

This document is applicable ONLY to Microsoft Server 2003 running IIS 6.0. If any other application is running on the server to support its function (e.g., Cold Fusion), then that application must also be secured. The steps in this guide should be performed on new installations only to avoid unpredictable results. This hardening procedure should NOT be used on general-purpose NT servers on an internal LAN (e.g., file servers), as it removes several of the services that NT uses for default functionality.

NOTE: You should keep the server unplugged from the network until you are told in the guide that it is ok to plug it in.

Step 1.0 – Boot up Windows Server 2003 Standard Edition (Build 3790) CD-ROM to begin installation and configuration.

Step 1.1 – When the Welcome Screen Appears, press Enter to continue

Step 1.2 – Press F8 to accept the End User License Agreement (EULA).

Note: Install only one instance of the operating system. If you need to get on to a server using another instance, install as needed, and delete afterwards. If there are any previous versions of operating systems, remove by deleting partitions and repartition.

Step 2.0 – Create a partition for the Operating System.

Step 2.1 – Press C to Create a Partition. In the white space, enter the value of your Operating System partition (this should be at LEAST 6.5GB (6500MB) and more is better) and press Enter to continue.

Step 2.2 – Choose the Partition that you just created with the Up/Down arrows and press Enter to begin the OS installation.

Step 2.3 – Choose “Format the partition using the NTFS file system” and press Enter to continue.

After formatting the hard drive and copying over the necessary files, the OS installation will reboot and continue.

Step 3.0 – Regional Settings

Step 3.1 – Choose regional settings as appropriate

Step 3.2 – Enter the following in the allowed whitespace:

Name of your Organization:
Company:

Step 3.3 – Enter the Product Activation Key

Step 3.4 – Choose the **Per Device or Per User** radio button

Step 3.5 – Give the server a name. Ensure that you follow the current corporate naming constraints for Servers. In general, the server name should consist of 3 letters for the Server function, 3 letters for the Server location and 3 numerals denoting the sequential order of the Server.

Example: The first server for the Web Server Farm, residing in St. Louis – WEB-STL-001

Step 3.6 – Set a strong administrator password. Ensure that you follow your company's guidelines for creating a strong password.

Step 3.7 – Set time and date

Step 4.0 – Network Settings

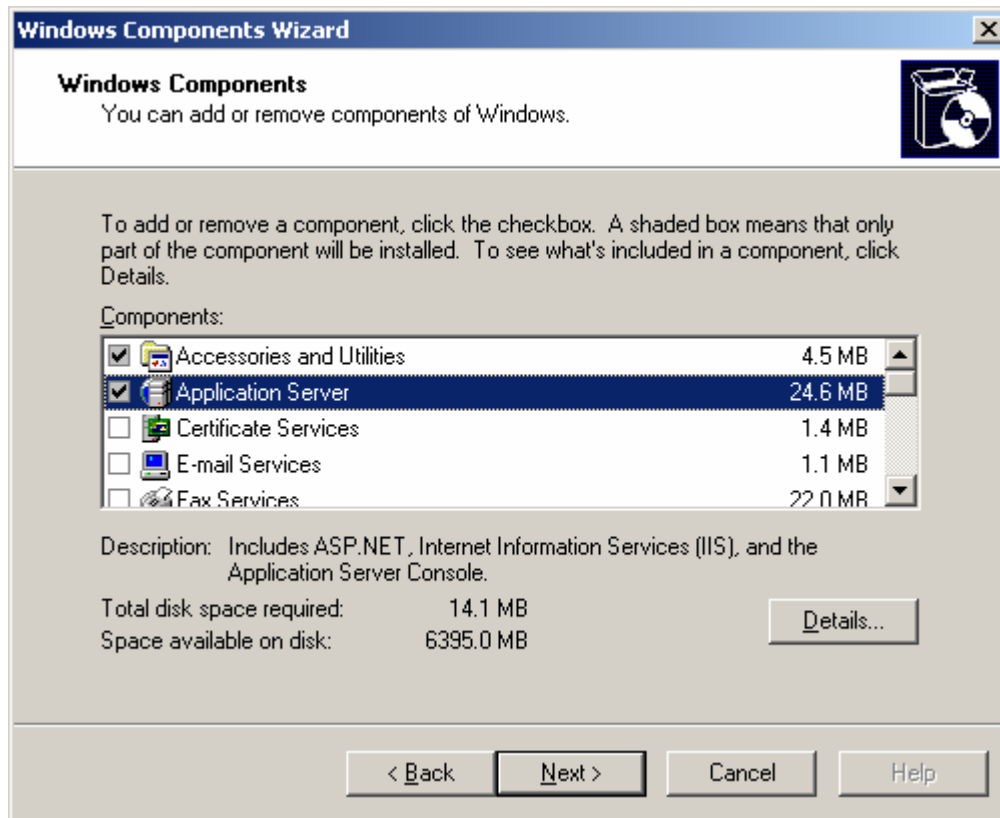
Step 4.1 – Choose Typical Settings

Step 4.2 – For Workgroup or Computer Domain, choose “No, this computer is not on a network...” In the white space, enter a blank workgroup (ALT-255).

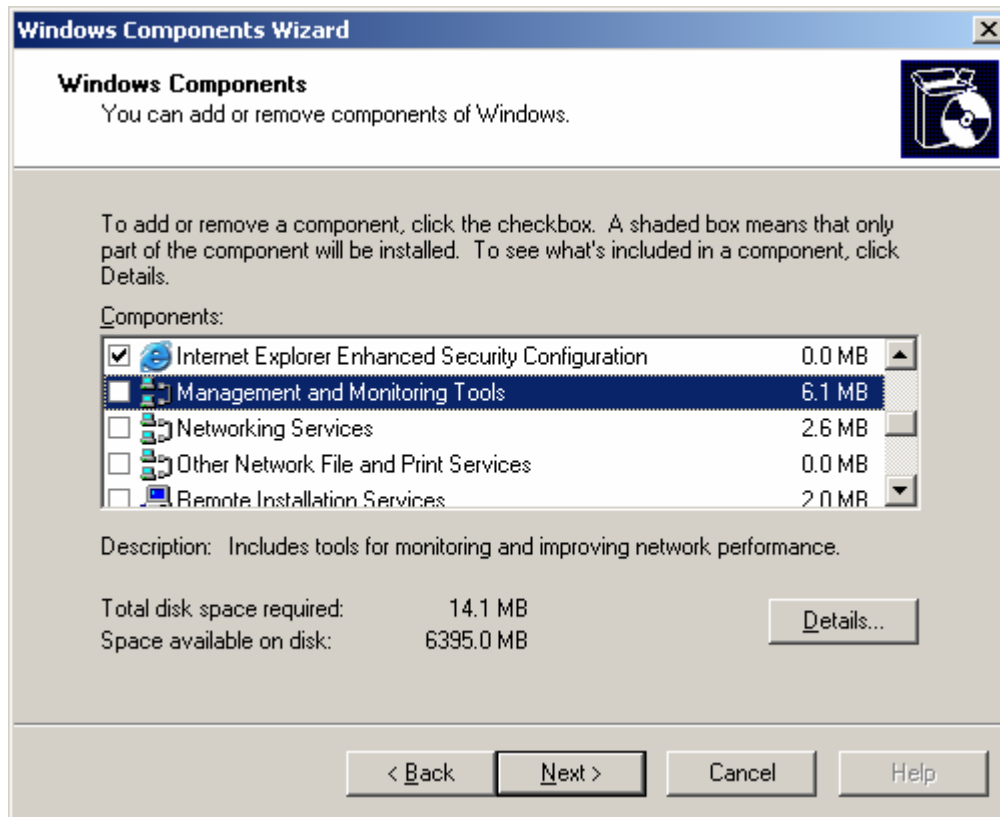
The OS will now continue configuration. When it is done, it will bring you the Login Screen. Login with the password that you set in **Step 3.6**. After login, the “Manage Your Server” box will pop up. If you desire, place a check mark in the box labeled “Don't display this page at logon” and close the window.

Step 5.0 – Choose Components

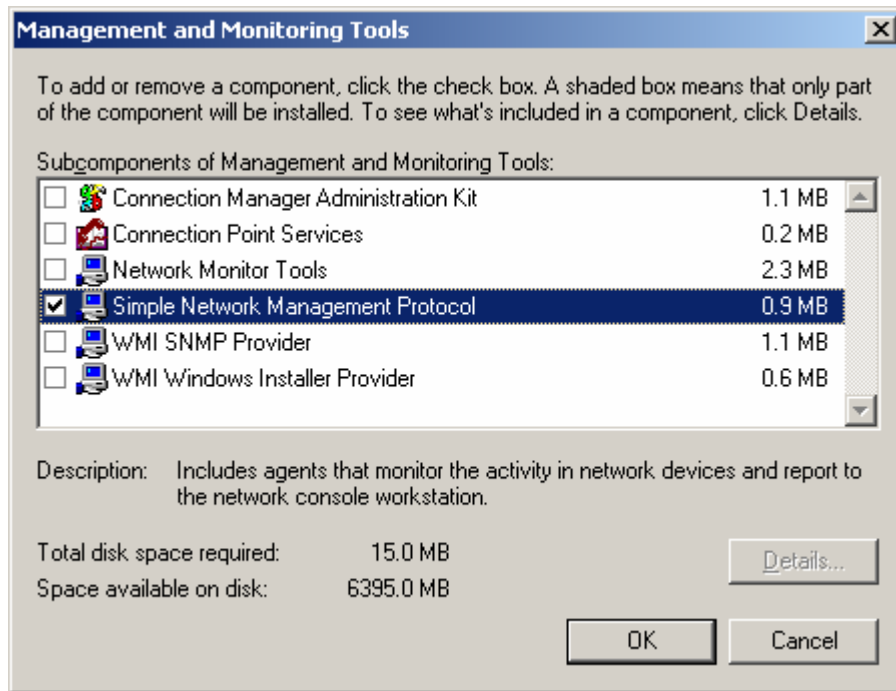
Step 5.1 – Go to **Start > Control Panel > Add/Remove Programs > Add/Remove Windows Components** and select **Application Server**.



Step 5.2 – If you plan on using SNMP to monitor the Server, scroll down and high-light **Management and Monitoring Tools**



Click on **Details**



Select only **Simple Network Management Protocol**

Click **OK** to return to the previous menu.

Step 5.3 – Click Next to begin installation of the Application Server Components.

Step 5.4 – When the Application Server has finished installing, you can click the Finish button to complete the installation and then you can close the Add/Remove Programs window.

Step 6.0 – Install the latest Patch Releases

As of 10/15/04:

MS04-038 (834707)	October 12, 2004 - Cumulative Security Update for Internet Explorer
MS04-037 (841356)	October 12, 2004 - Vulnerability in Windows Shell Could Allow Remote Code Execution

<u>MS04-034</u> (873376)	October 12, 2004 - Vulnerability in Compressed (zipped) Folders Could Allow Remote Code Execution
<u>MS04-032</u> (840987)	October 12, 2004 - Security Update for Microsoft Windows
<u>MS04-028</u> (833987)	September 21, 2004 - Buffer Overrun in JPEG Processing (GDI+) Could Allow Code Execution
<u>MS04-024</u> (839645)	August 10, 2004 - Vulnerability in Windows Shell Could Allow Remote Code Execution
<u>MS04-023</u> (840315)	July 13, 2003 - Vulnerability in HTML Help Could Allow Code Execution
<u>MS03-039</u> (824146)	September 10, 2003 - Buffer Overrun In RPCSS Service Could Allow Code Execution.
<u>MS03-041</u> (823182)	November 17, 2003 – Vulnerability in Authenticode Verification Could Allow Remote Code Execution
<u>MS03-043</u> (828035)	October 15, 2003 – Buffer Overrun in Messenger Service Could Allow Code Execution
<u>MS03-044</u> (825119)	October 22, 2003 – Buffer Overrun in Windows Help and Support Center Could Lead to System Compromise
<u>MS03-048</u> (824145)	December 11, 2003 - Cumulative Security Update for Internet Explorer
<u>MS04-007</u> (828028)	February 10, 2004 - ASN.1 Vulnerability Could Allow Code Execution
<u>MS04-011</u> (835732)	April 13, 2004 - Security Update for Microsoft Windows
<u>MS04-012</u> (828741)	April 13, 2004 – Cumulative Update for RPC/DCOM

Step 6.1 – You may now plug the server into the network.

Step 7.0 – Installing SSH Server for Remote Management

For remote access we will use SSH as the only transport. The software is available below for the server and the client.

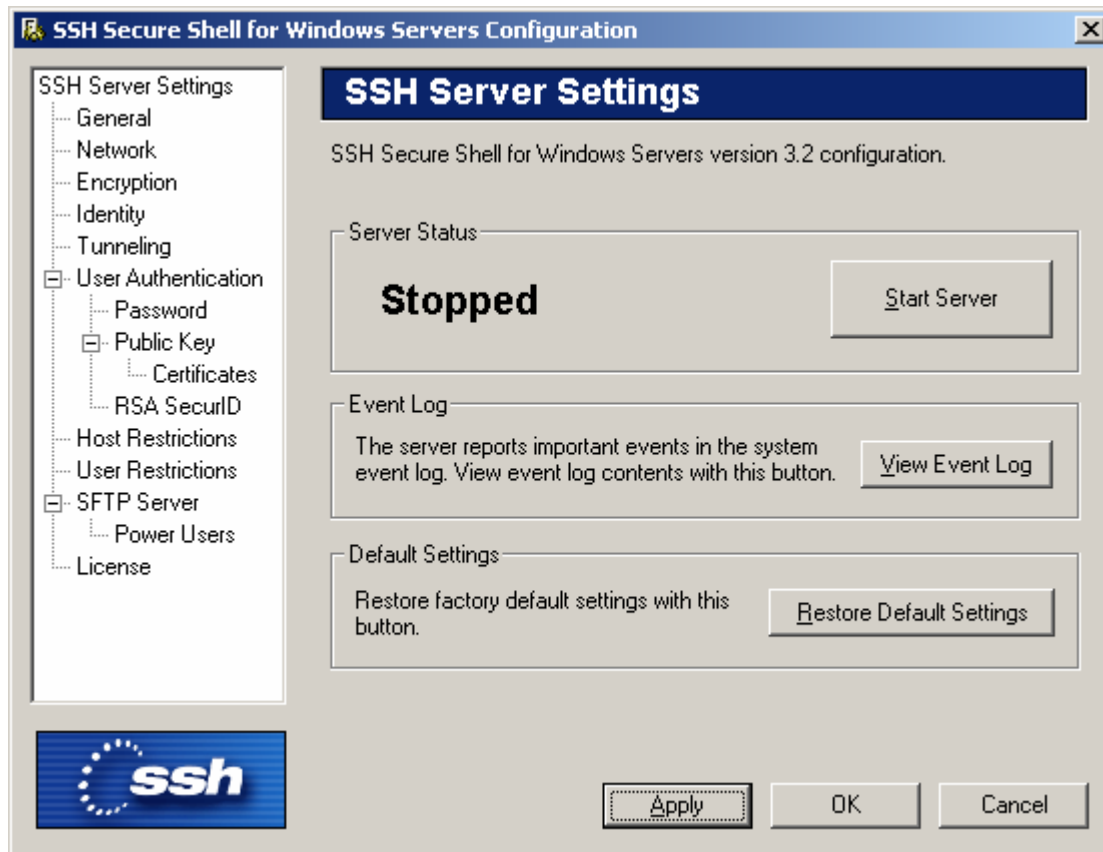
Step 7.1 – Download and install an SSH Server and Client Software

We recommend the server and client from <http://www.ssh.com/>.

Step 7.2 – After installing the server application, open the SSH Secure Shell Server Configuration window:

Go to **Start > Programs > SSH Secure Shell Server > Configuration**

This will bring up a window that looks like the following:



Under the **General** Tab:

Increase the "**Maximum Number of Connections**" value to **2**

Step 7.3 – Create a new text file called **BannerMSG.txt** and place it in:

C:\Program Files\SSH Communications Security\SSH Secure Shell Server directory

The file should contain the following verbiage:

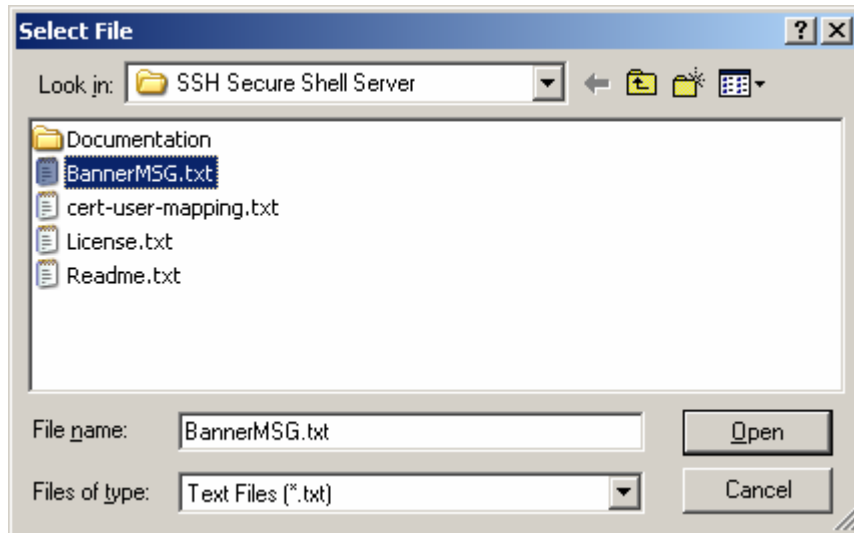
WARNING!!!

READ THIS BEFORE ATTEMPTING TO LOGON

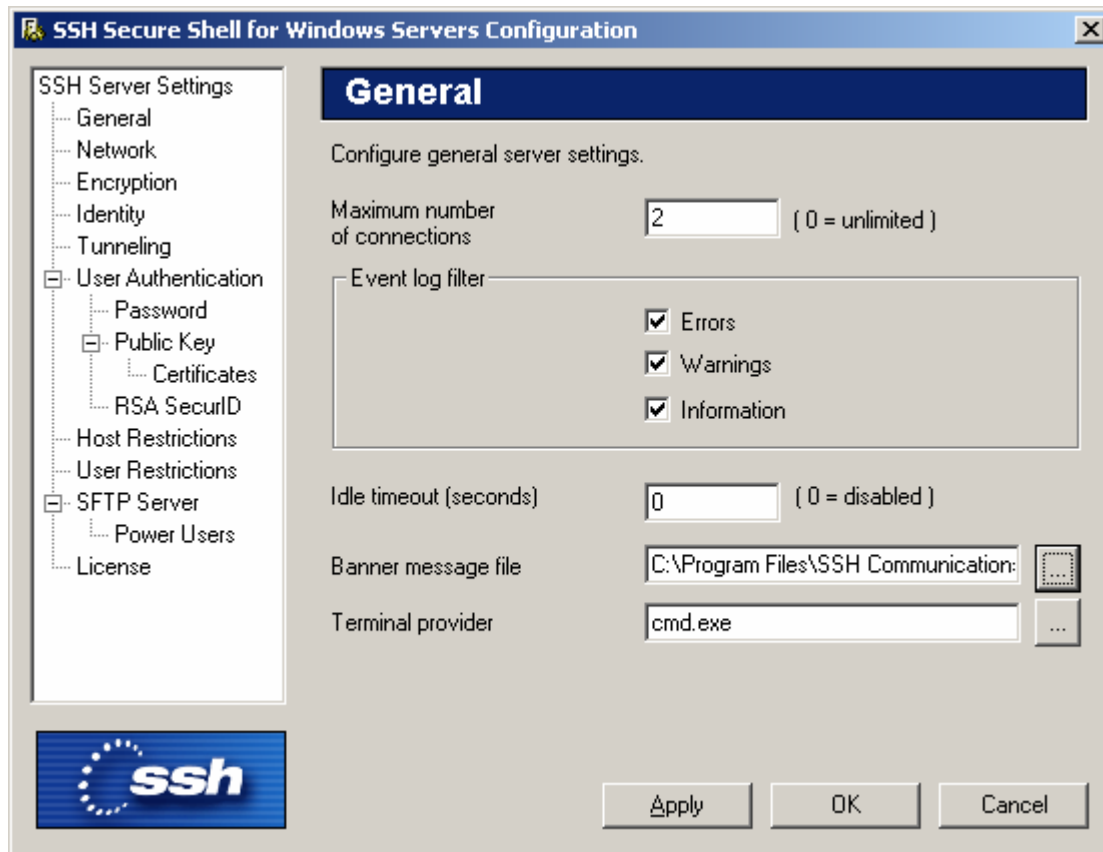
This System is for the use of authorized users only. Individuals using this computer without authority, or in excess of their authority, are subject to having all of their activities on this system monitored and recorded by system personnel. In the course of monitoring individuals improperly using this system, or in the course of system

maintenance, the activities of authorized users may also be monitored. Anyone using this system expressly consents to such monitoring and is advised that if such monitoring reveals possible criminal activity, system personnel may provide the evidence of such monitoring to law enforcement officials.

Step 7.4 – Link the **BannerMSG.txt** file that you just created in the "**Banner message file**" box by clicking on the box with the three dots on the right of the white space and finding the file in the above named directory.



The resulting screen should look like this:



Step 7.5 - Under the Encryption Tab:

Ensure that the following settings are selected:

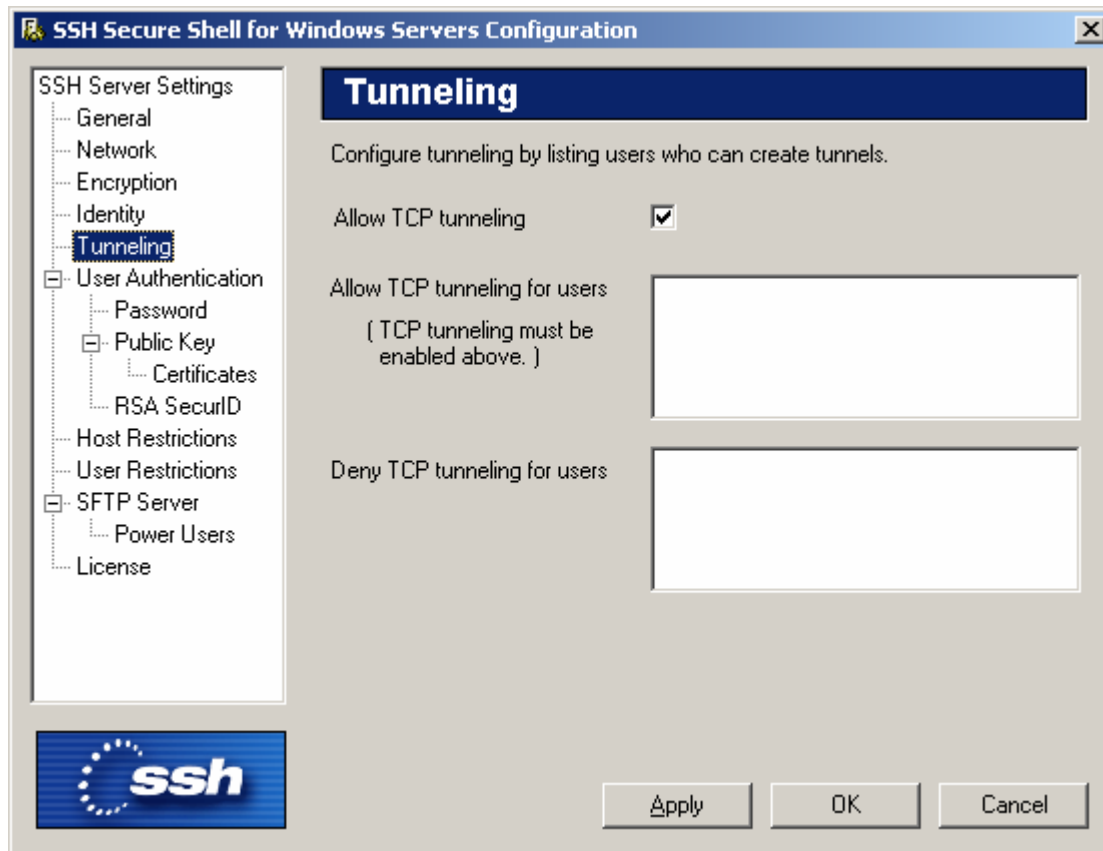
Ciphers: AnyStdCipher

MACs: AnyStdMac



Step 7.6 - Under the Tunneling Tab:

Place a check mark in the box next to **Allow TCP Tunneling**.



Step 7.7 – Under the **User Authentication > Password** Tab

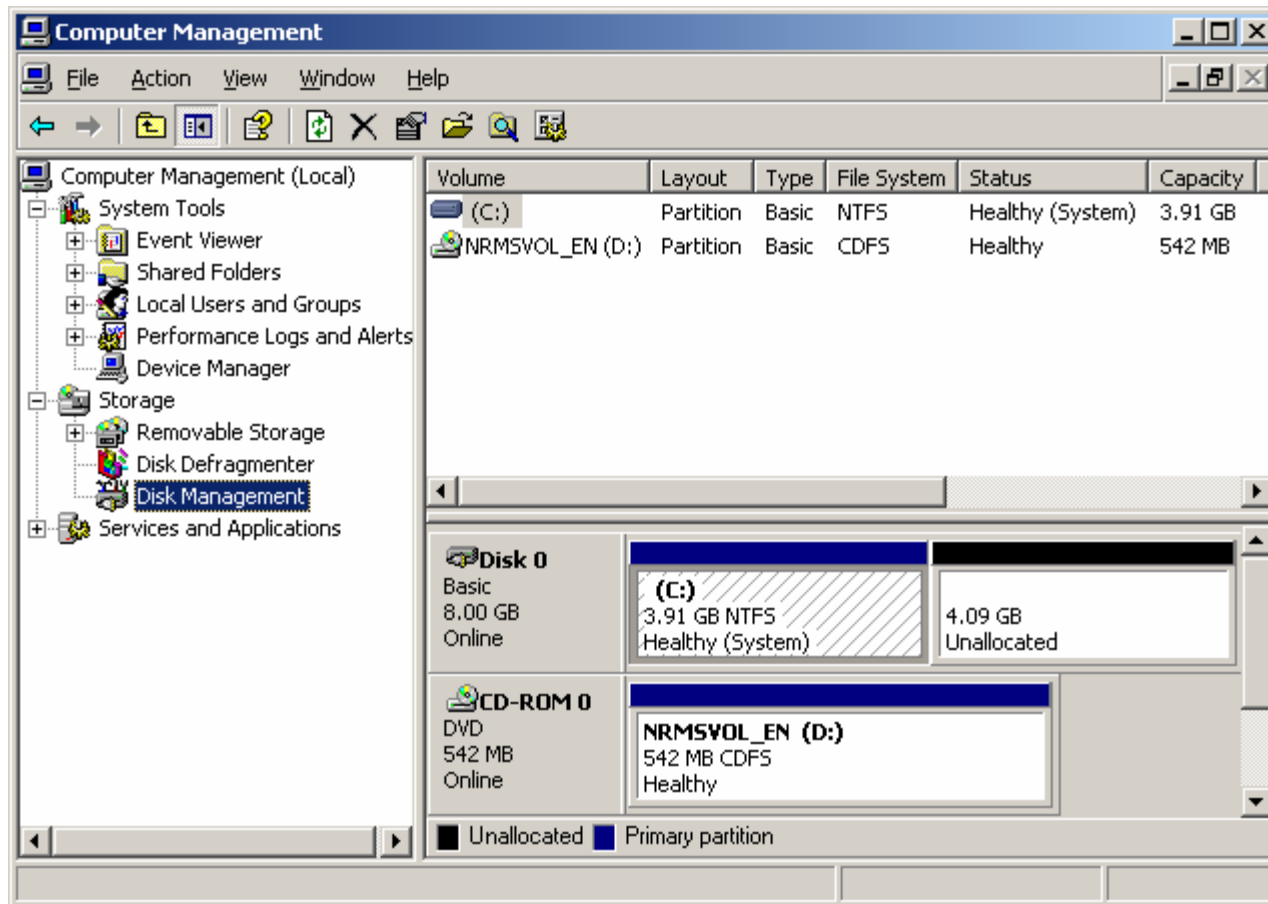
Ensure that the "**Permit empty Passwords**" box is **NOT** checked.



Click **Apply** to make the changes permanent. Click **OK** to exit.

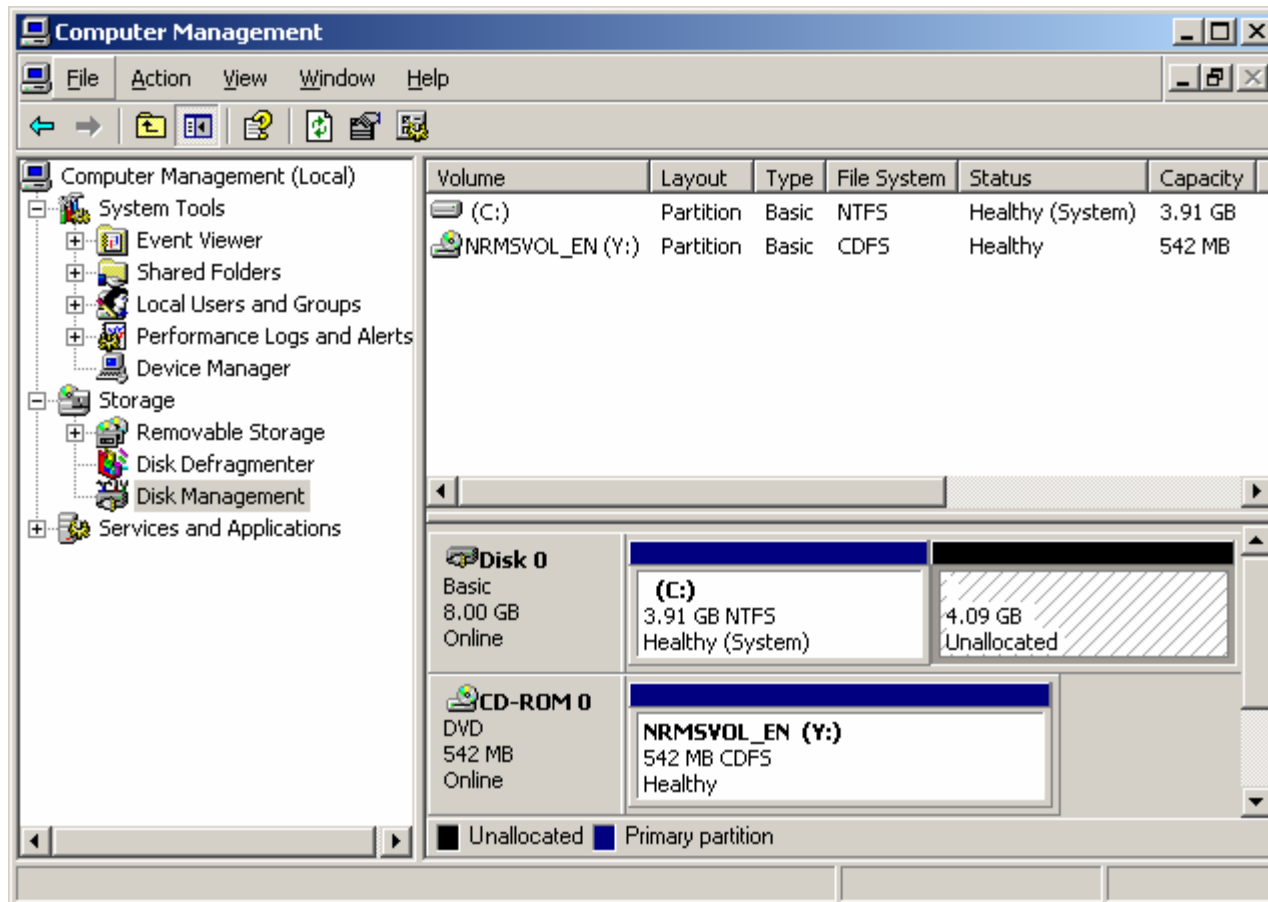
Step 8.0 – Media Configuration and Permissions

Step 8.1 – Go to Start > Programs > Administrative Tools > Computer Management > Disk Management

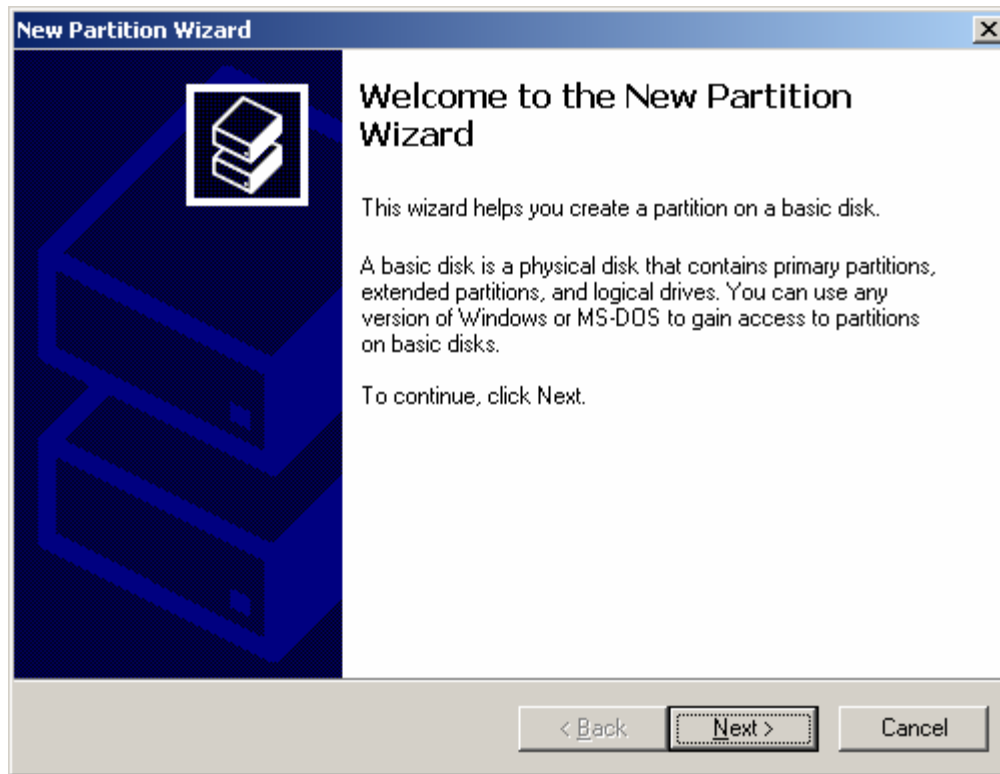


Step 8.3 - Format unallocated disk space.

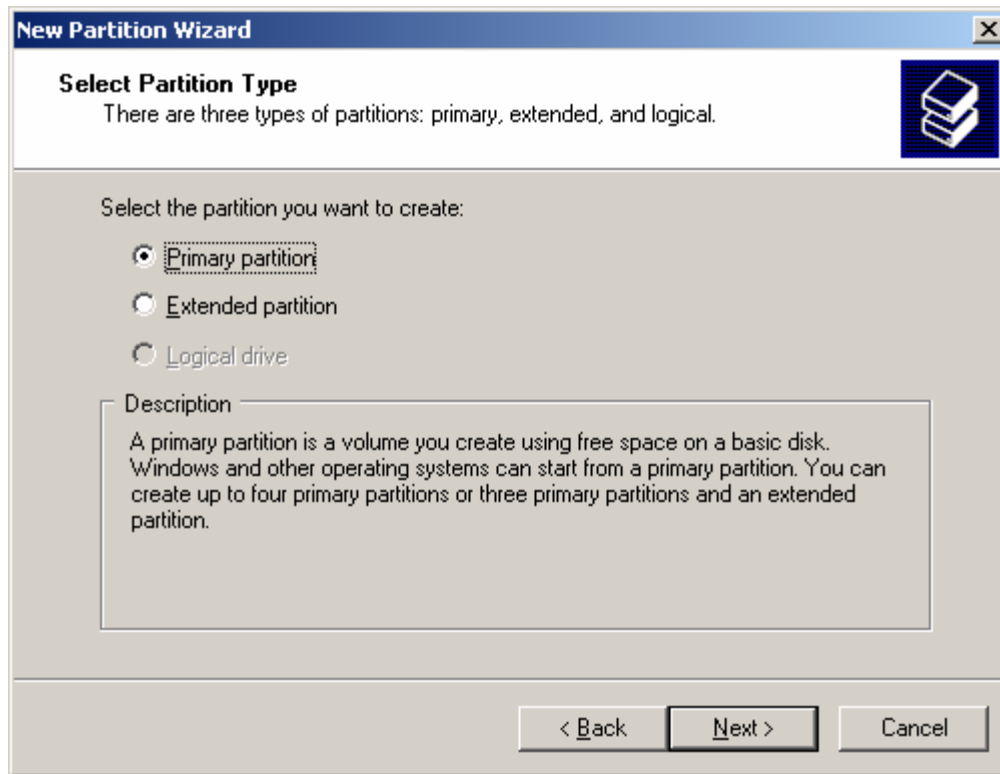
In the bottom right panel, Right Click on the section labeled **Unallocated** (shaded in the picture below) on Disk 0 and choose **New Partition**.



This will bring up the New Partition Wizard



Step 8.7 – Click **Next** to continue



Step 8.8 – Ensure that **Primary partition** is selected and click **Next** to continue.

New Partition Wizard [X]

Specify Partition Size
Choose a partition size that is between the maximum and minimum sizes.

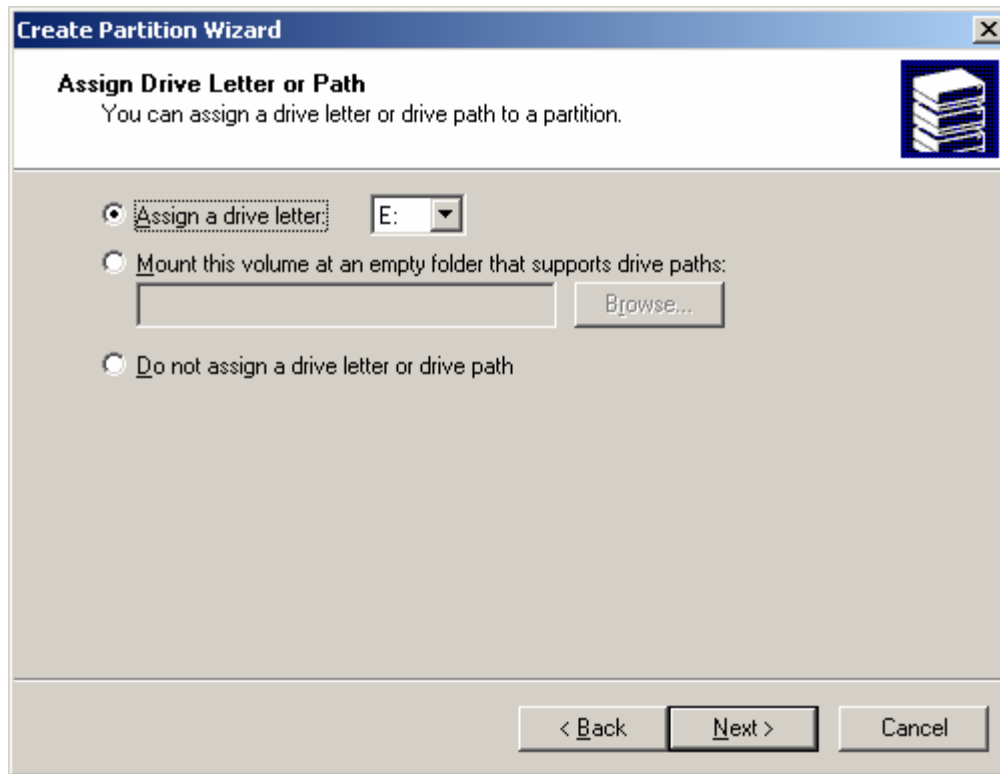
Maximum disk space in megabytes (MB): 31259

Minimum disk space in MB: 8

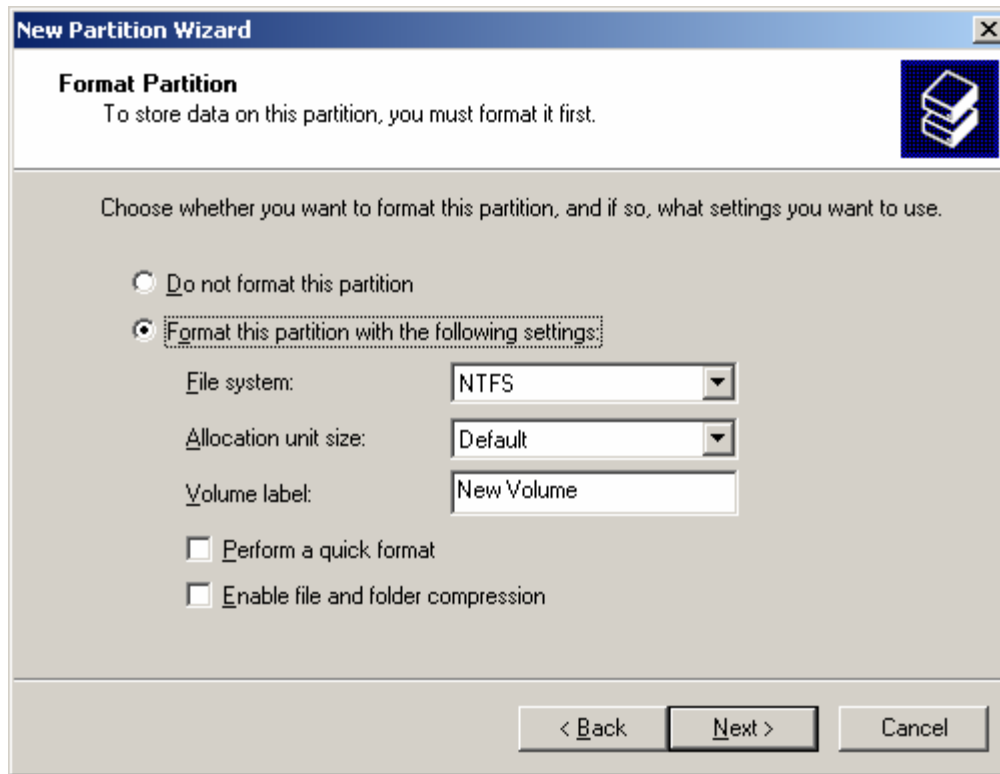
Partition size in MB:

< Back Next > Cancel

Step 8.9 – Select the size of your partition in MB and click **Next** to continue.

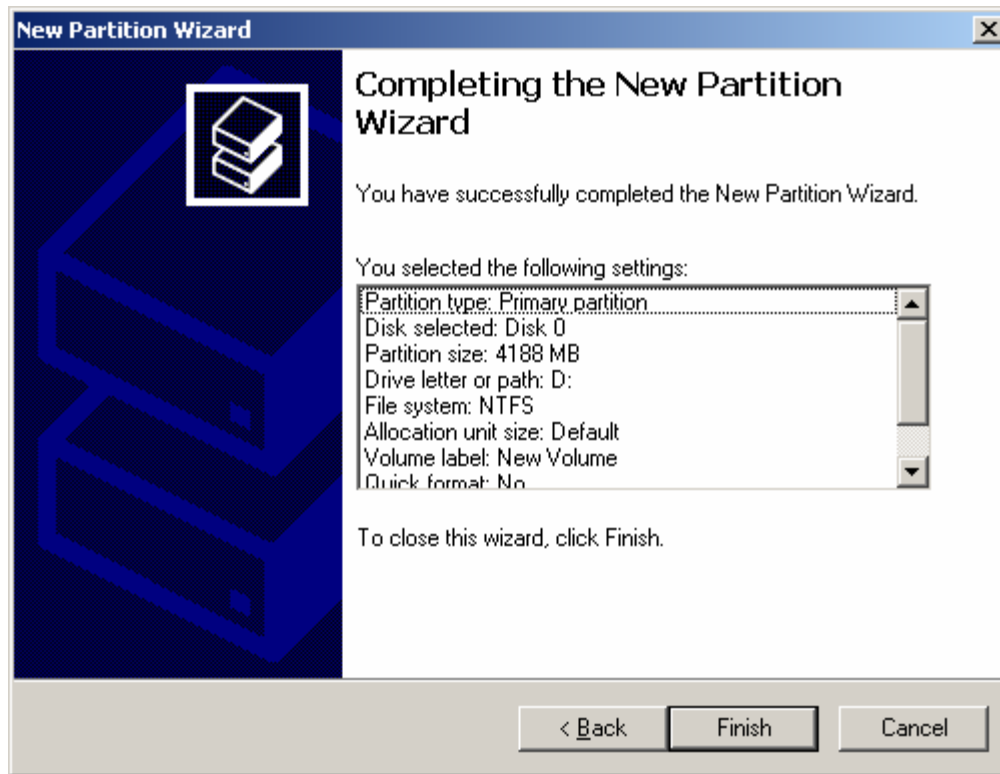


Step 8.10 – Assign it the appropriate drive letter, **E:** and click **Next** to continue.



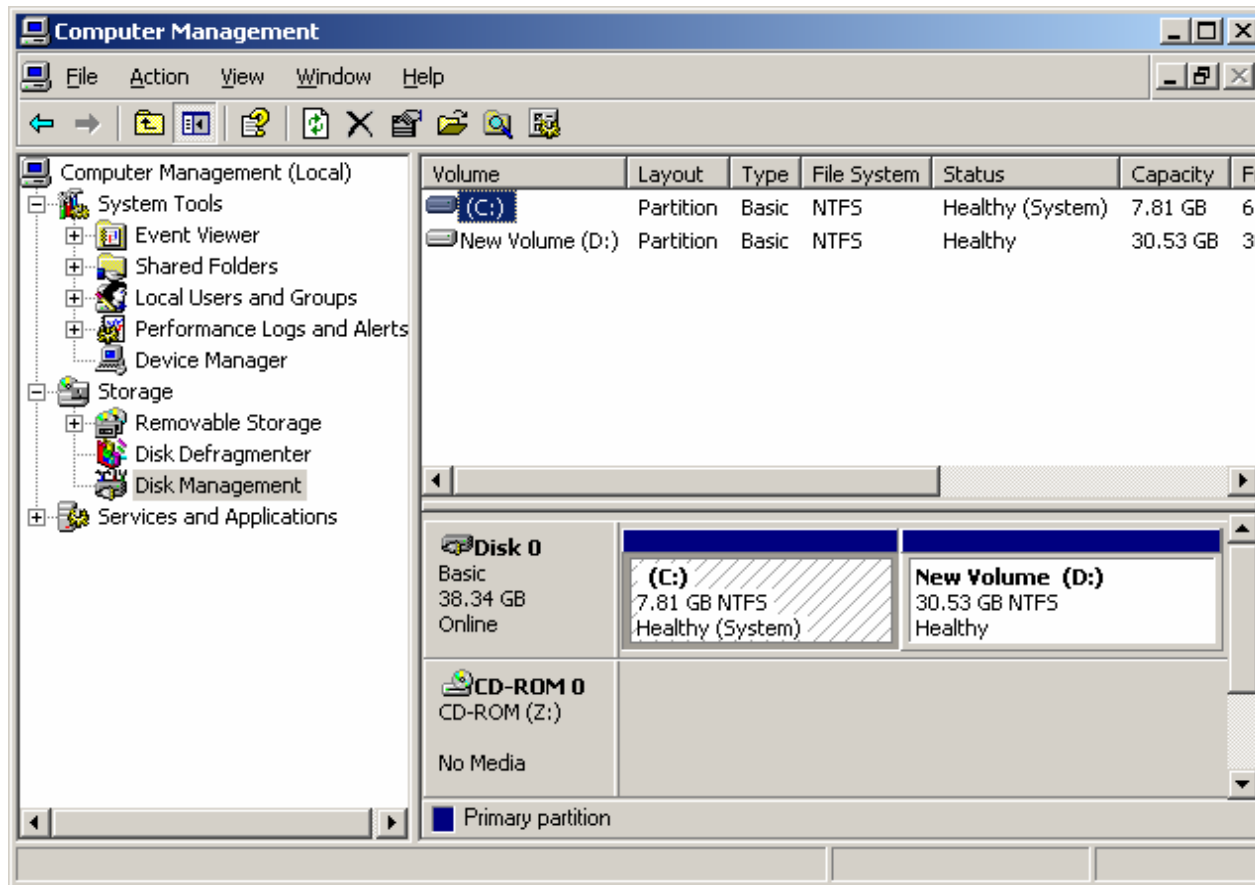
Step 8.11 – Ensure that **Format this partition with the following settings** is selected and the values for **File System** is **NTFS** and the **Allocation unit size** is **default**. You may change the **Volume Label** if you desire.

Click **Next** to continue.



Step 8.12 – After reviewing your selected settings, click **Finish** to begin the format.

Upon completion, your disk manager should show 2 partitions on Disk 0 as pictured below.



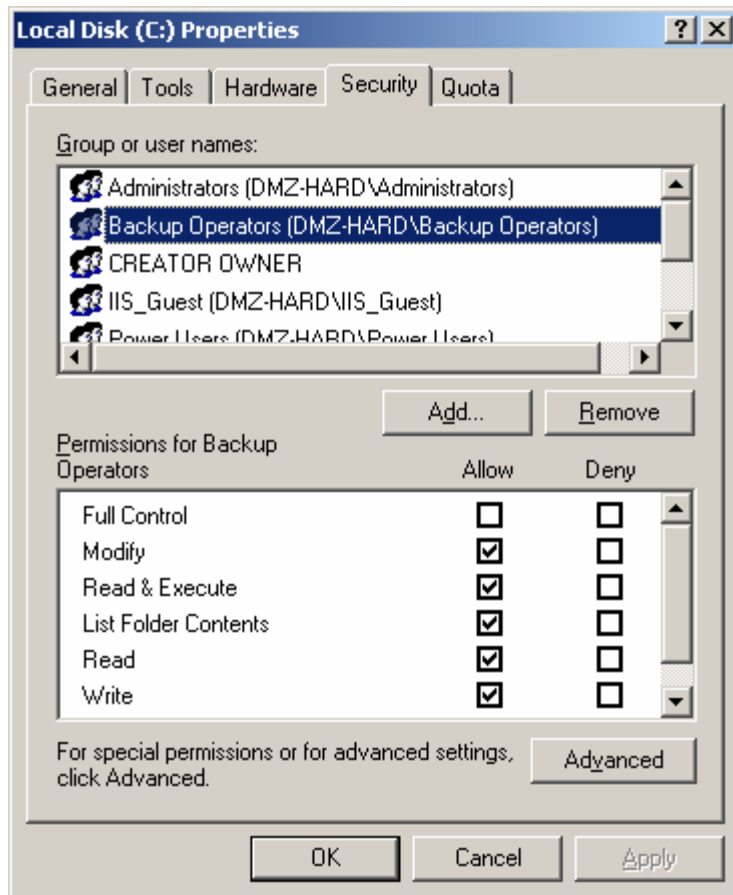
When the formatting is complete, you can close the **Computer Management** window.

Step 8.13 – Double click on the My Computer icon, Right click on the **C:** drive and select **Sharing and Security**

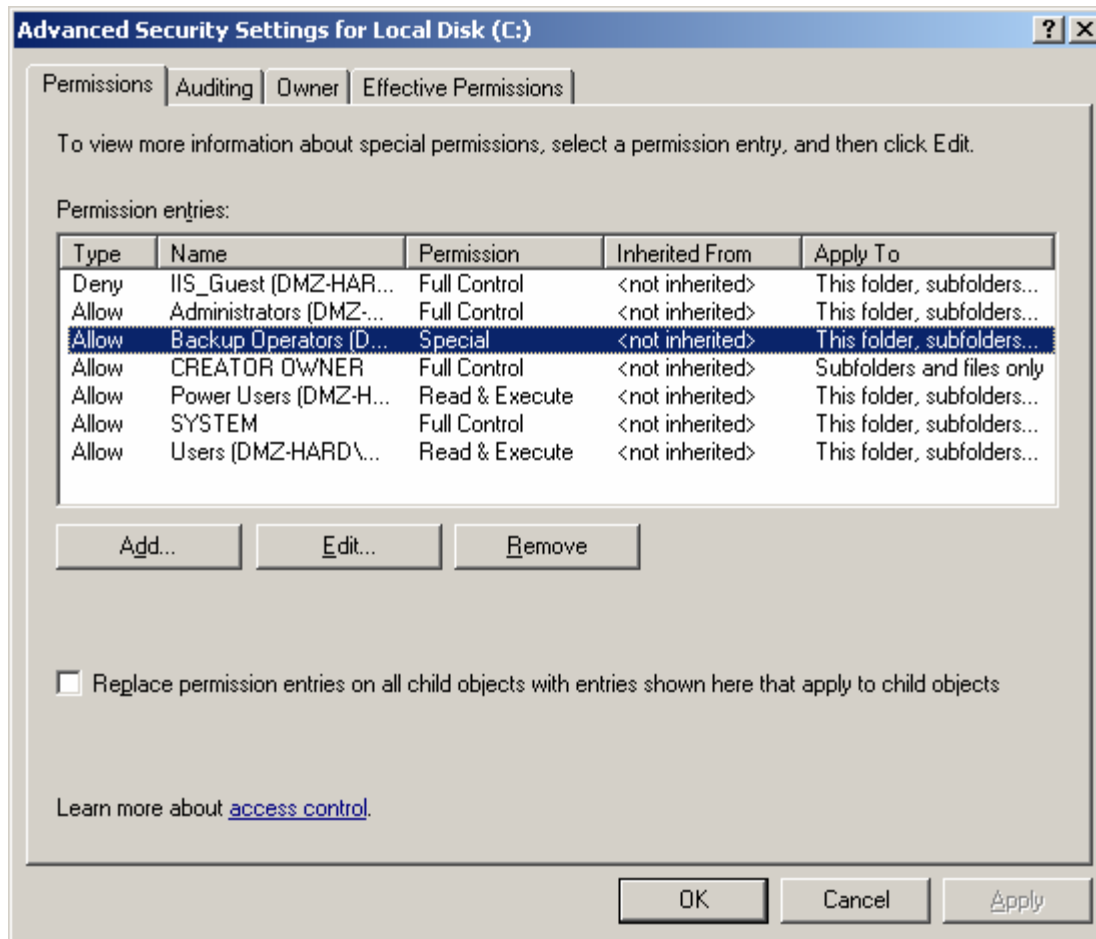
Click on the **Security** Tab

Step 8.14 – Remove the **Everyone** Group

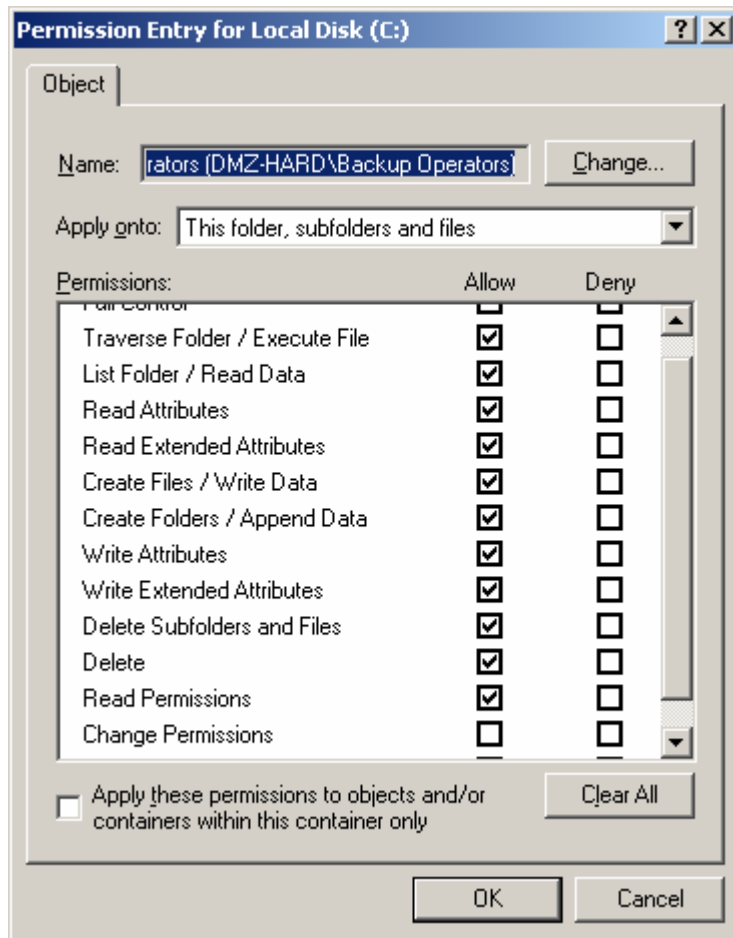
Step 8.15 – Click on **Add** and add the **Backup Operators** Group and give them permissions for **Modify**.



Step 8.16 – Click on the **Advanced** button and highlight the **Backup Operators** group that you just added.

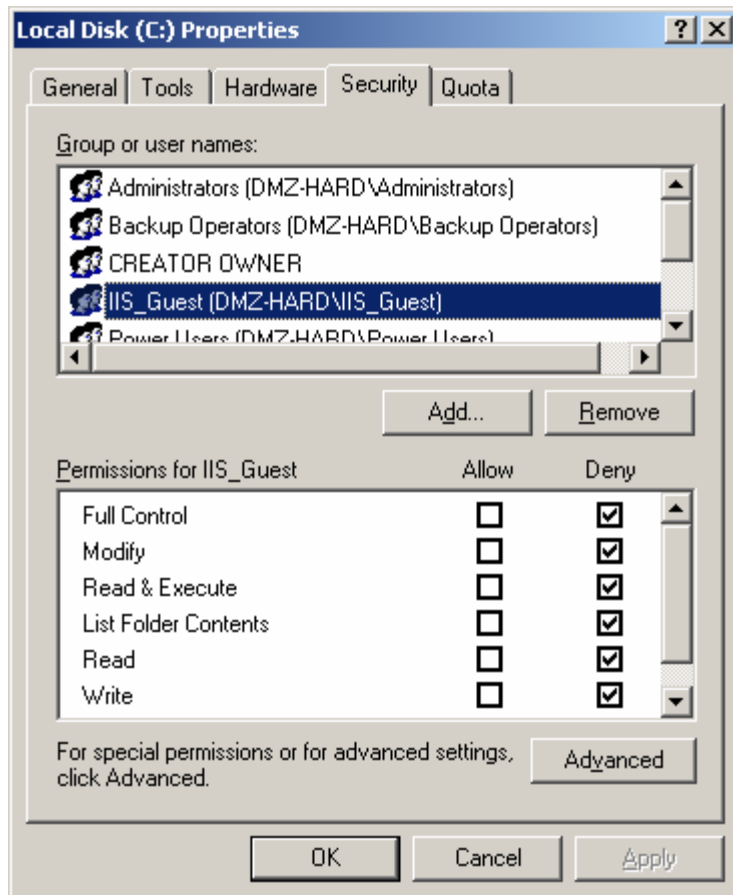


Step 8.17 – Click on the **Edit** button and ensure that the Backup Operators group has permissions for everything **EXCEPT: Full Control, Change Permissions and Take Control**



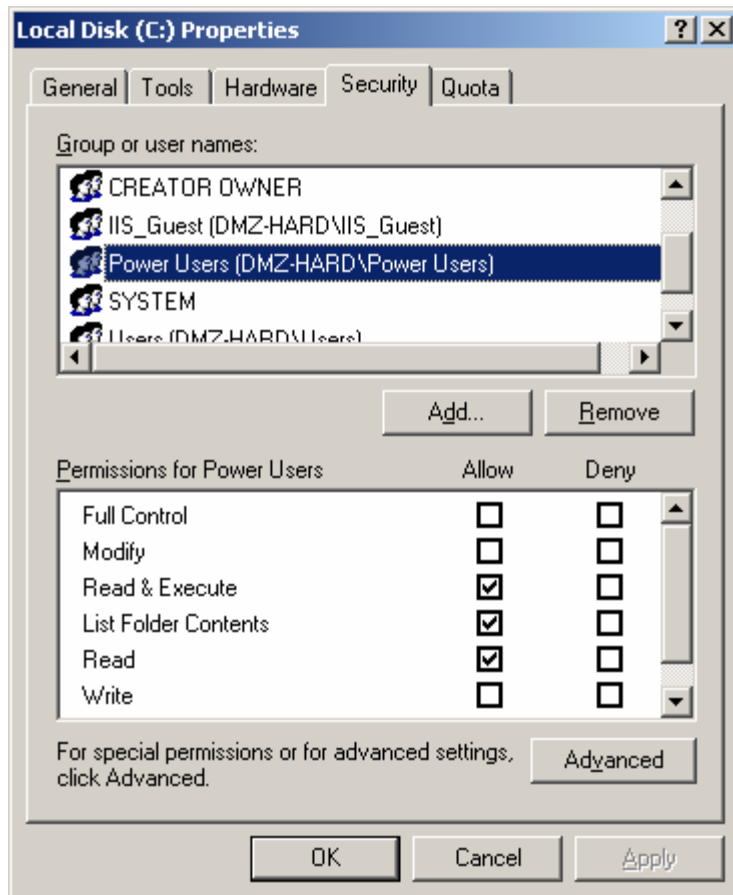
Click **OK** when done.

Step 8.18 – Click on the **Add** button and add the **IIS_Guest** Group.

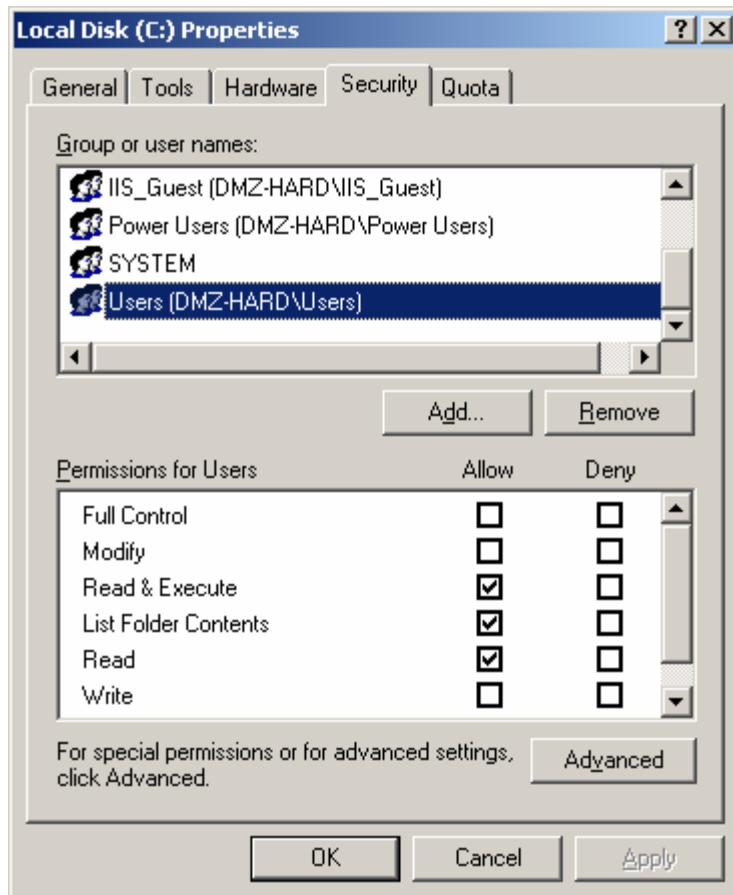


Step 8.19 – Click on the **Deny** checkbox for **Full Control**.

Step 8.20 – Click on the **Add** button and add the **Power Users** Group.



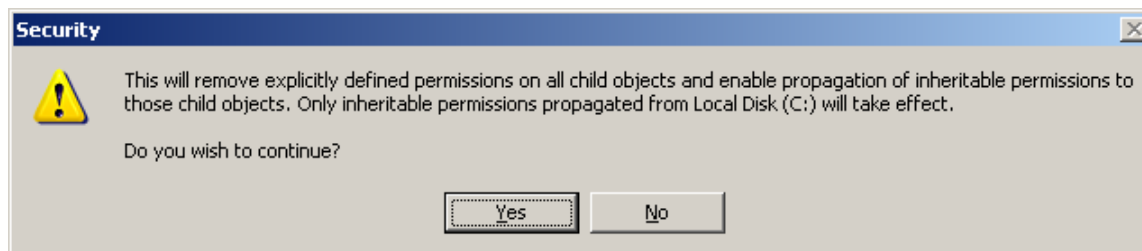
Step 8.21 – Ensure that the **Users** Group has permissions for **Read & Execute**, **List Folder Contents** and **Read** only.



Step 8.22 – IMPORTANT!! Click the Advanced button and place a check mark in the box labeled **Replace permission entries on all child objects with entries shown here that apply to child objects.**

Step 8.23 – Click **OK** to apply the new permissions.

A security warning should pop up that looks like this:



Step 8.24 – Click **Yes** to continue.

Right before completion, you will receive an Error Warning box:

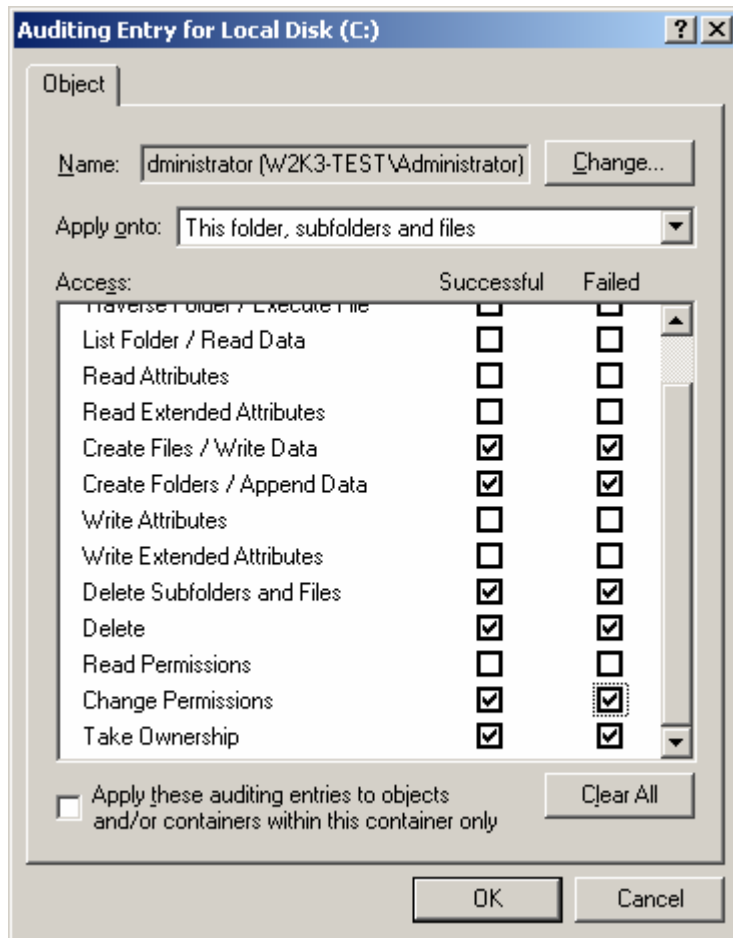


Step 8.25 – Click **Continue** to proceed.

Step 8.26 – Click on the **Advanced** button again and go to the **Auditing** Tab.

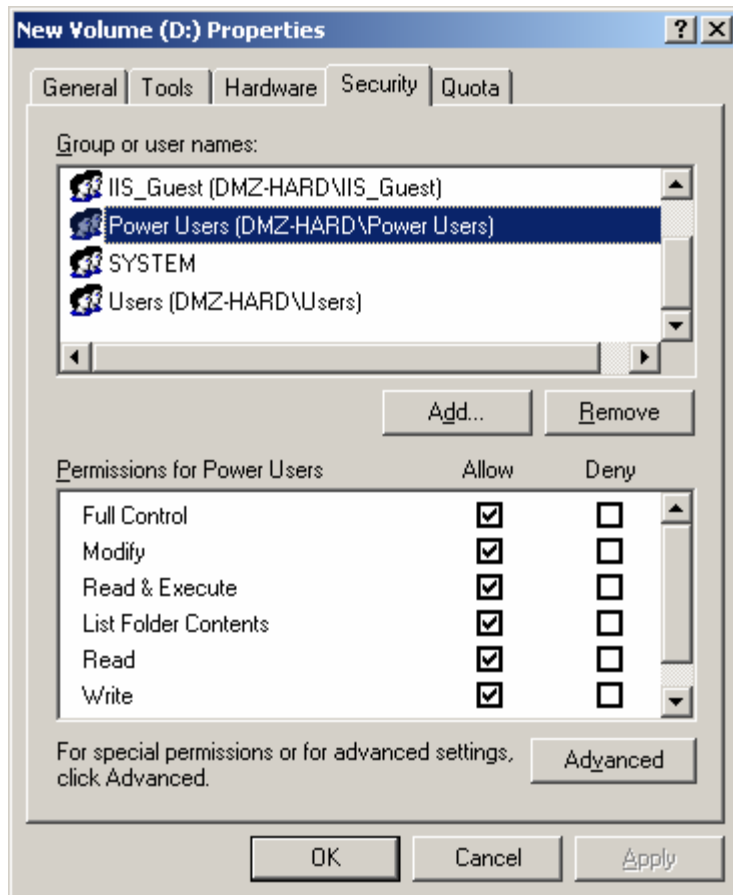
Step 8.27 – Click the **Add** button and add the **Administrators Group** and place a checkmark in the boxes for each of the following:

- **Create Files/Write Data**
- **Create Folders/Append Data**
- **Delete Subfolders and Files**
- **Delete**
- **Change Permissions**
- **Take Ownership**



Step 8.28 – Repeat steps (8.26 - 8.27) for the **Power Users** Group and the **Backup Operators** Group.

Step 8.29 – For the **E:** partition, repeat the above steps (8.14 - 8.27) with the exception of the following permissions:



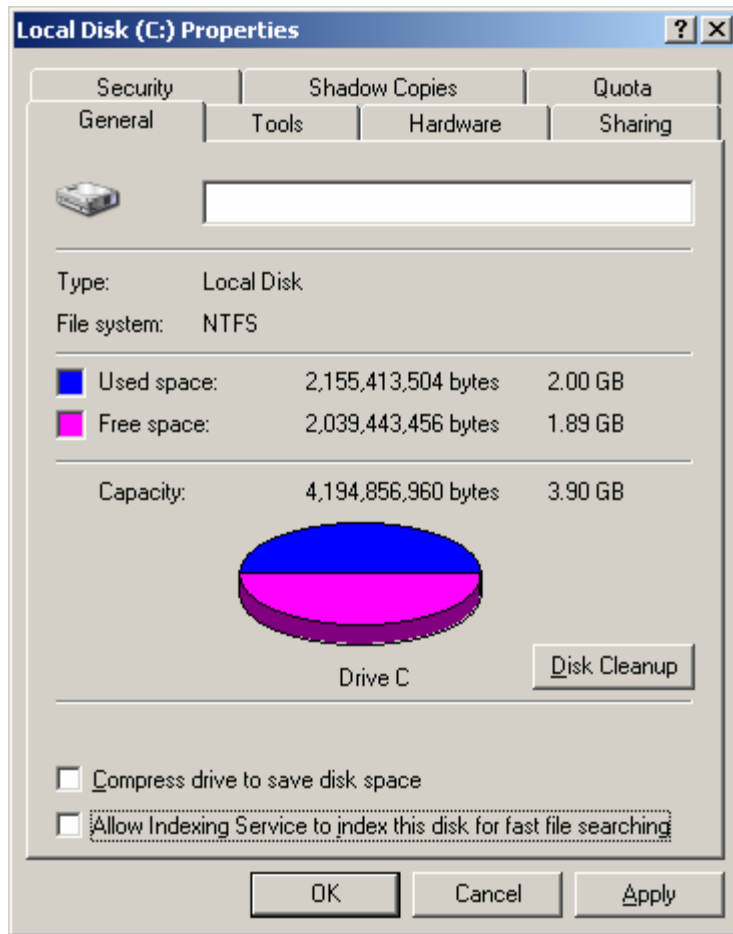
Give the **Power Users** group, full access to this partition.

Step 8.30 – Repeat the above steps (8.14 – 8.27) for all additional disk partitions.

Step 8.31 – Click **Apply** then click **OK**

Step 9.0 – Turn off Indexing on all Volumes

Step 9.1 – Under the **General** Tab, uncheck the box marked **Allow Indexing Service to index this disk for fast file searching**



Click **OK**

A confirmation box reading **Confirm Attribute Changes** will pop-up.

Step 9.2 – Choose **Apply changes to C:\, subfolders and files**.

Step 9.3 – Repeat this procedure for all other hard drive partitions.

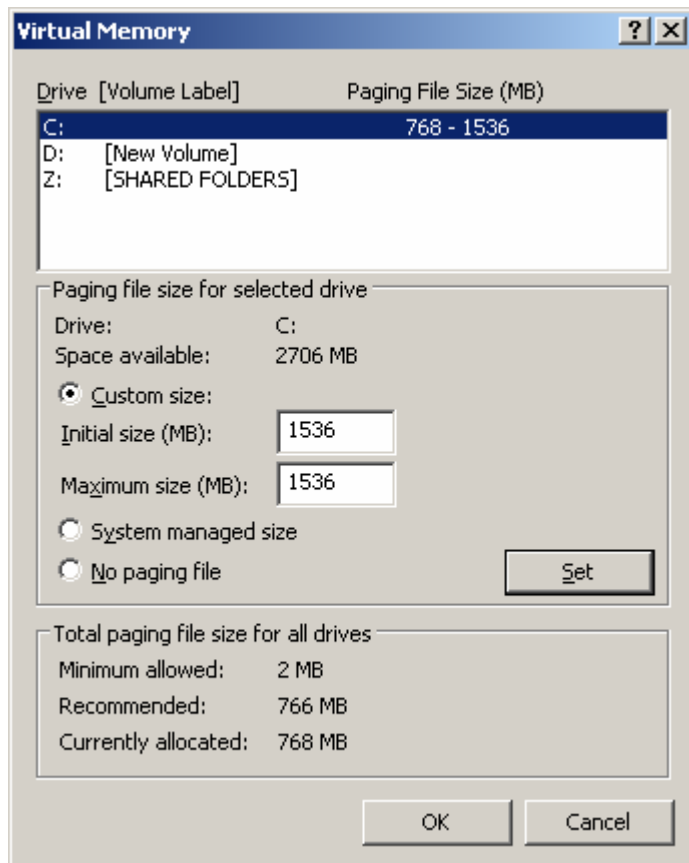
Step 10.0 – Virtual Memory Settings

Step 10.1 – Right mouse click on the **My Computer** icon and choose **Properties** and go to the **Advanced** Tab.

Step 10.2 – Under the **Performance** subsection, choose **Settings** and then click on the **Advanced** Tab.

Step 10.3 – Under the **Virtual Memory** subsection, choose **Change**.

Step 10.4 – Under the **Paging file size for selected drive**, ensure that **Custom size:** is selected and set the Initial and Maximum size to be the same (use the Maximum figure as the value).



Step 10.5 – Click the **Set** button.

Step 10.6 – Repeat these same steps (10.1-10.5) for all other volumes.

Step 10.7 – Click **OK** to get back to the System Properties window.

Step 11.0 – Installing the Anti-Virus Engine

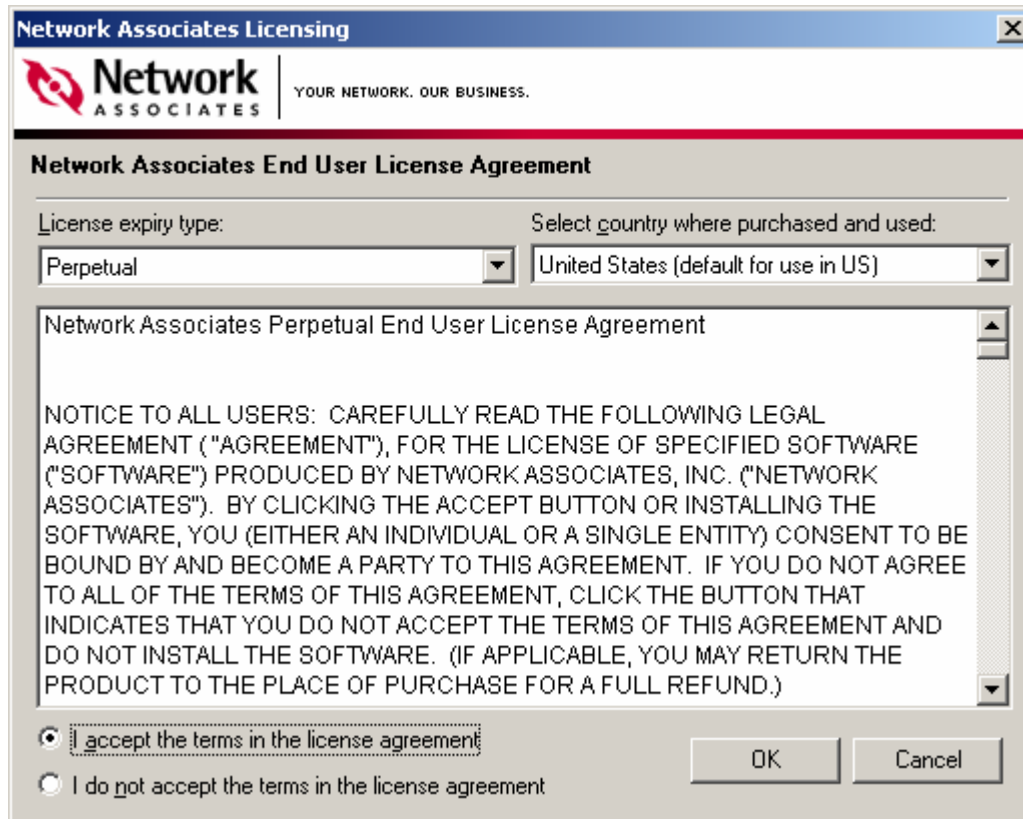
Step 11.1 – Download a Virus Scan Engine of your choice. We recommend McAfee and this guide details the installation of that.

Step 11.2 – Create a folder and extract the Virus Scan Engine into it.

Step 11.3 – Go to the folder that you extracted the file to and double click on **vse700.msi**



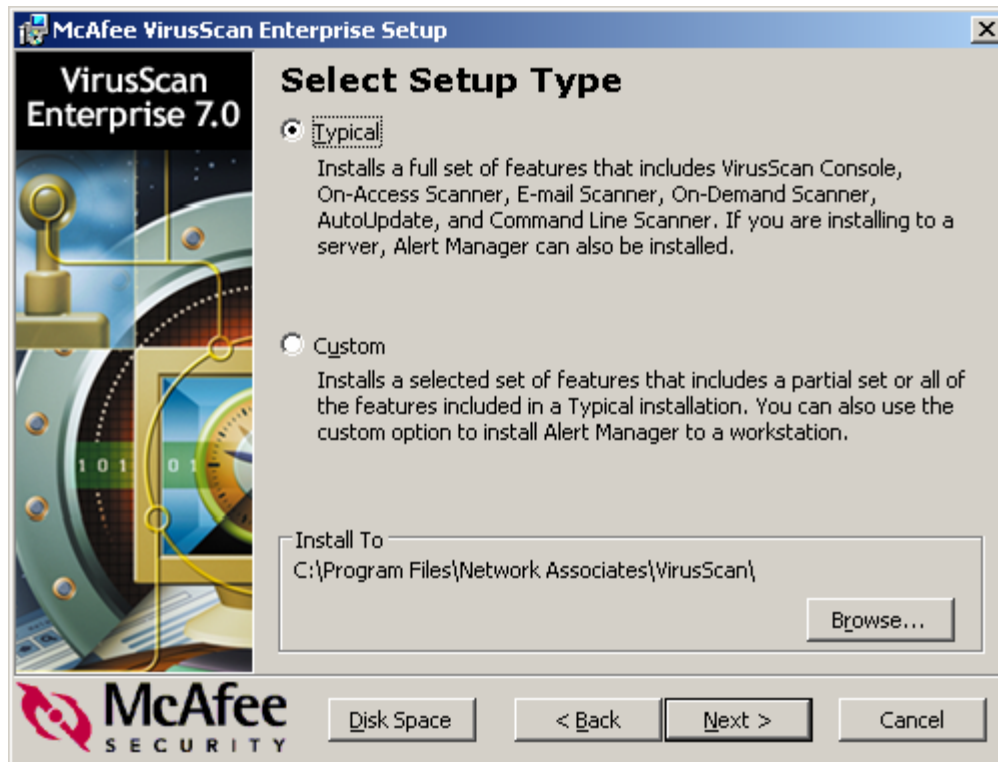
Click **Next**



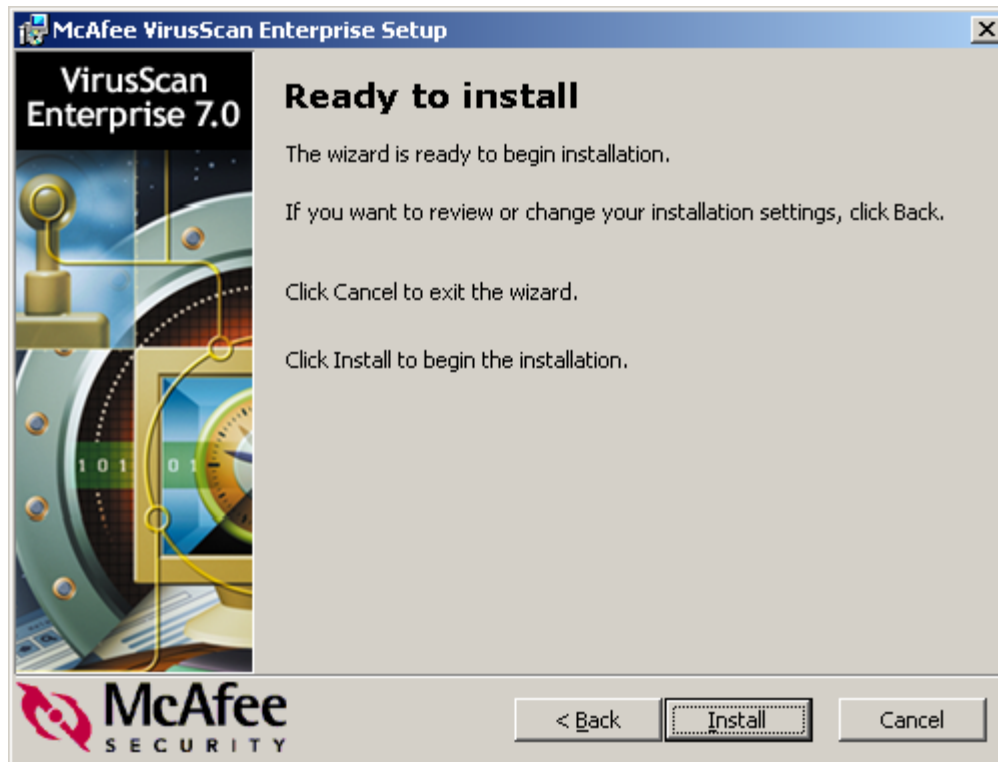
Step 11.4 – Change the License expiry type to: **Perpetual**

Step 11.5 – Click on **I accept the terms in the license agreement**

Click **OK**.



Click **Next**



Click **Install**

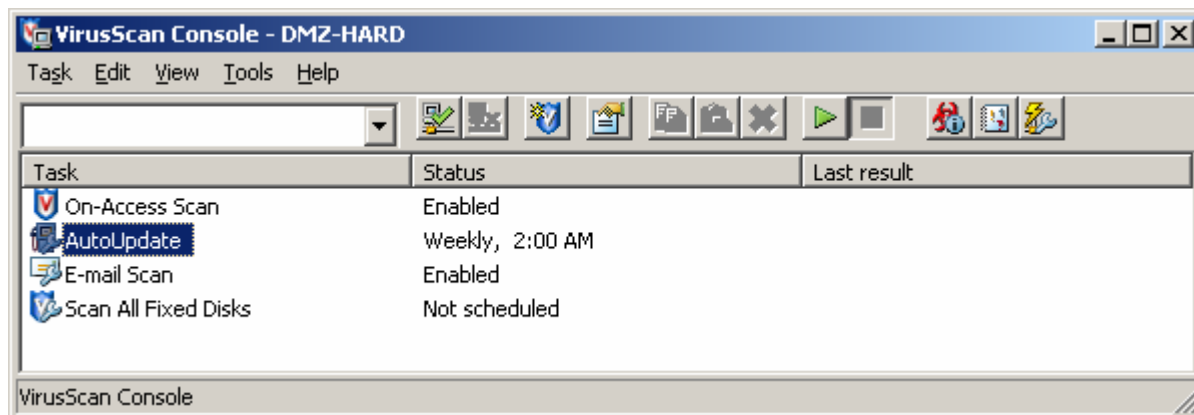
McAfee will now install the necessary drivers and files.



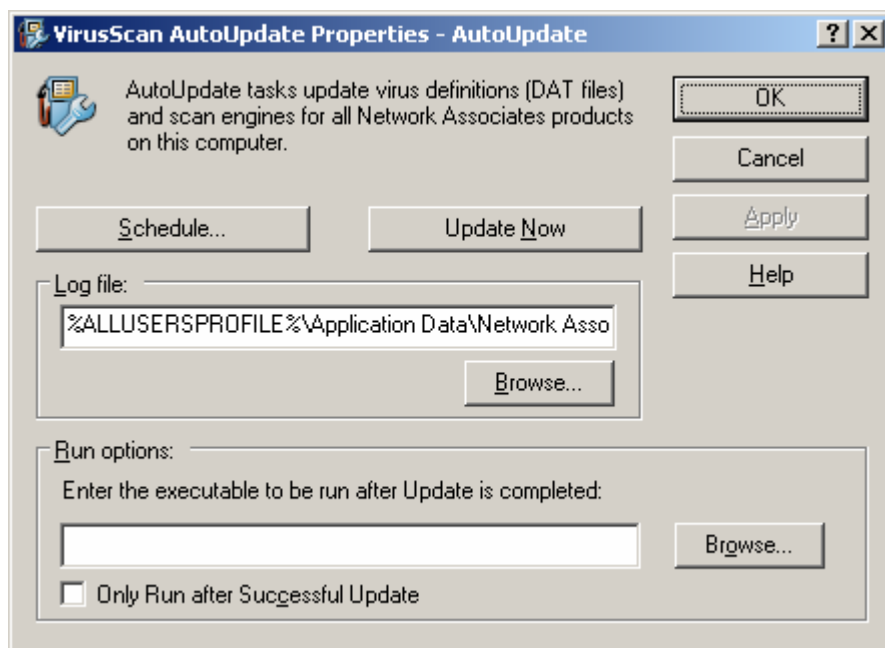
Step 11.6 – Uncheck **Update Now** and **Run On-Demand Scan**

Click **Finish**

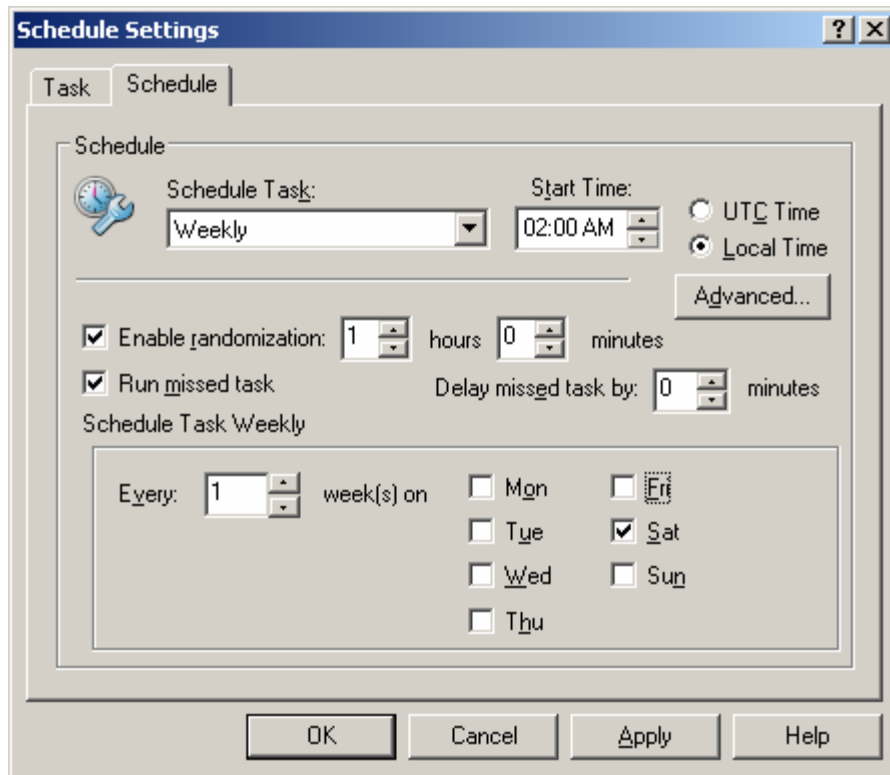
Step 11.7 – In the task bar, Right click on the McAfee Antivirus icon and choose **VirusScan Console**



Step 11.8 – Right click on Auto Update and select Properties

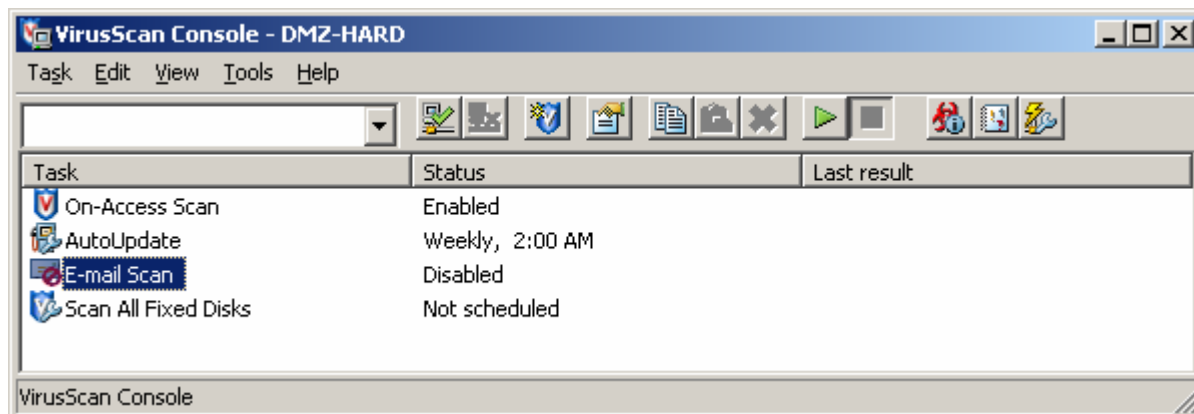


Step 11.9 – Click on the Schedule button



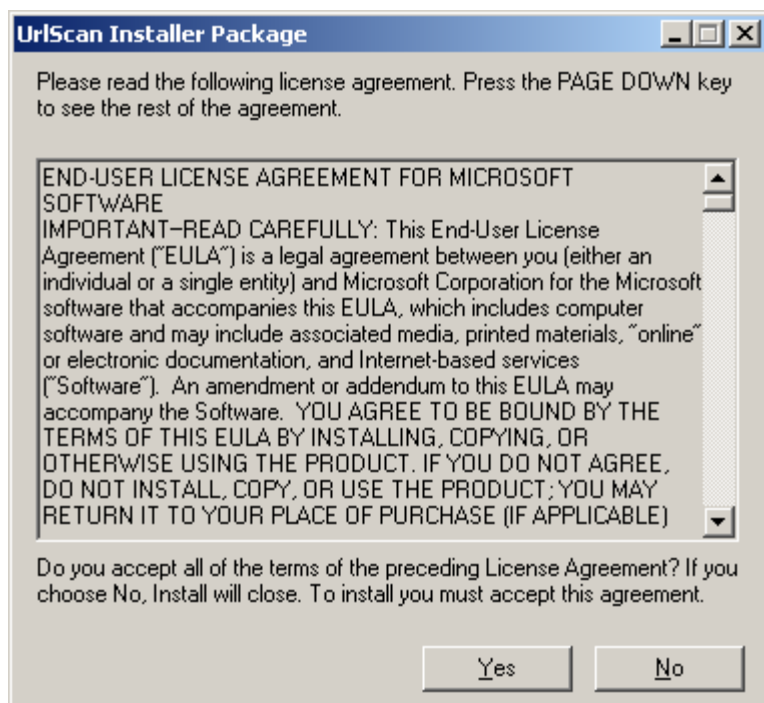
Step 11.10 – Under the **Schedule** Tab you should schedule the Anti-Virus Update according to your needs.

Click **Apply** then **OK**.



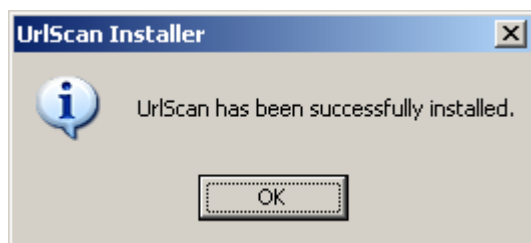
Step 12.0 - URL Scan Installation

Step 12.1 – Download and Double Click on the [URLScan 2.5 executable](#).



Step 12.2 – Click on **Yes** to accept the EULA.

URLScan will install and you will see the screen below when it is finished.



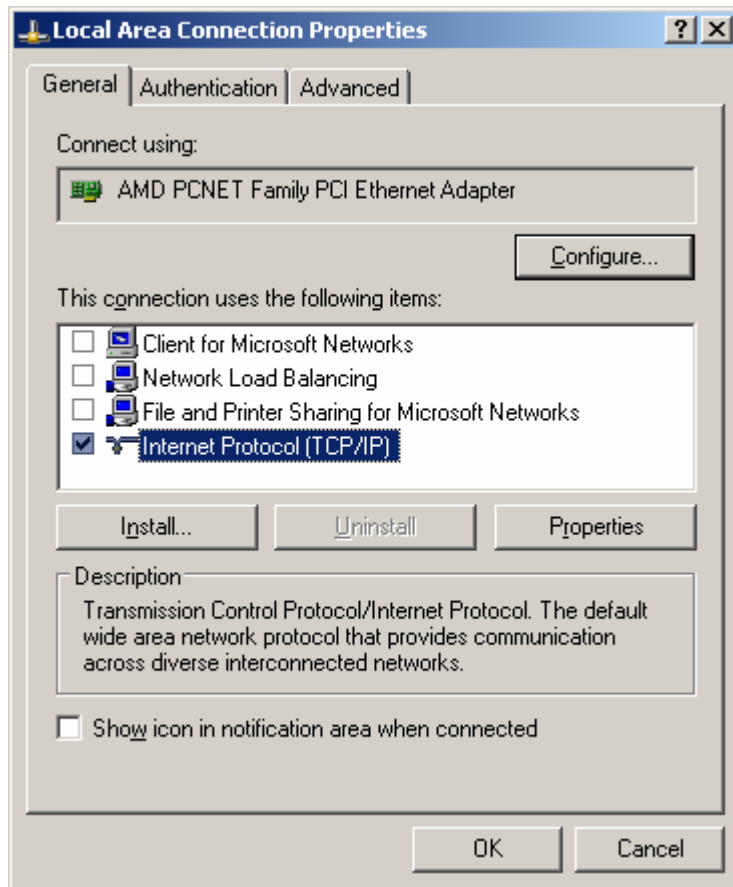
Click on **OK** to finish installation.

Step 13.0 – Disabling Protocols and Setting a Fixed IP for the Server.

Step 13.1 – Right click on **My Network Places** and choose **Properties**.

Step 13.2 – Right click on **Local Area Connection** and choose **Properties**. Choose the appropriate Local Area Connection and right click on it and choose **Properties**.

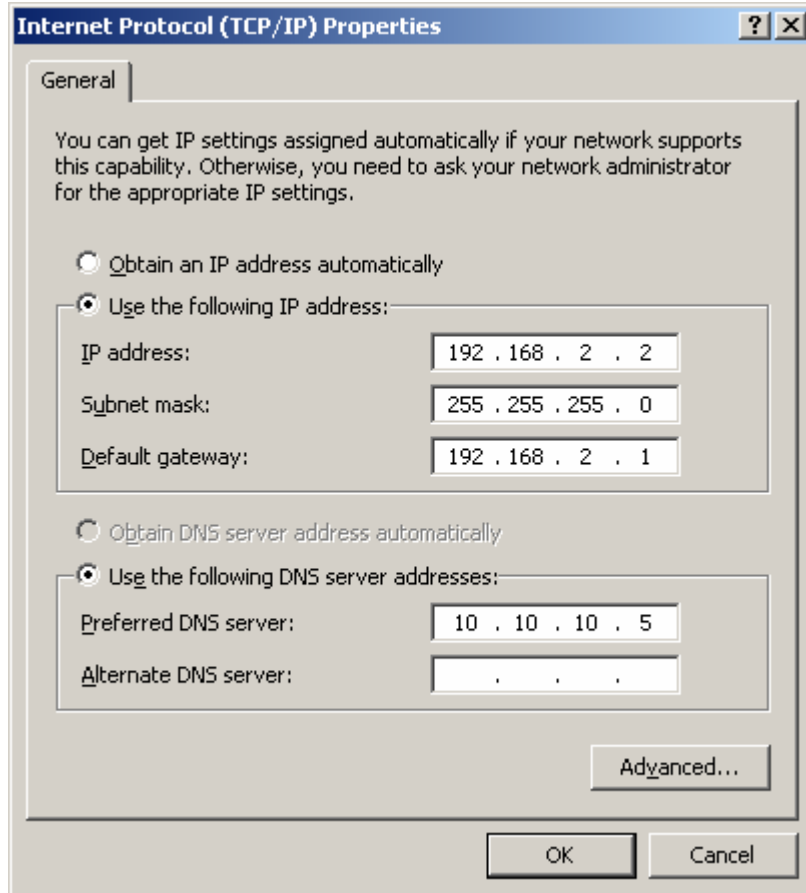
- Uncheck **Client for Microsoft Networks**
- Uncheck **File and Printer Sharing for Microsoft Networks**



Step 13.3 – Select **Internet Protocol (TCP/IP)** and click on the **Properties** button.

Step 13.4 – Choose **Use the Following IP Address** and input your static IP address, Subnet Mask and Default Gateway.

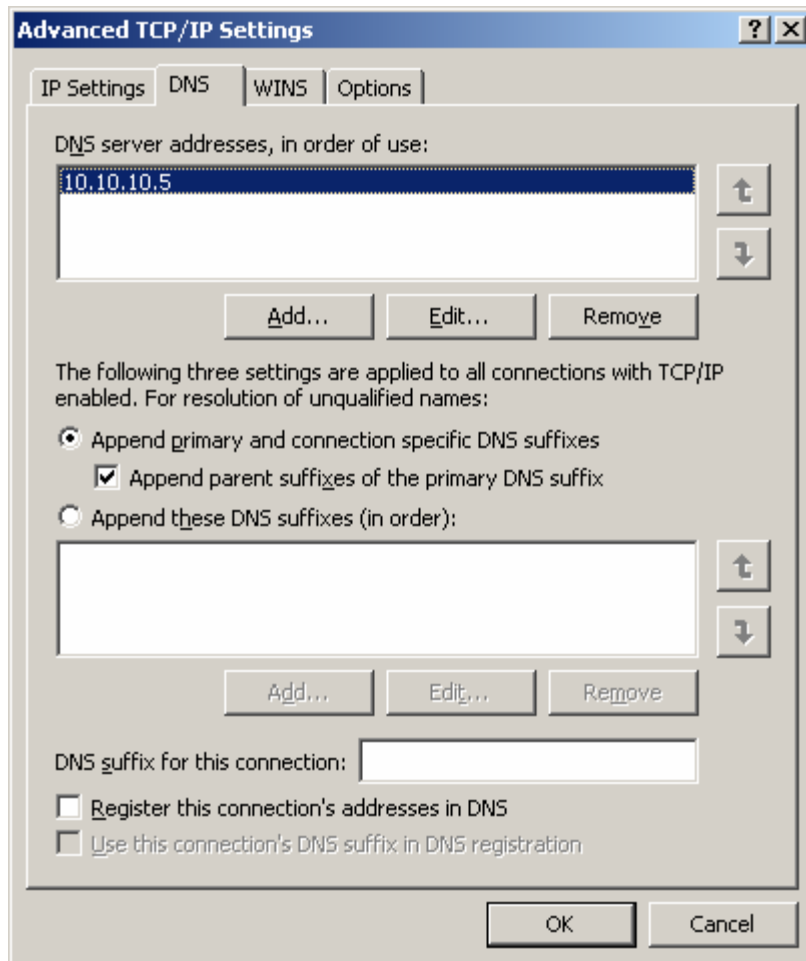
Step 13.5 – Choose **Use the following DNS Server Addresses** and input your DNS Addresses. (**NOTE: The addresses in the below example are for illustration purposes only.**)



Step 13.6 – Click on the **Advanced** button.

Under the **DNS** Tab

Step 13.7 – Uncheck **Register this connection's address in DNS**.

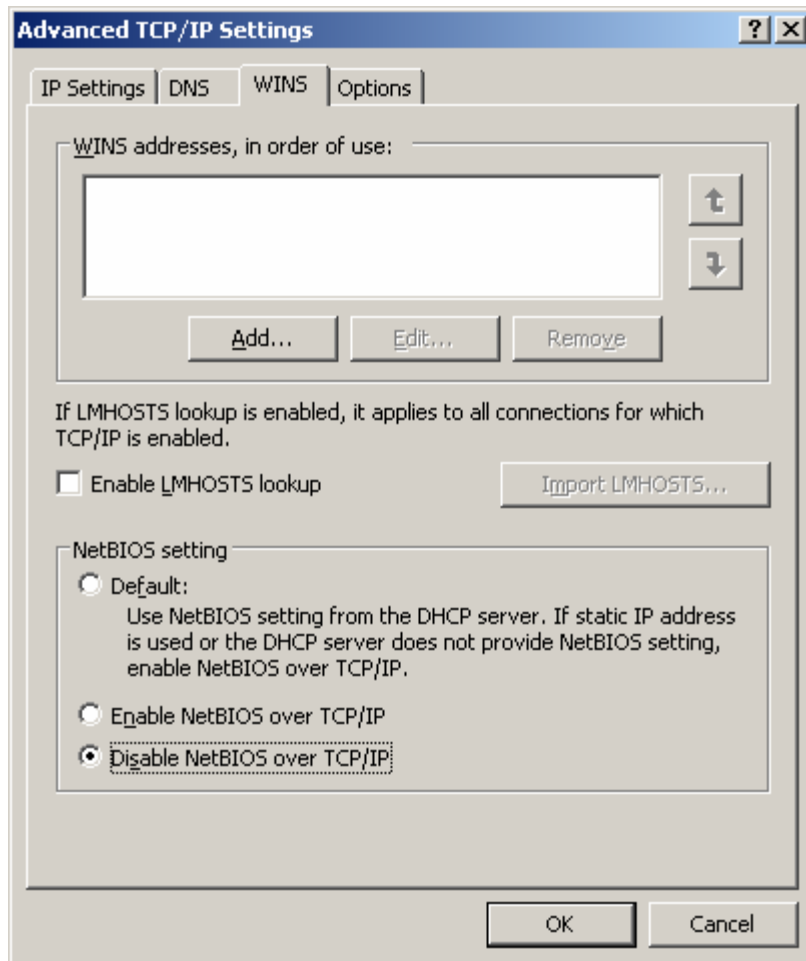


Under the **WINS** Tab

Step 13.8 – Remove any WINS entries if they exist.

Step 13.9 – Uncheck **Enable LMHOSTS** lookup

Step 13.10 – Choose **Disable NetBIOS over TCP/IP**



Under the **Options** Tab

Step 13.11 – Choose **TCP/IP Filtering** and click on the **Properties** button

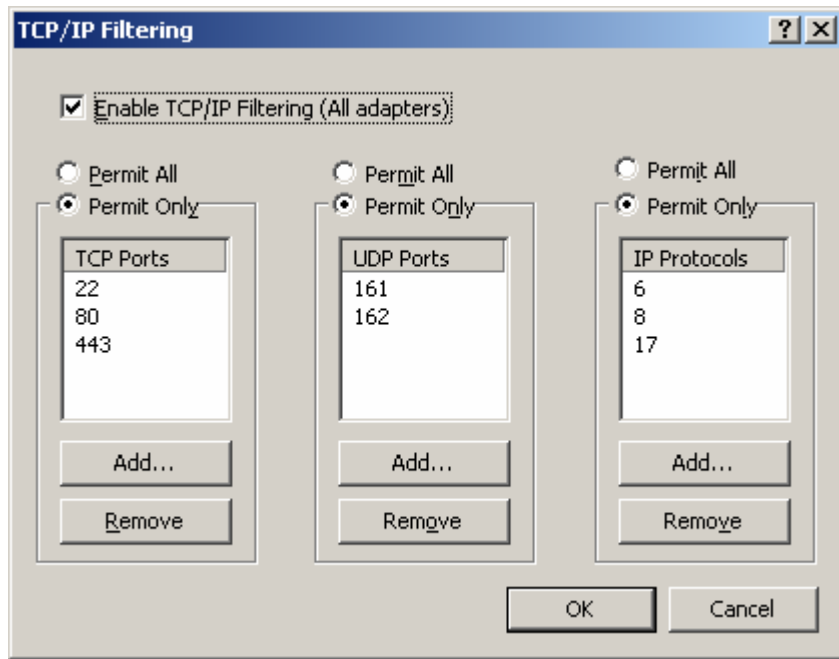
Step 13.12 – Click on **Enable TCP/IP Filtering (All adapters)**

Step 13.13 – Change the Permit All radio buttons to **Permit Only**

Step 13.14 – Add **ONLY** the explicitly needed ports and protocols.

TCP Port	UDP Port	IP Protocol
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22 – SSH	161 – SNMP	6 – TCP
80 – HTTP	162- SNMP Trap	8 – ICMP
443 – HTTPS		17 – UDP



Click **OK** to apply the filters.

Click **OK** to return to Internet Protocol (TCP/IP) Properties

Click **OK** to finalize all configurations.

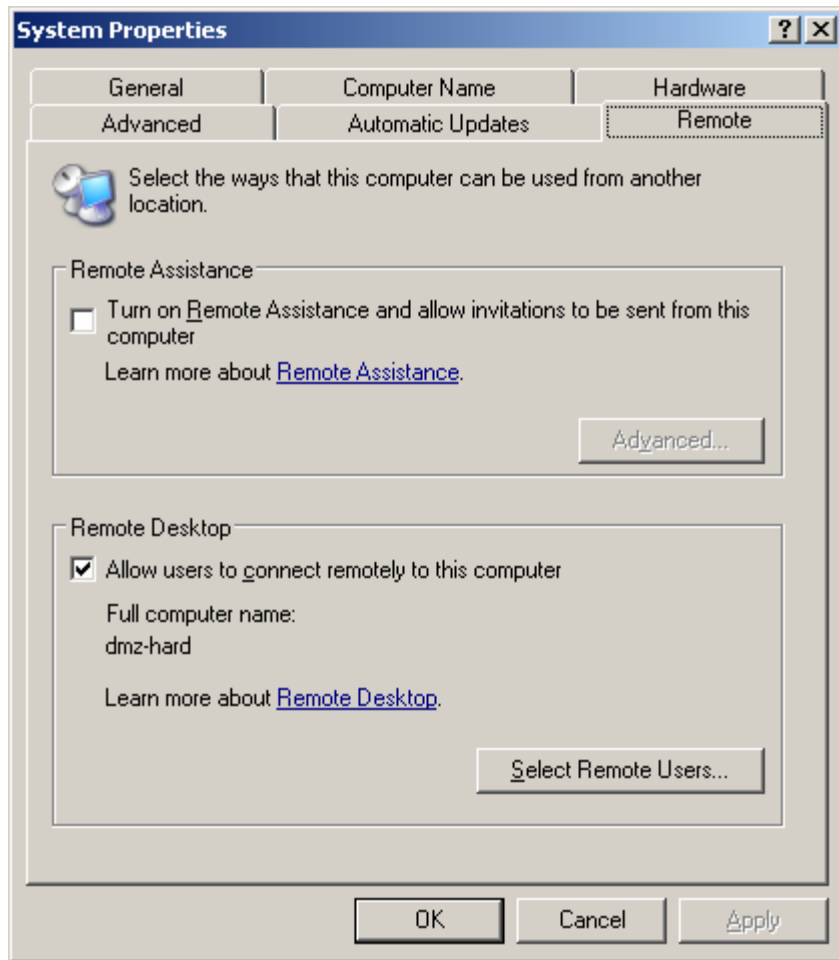
Click **Close** to close the Local Area Connection Properties.

Step 13.15 – Select **Yes** when prompted to reboot.

Step 14.0 – Turn on Remote Control

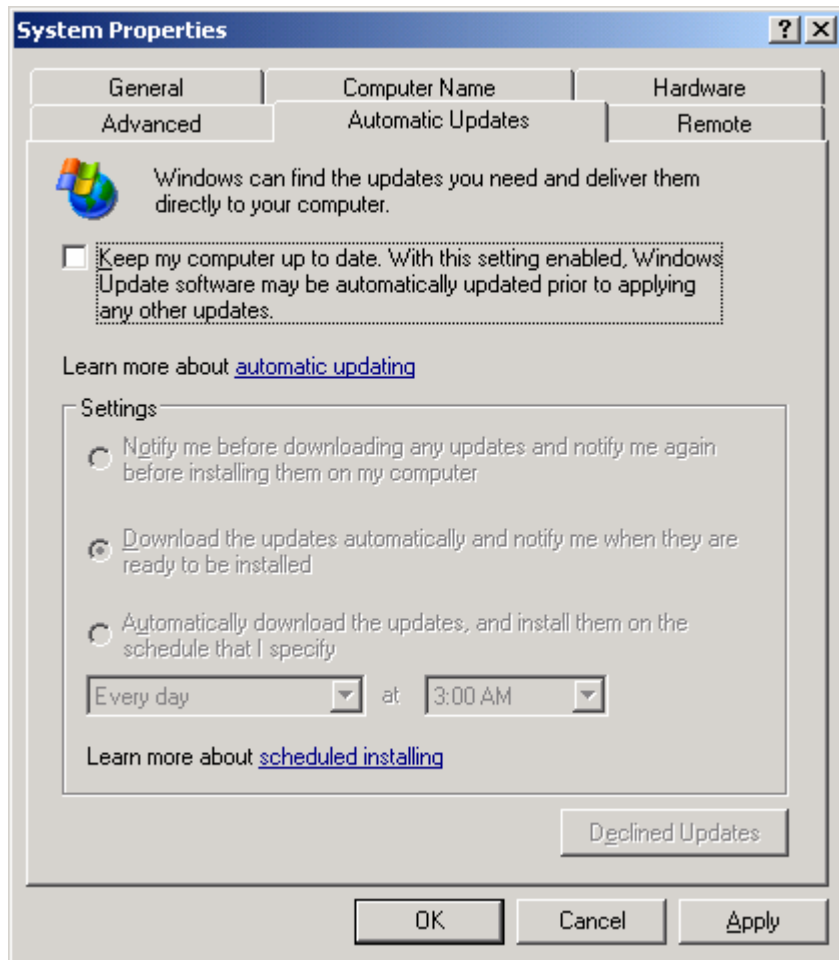
Step 14.1 – Right Click on **My Computer** > **Properties** > **Remote**

Step 14.2 – Under the Remote Desktop subsection, place a checkmark in the box.



Step 15.0 – Turn off Automatic Upgrades

Step 15.1 – Right Click on My Computer > Properties > Automatic Updates



Step 15.2 – Uncheck the **Keep my computer up to date** box.

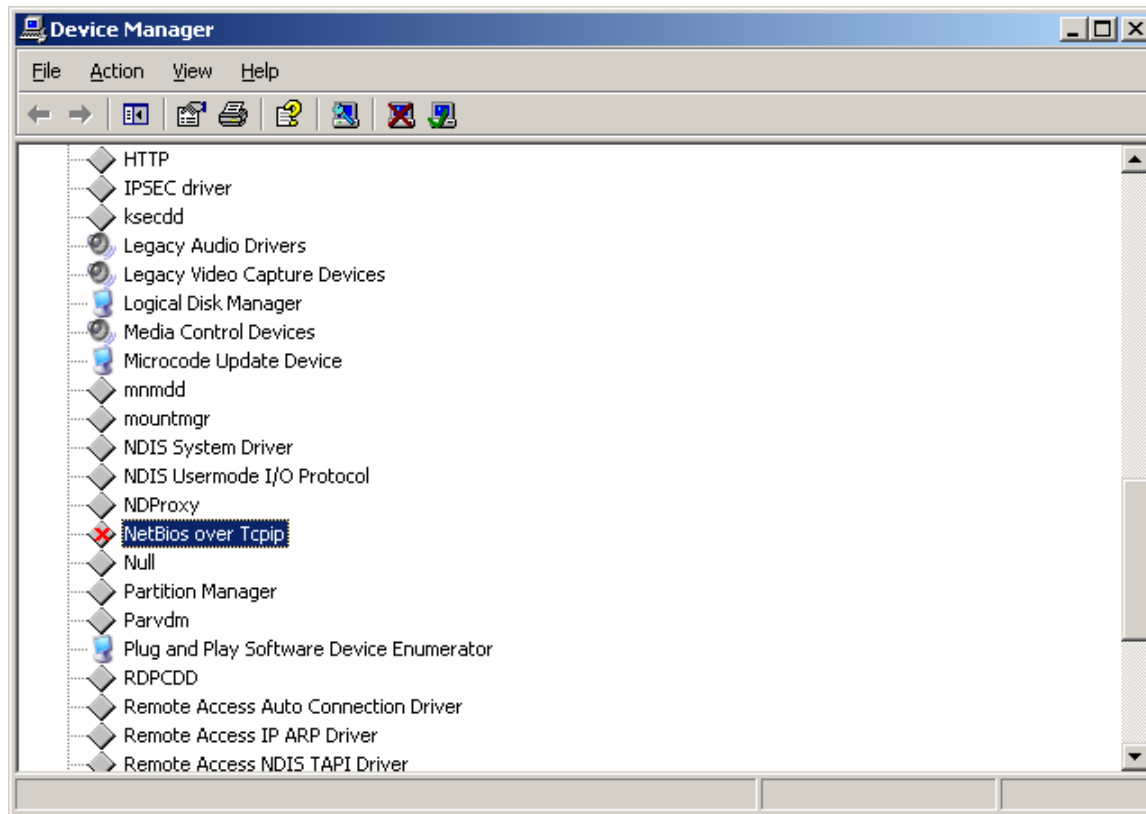
Step 16.0 - Disable NetBIOS over TCP/IP

Step 16.1 – Click on **Hardware** Tab > **Device Manager** box.

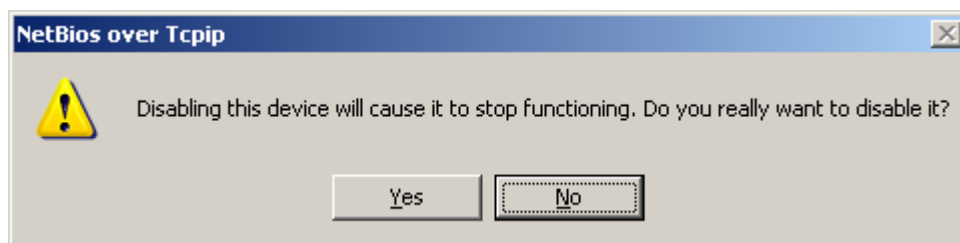
Step 16.2 – Click on **View** > **Show Hidden Devices**

Step 16.3 – Click on **View** > **Devices by Connection**

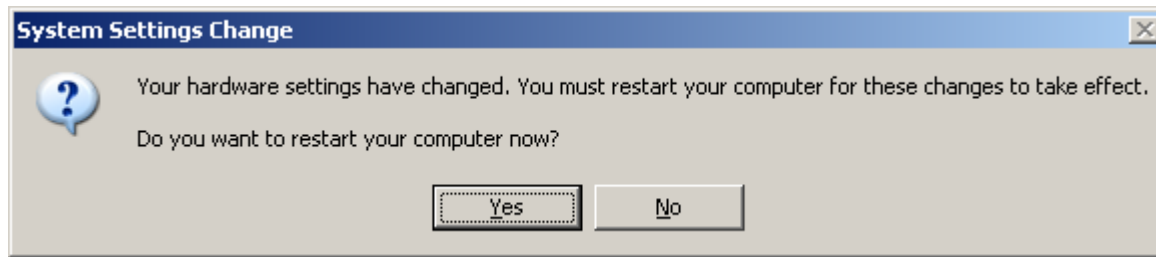
Step 16.4 – Right click on **NetBios over Tcpi** > **Properties** > **Disable**



A pop up window should open that looks like this:



Choose **Yes**

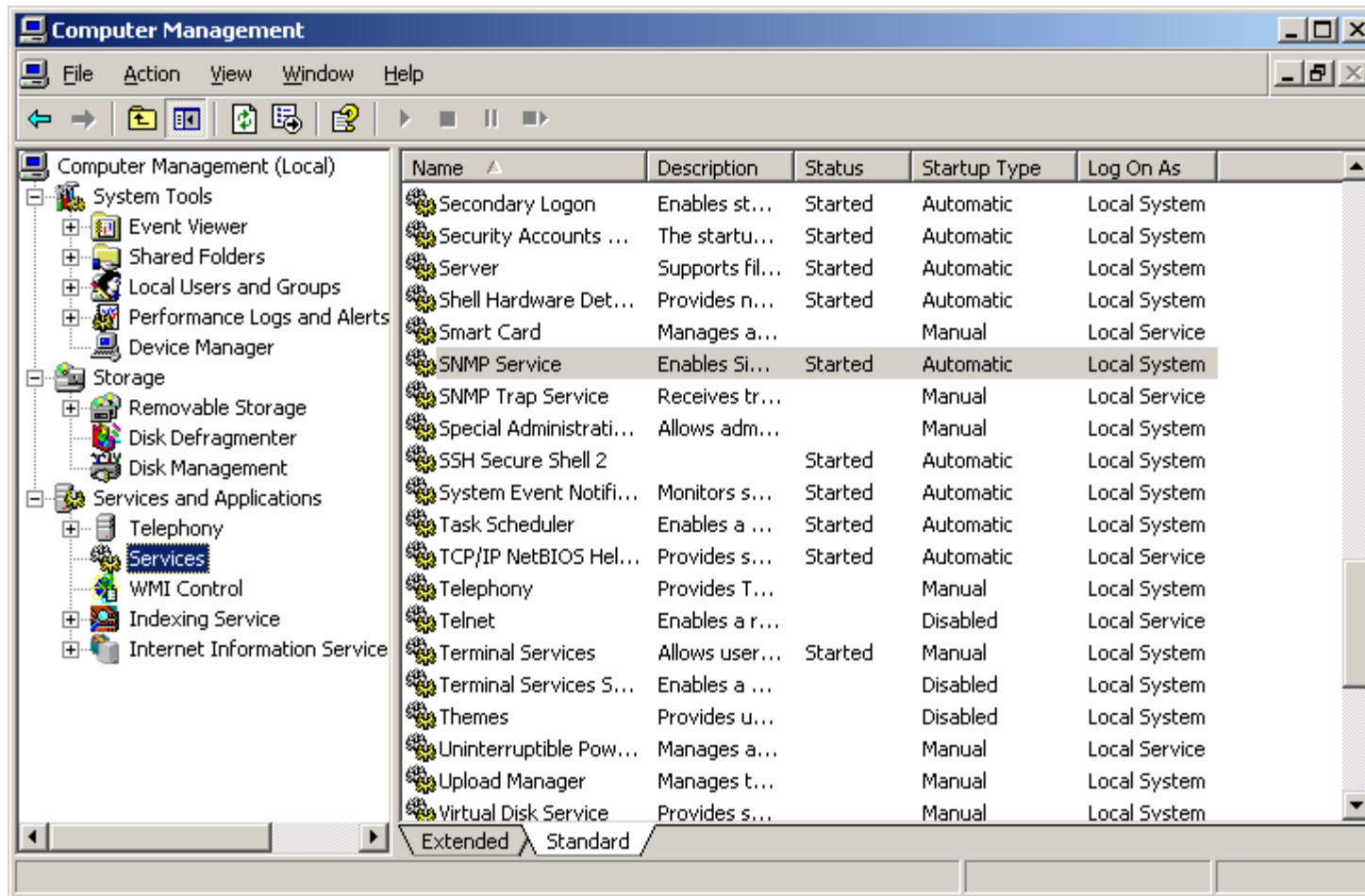


Choose **Yes** when prompted to reboot.

Step 17.0 - SNMP Community String

Step 17.1 – Right Click on **My Computer** > **Manage**

Step 17.2 – Under **Services and Applications**, select **Services**



Step 17.3 – Scroll Down and right click on **SNMP Service** and select **Properties**

Under the **Security** Tab

Step 17.4 – Ensure that **Send authentication trap** is selected.

Step 17.5 – Click **Add**

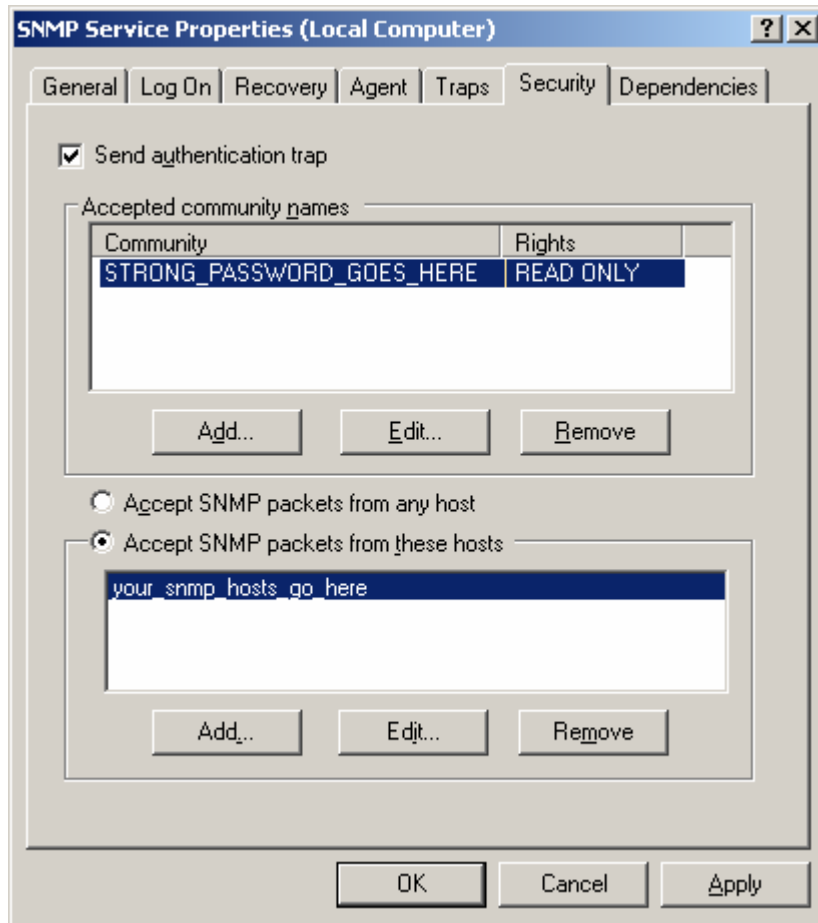


Step 17.6 – Select **READ ONLY** for Community Rights

Step 17.7 – For Community Name (aka Community String), choose a strong password and type it into the box. This community string (password) will need to be provided to anyone requesting SNMP access to this machine.

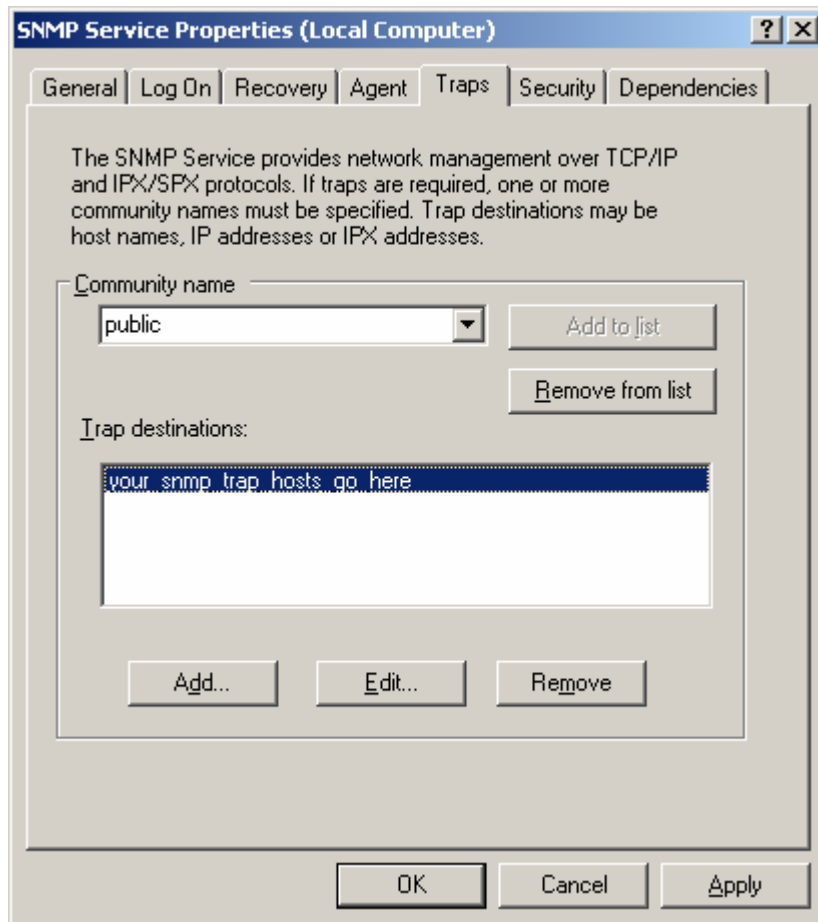
Step 17.8 – Choose **Accept SNMP packets from these hosts**.

Step 17.9 – Click **Add** and add the addresses from your SNMP network



Step 17.10 – Click on the **Traps** Tab and in the Community Name white-space, type: **public**

Step 17.11 – Click on the **Add** button and add the addresses of your trap destinations



Step 17.12 – Click **Apply** then click **OK** to exit.

Step 17.13 – Close the Computer Management window.

Step 18.0 – Setup the IPSec Policy

Step 18.1 – Download the [IPSec Policy](#) File.

Step 18.2 – Review the file and remove any IPSec filters that you do not explicitly need.

By default, the following services are configured in the IPSec Policy file:

IIS 6.0 DMZ Server IPsec Network Traffic Map							
Service	Protocol	Source Port	Destination Port	Source Address	Destination Address	Action	Mirror
SSH	TCP	ANY	22	ANY	ME	ALLOW	YES
DNS	TCP	ANY	53	ANY	ME	ALLOW	YES
DNS	UDP	ANY	53	ANY	ME	ALLOW	YES
HTTP	TCP	ANY	80	ANY	ME	ALLOW	YES
SNMP	UDP	ANY	161	ANY	ME	ALLOW	YES
SNMP TRAP	UDP	ANY	162	ME	ANY	ALLOW	YES
HTTPS	TCP	ANY	443	ANY	ME	ALLOW	YES
SYSLOG	UDP	ANY	514	ANY	ME	ALLOW	YES
ICMP	ICMP	ANY	ANY	ANY	ME	ALLOW	YES
All Other Inbound Traffic	ANY	ANY	ANY	ANY	ME	BLOCK	YES

Step 18.3 – You can copy and paste the lines from the file into a command shell window to install the policy.

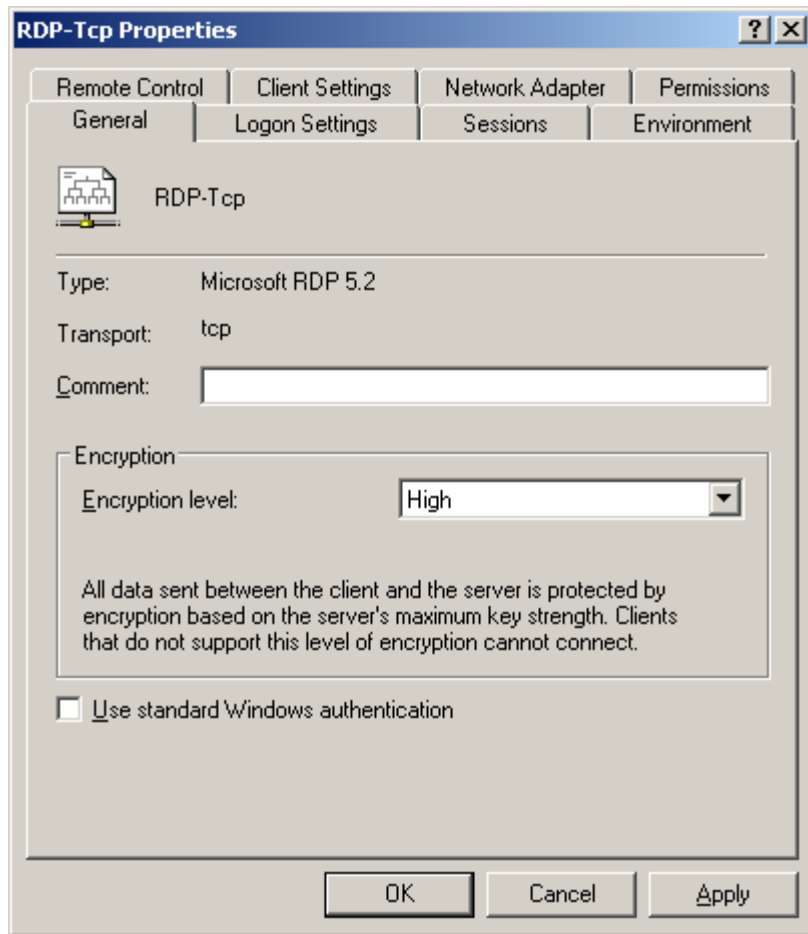
Step 19.0 - Configure Terminal Services

Step 19.1 – Go to **Start > Programs > Administrative Tools > Terminal Services Configuration (TSC)**.

Step 19.2 – Over in the right panel, right mouse click on **RDP-Tcp** and choose **Properties**.

Under the General Tab:

Step 19.3 – Change the Encryption Level to **High**.

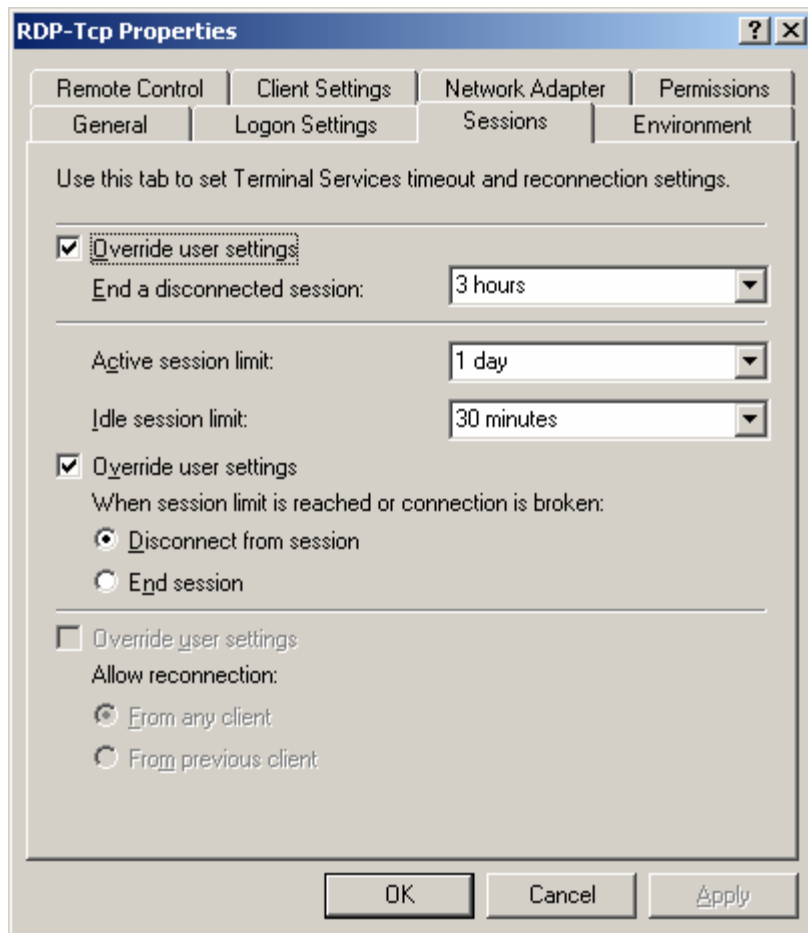


Under the **Sessions** Tab

Step 19.4 – Check the first **Override User Settings**, then choose:

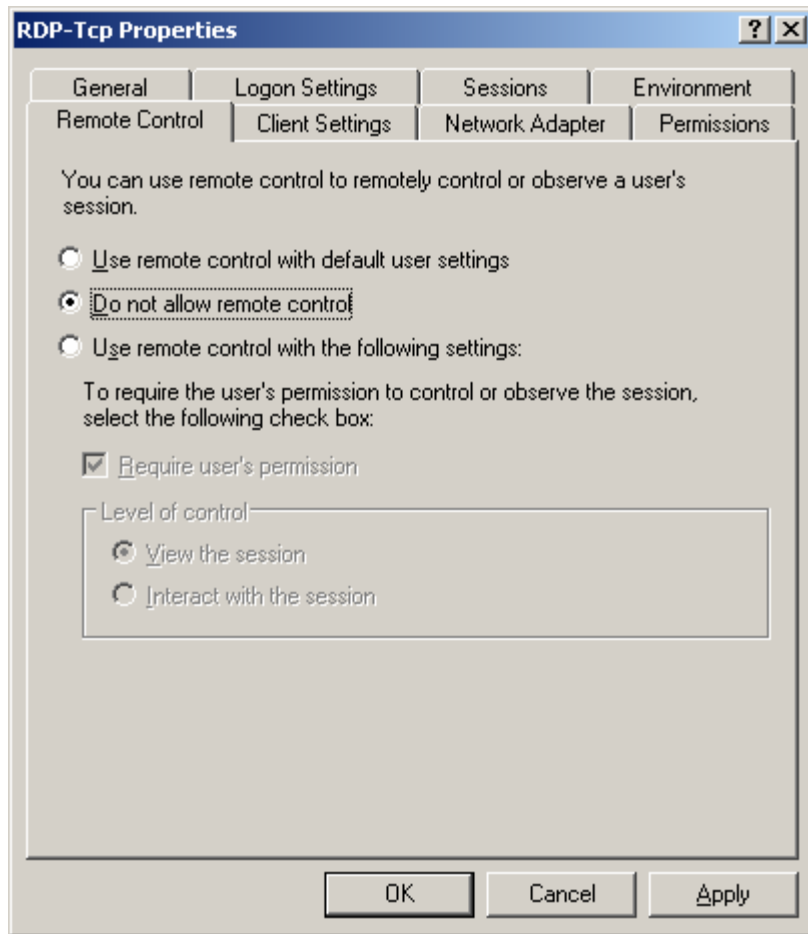
- **End a Disconnected Session:** 3 Hours
- **Active Session Limit:** 1 Day
- **Idle Session Limit:** 30 Minutes

Step 19.5 – Check the second **Override User Settings** and choose: **Disconnect from Session.**



Under the **Remote Control** Tab

Step 19.6 – Choose Do not allow remote control

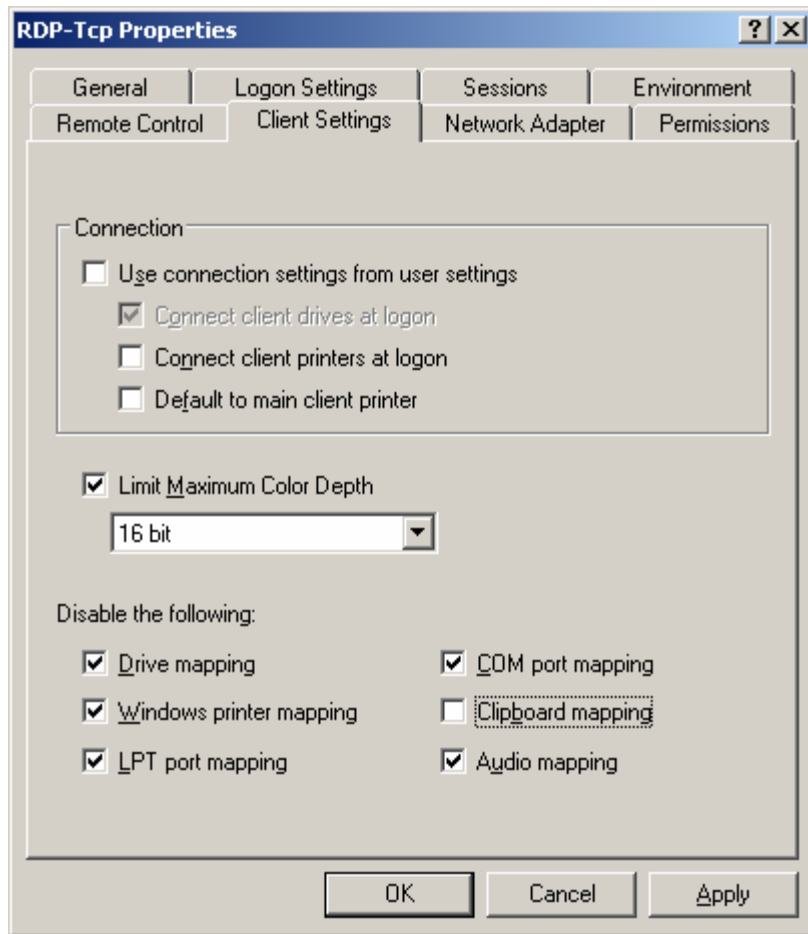


Under the Client Settings Tab:

- Uncheck **Use Connection Settings From User Settings**
- Uncheck **Connect Client Printers at Logon and Default to Main Client Printer**

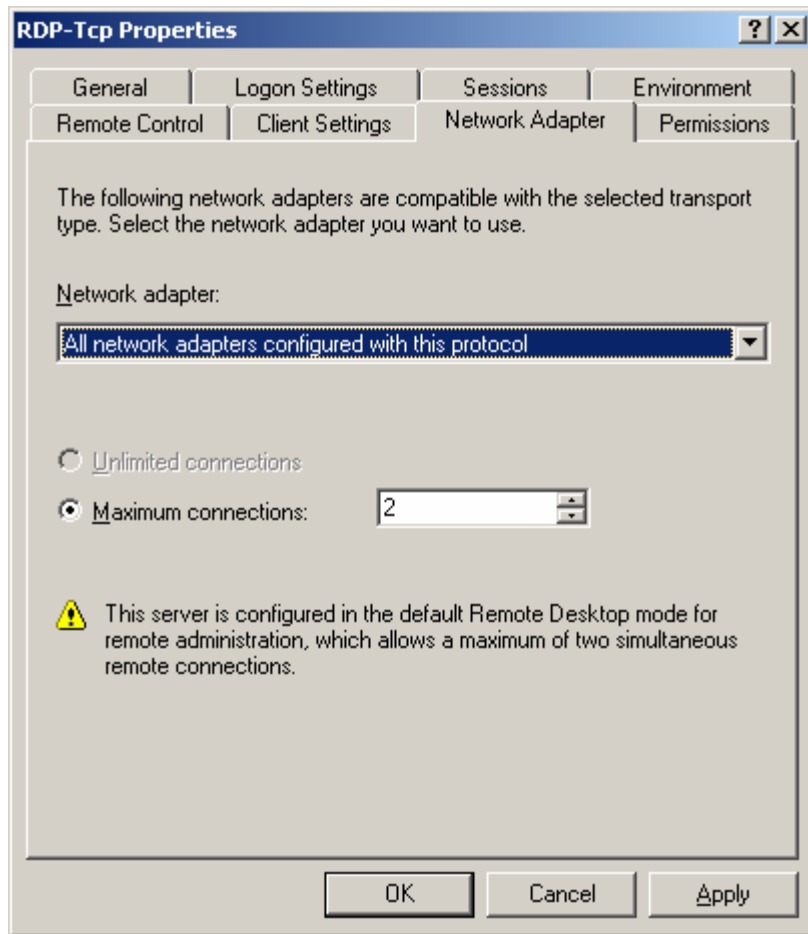
Under the Disable subsection:

Step 19.7 – Check all boxes except **Clipboard Mapping**.



Under the Network Adapter Tab:

Step 19.8 – Click on the **Maximum Connections** radio button and ensure the number is set to 2.



Step 19.9 – Click **Apply** and then close the window.

Step 20.0 - Set up Terminal Services to run over SSH

Step 20.1 – Open the SSH Secure Shell Client

Step 20.2 – Select the folder named **Profiles > Add Profile**

Step 20.3 – Give the Profile a Name and then click the **Add to Profiles** button.



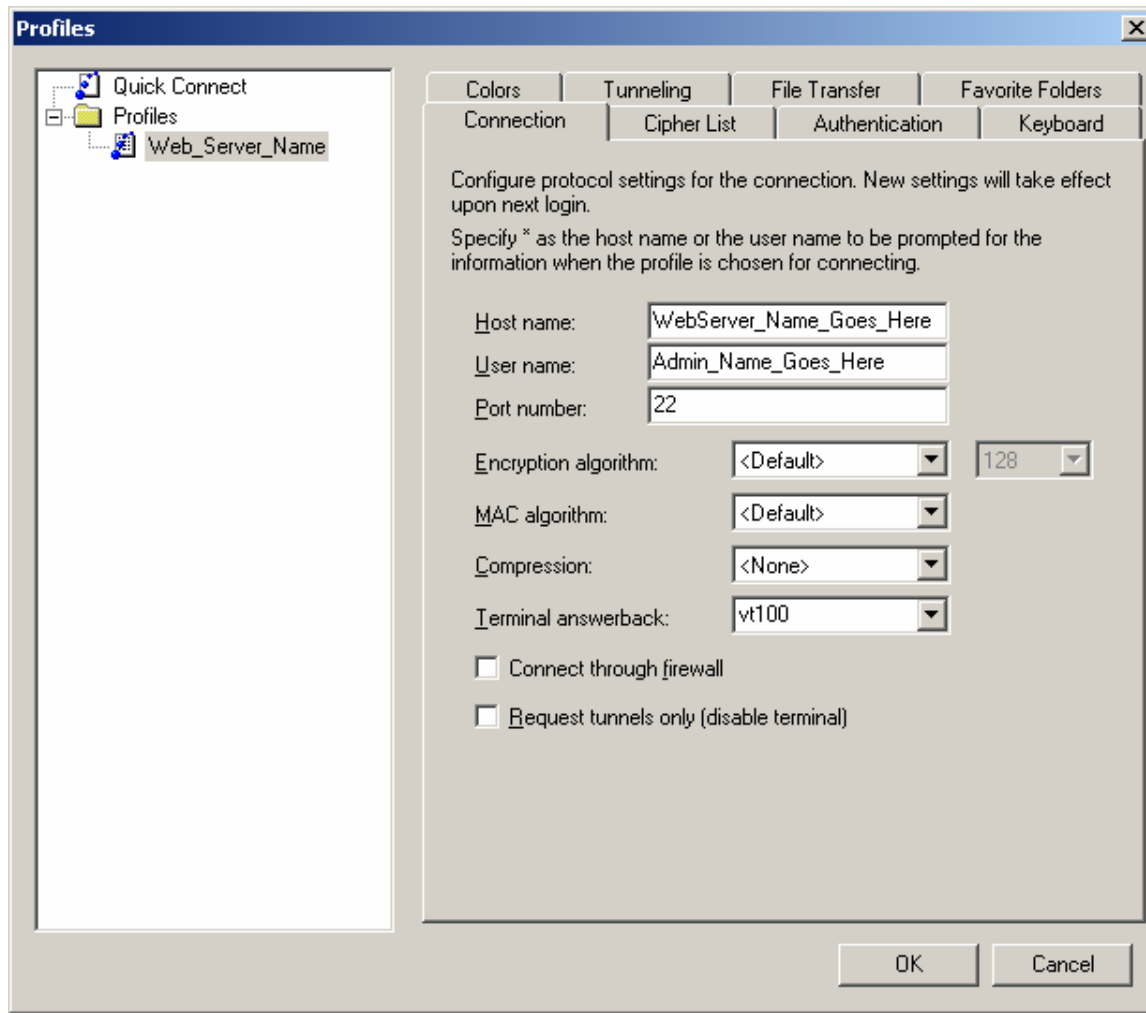
Step 20.4 – Select **Profiles** folder again and select **Edit Profile**.

Step 20.5 - In the left window, choose the Server profile that you wish to edit.

Under the Connection Tab:

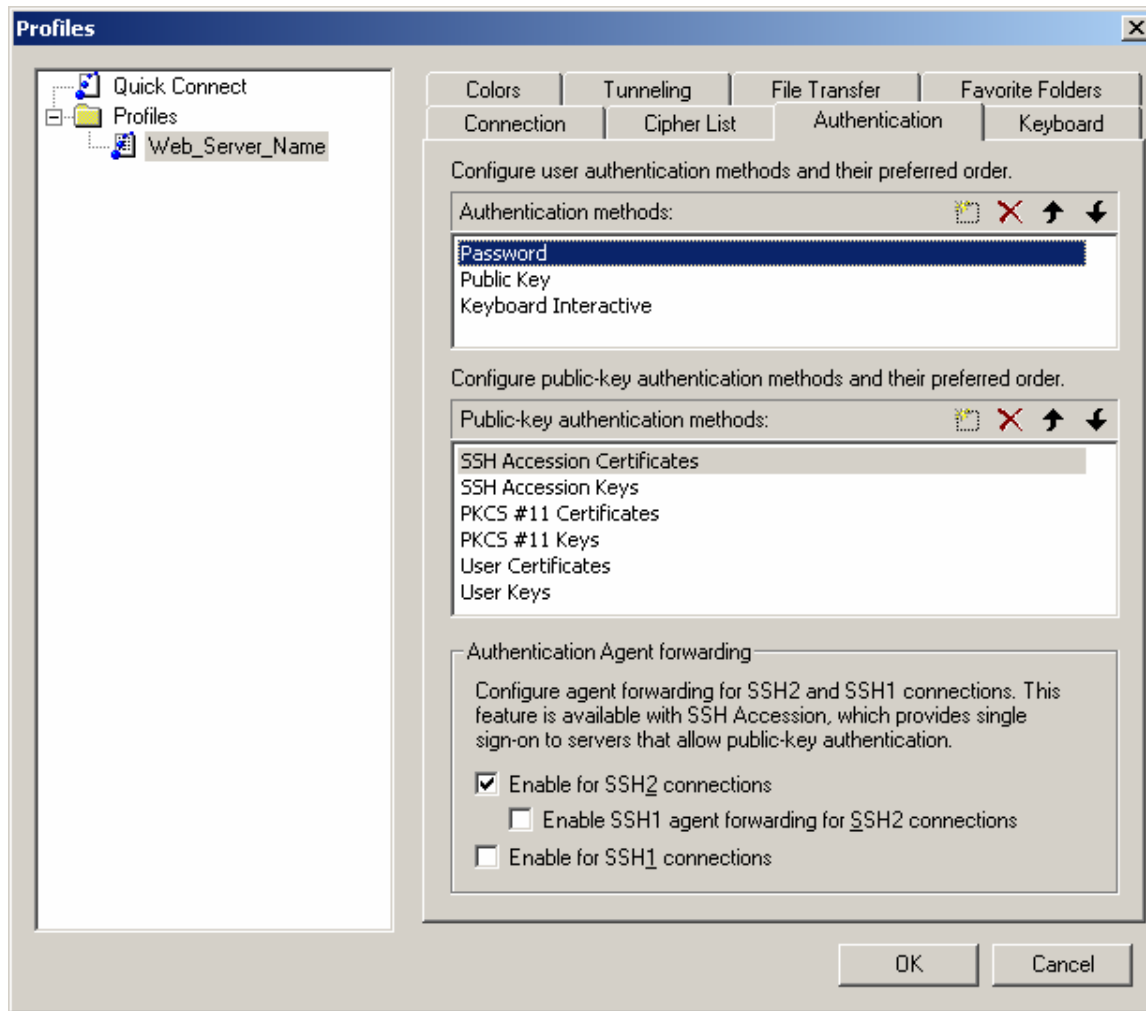
- Enter Hostname of your server.
- Enter User name that you are authenticating with.

NOTE: This User Name will have to be changed to match that of the name in **Step 23.2**



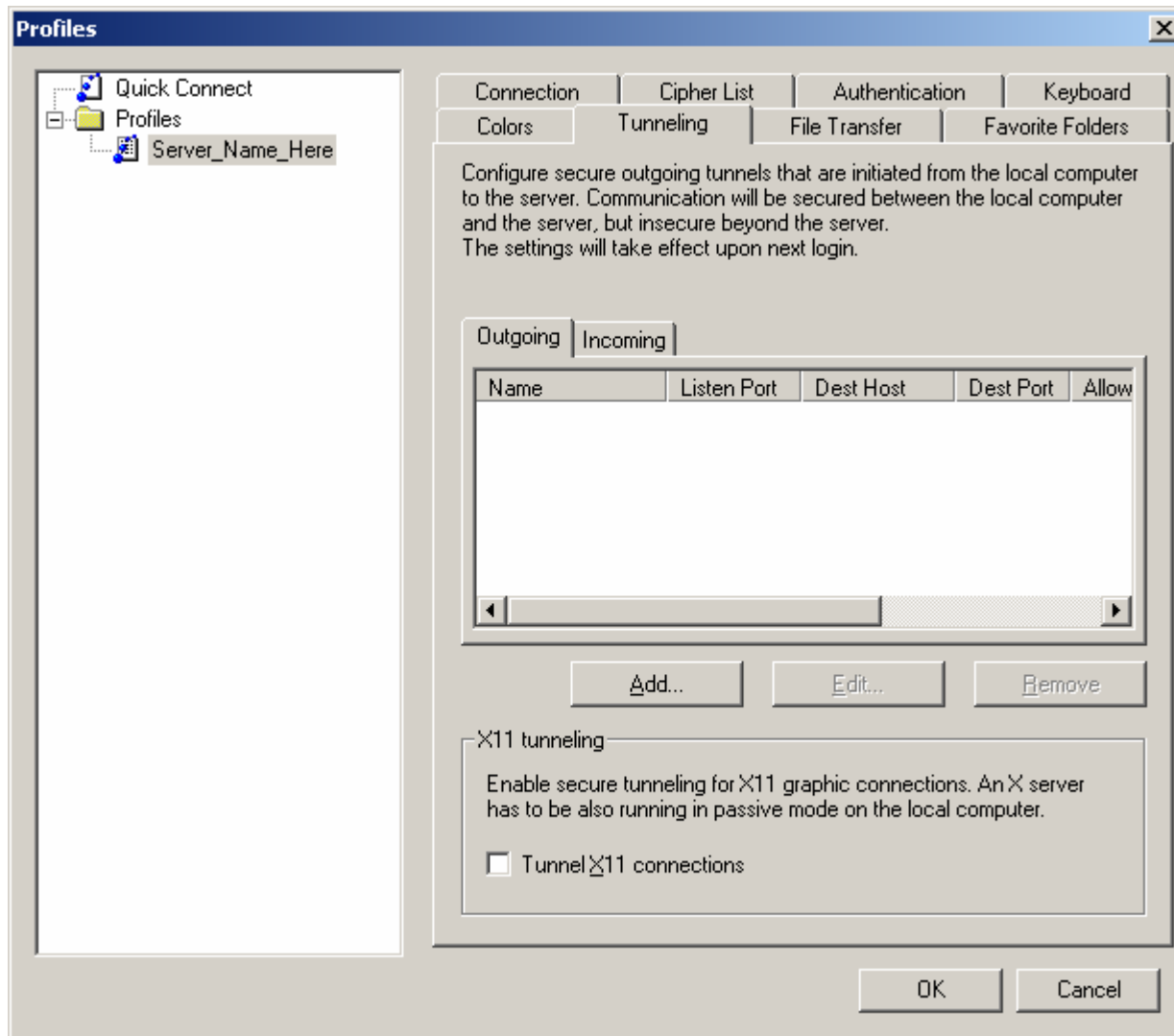
Under the Authentication Tab:

Step 20.6 – Under **Authentication methods**, choose **Password**. Move Password to the TOP of the list using the black arrows.



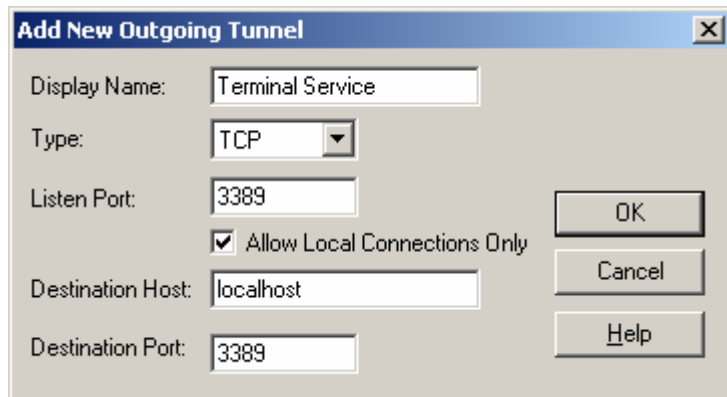
Under the Tunneling Tab:

Step 20.7 – Ensure that the **Outgoing** frame is selected and click on the **Add** button.



Step 20.8 - When the **Add New Outgoing Tunnel** prompt comes up fill in the following information:

- **Display Name:** Terminal Services
- **Listen Port:** 3389
- **Destination Port:** 3389



The 'Add New Outgoing Tunnel' dialog box contains the following fields and controls:

- Display Name: Terminal Service
- Type: TCP (dropdown menu)
- Listen Port: 3389
- ☒ Allow Local Connections Only
- Destination Host: localhost
- Destination Port: 3389
- Buttons: OK, Cancel, Help

Click **OK** to complete the Profile Setup.

Step 20.9 – Open the **Profiles** folder and choose the profile that you just created to connect to your server.

After secure key negotiation, the warning box below will pop up.

Click **OK** to continue.



The 'Message from the server' dialog box displays a warning icon and the following text:

WARNING!!!
READ THIS BEFORE ATTEMPTING TO LOGON

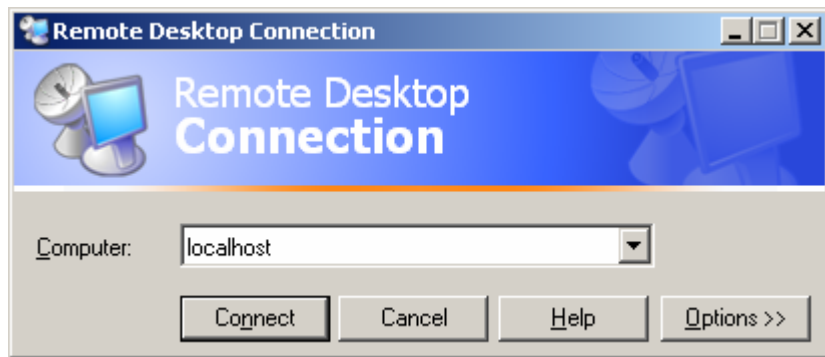
This System is for the use of authorized users only. Individuals using this computer without authority, or in excess of their authority, are subject to having all of their activities on this system monitored and recorded by system personnel. In the course of monitoring individuals improperly using this system, or in the course of system maintenance, the activities of authorized users may also be monitored. Anyone using this system expressly consents to such monitoring and is advised that if such monitoring reveals possible criminal activity, system personnel may provide the evidence of such monitoring to law enforcement officials.

Buttons: OK

The Password prompt box will pop up.

Step 20.10 – Enter the correct password and click **OK** to continue.

Step 20.11 – After you have successfully authenticated and logged in, open your Terminal Services Client and connect to **Localhost**.



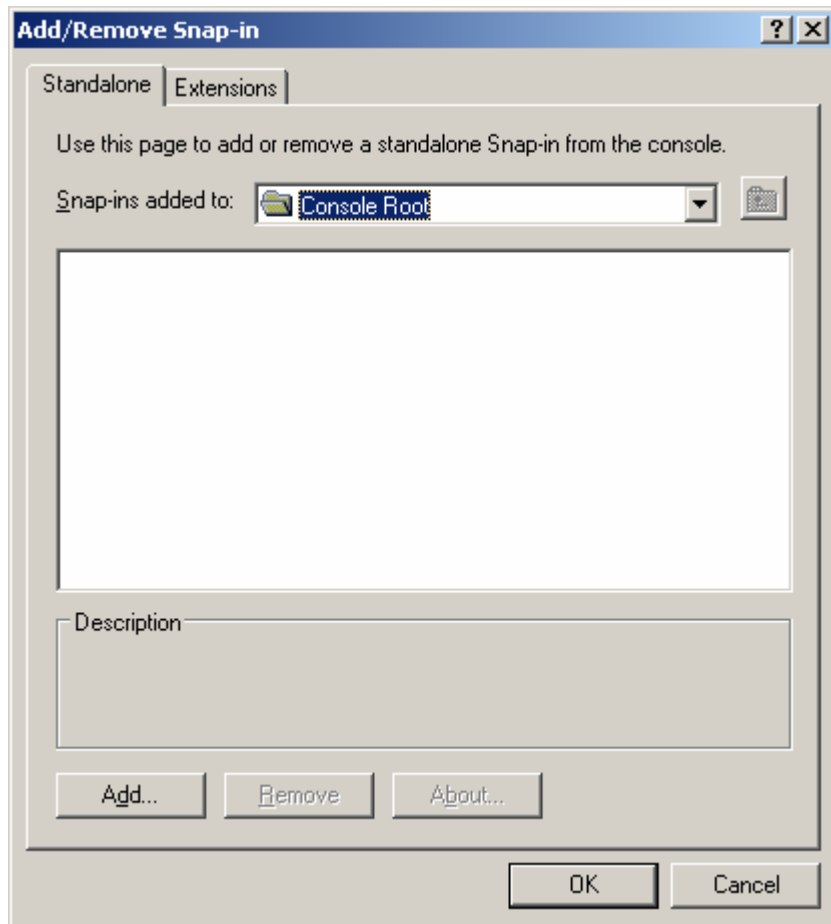
You will now be running Terminal Services over one of the most security-scrutinized protocols ever. This is the **only** InfoSec approved remote management for MS 2003 Servers in the DMZ.

Step 21.0 - Applying the High Security Web Server .inf file

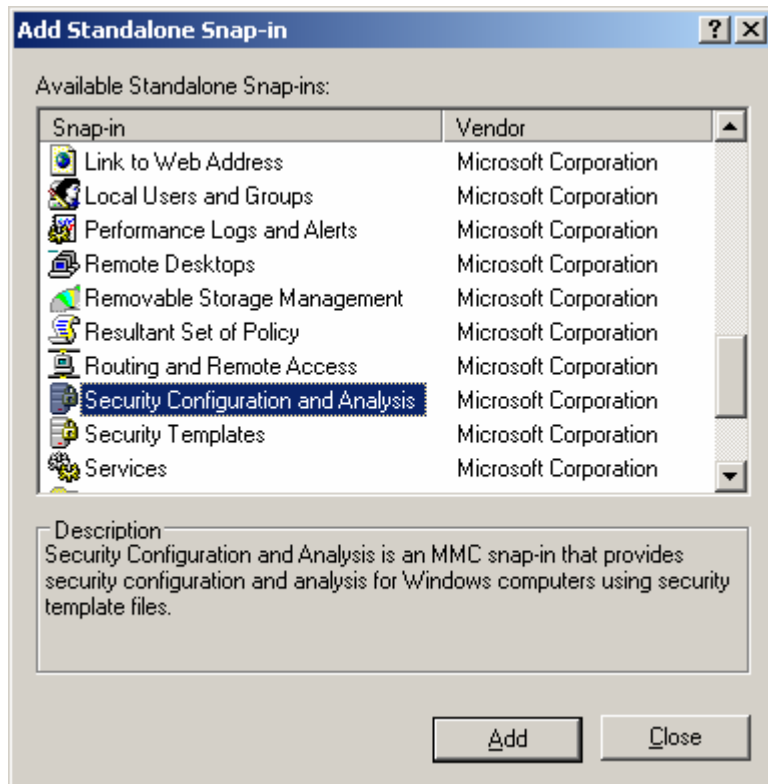
Step 21.1 – Download the www-w2k3-dmz.inf file to your desktop.

Step 21.2 – Go to **Start > Run > MMC**

Step 21.3 – Click on **File > Add/Remove Snap In**



Step 21.4 – Click on the **Add** button and scroll down to **Security Configuration and Analysis**

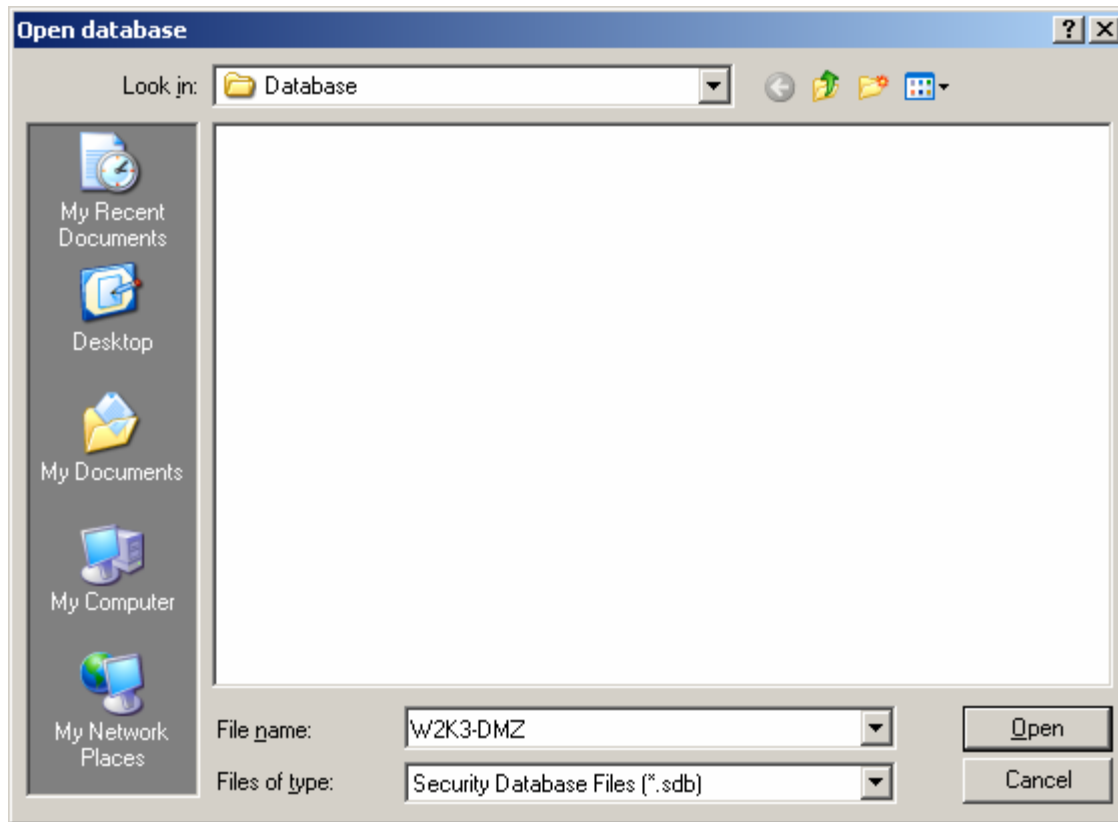


Step 21.5 – Click the **Add** button then Click the **Close** button

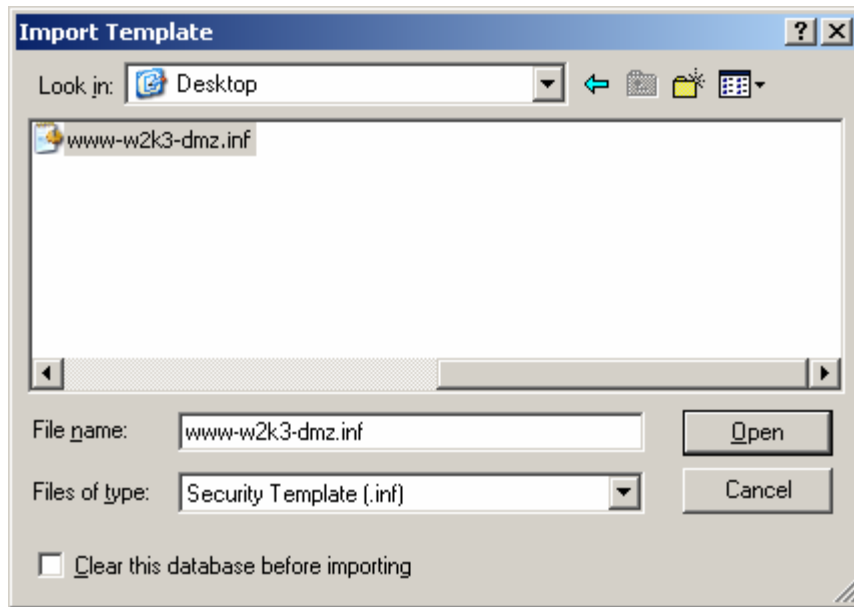
Step 21.6 – Click the **OK** button on the **Add/Remove Snap In** window to continue.

Step 21.7 – In the Left Pane, right click on **Security Configuration and Analysis** and choose **Open Database**

Step 21.8 – Navigate to the C:\WINDOWS\security\Database directory and give your database a name in the form **LOCALSERVER_SECPOL_LGPO** and click **Open**



This will open another pop-up box asking for the template file.

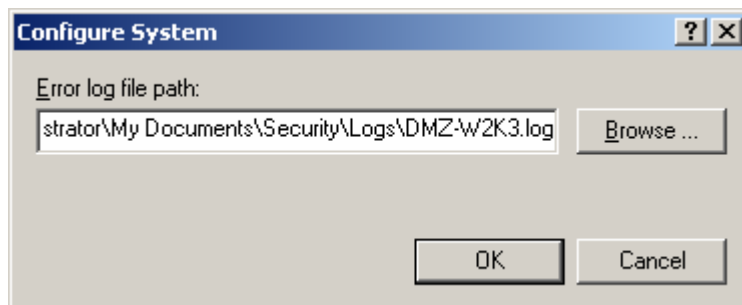


Step 21.9 – Navigate to your Desktop and type in the name of the .inf file that you previously downloaded.

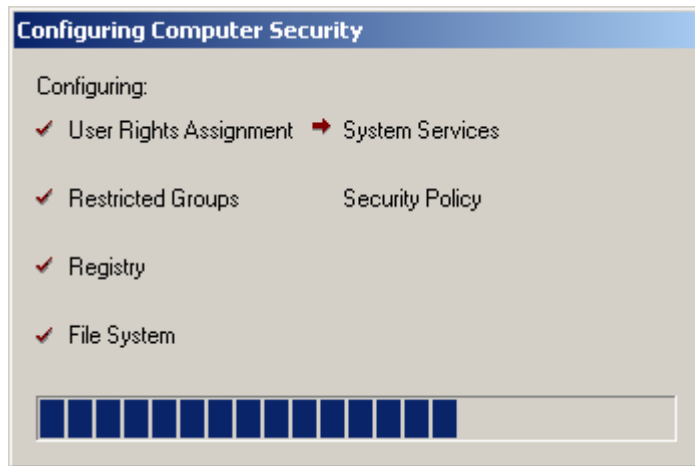
Step 21.10 – Click **Open** to continue.

Step 21.11 – Right click on **Security Configuration and Analysis** and choose **Configure computer now**.

Step 21.12 – This will pop up a box asking where you wish to write the log file. You can choose the default and click ok.



The computer will now apply the INF file



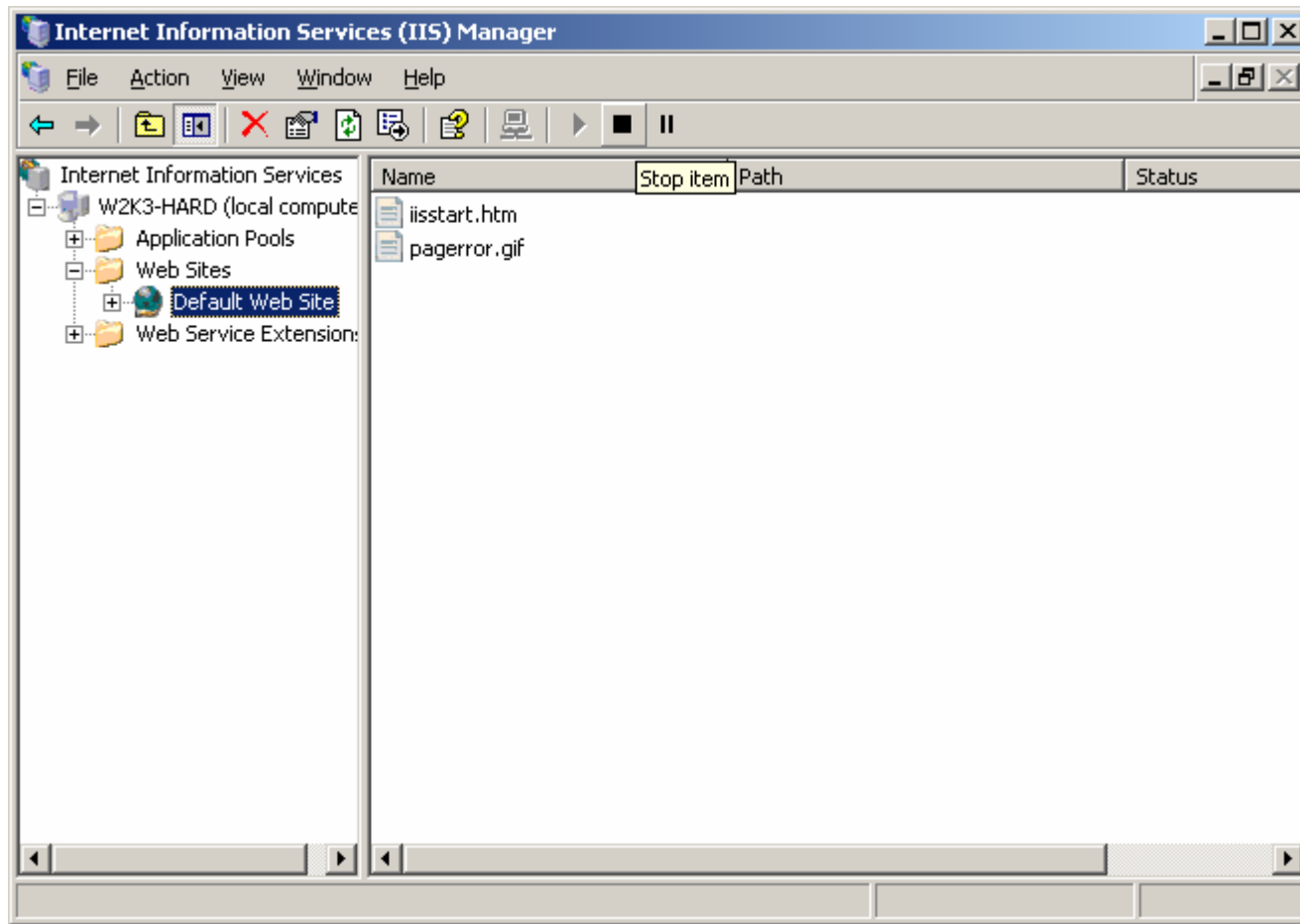
Step 21.13 – When the configuration is done, you can close the Console1 window.

The .inf file will make the following changes. (add changes link here)

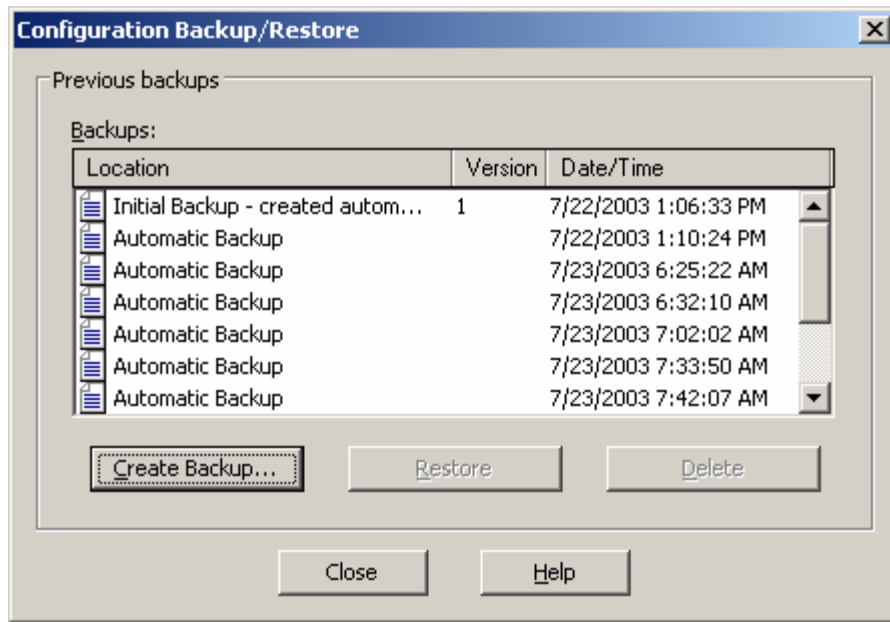
Step 22.0 – IIS 6.0 Configuration

Step 22.1 – Go to **Start > Programs > Administrative Tools > Internet Information Service (IIS) Manager**.

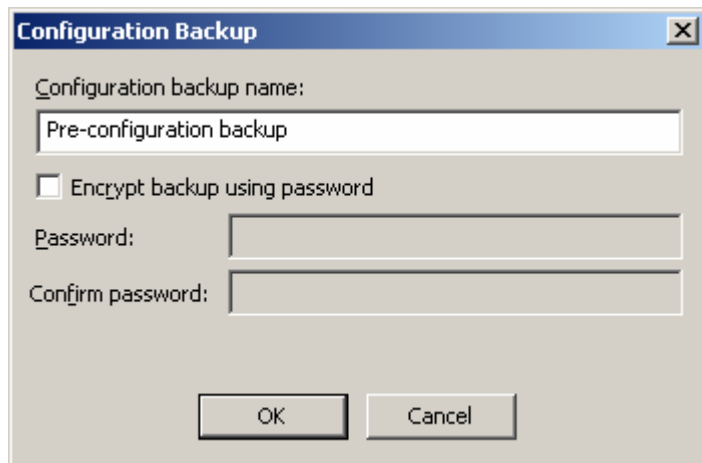
Step 22.2 – Choose the **Default Web Site** and **Stop** it by clicking on the black square on the taskbar.



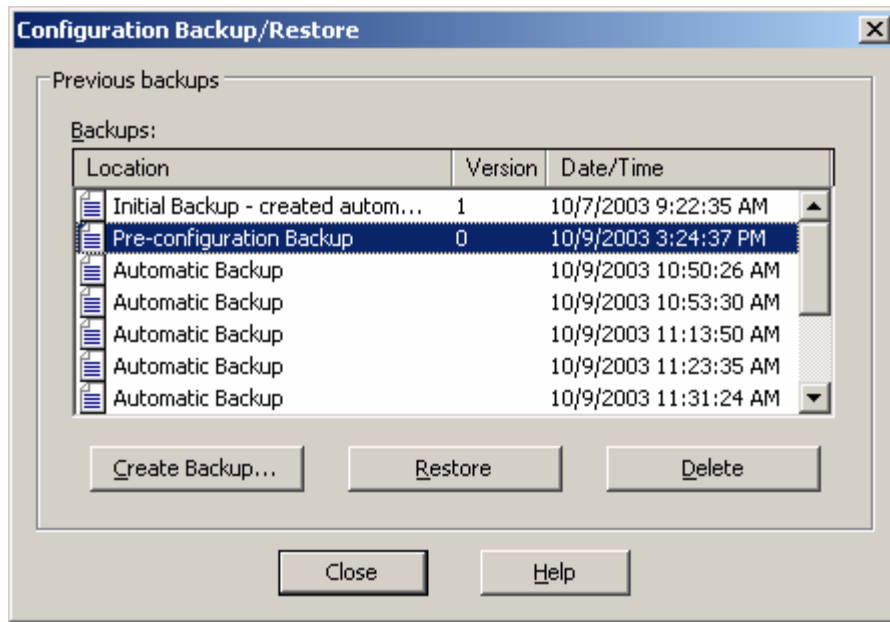
Step 22.3 – Right click on the PC Icon above and choose **All Tasks > Backup/Restore Configuration**.



Step 22.4 – Select **Create Backup**, name your backup file and click **OK** to complete the task.



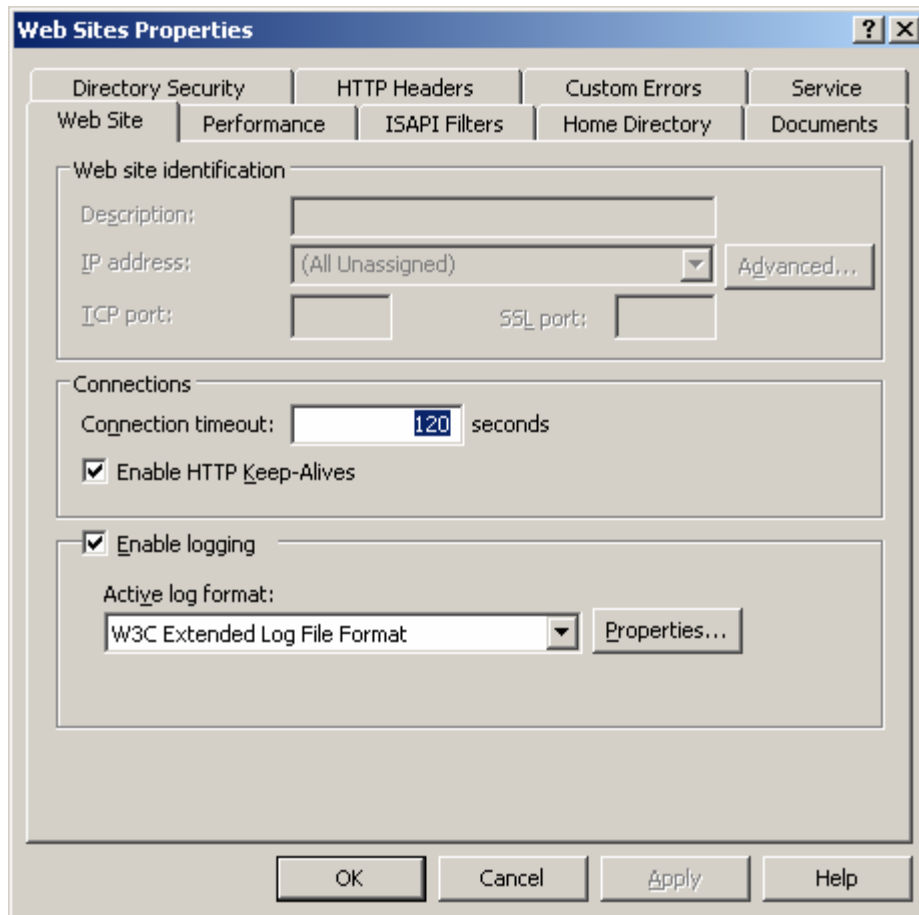
Once completed, you should see the file that you just created in the list.



Click **Close** to complete the task and continue.

Step 22.5 – Editing the Master Properties for Web Sites

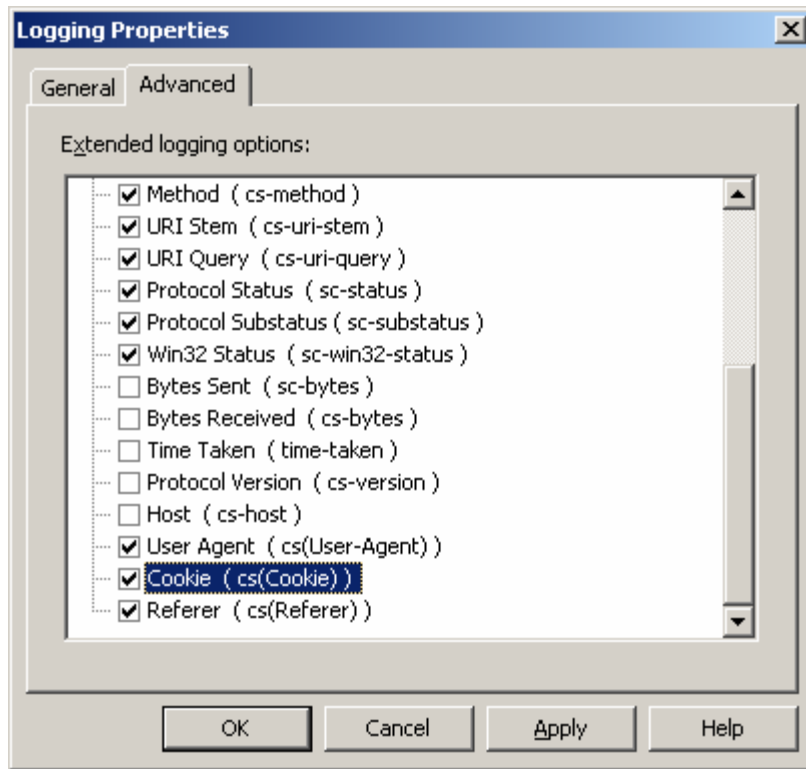
Right click on the Folder labeled **Web Sites** and choose **Properties**.



Step 22.6 – Choose **Web Site > Enable Logging > Properties**:

Step 22.7 – Under **New Log Schedule**, select the radio button labeled **When file size reaches:** and change the value to **50**.

Step 22.8 – Click on the **Advanced Tab**, scroll to the bottom of the list and add checks for **Cookie** and **Referer**.



Click **OK**

Under the **Home Directory** Tab

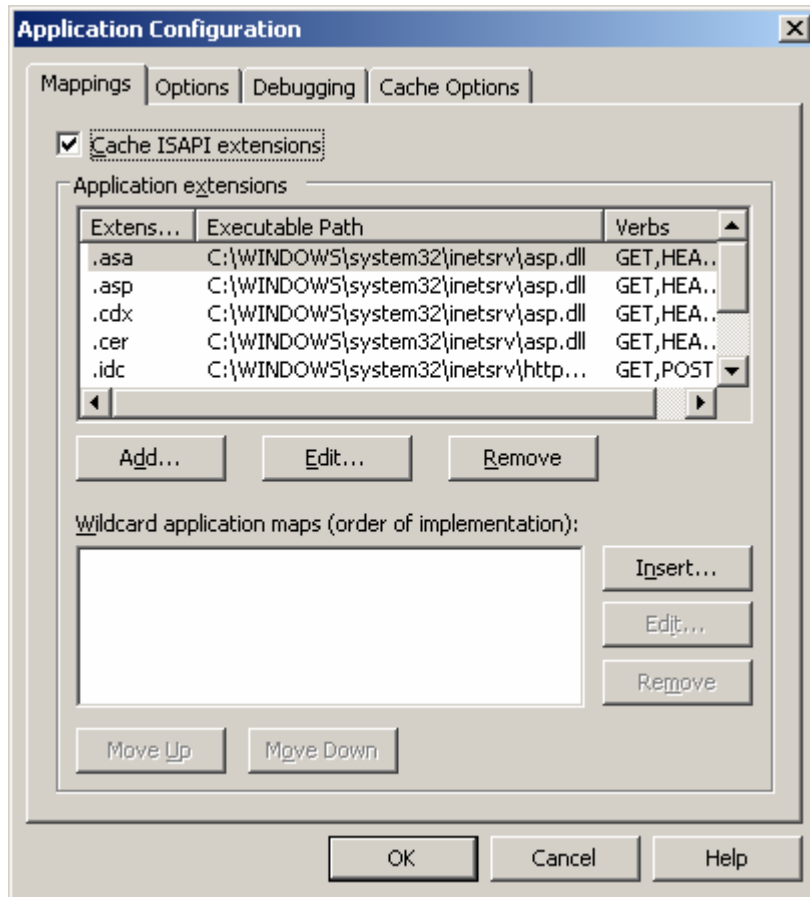
Step 22.9 – Under the **Application Settings** subsection, choose **Configuration**.

Step 22.10 - Remove all Application Extensions, as referenced below:

NOTE: Remove them all and add back in as needed!

Extension	Filetype
.asa	ASP Files to declare objects with session or application scope
.asp	Active Server Pages
.cdx	Scripts to create Channel Definition files
.cer	Scripts for digital certificates
.idc	Internet Database Connection
.shtm	Server Side Includes

.shtml	Server Side Includes
.stm	Server Side Includes



Step 22.11 – For any extensions that are re-added, consider limiting the HTTP verbs the extension will accept. Instead of using all the verbs (DELETE, GET, HEAD, POST and TRACE), use only GET for Static Web Pages and POST if you have forms on your site. This is in accordance with the least privilege principal.

Step 22.12 – Click **OK** to get out of edit mode.

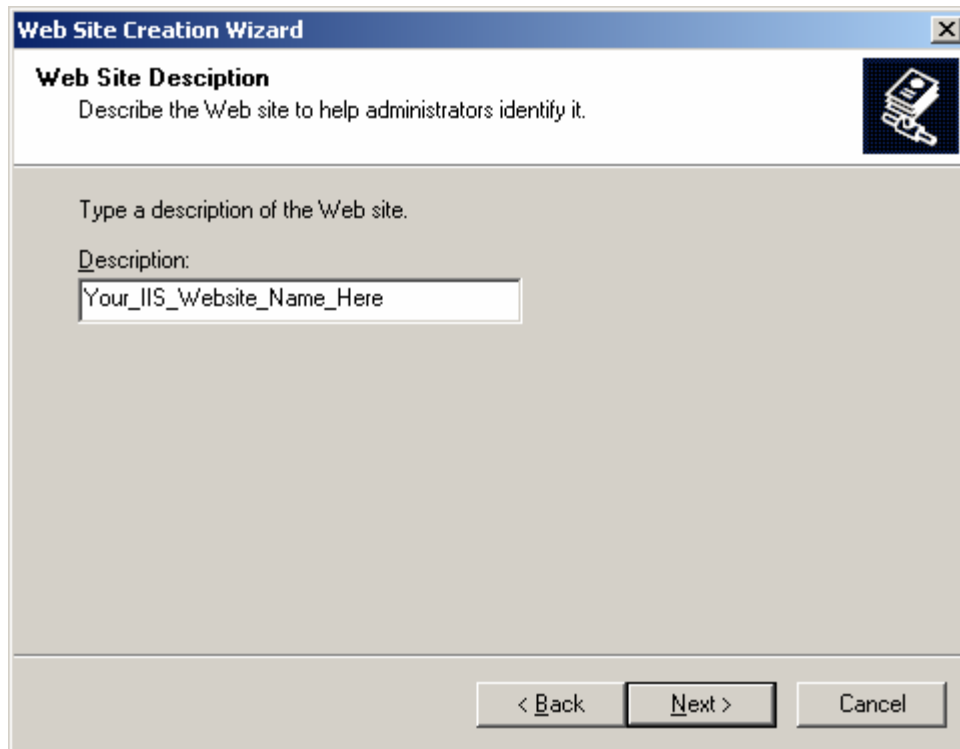
Click **OK** to close the Website Properties window.

Step 22.13 – Highlight the **Web Sites** Folder, right mouse click and select **New > Web Site**.



Click **Next** to continue

Step 22.14 - Give your Web Site a Description



The image shows a Windows-style dialog box titled "Web Site Creation Wizard". The main heading is "Web Site Description", followed by the instruction "Describe the Web site to help administrators identify it." There is a small icon of a floppy disk with a checkmark in the top right corner. Below the instruction, it says "Type a description of the Web site." and "Description:". A text input field contains the placeholder text "Your_IIS_Website_Name_Here". At the bottom, there are three buttons: "< Back", "Next >", and "Cancel". The "Next >" button is highlighted with a black border.

Web Site Creation Wizard

Web Site Description
Describe the Web site to help administrators identify it.

Type a description of the Web site.

Description:

Your_IIS_Website_Name_Here

< Back Next > Cancel

Click **N**ext to continue

Step 22.15 – Add the **IP address** and **Port Number** (the defaults are usually appropriate).

Web Site Creation Wizard

IP Address and Port Settings
Specify an IP address, port setting, and host header for the new Web site.

Enter the IP address to use for this Web site:
[All Unassigned]

TCP port this Web site should use (Default: 80):
80

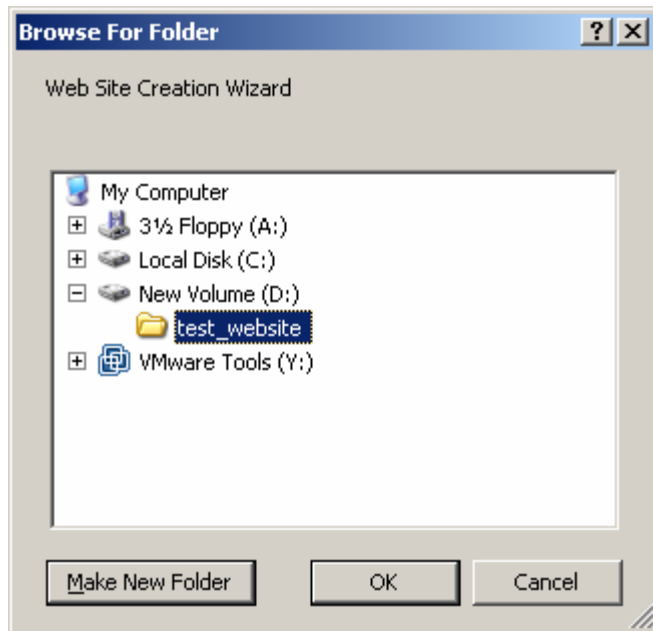
Host header for this Web site (Default: None):

For more information, read the IIS product documentation.

< Back Next > Cancel

Click **Next** to continue

Step 22.16 – Choose a drive that is **NOT** your system partition for the path of your new web site. You will have to click on **Browse**, select the drive and create a new directory.



Step 22.17 – Click **OK** to select the newly created directory.

Web Site Creation Wizard

Web Site Home Directory
The home directory is the root of your Web content subdirectories.

Enter the path to your home directory.

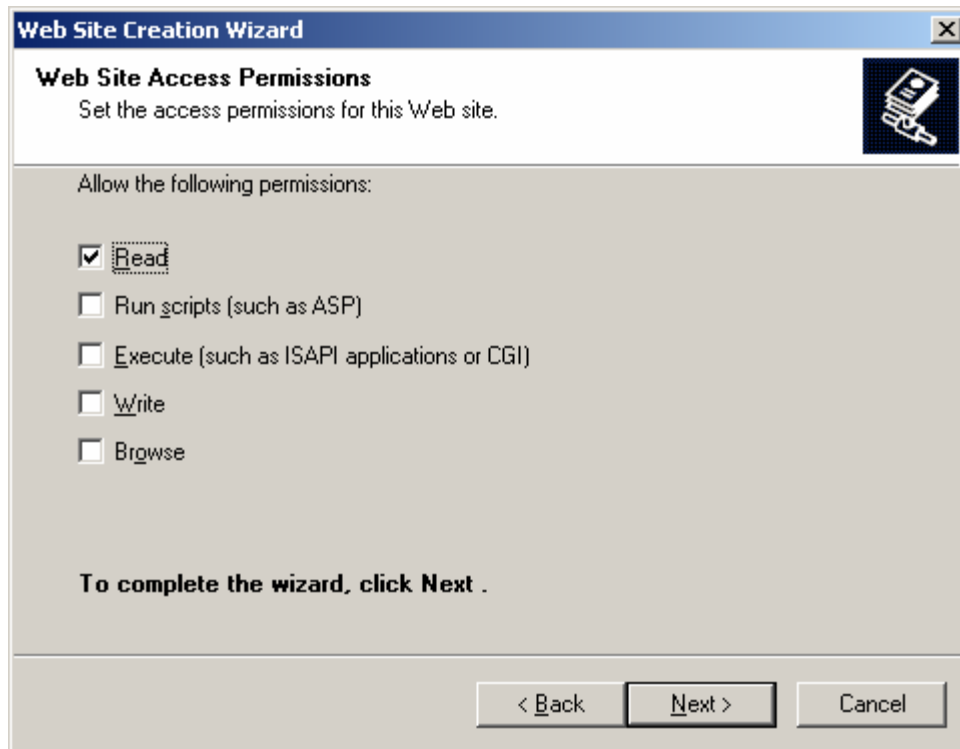
Path:
D:\test_website

☒ Allow anonymous access to this Web site

< Back Next > Cancel

Click **Next** to continue

Step 22.18 – Choose the minimum set of permissions here for your web site by un-checking the **Run scripts (such as ASP)** box.



Click **Next** to continue

Step 22.19 – Click **Finish** to complete the Web Site Creation Wizard

Step 22.20 – (**Optional**) Microsoft recommends configuring a separate directory for each file type so that you can easily set ACLs. Best Practice:

This is a good idea if you have the ability to do so. For example, if your website base directory was E:\test_website then you would setup your web site such as:

E:\test_website\static (.htm, .html)

E:\test_website\include (.inc)

E:\test_website\script (.asp, .pl, .cgi)

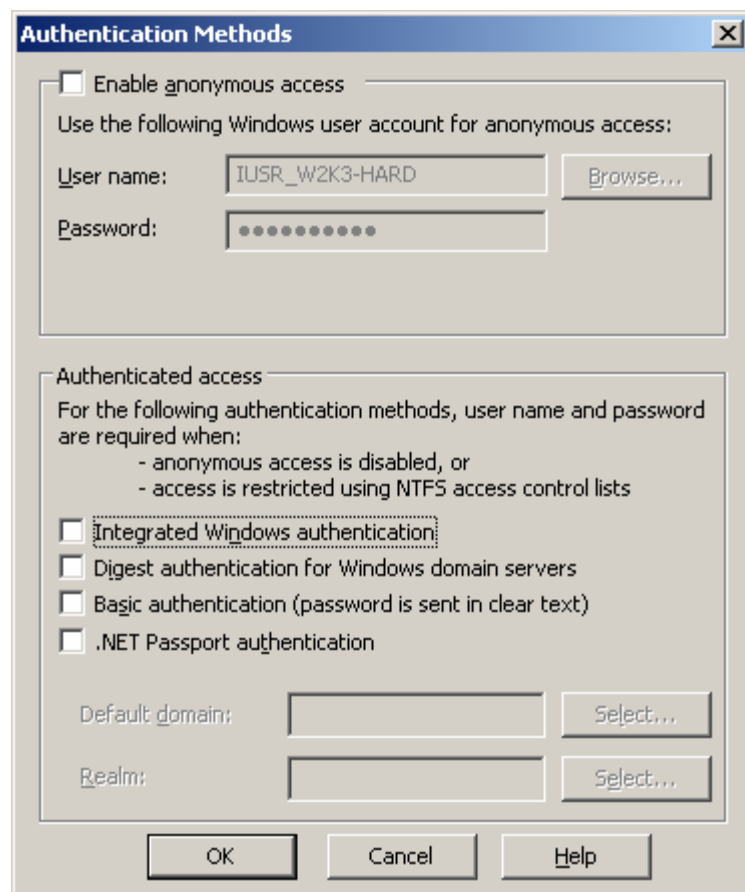
E:\test_website\bin (.dll) - VisualStudio likes bin when building projects.

E:\test_website\images (.gif, .jpg, .jpeg)

Step 22.21 – **Disable the Default Web Site.** It is better to disable the default web site rather than remove it as it may come in handy later.

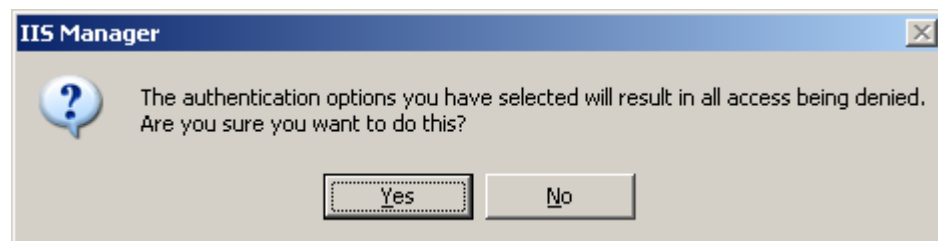
Step 22.22 – Right click on the **Default Web Site**. Select **Properties > Directory Security > Authentication and Access Control > Edit**

Step 22.23 – **Uncheck** all the boxes.



The **Authentication Methods** dialog box is shown. It has a title bar with a close button. The main area is divided into two sections. The first section, **Enable anonymous access**, has an unchecked checkbox. Below it, text says "Use the following Windows user account for anonymous access:". There are two input fields: **User name:** with the text "IUSR_W2K3-HARD" and a **Browse...** button, and **Password:** with a masked password of ten dots. The second section, **Authenticated access**, has text explaining when authentication is required: "For the following authentication methods, user name and password are required when: - anonymous access is disabled, or - access is restricted using NTFS access control lists". Below this are four unchecked checkboxes: **Integrated Windows authentication**, **Digest authentication for Windows domain servers**, **Basic authentication (password is sent in clear text)**, and **.NET Passport authentication**. At the bottom of this section are two input fields: **Default domain:** and **Realm:**, each with a **Select...** button. At the very bottom are three buttons: **OK**, **Cancel**, and **Help**.

You will get a warning screen as shown:



The **IIS Manager** warning dialog box is shown. It has a title bar with a close button. On the left is a blue question mark icon. To its right, the text reads: "The authentication options you have selected will result in all access being denied. Are you sure you want to do this?". At the bottom are two buttons: **Yes** and **No**.

Step 22.24 – Select **Yes**

Step 22.25 – Click **OK** to complete the task.

Step 22.26 – Check for and remove all IIS Sample directories

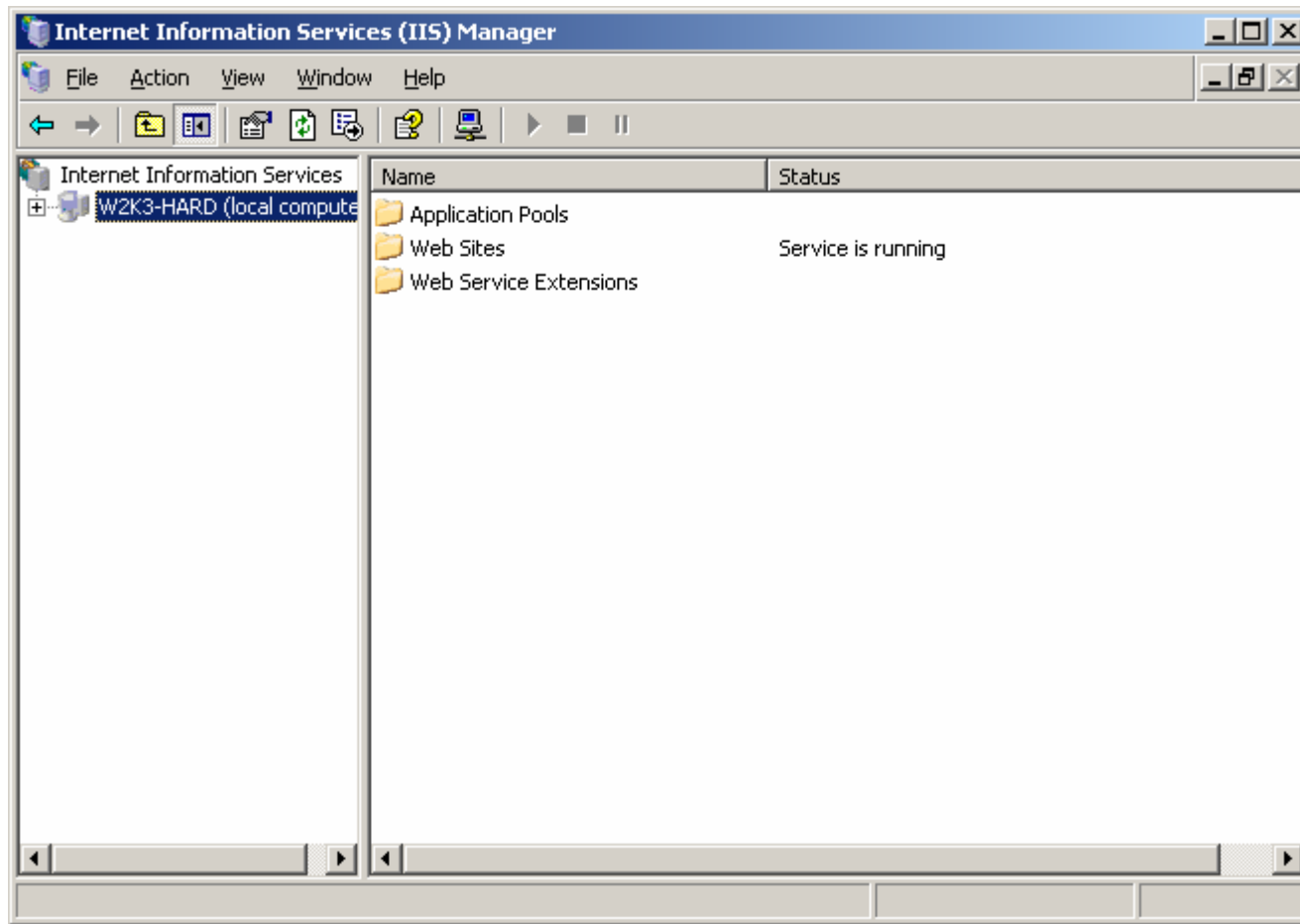
- **Admin Scripts** C:\InetPub\AdminScripts
- **IIS Help** C:\Windows\help\iisHelp
- **IIS admpwd** C:\Windows\System32\inetsrv\iisadmpwd

Remove Internet Printing

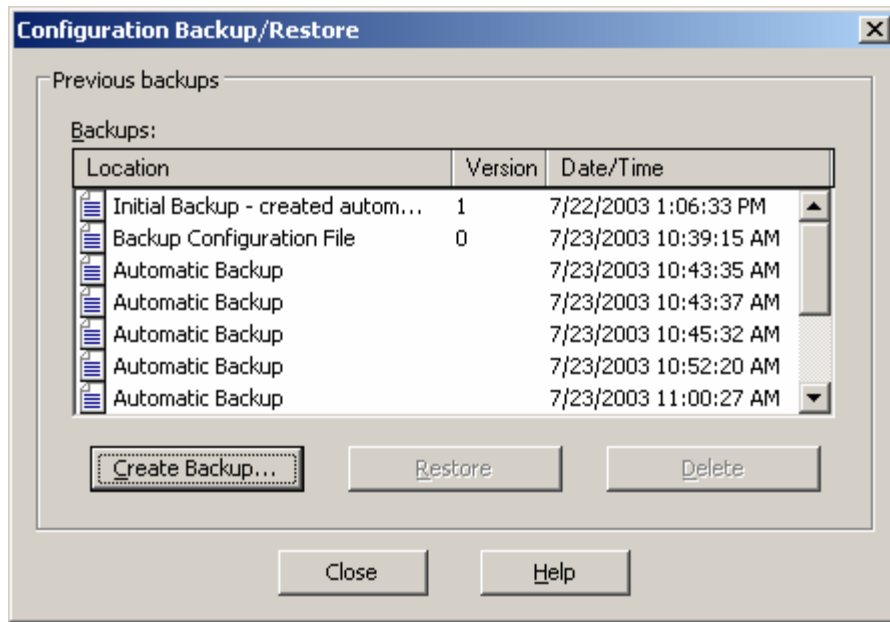
Step 22.27 – Delete the printer's virtual directory at C:\Windows\web\printers

Back up the Metabase again

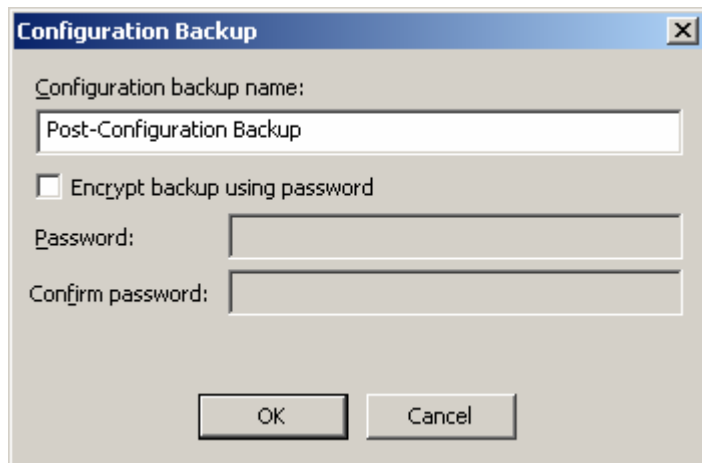
Step 22.28 – Go to **Start > Programs > Administrative Tools > Internet Information Services (IIS) Manager**



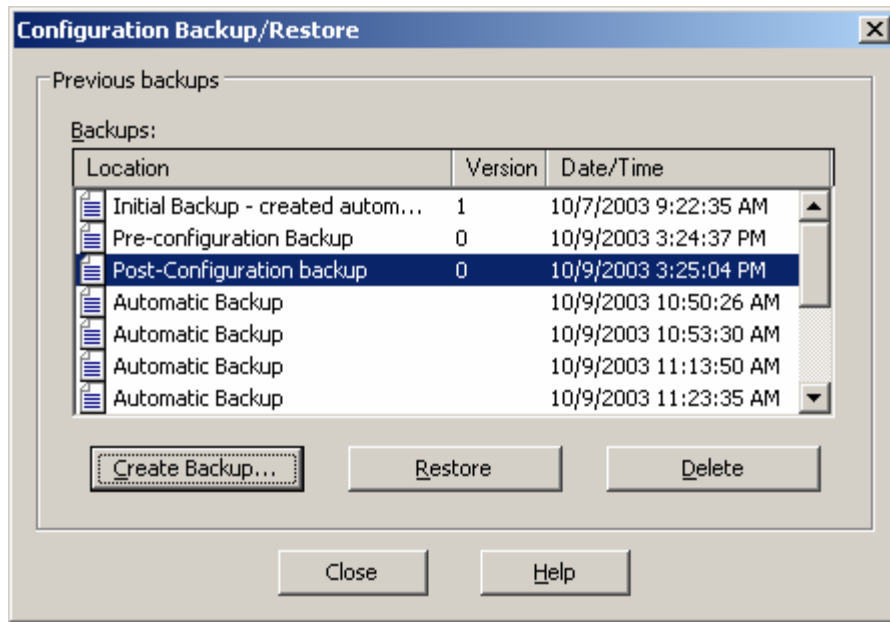
Step 22.29 – Right click on the computer name, select **All Tasks > Backup/Restore Configuration**



Step 22.30 – Select Create Backup



Step 22.31 – Name your backup file and click **OK** to continue.



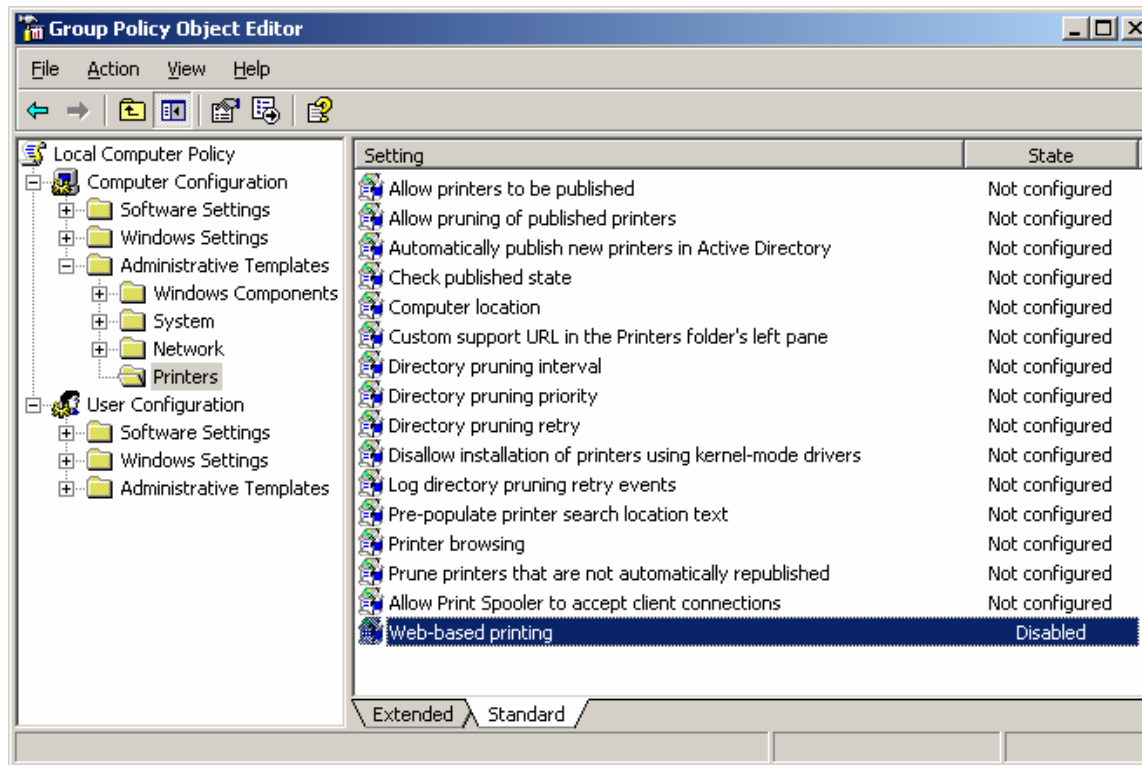
You should see your original backup file and your backup after the configuration steps above.

Step 22.32 – Click **Close** to complete the task.

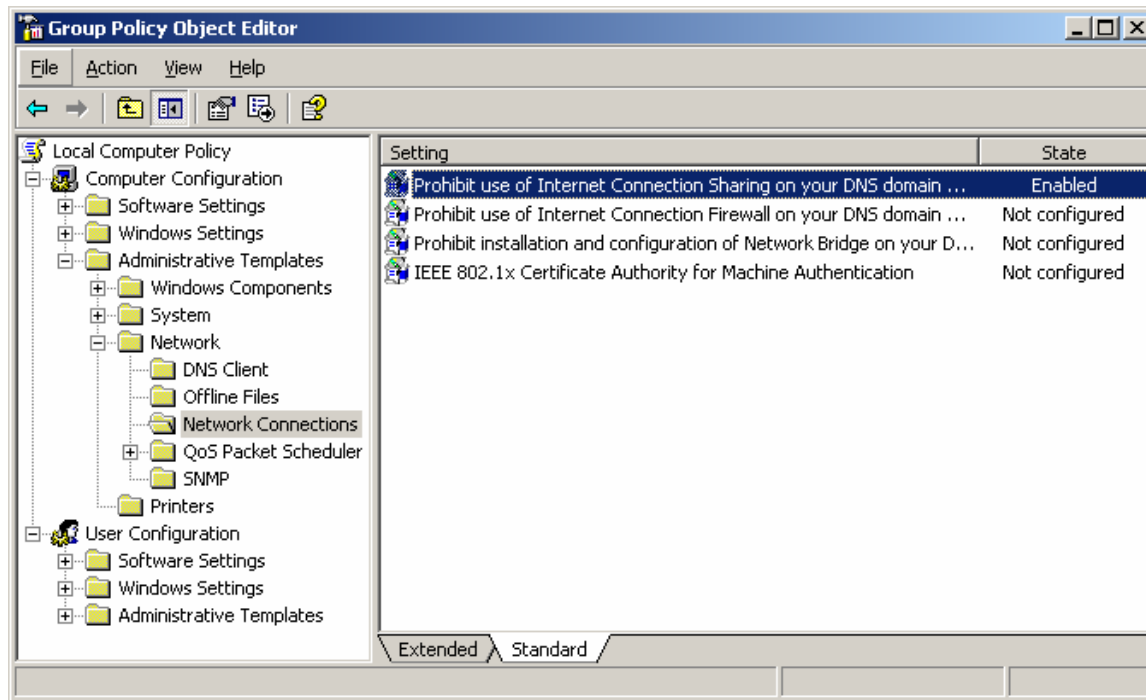
Step 22.33 – **Start > Run > gpedit.msc**

Under **Computer Configuration > Administrative Templates > Printers**

Step 22.34 – Change **Web Based Printing** to disabled.



Step 22.35 – Under the **Network > Network Configurations** folder, change the value for **Prohibit use of Internet Connection Sharing on your DNS Domain Network** to enabled by right clicking and choosing **Enable**.

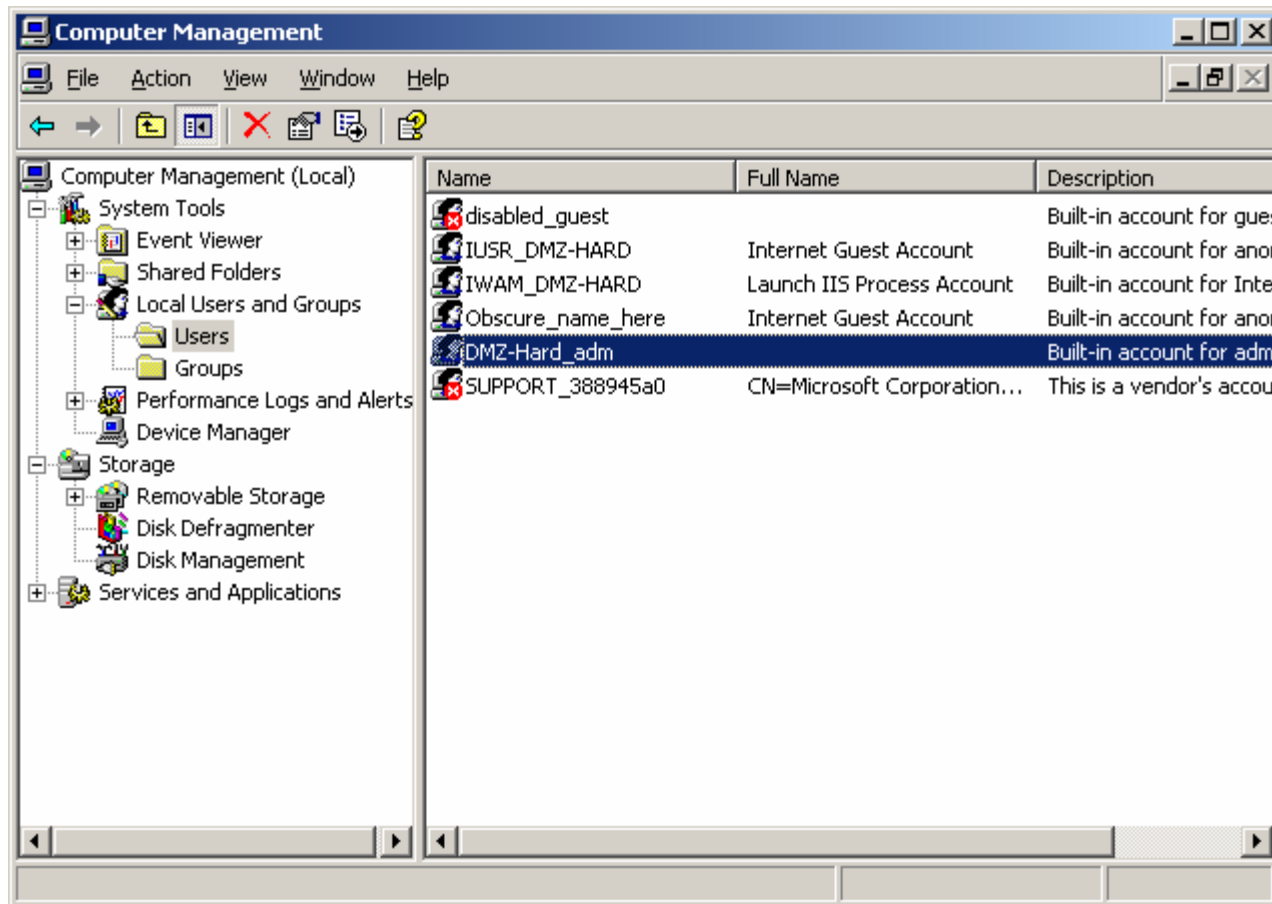


Step 23.0 – Rename and change the password to the IUSR_<machinename> account.

Step 23.1 – Right click on My Computer > Manage

Step 23.2 – Double click on Local Users and Groups and choose the Users folder. In the right pane, choose the Administrator account. Right click and rename this account using the syntax <machinename>_adm

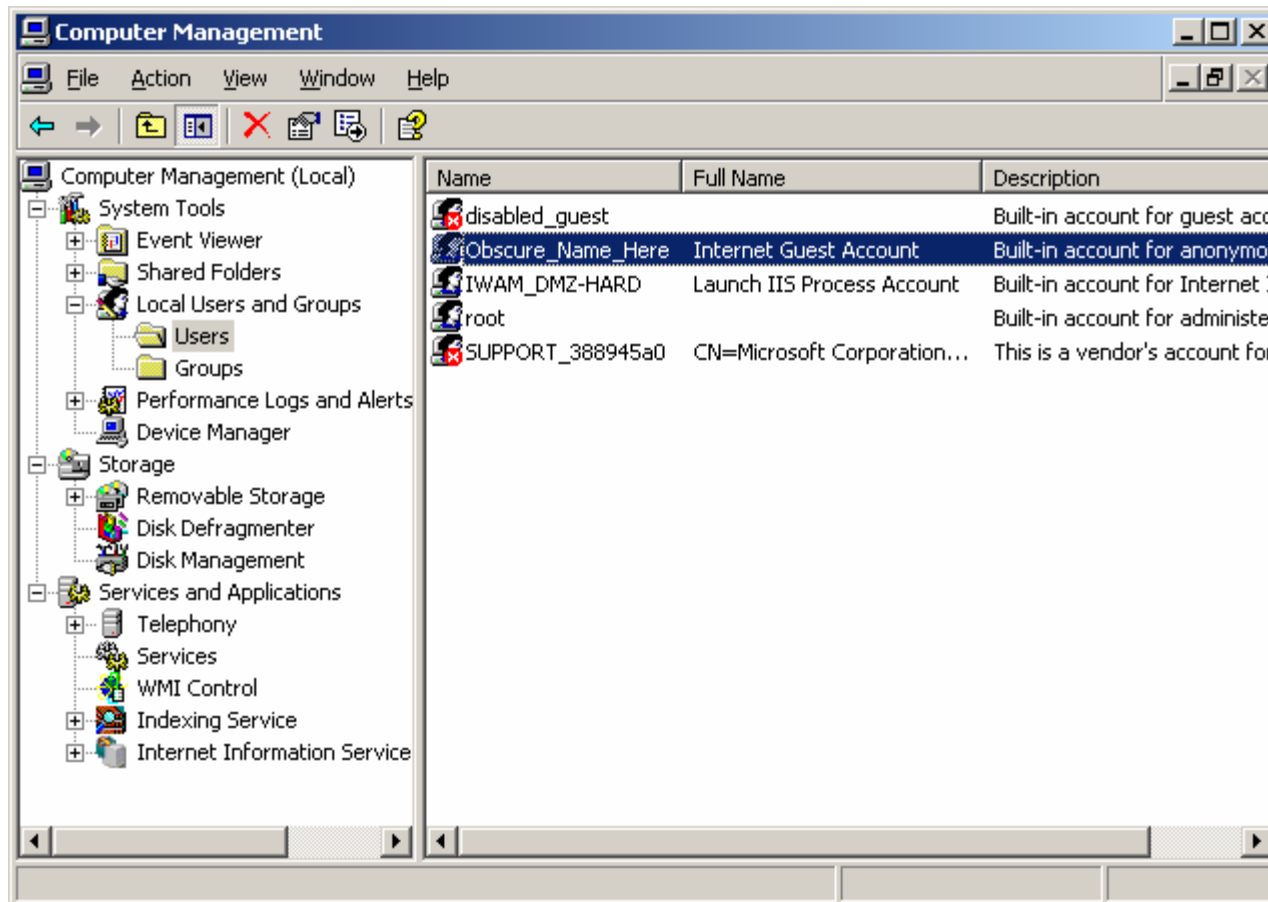
Example: the name of the machine is DMZ-Hard, so the newly renamed Administrator account would be **DMZ-Hard_adm**



Step 23.3 – Choose the **IUSR_<machinename>** account.

Step 23.3 – Right click and **rename this account to an obscure name**. (Remember this new name, you will need it later in step 24.4). Note that, even though you rename the **IUSR_<machinename>** account, it will show up again in the list of local users. You should right click on the regenerated IUSR account, and disable it. It is safe to ignore it after performing this step.

Step 23.4 – Refer back to **Step 20.5** and **change the Username** to match the name in Step 23.2.



Step 23.5 – Right click on this newly renamed account and choose **Set Password**.

You will get a Warning Box like the one below.



Step 23.6 – Click **Proceed** and select and set a strong password for this account. (Remember this password, you will need it later).

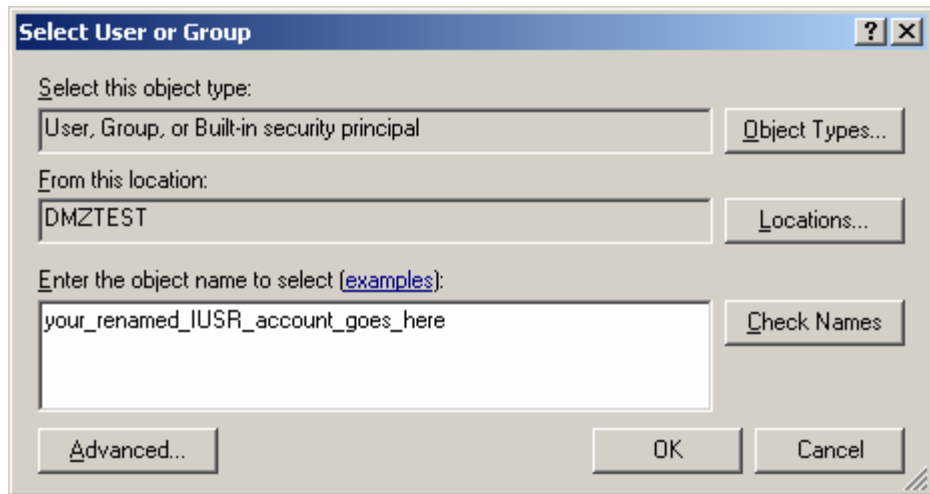
Step 23.7 – You can now close the Computer Management window.

Step 24.0 - NTFS Permissions

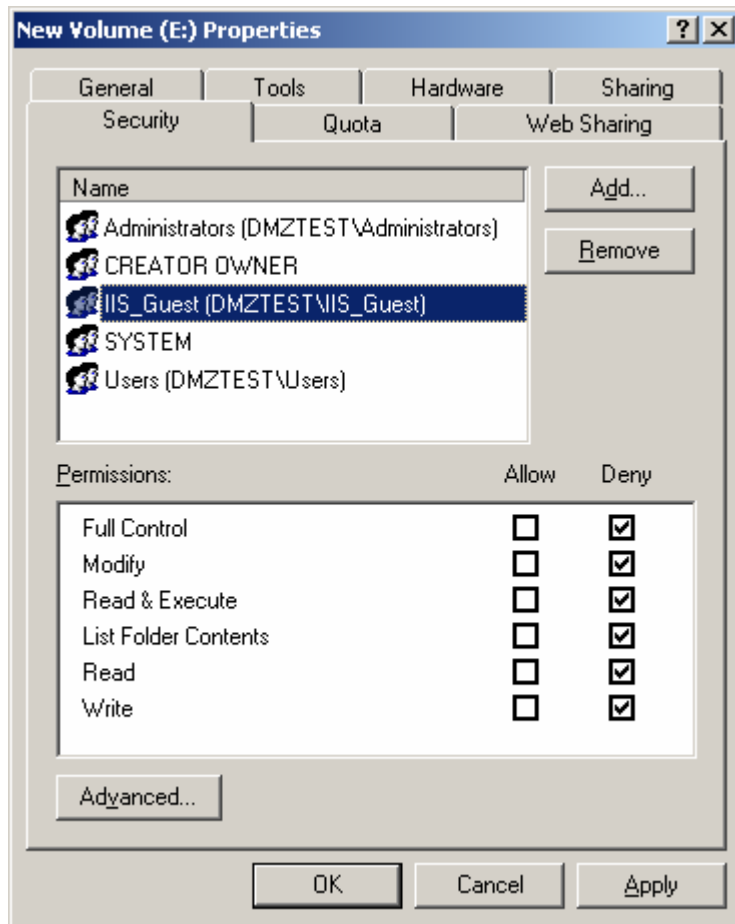
Step 24.1 – Double click on **My Computer**

Step 24.2 – Right click on the C:\ drive and choose **Properties > Security**

Step 24.3 – Click the **Add** Button



Step 24.4 – In the white space, type in your renamed IUSR account from **Step 23.3** and click **OK**



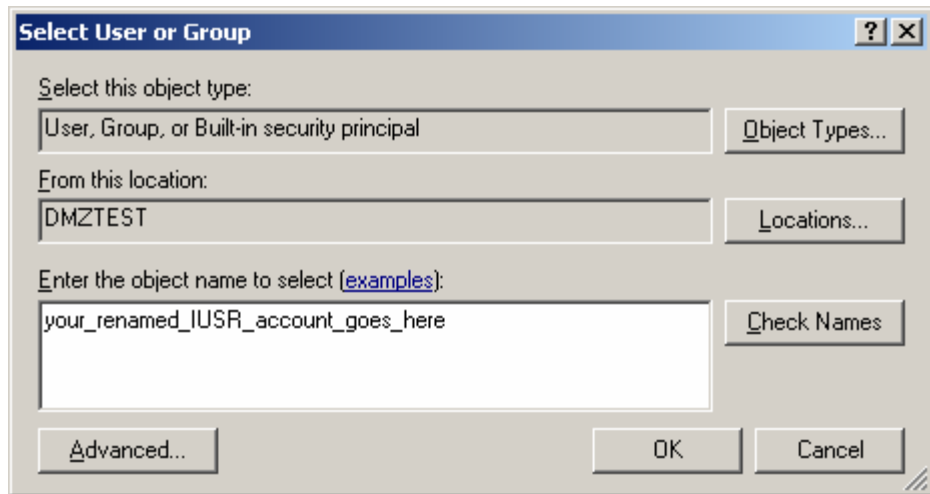
Step 24.5 - Highlight this newly added user and choose **Deny Full Control** and click **OK**.

Step 24.6 – Repeat these steps for all other volumes.

Step 24.7 – To Apply the proper NTFS permissions to the individual directories, **Right click** on the **C:\Windows** Directory and select **Properties**

Step 24.8 – Click the **Advanced** button

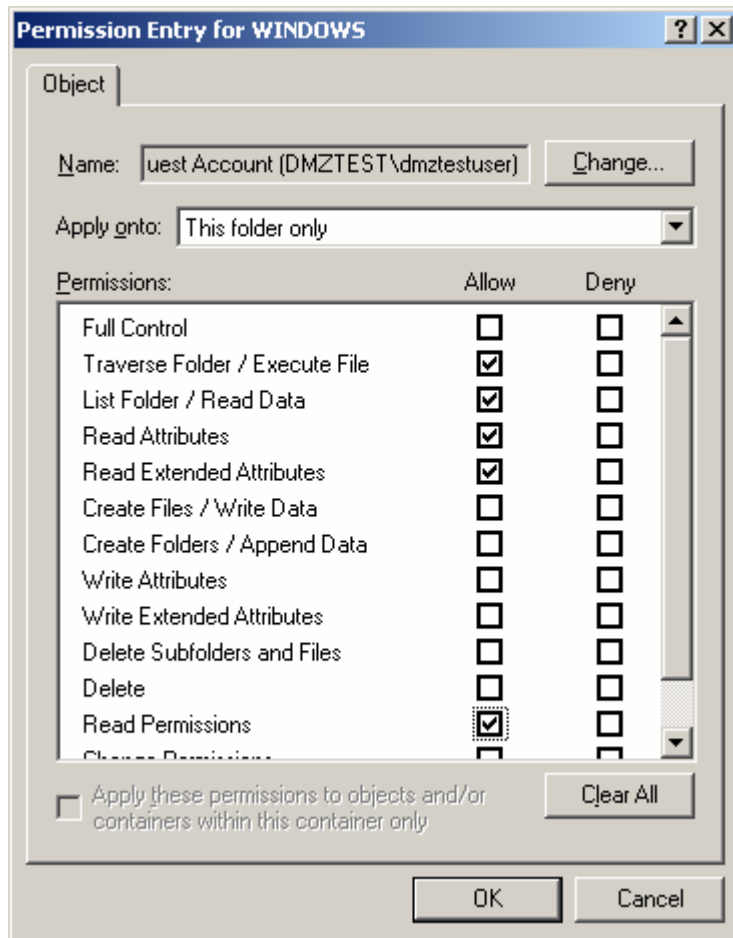
Step 24.9 – Click the **Add** button and in the white space, type in the name of your renamed IUSR account from **Step 23.3**.



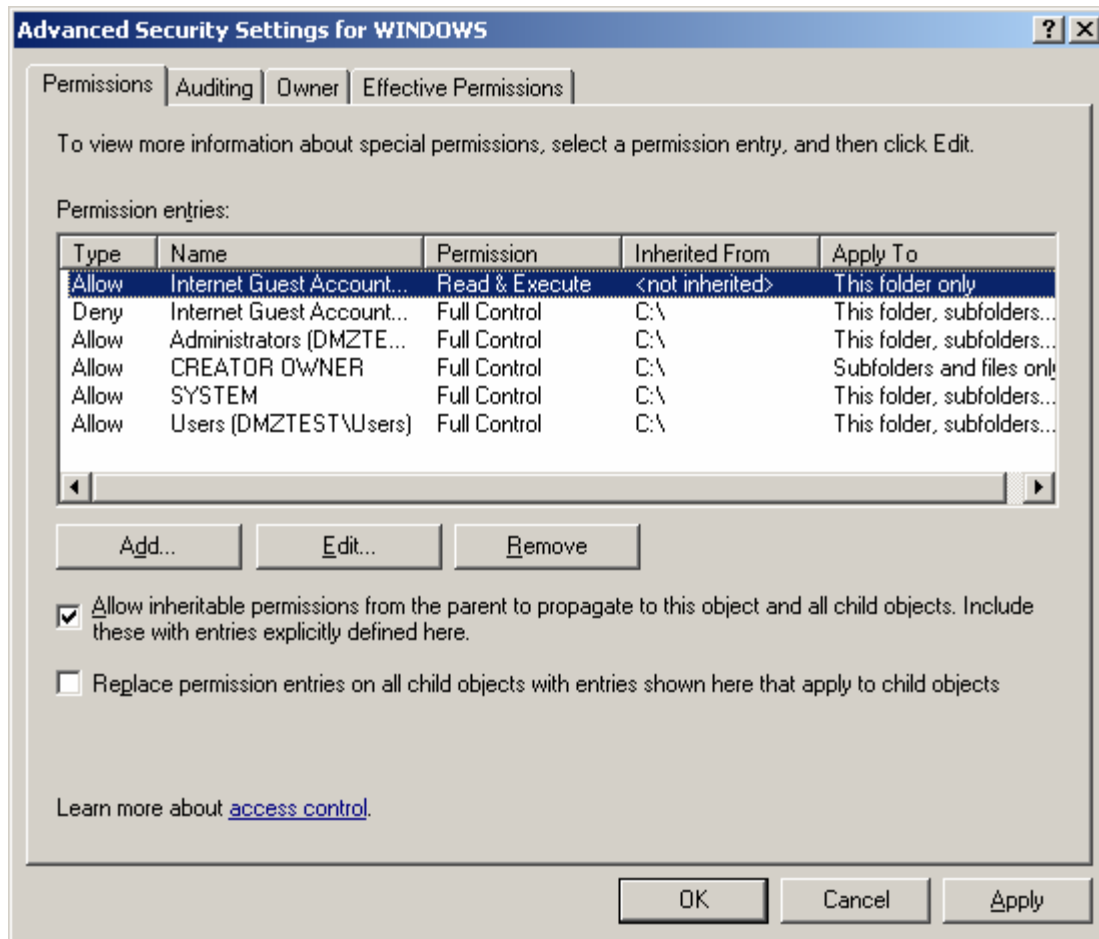
Step 24.10 – Under **Apply onto:** select **This folder only**

Step 24.11 – Give permissions to:

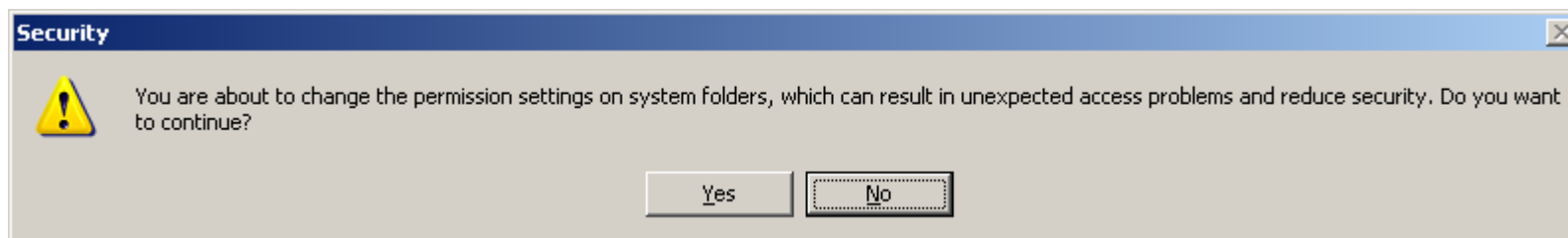
- Travers Folder / Execute File
- List Folder/ Read Data
- Read Attributes
- Read Extended Attributes
- Read Permissions



Step 24.12 – Click **OK** and your resulting screen should resemble the one below.



Step 24.13 – Click **Apply**



Step 24.14 – Choose **Yes**.

Step 24.15 – Click **OK** to exit the editing mode.

Step 24.16 – Click **OK** to exit the permissions tab.

Step 24.17 – For each path in the below table, repeat the steps **24.7** – **24.16** above.

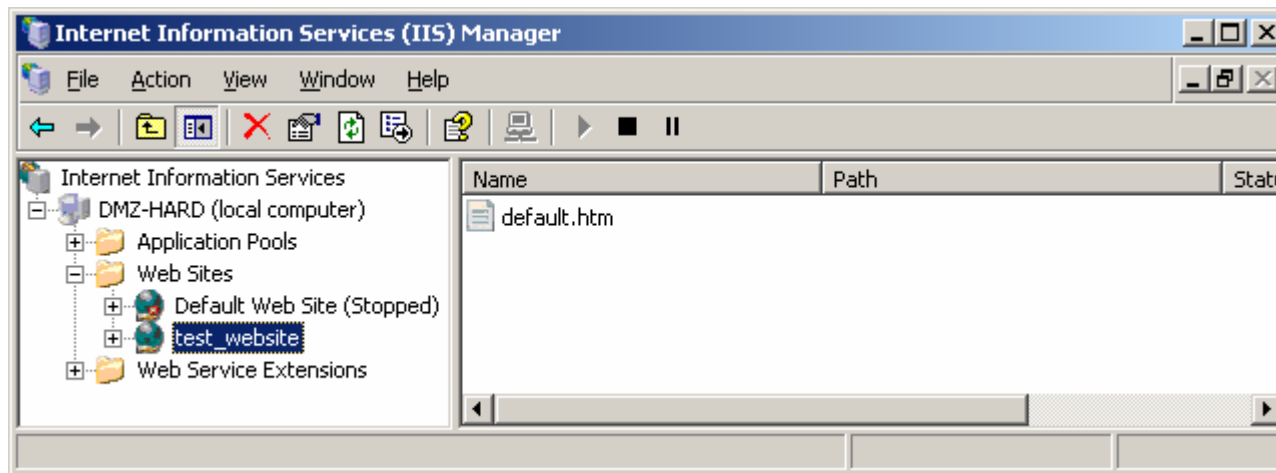
NOTE: Note which folders to apply the permissions to. The 1st column is the directory that you should navigate to and the 2nd column is the collection of folders and files that you should apply these permissions onto.

Directory	Apply onto
C:\Windows\System32	This Folder Only
C:\Windows\System32\inetsrv	This Folder Only
C:\Program Files\Common Files	This Folder, Subfolders and Files
E:\path_to_your_IIS_installation	This Folder, Subfolders and Files

Step 25.0 – Change the Web Site to use the renamed IUSR account and associated password.

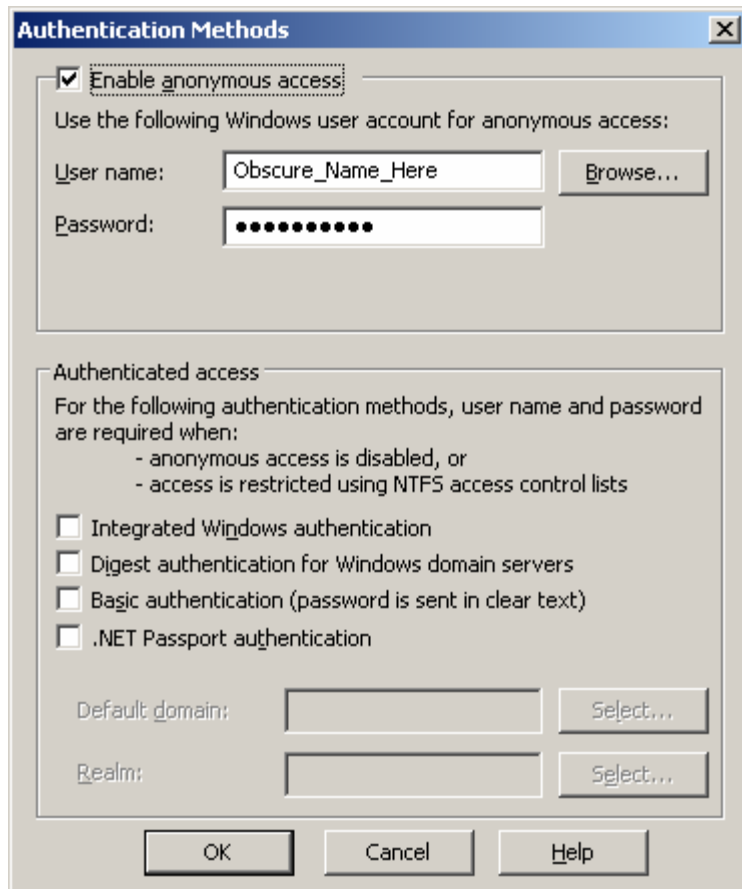
Step 25.1 – Go to **Start > Programs > Administrative Tools > Internet Information Services (IIS) Manager**

Step 25.2 – Expand the trees down to your newly created web site.



Step 25.3 – Right click on your newly created web site and choose **Properties > Directory Security**

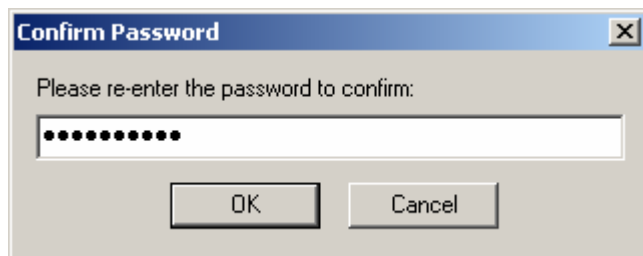
Step 25.4 – Under the **Authentication and access control**, click on **Edit**



Step 25.5 – Ensure that **Enable anonymous access** is checked.

Step 25.6 – For **User Name:** type in the renamed **IUSR_<machinename>** account from **Step 23.3**

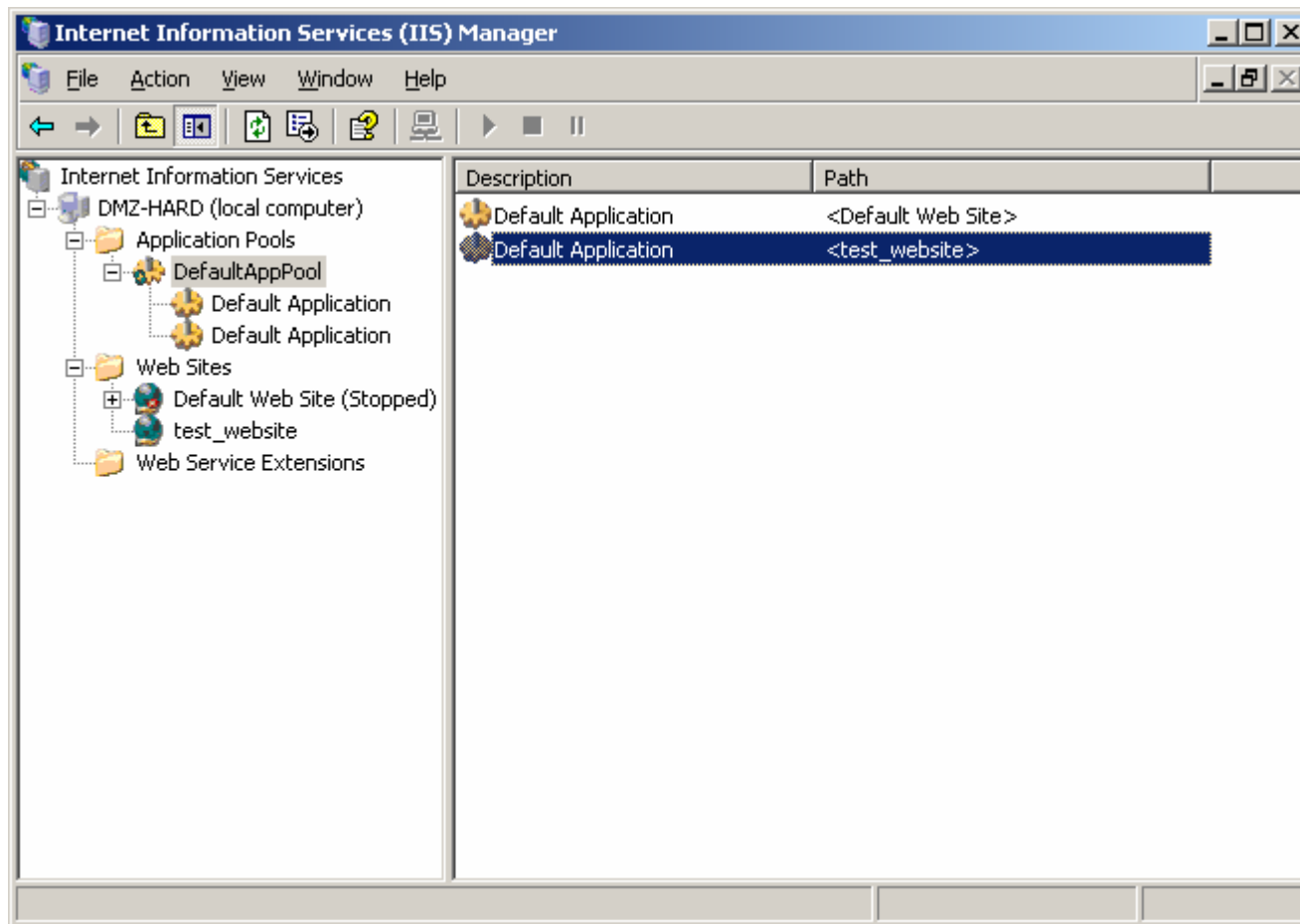
Step 25.7 – For **Password:** type in the newly created password from **Step 23.6** and click OK



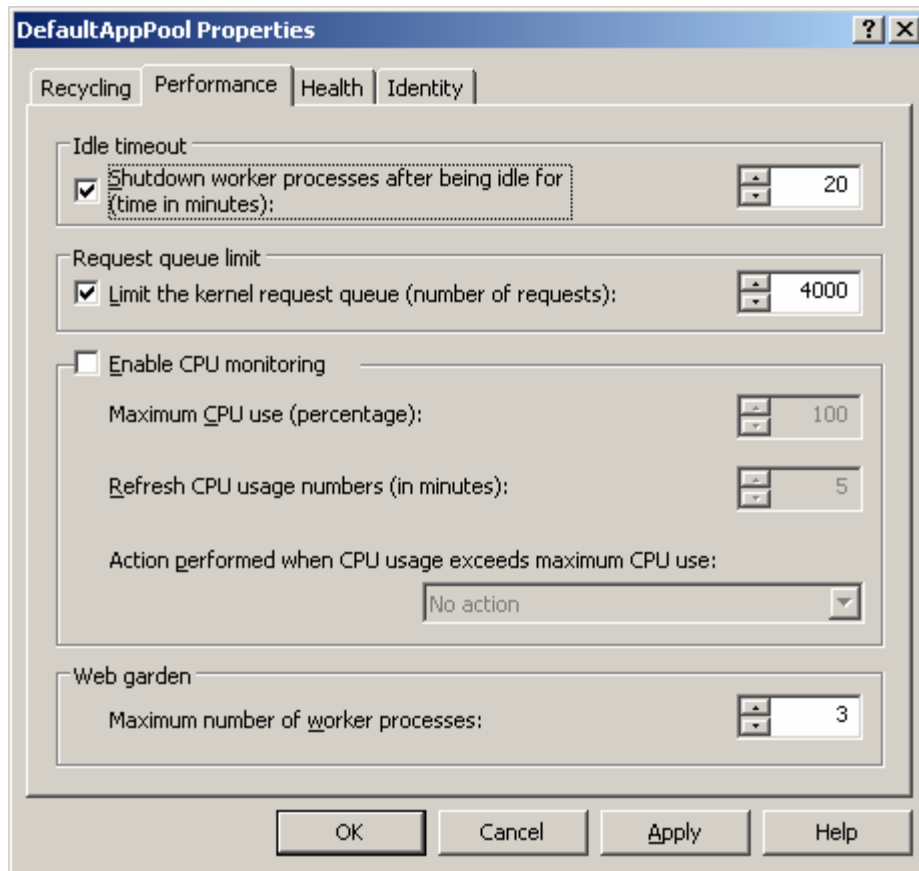
Step 25.8 – You will have to re-enter the password again for validation and click **OK**.

Click **OK** to close the Properties window.

Step 25.9 – Open the **Application Pools** tab and choose the **DefaultAppPool**.



Step 25.10 – Right click on **DefaultAppPool** and select **Properties > Performance**.



Step 25.11 – Change the value under **Web Garden** > **Maximum number of worker processes** to 3 and click **OK**.

Step 26.0 – (Optional) Add a robots.txt file to prevent spidering.

Step 26.1 – In the root folder of your newly created website, add a file called robots.txt that includes the following syntax:

```
User Agent: *  
Disallow: /
```

Step 27.0 – Firewall rules

Step 27.1 – Have your Network Admin Group set up the proper ACLs to allow traffic to your website.

Example ACL for router to permit SSH, HTTP, HTTPS, SNMP

access-list 150 permit tcp any host yourwebserver eq 80
access-list 150 permit tcp any host yourwebserver eq 443
access-list 150 permit tcp SSH Client networks yourwebserver eq 22
access-list 150 permit udp SNMP Server networks host yourwebserver eq 161
access-list 150 permit udp SNMP Server networks host yourwebserver eq 161
access-list 150 permit udp SNMP Server networks host yourwebserver eq 162
access-list 150 permit udp SNMP Server network host yourwebserver eq 162

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