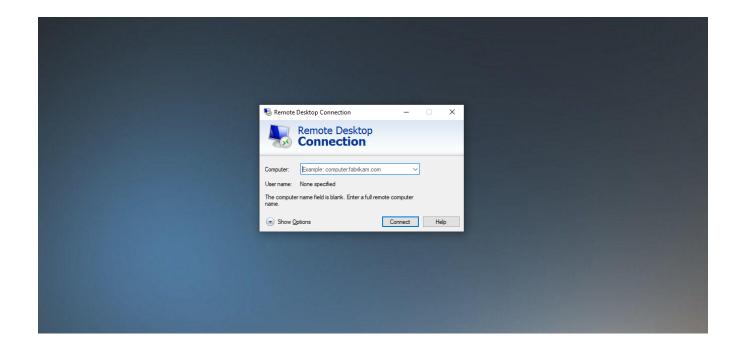
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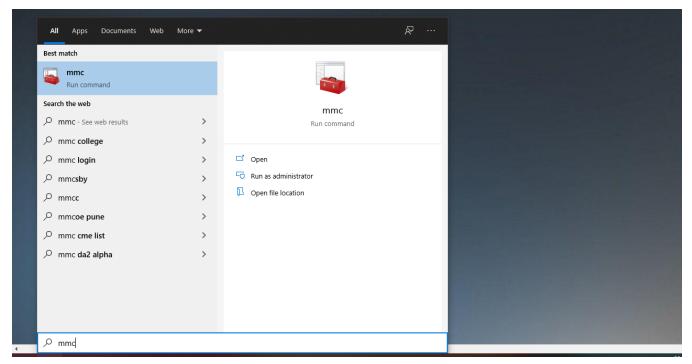
Windows Remote Desktop Protocol (RDP) is widely used by system administrators to provide remote operators access to internal systems and servers. In a shocking oversight, this connection does not use strong encryption by default.



## 1. Open the Root console

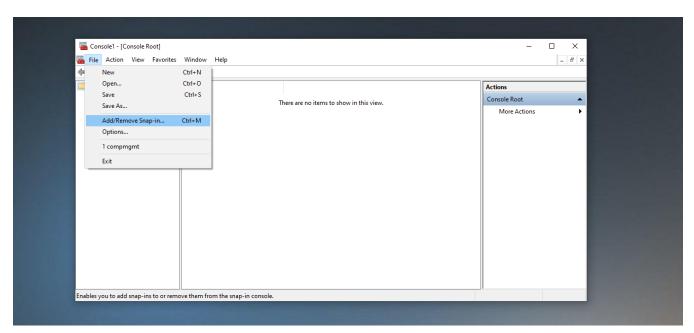
Open the search bar and type "mmc" or run mmc.exe from the Run application. Select the

top application, which will open the system console.

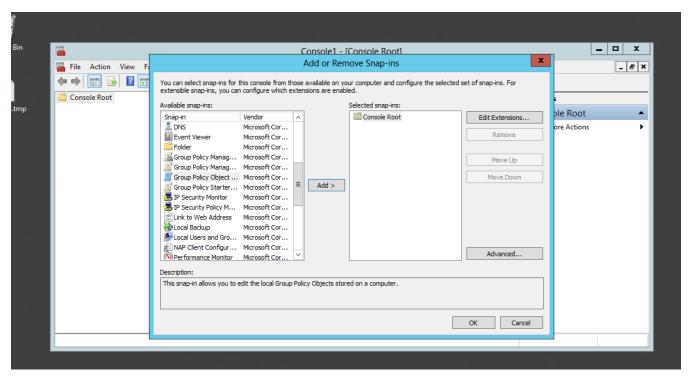


#### 2. Open the Group Policy Editor Snap-in

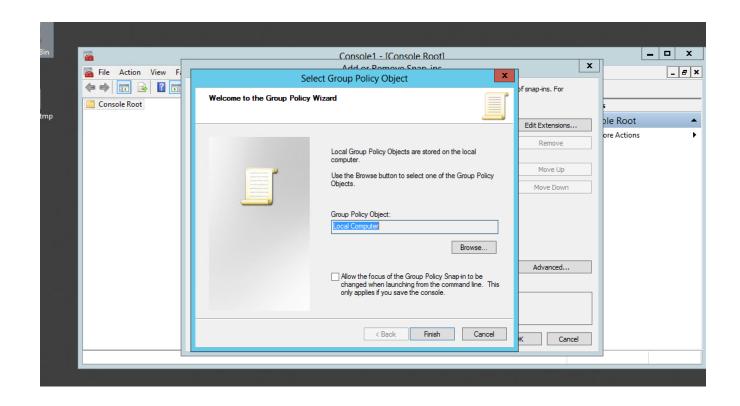
Open File > Add/Remove Snap-in and select Global Policy Editor.



Select "Group Policy Editor" and "Add" the selected snap-in.



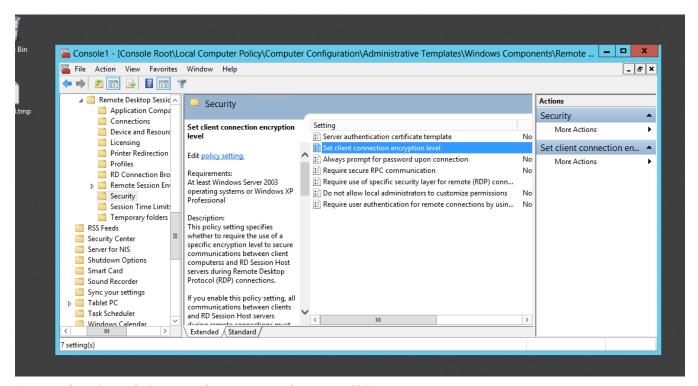
Select the "Local Computer" - this should be the default - and select "Finish" > "Ok"



#### 3. Navigate to the RDP Session Security Policies

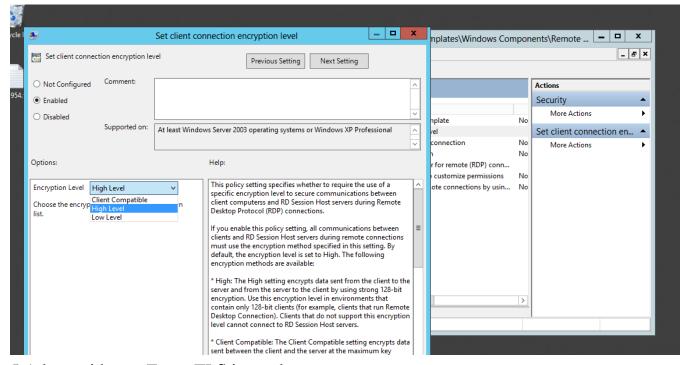
In the sidebar Navigate to Local Computer Policy > Computer Configuration > Administrative Templates > Windows Components > Remote Desktop Services > Remote

Desktop Services >Remote Desktop Session Hosts > Security. Then select "Set client encryption level" and edit that policy.



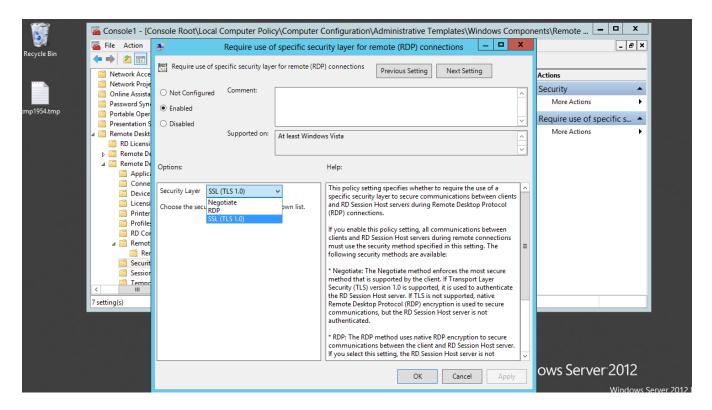
4. Require the Highest native Encryption possible

Edit the "Set client encryption level policy".



5.A better idea -> Force TLS instead

#### Edit the "Require use of specific security layer for remote (RDP) connections" policy.



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