CNT 4603: System Administration Spring 2022

Project Three - Installing And Configuring A Virtual Network

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Project Three: Overview

- **Title:** "Project Three: Installing And Configuring A Virtual Network"
- **Points:** 100 points
- Due Date: Sunday March 27, 2022 by 11:59 pm (WebCourses time)
- **Objectives:** To create and configure a small network of virtual computers to be used for practicing system administration activities in subsequent projects.
- **Deliverables:** Nine screen shots as indicated on pages 35-36 and 38-39. A full list of deliverables appears on page 40.



Project Three: Overview





Do not start this project until you have completed both the installation/configuration of virtualization software and installed a practice VM as described in Module 4.



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- In this project you will install and configure several different virtual computers into a network that will be used in subsequent assignments for practicing various system administration activities.
- In this project you will create two server systems and one client system. The servers will be running Windows Server 2022 and the client will run a Windows 10 Education (or Professional) OS. I'm using Windows 10 Education for my client. I'll be running my VMs on Oracle's VirtualBox, but any virtualization software will be fine.

The pages that follow explain the details of the project, stepping you through the actions of a system administration installing and uninstalling server roles. In the various callouts, the items that appear in **bold green** text require you to do screen captures and/or answer questions. These screen captures and answers will constitute your submission for this project.

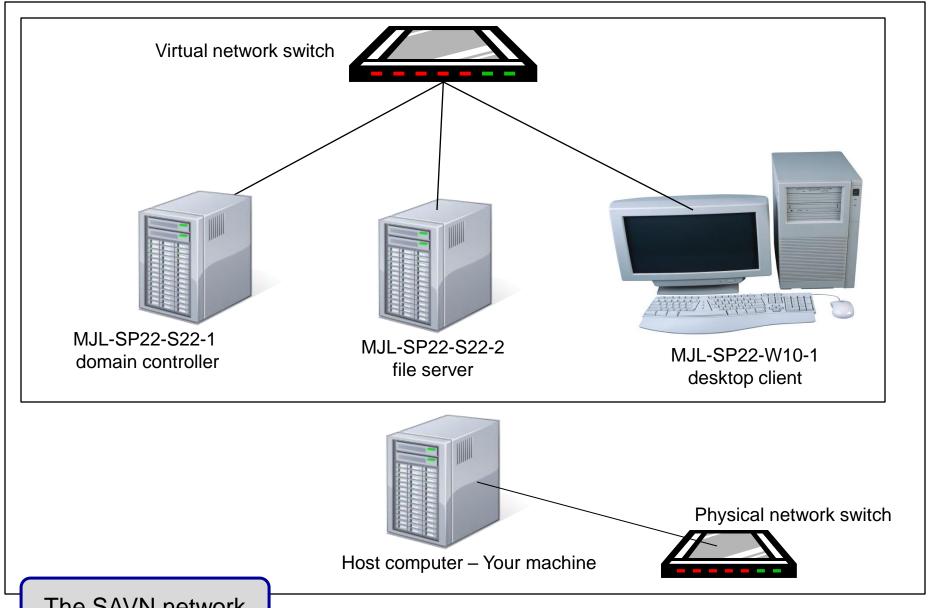


Project Three: The Scenario

- In this project you will build a virtual demonstration network named SAVN.local for a fictitious company, System Administration Virtual Network Company (SAVN).
- SAVN is a virtual (fictitious) company headquartered in Orlando. In the past, the company has relied on several independent desktop computers to manage their assets. SAVN has grown, and management has come to realize that the company could benefit by implementing a network.
- As the IT manager for SAVN, implementing the network will be your responsibility.
- As a user of Microsoft software, SAVN will build its network around Microsoft Windows Server 2022. SAVN utilizes Microsoft Windows 10 as its desktop operating system of choice.

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- Although there are a number of different ways to implement a virtual network design, we'll make this project focus on the three roles found in all networks (1) designing the network configuration, (2) verifying IP configurations and (3), implementing centralized, secure management of the network.
- In this project, I've designed the network configuration that we'll use and you will implement it using virtualization.
- The initial network diagram is shown on the next page.
- MJL-SP22-S22-1 and MJL-SP22-S22-2 are virtual servers running Windows Server 2022. MJL-SP22-W10-1 is a virtual desktop computer running Microsoft Windows 10.
- These machines will communicate with one another over a local virtual network.



The SAVN network



MJL-SP22-S22-1 Role – Domain Controller

- MJL-SP22-S22-1 is the virtual machine that manages the savn.local domain.
- Recall from our discussion of Active Directory that a domain is a logical group of computers that share access to network resources with centralized administration and security policies.
- MJL-SP22-S22-1 is the domain controller the server that responds to security authentication requests within the Windows Server 2022 domain. The domain controller is the server that essentially makes networking (at least in a secure fashion) possible.
- In a subsequent project, you will ultimately implement the domain controller role by promoting MJL-SP22-S22-1 to function as the domain controller for the SAVN network. **DO NOT ATTEMPT TO DO THIS NOW.**

MJL-SP22-S22-1 Role – Domain Controller

- Recall that AD DS uses the Domain Name System (DNS) to maintain domain naming structures and to locate network resources.
- DNS maintains a database of IP addresses and host names and AD DS is designed to take full advantage of DNS's powerful capabilities, so AD DS names must follow standard DNS naming conventions.
- You will implement the DNS role on MJL-SP22-S22-1 for the savn.local domain as part of establishing MJL-SP22-S22-1 as a domain controller.

MJL-SP22-S22-2 Role – File Server

- MJL-SP22-S22-2 will serve as a file server, meaning it is the computer system responsible for the central storage and management of data files so that other computers on the savon.local network can access these files.
- To take advantage of AD DS security features, you will need to join MJL-SP22-S22-2 to the savn.local domain.
- As a domain member, MJL-SP22-S22-2 can coordinate the security access of its files with the domain controller (MJL-SP22-S22-1).



MJL-SP22-W10-1 – Desktop Client

- MJL-SP22-W10-1 is a desktop client that will use software applications to access various system resources, including folders, and files on the network file server (MJL-SP22-S22-2).
- MJL-SP22-S22-1, with AD DS and DNS, helps locate network resources and controls security access to these network resources. MJL-SP22-S22-2 holds the data that MJL-SP22-W10-1's applications require.



Getting The OS .iso Images

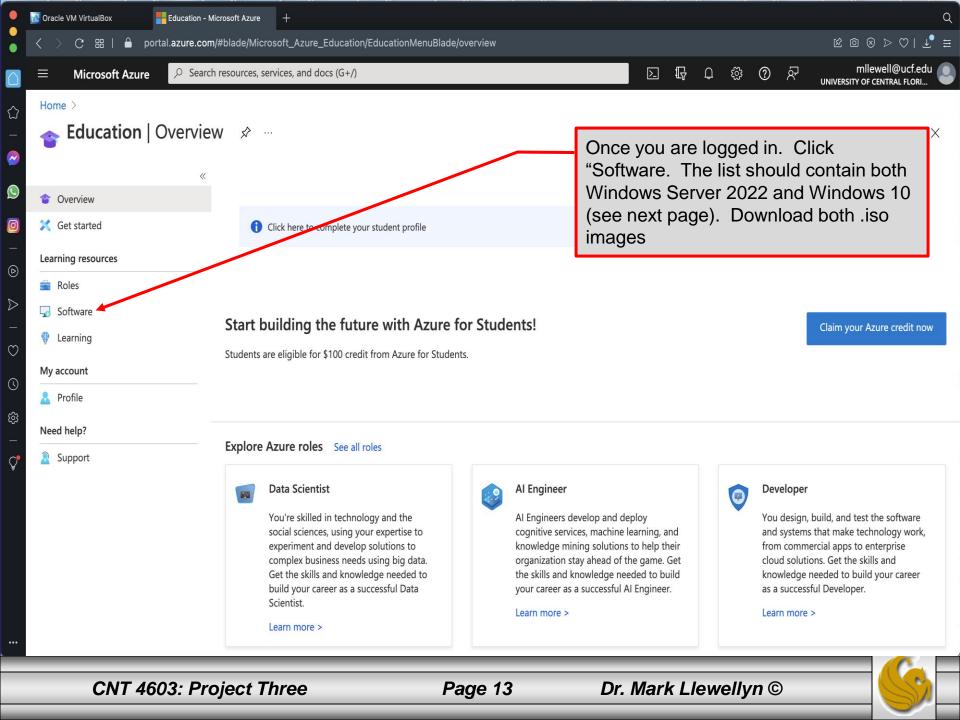
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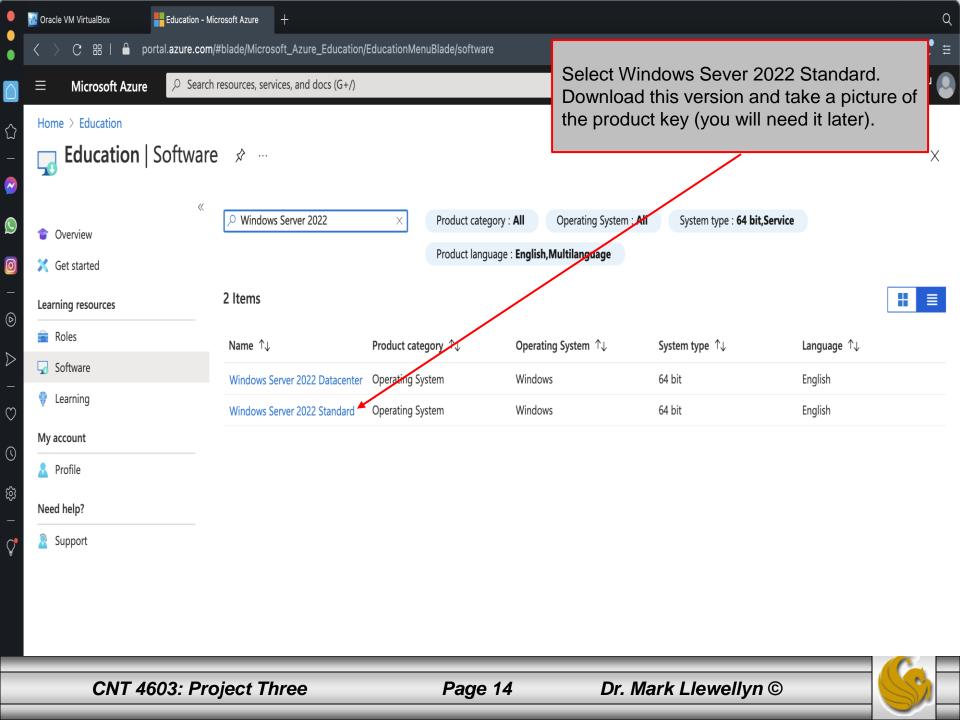
To get the .iso image, go to Microsoft's Azure for Education website at: t.cs.ucf.edu/azure using your knights@ucf.edu email address. Once in the site, search for Windows Server 2022 (you should already have this one by now) and subsequently Windows 10 Education.

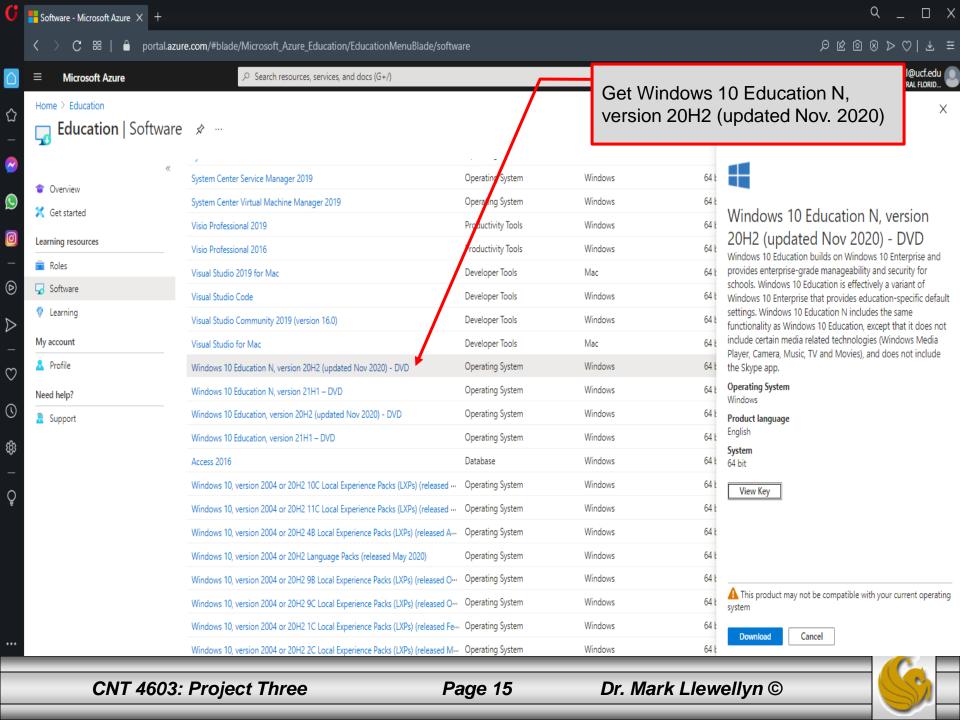
Save the .iso images on your machine or an external hard drive so that you will have the .iso images in case you need to reinstall or create new VMs.

Do not use the "home" version of a client OS as they typically will not allow joining a domain.









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When configuring your MJL-SP22-W10-1 client VM (the one with the Windows 10 OS), go for a basic/minimal install of features. If it asks to connect you to a network, click the "I don't have internet" option in the lower left hand part of the screen.



Operating System Requirements

- When planning for RAM and hard disk space requirements, you need to take into consideration the role that the particular virtual machines will be playing in your network.
- The table below presents typical (recommended) values for these two variables for the virtual machines in the savn.local network.

Virtual Machine	Role	os	Approximate RAM requirement	Approximate Virtual Hard Disk Requirement
MJL-SP22-S22-1	Domain controller	Windows Server 2022	2048 MB (default)	50 GB (default)
MJL-SP22-S22-2	File server	Windows Server 2022	2048 MB (default)	50 GB (default)
MJL-SP22-W10-	Desktop	Windows 10	2048 MB (default)	50 GB (default)



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- Two configuration settings stand out when compared to the Microsoft recommendations that will appear when you set up the virtual machines.
- Because MJL-SP22-S22-1 serves as a domain controller, it will require about 60 GB of RAM to run Windows Server 2022.
- Because MJL-SP22-S22-2 is a file server, special partition allocations are recommended. Although you will create a virtual hard disk of about 50 GB for MJL-SP22-S22-2, you will eventually split this allocation and reduce the amount allocated to the OS. This is done to split the OS files from the data files. We'll worry about this partitioning later.







Do not proceed past this point in the project until you have completed Module 4. Be sure to read and heed all warnings and caveats in Module 4 regarding the installation of virtual machines. This is your last warning.



• The first step is to create two virtual servers each running Windows Server 2022 and a client machine running Windows 10 OS (not a server OS). For the virtual systems used in this project use the naming conventions shown below:

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Create the virtual machines with the following naming conventions:

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Your initials-SP22-S22-1 (e.g. – MJL-SP22-S22-1)
Your initials-SP22-S22-2 (e.g. – MJL-SP22-S22-2)
Your initials-SP22-W10-1 (e.g. – MJL-SP22-W10-1)
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Note: You are limited in the NetBIOS naming convention to 15 characters or less. These names should be 14 characters, so you can use these internal names as well as the external names for the virtualization software.

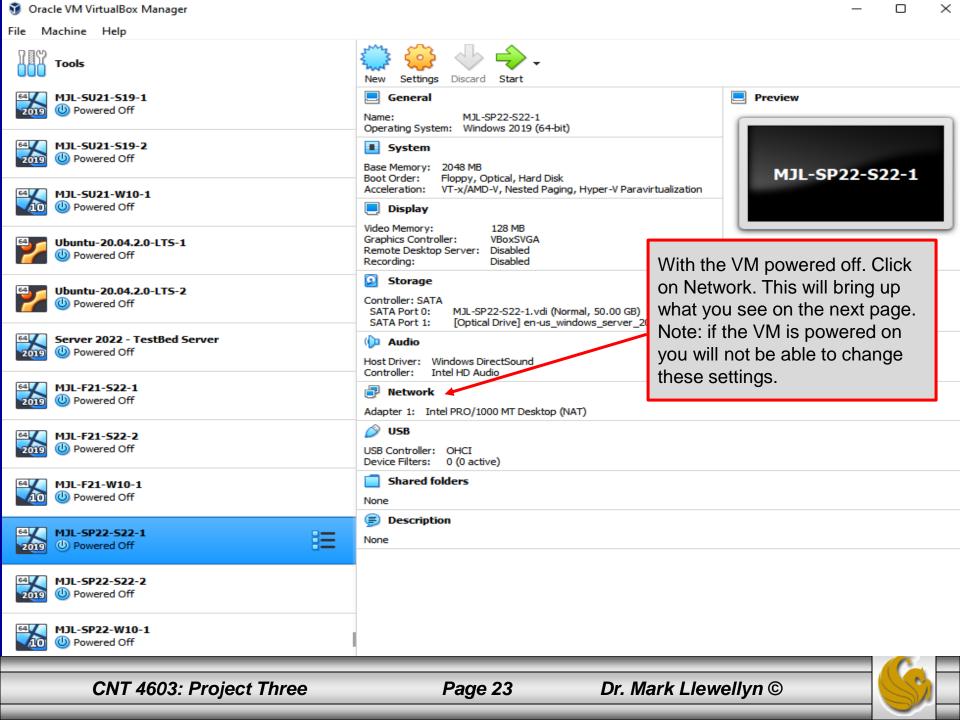


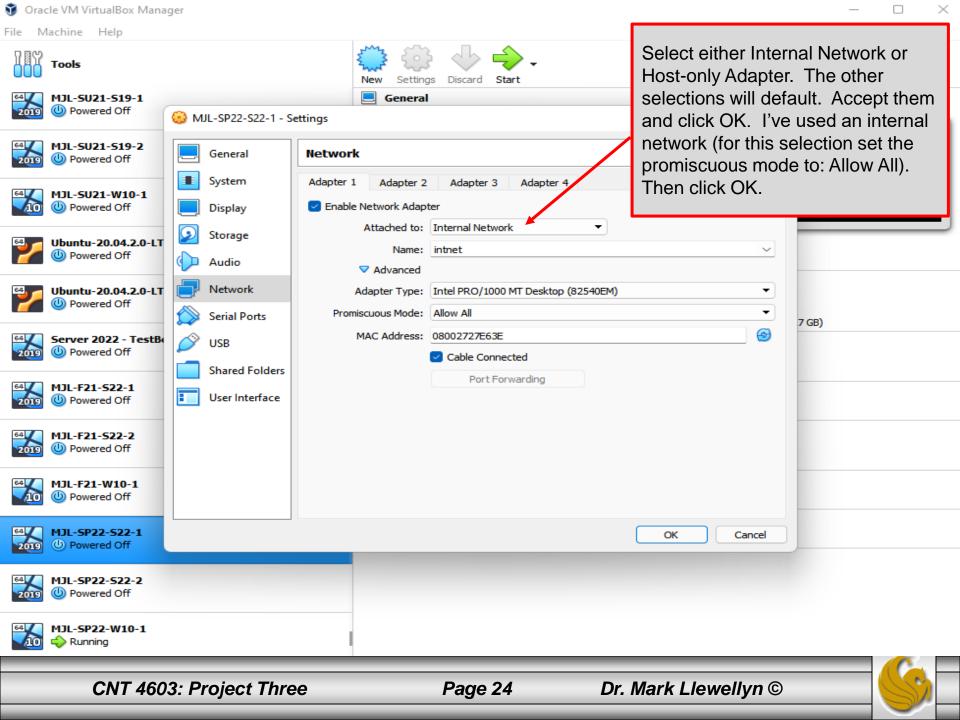
- Once your three virtual machines have been created, you need to configure them into a network where each of the virtual machines will be able to communicate with each other.
- While MJL-SP22-S22-1 can act as a gateway to your host computer in order to gain Internet access, this won't really be required for anything that will be doing.
- Thus, for all three virtual machines, we will configure them to use in internal network (or host-only networking). This limits a virtual machine to communicate with only the physical host on which it resides and to other virtual machines running on the same host. This type of networking is most useful when you need multiple virtual machines to be able to communicate with each other, but prevent the virtual machines from directly communicating with any other systems.



- I'll be illustrating the steps you need to perform using Oracle VM VirtualBox. If you are using another virtualization product the exact procedure to follow may be different, but you want ultimately to achieve the same effect as illustrated.
- To configure the virtual machines to use either an internal network or host-only networking in VirtualBox, see images on the next couple of pages. Do this for all three of your VMs (i.e., repeat pages 21 and 22 for all three VMs).







- The next step in this project is assigning the IP addresses for the machines that will make up the virtual network.
- To ensure reliable communication between the virtual machines, we will employ static IP addressing.
- The table on the next page illustrates the IP addresses that will be used for each virtual machine in our network.
- To configure these static IP addresses, follow the steps beginning on page 25.

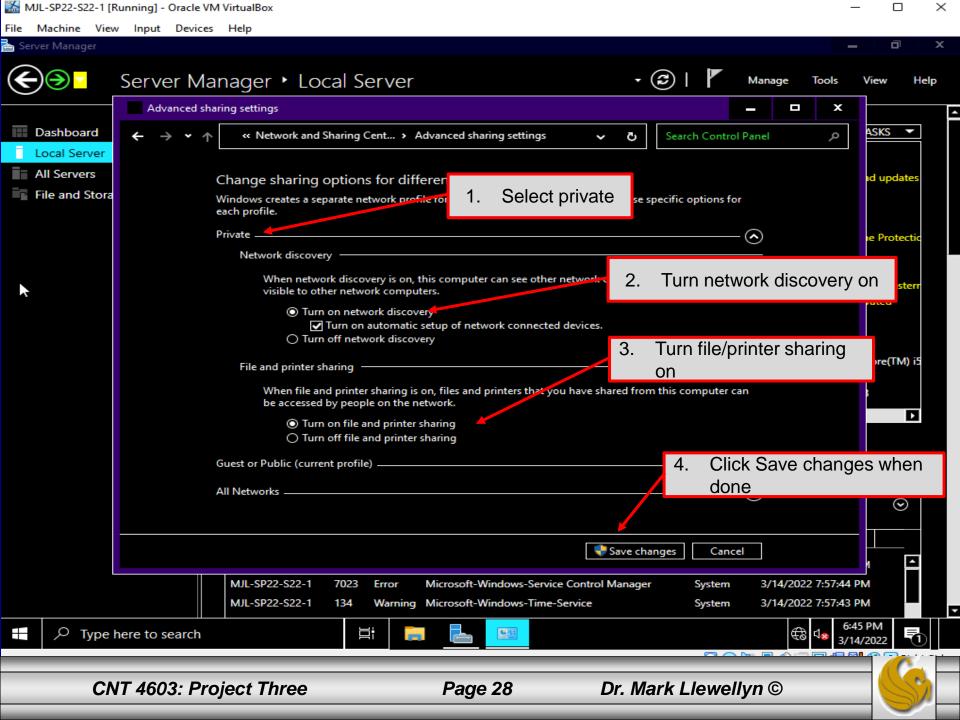


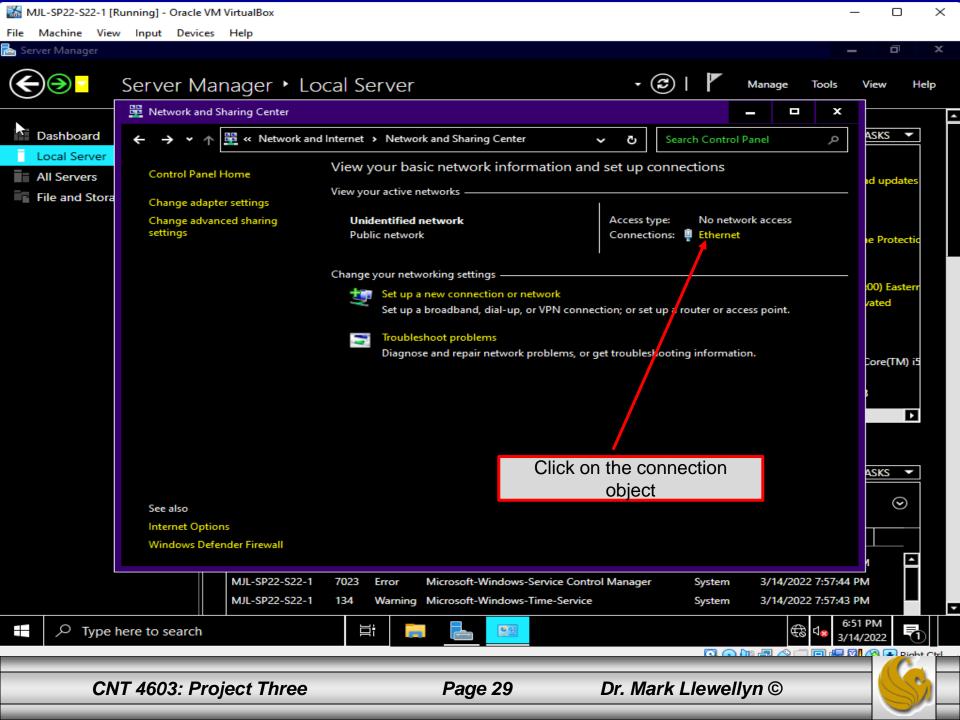
Virtual machine/ Computer	Assigned IP address	Subnet mask	Default gateway address	Preferred DNS address
MJL-SP22-S22-1	192.168.0.101	255.255.255.0	192.168.0.101 (optionally 0.0.0.0 or leave blank)	192.168.0.101 (or initially 127.0.0.1 will work but not once the domain is created)
MJL-SP22-S22-2	192.168.0.102	255.255.255.0	192.168.0.101 (optionally 0.0.0.0 or leave blank)	192.168.0.101
MJL-SP22-W10- 1	192.168.0.103	255.255.255.0	192.168.0.101 (optionally 0.0.0.0 or leave blank)	192.168.0.101

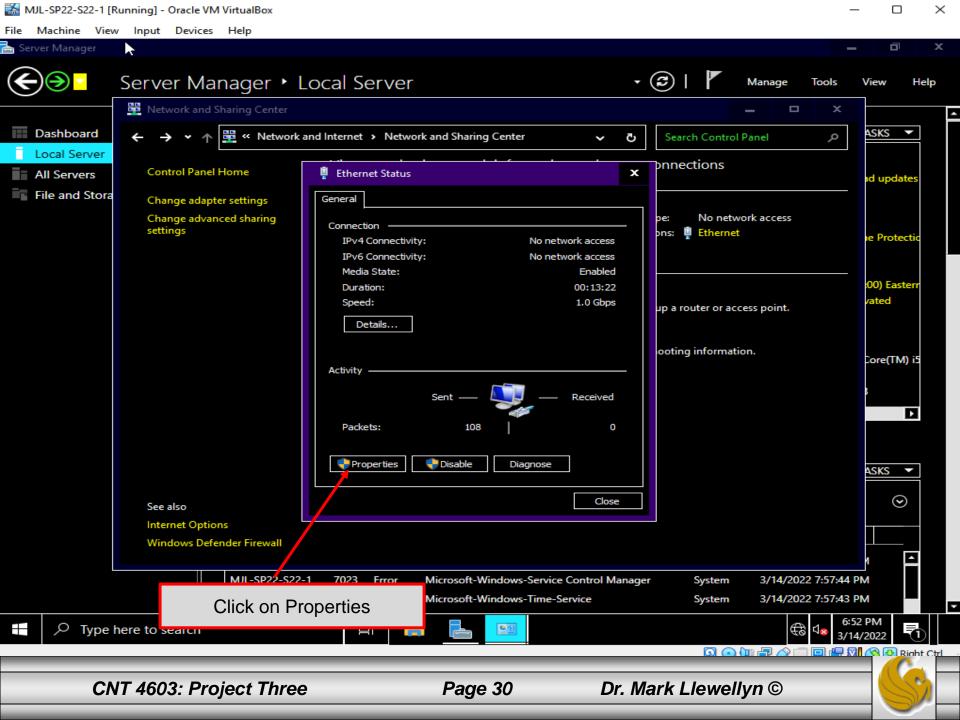


- The steps are essentially the same in all of the machines whether they are servers or clients, so I only provide an example for MJL-SP22-S22-1.
- Start the VM running and log in.
- From the Control Panel, select the Network and Internet.
- Click View Network Status and Tasks.
- Click Change Advanced Sharing Settings.
- Then follow the next few screen shots.

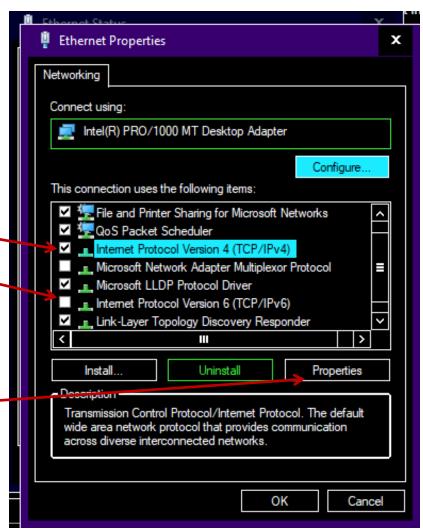








- A new dialog box listing the Local Area Connection Properties will appear. Deselect (uncheck) both Internet Protocol Version 6 (TCP/IPv6) and Internet Protocol Version 4 (TCP/IPv4).
- Then select (check) Internet Protocol Version 4 (TCP/IPv4).
- After reselecting Internet Protocol Version 4 (TCP/IPv4), click the Properties button.

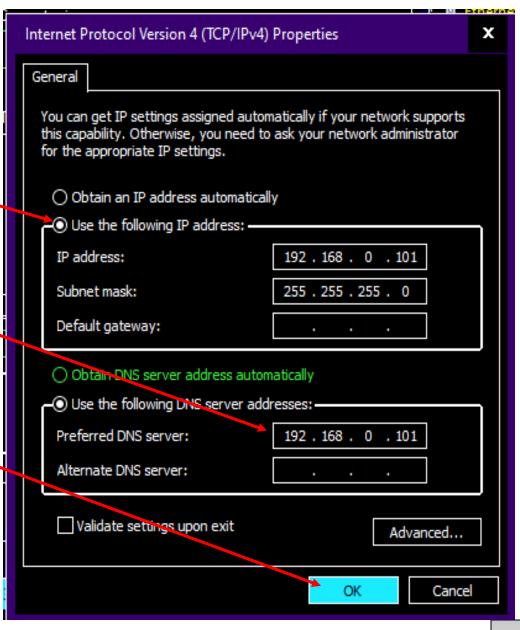




Enter IPv4 addresses from the table on page 24. The subnet mask will default to 255.255.255.0 as soon as you enter the field. See next page as well.

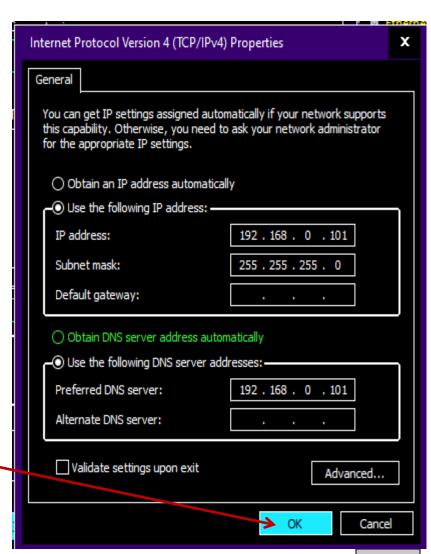
Enter the IPv4 address for the preferred DNS server

Click OK when done. Then close out all the open dialog boxes in this chain.





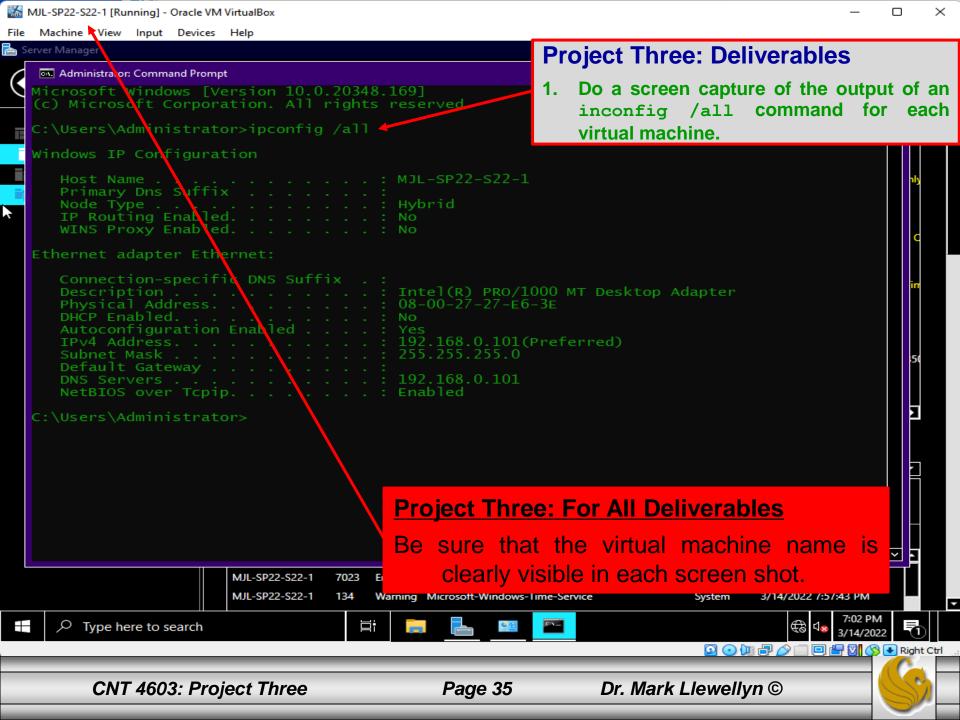
- For each virtual machine complete the entries in this new dialog box according to the table shown on page 18.
- Use the tab button to move from field to field and entry to entry. If an IP address field does not include 3 digits, you can use the arrow key or the tab key to move to the next entry.
- When the dialog is filled in correctly, click the OK button.
- Repeat this step for each virtual machine.

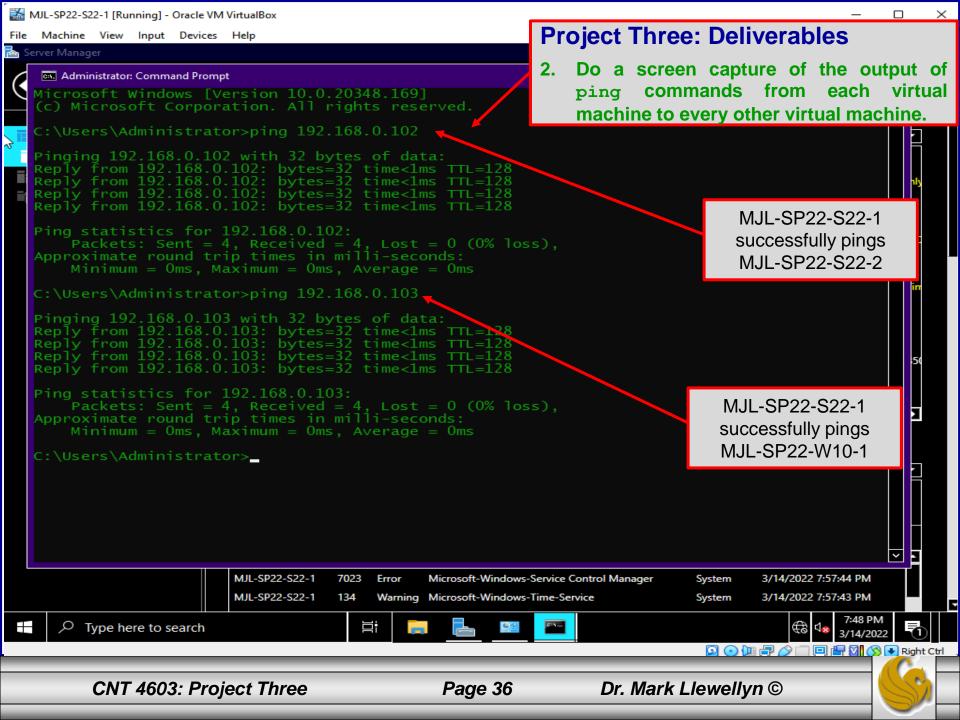


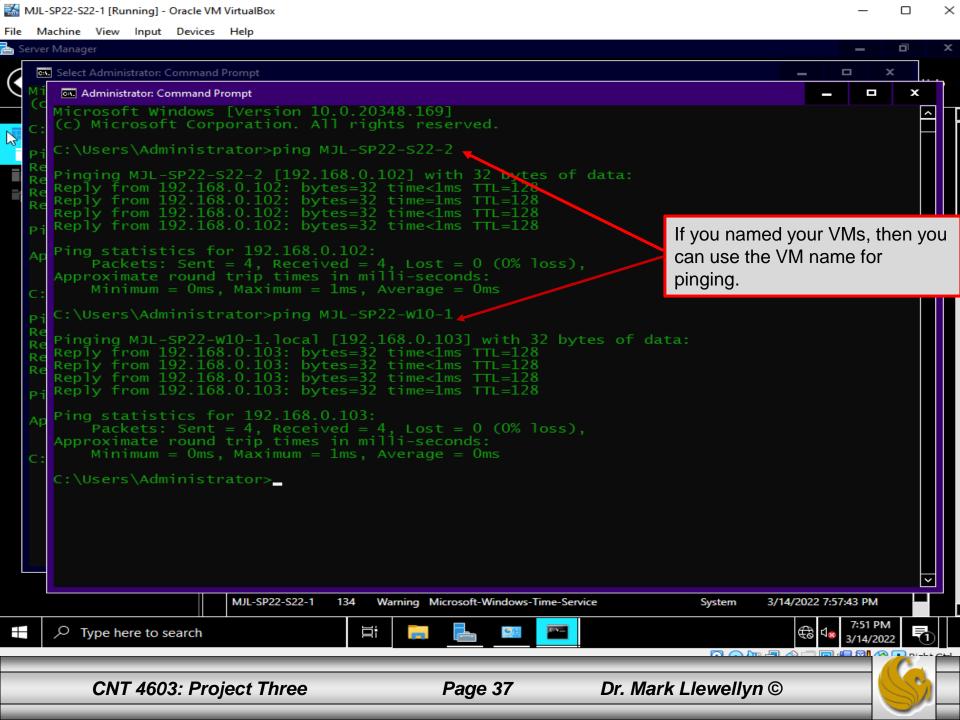
Project Three: Deliverables – Step 4

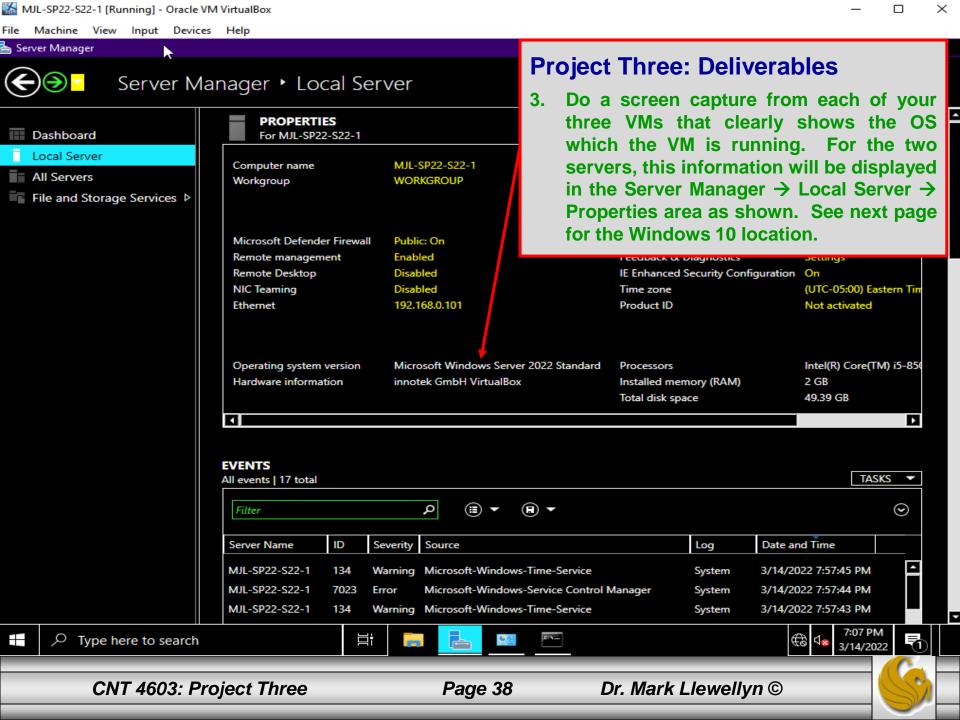
- Once you have the three virtual machines installed and their IP addresses correctly figured, the next step of this project is the verification that the virtual machines can all communicate with each other, as well as the verification that the machines are properly configured.
- You will need to take several different screen shots that verify the correctness of your network configuration and the communication between the various machines.
- To verify the network/virtual machine configurations, you will need to open a Command Prompt window in each of the virtual machines and issue a ipconfig /all command. There may be a fair amount of output from this command. We are most concerned with the top part of the listing so be sure that is what is included in your screen shots. This is illustrated on the next 3 pages.

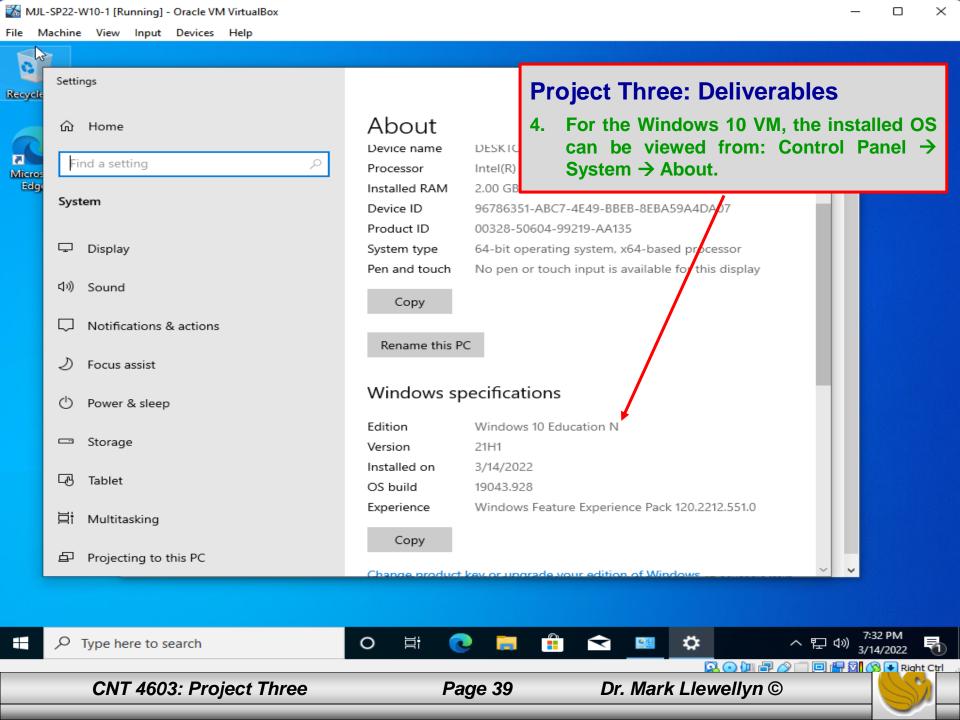












Project Three: Deliverables – Step 5

- You should ultimately produce a set of (at minimum) nine (9) screen shots as the set of deliverables for this project. Be sure to CLEARLY label each screenshot.
- Specifically, the screen shots are:
- ❖ Screenshot 1 MJL-SP22-S22-1, ipconfig /all output
- ❖ Screenshot 2 MJL-SP22-S22-2, ipconfig /all output
- ❖ Screenshot 3 MJL-SP22-W10-1, ipconfig /all output
- ❖ Screenshot 4 MJL-SP22-S22-1, successful ping to the other two VMs
- ❖ Screenshot 5 MJL-SP22-S22-2, successful ping to the other two VMs
- ❖ Screenshot 6 MJL-SP22-W10-1, successful ping to the other two VMs
- ❖ Screenshot 7 MJL-SP22-S22-1, installed OS
- ❖ Screenshot 8 MJL-SP22-S22-2, installed OS
- ❖ Screenshot 9 MJL-SP22-W10-1, installed OS

