NETWORK SECURITY LAB SERIES

Lab 6: Configuring a Virtual Private Network with PPTP

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Introduction

This lab is a part of a series of lab exercises intended to support courseware for Network Security training. This lab includes the following tasks:

1. Testing the Firewall and Configuring the VPN Server
2. Configuring the VPN client
3. Using Internal Services from an External Machine

Key Terms for this lab:

PPTP – Point to Point tunneling protocol is an older VPN technology that allows remote users to connect to a company's VPN server and access internal resources.

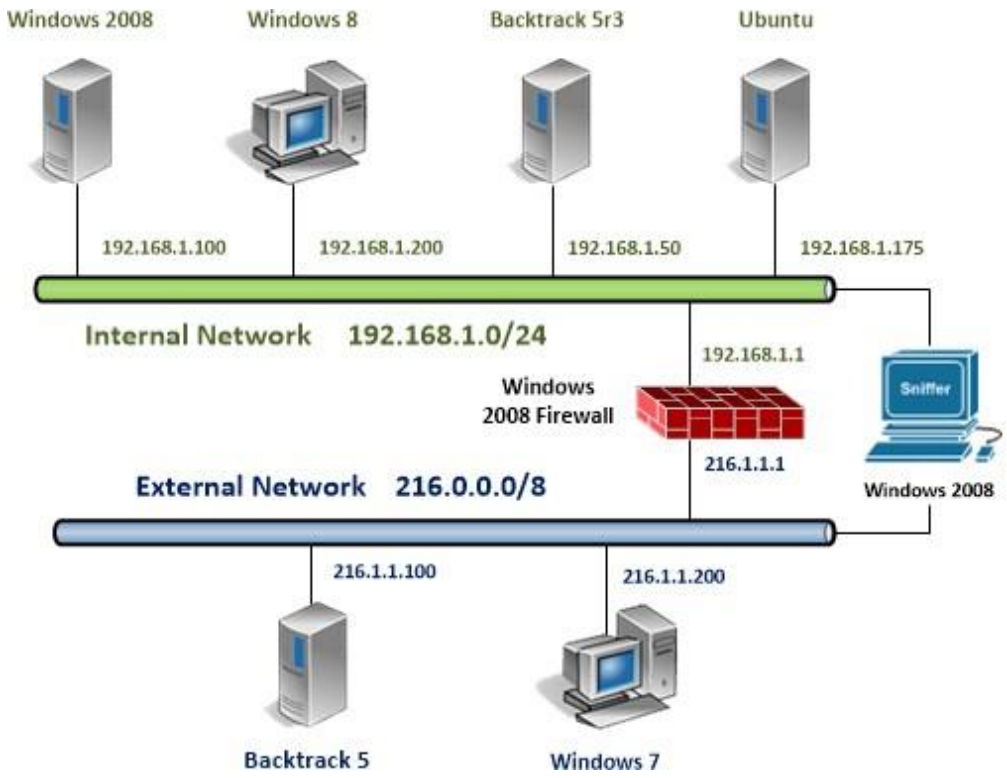
L2TP – Layer 2 tunneling protocol is a VPN technology that uses IPsec and allows remote users to connect to a company's VPN server and access internal resources.

VPN – Most firewalls can be configured to allow incoming traffic on their external interfaces to be redirected to internal hosts.

NAT – Network Address Translation will allow internal hosts to reach the external network through a single IP address. Most firewalls can be configured to perform NAT.

IPsec – IPsec is a technology that encrypts IP packets so they are not sent in the clear. Layer 2 tunneling protocol is a VPN technology that uses IPsec.

Lab Topology



Lab Settings

The information in the table below will be needed in order to complete the lab. The task sections below provide details on the use of this information.

Virtual Machine	IP Address	Account (if needed)	Password (if needed)
Windows 8 Internal Machine	192.168.1.200	Student	password
Windows 7 External Machine	216.1.1.200	student	password
Windows 2008 Firewall	216.1.1.1 192.168.1.1	administrator	firewall
Windows 2008 Sniffer	n/a	administrator	sniffer

For all the tasks in this lab, you will be asked to open and return to various machines and applications within each machine. For some steps, this can get confusing.

To minimize confusion and the need to reopen machines and applications, it is suggested that you minimize, rather than close a machine before opening another.

At the end of the lab, remember to close all open windows and close the PC viewers.

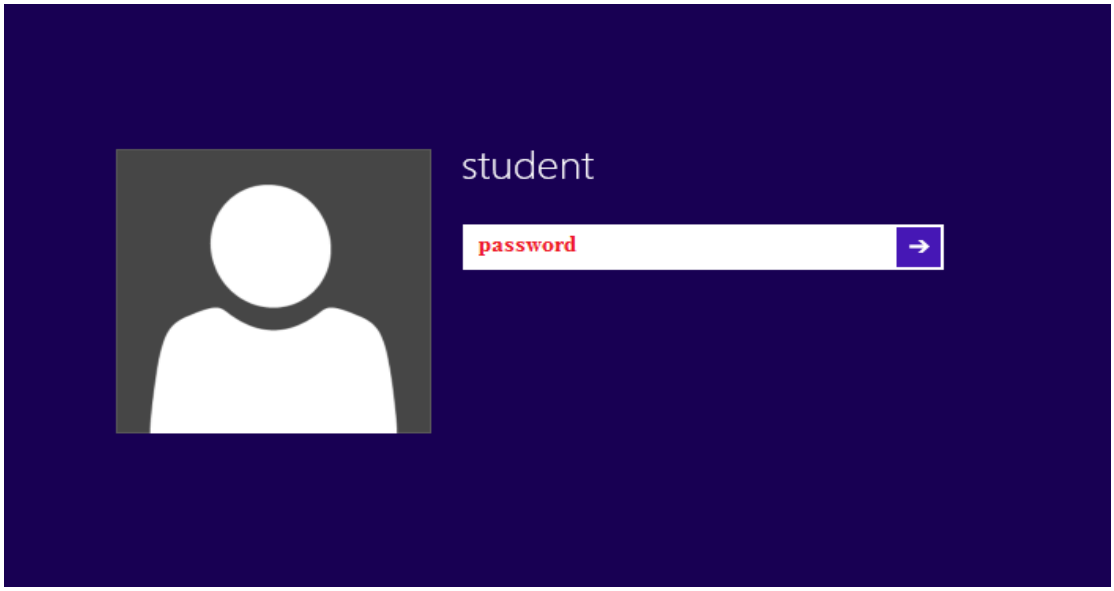
1 Installing the Windows Firewall

In this section, we will examine the current Firewall configuration. Then, we will reconfigure the Windows Firewall and change it into a VPN server. After the VPN server is configured, authorized external users will be able to access internal resources.

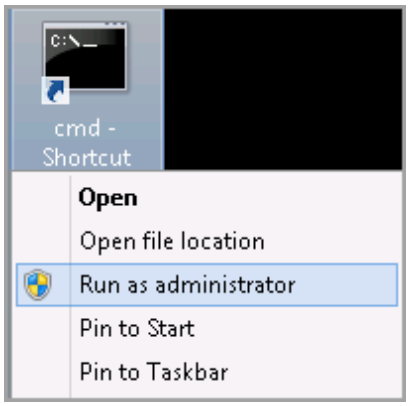
1.1 Testing the Current Firewall and Setting up the VPN Server

We will now install and configure a VPN Server. We will configure it to allow all traffic outbound. We will also allow incoming connections for users on the External Network. This will allow them to access resources on the Internal Network, like email and web resources.

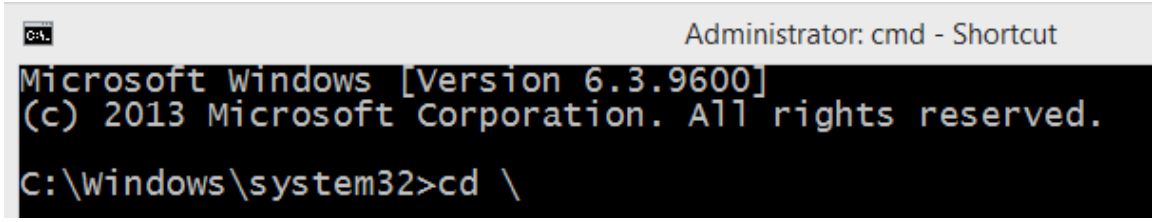
1. Log onto the **Windows 8 Machine** by clicking on the **Windows 8** icon on the lab topology to bring up the login screen. For the student password, type **password**, and then press **Enter**.



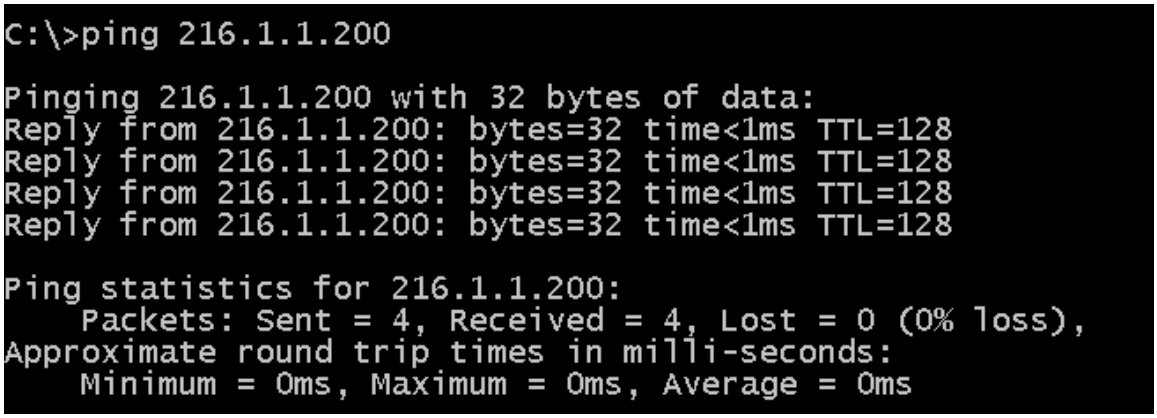
2. Right-click the **cmd-Shortcut** on the desktop and select **Run as administrator**.



3. Type the command **cd ** to go to the root of the C: Drive
   C:\Windows\system32>**cd **



4. Type the following command to ping the external Windows 7 External Machine.
   C:\>**ping 216.1.1.200**



5. Type the following command to clear the command prompt screen.
   C:\>**cls**

6. Type the following commands to connect to the FTP site and download a file.
   C:\>ftp 216.1.1.200
   user: **ftp**
   Password: **password**
   ftp> **get hi.txt**
   ftp> **bye**
   C:\>**type hi.txt**

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C:\>ftp 216.1.1.200
Connected to 216.1.1.200.
220 Microsoft FTP Service
User (216.1.1.200:(none)): ftp
331 Anonymous access allowed, send identity (e-mail name) as password.
Password:
230 User logged in.
ftp> get hi.txt
200 PORT command successful.
125 Data connection already open; Transfer starting.
226 Transfer complete.
ftp: 5 bytes received in 0.06Seconds 0.08Kbytes/sec.
ftp> bye
221 Goodbye.

C:\>type hi.txt
hi
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The Windows based firewall is allowing all outbound traffic. Network Address Translation (NAT), is set up allowing this Windows 8 Internal Machine with the IP address of 192.168.1.200 to communicate with the Windows 7 External Machine on the public network.

7. Log into the **Windows 7 External Machine** by clicking on the **Windows 7** icon on the topology. If required, enter the username, **student**. Type in the password, **password,** and press **Enter** to log in.

8. Open a command prompt by double-clicking on the shortcut on the desktop

9. Type the following command to scan the firewall for open ports:
C:\>**nmap 216.1.1.1**

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C:\>nmap 216.1.1.1

Starting Nmap 5.51 ( http://nmap.org ) at 2015-09-26 15:52 Eastern Daylight Time

mass_dns: warning: Unable to determine any DNS servers. Reverse DNS is disabled.
 Try using --system-dns or specify valid servers with --dns-servers
Nmap scan report for server.XYZcompany.com (216.1.1.1)
Host is up (0.00s latency).
All 1000 scanned ports on server.XYZcompany.com (216.1.1.1) are filtered
MAC Address: 00:50:56:9C:8A:94 (VMware)

Nmap done: 1 IP address (1 host up) scanned in 22.98 seconds
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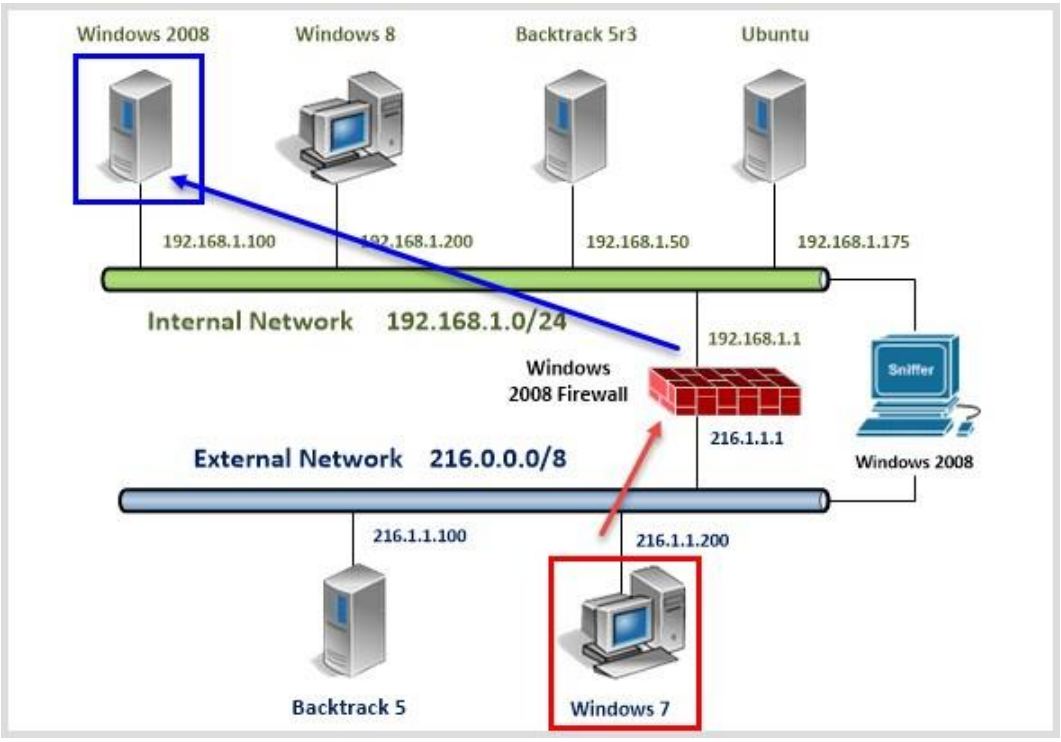
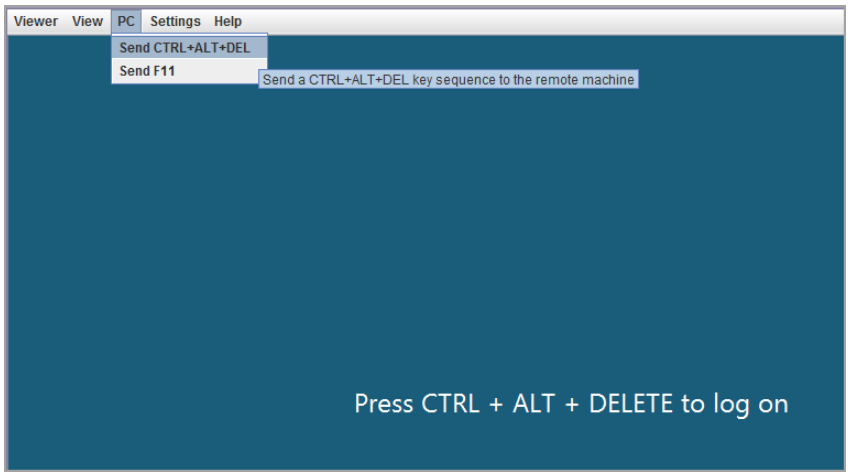
Currently, the firewall is not configured to redirect incoming requests for any applications to the Windows 2008 machine on the Internal Network.



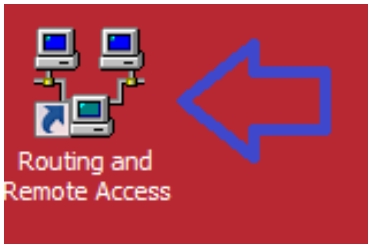
We will now configure a VPN server. After this is done and we re-scan the public IP address of the firewall from the external network, only a single port will be open.

10. Log into the **Windows 2008 Server Firewall** by clicking on the **Windows 2008 Firewall** icon o the topology. Click **PC,** and then **Send Ctrl+Alt+Del** in the top-left corner of the screen in order to log on to the Windows 2008 server.

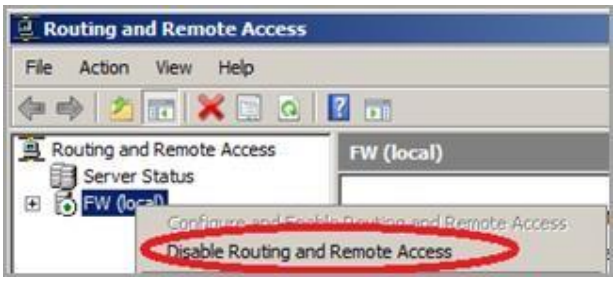


11. Enter **firewall** for the Administrator password to the Windows 2008 Server.

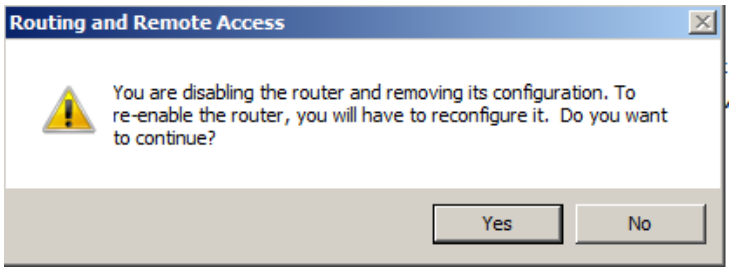
12. Double-click the shortcut to **Routing and Remote Access** on the desktop.



13. Right-click on **FW (local)** and select **Disable Routing and Remote Access**.

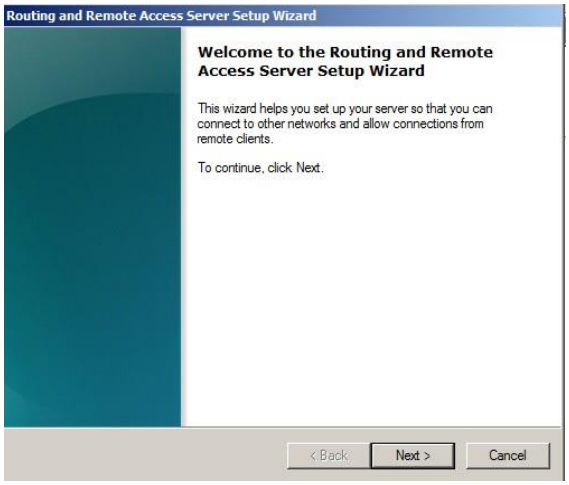


14. Select **Yes** when you are asked if you want to continue.

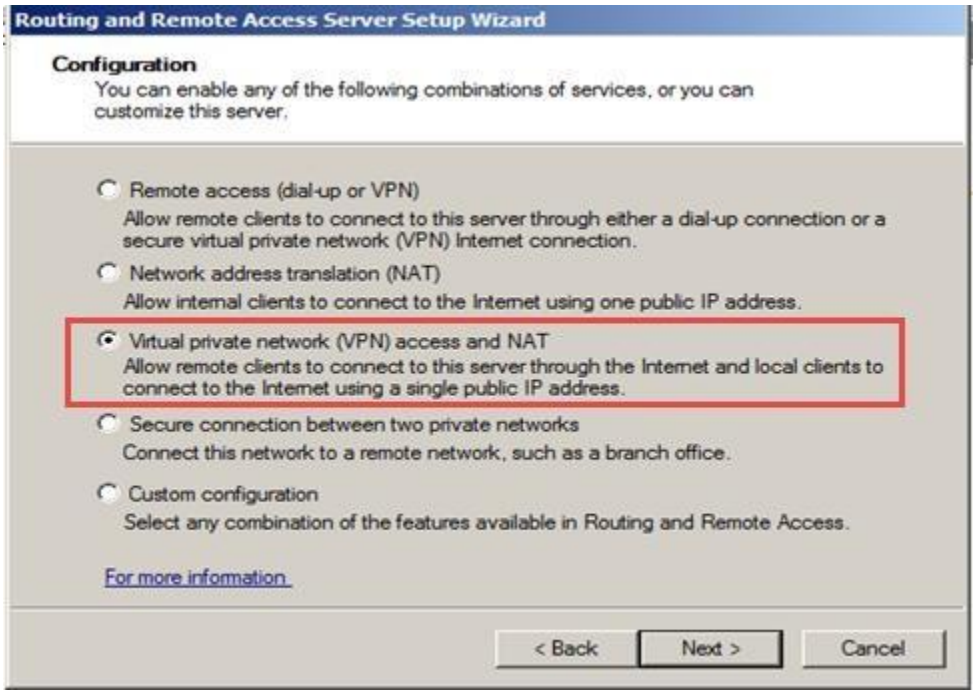


15. Right-click on **FW (local)** and select **Configure Routing and Remote Access**.

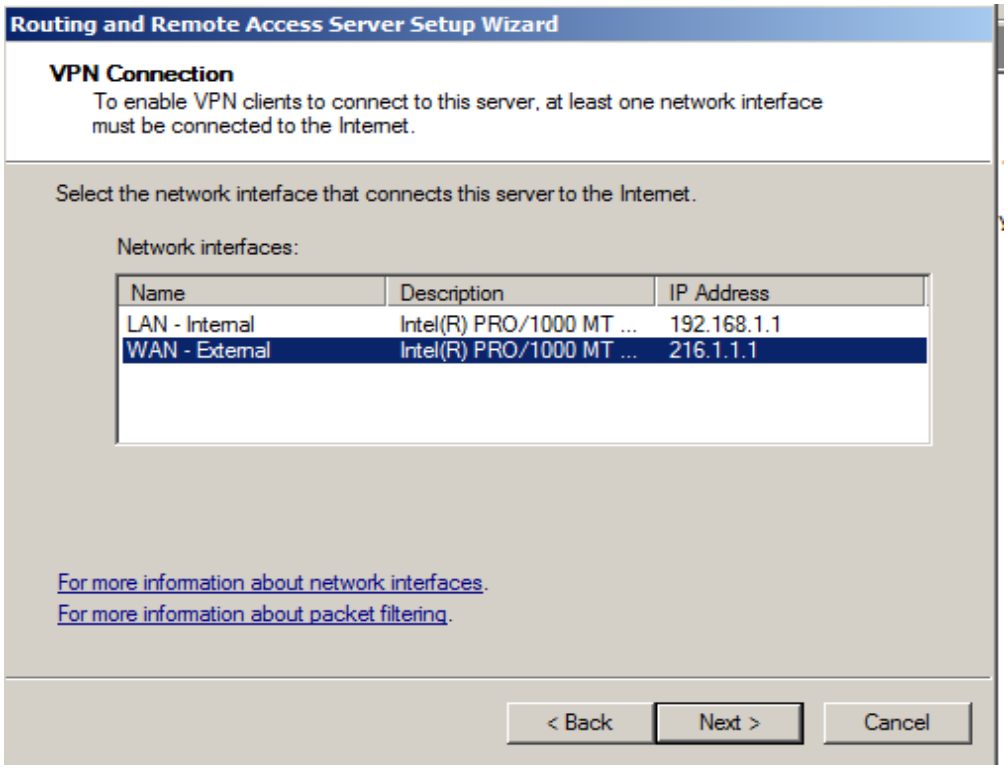
16. Click **Next** to the welcome to the Routing and Remote Access Setup Wizard.



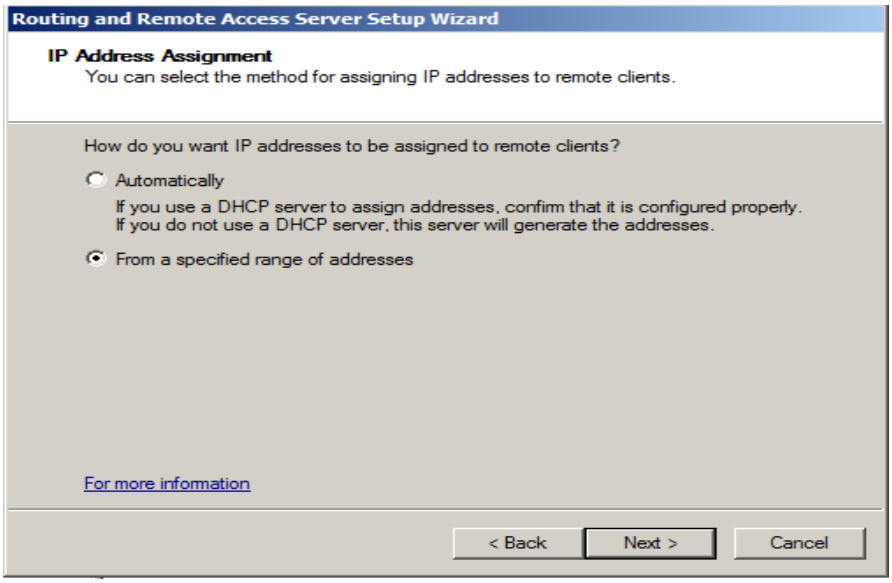
17. Choose **Virtual private network (VPN) access and NAT**. Click **Next**.



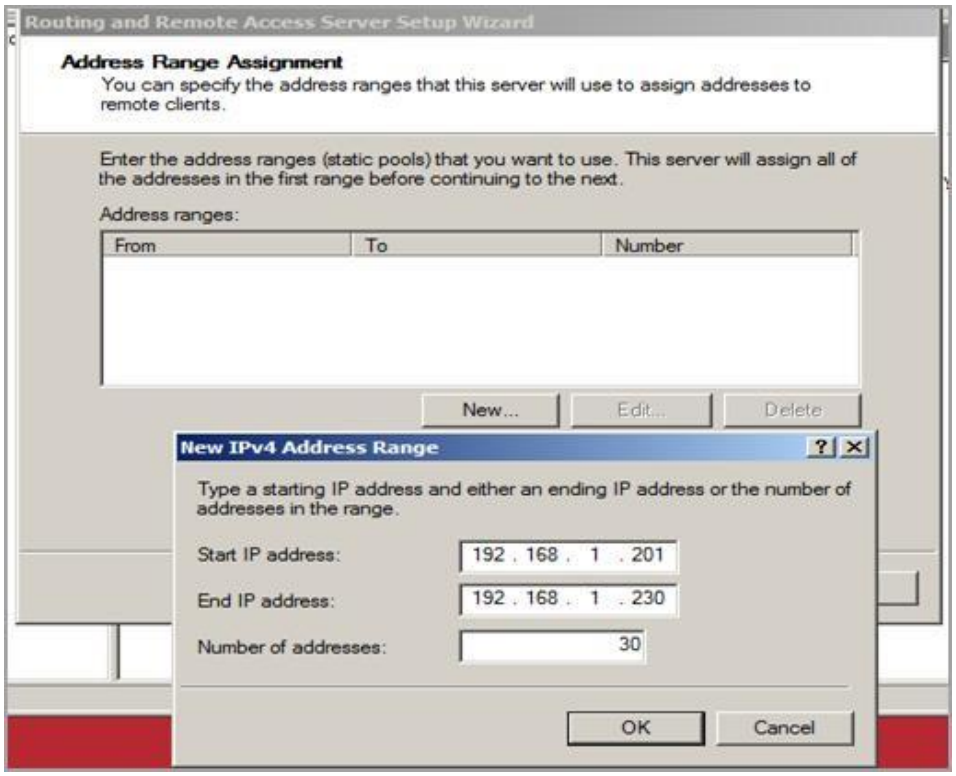
18. Select the **WAN-External** interface and then click the **Next** button.



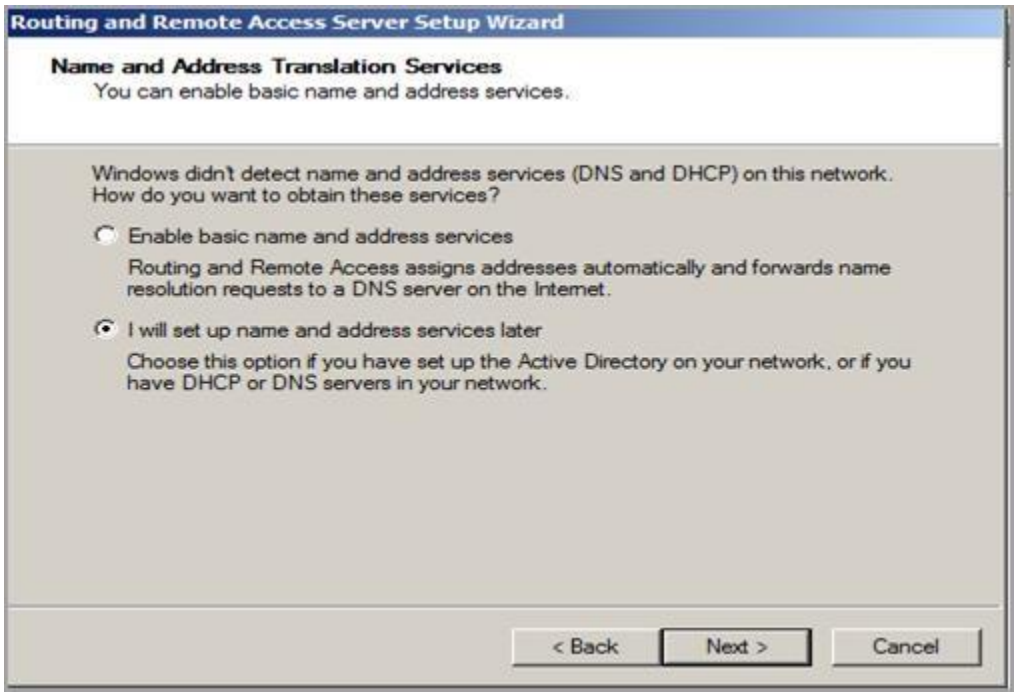
19. Select **From a specified range of addresses** and click the **Next** button.



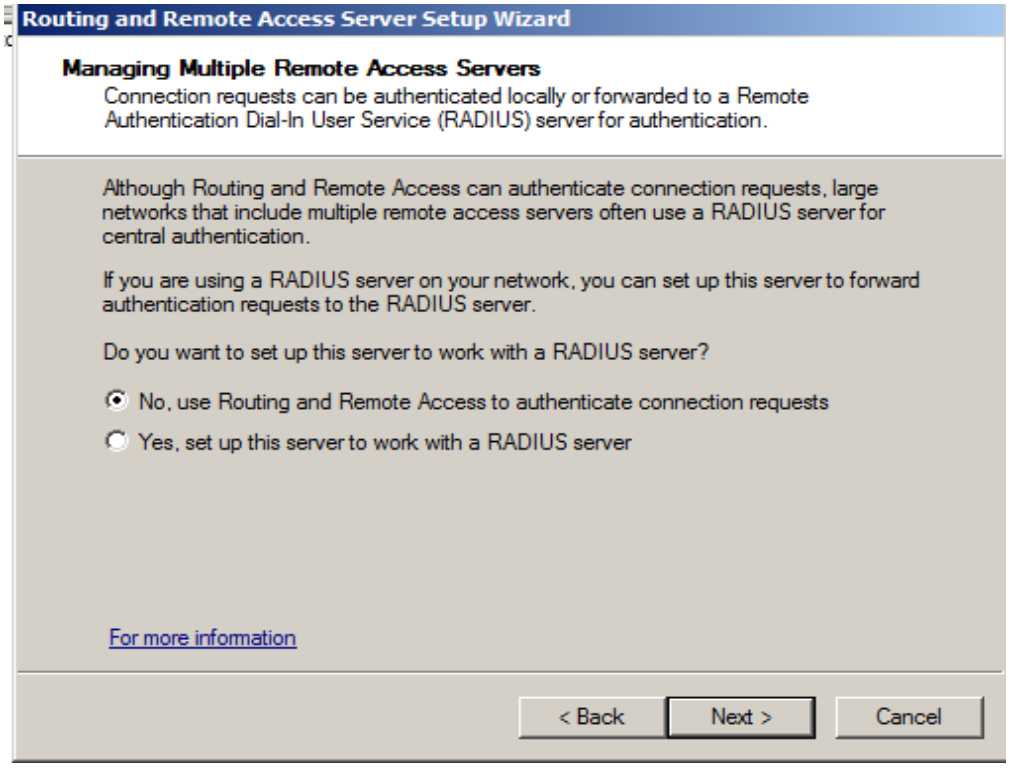
20. Click **New**, type Start IP Address: **192.168.1.201,** End IP Address: **192.168.1.230**. Click **OK** and click **Next.**



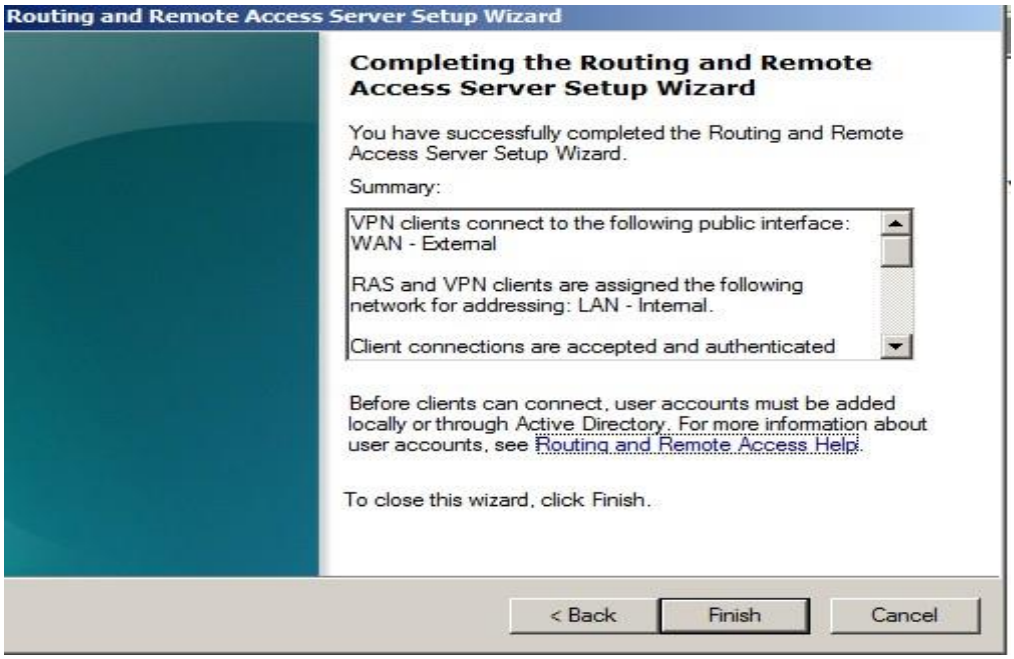
21. Select **I will set up name and address services later** and click the **next** button.



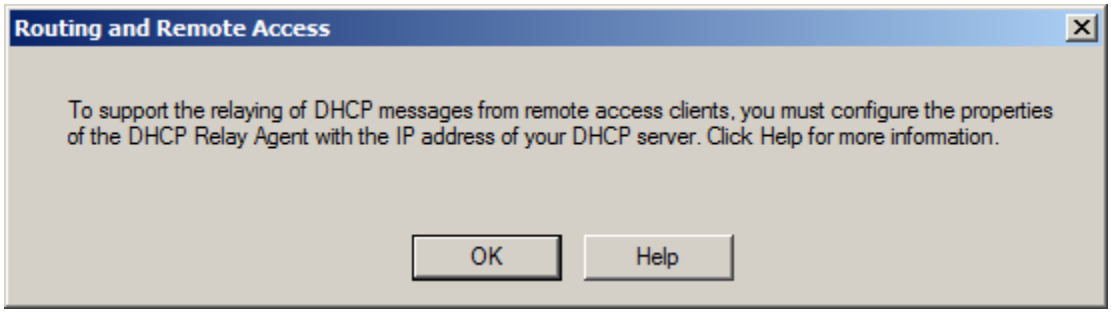
22. Select **No** at the RADIUS screen and click the **Next** button.



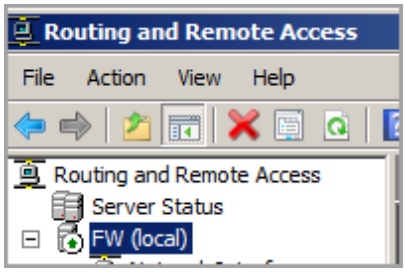
23. Click **Finish** to complete the setup of Routing and Remote Access.



24. Click **OK** to the warning message about the DCHP relay agent.

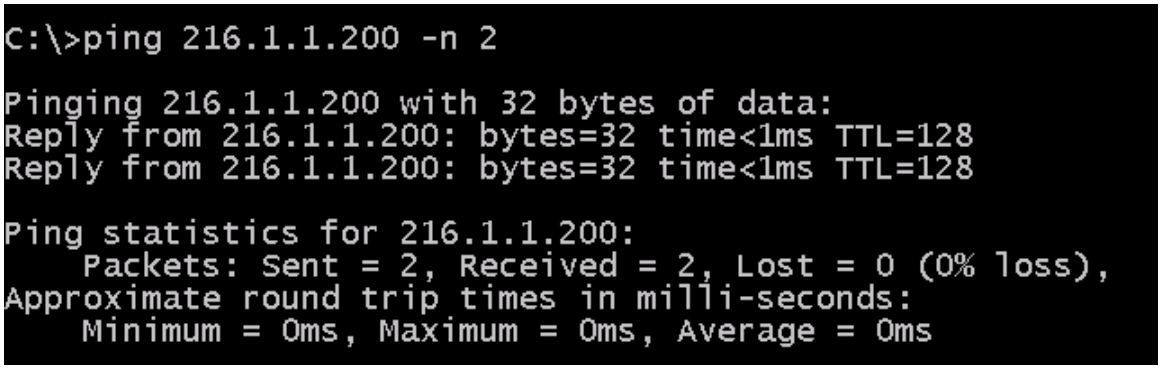


25. The Routing and Remote Access **FW (local)** machine icon will now turn green again.



26. Go back to the **Windows 8 Internal Machine** again. We will now verify that the machine can once again contact machines on the external network. Type the following command on your Windows 8 Internal Machine to ping the Windows 7 External Machine.

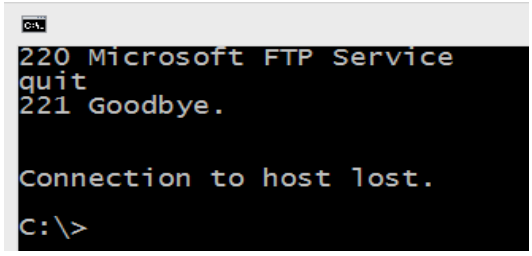
    C:\>**ping 216.1.1.200 -n 2**



27. Next, we will test if traffic is allowed outbound by performing a banner grab. From the Windows 8 Internal Machine, type the following to perform a banner grab of the Windows 7 External Machine:

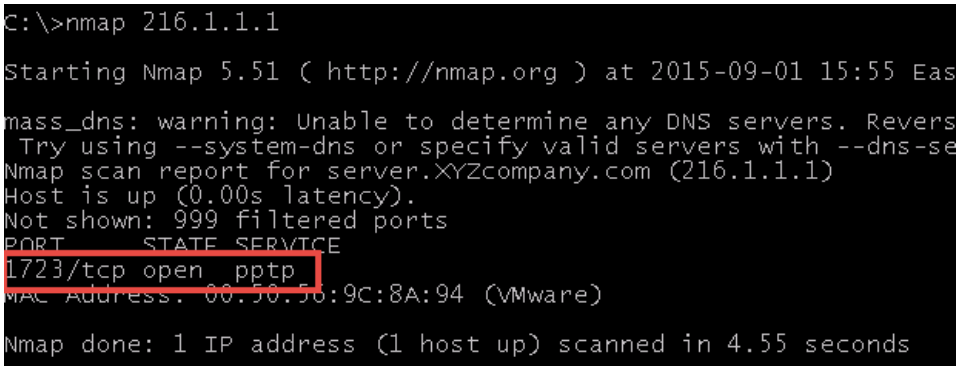
    C:\>**telnet 216.1.1.200 21**

28. You will receive the message 220 Microsoft FTP Service. Type the following: **quit**



You should receive the message, *Connection to host lost.*
Next, we will test things from the external network. Use the Windows 7 External machine to perform an nmap scan of the public firewall IP address of the firewall.

29. Go back to the **Windows 7 External Machine**.
30. Login as the user **student** with the password as **password**.
31. Open a new command prompt by double-clicking on **cmd – Shortcut**.
32. While in the command prompt, type the following to scan the firewall for open ports:
    C:\>**nmap 216.1.1.1**



You may ignore the DNS warning message.

One port, 1723, is reported as open. PPTP or point-to-point tunneling protocol uses port 1723. Point to Point tunneling protocol is an older VPN technology that allows remote users to connect to a company's VPN server and access internal resources.

1.2 Conclusion

Some firewalls include VPN capabilities. A Virtual Private Network can be set up so that external users from the Internet can connect in and access internal network resources. VPNs encrypt traffic so that the communication between the VPN server and client is safe.

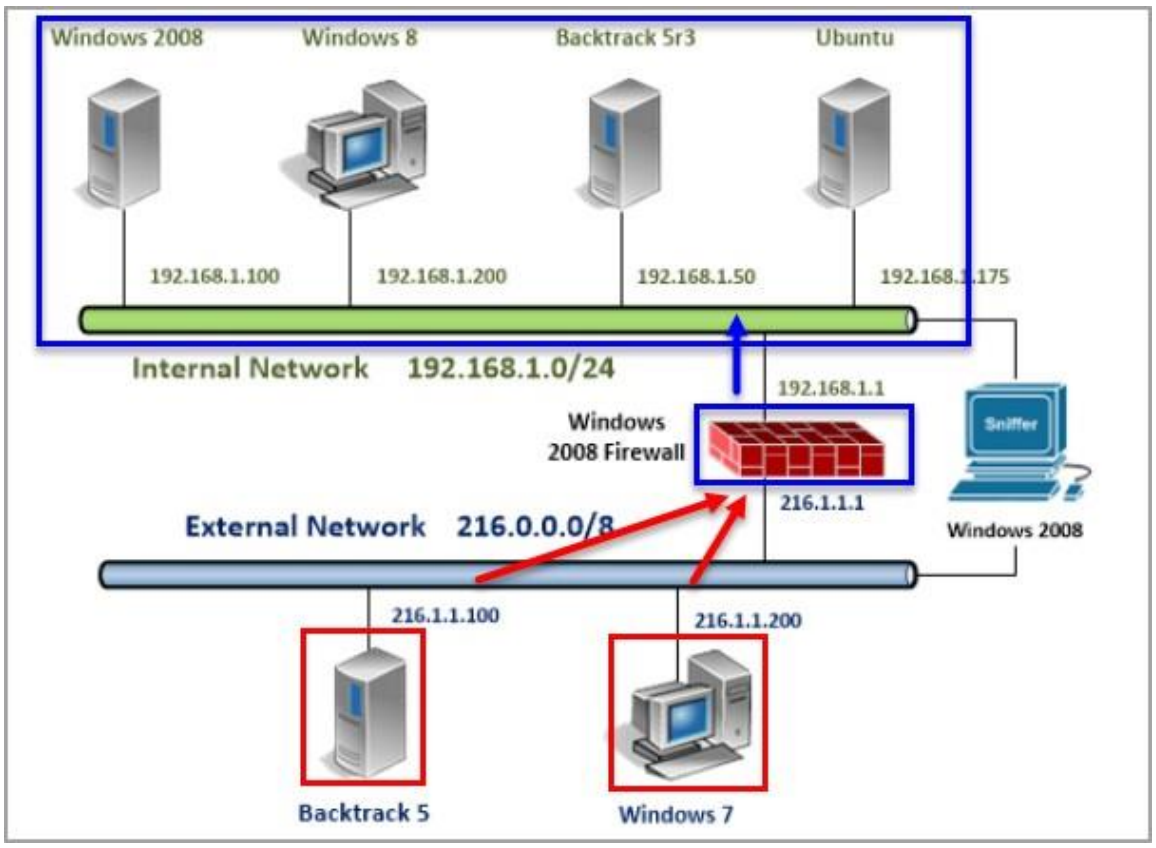
1.3 Discussion Questions

1. What does PPTP stand for?
   Ans: PPTP stands for Point-to-point Tunneling Protocol.
2. What is a banner grab?
   Ans: Grab is a technique used to gather information about a remote server by capturing the banner message that is sent by the server when a connection is established. It is prominent tool in VPN.
3. What are ways that you can verify outbound TCP/IP traffic is allowed?
   Ans: To verify outbound TCP/IP traffic is allowed by performing a banned grap that is c:1>telnet 216.1.1200.21.
4. What tool can be used to scan an IP address for any open ports?
   Ans: The tools used to scan open port in VPN is NMAP and it is also used to identify hosts on a network in Open source program.

2 Configuring the VPN

A Virtual Private Network (VPN) allows clients from an external network to connect to and utilize the resources of an internal network. Virtual Private Networks, which are encrypted, allow individuals to work from remote locations. The encryption of a Virtual Private Network allows external users to access internal resources in a secure manner.

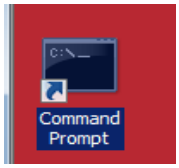
The VPN that we configured on the Windows 2008 server will allow external users to access internal resources on the network. After connecting to the firewall, the external user will be assigned an internal IP address on the internal 192.168.100.0/24 network.



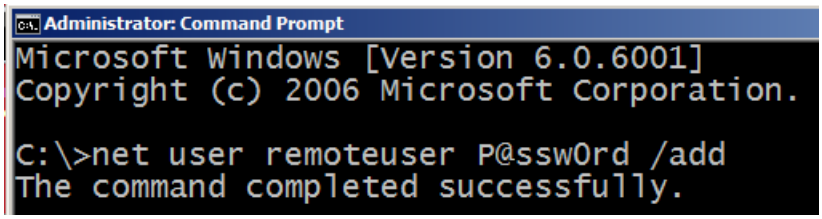
2.1 Configuring the VPN Client

We will now add a user to the firewall and configure the Windows 7 External Machine so it can connect to the public IP address of the Firewall and establish a VPN (Virtual Private Network) connection.

1. On the **Windows 2008 Firewall**, double-click the **Command Prompt** shortcut.

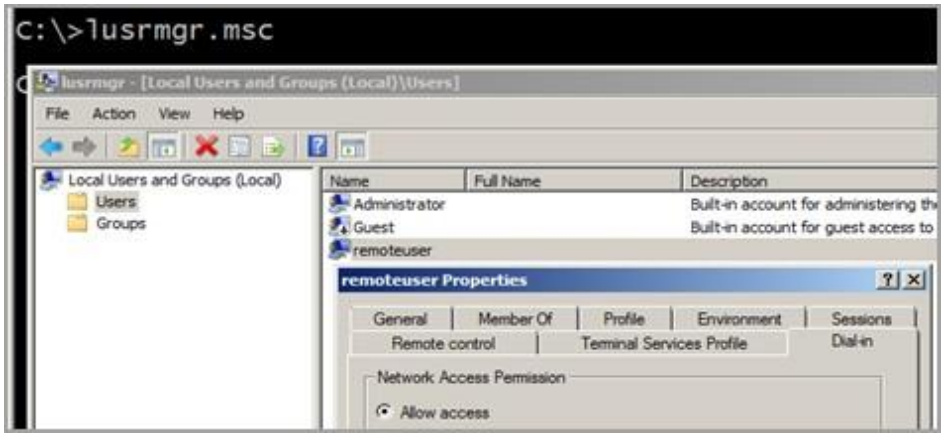


2. Type the following to add a remote user account:
   C:\>**net user remoteuser P@ssw0rd /add**



3. Type the following to manage the remote user:
   C:\>**lusrmgr.msc**

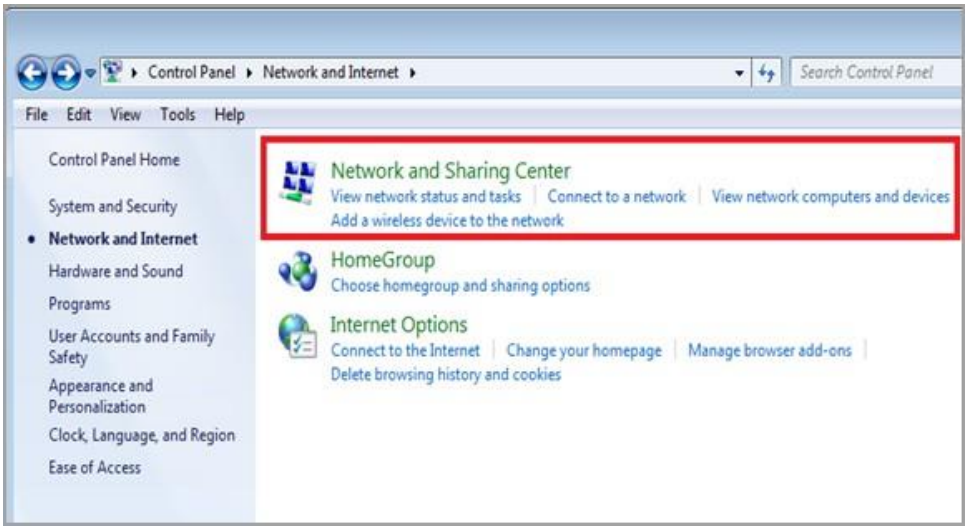
Double-click the **Users** folder. Double-click on **remoteuser**. Click the **Dial-in** Tab. Click the button that says **Allow access**. Click **Apply** and then **OK**. Close the Local User Manager.



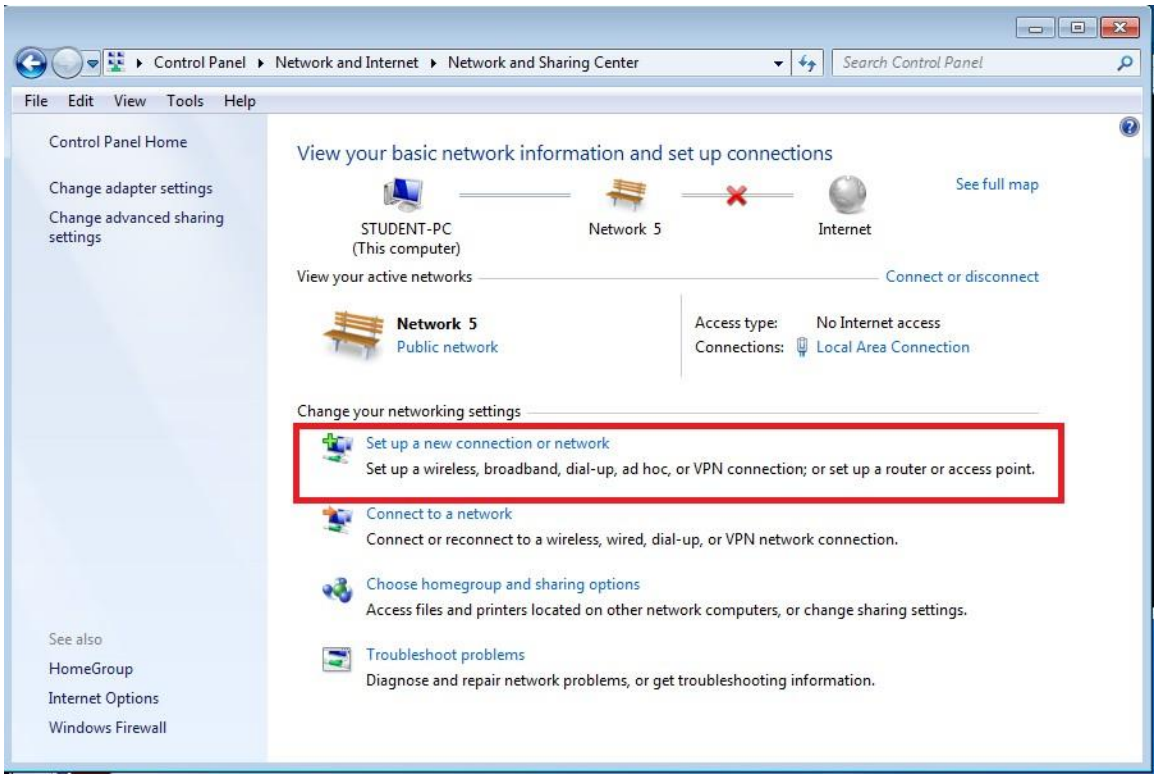
4. On the **Windows 7 External Machine**, click **Start > Control Panel**.

5. In the Control Panel, click on **Network and Internet.**

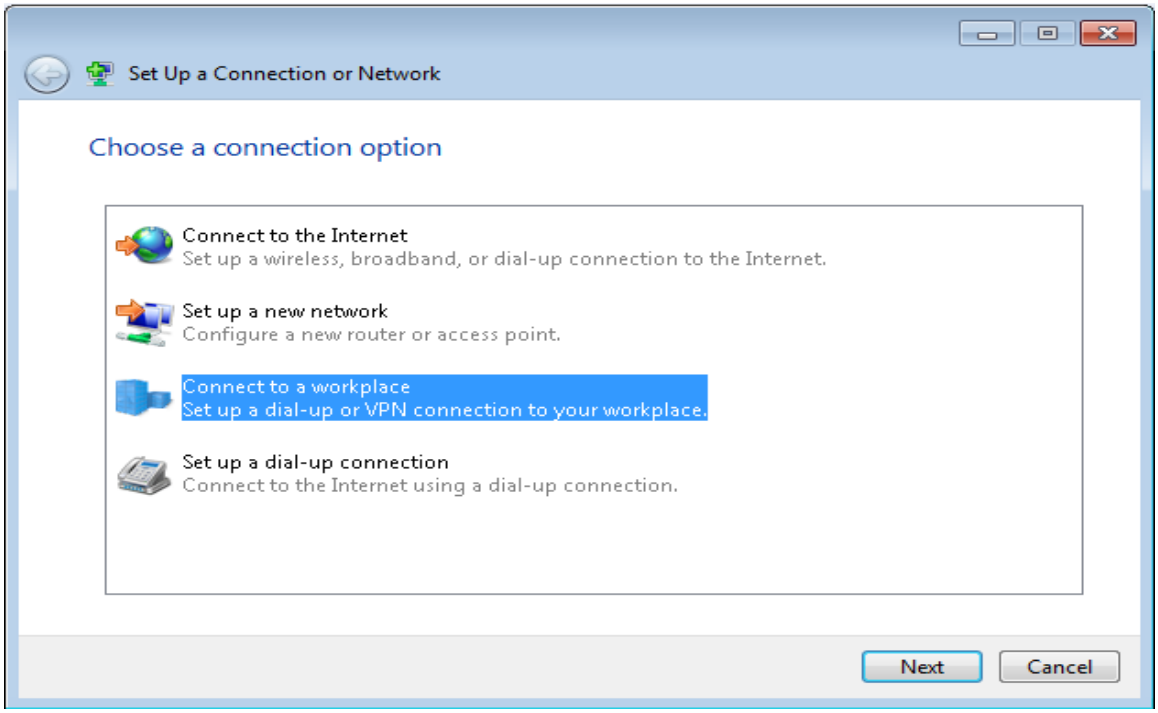
6. Click the **Network and Sharing Center** link under Network and Internet.



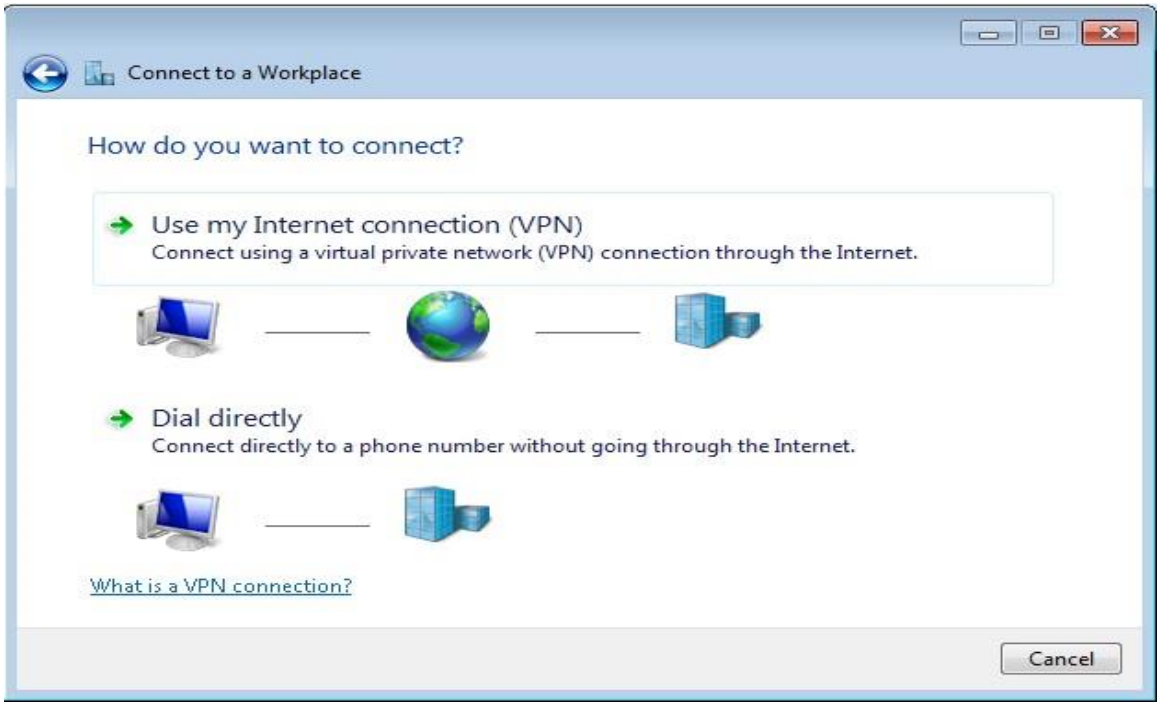
7. Click the link to **Set up a new connection or network**.



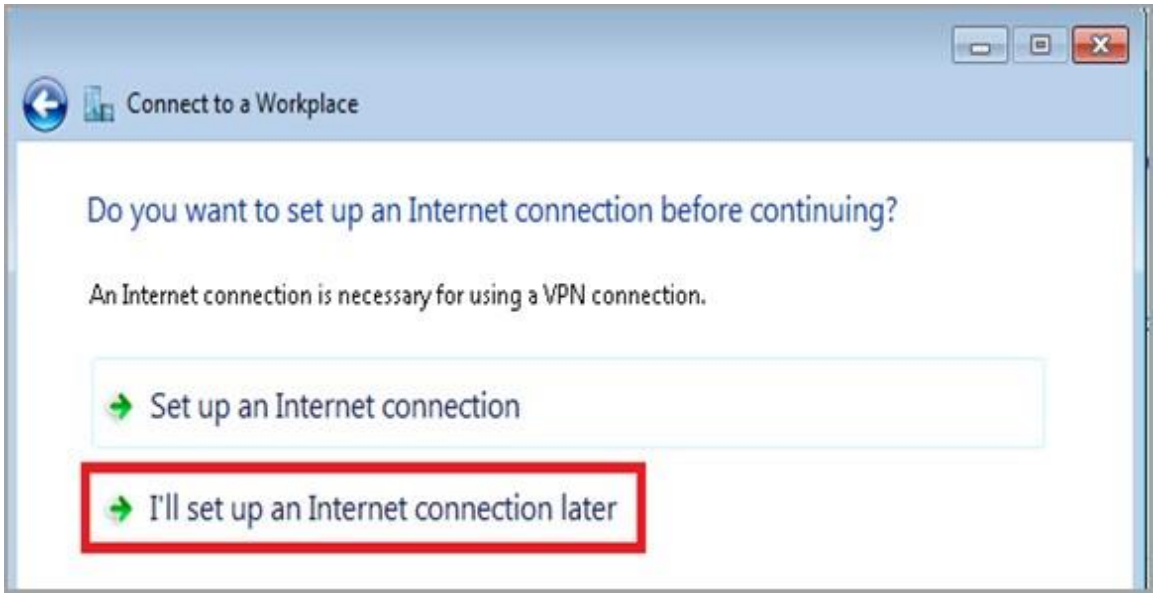
8. Select **Connect to a workplace** and click the **Next** button.



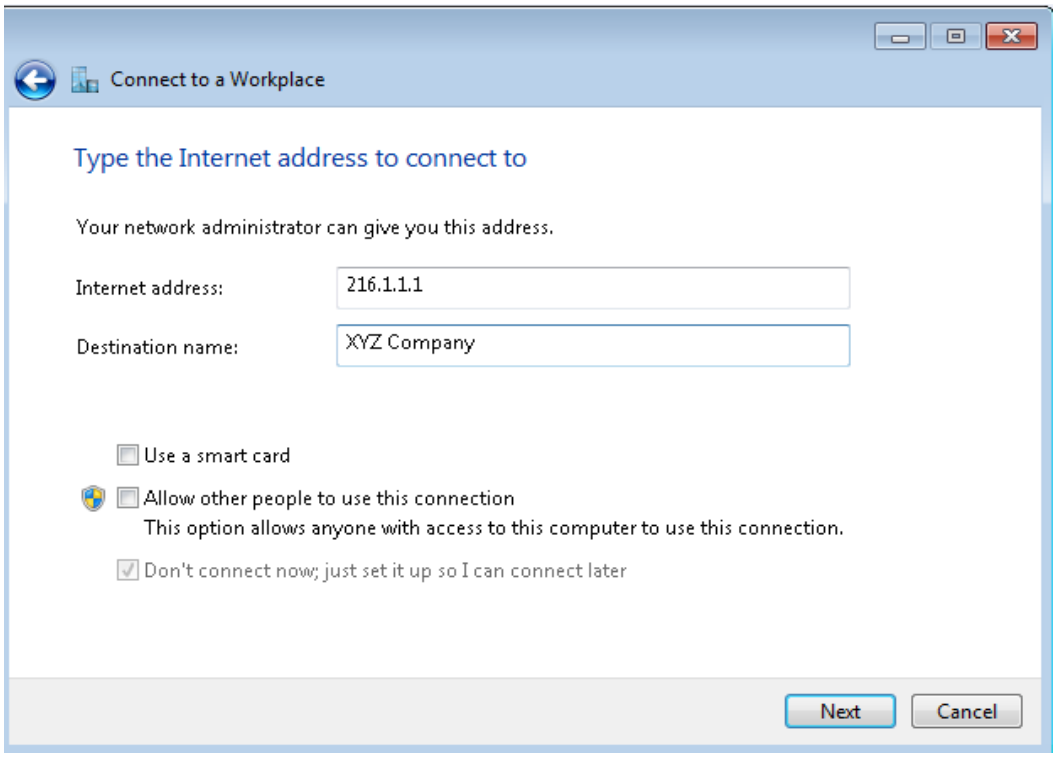
9. Select the top choice of **Use my Internet connection (VPN).**



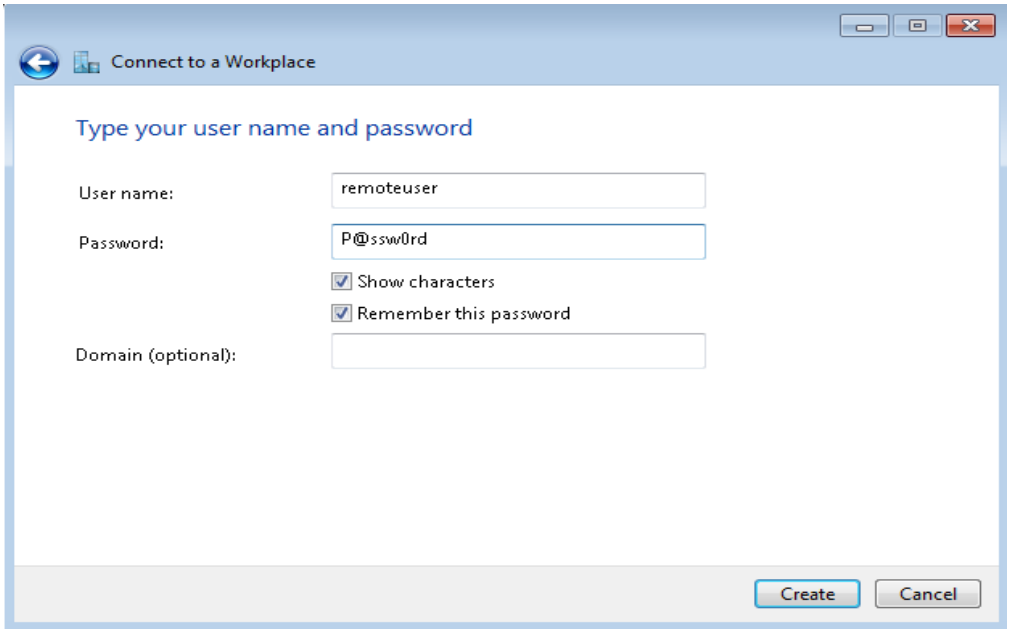
10. Select **I'll set up an Internet connection later**.



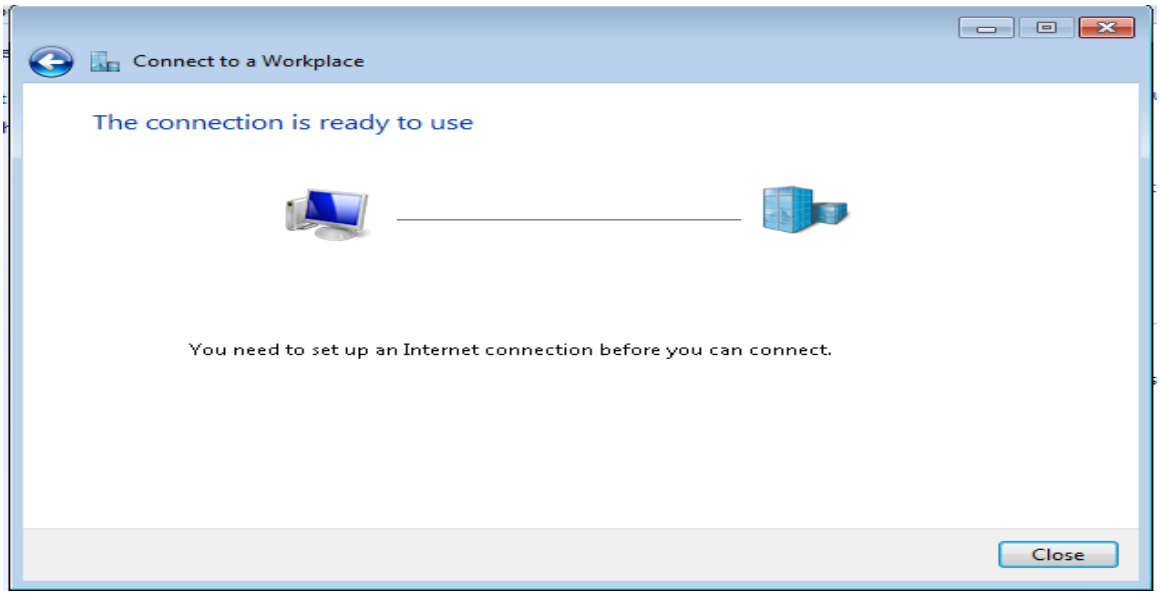
11. Type **216.1.1.1** for the Internet Address and **XYZ Company** for Destination name. Click the **Next** button to continue the VPN client setup process on Windows 7.



12. Type **remoteuser** for the username and **P@ssw0rd** for the password. If you prefer, you can click the show characters box to verify you typed the correct password (if you do this, watch out for shoulder surfing). Also, check the box to **Remember this password** so it does not have to be retyped again. Click **Create**.

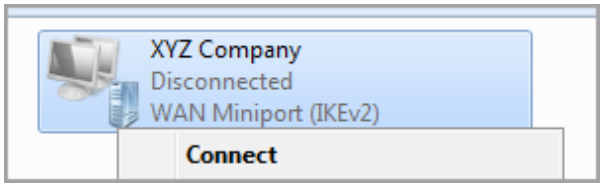


13. You will receive the message that the connection is ready to use. Click **Close**.



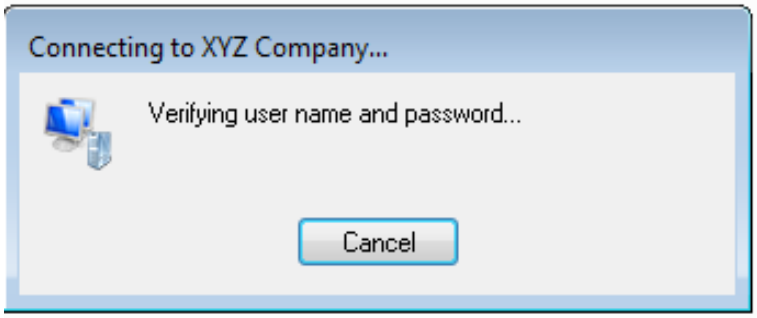
14. Click the link in the top-left pane to **Change adapter settings**.

15. Right-click on the **XYZ Company** Network Card and click **Connect**.

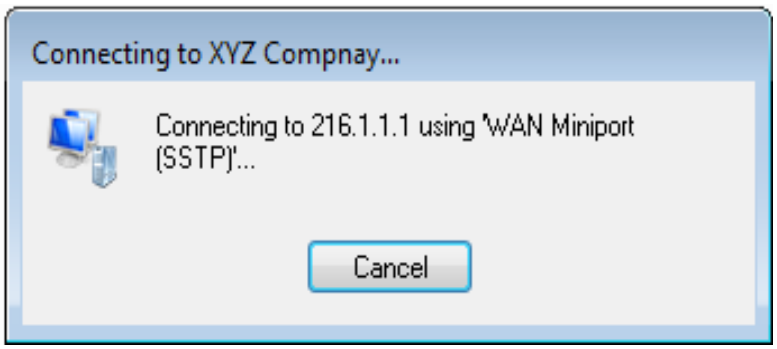


16. Click the **Connect** button to connect to the Windows 2008 VPN Server.

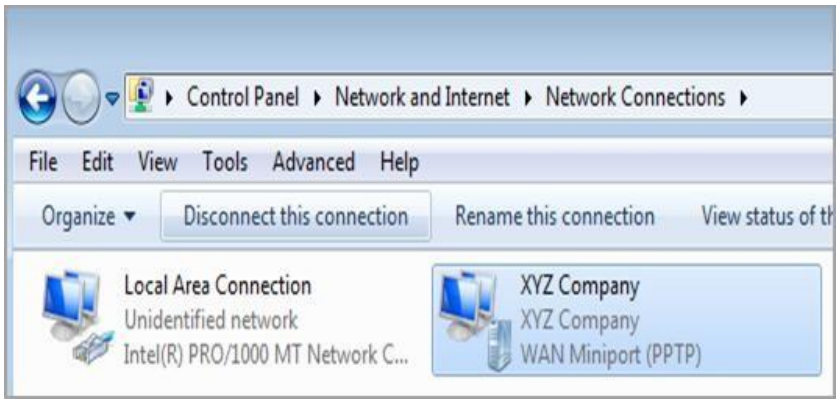
A box will be temporarily displayed saying, *"verifying username and password".*



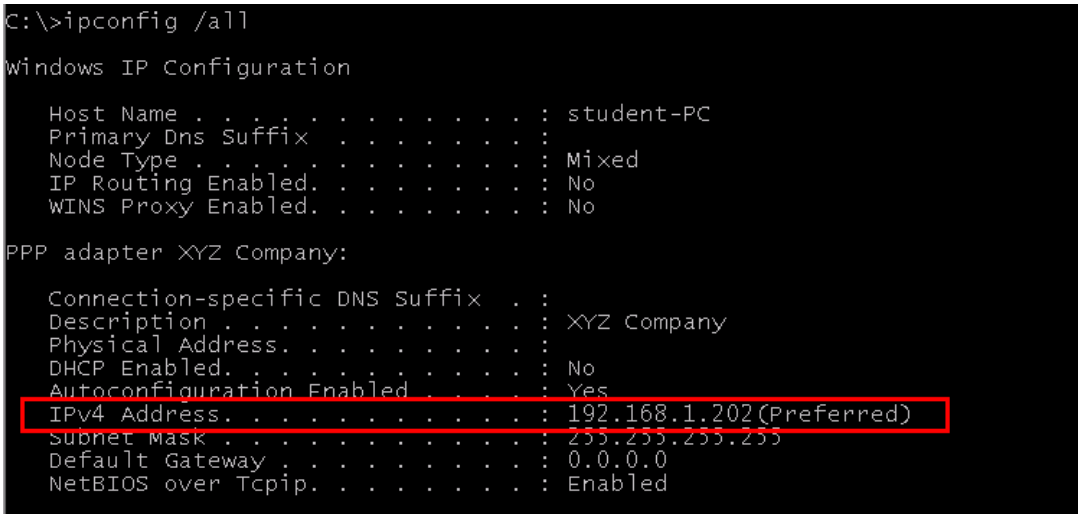
A box will be displayed that states, *"Connecting to 216.1.1.1 using WAN Miniport (SSTP)"*



17. After the connection is successful, you will receive an IP address from the VPN.



18. Go back to the command prompt and type the following command:
C:\>**ipconfig /all**



You may have to scroll up to find the PPP adapter XYZ Company

2.2 Conclusion

When you use a Virtual Private Network (VPN), users can connect to internal systems and access resources. Users must have accounts with proper credentials in order to successfully authenticate to the server. After establishing a VPN connection with a remote server, the client will be issued a new IP address allowing internal access.

2.3 Discussion Questions

1. Where do you go to connect to a VPN server in Windows 7?
   Ans: Select Control Panel > Network and Internet > Network Sharing Centre > Connect to a workplace > use my Internet Connection (VPN).
2. What is the command to manage accounts on Server 2008?
   Ans: To manage accounts on server lusrmgr.msc.
3. What tab must be configured so a user can obtain remote access?
   Ans: User to obtain remote access, the "Remote Access" or "VPN" tab must be configured.
4. After connecting to a VPN server, will you have an additional address?
   Ans: Yes, after connecting to a VPN server an IP address will change to additional address.

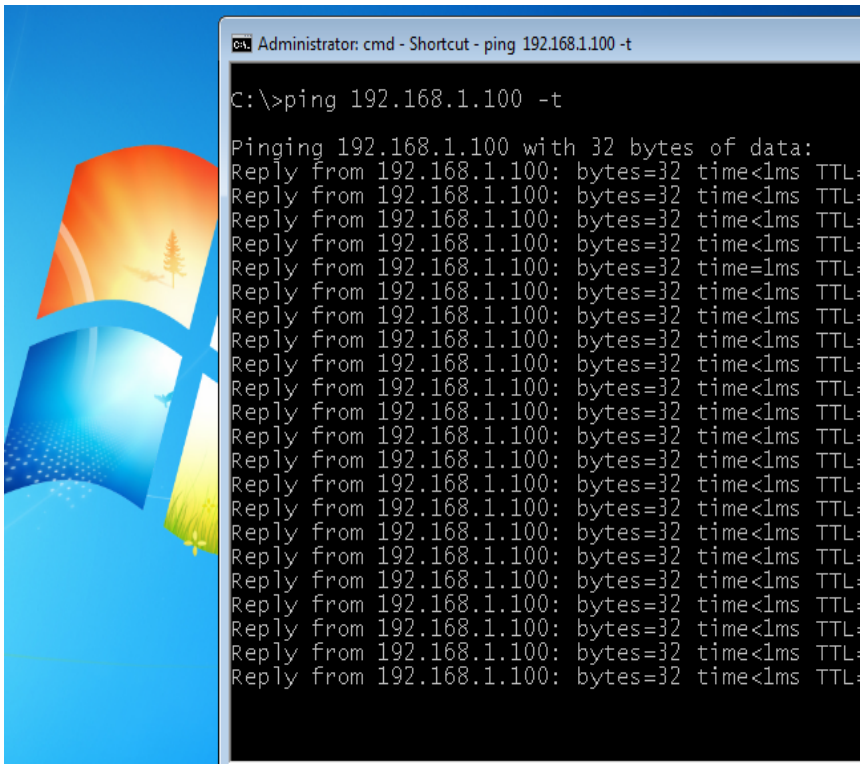
3 Using Internal Services from an External Machine

Now that we have successfully connected to the VPN server and received an IP address on the 192.168.1.0/24 network, we can access some of the company's internal resources, all over a secure connection.

3.1 Testing the Firewall

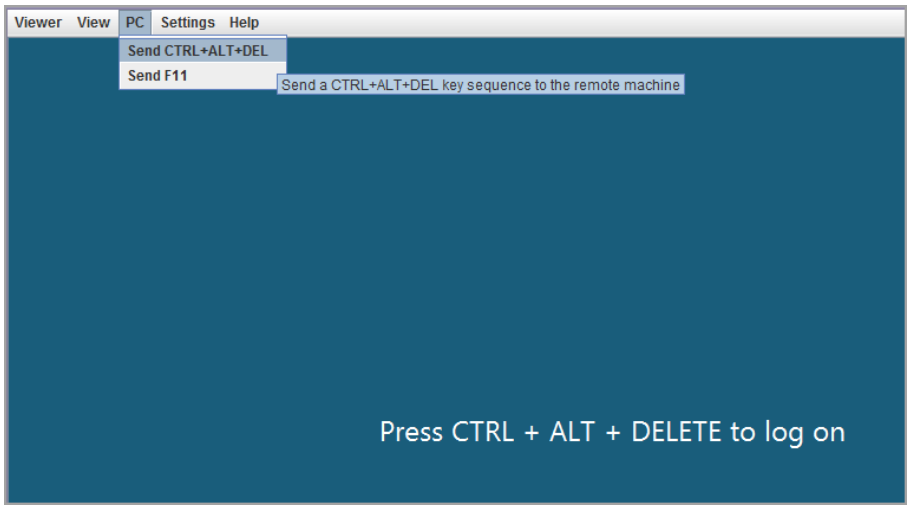
1. From the command prompt on the **Windows 7 External Machine**, type the following to continuously ping the Windows 2008 Internal Server Machine that is a Domain Controller and running IIS.

   C:\>**ping 192.168.1.100 -t**



Do not stop the ping. At a later time, you can press Ctrl+C to stop the ping.

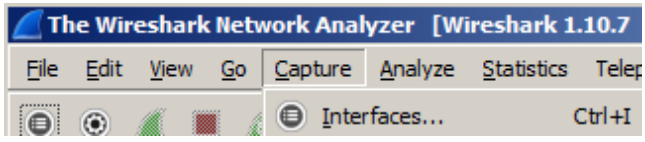
2. Log into the **Windows 2008 Sniffer Server** by clicking the Windows 2008 Sniffer icon on the topology. Click **PC** in the upper-left and **Send Ctrl+Alt+Del** in order to log on to the Windows 2008 server.



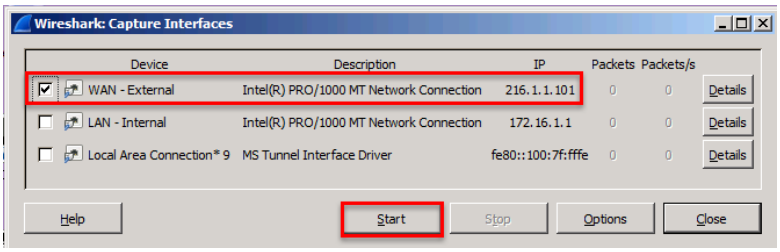
3. Enter **sniffer** for the Administrator password to the Windows 2008 Server.

4. Double-click on the shortcut to **Wireshark** on the desktop to launch the program.

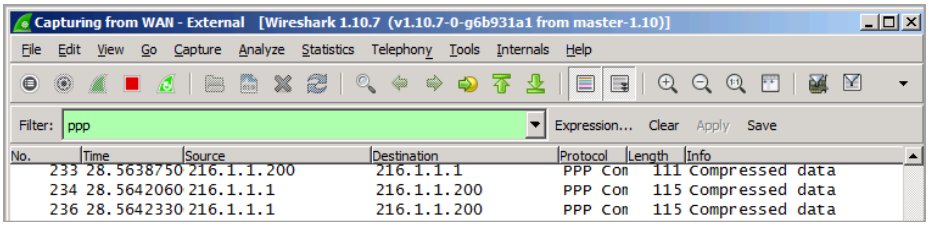
5. Click on **Capture** from the menu bar and select **Interfaces**.



6. Select the **WAN – External** interface check-box. Click **Start**.

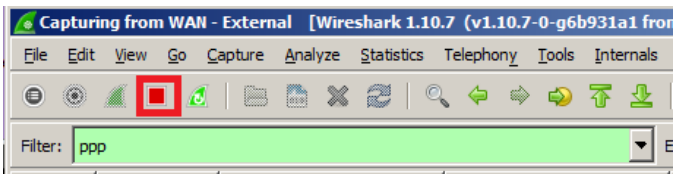


7. Type **ppp** in the Wireshark filter pane and click Apply.

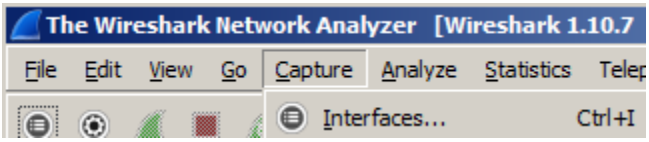


On the WAN side, you will not see the ICMP traffic between the Windows 7 VPN Client machine and the Windows server 2008 machine on the company's internal network.

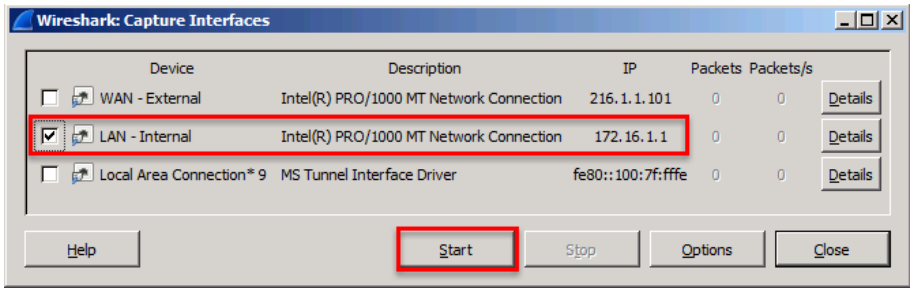
8. Click on **red square** to stop the capture on the WAN – External interface.



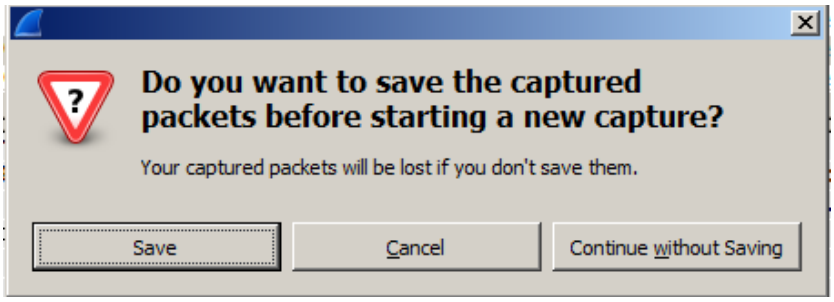
9. Click on **Capture** from the menu bar and select **Interfaces.**



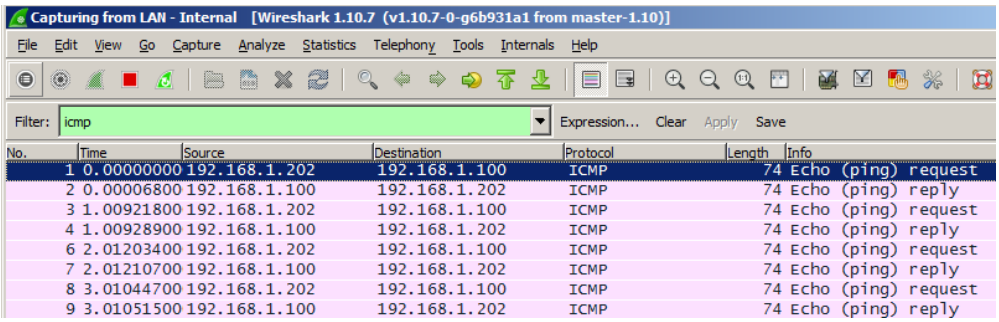
10. Deselect WAN – External and select the **LAN – Internal** check box. Click the **Start** button.



11. Click on **Continue without saving** to start a new packet capture.



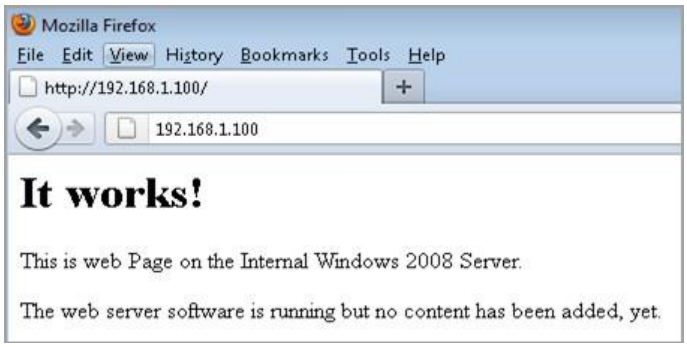
12. Type **icmp** in the Wireshark filter pane and click **Apply**. Although traffic is encrypted to the VPN server, it is decrypted on the LAN, unless a protocol that supports encryption, such as HTTPS or SSH is being utilized.



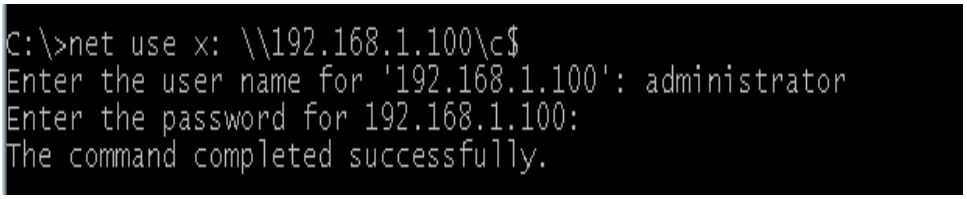
Go back to the **Windows 7 External machine**. Press **CTRL+C** to stop the continuous ping.

13. Double-click on the shortcut to **Firefox** on the desktop.

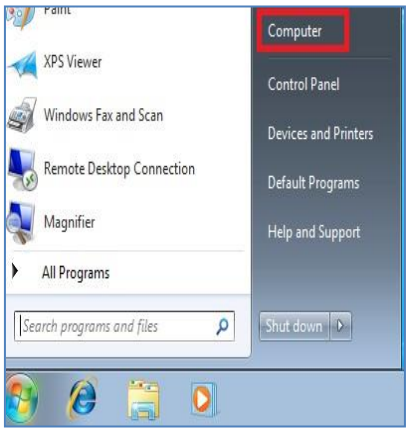
14. Type **http://192.168.1.100** in the URL bar to connect to the internal web site.



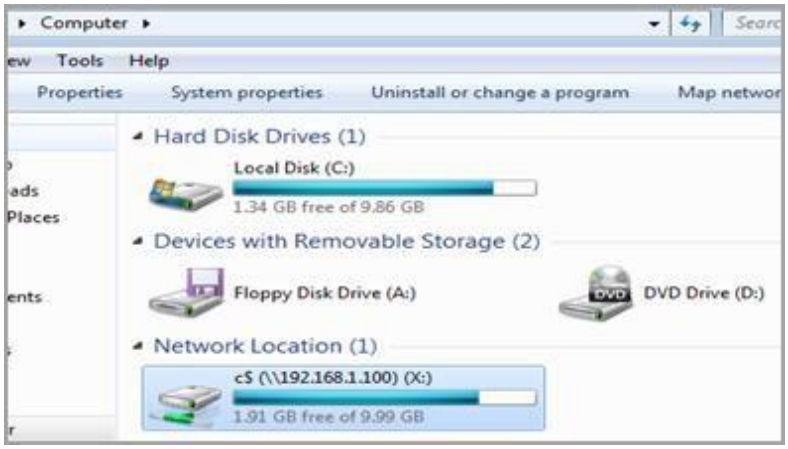
15. From the command prompt, type the following command:
C:\>**net use x: \\192.168.1.100\c$**
When you are asked to enter the user name, type **administrator**
When you are asked for the password, type **P@ssw0rd**



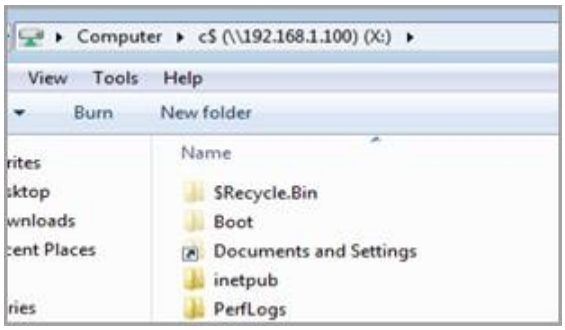
16. Click on the **Start** button and go to the **Computer** link.



17. Double-click the Network Location Link for - **c$ (\\192.168.1.100) (X:).**



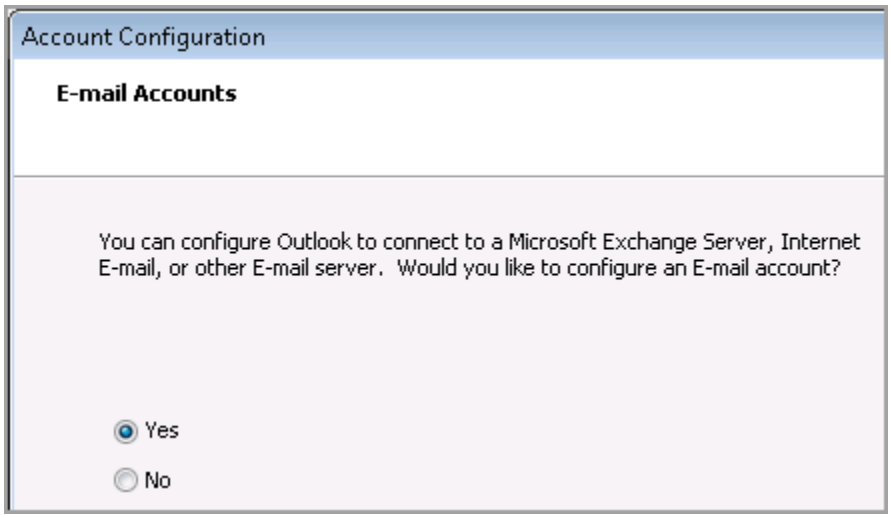
18. View the C: Drive of the Remote Computer.



19. Navigate to the desktop and double-click on the shortcut to **Outlook**.

20. Click **Next** on the Outlook 2003 Startup screen.

21. On the Account Configuration window, click **Next**.



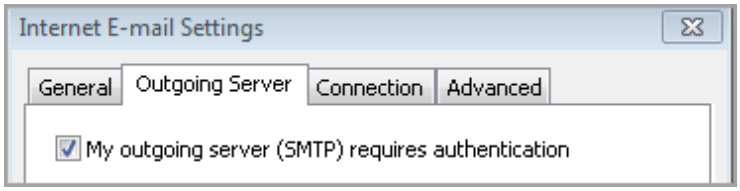
22. Select **POP3** (Post Office Protocol) as the server type. Click the **Next** button.

23. Fill out the following fields:

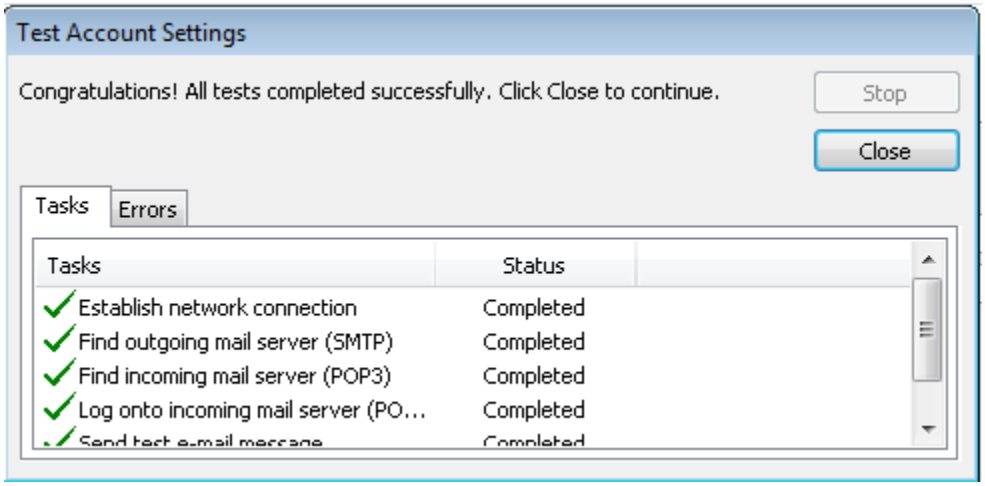
Name	administrator
Email Address	administrator@XYZcompany.com
User Name	administrator
Password	P@ssw0rd
Incoming mail server (POP3)	192.168.1.100
Outgoing mail server (SMTP)	192.168.1.100

24. Click the **More Settings** button.

25. Click on the **Outgoing Server** tab and check the box that states**, My outgoing server (SMTP) requires authentication.** Click **OK**.



26. Click the **Test Account Settings** button. You should receive 5 green checks.



27. Close all open windows and PC viewers. End the reservation.

3.2 Conclusion

In this section of the lab, we connected to the resources on the internal network, including an internal website, a share on the domain controller, and we used internal Email. VPN connections allow users to work from home as if they were on the physical computer network, all over an encrypted connection over the Internet.

3.3 Discussion Questions

1. What is the command to map a drive?
   Ans: Net use is the command for replacing the drive letter type.
2. How can you view a mapped drive?
   Ans: It can be viewed by Double-clicking the mapped drive under Network. Locations.
3. What filter in Wireshark will allow you to see VPN traffic over the WAN?
   Ans: Wireshark will allow you to see VPN traffic over the WAN. by using the GCV adaptor
4. What filter in Wireshark will allow you to view the results of a ping command?
   Ans: To view the results of a ping command in Wireshark ICMP filter is used.

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