Installing Windows Server 2004 Core

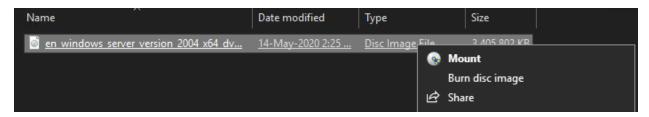
In this post, I will show you the process of installing Windows Server 2004 as a virtual machine with 4GB Memory and 127GB Hard disk.

Microsoft released Windows Server 2004 last month. As per MS there is no more GUI to configure the server post installation. All the configuration is command based. I will show you as much possible with the configuration during the process.

I have downloaded ISO from Microsoft site which is eval version. Later we can use KMS command to activate.

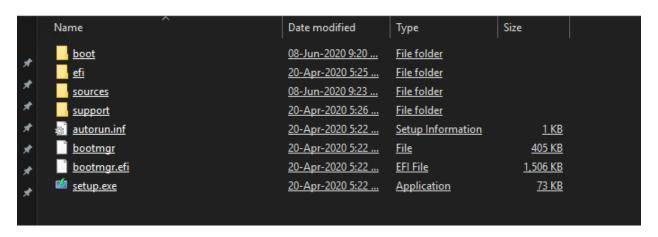
I created a virtual machine with above configuration. Will boot up and complete the process as detailed below.

Mount the ISO so we can copy the file to network share.

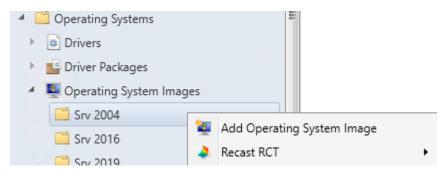


Copy the files now.



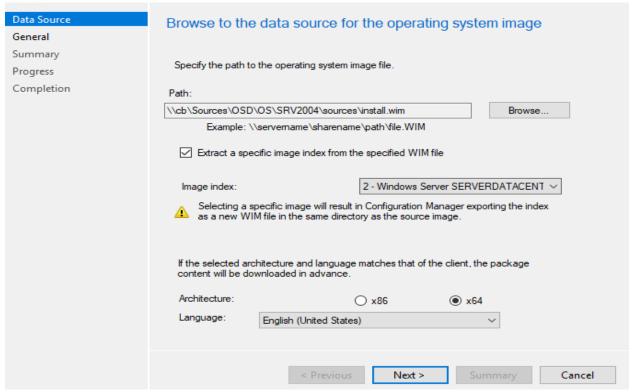


Now will add OS Image

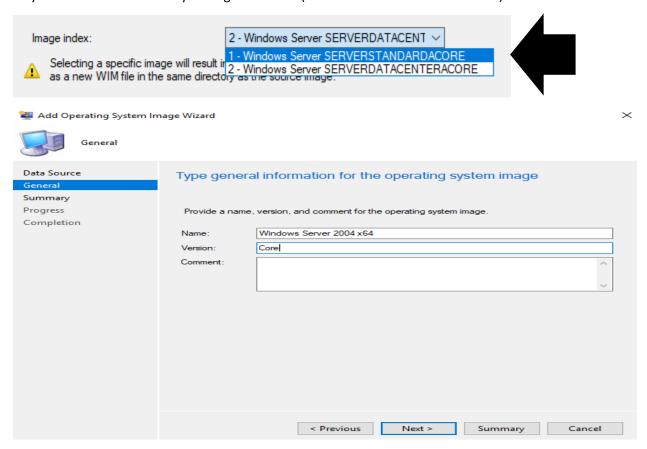




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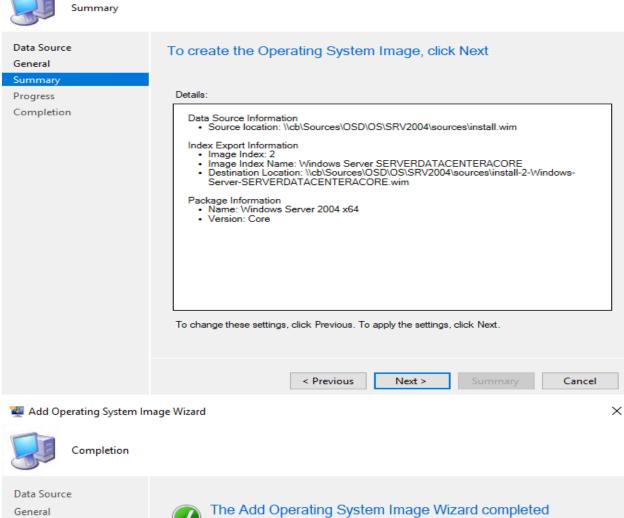


As you can see there are only 2 images to select (Standard and Data Center - Core)



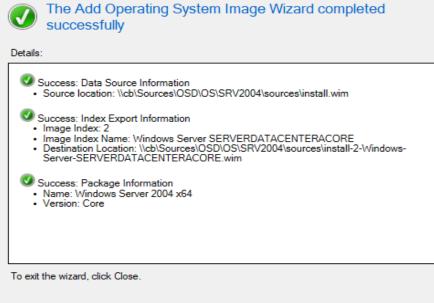
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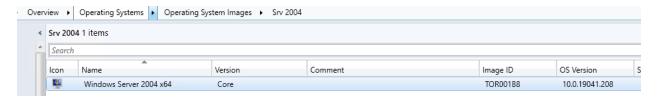




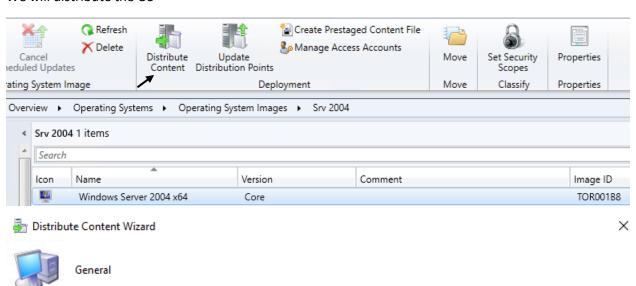


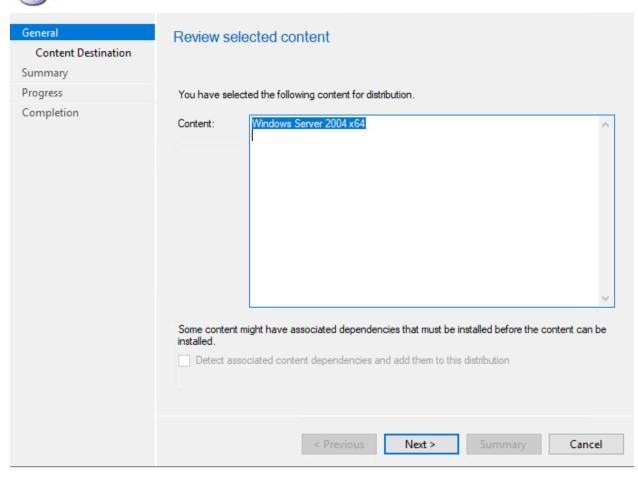






We will distribute the OS

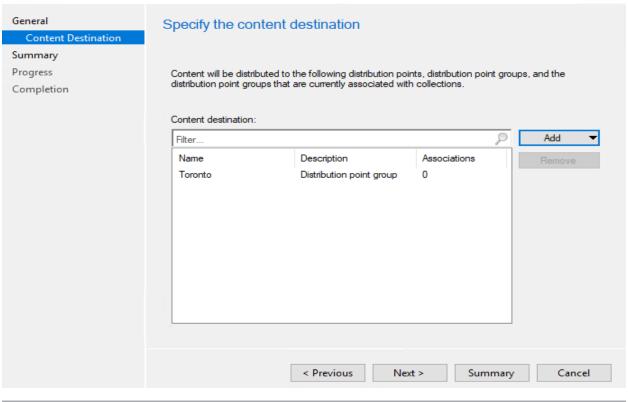




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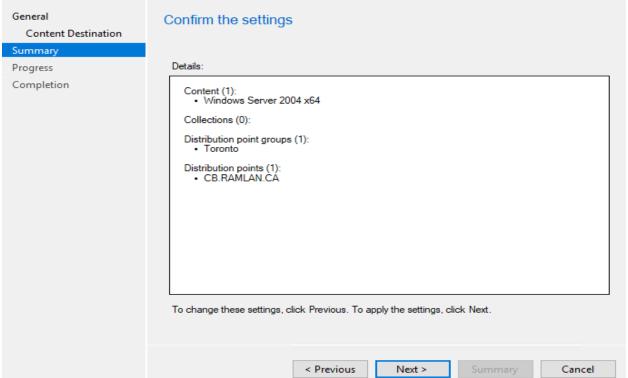
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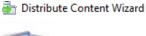




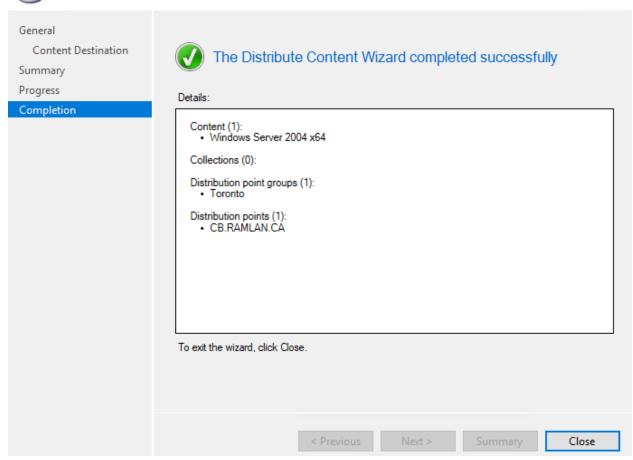
Summary











Content distributed successfully.



Now we will create a task sequence for deployment later.





Create New Task Sequence

Create New Task Sequence Create a new task sequence Task Sequence Information Install Windows A task sequence performs multiple steps or actions on a client computer at the command-line level without requiring user intervention. Select the type of task sequence to create. You can use the task sequence editor to add steps to your task sequence. Configure Network Install Configuration Mar State Migration Include Updates Select a new task sequence to be created. Install Applications Summary Install an existing image package Progress O Build and capture a reference operating system image Completion O Upgrade an operating system from an upgrade package O Deploy Windows Autopilot for existing devices O Create a new custom task sequence Next > Cancel 🖆 Create Task Sequence Wizard \times Task Sequence Information

Create New Task Sequence Task Sequence Information	Specify task seque	ence information
Install Windows		
Configure Network		
Install Configuration Mar		
State Migration	Task sequence name:	Servefr 2004 Core
Include Updates	Description:	^
Install Applications		
Summary		<u> </u>
Progress	Boot image:	Boot image (x64) 10.0.19041.1 Browse
Completion	boot image.	Browse
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Create New Task Sequence Task Sequence Information	Install the Windo	ws operatin	g system	
Install Windows Configure Network Install Configuration Mar State Migration Include Updates Install Applications Summary	Image package:	Windows Server 1 - Windows Ser	age and installation information. 2004 x64 Core en-US ver SERVERDATACENTERACC er before installing the operating system.	Browse
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Configure Network Install Configuration Mar State Migration Include Updates Install Applications	Select the domain or works Join a workgroup Workgroup:	group to join.			
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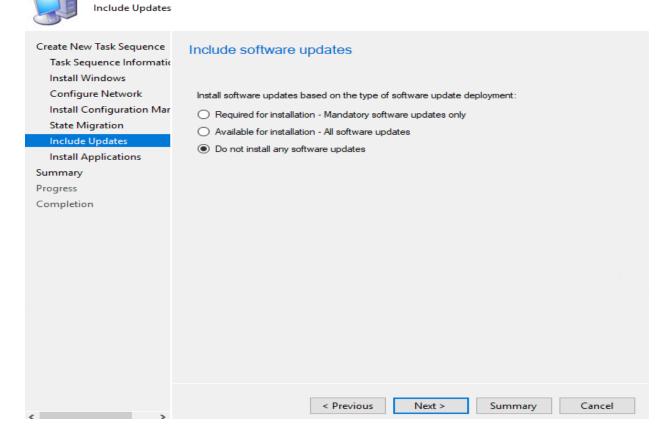


Install Configura	tion Manager		
Create New Task Sequence Task Sequence Informatic Install Windows	Install the Configurati	ion Manager client	
Configure Network	Specify the Configuration Man	pager client package. Configuration Manager site a	assignment and
Install Configuration Mar	Specify the Configuration Manager client package. Configuration Manager site assignment and client configuration is done automatically. You can specify additional installation properties.		
State Migration			
Include Updates			
Install Applications			
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Create Task Sequence Wiz	zard		×
State Migration			



Create New Task Sequence	Configure state migration		
Task Sequence Information			
Install Windows			
Configure Network	Select the settings on the destination computer to migrate as part of this image deployment.		
Install Configuration Mar			
State Migration	This action will capture the user specific settings.		
Include Updates			
Install Applications	Capture user settings and files		
Summary	USMT Package: Microsoft Corporation User State Migration Toc Browse		
Progress	Save user settings and files on a State Migration Point		
Completion	Save user settings and files locally		
	☑ Capture locally by using links instead of by copying files This action will capture the configuration of the network. ☐ Capture network settings This action will capture the Windows specific settings. ☐ Capture Microsoft Windows settings		
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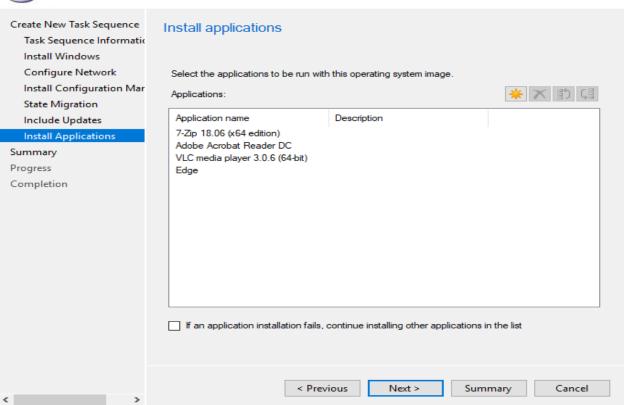
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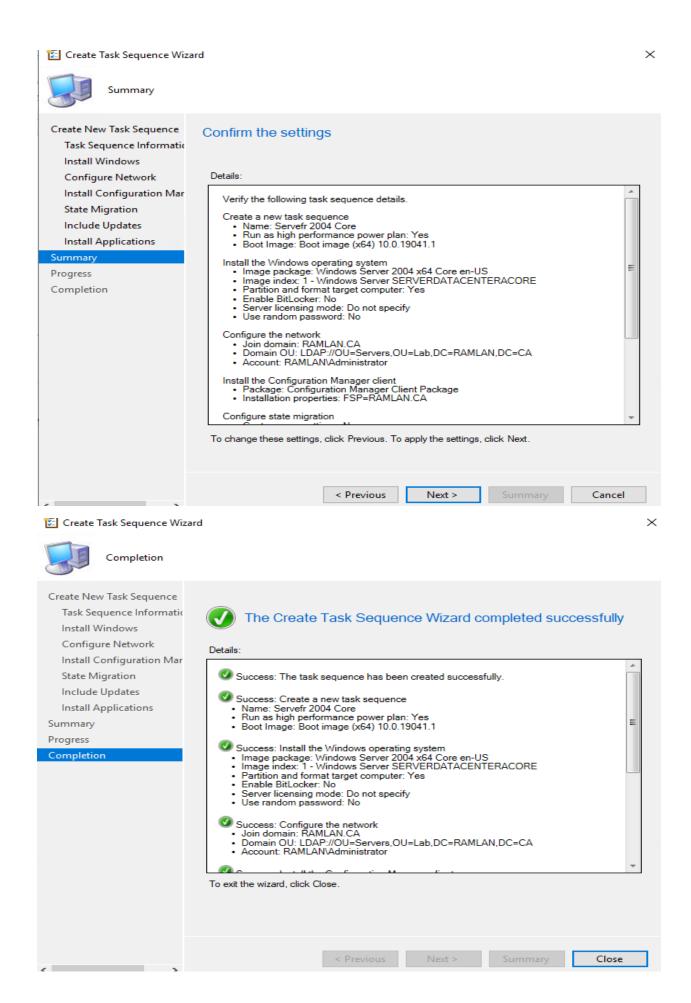


🔁 Create Task Sequence Wizard

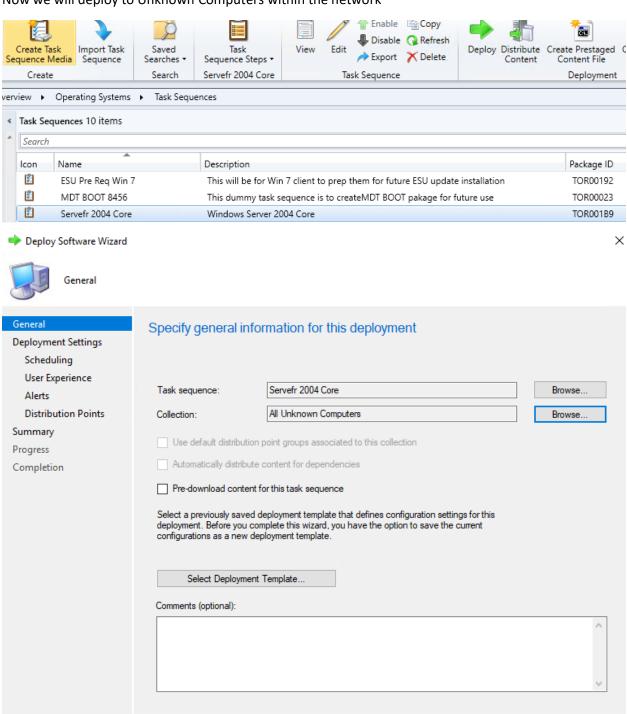


Install Applications





Now we will deploy to Unknown Computers within the network

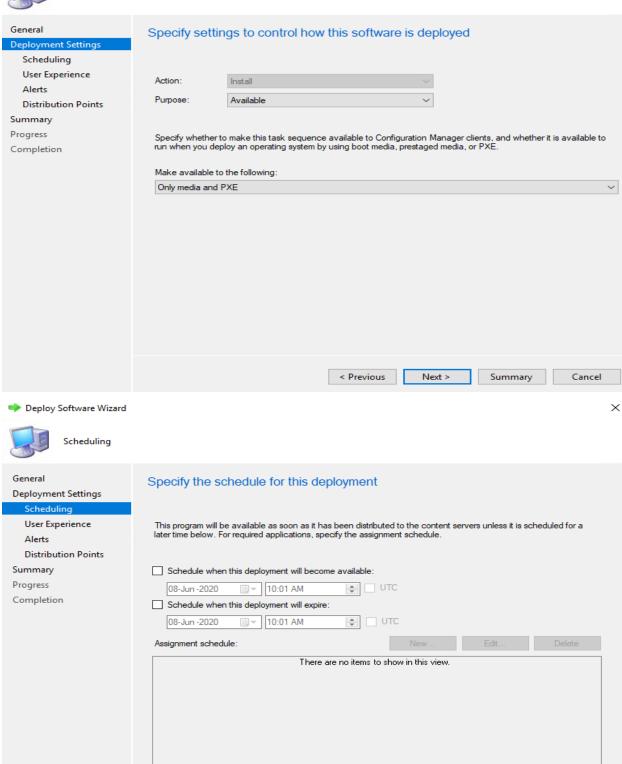


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Summary

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Always rerun program

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Rerun behavior:

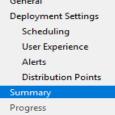
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User Experience	
General Deployment Settings Scheduling	Specify the user experience for the installation of this software on the selected devices
User Experience Alerts Distribution Points Summary Progress Completion	Notification settings: Allow users to run the program independently of assignments Show Task Sequence progress When the scheduled assignment time is reached, allow the following activities to be performed outside the maintenance window: Software installation System restart (if required to complete the installation) Write filter handling for Windows Embedded devices Commit changes at deadline or during a maintenance window (requires restarts) If this option is not selected, content will be applied on the overlay and committed later. Internet based clients: Allow task sequence to run for client on the Internet
	< Previous Next > Summary Cancel
Deploy Software Wizard Alerts	×
General Deployment Settings	Specify Configuration Manager and Operations Manager alert options

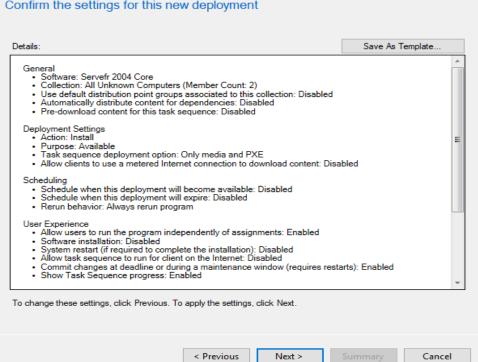
General Deployment Settings	Specify Configuration Manager and Operations Manager alert options
Scheduling	
User Experience	Configuration Manager generates alerts when this task sequence is deployed.
Alerts Distribution Points	Threshold for successful deployment Create a deployment alert when the threshold is lower than the following:
Summary Progress Completion	Percent success: After: 15-Jun -2020 10:01 AM Threshold for failed deployment Create a deployment alert when the threshold is higher than the following: Percent failure: 10 \$\displaystyle{\psi}\$
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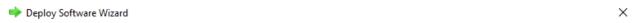


Distribution Points Specify how to run the content for this program **Deployment Settings** Scheduling User Experience Specify how clients interact with the distribution points to retrieve content from packages referred by the task Alerts Deployment options: Download content locally when needed by the running task sequence Summary Progress Clients will always try to get content from distribution points in current boundary group. In addition, interaction with Completion distribution points in neighbor boundary group can be controlled: Allow clients to use distribution points from the neighbor boundary group When this content is not available on any distribution points in current and neighbor boundary groups, you can allow the client to use a distribution point in site default boundary group. Allow clients to use distribution points from the default site boundary group Token based authentication (recommended) or a network access account must be configured to access content from Windows PE < Previous Next > Summary Cancel Deploy Software Wizard × Summary Confirm the settings for this new deployment Deployment Settings

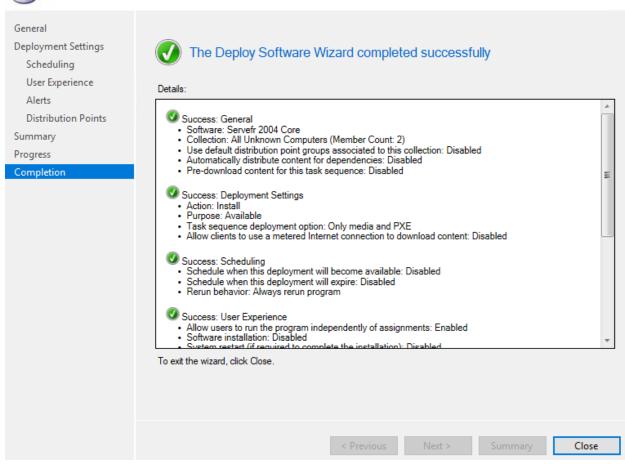


Completion

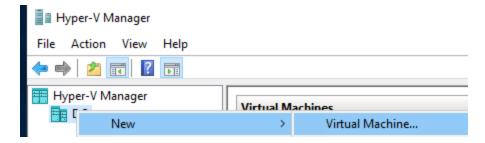




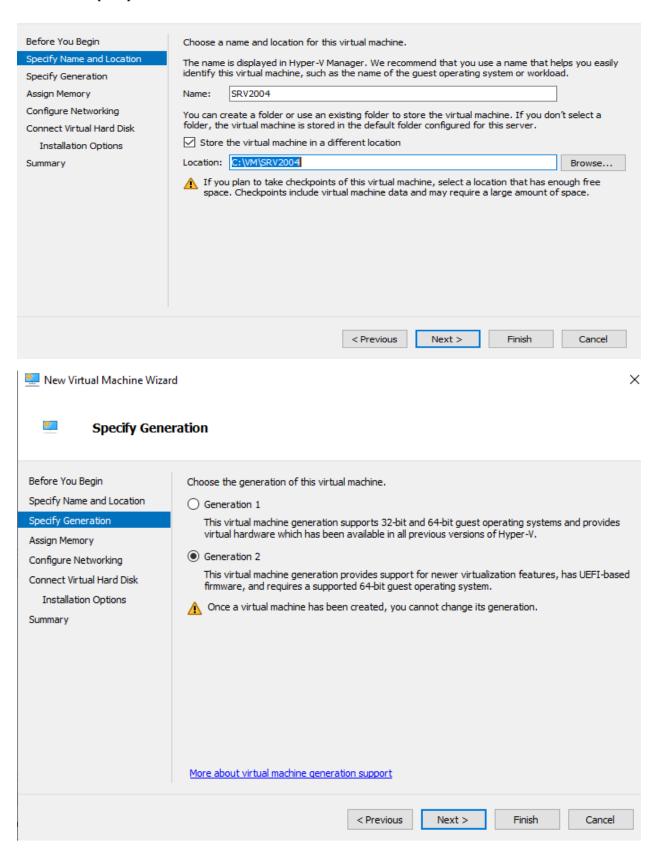




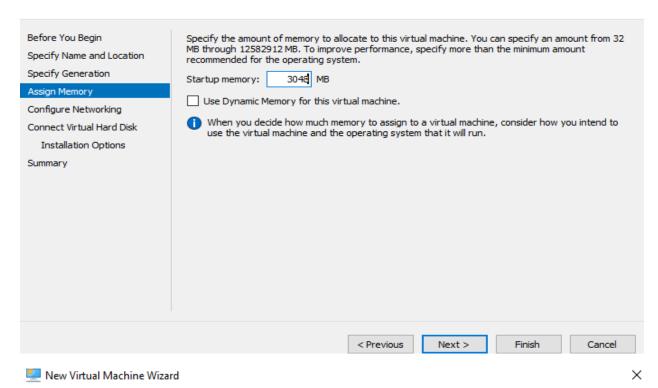
Now we will power on the virtual machine for network boot to kick start the install



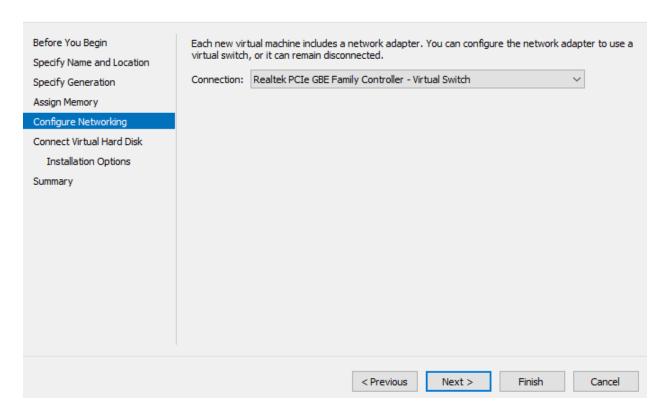
Specify Name and Location



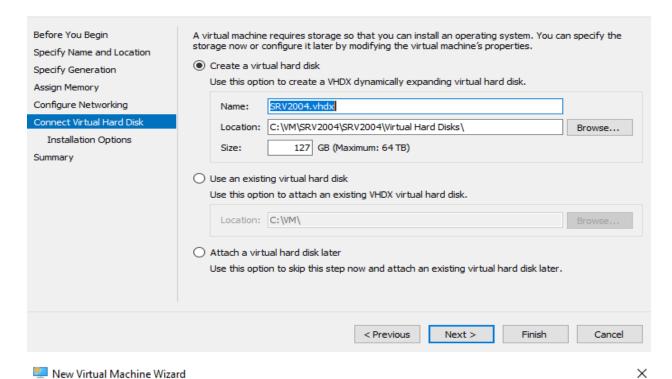
Assign Memory



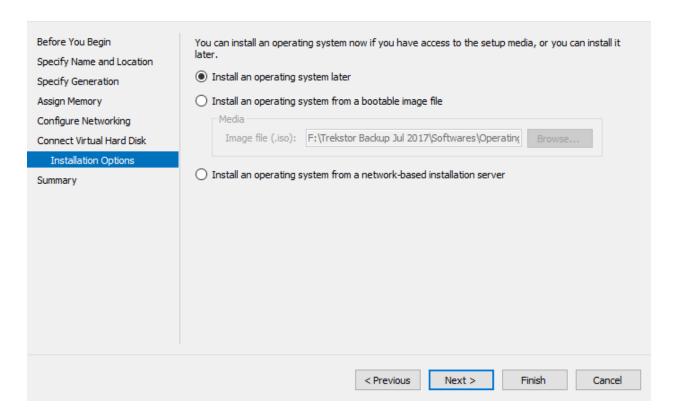
Configure Networking



Connect Virtual Hard Disk

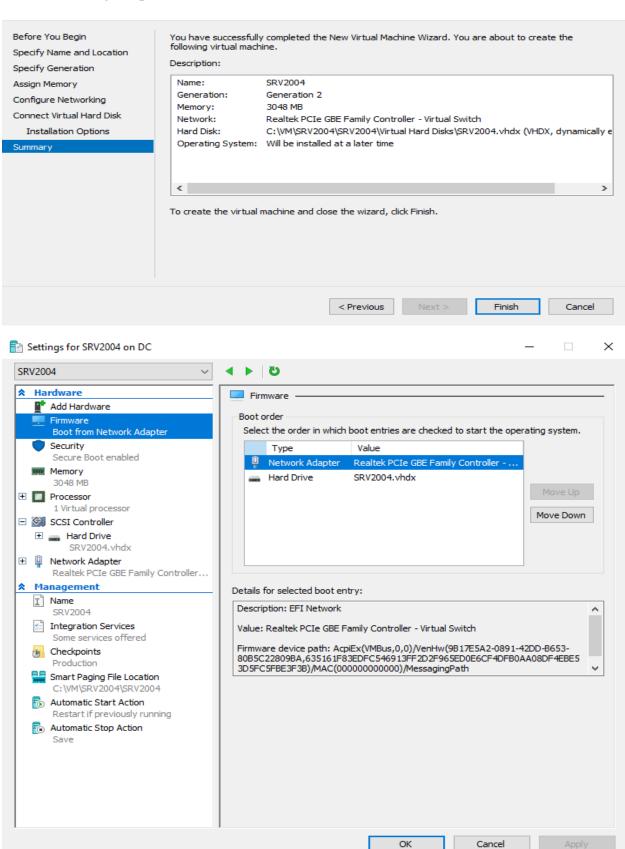


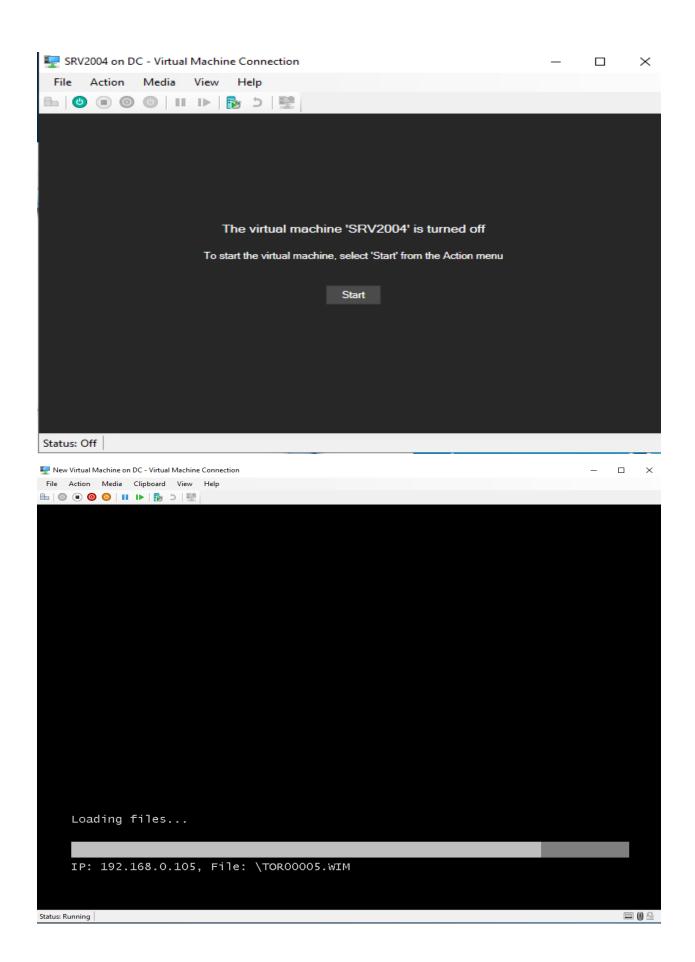
Installation Options

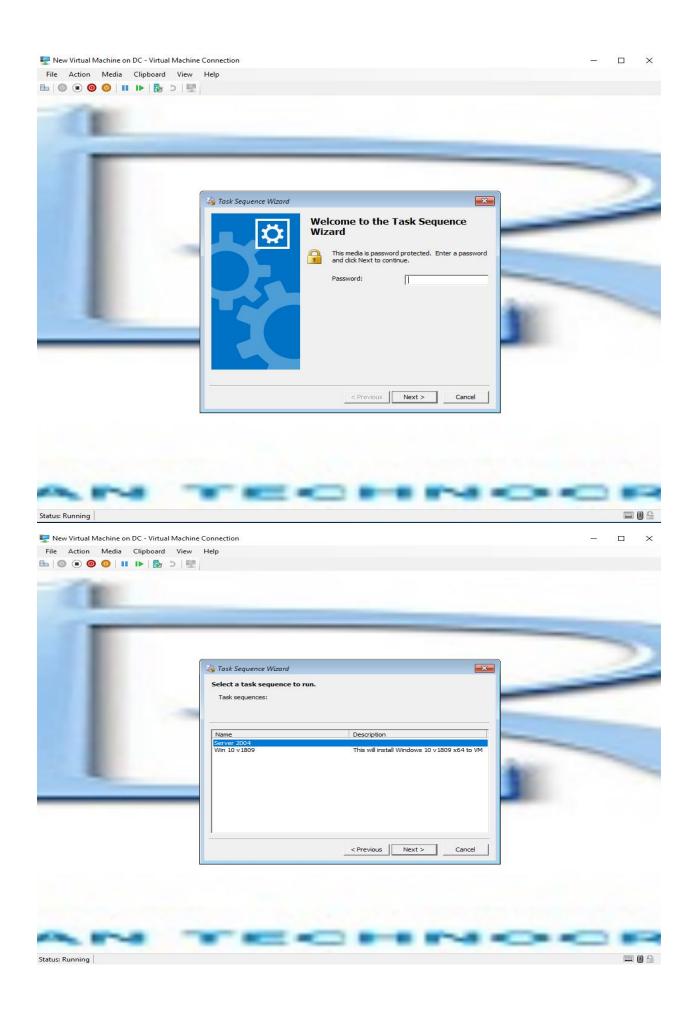


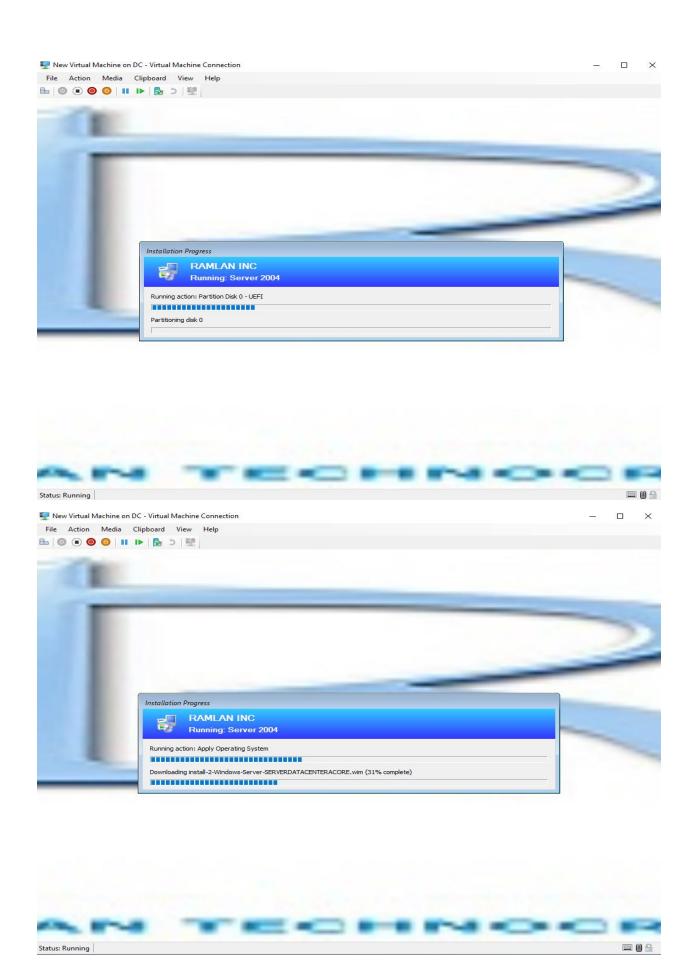
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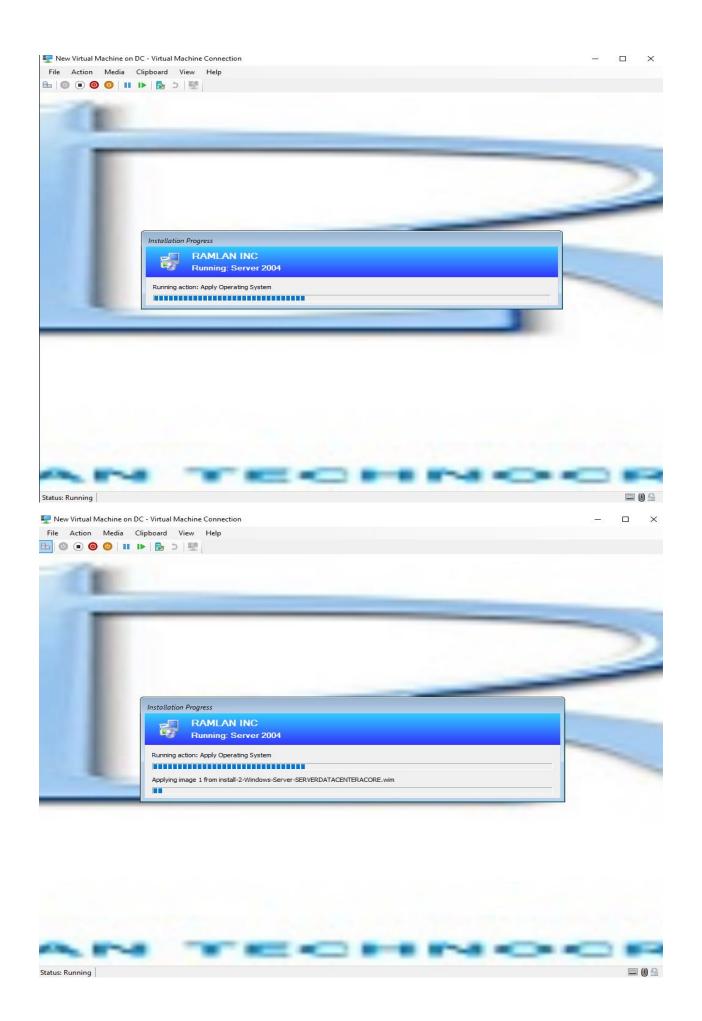
Completing the New Virtual Machine Wizard

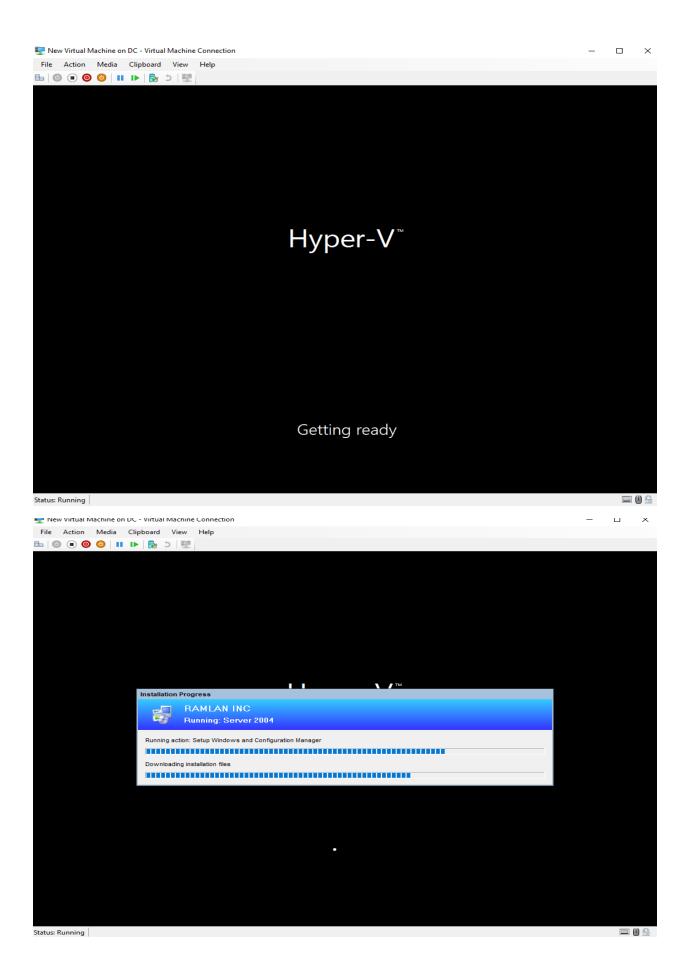


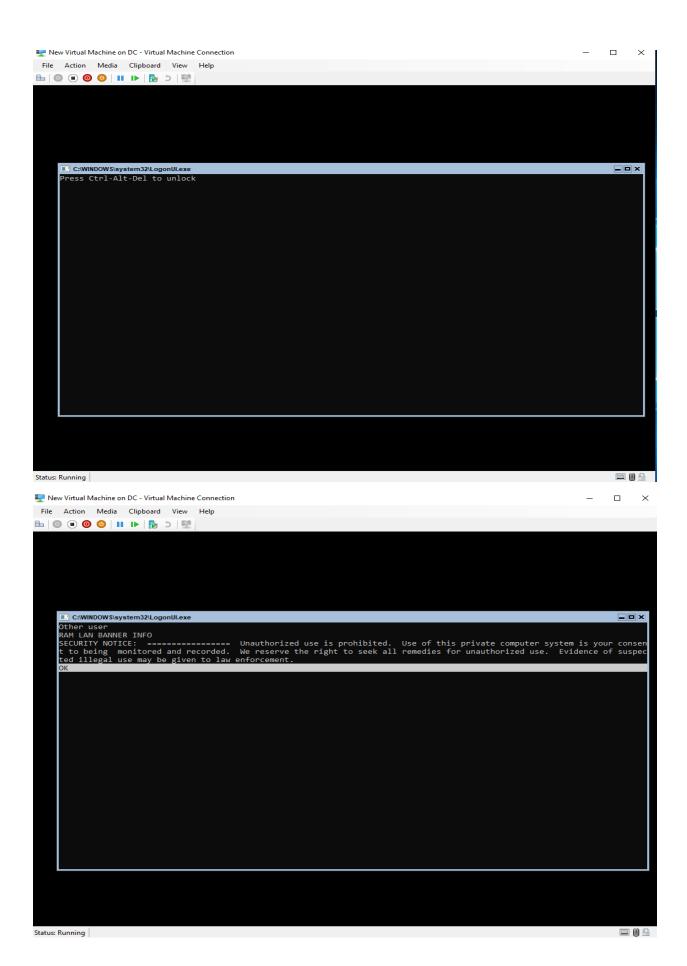


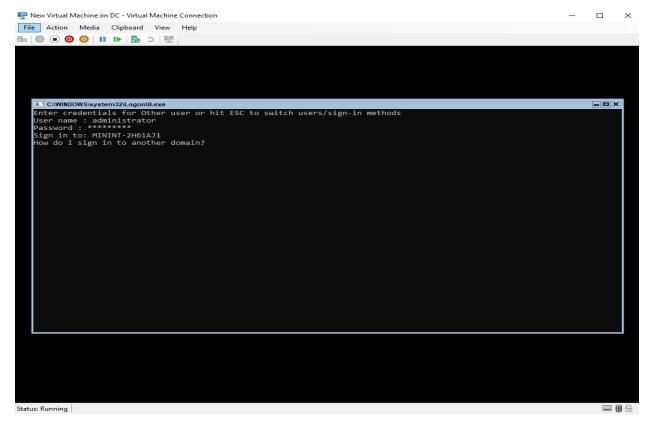




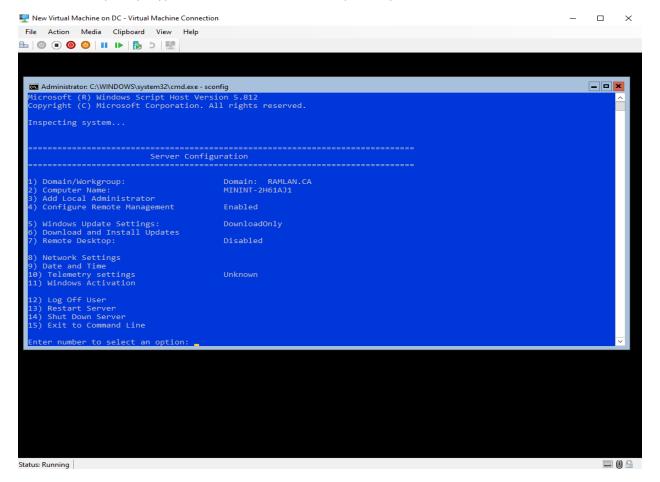


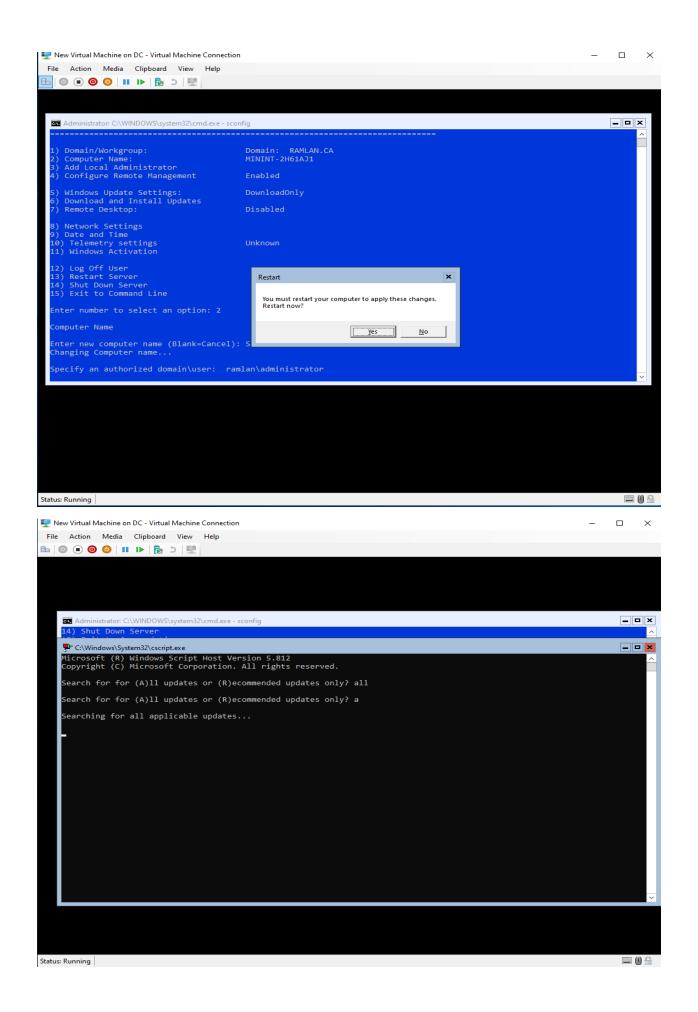


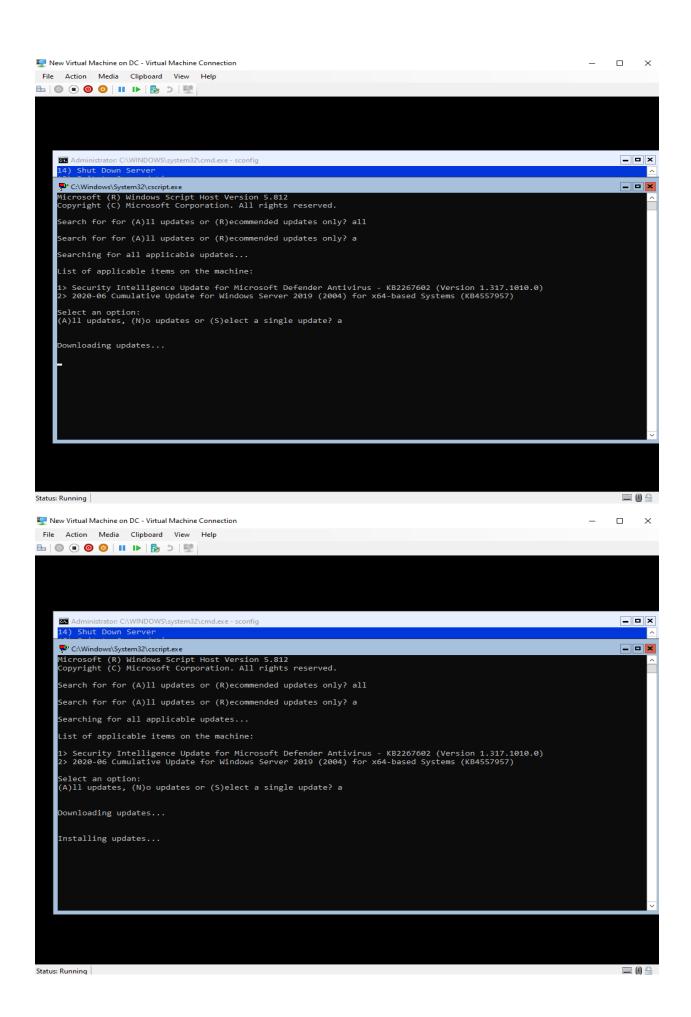


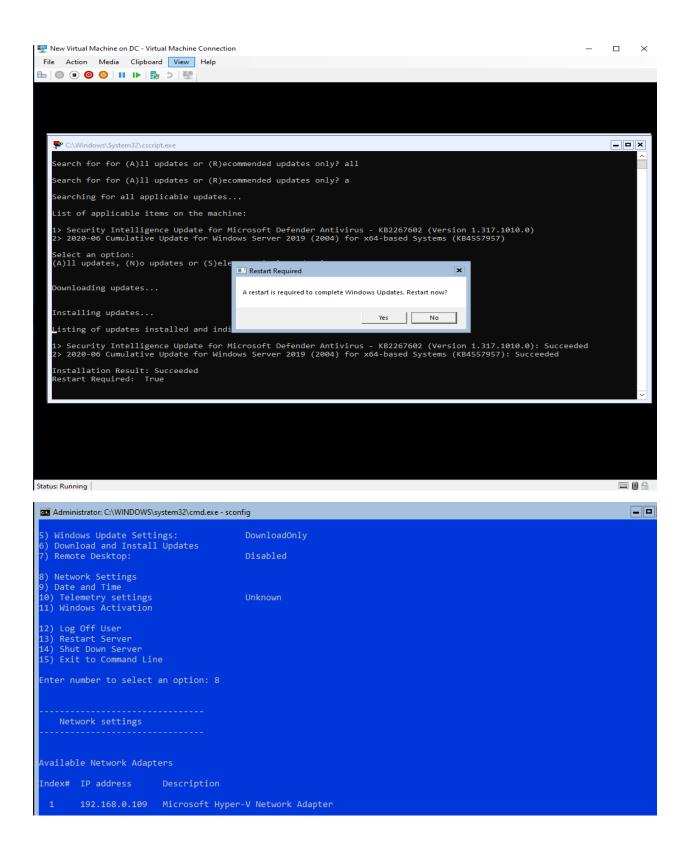


Now we will configure the server with correct computer name, time, date, rdp and other settings. At the command prompt type **SCONFIG** and select the required option.



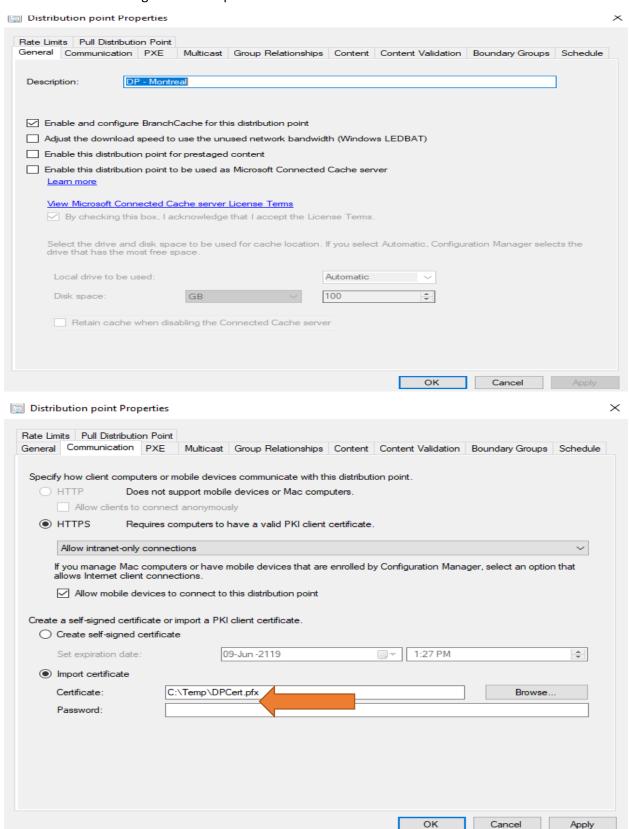






For this exercise, I did install DP on Windows 10 and made it as my PXE server without WDS. I wanted to test the new feature in Current Branch 2002 where we can have PXE server without WDS.

I installed DP and Configured these options.

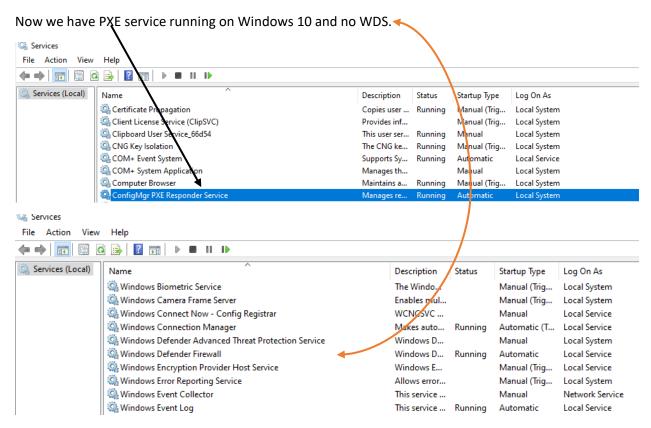


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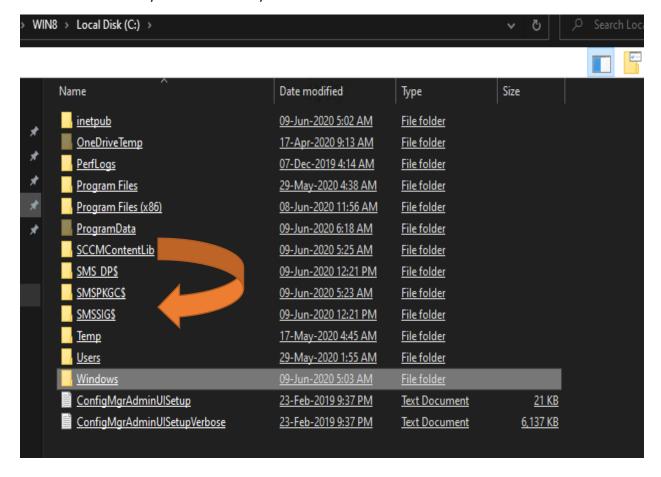
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Apply

Enable for on-demand distribution



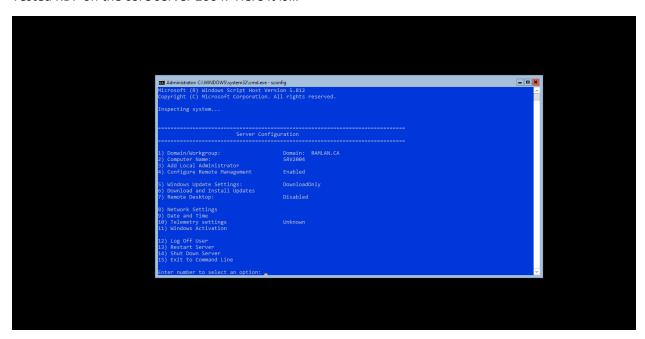
These are the folders you will see when you install DP with PXE and without WDS.



This is the log you can look for any issue with PXE.



Tested RDP on the core server 2004. Here it is...



With this we have setup Windows Server 2004 Core as a virtual machine.

Thanks

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