Configure EAP-TLS Authentication with OCSP in ISE

Contents

Introduction

This document describes the steps required to set up EAP-TLS authentication with OCSP for real-time client certificate revocation checks.

Prerequisites

Requirements

Cisco recommends that you have knowledge of these topics:

- Configuration of Cisco Identity Services Engine
- Configuration of Cisco Catalyst
- Online Certificate Status Protocol

Components Used

The information in this document is based on these software and hardware versions:

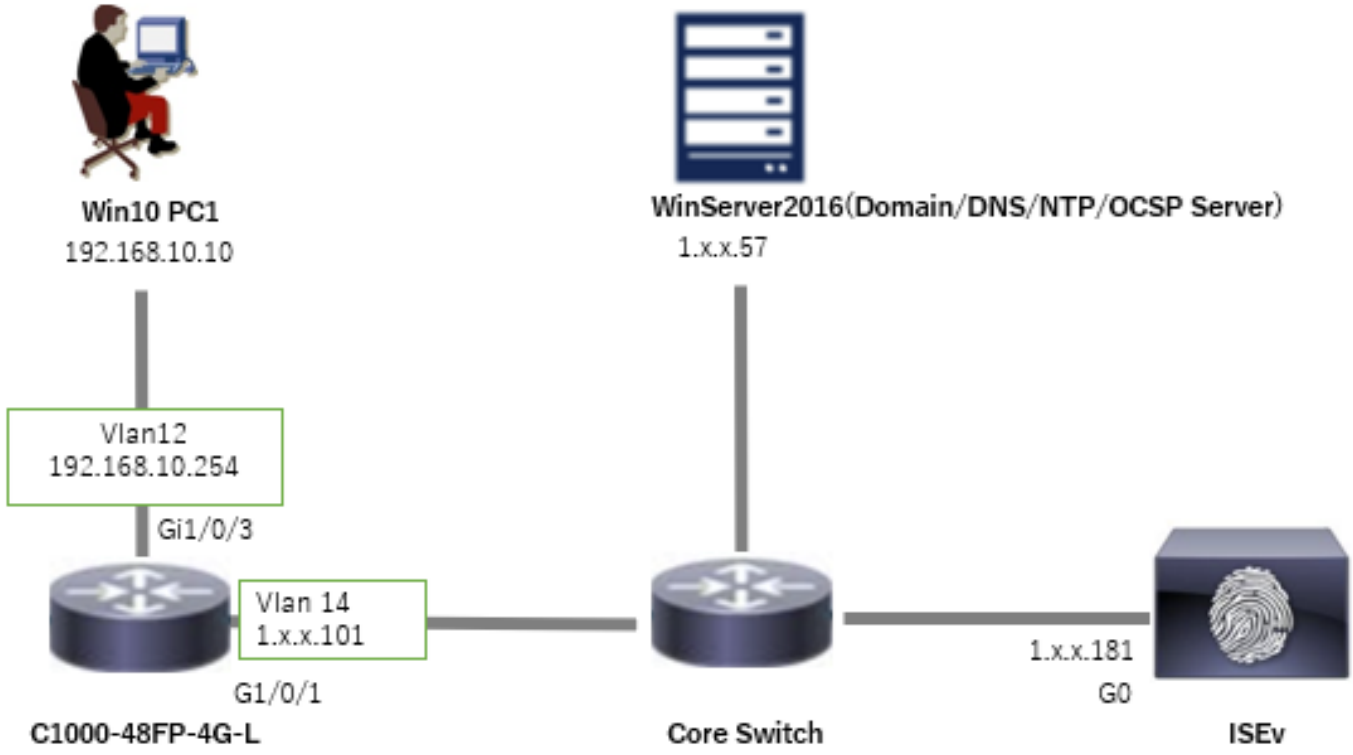
- Identity Services Engine Virtual 3.2 Patch 6
- C1000-48FP-4G-L 15.2(7)E9

- Windows Server 2016
- Windows 10

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

Network Diagram

This image shows the topology that is used for the example of this document.



Network Diagram

Background Information

In EAP-TLS, a client presents its digital certificate to the server as part of the authentication process. This document describes how the ISE validates the client certificate by checking the certificate common name (CN) against the AD server and confirming whether the certificate has been revoked by using OCSP (Online Certificate Status Protocol), which provides real-time protocol status.

The domain name configured on Windows Server 2016 is ad.rem-xxx.com, which is used as an example in this document.

The OCSP (Online Certificate Status Protocol) and AD (Active Directory) server referenced in this document are used for certificate validation.

- Active Directory FQDN: winserver.ad.rem-xxx.com
- CRL Distribution URL: http://winserver.ad.rem-xxx.com/ocsp-ca.crl
- Authority URL: http://winserver.ad.rem-xxx.com/ocsp

This is the certificate chain with the common name of each certificate used in the document.

- CA: ocsp-ca-common-name
- Client Certificate: clientcertCN
- Server Certificate: ise32-01.ad.rem-xxx.com
- OCSP Signing Certificate: ocspSignCommonName

Configurations

Configuration in C1000

This is the minimal configuration in C1000 CLI.

```
aaa new-model

radius server ISE32
address ipv4 1.x.x.181
key cisco123

aaa group server radius AAASERVER
server name ISE32

aaa authentication dot1x default group AAASERVER
aaa authorization network default group AAASERVER
aaa accounting dot1x default start-stop group AAASERVER
dot1x system-auth-control

interface Vlan12
ip address 192.168.10.254 255.255.255.0

interface Vlan14
ip address 1.x.x.101 255.0.0.0

interface GigabitEthernet1/0/1
Switch port access vlan 14
Switch port mode access

interface GigabitEthernet1/0/3
switchport access vlan 12
switchport mode access
authentication host-mode multi-auth
```

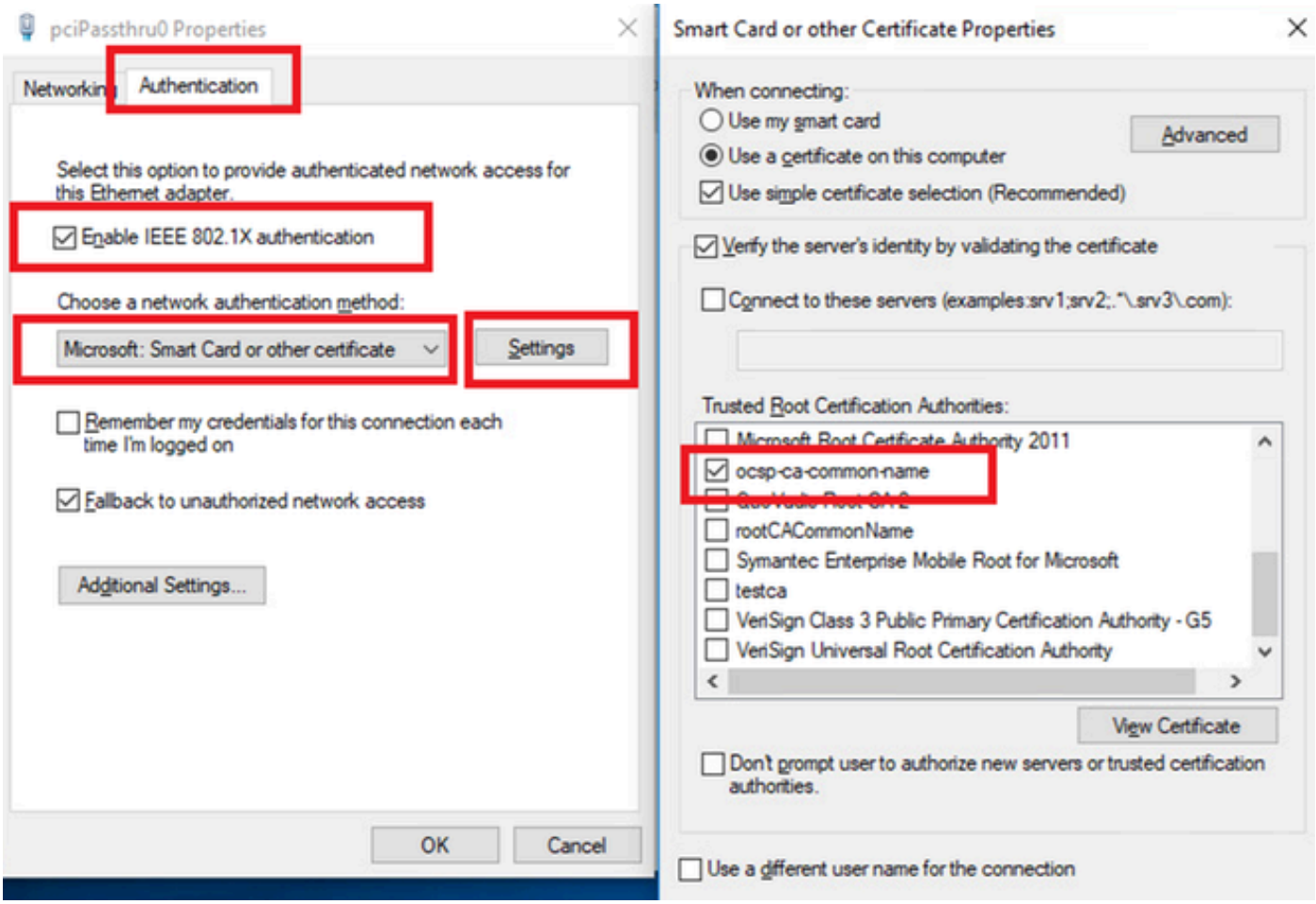
```
authentication port-control auto
dot1x pae authenticator
spanning-tree portfast edge
```

Configuration in Windows PC

Step 1. Configure User Authentication

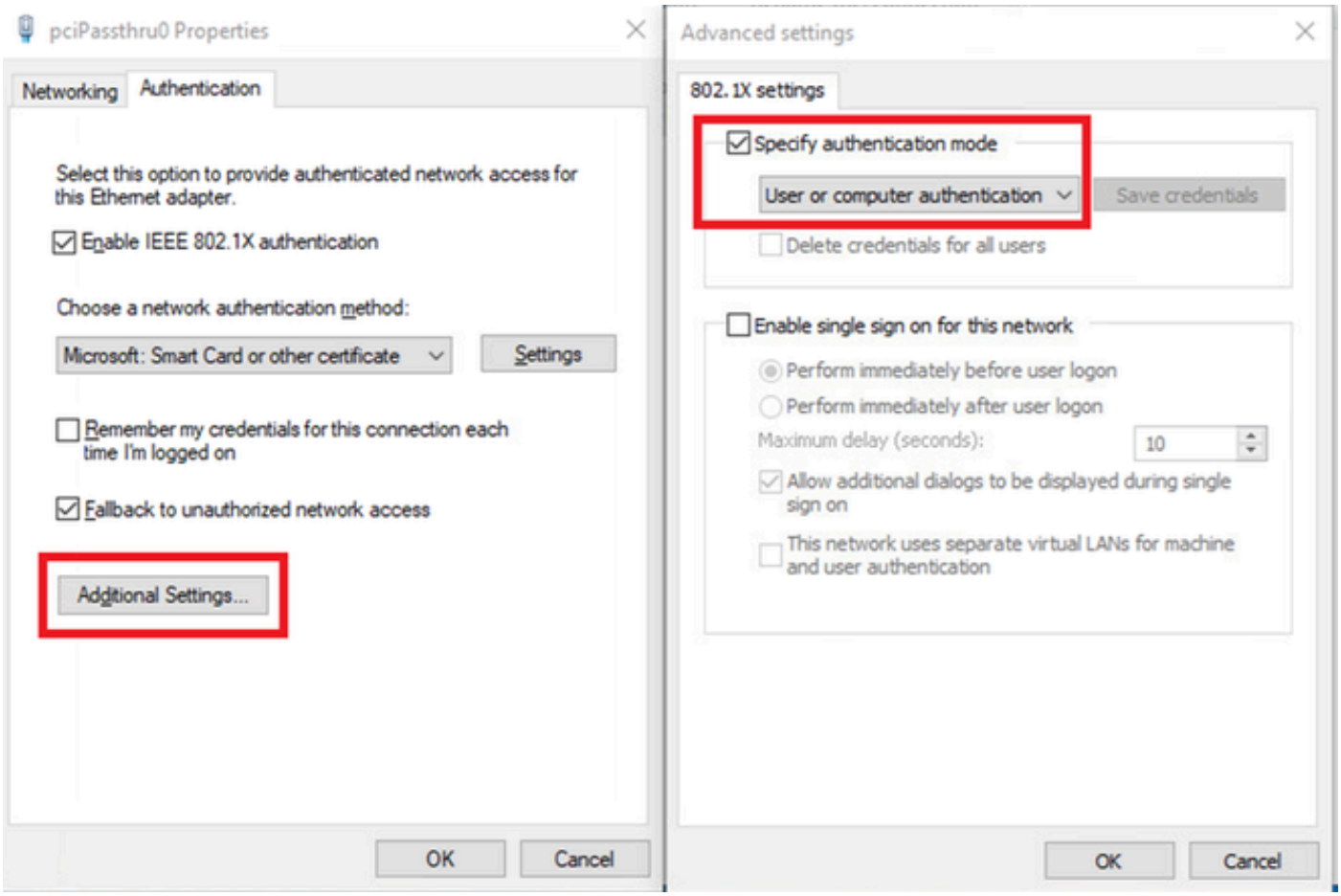
Navigate to**Authentication**, check**Enable IEEE 802.1X authentication** and select **Microsoft: Smart Card or other certificate**.

Click**Settings**button, check**Use a certificate on this computer**, and select the trusted CA of Windows PC.



Enable Certificate Authentication

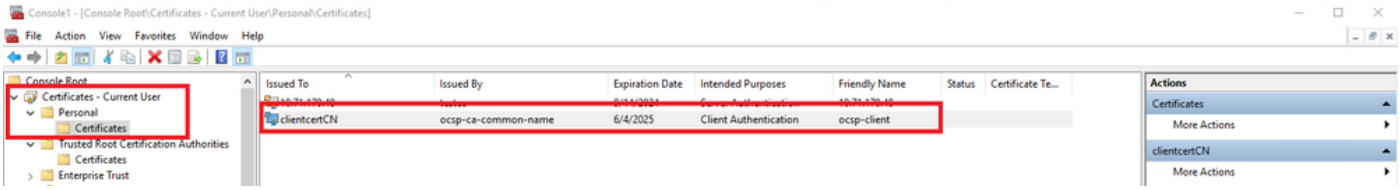
Navigate to**Authentication**, check**Additional Settings**. Select**User or computer authentication**from drop-down list.



Specify Authentication Mode

Step 2. Confirm Client Certificate

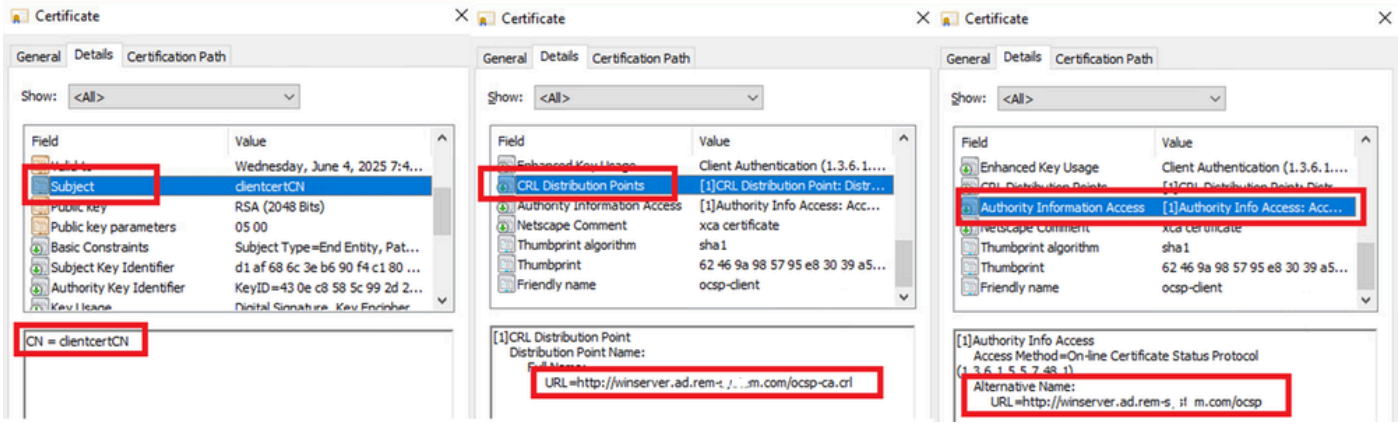
Navigate to **Certificates - Current User > Personal > Certificates**, and check the client certificate used for authentication.



Confirm Client Certificate

Double click the client certificate, navigate to **Details**, check the detail of Subject, CRL Distribution Points, Authority Information Access.

- Subject: CN = clientcertCN
- CRL Distribution Points: http://winserver.ad.rem-xxx.com/ocsp-ca.crl
- Authority Information Access: http://winserver.ad.rem-xxx.com/ocsp

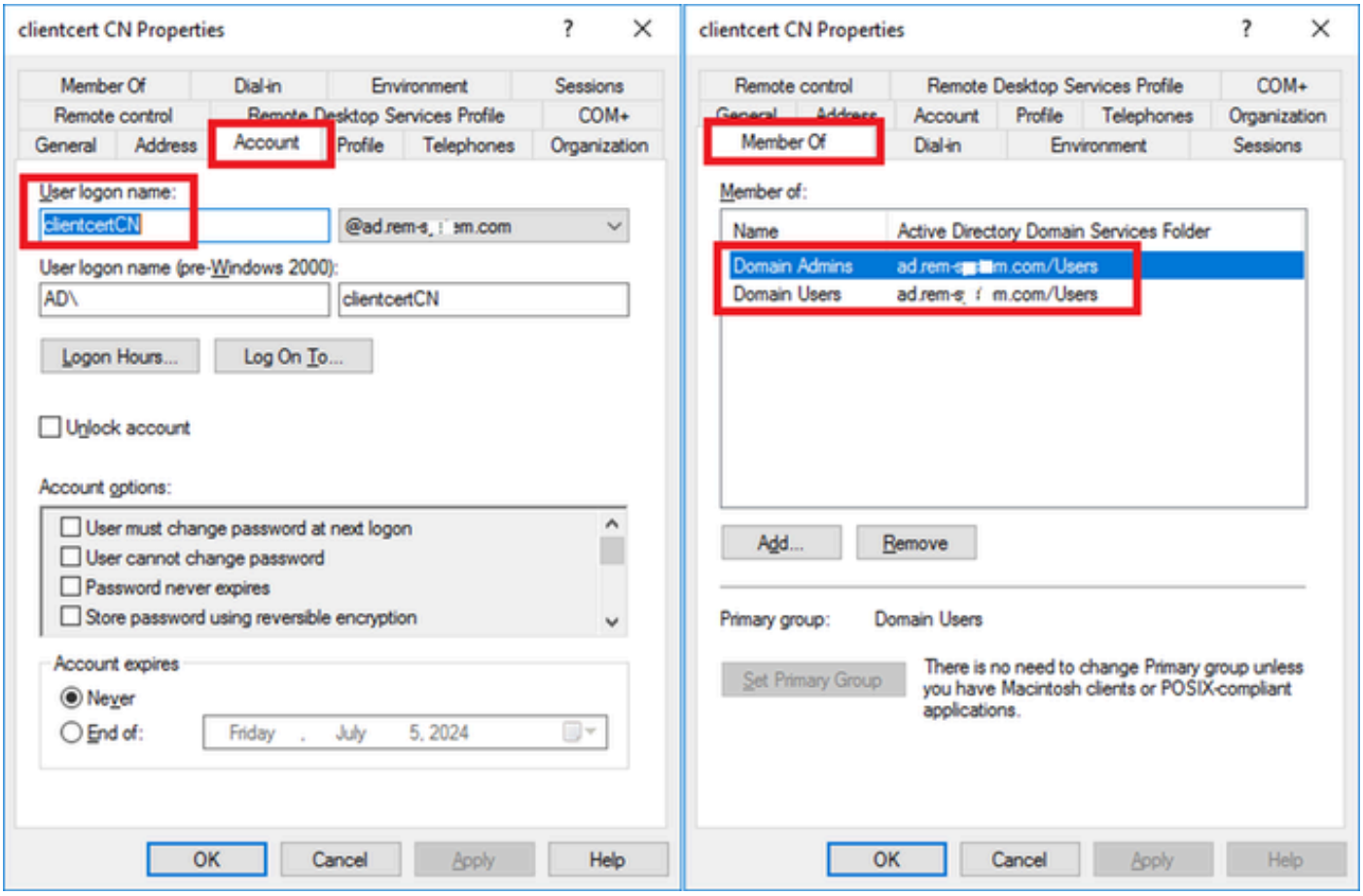


Detail of Client Certificate

Configuration in Windows Server

Step 1. Add Users

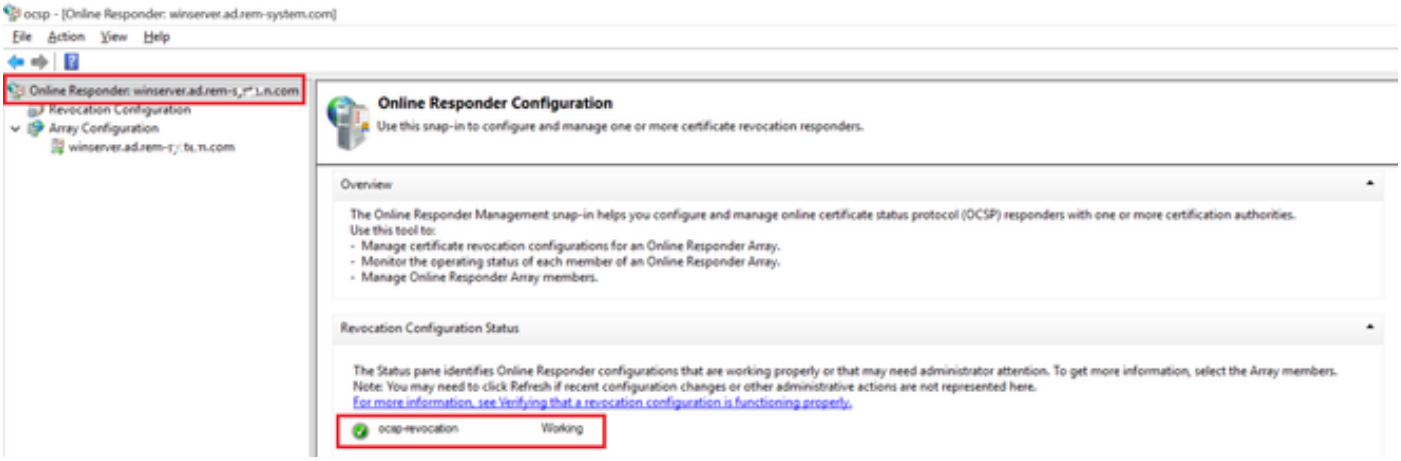
Navigate to**Active Directory Users and Computers**, click**Users**. Add clientcertCN as user logon name.



User Logon Name

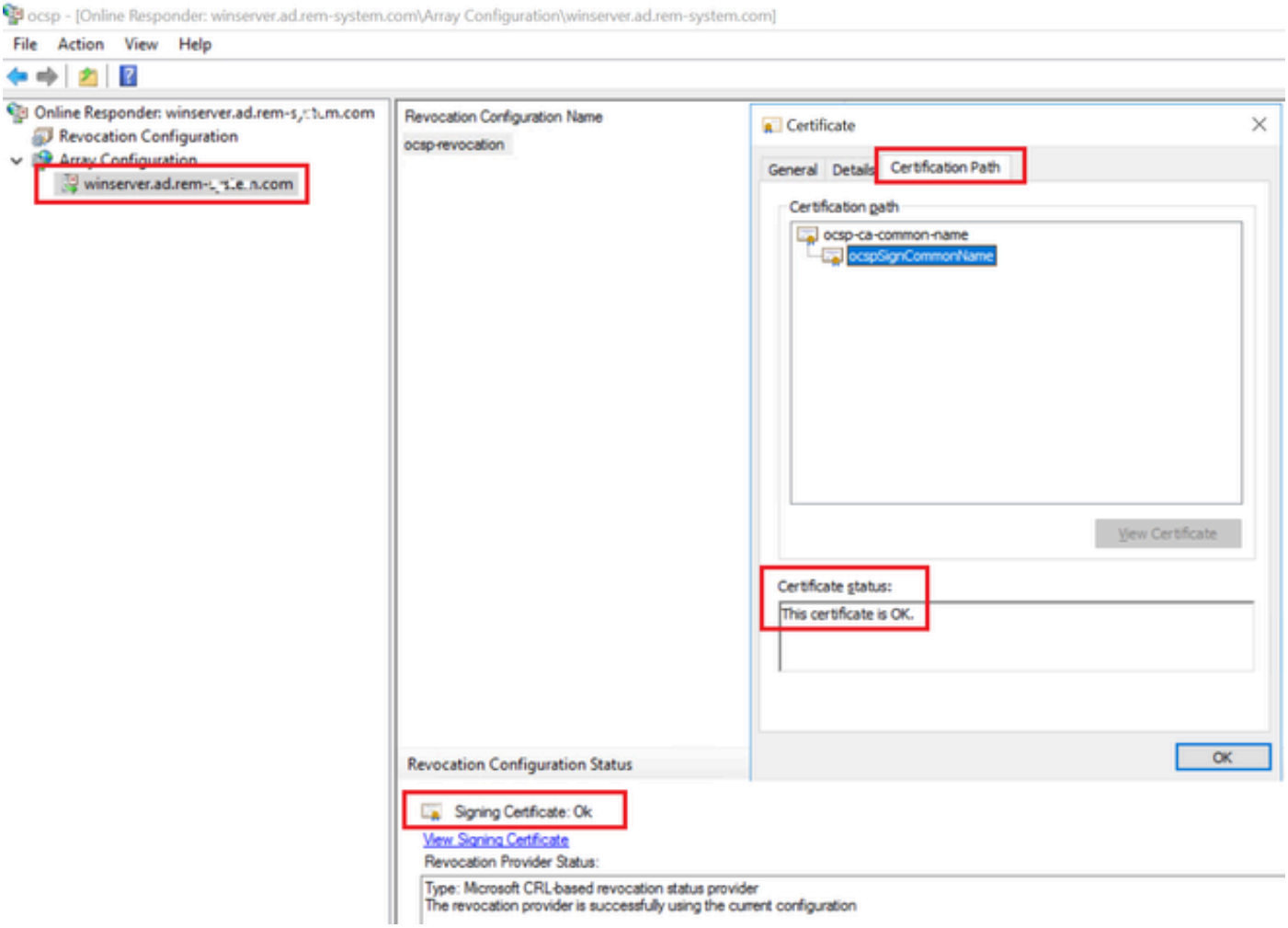
Step 2. Confirm OCSP Service

Navigate to **Windows**, click **Online Responder Management**. Confirm the status of OCSP server.



Status of OCSP Server

Click **winserver.ad.rem-xxx.com**, check the status of OCSP signing certificate.

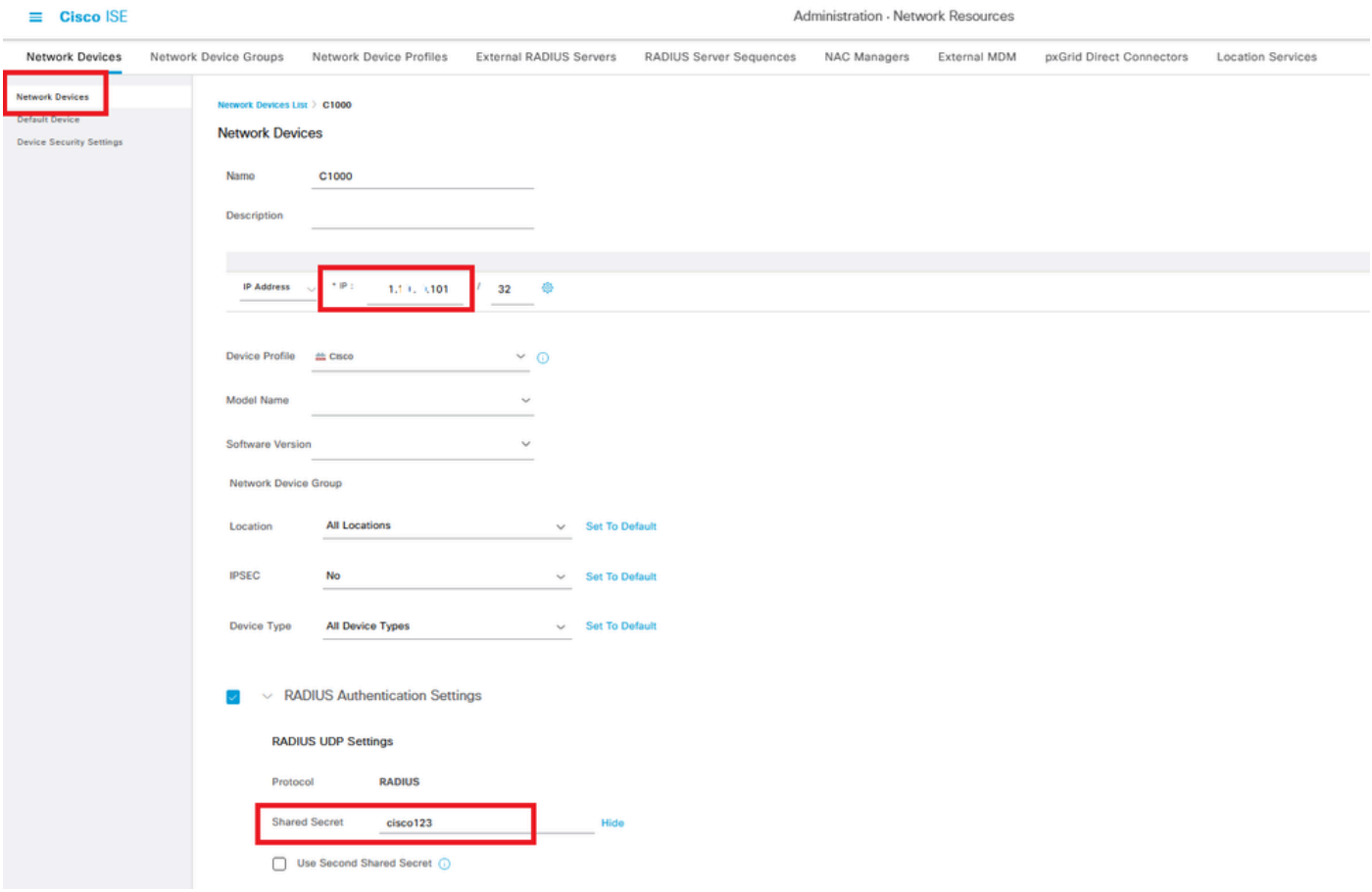


Status of OCSP Signing Certificate

Configuration in ISE

Step 1. Add Device

Navigate to**Administration > Network Devices**, click**Add**button to add C1000 device.

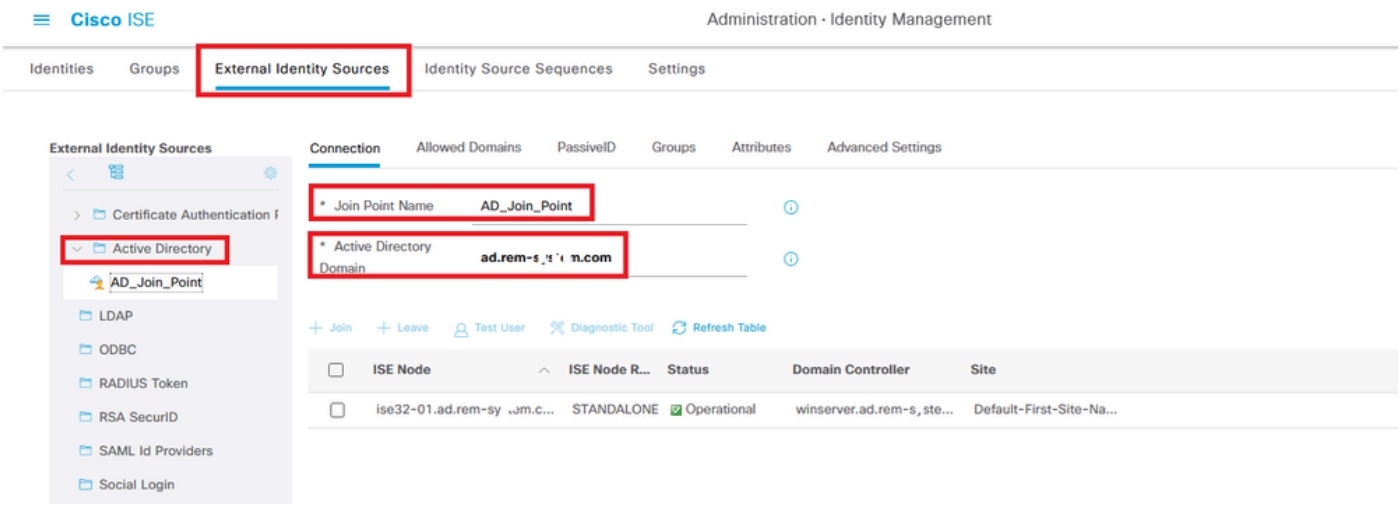


Add Device

Step 2. Add Active Directory

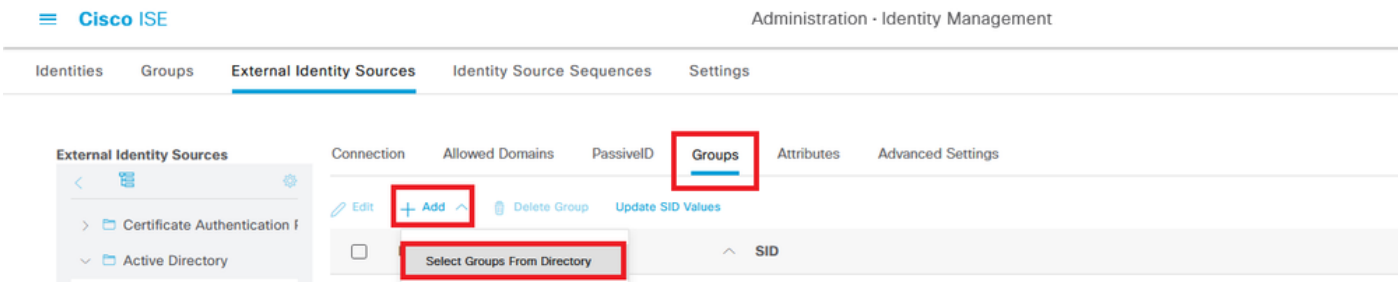
Navigate to**Administration > External Identity Sources > Active Directory**, click**Connection**tab, add Active Directory to ISE.

- Join Point Name: AD_Join_Point
- Active Directory Domain: ad.rem-xxx.com



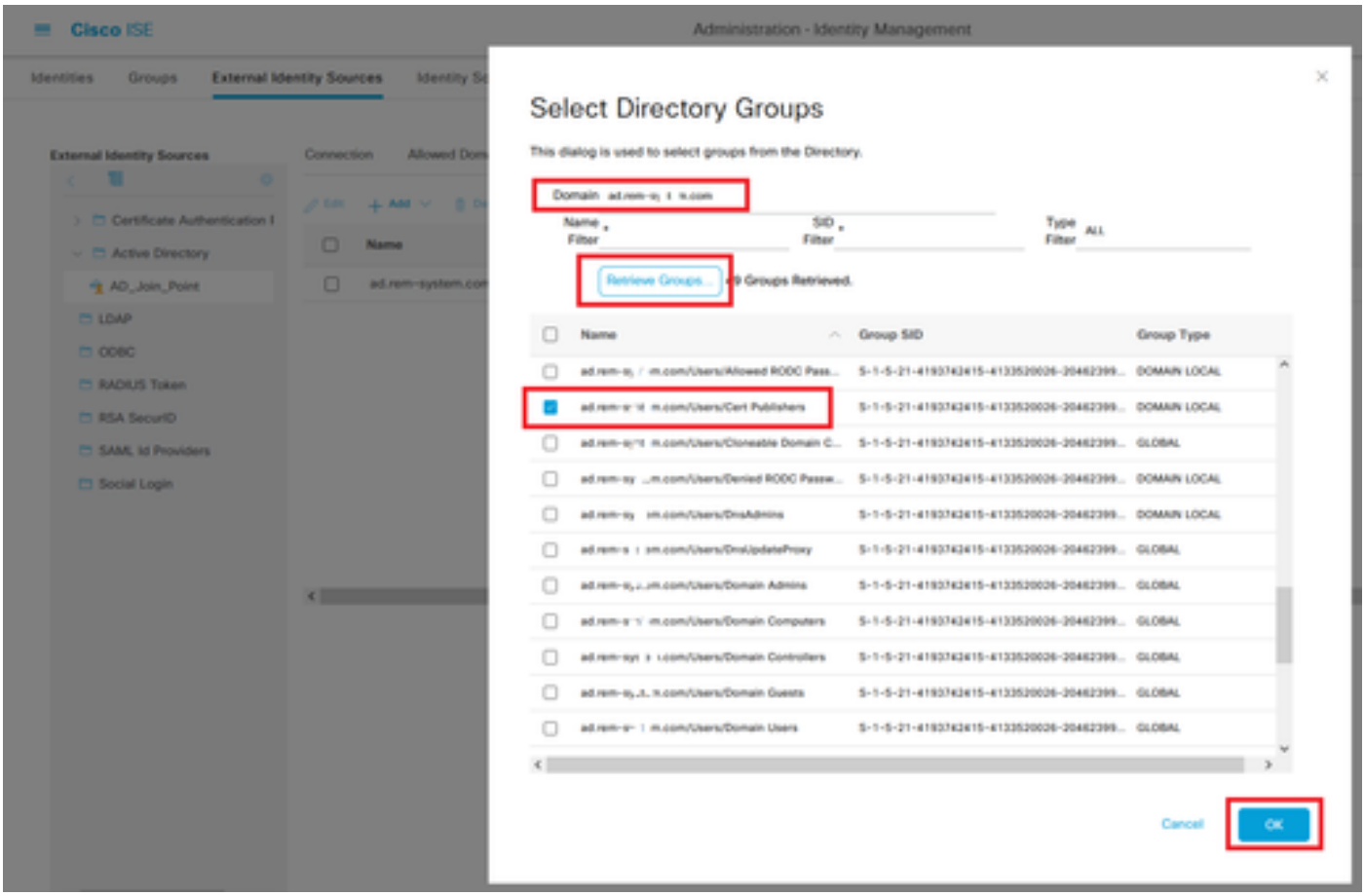
Add Active Directory

Navigate to **Groups** tab, select**Select Groups From Directory**from drop-down list.



Select Groups from Directory

Click**Retrieve Groups**from drop-down list. Check**ad.rem-xxx.com/Users/Cert Publishers** and click**OK**.

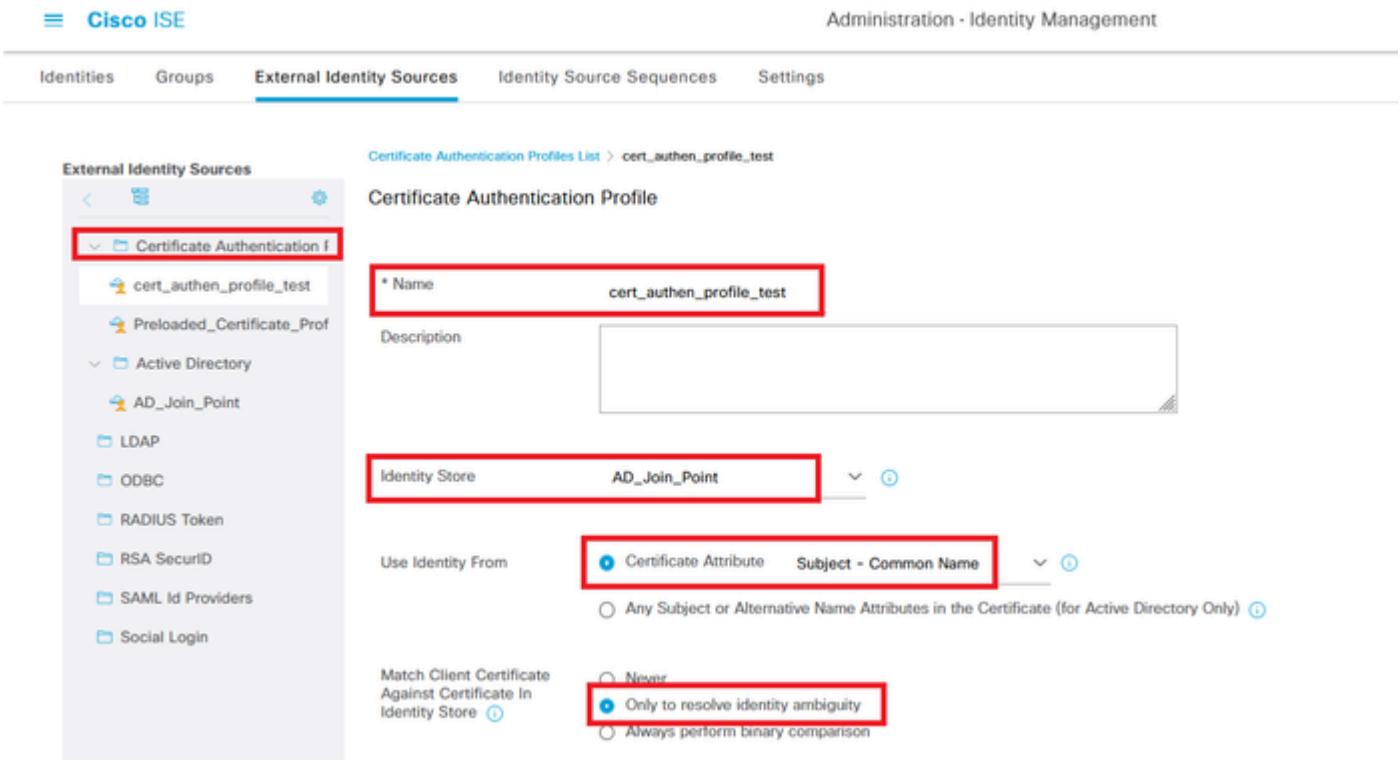


Check Cert Publishers

Step 3. Add Certificate Authentication Profile

Navigate to **Administration > External Identity Sources > Certificate Authentication Profile**, click **Add** button to add a new certificate authentication profile.

- Name: cert_authen_profile_test
- Identity Store: AD_Join_Point
- Use Identity From Certificate Attribute: Subject - Common Name.
- Match Client Certificate Against Certificate In Identity Store: Only to resolve identity ambiguity.

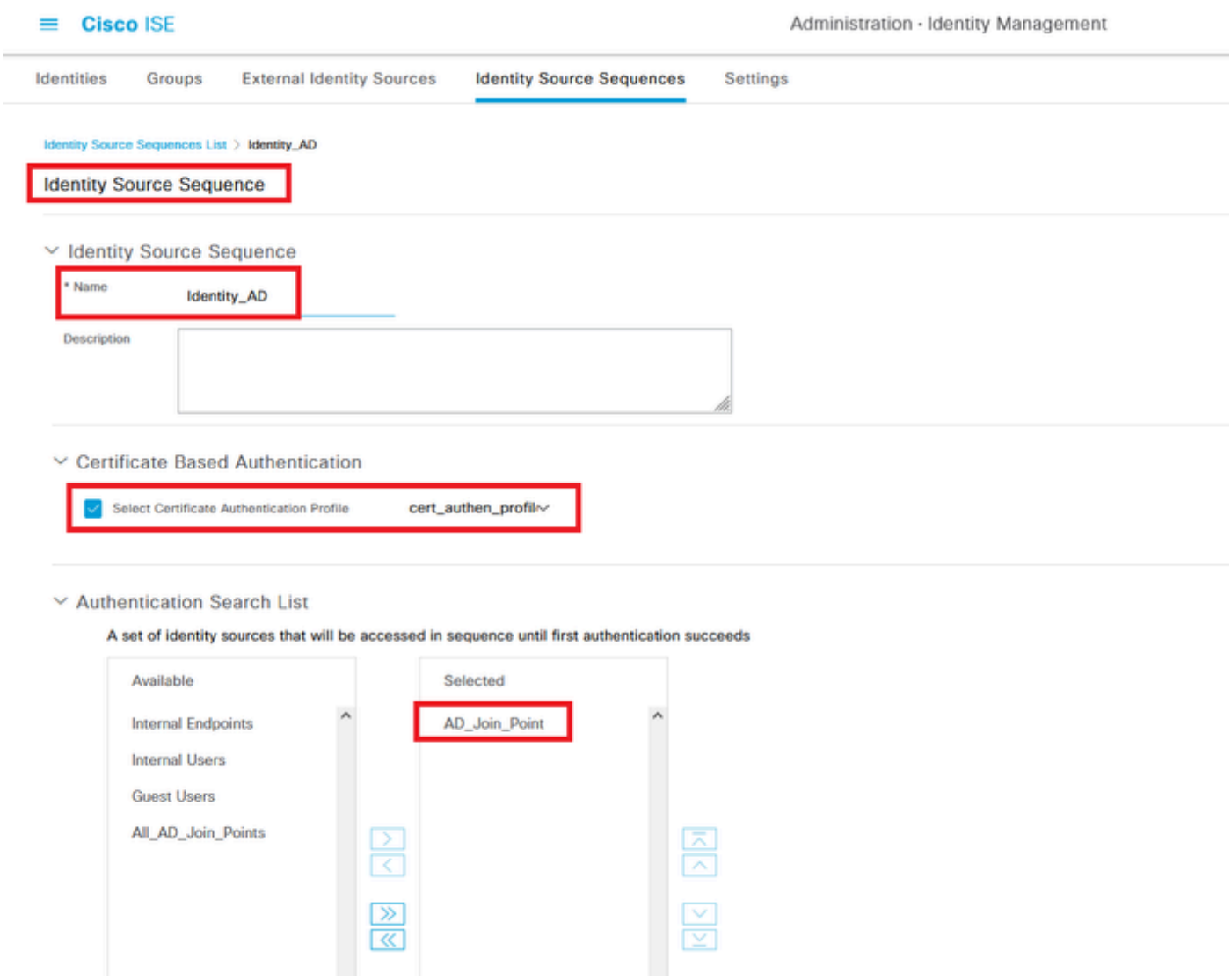


Add Certificate Authentication Profile

Step 4. Add Identity Source Sequesce

Navigate to**Administration > Identity Source Sequences**, add an Identity Source Sequence.

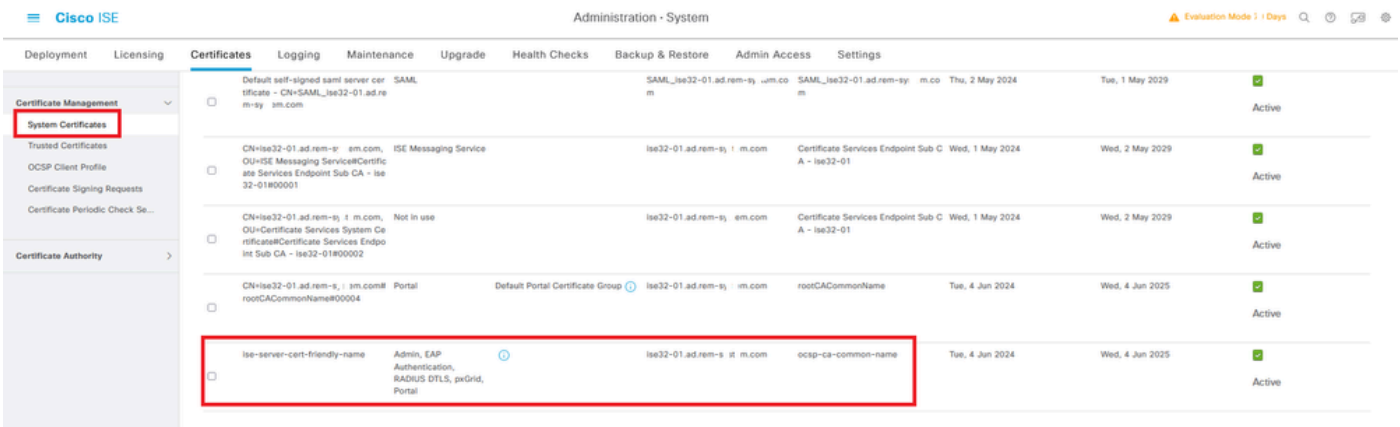
- Name: Identity_AD
- Select Certificate Authentication Profile: cert_authen_profile_test
- Authentication Search List: AD_Join_Point



Add Identity Source Sequences

Step 5. Confrim Certificate in ISE

Navigate to **Administration > Certificates > System Certificates**, confirm the server certificate is signed by the trusted CA.

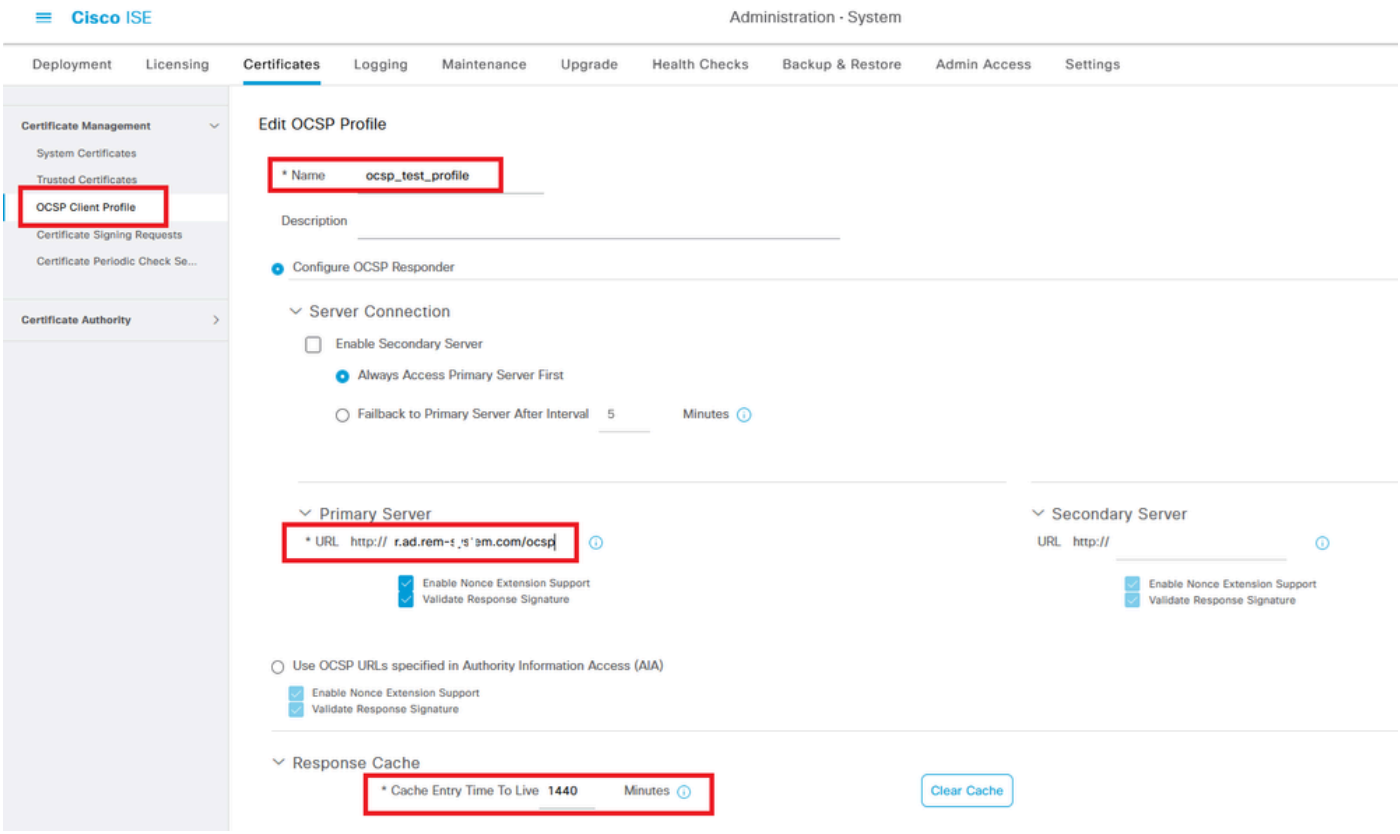


Server Certificate

Navigate to **Administration > Certificates > OCSP Client Profile**, click Add button to add a new OCSP

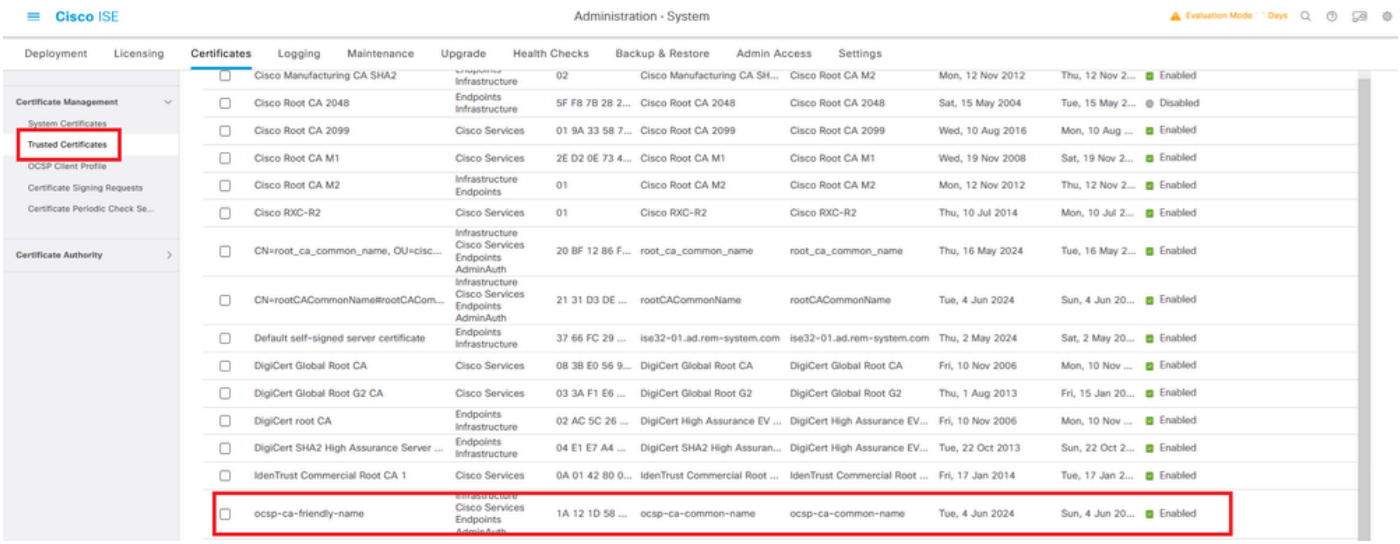
client profile.

- Name: ocsp_test_profile
- Configure OCSP Responder URL: http://winserver.ad.rem-xxx.com/ocsp



OCSP Client Profile

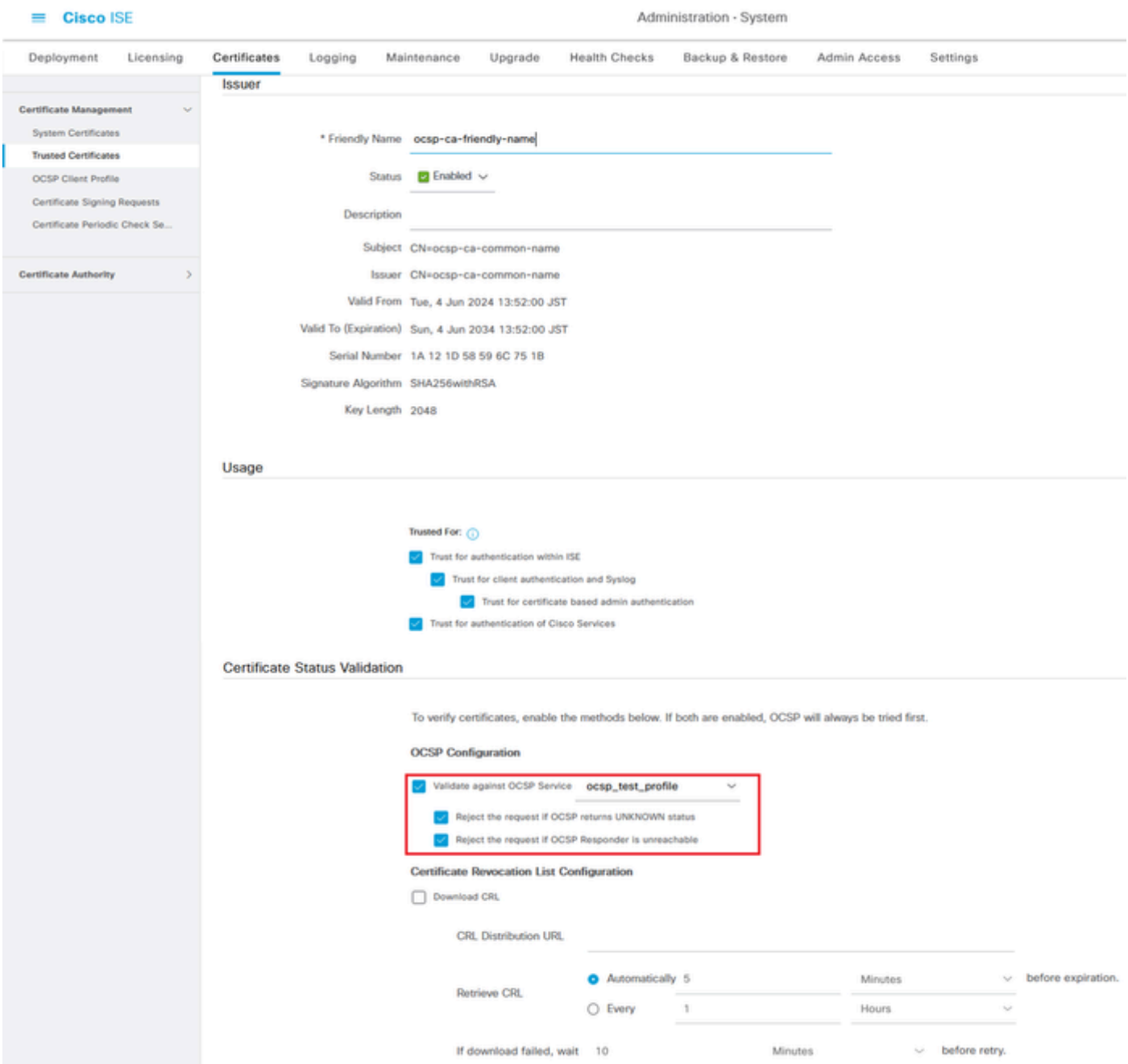
Navigate to **Administration > Certificates > Trusted Certificates**, confirm the trusted CA is imported to ISE.



Trusted CA

Check the CA and click **Edit** button, input the detail of OCSP configuration for **Certificate Status Validation**.

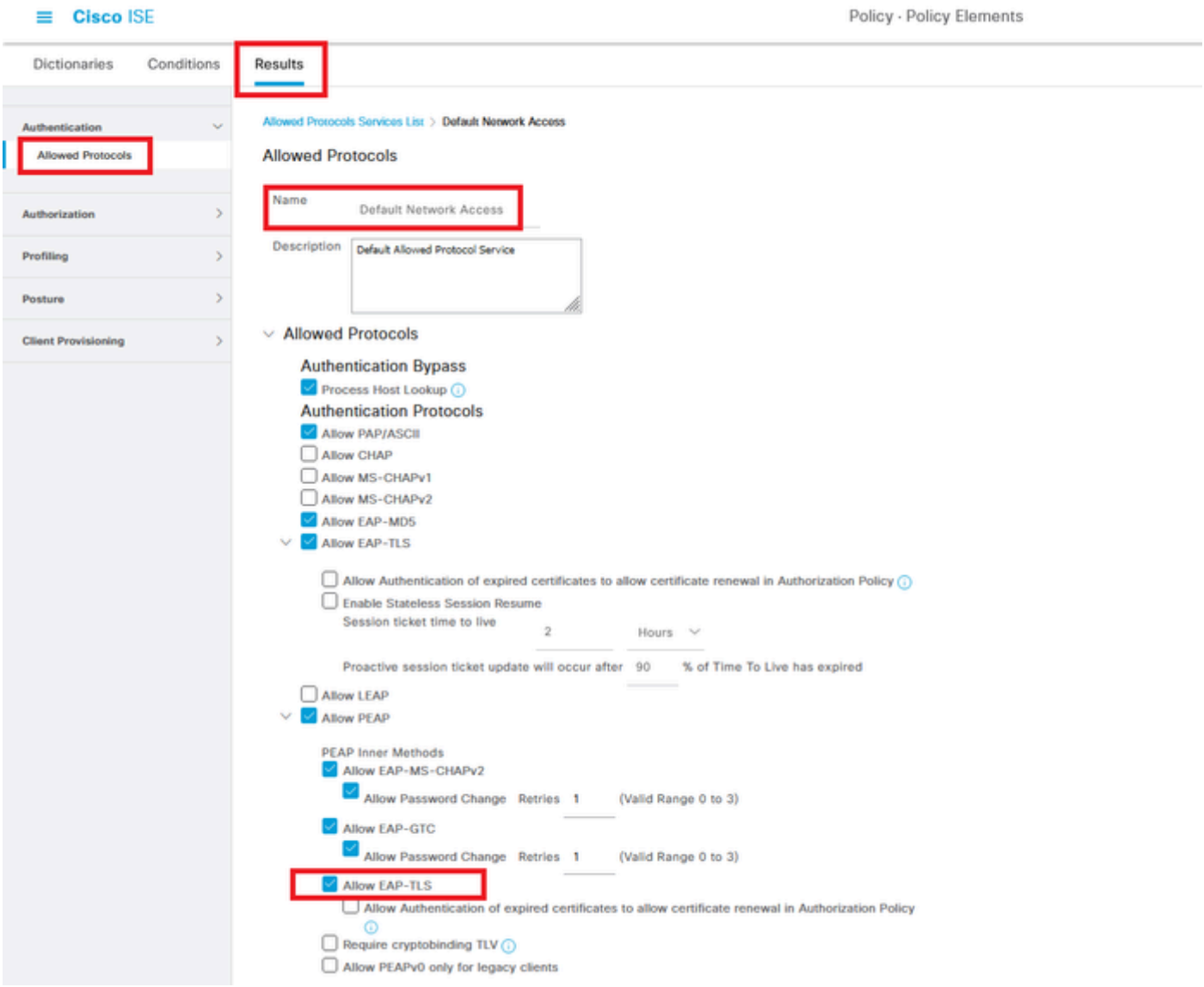
- Validate against OCSP Service: ocsp_test_profile
- Reject the request if OCSP returns UNKNOWN status: check
- Reject the request if OCSP Responder is unreachable: check



Certificate Status Validation

Step 6. Add Allowed Protocols

Navigate to **Policy > Results > Authentication > Allowed Protocols**, edit the **Default Network Access** service list and then check **Allow EAP-TLS**.

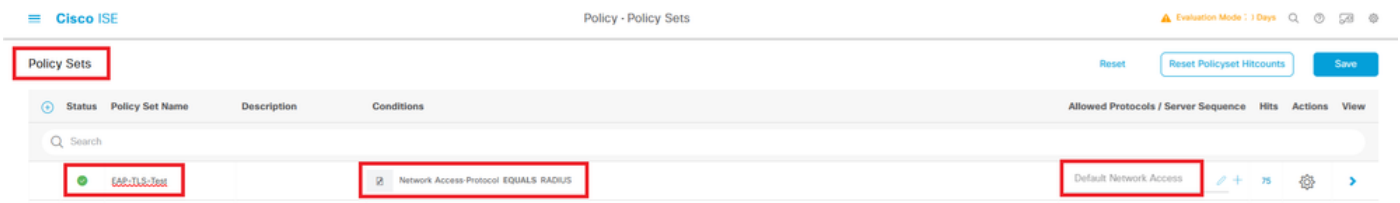


Allow EAP-TLS

Step 7. Add Policy Set

Navigate to **Policy > Policy Sets**, click + to add a policy set.

- Policy Set Name: EAP-TLS-Test
- Conditions: Network Access Protocol **EQUALS** RADIUS
- Allowed Protocols / Server Sequence: Default Network Access



Add Policy Set

Step 8. Add Authentication Policy

Navigate to **Policy Sets**, click **EAP-TLS-Test**to add an authentication policy.

- Rule Name: EAP-TLS-Authentication
- Conditions: Network Access EapAuthentication **EQUALS** EAP-TLS **AND** Wired_802.1 X
- Use: Identity_AD

Add Authentication Policy

Step 9. Add Authorization Policy

Navigate to **Policy Sets**, click **EAP-TLS-Test** to add an authorization policy.

- Rule Name: EAP-TLS-Authorization
- Conditions: CERTIFICATE Subject - Common Name **EQUALS** clientcertCN
- Results: PermitAccess

Add Authorization Policy

Verify

Step 1. Confirm Authentication Session

Runshow authentication sessions interface GigabitEthernet1/0/3 details command to confirm authentication session in C1000.

<#root>

```
Switch#
```

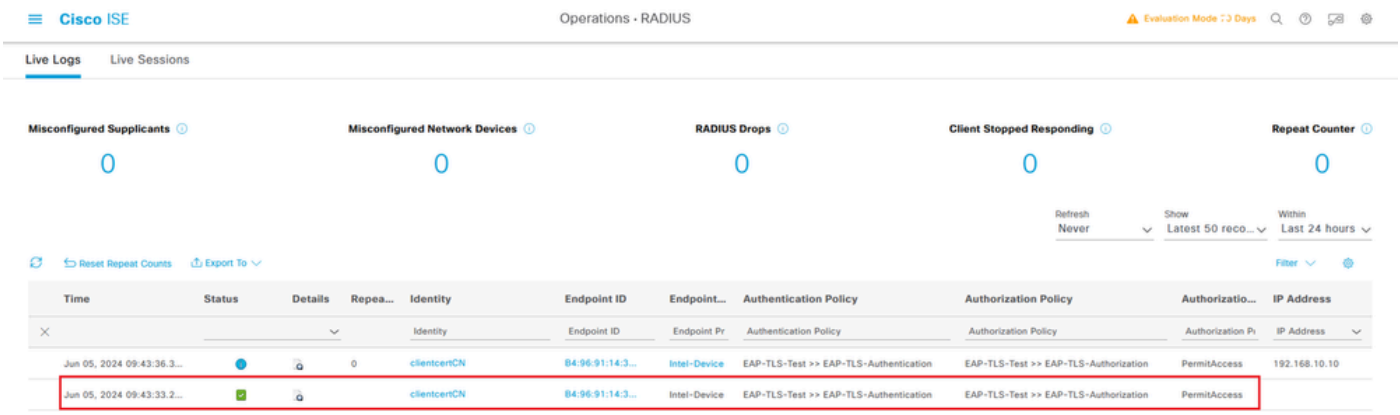
```
show authentication sessions interface GigabitEthernet1/0/3 details
```

```
Interface: GigabitEthernet1/0/3
MAC Address: b496.9114.398c
IPv6 Address: Unknown
IPv4 Address: 192.168.10.10
User-Name: clientcertCN
Status: Authorized
Domain: DATA
Oper host mode: multi-auth
Oper control dir: both
Session timeout: N/A
Restart timeout: N/A
Periodic Acct timeout: N/A
Session Uptime: 111s
Common Session ID: 01C20065000000933E4E87D9
```

```
Acct Session ID: 0x00000078
Handle: 0xB6000043
Current Policy: POLICY_Gi1/0/3

Local Policies:
Service Template: DEFAULT_LINKSEC_POLICY_SHOULD_SECURE (priority 150)

Server Policies:


Method status list:
Method State

dot1x Authc Success
```

Step 2. Confirm Radius Live Log

Navigate to **Operations > RADIUS > Live Logs**in ISE GUI, confirm the live log for authentication.



Radius Live Log

Confirm the detailed live log of authentication.

Cisco ISE

Overview

Event	5200 Authentication succeeded
Username	clientcertCN
Endpoint Id	B4:96:91:14:39:8C
Endpoint Profile	Intel-Device
Authentication Policy	EAP-TLS-Test >> EAP-TLS-Authentication
Authorization Policy	EAP-TLS-Test >> EAP-TLS-Authorization
Authorization Result	PermitAccess

Authentication Details

Source Timestamp	2024-06-05 09:43:33.268
Received Timestamp	2024-06-05 09:43:33.268
Policy Server	ise32-01
Event	5200 Authentication succeeded
Username	clientcertCN
Endpoint Id	B4:96:91:14:39:8C
Calling Station Id	B4-96-91-14-39-8C
Endpoint Profile	Intel-Device
Authentication Identity Store	AD_Join_Point
Identity Group	Profiled
Audit Session Id	01C200650000000933E4E87D9

Other Attributes

ConfigVersionId	167
DestinationPort	1645
Protocol	Radius
NAS-Port	50103
Framed-MTU	1500
State	37CPMSessionID=01C200650000000933E4E87D9;31SessionID=ise32-01/506864164/73;
AD-User-Resolved-Identities	clientcertCN@ad.rem-s[illegible]em.com
AD-User-Candidate-Identities	clientcertCN@ad.rem-s[illegible]em.com
TotalAuthenLatency	324
ClientLatency	80
AD-User-Resolved-DNs	CN=clientcert CN,CN=Users,DC=ad,DC=rem-s[illegible]tem,DC=com
AD-User-DNS-Domain	ad.rem-s[illegible]tem.com
AD-User-NetBios-Name	AD
IsMachineIdentity	false
AD-User-SamAccount-Name	clientcertCN
AD-User-Qualified-Name	clientcertCN@ad.rem-s[illegible]m.com
AD-User-SamAccount-Name	clientcertCN
AD-User-Qualified-Name	clientcertCN@ad.rem-s[illegible]m.com
TLSCipher	ECDHE-RSA-AES256-GCM-SHA384
TLSVersion	TLSv1.2
DTLSSupport	Unknown
Subject	CN=clientcertCN
Issuer	CN=ocsp-ca-common-name

Steps

11001	Received RADIUS Access-Request
11017	RADIUS created a new session
15049	Evaluating Policy Group
15008	Evaluating Service Selection Policy
11507	Extracted EAP-Response/Identity
12500	Prepared EAP-Request proposing EAP-TLS with challenge
12625	Valid EAP-Key-Name attribute received
11006	Returned RADIUS Access-Challenge
11001	Received RADIUS Access-Request
11018	RADIUS is re-using an existing session
12502	Extracted EAP-Response containing EAP-TLS challenge-response and accepting EAP-TLS as negotiated
12800	Extracted first TLS record; TLS handshake started
12545	Client requested EAP-TLS session ticket
12542	The EAP-TLS session ticket received from supplicant while the stateless session resume is disabled. Performing full authentication
12805	Extracted TLS ClientHello message
12806	Prepared TLS ServerHello message
12807	Prepared TLS Certificate message
12808	Prepared TLS ServerKeyExchange message
12809	Prepared TLS CertificateRequest message
12810	Prepared TLS ServerDone message
12505	Prepared EAP-Request with another EAP-TLS challenge
11006	Returned RADIUS Access-Challenge
11001	Received RADIUS Access-Request
11018	RADIUS is re-using an existing session
12504	Extracted EAP-Response containing EAP-TLS challenge-response
12988	Take OCSP servers list from OCSP service configuration - certificate for clientcertCN
12550	Sent an OCSP request to the primary OCSP server for the CA - External OCSP Server
12553	Received OCSP response - certificate for clientcertCN
12554	OCSP status of user certificate is good - certificate for clientcertCN
12811	Extracted TLS Certificate message containing client certificate
12812	Extracted TLS ClientKeyExchange message
12813	Extracted TLS CertificateVerify message
12803	Extracted TLS ChangeCipherSpec message
24432	Looking up user in Active Directory - AD_Join_Point
24325	Resolving identity - clientcertCN
24313	Search for matching accounts at join point - ad.rem-s[illegible]em.com
24319	Single matching account found in forest - ad.rem-s[illegible]m.com
24323	Identity resolution detected single matching account
24700	Identity resolution by certificate succeeded - AD_Join_Point
22037	Authentication Passed
12506	EAP-TLS authentication succeeded
24715	ISE has not confirmed locally previous successful machine authentication for user in Active Directory
15036	Evaluating Authorization Policy
24209	Looking up Endpoint in Internal Endpoints IDStore - clientcertCN
15036	Evaluating Authorization Policy
24209	Looking up Endpoint in Internal Endpoints IDStore - clientcertCN
24211	Found Endpoint in Internal Endpoints IDStore
15016	Selected Authorization Profile - PermitAccess
22081	Max sessions policy passed
22080	New accounting session created in Session cache
11503	Prepared EAP-Success
11002	Returned RADIUS Access-Accept

Detail of Authentication

Crypto,2024-06-05 09:43:33,064,DEBUG,0x7f9822961700,NIL-CONTEXT,Crypto::Result=0, CryptoLib.CSSL.OCSP C

starting OCSP request to primary

,SSL.cpp:1444
Crypto,2024-06-05 09:43:33,064,DEBUG,0x7f9822961700,NIL-CONTEXT,Crypto::Result=0, Crypto.OcspClient::pe

Start processing OCSP request

,

URL=http://winserver.ad.rem-xxx.com/ocsp

, use nonce=1,OcspClient.cpp:144

Crypto,2024-06-05 09:43:33,104,DEBUG,0x7f9822961700,NIL-CONTEXT,Crypto::Result=0, Crypto.OcspClient::pe

Received OCSP server response

,OcspClient.cpp:411
Crypto,2024-06-05 09:43:33,104,DEBUG,0x7f9822961700,NIL-CONTEXT,Crypto::Result=0, Crypto.OcspClient::pe

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Crypto,2024-06-05 09:43:33,104,DEBUG,0x7f9822961700,NIL-CONTEXT,Crypto::Result=0, Crypto.OcspClient::pe

User certificate status: Good

,OcspClient.cpp:598
Crypto,2024-06-05 09:43:33,104,DEBUG,0x7f9822961700,NIL-CONTEXT,Crypto::Result=0, CryptoLib.CSSL.OCSP C

perform OCSP request succeeded

, status: Good,SSL.cpp:1684

// Radius session
Radius,2024-06-05 09:43:33,120,DEBUG,0x7f982d7b9700,cntx=0000017387,sesn=ise32-01/506864164/73,CPMSessi

Code=1(AccessRequest)

Identifier=238 Length=324
[1] User-Name - value: [

clientcertCN

]
[4] NAS-IP-Address - value: [1.x.x.101]
[5] NAS-Port - value: [50103]
[24] State - value: [37CPMSessionID=01C20065000000933E4E87D9;31SessionID=ise32-01/506864164/73;]
[87] NAS-Port-Id - value: [GigabitEthernet1/0/3]

Radius,2024-06-05 09:43:33,270,DEBUG,0x7f982d9ba700,cntx=0000017387,sesn=ise32-01/506864164/73,CPMSessi

Code=2(AccessAccept)

Identifier=238 Length=294
[1] User-Name - value: [clientcertCN]

Radius,2024-06-05 09:43:33,342,DEBUG,0x7f982d1b6700,cntx=0000017401,sesn=ise32-01/506864164/74,CPMSessi

Code=4(AccountingRequest)

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 Identifier=10 Length=286
[1] User-Name - value: [clientcertCN]
[4] NAS-IP-Address - value: [1.x.x.101]
[5] NAS-Port - value: [50103]
[40] Acct-Status-Type - value: [Interim-Update]
[87] NAS-Port-Id - value: [GigabitEthernet1/0/3]
[26] cisco-av-pair - value: [audit-session-id=01C20065000000933E4E87D9]
[26] cisco-av-pair - value: [method=dot1x] ,RADIUSHandler.cpp:2455

Radius,2024-06-05 09:43:33,350,DEBUG,0x7f982e1be700,cntx=0000017401,sesn=ise32-01/506864164/74,CPMSessi
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Code=5(AccountingResponse)

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 Identifier=10 Length=20,RADIUSHandler.cpp:2455
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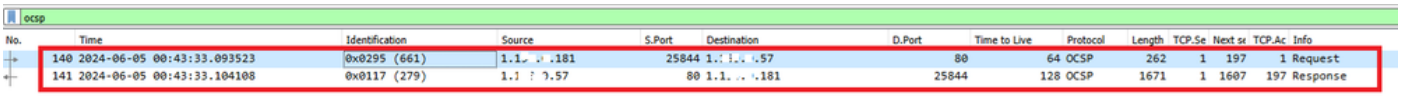
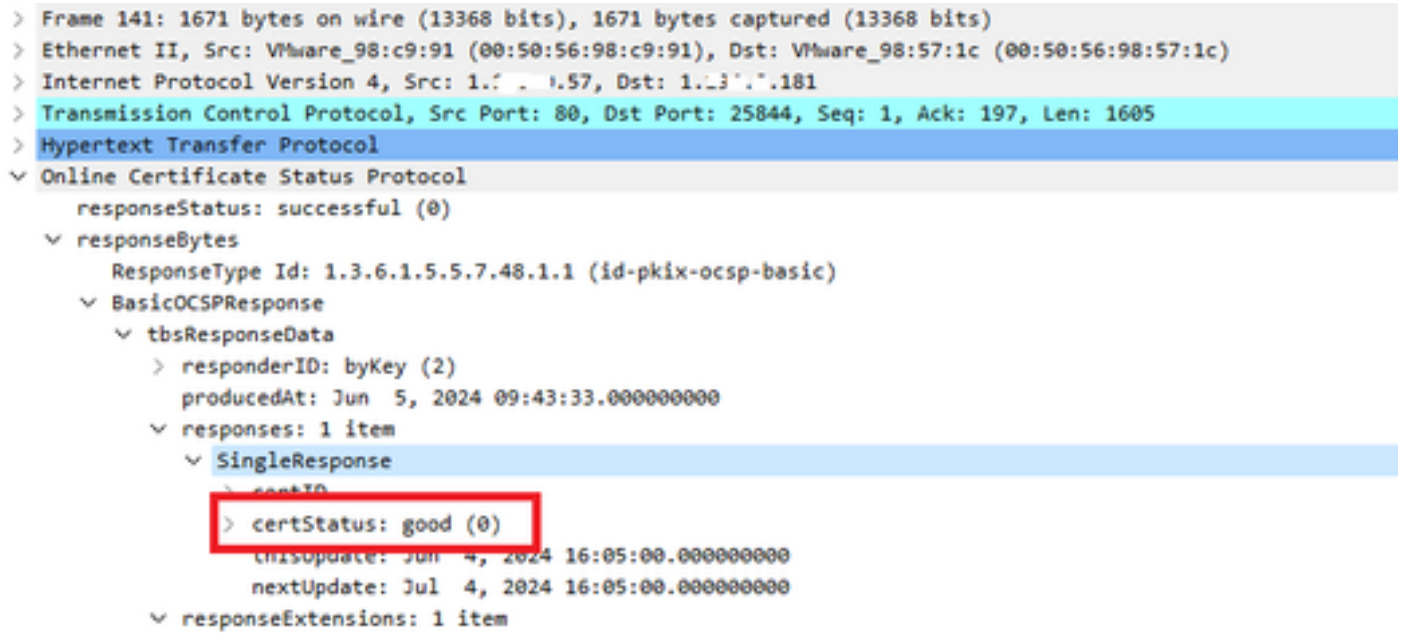
2. TCP Dump

In the TCP dump in ISE, you expect to find information about the OCSP response and Radius session.

OCSP request and response :

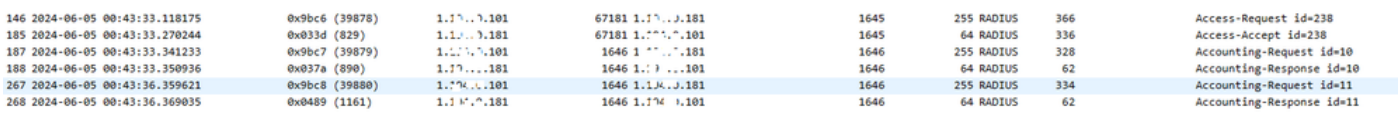


Packet Capture of OCSP Request and Response



Capture Detail of OCSP Response

Radius session :



Packet Capture of Radius Session

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