Generating an Apple Push Notification Service Certificate

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Apple Push Notification Service (APNs)

What Is APNs

Apple Push Notification service (APNs) is a highly secure and efficient system for communicating with iOS devices over-the-air (OTA). Each device establishes an accredited and encrypted IP connection with the service. The provider, in this case your *ZENworks Mobile Management* server, connects with and sends its notification to the APNs, which pushes the notification to the target device.

An APNs certificate is required for Apple Push Notification service. The certificate must be renewed annually. This guide explains the process of obtaining the APNs certificate from Apple and provides instructions on how to upload the certificate to the *ZENworks Mobile Management* server via its dashboard.

There are various methods of generating the APNs certificate, any of which you may use. This document guides you through generating the certificate by using Microsoft Windows Internet Information Services (IIS) Manager, version 6 or 7.

How APNs Works

Apple Push Notification service works in conjunction with the built-in MDM protocol of Apple iOS devices. *ZENworks Mobile Management* uses the Apple Push Notification service to send notifications to the iOS device requesting information. Only notifications, not data, are not sent through the APNs server. The device responds directly to the *ZENworks Mobile Management* server.

The Apple MDM protocol provides the following functionality:

- Devices support Selective Wipe, Lock Device, and Clear Passcode
- Full Wipe and Lock Device commands are applied immediately
- You can record and access installed applications on devices
- You can record and access installed configuration profiles on devices
- You have access to additional device statistics
- Configuration profile updates require no user interaction
- Enterprise (in-house) apps
- Mobile App Management
- Manage VPP (Redemption) Codes

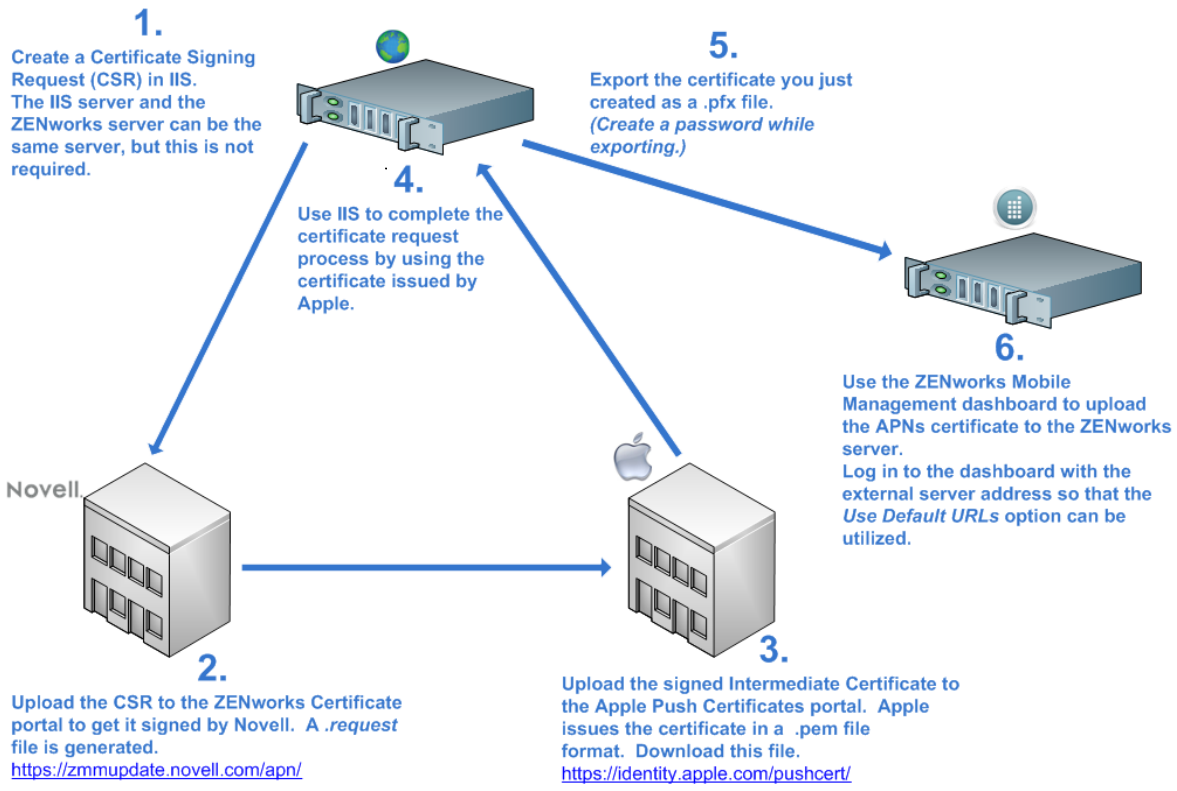
Requirements

- *ZENworks Mobile Management* version 2.5.2 or later
- An Apple ID. We recommend that you do not use a personal Apple ID, but create a separate corporate Apple ID for MDM. Associate the Apple ID with an email account that will remain with your company – not an email account that belongs to an individual in the company. This facilitates a smooth certificate renewal process each year.
- Windows Server 2003 or 2008 (you need administrator permissions)
- Firefox or Safari Web browser

An Overview of the Steps to Obtain the Apple Push Notification Service Certificate

1. Create a Certificate Signing Request (CSR). (This guide provides instructions for creating the certificate from Microsoft Windows Internet Information Services (IIS) Manager, version 6 or 7.)
2. Upload the CSR to the *ZENworks Mobile Management Certificate Portal*. Novell, Inc. signs the CSR.
3. Upload the intermediate certificate (the CSR signed by Novell, Inc.) to the Apple Push Certificates Portal. Apple issues the certificate.
4. Download the signed certificate from the Apple Push Certificates Portal and complete the certificate request in IIS.
5. Export the certificate to a file.
6. Upload the certificate to the *ZENworks Mobile Management* server.

Generating an Apple Push Notification Service Certificate for use with ZENworks Mobile Management for iOS



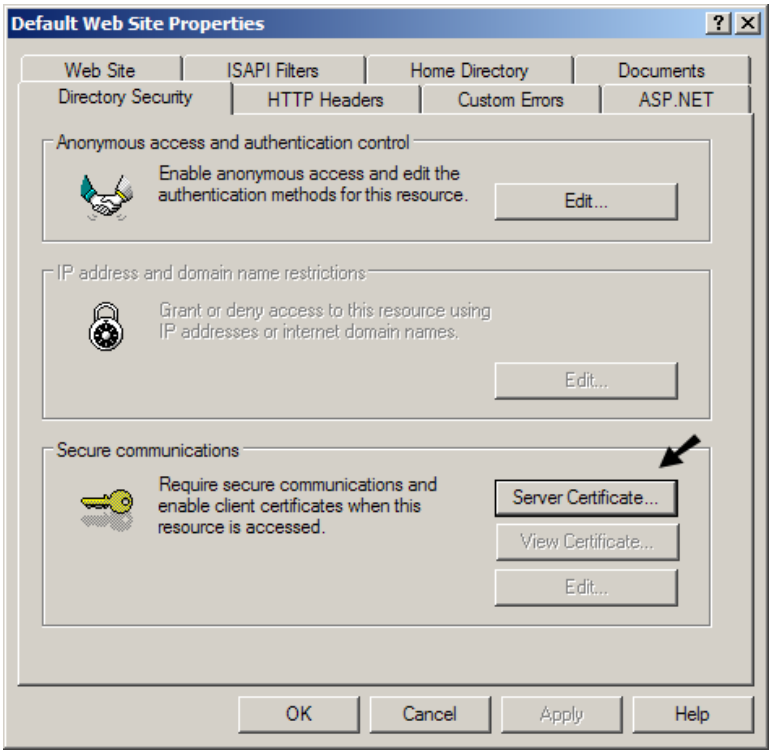
Generating an APNs Certificate

Generating an APNs Certificate from Windows Server 2003

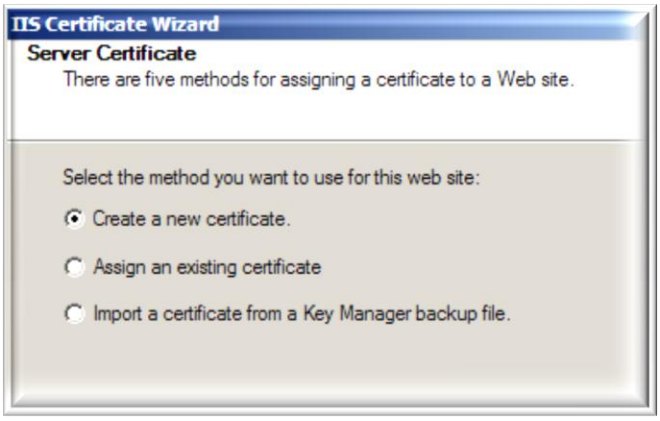
The following instructions are for generating an APNs certificate from a Windows Server 2003 by using Internet Information Services (IIS) Manager version 6. You can skip this section if you use Windows Server 2008. Instructions for 2008 are in another section of this document.

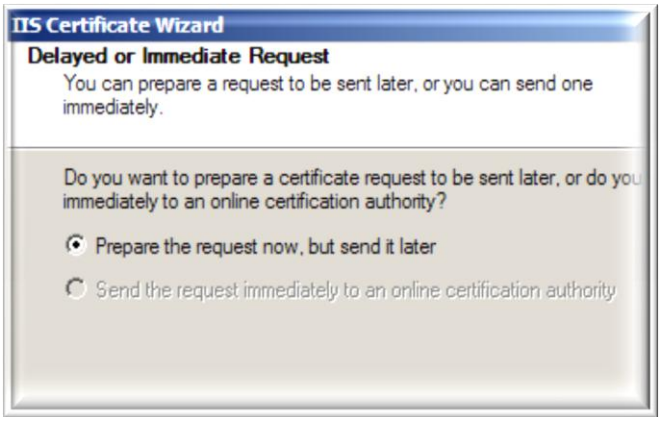
Creating the Certificate Signing Request (CSR) from IIS Manager 6

1. Select **Start** > **Control Panel** > **Administrative Tools** > **Internet Information Services (IIS) Manager**.
2. Right-click any Web site in the left panel. Select **Properties**.
3. Select the **Directory Security** tab and then click the **Server Certificates** button in the *Security* section of the menu. This starts the Web Server Certificate Wizard. Click **Next** to continue.

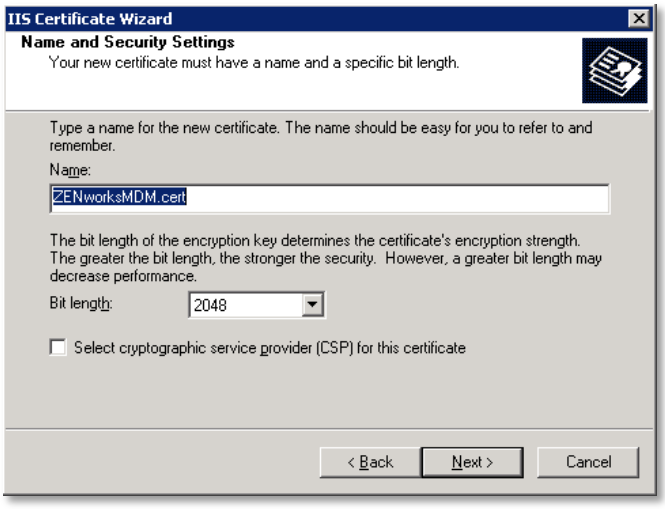


4. Select the **Create a new certificate** option and click **Next**.
5. Select **Prepare the request now, but send it later** option and click **Next**.



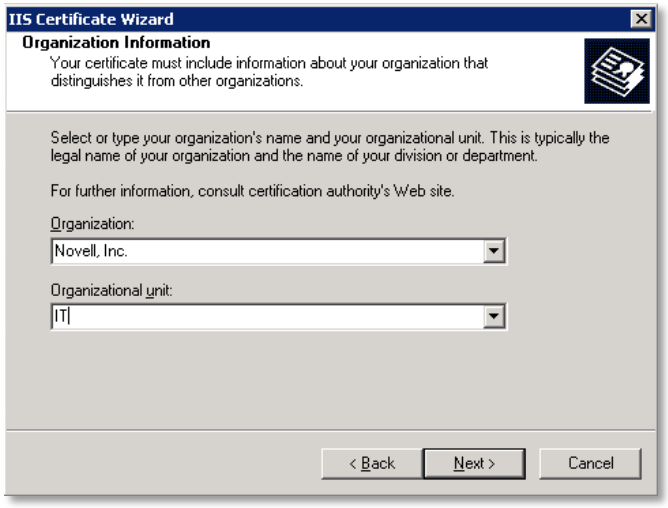


6. Enter a certificate name that is easily remembered. In the **Bit length** field, select **2048** for the encryption level, then select **Select cryptographic service provider (CSP) for this certificate**. Click **Next**.
7. From the *Available Providers* window, select **Microsoft RSA SChannel Cryptographic Provider**. Click **Next**.



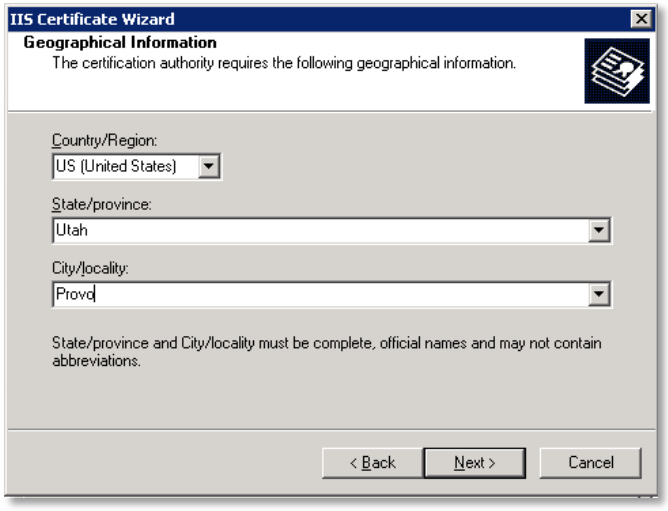
8. Enter the legal name of your **Organization** and the **Organization unit**, which is the department within your organization. Click **Next**.

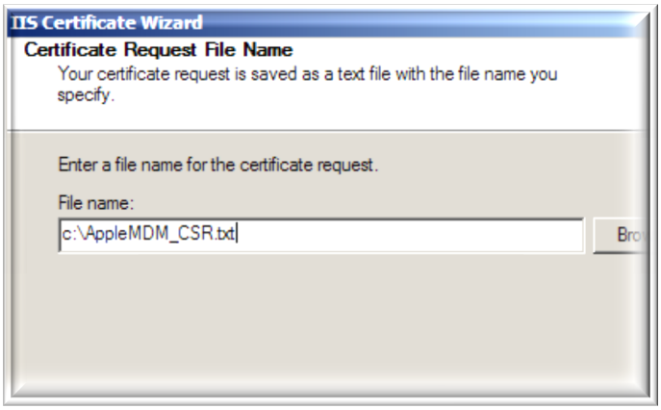
9. In the **Common name** field, enter a valid Apple ID. This does not need to be an Apple Developer account ID, but you should use an Apple ID that has been designated for managing the corporate APNs certificate. The Apple ID might be in the form of an email address, or possibly a display name. Click **Next**.



10. Enter the **Country/Region**, **State/Province**, and **City/locality** of your organization. Click **Next**.

    In the Certificate Request File Name window, save the CSR to your computer. Record the location and filename. This is the file you will upload to the *ZENworks Mobile Management Certificate Request Portal*. Click **Next**.





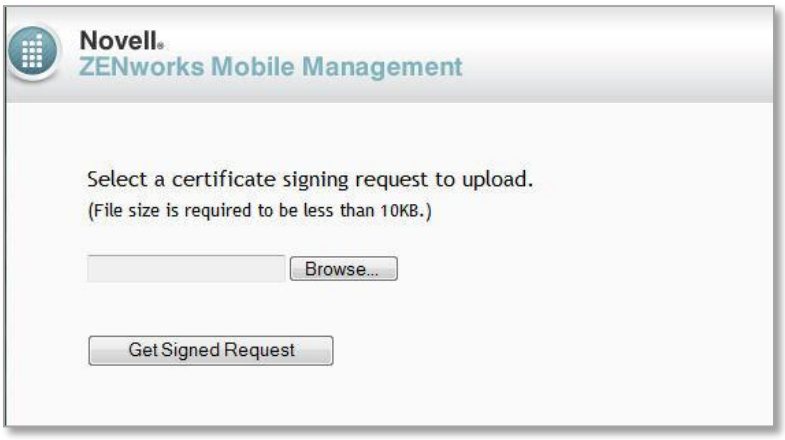
11. Review the information for the certificate request in the Request File Summary window. To make revisions, click the **Back** button. Click **Next** to accept, then click **Finish**.

Uploading the CSR to the ZENworks Mobile Management Certificate Request Portal

The CSR file you generated through IIS must be signed by Novell before you can upload it to the Apple Push Certificates Portal. You will need:

- Access to the CSR file
- Your Novell login credentials

1. Navigate to the *ZENworks Mobile Management* Certificate Portal at https://zmmupdate.novell.com/apn



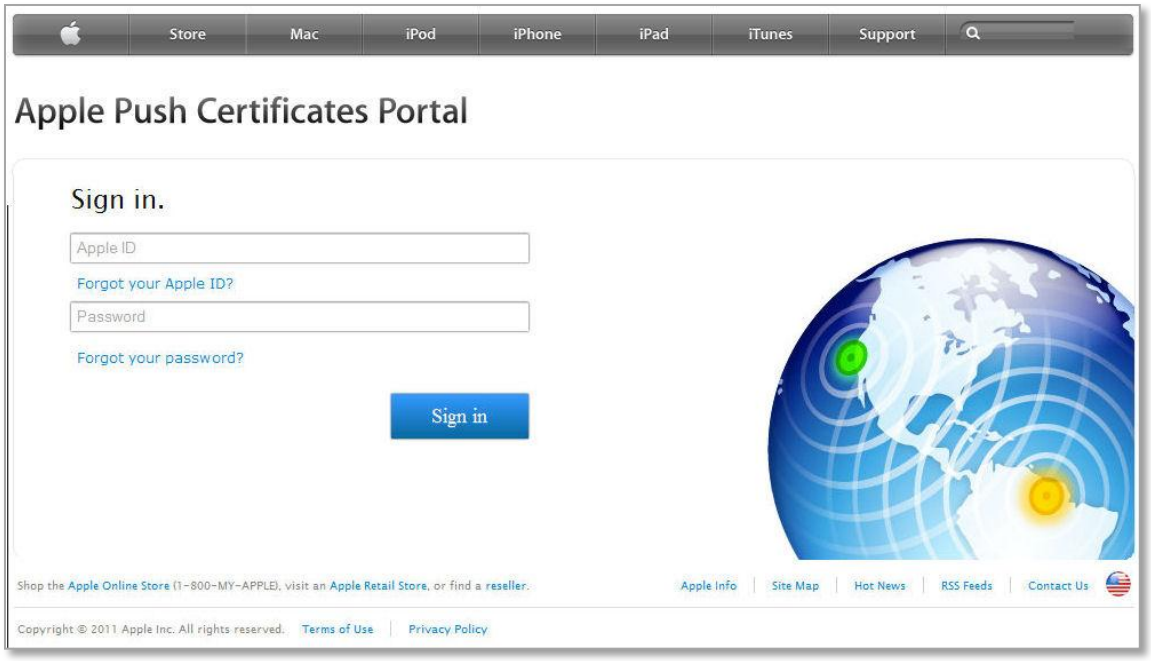
2. Browse to select the CSR file.
3. Click **Get Signed Request**.
4. Save the signed request.

You are now ready to upload the signed ***ZENworks.request*** file (the intermediate certificate) to the Apple Push Certificates Portal.

Uploading the Intermediate Certificate to the Apple Push Certificates Portal

At the Apple Push Certificates Portal, you accept a license agreement and upload the intermediate certificate that you downloaded from the ZENworks Mobile Management Certificate Portal. A new Apple signed push certificate is created for you to download.

1. Browse to the Apple Push Certificates portal at: https://identity.apple.com/pushcert/
2. Log in by using your Apple ID and password. This does not need to be an Apple Developer account ID, but you should use an Apple ID that has been designated for managing the corporate APNs certificate.



3. Select **Create a Certificate**.

4. Read the *Terms of Use* and accept the End User License Agreement.

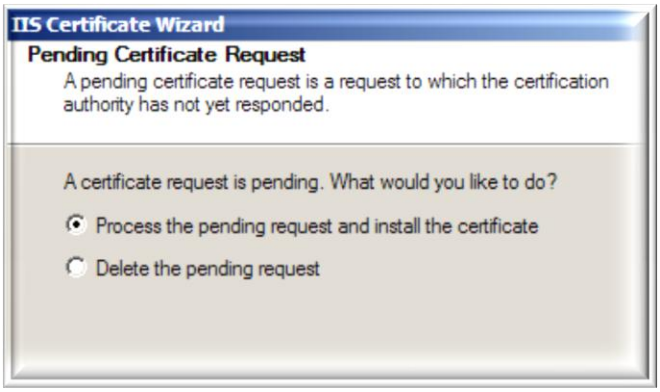
5. Select and upload the intermediate certificate you downloaded from the *ZENworks Mobile Management* Certificate Portal.

6. When the upload has finished, a new certificate for *ZENworks Mobile Management* appears. Select **Download** to download the Apple signed certificate.

You are now ready to complete the CSR and export the APNs certificate to the *ZENworks Mobile Management* server.

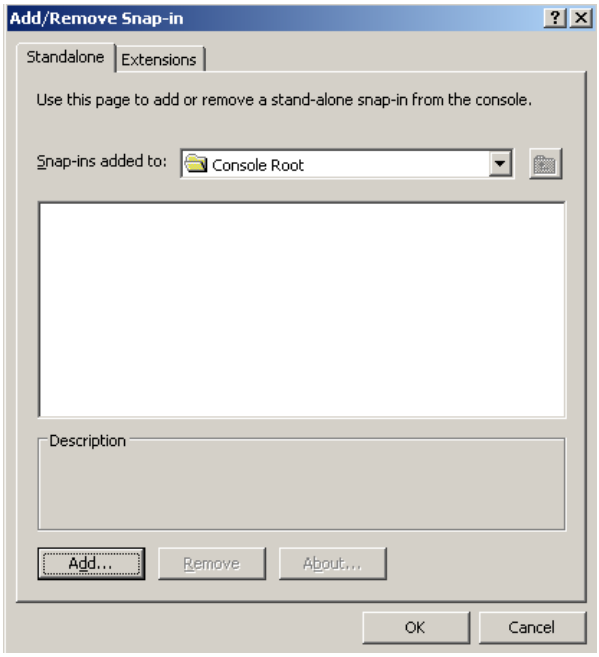
Completing the Certificate Request from IIS Manager 6

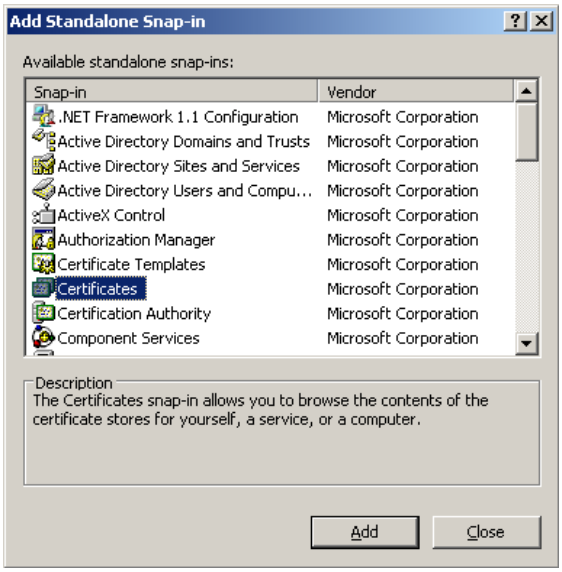
1. Return to the IIS Manager. Select **Start** > **Control Panel** > **Administrative Tools** > **Internet Information Services (IIS) Manager**.
2. Right-click any Web site in the left panel. Select **Properties**.
3. Select the **Directory Security** tab and then click the **Server Certificates** button in the *Security* section of the menu. This starts the Web Server Certificate Wizard. Click **Next** to continue.
4. Select the **Process the pending request and install the certificate** option and click **Next**.
5. Browse to the *aps_production_identity.pem* file that was provided by Apple. Click **Next**.



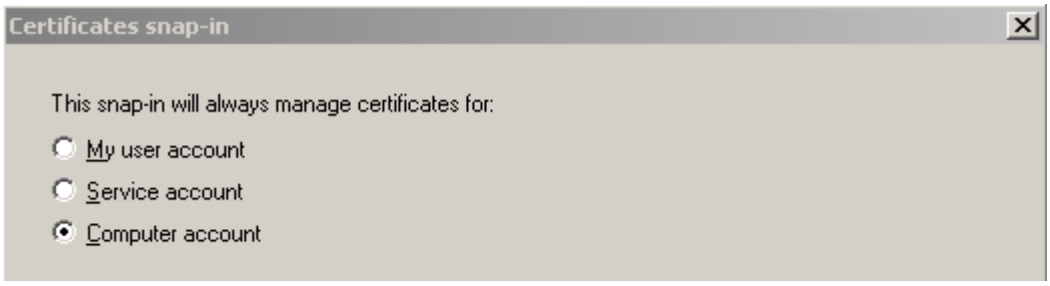
6. On the Certificate Summary screen, verify that the certificate information is correct and click **Next**, then click **Finish**.
7. Open the *Microsoft Management Console (MMC)*. Click **Start** > **Run** and enter **MMC**.
8. From the *File* menu, select **Add/Remove Snap-in**.

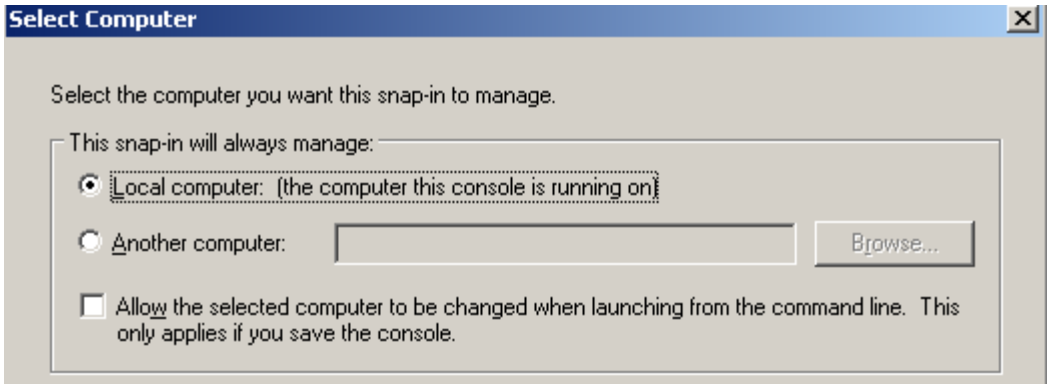
9. From the drop-down list at **Snap-ins added to**, select ***Console Root*** and click **Add.** On the *Add Standalone Snap-in* screen, select **Certificates**, then click **Add.**





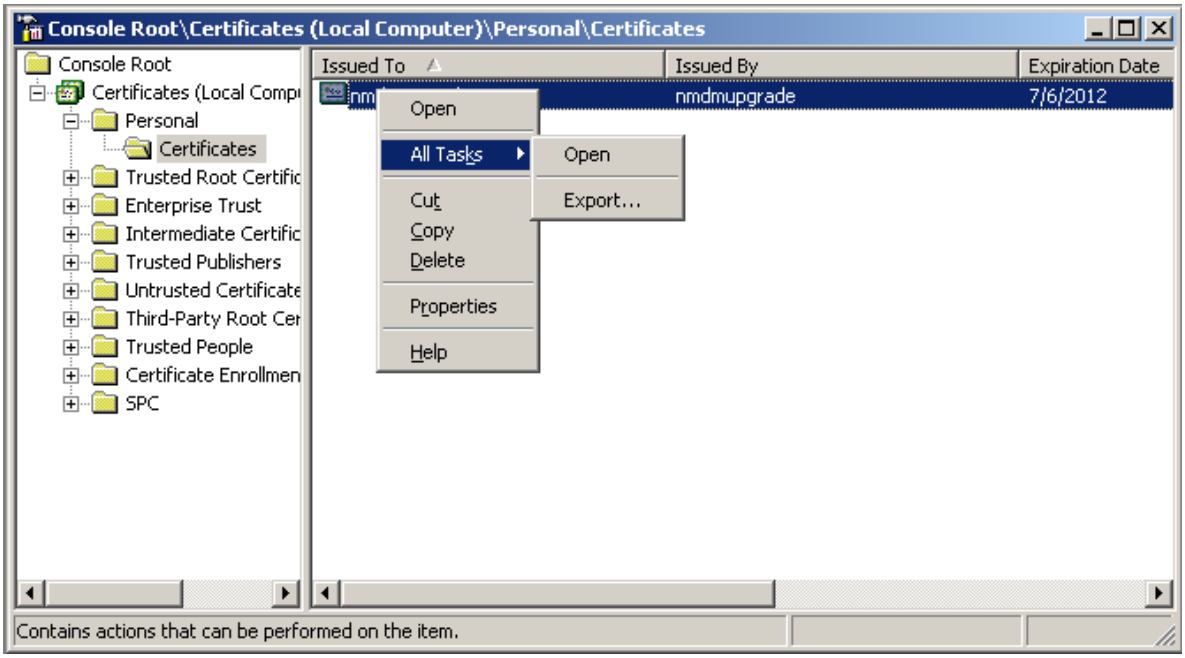
10. On the *Certificates snap-in* screen, select **Computer account** and click **Next**. Choose **Local computer** and click **Finish**.





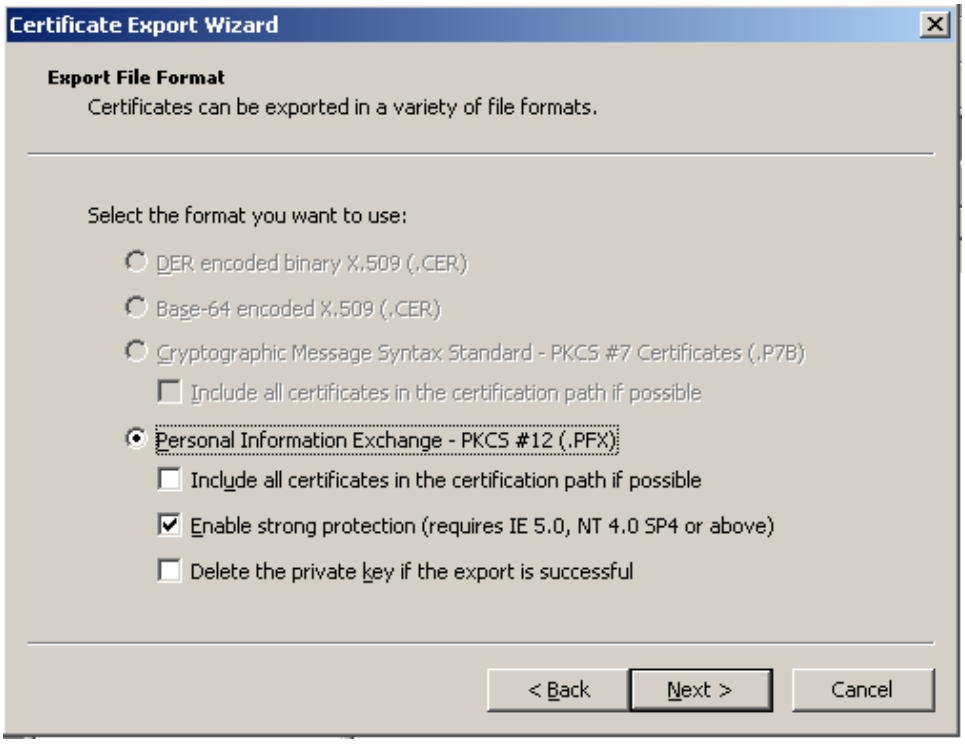
11. Click **Close**. Click **OK** on the *Add/Remove Snap-in* screen**.**

12. At the *Console Root*, expand the directory. Select **Certificates** > **Personal** > **Certificates**. Right-click on the certificate file and select **All Tasks** > **Export**. This opens the Export Wizard. Click **Next** to continue.



13. Select **Yes** to export the private key, then click **Next**.

14. Select the **Personal Information Exchange – PKCS #12 (.PFX)** format and select the **Enable strong protection** box. Click **Next**.



15. Enter and confirm a password. You will need this password when you upload the certificate to *ZENworks Mobile Management*. Click **Next**.

16. Click the Browse button and select the .pfx file that you want to export. Click Next.

17. Click **Finish** to complete the certificate export. You see a message that says the export was successful.

    Now you are ready to upload the certificate to *ZENworks Mobile Management*. You need the following:

    - APNs certificate file (.pfx format)
    - The password you set when exporting the certificate

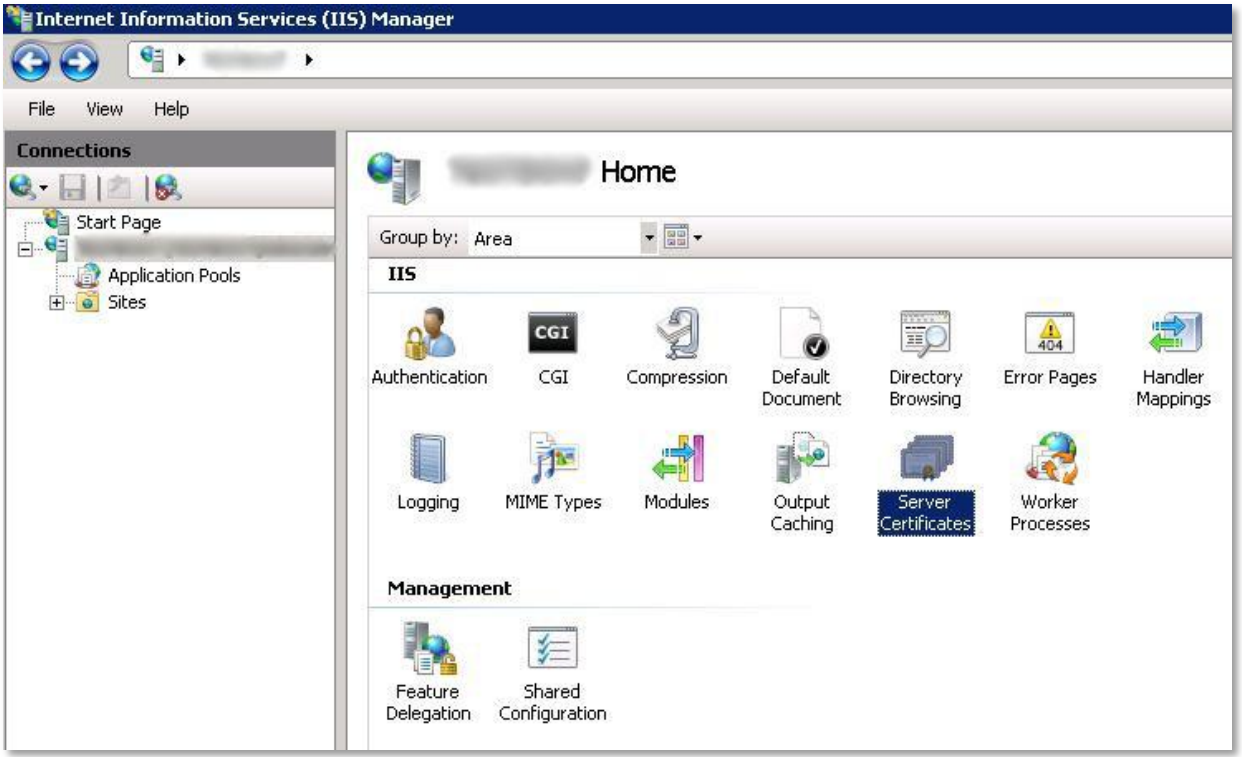
    Continue with **Upload the APNs Certificate to *ZENworks Mobile Management***.

Generating an APNs Certificate from Windows Server 2008

The following instructions are for generating an APNs certificate from Windows Server 2008 by using Internet Information Services (IIS) Manager version 7. You can skip this section if you use Windows Server 2003. Instructions for 2003 are in another section of this document.

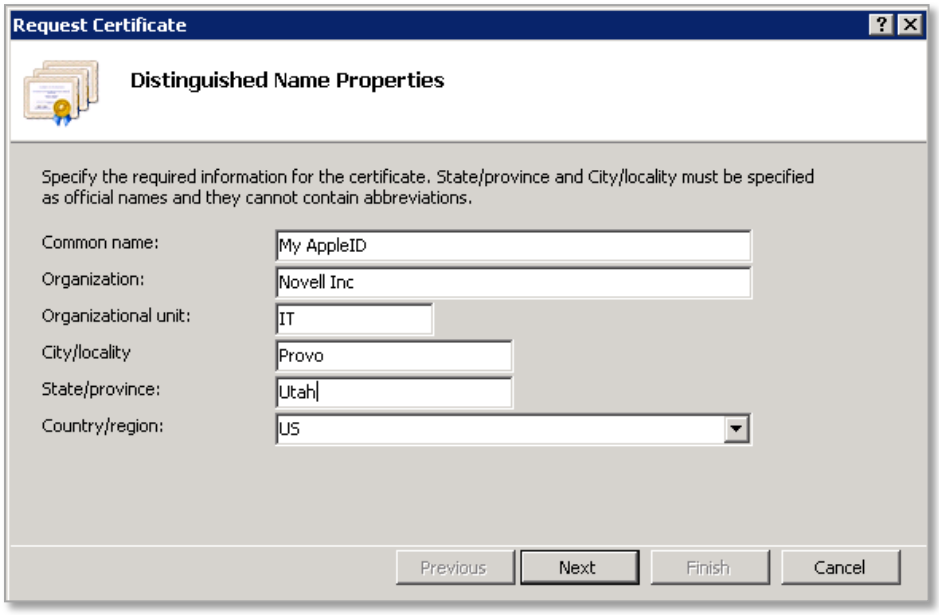
Creating the Certificate Signing Request (CSR) from IIS Manager 7

1. Select **Start** > **Administrative Tools** > **Internet Information Services (IIS) Manager**.
2. Select the server name in the left panel, then double-click the **Server Certificates** option in the *Security* section of the menu.

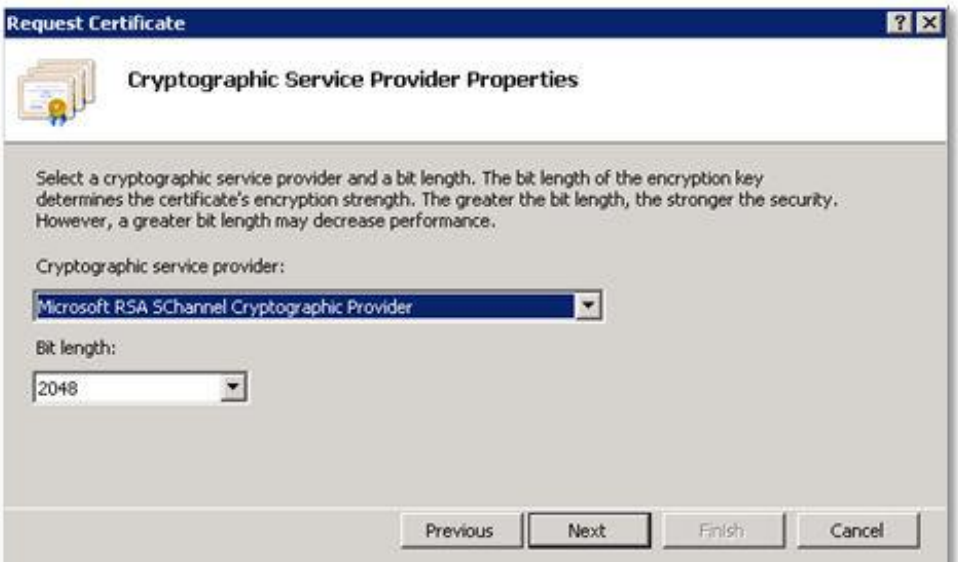


3. From the *Actions* menu in the right panel, select **Create Certificate Request.** This starts the Request Certificate Wizard.

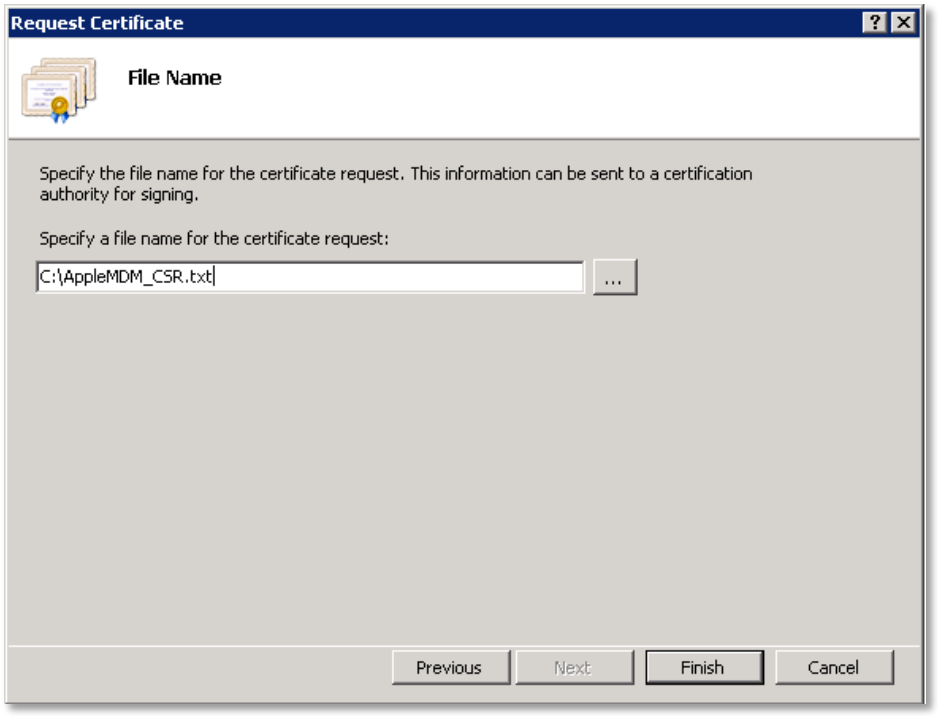
4. Enter the following in the ***Distinguished Name Properties*** window:
   - **Common name** – Enter a valid Apple ID. This does not need to be an Apple Developer account ID, but you should use an Apple ID that has been designated for managing the corporate APNs certificate. The Apple ID might be in the form of an email address, or possibly a display name.
   - **Organization** – The legal name of your organization
   - **Organization unit** – The department within your organization
   - **City/locality** – City in which your organization is located
   - **State/province** – Abbreviation for the state or province in which your organization is located
   - **Country/region** – Abbreviation for the country or region in which your organization is located



5. Select **Next**.
6. In the *Cryptographic Service Provider Properties* window, accept the default setting, **Microsoft RSA SChannel Cryptographic Provider**. In the **Bit length** field, select **2048** for the encryption level. Click **Next**.



7. In the *File Name* window, save the CSR to your computer. Record the location and filename. Click ***Finish***. This is the file you will upload to the *ZENworks Mobile Management Certificate Request Portal*.

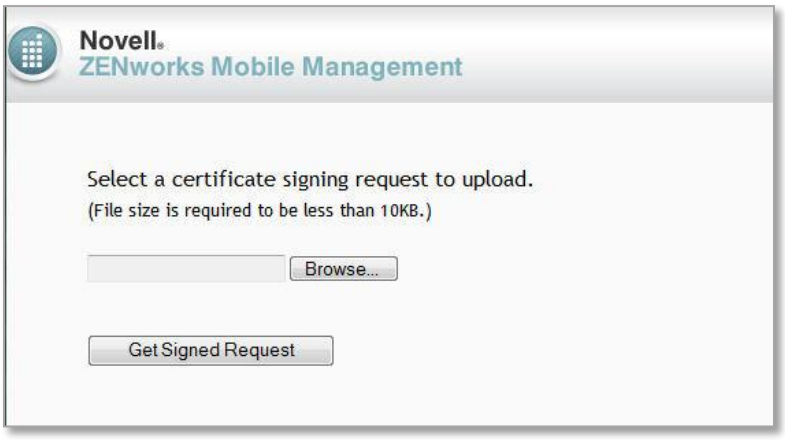


Uploading the CSR to the ZENworks Mobile Management Certificate Request Portal

The CSR file you generated by using IIS must be signed by Novell before you can upload it to the Apple Push Certificates Portal. You need:

- Access to the CSR file
- Your Novell login credentials

1. Navigate to the *ZENworks Mobile Management* Certificate Portal at: https://zmmupdate.novell.com/apn



2. Browse to select the CSR file.
3. Click **Get Signed Request**.
4. Save the signed request.

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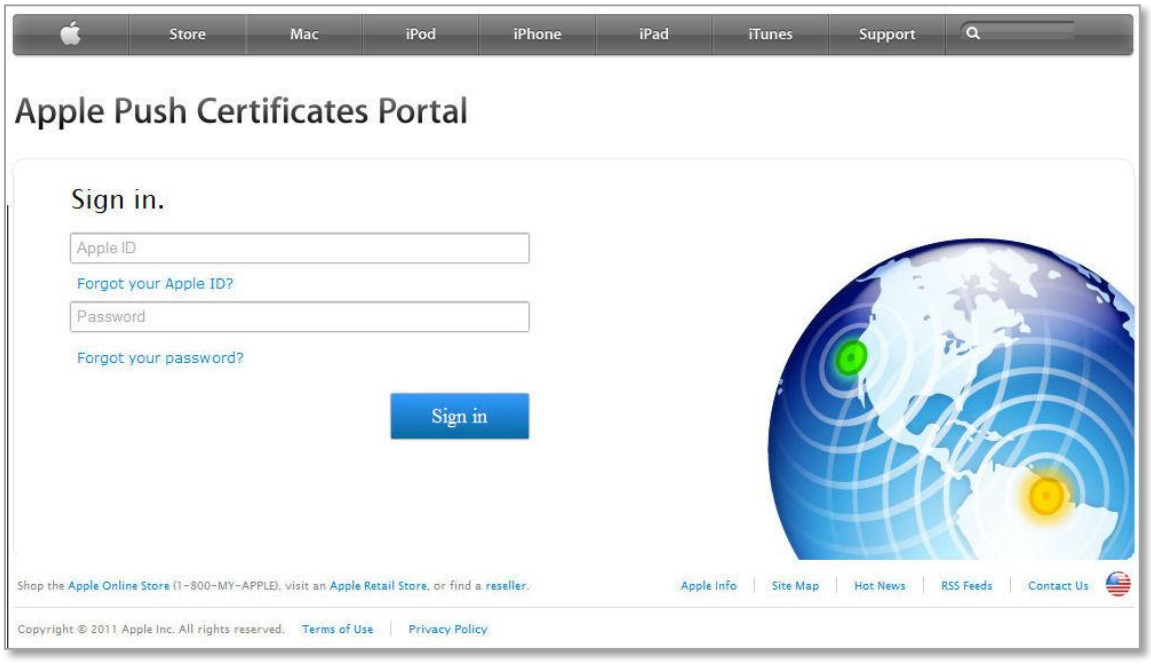


3. Select **Create a Certificate**.

4. Read the *Terms of Use* and accept the End User License Agreement.

5. Select and upload the intermediate certificate you downloaded from the *ZENworks Mobile Management* Certificate Portal.

6. When the upload has finished, a new certificate for *ZENworks Mobile Management* appears. Select **Download** to download the Apple signed certificate.

You are now ready to complete the CSR and export the APNs certificate to the *ZENworks Mobile Management* server.

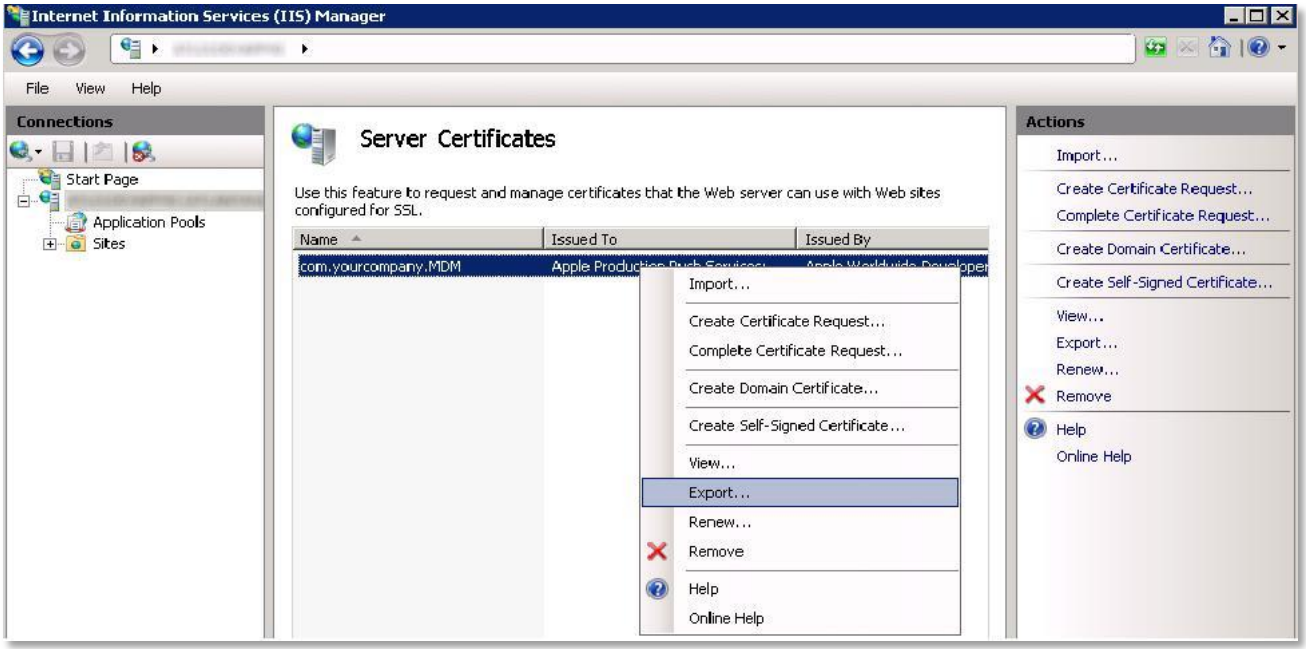
Completing the Certificate Request from IIS Manager 7

1. Return to **Internet Information Services (IIS) Manager** > **Server Certificates** and select **Complete Certificate Request** from the *Actions* menu in the right panel. This starts the Complete Certificate Request Wizard.

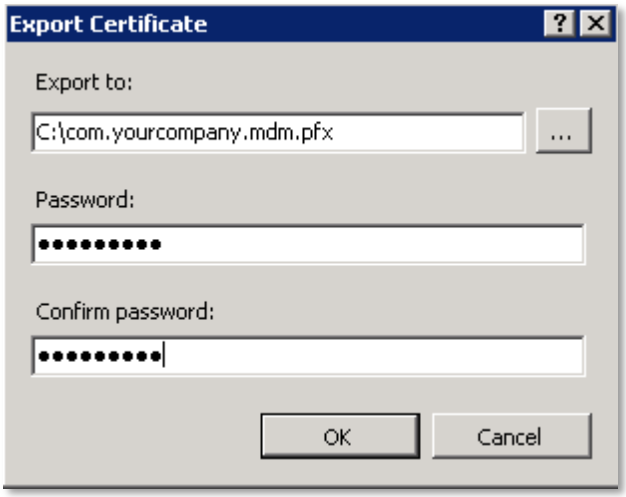
2. Browse to the *aps_production_identity.pem* file that was provided by Apple and enter a friendly name. This is simply a label you give the certificate to easily distinguish it. You might want to give it a name in which your company is identified.

3. Select **OK** to install the certificate to the server. You should see the certificate listed in the center panel of *Server Certificates*.

4. Export the certificate so that it can be uploaded to *ZENworks Mobile Management*. Right-click the certificate you just installed and select **Export**.



5. Save the file to your Desktop in the .pfx format. You must set a password. You will need this password when you upload the certificate to *ZENworks Mobile Management*.



You have successfully generated your APNs certificate.

Now you are ready to upload the certificate to *ZENworks Mobile Management*. You need the following:

- APNs certificate file (.pfx format)
- The password you set when exporting the certificate

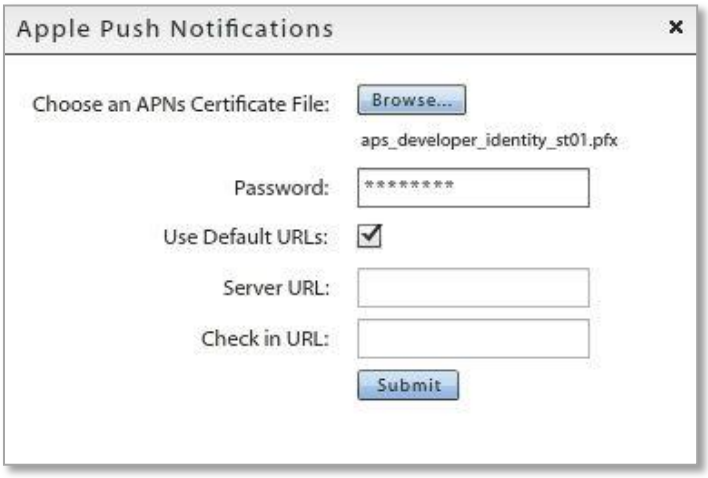
Continue with **Upload the APNs Certificate to *ZENworks Mobile Management***.

Uploading the APNs Certificate to ZENworks Mobile Management

This section explains how to upload the APNs certificate to *ZENworks Mobile Management* by using the *ZENworks Mobile Management* dashboard. You need:

- APNs certificate file (the .pfx format)
- The password you set when exporting the certificate

1. Log in to the *ZENworks Mobile Management* dashboard and select the **System** view.
2. Select **Organization** from the left panel.
3. Click the **Upload** button next to the **APNs Certificate** field.



4. Click the **Browse** button, then navigate to and select the APNs certificate file (.pfx format).
5. Enter the password you set when exporting the certificate.
6. Select the **Use Default URLs** box.

If you did not access the dashboard externally, do not use the default check box. Enter the *Server URL* and *Check in URL*s manually, in the format **Error! Hyperlink reference not valid.**

7. Click the **Submit** button.

   After you have uploaded an APNs certificate, it appears under the APN Certificate field on the dashboard in the format com.apple.mgmt.<*random string*> (Enabled)

8. Click **Save Changes** when you are finished.

Your *ZENworks Mobile Management* server is now able to trigger iOS devices with push notifications and use the built-in Apple MDM protocol.

Updating the APNs Certificate

1. Log in to the *ZENworks Mobile Management* dashboard and select the **System** view.
2. Select **Organization** from the left panel.
3. Click the **Edit** button next to the **APNs Certificate** field and make the needed changes. You can change/disable/delete the APNs certificate or edit the URLs if necessary.

4. Click the **Submit** button.

5. Click **Save Changes** when you are finished.

   Tip: You might want to test APNs functionality after an update to the certificate by manually updating the APN profile on a device. Open *ZENworks Mobile Management* on an iOS device and tap ***Config*** > ***Load Configuration Profile***. The device installs the initial profile and, after a brief delay, it prompts for the user's Exchange password. If the prompt for Exchange credentials does not occur, resetting IIS might resolve issues preventing the APNs from processing.

Renewing an APNs Certificate

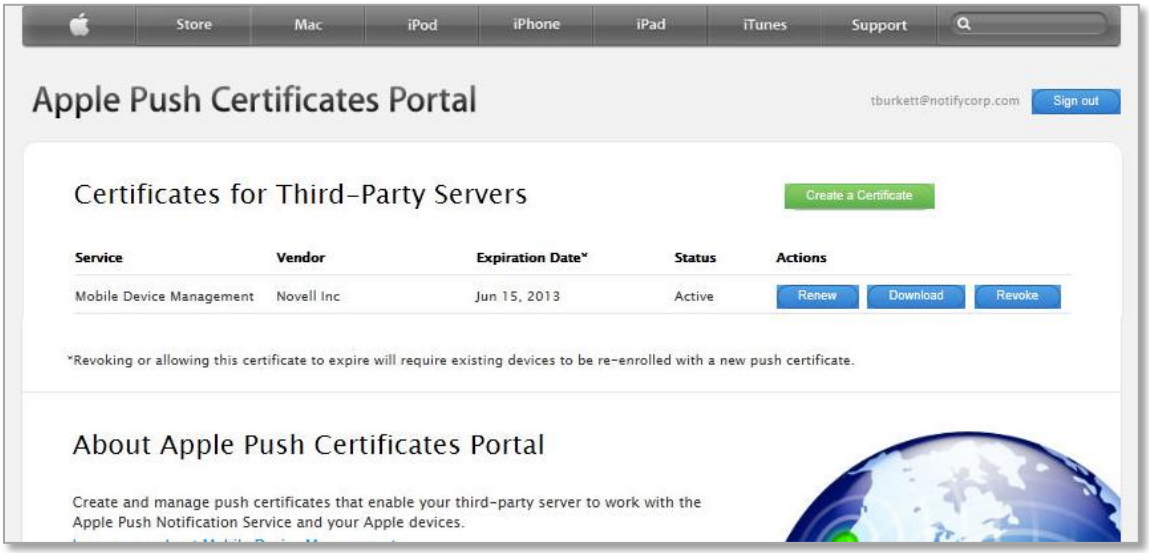
The Apple Push Notification service (APNs) certificate must be renewed annually. Organizations should keep track of the certificate's expiration date, because there is no automatic renewal notification as the expiration date approaches.

Follow the instructions below to renew the APNs certificate that was generated from the Apple Push Certificates Portal or from Apple's iOS Developer Enterprise Program (iDEP).

Essentially, you follow the same process used to obtain the original certificate. The only difference is in the steps taken on the Apple Push Certificates Portal (Steps 4-6 below.)

To renew an APNs certificate:

1. Create a new Certificate Signing Request (CSR) by using IIS Manager (See the complete instructions: IIS Manager 6 or IIS Manager 7)
2. Upload the CSR to Novell's ZENworks Mobile Management Certificate Request Portal. Click **Get Signed Request** and save the signed request file. See the complete instructions on page 21.
3. Go to the Apple Push Certificates Portal at https://identity.apple.com/pushcert/ .
    - If you originally obtained the certificate from the Apple Push Certificates Portal, log in with the Apple ID you used to generate the certificate.
    - If you originally obtained the certificate through iDEP, log in with the Apple ID for the iDEP Agent account.
4. On the page where your certificate is listed, click the **Renew** button next to the APNs certificate you are renewing.



5. On the *Renew Push Certificate* page, click the **Browse** button and select the .plist file to upload. Click **Upload.**

6. The page where certificates are listed displays the certificate with a new expiration date. Click the **Download** button next to the renewed certificate to download it and save it as a .pem file.
7. Use IIS to complete the CSR (See the complete instructions: IIS Manager 6 or IIS Manager 7)
8. From the *ZENworks Mobile Management* server dashboard, upload the renewed certificate.

   Select **System** > **Organization**.

   Click the **Edit** button next to the **APNs Certificate** field and choose **Change APNs Certificate**. (See complete instructions: *Updating the APNs Certificate*).