

Udacity Cybersecurity Course #1 Project

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Learning Objectives:

- Explain security fundamentals including core security principles, critical security controls, and cybersecurity best practices.
- Evaluate specific security techniques used to administer a system that meets industry standards and core controls
- Assess high-level risks, vulnerabilities and attack vectors of a sample system
- Explain methods for establishing and maintaining the security of a network, computing environment, and application.

Student Information

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Scenario

Congratulations!

You have been hired to secure the PC used at your friend's business: Joe's Auto Body. Joe provides car repair services throughout the tri-state area. He's had previous employees use it for activities un-related to work (e.g., web browsing, personal email, social media, games, etc.) and he now uses it to store his critical business information. He suspects that others may have broken into it and may be using it to transfer files across the internet. He has asked that you secure it for him according to industry best practices, so it can be once again used as a standard PC.

You will be given access to a virtual image of Joe's Auto Body's PC. It's a copy of the actual computer operating system in use that will be transferred to Joe's computer once you are done.

This template provides you with the high-level steps you'll need to take as part of securing a typical computer system. For each step, use the virtual Windows 10 PC to answer the questions and challenges listed in this project. You'll also need to explain how you got the answers and provide screenshots showing your work.

It's important that you read through the entire document before securing the system and completing this report.

To start, you need to login to the virtual PC. You can use Joe's account using the user-id and password below. You may also use any other account on the PC.

Account Name: JoesAuto

Password: @UdacityLearning#1

1. Reconnaissance

The first step in securing any system is to know what it is, what's on it, what it's used for and who uses it. That's the concept of systems reconnaissance and asset inventory. In this step, you'll document the hardware, software, user access, system and security services on the PC.

Complete each section below.

Hardware

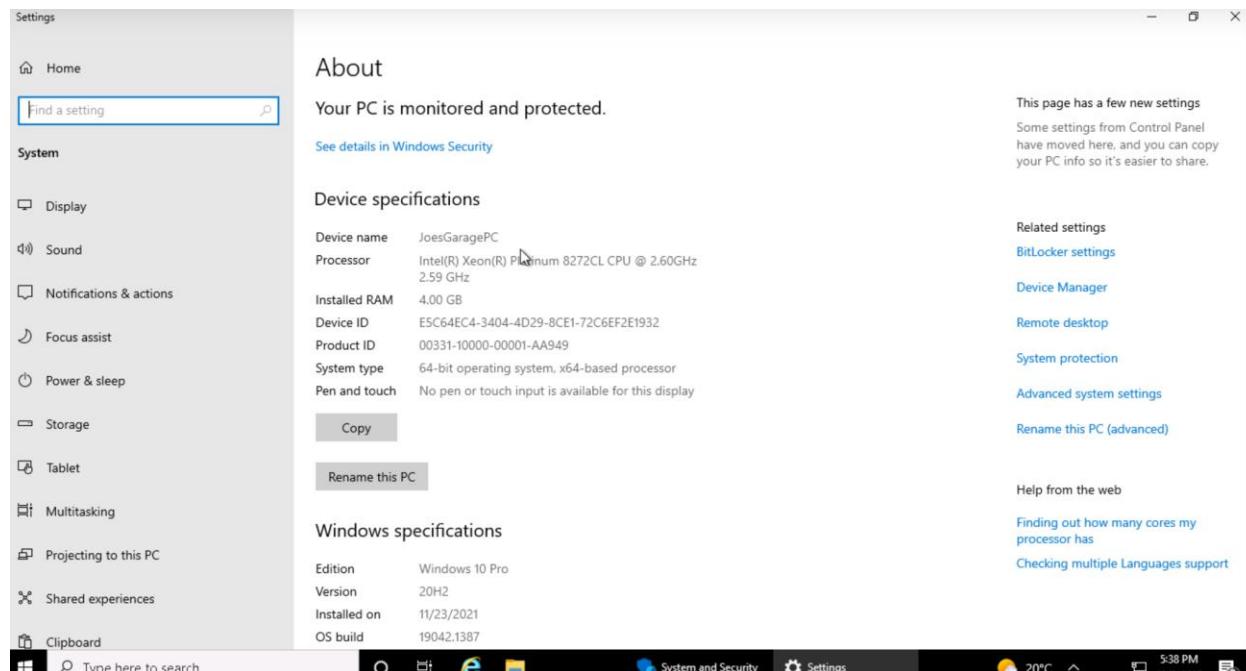
- Fill in the following table with system information for Joe's PC.

Device Name	JoesGaragePC
Processor	Intel(R) Xeon(R) Platinum 88272CL @ 2.60GHz 2.59 GHz
Install RAM	4.00GB
System Type	64-bit operating system, x64-based processor
Windows Edition	Windows 10 pro
Version	20H2
Installed on	11/23/2021
OS build	19042.1387

- Explain how you found this information:

From Control panel – System and Security – System .

- Provide a screenshot showing this information about Joe's PC:



Software

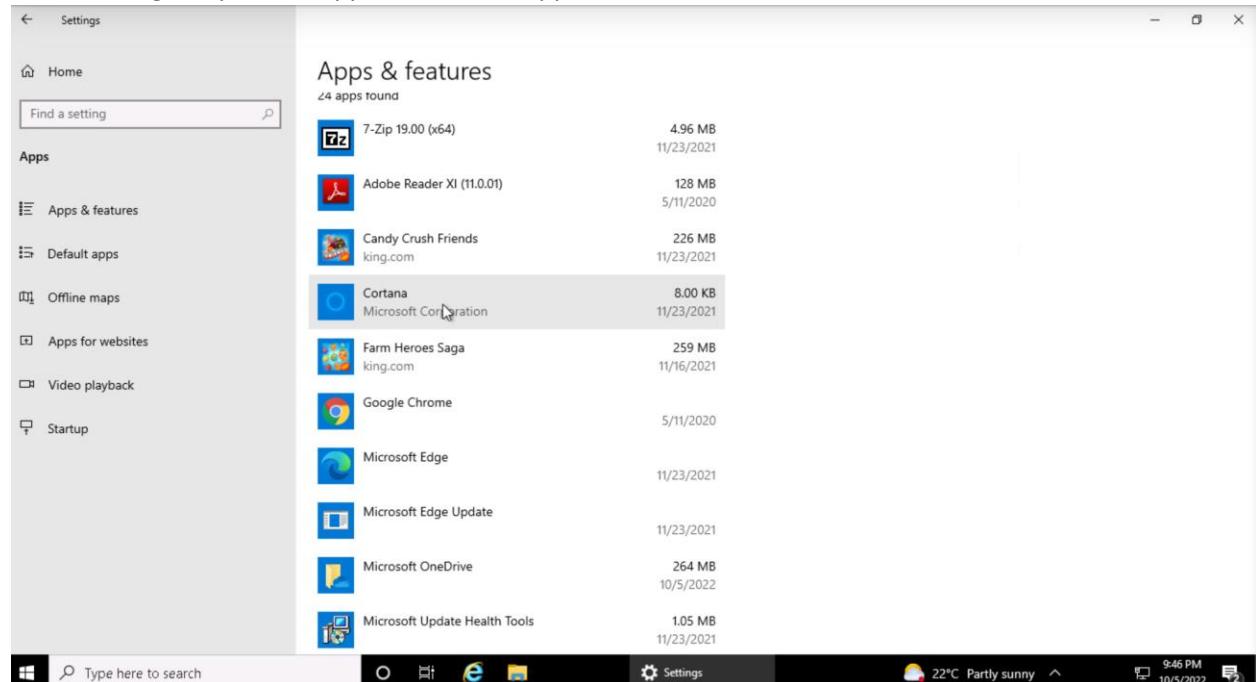
Another common early step in securing is taking an inventory of software or applications installed on a computer system. These are programs outside of the standard operating system.

1. *List at least 5 installed applications on Joe's computer:*

- 7_Zip 19.00 (x64)
- Adobe Reader XI (11.0.01)
- Candy crush Friends
- Contana
- Farm Heroes Saga

2. *Explain how you found this information. Provide screenshots showing this information.*

From Settings – System – Apps then chose Apps & Features



3. *The Center for Internet Security Controls lists this as one of their steps for security. Which step does this fulfill?*

Inventory and Control of Enterprise Assets

Accounts

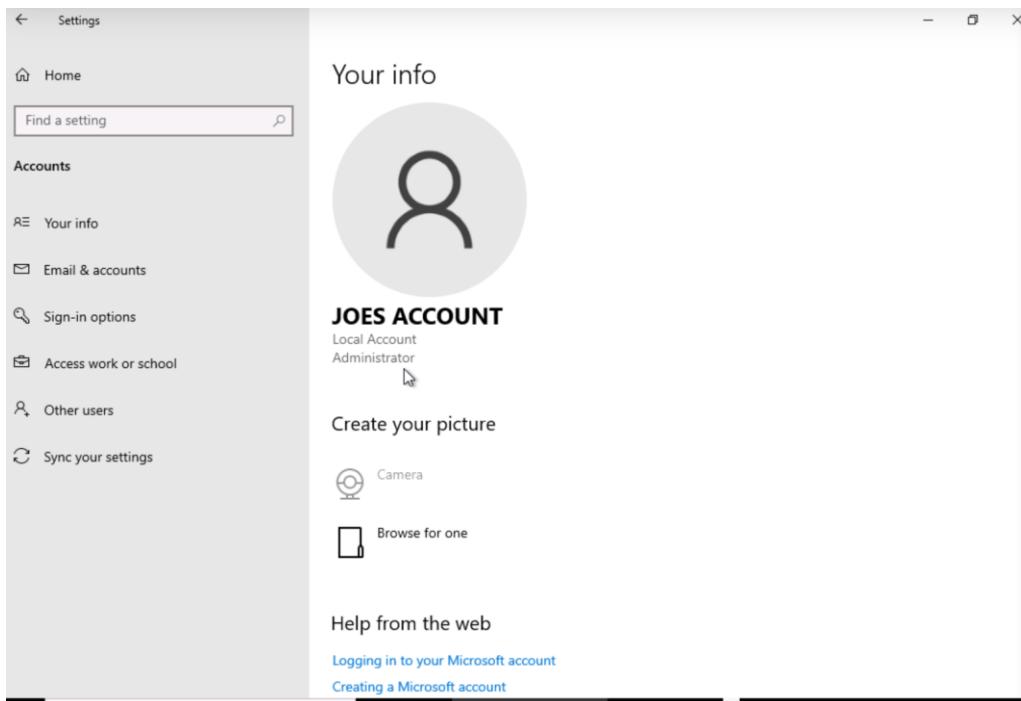
As part of your security assessment, you should know the user accounts that may access the PC.

1. List the names of the accounts found on Joe's PC and their access level.

Account Name	Full Name	Access Level
AUser	AUser	Local Account
DefultAccount		
Frank	Frank	Local account
Guest		
Hacker	A Hacker	Administrator-Local account
JaneS	Jane Smith	Administrator-Local account
JoesAuto	Joes Account	Administrator-Local account
Notadmin	Do Not Use	Local Account

2. Provide a screenshot of the Local Users.

Name	Full Name	Description
AUser	A User	Account for Cyber Course 1. Not ...
DefaultAcco...		A user account managed by the s...
Frank	Frank	Franks account
Guest		Built-in account for guest access t...
Hacker	A Hacker	
JaneS	Jane Smith	Jane Smith - IT Mgr
JoesAuto	Joes Account	Built-in account for administering...
Notadmin	Do Not Use	
WDAGUtility...		A user account managed and use...

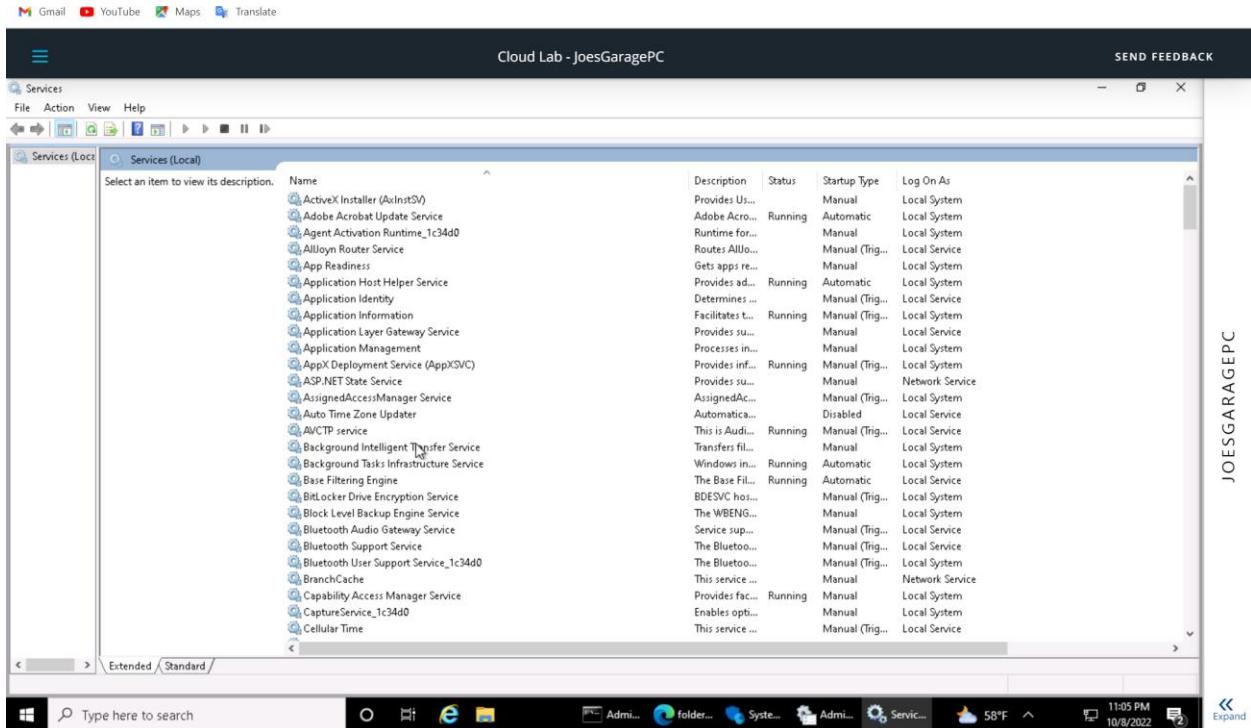


The screenshot shows the Windows Settings app with the 'Other users' page selected. The left sidebar is identical to the previous screenshot. The main area displays a list of other users: 'Add someone else to this PC' (button), 'A Hacker' (Administrator - Local account), 'A User' (Local account), 'Do Not Use' (Local account), 'Frank' (Local account), and 'Jane Smith' (Administrator - Local account). A vertical watermark 'JOE'S GARAGE PC' is visible on the right side. At the bottom, there's a 'Set up a kiosk' section with an 'Assigned access' option and a note about setting up as a digital sign or public browser.

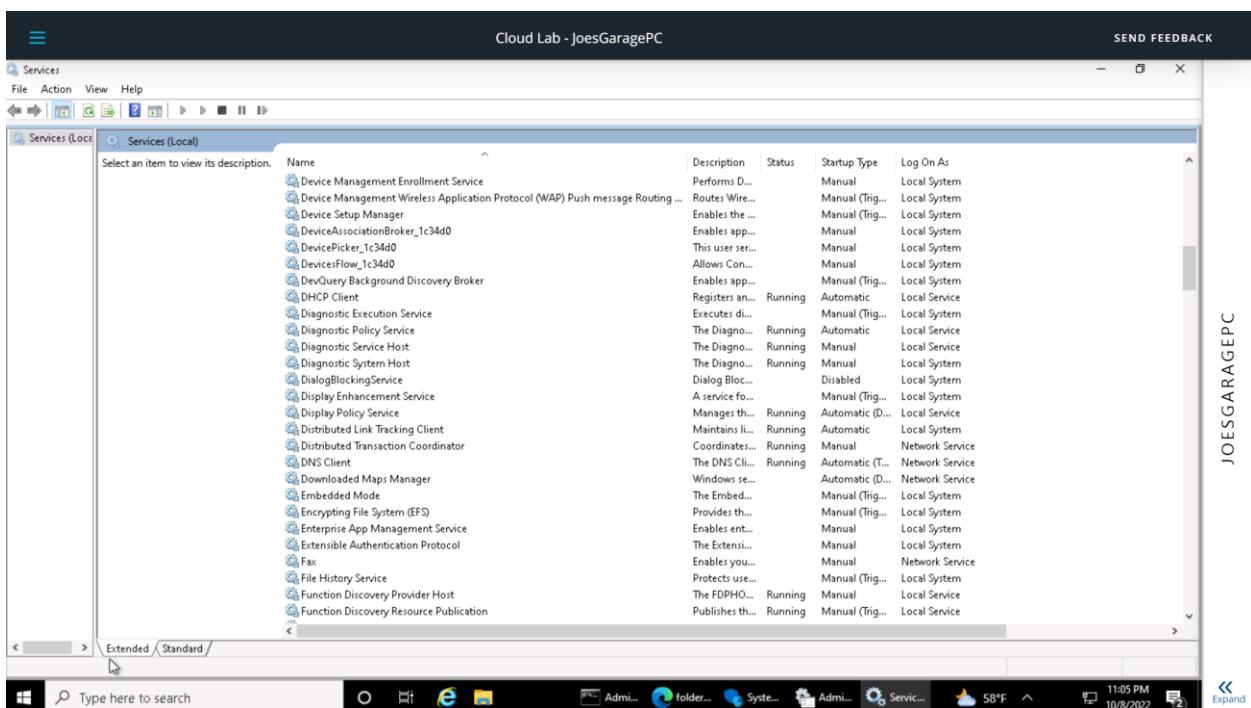
Services

Services are applications often running in the background. Most of them provide needed functionality for the PC. Some may also be used to violate security policies.

1. Provide a screenshot of the services running on this PC.



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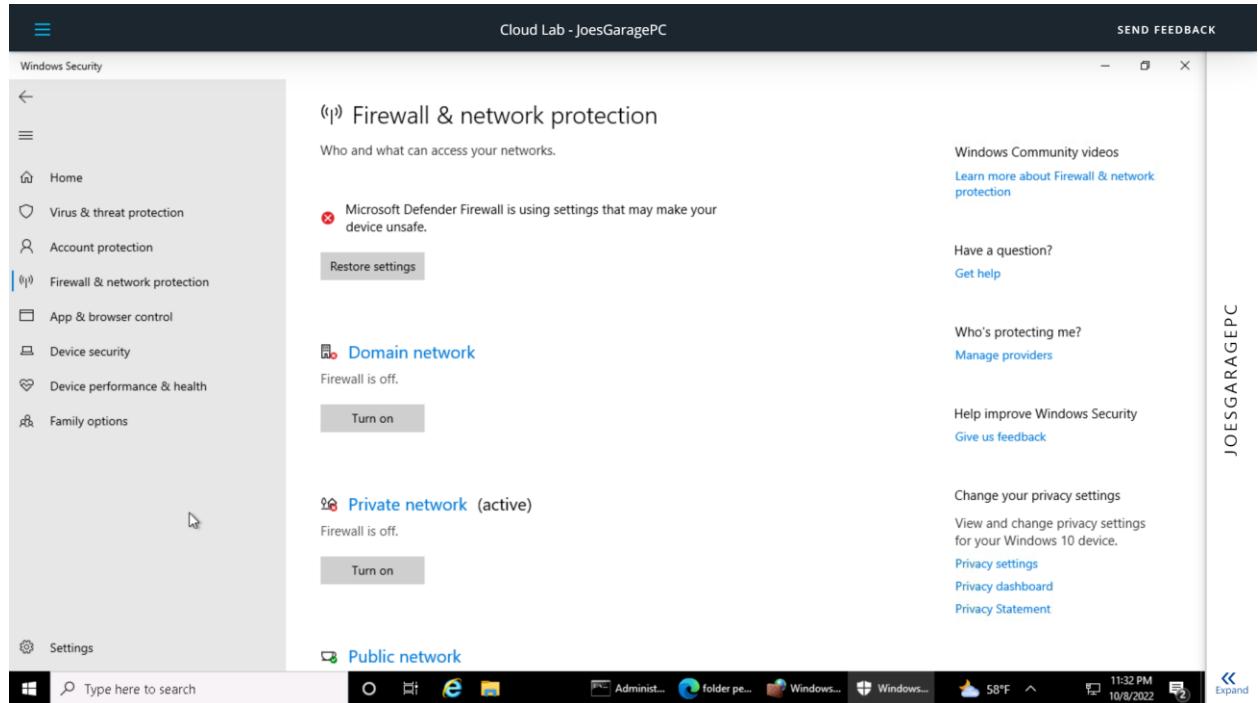


JOE'S GARAGE PC

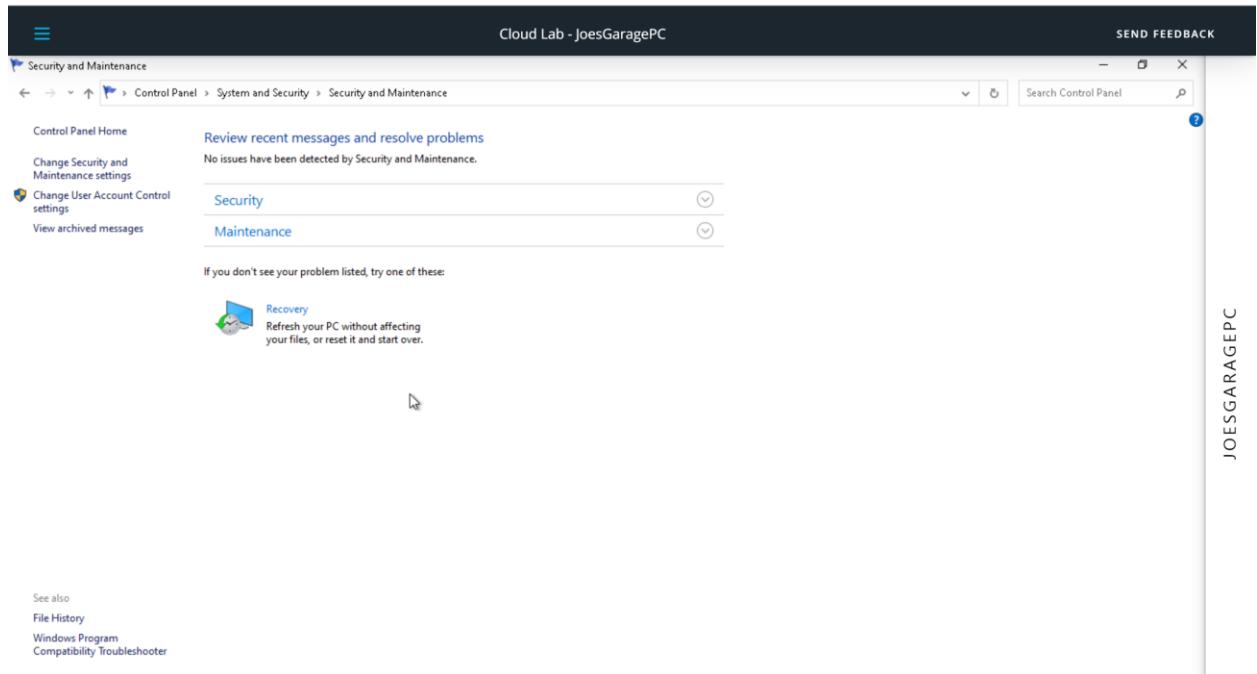
Security Services

Joe wants to ensure that standard security services are running on his PC. He's content with using default Windows security settings and applications except for the rules outlined later. **Reminder that at this point you are just reporting what you observe. Do not make any changes to security settings yet.**

1. To view a summary of security on Windows 10, start from the **Control Panel**. Use the "Find a setting" bar and search on Windows Defender. You can also search for Windows Defender using the Windows Run bar. Take a screenshot of what you see on the Windows Security screen and include it here:



2. The Windows 10 Security settings are also found from the **Control Panel > System and Security > Security and Maintenance**. Start by viewing “**Review your computer’s status and resolve issues.**” Provide a screenshot of this below:



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Security and Maintenance

Control Panel Home Review recent messages and resolve problems

No issues have been detected by Security and Maintenance.

Security

Network firewall View in Windows Security

Virus protection View in Windows Security

Internet security settings OK
All Internet security settings are set to their recommended levels.

User Account Control On
UAC will never notify you when apps try to make changes to the computer.
[Change settings](#)

[How do I know what security settings are right for my computer?](#)

Maintenance

Report problems On
[View reliability history](#)

Automatic Maintenance No action needed
Last run date: 10/8/2022 11:12 PM
Windows automatically schedules maintenance activities to run on your computer.
[Start maintenance](#) | [Change maintenance settings](#)

File History Off
File History is off.
[Turn on](#)

See also: File History, Windows Program Compatibility Troubleshooter

Type here to search

Administrator... folder permis... Security and ... 58°F 11:17 PM 10/8/2022

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Security and Maintenance

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Drive status OK
All drives are working properly.

Device software No action needed

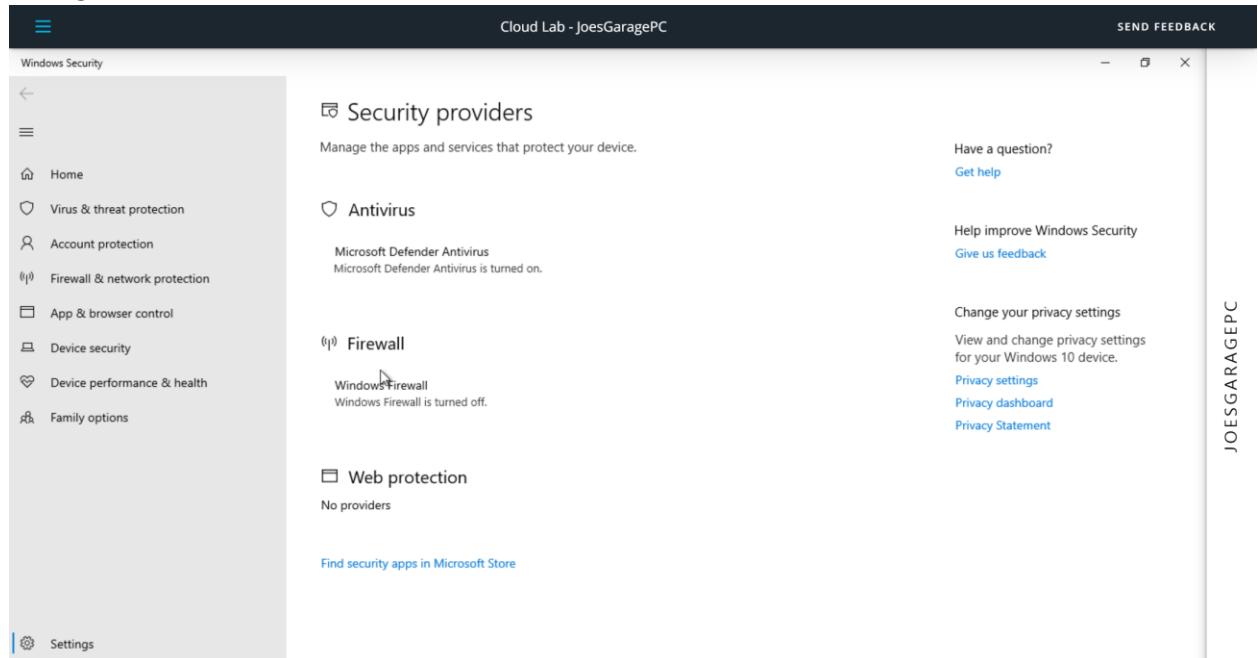
If you don't see your problem listed, try one of these:

See also: File History, Windows Program Compatibility Troubleshooter

 Recovery
Refresh your PC without affecting your files, or reset it and start over.

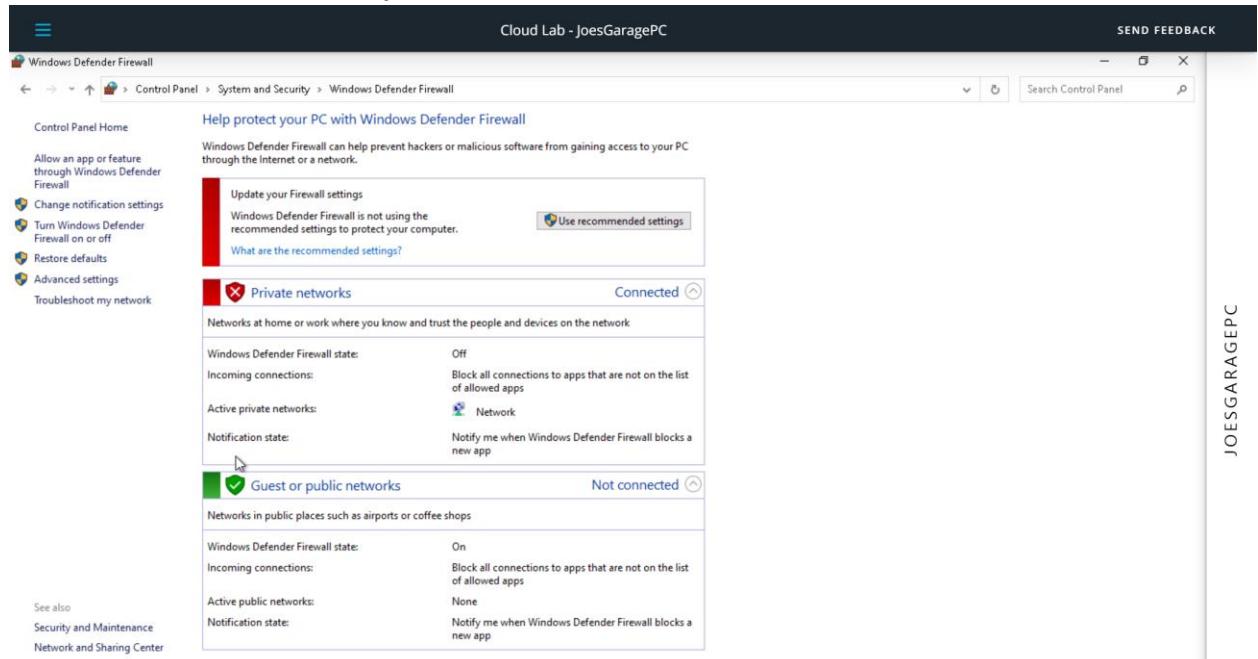
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3. Click on View in Windows Security to see the status there. Provide a screenshot of the **Firewall** settings.



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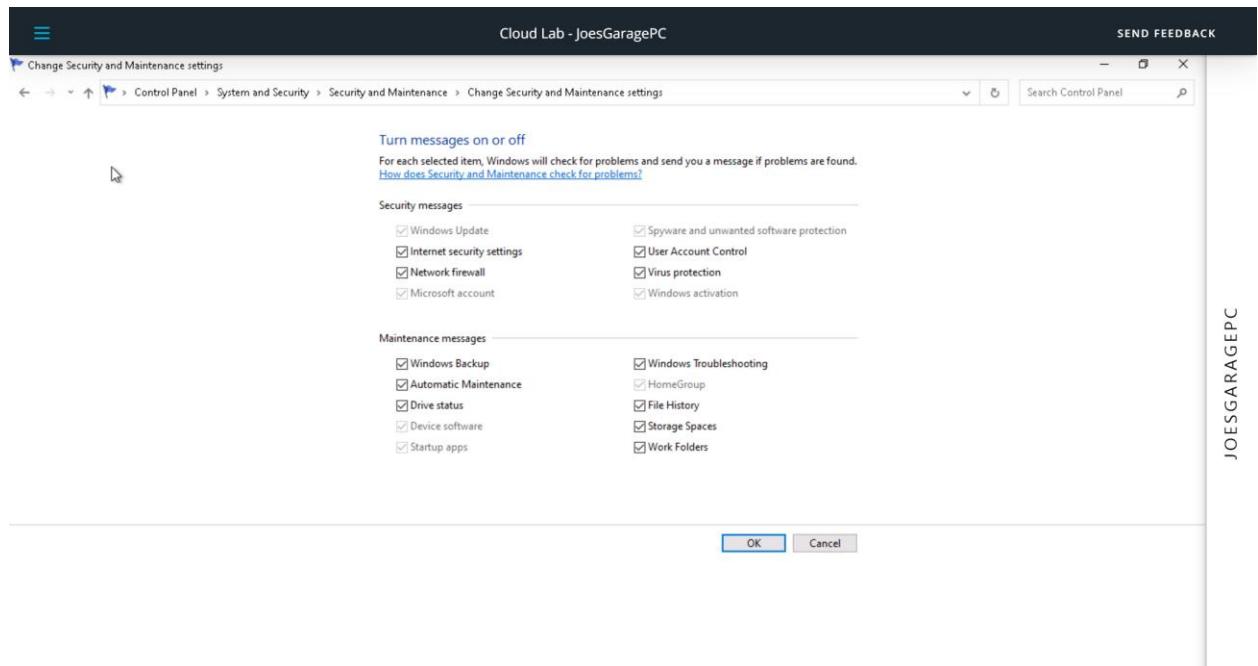
4. From the **Control Panel**, go to **System and Security**. In that window, select **Windows Defender Firewall**. Provide a screenshot of it here:



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5. PC users should be notified whenever there is a security or maintenance message. In the Security & Maintenance window, click on Change Security and Maintenance settings and take a

screenshot. Paste it here:



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6. Document the status of the PC's security settings listed below. Include the process you used to determine this information along with any screenshots. At this point, you are only documenting what you find. Do not make changes (yet).

Security Feature	Status
Firewall product and status – Private network	OFF
Firewall product and status – Public network	ON
Virus protection product and status	ON
Internet Security messages	All Internet security settings are set to their recommended levels.
Network firewall messages	Windows Firewall is turned off.
Virus protection messages	Setup OneDrive for file recovery option in case of a ransomware attack
User Account Control Setting	UAC will never notify you when apps try to make changes to the computer

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The screenshot shows the Windows Defender Firewall settings in the Control Panel. It displays two sections: 'Private networks' (Connected) and 'Guest or public networks' (Not connected). In 'Private networks', the state is Off, incoming connections are blocked, and active private networks include Network. In 'Guest or public networks', the state is On, incoming connections are blocked, and active public networks include None. A 'Use recommended settings' button is present.

Control Panel Home

Allow an app or feature through Windows Defender Firewall

Change notification settings

Turn Windows Defender Firewall on or off

Restore defaults

Advanced settings

Troubleshoot my network

See also

Security and Maintenance

Network and Sharing Center

Type here to search

Windows Defender ...

8°C Clear

6:29 AM

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The screenshot shows the Virus & threat protection settings in the Windows Security Control Panel. It includes sections for 'Current threats' (No current threats), 'Virus & threat protection settings' (No action needed), and 'Virus & threat protection updates' (Security intelligence is up to date). A 'Quick scan' button is visible.

Windows Security

Home

Virus & threat protection

Account protection

Firewall & network protection

App & browser control

Device security

Device performance & health

Family options

Settings

Type here to search

Windows Sec...

6:39 AM

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Windows Security

Restore Down

Security providers

Manage the apps and services that protect your device.

Antivirus

Microsoft Defender Antivirus
Microsoft Defender Antivirus is turned on.

Firewall

Windows Firewall
Windows Firewall is turned off.

Web protection

No providers

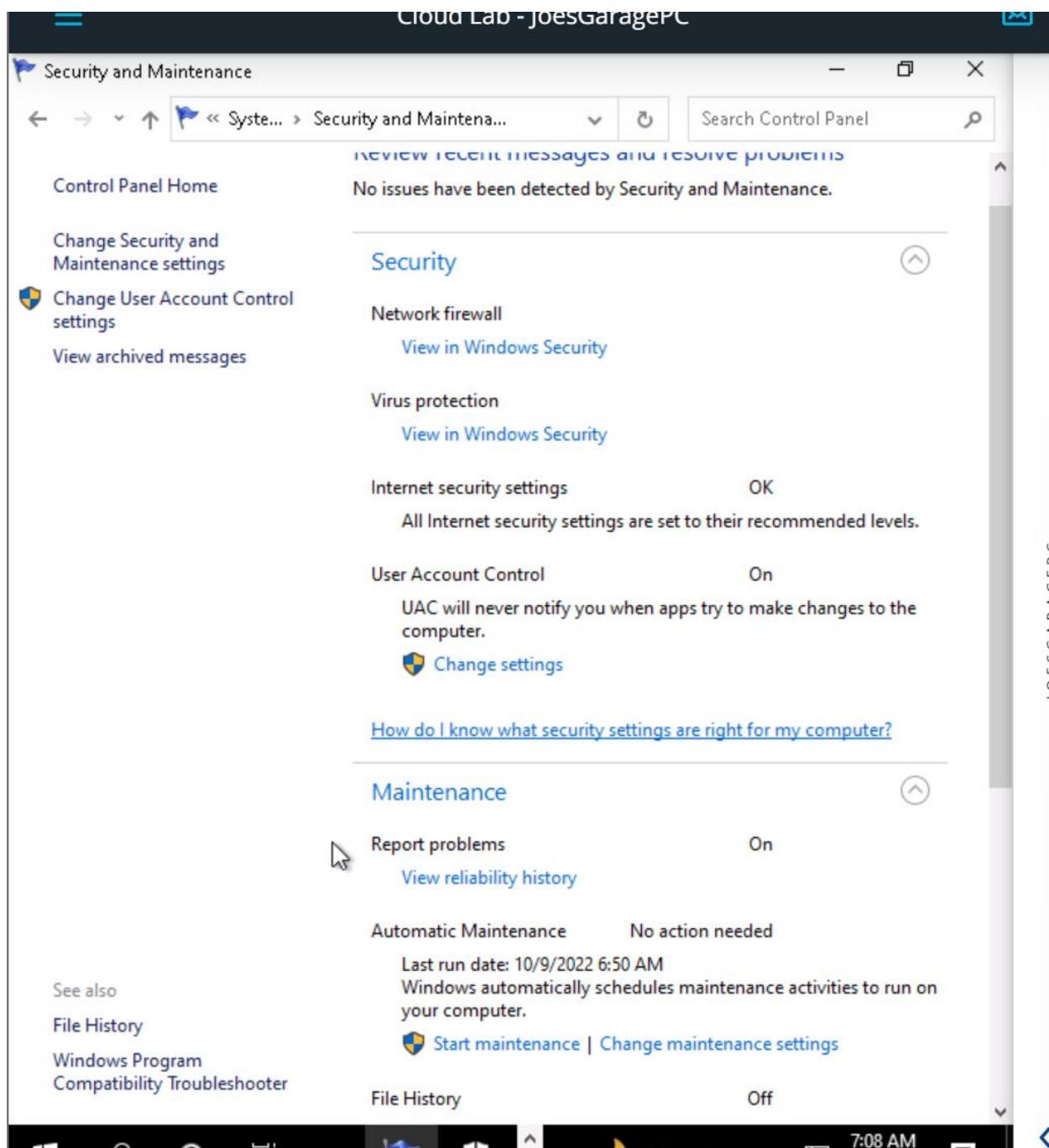
Find security apps in Microsoft Store

Have a question?

Get help

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Windows Start button, Search icon, Task View icon, Flag icon, Shield icon, Volume icon, Moon and Sun icon, 7°C, 7:10 AM, 10/9/2022, Chat icon (2 notifications), Expand icon



7. Now that you are familiar with the security settings on Joe's PC, explain at least three vulnerabilities and risks with these settings. In other words, what can happen to Joe's PC if these are not changed?
[Hint: Refer to the CIS Controls document for ideas.]
 - His pc will be controlled use at administrative privileges by the administrator users(A Hacker)
 - Account monitoring and control
 - Limitation and control of network ports and services

2. Securing the PC

Baselines

Joe has asked that you follow industry standards and baselines for security settings on this system.

1. *What industry standard should Joe use for setting security policies at his organization and justify your choice?*

The NIST800 Cyber Security Framework, because it helps businesses of all sizes better understand, manage, and reduce their cybersecurity risk and protect their networks and data.

2. *What industry baseline do you recommend to Joe?
[Hint: Look in the documents folder]*

CIS security baselines

The System and Security functions in the Windows Control Panel are where you can establish the security settings for the PC. This is found from the Control Panel > System and Security > Security and Maintenance. On the Security and Maintenance window, you see a synopsis of the Windows 10 security settings.

3. Assume Joe uses the CIS as his baseline, what controls or steps does this meet?

He should use all 18 CIS Critical Security Controls.

- 1- Inventory and control of Enterprise Assets
- 2- Inventory and Control of Software Assets
- 3- Data protection
- 4- Secure Configuration of Enterprise assets and Software
- 5- Account Management
- 6- Access Control Management
- 7- Continuous Vulnerability Management
- 8- Audit Log Management
- 9- Email and Web Browser Protections
- 10- Malware Defenses
- 11- Data Recovery
- 12- Network Infrastructure Management
- 13- Security Awareness and Skills Training
- 14- Network Monitoring and Defense
- 15- Service Provider Management
- 16- Application Software Security
- 17- Incident Response Management
- 18- Penetration Testing

System and Security

At this point, you need to enable security services for this PC. Pick at least 3 of the following 5 areas to secure in order to satisfactorily meeting the project requirements:

- Firewall
- Virus & Threat Protection
- App & Browser Control
- User Account Control settings
- Securing Removable Media

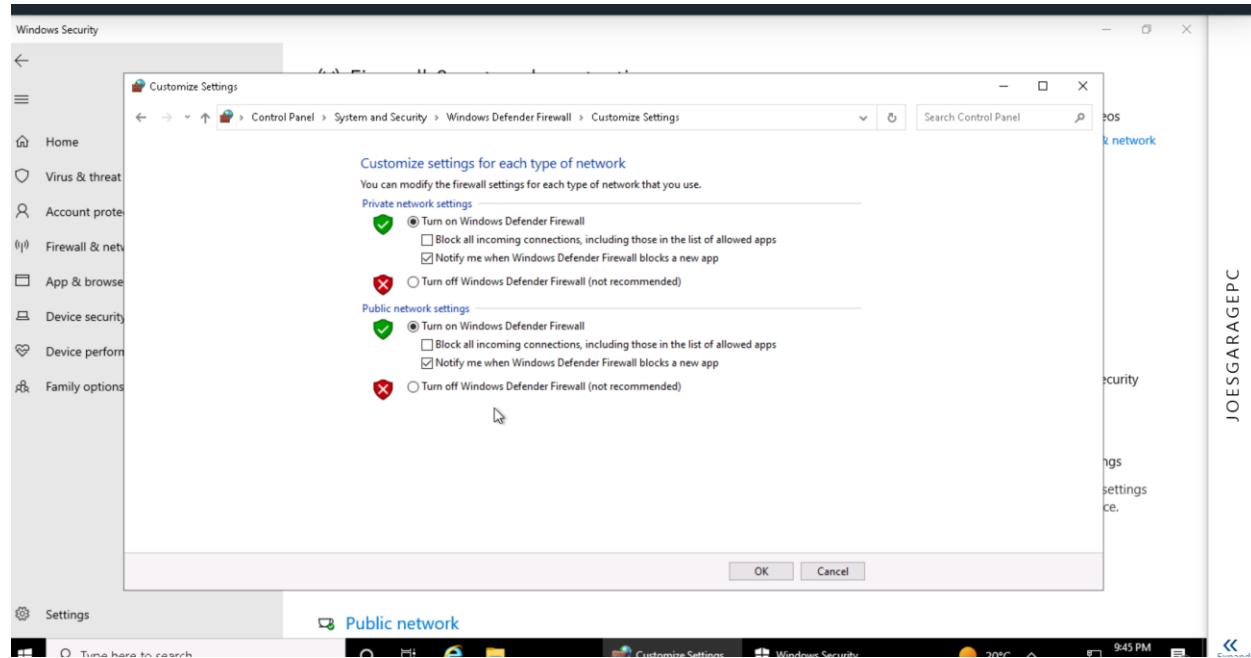
Firewall

You need to ensure the Windows Firewall is enabled for all network access.

1. Explain the process you take to do this.

This is found from Control panel > System and Security > Windows defender firewall > on the left Turn window defender Firewall on or off.

2. Include screenshots showing the firewall is turned on.



3. What protection does this provide?

Firewalls provide protection against outside cyber attackers by shielding your computer or network from malicious or unnecessary network traffic. Firewalls can also prevent malicious software from accessing a computer or network via the internet.

Virus & Threat Protection

You need to ensure the Windows Defender anti-virus is enabled to always protect against current threats. It should be set to automatically update and continually scan the PC for malicious software. Note: Ignore any alerts about setting up OneDrive.

1. Explain the process you take to do this.

This is found from start > settings > update & security > Windows security and the virus & threat protection > manage settings

2. Include screenshots to confirm that anti-virus is enabled.

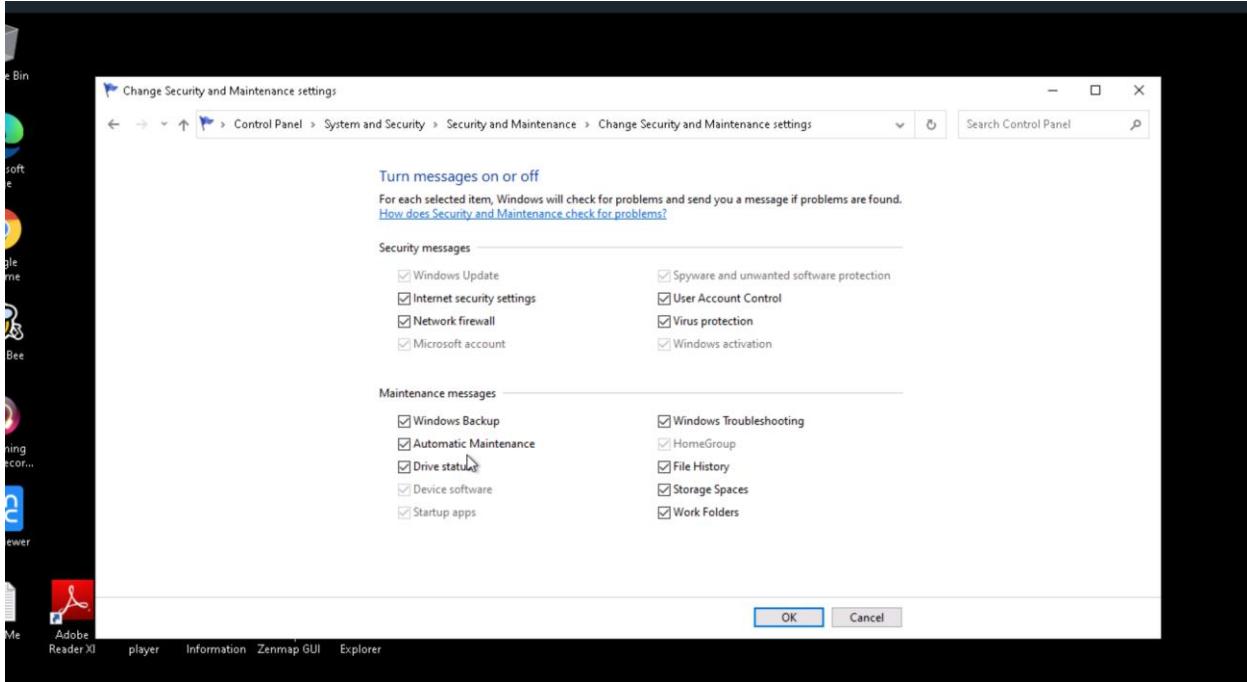
The screenshot shows the Windows Security settings page for 'Cloud Lab - JoesGaragePC'. The left sidebar lists options like Home, Virus & threat protection (which is selected), Account protection, Firewall & network protection, App & browser control, Device security, Device performance & health, Family options, and Settings. The main content area is titled 'Virus & threat protection settings' and includes sections for 'Real-time protection', 'Cloud-delivered protection', and 'Automatic sample submission', each with an 'On' toggle switch. A 'Help improve Windows Security' link is at the top right, and privacy links are on the right side.

The screenshot shows the Windows Security settings page for 'Cloud Lab - JoesGaragePC'. The left sidebar is identical to the previous screenshot. The main content area is titled 'Virus & threat protection updates' and shows 'No action needed.' It includes a 'Check for updates' button and a 'Set up OneDrive' button. A 'Help improve Windows Security' link is at the top right, and privacy links are on the right side. The text 'JOESGARAGEPC' is visible vertically on the right edge of the window.

Once you determine that virus & threat protection is on and updated, you need to turn on messages about the Network firewall and Virus protection. Refer to the instructions above for

viewing the settings within Security and Maintenance, Review recent messages and resolve problems.

1. Turn on the Network firewall and Virus protection messages using Change Security and Maintenance Settings.
2. Show a screenshot here of them enabled.



3. Provide at least two risks mitigated by enabling these security settings:
 - Mitigate unsolicited and unwanted incoming network traffic
 - Mitigate incoming threats
4. From the CIS baseline controls, provide the controls satisfied by completing this.

Network Monitoring and Defense

App & Browser Control

The App protection within Windows Defender helps to protect your device by checking for unrecognized apps and files and from malicious sites and downloads. Review the settings found within the *Account protection window*, and *App & browser control windows* found on the *Windows Defender Security page*.

Advanced students: You should also review the settings on the Exploit protection page.

1. Change the settings to provide **maximum** protection for Joe's PC and provide a screenshot of your results.

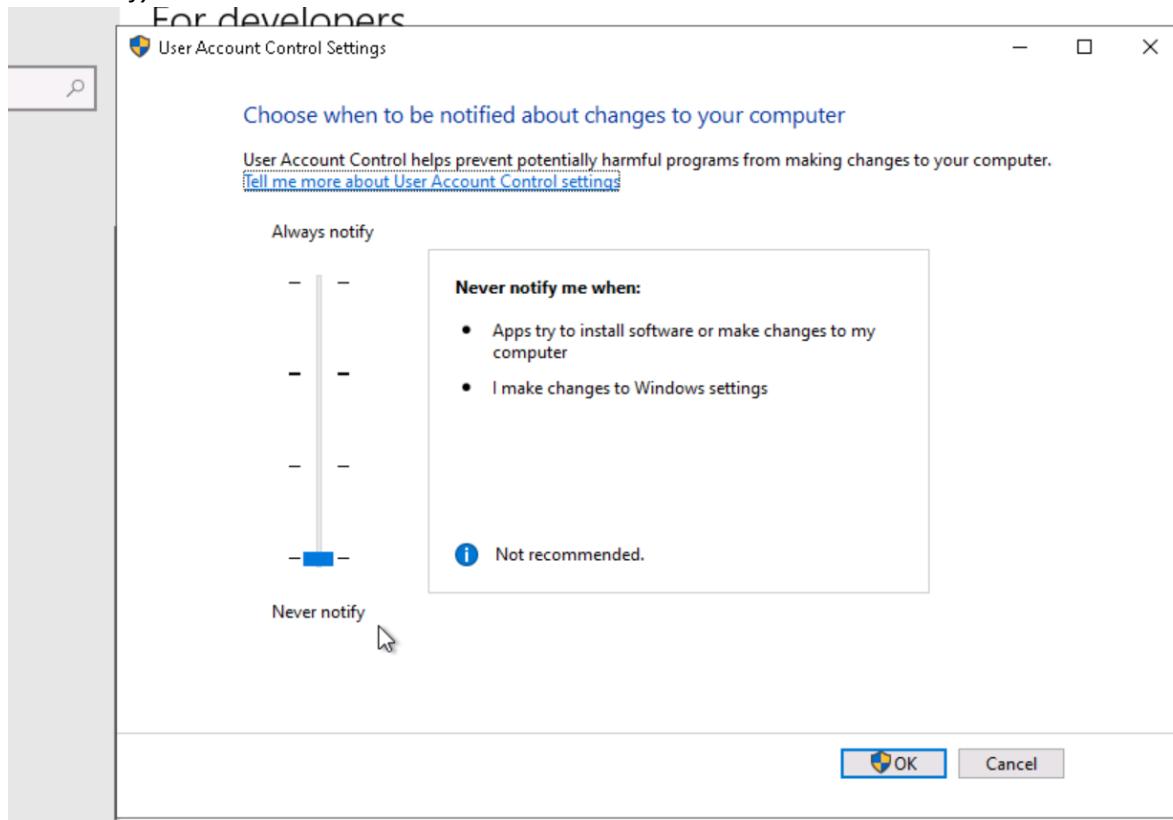
The screenshot shows the Windows Security interface for 'App & browser control'. The left sidebar includes links for Home, Virus & threat protection, Account protection, Firewall & network protection, App & browser control (which is selected), Device security, Device performance & health, Family options, and Settings. The main content area is titled 'App & browser control' and describes app protection and online security. It features sections for 'Reputation-based protection' (with a link to 'Reputation-based protection settings'), 'Exploit protection' (with a link to 'Exploit protection settings' and 'Learn more'), and 'Potentially unwanted app blocking' (with a link to 'Protection history'). On the right side, there are links for 'Windows Community videos', 'Have a question?', 'Get help', 'Who's protecting me?', 'Manage providers', 'Help improve Windows Security', 'Give us feedback', 'Change your privacy settings', 'View and change privacy settings for your Windows 10 device', 'Privacy settings', 'Privacy dashboard', and 'Privacy Statement'. The taskbar at the bottom shows icons for Gmail, YouTube, Maps, Translate, Cloud Lab - joesGaragePC, Settings, Windows Security, and system status indicators.

User Account Control Settings

Joe wants to prevent potentially harmful programs from making changes and wants to be notified whenever apps try to make changes to his computer. This is done through the User Account Control Setting.

1. *What is the current UAC setting on Joe's computer?*

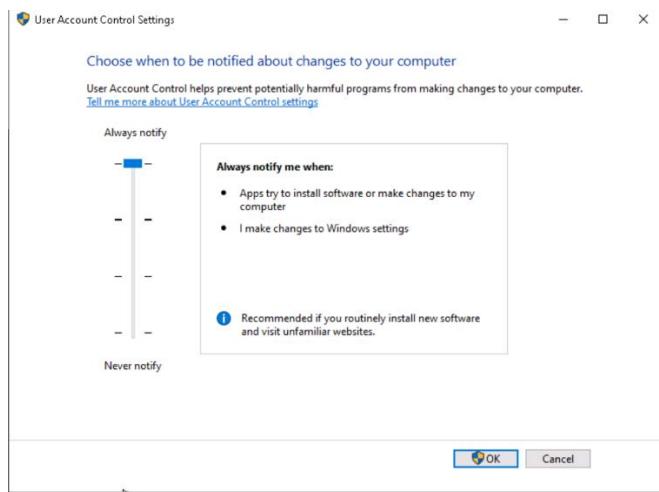
Never notify.



This is available from the above security settings.

2. What should it be set to? Include a screenshot of the new setting.

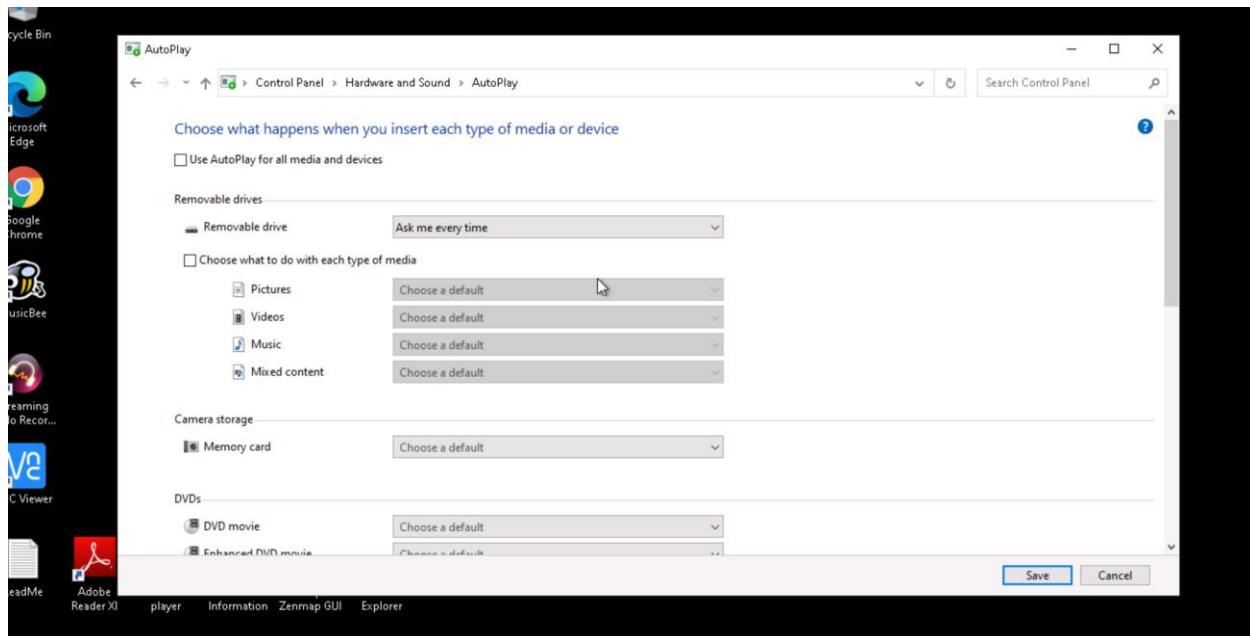
It should be Always notify.



Securing Removable Media

A security best practice is to not allow the use of removable hard drives (USB sticks, Memory Cards, and DVDs). They are needed as part of Joe's backup policy. The next best thing is to make sure that any applications don't automatically start when the media is inserted and the user is asked what should happen. This is set from the Control Panel > Hardware and Sound > Autoplay menu.

1. *On Joe's computer, go to that function and deselect "Use AutoPlay for all media and devices."*
2. *For the Removable Drive, make the default, "Ask me every time." Include a screenshot of your results.*



3. Securing Access

Ensuring only specific people have access on a computer system is a common step in information security. It starts by understanding who should have access and the rules or policies that need to be followed.

On Joe's computer, only the following accounts should be in use:

- JoesAuto
- Jane Smith (Joe's assistant)
- A User - Used for exercises (Not used in this project)
- Notadmin - Built-in administrator account (Not used for this project)
- Windows built-in accounts: Guest, DefaultAccount, and WDAGUtility (Not used for this project)

Joe's Auto Access Rules:

- Only JoesAuto and A User should have administrative privileges on this PC.

- Joe wants to prevent potentially harmful programs from making changes and wants to be notified whenever apps try to make changes to his computer.
- All valid users should have a password following Joe's password policy below
 - At least 8 characters
 - Complexity enabled
 - Changed every 120 days
 - Cannot be the same as the previous 5 passwords
- Account should be automatically disabled after 5 unsuccessful login attempts. The account should be locked for 15 minutes and then should automatically unlock.
- Upon first logging into the PC, Joe wants a warning banner letting anyone using to know that this is to only be used for work at Joe's Auto Body shop by authorized people.
- There is to be no remote access to this computer.

User Accounts

1. *What user accounts should not be there? Frank – Hacker*
2. *Bonus questions: What is Hacker's password?*
3. *Explain the steps you take to disable or remove unwanted accounts.*

Control panel > user Accounts > user accounts > Manage another account > choose an user > delete the account.

4. *Why is it important to disable or remove unneeded accounts from a PC or application? Include potential vulnerabilities and risks.*

To reduce the possibility of malware and to protect data from lost and to avoid Network Vulnerabilities.

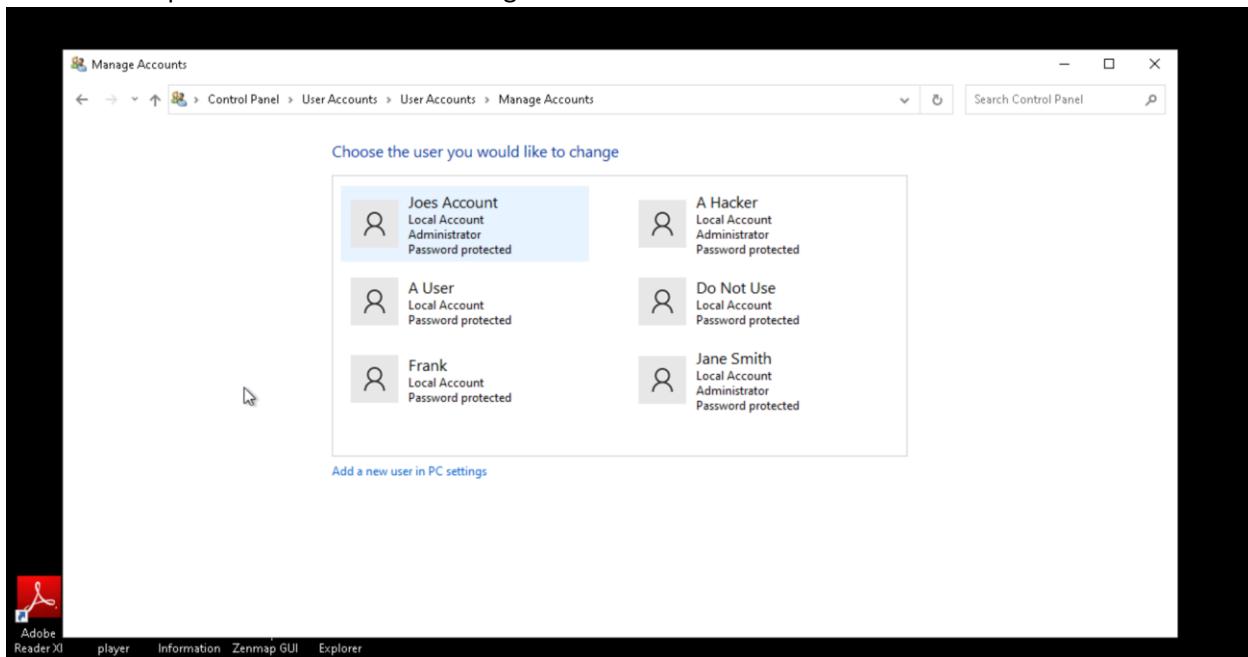
Only specific accounts should have administrator privileges. This reduces the ability for unwanted applications to be installed including malware.

5. Which account(s) have administrator rights that shouldn't?

A hacker

6. Explain how you determined this. Provide screenshots as needed.

From control panel > user account > manage another account .



Administrator privileges for too many users are another security challenge.

7. Provide at least three risks associated with users having administrator rights on a PC.
 - change security settings
 - install software and hardware
 - make changes to other user accounts.

Now you need to remove administrator privileges for any user(s) that should have it.

8. Explain the process for doing this. Include screenshots to show your work.

Click on the user that I would remove administrator privileges from him > change the account type > click on stander > change account type

Make changes to A Hacker's account

[Change the account name](#)

[Change the password](#)

[Change the account type](#) 

[Delete the account](#)

[Manage another account](#)



A Hacker
Local Account
Administrator
Password protected

Choose a new account type for A Hacker



A Hacker
Local Account
Administrator
Password protected

Standard

Standard accounts can use most software and change system settings that don't affect other users or the security of this PC.

Administrator

Administrators have complete control over the PC. They can change any settings and access all of the files and programs stored on the PC.

[Why is a standard account recommended?](#)

[Change Account Type](#)

[Cancel](#)

9. What is the security principle behind this?

Access control.

10. The Center for Internet Security Controls lists this as one of their steps for security. Which step does this fulfill?

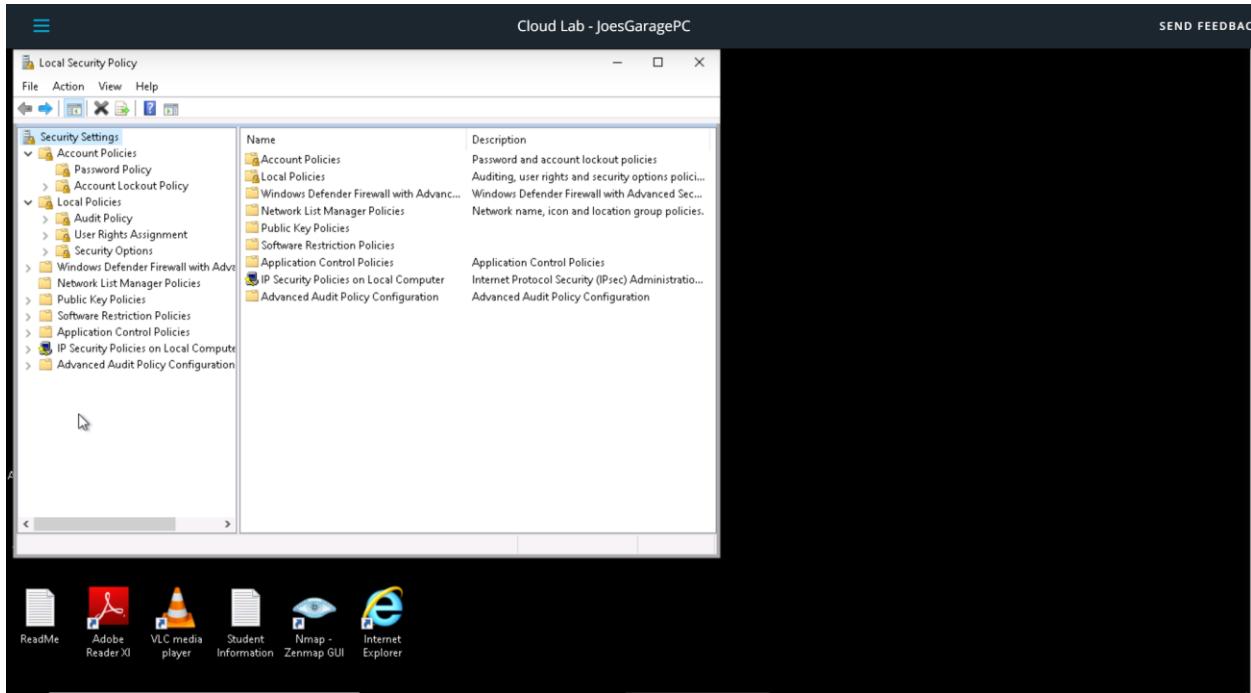
Account management

Setting Access and Authentication Policies

After you talked with Joe about security, he has asked that the access rules outlined above be in place on his PC. These are set using the Local Security Policy function in Windows 10. On the Windows search bar, type “*Local Security Policy*” to access it. Click the > arrow next to both “*Account Policies*” and “*Local Policies*” and review their contents.

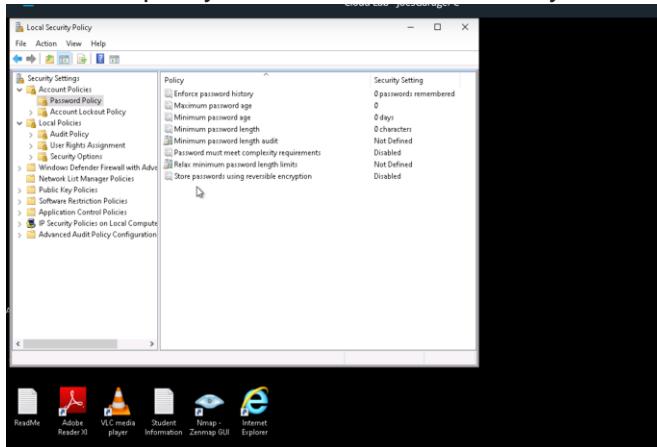
1. Provide a screenshot of the Local Security Policy window here.

[Note: Local Security Policy is not available on Windows 10 Home edition.]

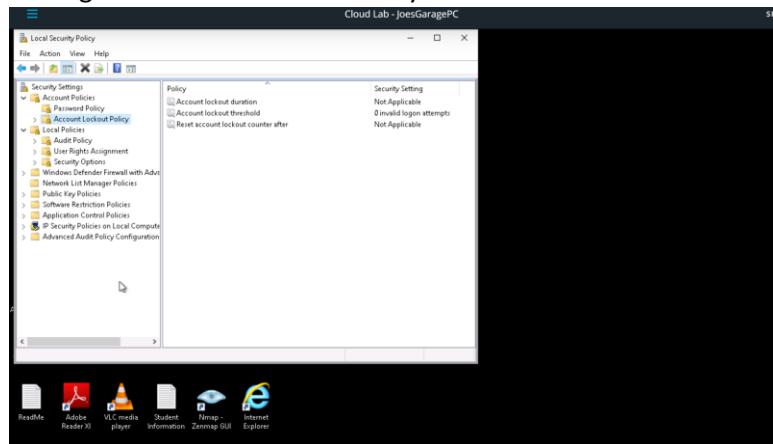


2. Explain the process for setting the password and access control policies locally on a Windows 10 PC. Provide screenshots showing how you set the rules on the PC.

Computer configuration > window settings > security settings >click account policies to edit Password policy or Account Lockout Policy



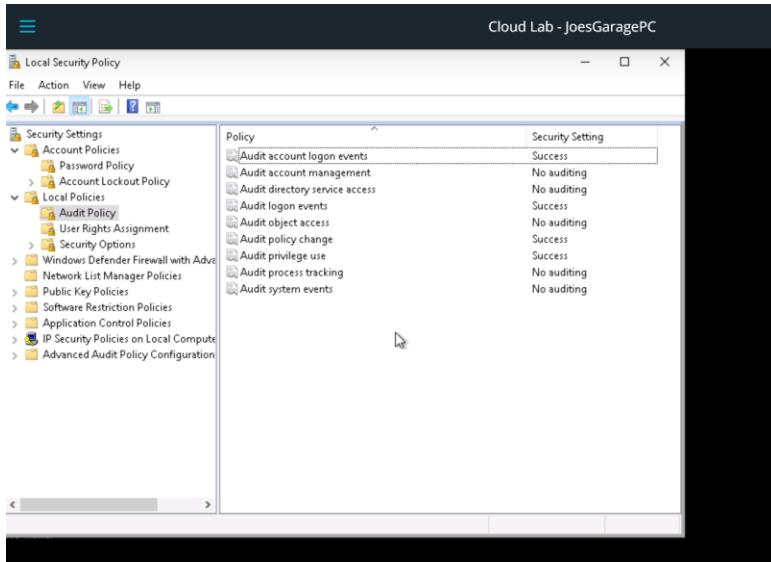
- Setting the Account Lockout Policy:



Auditing and Logging

Security best practices like those found in the CIS Controls or NIST Cybersecurity Framework require systems to log events. You need to enable the Audit Policy for Joe's PC to meet these standards.

1. From the Local Security Policy window, select Audit Policy and make applicable changes to Joe's PC to enable minimal logging of logon, account, privilege use and policy changes.
2. Provide a screenshot of your changes here.



4. Securing Applications

As part of the inventory process, you determined computer programs or applications on the PC. The next step is to decide which ones are needed for business and which ones should be removed. Unneeded programs could be vulnerable to attacks and allow unauthorized access into the computer. They also consume system resources and could also violate licensing agreements.

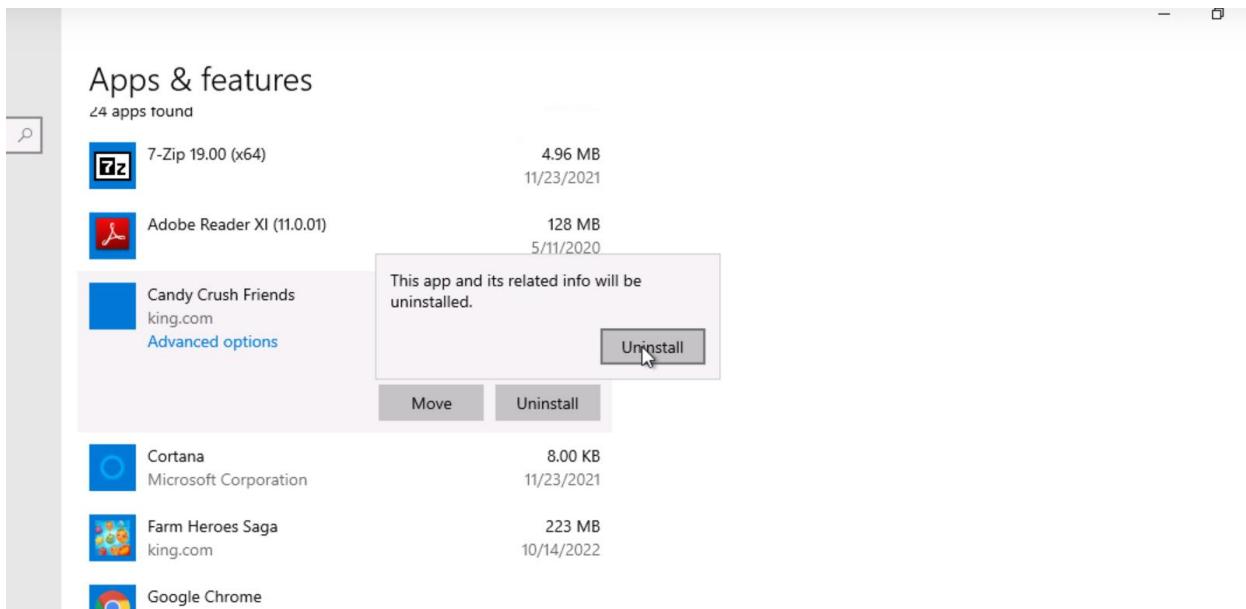
Joe has established the following rules regarding PC applications:

- Joe wants everyone to use the latest version of the Chrome browser by default.
- There should be no games or non-work-related applications installed or downloaded.
- Joe is also concerned that there are “hacking” programs downloaded or installed on the PC that should be removed.
- This PC is used for standard office functions. The auto-body has a separate service they use for their website and to transfer files from their suppliers.

Remove unneeded or unwanted applications

1. *List at least three application(s) that violate this policy.*
 - Candy crush Friends
 - Nmap 7.80
 - Npcap 0.9982
2. *Name at least three vulnerabilities, threats or risks with having unnecessary applications:*
 - malware
 - computer will be starting slow down
 - System flaw
3. *Joe wants you to make sure unneeded applications or programs are no longer on the PC. Explain the steps you take to disable or remove them. Include screenshots to show your work.*

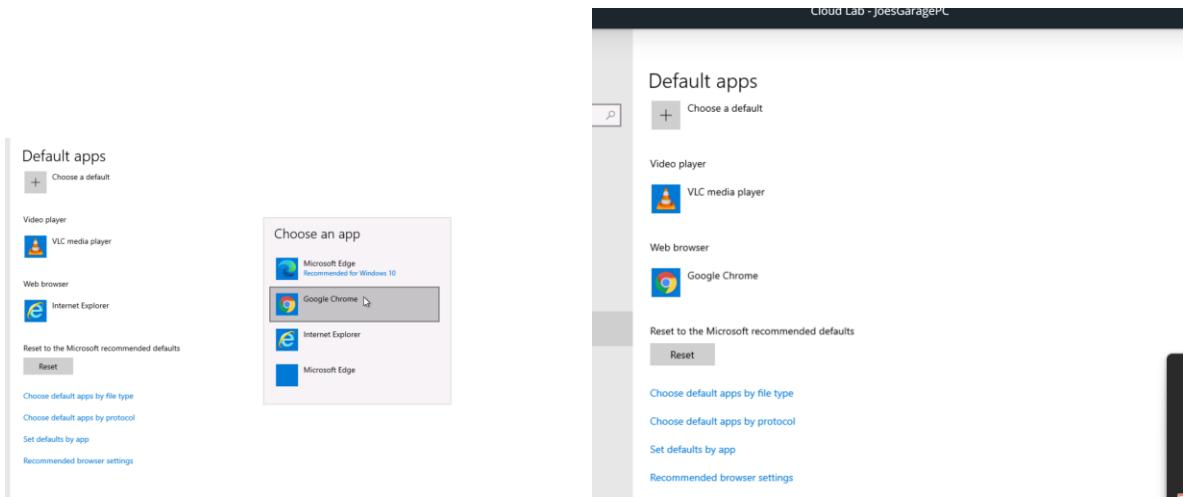
Settings > Apps & features > Choose unneeded application > click on uninstall



Default Browser

As mentioned in the policy, Joe wants all users to use Chrome as their browser by default.

1. *Explain how you set default applications within the Windows 10 operating system. Include screenshots as necessary. From settings > Apps > Default apps > web Browser > chose chrome*

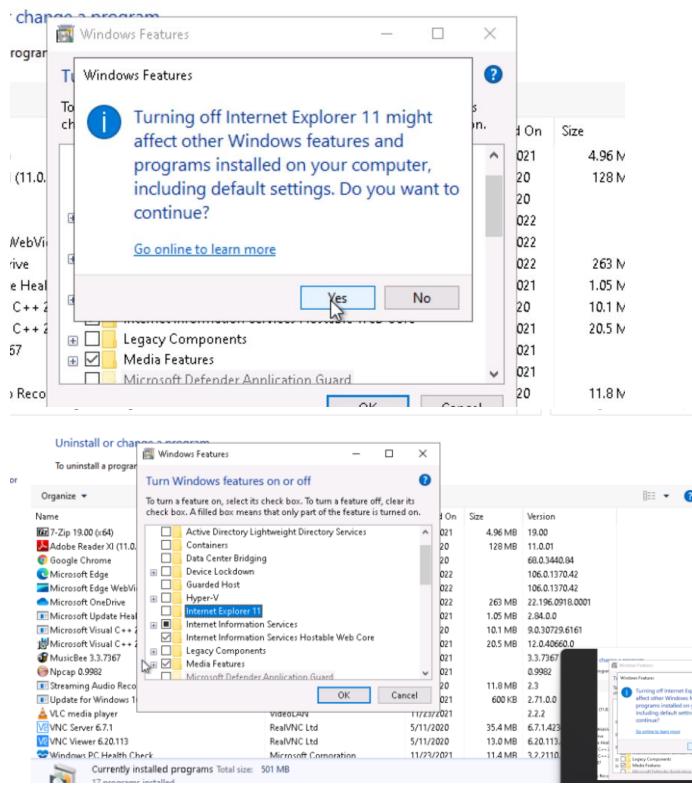


2. *Why should Internet Explorer be disabled from Windows PCs? Provide at least two risks or vulnerabilities associated with it.*

- There are better safer options
- Security flaw

Because of the reasons you give above, Internet Explorer should be removed. To do that, go to the **Control Panel**, select **Programs**. On the **Programs and Features** window, select “**Turn Windows features on or off**.”

3. *Provide a screenshot showing Internet Explorer 11 is off.*

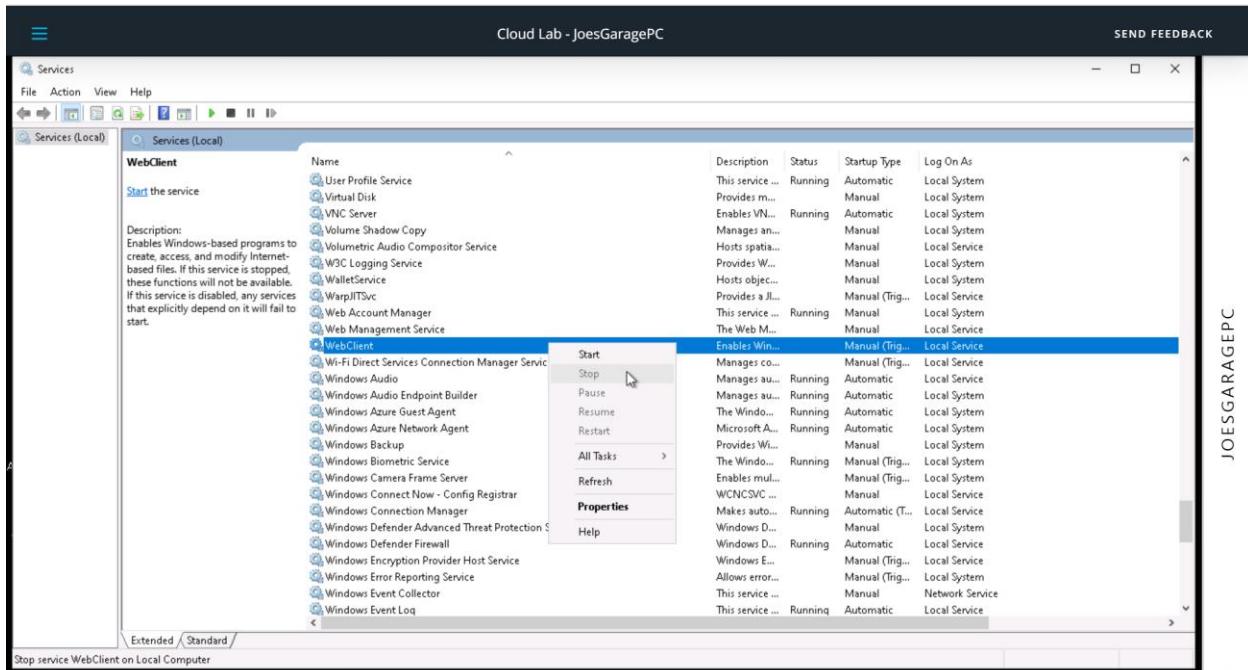


Windows Services

There are Windows features running on Joe's computer that could allow unwanted activity or files. He suspects that someone may have used the PC as a web server in the past. Joe wants you to confirm if web services are turned on, stop it if it is and make sure it is not running whenever the computer restarts.

1. How did you determine these services were running? Include screenshots to show how you found them.

Control panel > administrative tools > services > we can see column ((state)) that determines if it running.



JOE'S GARAGE PC

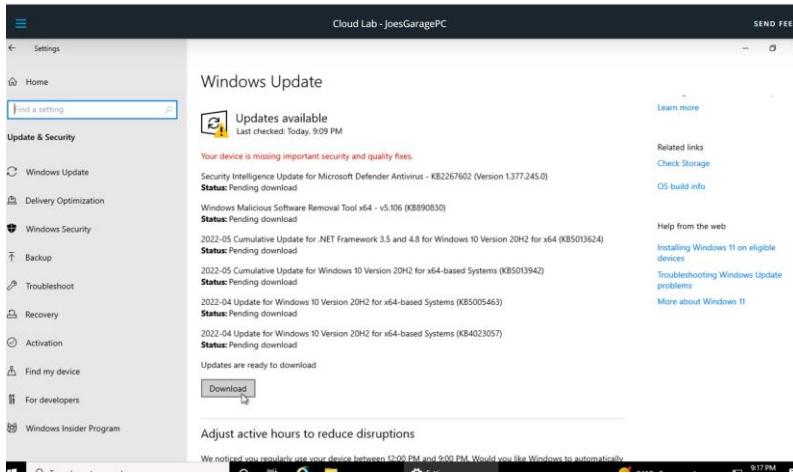
2. Advanced users should provide at least two methods for determining a web server is running on a host
 - Using string Bindings
 - Importing from name service database
3. How do you disable them and make sure they are not restarted? Click right on the desired server then click on stop.
4. Advanced Users: The File Transfer Protocol FTP service is also running on this PC and shouldn't. Explain the process for disabling it and ensuring it is not automatically restarted.

Patching and Updates

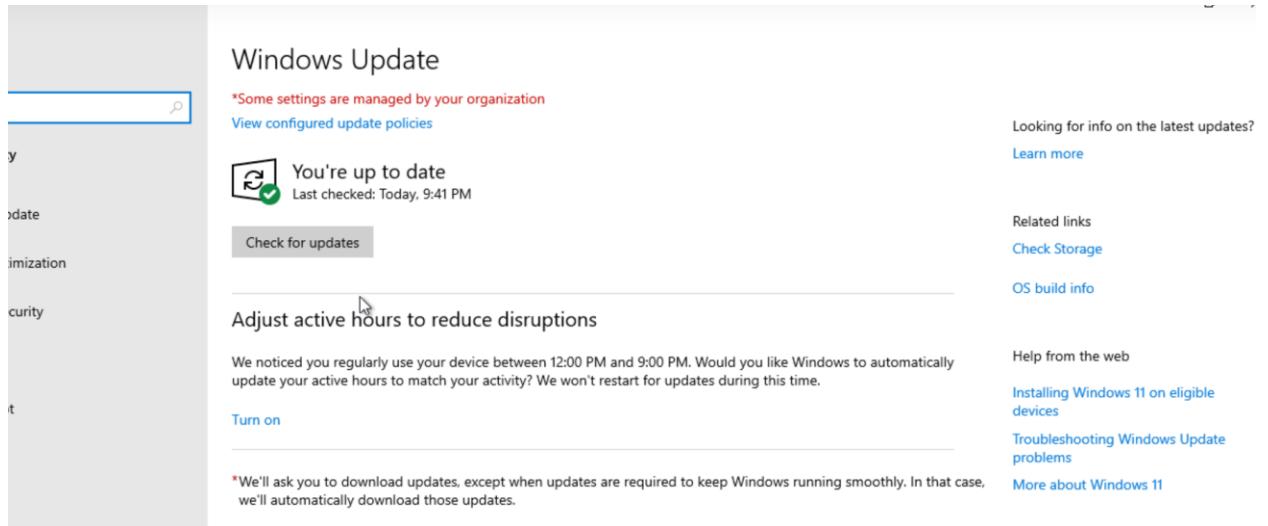
Keeping the operating system current on patches and fixes is a critical part of security. Joe wants his PC to be on the latest version of Windows 10. He also wants you to set it up for automated updates.

1. Explain the process for doing this. Include screenshots as needed.

Settings > update & security > window update



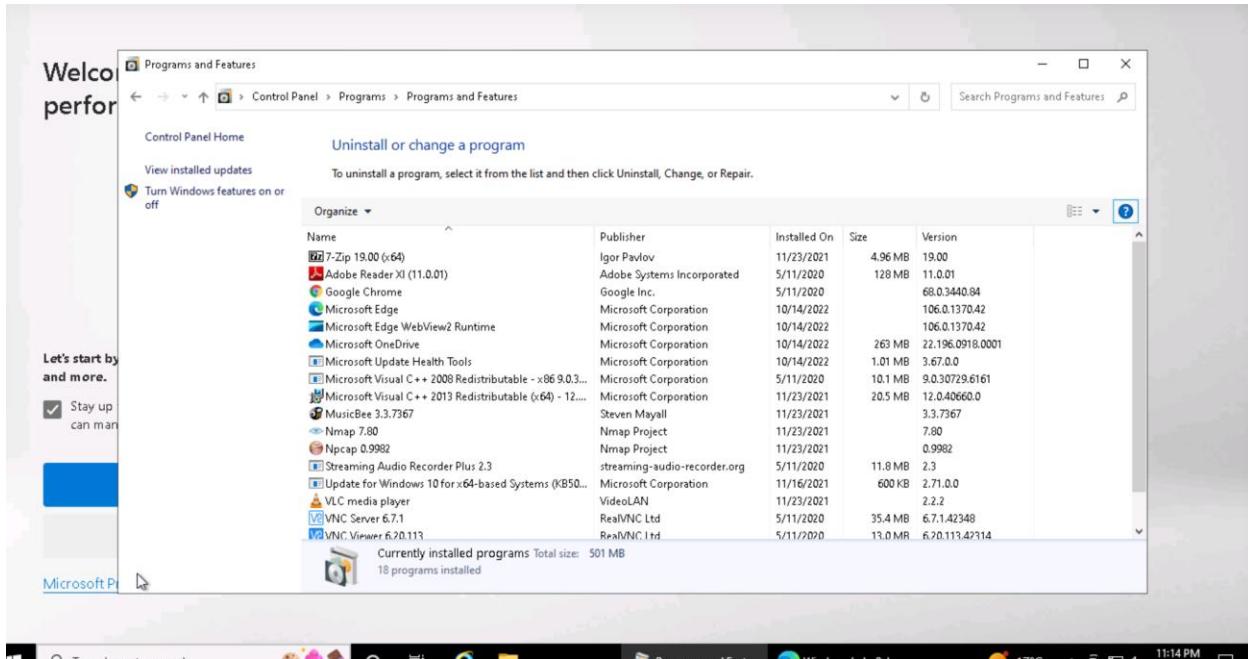
2. Go ahead and update this PC to the latest version. Warning this may take a while and require numerous restarts. When it is complete, provide a screenshot showing the PC is on the latest version.



All applications should also be up to date on patches or fixes provided by the manufacturer. Any old versions of software should be uninstalled.

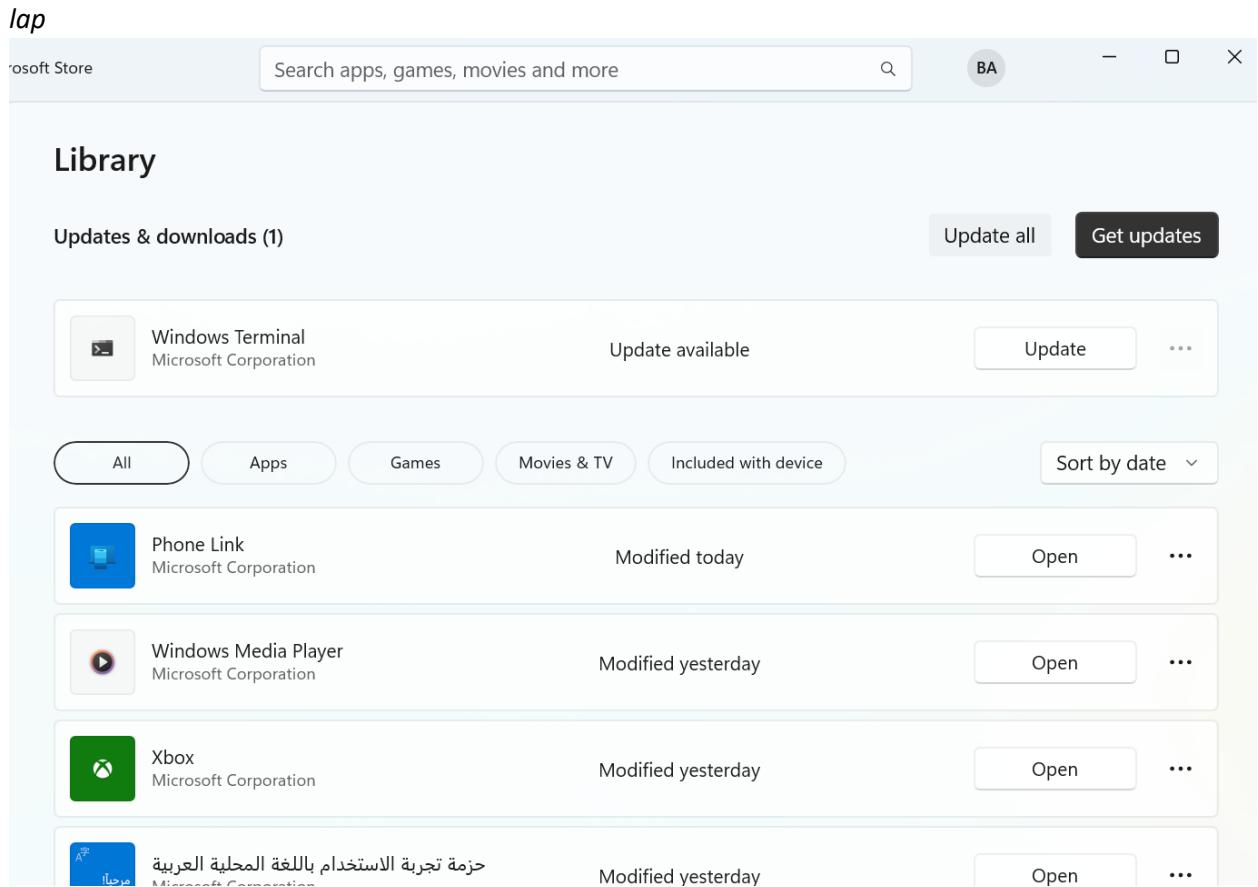
3. List at least two applications on Joe's PC that are out of date. List them below:
 - Google chrome
 - Nmap 7.80
4. Explain the steps you took to determine this information

Control panel > programs > programs & features . I compared the version of app in jeos pc with the latest version in web .



5. Explain the steps for updating each of these applications. Include screenshots as needed.

- Open the Official Website of nmap > then download the least version of that application .
- Open google chrome> at the right top click more > click on help about google chrome > Click Update Google Chrome.
- ((from Microsoft store , select library then get update , I tried on my own windows since the cloud



5. Securing Files and Folders

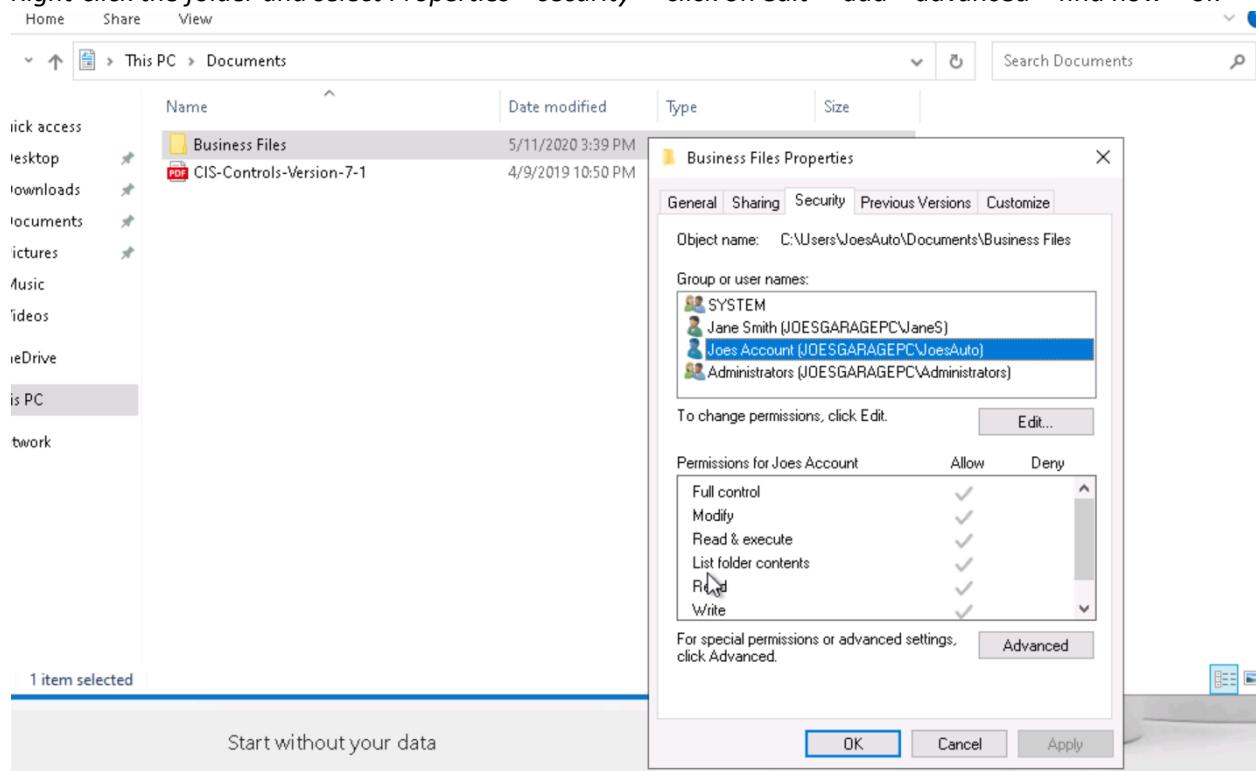
Joe has some work files in his Business folder that he wants to secure since they contain his customer information. They are labeled “JoesWork.”

Joe suspects that other users on this computer beside him and Jane can see and change his business files. He wants you to check to make sure that only those two users have privileges to view or change the files.

Encrypting files and folders

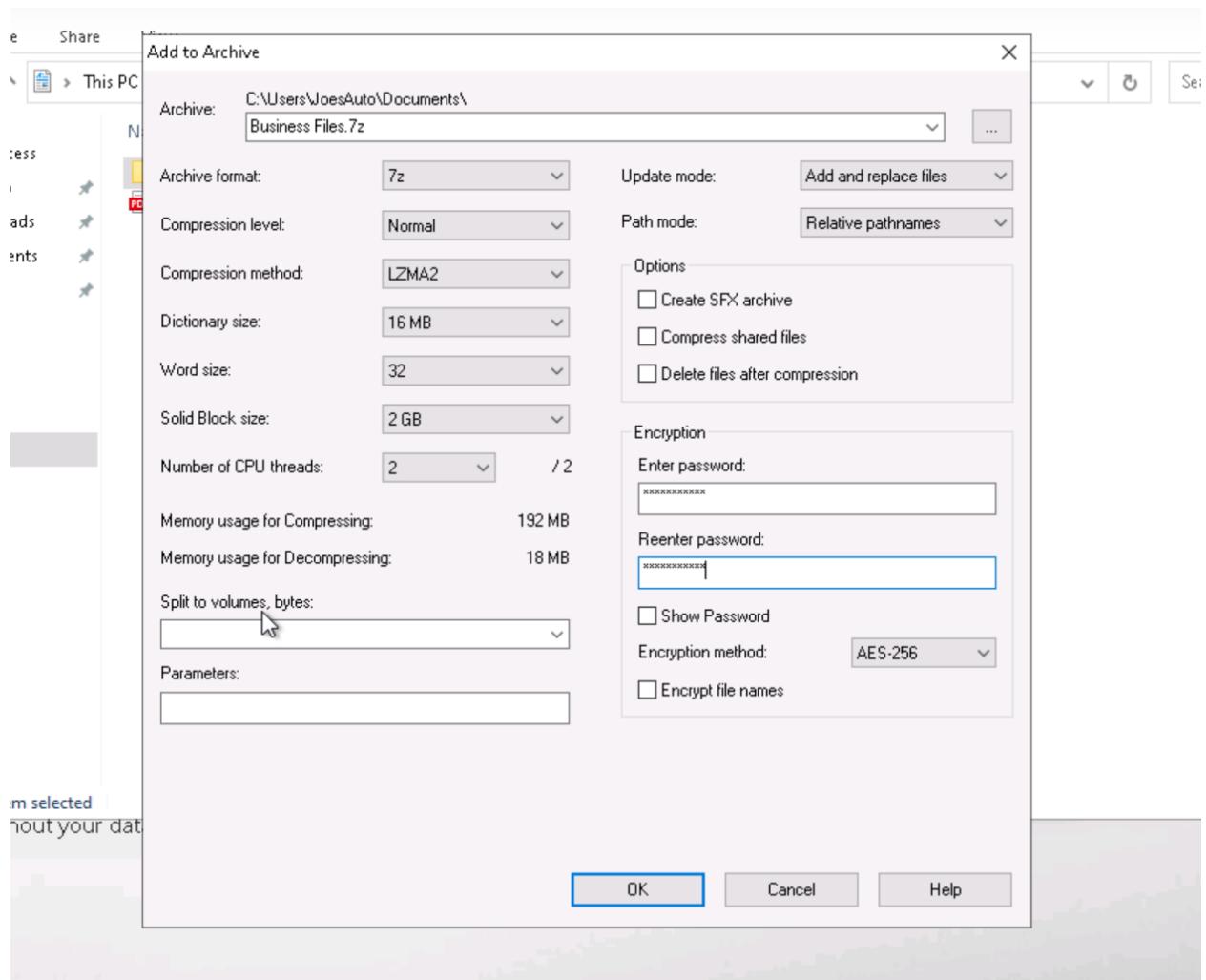
1. Explain the process for checking this and changing any necessary settings on the file. Include screenshots showing that ONLY Joe and Jane have permissions to change Joes work files.
[Hint: Right-click the folder and select Properties.]

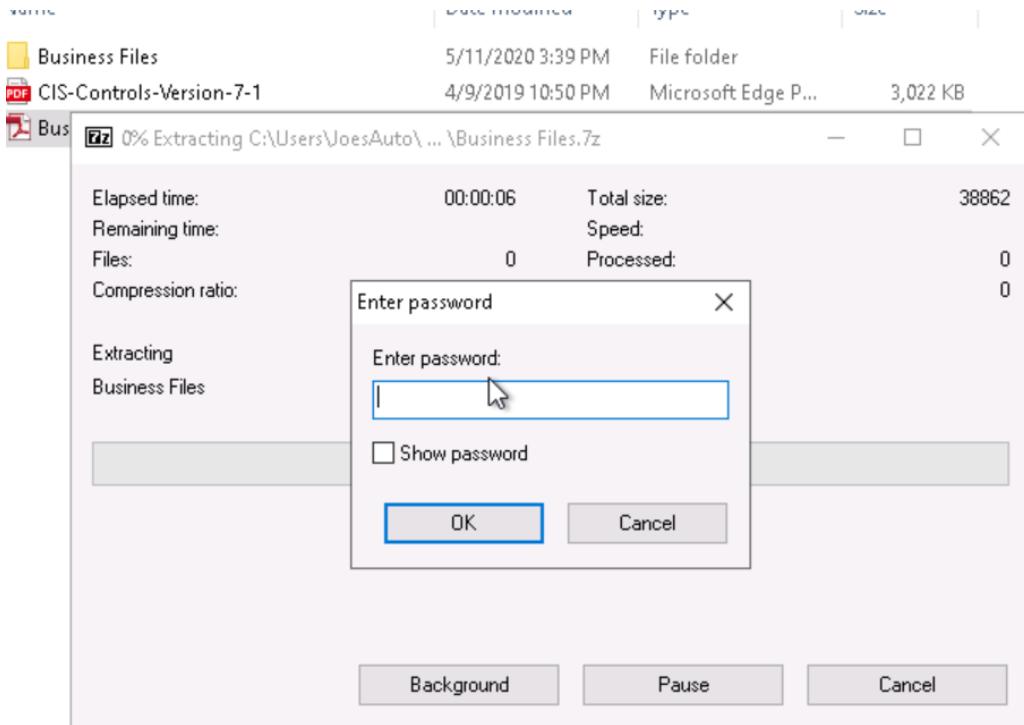
Right-click the folder and select Properties > security > click on edit > add > advanced > find now > ok



2. Joe wants his work files encrypted with the password, "SU37*\$xv3p1" Explain how you would do this. What encryption method do you recommend? You may use the pre-installed program 7-Zip for this.

Right-click the folder and select 7-zip>add to archive > write password > select method > ok > right click on new folder (Business file .7z) and select extract here then write password to open encrypted file I recommend ASE method .





3. *What security fundamental does this provide?*

Confidentiality.

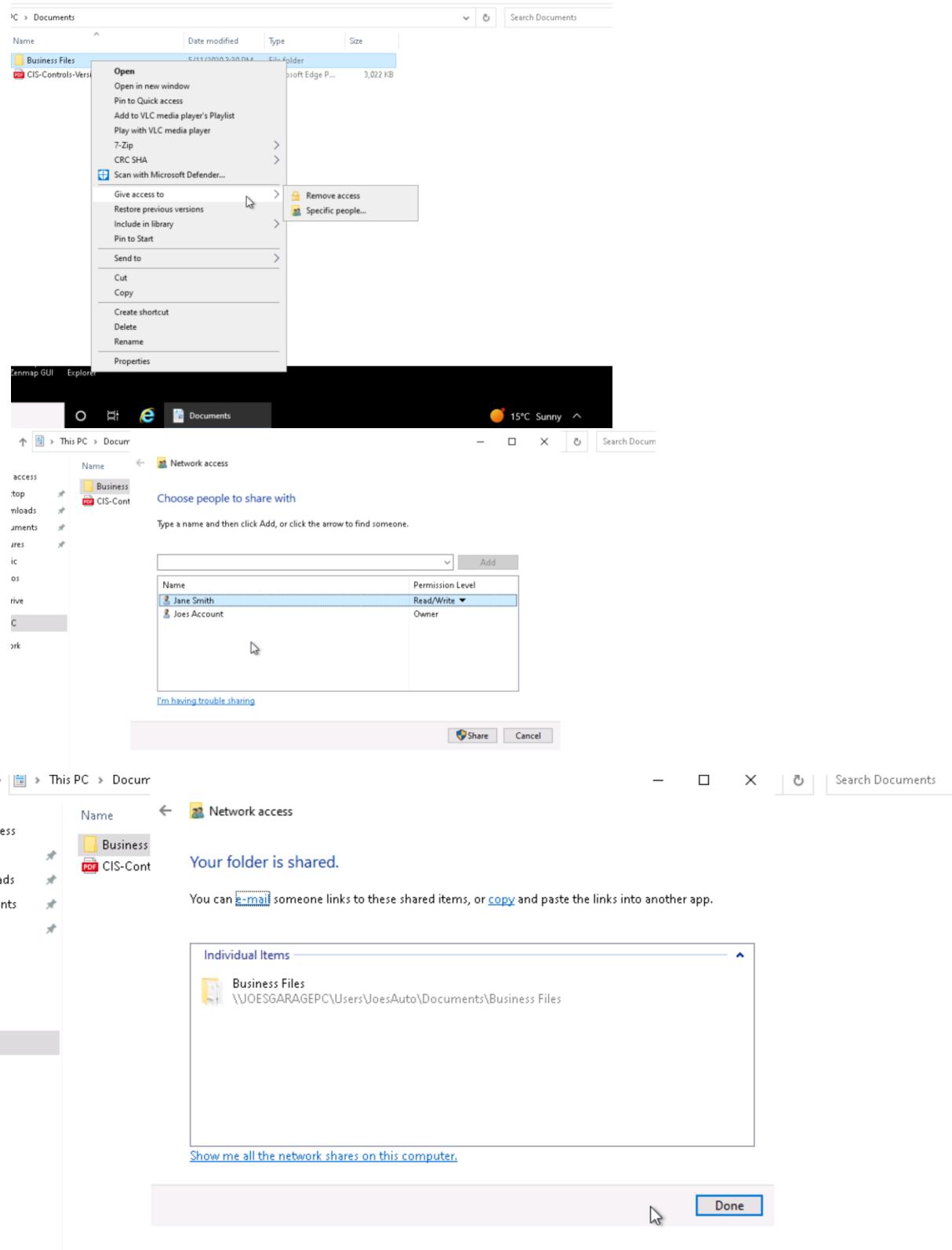
4. *The Center for Internet Security Controls lists this as one of their steps for security. Which step does this fulfill? Data protection.*

Shared Folders

Shared folders are a common way to make files available to multiple users. There's a folder under Joe's documents called "Business Files" that Joe wants shared with his administrator Jane.

1. *Explain how you would do that and provide a screenshot showing how you can do it. Make sure it's only shared between Joe and Jane.*

2. Right click on “Business Files” folder > give access to > specific people > add > click share > done



3. *For advanced students: Joe wants to make sure there are no other folders shared on the PC. Explain how you view all shared files and folders on a Windows 10 PC. Include a screenshot as proof.*

6. Basic Computer Forensics (Optional)

Joe has asked that you investigate his PC to see if there are any other files left behind by previous unwanted users that may show they wanted to harm Joe's business. Look through the unwanted users' folders and list suspicious files. General students should document three issues and advanced students at least five issues. Include a brief explanation of their contents and their risks. [Hint: there is a "Hacker" in the PC]

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7. Project Completion

Take the following steps when you are done answering the challenges and securing Joe's PC:

- Save your answer template as both a Word document and PDF. Make sure your name and date are on it.
- Shutdown the virtual Windows 10 PC.
- Submit the PDF to Udacity for review.