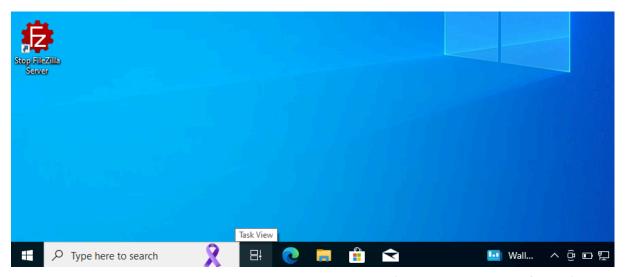
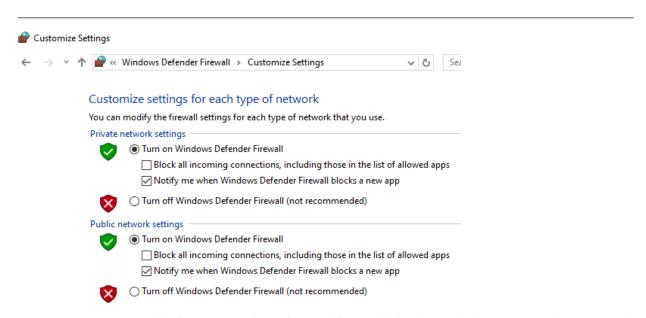
Configure Firewall rules

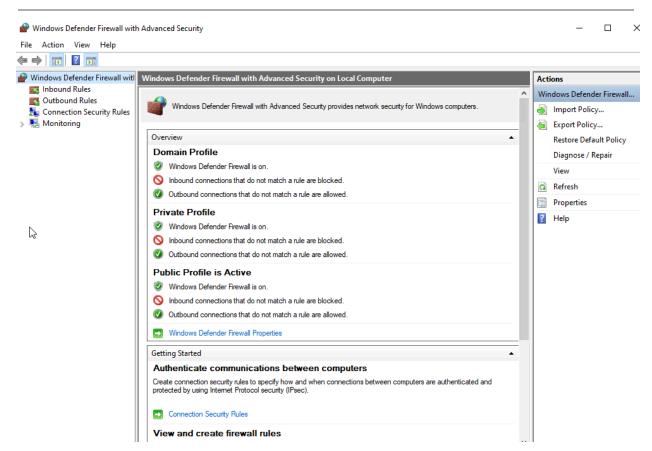


Step 1: Run your **Windows 10 virtual machine** using **VirtualBox**. If you haven't set it up yet, install VirtualBox, create a VM for Windows 10, and complete the OS installation. Make sure to allocate enough **RAM and storage** for smooth performance. Set the **network adapter to "Bridged Adapter"** in VirtualBox so the VM can communicate with other devices on your network.

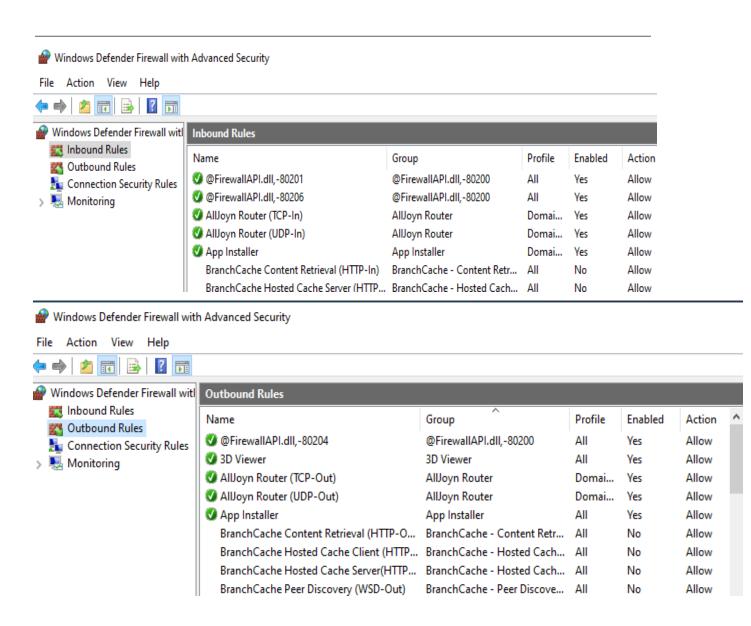


Step 2: On your Windows 10 Virtual Machine, click the Windows Search Bar and type **Windows Defender Firewall**, then open it. Once you're in the app, we're going to start by learning how to turn the firewall on or off. On the left-hand side

of the window, click "Turn Windows Defender Firewall on or off." You'll now see two sections: one for Private network settings and one for Public network settings. This lets you control how the firewall acts depending on whether you're connected to a private network, like your home Wi-Fi, or a public one, like in a hotel. You can choose to leave one on and turn the other off, turn both off, or turn both on. For this project, we'll leave both turned on so the firewall is active for all network types. If either one is currently off, go ahead and select "Turn on Windows Defender Firewall" for both, and then click OK to apply the changes. This ensures your firewall is running and ready before we move on to creating and managing firewall rules.

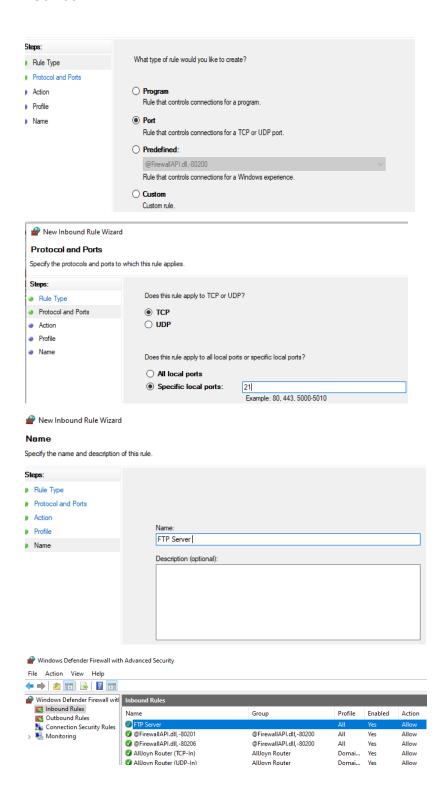


Step 3: Now let's look at how to open ports in Windows Defender Firewall. If you're trying to run an app and it's not working the way it should, it might be because the firewall is blocking the port it needs. To fix that, go back to the main firewall window and click "**Advanced settings**" on the left. This will open up the advanced firewall panel, where you can see and control all the rules. From here, you'll be able to create a rule to open the port you need.



Step 4: By default, the firewall blocks most traffic coming **into** your machine and allows traffic going **out**. To see this in action, click **Inbound Rules** and **Outbound Rules** on the left-hand side. This shows you exactly what the firewall is currently allowing or blocking, both for incoming and outgoing connections on your system.

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Step 5: By default, the firewall doesn't allow FTP traffic in, so we need to create a rule. On the right side of the firewall window, click "New Rule…" and choose "Port", then click Next.

Select **TCP**, type **21** for the specific port, and click **Next**. Choose "**Allow the connection**", then keep clicking **Next** until you reach the name screen. Name the rule "**FTP Server**" and click **Finish**. You should now see your new rule in the inbound rules list, and FTP traffic will be allowed on this machine.

Step 6: Close All Tabs to End the Project