Slide 1 - Zscaler Private Access



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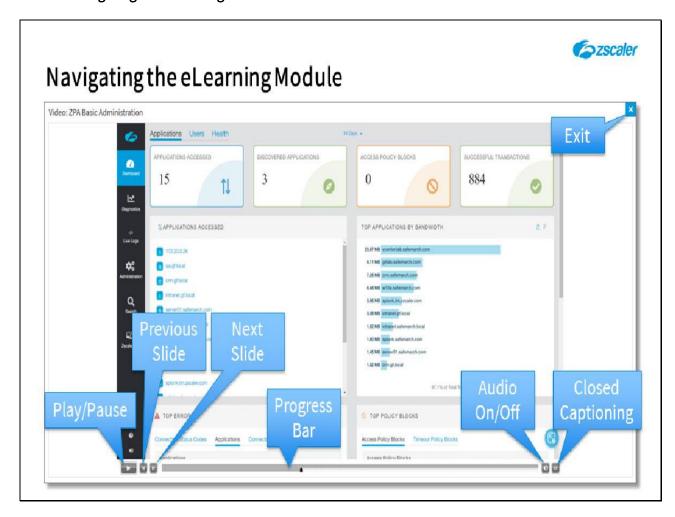
ZPA Connector Installation - Overview

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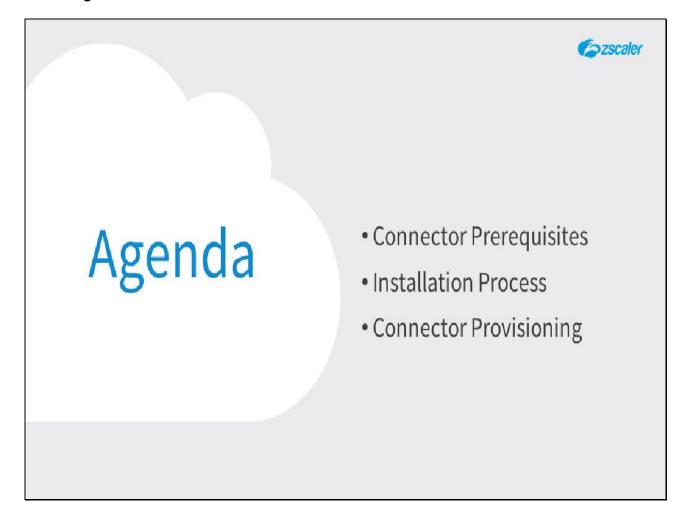
Welcome to this training module on Zscaler Private Access Connector installation.

Slide 2 - Navigating the eLearning Module



Here is a quick guide to navigating this module. There are various controls for playback including **Play** and **Pause**, **Previous** and **Next** slide. You can also **Mute** the audio or enable **Closed Captioning** which will cause a transcript of the module to be displayed on the screen. Finally, you can click the **X** button at the top to exit.

Slide 3 - Agenda



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In this module, we will look at Connecter prerequisites, at the installation process, and at how to provision a Connector in the ZPA Admin Portal.

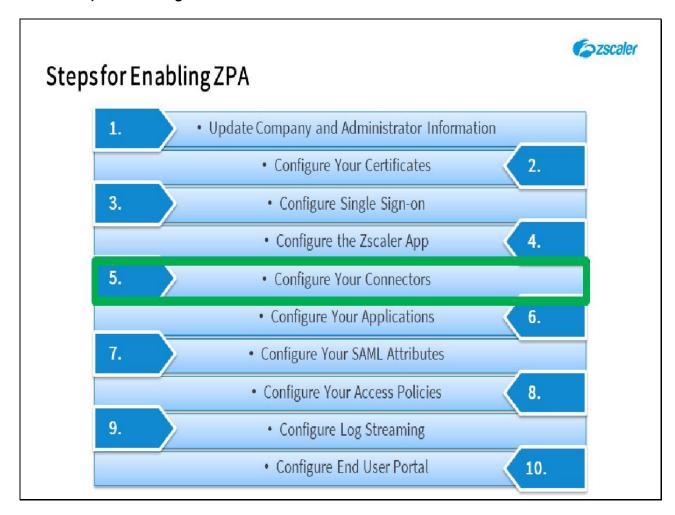
Slide 4 - ZPA Portal Overview



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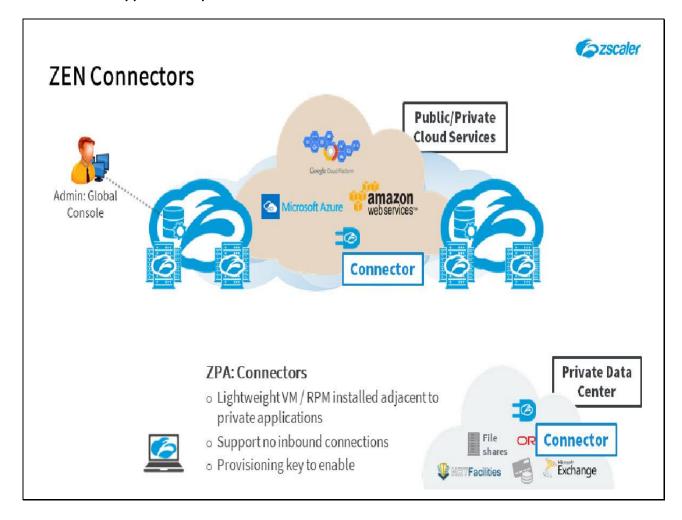
The first topic that we will cover is the prerequisites for a Connecter installation.

Slide 5 - Steps for Enabling ZPA



Just as a reminder, this is where we are in the steps for enabling ZPA.

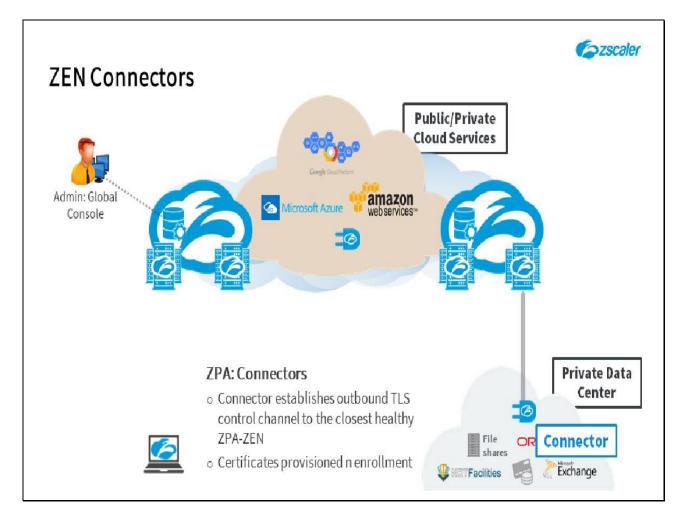
Slide 6 - Virtual Appliance Requirements



As a reminder, the Connector is the only component of the ZPA solution that is connected to the customer's internal network, adjacent to the private applications that need to be shared. A Connector is a lightweight Linux implementation (VM / RPM) that boots extremely fast and is intended to sit adjacent to the private applications that you need to provide remote access to.

Connectors neither support, nor require any inbound connections, they only ever establish connections to the ZPA infrastructure in the outbound direction. A Provisioning Key is required in order to enroll a Connector to the ZPA infrastructure, after which they receive their configuration and certificates from the ZPA-CA. They may be updated or restarted from the CA as required.

Slide 7 - Connectors

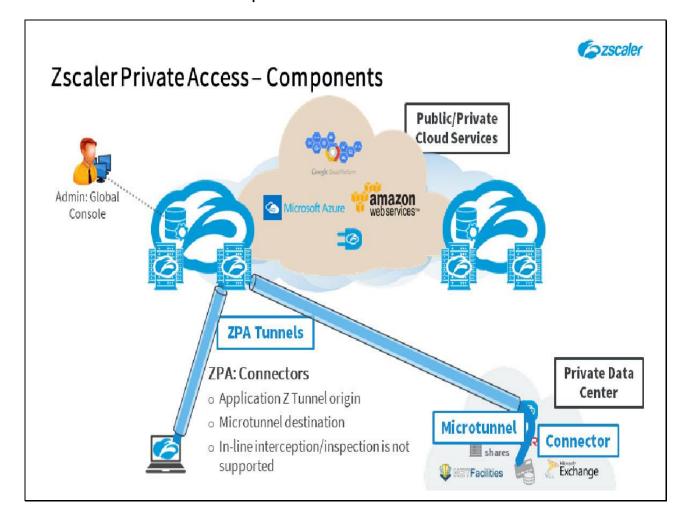


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When you deploy a Connector, as it boots onto the network, it "calls home" and establishes an outbound encrypted TLS connection to the closest healthy ZPA-ZEN. This connection is used as a control channel to allow enrollment and configuration of the Connector, and for it to notify the ZPA-CA of any discovered applications when required.

The enrollment of the Connector is secured through a Provisioning Key that is signed by the Intermediate CA on the ZPA instance. On enrollment, the Connector requests and receives both an identity certificate (used to authenticate itself to the ZPA infrastructure), and a server certificate issued by the intermediate CA (used to establish encrypted Microtunnels). Note that this enrollment can be done through a proxy, although this is not recommended.

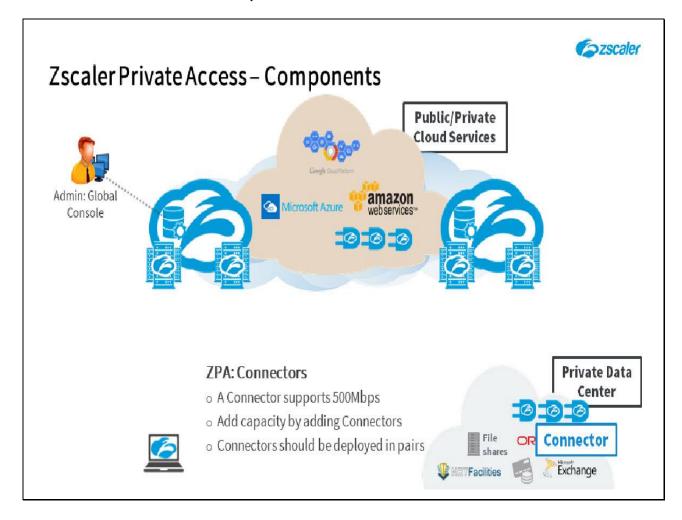
Slide 8 - Zscaler Private Access - Components



Connectors are the origin point for the encrypted and doubly-pinned TLS 1.2 Z Tunnels to the ZPA-ZEN that provide access to the local applications. They are the destination for the end-to-end Microtunnels from the users that need and are authorized to access the applications.

Note that any attempt to do in-line SSL inspection of the outbound Z Tunnels from the Connectors will prevent the establishment of those tunnels, as the certificate validation will fail; this is by design.

Slide 9 - Zscaler Private Access - Components



Each Connector is provisioned to support up to 500Mbps of throughput, to add access capacity for your private applications simply add additional Connectors. Connectors are extremely lightweight VMs/RPMs, that boot extremely quickly, you can add one within about 15 minutes.

Note that Zscaler recommends that Connectors be deployed in pairs, to ensure continuous availability during software upgrades.

Slide 10 - Connector Requirements

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ZEN Connector Requirements

Supported Platforms

- Amazon Web Services (AWS)
- · Microsoft Azure
- · Microsoft HyperV
- CentOS 7.2+
- Oracle Linux 7.2
- Red Hat Enterprise Linux 7.2+
- VMware vCenter and vSphere Hypervisor (ESXi)

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Check the ZPA Support Portal for current details of the supported platforms for Connector deployment. The current list includes virtual machine packages for a range of environments, including: Amazon Web Services (available as an App in the AWS EC2 Dashboard); Microsoft Azure (available within the Azure App Store), also Microsoft HyperV; CentOS 7.2+; Oracle Linux 7.2; Red Hat Enterprise Linux 7.2+; and VMware, whether as an Appliance with VMware vCenter, or a VMware Appliance with the vSphere Hypervisor (ESXi).

Slide 11 - Connector Requirements

Szscaler ZEN Connector Requirements Supported Provisioning and Connectivity **Platforms** A Connector provisioning Amazon Web Services key from the ZPA Admin (AWS) Portal Microsoft Azure DHCP or static IP Microsoft HyperV configuration CentOS 7.2+ Static MAC address Oracle Linux 7.2 Internal connectivity on the Red Hat Enterprise LAN to the applications to Linux 7.2+ be made available VMware vCenter and · Outbound connectivity for vSphere Hypervisor (ESXi) TCP on port 443 (see ips.zscaler.net/zpa)

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A valid Connector Provisioning Key is required, obtained from the ZPA Admin Portal.

Connectors must of course have network connectivity and may obtain their IP address and DNS Server configurations dynamically by DHCP, or they may be configured with static IPs if required. They must use static MAC addresses. The Connectors must also be able to DNS resolve both internal and external hosts. The Connectors must of course have connectivity across your internal network to the servers that host your applications.

If you choose to firewall or otherwise restrict outbound traffic to the Internet from your data center, your firewall must be configured to allow outbound communications on port 443, and to perform NAT for the source IP addresses of the Connectors. Details of the IP addresses that must be reachable can be found on the https://ips.zscaler.net/zpa page.

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Provisioning and Connectivity

- A Connector provisioning key from the ZPA Admin Portal
- DHCP or static IP configuration
- Static MAC address
- Internal connectivity on the LAN to the applications to be made available
- Outbound connectivity for TCP on port 443 (see <u>ips.zscaler.net/zpa</u>)

Interoperability Considerations

- Avoid any encapsulation (IPSec, GRE) that may interfere with the use of a standard 1500Byte MTU (including Zscaler Internet Access tunnels)
- Disable all forms of inline or man-in-the-middle TLS interception or inspection (default exemption on the ZIA service)

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In addition, to ensure interoperability with other security products and services (including the Zscaler Internet Access service), we recommend you do not send Connector traffic through an existing Zscaler tunnel (IPsec, GRE, etc.), or through any form of encapsulation that may interfere with the use of a standard **1500Byte MTU**.

Also, because the system enforces TLS certificate pinning for both client and server certificates, all forms of inline or man-in-the-middle TLS interception or inspection must be disabled. Connectors will not function at all if the TLS certificates presented by the ZPA-ZENs cannot be cryptographically verified against Zscaler-trusted public keys. The certificate verification process is not configurable by design in order to maintain the integrity of the system.

Note that when using the ZIA service and SSL Inspection, ZPA destinations are exempted by default.

Slide 13 - Connector Sizing, Scaling, and Throughput

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Connector Sizing, Scaling, and Throughput

ZEN Connector Sizing

- A Connector supports up to 500Mbps of data
- · Connector VM sizing:
 - o 4 GB RAM
 - o 2 CPU cores (Xeon E5 class) or 4 cores with Hyperthreading for VMs
 - o 8 GB Disk Space (thin provisioned)
 - o 1 NIC

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A single Connector can support up to 500Mbps of aggregate data, which includes overhead traffic and application connectivity. When implementing a Connector, plan for the following resources: 4GB RAM; 2 Xeon E5 class CPU cores (4 cores with Hyperthreading for VM Connectors); 8GB Disk Space (thin provisioned); and at least 1 NIC.

Slide 14 - Connector Sizing, Scaling, and Throughput

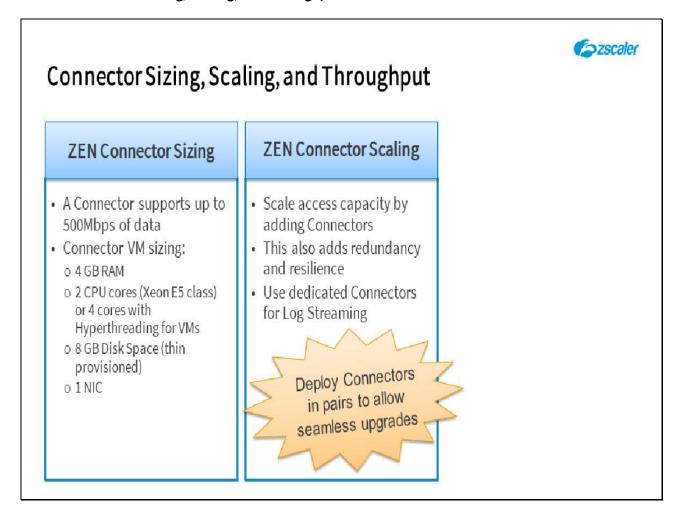
Szscaler Connector Sizing, Scaling, and Throughput **ZEN Connector Scaling ZEN Connector Sizing** A Connector supports up to Scale access capacity by 500Mbps of data adding Connectors · This also adds redundancy · Connector VM sizing: and resilience o 4 GB RAM o 2 CPU cores (Xeon E5 class) Use dedicated Connectors or 4 cores with for Log Streaming Hyperthreading for VMs o 8 GB Disk Space (thin provisioned) o 1 NIC

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While it would be possible to improve throughput for a single Connector by increasing the resources allocated to the VM, this is not recommended. We recommend that you have more Connectors with lower specifications, rather than fewer Connectors with higher specifications in order to horizontally scale your deployment. For example, if you have fewer, larger Connectors and one fails, you could adversely affect more user application traffic/sessions than for a smaller Connector that fails.

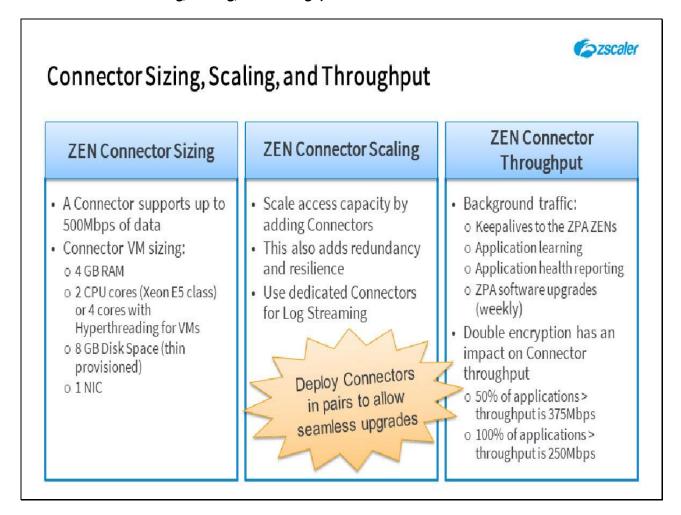
If you plan to use the ZPA **Log Streaming Service**, deploy additional Connectors adjacent to your SIEM just for this purpose. This avoids any possibility of contention between user traffic and log streaming.

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Using more Connectors also adds redundancy and resilience, and we recommend that you deploy them at least in pairs, to ensure minimal disruption when Connector SW is being updated.

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The available Connector throughput is also used for some background, system-related traffic, such as: Periodic Keepalives to ZPA-ZENs; application learning; application health reporting; Connector software upgrades (which happens weekly).

The double encryption feature does have an impact on throughput, depending on the percentage of your private applications that it is enabled for. It is a linear relationship, and if all of your applications use it, then Connector throughput is reduced to 250Mbps.

Slide 17 - Connector Provisioning

Connector Provisioning Provisioning Keys A text string generated when you provision a new Connector When deploying a Connector, you are prompted to enter this key Allows the ZPA Cloud to verify the Connector's authenticity The Provisioning Key identifies the Connector Group Configurable max use count

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The Connector **Provisioning Key** is a text string that is generated when you provision a new Connector at the Admin Portal. When deploying the Connector VM, you are prompted to enter this key. The Provisioning Key functions like an ID for the Connector, enabling the ZPA cloud to verify the Connector's authenticity and complete the deployment process.

Provisioning Keys are designed to enable auto-scaling so that you can easily deploy additional Connectors and respond quickly to increases in your available capacity. When generating a Provisioning Key, you can specify the number of times it can be used to deploy Connectors, and once you reach this limit you cannot use the key any more, although it is possible to edit this number at any time. ZPA tracks the number of times a key is used to deploy a Connector and displays this information on the **Connector Provisioning Keys** page.

Note that, provisioning keys are considered confidential information and must be kept in a safe place. For each provisioning key, a **COPY KEY** option is provided so that you can copy the key to your clipboard.

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Each key is associated to a specific Connector group, so the key also allows the ZPA Cloud to identify the Connector group to which a Connector must be deployed. Note that it is possible to associate multiple Provisioning Keys to a single Connector group. One of the configuration settings available on a Connector group, is the schedule for updating the associated Connectors. Connectors within a group are updated on a round robin basis, to ensure that not all Connectors will be down for a SW update at the same time.

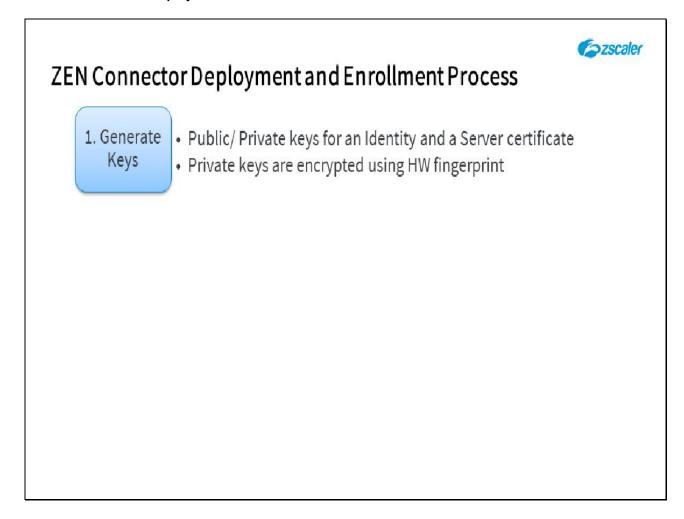
Slide 19 - Virtual Appliance Requirements



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The next topic that we will cover is the Connector installation and provisioning process.

Slide 20 - Connector Deployment and Enrollment Process

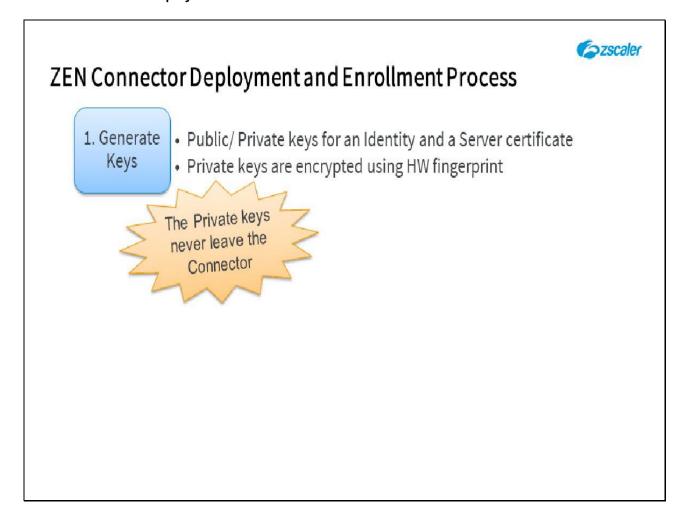


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Deploying a Connector consists of installing the Connector SW or image then enrolling the Connector with the correct ZPA instance, which then allows the Connector to obtain the TLS client certificate that it must use to authenticate itself to the ZPA cloud. The Connector also receives a server certificate on enrollment to allow it to establish the end-to-end Microtunnels when double encryption is required. After deployment, the Connector is ready to securely connect users to applications.

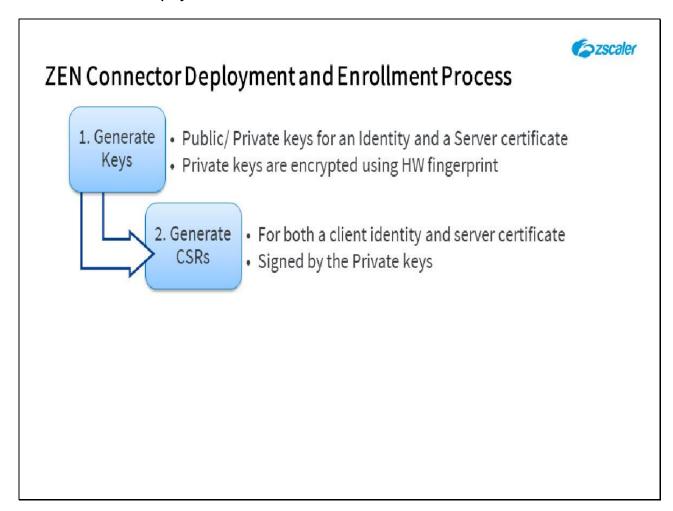
When the Connector is powered up for the first time, it does not yet have either of the key pairs that it requires, so the first thing it does is to generate its own public/private key pairs. The private keys are encrypted using a hardware fingerprint and stored locally.

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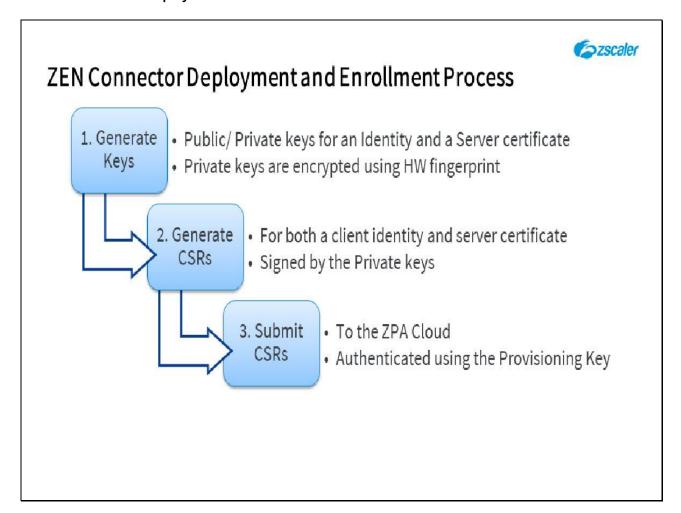
Note that, in accordance with industry best practices, the Connector generates its own keys, and that the private key is encrypted and stored locally on the Connector. It is never shared with any other network entity.

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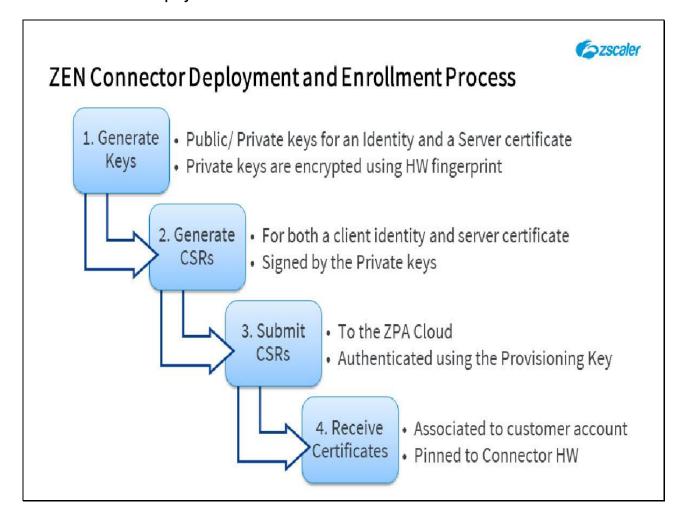
The Connector must then obtain a TLS client identity certificate, and a server certificate through an enrollment process, the first step of which is to use its local private key to generate Certificate Signing Requests (CSR).

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It then uses its Provisioning Key to authenticate the CSR to the ZPA Cloud (this is the Provisioning Key which you generated in the ZPA Admin Portal and provided for the Connector during installation). The Provisioning Key was signed by the intermediate CA on the ZPA instance and can be validated by the ZPA Cloud Central Authority.

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Finally, it receives both a signed TLS client identity certificate, and a signed server certificate from the ZPA Cloud. The certificates are pinned to the Connector's hardware fingerprint and are paired with a single customer account.

Connectors that are running in virtual machine environments cannot be cloned, as the keys will no longer match the virtual hardware fingerprints.

Slide 25 - Connector SW Update

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Connector SW Update

Automatic SW Updates

- Managed at the Connector Group level
 - o Updates occur within a 4 hour window
 - o Start time for the update window is specified on the Connector Group
- · Process:
 - o Random Connector selected for update
 - Connector stops receiving new connections
 - Connector waits 5 minutes
 - Once upgrade is complete another Connector is selected for update
 - o Repeat until all Connectors have been updated

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Automatic Connector SW updates are managed at the Connector Group level. A configuration option for a Connector Group is the start time for a 4-hour update window within which the Connectors will each be updated. A Connector from the group is selected at random for update. It stops accepting any new connections and waits 5 minutes for existing connections to timeout. Once the update is complete (a few minutes only) another Connector is chosen and updated, and so on until all Connectors in the group have been updated.

Note that, during an update the Connector must restart and becomes unavailable for a short interval. During this interval, any new application access request is redirected to the other Connectors in the Connector Group.

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Manual SW Update

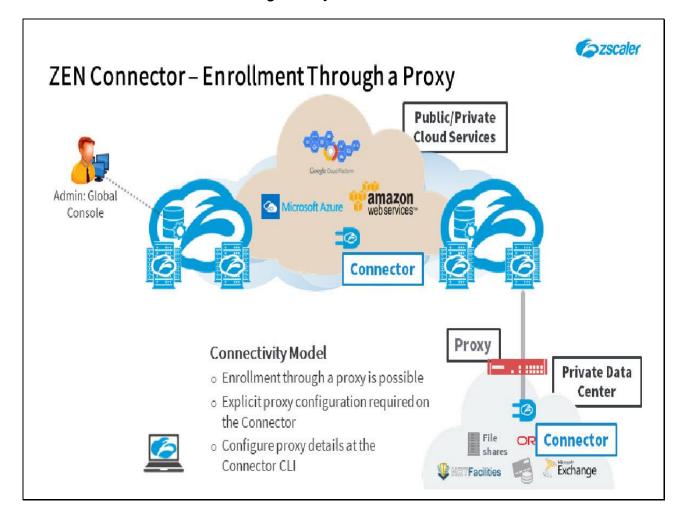
- Recommended following Connector installation
- From the UI:
 - Connector must be Scheduled for an update
 - o Use the **Update Now** option
- From the CLI:
 - o When accessing the Connector CLI, use the commands

sudo yum update -y Sudo reboot

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The Connectors can also be updated manually, and it is recommended that you do this as soon as possible after deploying a new Connector. This can be done from the Admin Portal (as long as the Connector indicates that it is **Scheduled** for an update), by using the **Update Now** option. From the Connector CLI, you can force an immediate SW update using the commands: **sudo yum update -y**, followed by **sudo reboot**.

Slide 27 - Connector - Enrollment Through a Proxy



Note that Connector enrollment through a proxy although not recommended, can be done when necessary, for example in a "no default route" environment. Although note that the proxy must not authenticate requests from the Connectors and any form of in-line inspection will prevent the Connector enrolling and establishing Z Tunnels to the ZPA public infrastructure. The details for the proxy must be explicitly configured at the Connector CLI.

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Connector Enrollment Through a Proxy

- To configure the Connector to work through an explicit proxy:
 - 1. Log in to the Connector console
 - 2. Create a file named /opt/zscaler/var/proxy
 - 3. Add to the file an entry of the form:

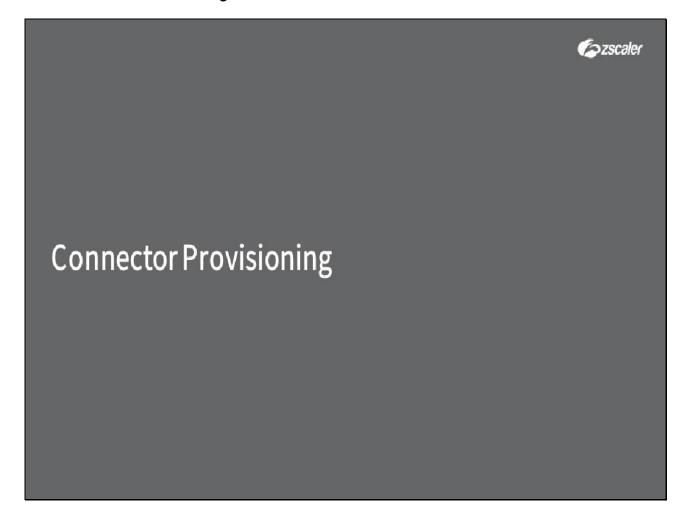
<Proxy Hostname>:<Proxy Port> or <Proxy IP Address>:<Proxy Port>

- Restart the Connector with the following command: sudo systemctl restart zpa-connector
- The Connector attempts to create a TLS session through the proxy specified in step 3

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To configure the Connector to work through an explicit proxy, log in to the Connector console and create a file named /opt/zscaler/var/proxy. Add an entry to the file of the form <Proxy Hostname>:<Proxy Port> or <Proxy IP Address>:<Proxy Port> and save the file. Restart the Connector with the command sudo systemctl restart zpaconnector, and the Connector will reboot and attempt to establish a TLS connection to the closest healthy ZPA-ZEN through the proxy specified in the file.

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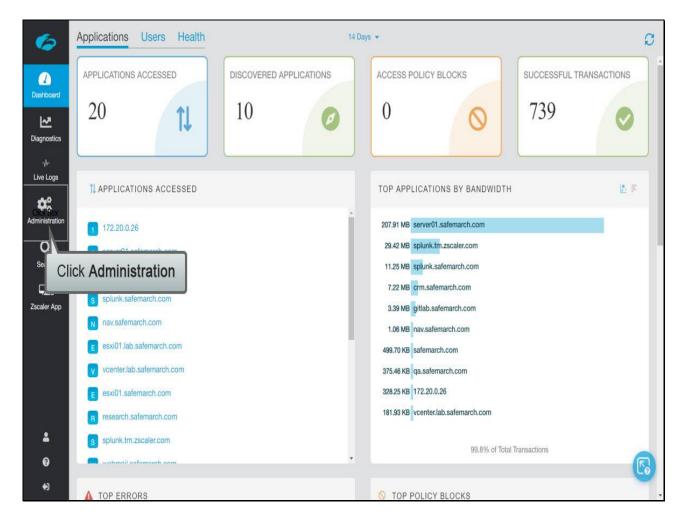


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The final topic that we will cover is how to provision a Connector in the ZPA Admin Portal.

This section has been created as an interactive demo to give you a feel for the navigation of the ZPA Admin Portal. You will be asked to select the appropriate menu options to navigate the UI. You may also use the Play control to proceed to the next step.

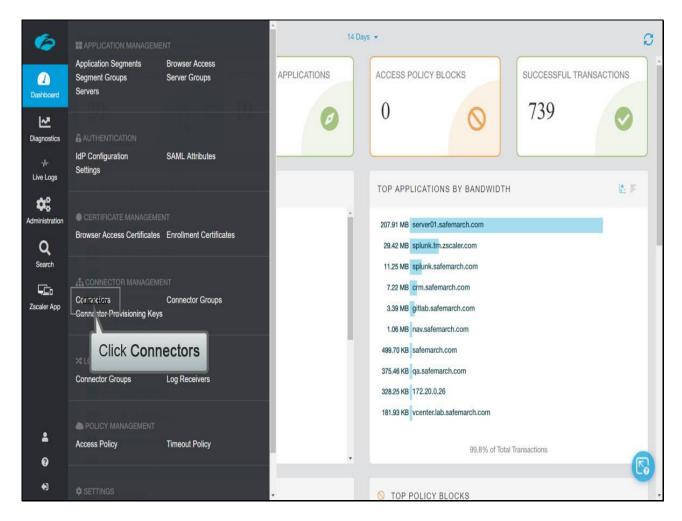
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To expand the configuration menu options, click **Administration**, ...

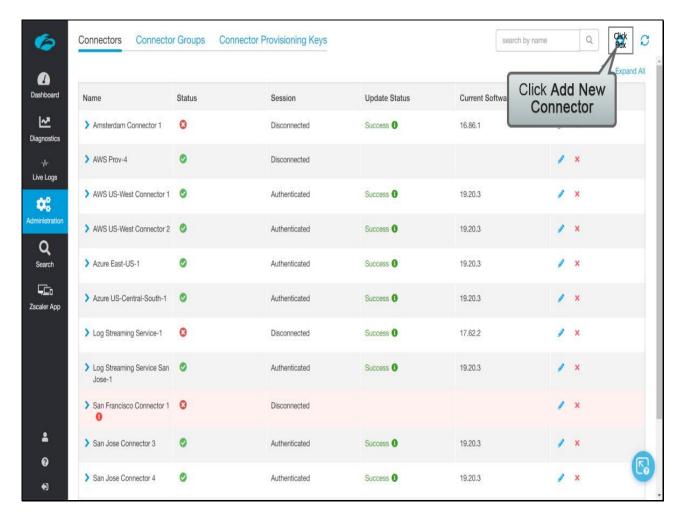
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...then to add a new Connector, click **Connectors**.

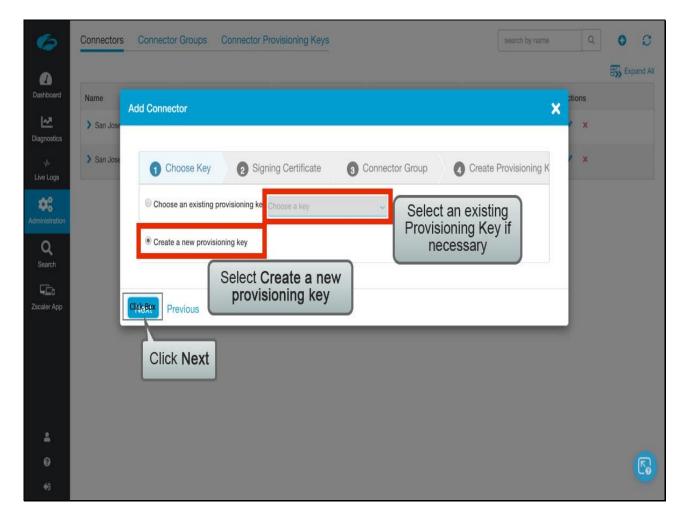
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The **Connectors** page lists only the Connectors that have been successfully activated. To add a new Connector, click the + icon at top right.

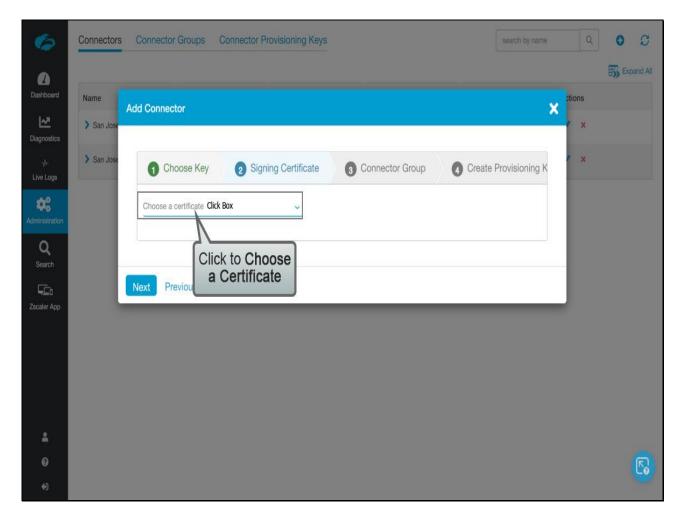
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At Step 1 of the **Add Connector** wizard, if you previously created a Connector provisioning key and wish to re-use it, select the key here. Alternatively, select the **Create a new provisioning key** option, then click **Next**.

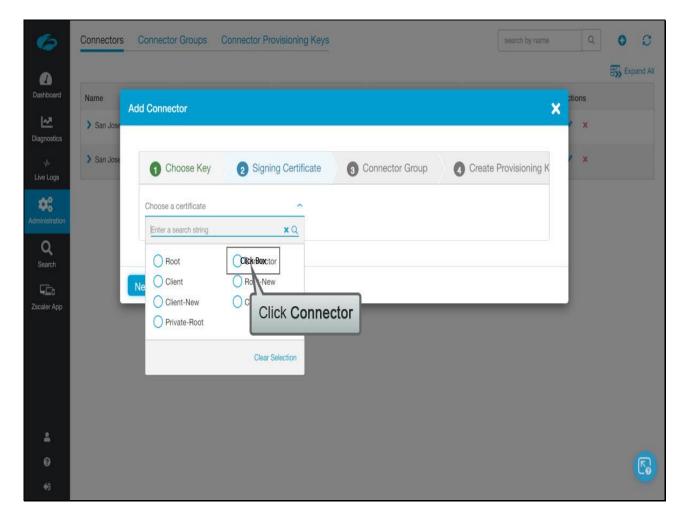
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To select the Intermediate CA to issue certificates to this Connector on enrollment, click **Choose a Certificate**, ...

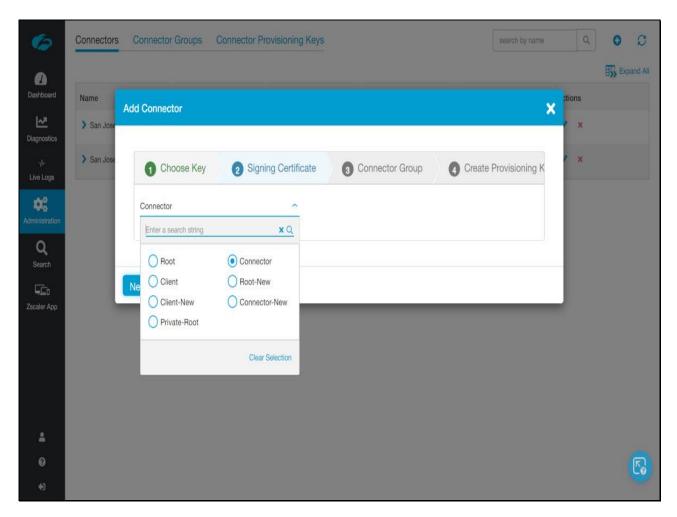
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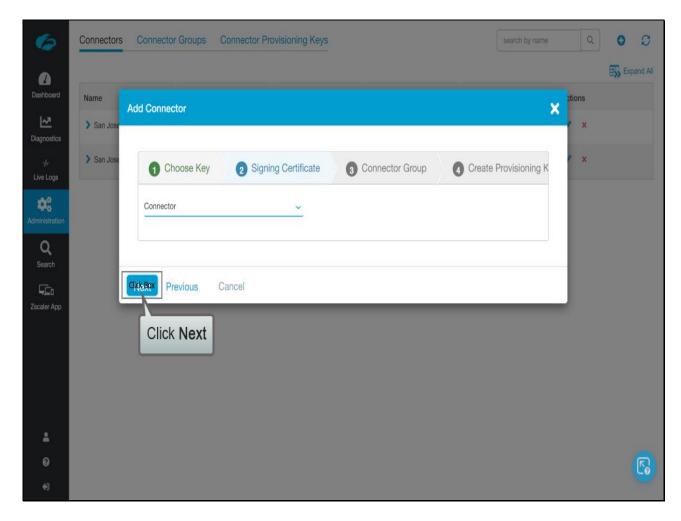
...and select the certificate to be used for this Connector, from the list of certificates available by default or that you created.

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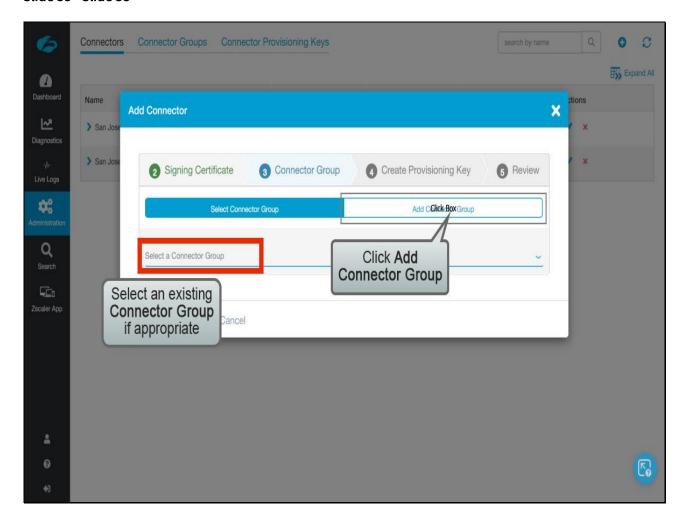
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Having selected the appropriate certificate, click **Next** to continue with the Connector provisioning wizard.

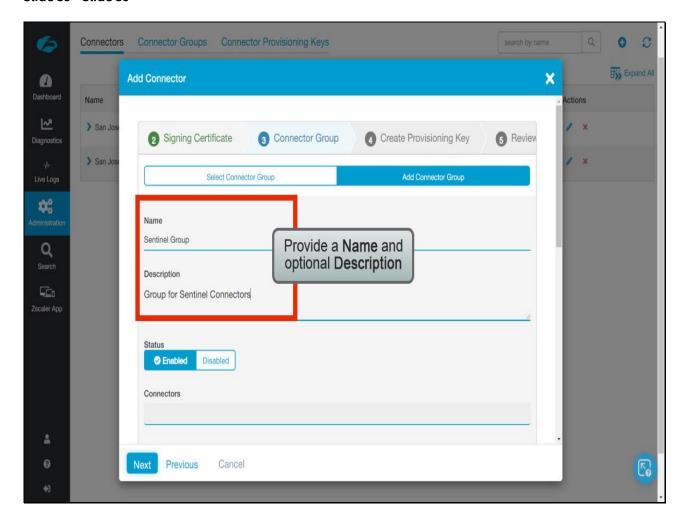
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If you have previously created a **Connector Group**, select it here; or click **Add Connector Group**.

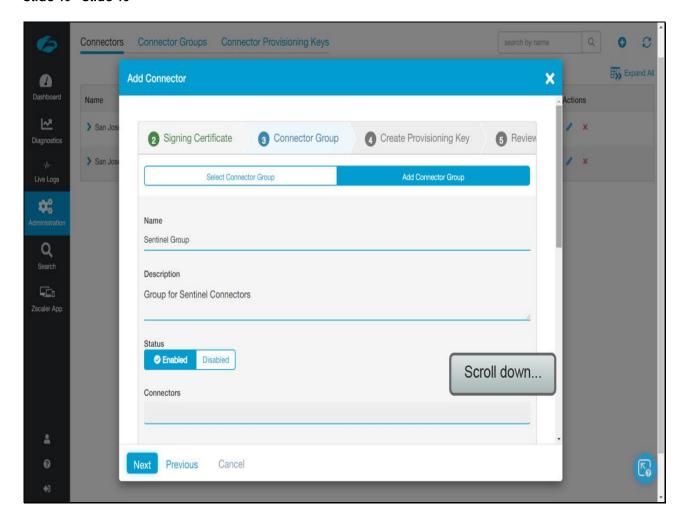
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Configure the Connector Group as necessary.

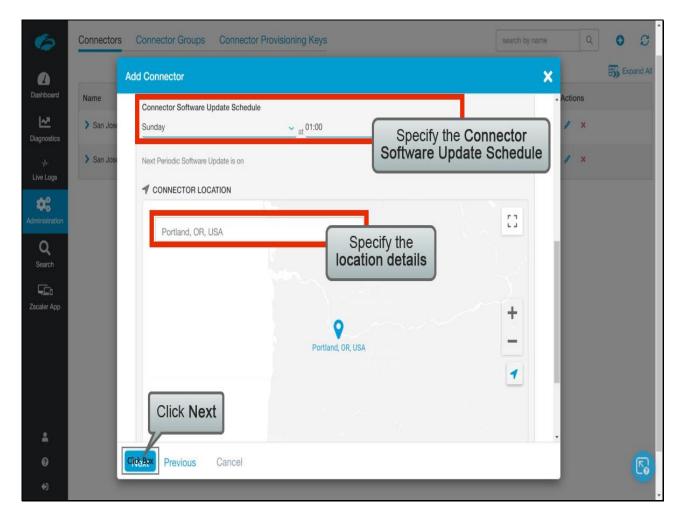
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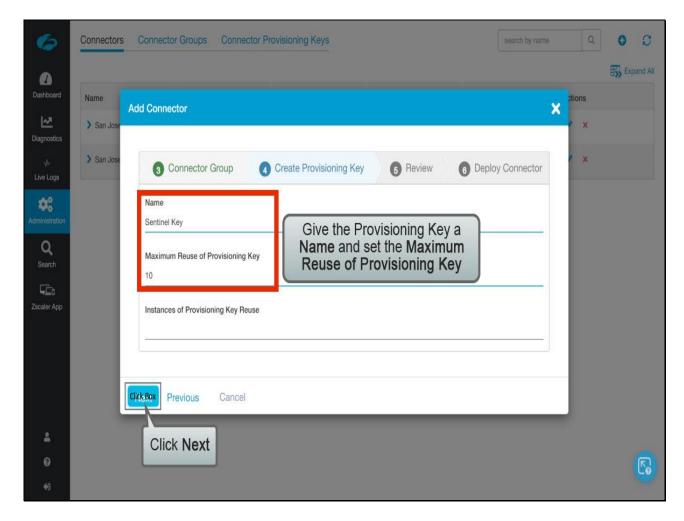
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...the configuration includes the **Day** and **Time** for periodic updates of the Connectors, and their geographic location. Click **Next** once you are done.

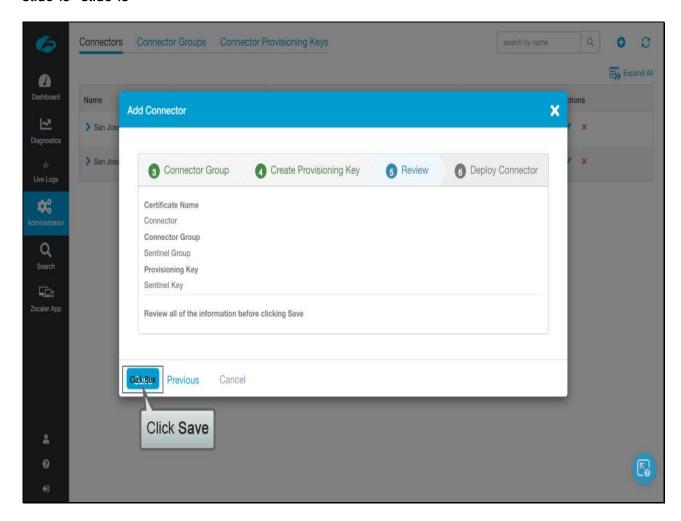
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Configure a **Provisioning Key** as necessary. Note that the configuration includes the maximum number of times the key may be used. This limit is not encoded in the key itself, rather the database and API enforce it, which means that it can be changed at a later date if necessary. Click **Next** once you are done.

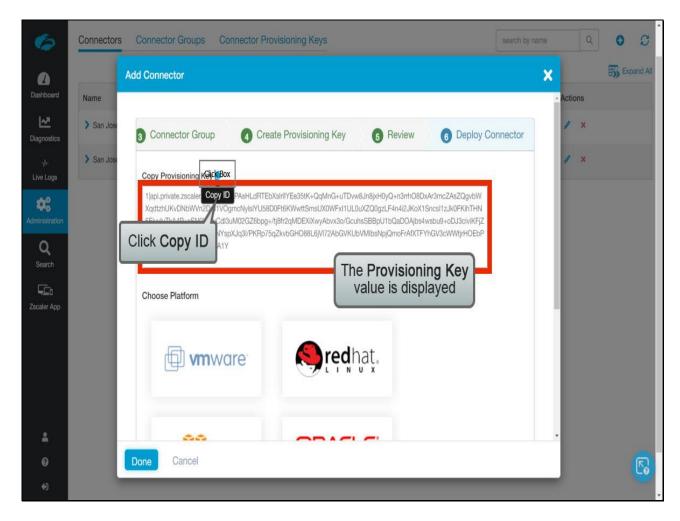
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Review the new Connector configuration and once you are happy with it click **Save**.

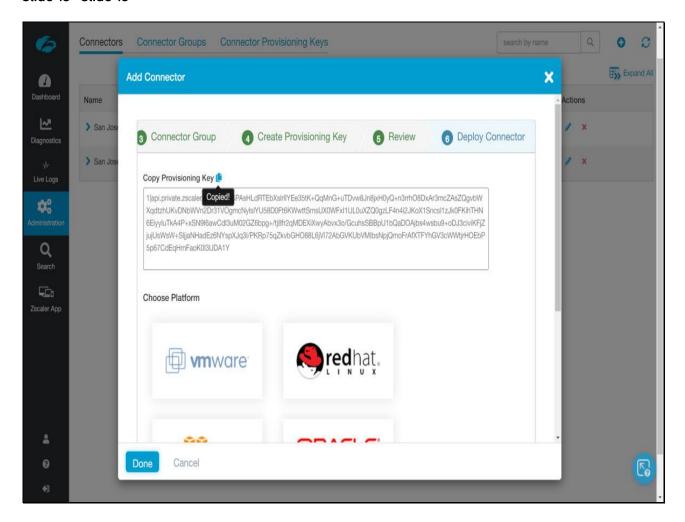
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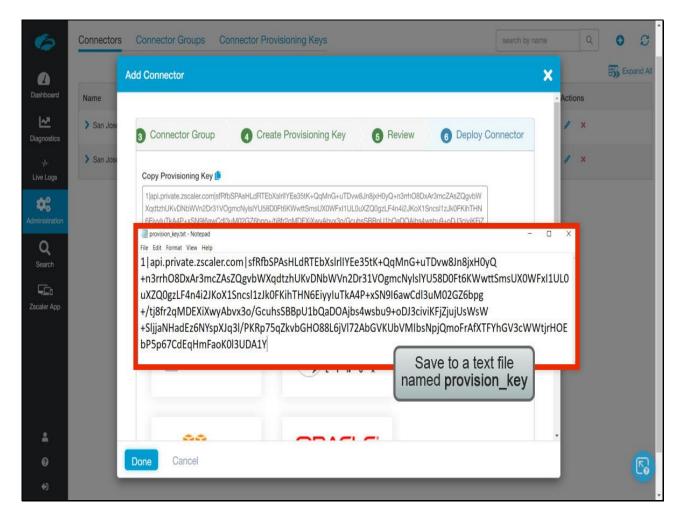
The data for the new key will be displayed. Note that provisioning keys are considered confidential information and must be kept in a safe place. Click the **Copy ID** option to copy the key value to your clipboard, ...

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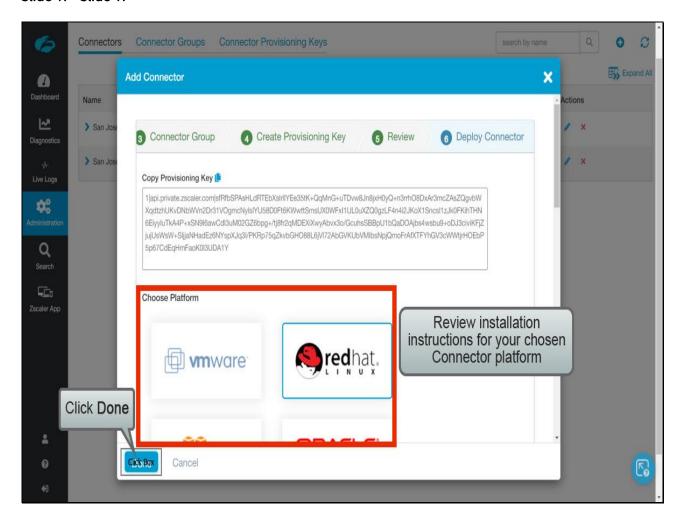
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...then paste it to a file as a record of the provisioning key value. Ideally you should save the file with the name **provision_key**, all lower case and with no file extension.

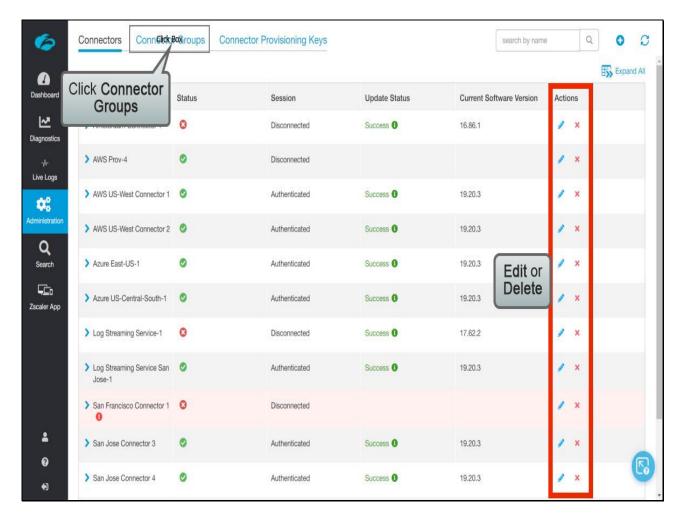
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Links are provided for you within the wizard for per-platform installation instructions. Click **Done** to exit the **Add Connector** wizard.

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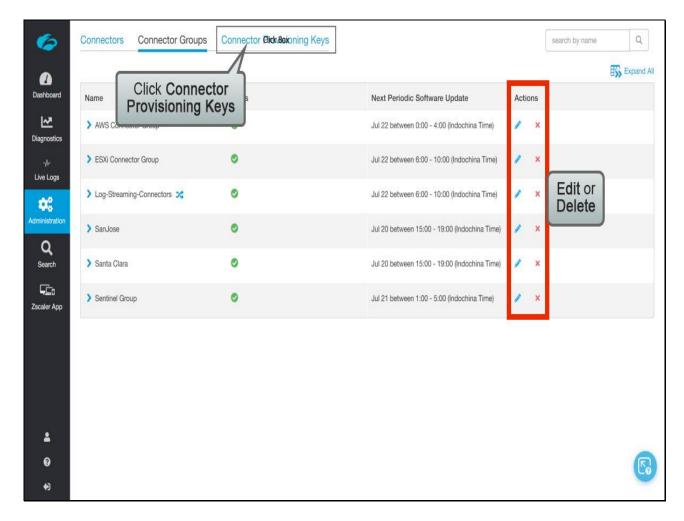


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The new Connector will not yet be visible in the **Connectors** list, as it is not yet installed and active. You have the option to **Edit** or **Delete** any of the active Connectors.

To view the list of available Connector Groups, click the **Connector Groups** tab.

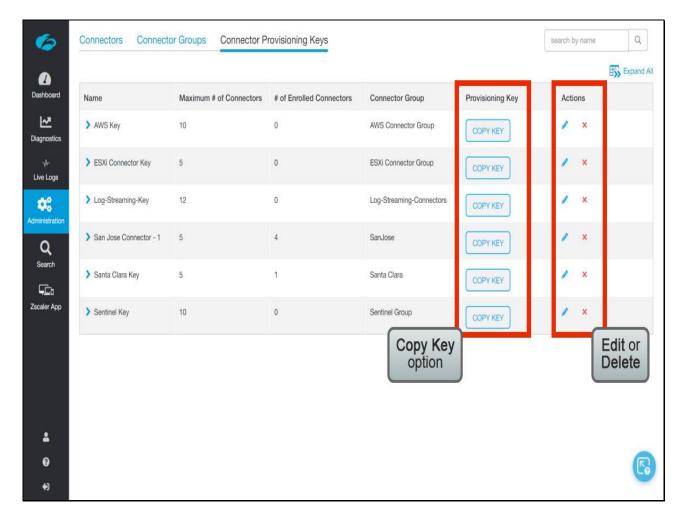
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You also have the option to **Edit** or **Delete** any of the Connector Groups. To view a list of Provisioning Keys that have been created, click the **Connector Provisioning Keys** tab.

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Once again you have the options to **Edit** or **Delete** Provisioning Keys, and note that for each of the provisioning keys there is a **COPY KEY** option, to allow you to access the Provisioning Key value for the Connector.

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Thank you & Quiz

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Thank you for following this Zscaler training module, we hope this module has been useful to you and thank you for your time.

What follows is a short quiz to test your knowledge of the material presented during this module. You may retake the quiz as many times as necessary in order to pass.