

Title: Server Deployment and Directory Configuration

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Field	Entry
Request Type	Initial Server Deployment
Environment	On-Prem Virtualized (Lab Network)
Primary Server Name	SERVER3
Operating System	Windows Server 2022 Standard (Desktop Experience)
Purpose	Establish baseline server environment for identity and directory services
Change Window	11/17 – 11/20 (approved maintenance period)
Rollback Plan	Restore VM snapshot taken prior to AD DS promotion

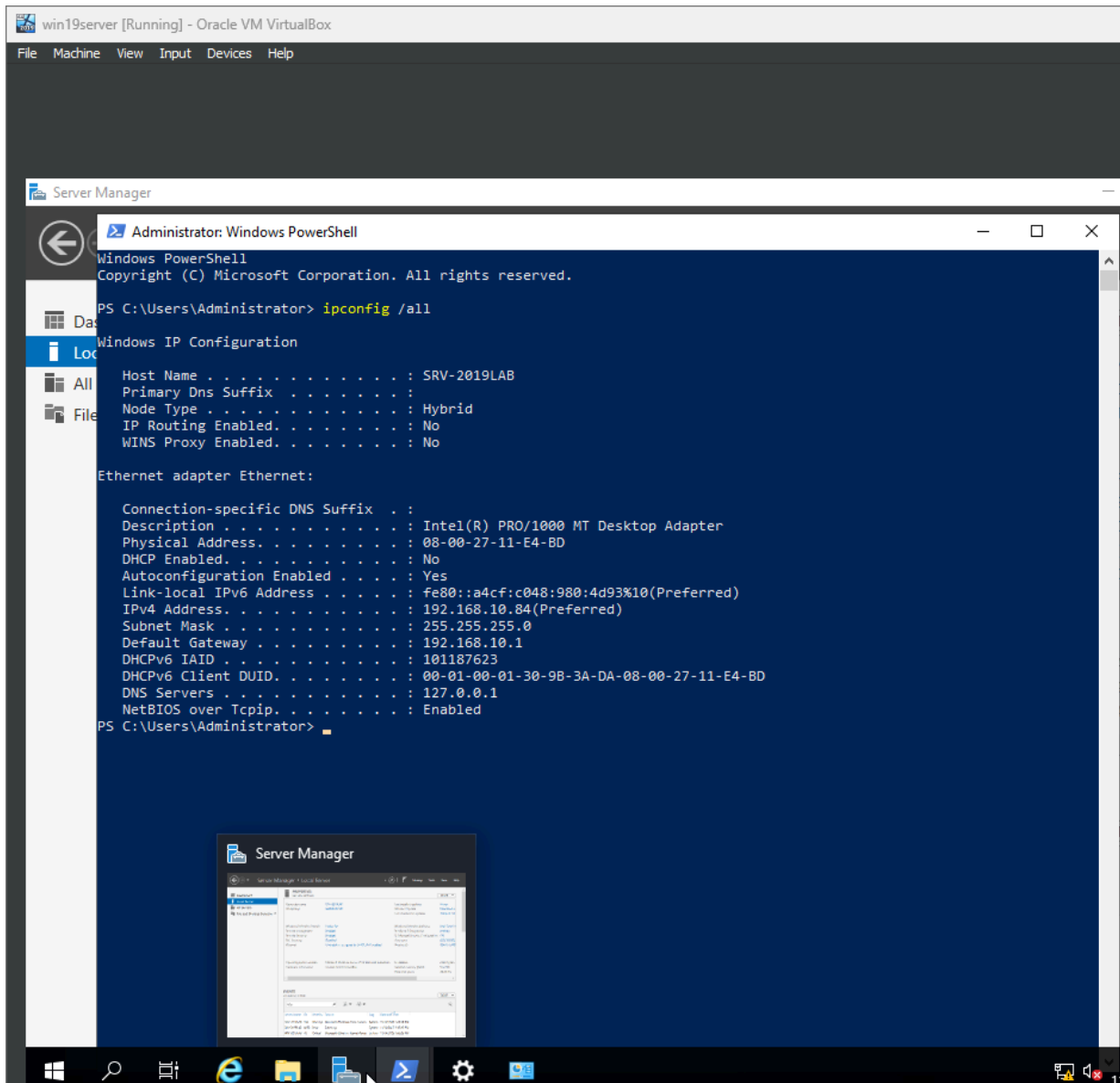
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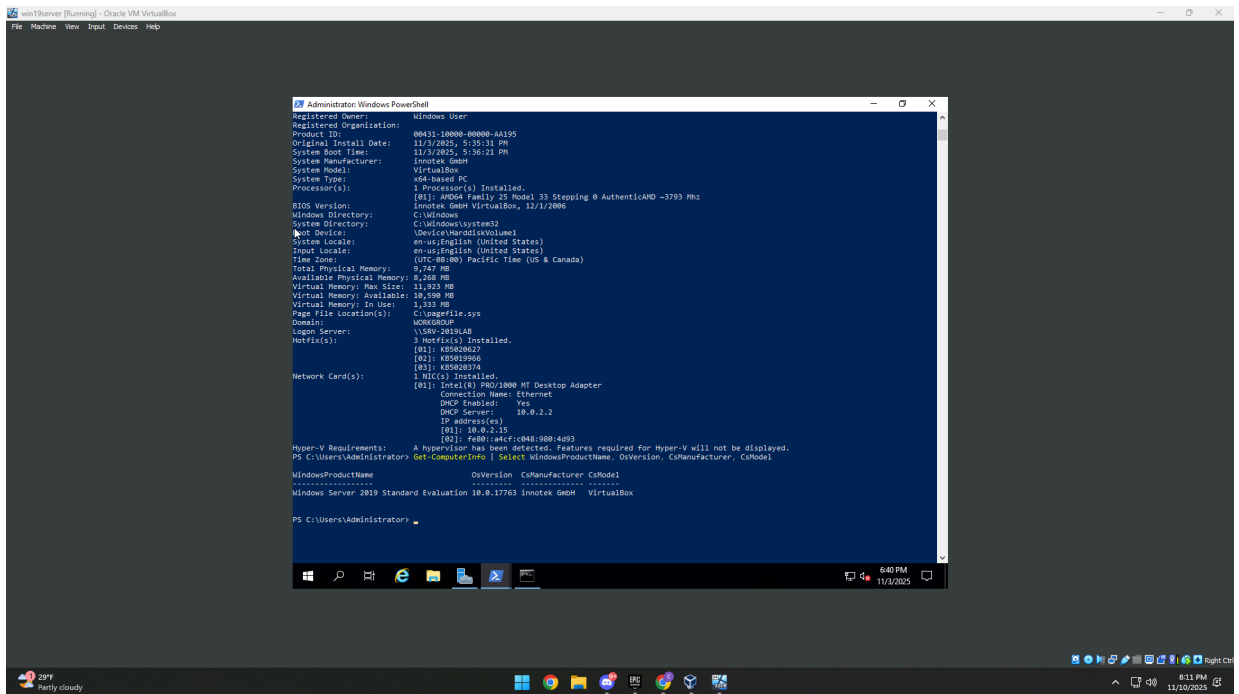
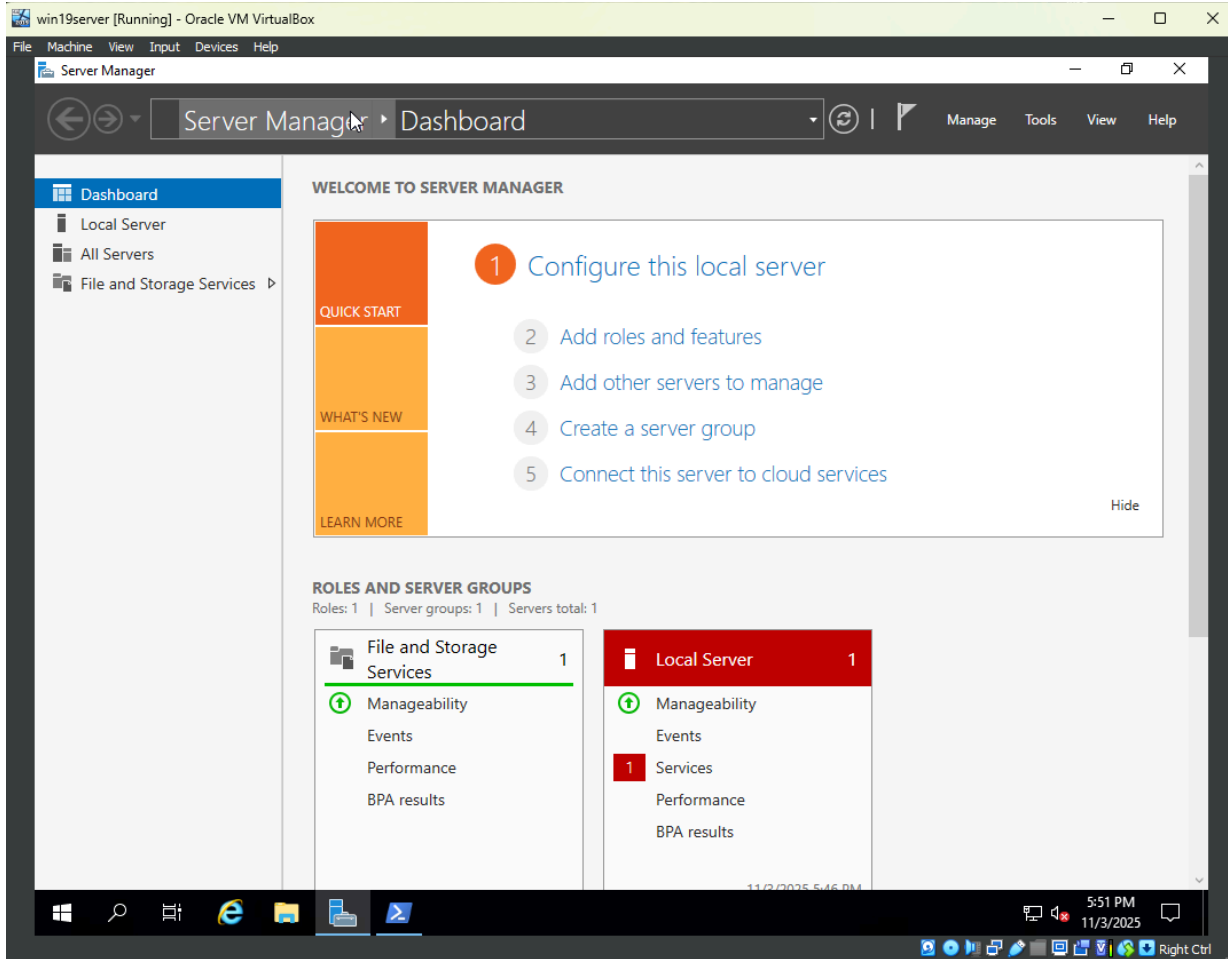
Virtual Platform	VirtualBox VM (Lab Environment)	VM Settings screenshot
CPU / RAM / Disk	2 vCPU / 4–8 GB RAM / 60 GB HDD	VM settings dialog
Network Adapter	DHCP-based config (Lab Network)	<code>ipconfig /all</code> output
Hostname	SERVER3	System Properties
Installed Roles	Active Directory Domain Services	Server Manager → Installed Roles
Domain Name	corp.local (new forest)	AD Domains & Trusts
OUs Created	Users, Groups	ADUC screenshot
User Accounts	jsmith created	ADUC details
Group Accounts	ITAdmins created	ADUC details
Membership	jsmith added to ITAdmins	ADUC screenshot

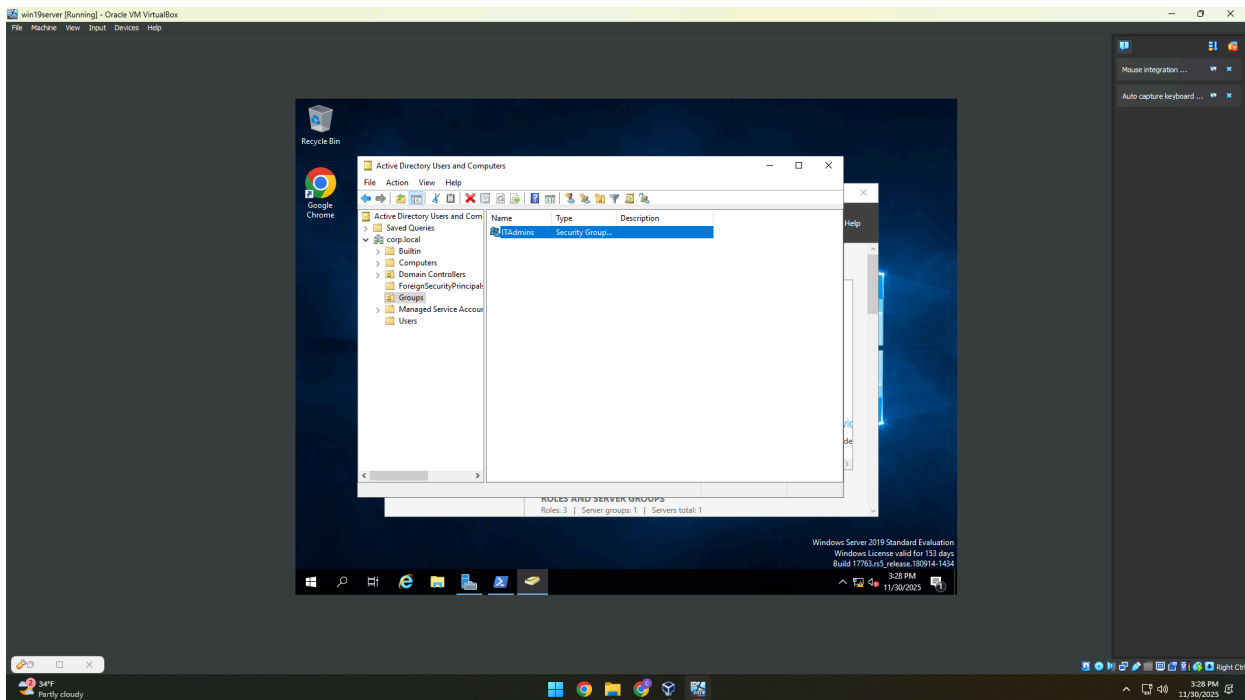
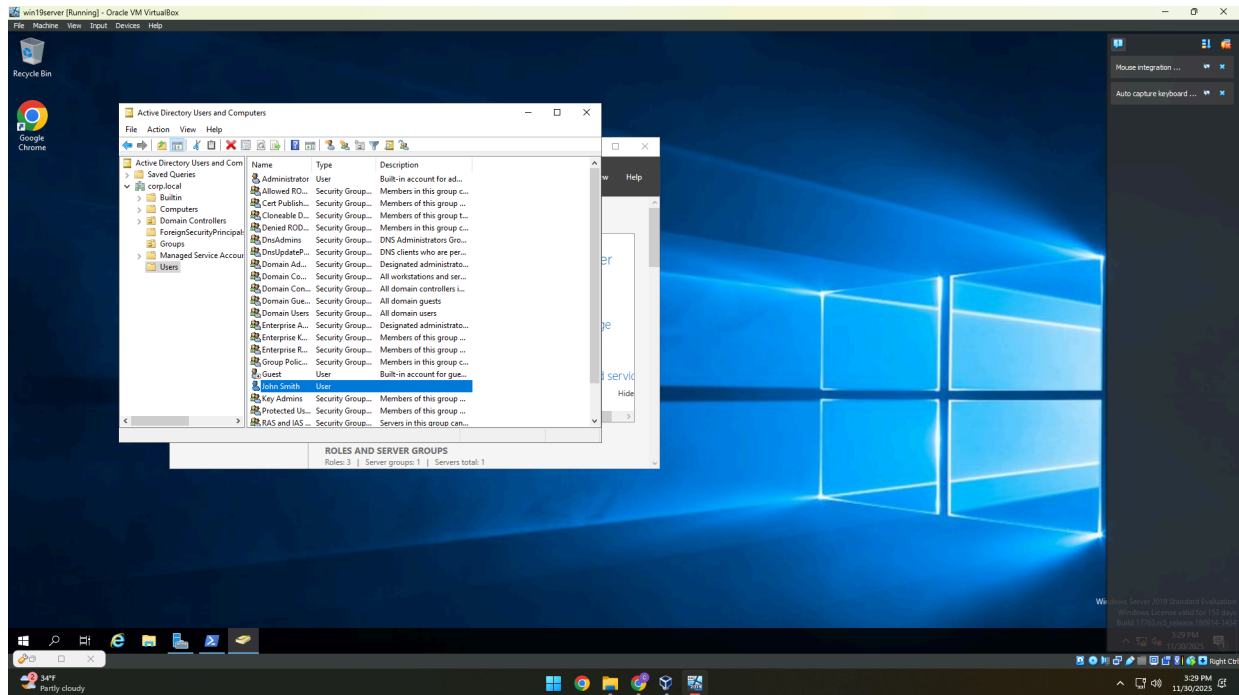
3. Implementation Steps (Chronological)

Step #	Date	Task Description	Validation Method
1	11/17	Installed Windows Server 2022 on VM	Successful login as local admin
2	11/17	Configured hostname (SERVER3) and network	<code>hostname</code> and <code>ipconfig</code>
3	11/18	Installed AD DS role	Server Manager
4	11/18	Promoted server to Domain Controller for corp.local	Reboot → domain login
5	11/19	Created OUs: Users and Groups	ADUC
6	11/19	Created user jsmith and group ITAdmins	ADUC
7	11/20	Added jsmith to ITAdmins	ADUC membership check
8	11/20	Tested domain login with jsmith	Successful login

4. Verification Evidence (Screenshots to Attach)







5. Post-Implementation Validation

Test	Expected Result	Actual Result	Pass/Fail
Network connectivity	Ping gateway and DNS resolves	Successful	Pass
AD DS function	Domain controller responds to authentication	Verified	Pass
Domain login	jsmith authenticates to corp.local	Success	Pass
AD structure	OUs and users visible in ADUC	Verified	Pass
Group membership	jsmith appears under ITAdmins	Verified	Pass

6. Security Baseline Confirmation

- Password policy, lockout policy, and firewall settings verified as meeting basic security requirements.
- Windows Defender Antivirus enabled with current definitions.
- Event logging active for Security, System, and Directory Services logs.
- Administrative access limited to authorized users only.

A full CIS Level 1 benchmark will be applied and validated in Milestone 2.

7. Rollback / Recovery Information

- VM snapshot created: **“Pre-ADDS-Promotion-11-17-25”**
- Recovery procedure:
 1. Revert to snapshot
 2. Power on the VM

3. Verify hostname and network configuration
4. Confirm server role and state

No rollback required after successful implementation.

8. Sign-Off

Role	Name	Date	Approval
System Administrator	Clayton Holden	11/20/2025	✓
Change Manager	Norma DePriest	11/21/2025	✓
Security Officer	(Optional)	—	<input type="checkbox"/>

Outcome

Server **SERVER3** has been successfully deployed, promoted to a domain controller for the **corp.local** forest, and configured with baseline directory structure and user/group accounts. The environment is stable and ready for further security hardening and service configuration. No rollback was necessary.