

# Updating Windows Boot Manager and WinPE with the Windows UEFI CA 2023 Certificate

## Planning / Implementation

Secure Boot is a security feature that helps ensure systems boot using only software that is trusted by the OEM hardware manufacturer. It is part of the Unified Extensible Firmware Interface (UEFI) specification, and is designed to prevent unauthorized firmware, drivers and operating systems from loading during the system boot process. Microsoft adopted Secure Boot beginning with Windows 8, and it is now a core security requirement for Windows operating systems.

When the system starts, the firmware verifies the digital signatures of pre-boot software (including the Windows Boot Manager) against a set of trusted Certificate Authority (CA) stored within the system's firmware. If the signatures are valid, the system boots, and the firmware hands control over to the Windows boot loader, which in turn verifies requirements, loads into memory, and starts the operating system. This process helps make sure that bootkits, rootkits or other low-level malware cannot be loaded.

Secure Boot provides the first line of defense in system and Windows security. It is built on the UEFI firmware and uses a hierarchy of keys to ensure your system starts in a trusted and verified state every time the system is powered on.

The keys used for Secure Boot are below:

1. **Platform Key (PK)**, which establishes system ownership, typically owned by the hardware manufacturer (OEM).
2. **Key Exchange Key (KEK)**, which authorizes updates to trust databases, and may include a Microsoft KEK and other OEM KEKs.
3. **Allowed Signature database (DB)**, which stores signatures of approved bootloaders and drivers.
4. **Forbidden Signature Database (DBX)**, which lists revoked or malicious signatures.

During boot process, the firmware verifies each component's digital signature against these databases, blocking any untrusted or tampered code before the operating system loads.

All Windows-based devices have carried the same set of Microsoft Secure Boot (CA 2011) certificates within the UEFI KEK and DB since Microsoft first introduced support for Secure Boot in Windows Server 2012 and Windows 8. However, the original CA 2011 Secure Boot certificates will expire in 2026 as noted within the expiration schedule table shown below.

**Windows Server versions:** All versions of Windows Server are affected by this certification expiration.

Table 1. Microsoft Secure Boot (CA 2011) certificates

Expiring Certificates	Expiration Date	New Certificates	Storing Location
Microsoft Corporation KEK CA 2011	June 2026	Microsoft Corporation KEK CA 2023	KEK

Expiring Certificates	Expiration Date	New Certificates	Storing Location
Microsoft Windows Production PCA 2011	October 2026	Windows UEFI CA 2023	DB
Microsoft UEFI CA 2011	June 2026	Microsoft UEFI CA 2023	DB
Microsoft UEFI CA 2011	June 2026	Microsoft Option ROM CA 2023	DB

When these certificates expire, several repercussions follow:

- Systems will continue to boot initially, but will stop receiving Secure Boot-related security updates once PCA 2011 certificates expire (mid/late-2026).
- Future Windows Boot Manager updates may fail Secure Boot verification.
- Recovery media, WinPE, and installation media created before PCA 2023 adoption may fail to boot on updated firmware.
- Systems may become non-compliant with enterprise security baselines and regulatory frameworks.

Lenovo systems proactively include updated UEFI firmware containing the Microsoft 2023 Secure Boot certificates, allowing customers to transition without disabling Secure Boot or performing manual key enrollment. This minimizes operational risk while maintaining Secure Boot enforcement throughout the transition.

In addition, the new Secure Boot changes also help to reduce the attack surface associated with CVE-2023-24932 (aka. BlackLotus UEFI bootkit vulnerability), a separate security vulnerability related to the Windows Boot Manager which could potentially allow an attacker to bypass the Secure Boot feature.

Therefore, to help minimize the risk of system attacks, Lenovo has already released updated UEFI Firmware which includes the latest Secure Boot CA 2023 Certificates for all Lenovo systems.

In this paper, we focus on the process of updating the Windows Boot Manager, Boot Certificates and the steps for creating a bootable WinPE image. The guidance presented in this paper allows Lenovo Windows Server environments to confirm all Boot Certificates are at the latest version and continue operating as expected and receive regular Secure Boot updates.

## Check the current certificate

The first step is to verify that the current boot manager with CA certificate is PCA 2011 signed.

For example, the system below has Windows Server 2025 (Build 26100.2314) installed.

1. The EFI System Partition must first be mounted to view Boot Manager file properties. Use the following **mountvol** command to mount the EFI system partition as a drive letter. The /s parameter mounts the EFI system partition as the specified drive letter (for example S: drive).

```
mountvol s: /s
```

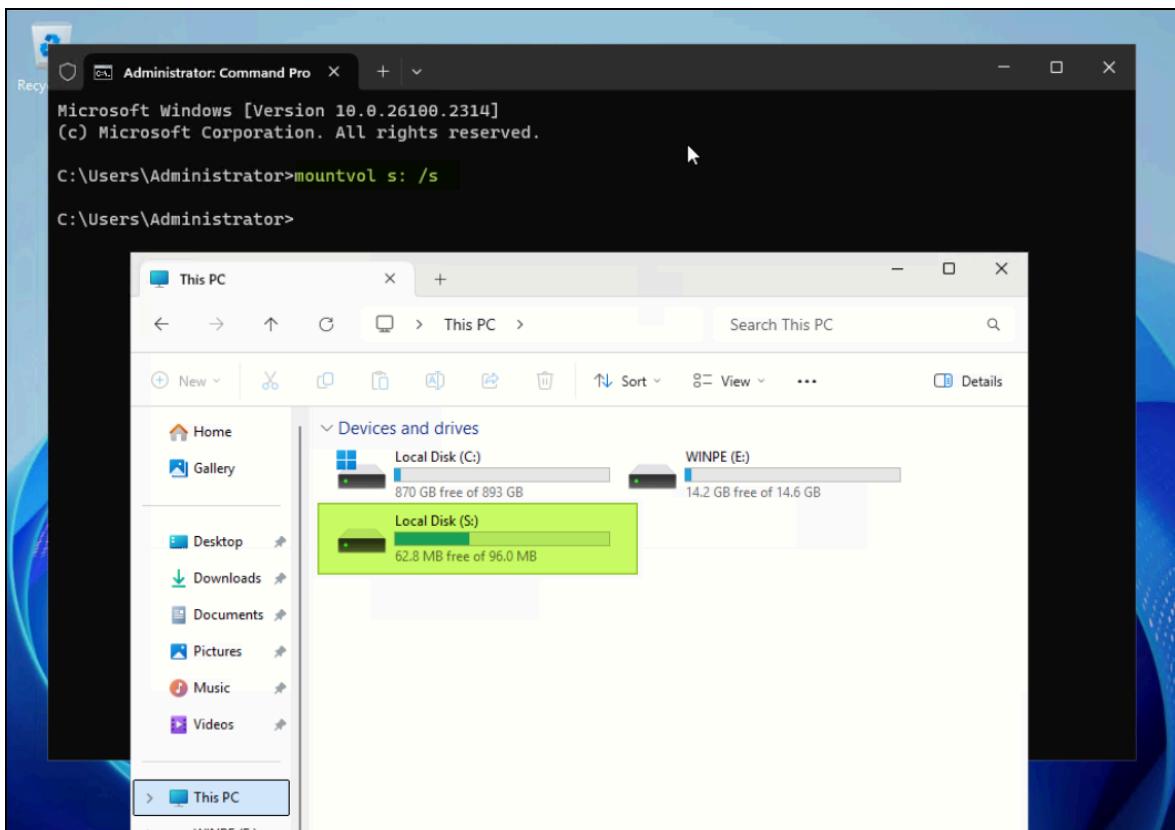


Figure 1. Mount EFI system partition

2. Look for the following two EFI files in the folders listed:
  - \EFI\Microsoft\Boot\bootmgfw.efi
  - \EFI\Boot\bootx64.efi
3. Right click on each EFI file and click **Properties**, and click the **Digital Signatures** tab. From the **Issued by** text, we currently see that the **Microsoft Windows Production PCA 2011** signed

certificate is installed, as shown below.

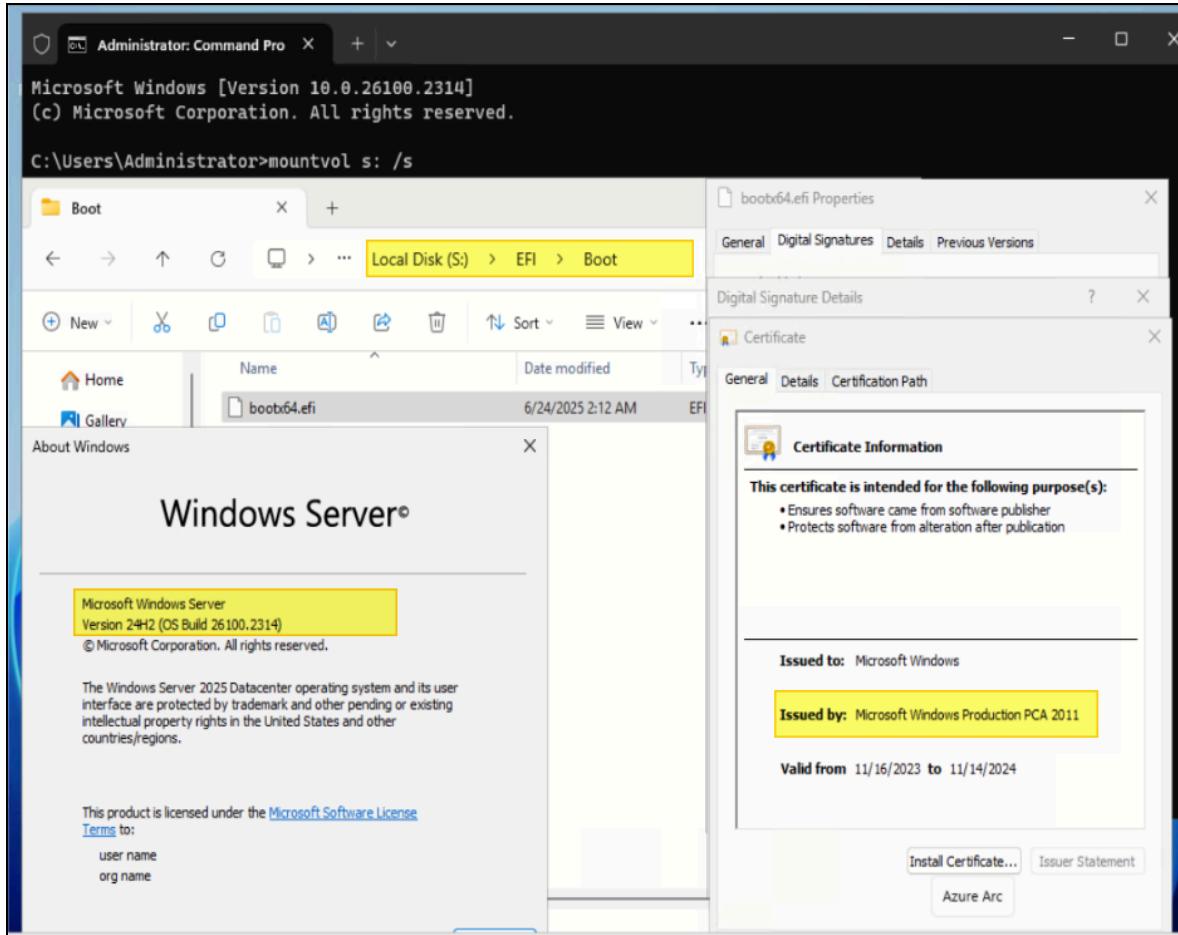


Figure 2. Check the original certificate of the boot manager

We now proceed with updating the boot manager with the CA 2023 signed certificate.

## Update Boot Manager to Windows UEFI CA 2023

Follow the steps below to update the Boot Manager with the Windows UEFI CA 2023 signed certificate.

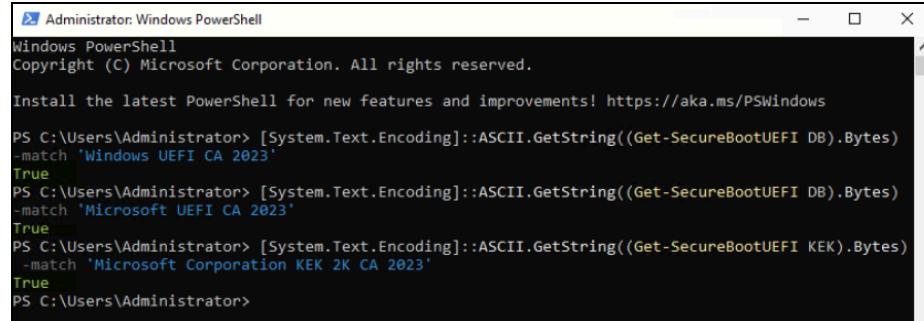
**Windows Server 2022:** For Windows Server 2022 (20348.2227 and before), make sure all required Windows updates (2025-2B or later) have been installed.

1. Perform a set of checks prior to the registry update:
  1. System firmware is updated to a Lenovo release that includes 2023 CA support.  
To verify the installed firmware has the 2023 CA certificate, open a PowerShell command prompt as an Administrator, and issue the following commands:

```
[System.Text.Encoding]::ASCII.GetString((Get-SecureBootUEFI -DB).Bytes) -match 'Windows UEFI CA 2023'  
[System.Text.Encoding]::ASCII.GetString((Get-SecureBootUEFI -DB).Bytes) -match 'Microsoft UEFI CA 2023'
```

```
[System.Text.Encoding]::ASCII.GetString((Get-SecureBootUEFI KEK).Bytes) -match 'Microsoft Corporation KEK 2K CA 2023'
```

If the output is True for each command, then the certificate is included.



```
Administrator: Windows PowerShell
Windows PowerShell
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PS C:\Users\Administrator> [System.Text.Encoding]::ASCII.GetString((Get-SecureBootUEFI DB).Bytes) -match 'Windows UEFI CA 2023'
True
PS C:\Users\Administrator> [System.Text.Encoding]::ASCII.GetString((Get-SecureBootUEFI DB).Bytes) -match 'Microsoft UEFI CA 2023'
True
PS C:\Users\Administrator> [System.Text.Encoding]::ASCII.GetString((Get-SecureBootUEFI KEK).Bytes) -match 'Microsoft Corporation KEK 2K CA 2023'
True
PS C:\Users\Administrator>
```

Figure 3. Check if the 2023 CAs are in system firmware

2. System is fully patched to the required Windows update level. See the following Microsoft support page for the latest updates:  
<https://learn.microsoft.com/en-us/windows/release-health/windows-server-release-info#windows-server-major-versions-by-servicing-option-->
  3. Secure Boot is Enabled in UEFI.
  4. BitLocker recovery keys are backed up (standard enterprise best practice).
2. Open **Command Prompt** as an **Administrator**.
3. To install the “Windows UEFI CA 2023” signed boot manager, set the following registry key:

```
reg add HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\SYSTEM\CurrentControlSet\Control\Secureboot /v AvailableUpdates /t REG_DWORD /d 0x100 /f
```

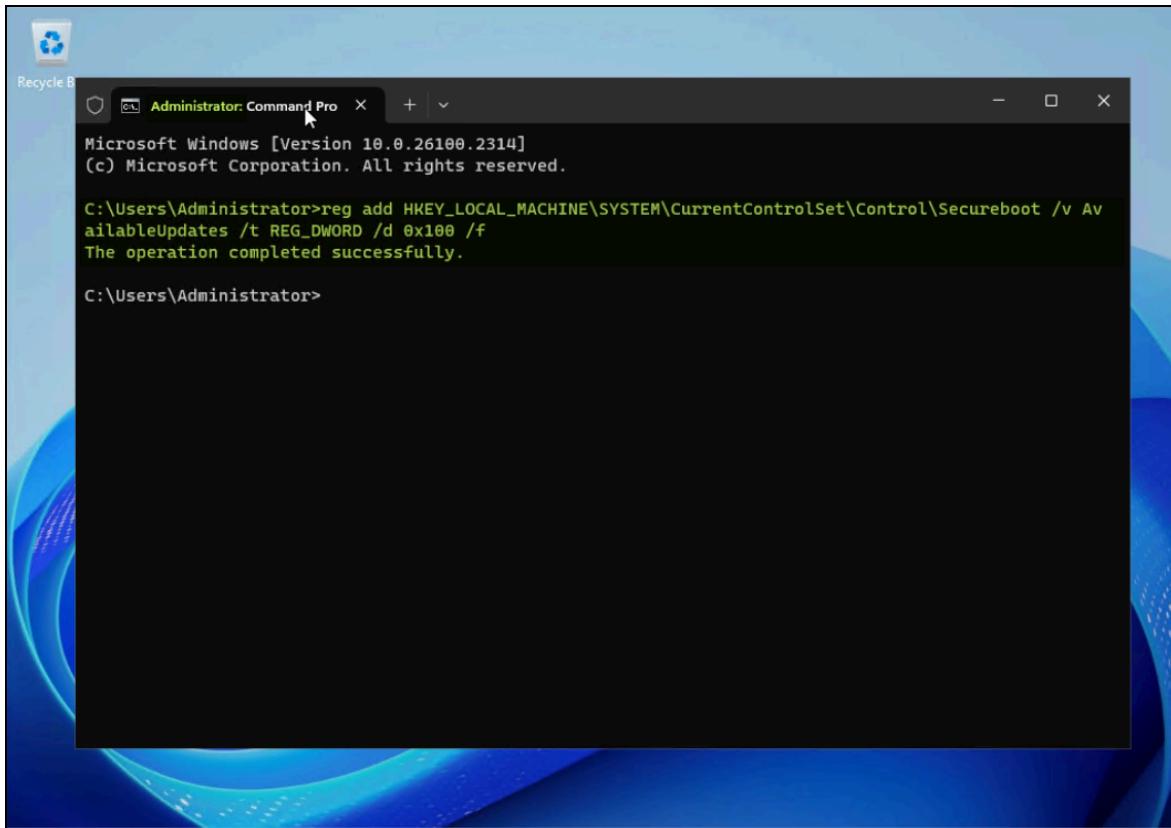


Figure 4. Add a registry key for CA 2023 signed Windows Boot Manager deployment

4. Open **PowerShell** as an **Administrator** and issue the following command to run a task that will add the Windows UEFI CA 2023 certificate to the UEFI Secure Boot Signature Database (DB):

```
Start-ScheduledTask -TaskName "\Microsoft\Windows\PI\Secure-Boot-Update"
```

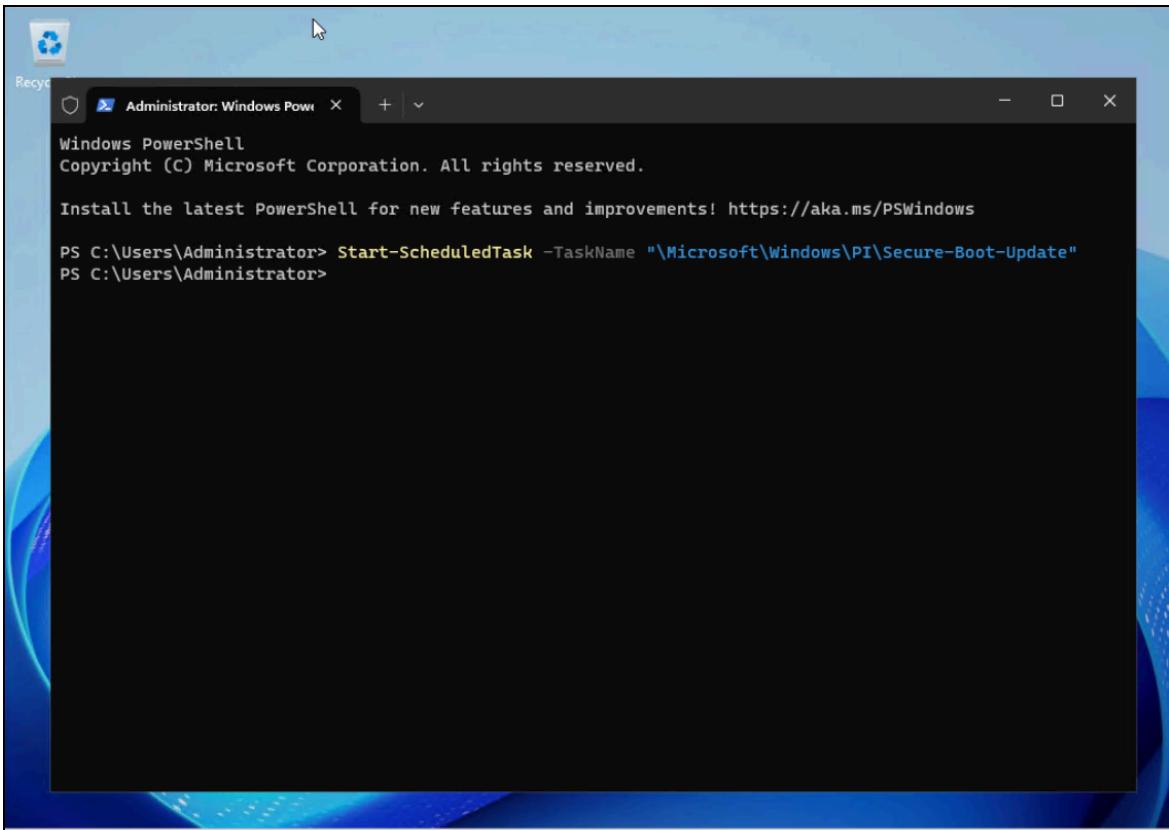


Figure 5. Create a Scheduled Task to add the Windows UEFI CA 2023 signed certificate

5. Open **Task Scheduler** to check the task. Verify that the trigger and next run time are set on the task "Secure-Boot-Update" by PowerShell cmdlet "Start-ScheduledTask" as shown below.

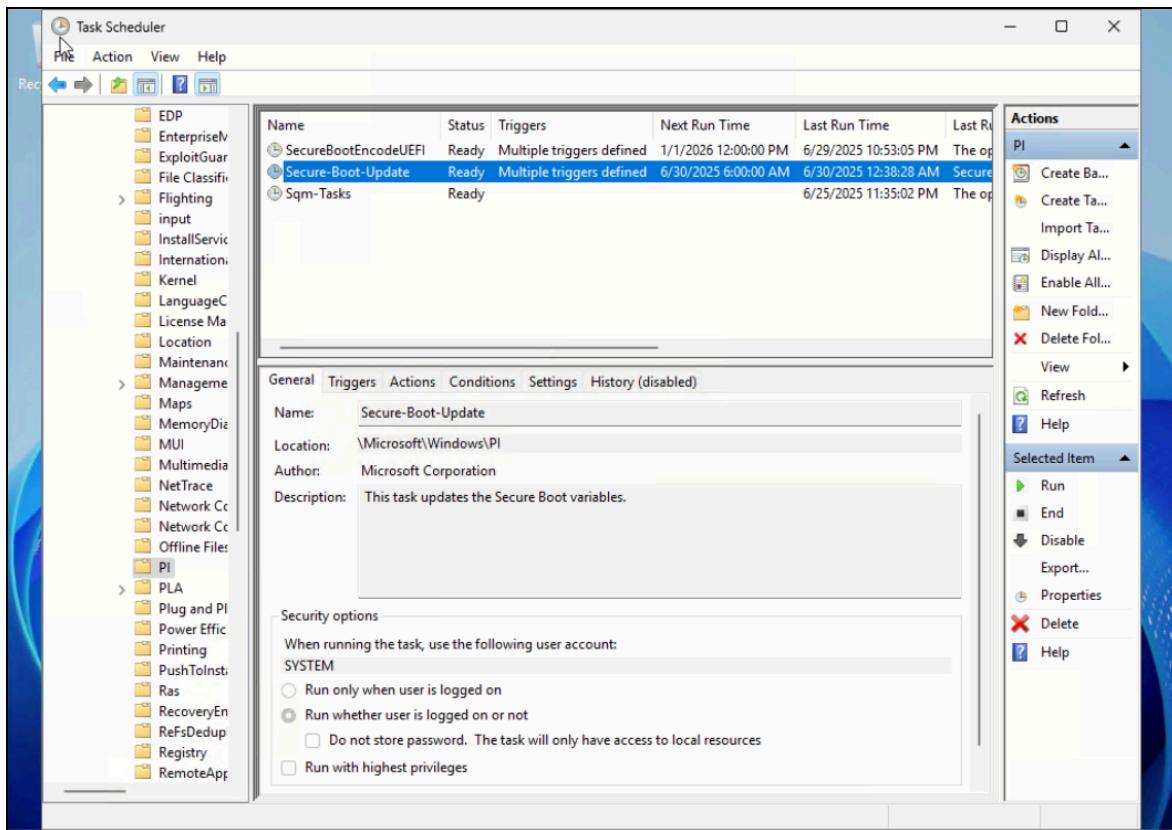


Figure 6. Check the task is created

6. Reboot the server and enter F1 System Setup.
7. Verify that Secure Boot is enabled within the Lenovo UEFI startup menu, as shown below.

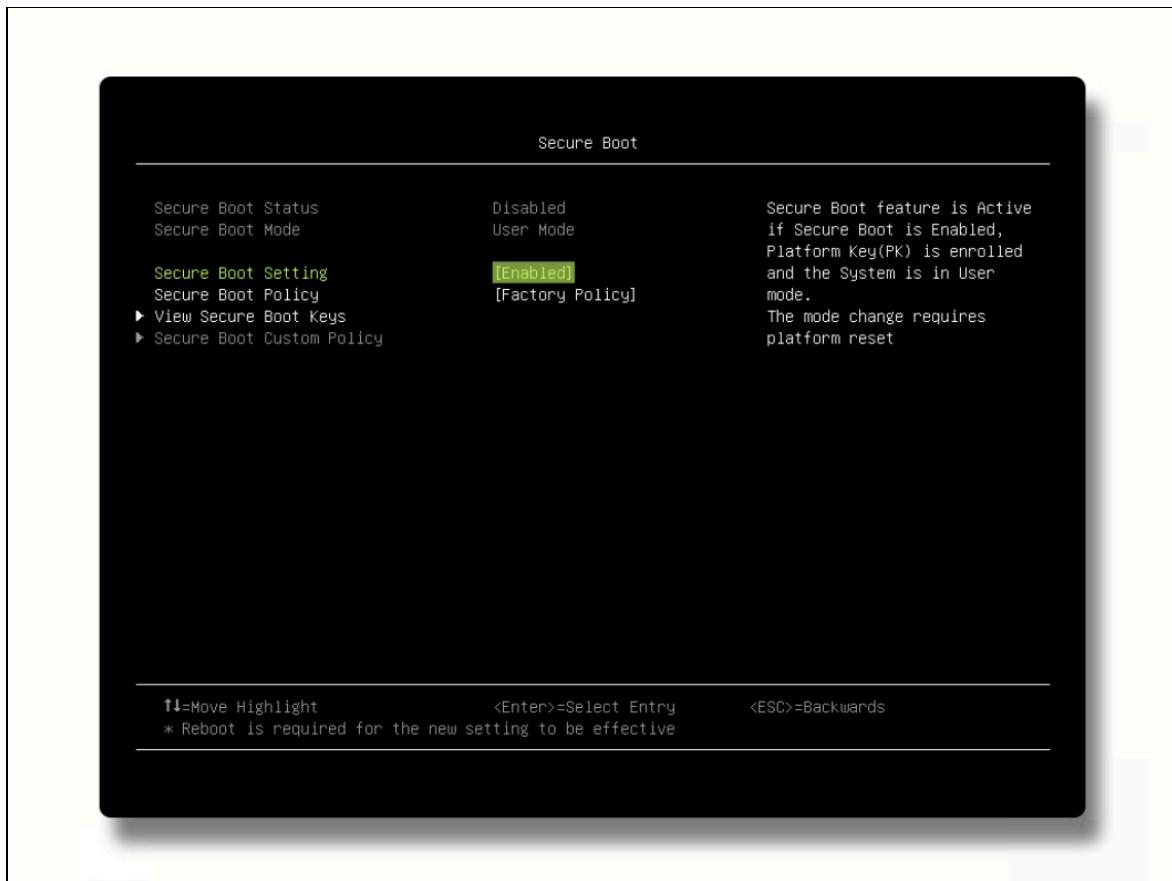


Figure 7. Verify that Secure Boot is enabled

In the next section, we explain how to verify the Windows UEFI CA 2023 signed certificate is installed.

## Verify the CA 2023 certificate is installed

After completing the update process above, follow the steps below to check if the boot manager displays Windows UEFI CA 2023 signed certificate is installed.

1. Mount the EFI system partition using the same **mountvol** command as before.

```
mountvol s: /s
```

2. Look for the following two EFI files in the folders listed:

- \EFI\Microsoft\Boot\bootmgfw.efi
- \EFI\Boot\bootx64.efi

3. Right click on each EFI file and click **Properties**, and click the **Digital Signatures** tab. From the

**Issued by** text, we currently see that the certificate is now **Windows UEFI CA 2023**.

Properties of S:\EFI\Microsoft\Boot\bootmgfw.efi file:

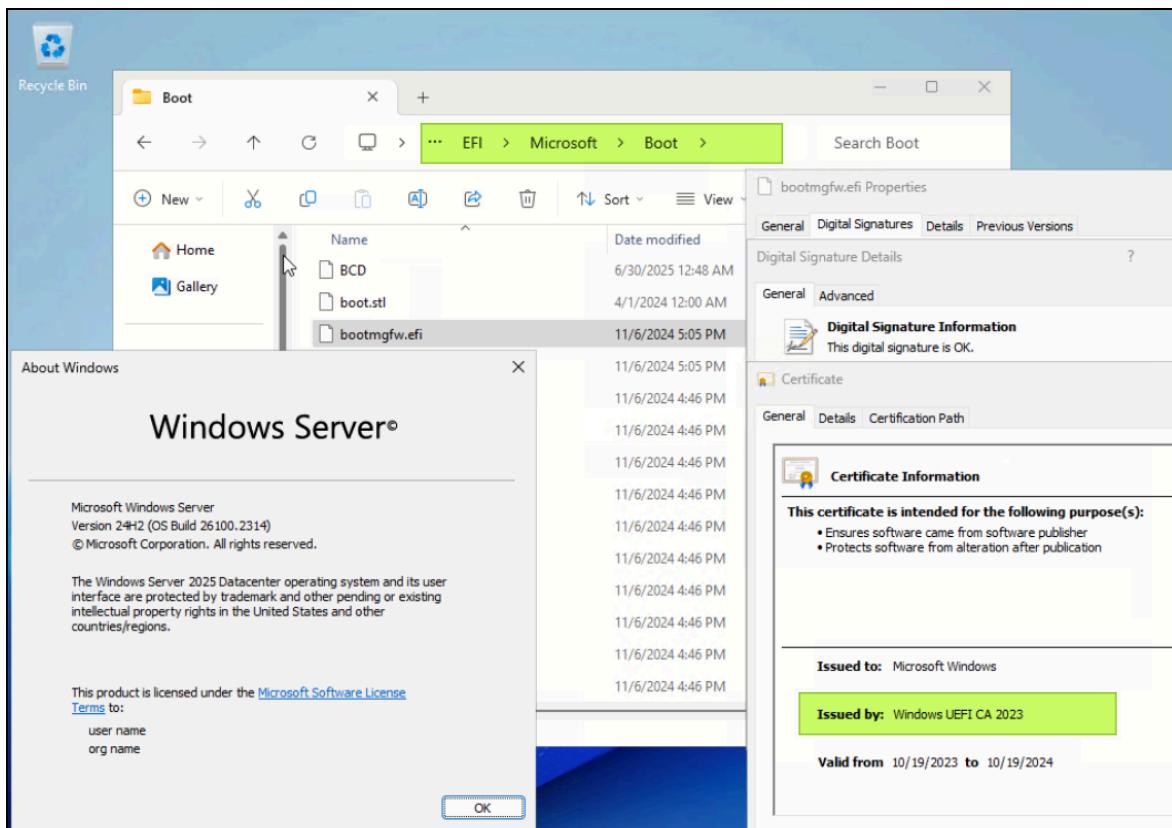


Figure 8. The bootmgfw.efi with CA 2023 signed

Properties of S:\EFI\Boot\bootx64.efi file:

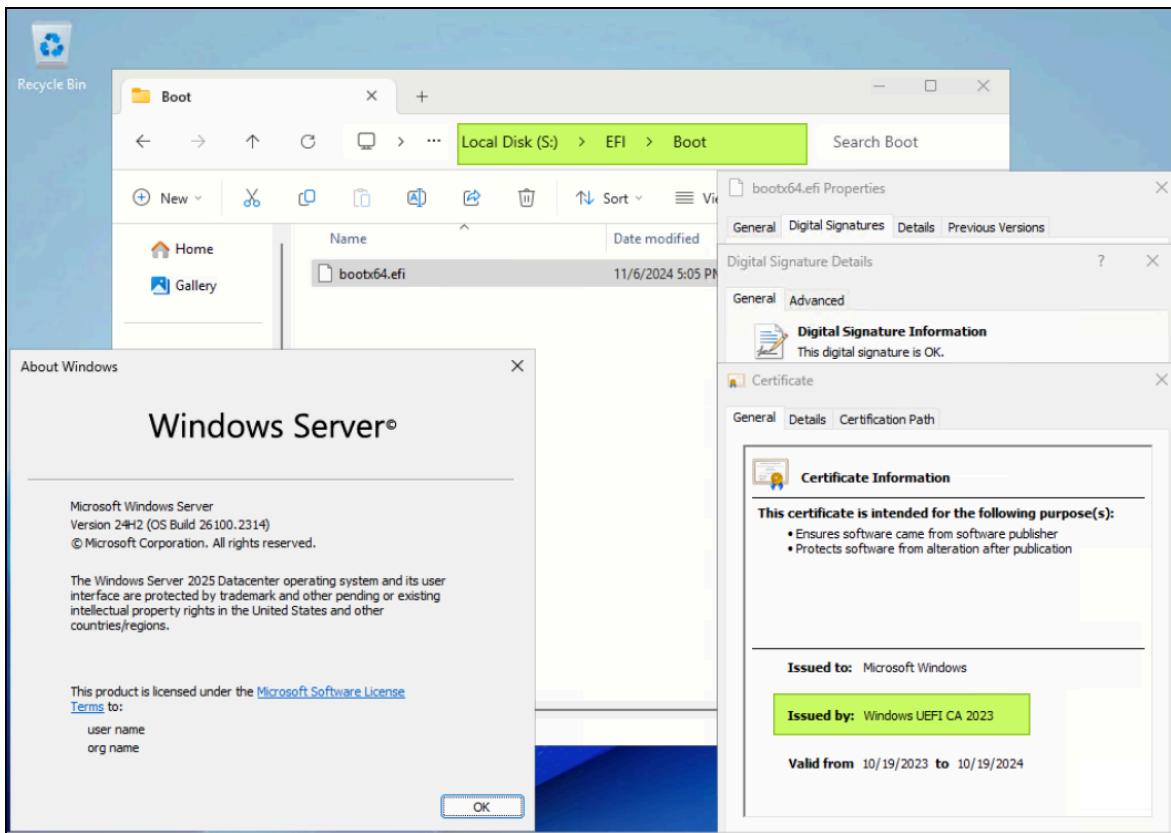


Figure 9. The bootx64.efi with CA 2023 signed

If the updated **Windows UEFI CA 2023** certificate is not displayed in the Issued by field, you can click "Run" on the right side as shown below to re-run the task "\Microsoft\Windows\PI\Secure-Boot-Update" from Task Scheduler again. The Last Run Result shown in Task Scheduler should be:

The operation completed successfully. (0x0)

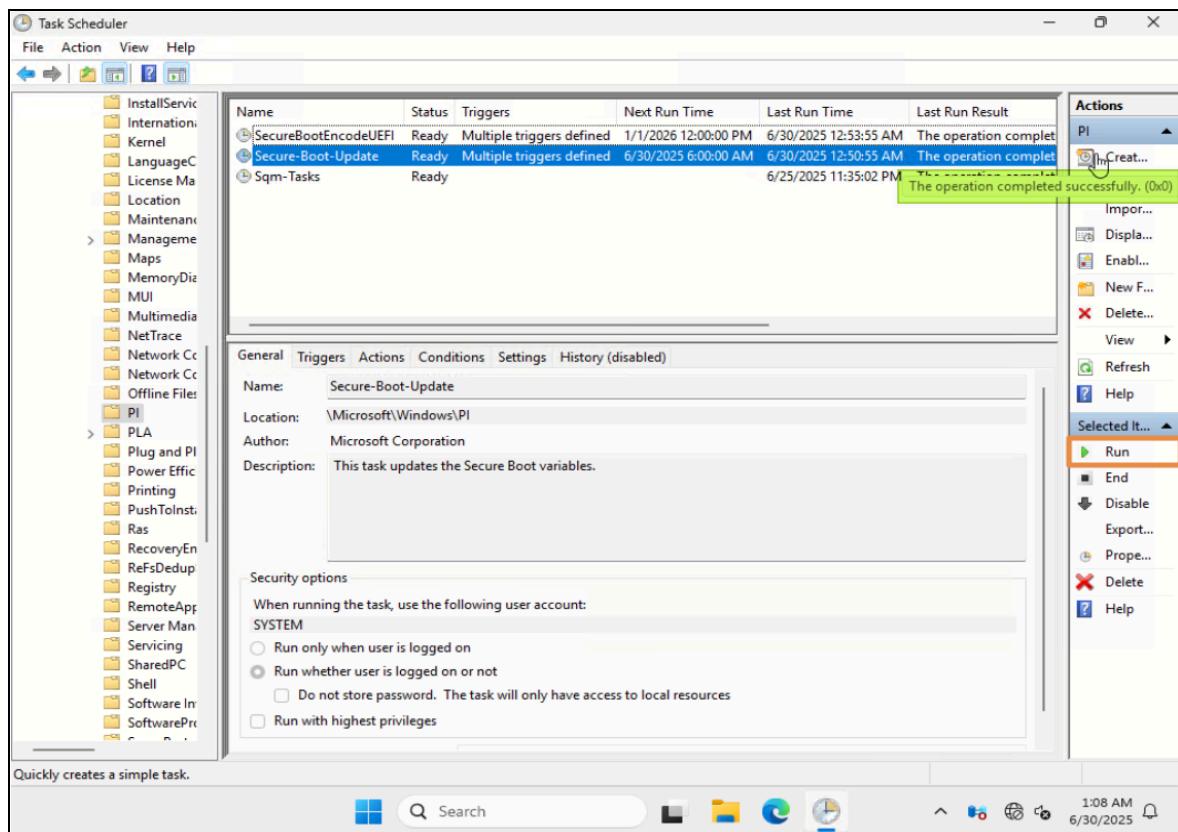


Figure 10. Check the task result from Task Scheduler

## Create WinPE bootable media with CA 2023

As we stated in the Introduction, not only Lenovo UEFI and Windows Server must update the certificates to CA 2023, but also deployment environments such as WinPE must be updated. This section describes how to create a bootable WinPE USB thumb drive or ISO file that contains the Windows UEFI CA 2023 signed certificate.

1. In Windows Server 2025 (OS Build 26100.3323 or later) environment, install [ADK](#) and [ADK Windows PE add-on](#) (Current latest released is in Dec, 2024).
2. Start the **Deployment and Imaging Tools Environment** as an **Administrator**.

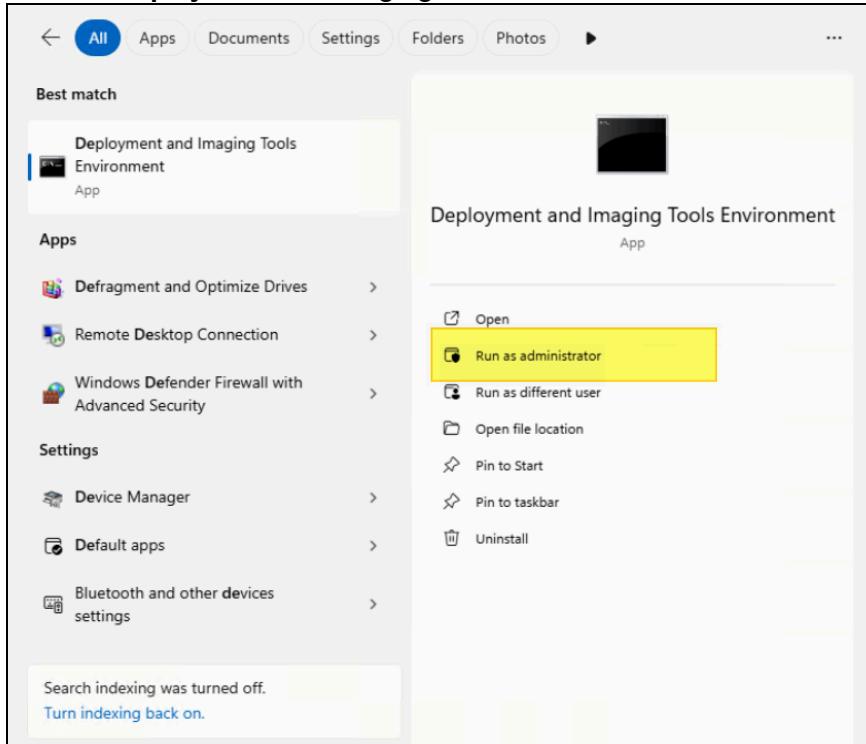


Figure 11. Start Deployment and Imaging Tools Environment

3. Navigate to the **Windows Preinstallation Environment** folder and the processor architecture folder to the "amd64"

```
cd "..\Windows Preinstallation Environment\amd64"
```

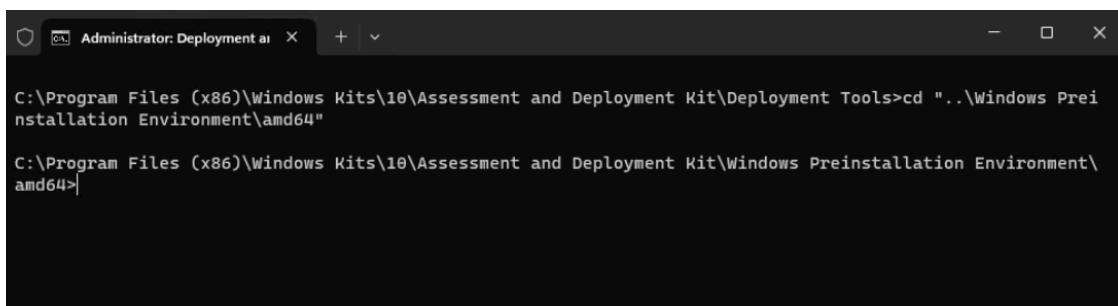


Figure 12. Navigate to the location "..\Windows Preinstallation Environment\amd64"

**Tip:** AMD64 is not just for AMD processors; It is synonymous to the generic x86-64 term for the 64-bit instruction set used on Intel and AMD processors. The processor architecture folder name "amd64" applies equally to Intel processors.

#### 4. Mount the WinPE boot image.

```
md C:\WinPE_amd64\mount
DISM /Mount-Image /ImageFile:"en-us\winpe.wim" /index:1 /MountDir:"C:\WinPE_amd64\mount"
```

```
C:\Program Files (x86)\Windows Kits\10\Assessment and Deployment Kit\Deployment Tools>cd "..\Windows Preinstallation Environment\amd64"
C:\Program Files (x86)\Windows Kits\10\Assessment and Deployment Kit\Windows Preinstallation Environment\amd64>md C:\WinPE_amd64\mount
C:\Program Files (x86)\Windows Kits\10\Assessment and Deployment Kit\Windows Preinstallation Environment\amd64>DISM /Mount-Image /ImageFile:"en-us\winpe.wim" /Index:1 /MountDir:"C:\WinPE_amd64\mount"
Deployment Image Servicing and Management tool
Version: 10.0.26100.2454

Mounting image
[=====100.0%=====]
The operation completed successfully.

C:\Program Files (x86)\Windows Kits\10\Assessment and Deployment Kit\Windows Preinstallation Environment\amd64>
```

Figure 13. Mount the WinPE boot image

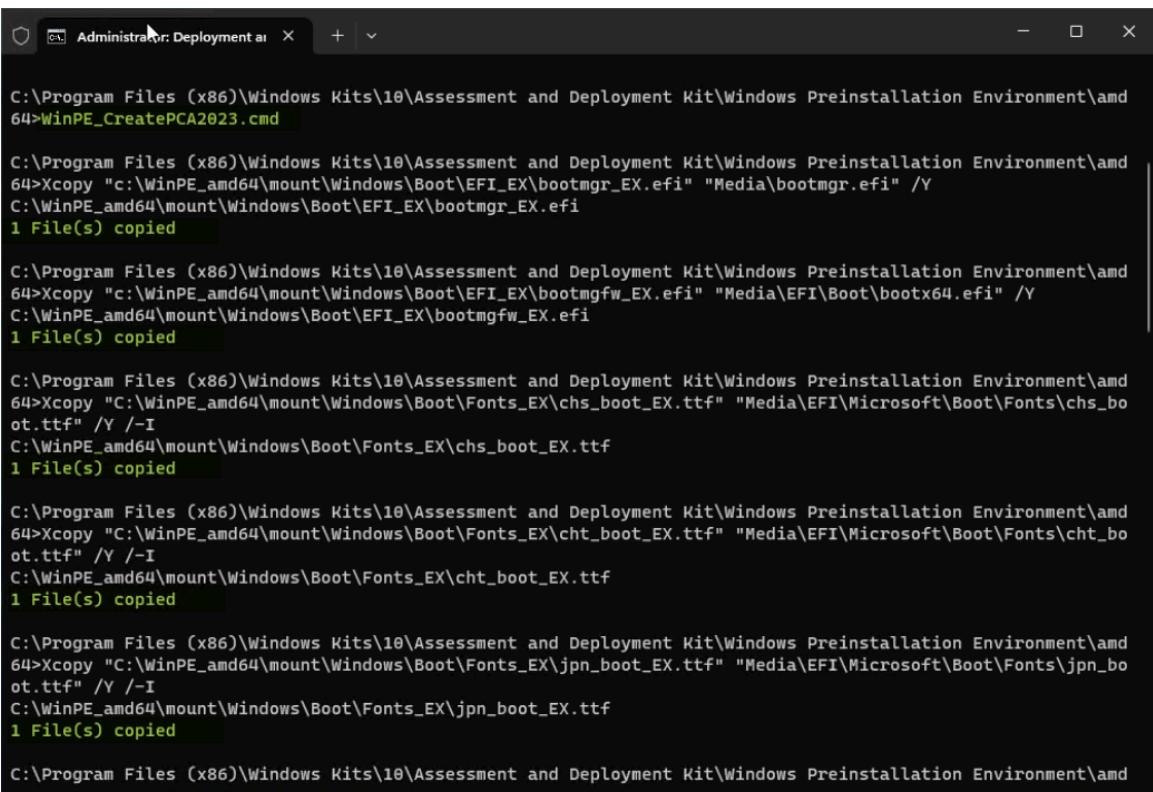
#### 5. While the WinPE boot image is mounted, copy the files noted below to create WinPE boot media with Windows UEFI 2023 CA signed.

```
Xcopy "c:\WinPE_amd64\mount\Windows\Boot\EFI_EX\bootmgr_EX.efd" "Media\bootmgr.efd" /Y
Xcopy "c:\WinPE_amd64\mount\Windows\Boot\EFI_EX\bootmgfw_EX.efd" "Media\EFI\Boot\bootx64.efd" /Y
Xcopy "C:\WinPE_amd64\mount\Windows\Boot\Fonts_EX\chs_boot_EX.ttf" "Media\EFI\Microsoft\Boot\Fonts\chs_boot.ttf" /Y /-I
Xcopy "C:\WinPE_amd64\mount\Windows\Boot\Fonts_EX\cht_boot_EX.ttf" "Media\EFI\Microsoft\Boot\Fonts\cht_boot.ttf" /Y /-I
Xcopy "C:\WinPE_amd64\mount\Windows\Boot\Fonts_EX\jpn_boot_EX.ttf" "Media\EFI\Microsoft\Boot\Fonts\jpn_boot.ttf" /Y /-I
Xcopy "C:\WinPE_amd64\mount\Windows\Boot\Fonts_EX\kor_boot_EX.ttf" "Media\EFI\Microsoft\Boot\Fonts\kor_boot.ttf" /Y /-I
Xcopy "C:\WinPE_amd64\mount\Windows\Boot\Fonts_EX\malgun_boot_EX.ttf" "Media\EFI\Microsoft\Boot\Fonts\malgun_boot.ttf" /Y /-I
Xcopy "C:\WinPE_amd64\mount\Windows\Boot\Fonts_EX\malgunn_boot_EX.ttf" "Media\EFI\Microsoft\Boot\Fonts\malgunn_boot.ttf" /Y /-I
Xcopy "C:\WinPE_amd64\mount\Windows\Boot\Fonts_EX\meiryo_boot_EX.ttf" "Media\EFI\Microsoft\Boot\Fonts\meiryo_boot.ttf" /Y /-I
```

```

dia\EFI\Microsoft\Boot\Fonts\meiryo_boot.ttf" /Y /-I
Xcopy "C:\WinPE_amd64\mount\Windows\Boot\Fonts_EX\meiryon_boot_EX.ttf" "Media\EFI\Microsoft\Boot\Fonts\meiryon_boot.ttf" /Y /-I
Xcopy "C:\WinPE_amd64\mount\Windows\Boot\Fonts_EX\msjh_boot_EX.ttf" "Media\EFI\Microsoft\Boot\Fonts\msjh_boot.ttf" /Y /-I
Xcopy "C:\WinPE_amd64\mount\Windows\Boot\Fonts_EX\msjh_boot_EX.ttf" "Media\EFI\Microsoft\Boot\Fonts\msjh_boot.ttf" /Y /-I
Xcopy "C:\WinPE_amd64\mount\Windows\Boot\Fonts_EX\msyh_boot_EX.ttf" "Media\EFI\Microsoft\Boot\Fonts\msyh_boot.ttf" /Y /-I
Xcopy "C:\WinPE_amd64\mount\Windows\Boot\Fonts_EX\msyh_boot_EX.ttf" "Media\EFI\Microsoft\Boot\Fonts\msyh_boot.ttf" /Y /-I
Xcopy "C:\WinPE_amd64\mount\Windows\Boot\Fonts_EX\segmono_boot_EX.ttf" "Media\EFI\Microsoft\Boot\Fonts\segmono_boot.ttf" /Y /-I
Xcopy "C:\WinPE_amd64\mount\Windows\Boot\Fonts_EX\segoe_slboot_EX.ttf" "Media\EFI\Microsoft\Boot\Fonts\segoe_slboot.ttf" /Y /-I
Xcopy "C:\WinPE_amd64\mount\Windows\Boot\Fonts_EX\segoen_slboot_EX.ttf" "Media\EFI\Microsoft\Boot\Fonts\segoen_slboot.ttf" /Y /-I
Xcopy "C:\WinPE_amd64\mount\Windows\Boot\Fonts_EX\wgl4_boot_EX.ttf" "Media\EFI\Microsoft\Boot\Fonts\wgl4_boot.ttf" /Y /-I

```



```

Administrator: Deployment  X  +  ▾
C:\Program Files (x86)\Windows Kits\10\Assessment and Deployment Kit\Windows Preinstallation Environment\amd64>WinPE_CreatePCA2023.cmd

C:\Program Files (x86)\Windows Kits\10\Assessment and Deployment Kit\Windows Preinstallation Environment\amd64>Xcopy "c:\WinPE_amd64\mount\Windows\Boot\EFI_EX\bootmgr_EX.efd" "Media\bootmgr.efd" /Y
C:\WinPE_amd64\mount\Windows\Boot\EFI_EX\bootmgr_EX.efd
1 File(s) copied

C:\Program Files (x86)\Windows Kits\10\Assessment and Deployment Kit\Windows Preinstallation Environment\amd64>Xcopy "c:\WinPE_amd64\mount\Windows\Boot\EFI_EX\bootmgfw_EX.efd" "Media\EFI\Boot\bootx64.efd" /Y
C:\WinPE_amd64\mount\Windows\Boot\EFI_EX\bootmgfw_EX.efd
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C:\Program Files (x86)\Windows Kits\10\Assessment and Deployment Kit\Windows Preinstallation Environment\amd64>Xcopy "C:\WinPE_amd64\mount\Windows\Boot\Fonts_EX\chs_boot_EX.ttf" "Media\EFI\Microsoft\Boot\Fonts\chs_boot.ttf" /Y /-I
C:\WinPE_amd64\mount\Windows\Boot\Fonts_EX\chs_boot_EX.ttf
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C:\WinPE_amd64\mount\Windows\Boot\Fonts_EX\cht_boot_EX.ttf
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C:\Program Files (x86)\Windows Kits\10\Assessment and Deployment Kit\Windows Preinstallation Environment\amd64>Xcopy "C:\WinPE_amd64\mount\Windows\Boot\Fonts_EX\jpn_boot_EX.ttf" "Media\EFI\Microsoft\Boot\Fonts\jpn_boot.ttf" /Y /-I
C:\WinPE_amd64\mount\Windows\Boot\Fonts_EX\jpn_boot_EX.ttf
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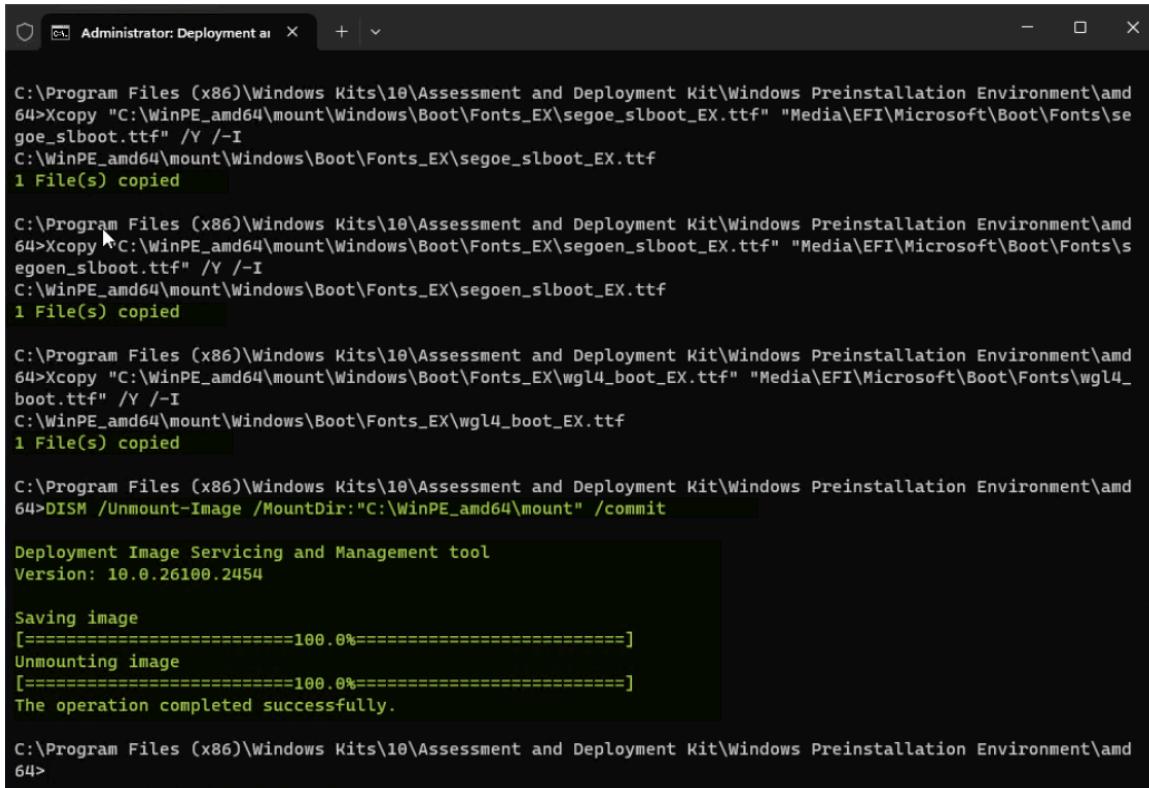
C:\Program Files (x86)\Windows Kits\10\Assessment and Deployment Kit\Windows Preinstallation Environment\amd64>

```

Figure 14. Copy all latest CA signed files to WinPE boot image

#### 6. Unmount the WinPE image, committing the changes.

```
DISM /Unmount-Image /MountDir:"C:\WinPE_amd64\mount" /commit
```



```

C:\Program Files (x86)\Windows Kits\10\Assessment and Deployment Kit\Windows Preinstallation Environment\amd64>Xcopy "C:\WinPE_amd64\mount\Windows\Boot\Fonts_EX\segoe_slboot_EX.ttf" "Media\EFI\Microsoft\Boot\Fonts\segoe_slboot.ttf" /Y /-I
C:\WinPE_amd64\mount\Windows\Boot\Fonts_EX\segoe_slboot_EX.ttf
1 File(s) copied

C:\Program Files (x86)\Windows Kits\10\Assessment and Deployment Kit\Windows Preinstallation Environment\amd64>Xcopy "C:\WinPE_amd64\mount\Windows\Boot\Fonts_EX\segoen_slboot_EX.ttf" "Media\EFI\Microsoft\Boot\Fonts\segoen_slboot.ttf" /Y /-I
C:\WinPE_amd64\mount\Windows\Boot\Fonts_EX\segoen_slboot_EX.ttf
1 File(s) copied

C:\Program Files (x86)\Windows Kits\10\Assessment and Deployment Kit\Windows Preinstallation Environment\amd64>DISM /Unmount-Image /MountDir:"C:\WinPE_amd64\mount" /commit

Deployment Image Servicing and Management tool
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Saving image
[=====100.0%=====]
Unmounting image
[=====100.0%=====]
The operation completed successfully.

C:\Program Files (x86)\Windows Kits\10\Assessment and Deployment Kit\Windows Preinstallation Environment\amd64>

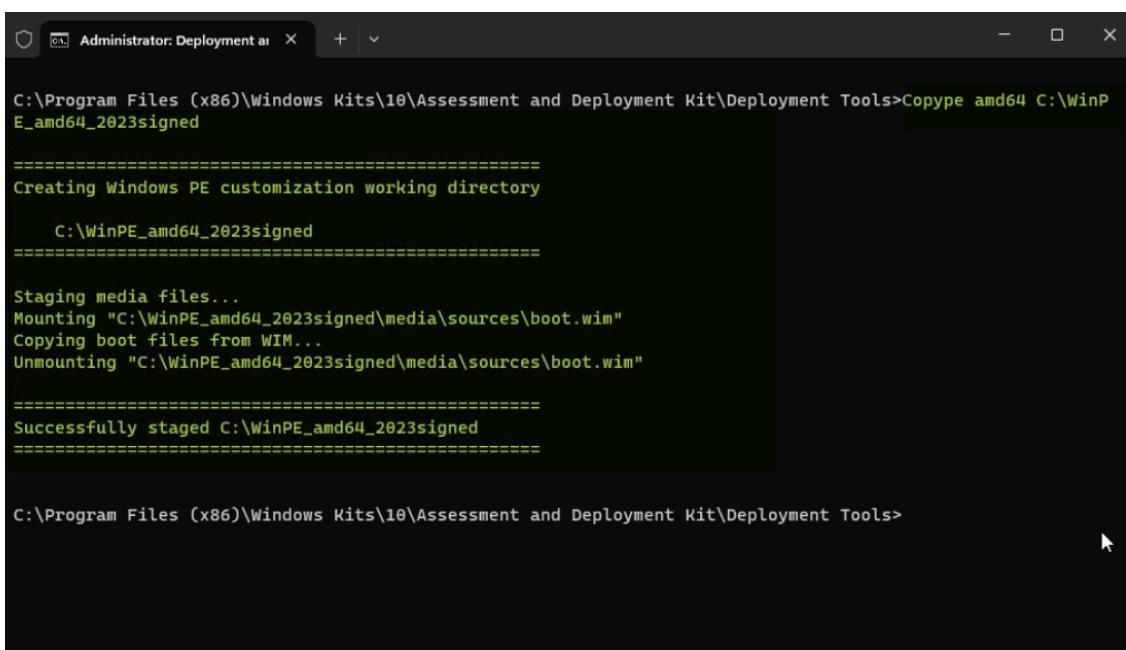
```

Figure 15. Commit and unmount the changed WinPE boot image

7. Re-start the **Deployment and Imaging Tools Environment** as an **Administrator**.

8. Run **copype** to create a working copy of the WinPE boot image files.

```
copype amd64 C:\WinPE_amd64_2023signed
```



```

C:\Program Files (x86)\Windows Kits\10\Assessment and Deployment Kit\Deployment Tools>Copype amd64 C:\WinPE_amd64_2023signed
=====
Creating Windows PE customization working directory
=====
C:\WinPE_amd64_2023signed
=====

Staging media files...
Mounting "C:\WinPE_amd64_2023signed\media\sources\boot.wim"
Copying boot files from WIM...
Unmounting "C:\WinPE_amd64_2023signed\media\sources\boot.wim"
=====
Successfully staged C:\WinPE_amd64_2023signed
=====

C:\Program Files (x86)\Windows Kits\10\Assessment and Deployment Kit\Deployment Tools>

```

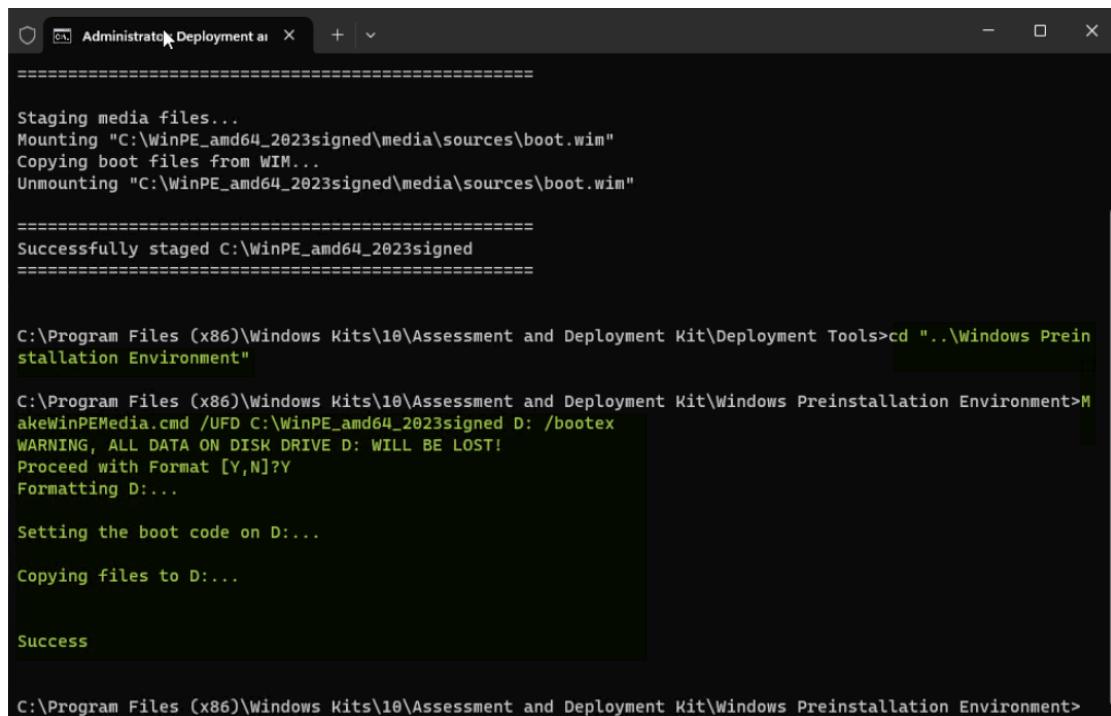
Figure 16. Creating a WinPE working directory

9. The type of WinPE media created depends upon the scenario requirements. Creation of two types of bootable WinPE media (USB and ISO) images are outlined below.

a. **Create a bootable WinPE USB drive**

To create a bootable WinPE to a USB drive, use **MakeWinPEMedia** with the **/UFD** option to format and install WinPE to the USB drive, specifying the USB key's drive letter. Note that **/bootex** option is necessary for CA 2023 signed.

```
cd "..\Windows Preinstallation Environment"  
MakeWinPEMedia /UFD C:\WinPE_amd64_2023signed [USB drive letter]: /bootex
```



```
Administrator: Deployment  
=====  
Staging media files...  
Mounting "C:\WinPE_amd64_2023signed\media\sources\boot.wim"  
Copying boot files from WIM...  
Unmounting "C:\WinPE_amd64_2023signed\media\sources\boot.wim"  
=====  
Successfully staged C:\WinPE_amd64_2023signed  
=====  
C:\Program Files (x86)\Windows Kits\10\Assessment and Deployment Kit\Deployment Tools>cd "..\Windows Preinstallation Environment"  
C:\Program Files (x86)\Windows Kits\10\Assessment and Deployment Kit\Windows Preinstallation Environment>MakeWinPEMedia.cmd /UFD C:\WinPE_amd64_2023signed D: /bootex  
WARNING, ALL DATA ON DISK DRIVE D: WILL BE LOST!  
Proceed with Format [Y,N]?Y  
Formatting D:...  
Setting the boot code on D:...  
Copying files to D:...  
Success  
C:\Program Files (x86)\Windows Kits\10\Assessment and Deployment Kit\Windows Preinstallation Environment>
```

Figure 17. Create a bootable WinPE USB drive

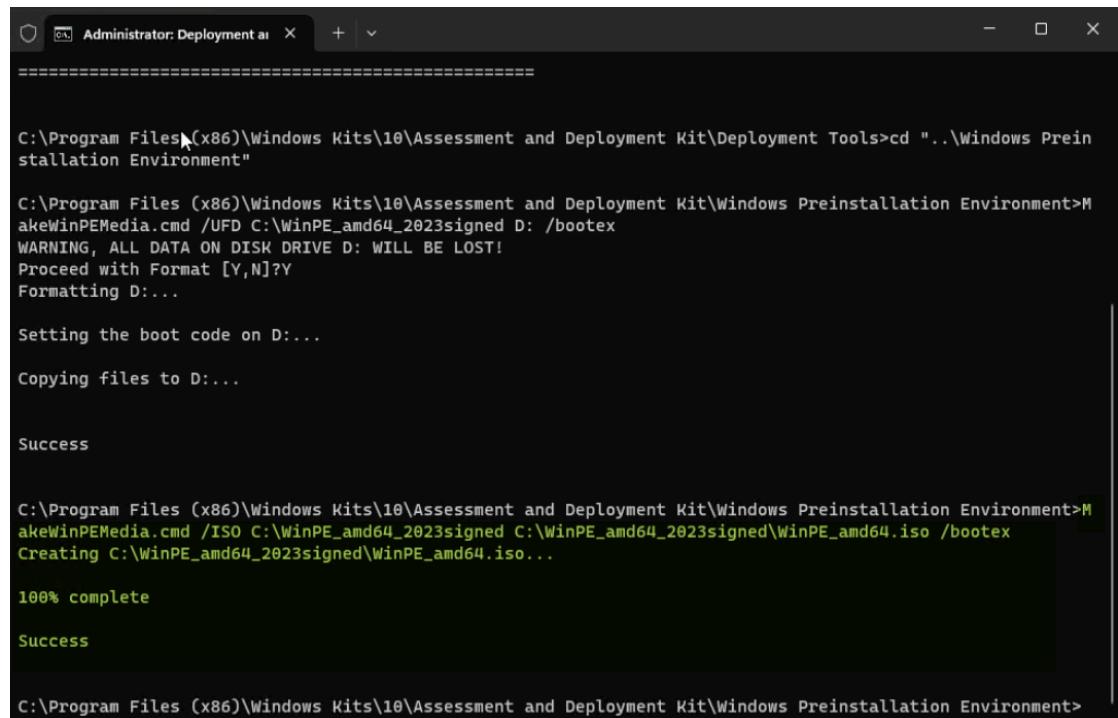
Notes:

- This process will reformat your USB drive. Before running **MakeWinPEMedia**, please make sure there are no important file on your target USB drive.
- **MakeWinPEMedia** will format your target USB Windows PE drive as FAT32. If you want to be able to store files larger than 4GB on your WinPE USB drive, you can create a multi-partition USB drive that has an additional partition formatted as NTFS. See [Create a multipartition USB drive](#) for instructions.

b. **Create a WinPE ISO**

To create a bootable WinPE ISO image file, use **MakeWinPEMedia** with the **/ISO** option to create an ISO file containing the Windows PE files. Note that applying the **/bootex** option is necessary for CA 2023 signed certificate.

```
cd "..\Windows Preinstallation Environment"  
MakeWinPEMedia /ISO C:\WinPE_amd64_2023signed C:\WinPE_amd64_2023signed\WinPE_amd64.iso /bootex
```



```
Administrator: Deployment a... + - x
=====
C:\Program Files(x86)\Windows Kits\10\Assessment and Deployment Kit\Deployment Tools>cd "..\Windows Preinstallation Environment"

C:\Program Files (x86)\Windows Kits\10\Assessment and Deployment Kit\Windows Preinstallation Environment>makeWinPEMedia.cmd /UDF C:\WinPE_amd64_2023signed D: /bootex
WARNING, ALL DATA ON DISK DRIVE D: WILL BE LOST!
Proceed with Format [Y,N]?Y
Formatting D:...

Setting the boot code on D:...

Copying files to D:...

Success

C:\Program Files (x86)\Windows Kits\10\Assessment and Deployment Kit\Windows Preinstallation Environment>makeWinPEMedia.cmd /ISO C:\WinPE_amd64_2023signed C:\WinPE_amd64_2023signed\WinPE_amd64.iso /bootex
Creating C:\WinPE_amd64_2023signed\WinPE_amd64.iso...
100% complete
Success

C:\Program Files (x86)\Windows Kits\10\Assessment and Deployment Kit\Windows Preinstallation Environment>
```

Figure 18. Create a bootable WinPE ISO file

## Verify the WinPE bootable media

After creating the bootable thumb drive as described in the previous section, you can follow the steps below to check if the current certificate has been updated to the Windows UEFI CA 2023 certificate.

If you chose to create a USB thumb drive:

1. Insert the USB thumb drive
2. Navigate to the file \EFI\Boot\bootx64.efi on the USB drive
3. Right click on the file and click **Properties**.
4. Verify that the **Issued by** field says **Windows UEFI CA 2023**.

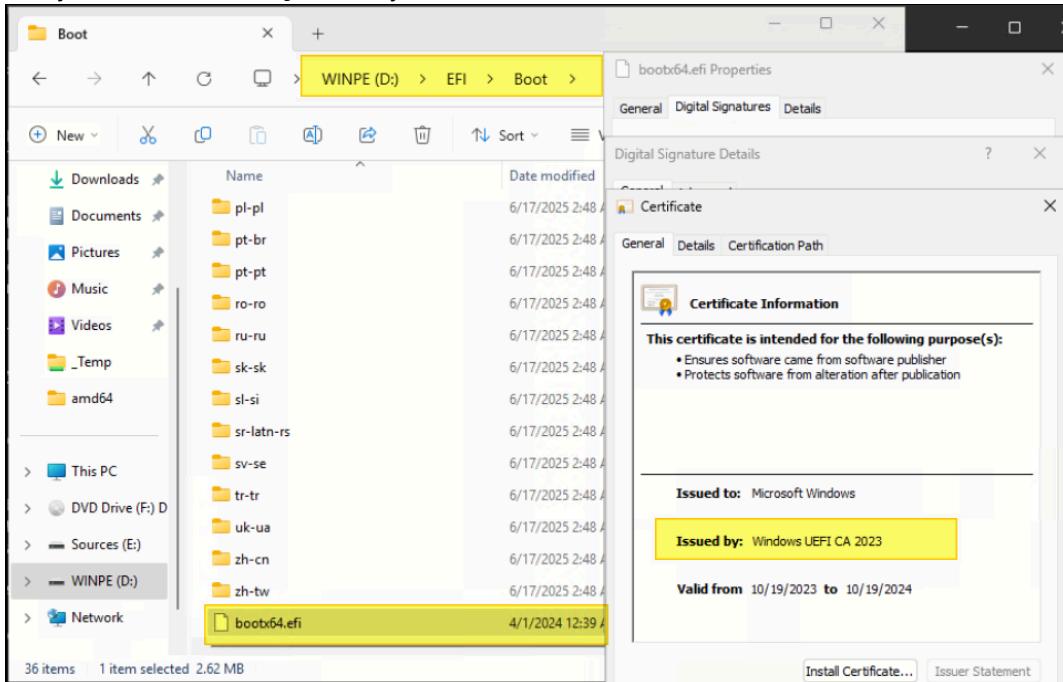


Figure 19. Check the certificate from a WinPE USB drive

If you chose to create an ISO image:

1. Mount the ISO image (right click on the ISO file and click **Mount**)
2. Navigate to the file \EFI\Boot\bootx64.efi.
3. Right click on the file and click **Properties**.

4. Verify that the **Issued by** field says **Windows UEFI CA 2023**.

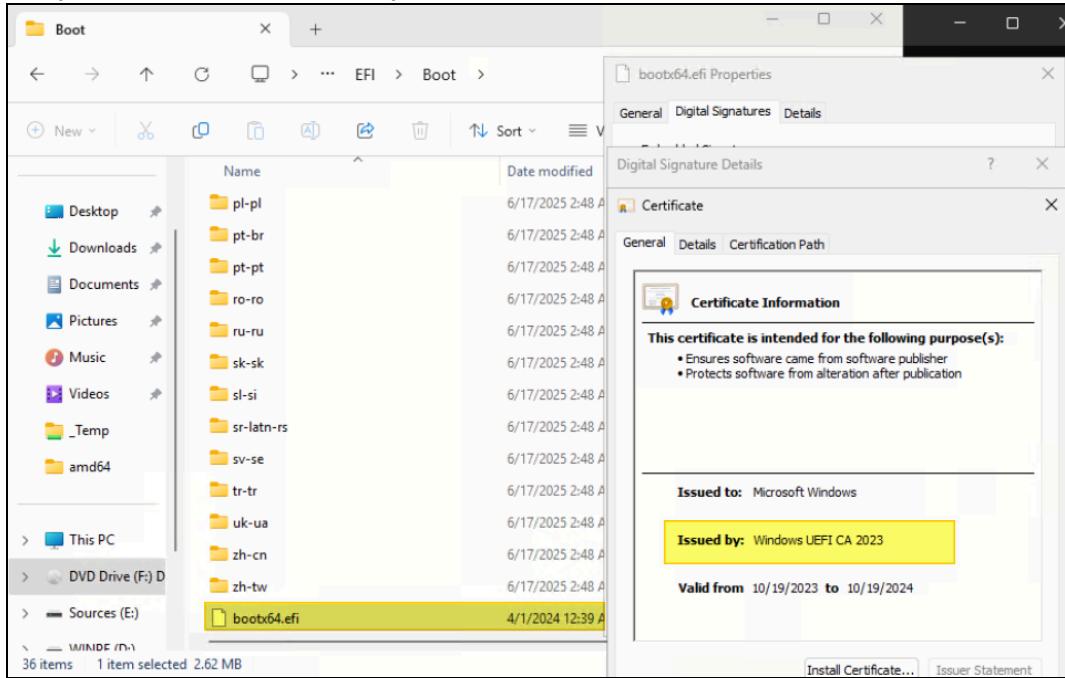


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