

MBAM INTEGRATION WITH CURRENT BRANCH 1910

In this post, I will show you how to integrate MBAM (Microsoft Bit Locker Administration & Management) within Current Branch 1910.

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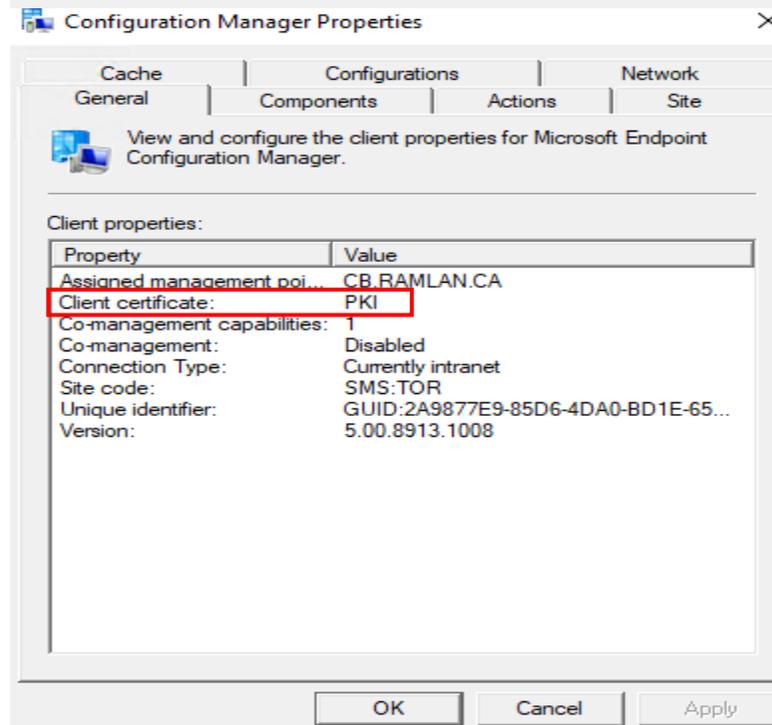
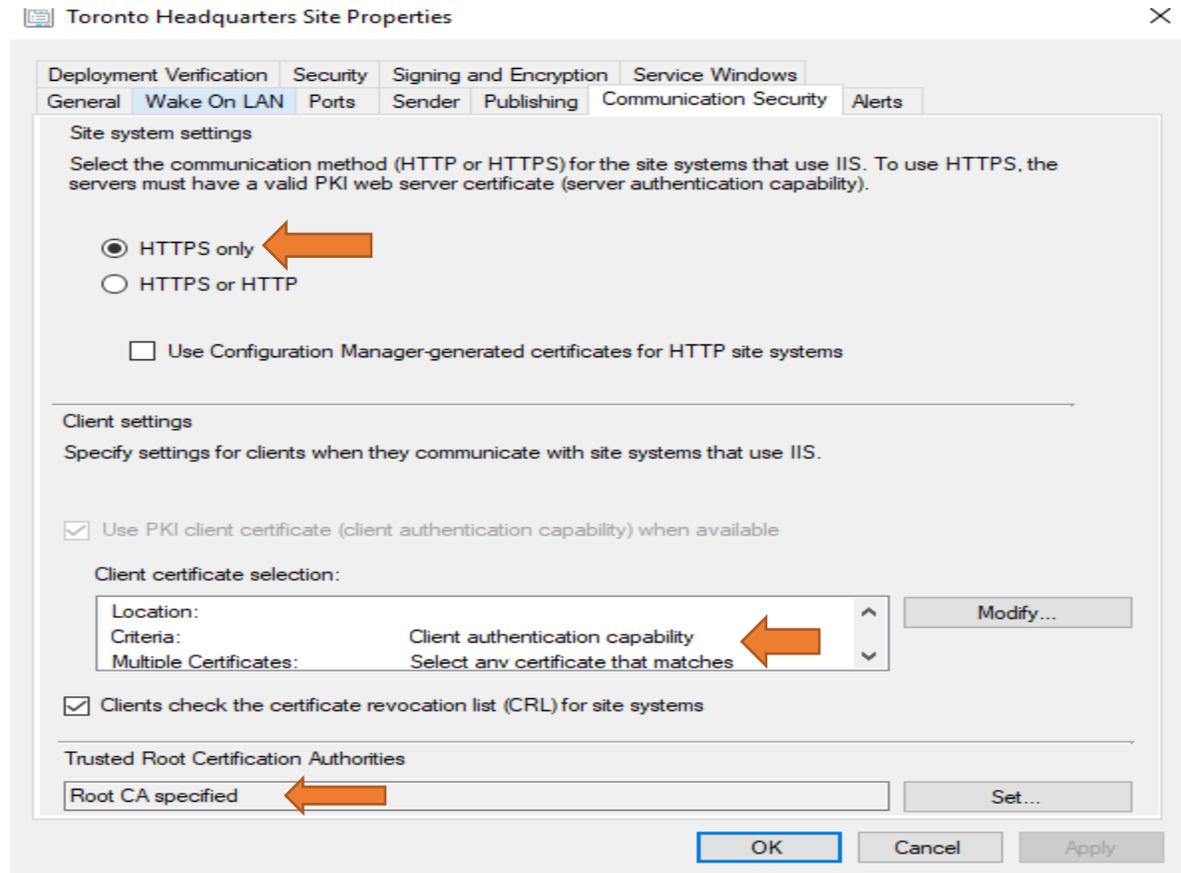
First you have to take care of PKI (Public Key Infrastructure) installation. I won't go into detail – you can refer to these articles.

It's worth investing time at Microsoft ConfigMgr documentation site and read up on how to do this.

1. Plan for security in Configuration Manager – <https://docs.microsoft.com/en-us/sccm/core/plan-design/security/plan-for-security>
2. PKI certificate requirements for System Center Configuration Manager – <https://docs.microsoft.com/en-us/sccm/core/plan-design/network/pki-certificate-requirements>
3. Step-by-step example deployment of the PKI certificates for System Center Configuration Manager: Windows Server 2008 certification authority – <https://docs.microsoft.com/en-us/sccm/core/plan-design/network/example-deployment-of-pki-certificates>
4. <https://www.windows-noob.com/forums/topic/16252-how-can-i-configure-pki-in-a-lab-on-windows-server-2016-part-1/>

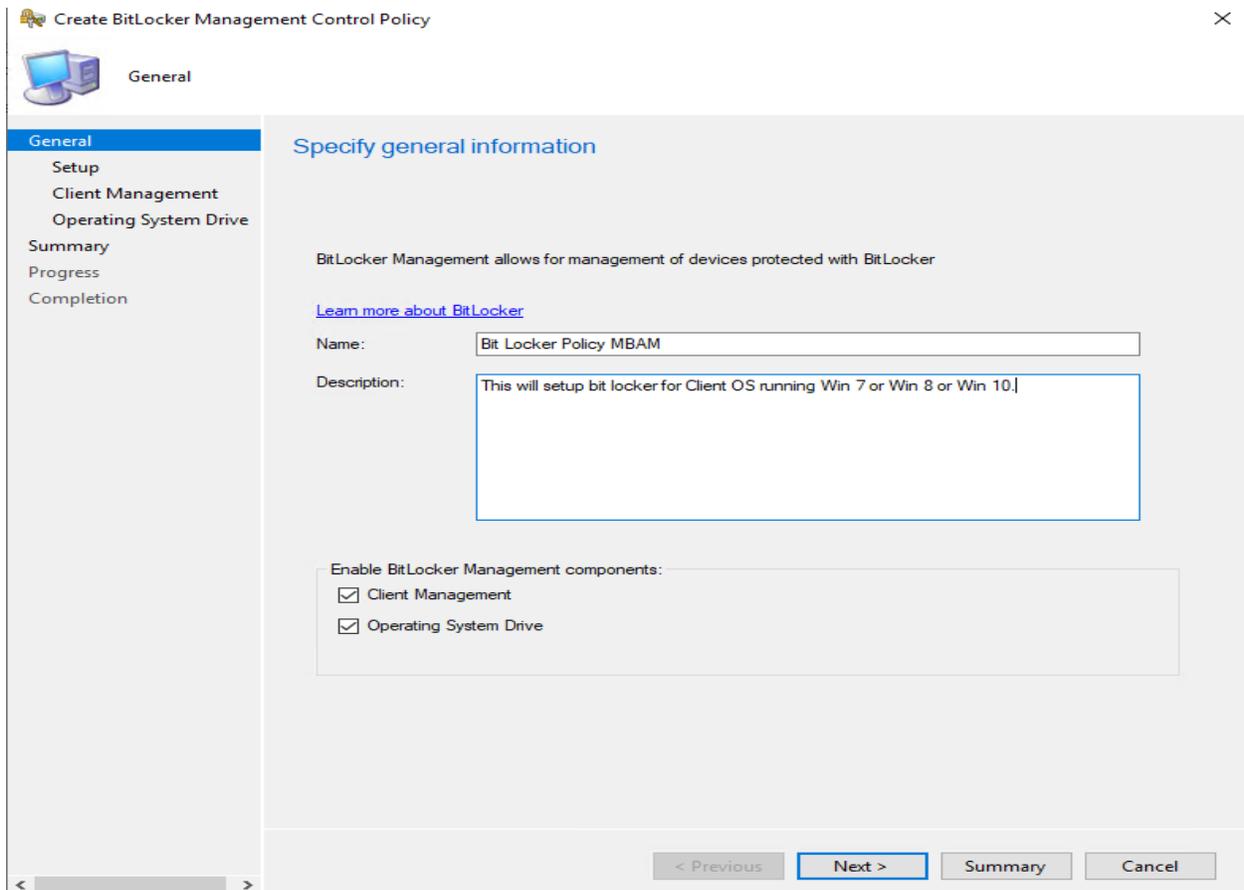
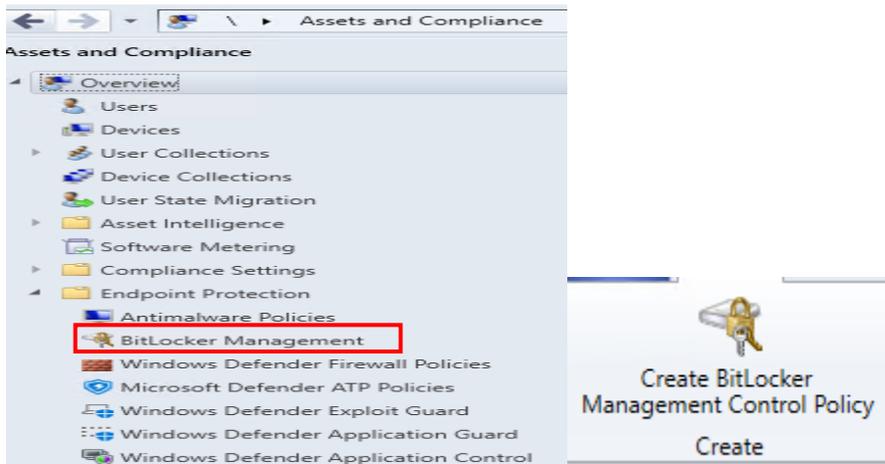


Once you have PKI infrastructure then we are ready to go ahead with the integration. Within my lab, I already have PKI installed. Here is the screen shot



SET MBAM POLICY:

You'll find new MBAM features under \Assets and Compliance\Overview\Endpoint Protection\Bit locker Management (MBAM) in the ConfigMgr console. The first step in the process to implement MBAM is to create your MBAM control policy. To do this, right-click Bit locker Management (MBAM) and select Create BitLocker Management Control Policy.



At the Setup screen you will need to decide whether to enable drive encryption and what cipher strength to apply. The top set of options relate to Windows 7 or 8/8.1 devices, whilst our Windows 10 settings are contained in the last set of drop downs. These give us access to the XTS-AES encryption algorithm introduced with Windows 10 1511. I recommend setting operating system encryption to 256-bit to take advantage of the increased bit strength.

 Create BitLocker Management Control Policy



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Specify setup information

This policy setting allows you to configure the algorithm and cipher strength used by BitLocker Drive Encryption. This policy setting is applied when you turn on BitLocker. Changing the encryption method has no effect if the drive is already encrypted, or if encryption is in progress.

If you enable this policy setting you will be able to configure an encryption algorithm and key cipher strength for fixed data drives, operating system drives, and removable data drives individually.

If you disable or do not configure this policy setting, BitLocker will use the default encryption method.

[Learn more about BitLocker](#)

BitLocker Drive Encryption Settings

Choose a drive encryption and cipher strength	Not Configured
Select the encryption method	
Choose a drive encryption and cipher strength (Windows 10)	Enabled
Operating System Drives	XTS-AES 128-bit
Fixed Data Drives	XTS-AES 128-bit
Removable Data Drives	AES-CBC 128-bit

< Previous **Next >** Summary Cancel

The Client Management screen sets the MBAM settings. Do we want to enable MBAM (I'm pretty sure we do)? Do we want to store the recovery password and key package, or the recovery password only? How often should client check-in with the MBAM service, the default being every 90 minutes?

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Client Management setup information

This policy setting allows you to manage the key recovery backup of BitLocker Drive Encryption recovery information. This backup provides an administrative method of recovering data encrypted by BitLocker to prevent data loss due to lack of key information.

If you enable this policy setting, key recovery info will be backed up to the site database. If you have previously configured a BitLocker Management encryption certificate, then the key recovery info will be encrypted in the site database; otherwise, you will need to opt in to store the recovery info as plain text.

If you disable or do not configure this policy setting, the key recovery info will not be saved.

[Learn more about BitLocker](#)

Client Management Settings

Configure BitLocker Management Services

Enabled

Select BitLocker recovery information to store:

Recovery password and key package

Allow recovery information to be stored in plain text.

Enter client checking status frequency in (minutes):

90

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Summary

Cancel

Finally, the Operating System Drive screen allows the definition of TPM options. Do we allow encryption of device without a compatible TPM device? Do we want to set TPM or TPM+PIN, which requires a pre-boot PIN to be entered when the device is turned on and what is the minimum length of the PIN?

The screenshot shows the 'Create BitLocker Management Control Policy' wizard. The title bar reads 'Create BitLocker Management Control Policy' with a close button (X) on the right. Below the title bar is a navigation pane on the left with the following items: 'General', 'Setup', 'Client Management', 'Operating System Drive' (highlighted in blue), 'Summary', 'Progress', and 'Completion'. The main content area is titled 'Operating System Drive setup information'. It contains the following text: 'This policy setting allows you to manage whether the operating system drive must be encrypted or not.'; 'If you enable this policy setting, the user will have to put the operation system drive under BitLocker protection and drive will be encrypted.'; and 'If you disable this policy, the user will not be able to put the operating system drive under BitLocker protection. Note that applying this policy after the operating system drive is encrypted will result in its decryption.' Below this text is a link: '[Learn more about BitLocker](#)'. A section titled 'OS Drive Management Settings' contains four settings: 'Operating System Drive Encryption Settings' (dropdown menu set to 'Enabled'), 'Allow BitLocker without a compatible TPM (requires a password)' (dropdown menu set to 'Allow'), 'Select protector for operating system drive' (dropdown menu set to 'TPM only'), and 'Configure minimum PIN length for startup' (spin box set to '4'). At the bottom of the window are four buttons: '< Previous', 'Next >' (highlighted with a blue border), 'Summary', and 'Cancel'. A scroll bar is visible at the bottom left of the window.



Summary

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Confirm the settings

Details:

- General Information
 - Name: Bit Locker Policy MBAM
 - Description: This will setup bit locker for Client OS running Win 7 or Win 8 or Win 10.
 - Component Configuration: Client Management Component enabled
 - Component Configuration: Operating System Drive Component enabled
- Setup Information
 - Choose a drive encryption and cipher strength: Not Configured
 - Select the encryption method:
 - Choose a drive encryption and cipher strength: Enabled
 - Operating System Drives: XTS-AES 128-bit
 - Fixed Data Drives: XTS-AES 128-bit
 - Removable Data Drives: AES-CBC 128-bit
- Client Management Information
 - Configure BitLocker Management Services: Enabled
 - Select BitLocker recovery information to store: Recovery password and key package
 - Enter client checking status frequency in (minutes): 90
- Operating System Drive Information
 - Operating System Drive Encryption Settings: Enabled
 - Allow BitLocker without a compatible TPM (requires a password): Allow
 - Select protector for operating system drive: TPM only
 - Configure minimum PIN length for startup: 4

To change these settings, click Previous. To apply the settings, click Next.

- < Previous
- Next >**
- Summary
- Cancel



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The Create BitLocker Management Control Policy completed successfully

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 - Configure BitLocker Management Services: Enabled
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 - Enter client checking status frequency in (minutes): 90
- Operating System Drive Information
 - Operating System Drive Encryption Settings: Enabled
 - Allow BitLocker without a compatible TPM (requires a password): Allow
 - Select protector for operating system drive: TPM only
 - Configure minimum PIN length for startup: 4

To exit the wizard, click Close.

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- Next >
- Summary
- Close**

Now it is time to deploy this policy to MBAM collection. I don't have any physical system running Win 7 or Win 8 or Win 10. I will try and use virtual machine and see, if bit locker will work on these systems. They are all Windows 10 workstation running v1909.

The screenshot shows the Microsoft Endpoint Manager console. The top pane displays the 'MBAM 3 items' collection with the following table:

Icon	Name	Client Type	Client	Primary User(s)	Currently Logged on User	Site Code	Client Activity
	TESTV1809	Computer	Yes			TOR	Active
	WIN10	Computer	Yes		RAMLAN\tester	TOR	Active
	WIN8	Computer	Yes		RAMLAN\ramlan	TOR	Active

The bottom pane shows the 'BitLocker Management 1 items' collection with the following table:

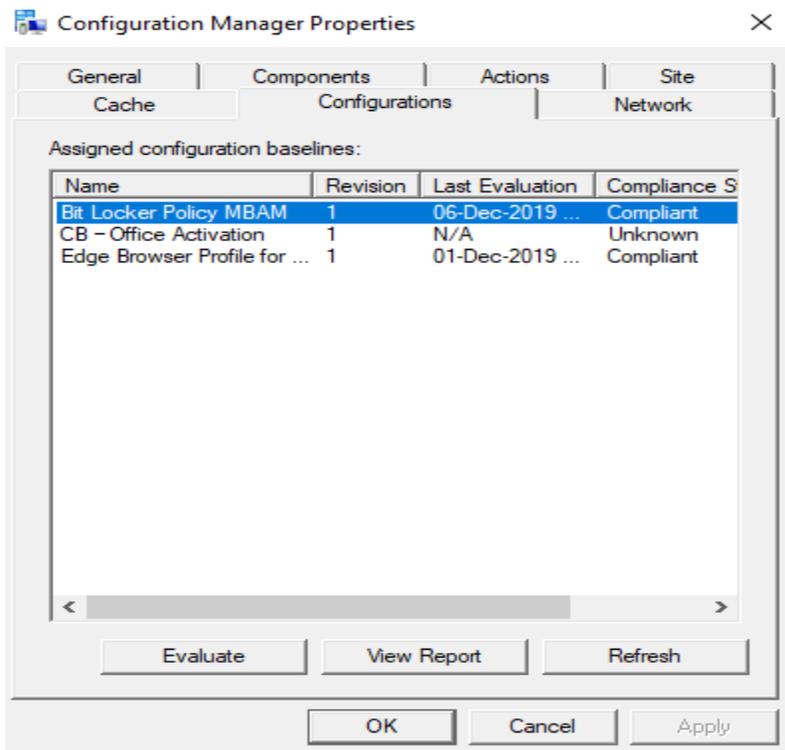
Icon	Revision	Name	Date Modified	Deployed	Order
	1	Bit Locker Policy MBAM	06-Dec-2019 10:25 PM	No	1

The 'Deploy BitLocker Management Policy' dialog box is open, showing the following configuration:

- BitLocker Management Policy name: Bit Locker Policy MBAM
- Collection: MBAM
- Allow remediation outside the maintenance window
- Schedule: Simple schedule (selected)
 - Run every: 7 Days
- Custom schedule: No custom schedule defined.

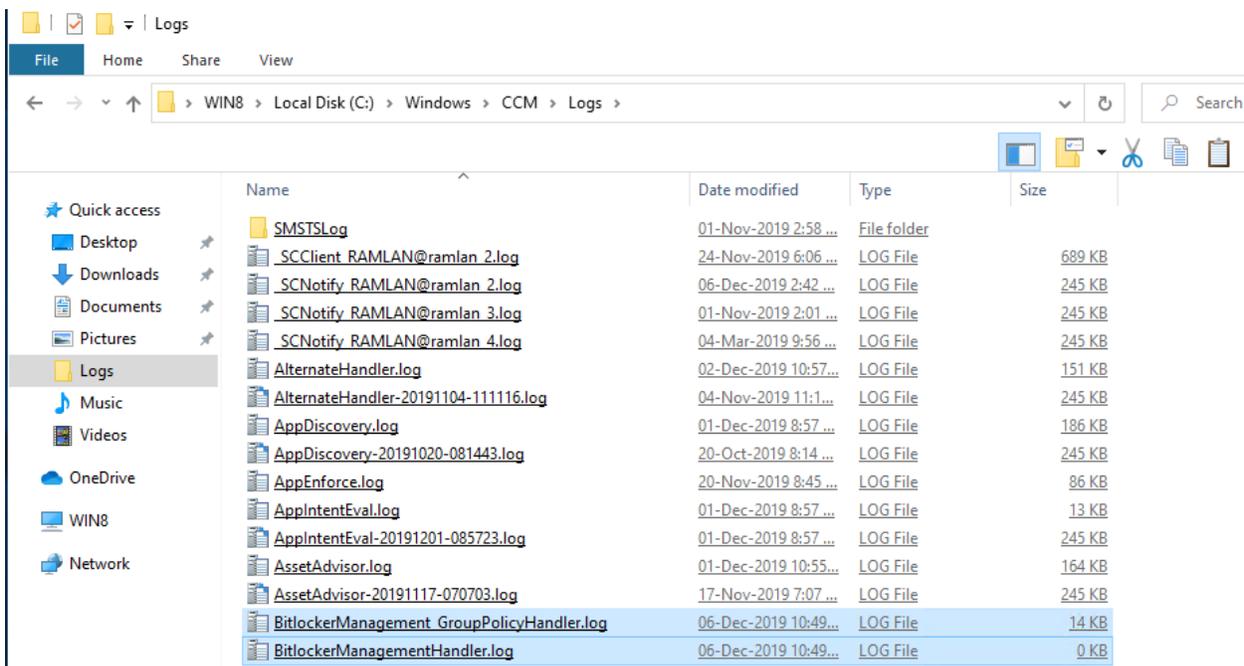
Buttons: OK, Cancel

After running Machine and User policy on Win 10 workstation the MBAM policy is compliant.



Two new log files will appear in the CCM\Logs folder on the device. These are the BitLockerManagementHandler.log and the BitLockerManagement_GroupPolicyHandler.log.

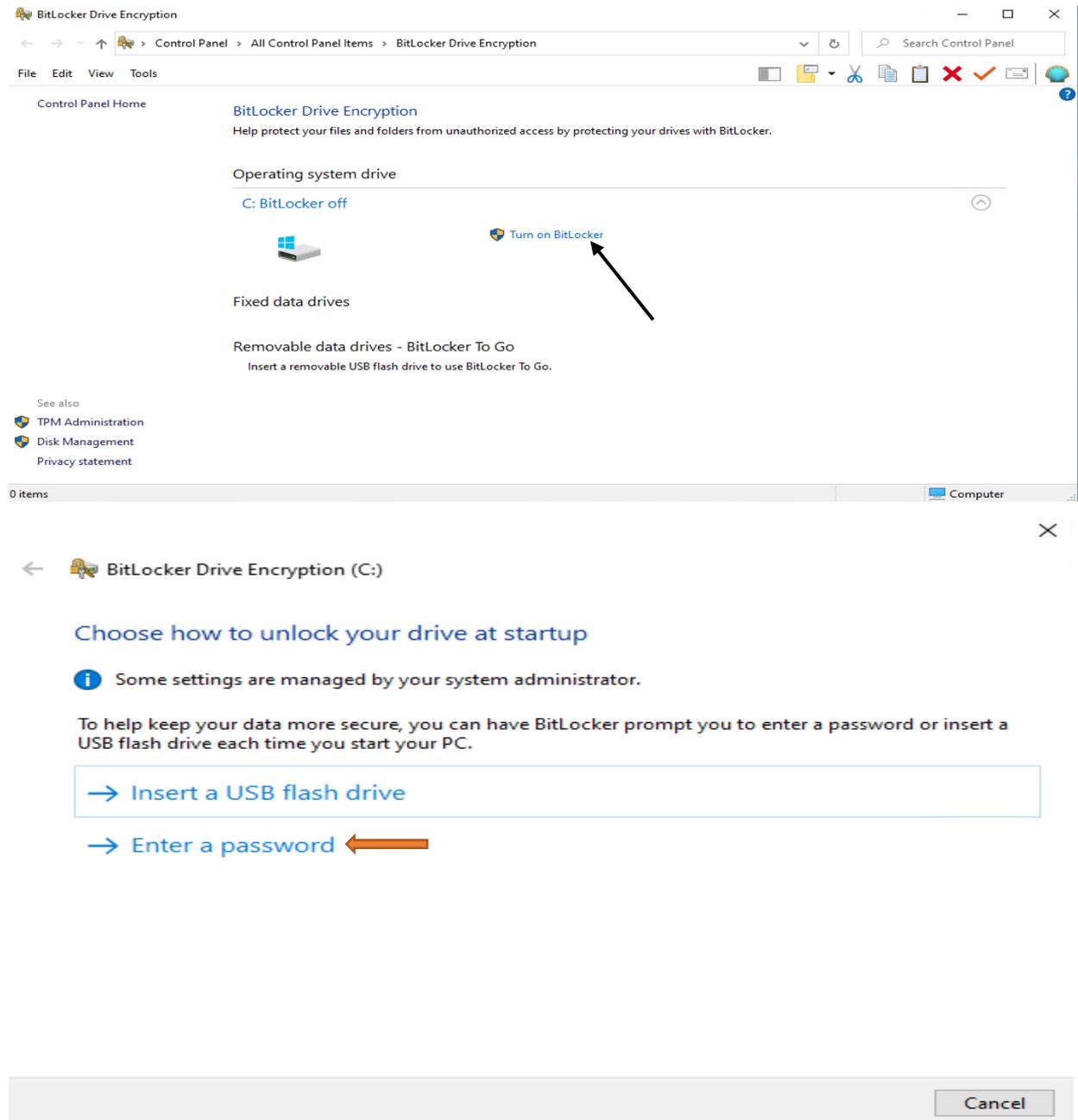
The BitLockerManagementHandler.log records the installation of the MBAM client install on the device.



Encryption and MBAM magic:

Here is the screen shot of Windows 10 workstation where Bit Locker is turned off. I was not using bit locker before. Now we have integrated MBAM with CB1910 and created MBAM policy, we can turn on bit locker. You don't have to do this, if you have physical machine. I am running all virtual machines. Hence have to turn bit locker to start the encryption process.

If you are testing this with a virtual machine, you might get a failure to encrypt error. The Event Viewer logs might state BitLocker Drive Encryption only supports Used Space Only Encryption on thin provisioned storage.





← BitLocker Drive Encryption (C:)

Create a password to unlock this drive

You should create a strong password that uses uppercase and lowercase letters, numbers, symbols, and spaces.

Enter your password

Reenter your password

[Tips for creating a strong password.](#)

Next

Cancel

I saved the key to network share on DC.



← BitLocker Drive Encryption (C:)

How do you want to back up your recovery key?

i Some settings are managed by your system administrator.

A recovery key can be used to access your files and folders if you're having problems unlocking your PC. It's a good idea to have more than one and keep each in a safe place other than your PC.

→ Save to your cloud domain account

→ Save to a USB flash drive

→ Save to a file



→ Print the recovery key

[How can I find my recovery key later?](#)

Next

Cancel



←  BitLocker Drive Encryption (C:)

Choose how much of your drive to encrypt

If you're setting up BitLocker on a new drive or a new PC, you only need to encrypt the part of the drive that's currently being used. BitLocker encrypts new data automatically as you add it.

If you're enabling BitLocker on a PC or drive that's already in use, consider encrypting the entire drive. Encrypting the entire drive ensures that all data is protected—even data that you deleted but that might still contain retrievable info.

- Encrypt used disk space only (faster and best for new PCs and drives)
- Encrypt entire drive (slower but best for PCs and drives already in use)

Next

Cancel



←  BitLocker Drive Encryption (C:)

Are you ready to encrypt this drive?

Encryption might take a while depending on the size of the drive.

You can keep working while the drive is being encrypted, although your PC might run more slowly.

Run BitLocker system check

The system check ensures that BitLocker can read the recovery and encryption keys correctly before encrypting the drive.

BitLocker will restart your computer before encrypting.

Note: This check might take a while, but is recommended to ensure that your selected unlock method works without requiring the recovery key.

Continue

Cancel

BitLocker Drive Encryption

Control Panel > All Control Panel Items > BitLocker Drive Encryption

File Edit View Tools

Control Panel Home

BitLocker Drive Encryption

Help protect your files and folders from unauthorized access by protecting your drives with BitLocker.

Operating system drive

[C: Restart required](#)



Fixed data drives

Removable data drives - BitLocker To Go

Insert a removable USB flash drive to use BitLocker To Go.

See also

- [TPM Administration](#)
- [Disk Management](#)
- [Privacy statement](#)

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On restart we have to enter the password that was set before.

WIN8 on SPRO4 - Virtual Machine Connection

File Action Media Clipboard View Help

BitLocker

Enter the password to unlock this drive

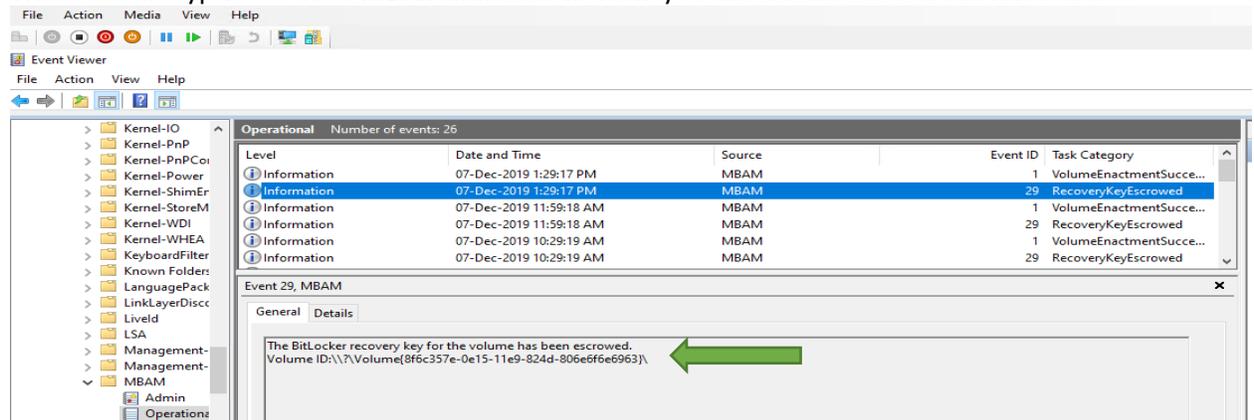
Press the Insert key to see the password as you type.

Press Enter to continue
Press Esc for BitLocker recovery

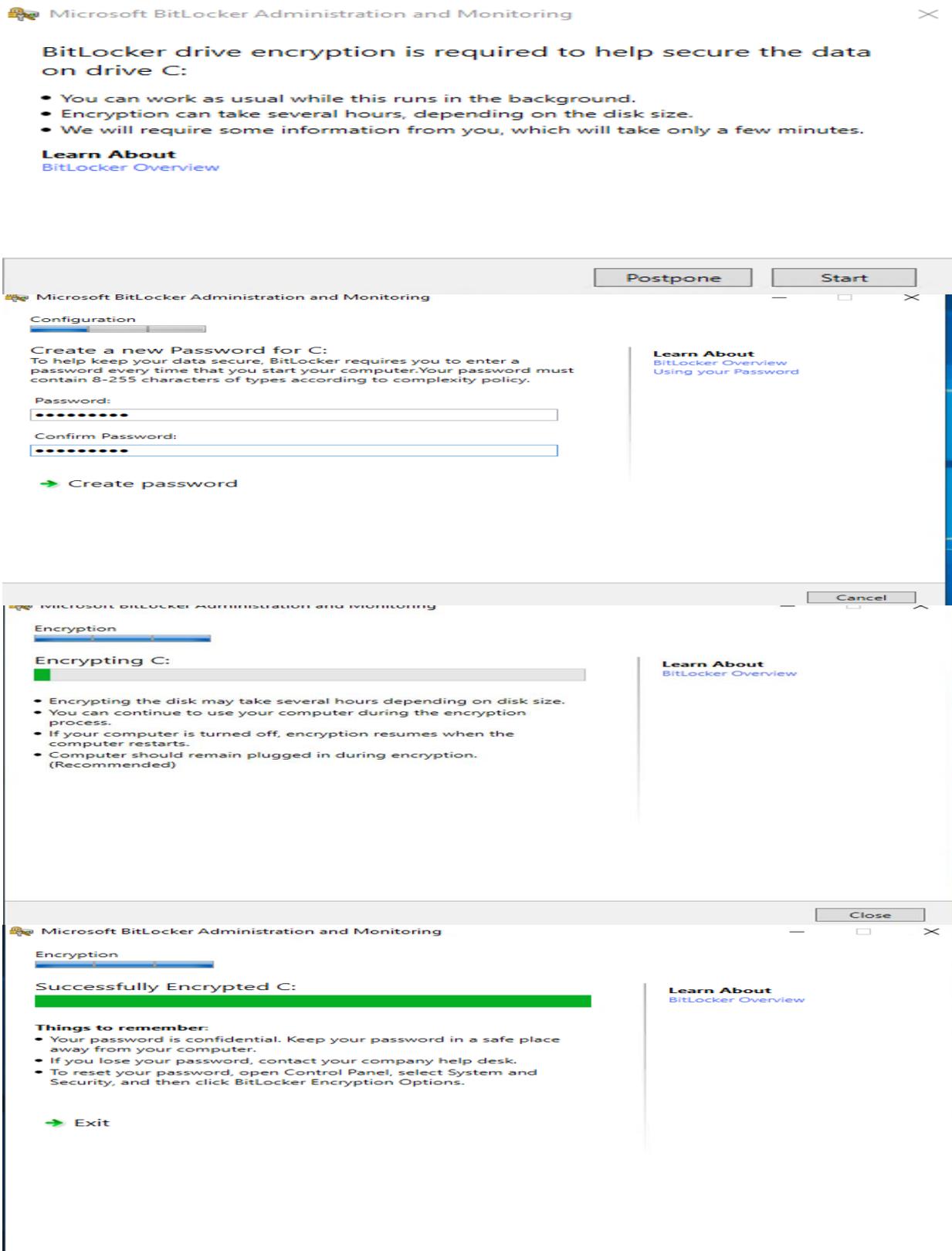
Encryption has started



When the encryption is done MBAM will escrow the key to the database. You can find it here..

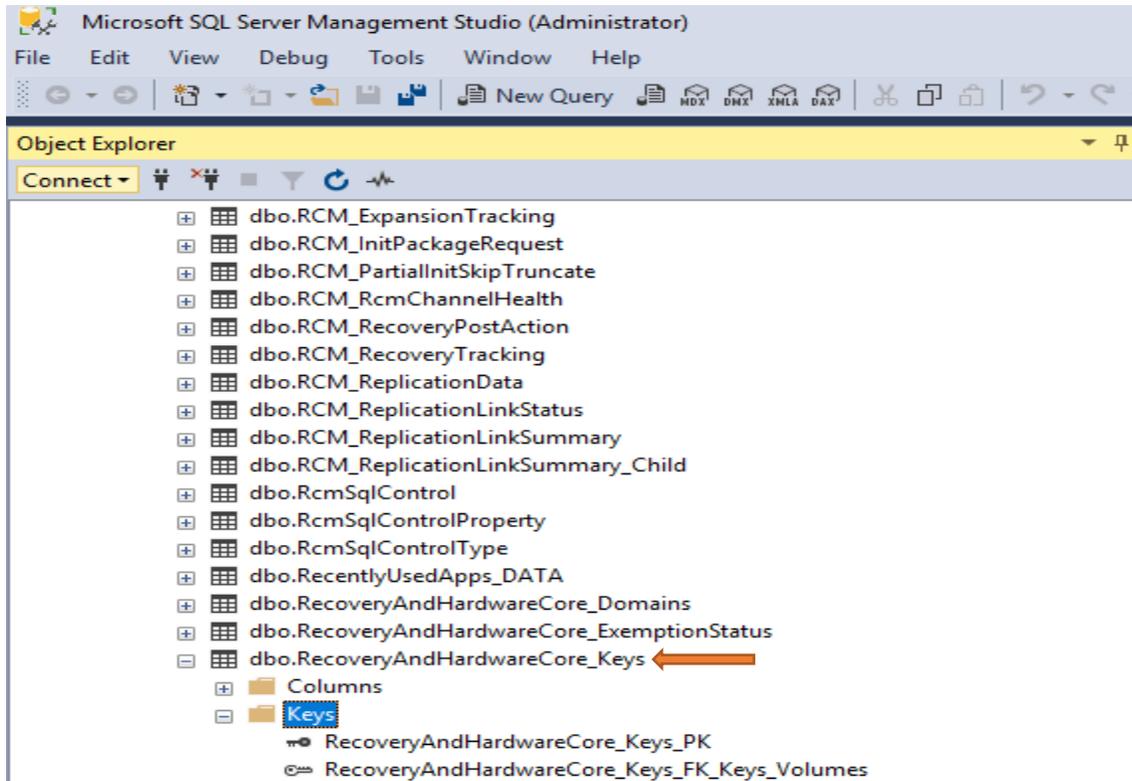


You might see this type of screen shot as well when the MBAM policy is applied.



Getting keys from the Database:

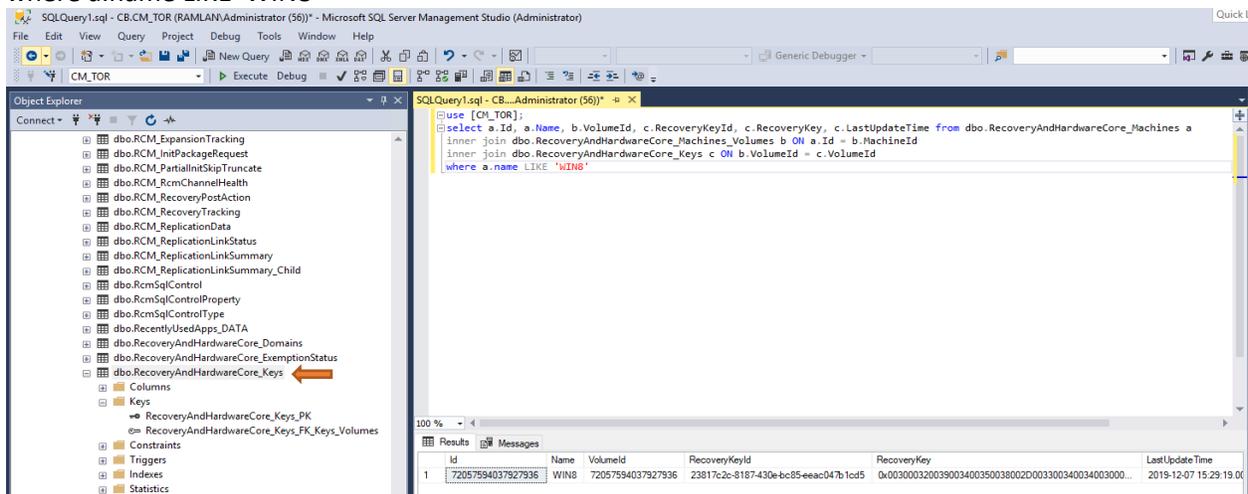
The recovery keys are stored in SCCM Database at this location `dbo.RecoveryAndHardwareCore_Keys`



Get Recovery key data based on Computer Name

use [CM_TOR];

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select a.Id, a.Name, b.VolumeId, c.RecoveryKeyId, c.RecoveryKey, c.LastUpdateTime from
dbo.RecoveryAndHardwareCore_Machines a
inner join dbo.RecoveryAndHardwareCore_Machines_Volumes b ON a.Id = b.MachineId
inner join dbo.RecoveryAndHardwareCore_Keys c ON b.VolumeId = c.VolumeId
where a.name LIKE 'WIN8'
```



Now we have a fully integrated MBAM within CB1910. If you had setup MBAM server before in production it can be retired. I am not sure how recovery key will be moved or transferred or will the same key work after the integration.

With this question in mind and no answer, I posted a short tweet and got these responses.

Tweet

Ram Lan @RAMINFOTECHRAM
Replying to @ncbrady

OK weekend homework is done and MBAM is integrated with CB1910. I am looking for link on how to transfer recovery key, if one had MBAM server in place before. I want to complete the blog write up with this info as well.

2:33 PM · Dec 7, 2019 · [Twitter Web App](#)

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Niall C. Brady @ncbrady · 13h
Replying to @RAMINFOTECHRAM
good question, i'm guessing that once you move a client from MBAM on prem to Configmgr managed MBAM, that the key will rotate and a new key will be stored in the new database, aka, ConfigMgr's database. In other words, I think the key in the old db will be useless. Not 100% sure.

Frederic Mokren @fmokren · 1h
Pretty much correct except the key is not rotated. The same key is just stored in ConfMgr.

Thanks

Ram Lan
7th Dec 2019