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Chapter **11**

Setting Up a Windows Server

This chapter presents the procedures that you need to follow to install Windows Server — specifically, Windows Server 2019. Note that although the specific details provided are for Windows Server 2019, installing a previous version is very similar. So you won't have any trouble adapting these procedures if you're installing an older version.

In this chapter, I make a couple of important assumptions from the start. First, I assume that you're installing the server on a virtual machine. The procedures for installing a server directly onto physical hardware are similar, except that the installation media will be DVD disks instead of an ISO disk image.

Second, I assume that you're installing Windows Server 2019 into a brand new VM rather than trying to upgrade an existing virtual machine that already has a previous version of Windows Server 2019. Although it is possible to upgrade a previous Windows Server version to 2019, I don't generally recommend it because more than a few things can go wrong.