Unit - 1

Installing Windows Server: Prepare an installation plan, Prepare the server hardware, Set up the server hardware, Install an operating system

Systems Administrator

 A system administrator is a professional who maintains computer systems, servers, and networks of their clients.

 They are required to understand the specific requirement of their clients and accordingly recommend or suggest computer systems designs for them.

Systems Administrator Job Roles and Responsibilities

- Systems administrators are **responsible for managing** the server and network hardware lifecycles, documentation, and security.
- The sysadmin may also advise the business on emerging technologies and may have a role in capacity planning.
- The primary skill of a systems administrator is problem-solving.
- Sysadmins typically have a variety of skills and work with a wide range of technologies.

Common Sysadmin Responsibilities

- Installing, configuring, and managing server hardware, applications, and network components
- Managing the server lifecycle
- Monitoring server performance
- Providing capacity planning and growth
- Managing user and group accounts for access control
- Troubleshooting

Common Sysadmin Responsibilities

- Working with other information technology (IT) teams, possibly including the service desk, developers, desktop support
- Accepting escalated service desk tickets
- Managing different technologies, such as databases, virtualization, cloud, backups, disaster recovery
- Managing network services, such as web, email, name resolution, Internet protocol (IP) address configuration
- Providing documentation
- Advising the business on security policies, and implementing those policies

Servers Versus Workstations

- Workstations are usually assigned to end users.
 - These devices do not tend to have redundant hardware and often do not have high-performance capabilities.
 - Workstations also typically have a client OS installed.
 - These OSs are optimized for a single user

- Server hardware is designed for high performance and redundancy.
 - Often, a server includes multiple network interface cards (NICs), power supplies, and HDDs.
 - The server may **also have** a great deal of random access memory (RAM) and multiple powerful central processing units (CPUs).
 - The server's **form factor** may be measured in 1.75 inch (44.45 mm) units that permit it to be installed into standardized server racks.
 - The server will be 19" wide and one or more units high. Servers typically have a **server OS** installed.

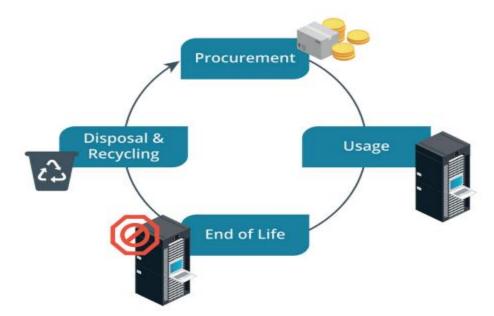
Servers Versus Workstations

Workstation Characteristics	Server Characteristics
Assigned to end user	Secured in a server room
No redundant hardware	Redundant hardware
No high-performance hardware	High-performance hardware
Client OS optimized for a single user	Server operating system optimized for multiple users
Applications optimized for a single user	Applications optimized for multiple users
Elegant graphical user interface	Limited or no graphical user interface
Desktop or laptop form factor	Rack-mounted form factor
Microsoft Windows 10	Microsoft Windows Server 2019
Ubuntu Desktop Linux	Red Hat Enterprise Linux 8 (RHEL 8)
MacOS	

Server Lifecycle

• Server administrators are responsible for the lifecycle of the server.

• The term "lifecycle" normally specifies four phases: procurement, usage, end of life, and disposal/recycling.



The Four Major Subsystems

• Computer systems are specified based on the **four major subsystems**, which are also useful measurements for the system's performance.

- The **four subsystems** are the following:
 - **Processor**—the CPU represents the amount of processing power the system has available.
 - **Memory**—the RAM represents storage capacity available to the CPU for quick access to data.

The Four Major Subsystems

• **Storage**—the storage drives represent storage capacity and access speeds available for the OS and user data.

• **Network**—the capacity for sending and receiving information across the network.

Prepare the server hardware, Set up the server hardware

• Servers are available in a tower form factor, much like a standard workstation, or in a rack-mounted form factor.

• They could also be deployed as **blades**.

Prepare the server hardware, Set up the server hardware

- Tower Form Factor: A server with a tower form factor fits easily into space not normally designed for large servers.
 - This is useful in *small offices* or other settings where a traditional NOC is not available.
 - Tower servers are arranged on *shelves or tables*, where they are easily accessed.
 - Tower form factors are less space efficient than rack-mounted servers, however.
 - Towers consume space vertically.

Prepare the server hardware, Set up the server hardware

- Blade Form Factor: Servers may also be deployed as blades.
 - Multiple blade servers are *installed* in a single chassis, or blade enclosure.
 - Each blade has its *own* CPU, memory, and storage connections, but all share redundant power supplies, cooling, and other components.
 - The blades themselves are *hot swappable* in the event of a failure.
 - Blades and blade enclosures are particularly *useful* for web servers, virtualization servers, and clustering.



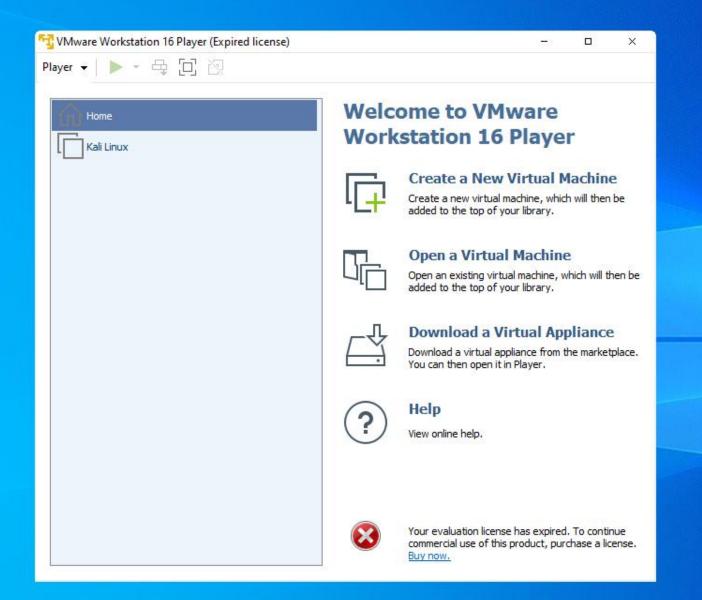
Server in the blade form factor, installed within a chassis. (Image by Mikhail Starodubov © 123RF.com)



Server rack holding multiple components. (Image © 123RF.com)

Installation of Windows Server 2012 R2 in VMWare

















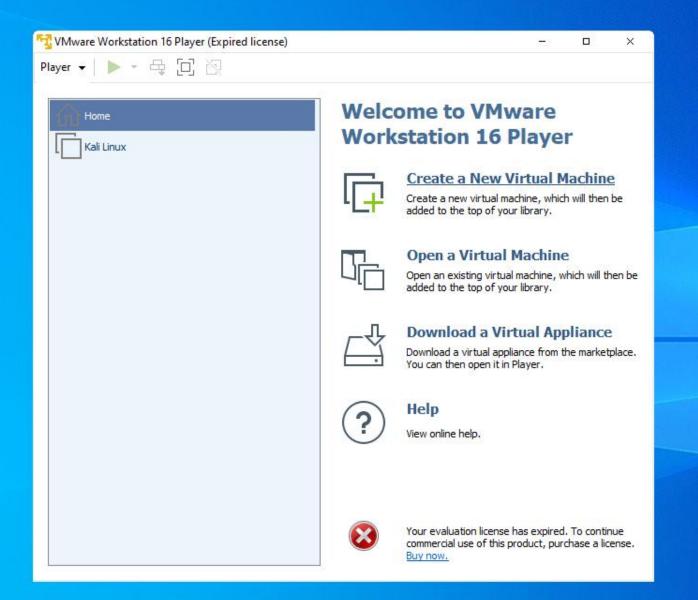




























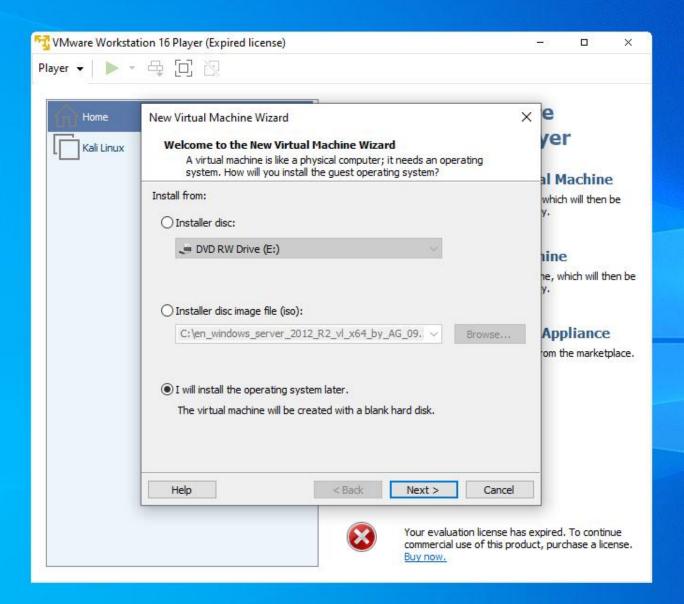


























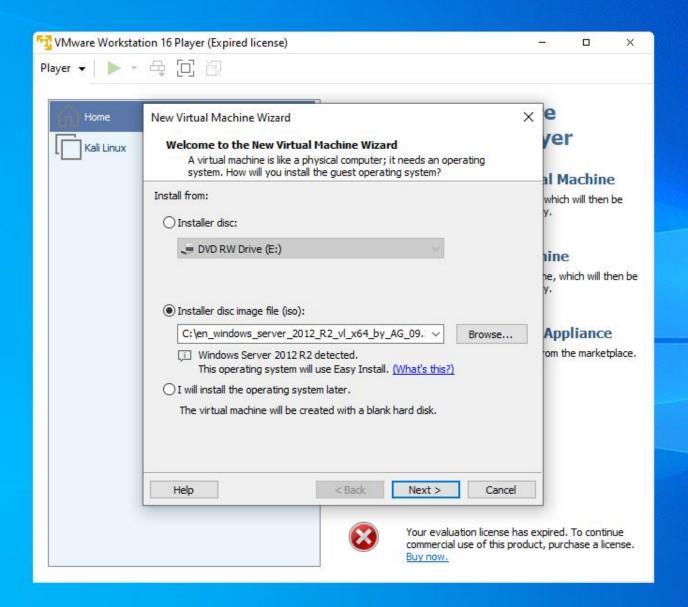




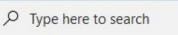






















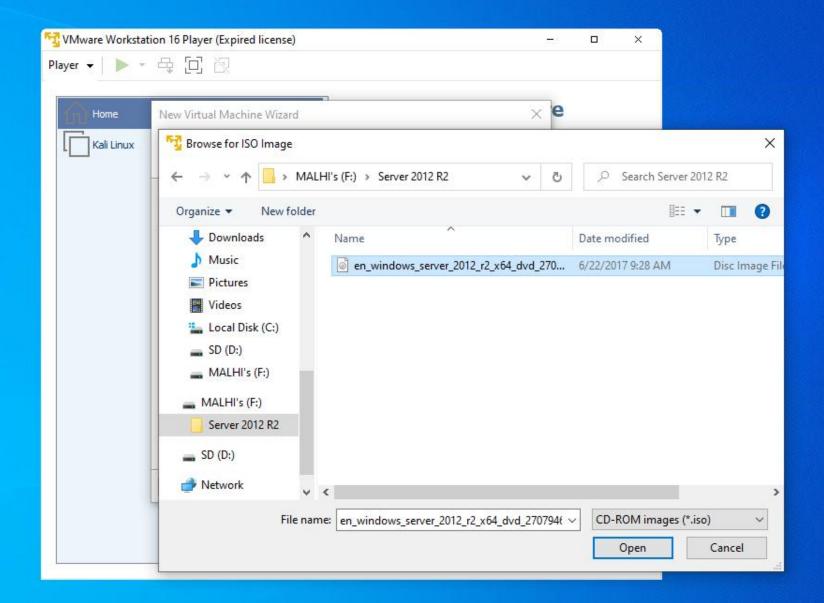


















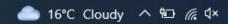




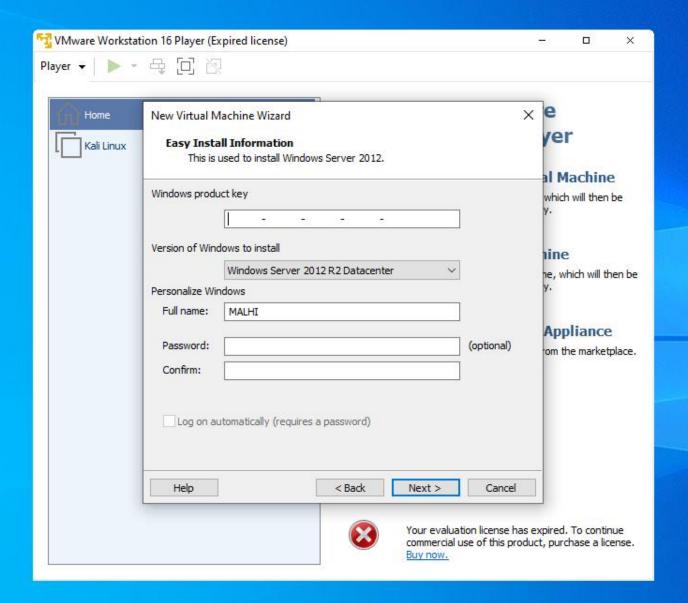




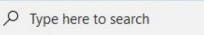






















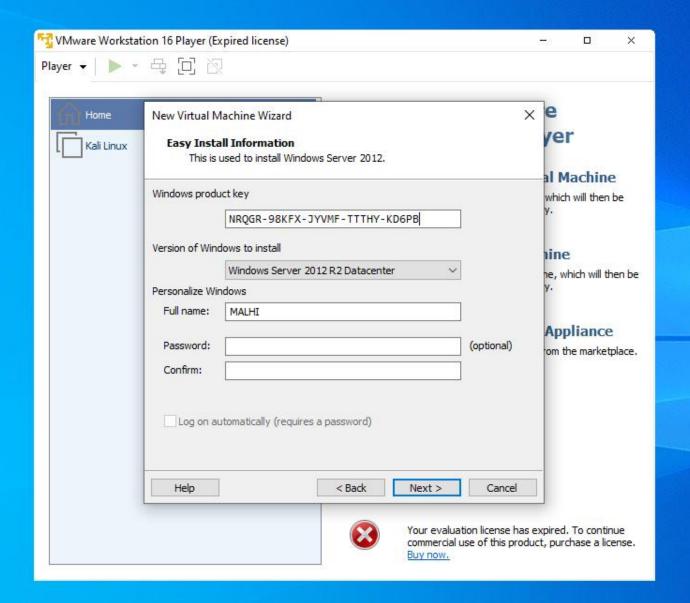




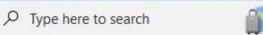




















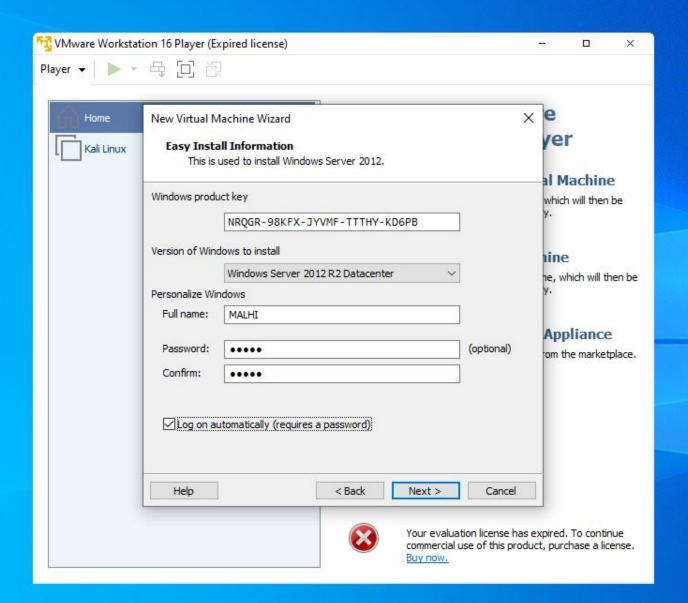




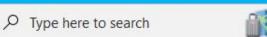




















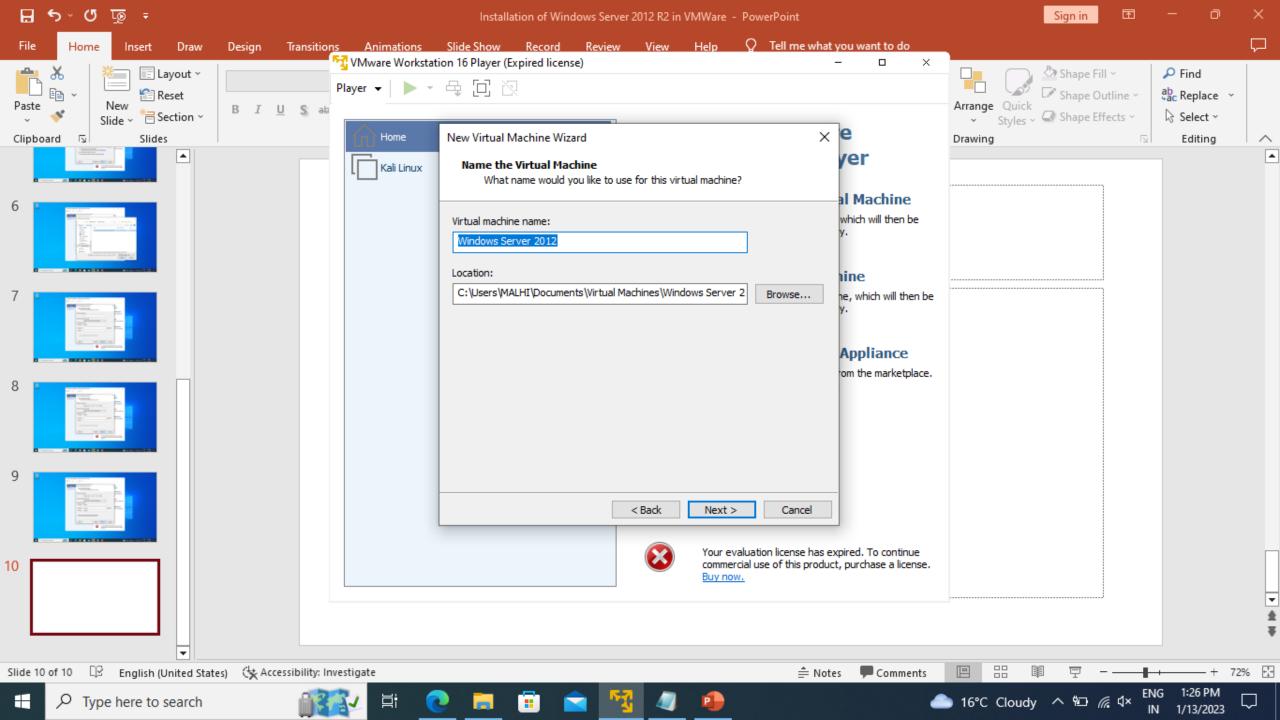


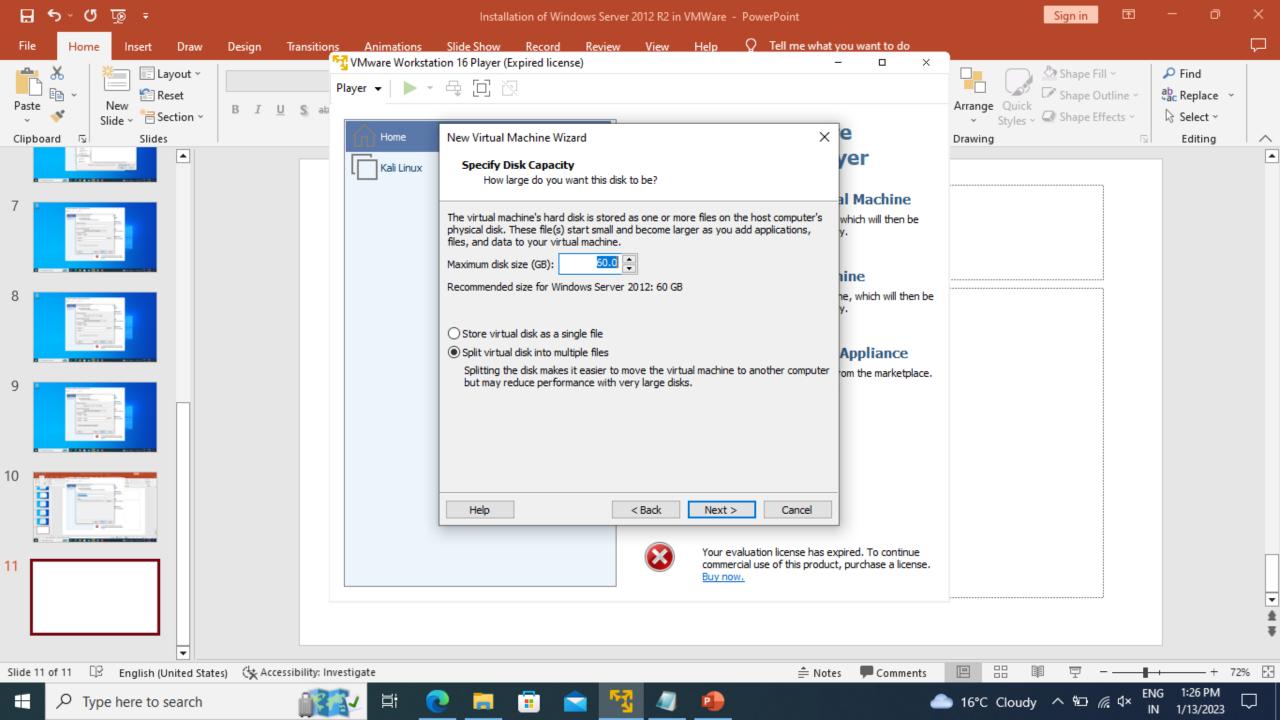


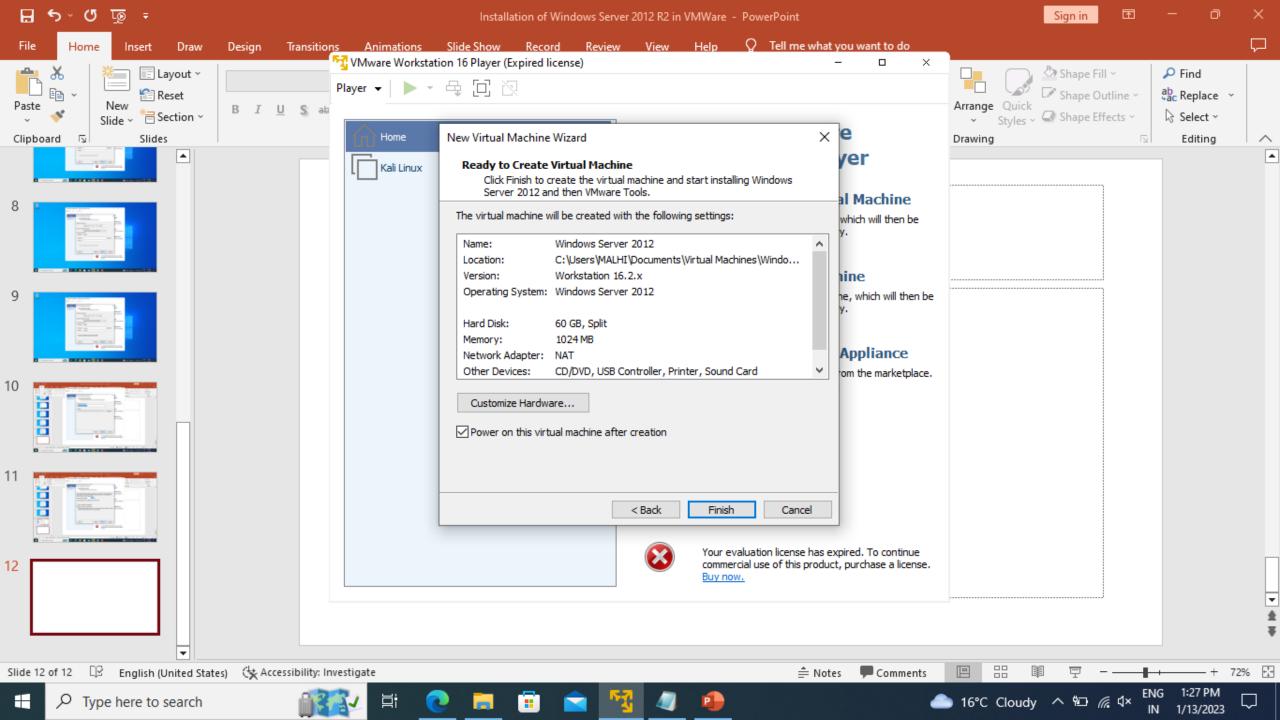


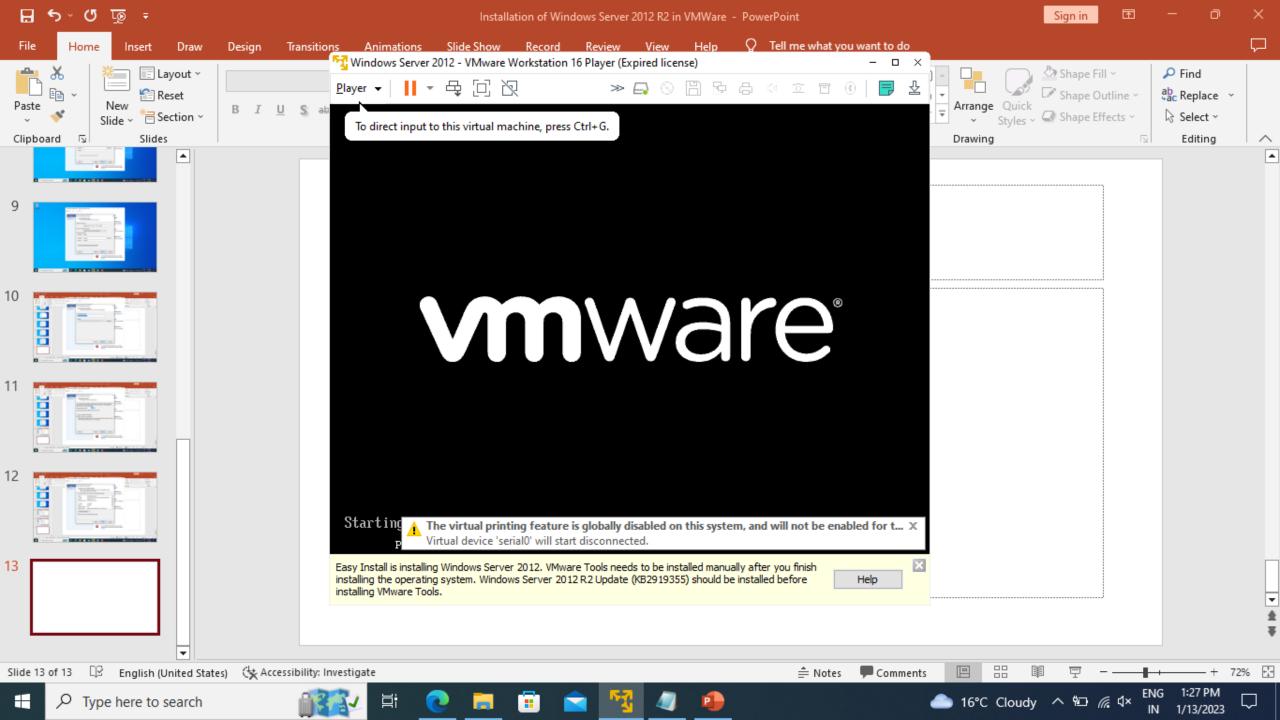


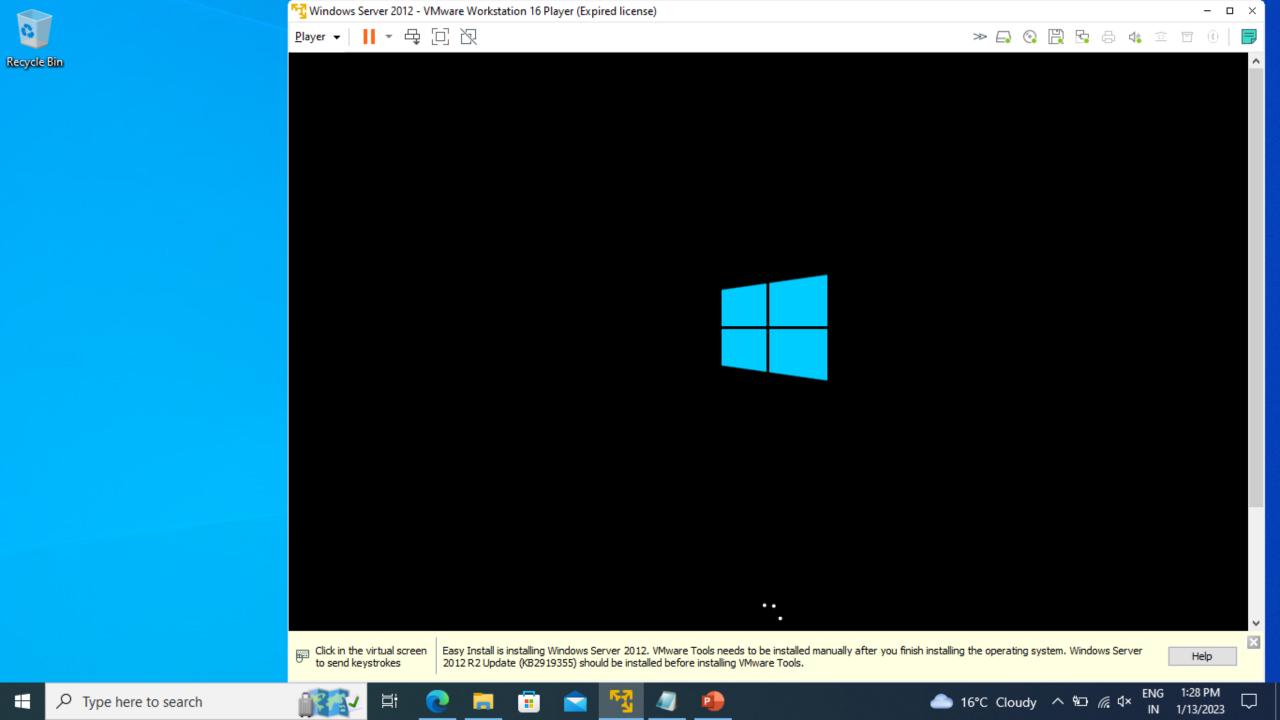


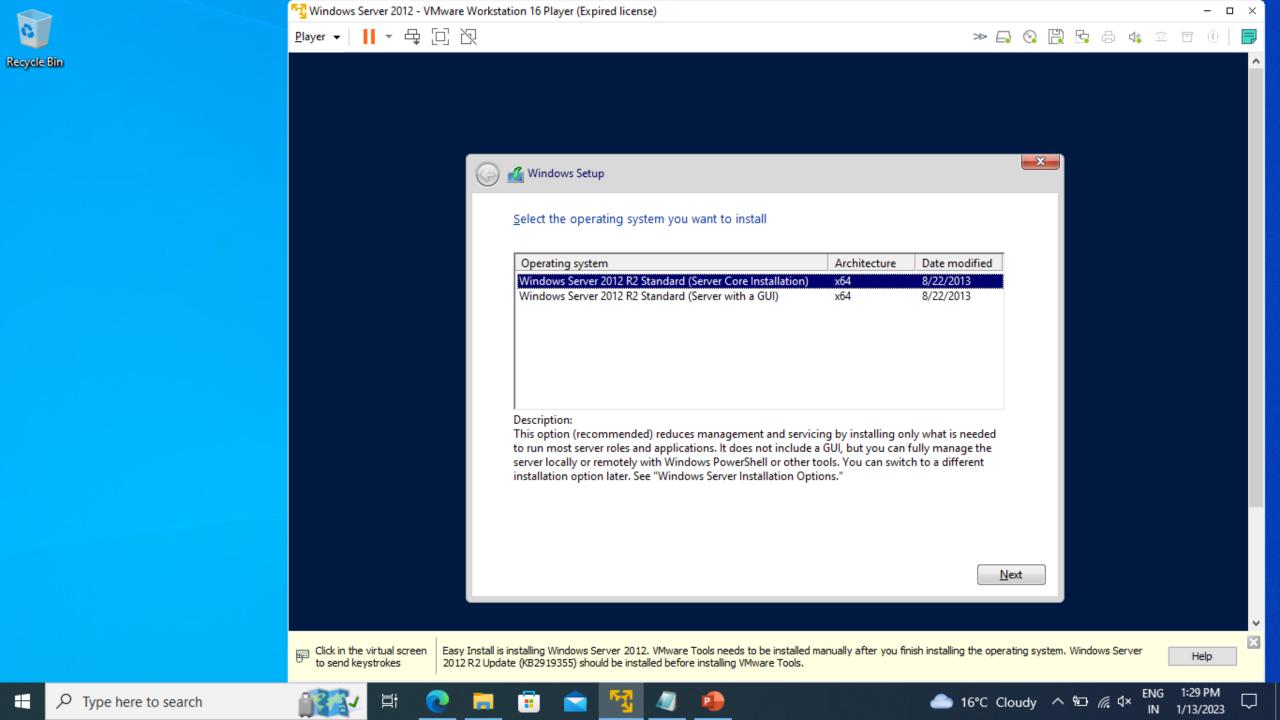




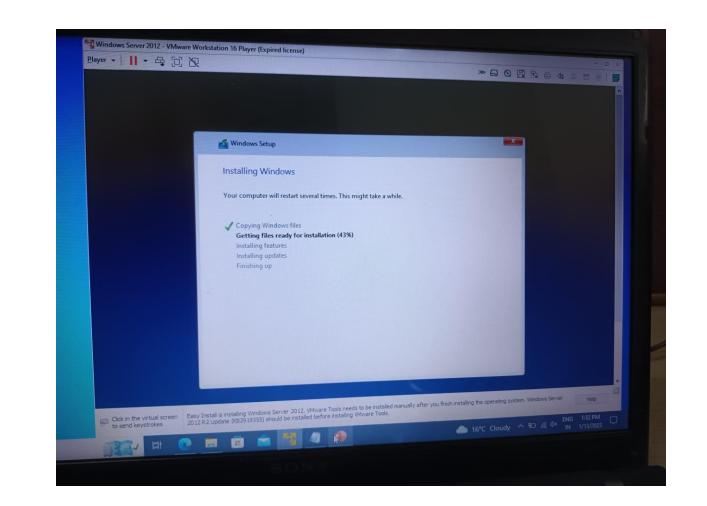


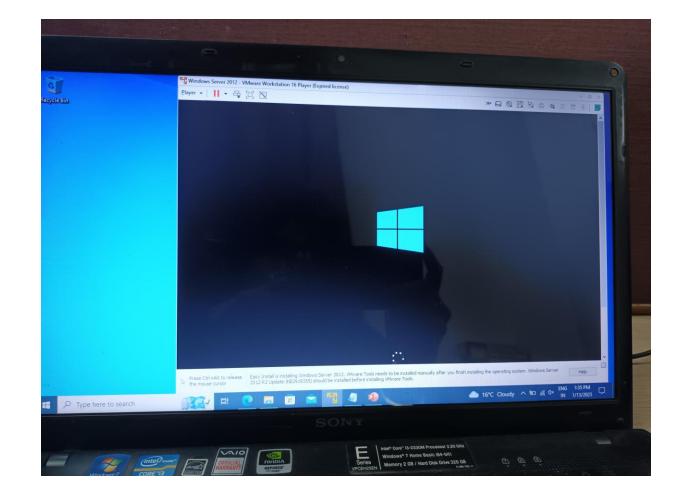


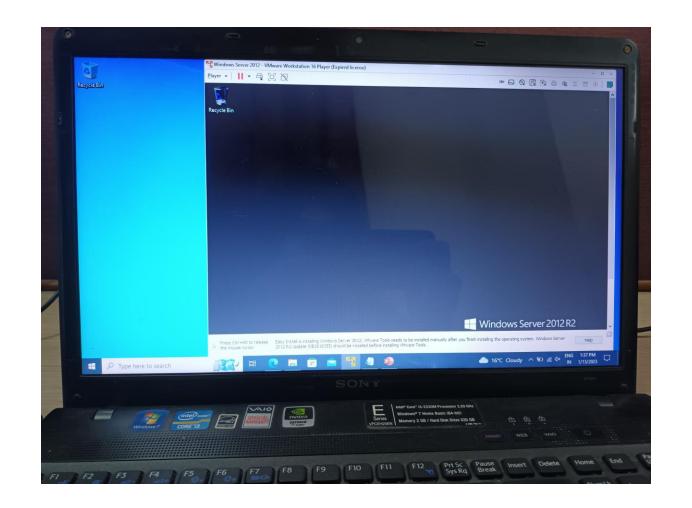


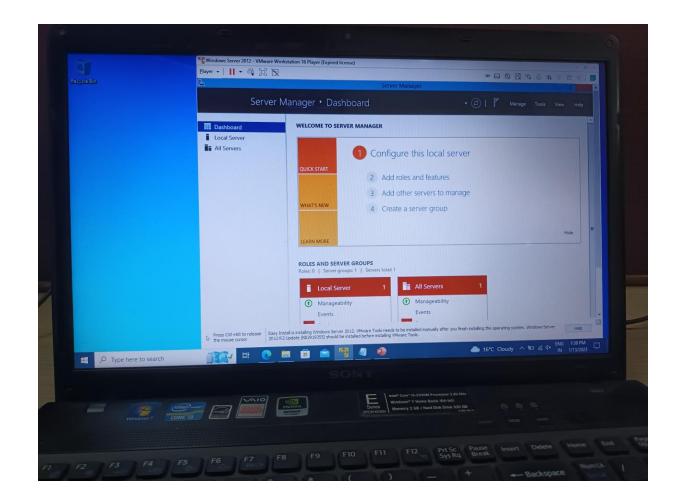


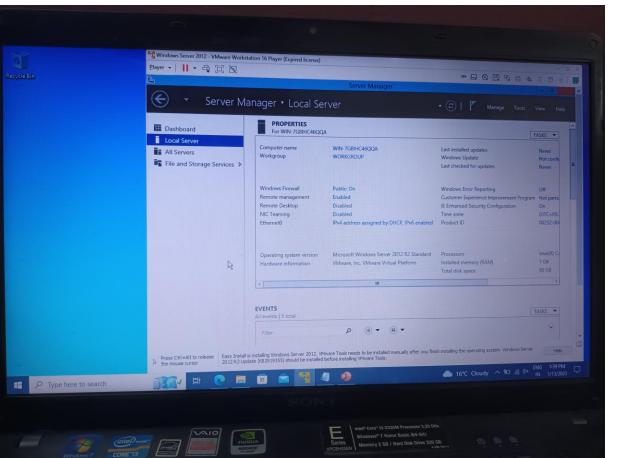
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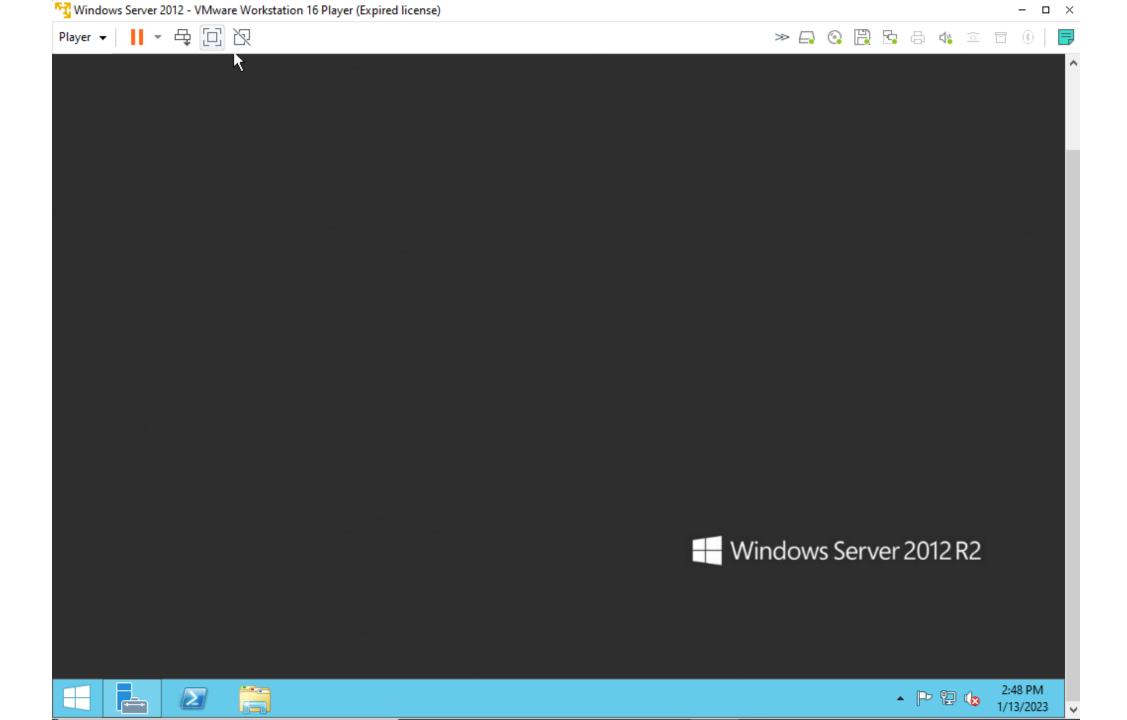












•Configuring Network: Manage network cabling, Configure network interface cards, implement IP addressing and network infrastructure services

• Sysadmins may be **responsible for** managing network cabling and connectivity.

• While some IT departments have a **separate** network team, often, the server admin team still manages some parts of networking.

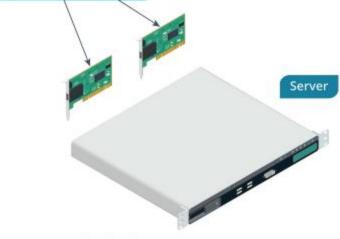
- Redundant Networking: Redundant networking refers to eliminating single points of failure in the network infrastructure.
 - Such redundancy is usually implemented in a mesh topology, where there are multiple communications paths through multiple network devices.
 - Redundancy is particularly important for servers.

- Server Redundancy: The first area of network redundancy for a server is multiple NICs.
 - Like any other component, NICs can fail, which would take a server with a single NIC offline.

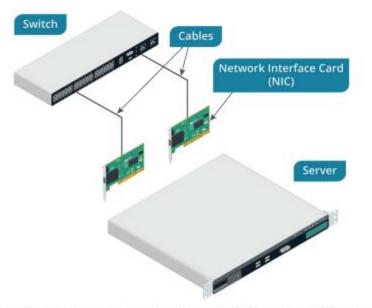
• For this reason, many servers ship with multiple NICs integrated into the motherboard.

Network Interface Card

(NIC)

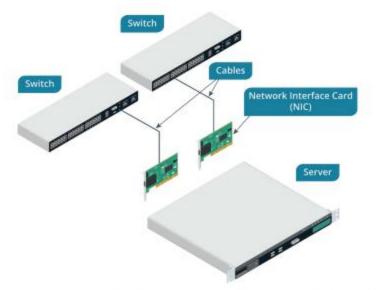


 Media and Switch Redundancy: The next component is redundant network media.



Server with redundant NICs plugged into one switch. (Images © 123RF.com)

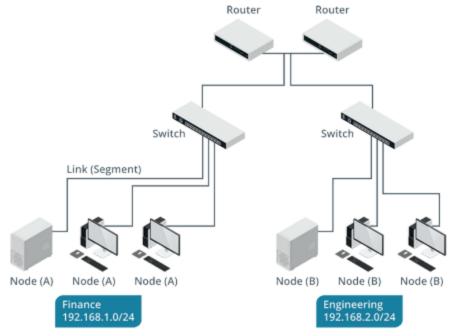
• The other layer of redundancy is network switching.



Server with redundant NICs plugged into redundant switches. (Images © 123RF.com)

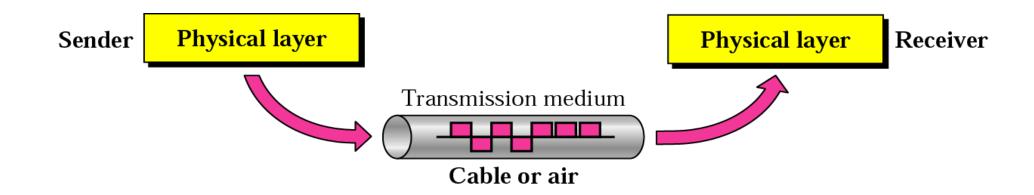
- Router Redundancy: Each network segment is connected to other segments via a router.
 - If the router **fails**, the network segment is isolated from the rest of the network.
 - A **standby router** may be configured to take over if the primary router goes offline.

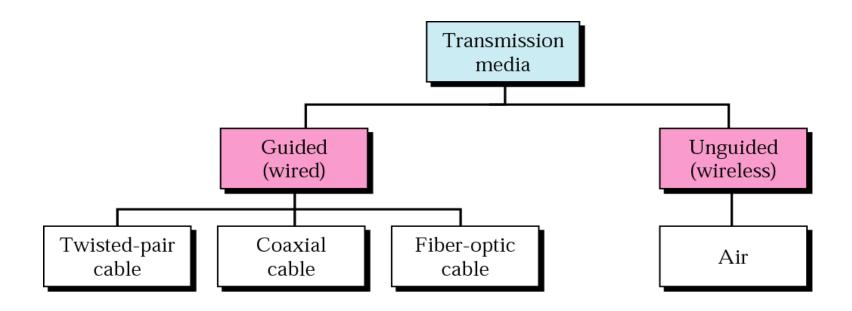
Router Redundancy:



Redundant routers between network segments. (Images © 123RF.com)

Transmission Media Types



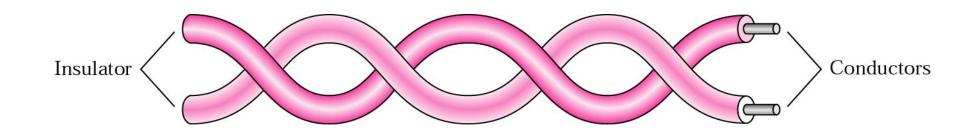


Guided Media

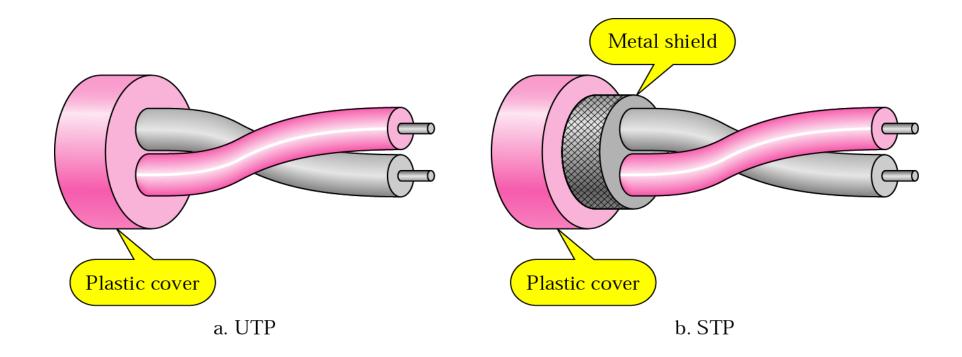
Twisted-Pair Cable

Coaxial Cable

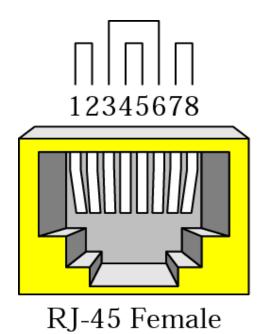
Fiber-Optic Cable

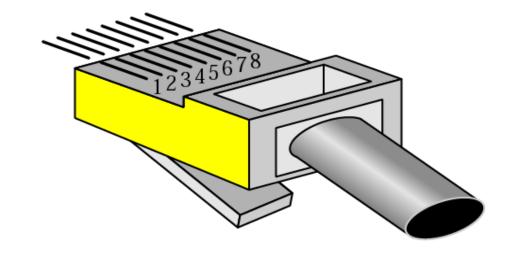




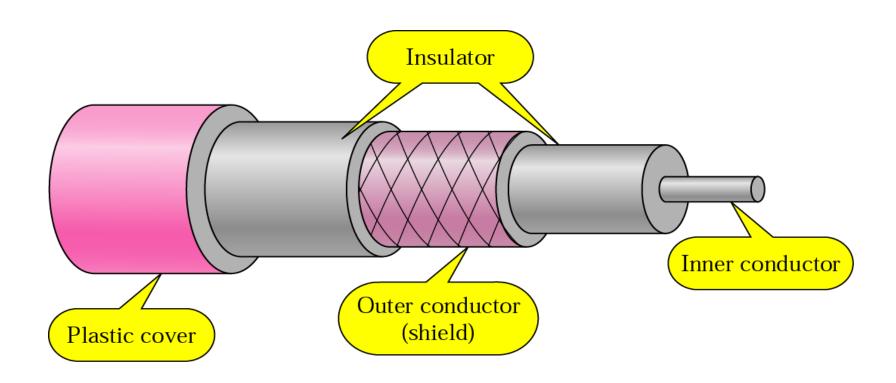


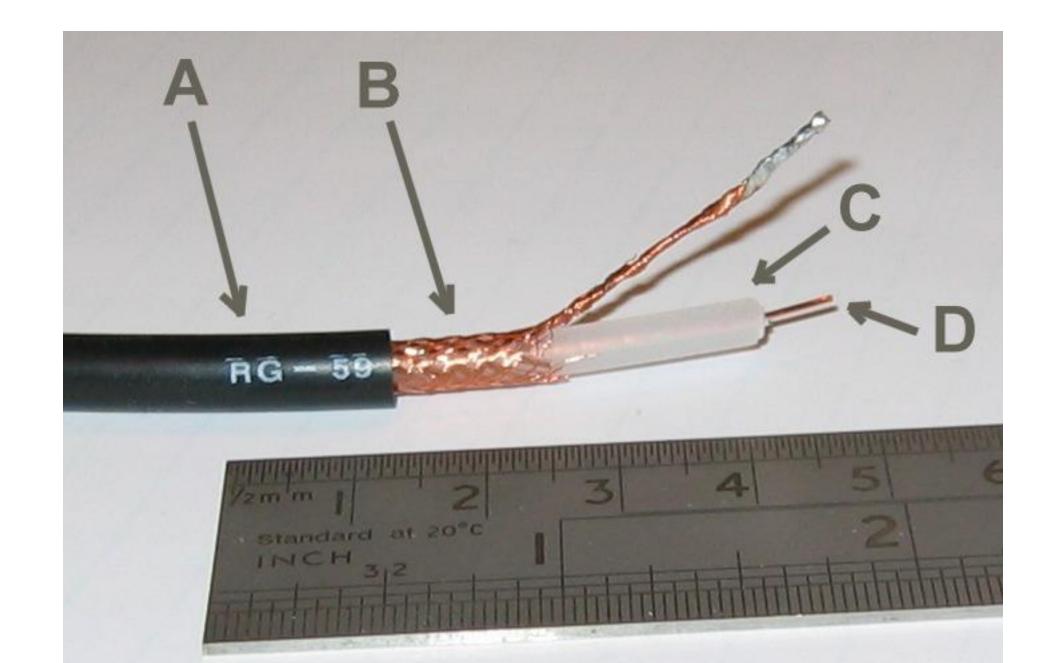






RJ-45 Male





A section of RG-59 cable with its end stripped.

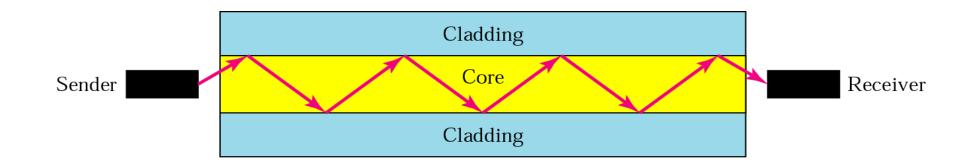
A: outer plastic sheath

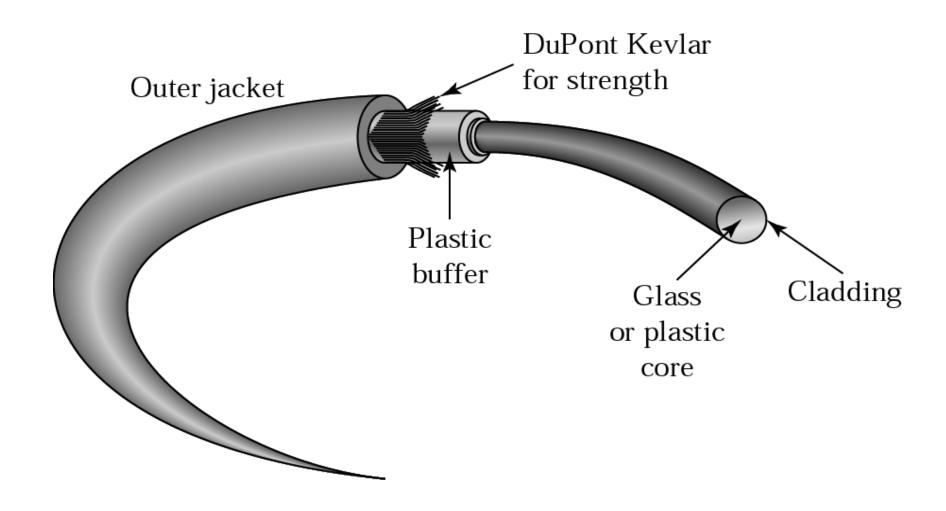
B: copper braid shield

C: inner dielectric insulator

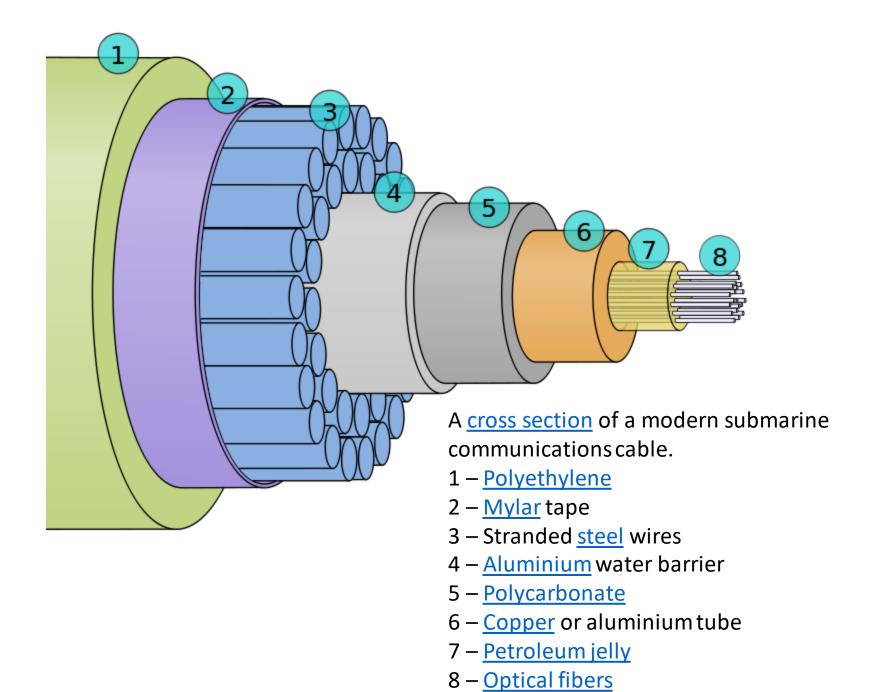
D: copper-plated core (sometimes solid core)







DuPont Kevlar is a para-aramid (aromatic polyamide) fiber that comes in different forms, each suited to a specific set of consumer and industrial applications.



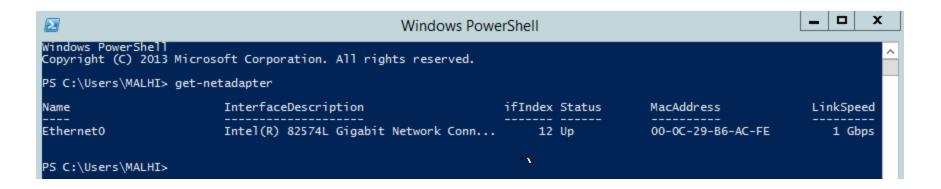


Configure network interface cards, implement IP addressing

- First method: open the network and sharing center
 - Then open change adapter settings
 - Now select the network adapter
 - Right click on respective network adapter and then select the properties
 - Then select (TCP/IPv4) option and click on properties
 - Then new pop up window reflects and fill the recommended IP and other entries

Configure network interface cards, implement IP addressing

- Second method is:
- NIC configuration with get-netadapter
 - Open the powershell
 - Type the command get-netadapter
 - It will list all wired and wireless NICs on the local system



network infrastructure services

- Network infrastructure refers to the hardware and software that enable network connectivity and communication between users, devices, apps, the internet, and more.
- Network infrastructure can be a mix of hardware devices, software applications, and network services, including:
 - Hardware infrastructure typically includes routers, switches, hubs, repeaters, gateways, bridges, and modems.
 - **Software infrastructure** includes monitoring and management tools and operating systems.
 - Network services include networking protocols such as TCP, UDP, and IP addressing.

network infrastructure services

• Network Infrastructure Services are customized as per the requirements.

•Creating a Virtual Environment: Create virtual servers, Create virtual switches