Set Up RADKit in a Collaboration Environment

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Introduction

This document describes the steps to set up RADKit and shows the configuration necessary to start the use of it with Collaboration Products.

Requirements

Cisco recommends that you have knowledge on these topics:

- Basic knowledge of any VOS Collaboration product
- Basic knowledge of CLI/SSH Access

Components Used

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

- Cisco Unified Communications Manager 12.5 and 14.0

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.

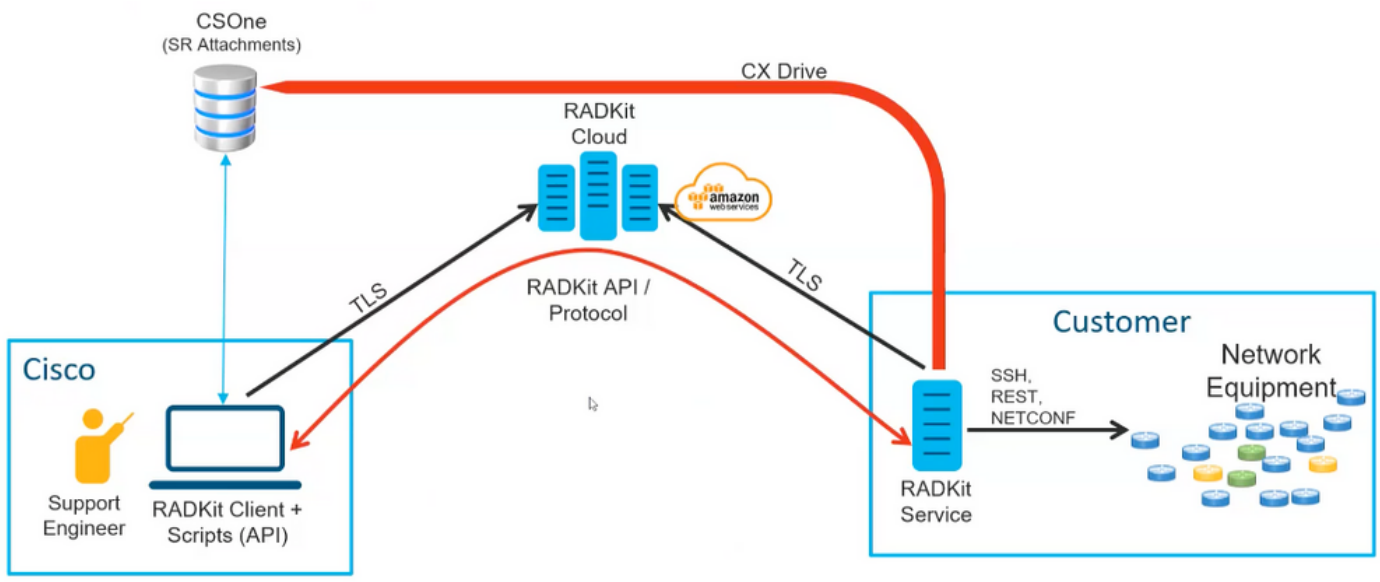
Terminology

RADKit: It is a connector providing secure remote access to the user devices to Cisco TAC engineers and partners. It supports multiple protocols to interact with devices, such as SSH or HTTP/HTTPs.

RADKit Service: This is the **Server** side. It is handled and entirely managed by the **User**. From the Server side, user controls, who canaccess the devices and for how long. Radkit Service must have conectivity to the devices in the network to provide access to them.

RADKit Client: This is the **Client** side. It is the PC used to connect to the devices in the user network.

RADKit Architecture



RADKit Architecture

RADKit Installation

Step 1. Navigate to **https://radkit.cisco.com** and click **Downloads**, then go to the **release** folder.

Step 2. Click the latest release.

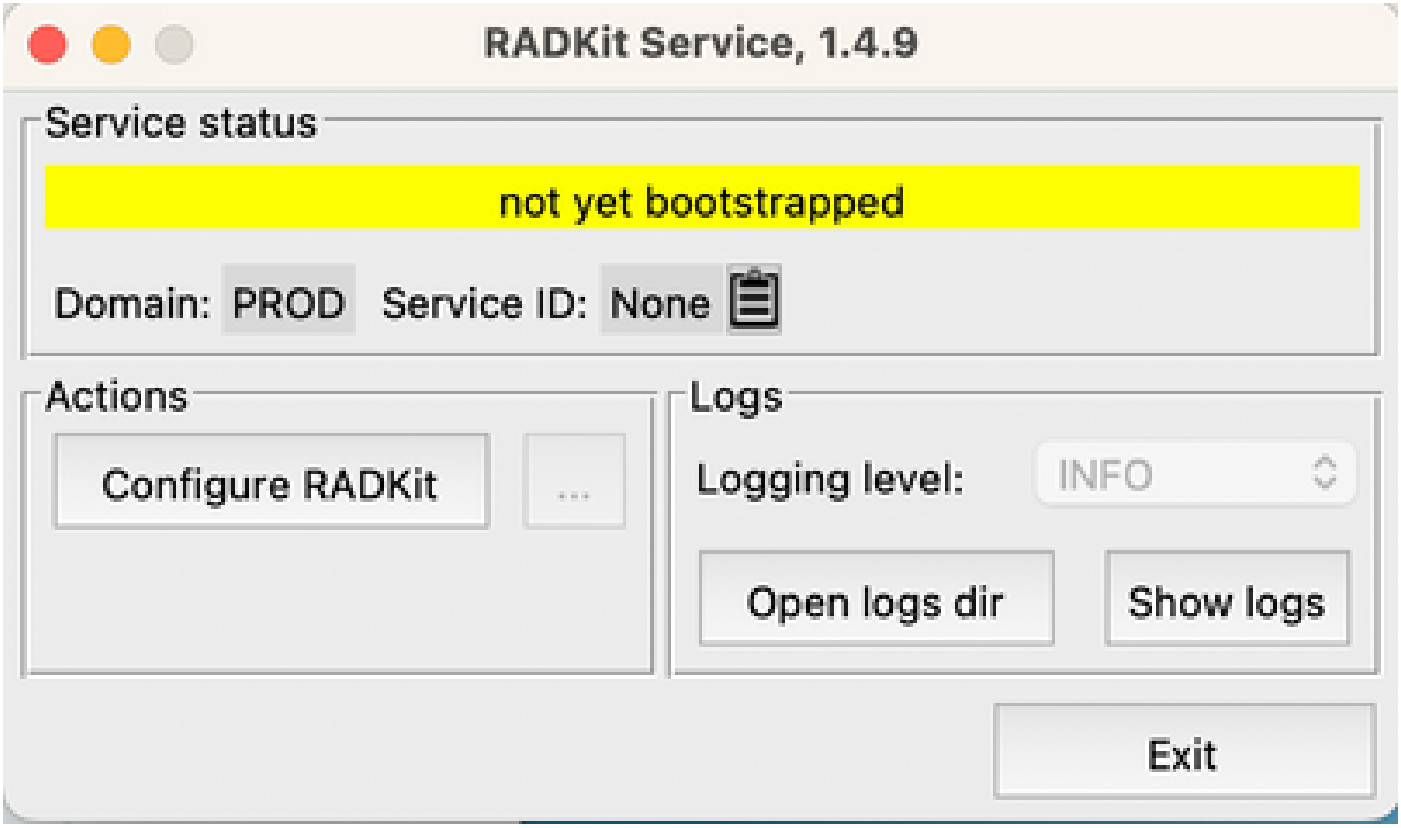
Step 3. Download the correct file depending on your OS system.

Step 4. Run the installer on the PC or server. As part of the installation, Radkit needs to install three applications: Radkit Service, Radkit Client and Radkit network console.

RADKit Service (User side)

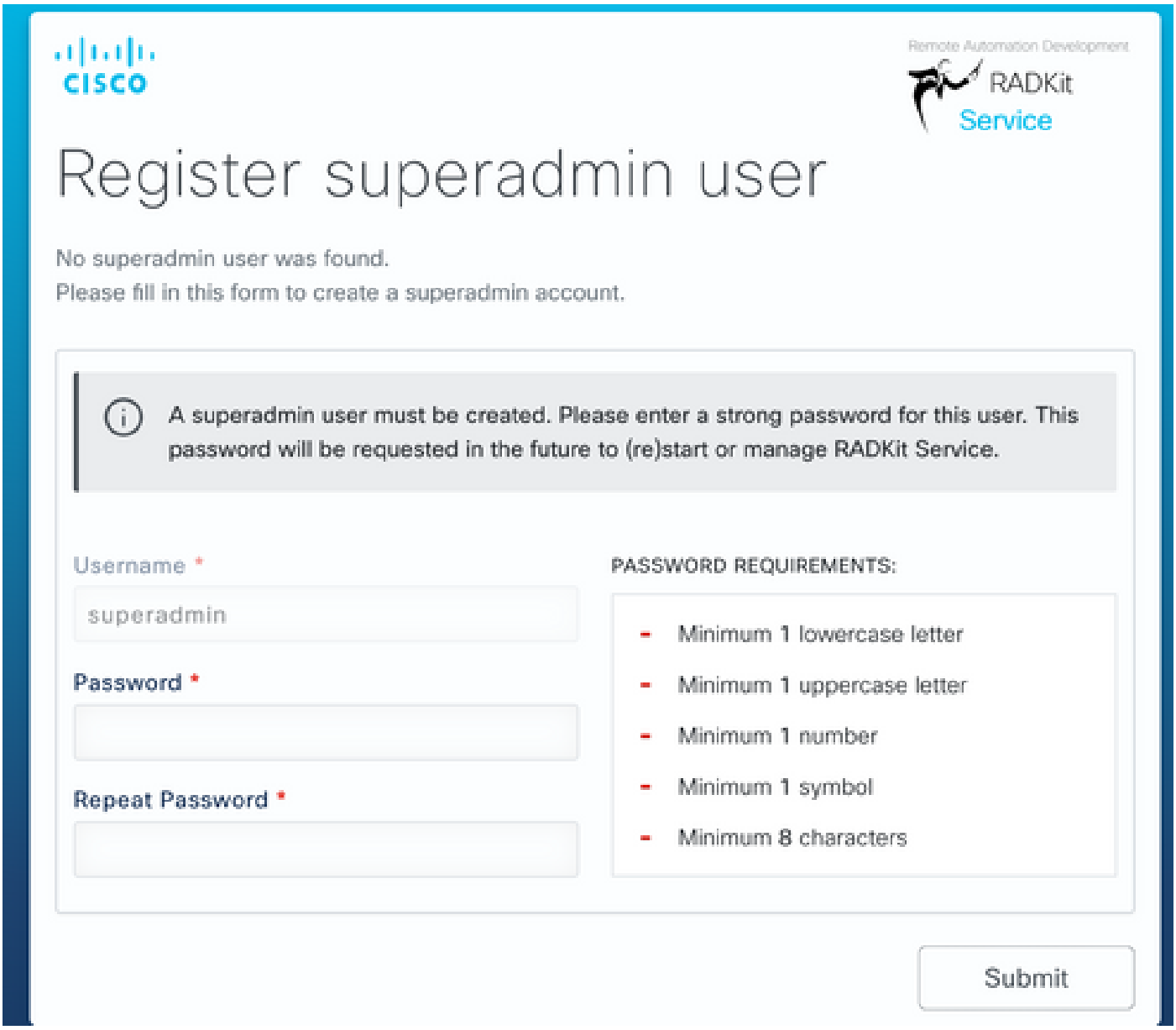
Onboarding

Step 1. To start configuring the RADKit service, navigate to Applications and locate **RADKit Service**. The first time you run it shows a message "not yet bootstrapped".



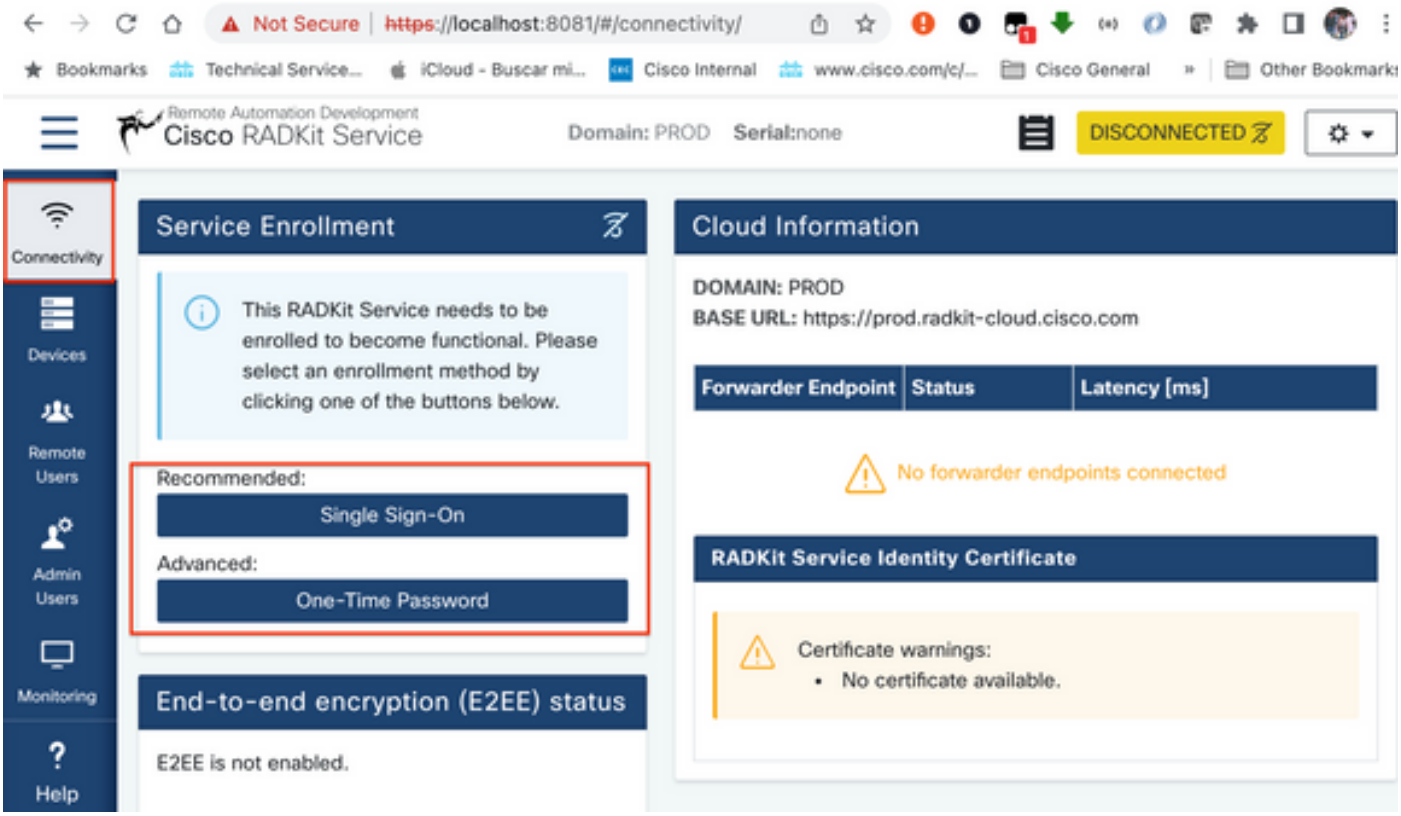
Step 2. Click **Configure RADKit**, the browser pops up automatically with URL **https://localhost:8081/bootstrap**.

- Create password for **superadmin** user and click **Submit**.
- This **superadmin** username and password is requested each time the service is started or configured.



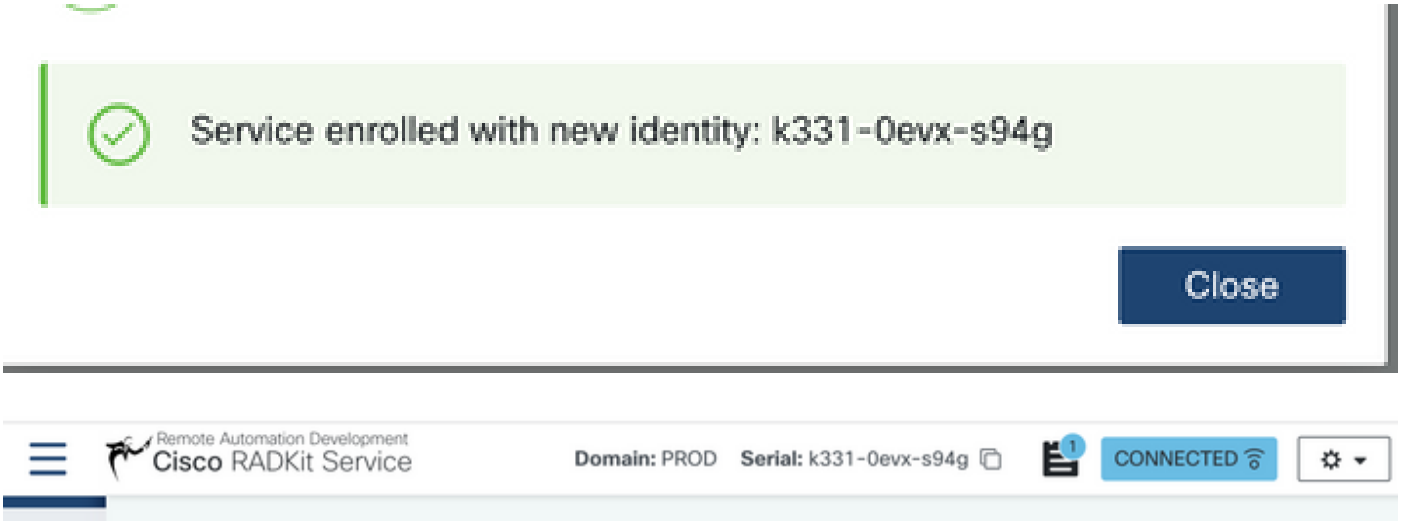
Step 3. Once you click **Submit**, the browser redirects you to **https://localhost:8081/#/connectivity/.**

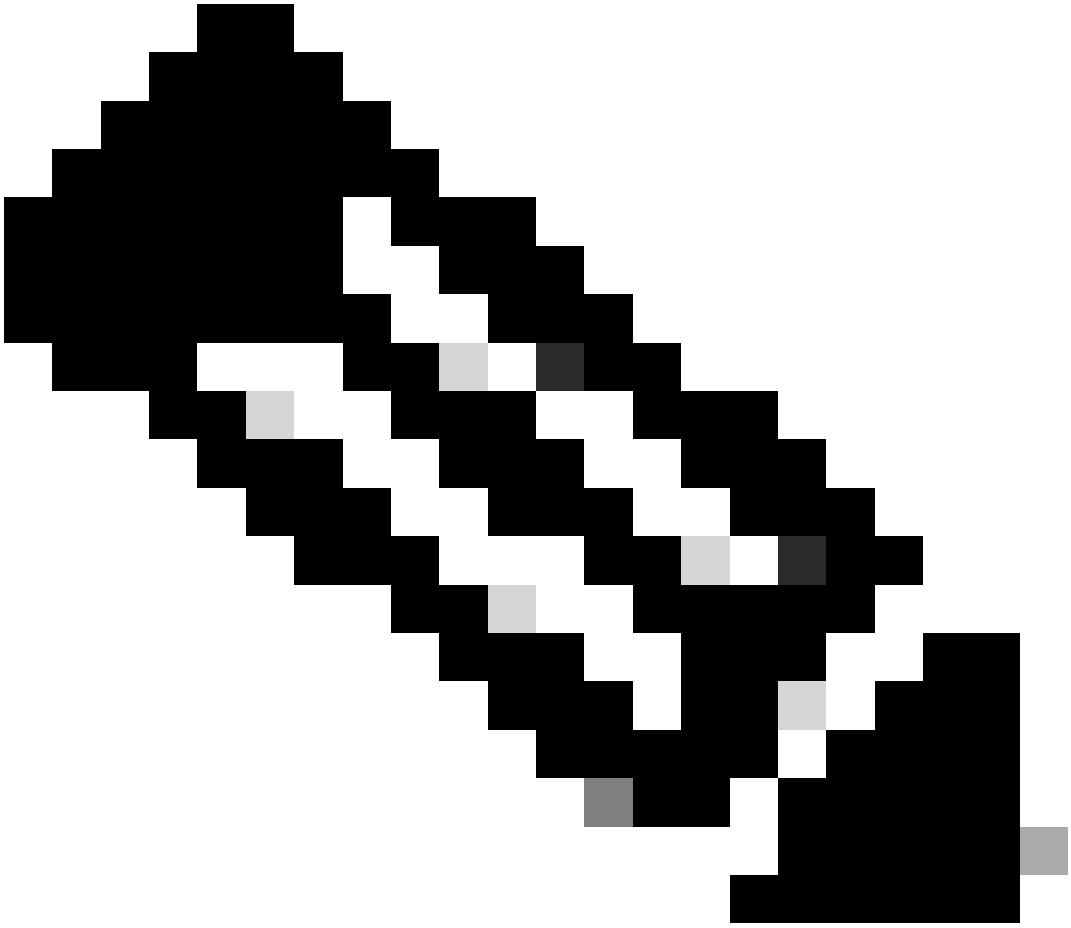
Under **Connectivity** > **Service Enrollment**, there are two authentications methods: **Single Sing-On** and **One-Time Password**.



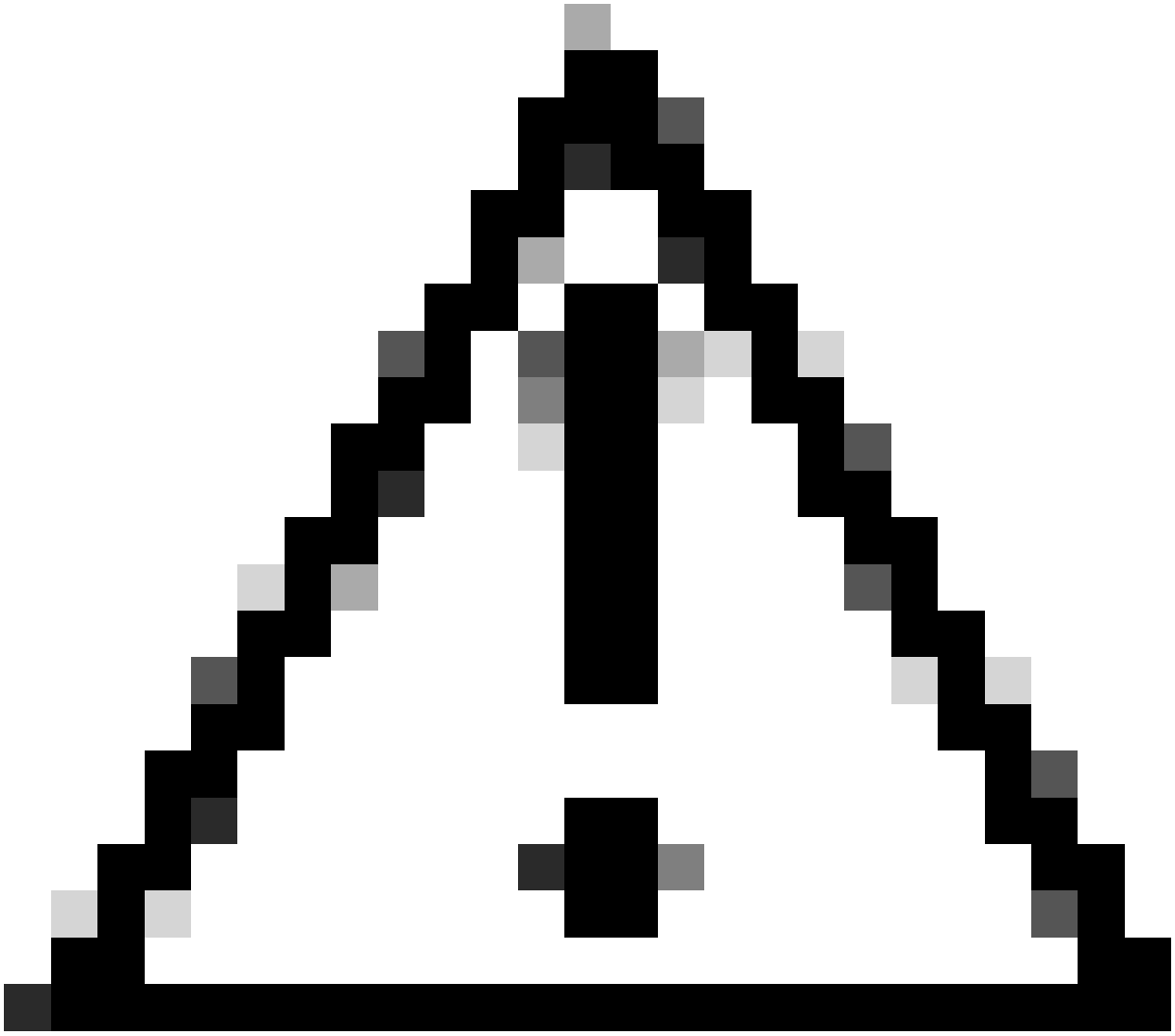
Step 4. You can use **Single Sign-On** providing your CEC.

Step 5. Complete the wizard and complete the steps until it shows "Service enrolled with new identity: xxxx-xxxx-xxxx", and when clicking on **Close** the service shows as **Connected**.





Note: A Cisco account is needed to activate RADKit Service.

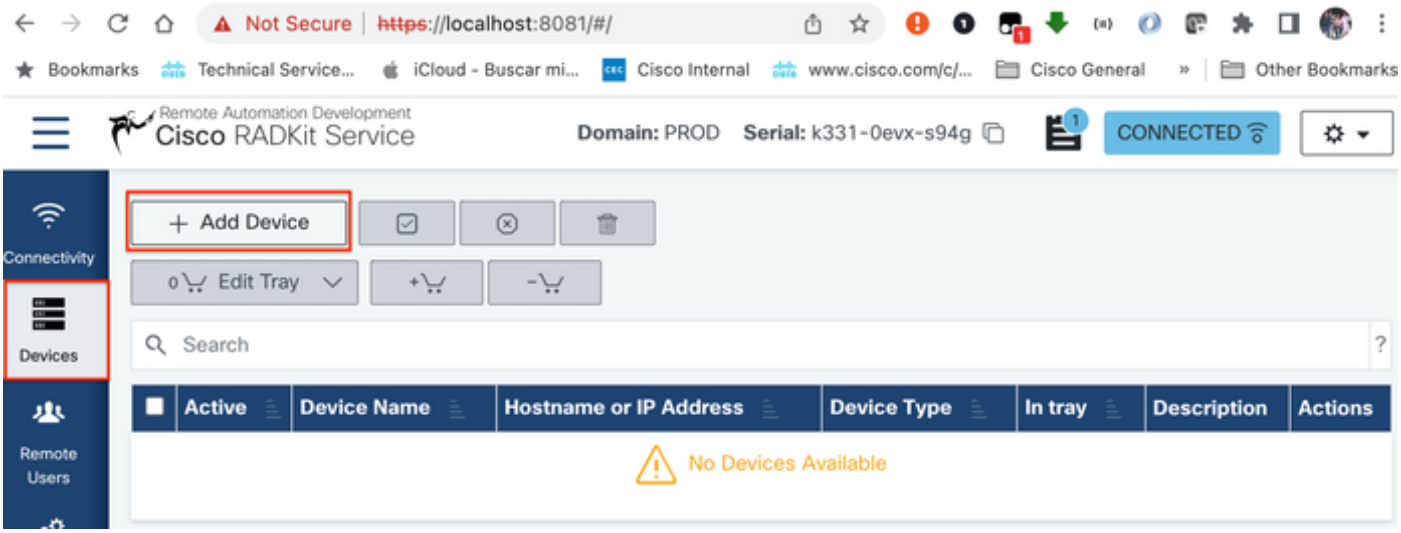


Caution:

- If the Server where the RADKit Service is running requires a proxy to be defined, apart from defining the Proxy on the Server/PC itself, a environment variable also needs to be defined for the RADKit Service to work RADKIT_CLOUD_CLIENT_PROXY_URL=http://proxy.example.com:80.

Add devices

Step 1. Navigate to **Devices** and click **Add Device**.

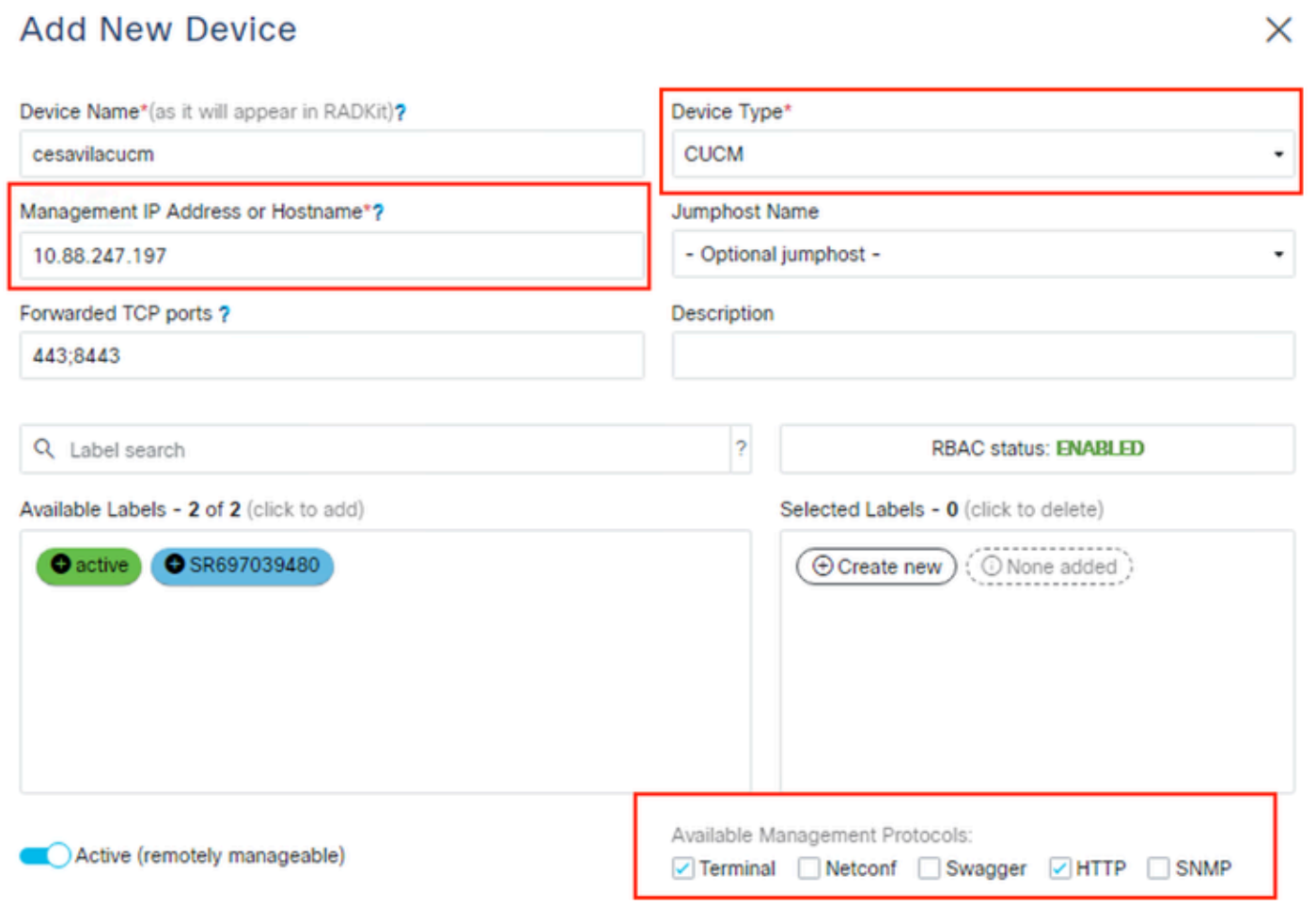


Step 2. You need to configure the next details:

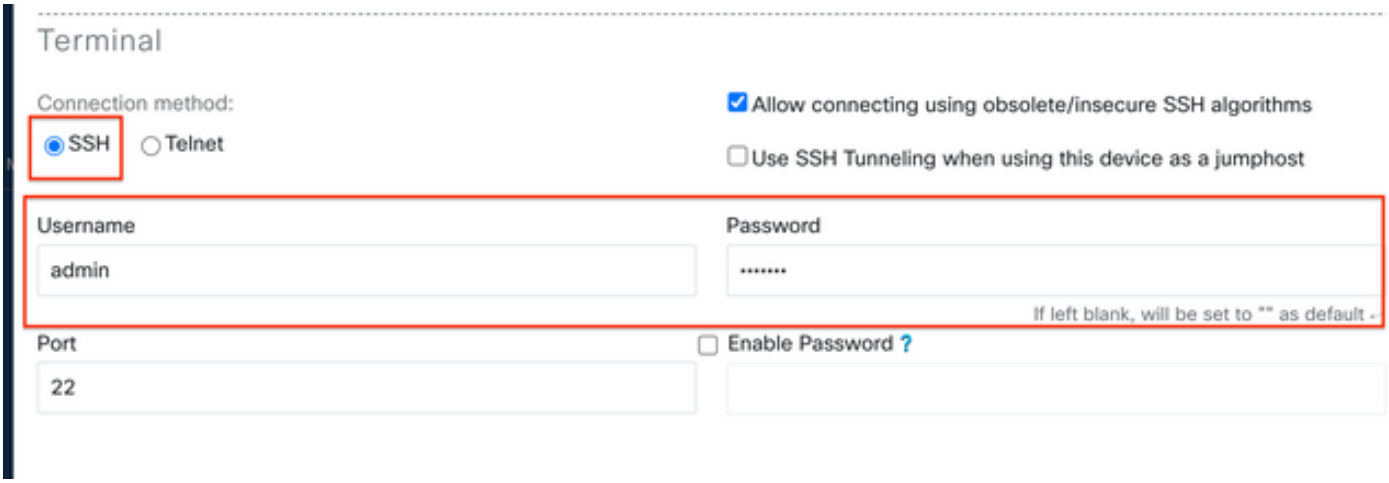
- Device Name
- Management IP address or Hostname
- Device Type

Additionally, you must configure **Forwarded TCP ports,** which are ports used by the device that need to be accessible from the RADKit Client. On this example,the ports used are 443 for GUI Access and 8443 for RTMT.

Finally, select the available Management Protocols, in this case **Terminal** and **HTTP**.



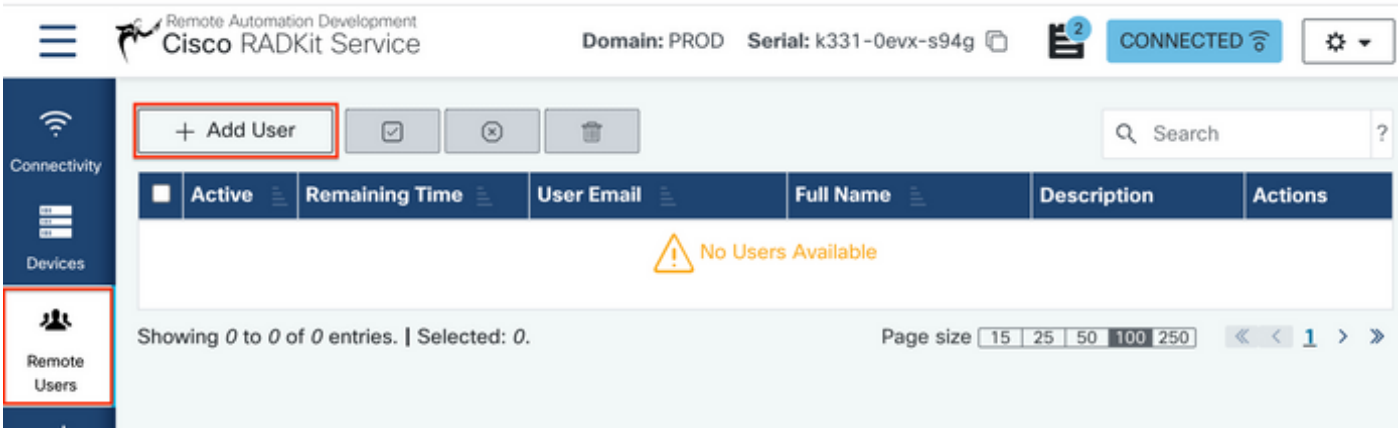
Step 3. For each Management Protocol configure the correct settings and click **Add & Close**.



Step 4. Once added, the device must be displayed in the device list, it can be enabled/disabled for remote access.

Authorize remote users

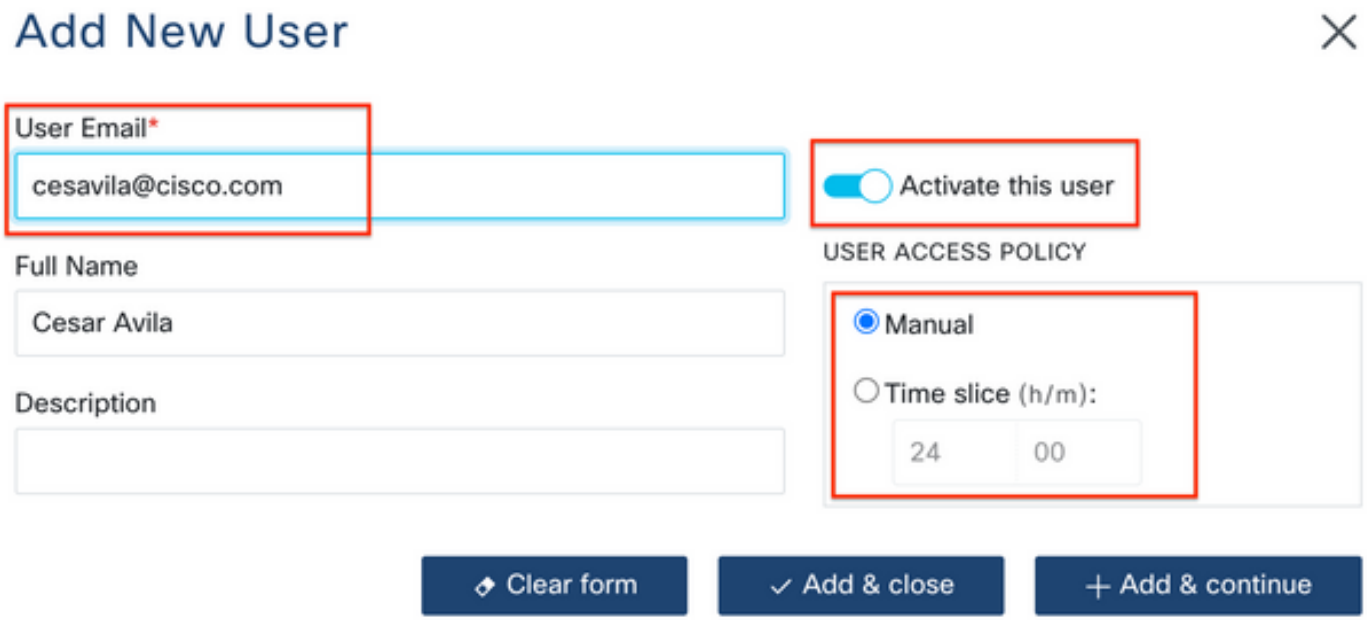
Step 1. In order to grant user access to the Devices configured in the RADKit Service, go to **Remote Users** and select **Add Users**.



Step 2. Configure the user details:

- Email address
- Full Name (optional)

- Activate the user.
- Specify if the Activation must be Manually controlled or set a time frame to grant access to that user.



Step 3. Select **Add & Close**.

RADkit Client (TAC side)

Login

Step 1. On the Client PC, navigate to Applications and locate **RADkit Client**.

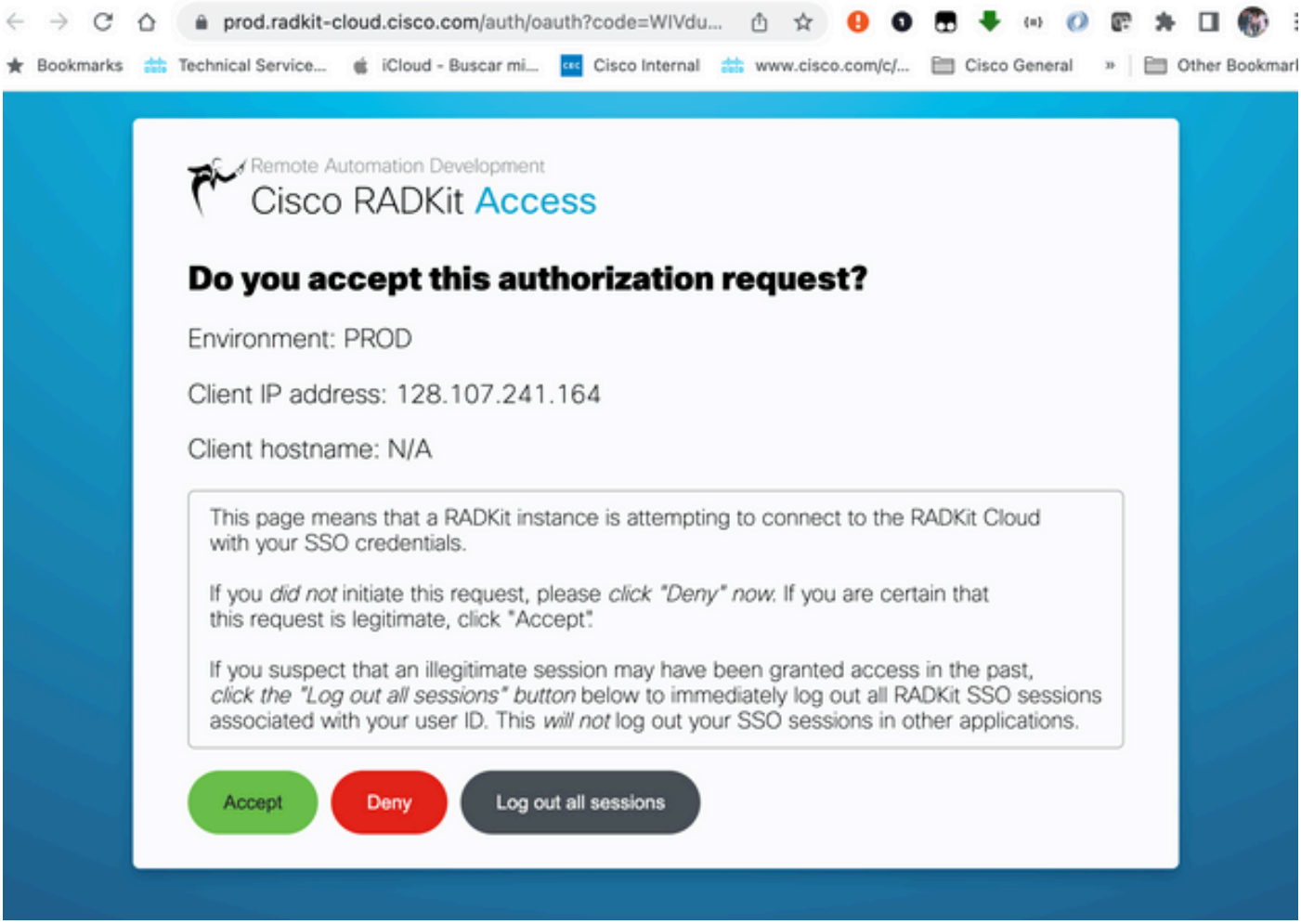
Step 2. Create a client instance with your SSO login.

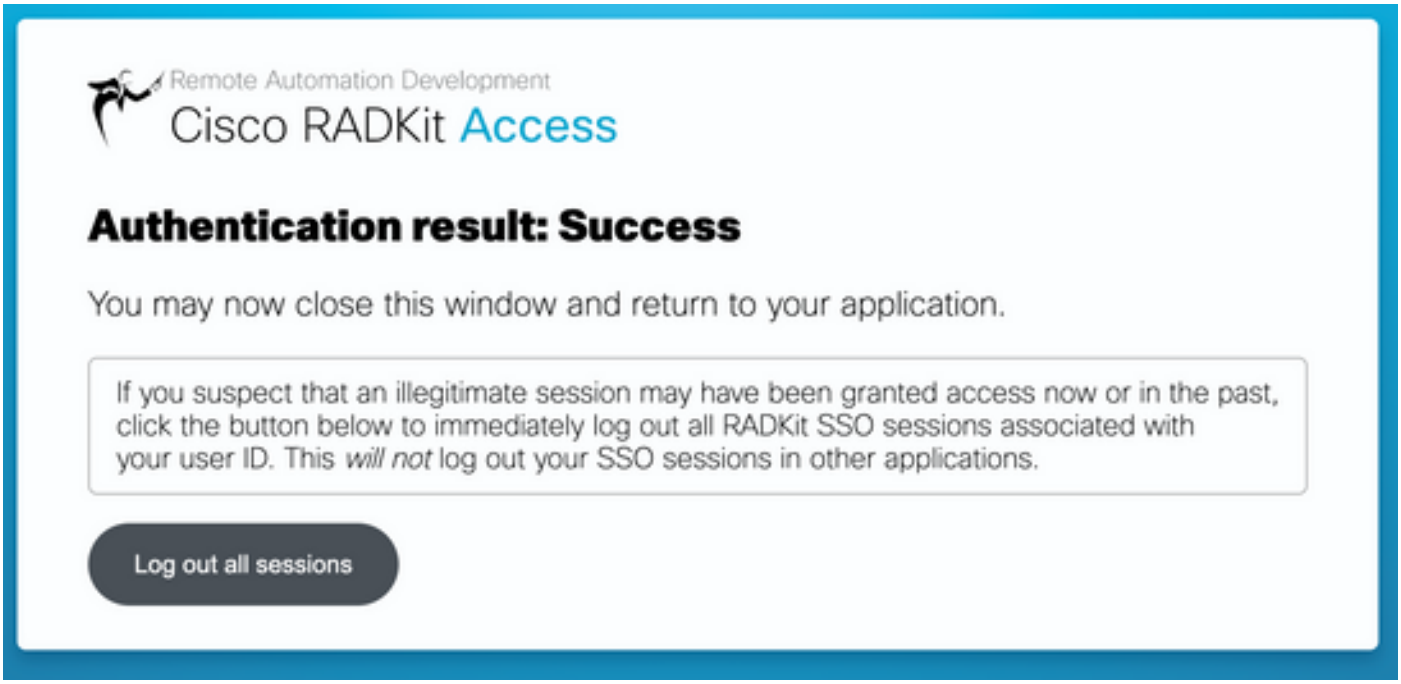
<#root>

>>>

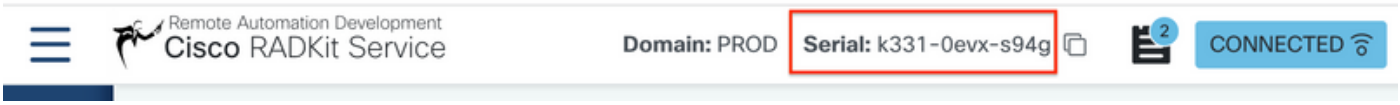
```
 client = sso_login("cesavila@cisco.com")
```

Step 3. Accept the SSO Authorization Request opened automatically on your browser.





Step 4. Create a service instance using the user generated Serial Number from the RADKit Service - Onboarding stage.



<#root>

>>>

```
 service = client.service("k331-0evx-s94g")
```

```
>>> service = client.service("k331-0evx-s94g")
05:16:36.349Z INFO  | internal | Connecting to forwarder [uri='wss://prod.radkit-cloud.cisco.com/forwarder-2/websocke
t/']
05:16:37.153Z INFO  | internal | Connection to forwarder successful [uri='wss://prod.radkit-cloud.cisco.com/forwarder
-2/websocket/']
05:16:39.523Z INFO  | internal | Connecting to forwarder [uri='wss://prod.radkit-cloud.cisco.com/forwarder-3/websocke
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05:16:40.333Z INFO  | internal | Connection to forwarder successful [uri='wss://prod.radkit-cloud.cisco.com/forwarder
-3/websocket/']
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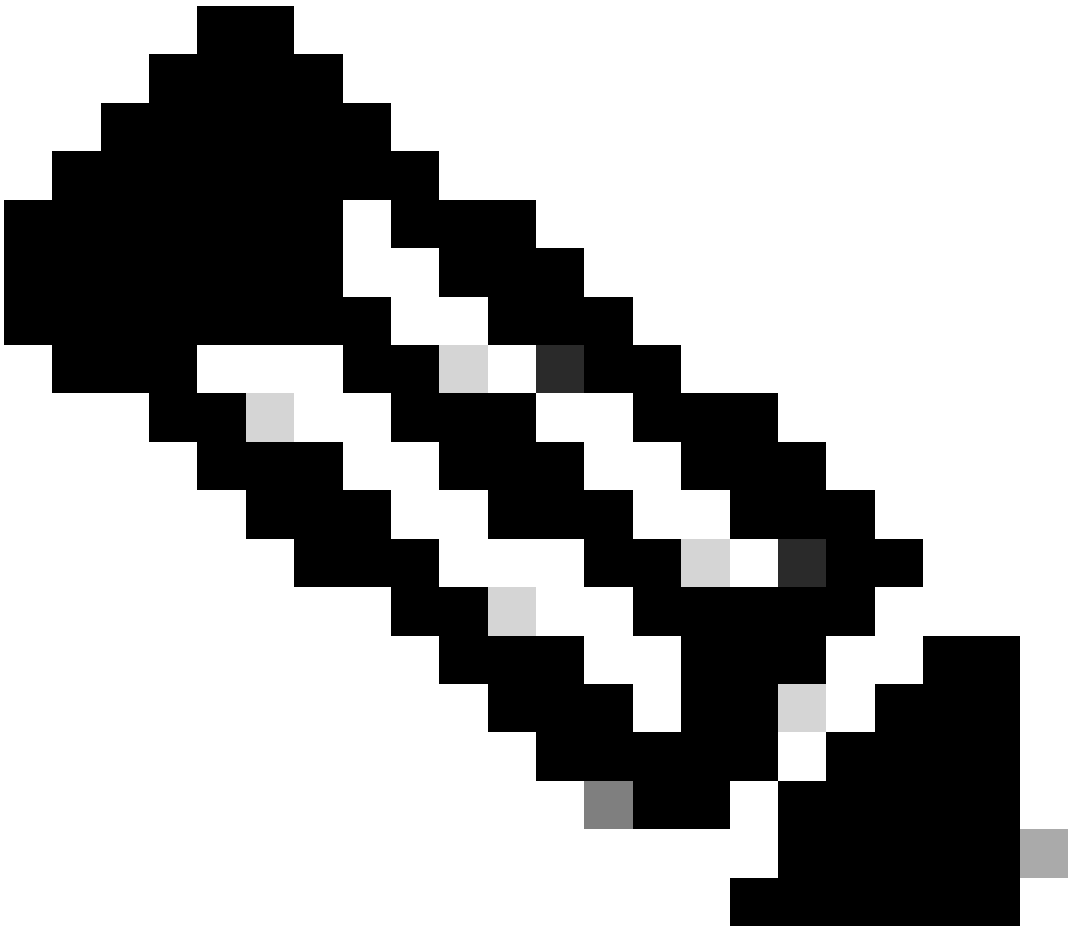

Note: **service** is a variable that can be anything.

Step 5. Check the devices available for access.

<#root>

```
>>>
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```
service.inventory
```

To refresh the inventory list, use the command update_inventory.

<#root>

```
>>> service.update_inventory().wait()
```

SSH Access

Step 1. Create an object from the inventory list.

<#root>

```
>>> cucm = service.inventory['cesavilacucm']
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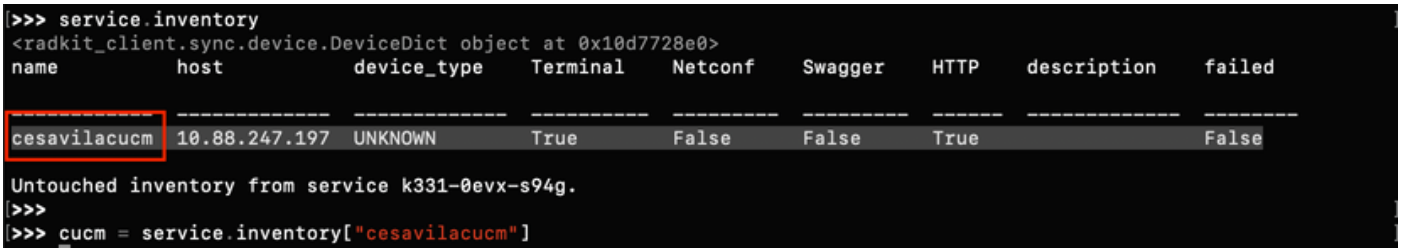


Step 2. Start the SSH session with the interactive command.

<#root>

```
>>> cucm.interactive()
```

```
>>>
>>> cucm.interactive()
05:35:23.882Z INFO  | internal | starting interactive session (will be closed when detached)
05:35:24.765Z INFO  | internal | Session log initialized [filepath='/Users/cesavila/.radkit/session_logs/client/20230
-cesavilacucm.log']
[
[  Attaching to cesavilacucm ...
     Type: ~.  to detach.
           ~?  for other shortcuts.
   When using nested SSH sessions, add an extra ~ per level of nesting.

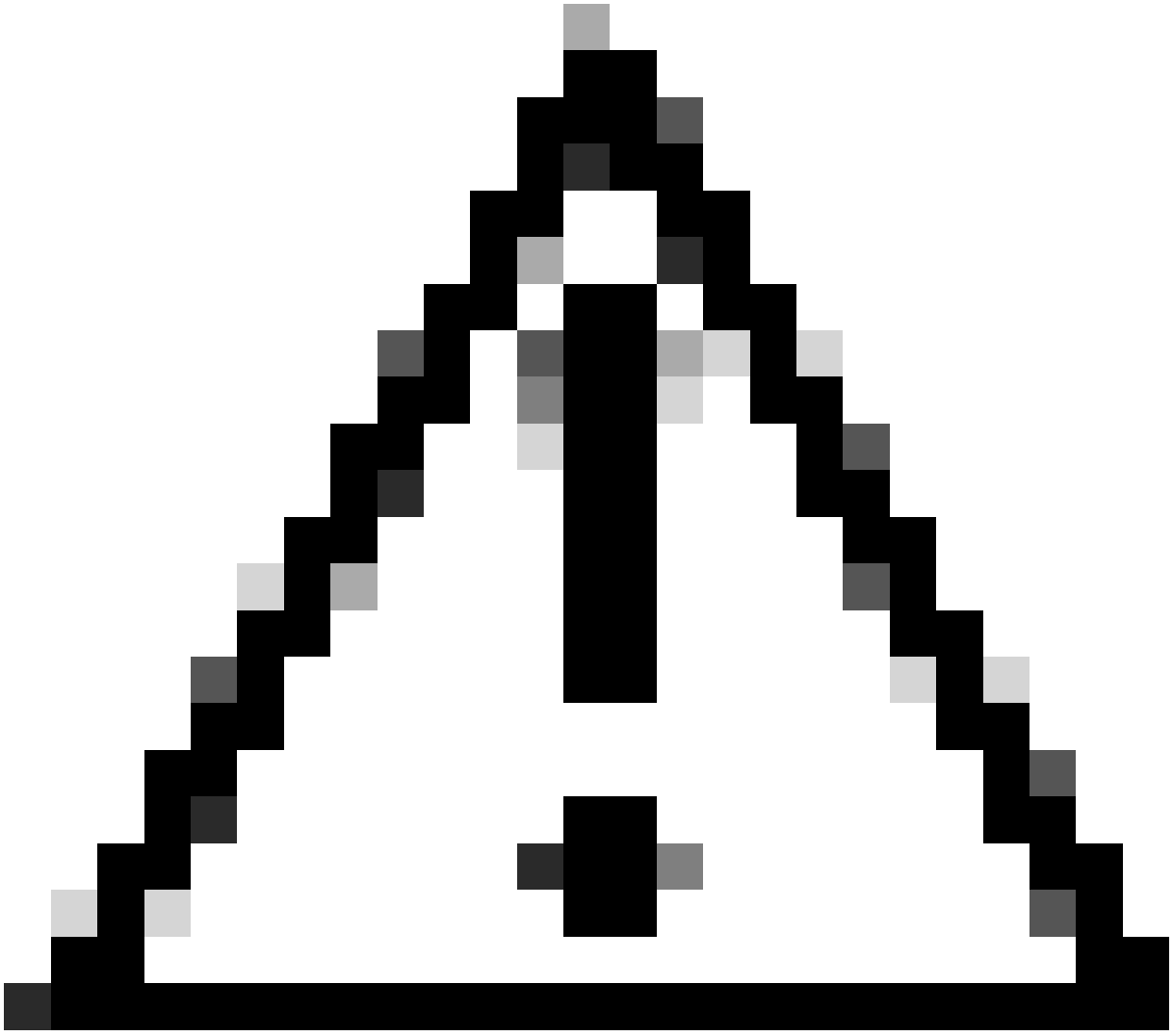
Command Line Interface is starting up, please wait ...

   Welcome to the Platform Command Line Interface

VMware Installation:
        2 vCPU: Intel(R) Xeon(R) Silver 4114 CPU @ 2.20GHz
        Disk 1: 200GB, Partitions aligned
        4096 Mbytes RAM
        WARNING: DNS unreachable
        WARNING: Ungraceful shutdown detected - A rebuild of this node is highly recommended
        to ensure no negative impact(such as configuration or file system corruption). For
        rebuild instructions, see the installation guide.

admin:
```

Step 3. Now you are able to manage the device normally.



Caution:

- Always be mindful of our responsibility when operating in a user environment.
- RADKit must be used as a data collection tool.
- Never do any changes without the user permission.
- Document all your findings in the case notes.

GUI Access

- **HTTP Proxy**

Step 1. Ensure the HTTP Credentials are added in the RADKit Service on the device configuration.

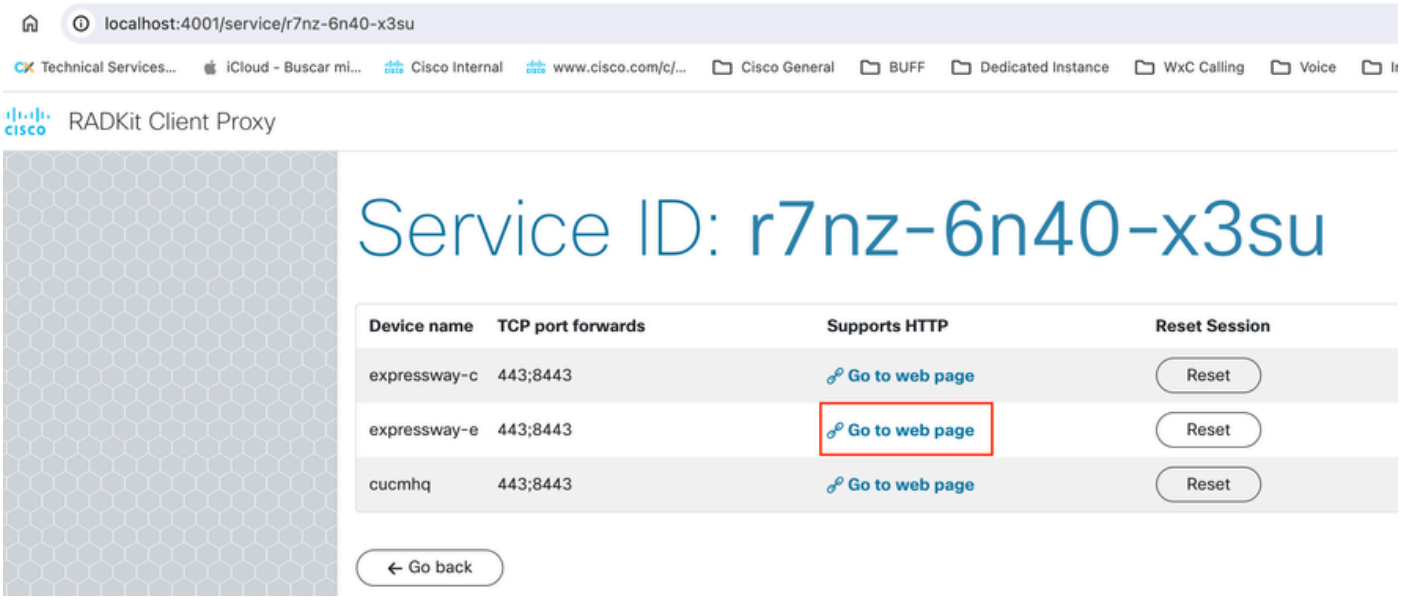
Step 2. Start the HTTP Proxy on the Radkit Client and define the Local port used to connect to the Proxy.

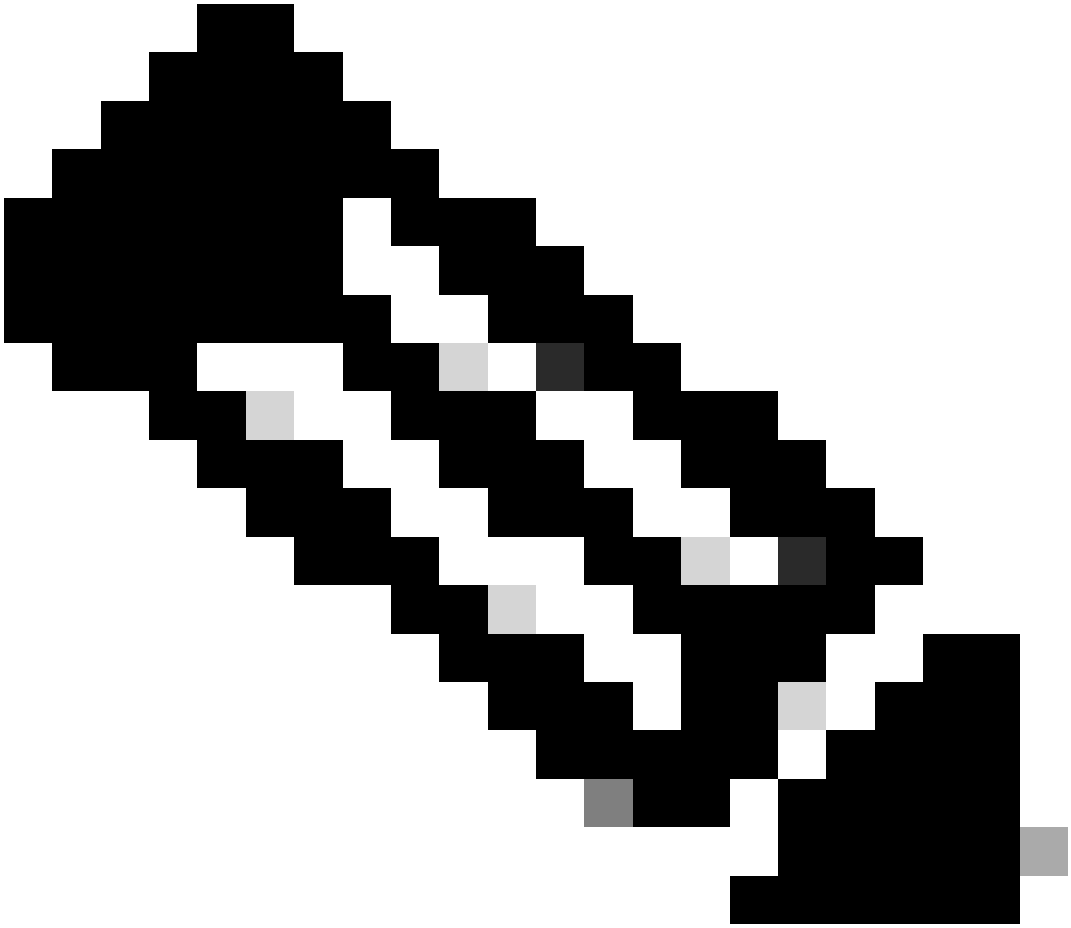
<#root>

```
>>> http_proxy = client.start_http_proxy(4001)
```

Step 3. From the Web Browser, navigate to https://localhost:4001 and select the Service you want to connect to.

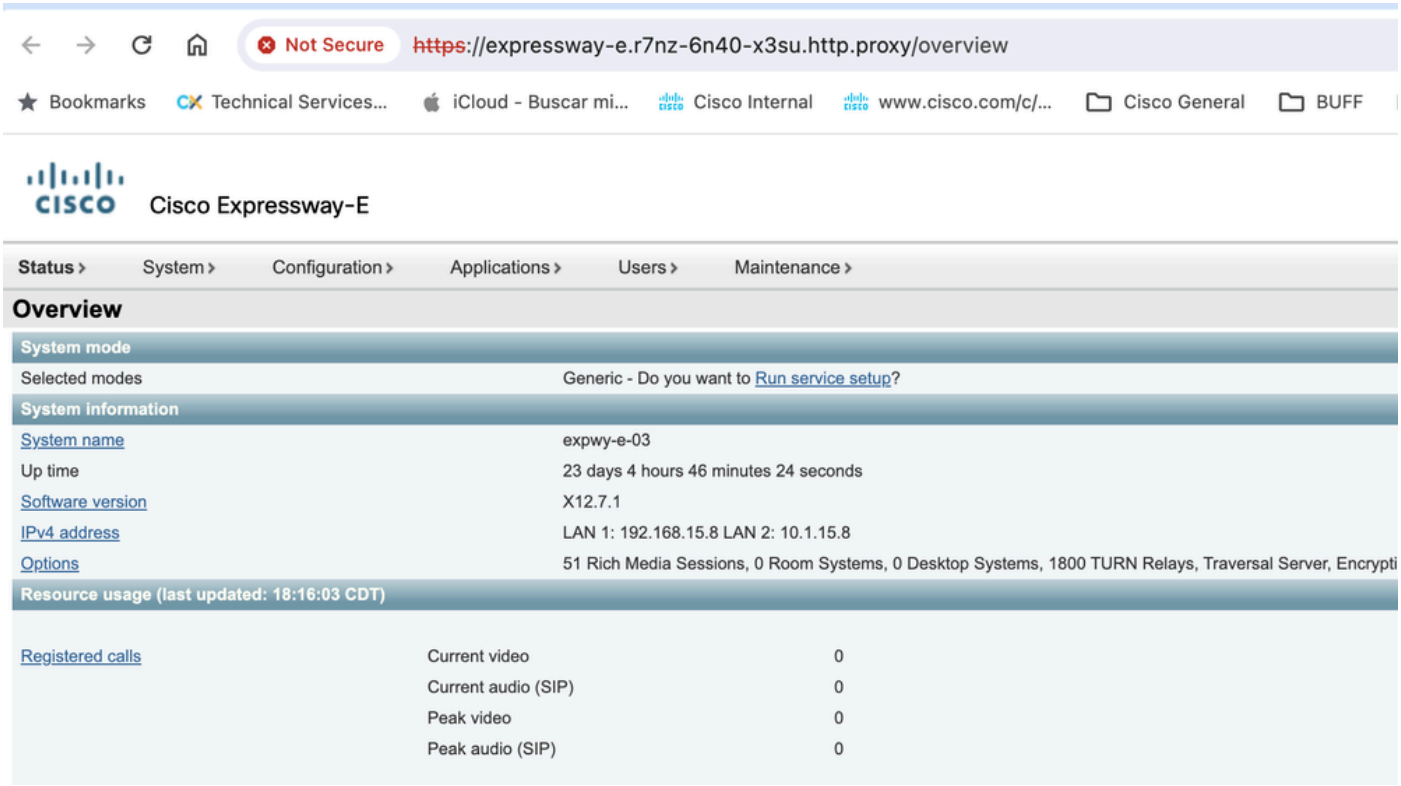
Step 4. Click the option **Go to Web Page** on the correct device to connect to its Web Page.





Note: The first time HTTP Proxy is setup on a RADKit Client, it is recommended to click on the option Reset for each Devices before attempting to open the Device Web Page.

Step 5. The Web Page is displayed.



- **Port Forwarding**

Step 1. Verify the TCP Forwarded ports configured for the device.

<#root>

```
>>> cucm.forwarded_tcp_ports
```

Step 2. Configure a local port to be mapped with the destination port of the device, you must use the local port to access the device GUI.

<#root>

```
>>> cucm.forward_tcp_port(local_port=8443, destination_port=443)
```

```
>>>
>>> cucm.forward_tcp_port(12443,443)
[RUNNING] <radkit_client.sync.port_forwarding.TCPPortForwarder object at 0x10ceb3d60>
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status            RUNNING
serial            None
device_name       cesavilacucm
local_port        12443
destination_port  443
#active           0
#failed           0
#closed           0
#total            0
bytes up          0
bytes down        0
exception         None
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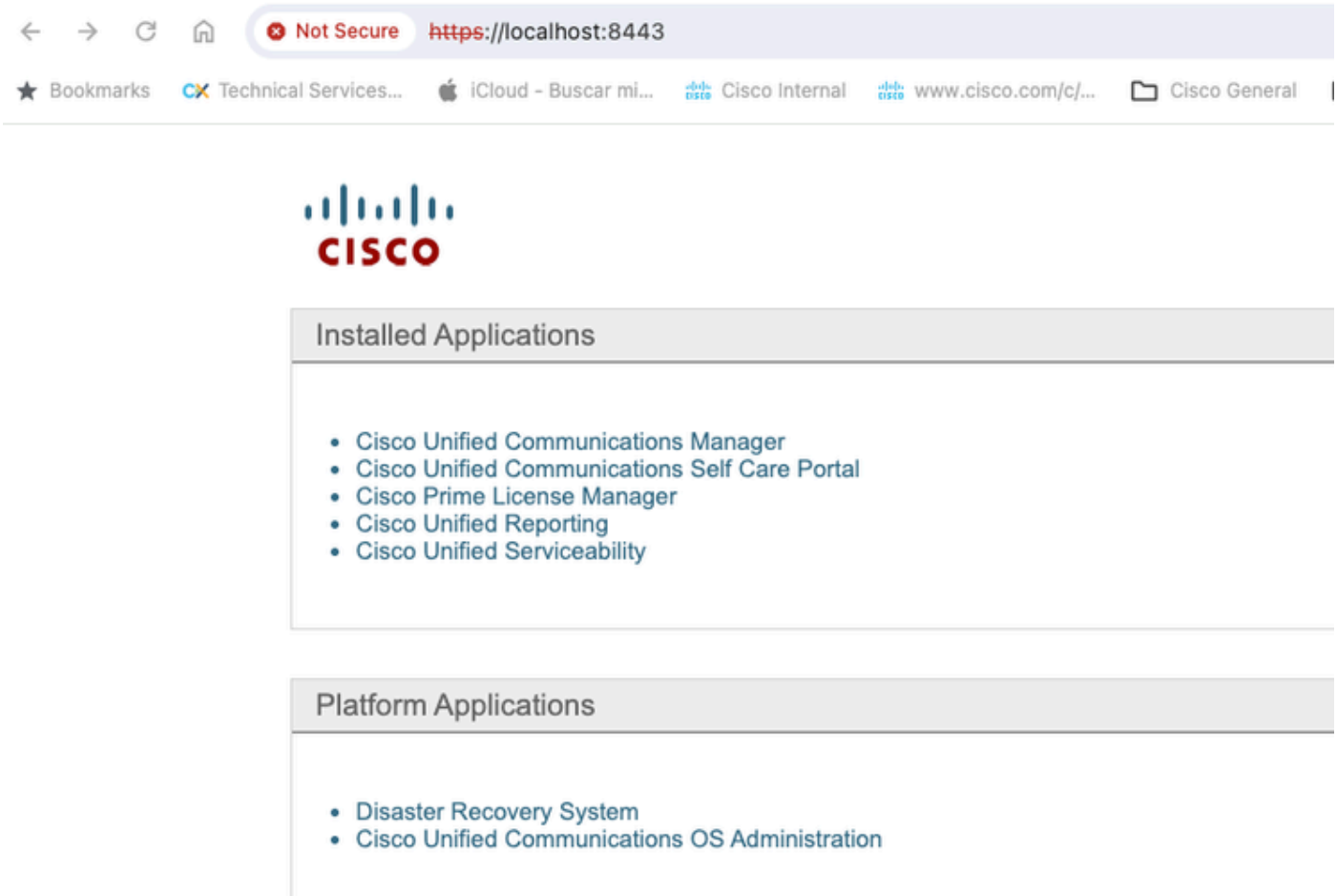
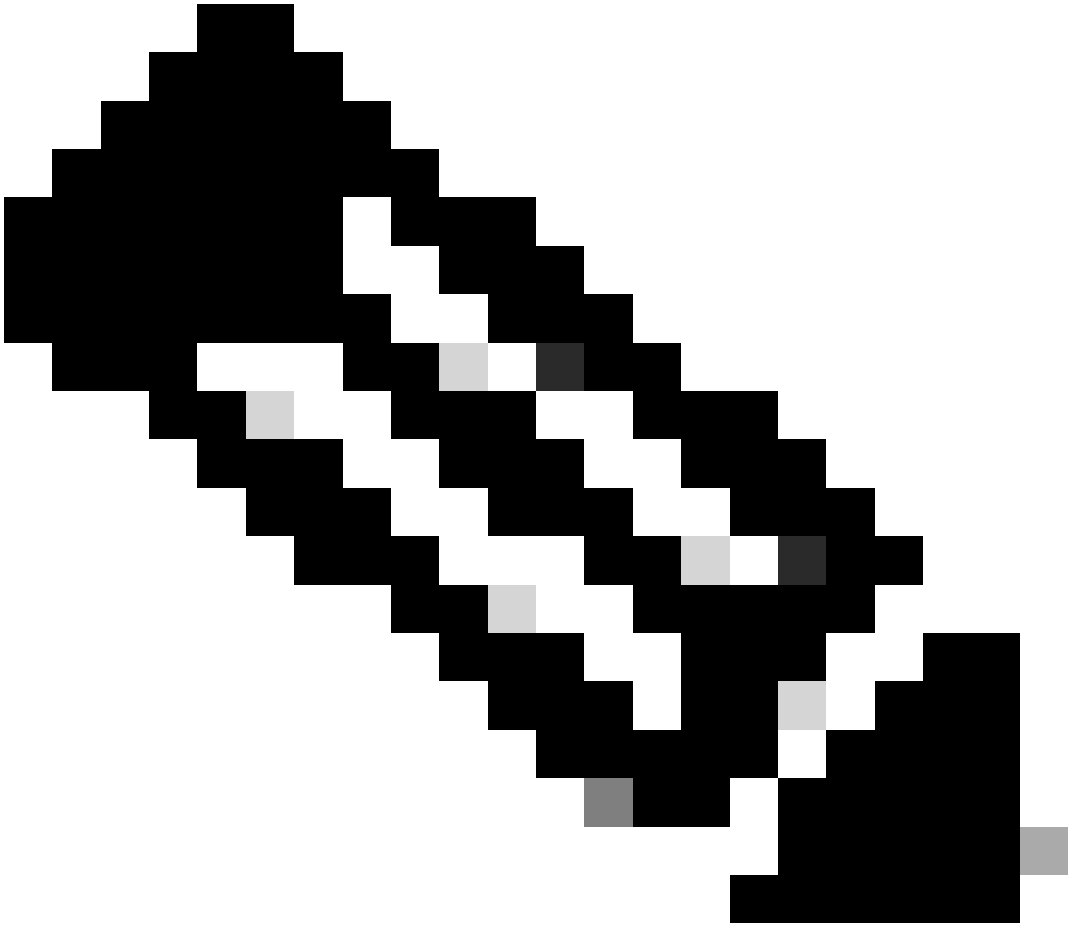
```

Step 3. Open your browser and type the URL with the port configured in Step 2: **https://localhost:8443**.

The GUI of the device is now accessible.





Note: To access the GUI of the product you still need the credentials to be able to login, therefore it is recommended for user to create a Read-Only User Account for access.

Log Collection

- **RTMT**

Step 1. Verify that port **8443** is listed in the TCP Forwarded ports configured for the device.

<#root>

```
>>> cucm.forwarded_tcp_ports
```

```
>>>
>>> cucm.forwarded_tcp_ports
'443;8443'
>>>
```

Step 2. Configure the same port **8443** as local port to be mapped with port **8443** as the destination port of the device.

<#root>

```
>>> cucm.forward_tcp_port(local_port=8443, destination_port=8443)
```

```
>>> cucm.forward_tcp_port(8443,8443)
[RUNNING] <radkit_client.sync.port_forwarding.TCPPortForwarder object at 0x1077defa0>
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status            RUNNING
serial            None
device_name       cesavilacucm
local_port        8443
destination_port  8443
#active           0
#failed           0
#closed           0
#total            0
bytes up          0
bytes down        0
exception         None
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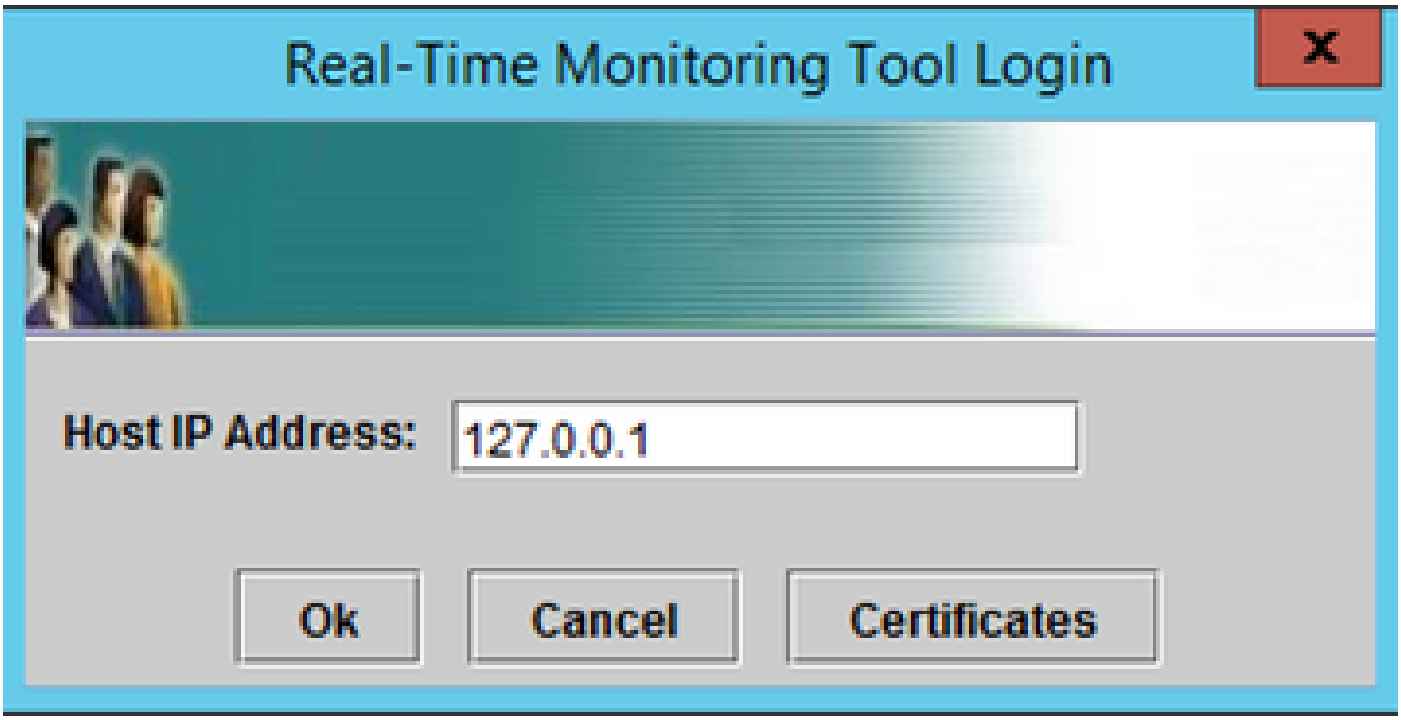
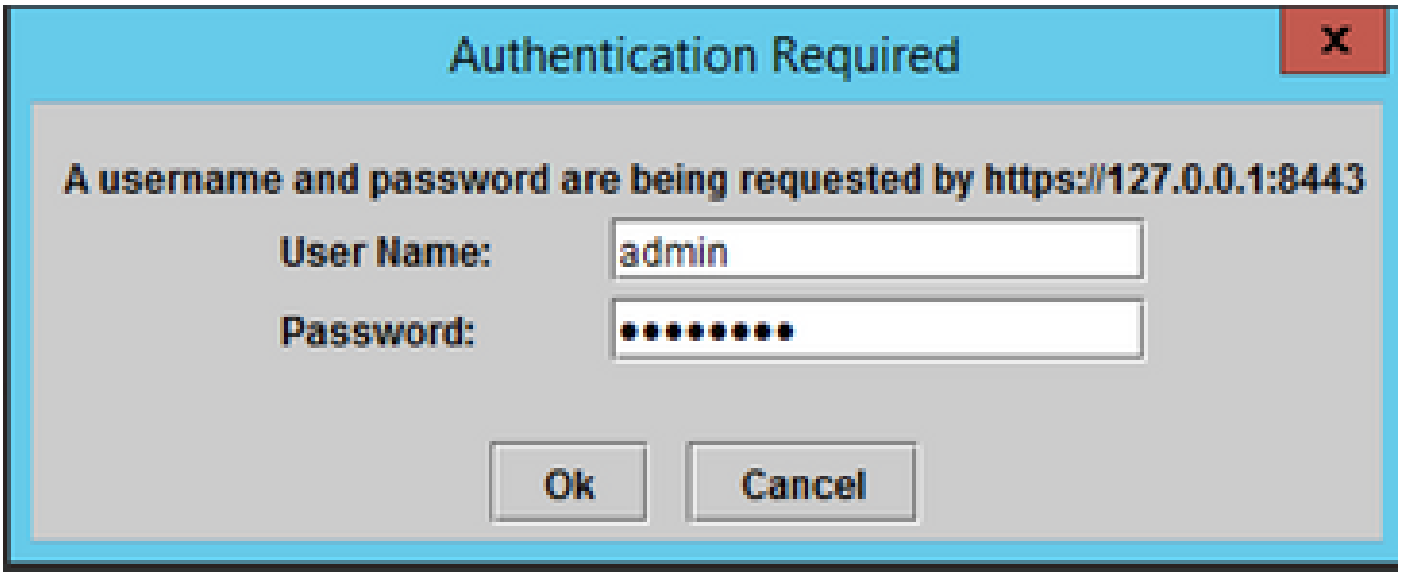
```

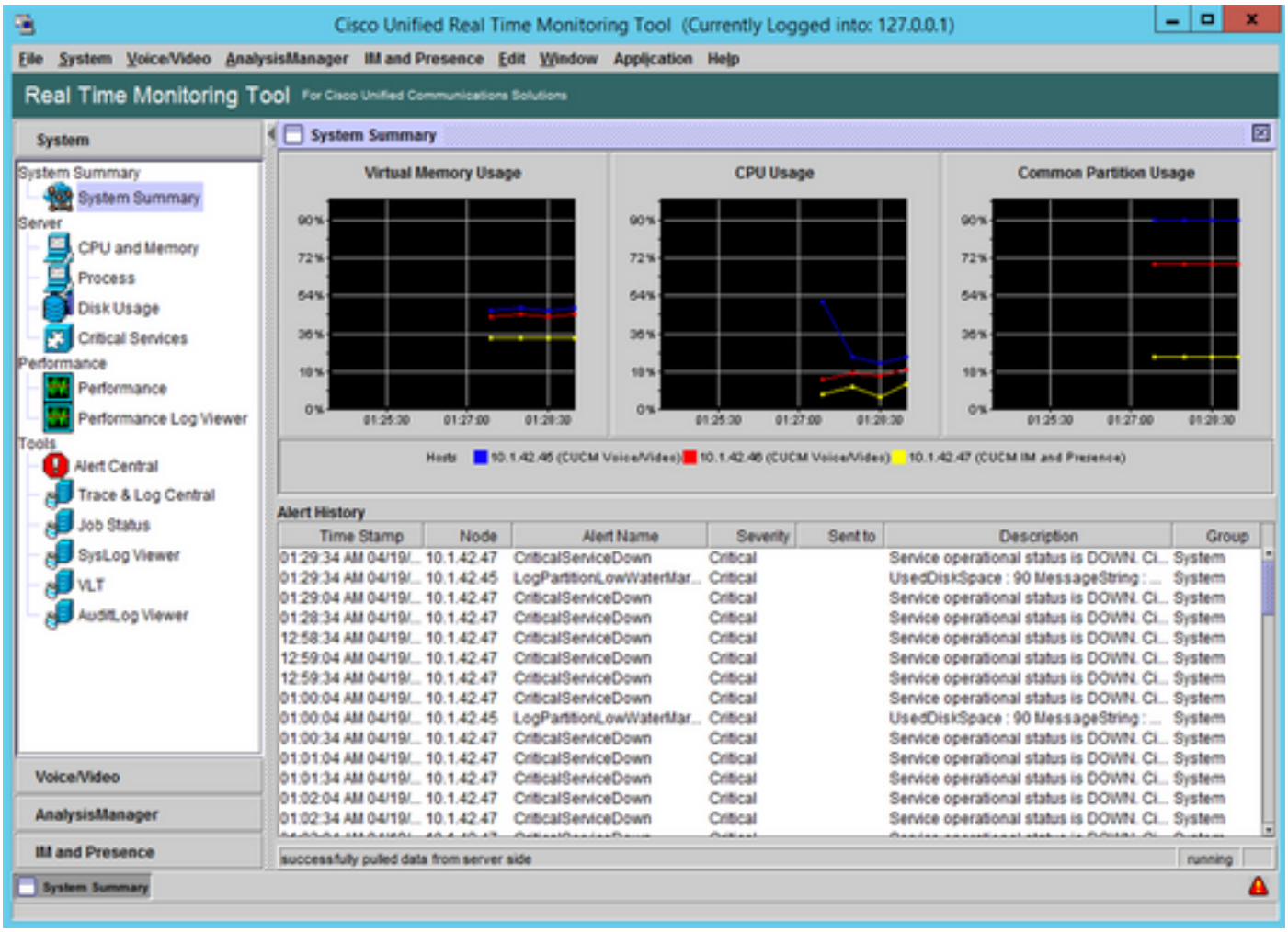
Step 3. Open RTMT and type **127.0.0.1** in the Host IP Address, it automatically uses port **8443**.



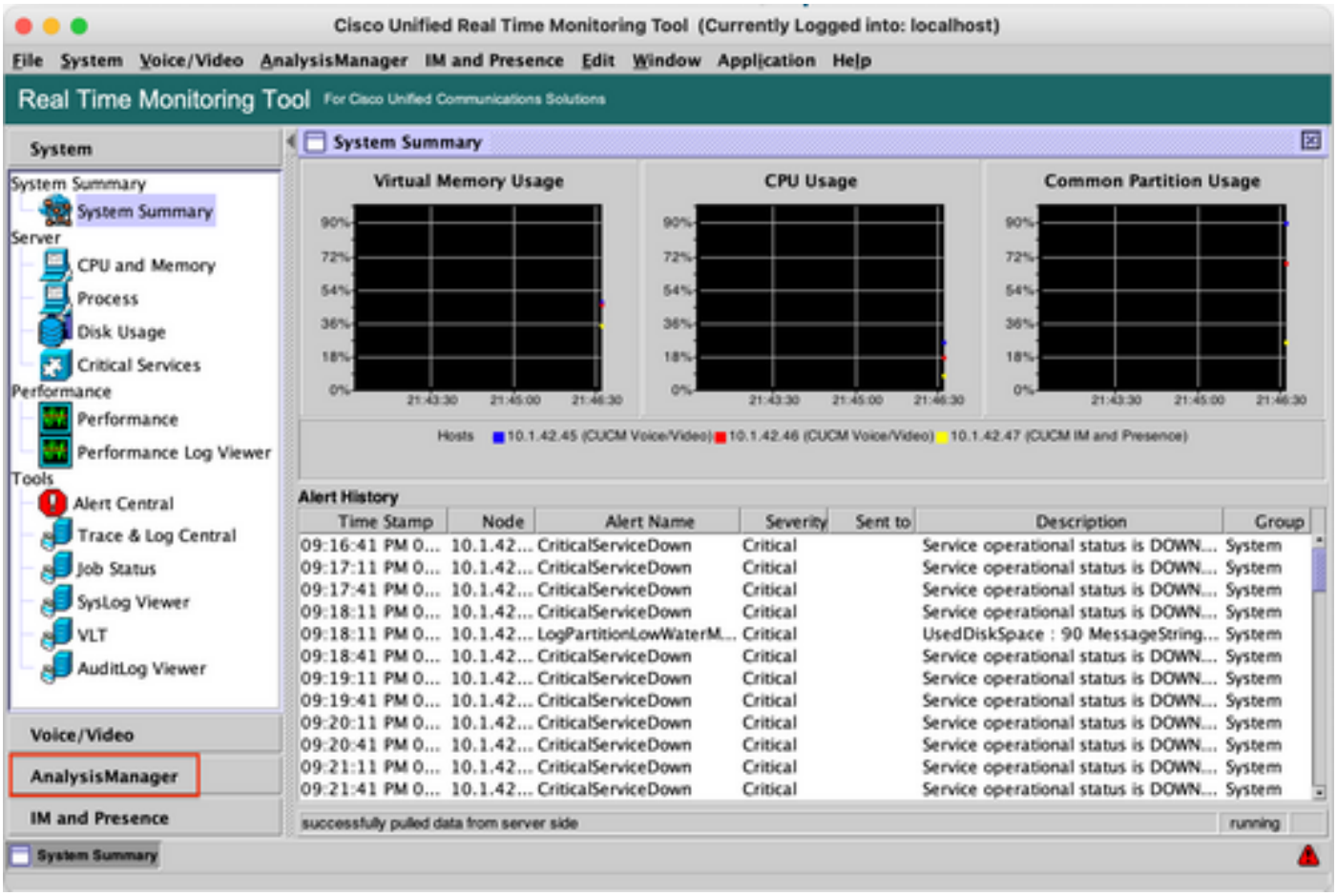
Step 4. Login with the correct credentials.



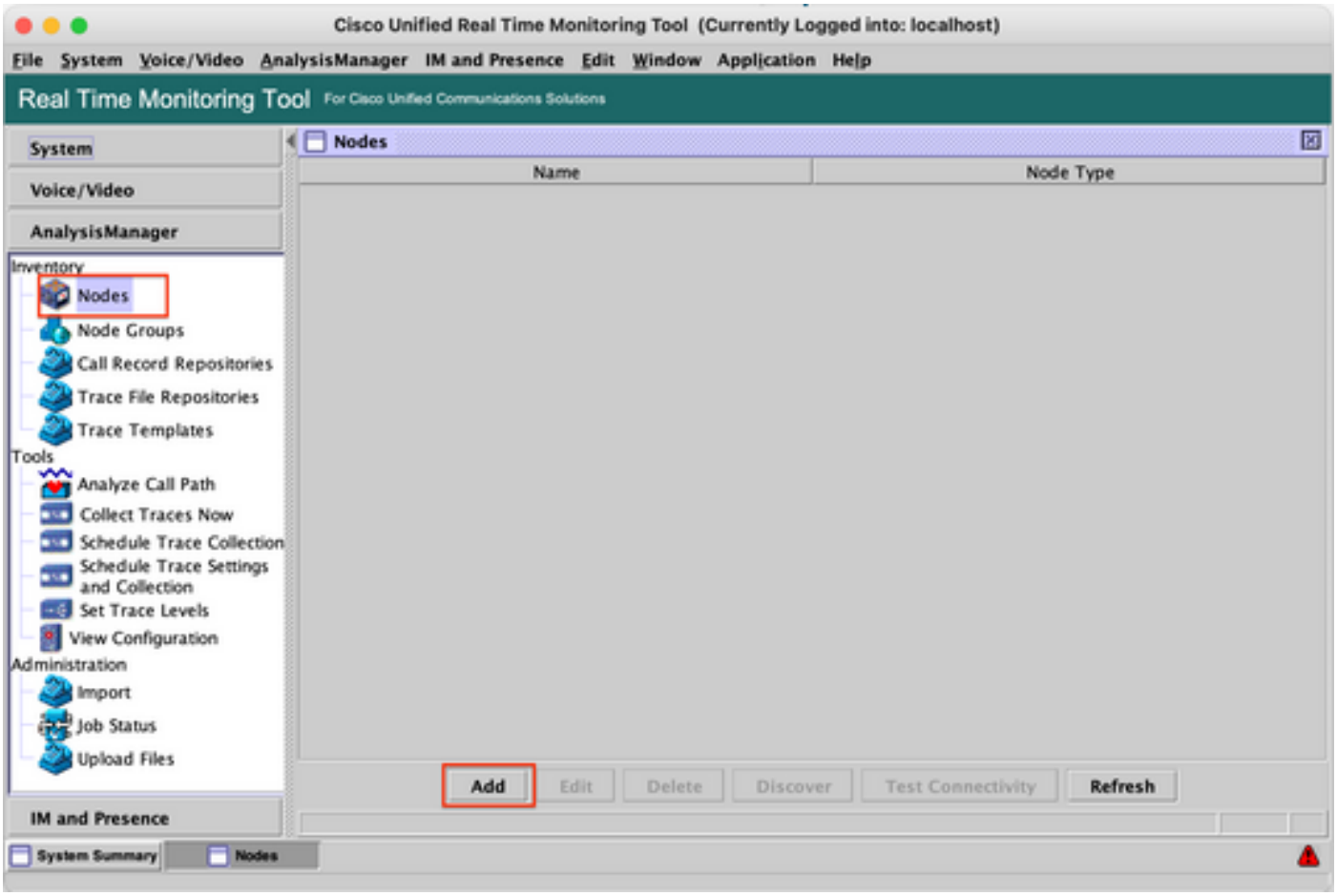
Step 5. RTMT displays.



Step 6. Go to **AnalysisManager** on the left panel.



Step 7. Click **Nodes** and **Add** to configure the details of the device to be added using localhost and the forwarded TCP Port.


Cisco Unified Real Time Monitoring Tool (Currently Logged into: localhost)
File System Voice/Video AnalysisManager IM and Presence Edit Window Application Help
Real Time Monitoring Tool For Cisco Unified Communications Solutions
System
Voice/Video
AnalysisManager
Inventory
Nodes
Node Groups
Call Record Repositories
Trace File Repositories
Trace Templates
Tools
Analyze Call Path
Collect Traces Now
Schedule Trace Collection
Schedule Trace Settings and Collection
Set Trace Levels
View Configuration
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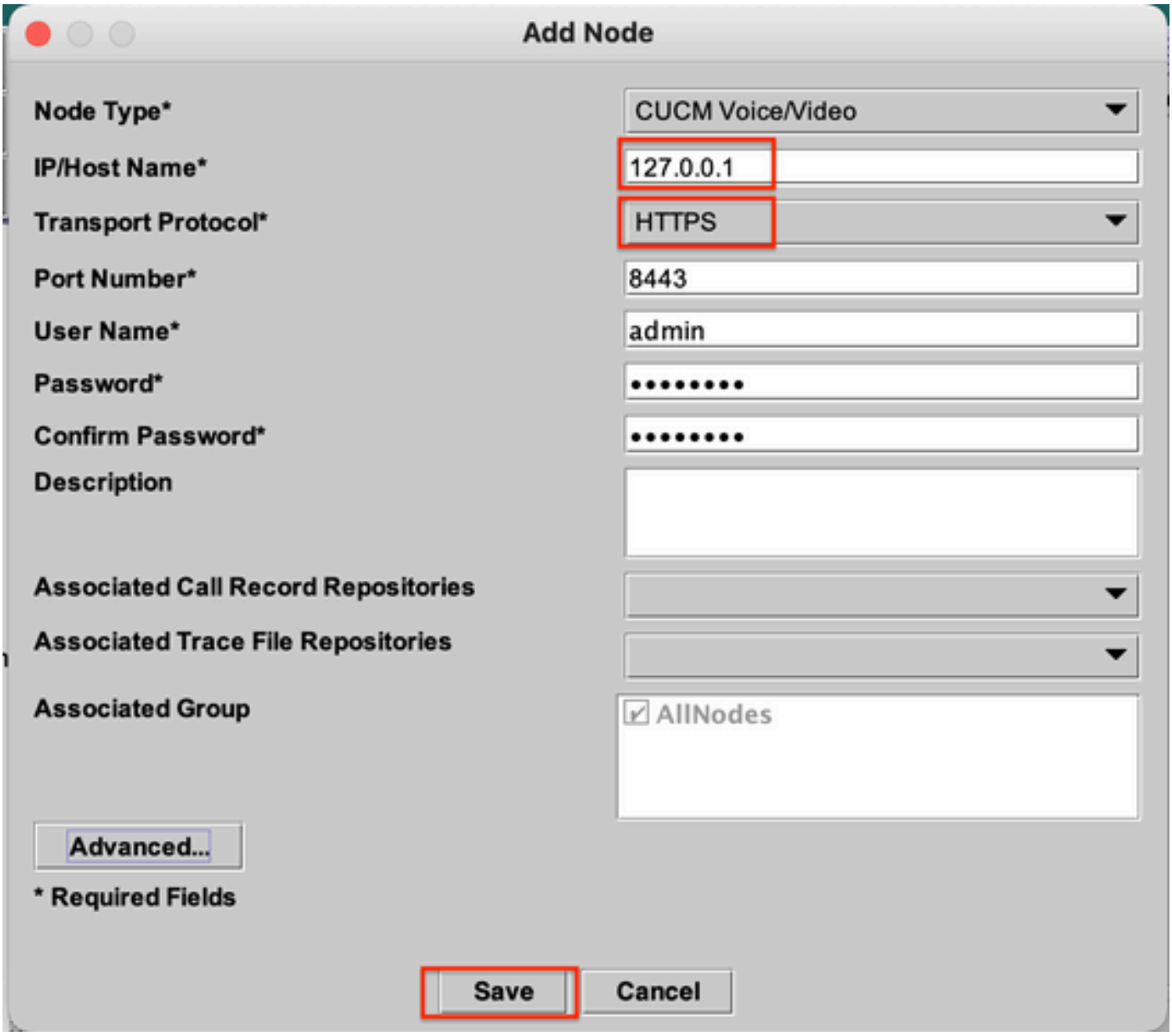
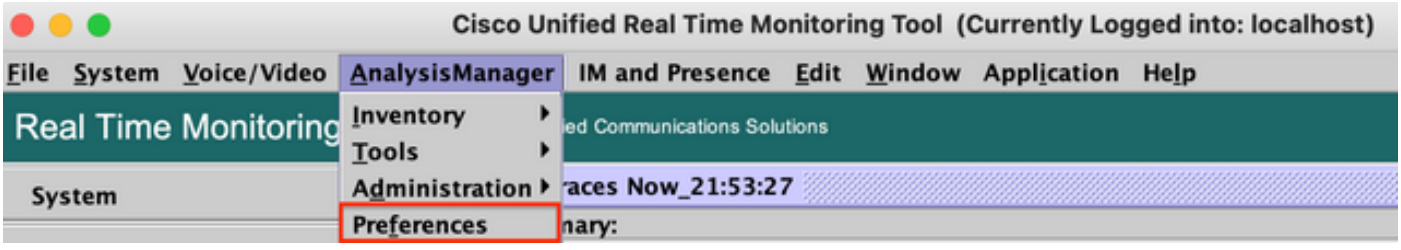
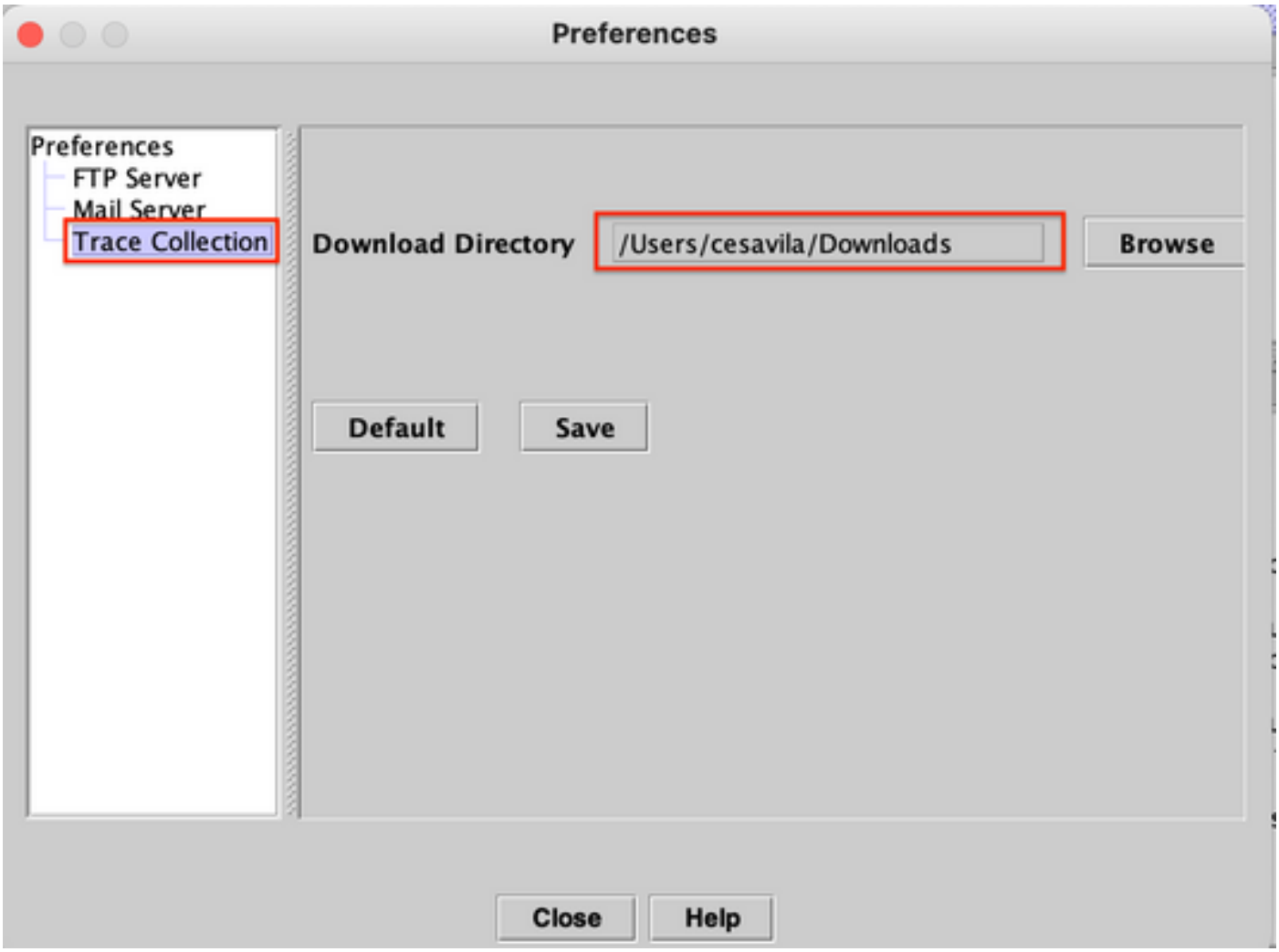


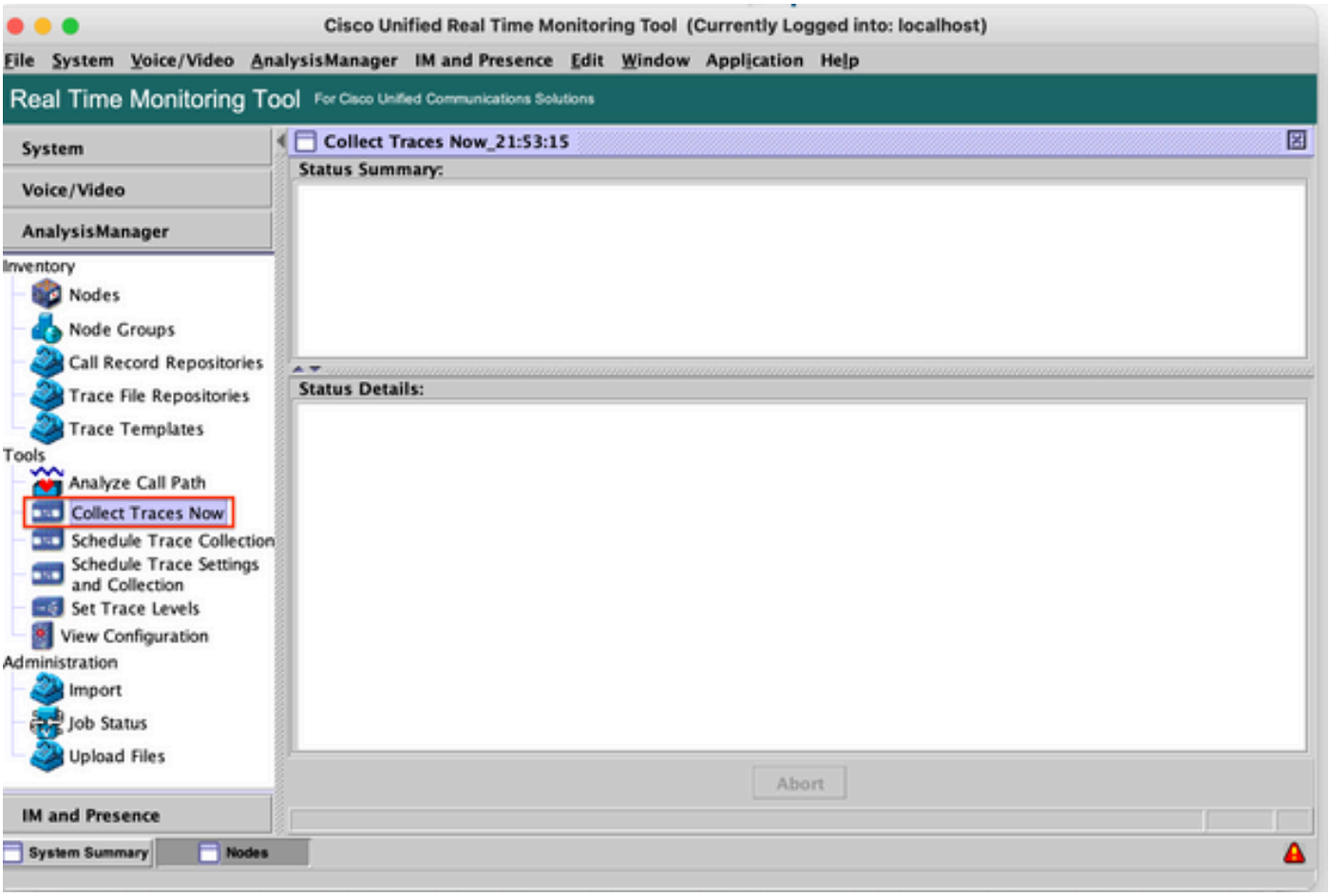
Step 8. Click **Analysis Manager** on the menu at the top and select **Preferences**.



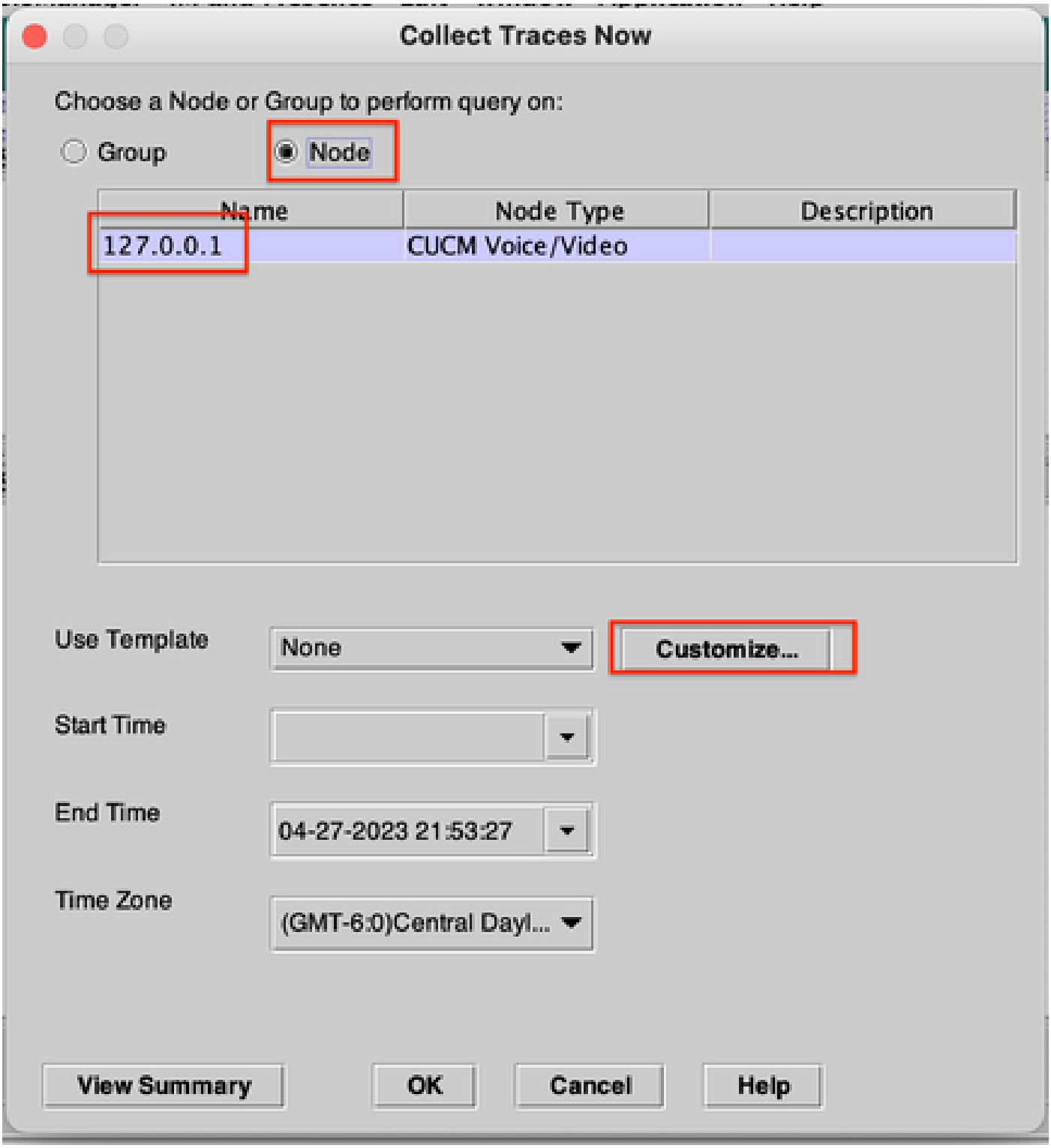
Step 9. Go to **Trace Collection** and select the Correct folder to download the logs, Click **Save** and then **Close**.



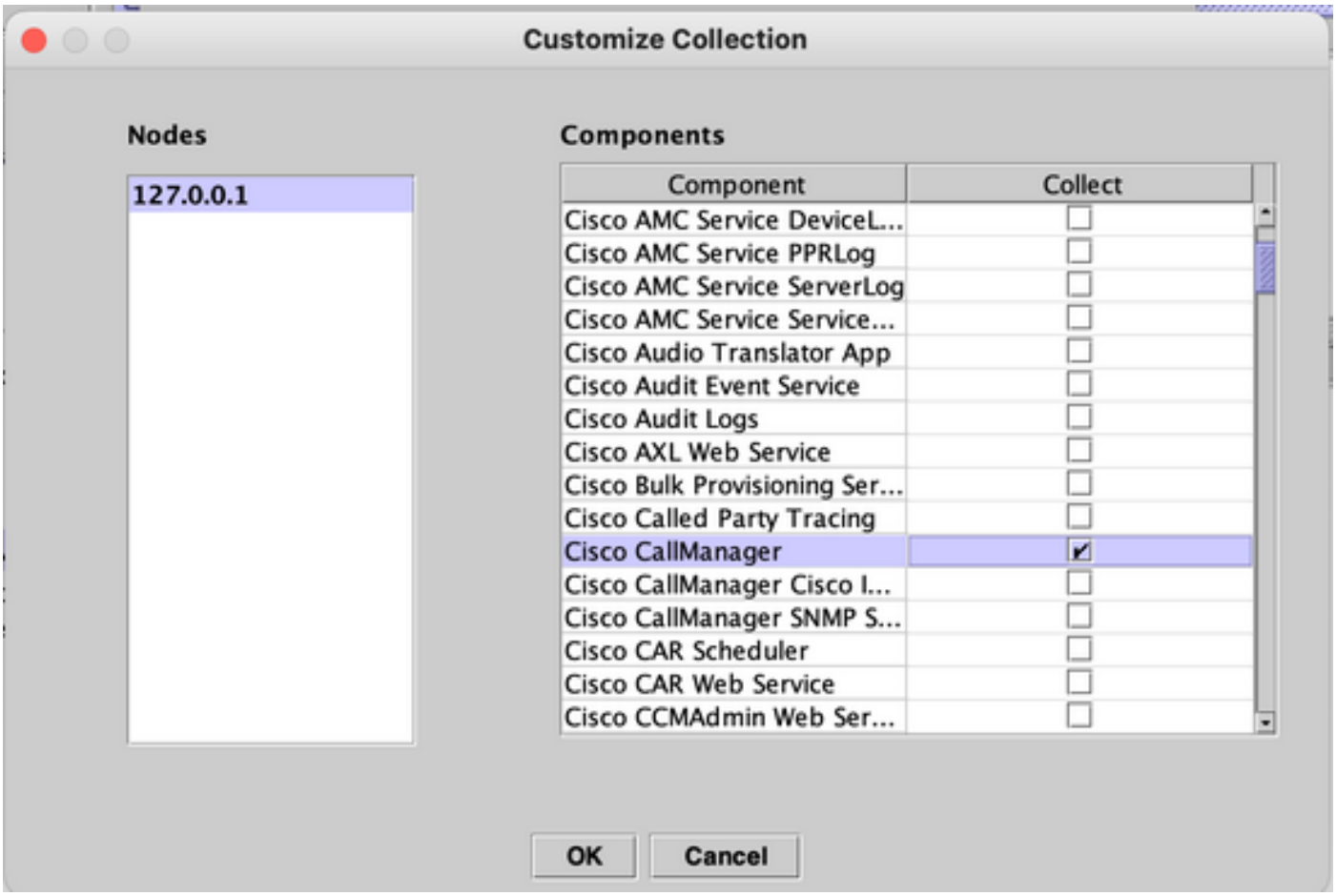
Step 10. Go to **Collect Traces now**.



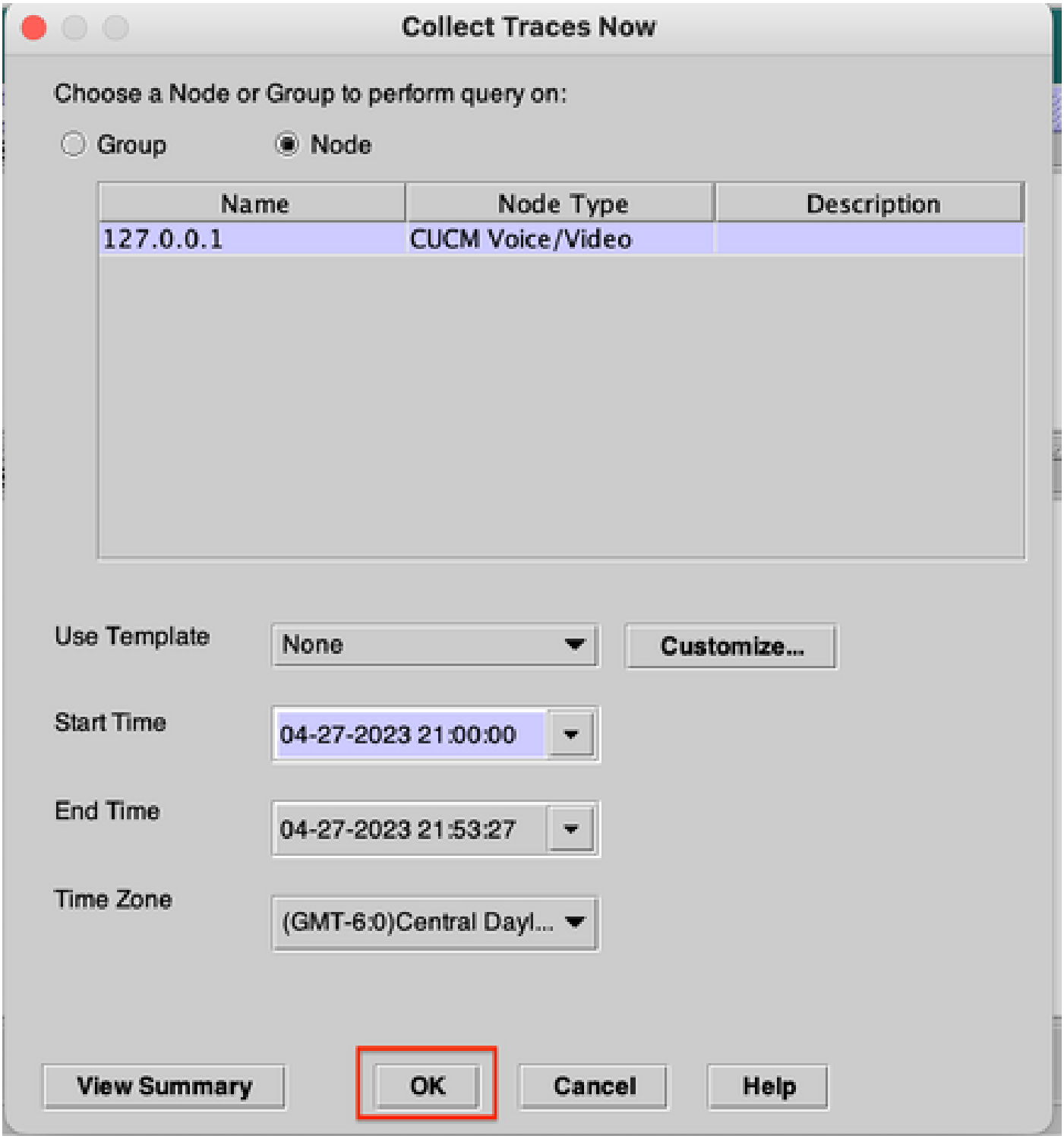
Step 11. Select the option **Node**, select the device that was added on Step 7 and click **Customize**.



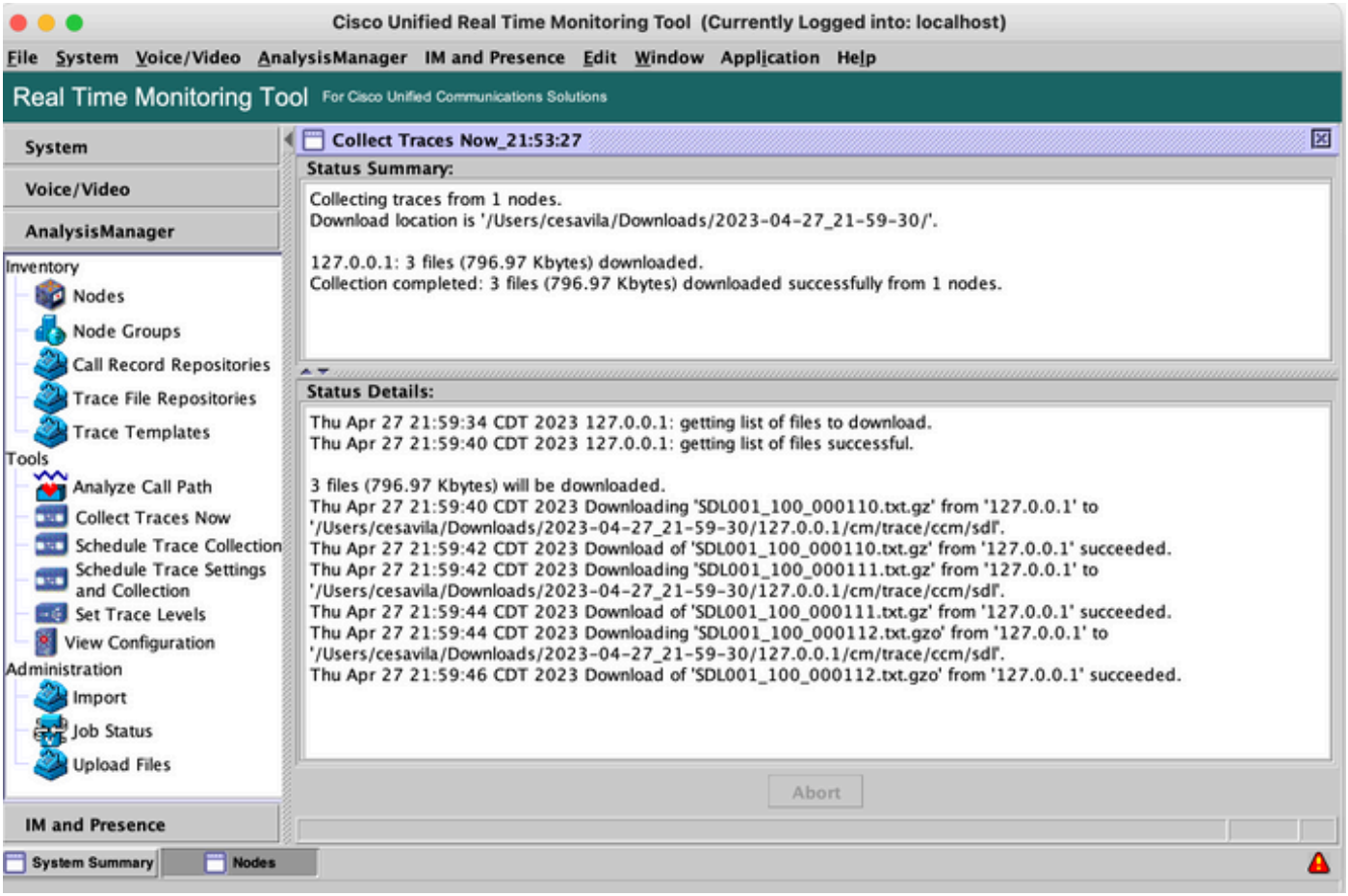
Step 12. Select the logs to be collected from the device and click **OK**.



Step 13. Finally select **Start Time** and **End Time** of the logs to be collected and click **OK**.



Step 14. Files are downloaded to the local PC (RADKit Client PC) successfully.



- **SOAP API**

SOAP API is currently supported for CUCM. Additionally, Swagger is supported for CMS, Expressway, CVP, and so on.

Step 1. Ensure the HTTP Credentials are added in the RADKit Service on the device configuration.

Step 2. Run the HTTP Post command on the RADKit Client, specify the resource path, request body with the necessary parameters and headers.

```
>>>
... r = cucm.http.post('/logcollectionservice2/services/LogCollectionPortTypeService', content = '''<soapenv:Envelope xmlns:soapenv="http://schemas.xmlsoap.org/so
... ap/envelope/" xmlns:soap="http://schemas.cisco.com/ast/soap">
... <soapenv:Header/>
... <soapenv:Body>
... <soap:FileName>/var/log/active/cm/trace/ccm/sdl/SDL002_100_000819.txt.gz</soap:FileName>
... </soapenv:Body>
... </soapenv:Envelope>''', headers = {"Content-Type": "text/xml; charset=utf-8", "SOAPAction": "GetOneFile"}, postprocessors = ['cucm-extract'])
>>>
>>>
```

Note: The postprocessors option **'cucm-extract'** is used to remove the HTTP Response headers to be able to save the log to a file.

Step 3. Save the content to a file to get the Trace File saved in the local PC.

<#root>

```
>>> content = r.content
>>> with open('SDL002_100_000819.txt.gz', 'wb') as file:
```

```
        file.write(content)
```

RADKit Use Cases

As it has been highlighted, RADKit provides a secure connection to the network devices including Collaboration servers without the need of being on a webex. The idea is to simplify some of the challenges around data collection by providing on demand access to the required devices.

Talking specifically about Collaboration deployments, RADKit currently can be very useful for a variety of issues such as:

- DB Replication issues.
- Certificate regeneration procedures.
- System Health check.
- Configuration validation in GUI / CLI.
- Log Collection through Web Interface (E.g. CER, Expressway, CIMC, etc).
- Debug logs via CLI on Voice Gateways.

Related Information

- RADKit Main page https://radkit.cisco.com/
- External RADKit support page https://community.cisco.com/t5/radkit-discussions/bd-p/disc-radkit