INFO813 Practical project documentation template (Engineering journal)

Stage Number

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When doing practical work it is common practice and extremely useful to document the steps you took. This assists you make your learning more tangible and organize it. The more detail you can provide the better it is so that if ever you want to configure it in the future you have a personal record documented.

The project book gives the main implementation steps. However this documentation report requires you document what you did at each implementation step as you are doing the practical project. It is not advised to do this at the end otherwise you are likely to forget what you did. You can alter the format of this template as long it includes all the relevant information

Please write this in your own words as it is a record of your work. Copied material is not accepted.

Describe the Design of your project and justify your design. (100 words)

My project follows the Option 1 outline from Systems Essentials Stage 1, incorporating a Windows 10 22H2 Pro client, a Windows Server 2022, and a FortiGate firewall acting as both a firewall and router. The FortiGate firewall routes traffic between the Windows Server and hosts while securing connections to the internet. Although Cisco routers, switches, and firewalls are ideal based on course teachings, I opted for a practical setup using my home lab. Instead of VMware Workstation and the preconfigured WINTEC EVE-NG image, I used Windows Hyper-V Manager to host my EVE-NG server, providing flexibility and aligning with real-world configurations.

Describe the key features of one competing/alternative technology and compare it to the one implemented in the project (Pros and Cons). (200 words)

Comparison of Hyper-V and VMware Workstation

Hyper-V, a Microsoft-based virtualization platform, and VMware Workstation, a product of VMware, both serve as powerful tools for creating and managing virtual machines (VMs). Each has distinct features and advantages, making them suitable for different use cases.

Key Features of VMware Workstation:

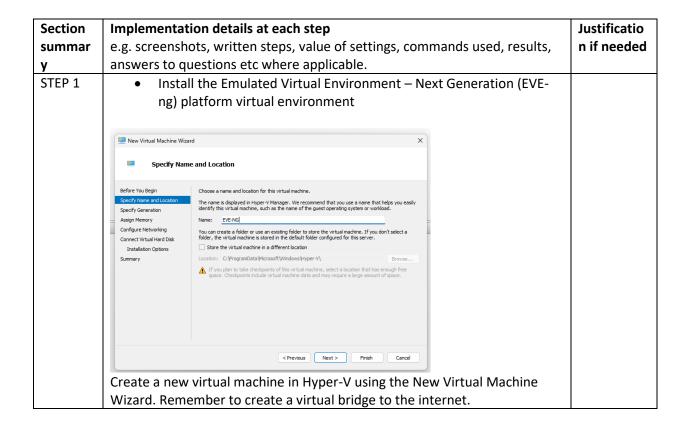
- Cross-Platform Support: Runs on both Windows and Linux operating systems.
- **Snapshot Management:** Allows taking multiple snapshots of VMs, useful for development and testing environments.
- **Enhanced Graphics Support:** Offers better 3D acceleration, supporting applications requiring advanced graphics.
- **Isolation and Security:** Provides robust sandboxing for virtual environments, enhancing security.

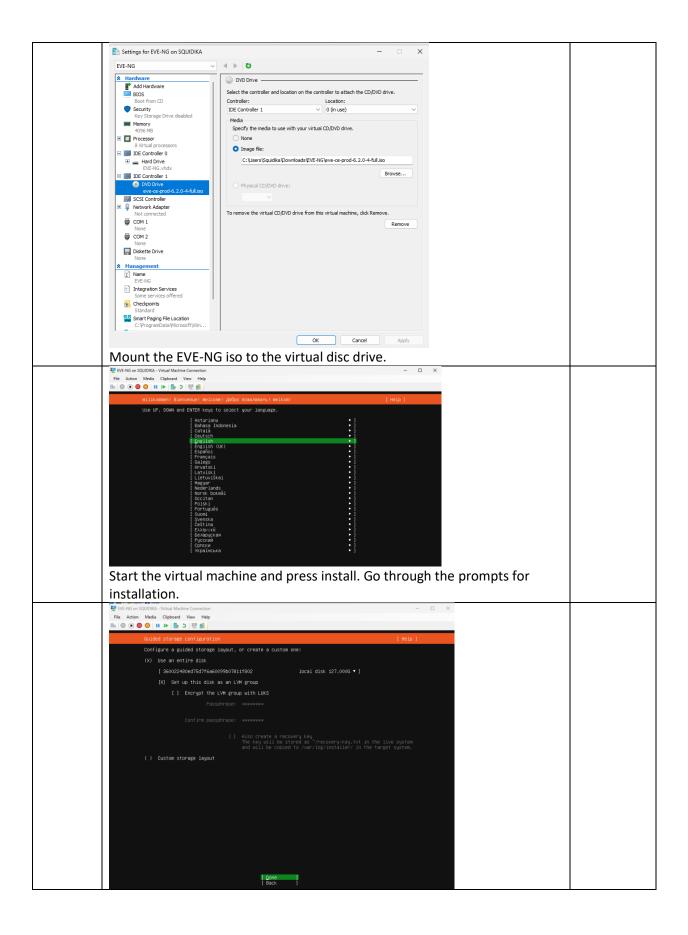
• **Portability:** VMs created on VMware Workstation can often be used on other VMware products like vSphere.

Comparison:

- Ease of Use: VMware Workstation is more user-friendly, with a GUI-centric approach, while Hyper-V is more integrated into the Windows ecosystem, accessible via Hyper-V Manager or PowerShell.
- **Performance:** Hyper-V has direct integration with the Windows kernel, leading to potentially better performance for enterprise-level virtualization.
- **Cost:** Hyper-V is free with Windows Pro/Enterprise editions, while VMware Workstation is a paid product.
- **Hardware Requirements:** Hyper-V requires SLAT-capable CPUs, which might limit compatibility, whereas VMware Workstation is more forgiving.
- Advanced Features: Hyper-V supports features like live migration and clustering, ideal for enterprise environments, whereas VMware Workstation caters to individual users or developers.

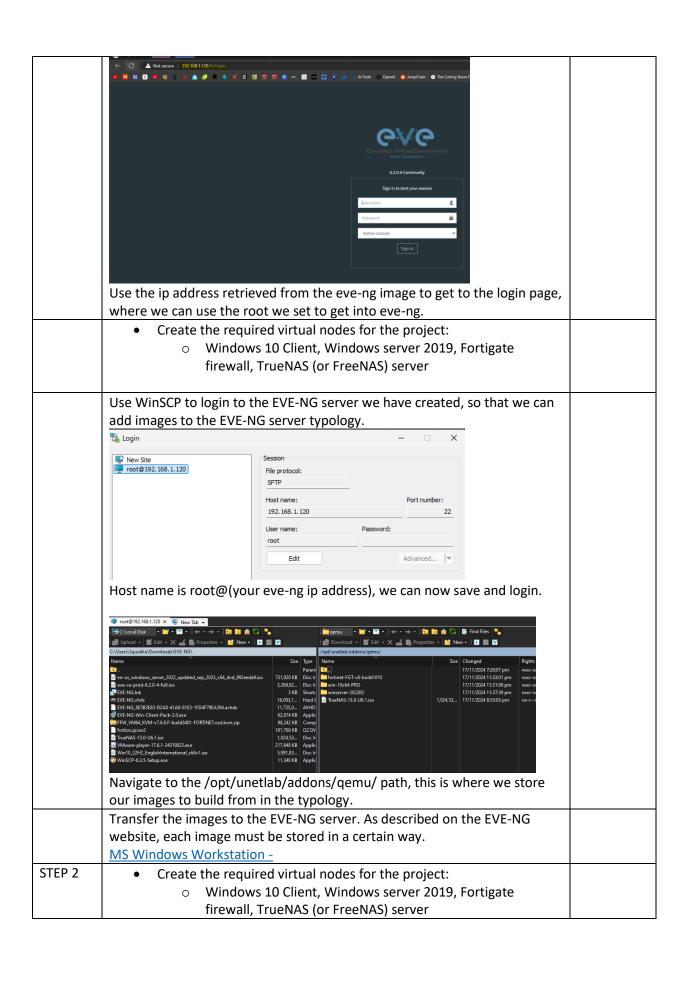
In conclusion, VMware Workstation excels in user-friendliness and cross-platform support, making it suitable for development and testing. Hyper-V, with its enterprise-grade features, better integrates with Windows, serving business-focused needs.

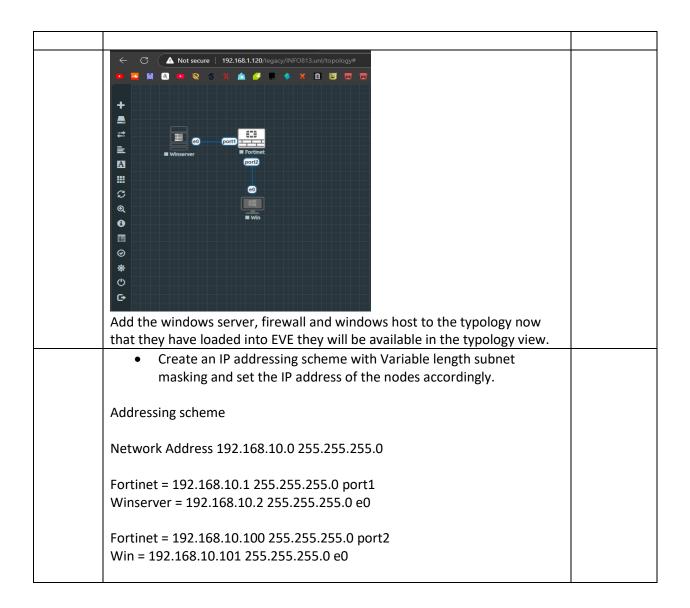


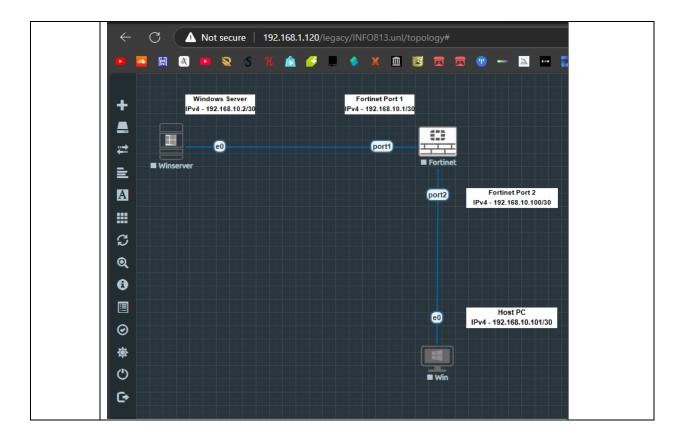












List the three most useful Internet resources that you used (provided by the tutor)

- https://youtu.be/y391y1pCDe0
- https://www.youtube.com/results?search_query=eve-ng+ubuntu+vm
- https://winscp.net/eng/index.php

List all (at least three) Internet resources that you found and used that were not provided by the tutor)

https://www.eve-ng.net/index.php/download/

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Okel1H93vNw

https://www.eve-ng.net/index.php/documentation/howtos/howto-create-own-windows-host-on-the-eve/

Reflect on at least two significant problems you came across during the implementation of this section and the solution you found. Use at least five sentence to describe each problem and five sentences to describe each solution. Demonstrate your critical thinking and problem-solving abilities.

Problem	Solution
EVE-NG not installing correctly.	Create a virtual bridge and assign it to the internet to allow the VM to install packages from the internet.
Nested virtualization must me enabled on the virtual machine.	Set-VMProcessor -VMName "EVE-NG" - ExposeVirtualizationExtensions \$True