



Lab Installation Guide (Not a Finished Product)

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Addendums and Updates

Section 1 - Introduction

Greetings, and welcome to my course "PowerShell for Pentesters." This course is meant for beginner to intermediate pentest students who have some precursory knowledge about penetration testing. This knowledge could be derived from a course such as the Penetration Testing Student course from INE, the Practical Ethical Hacking course from TheCyberMentor, or other training. No matter where you've learned what you know so far, this course will hopefully help you along your way to becoming an offensive security practitioner.

I wish you my very best!

Joe

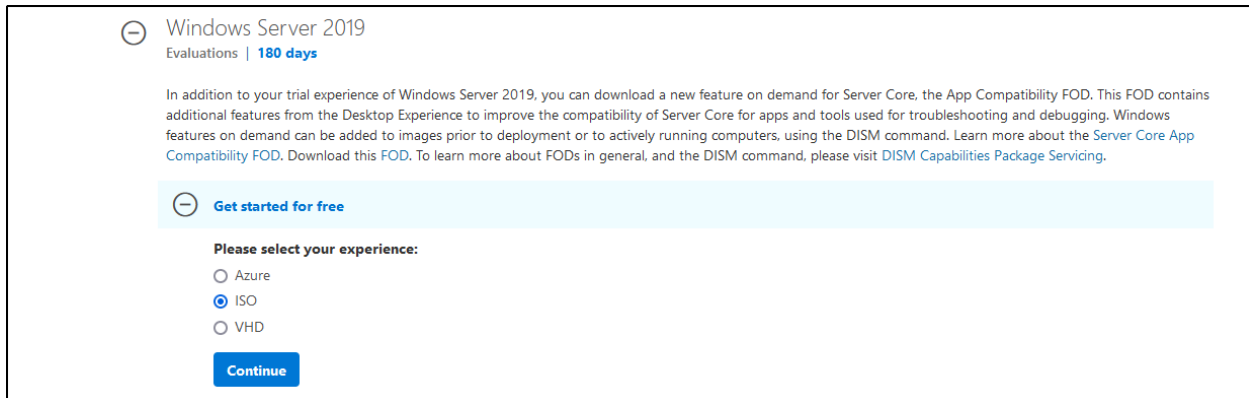
Section 2 - Lab and Network Generation

2-1 Introduction

For this course it is expected that the student already understands how to provision virtual machines in the local lab environment utilizing VirtualBox (VMWare will not be used for the course as we need multiple NAT networks for configuration). The course will cover generating the appropriate virtual networks for the lab environment and configuring each host to correctly interact with one another. Additionally, this section will cover the installation of Active Directory, populating the users, GPOs, ACLs, and other items necessary for the course, and connecting the user workstations to the domain.

2-2 Virtual Machine Downloads

Windows Server 2019 Evaluation ISO (<https://www.microsoft.com/en-us/evalcenter/evaluate-windows-server-2019>). Follow the instructions to download the trial version of Server 2019.



Windows Server 2019
Evaluations | 180 days

In addition to your trial experience of Windows Server 2019, you can download a new feature on demand for Server Core, the App Compatibility FOD. This FOD contains additional features from the Desktop Experience to improve the compatibility of Server Core for apps and tools used for troubleshooting and debugging. Windows features on demand can be added to images prior to deployment or to actively running computers, using the DISM command. Learn more about the [Server Core App Compatibility FOD](#). Download this [FOD](#). To learn more about FODs in general, and the DISM command, please visit [DISM Capabilities Package Servicing](#).

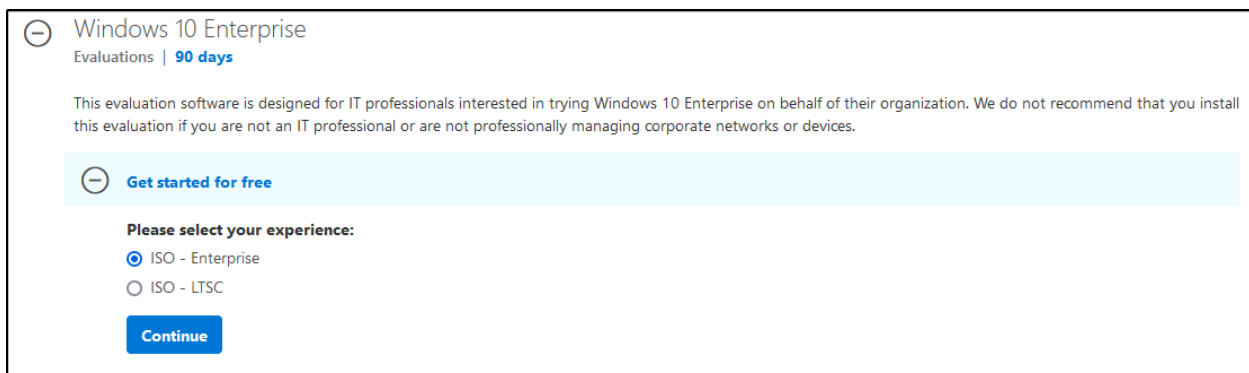
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- ☐ Azure
- ☒ ISO
- ☐ VHD

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Windows 10 Pro Evaluation ISO (Will generate two VMs from this) (<https://www.microsoft.com/en-us/evalcenter/evaluate-windows-10-enterprise>). Follow the instructions to download the trial version of Windows 10 Enterprise.



Windows 10 Enterprise
Evaluations | 90 days

This evaluation software is designed for IT professionals interested in trying Windows 10 Enterprise on behalf of their organization. We do not recommend that you install this evaluation if you are not an IT professional or are not professionally managing corporate networks or devices.

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2-3 AD Generator Script

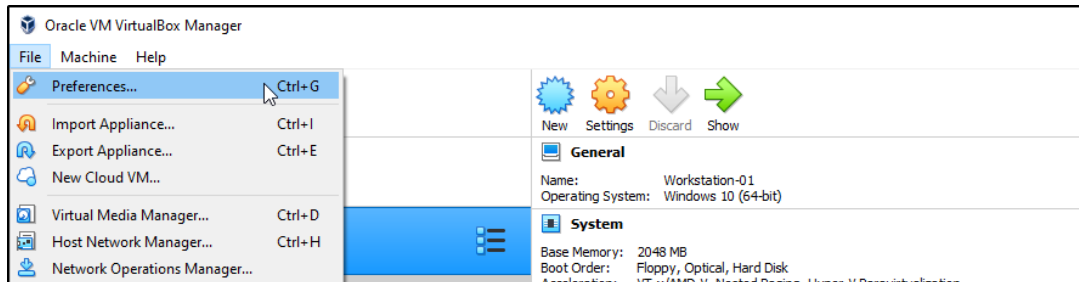
Students will need to download the individual Active Directory generation scripts to build the domain environment.

The PowerShell scripts are located at <https://github.com/dievus/PowerShellForPentesters>.

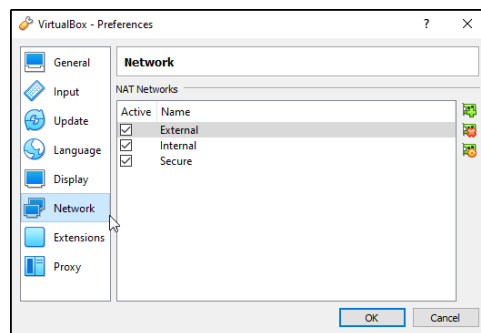
2-4 Network Configuration

A virtual network needs to be configured for the course. Configuring the network in VirtualBox is done with the following:

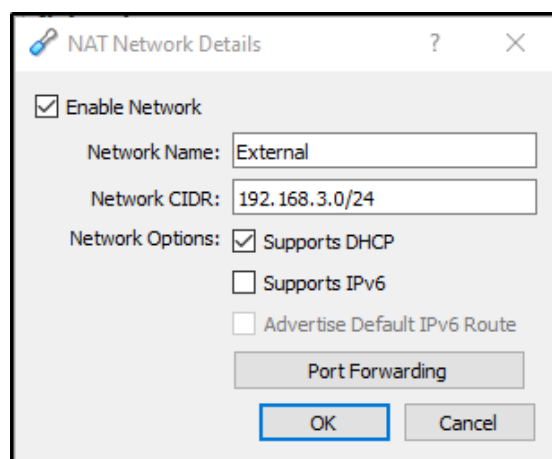
File > Preferences



Click on Network



Click the Add (+ button) to create a new network. Double click the new network and enter the following information:



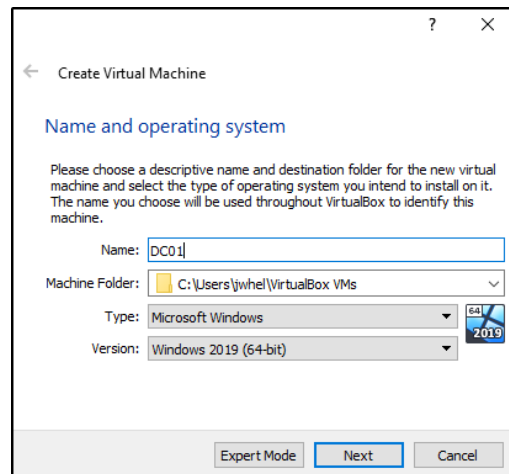
This will be the only virtual NAT network that will be used throughout the course. Make note of the IP subnets for later use.

2-5 VM Provisioning

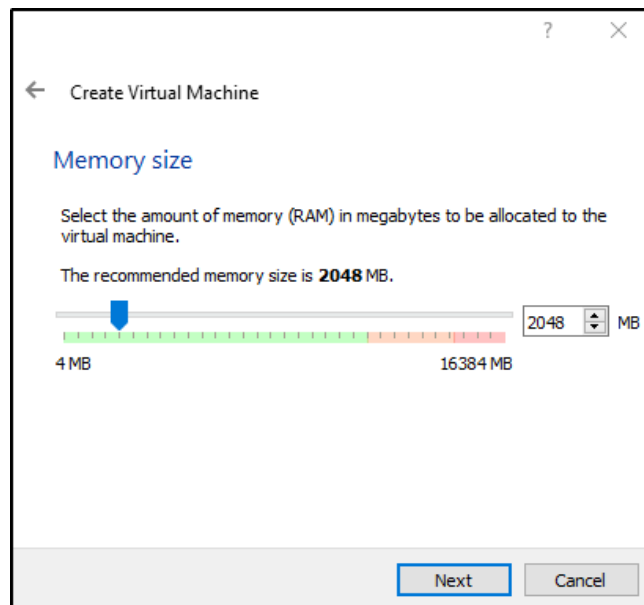
Windows Server 2019 Setup and Installation

Once the student has downloaded the evaluation version of Windows 2019 from Microsoft, create a new virtual machine in VirtualBox. The following images are step by step settings to be followed. Note that images refer to RAM and hard disk space that should be used as a minimum baseline. It is acceptable, should the student's computer have the resources, to assign more resources that suggested.

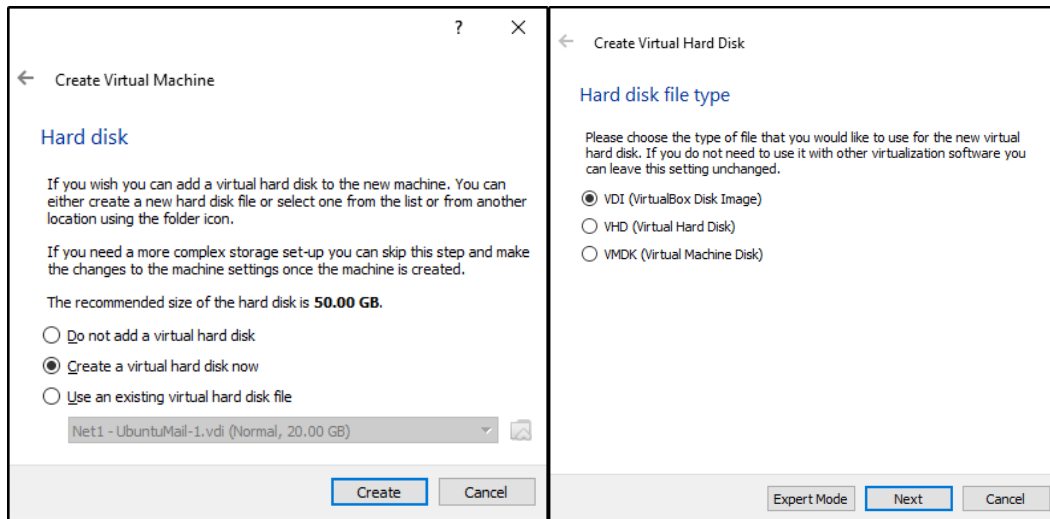
Select New at the top of VirtualBox, which opens the Create Virtual Machine window. Name the workstation appropriately – DC01. Set the type to Windows, and Version to Windows 2019. Click Next.



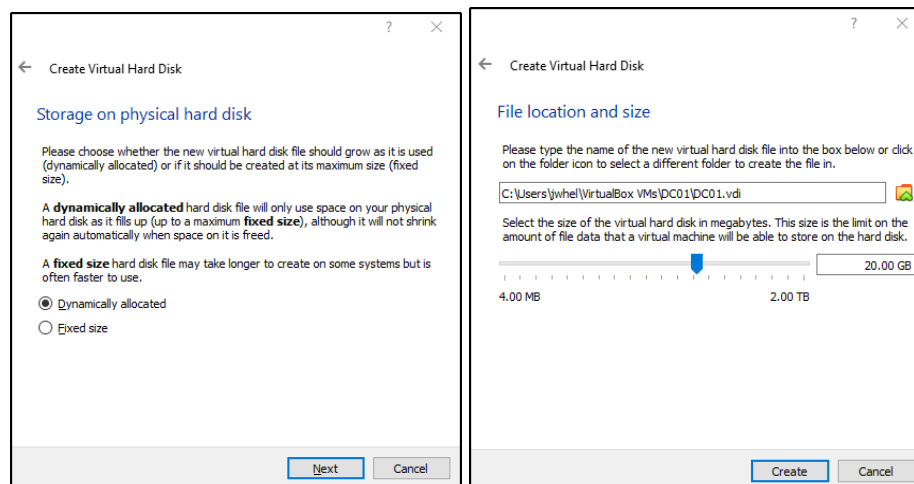
Set RAM to 2048 MB and click Next.



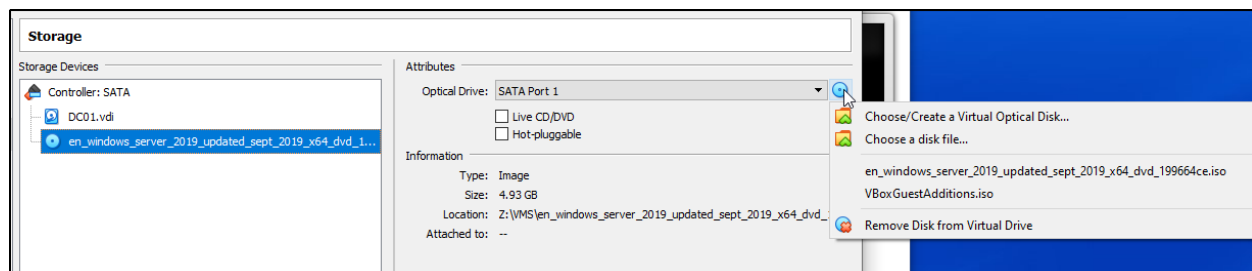
Make sure “Create a virtual hard disk now” is selected, click create, and ensure VDI is selected. Click Next.



Ensure Dynamically allocated is selected and click next. Set the file size slider to 20 GB and click Create.

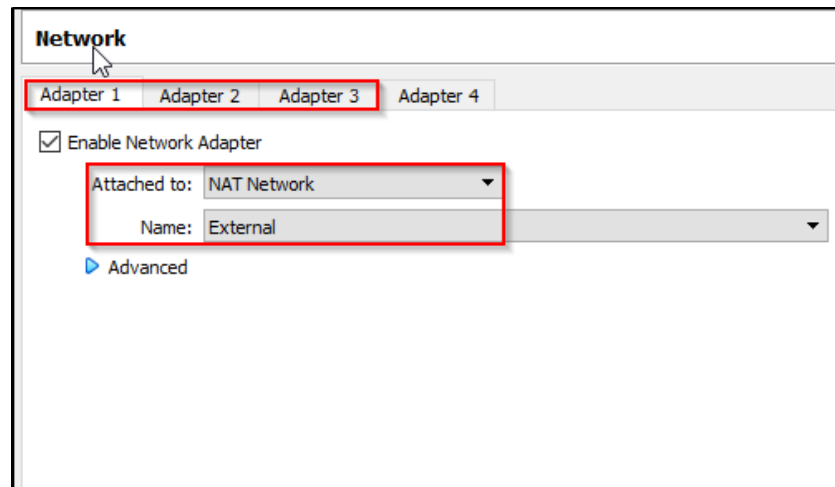


Click on the workstation, click Settings at the top, select Storage on the left. Click the empty disk under Storage devices, and on the right side of the screen click the blue disk. It is likely you will need to navigate to the download directory where the ISO is located. Select that ISO.



Click on Network next. The following settings are required for the server:

- Set the network to the External network created before

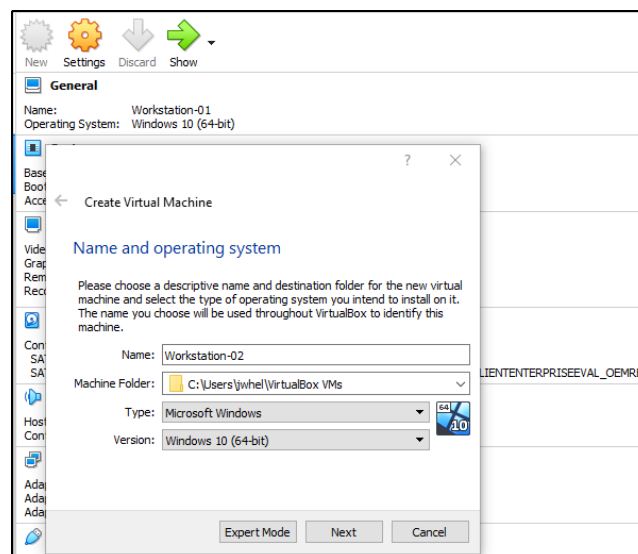


Once configured click Ok. Boot the Windows server.

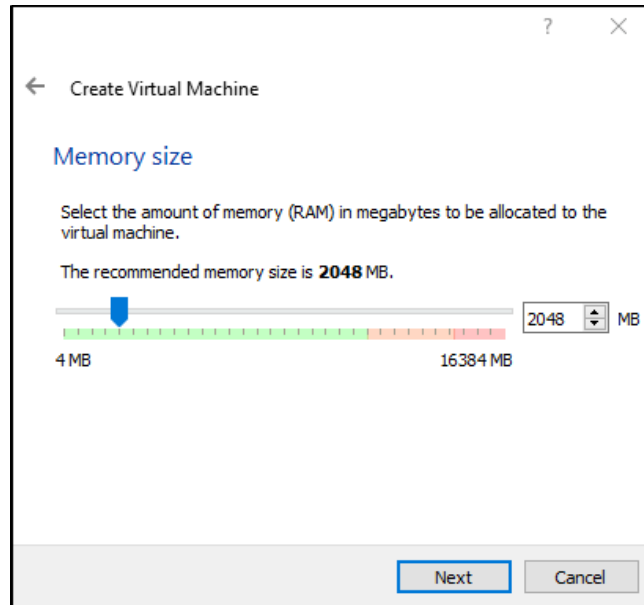
Workstation-01 Setup and Installation

Installation of the Windows workstation is straight forward. Once the student has downloaded the Windows 10 Enterprise Evaluation iso from Microsoft, create two new virtual machines in VirtualBox. The following images are step by step settings to be followed for creating Workstation-01.

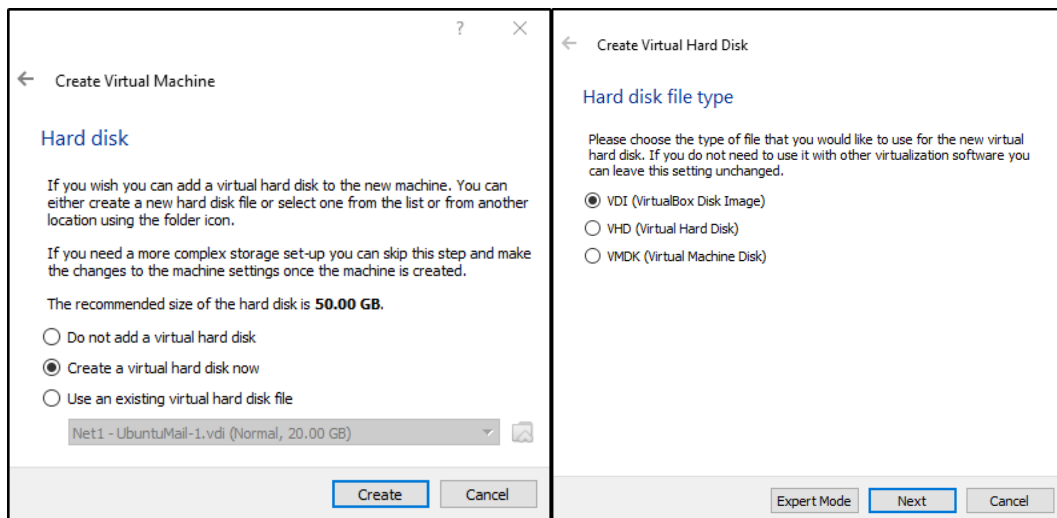
Select New at the top of VirtualBox, which opens the Create Virtual Machine window. Set the type to Windows, and Version to Windows 10 x64. Click Next.



Set RAM to 2048 MB and click Next.



Make sure “Create a virtual hard disk now” is selected, click create, and ensure VDI is selected. Click Next.



Ensure Dynamically allocated is selected and click next. Set the file size slider to 20 GB and click Create.

Storage on physical hard disk

Please choose whether the new virtual hard disk file should grow as it is used (dynamically allocated) or if it should be created at its maximum size (fixed size).

A **dynamically allocated** hard disk file will only use space on your physical hard disk as it fills up (up to a maximum **fixed size**), although it will not shrink again automatically when space on it is freed.

A **fixed size** hard disk file may take longer to create on some systems but is often faster to use.

☒ Dynamically allocated
☐ Fixed size

File location and size

Please type the name of the new virtual hard disk file into the box below or click on the folder icon to select a different folder to create the file in.

C:\Users\jwhel\VirtualBox VMs\Workstation-02\Workstation-02.vdi

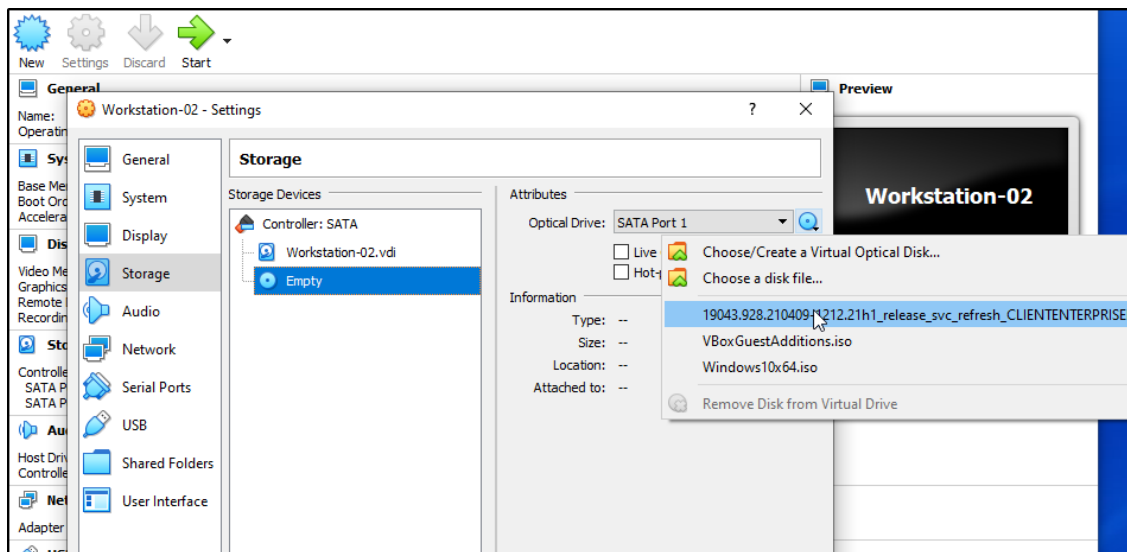
Select the size of the virtual hard disk in megabytes. This size is the limit on the amount of file data that a virtual machine will be able to store on the hard disk.

4.00 MB 20.00 GB 2.00 TB

Next Cancel

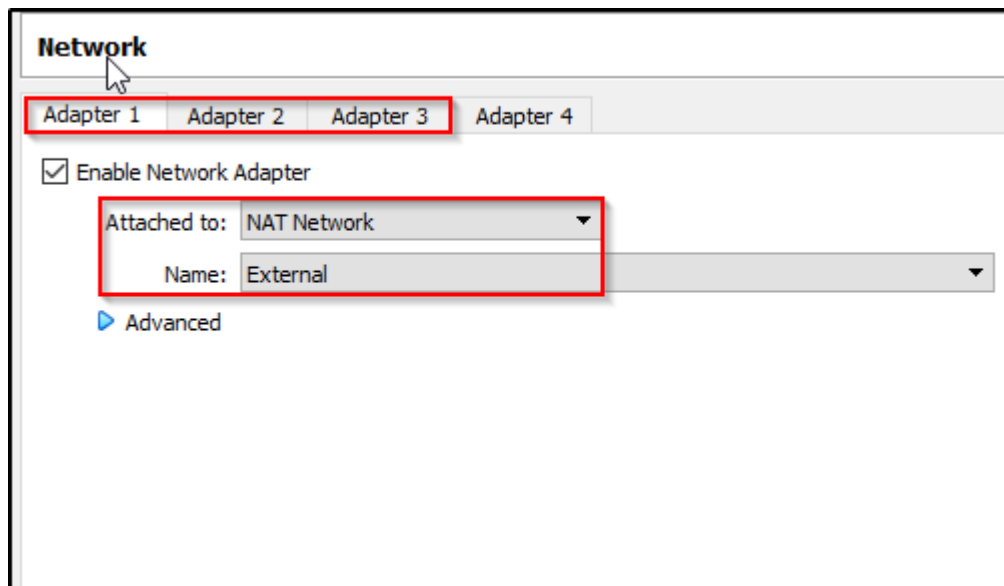
Create Cancel

Click on the workstation, click Settings at the top, select Storage on the left. Click the empty disk under Storage devices, and on the right side of the screen click the blue disk. It is likely you will need to navigate to the download directory where the ISO is located. Select that ISO.



Click on Network next. The following settings are required for Workstation-01

- Workstation 01 needs to be configured to utilize the External network generated before



Once configured on both devices, click Ok. Boot the workstation.

2-6 Active Directory Domain Services and Forest Generation

After the student has provisioned appropriately configured virtual networks and machines, they should start the Server 2019 machine first. Follow the installation instructions and generate a username that will be used for various administrative tasks throughout the course. Upon startup, download the ADGenerator.ps1 and ForestDeploy.ps1 PowerShell scripts to the machine.

At this point I also created a new user, themayor and make them a domain administrator.

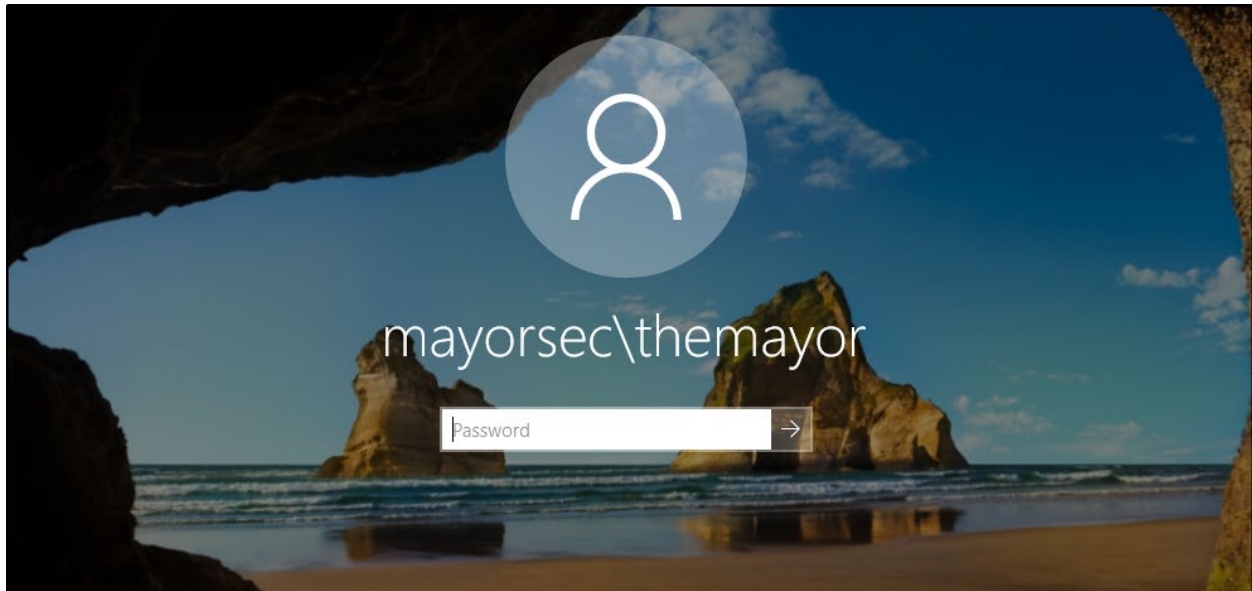
Open PowerShell as an administrator, navigate to the directory where the scripts are located, and run the following:

```
. .\Invoke-ForestDeploy.ps1  
  
Invoke-ForestDeploy -DomainName mayorsec.local
```

This script will install Active Directory Domain Services on the server first, followed by generating the Active Directory and Domain Controller environment. Note that the Invoke-ADGenerator.ps1 script is configured to use the mayorsec.local domain. If the student wishes to use a different domain name it's vital that the student change the domain name in all scripts.

2-7 – Domain Population

Upon completion of setting up Windows Server 2019, log in to the new domain controller with your previously created account credentials.



Open PowerShell in an elevated prompt and navigate to the directory where the Invoke-ADGenerator.ps1 script is located. Run the script using the following:

```
. .\Invoke-ADGenerator.ps1  
  
Invoke-ADGenerator -DomainName mayorsec.local
```

Note that the Invoke-ADGenerator.ps1 script has some hard-coding with the mayorsec.local domain name. If the student wishes to use a different name, scripts will have to be modified locally.

After running the command, the student's account on the domain is elevated to Enterprise, Domain, and local administrator groups.

```
PS C:\Users\themayor\Desktop> . .\Invoke-ADGenerator.ps1
PS C:\Users\themayor\Desktop> Invoke-ADGenerator -DomainName mayorsec.local

Vulnerable Active Directory Domain Generator by The Mayor

[*] Promoting themayor to appropriate Domain Administrative roles required for the course. [*]
[*] Promoting themayor to Enterprise Administrator.
The command completed successfully.

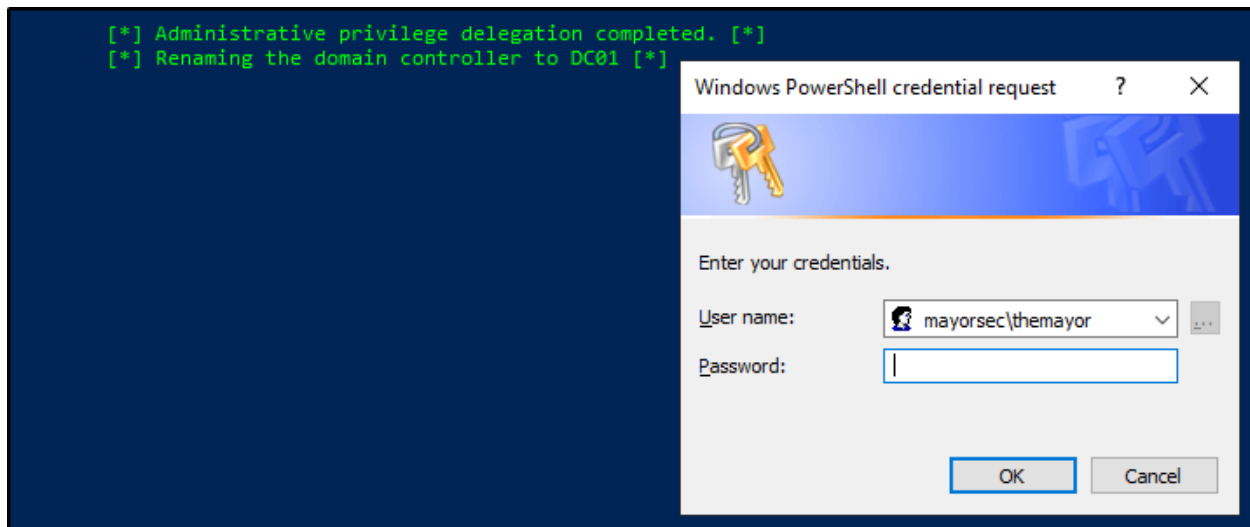
[*] Promoting themayor to Domain Administrator.
The command completed successfully.

[*] Promoting themayor to Group Policy Creator Owners.
The command completed successfully.

[*] Promoting themayor to Local Administrator (error output may occur - this is expected).
System error 1378 has occurred.

The specified account name is already a member of the group.
```

Students will then be prompted for domain credentials to authorize changing the name of the domain controller to DC01.



Once all changes have been populated the script will prompt that the domain controller will restart in 30 seconds. Note that if any error messages occurred during installation that it is best to revert to the snapshot previously generated.

```
User : Microsoft.GroupPolicy.UserConfiguration
Computer : Microsoft.GroupPolicy.ComputerConfiguration
GpoStatus : AllSettingsEnabled
WmiFilter :
Description :

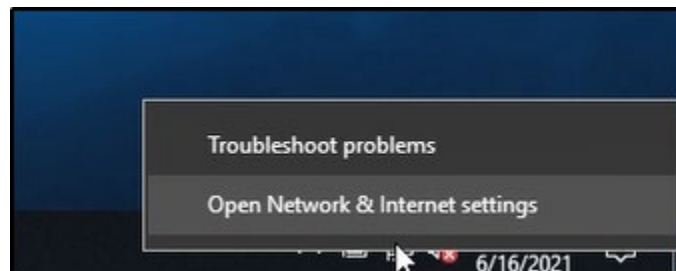
Id : 6201036f-153a-496b-a2eb-b9ac984e24c1
DisplayName : Enable PSRemoting Desktops
Path : cn={6201036F-153A-496B-A2EB-B9AC984E24C1},cn=policies,cn=system,DC=mayorsec,DC=local
Owner : mayorsec\themayor
DomainName : mayorsec.local
CreationTime : 6/9/2021 10:02:31 AM
ModificationTime : 6/9/2021 10:02:30 AM
User : Microsoft.GroupPolicy.UserConfiguration
Computer : Microsoft.GroupPolicy.ComputerConfiguration
GpoStatus : AllSettingsEnabled
WmiFilter :
Description :

[+] Service setting for Powershell Remoting OK!
[*] Domain-wide PowerShell Remoting GPO configuration completed. [*]
[*] Some changes require a restart to take effect. Restarting your domain controller in 30 seconds. [*]
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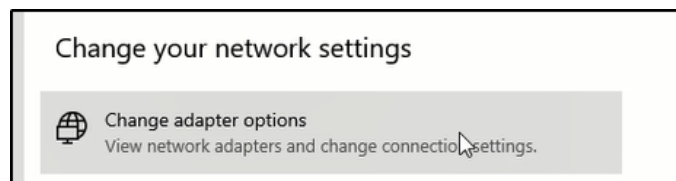
2-8 Join Workstations to the Domain Controller

Joining our Workstation-01 to the newly created domain controller takes multiple steps and attention to detail. First, start DC01 and Workstation-01.

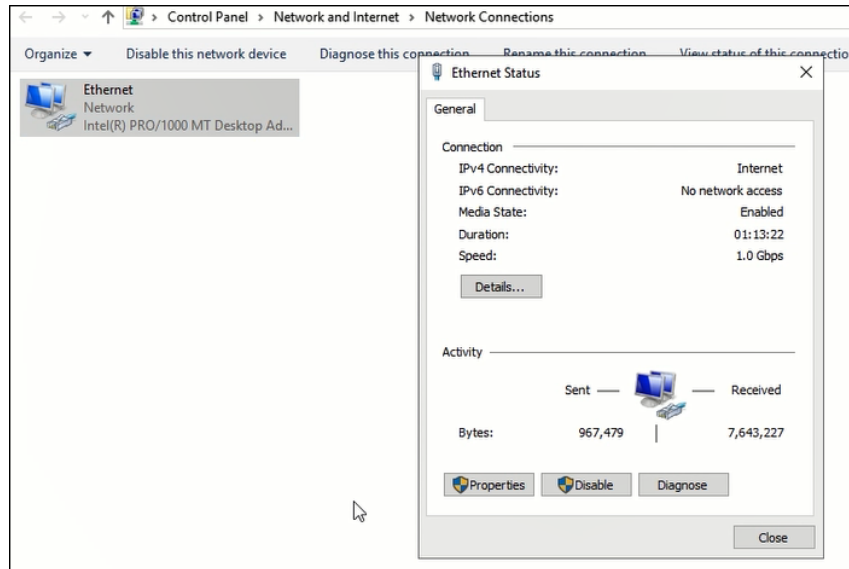
Once logged in to DC01, right click the network icon and select Open Network and Internet settings.



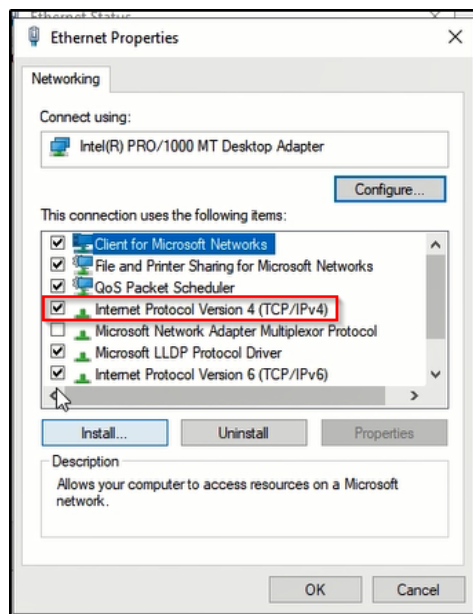
Select Change adapter options.



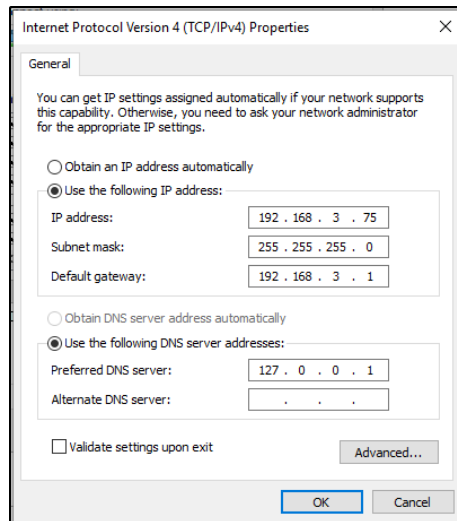
Double click the Ethernet adapter for the Secure network.



Click Properties. Double click Internet Protocol Version 4.



Configure the network settings as follows. We use 127.0.0.1 since the domain controller also acts as domain DNS, so localhost is required to resolve domain host names.



Click Ok. Click Ok again and close open windows.

Access Workstation-01, open a command prompt, and type ipconfig.

```
C:\Users\s.chisholm>ipconfig

Windows IP Configuration

Ethernet adapter Ethernet:

    Connection-specific DNS Suffix  . : Home
    Link-local IPv6 Address . . . . . : fe80::9a0:7c39:c1b4:8828%8
    IPv4 Address. . . . . : 192.168.16.7
    Subnet Mask . . . . . : 255.255.255.0
    Default Gateway . . . . . : 192.168.16.1

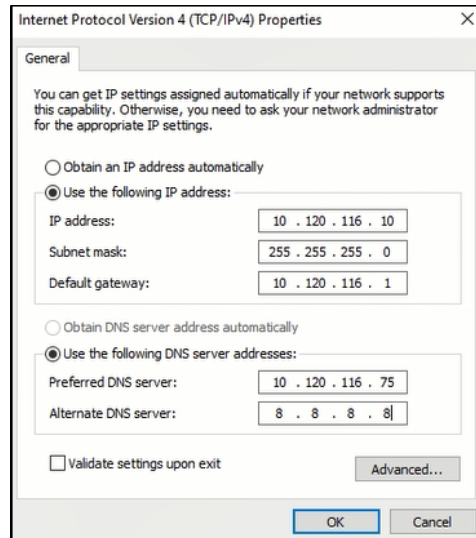
Ethernet adapter Ethernet 2:

    Connection-specific DNS Suffix  . : Home
    Link-local IPv6 Address . . . . . : fe80::49b2:8735:2922:3b08%6
    IPv4 Address. . . . . : 192.168.3.8
    Subnet Mask . . . . . : 255.255.255.0
    Default Gateway . . . . . : 192.168.3.1

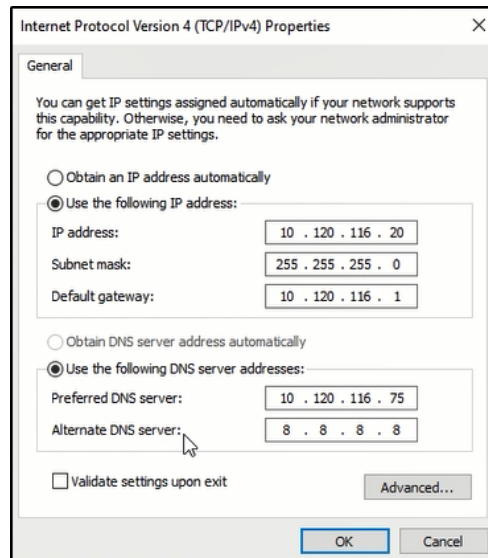
Ethernet adapter Ethernet 3:

    Connection-specific DNS Suffix  . : Home
    Link-local IPv6 Address . . . . . : fe80::85de:4b5f:5fce:d692%3
    IPv4 Address. . . . . : 10.120.116.6
    Subnet Mask . . . . . : 255.255.255.0
    Default Gateway . . . . . : 10.120.116.1
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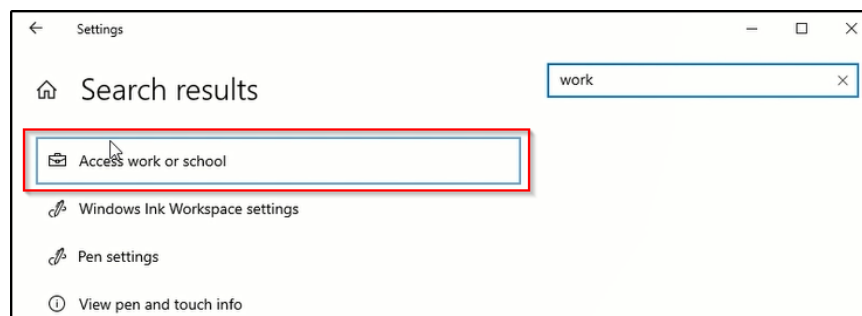
Identify the 10.120.116.0/24 IP address and note the Ethernet adapter name (your adapter will be different than this possibly). From here, follow the same instructions as above until you get to the Internet Protocol Version 4 Properties window. Note that the preferred DNS is the domain controller so that the host is able to resolve domain names to IP addresses. Enter the following information into the fields:



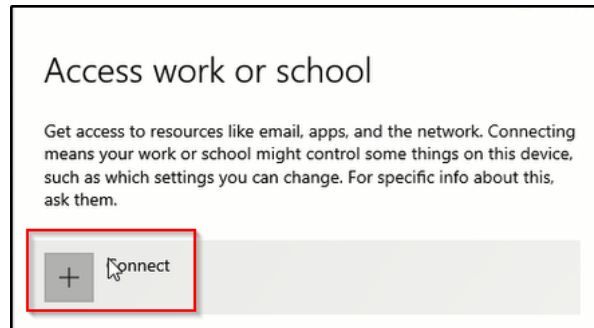
Follow the same instructions as above for Workstation-02, using the following settings:



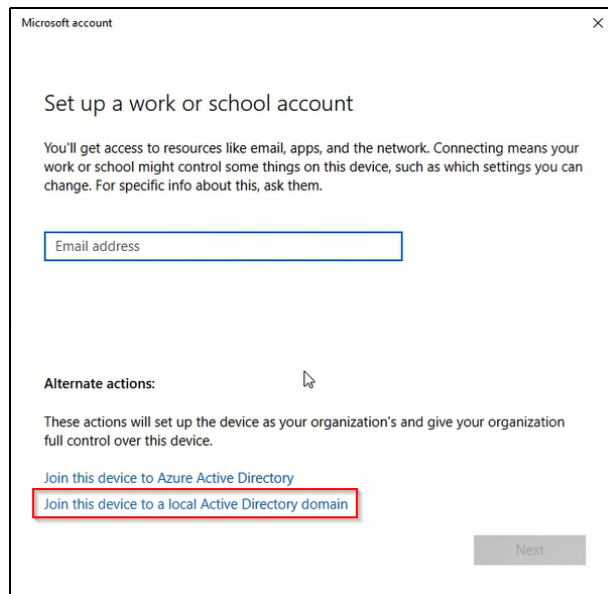
Now that ethernet settings are configured, search for the word “work,” and select Access Work or School. (These instructions will be exactly the same for both Workstation-01 and 02 with the exception of log in names).



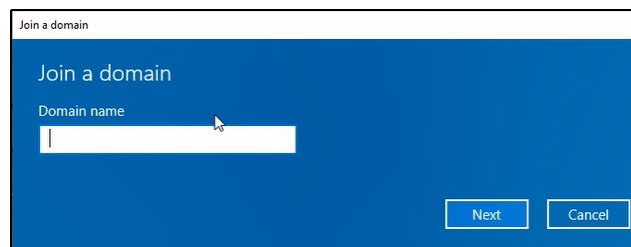
Select Connect.



Select Join this device to a local Active Directory domain.

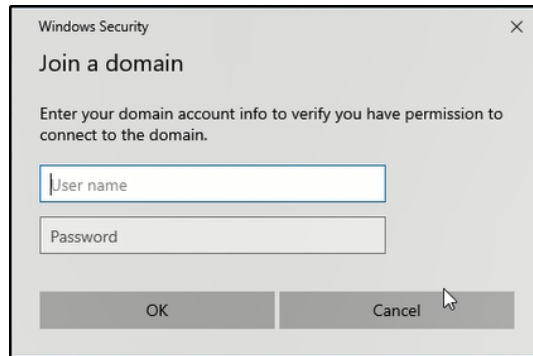


Enter mayorsec.local as the Domain name.

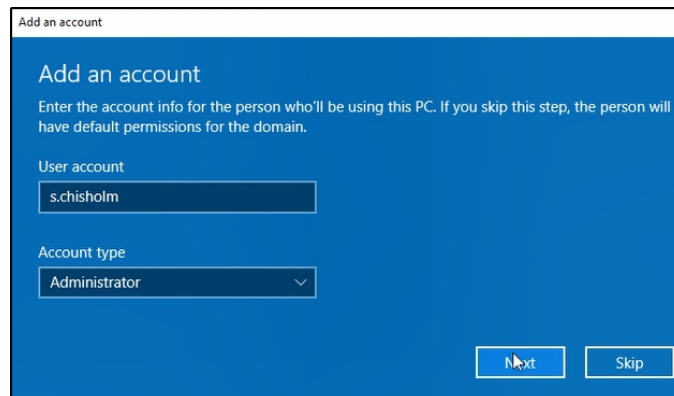


Enter the appropriate domain credentials for each workstation and press Ok:

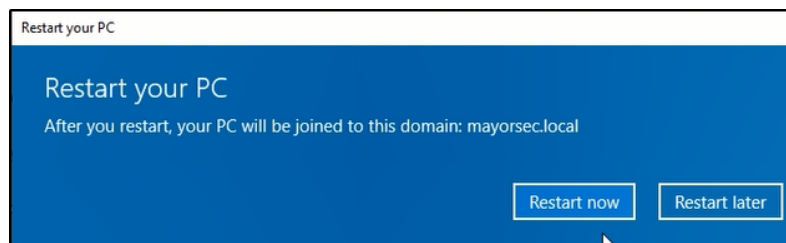
- Workstation-01 – s.chisholm:FallOutBoy1!
- Workstation-02 – m.seitz:Phi11i35@44



Select Account type – administrator and press next.



Select Restart now to join the workstations to the domain.

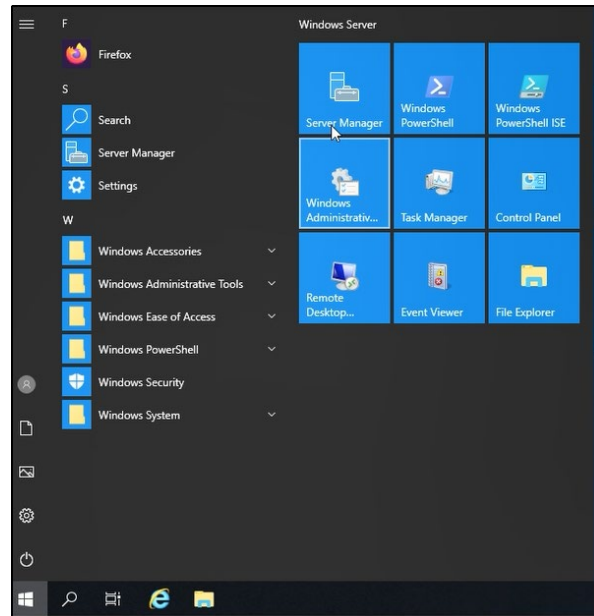


Upon restart you should be presented with a domain logon screen like the following:

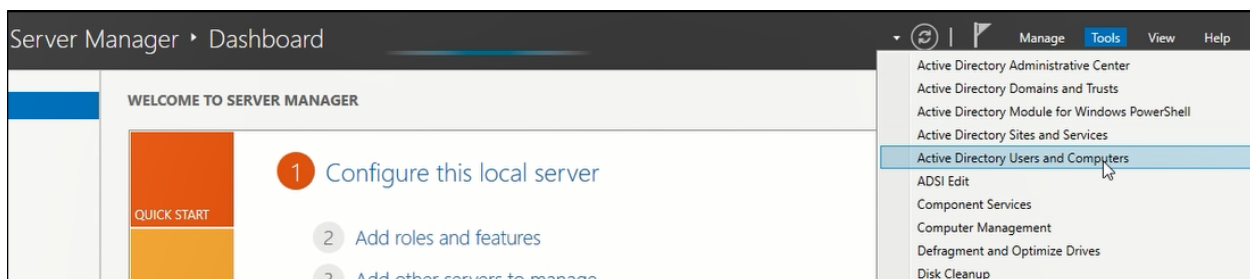


Login with the appropriate credentials on both workstations.

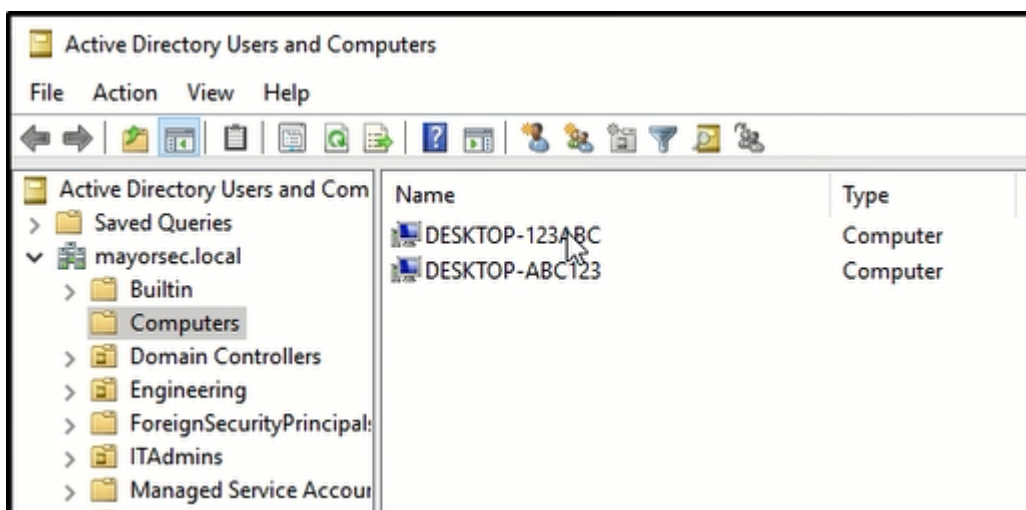
On the domain controller, DC01, open Server Manager.



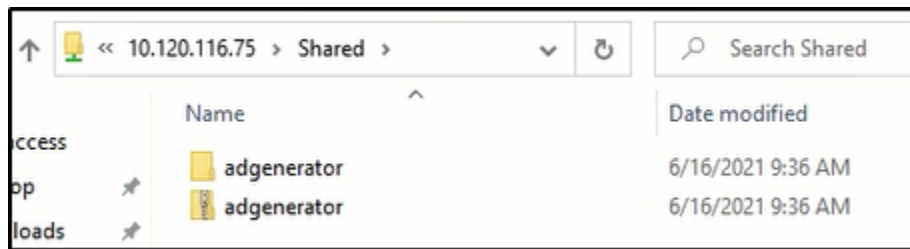
Open Active Directory Users and Computers.



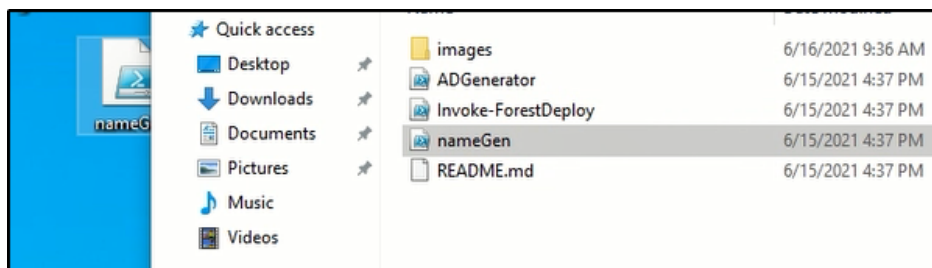
Confirm that the workstations are connected. Note the names are not set yet as they haven't been renamed.



The ADGenerator script creates a read only file share on the domain controller. The installation scripts are stored there. Open File Explorer on both workstations and enter the address \\10.120.116.75\. Press enter to access the share.



Open adgenerator and the subfolder to see the PowerShell scripts. Drag and drop nameGen.ps1 to both desktops.



Open PowerShell as administrator. Change directories to the user's desktop and run Set-ExecutionPolicy Unrestricted and say yes to all.

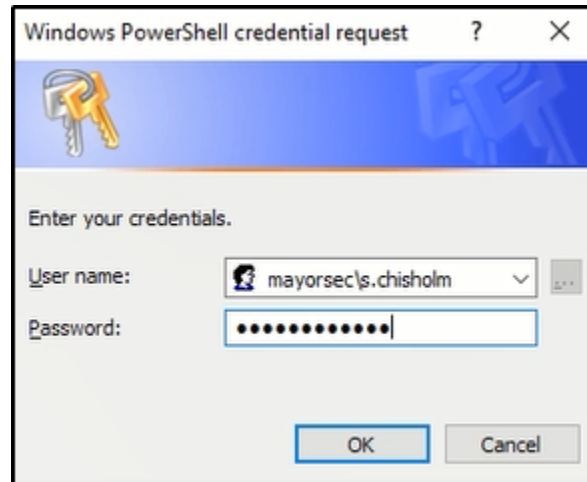
```
PS C:\Users\s.chisholm.mayorsec\Desktop> Set-ExecutionPolicy Unrestricted

Execution Policy Change
The execution policy helps protect you from scripts that you do not trust. Changing the
execution policy might expose you to the security risks described in the
about_Execution_Policies help topic at https://go.microsoft.com/fwlink/?LinkID=135170. Do
you want to change the execution policy?
[Y] Yes [A] Yes to All [N] No [L] No to All [S] Suspend [?] Help (default is "N"):
```

Import nameGen.ps1 and execute the script as follows. You will be asked for credentials for domain users in order to rename the computer at the domain controller.

```
PS C:\Users\s.chisholm.mayorsec\Desktop> . .\nameGen.ps1
```

```
PS C:\Users\s.chisholm.mayorsec\Desktop> executeScript -ComputerName WORKSTATION-01
```



Restart both computers to commit the changes. Confirm the changes on the domain controller.

