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Administer Windows Server Hybrid Core Infrastructure



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Windows Server Hybrid Core Infrastructure

(Windows Server administration)

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Server Manager
PowerShell 7
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WAC
JEA PS Roles

Perform Windows Server secure administration

Learning Objectives – Windows Server secure administration

- Identify security principals
- Least privilege administrative models
- Implement delegated privilege
- Implement privileged access workstations (PAW)
- Implement jump servers
- Demonstration - Implementing delegated privileges
- Learning recap

Define least privilege administration

Least privilege is the concept of restricting access rights and permissions to only those rights and permissions needed to perform a specific task or job role.

You can apply this principle to: *User accounts, Service accounts, Computing processes.*

Server ACLs ~~xcacls~~
Azure M365 Entra RBAC Owner
Global Admin

You must then plan a less intrusive principle of least privilege

- Identify security principals.
- Modify group memberships.
- Determine currently assigned rights.
- Implement User Account Control.
- Implement Just Enough Administration.

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Security Principals

Sensitive administrative groups:

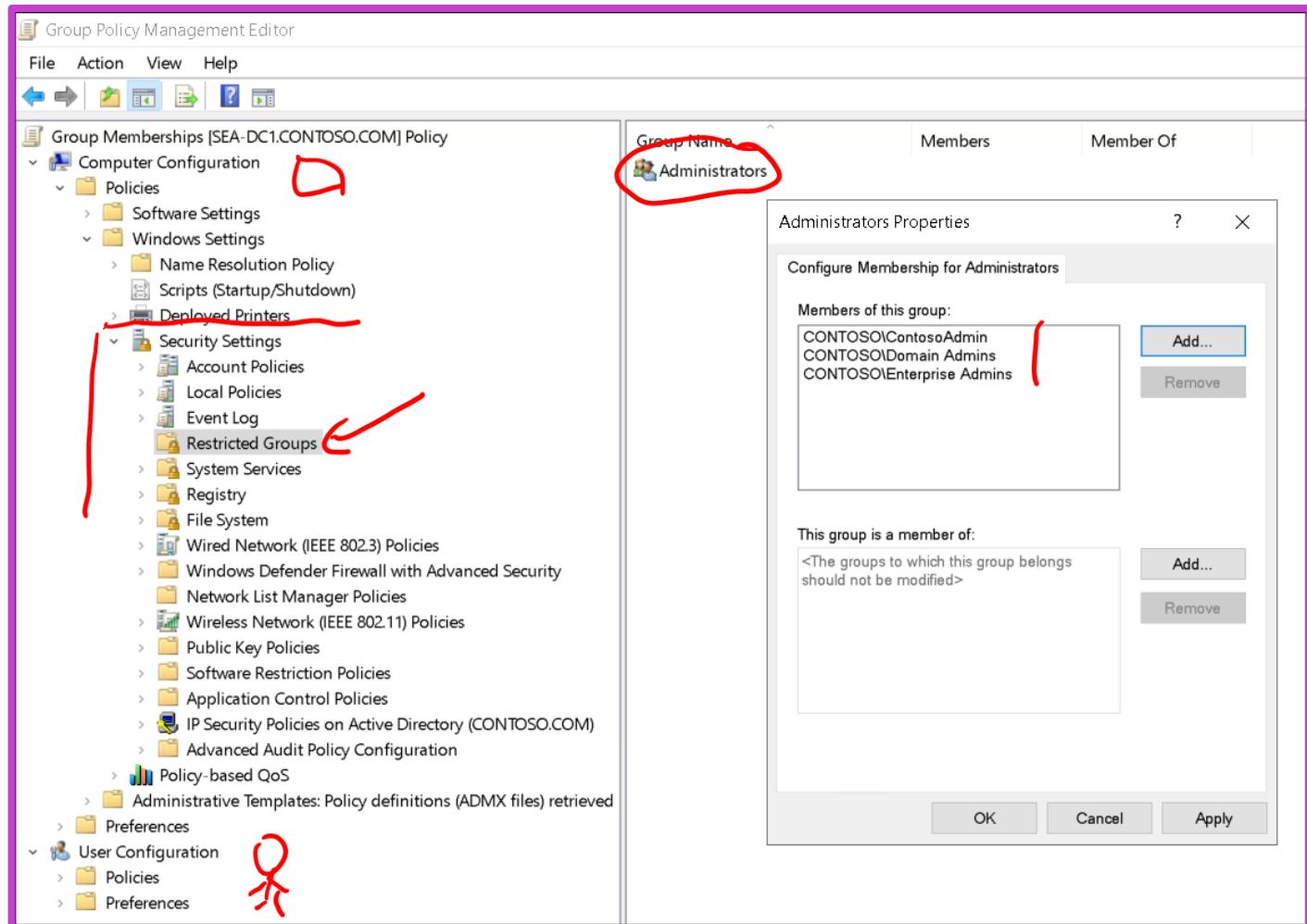
Group	Description
Enterprise Admins	This global security group resides in the Users container of the forest root domain. Members can perform forest-wide administrative changes in Active Directory.
Domain Admins	The Domain Admins group is a member of the local Administrators group on all domain-joined computers by default. Members of the Domain Admins group have administrative rights on all domain-joined computers, allowing them to perform various administrative tasks without restrictions.
Schema Admins	This universal security group resides in the Users folder of the forest root domain. Members can modify the properties of the AD DS schema. Schema changes are infrequent, but very significant in their effect.
Administrators	This domain local security group resides in the Builtin folder in AD DS. The Administrators local group also exists in all computers in your AD DS forest.

Modify group memberships

How to modify group memberships?

Use the Restricted Groups feature:

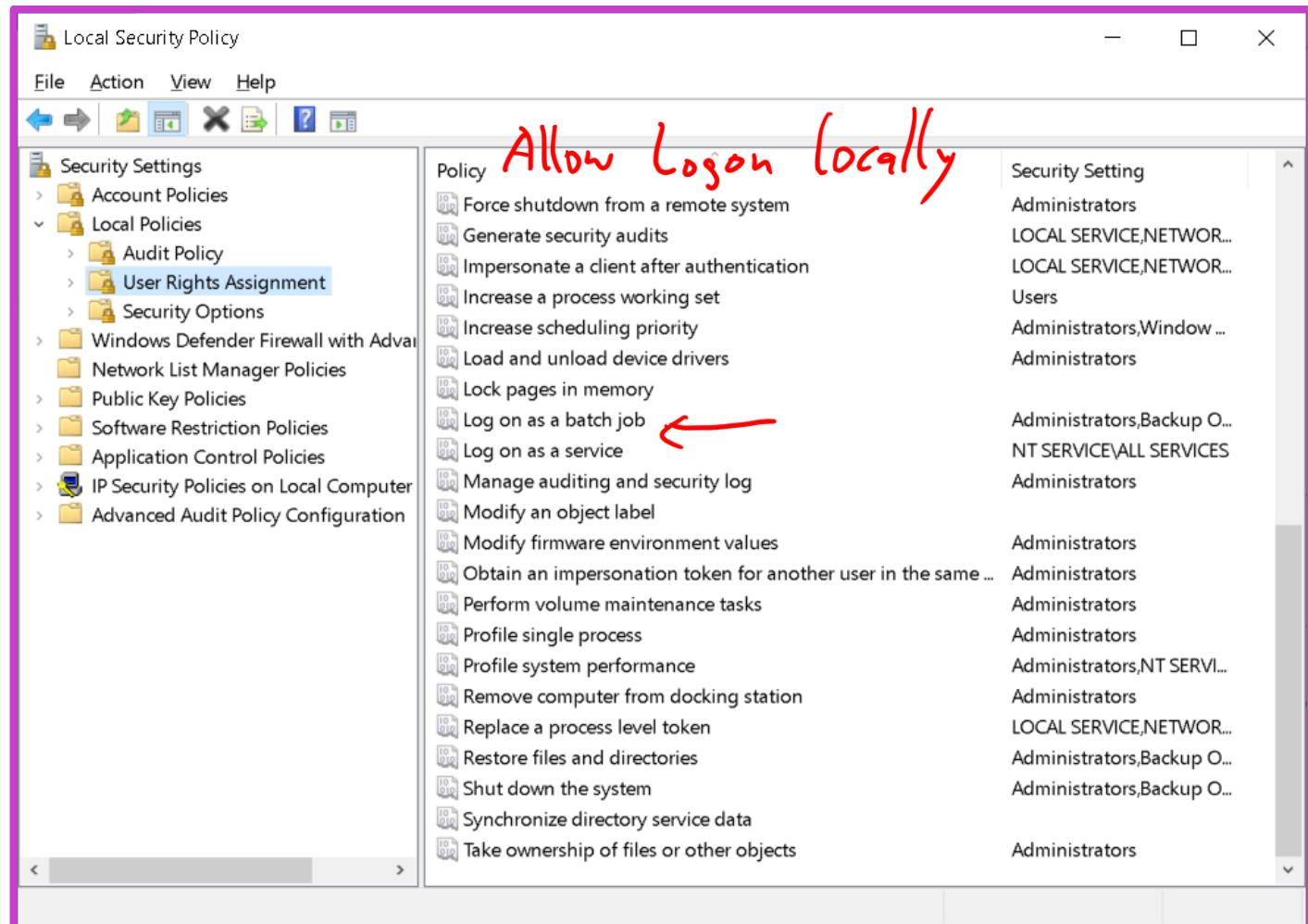
- Open **Group Policy Management** and then create and link a GPO to the domain object.
- Open the **GPO** for editing.
- Locate **Computer Configuration, Policies, Windows Settings, Security Settings, Restricted Groups**.
- Right-click or activate the context menu for Restricted Groups and select Add Group.
- In the **Add Group** dialog box, add the required group.
- Add the members to the group or add the group to another group as a member.



Determine currently assigned rights

How to use the Local Security Policy console to determine what rights are assigned.

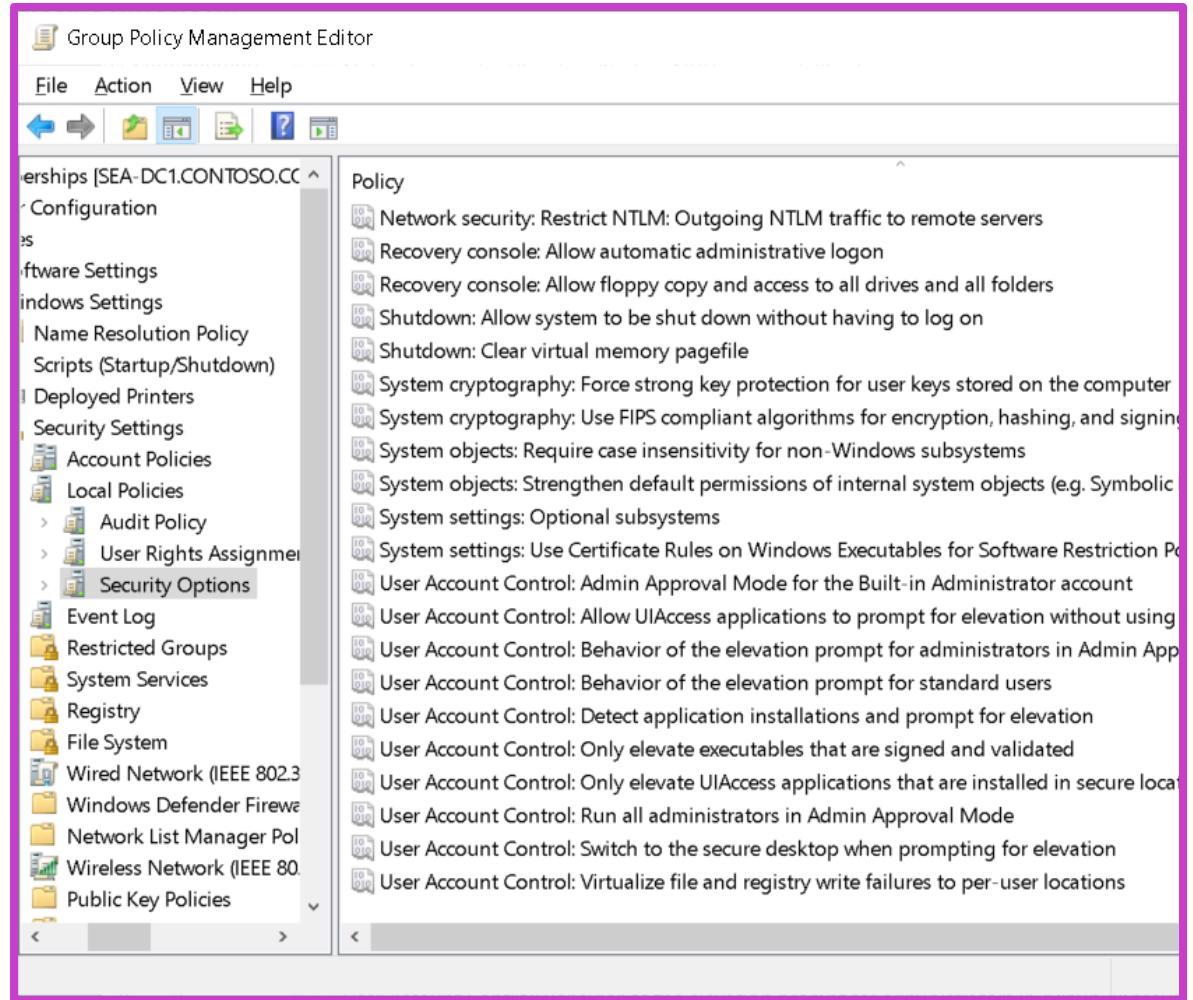
1. Select **Start**, and then select **Windows Administrative Tools**.
2. Select **Local Security Policy**.
3. In **Local Security Policy**, expand **Local Policies**, and then expand **User Rights Assignment**.
4. Review, and if necessary, edit the **Security Setting** value for each **Policy** listed.



Implement User Account Control

How to control UAC prompts and behavior by using GPOs:

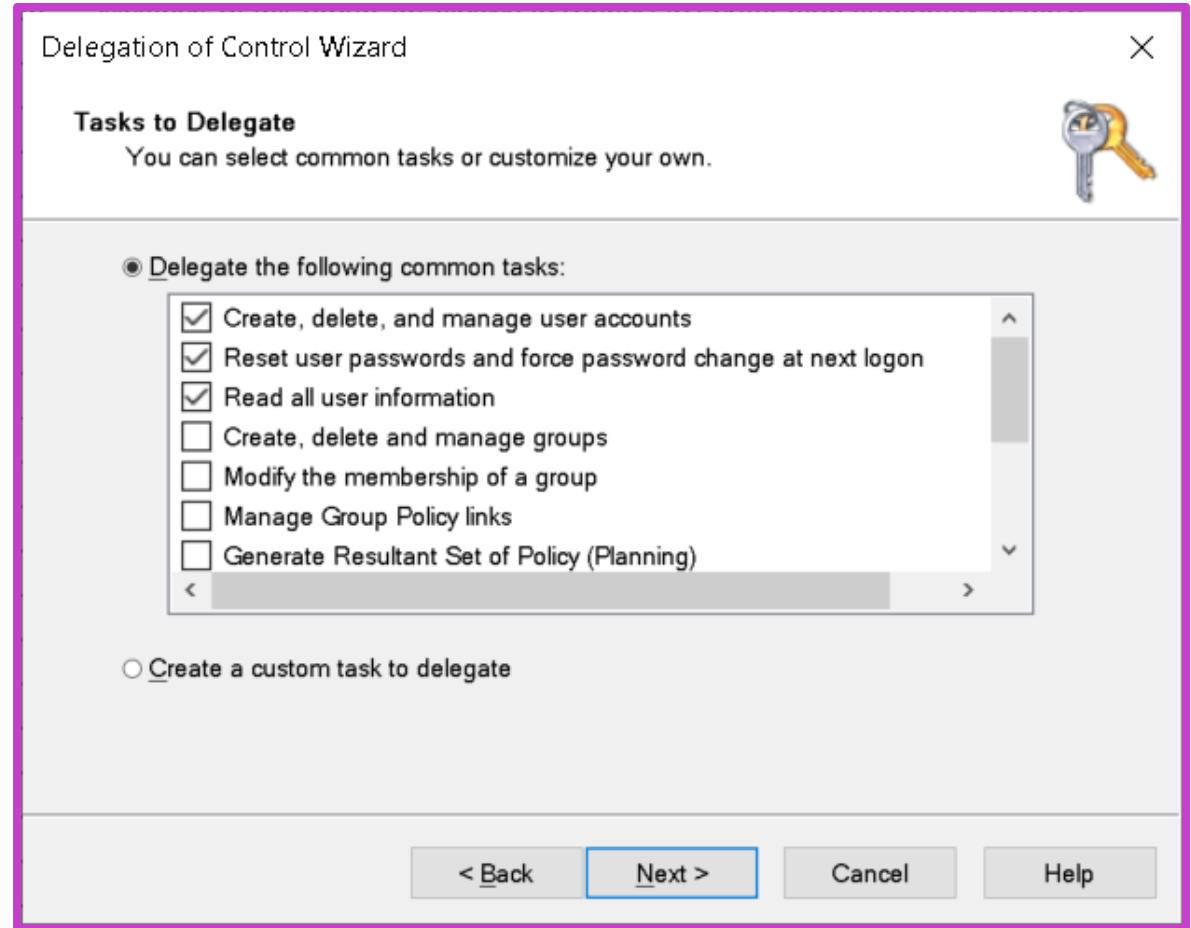
1. Open linked GPO: **Computer Configuration > Policies, Windows Settings > Security Settings > Local Policies, Security Options.**
2. Open **User Account Control: Behavior of the elevation prompt for administrators** setting, select **Define this policy setting**, and select the required setting.
3. Open **User Account Control: Behavior of the elevation prompt for standard users** setting, select **Define this policy setting**, and then select the required setting.



Implement delegated privileges

Use the Delegation of Control Wizard to limit administrative access

- You can delegate more granular privileges to users or groups
- You can also combine permissions to create and assign custom tasks



Demonstration – Implementing delegated privileges

Open Active Directory Users and Computers

Create a new group called Sales Managers in the Managers OU. Add a user to the Sales Managers group

Run the Delegation of Control Wizard, targeting the Sales OU.

Assign the Sales Managers group the Reset user passwords and force password change at next logon permission on the Sales OU.

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Use privileged access workstations (1/2)

What is a privileged access workstation?

- A privileged access workstation (PAW) is a computer that you can use for performing tasks, such as the administration of:
 - Identity systems
 - Cloud services
 - Other sensitive services
- Never use PAW for web browsing, email, and other common end-user apps, and it should have strict application control.
- Microsoft recommends using **Windows 11 Enterprise** for your PAWs

TS → RDS → AVD

Use privileged access workstations (2/2)

PAW hardware profiles

- Microsoft recommends using one of the following hardware profiles:
 - **Dedicated hardware:** Separate dedicated devices for user tasks versus administrative tasks
 - **Simultaneous use:** A single device that can run user tasks and administrative tasks concurrently by running two operating systems.
- To maintain security, administrator users should be provided with two workstations:
 - PAW
 - Single device for day-to-day tasks that don't require elevation

What are jump servers?

A jump server is a hardened server used to access and manage devices in a different security zone

Jump servers are also known as bastion hosts. Azure Bastion is used for remote connectivity (RDP/SSH)

For medium-sized organizations, jump servers can provide a means to help enhance security in locations where physical security is more challenging

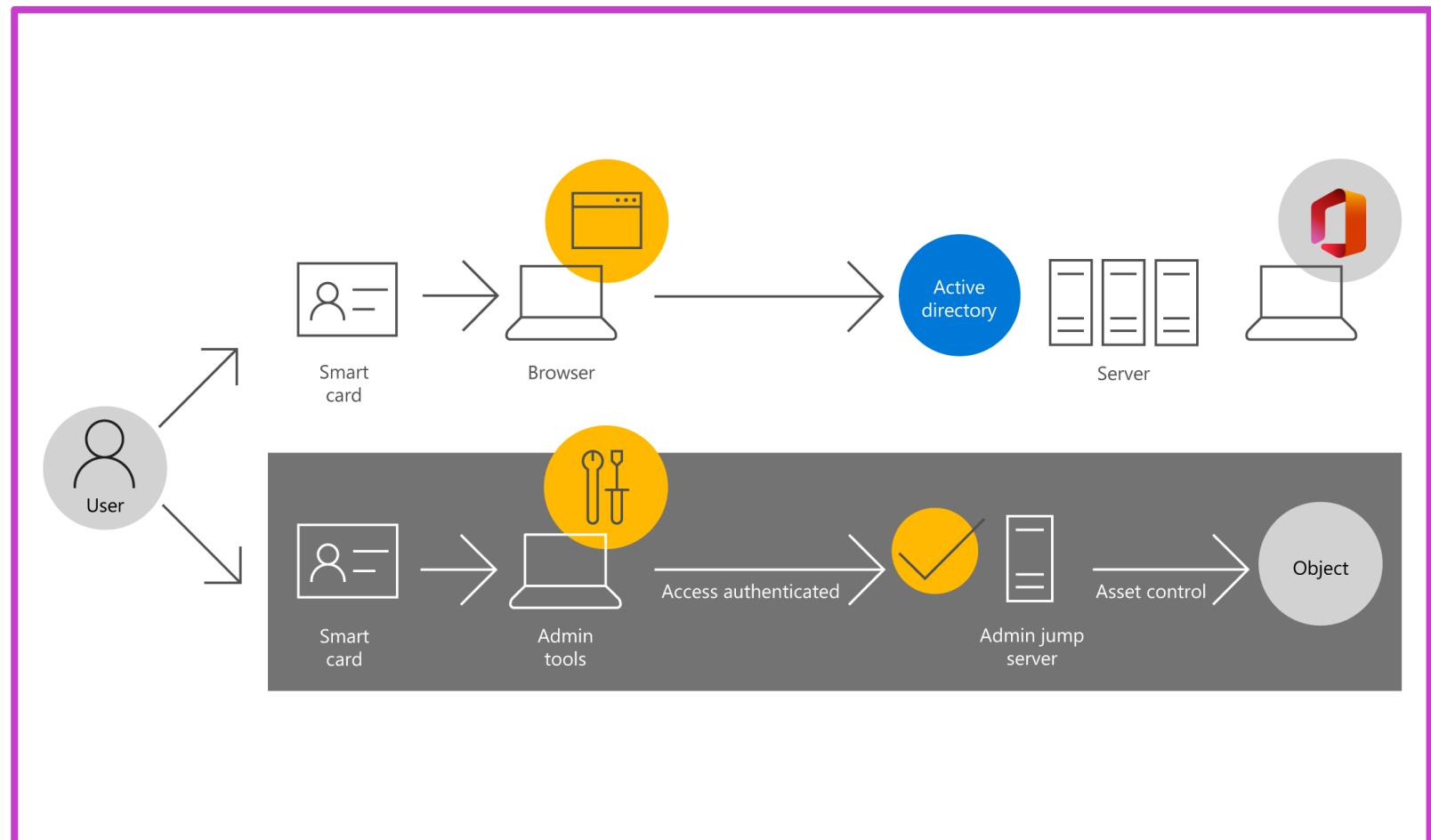
Jump servers do not typically have any sensitive data

By using jump servers, either with or without PAWs, you can create logical security zones

Use jump servers

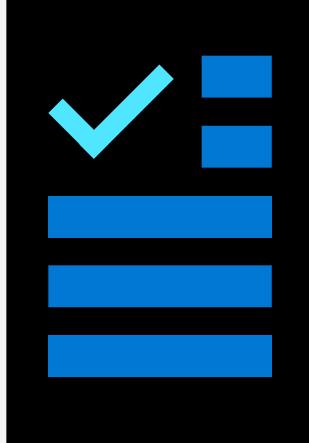
Considerations for implementing jump servers include:

- Setup Remote Desktop Gateway to implement required restrictions
- Install Hyper-V to build VM for each admin
- Enable Server features: UEFI secure boot, Virtualization support, Signed Kernel mode drivers
- Install Remote administration tools.
- Require RDP connectivity to Admins VMs



Learning recap – Windows Server secure administration

Module assessment



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Perform Windows Server secure administration

Describe Windows Server Administration tools

Learning Objectives – Windows Server administration tools

- Explore Windows Admin Center *Web*
- Demonstration – Using Windows Admin Center
- Server Manager *ADAC*
- Use PowerShell to manage servers *PS 7*
- Use PowerShell to remotely administer a server
- Demonstration – Manage a remote Windows Server
- Learning recap

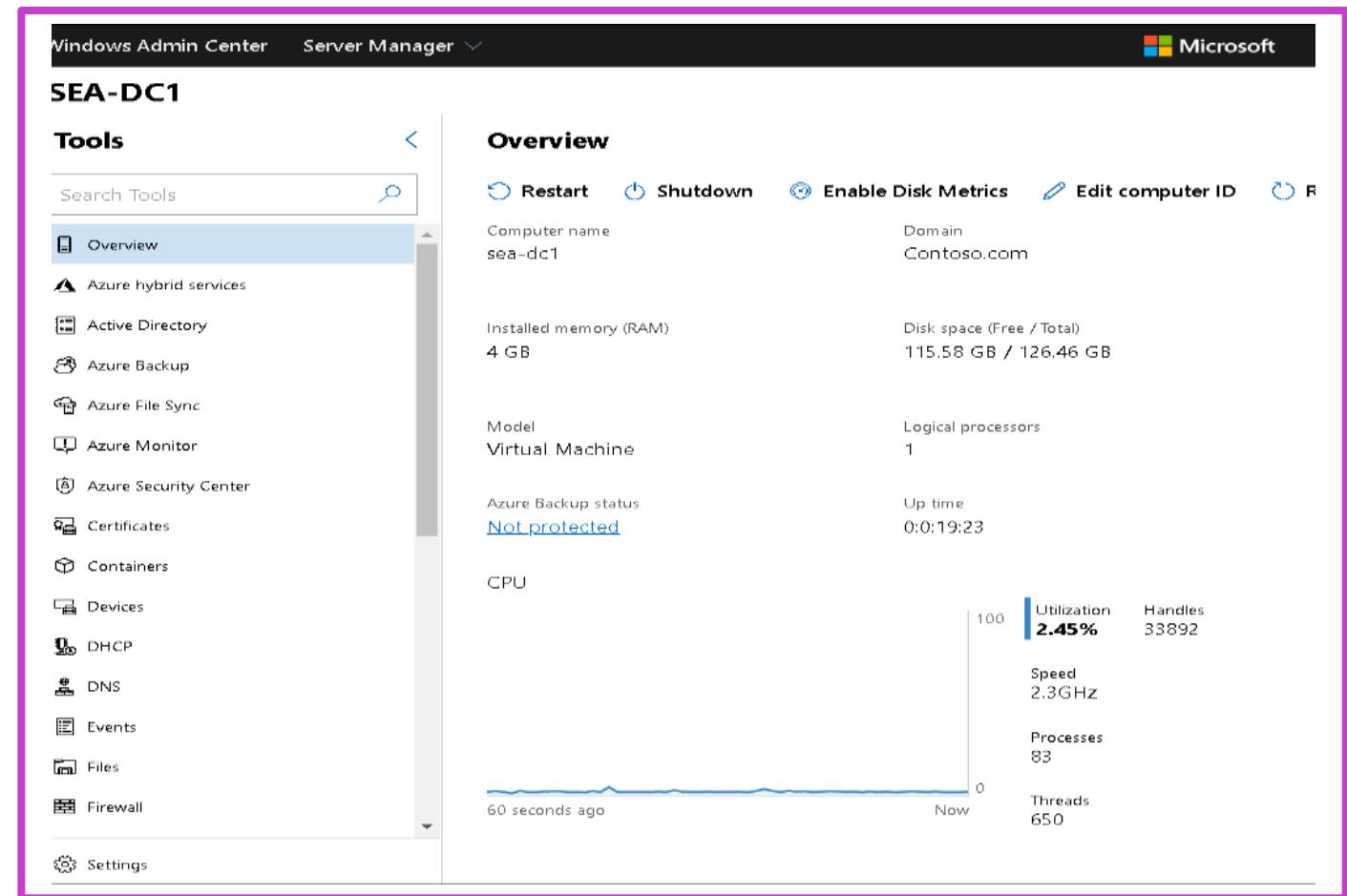
Explore Windows Admin Center

Windows Admin Center has two main components:

- **Gateway** to manage servers through PowerShell remoting and WMI
- **Web server** with UI to management station

Benefits of Windows Admin Center

- Easy to install and use
- Compliments existing solutions
- Manage from the internet
- Enhanced security
- Azure integration
- Extensibility
- No external dependencies



Demonstration – Using Windows Admin Center

Install the Windows Admin Center from a downloadable .msi.

Verify that appropriate TCP port is configured during installation.

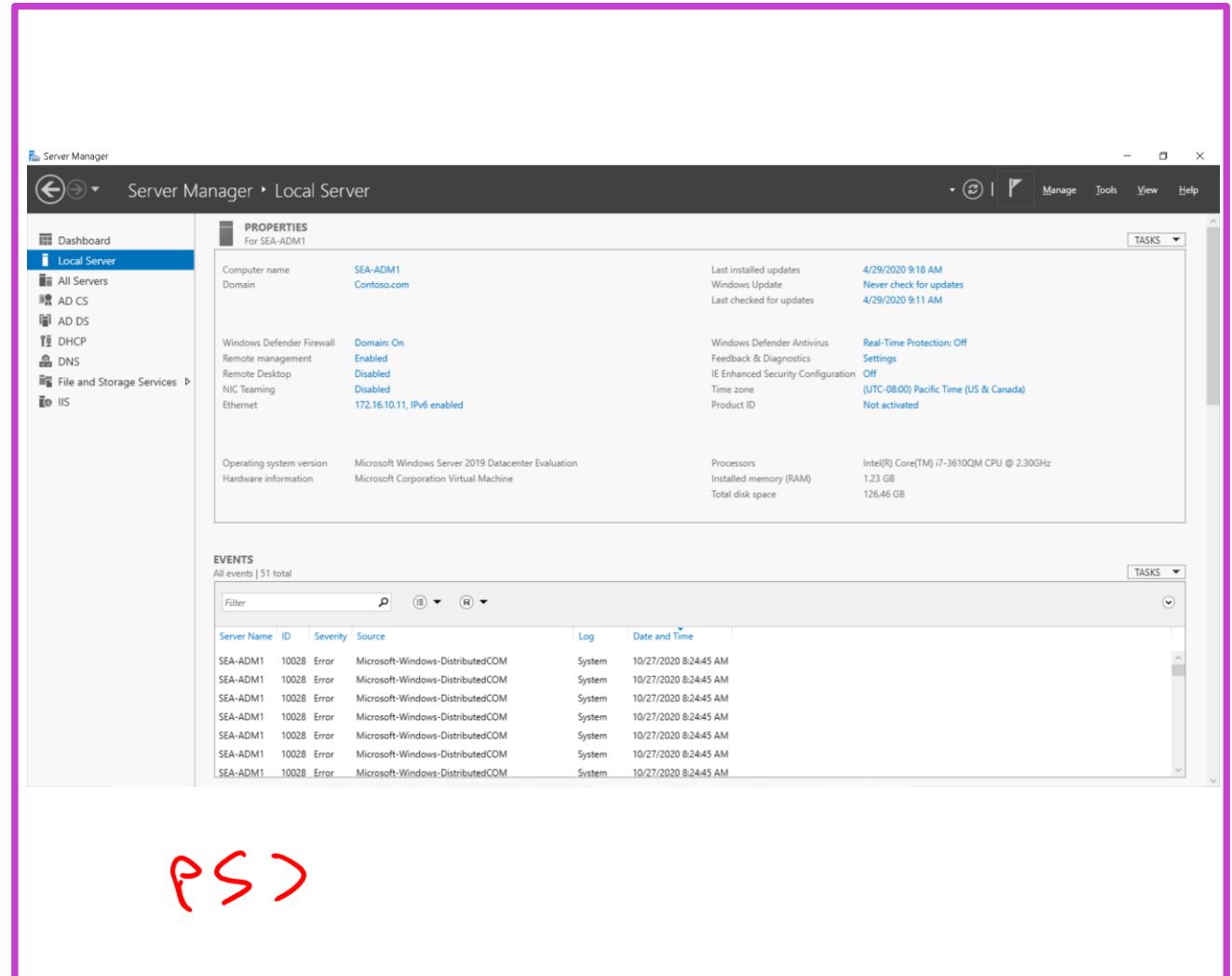
Add a domain controller to Windows Admin Center.

Review the options available on the **Overview** and **Tools** panes

Review certificates, Performance Monitoring, Processes, Registry, Roles & Features, Scheduled Tasks, and PowerShell

Use Server Manager

- Server Manager can manage local server and remotely up to 100 additional servers
- Server Manager contains a dashboard for quick access to:
 - Configuring the local server.
 - Adding roles and features.
 - Adding other servers to manage.
 - Creating a server group.
 - Connecting this server to cloud services.
- Provides basic information about the hardware:
 - Operating system version
 - Processor information
 - Amount of memory
 - Total disk space



List Remote Server Administration Tools

Part of available management tools of RSAT and their description

Tool	Description
Active Directory Certificate Services Tools	Includes Certification Authority, Certificate Templates, Enterprise PKI, and Online Responder Management snap-ins
DHCP Server Tools	Includes the DHCP Management Console, the DHCP Server cmdlet module for Windows PowerShell, and the Netsh command-line tool
DNS Server Tools	Includes the DNS Manager snap-in, the DNS module for Windows PowerShell, and the Ddnsclient.exe command-line tool
Shielded VM Tools	Includes Provisioning Data File Wizard and Template Disk Wizard

Install - Windows Feature Web-Server - IncludeManagementTools

List Remote Server Administration Tools (cont.)

Tool	Description
IP Address Management (IPAM) Tools	Includes tools for managing remote IPAM server
Remote Access Management Tools	Includes graphical and PowerShell tools for managing the Remote Access role
Network Load Balancing Tools	Includes the Network Load Balancing Manager, Network Load Balancing Windows PowerShell cmdlets, and the NLB.exe and WLBS.exe command-line tools
Windows Server Update Services Tools	Includes the Windows Server Update Services snap-in, WSUS.msc, and PowerShell cmdlets

Use Windows PowerShell (1/2)

Cmdlet
Jeff Snover

Windows PowerShell commands and cmdlets

- Commands are building blocks that you piece together by using the Windows PowerShell scripting language
- Cmdlets are the fundamental components of commands

Cmdlet verbs

- Get/Set/New/Add/Remove

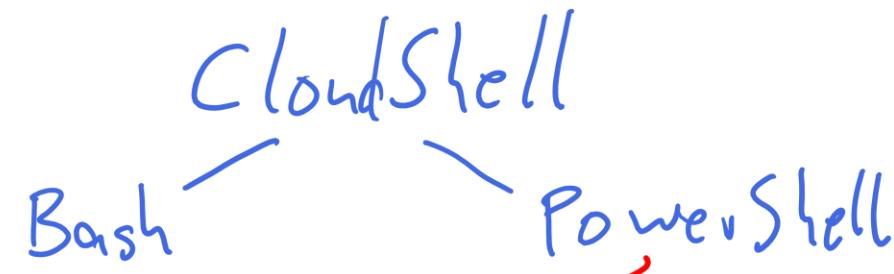
Cmdlet nouns

- The noun portion of the cmdlet name indicates what kinds of resources or objects the cmdlet affects

```
Get-Service | Select-Object Name, Status | Export-Csv c:\service.csv
```

Parameter format

- Parameters modify the actions that a cmdlet performs
- Each cmdlet can have no parameters, one parameter, or many parameters. Parameter names begin with a dash (-)
- A space separates the value that you want to pass from the parameter name



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Use Windows PowerShell (2/2)

Windows PowerShell ISE:

- The ISE is a fully graphical environment
- The ISE offers two main panes: a Script pane (or script editor) and the Console pane
- The ISE provides several ways to customize the view

Windows PowerShell remoting – three ways:

- One-to-One remoting
- One-to-Many remoting
- Many-to-One remoting

PowerShell Direct

- It enables you to run a Windows PowerShell cmdlet or script inside a VM

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VS Code
Erich Gamma

A screenshot of the Windows PowerShell ISE application. The window title is "Administrator: Windows PowerShell ISE". The top menu bar includes File, Edit, View, Tools, Debug, Add-ons, and Help. Below the menu is a toolbar with various icons. The left pane shows a script named "Untitled1.ps1" containing the following PowerShell command:

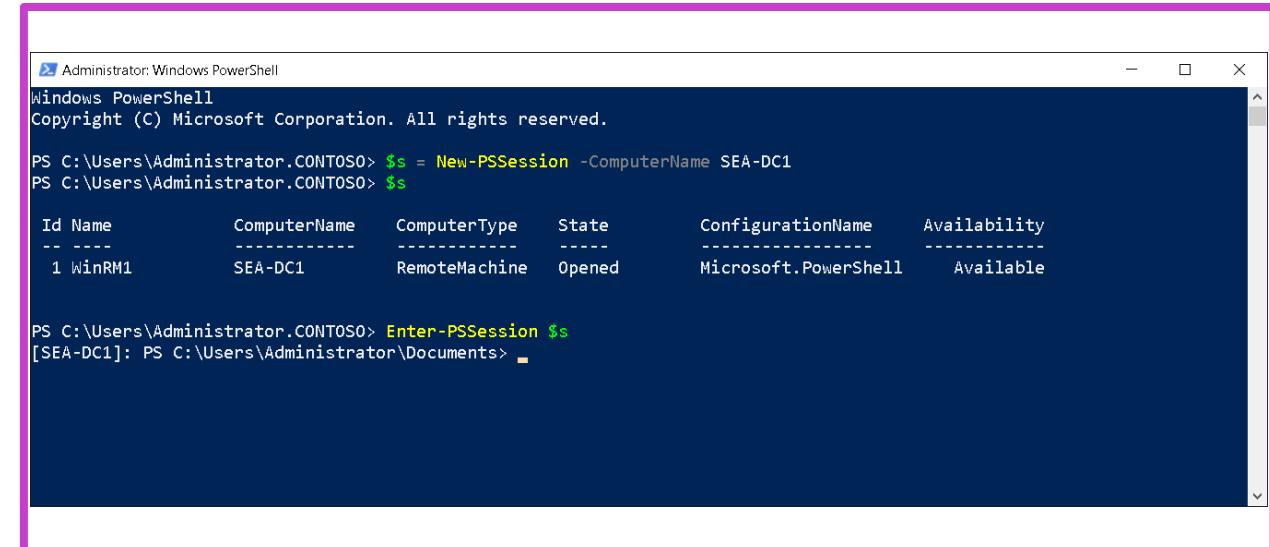
```
1 Get-localUser | Select-Object Name | Export-Csv c:\user.csv
```

The right pane is a "Commands" palette. It has a search bar at the top with "Modules: All" and "Name: get-local". Below the search bar, it lists "Get-LocalGroupMember" and "Get-LocalUser". Under "Get-LocalUser", it shows "Name: Get-LocalUser" and "Module: localaccount (Imported)". A "Parameters for 'Get-LocalUser'" section is expanded, showing fields for "Computername:" and "name:". At the bottom of the palette are "Run", "Insert", and "Copy" buttons. The status bar at the bottom of the ISE window indicates "Completed", "Ln 3 Col 25", and "100%".

Use Windows PowerShell to remotely administer a server

Requirements for remoting

- PowerShell installed on your local computer
- Windows Remote Management enabled on any remote computers to connect
- PowerShell remoting must be enabled



A screenshot of the Windows PowerShell window titled "Administrator: Windows PowerShell". The command PS C:\Users\Administrator.CONTOSO> \$s = New-PSSession -ComputerName SEA-DC1 is run, followed by PS C:\Users\Administrator.CONTOSO> \$s. A table is displayed:

Id	Name	ComputerName	ComputerType	State	ConfigurationName	Availability
1	WinRM1	SEA-DC1	RemoteMachine	Opened	Microsoft.PowerShell	Available

PS C:\Users\Administrator.CONTOSO> Enter-PSSession \$s
[SEA-DC1]: PS C:\Users\Administrator\Documents>

Run cmdlets against remote computers

- Processing remote commands
 - Create a temporary session by using the **Invoke-Command** cmdlet with the **-ComputerName** parameter
 - Create a persistent session by using the **New-PSSession** and **Enter-PSSession** cmdlet
 - Run remote commands on multiple computers

Run a script on remote computers

```
Invoke-Command -ComputerName SEA-DC1, SEA-SVR1 -FilePath C:\Test\Sample.ps1
```

WS-Man : 5985 AD
WinRM : 5986 SSL

{ ... }

PowerShell remoting over SSH : 22

SSH is now available for Linux and Windows platform

- Allows true multi-platform PowerShell remoting
- Supports basic PowerShell session remoting between Windows and Linux computers
- To run SSH, PowerShell 7 or higher is recommended
- In Windows Server 2025, SSHD service is installed by default, and only needs to be enabled as a service

```
# Establish an SSH session to a remote computer
$session = New-PSSession -Hostname "SEA-SVR1" -Hostname "admin" -KeyFilePath
"C:\Users\admin\.ssh\id_rsa"

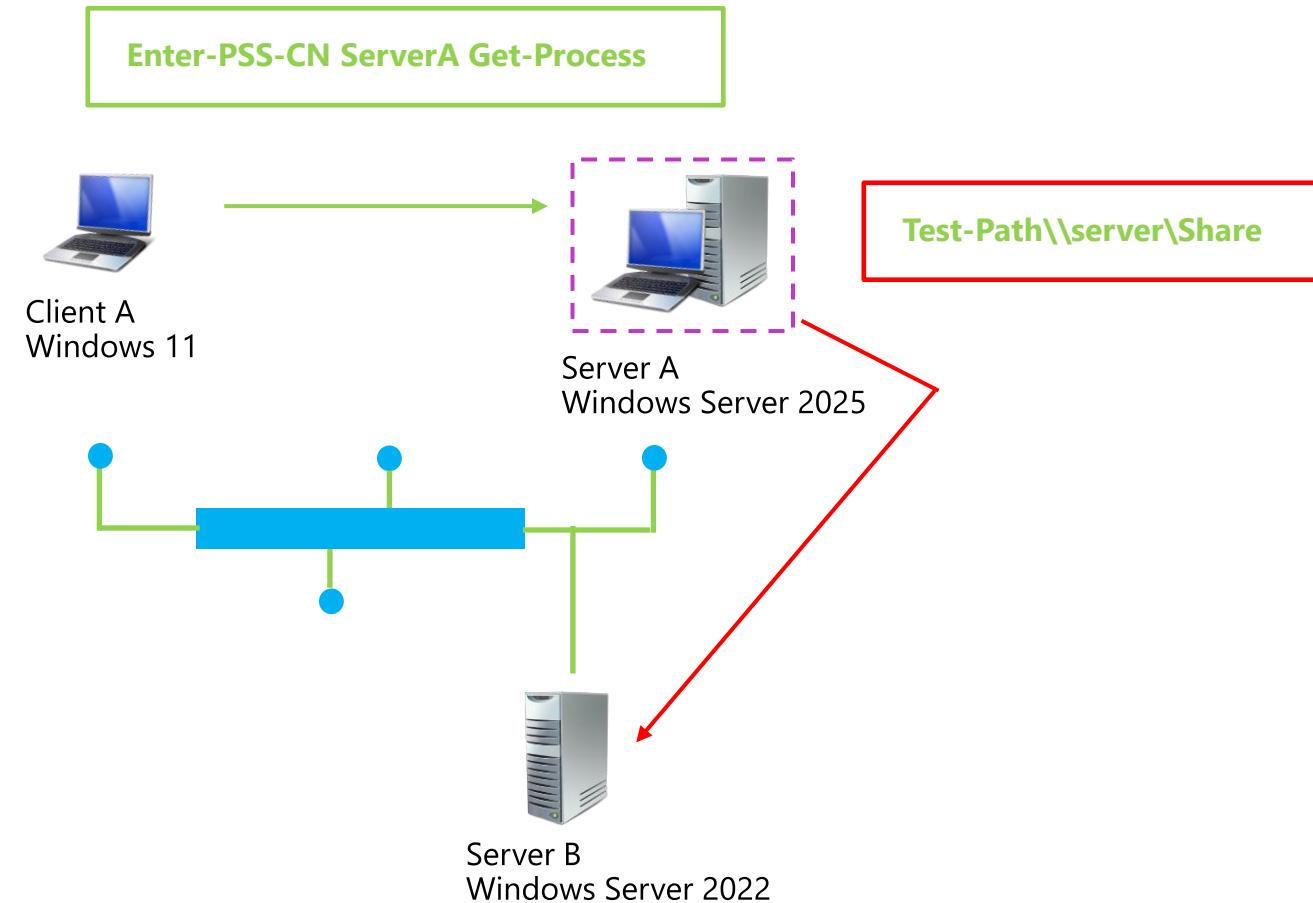
# Run a command on the remote computer
Invoke-Command -Session $session -ScriptBlock { Get-Process }

# Close the session
Remove-PSSession -Session $session
```

Configure CredSSP or Kerberos Delegation for 2nd Hop Remoting

The following are the most recommended technologies to solve the second hop remoting problem:

- **CredSSP**: Credential Security Support Provider (CredSSP) – offers ease of use.
- **Kerberos Delegation**: This solution provides the following three options:
 - Resource-based Kerberos
 - Kerberos constrained delegation
 - Kerberos unconstrained delegation
(blocked by default in Windows Server 2025)



Demonstration – Manage a Remote Windows Server

Launch an elevated
PowerShell prompt

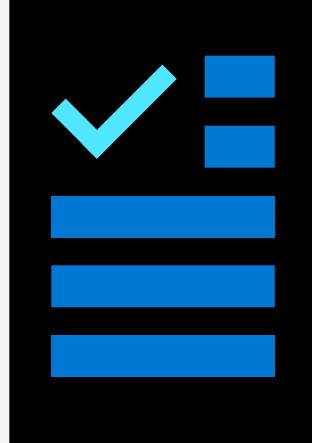
Create a remoting
session
`Enter-PSSession -
ComputerName SEA-
DC1`

Retrieve information
about the server,
such as name and IP
address
`Get-CimInstance -
Class
CIM_ComputerSyste
m | select-object
*`

Check status of IIS
service and restart
that service
`Get-Service -Name
IISAdmin | Restart-
Service`

Learning recap – Describe Windows Server Administration Tools

Module assessment



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Describe Windows Server administration tools

Perform post-installation
Configuration of Windows
Server

Learning Objectives – Windows Server post-installation configuration

- Post-installation configuration
- Post-installation configuration tools
- Use Windows Admin Center for post-installation configuration
- Implement answer files to complete the configuration
- Demonstration - post installation configuration
- Learning recap

Post-installation configuration

What must you configure?

Setting	Description
Computer name	The computer name is automatically generated. You'll need to change the name to something meaningful, and unique, within your organization.
Workgroup	The server is added to a workgroup called WORKGROUP.
Network settings	In the case of IPv4, a Dynamic Host Configuration Protocol (DHCP) configuration is assigned. For IPv6, stateless autoconfiguration is enabled. Both these defaults are probably suitable.
Time zone	The time zone defaults to the (UTC-08:00) Pacific Time (US & Canada) unless your installation media was based on a different locale. You'll need to change the time zone, and the computer's time and date.

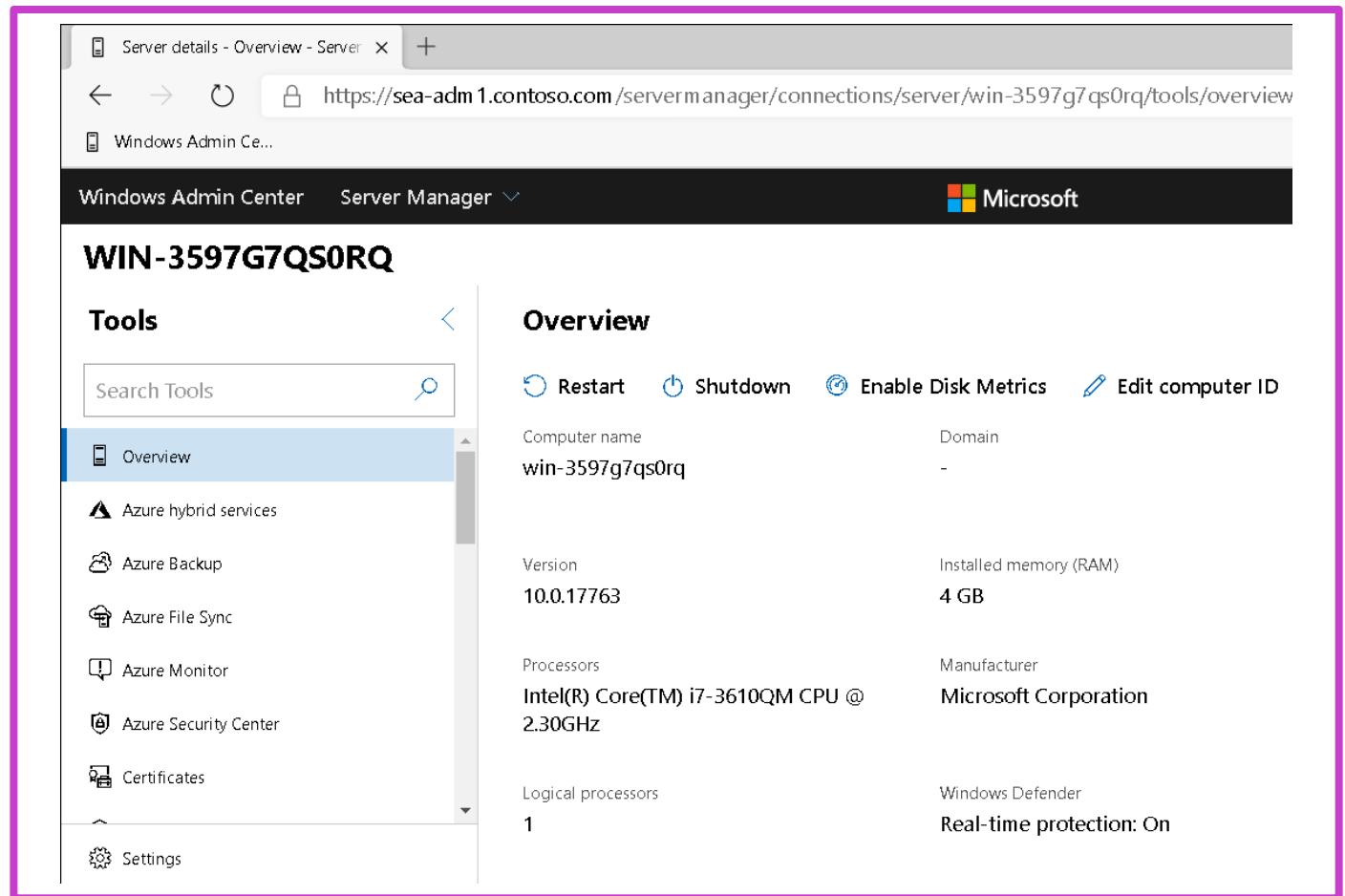
Post-installation configuration (cont.)

What must you configure?

Setting	Description
Locale and language settings	<p>The initial values are specified during an interactive installation or are implied by the installation media locale.</p> <p>You'll need to update these settings to those which are appropriate for the server's physical location.</p>
Roles and features	<p>Very few roles or features are enabled by default in a standard installation. Typically, the Storage Services role service, and several features are enabled.</p>
Firewall settings	<p>The Windows Defender Firewall is enabled by default.</p>
Activation	<p>Typically, the server will not be activated.</p>

Available post-installation configuration tools

- **Server Manager** – Configure settings on the local server
- **Windows Admin Center** – Perform post-installation configuration
- **Answer files** – Created for automating the installation process by using Windows Assessment and Deployment Kit
- **ConfigMgr** - also widely used for post-installation tasks for Windows Server



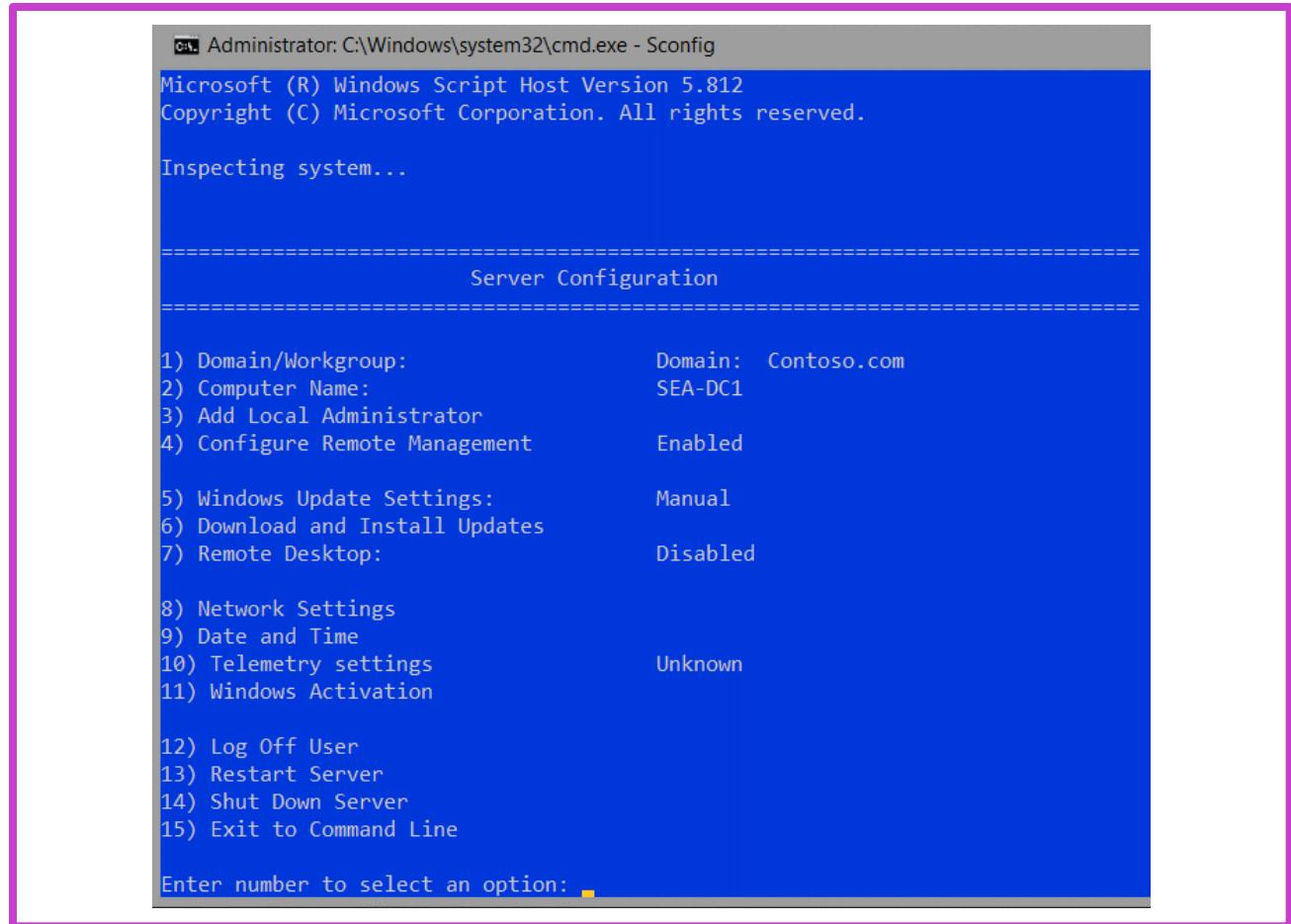
Configure Server Core using Sconfig

What is Sconfig?

- Text-based tool for basic configuration of Server Core and Windows Server Desktop.
- Perform the initial configuration directly after the installation completes.

Sconfig provides several options:

- Domain/Workgroup
- Computer Name
- Add Local Administrator
- Configure Remote Management
- Windows Update Settings
- Network settings
- Telemetry Settings
- Shut Down/Restart Server



The screenshot shows a command-line window titled "Administrator: C:\Windows\system32\cmd.exe - Sconfig". It displays the following text:

```
Microsoft (R) Windows Script Host Version 5.812
Copyright (C) Microsoft Corporation. All rights reserved.

Inspecting system...

=====
Server Configuration
=====

1) Domain/Workgroup: Domain: Contoso.com
2) Computer Name: SEA-DC1
3) Add Local Administrator
4) Configure Remote Management Enabled

5) Windows Update Settings: Manual
6) Download and Install Updates
7) Remote Desktop: Disabled

8) Network Settings
9) Date and Time
10) Telemetry settings Unknown
11) Windows Activation

12) Log Off User
13) Restart Server
14) Shut Down Server
15) Exit to Command Line

Enter number to select an option: □
```

Demonstration – Post-installation configuration by Sconfig.exe

Run the Sconfig.exe command.

Review the available options.

Reconfigure the date and time.

Review the network settings

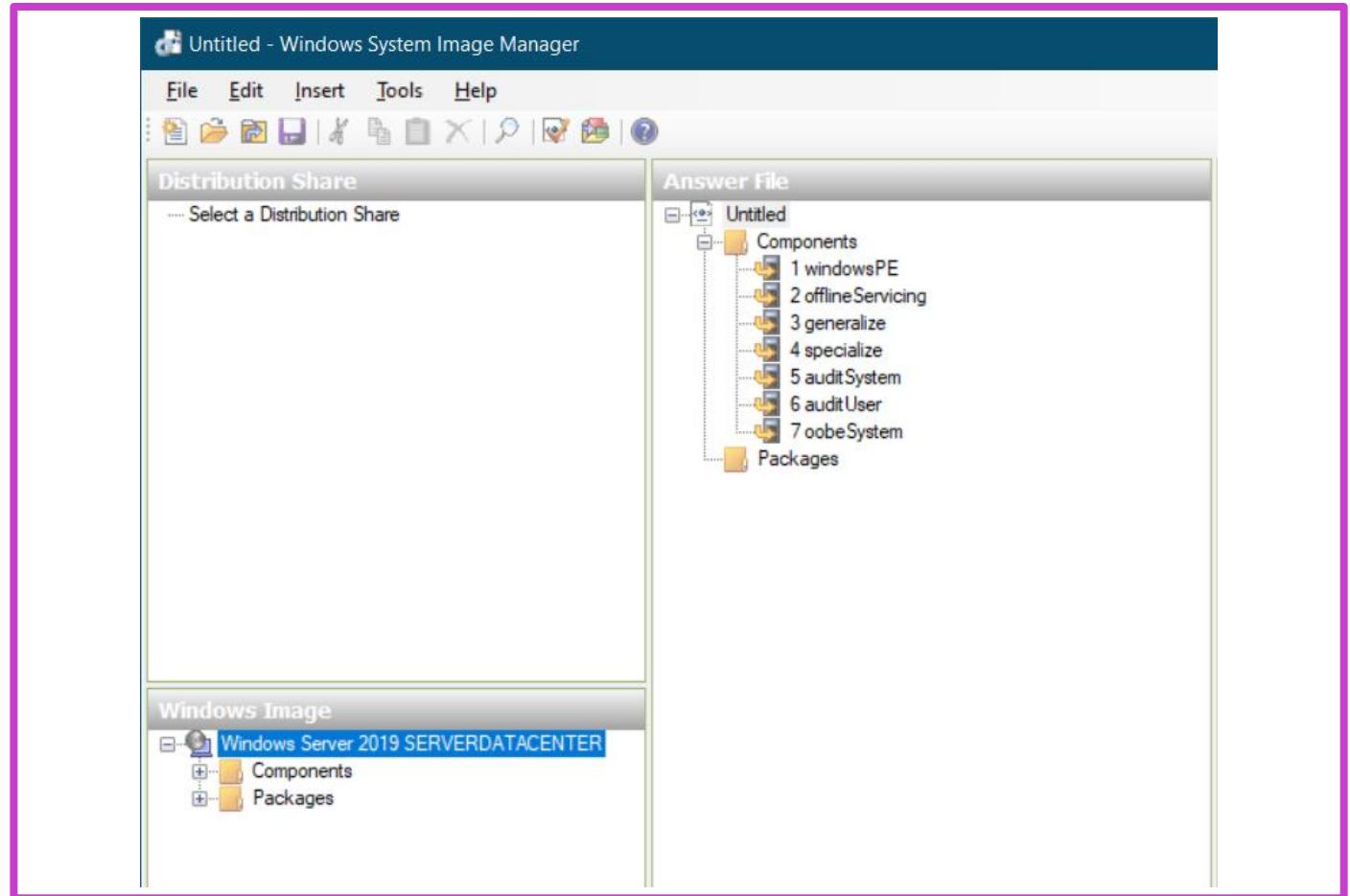
Configure a server with answer files (1/2)

What are answer files?

Text based .xml files that contain settings that enable you to customize and automate the deployment process of Windows.

Answer files are organized into two sections:

- **Components** – Contains all the component settings
- **Packages** – Contains packages for distribute updates and language packs, enable windows features.



Configure a server with answer files (2/2)

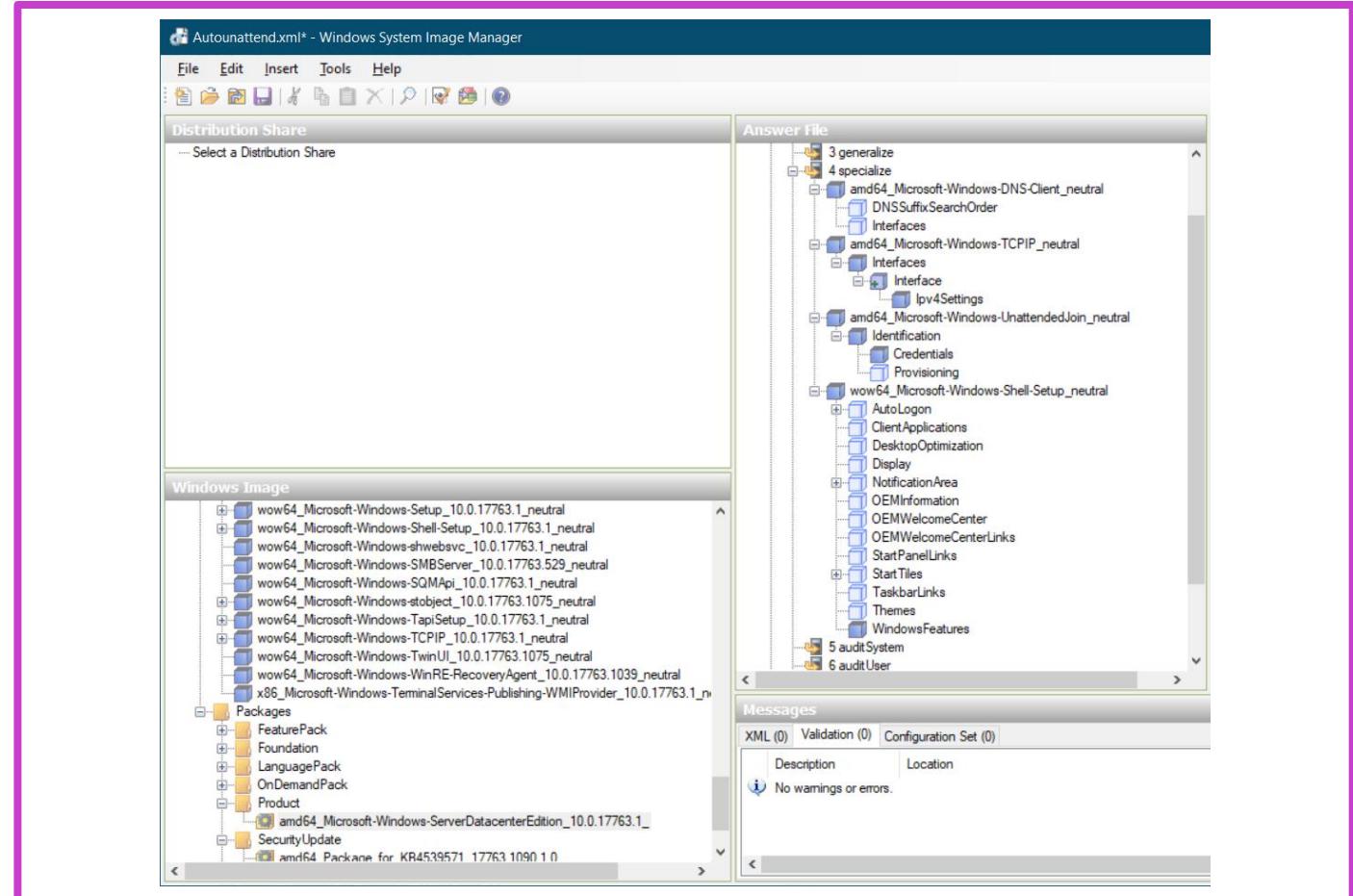
Create and distribute answer files

1. Download the Windows ADK and perform a custom installation
2. Create the catalog file.
3. Configure the answer file

Typical settings to include

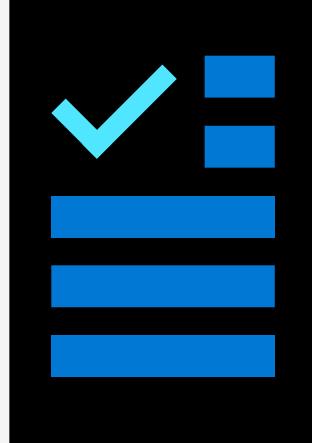
In the **Components** node, some of the more common settings are:

- Microsoft-Windows-TCPIP.
- Microsoft-Windows-DNS-Client.
- Microsoft-Windows-UnattendedJoin.
- Microsoft-Windows-Shell-Setup.



Learning recap – Perform post-installation configuration of Windows Server

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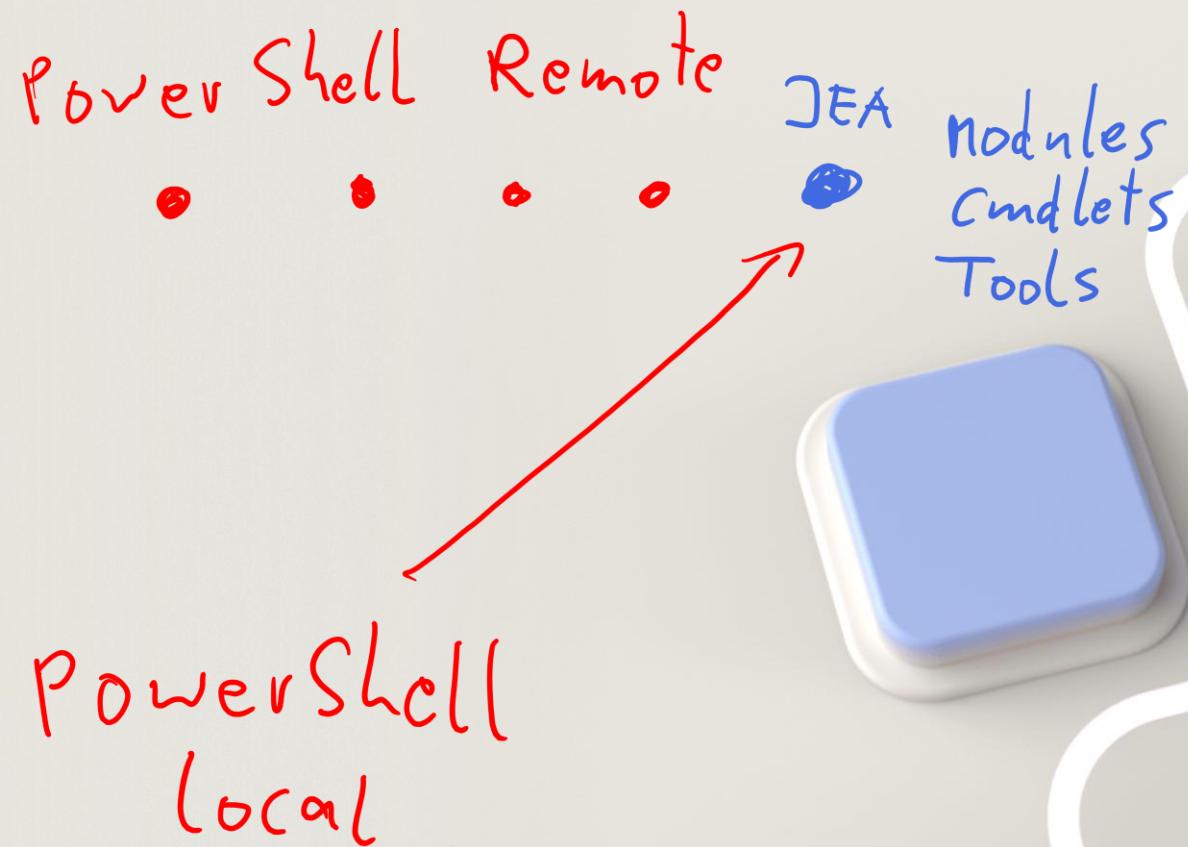


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Learning Objectives – Just Enough Administration

- Concept of Just Enough Administration
- Define role group capabilities
- Session configuration for a JEA session
- Create and connect to a JEA endpoint
- Demonstration - connect to JEA endpoints
- Learning recap

Explain the concept of Just Enough Administration (JEA)

The concept of JEA

- Just Enough Administration (JEA) provides Windows operating systems with RBAC functionality built on Windows PowerShell remoting.
- When you configure JEA, an authorized user connects to a specially configured endpoint and uses a specific set of Windows PowerShell cmdlets, parameters, and parameter values.
- Configure a JEA endpoint to allow certain scripts and commands to be run, providing these commands run within a Windows PowerShell session.

JEA limitations

- For JEA role capabilities you must understand which cmdlets, parameters, aliases, and values required to perform administrative tasks.
- JEA is not suitable for tasks where the problem are not clearly defined
- JEA only works with Windows PowerShell sessions.
- JEA works only for Windows Server 2016 or later and Windows 10 or later

Define role capabilities for a JEA endpoint

Role capability files help you specify what can be done in a Windows PowerShell session.

You can define the following limitations for the Windows PowerShell session in a role capability file:

- VisibleAliases
- VisibleCmdlets
- VisibleFunctions
- VisibleExternalCommands
- VisibleProviders

Example of generating role capability file allowing restart services

```
$roleParameters = @{  
    Path = ".\Maintenance.psrc"  
    Author = "User01"  
    CompanyName = "Fabrikam Corporation"  
    ModulesToImport =  
        "Microsoft.PowerShell.Core"  
    VisibleCmdlets = "Restart-Service", @{  
        Name = "Restart-Computer"  
        Parameters = @{ Name =  
            "ComputerName"; ValidatePattern =  
            "VDI\d+" } } }
```

```
New-PSRoleCapabilityFile @roleParameters
```

Create a session configuration file to register a JEA endpoint

Session configuration files are used to register a JEA endpoint

Session configuration file is responsible for naming the JEA endpoint. It also controls:

- Who can access the JEA endpoint
- What roles the user is assigned
- Which identity is used by JEA's virtual account.

You can configure the following settings unique to session configuration files:

- SessionType
- RoleDefinitions
- RunAsVirtualAccount
- TranscriptDirectory
- RunAsVirtualAccountGroup

Describe how JEA endpoints work to limit access to a PowerShell session

Registering JEA on a single machine

- Creating JEA endpoints by **Register-PSSessionConfiguration** cmdlet
- Viewing existing JEA endpoints by **Get-PSSessionConfiguration** cmdlet
- You must have defined one or more roles, and the role capabilities file (or files)must be placed in the folder of a Windows PowerShell **RoleCapabilities** module.

Registering JEA on multiple machines

- You can register JEA on multiple machines by using Desired State Configuration (DSC)
- You can apply the DSC configuration using the Local Configuration Manager or by updating the pull server configuration.

Create and connect to a JEA endpoint

Interactive JEA connections – To use JEA interactively, you need : **The remote computer name/The JEA endpoint name/An account with access to the desired endpoint**

```
Enter-PSSession -ComputerName localhost -ConfigurationName DNSOps
```

Implicit remoting and JEA

```
$DNSOpsSession = New-PSSession -ComputerName 'MyServer' -ConfigurationName 'DNSOps'  
Import-PSSession -Session $DNSOpsSession -Prefix 'DNSOps' Get-DNSOpsCommand
```

Create and connect to a JEA endpoint (1 of 2)

Programmatic access to JEA

You can connect to JEA endpoints programmatically the same way you connect to other PowerShell endpoints programmatically.

JEA and PowerShell Direct

- PowerShell Direct allows Hyper-V administrators to connect to VMs from the Hyper-V host
- Whenever using JEA to manage VMs, you should create a dedicated JEA user account for the Hyper-V administrator, and the accounts' ability to sign-in locally to the VM.

Demonstration – Connect to a JEA endpoint

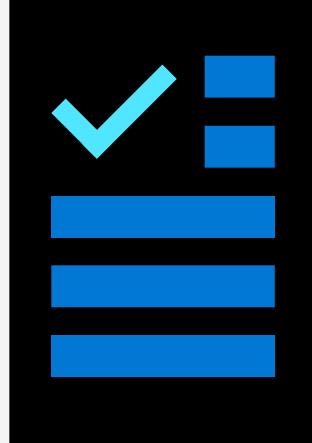
Create a role capability file around DNS operations.

Create a session configuration file that allows members of a specific Active Directory group to use the privileges granted in the role capability file using a virtual account.

Testing that that JEA functions as expected by connecting using an unprivileged account to the JEA endpoint.

Learning recap – Just Enough Administration in Windows Server

Module assessment



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Just Enough Administration in Windows Server

Lab 03 – Managing Windows Server

Lab 03: Managing Windows Server



Lab scenario

Contoso, Ltd. wants to implement several new servers in their environment, and they have decided to use Server Core. They also want to implement Windows Admin Center for remote management of both these servers and other servers in the organization. You will use Windows Admin Center for remote administration.

Objectives

Implement and configure Windows Admin Center

End of presentation