

Configuring the Cisco VPN 3000 Concentrator 4.7.x to Get a Digital Certificate and a SSL Certificate

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Introduction

This document includes step-by-step instructions on how to configure the Cisco VPN 3000 Series Concentrators to authenticate with the use of digital or identity certificates and SSL certificates.

Note: In the VPN Concentrator, load balancing must be disabled before you generate another SSL certificate since this prevents the certificate generation.

Refer to How to obtain a Digital Certificate from a Microsoft Windows CA using ASDM on an ASA in order to learn more about the same scenario with PIX/ASA 7.x.

Refer to Cisco IOS Certificate Enrollment Using Enhanced Enrollment Commands Configuration Example in order to learn more about the same scenario with Cisco IOS® Platforms.

Prerequisites

Requirements

There are no specific requirements for this document.

Components Used

The information in this document is based on the Cisco VPN 3000 Concentrator that runs Version 4.7.

The information in this document was created from the devices in a specific lab environment. All of the devices used in this document started with a cleared (default) configuration. If your network is live, make sure that you understand the potential impact of any command.

Conventions

Refer to the Cisco Technical Tips Conventions for more information on document conventions.

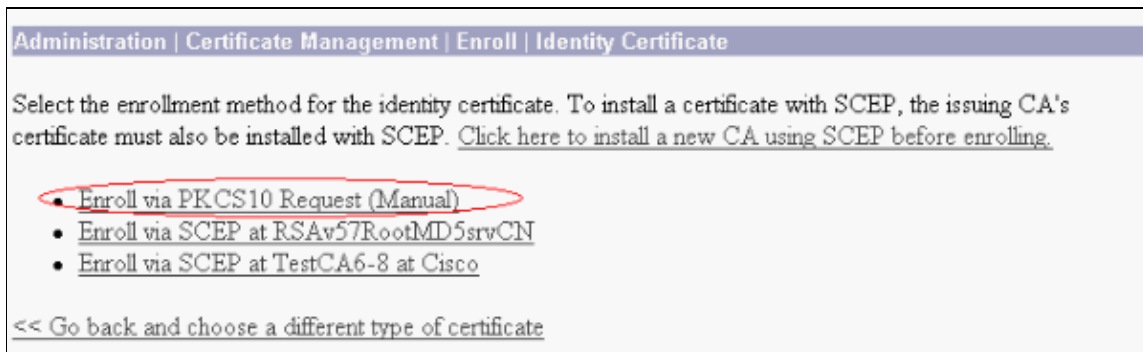
Install Digital Certificates on the VPN Concentrator

Complete these steps:

1. Choose **Administration > Certificate Management > Enroll** in order to select the digital or identity certificate request.



2. Choose **Administration > Certificate Management > Enrollment > Identity Certificate** and click **Enroll via PKCS10 Request(Manual)**.



3. Fill out the requested fields, and then click **Enroll**.

These fields are filled out in this example.

- ◆ **Common Name** altiga30
- ◆ **Organizational Unit** IPSECCERT (the OU should match the configured IPsec groupname)
- ◆ **Organization** Cisco Systems
- ◆ **Locality** RTP
- ◆ **State/Province** NorthCarolina
- ◆ **Country** US
- ◆ **Fully Qualified Domain Name** (not used here)
- ◆ **Key Size**¥12

Note: If you request either an SSL certificate or an identity certificate using Simple Certificate Enrollment Protocol (SCEP), these are the only RSA options available.

- ◆ RSA 512 bits
- ◆ RSA 768 bits
- ◆ RSA 1024 bits
- ◆ RSA 2048 bits
- ◆ DSA 512 bits

- ◆ DSA 768 bits
- ◆ DSA 1024 bits

Administration | Certificate Management | Enroll | Identity Certificate | PKCS10

Enter the information to be included in the certificate request. *The CA's certificate **must** be installed as a Certificate Authority before installing the certificate you requested. Please wait for the operation to finish.*

Common Name (CN) Enter the common name for the VPN 3000 Concentrator to be used in this PKI.

Organizational Unit (OU) Enter the department.

Organization (O) Enter the Organization or company.

Locality (L) Enter the city or town.

State/Province (SP) Enter the State or Province.

Country (C) Enter the two-letter country abbreviation (e.g. United States = US).

Subject AlternativeName (FQDN) Enter the Fully Qualified Domain Name for the VPN 3000 Concentrator to be used in this PKI.

Subject AlternativeName (E-Mail Address) Enter the E-Mail Address for the VPN 3000 Concentrator to be used in this PKI.

Key Size Select the key size for the generated RSA/DSA key pair.

4. After you click **Enroll**, several windows appear. The first window confirms that you have requested a certificate.

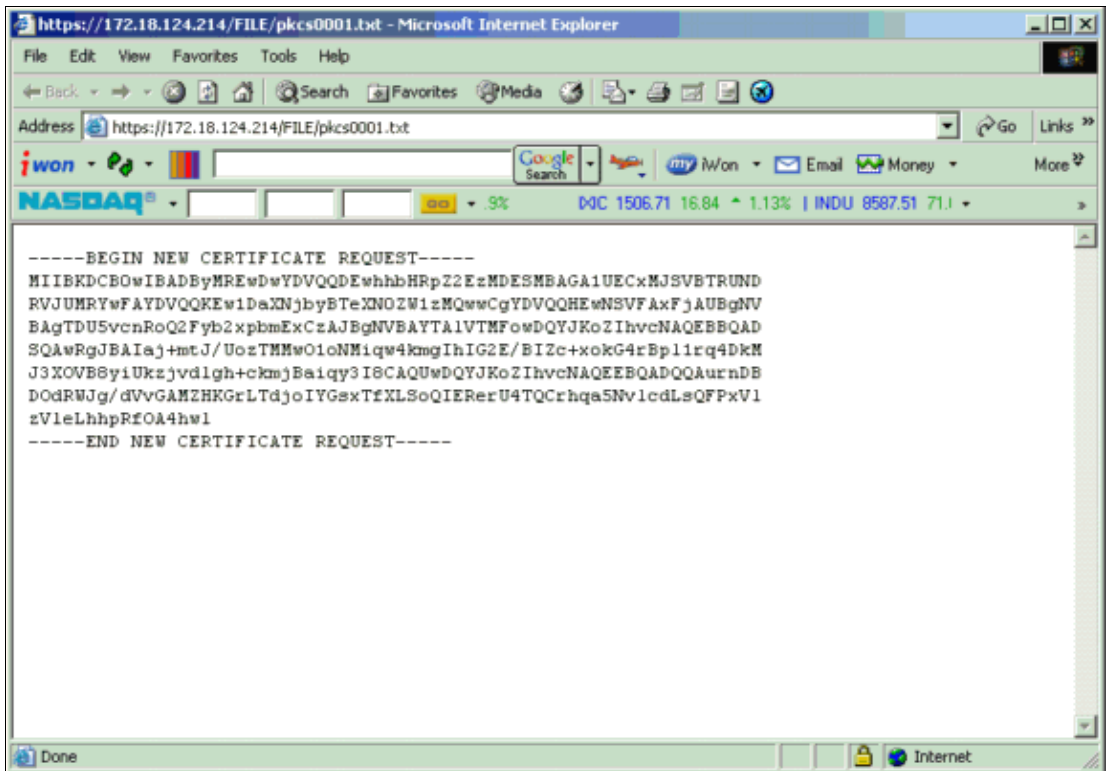
Administration | Certificate Management | Enrollment | Request Generated

A certificate request has been generated. In a few seconds, a new browser window will open up with the certificate request. The request can be saved as a file, or copied then pasted into a CA's management interface.

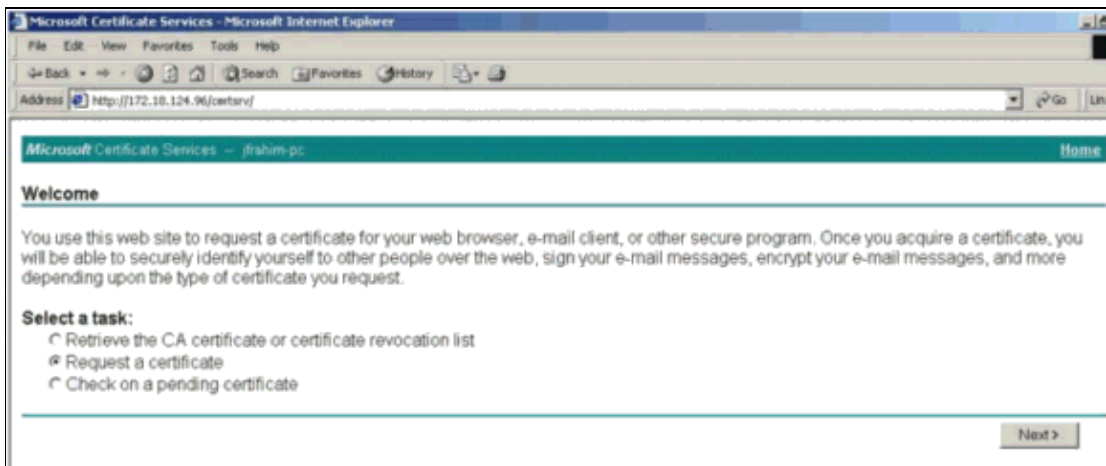
The request is located on the VPN 3000 Concentrator with the filename **pkcs0001.txt**. When you are done, you should delete this file; go to the [File Management page](#) to delete the certificate request.

- [Go to Certificate Management](#)
- [Go to Certificate Enrollment](#)
- [Go to Certificate Installation](#)

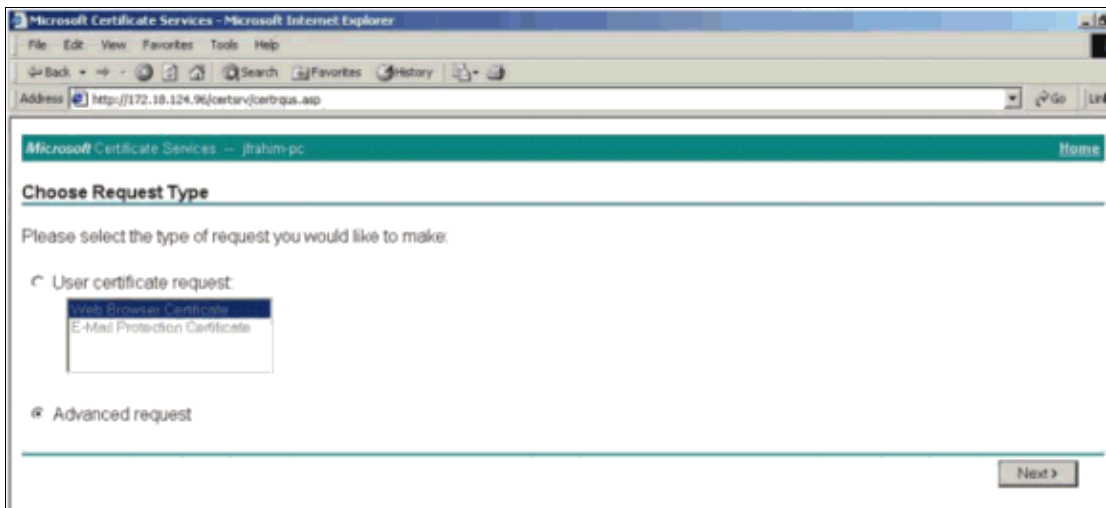
A new browser window also opens and displays your PKCS request file.



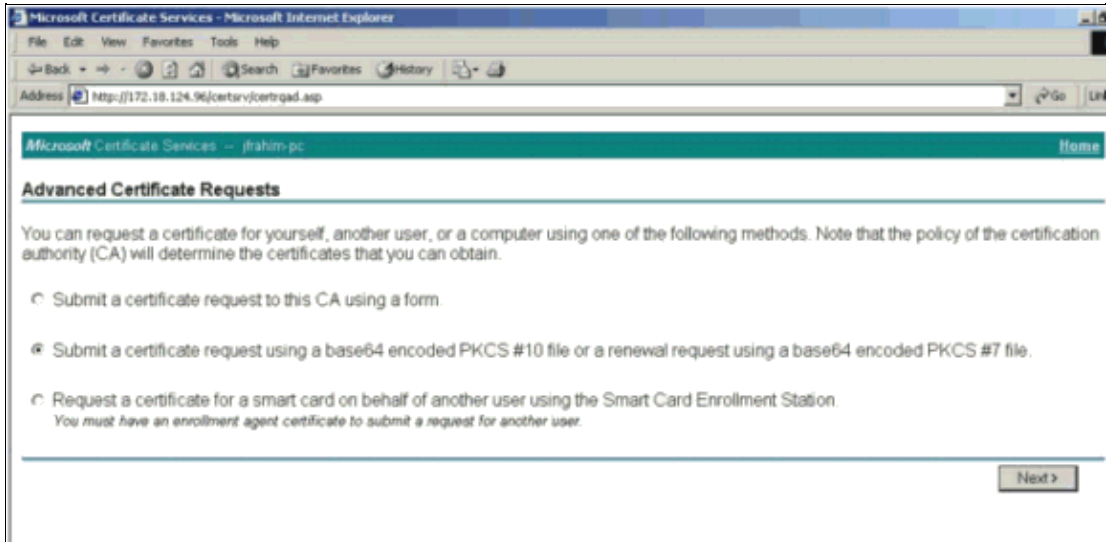
5. On your Certification Authority (CA) server, highlight the request and paste it in your CA server in order to submit your request. Click **Next**.



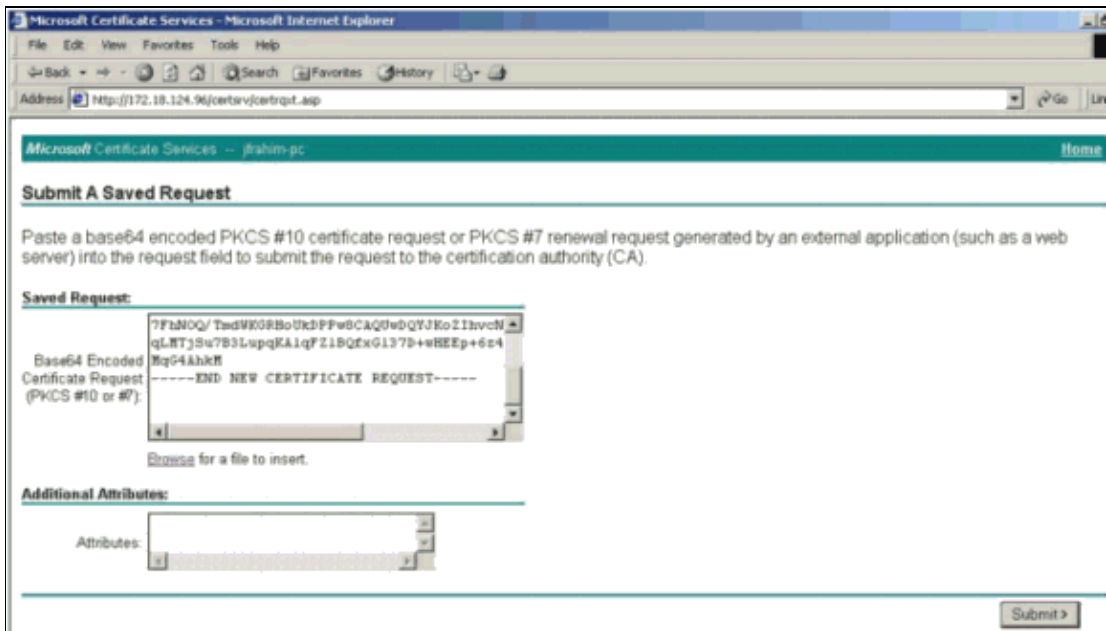
6. Select **Advanced request** and click **Next**.



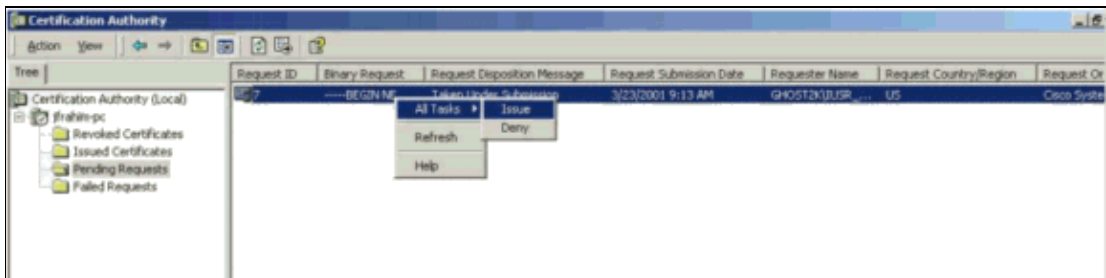
7. Select **Submit a certificate request using a base64 encoded PKCS #10 file or a renewal request using a base64 encoded PKCS #7 file**, and then click **Next**.



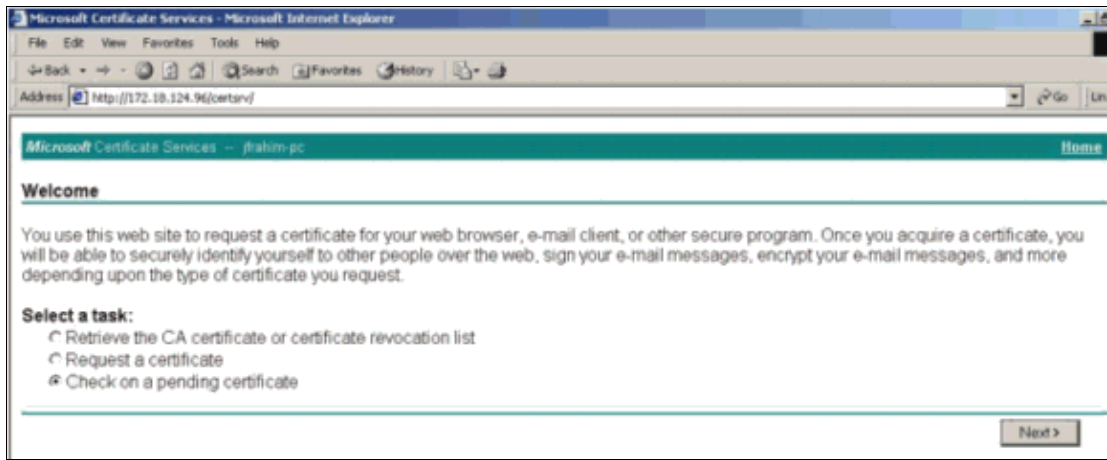
8. Cut and paste your PKCS file into the text field under the Saved Request section. Then click **Submit**.



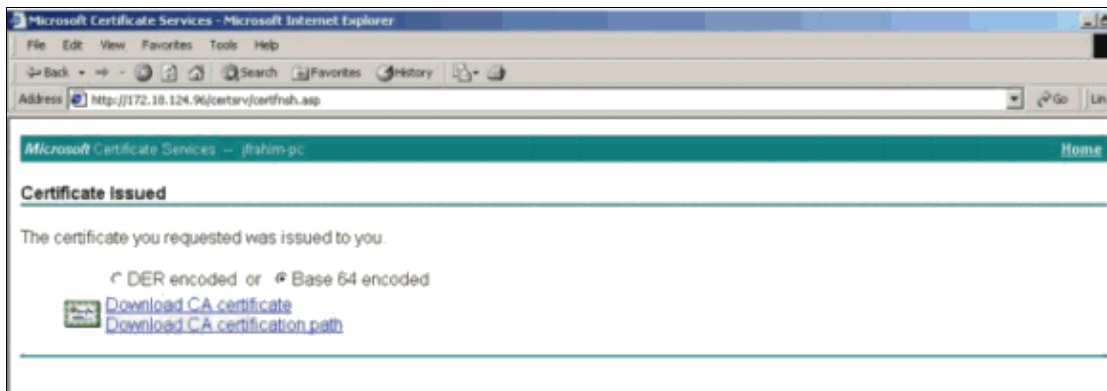
9. Issue the identity certificate on the CA server.



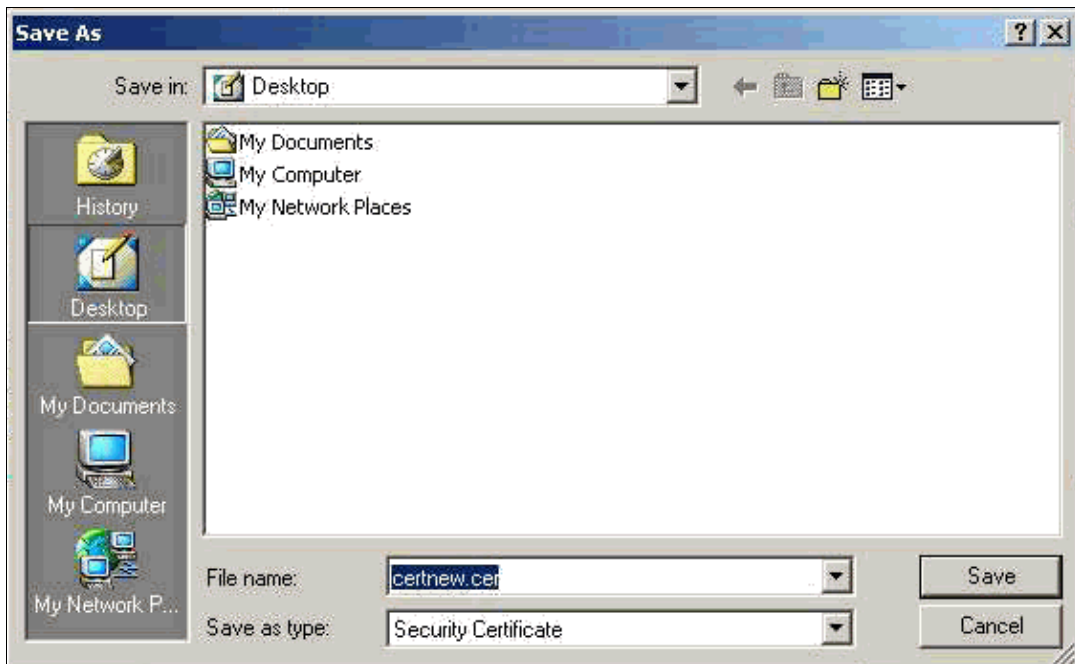
10. Download the root and the identity certificates. On your CA server, select **Check on a pending certificate**, and click **Next**.



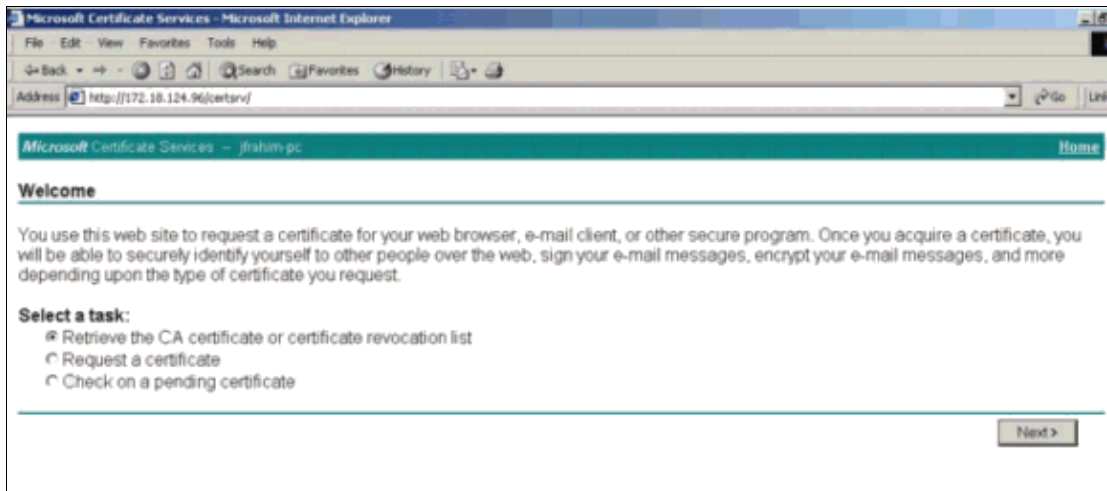
11. Select **Base 64 encoded**, and click **Download CA certificate** on the CA server.



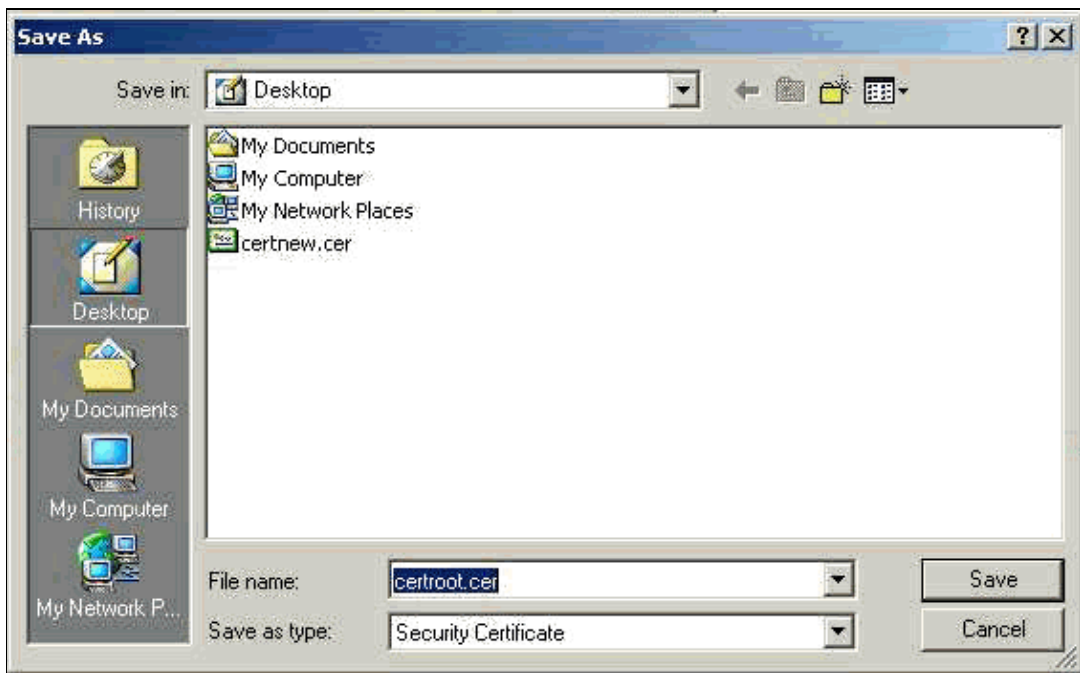
12. Save the identity certificate on your local drive.



13. On the CA server, select **Retrieve the CA certificate or certificate revocation list** in order to get the root certificate. Then click **Next**.



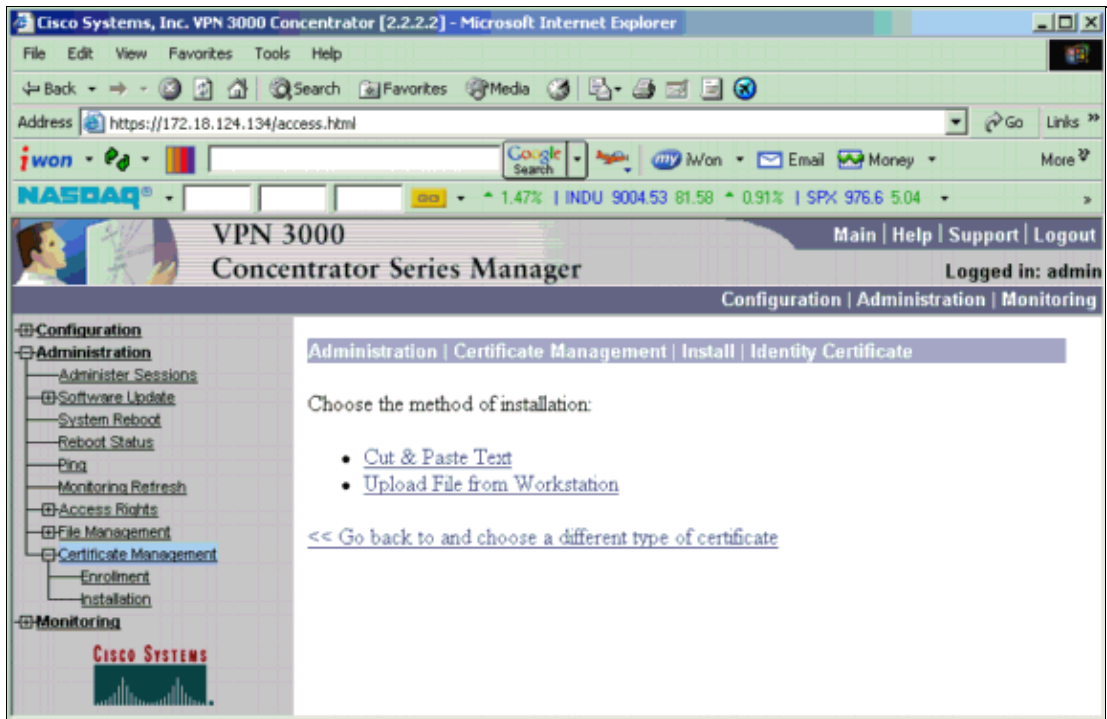
14. Save the root certificate on your local drive.



15. Install the root and identity certificates on the VPN 3000 Concentrator. In order to do this, select **Administration > Certificate Manager > Installation > Install certificate obtained via enrollment**. Under Enrollment Status, click **Install**.

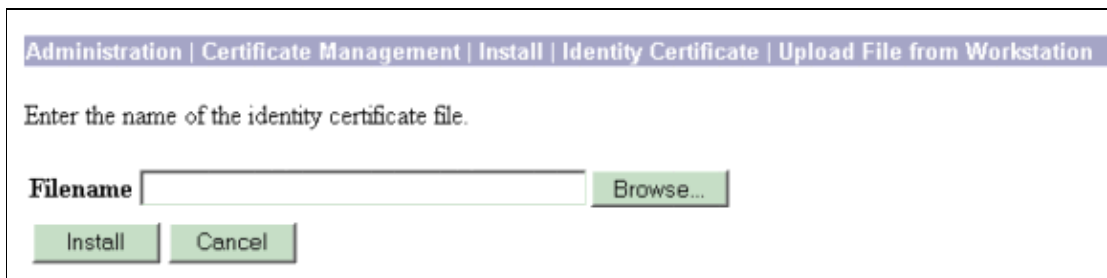


16. Click **Upload File from Workstation**.



17. Click **Browse** and select the root certificate file that you saved to your local drive.

Select **Install** to install the identity certificate on the VPN Concentrator. The Administration | Certificate Management window appears as a confirmation, and your new identity certificate appears in the Identity Certificates table.



Note: Complete these steps to generate a new certificate if the Certificate fails.

- a. Select **Administration > Certificate Management**.
- b. Click **Delete** in the Actions box for the SSL Certificate listing.
- c. Select **Administration > System Reboot**.
- d. Select **Save the active configuration at time of reboot**, choose **Now**, and click **Apply**. You are now able to generate a new certificate after the reload is complete.

Install SSL Certificates on the VPN Concentrator

If you use a secure connection between your browser and the VPN Concentrator, the VPN Concentrator requires an SSL certificate. You also need an SSL certificate on the interface that you use to manage the VPN Concentrator and for WebVPN, and for each interface that terminates WebVPN tunnels.

The interface SSL certificates, if non-existent, are automatically generated when the VPN 3000 Concentrator reboots after you upgrade the VPN 3000 Concentrator software. Because a self-generated certificate is self-generated, this certificate is not verifiable. No Certificate Authority has guaranteed its identity. But this certificate allows you to make initial contact with the VPN Concentrator using the browser. If you want to

replace it with another self-signed SSL certificate, complete these steps:

1. Choose **Administration > Certificate Management**.

Administration | Certificate Management Monday, 05 January 2004 16:31:1
Refresh

This section lets you view and manage certificates on the VPN 3000 Concentrator.

- [Click here to enroll with a Certificate Authority](#)
- [Click here to install a certificate](#)

Certificate Authorities [[View All CRL Caches](#) | [Clear All CRL Caches](#)] (current: 1, maximum: 20)

Subject	Issuer	Expiration	SCEP Issuer	Actions
ms-root-sha-06-2001 at cisco	ms-root-sha-06-2001 at cisco	06/04/2022	No	View Configure Delete

Identity Certificates (current: 1, maximum: 20)

Subject	Issuer	Expiration	Actions
Gateway A at Cisco Systems	ms-root-sha-06-2001 at cisco	02/04/2004	View Renew Delete

SSL Certificates

Interface	Subject	Issuer	Expiration	Actions
Private	10.5.6.1 at Cisco Systems, Inc.	10.5.6.1 at Cisco Systems, Inc.	02/01/2006	View Renew Delete Export Generate Enroll Import

SSH Host Key

Key Size	Key Type	Date Generated	Actions
1024 bits	RSA	01/05/2004	Generate

2. Click **Generate** in order to display the new certificate in the SSL Certificate table and replace the existing one.

This window allows you to configure fields for SSL certificates the VPN Concentrator generates automatically. These SSL certificates are for interfaces and for load balancing.

Administration | Certificate Management | Generate SSL Certificate

You are about to generate a certificate for the Public Interface . The certificate will have the following DN for both Subject and Issuer.

The certificate will be valid for 3 years from yesterday.

Common Name (CN) Enter the Common Name, usually the IP or DNS address of this interface

Organizational Unit (OU) Enter the department.

Organization (O) Enter the Organization or company.

Locality (L) Enter the city or town.

State/Province (SP) Enter the State or Province.

Country (C) Enter the two-letter country abbreviation (e.g. United States = US).

RSA Key Size Select the key size for the generated RSA key pair.

If you want to obtain a verifiable SSL certificate (that is, one issued by a Certificate Authority), see the Install Digital Certificates on the VPN Concentrator section of this document in order to use the same procedure you use to obtain identity certificates. But this time, on the **Administration > Certificate Management > Enroll** window, click **SSL certificate** (instead of Identity Certificate).

Note: Refer to the *Administration / Certificate Management* section of VPN 3000 Concentrator Reference Volume II: Administration and Monitoring Release 4.7 for complete information about digital certificates and SSL certificates.

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