

Project 1

Documentation for

Powershell Add Users

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User's Data Preparation

I've constructed the OU and Users data using Microsoft Excel. I organized it based on the users Location and Department. I also added a username as their login username which is the combination of their Firstname's initials and Lastname.

Figure 1: Proof of User's Data Preparation

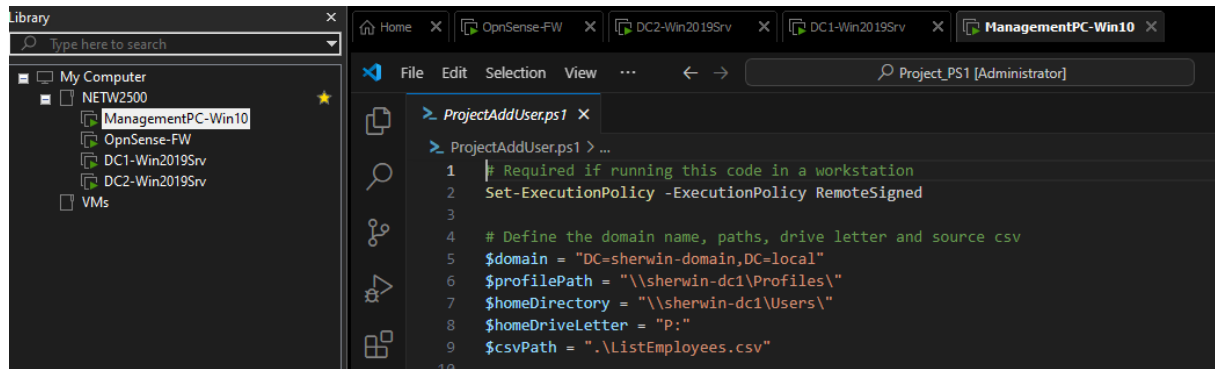
	A	B	C	D	E	F	G
	Location	Department	Name	FirstName	LastName	EmailAddress	Username
2	Halifax	Accounting	Philip SMITH	Philip	SMITH	philip.smith@gmail.com	p.smith
3	Halifax	Accounting	Logan JOHNSON	Logan	JOHNSON	logan.johnson@gmail.com	L.johnson
4	Halifax	Accounting	Bobby WILLIAMS	Bobby	WILLIAMS	bobby.williams@gmail.com	b.williams
5	Halifax	Accounting	Harry BROWN	Harry	BROWN	harry.brown@gmail.com	h.brown
6	Halifax	HR Dept	Johnny JONES	Johnny	JONES	johnny.jones@gmail.com	j.jones
7	Halifax	HR Dept	Mary MILLER	Mary	MILLER	mary.miller@gmail.com	m.miller
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12	Halifax	Operations	David MARTINEZ	David	MARTINEZ	david.martinez@gmail.com	d.martinez
13	Halifax	Operations	Richard ANDERSON	Richard	ANDERSON	richard.anderson@gmail.com	r.anderson
14	Halifax	Operations	Joseph TAYLOR	Joseph	TAYLOR	joseph.taylor@gmail.com	j.taylor
15	Halifax	Operations	Thomas THOMAS	Thomas	THOMAS	thomas.thomas@gmail.com	t.thomas
16	Halifax	Operations	Charles HERNANDEZ	Charles	HERNANDEZ	charles.hernandez@gmail.com	c.hernandez
17	Halifax	Operations	Christopher MOORE	Christopher	MOORE	christopher.moore@gmail.com	c.moore
18	Halifax	Operations	Daniel MARTIN	Daniel	MARTIN	daniel.martin@gmail.com	d.martin
19	Halifax	Operations	Matthew JACKSON	Matthew	JACKSON	matthew.jackson@gmail.com	m.jackson
20	Halifax	Operations	Anthony THOMPSON	Anthony	THOMPSON	anthony.thompson@gmail.com	a.thompson
21	Halifax	Operations	Donald WHITE	Donald	WHITE	donald.white@gmail.com	d.white
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Powershell Script

I used VS Code editor to create my powershell script. The whole script is composed of 4 functions, CreateLocationOU, CreateDepartmentOU, CreateUser, and ProcessUsers. In the beginning of script, I've also defined all the paths and domains for easier modification and script reusability. I use try catch blocks to prevent the script from breaking when errors are encountered and suppress redundant error messages.

These variables stored the paths, domain name, drive letter, and source csv file path.

Figure 2: Proof of defined domains, paths, and source file paths.



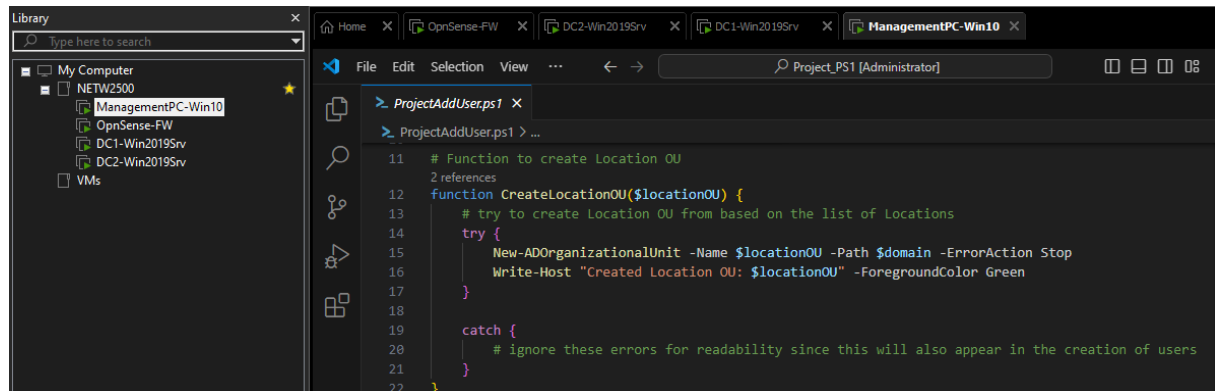
```

1  # Required if running this code in a workstation
2  Set-ExecutionPolicy -ExecutionPolicy RemoteSigned
3
4  # Define the domain name, paths, drive letter and source csv
5  $domain = "DC=sherwin-domain,DC=local"
6  $profilePath = "\\sherwin-dc1\Profiles\"
7  $homeDirectory = "\\sherwin-dc1\Users\"
8  $homeDriveLetter = "P:"
9  $csvPath = "..\ListEmployees.csv"
10

```

This function creates the Halifax and Truro OU using the New-ADOrganizationalUnit cmdlet.

Figure 3: Proof of CreateLocationOU function.



```

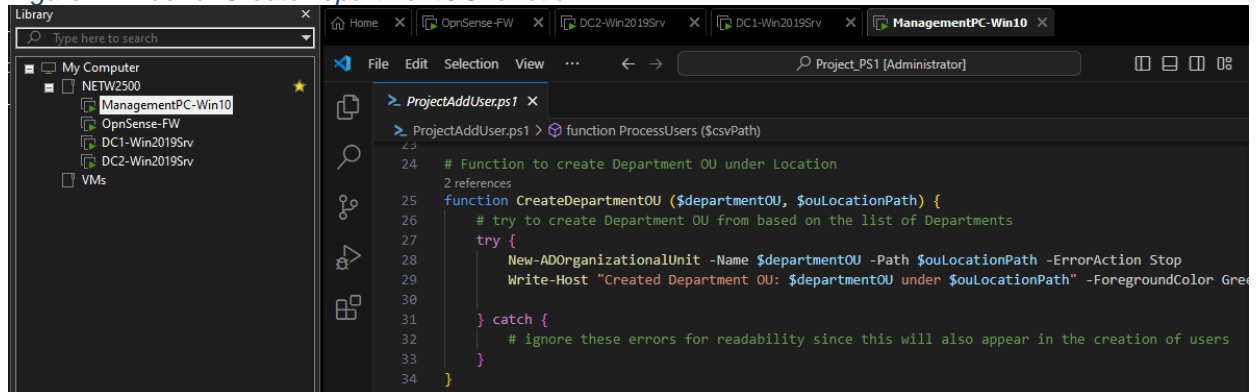
11 # Function to create Location OU
12 function CreateLocationOU($locationOU) {
13     # try to create Location OU from based on the list of Locations
14     try {
15         New-ADOrganizationalUnit -Name $locationOU -Path $domain -ErrorAction Stop
16         Write-Host "Created Location OU: $locationOU" -ForegroundColor Green
17     }
18
19     catch {
20         # ignore these errors for readability since this will also appear in the creation of users
21     }
22 }

```

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This function creates the Department OUs under Halifax and Truro using the New-ADOrganizationalUnit cmdlet.

Figure 4: Proof of CreateDepartmentOU function.

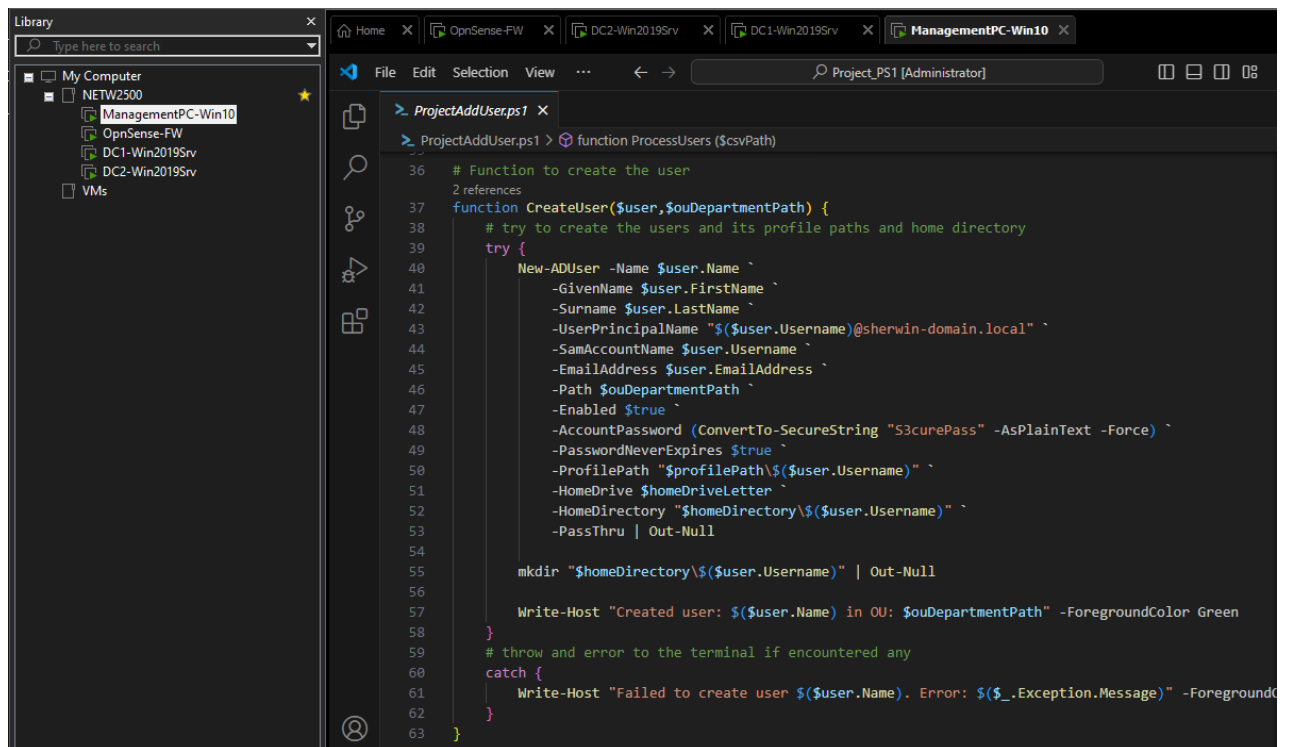


The screenshot shows a PowerShell script in a text editor. The left pane displays a file explorer with 'My Computer' containing 'NETW2500', 'ManagementPC-Win10', 'OpnSense-FW', 'DC1-Win2019Srv', 'DC2-Win2019Srv', and 'VMs'. The right pane shows the script content for 'ProjectAddUsers.ps1' with a function 'ProcessUsers' that calls 'CreateDepartmentOU'. The 'CreateDepartmentOU' function is defined as follows:

```
24 # Function to create Department OU under Location
25 function CreateDepartmentOU ($departmentOU, $ouLocationPath) {
26     # try to create Department OU from based on the list of Departments
27     try {
28         New-ADOrganizationalUnit -Name $departmentOU -Path $ouLocationPath -ErrorAction Stop
29         Write-Host "Created Department OU: $departmentOU under $ouLocationPath" -ForegroundColor Green
30     } catch {
31         # ignore these errors for readability since this will also appear in the creation of users
32     }
33 }
```

This function creates the users. It includes all the details in the csv file like the Names, Emails and User login. I also set profile directory and home folders. I also gave it a default password of "S3curePass". These function also throws any errors encountered.

Figure 4: Proof of CreateUser Function



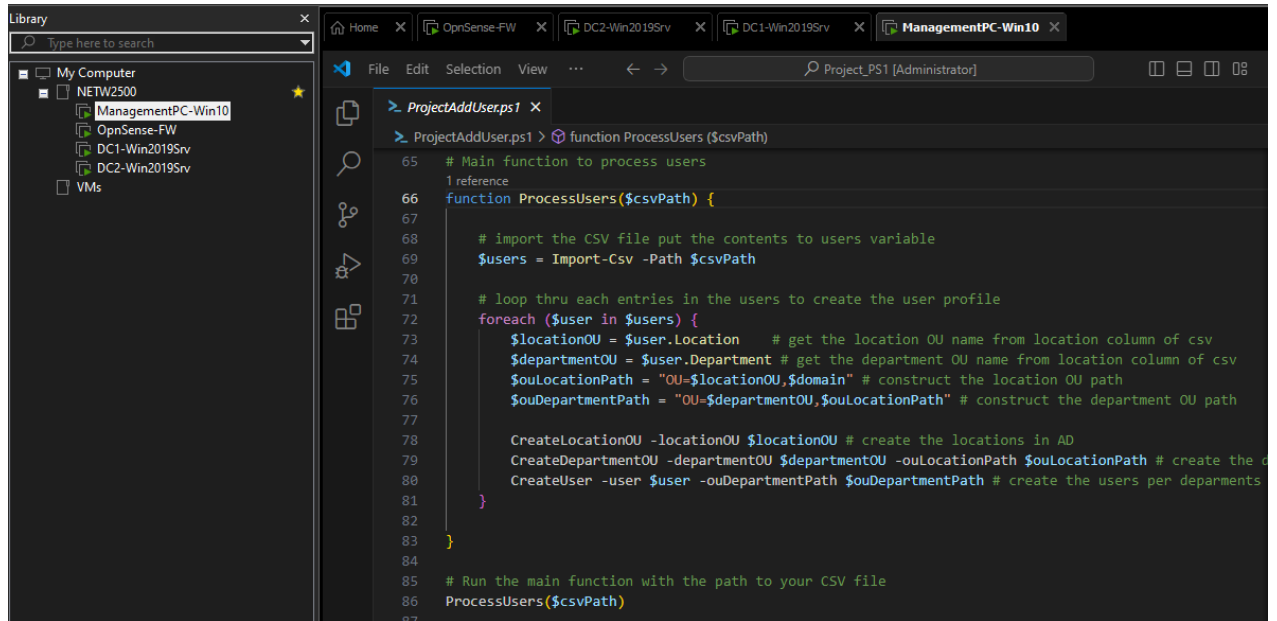
The screenshot shows a PowerShell script in a text editor. The left pane displays a file explorer with 'My Computer' containing 'NETW2500', 'ManagementPC-Win10', 'OpnSense-FW', 'DC1-Win2019Srv', 'DC2-Win2019Srv', and 'VMs'. The right pane shows the script content for 'ProjectAddUsers.ps1' with a function 'ProcessUsers' that calls 'CreateUser'. The 'CreateUser' function is defined as follows:

```
36 # Function to create the user
37 function CreateUser($user,$ouDepartmentPath) {
38     # try to create the users and its profile paths and home directory
39     try {
40         New-ADUser -Name $user.Name `
41             -GivenName $user.FirstName `
42             -Surname $user.LastName `
43             -UserPrincipalName "$($user.Username)@sherwin-domain.local" `
44             -SamAccountName $user.Username `
45             -EmailAddress $user.EmailAddress `
46             -Path $ouDepartmentPath `
47             -Enabled $true `
48             -AccountPassword (ConvertTo-SecureString "S3curePass" -AsPlainText -Force) `
49             -PasswordNeverExpires $true `
50             -ProfilePath "$profilePath\$($user.Username)" `
51             -HomeDrive $homeDriveLetter `
52             -HomeDirectory "$homeDirectory\$($user.Username)" `
53             -PassThru | Out-Null
54     }
55     mkdir "$homeDirectory\$($user.Username)" | Out-Null
56     Write-Host "Created user: $($user.Name) in OU: $ouDepartmentPath" -ForegroundColor Green
57 }
58 # throw and error to the terminal if encountered any
59 catch {
60     Write-Host "Failed to create user $($user.Name). Error: $($_.Exception.Message)" -ForegroundColor Red
61 }
62 }
```

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This function will import the contents of csv file, loop thru each entries and run the create functions. It is then called in the bottom line with the csvPath as an argument.

Figure 5: Proof of ProcessUsers Function and calling it in the main loop.

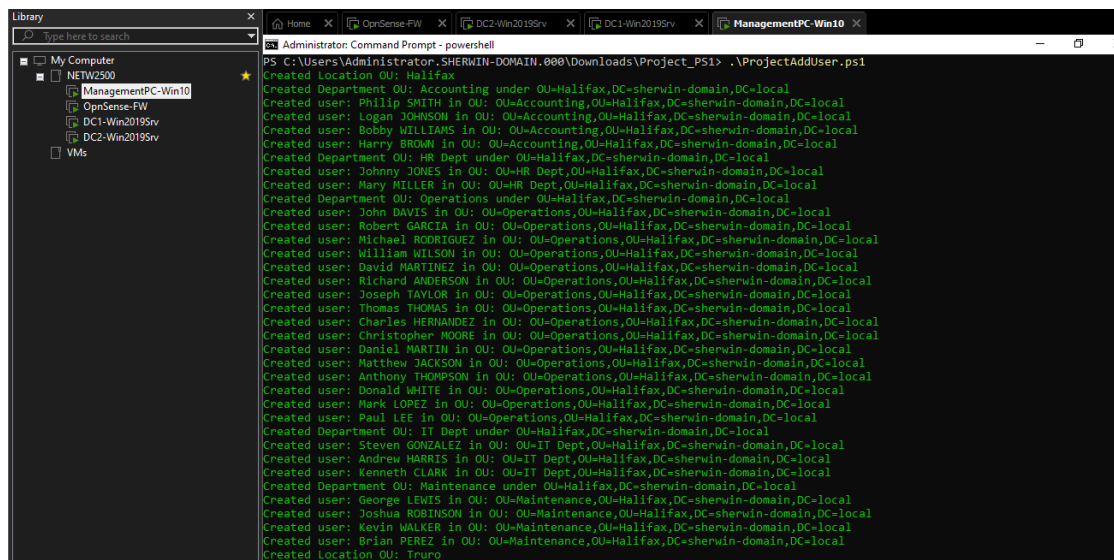


```
ProjectAddUsers.ps1
ProjectAddUser.ps1 > function ProcessUsers($csvPath)
65 # Main function to process users
66 function ProcessUsers($csvPath) {
67     # import the CSV file put the contents to users variable
68     $users = Import-Csv -Path $csvPath
69
70     # loop thru each entries in the users to create the user profile
71     foreach ($user in $users) {
72         $locationOU = $user.Location # get the location OU name from location column of csv
73         $departmentOU = $user.Department # get the department OU name from location column of csv
74         $locationPath = "OU=$locationOU,$domain" # construct the location OU path
75         $departmentPath = "OU=$departmentOU,$locationPath" # construct the department OU path
76
77         CreateLocationOU -locationOU $locationOU # create the locations in AD
78         CreateDepartmentOU -departmentOU $departmentOU -ouLocationPath $locationPath # create the department OU
79         CreateUser -user $user -ouDepartmentPath $departmentPath # create the users per departments
80     }
81 }
82
83 # Run the main function with the path to your CSV file
84 ProcessUsers($csvPath)
```

Testing the Script

Script can be run in any terminals that handle powershell. The csv file should be in the same directory as well. This script can be re-used in other systems provided that the defined constants in the top part of the script are updated.

Figure 6: Proof of running the script



```
PS C:\Users\Administrator\SHERWIN-DOMAIN.000\Downloads\Project_PSI> .\ProjectAddUser.ps1
Created Location OU: Halifax
Created Department OU: Accounting under OU=Halifax,DC=sherwin-domain,DC=local
Created user: Phillip SMITH in OU: OU=Accounting,OU=Halifax,DC=sherwin-domain,DC=local
Created user: Logan JOHNSON in OU: OU=Accounting,OU=Halifax,DC=sherwin-domain,DC=local
Created user: Bobby WILLIAMS in OU: OU=Accounting,OU=Halifax,DC=sherwin-domain,DC=local
Created user: Harry BROWN in OU: OU=Accounting,OU=Halifax,DC=sherwin-domain,DC=local
Created Department OU: HR Dept under OU=Halifax,DC=sherwin-domain,DC=local
Created user: Johnny JONES in OU: OU=HR Dept,OU=Halifax,DC=sherwin-domain,DC=local
Created user: Mary MILLER in OU: OU=HR Dept,OU=Halifax,DC=sherwin-domain,DC=local
Created Department OU: Operations under OU=Halifax,DC=sherwin-domain,DC=local
Created user: John DAVIS in OU: OU=Operations,OU=Halifax,DC=sherwin-domain,DC=local
Created user: Robert GARCIA in OU: OU=Operations,OU=Halifax,DC=sherwin-domain,DC=local
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Created user: Richard ANDERSON in OU: OU=Operations,OU=Halifax,DC=sherwin-domain,DC=local
Created user: Joseph TAYLOR in OU: OU=Operations,OU=Halifax,DC=sherwin-domain,DC=local
Created user: Thomas THOMAS in OU: OU=Operations,OU=Halifax,DC=sherwin-domain,DC=local
Created user: Charles HERNANDEZ in OU: OU=Operations,OU=Halifax,DC=sherwin-domain,DC=local
Created user: Christopher MOORE in OU: OU=Operations,OU=Halifax,DC=sherwin-domain,DC=local
Created user: Daniel MARTIN in OU: OU=Operations,OU=Halifax,DC=sherwin-domain,DC=local
Created user: Matthew JACKSON in OU: OU=Operations,OU=Halifax,DC=sherwin-domain,DC=local
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Created user: Donald WHITE in OU: OU=Operations,OU=Halifax,DC=sherwin-domain,DC=local
Created user: Mark LOPEZ in OU: OU=Operations,OU=Halifax,DC=sherwin-domain,DC=local
Created user: Paul LEE in OU: OU=Operations,OU=Halifax,DC=sherwin-domain,DC=local
Created Department OU: IT Dept under OU=Halifax,DC=sherwin-domain,DC=local
Created user: Steven GONZALEZ in OU: OU=IT Dept,OU=Halifax,DC=sherwin-domain,DC=local
Created user: Andrew HARRIS in OU: OU=IT Dept,OU=Halifax,DC=sherwin-domain,DC=local
Created Department OU: Maintenance under OU=Halifax,DC=sherwin-domain,DC=local
Created user: George LEWIS in OU: OU=Maintenance,OU=Halifax,DC=sherwin-domain,DC=local
Created user: Joshua ROBINSON in OU: OU=Maintenance,OU=Halifax,DC=sherwin-domain,DC=local
Created user: Kevin WALKER in OU: OU=Maintenance,OU=Halifax,DC=sherwin-domain,DC=local
Created user: Brian PEREZ in OU: OU=Maintenance,OU=Halifax,DC=sherwin-domain,DC=local
Created Location OU: Truro
```

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Figure 7: Proof of Created Users and their respective Department OU under Halifax OU

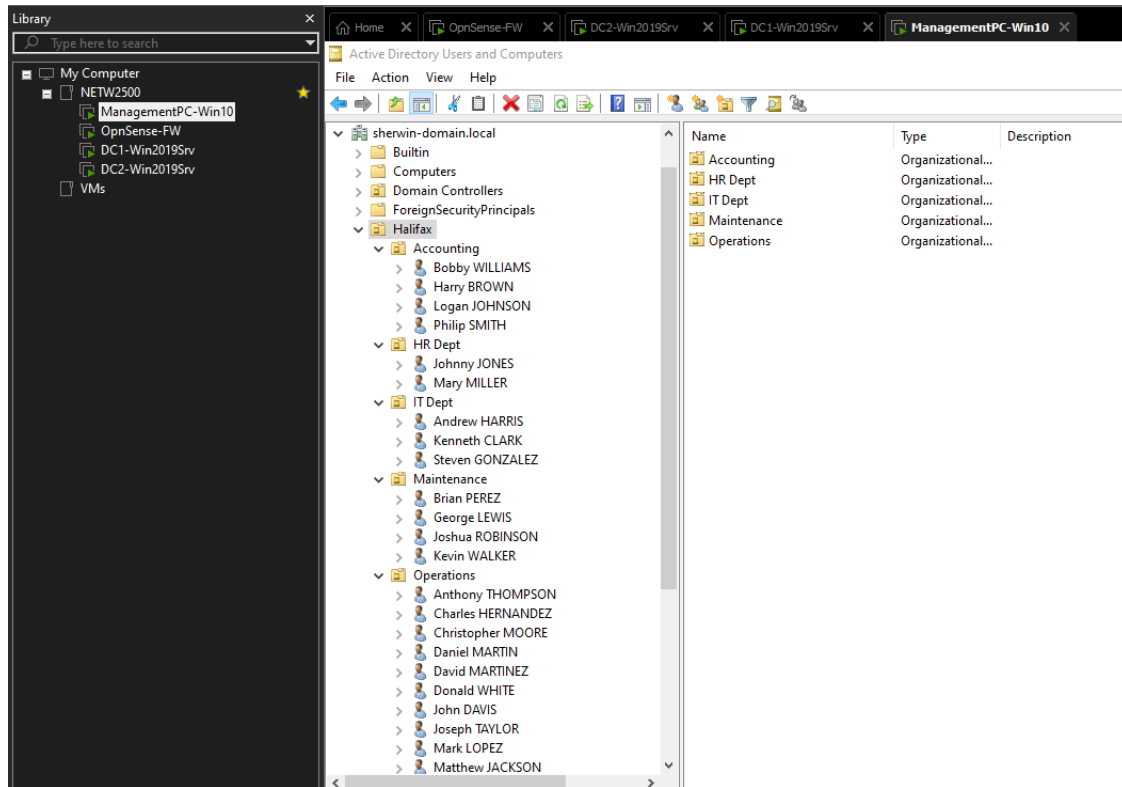
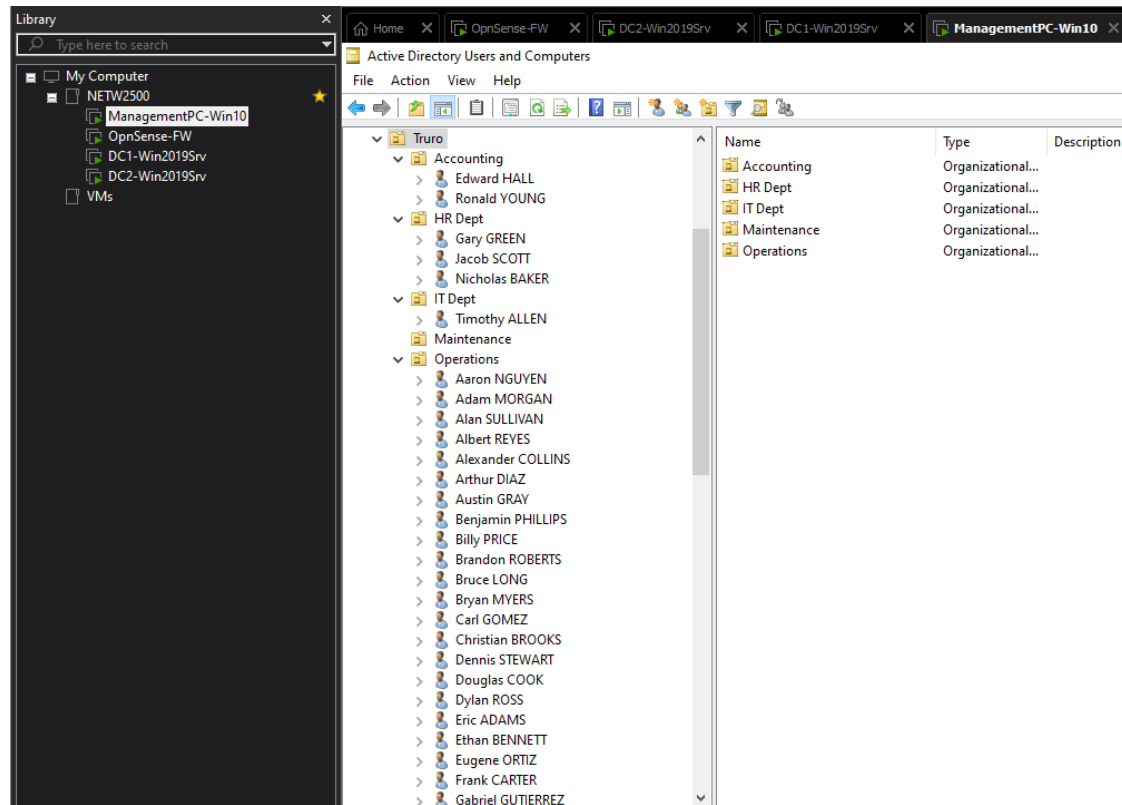


Figure 8: Proof of Created Users and their respective Department OU under Truro OU



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Figure 9: Proof of Created Home Folders For Each Created Users

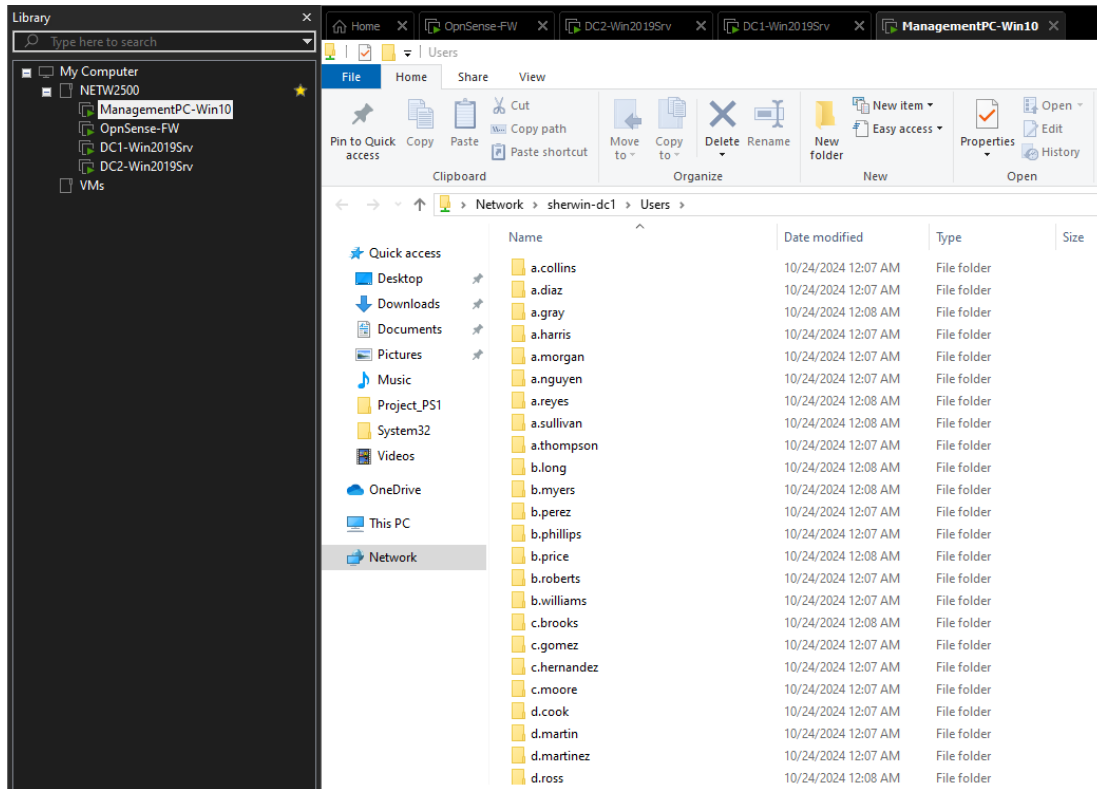
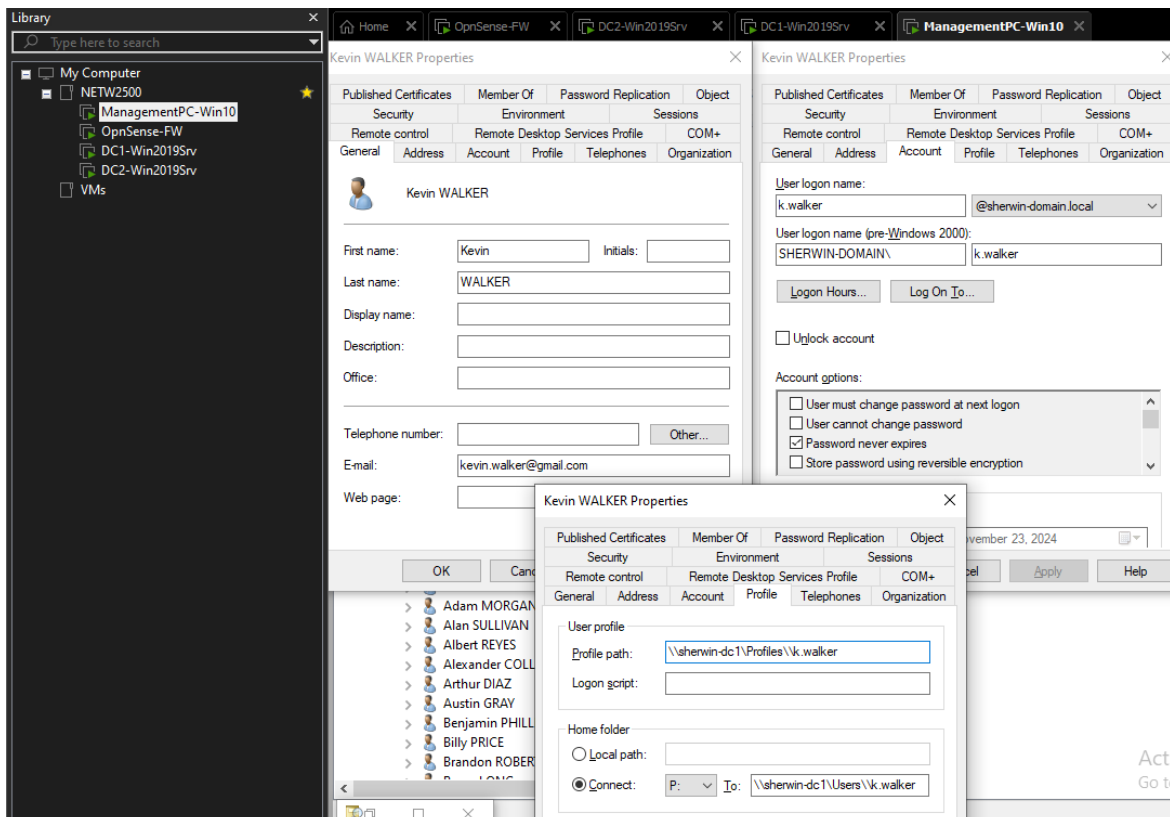
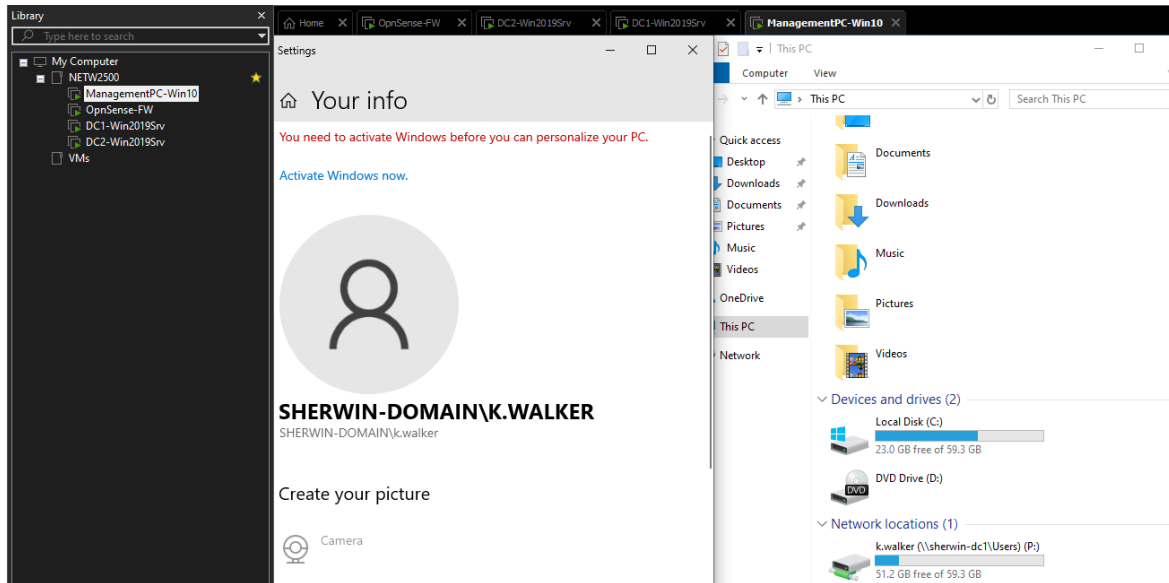


Figure 10: Proof of Configured User Info (Kevin WALKER)



Logging In The Created User

Figure 11: Proof of User Login (Kevin WALKER)



References

Instructor's (Alfred Parks) demo and Lectures thru Teams

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<https://learn.microsoft.com/en-us/powershell/module/microsoft.powershell.utility/write-host?view=powershell-7.4>

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