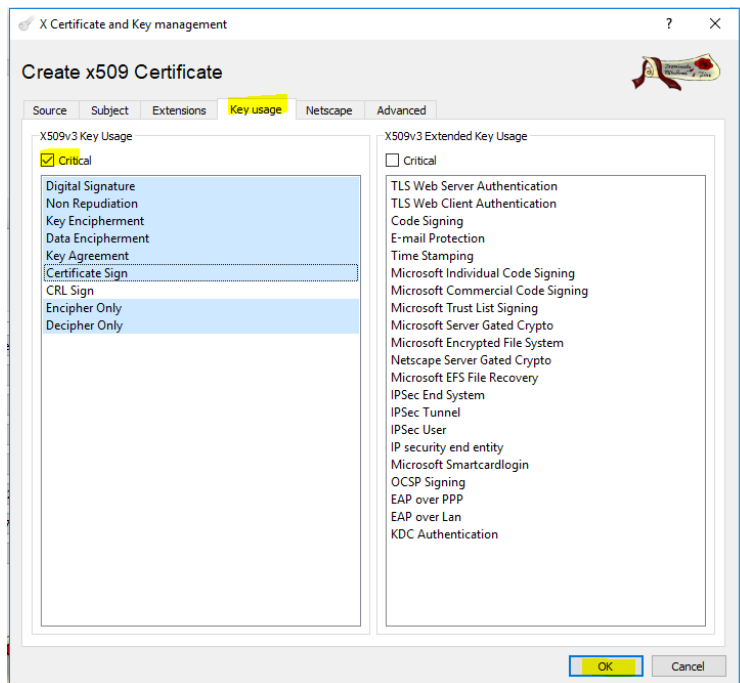
X509v3 Subject Alternative Name:

X509v3 Issuer Alternative Name:

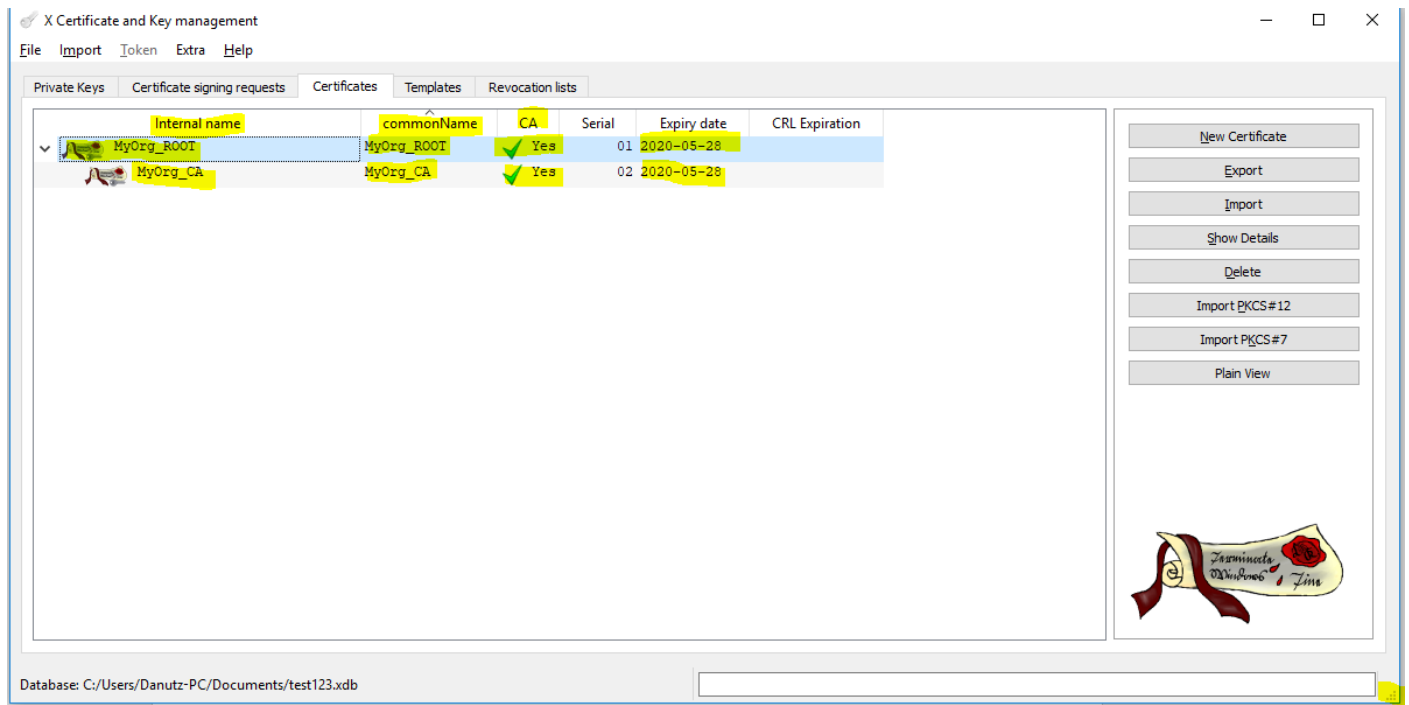
X509v3 CRL Distribution Points:

Authority Information Access: OCSP

Set the Key usage and afterwards click OK to create the Intermediate CA certificate:

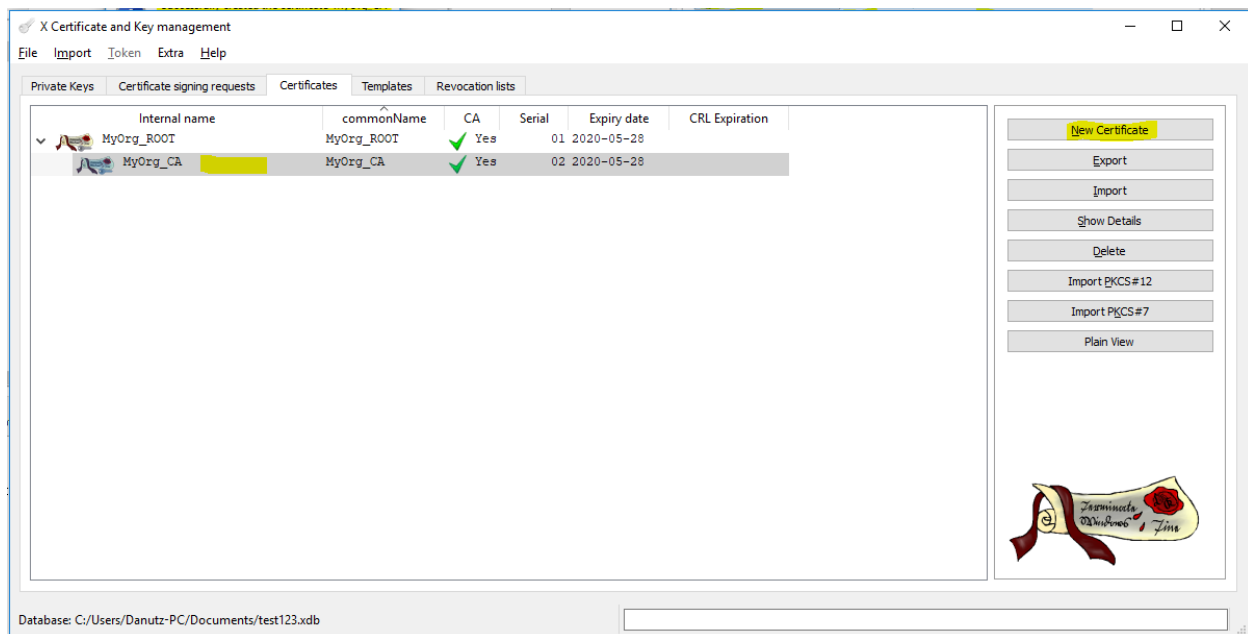


Click OK and afterwards expand the arrow and it should look like this:

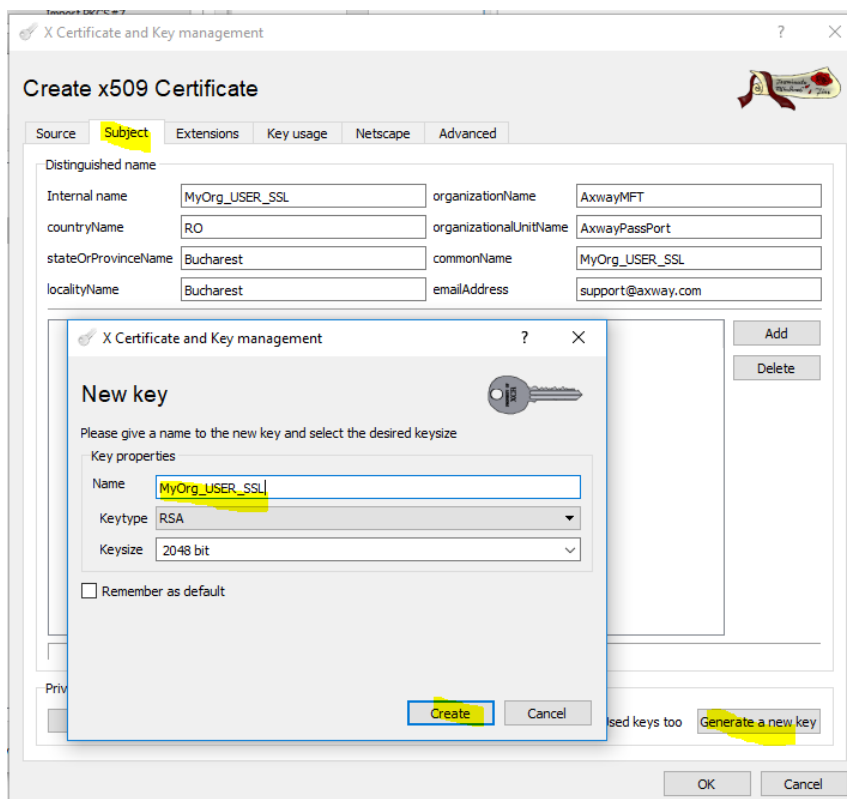


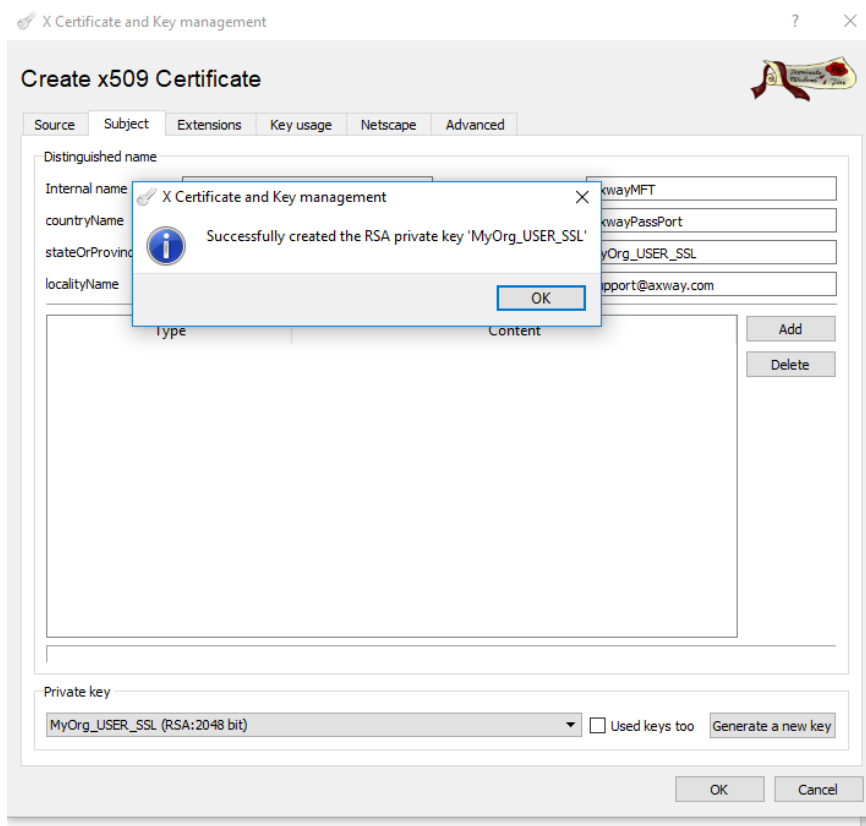
c. USER : Now let's create the USER certificate for the Passport SSL.

Click on the Intermediate Certificate and afterwards click on the New Certificate buton.

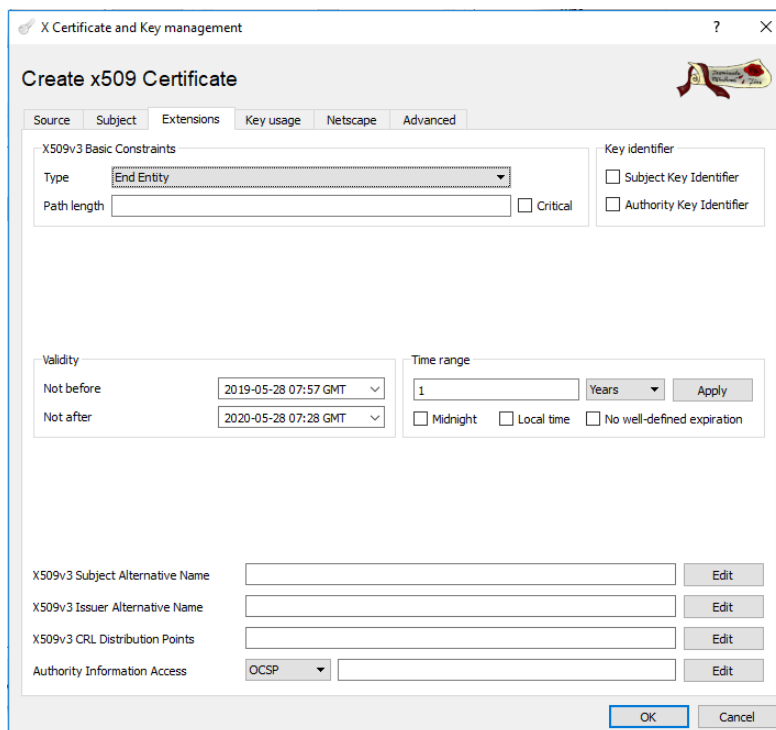


Add the details in the Subject tab and generate the Private key correspondent to this certificate.

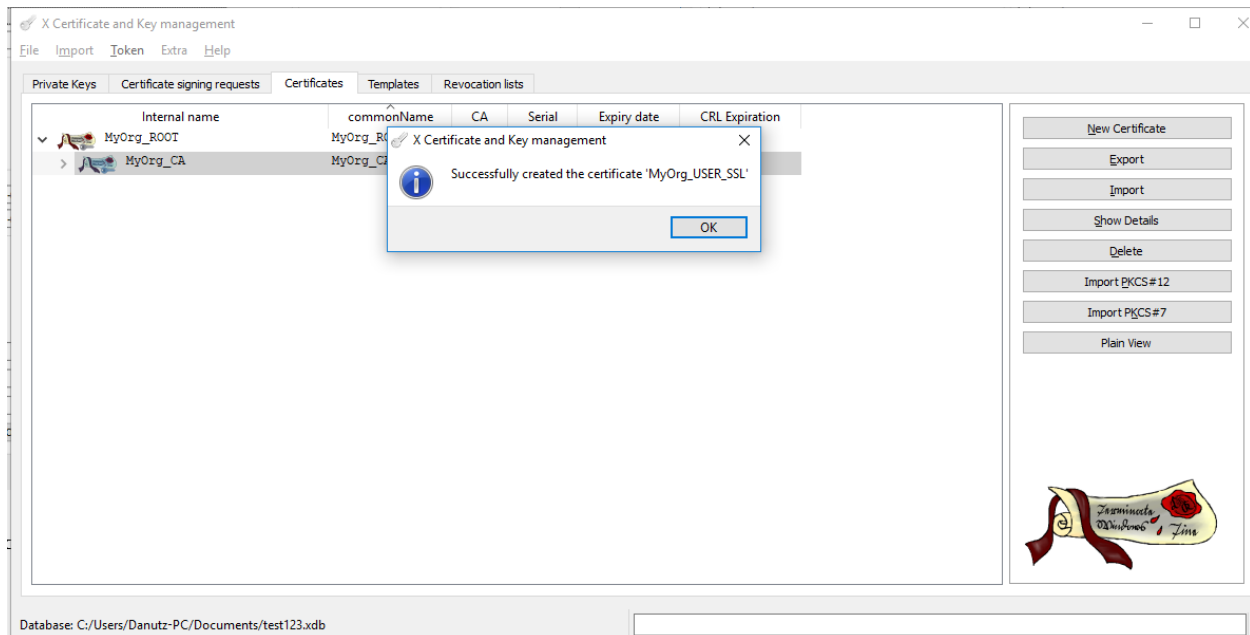
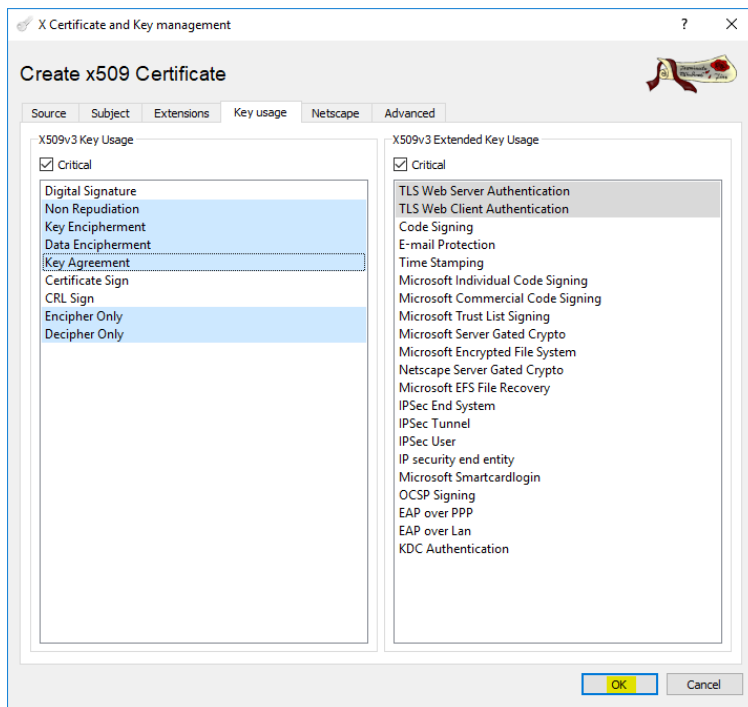




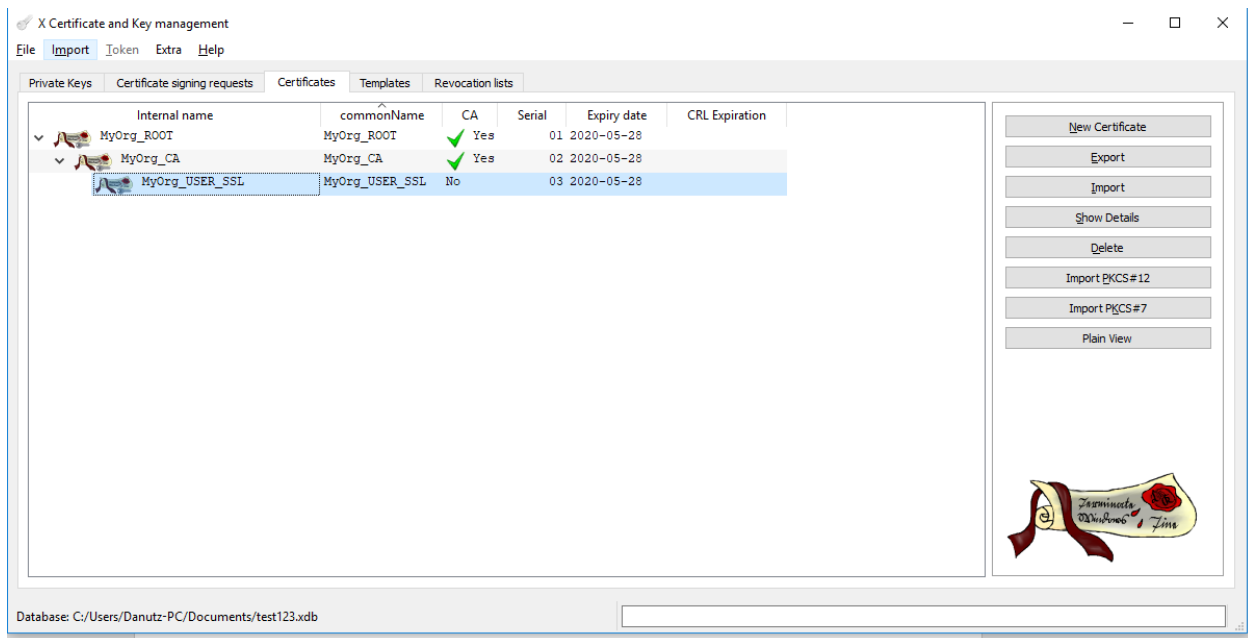
In the 3rd tab, Extensions set the **Type** to **End Entity** being the last certificate in the chain :



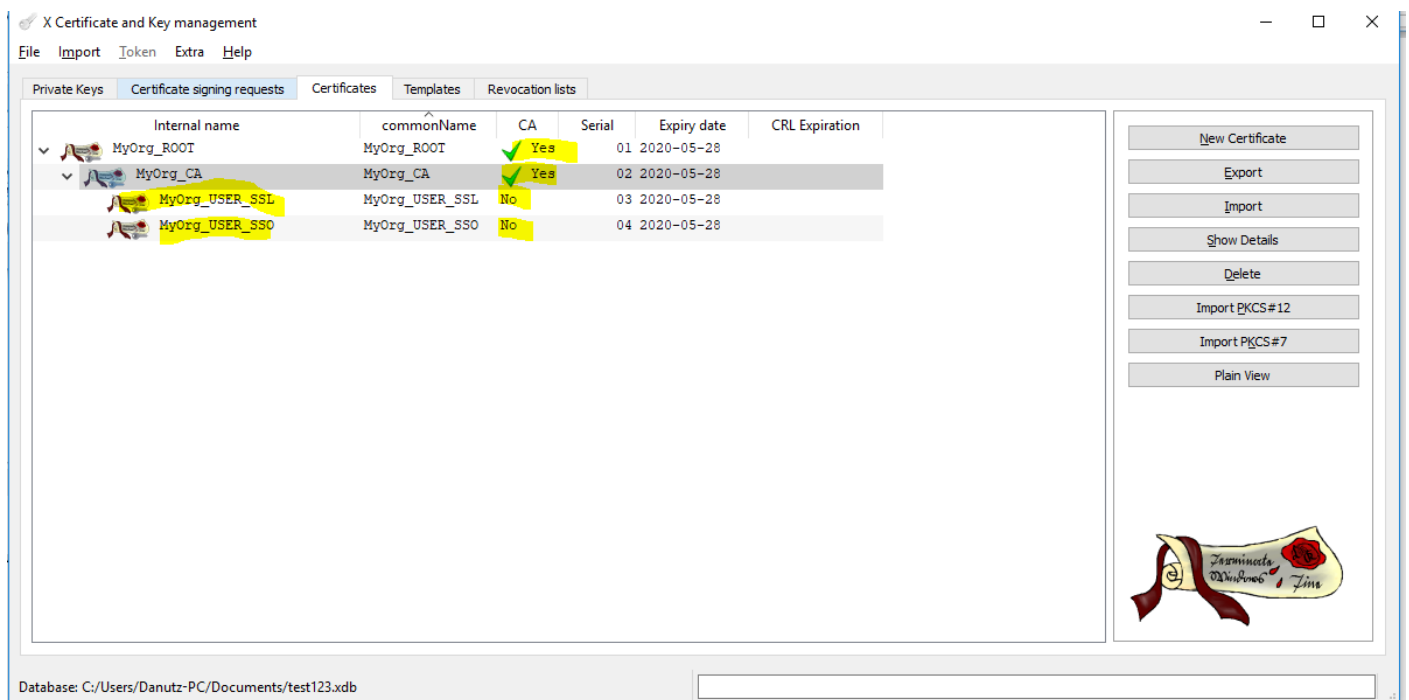
Set the Key usages and the **click OK** to create it



Expand the second arrow and you'll see the new MyOrg_USER_SSL under the MyOrg_CA.



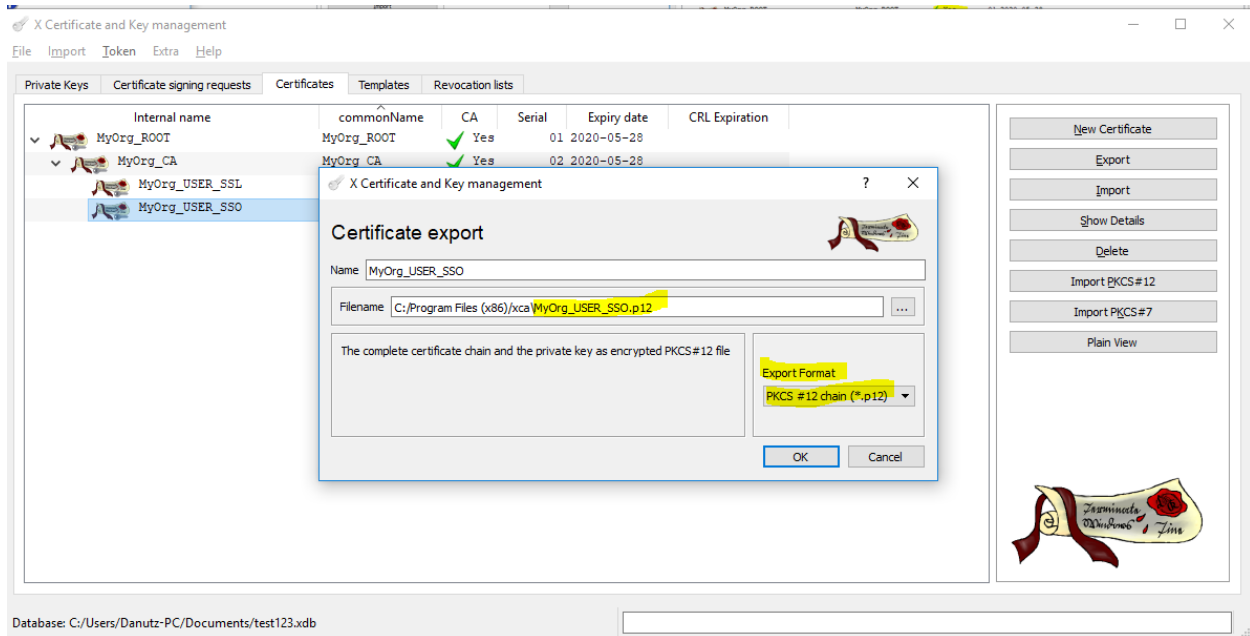
Redo the same step for the MyOrg_USER_SSO , step c).



Export the certificates

We'll export the USER SSL and SSO certificates in private format, pkcs12.

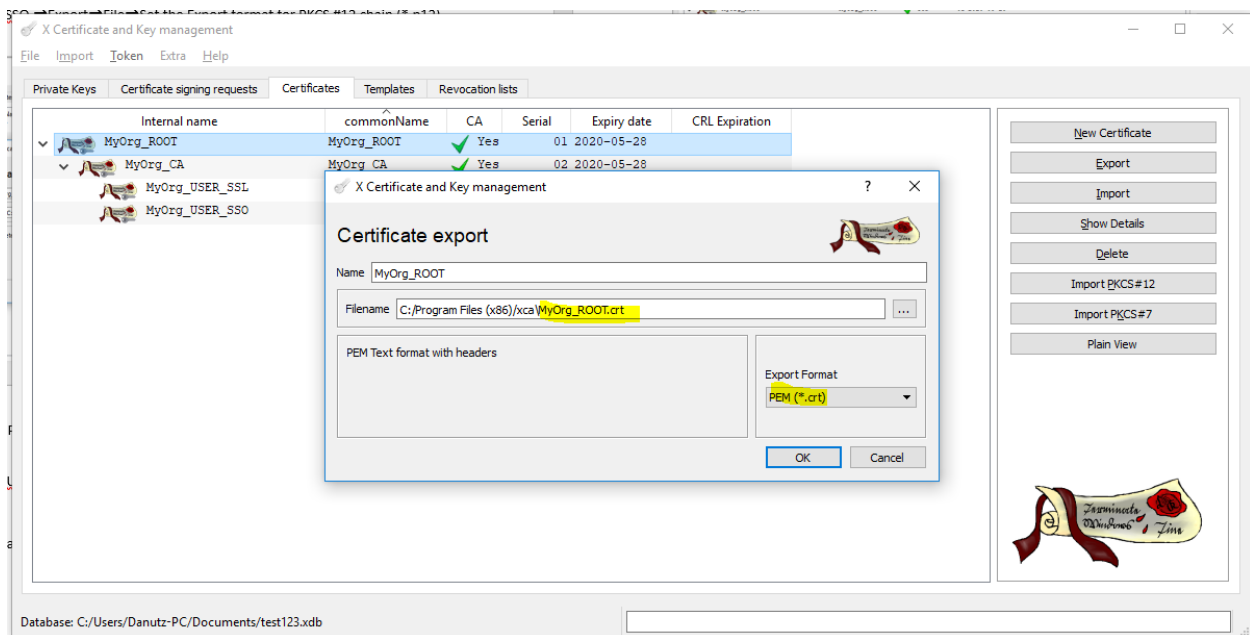
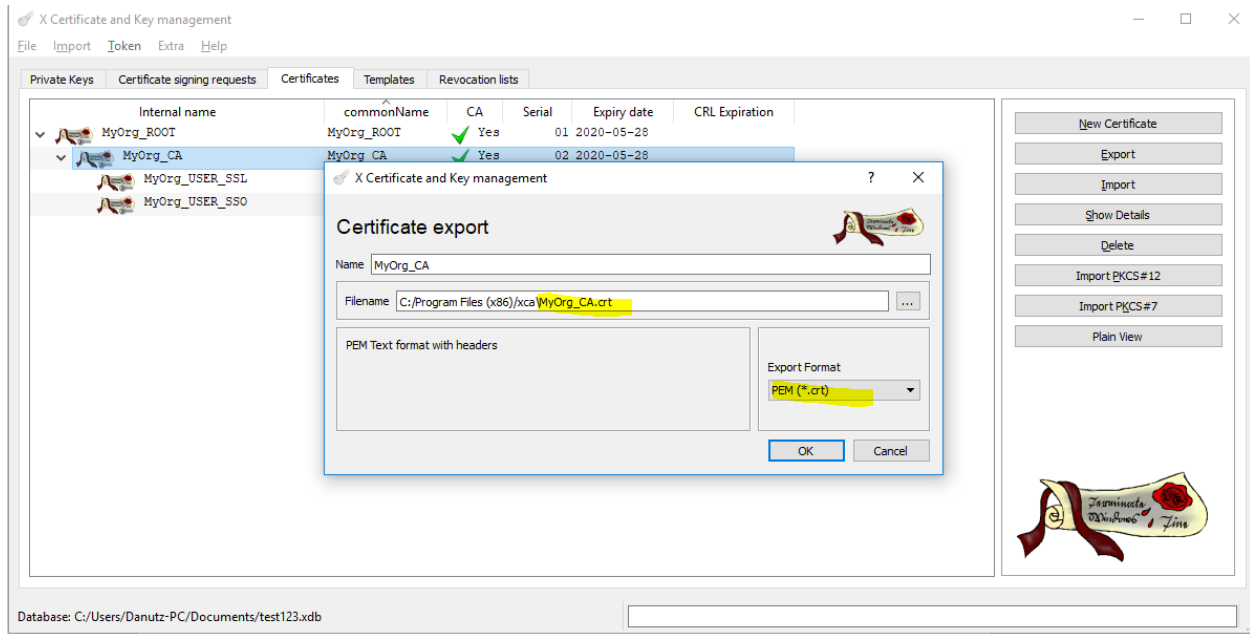
Right click on the MyOrg_USER_SSO → Export → File → Set the Export format for PKCS #12 chain (*.p12), click OK



Enter a password to encrypt the PCKS12 file. This password will be used/needed when importing the certificate in the sso.jks file.

Same procedure for the MyOrg_USER_SSL certificate, used for ssl.jks

We'll export the ROOT certificate in public format, .pem or .crt



At the end of the exports we should have:

MyOrg_ROOT.crt (public format), correspondent to the ROOT certificate

MyOrg_CA.crt (public format), correspondent to the INTERMEDIATE certificate

MyOrg_USER_SSL.p12 (private format), correspondent to the SSL USER certificate

MyOrg_USER_SSO.p12 (private format), correspondent to the SSO USER certificate

