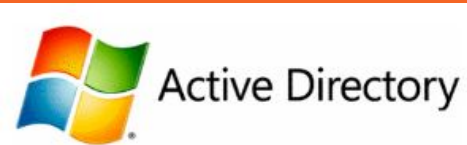
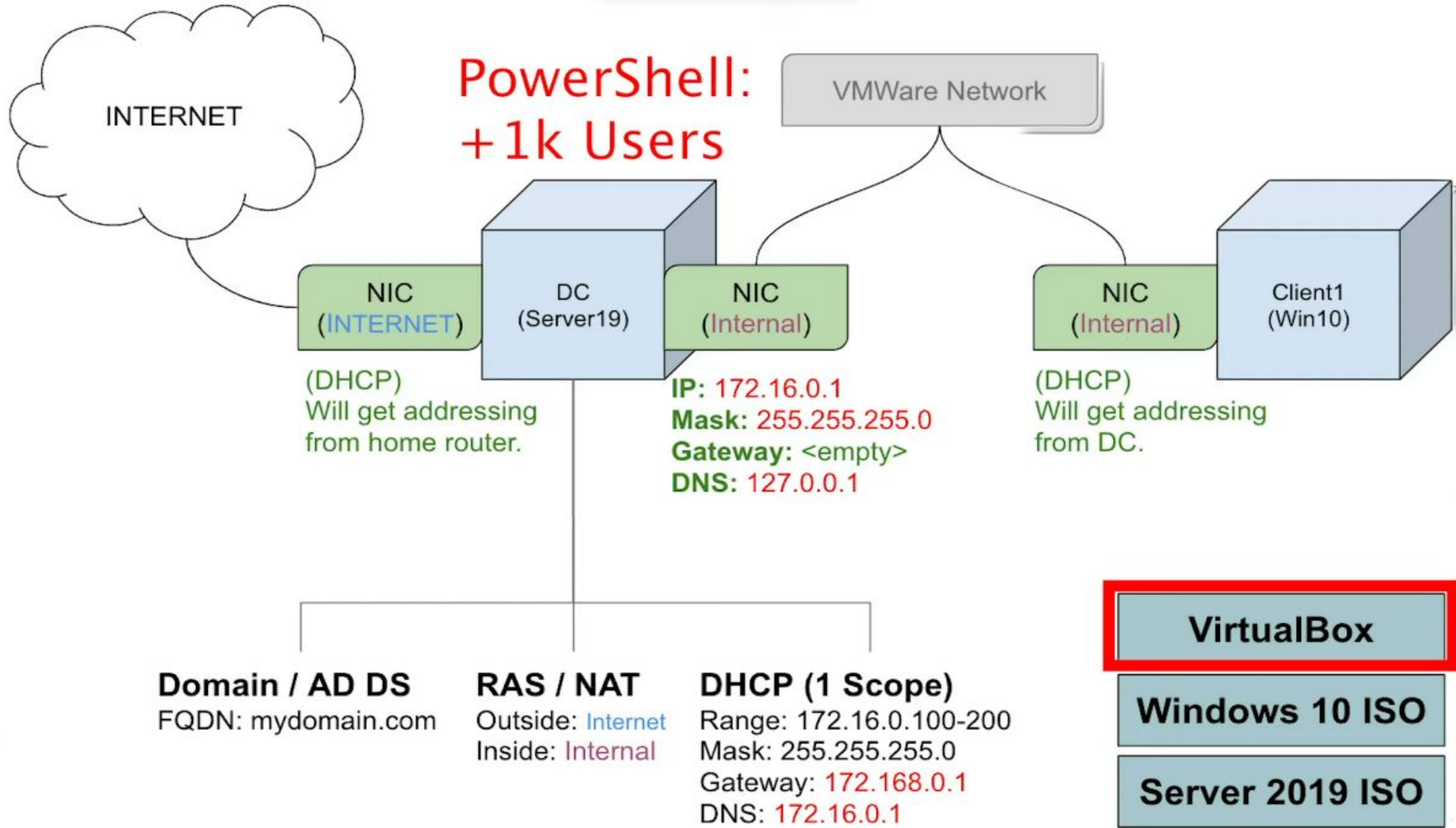
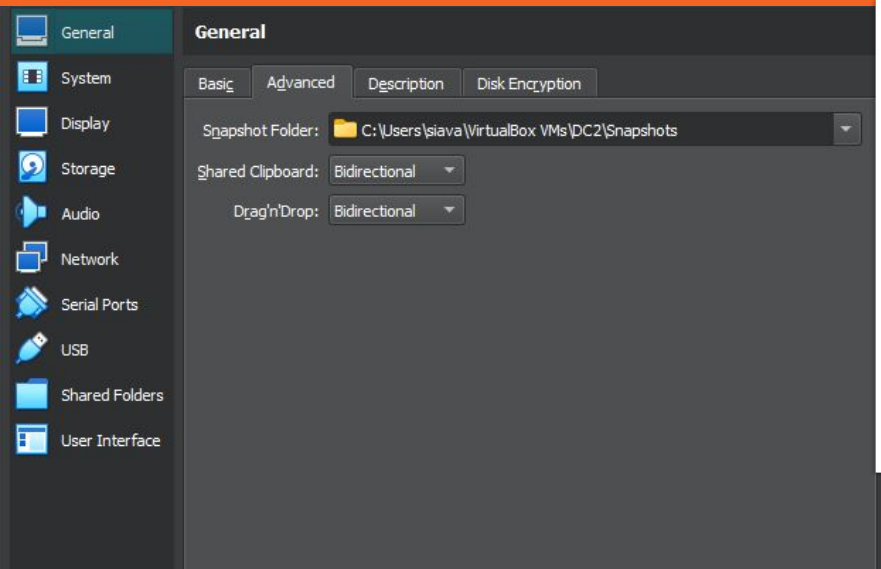

Basic Home Lab Running Active Directory



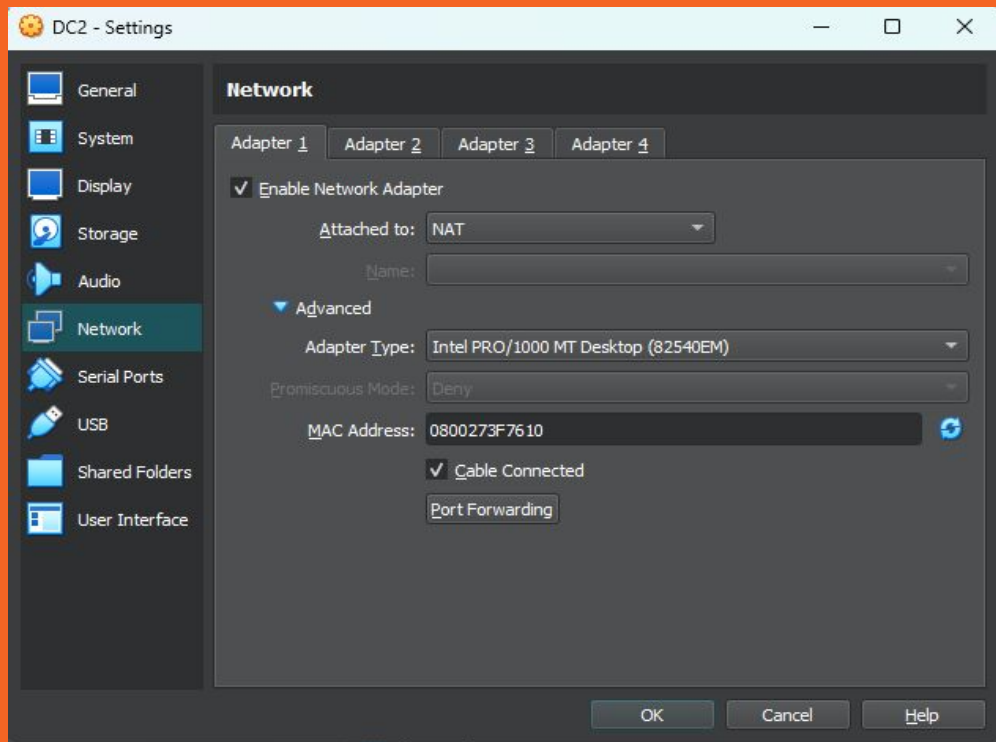
Building Network Environment

- 1) Download and install VirtualBox
 - 2) Download and install the VirtualBox extension pack
 - 3) Download Windows 10 ISO & Windows Server 2019 ISO
 - 4) Create Virtual Machines
 - a) Domain Controller
 - b) Client
 - 5) Two network adapters one for external network and another for the internal network
 - 6) Name server install active Directory & create domain
 - 7) Configure NAT & routing
 - 8) Set up DHCP on main controller
 - 9) Run PowerShell Script to create 1000+ accounts for company
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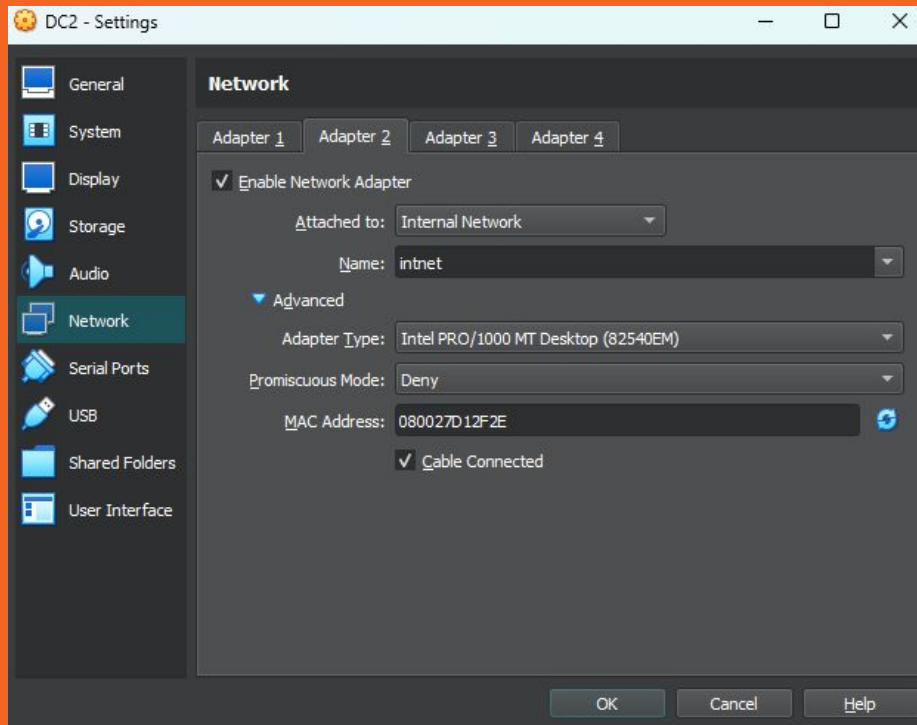




- 1) When opening up virtual box use 2gb (2048mb) of RAM & other windows 64 bit - DC
- 2) In settings- in advanced- use bi- directional in shared clipboard & Drag 'n Drop
 - a) Allows you to drag files into the virtual machine
 - b) Ctrl+c and ctrl+v works in and out of the VM from your machine
- 3) System-Processor- 4 CPU
- 4) Networks: open 2nd adapter on internal network

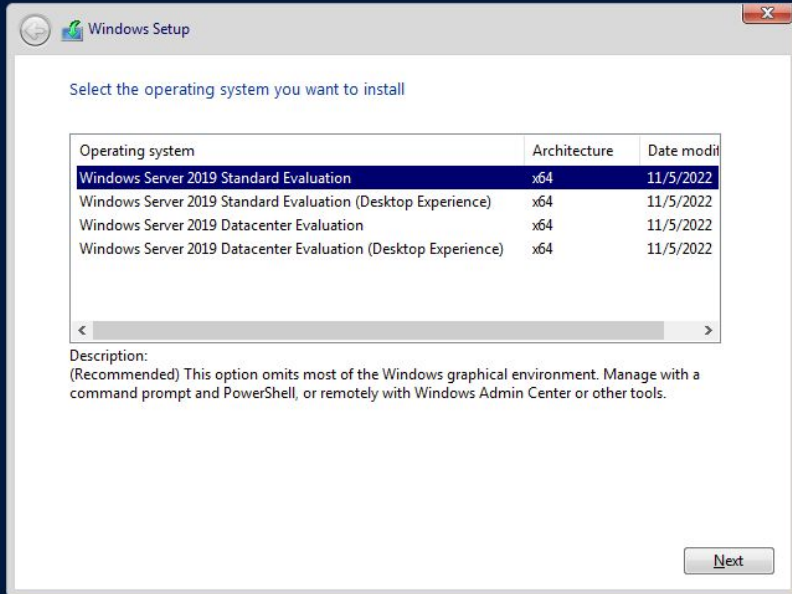


External network



Internal Network Settings for Network Adapter on Domain Controller

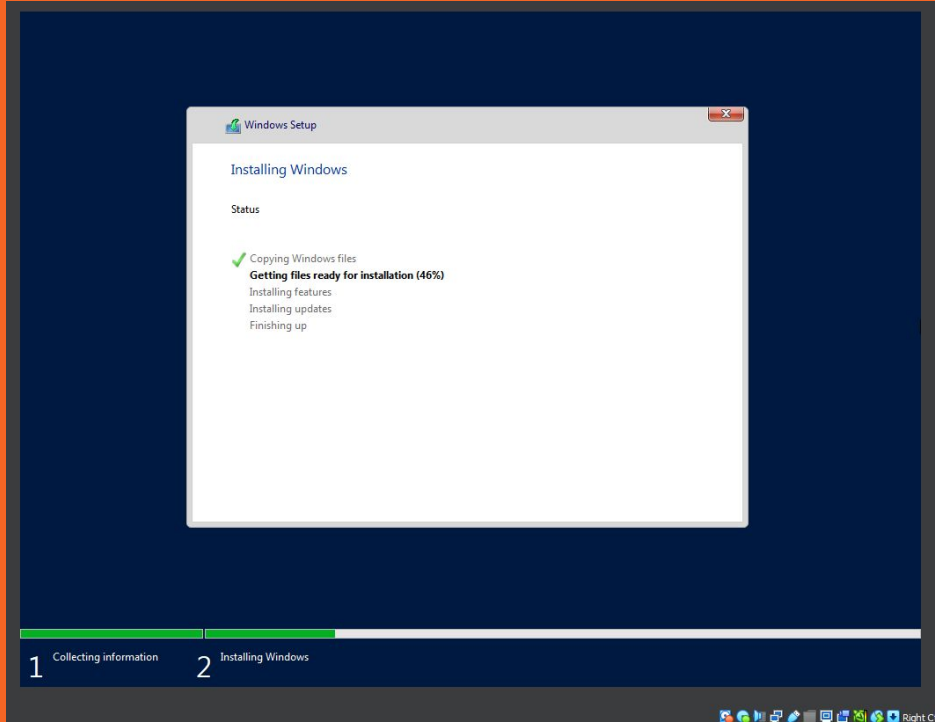
Choose the one with a GUI (Desktop Experience)



available when a supported version of Windows is already running on the computer.

Custom: Install Windows only (advanced)

The files, settings, and applications aren't moved to Windows with this option. If you want to make changes to partitions and drives, start the computer using the installation disc. We recommend backing up your files before you continue.



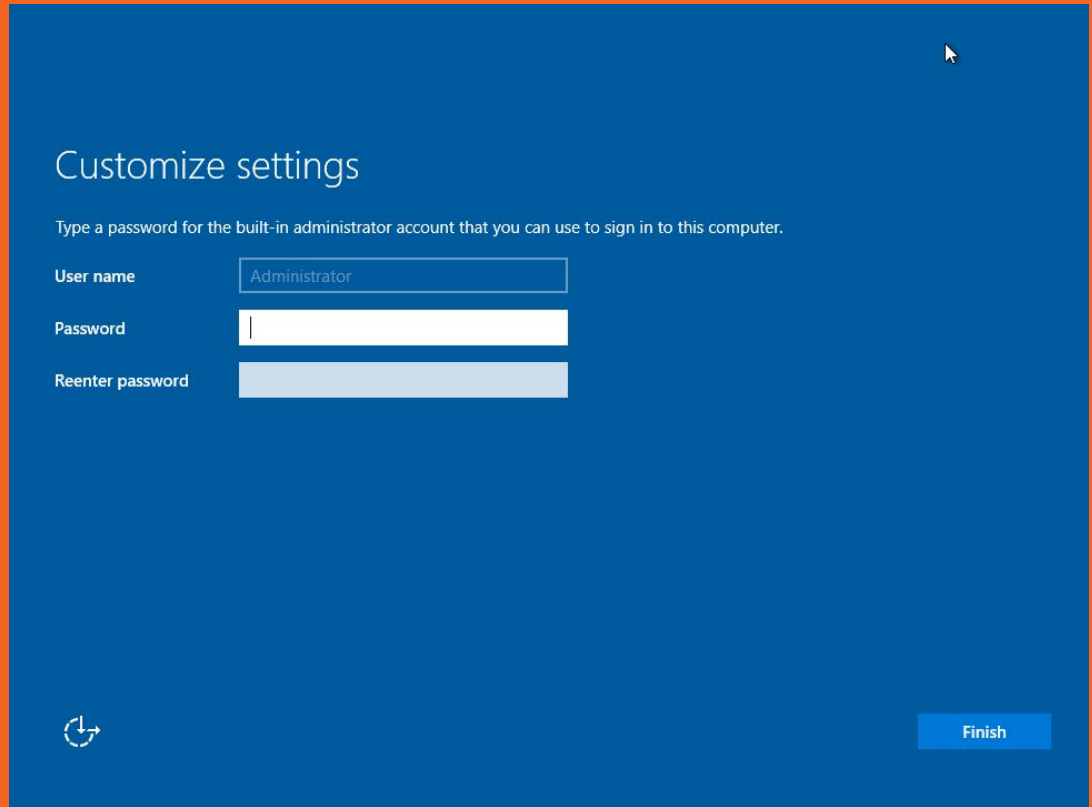
Installation Process for Windows 2019 Server

Will take a while, grab a cup of coffee...

It will restart several times, just let it do its thing, don't hit any buttons

Create a password for the Admin account

Remember treat this like a production environment and use strong good passwords!



The screenshot shows a Windows 'Customize settings' window with a blue background. At the top, the title 'Customize settings' is displayed. Below it, a message reads: 'Type a password for the built-in administrator account that you can use to sign in to this computer.' There are three input fields: 'User name' with the text 'Administrator', 'Password' (empty), and 'Reenter password' (empty). A 'Finish' button is located in the bottom right corner. A circular arrow icon is in the bottom left corner.

Customize settings

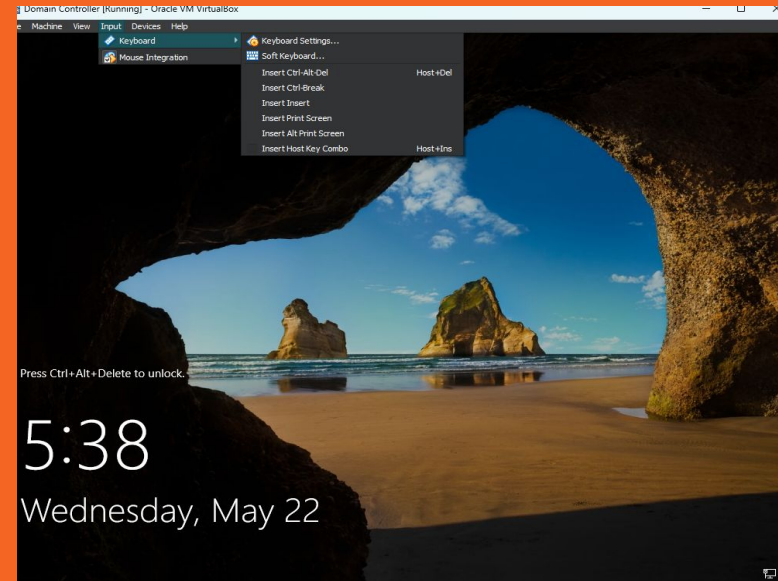
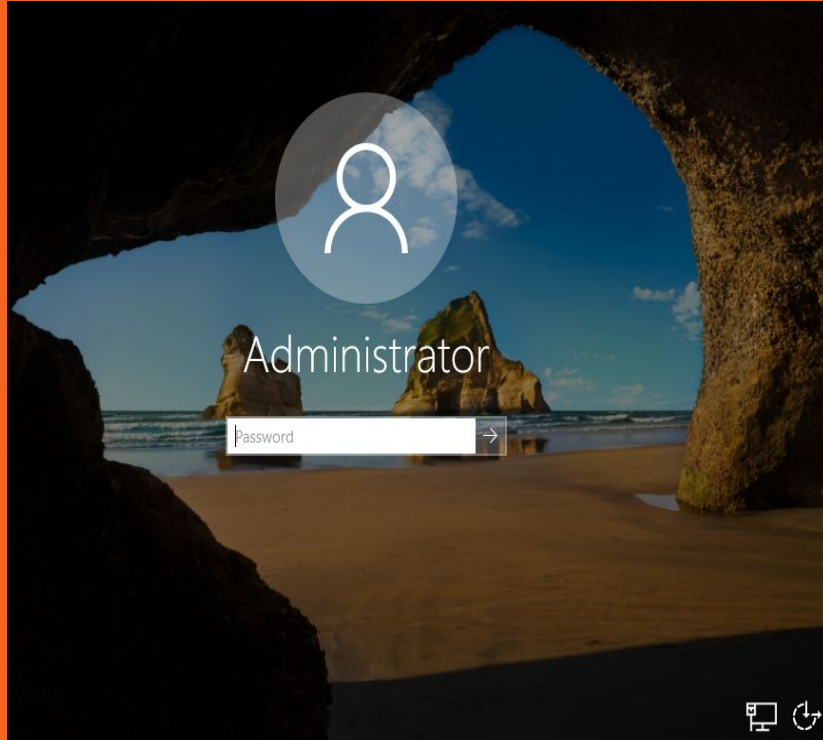
Type a password for the built-in administrator account that you can use to sign in to this computer.

User name Administrator

Password

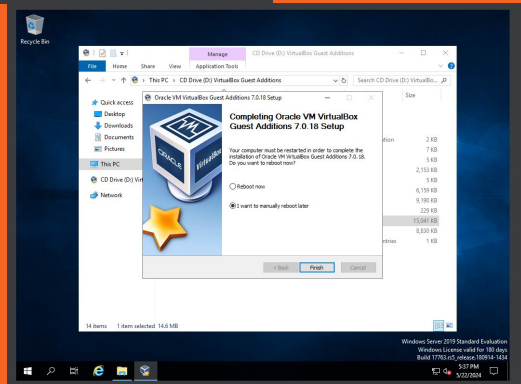
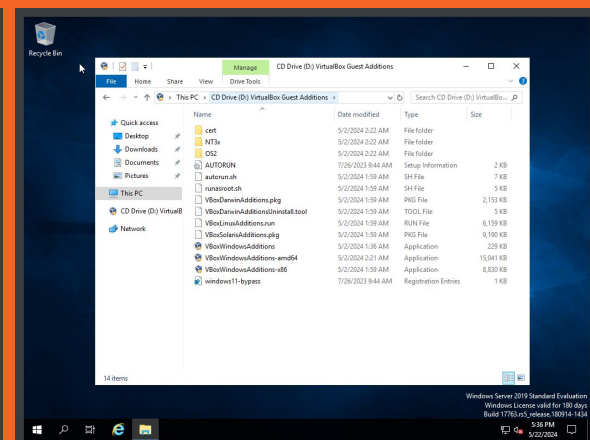
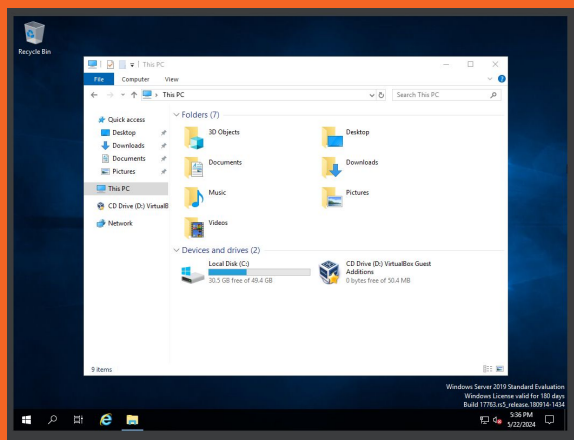
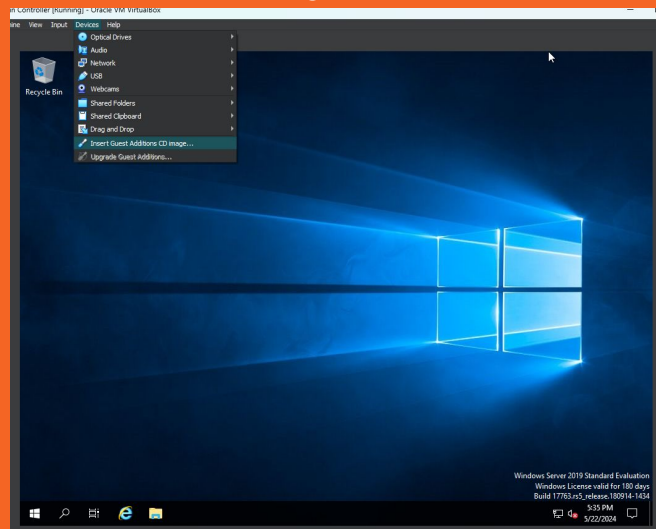
Reenter password

Finish

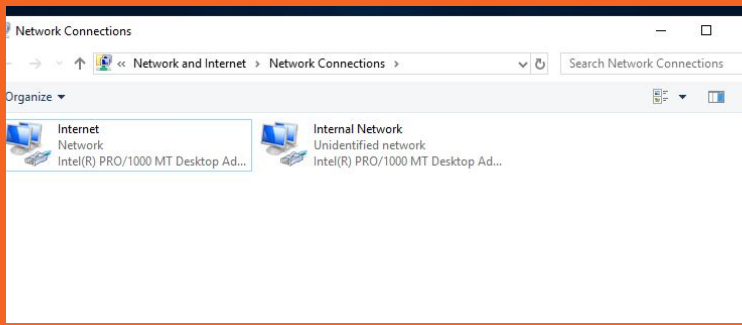


When you log in it will ask you to ctrl+alt+del per usual, to do that use input then the drop down menu to select the command

Quality of life



Install the amd64 version to reduce mouse input lag, refresh rate issues, and resolution resizing on VM window

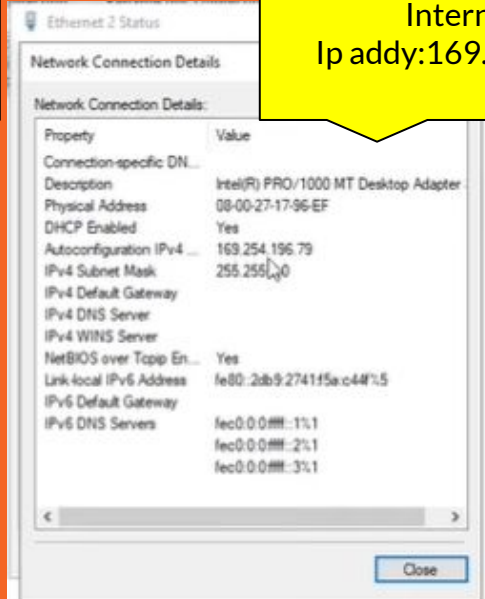
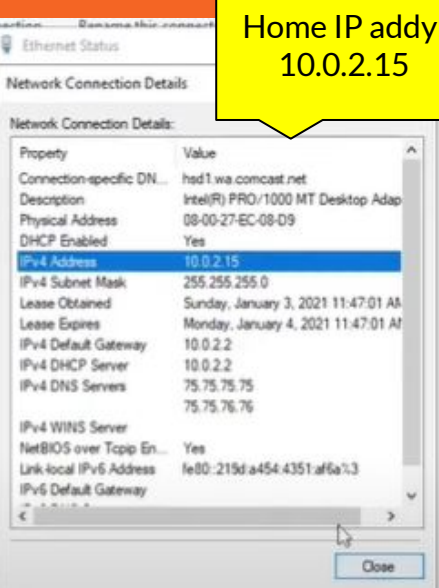


Home IP addy:
10.0.2.15

Internal
Ip addy:169.254.196

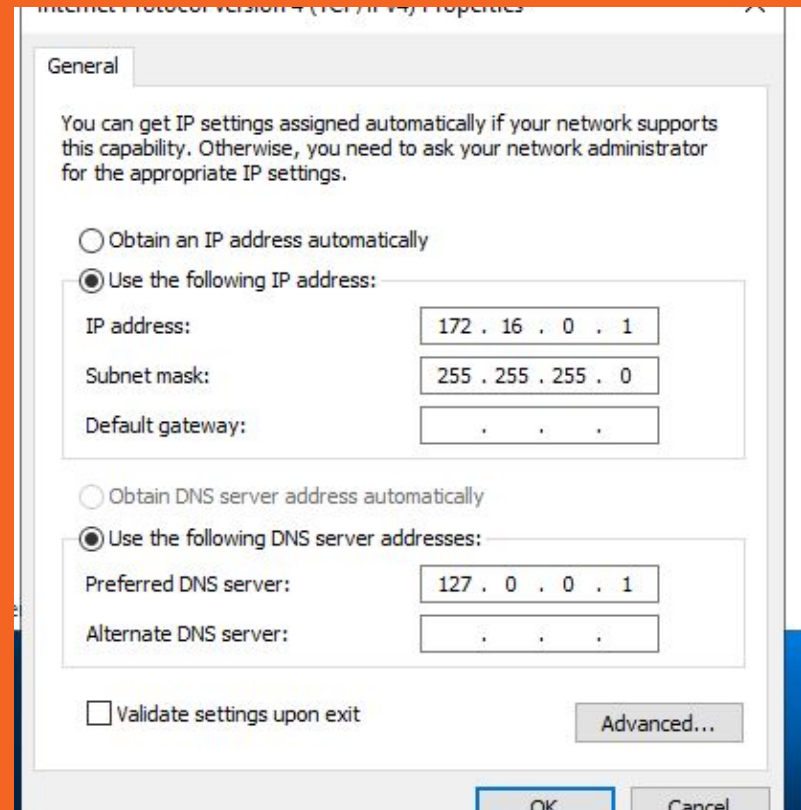
Identifying Network -internal

- Network- rename both networks to identify which is which
- Home IP will be pulled from your router (Internet)



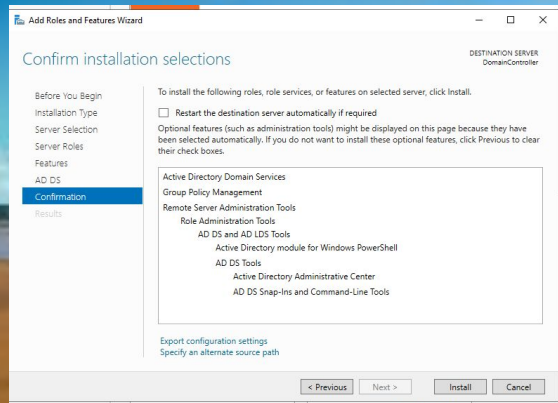
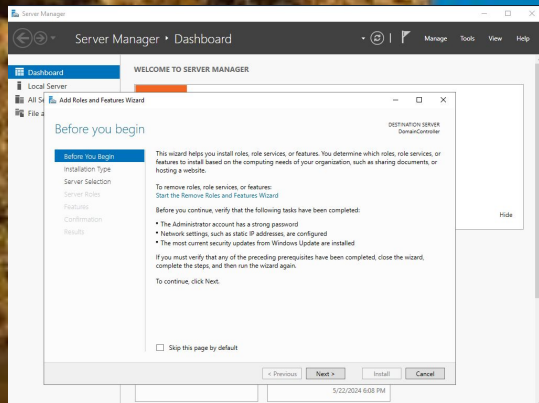
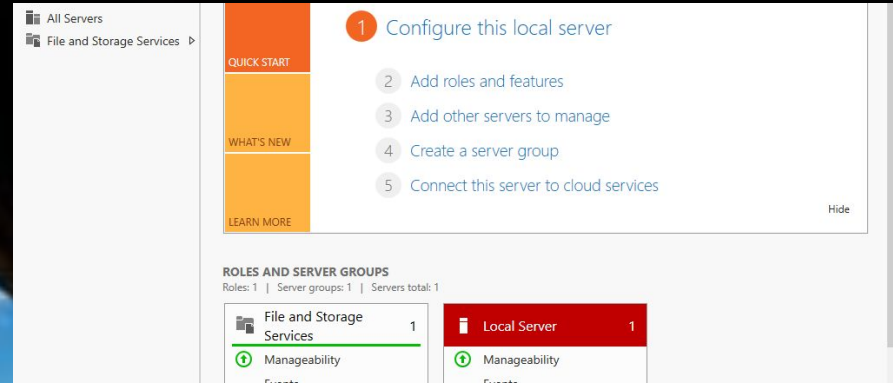
Assign IP address

- ❑ Network (Bottom right on tray)
- ❑ Change adapter options
- ❑ Internal (right click properties)
- ❑ Chg ipp4- chg to 172.16.0.1 /subnet 255.255.255.0
- ❑ Preferred DNS Server = 127.0.0.1
 - ❑ It's a loop back to itself



Install Active Directory Domain Services

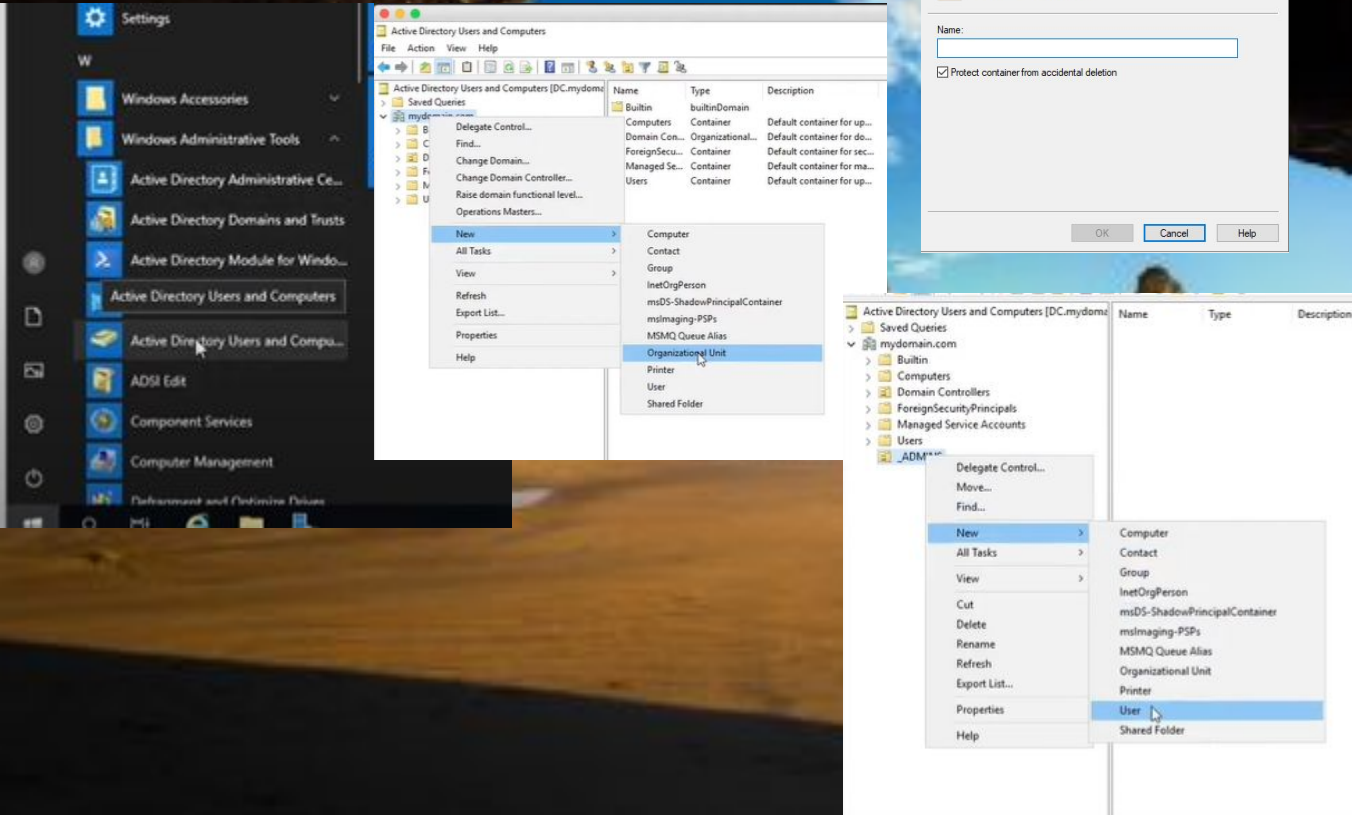
Installation will take a while, so get up and stretch.



Tip

- 1) Add roles & feature
- 2) Chose active directory domain services
- 3) Install

Creating Domain Admin Acct





Logging into Domain Admin Acct

→ **INSTALL RAS/Nat**

→ **Add roles to feature**

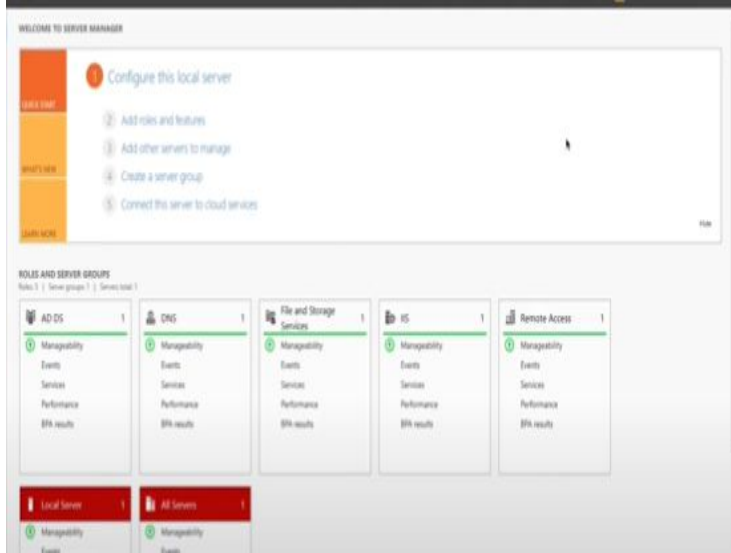
Check off - Remote Access

→ Check off- Routing

→ .After clicking install go to Routing and Remote Access

→ **Click on Tools**

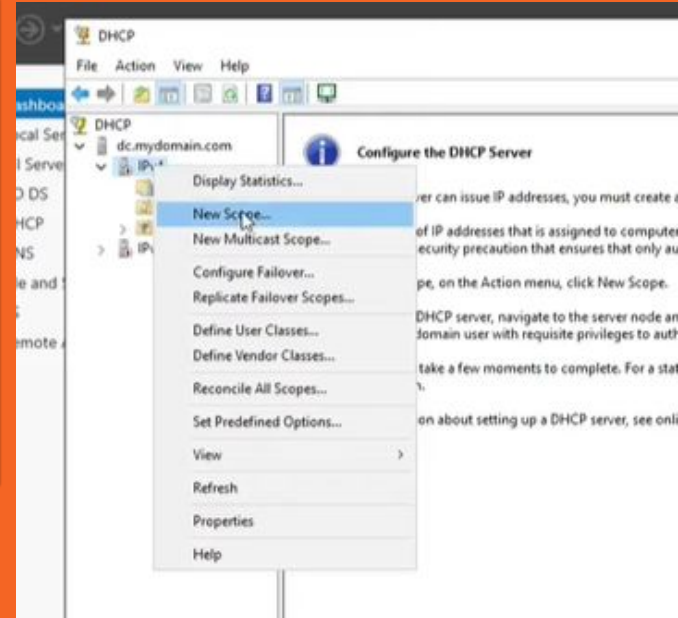
Click on routing & remote access-configure & enable-click on NAT



tip

Once DHCP is installed head over to **tools -click DHCP**

This will allow client computers on the network to create IP address



Setting up a DHCP Server

- 1)Add roles
- 2)check DHCP & install

Name scope -

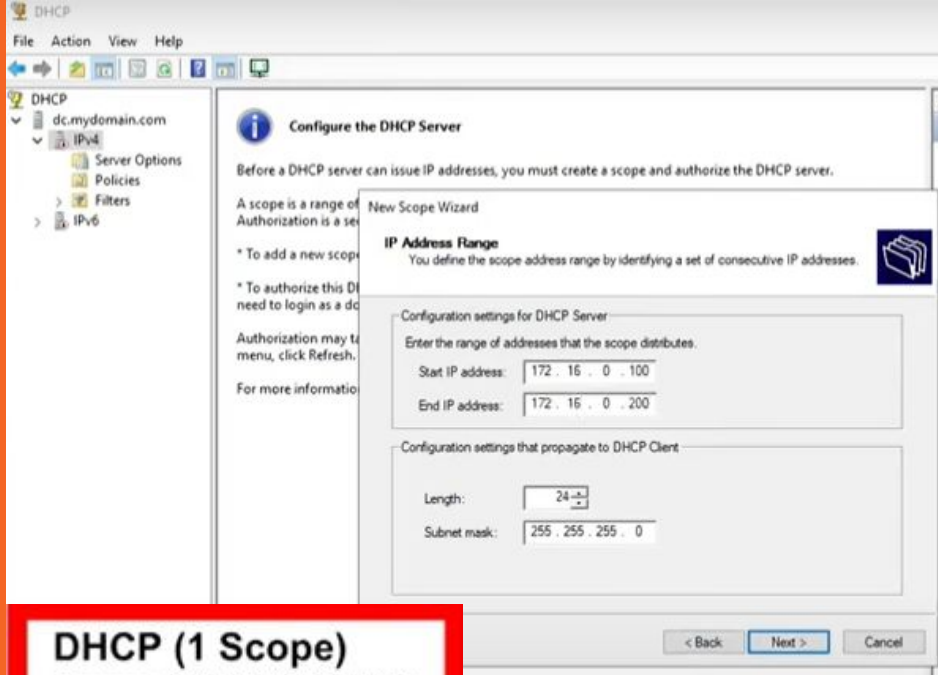
Start Ip address 172.16.0.100

End IP address 172.16.0.200

Length 24

Subnet mask 255.255.255.0- Activate scope

—After right click domain server - authorize & refresh



DHCP (1 Scope)

Range: 172.16.0.100-200

Mask: 255.255.255.0

Gateway: 172.168.0.1

DNS: 172.16.0.1

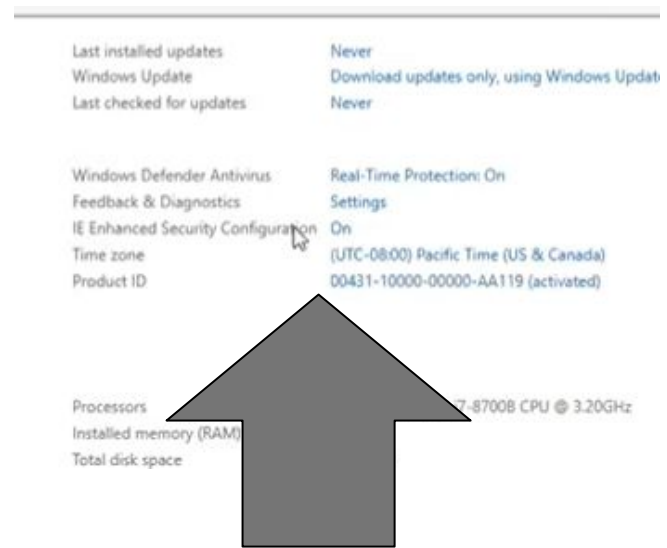
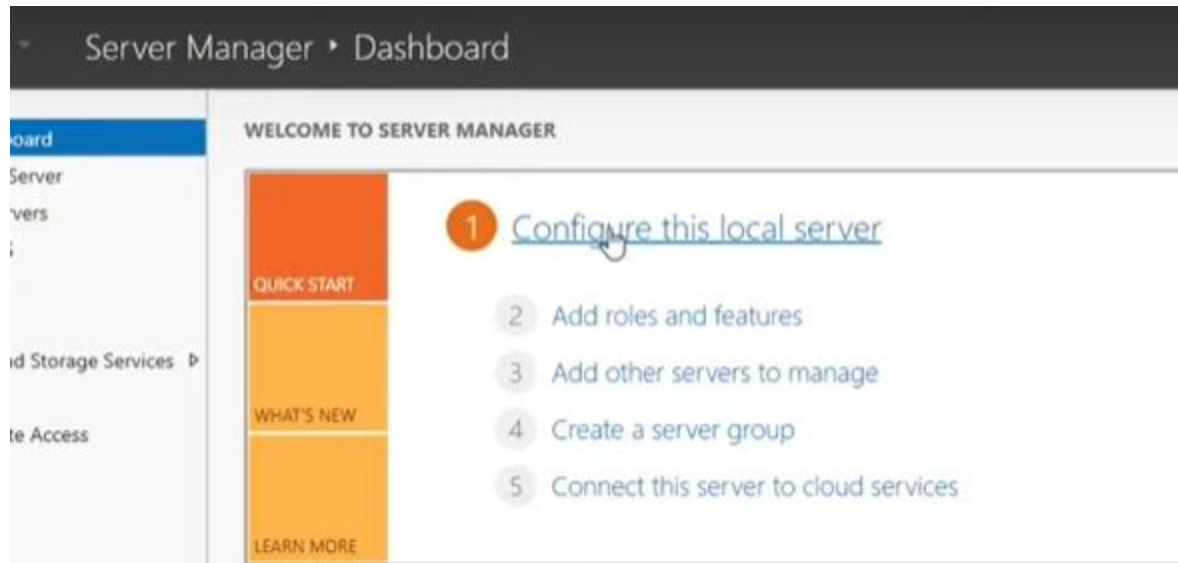
1) add roles

2) IPV4 add range & subnet mask

3) lease duration (how long you can have IP addy before it needs to be refreshed

4) Keep Parent Domain controller as the same DNS server

5) Activate scope/ right DHCP server click to authorize and refresh



To create a powershell script-(link)

https://github.com/joshmadakor1/AD_PS...

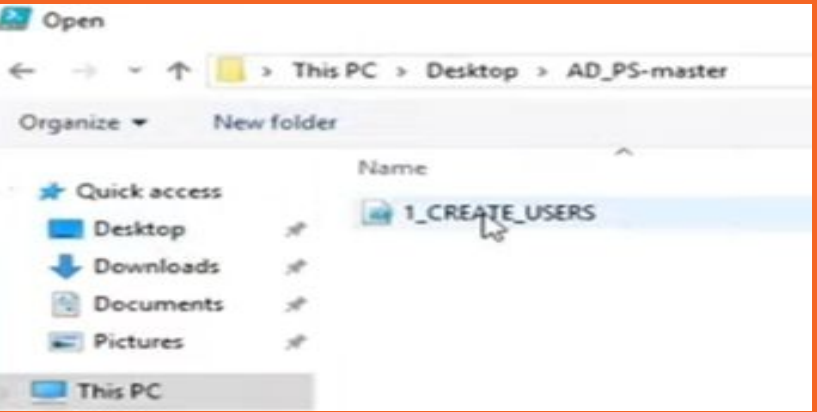
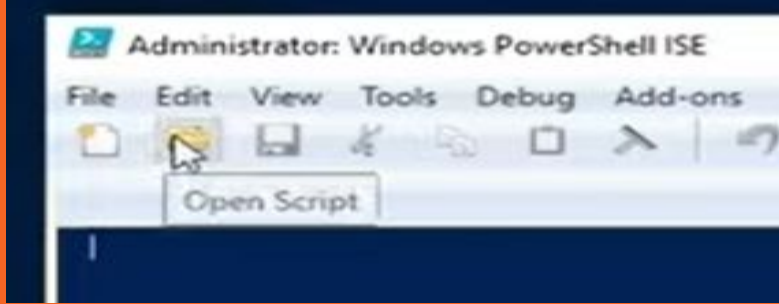
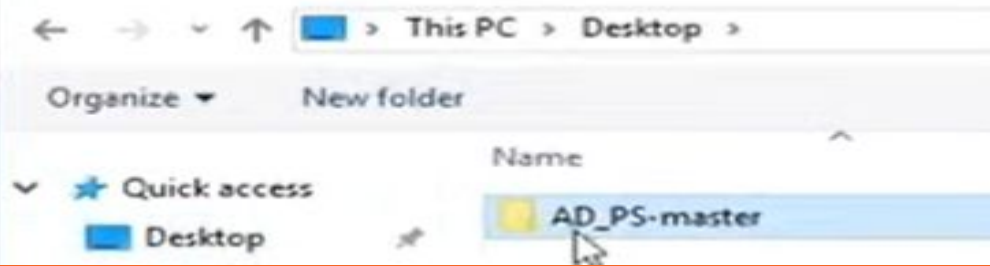
Open up a new browser save on desktop

Open Names /added name /save/close

Start on desktop/Windows powershell

Ise/run as admin

Disable(admin &
user = OFF)



```
File Edit View Tools Debug Add-ons Help
1 # ----- Edit these Variables for your own Use Case ----- #
2 $PASSWORD_FOR_USERS = "Password1"
3 $USER_FIRST_LAST_LIST = Get-Content .\names.txt
4 # ----- #
5
6 $password = ConvertTo-SecureString $PASSWORD_FOR_USERS -AsPlainText -Force
7 New-ADOrganizationalUnit -Name _USERS -ProtectedFromAccidentalDeletion $false
8
9 foreach ($n in $USER_FIRST_LAST_LIST) {
10     $first = $n.Split(" ")[0].ToLower()
11     $last = $n.Split(" ")[1].ToLower()
12     $username = "$($first.Substring(0,1))$($last)".ToLower()
13     Write-Host "Creting user: $($username)" -BackgroundColor Black -ForegroundColor Cyan
14
15     New-AdUser -AccountPassword $password `
16         -GivenName $first
17         -Surname $last

```

on the current system. For more information about running scripts and setting execution policy, see about_Execution_Policies at <https://go.microsoft.com/fwlink/?LinkID=135170>.

```
+ CategoryInfo          : SecurityError: (:) [], ParentContainsErrorRecordException
+ FullyQualifiedErrorId : UnauthorizedAccess

```

```
PS C:\Windows\system32> Set-ExecutionPolicy Unrestricted

```

This powershell script generates over 1000 users for our company.

Then click play/run

```

10 $first = $n.Split(" ")[0].ToLower()
11 $last = $n.Split(" ")[1].ToLower()
12 $username = "$($first.Substring(0,1))$($last)".ToLower()
13 Write-Host "Creating user: $($username)" -BackgroundColor Black -ForegroundColor Cyan
14
15 New-AdUser -AccountPassword $password `
16           -GivenName $first `
17           -Surname $last `
18           -DisplayName $username `
19           -Name $username `
20           -EmployeeID $username

```

```

Creating user: korazell
Creating user: sgay
Creating user: hwaite
Creating user: tcofield
Creating user: lparekh
Creating user: avalerius
Creating user: yburch
Creating user: pconnor
Creating user: amakuch
Creating user: kschaner
Creating user: tlavalle
Creating user: ebrunkhorst
Creating user: agaliano
Creating user: smolder
Creating user: vmichie

```

User names imported

Active Directory

Active Directory (AD) is a cornerstone of network management and security in modern IT infrastructures.

Its capabilities in handling authentication, authorization, and management of resources across a network

Active Directory is an essential tool for managing network infrastructure, enhancing security, and ensuring efficient operation of IT services within an organization.