

Certificate Authority Infrastructure Hands-On Lab Part 2: ADCS Administration & Maintenance

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CLASS DESCRIPTION

The second in a two-part hands-on-lab series; this lab will introduce the tasks you will need to perform to administer and maintain an ADCS public key infrastructure (PKI).

OVERVIEW

We will practice performing the following administrative tasks on the PKI you deployed in part 1 of this lab:

- Issuing Certificates
- Revoking Certificates
- Backing up a Certificate Authority
- Restoring a Backed-up Certificate Authority

NOTE: All domain and local account passwords are set to pw



Figure 1 - Lab Infrastructure





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Machine	Roles	FQDN [IP]
Domain Controller	DC, DNS, DHCP, WINS	dc.city.gov [10.10.10.10]
Root CA	Certificate Authority	rootca.city.gov [10.10.10.5]
Subordinate CA	Certificate Authority, Web Enrollment	subca.city.gov [DHCP]
PKI Info Server	IIS, File Share	pkiinfo.city.gov [DHCP]
Web Application Server	IIS	webapps.city.gov [DHCP]
Workstation	Windows Client OS	workstation.city.gov [DHCP]

Table 1 - Listing of Lab Machines

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TIP: If you did not complete all tasks in part 1 of this lab, you may jump ahead by applying the Lab Start – Part 2 checkpoints on the DC, RootCA, PkiInfo and SubCA virtual machines.

Checkpoints		۲
Domain Configured		
🗐 🖶 Lab Start	Apply Checkpoint	×
SubCA Configured	Are you sure you want to apply the selected checkpoint?	
····· ► Now	The virtual machine's current state will be lost.	
	Please don't ask me again Create Checkpoint and Apply Apply	Cancel





Web Application Server Certificate Authority Administration – Requesting & Issuing a SSL Certificate



NOTE: We have already experienced manually requesting and issuing a certificate during the provisioning of the subordinate CA. Here we will look at the experience of using client tooling to automatically submit a certificate request which will be automatically issued.

1. Start the Web Application Server (WebApps) and login as the domain Administrator

Virtual Machines	
Name	State
DC	Running
🗧 Pkilnfo	Running
RootCA	Off
SubCA	Running
WebApps	Off
🗄 Workstation	Connect
	Settings
	Start

TIP: To login as domain administrator enter the user name as City\Administrator

- 2. Start the Internet Information Services (IIS) Manager
- 3. In the left navigation pane, select the WEBAPPS server







4. In the center **WEBAPPS Home** pane, double-click **Server Certificates**

Connections	Conver Cortificates			Actions
🔍 - 🕞 🖄 😽	Server Certificates			Import
Start Page WEBAPPS (CITY\Administrator) Application Page	Use this feature to request and manage configured for SSL.	certificates that the Web server can use with we	ebsites	Create Certificate Request Complete Certificate Request
✓ · i i Sites	Filter: 👻 🐨 Go	Show All Group by: No Grouping	•	Create Domain Certificate
> 🤤 Default Web Site	Name Issue	d To Issued By		Create Self-Signed Certificate
				Enable Automatic Rebind of Renewed Certificate
				😢 Help

5. In the right Actions menu, select Create Domain Certificate...

NOTE: It can take a few seconds for the Create Certificate wizard dialog to show

6. Enter the following information on the **Distinguished Name Properties** page then click Next

Create Certificate		?	×
Distinguished	I Name Properties		
Specify the required inform official names and they ca	nation for the certificate. State/province and City/locality must be specified as nnot contain abbreviations.		
Common name:	*.city.gov		
Organization:	City Government		
Organizational unit:	π		
City/locality	City		
State/province:	State		
Country/region:	US v		
			_
	Previous Next Finish	Cancel	

NOTE: We are requesting a wildcard certificate!





7. On the Online Certification Authority page, click Select... and choose the CitySubordinateCA

Create Certificate Online Certifica	tion Authority		?	×	t uest
Specify the certification author	Select Certification Authority				
and should be easy to remen	Select a certificate authority you wa	ant to use:			
Specify Unline Certification A	Certificate Authority CitySubordinateCA	Computer SubCA.city.gov			
Example: CertificateAuthority					
Friendly name:					

8. On the **Online Certification Authority** page, enter ***.city.gov** as the friendly name for the requested certificate

Create Certificate	?	×
Online Certification Authority		
Specify the certification authority within your domain that will sign the certificate. A friendly nam and should be easy to remember.	ie is required	
Specify Online Certification Authority:		
CitySubordinateCA\SubCA.city.gov	Select]
Example: CertificateAuthorityName\ServerName		-
Friendly name:		
*.city.gov		
Previous Next Finish	Cance	el





9. Click Finish and wait for the certificate to be issued

Connections Connec	Server Certificates Use this feature to request and manage certificates that the Web server can use with websites configured for SSL.		
 ✓ - i i Sites 	Filter: 👻 🧃	Go 🕞 🖓 Group by:	No Grouping 🔹
> 😔 Default Web Site	Name	Issued To	Issued By
	*.city.gov	*.city.gov	CitySubordinateCA

TIP: If the certificate request fails the first time, simply click Finish again to resubmit the request.

10. In the left navigation pane, right-click the **Default Web Site** and select **Edit Bindings...**



- 11. In the Site Bindings dialog, click Add...
- 12. In the Add Site Binding dialog select https from the Type dropdown and *.city.gov from the SSL certificate dropdown then click OK and click Close

Add Site B	nding		? ×
Type:	IP address:	Port:	
https	 All Unassigned 	~ 443	
Host nar	ie:		
🗌 Requi	e Server Name Indication		
	i-sta.		
CCI contif	ICalei		
SSL certif			
SSL certit *.city.go	r	✓ Select	View
SSL certit *.city.go Not selec	, ted	Select	View





Workstation Certificate Authority Administration – Client Testing of Valid Certificate

- 1. Start the windows 10 client virtual machine (Workstation) and login as the domain Administrator
- 2. Open Internet Explorer and browse to https://webapps.city.gov and verity that the site loads securely

+ Mitting://webapps.city.gov/	Q	→ A C A Server ×
🕂 Windo	Website Identification	
Interr	City Root Certificate Authority has identified this site as: webapps.city.gov This connection to the server is encrypted. Should I trust this site?	vices
	View certificates	
Welcome	Bienvenue Ter	rvetuloa
ようこそ	Benvenuto 歡迎	

NOTE: You might need to force a group policy update to ensure the workstation trusts the root certificate

gpupdate /force





Subordinate CA Certificate Authority Administration – Certficate Revocation



- 1. Open a Virtual Machine Connection to the subordinate CA (SubCA) and login as domain Administrator
- 2. Launch the Certificate Authority management console from the Tools menu in Server Manager



3. In the Certificate Authority management console, find the issued SSL certificate in the Issued Certificates node

🙀 Certification Authority (Local)	Request ID	Requester Name	Binary Certificate	Certificate Template
V 🚽 CitySubordinateCA	I I I I I I I I I I I I I I I I I I I	CITY\DC\$	BEGIN CERTI	Domain Controller (DomainController)
Revoked Certificates	4	CITY\Administrator	BEGIN CERTI	Web Server (WebServer)
Issued Certificates				
Pending Requests				
Failed Requests				
📔 Certificate Templates				

4. Right-click the certificate and choose Revoke Certificate from the All Tasks menu



5. In the **Certificate Revocation** dialog select **Certificate Hold** as the **Reason code** then click Yes



NOTE: Certificate Hold is the only reversible revocation reason. All other revocations are permanent!





6. Right-click the **Revoked Certificates** node and select **Publish** from the **All Tasks** menu

Publish All Tasks >	
Failed Requests View >	

NOTE: It can take about 15 seconds for the Publish CRL dialog to show

7. In the Publish CRL dialog, select New CRL and click OK



NOTE: It can take a few seconds before CRL publication finishes and the console is once again responsive





Workstation Certificate Authority Administration – Client Testing of Revoked Certificate

- 1. Open a Virtual Machine Connection to the workstation VM (Workstation) and login as domain Administrator
- 2. Open Internet Explorer and browse to https://webapps.city.gov

Notice whether the browser treats the revoked certificate as valid; in all likelihood the certificate will be treated as valid since the CRL was updated only moments ago and Windows has not yet retrieved the updates

← (⇒) 🤌 https://webapps.city.gov/		,0 - ≙	c 🦉 iis	Windows Server	×
🕂 Winde	Website Identification	×			
Interr	City Root Certificate Authority has identified this site as: webapps.city.gov This connection to the server is encryp Should I trust this site?	ted.	vice	S	
	View certificates				
Welcome	Bienvenue	Tervet	uloa		
ようこそ	Benvenuto 歡迎				

NOTE: Windows and other software/infrastructure will cache CRLs and only periodically check for updates!

We will force windows to flush the CRL cache, which should cause IE to read the updated CRL





3. Start an administrative command prompt and run the following **certutil** command

certutil -urlcache * delete

Bit Administrator: Command Promet			X
Microsoft Windows [Version 10.0.16299.309] (c) 2017 Microsoft Corporation. All rights reserved.		2010	^
C:\Users\Administrator.CITY>certutil -urlcache * delete https://webapps.city.gov/iisstart.png			
https://webapps.city.gov/			
Visited: Administrator@file:///C:/Labs/Installs/BGInfo/ADCS%20Lab%20BG.bgi			
Visited: Administrator@https://webapps.city.gov/favicon.ico			
Visited: Administrator@https://webapps.city.gov/			
WinINet Cache entries deleted: 5			
http://pkiinfo.city.gov/certinfo/CityRootCA.crl			
ldap:///CN=CitySubordinateCA,CN=SubCA,CN=CDP,CN=Public%20Key%20Services,CN=Services,CN=Configuration,DC=city,DC=gov?deltaRevocationList?base?objectClass=cRLDistribution	Point		
http://ctldl.windowsupdate.com/msdownload/update/v3/static/trustedr/en/disallowedcertstl.cab			
http://ctldl.windowsupdate.com/msdownload/update/v3/static/trustedr/en/authrootstl.cab			
ldap:///CN=CitySubordinateCA,CN=SubCA,CN=CDP,CN=Public%20Key%20Services,CN=Services,CN=Configuration,DC=city,DC=gov?certificateRevocationList?base?objectClass=cRLDistri	butio	nPoint	
http://ctldl.windowsupdate.com/msdownload/update/v3/static/trustedr/en/pinrulesstl.cab			
WinHttp Cache entries deleted: 6			
CertUtil: -URLCache command FAILED: 0x80070103 (WIN32/HTTP: 259 ERROR_NO_MORE_ITEMS) CertUtil: No more data is available.			

4. In Internet Explorer refresh the URL https://webapps.city.gov and verify that the certificate is rejected

A style="text-align: center;">	C Se
This site isn't secure	
This site is not secure	
This might mean that someone's trying to fool you or steal any info you send to the server. You close this site immediately.	should
🔮 Close this tab	
More information	
This website's security certificate has been revoked, so you can't go there at this t	me.
Error Code: ERROR_INTERNET_SEC_CERT_REVOKED	

NOTE: There is no option to continue to the site, as in the case of an untrusted certificate chain



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Subordinate CA Certificate Authority Administration – Certificate UnRevocation



NOTE: Only certificates revoked with a Certificate Hold reason code can be reinstated and removed from the CRL

- 1. Open a Virtual Machine Connection to the subordinate CA (SubCA) and login as domain Administrator
- 2. Launch the Certificate Authority management console from the Tools menu in Server Manager



3. In the Certificate Authority console find the revoked SSL certificate in the Revoked Certificates node

Certification Authority (Local)	Request ID	Revocation Date	Effective Revocation Date	Revocation Reason
V 🚽 CitySubordinateCA	4	4/18/2018 11:51 AM	4/18/2018 11:00 AM	Certificate Hold
Revoked Certificates				
Issued Certificates				
Pending Requests				
Failed Requests				

4. Right-click the certificate and choose Revoke Certificate from the All Tasks menu



5. Right-click the Revoked Certificates node and choose Publish from the All Tasks menu







Workstation Certificate Authority Administration – Client Testing of UnRevoked Certificate

- 1. Open a Virtual Machine Connection to the workstation VM (Workstation) and login as domain Administrator
- 2. Open Internet Explorer and browse to https://webapps.city.gov and verify the certificate is again accepted



NOTE: You might once again need to clear the CRL cache before IE again recognizes the certificate as valid

certutil -urlcache * delete





Subordinate CA Certificate Authority Maintenance – Backing up a Certificate Authority



- 1. Open a Virtual Machine Connection to the subordinate CA (SubCA) and login as domain Administrator
- 2. Open Windows Explorer and browse to the administrative share for the C Drive on the PKI Info (PkiInfo) server

\\pkiinfo\C\$

3. Create a directory named SubCABackup which we will use as the backup storage location for this lab



- 4. Launch the Certificate Authority management console from the Tools menu in Server Manager
- 5. Right-click the CitySubordinateCA node and select Back up CA... from the All Tasks menu



6. On the Certificate Authority Backup Wizard dialog welcome screen click Next





7. On the **Items to Back Up** screen select the **Private key and CA certificate** and **Certificate database and certificate database log** options then enter the below path as the backup location and click Next

\\pkiinfo\C\$\SubCABackup\

Certification Authority Backup Wizard	Х
Items to Back Up You can back up individual components of the certification authority data.	S
Select the items you wish to back up:	
Private key and CA certificate	
Certificate database and certificate database log Perform incremental backup	
Back up to this location:	
Note: The backup directory must be empty.	
< <u>B</u> ack <u>N</u> ext > Cancel	Help

- 8. On the Select a Password screen we will use pw as the backup password for this lab
- 9. On the completion screen verify the items that will be backed up then click Finish







NOTE: We also need to backup the certificate services configuration in the windows registry

10. Run the Windows Registry Editor



11. Navigate to the following registry key

Computer\HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\SYSTEM\CurrentControlSet\Services\CertSvc\Configuration

v.	CertSvc		
	> Configuration		
	Security	~	
Computer\HKEY LOCA	L MACHINE\SYSTEM\CurrentControlSet\Serv	ices\CertSvc\Con	figuration

12. Export the CertSvc Configuration key to the backup location created in step #3

\\pkiinfo\C\$\SubCABackup\Configuration.reg

13. Your backup directory should have three items; the CA database, the CA key and the CA registry configuration







Subordinate CA Certificate Authority Maintenance – Restoring a Backed Up Certificate Authority



- 1. Open Hyper-V Manager and **shutdown** the Subordinate CA (**SubCA**) virtual machine
- 2. Apply the CA Roles Installed checkpoint on the Subordinate CA (SubCA) virtual machine

SubCA	Off	
🗧 WebApps	Off	
🗄 Workstation	Off	
Checkpoints		
Domain Joined	d	
SubCA Confi	Settings	
⊡ 🔂 SSL	(Apply	
	Export	
i	Rename	
	Delete Checkpoint	
Apply Checkpoint		×
Are you sure you	want to apply the selected checkpoint?	
The virtual machine's co	rrrent state will be lost.	
Please don't ask me again	Create Checkpoint and Apply Apply	Cancel

NOTE: The Subordinate CA (SubCA) is now in a clean state with the CA Roles installed but not configured

When restoring a CA in production ensure that:

> the computer name is the same as the original CA

> the IP address is the same as the original CA (use static or DHCP reserved IP addresses for your CA servers)





- 3. Start the Subordinate CA (**SubCA**) and login as domain Administrator
- 4. Start Server Manager open the notifications in the top right menu bar



- 5. In the **Post-deployment Configuration** notification, click the **Configure Active Directory Certificate Services on the destination server** link
- 6. On the **Credentials** screen of the AD CS Configuration wizard, accept the default domain Administrator credentials and click Next

Credentials	DESTINATION SERVER SubCA.city.gov
Credentials	Specify credentials to configure role services
Role Services	
Setup Type	To install the following role services you must belong to the local Administrators group:
СА Туре	Standalone certification authority Certification Authority Web Enrollment
Private Key	Online Responder
Cryptography	To install the following role services you must belong to the Enterprise Admins group:
CA Name	Enterprise certification authority Certificate Enrollment Policy Web Service
Certificate Request	Certificate Enrollment Web Service
Certificate Database	Network Device Enrollment Service
Confirmation	Credentials: CITV\Administrator Change





7. On the **Roles Services** screen, select **Certificate Authority** and **Certificate Authority Web Enrollment** for configuration, then click Next

Role Services		DESTINATION SERVER SubCA.city.gov
Credentials Role Services	Select Role Services to configure	
Setup Type CA Type Private Key Cryptography CA Name	 Certification Authority Certification Authority Web Enrollment Online Responder Network Device Enrollment Service Certificate Enrollment Web Service Certificate Enrollment Policy Web Service 	

8. On the **Setup Type** screen ensure **Enterprise CA** is selected then click Next.

Setup Type	DESTINATION SERVER SubCA.city.gov
Credentials Role Services	Specify the setup type of the CA
Setup Type	Enterprise certification authorities (CAs) can use Active Directory Domain Services (AD DS) to
СА Туре	simplify the management of certificates. Standalone CAs do not use AD DS to issue or manage certificates.
Private Key Cryptography CA Name	Enterprise CA Enterprise CAs must be domain members and are typically online to issue certificates or certificate policies.
Validity Period Certificate Database Confirmation	 Standalone CA Standalone CAs can be members or a workgroup or domain. Standalone CAs do not require AD DS and can be used without a network connection (offline).

9. On the CA Type screen ensure Subordinate CA is selected then click Next

СА Туре	DESTINATION SERVER SubCA.city.gov
Credentials Role Services	Specify the type of the CA
Setup Type	When you install Active Directory Certificate Services (AD CS), you are creating or extending a
СА Туре	public key infrastructure (PKI) hierarchy. A root CA is at the top of the PKI hierarchy and issues its own self-signed certificate. A subordinate CA receives a certificate from the CA above it in the PKI
Private Key	hierarchy.
Cryptography	O Root CA
CA Name	Root CAs are the first and may be the only CAs configured in a PKI hierarchy.
Certificate Request	Subordinate CA
Certificate Database	Subordinate CAs require an established PKI hierarchy and are authorized to issue certificates by
Confirmation	the CA above them in the hierarchy.





10. On the **Private Key** screen select **Use existing private key** and **Select a certificate and use its associated private key** then click Next

Private Key	DESTINATION SERVER SubCA.city.gov
Credentials Role Services	Specify the type of the private key
Setup Type	To generate and issue certificates to clients, a certification authority (CA) must have a private key.
СА Туре	O Create a new private key
Private Key	Use this option if you do not have a private key or want to create a new private key.
Existing Certificate	Use existing private key
Certificate Database	Use this option to ensure continuity with previously issued certificates when reinstalling a CA.
Confirmation	Select a certificate and use its associated private key
Progress	Select this option if you have an existing certificate on this computer or if you want to
Results	import a certificate and use its associated private key.
	 Select an existing private key on this computer
	Select this option if you have retained private keys from a previous installation or want to use a private key from an alternate source.

11. On the **Existing Certificate** screen click **Import...** then **Browse...** to select the backed-up CA certificate

\\pkiinfo\C\$\SubCABackup\CitySubordinateCA.p12

Enter **pw** in the **Password** field then click OK

Existing Certificate	ò				DEST	INATIC SubC	N SERVER	
Credentials Role Services Setup Type CA Type Private Key	Select an existing certificate for the CA To use a private key associated with a certificate, select that certificate. Yo certificate if it is not available on the target computer. The selected certifi will be used for this certification authority (CA). Certificates:					You may have to imp tificate and its prope		
Existing Certificate	Subject Issued By Expiration Date				Im	Import		
Certificate Database Confirmation Progress Results		Import Existing Certificate Select the PKCS #12 file you want to in o access this file. Sile name: Npkiinfo\C\$\SubCABackup\CitySubor assword:	nport and enter the dinateCA.p12 OK	e passwo	rowse	×	erties	
							Cancel	





12. Wait for the certificate to import then select it from the **Certificates** list, then click Next

Existing Certifica	te DESTINATION SERVER SubCA.city.gov
Credentials Role Services Setup Type CA Type Private Key	Select an existing certificate for the CA To use a private key associated with a certificate, select that certificate. You may have to import a certificate if it is not available on the target computer. The selected certificate and its properties will be used for this certification authority (CA). Certificates:
Existing Certificate Certificate Database Confirmation Progress	Subject Issued By Expiration Date Import CitySubordinateCA CityRootCA 4/9/2023 Properties
Results	Allow administrator interaction when the private key is accessed by the CA.
	More about Existing Certificate
	< Previous Next > Configure Cancel

13. On the CA Database screen accept the default locations and click Next

CA Database		DESTINATION SERVER SubCA.city.gov
Credentials Role Services	Specify the database locations	
Setup Type	Certificate database location:	
СА Туре	C:\Windows\system32\CertLog]
Private Key	Certificate database log location:	
Existing Certificate	C:\Windows\system32\CertLog	
Certificate Database		1
Confirmation		
Progress		
Results		

NOTE: These values should consistent with the values on original CA at the time of backup. You can verify the original values from the exported registry configuration





14. On the **Confirmation** screen, verify all choices then click Configure

📥 AD CS Configuration					x c
Confirmation			DESTIN	NATION SubCA	SERVER .city.gov
Credentials Role Services	To configure the following roles,	role services, or features, click Configure. Re Services			
CA Type Private Key Existing Certificate Certificate Database Confirmation Progress Results	Certification Authority CA Type: Allow Administrator Interaction: Certificate Validity Period: Distinguished Name: Offline Request File Location: Certificate Database Location: Certificate Database Log Location:	Enterprise Subordinate Disabled Determined by the parent CA CN=CitySubordinateCA, DC=city, DC=gov C:\Windows\system32\CertLog C:\Windows\system32\CertLog	V		
	Certification Authority Web Er	nrollment			
		< Previous Next > Co	nfigure	C	ancel

15. In the Results screen, verify that all CA roles were successfully configured then click Close







- 16. Launch the Certificate Authority management console from the Tools menu in Server Manager
- 17. Right-click the CitySubordinateCA node and select Stop Service from the All Tasks menu

🔄 Certification Authority (Local)				
> ቭ CitySubordinateC	A			
Start Service	All Tasks	>		
Stop Service	View	>		
Submit new request	Refresh			

18. Open Windows Explorer and browse to the backup location

\\pkiinfo\C\$\SubCABackup

19. Right-click the **Configuration.reg** file and select **Merge**; accept any warnings and click Yes apply registry changes



20. In the **Certificate Authority** management console, right-click the **CitySubordinateCA** node and select **Restore CA...** from the **All Tasks** menu



21. Click Next on the Certificate Authority Restore Wizard welcome screen





22. On the **Items to Restore** screen, select the **Private key and CA certificate** and **Certificate database and certificate database log** options, then enter the backup location and click Next

\\pkiinfo\C\$\SubCABackup

,	×
Items to Restore You can restore individual components of the backu	ıp file.
Select the items you want to restore:	
Private key and CA certificate	
Certificate database and certificate database log	1
Destand from this localities	
Nestore from this jocation: \\pkiinfo\C\$\SubCABackup	B <u>r</u> owse
Nestore from this jocation: \\pkiinfo\C\$\SubCABackup Note: For incremental restores, first select the full bac Then re-run the wizard, selecting subsequent increm	Browse ckup file and complete the wizard. iental backup files.

- 23. On the Provide Password screen enter pw in the Password field and click Next
- 24. Review the items that will be restored then click Finish







25. Wait for the restoration to complete then click Yes in the Certification Authority Restore Wizard dialog



NOTE: You have successfully restored a CA from backup. You can verify that all previously issued/revoked certificates are properly shown in the Certificate Authority console

🚋 Certification Authority (Local)	Request ID	Requester Name	Binary Certificate	Certificate Template
GitySubordinateCA Revoked Certificates	a 3	CITY\DC\$	BEGIN CERTI	Domain Controller (DomainController)
	4	CITY\Administrator	BEGIN CERTI	Web Server (WebServer)
Pending Requests				

