

Configure LDAPS on a Windows Server

The guide is split into 3 sections:

- Create a Windows Server VM in Azure
 - Setup LDAP using AD LDS (Active Directory Lightweight Directory Services)
 - Setup LDAPS (LDAP over SSL)
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- **Create a Windows Server VM in Azure**

Create a VM named “ldapstest” Windows Server 2012 R2 Datacenter Standard DS12 using the instructions here:

Create virtual machine

1. Enter *virtual machines* in the search.
2. Under **Services**, select **Virtual machines**.
3. In the **Virtual machines** page, select **Create** and then **Azure virtual machine**.
The **Create a virtual machine** page opens.
4. Under **Instance details**, enter *myVM* for the **Virtual machine name** and choose *Windows Server 2019 Datacenter - Gen 2* for the **Image**. Leave the other defaults.

Instance details


Virtual machine name * ⓘ	<input type="text" value="myVM"/>
Region * ⓘ	<input type="text" value="(US) West US"/>
Availability options ⓘ	<input type="text" value="No infrastructure redundancy required"/>
Security type ⓘ	<input type="text" value="Standard"/>
Image * ⓘ	<input type="text" value="Windows Server 2019 Datacenter - Gen2"/> See all images Configure VM generation
VM architecture ⓘ	<input type="radio"/> Arm64 <input checked="" type="radio"/> x64

i Arm64 is not supported with the selected image.

Note

Some users will now see the option to create VMs in multiple zones.

Availability zone * ⓘ ▼

 You can now select multiple zones. Selecting multiple zones will create one VM per zone.

- Under **Administrator account**, provide a username, such as *azureuser* and a password. The password must be at least 12 characters long and meet the defined complexity requirements.

Administrator account

Username * ⓘ ✓

Password * ⓘ ✓

Confirm password * ⓘ ✓


- Under **Inbound port rules**, choose **Allow selected ports** and then select **RDP (3389)** and **HTTP (80)** from the drop-down.

Inbound port rules

Select which virtual machine network ports are accessible from the public internet. You can specify more limited or granular network access on the Networking tab.


Public inbound ports * ⓘ None Allow selected ports

Select inbound ports * ▼

 **This will allow all IP addresses to access your virtual machine.** This is only recommended for testing. Use the Advanced controls in the Networking tab to create rules to limit inbound traffic to known IP addresses.

- Leave the remaining defaults and then select the **Review + create** button at the bottom of the page.

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Would you like to use an existing Windows Server license? * ⓘ

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- After validation runs, select the **Create** button at the bottom of the page.

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Create a virtual machine ...

✓ Validation passed

Basics

Subscription	myAzureSubscription
Resource group	(new) myVM_group_08290738
Virtual machine name	myVM
Region	East US
Availability options	No infrastructure redundancy required
Security type	Standard
Image	Windows Server 2022 Datacenter: Azure Edition - Gen2
VM architecture	x64
Size	Standard D2s v3 (2 vcpus, 8 GiB memory)
Username	azureuser
Public inbound ports	RDP
Already have a Windows license?	No

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- After deployment is complete, select **Go to resource**.

Next steps

[Setup auto-shutdown](#) Recommended

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[Run a script inside the virtual machine](#) Recommended

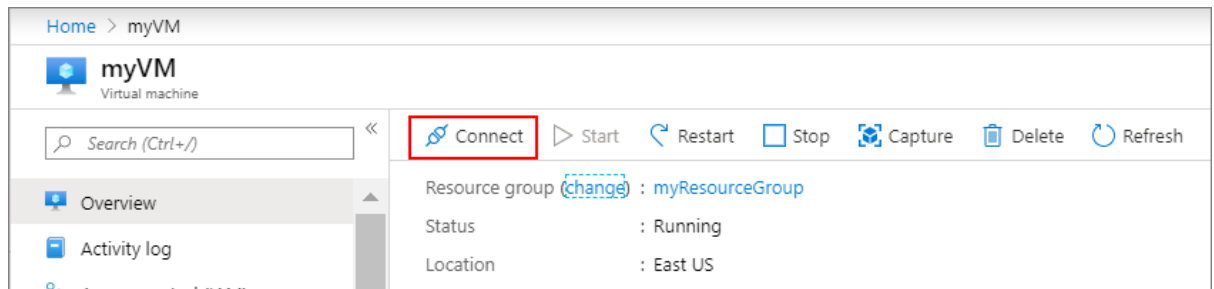
Go to resource

Create another VM

Connect to virtual machine

Create a remote desktop connection to the virtual machine. These directions tell you how to connect to your VM from a Windows computer. On a Mac, you need an RDP client such as this Remote Desktop Client from the Mac App Store.

- On the overview page for your virtual machine, select the **Connect > RDP**.



2. In the **Connect with RDP** tab, keep the default options to connect by IP address, over port 3389, and click **Download RDP file**.

RDP SSH Bastion

Connect with RDP

✓ Suggested method for connecting

To connect to your virtual machine via RDP, select an IP address, optionally change the port number, and download the RDP file.

IP address *

Public IP address (192.168.1.253)

Port number *

3389

Download RDP File

3. Open the downloaded RDP file and click **Connect** when prompted.
4. In the **Windows Security** window, select **More choices** and then **Use a different account**. Type the username as **localhost\username**, enter the password you created for the virtual machine, and then click **OK**.
5. You may receive a certificate warning during the sign-in process. Click **Yes** or **Continue** to create the connection.

Install web server

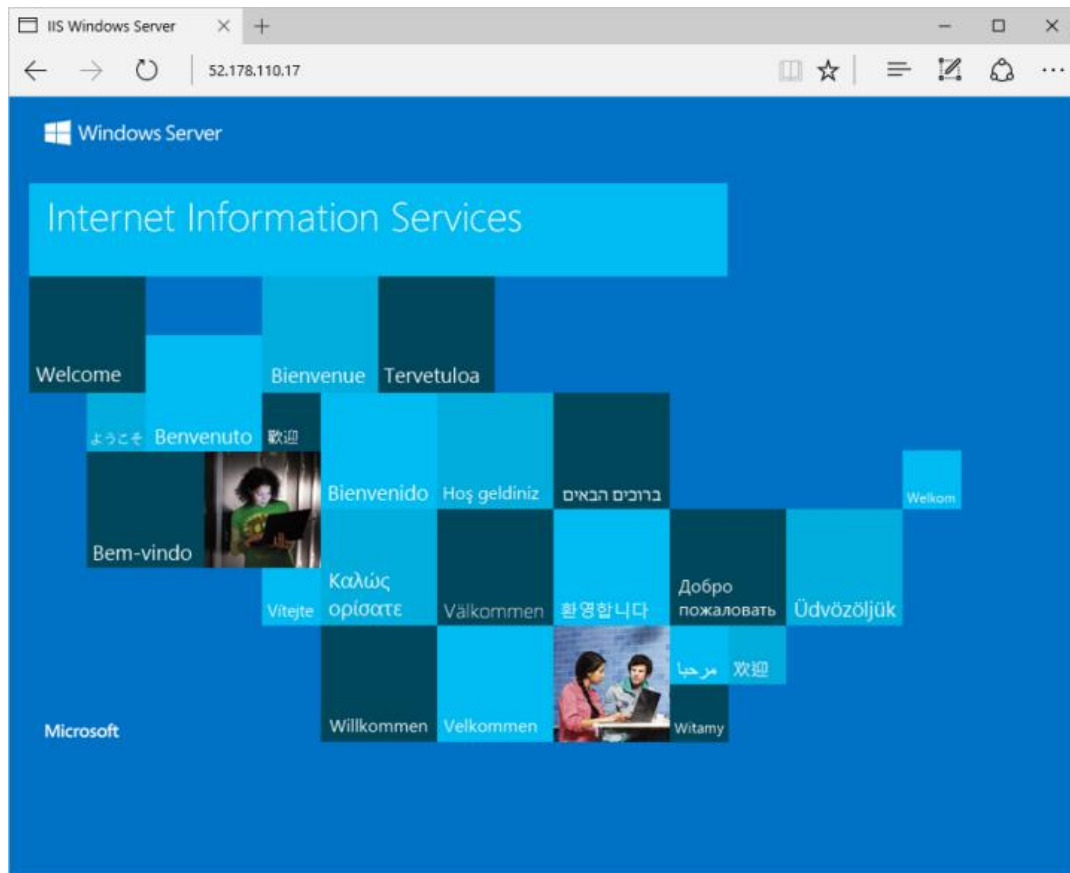
To see your VM in action, install the IIS web server. Open a PowerShell prompt on the VM and run the following command:

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Install-WindowsFeature -name Web-Server -IncludeManagementTools
```

When done, close the RDP connection to the VM.

View the IIS welcome page

In the portal, select the VM and in the overview of the VM, hover over the IP address to show **Copy to clipboard**. Copy the IP address and paste it into a browser tab. The default IIS welcome page will open, and should look like this:

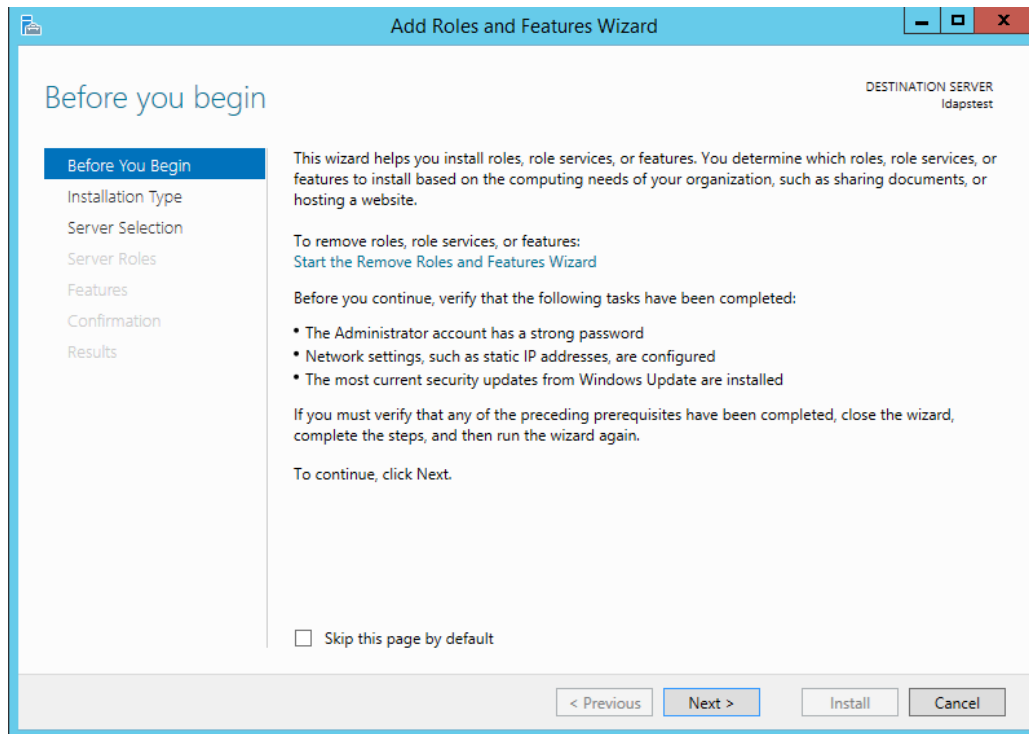


Connect to the VM Iadpctest using Remote Desktop Connection.

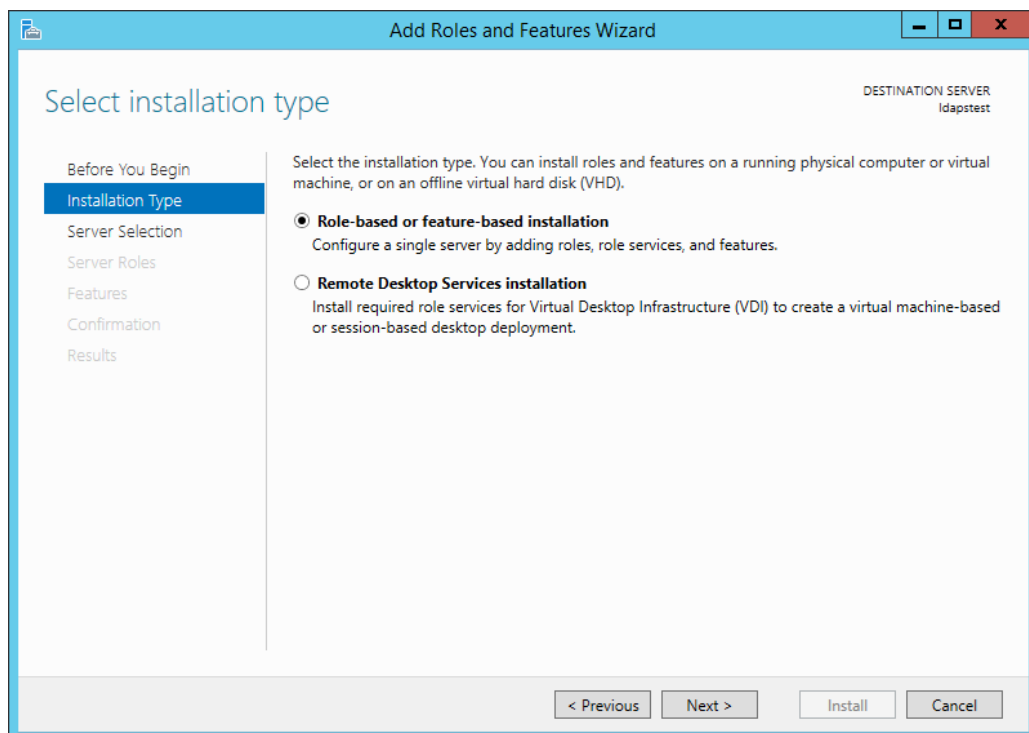
- **Setup LDAP using AD LDS**

Now let us add AD LDS in our VM Iadpctest

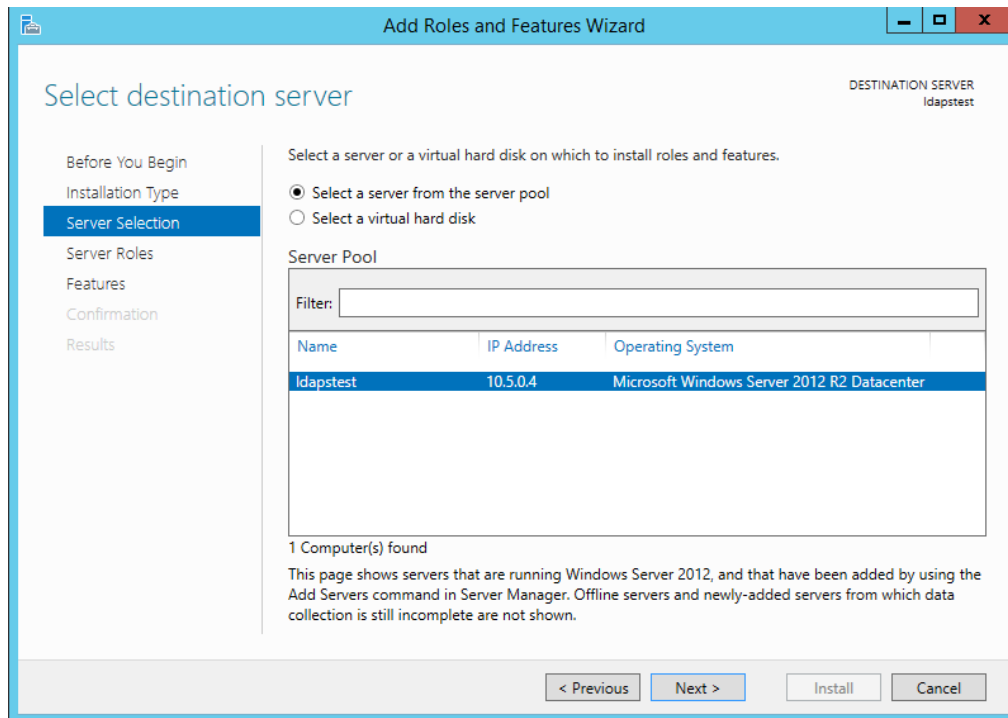
Click on Start --> Server Manager --> Add Roles and Features. Click Next.



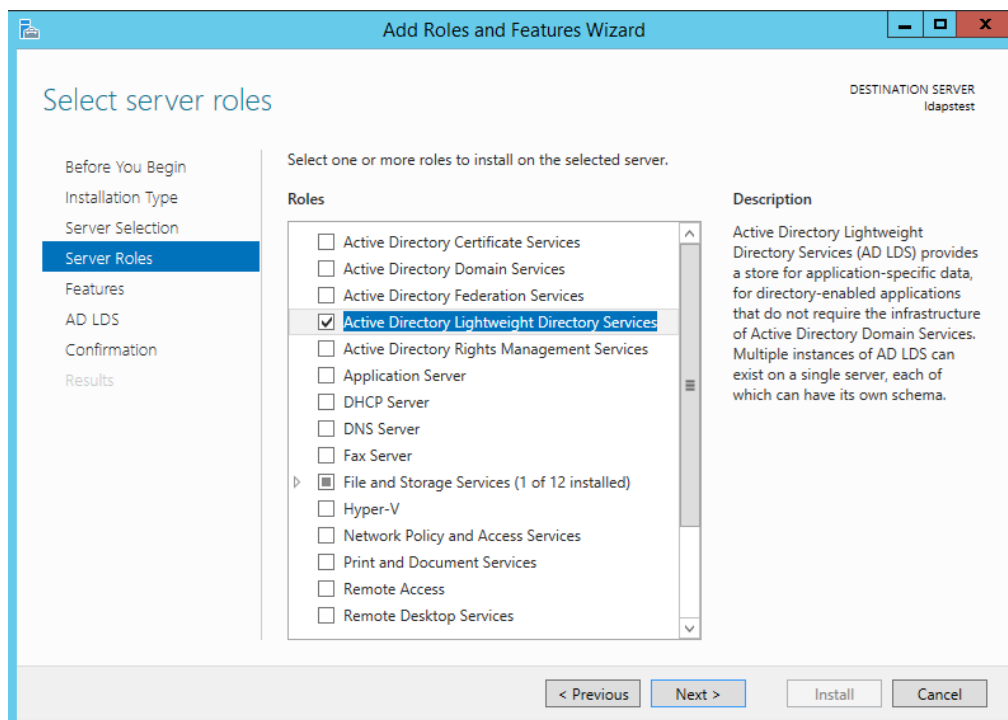
Choose Role-based or feature-based installation. Click Next.



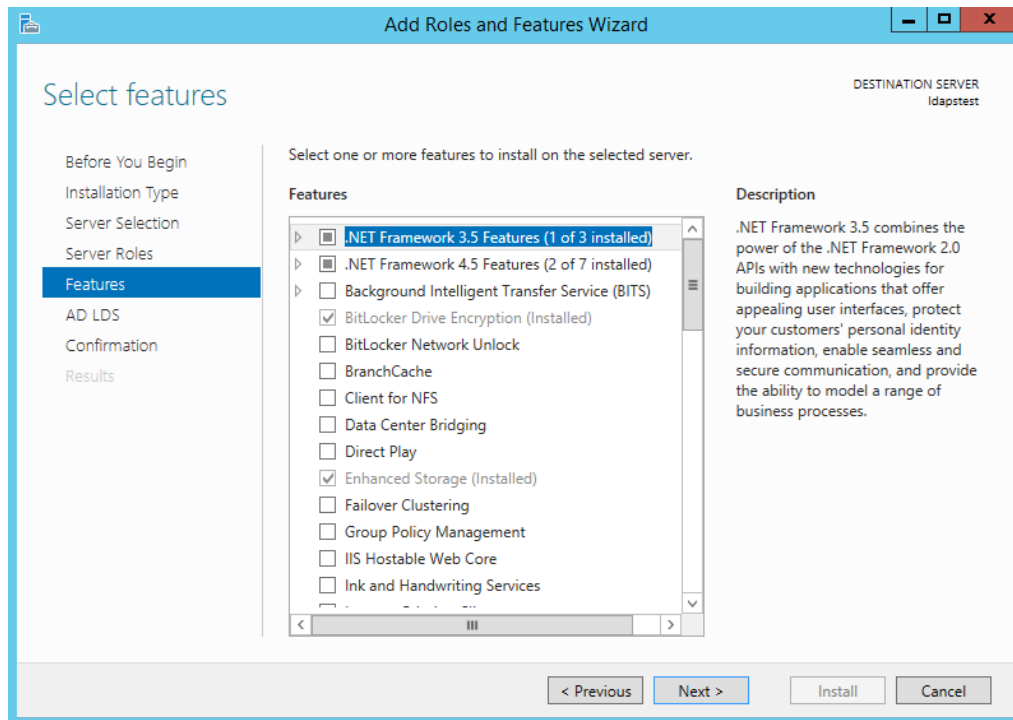
Select Idapstest server from the server pool. Click Next.



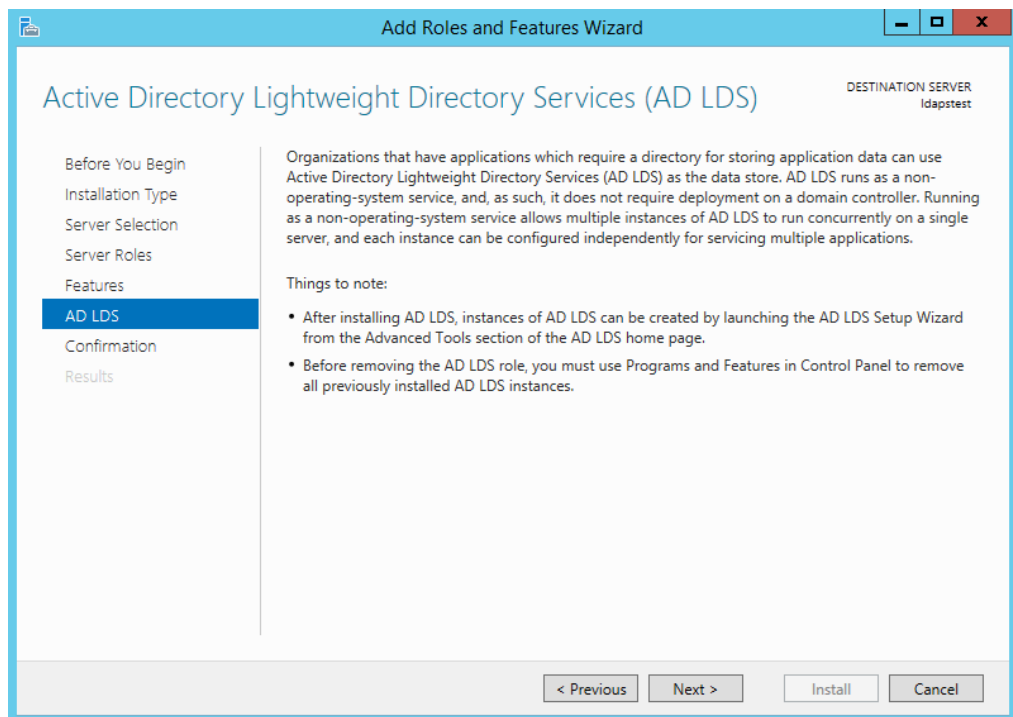
Mark Active Directory Lightweight Directory Services from the list of roles and click Next.



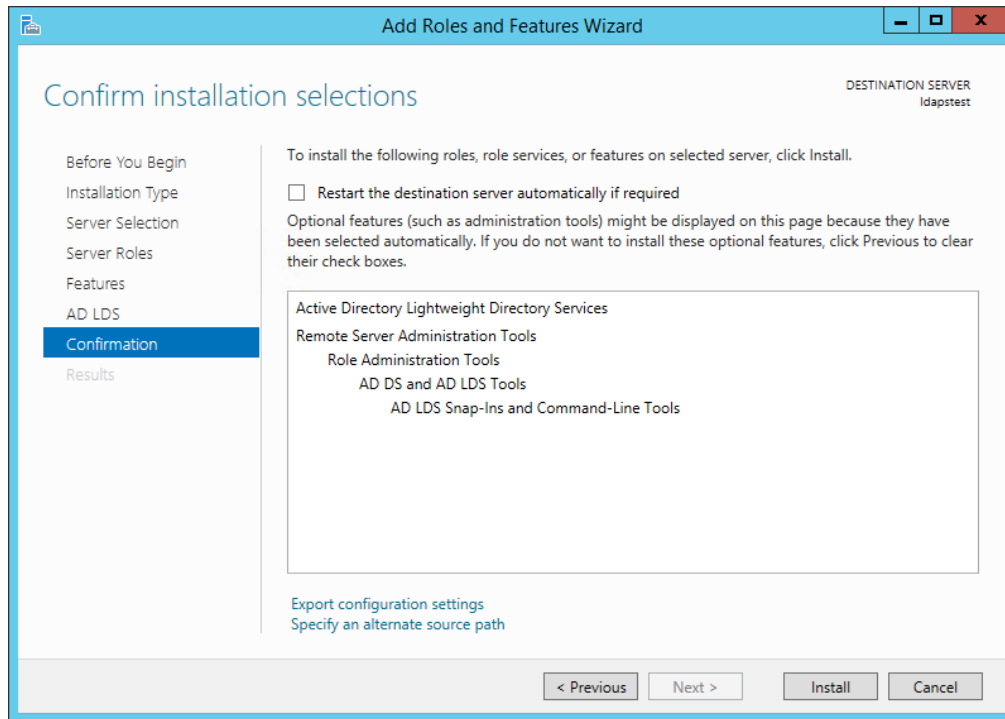
From the list of features, choose nothing – just click Next.



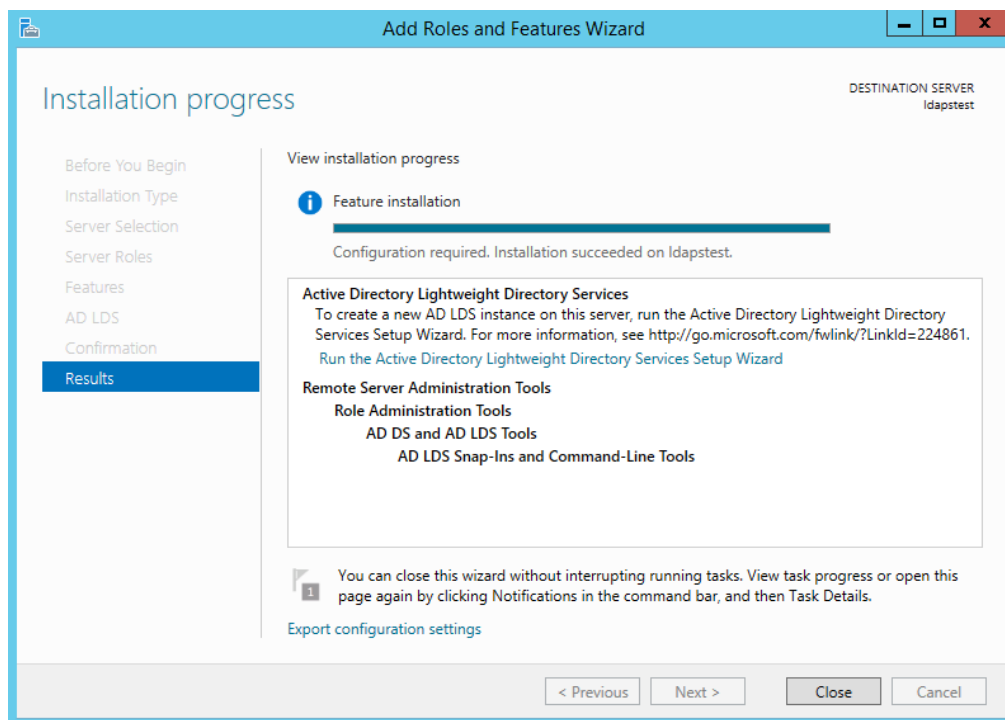
Click Next.



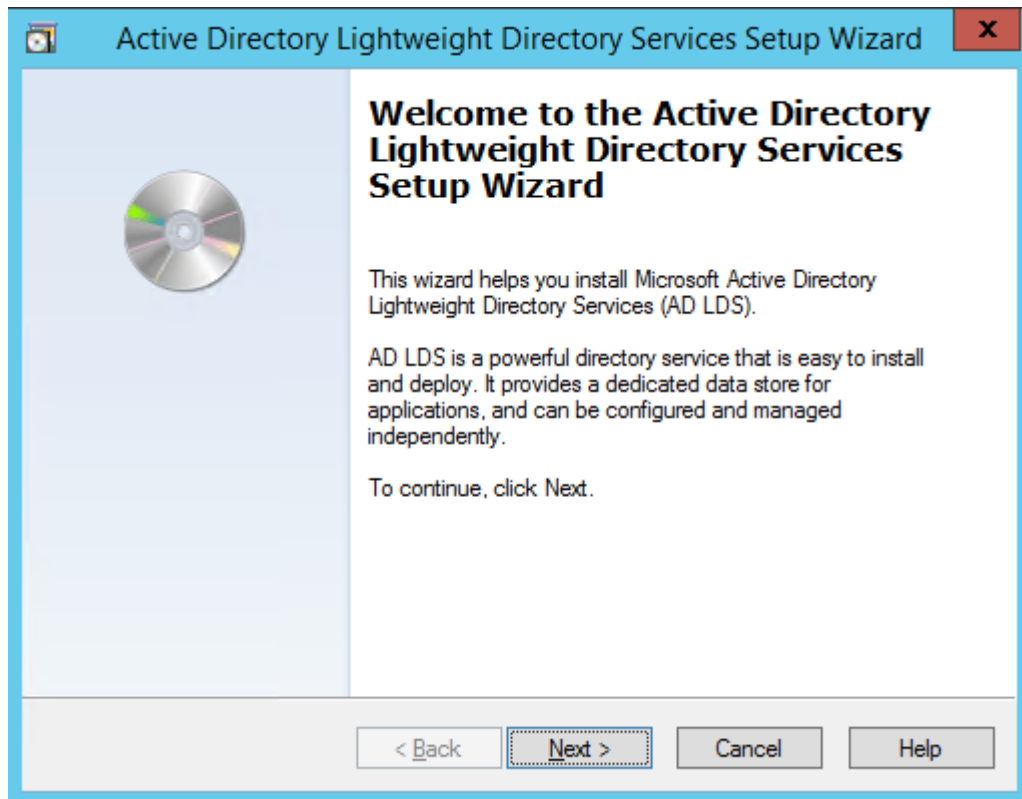
Click Install to start installation.



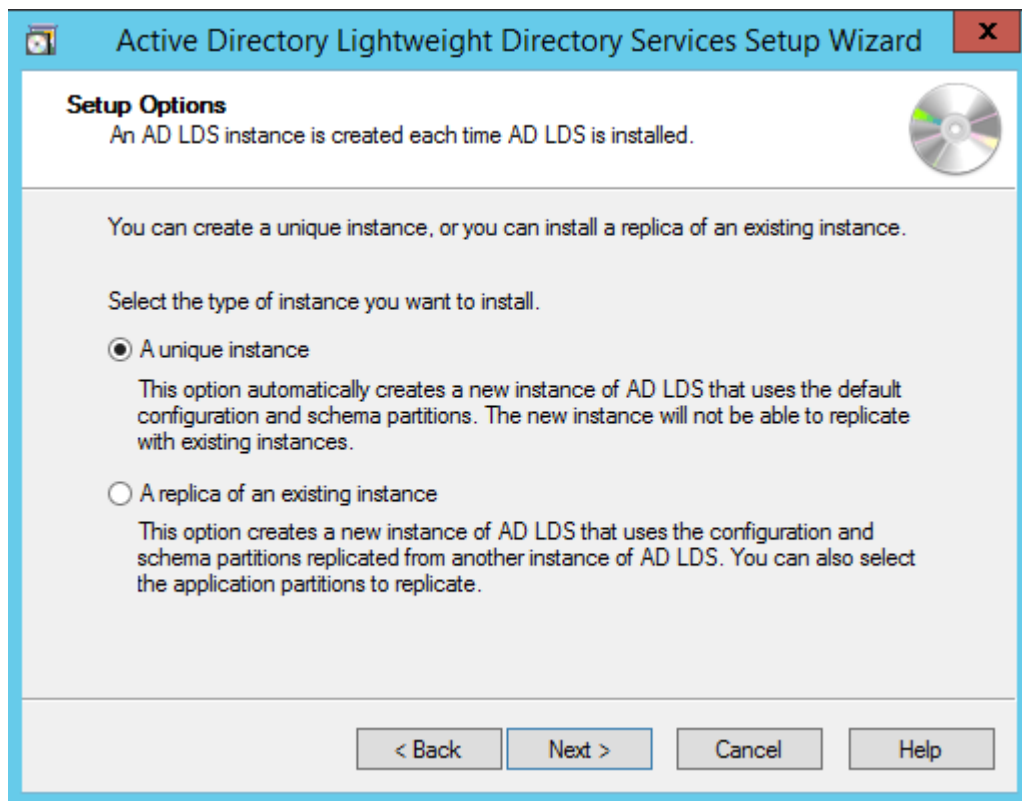
Once installation is complete, click Close.



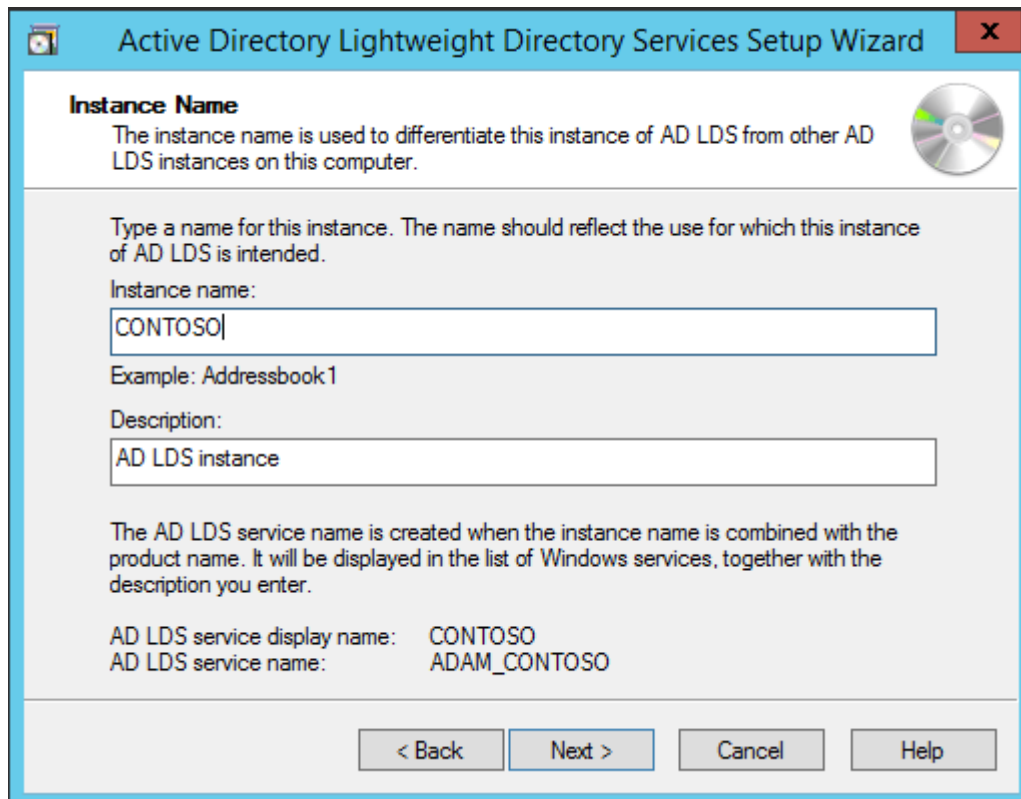
Now we have successfully set up AD LDS Role. Let us create a new AD LDS Instance "CONTOSO" using the wizard. Click the "Run the Active Directory Lightweight Directory Services Setup Wizard" in the above screen. And then Click Close.



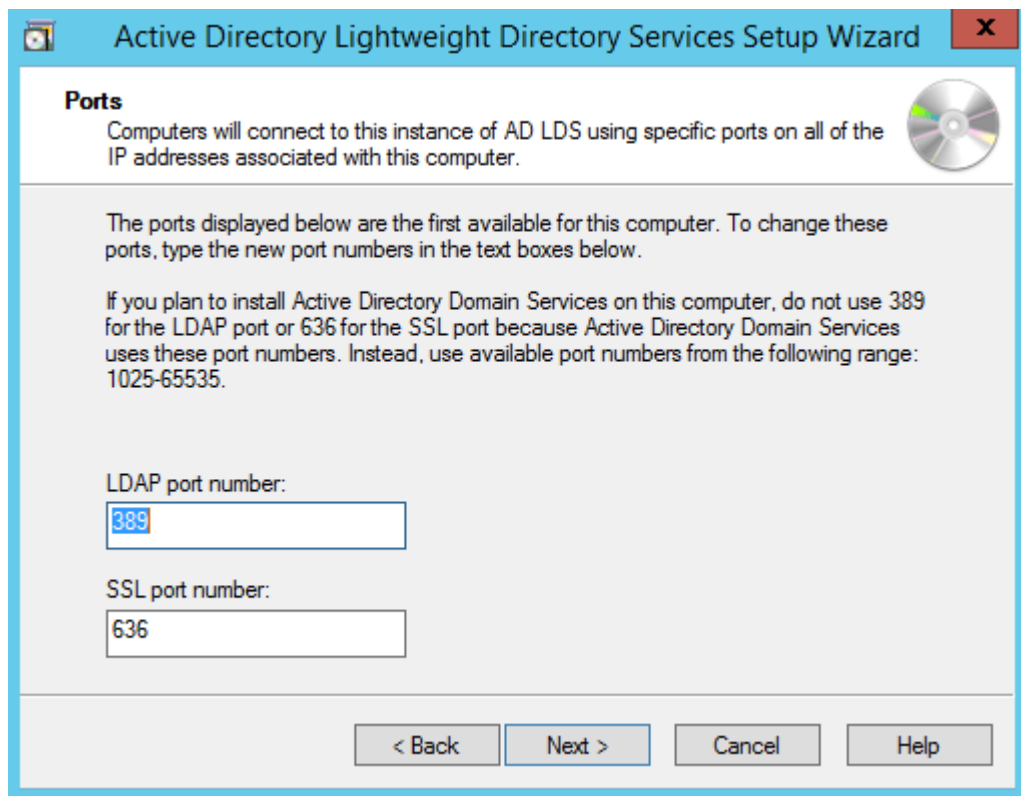
Choose Unique Instance since we are setting it up for the first time.



Type "CONTOSO" in Instance Name and click Next.

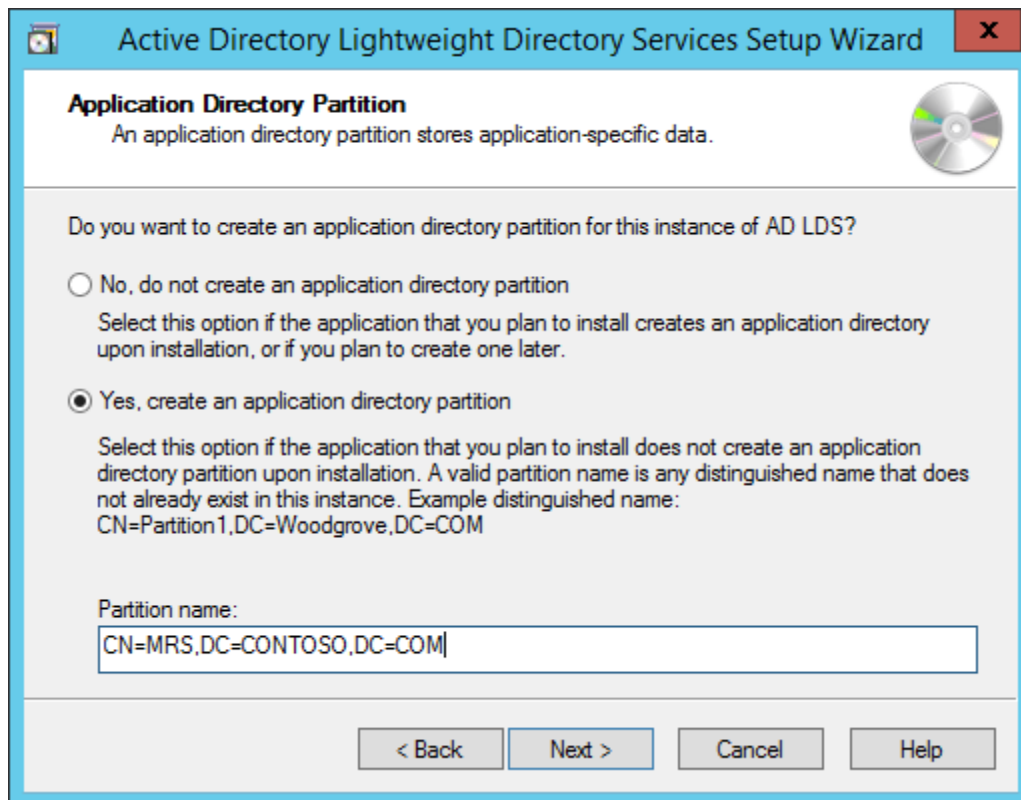


By Default, LDAP Port is 389 and LDAPS port is 636, let us choose the default values - click Next.



Create a new Application Directory Partition named "CN=MRS,DC=CONTOSO,DC=COM".

Click Next.



Application Directory Partition
An application directory partition stores application-specific data.

Do you want to create an application directory partition for this instance of AD LDS?

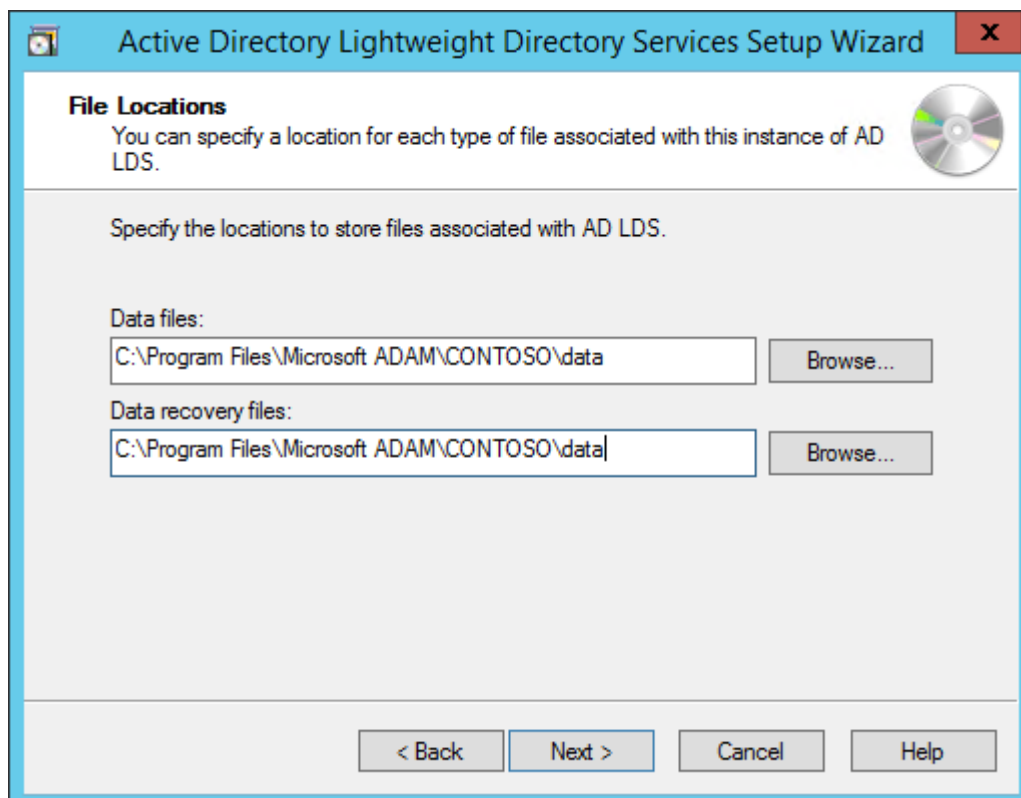
No, do not create an application directory partition
Select this option if the application that you plan to install creates an application directory upon installation, or if you plan to create one later.

Yes, create an application directory partition
Select this option if the application that you plan to install does not create an application directory partition upon installation. A valid partition name is any distinguished name that does not already exist in this instance. Example distinguished name:
CN=Partition1,DC=Woodgrove,DC=COM

Partition name:

< Back Next > Cancel Help

Using the default values for storage location of AD LDS files- Click Next.



File Locations
You can specify a location for each type of file associated with this instance of AD LDS.

Specify the locations to store files associated with AD LDS.

Data files:
 Browse...

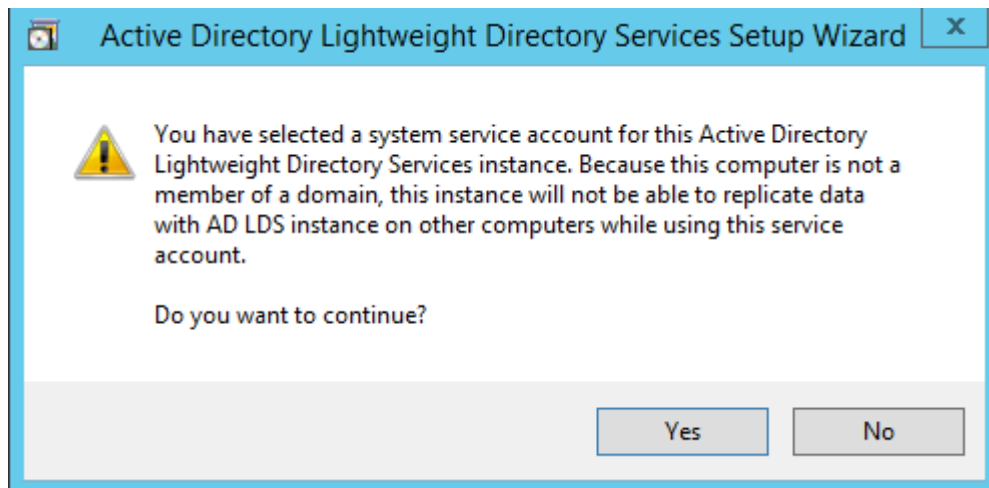
Data recovery files:
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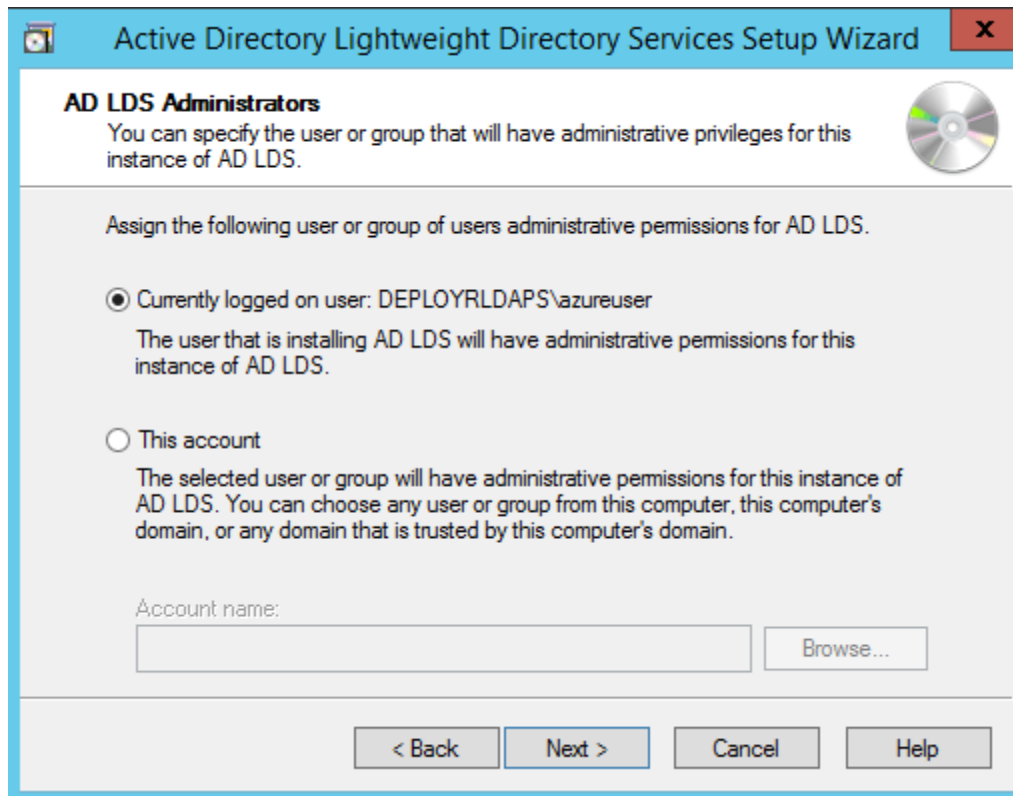
Choosing Network Service Account for running the AD LDS Service.



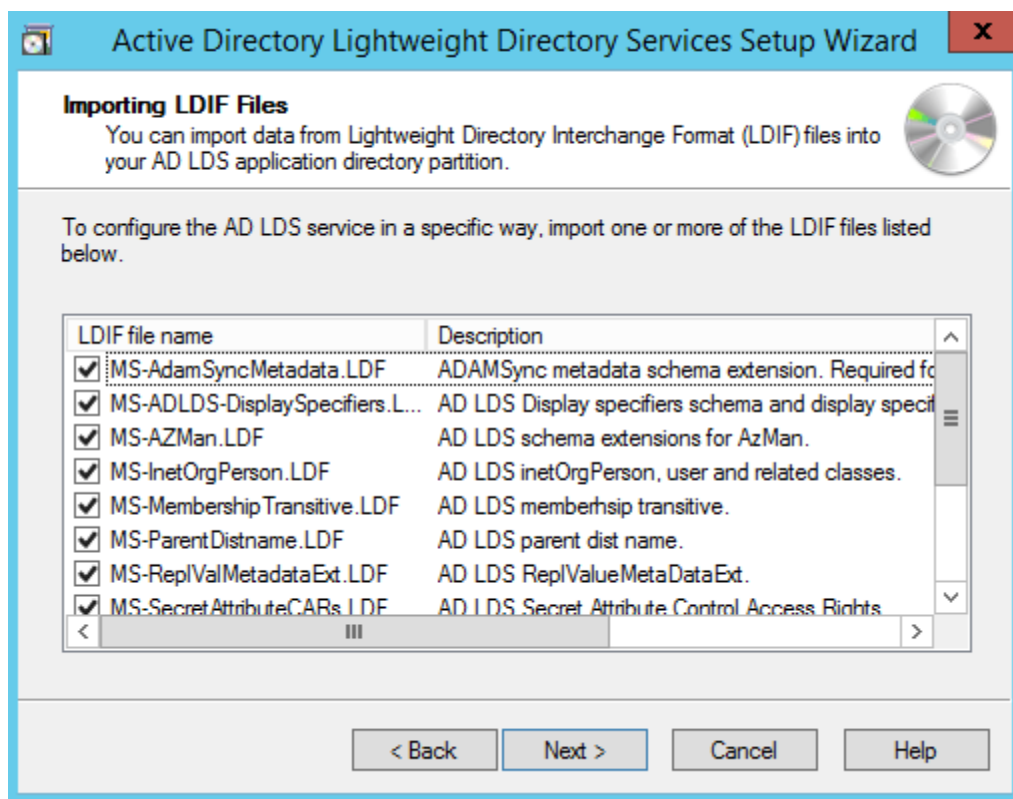
You will receive a prompt warning about data replication. Since we are using a single LDAP Server, we can click Yes.



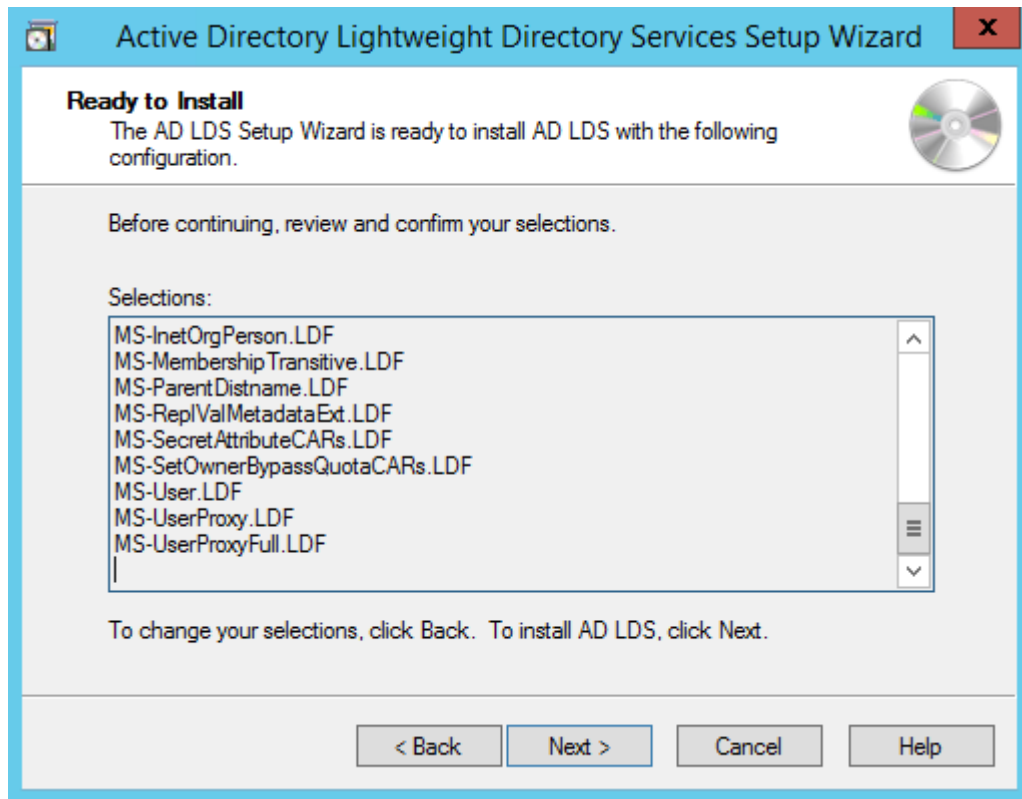
Choosing the currently logged on user as an administrator for the AD LDS Instance. Click Next.



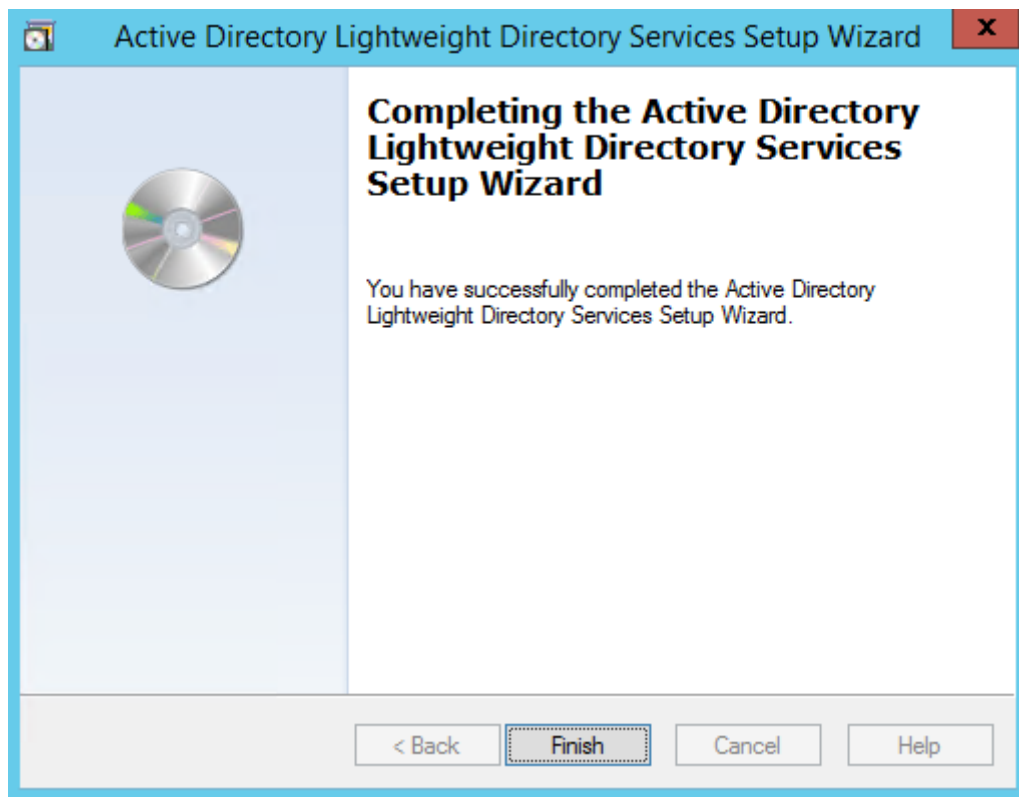
Mark all the required LDIF files to import (Here we are marking all files). Click Next.



Verify that all the selections are right and then Click Next to confirm Installation.

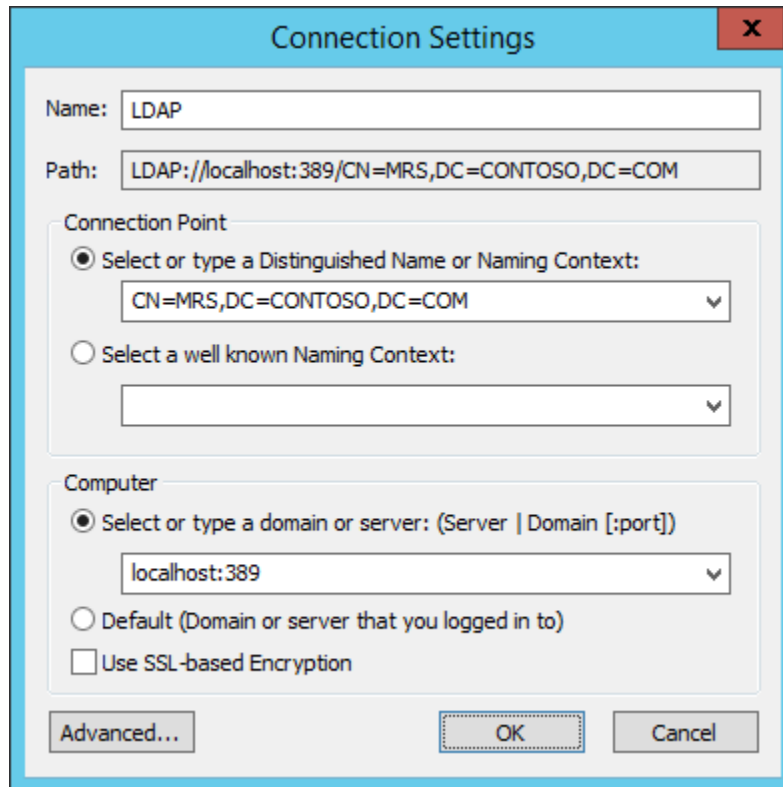


Once the instance is setup successfully, click Finish.



Now let us try to connect to the AD LDS Instance CONTOSO using ADSI Edit. Click on Start --> Search "ADSI Edit" and open it.

Right Click on ADSI Edit Folder (on the left pane) and choose Connect To... Fill the following values and Click OK.



Connection Settings

Name: LDAP

Path: LDAP://localhost:389/CN=MRS,DC=CONTOSO,DC=COM

Connection Point

Select or type a Distinguished Name or Naming Context:

CN=MRS,DC=CONTOSO,DC=COM

Select a well known Naming Context:

Computer

Select or type a domain or server: (Server | Domain [:port])

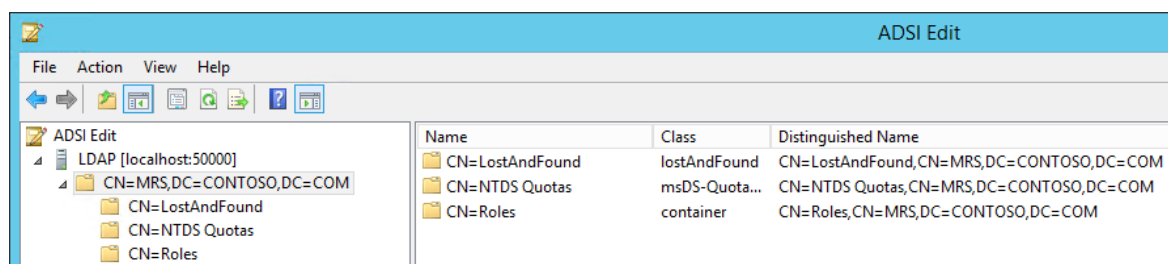
localhost:389

Default (Domain or server that you logged in to)

Use SSL-based Encryption

Advanced... OK Cancel

If the connection is successful, we will be able to browse the Directory CN=MRS,DC=CONTOSO,DC=COM :



○ Setup LDAPS (LDAP over SSL)

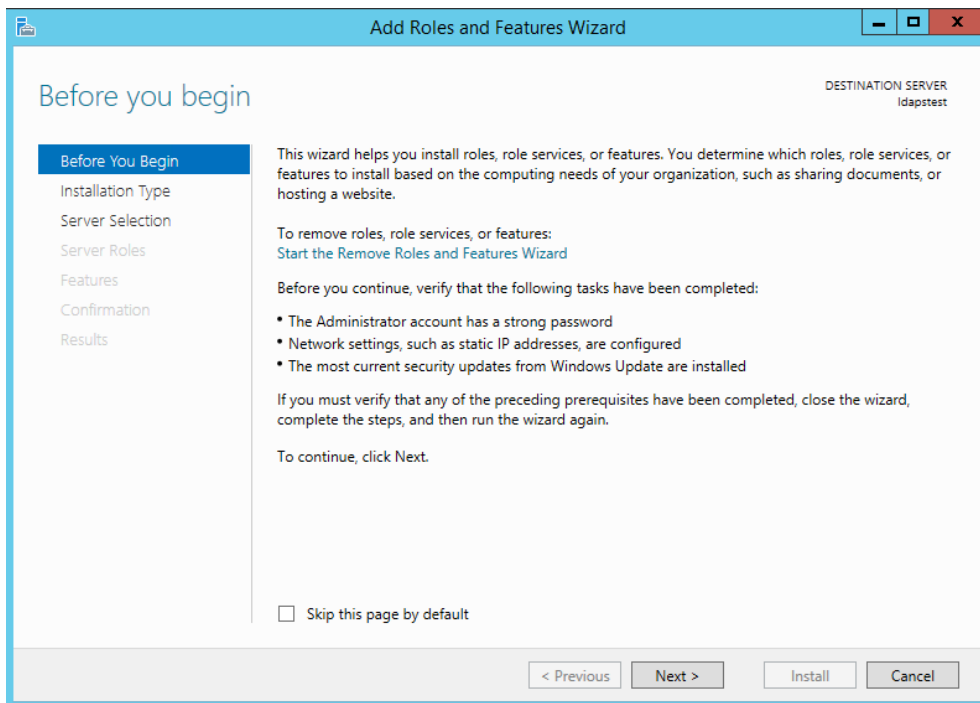
The Certificate to be used for LDAPS must satisfy the following 3 requirements:

- Certificate must be valid for the purpose of Server Authentication. This means that it must also contains the Server Authentication object identifier (OID): 1.3.6.1.5.5.7.3.1

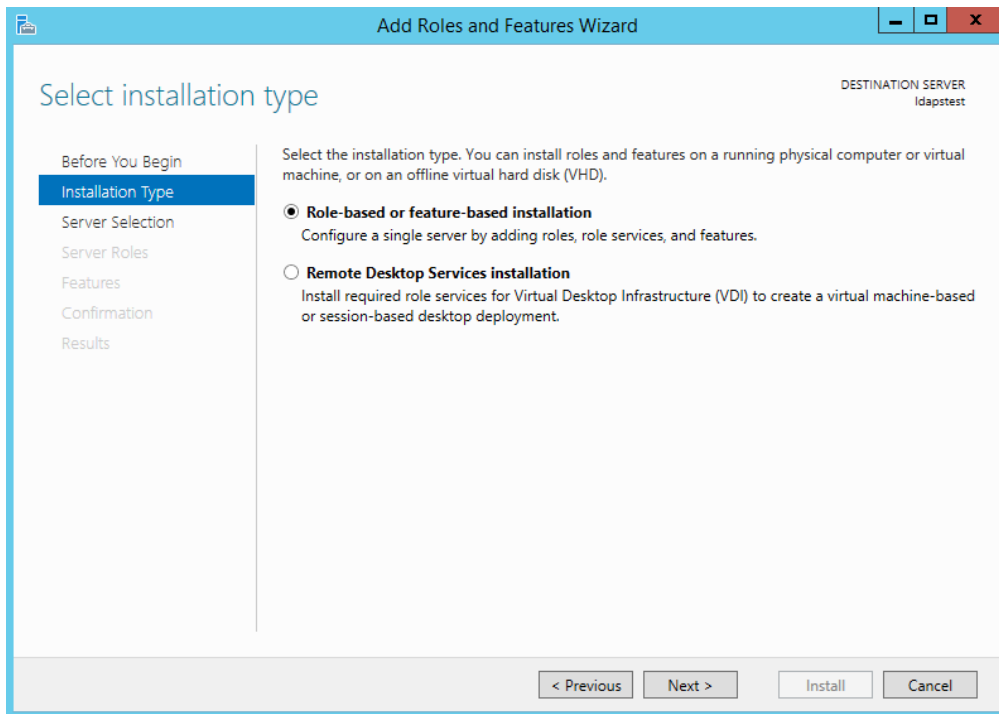
- The Subject name or the first name in the Subject Alternative Name (SAN) must match the Fully Qualified Domain Name (FQDN) of the host machine, such as Subject:CN=contosoldaps. For more information, see How to add a Subject Alternative Name to a secure LDAP certificate.
- The host machine account must have access to the private key.

Now, let's use Active Directory Certificate Services to create a certificate to be used for LDAPS. If you already have a certificate satisfying the above requirements, you can skip this step.

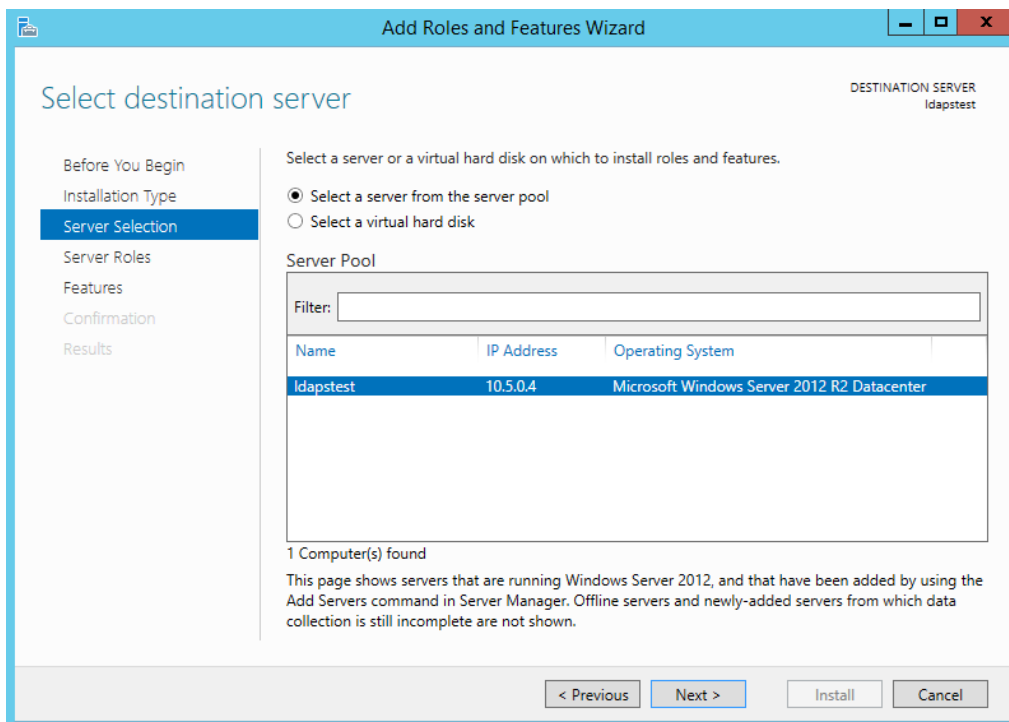
Click on Start --> Server Manager --> Add Roles and Features. Click Next.



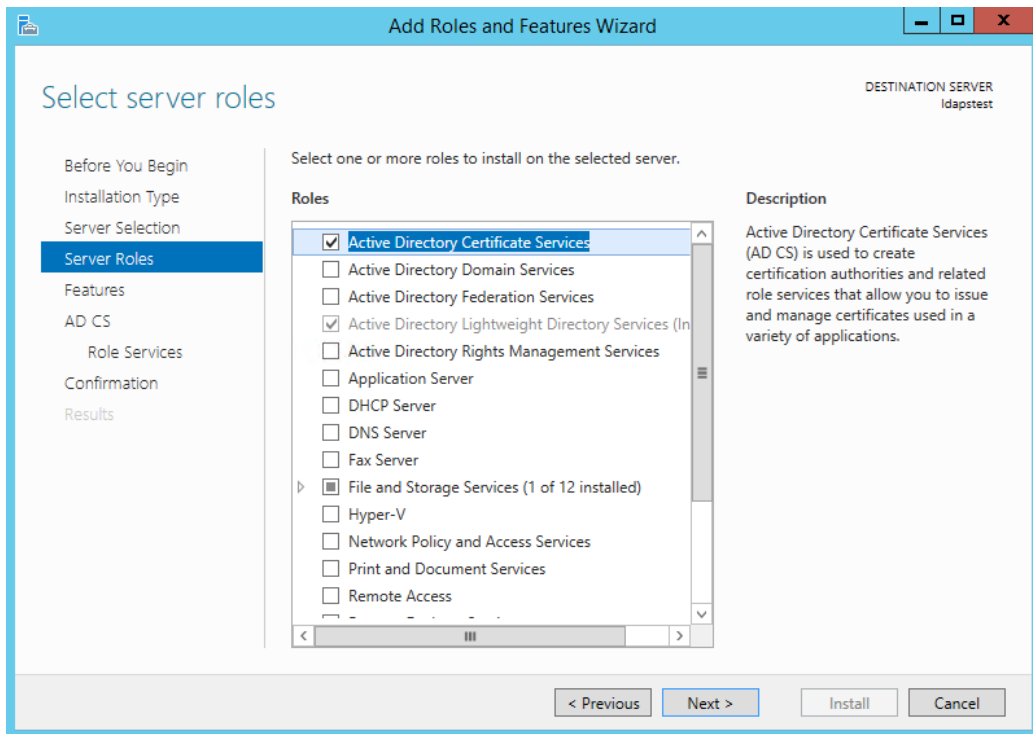
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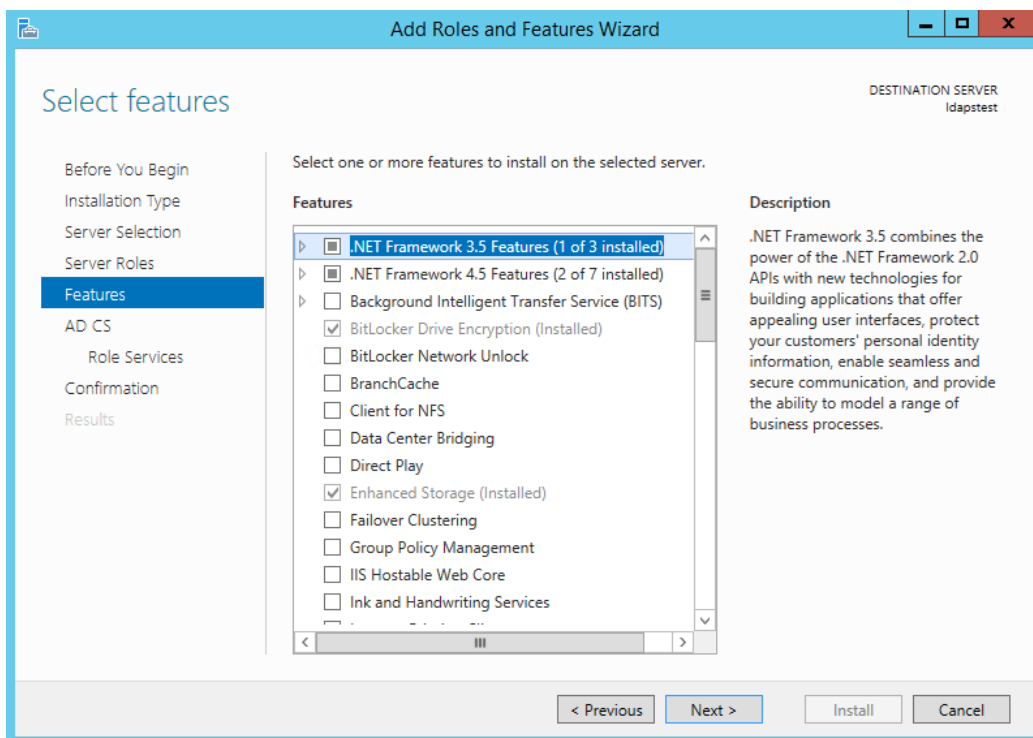
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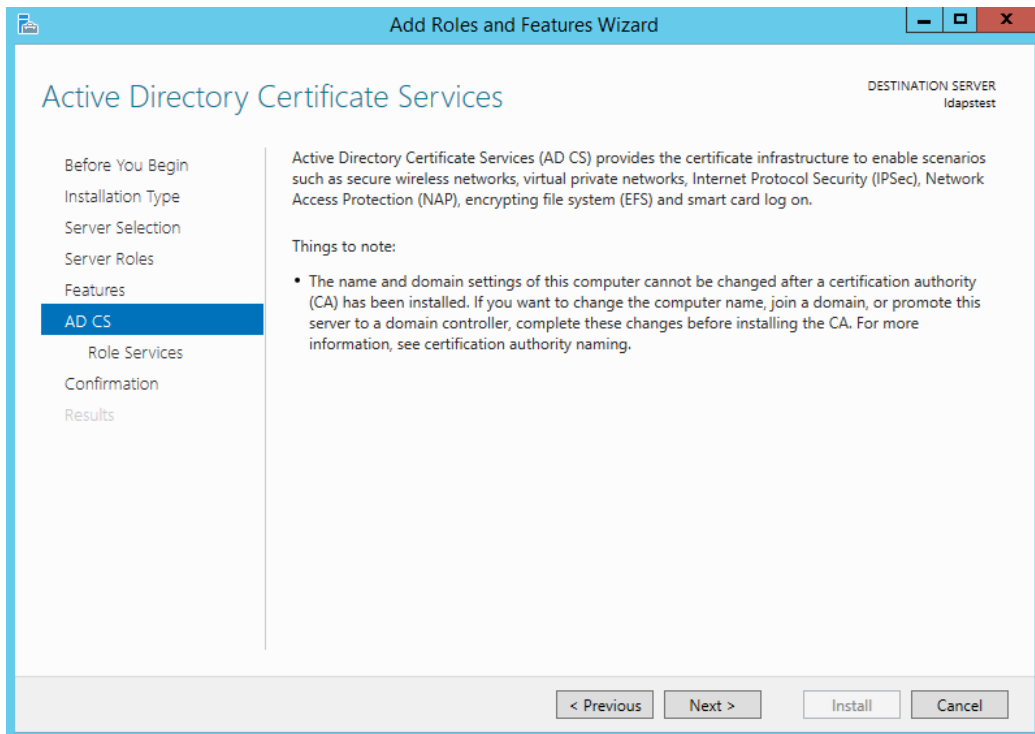
Choose Active Directory Certificate Services from the list of roles and click Next.



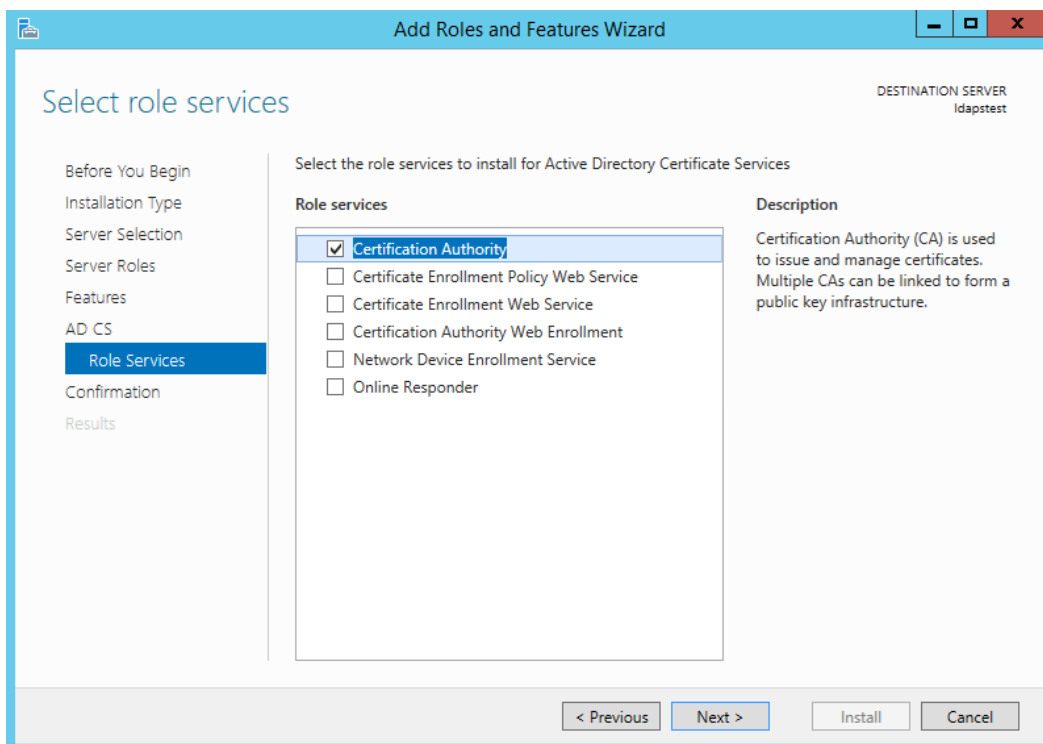
Choose nothing from the list of features and click Next.



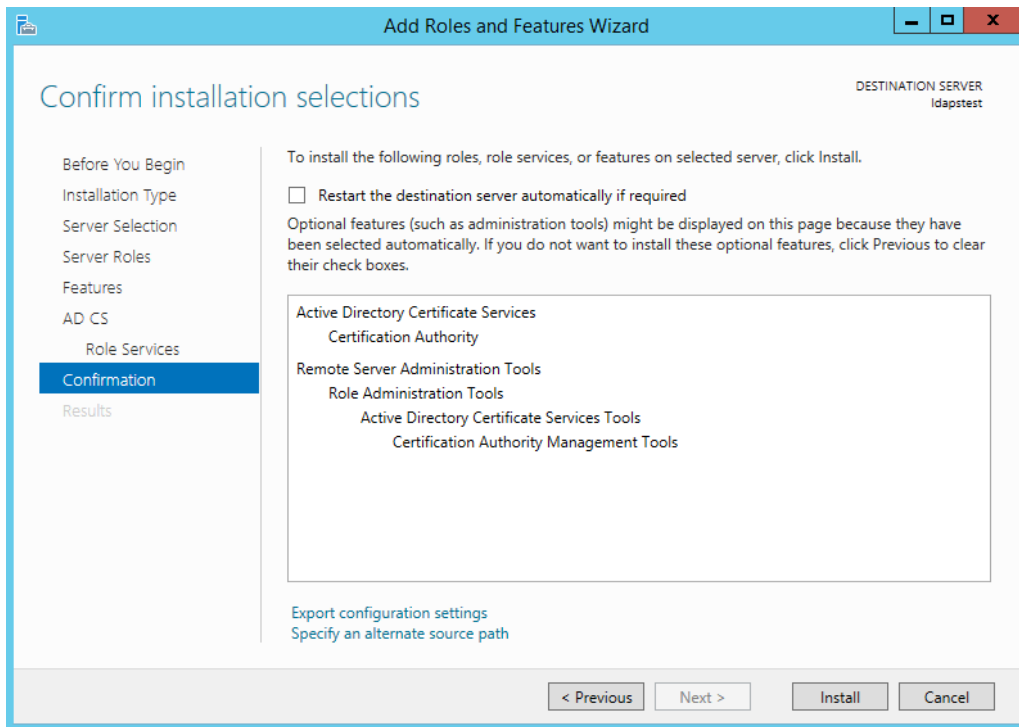
Click Next.



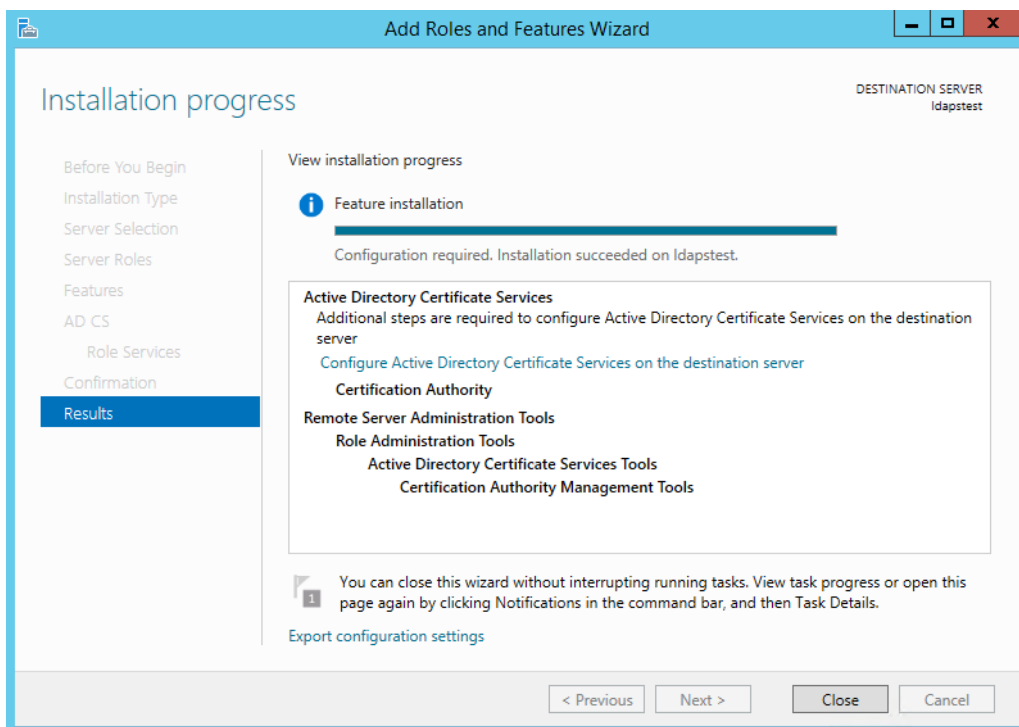
Mark "Certificate Authority" from the list of roles and click Next.



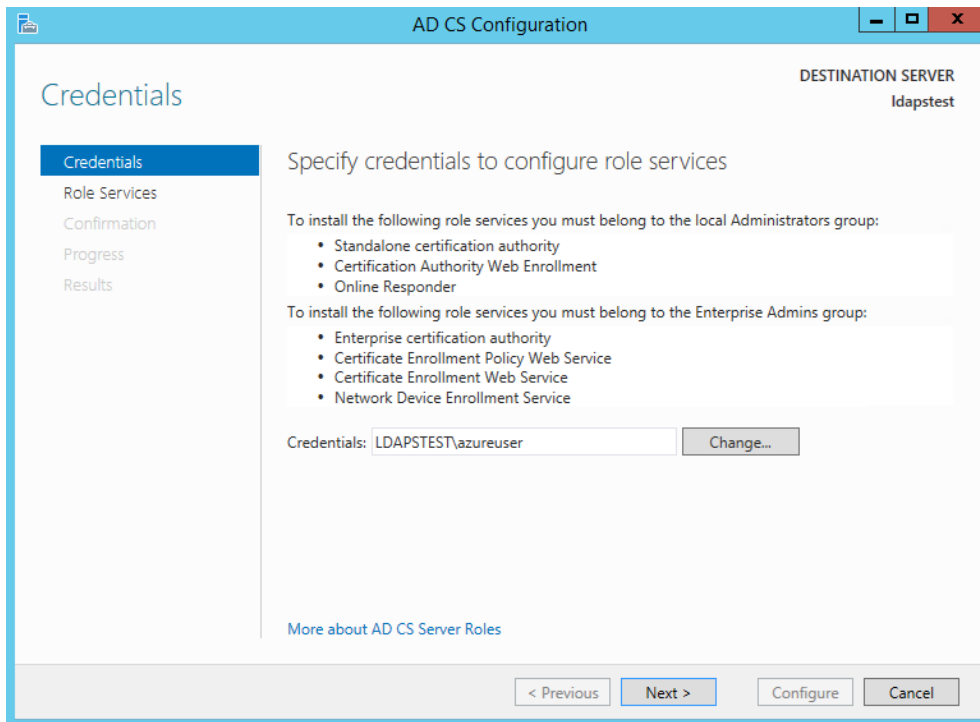
Click Install to confirm installation.



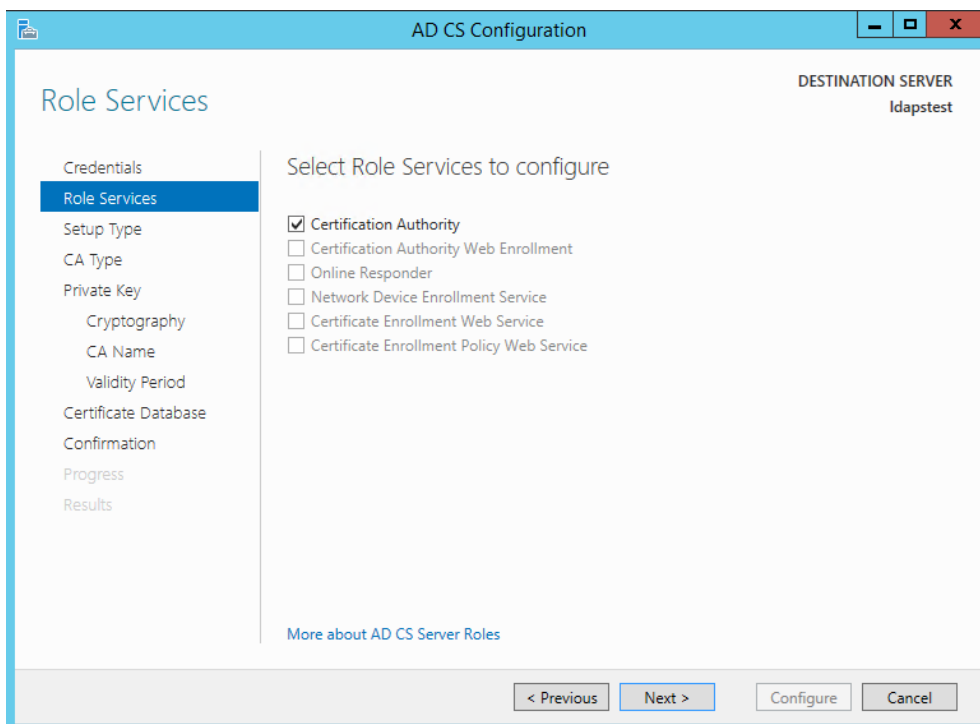
Once installation is complete, Click Close.



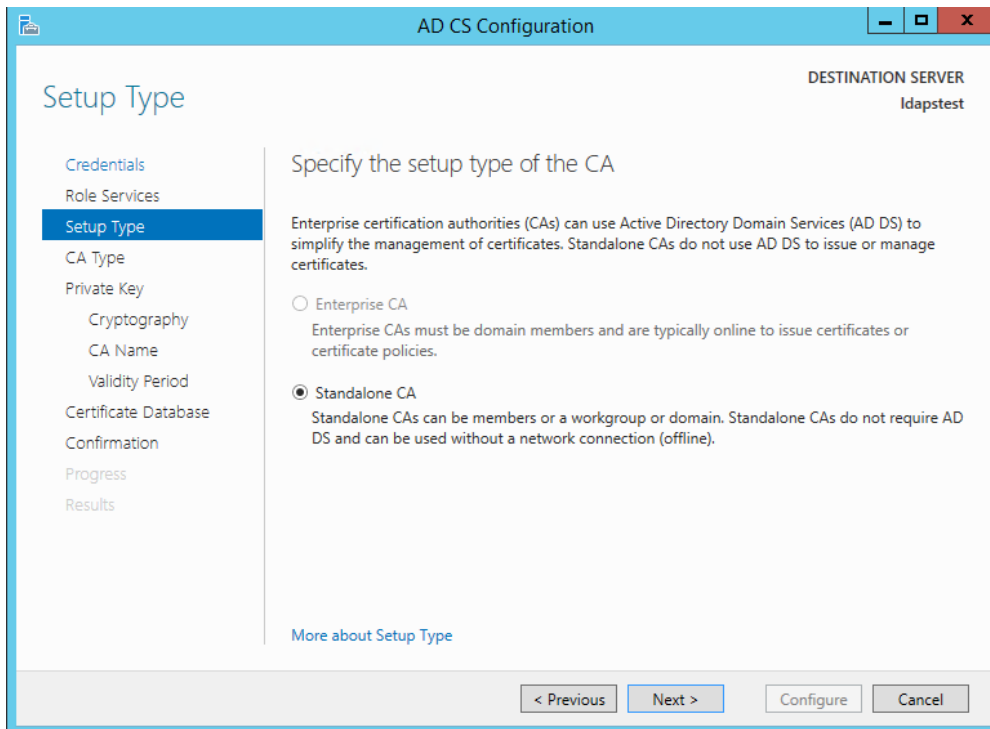
Now let's create a certificate using AD CS Configuration Wizard. To open the wizard, click on "Configure Active Directory Certificate Services on the destination server" in the above screen. And then click Close. We can use the currently logged on user azureuser to configure role services since it belongs to the local Administrators group. Click Next.



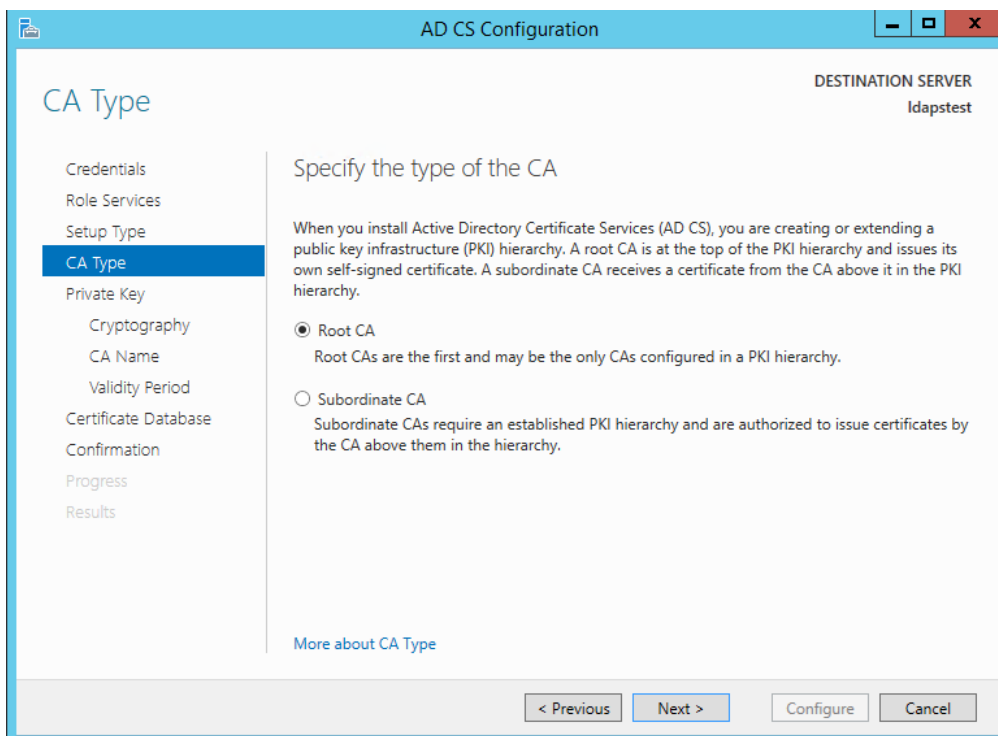
Choose Certification Authority from the list of roles. Click Next.



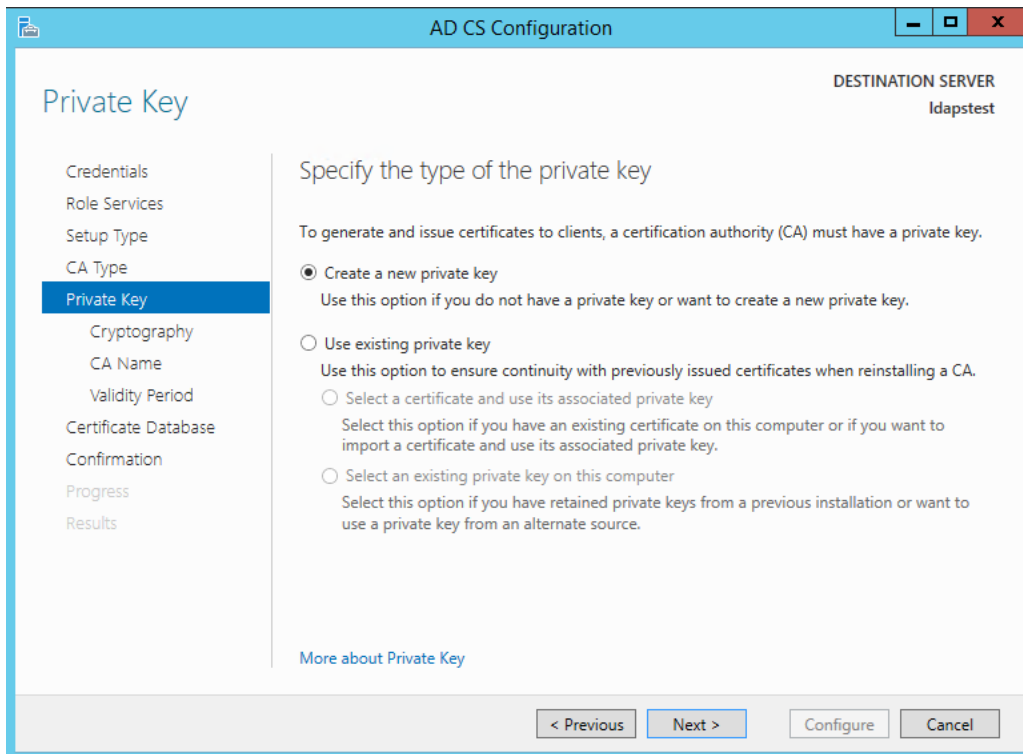
Since this is a local box setup without a domain, we are going to choose a Standalone CA. Click Next.



Choosing Root CA as the type of CA, click Next.

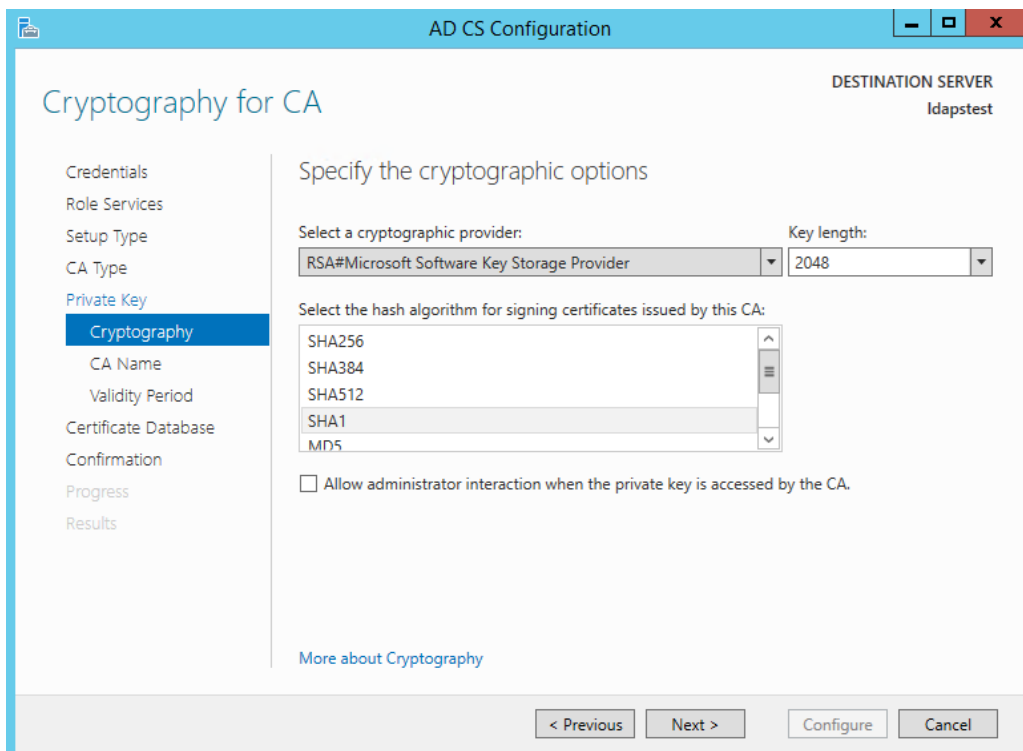


Since we do not possess a private key – let's create a new one. Click Next.

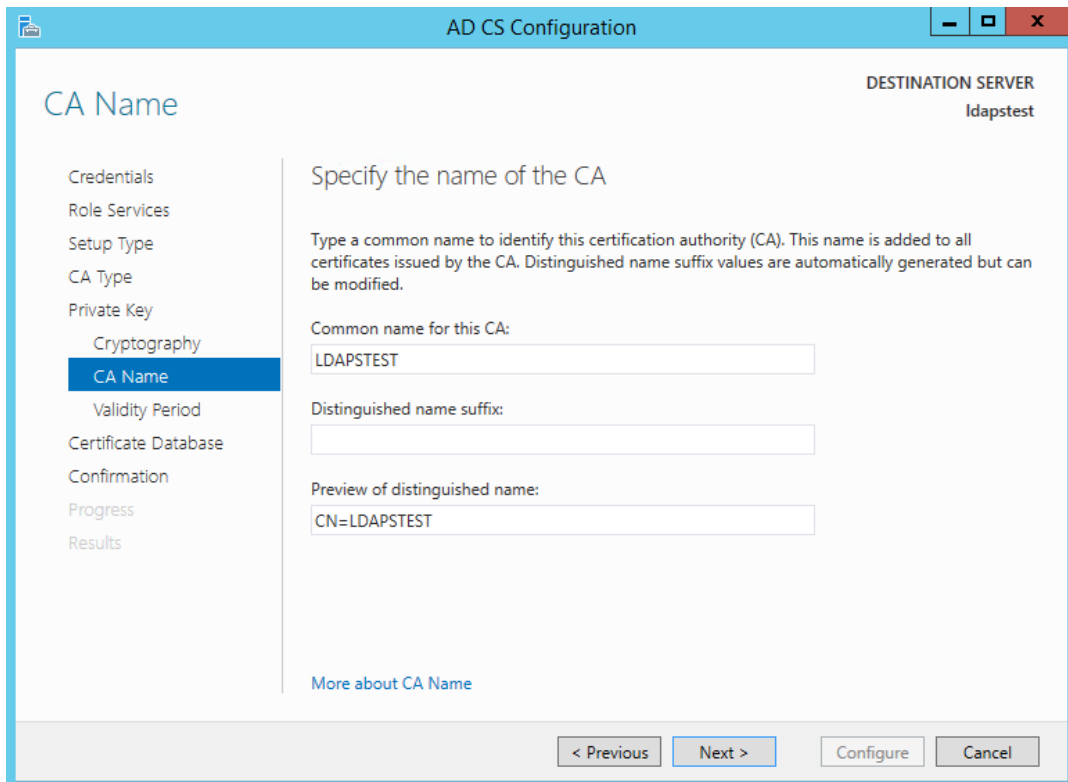


Choosing SHA1 as the Hash algorithm. Click Next.

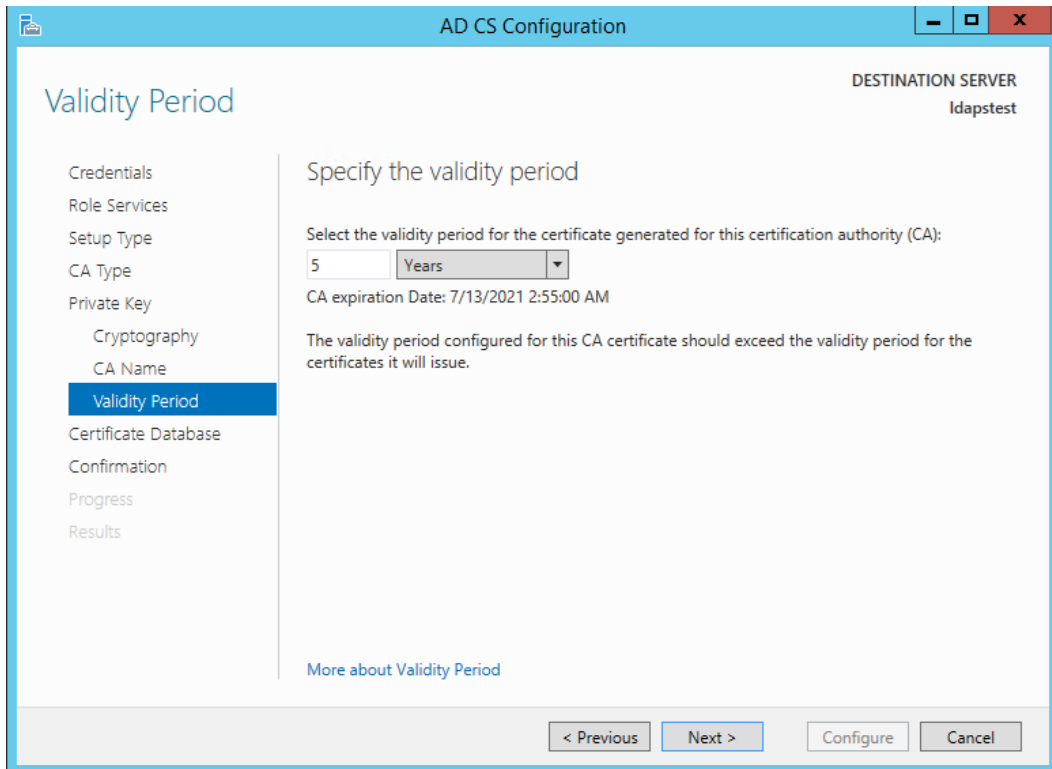
UPDATE: Recommended to select the most recent hashing algorithm since SHA-1 deprecation countdown



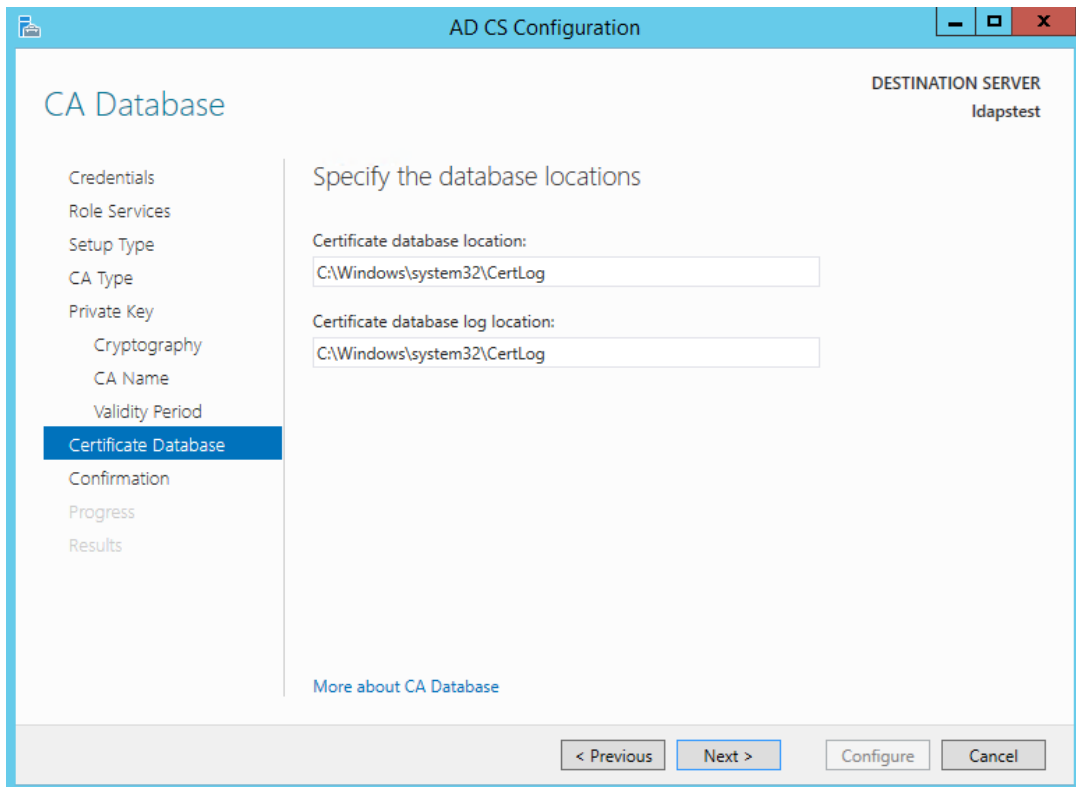
The name of the CA must match the Hostname (requirement number 2). Enter "LDAPSTEST" and Click Next.



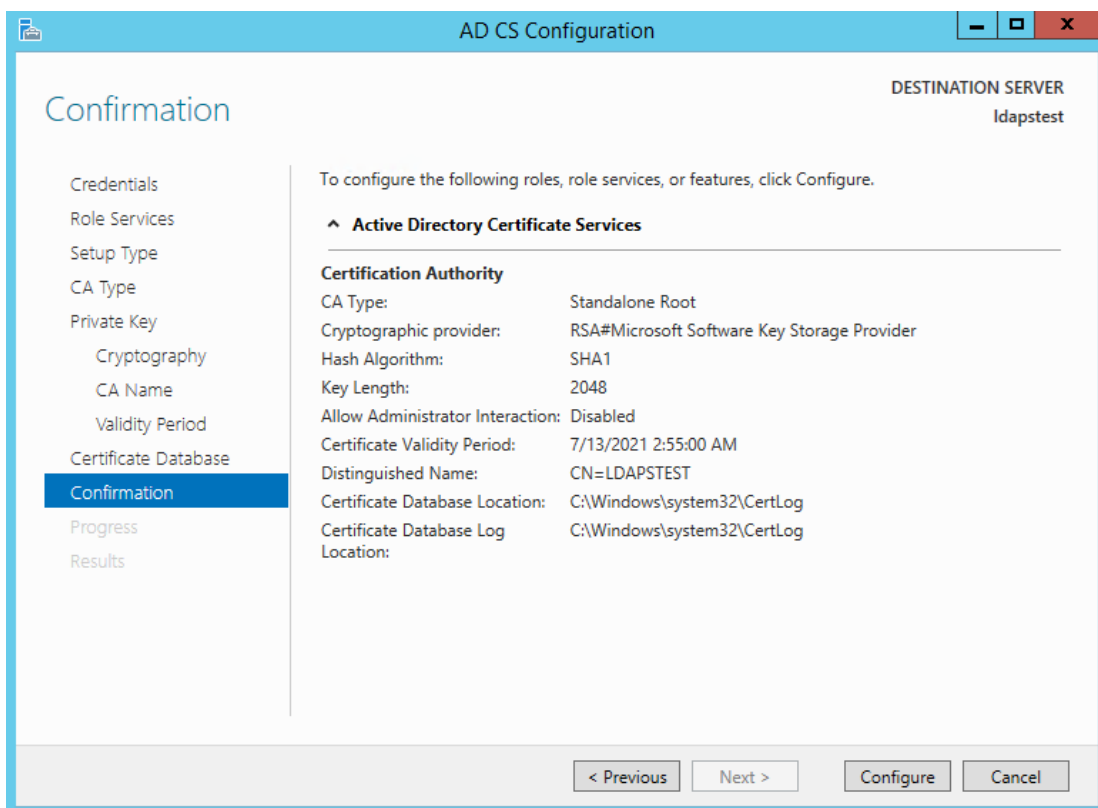
Specifying validity period of the certificate. Choosing Default 5 years. Click Next.



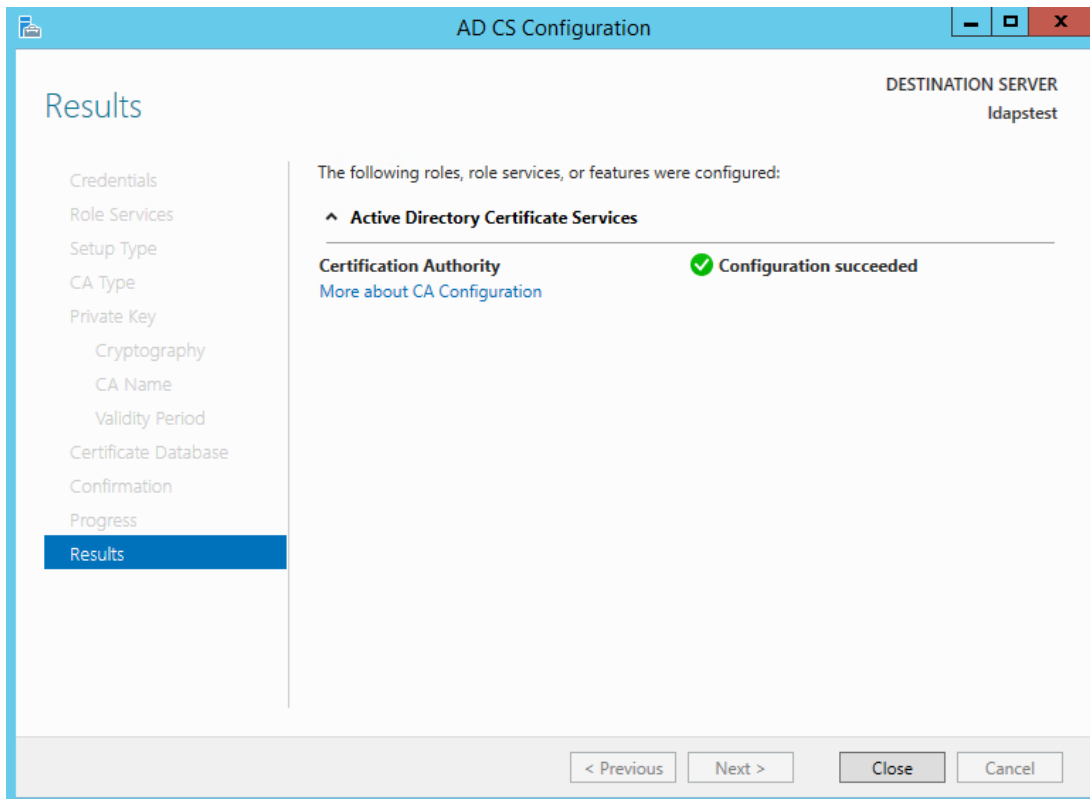
Choosing default database locations, click Next.



Click Configure to confirm.



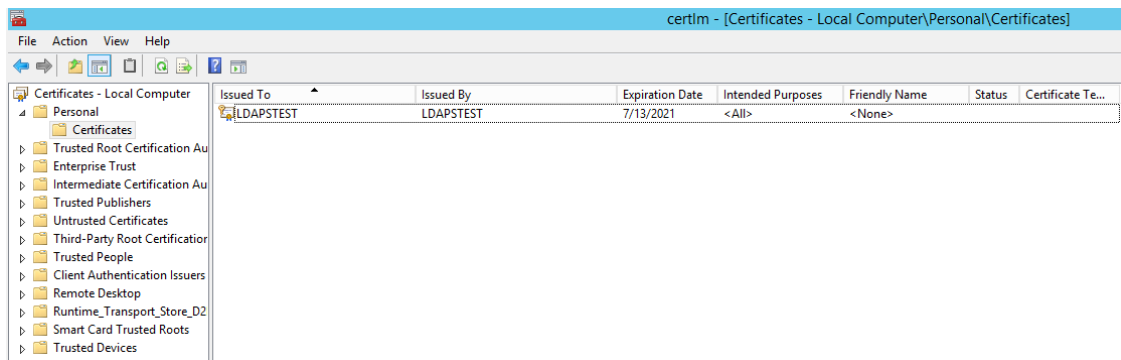
Once the configuration is successful/complete. Click Close.



Now let us view the generated certificate.

Click on Start à Search “Manage Computer Certificates” and open it.

Click on Personal Certificates and verify that the certificate “LDAPSTEST” is present:



Now to fulfill the third requirement, let us ensure host machine account has access to the private key. Using the Certutil utility, find the Unique Container Name. Open Command Prompt in Administrator mode and run the following command: certutil -verifystore MY

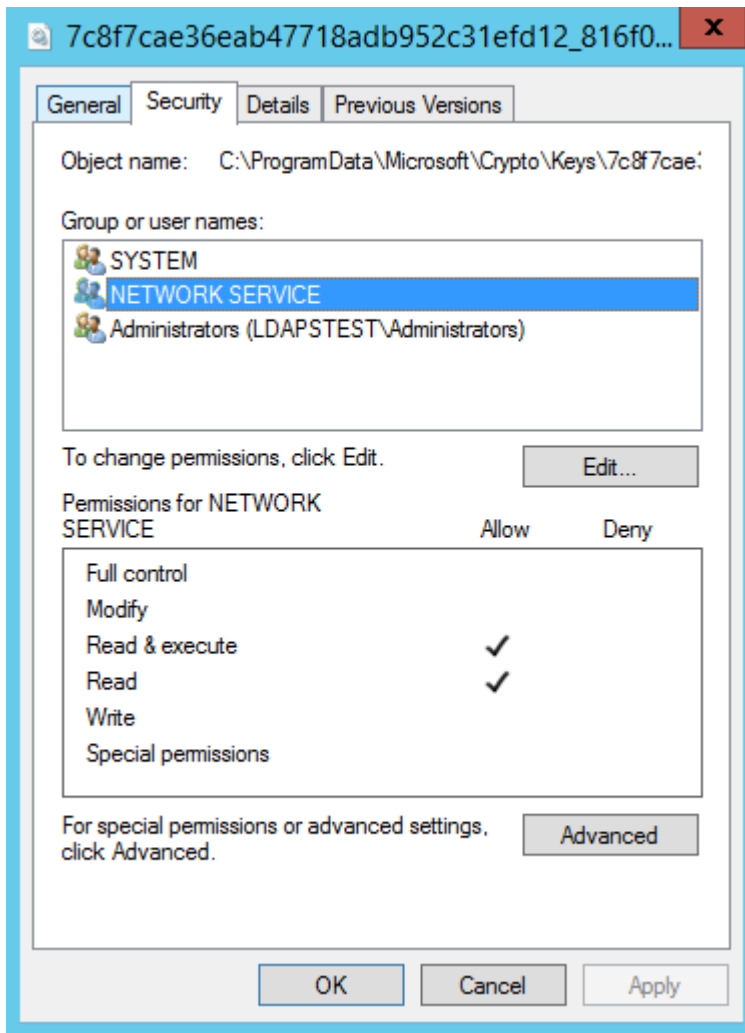
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Administrator: Command Prompt
C:\Users\azureuser>certutil -verifystore MY
MY "Personal"
===== Certificate 0 =====
Serial Number: 69332422164a2e974224d154186a51bb
Issuer: CN=LDAPSTEST
NotBefore: 7/13/2016 2:50 AM
NotAfter: 7/13/2021 3:00 AM
Subject: CN=LDAPSTEST
CA Version: U0.0
Signature matches Public Key
Root Certificate: Subject matches Issuer
Cert Hash(sha1): 39 ce fc 4e d0 e0 a8 9e 99 b1 9e b0 4b b6 10 00 7e c8 6b 45
Key Container = LDAPSTEST
Unique container name: 7c8f7cae36eab47718adb952c31efd12_816f0ec3-4470-4392-a0e
2-09af3b15b327
Provider = Microsoft Software Key Storage Provider
Signature test passed
Verified Issuance Policies: All
Verified Application Policies: All
Certificate is valid
CertUtil: -verifystore command completed successfully.
C:\Users\azureuser>_
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The private key will be present in the following location

C:\ProgramData\Microsoft\Crypto\Keys\

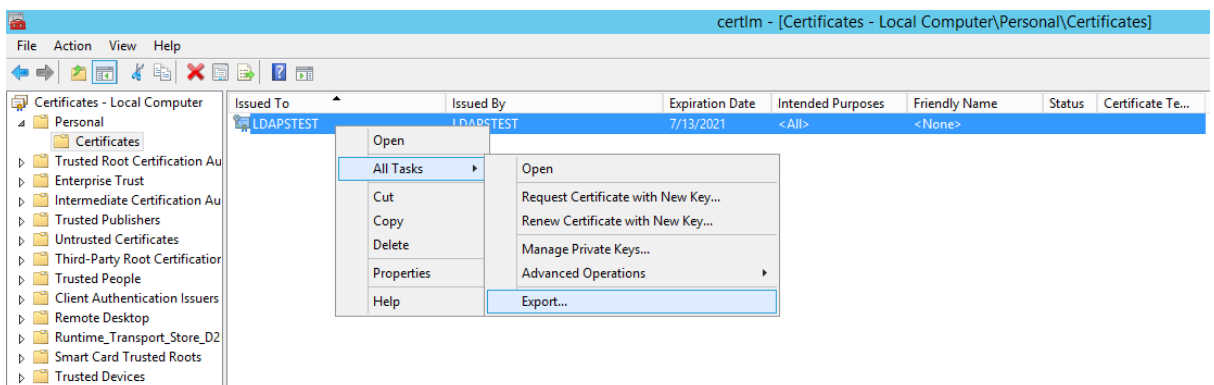
Right Click

C:\ProgramData\Microsoft\Crypto\Keys\874cb49a696726e9f435c1888b69f317_d3e61130-4cd8-4288-a344-7784647ff8c4 and click properties --> Security and add read permissions for NETWORK SERVICE.

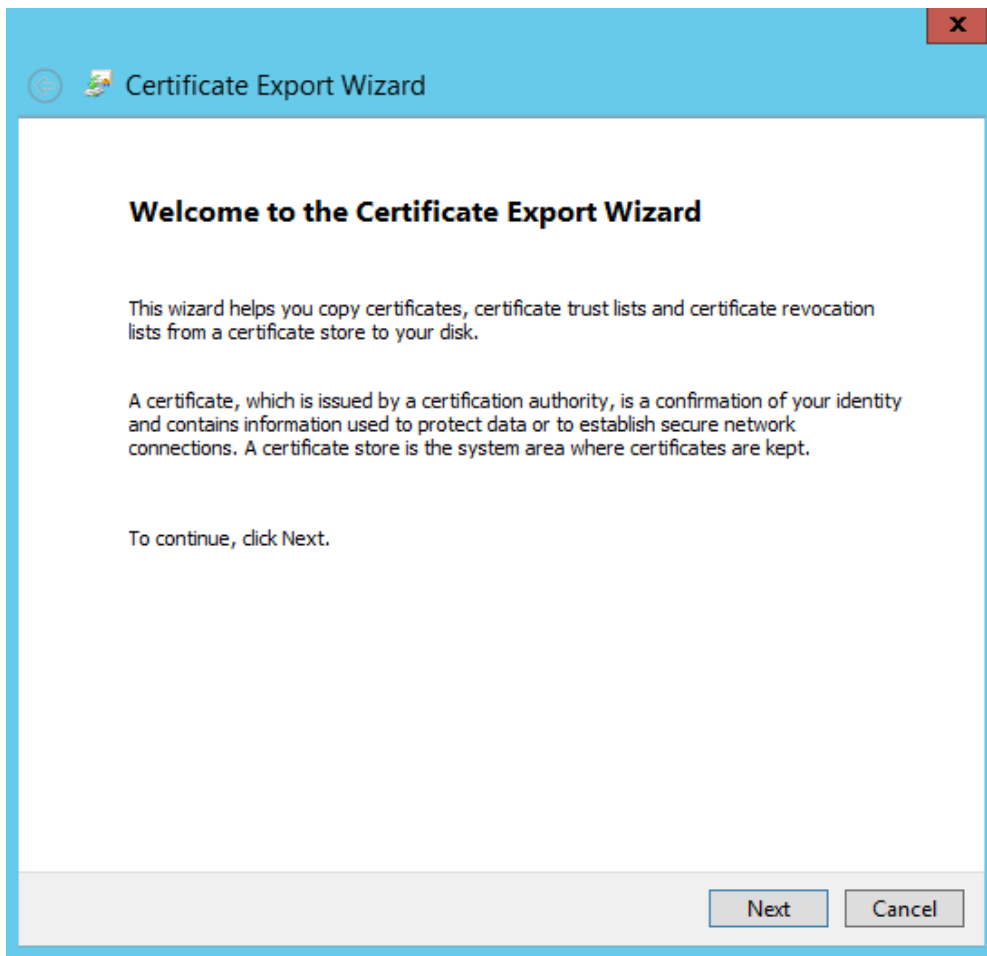


We need to import this certificate into JRE key store since our certificate "CN=LDAPSTEST" is not signed by any by any trusted Certification Authority(CA) which is configured in you JRE keystore e.g Verisign, Thwate, goDaddy or entrust etc. In order to import this certificate using the keytool utility, let us first export this cert as a .CER from the machine certificate store:

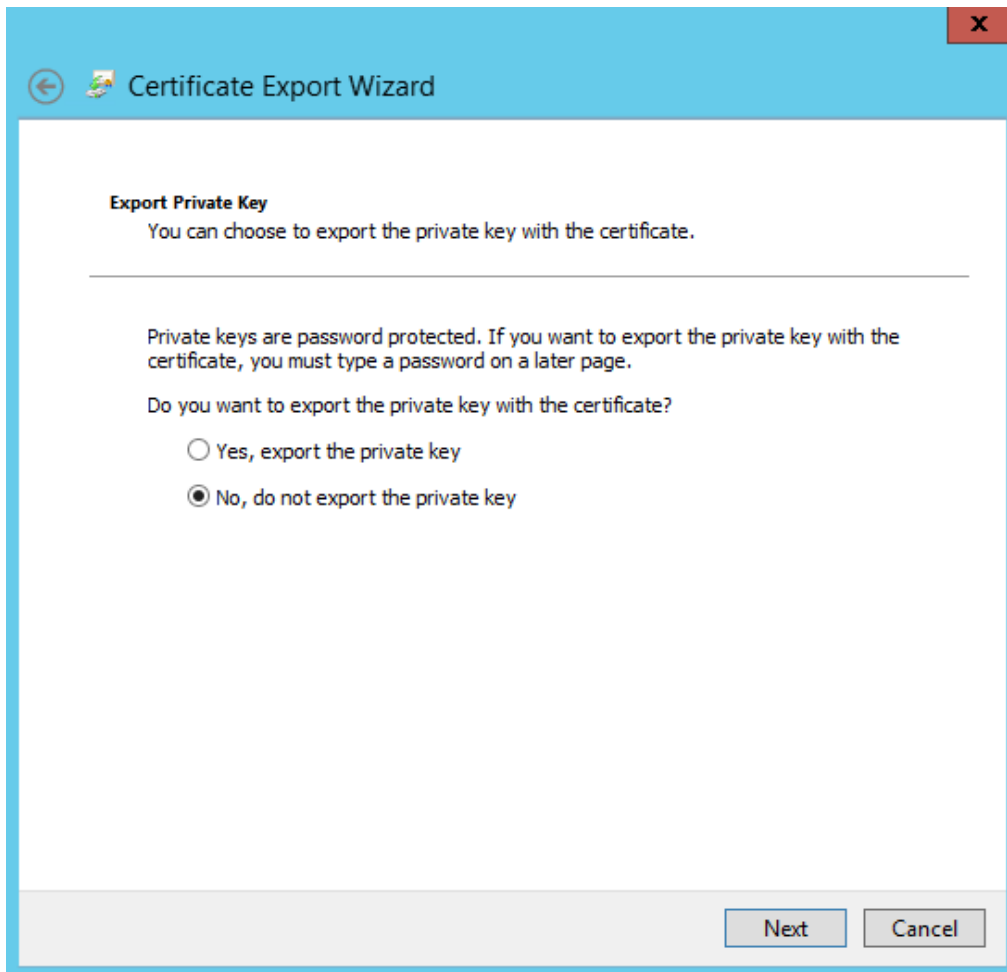
Click Start --> Search "Manage Computer Certificates" and open it. Open personal, right click LDAPSTEST cert and click "Export".



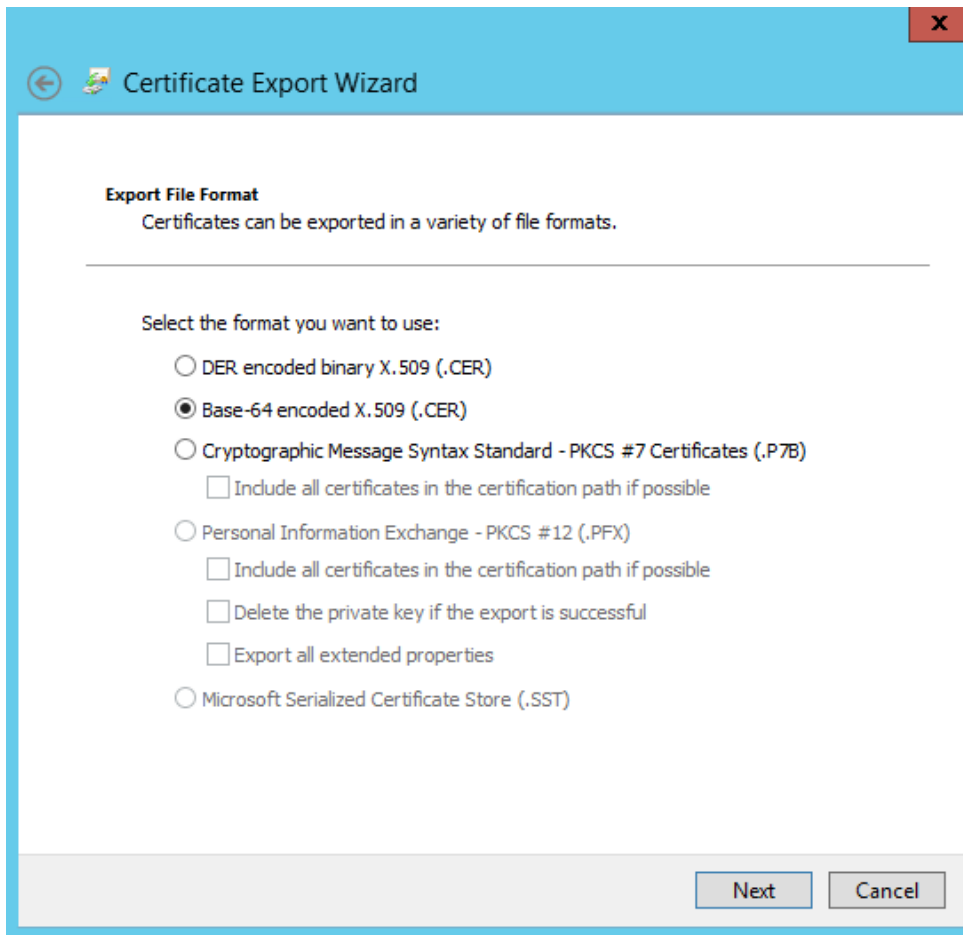
This opens the Certificate Export Wizard. Click Next.



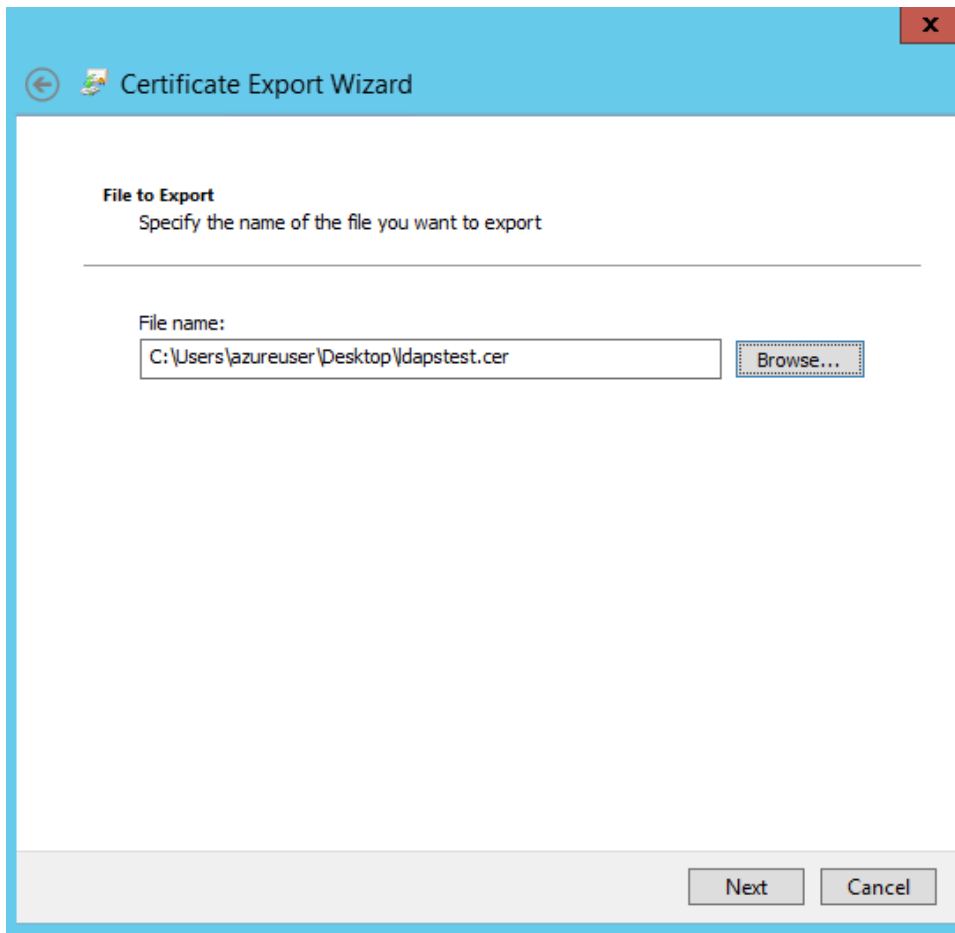
Do not export the private key. Click Next.



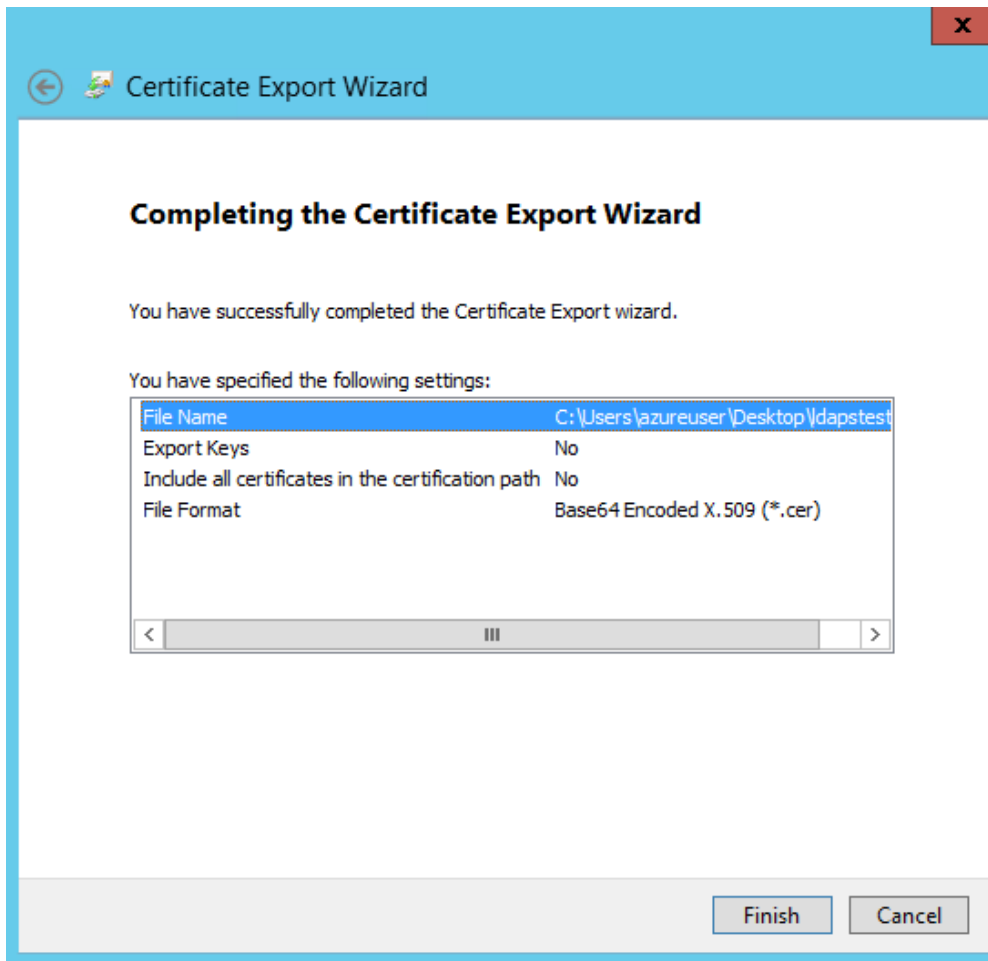
Choose Base-64 encoded X .509 file format. Click Next.



Exporting the .CER to Desktop. Click Next.



Click Finish to complete the certificate export.



Certificate is now successfully exported to
"C:\Users\azureuser\Desktop\ldapstest.cer".

Now we shall import it to JRE Keystore using the keytool command present in this location:

C:\Program Files\Java\jre1.8.0_92\bin\keytool.exe.

Open Command Prompt in administrator mode. Navigate to "C:\Program Files\Java\jre1.8.0_92\bin\" and run the following command:
keytool -importcert -alias "ldapstest" -keystore "C:\Program Files\Java\jre1.8.0_92\lib\security\cacerts" -storepass changeit -file "C:\Users\azureuser\Desktop\ldapstest.cer"

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Administrator: Command Prompt
C:\Program Files\Java\jre1.8.0_92\bin>keytool -importcert -alias "ldapstest" -keystore "C:\Program Files\Java\jre1.8.0_92\lib\security\cacerts" -storepass changeit -file "C:\Users\azureuser\Desktop\ldapstest.cer"
Owner: CN=LDAPSTEST
Issuer: CN=LDAPSTEST
Serial number: 69332422164a2e974224d154186a51bb
Valid from: Wed Jul 13 02:50:44 UTC 2016 until: Tue Jul 13 03:00:44 UTC 2021
Certificate fingerprints:
    MD5: C6:BD:16:17:5C:50:AD:91:69:A0:26:FB:02:63:39:D5
    SHA1: 39:CE:FC:4E:D0:E0:A8:9E:99:B1:9E:B0:4B:B6:10:00:7E:C8:6B:45
    SHA256: 32:28:B4:D9:2F:7C:E5:F1:22:3B:33:C1:E6:E0:D2:C3:7A:E9:D2:35:0E:2F:32:BF:CB:92:9A:12:EA:86:E7:24
Signature algorithm name: SHA1withRSA
Version: 3

Extensions:
#1: ObjectId: 1.3.6.1.4.1.311.21.1 Criticality=false
    0000: 02 01 00 ...

#2: ObjectId: 2.5.29.19 Criticality=true
BasicConstraints: [
    CA: true
    PathLen: 2147483647
]

#3: ObjectId: 2.5.29.15 Criticality=false
KeyUsage [
    DigitalSignature
    Key_CertSign
    Crl_Sign
]

#4: ObjectId: 2.5.29.14 Criticality=false
SubjectKeyIdentifier [
    KeyIdentifier [
    0000: B7 CF 7C 2A B3 16 38 CF 54 F5 94 F4 F8 DC 31 2F ...*.8.T.....1/
    0010: 4A 92 98 02 J...
    ]
]

Trust this certificate? [no]: yes
Certificate was added to keystore

C:\Program Files\Java\jre1.8.0_92\bin>
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Type "yes" in the Trust this certificate prompt.

Once certificate is successfully added to the JRE keystore, we can connect to the LDAP server over SSL.

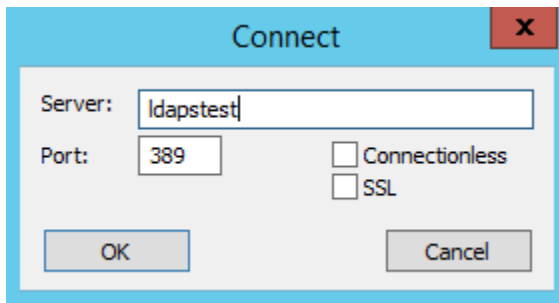
Now let us try to connect to LDAP Server (with and without SSL) using the ldp.exe tool.

Connection strings for

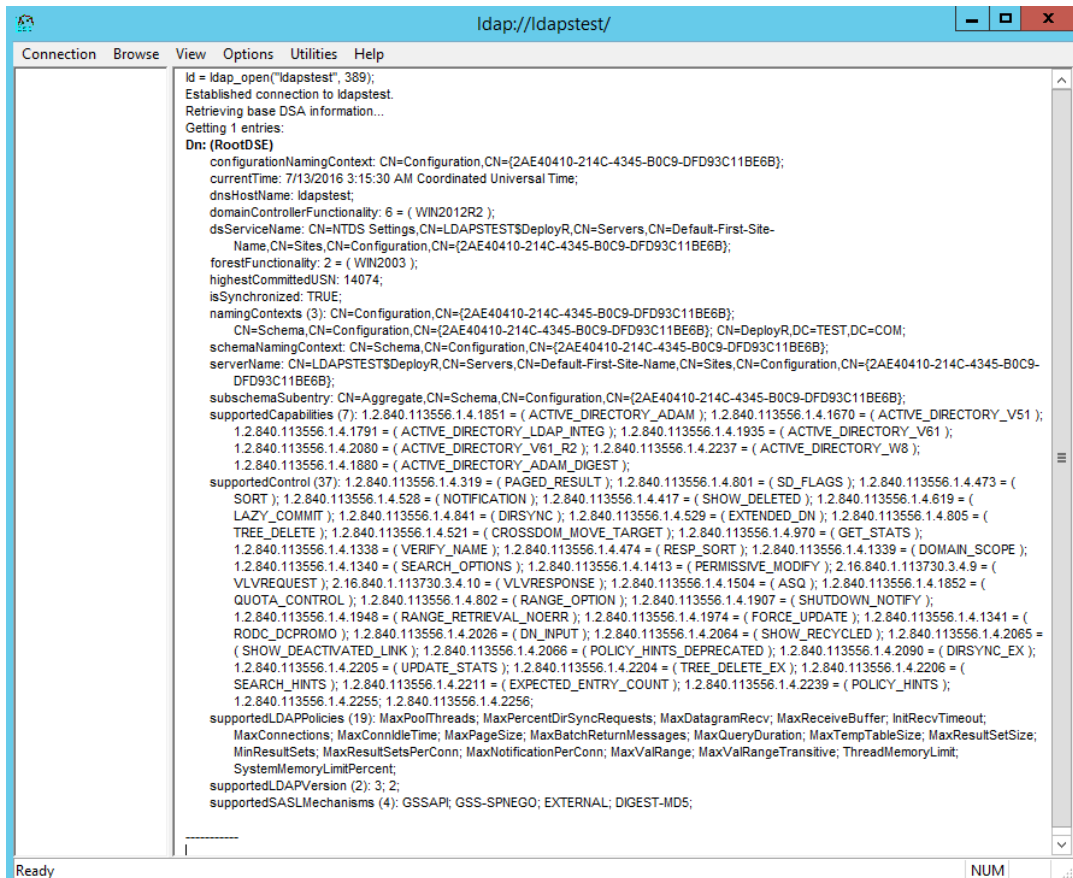
LDAP://ldapstest:389

LDAPS://ldapstest:636

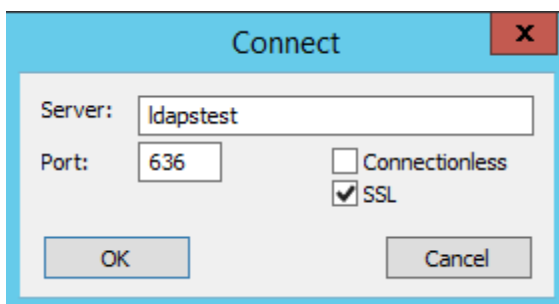
Click on Start --> Search ldp.exe --> Connection and fill in the following parameters and click OK to connect:



If Connection is successful, you will see the following message in the Idp.exe tool:



To Connect to LDAPS (LDAP over SSL), use port 636 and mark SSL. Click OK to connect.



If connection is successful, you will see the following message in the Idp.exe tool:

ldaps://ldapstest/

Connection Browse View Options Utilities Help

Host supports SSL, SSL cipher strength = 256 bits
Established connection to ldapstest.
Retrieving base DSA information...
Getting 1 entries:
Dn: (RootDSE)
configurationNamingContext: CN=Configuration,CN={2AE40410-214C-4345-B0C9-DFD93C11BE6B};
currentTime: 7/13/2016 3:16:44 AM Coordinated Universal Time;
dnsHostName: ldapstest;
domainControllerFunctionality: 6 = (WIN2012R2);
dsServiceName: CN=NTDS Settings,CN=LDAPSTEST\$DeployR,CN=Servers,CN=Default-First-Site-Name,CN=Sites,CN=Configuration,CN={2AE40410-214C-4345-B0C9-DFD93C11BE6B};
forestFunctionality: 2 = (WIN2003);
highestCommittedUSN: 14074;
isSynchronized: TRUE;
namingContexts (3): CN=Configuration,CN={2AE40410-214C-4345-B0C9-DFD93C11BE6B};
CN=Schema,CN=Configuration,CN={2AE40410-214C-4345-B0C9-DFD93C11BE6B}; CN=DeployR,DC=TEST,DC=COM;
schemaNamingContext: CN=Schema,CN=Configuration,CN={2AE40410-214C-4345-B0C9-DFD93C11BE6B};
serverName: CN=LDAPSTEST\$DeployR,CN=Servers,CN=Default-First-Site-Name,CN=Sites,CN=Configuration,CN={2AE40410-214C-4345-B0C9-DFD93C11BE6B};
subschemaSubentry: CN=Aggregate,CN=Schema,CN=Configuration,CN={2AE40410-214C-4345-B0C9-DFD93C11BE6B};
supportedCapabilities (7): 1.2.840.113556.1.4.1851 = (ACTIVE_DIRECTORY_ADAM); 1.2.840.113556.1.4.1670 = (ACTIVE_DIRECTORY_V51);
1.2.840.113556.1.4.1791 = (ACTIVE_DIRECTORY_LDAP_INTEG); 1.2.840.113556.1.4.1935 = (ACTIVE_DIRECTORY_V61);
1.2.840.113556.1.4.2080 = (ACTIVE_DIRECTORY_V61_R2); 1.2.840.113556.1.4.2237 = (ACTIVE_DIRECTORY_W8);
1.2.840.113556.1.4.1880 = (ACTIVE_DIRECTORY_ADAM_DIGEST);
supportedControl (37): 1.2.840.113556.1.4.319 = (PAGED_RESULT); 1.2.840.113556.1.4.801 = (SD_FLAGS); 1.2.840.113556.1.4.473 = (SORT); 1.2.840.113556.1.4.528 = (NOTIFICATION); 1.2.840.113556.1.4.417 = (SHOW_DELETED); 1.2.840.113556.1.4.619 = (LAZY_COMMIT); 1.2.840.113556.1.4.841 = (DIRSYNC); 1.2.840.113556.1.4.529 = (EXTENDED_DN); 1.2.840.113556.1.4.805 = (TREE_DELETE); 1.2.840.113556.1.4.521 = (CROSSDOM_MOVE_TARGET); 1.2.840.113556.1.4.970 = (GET_STATS); 1.2.840.113556.1.4.1338 = (VERIFY_NAME); 1.2.840.113556.1.4.474 = (RESP_SORT); 1.2.840.113556.1.4.1339 = (DOMAIN_SCOPE); 1.2.840.113556.1.4.1340 = (SEARCH_OPTIONS); 1.2.840.113556.1.4.1413 = (PERMISSIVE_MODIFY); 2.16.840.1.113730.3.4.9 = (VLVREQUEST); 2.16.840.1.113730.3.4.10 = (VLVRESPONSE); 1.2.840.113556.1.4.1504 = (ASQ); 1.2.840.113556.1.4.1852 = (QUOTA_CONTROL); 1.2.840.113556.1.4.802 = (RANGE_OPTION); 1.2.840.113556.1.4.1907 = (SHUTDOWN_NOTIFY); 1.2.840.113556.1.4.1948 = (RANGE_RETRIEVAL_NOERR); 1.2.840.113556.1.4.1974 = (FORCE_UPDATE); 1.2.840.113556.1.4.1341 = (RODC_DCPROMO); 1.2.840.113556.1.4.2026 = (DN_INPUT); 1.2.840.113556.1.4.2064 = (SHOW_RECYCLED); 1.2.840.113556.1.4.2065 = (SHOW_DEACTIVATED_LINK); 1.2.840.113556.1.4.2066 = (POLICY_HINTS_DEPRECATED); 1.2.840.113556.1.4.2090 = (DIRSYNC_EX); 1.2.840.113556.1.4.2205 = (UPDATE_STATS); 1.2.840.113556.1.4.2204 = (TREE_DELETE_EX); 1.2.840.113556.1.4.2206 = (SEARCH_HINTS); 1.2.840.113556.1.4.2211 = (EXPECTED_ENTRY_COUNT); 1.2.840.113556.1.4.2239 = (POLICY_HINTS); 1.2.840.113556.1.4.2255; 1.2.840.113556.1.4.2256;
supportedLDAPPolicies (19): MaxPoolThreads; MaxPercentDirSyncRequests; MaxDatagramRecv; MaxReceiveBuffer; InitRecvTimeout; MaxConnections; MaxConnIdleTime; MaxPageSize; MaxBatchReturnMessages; MaxQueryDuration; MaxTempTableSize; MaxResultSetSize; MinResultSets; MaxResultSetsPerConn; MaxNotificationPerConn; MaxValRange; MaxValRangeTransitive; ThreadMemoryLimit; SystemMemoryLimitPercent;
supportedLDAPVersion (2): 3; 2;
supportedSASLMechanisms (4): GSSAPI; GSS-SPNEGO; EXTERNAL; DIGEST-MD5;

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