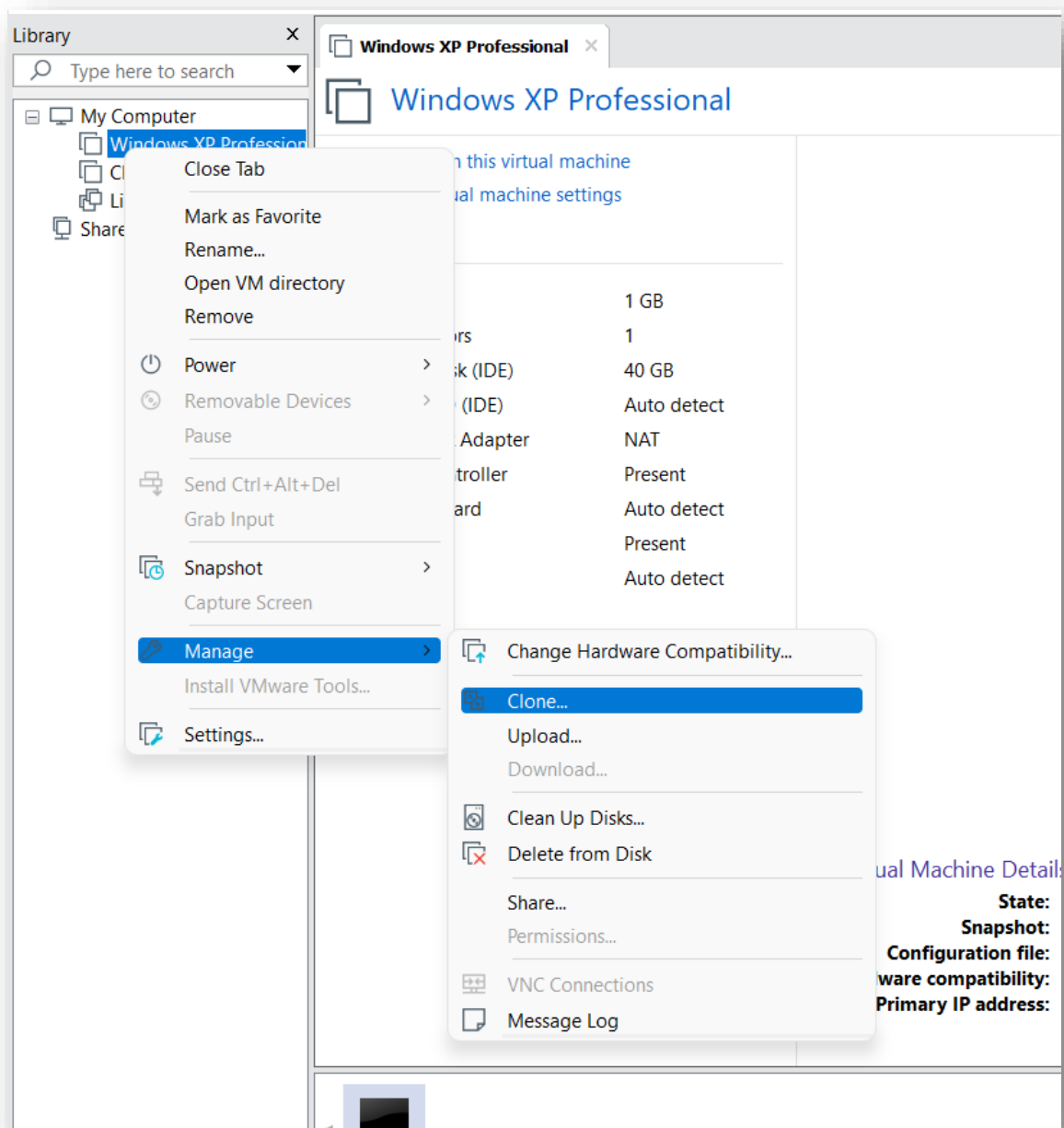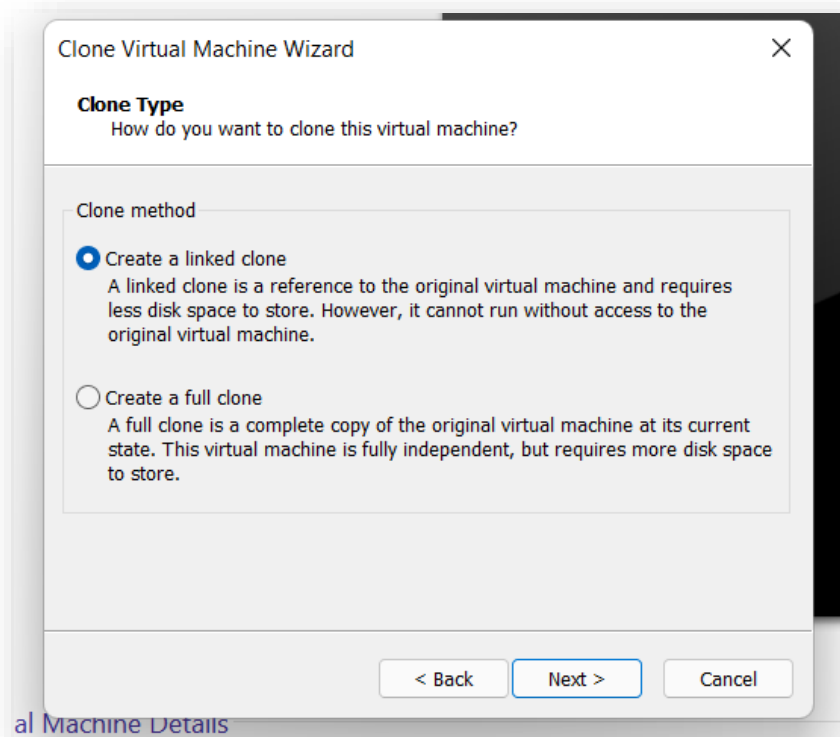Task: 1. Making a Linked Clone to existing VM.

2. Create 2-3 text files in this close.

3. Checking if these text files are updated in original VM.

4. Facts regarding it.

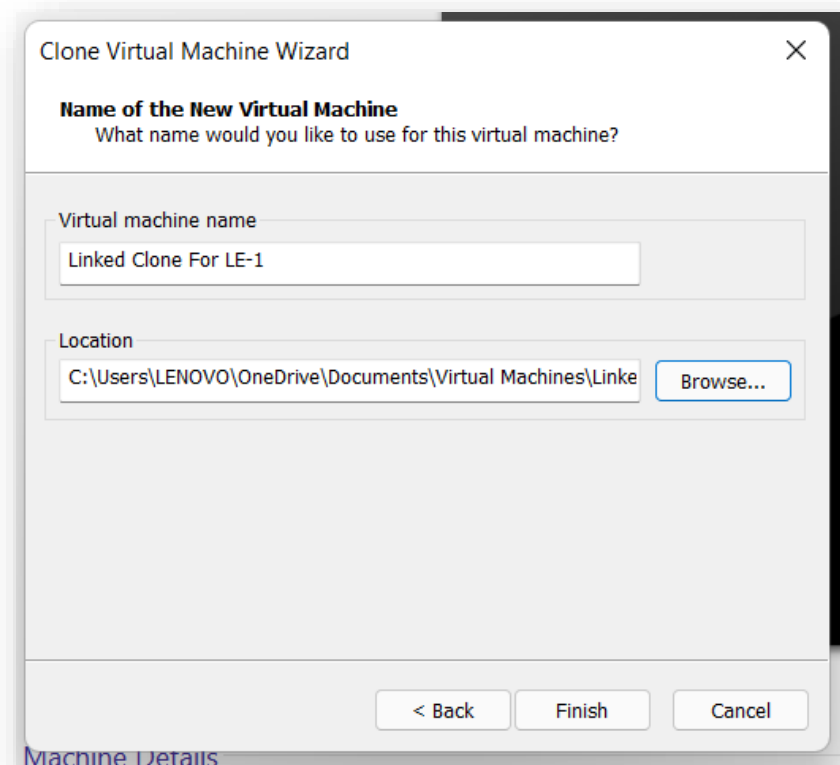1. Making Linked Clone for Existing VM (Windows XP):

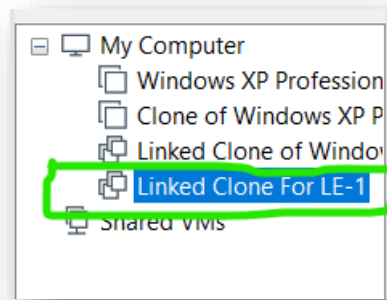Right Click on Existing VM and go to Manage, under this menu, you will find clone option.

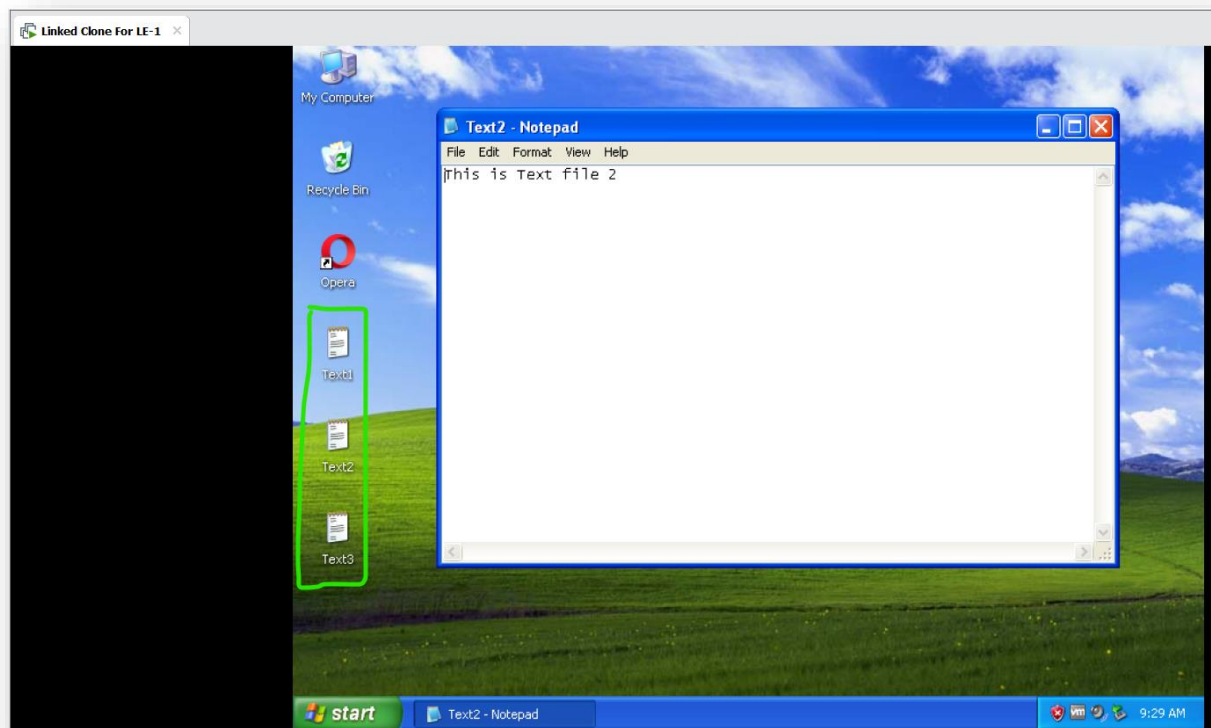After Clicking Clone, you will get Wizard to setup cloning.

After Renaming Linked Clone, we can click on Finish button to complete this.

We finally created a linked clone.

Let's create few Text files in this new Linked Clone.

Let's check if these files are updated in Original VM Now.

As we can observe that Text files are not updated in original VM, hence we can prove that Linked Clone doesn't affect Original VM.

A linked clone is a copy of a virtual machine that shares virtual disks with the parent virtual machine in an ongoing manner.

Because a linked clone is made from a snapshot of the parent, disk space is conserved, and multiple virtual machines can use the same software installation. All files available on the parent at the moment you take the snapshot continue to remain available to the linked clone.

Ongoing changes to the virtual disk of the parent do not affect the linked clone, and changes to the disk of the linked clone do not affect the parent. A linked clone must have access to the parent. Without access to the parent, you cannot use a linked clone.