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## Overview

Microsoft Entra ID can provide convenience for enterprises to use Microsoft Entra ID as authentication source to grant network connection. This document provides configurations using Microsoft Entra ID AD as native authentication source.

# Create and Register FortiNAC Application in Microsoft Entra ID

1. Log into Microsoft Entra ID, go to **App Registration**.
2. Fill in a name and choose a supported account types and click **Register**.

Home > App registrations >

### Register an application

**\* Name**  
The user-facing display name for this application (this can be changed later).

**Supported account types**  
Who can use this application or access this API?

☒ Accounts in this organizational directory (Fortinet\_Inc only - Single tenant)

☐ Accounts in any organizational directory (Any Microsoft Entra ID tenant - Multitenant)

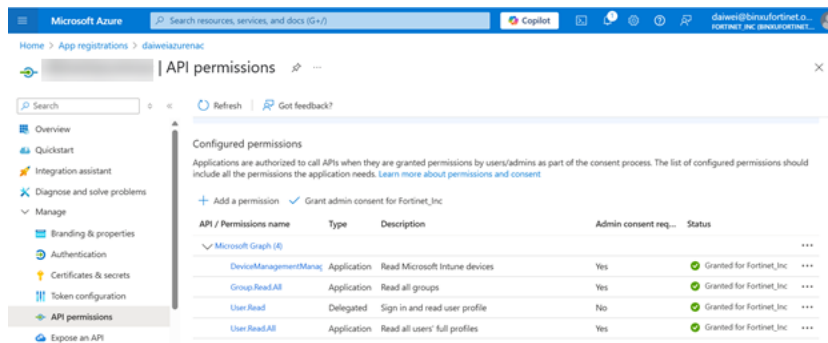
☐ Accounts in any organizational directory (Any Microsoft Entra ID tenant - Multitenant) and personal Microsoft accounts (e.g. Skype, Xbox)

☐ Personal Microsoft accounts only

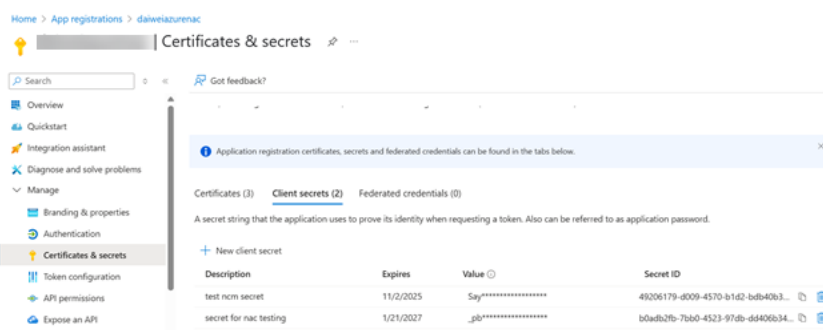
By proceeding, you agree to the Microsoft Platform Policies

**Register**

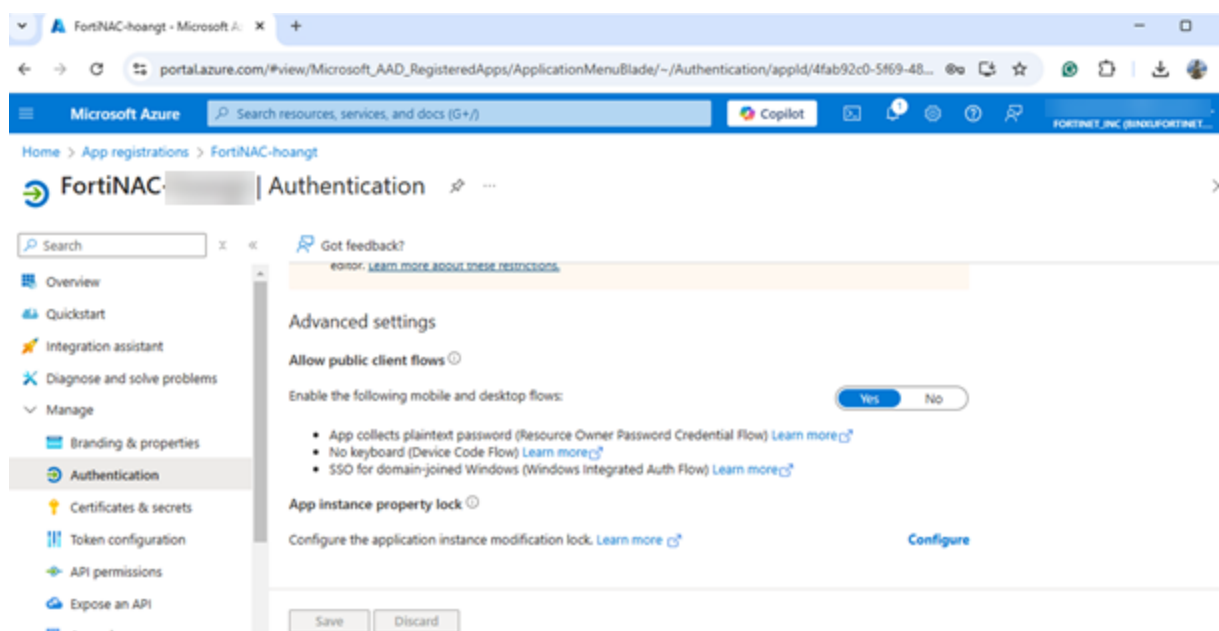
3. After the app is created, go to the app > Manage > API Permission.
4. Click +Add a Permission to grant permission of the following: (all types should be **Application**)
  - a. DeviceManagementManagedDevices.Read.All
  - b. Group.Read.All
  - c. User.Read.All



5. Go to **Certificate & Secrets**, and generate Client secrets or Certificate.



6. After the FortiNAC app is created. In the FortiNAC app, go to **Manage > Authentication**.
7. In the **Advanced Settings > Allow public client flows section**, click **Yes** to enable the following mobile and desktop flows.
8. Go to **Manage > Authentication**, click **Yes** to enable mobile and desktop flows in.



# Generate Certificate for Microsoft Entra ID in FortiNAC Service Connector

This section will generate the certificate for Microsoft Entra ID in FortiNAC service Connector

Edit Service Connector

Authentication Sources

Microsoft Entra ID

Name

Tenant ID

Client ID

Authentication Type  Certificate

Certificate

OK Cancel

## Step 1 - Generate new CSR on FortiNAC

1. Go to **System > Certificate Management**, and generate a new CSR.
2. For **Certificate Target**, choose **New Remote Target**, and for **RSA key length**, fill in 2048.

FortiNAC

Generate CSR

Specify the information to use for your Certificate Signing Request. This will generate and store a private key (in a temporary location) for use when uploading the new certificate files. Any certificates currently in place will be unaffected.

Certificate Target

New Target Alias

Use Result as Self-Signed Certificate ☒

RSA Key Length

Common Name

Subject Alternative Names

Organization

Organizational Unit

Locality (City)

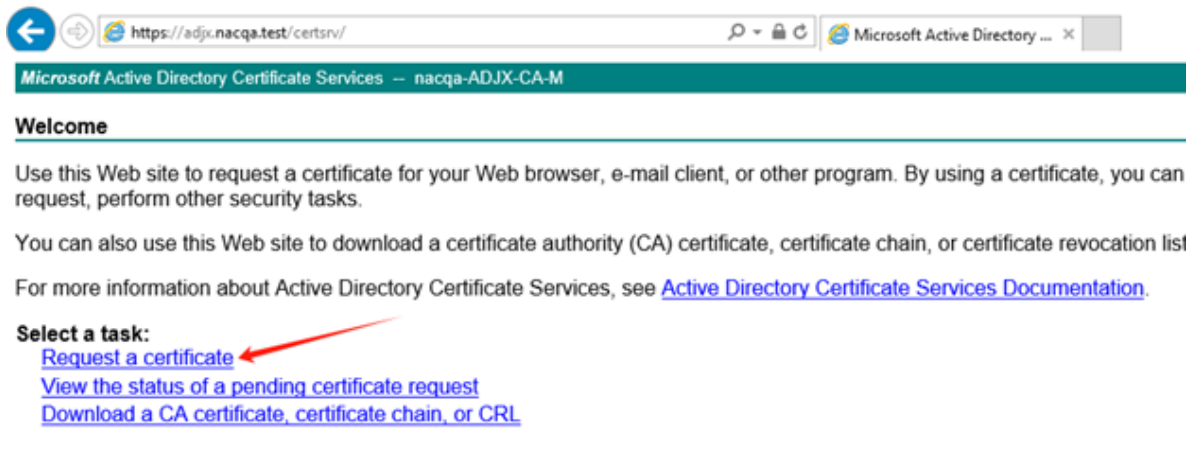
State / Province

2-Letter Country Code

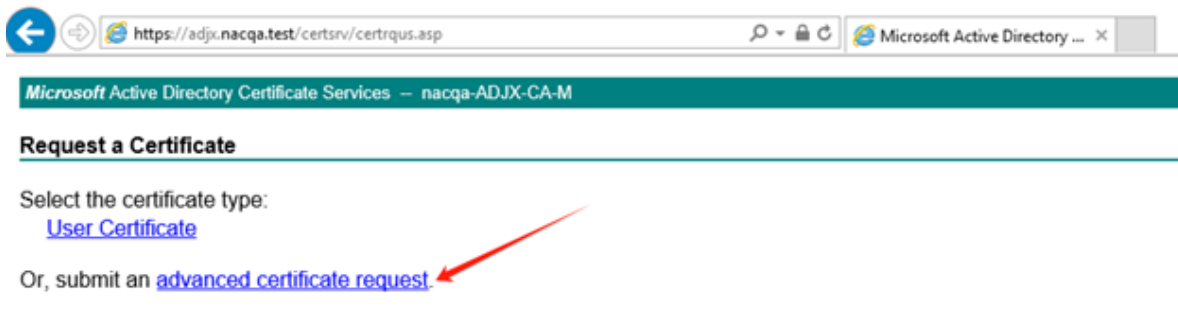
## Step 2 - Submit Certificate Request on Microsoft Active Directory

Use the CSR generated in Step 1 to submit a request for certificate in Microsoft Active Directory

1. Open a browser to connect to Microsoft Active Directory Certificate Services, then click **Request a certificate**



2. In **Request a Certificate** page, click **advanced certificate request**.



3. In **Advanced Certificate Request** page, click **Submit a certificate request by using a base 64 encoded CM..**
4. Paste the CSR generated from FortiNAC in **Base-64-encoded certificate**. In **Certificate Template**, select Web Server, and click **Submit**.



Microsoft Active Directory Certificate Services -- nacqa-ADJX-CA-M

### Submit a Certificate Request or Renewal Request

To submit a saved request to the CA, paste a base-64-encoded CMC or PKCS #10 certificate request or PKCS #7 renewal request.

**Saved Request:**

Base-64-encoded certificate request (CMC or PKCS #10 or PKCS #7):

```
B4/38ifXdnAIaRKv3+Ah+pfWidoHviW/6JW/Rnea
NFaHd+2cUn9vly0MeNdSGgeU++CEB6IbdBHHJ8o3:
eTscAyf0tMjx2I6WSIFz+n9je2aF1x2n4W22RYeR:
bGZ43Ug6zP2tnrgtJVV0gFYVzbhRjgmsd7ZBC0FR:
cmrSp4XxRrQhUyUec+p08empBCB9kXbtq6AeB8Dvi
-----END CERTIFICATE REQUEST-----
```

**Certificate Template:**

Web Server

**Additional Attributes:**

Attributes:

Submit >

- When the certificate is issued, download the certificate to the local machine.

## Step 3 - Upload the certificate onto FortiNAC

- Log back onto FortiNAC, go to **System > Certificate Management**.
- Click **Upload Certificate** and select "Remote API Target".
- Browse and upload the certificate downloaded from Step 2, and click OK.

Upload Certificate

**Information:** Browse to any files which need to be added

Select Target: Remote API [Azure]

Private Key: Use Private Key from Last Generated CSF

Details

Certificate(s): Browse

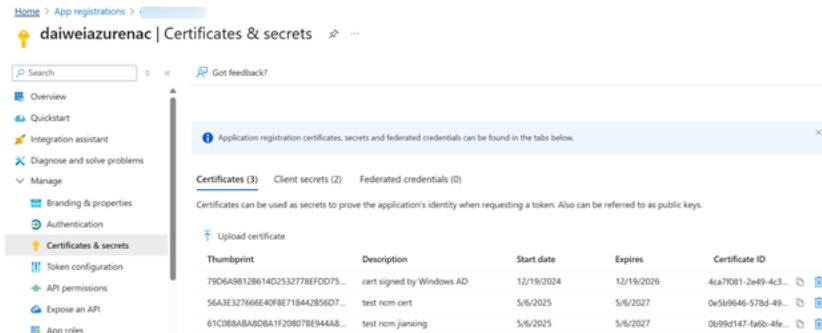
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OK Cancel

- Restart the service for the certificate to take into effect.

## Step 4 - Upload the Certificate back to Microsoft Entra ID App Registration

1. Log into Microsoft Entra ID, and go to App Registration.

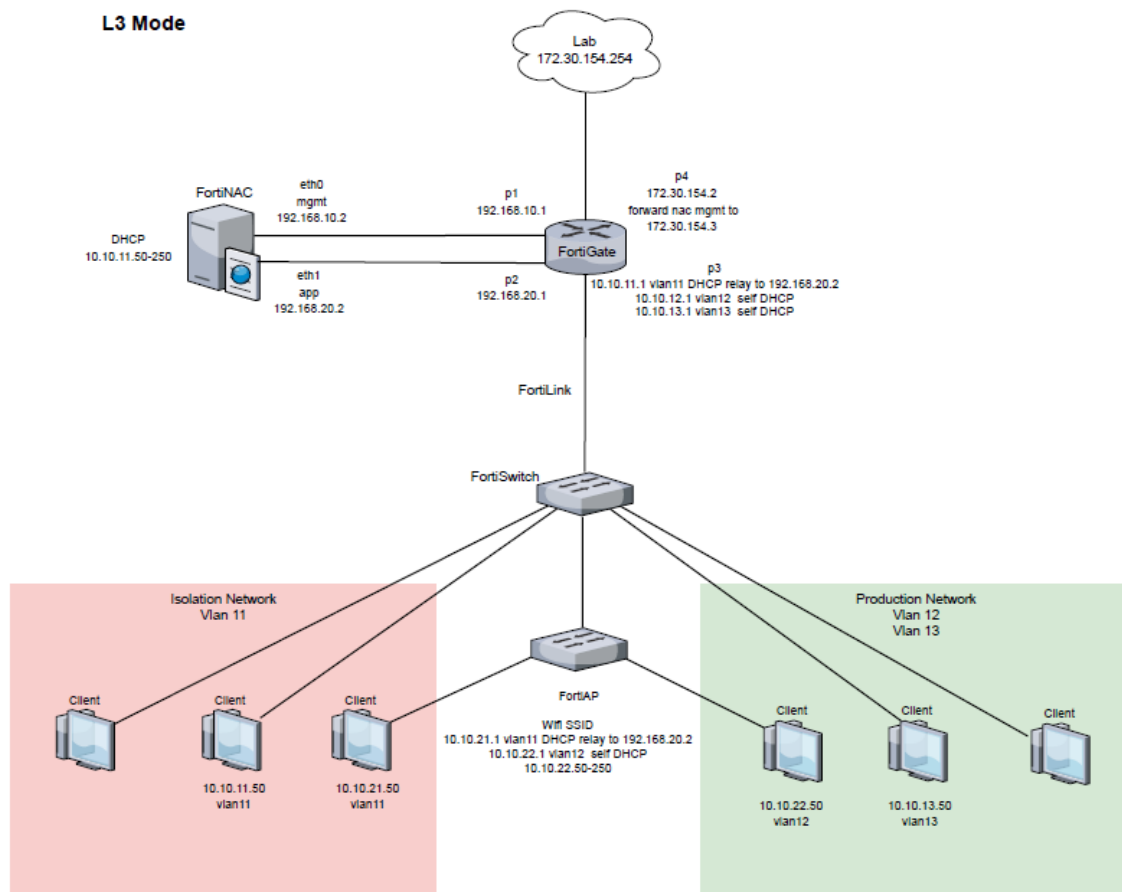


2. Upload the Certificate to complete.

# Microsoft Entra ID Authentication using Captive Portal

Captive Portal is FortiNAC's authentication protocol to grant device access to protected network. Microsoft Entra ID Authentication integrates the Captive Portal to streamline the authentication process. The Microsoft Entra ID users will be able to gain access promptly through the Microsoft Entra ID admin users when using Microsoft Entra ID Authentication with Captive Portal. This method is the quick and secure method to grant access to other device users within the protected network.

This is the use case diagram for the Microsoft Entra ID Authentication using Captive Portal:



# Step 1-6 Microsoft Entra ID, FortiGate, FortiNAC, and FortiSwitch Configuration

## Step 1 - Microsoft Entra ID Configuration

Follow the link to register FortiNAC application in Microsoft Microsoft Entra ID: [Microsoft Entra ID OAuth Configuration](#)

## Step 2 - FortiGate Configuration

Follow the link to configure FortiGate: [Firewall Configuration](#)

The FortiSwitch Port connecting to FortiNAC should not have security policy applied like 802.1.x.

Port	Trunk	Mode	Port Policy	Enabled Features	Native VLAN	Security Policy	Allowed VLANs	Dynamic VLAN	PoE	Device Information
port1				Edge Port Spanning Tree Protocol	FGVM04TM24007098		All			
port2		Static		Edge Port Spanning Tree Protocol	vlan11 (isolation)		All			linux
port3		Static		Edge Port Spanning Tree Protocol	vlan11 (isolation)		All			
port4		Static		Edge Port Spanning Tree Protocol	_default.fortilink (_default)		All			
port5		Static		Edge Port Spanning Tree Protocol	_default.fortilink (_default)		All			
port6		Static		Edge Port Spanning Tree Protocol	_default.fortilink (_default)		All			
port7		Static		Edge Port Spanning Tree Protocol	_default.fortilink (_default)		All			
port8		Static		Edge Port Spanning Tree Protocol	_default.fortilink (_default)		All			

For Radius, make sure the test connectivity is successful. In the example below, 192.168.2.2 is the IP address of the interface on FortiNAC.

FGVM04TM23010645

Dashboard

Network

Policy & Objects

Security Profiles

VPN

User & Authentication

- User Definition
- User Groups
- Guest Management
- LDAP Servers
- RADIUS Servers
- Single Sign-On
- Authentication Settings
- FortiTokens

WiFi & Switch Controller

System

Security Fabric

Log & Report

A FortiGate in the fabric is subject to a critical severity vulnerability. Immediate upgrade is recommended.

Edit RADIUS Server

NameFAC\_RADIUS

Authentication methodDefaultSpecify

PAP

NAS IP10.255.1.2

Include in every user group

Primary Server

IP/Name192.168.2.2

Secret••••••••

Connection statusSuccessful

Test Connectivity

Test User Credentials

Secondary Server

IP/Name

Secret

Test Connectivity

Test User Credentials

OK

Cancel

### Step 3 - FortiNAC configuration

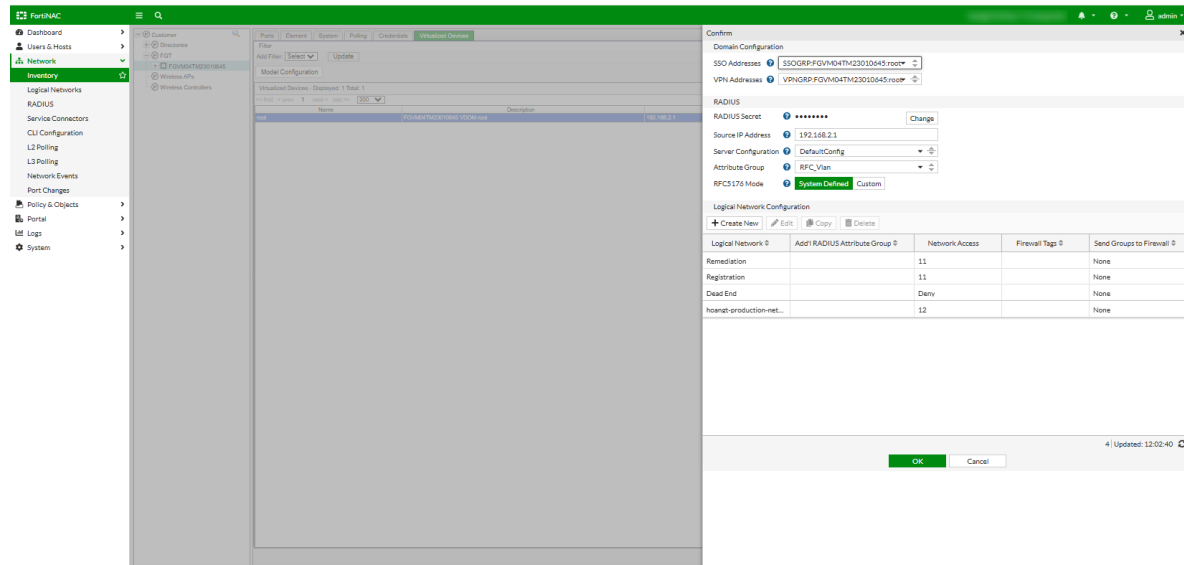
Follow the link below to configure FortiNAC overall configuration: [FortiNAC Configuration](#)

**Note:** Delete the client host under test in **Users & Hostst > Hosts** to have successful test run.

FortiNAC	
Dashboard	<a href="#">+ Create New</a> <a href="#">Edit</a> <a href="#">Delete</a> <a href="#">Show Adapters</a> <a href="#">Import</a> <a href="#">Export</a> <a href="#">Client Filters</a> <input type="text"/> Quick Search
Users & Hosts	
Administrators	
Guests & Contractors	
Account Requests	
Registration Requests	
User Accounts	
Hosts	
Adapters	
Applications	
Endpoint Fingerprints	
Profiled Devices	
Device Profiling Rules	
Network Sessions	
Locate Hosts	
Manage Hosts and Ports	
Send Message	
Network	
Policy & Objects	
Portal	

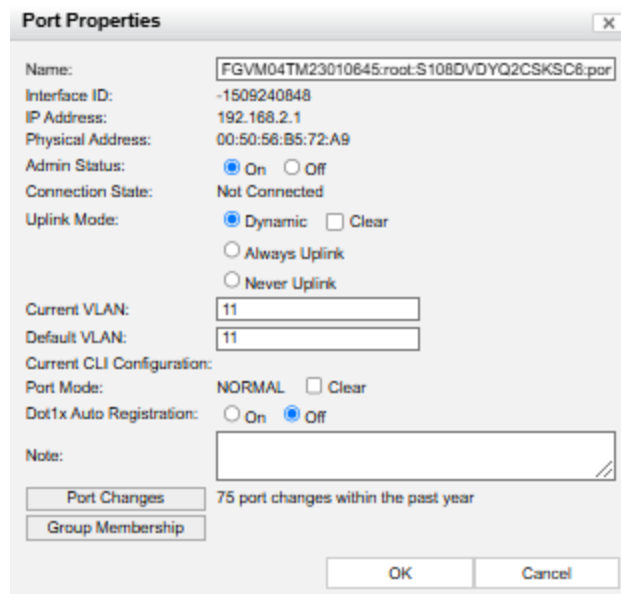
1. Go to **Policy & Objects > Authentications**, enable **Enable Authentication** but don't enable Authentication Method.

- For RADIUS configuration: go to Network > Inventory, in our example, make sure the connection to FortiGate is successful, and remediation/registration is set to enforce and vlan 11. Lastly, Production vlan is set to 12.

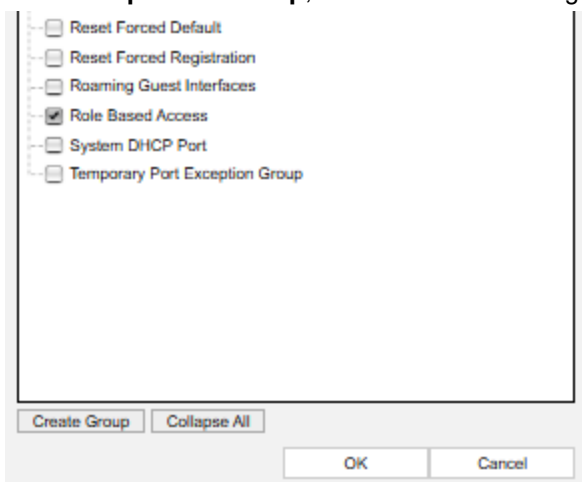


## Step 4 - FortiSwitch Port Configuration

- Go to **Network > Inventory > FortiSwitch port 2**.
- Click **Off** radio button to disable Dot1x Auto Registration.

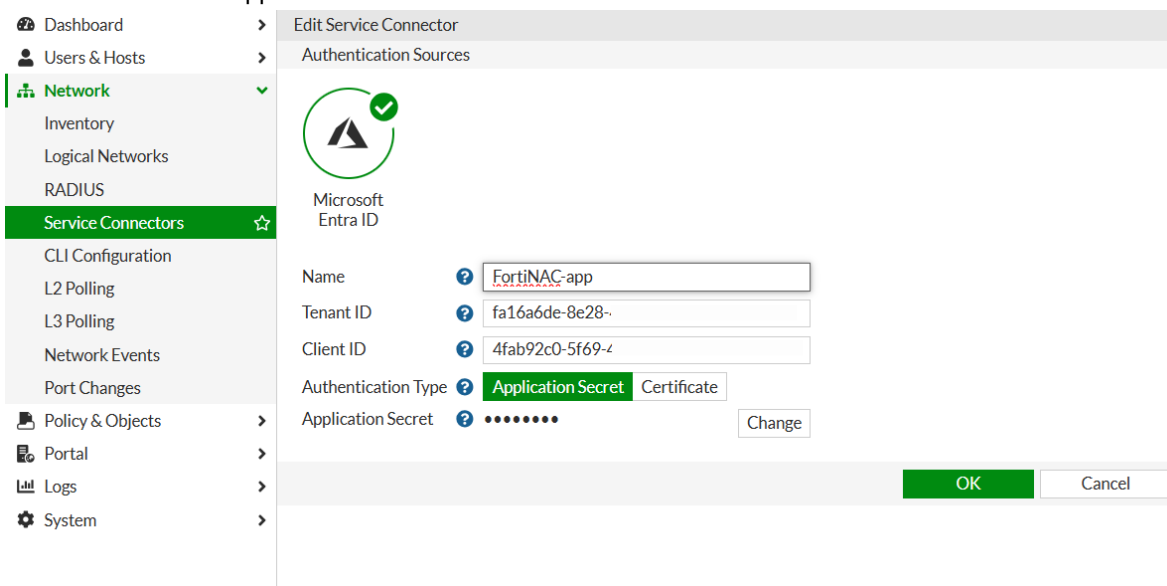


3. Click **Group Membership**, and check the following in Group Membership.



## Step 4 - Service Connectors Configuration

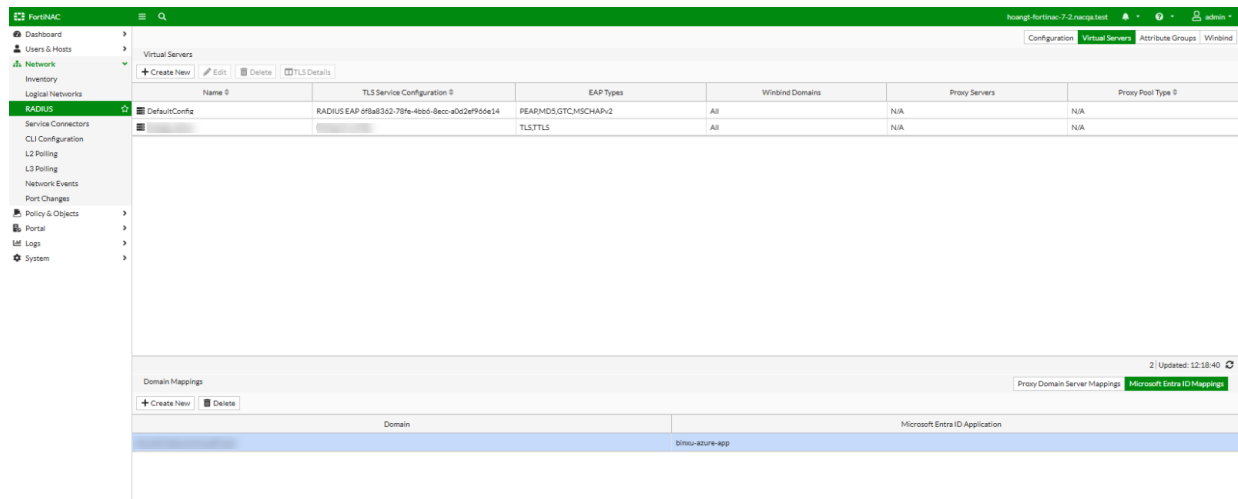
1. Go to **Network > Service Connectors** and create a new Authentication Source. In this example, it will be called "FortiNAC-app"



2. Fill in all the information of the Microsoft Entra ID environment: Microsoft Entra ID information and Application Secret.

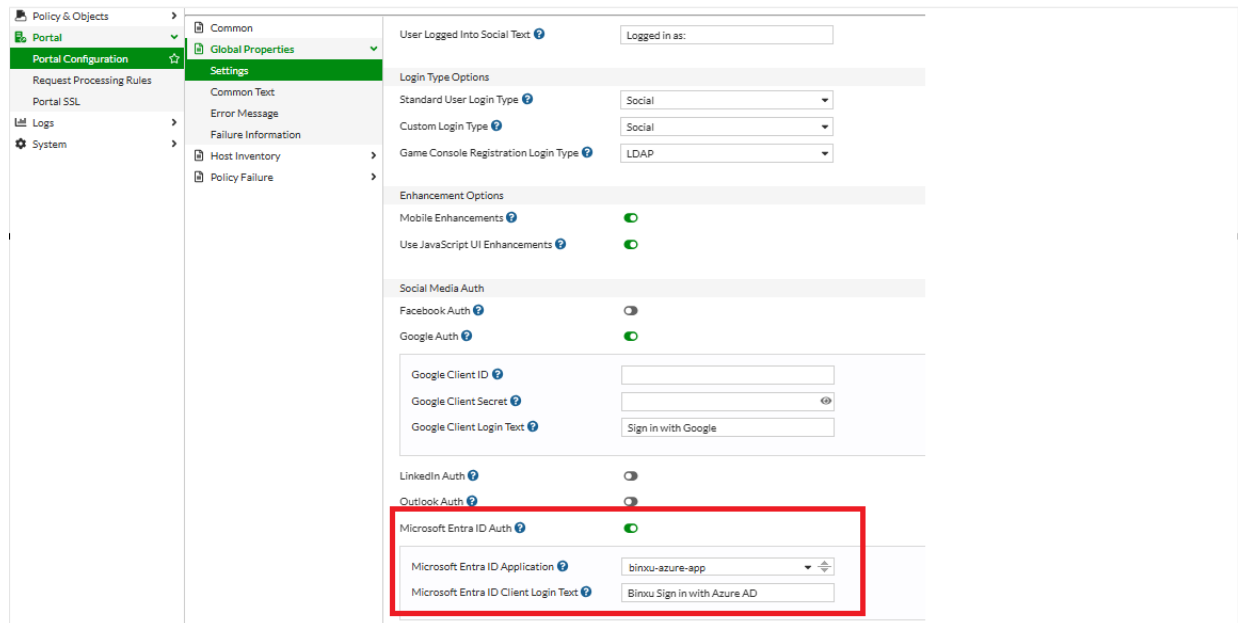
## Step 5 - Microsoft Entra ID Mappings

Go to **Network > RADIUS > Virtual Servers** and create a new Microsoft Entra ID Mapping which uses the authentication source created earlier in Service Connectors, in this example, will be "binxu-azure-app".



## Step 6 - Portal Configuration

Go to **Portal > Portal Configuration > Configuration > Global > Global Properties > Settings**, and enable Microsoft Entra ID Auth and select the Microsoft Entra ID service connector created earlier, in this example, it will be "binxu-azure-app", and create a client Login text.



Continue to [Step 7 - Windows Client Configuration on page 18](#) to finish up with the rest of the configurations.





## Step 7 - Windows Client Configuration

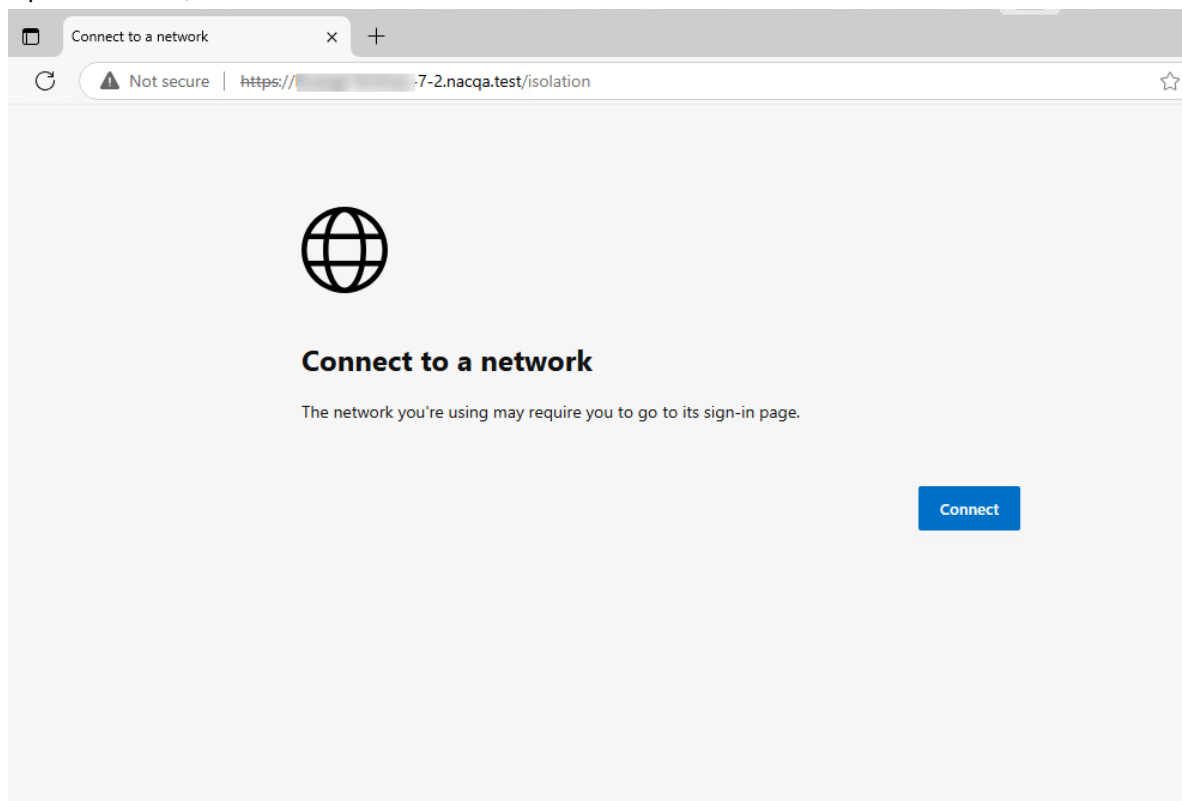
### Part 1 - Disable dot1x on Host

1. Log into the Windows client machine.
2. Go to **Network Connections** and open **Ethernet Properties > Authentication**.
3. Deselect **Enable IEEE 802.1X authentication** to disable dot1x on the host
4. Search for "Services", and go to **Services** client.
5. Stop the **Wired AutoConfig** service if it is running.

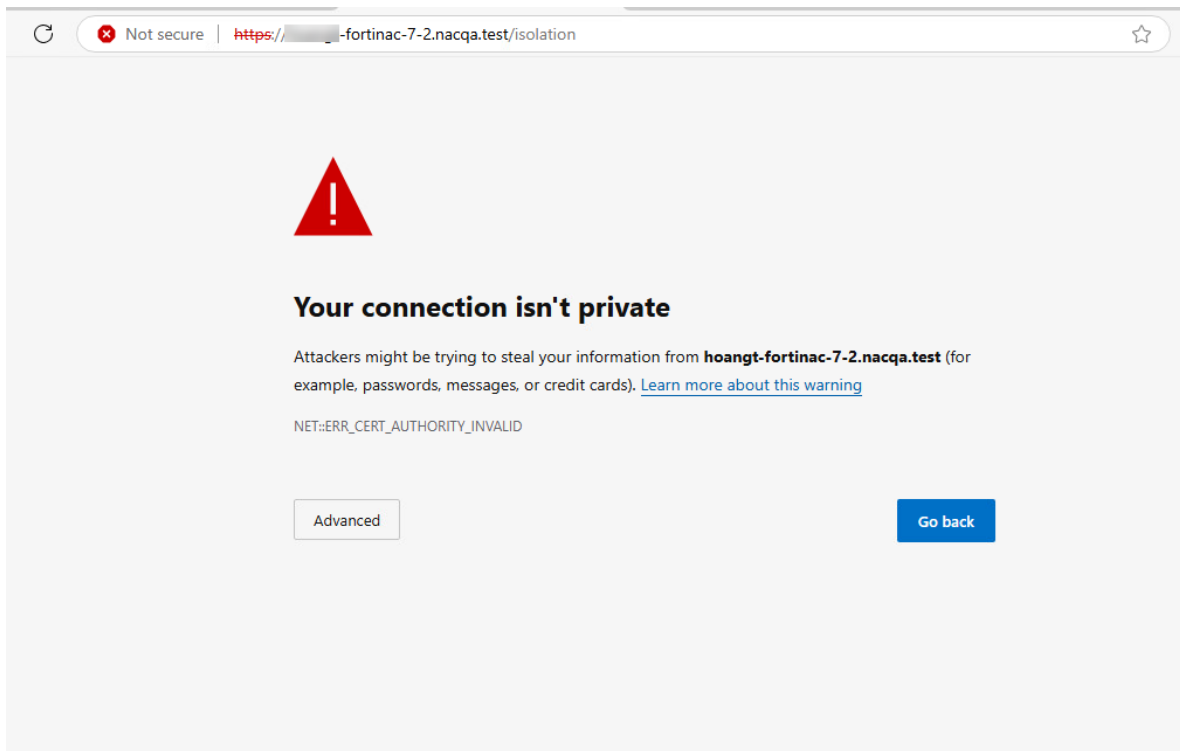
### Part 2 - Connect to the Network

Before configure windows on the client machine, delete all the cache and history to have a smooth test run.

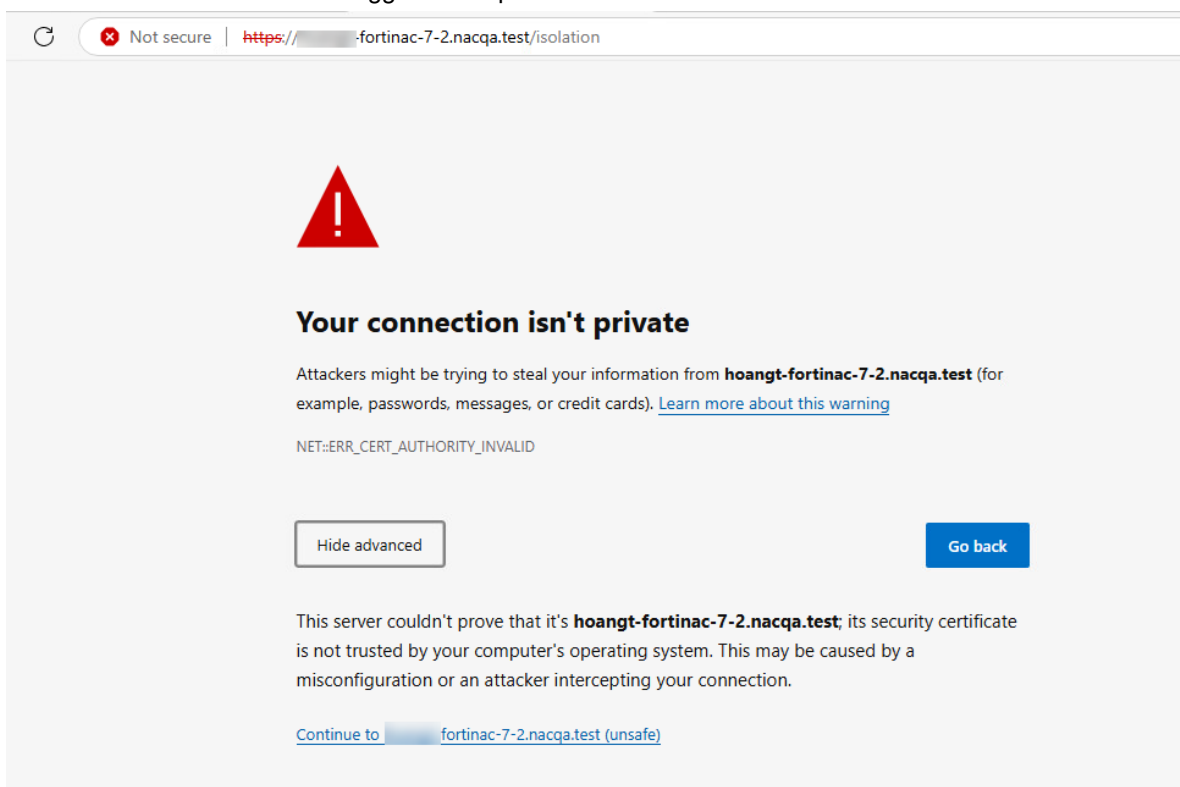
1. Go to **Network and Internet > Network and Sharing Center > View Network** and click on **Change adapter settings**.
2. Disable and enable the Ethernet card to trigger the authentication using Captive Portal.
3. Open a browser, and click **Connect**.



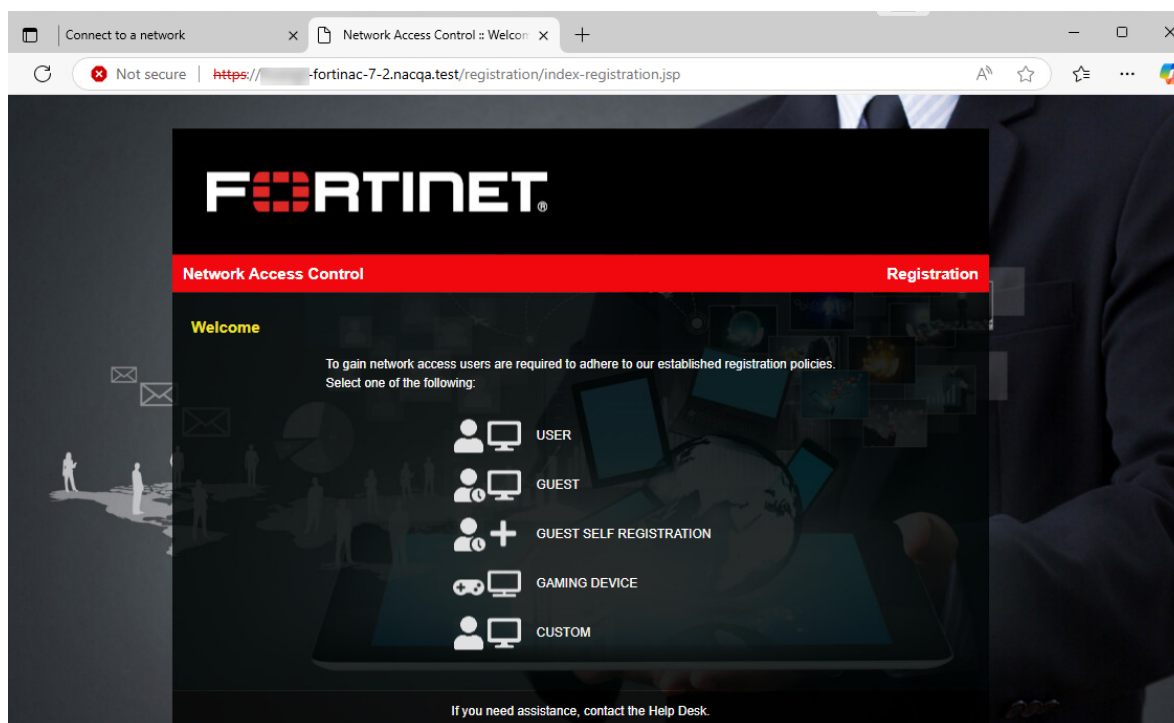
4. The browser would state the connection is not private, then click Advanced.



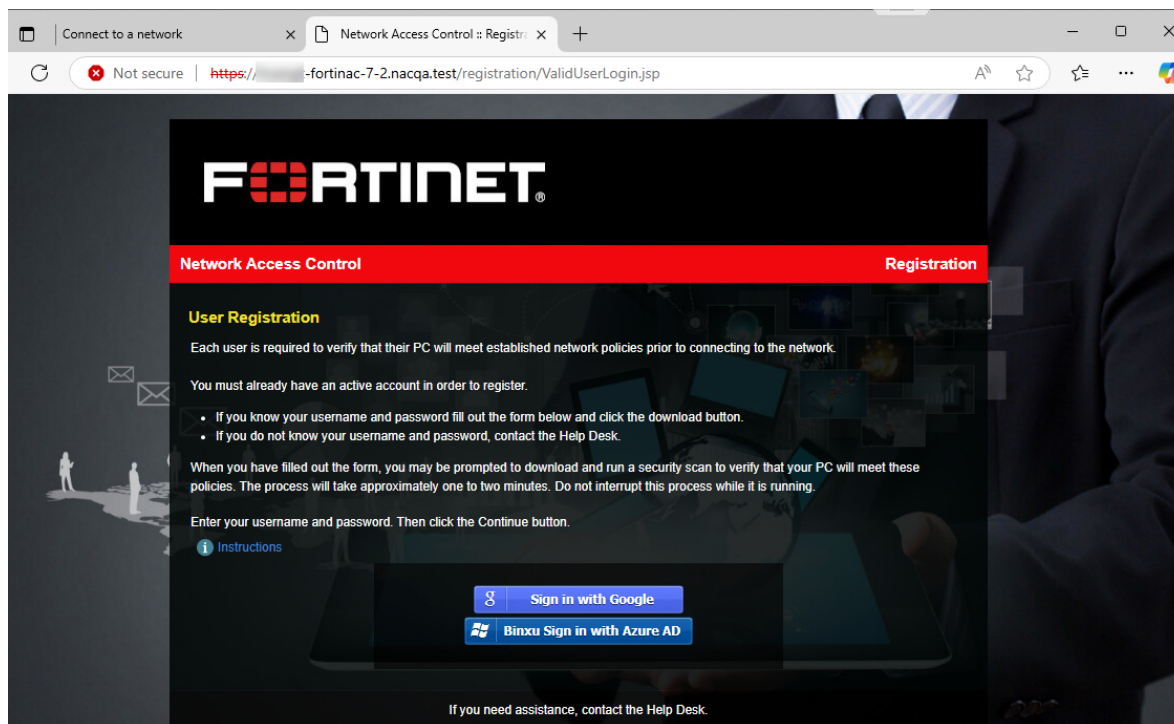
5. Then click the Continue link to trigger the Captive Portal.



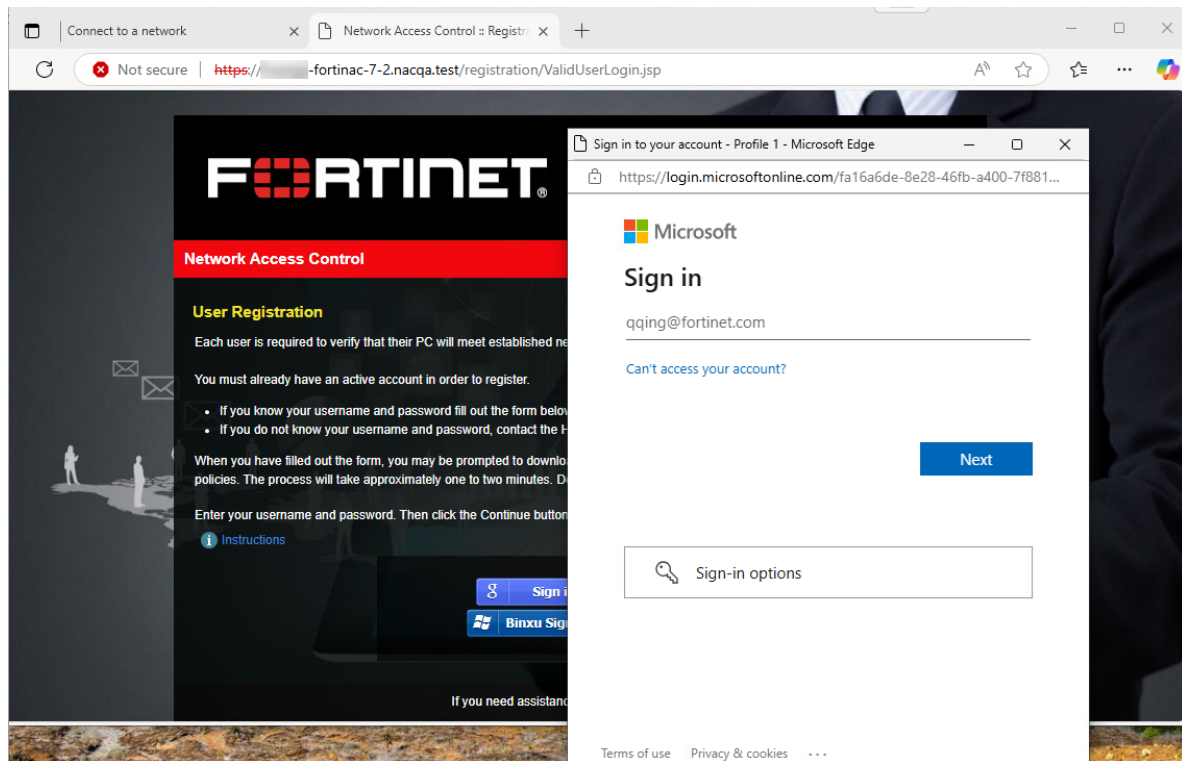
6. Wait until the Captive Portal show up, then click User.



7. Then click the Microsoft Entra ID signin button, in this example, it will be Benxu Sign in with Microsoft Entra ID.



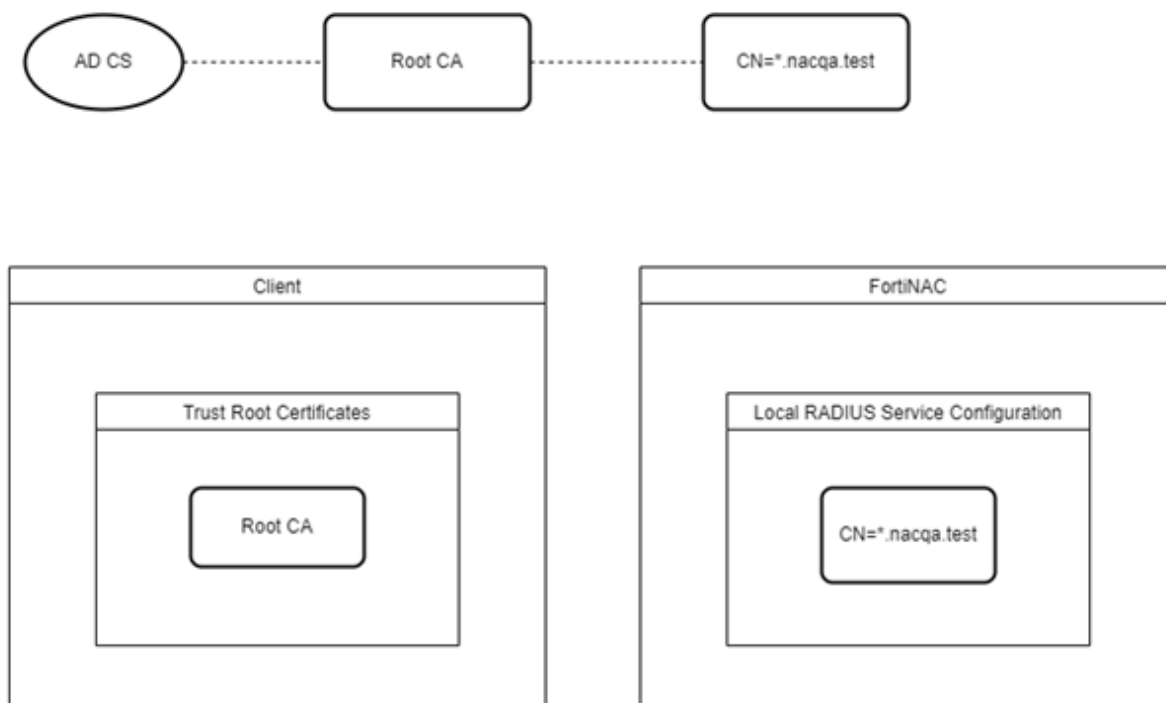
8. A Login windows would popup, login with the Microsoft Entra ID account.



## Microsoft Entra ID Authentication using Certificate

Digital Certificate authentication ensure that only trusted devices and users can connect to their network as well as confirm the authenticity of a website to a web browser, also known as SSL certificate. Digital certificate requires a copy of a public key from the certificate holder, which needs to be matched the a corresponding private key to verify its identity. A public key certificate should be issued by the certificate authority(CA) to verify the identity.

Here is the topology of certificate configuration, the client needs to acquire server certificate from FortiNAC.

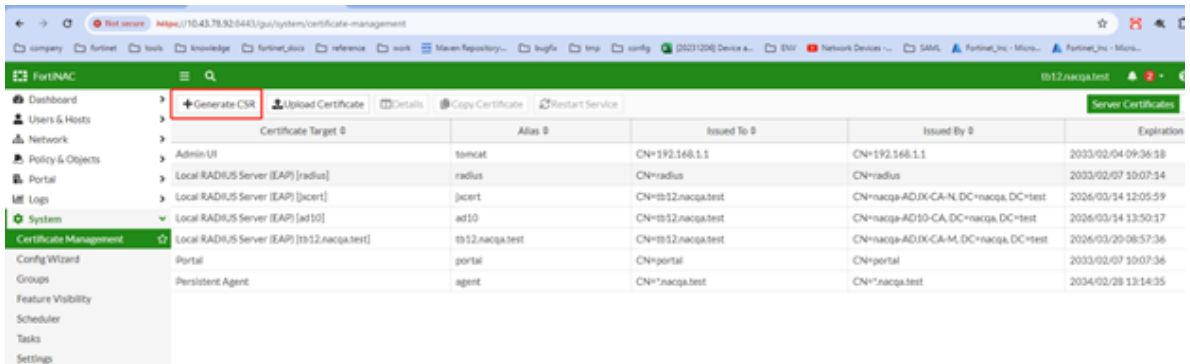


# Step 1 - Configure Local RADIUS TLS Service Configuration

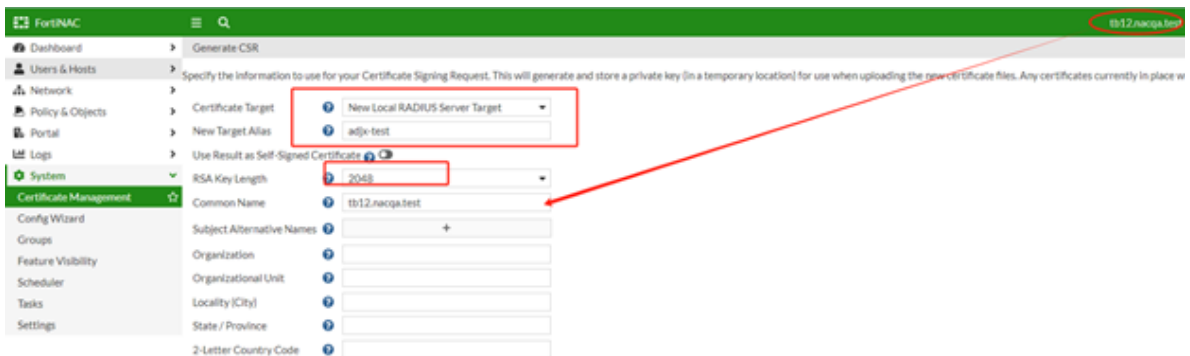
## Step 1 - Generate Certificate Signing Request (CSR)

Certificate Signing Request (CSR) is an encoded file that contains the public key for requesting certificate from Certificate Authority(CA).

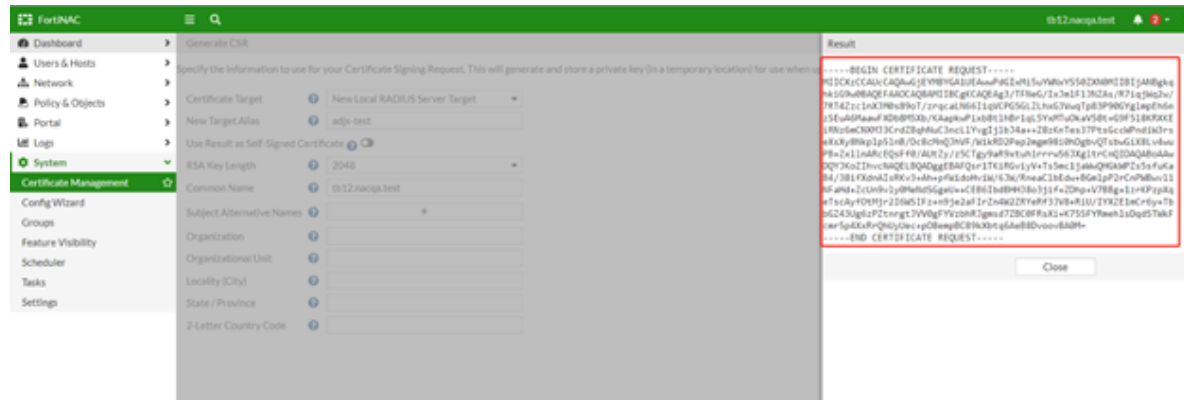
1. Go to Certificate Management, click **+ Generate CSR**.



2. Fill in the Certificate Target or the new local radius server target (EAP), new Target Alias, RSA Key Length, and Common name information.



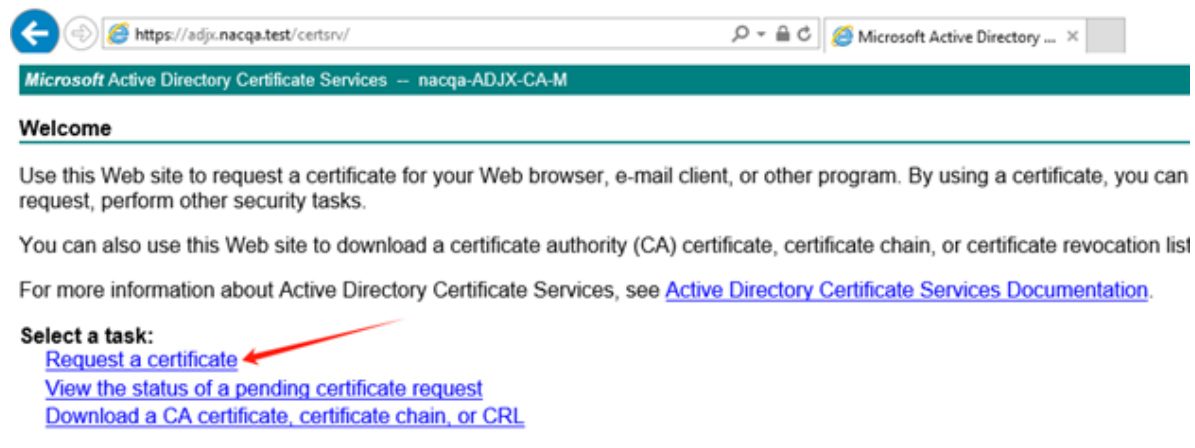
3. Once the CSR is generated, copy in entire key.



## Step 2 - Submit Certificate Request on Microsoft Active Directory

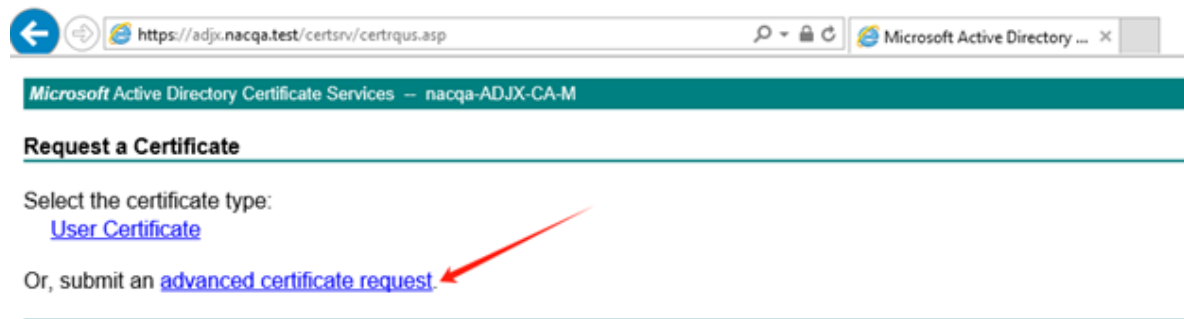
Use the CSR generated in Step 1 to submit a request for certificate in Microsoft Active Directory

1. Open a browser to connect to Microsoft Active Directory Certificate Services, then click **Request a certificate**

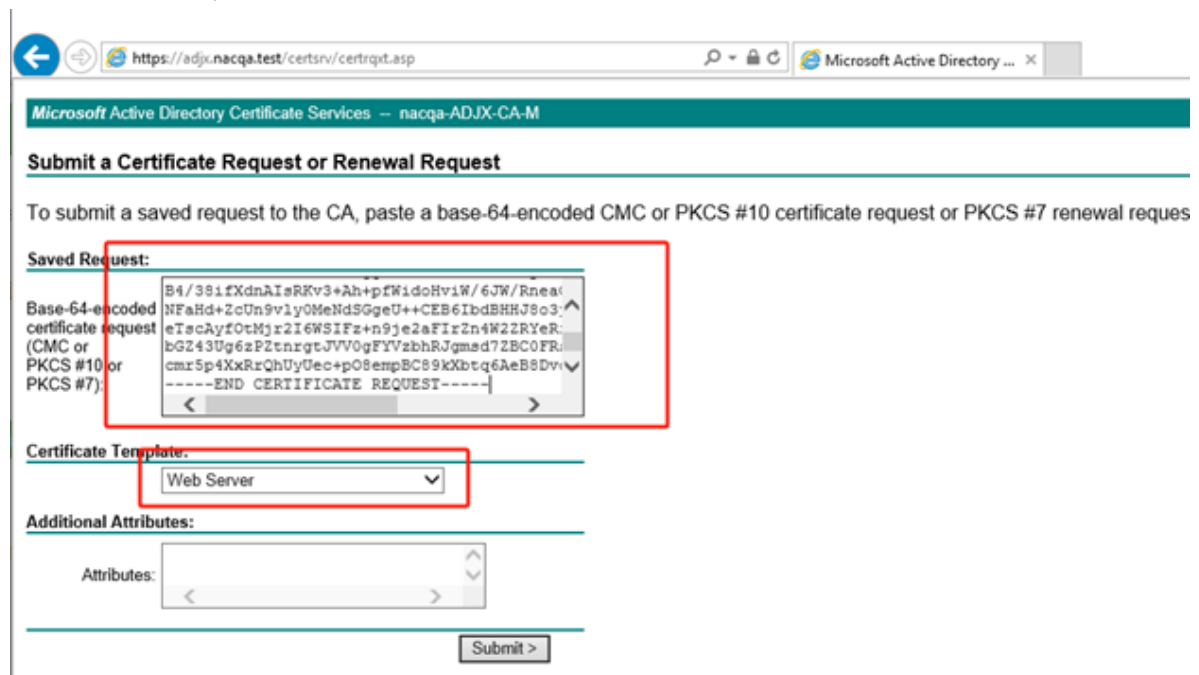


2. In **Request a Certificate** page, click **advanced certificate request**.





3. In **Advanced Certificate Request** page, click **Submit a certificate request by using a base 64 encoded CM..**
4. Paste the CSR generated from FortiNAC in **Base-64-encoded certificate**. In **Certificate Template**, select **Web Server**, and click **Submit**.

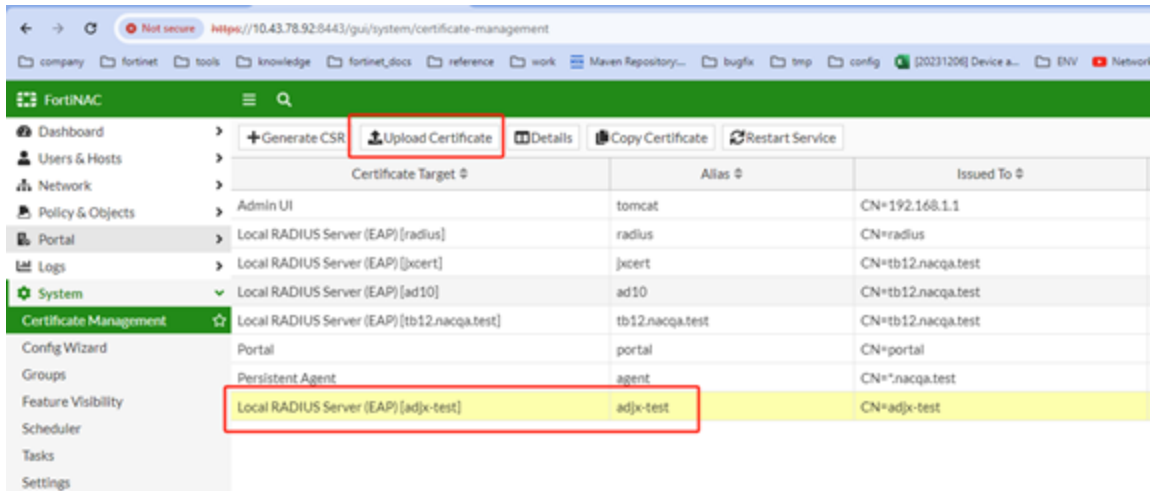


5. When the certificate is issued, download the certificate to the local machine.

## Step 3 - Upload the certificate onto FortiNAC

1. Log back onto FortiNAC, go to **System > Certificate Management**.
2. Click **Upload Certificate**.

## Step 1 - Configure Local RADIUS TLS Service Configuration



- Click **Select Target**, and select "Local RADIUS Server (EAP)", then browse and upload the new RADIUS server EAP certificate downloaded from Step 2, and click **OK**.

Upload Certificate

Browse to any files which need to be added

Select Target ?

Local RADIUS Server (EAP) [csr]

Private Key ?

Use Private Key from Last Generated CSF

Details

Certificate(s) ?

+ Browse

OK

Cancel

- Restart the service for the certificate to take into effect.
- Go to **Network > RADIUS**, click **DefaultConfig** and select **Edit**, configure the **TLS configuration Details** by selecting "LOCAL RADIUS Server (EAP) [csr]" as the **Certificate Alias**, and click **OK**.

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### TLS Service Configuration Details

Name	<input type="text" value="RADIUS EAP 2b308bdf-4fbb-4b6c-9f3e-7a2f2fe93b65"/>
Certificate Alias	<input type="text" value="Local RADIUS Server (EAP) [csr]"/>
Auto Update Ciphers/Protocols	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
TLS Protocol(s)	<input type="text" value="TLS 1.3, TLS 1.2"/>
Ciphers	<input type="text" value="TLS_AES_256_GCM_SHA384,TLS_AES_128_GCM_SHA256,TLS_CHACHA20_POLY1305_SHA256"/>

OK


Cancel


## Step 4 - Define certificate attribute selection ranking in virtual server configuration





1. In FortiNAC, go to **Network > Radius > Virtual Server**, select one of the servers and double click that, a window will pop up.


## Step 1 - Configure Local RADIUS TLS Service Configuration


RADIUS Server Configuration Details


Name  DefaultConfig




Type  Local


TLS Configuration  RADIUS EAP 2b308bdf-4fbb-4b6c-9f3e-  
  

Supported EAP Types   
☒ TLS  
☒ TTLS  
☒ PEAP  
☒ TEAP  
☒ MD5  
☒ GTC  
☒ MSCHAPv2  
☐ FAST

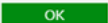

Winbind Domain(s)  ☒ Allow Any  
☐ mylab  
☐ nacqa

OCSP Enabled  ☐

Authentication Source  dalweitest   


Client Certificate Attribute  ☒

Rank	Attribute
1	Common Name
2	SAN-UPN
3	SAN-DNS
4	SAN-EMAIL

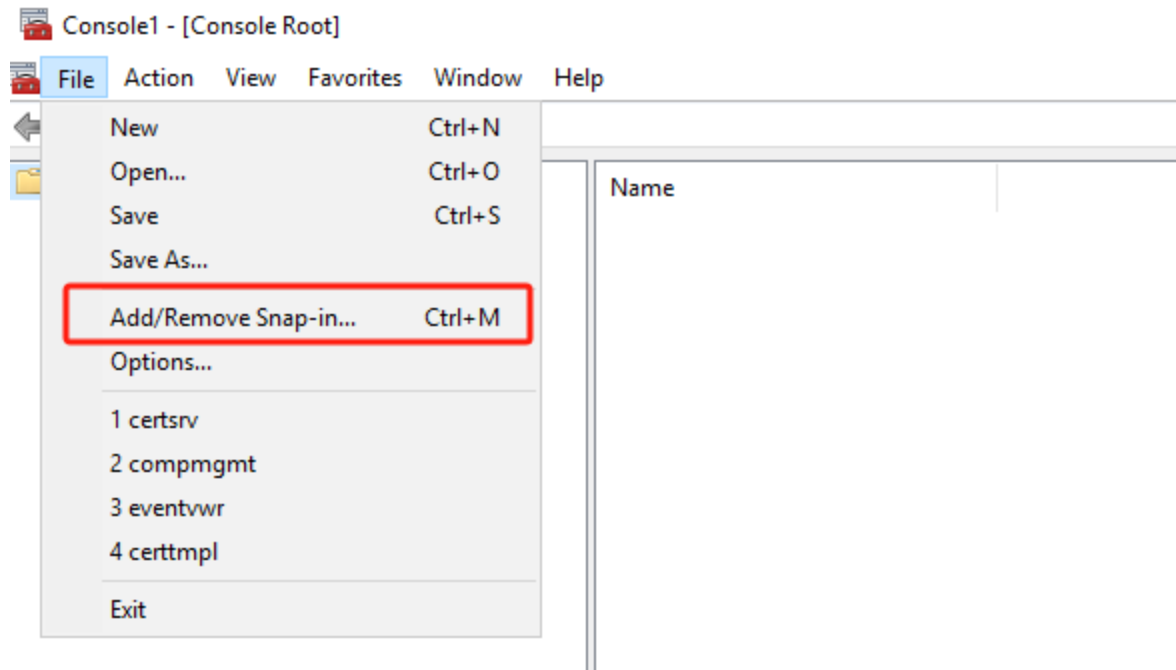
1. In **Support EAP Types**, select **TLS** and **Client Certificate Attribute** will appear.
2. Enable the toggle switch button, and configure the ranking in which the attribute can be used to retrieve the username. Currently, 4 values are supported: **SAN-UPN, SAN-DNS, SAN-EMAIL, CN**.
3. FortiNAC will retrieve the username from these attributes according to the ranking configured.

**For example**, in the screenshot above, FortiNAC will check if there is any common name in the certificate. If the common name can be used to retrieve username and authentication is successful, then it will skip the rest of attributes. Otherwise, it will check **SAN-UPN** etc. If none of these attributes is existing in the certificate or username that retrieved from these attributes cannot finish authentication process, as a result authentication will failed.

## Step 2 - Configure Client Certificate

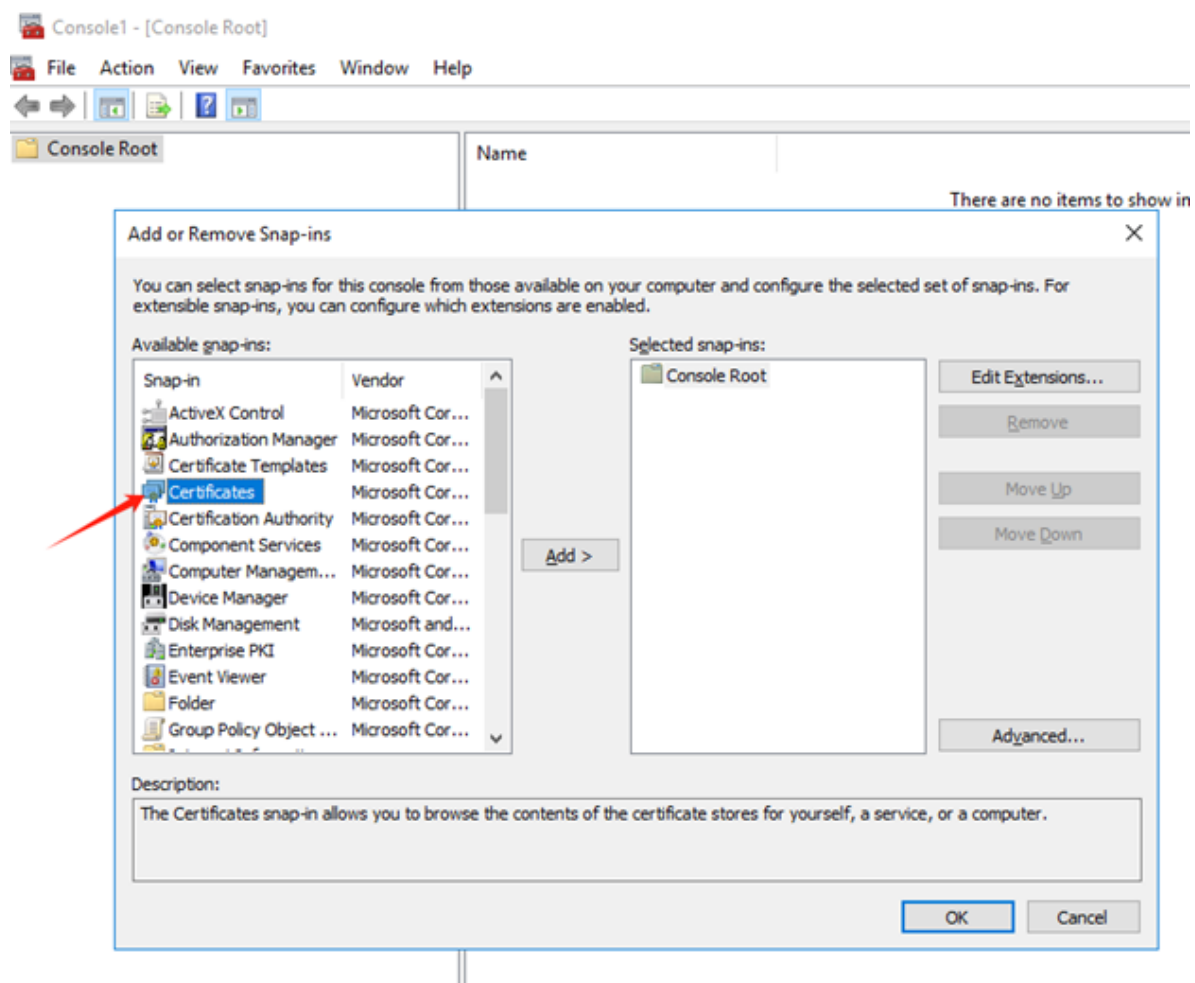
### Export root CA from Active Directory Certificate Services

1. In root CA, click search and run on the command "mmc".
2. When the Console window opened, go to **File > Add/Remove Snap-in** from menu.

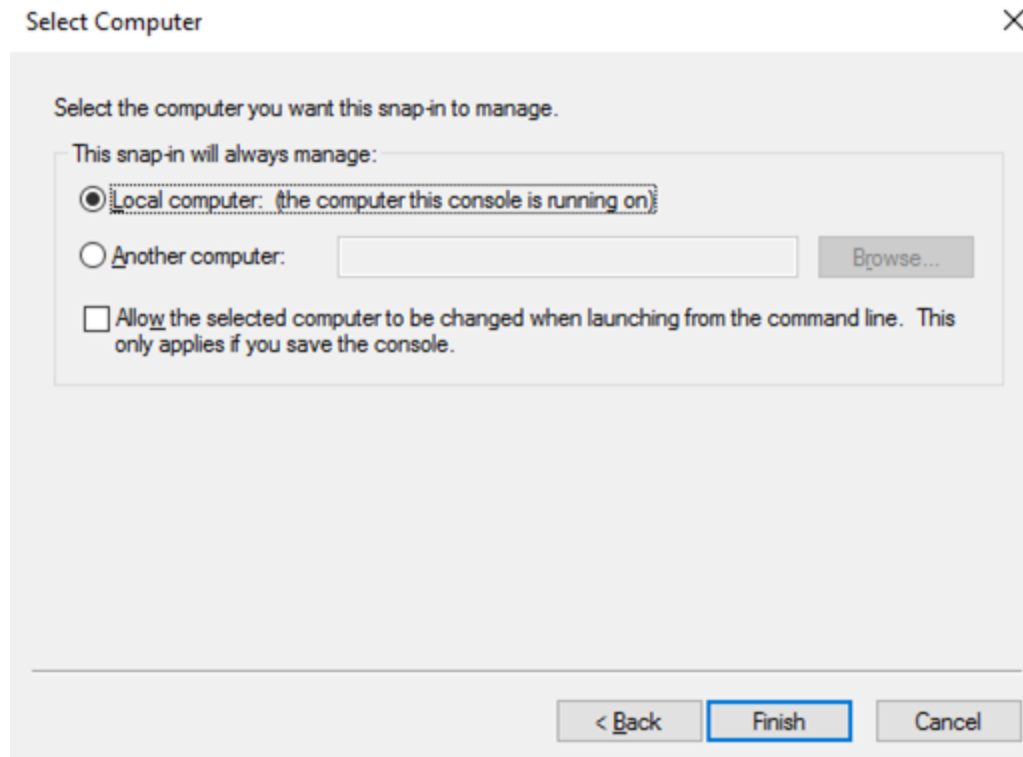


3. In available snap-ins, select Certificates to add, and click **Ok**.

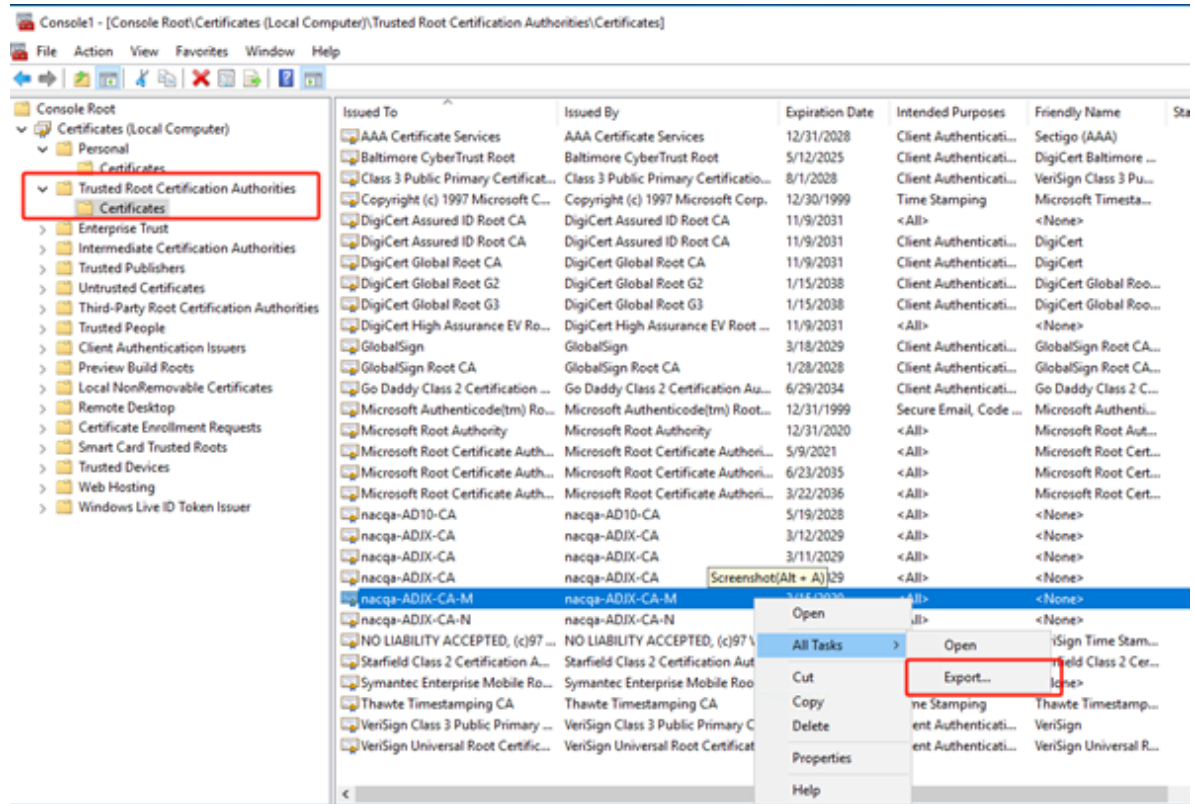
## Step 2 - Configure Client Certificate



4. In Certificate snap-in window, choose **Computer account**, and click **Next**.
5. Select **Local Computer** as where the snap-in will be managed, and click **Finish**.

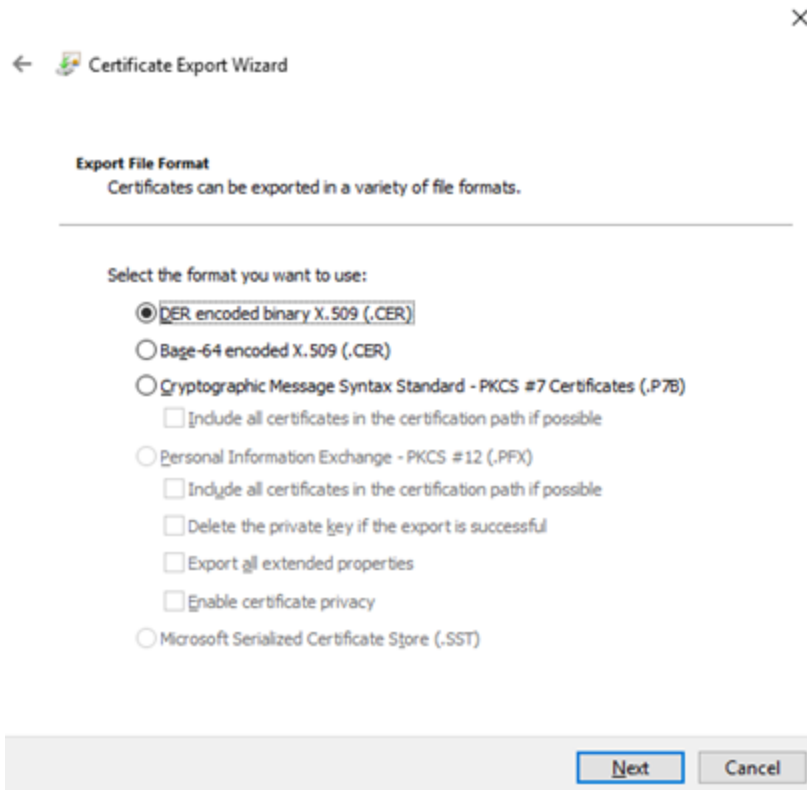


- Go back to Console, Go to **Trusted Root Certification Authorities > Certificates**, select **nacqa-ADJX-CA-M**, right click, click **All Tasks > Export**.



- In Certificate Export Wizard, click **Next** to continue.

- Click **DER encoded binary X.509 (.CER)** and click **Next**.

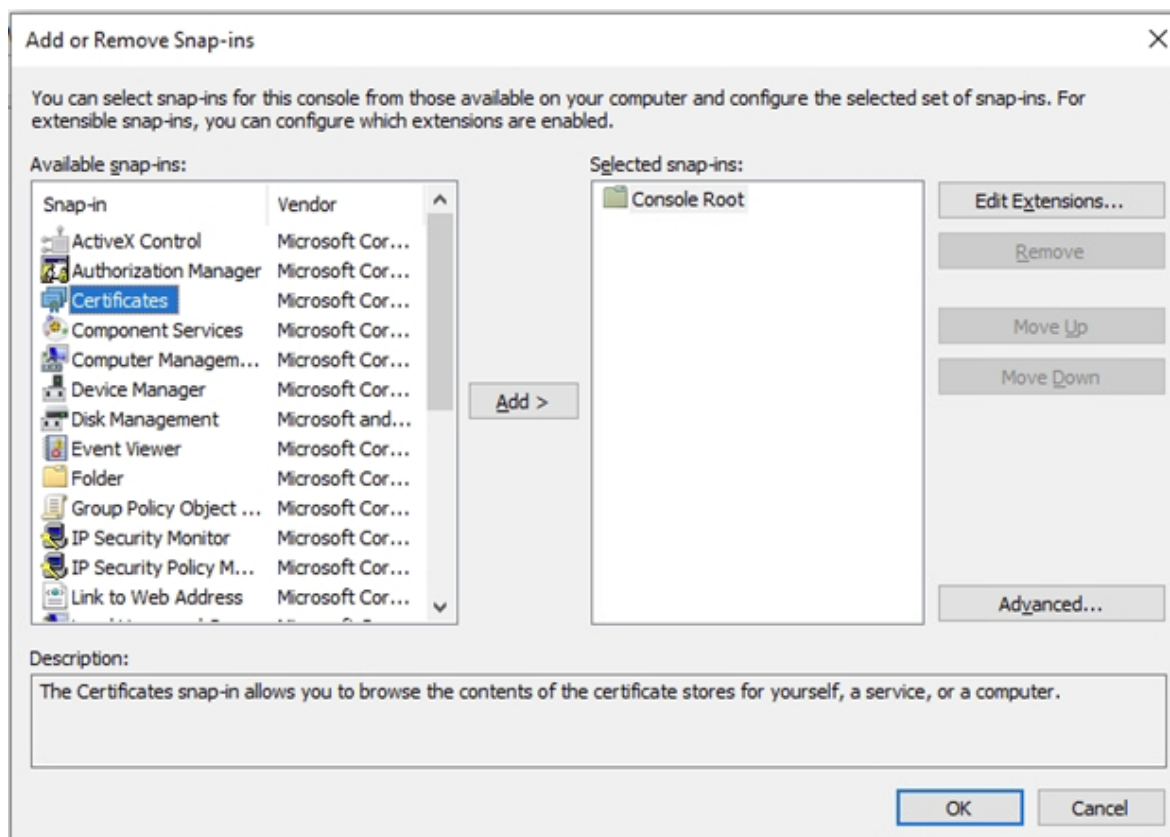


- Browse to the file you want to export, and click Finish to finish exporting the file.  
Before proceeding, generate a client certificate and place it in a folder to be imported.

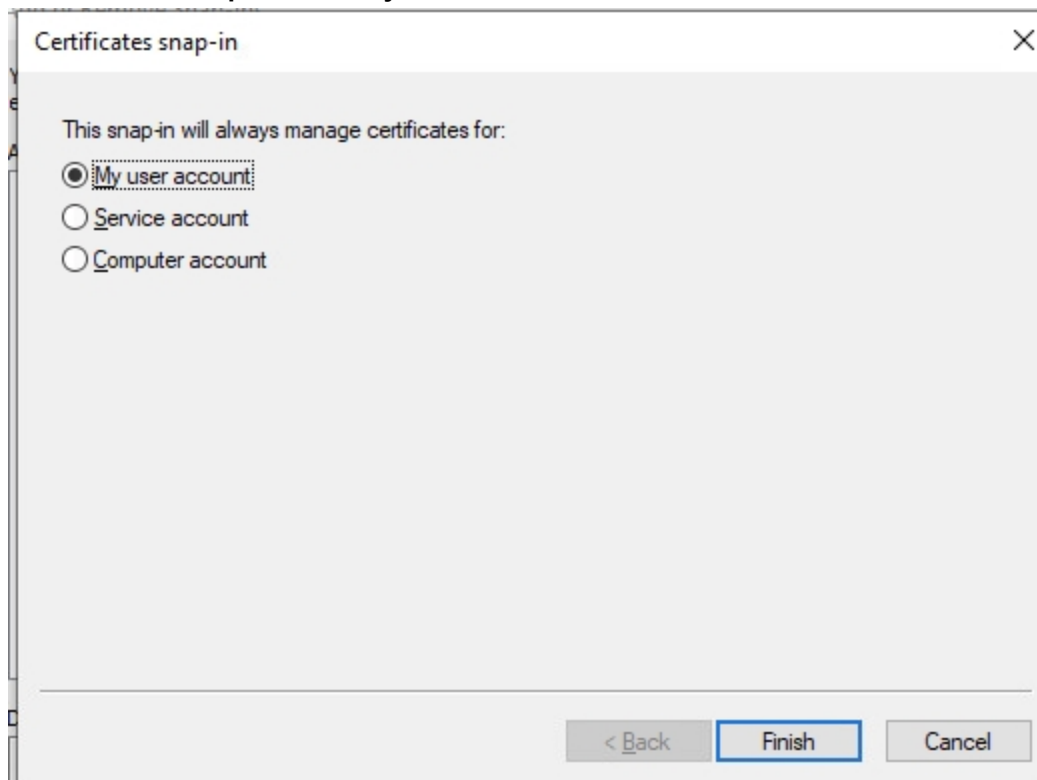
## Import Root CA into Client Trust Root Certificates

- In client machine, click search and run on the command "mmc".
- In **Add or Remove Snap-ins**, select **Certificates**.

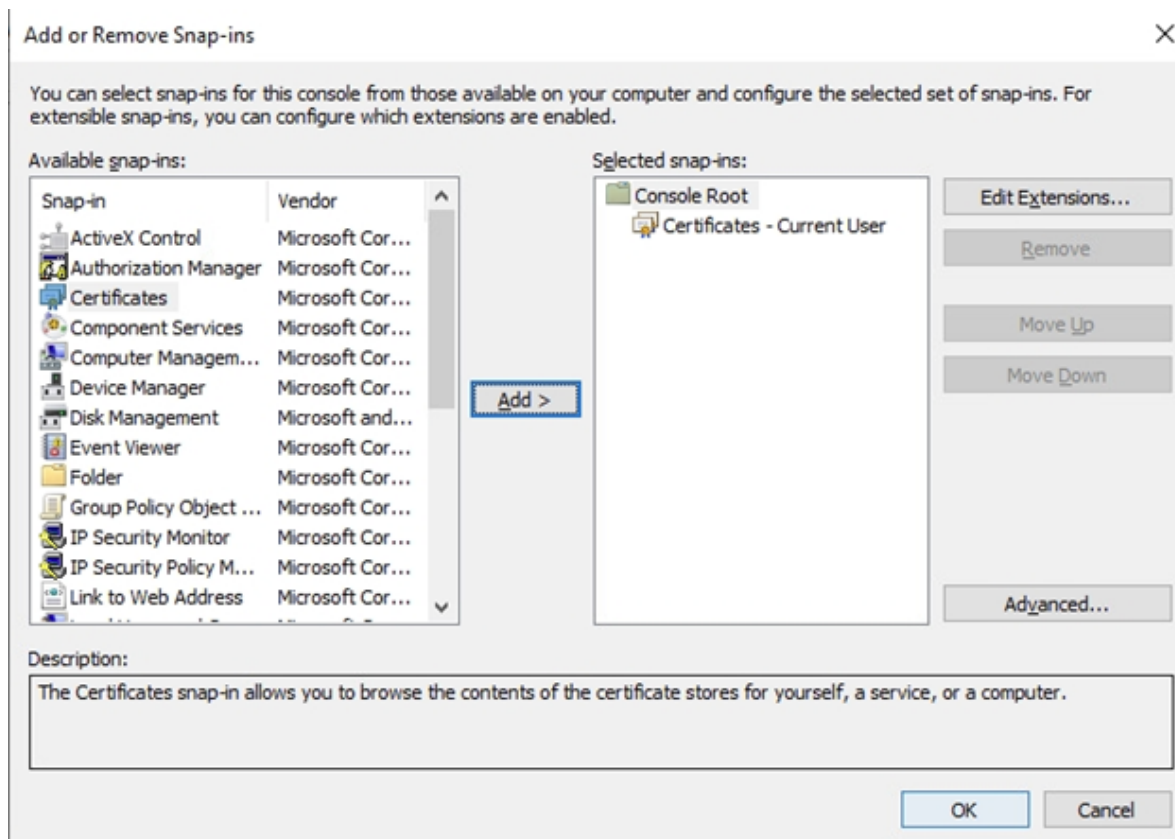




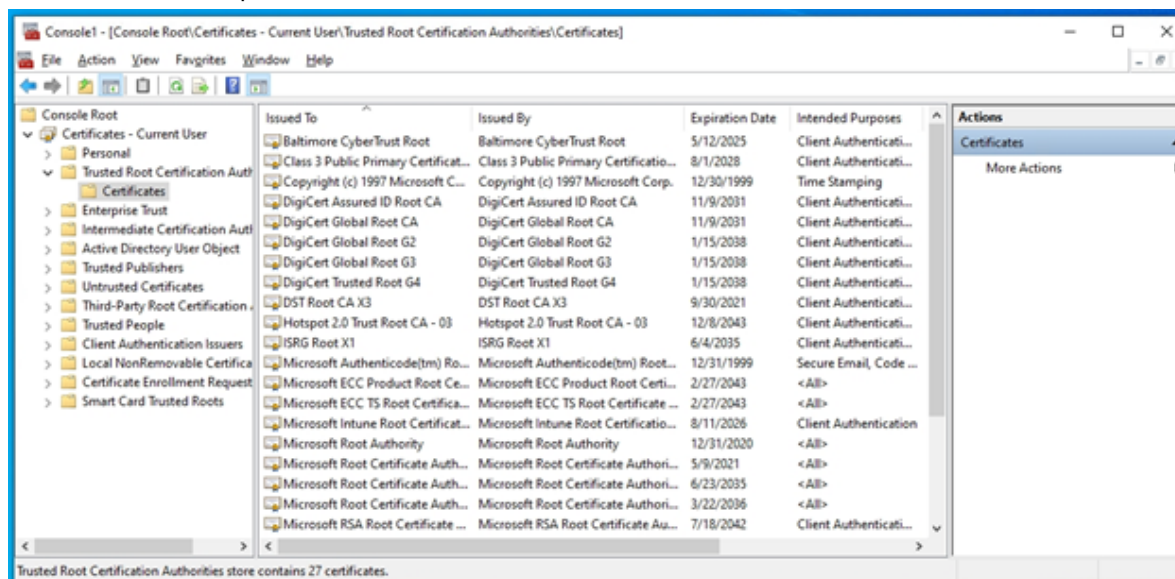
3. In **Certificates snap-in**, select **My user account**, and click **Finish**



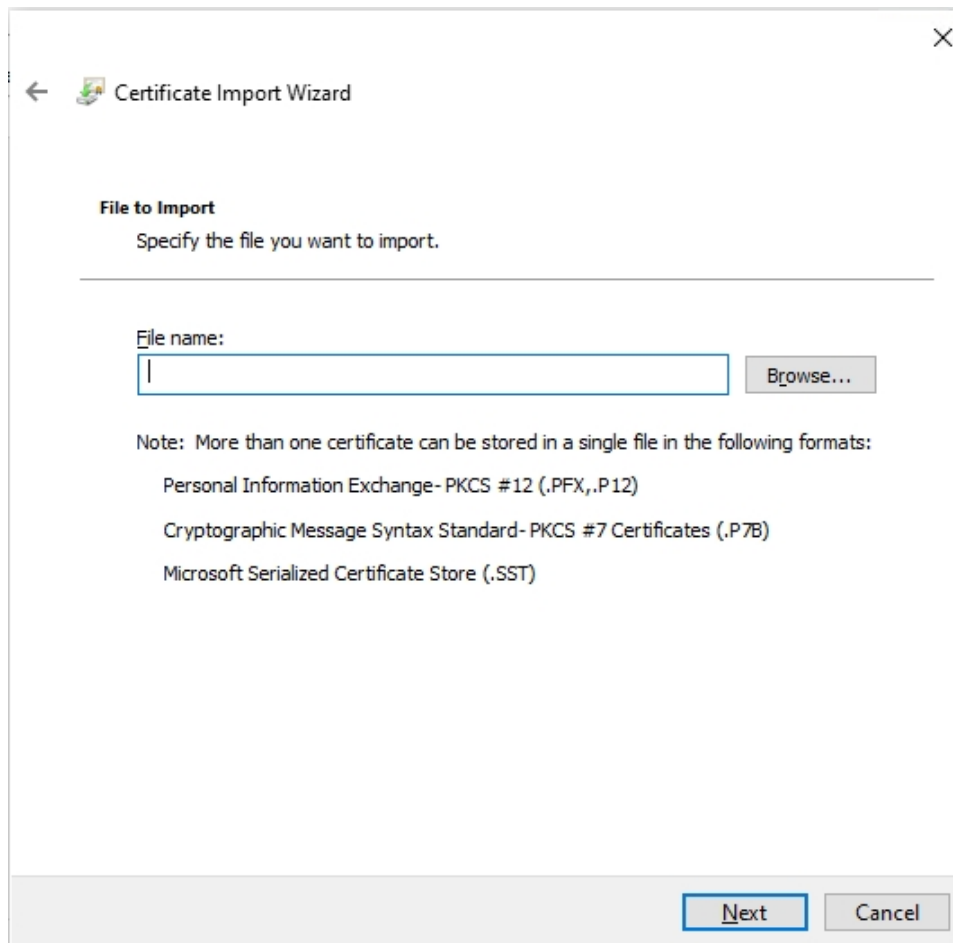
4. Right click on Trusted Root Certification Authorities, and select Certificates.



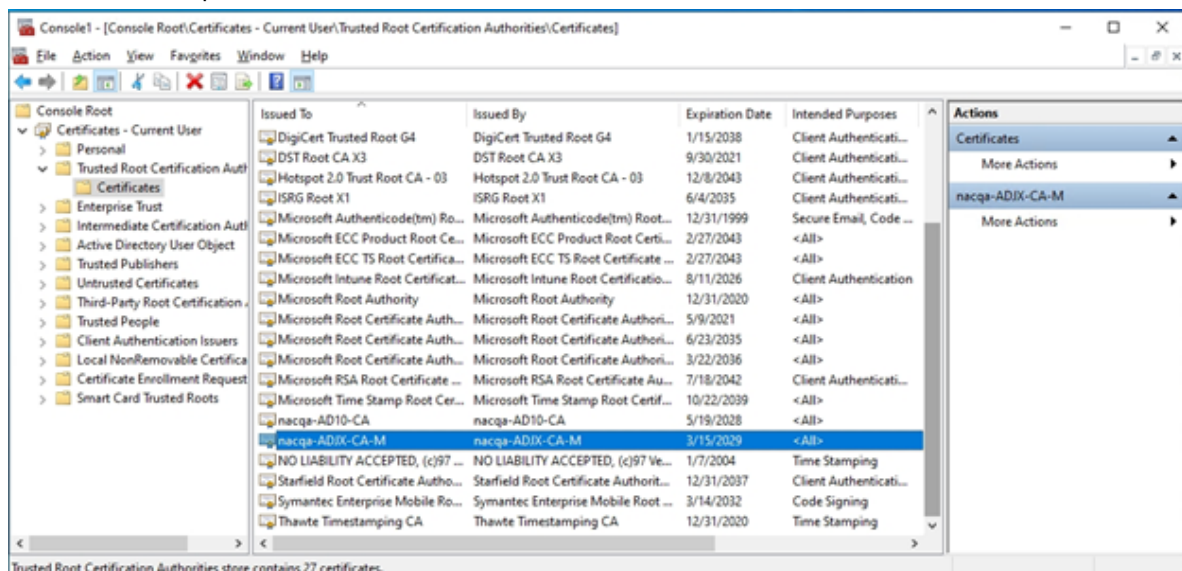
## 5. Select All Tasks > Import



## 6. Select Root CA file.



7. After the file is imported, the Root CA can be located in the list.

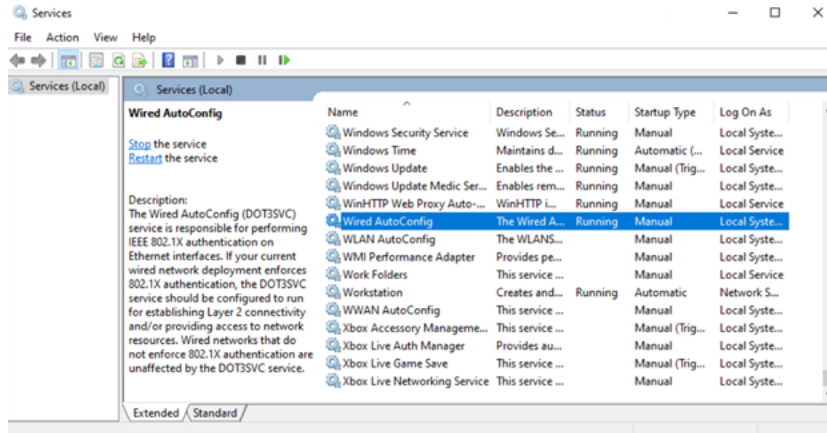


**Note:** After the root certificate is exported, it also need to be uploaded on FortiNAC as well.

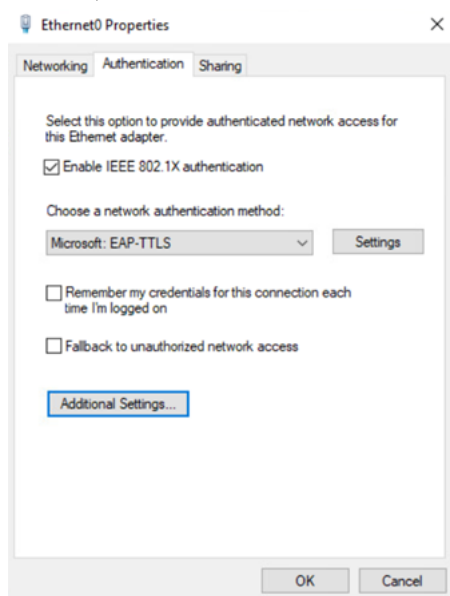


## Step 3 - Client Configuration

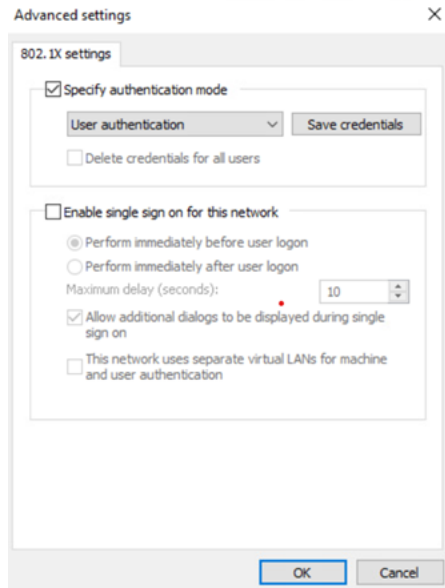
1. Log into the Windows host. Go to Services, and start **Wired Autoconfig** Service.



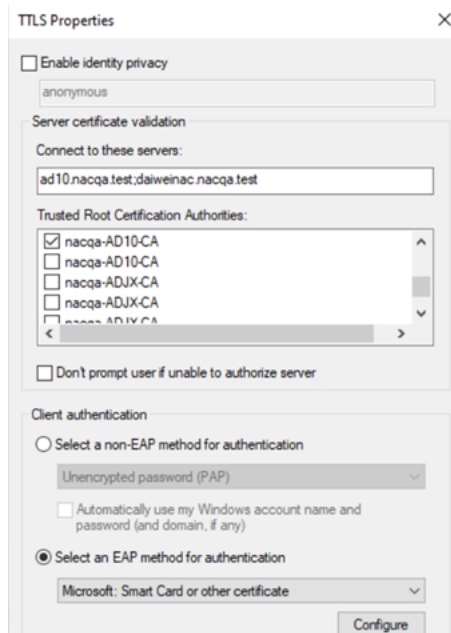
2. Go to **Control Panel > Network Connections**, right click on the network adapter, and click **Properties**.
3. Click on **Authentication** tab, and enable **IEEE 802.1X authentication**. For network authentication method, select **EAP-TTLS**.



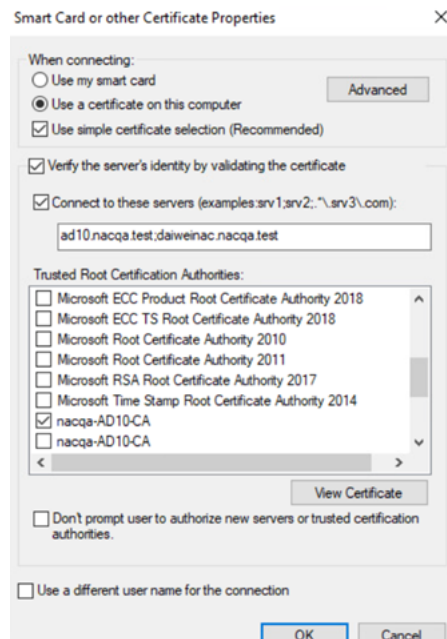
4. Click **Additional Settings > Specify authentication mode**, and choose **User authentication**.



5. Click on **Settings** next to **EAP-TLS**
6. Uncheck **Enable Identity Privacy**.
7. For **Connect to these server**, input your CA address and FortiNAC address. Choose the **Trusted Root Certification Authorities**.
8. For **Client Authentication**, select an **EAP method for Authentication**. Choose **Smart Card** or other certificates.



9. Click **Configure** under Smart and certificates.



10. Enable **simple certificate selection**, **Verify the server's identity by validating the certificate**, **Connect to these servers** and input your CA and FortiNAC address.
11. Select the trusted root certification Authorities.



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