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## **Operating Systems**

### **Continuous Assessment 2**

**Server virtualization / Active Directory Domain Controller**

**2016**

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<b>Module Title:</b>	Operating Systems
<b>Project Title:</b>	<b>Server virtualization / Active Directory Domain Controller</b>
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<b>Assignment Compiler:</b>	Mr. Michael Weiss
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<b>Due Date:</b>	Sunday 6 <sup>th</sup> November 2016 (11:55 pm)

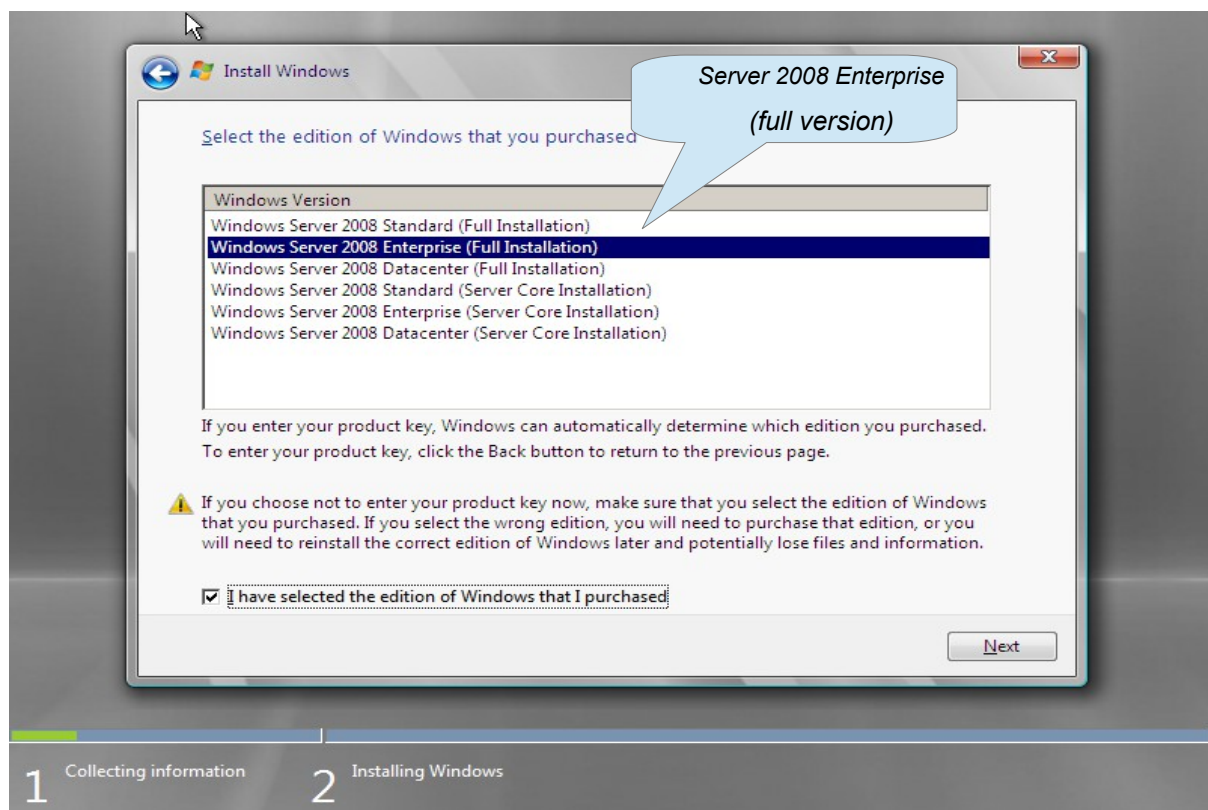
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## Project Introduction:

Scenario: You are the assistant to the Network Administrator of a busy product services company. You are required to build a fully operational Server that will be running as a Domain Controller for the Network. You will be required to use the Domain Controller to set up user accounts for two different departments within the company and these accounts must be placed into groups and Organizational Units. You will create network resources (a shared folder) for each of the two departments and you will assign access to these resources based on group membership. You will also set up two security policies for the entire Domain (*password policy* and *account lockout policy*). Additionally, provide the explanation and rationale for the policy settings that you choose.

## Part A: Specific Requirements for the Domain Controller

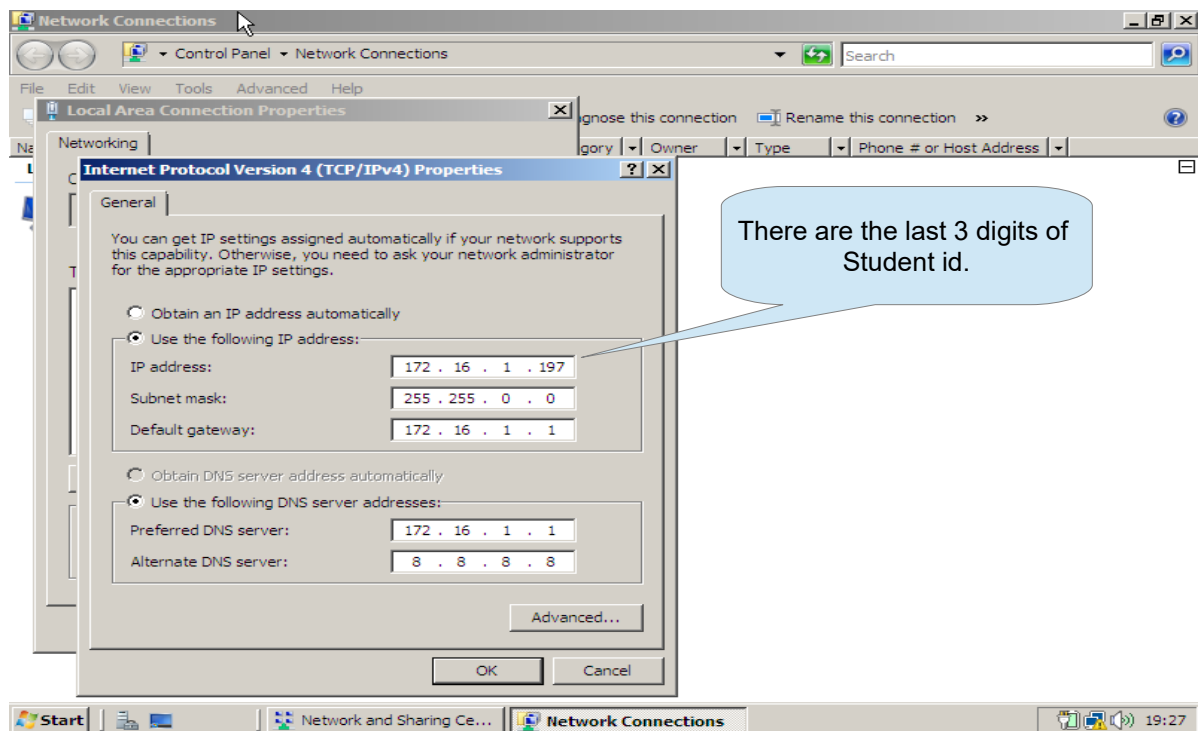
1. **Install** 1 virtual server (Using virtualization software). Use *Server 2008 Enterprise (full version)*



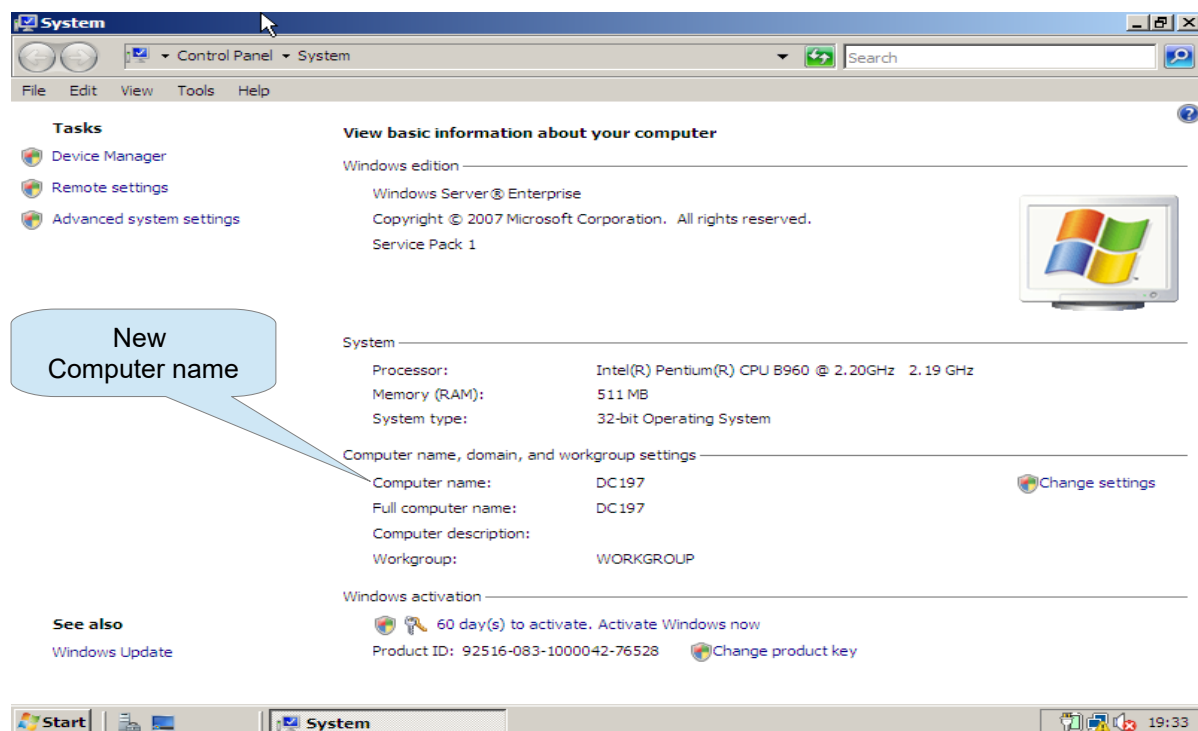
2. **Assign** the server static IP addressing using the following configuration.

**1<sup>st</sup> server address:** **172.16.1.yz/16** or **172.16.1.2yz/16** where **yz** is the last two digits of your student number. For example, my student number is 2020123 so I would use 172.16.1.223.

The /16 indicates the subnet mask. Use 172.16.1.1 as the default gateway, for the *preferred* DNS Server address use 172.16.1.1 and for or the alternate DNS Server use 8.8.8.8

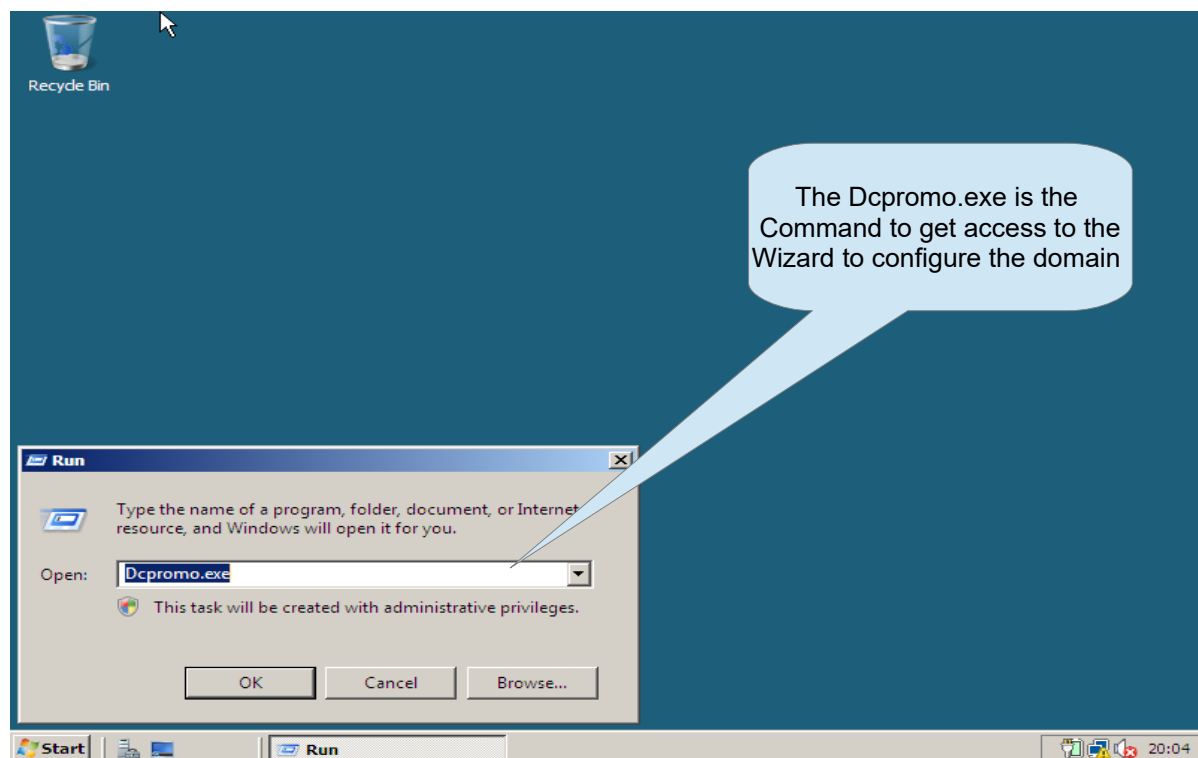
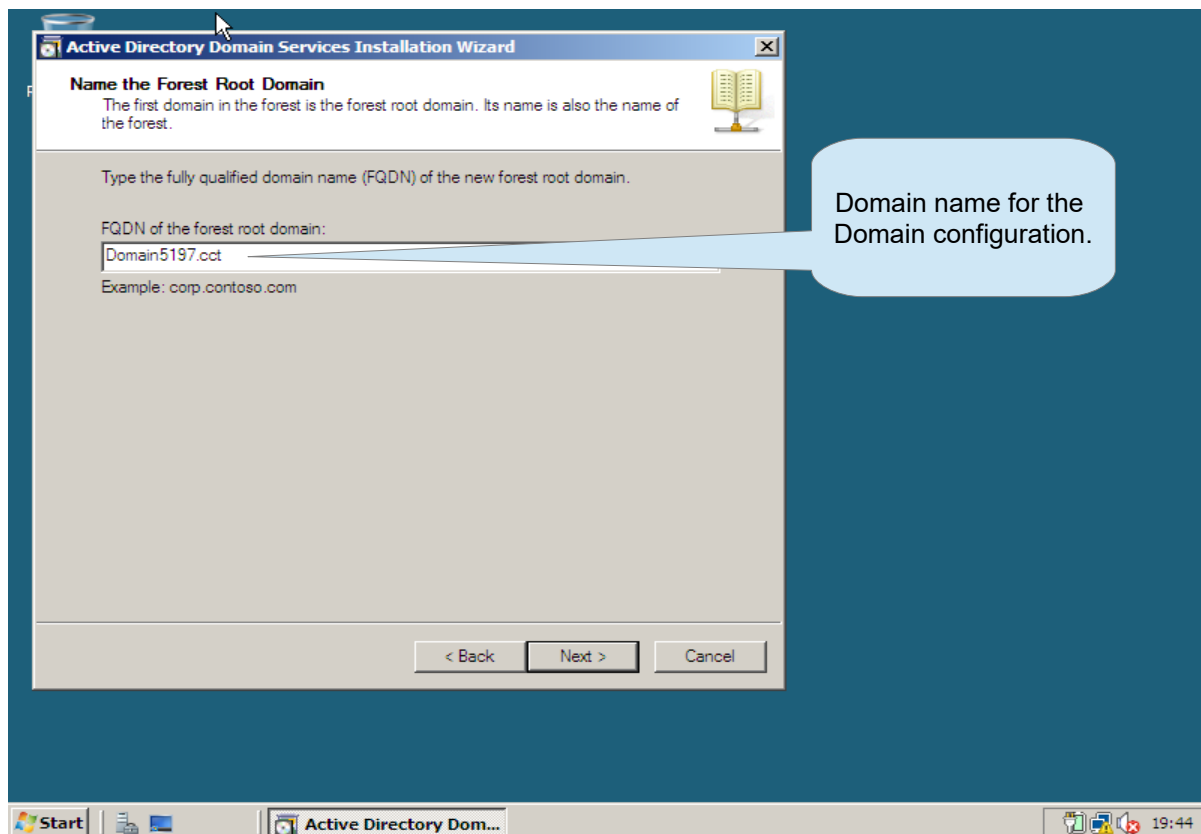


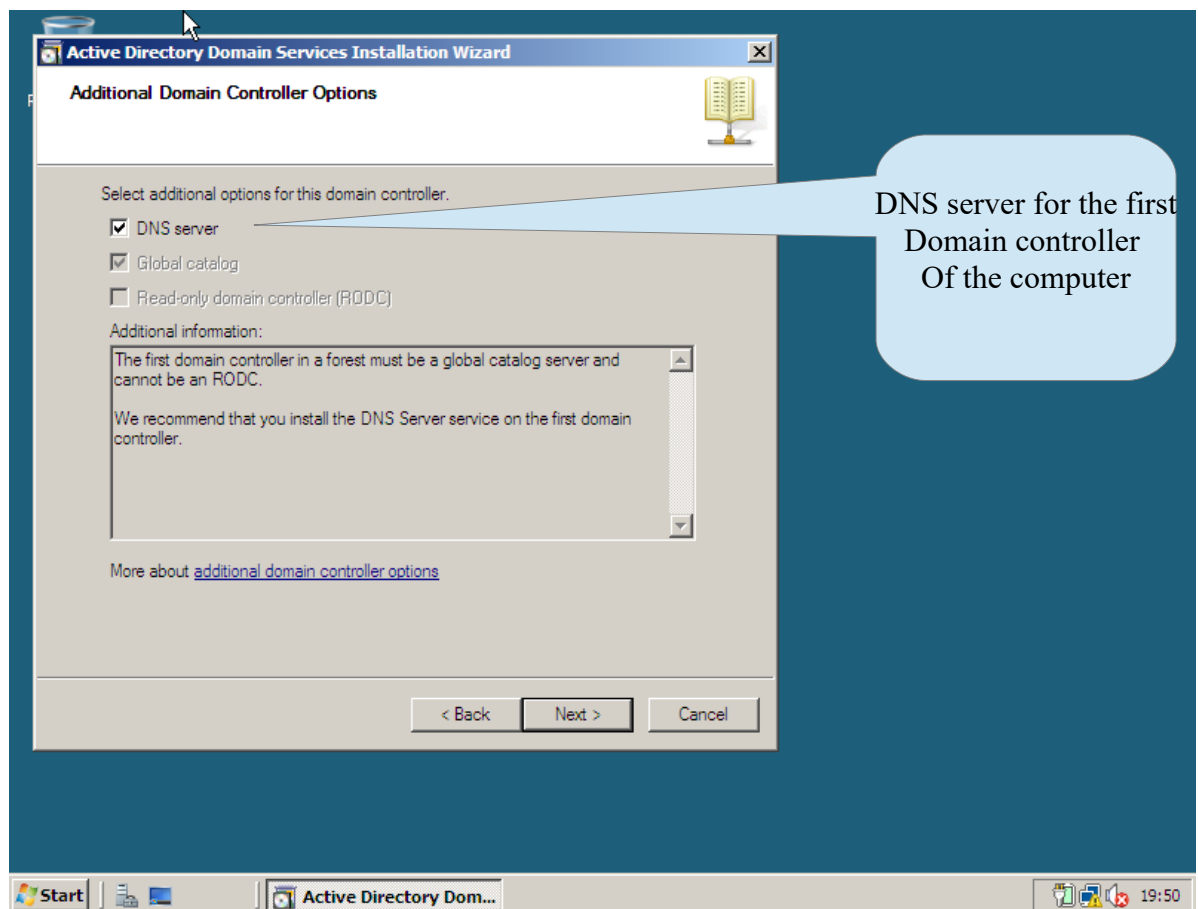
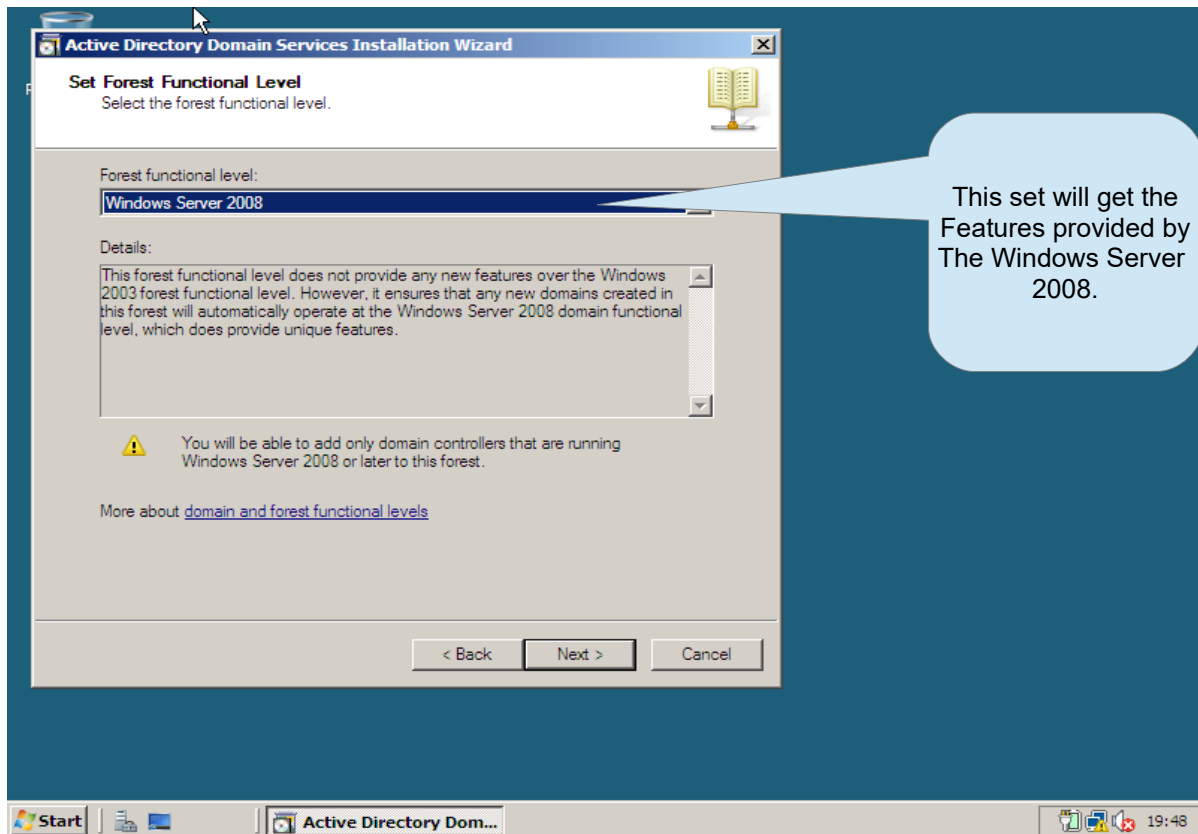
3. **Rename** the server using the letters DC followed by the last three digits of your student number as the server name. For example, if my student number is 2010123 I would name my server DC123.

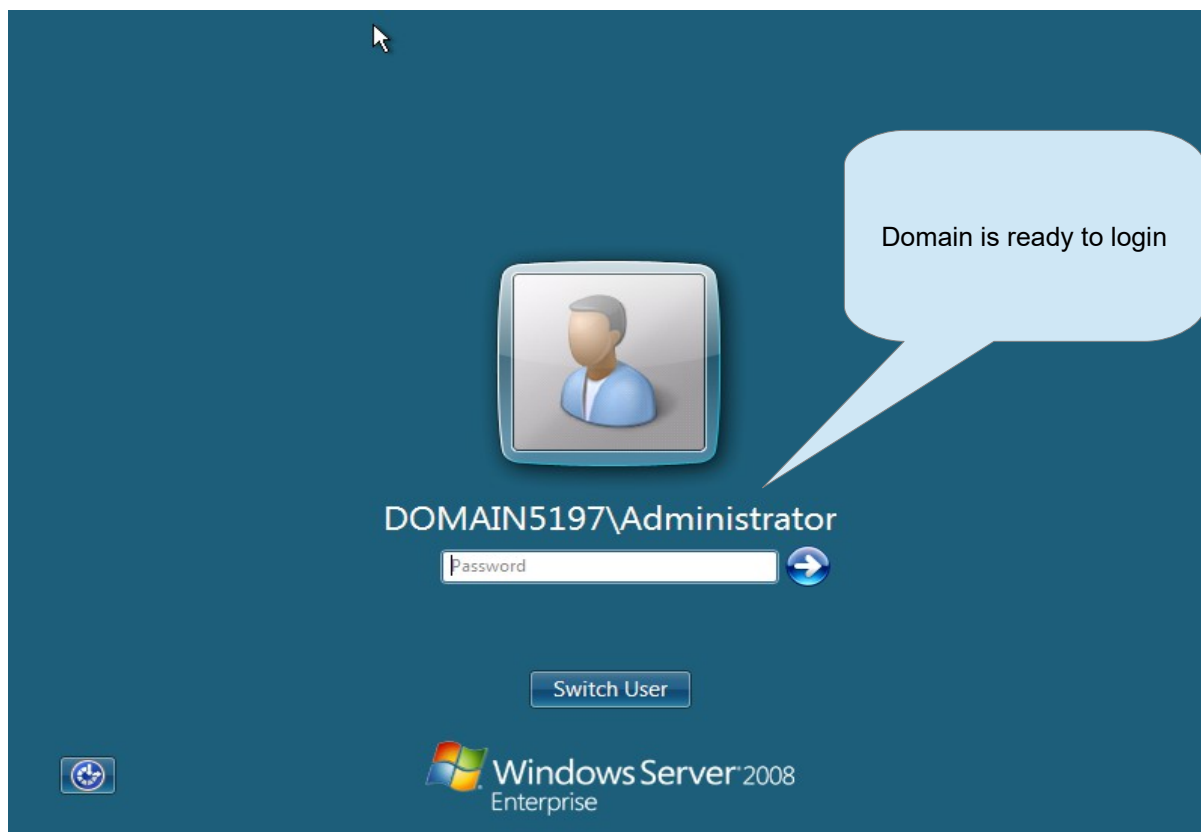
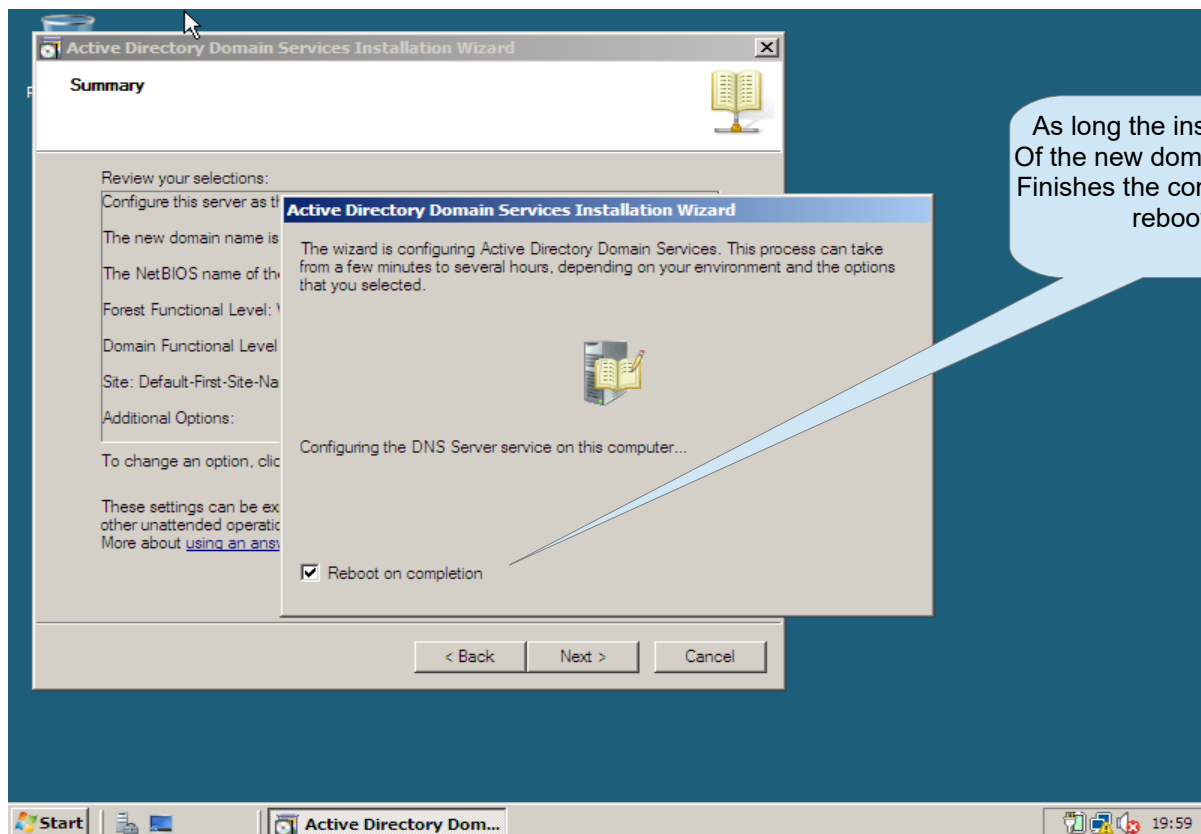


4. **Convert** the server into a Domain Controller. Make sure that the DNS service is installed during the DC installation procedure (in other words your server will act as its own DNS server and the DNS service will get installed at the same time that Active Directory is installed). You will now create an Active Directory domain:

Use the name Domain**wxyz**.cct where **wxyz** are the last 4 numbers of your student number (Example: if your student number is 2020123 you will use the name Domain0123).

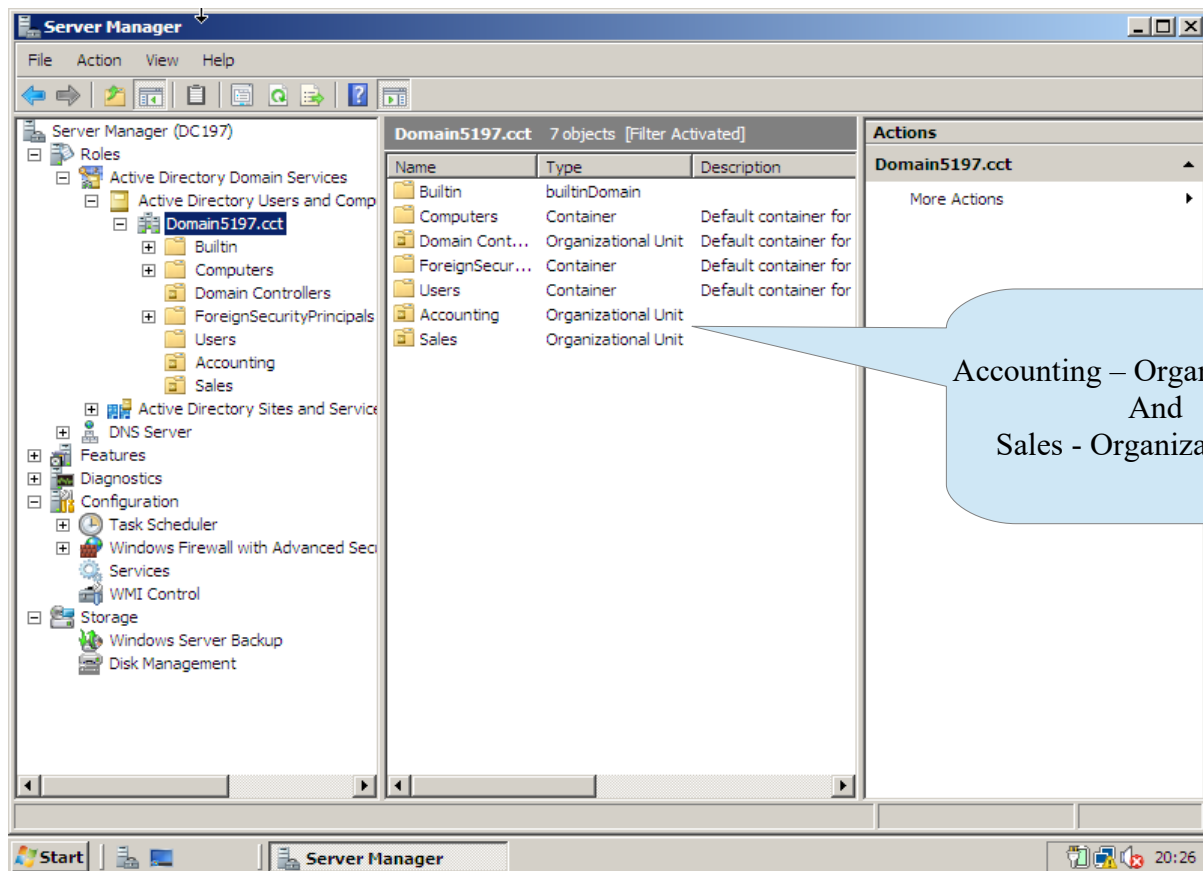




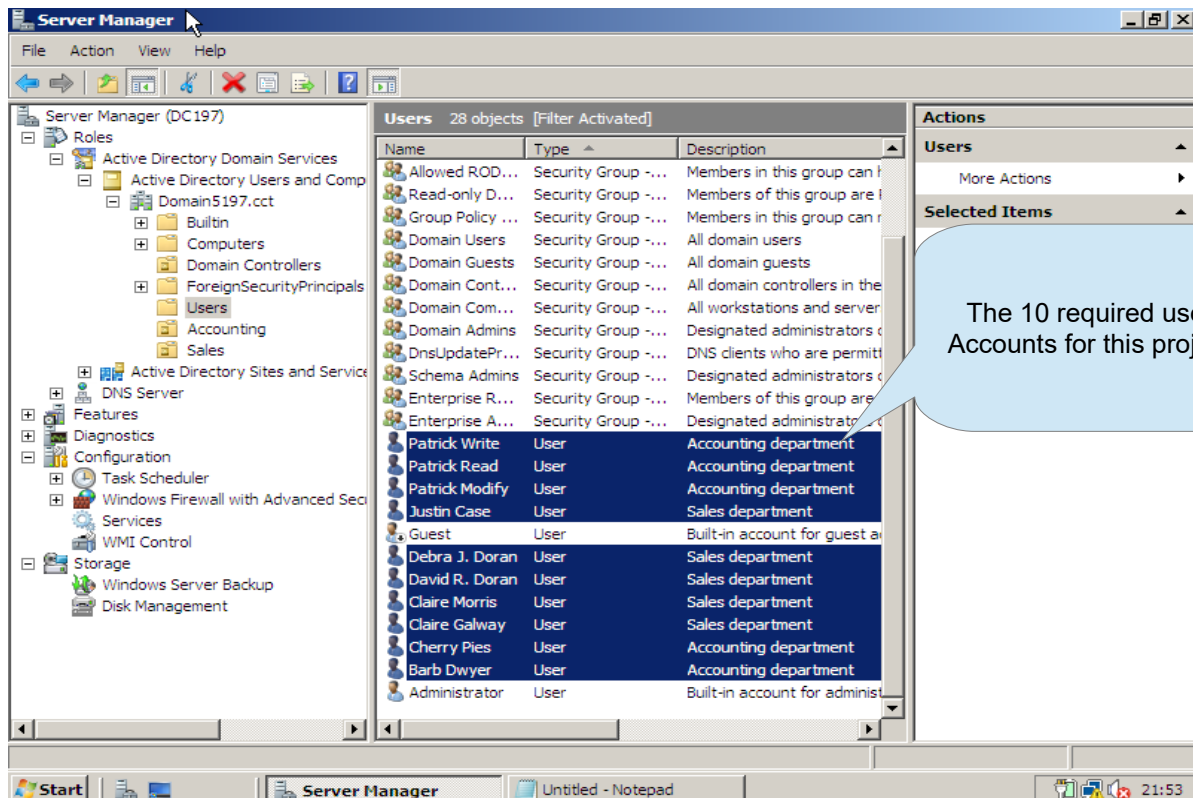


Once the Domain Controller has rebooted perform the following tasks:

5. Create two Organizational units as specified on the next page.

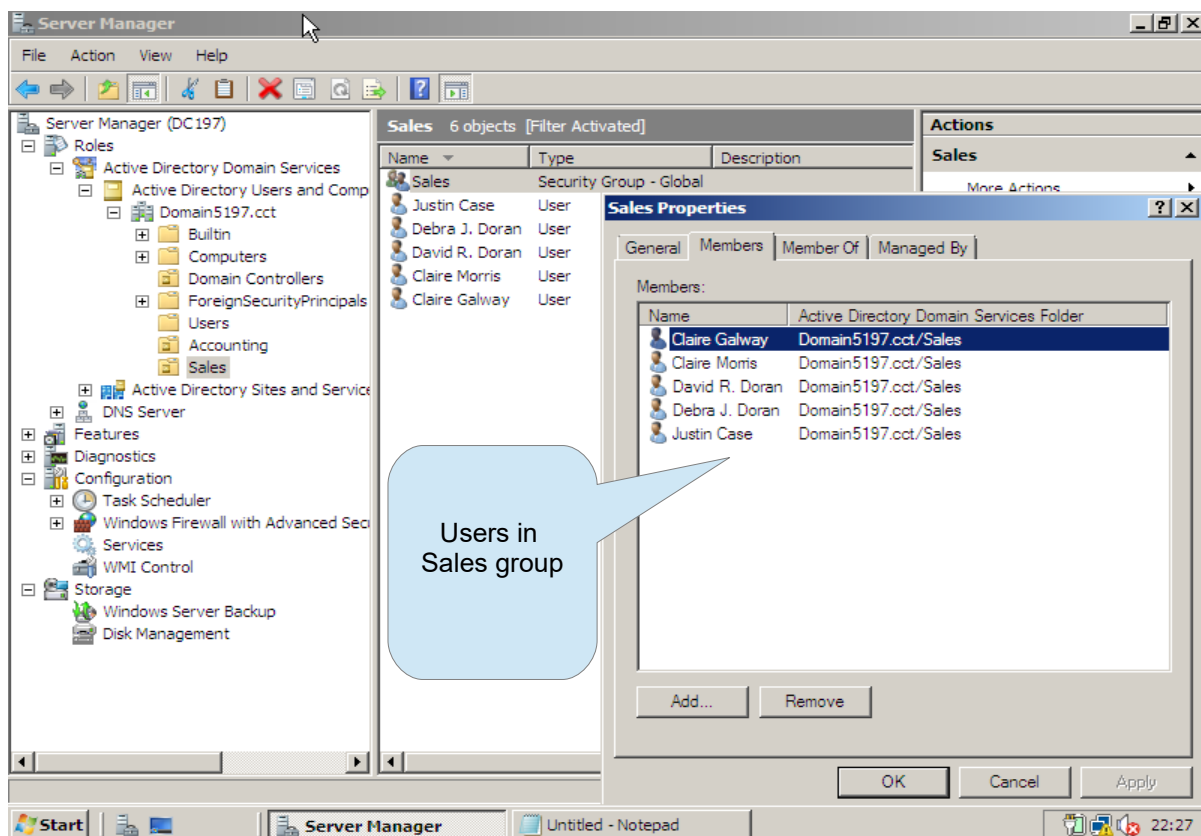
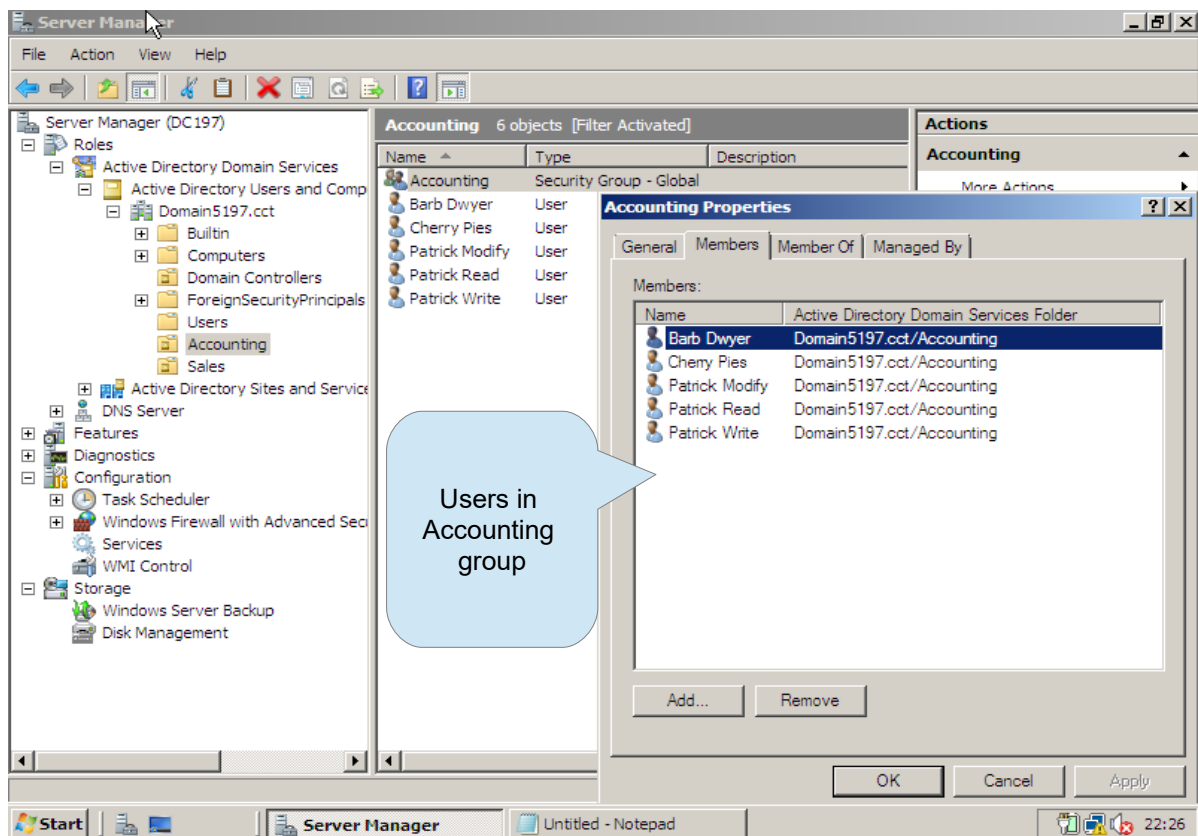


6. Create the 10 user accounts as specified on the next page.

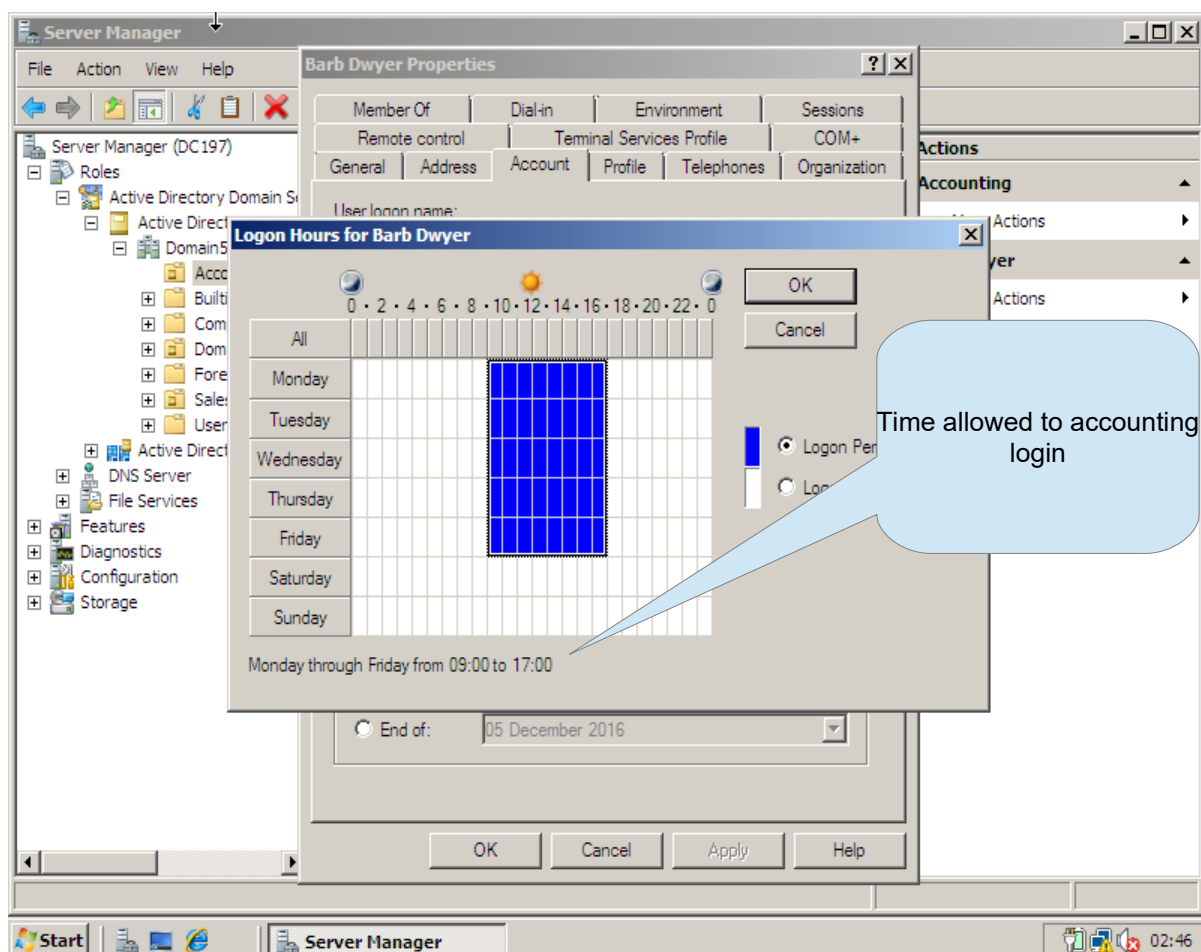
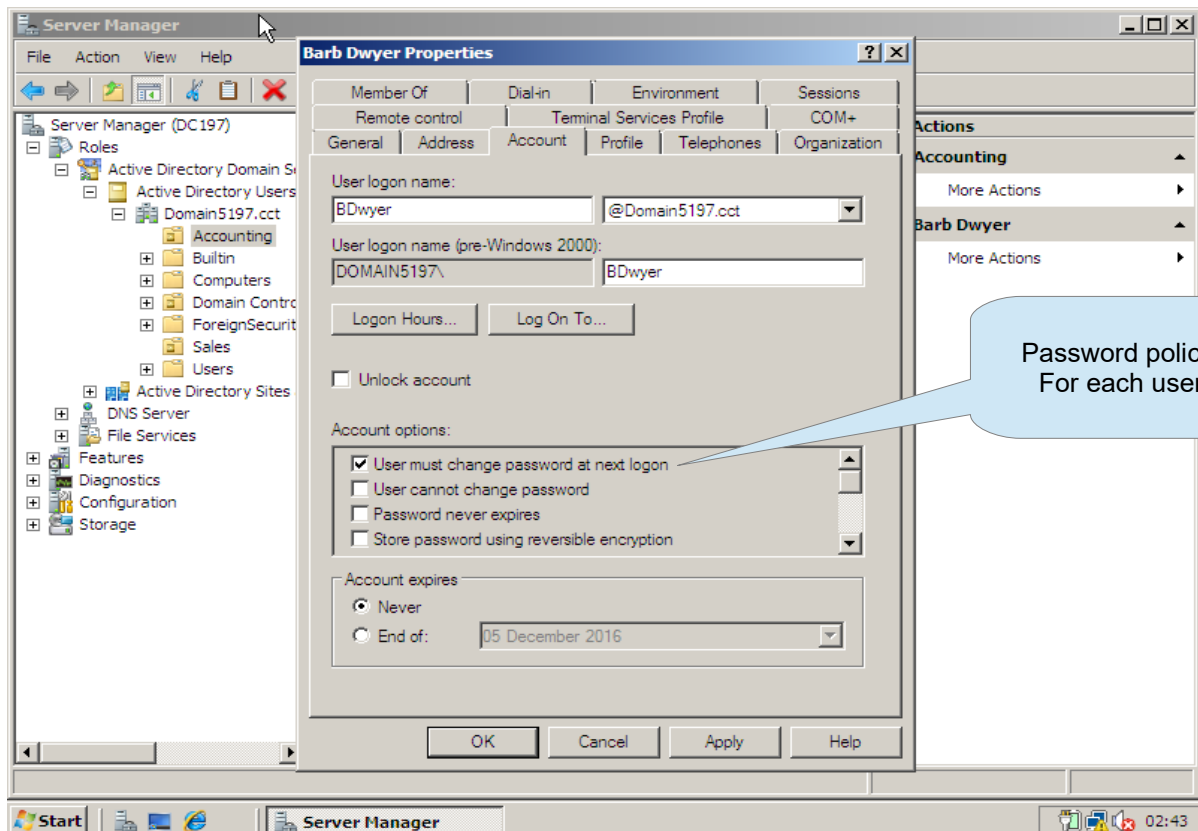


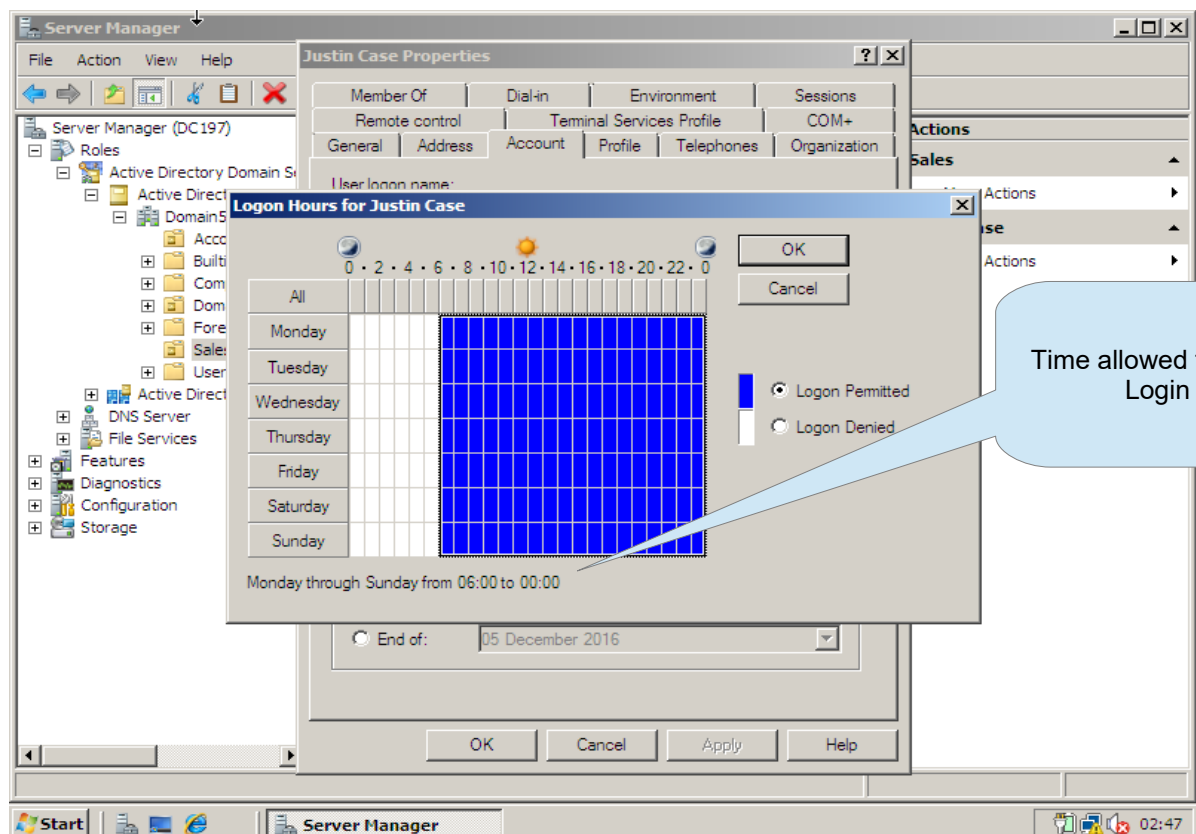
7. **Create** 2 groups as specified on the next page.

Add each of the 10 users to their respective group as specified on the next page.

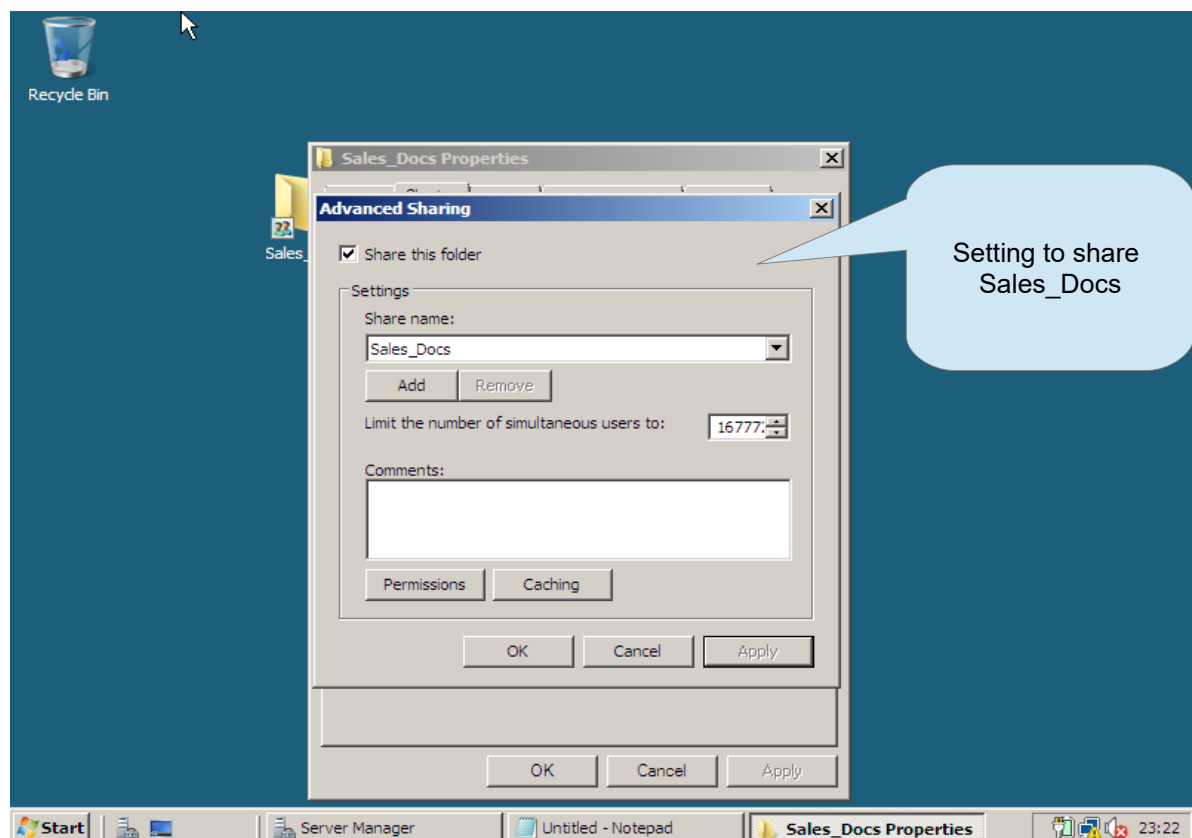


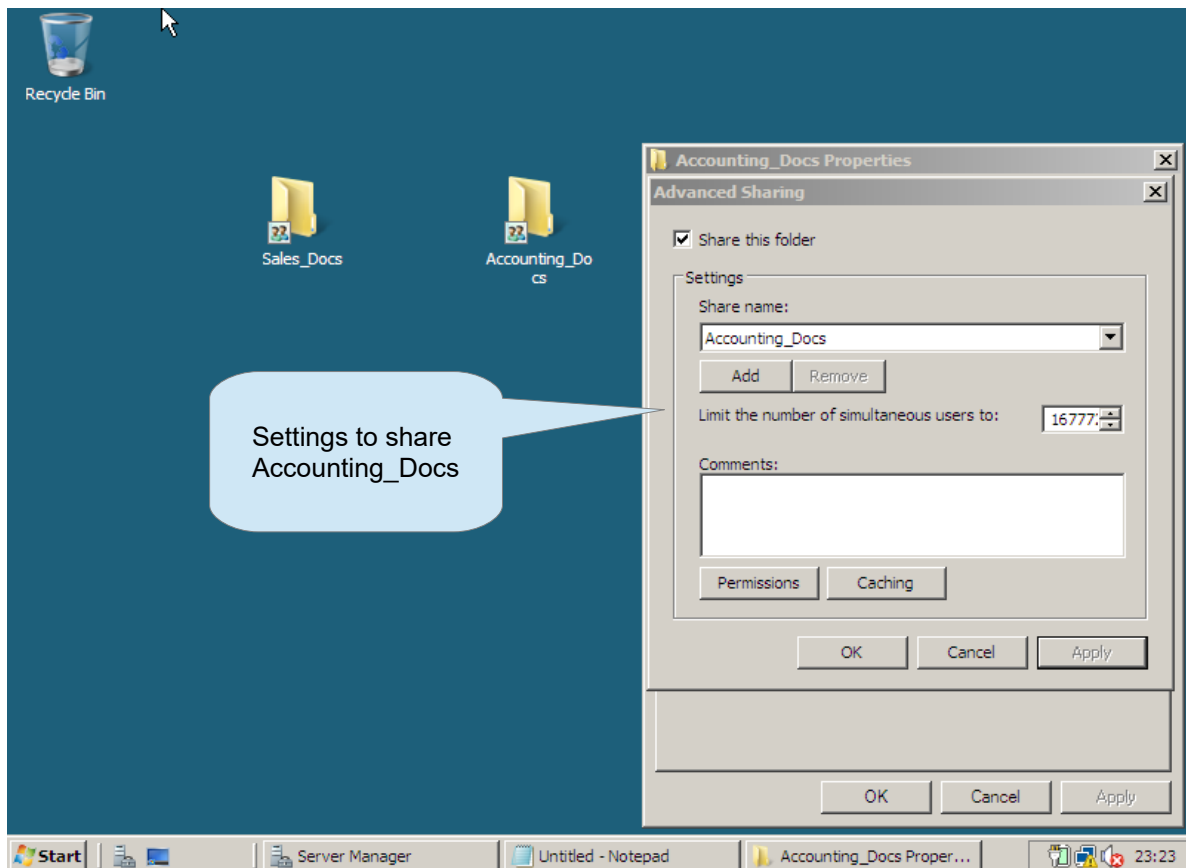




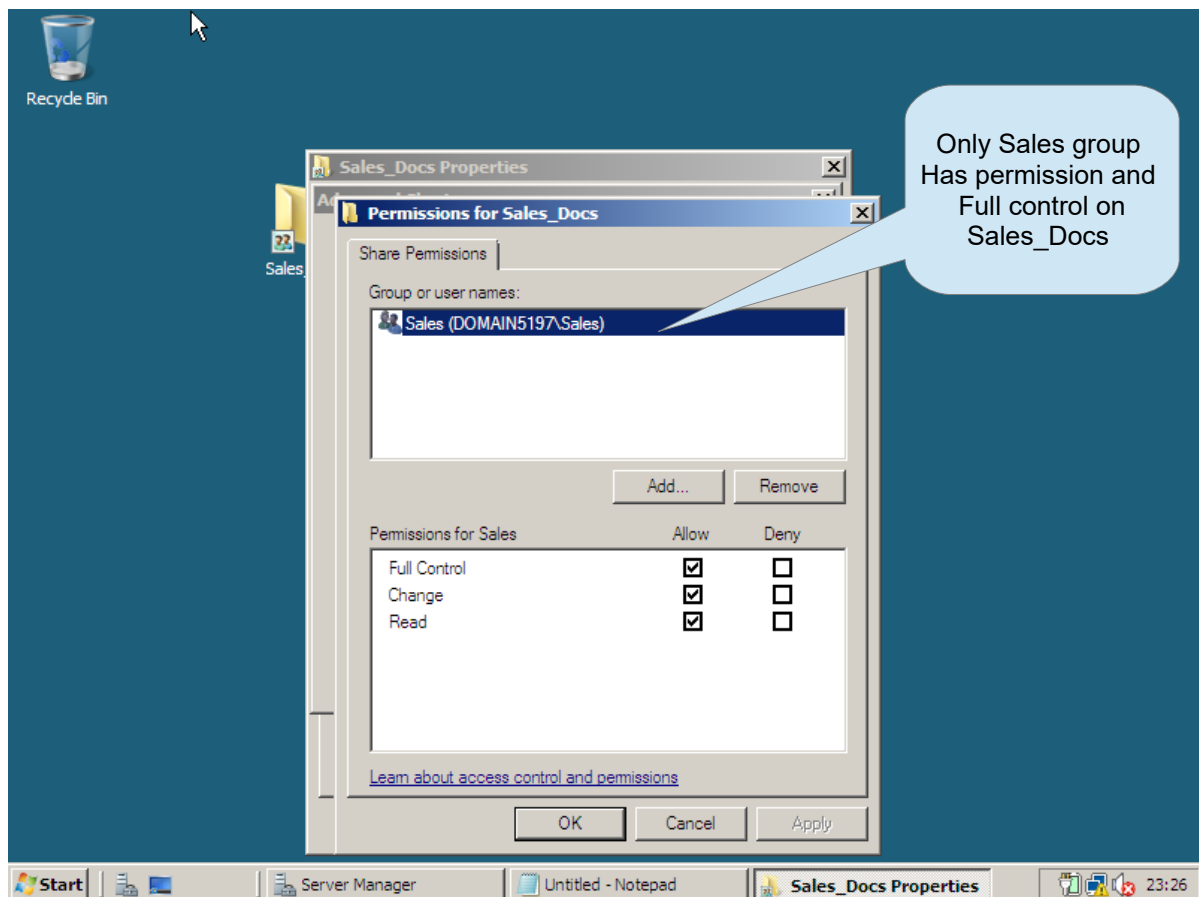


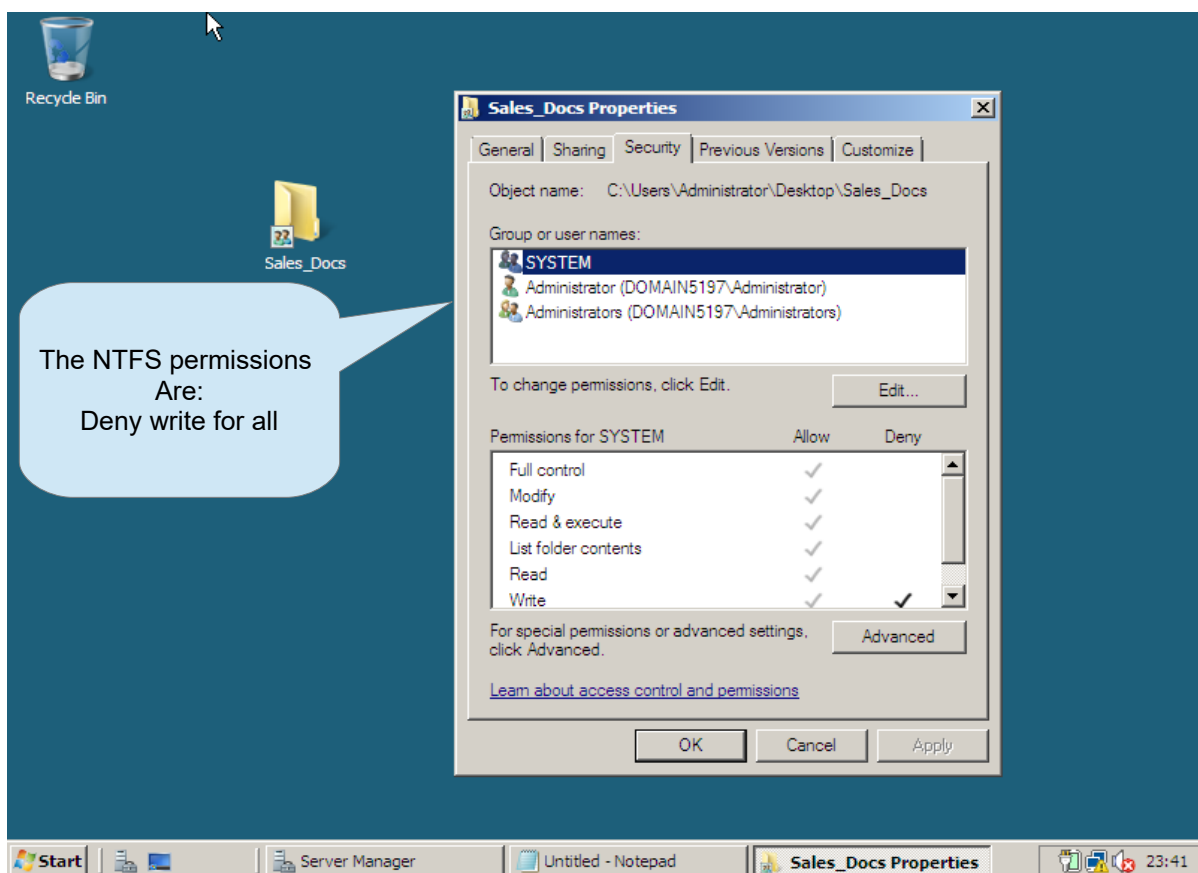
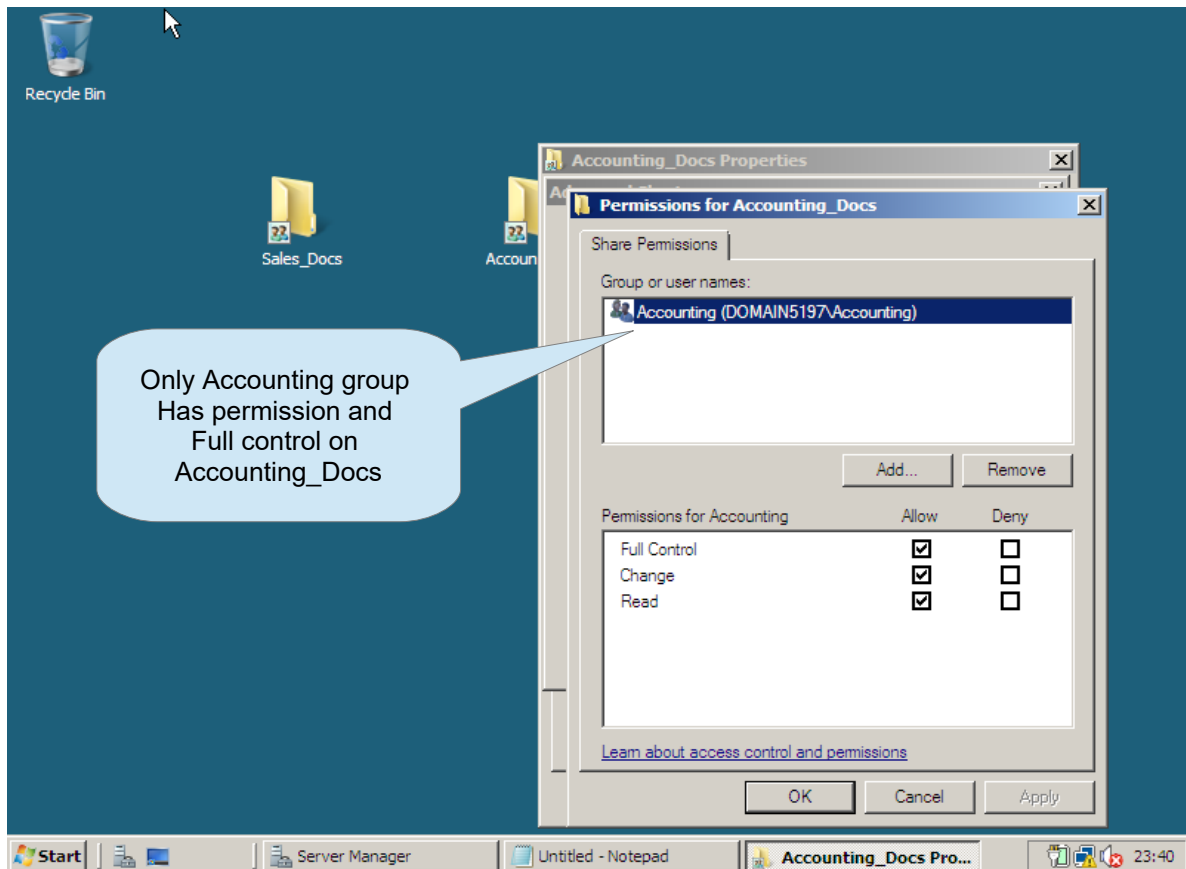
8. **Create and share** two folders as specified on the next page.

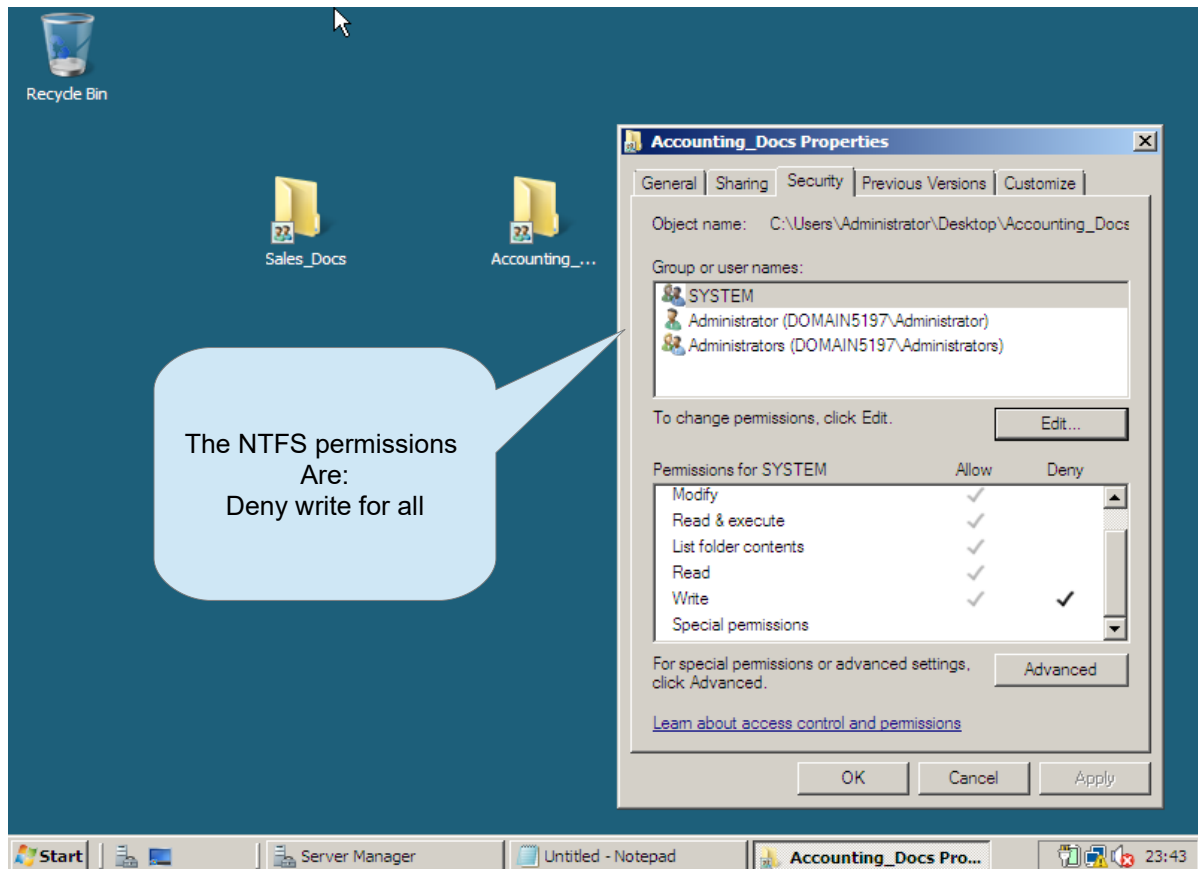




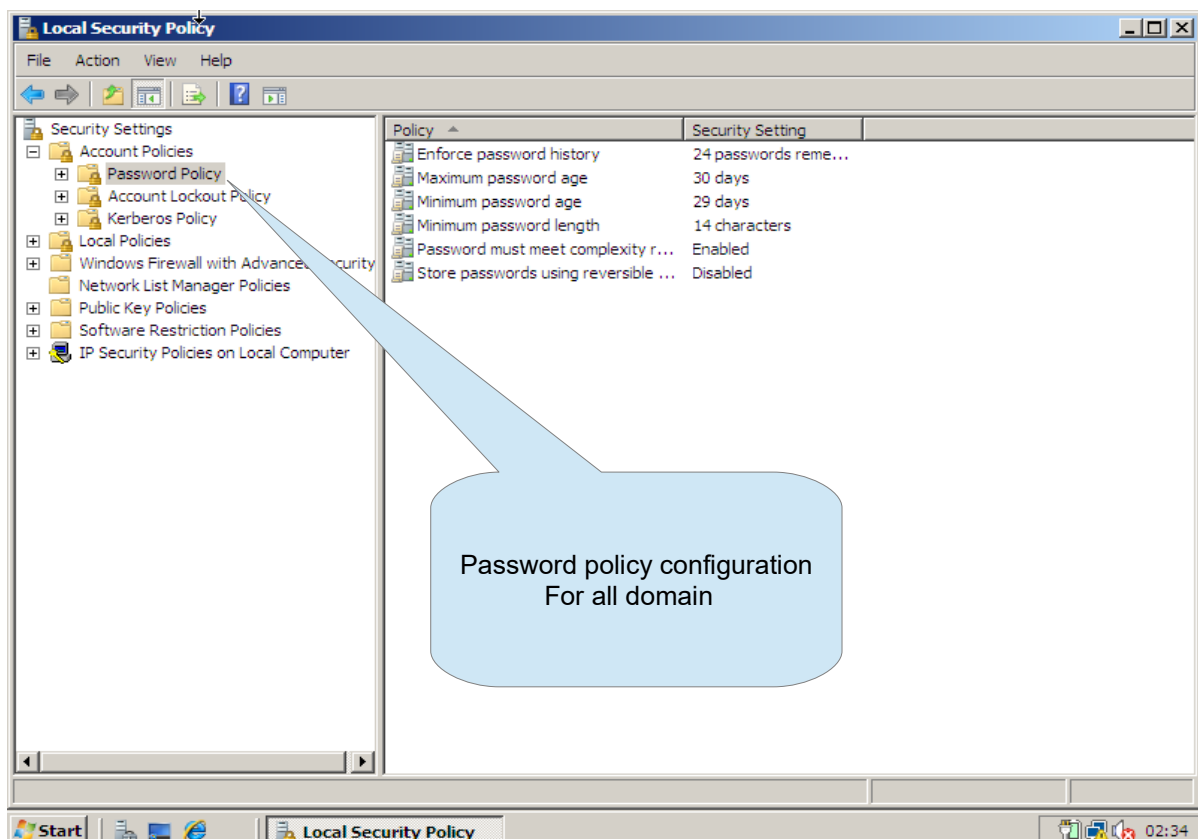
9. **Apply** permissions as specified on the next page (do this while sharing the folders).

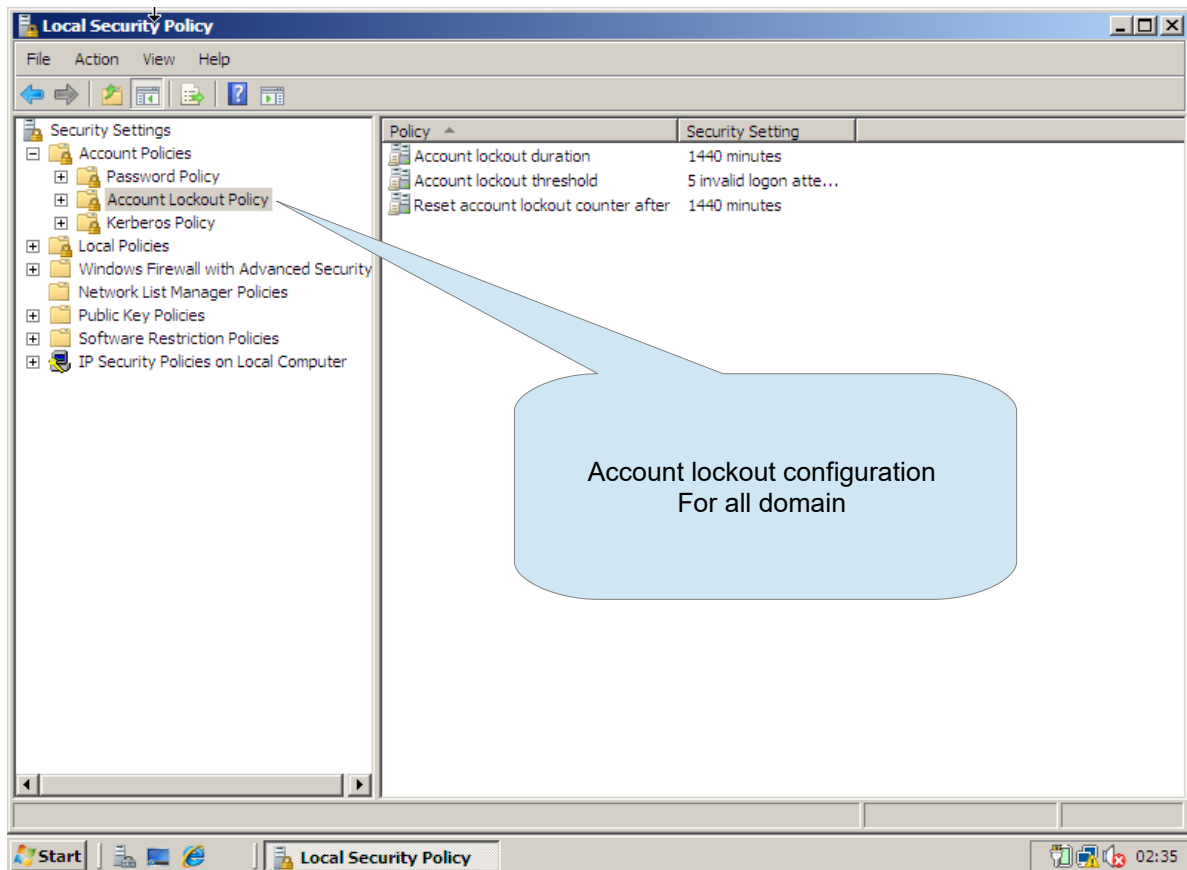






10. **Apply** a password policy and an account lockout policy for the entire domain as specified on the following page.





**Conduct research and explain (in your own words) the following topics:**

**Topic 1: (0 to 10 points) Do research to explain (using examples) what each policy does and explain why you have used the settings that you have chosen for each of these policy settings. Also explain the purpose of the Account Lockout Policy.**

### **Password Policy**

**Enforce password history :** This policy keeps a history of previous passwords, the range is from 0 to 24 passwords, it means that the user is able to use the same password only after it has been changed 24 times.

The enforce password works better when we combine it with the setting of maximum password age and minimum password age. On this way we can define a period of time where the user will be able to re-use the old password.

**Maximum password age:** Is the password's age in days that the password will expire. The maximum value is 999 (days) and if the user choose 0, the password will never expire.

**Minimum password age:** The minimum password age should be below the maximum password age, so, if the maximum is set to 999 the minimum age should be maximum 998, and if the user choose 0 the minimum password age will be disabled.

**Minimum password length :** Is the amount of characters that have in a password. As best practice one password should have about 8 characters, to make difficult to a hacker discover it. The range goes from 0 to 14 characters, and as long the password is, harder will be to a hacker to discover it.

**Password must meet complexity :** no user account name, or part of users name with two consecutive characters, must have at least 3 roles: A-Z, a-z, 0-9, non-alphabetic characters.

The password complexity is a powerful policy because it forces the user to create a strong password with different characters. Once the password is set on this way, is very hard to some one else discover it.

**Store passwords using reversible encryption:** The reversible encryption is more used when computers have to communicate over the internet and sending knowledge protocols. In order to keep the password secure, the file is encrypted. It means we do not use this policy for a local domain.

### **Account Lockout Policy**

**Account lockout duration:** In case that the number of attempts to login goes over the number tolerated by the account lockout threshold the system will be locked for a specified period in minutes by this policy, it protect the system against malicious hackers.

**Account lockout threshold:** Is the number of attempts that is accepted by the system to a successful login, the number should mach the best practice for specific users, it means that the acceptable number should not be too low or to high, to avoid undesirable lockouts, and avoid to give room to a attack to be successful .

**Reset account lockout counter after:** Is the policy that track the number of attempts to login in a specific period in minutes. So, within a given period if the number of attempts exceed the number of tolerated attempts the system will be locked but, if the number does not exceed, the lockout counter will return the value to 0 and restart the accounting.

The purpose of a account lockout policy is to prevent people to try to guess the password of a devise, for example, a hacker trying a brute force attack to gain access to the system. If the system have a good password policy and a minimum tolerated amount of attempts to login, the probability that the hacker will get access intro the system is minimum.

For this project the setting for the password policy are:

### Password Policy

Enforce password history = 24

Maximum password age = 30

Minimum password age = 29

Minimum password length = 14

Password must meet complexity = enabled

Store passwords using reversible encryption = disabled

### Account Lockout Policy

Account lockout duration = 1440 minutes or 1 day

Account lockout threshold = 5 invalid logon attempts

Reset account lockout counter after = 1440 minutes

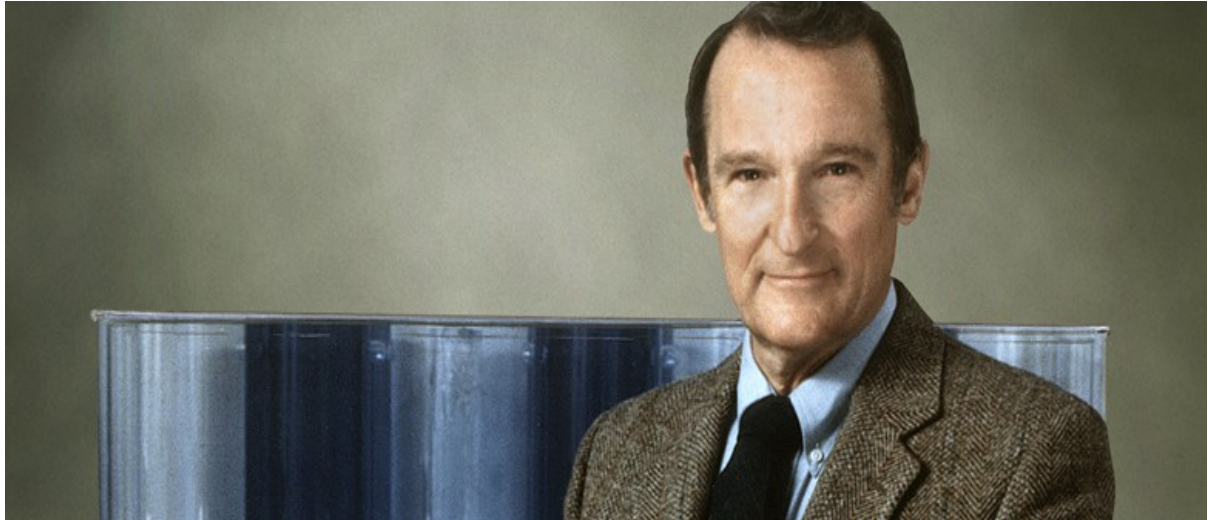
The intention of this set is to protect the system in a good and efficacy way, the password can be reused only after 2 years, the user will have to change it every 30 days and once changed, it have to be kept for 29 days. The minimum length for the password is 14 characters. It is a good protection, this policy make any hacker to spend a lots of time to find the correct password. The enabled complexity also makes it hard to be discovered.

This policy does not use reversible encryption because the devises are connect in a local business environment that does not use knowledge to transfer files.

Also to complete the policy, the account lockout threshold is set to 5 invalid logon attempts, this number is good enough to let the user to type the correct password without lock the system and short enough to do not let any hacker to keep trying new combinations of passwords, and in case of a attack the system will be locked for 1 day or 1440 minutes or until a administrator unlock it and find a appropriated solution to keep the system out of attacks.



**Topic 2: (0 to 10 points) Do research to explain who Seymour Cray was and explain his contribution to Computer Science.**



Seymour Cray (1925-1996)

was born in 28 of September of 1925 in Chippewa Falls, Wisconsin. He was always interested in electronic.

After his graduation from high school, he went to the United States Army, serving to the second world war and the Pacific theater in the Philippine Islands.

After the war he had completed a electrical engineering and a master degree in applied mathematics at the University of Minnesota.

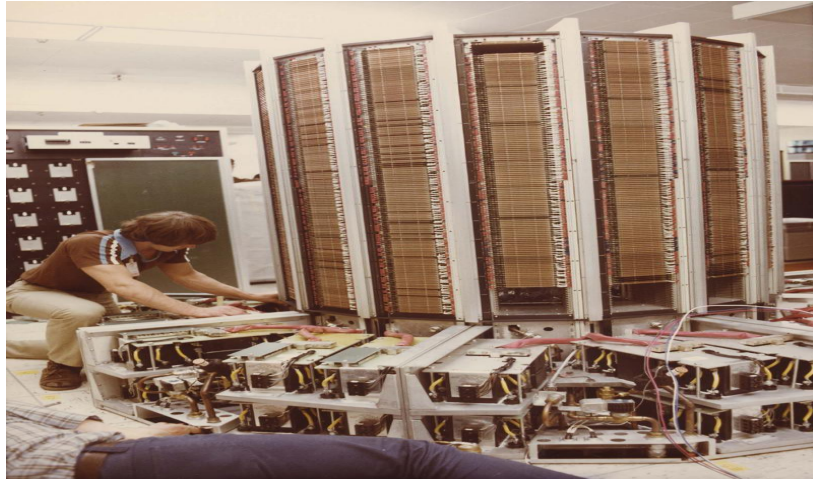
Cray had worked for many companies and for the U.S army too. Creating electronic solutions for his customers needs.

Among many projects that he had created, some of them are:

**CD6600 – Considered the world's first supercomputer in 1963.**



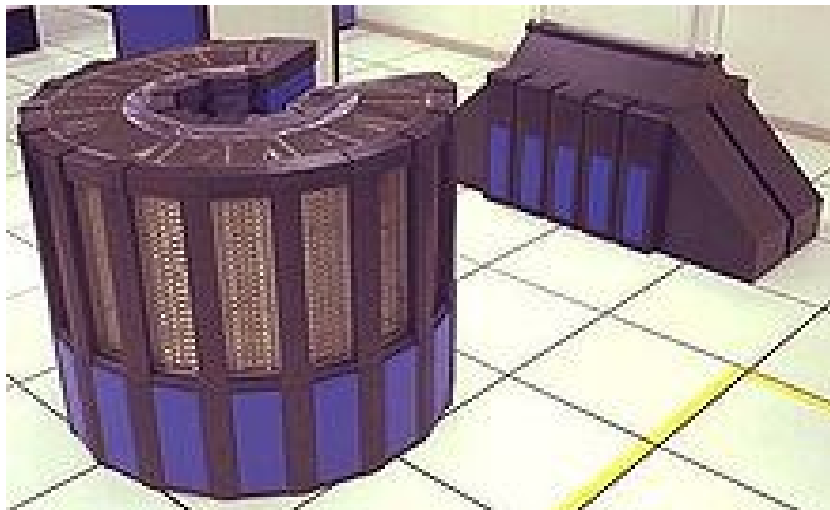
**CDC8600 – in 1968**



**Cray 1 – in 1976**



**Cray 2- 1985**



Also in 1972 the Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE) had recognize his work on large-scale computers.

His computers were so powerful, that at that time even Nasa was using them.

in 1996 he died at the age of 71, two weeks after a car accident.

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#1: Install virtual server (0 to 4 points) \_\_\_\_\_

#2: Setup static IP address (0 to 10 points) \_\_\_\_\_

#3: Server correctly renamed (0 to 4 points) \_\_\_\_\_

#4: Convert server to Domain Controller as specified (0 to 10 points) \_\_\_\_\_

#5: Create the 10 accounts as specified (0 to 10 points) \_\_\_\_\_

#6. Create the two groups as specified (0 to 6 points) \_\_\_\_\_

#7. Create two shared folders as specified (0 to 10 points) \_\_\_\_\_

#8. Apply permissions as specified (0 to 10 points) \_\_\_\_\_

#9. Create two Organisational Units as specified (0 to 6 points) \_\_\_\_\_

#10. Apply the password policy as specified (0 to 10 points) \_\_\_\_\_

Topic 1: (0 to 10 points) \_\_\_\_\_

Topic 2: (0 to 10 points) \_\_\_\_\_

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