

How to Utilize the Networking Infrastructure to Protect HP Printing and Imaging Devices



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Overview

As network printers and Multi-Function Printers (MFPs) grow in capability, they begin to resemble networked PCs in their ability to send and receive data. It would be wise for a company to view these networking devices like publicly available PCs with access to their network for sending and receiving data. Many security conscious customers use Web Jetadmin and the extensive security capabilities of HP’s printing and imaging devices to “lock them down” from unauthorized use. While a formidable approach, there is even more that can be done with a little coordination from three common teams found at most customer sites: the Printer Administrators, the IT Information Security Team, and the Network Infrastructure Team. The purpose of this tutorial is to go through a step by step analysis of how to configure the HP printing and imaging devices and the networking infrastructure for additional security protections above and beyond simple device “lock downs”.

Threat Analysis

How many businesses would allow a PC to be publicly available in a hallway or an easily accessed cubical where anyone using it was not required to login and had access to their internal network for the sending and receiving of data? Security conscious customers would consider this a mistake, but that is exactly the situation that they find themselves in with networked MFPs. MFPs are often readily available in a customer's environment with scan to email setup.

In many cases, HP networked printers and MFPs (hereafter: HP Printing and Imaging Devices – 'HP PIDs') are plug-n-play. Simply attach them to the network and run the CD that comes with the device and the user is up and running. These users often do not even need to know anything about networking or IP addresses. Such ease of use comes at a cost – by default, HP PIDs trust the network, the users, and the people who claim to be administrators. This default trust can be the cause of accidental configurations that cause down time as well as more malicious attacks.

In general, attacks on HP PIDs are internal threats (e.g., threats coming from other compromised machines, such as a Web Server, or launched by a trusted employee). While many attacks against network printers can be simply running the printer out of paper or changing the display, other networking attacks can be very disruptive (e.g., loss of an IP address) and potentially detrimental to a customer's business (e.g., long down times impacting productivity). However, another type of threat is often even more disruptive but overlooked. For example, a maintenance crew that works overnight in a customer environment may be able to scan confidential documents and send them to a competitor without being traced using the customer's own MFPs!

The good news is that HP has all the tools to make its PIDs some of the most secure devices on your network. In addition, there are opportunities to explore regarding the actual networking infrastructure and how it can be used to enhance the security of these devices. This whitepaper is a tutorial on how to do just that. Although tailored to the large enterprise environments, this whitepaper can also help small to medium businesses use the network to help "lock down" their devices too.

Towards Additional Security

One of the tough parts about use the networking infrastructure to further secure HP PIDs is that often there are three different groups that have to coordinate to do it right. These groups include Networking Infrastructure, IT Information Security, and Printer/MFP (PID) Administration. In many customer environments, these teams often work together for many things, but often do not work together in regards to the printing and imaging infrastructure.

The IT Information Security team will be responsible for issuing HP PIDs Digital Certificates. HP Jetdirect products can support Digital Certificates as credentials to prove their identity. Digital Certificates are a much more effective way to determine identity and in many cases are used in conjunction with passwords. By properly identifying end-nodes, effective management of the network infrastructure parameters associated with those end-nodes can be performed by the infrastructure. The HP ProCurve switch line calls this Identity Driven Management (IDM).

The Networking Infrastructure team will be responsible for putting PIDs on their own Virtual LAN (VLAN). A VLAN is its own broadcast domain and is usually configured with its own IP subnetwork. VLANs help the network support access control. In many cases, VLANs are often group based (e.g., a Lab VLAN, a Marketing VLAN), but HP PIDs are often managed by site or by building or by floor. What we will do is place those HP PIDs on their own Printing and Imaging (PID) VLAN. In addition, we'll create Printing and Imaging Management (PIM) VLANs which will help manage and control these PIDs

Since each VLAN is really an IP subnet, we can now use Access Controls to control traffic to and from VLANs. The HP ProCurve networking line calls this “Control to the Edge”. This behavior allows decisions to be made sooner rather than later regarding networking traffic. With IDM, network access controls can be put into place automatically once the device has been identified, making the maintenance of these controls very easy.

How are all these things used in combination? The IT Information Security team does the initial setup of the Public Key Infrastructure to allow Digital Certificates to be issued to HP PIDs. A PID Administrator configures the PID with the Digital Certificate and other important security settings. Using 802.1X technology, this Digital Certificate is presented to the Networking Infrastructure which automatically determines the VLAN and the appropriate access control methods.

Example Deployment

Let’s look at a logical VLAN view of an example configuration. Refer to Figure 1 – Logical VLANs

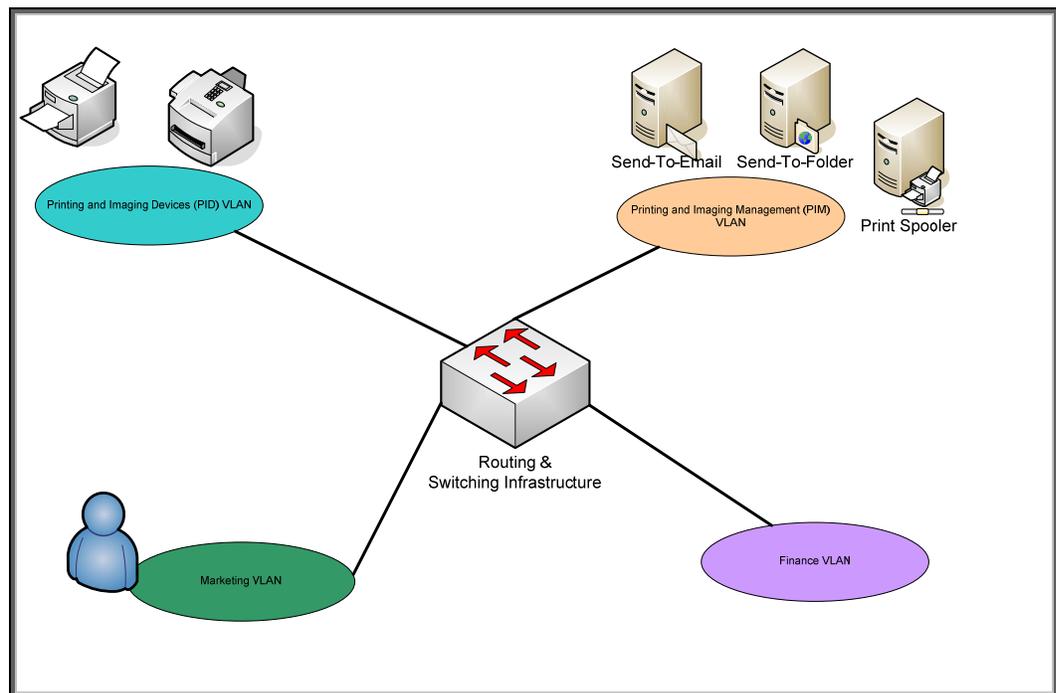


Figure 1 - Logical VLANs

The PID VLAN is for the actual devices. No matter where these devices are placed physically, they will automatically be placed in the VLAN associated with printing and imaging devices. This process is done through IDM. The PID Administration team will have machines set up in the PIM VLAN. These machines will run services that may include some of the following: Web Jetadmin, Scan to Email, Scan to Folder, Digital Sending Software, Syslog, and Windows Print Spooler/Servers. We can see that there will be a lot of communication between the PID VLAN and the PIM VLAN.

Since each VLAN is an IP subnet, routing must be done between VLANs. Because routing is done, we can use network access controls to limit traffic to and from these VLANs. For instance, currently we see no reason for the PID VLAN to communicate to any VLAN except the PIM VLAN. This type of restriction can be associated with the VLAN or with the identity of the device. In our example, the identity of the device is causing a VLAN to be automatically assigned and access controls to be put into place to restrict the traffic flow – the PID VLAN can only communicate with the PIM VLAN. Consequently, the PIM VLAN is the only VLAN that can communicate with the PID VLAN. Therefore, we have used our networking infrastructure to force the Marketing and Finance VLANs to go through

the PIM VLAN in order to contact the PID VLAN. In most cases, these users will be connecting to printer shares published in Directory Services. These printer shares will reside on computers physically located in the PIM VLAN.

So far we have been discussing VLANs from a logical perspective. Let's take a look at what happens from a physical deployment. Refer to Figure 2 – Physical VLANs.

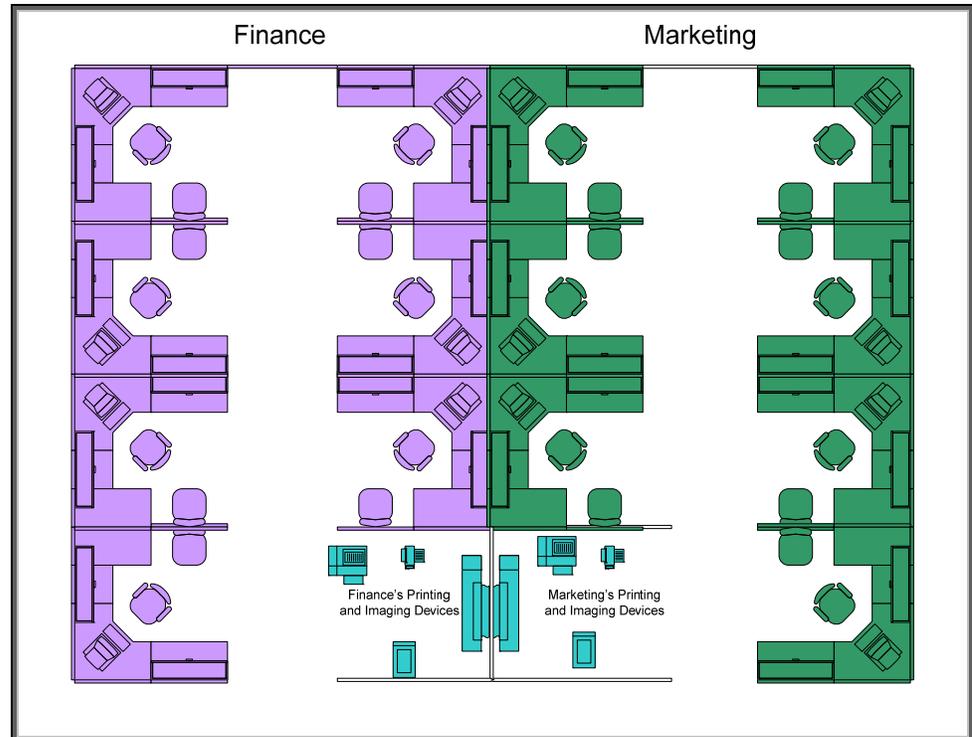


Figure 2 - Physical VLANs

There are three VLANs in Figure 2 – one for printing and imaging, one for Marketing, and one for Finance. The color coding in the diagram is based upon the VLAN. Each user's VLAN is automatically determined by their Identity and is not fixed by their cubical location. For instance, should some employees leave the Finance department and move to other areas of the company and the Marketing department happens to expand, the new layout may be like Figure 3:

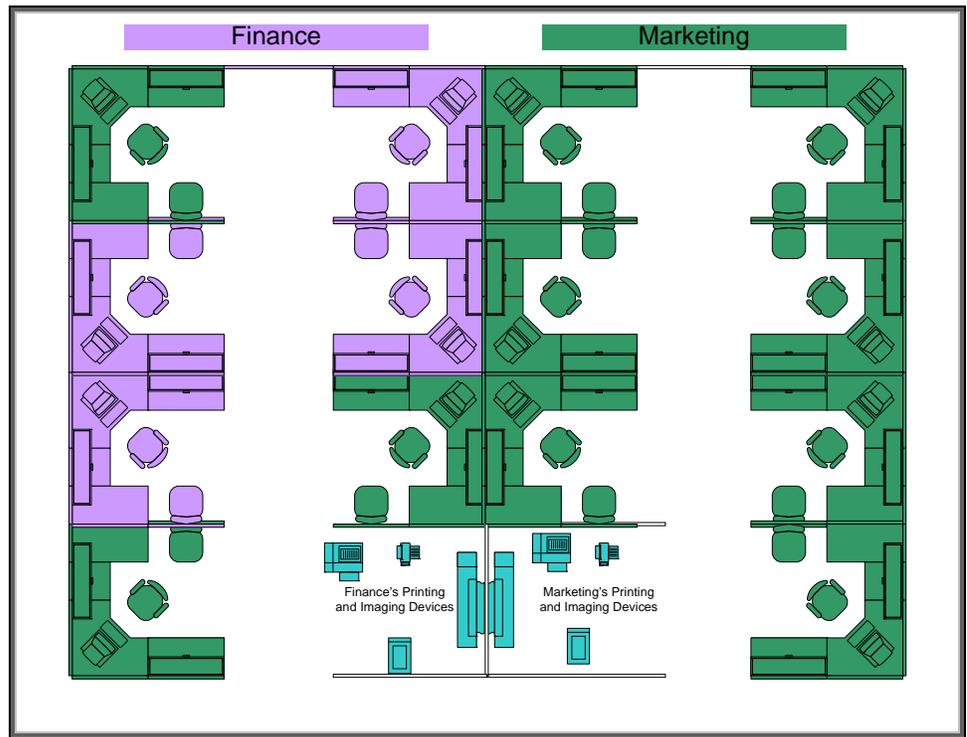


Figure 3 - Dynamic Physical VLANs

In Figure 3, the users are a part of Identity Driven Management – wherever they go in the network, their VLAN configuration follows. This behavior allows tremendous flexibility and minimizes administration headaches for fixed configuration (e.g., Cubical #1 is always a part of the Marketing VLAN and a service request must be issued to change it).

The PID Administration team will then assign printer shares to groups defined in Directory Services. As an example, a PID in Building One by Pole L2 is “owned” by the Marketing department. The PID Administration team has setup printer shares that can only be connected to if the user is part of the appropriate group in Directory Services. In order to use the printer “owned” by Marketing, the user would need to be part of the Marketing Group because of access restrictions on the printer share. Although a user in Marketing that is sitting next to PIDs whose consumables are billed to Finance may not appreciate having to walk a little bit further to get their printouts, the key point is that access to the printer is determined by the Identity of the user and the access restriction of the printer share in the PIM VLAN. The same holds true for PIDs. They can be moved anywhere in the building and they are still a part of the PID VLAN.

With imaging devices, which act as clients that need to talk to servers, the PID VLAN will need to talk to things like DNS servers, Key Distribution Centers (Kerberos), secure LDAP servers, among others. These types of servers we will call Infrastructure Servers and not surprisingly, we’ll put them in its own VLAN – the Infrastructure Servers VLAN. The PID VLAN will be able to communicate with the Infrastructure Servers VLAN and the PID VLAN will be able to communicate with the PIM VLAN. Refer to Figure 4 – Infrastructure Servers VLAN.

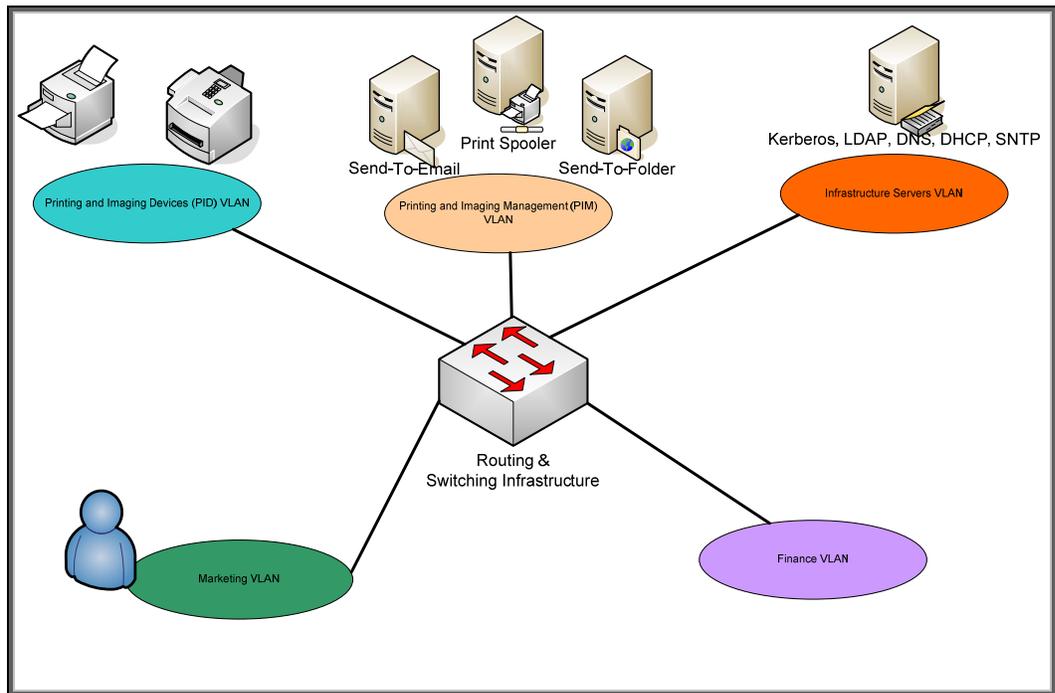


Figure 4 - Infrastructure Servers VLAN

You may think there is not much else we can do. However, we can do even more to secure our printing and imaging devices. Assigning PIDs to private VLANs so that the PIDs can only see router ports in the VLAN is a next logical step. This step further isolates traffic to a PID and the Router as opposed to allowing PIDs to communicate with each other, which is often unnecessary. A further step is to restrict communication between the PID VLAN and the PIM VLAN to utilize IPsec. Because there are some chicken-egg scenarios with IPsec and the Infrastructure Servers VLAN, we won't require IPsec there, but we will limit the protocols that can communicate between them to only those necessary.

As we can see, utilizing the powerful capabilities of today's infrastructure devices, especially HP ProCurve switches, we can further protect valuable printing and imaging devices. Let's go into more detail about what needs to be done.

Step 1: Domain Name System and Static IP Addresses

One of the most important things we can do for PIDs is to develop a consistent naming scheme for them and to assign static IP addresses to them. These names can then be entered into the Domain Name System, or DNS. Once a name has been entered into DNS, we can then use that name when we create digital certificates and provide more security.

For our environment, static IP addresses are actually a better solution than DHCP. The reason is that DHCP is rarely deployed with authentication of the DHCP server. Without proper authentication, rogue DHCP servers can often alter the configuration of DHCP clients. In addition, we really want to start treating our PIDs as servers and not as clients. IPv6 has similar security issues with Stateless Automatic Address Configuration. We'll assume that we will manually set an IPv6 address too. Once we have static IP addresses assigned and a name associated with them entered into DNS, we can use this name in the digital certificate. To create digital certificates (also called "security certificate"), we'll need a Public Key Infrastructure (PKI).

Note: For more information about DNS and name resolution, see the whitepaper “Practical IPv6 Deployment for Printing and Imaging Devices”.

Step 2: Public Key Infrastructure

Have you ever seen a warning dialog shown in Figure 5 when using <https://> (e.g., going to any secure web site, such as a login or shopping cart) in a web browser?



Figure 5 – Security Alert

This dialog is entitled “Security Alert” and it talks about something called a “security certificate”. What is a security certificate? Well, a security certificate is there to help identify the web site as one that can be trusted. However, the Security Alert dialog is telling us that we may not want to trust this security certificate – which indirectly means that this web site may not be the web site we think it is. There are two warning icons associated with this dialog. The help text by the first warning icon prompts us to view the certificate. Let’s click on “View Certificate”.

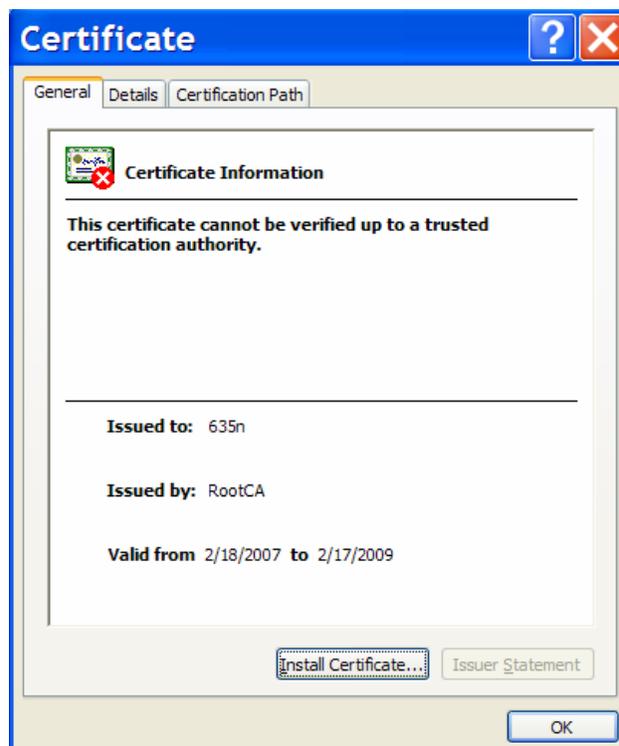


Figure 6 – Certificate Details

There is a red X on the certificate, indicative of a security problem. In addition, there is a very specific error message: "This certificate cannot be verified up to a trusted certification authority." Here we see that the "Issued By" is entitled "RootCA". What the message is trying to say is that "RootCA", who issued the certificate "635n", is not trusted.

A useful analogy is to think of the certificate issuer like the California Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV). Each state in the United States has a DMV run by the state's government. The DMV issues driver's licenses which grant the privilege to drive in a given state. A person that goes to the DMV to get a driver's license must pass a series of tests that helps the DMV determine if they are fit to drive on the state's roads. The state's Highway Patrol, a group which enforces the rules of the road, recognizes the validity of the DMV to issue driver's licenses. Therefore, if one violates one of the rules of the road and is pulled over by a Highway Patrol officer, showing a driver's license issued by the DMV is a requirement. The Highway Patrol will not recognize a driver's license issued by an institution other than the DMV as being valid. In short, the DMV is a trusted third party that issues "certificates" (driver's licenses) to individuals. These "certificates", issued by the DMV, are trusted by the Highway Patrol.

The Security Alert dialog is troubling because it is indicative of a trust problem. In the terms of our analogy, it would be like a driver, who has been pulled over by the Highway Patrol, handing the officer a driver's license that the driver's mother wrote for him indicating that her son had been granted the privilege to drive in the state. While a note from mom may be trusted by her sister, it isn't trusted by the Highway Patrol.

In essence, a digital certificate, one used by computers, binds an identity to a key and needs to be issued by a trusted third party. What is a key? A key is a secret that is used in cryptographic algorithms. There are public keys and private keys used for asymmetric cryptography and symmetric keys used for symmetric cryptography. Let's look at symmetric cryptography first.

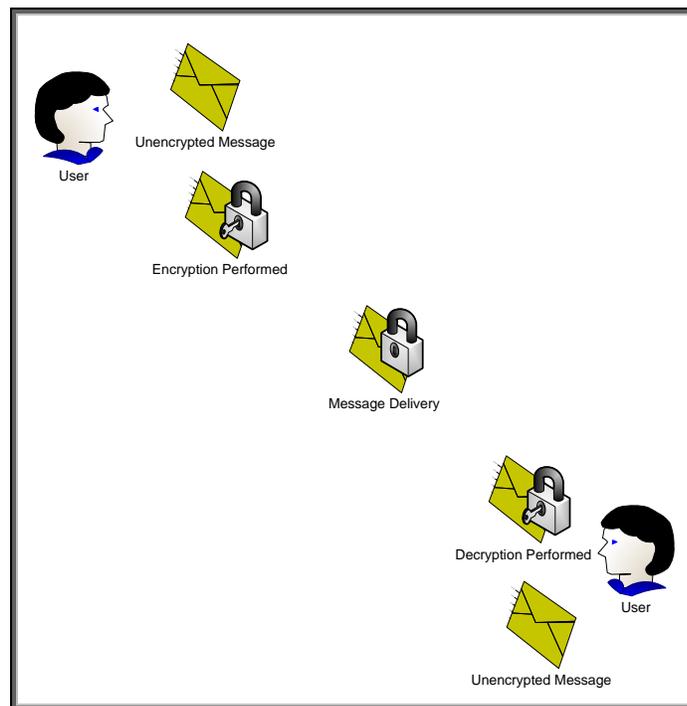


Figure 7 – Symmetric Cryptography

In Figure 7, the confidentiality provided to the message is done via a single key. Because the same key is used for encryption and decryption, this process is known as symmetric cryptography. Symmetric cryptography commonly has two attributes associated with it:

- It performs well – it is fast and easy to implement
- It has a key distribution problem – how do you get the symmetric key to everyone that needs it in a secure way?

Asymmetric cryptography is also available and functions very different than symmetric cryptography. It has two keys – one Public and one Private. The private key is not shared with anyone. The Public key is like a public telephone number. You can share it with everyone.

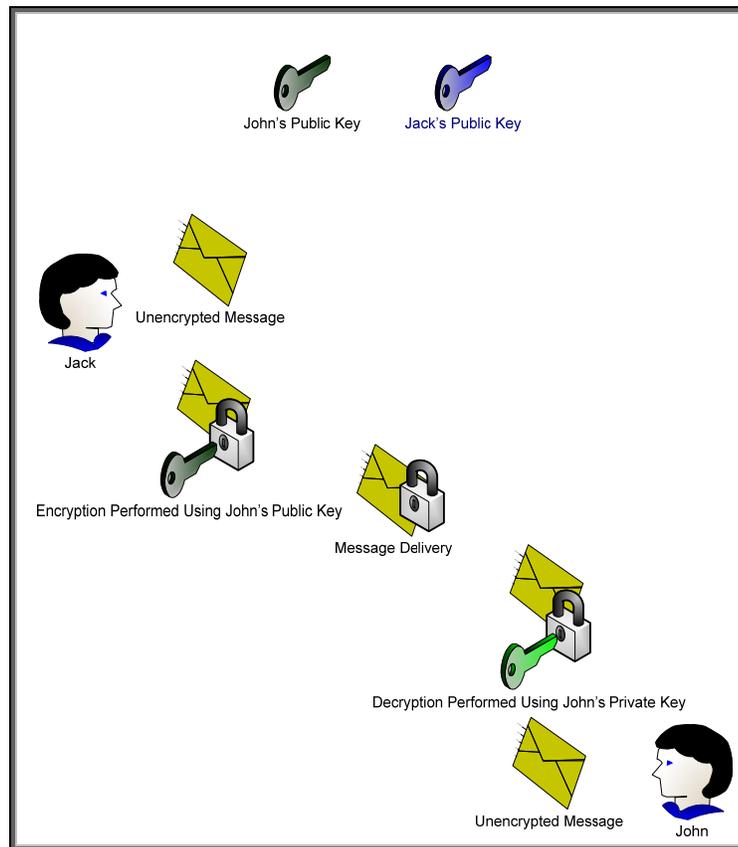


Figure 8 – Asymmetric Cryptography

In Figure 8, we can see the difference between asymmetric and symmetric cryptography. One key can be used for encryption and then the corresponding key can be used for decryption. It appears that asymmetric cryptography has solved the key distribution issue; however there are two new attributes usually associated with asymmetric cryptography

- It is slow
- It has a trust problem. How do I know that this is John's public key and not someone pretending to be John?

To solve the first problem, asymmetric cryptography is usually used to securely distribute symmetric keys and sign hash codes. In short, what is actually being encrypted and decrypted is usually much smaller than actual messages. This has the nice benefit of solving the key distribution issue with symmetrical cryptography. So, in essence, symmetric keys are sent securely using asymmetric cryptography and the actual messages themselves are protected using symmetric cryptography. Cool! We get the flexibility of asymmetric cryptography and the speed of symmetric cryptography. Now we only have to solve the trust problem.

In order to solve the trust problem, five things will need to be discussed:

- A certificate authority – a trusted third party that creates digital certificates from certificate requests
- A certificate request – a public key associated with identity information that will serve as that basic building block for a digital certificate that the certificate authority will create and sign.
- A digital certificate – a public key associated with identity information that is digitally signed by the certificate authority.
- A digital signature – the hash of the digital certificate encrypted by the private key of the certificate authority.
- A hash – also known as a message digest. A hash is the output of a one way function that attempts to ensure the integrity of the message (i.e., that the message has not been altered). It is usually combined with authentication information to ensure that the message originator can be authenticated and that the integrity of the message has not been disrupted. You can think of a hash like an advanced checksum or an advanced cyclic redundancy check (CRC).

Let's cover hashes and digital signatures first. We'll assume that Jack wants to send John a message. Jack wants to make sure that John knows the message came from him and that the message was not altered in transit. However, Jack doesn't care about confidentiality – in other words, the actual message can be sent "in the clear" – but does care about authentication and integrity. We can accomplish this through hashes and digital signatures.

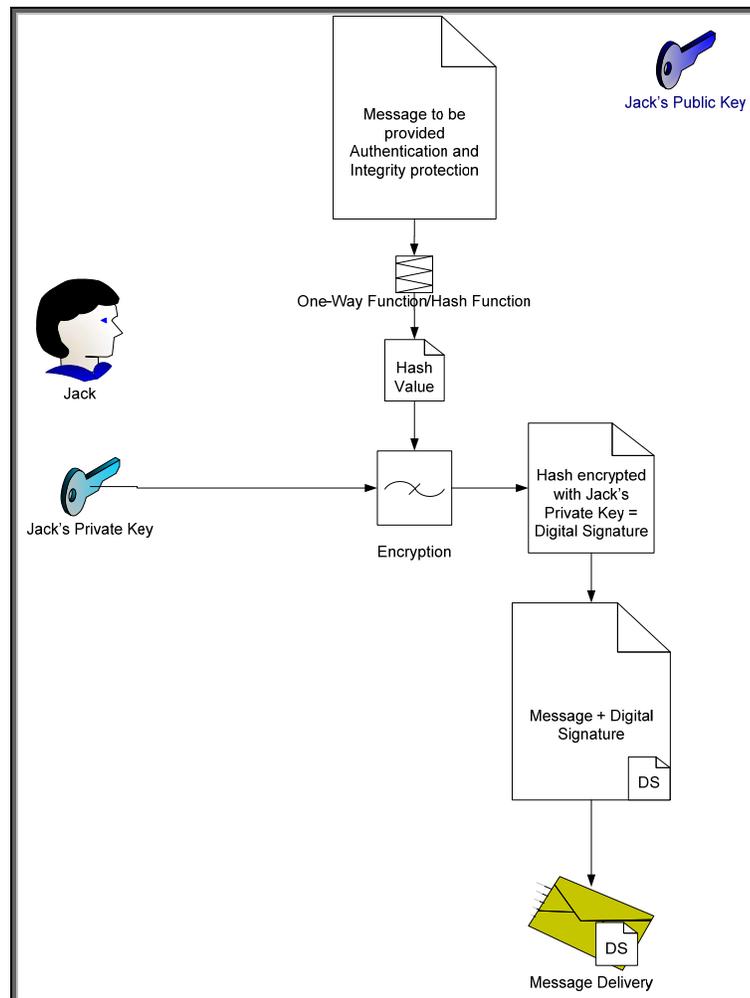


Figure 9 – Digital Signature

In Figure 9, Jack has sent John a message with a digital signature. Let's see how John would validate this message to make sure it came from Jack and was not altered. Refer to Figure 10.

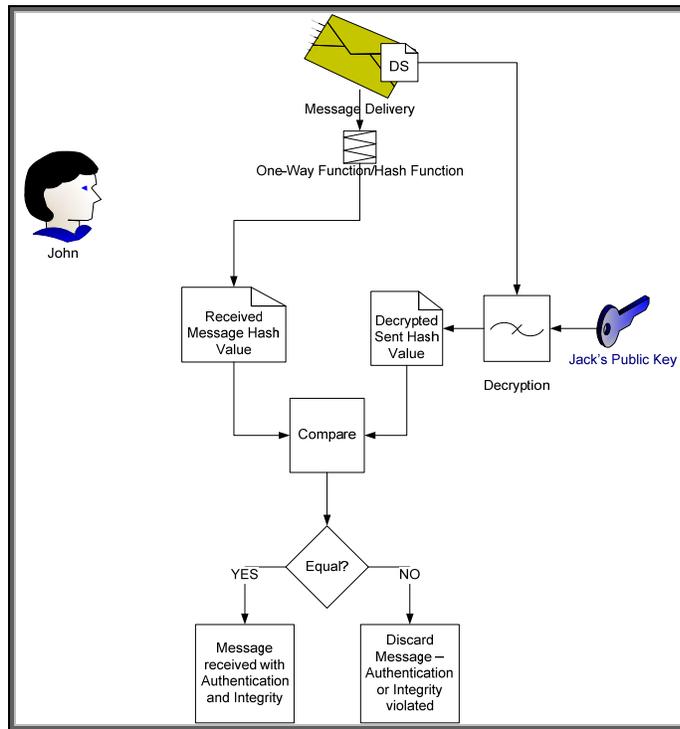


Figure 10 – Digital Signature Verification

Here we see how John uses Jack's public key to verify the message. Jack's public key is the only key that can decrypt the digital signature and obtain the hash value of the message that Jack calculated before sending the message. Because the hash was encrypted with Jack's private key, which no one should know but Jack, John can be sure that Jack was the one that sent it.

We still have a problem – How does John know that Jack's public key really belongs to the person that he knows as "Jack"? There are many people in the world named "Jack" – how does John know it isn't one of them? We still need a trusted third party to provide Jack's public key in a format John can trust and we probably need Jack to provide a little more identity information too. Here is where the Certificate Authority comes into play. Refer to Figure 11 – Certificate Authority.

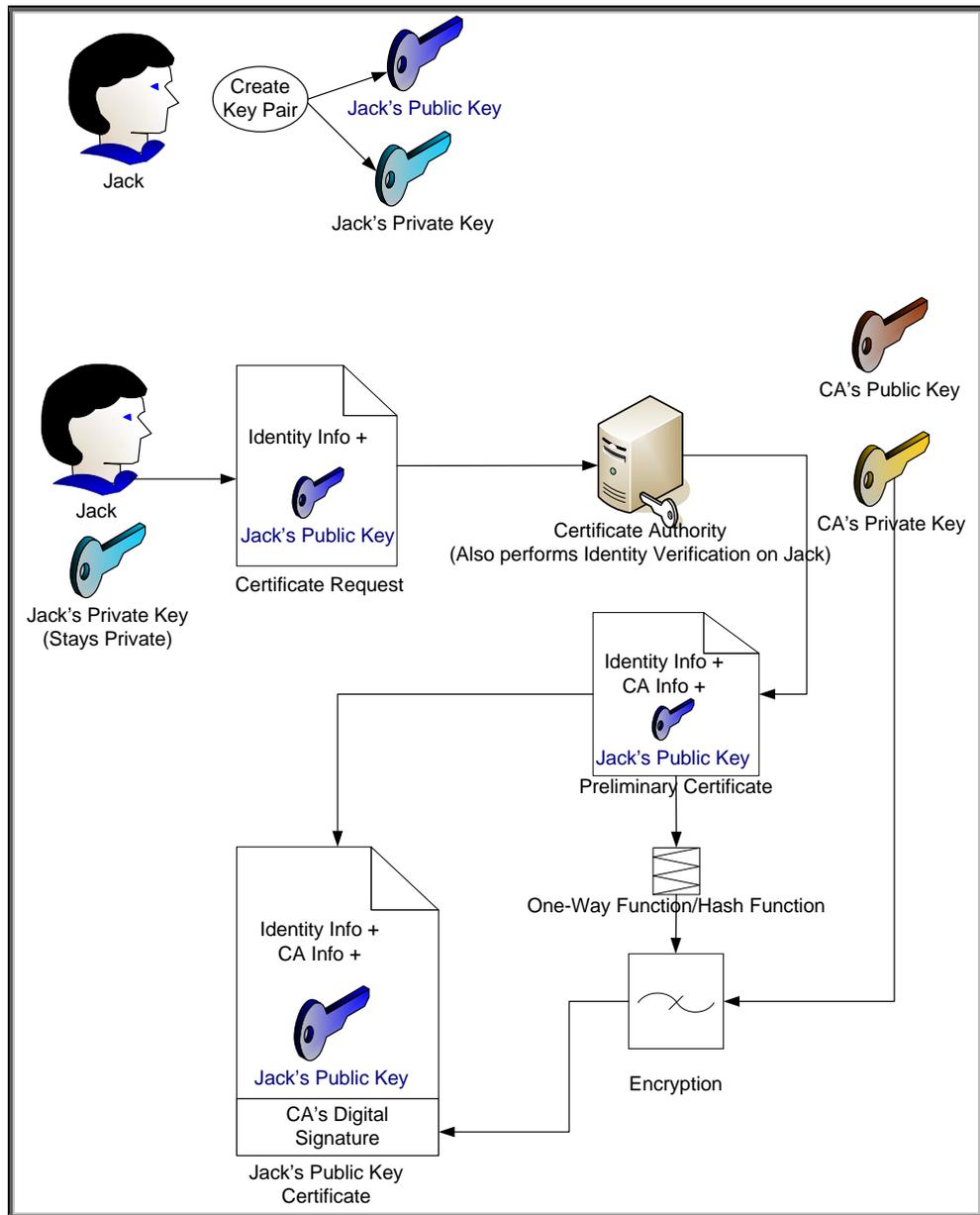


Figure 11 – Certificate Authority

Jack goes through a key pair generation process and creates a public and private key pair. The private key is kept secret. The public key is associated with some identity information and is given to a Certificate Authority. The certificate authority generates a certificate, usually specific to a purpose such as email, and signs the certificate with its digital signature. Assuming there is a place where these digital certificates are publicly available, as long as Jack and John can agree to trust a specific certificate authority, they'll be fine trusting certificates signed by that authority. Refer to Figure 12.

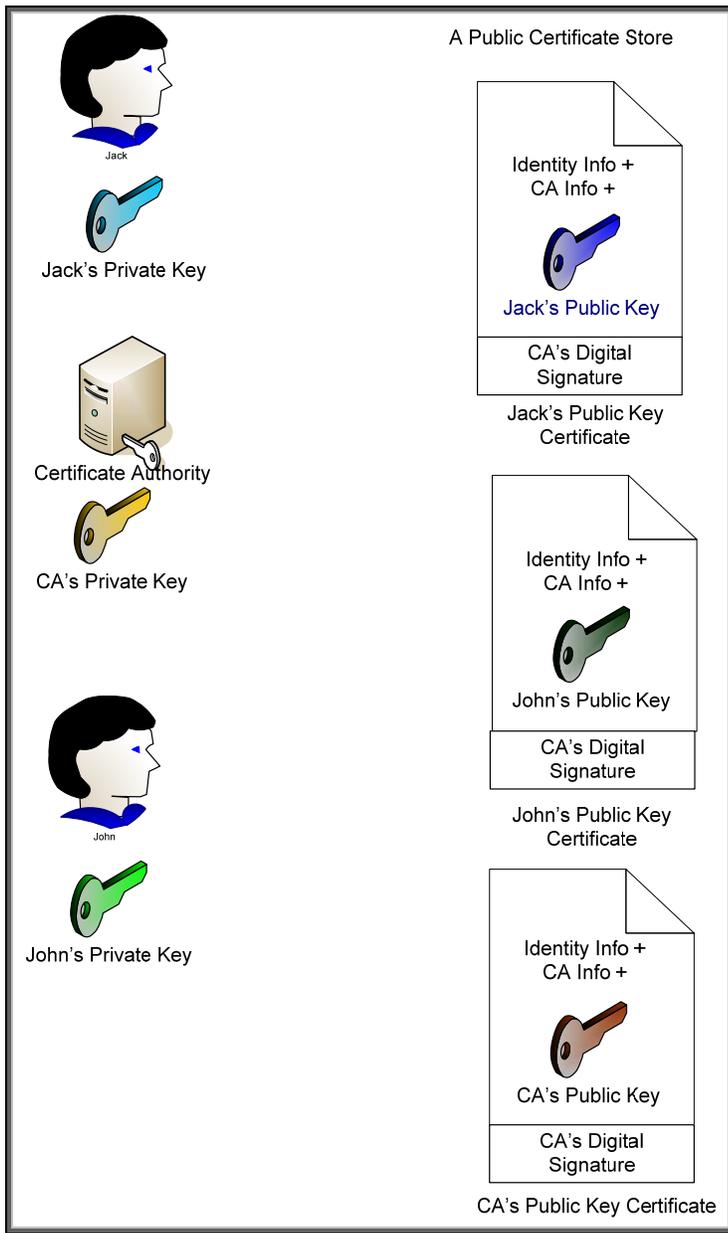


Figure 12 – Public Key Certificates

Here we can see that everyone's public key certificate is, well – um, public. The important thing to note is that the certificate authority also has a public key certificate that identifies itself. This certificate is signed with its own private key and is a "self-signed" certificate. There is no "higher" level of trust than the top level certificate authority. Therefore, John and Jack must choose a particular certificate authority that they both trust. In most cases, there is a hierarchy of certificate authorities at customer sites. This forms what is known as a certificate chain and there is a top level CA or Root CA where the ultimate trust resides.

Also, we should take care to point out that there is usually a difference between Internet trust using certificates and Intranet trust using certificates. Internet trust will involve well-known certificate authorities like Verisign and Entrust. However, Intranet models usually revolve around Microsoft's certificate authority that comes with Windows 2003 server. Each company establishes their own Public Key Infrastructure (PKI) that includes an entire policy around certificates.

Now that we have covered some basics around certificates, we can talk specifically about Jetdirect. Jetdirect is an embedded system and as a result, has limited storage space for certificates. Jetdirect

can store one Identity certificate and one CA certificate. The CA certificate tells Jetdirect which identity certificates should be trusted (i.e., must be signed by that CA) when Jetdirect is receiving a certificate from another entity. Jetdirect's Identity certificate is the certificate that is sent out when another entity requests it. It is important to note that the CA certificate on Jetdirect is configured strictly to provide the trust point for identity certificates that are sent to Jetdirect – the identity certificates received from other entities must be signed by that CA or be part of a chain which ends in that CA.

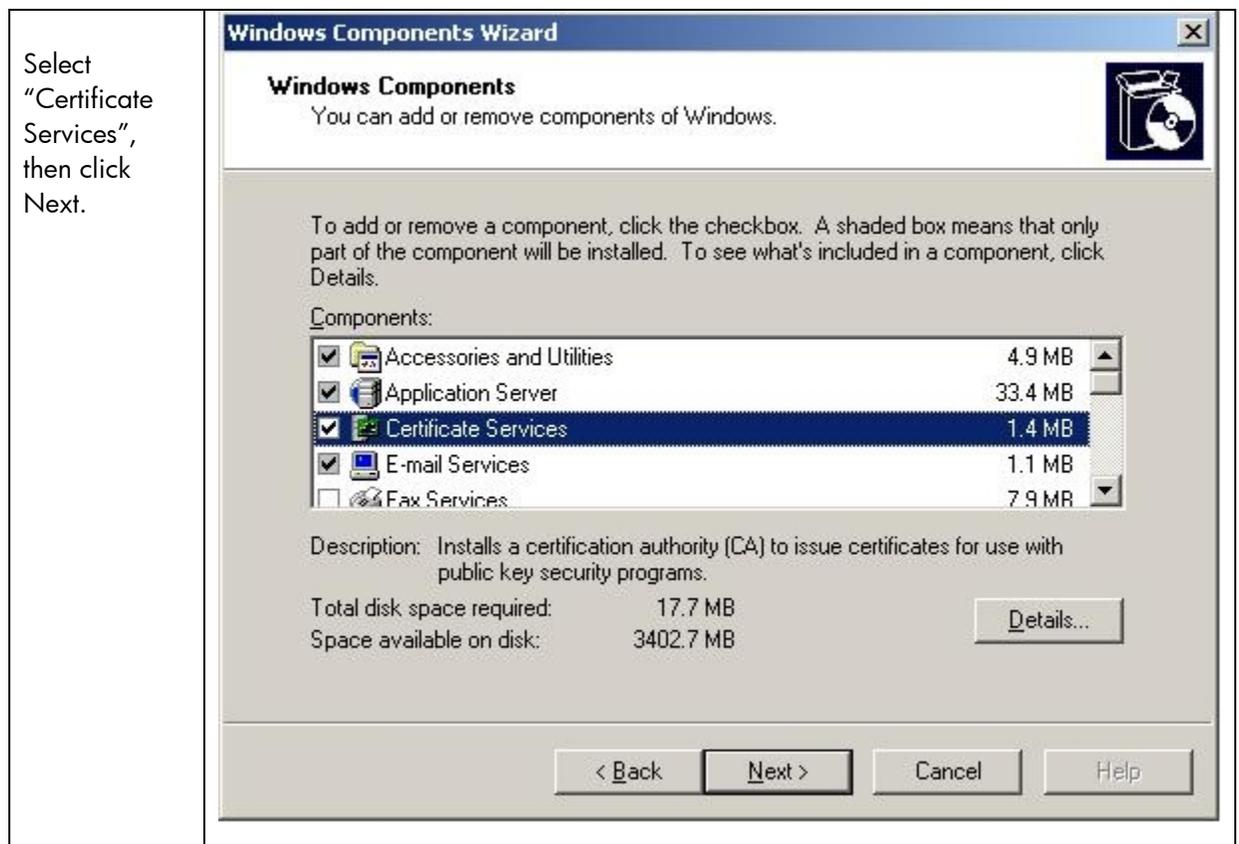
Since Jetdirect only has one Identity certificate that can be configured, it must be capable of being used in a variety of situations. Jetdirect can act as a client or a server, depending on the protocol being used. For instance, if a web browser is using HTTPS to communicate to Jetdirect, Jetdirect will return its Identity certificate as part of the SSL/TLS negotiation process, which will identify Jetdirect as a server. In other cases, like EAP-TLS, Jetdirect will send its Identity certificate for client authentication.

By default, Jetdirect will create a "self-signed" certificate the first time it is powered on. This certificate is not secure because it has not been signed by a trusted CA. An important step in the security of a Jetdirect product is to replace the default self-signed Identity certificate with one that has been signed by a trusted CA.

PKI: Installing a Certificate Authority (CA)

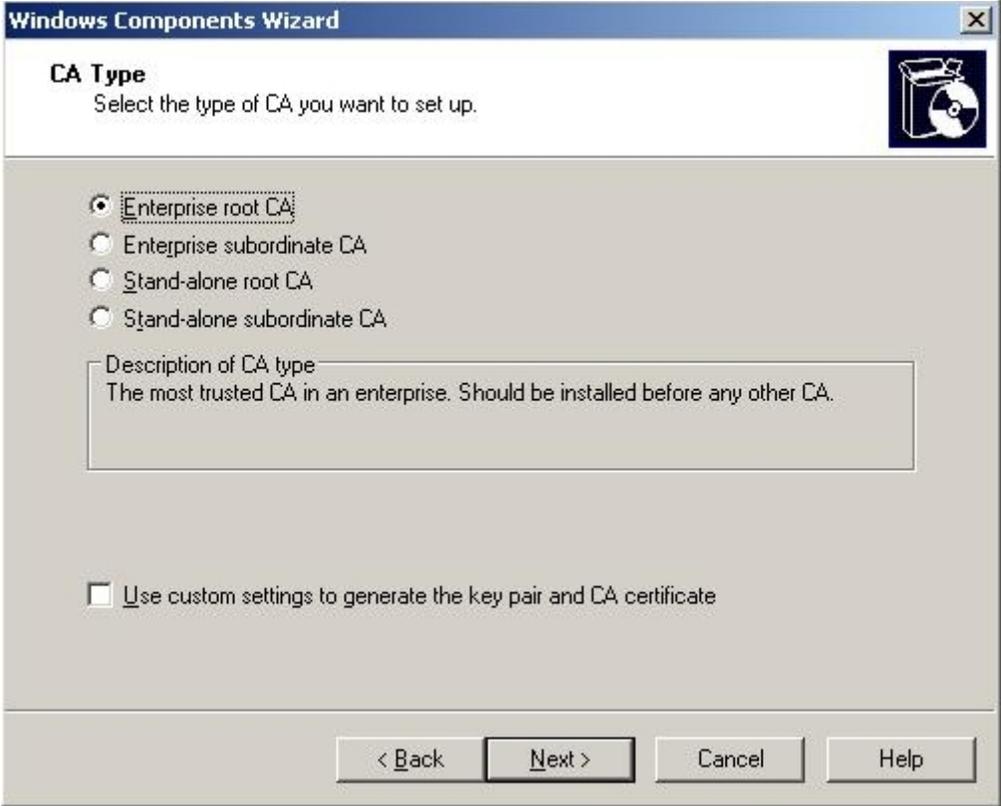
NOTE: The following details around installing PKI servers are shown for example purposes and to be utilized in a test network. For production deployments, much more stringent care and consideration must be used and is usually the responsibility of a separate security team.

Using Windows 2003, we can simply go to the Control Panel and select "Add/Remove Programs" and then select Windows Components.

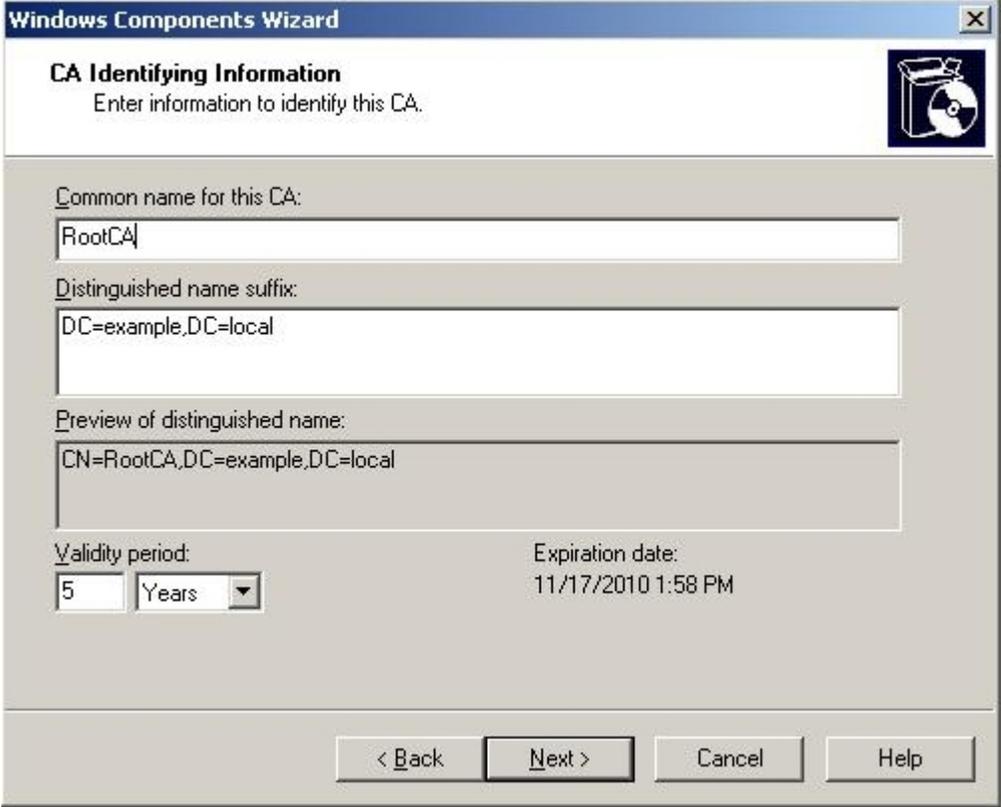


In this example, we are installing an Enterprise Root CA. Click Next.

NOTE:
If you select a standalone CA, the certificate template functionality described below will not be available.

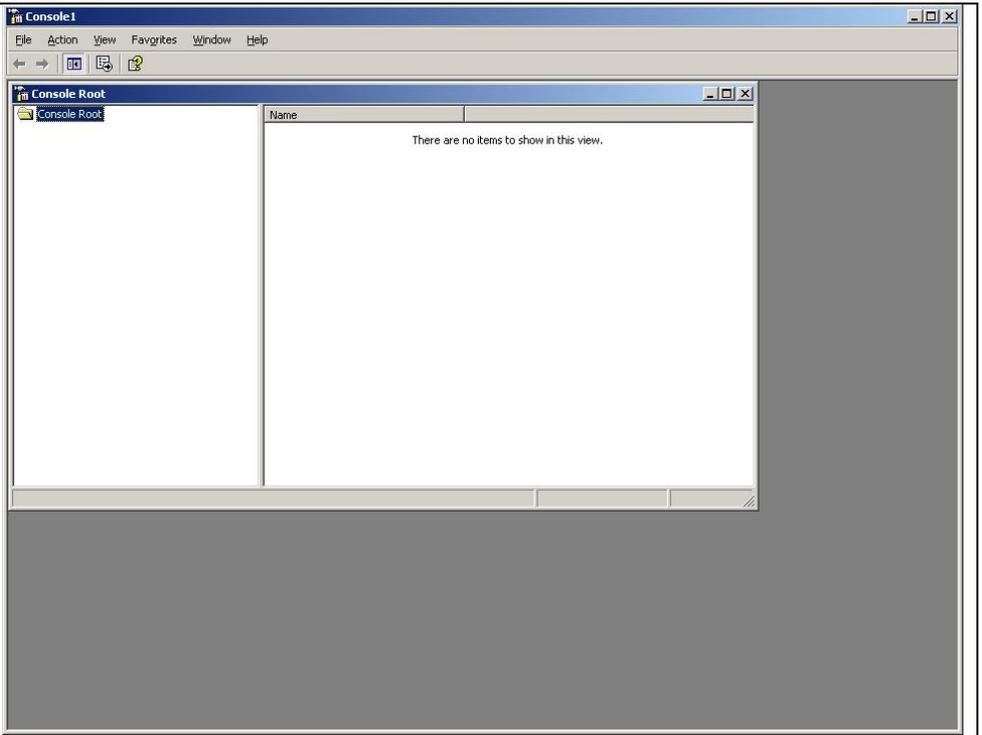


Here is our CA identity information. Click Next and complete the installation.



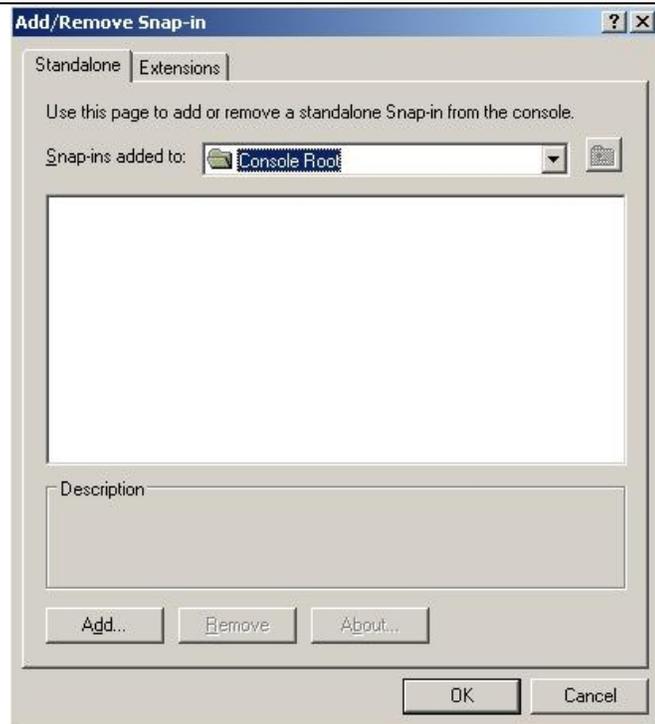
Once the installation has completed, we can go to Start -> Run -> mmc

The Microsoft Management Console is a framework that allows various “Snap-Ins” to be loaded. Each “Snap-In” manages a specific service. For example, there is a “Snap-In” to manage the Certificate Authority (or Certification Authority as Microsoft sometimes calls it).

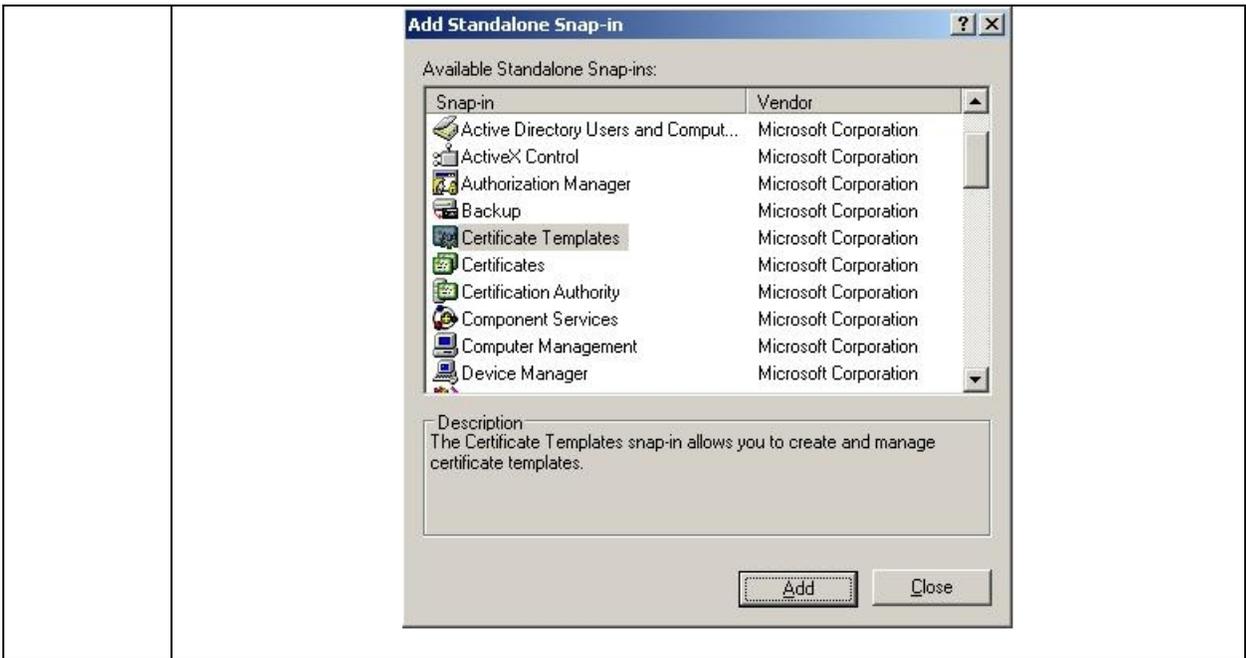


At this point, we want to load in separate Snap-Ins into the Microsoft Management Console (MMC). Snap-Ins are modules that provide specific management functionality to the MMC. Go to the File menu and select “Add/Remove Snap-In”.

Click Add.



Select Certificate Templates, then press “Add”.

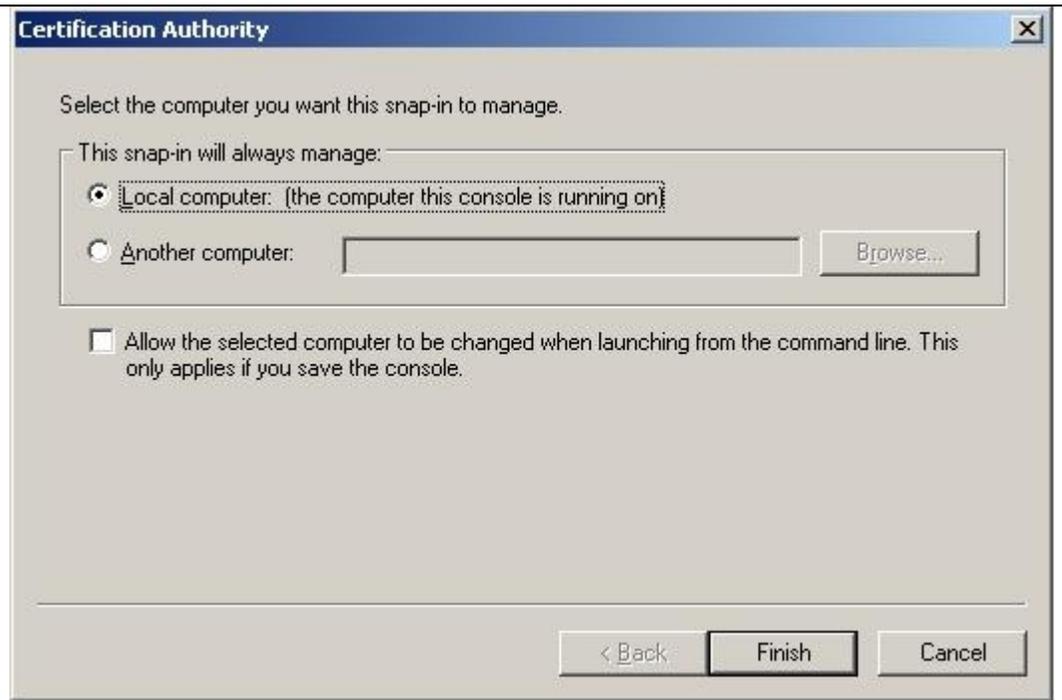


Select
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Authority,
then press
"Add".

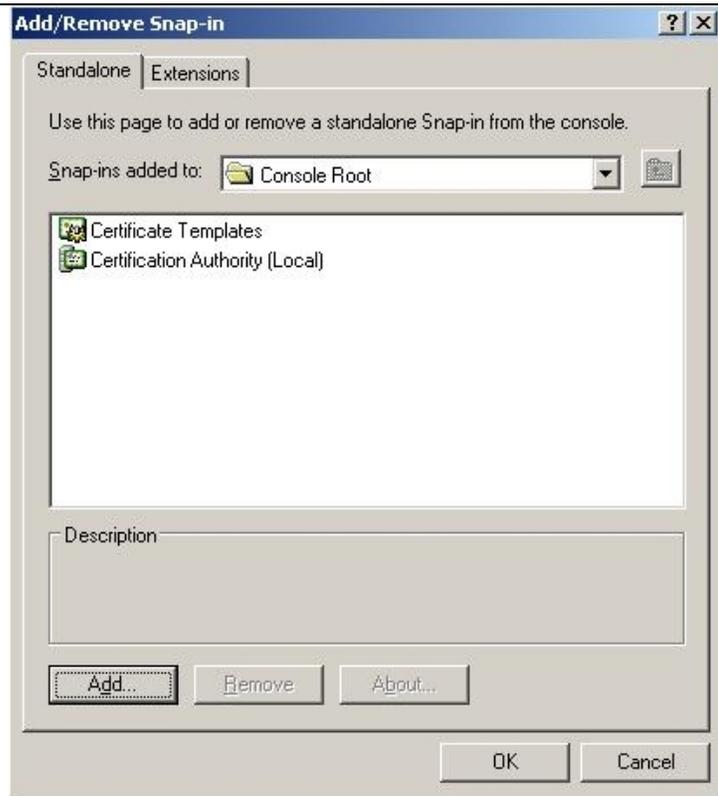
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Close.



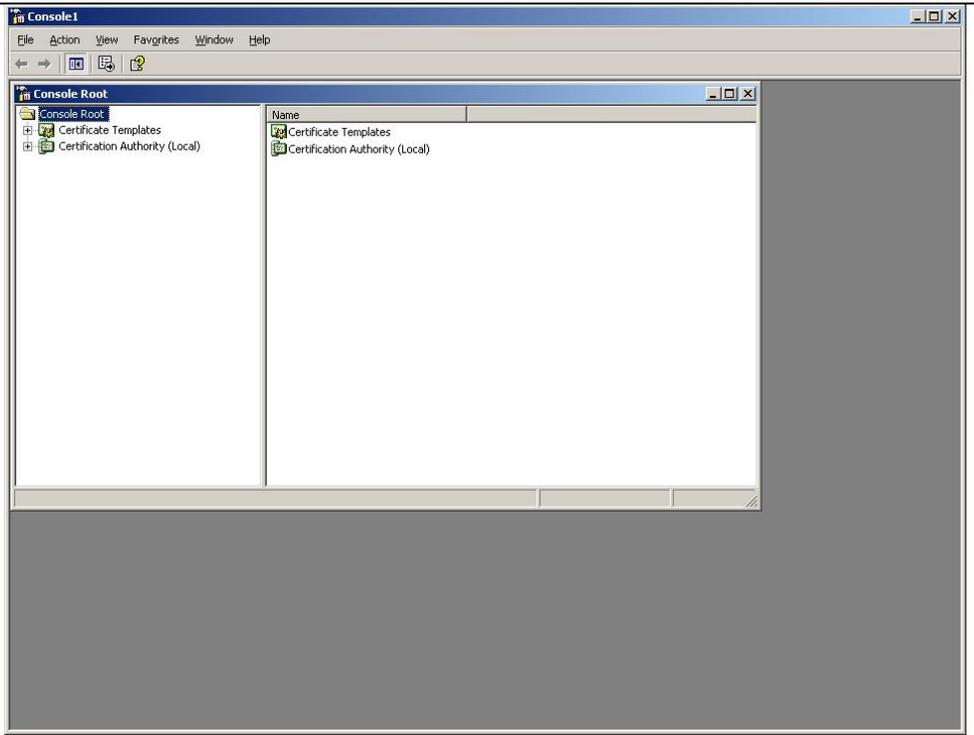
Select "Local Computer". Then click Finish.



Select OK.



Done.



PKI: Creating a Certificate Template

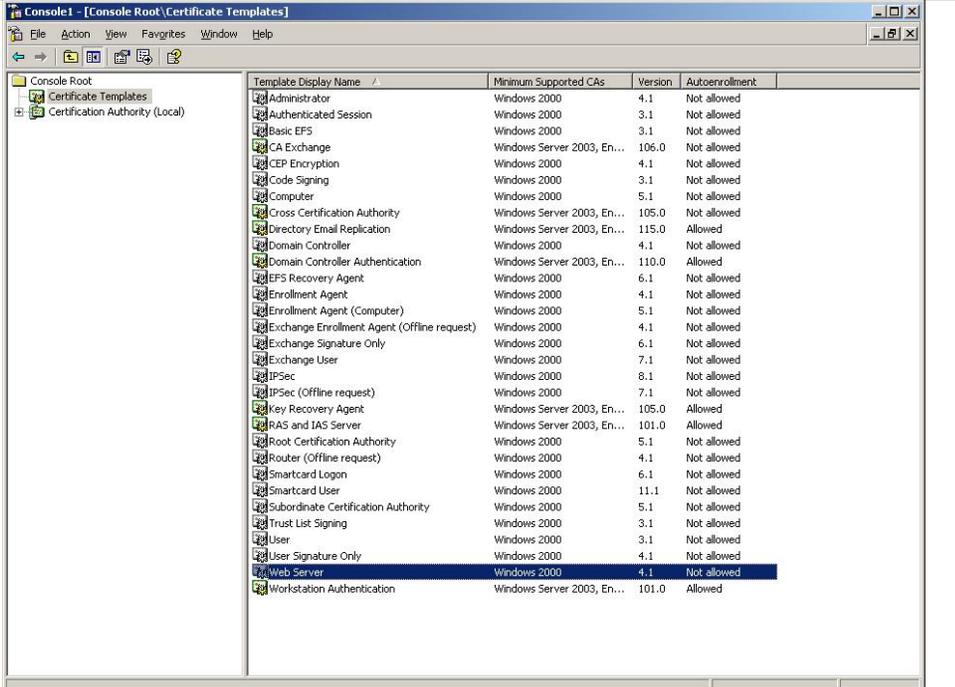
The Certificate Authority needs to have a template from which certificates can be created for services. The Microsoft CA has some predefined templates to help the administrator. Microsoft also allows you to create new templates. We will illustrate a process of creating a certificate template specifically for an HP Jetdirect print server.

Note: The certificate template functionality described below is only available for Windows 2003 Enterprise Edition and Windows 2003 Datacenter Edition.

Select Certificate Templates.

Highlight the “Web Server” template. Right click and copy the certificate template, and name it “HP Jetdirect”.

Now right click on “HP Jetdirect” and select properties.



The screenshot shows the 'Certificate Templates' console window. The left pane shows the tree structure with 'Certificate Templates' and 'Certificate Authority (Local)' expanded. The right pane displays a list of templates with columns for 'Template Display Name', 'Minimum Supported CAs', 'Version', and 'Autoenrollment'. The 'Web Server' template is highlighted in blue.

Template Display Name	Minimum Supported CAs	Version	Autoenrollment
Administrator	Windows 2000	4.1	Not allowed
Authenticated Session	Windows 2000	3.1	Not allowed
Basic EFS	Windows 2000	3.1	Not allowed
CA Exchange	Windows Server 2003, En...	106.0	Not allowed
CEP Encryption	Windows 2000	4.1	Not allowed
Code Signing	Windows 2000	3.1	Not allowed
Computer	Windows 2000	5.1	Not allowed
Cross Certification Authority	Windows Server 2003, En...	105.0	Not allowed
Directory Email Replication	Windows Server 2003, En...	115.0	Allowed
Domain Controller	Windows 2000	4.1	Not allowed
Domain Controller Authentication	Windows Server 2003, En...	110.0	Allowed
EFS Recovery Agent	Windows 2000	6.1	Not allowed
Enrollment Agent	Windows 2000	4.1	Not allowed
Enrollment Agent (Computer)	Windows 2000	5.1	Not allowed
Exchange Enrollment Agent (Offline request)	Windows 2000	4.1	Not allowed
Exchange Signature Only	Windows 2000	6.1	Not allowed
Exchange User	Windows 2000	7.1	Not allowed
IPSec	Windows 2000	8.1	Not allowed
IPSec (Offline request)	Windows 2000	7.1	Not allowed
Key Recovery Agent	Windows Server 2003, En...	105.0	Allowed
RAS and IAS Server	Windows Server 2003, En...	101.0	Allowed
Root Certification Authority	Windows 2000	5.1	Not allowed
Router (Offline request)	Windows 2000	4.1	Not allowed
Smartcard Logon	Windows 2000	6.1	Not allowed
Smartcard User	Windows 2000	11.1	Not allowed
Subordinate Certification Authority	Windows 2000	5.1	Not allowed
Trust List Signing	Windows 2000	3.1	Not allowed
User	Windows 2000	3.1	Not allowed
User Signature Only	Windows 2000	4.1	Not allowed
Web Server	Windows 2000	4.1	Not allowed
Workstation Authentication	Windows Server 2003, En...	101.0	Allowed

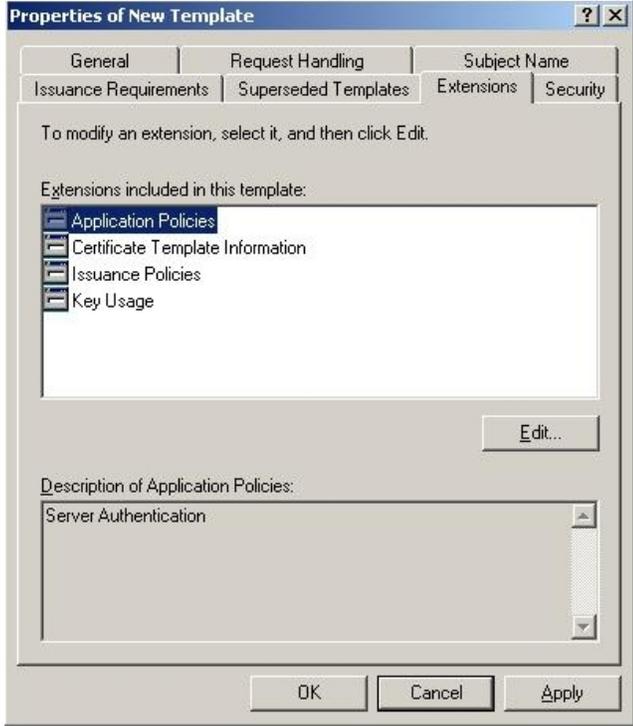
Provide the names you would like the certificate template to have.

The screenshot shows the 'Properties of New Template' dialog box with the 'Request Handling' tab selected. The 'General' sub-tab is active. The 'Template display name' and 'Template name' fields both contain 'HP Jetdirect'. The 'Validity period' is set to 2 years and the 'Renewal period' is set to 6 weeks. There are two unchecked checkboxes: 'Publish certificate in Active Directory' and 'Do not automatically reenroll if a duplicate certificate exists in Active Directory'. The 'OK', 'Cancel', and 'Apply' buttons are at the bottom.

Select the "Allow private key to be exported" checkbox in the Request Handling tab.

The screenshot shows the 'Properties of New Template' dialog box with the 'Request Handling' tab selected. The 'Purpose' dropdown is set to 'Signature and encryption'. There are three unchecked checkboxes: 'Archive subject's encryption private key', 'Include symmetric algorithms allowed by the subject', and 'Delete revoked or expired certificates (do not archive)'. The 'Minimum key size' is set to 1024. The 'Allow private key to be exported' checkbox is checked. Below this, there are three radio button options for enrollment: 'Enroll subject without requiring any user input' (selected), 'Prompt the user during enrollment', and 'Prompt the user during enrollment and require user input when the private key is used'. A 'CSPs...' button is located at the bottom right. The 'OK', 'Cancel', and 'Apply' buttons are at the bottom.

Select the Application Policies extension in the Extensions tab. Click Edit.



Click Add...



Select Client Authentication, then click OK.



Click OK.

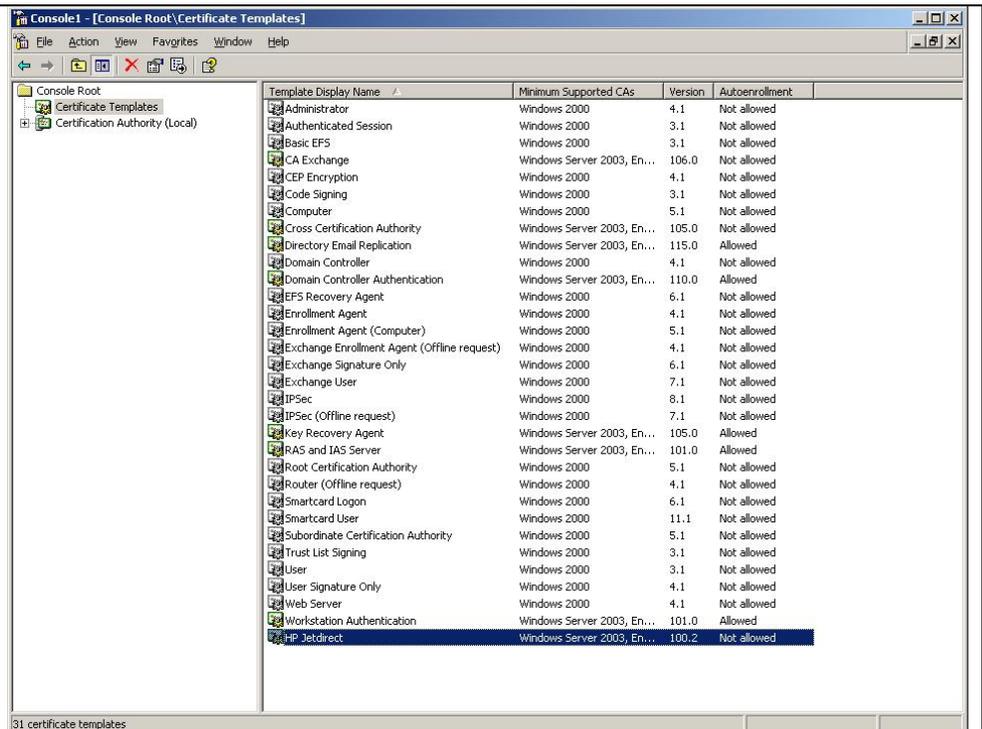


Click OK.



Now we have created a new certificate template, we need to enable it to be used by the Certification Authority.

Select the HP Jetdirect certificate template, Right click and select "Enable"

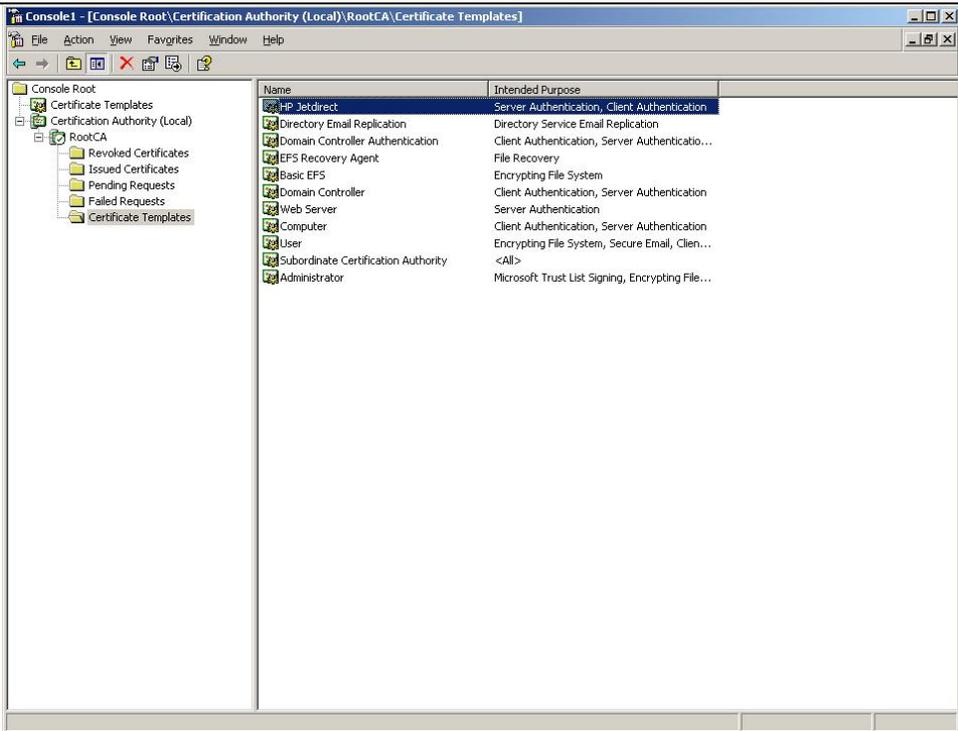


Select HP Jetdirect and click OK.



View the Certificate Templates folder in the Certification Authority snap-in MMC, and make sure that the HP Jetdirect template is present.

Done.

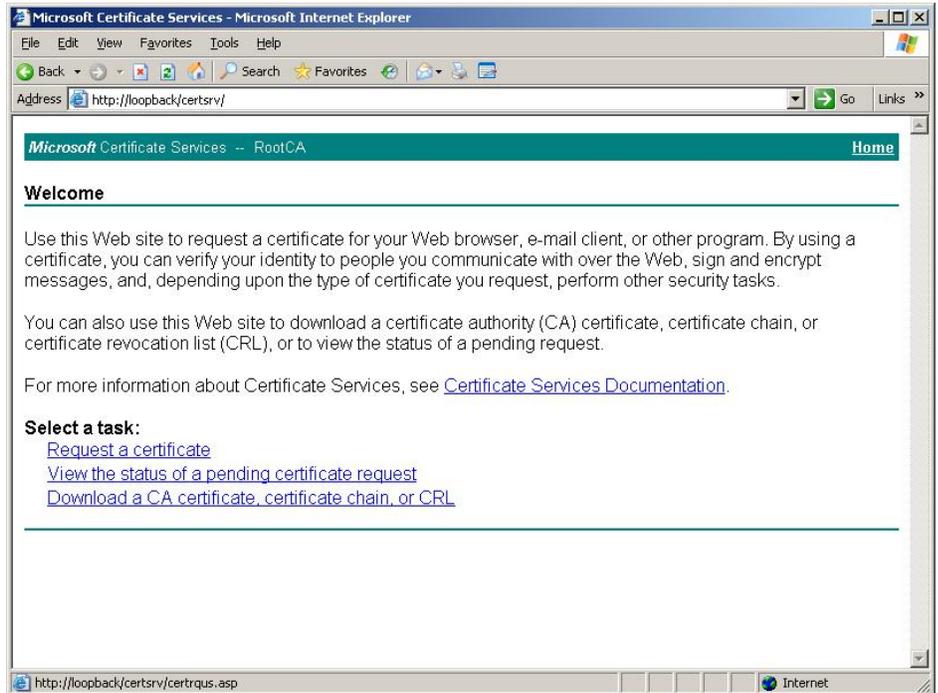


PKI: Issuing a Certificate

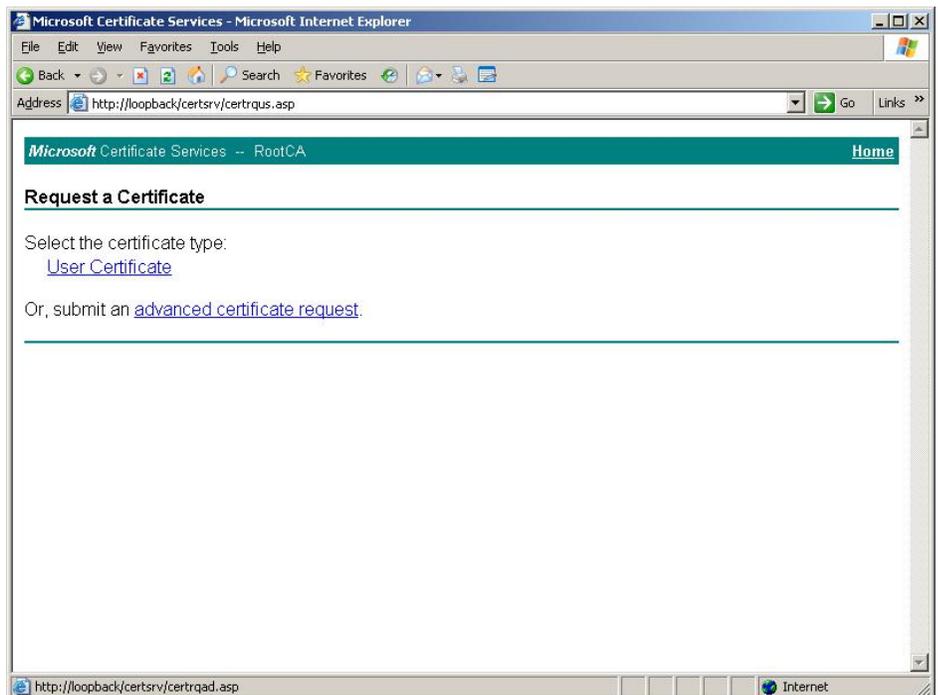
Now that we have the Certification Authority installed, we can use the CA's web server interface to issue a certificate for Jetdirect and to copy the public certificate of the CA to a file for Jetdirect to use.

Bring up the web server for the CA.

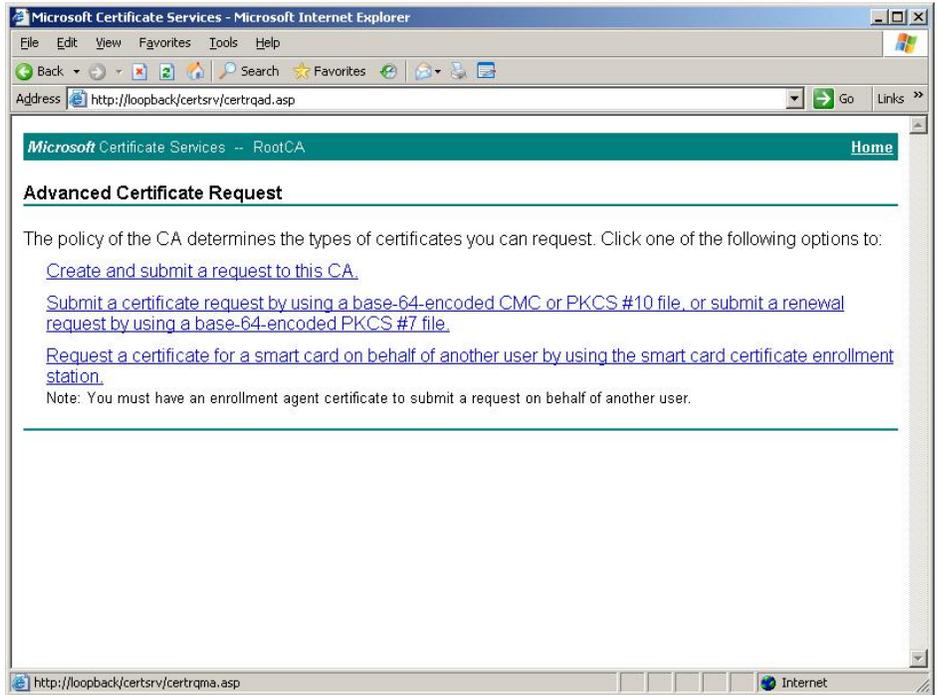
Using the URL for the `certsrv`, we get to the web interface of the Certification Authority. Since we want to create a certificate for Jetdirect, click the "Request a certificate" link.



Click "advanced certificate request"



Click "Create and submit a request to this CA".



Be sure to select the Certificate Template "HP Jetdirect" and to check the checkbox entitled "Mark keys as exportable". Although this example doesn't show the DNS name, we would generally use the DNS name for the "Name" field.

The screenshot shows a web browser window titled "Microsoft Certificate Services - Microsoft Internet Explorer" with the address bar displaying "http://loopback/certsrv/certrqma.asp". The page content is titled "Microsoft Certificate Services -- RootCA" and "Home". The main heading is "Advanced Certificate Request".

Certificate Template:
A dropdown menu is set to "HP Jetdirect".

Identifying Information For Offline Template:
Name: J7961A.000E7FE80157 S/N: SG53302227
E-Mail: printeradmin@example.com
Company: Example
Department: Printing and Imaging
City: exampletown
State: EX
Country/Region: EX

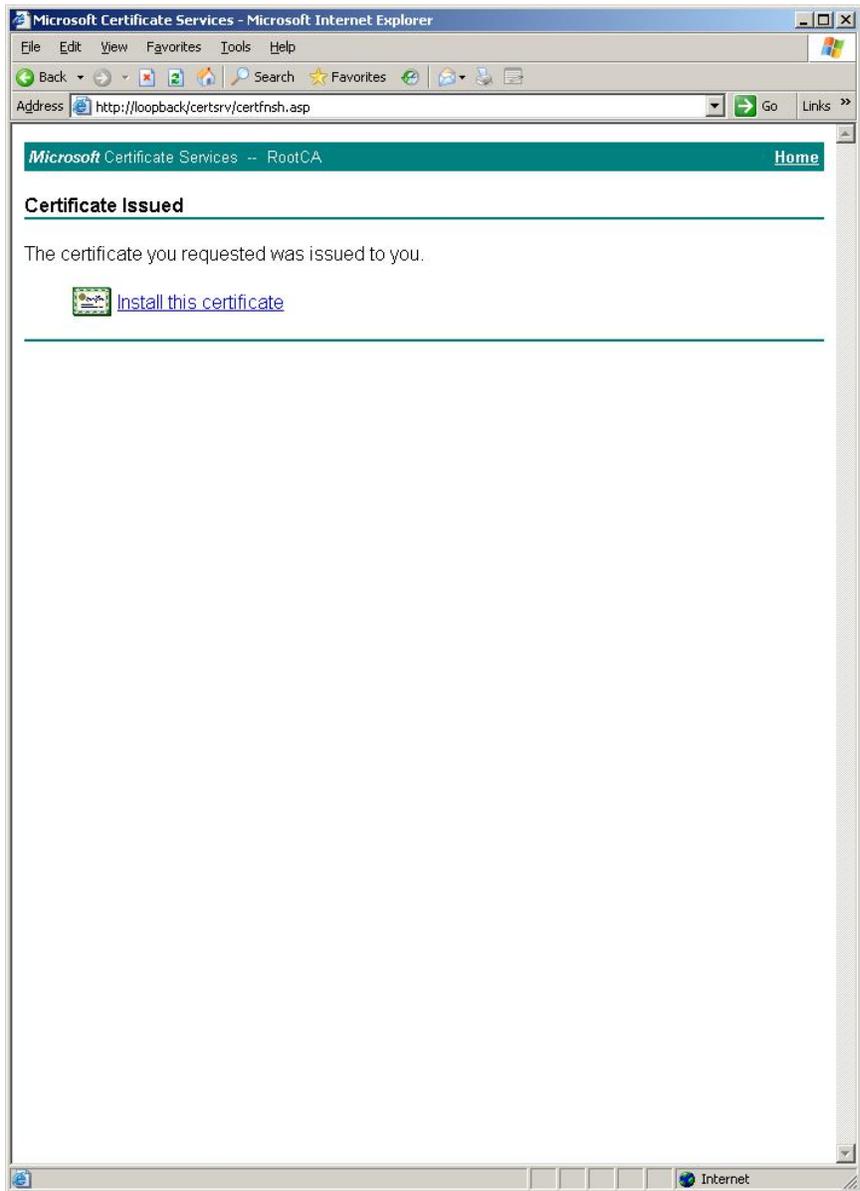
Key Options:
 Create new key set Use existing key set
CSP: Microsoft RSA SChannel Cryptographic Provider
Key Usage: Exchange
Key Size: 1024 Min: 1024 Max: 16384 (common key sizes: 1024 2048 4096 8192 16384)
 Automatic key container name User specified key container name
 Mark keys as exportable
 Export keys to file
 Enable strong private key protection
 Store certificate in the local computer certificate store
Stores the certificate in the local computer store instead of in the user's certificate store. Does not install the root CA's certificate. You must be an administrator to generate or use a key in the local machine store.

Additional Options:
Request Format: CMC PKCS10
Hash Algorithm: SHA-1
Only used to sign request.
 Save request to a file

Click Yes.

The dialog box has a blue title bar "Potential Scripting Violation" and a yellow warning icon. The text inside reads: "This Web site is requesting a new certificate on your behalf. You should allow only trusted Web sites to request a certificate for you. Do you want to request a certificate now?". At the bottom, there are two buttons: "Yes" and "No".

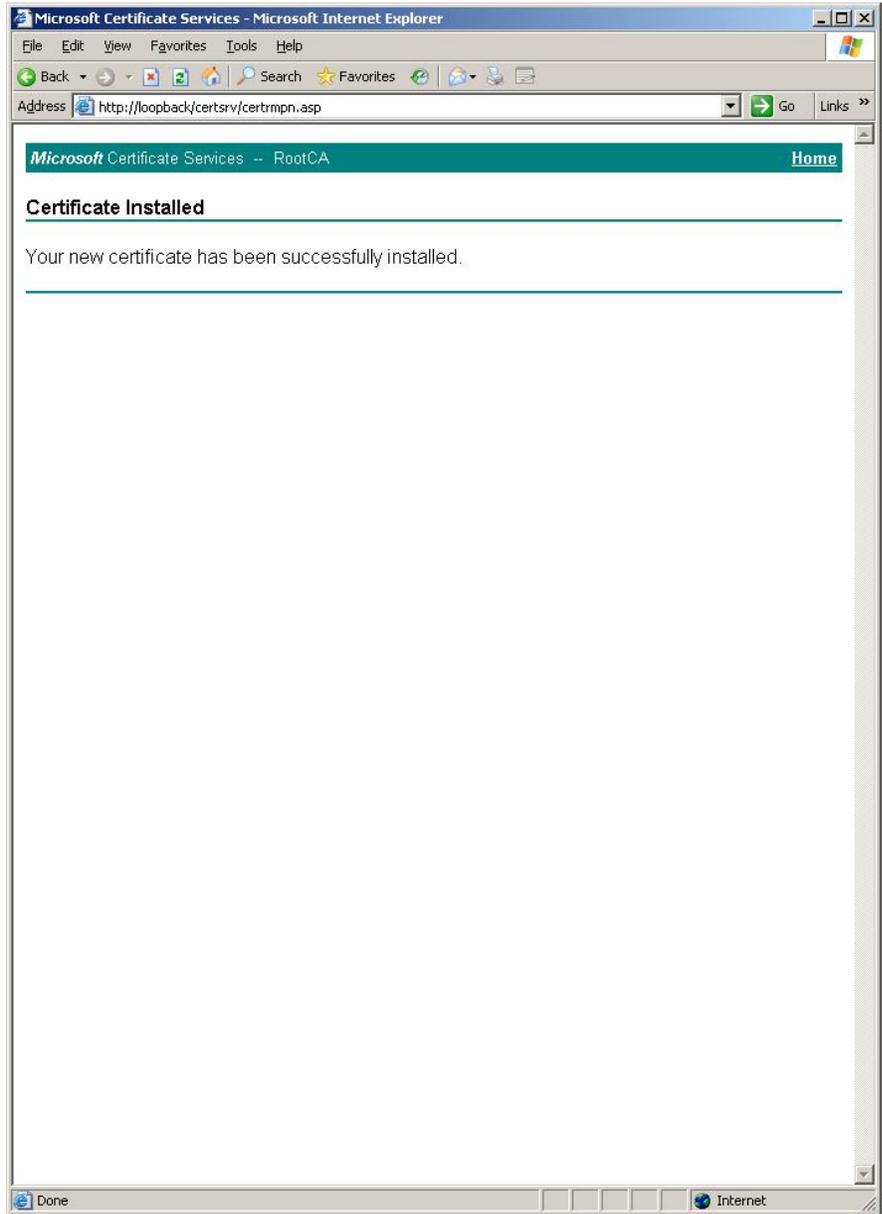
Click "Install this certificate" to install it on your local computer. We will export it and then delete it from this computer later.



Click Yes.

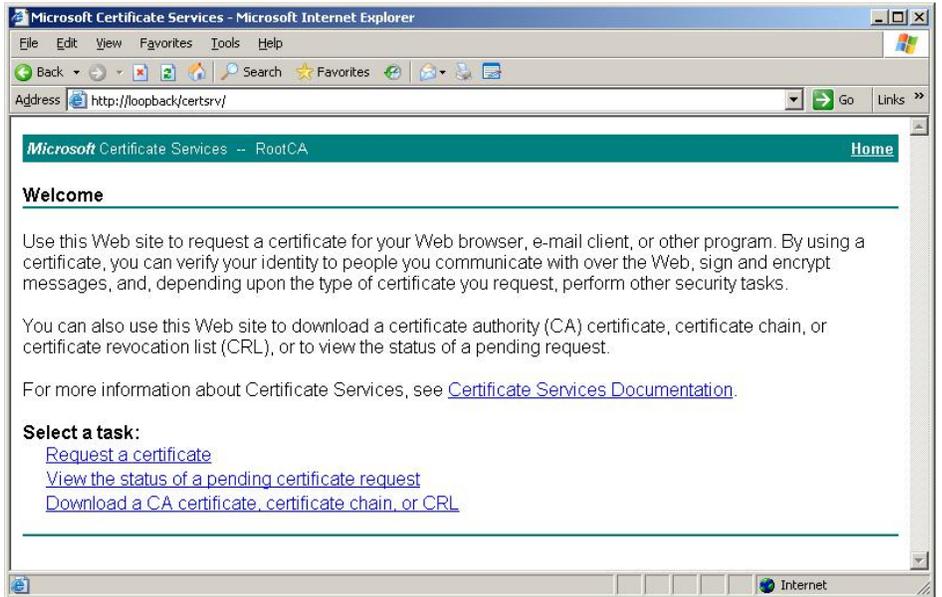


Done.

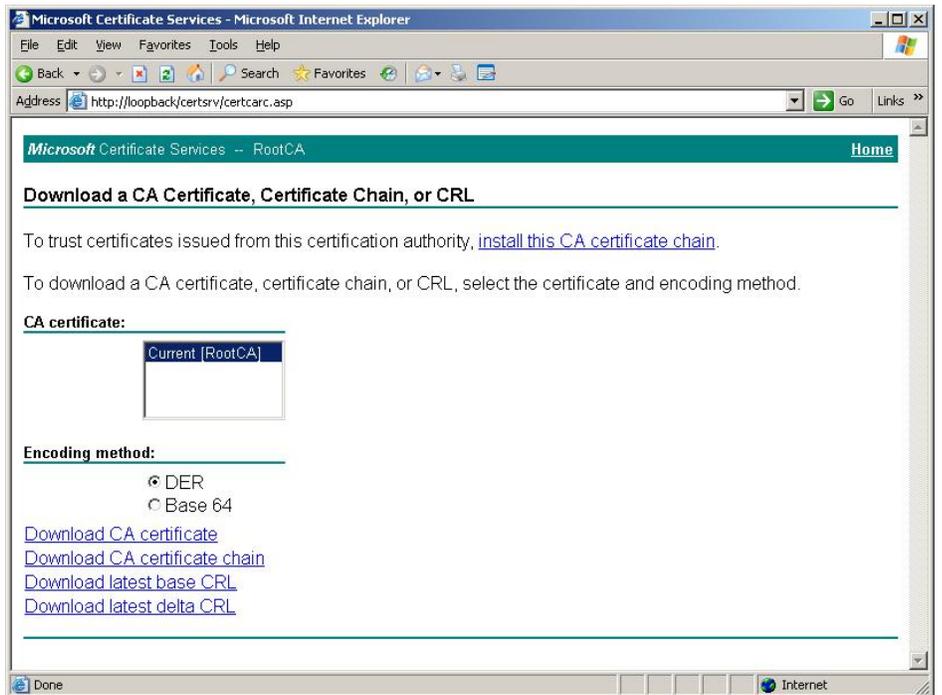


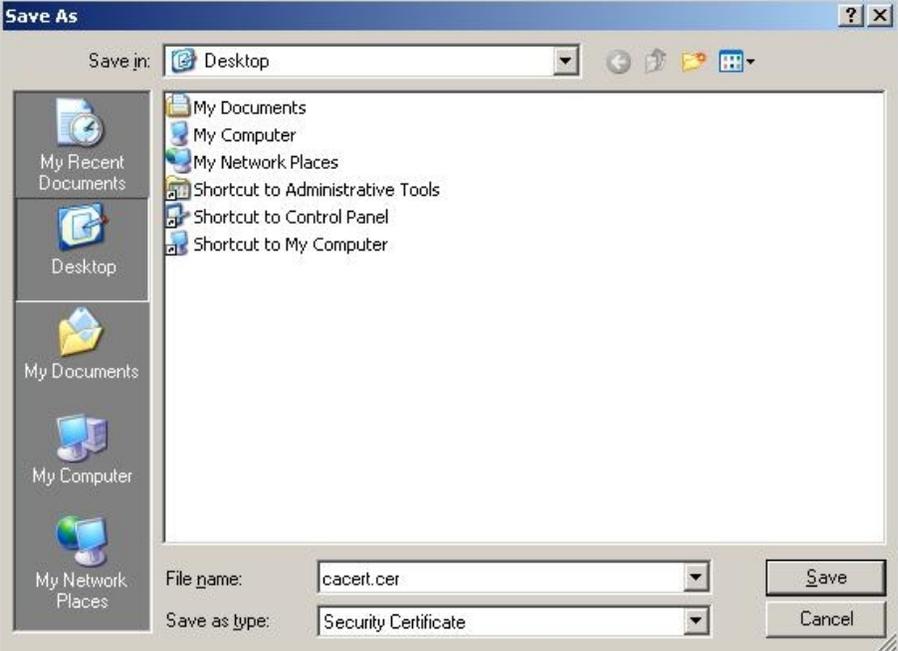
Up to this point, we have loaded the Jetdirect certificate in the local certificate store of the computer running the web browser. Later, we will go back and export this certificate so that we can import it into Jetdirect. For now, we need to download the CA certificate for Jetdirect.

From the main web interface, click "Download a CA certificate..."



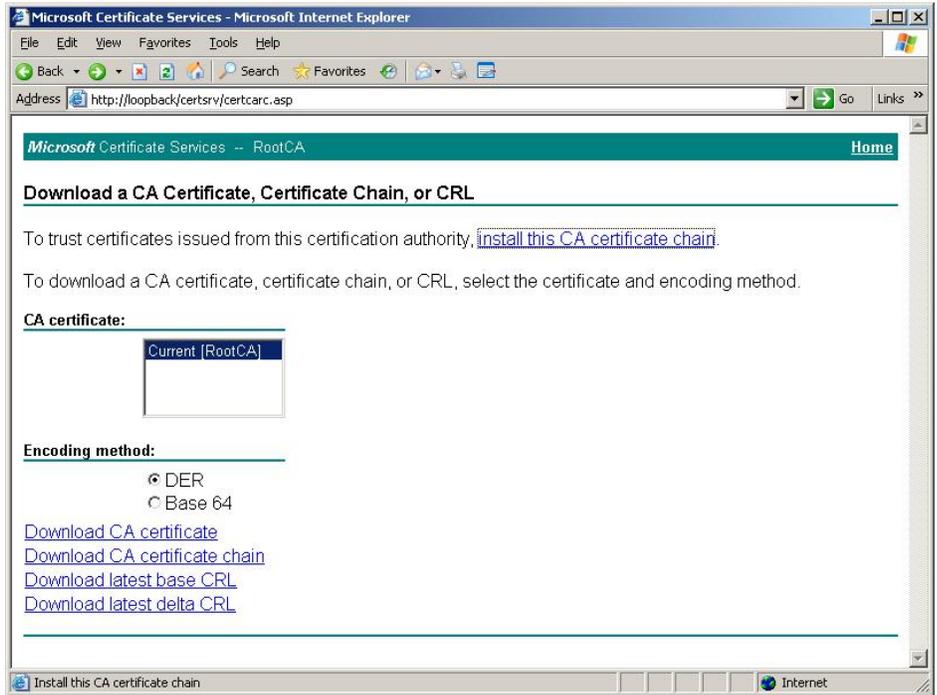
Select "Current [RootCA]", then DER (or Base 64 if you are using an older Jetdirect product), then click "Download CA certificate",



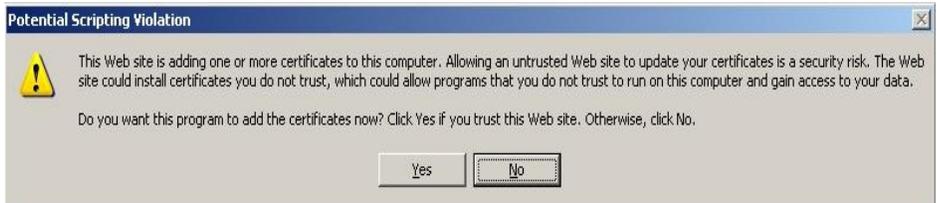
<p>Click Save.</p>	 <p>The dialog box is titled "File Download - Security Warning". It asks "Do you want to open or save this file?". The file details are: Name: certnew.cer, Type: Security Certificate, 1.10 KB, From: loopback. There are three buttons: "Open", "Save", and "Cancel". At the bottom, there is a warning icon and text: "While files from the Internet can be useful, this file type can potentially harm your computer. If you do not trust the source, do not open or save this software. What's the risk?"</p>
<p>Name the file "cacert.cer"</p>	 <p>The "Save As" dialog box shows the "Save in:" location set to "Desktop". The left sidebar shows "My Recent Documents", "Desktop", "My Documents", "My Computer", and "My Network Places". The main pane shows "My Documents", "My Computer", "My Network Places", "Shortcut to Administrative Tools", "Shortcut to Control Panel", and "Shortcut to My Computer". At the bottom, the "File name:" field contains "cacert.cer" and the "Save as type:" dropdown is set to "Security Certificate". There are "Save" and "Cancel" buttons.</p>

We also want to install the CA certificate chain on the local computer. This will allow the browser to recognize certificates issued by the CA as trusted.

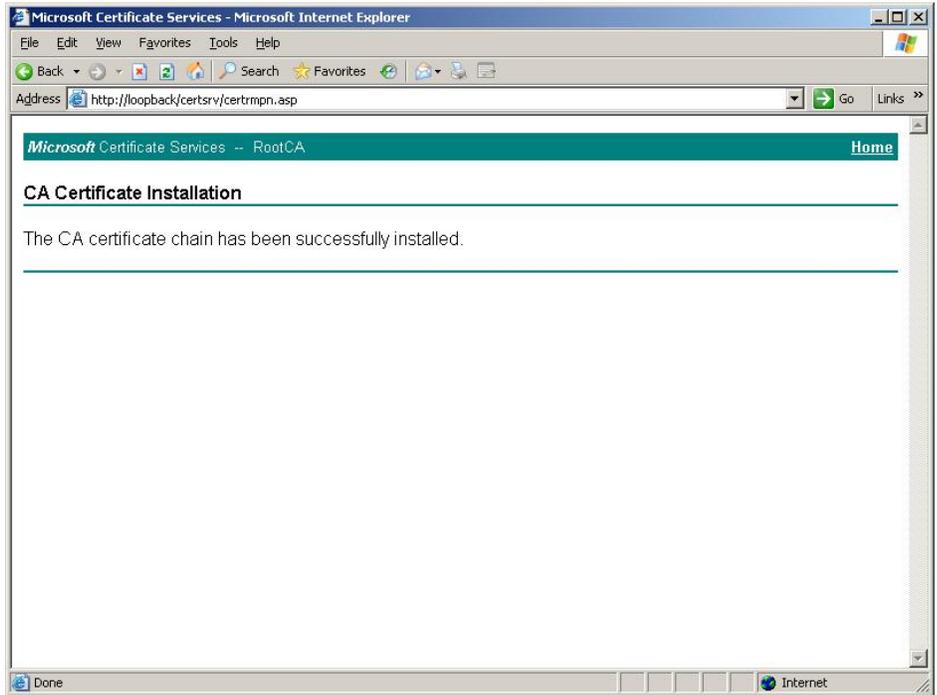
Click "Install this CA certificate chain".



Click Yes.

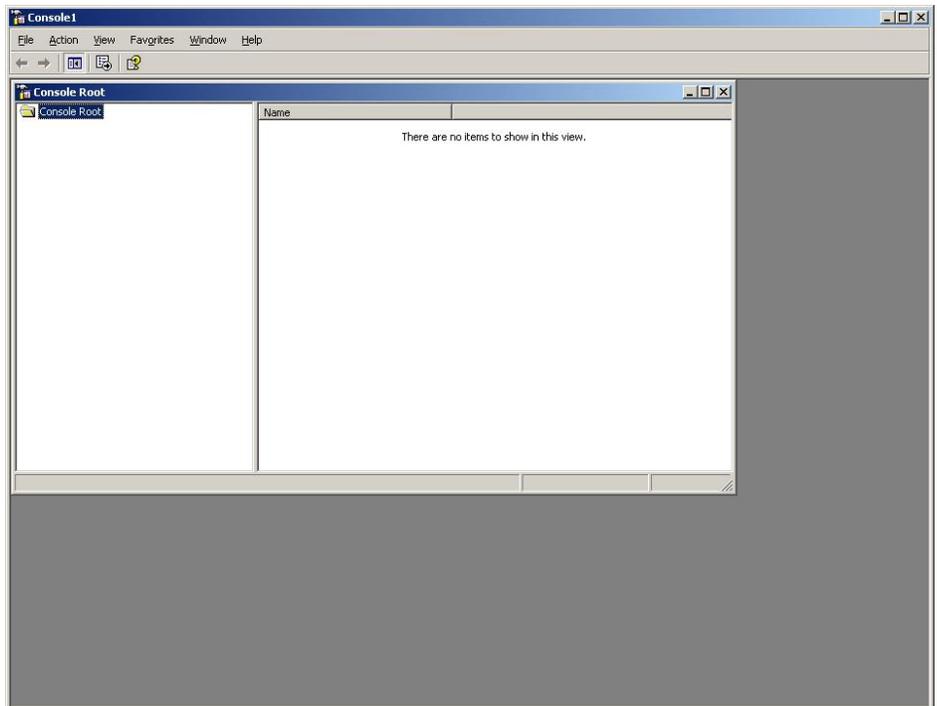


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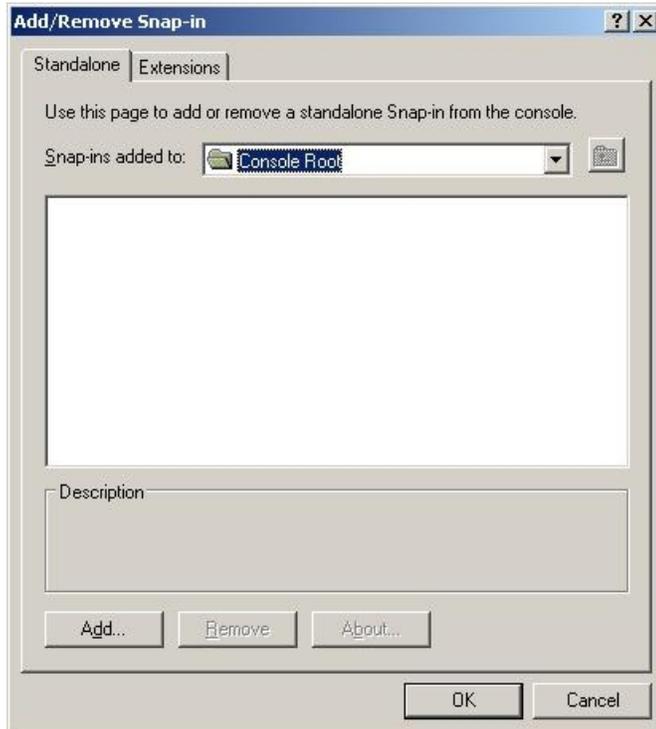


At this point, we want to export the certificate so that it can be loaded with its private key into Jetdirect. We need to bring up MMC again and load the Certificates snap-in.

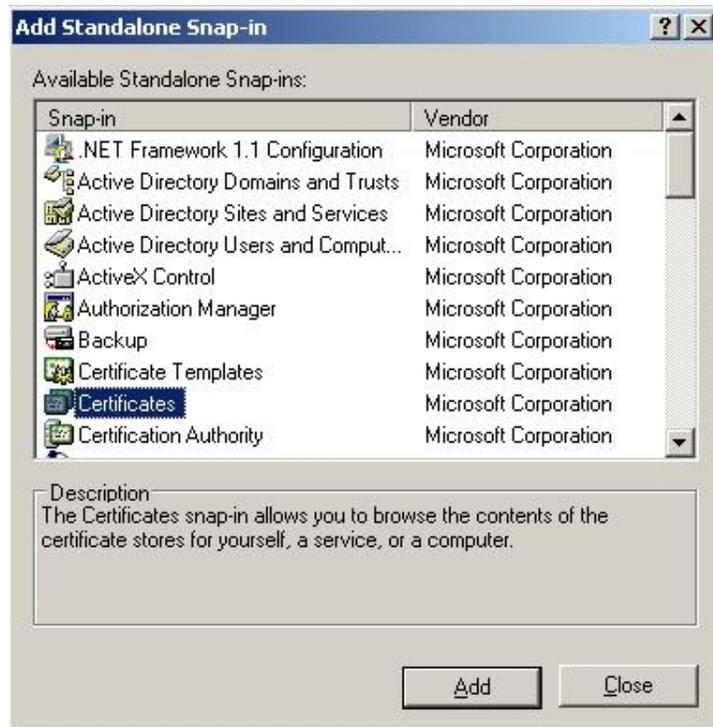
Go to the File Menu and select Add/Remove Snap-In.



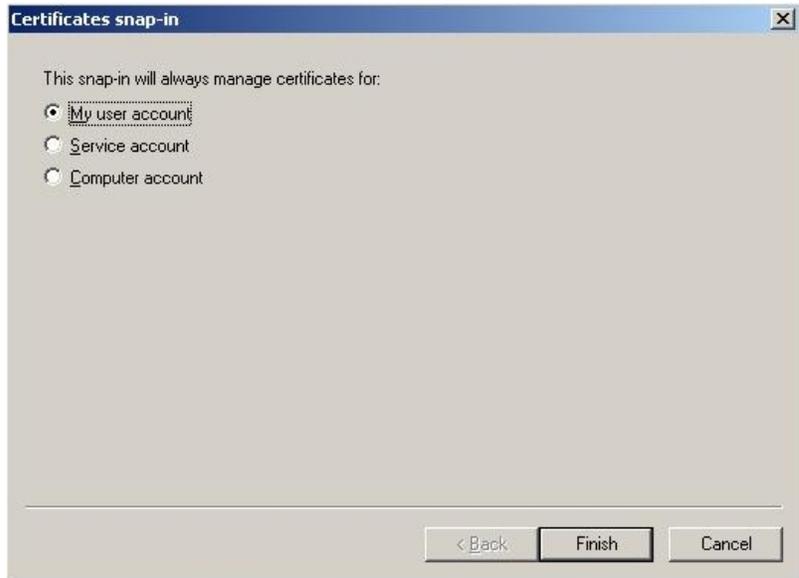
Click "Add..."



Click "Certificates"



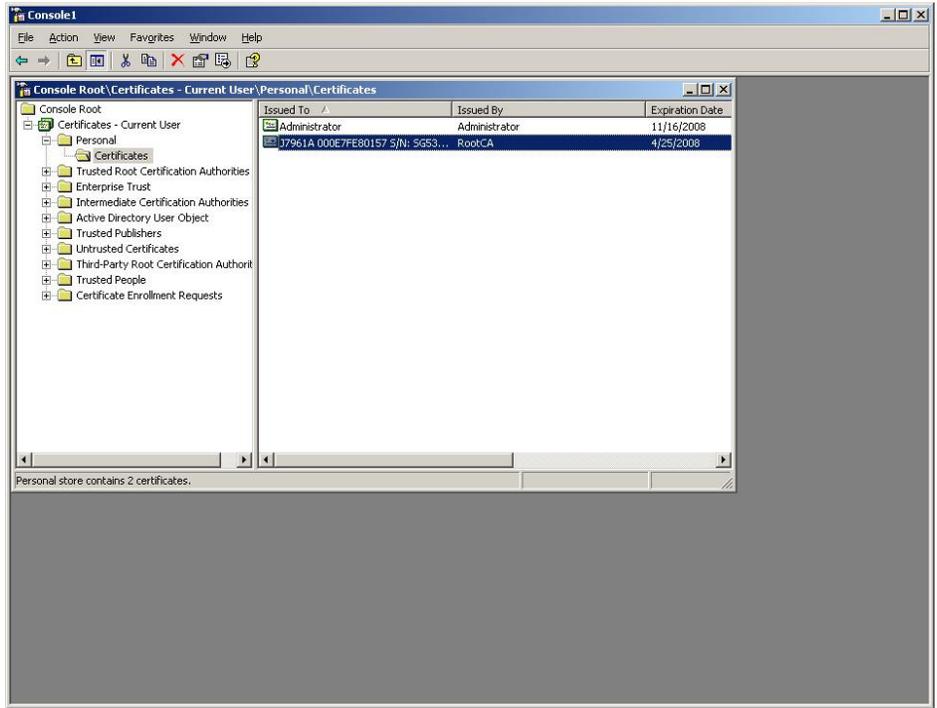
Click "My user account"



Click "Local Computer"



Select the folder
"Certificates"
under
"Personal".
Highlight the
Jetdirect
certificate
issued. Right
Click and
select
"Export..."



The
"Certificate
Export
Wizard"
launches –
Press "Next"



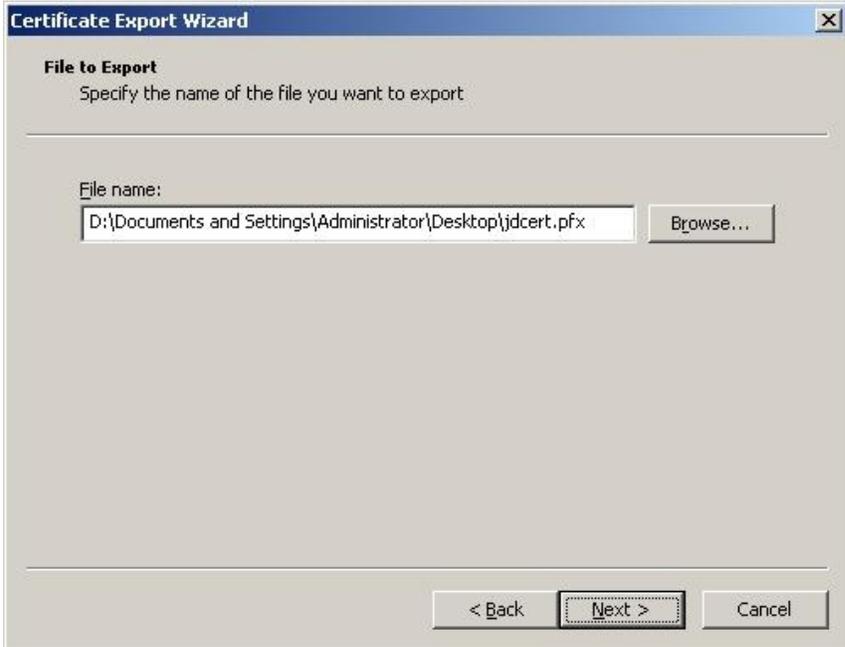
Since we are going to import this certificate into Jetdirect, we need to export the private key as well. Select "Yes, export the private key" and then click "Next".



NOTE: In most cases, when exporting a certificate, you will not want to export the private key. The private key is best kept on the machine that generated it and never moved. This functionality is usually done by generating a Certificate Signing Request (CSR) on Jetdirect. The CSR process on Jetdirect creates a public and private key pair and includes the public key with the CSR while the private key is stored in flash and never exposed external to the Jetdirect device. The CSR is then sent to the Certificate Authority which issues a certificate based upon the information in the request. This certificate would be simply "installed" in Jetdirect and not "imported". Unfortunately, the Enterprise CA modifies the certificate in a way that is not compatible with Jetdirect's CSR and this resulted in Jetdirect refusing to accept the certificate during its installation. Jetdirect has since addressed this problem starting with version V.36.11. Using V.36.11 and later, certificates issued from the Enterprise CAs using a Jetdirect CSR file are accepted. As this process is more secure and preferred, we will cover it later in the whitepaper.

Type a password to protect the private key. Click "Next".

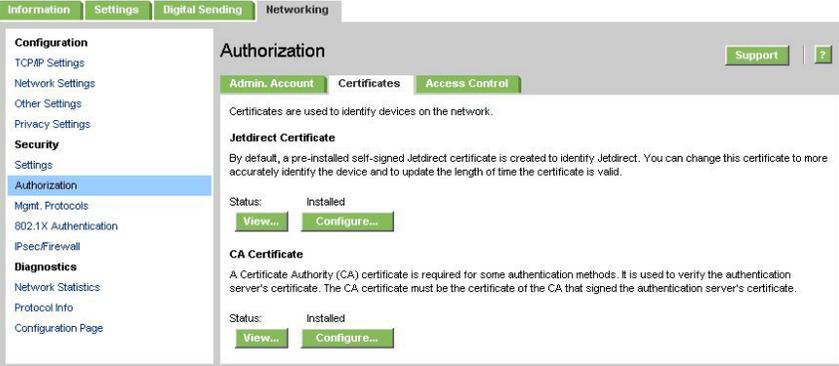


<p>Name the file "jdcert.pfx" and click "Next"</p>									
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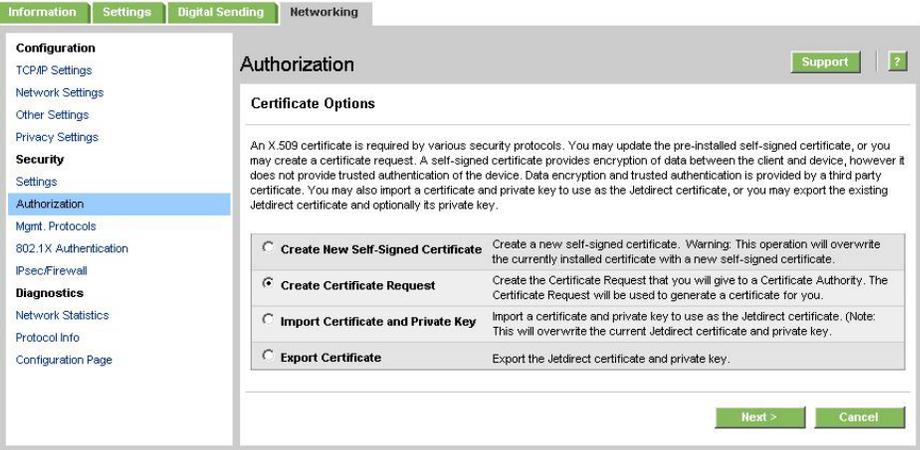
PKI: Creating a Jetdirect CSR and Installing the Certificate

Starting with Jetdirect firmware version V.36.11, certificates created from CSRs and issued by the Enterprise CA can be installed. This method is a more secure way (and preferred way) of installing a certificate. First, we need to create a CSR on Jetdirect.

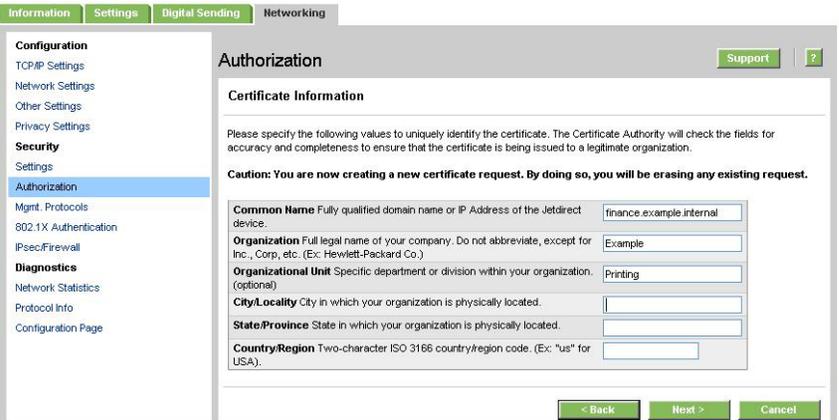
Click on the "Networking" tab and go to "Authorization" and then "Certificates". Click "Configure" under the Jetdirect Certificate section.



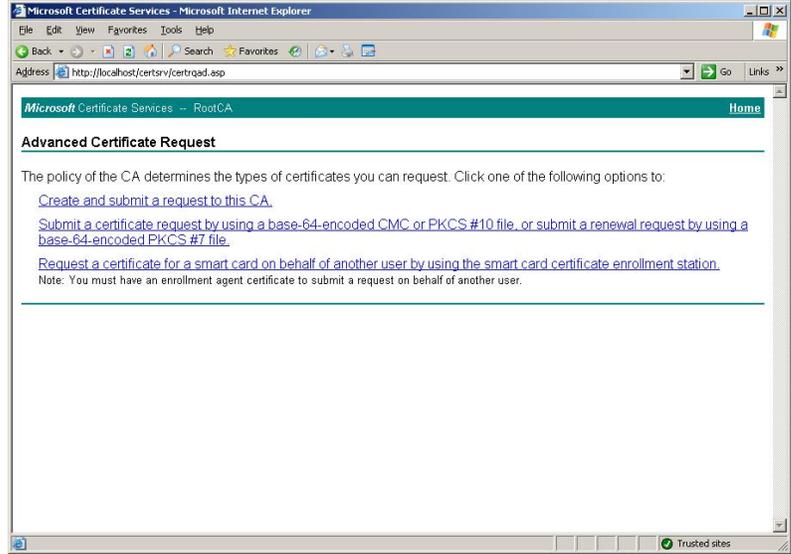
Select "Create Certificate Request" and then click "Next".



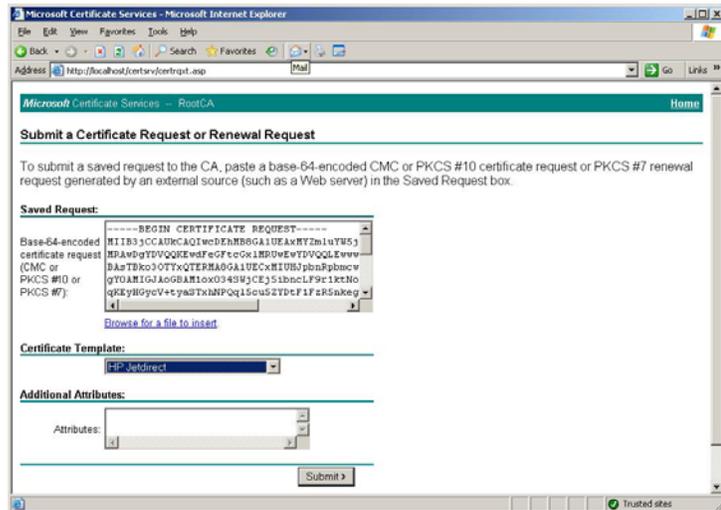
Enter in the fields that describe the devices. Click "Next".



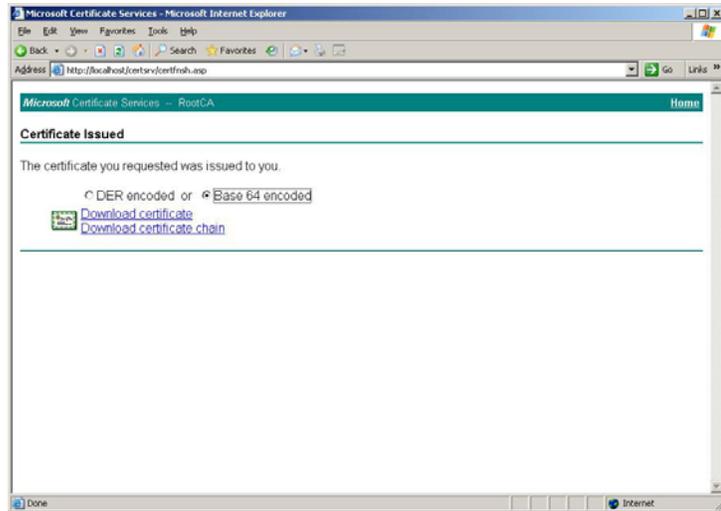
Moving back to the web interface of the Enterprise CA. We have skipped a couple of screen shots and are at the Advanced Certificate Request. Instead of clicking "Create and submit a request to this CA" as we did when we were Importing a certificate, we are going to click the second link "Submit a certificate request..."



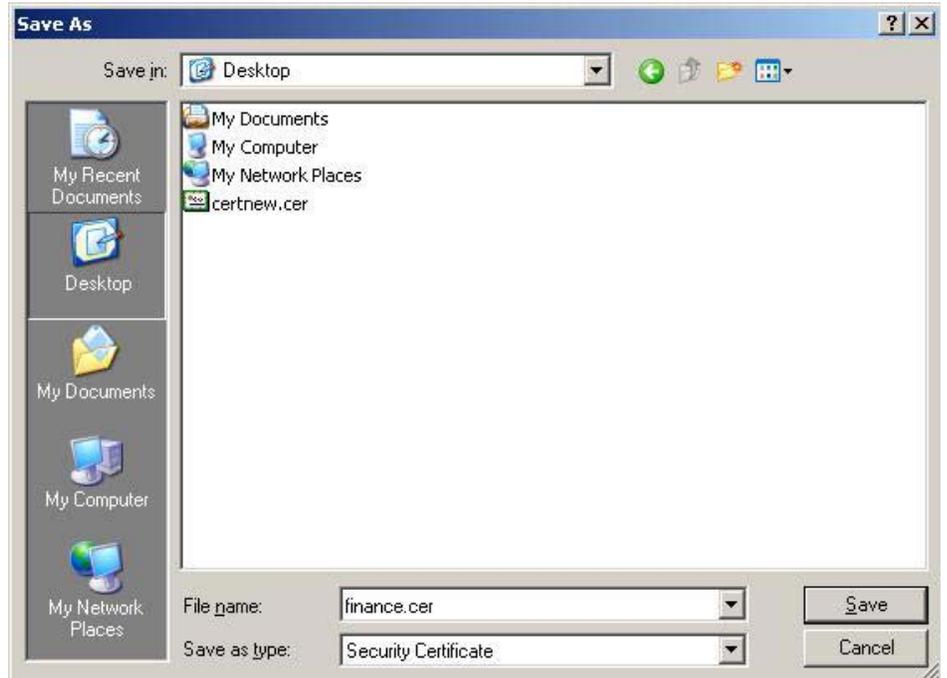
Here we paste in our Certificate Request and select the HP Jetdirect certificate template. Then click "Submit".



Now we have our certificate. Most Jetdirect cards support both DER and Base64, but all support Base64. Simply click "Download Certificate".



Save the certificate.



PKI: HP Jetdirect Certificate Configuration

Now we can discuss the HP Jetdirect configuration for certificates. First, we will install the HP Jetdirect Identity Certificate and the CA Certificate on the HP Jetdirect device. The HP Jetdirect certificates are used by SSL, IPsec, as well as 802.1X EAP authentication. Because multiple authentication methods use these certificates, we created the certificates using the certificate template to act as both a client and server.

In order to install HP Jetdirect Identity certificate and the CA certificate, we need to use the Embedded Web Server (EWS).

<p>Point IE at the IP Address of the HP Jetdirect device.</p>	 <p>The screenshot shows a Microsoft Internet Explorer browser window. The title bar reads "Internet Explorer Enhanced Security Configuration is enabled - Microsoft Internet Explorer". The address bar contains "http://169.254.10.225". The main content area displays a message: "Internet Explorer Enhanced Security Configuration is enabled". Below the title, there is a blue 'e' logo with a yellow padlock. The text explains that Enhanced Security Configuration is currently enabled on the server, configuring security settings for Internet and intranet sites. It notes that this configuration reduces exposure to security risks but also restricts access to network resources like UNC shares. Links are provided for "Effects of Internet Explorer Enhanced Security Configuration" and "Managing Internet Explorer Enhanced Security Configuration". The status bar at the bottom shows "Opening page http://169.254.10.225/..." and the "Internet" icon.</p>
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With some HP Jetdirect print servers, the browser is automatically redirected to use SSL (https://) For other HP Jetdirect products, change the URL to use https:// rather than http:// to ensure that EWS communication is secure. The redirection to SSL requires the HP Jetdirect print server to send its default certificate to Internet Explorer. Because each HP Jetdirect print server is shipped with a self-signed certificate, a security alert is issued because the browser cannot determine if the certificate is valid.

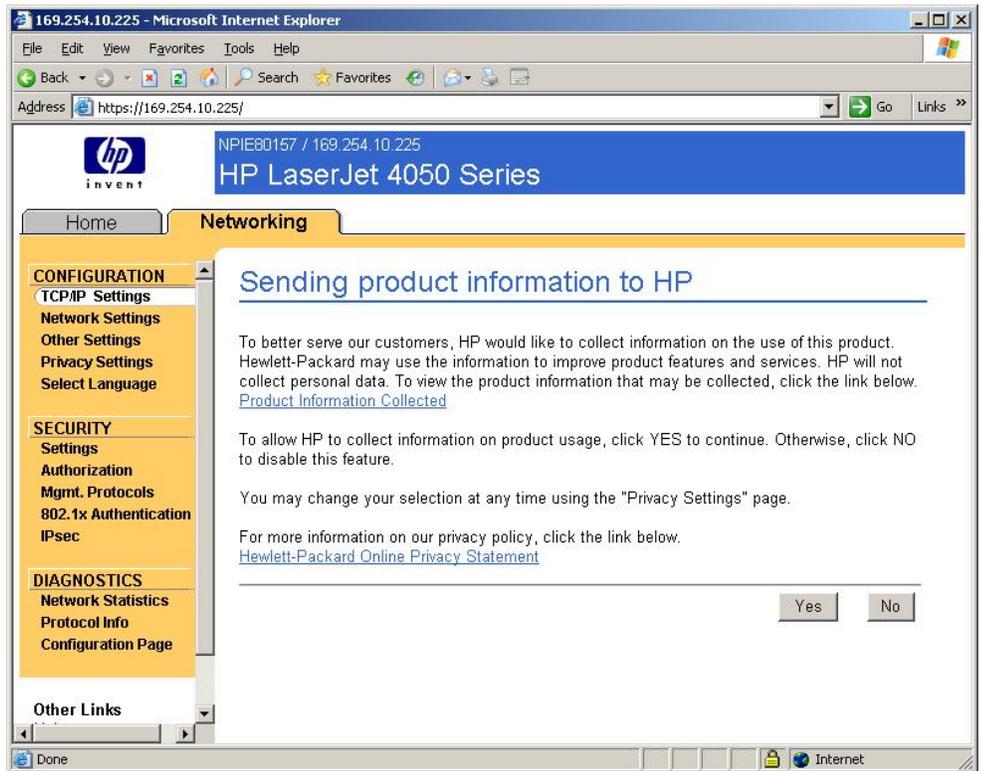


Click "Yes" to continue. Once we replace the Jetdirect certificate, the above dialog will change.

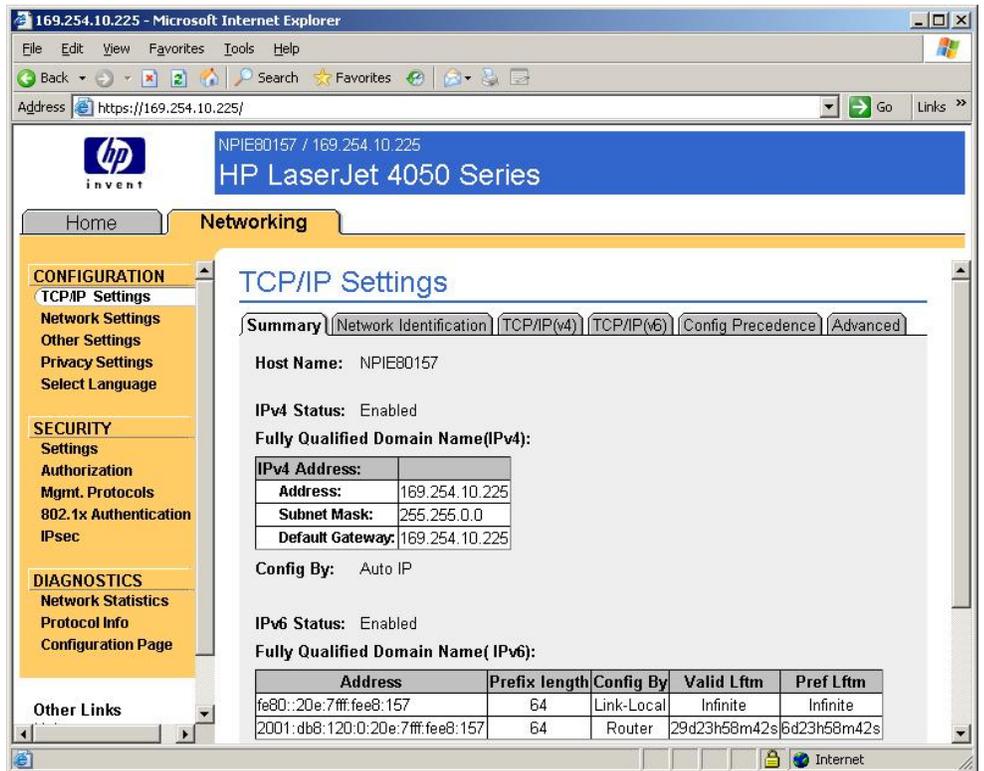
Here we have our home page of the HP Jetdirect device. Click the "Networking" Tab.

Device:	HP LaserJet 4050 Series
Page Count:	2793
Status:	TRAY 3 EMPTY
Host Name:	NPIE80157
System Up Time:	00h:15m:16s
System Contact:	
System Location:	
HP JetDirect:	J7961A
Firmware Version:	V.31.08
IP Address:	169.254.10.225
Hardware Address:	000E7FE80157
LAA:	000E7FE80157
Admin Password:	<Not Set>

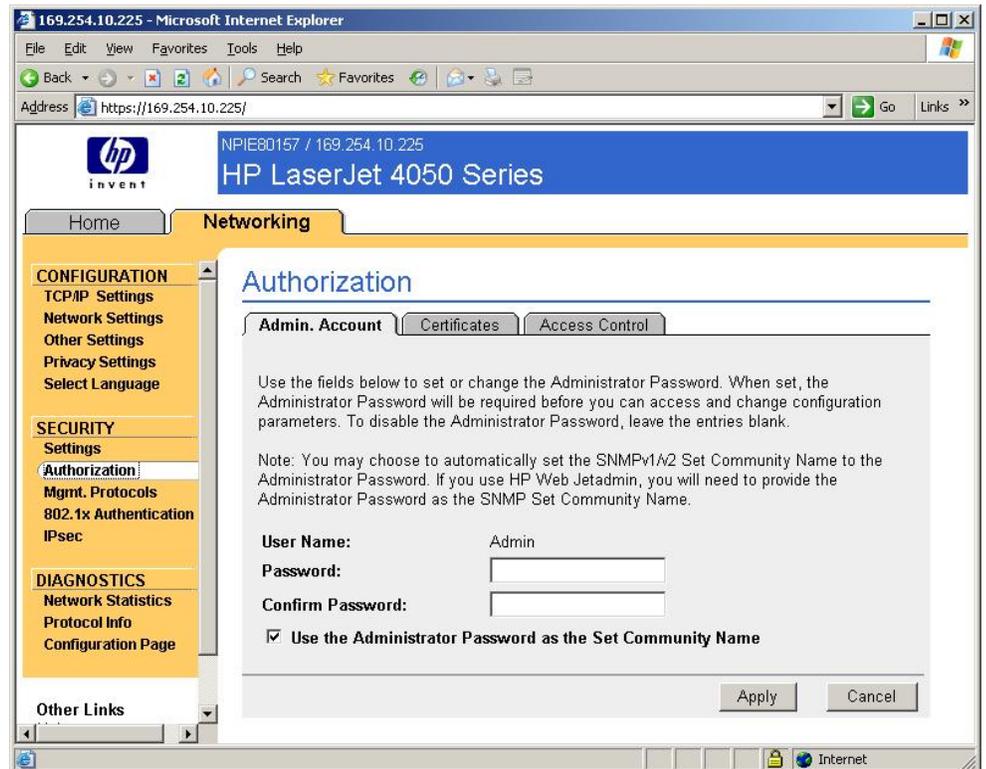
Depending on your HP Jetdirect model and firmware, you may see a screen similar to this one. It allows anonymous post sales information to be gathered about the HP Jetdirect configuration. This initiative is completely voluntary. Click Yes or No, depending on your preference.



At this point, you'll be on the "TCP/IP Settings" link for Jetdirect. On the left hand navigation menu, select "Authorization".

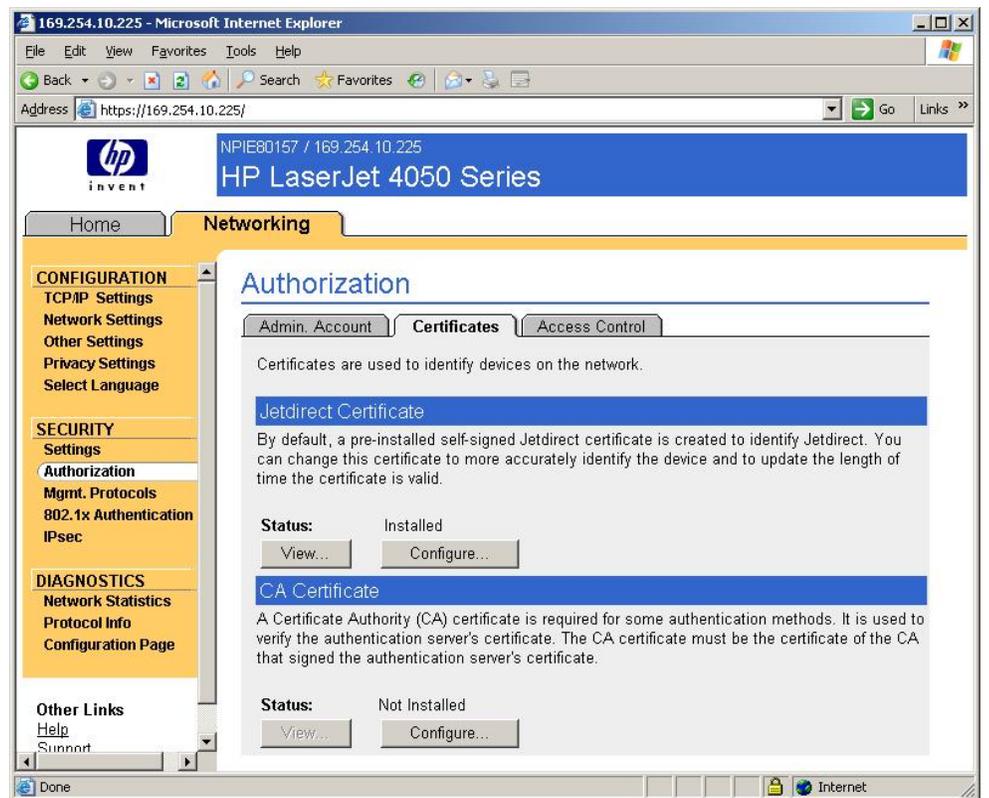


Click the "Certificates" tab.

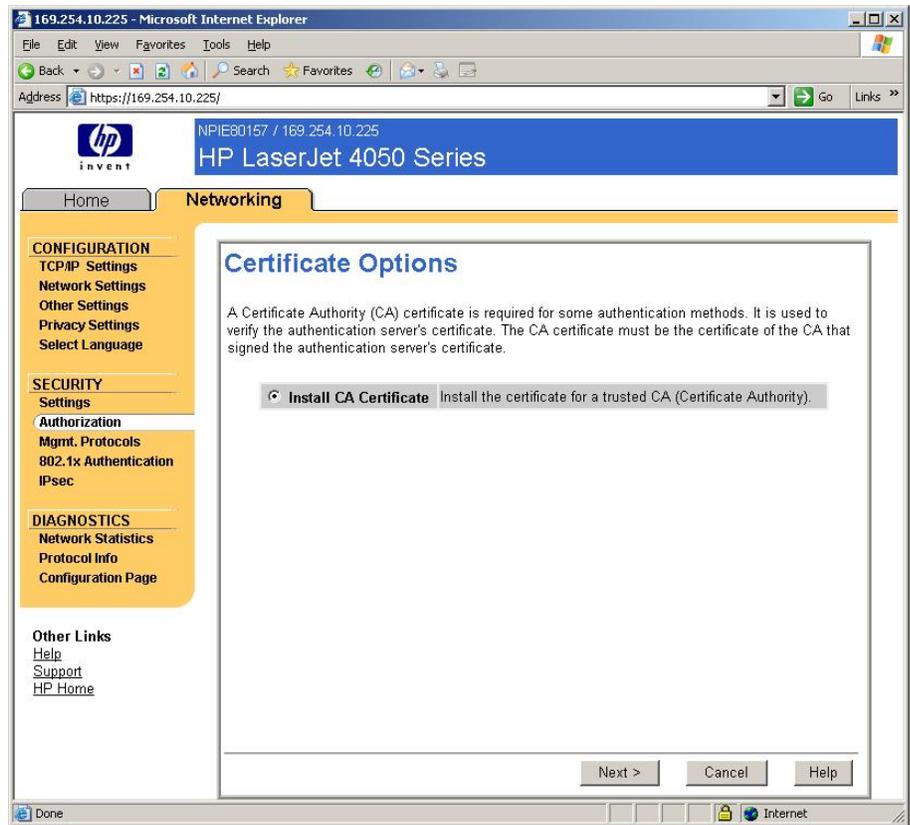


There are two certificates on HP Jetdirect. One is the HP Jetdirect certificate used for SSL, certain EAP protocols, IPsec, etc... The other is the Certificate Authority (CA) public key certificate which tells HP Jetdirect what CA it is supposed to trust. Certificates may be exchanged and HP Jetdirect needs to be able to verify the received certificate was signed by the trusted CA. We'll install the CA certificate first.

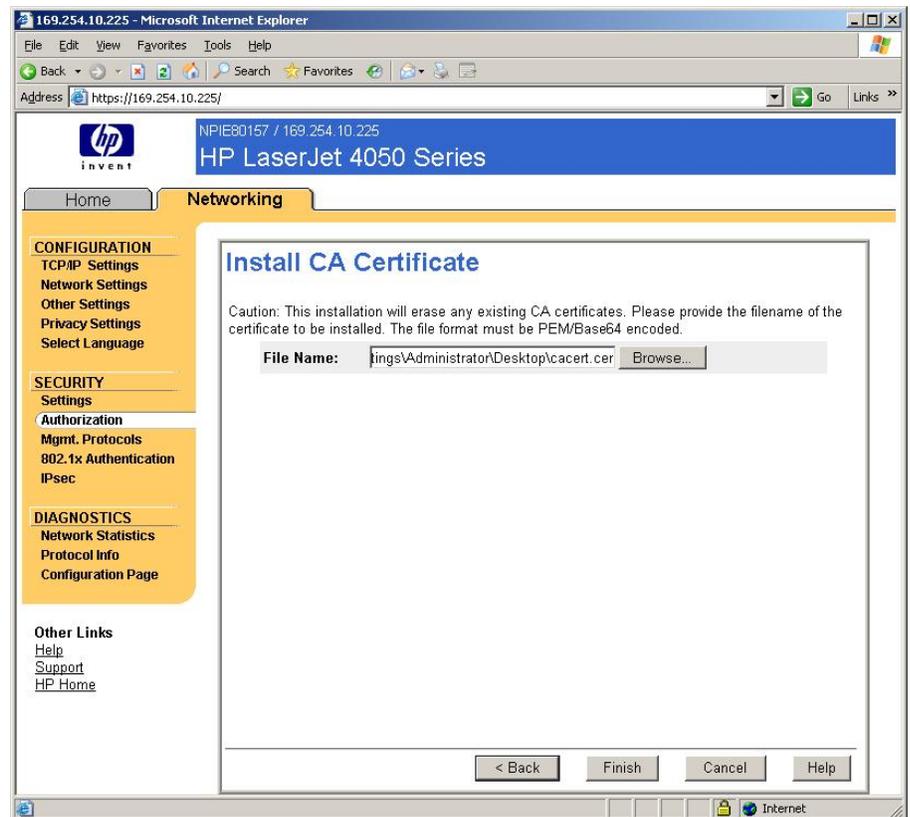
Click "Configure..." under the "CA Certificate" heading.



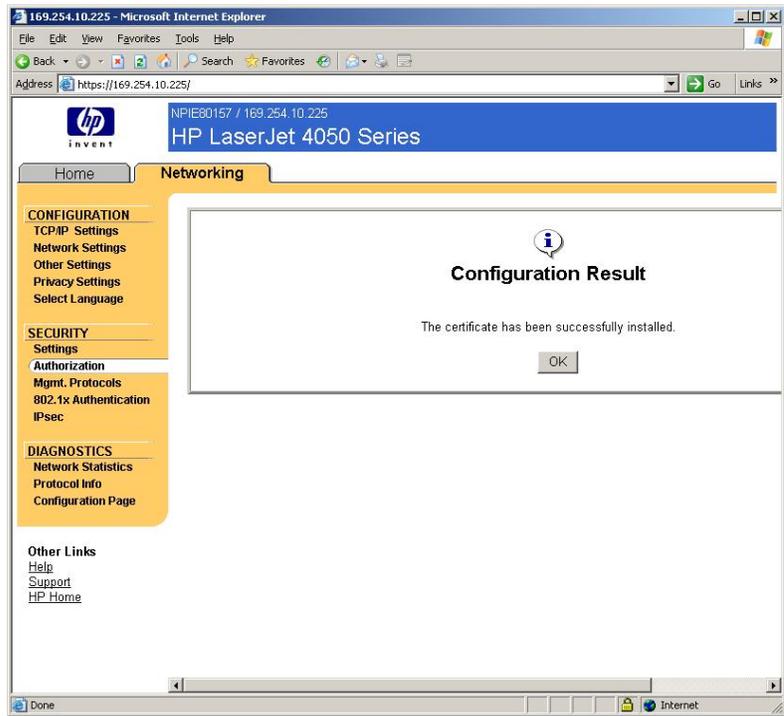
Install is our only option. Click "Next".



Point the web browser to the "cacert.cer" file that was created earlier. Click "Finish".

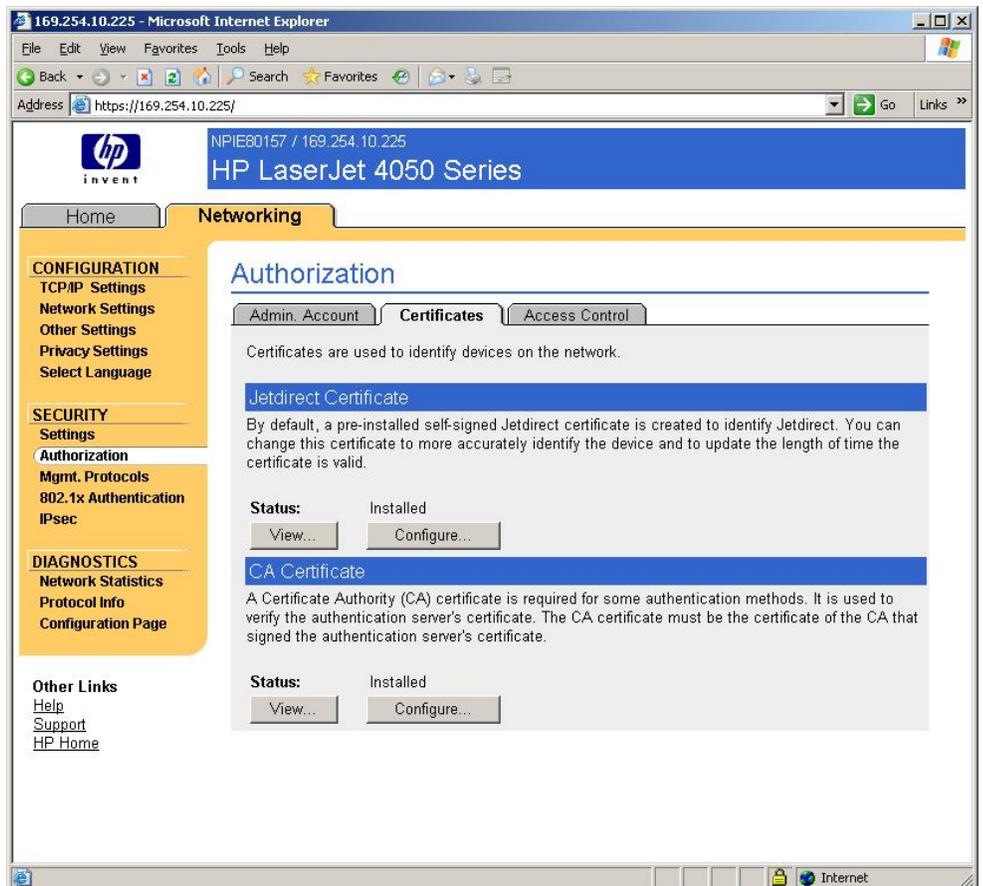


Done!



If you did not use the certificate request method of generating a certificate, we'll want to "Import the Certificate and Private Key" into Jetdirect.

Now we'll import the Jetdirect Certificate – click "Configure..." under the "Jetdirect Certificate" heading.



Select "Import Certificate and Private Key".
Click "Next".

The screenshot shows a Microsoft Internet Explorer browser window displaying the HP LaserJet 4050 Series web interface. The address bar shows the URL <https://169.254.10.225/>. The page title is "HP LaserJet 4050 Series". The interface is divided into several sections:

- Home** and **Networking** tabs are visible at the top.
- CONFIGURATION** section includes: TCP/IP Settings, Network Settings, Other Settings, Privacy Settings, and Select Language.
- SECURITY** section includes: Settings, Authorization, Mgmt. Protocols, 802.1x Authentication, and IPsec.
- DIAGNOSTICS** section includes: Network Statistics, Protocol Info, and Configuration Page.
- Other Links** section includes: Help, Support, and HP Home.

The main content area is titled "Certificate Options" and contains the following text:

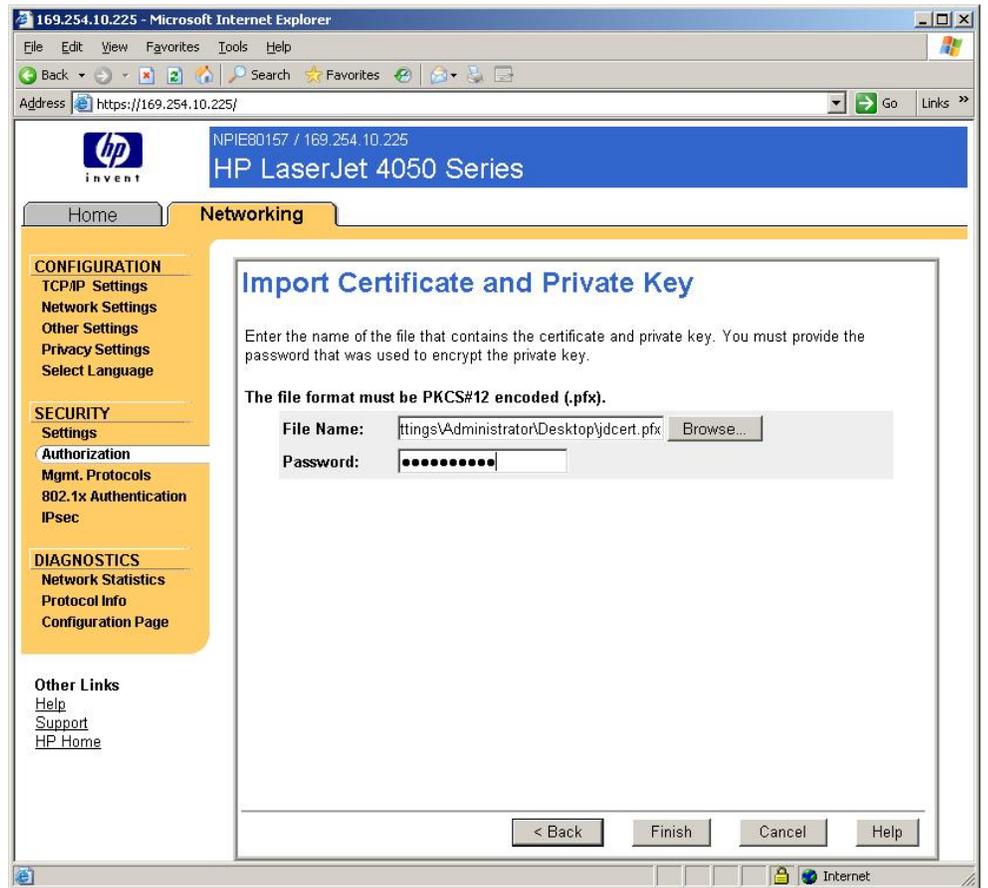
An X.509 certificate is required by various security protocols. You may update the pre-installed self-signed certificate, or you may create a certificate request. A self-signed certificate provides encryption of data between the client and device, however it does not provide trusted authentication of the device. Data encryption and trusted authentication is provided by a third party certificate. You may also import a certificate and private key to use as the Jetdirect certificate, or you may export the existing Jetdirect certificate and private key.

Four radio button options are listed:

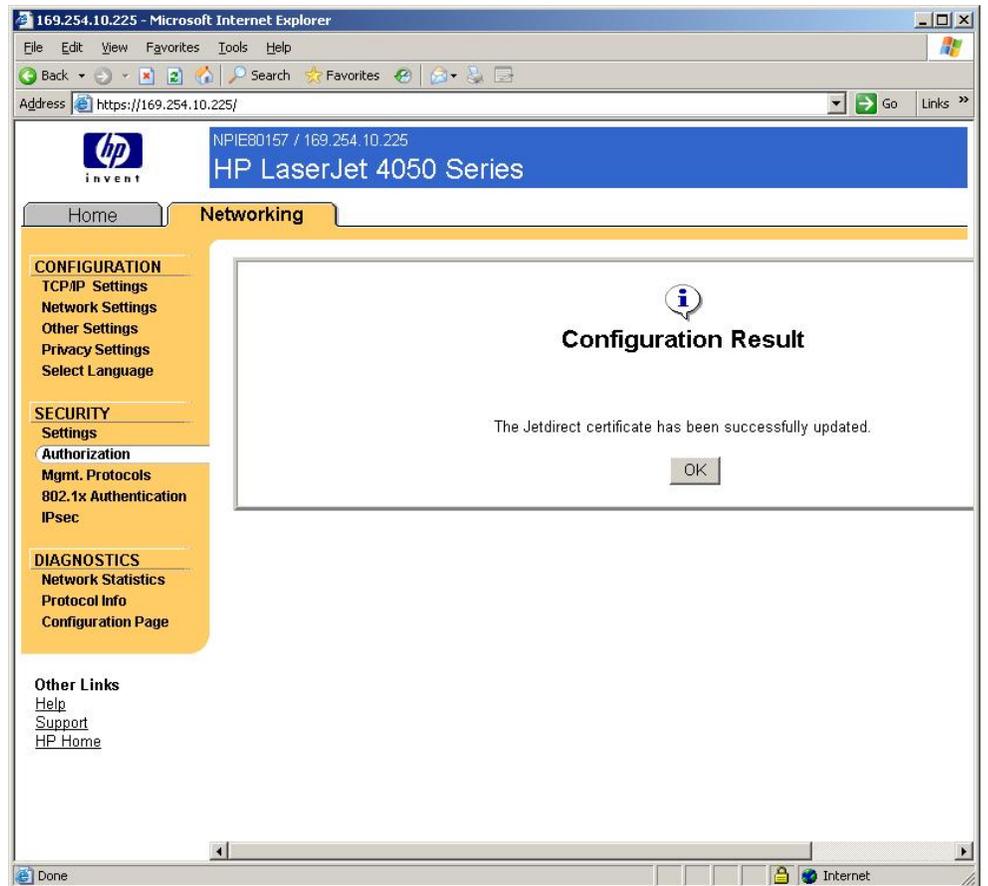
- Update Pre-Installed Certificate**: Update the pre-installed self-signed certificate.
- Create Certificate Request**: Create the Certificate Request that you will give to a Certificate Authority. The Certificate Request will be used to generate a certificate for you.
- Import Certificate and Private Key**: Import a certificate and private key to use as the Jetdirect certificate. (Note: This will overwrite the current Jetdirect certificate and private key.)
- Export Certificate and Private Key**: Export the Jetdirect certificate and private key.

At the bottom of the page, there are three buttons: "Next >", "Cancel", and "Help".

Select the "jdcert.pfx" file that contains the private key of Jetdirect and the password that was used to protect the private key. Click "Finish".

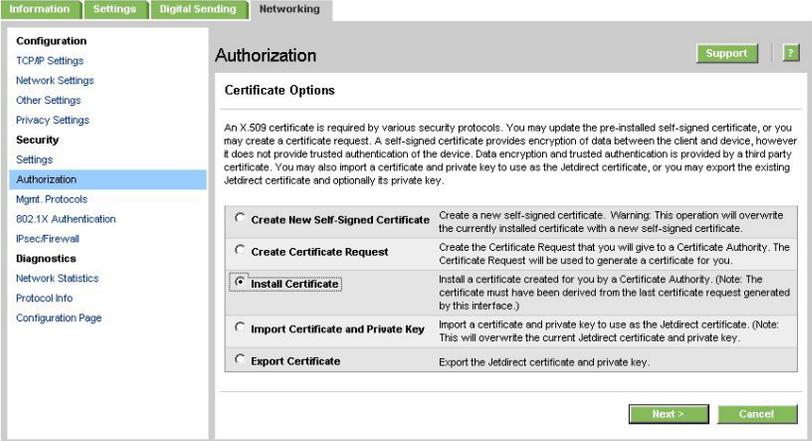


Done!



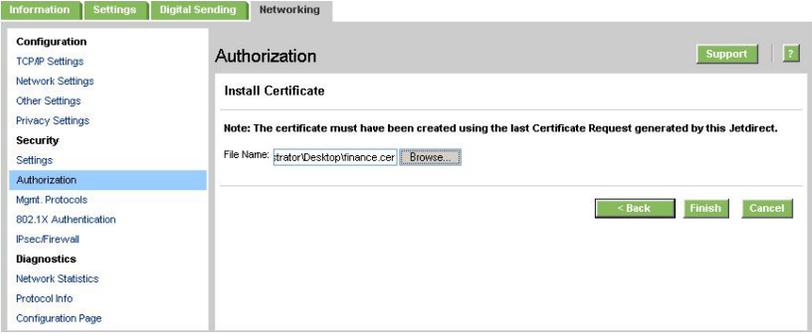
If you used the certificate request method of generating a certificate, we'll want to select "Install Certificate" instead of "Import Certificate and Private Key".

Going back to the Jetdirect Certificate Wizard, we select the "Install Certificate" option. Click "Next".



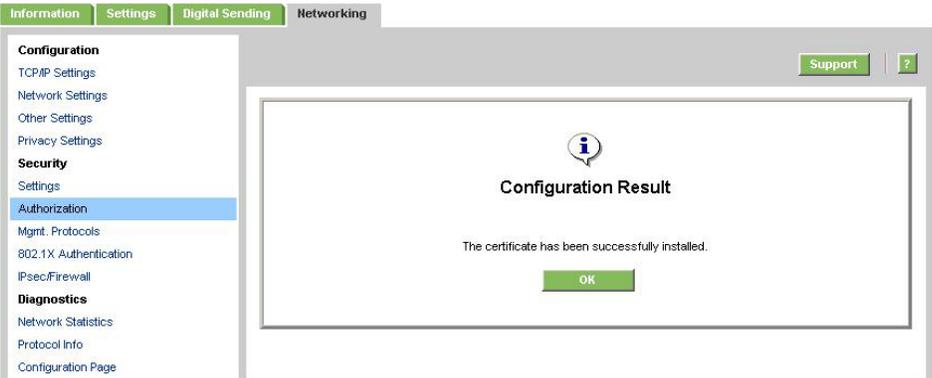
The screenshot shows the 'Authorization' configuration page. On the left, a navigation menu lists 'Configuration', 'Security', and 'Diagnostics'. Under 'Security', 'Authorization' is selected. The main content area is titled 'Authorization' and contains 'Certificate Options'. A text block explains that an X.509 certificate is required and offers four options: 'Create New Self-Signed Certificate', 'Create Certificate Request', 'Install Certificate' (which is selected with a radio button), and 'Import Certificate and Private Key'. Below these options are 'Next >' and 'Cancel' buttons.

Select the certificate file saved previously. Click "Finish".



The screenshot shows the 'Install Certificate' page. The navigation menu is the same as in the previous screenshot. The main content area is titled 'Install Certificate' and features a note: 'Note: The certificate must have been created using the last Certificate Request generated by this Jetdirect.' Below the note is a 'File Name' field containing 'strator\Desktop\finance.cer' and a 'Browse...' button. At the bottom of the page are '< Back', 'Finish', and 'Cancel' buttons.

We are done!



The screenshot shows a 'Configuration Result' dialog box. The navigation menu is still visible on the left. The dialog box has a title bar with 'Support' and a help icon. The main content area contains an information icon, the title 'Configuration Result', and the message 'The certificate has been successfully installed.' Below the message is an 'OK' button.

Now we have the files that represent Jetdirect's identity certificate and the public key certificate of the CA we trust. We can now look to the networking infrastructure to help control access to the network.

Step 3: 802.1X and VLANs

IEEE 802.1X Port Access Control is a generic framework that allows infrastructure devices to control an end-node's access to the network. From an Ethernet perspective, we can refer to Figure 13 – 802.1X Switch Port, and see the breakdown of the Ethernet switch.

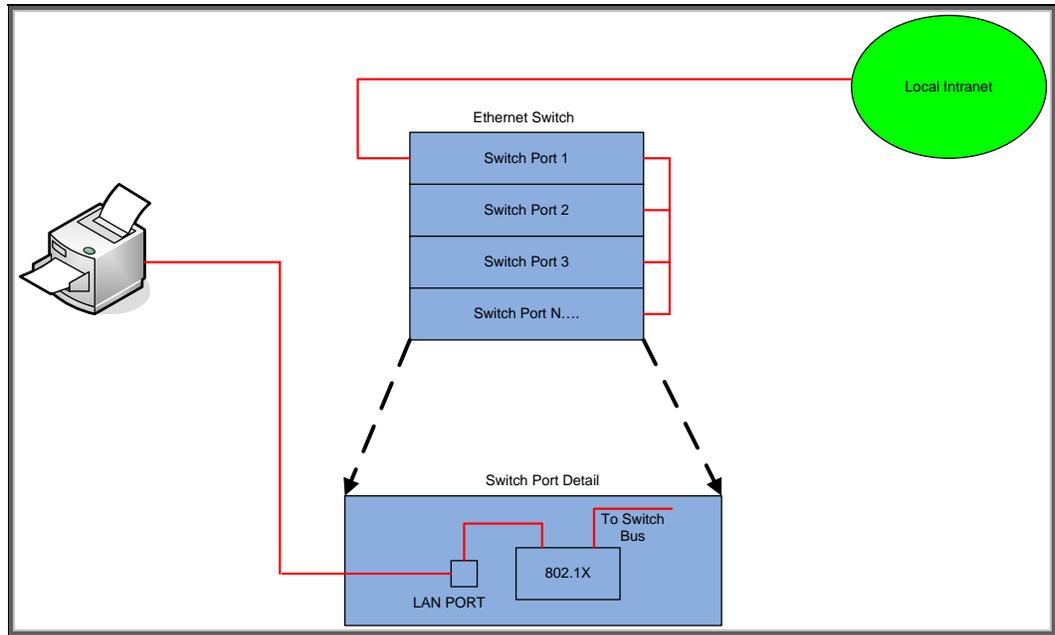


Figure 13 - 802.1X Switch Port

The end-node device must authenticate itself to the network before the local switch will grant it access to the network. The end-node device has a valid link to the switch, but the only frames the switch will forward from the end-node to the network are 802.1X Extensible Authentication Protocol (EAP) frames. The technical terminology for the devices involved is shown in Figure 14 – 802.1X Terms.

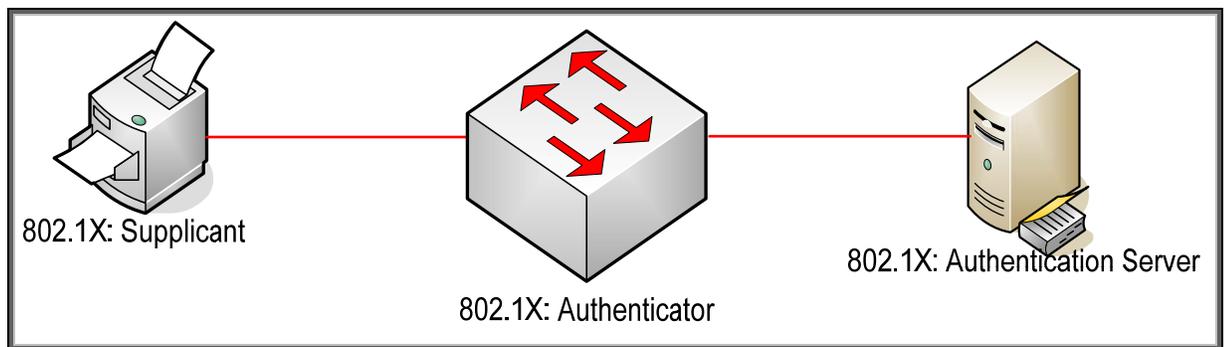


Figure 14 - 802.1X Terms

In reality, the authenticator (switch) forwards 802.1X EAP frames from the Supplicant to an Authentication Server. Based upon the configuration in the Authentication Server and the information supplied by the Supplicant, the Supplicant is authenticated (or not). The result of this authentication determines whether the switch port is "opened up" to the network for the Supplicant to send/receive non-EAP frames for normal network operation. With HP ProCurve switches, the Authentication Server can return much more information, such as the VLAN the Supplicant should be assigned, bandwidth

restrictions on the Supplicant, etc., and the switch dynamically configures itself to support those parameters.

Because Extensible is part of the name of EAP, there are multiple protocols that have been developed under the EAP framework. All HP Jetdirect products supporting 802.1X also support Protected EAP or PEAP. Many HP Jetdirect products also support EAP-Transport Layer Security or EAP-TLS. These two EAP flavors are the most popular for wired 802.1X deployments. Both protocols utilize SSL/TLS running under EAP to authenticate the Authentication Server which sets up a secure tunnel. When shopping on the Internet, SSL/TLS is often used to protect the transaction over the network and to establish trust that the web site being contacted is really that web site and not an imposter's web site.

A cornerstone of SSL/TLS is the digital certificate. For PEAP and EAP-TLS, the Authentication Server sends over a digital certificate which the supplicant will attempt to validate. After a series of checks are performed, the supplicant will need to establish that the digital certificate was created by a trusted authority. If it passes that test, an SSL/TLS tunnel can be established. At this point, PEAP and EAP-TLS diverge. PEAP uses the tunnel to securely pass credentials via another protocol, typically a username and password, to the Authentication Server while EAP-TLS uses a client digital certificate for authentication.

For an in-depth discussion of 802.1X configuration on HP Jetdirect, refer to the whitepaper "How to use 802.1X on HP Jetdirect Print Servers".

802.1X: Printing and Imaging Virtual LANs

Let's assume that all the printers for a given building were going to be installed in the same VLAN. Once the printer's identity has been established via 802.1X, it is placed in a VLAN with all the other building's networked printers or MFPs. VLANs are usually assigned their own IP subnet. Therefore, an HP Jetdirect can be pre-configured by the Printing and Imaging Device Administration group with Certificates and a complete IP configuration and then deployed anywhere in the building. Another surprising benefit to an intelligent networking infrastructure is the ability to assign end-nodes that do not have 802.1X configured to an "Open VLAN". This VLAN for instance would have its own IP subnet as well. The Printer Administrator group can run network discoveries and easily determine printers that are in use that are not under the Printer Administrator's control. Refer to Figure 15 – Multiple VLANs.

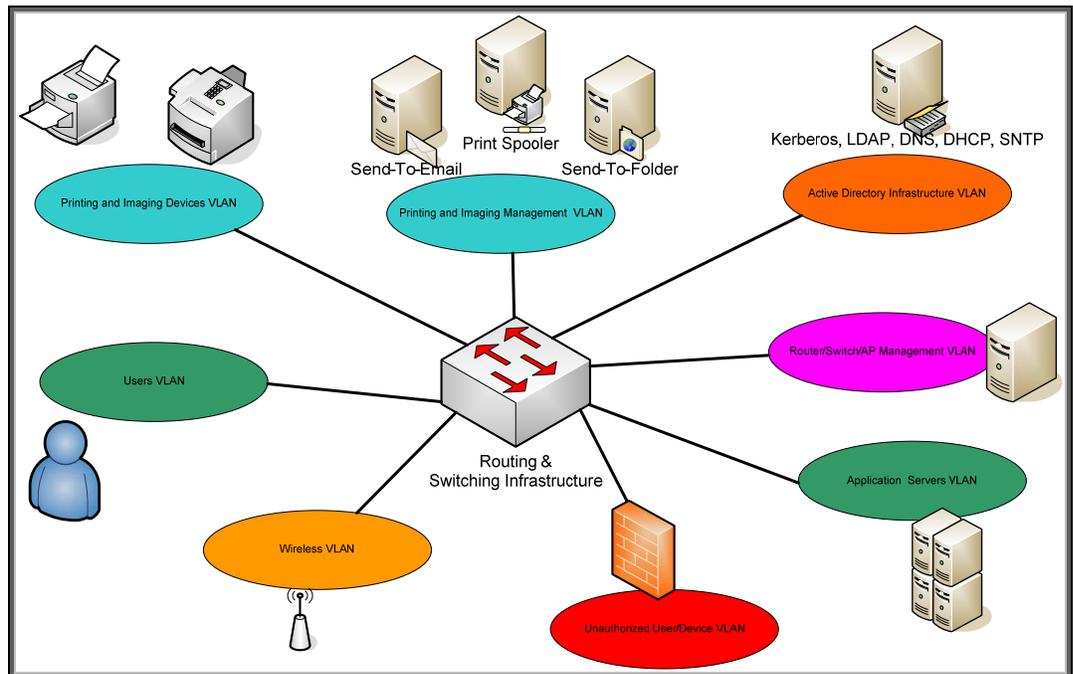


Figure 15 – Multiple VLANs

As an example for Building 10:

- PID VLAN IPv4 subnet for Building10: 10.0.0 /24
- PID VLAN IPv6 subnet for Building10: 2001:0DB8:0000::/64
- Printer Management VLAN IPv4 Subnet for Building 10: 10.0.255/24
- Printer Management VLAN IPv6 Subnet for Building 10: 2001:0DB8:00FF::/64
- Infrastructure Servers VLAN IPv4 172.16 /16
- Infrastructure Servers VLAN IPv6 2001:0DB8:FFFF::/64

NOTE: It is assumed that non IPv4 and non IPv6 protocols are disabled from a routing perspective.

The PID Administration (PIDA) team receives a LaserJet 4345mfp. The PIDA team allocates a static IP address of 10.0.0.25 and 2001:0DB8::25 and requests an Identity certificate with the DNS name of hppid.example.internal as well as the Root CA certificate from the IT Security team. The PIDA team indicates to the Network Infrastructure (NI) team that the VLAN assigned to this device is the PID VLAN and the PID should be placed in this VLAN on successful 802.1X authentication. The LaserJet 4345mfp and the MFP is sent to building 10. Once installed in Building 10, it automatically is put on the PID VLAN when 802.1X authentication is successful.

Because the PID VLAN represents a single point of failure, redundant power-supplies on switches and redundant or trunk interconnect lines are recommended for switches. In addition, standby routers to route between VLANs are also recommended. Finally, as an important security measure, it is recommended that Private VLANs be used. Private VLANs are a way to control which ports can communicate with other ports on the VLAN – in short, the printers on the PID VLAN should only be able to communicate with router ports and not other devices. This forces all printer traffic to go through the router(s).

An alternative design is to place the printers or MFPs in the same VLAN as the group that is using them. This prevents routers from always having to be involved for most printing. However, the advantages of using a PID VLAN will become clear in the next section.

Step 4: Switch Based IP Access Control Lists

A customer reading the previous section may be worried about having all printers on the same VLAN. This customer may be concerned that the printers Finance uses are on the same VLAN and subnet as the printers that Marketing uses. The worry is that an intruder that gains access to the Printer VLAN will have the ability to read just about anything being printed. This worry is justified.

Let us summarize what we have so far for the PID VLAN:

- (1) Must pass 802.1X authentication to get on the PID VLAN
- (2) If the switch supports Private VLAN, PIDs can only communicate with the Router(s)

One of the fundamental premises of Network Security is “defense-in-depth”. We have done what we can to limit access to the Layer 2 functions in our network ((1) and (2) previously stated). Now we will begin looking at Layer 3 and how we can use the router and IPsec to further protect our printing devices.

It would be instructive to continue our Building 10 example. Here the Printer VLAN is 10.0.0 /24 and the Printer Management VLAN is 10.0.255 /24. Right away we can say that the only communication that should happen with a printer/MFP should happen with the Printer Management VLAN. Therefore, we can setup an access control list (ACL) on the VLAN routers as follows

```
access-list permit ipv4 10.0.0.0/24 10.0.255.0/24
access-list permit ipv6 2001:0DB8:000::/64 2001:0DB8:00FF::/64
```

These ACLs are placed on the interface that is part of the PID VLAN in the inbound direction (Router Point of View). Everything else will be dropped. We can also setup the corresponding ACL on the outbound path.

```
access-list permit ipv4 10.0.255.0/24 10.0.0.0/24
access-list permit ipv6 2001:0DB8:00FF::/64 2001:0DB8:000::/64
```

Essentially, only packets coming from the Printer Management VLAN going to the PID VLAN will be allowed. We also need to allow access to the Infrastructure Servers VLAN.

```
access-list permit ipv4 10.0.0.0/24 172.16 /16
access-list permit ipv6 2001:0DB8:000::/64 2001:0DB8:FFFF::/64
access-list permit ipv4 172.16 /16 10.0.0.0/24
access-list permit ipv6 2001:0DB8:FFFF::/64 2001:0DB8:000::/64
```

Using the Access Control capability of the Routers, we have effectively limited communication between the Printer Management VLAN, the PID VLAN, and the Infrastructure Servers VLAN. However, a knowledgeable attacker can spoof the Source IP address of packets and make them appear to come from the Printer Management VLAN. This is all that is necessary to create Denial of Service conditions. One way of combating source IP address spoofing is to do Ingress Filtering on router interfaces. Ingress filtering drops any packets where the Source IP address does not match the router’s configuration. A further security step would be to limit the communication between the PID VLAN and the Infrastructure Servers VLAN to specific protocols – such as Kerberos, DNS, and LDAPS.

We also have another option – IP Security.

Step 5: IP Security (IPsec)

As a further step, we can protect all PIM VLAN and PID VLAN communication using IPsec. IPsec provides transparent security to applications. Because of some chicken-egg situations with the Infrastructure Servers VLAN, we will only protect the PIM VLAN and the PID VLAN with IPsec. We will restrict the PID VLAN and the Infrastructure VLAN protocols to only those necessary – such as Kerberos, LDAPS, and DNS.

IPsec configured in this way will prevent any other VLAN from establishing any communications with the PID VLAN, even if they were able to bypass the routers access control lists.

Example: Router(s) on PID VLAN. Inbound Access Control List.

(1)

```
Permit
Source IP 10.0.0 /24
Destination IP 10.0.255 /24
Protocol UDP
Port 500
```

```
Permit
Source IPv6 2001:0DB8:0000::/64
Destination IPv6 2001:0DB8:00FF::/64
Protocol UDP
Port 500
```

(2)

```
Permit
Source IP 10.0.0 /24
Destination IP 10.0.255 /24
Protocol ESP
```

```
Permit
Source IPv6 2001:0DB8:0000::/64
Destination IPv6 2001:0DB8:00FF::/64
Protocol ESP
```

Outbound Access Control List on PID VLAN Router(s)

(1)

```
Permit
Source IP 10.0.255 /24
Destination IP 10.0.0 /24
Protocol UDP
Port 500
```

```
Permit
Source IPv6 2001:0DB8:00FF::/64
Destination IPv6 2001:0DB8:0000::/64
Protocol UDP
Port 500
```

(2)

```
Permit  
Source IP 10.0.255 /24  
Destination IP 10.0.0 /24  
Protocol ESP
```

```
Permit  
Source IPv6 102001:0DB8:00FF::/64  
Destination IPv6 2001:0DB8:0000::/64  
Protocol ESP
```

This configuration allows the router(s) to drop packets that are not using ESP or are not part of an Internet Key Exchange (IKE) negotiation between the PID VLAN and the PIM VLAN (In HP Jetdirect's implementation, IKE uses UDP 500). In addition, no communication with the printer/MFP is possible without using IPsec configured for ESP.

These are just example access control lists on the routers and do not detail device or server IPsec configurations. For an in-depth discussion of IPsec configuration of end-nodes, refer to the whitepaper "Practical IPsec Deployment for Printing and Imaging Devices".

IPsec: Printer Management VLAN

The PIM VLAN contains all the devices and services that will interact with the PID VLAN directly. This includes Web Jetadmin, Windows Print Servers, Syslog Servers, Digital Sending Software, etc... It is highly recommended that the machines for user functions (e.g., printing, digital sending) be separate from the machines for Printer Administration. One of the most important servers on this PIM VLAN is an SMTP server. This SMTP server will be used exclusively for MFPs and will probably simply forward mail to the company's main email servers. However, by being separated, this email server can be heavily audited and restricted to what MFP users can do. For instance, email from MFPs to anywhere outside the company may be prohibited. Email from an MFP between 6pm and 6am may be prohibited. Email from an MFP on Saturday, or Sunday, or Holidays may be prohibited as well.

All of these machines need to have the ability to use IPsec when communicating with the Printer VLAN. By default, Windows machines have IPsec capability but it must be configured using the Microsoft Management Console. Also, these machines should be heavily locked down in terms of unneeded services and capabilities.

Based upon our current configuration, all users must print through a Windows Print Server. Each printer in the Printer VLAN will need a corresponding printer defined on the Windows Print Server. This printer would then be accessible via a share where access is controlled by groups defined in the Active Directory for instance. This allows a printer to be "public" or to be restricted to the Marketing Group or to whatever group the printer/MFP is assigned. IPsec policy on these machines can be very specific in that only traffic going to the PID VLAN is IPsec protected while other traffic is not IPsec protected. This means that print traffic destined to the PIM VLAN would be unprotected by IPsec.

Step 6: Device Security

This whitepaper is primarily focused on networking infrastructure and how to use it effectively to help secure HP PIDs. It is highly recommended that the "HP Jetdirect Security Guidelines" whitepaper be read in order to secure the HP PID itself.

Summary

This whitepaper has covered several general techniques for securing a customer's printing assets from attacks and misuse using HP Jetdirect and "Defense-in-Depth" techniques. A customer may not be able to deploy all the suggestions mentioned here, but the hope is to provide a reference point for additional security by leveraging the networking infrastructure.

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