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I. INTRODUCTION

1.1 General Information

▪ *Overview*

A remote access virtual private network (VPN) enables users to connect to a private network remotely using a VPN. Employees who need to access their company's network from off-site locations or people who want to securely connect to a private network from a public area frequently use this kind of VPN.

Different types of remote access VPNs exist, each using its own protocols to encrypt and tunnel data sent over the internet. This prevents unauthorized users from connecting to private networks. Once connected, users have full access to all of your network's resources, just as if they are connected on-premises.

▪ *Protocols*

There are several common VPN protocols widely known:

- OpenVPN: OpenVPN is known for its strong security features. It supports various encryption algorithms and is highly configurable.
- IPSec (Internet Protocol Security): IPSec provides robust security and is often used in site-to-site VPNs. It can use various encryption and authentication methods.
- L2TP/IPSec (Layer 2 Tunneling Protocol with IPSec): L2TP/IPSec combines the tunneling capabilities of L2TP with the security of IPSec. It's a widely used protocol for securing communications.
- PPTP (Point-to-Point Tunneling Protocol): PPTP is known for its speed but is considered less secure due to vulnerabilities. It's often used when speed is a priority but security requirements are lower.
- SSTP (Secure Socket Tunneling Protocol): SSTP is designed to provide a secure connection over the SSL/TLS protocol, making it highly secure.

- IKEv2 (Internet Key Exchange Version 2): IKEv2 offers strong security features and is often used for mobile device VPN connections.

1.2 Component

To establish the VPN connection, we'll need several components including the VPN server and the necessary client-side configurations. Here are the key components:

- ***Server-side components:***

- VPN Server: This is the core component that handles incoming VPN connections. The server can be a physical or virtual machine running VPN server software.
- Server Operating System: The VPN server typically runs on an operating system that supports VPN services. Common choices include Windows Server, Linux (with OpenVPN, IPsec, etc.), or dedicated VPN appliances.
- Static IP or DNS: For easy access, the server should have a static public IP address or a DNS name that clients can use to connect to it. Alternatively, dynamic DNS services can be used to maintain a DNS name for a server with a dynamic IP address.
- Authentication and User Management: Set up user accounts and authentication mechanisms (username/password, certificates, multi-factor authentication) to control who can connect to the VPN.
- VPN Protocol Configuration: Choose and configure the VPN protocol(s) we want to use, such as PPTP, L2TP, IPsec, SSTP, OpenVPN. The configuration may include encryption settings, authentication methods, and allowed IP ranges.
- Firewall and Network Rules: Configure firewall rules on the server to allow VPN traffic through to the server.

- ***Client-side components:***

- **Client Device:** This is the device from which we want to connect to the VPN. It could be a computer, smartphone, or tablet.
- **Client Operating System:** The client device should have an operating system that supports VPN connections. Common client operating systems include Windows, macOS, Linux, Android, and iOS.
- **VPN Client Software:** Install the appropriate VPN client software for our client device's operating system. Many operating systems have built-in VPN clients. However, for some protocols, we may need to install third-party clients.
- **VPN Configuration Settings:** We need the configuration details provided by the VPN server administrator. This includes the server's IP or DNS address, protocol settings, and, if applicable, username and password or certificates for authentication.
- **Network Connection:** Ensure that the client device has an internet connection, whether through Wi-Fi, Ethernet, or mobile data.
- **Firewall Rules:** If the client device is behind a firewall or router, we might need to configure port forwarding or allow outbound VPN traffic.

1.3 Operation

- **Initiation:**
 - The user initiates a connection request to access the private network remotely.
 - This request is typically made through a VPN client installed on the user's device.
- **Authentication:**
 - The VPN client sends authentication credentials (username, password, sometimes a security certificate) to the VPN server for verification.
- **Secure Connection Establishment:**
 - Once authenticated, the VPN server verifies the user's credentials.
 - It then establishes an encrypted connection with the client using various protocols like PPTP, L2TP/IPsec, SSTP, or OpenVPN.

- **Tunnel Creation:**

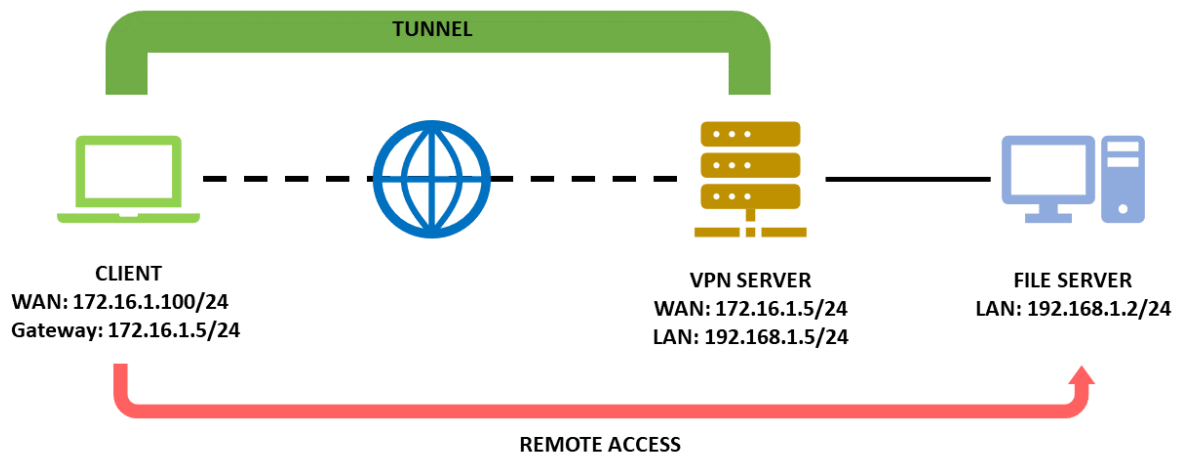
- A secure tunnel is created between the user's device and the private network.
- This tunnel encrypts all data passing between the user's device and the VPN server, ensuring confidentiality.

- **Access to Resources:**

- Once the tunnel is established, the user's device is virtually part of the private network.
- The user can now access resources within the private network, such as files, applications, printers, or databases, as if they were physically connected to that network.

II. IMPLEMENTATION

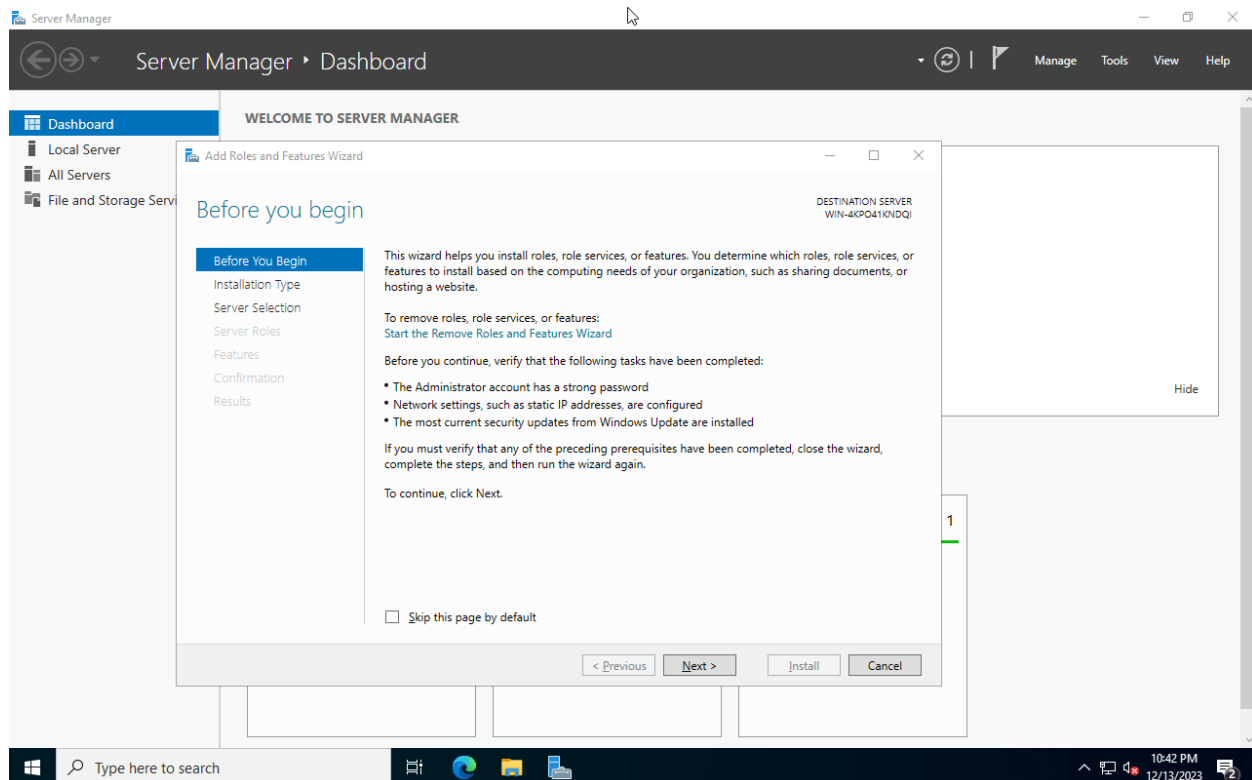
2.1 Topology



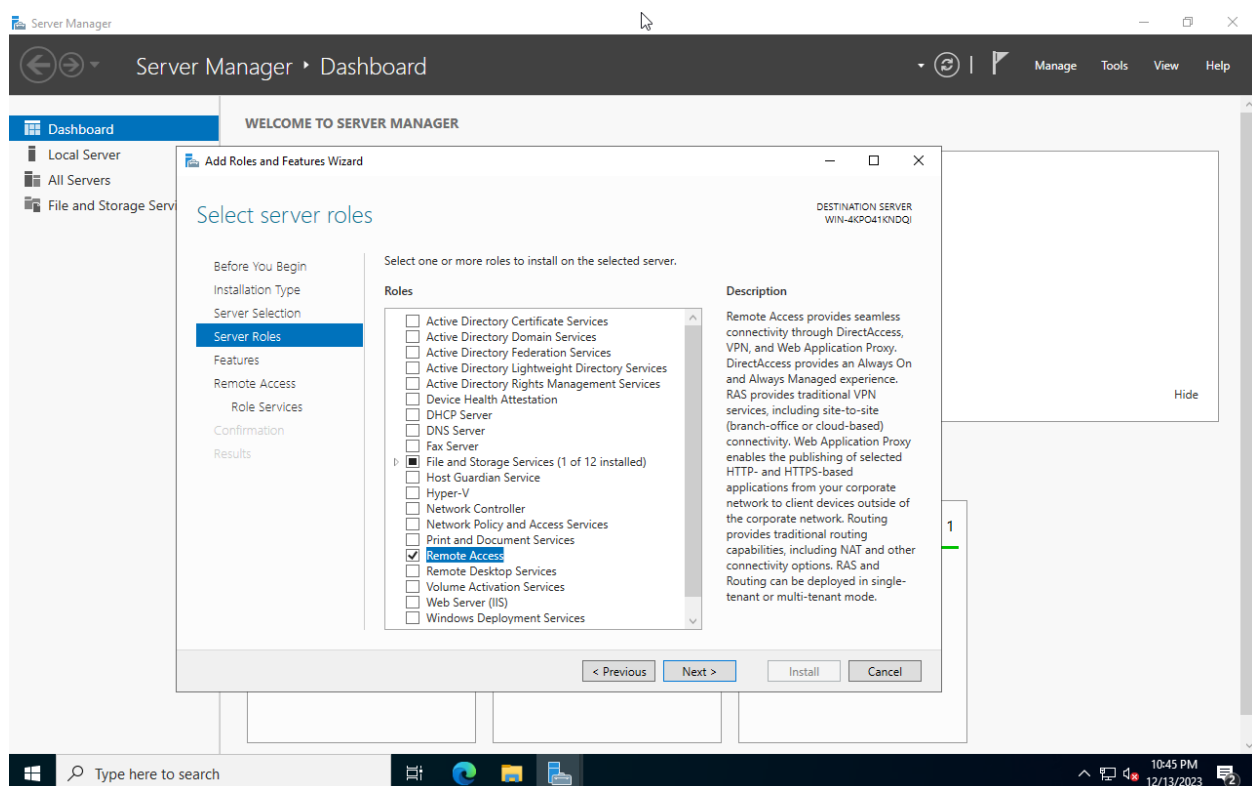
Device	IP Address	OS
Client	172.16.1.100/24	Window
VPN Server	172.16.1.5/24 192.168.1.5/24	Window Server
File Server	192.168.1.2/24	Window Server

2.2 Installation

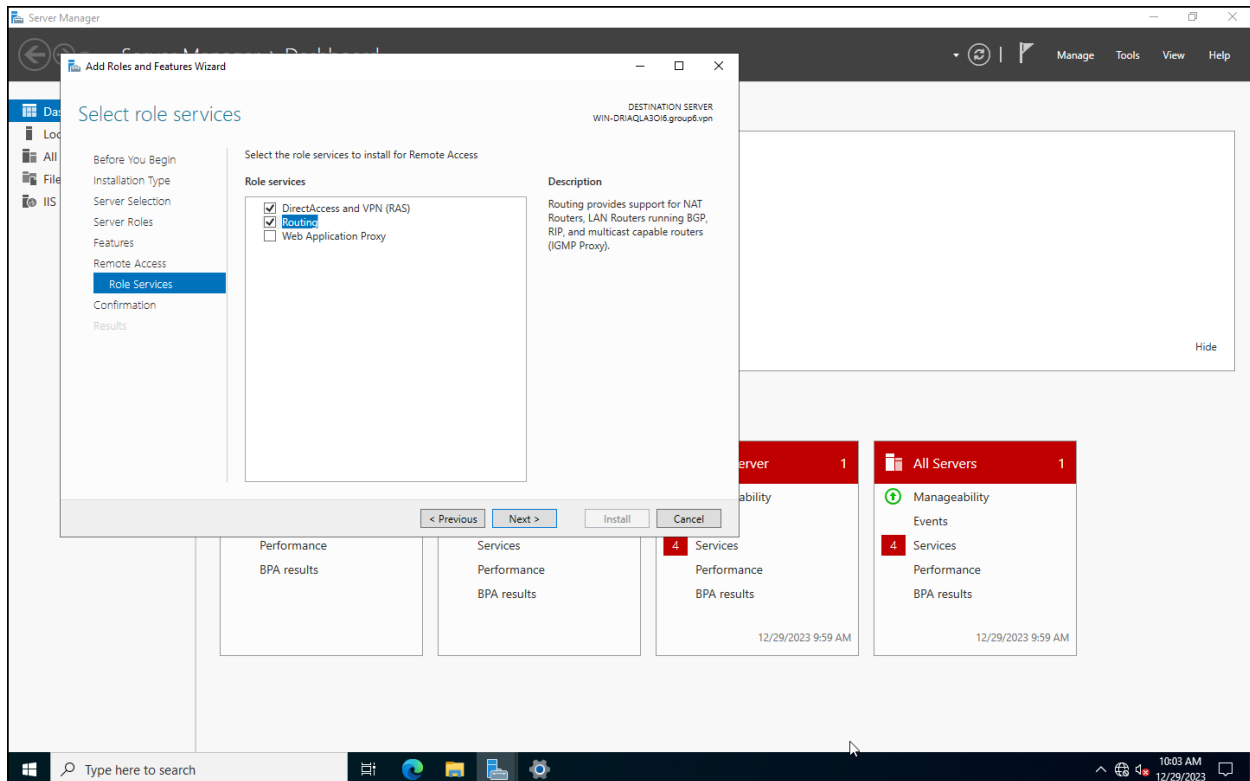
- Install Remote Access in VPN Server.
 - Open Server Manager. Go to Add Roles and Features from the Manage dropdown menu in navigation.



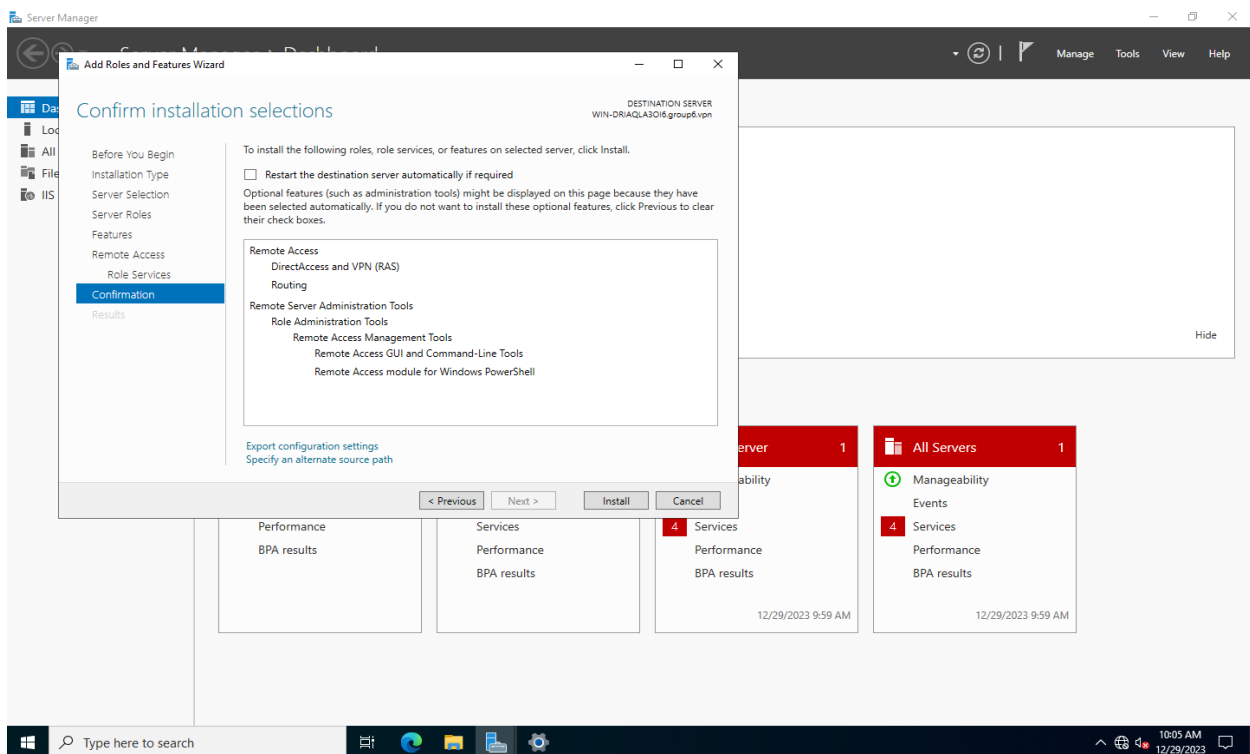
○ Tick on Remote Access.



- At the Select Role Services, select “DirectAccess and VPN(RAS)” and “Routing”.

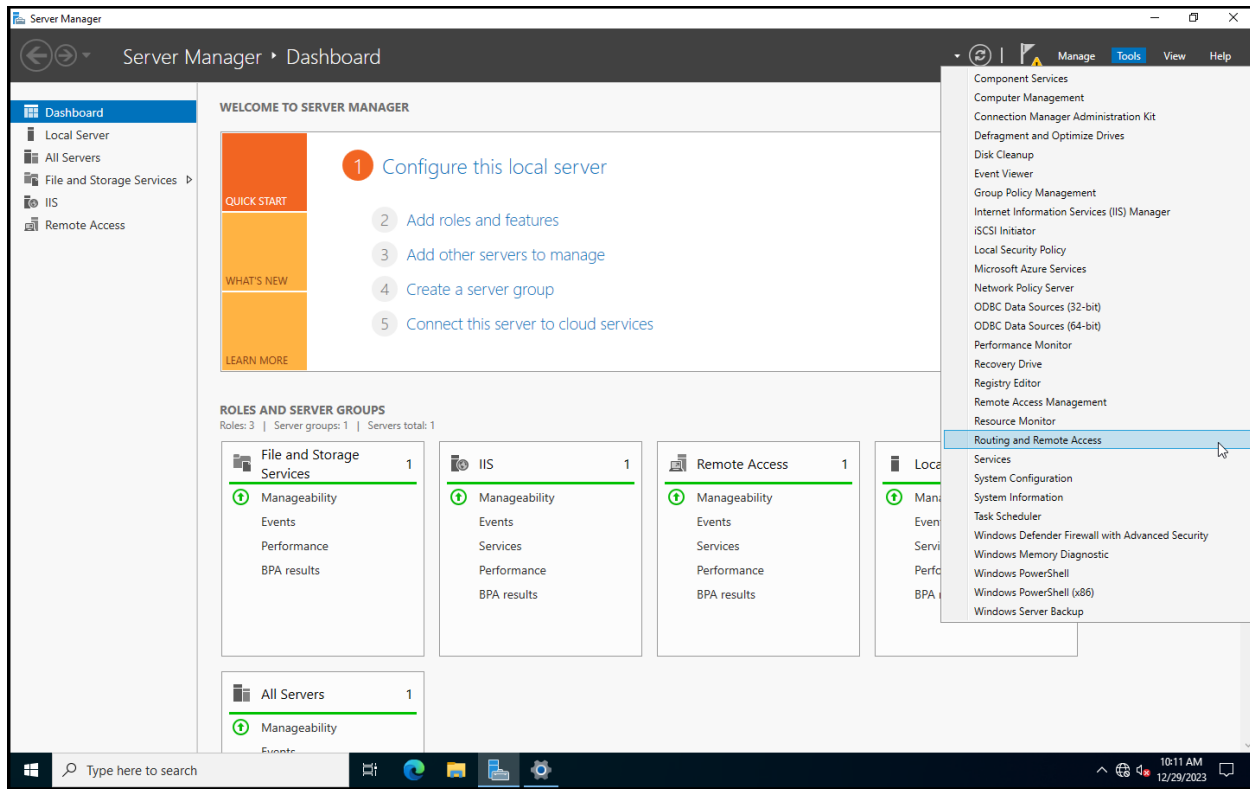


- Click “Install”.

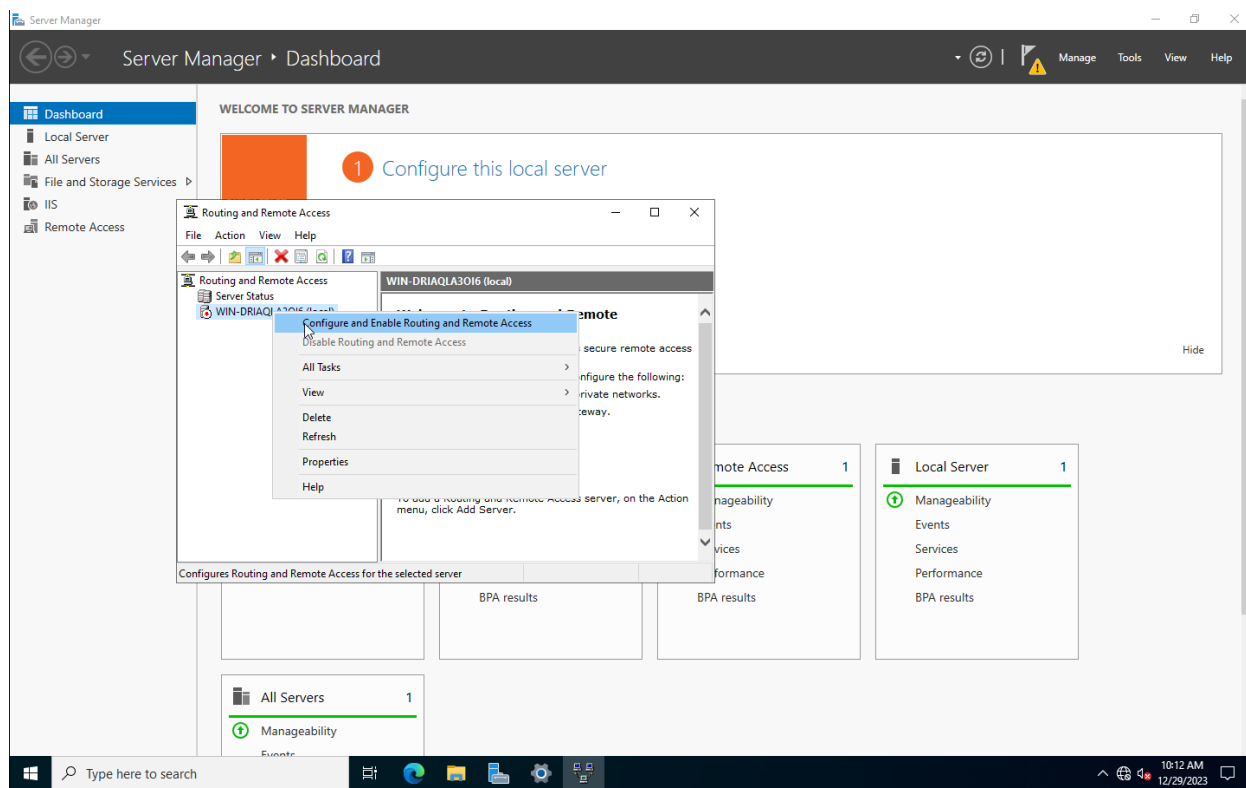


2.3 Configuration

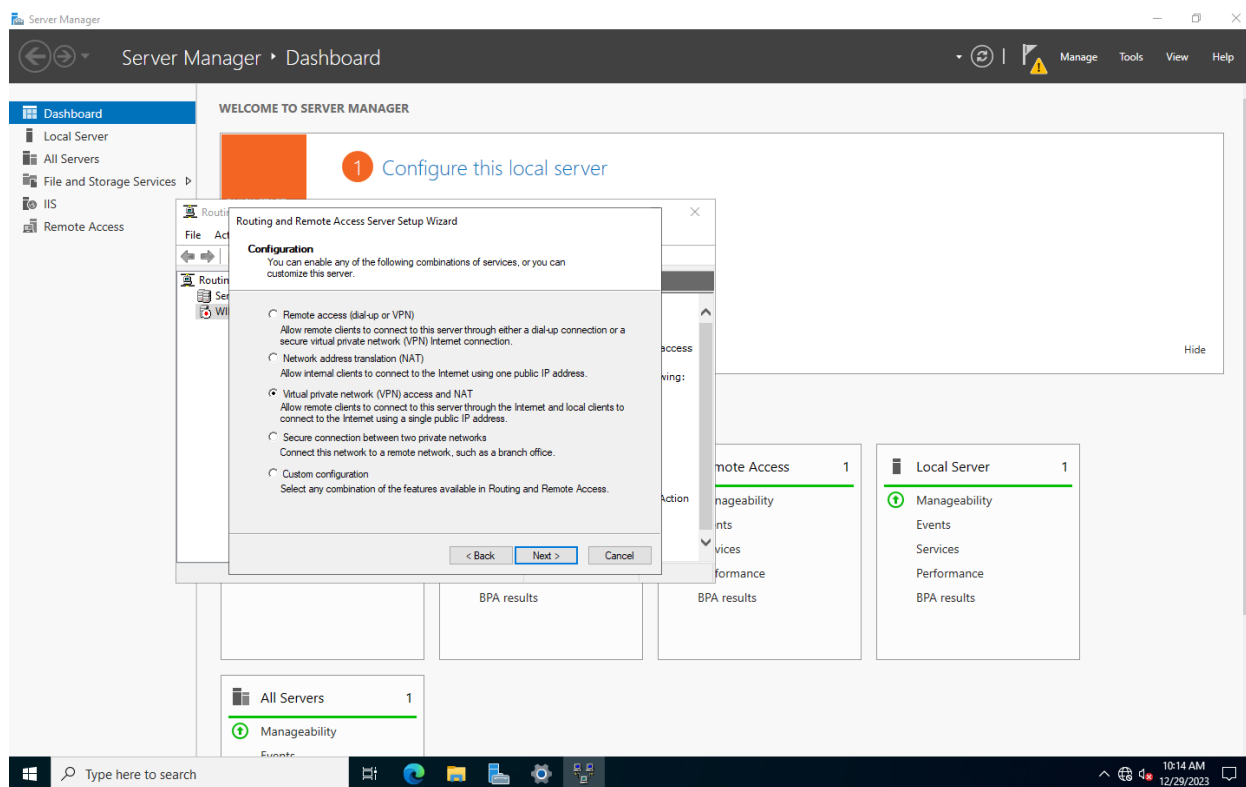
- **Setting up VPN Server.**
 - Select “Tools” -> “Routing and Remote Access”.



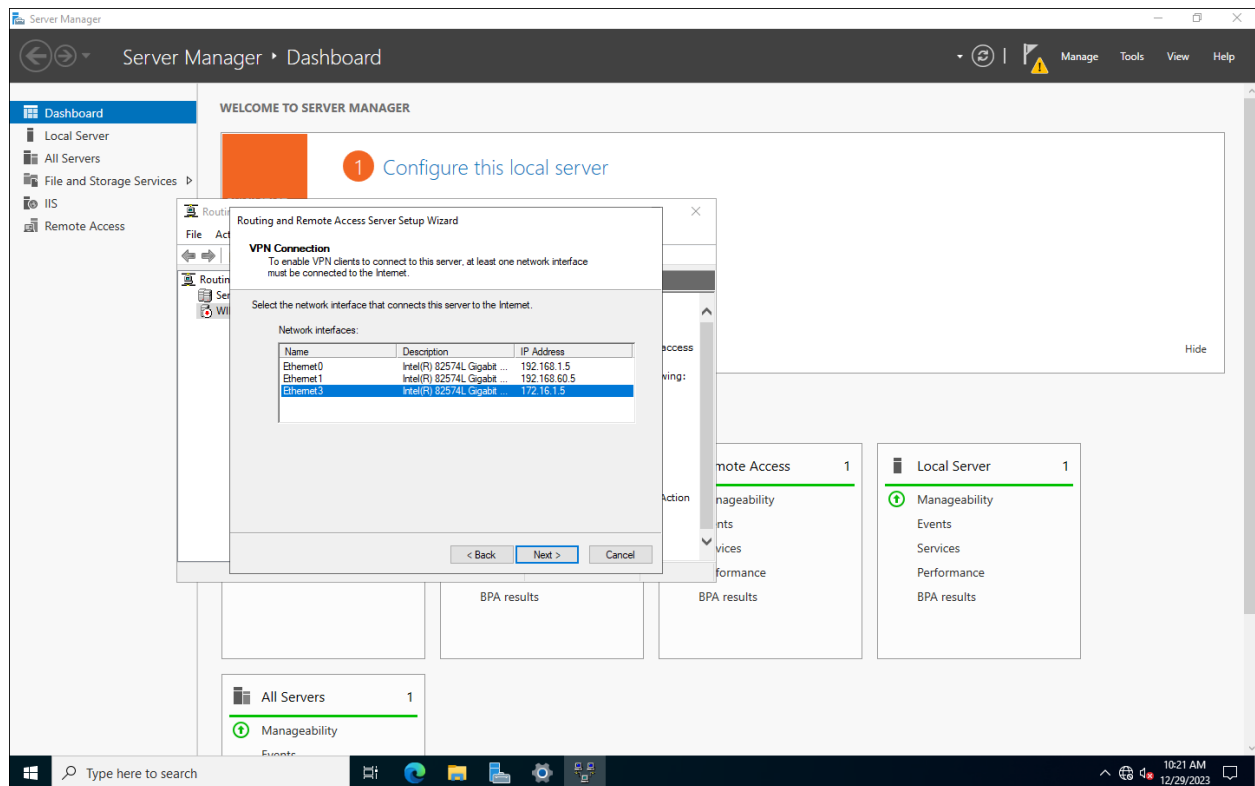
- Right click on Server's name then click on “Configure and Enable Routing and Remote Access”.



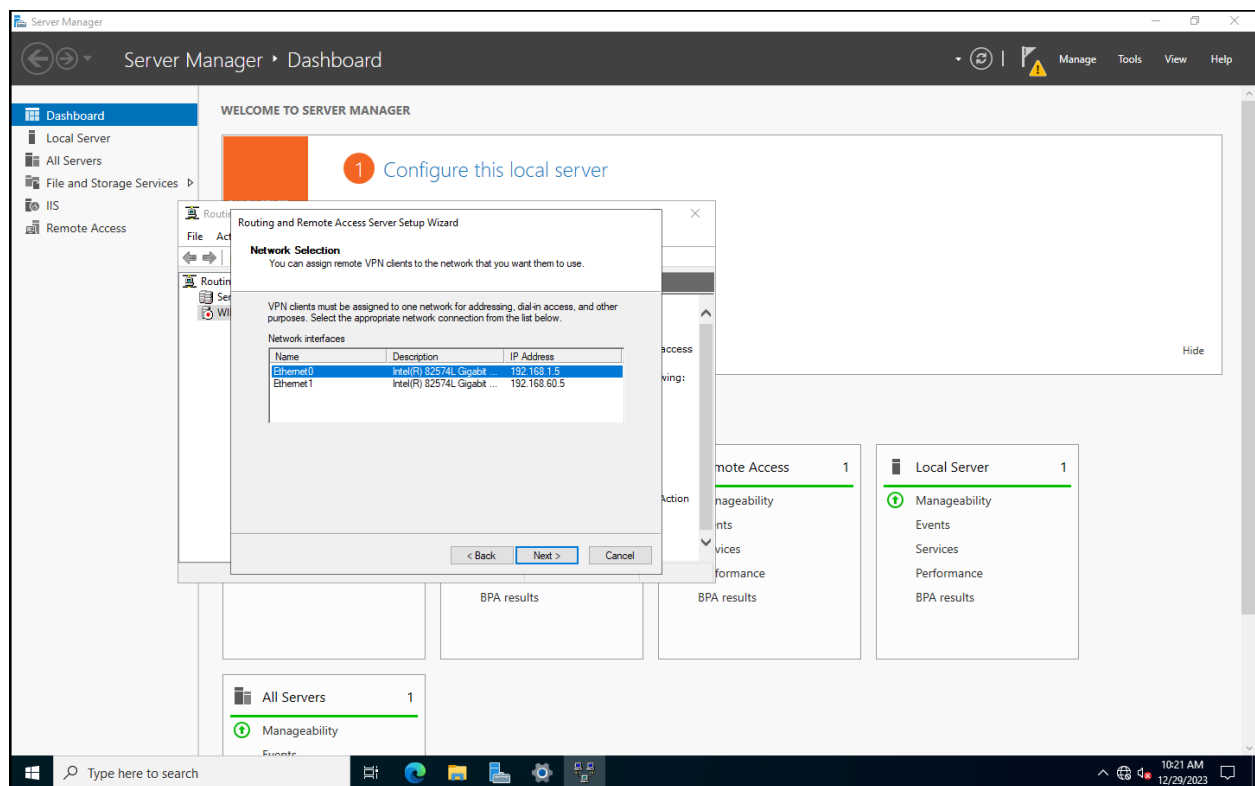
- Select “Virtual Private network (VPN) access and NAT”.



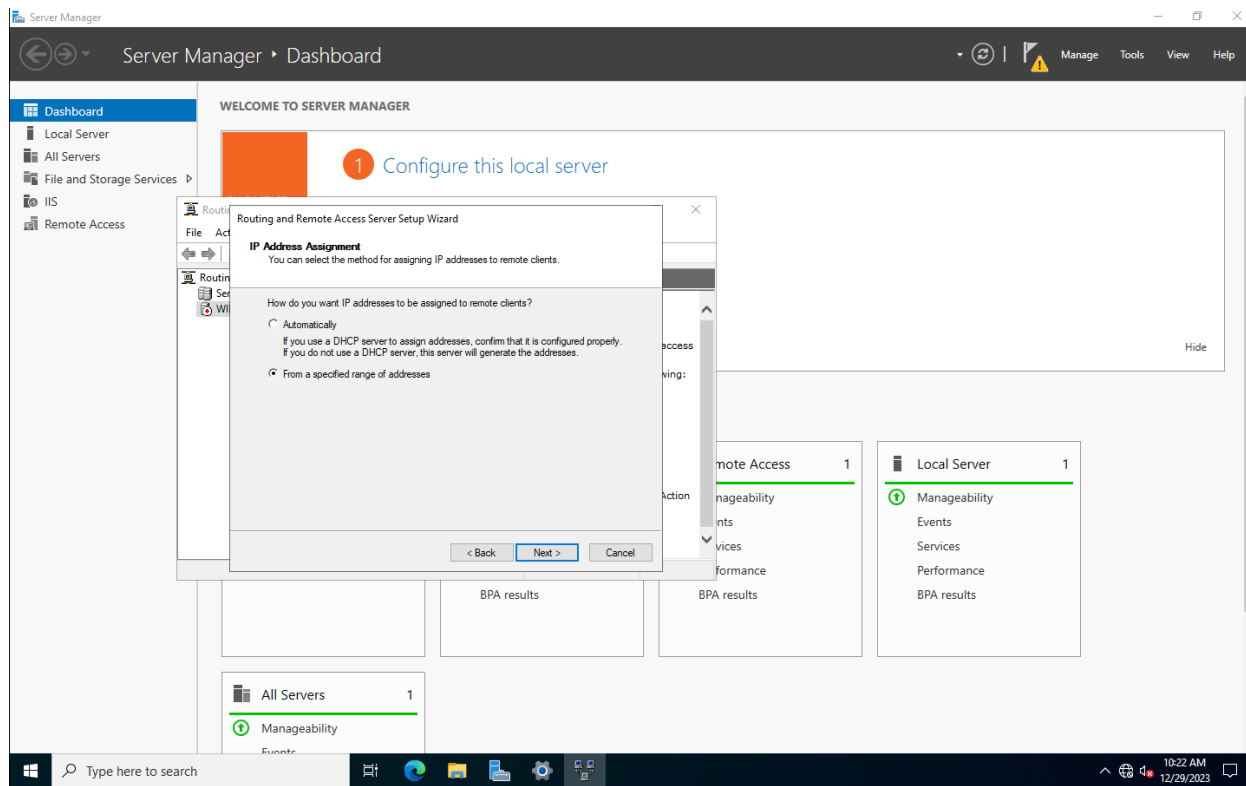
- Choose WAN interface.



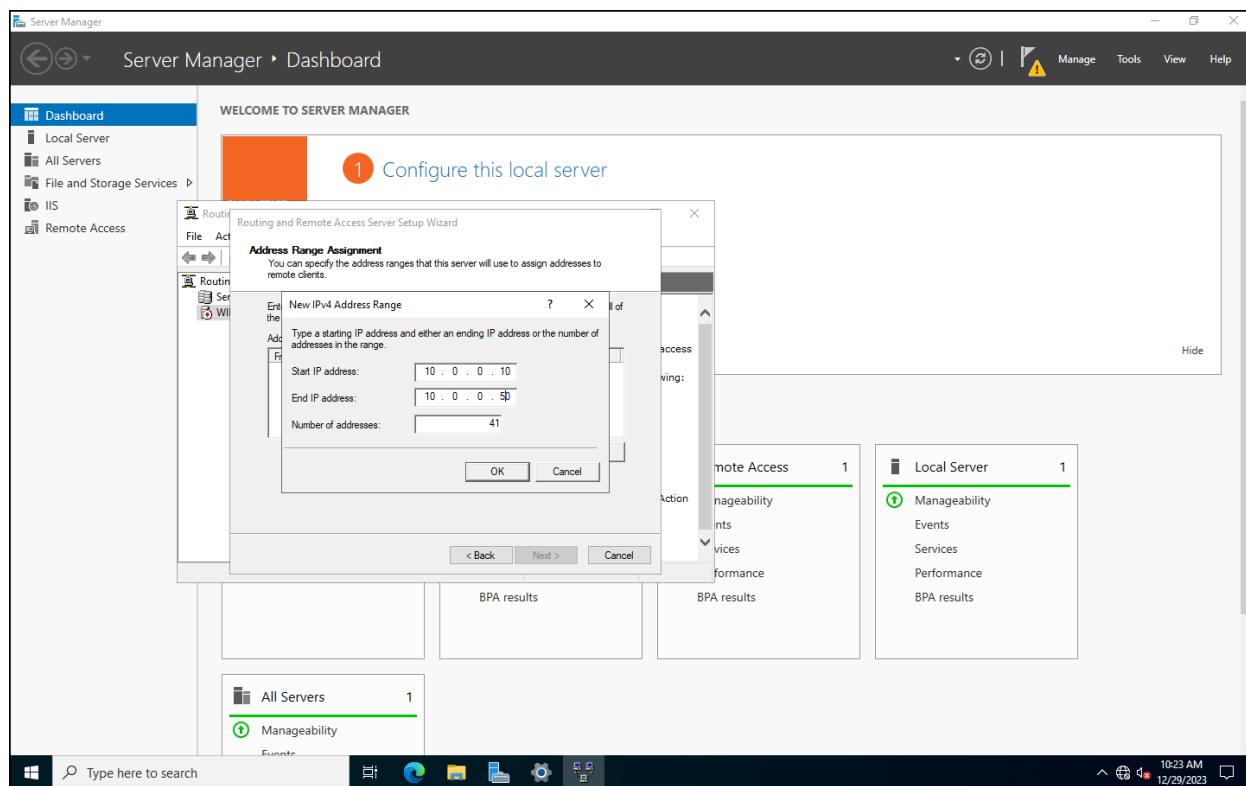
- Choose LAN interface.



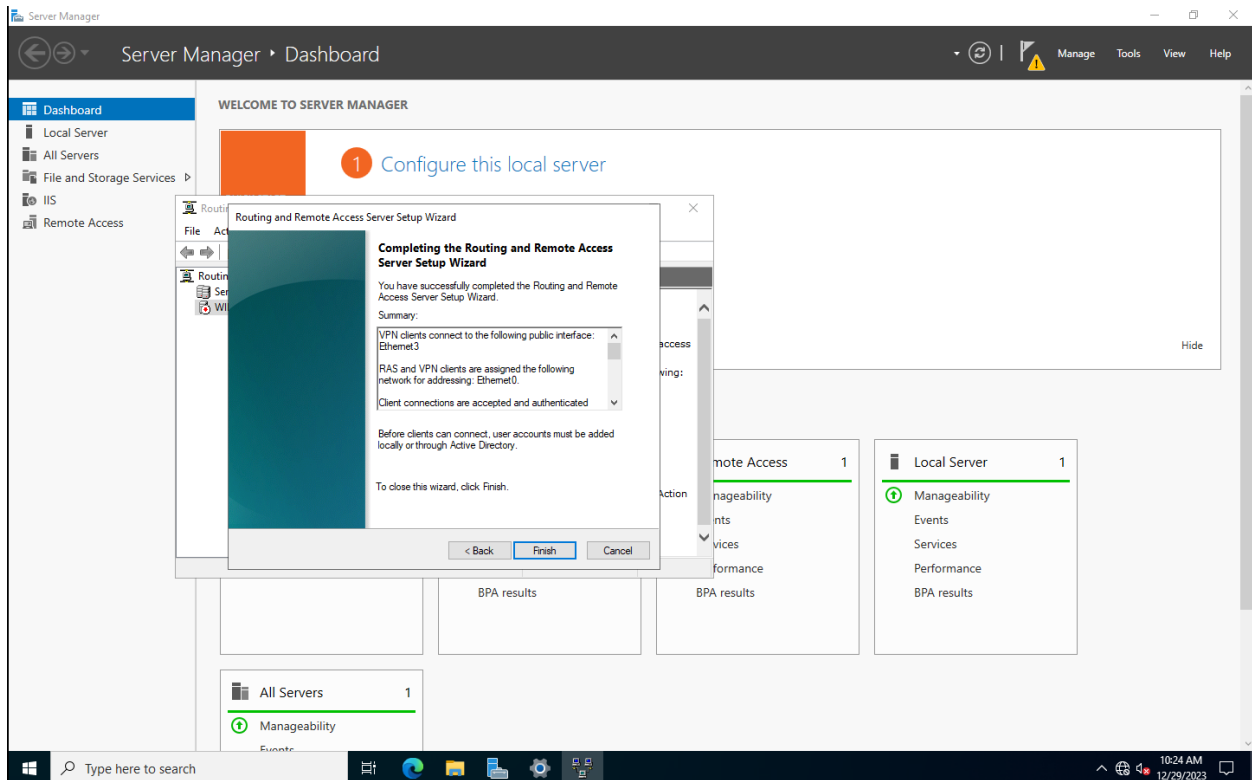
- Select “From a specific IP range”.



- Create new range by clicking “New” and entering a specific range.

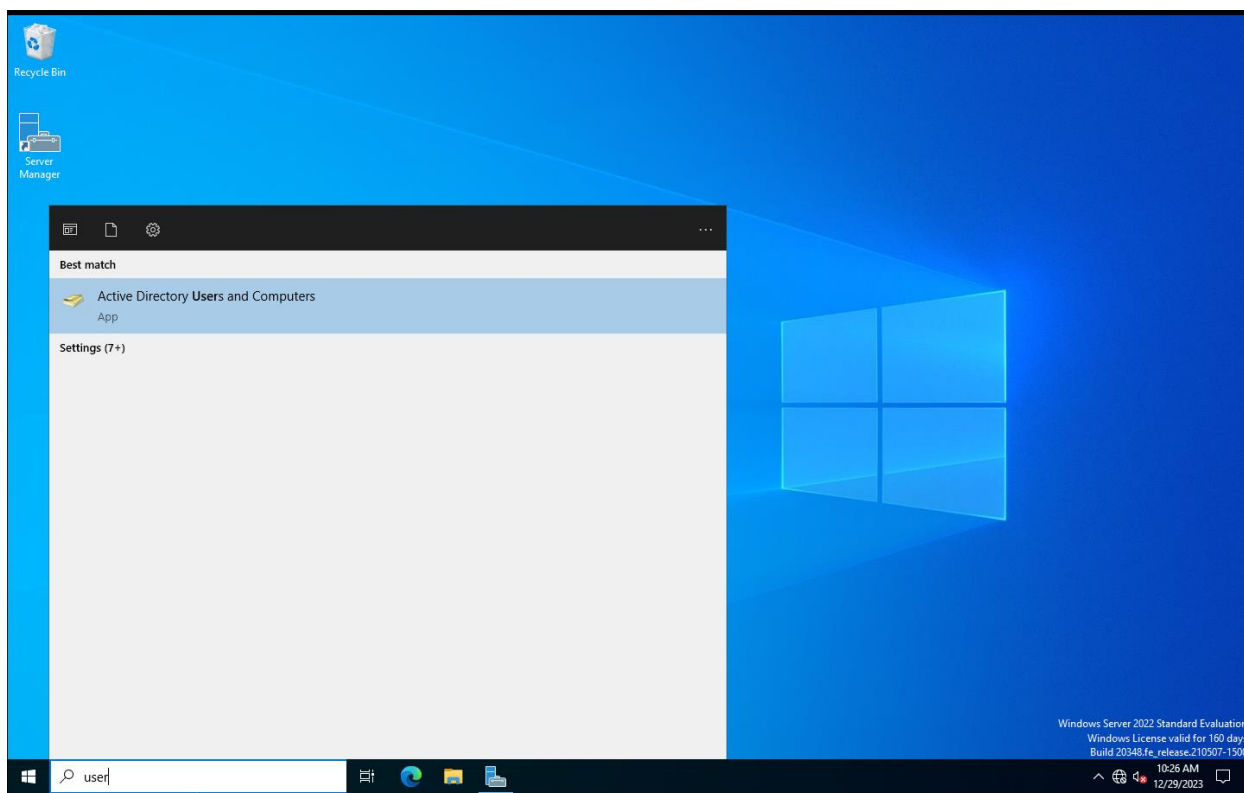


- Hit “Finish”.



■ Setting up File Server

- Add a new user by searching “Active directory Users and Computer”.



- Right click on “User” -> “New” -> “User”.
- Add credentials.

A screenshot of the 'New Object - User' dialog box in Active Directory Users and Computers. The dialog box has a title bar with the text 'New Object - User' and a close button. Below the title bar, there is a user icon and the text 'Create in: group6.vpn/Users'. The main area of the dialog box contains several input fields: 'First name:' with the value 'group6', 'Initials:' with an empty field, 'Last name:' with an empty field, 'Full name:' with the value 'group6', 'User logon name:' with the value 'group6' and a dropdown menu showing '@group6.vpn', and 'User logon name (pre-Windows 2000):' with the value 'GROUP6\' and a text field containing 'group6'. At the bottom of the dialog box, there are three buttons: '< Back', 'Next >', and 'Cancel'. The 'Next >' button is highlighted with a blue border.

Active Directory Users and Computers

New Object - User

Create in: group6.vpn/Users

Password: [Masked]

Confirm password: [Masked]

☐ User must change password at next logon

☐ User cannot change password

☐ Password never expires

☐ Account is disabled

< Back Next > Cancel

- After finished creating new user, double click on that user and go to “Dial-in” tab then tick on “Allow access”. Finally, hit “Apply”

group6 Properties

Remote control Remote Desktop Services Profile COM+

General Address Account Profile Telephones Organization

Member Of Dial-in Environment Sessions

Network Access Permission

☒ Allow access

☐ Deny access

☐ Control access through NPS Network Policy

☐ Verify Caller-ID: [Text Box]

Callback Options

☒ No Callback

☐ Set by Caller (Routing and Remote Access Service only)

☐ Always Callback to: [Text Box]

☐ Assign Static IP Addresses

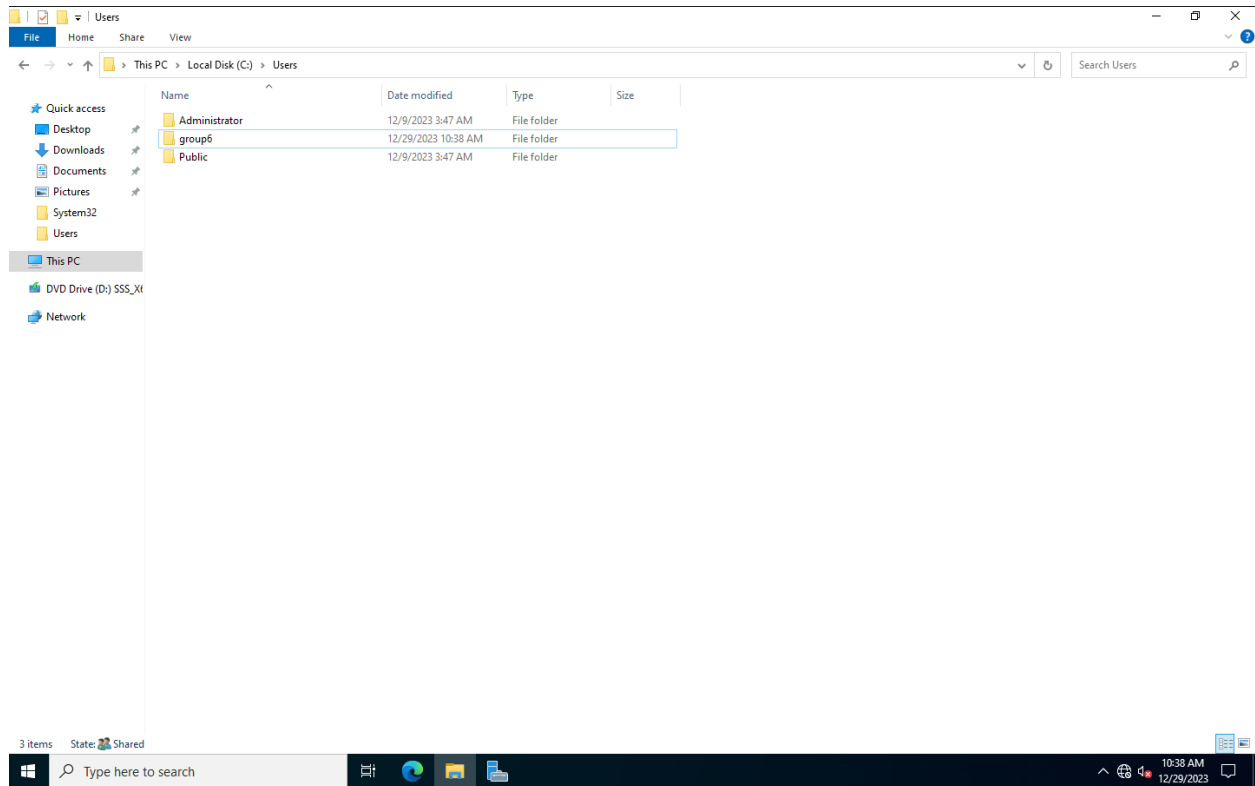
Define IP addresses to enable for this Dial-in connection. Static IP Addresses ...

☐ Apply Static Routes

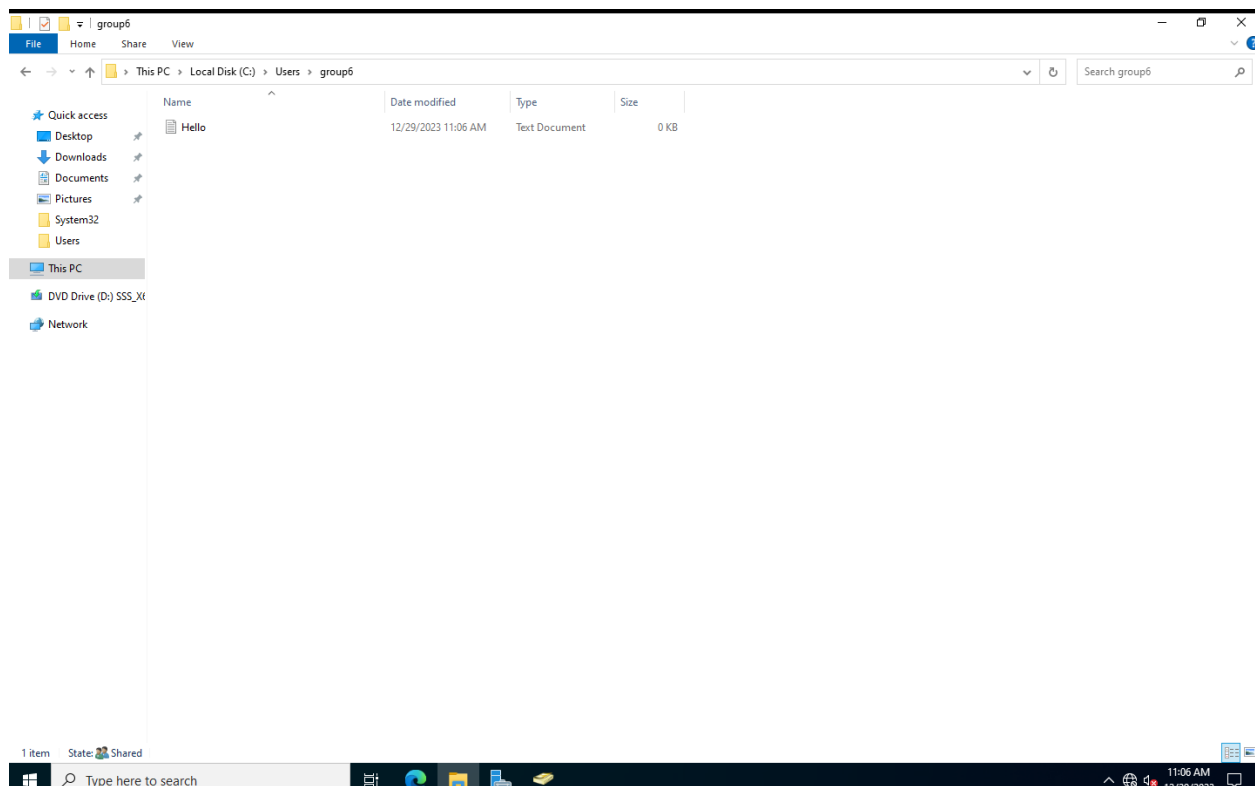
Define routes to enable for this Dial-in connection. Static Routes ...

OK Cancel Apply Help

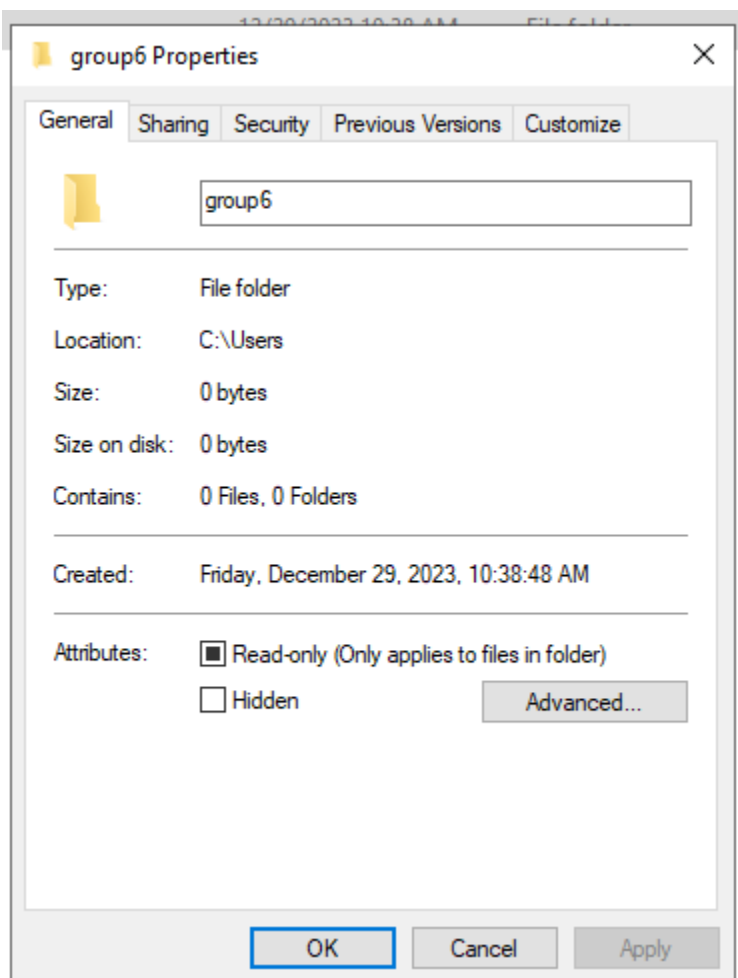
- Navigate to “C:\Users” and create a “group6” folder there for the user.



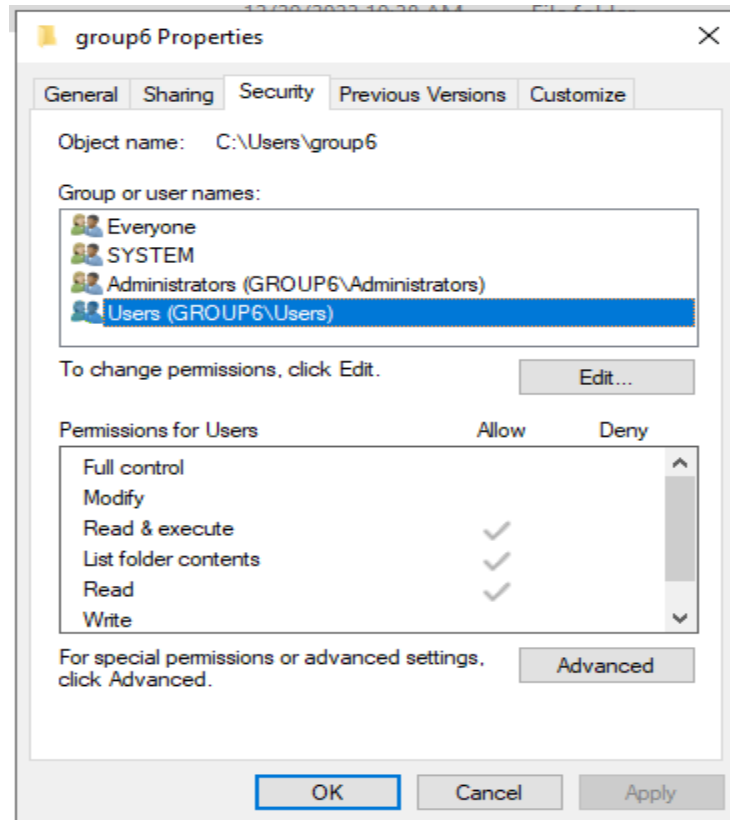
- In the folder, create a txt file.



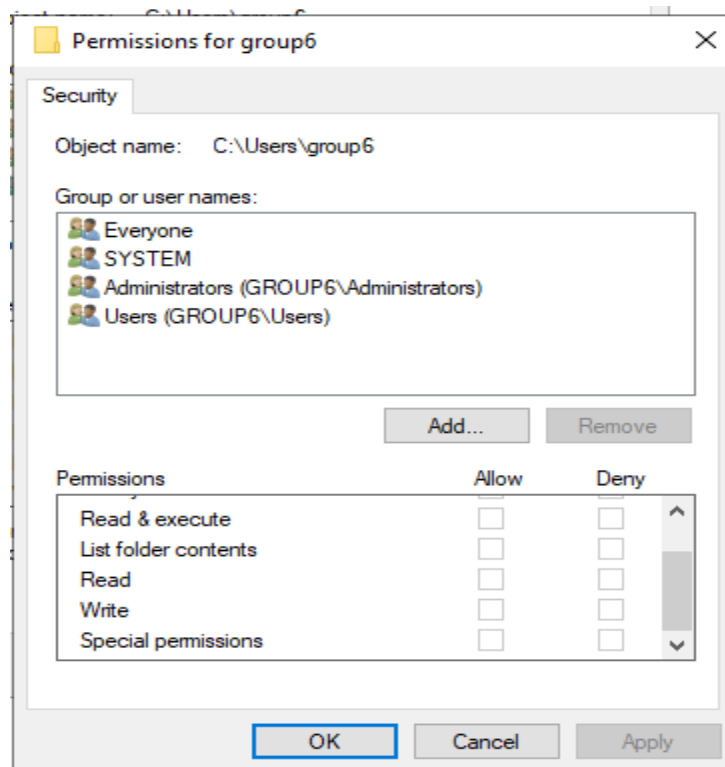
- Right click on the folder and click “Properties”.



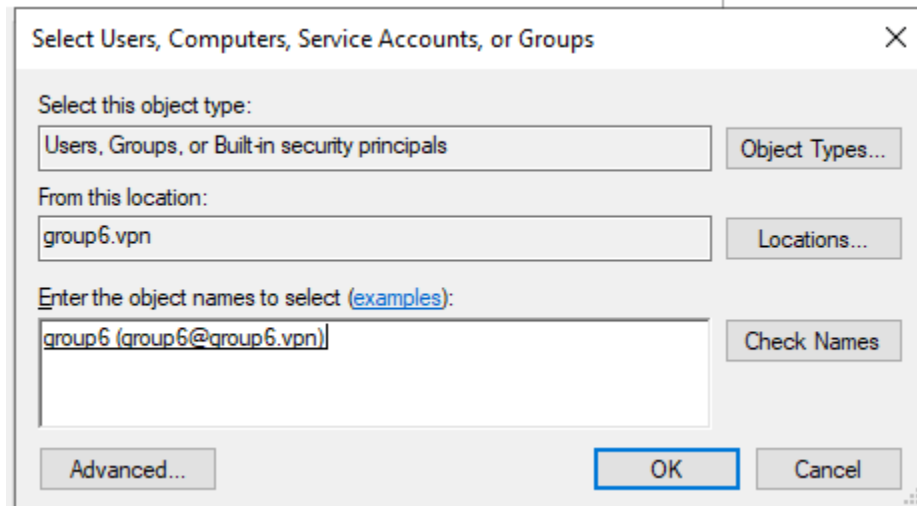
- Select “Security” tab and click on “Edit”.



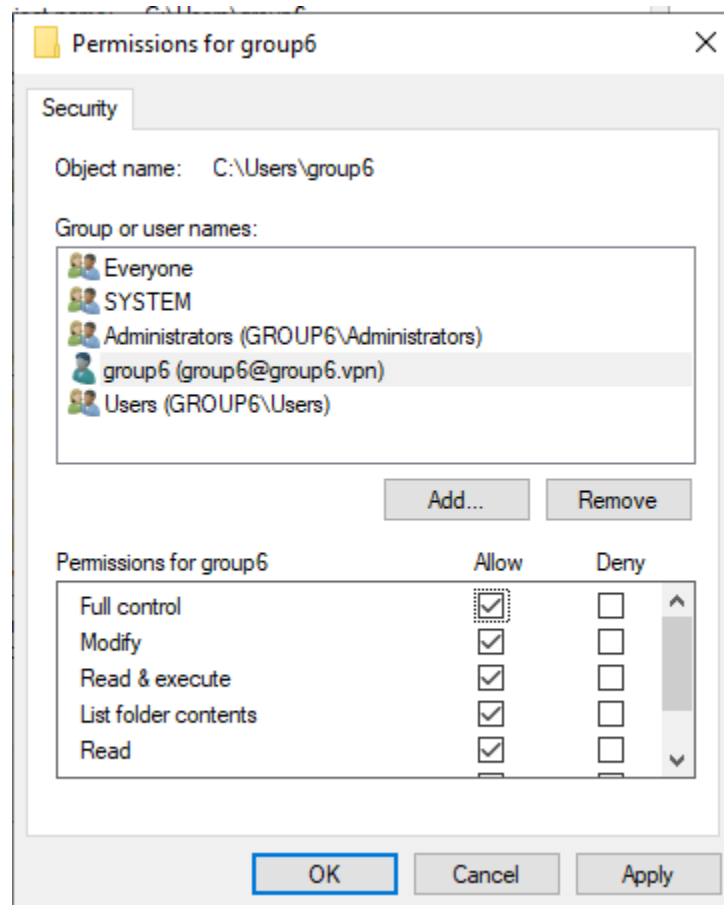
- Select “Add”.



- Type the name of the user and click on “Check Names” and the user should be there.



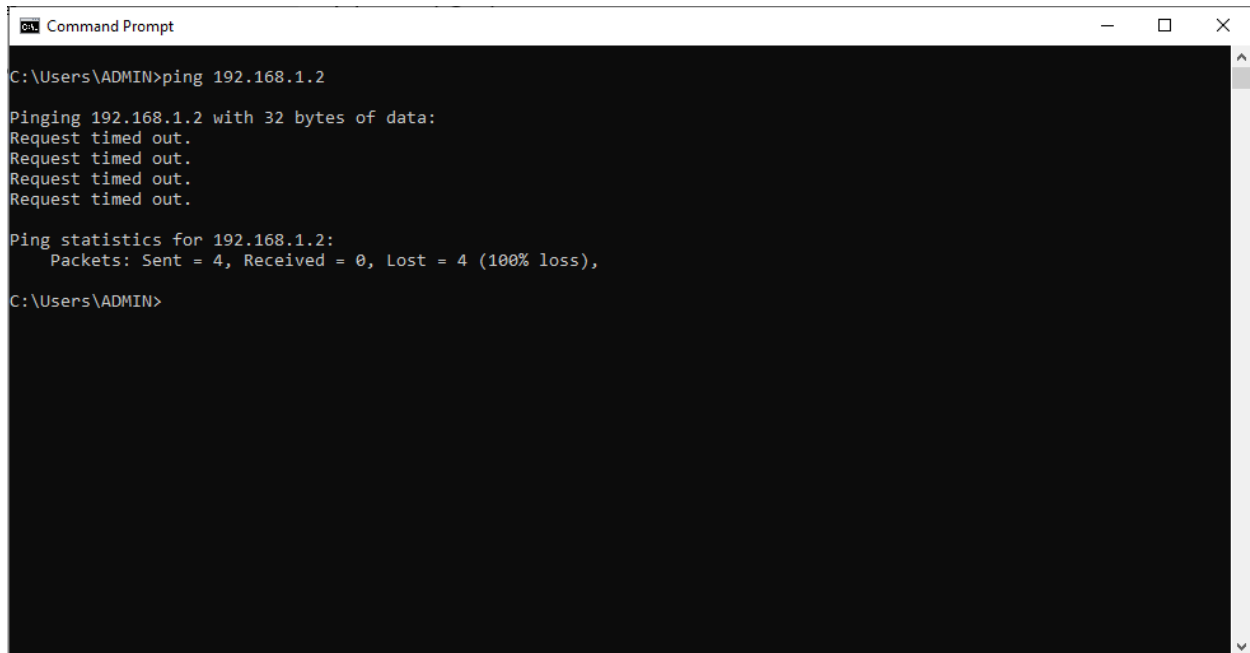
- We gave this user to have full control of the folder.



III. RESULT

3.1 Check the connection.

- First, we will check connection to the File Server from Client before connecting to VPN.



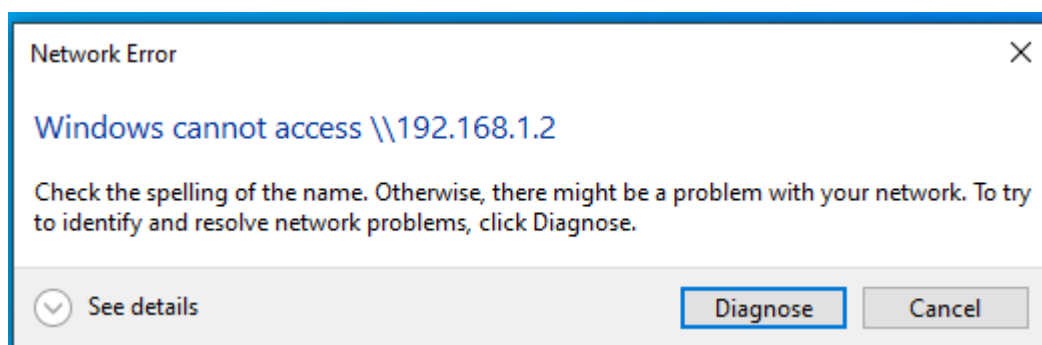
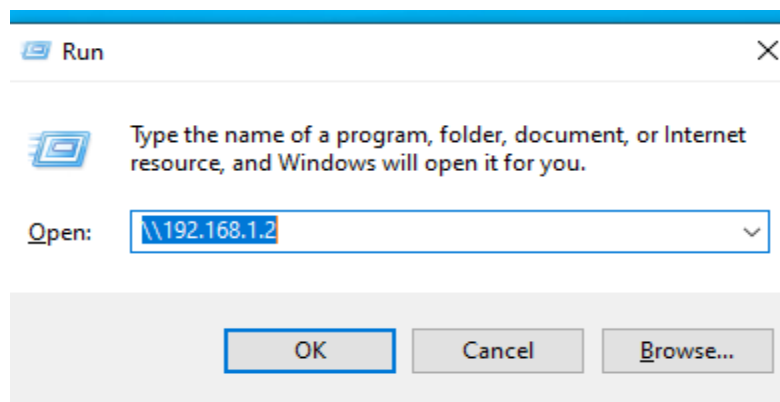
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Command Prompt
C:\Users\ADMIN>ping 192.168.1.2

Pinging 192.168.1.2 with 32 bytes of data:
Request timed out.
Request timed out.
Request timed out.
Request timed out.

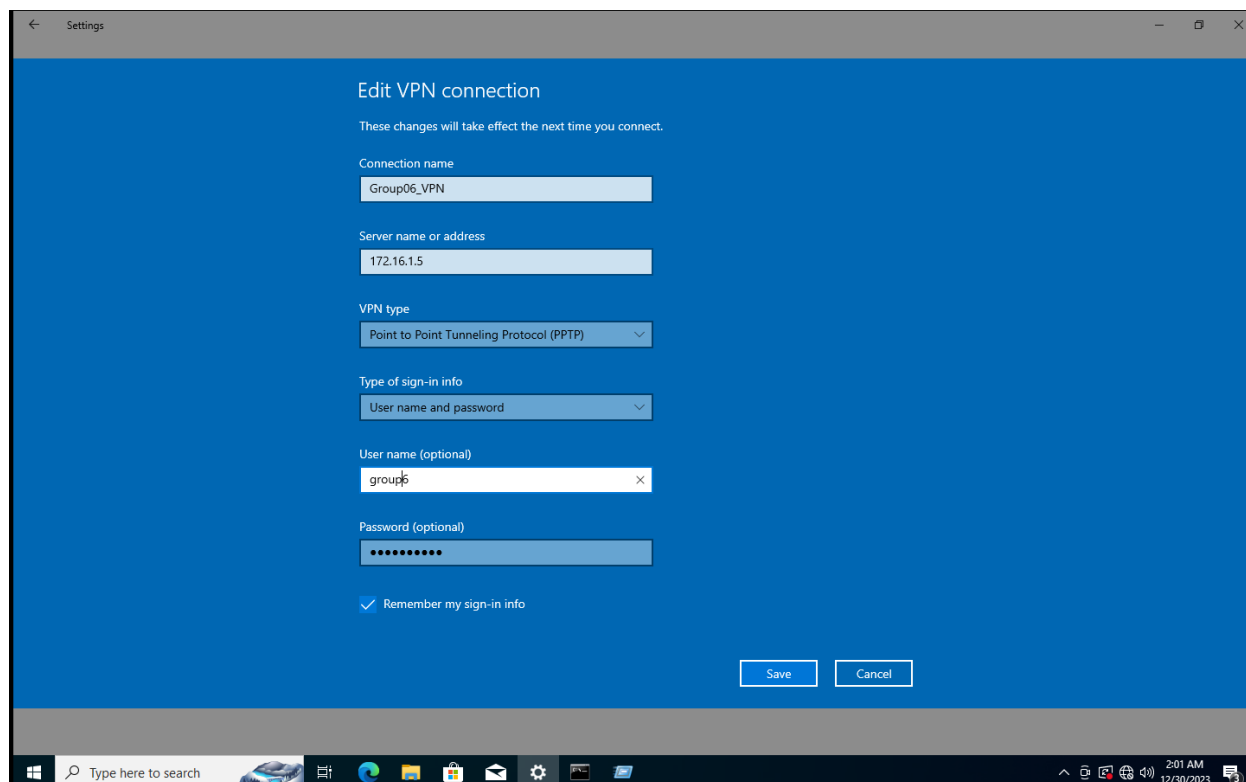
Ping statistics for 192.168.1.2:
    Packets: Sent = 4, Received = 0, Lost = 4 (100% loss),

C:\Users\ADMIN>
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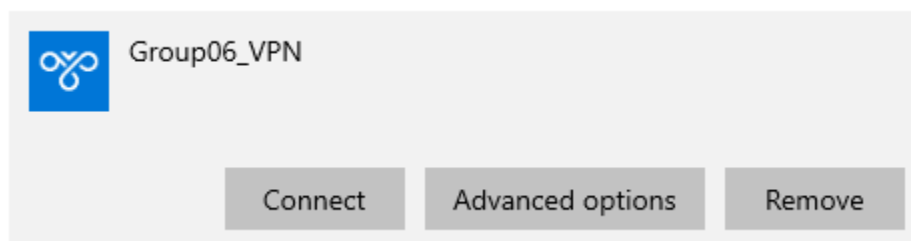
- After that, let's try to access to the File Server using Win + R



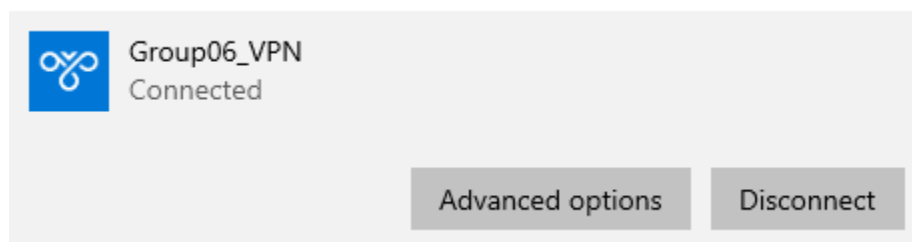
- Now, we will create a VPN connection with these following configurations.



- Then click on “Connect”.



- The result:



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Command Prompt
C:\Users\ADMIN>ipconfig

Windows IP Configuration

PPP adapter Group06_VPN:

    Connection-specific DNS Suffix  . : 
    IPv4 Address. . . . . : 10.0.0.12
    Subnet Mask . . . . . : 255.255.255.255
    Default Gateway . . . . . : 0.0.0.0

Ethernet adapter Ethernet0:

    Connection-specific DNS Suffix  . : 
    IPv4 Address. . . . . : 172.16.1.100
    Subnet Mask . . . . . : 255.255.255.0
    Default Gateway . . . . . : 172.16.1.5

C:\Users\ADMIN>
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- Again, let's check the connection to File Server by pinging.

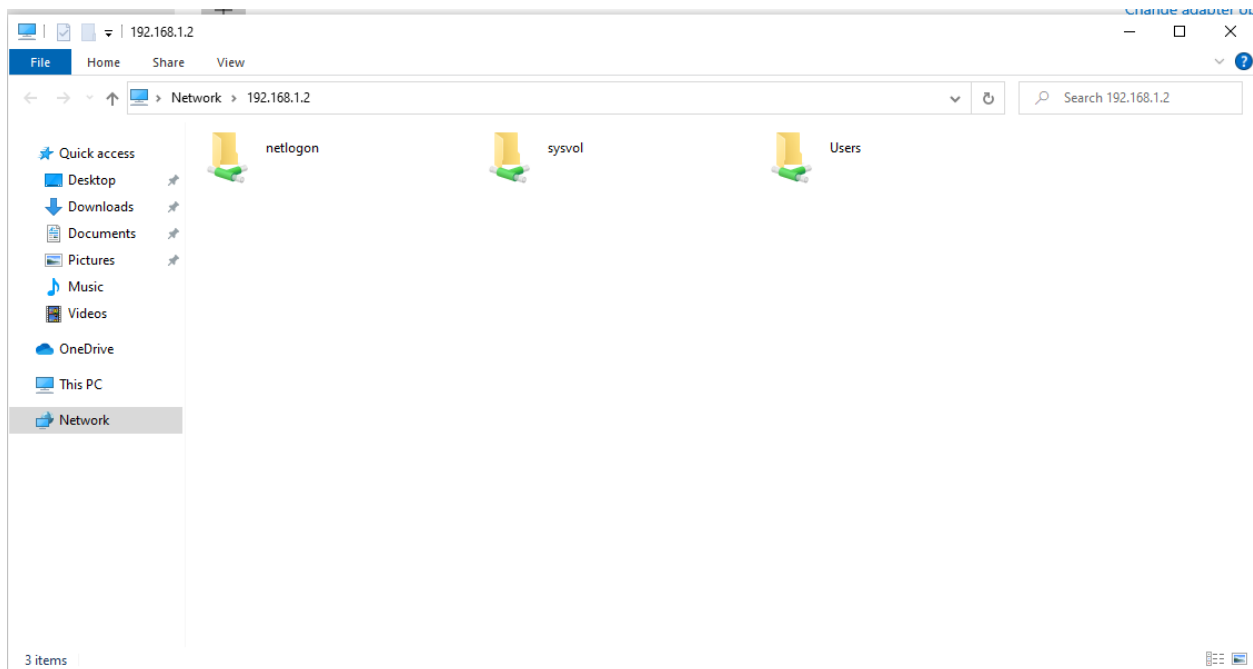
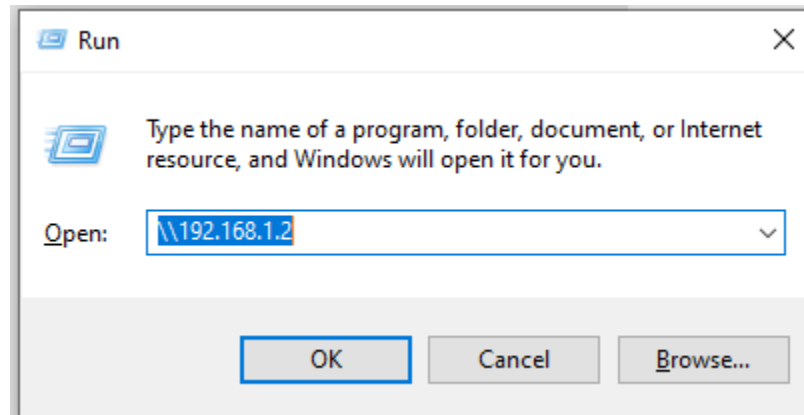
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Command Prompt
C:\Users\ADMIN>ping 192.168.1.2

Pinging 192.168.1.2 with 32 bytes of data:
Reply from 192.168.1.2: bytes=32 time<1ms TTL=127
Reply from 192.168.1.2: bytes=32 time<1ms TTL=127
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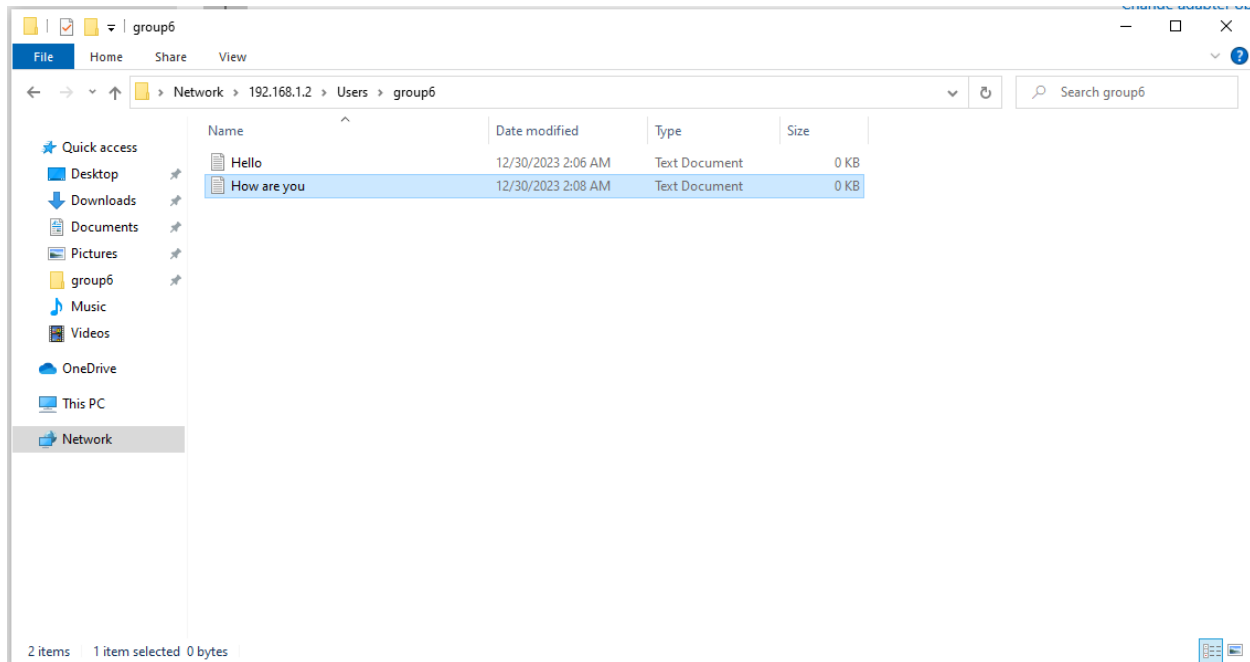
Ping statistics for 192.168.1.2:
    Packets: Sent = 4, Received = 4, Lost = 0 (0% loss),
    Approximate round trip times in milli-seconds:
        Minimum = 0ms, Maximum = 0ms, Average = 0ms

C:\Users\ADMIN>
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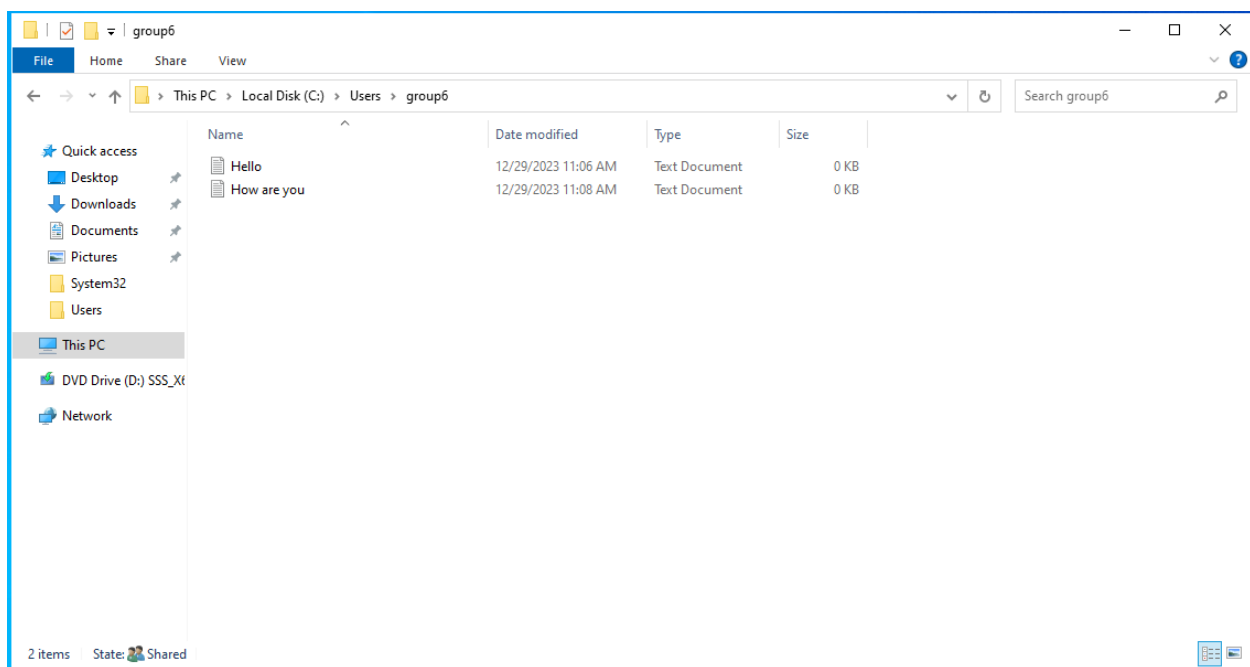
- Let's run Win + R to access to File Server.



- Next, navigate to the created folder for “group6” user and create another .txt file to check the permissions.

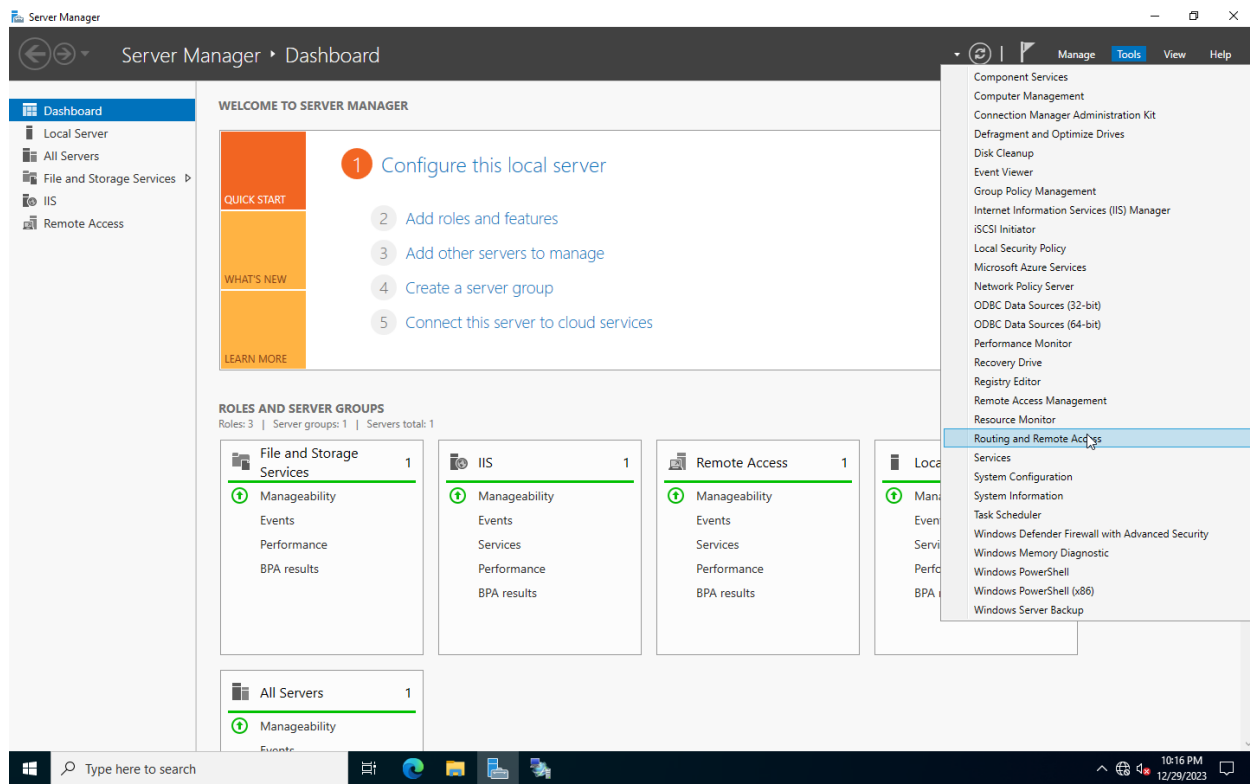


- Then, we will go back to File Server and check the new .txt file.

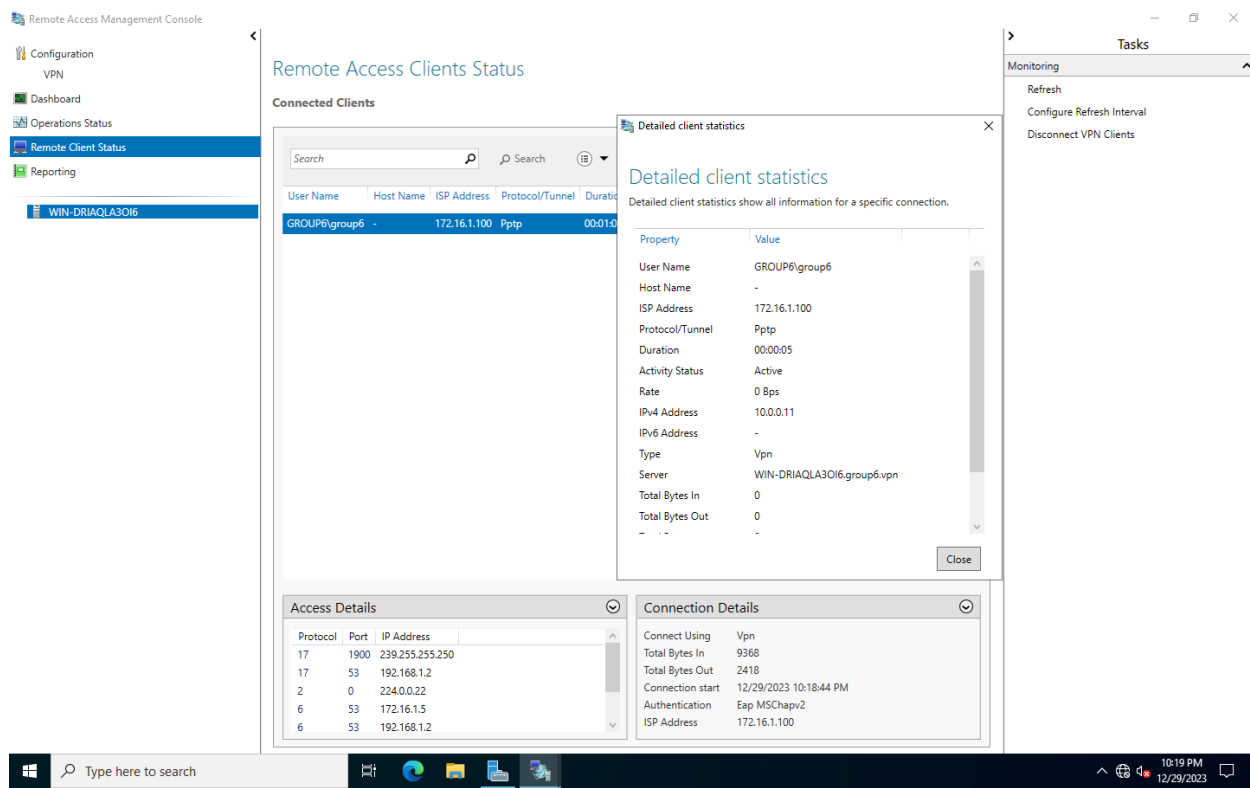


3.2 Monitor VPN Server

- Open “Server Manger” on VPN and navigate to Tool -> Remote Access Management.

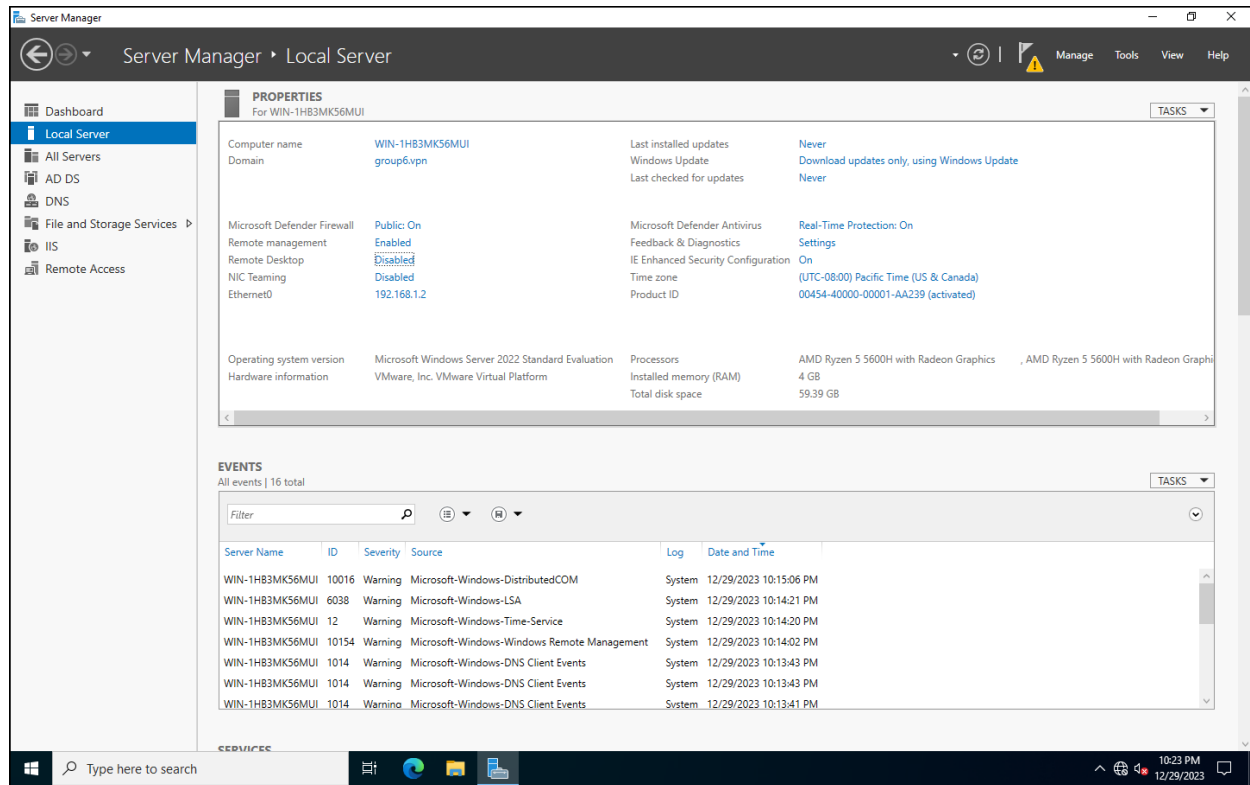


- At “Remote Client Status” we can check user’s VPN connections and monitor them.

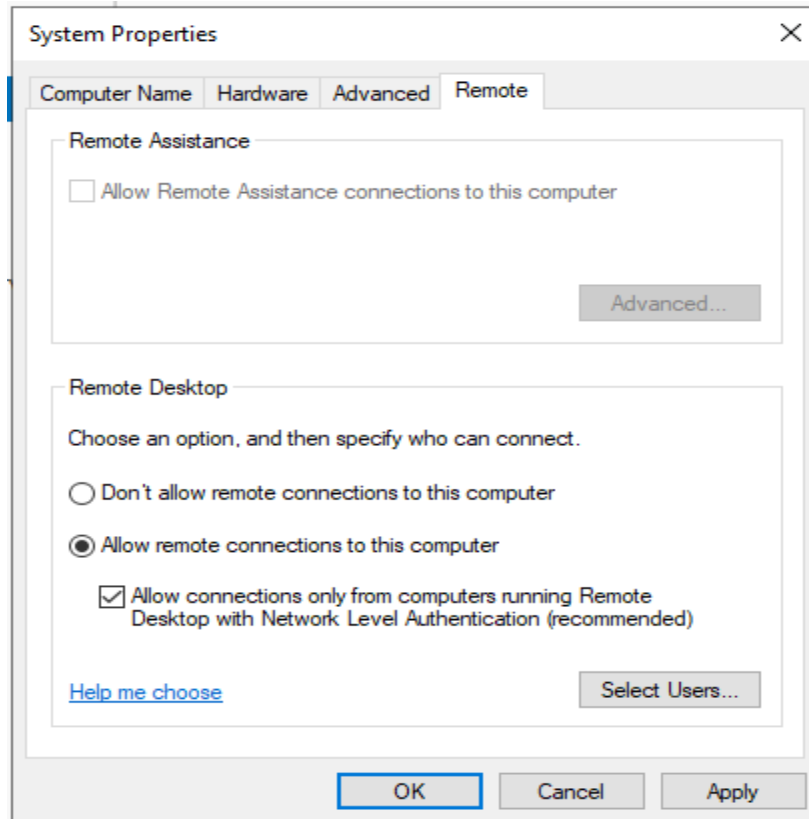


3.3 Advance: Remote Desktop

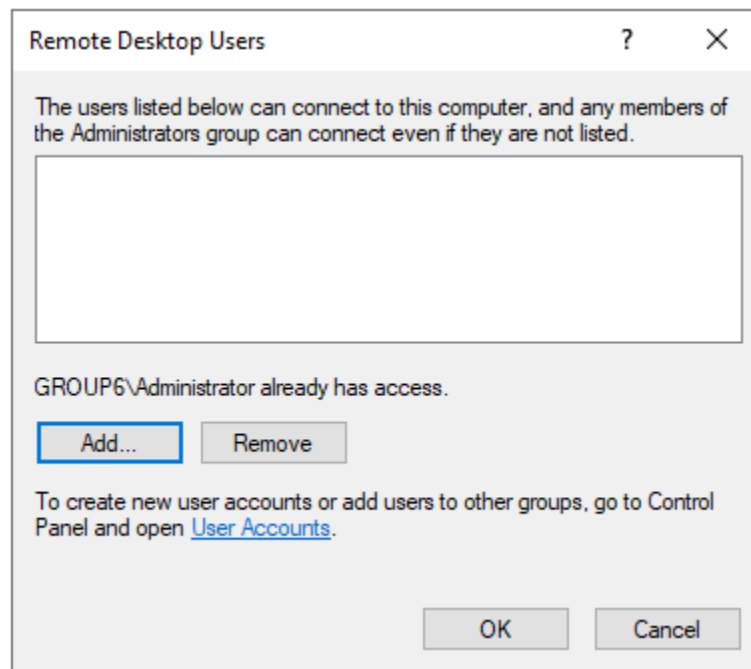
- At File Server, search for the “Local Server” tab and locate “Remote Desktop” and check if it is enabled or not.



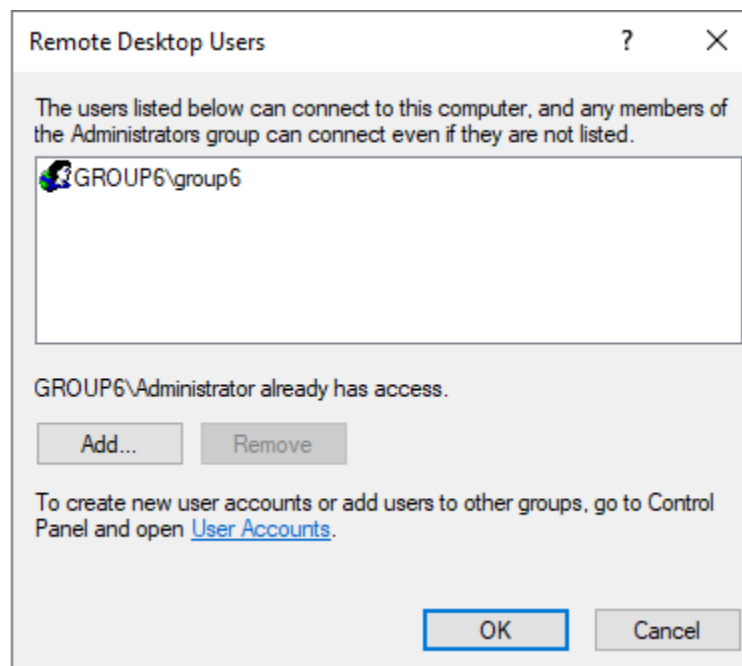
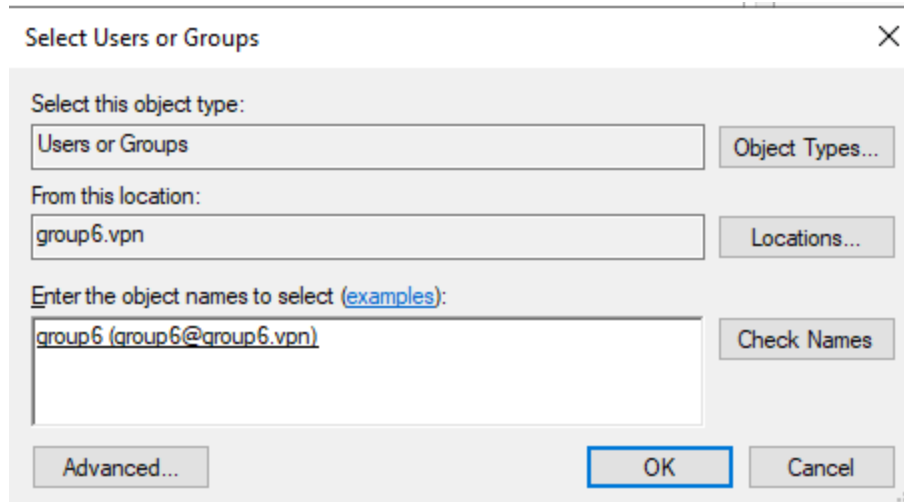
- By default, it is disabled so let's enable by clicking on it.
- A window will pop up, tick the “Allow remote connections to this computer”.



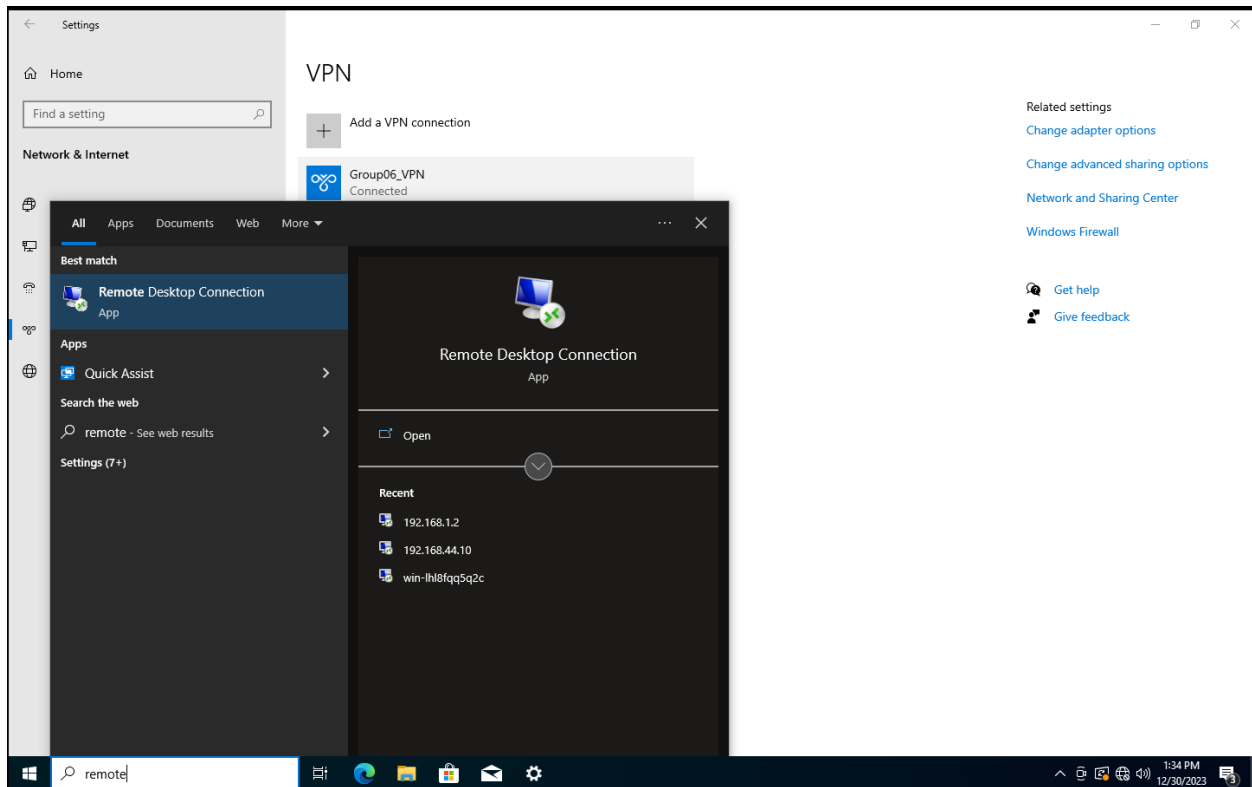
- After that, hit “Selects Users...” and select “Add...”.



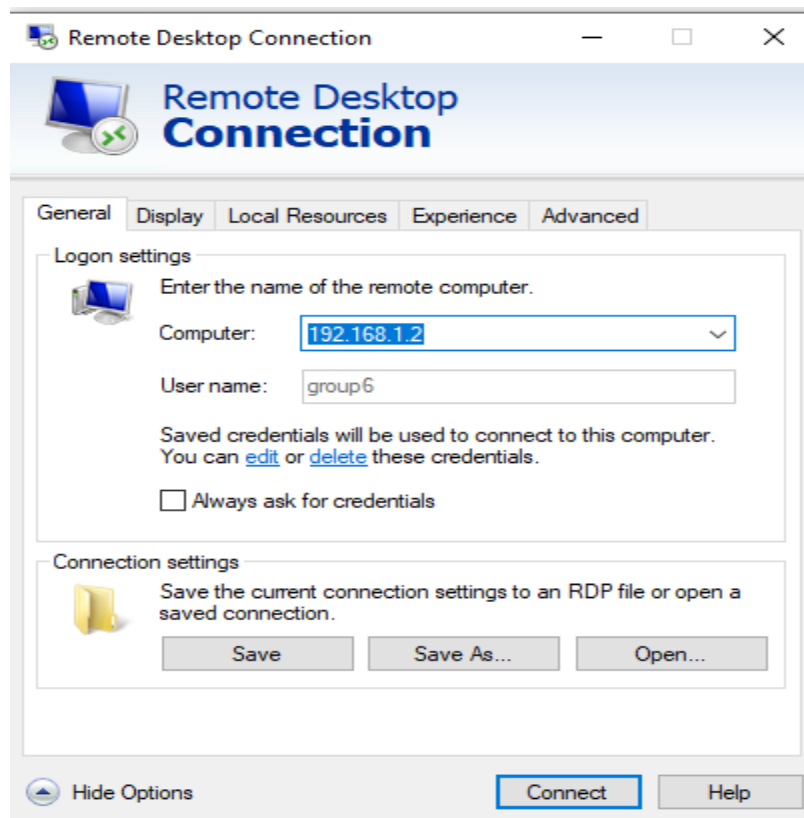
- Enter the username that we want and press “Check Names” then hit OK.

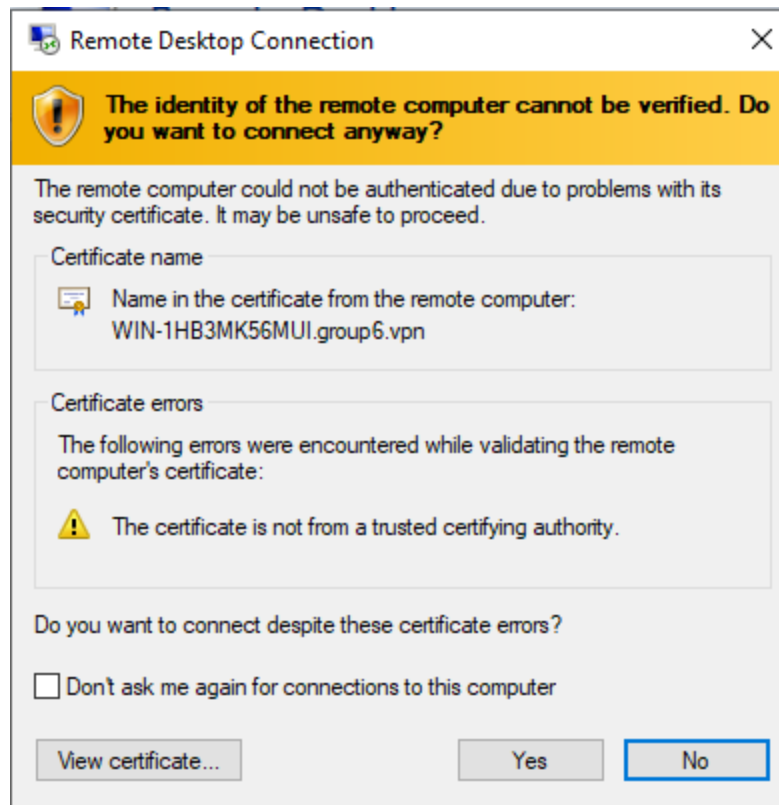


- Now we will check if the client can remote to the File Server.
- At client's machine, search "Remote Desktop Connection".

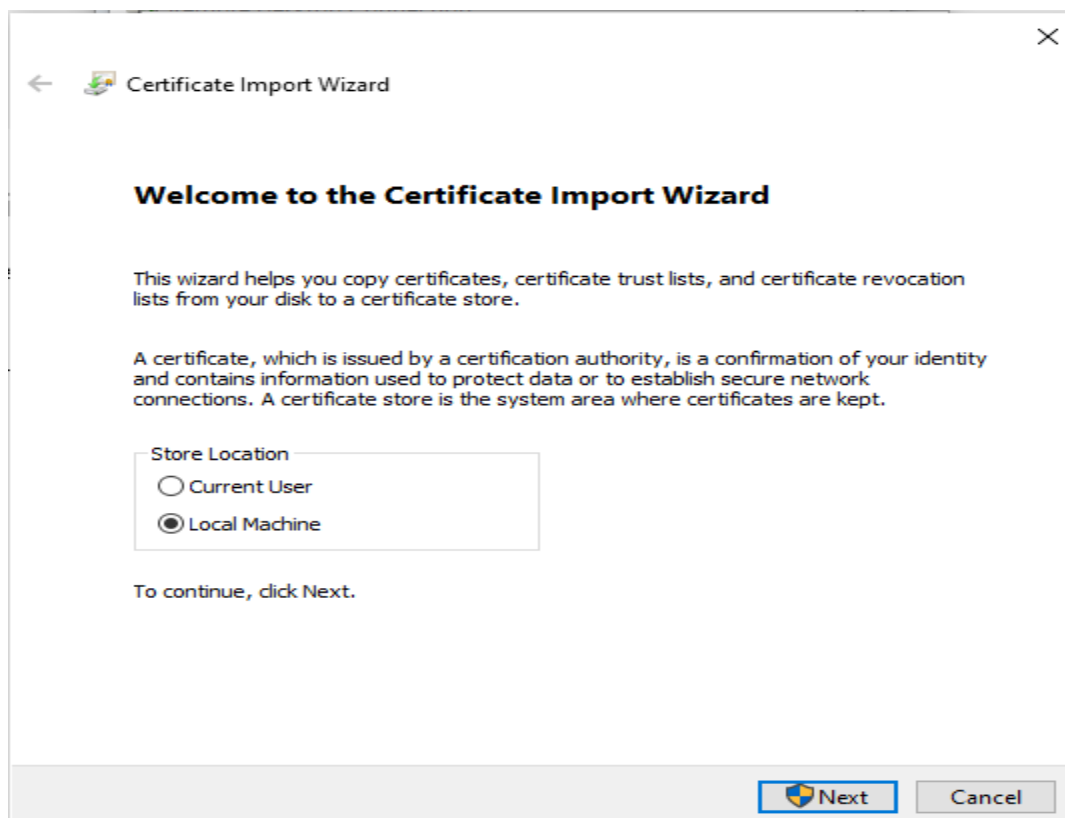
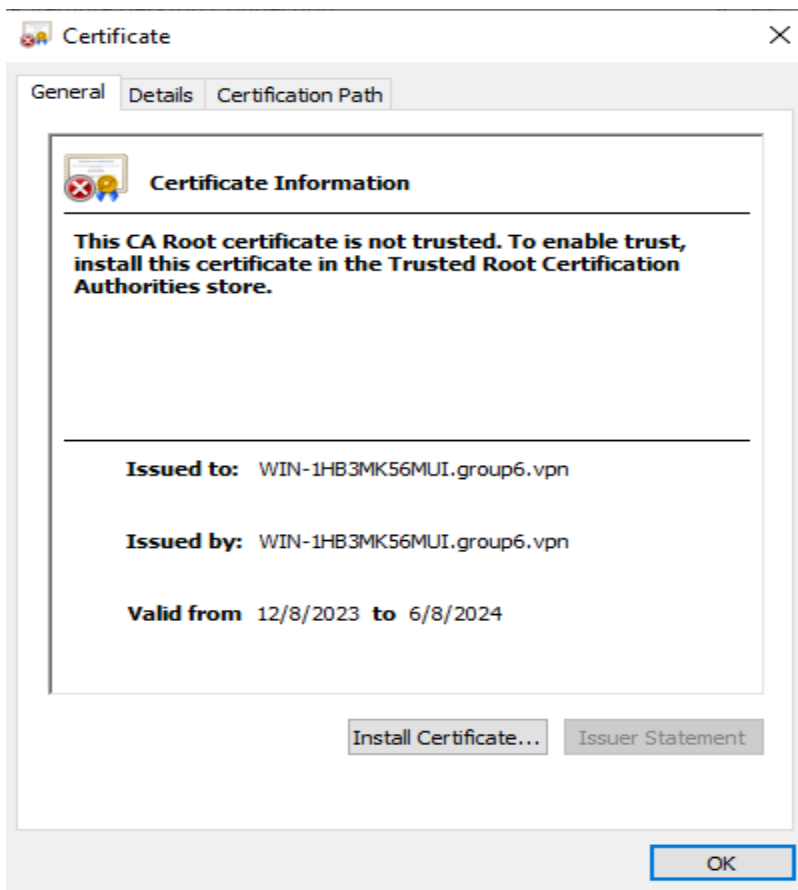


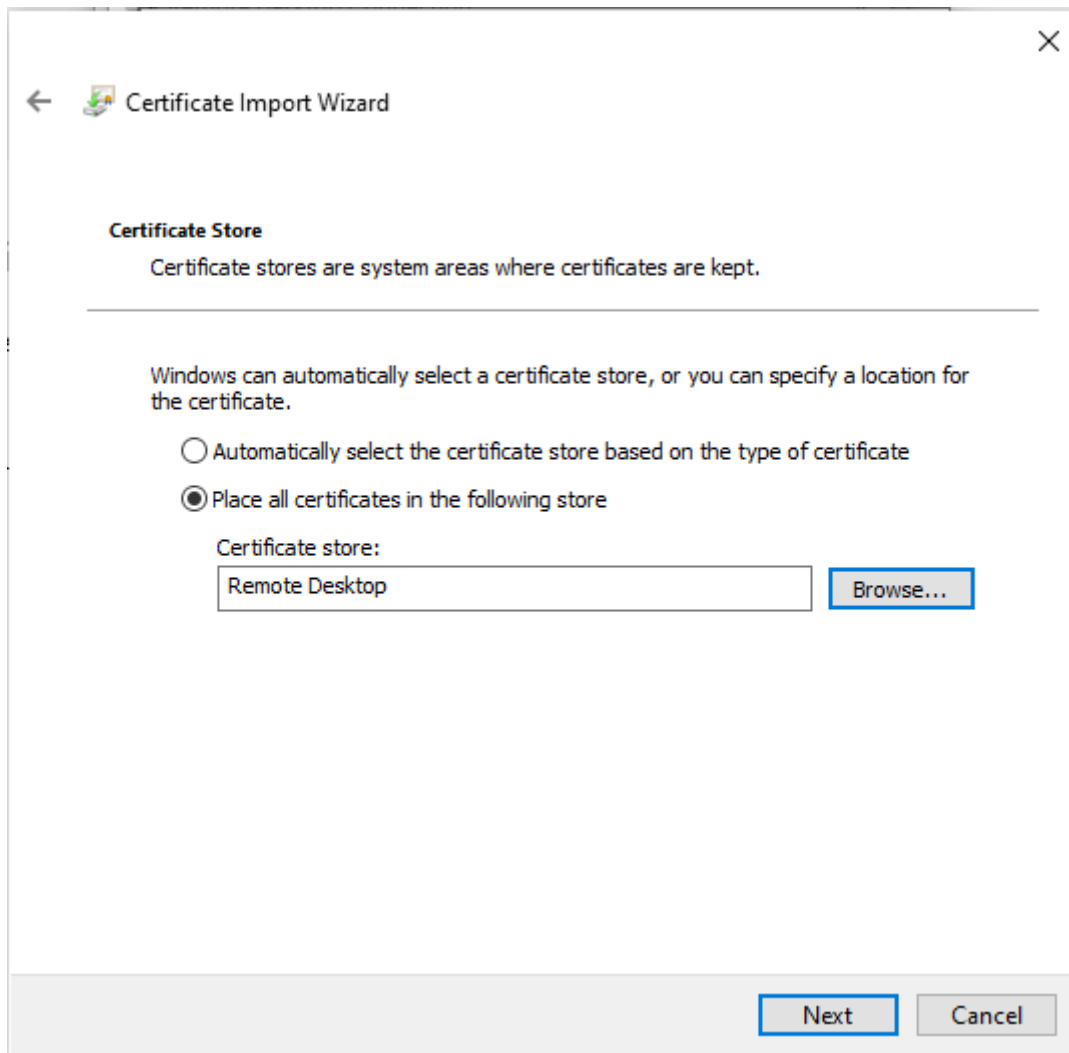
- A window will pop up, now what we need to do is to fill the File Server's ip address at "Computer:" box then hit "Connect"

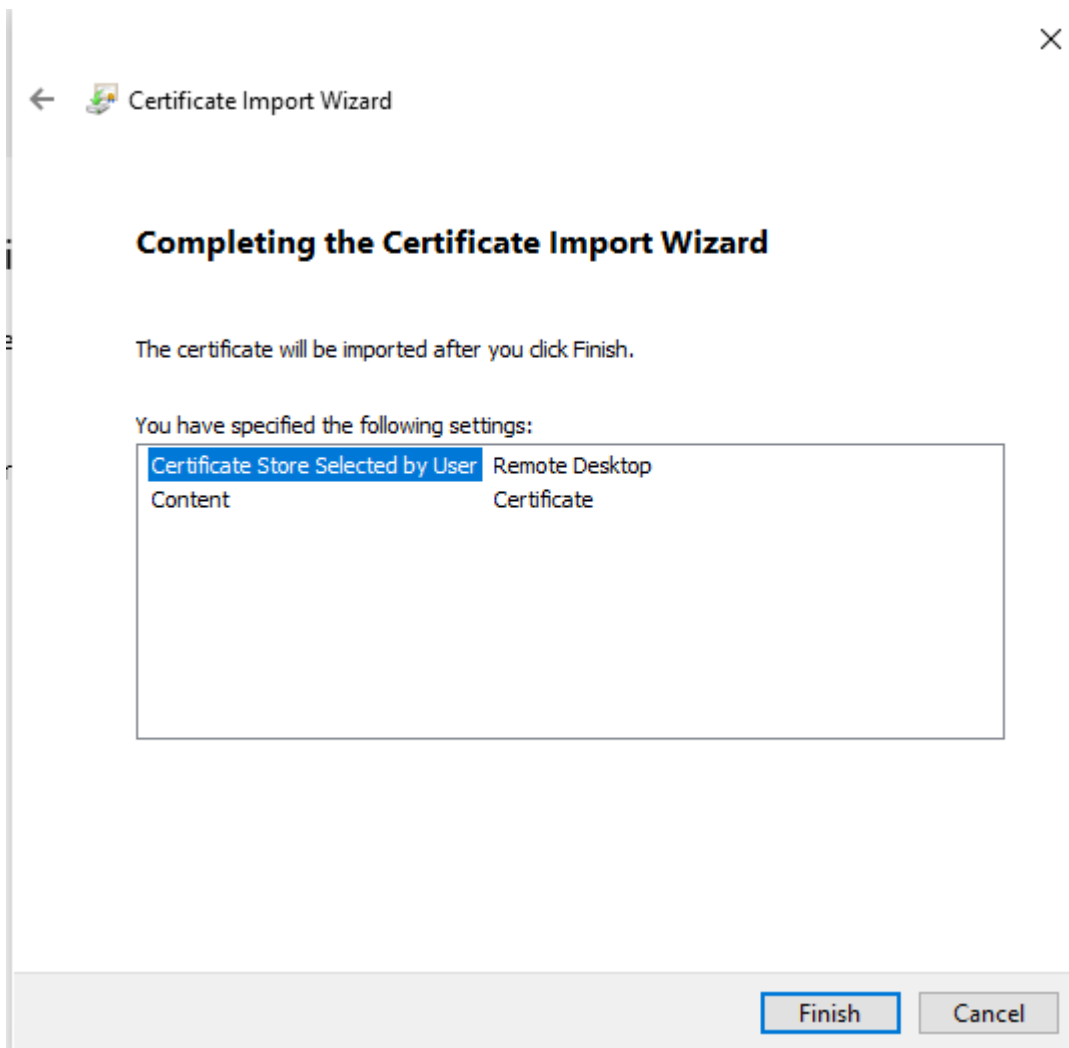




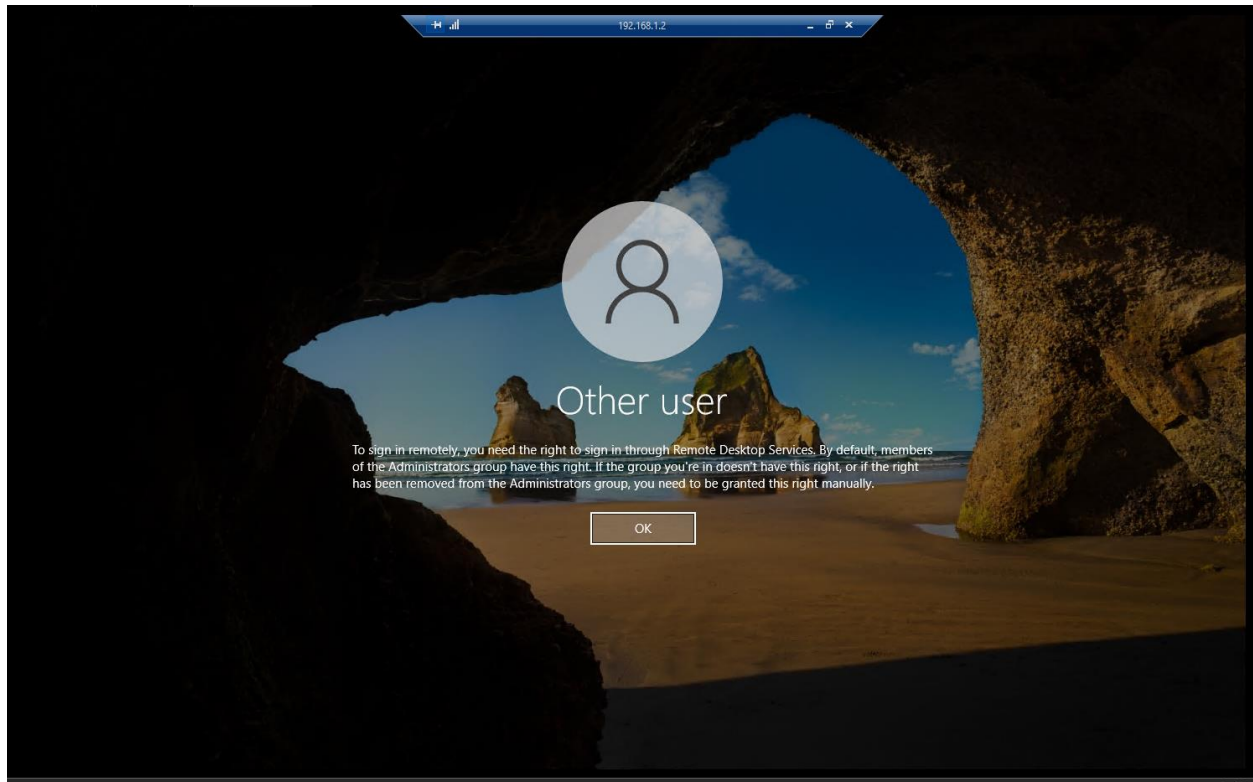
- A warning pop up and say that the File Server's Certificate is not trustable so what we going to do here is hit "View certificate" and install it on the client's machine.



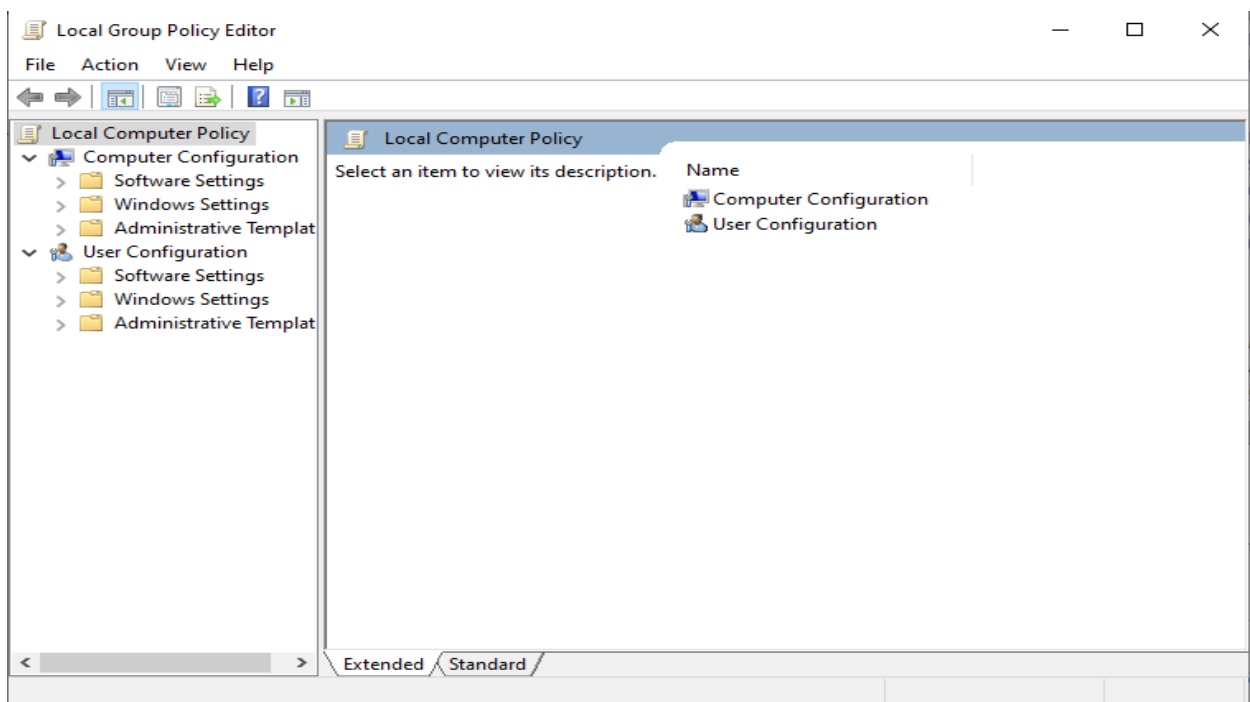




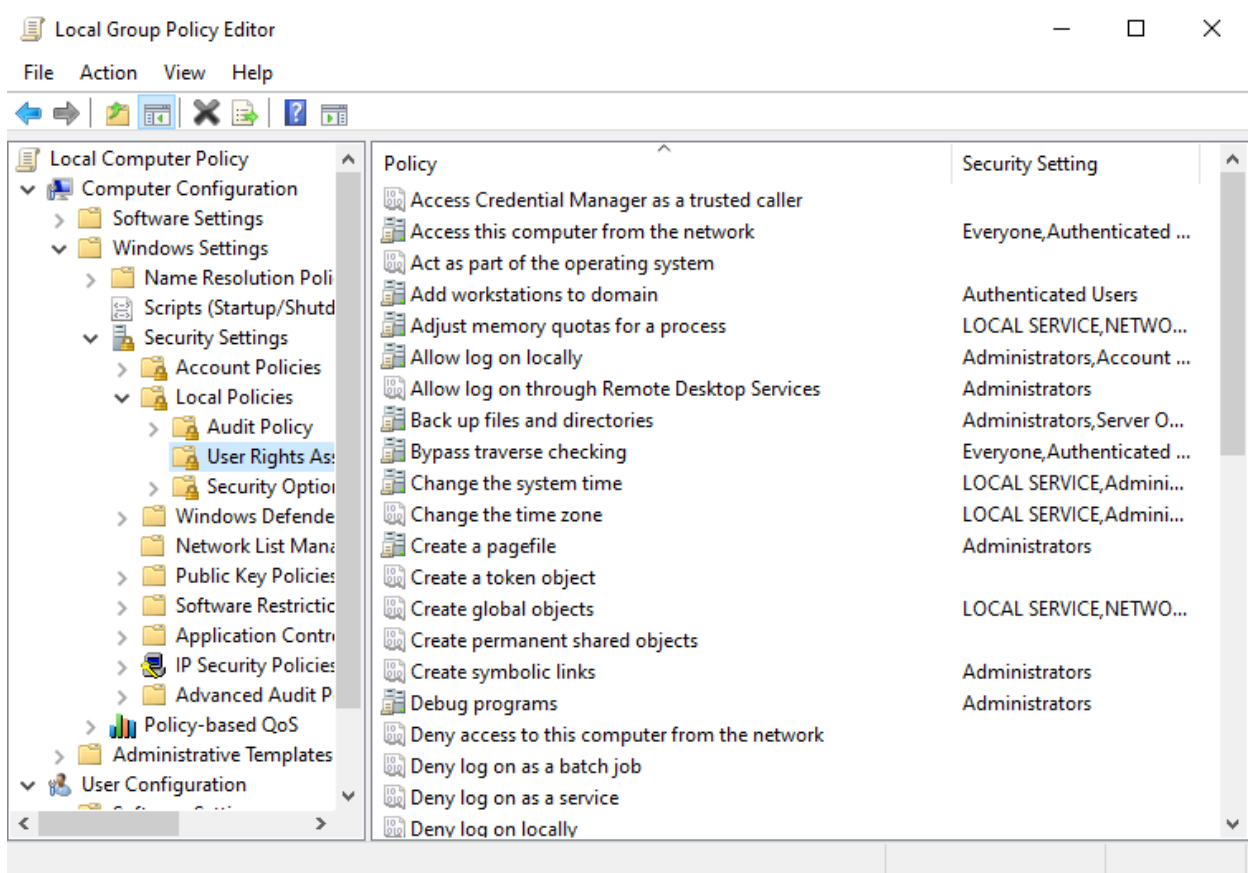
- Let's proceed to the connection.



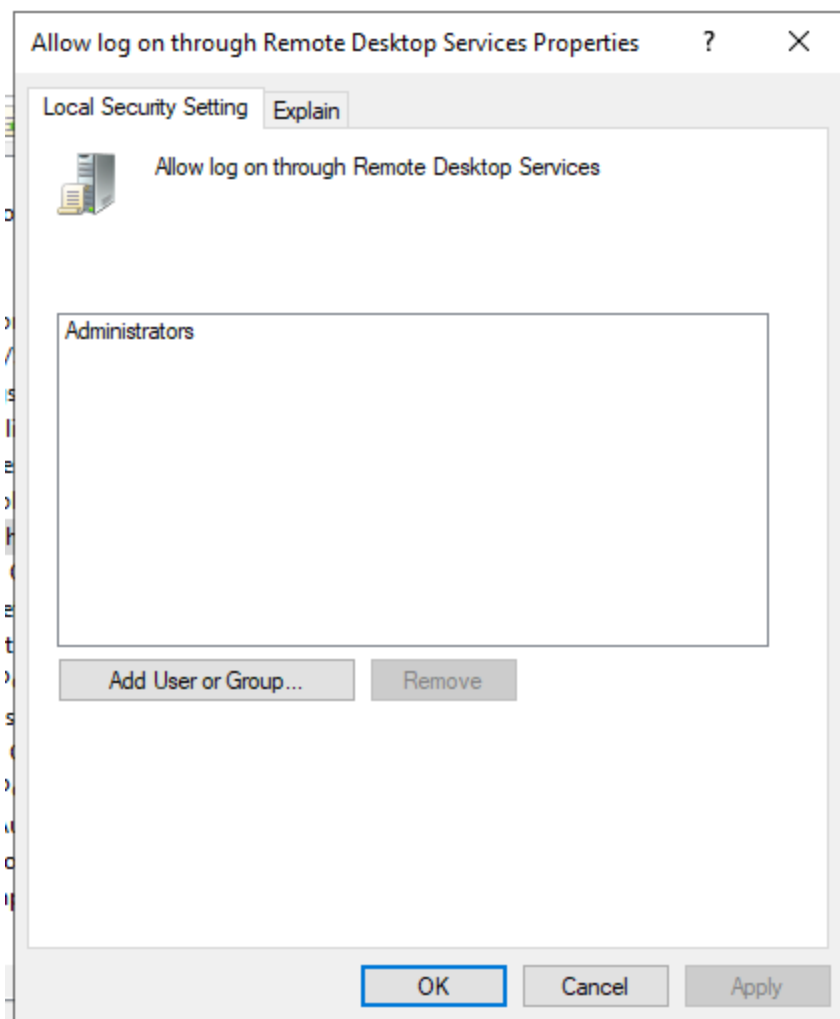
- Well, it did seem like we successfully connected to File Server but it said that we didn't have the right to use this machine.
- We can allow this user to use this machine by editing group policy on File Server.
- Go to File Server and search for "Edit Group Policy" at the search bar.



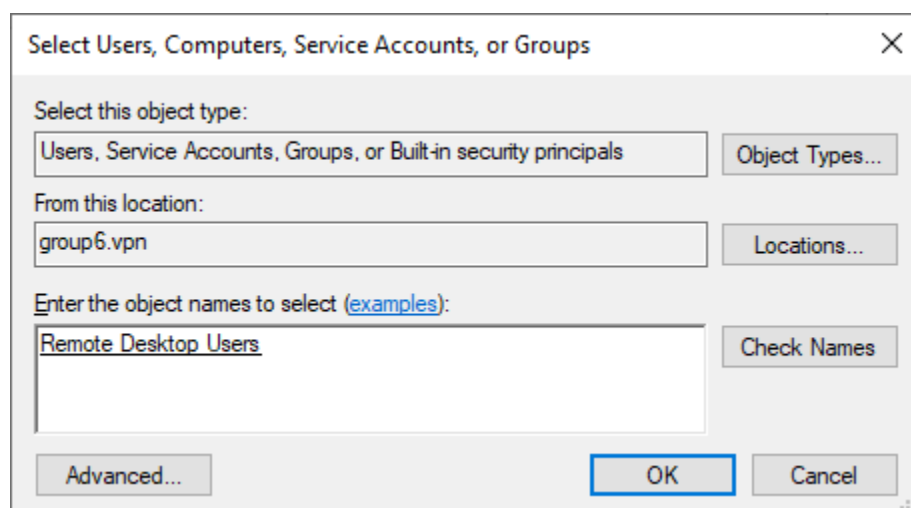
- “Computer Configuration -> Windows Settings -> Security Settings -> Local Policies -> User Rights Assignment”.
- Find “Allow log on through Remote Desktop Services” then double click on it.

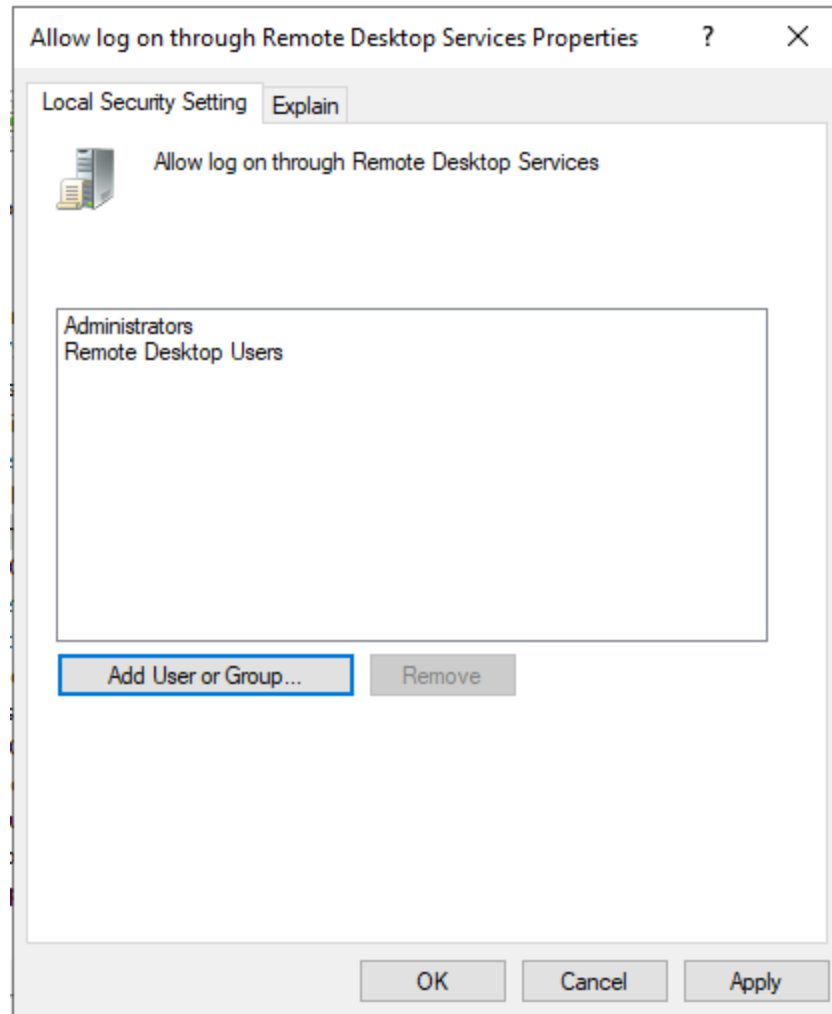


- “Add User or Group”.

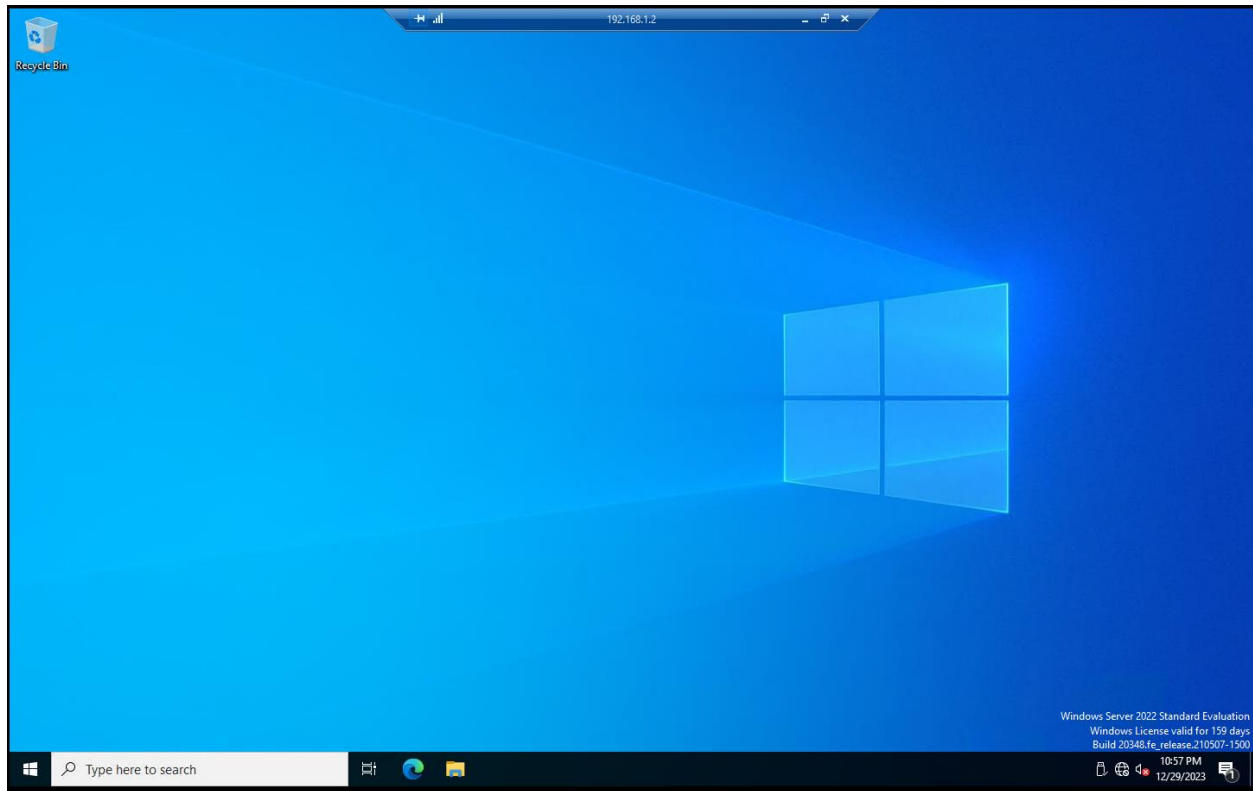


- Type in "Remote Desktop Users", that means any user in this group will have the right to use this machine through Remote Desktop Service then "Apply".

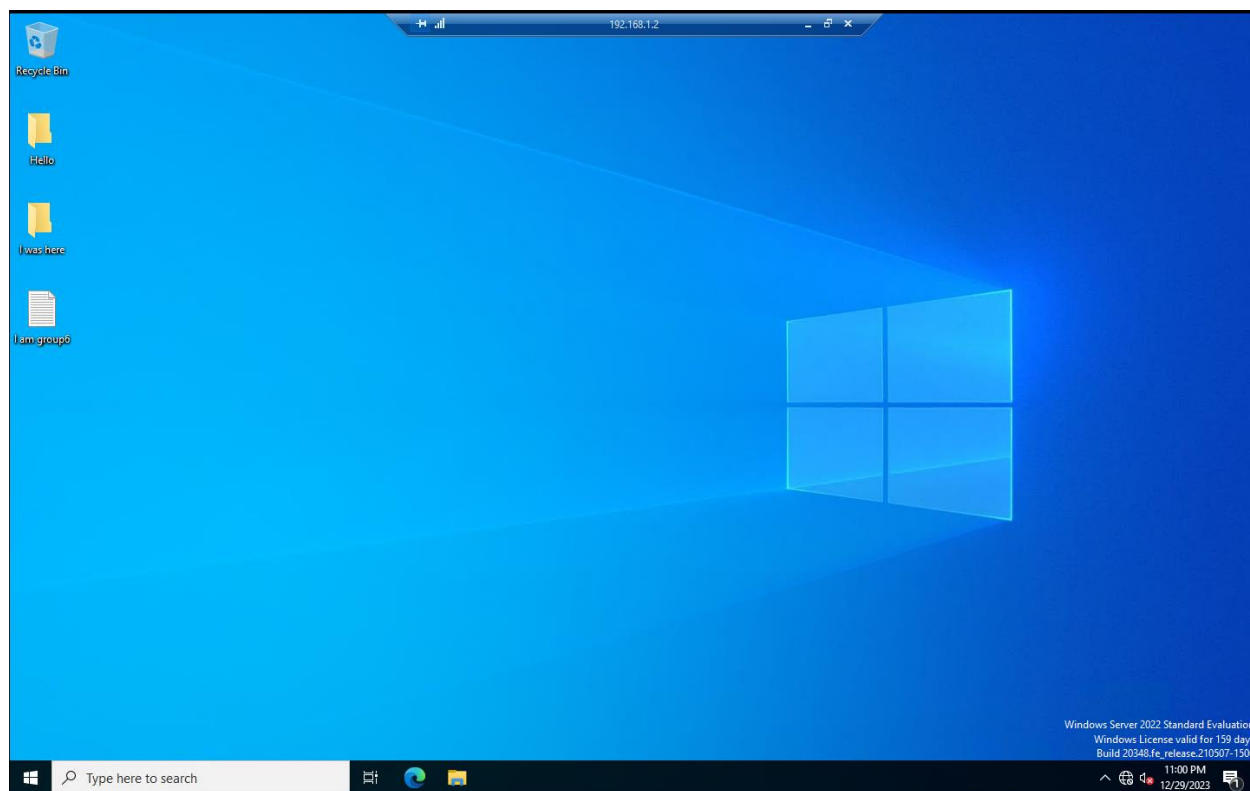




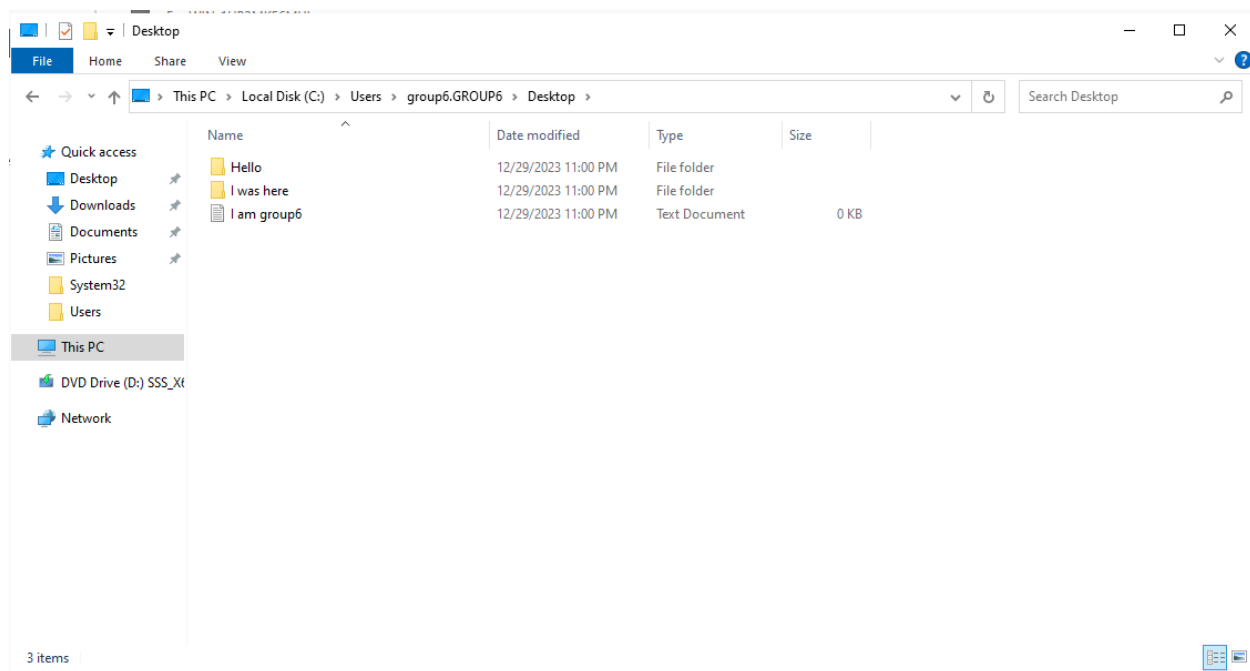
- Now, we will go back to Client's machine and test the Remote Connection.



- This time, we successfully connected to the File Server Desktop and started using it.
- Let's add some folder and .txt file at the desktop.



- Go back to File Server and see if there's any change on user's folder.



And that's all we've done regarding setting up a VPN server on a Windows server as well as implementing remote desktop.

IV. APPENDIX

4.1 Self-evaluation

Report format	Presentation	Theory	Demonstration
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4.2 Task Assignment

Members	Tasks	Percentage of Completing
Lý Thế Nguyên	Report, Theory, Configuration, Demonstration	100%
Trần Phúc Hoàng Duy	Report, Theory, Installation, Configuration	100%
Lê Triệu Vĩ	Report, Theory, Configuration, Advance	100%

4.3 Question and answer

Q: Làm sao để thiết lập và quản lý các kết nối VPN từ xa trên Windows Server để cho phép người dùng truy cập an toàn vào mạng nội bộ?

- A: - Trên window server, thiết lập các giao thức như PPTP, L2TP, OpenVPN,...
- Cấu hình xác thực bao gồm username/password hoặc certificate
 - Theo dõi và quản lý các kết nối VPN thông qua Remote Access Mangement.
 - Kiểm tra log để theo dõi các hoạt động và vấn đề liên quan đến kết nối VPN

Q: how vpn manage user for specific roles?

A: VPNs can manage user roles and access through a few differents methods like: User Authentication and Authorization, Role-Based Access Control, Network Access Policies

Q: Why can you hide your ip when using vpn, and can any party know your ip when using vpn to access?

A: - When you connect to a VPN, your device establishes a connection with the VPN server. Your internet requests are then forwarded through this server. Any website or service you access sees the IP address of the VPN server instead of your actual IP address.

- Your VPN provider can see your real IP address because they handle the initial connection. An ISP can also see a connection is being made to a VPN server.

Q: Explain the VPN tunnel in your deploy

A: - First of all, any data transmitted from the user's device to the VPN server is encapsulated. A packet header is added to the original data packet, creating an outer packet.

- The outer packet which now includes the original data packet and the additional header is encrypted. This encryption secures the entire packet.
- Upon reaching the VPN server, the encrypted packet is received and decrypted using appropriate keys. The outer packet header is removed, leaving the original data packet intact.
- The packet is now available on the private network and forwarded to its intended destination.