# Exercise 1 - Remote Network Device Configuration

Let's look at HTTP, NTP, RDP, and SIP as examples of protocols. On the pfsense firewall, you'll set up features like an NTP server, remote logging, and integrating the firewall with Active Directory. You'll also learn about many databases and the services they provide

In this exercise,

- 1. Configure Pfsense as NTP Server
- 2. Enable Remote Logging Server Option on Pfsense Firewall
- 3. Integrate Pfsense Firewall with Active Directory using LDAP Protocol
- 4. Use RDP for Remote Connection

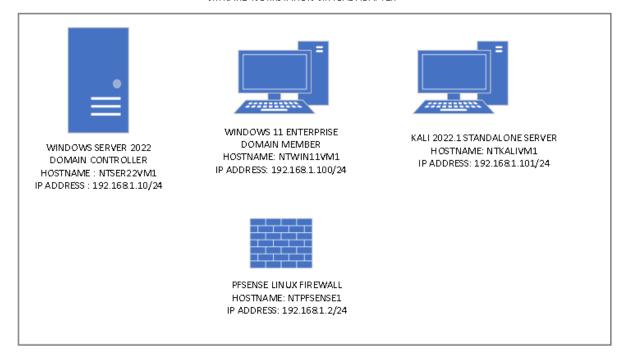
#### HTTP and HTTPS Protocol

HTTP is a network protocol that operates at the OSI model's application layer. It is a client/server protocol that is mostly used to communicate between a web server and a web browser. When you, as a client, use your web browser to go to a specific URL, a request is sent to the web server, and you wait for a response. HTTP runs on TCP port 80, and the secure version of the protocol (HTTPS) encrypts communication via SSL certificates. TCP port 443 is used for HTTPS. Rather of HTTP, most webpages are published using HTTPS.

HTTP can also be used to access various network devices' GUIs (graphical user interfaces). You had previously used the pfsense firewall's GUI interface in a previous task. The pfsense firewall was opened using the URL https://192.168.1.2, which means the "The firewall" was accessed using the HTTPS protocol.

## **Topology**

#### VMWARE WORKSTATION VIRTUAL ADAPTER



#### DOMAIN = networktute.com

- NTPFSENSE1 = Linux Virtual Firewall)
- NTSER22VM1 = Windows Server 2022 Domain Controller
- NTWIN11VM1 = Windows 11 Domain Member
- NTKALIVM1 = Kali 2022.1 Standalone Server

# **Prerequisite**

- VMware Workstation 16 Pro
  - When making this tutorial, we used the "Windows Server 2019" VM Template and "Windows 10 & later" VM Template. Since VMware didn't have the updated templates.
- Microsoft Windows Server 2022
- Microsoft Windows 11
- PFSense Linux Firewall

# Task 1: Configure Pfsense as NTP Server

The Network Time Protocol (NTP) is used to synchronize clocks between NTP clients and servers. UDP protocol port 123 is used. NTP servers that are open to the public have access to a lot of information. Atomic and GPS clocks that are extremely accurate. It is not necessary for every client on the network to be enabled. One device can be designated to function as an NTP server and access these public NTP

servers. This server will synchronize time with the public NTP server in your environment. After that, all clients will point to the NTP server and obtain precise time. Domain controllers are commonly utilized as NTP servers in domain setups. Because of the debug and log messages, it's critical to have accurate time on the devices. If the moment has come, incorrect, it will be harder to troubleshoot issues on the network.

Now on the pfsense firewall, the NTP server will be configured. Pfsense is also an NTP client that synchronizes time with a public NTP server, but it will be used here as a local NTP server.

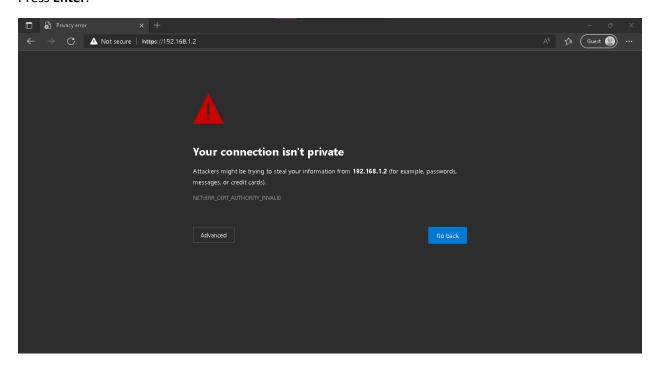
## Step 1:

Connect to NTWIN1VM1. Open Microsoft Edge from the taskbar.

In the Microsoft Edge browser, click in the address bar and type:

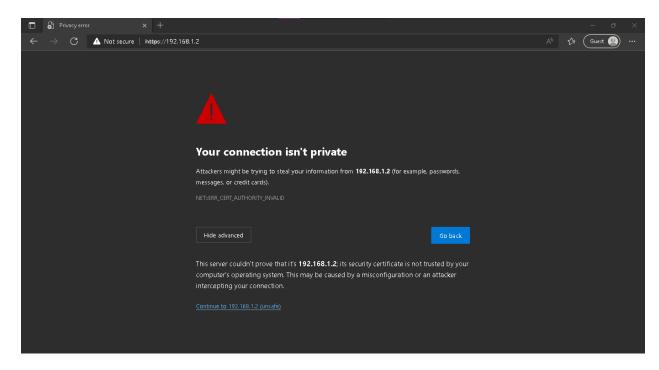
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# Step 2:

Click Advanced in the Microsoft Edge browser and click the Continue to 192.168.1.2 (unsafe) link

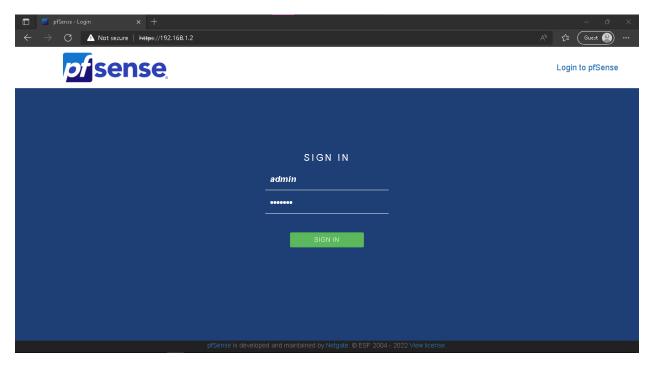


## Step 3:

On the **pfsense** web page, log in with the following credentials:

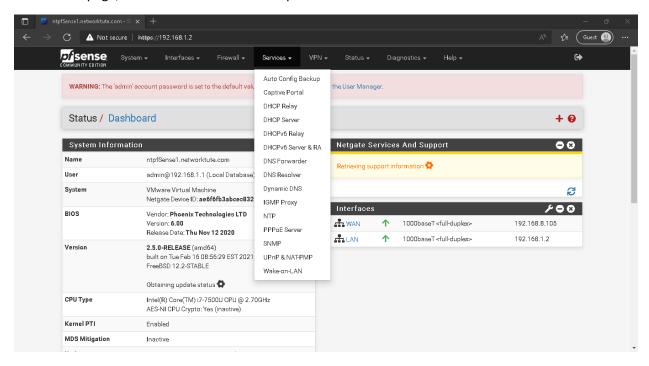
Username: admin
Password: pfsense

Click SIGN IN.



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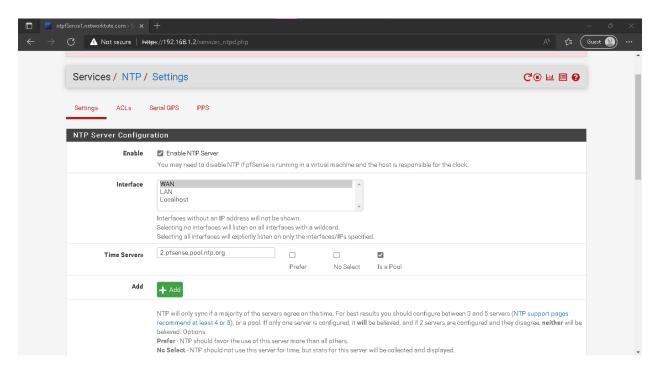
On the web page, click the **Services** menu drop-down and select **NTP**.



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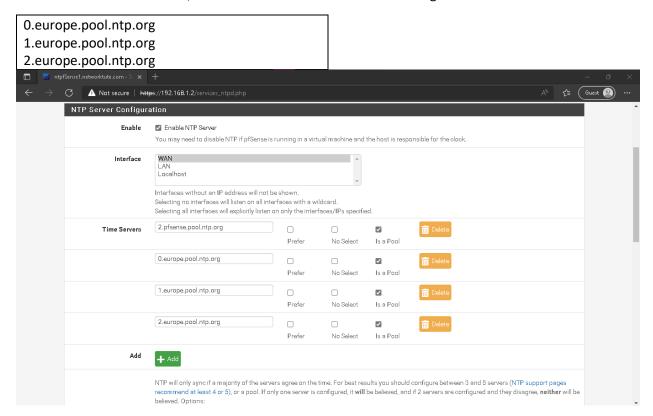
Select the interface on which you wish to enable the NTP server on the **Services / NTP / Settings** page (where all NTP requests will arrive). This is generally the LAN interface, but you'll choose WAN because it's part of the 192.168.8.0/24 network, which includes all of the other servers.

Under NTP Server Configuration, select WAN for the Interface field.



#### Step 6:

Under the **Time Servers** field, click **+Add** thrice and enter the following name:



Scroll down and click Save.

**Note:** You can now configure your devices to use 192.168.1.2 as the NTP server. It's extremely helpful for debugging and log messages to have precise time on your devices.

#### Simple Network Management Protocol (SNMP)

Another network layer protocol that works on the application layer of the OSI model is the Simple Network Management Protocol (SNMP). It's used to send and receive many types of management data between network devices or hosts and the Network Management System (NMS). It's one of the most widely used network protocols for monitoring routers, switches, Windows and Linux servers, and other network devices.

The SNMP manager, SNMP agent, MIB (Management Information Base), and managed device are all critical components of any SNMP monitoring solution.

The managed device's SNMP agent is in charge of communicating with the SNMP Manager, which is typically installed on the network management system. The SNMP agent's principal function is to collect various management data and reports. As SNMP traps or as a response to the SNMP manager, transmit them to the SNMP manager. query. MIB is a set of managed device parameters that are sent back and forth between devices. both the agent and the manager

# Task 2: Enable Remote Logging Server Option on Pfsense Firewall

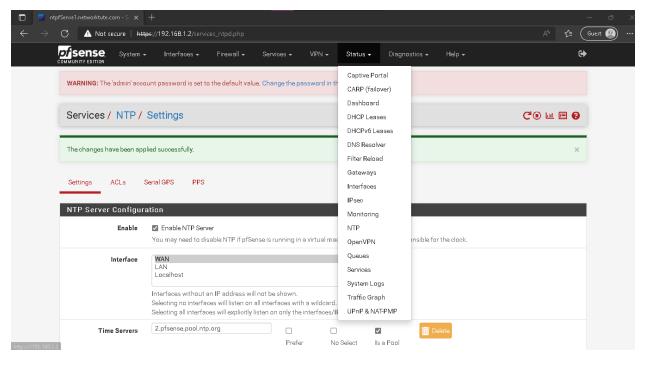
The System Logging Protocol (Syslog) is used to deliver various log and event messages to the syslog server, which is a remote server. The transport protocol is UDP, and the port number is 161. Because it collects logs from all devices in one location, it may also be used as a monitoring protocol. These log messages can then be used by monitoring software that operates the syslog server to generate various alerts and notifications.

The syslog server may be utilized without any monitoring software as a stand-alone solution, however tracking all log messages would be difficult. Using the pfsense firewall, you will define the syslog server on a network device in this operation.

#### Step 1:

Connect to NTWIN11VM1. You should be on the pfsense page in Microsoft Edge.

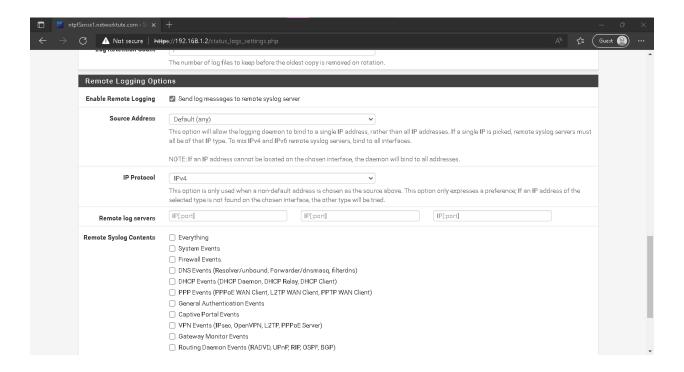
Click the **Status** menu drop-down and select **System Logs**.



#### Step 2:

On the Status / System Logs / System / General page, click on the Settings tab.

Scroll down to the **Remote Logging Options** section and select the **Send log messages to remote syslog server** checkbox.



#### Step 3:

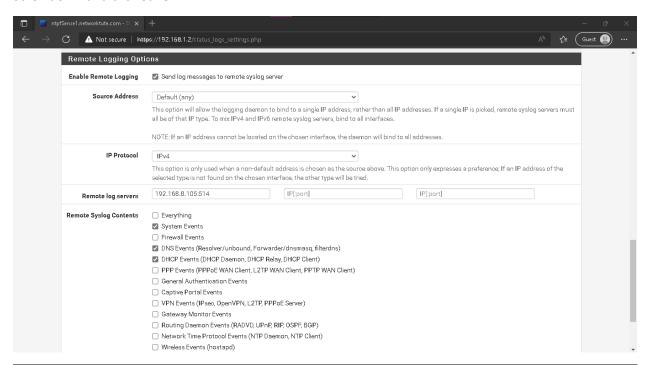
Apply the following settings:

- For Source Address, select WAN.
- > Enter the following IP address for the Remote log servers' field:

192.168.8.105:514

- > Enable the following checkboxes for the **Remote Syslog Contents** field:
  - System Events
  - DNS Events (Resolver/unbound, Forwarder/dnsmasq,filterdns)
  - o DHCP Events (DHCP Daemon, DHCP Relay, DHCP Client)

Scroll down and click Save.



**Note**: Log messages can be forwarded to the remote server after the above parameters are applied. You would use the command logging 192.168.1.100 if you only have SSH or console access to a device, such as a Cisco router.

# Task 3: Integrate Pfsense Firewall with Active Directory using LDAP Protocol

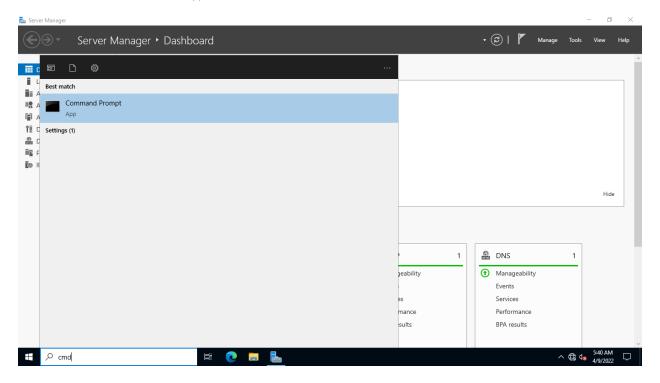
Different applications, such as OpenLDAP, Microsoft Active Directory, and similar software, use the Lightweight Directory Access Protocol (LDAP) to authenticate and authorize users. It operates on two ports: TCP/UDP 389, which is insecure and unencrypted, and TCP/UDP 636, which is secure and encrypted and runs over SSL.

In this task, the pfsense firewall will be integrated with NTSER22VM1, which has a running domain and active directory.

#### Step 1:

Connect to NTSER22VM1.

Click on the Start menu and type: **cmd** 

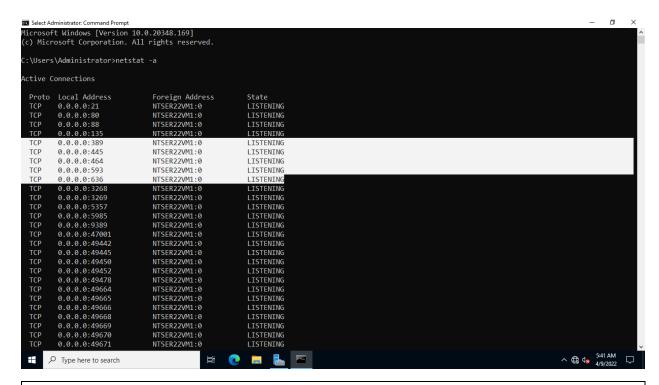


## Step 2:

On the Command Prompt window, type the following command and press Enter. netstat -a

After a few seconds, press **Ctrl+C** to stop listing all opened ports.

Scroll back to the beginning of the list and check if ports **389** and **636** are open.



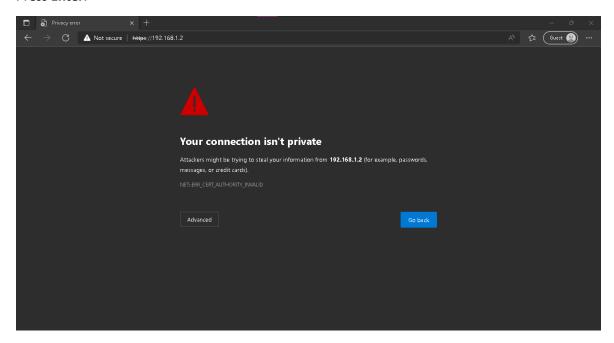
Note: From the output, it can be seen that server **NTSER22VM1**, the domain controller, is listening on ports 389 and 636.

#### Step 3:

Open Microsoft Edge from the taskbar and click in the address bar and type:

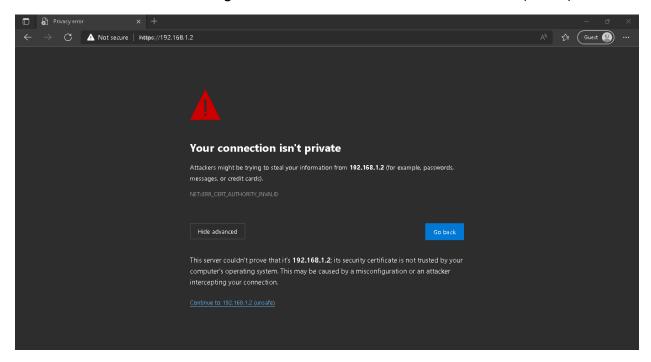
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Press Enter.



## Step 4:

Click **Advanced** in the **Microsoft Edge** browser and click the **Continue to 192.168.1.2** (unsafe) link.

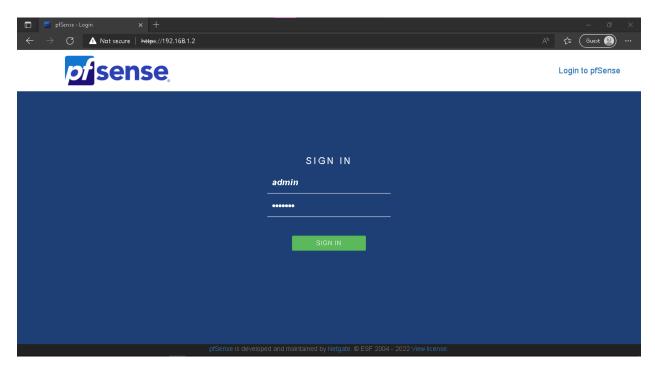


## Step 5:

On the **pfsense** web page, log in with the following credentials:

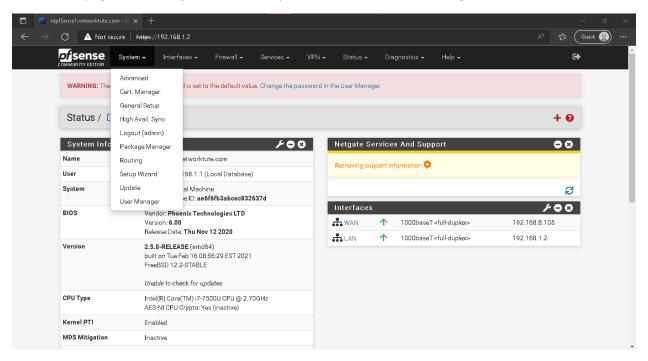
Username: admin Password: **pfsense** 

Press Enter.



## Step 6:

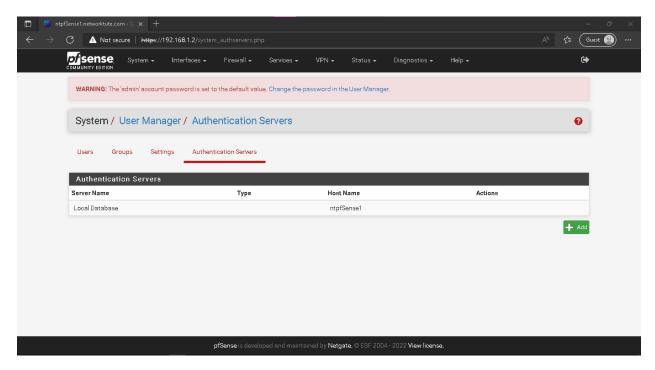
On the web page, click the **System** menu drop-down and select **User Manager**.



#### Step 7:

On the **System / User Manager / Users** page, click on the **Authentication Servers** tab.

On the System / User Manager / Authentication Servers page, click + Add.



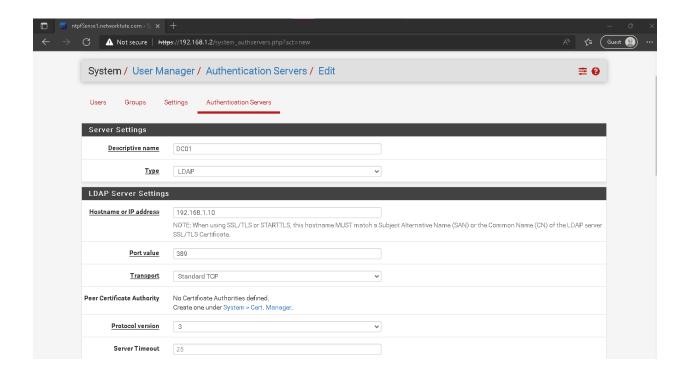
#### Step 8:

On the **System / User Manager / Authentication Servers / Edit** page, under the **Server Settings** section, type the following for the **Descriptive name** field:

#### DC01

Under the LDAP Server Settings section, type the following for the Hostname or IP address field:

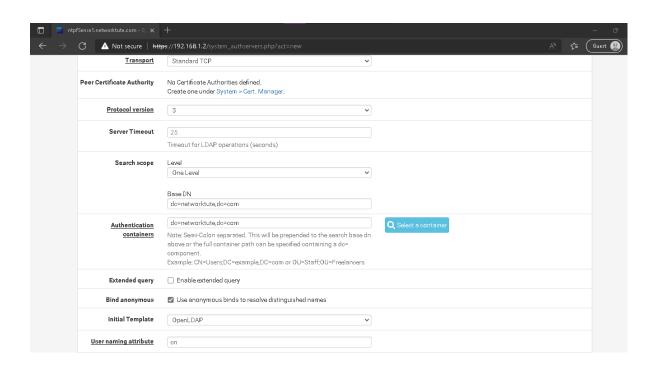
#### 192.168.1.10



## Step 9:

Scroll down to the **Search scope** section, and type the following for the **BASE DN** field and on the **Authentication containers** field:

dc=networktute,dc=com



#### **Step 10:**

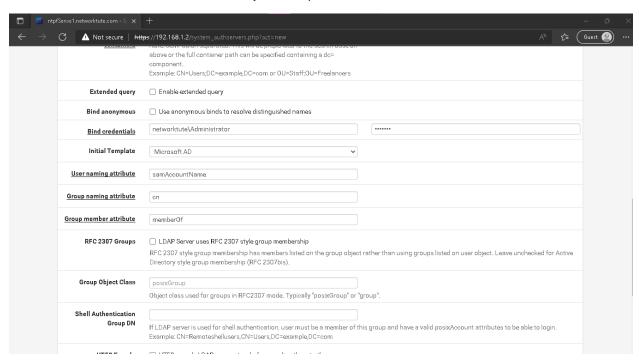
For the Bind anonymous field, uncheck Use anonymous binds to resolve distinguished names.

Type the following for the **Bind credentials** field:

User DN: networktute\Administrator

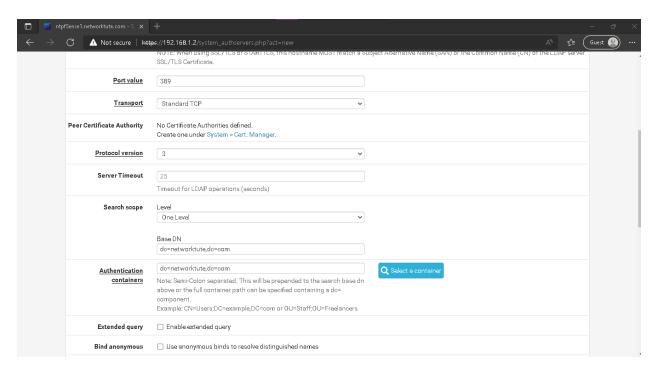
Password: Networktute@1

Select Microsoft AD from the Initial Template drop-down.



#### **Step 11:**

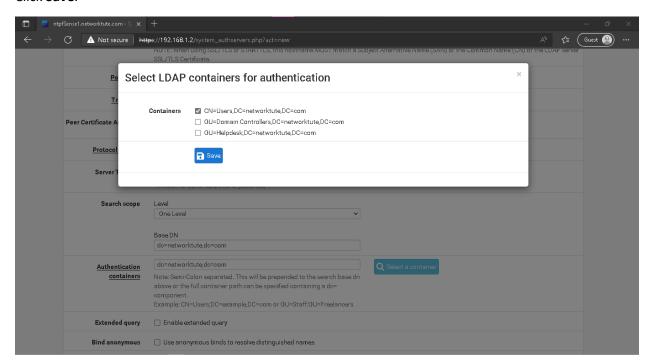
Scroll up and click **Select a container** next to the **Authentication containers** field.



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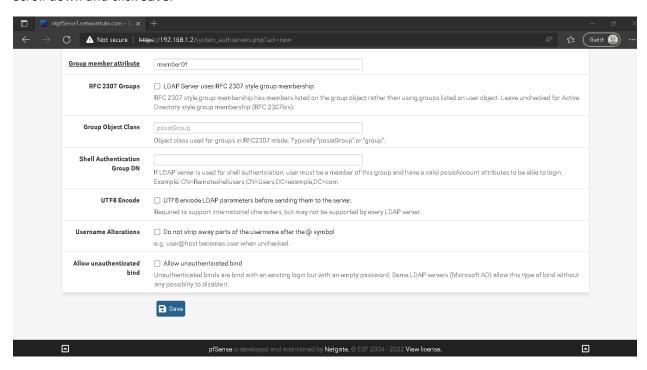
On the **Select LDAP containers for authentication** pop-up box, enable the **CN=Users,DC=NETWORKTUTE,DC=COM** checkbox.

#### Click Save.



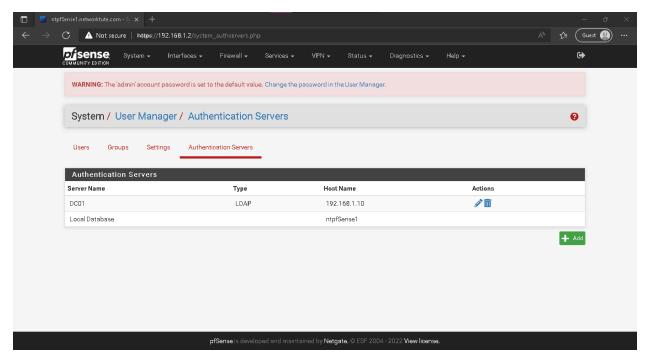
#### **Step 13:**

Scroll down and click Save.



#### **Step 14:**

On the **System / User Manager / Authentication Servers** page, the configured authentication server now appears

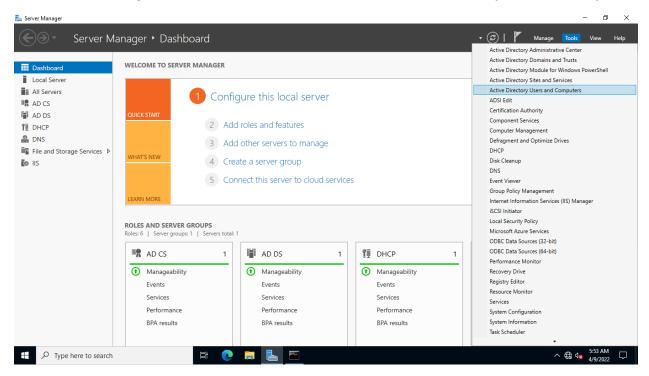


## **Step 15:**

You will now create a new user in Active Directory.

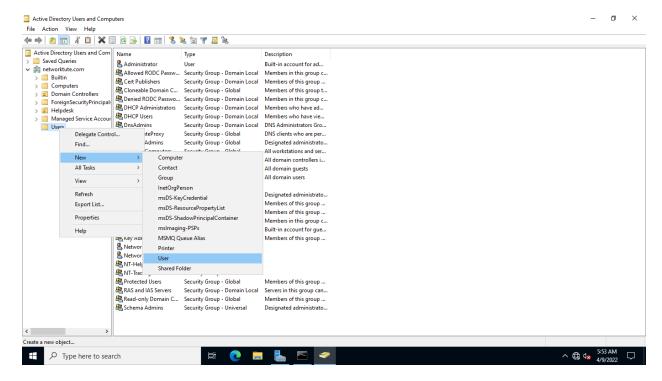
Open Server Manager from the taskbar.

On the Server Manager window, click the Tools menu and select Active Directory Users and Computers



## **Step 16:**

On the **Active Directory Users and Computers** window, expand **NETWORKTUTE.COM** if it's not already Select and right-click on Users and select **New** > **User**.

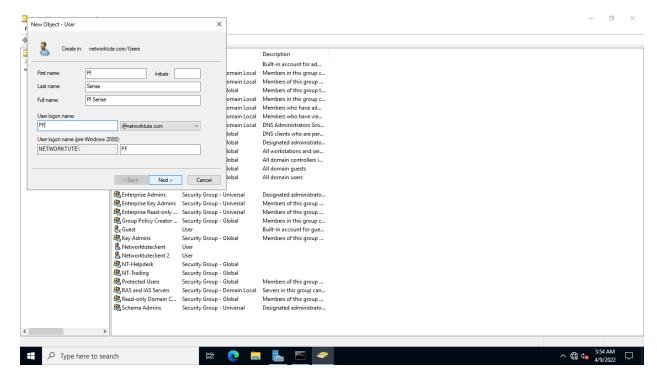


## **Step 17:**

On the New Object - User dialog box, enter the following:

First name: PF Last name: Sense User logon name: pf

Click Next.



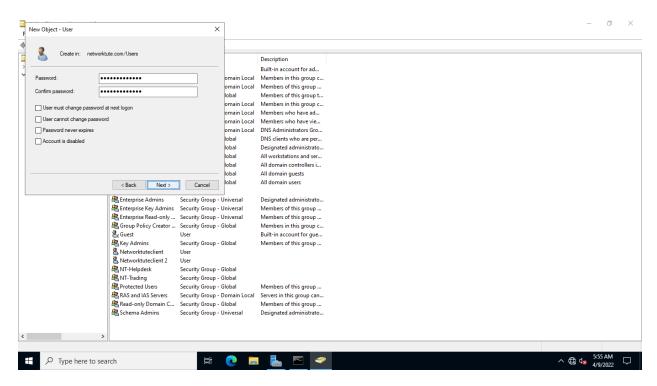
## **Step 18:**

Type the following for the **Password** and **Confirm password** field:

# Networktute@1

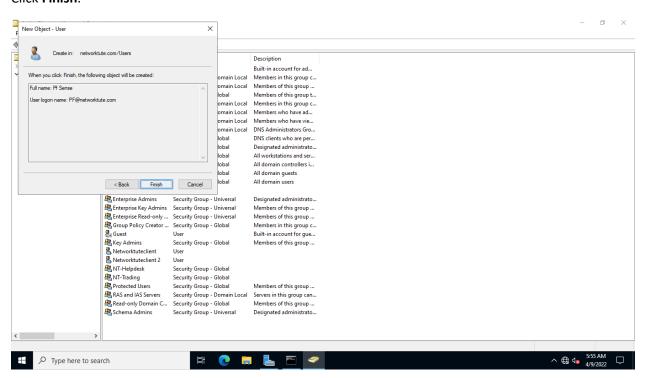
Uncheck the **User must change password at next logon** option.

Click Next.



#### **Step 19:**

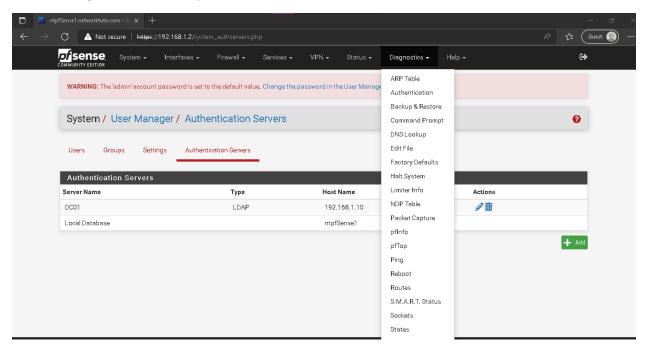
#### Click Finish.



## Step 20:

Restore Microsoft Edge browser from the taskbar. You will be on the pfsense web page.

Click the **Diagnostics** menu drop-down and select **Authentication**.



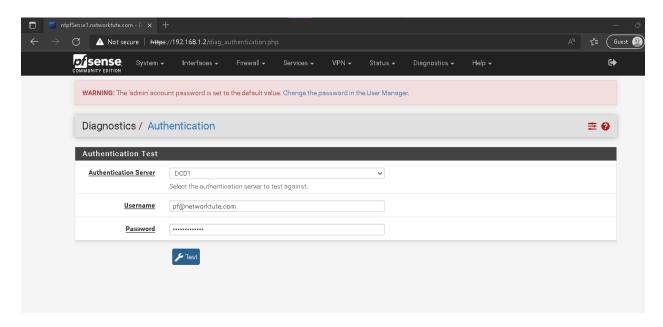
## **Step 21:**

From the **Diagnostics / Authentication** page, select **DC01** as the **Authentication Server**.

Enter the following credentials:

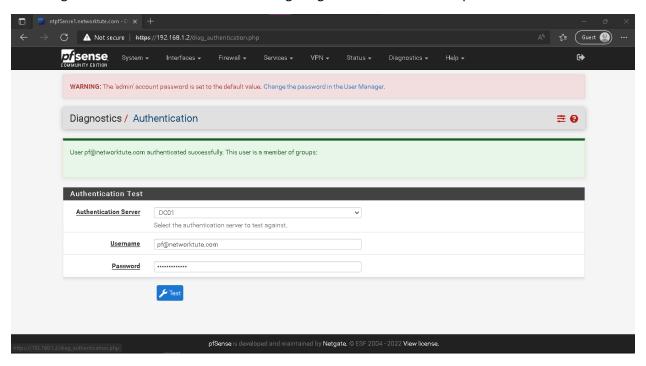
Username: pf@networktute.com Password: Networktute@1

Click **Test.** 



#### Step 22:

You will get a successful authentication message in green once the test completes.



**Note:** You can utilize the active directory for pfsense authentication now that you've connected your firewall with the active directory using the LDAP protocol. To accomplish this, go to System > User Manager Settings and activate AD authentication.

Close Microsoft Edge browser and Active Directory Users and Computers window.

#### MSSQL, Oracle and MySQL

Relational database servers include MSSQL, Oracle, and MySQL, to name a few. A database server is a client/server application that delivers database services to clients, which might be other programs or computers.

SQL (Structured Query Language) is a programming language that can be used to store, manage, and retrieve data from a database. The SQL database is a Microsoft software (database) that is commonly referred to as MSSQL. It's a relational database, which implies it's a collection of data items with predefined relationships. MSSQL is a database engine that runs on both Windows and Linux computers. The database engine is in charge of executing queries and keeping track of database files, pages, and indexes, among other things. Database objects (stored procedures, views, and triggers) are also created. Clients connect to an MSSQL database engine using TCP port 1433 by default, and the SQL Management studio connects to the database engine using the same port.

Oracle database is an RDMS (Relational Database Management System) developed by Oracle that is similar to MSSQL in many ways. It also functions in client/server mode, with clients connecting to the server via the SQLnet service on TCP port 1521.

Oracle and SQL both utilize SQL, however MSSQL uses T-SQL (Transact SQL) while Oracle uses PL/SQL (Procedure Language/SQL). The fundamental difference between these two languages is how they handle variables and stored procedures. T-SQL is simpler and easier to use than PL/SQL, which is more powerful and sophisticated.

Oracle owns MySQL, a widely used open-source database. It may run on a variety of operating systems, including Windows, Linux, and Unix. By default, clients connect to the MySQL port using TCP port 3306. MySQL also employs SQL for updating, querying, and managing data.

#### Task 4: Use RDP for Remote Connection

RDP (Remote Desktop Protocol) is a Microsoft protocol for gaining remote access to a computer running Windows. RDP is mostly used to connect to virtual machines (Windows servers) or for troubleshooting. The transport protocol is TCP, and the port number is 3389.

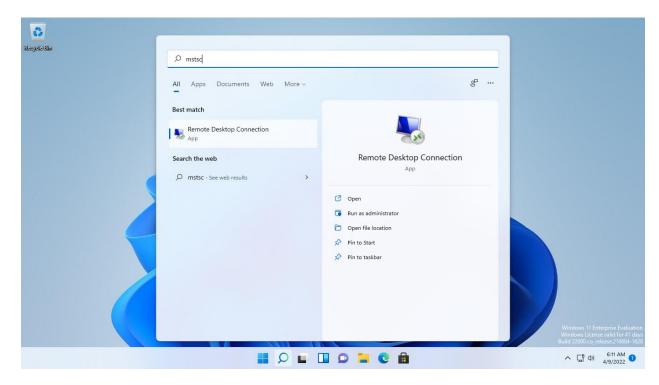
In this task, RDP will be used to access the NTSER22VM1 server from the NTWIN11VM1 machine.

#### Step 1:

Connect to NTWIN11VM1.

Click the **Start** menu and type: **mstsc** 

Select Remote Desktop Connection.

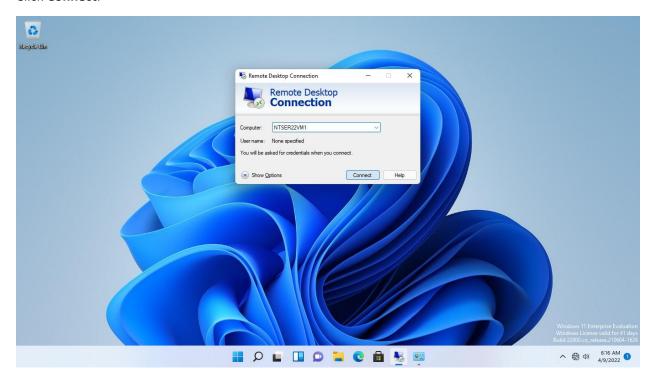


## Step 2:

On the **Remote Desktop Connection** window, type the following for the **Computer** field:

NTSER22VM1

Click **Connect**.

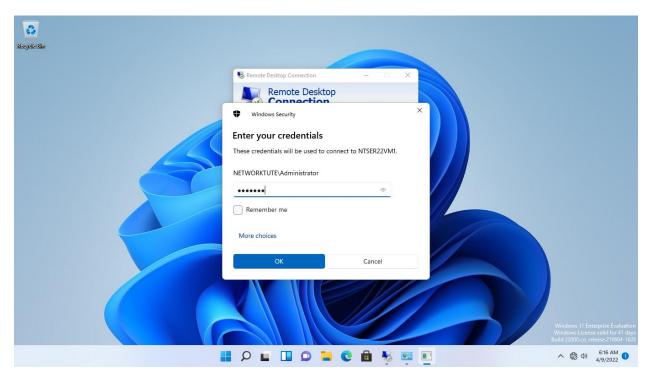


## Step 3:

On the **Windows Security - Enter your credentials** dialog box, type the following password:

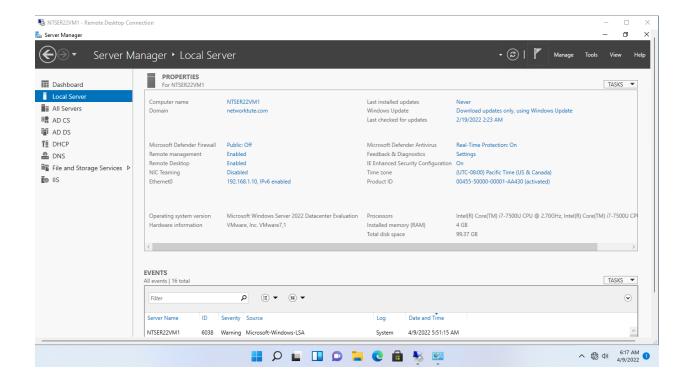
# Networktute@1

Click OK.



# Step 4:

You are now connected to **NTSER22VM1** over RDP protocol.



Click (X) on the connection bar to disconnect the RDP session.

Click **OK** on the **Your remote session will be disconnected** message box.

# Session Initiation Protocol (SIP)

Instead of traditional public switched telephone systems, most businesses now employ VoIP (Voice over IP) telephony services. Other multimedia services such as fax, SMS, video calls, and similar will also be transmitted over the Internet. VoIP is an acronym for Voice over Internet Protocol. Session Initiation Protocol (SIP), Real Time Transport Protocol (RTTP), and others RTP (Real-Time Transport Protocol), Secure RTP (SRTP), and others.

The SIP protocol is responsible for starting, regulating, and terminating multimedia sessions such as audio and video sessions, as well as messaging application sessions, in a multimedia context. SIP uses UDP as a transport protocol, and SIP clients connect to the server and other endpoints in the VoIP network via port 5060 or 5061. Unencrypted traffic is routed through port 5060, whereas encrypted traffic is routed through port 5061.

Unlike SIP, which is a signaling protocol, RTP and SRTP protocols are used for payload transmission (audio and video). These are voice and video transport protocols that use UDP as the transport protocol. They don't utilize a single port number, but rather a range of numbers beginning with 5004.

## Internet Control Message Protocol (ICMP)

A network layer protocol is the Internet Control Messaging Protocol. It is the most extensively used protocol for debugging network device and host connectivity and availability. When the ping or traceroute, commands are entered into the command prompt, the ICMP protocol is used. ICMP isn't a transport protocol like TCP or UDP, and it's not used to send data. It's a network-layer diagnostic program.

## IPSec, AH and ESP, GRE Tunnels

A virtual private network (VPN) secures and protects data traveling over a public network, such as the Internet. IPSec (Internet Protocol Security) is the primary protocol used in a VPN network, and it enables data authentication and encryption. You VPN and IPSec can be used to safeguard data between two hosts (computer to computer), for user remote access (computer to computer) or between two sites (router to router). router/firewall).

IPSec provides many functions and uses the following protocols:

- Authentication Header (AH) Only data authentication is provided by IP protocol 51. (data integrity, data origin authentication, and replay protection)
- Encapsulating Security Payload (ESP) Data confidentiality (encryption) and data authentication are provided via IP protocol number 50. (data integrity, data origin authentication, and replay protection)

Data authentication algorithms such as HMAC MD5, HMAC SHA1, HMAC SHA256, and HMAC SHA512 must be selected when configuring VPN. An encryption algorithm such as DES, 3DES, AES CBC Key Length 128, or AES CBC Key Length 256 must be used for the encryption section. For a VPN connection to be created, both sides must be setup with the same algorithm.

IPSec can be implemented in two modes:

- Transport mode In this mode, only the IP payload is encrypted or authenticated. The header remains unchanged.
- Tunnel mode In this mode, all IP packets are encrypted or authenticated, including the header.

One disadvantage of IPSec VPN tunnels is that they only support unicast, not multicast. If you need to use a routing protocol over IPSec, you'll need to employ GRE tunnels. The IP protocol number 47 is used by GRE.

GRE is a tunneling encapsulation obligation and does not offer loan money, but in alliance accompanying IPSec, you will have a secure resolution that supports multicast, broadcast and non-IP pacts in the way that Novell Internetwork Packet Exchange (IPX) and AppleTalk.