



ADSS Web RA Server 2.9.7

Installation

Guide

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1 Introduction

Registration Authority (RA) is another important component of PKI along with Certificate Authority (CA). CA is primarily responsible to create and revoke certificates, but complex business scenarios demand more than just the creation of certificates. Their responsibilities now include but not limited to managing users, certificate creation requests and revocation of certificates.

Businesses in the modern world require strong control over these processes along with the complete audit trail, to maintain the irrefutable evidence of these activities for future. Such additional controls and management are covered by an RA. An RA is therefore responsible to verify a user and their certificate request, and then inform the CA to issue the requested certificate.

An RA receives a request for digital certificate and verifies the user requesting the certificate. The user verification can be done manually through face to face interaction or electronically by using other mediums like phone, video conferencing, mail or courier that is acceptable to the RA as a secured medium. Once RA approves the user, it informs the CA to issue the certificate for the user. The RA then obtains the user certificate from the CA, and sends it to the user using a secure medium.

1.1 Scope

This manual describes how to install ADSS Web RA Server.

ADSS Web RA comprises five components and the installation procedure for all are covered herein:

- **Web** interface that provides user services on desktop browsers.
- **Admin** console that provides system administration and configuration.
- **API** that utilises the ASP.NET Web API framework to provide a REST architecture.
- **Device** is used to manage device enrolment for certificate creation.
- **Windows Enrolment** is used to manage certificate renewal or auto-enrolment on a Windows machine.

1.2 Intended Readership

This manual is intended for administrators responsible for installation and initial configuration. It is assumed that the reader has a good understanding of web applications running on IIS, digital signatures, digital certificates and IT security.

1.3 Technical Support

If technical support is required, Ascertia has a dedicated support team providing debugging and integration assistance as well as general customer support. Ascertia Support can be accessed through [Ascertia Ticketing System](#) or email address: support@ascertia.com

Ascertia provides formal support agreements with all product sales. Contact sales@ascertia.com for further details.

A Product Support Questionnaire should be completed in order to provide Ascertia Support having information about your system environment, along with details of any issues encountered. When requesting help, it is always important to confirm these details:

- System platform.
- ADSS Web RA version number.
- Details of the specific issue and relevant steps taken to reproduce it if possible.
- Database vendor, version and patch level.
- Product log files.

1.4 Glossary

ADSS Web RA	A short form of Unified Web Registration Authority
Cert	A short form of Digital Certificate
DBMS	Database Management System
HSM	Hardware Security Module
HTTP	Hyper Text Transfer Protocol
HTTP/S	HTTP over SSL/TLS connection
SSL	Secure Sockets Layer

2 System Requirements

System Requirements includes hardware and software requirements both.

2.1 Hardware Prerequisites

Components	Requirements
Hard Disk Space	<ul style="list-style-type: none">200 GB (Minimum)
Memory	<ul style="list-style-type: none">16 GB (Minimum)24 GB (If the number of concurrent users is higher)32 GB (If the database is also deployed on the same system as the ADSS Web RA)
Processor	<ul style="list-style-type: none">A modern multi-core CPU such as Xeon E3-XXXX or E5-XXXX series is recommended
Processor Type	<ul style="list-style-type: none">x64
HSM (Optional)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Thales Luna Network, PCIe, and USBEntrust nShield Solo XC, Connect XC, and nShield EDGEUtimaco CryptoServer SE Gen2Microsoft Azure Key VaultAmazon Cloud HSM

2.2 Software Prerequisites

Component	Requirements
Operating Systems	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Follow this link to view details about supported OS: https://manuals.ascertia.com/WebRA/ADSS-WebRA-Server-Platform-Support.pdf
Microsoft IIS	<ul style="list-style-type: none">IIS 10Application Development feature in IIS
IIS Rewrite Module	<ul style="list-style-type: none">v2.1
.Net Framework	<ul style="list-style-type: none">.Net Framework 4.8.1 or above
.Net Core Runtime & Hosting Bundle	<ul style="list-style-type: none">ASP.NET Core Runtime 9.0 or above

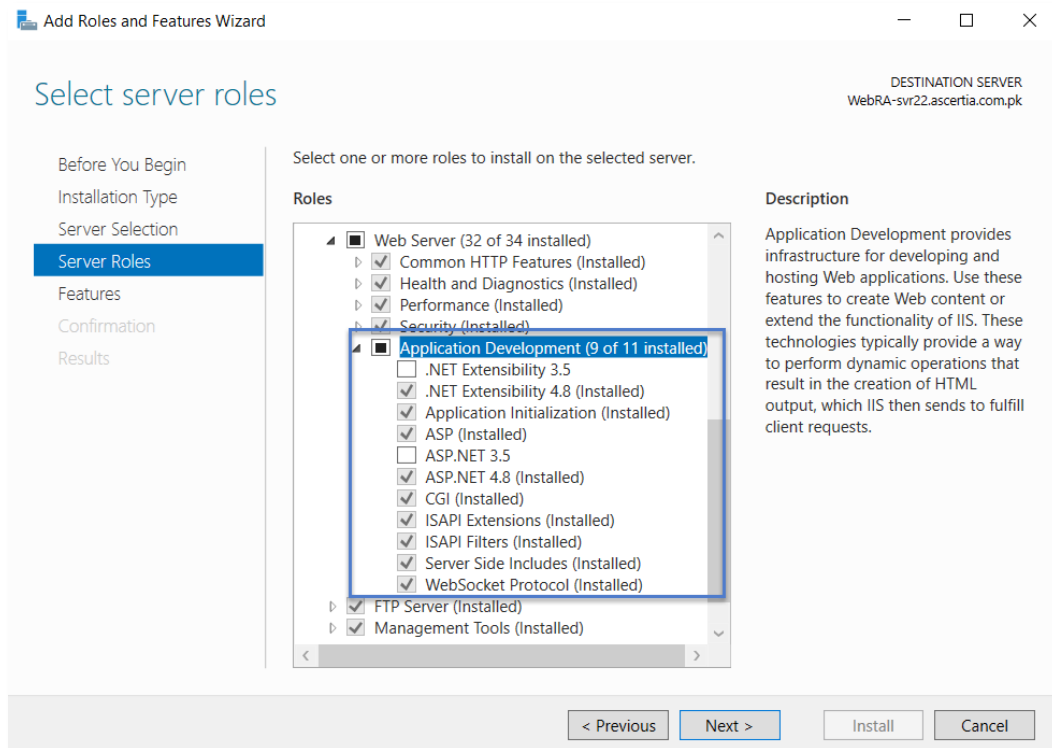
Database Server	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Follow this link to view details about Database Server: https://manuals.ascertia.com/WebRA/ADSS-WebRA-Server-Platform-Support.pdf
Web Brower (for end-users and administrators)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Follow this link to view details about Web Browsers: https://manuals.ascertia.com/WebRA/ADSS-WebRA-Server-Platform-Support.pdf
ADSS Server	<p>ADSS Web RA uses ADSS Server under the hood to create and manage certificates for the end user as a CA. ADSS Server can be installed on a separate machine or on the same machine for testing and proof of concept. It is recommended to keep the ADSS installation on a separate machine for a production environment. For further requirements related to the installation of ADSS Server, please refer to the installation guide of ADSS Server.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ADSS Server 6.6 or above
DMZ Proxy Systems	<p>A DMZ proxy server is recommended to provide enhanced security for ADSS Web RA. Supported web servers are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Windows Server + IIS, Apache or IBM HTTP Server Linux + Apache or IBM HTTP Server <p>It is recommended to use a reasonable CPU, 4 GB RAM (Minimum), 2000 MB Disk Space for the web server machine. ADSS Web RA and ADSS Server support network proxies to allow authenticated access to external services. Certificate generation with local smartcards or USB tokens requires ADSS Server Go>Sign Service.</p>

For testing and proof of concepts, ADSS Server and ADSS Web RA can be installed on the same machine along with the database server. However, for optimal performance in a production environment, it is always recommended to install them on separately dedicated machines.

The details given above are the minimum set of requirements; for higher concurrent use of the application the system requirements may vary based on the load and performance expectations.

2.3 Application Development feature in IIS

Enable the following features in IIS on the deployment machine:



2.4 Microsoft .Net Core 9.0.6. Runtime & Hosting Bundle

2.4.1 Download the latest version of Microsoft .Net Core i.e. Microsoft .Net Core 9.0.6. Runtime and Hosting Bundle from the following link:

[Microsoft .Net Core 9.0. Runtime & Hosting Bundle](#)

2.4.2 Download the Hosting Bundle installer.

9.0.6 Security patch

[Release notes](#) Latest release date: June 10, 2025

Build apps - SDK

SDK 9.0.301

OS	Installers	Binaries
Linux	Package manager instructions	Arm32 Arm32 Alpine Arm64 Arm64 Alpine x64 x64 Alpine
macOS	Arm64 x64	Arm64 x64
Windows	x64 x86 Arm64 winget instructions	x64 x86 Arm64
All	dotnet-install scripts	

Visual Studio support
Visual Studio 2022 (v17.14)

Included in
Visual Studio 17.14.5

Included runtimes
.NET Runtime 9.0.6
ASP.NET Core Runtime 9.0.6
.NET Desktop Runtime 9.0.6

Language support
C# 13.0
F# 9.0
Visual Basic 17.13

SDK 9.0.205

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Run apps - Runtime

ASP.NET Core Runtime 9.0.6

The ASP.NET Core Runtime enables you to run existing web/server applications. **On Windows, we recommend installing the Hosting Bundle, which includes the .NET Runtime and IIS support.**

IIS runtime support (ASP.NET Core Module v2)
19.0.25137.6

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Windows	x64 x86 Arm64 Hosting Bundle winget instructions	x64 x86 Arm64

.NET Desktop Runtime 9.0.6

The .NET Desktop Runtime enables you to run existing Windows desktop applications. **This release includes the .NET Runtime; you don't need to install it separately.**

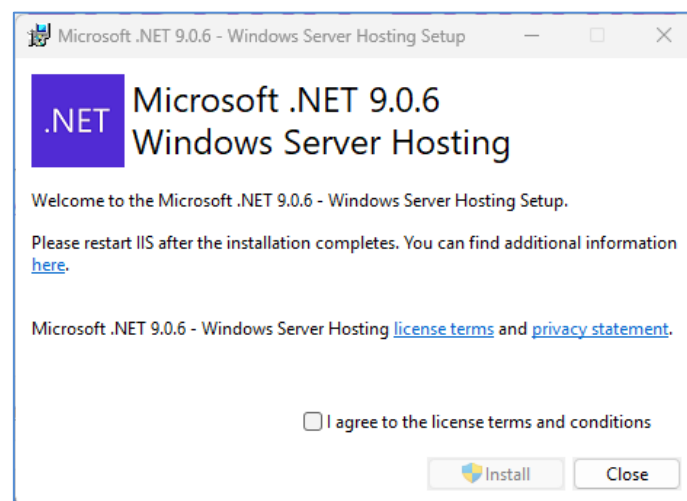
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.NET Runtime 9.0.6

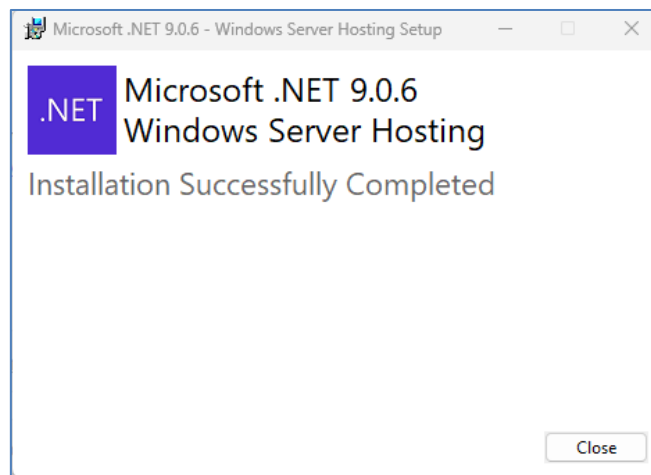
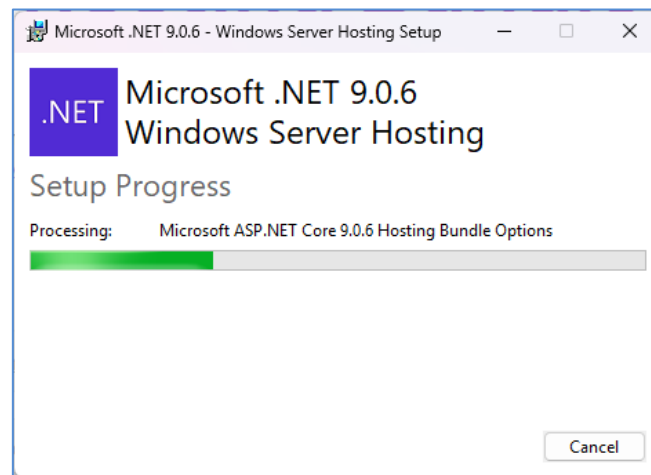
The .NET Runtime contains just the components needed to run a console app. Typically, you'd also install either the ASP.NET Core Runtime or .NET Desktop Runtime.

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2.4.1. Once downloaded, execute the installer by executing **dotnet-hosting-9.0.6-win.exe**

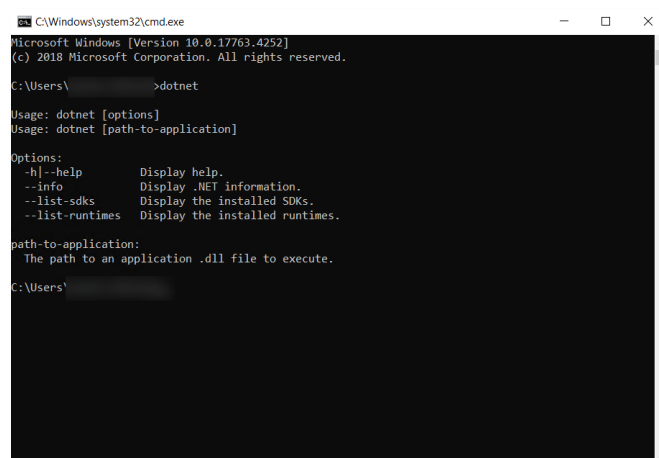


2.4.2. The setup will begin and take a few minutes to complete.



2.4.3. Once the installation process is complete, click **Close**.

2.4.4. To test if the installation was correct and components are reachable, run command line and type the following command:



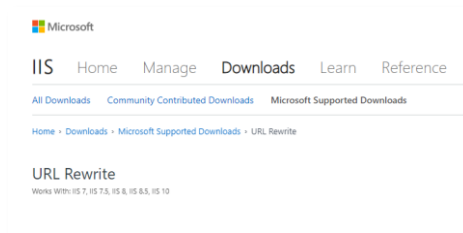
2.4.5. Now, restart your machine to apply these changes effectively.

2.5 Microsoft IIS URL Rewrite Module 2.1

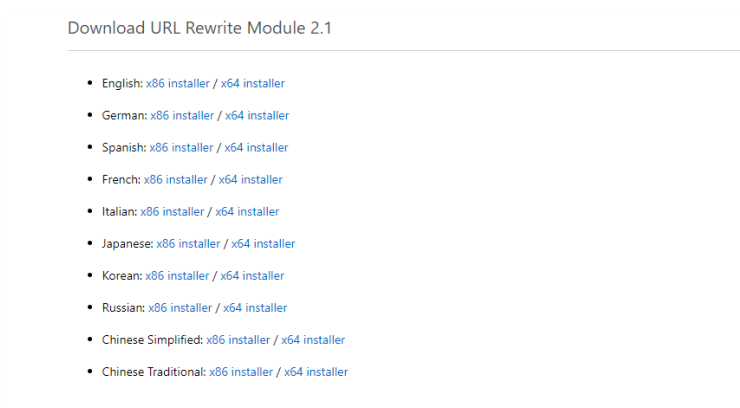
2.5.1. Download **Microsoft IIS URL rewrite module 2.1** from the following link:

[Microsoft IIS URL Rewrite Module 2.1](#)

2.5.2. Navigating to this URL will present with the following screen:



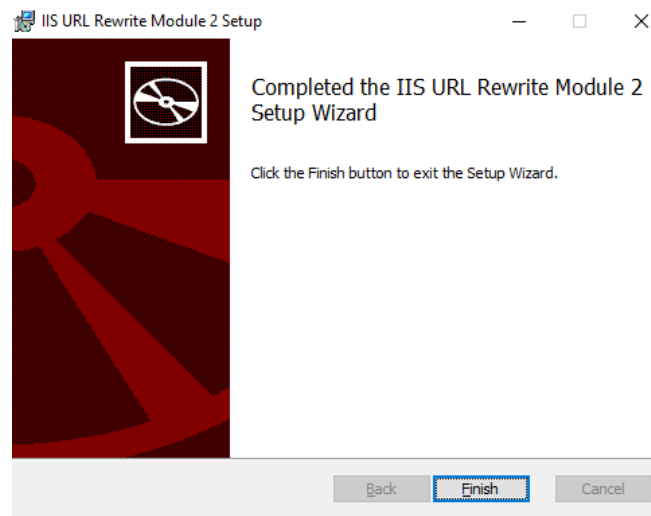
2.5.3. Scroll down to find a list of links available for download.



2.5.4. Download **x64 installer** with your preferred language. For this documentation it's **English**. Start the installation by executing the downloaded file in administrator mode.



2.5.5. Accept the terms in the license agreement and click **Install** to proceed, the installation will take few minutes:



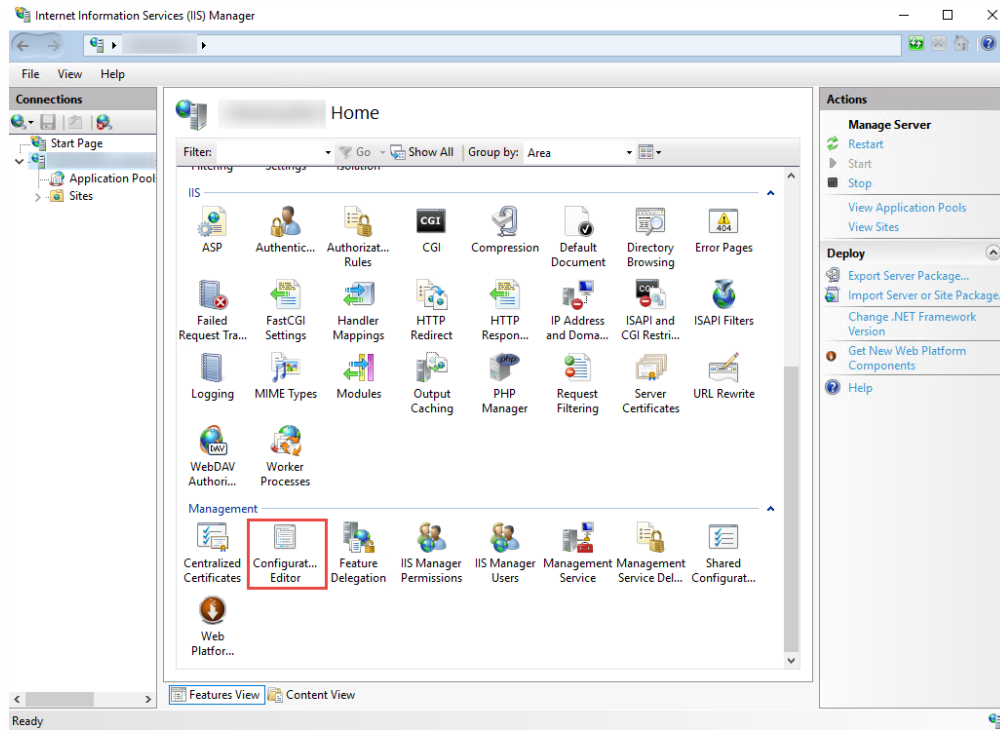
2.5.6. Click **Finish** once the installation process is complete.

2.6 Unlock system.webServer/serverRuntime section in IIS

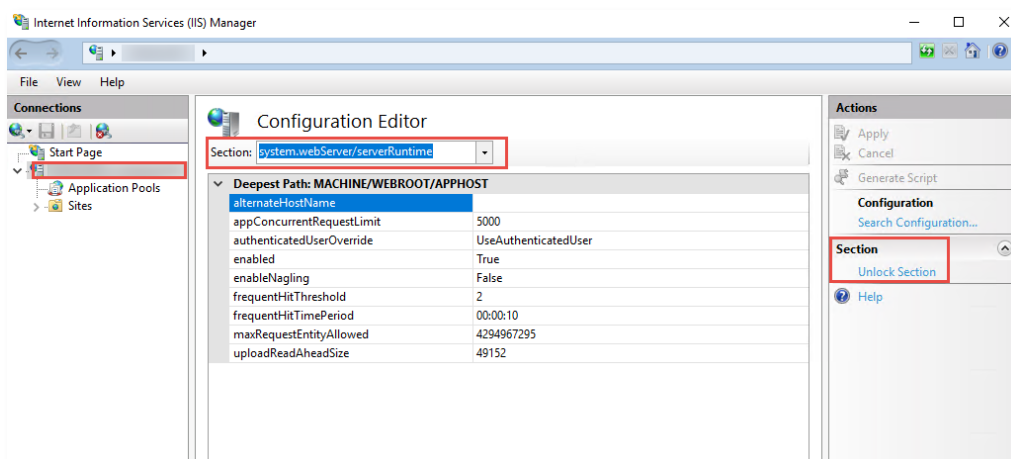
2.6.1. Launch the **IIS Manager**

2.6.2. Select **Server** from left panel

2.6.3. Open **Configuration Editor** from right pane under the Management section.



2.6.4. Unlock **system.webServer/serverRuntime** section in the Configuration Editor.



The installation process for prerequisites is complete.

2.7 SMTP Server

ADSS Web RA uses email as the primary notification medium. User registration, and all notifications are sent via SMTP. Hence, it is a critical part of the architecture and deployment. Details required are:

- Hostname/IP address of SMTP server
- Listening Port of SMTP server
- TLS/SSL authentication to communicate with SMTP server (if required)
- Username and password to authenticate to SMTP server (if required)
- Email from Address for notifications sent from ADSS Web RA
- Email to Address for alerts and warnings sent by ADSS Web RA
- Email Subject for alerts and warnings sent by ADSS Web RA



If there is no alternative it is possible to still use ADSS Web RA. However, this involves copying the notification emails directly from the database and manually running the links therein. This usage is strongly discouraged in favour of a standard deployment though.

2.8 Database

ADSS Web RA Server requires its own database. It is not required to create the schema or configure any other feature prior to the installation.

Permissions are required to allow the creation of database tables, and entry, modification, and removal of data within those tables.

3 Installation Modules

ADSS Web RA consists of the following modules. Note the API is the only non-mandatory ones for a working solution:

- **ADSS Web RA Admin**

Administration application that allows to manage the system wide configurations, service plans, user accounts and access controls, etc.

- **ADSS Web RA Desktop Web**

ADSS Web RA Web is used for managing certificates i.e. creation, renewal and revocation.

- **ADSS Web RA API (Restful Web Services)**

REST architecture API support that is used to integrate ADSS Web RA functionality within your own portal. The API uses JWT to implement authentication and authorization. There is a separate API Guide that provides full details of the REST architecture implementation.

- **ADSS Web RA Device**

ADSS Web RA Device is used to manage device enrolment for certificate creation, renewal and revocation.

- **ADSS Web RA SSL Device**

ADSS Web RA SSL Device is used to manage device enrolment over SSL for certificate creation, renewal and revocation e.g. EST Protocol

- **Windows Enrolment**

ADSS Web RA Windows Enrolment is used to manage certificate renewal or auto-enrolment on a Windows machine.

4 ADSS Web RA Installation on Windows Server

4.1 Fresh Installation of ADSS Web RA

Before starting the ADSS Web RA installation process, ensure that the following requirements are met:

- All prerequisites are installed on the ADSS Web RA machine. Without these, ADSS Web RA will not open or display any pages when accessed.
- An empty database is required if you are installing this version with PostgreSQL as fresh installation.

Once all the required prerequisites are installed and the database is prepared, you can start installing ADSS Web RA.

The ADSS Web RA package must be unzipped onto a disk that has sufficient space – a minimum of **100GB** is recommended. This is because the product is installed and runs from the location where the installation package is extracted.

Moreover, if you extract the installer on the Desktop, it will not work. Therefore, choose a proper drive or folder to extract it.

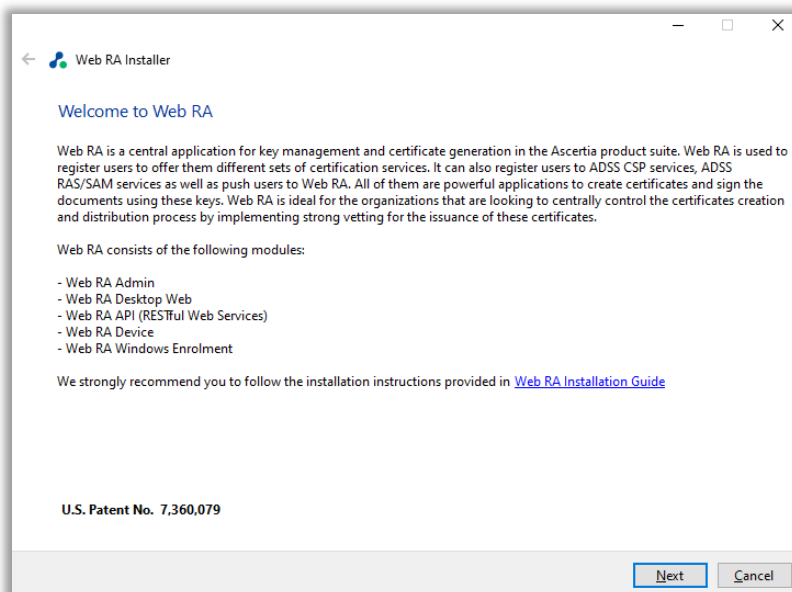


Do not include spaces in the installation folder name and path – use hyphen or underscore characters instead, if required. Spaces will cause functional problems with ADSS Web RA installation. The installer must be run from a user account with the Windows Administrator privileges.

ADSS Web RA installer generates all the required database tables and populates the default data required to run the system. Therefore, there is no requirement for separate SQL scripts or equivalent for non-SQL databases.

4.1.1 Once the above conditions are satisfied, launch the installer by right-clicking the file **[WEBRA Installation-Dir]/setup/install** and select Run as administrator from the menu will present the welcome screen.

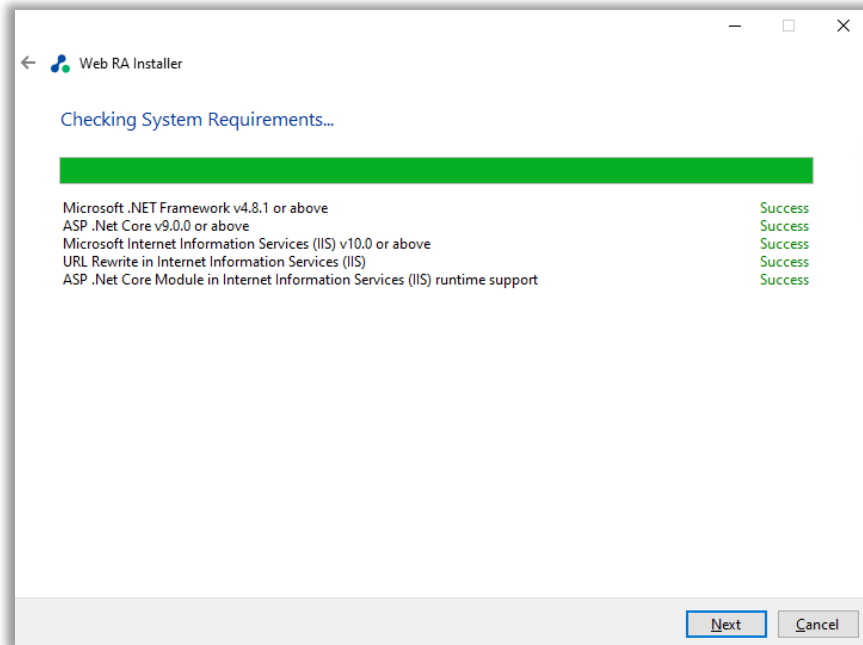
The following welcome screen is shown:



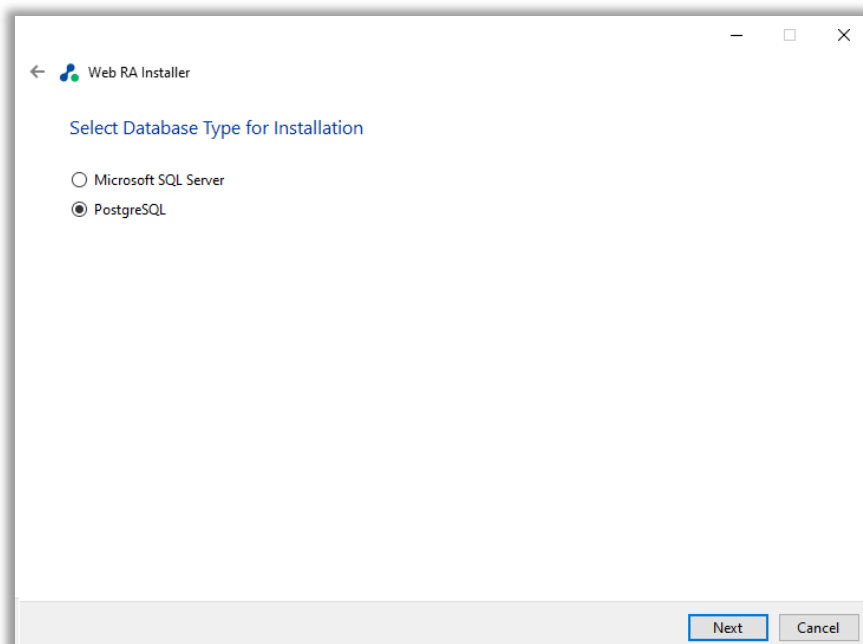
4.1.2 Click the 'Next' button to continue.

4.1.3 System requirements screen will appear next to validate if all the required prerequisites are installed or not. If any of ADSS Web RA system dependencies are not found, or not functioning, then Failed status will be shown corresponding to that component on the screen.

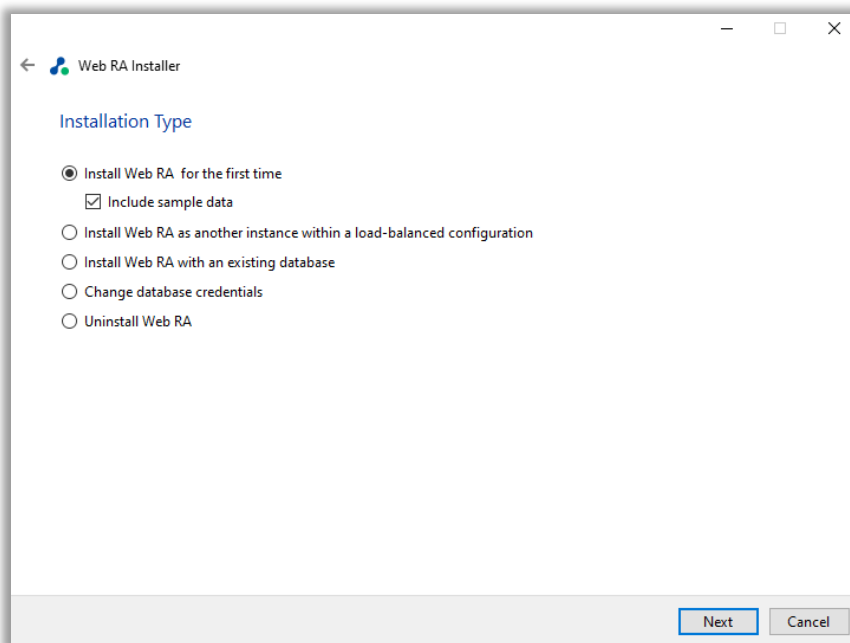
You can only proceed with the installation process once all issues related to system dependencies are resolved as shown below:



4.1.4 Click the 'Next' button to select the database type for installation.



4.1.5 Select the “PostgreSQL” radio button and click “Next”.



If you are installing ADSS Web RA for the first time or you wish to deploy a fresh installation with a new PostgreSQL database, then select **“Install Web RA for the first time”**. If you want to install Web RA with sample data, enable the **“Include sample data”** checkbox.

The **“Install Web RA as another instance within a load-balanced configuration”** option will install the ADSS Web RA instance in a load-balanced mode.

The **“Install Web RA with an existing database”** option will install ADSS Web RA against an existing ADSS Web RA database. For example, this option can be used to recover a system from a database back-up.

The **“Change database credentials”** option is used if the database password, user, database name and/or server is changed, and it needs to be updated in ADSS Web RA installation.

Select the last option **Uninstall Web RA** if you wish to uninstall ADSS Web RA from the system.

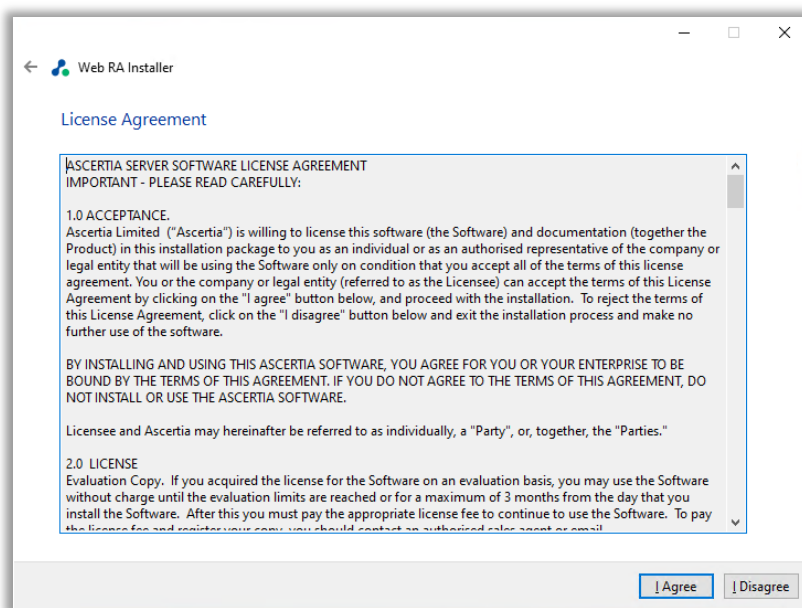
4.1.6 To install Web RA for the very first time, select the option **“Install Web RA for the first time”**.

You can include sample data in application during fresh installation. Sample data includes following data:

- Default ADSS Connector
- Default SMTP Connector
- Default ADSS Service Profile
- Default Subscriber Agreement
- Default Vetting Form
- Default Service Plan
- Default Authentication Profile

If “Include Sample Data” is not selected then above data will not be added when application installed.

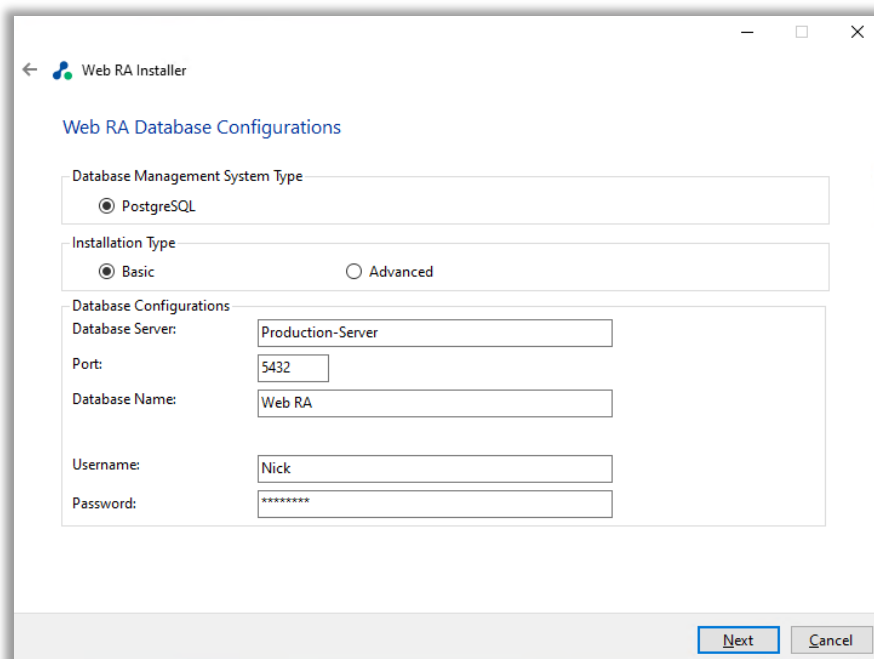
4.1.7 Click the **Next** button to show the **License Agreement**.



4.1.3. Click the **I Agree** button to proceed.

4.1.8 The **Readme** screen will be displayed with new features list. Click **Next** button to proceed.

The following screen for **Database Configurations** will be displayed.



You can either choose to do a **“Basic”** installation or an **“Advanced”** one. If this is a basic installation, then use the first option **“Basic”** and provide the appropriate ADSS Web RA database credentials. The information displayed above is an example and you should configure the relevant settings for your own environment.

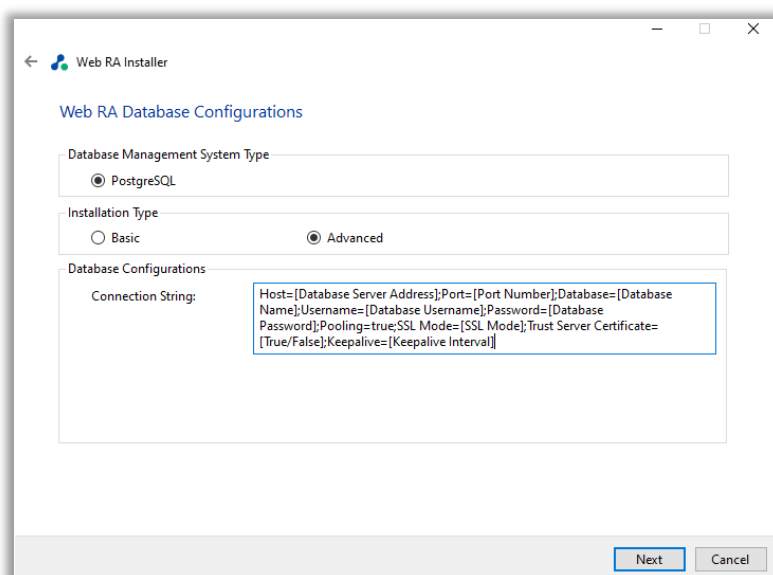


Once you enter the database credentials and select Next, the installer uses the information provided to test the connectivity to the database. If the installer can establish the connection with the database, then it will proceed with the installation.

The following table explains the **Database Configurations**.

Item	Description
Database Server / Host Name	Database server IP or DNS name.
Port	It is the database listening port. - For PostgreSQL Server the default port is 5432 .
Database Name	Name of the database instance. Note: This must exist prior to the installation.
Username	Name of the database user.
Password	Password credential of the database user.

If you select the **Advanced** option for database configurations, then the following screen will appear:



Web RA Database Configurations

Database Management System Type
☒ PostgreSQL

Installation Type
☐ Basic ☒ Advanced

Database Configurations
 Connection String: Host=[Database Server Address];Port=[Port Number];Database=[Database Name];Username=[Database Username];Password=[Database Password];Pooling=true;SSL Mode=[SSL Mode];Trust Server Certificate=[True/False];Keepalive=[Keepalive Interval]

Next Cancel

Note: The information displayed above is an example and you should configure the relevant settings for your own environment.

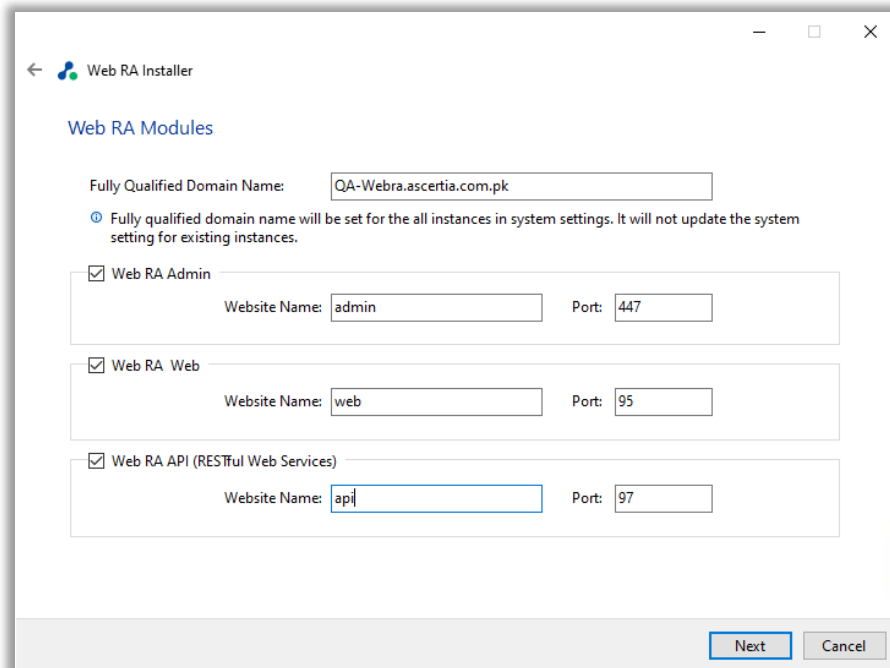


Once you enter the database credentials and select Next, the installer uses the information provided to test the connectivity to the database. If the installer can establish the connection with the database, then it will proceed with the installation.

The following table entails details of the **Advanced Installation type**:

Item	Description
ADSS Web RA Connection String	The following is the sample connection string for PostgreSQL Server: - RAEntities": "Host=[Database Server Address];Port=[Port Number];Database=[Database Name];Username=[Database Username];Password=[Database Password];Pooling=true;SSL Mode=[SSL Mode];Trust Server Certificate=[True/False];Keepalive=[Keepalive Interval]"

4.1.9 After completing the database configurations, click the Next button to select specific modules.



The 'Web RA Modules' window in the 'Web RA Installer' shows the following configuration:

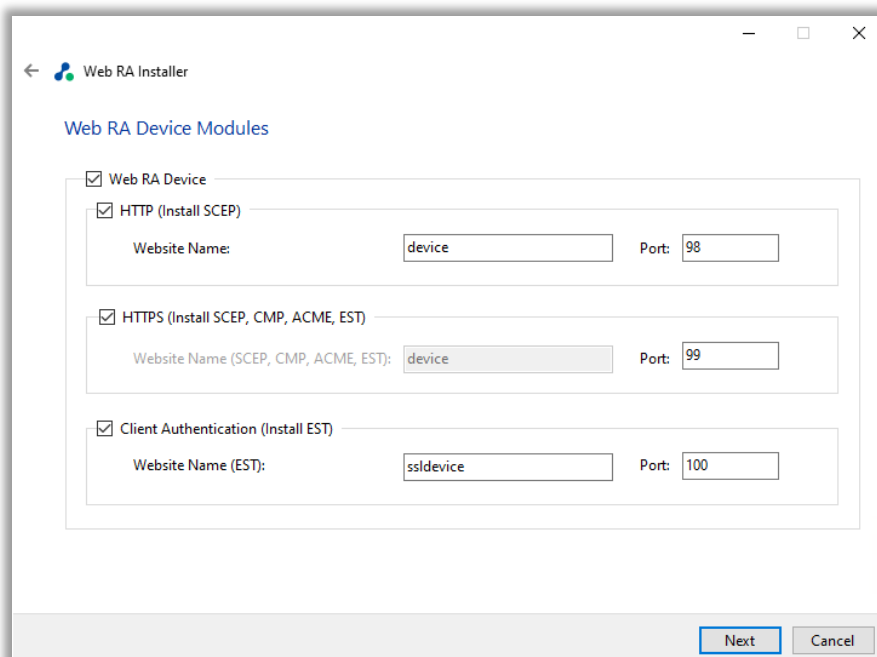
- Fully Qualified Domain Name: QA-Webra.ascertia.com.pk
- ☒ Fully qualified domain name will be set for the all instances in system settings. It will not update the system setting for existing instances.
- ☒ Web RA Admin
 - Website Name: admin
 - Port: 447
- ☒ Web RA Web
 - Website Name: web
 - Port: 95
- ☒ Web RA API (RESTful Web Services)
 - Website Name: api
 - Port: 97

Buttons: Next, Cancel

4.1.10 Select appropriate modules to install the required features. The fully qualified domain name field will be auto-filled with the complete computer name. For each selected application, provide the web application name and port. A typical in-house installation of ADSS Web RA should only include Admin, Desktop Web, and the API. However, the device will be added at the end.

After entering the information, click 'Next' to proceed.

4.1.11 Select the 'Web RA Device Modules', then click "Next" to continue.

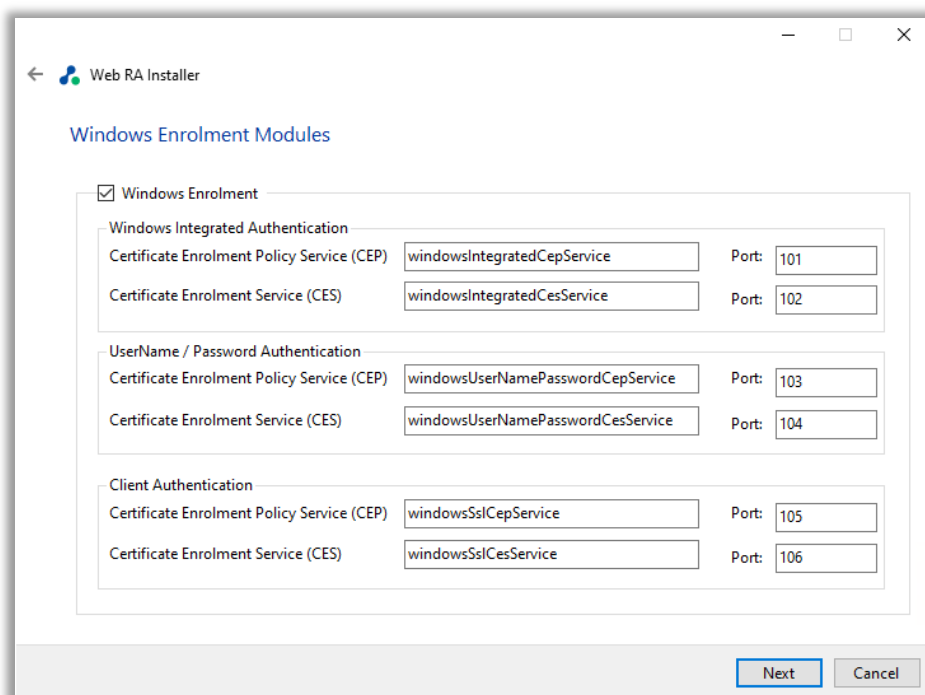


The 'Web RA Device Modules' window in the 'Web RA Installer' shows the following configuration:

- ☒ Web RA Device
 - ☒ HTTP (Install SCEP)
 - Website Name: device
 - Port: 98
 - ☒ HTTPS (Install SCEP, CMP, ACME, EST)
 - Website Name (SCEP, CMP, ACME, EST): device
 - Port: 99
 - ☒ Client Authentication (Install EST)
 - Website Name (EST): ssldevice
 - Port: 100

Buttons: Next, Cancel

4.1.12 The next step is to select “Windows Enrolment Modules”. For each selected application, provide the web application name and port, then click Next.



Web RA Installer

Windows Enrolment Modules

☒ Windows Enrolment

Windows Integrated Authentication

Certificate Enrolment Policy Service (CEP) windowsIntegratedCepService Port: 101

Certificate Enrolment Service (CES) windowsIntegratedCesService Port: 102

UserName / Password Authentication

Certificate Enrolment Policy Service (CEP) windowsUserNamePasswordCepService Port: 103

Certificate Enrolment Service (CES) windowsUserNamePasswordCesService Port: 104

Client Authentication

Certificate Enrolment Policy Service (CEP) windowsSslCepService Port: 105

Certificate Enrolment Service (CES) windowsSslCesService Port: 106

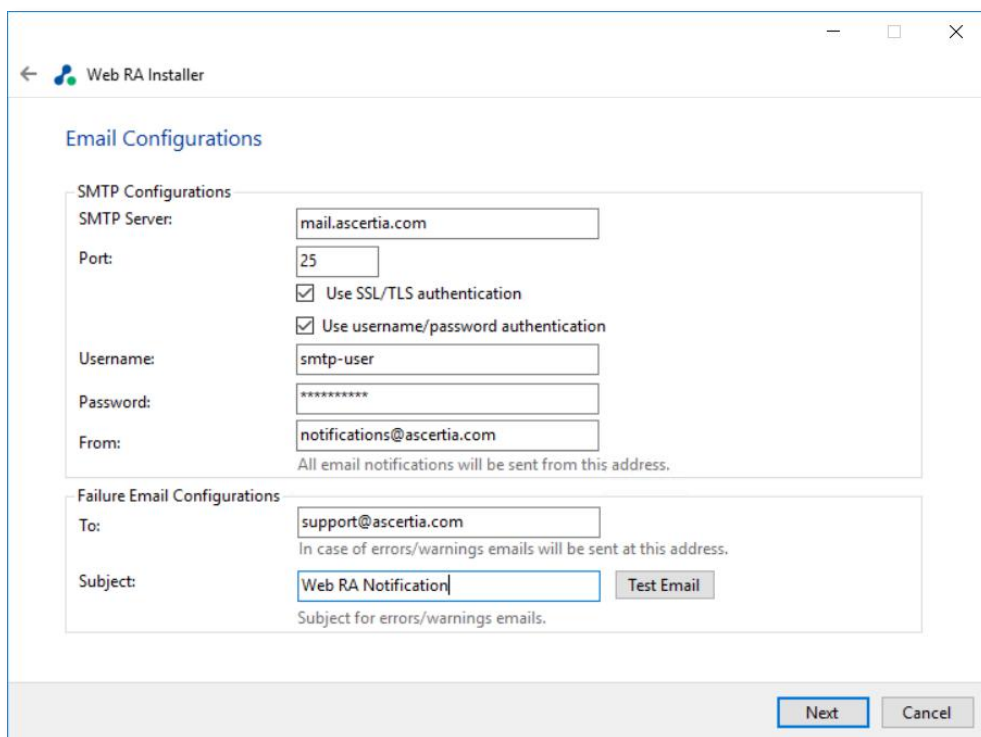
Next Cancel

The information displayed above is an example, which you may change suiting to your environment and organisation preferences. However, the example shown is sufficient. The names will appear as websites under **IIS Manager**.

The following table explains the details of the module options:

Item	Description
ADSS Web RA Admin	ADSS Web RA Admin is used by the administrators to manage the system wide configurations, service plans, user accounts and access control etc.
ADSS Web RA Web	ADSS Web RA Web is used to manage certificates for creation, renewal and revocation.
ADSS Web RA API	REST API is used to integrate ADSS Web RA functionality within your own portal.
ADSS Web RA Device	ADSS Web RA device is used to manage device enrolment for certificate creation, renewal and revocation. This site will be deployed with http and https bindings.
ADSS Web RA SSL Device	ADSS Web RA SSL device is used to manage device enrolment over SSL for certificate creation, renewal and revocation e.g. EST Protocol. This site will be deployed with https SSL.
Windows Enrolment	Windows Enrolment is used to manage certificate renewal or auto-enrolment on a windows machine.

4.1.13 Click “Next” button to configure the “SMTP Server and Email” settings.



Configure SMTP Server and email settings for your environment. ADSS Web RA must have access to a suitable SMTP Server without which users will not be able to receive registration emails that are required to complete the user registration process. Moreover, you will not receive the system generated email notifications either. Although the latter will not prevent functionality, but it is not a recommended approach. The information displayed above is an example and you should setup configurations for your own environment.

The configuration items are explained in the following table:

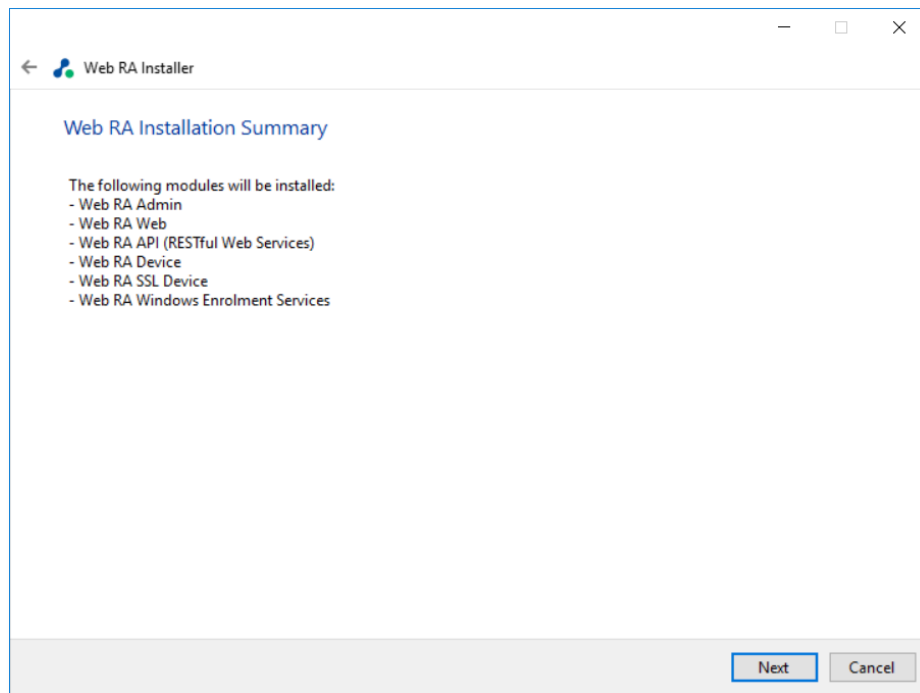
Item	Description
SMTP Server	Defines the email server address. This email server is used to send email notifications to users as required, such as for account registration, data sharing etc. It is also used for sending notification emails to ADSS Web RA administrators.
Port	Define the service port for the SMTP mail server.
Use SSL/ TLS authentication	Select this option if the SMTP mail server requires SSL/TLS.
Username	Configure the SMTP mail server username that is used to send ADSS Web RA generated emails.
Password	Define the password to authenticate the SMTP server.
From	Configure the “ From ” email address that should be used to send notification emails to users and administrators.
To	Configure the email address where error notifications should be sent. This is usually the IT support team address.
Subject	Define a subject line for the notification emails that are sent to the administrator, e.g. ADSS Web RA Alert.

After configuring these SMTP settings, click the **Test Email** button to verify that SMTP configurations are valid.



If “Include Sample Data” is not selected then SMTP configuration screen will not be shown.

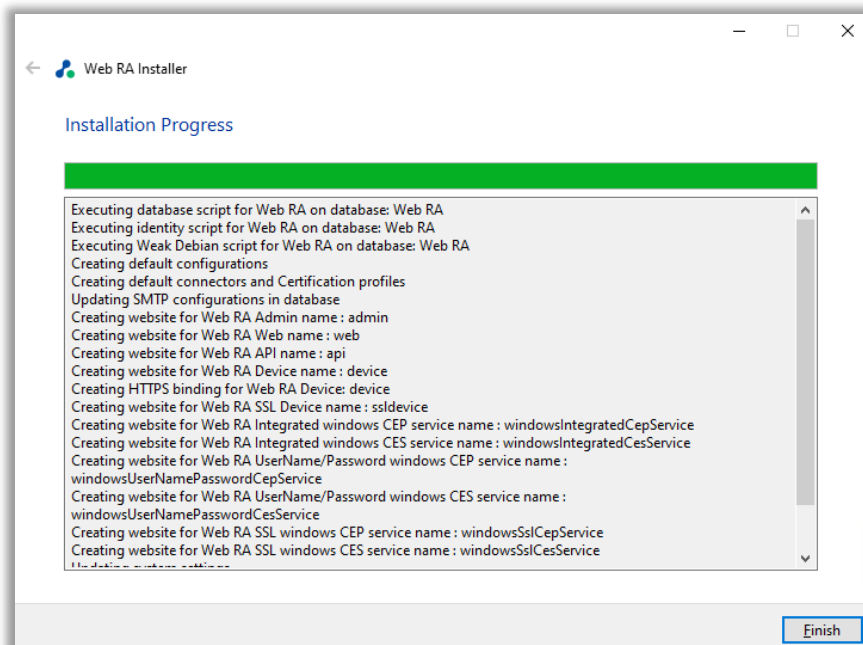
4.1.14 Click the **Next** button to see the **Installation Summary** and complete the installation process.



This screen shows the installation summary by listing different product modules that will be installed.

If you think any listed item is incorrect then use the Back button (arrow towards the top-left of the dialogue box) to correct your choices before proceeding ahead.

Otherwise, click the **Next** button to continue with the installation.



4.1.15 Click **Finish** to complete the installation process.

4.1.16 ADSS Web RA URLs

Use the following URLs to access the ADSS Web RA Server web sites:

Service	URL Format	Example
ADSS Web RA Admin	<a href="https://<machine-name>:PORT">https://<machine-name>:PORT	https://localhost:443
ADSS Web RA Desktop Web	<a href="https://<machine-name>:PORT">https://<machine-name>:PORT	https://localhost:81
ADSS Web RA API	<a href="https://<machine-name>:PORT">https://<machine-name>:PORT	https://localhost:82
ADSS Web RA Device	<a href="https://<machine-name>:PORT">https://<machine-name>:PORT	http://localhost:83 https://localhost:84
ADSS Web RA SSL Device	<a href="https://<machine-name>:PORT">https://<machine-name>:PORT	https://localhost:85
ADSS Web RA Windows Integrated CEP Service	<a href="https://<machine-name>:PORT">https://<machine-name>:PORT	https://localhost:87
ADSS Web RA Windows Integrated CES Service	<a href="https://<machine-name>:PORT">https://<machine-name>:PORT	https://localhost:88
ADSS Web RA Windows SSL CEP Service	<a href="https://<machine-name>:PORT">https://<machine-name>:PORT	https://localhost:89
ADSS Web RA Windows SSL CES Service	<a href="https://<machine-name>:PORT">https://<machine-name>:PORT	https://localhost:90
ADSS Web RA Windows User Name Password CEP Service	<a href="https://<machine-name>:PORT">https://<machine-name>:PORT	https://localhost:91
ADSS Web RA Windows User Name Password CES Service	<a href="https://<machine-name>:PORT">https://<machine-name>:PORT	https://localhost:92

Where necessary (i.e. browsing Admin website) your web browser will prompt you to select the appropriate certificate for authentication purposes. The installation process places the necessary certificates into the Windows Security Store, Internet Explorer, Edge, Chrome and related browsers that rely on the security store, can use them as such.

If you wish to use Firefox and similar web browsers that utilize their own respective security stores you will need to import **adss-default-admin.pfx** and **WebRA-default-admin.cer** from **[WebRAInstallationDirectory]/setup/certs** directory.

There are two options to set secure binding against each ADSS Web RA site:

- Using standard IIS web server HTTP redirects. This means the basic installation is done with various ADSS Web RA sites, where each site has their respective default port/binding but no host name. You can then add new sites for each web site and bind this to the desired external public facing host name and secure port, likely to be 443. Each site can be configured in such a fashion. Each default ADSS Web RA site can then be configured to permanently redirect to the secure version.
- Once the deployment of ADSS Web RA is completed, the bindings of each site can be changed to use a secure (443) port. The new binding will include the appropriate public facing host name.

Once the bindings of IIS web sites have been put in place, access the ADSS Web RA Administration console and make changes to the general configuration settings. This means changing the public and private URLs for the Desktop Web and API sites accordingly. Once it is complete, save the changes and publish them.



The second option is recommended.

Note: Microsoft Windows Server: TLS 1.3 is enabled by default for installations of Windows Server 2022, integrated applications should support this version of TLS. For application integrations that do not support this and need to be updated, customers can disable TLS 1.3 over TCP in the IIS Bindings

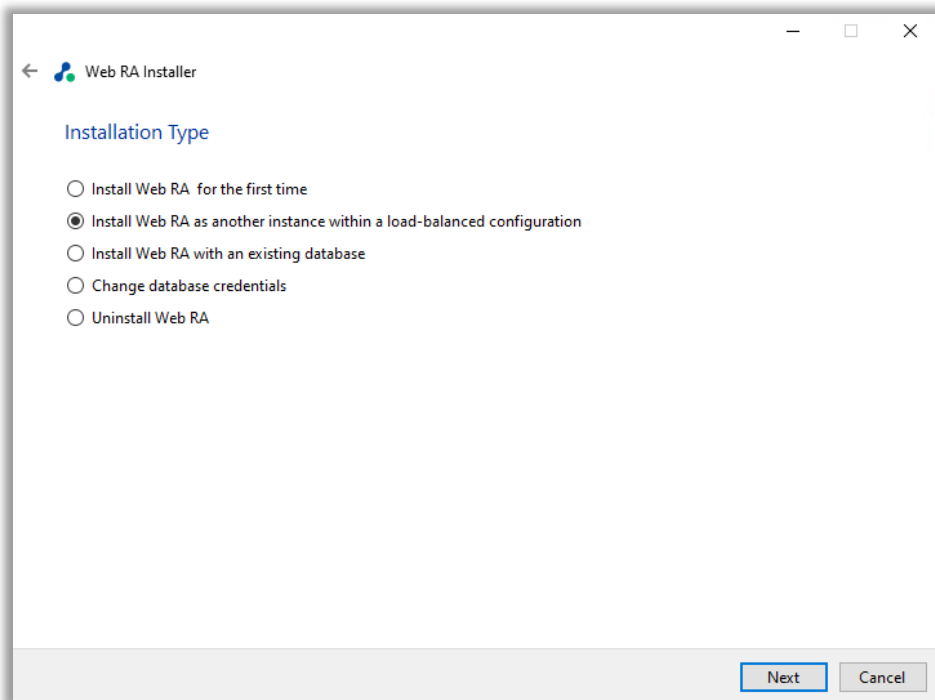
4.2 Installing ADSS Web RA with A Load-Balanced Configuration

Follow these instructions to install ADSS Web RA with a load-balanced configuration.

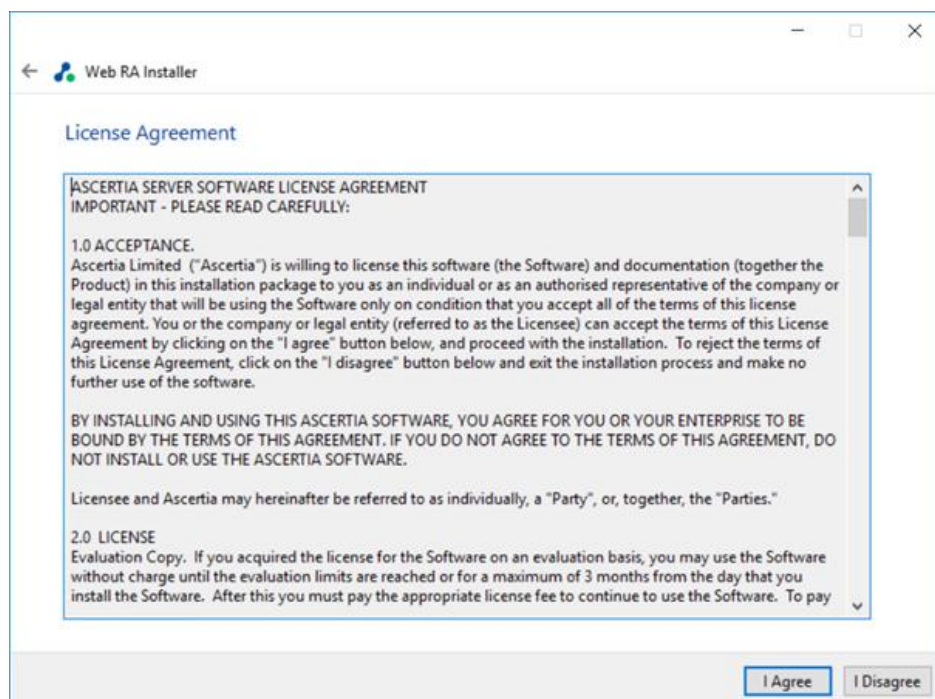
4.2.1 Launch the installer by right-clicking on the file name [Web RA Installation Directory]/setup/install.bat and select Run as administrator.

Follow the installation wizard as described previously until the **Installation Type** screen is shown:

4.2.2 Select the **option Install ADSS Web RA as another instance within a load-balanced configuration.**



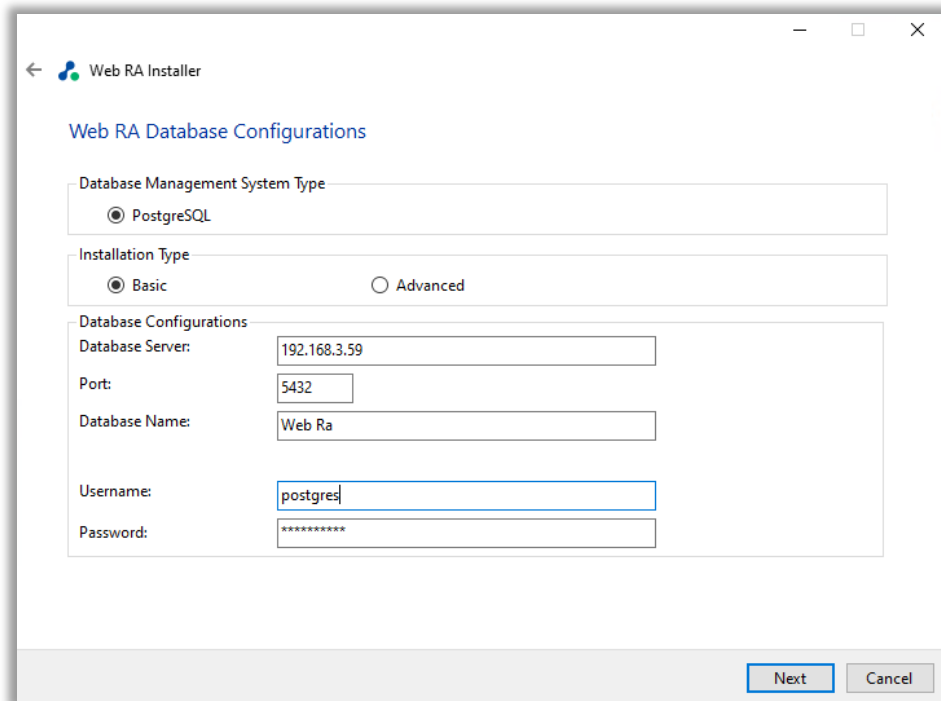
4.2.3 Click the **Next** button to show the **License Agreement**.



4.2.4 Click the **I Agree** button to continue.

4.2.5 The **Readme screen** will be displayed with new features list. Click Next to proceed.

4.2.6 The following screen for **Database Configurations** will be displayed. Enter the required fields and click **Next**.



The image shows a screenshot of the 'Web RA Database Configurations' window from the 'Web RA Installer'. The window has a title bar with a back arrow, the 'ascertia' logo, and the text 'Web RA Installer'. Below the title bar, the title 'Web RA Database Configurations' is displayed. The configuration options are as follows:

- Database Management System Type:** A dropdown menu with 'PostgreSQL' selected.
- Installation Type:** Two radio buttons, 'Basic' (selected) and 'Advanced'.
- Database Configurations:** A section containing several input fields:
 - Database Server:** '192.168.3.59'
 - Port:** '5432'
 - Database Name:** 'Web Ra'
 - Username:** 'postgres'
 - Password:** '*****' (masked)

At the bottom right of the window, there are two buttons: 'Next' (highlighted with a blue border) and 'Cancel'.

Note: The information displayed above is an example and you should configure the relevant settings for your own environment.



The ADSS Web RA database schema and the version required by the installer must be the same.

If the current ADSS Web RA database schema is older than the version required by the installer, and you click **Next**, the installer will prompt you that ADSS Web RA database schema will be upgraded to the latest version. Click **OK** to authorise the schema update.

You can either choose to do a basic installation or use an advanced one. If this is a basic installation, then use the first option **Basic** and provide the appropriate ADSS Web RA database credentials. The information displayed above is an example and you should configure the relevant settings for your own environment.

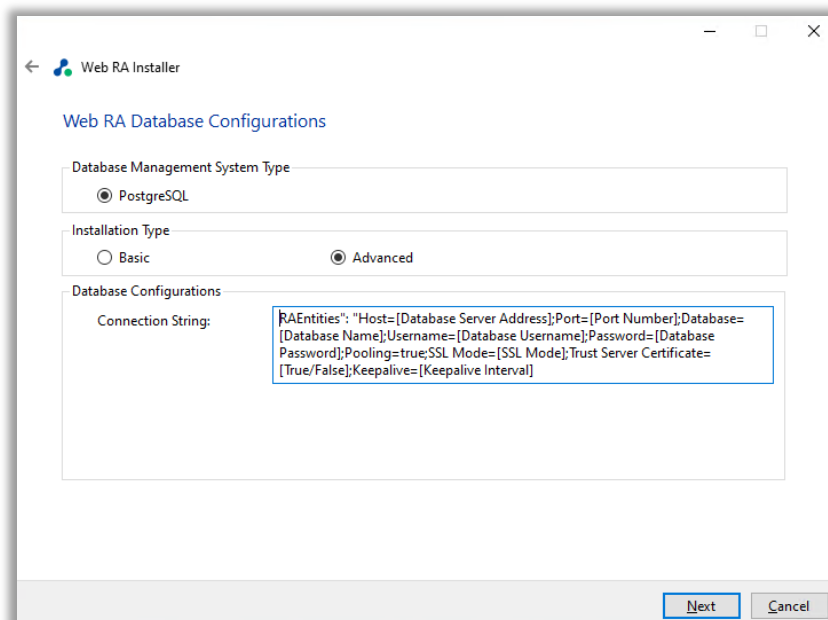


Once you have entered the database credentials and select **Next**, the installer uses the information to test the connectivity to the database. If the installer can establish the connection with the database, then it will proceed with the installation.

The following table explains the **Database Configurations** screen.

Item	Description
Database Server / Host Name	Database server IP or DNS name.
Port	Database listening port. - For PostgreSQL Server the default port is 5432.
Database Name	Name of the database instance. Note: This must exist prior to the installation.
Username	Name of the database user. Note: This must exist prior to the installation.
Password	Password credential of the database user. Note: This must exist prior to the installation.

If you choose the “**Advanced**” option, the following screen is displayed:



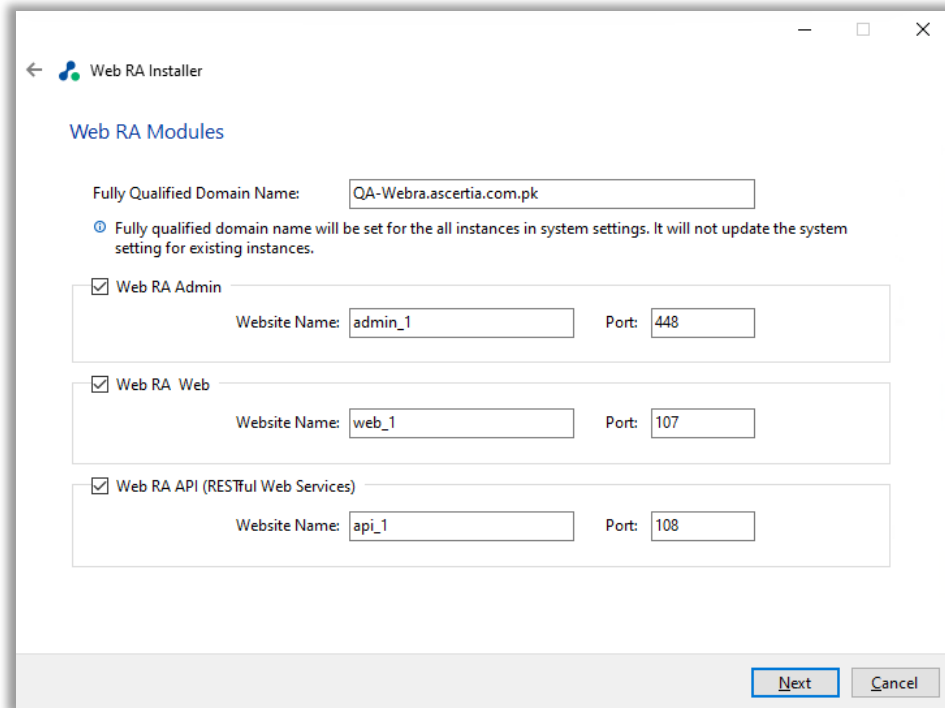
The information displayed above is an example and you should configure the relevant settings for your own environment.

Once you complete the options and select **Next**, the installer uses the information provided to test the connectivity to the database. If the installer can establish the connection with the database, then it will proceed with the installation.

The following table entails details of the configuration options:

Item	Description
ADSS Web RA Connection String	The following is the sample connection string for PostgreSQL Server: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> RAEntities": Host=[Database Server Address];Port=[Port Number];Database=[Database Name];Username=[Database Username];Password=[Database Password];Pooling=true;SSL Mode=[SSL Mode];Trust Server Certificate=[True/False];Keepalive=[Keepalive Interval]

- 4.2.7 Click the **Next** button to select the specific **Web RA Modules**. Add the modules that you want to install in load balancing environment.

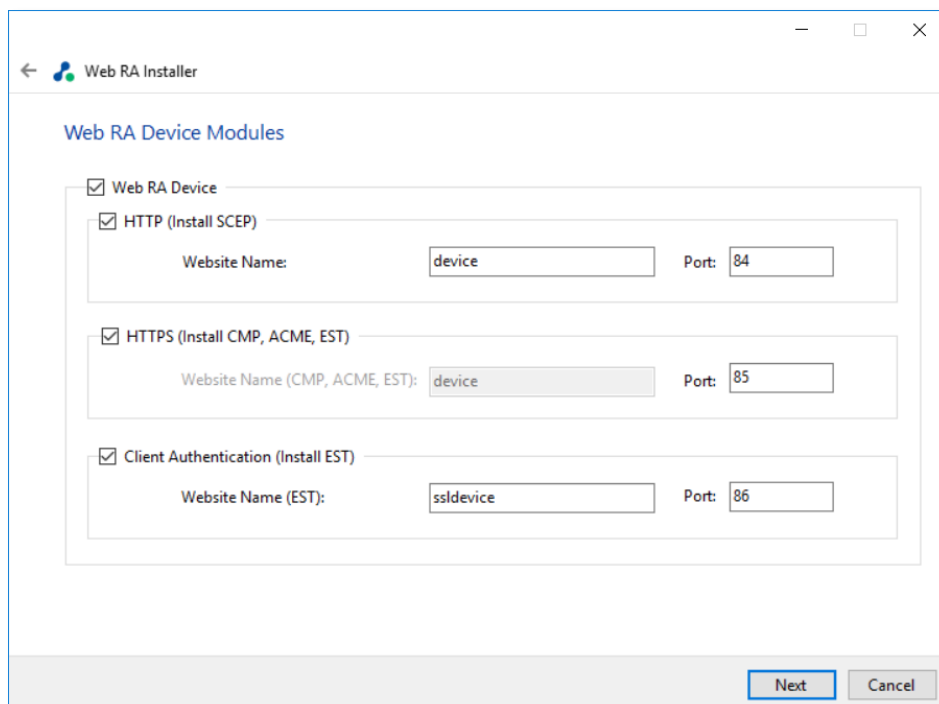


The screenshot shows the 'Web RA Modules' configuration window in the 'Web RA Installer'. It features a back arrow and the title 'Web RA Modules'. Below the title, there is a text field for 'Fully Qualified Domain Name' containing 'QA-Webra.ascertia.com.pk'. A note states: 'Fully qualified domain name will be set for the all instances in system settings. It will not update the system setting for existing instances.' There are three sections, each with a checked checkbox and input fields for 'Website Name' and 'Port':

- Web RA Admin**: Website Name: admin_1, Port: 448
- Web RA Web**: Website Name: web_1, Port: 107
- Web RA API (RESTful Web Services)**: Website Name: api_1, Port: 108

At the bottom right, there are 'Next' and 'Cancel' buttons.

- 4.2.8 Select the appropriate modules to install the required features. The fully qualified domain name field will be auto-filled with complete computer name. For each selected application, provide the web application name and port. A typical in-house installation of ADSS Web RA should only include Admin, Desktop Web, and the API. However, the device will be added at the end. Click Next to proceed.

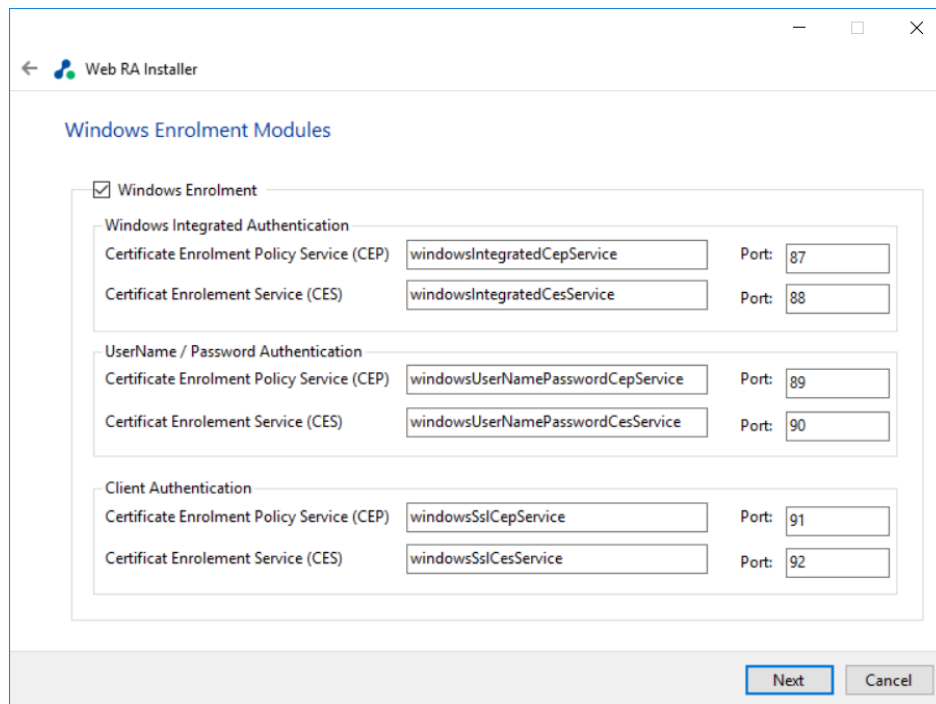


The screenshot shows the 'Web RA Device Modules' configuration window in the 'Web RA Installer'. It features a back arrow and the title 'Web RA Device Modules'. Below the title, there is a checked checkbox for 'Web RA Device'. Under this, there are three sections, each with a checked checkbox and input fields for 'Website Name' and 'Port':

- HTTP (Install SCEP)**: Website Name: device, Port: 84
- HTTPS (Install CMP, ACME, EST)**: Website Name (CMP, ACME, EST): device, Port: 85
- Client Authentication (Install EST)**: Website Name (EST): ssldevice, Port: 86

At the bottom right, there are 'Next' and 'Cancel' buttons.

4.2.9 Select **Windows Enrolment Modules**. For each selected application, provide the web application name and port. Then click **Next**.



Windows Enrolment Modules

☒ Windows Enrolment

Windows Integrated Authentication

Certificate Enrolment Policy Service (CEP): windowsIntegratedCepService Port: 87

Certificate Enrolment Service (CES): windowsIntegratedCesService Port: 88

UserName / Password Authentication

Certificate Enrolment Policy Service (CEP): windowsUserNamePasswordCepService Port: 89

Certificate Enrolment Service (CES): windowsUserNamePasswordCesService Port: 90

Client Authentication

Certificate Enrolment Policy Service (CEP): windowsSslCepService Port: 91

Certificate Enrolment Service (CES): windowsSslCesService Port: 92

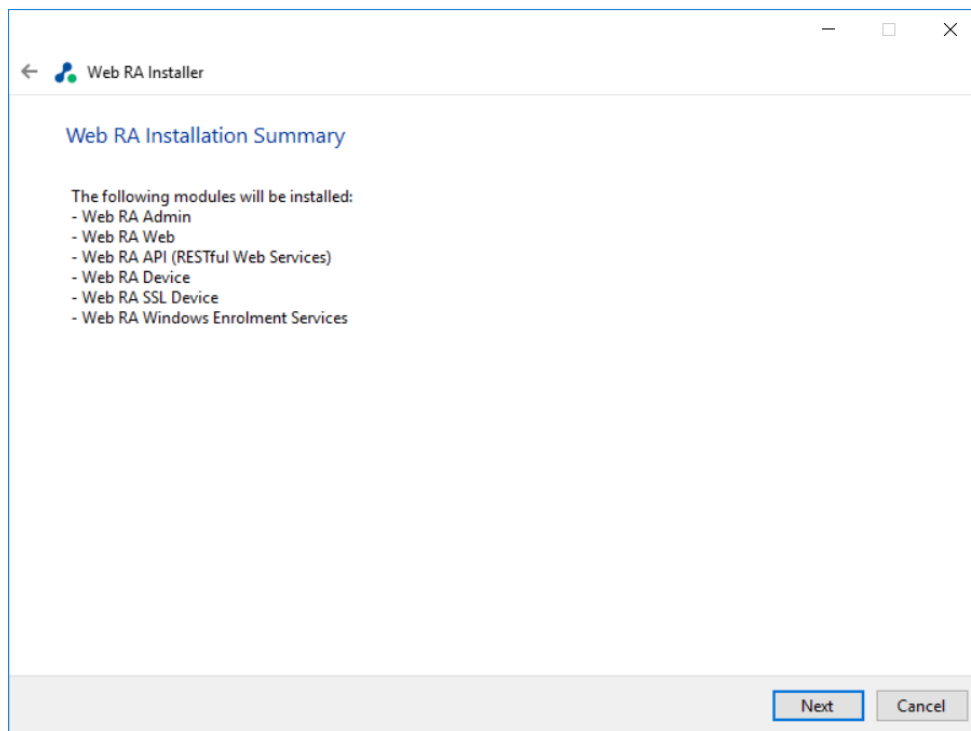
Next Cancel

The information displayed above is an example, which you may change to suit your environment and organisation preferences. However, the example shown is sufficient. The names will appear as websites under IIS Manager.

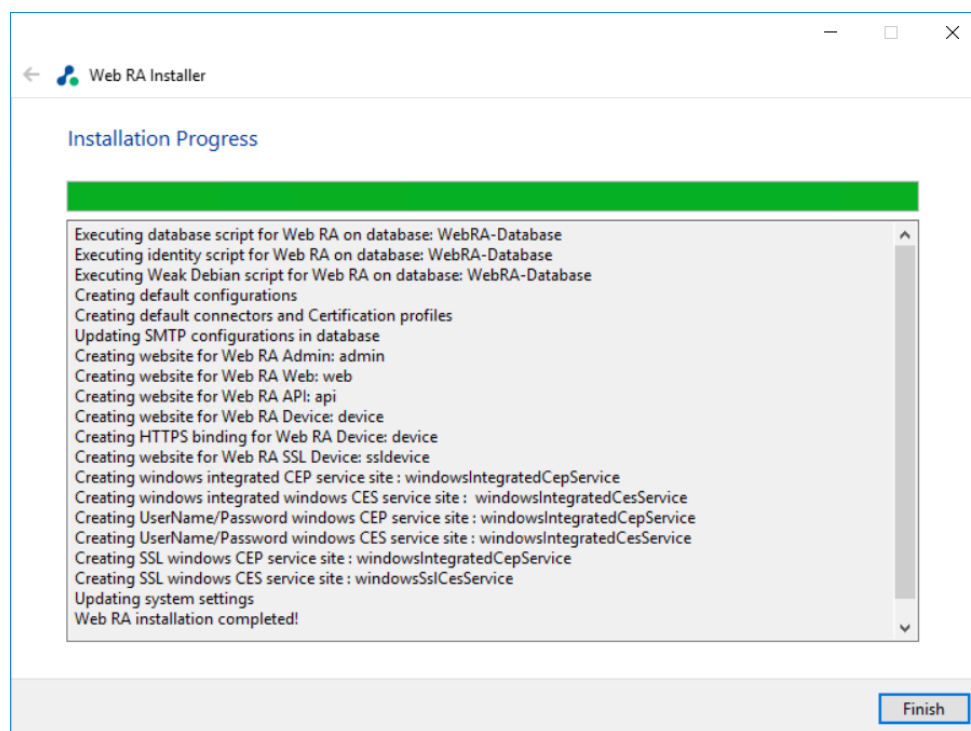
The following table explains the details of the modules:

Item	Description
ADSS Web RA Admin	ADSS Web RA Admin is used by the administrators to manage the system wide configurations, service plans, user accounts and access control etc.
ADSS Web RA Web	ADSS Web RA Web is used to manage certificates for creation, renewal and revocation.
ADSS Web RA API	REST API is used to integrate ADSS Web RA functionality within your own portal.
ADSS Web RA Device	ADSS Web RA device is used to manage device enrolment for certificate creation, renewal and revocation. This site will be deployed with http and https bindings.
ADSS Web RA SSL Device	ADSS Web RA SSL device is used to manage device enrolment over SSL for certificate creation, renewal and revocation e.g. EST Protocol. This site will be deployed with https SSL.
Windows Enrolment	Windows Enrolment is used to manage certificate renewal or auto-enrolment on a windows machine.

4.2.10 Click the **Next** button to show the **Installation Summary** and complete the installation.



This screen shows the installation summary by listing the different product modules that will be installed. If you think any listed item is incorrect then use the **Back** button (arrow present at the top-left corner of the installer dialogue box) to correct your choices before proceeding.



4.2.11 Click **Finish** to complete the installation process.

4.2.12 ADSS Web RA URLs

Use the following URLs to access the ADSS Web RA Server Web sites:

Service	URL Format	Example
ADSS Web RA Admin	<a href="https://<machine-name>:PORT">https://<machine-name>:PORT	https://localhost:443
ADSS Web RA Desktop Web	<a href="https://<machine-name>:PORT">https://<machine-name>:PORT	https://localhost:81
ADSS Web RA API	<a href="https://<machine-name>:PORT">https://<machine-name>:PORT	https://localhost:82
ADSS Web RA Device	<a href="https://<machine-name>:PORT">https://<machine-name>:PORT	http://localhost:83 https://localhost:84
ADSS Web RA SSL Device	<a href="https://<machine-name>:PORT">https://<machine-name>:PORT	https://localhost:85
ADSS Web RA Windows Integrated CEP Service	<a href="https://<machine-name>:PORT">https://<machine-name>:PORT	https://localhost:87
ADSS Web RA Windows Integrated CES Service	<a href="https://<machine-name>:PORT">https://<machine-name>:PORT	https://localhost:88
ADSS Web RA Windows SSL CEP Service	<a href="https://<machine-name>:PORT">https://<machine-name>:PORT	https://localhost:89
ADSS Web RA Windows SSL CES Service	<a href="https://<machine-name>:PORT">https://<machine-name>:PORT	https://localhost:90
ADSS Web RA Windows User Name Password CEP Service	<a href="https://<machine-name>:PORT">https://<machine-name>:PORT	https://localhost:91
ADSS Web RA Windows User Name Password CES Service	<a href="https://<machine-name>:PORT">https://<machine-name>:PORT	https://localhost:92



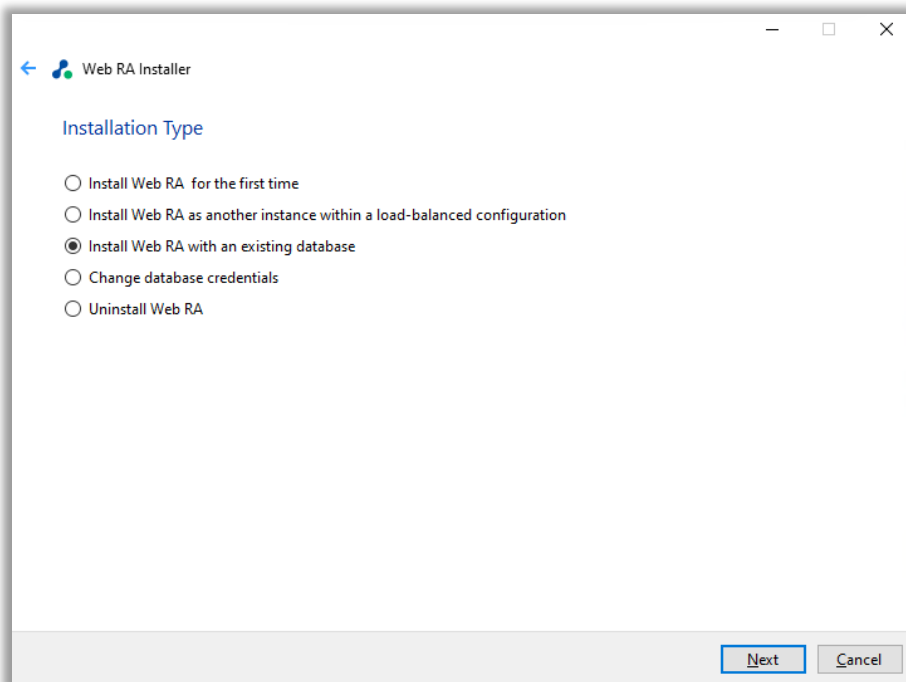
The site IDs of deployed IIS websites should be the same across all the instances in a load balanced environment to run Web RA application properly. Therefore, to ensure a successful load-balanced installation, you should check that the required site IDs on the primary instance are also available on the secondary instance(s). If the site IDs are already used on the secondary instance(s), the load-balanced installations will not be able to complete successfully.

4.3 Installing ADSS Web RA with an Existing Database

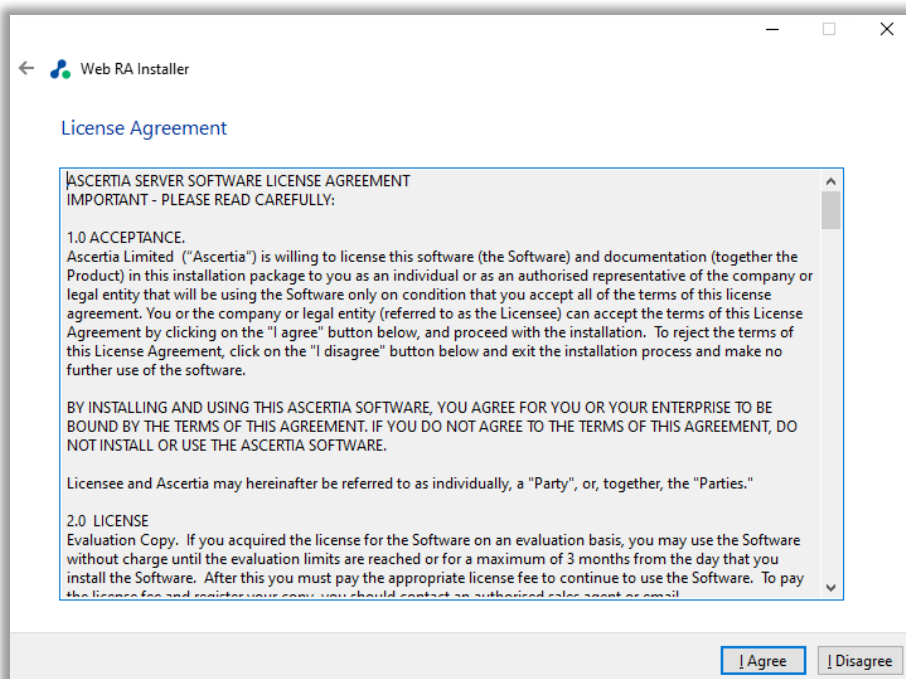
In order to install the ADSS Web RA with an existing database, follow the below mentioned installation instructions:

4.3.1 Launch the installer by right-clicking on the file name **[ADSS Web RA Installation Directory]/setup/install.bat** and select **Run** as administrator. Follow the installation wizard as described previously until the Installation Type screen is shown:

4.3.2 Select the option **Install ADSS Web RA within an existing database**.

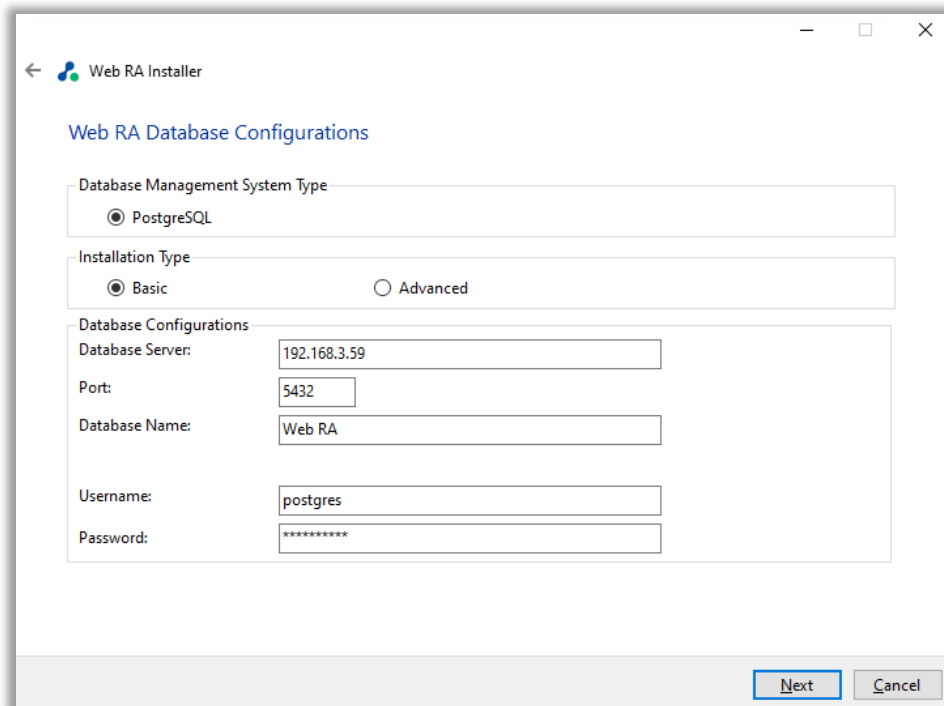


4.3.3 Click the **Next** button to show the **License Agreement**.



4.3.4 Click the **I Agree** button to continue.

4.3.5 The **Readme** screen will be displayed with new features list. Click **Next** to proceed. The following screen for **Database Configurations** will be displayed:



The information displayed above is an example and you should configure the relevant settings for your own environment.



The ADSS Web RA database schema and the version required by the installer must be the same.

*If the current ADSS Web RA database schema is older than the version required by the installer, and you click **Next**, the installer will prompt you that ADSS Web RA database schema will be upgraded to the latest version. Click **OK** to authorise the schema update.*

You can either choose to do a basic installation or use an advanced one. If you want to perform a basic installation, then use the first option **Basic** and provide the appropriate ADSS Web RA database credentials. The information displayed above is an example and you should configure the relevant settings for your own environment.

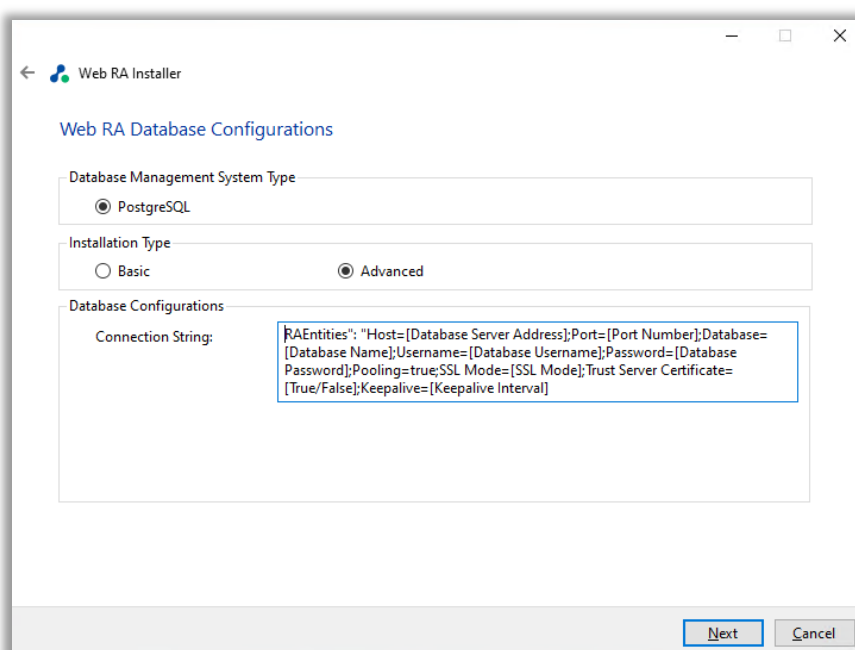


*Once you have entered the database credentials and select **Next**, the installer uses the information to test the connectivity to the database. If the installer can establish the connection with the database, then it will proceed with the installation.*

The following table explains the **Database Configurations**.

Item	Description
Database Server / Host Name	Database server IP or DNS name.
Port	It is the database listening port. - For PostgreSQL Server the default port is 5432.
Database Name	Name of the database instance. Note: This must exist prior to the installation.
Username	Name of the database user. Note: This must exist prior to the installation.
Password	Password credential of the database user. Note: This must exist prior to the installation.

Alternatively, if you choose the second “**Advanced**” option, then the following screen is displayed:



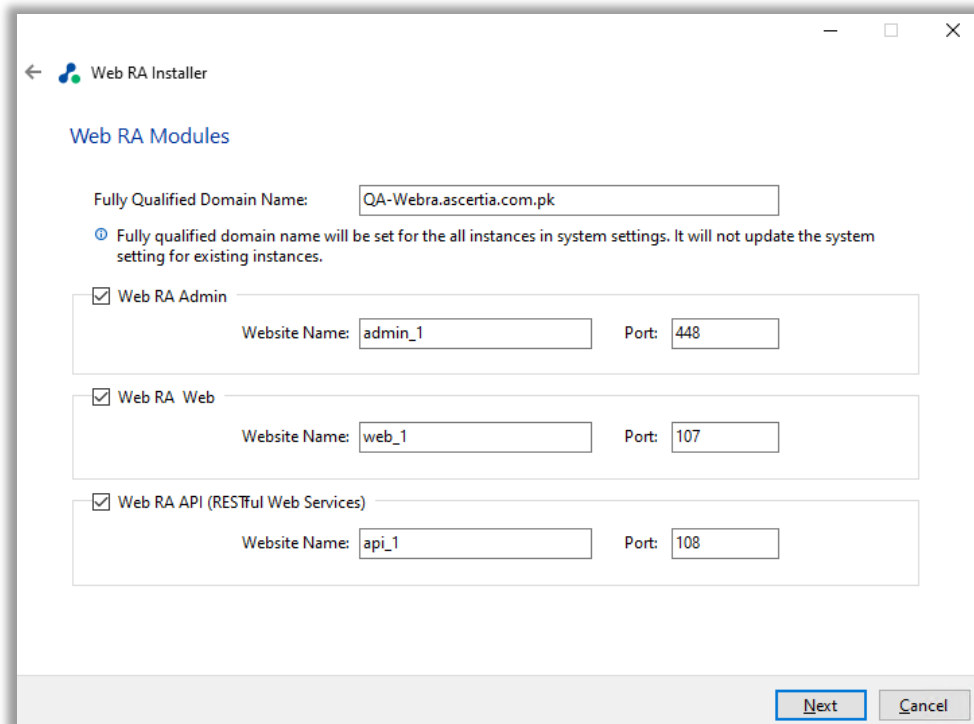
The information displayed above is an example and you should configure the relevant settings for your own environment.

Once you complete the options and select **Next**, the installer uses the information provided to test the connectivity to the database. If the installer can establish the connection with the database, then it will proceed with the installation.

The following table explains the **Advanced Database Configurations**.

Item	Description
ADSS Web RA Connection String	The following is the sample connection string for PostgreSQL Server: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> "RAEntities": "Host=[Database Server Address];Port=[Port Number];Database=[Database Name];Username=[Database Username];Password=[Database Password];Pooling=true;SSL Mode=[SSL Mode];Trust Server Certificate=[True/False];Keepalive=[Keepalive Interval]"

4.3.6 Click the **Next** button to select the **Web RA Modules**.



Web RA Modules

Fully Qualified Domain Name:

☒ Fully qualified domain name will be set for the all instances in system settings. It will not update the system setting for existing instances.

☒ Web RA Admin

Website Name: Port:

☒ Web RA Web

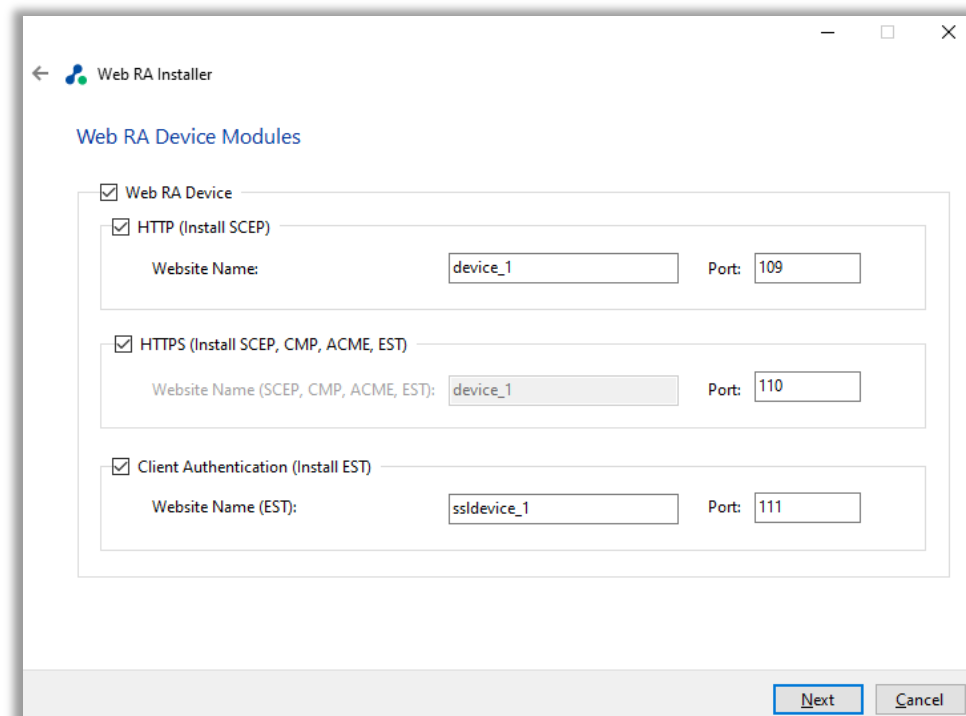
Website Name: Port:

☒ Web RA API (RESTful Web Services)

Website Name: Port:

Next **Cancel**

4.3.7 Select **modules** to install the required features. For each selected application, provide the web application name and port. A typical in-house installation of ADSS Web RA should only include Admin, Desktop Web, and the API. However, the device will be added at the end. Click **Next** to proceed.



Web RA Device Modules

☒ Web RA Device

☒ HTTP (Install SCEP)

Website Name: Port:

☒ HTTPS (Install SCEP, CMP, ACME, EST)

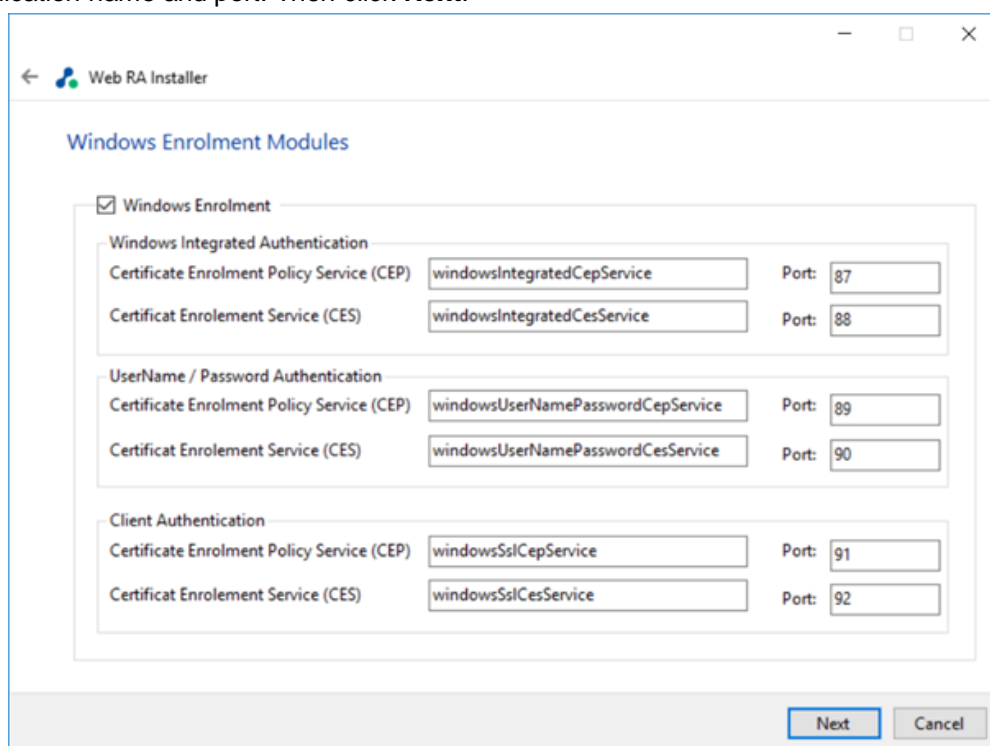
Website Name (SCEP, CMP, ACME, EST): Port:

☒ Client Authentication (Install EST)

Website Name (EST): Port:

Next **Cancel**

4.3.8 Select the **Windows Enrolment modules**. For each selected application, provide the web application name and port. Then click **Next**.



Windows Enrolment Modules

☒ Windows Enrolment

Windows Integrated Authentication

Certificate Enrolment Policy Service (CEP) windowsIntegratedCepService Port: 87

Certificate Enrolment Service (CES) windowsIntegratedCesService Port: 88

UserName / Password Authentication

Certificate Enrolment Policy Service (CEP) windowsUserNamePasswordCepService Port: 89

Certificate Enrolment Service (CES) windowsUserNamePasswordCesService Port: 90

Client Authentication

Certificate Enrolment Policy Service (CEP) windowsSslCepService Port: 91

Certificate Enrolment Service (CES) windowsSslCesService Port: 92

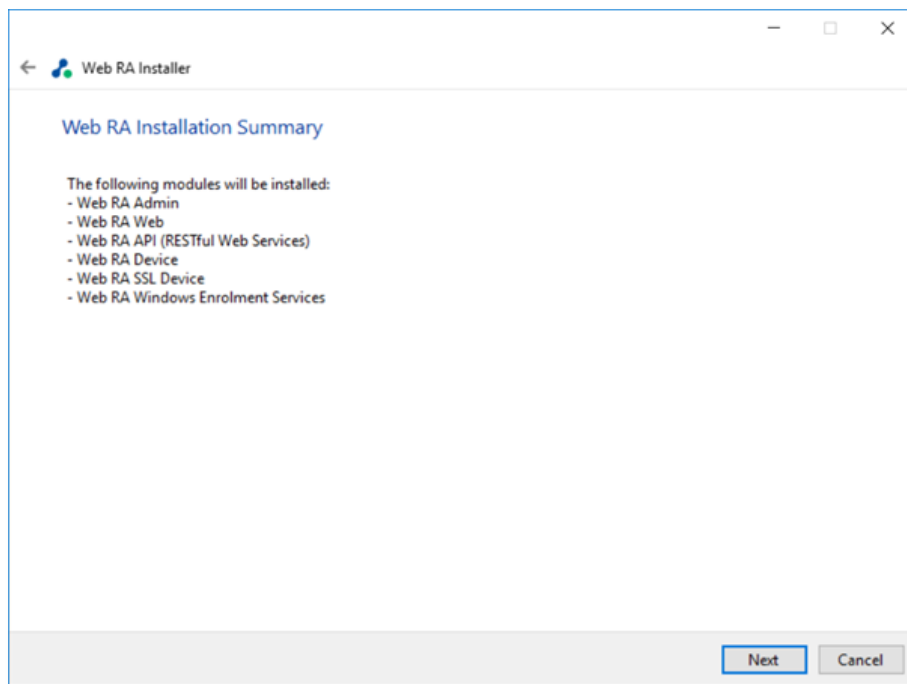
Next **Cancel**

Note: The information displayed above is an example, which you may change to suit your environment and organisation preferences. The names will appear as websites under IIS.

The following table explains the details of modules options:

Item	Description
ADSS Web RA Admin	ADSS Web RA Admin is used by the administrators to manage the system wide configurations, service plans, user accounts and access control etc.
ADSS Web RA Web	ADSS Web RA Web is used to manage certificates for creation, renewal and revocation.
ADSS Web RA API	REST API is used to integrate ADSS Web RA functionality within your own portal.
ADSS Web RA Device	ADSS Web RA device is used to manage device enrolment for certificate creation, renewal and revocation. This site will be deployed with http and https bindings.
ADSS Web RA SSL Device	ADSS Web RA SSL device is used to manage device enrolment over SSL for certificate creation, renewal and revocation e.g. EST Protocol. This site will be deployed with https SSL.
Windows Enrolment	Windows Enrolment is used to manage certificate renewal or auto-enrolment on a windows machine.

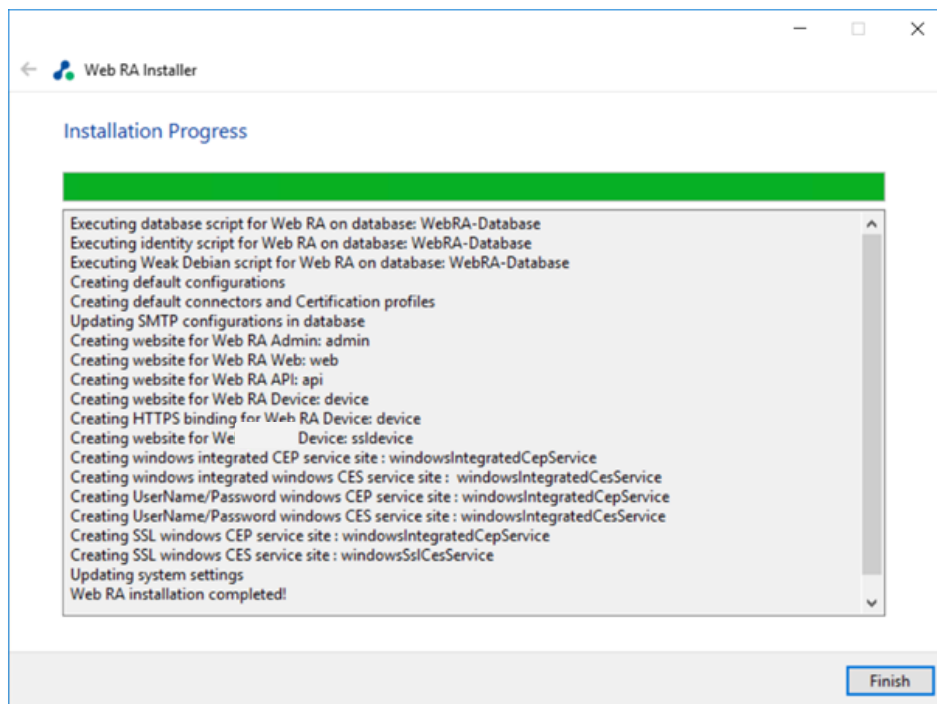
4.3.9 Click the **Next** button to see the summary and complete the installation.



This screen shows the installation summary by listing the different product modules that will be installed.

If you think any listed item is incorrect then use the **Back** button (arrow towards the top-left of the dialogue box) to correct your choices before proceeding ahead.

4.3.10 Click the **Next** button to continue with the installation.



Click the **Finish** button to complete the installation process.

4.3.11 ADSS Web RA URLs

See these URLs to access the ADSS Web RA web sites:

Service	URL Format	Example
ADSS Web RA Admin	<a href="https://<machine-name>:PORT">https://<machine-name>:PORT	https://localhost:443
ADSS Web RA Desktop Web	<a href="https://<machine-name>:PORT">https://<machine-name>:PORT	https://localhost:81
ADSS Web RA API	<a href="https://<machine-name>:PORT">https://<machine-name>:PORT	https://localhost:82
ADSS Web RA Device	<a href="https://<machine-name>:PORT">https://<machine-name>:PORT	http://localhost:83 https://localhost:84
ADSS Web RA SSL Device	<a href="https://<machine-name>:PORT">https://<machine-name>:PORT	https://localhost:85
ADSS Web RA Windows Integrated CEP Service	<a href="https://<machine-name>:PORT">https://<machine-name>:PORT	https://localhost:87
ADSS Web RA Windows Integrated CES Service	<a href="https://<machine-name>:PORT">https://<machine-name>:PORT	https://localhost:88
ADSS Web RA Windows SSL CEP Service	<a href="https://<machine-name>:PORT">https://<machine-name>:PORT	https://localhost:89
ADSS Web RA Windows SSL CES Service	<a href="https://<machine-name>:PORT">https://<machine-name>:PORT	https://localhost:90
ADSS Web RA Windows User Name Password CEP Service	<a href="https://<machine-name>:PORT">https://<machine-name>:PORT	https://localhost:91
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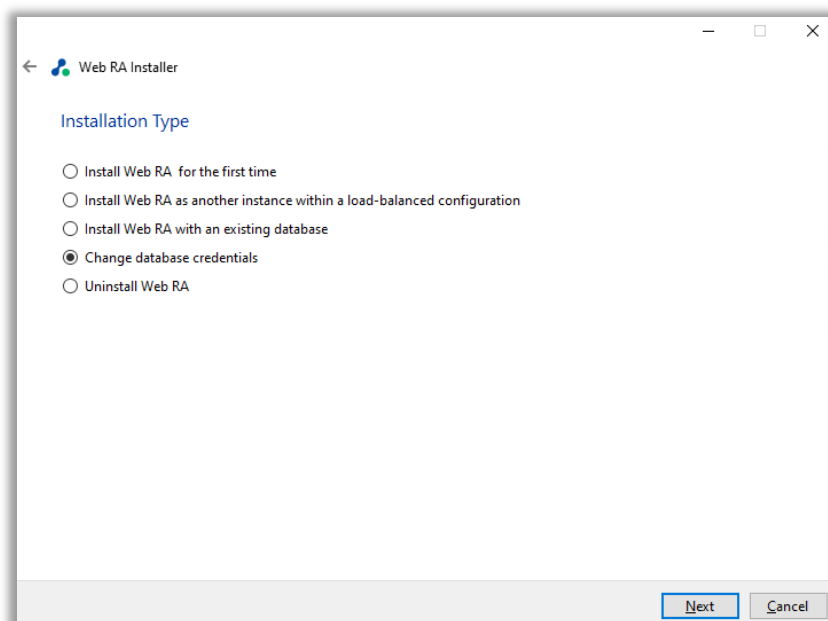
4.4 Changing Database Credentials for an Existing Installation

Database credentials stored by ADSS Web RA are encrypted for security purpose. If you need to make changes in your database server configurations, then these changes must be reflected in the ADSS Web RA installation for the signing operations to continue.

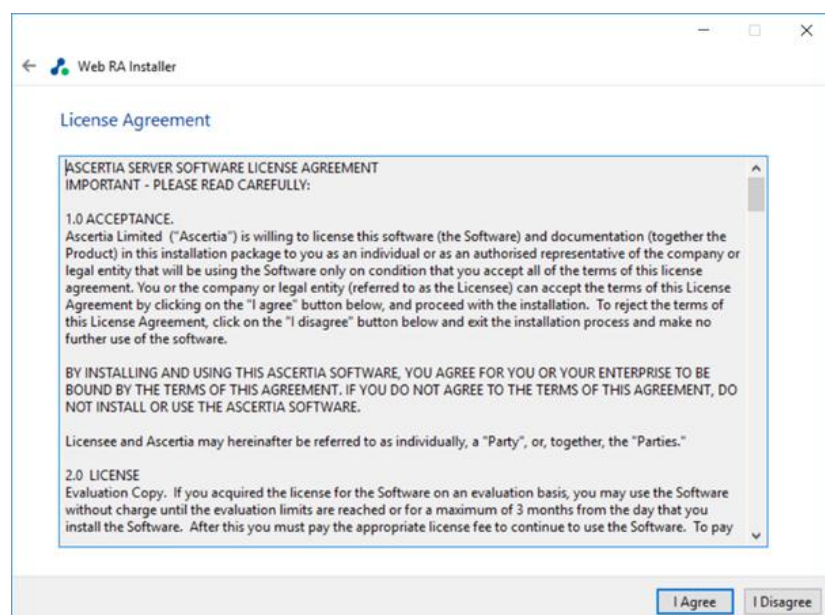
ADSS Web RA provides an option through the installer to update the following types of database related information:

- **Database username and password.**
- **Database name and/or server** (in case if database is restored from production database otherwise you need to install with existing database option).
- **Authentication types** (from SQL Server to Windows authentication and vice versa)

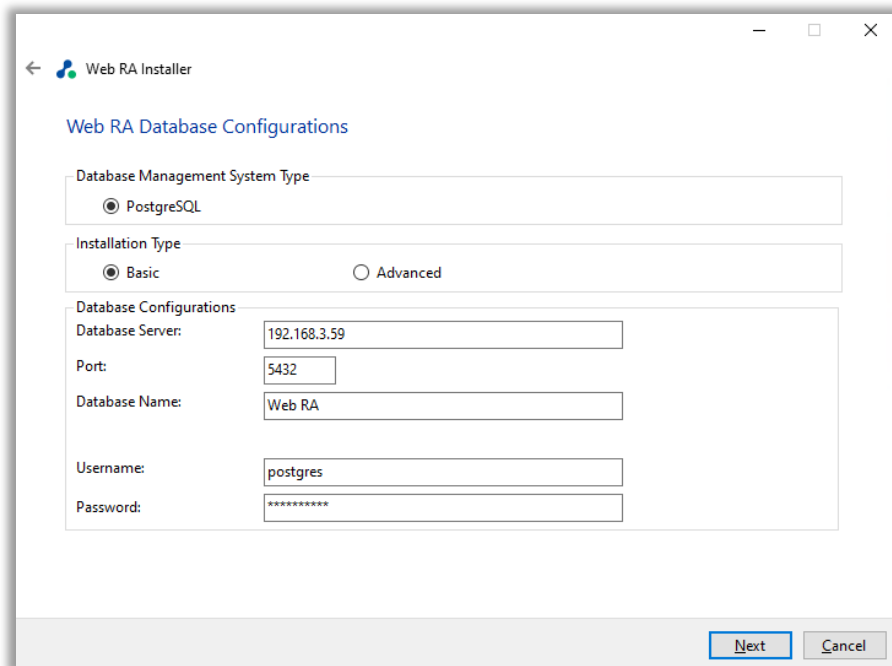
4.6.1. Follow the installation wizard, and select the “**Change database credentials**” option, when the **Installation Type** screen is shown:



4.6.1. Click the **Next** button to show the **License Agreement**.

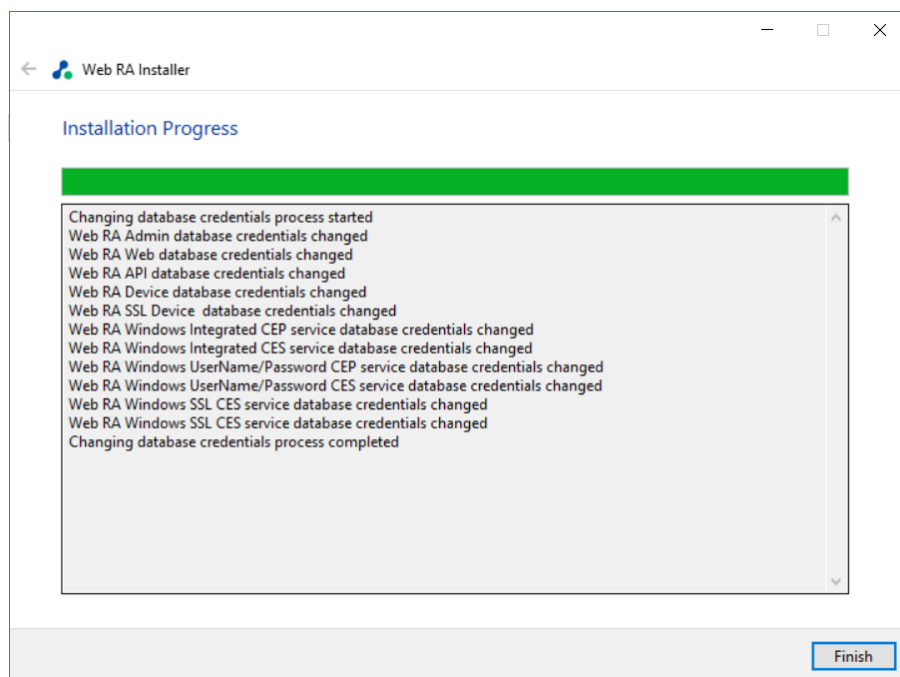


4.6.1. Click the **I Agree** button to proceed. The following screen for **Database Configurations** will be displayed.



The screenshot shows the 'Web RA Database Configurations' window. It has a title bar with a back arrow, the 'Web RA Installer' logo, and standard window controls. The main content area is titled 'Web RA Database Configurations' and contains three sections: 'Database Management System Type' with a radio button for 'PostgreSQL'; 'Installation Type' with radio buttons for 'Basic' (selected) and 'Advanced'; and 'Database Configurations' with input fields for 'Database Server' (192.168.3.59), 'Port' (5432), 'Database Name' (Web RA), 'Username' (postgres), and 'Password' (masked with asterisks). At the bottom right are 'Next' and 'Cancel' buttons.

4.6.1. Click the **Next** button to update the database configurations.



The screenshot shows the 'Web RA Installation Progress' window. It has a title bar with a back arrow, the 'Web RA Installer' logo, and standard window controls. The main content area is titled 'Installation Progress' and features a green progress bar at the top. Below it is a scrollable text box containing the following log messages: 'Changing database credentials process started', 'Web RA Admin database credentials changed', 'Web RA Web database credentials changed', 'Web RA API database credentials changed', 'Web RA Device database credentials changed', 'Web RA SSL Device database credentials changed', 'Web RA Windows Integrated CEP service database credentials changed', 'Web RA Windows Integrated CES service database credentials changed', 'Web RA Windows UserName/Password CEP service database credentials changed', 'Web RA Windows UserName/Password CES service database credentials changed', 'Web RA Windows SSL CES service database credentials changed', 'Web RA Windows SSL CES service database credentials changed', and 'Changing database credentials process completed'. At the bottom right is a 'Finish' button.

4.6.1. Click the **Finish** button to update the database configurations.

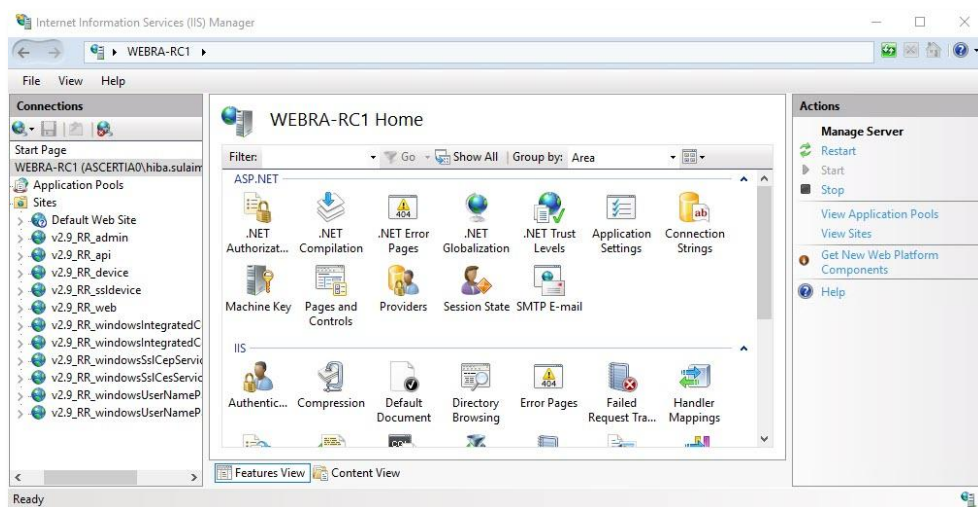
4.5 Regular Release Installation

Note: If you are upgrading from v2.9 to v2.9.7, ensure that your v2.9 deployment is functioning properly by accessing it in a browser.

Note: The 'Regular Release' installation type will only be available if ADSS Web RA was previously installed with Microsoft SQL Server database. This option is not available for PostgreSQL database, as it will be freshly supported starting from v2.9.7.

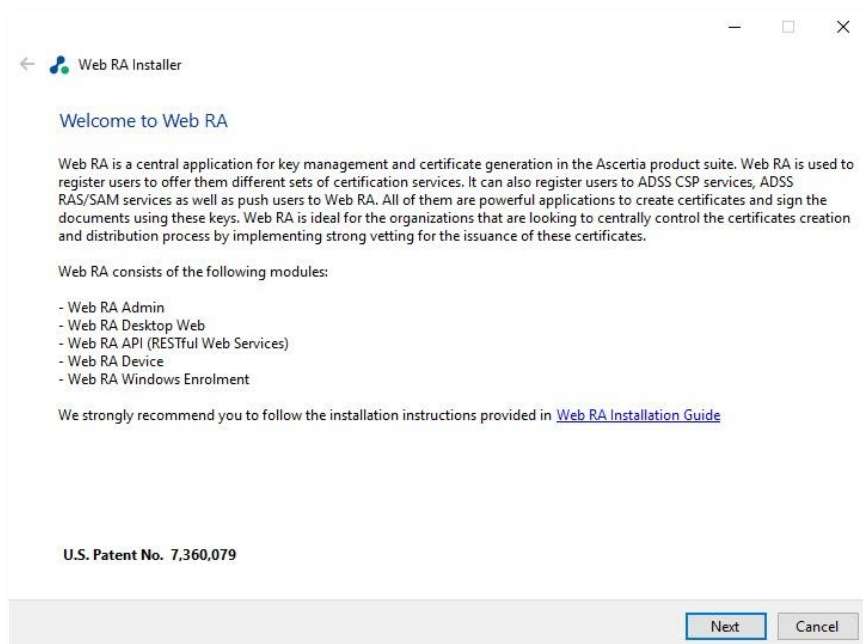
Follow the instructions below to install ADSS Web RA's regular release. Before starting the installation make sure that you have taken a backup of the Web RA database and have stopped the IIS Server.

To stop the IIS Server, launch the IIS Server and click Stop under the Manage Server action.

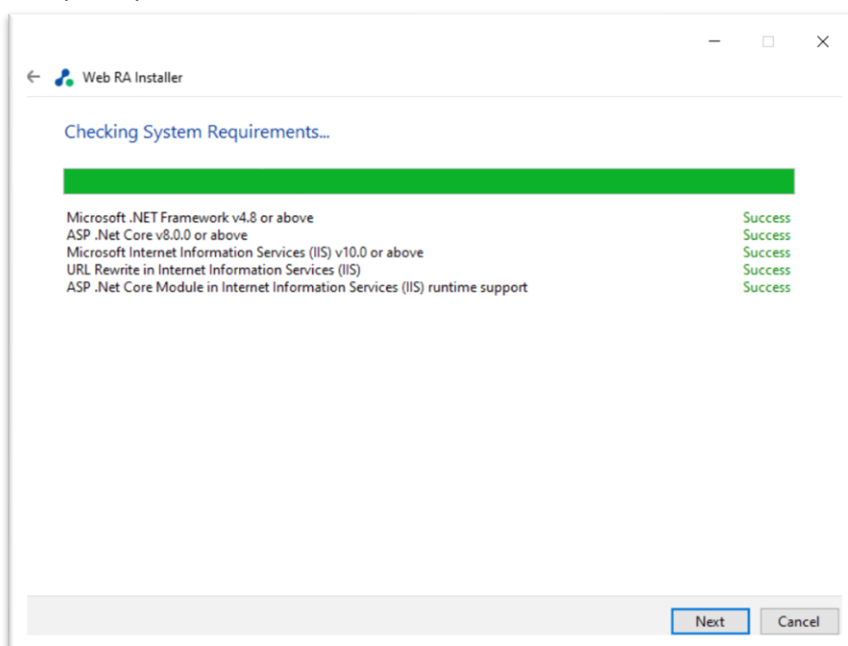


4.5.1 Launch the installer by right-clicking the file name [Web RA Regular Release Installation Directory]/setup/install.bat and select Run as administrator. Follow the installation wizard as described below:

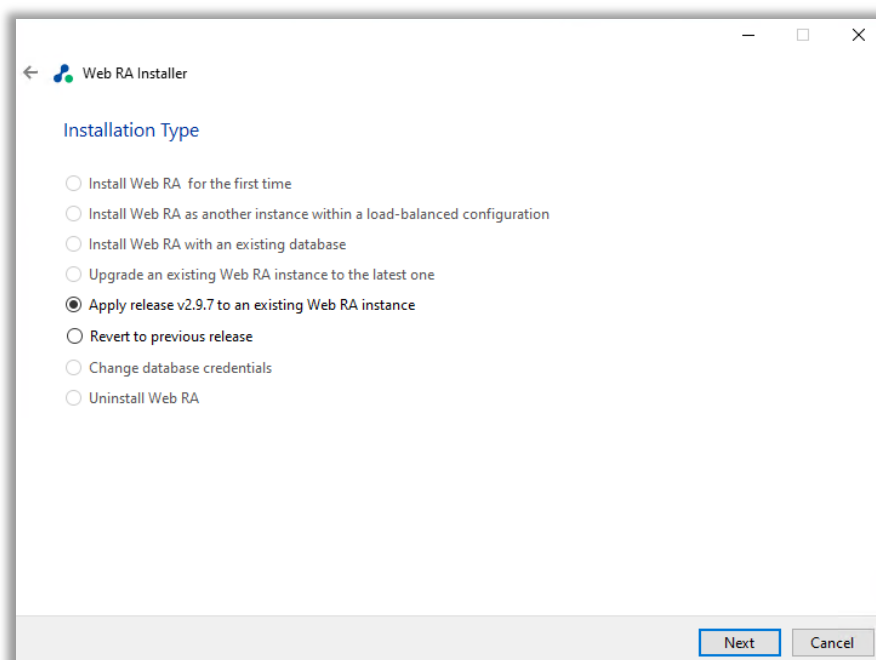
The Welcome screen will appear:



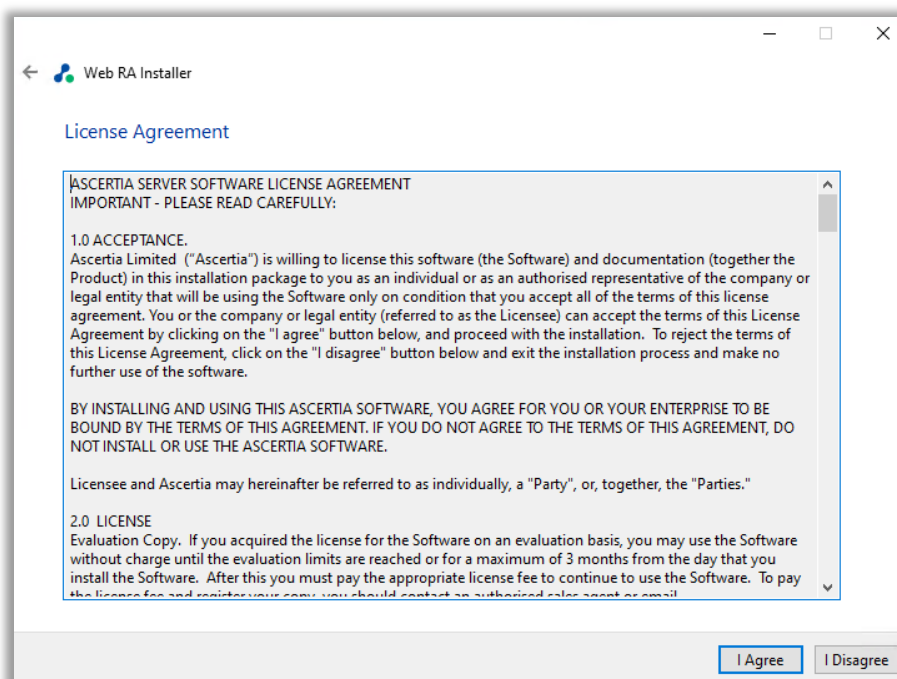
4.5.2 Click the Next button to continue. The system requirements screen will appear next to validate if all the required prerequisites are installed.



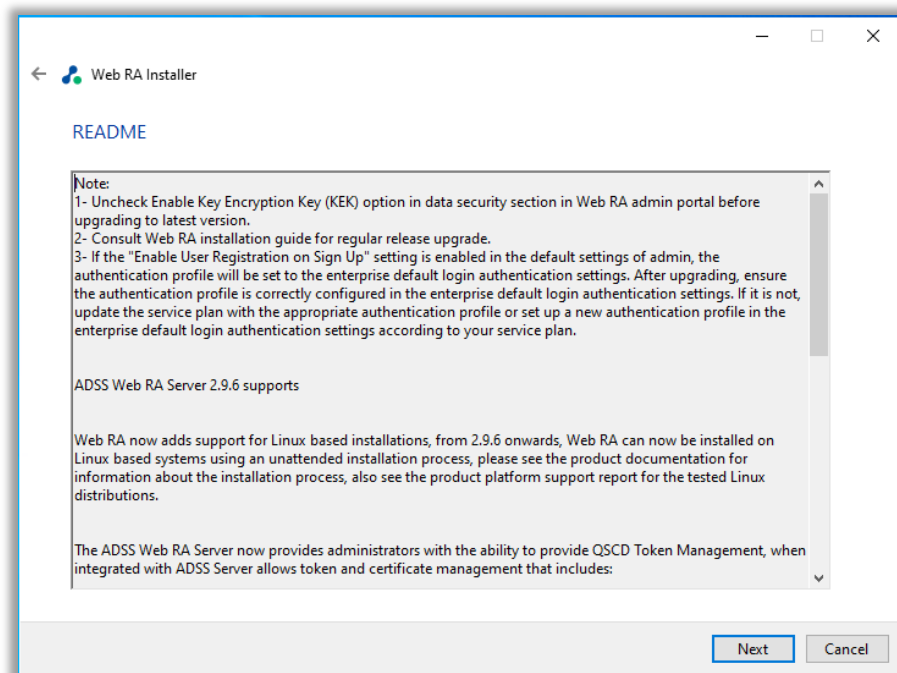
4.5.3 Click the Next button to show the Installation Type.



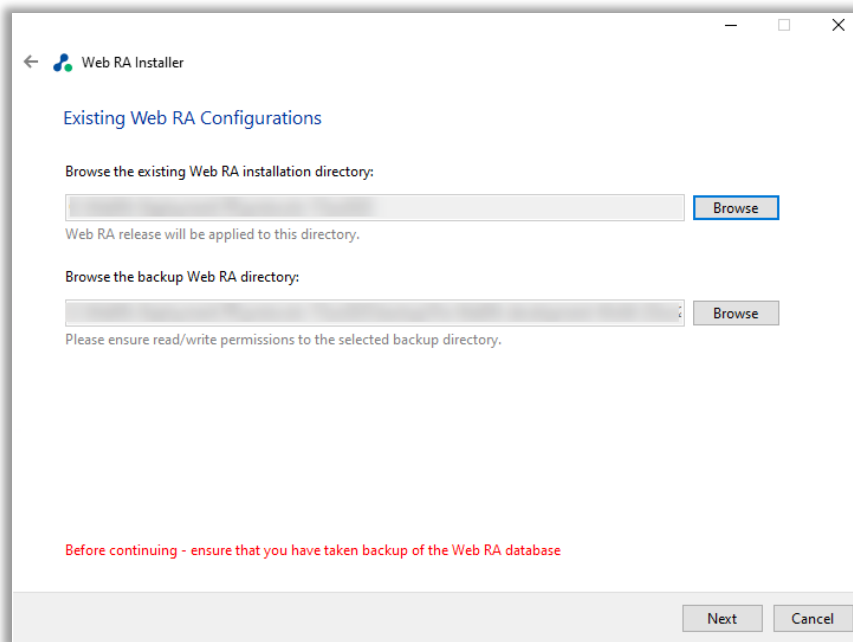
4.5.4 Click Next button to view and accept the License Agreement.



4.5.5 Click the I Agree button to proceed to the Read Me.



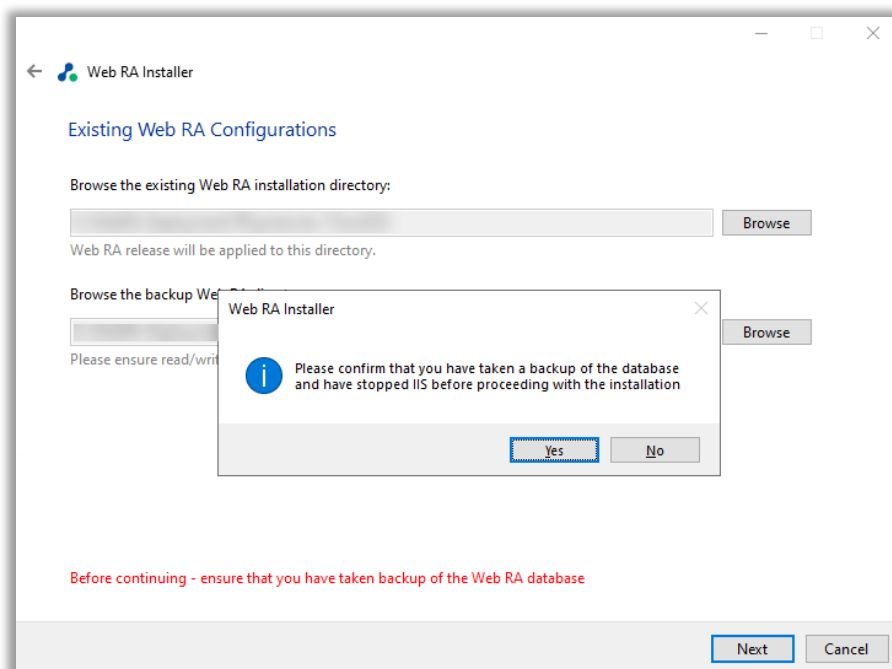
4.5.6 Click the Next button to provide the existing Web RA directory addresses.



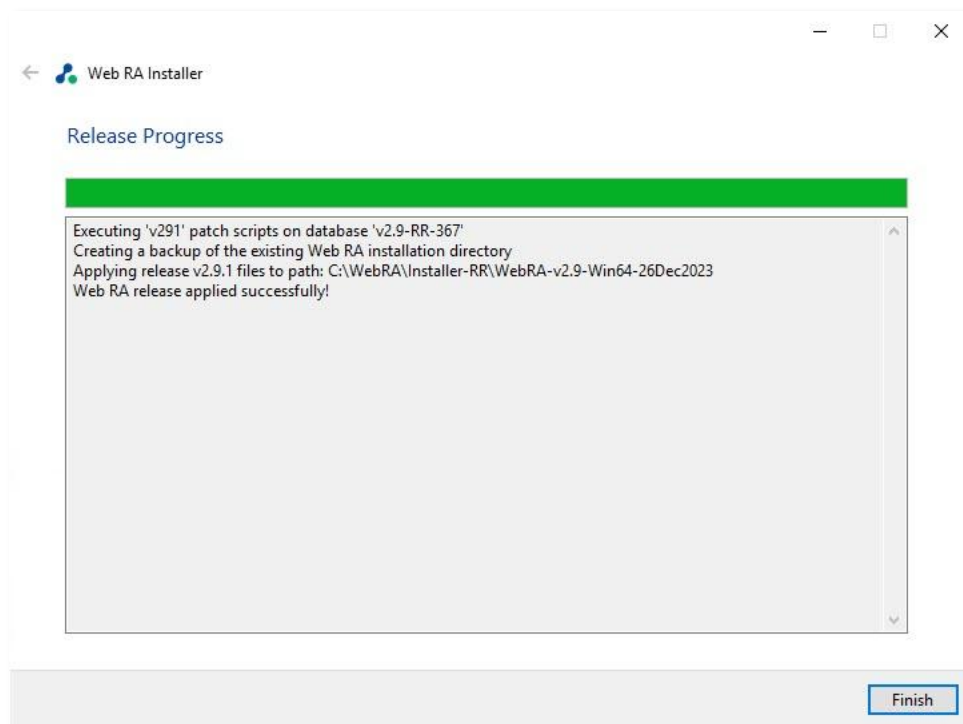
Click the Browse button against the existing Web RA installation directory. Then click the Browse button against the backup Web RA directory, to browse to the addresses for the respective directories.

By default, when the existing Web RA installation directory address is selected, the installer will automatically create a backup Web RA folder and select it as backup directory. However, if the user wants to change the backup directory, they can click "Browse" and manually select the backup directory.

Click the 'Yes' button to confirm that you have taken a backup of the database and have stopped the IIS before proceeding with the installation:



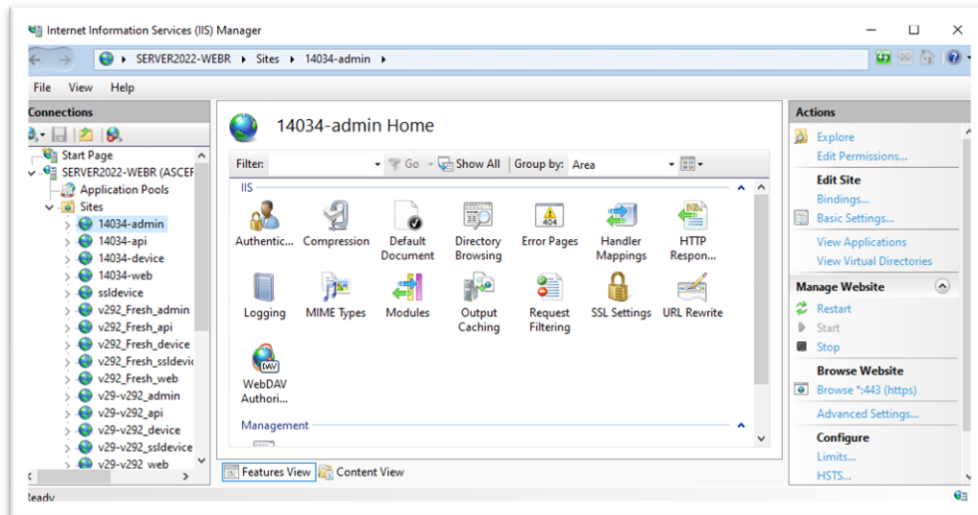
4.5.7 Click the Finish button to complete the installation process.



4.6 Uninstalling Regular Release

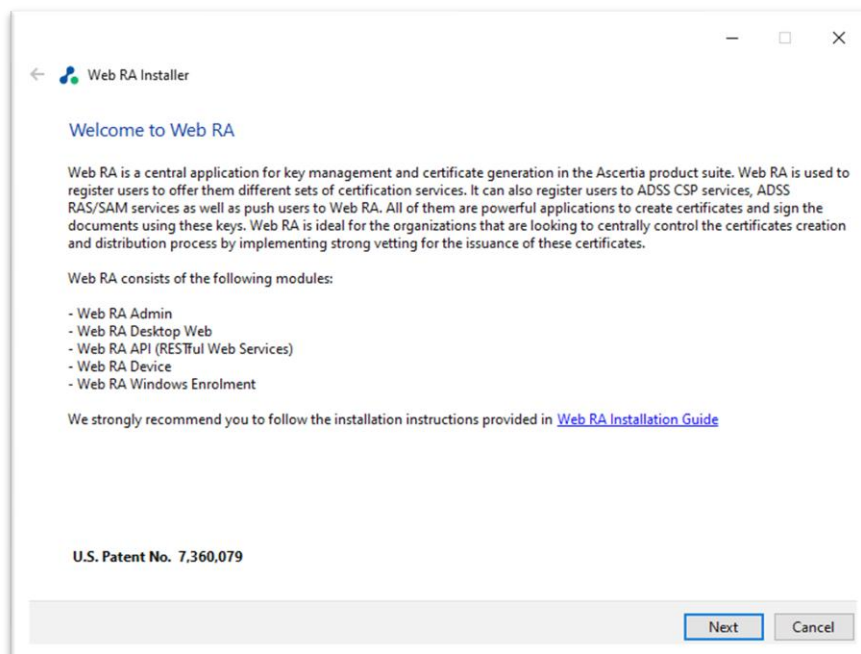
Follow the instructions below to uninstall ADSS Web RA's regular release. Before starting the uninstallation make sure that you have taken a backup of the Web RA database and have stopped the IIS Server.

To stop the IIS Server, launch the IIS Server and click Stop under the Manage Server action.

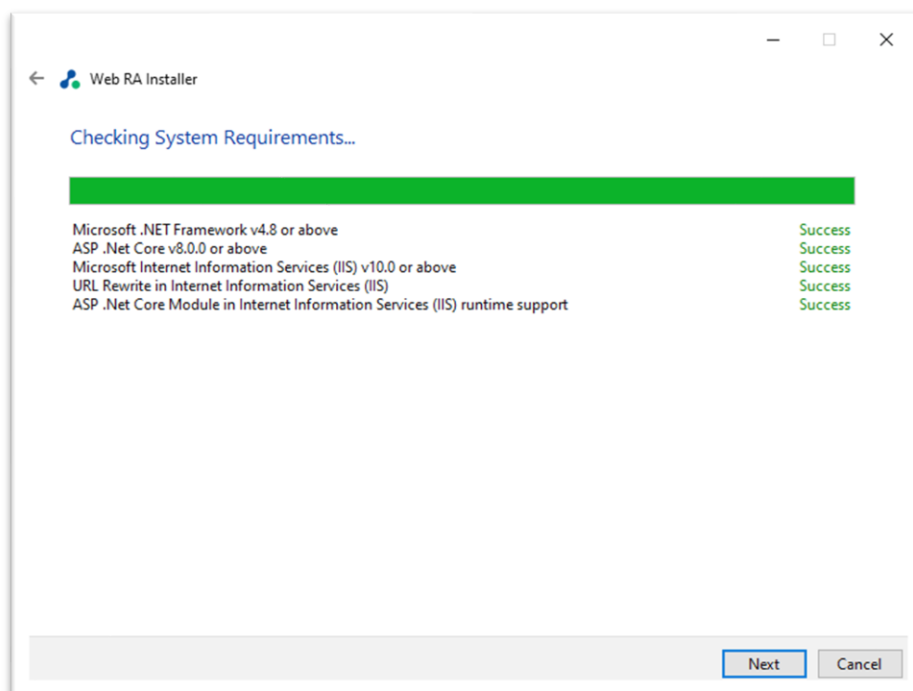


4.6.1 Launch the installer by right-clicking the file name [Web RA Regular Release Installation Directory]/setup/install.bat and select Run as administrator. Follow the installation wizard as described below:

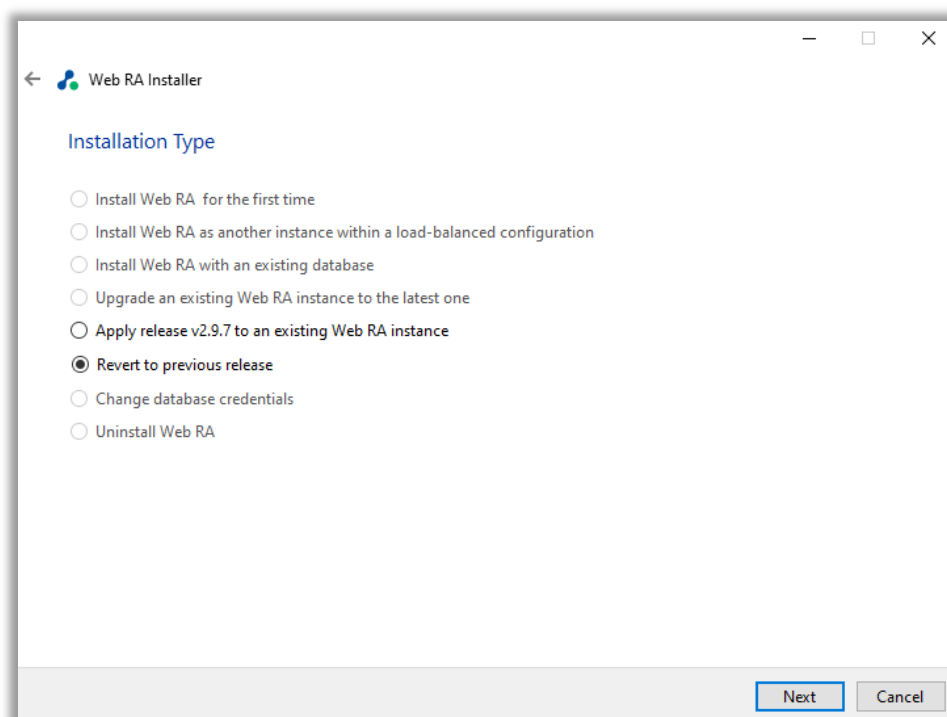
The Welcome screen will appear:



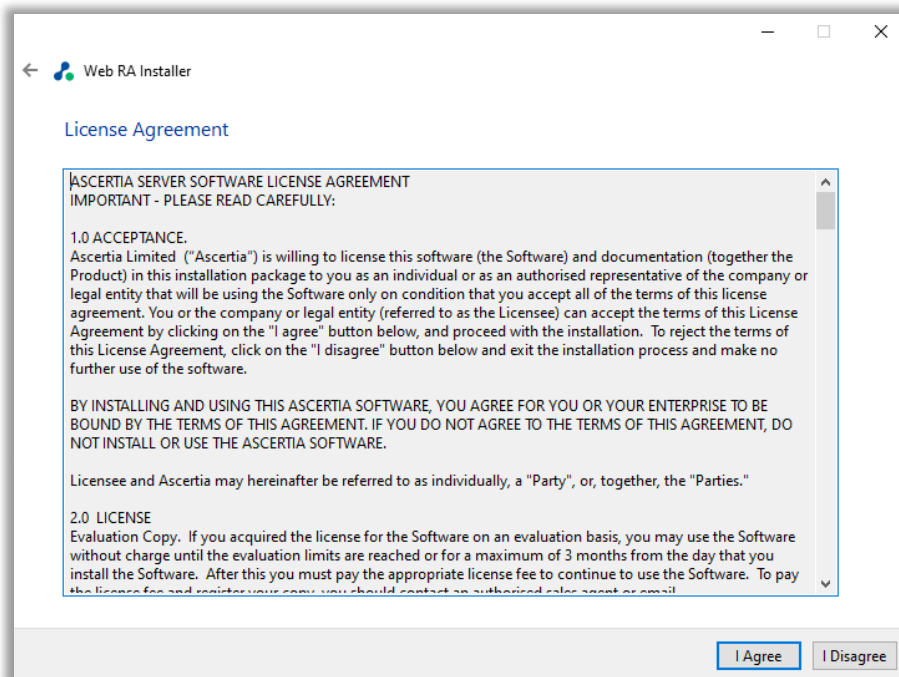
4.6.2 Click the Next button to continue. The system requirements screen will appear next to validate if all the required prerequisites are installed.



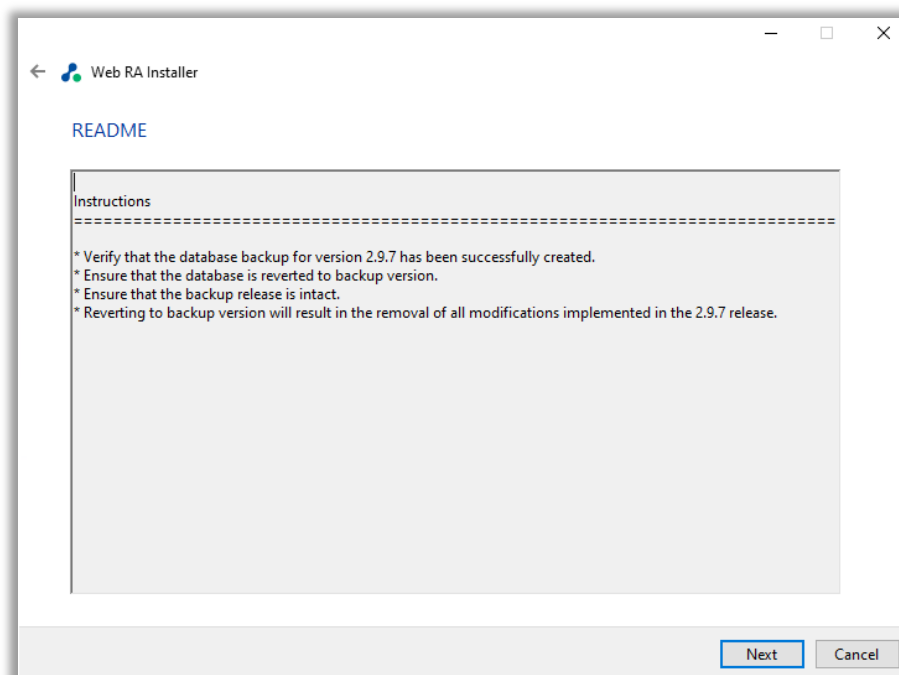
4.6.3 Click the Next button to select the “Revert to previous release” option.



4.6.4 The, click 'Next' button to view and accept the License Agreement.

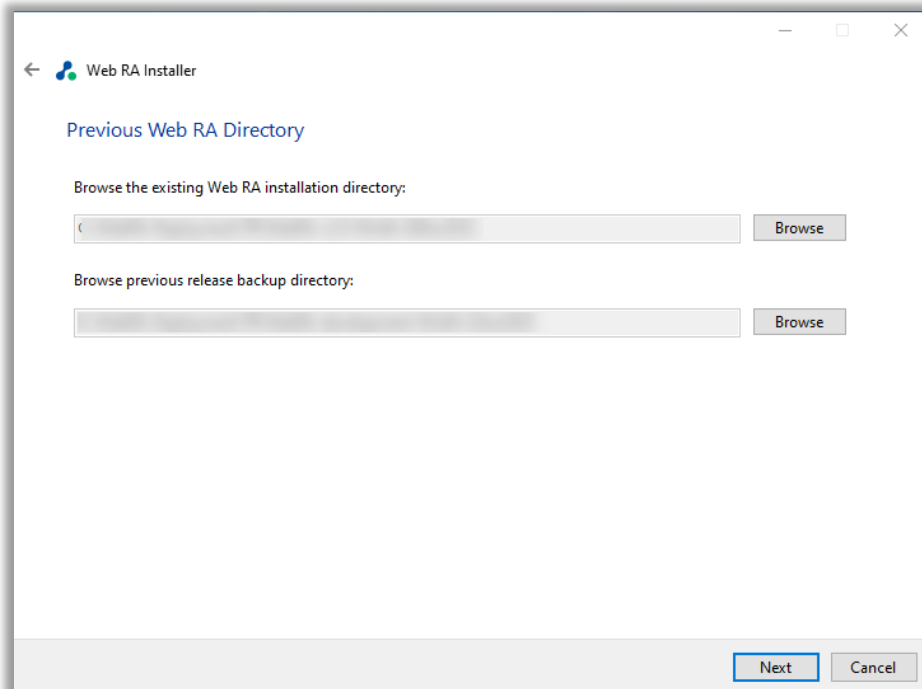


4.6.5 Click the I Agree button to proceed to the Read Me.



4.6.6 Click the Next button to provide:

1. Browse the existing Web RA installation directory
2. Previous release backup directory will be set automatically. You also have the option to browse and select your own path.



Web RA Installer

Previous Web RA Directory

Browse the existing Web RA installation directory:

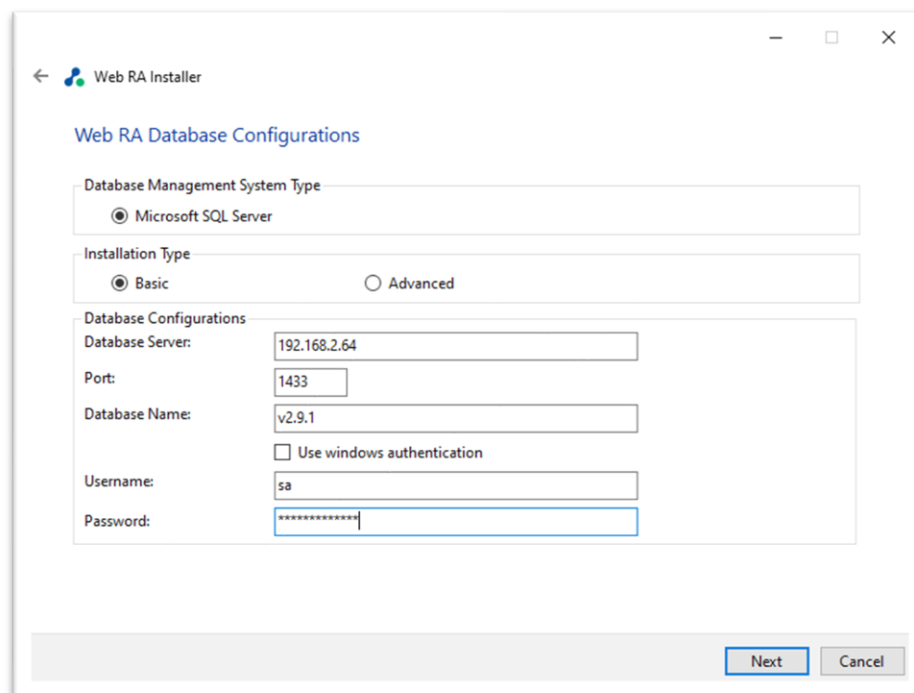
Browse

Browse previous release backup directory:

Browse

Next Cancel

4.6.7 Click next to view database details:



Web RA Installer

Web RA Database Configurations

Database Management System Type

☒ Microsoft SQL Server

Installation Type

☒ Basic ☐ Advanced

Database Configurations

Database Server:

Port:

Database Name:

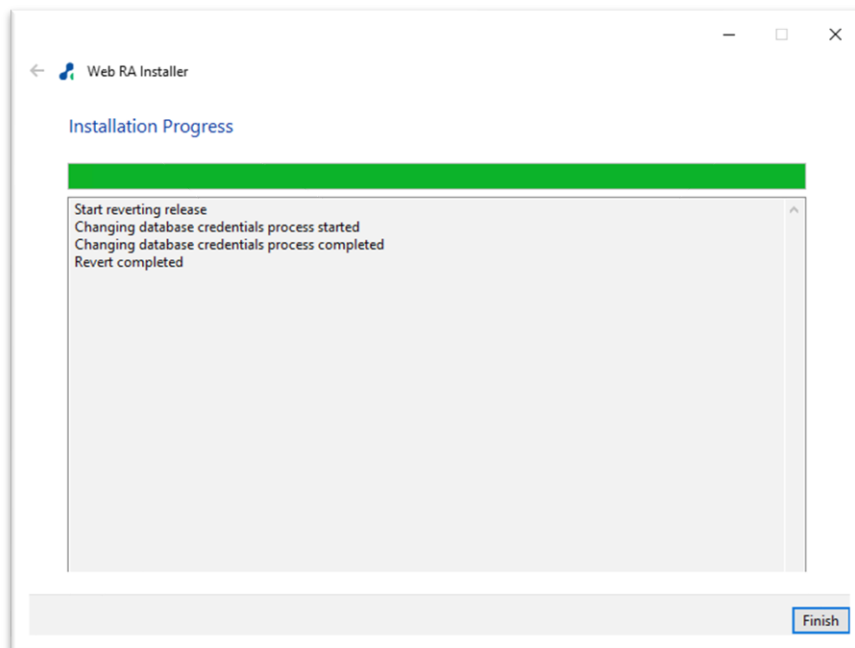
☐ Use windows authentication

Username:

Password:

Next Cancel

4.6.8 Click the Finish button to complete the installation process.

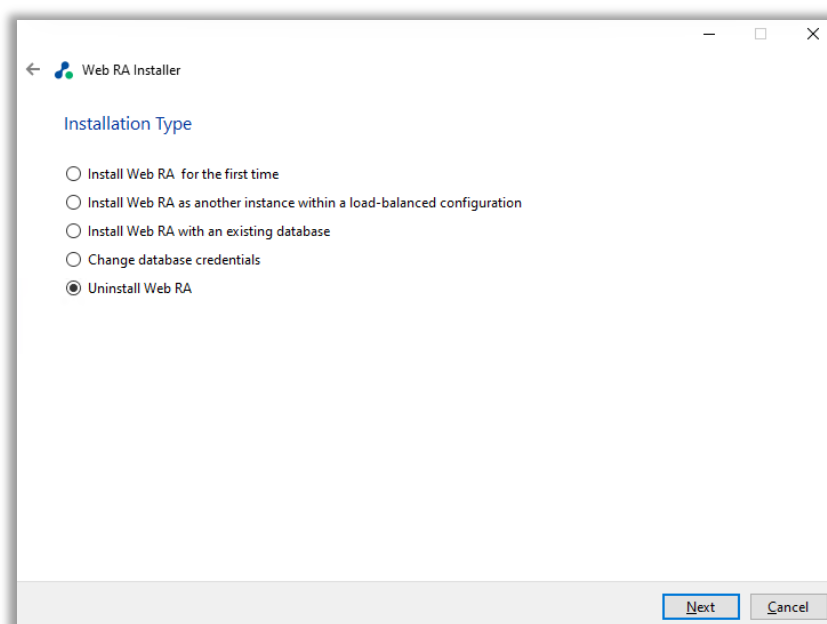


4.7 ADSS Web RA Uninstallation

Though we will not be pleased to let you go, but sometimes we have to say goodbye. You may uninstall ADSS Web RA Installer anytime.

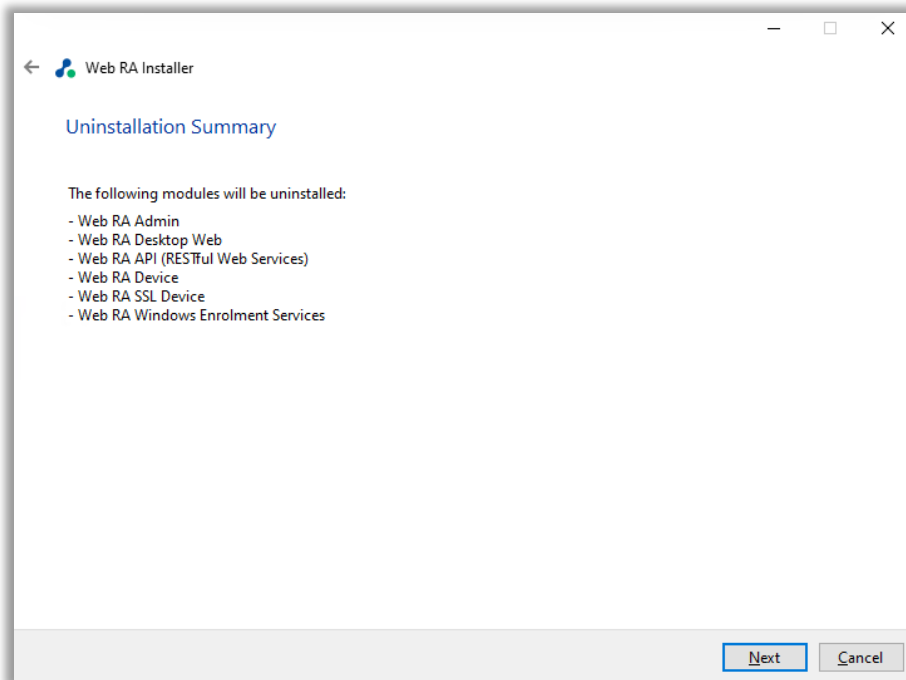
4.7.1 Right-click on the [ADSS Web RA Directory]/setup/install file and click Run as administrator.

4.7.2 Follow the installation wizard until the Installation Type screen is shown.

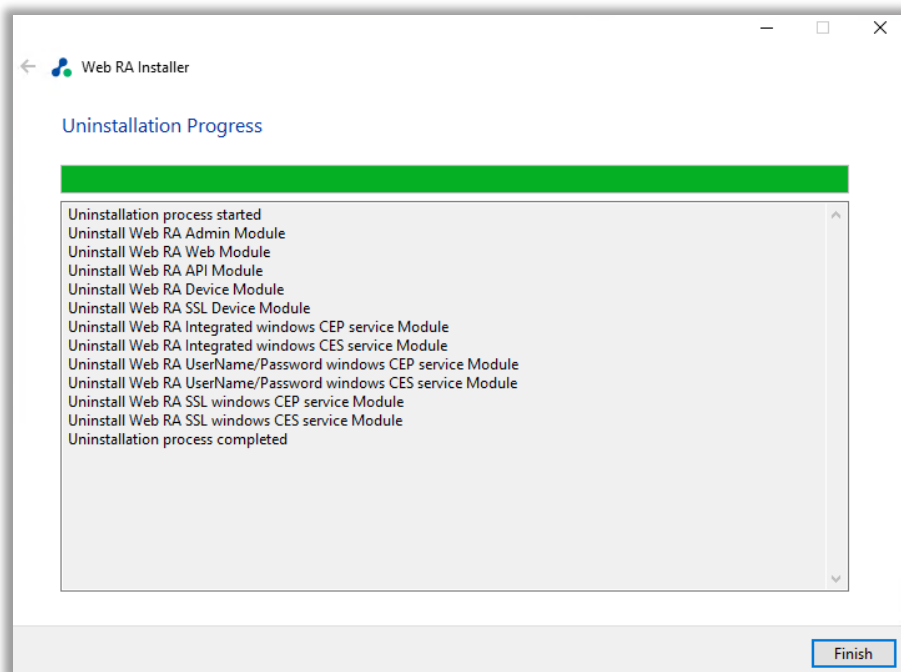


Select **“Uninstall Web RA”** to remove all websites from IIS mapped and this directory.

4.7.3 Click the Next button to proceed further. The following screen is shown.



4.7.4 Click the Next button to proceed with the uninstallation process.



4.7.5 Click the Finish button to complete the process.



This procedure does not remove the system database and its respective contents. You need to remove database manually.

5 ADSS Web RA Installation on Linux System

5.1 Prerequisites for Linux Installation

5.1.1 Install and Setup .Net Runtime 9

Source: [Install .NET on RHEL and CentOS Stream - .NET | Microsoft Learn](#)

The ASP.NET Core Runtime allows you to run .Net applications that do not include the runtime. The following command installs the ASP.NET Core Runtime, which is the most compatible runtime for .NET.

Installation

In your terminal, run the following command:

```
Bash: sudo dnf install aspnetcore-runtime-9.0
```

Verify Installation by running the following command:

```
Bash: dotnet --info
```

5.1.2 Install and Setup Nginx

Source: [nginx: Linux packages](#)

- First, start by ensuring your system is up-to-date.

```
Bash: sudo dnf clean all  
Bash: sudo dnf update  
Bash: sudo dnf groupinstall "Development Tools"
```

- Installing Nginx on AlmaLinux 9.**

By default, Nginx is available on the AlmaLinux 9 base repository. Simply install the Nginx package by using the `dnf` command:

```
Bash: sudo dnf install nginx
```

- After the installation is complete, start the service of the Nginx server. Then, enable it so that it starts itself automatically with the system reboot:

```
Bash: sudo systemctl restart nginx  
Bash: sudo systemctl status nginx  
Bash: sudo systemctl enable nginx
```

- Configure Firewall.

```
Bash: sudo firewall-cmd --permanent --add-service=http  
Bash: sudo firewall-cmd --permanent --add-service=https  
Bash: sudo firewall-cmd --reload
```

- Accessing Nginx Web Interface

i Once the installation is successful, verify that the webserver is running and accessible by entering your server's IP address in a browser: `http://your-server-ip-address`. If you see this page, it means that your Nginx web server is correctly installed and is running on AlmaLinux 9.

5.1.3 Install CIFS Utilities

The “cifs-utils” package is required for mounting shared folders using the CIFS (Common Internet File System) protocol. During installation, the absence of this package may cause interruptions or mounting errors.

To install “cifs-utils”, run the following command:

```
sudo apt install cifs-utils
```

Ensure this package is installed on the Linux system before proceeding with the Web RA installation.

5.1.4 Java JRE Installation [Required for Certificate Signing Request (CSR) Verification]

Need to install the Java JRE latest version on Linux machine for CSR policy verifications during certificate creation.

The Java Runtime Environment (JRE) is required to support CSR policy checks when creating certificates through Web RA. Ensure OpenJDK 17 JRE is installed and properly configured on your Linux machine.

On Ubuntu:

1. Update your package list:

```
sudo apt update
```

2. Install OpenJDK 17 JRE:

```
sudo apt install openjdk-17-jre
```

3. Verify installation:

```
java -version
```

- Expected output should look like this:

```
openjdk version "17.0.x" ...
```

- Optional (if full JDK is needed):

```
sudo apt install openjdk-17-jdk
```

On AlmaLinux:

1. Update your package list:

```
sudo dnf update -y
```

2. Install OpenJDK 17 JRE:

```
sudo dnf install java-17-openjdk -y
```

3. Verify installation:

```
java -version
```

- Expected output should look like this:

```
openjdk version "17.0.x" ...
```

- Optional (if multiple Java versions are installed):

```
sudo alternatives --config java
```

You will be prompted to select the default version.

5.2 Pre-Installation Steps

5.2.1 Access the Root Directory

On a Linux machine, the **root directory** (/) is the highest-level directory that contains all system files and user directories.

5.2.2 Locate the `/var` Folder

- The `/var` directory is used to store variable data such as logs, cache, and web files.
- Navigate to this directory inside the root folder (`/var`).

5.2.3 Check for the `www` Folder

- Inside `/var`, check for the **www** folder.
- Some Linux distributions automatically create this folder, but in some cases, you might need to create it manually.

If the `www` folder is not present:

- Create a new `www` folder inside `/var`.
- Ensure appropriate permissions are set so that the installation can proceed without issues.

5.2.4 Place the Installation Package

- Copy the extracted WebRA installation package into the `/var/www/` directory.

5.2.5 Access the Installation Folder

- In the extracted package, navigate to the `LinuxFresh` folder.
- Then, go to `/var/www/LinuxFresh/setup/bin/` to access the `install.json` file.
- Each parameter in the `install.json` file must be correctly configured before proceeding with the installation.

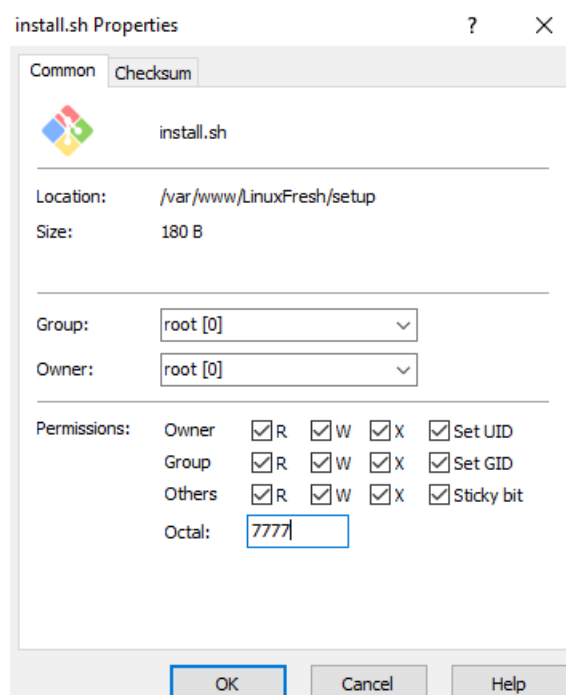
5.2.6 Set Execution Permissions for the Installation Script

Before starting the installation, the `install.sh` file must have execution permissions enabled.

Name	Size	Changed	Rights	Owner
..		3/11/2025 1:06:44 PM	rwXr-sr-X	root
bin		3/11/2025 1:04:26 PM	rwXr-sr-X	root
cert-linting		3/11/2025 1:04:26 PM	rwXr-sr-X	root
certs		3/11/2025 1:04:28 PM	rwXr-sr-X	root
db-scripts		3/11/2025 1:35:49 PM	rwXr-sr-X	root
executable		3/11/2025 1:05:01 PM	rwXr-sr-X	root
license		3/11/2025 1:05:01 PM	rwXr-sr-X	root
logo		3/11/2025 1:05:01 PM	rwXr-sr-X	root
third-party		3/11/2025 1:05:02 PM	rwXr-sr-X	root
install.log	5 KB	3/11/2025 1:41:42 PM	rw-r--r--	root
install.sh	1 KB	3/11/2025 1:34:43 PM	rwsrwsrwt	root

To grant execution permissions:

- Locate the `install.sh` file inside `/var/www/LinuxFresh/setup/`.
- Right-click the file and select Properties.
- Go to the Permissions section.
- Grant permissions and click Ok.



5.3 Configuring Installation Parameters in install.json file

The install.json file contains all the required settings for the Web RA installation. The operator must define these configurations correctly before proceeding with the installation. The installation process reads this file to determine how the setup should be performed.

Each parameter in install.json must be configured according to your system requirements. The following sections explain each parameter in detail:

5.3.1 Set Agreement Parameter

- The LicenseAgreement parameter must be set to true if you want to include an agreement confirmation step in the installation process. This confirms acceptance of Ascertia's licensing terms and conditions.
- Possible values: true or false.
- If set to false, the installation will proceed without an explicit agreement confirmation.

```
{
  "Agreement": {
    "LicenseAgreement": true,
    "comment": "possible values are TRUE/FALSE"
  },
}
```

5.3.2 Installation Modes

Defines the type of installation to be performed. Choosing the correct mode is essential for a successful setup.

Possible values:

- **FIRST_TIME**: A fresh installation of Web RA.
- **LOAD_BALANCE**: Adds a new Web RA node to an existing setup.
- **UPGRADE**: Upgrades an existing Web RA installation.
- **EXISTING_DATABASE**: Connects to an already configured database.
- **REGULAR_RELEASE**: Installs a regular update package.
- **UNINSTALL_REGULAR_RELEASE**: Removes a previously installed update.
- **CHANGE_DB_CREDENTIALS**: Updates database credentials.
- **UNINSTALL**: Completely removes Web RA and its configurations.



1. Database and SMTP configuration details will not appear in the "install.json" file after the installation of Web RA is complete on the Linux machine.
2. If you are installing a regular release update, make sure to use the same site names and port numbers that were used during the original installation.

Note:

If you want to install Web RA with a PostgreSQL database, you must perform a fresh installation. The following installation modes are supported when using PostgreSQL:

- FIRST_TIME
- LOAD_BALANCE
- EXISTING_DATABASE
- CHANGE_DB_CREDENTIALS
- UNINSTALL

If you already have Web RA installed with an MSSQL database, the supported modes are:

- REGULAR_RELEASE
- UNINSTALL_REGULAR_RELEASE

```
    },
    "InstallationMode": {
      "Type": "",
      "comment": "Possible values are
FIRST_TIME/LOAD_BALANCE/UPGRADE/EXISTING_DATABASE/REGULAR_RELEASE/UNINSTALL_REGULAR_RELEASE/CHANGE_DB_CREDENTIALS/UNINSTALL"
    },
    "ExistingInstallation": {
      "BackupDirectory": ""
    }
  }
```

5.3.2.1 First Time Installation

When installing ADSS Web RA for the first time, set the “Type” value under “InstallationMode” to:

```
},
"InstallationMode": {
  "Type": "FIRST TIME",
  "comment": "possible values are
FIRST_TIME/LOAD_BALANCE/UPGRADE/EXISTING_DATABASE/REGULAR_RELEASE/UNINSTALL_REGULAR_RELEASE/CHANGE_DB_CREDENTIALS/UNINSTALL"
},
}
```

After setting the Type, save the file and close it. Then navigate to **the /var/www/LinuxFresh/setup/** folder and run the install.sh script.

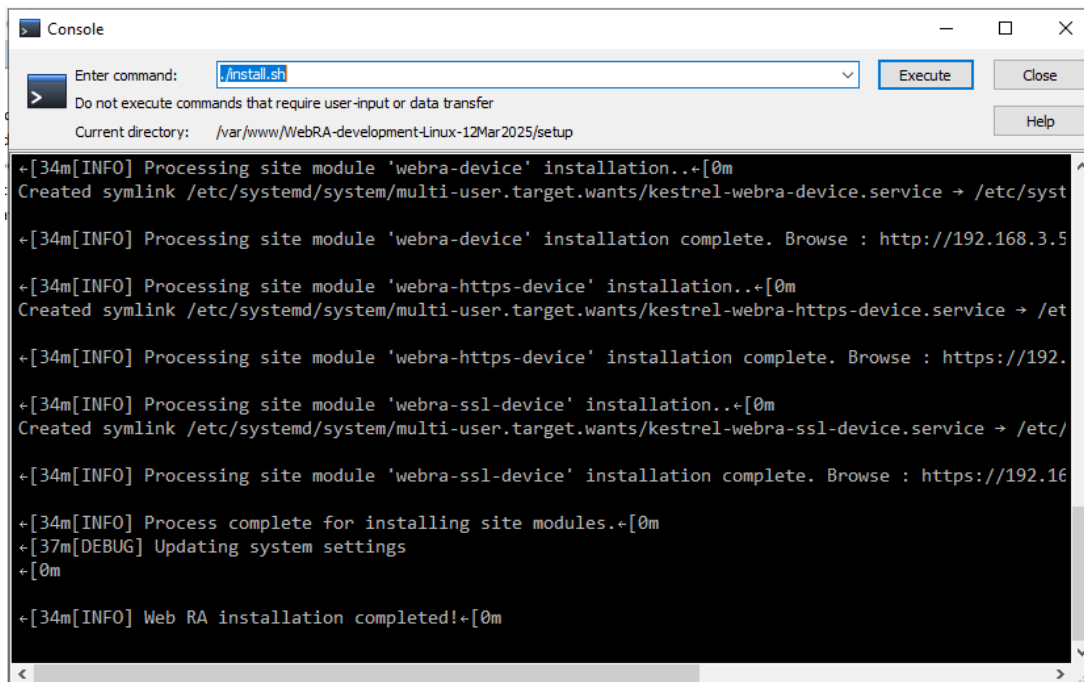
Note: Before executing /install.sh, run the following commands:

```
dos2unix install.sh
```

```
cat -A install.sh
```

After running the above given commands, launch the /install.sh file by running the following command:

```
sudo ./install.sh
```



```
Console
Enter command: ./install.sh [Execute] [Close]
Do not execute commands that require user-input or data transfer
Current directory: /var/www/WebRA-development-Linux-12Mar2025/setup
[34m[INFO] Processing site module 'webra-device' installation..+[0m
Created symlink /etc/systemd/system/multi-user.target.wants/kestrel-webra-device.service → /etc/syst
[34m[INFO] Processing site module 'webra-device' installation complete. Browse : http://192.168.3.5
[34m[INFO] Processing site module 'webra-https-device' installation..+[0m
Created symlink /etc/systemd/system/multi-user.target.wants/kestrel-webra-https-device.service → /et
[34m[INFO] Processing site module 'webra-https-device' installation complete. Browse : https://192.
[34m[INFO] Processing site module 'webra-ssl-device' installation..+[0m
Created symlink /etc/systemd/system/multi-user.target.wants/kestrel-webra-ssl-device.service → /etc/
[34m[INFO] Processing site module 'webra-ssl-device' installation complete. Browse : https://192.16
[34m[INFO] Process complete for installing site modules..+[0m
[37m[DEBUG] Updating system settings
+[0m
[34m[INFO] Web RA installation completed!+[0m
```

Note: For a FIRST_TIME installation, a new database is required. Ensure that no existing database is used to prevent conflicts with DB versions.

5.3.2.2 Installing in Load Balanced Mode

When installing ADSS Web RA in a load-balance environment, set the “Type” value under “InstallationMode” to:

```
},
"InstallationMode": {
  "Type": "LOAD_BALANCE",
  "comment": "possible values are
FIRST_TIME/LOAD_BALANCE/UPGRADE/EXISTING_DATABASE/REGULAR_RELEASE/UNINSTALL_REGULAR_RELEASE/CHANGE_DB_CREDENTIALS/UNINSTALL"
},
```

After setting the Type, save the file and close it. Then navigate to the **/var/www/LinuxFresh/setup/** folder and run the **/install.sh** script.

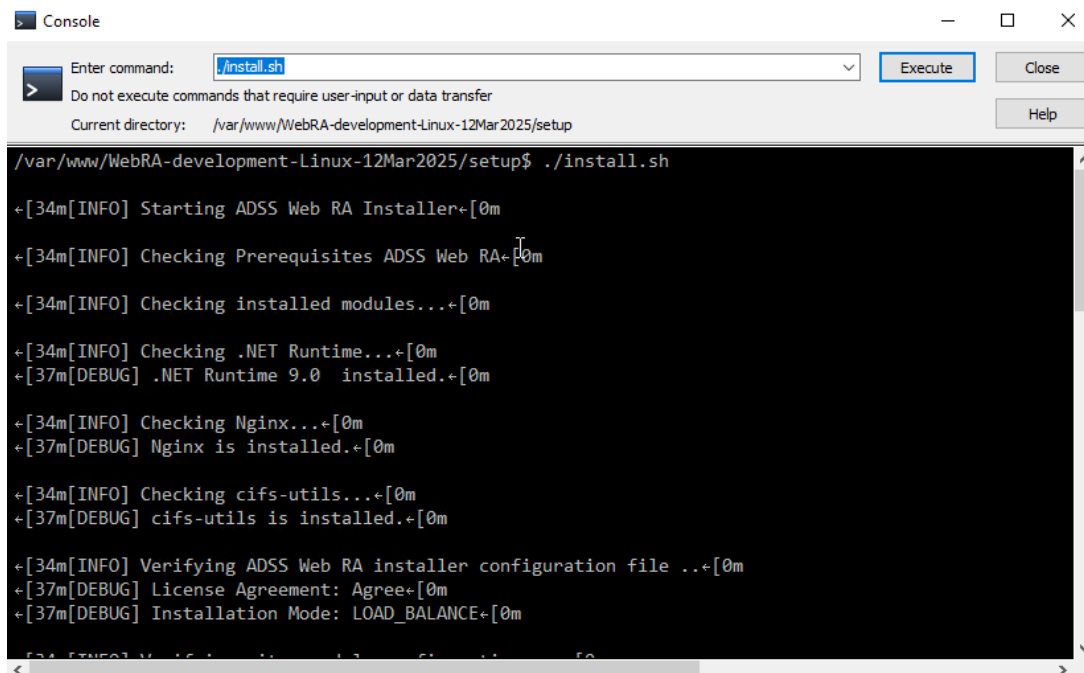
Note: Before executing **/install.sh**, run the following commands:

```
dos2unix install.sh
```

```
cat -A install.sh
```

After running the above given commands, launch the **/install.sh** file by running the following command:

```
sudo ./install.sh
```



```
Console
Enter command: /install.sh
Do not execute commands that require user-input or data transfer
Current directory: /var/www/WebRA-development-Linux-12Mar2025/setup
Execute Close Help

/var/www/WebRA-development-Linux-12Mar2025/setup$ ./install.sh

+[34m[INFO] Starting ADSS Web RA Installer+[0m
+[34m[INFO] Checking Prerequisites ADSS Web RA+[0m
+[34m[INFO] Checking installed modules...+[0m
+[34m[INFO] Checking .NET Runtime...+[0m
+[37m[DEBUG] .NET Runtime 9.0 installed.+[0m
+[34m[INFO] Checking Nginx...+[0m
+[37m[DEBUG] Nginx is installed.+[0m
+[34m[INFO] Checking cifs-utils...+[0m
+[37m[DEBUG] cifs-utils is installed.+[0m
+[34m[INFO] Verifying ADSS Web RA installer configuration file ..+[0m
+[37m[DEBUG] License Agreement: Agree+[0m
+[37m[DEBUG] Installation Mode: LOAD_BALANCE+[0m
```

5.3.2.3 Installing Web RA with an Existing Database

To install Web RA while connecting it to an already configured database, set the Type value under "InstallationMode" to:

```

},
"InstallationMode": {
  "Type": "EXISTING_DATABASE",
  "comment": "possible values are
FIRST_TIME/LOAD_BALANCE/UPGRADE/EXISTING_DATABASE/REGULAR_RELEASE/UNINSTALL_REGULAR_RELEASE/CHANGE_DB_CREDENTIALS/UNINSTALL"
},

```

After setting the Type, save the file and close it. Then navigate to the **/var/www/LinuxFresh/setup/** folder and run the **/install.sh** script.

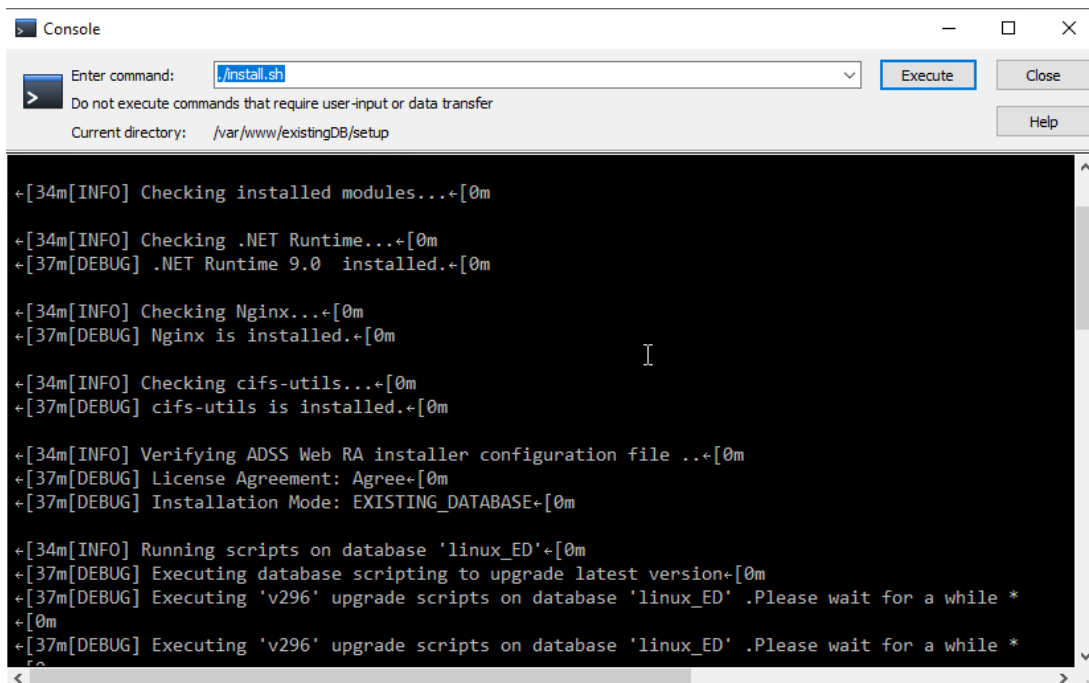
Note: Before executing **/install.sh**, run the following commands:

```
dos2unix install.sh
```

```
cat -A install.sh
```

After running the above given commands, launch the **/install.sh** file by running the following command:

```
sudo ./install.sh
```



```

> Console
Enter command: /install.sh
Do not execute commands that require user-input or data transfer
Current directory: /var/www/existingDB/setup

+[34m[INFO] Checking installed modules...+[0m
+[34m[INFO] Checking .NET Runtime...+[0m
+[37m[DEBUG] .NET Runtime 9.0 installed.+[0m

+[34m[INFO] Checking Nginx...+[0m
+[37m[DEBUG] Nginx is installed.+[0m

+[34m[INFO] Checking cifs-utils...+[0m
+[37m[DEBUG] cifs-utils is installed.+[0m

+[34m[INFO] Verifying ADSS Web RA installer configuration file ..+[0m
+[37m[DEBUG] License Agreement: Agree+[0m
+[37m[DEBUG] Installation Mode: EXISTING_DATABASE+[0m

+[34m[INFO] Running scripts on database 'linux_ED'+[0m
+[37m[DEBUG] Executing database scripting to upgrade latest version+[0m
+[37m[DEBUG] Executing 'v296' upgrade scripts on database 'linux_ED' .Please wait for a while *
+[0m
+[37m[DEBUG] Executing 'v296' upgrade scripts on database 'linux_ED' .Please wait for a while *

```

5.3.2.4 Changing Database Credentials in Web RA

To update the database connection details without modifying other configurations, set the Type value under "InstallationMode" to "CHANGE_DB_CREDENTIALS", and update the following parameters under the Database Configuration section:

- ConnectionProviderType
- MachineName
- Port
- Authentication
- UserId
- Password

Save and close the file install.json file after making the changes.

```
{
  "Agreement": {
    "LicenseAgreement": true,
    "comment": "Possible values are True or False"
  },
  "InstallationMode": {
    "Type": "CHANGE_DB_CREDENTIALS",
    "comment": "Possible values are
FIRST_TIME/LOAD_BALANCE/UPGRADE/EXISTING_DATABASE/REGULAR_RELEASE/UNINSTALL_REGULAR_RELEASE/CHANGE_DB_CREDENTIALS/UNINSTALL"
  },
  "ExistingInstallation": {
    "BackupDirectory": ""
  },
  "RegularInstallation": {
    "ExistingWebRAPath": "",
    "RegularBackupPath": ""
  },
  "SampleData": true,
  "comment": "Possible values are True or False",
  "DatabaseConfiguration": {
    "ConnectionProviderType": "MSSQL",
    "comment": "Possible values are MSSQL",
    "ConfigurationType": {
      "Type": "TYPICAL",
      "comment": "Possible values are TYPICAL and ADVANCED",
      "TypicalDatabaseConfiguration": {
        "MachineName": "",
        "Port": "",
        "DatabaseName": "",
        "UserId": "",
        "Password": ""
      },
      "AdvancedDatabaseConfiguration": {
```

Then navigate to the **/var/www/LinuxFresh/setup/** folder and run the **/install.sh** script.

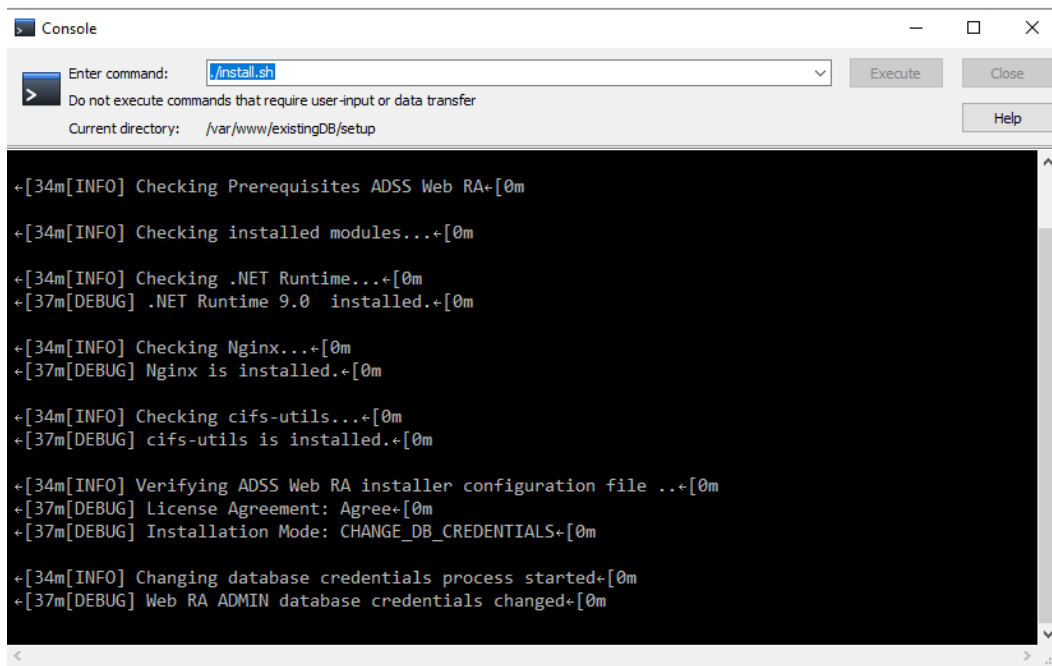
Note: Before executing **/install.sh**, run the following commands:

```
dos2unix install.sh
```

```
cat -A install.sh
```

After running the above given commands, launch the **/install.sh** file by running the following command:

```
sudo ./install.sh
```



```

> Console
Enter command: ./install.sh
Do not execute commands that require user input or data transfer
Current directory: /var/www/existingDB/setup

+[34m[INFO] Checking Prerequisites ADSS Web RA+[0m
+[34m[INFO] Checking installed modules...+[0m
+[34m[INFO] Checking .NET Runtime...+[0m
+[37m[DEBUG] .NET Runtime 9.0 installed.+[0m
+[34m[INFO] Checking Nginx...+[0m
+[37m[DEBUG] Nginx is installed.+[0m
+[34m[INFO] Checking cifs-utils...+[0m
+[37m[DEBUG] cifs-utils is installed.+[0m
+[34m[INFO] Verifying ADSS Web RA installer configuration file ...+[0m
+[37m[DEBUG] License Agreement: Agree+[0m
+[37m[DEBUG] Installation Mode: CHANGE_DB_CREDENTIALS+[0m
+[34m[INFO] Changing database credentials process started+[0m
+[37m[DEBUG] Web RA ADMIN database credentials changed+[0m

```

5.3.3 Existing Installation Parameter

BackupDirectory: Specifies where to store backup files before upgrading or uninstalling Web RA. If left empty, no backup is created, which may lead to data loss.

```

},
"ExistingInstallation": {
  "BackupDirectory": ""
},
"RegularInstallation": {
  "ExistingWebRAPath": "",
  "RegularBackupPath": ""
}

```

5.3.4 Regular Installation Parameter

- **ExistingWebRAPath:** Specifies the file path where the currently installed Web RA instance is located. **For example:** existing installation directory/.
- **RegularBackupPath:** Directory where a backup of the current Web RA instance will be stored before installation. **For example:** existing directory/backup directory/.

```

},
"ExistingInstallation": {
  "BackupDirectory": ""
},
"RegularInstallation": {
  "ExistingWebRAPath": "",
  "RegularBackupPath": ""
}

```

5.3.5 Sample Data

- If set to **True**, the installation will include sample data to help with testing and initial configuration. The following items will be included in the sample data:
 - Default ADSS Connector
 - Default SMTP Connector
 - Default ADSS Service Profile
 - Default Subscriber Agreement
 - Default Vetting Form
 - Default Service Plan
 - Default Authentication Profile
- If set to **False**, the installation will proceed without adding sample data and you will have to create everything by scratch.

5.3.5.1 Database Configuration

- **ConnectionProviderType:**

Defines the type of database server that Web RA will connect to.

- **Possible values:**
 - **MSSQL** — Use Microsoft SQL Server as the database.
 - **PGSQL** — Use PostgreSQL as the database.

- **ConfigurationType:**

Specifies how the database connection will be configured during installation.

- **Possible values:**
 - **TYPICAL** — Uses default, commonly required settings with minimal manual input.
 - **ADVANCED** — Allows manual editing of the full database connection string or additional custom settings.

Note: You must choose either **Typical** or **Advanced** configuration. Both cannot be used at the same time.

5.3.5.1.1 Typical Database Configuration

When you choose TYPICAL as the configuration type, you need to provide the following details:

Machine Name	The hostname or IP address of the database server that will host the Web RA database
Port	The port number used for connecting to the database. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For Microsoft SQL Server the default port is 1433 • For PostgreSQL Server the default port is 5432
Database Name	The name of the database to be created or used by Web RA
UserId	The database username that Web RA will use to authenticate and connect to the database.
Password	The password for database authentication.

```

    },
    "SampleData": true,
    "comment": "Possible values are True or False",
    "DatabaseConfiguration": {
        "ConnectionProviderType": "",
        "comment": "Possible values are MSSQL, PGSQL",
        "ConfigurationType": {
            "Type": "TYPICAL",
            "comment": "Possible values are TYPICAL and ADVANCED",
            "TypicalDatabaseConfiguration": {
                "MachineName": "",
                "Port": "",
                "DatabaseName": "",
                "UserId": "",
                "Password": ""
            }
        }
    },
    },

```

5.3.6 Advanced Database Configuration

This option allows you to provide a custom connection string for full control over how Web RA connects to your database. Use this if you need to define specific connection parameters beyond what the "Typical" configuration allows.

Supported database types:

- **MSSQL**
- **PGSQL**

Below are example connection strings for each supported database:

Example for MSSQL Authentication

```
data source=[server address];initial catalog=[database name];user
id=[user_id];password=[password];MultipleActiveResultSets=True;Pooling=true;
```

Example for PGSQL Authentication

```
Host=[server address];Port=[server port];Database=[database
name];Username=[username];Password=[password];Pooling=true;SSL Mode=Disable;Trust Server
Certificate=true;
```

Note:

Make sure to replace the placeholders (e.g., [server address], [database name], [username], [password]) with the actual details for your database server.

```

    },
    "AdvancedDatabaseConfiguration": {
        "ConnectionString": "",
        //MSSQL Authentication
        //data source=[server address];initial catalog=[database name];user id=[user_id];password=[password];MultipleActiveResultSets=True;Pooling=true;";
        //PGSQL Authentication
        //RAEntities": "Host=[server address];Port=[server port];Database=[database name];Username=[username];Password=[password];Pooling=true;SSL Mode=Disable;Trust
Server Certificate=true;"
        "comment": "Possible values are e.g. MSSQL Authentication and PGSQL Authentication"
    }
    },
    },

```

5.3.7 Custom Installation Parameter

Defines the modules to be installed and their respective configurations.

- **FullyQualifiedDomainName:** Specifies the full domain name of the server.

Each module has settings for site name, installation status, and ports.

- **AdminModule:**
 - Site name: admin
 - Install: true
 - Port: "Port Number" (default HTTPS port)
 - Application Port: "Port Number"
- **WebModule:**
 - Site name: web
 - Install: true
 - Port: "Port Number"
 - Application Port: "Port Number"
- **ApiModule:**
 - Site name: api
 - Install: true
 - Port: "Port Number"
 - Application Port: "Port Number"
- **DeviceModule** (SCEP support):
 - Site name: device
 - Install: true
 - Port: "Port Number"
 - Application Port: "Port Number"
- **HTTPSDeviceModule** (Secure communication for SCEP, CMP, ACME, EST):
 - Site name: https-device
 - Install: true
 - Port: "Port Number"
 - Application Port: "Port Number"
- **SSLDeviceModule** (EST on client authentication-based setup):
 - Site name: ssl-device
 - Install: true
 - Port: "Port Number"
 - Application Port: "Port Number"

```

},
"CustomInstallation": {
  "FullyQualifiedDomainName": "",
  "AdminModule": {
    "siteName": "admin",
    "install": true,
    "port": 443,
    "applicationPort": 8443
  },
  "WebModule": {
    "siteName": "web",
    "install": true,
    "port": 80,
    "applicationPort": 8080
  },
  "ApiModule": {
    "siteName": "api",
    "install": true,
    "port": 80,
    "applicationPort": 8080
  }
},

```

```

    },
    //SCEP
    "DeviceModule": {
        "siteName": "device",
        "install": true,
        "port": ,
        "applicationPort": 
    },
    //Install SCEP,CMP,ACME,EST
    "HTTPSDeviceModule": {
        "siteName": "https-device",
        "install": true,
        "port": ,
        "applicationPort": 
    },
    //Instal EST on client Authentications based
    "SSLDeviceModule": {
        "siteName": "ssl-device",
        "install": true,
        "port": ,
        "applicationPort": 
    }
}

```

5.3.7.1 Port Usage Guidelines

- The same port number cannot be assigned to multiple modules. If a port is already in use, a different number must be selected for another module.
- In the application ports, if using a sequential series (e.g., **5001, 5002, 5003**), the next installation should use a different series (e.g., **4001, 4002, 4003**) to prevent conflicts.

Constraints

- *Windows Enrolment and Active Directory are not supported in Linux deployment.*

5.3.7.2 Allowing Ports on Ubuntu

If the Linux server is running **Ubuntu**, use the following command to allow a specific port:

```
sudo ufw allow <port>/tcp
```

For example, to allow port 81:

```
sudo ufw allow 81/tcp
```

To verify the firewall status:

```
sudo ufw status
```

5.3.7.3 Allowing Ports on AlmaLinux

If the server is running **AlmaLinux**, use the following command:

```
sudo firewall-cmd --permanent --add-port=<port>/tcp
```

For example, to allow port 443:

```
sudo firewall-cmd --permanent --add-port=443/tcp
```

After making changes, reload the firewall settings:

```
sudo firewall-cmd --reload
```


5.3.8 SMTP Configuration

Defines email settings for notifications:

- **Host:** SMTP server address (e.g., smtp.example.com).
- **Port:** SMTP connection port (e.g., 587 for TLS, 465 for SSL).
- **FromAddress:** Sender's email address.
- **Username and Password:** SMTP authentication credentials.
- **UseSsl:** Determines if SSL/TLS encryption is enabled.

Note: When SMTP settings are configured in the installation process, an SMTP connector is automatically created upon running the installer.

```
},
"SmtpConfiguration": {
  // The hostname or IP address of the SMTP server (e.g., )
  "Host": "",
  // The port number used for the SMTP connection (e.g., )
  "Port": ,
  // The email address that appears as the sender
  "FromAddress": "",
  // Default subject line for the email
  "DefaultSubject": "",
  // The default recipient email address
  "DefaultRecipient": "",
  // The username for authenticating with the SMTP server
  "Username": "",
  // The password for authenticating with the SMTP server
  "Password": "",
  // Indicates if authentication is required for the SMTP server
  "IsAuthenticationRequired": true,
  // Indicates if SSL/TLS should be used for the SMTP connection
  "UseSsl": true
}
```

After configuring all necessary parameters in the install.json file, launch the /install.sh file to install ADSS Web RA with the required set of configurations.

5.3.9 Uninstallation Process

To uninstall ADSS Web RA, update the `install.json` file by modifying the “Type” value under the “InstallationMode” parameter before running the uninstallation process. The following options determine the type of uninstallation:

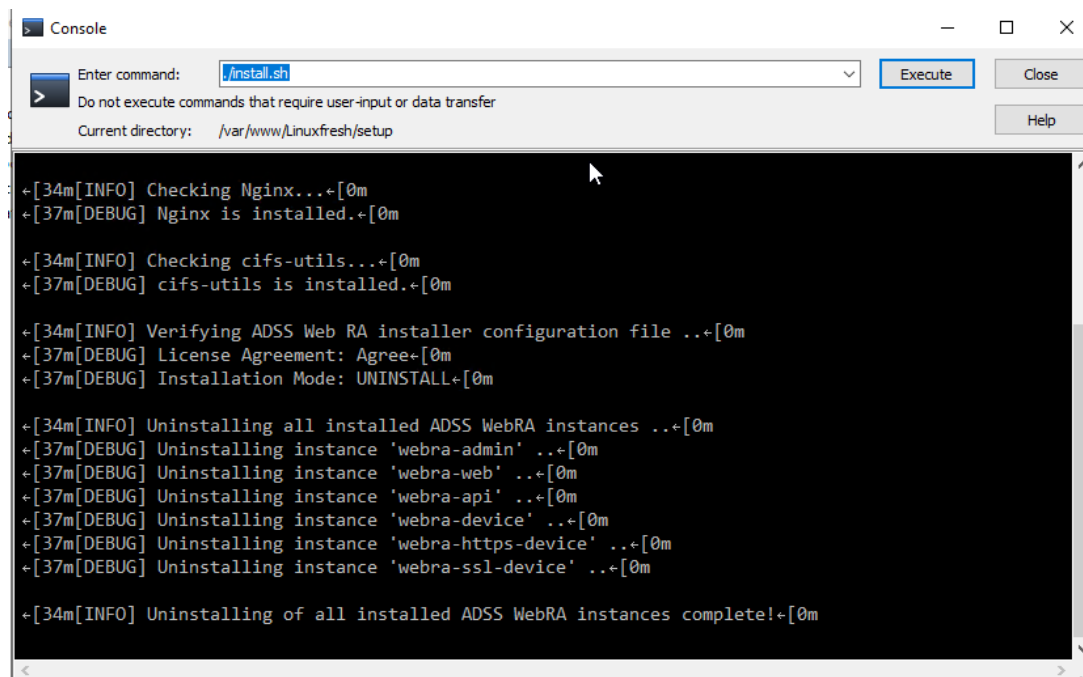
Note: Always uninstall the deployed package before removing it to avoid configuration issues.

5.3.9.1 Uninstalling a Simple Installation

In the `install.json` file, set the “Type” value under “InstallationMode” to:

```
},
"InstallationMode": {
  "Type": "UNINSTALL",
  "comment": "possible values are
FIRST_TIME/LOAD_BALANCE/UPGRADE/EXISTING_DATABASE/REGULAR_RELEASE/UNINSTALL_REGULAR_RELEASE/CHANGE_DB_CREDENTIALS/UNINSTALL"
},
```

After setting the Type, save the file and close it. Then navigate to **the `/var/www/LinuxFresh/setup/` folder** and run the `install.sh` script.



```
Console
Enter command: /install.sh
Do not execute commands that require user-input or data transfer
Current directory: /var/www/Linuxfresh/setup

+[34m[INFO] Checking Nginx...+[0m
+[37m[DEBUG] Nginx is installed.+[0m

+[34m[INFO] Checking cifs-utils...+[0m
+[37m[DEBUG] cifs-utils is installed.+[0m

+[34m[INFO] Verifying ADSS Web RA installer configuration file ..+[0m
+[37m[DEBUG] License Agreement: Agree+[0m
+[37m[DEBUG] Installation Mode: UNINSTALL+[0m

+[34m[INFO] Uninstalling all installed ADSS WebRA instances ..+[0m
+[37m[DEBUG] Uninstalling instance 'webra-admin' ..+[0m
+[37m[DEBUG] Uninstalling instance 'webra-web' ..+[0m
+[37m[DEBUG] Uninstalling instance 'webra-api' ..+[0m
+[37m[DEBUG] Uninstalling instance 'webra-device' ..+[0m
+[37m[DEBUG] Uninstalling instance 'webra-https-device' ..+[0m
+[37m[DEBUG] Uninstalling instance 'webra-ssl-device' ..+[0m

+[34m[INFO] Uninstalling of all installed ADSS WebRA instances complete!+[0m
```

5.3.9.2 Uninstalling a Regular Release

To remove a previously installed regular release update modify the **install.json** file and set the Type under "InstallationMode" to: "UNINSTALL_REGULAR_RELEASE"

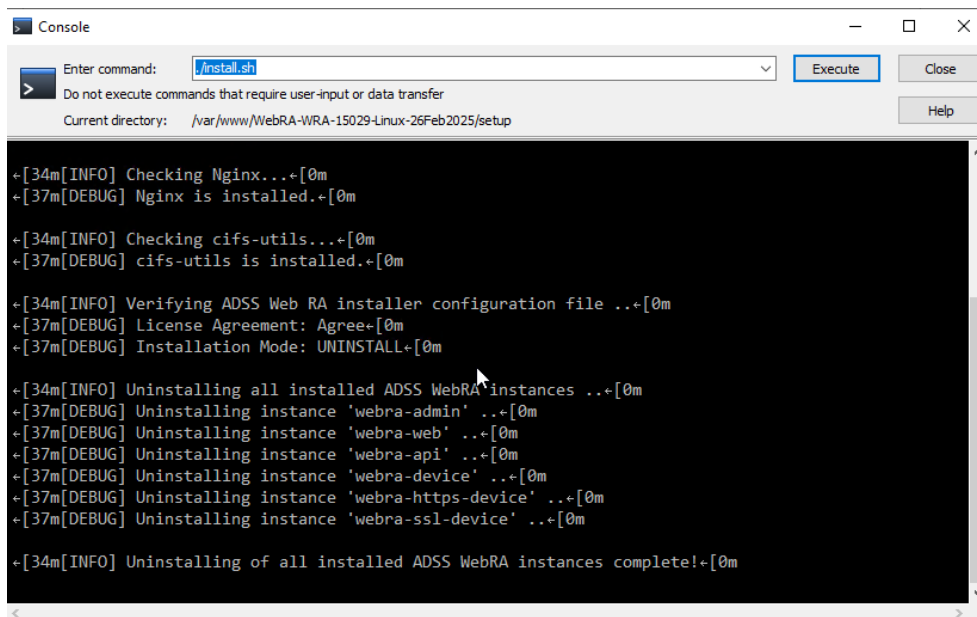
```
{
  "Agreement": {
    "LicenseAgreement": true,
    "comment": "Possible values are True or False"
  },
  "InstallationMode": {
    "Type": "UNINSTALL_REGULAR_RELEASE",
    "comment": "Possible values are FIRST_TIME/LOAD_BALANCE/UPGRADE/EXISTING_DATABASE/REGULAR_RELEASE/UNINSTALL_REGULAR_RELEASE/CHANGE_DB_CREDENTIALS/UNINSTALL"
  },
  "ExistingInstallation": {
    "BackupDirectory": ""
  },
  "RegularInstallation": {
    "ExistingWebRAPath": "",
    "RegularBackupPath": ""
  },
  "SampleData": true,
  "comment": "Possible values are True or False",
  "DatabaseConfiguration": {
    "ConnectionProviderType": "MSSQL",
    "comment": "Possible values are MSSQL, PGSQL",
    "ConfigurationType": {
      "Type": "TYPICAL",
      "comment": "Possible values are TYPICAL and ADVANCED",
      "TypicalDatabaseConfiguration": {
        "MachineName": "",
        "Port": "",
        "DatabaseName": "",
        "UserId": "",
        "Password": ""
      }
    }
  }
}
```

You must also provide the following two parameters for the uninstallation process to complete successfully:

ExistingWebRAPath - This is the location where your current Web RA is installed. The system needs this path to find and remove the regular release. **For example:** existing installation directory/.

RegularBackupPath - This is where a backup of the current Web RA will be saved before the uninstallation starts. It helps you restore things in case something goes wrong. **For example:** existing directory/backup directory/backup folder.

After setting the required values, save the file and close it. Then navigate to **the /var/www/LinuxFresh/setup/** folder and run the **install.sh** script.



```
Console
Enter command: /install.sh
Do not execute commands that require user-input or data transfer
Current directory: /var/www/WebRA-WRA-15029-Linux-26Feb2025/setup

+[34m[INFO] Checking Nginx...+[0m
+[37m[DEBUG] Nginx is installed.+[0m

+[34m[INFO] Checking cifs-utils...+[0m
+[37m[DEBUG] cifs-utils is installed.+[0m

+[34m[INFO] Verifying ADSS Web RA installer configuration file ..+[0m
+[37m[DEBUG] License Agreement: Agree+[0m
+[37m[DEBUG] Installation Mode: UNINSTALL+[0m

+[34m[INFO] Uninstalling all installed ADSS WebRA instances ...+[0m
+[37m[DEBUG] Uninstalling instance 'webra-admin' ...+[0m
+[37m[DEBUG] Uninstalling instance 'webra-web' ...+[0m
+[37m[DEBUG] Uninstalling instance 'webra-api' ...+[0m
+[37m[DEBUG] Uninstalling instance 'webra-device' ...+[0m
+[37m[DEBUG] Uninstalling instance 'webra-https-device' ...+[0m
+[37m[DEBUG] Uninstalling instance 'webra-ssl-device' ...+[0m

+[34m[INFO] Uninstalling of all installed ADSS WebRA instances complete!+[0m
```

6 Appendix

6.1 Troubleshooting

6.1.1 If ADSS Web RA Admin module is installed on Windows 2012 R2, then the HTTP 403.16 error code may occur when you access the ADSS Web RA Admin console from web browser.

Follow these instructions to solve this issue:

- Open registry and add the key:
KEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\SYSTEM\CurrentControlSet\Control\SecurityProviders\SCHANNEL
- Create a new key with **Value Type: REG_DWORD (32-bit)**
- Set **Value Name: ClientAuthTrustMode**
- Edit the field and set **Value Data: 2**

If you are interested to know more details about it, browse the Microsoft KB link:

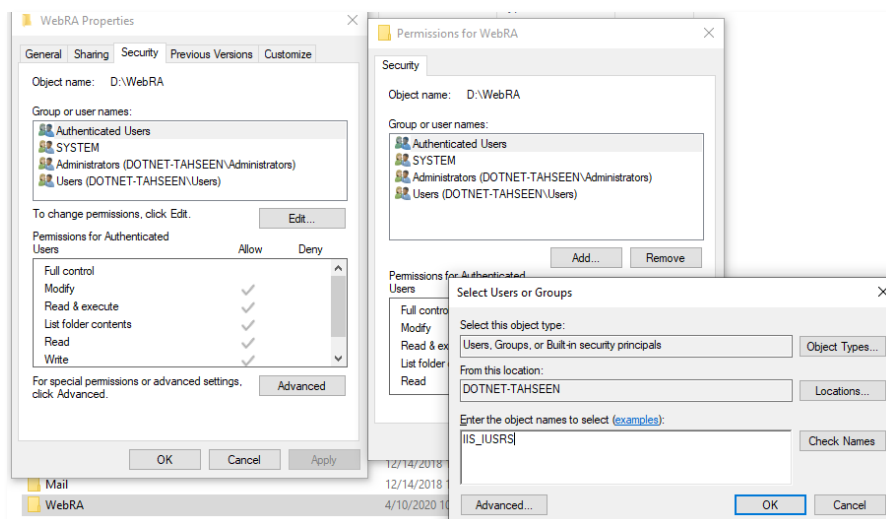
<https://support.microsoft.com/en-us/kb/2464556>.

6.1.2 If you receive the HTTP error code 500.19 whilst accessing Admin, Web or API then:

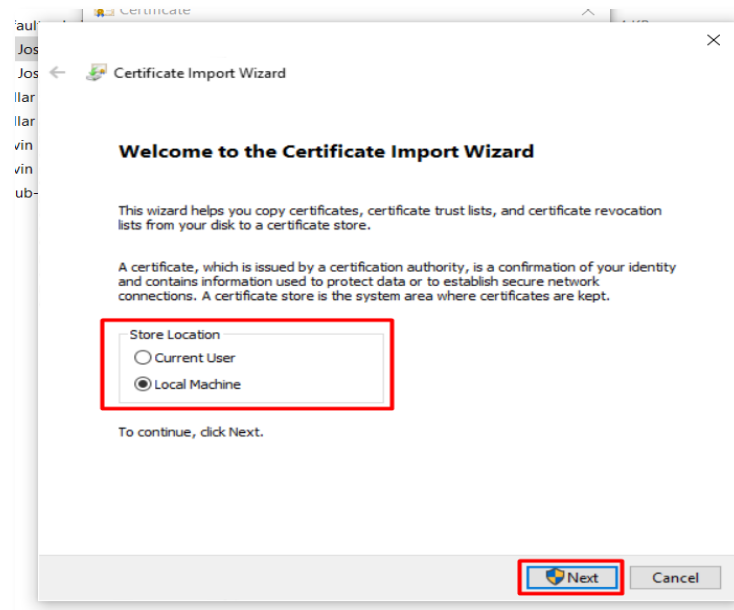
- Open IIS Management Console.
- Go to Application Pools.
- Select a site and click Advanced Setting.
- In General, make sure that Enable 32-Bit Applications is set to False.

6.1.3 If you cannot start ADSS Server from Windows Services panel on Azure, then make sure that you are not starting those services under Windows user that you have created while creating the Azure instance. You must create another Windows user with Administrative rights and start the services under that user.

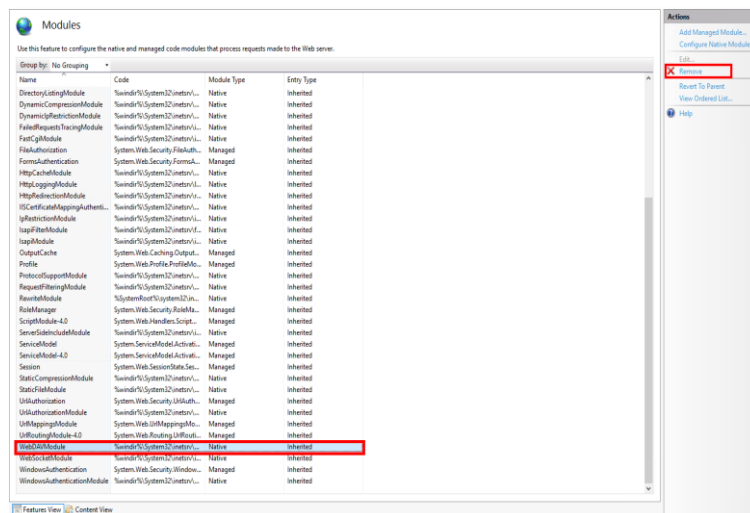
- Upon deploying to the server, you must keep in mind that the firewall and ports are open so that user can access the application from outside.
 - In **Firewall > Outbound Rules**. Open the ports if you want to 80-90, 440-450.
- Make sure the Directory has IIS permissions where code files are published.



- **Add / Install the SSL Server certificate in Microsoft Management Console** which will be imported to IIS so, connection between server and application can be established successfully.



- For API to work against all Verbs (GET,POST,DELETE,PUT etc) without **405** error, make sure WebDAV Module remove against the API site.To do this click on **"API"** site in IIS ,select **"Modules"**, find the **"WebDAVModule"** and remove it.



6.2 Troubleshooting for Linux

- **Deployment Stops Unexpectedly**

If the deployment process halts during execution, it may be due to Linux security settings preventing the installation from proceeding. To resolve this issue:

1. Temporarily disable Linux security enforcement by running the following command:

```
sudo setenforce 0
```

This forces the security module to be turned off.

2. Test the nginx configuration by running the following command:

```
sudo nginx -t
```

This command tests your nginx configuration without actually starting or restarting the server.

- It checks for syntax errors in your nginx configuration files.
- Validates file paths (e.g., certs, keys, includes).
- Ensures nginx won't crash when restarted.
- It is a safe way to debug before restarting a live server.

3. Restart the nginx service to ensure proper functionality:

```
systemctl restart nginx
```

- **A Specific Web RA Service is Not Running**

If the deployment completes but a specific service (such as **Admin**, **Web**, or **API**) is not running, restart the affected service using the following command:

```
systemctl restart kestrel-webra-{service name}.service
```

Replace {service name} with the actual service name (e.g., **admin**, **web**, **api**).

- **Installation Fails Due to Spaces in Folder Name**

Issue:

The installation process fails or encounters errors if the folder name where the installation package is placed contains spaces.

Solution:

Ensure that the installation folder name does not contain spaces. Rename the folder using underscores (_) or remove spaces before proceeding with the installation.

• Nginx is Inactive or Not Running

If Nginx is inactive, Web RA will not be accessible in the browser. Check the service status and restart it if necessary.

Symptom:

Active: inactive (dead)

Solution:

1. Test the nginx configuration by running the following command:

```
sudo nginx -t
```

This command tests your nginx configuration without actually starting or restarting the server.

- It checks for syntax errors in your nginx configuration files.
- Validates file paths (e.g., certs, keys, includes).
- Ensures nginx won't crash when restarted.
- It is a safe way to debug before restarting a live server.

2. Then, restart the nginx service using the following command:

```
sudo systemctl start nginx
```

• 413 Request Entity Too Large – API or File Upload Failure

In case of executing APIs with large datasets or files, if the following error appears, apply the configuration and commands below to resolve it:

Error:

“413 Request Entity Too Large”

This error occurs when a client (such as a browser or an API request) tries to upload data exceeding the allowed size limit configured in nginx.

Resolution: Increase the `client_max_body_size` limit in nginx.

1. Open the nginx Configuration File

Edit your main nginx configuration file (`/etc/nginx/nginx.conf`) or the specific site configuration in `/etc/nginx/sites-available/your-site.conf`:

```
sudo nano /etc/nginx/nginx.conf
```

2. Increase “client_max_body_size”

Add or modify this directive inside the `http`, `server`, or `location` block:

```
http {  
    client_max_body_size 100M;  
}
```

3. Test the Configuration

```
nginx -t
```

4. Reload nginx to apply changes

```
sudo systemctl reload nginx
```

- **License Upload Error on AlmaLinux Due to SHA-1 Restriction**

If you encounter an error while uploading the application license on an AlmaLinux machine, you need to enable the SHA-1 algorithm. Once enabled, the license upload will work successfully.

How to Enable SHA-1 Algorithm on CentOS Stream 9 / AlmaLinux 9 / RockyLinux 9:

To fix this, you need to enable the SHA-1 algorithm in your modern OS, for example in EL9 / CentOS 9. To enable it, run the following command:

```
update-crypto-policies --set DEFAULT:SHA1
```


6.3 Configurations used for Simple Certificate Enrollment Protocol (SCEP)

6.3.1 Make sure that following tag is added in “web.config” of web module:

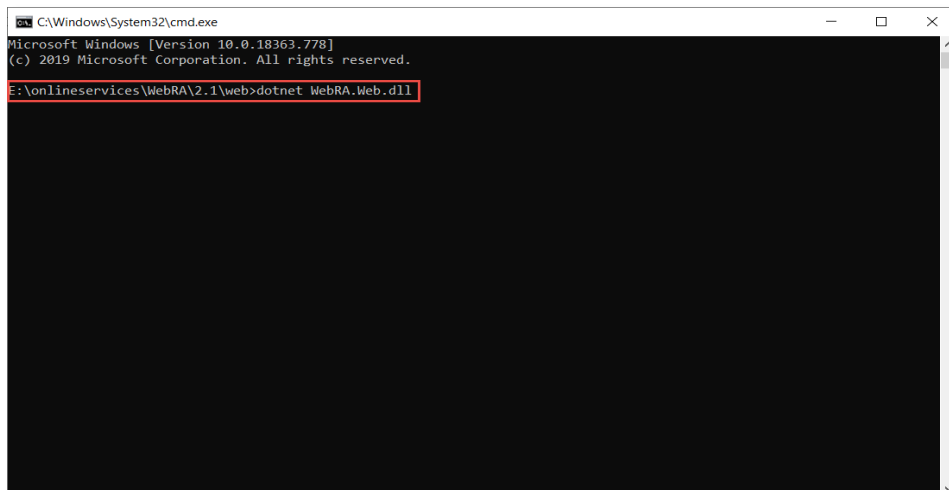
```
<security>
  <requestFiltering>
    <requestLimits maxQueryString="8192"/>
  </requestFiltering>
</security>
```

```
<configuration>
  <location path="." inheritInChildApplications="false">
    <system.webServer>
      <handlers>
        <add name="aspNetCore" path="*" verb="*" modules="AspNetCoreModuleV2" resourceType="Unspecified" />
      </handlers>
      <aspNetCore processPath="dotnet" arguments=".\WebRA.Protocol.dll" stdoutLogEnabled="true" stdoutLogFile=".\logs\stdout">
      </aspNetCore>
      <security>
        <requestFiltering>
          <requestLimits maxQueryString="8192" />
        </requestFiltering>
      </security>
    </system.webServer>
  </location>
</configuration>
<!--ProjectGuid: 31d1b205-525a-481e-bd32-4378e4f6559d-->
```

SCEP server URL that will be used for router will be:

- “[Server URL]/scep” e.g. <https://beta.web.ra.signinghub.com/scep>
- Update URL value in Expect-CT header in “web.config” for web and admin modules according to your deployment URL. e.g. **<add name="Expect-CT" value="max-age=0, report-uri='https://adminra.signinghub.com'" />**

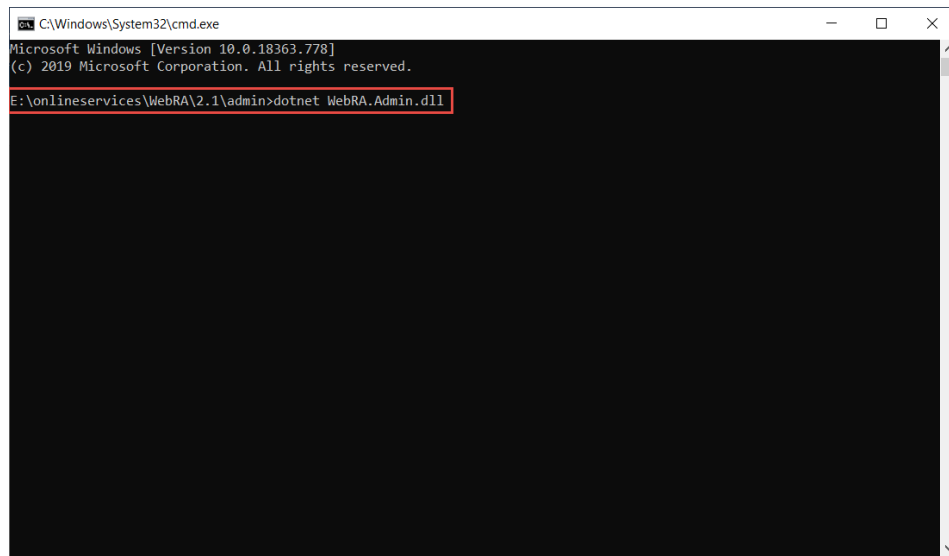
To test if the code is working properly for web, run command line in [installation-dir]/web and type following command:



```
C:\Windows\System32\cmd.exe
Microsoft Windows [Version 10.0.18363.778]
(c) 2019 Microsoft Corporation. All rights reserved.

E:\onlineservices\WebRA\2.1\web>dotnet WebRA.Web.dll
```

To test if the code is working properly for admin, run command line in [installation-dir]/admin and type following command:



6.4 SSL Certificates

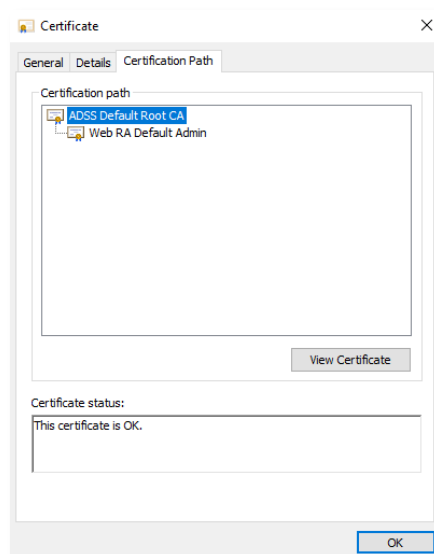
ADSS Web RA is a web application that is hosted in IIS. It is recommended to secure the communication between the server and browsers by using SSL over HTTPS. It is also recommended to use an SSL certificate issued by a well-known certificate authority (CA) e.g., Comodo, Symantec, Digicert, etc.

The Administrators portal can be accessed only via TLS client authentication. A default TLS client certificate is already packaged into ADSS Web RA.

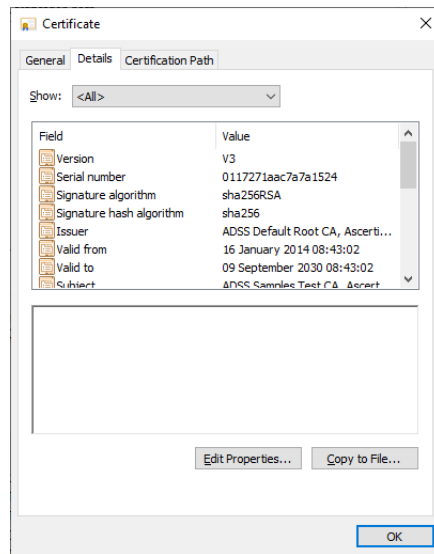
6.4.1 Exporting Root and Intermediate Certificates

6.4.2 In the [installation_dir]/setup/certs directory there are two files with the name *web-ra-default-admin.cer* and *web-ra-default-admin.pfx*. TLS certificate is installed, but root certificates are not validated by the machine. To validate it, root certificate needs to be imported in the certificate store.

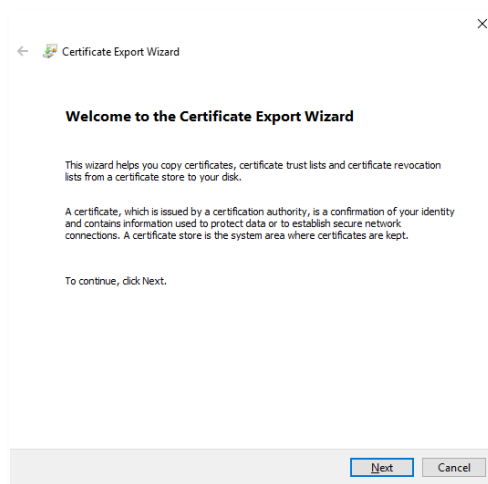
6.4.3 Double click the web-ra-default-admin.cer file



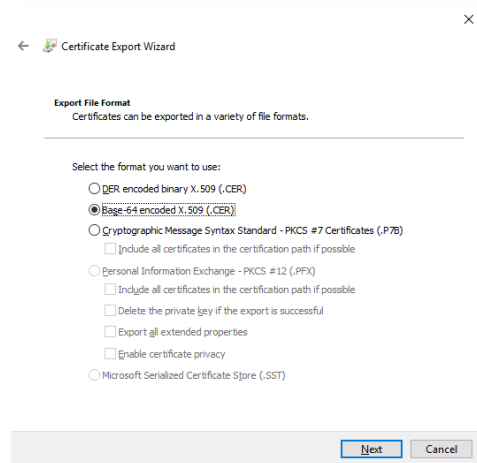
6.4.4 Select the Certification Path tab from the top. The default ADSS Web RA TLS certificate has one root certificate. Select the root certificate and click the View Certificate button. A new window will appear showing general details of the intermediate certificate.



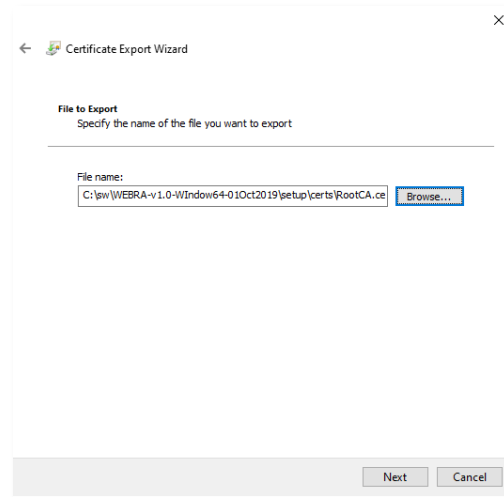
6.4.5 Select the Details tab from the top and click Copy to File. This will initiate the certificate export wizard.



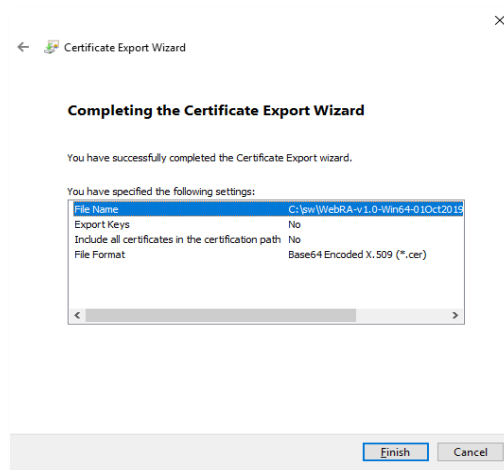
6.4.6 Click Next.



6.4.7 Select the Base-64 encoded X.509 (.CER) option and click Next



6.4.8 Choose a path where you want to save the certificate file for the intermediate certificate, and click Next.



6.4.9 Click Finish to complete the root certificate export process.

6.5 SSL Configuration for Linux

After installation, SSL certificates must be configured to enable secure communication for WebRA. Follow these steps to configure SSL:

6.5.1 Navigate to the nginx configuration directory:

The configuration for the SSL device module is stored in the **sites-available** directory.

Open the file with a text editor:

```
sudo nano /etc/nginx/sites-available/webra-ssl-device
```

6.5.2 Locate the SSL Configuration Block:

Inside this file, find the section where the SSL certificate and key are defined. It should look similar to this:

```
ssl_certificate "/var/www/Linux_ED/setup/certs/EST-Server.crt";  
ssl_certificate_key "/var/www/Linux_ED/setup/certs/EST-Server.key";
```

6.5.3 Update the Certificate Paths:

Modify these lines to point to the correct certificate and key locations:

```
ssl_certificate "/var/www/Linux_Fresh/setup/certs/EST-Server.crt";  
ssl_certificate_key "/var/www/Linux_Fresh/setup/certs/EST-Server.key";
```

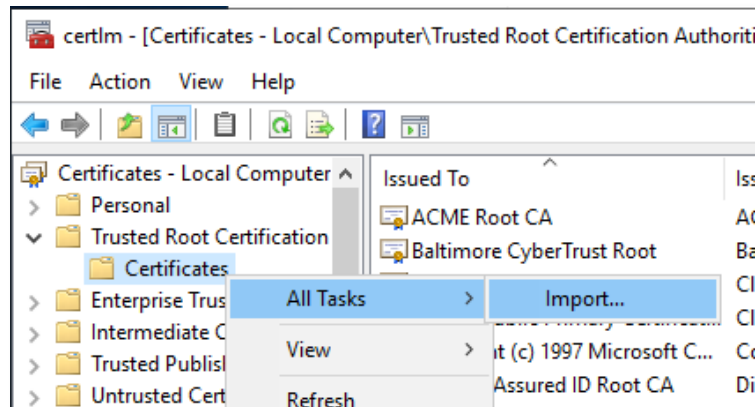
After updating the paths, save and exit the file. Once the configuration is updated, restart Nginx to load the new certificate. By following these steps, the WebRA module will be properly configured to use the provided SSL certificates.

6.6 Importing Root and Intermediate Certificates

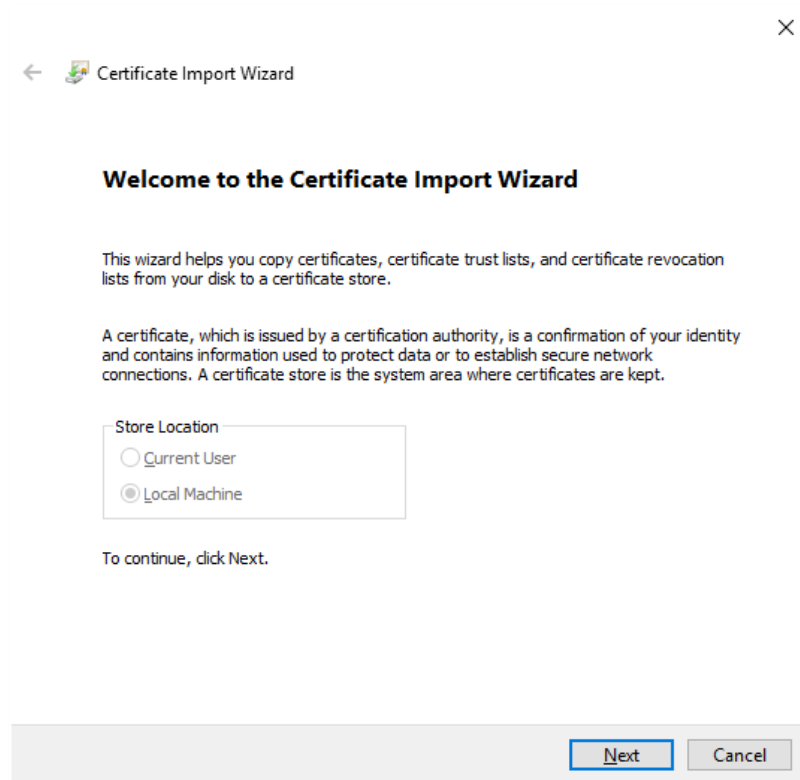
Now that we have the intermediate and root certificates exported and saved in a local file, we can import it to the certificate store.

6.6.1 Launch **certlm.msc** from the command prompt.

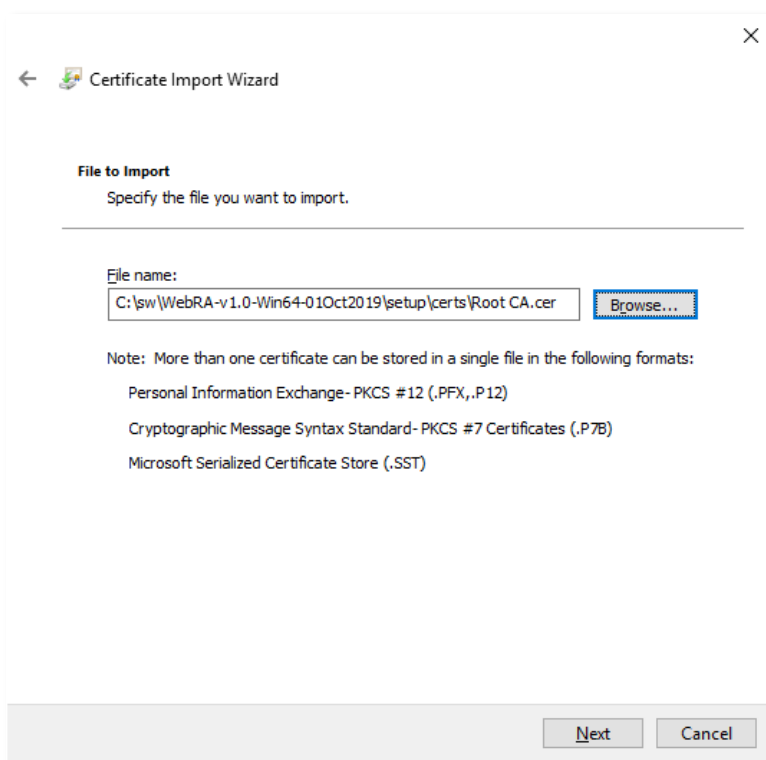
6.6.2 Expand the **Trusted Root Certification Authorities** folder from the left panel and right-click on **Certificates**. Now select **All Tasks** and then **Import...**



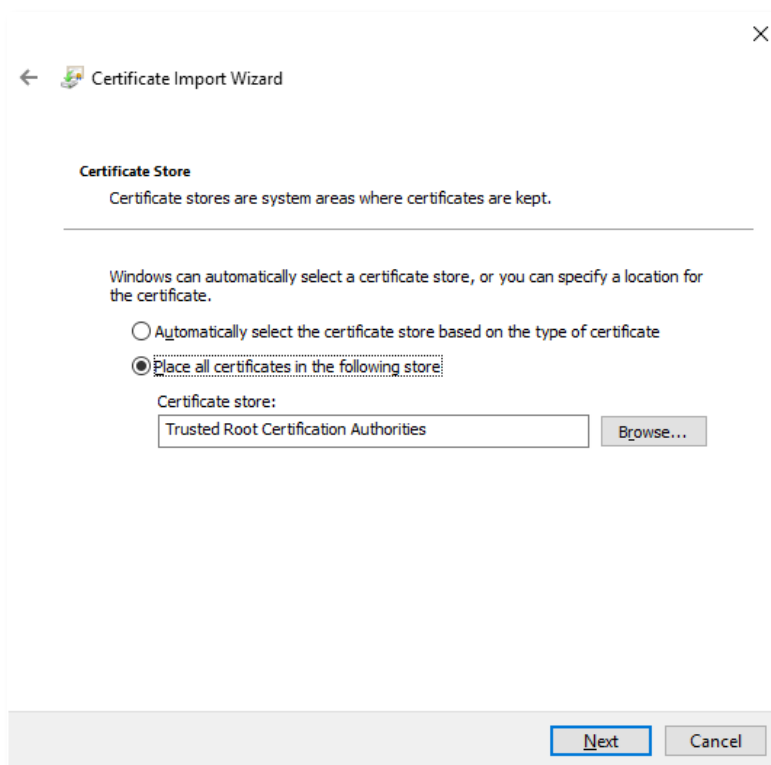
6.6.3 A certificate import wizard appears, Click **Next** to proceed.



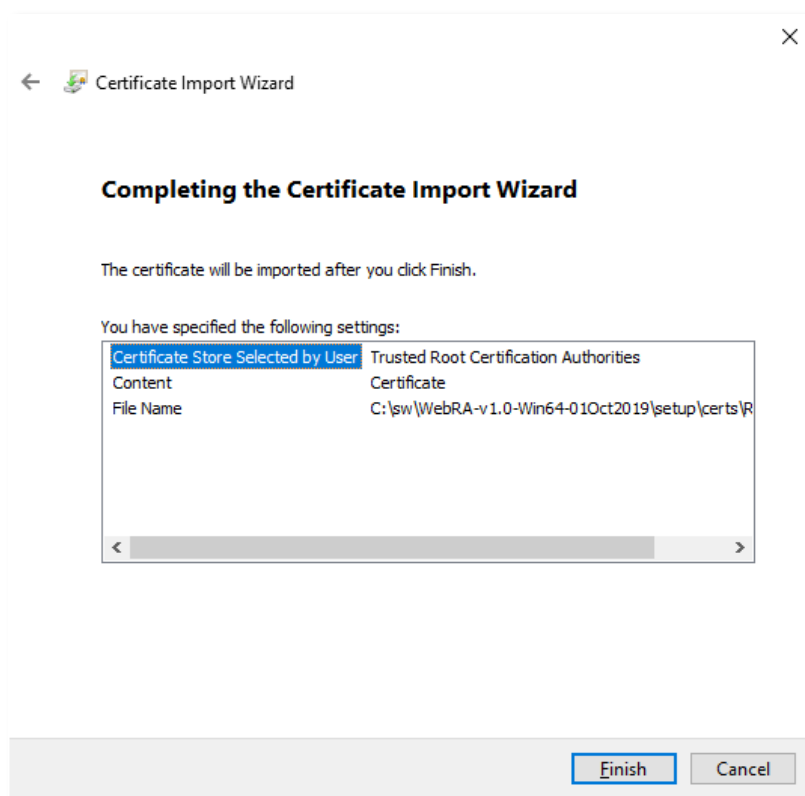
6.6.4 Browse the root certificate that we recently exported and click **Next** to proceed.



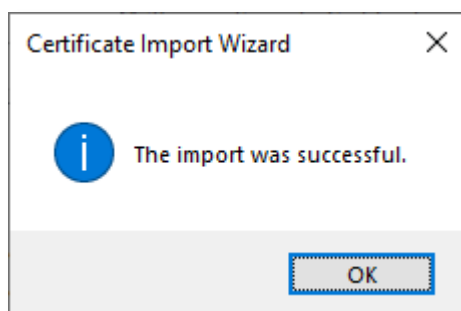
6.6.5 Click **Next** to proceed.



6.6.6 The root certificate is imported to the certificate store, click **Finish**.



6.6.7 A prompt will appear informing about the successful import of the certificate.

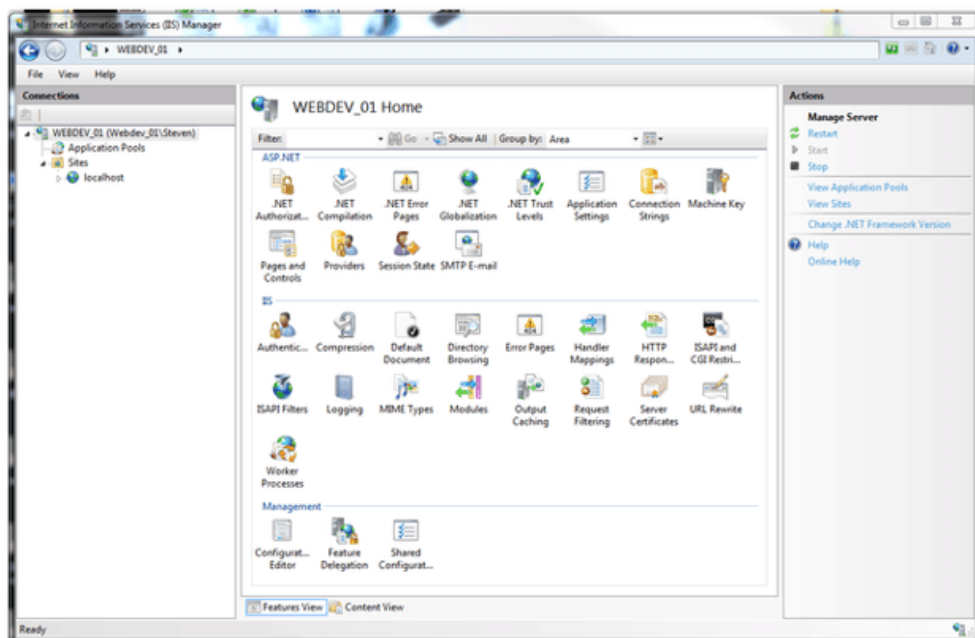


If you want to deploy the application for testing purpose you may want to use a self-signed certificate for proof of concept.

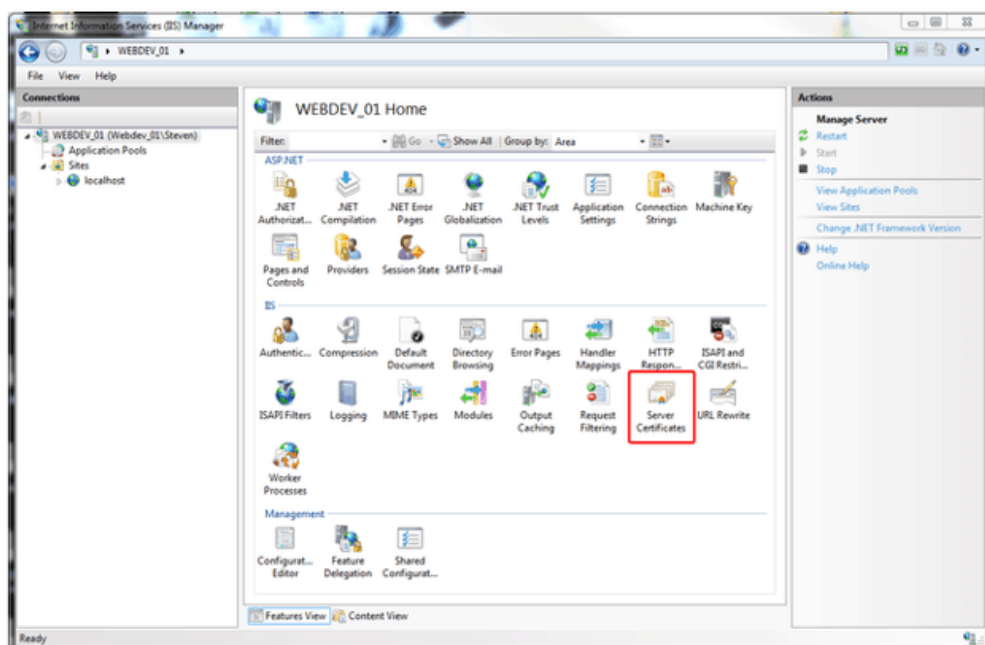
6.7 Generate a Self -Signed Certificate

For testing purpose or proof of concept, mostly a self-signed certificate will be required. It is easy to create a self-signed certificate with IIS.

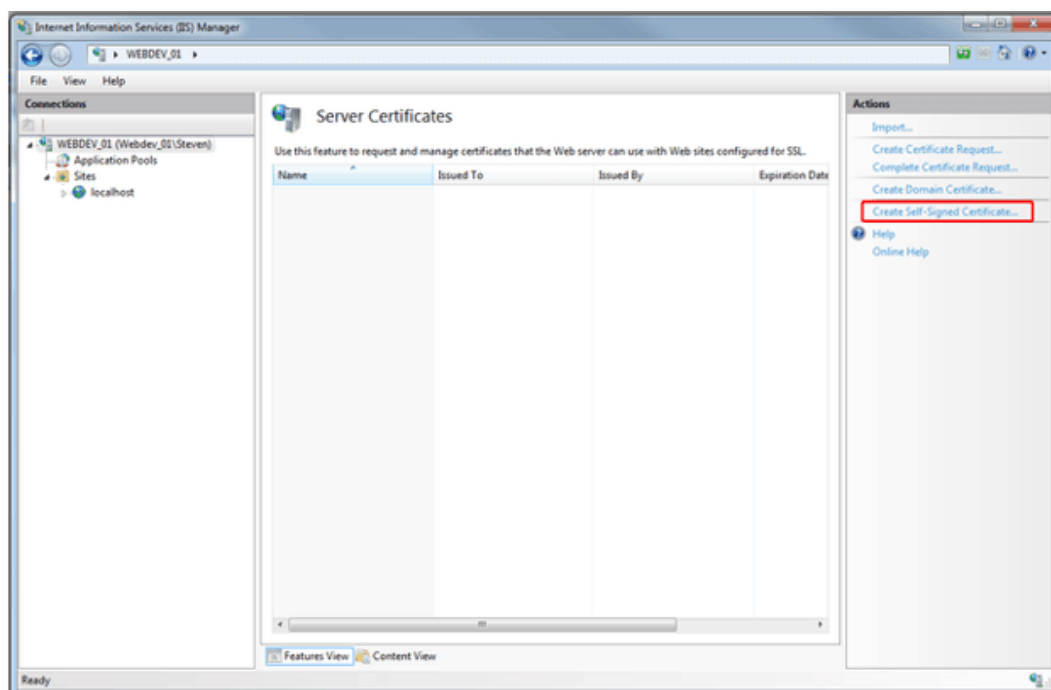
6.7.1 Launch the IIS Manager.



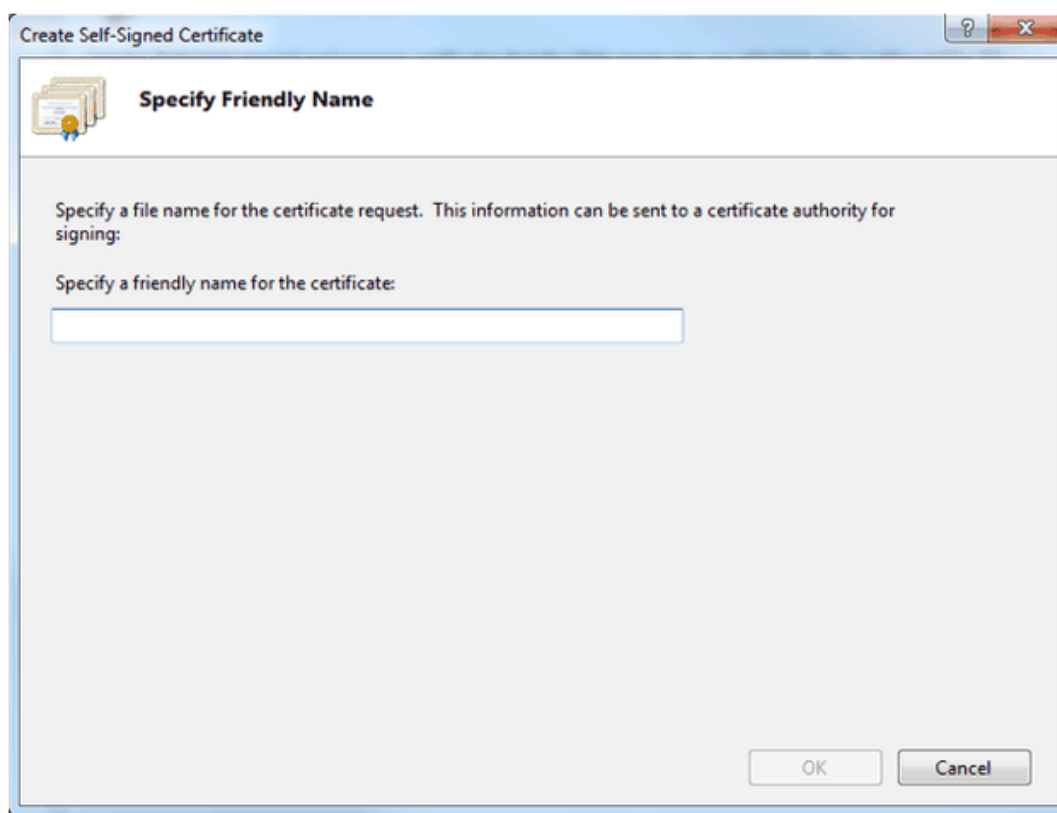
6.7.2 Click the **Server Name** from the **Server Connections**.



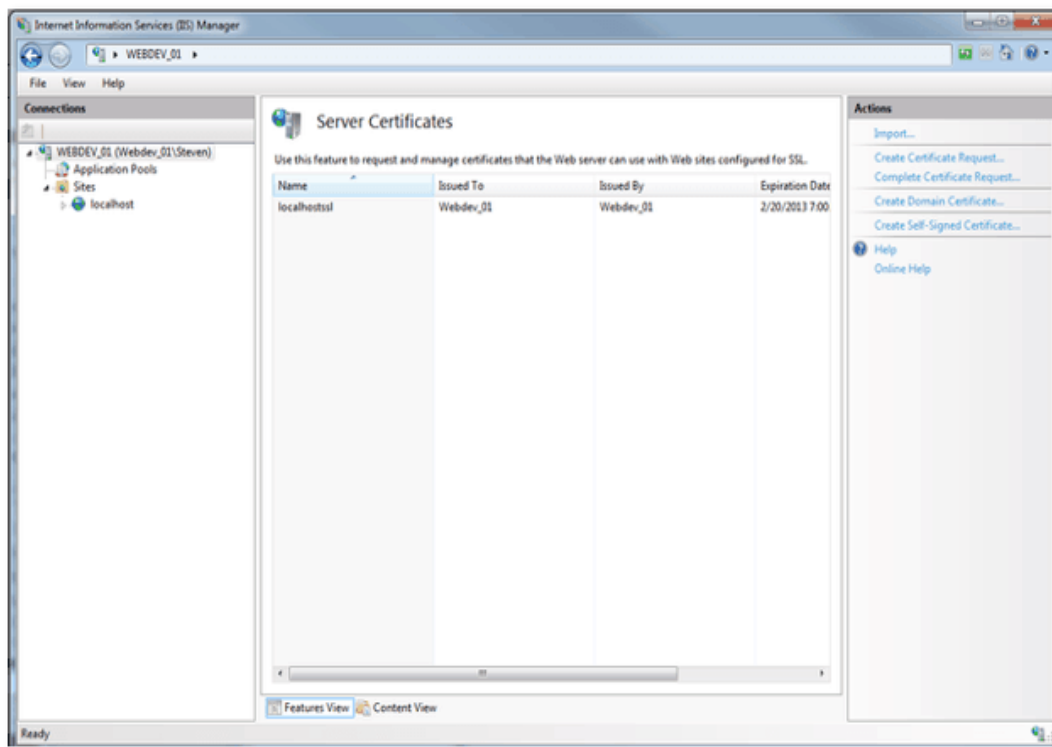
6.7.3 Double-click on **Server Certificates** from the IIS section in the middle panel.



6.7.4 Click **Create Self-Signed Certificate...** under the right Actions column.



6.7.5 Provide a meaningful name and press **OK**.

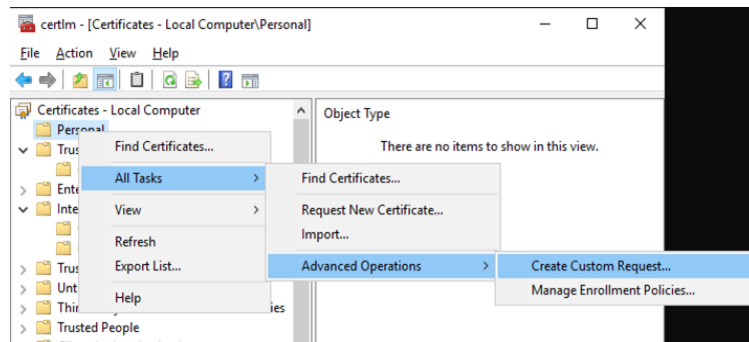


Now you have an SSL certificate that is self-signed and is valid for one year. You can select this certificate for creation of HTTPS binding for testing and proof of concept purposes.

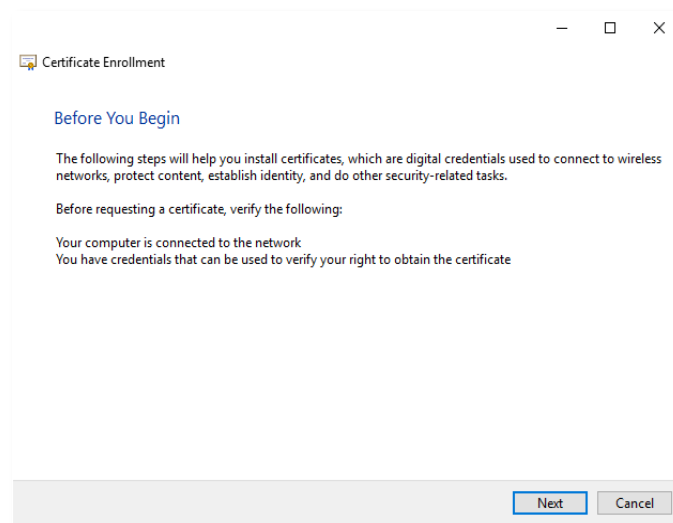
6.8 Generate a CSR for an SSL Certificate

To generate a self-signed SSL certificate, follow the steps given below:

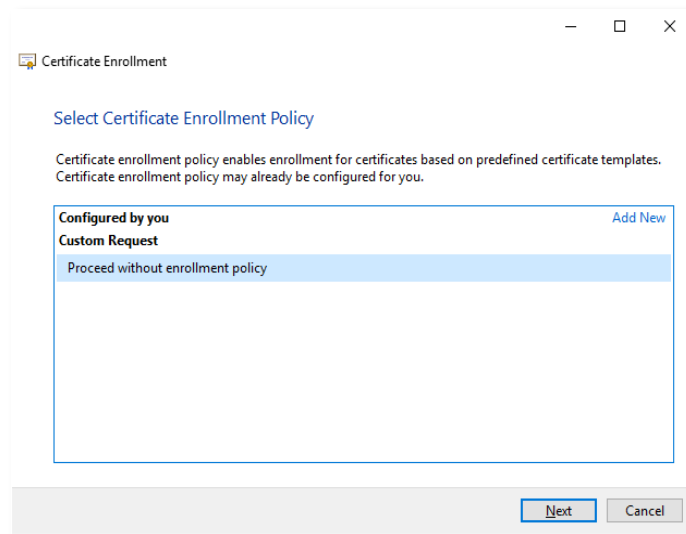
6.8.1 Launch **certlm.msc** from the command prompt.



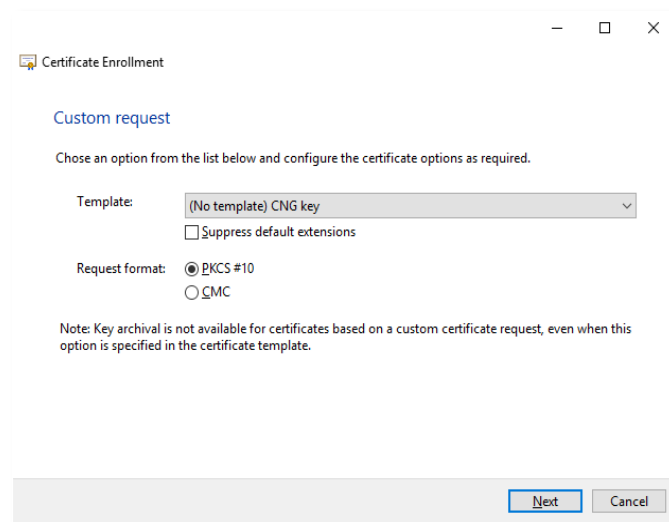
6.8.2 From the left menu, select and right-click the **Personal** folder. From the context menu, select **All Tasks > Advanced Operations > Create Custom request**. A new dialog will appear for certificate enrollment.



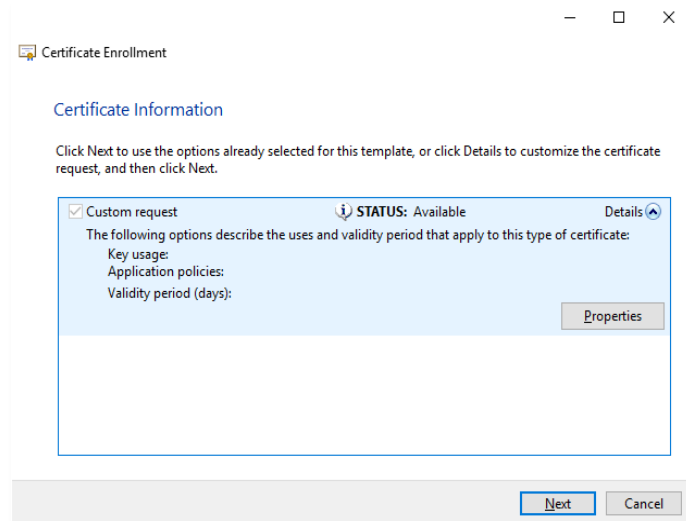
6.8.3 Press **Next** to proceed.



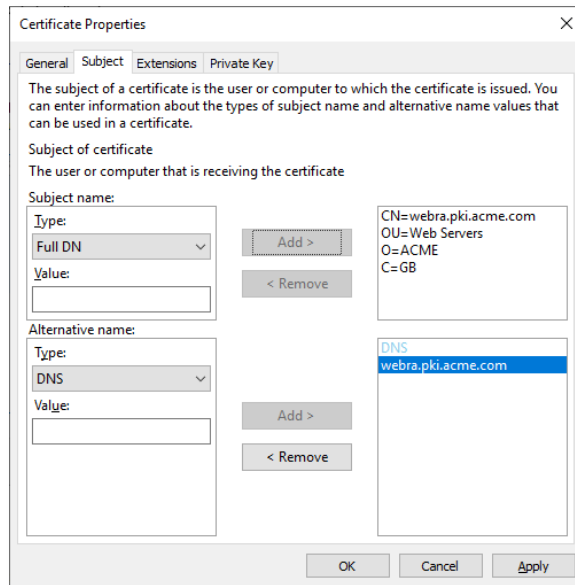
6.8.4 Select Proceed without enrollment policy then click **Next**.



6.8.5 Accept the default values and press **Next** without changing anything.



6.8.6 Click **Details** and the Properties button will appear. Click **Properties**.



The subject of a certificate is the user or computer to which the certificate is issued. You can enter information about the types of subject name and alternative name values that can be used in a certificate.

Subject of certificate
The user or computer that is receiving the certificate

Subject name:

Type: Full DN

Add >

Value:

< Remove

Alternative name:

Type: DNS

Add >

Value:

< Remove

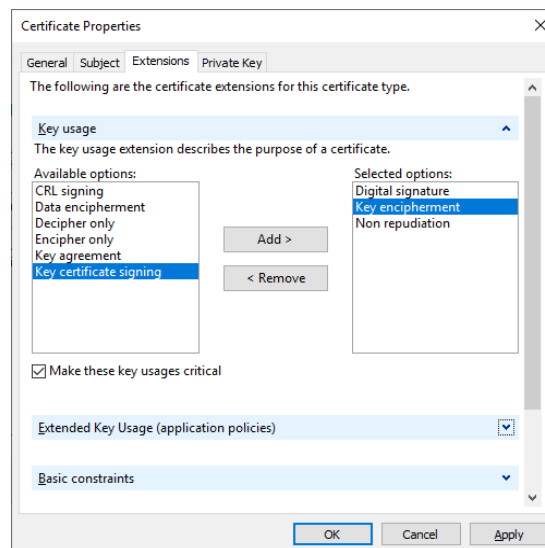
CN=webra.pki.acme.com
OU=Web Servers
O=ACME
C=GB

DNS
webra.pki.acme.com

OK Cancel Apply

6.8.7 Select the Subject tab from the top. For subject name enter CN=webra.pki.acme.com, OU=Web Servers, O=ACME, C=GB in the value and press Add >. For Alternate name enter DNS value as webra.pki.acme.com.

These values are the sample values used for certificate creation and can be replaced with the realistic data.



The following are the certificate extensions for this certificate type.

Key usage

The key usage extension describes the purpose of a certificate.

Available options:

CRL signing
Data encipherment
Decipher only
Encipher only
Key agreement
Key certificate signing

Add >

< Remove

Selected options:

Digital signature
Key encipherment
Non repudiation

☒ Make these key usages critical

Extended Key Usage (application policies)

Basic constraints

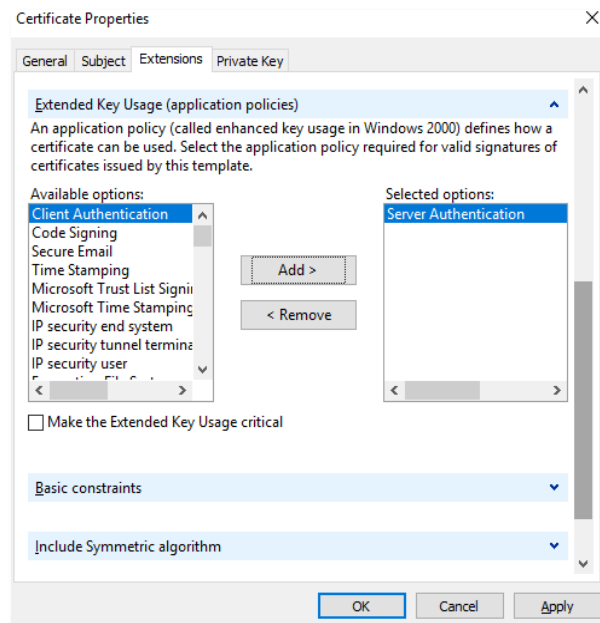
OK Cancel Apply

6.8.8 Select the Extensions tab from the top. Select the Key usage option from the dropdown extensions. Now from the Available options, choose the following:

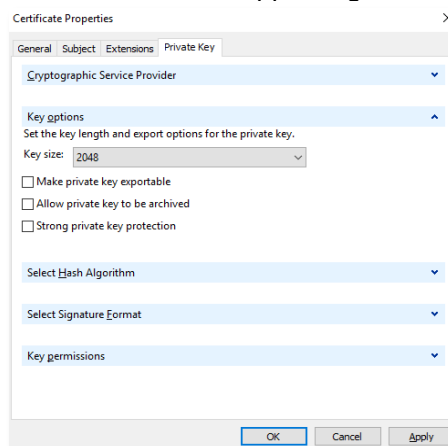
- Digital signature
- Key encipherment
- Non-repudiation

Make sure you tick the **Make these key usages critical** checkbox.

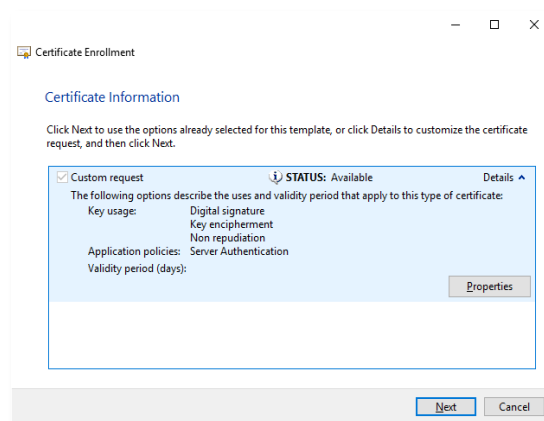
6.8.9 Now select the Extended Key Usage (application policies) from the drop down, and Server Authentication from the list.



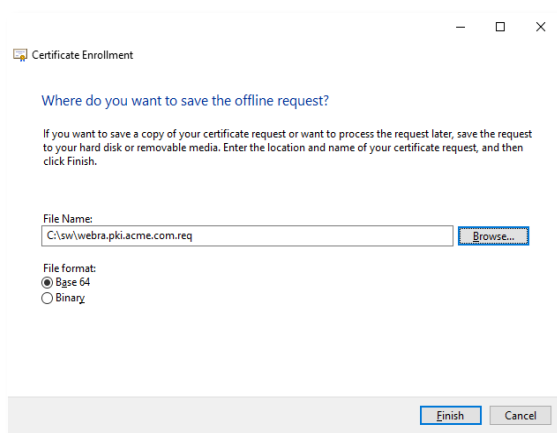
6.8.10 Select the Private Key tab from the top. Select the Cryptographic Service Provider option from the first drop down and Key options from the second drop down. Change the Key size to 2048 and click OK. The Certificate Enrollment screen will appear again.



6.8.11 Press Next to proceed.



6.8.12 Browse the location to save the request file and select the Base 64 file format. Press Finish. This request file can be submitted to any CA to create a certificate against this request. Every CA processes the request and generates a certificate as per their own policy. Once the certificate is received from a CA it can be imported into the certificates.



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