

Virtual Systems and Networking Concept Brief

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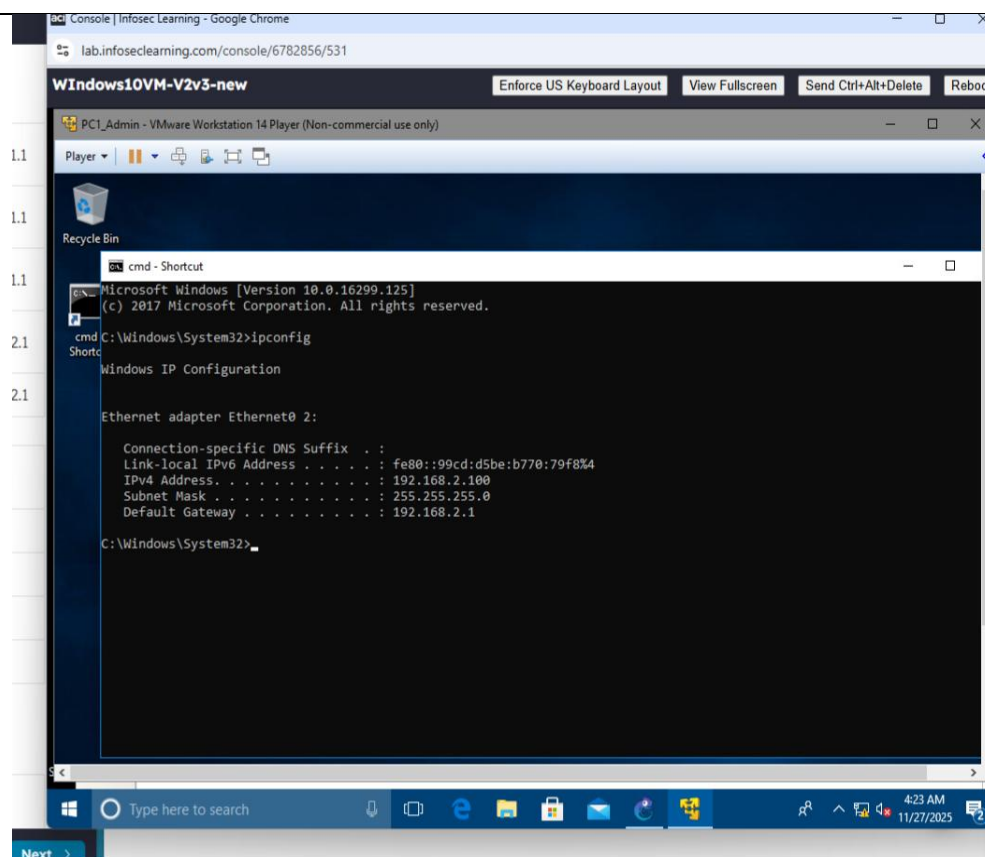
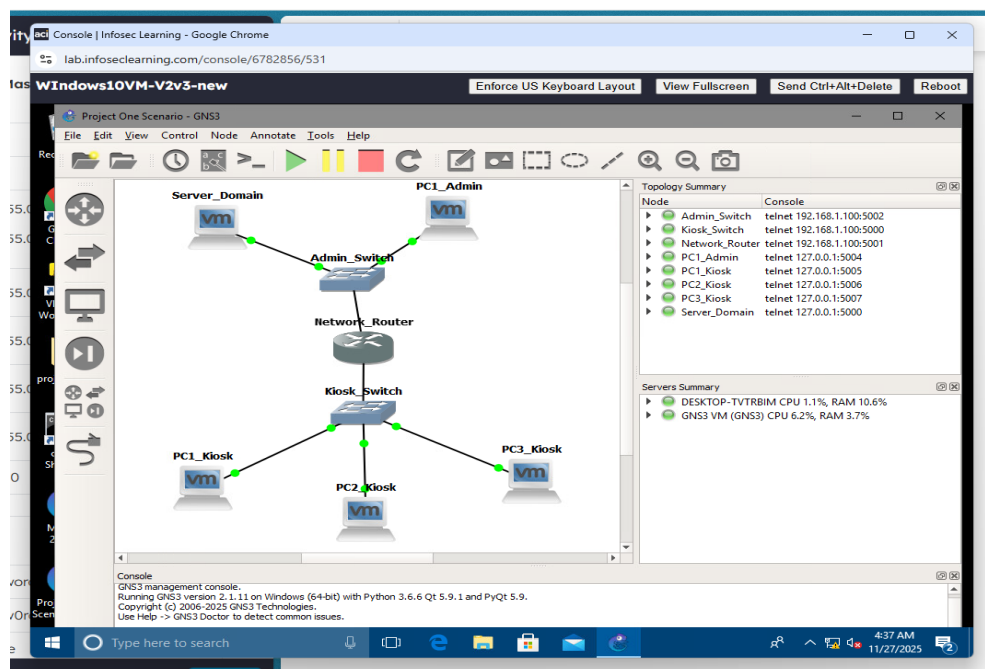
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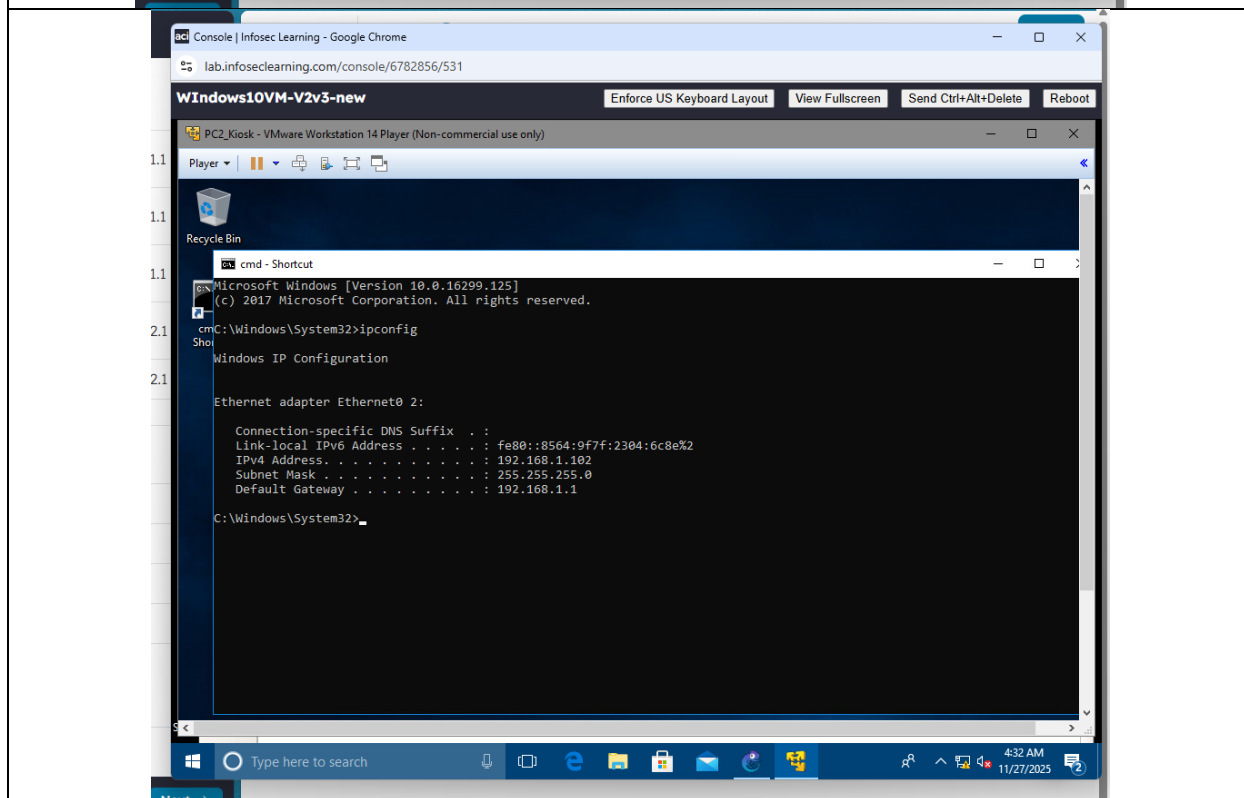
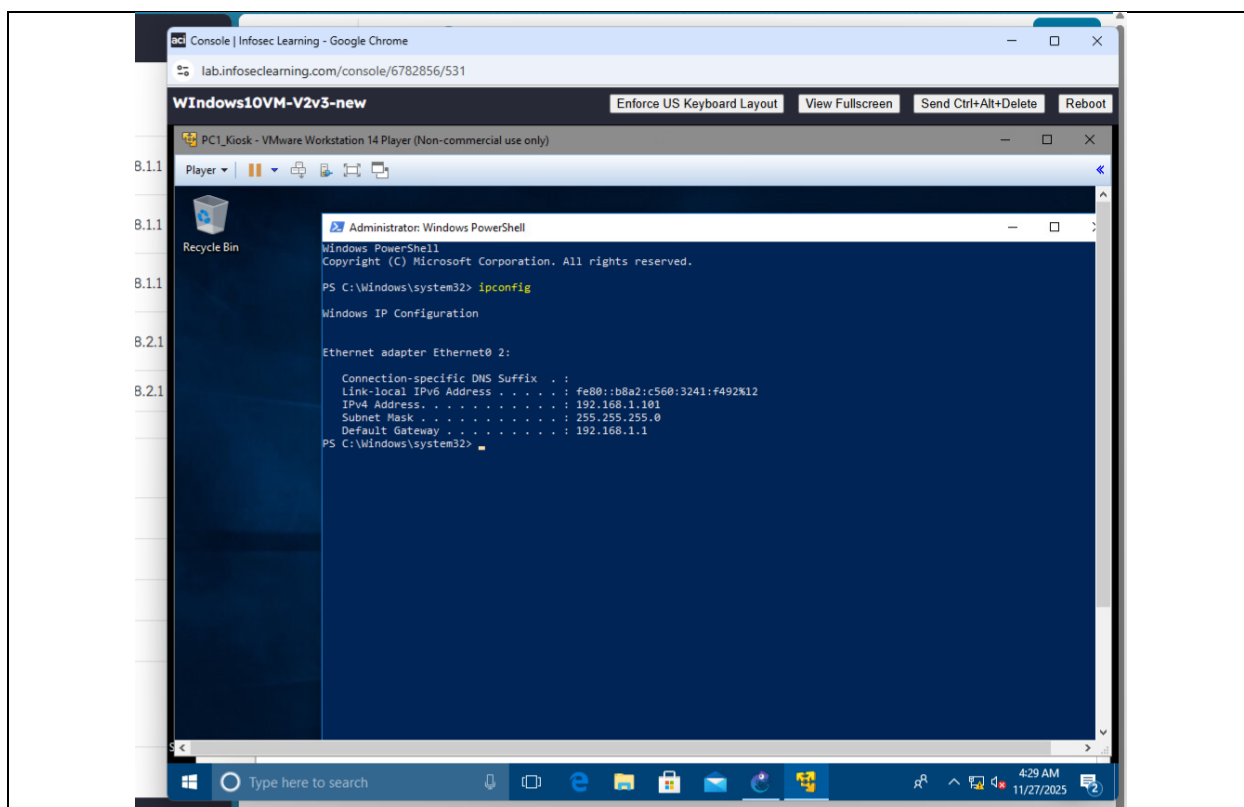
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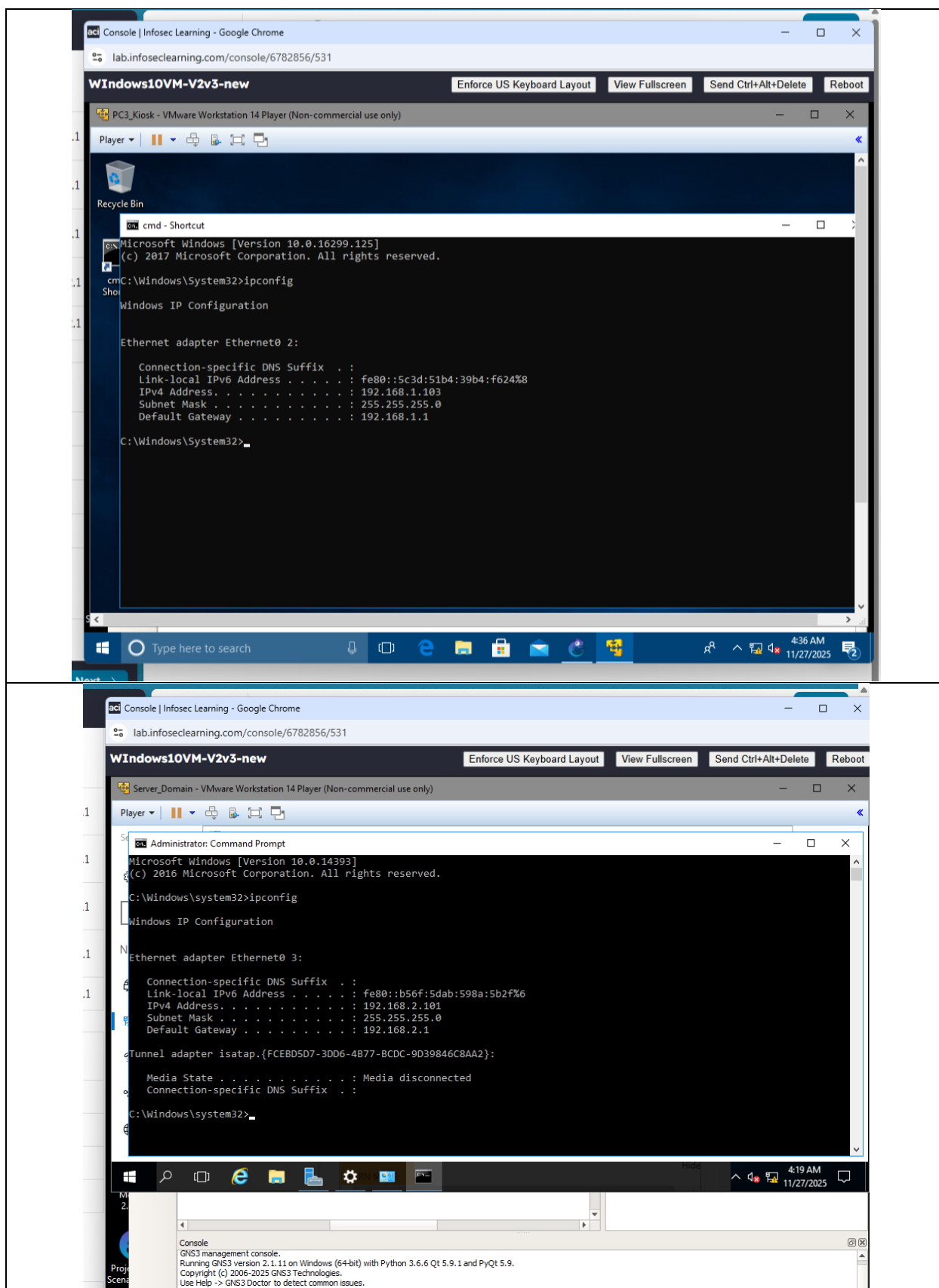
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Network Configuration

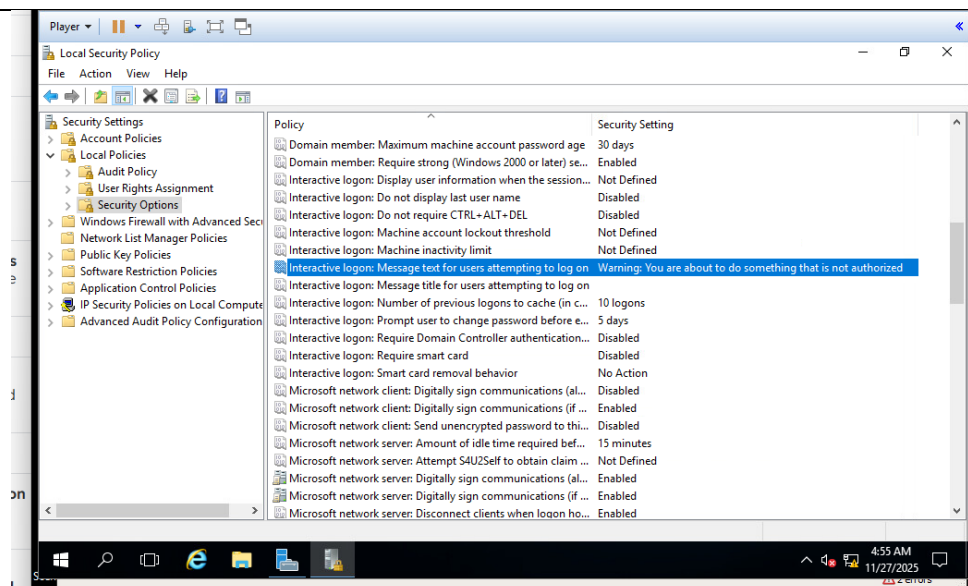




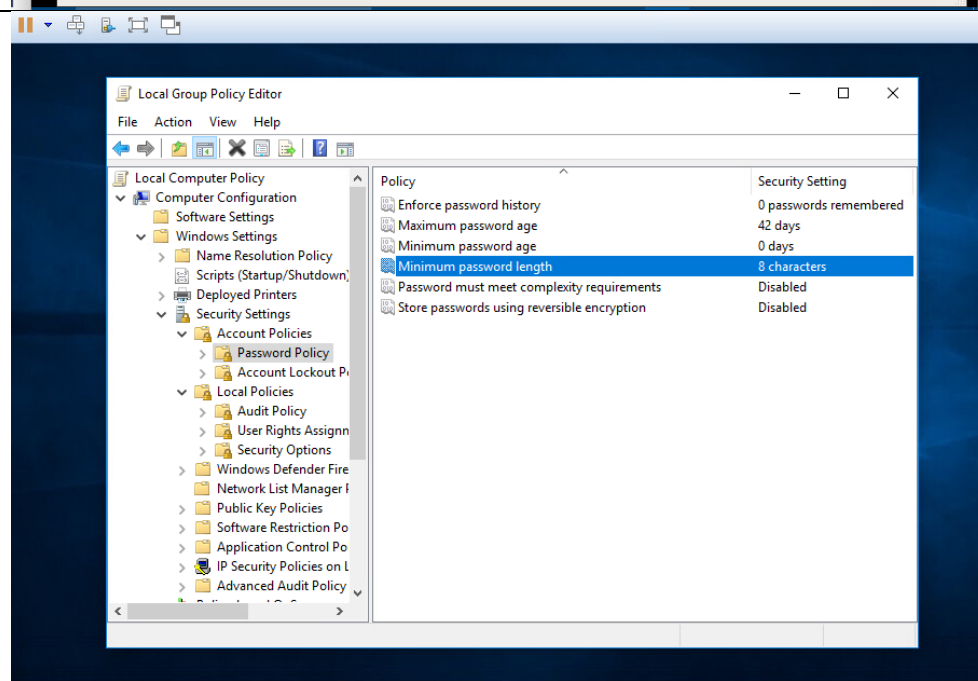


Group Policy Changes

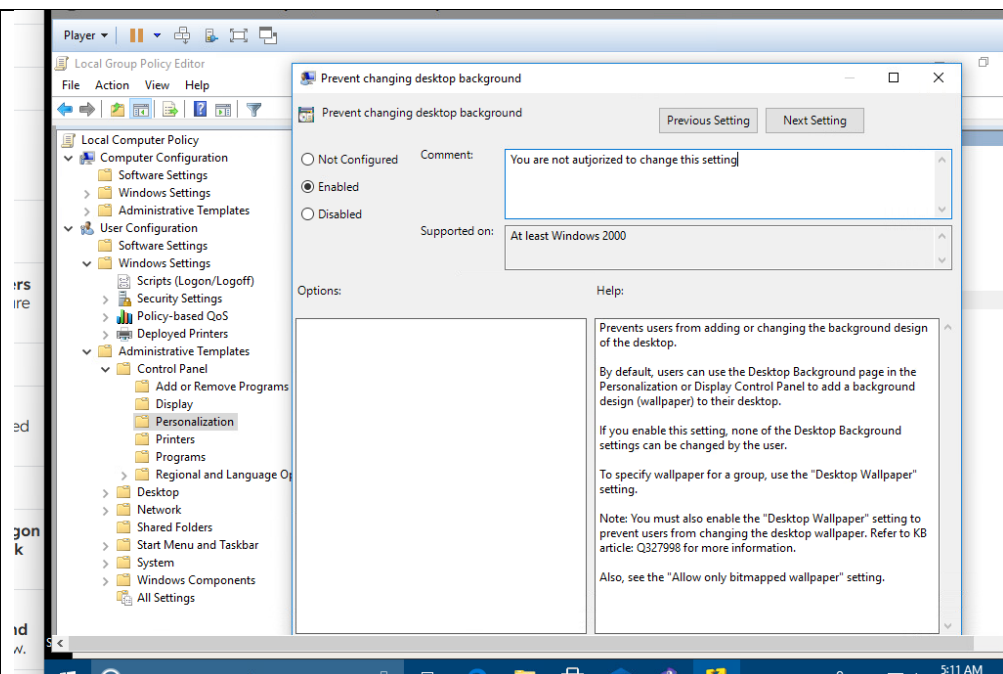
Change Windows User Account Control (UAC) prompt



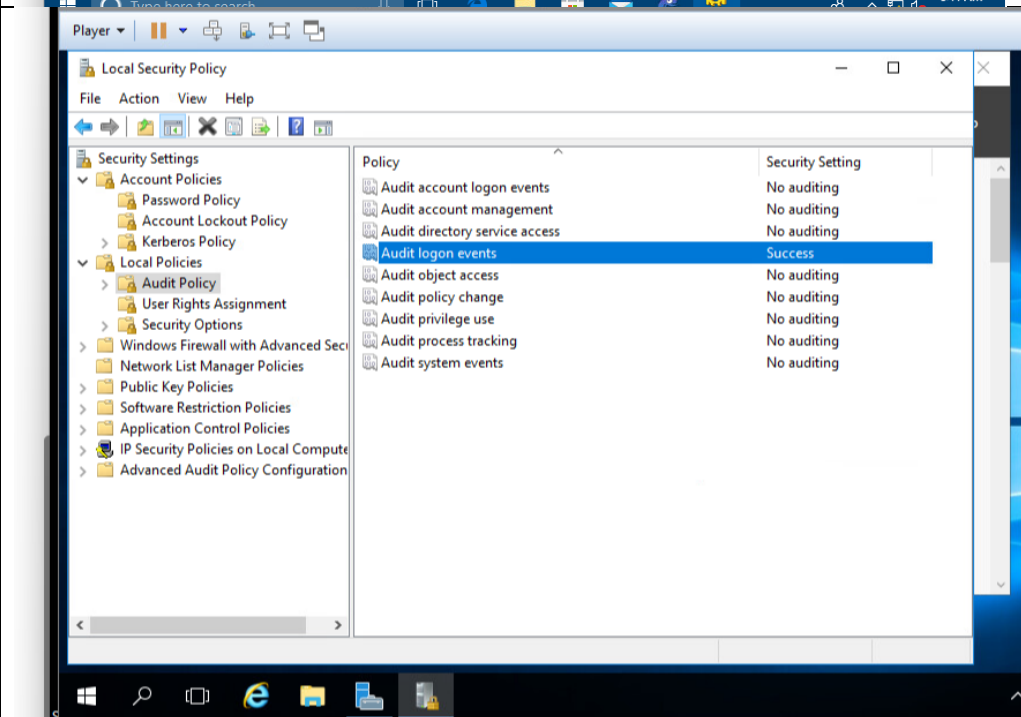
Change local password policy setting.



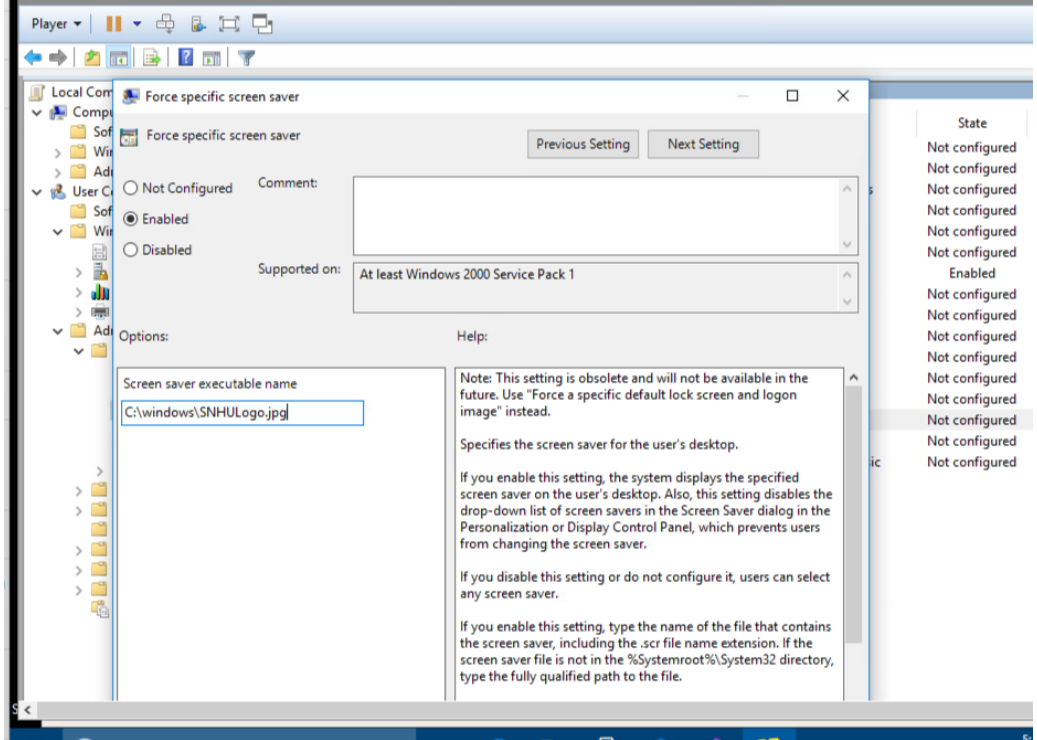
Change desktop background user rights assignment (disable non-admin change capability).



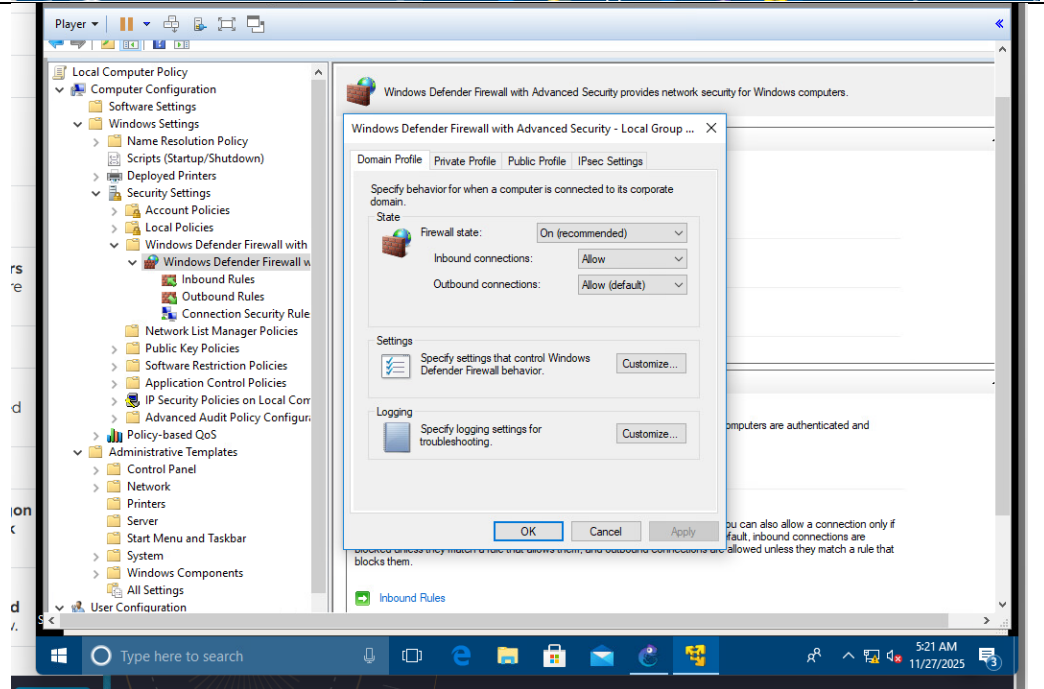
Configure local audit policy setting.



Configure default logon banner (warning that requires direct affirmation to continue).



Change default Windows firewall profile.



Justification for Virtual Systems

There are several benefits to using virtualization technology in sandboxing. One great benefit is that it can be an isolated system. If you are unsure if it will run properly or cause any issues you can separate it from the production environment while you conduct your testing. Once you have configured the way you need to have it you can make those changes in the production version. Another benefit is if it doesn't work right, you can easily scrap it. By not using your production version and changes that aren't up to the standards can be removed and started over. It is simple as rolling back to a clone of a well-known version. A third benefit is cross platform testing. You can create virtual machines of different operating systems to see how the program will run in different environments.

Along with benefits of using virtualization there are also drawbacks to using it as well. One of these is higher resource usage. You need to have more CPU, RAM and power to be able to run multiple sandboxes at a time. Another drawback is increased complexity. VM's add another layer of to an environment because they need to be configured properly in order to closely mimic production environments.

One way that virtualization can be used other than sandboxing is server virtualization. A company can consolidate multiple physical servers into a single physical machine, which improves hardware utilization and allows for flexible management of server resources. Another thing that can be used for is network virtualization. One can create virtual networks that are independent of the underlying physical hardware, enhancing cloud scalability and management.

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