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# CyberRookie Project - Learning Cyber Skills By Building A HomeLab

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# Week 4 Lesson - AD DS/MS365/AAD

## Overview

1. Windows Active Directory Domain Service (AD DS)
2. MS365 Portal
3. Azure Active Directory
4. Resources
5. LAB Practice
6. Hardening

## AD DS

1. What is a Windows Active Directory Domain service  
<https://docs.microsoft.com/en-us/windows-server/identity/ad-ds/get-started/virtual-dc/active-directory-domain-services-overview>
2. What is the Group Policy Object  
[https://docs.microsoft.com/en-us/previous-versions/windows/it-pro/windows-server-2012-r2-and-2012/hh831791\(v=ws.11\)](https://docs.microsoft.com/en-us/previous-versions/windows/it-pro/windows-server-2012-r2-and-2012/hh831791(v=ws.11))
3. What is the Event Viewer  
<https://www.loggly.com/ultimate-guide/windows-logging-basics/>

## MS365

### 1. Microsoft 365 Portal

Users can access web-based services here and also manage installations of Office desktop apps.

### 2. Microsoft 365 Admin Center

For those users who have also been assigned administrator roles, this portal includes configuration options for managing users and groups, licenses, and billing. Options at the bottom of the navigation pane allow access to admin centers for specific services, such as Exchange Online and OneDrive for Business.

### 3. Azure Active Directory Admin Center

Every Microsoft 365 business subscription also includes a free Azure Active Directory account. Administrators can manage users and devices from this portal and can also configure relationships with outside organizations and existing local servers. Note that AAD is not active directory service.

## Resources

### 1. Active Directory Domain Services

CYBRARY:Microsoft Active Directory Domain Services

<https://app.cybrary.it/immersive>

Microsoft Learning Path: Active Directory Domain Services

<https://docs.microsoft.com/en-us/learn/paths/active-directory-domain-services/>

### 2. Microsoft 365

Microsoft Learning Path: Introduction to Microsoft 365 core services and features

<https://docs.microsoft.com/en-us/learn/modules/intro-to-m365-core-services/>

#### **Additional:**

Microsoft 365 Certified: Enterprise Administrator Expert

<https://docs.microsoft.com/en-us/learn/certifications/m365-enterprise-administrator/>

## Resources

### 3. Azure Active Directory

Microsoft Learning Path: Protect identity and access with Azure Active Directory

<https://docs.microsoft.com/en-us/learn/paths/m365-identity/>

Azure Active Directory

<https://mindmajix.com/azure-active-directory>

### 4. GPO

Top 10 Most Important Group Policy Settings for Preventing Security Breaches

<https://www.lepide.com/blog/top-10-most-important-group-policy-settings-for-preventing-security-breaches/>

**Additional:**

Best Practices for Designing and Consolidating Group Policy - Darren Mar-Elia

<http://sdmsoftware.com/dl/BestPractices-GPDesign.pdf>

Group Policy Central

<https://www.grouppolicy.biz/>



## LAB Practice

### #1 Deploy AD DS

1. Download windows server 2019 Evaluations version | 180Days Free  
<https://www.microsoft.com/en-us/evalcenter/evaluate-windows-server-2019>
2. Deploy windows server into ESXi Server vlan
3. set up windows Active Directory Domain Services  
Step 1: Install Active Directory Domain Services (ADDS)  
Step 2: Promote the server into a domain controller
4. Create the Group policy Object with best practice
5. Check out the event viewer log

## LAB Practice

### #2 Add PC into AD DS

1. Download windows 10 enterprise evaluation version | 90 Days Free  
<https://www.microsoft.com/en-us/evalcenter/evaluate-windows-server-2019>
2. Deploy windows enterprise version into ESXi Server vlan
3. Add windows enterprise into AD DS

## LAB Practice

### #3 Implement Microsoft 365

1. Apply Microsoft 365 E3/E5 1 month free trial

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**E3:**<https://www.microsoft.com/en-ca/microsoft-365/compare-microsoft-365-enterprise-plans>

**E5:**<https://www.microsoft.com/en-ca/microsoft-365/enterprise/office-365-e3?activetab=pivot%3aoverviewtab>

2. Apply free azure active directory subscription

3. Using Azure AD Connect to link AD DS to Azure Active Directory

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## Hardening

CIS\_Microsoft\_Windows\_Server\_2019\_Benchmark\_v1.2.0.pdf

CIS\_Microsoft\_Windows\_10\_Enterprise\_Release\_20H2\_Benchmark\_v1.10.0.pdf

CIS\_Microsoft\_Azure\_Foundations\_Benchmark\_v1.3.0.pdf

CIS\_Microsoft\_365\_Foundations\_Benchmark\_v1.2.0.pdf

## Homework Requirements

1. Understand AD DS/GPO/Event Viewer
2. Complete Lab Practice
3. Hardening Windows server/MS365/AAD based on Hardening Documentations

# Q&A

**Look forward to your feedbacks and suggestions.  
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