

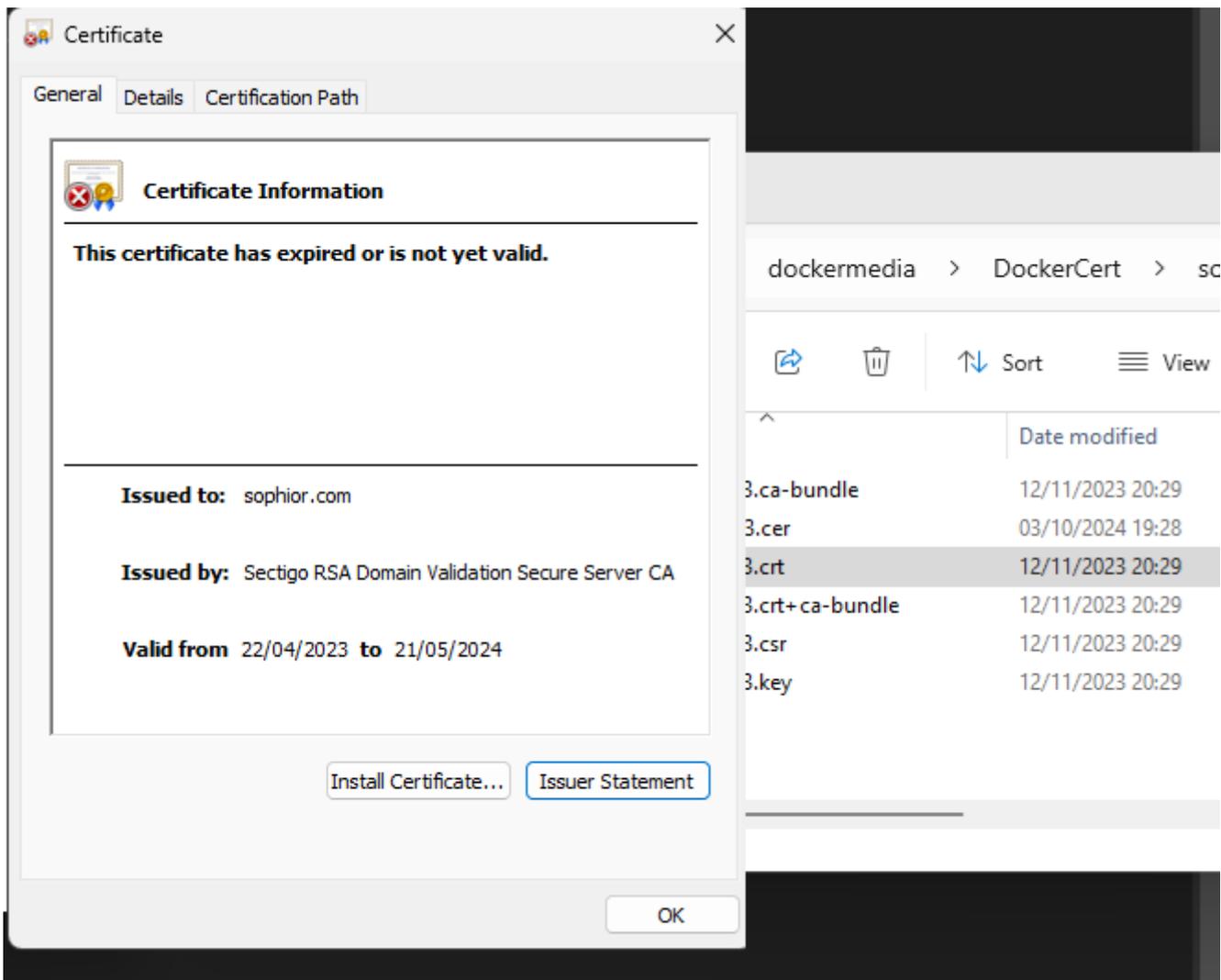
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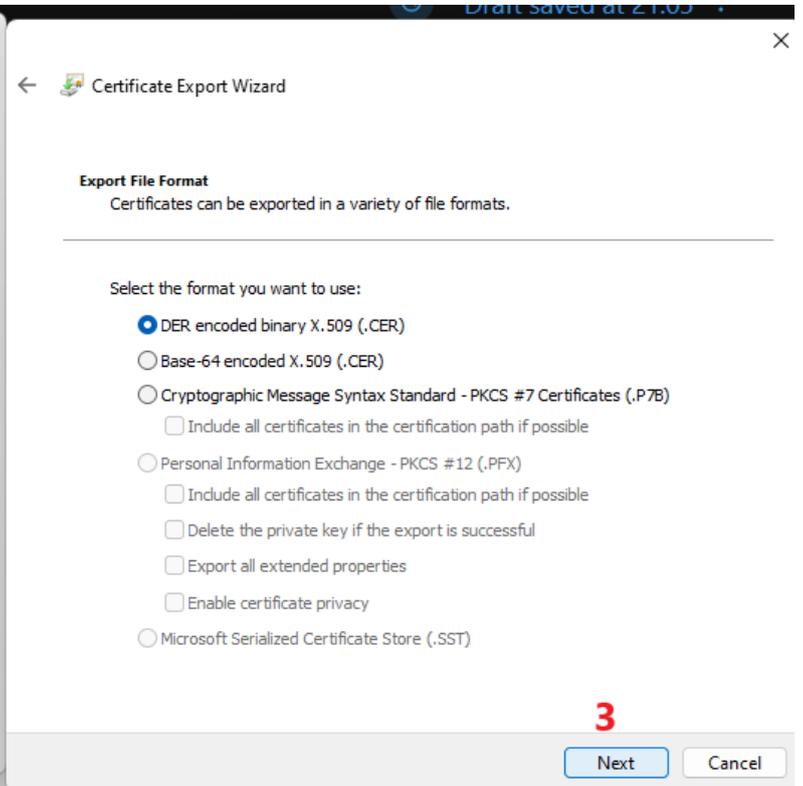
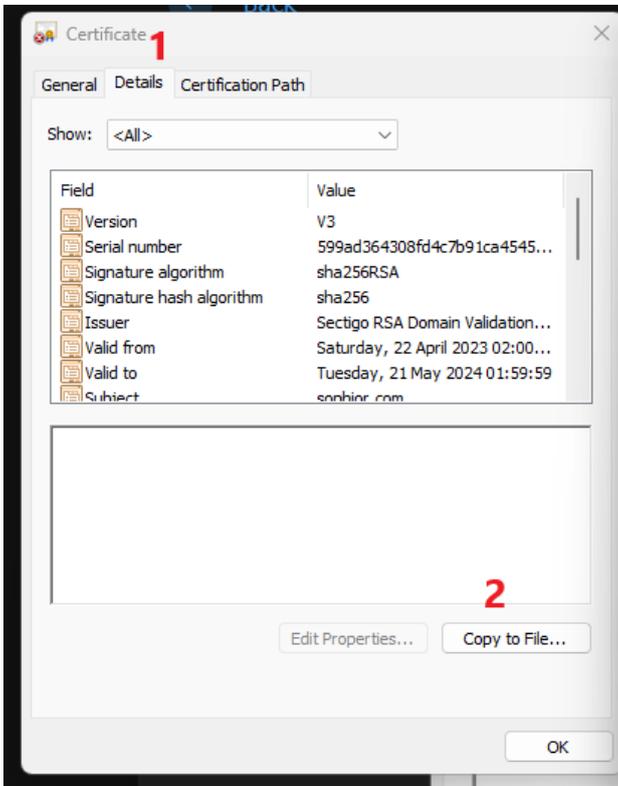
Transform .crt to .cer file

This is a short reminder to go from one to another format in windows.

1. Locate your crt file
2. double click it, it should open the details of the certificate



3. Go to details, and "Copy to File..." a dialog will prompt which format to generate and where to store it



RDP file autologin

For our macincloud accounts, it was cumbersome to always manually login without copy-paste ability into the session.

You will need to edit the .rdp file and generate a password hash with a program from the internet.

- Either use POWershell:

```
("MySuperSecretPassword!" | ConvertTo-SecureString -AsPlainText -Force) | ConvertFrom-SecureString;
```

- Or Get CryptRDP5

- Get the program [cryptRDP5.exe](#)
- In the location, open a command prompt to generate your password hash

```
C:\Users\Tim\Downloads>cryptRDP5.exe thisismypassword
01000000D08C9DDF0115D1118C7A00C04FC297EB01000008DAD23D076D4174896F9BD8FF3F192E3000000008000000700073007700000010660000
000100002000000097EEAC609F5471A7E7115A2BC9D6EF8C061C12E5EC1D0F0BE85FED8F887DDBFC000000000E8000000002000020000000BAEAD953
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B02A242C5FFEF445B0313C70E0D9D7CE5AFEB6E620AA9316C86823D3

C:\Users\Tim\Downloads>
```

3. Open the RDP file with notepad and add two lines

```
password 51:b:yourhash
username:s:yourpasword
```



4. Save the file and click it - you now should've bypassed the login

Recover data on catastrophic loss

For some reason, something went wrong and corrupted my complete USB-controller.

Booting into the BIOS or USB recovery disk, however, the keyboard and mouse worked fine.

Booting into the recovery USB drive (see [Create installation media](#)) I've tried using `dism` (to install and reinstall drivers) and forcing safe-mode. Which all gave the same result: no control over the desktop. Other creative ways, but this didn't result in success.

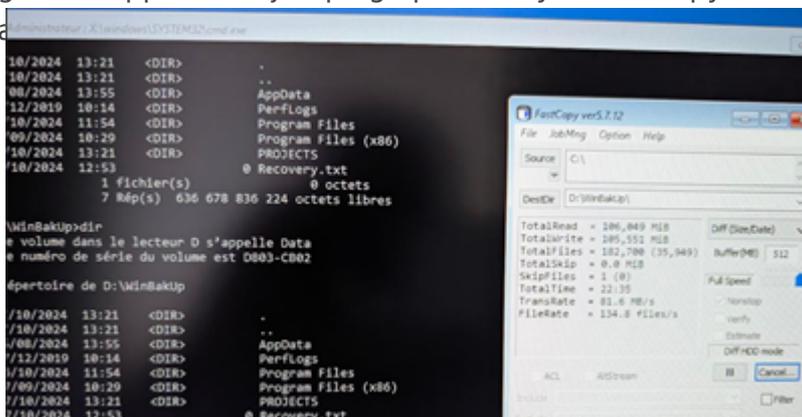
The system didn't have an active RDP host - so literally we were unable to get back into it. Luckily it has a 2-drive setup (one fast "windows" drive and a large "storage" drive).

Recover data

If you have another PC (to create your USB drive), install [portableapps](#) on it and install the application [FastCopy](#) on it in a subdirectory.

(you can boot into the recovery console, unplug the USB drive, install portable apps and then plug it in again and "dir" to the application folder)

Then use the console to navigate to the path - in my case only the 64-bit version of the applications worked, and I had to "cd" into the path in order to launch it by typing the name. You then should get the application jumping open and you can copy over your files. USB is working, so you could



This should allow you to copy over your files.

Reinstallation of windows

When you reinstall windows onto an existing installation, there will be a windows.old folder. According to the documentation it allows to "revert back", but I would rely on it.

What about the USB failure

Mouse and keyboard worked fine, until Windows 10 fetched updates and it gave up again. So we've installed Windows 11 and configured VPN and remote desktop access to avoid this situation.

Change Remote Desktop port

Regedit

HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\System\CurrentControlSet\Control\Terminal Server\WinStations\RDP-Tcp

The image shows a Microsoft Learn article titled "Change the listening port for Remote Desktop on your computer" and a Windows Registry Editor window. The article is from 07/03/2024 and has 11 contributors. The Registry Editor window shows the path `Computer\HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\SYSTEM\CurrentControlSet\Control\Terminal Server\WinStations\RDP-Tcp`. The registry key `PortNumber` is highlighted, and its value is `3389`. A dialog box titled "Edit DWORD (32-bit) Value" is open, showing the value `3389` in the "Value data" field, with the "Base" set to "Decimal".

Additional resources:

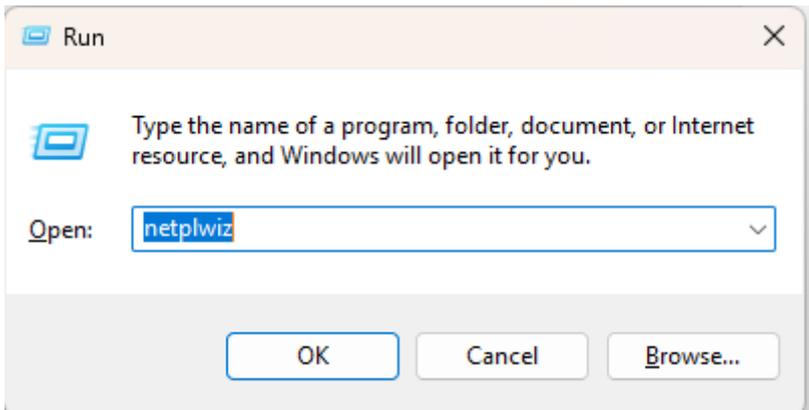
- Training
- Module: Employ remote management - Training
- This module demonstrates the various tools for connecting remotely to a Windows client.

Passwordless login

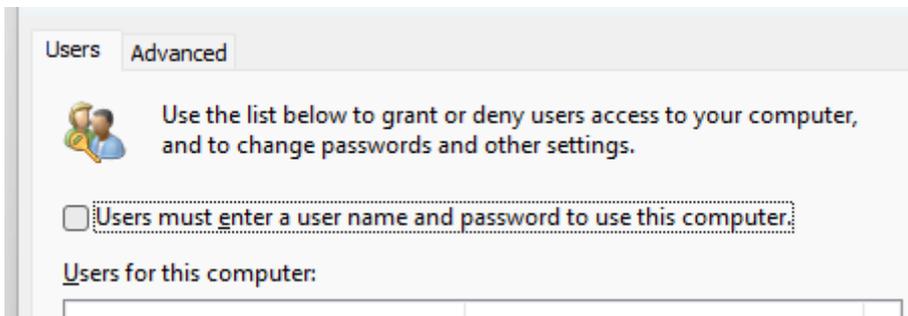
Set DevicePasswordLessBuildVersion to 0

```
Computer\HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\SOFTWARE\Microsoft\Windows NT\CurrentVersion>PasswordLess\Device
```

run netplwiz



and uncheck

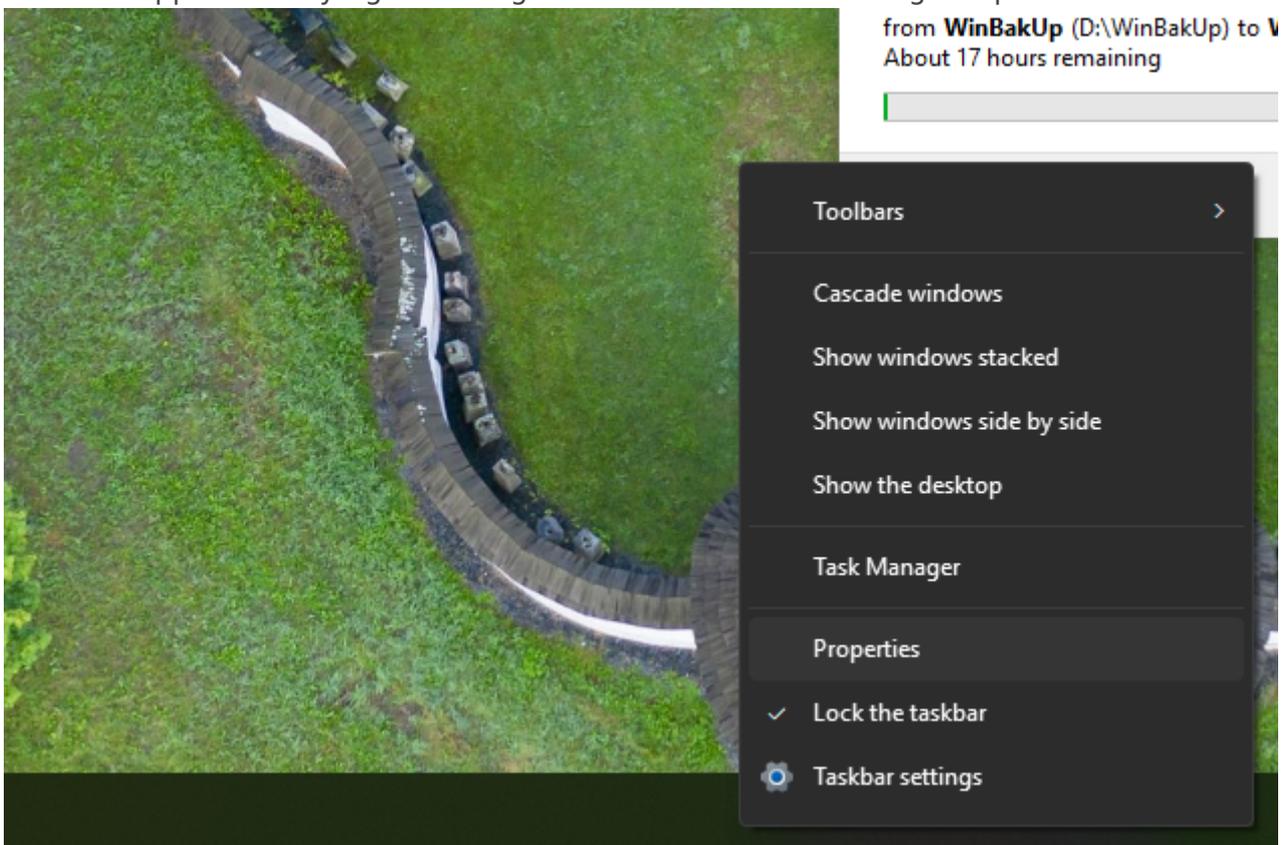


Make windows like it used to be (Windows 11 start menu etc)

Windows 11 feels nice, but the start-menu and context menu integrations always get in the way.

The following app allows to completely set the behaviors to your hand and remove the annoying "features"

1. Install ExplorerPatcher from here <https://github.com/valinet/ExplorerPatcher>
2. Install as administrator
3. Start the application by right-clicking the menu bar and selecting "Properties"



4. Configure as you like

Taskbar

✕ Remember last used section in this window

System tray

✓ Open clock flyout when pressing Win+C instead of Microsoft Teams *

File Explorer

✕ Show separators between taskbar toolbars *

✓ Add shortcut to program settings in Win+X menu

Start menu

✕ Remove shortcut key from program settings item in Win+X menu

Window switcher

✕ Disable Office hotkeys (Ctrl+Alt+Shift+Windows key combinations) *

Spotlight

✓ Disable Win+F (Feedback Hub) hotkey *

Other

✕ Disable rounded corners for application windows

✕ Disable quadrants when snapping windows *

Updates

Default action in the Alt+F4 dialog on the desktop : Shut down (default)

Advanced

Prevent the following Control Panel links from being redirected to the Settings app:

Settings and uninstall

✕ System / About page

✕ Programs and Features

About

✕ Adjust date/time

✕ Customize notification icons

[Restart File Explorer \(*\)](#)

SMB (fileshare) is slow / capped to 10Mbit

Open powershell as administrator:

```
Set-SmbClientConfiguration -EnableBandwidthThrottling 0 -EnableLargeMtu 1
```

[Read more:](#)

```
HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\SYSTEM\CurrentControlSet\Services\LanmanWorkstation\Parameters
```

EnableSecuritySignature → should be 0

RequireSecuritySignature → should be 0

Turn off web search in start menu

regedit

```
Computer\HKEY_CURRENT_USER\Software\Microsoft\Windows\CurrentVersion\Search
```

Create DWORD:

- BingSearchEnabled=0
- CortanaConsent=0