

## Configuring of a simple Active Directory

I configured a simple active directory environment from scratch on my home computer using open-source software.

In the early 2000s the only way one could have built an IT lab was to purchase physical servers or re-purpose old computers. While this can be very beneficial as far as IT experience and skills, it can be much faster simply to build a free virtual IT lab and configure an Active directory..

Let's dive in!

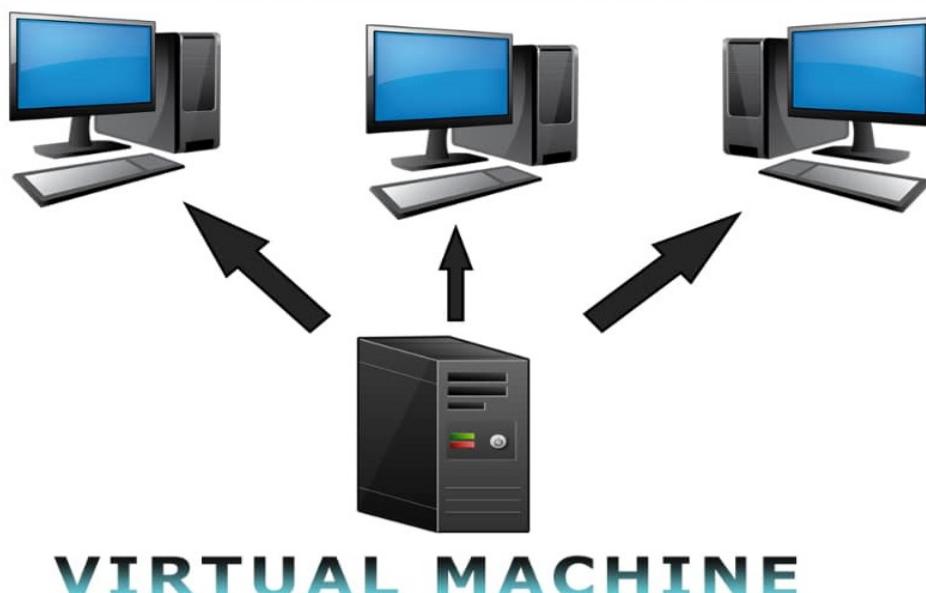
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### Active Directory Overview

So what is an Active Directory? Basically, the IT term Active Directory refers to the practice of emulating (or simulating) a computer. You can use a Virtual Machine to run a computer as an application on your host computer.

On the image below the below computer would be the Host computer. The three computers above the host are referred to as guest virtual machines.



Virtual machines act like real computers, but run as a software program. So you can start, restart, shut down, install software and operating systems just like you would on a normal computer.

This makes virtual machines perfect for IT labs.

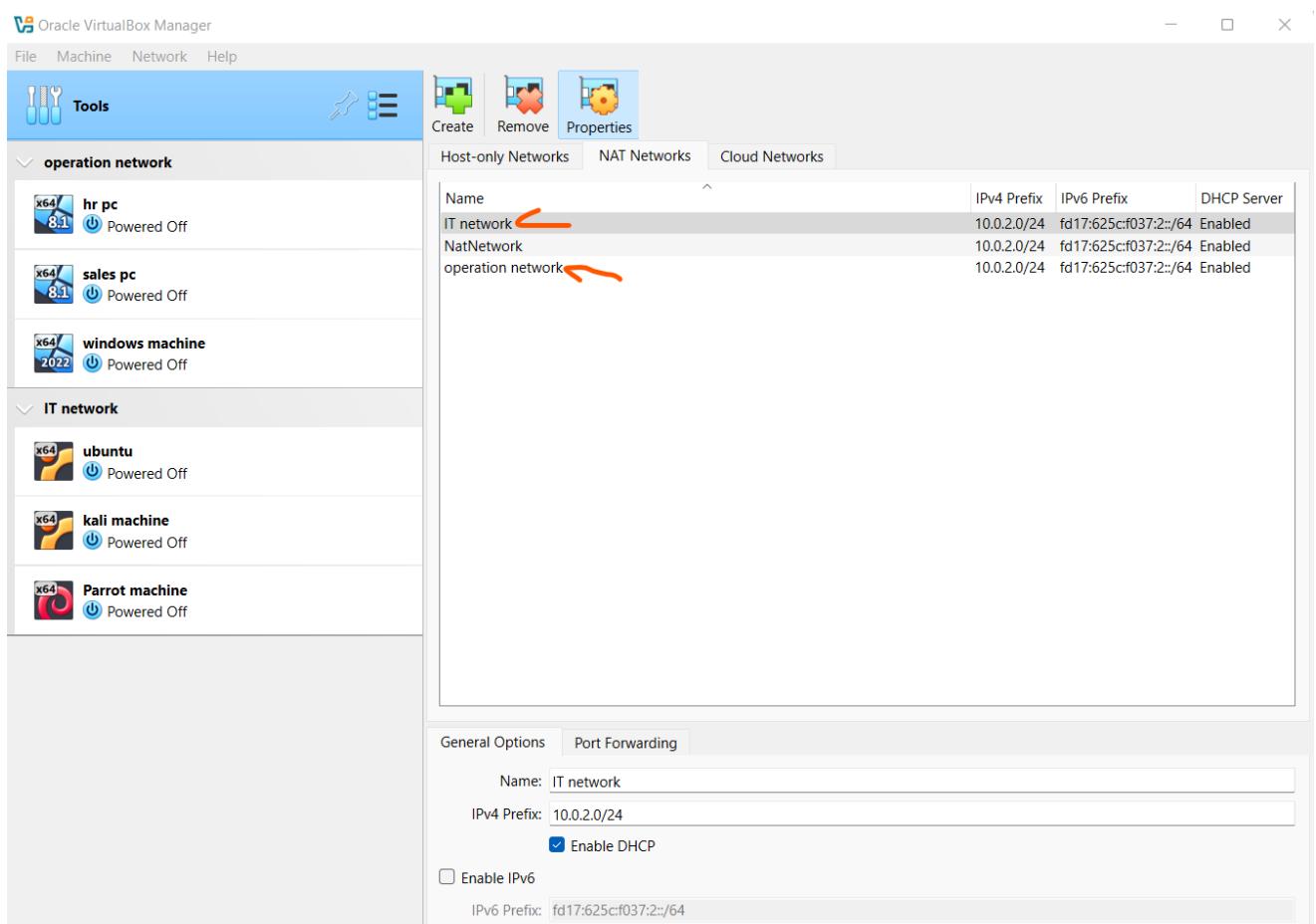
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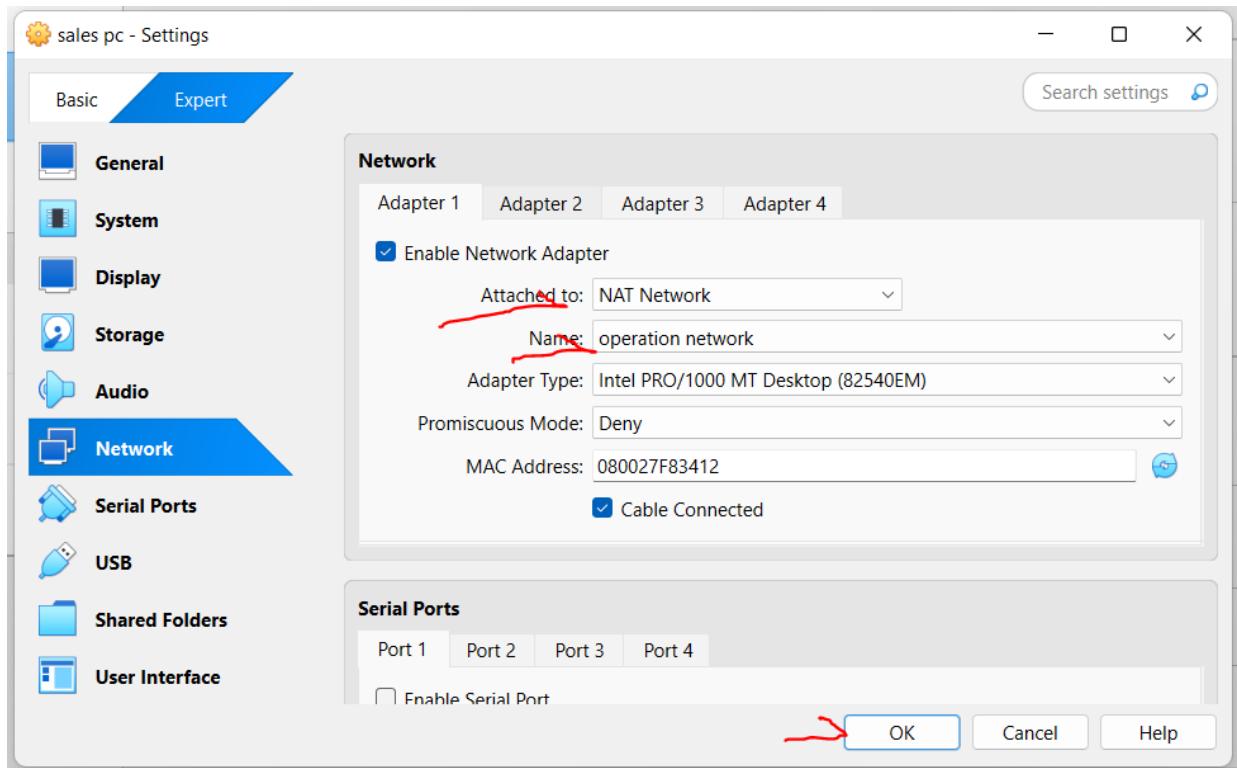
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After setup,

What we need to do is to select each device, go to settings and select the network created under the Nat Network , ensure all the device are on the same subnet.

From below example, Operation subnet is used for all the PC(users) and the domain controller(Server). Pls ensure this is perfectly configured.



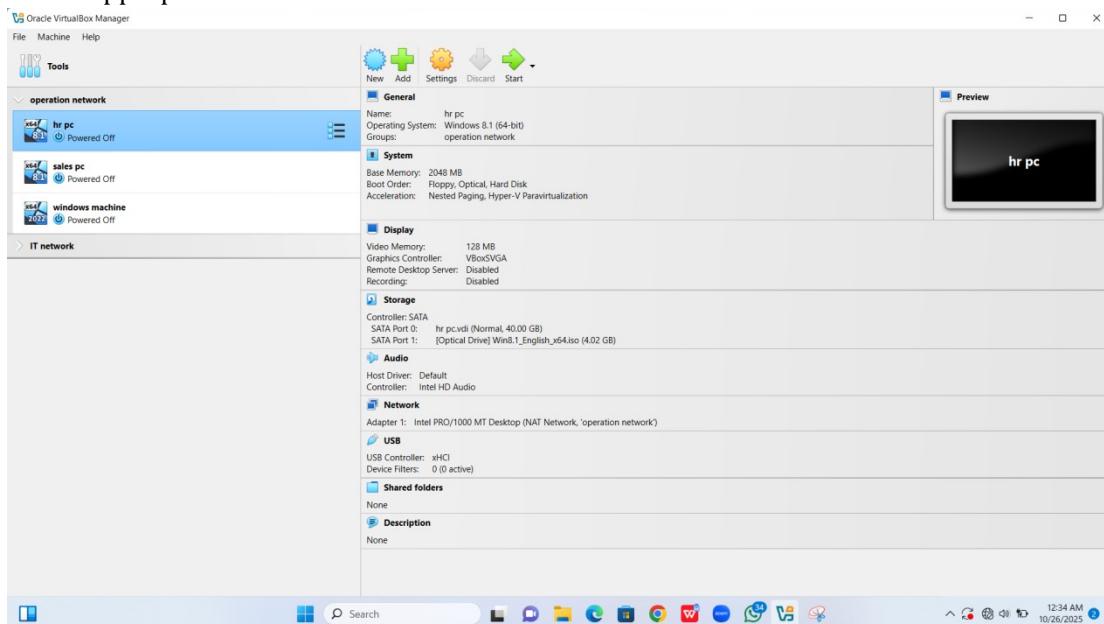


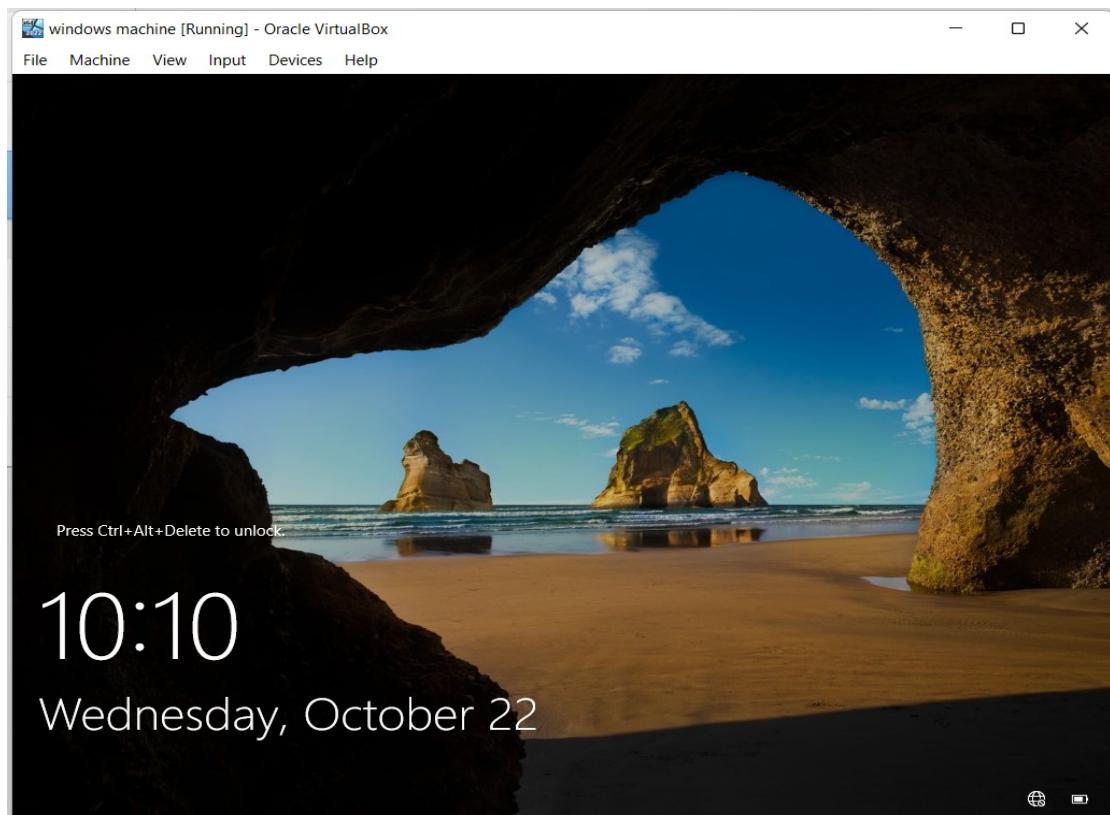
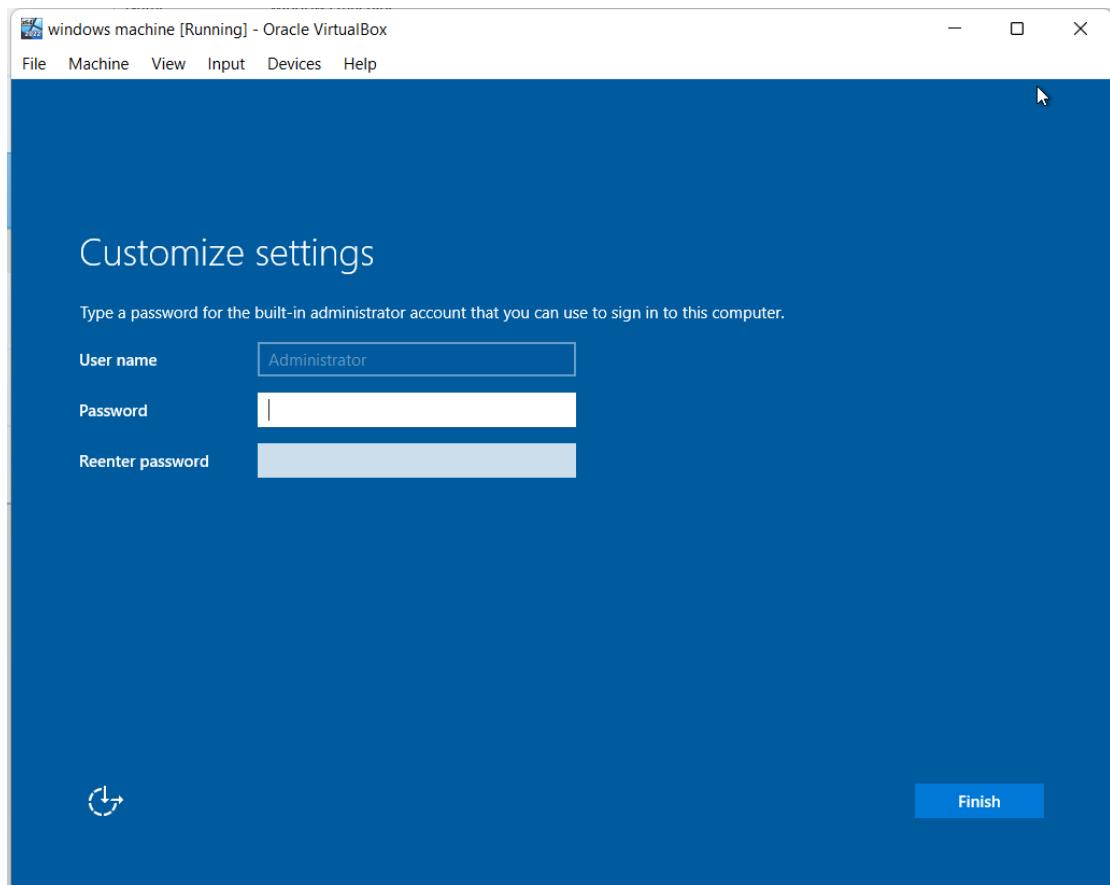
What we have ensure so far is....

We have configured the VLan and ensured that all devises are on the same subne. What we don next is to start all the virtual machine at the same time, including the servier.

### Start all the virtual machine at the same time including the server

Ensure you follow the instruction, set up a user name where appropriate, input password where appropriate and allow the machine to install.





Above is a complete configuration, you will repeat same process for all the machine and ensure they are properly setup.

**We Start the window server dashboard and configure it**

This is very simple, Go to input, click on keyboald, click on the CTR+Alt+Device to unlock

I Proceeded through the installation using all of the default options. Any prompts that are a yes/no you need to select "yes' or next

Click next...

Click finish