

Host Security

Module 06



Disabling Unnecessary Services Running on User Systems

Unnecessary services can open doors for attackers.

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Lab Scenario

Unnecessary services running on the system can allow attackers to exploit vulnerabilities on and gain access to the system or network. As a network administrator, you should be aware of which services are unnecessary based on the organizational policy. Disabling these unnecessary/unused services on a system is one of the important activities that should be performed for security reasons.

Lab Objectives

The objective of this lab is to identify the unnecessary/unused services on a particular system and disable them.

Lab Environment

To perform the lab, you need:

- A virtual machine running **Windows 10**
- A virtual machine running **Ubuntu**
- A web browser with an **Internet** connection

Lab Duration

Time: 10 Minutes

Overview for Disabling Unnecessary Services

Operating systems enable a set of services to function properly. Apart from the default services launched by an OS, users may enable certain services or install applications that enable other dependent services. After the desired task is complete these services may still be left enabled. Attackers can exploit these services to launch various attacks on the system.

Lab Tasks

TASK 1

Disabling unnecessary services on Windows computer

1. The required services that should be running on a computer is stated in the organization's security policy. This set of required services is generally known as a baseline. Based on this, you can identify the unnecessary services running on a specific computer.
2. Launch the **Windows 10** virtual machine and login as the Administrator.
3. Type **services.msc** in the **Search the web and Windows** and press **Enter**.

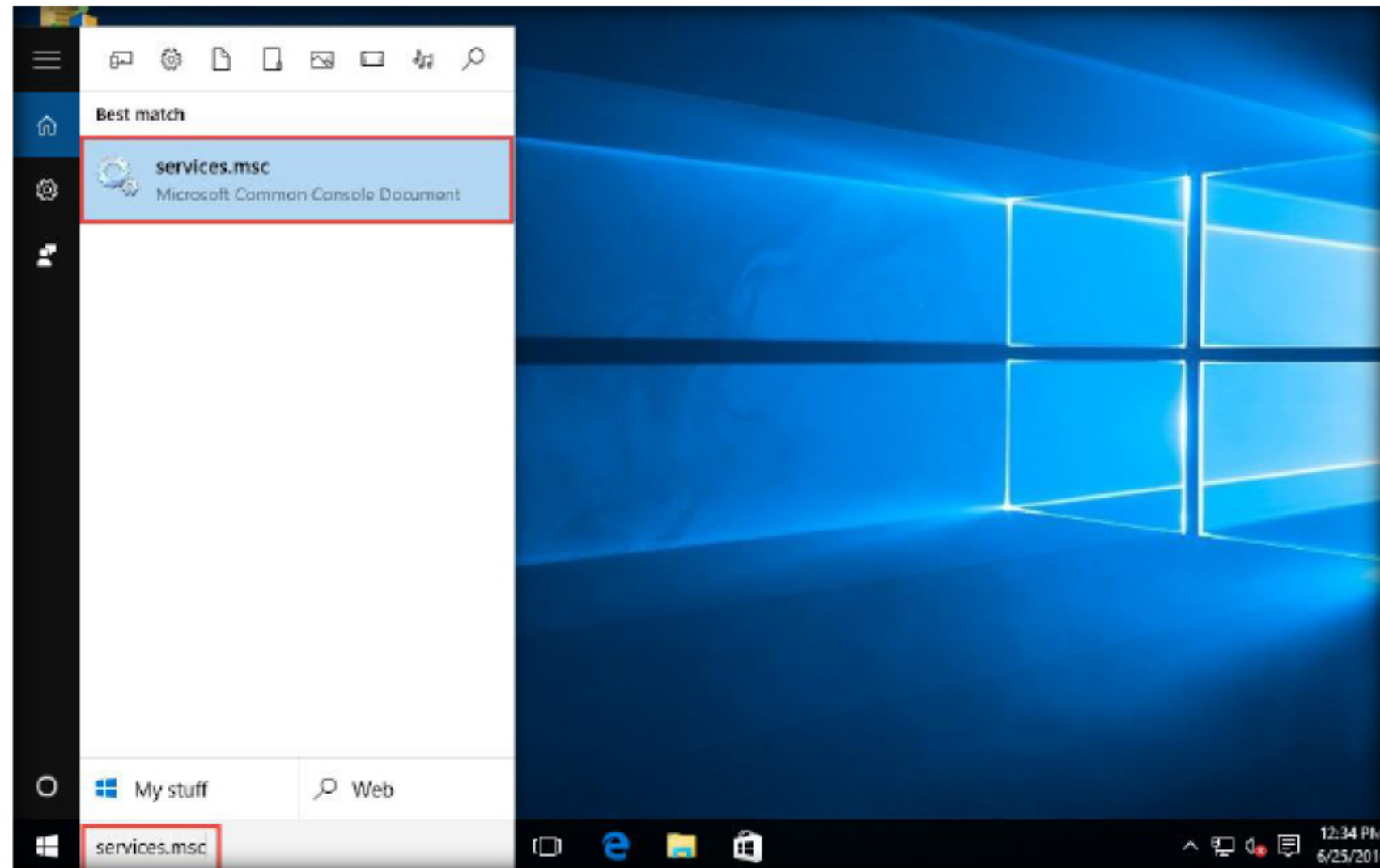


FIGURE 1.1: Windows 10 Machine Launching Services

- The **Services** window will open as shown in following screenshot. This window will show all the services running on the system with a **Running** status.

Microsoft Windows services, formerly known as NT services, enable you to create long-running executable applications that run in their own Windows sessions.

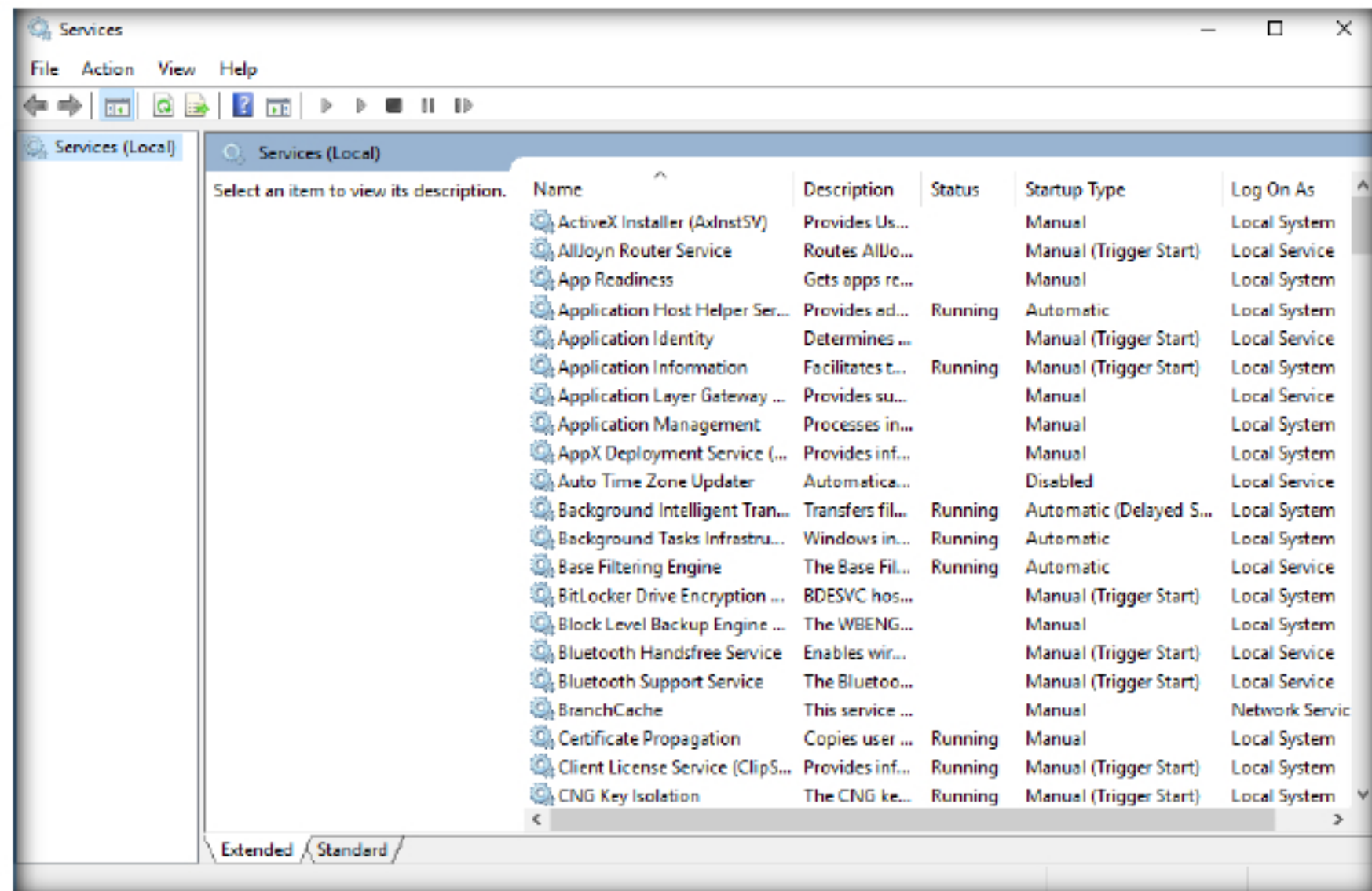


FIGURE 1.2: Services Window

These services can be automatically started when the computer boots, can be paused and restarted, and do not show any user interface. These features make services ideal for use on a server or whenever you need long-running functionality that does not interfere with other users who are working on the same computer.

- Now find out the unnecessary services running on the system and disable them. To disable a service, right-click on the service and click **Properties** from the context menu.

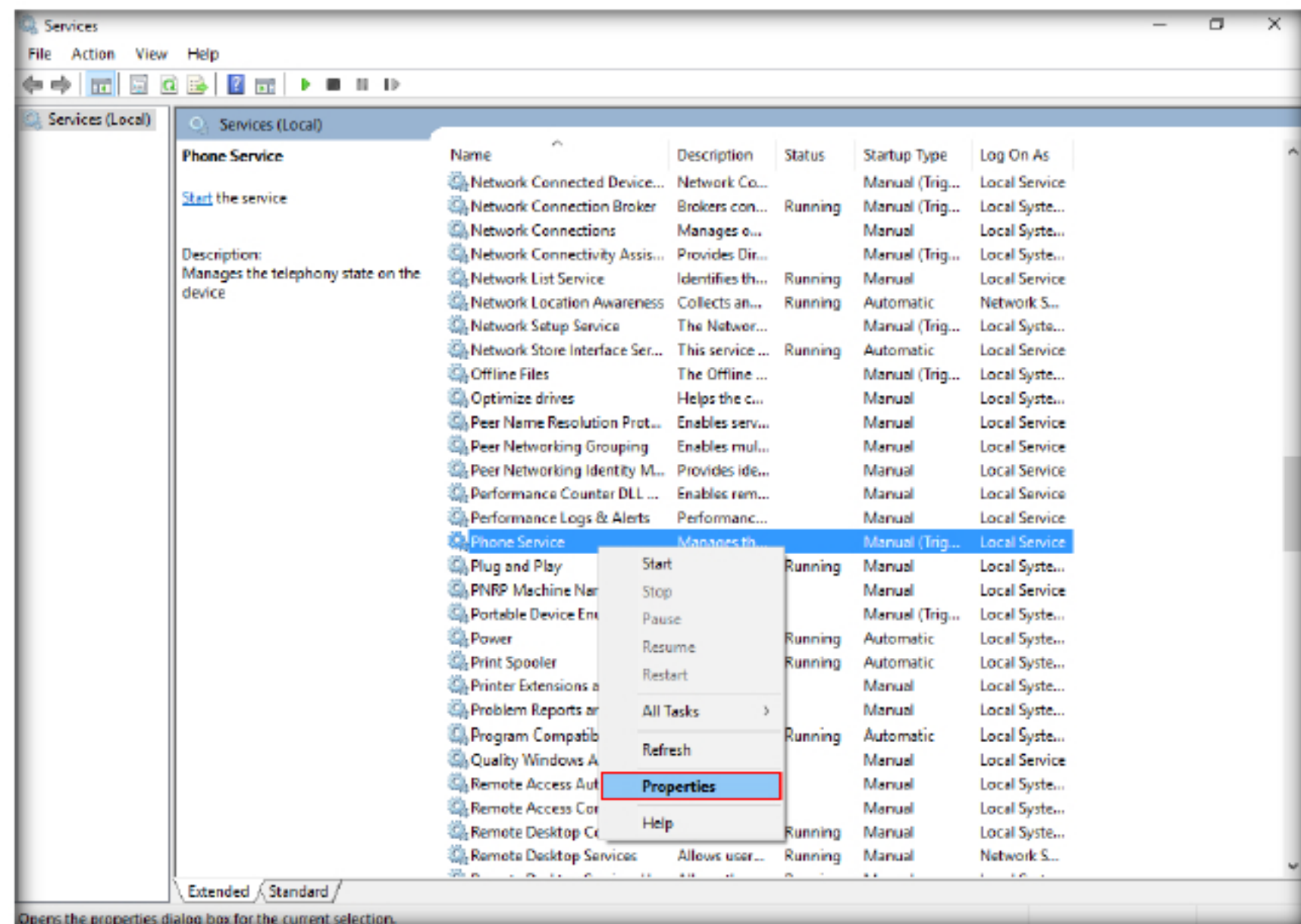


FIGURE 1.3: Stopping Unnecessary Service

You can also run services in the security context of a specific user account that is different from the logged-on user or the default computer account. For more information about services and Windows sessions, see the Windows SDK documentation in the MSDN Library.

6. The selected service **Properties** window appears, choose **Disabled** in the Startup type section and click **Apply** to disable the service.

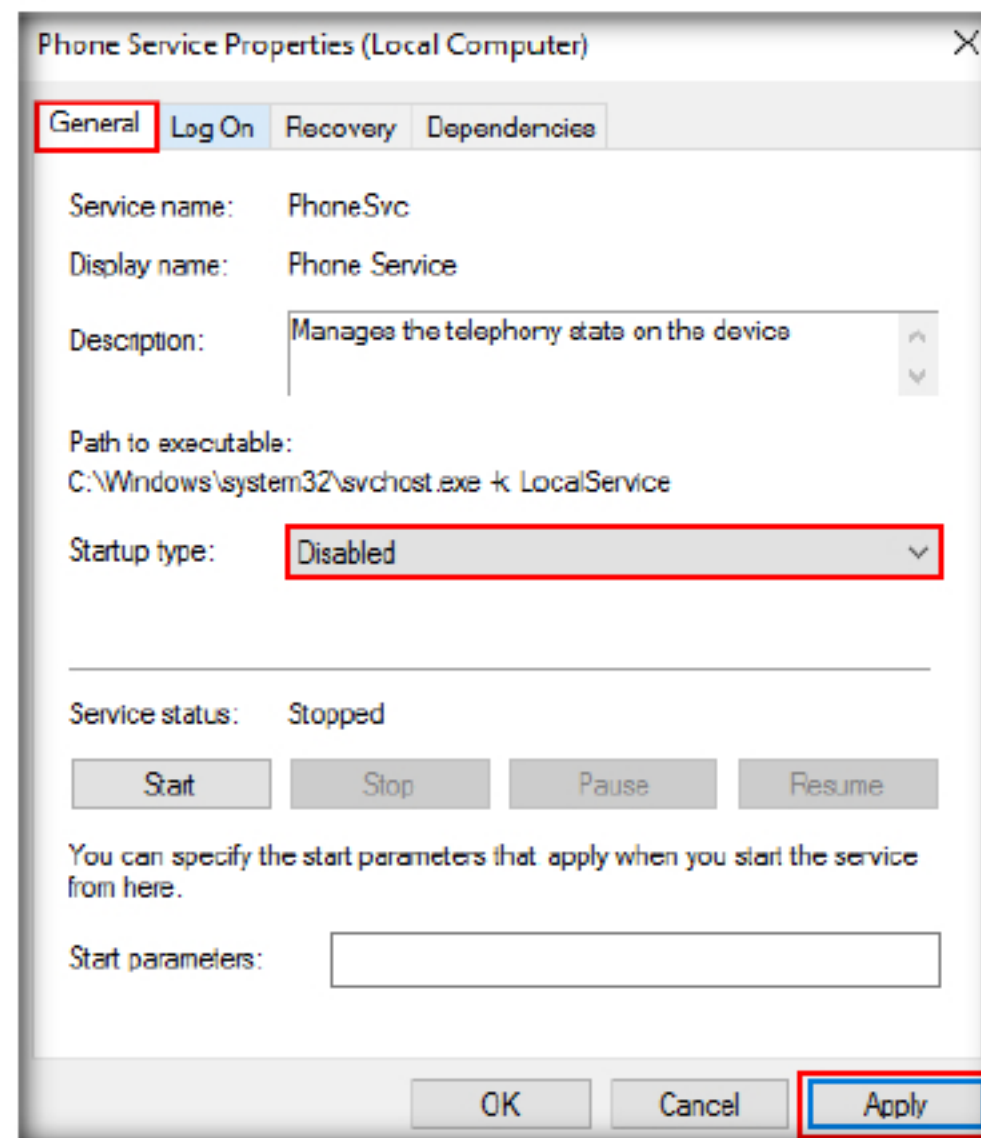


FIGURE 1.4: Disabling Service

7. Once the service is **Stopped** click **OK** as shown in the screenshot. You can check the service status in the properties window.
8. The service has been disabled permanently in the Windows machine, unless the network administrator enables it again when required.

You can easily create services by creating an application that is installed as a service. For example, suppose you want to monitor performance counter data and react to threshold values. You could write a Windows Service application that listens to the performance counter data, deploy the application, and begin collecting and analyzing data.

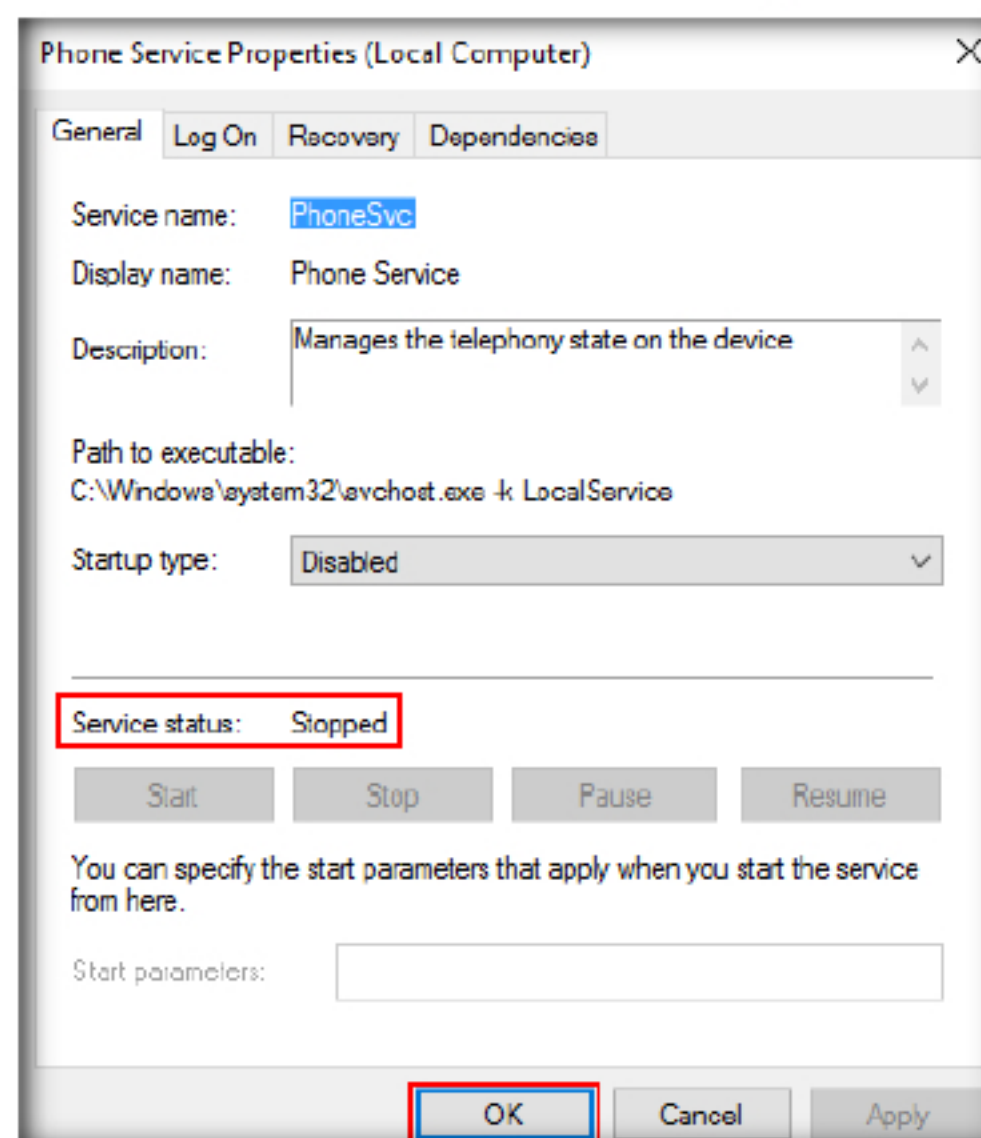
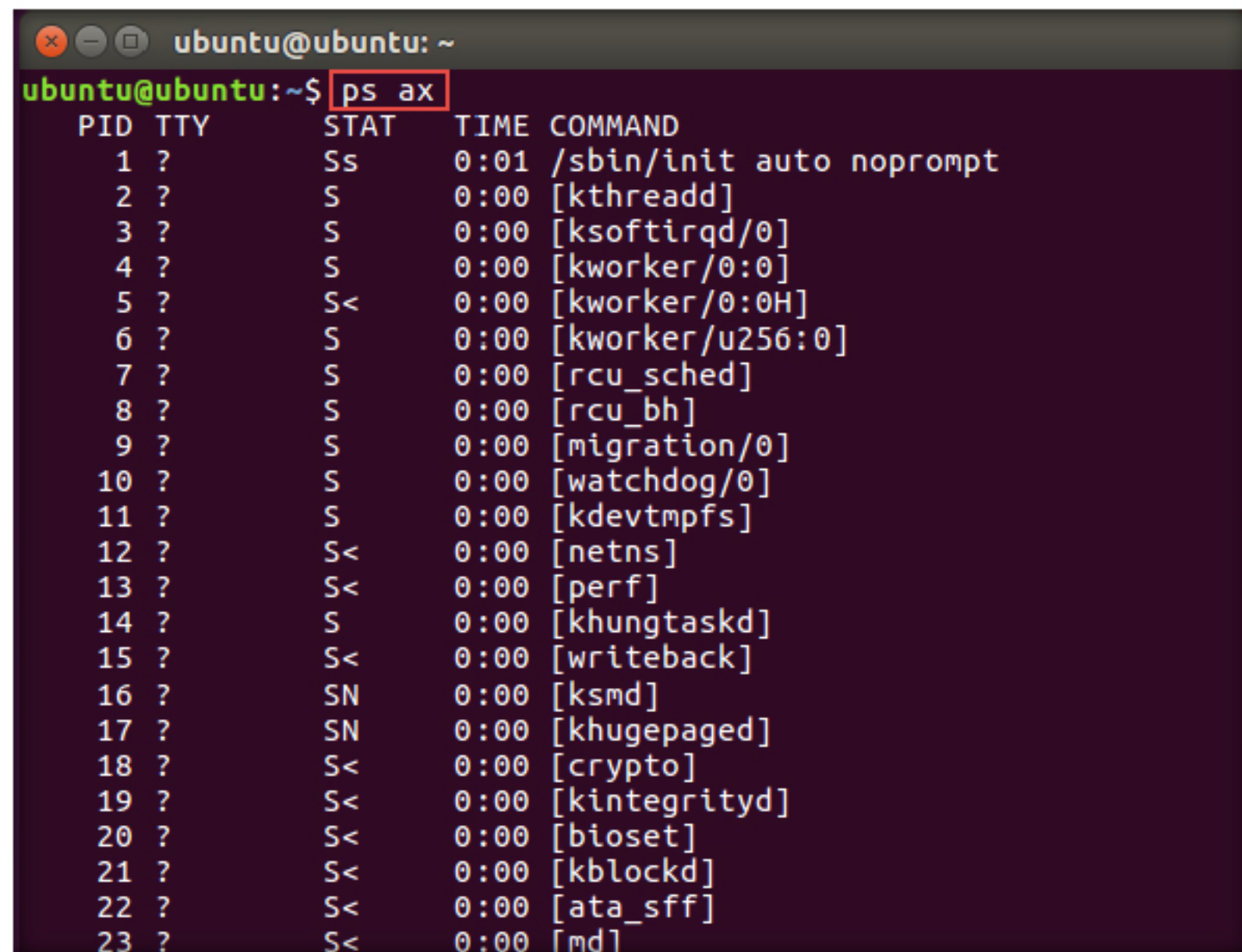


FIGURE 1.5: Service is Stopped

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**Disabling
unnecessary
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computer**

9. Launch the Ubuntu virtual machine and open a command line terminal.
10. Type the **ps ax** command and press **Enter** to know the kind of services running on the system.



```

ubuntu@ubuntu: ~
ubuntu@ubuntu:~$ ps ax
  PID TTY          STAT       TIME COMMAND
    1 ?           Ss          0:01 /sbin/init auto noprompt
    2 ?           S            0:00 [kthreadd]
    3 ?           S            0:00 [ksoftirqd/0]
    4 ?           S            0:00 [kworker/0:0]
    5 ?           S<          0:00 [kworker/0:0H]
    6 ?           S            0:00 [kworker/u256:0]
    7 ?           S            0:00 [rcu_sched]
    8 ?           S            0:00 [rcu_bh]
    9 ?           S            0:00 [migration/0]
   10 ?           S            0:00 [watchdog/0]
   11 ?           S            0:00 [kdevtmpfs]
   12 ?           S<          0:00 [netns]
   13 ?           S<          0:00 [perf]
   14 ?           S            0:00 [khungtaskd]
   15 ?           S<          0:00 [writeback]
   16 ?           SN          0:00 [ksmd]
   17 ?           SN          0:00 [khugepaged]
   18 ?           S<          0:00 [crypto]
   19 ?           S<          0:00 [kintegrityd]
   20 ?           S<          0:00 [bioaset]
   21 ?           S<          0:00 [kblockd]
   22 ?           S<          0:00 [ata_sff]
   23 ?           S<          0:00 [md]

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FIGURE 1.6: Checking Running process in Ubuntu

11. You require the Root (Administrator) privilege to disable unnecessary services in the computer.

12. To disable a specific service, type the command **sudo update-rc.d -f [service name] remove** and press **Enter**. It will ask for the root password, enter **toor** as the password and press **Enter**. (Here in this lab, we are disabling the **apache2** service)

The service command references a service using its init script, stored in the `/etc/init.d` directory. Check that directory if you aren't sure what name the system uses for a service.

```

ubuntu@ubuntu: ~
fts
1962 ?      Sl      0:00 update-notifier
1989 ?      Sl      0:00 /usr/lib/x86_64-linux-gnu/deja-dup/d
eja-dup-monitor
2074 ?      Sl      0:00 /usr/lib/gvfs/gvfsd-metadata
2121 ?      Ss      0:00 /usr/sbin/apache2 -k start
2124 ?      Sl      0:00 /usr/sbin/apache2 -k start
2125 ?      Sl      0:00 /usr/sbin/apache2 -k start
2184 pts/17  R+      0:00 ps ax
ubuntu@ubuntu:~$ sudo update-rc.d -f apache2 remove
[sudo] password for ubuntu:
ubuntu@ubuntu:~$

ubuntu@ubuntu: ~
2223 ?      S       0:00 /usr/lib/cups/notifier/dbus dbus://
2224 ?      S       0:00 /usr/lib/cups/notifier/dbus dbus://
2225 ?      S       0:00 /usr/lib/cups/notifier/dbus dbus://
2226 ?      S       0:00 /usr/lib/cups/notifier/dbus dbus://
2227 ?      S       0:00 /usr/lib/cups/notifier/dbus dbus://
2228 ?      S       0:00 /usr/lib/cups/notifier/dbus dbus://
2238 pts/4   Ss      0:00 bash
2253 pts/4   R+      0:00 ps ax
ubuntu@ubuntu:~$ sudo update-rc.d -f apache2 remove
[sudo] password for ubuntu:
ubuntu@ubuntu:~$

```

FIGURE 1.7: Stopping Unnecessary Services in Ubuntu

13. Type **reboot** and press **Enter** to restart the machine.

Lab Analysis

Analyze and document the results related to the lab exercise.

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Detecting Missing Security Patches using MBSA on Windows

MBSA is used to identify missing security updates and common security misconfigurations.

Lab Scenario

In real-life scenarios, it is not possible or an ideal practice to manually check the missing security patches, updates, misconfigurations on a Windows machine. As a network administrator, you should find a way to automate the process. The administrator can use MBSA to automate the process for checking if there are missing security patches on a Windows platform.

Lab Objectives

This lab will demonstrate how to use the MBSA tool to check for missing security patches on a Windows system.





Lab Environment

To carry out the lab, you need:

- A virtual machine running Windows Server 2012
- A virtual machine running Windows Server 2008
- MBSA, located at **Z:\CND-Tools\CND Module 06 Host Security\Patch Management Tools\MBSA**
- A Web browser with an Internet connection
- **Administrative** privileges to run the tools

Lab Duration

Time: 20 Minutes

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Overview of MBSA

The Microsoft Baseline Security Analyzer (MBSA) helps small and medium-sized businesses determine their security state in accordance with Microsoft security recommendations and offers specific remediation guidance.

Lab Tasks

TASK 1

Install MBSA in Administrator Machine (Windows Server 2012)

The MBSA provides built-in checks to determine if Windows administrative vulnerabilities are present, if weak passwords are being used on Windows accounts, the presence of known IIS and SQL administrative vulnerabilities, and which security updates are required for each individual system. The MBSA provides a dynamic assessment of missing security updates.

1. Launch the **Windows Server 2012** machine and login as Admin, the credentials are Username: **Administrator**, and Password: **Pa\$\$w0rd**.
Note: By default, the Administrator user profile is selected, just type the provided password in the password field and press **Enter**.
2. Navigate to **Z:\CND-Tools\CND Module 06 Host Security\Patch Management Tools\MBSA** and double-click **MBSASetup-x64-EN.msi**
3. The **MBSA Setup** window appears. Click **Next**.

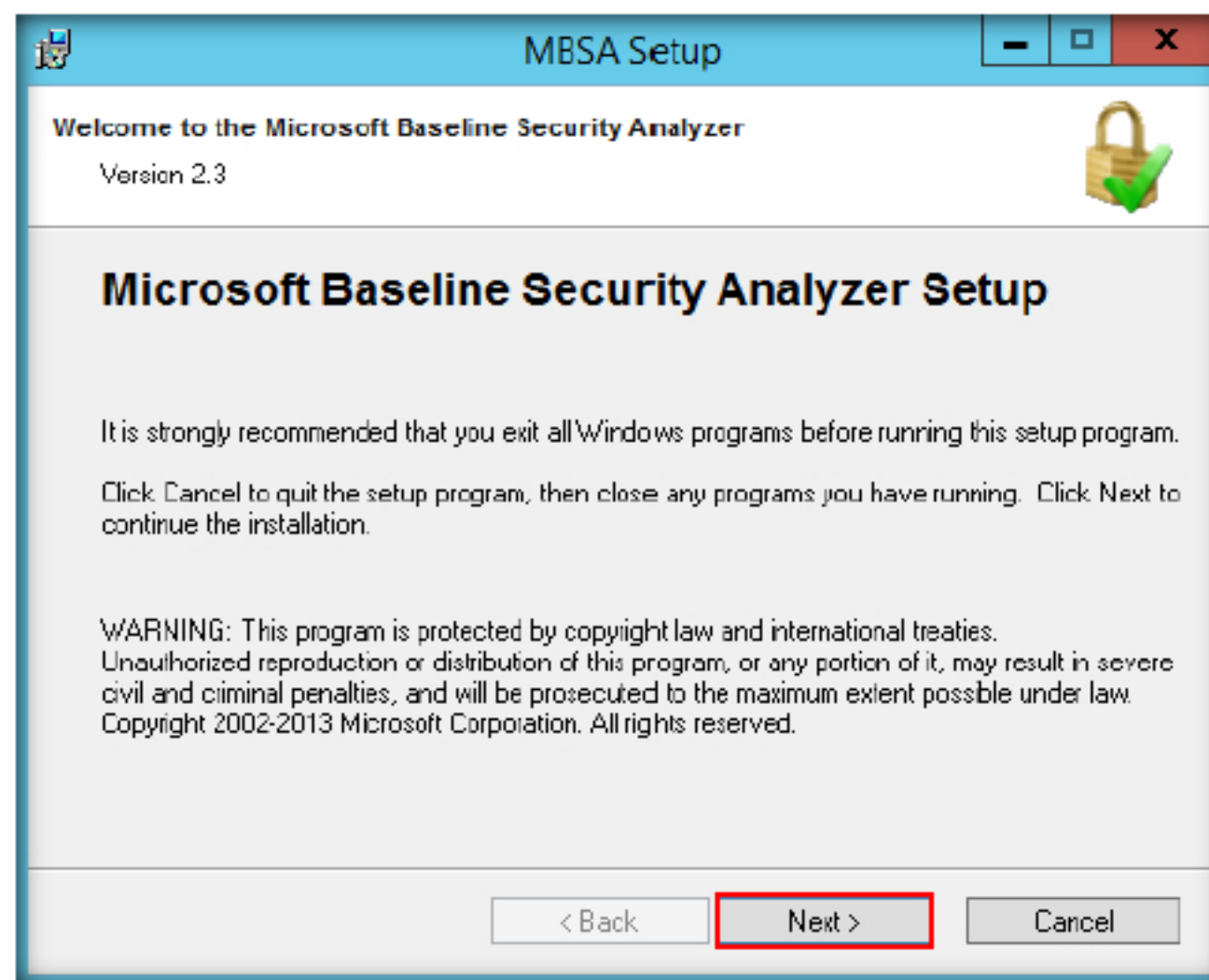


FIGURE 2.1: MBSA setup page

4. Follow the wizard driven instructions and complete the installation.
5. A MBSA Setup pop-up appears after completion of the installation, click **OK**.

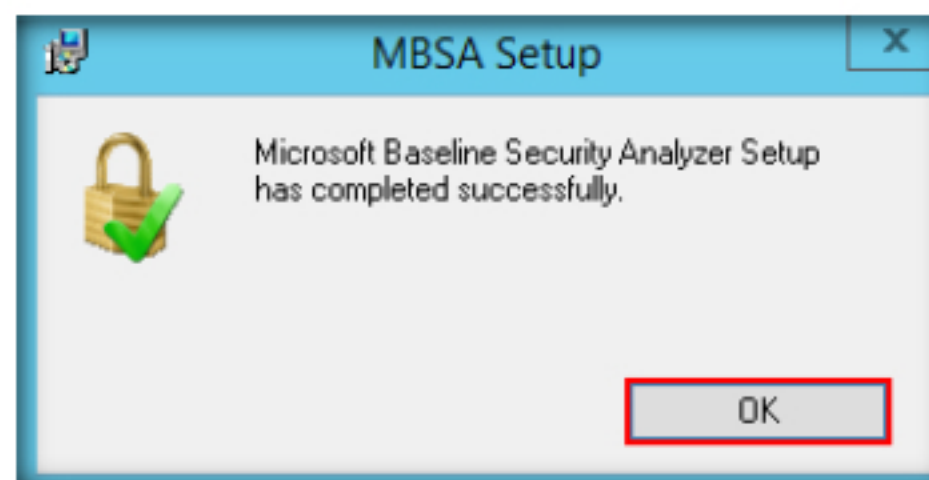


FIGURE 2.2: MBSA Installation complete

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Launch MBSA

6. Navigate to the **desktop** and double-click the **Microsoft Baseline Security Analyzer 2.3** short-cut icon in order to launch.

Note: Alternatively, you can also launch the **Microsoft Baseline Security Analyzer 2.3** from the installed start menu apps.

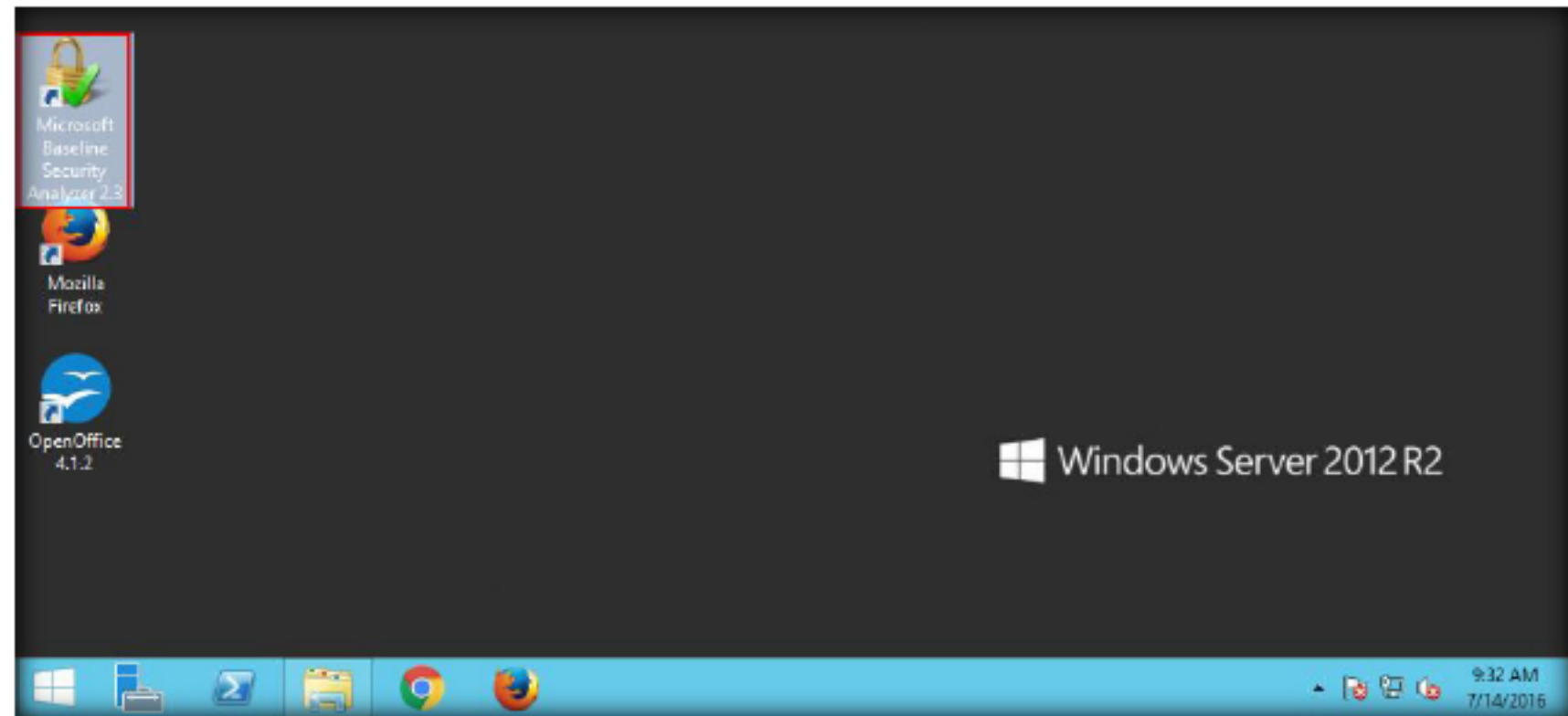


FIGURE 2.3: Launching MBSA from Desktop

7. The **Microsoft Baseline Security Analyzer 2.3** main window appears as shown in the screenshot, by default the **Tasks** option is selected in the left pane of the window. Click **Scan a computer**.

The MBSA can scan one or more computers by domain, IP address range or other grouping. Once complete, the MBSA provides a detailed report and instructions on how to help turn your system into a more secure working environment.

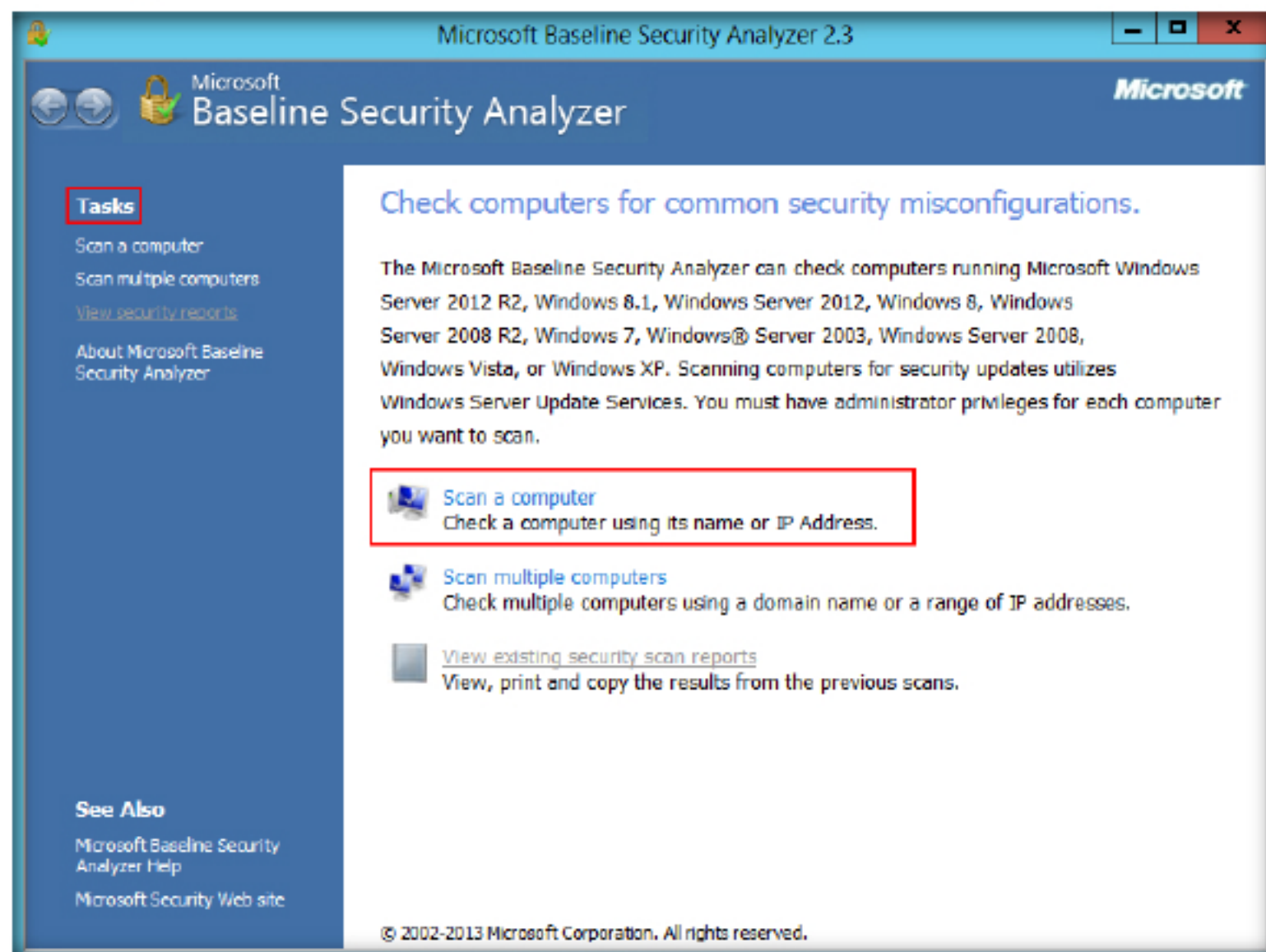


FIGURE 2.4: Scanning a Computer

8. Which computer do you want to scan? A wizard appears, you can enter the **Computer name** or **IP address** in the respected fields, leave the other settings as default and click **Start Scan**.

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Perform Scan

- In this lab we are going to scan the Windows Server 2008 (CND domain) machine and its IP address of **10.10.10.8**.

Note: The IP address may vary if you have set different IP addresses in your lab environment.

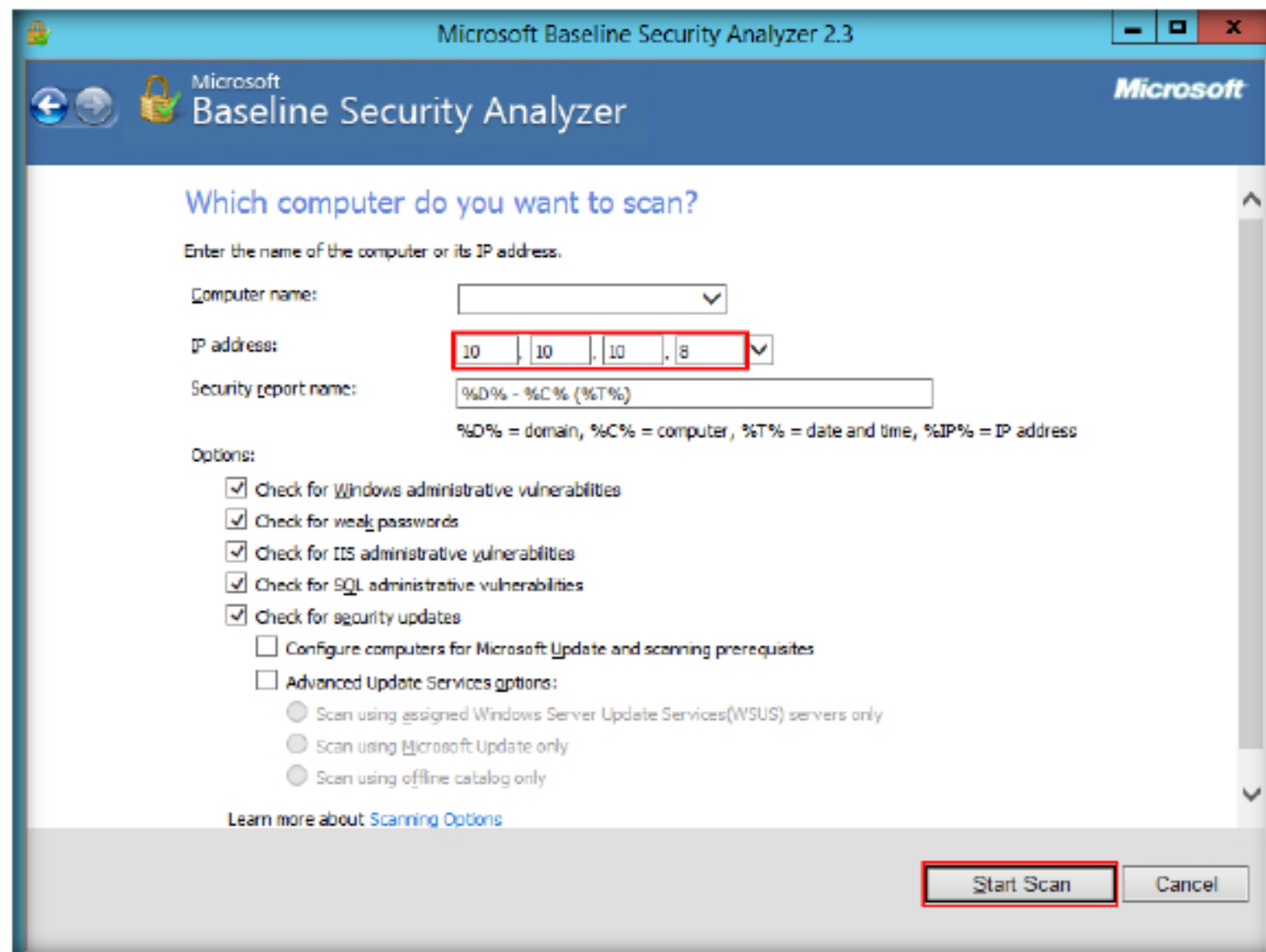


FIGURE 2.5: MBSA initiates Scan

- Wait until the scanning process is completed; it will take a few seconds to complete the scan.

The MBSA will create and store individual XML security reports for each computer scanned and will display the reports in the graphical user interface in HTML.

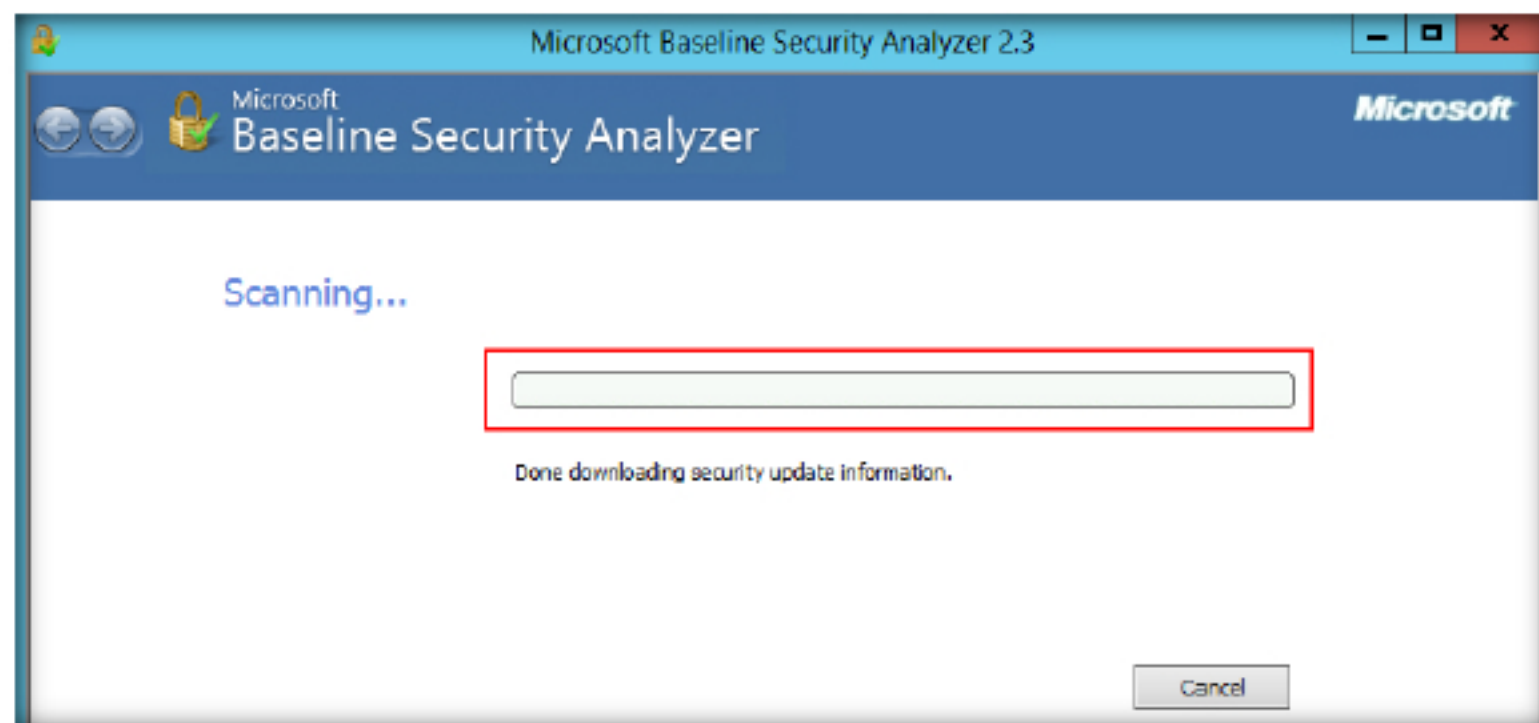


FIGURE 2.6: MBSA Scanning in Progress

11. Once the scan is completed scroll down and view the results in the **Security Update Scan Results** section. It will be showing missing security patches, security misconfigurations, etc.

Note: The computer name may vary in your lab environment.

To use the MBSA tool, users will need either Windows Server 2008 R2, Windows 7, Server 2003, Server 2008, Vista, XP or Windows 2000 and will need administrator privileges sufficient to scan the target computers.

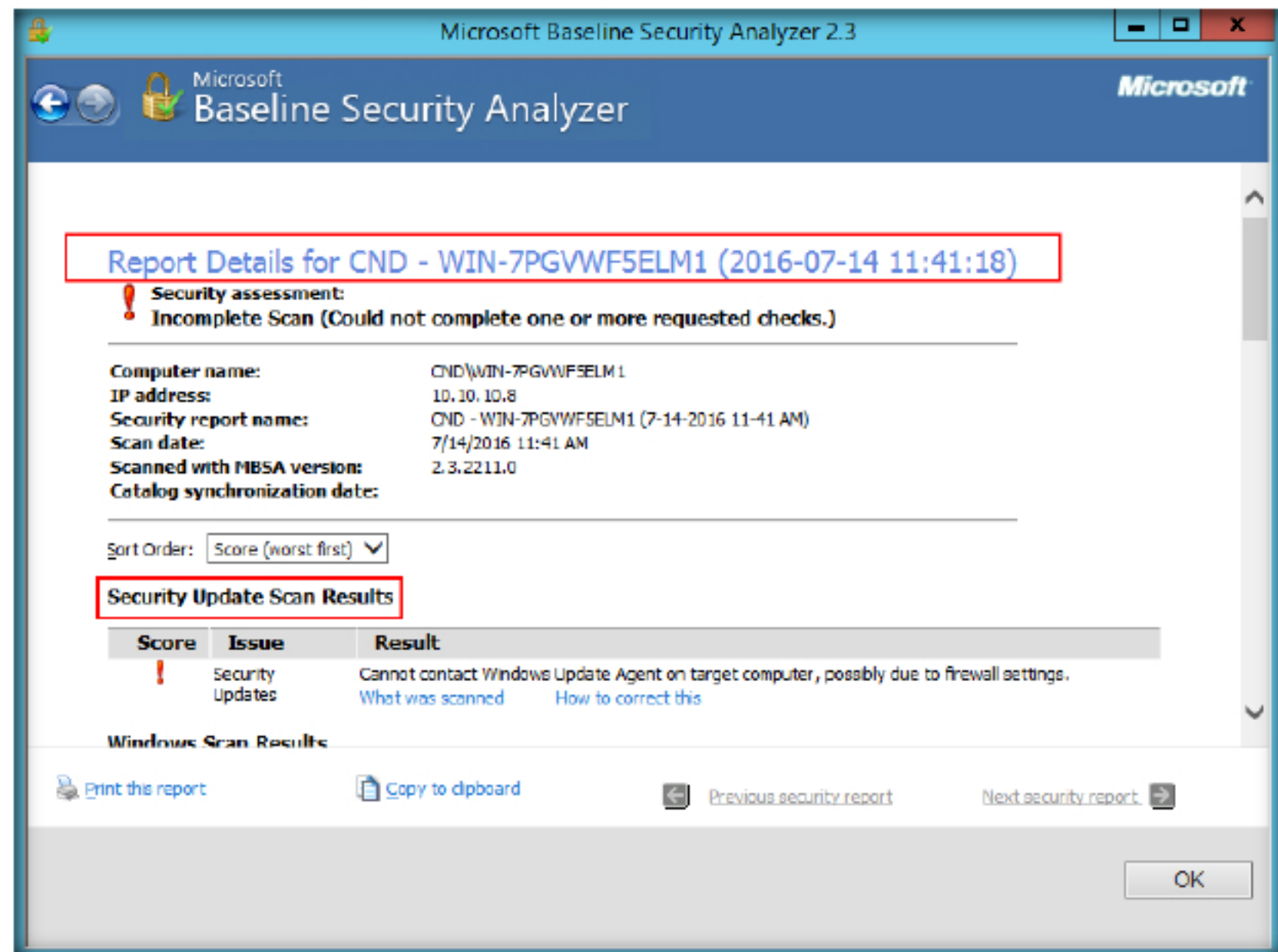


FIGURE 2.7: MBSA Scan Results

12. Scroll down to view the Windows Scan Results, it will display the complete Administrative Vulnerabilities found in the targeted machine as shown in the screenshot.
13. MBSA shows the severity level of the vulnerability under Score, Name of the vulnerability in Issue, and information about the reported vulnerability and how to fix the issue in Result.

14. In this lab we are going to check the **Automatic Updates** vulnerability and how to fix this issue. To fix this issue, click the **How to correct this** link under the reported vulnerability.

After installing MBSA and running the tool, users can scan a computer using its name or IP address, scan multiple computers within a domain name or a range of IP addresses, or view existing security scan reports.

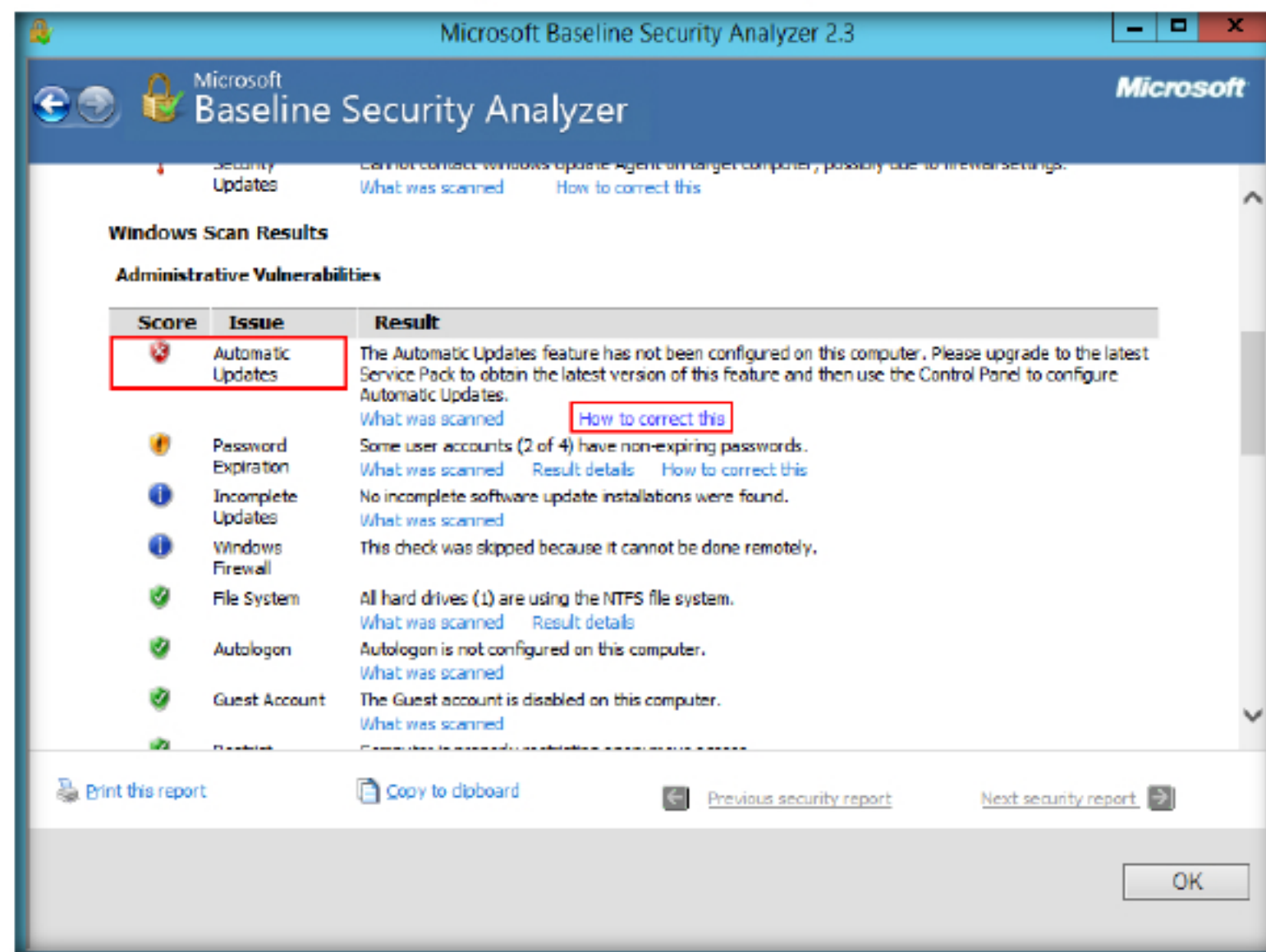


FIGURE 2.8: Windows Scan Results

15. Once you click on the How to correct this link, a browser window will appear with the solution to fix the respective issue as shown in the screenshot. Scroll down to view the complete information to fix the issue.
16. To resolve this issue, login to the target machine, follow the step by step instructions that are provided by the MBSA tool.

There are even more options available through the command-line interface to support scripting and fine-tuned control over MBSA's scanning and reporting features.

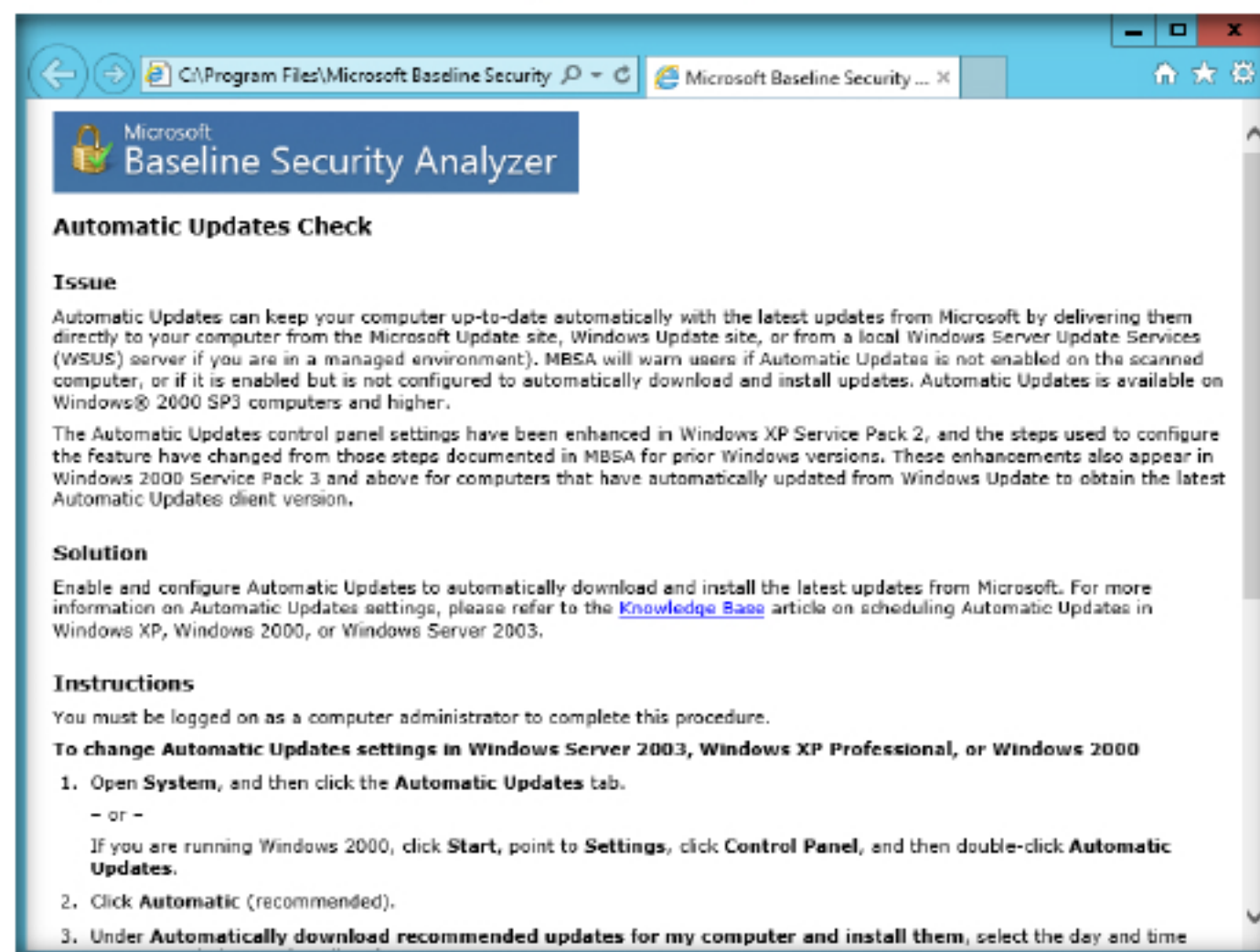


FIGURE 2.9: How to fix the vulnerabilities Solution

17. Let us now fix the issue. To do this, click the **Windows Server 2008** machine and login.

18. Credentials to login:

- Username: **CND\Administrator**
- Password: **Pa\$\$w0rd**

19. Go to **Start → Control Panel** and double-click the **Windows Updates** icon.

TASK 4

Fixing the Vulnerability

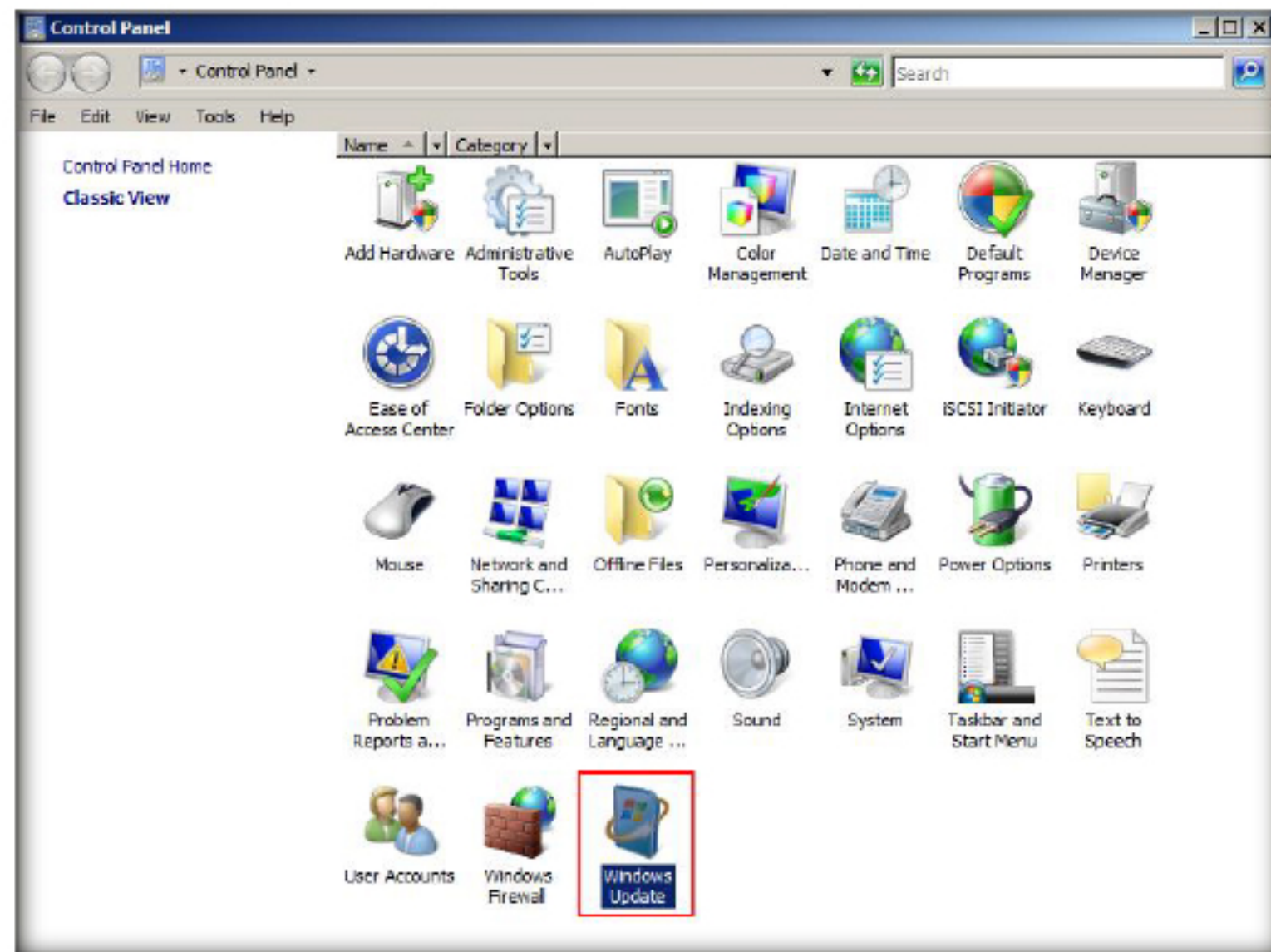


FIGURE 2.10: Windows Server 2008 Control Panel

20. A Windows Update window appears, click the **Change settings** link in the left hand side of the window.

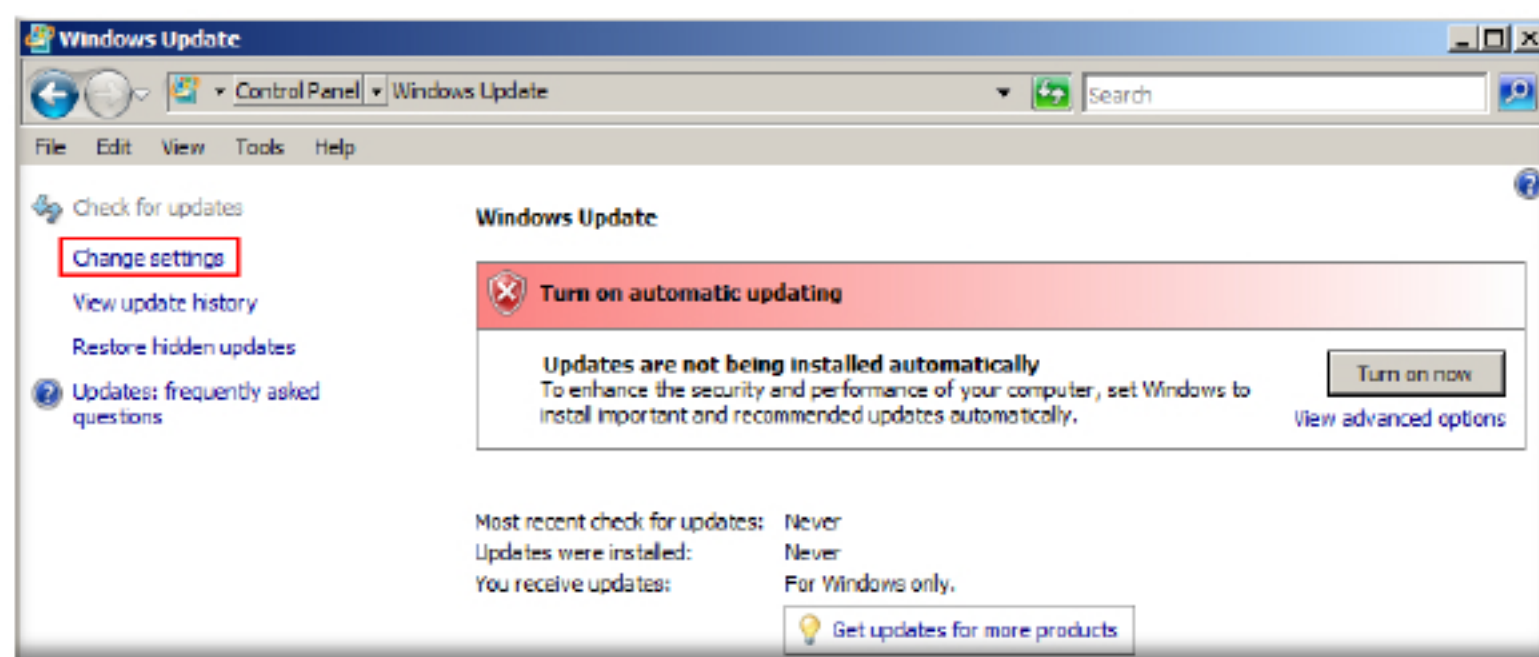


FIGURE 2.11: Windows Server 2008 Windows Update

21. In the Change settings window, choose the **Install updates automatically (recommended)** radio button and schedule the time to **Install new updates** or leave the settings as default and then click **OK**.

The MBSA also provides an expanded list of options beyond what is available via the graphical interface via the command-line interface. These options can be accessed by opening a command-prompt in the MBSA installation directory and running `MBSACL.exe /?`

22. As soon as you click the **OK** button, it will start checking for new updates and it will prompt you to install the updates. Install the required updates on the machine.

After you select the appropriate options and computers, you then trigger the scan, which typically takes several minutes to run. By default, the MBSA will automatically attempt to reach Microsoft Update for the latest catalog. The MBSA will augment the scan using any updates approved by the WSUS admin in managed environments.

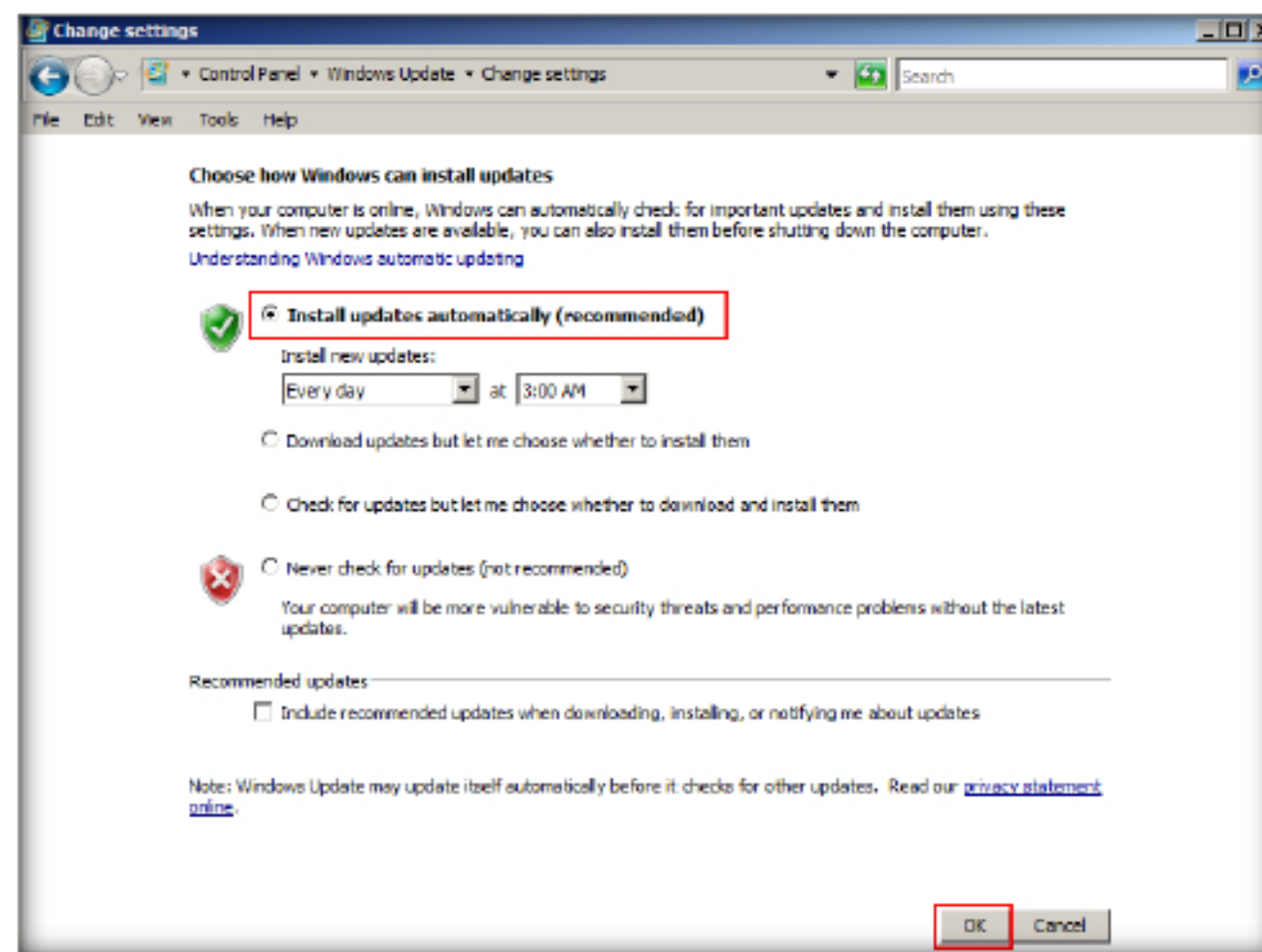


FIGURE 2.12: Choosing how Windows can Install Updates

23. Now switch back to the Windows Server 2012 machine and click **OK** to go back to the main screen of MBSA.

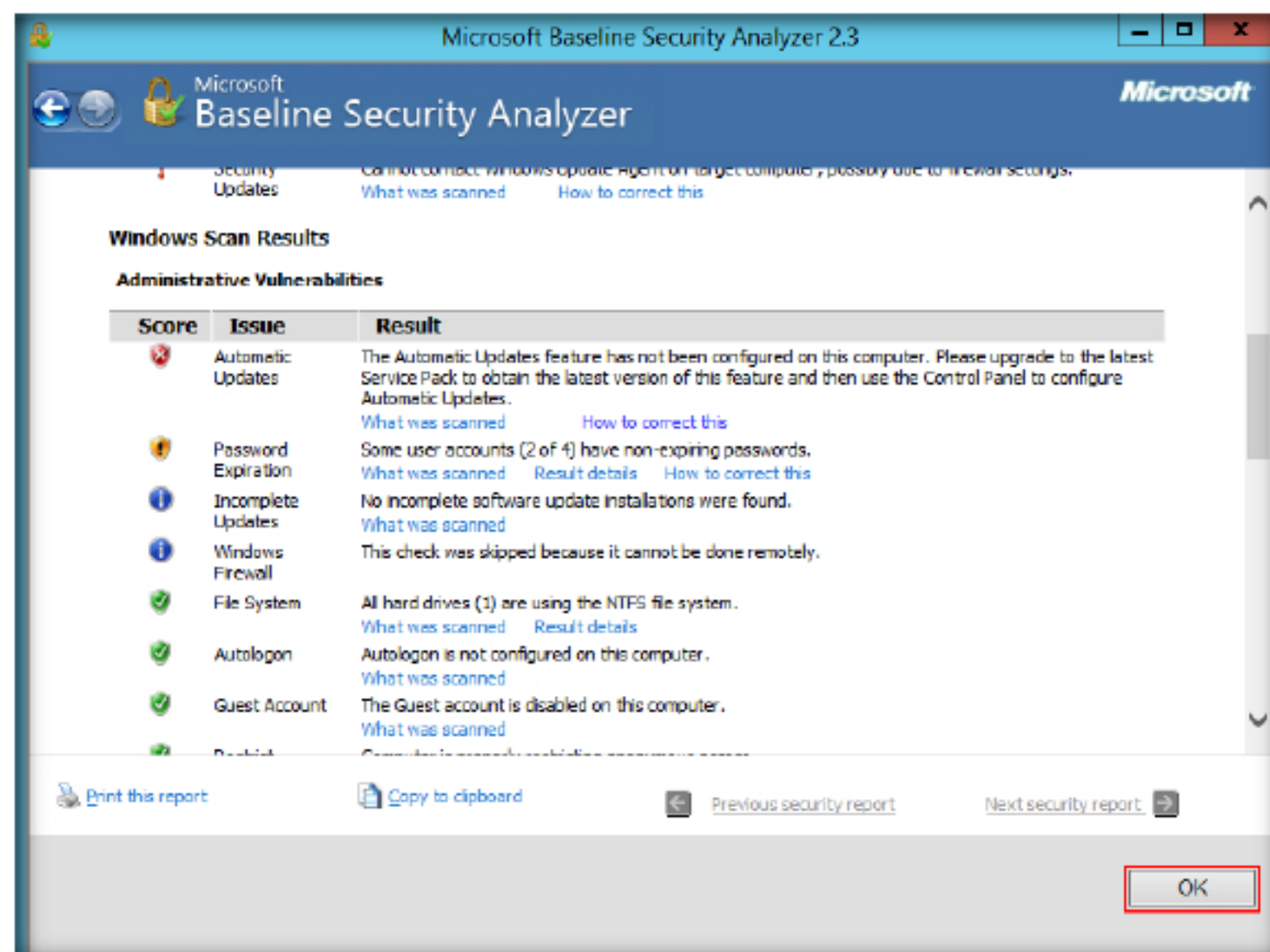


FIGURE 2.13: MBSA Windows Scan Results

24. Follow steps **7** to **14** to rescan the Windows Server 2008 machine and check if the issue is fixed.

25. Now the Automatic Updates issue is fixed as shown in the screenshot. Similarly, you can fix all the Administrative Vulnerabilities using the respective scan results.

MBSA Scan Results after fixing the found vulnerabilities in the Targeted machine.

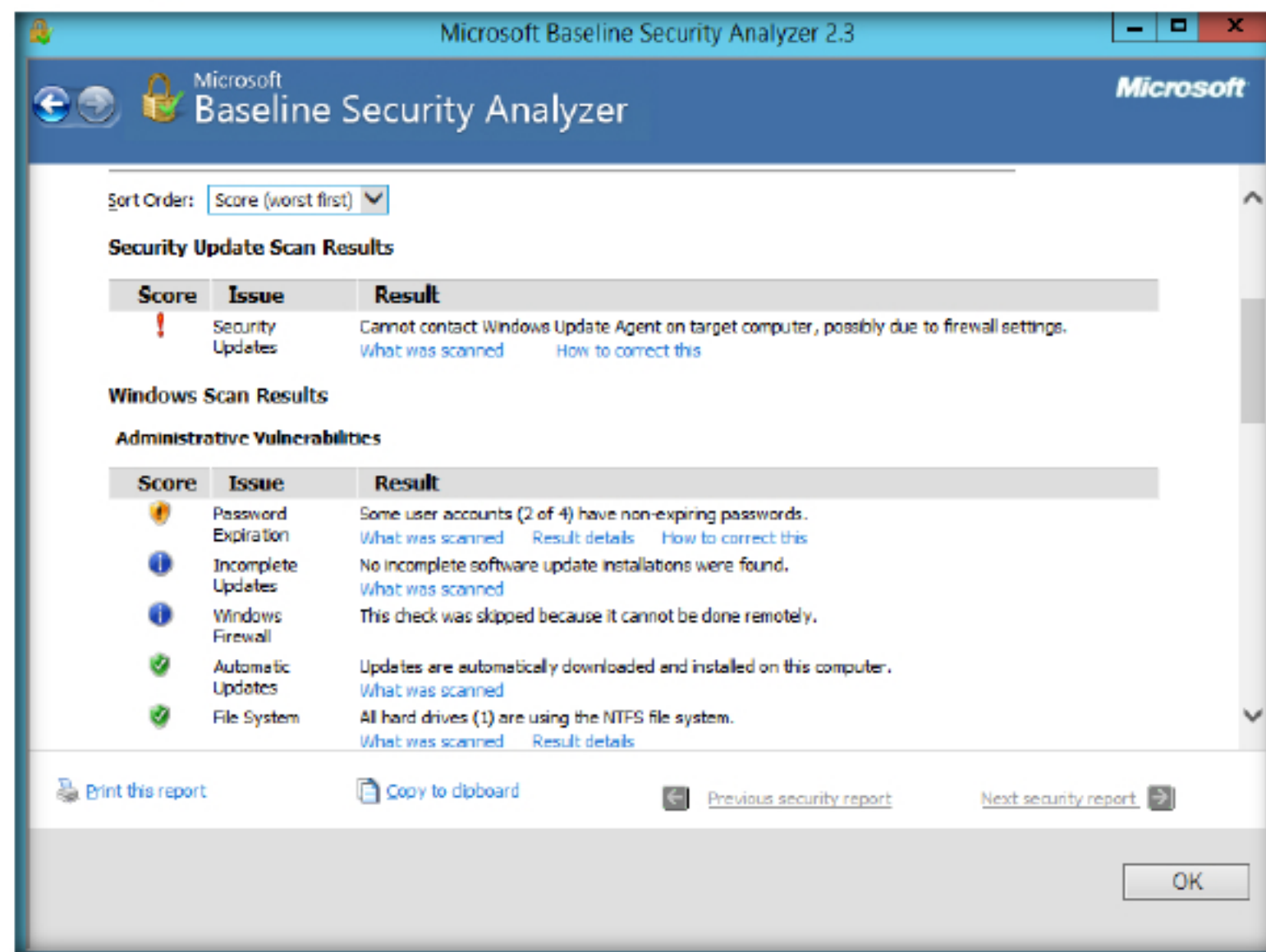


FIGURE 2.14: MBSA Fixed the Issue

Lab Analysis

Analyze and document the results of the lab exercise. Give your opinion on your target's security posture and exposure through free public information.

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Conducting Security Checks using buck-security On Linux

buck-security is a collection of security checks for Linux

Lab Scenario

As a network administrator, you should be able to conduct security checks against a Linux system in order to know the security status of the system.

Lab Objectives

This lab will demonstrate how to conduct a security check on an Ubuntu Linux system.

Lab Environment

To carry out the lab, you need:

- A virtual machine running Ubuntu Linux
- A Web browser with an Internet connection
- **Administrative** privileges to run the tools

Lab Duration

Time: 10 Minutes


Overview of buck-security


The aim of buck-security is to allow you to get a quick overview of the security status for your system. It is useful to get an overview of the security status of the system immediately. It runs important tests and returns the results to you after a couple of minutes.


Lab Tasks


1. Turn on and log in to the **Ubuntu** VM

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The aim of buck-security is to allow you to get a quick overview of the security status of your system. As a Linux system administrator - but also as a normal Linux user - you often wonder if your system is secure.

2. Navigate to task bar and click the Files icon. Next, click Connect to Server and when the connect to Server window appears, type the following: **smb://IP Address of the CND-Tools shared folder machine** and click **Connect**.

Note: The IP address may vary in your lab environment.

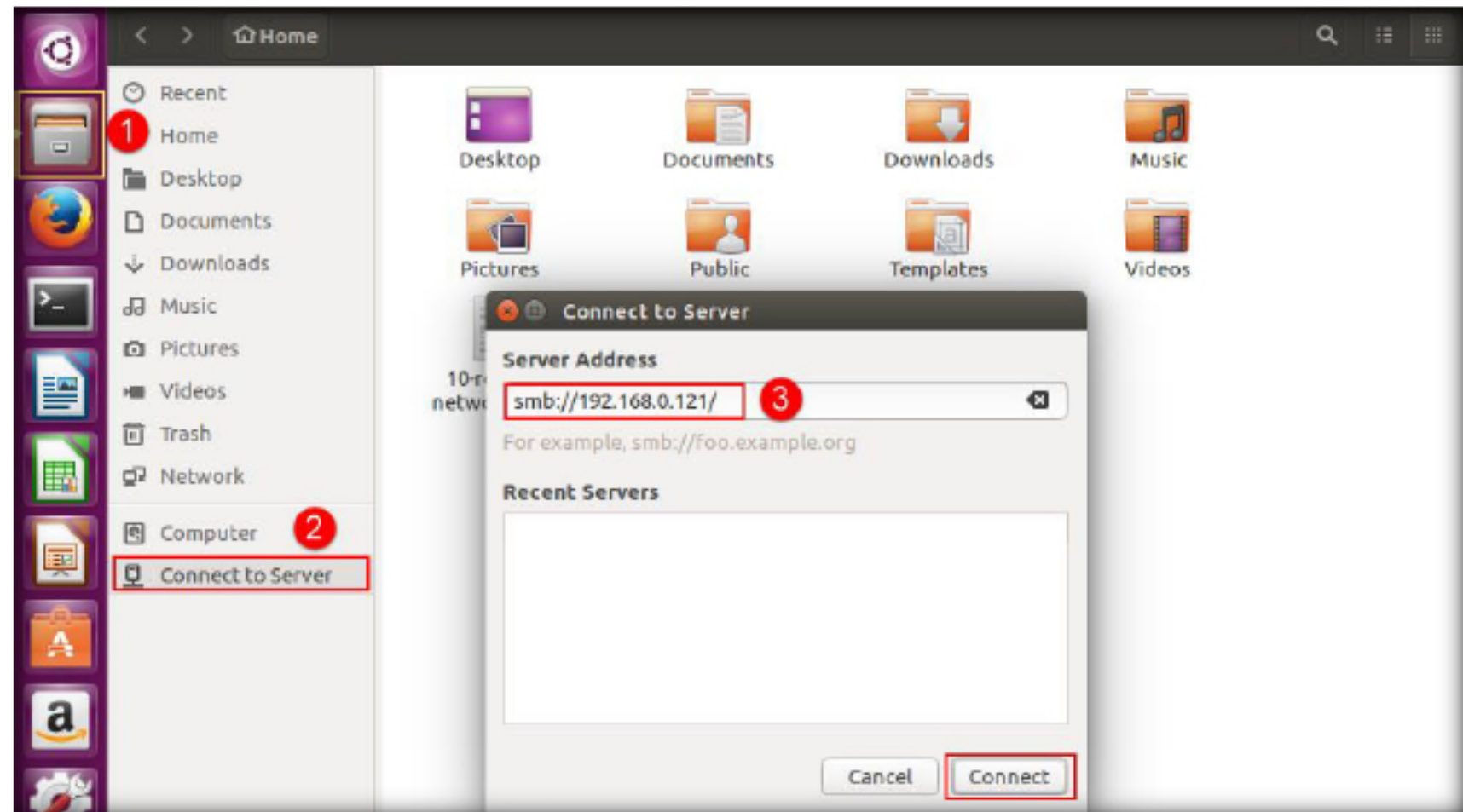


FIGURE 3.1: Entering super user mode

3. Password required for pop-up appears, type the credentials of your local host machine where the shared folder is located and check **Remember forever** radio button and click **Connect**.

In this situation, it is useful to get an overview of the security status of the system immediately. Buck-security was designed exactly for this. It runs important tests and returns the results to you after a couple of minutes.

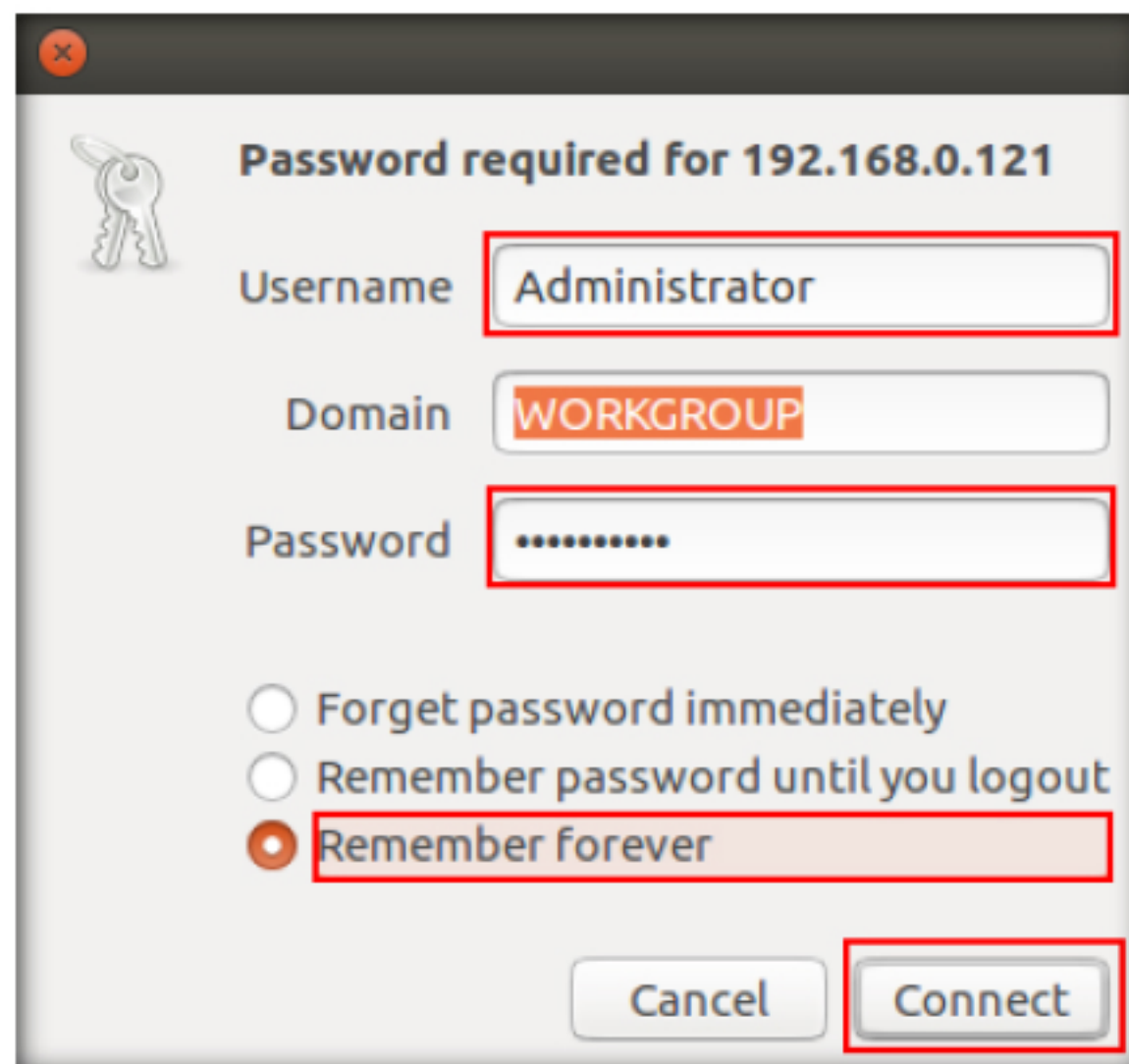


FIGURE 3.2: Entering super user mode

4. Navigate to CND-tools on IP address of the machine (where CND-Tools are shared) → CND Module 06 Host Security → Linux Security and copy **buck-security-master** folder and paste it on the **Desktop**.

Buck Security should be just a small tool in your holistic security concept. Server security is a complex PROCESS which can't be guaranteed by a simple tool.

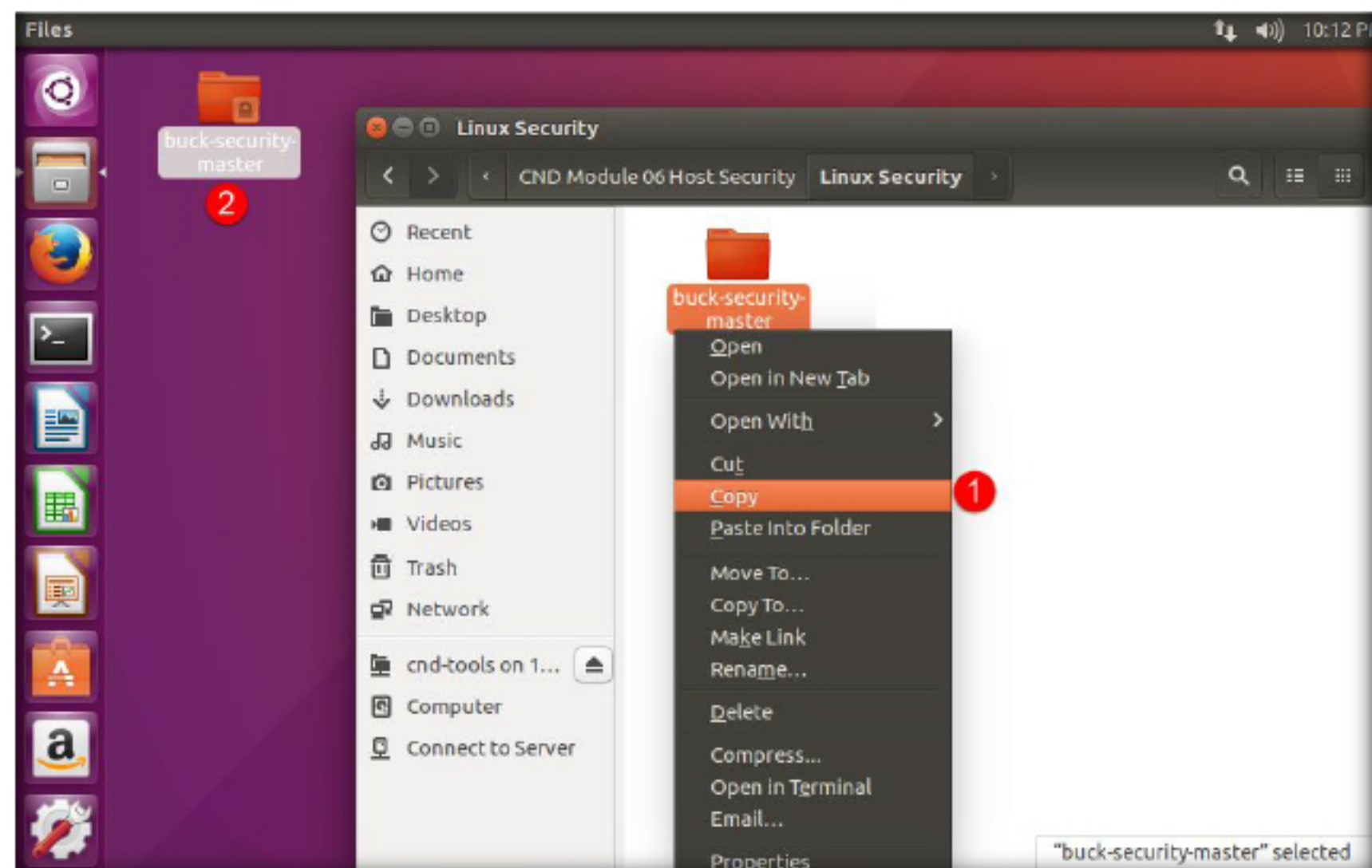


FIGURE 3.3: Entering super user mode

5. Launch a **Terminal**, and type **sudo su** and press **Enter**
6. It will prompt you for **sudo** (Administrator) password, type **toor** and press **Enter**.

Note: The password is not visible while you are typing in the terminal window. The password may vary a different password was chosen at the time of installation.

TASK 1

Launching buck-security in Ubuntu Linux terminal

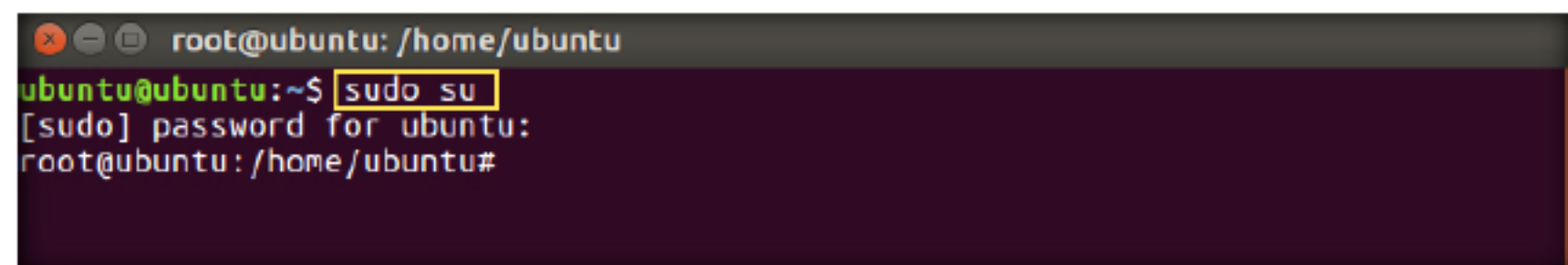


FIGURE 3.4: Entering super user mode

7. Type **cd Desktop** and press **Enter** to navigate to the **Desktop** folder.

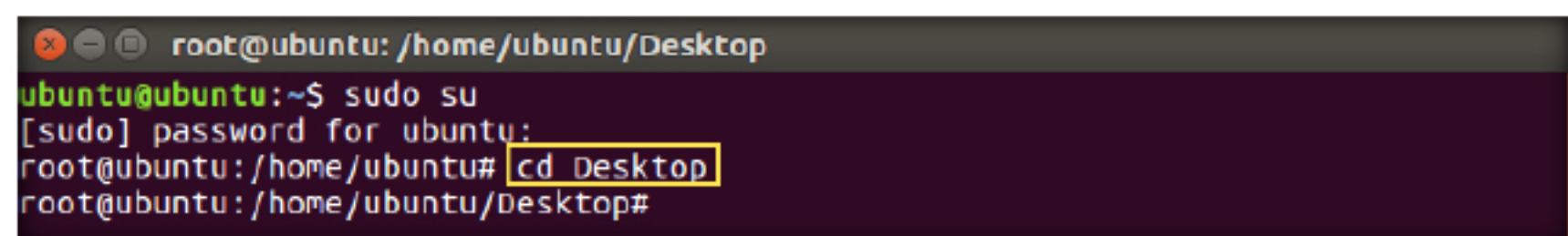
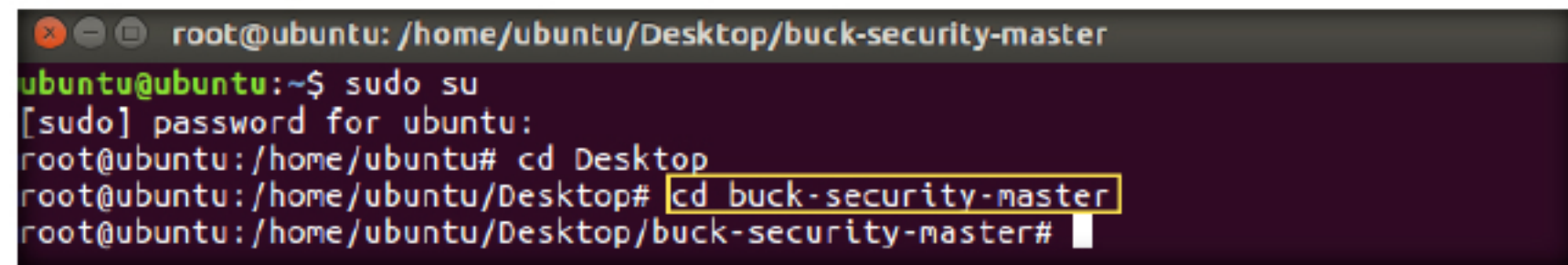


FIGURE 3.5: Entering Downloads folder

- Type **cd buck-security-master** and press **Enter** to access the buck-security directory.



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root@ubuntu: /home/ubuntu/Desktop/buck-security-master
ubuntu@ubuntu:~$ sudo su
[sudo] password for ubuntu:
root@ubuntu: /home/ubuntu# cd Desktop
root@ubuntu: /home/ubuntu/Desktop# cd buck-security-master
root@ubuntu: /home/ubuntu/Desktop/buck-security-master#

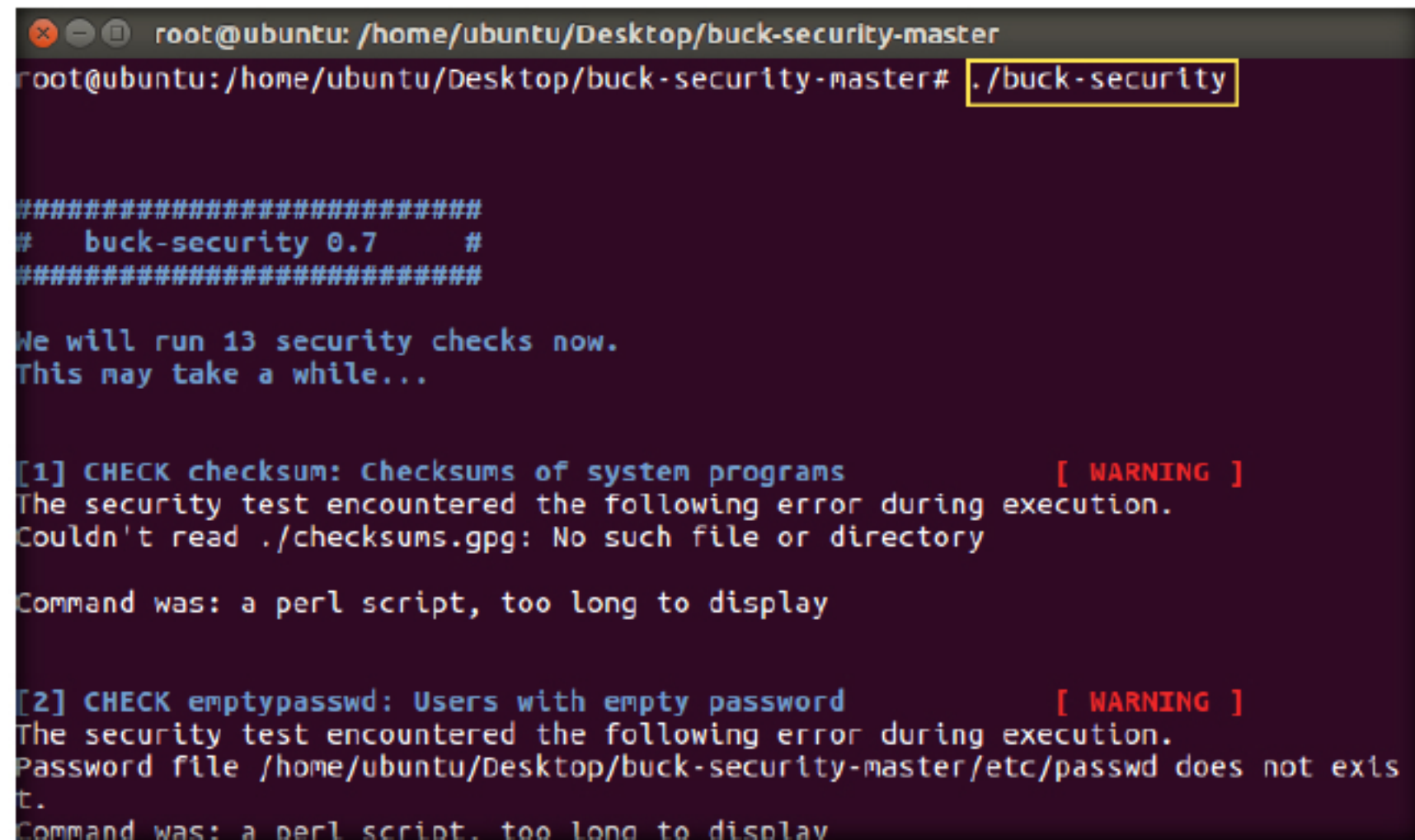
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FIGURE 3.6: Entering Buck-security folder

TASK 2

Running Security Check

- Type **./buck-security** and press **Enter**. This command will run the security scan on the Linux machine and check for vulnerabilities in that machine.



```

root@ubuntu: /home/ubuntu/Desktop/buck-security-master
root@ubuntu: /home/ubuntu/Desktop/buck-security-master# ./buck-security

#####
# buck-security 0.7 #
#####

We will run 13 security checks now.
This may take a while...

[1] CHECK checksum: Checksums of system programs [ WARNING ]
The security test encountered the following error during execution.
Couldn't read ./checksums.gpg: No such file or directory

Command was: a perl script, too long to display

[2] CHECK emptypasswd: Users with empty password [ WARNING ]
The security test encountered the following error during execution.
Password file /home/ubuntu/Desktop/buck-security-master/etc/passwd does not exist.

Command was: a perl script, too long to display

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FIGURE 3.7: Buck security output first part

- Scroll down to view the security Warning messages that were discovered by buck-security.
- Buck-security will display a warning message, if any issues are found in the security measures as shown in the screenshot.

The different security-checks are the core of Buck Security. In every security book for Linux you'll find a couple of small tricks to check the security status of your system. Buck Security aims to unite all these small but important and useful checks in one easy-to-use program.

12. In this lab scroll down to the **[3] CHECK firewall: Check firewall policies** section. This section shows you the complete settings of the Firewall in the Linux machine.

The most common use of the sticky bit today is on directories, where, when set, items inside the directory can be renamed or deleted only by the item's owner, the directory's owner, or the superuser; without the sticky bit set, any user with write and execute permissions for the directory can rename or delete contained files, regardless of the owner. Typically, this is set on the /tmp directory to prevent

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root@ubuntu: /home/ubuntu/Desktop/buck-security-master

[3] CHECK firewall: Check firewall policies [ WARNING ]
The security test discovered a possible insecurity.
The following iptables policies are set to ACCEPT.
#####
FORWARD:ACCEPT
INPUT:ACCEPT
OUTPUT:ACCEPT
Command was: a perl script, too long to display

[4] CHECK packages_problematic: Search problematic packages [ OK ]
Command was: a perl script, too long to display

[5] CHECK services: Listening Services [ WARNING ]
The security test discovered a possible insecurity.
The following programs are listening for incoming
connections. Output format is port:program:listen_mode
#####
5353:avahi-daemon:LISTEN_ALL
57477:avahi-daemon:LISTEN_ALL
59492:avahi-daemon:LISTEN_ALL

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FIGURE 3.8: Entering super user mode

13. You can run the security scan using buck-security against an Ubuntu machine, to find the issues and vulnerabilities within the machine and fix those vulnerabilities.

Lab Analysis

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
Remote Patch Management using BatchPatch


BatchPatch is a software patch management tool. It can remotely initiate Windows Update, WSUS, software deployments, and reboots on many computers.


Lab Scenario


An administrator is required to apply security patches or updates to a system in order to ensure they are not vulnerable to attack. Patch management is one of the important tasks administrators should perform periodically to ensure all systems in the network are patched and updated. The Administrator should have knowledge of various patch management tools that perform remote patch management.

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Lab Objectives

This lab will demonstrate how to perform remote patch management on Windows using the BatchPatch tool.

Lab Environment

To carry out the lab, you need:

- A virtual machine running Windows Server 2012
- A virtual machine running Windows 10
- A Web browser with an Internet connection
- BatchPatch, located at **Z:\CND-Tools\CND Module 06 Host Security\Patch Management Tools\BatchPatch**
- **Administrative** privileges to run the tools

Lab Duration

Time: 25 Minutes

Overview of BatchPatch

With the BatchPatch management tool, you can initiate the download and/or the installation of Windows updates on MANY remote computers simultaneously from a single console. Computers can be standalone, in a Workgroup or members of a domain.

Lab Tasks



TASK 1

Install and Launch

1. Launch the **Windows Server 2012 virtual machine** and login
2. Navigate to **Z:\CND-Tools\CND Module 06 Host Security\Patch Management Tools\BatchPatch** and double-click **batchpatch.exe** to start the installation
3. If an **Open File – Security Warning** window appears. Click **Run** to continue.
4. The **BatchPatch License Agreement** window appears. Ensure that the checkbox is ticked and click **Agree**.

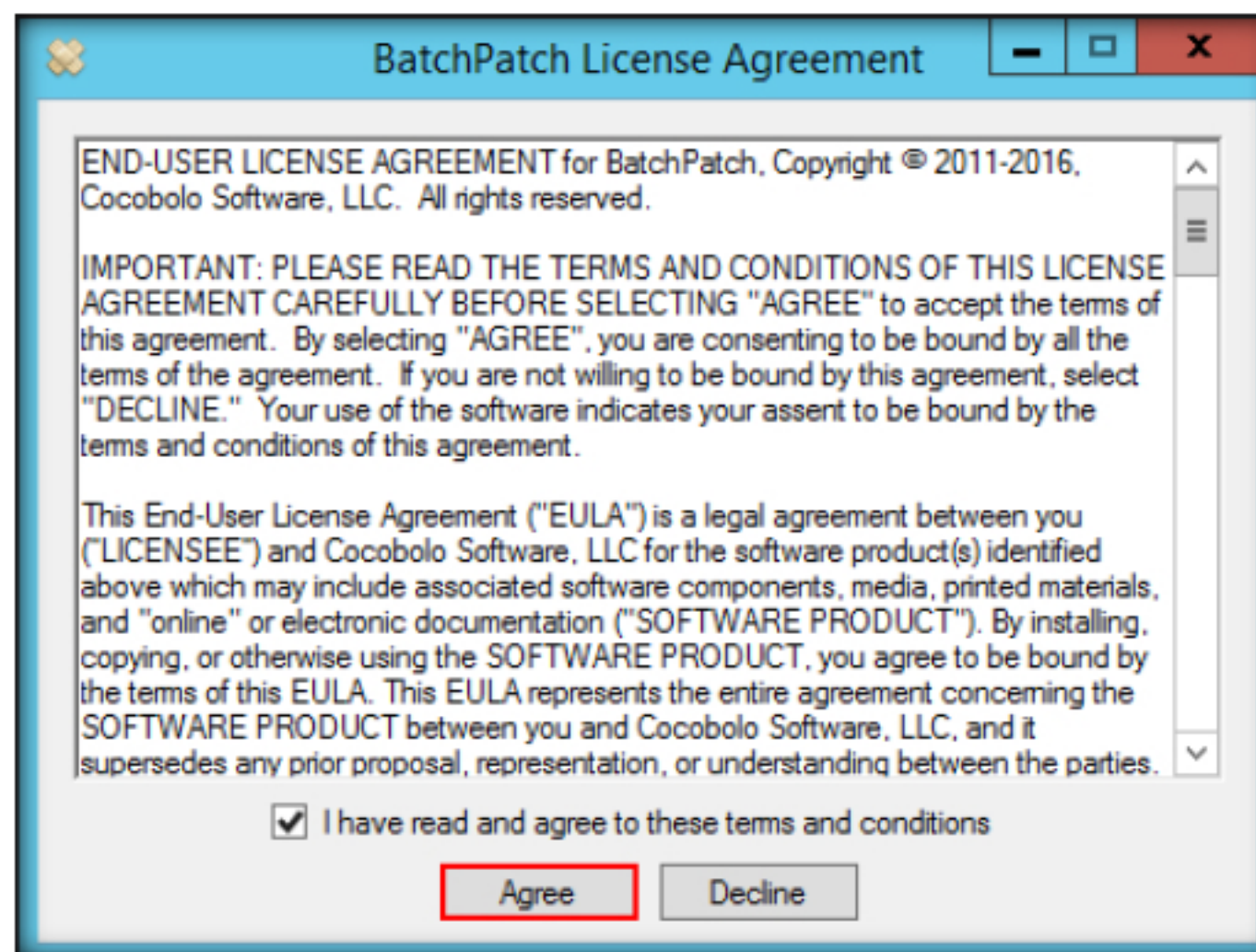


FIGURE 4.1: Agreeing the license

5. The **BatchPatch notification** window pops up. Click **OK**.

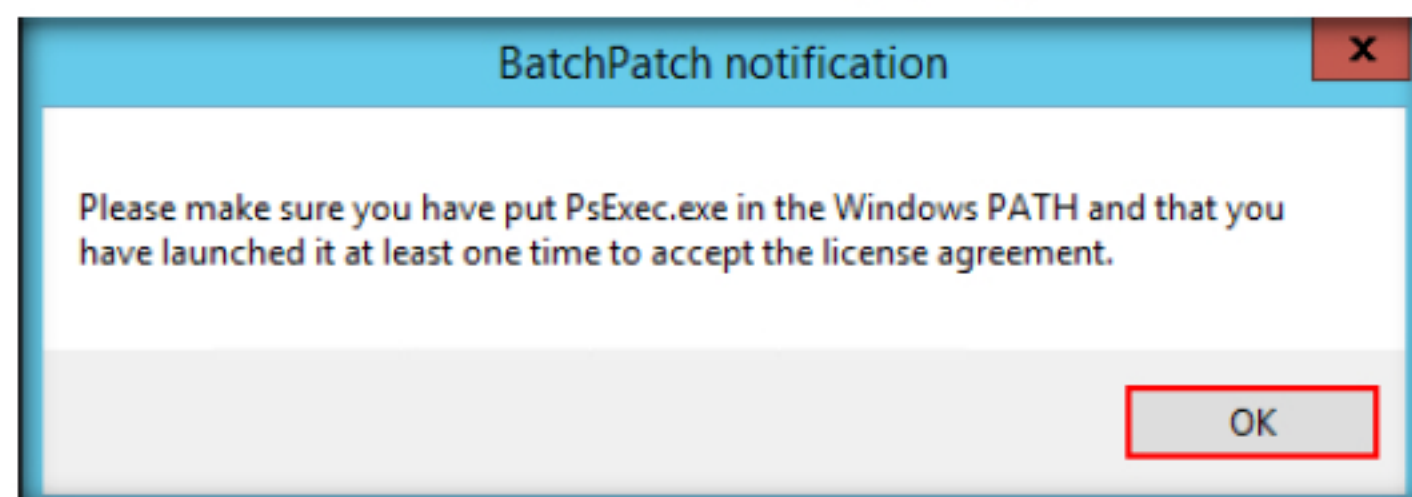


FIGURE 4.2: BatchPatch notification

Initiate the download and/or installation of Windows updates on MANY remote computers simultaneously from a single console. Computers can be standalone, in a Workgroup, or members of a domain.

6. The **BatchPatch - Register File Types?** window appears. Click **Yes**.

Choose to install all available updates or just install specific updates, by name. Additional filters are also available, allowing you to select updates by their classification groupings: Critical Updates, Security Updates, Definition Updates, Updates, Update Rollups, Service Packs, Feature Packs, Drivers, and Tools. Or mimic Microsoft Windows Update and choose to install only Important and/or recommended updates.

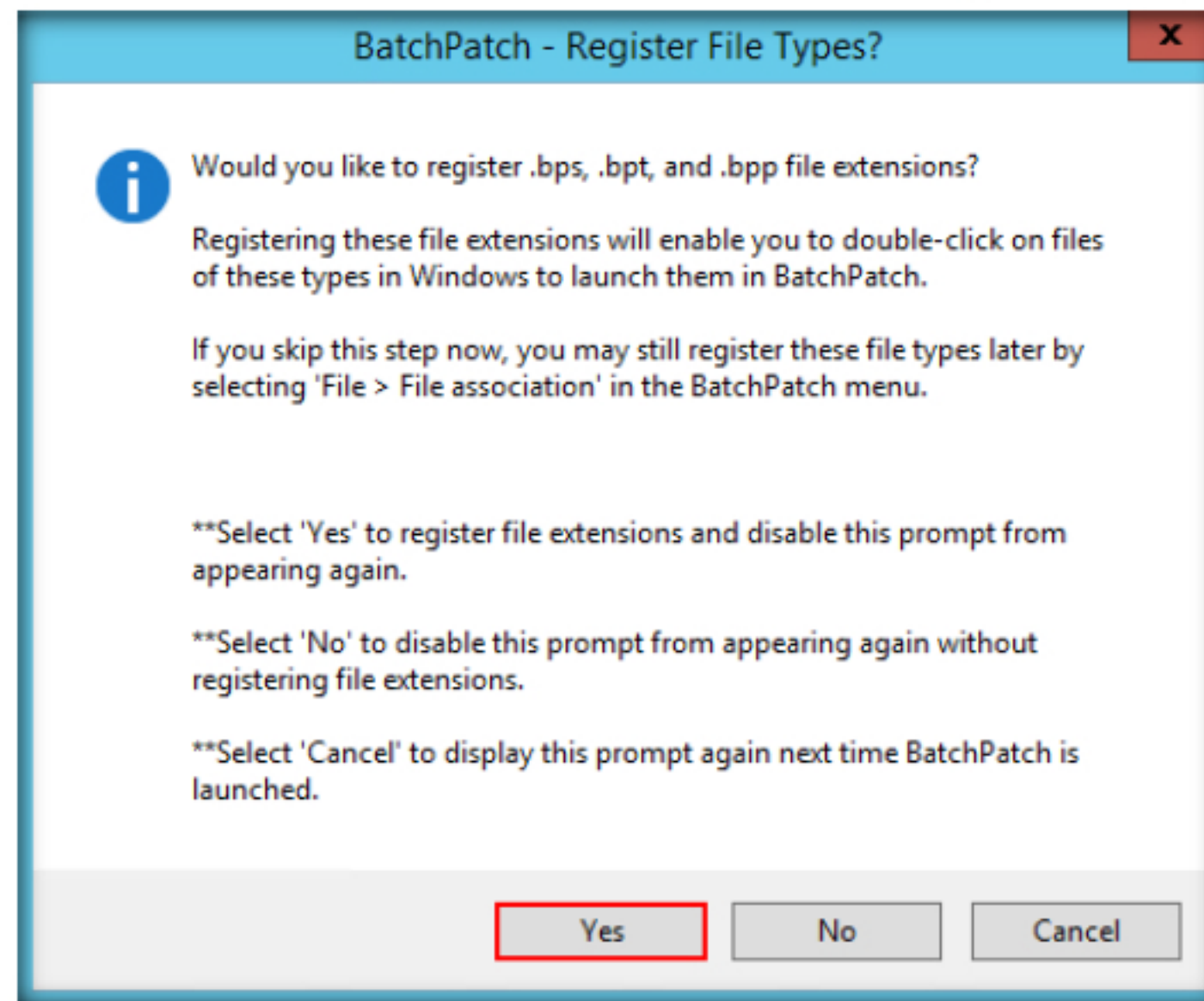


FIGURE 4.3: BatchPatch registration

7. The **.bps file registration** window appears. Click **OK**.

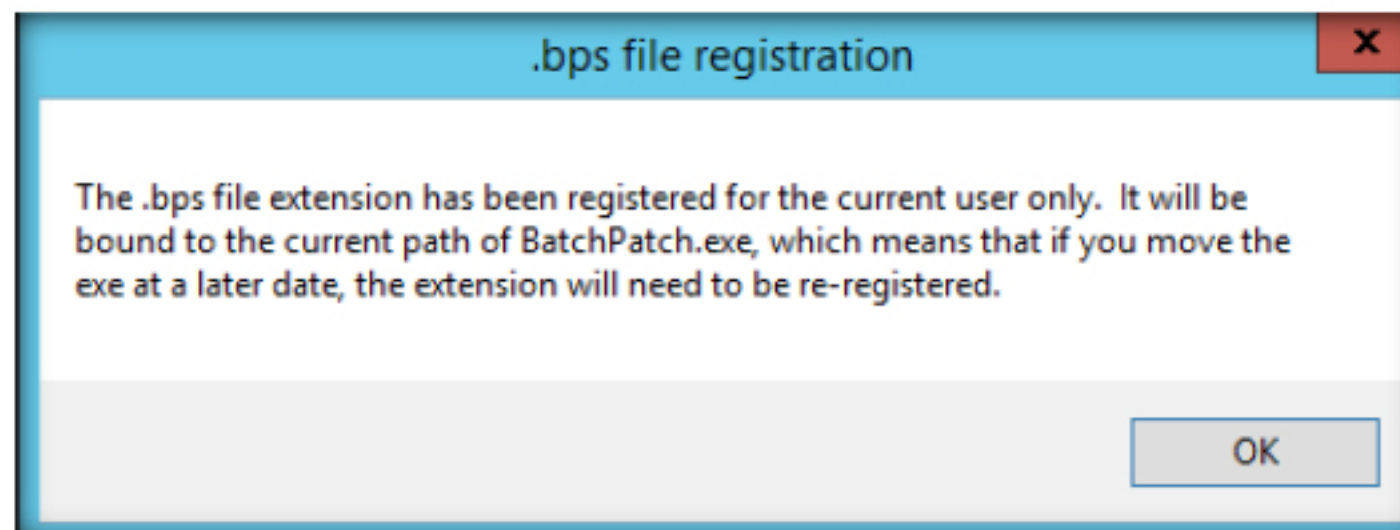


FIGURE 4.4: .bps window

8. The **.bpp file registration** window appears. Click **OK**.

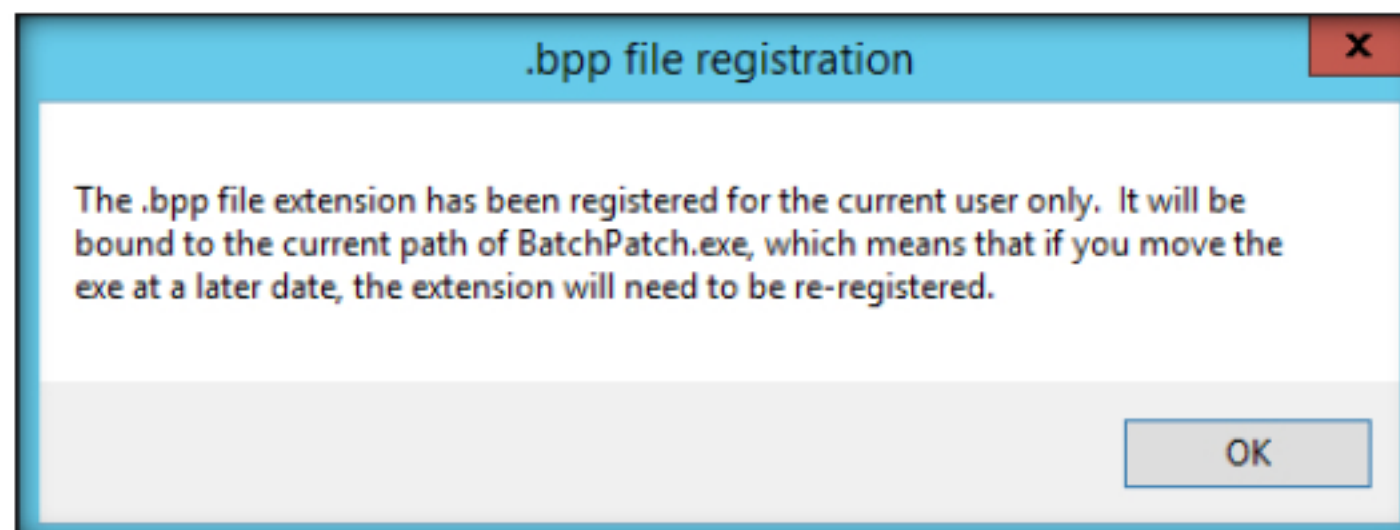


FIGURE 4.5: .bpp file registration

Use your own managed WSUS server, or use BatchPatch in conjunction with Windows Update or Microsoft Update as an effective WSUS alternative.

9. The **Getting Started** window appears. Tick **Don't show this anymore** checkbox and click **Close**.

Turn BatchPatch into a central distribution point for Windows Updates using the optional 'Cached Mode.'

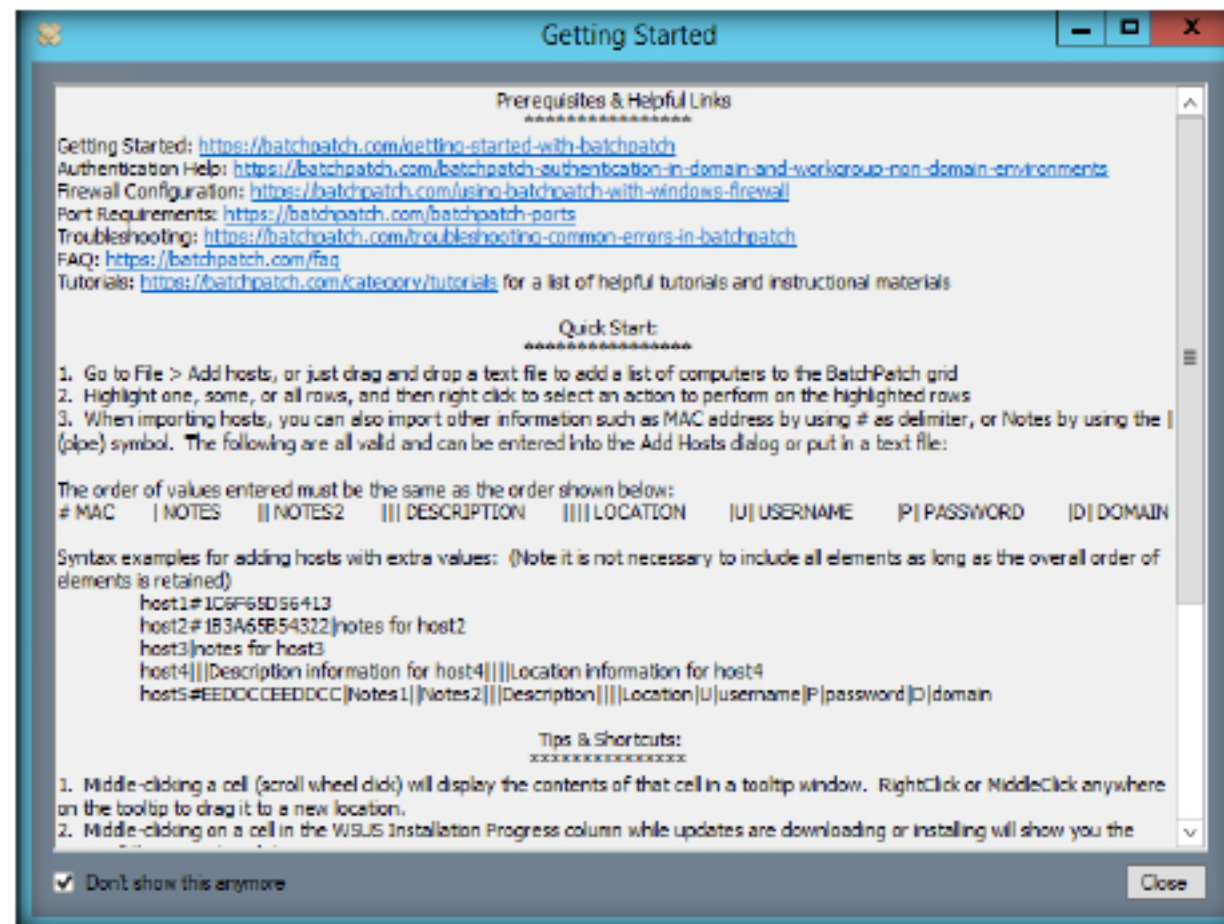


FIGURE 4.6: Introduction window

10. The **BatchPatch** main window appears along with the BatchPatch pop-up as shown in the screenshot, click the **Close Window**.

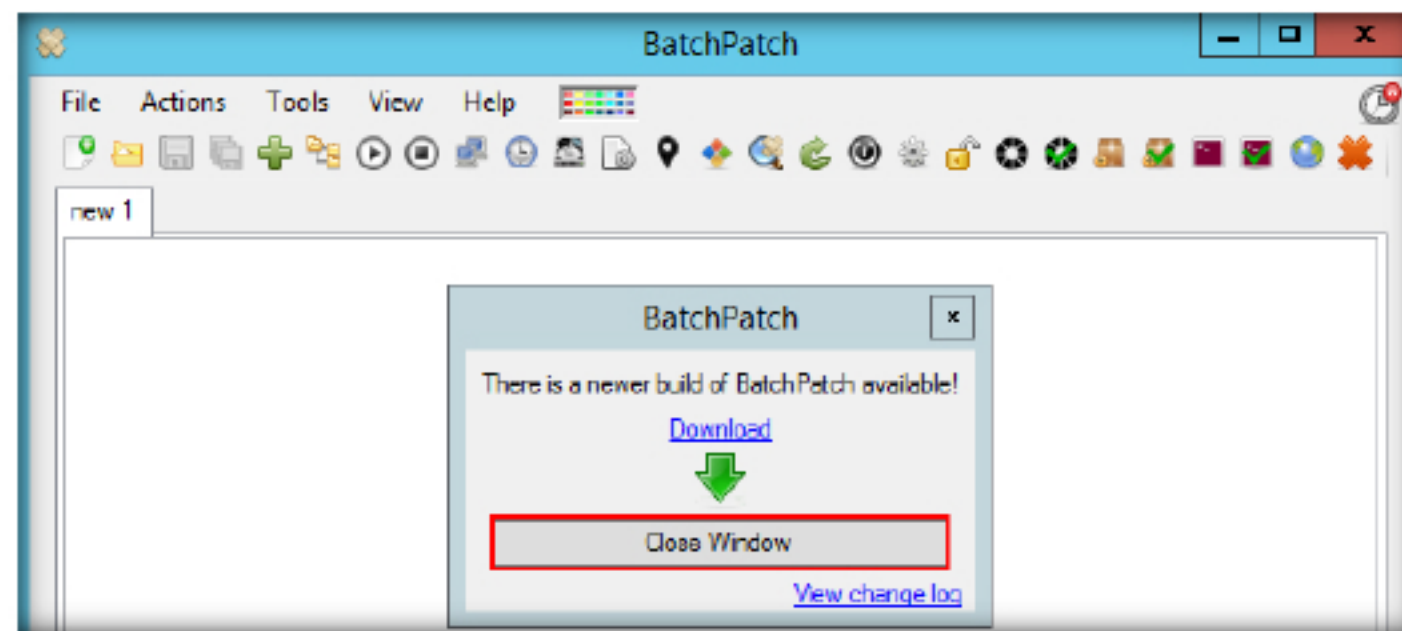


FIGURE 4.7: BatchPatch window

TASK 2

Copy PsExec Tool

11. Navigate to **Z:\CND-Tools\CND Module 06 Host Security\Patch Management Tools\PSTools** and copy **PsExec.exe** file and paste in **C:\Windows**.

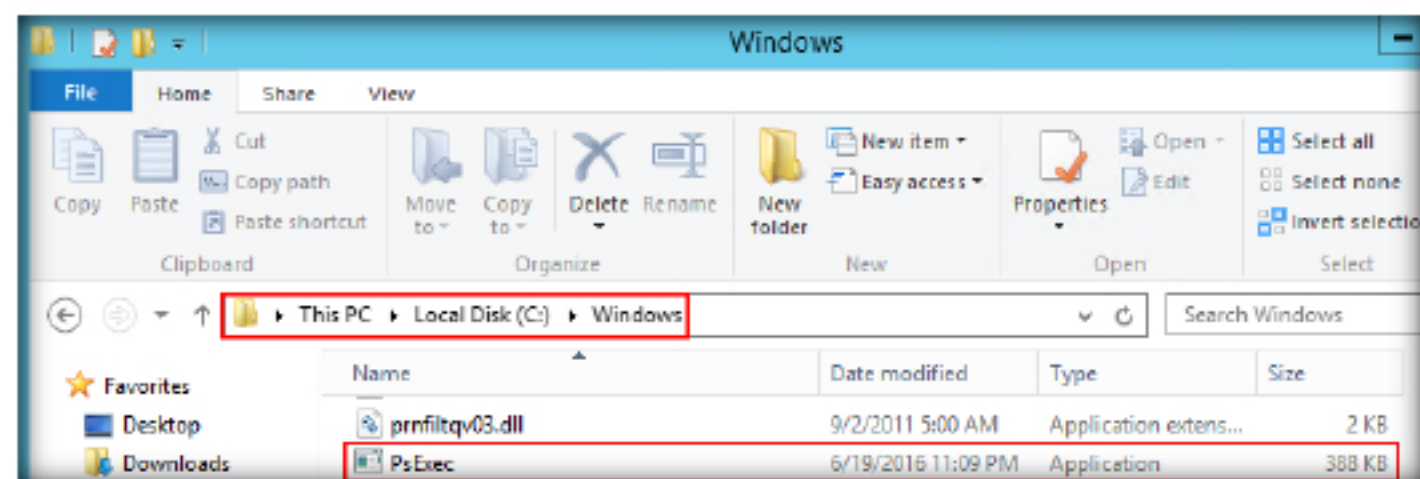


FIGURE 4.8: PsExec file moved

12. Now, Launch the **Windows 10** virtual machine and login as the Local Administrator.

Apply Windows Updates to computers that do NOT have internet access (offline Windows Update) using 'Offline Mode.'

13. Go to the **Control Panel** and click the **Windows Firewall** in All Control Panel items.
14. In the **Windows Firewall** settings, click the **Allow an app or feature through Windows Firewall** from the left pane of the window as shown in the screenshot.

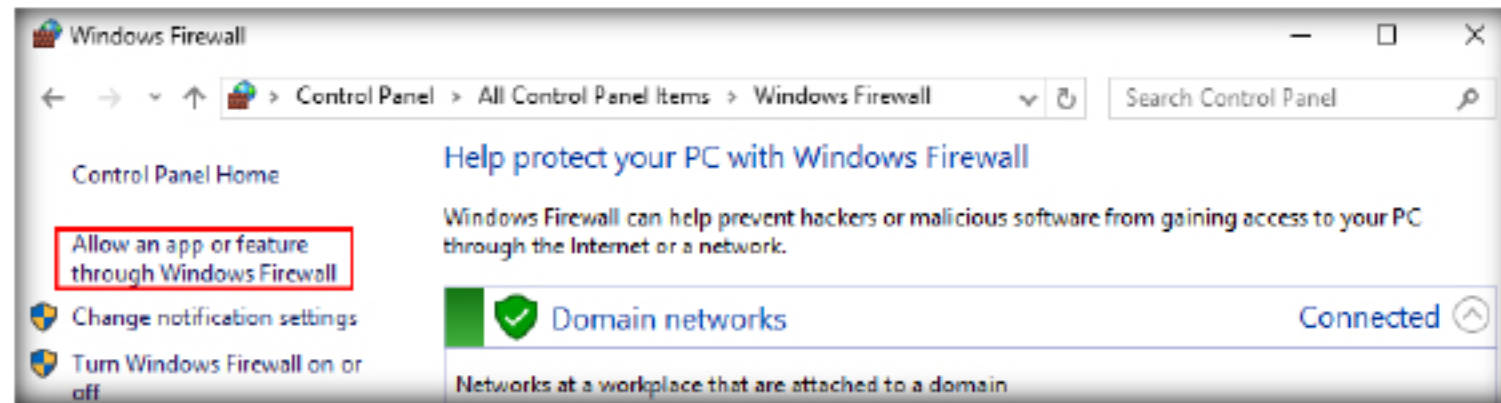


FIGURE 4.9: Changing Firewall settings

15. The **Allowed apps** window appears. Click **Change settings**. Check the boxes for **Domain**, **Private** and **Public** for **File and Printer sharing**.

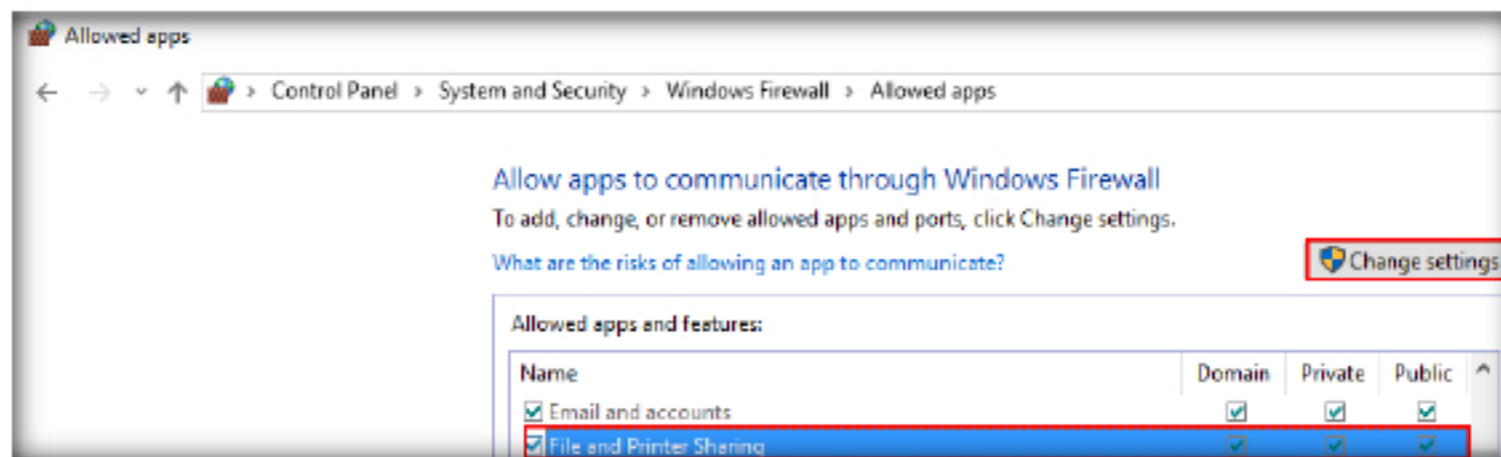


FIGURE 4.10: Enabling File and Printer sharing

Retrieve Windows Update history information from all of your computers into a consolidated report.

16. Scroll down and check the boxes for **Domain**, **Private** and **Public** for **Windows Management Instrumentation (WMI)** and click **OK**.
17. Close all the windows that were open in the Windows 10 Machine and log off the machine.

Deploy software remotely to an entire network of computers with just a few of clicks.

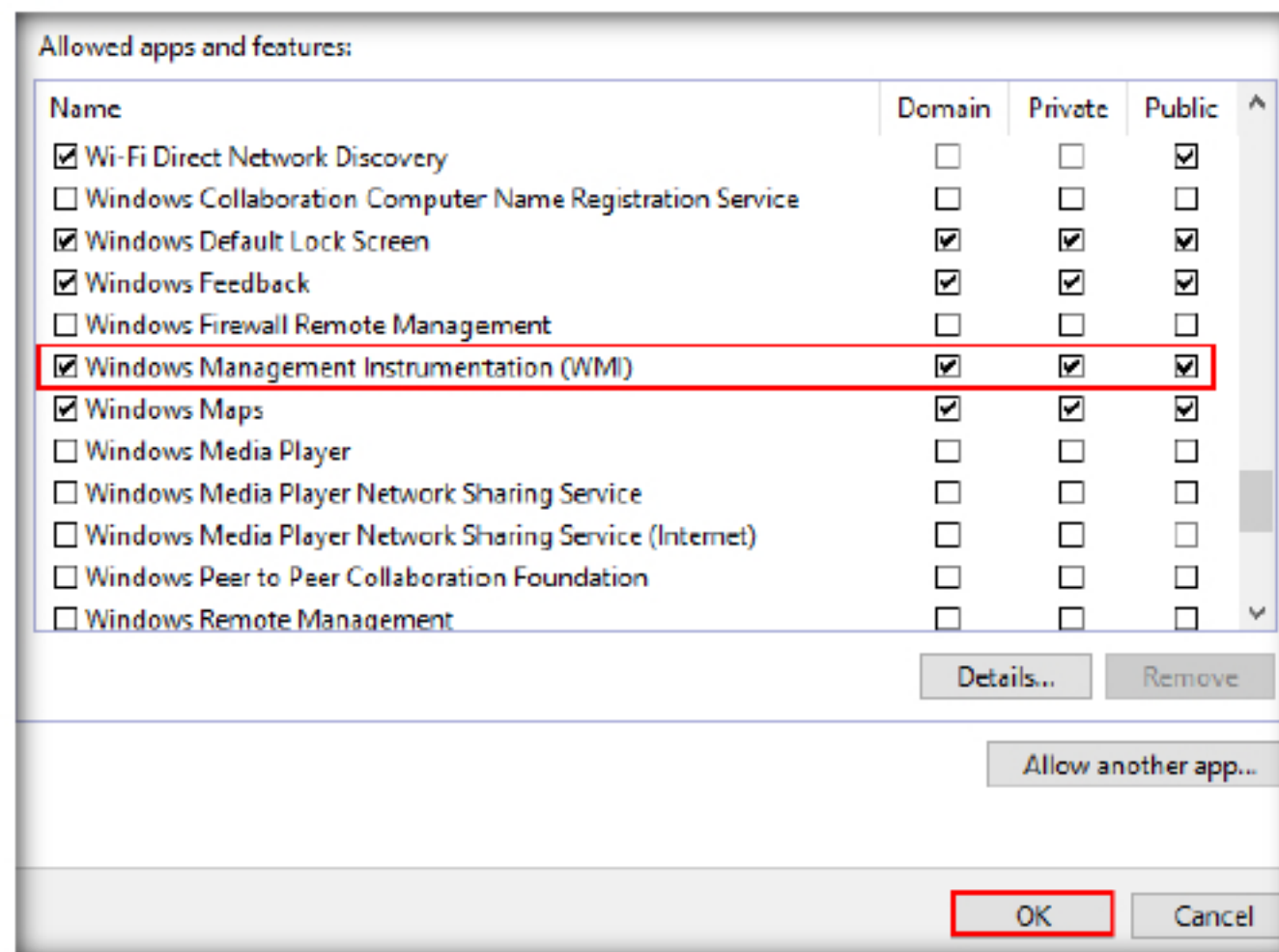


FIGURE 4.11: Finalizing the Firewall settings

18. Switch back to the **Windows Server 2012** machine and go to the **BatchPatch** main window
19. Click **Files** and select **Add hosts....**

Deploy standalone Microsoft or third-party patches such as Adobe or Java updates, as well as registry keys, scripts, and just about anything else to remote hosts. Push install MSIs remotely to multiple computers (.msi .msp .msu .exe .reg .vbs .cmd and more). Take a look at the software deployment page for more information, tutorials, and videos.

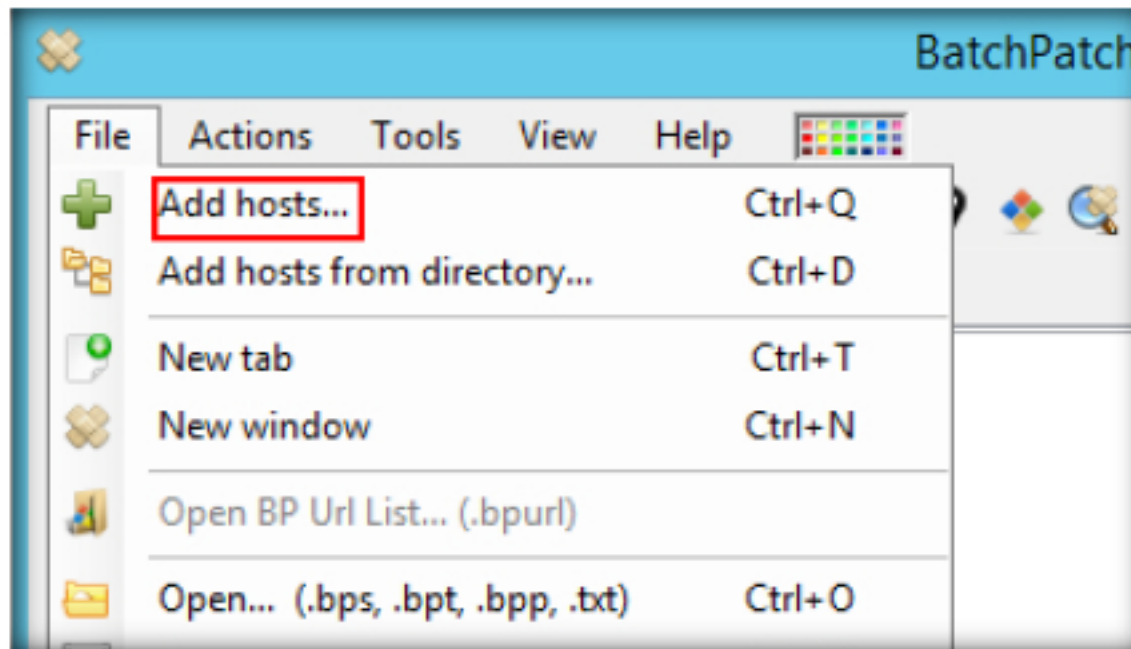


FIGURE 4.12: Adding Host

20. The **Evaluation version** window appears. Click **OK**.

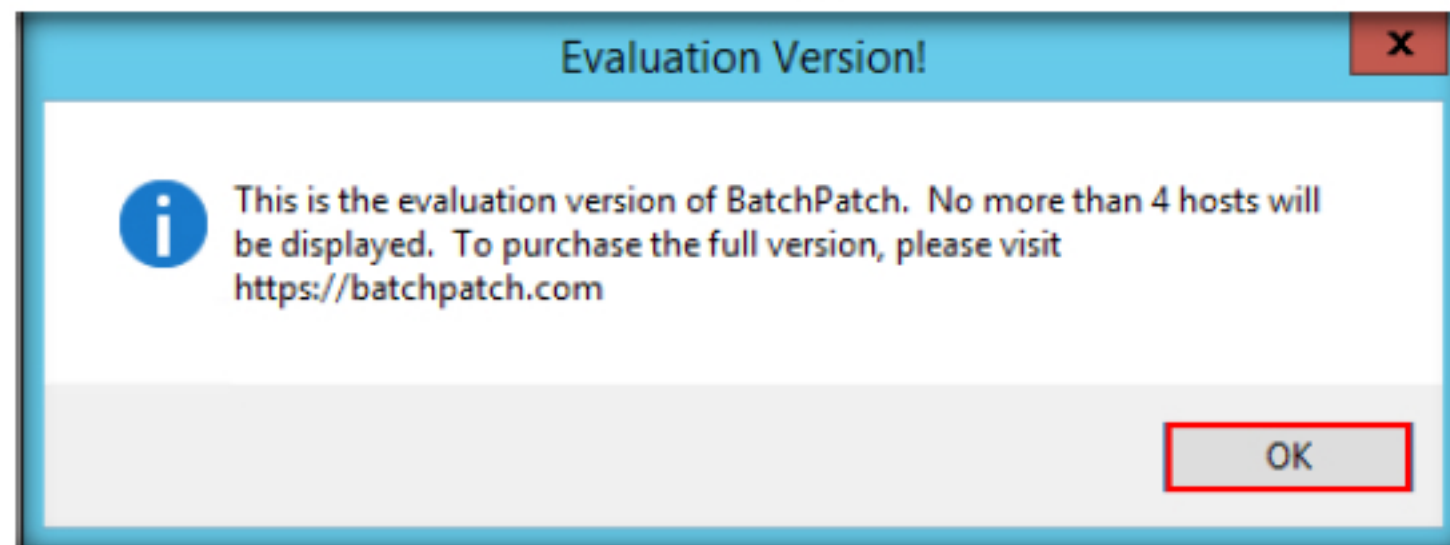


FIGURE 4.13: Host limitation message

TASK 3

Add Host

21. The **Add Hosts** window appears. Enter the IP address of the Windows 10 machine (10.10.10.10) and click **OK**.

Note: The IP addresses may vary in your lab environment.

Reboot or shutdown remote hosts and monitor status in real-time with integrated ping.

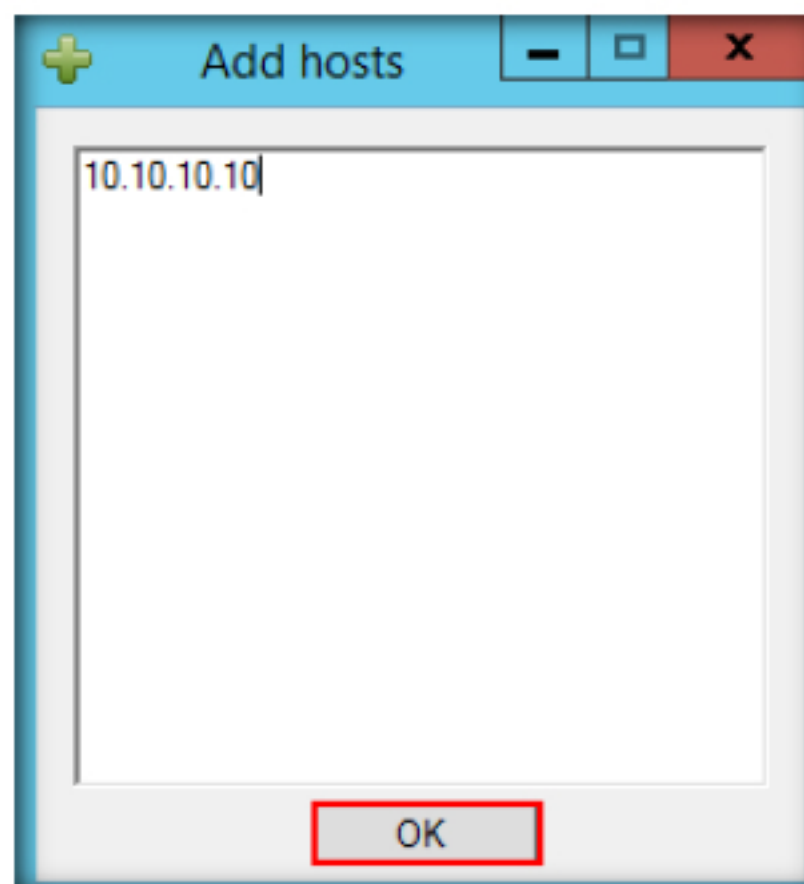


FIGURE 4.14: Adding a host

22. The Windows 10 machine will be added in the BatchPatch main window. Right click the added host and select **Specify alternate logon credentials**.

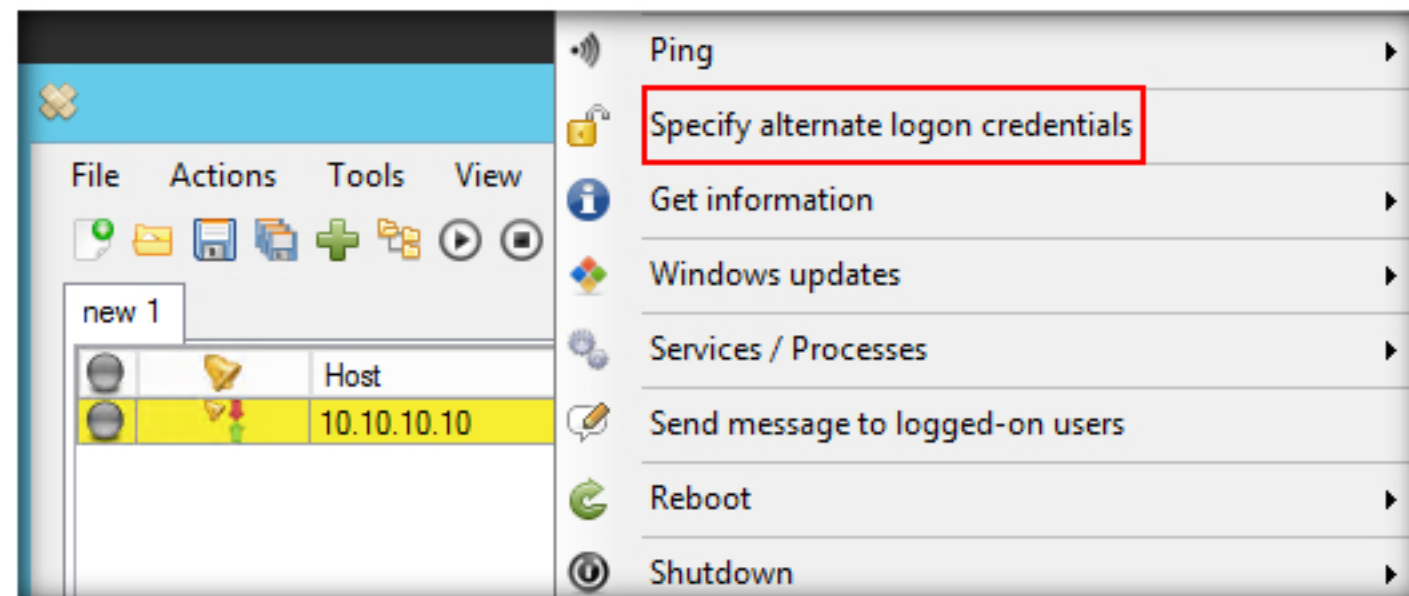


FIGURE 4.15: Changing logon credentials

23. The **Security Warning** window appears. Click **OK**.



FIGURE 4.16: Warning message

24. The **Credentials** window appears. Enter the **Windows Server 2008** machine credentials and domain name then click **OK**.

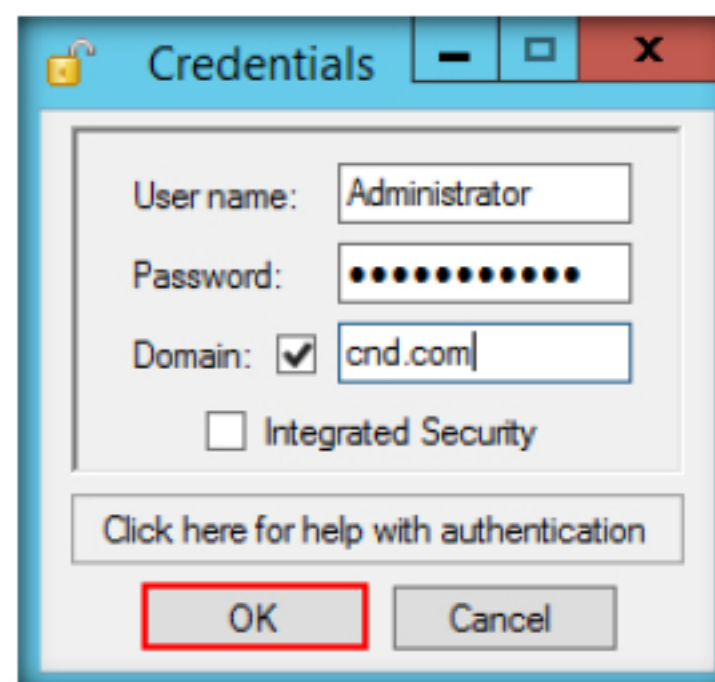


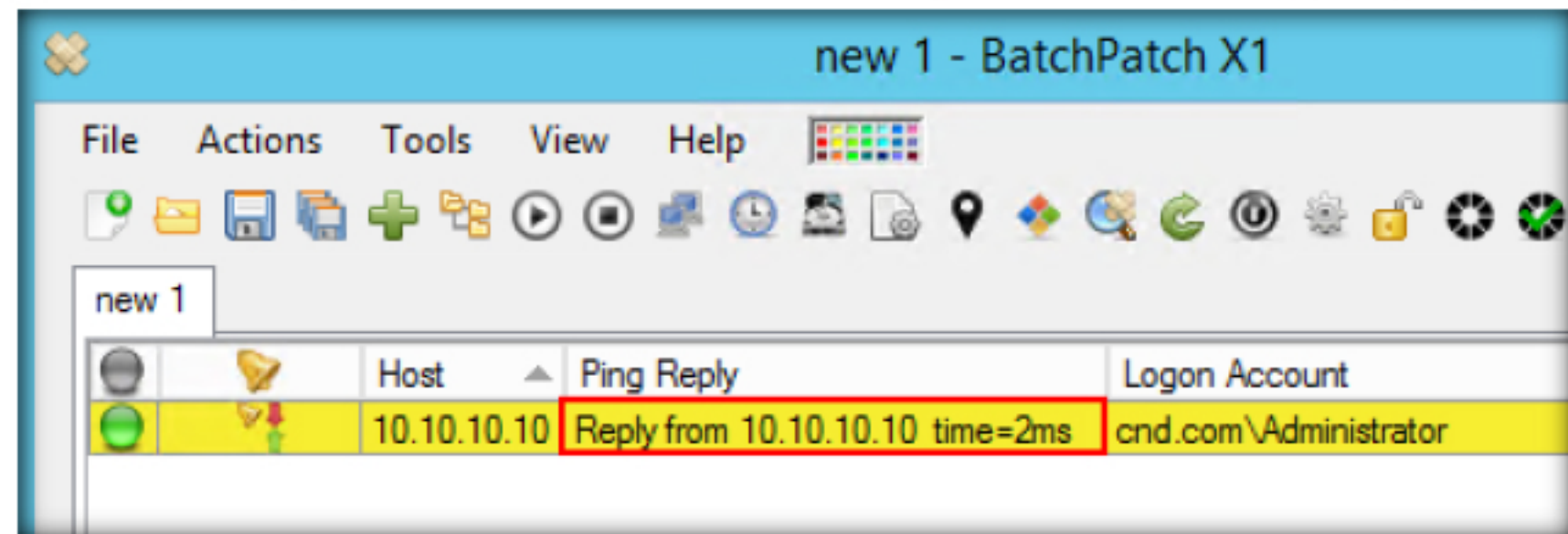
FIGURE 4.17: Entering Domain system credentials

BatchPatch offers a very convenient method for remote script execution, enabling you to easily and quickly retrieve information from your target computers, push configuration changes, apply custom settings, and do just about anything else you can think of.

Integrated job queues: You can create a set of actions to execute sequentially on remote hosts, which allows you to run scripts before and/or after a reboot, or string together multiple patch and reboot cycles etc.

Advanced multi-host custom sequencing options to handle complex update and reboot tasks involving numerous computers with online/offline dependencies, all of which can be configured for single-click execution.

25. Click **10.10.10.10** and type the letter **P** from the keyboard to start pinging the **Windows 10** machine then press **ctrl+P** to stop the ping.



Retrieve the last boot time from remote hosts (very handy when rebooting computers).

FIGURE 4.18: Ping successful

26. Right click on **10.10.10.10** and select **Windows updates → Check for available updates** from the context menu as shown in the screenshot.

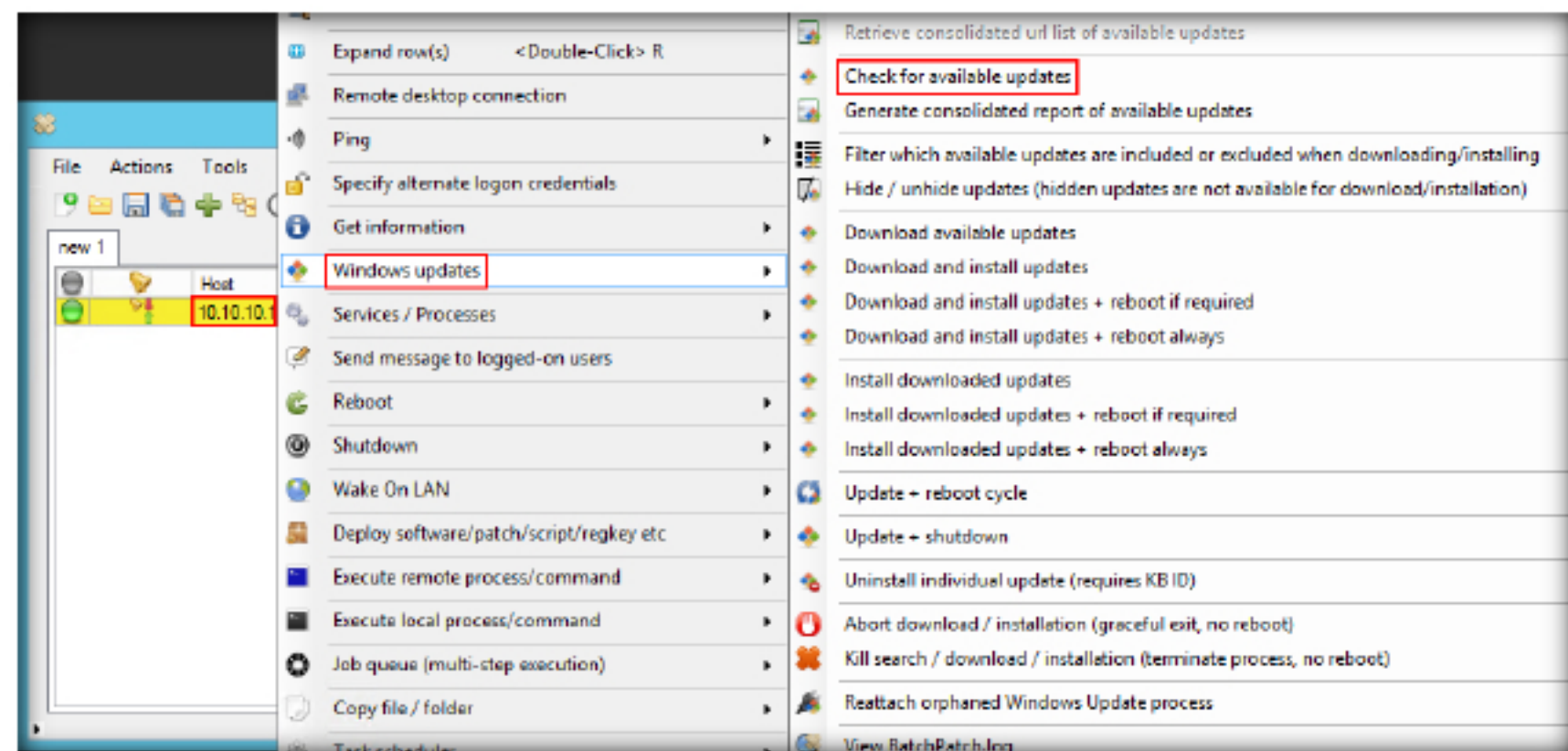


FIGURE 4.19: Checking for patch updates

27. The **Confirm Windows Update Action** window appears. Click **OK**.

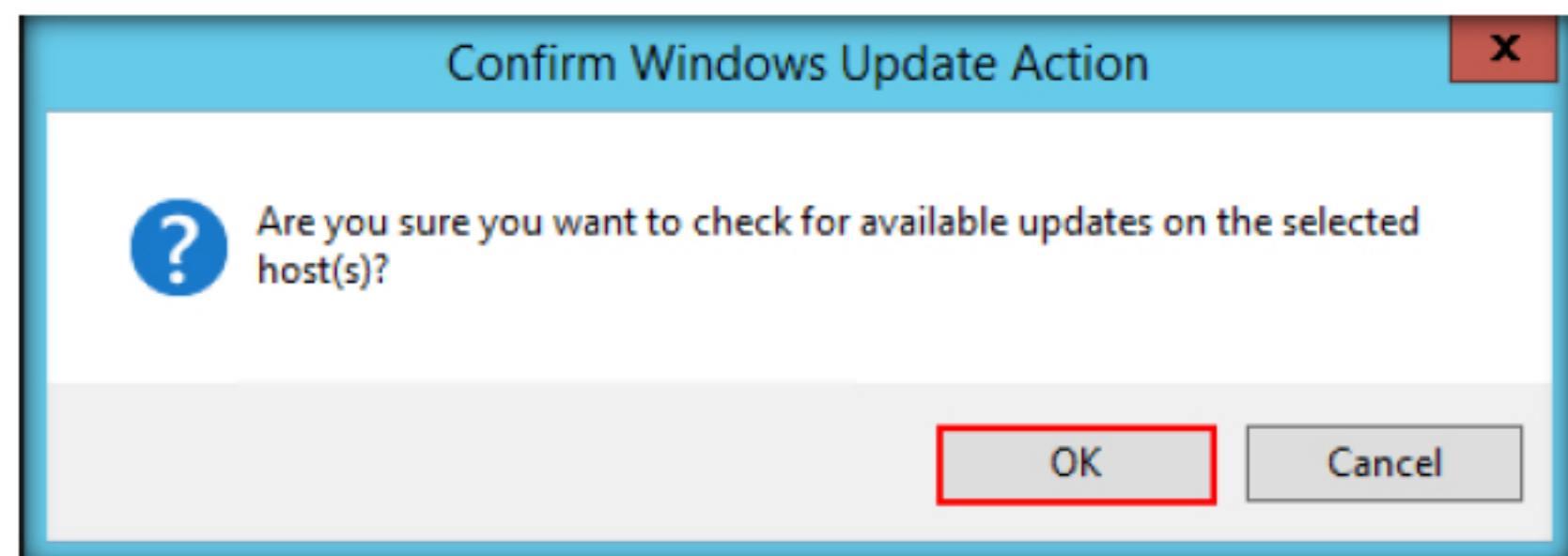


FIGURE 4.20: Confirming the update check

28. If an **Open File – Security Warning** window pops up. Click **Run**.

29. BatchPatch will take some time depending on the updates available; wait for the process to be completed.

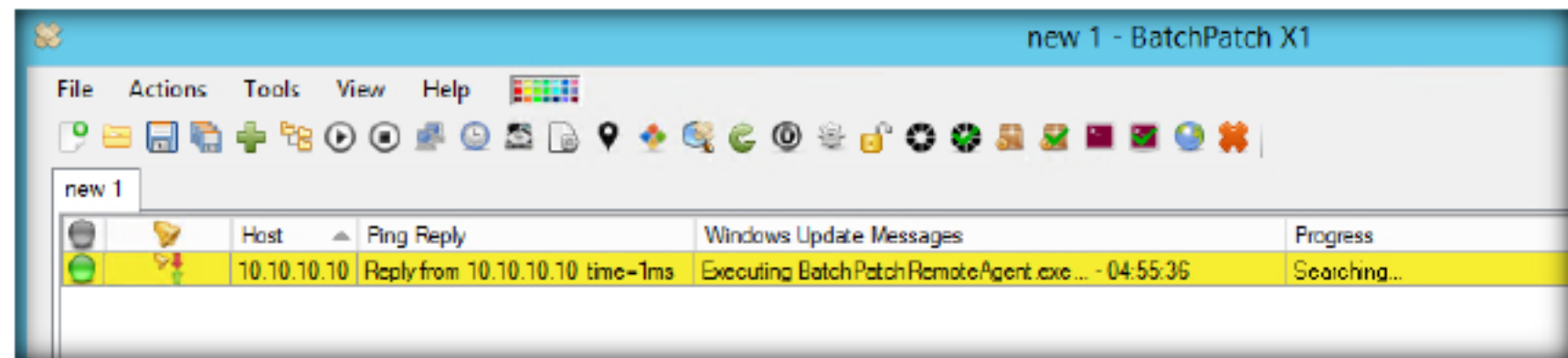


FIGURE 4.21: Windows update search in progress

30. Once all the updates are found, the **Progress** field changes to **100% Search Complete**.

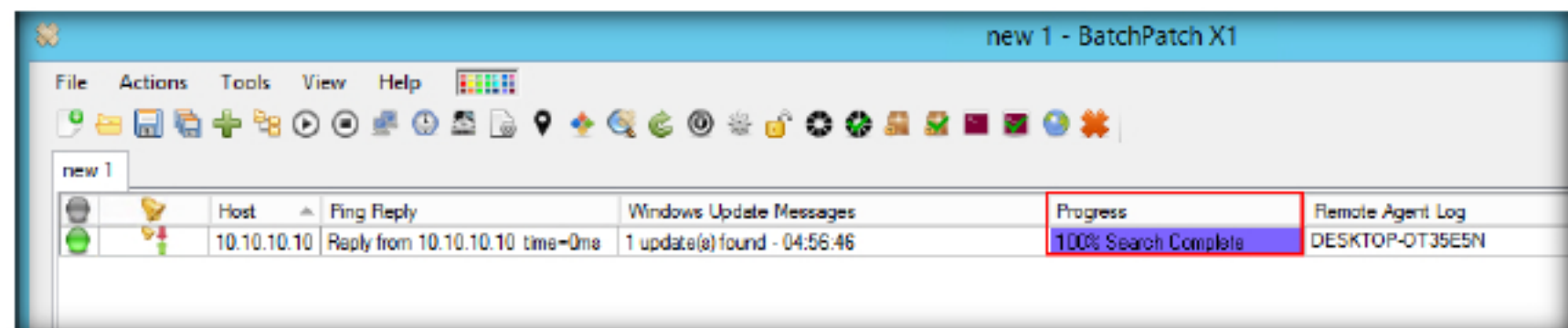


FIGURE 4.22: Found Windows updates

31. Right click on **10.10.10.10** and select **Windows updates -> Download and install updates + reboot if required**.

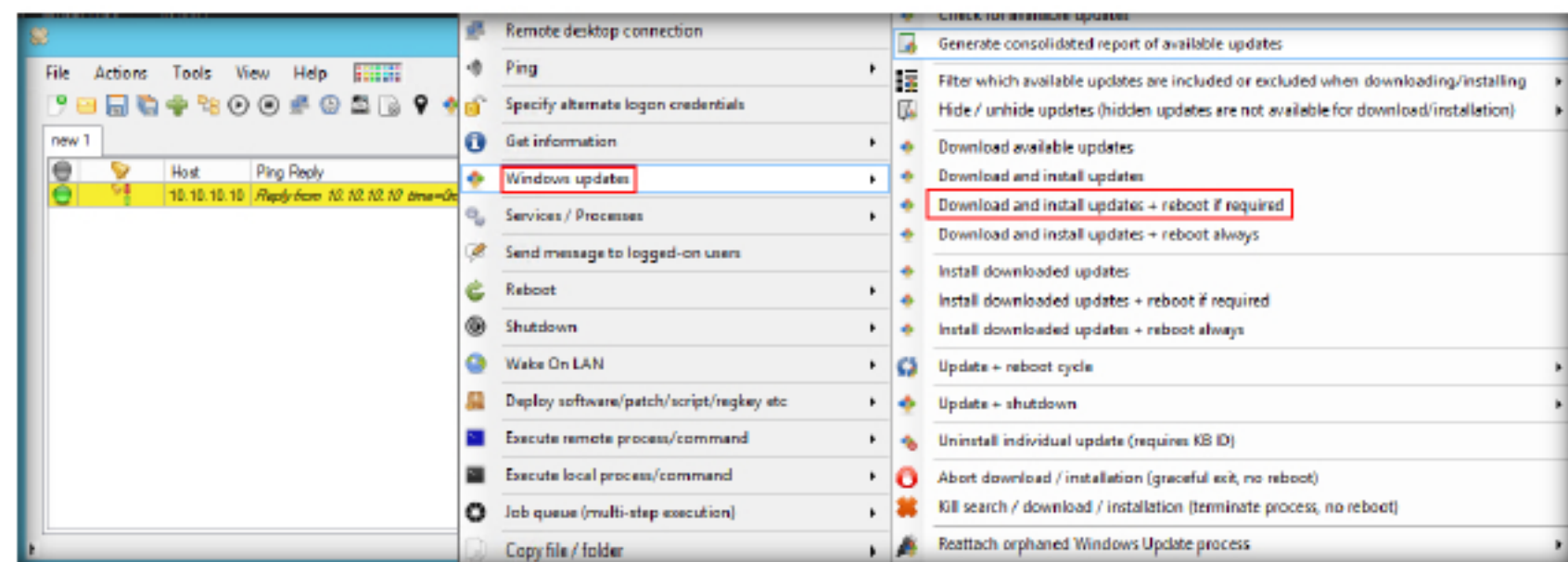


FIGURE 4.23: Downloading and installing updates

32. The **Confirm Windows Update** window appears. Click OK.

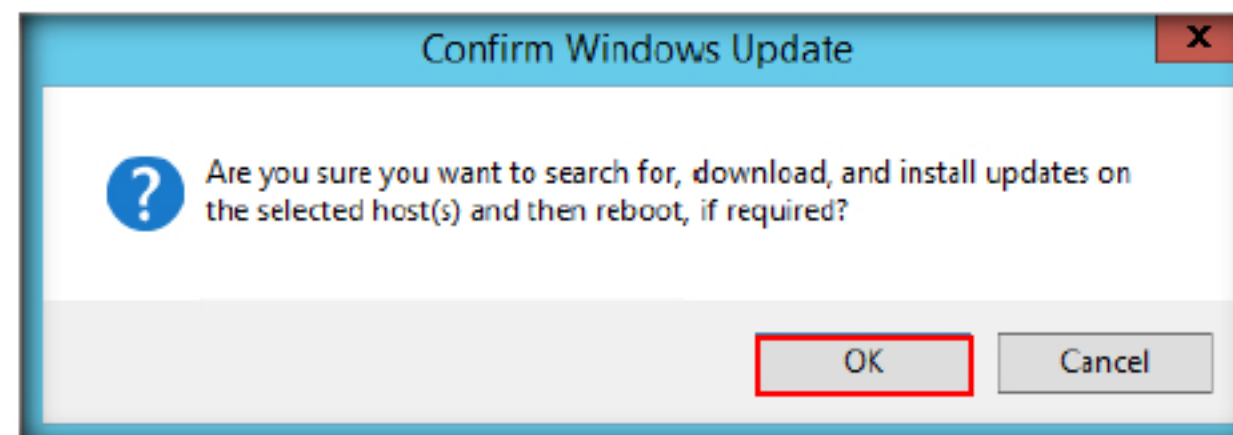


FIGURE 4.24: Confirming Download and install of updates

33. If an **Open File - Security Warning** window appears. Click **Run**.
34. Once the download and installation is complete, view the Progress field value. It will show **100% Installation Complete**.

BatchPatch was designed to be simple and intuitive. Special attention was paid to keeping the app as slim as possible. No installation necessary— just launch the EXE and you're ready to go! You start by loading a list of computer names, IP addresses or MAC addresses (MACs are required for Wake on LAN). Then highlight one, some, or all rows in the grid to perform actions on just the selected hosts. Either right click on the currently selected rows or use the Actions menu to select an action to perform. It doesn't get much easier than that!

Retrieve the list of services that are set to "Automatic" but not currently running on the remote hosts (diagnose boot up issues).

Note: If the installed updates require a reboot, the target machine will be rebooted automatically once the installation is completed. In this lab the updates that were installed didn't require a reboot as shown in the screenshot.

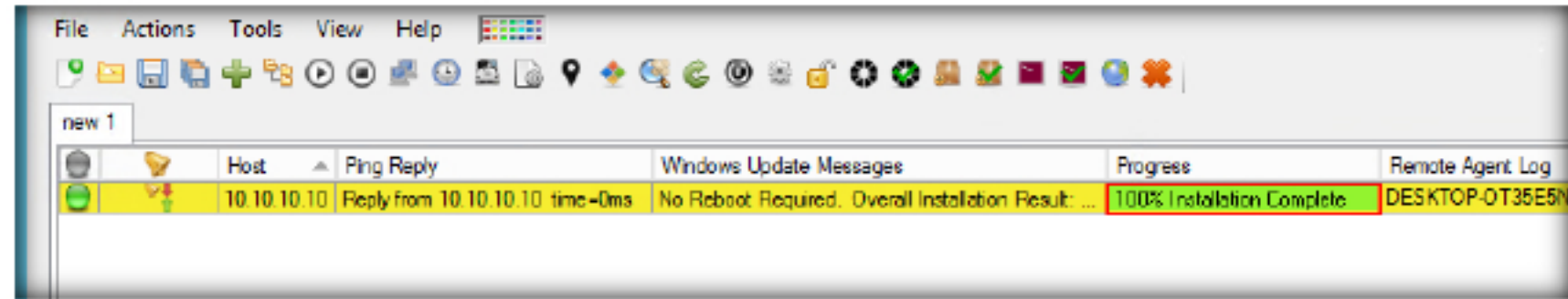


FIGURE 4.25: Successfully downloaded and installed updates

Lab Analysis

Analyze and document the results of the lab exercise. Give your opinion on your target's security posture and exposure through free public information.

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Configuring a Syslog Server for Log Review and Audit

Syslog is a data logging service which enables network devices such as routers, switches, firewalls, printers, web-servers, etc. to send, store events and information on a logging server.

Lab Scenario

Conducting a log review and audit for all the network devices in a network is an important task. Administrators must detect and analyze any unauthorized activity on the network. They have to conduct log reviews and audits periodically as a part of their normal network security activity. The Administrator should know how to configure a syslog server so that they can conduct a log review for all their network devices using a single console.

Lab Objectives

This lab will demonstrate how to configure a syslog server and conduct a log review for remote network devices.

Lab Environment


To carry out the lab, you need:


- A virtual machine running Windows Server 2012
- A Web browser with an Internet connection
- Kiwi Syslog Server, located at **Z:\CND-Tools\CND Module 06 Host Security\Log Monitoring Tools\Kiwi Syslog Server**
- **Administrative** privileges to run the tools


Lab Duration


Time: 25 Minutes

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Overview of Kiwi Syslog Server

With Kiwi Syslog Server you can collect, view, and archive up to 5 sources; including routers, computers or other devices.

Lab Tasks

TASK 1

Installing Kiwi Syslog Server Console

1. Launch the **Windows Server 2012** virtual machine and login as the Administrator.
2. Navigate to **Z:\CND-Tools\CND Module 06 Host Security\Log Monitoring Tools\Kiwi Syslog Server** and double-click the **Kiwi_Syslog_Server_9.5.1.Eval.setup.exe** to start the installation.
3. The **License Agreement** window appears. Click **I Agree**.

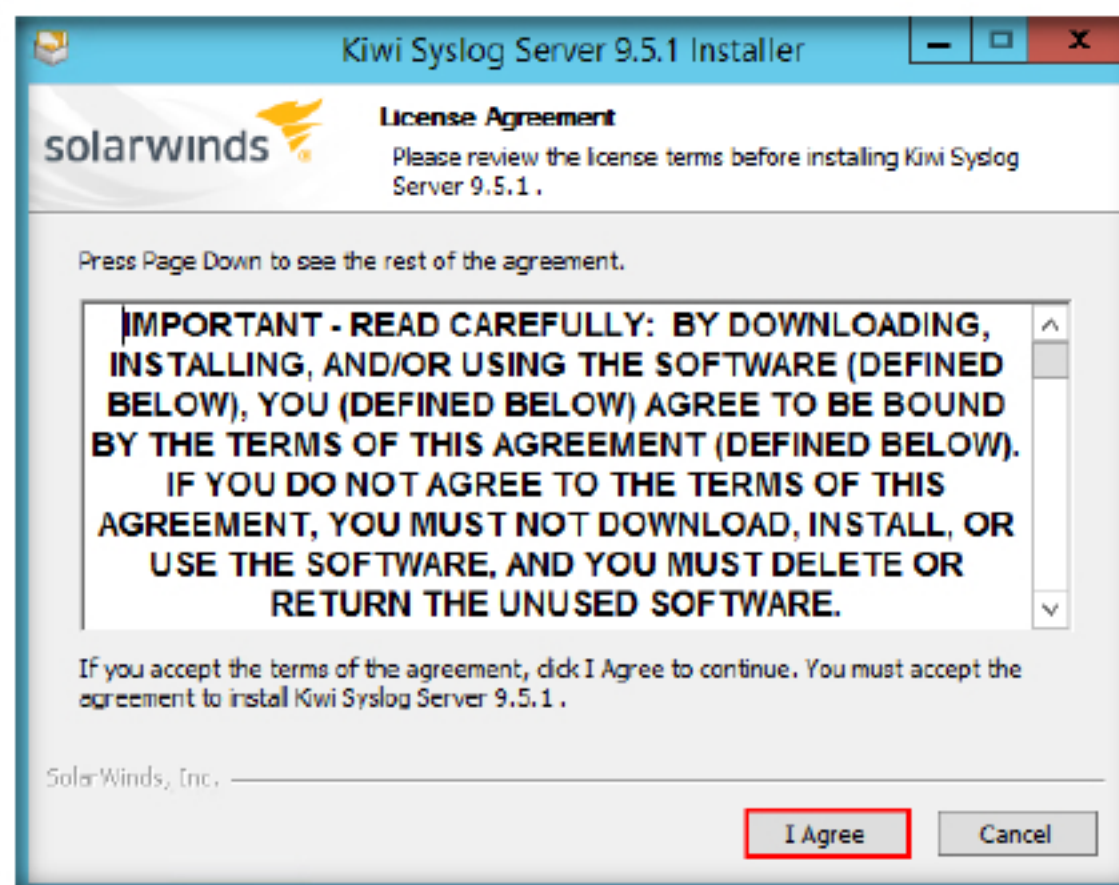


FIGURE 5.1: Agreeing to the license agreement

4. The **Choose Operating Mode** window appears. Ensure the **Install Kiwi Syslog Server as a Service** radio button is enabled. Click **Next**.



FIGURE 5.2: Choosing the Operating mode

Centralized Management of Syslog Messages & SNMP traps – Receive and consolidate syslog messages and SNMP traps from network devices and Linux and UNIX hosts.

- The **Service Install Options** window appears. Ensure the **LocalSystem Account:** radio button is enabled and click **Next**.

Real-Time Syslog Alerting & Notification – receive real-time alerts based on collected syslog and SNMP trap data (message text, host name/IP, date/time of message, syslog facility, level, etc.).

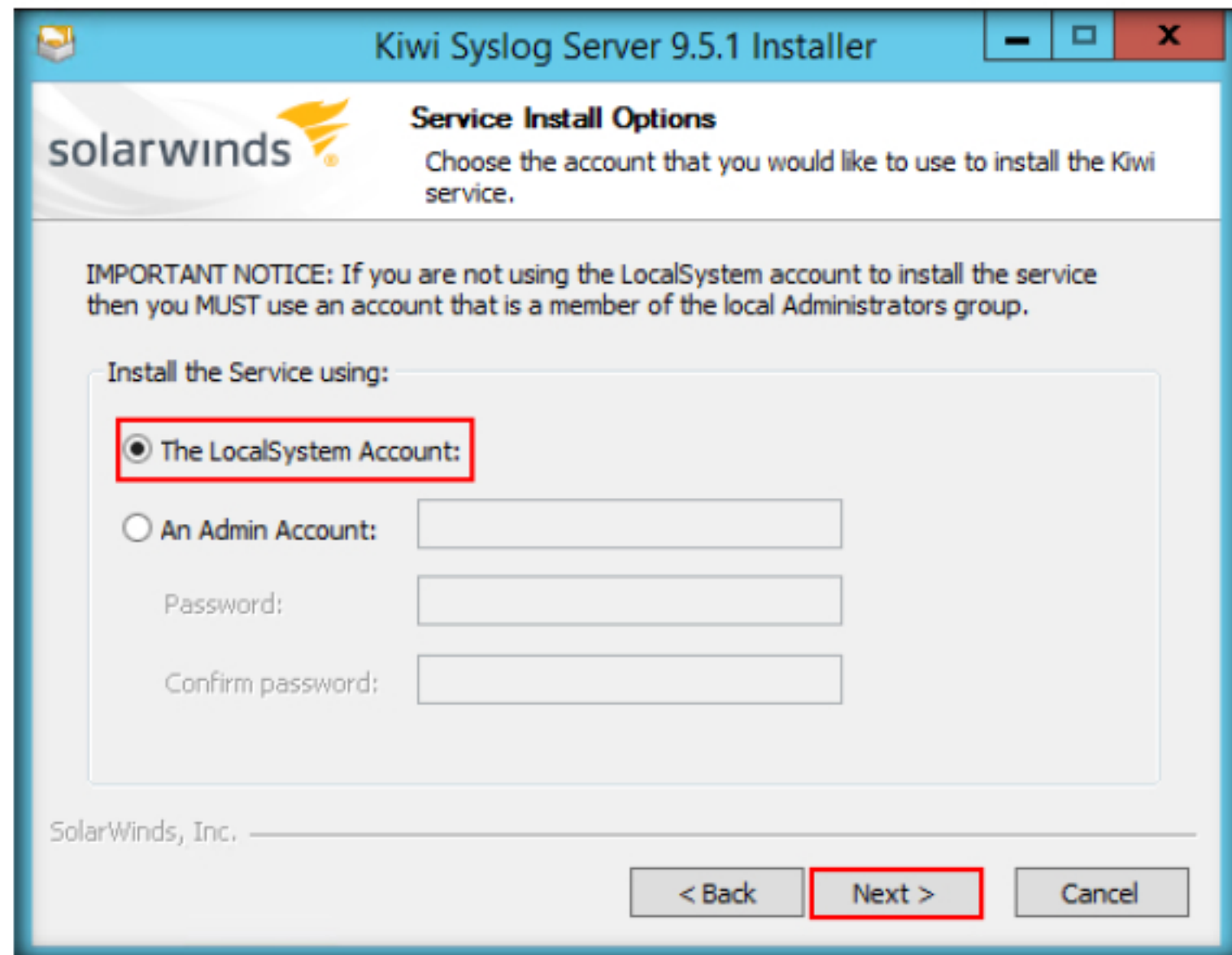


FIGURE 5.3: Choosing the Service install type

- The **Install Kiwi Syslog Web Access** window appears. Uncheck the **Install Kiwi Syslog Web Access** checkbox and click **Next**.

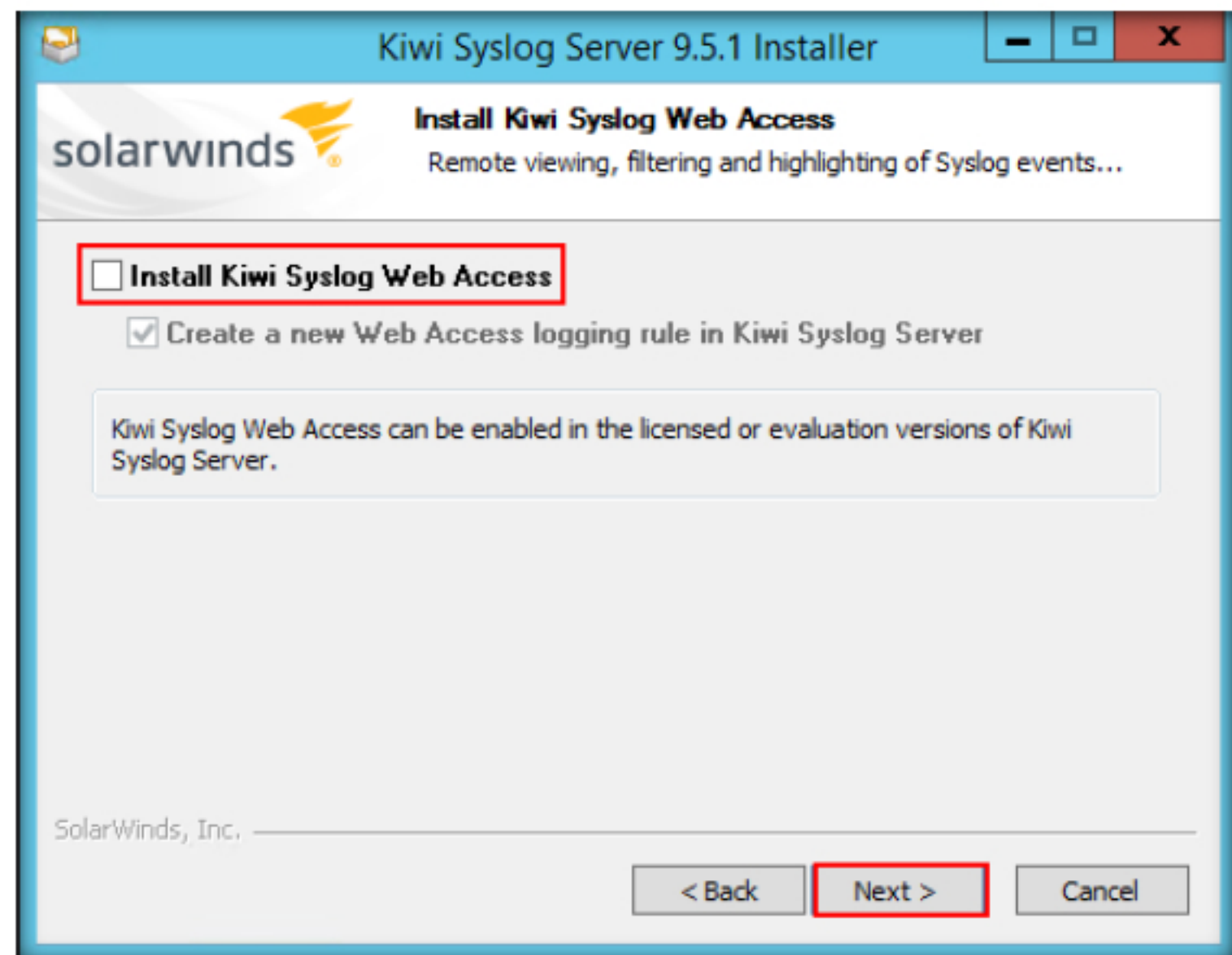


FIGURE 5.4: Not opting to install Kiwi web access

7. The **Choose Components** window appears. Do not make any changes. Click **Next**.

Automatically Respond to Log Messages – Execute automated actions upon receiving log messages: send email, forward to another host, run script, log to file/database/Windows® event log, etc.

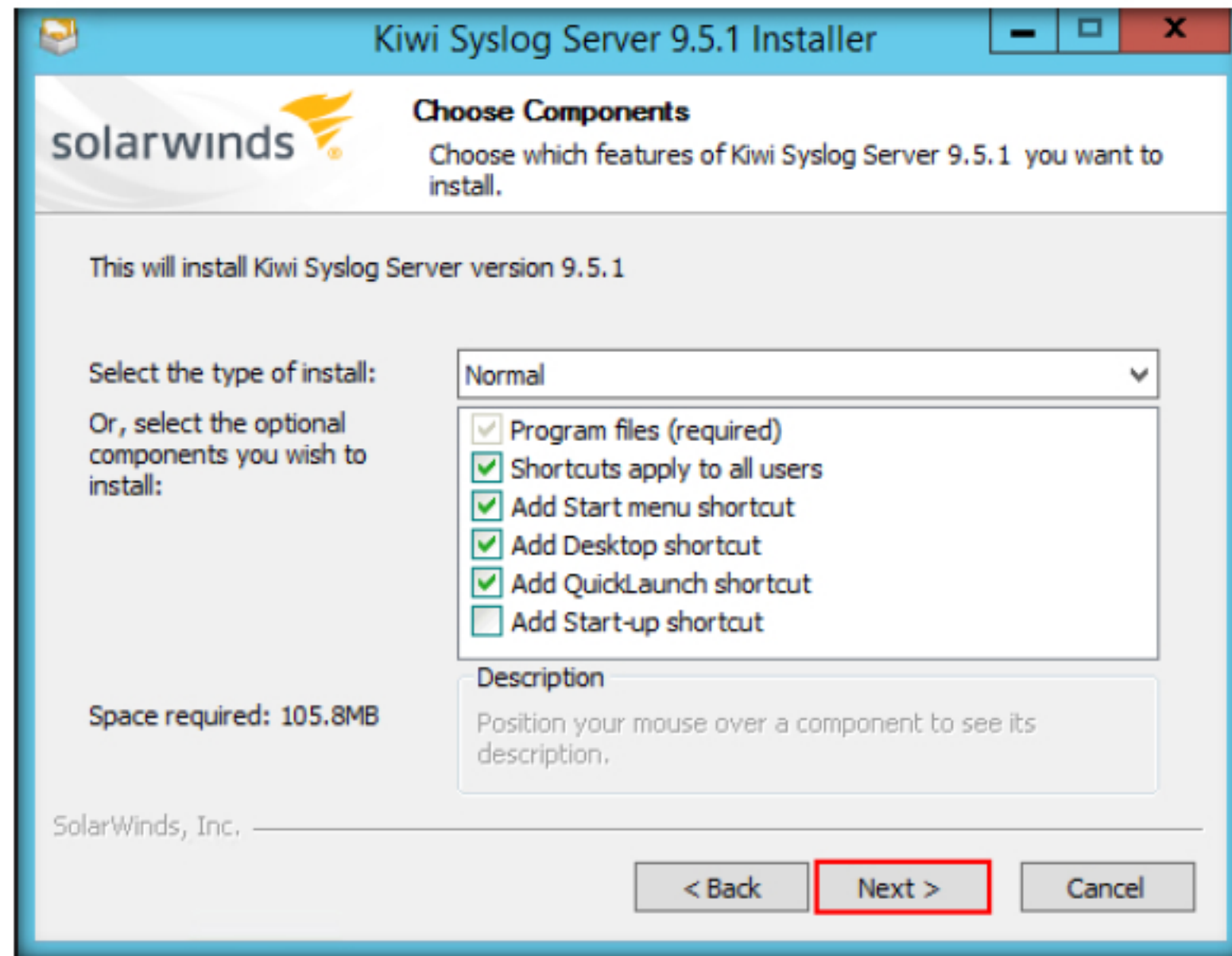


FIGURE 5.5: Selecting Kiwi components to install

8. The **Choose Install Location** window appears. Leave it as default and click **Install**.

Monitor & Manage Logs from Web Console – Use the out-of-the-box Web access utility to monitor and manage syslog messages and SNMP traps from any Web browser.

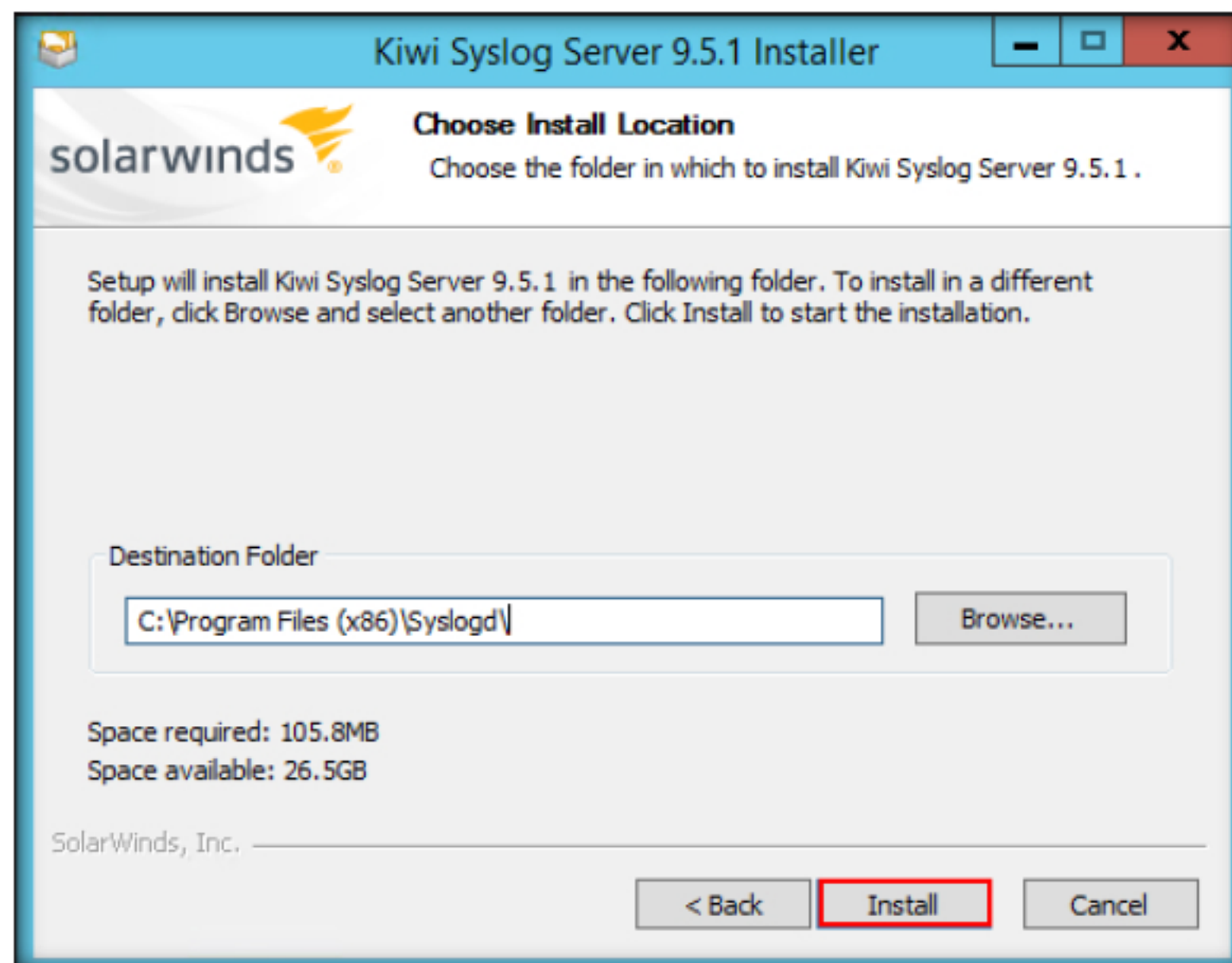


FIGURE 5.6: Selecting the location to install Kiwi Syslog server

- After the installation is completed, you will see the following window with the successful installation message. Ensure the **Run Kiwi Syslog Server 9.5.1** checkbox is checked and click **Finish**.

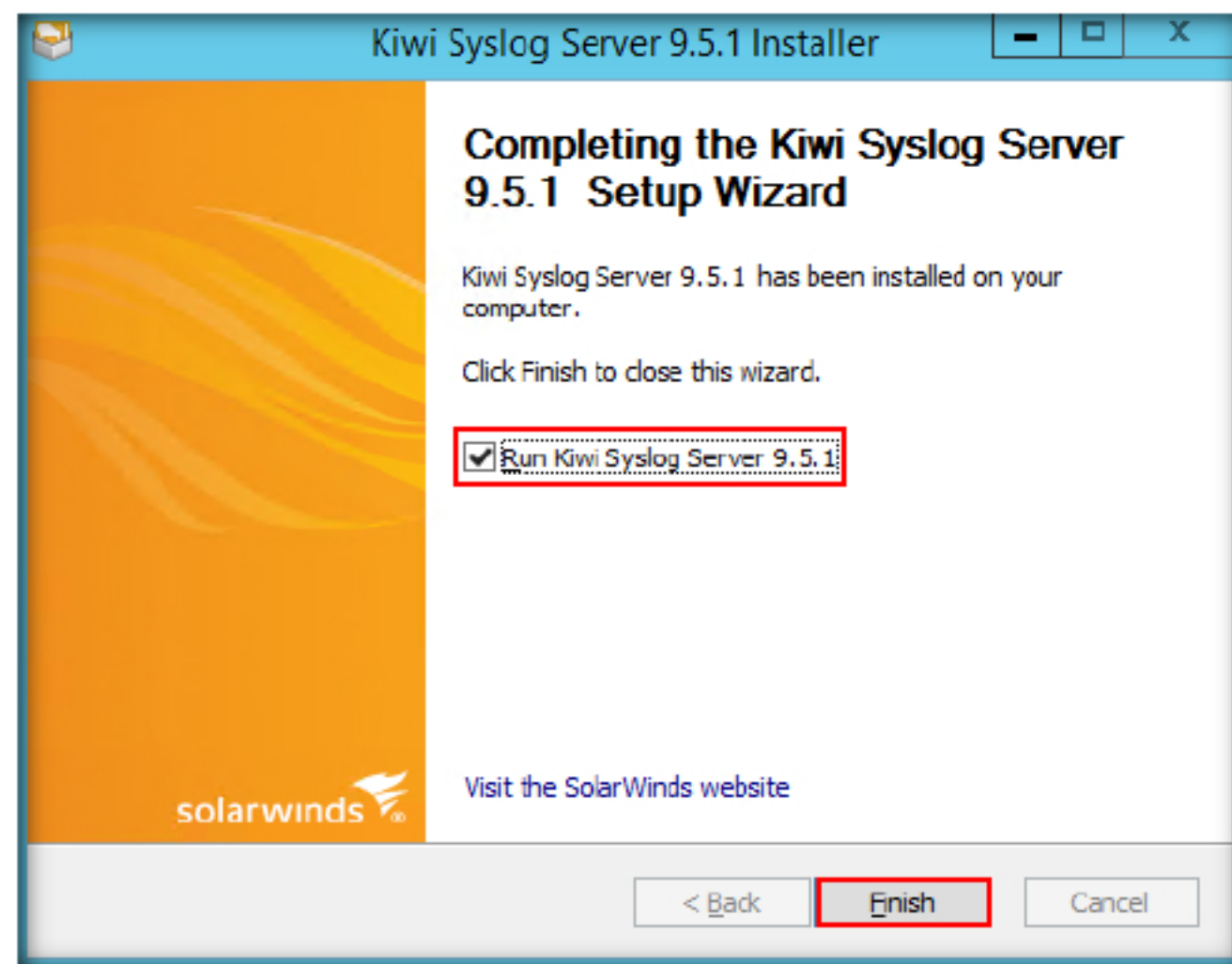


FIGURE 5.7: Launching Kiwi Syslog Server

TASK 2

Configuring Kiwi Syslog Server to listen various types of messages

- Thank you for starting your free trial! Pop-up appears then click **Close**.



FIGURE 5.8: Installation Completed

- The Kiwi Syslog Server main window appears. Click the **File** menu and select **Setup**.

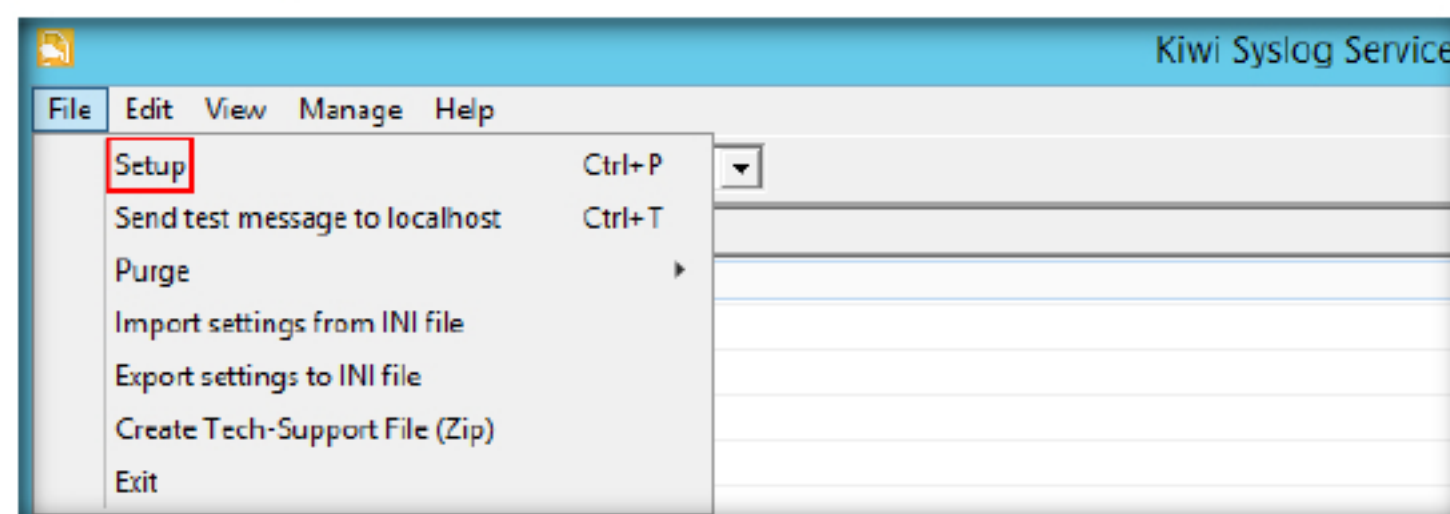


FIGURE 5.9: Navigating to Setup

Store & Archive Logs for Regulatory Compliance – Automate log archival and cleanup schedules to comply with your log retention policy and regulatory requirements.

12. The **Kiwi Syslog Server Setup** window appears. In the left pane, scroll down and expand the **Inputs** section and click **UDP**.
13. By default, **Listen for UDP Syslog messages** is checked. If the option is not checked enable the option.
14. Click **TCP** under **Inputs** in the left pane.

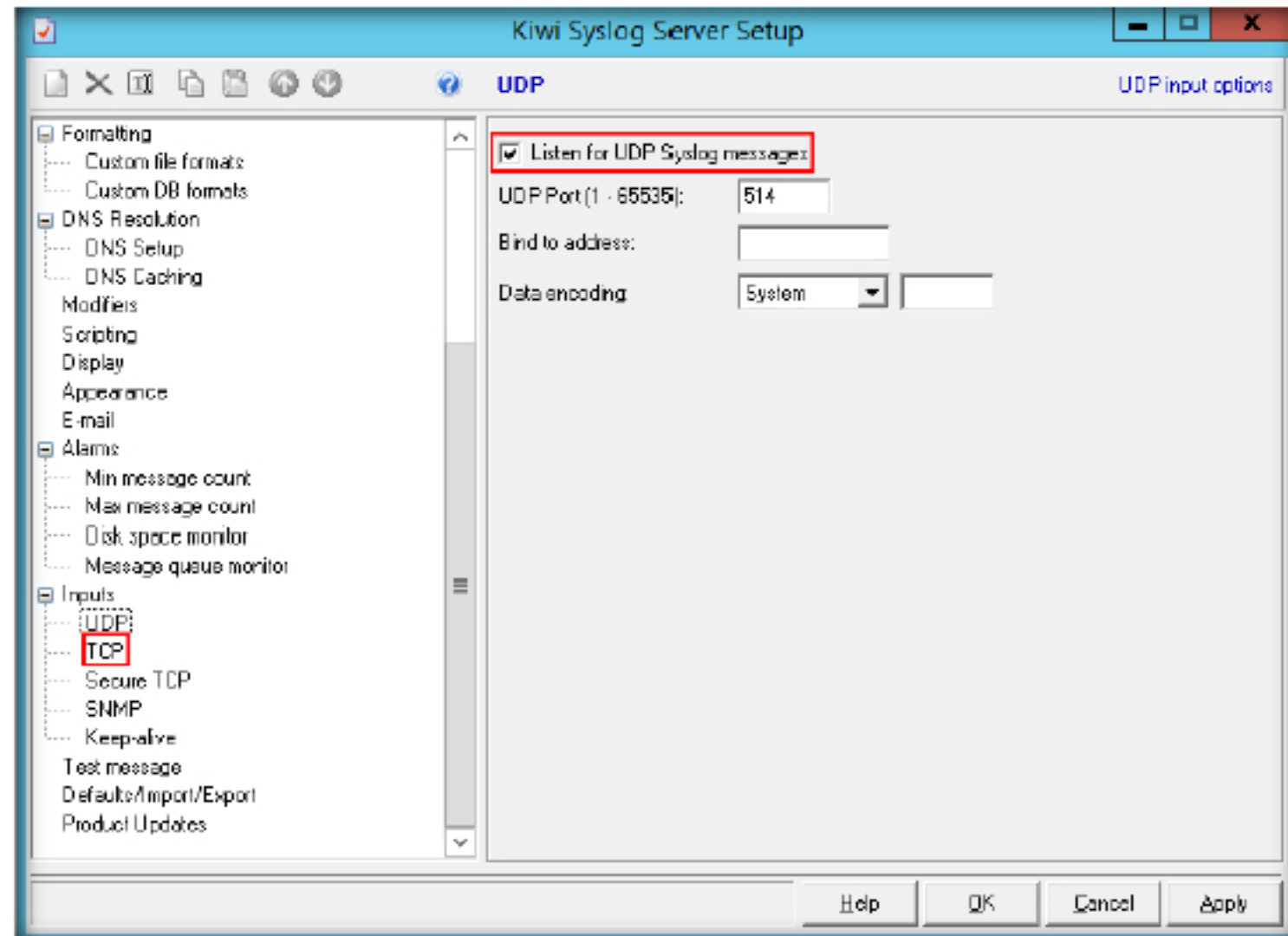


FIGURE 5.10: Enabling UDP syslog messages

15. Click the **Listen for TCP Syslog messages** checkbox and leave the settings as default then click **SNMP** under **Inputs** in the left pane.

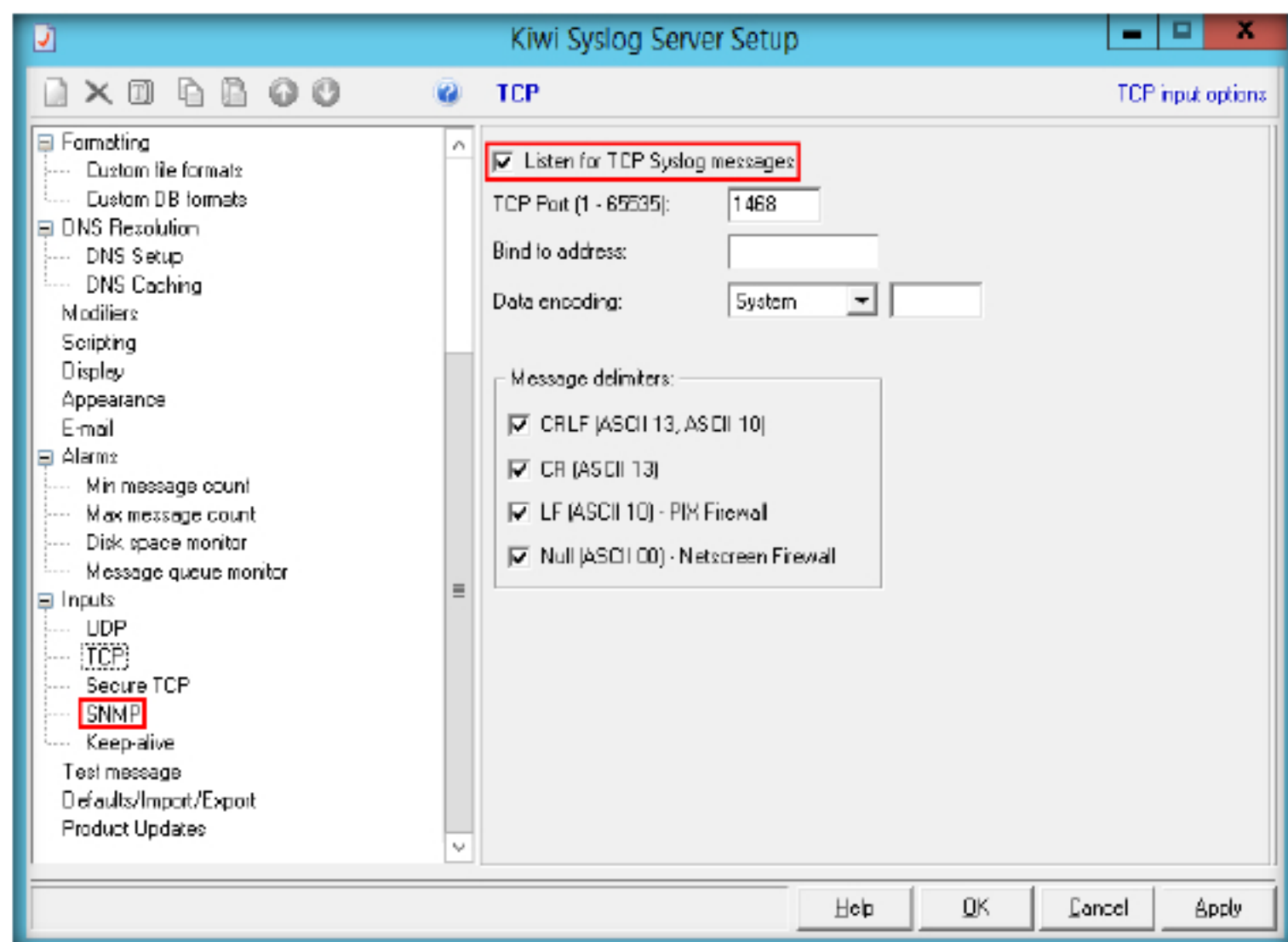


FIGURE 5.11: Enabling TCP syslog messages

Generate Syslog Reports on Specific Devices, Events, & Actions – Generate HTML and plain text reports and deliver via email or send to disk. View syslog statistics and trends on graphical charts on the management console.

16. Click the **Listen for SNMP Traps** check box and leave the settings to default.
17. Click **Keep-alive** under **Inputs** in the left pane.

Deploy quickly: Installs in minutes. Start collecting syslog messages, SNMP traps, and Windows event log data from your IT infrastructure.

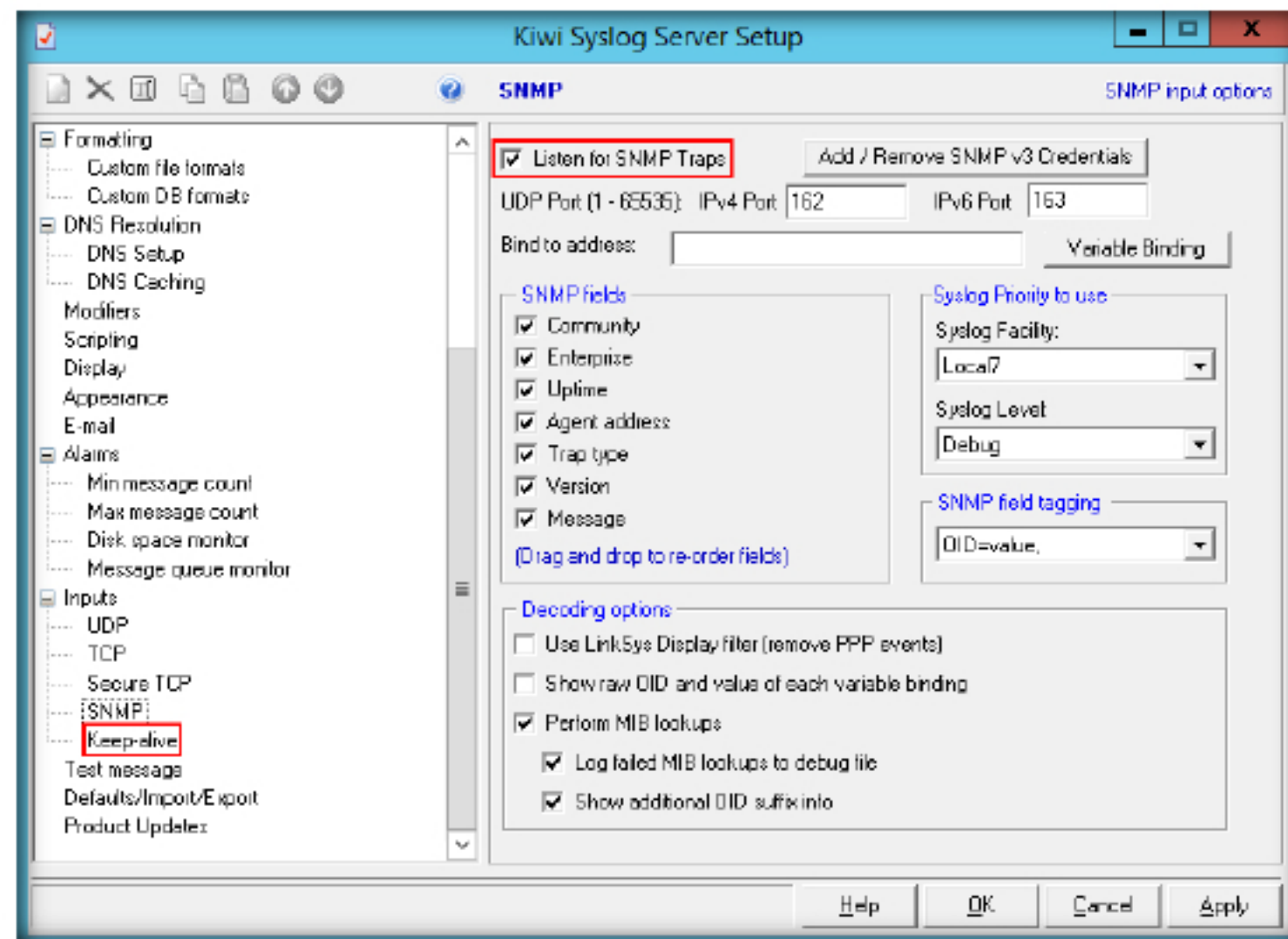


FIGURE 5.12: Enabling SNMP traps

18. Tick **Enable Keep-alive messages** checkbox. Enter **10.10.10.10** in the **From IP address:** column (to record the logs of the user machine). Click **Apply** and then click **OK**.

Note: 10.10.10.10 is the IP address of the Windows 10 machine. The IP address may vary for your lab environment.

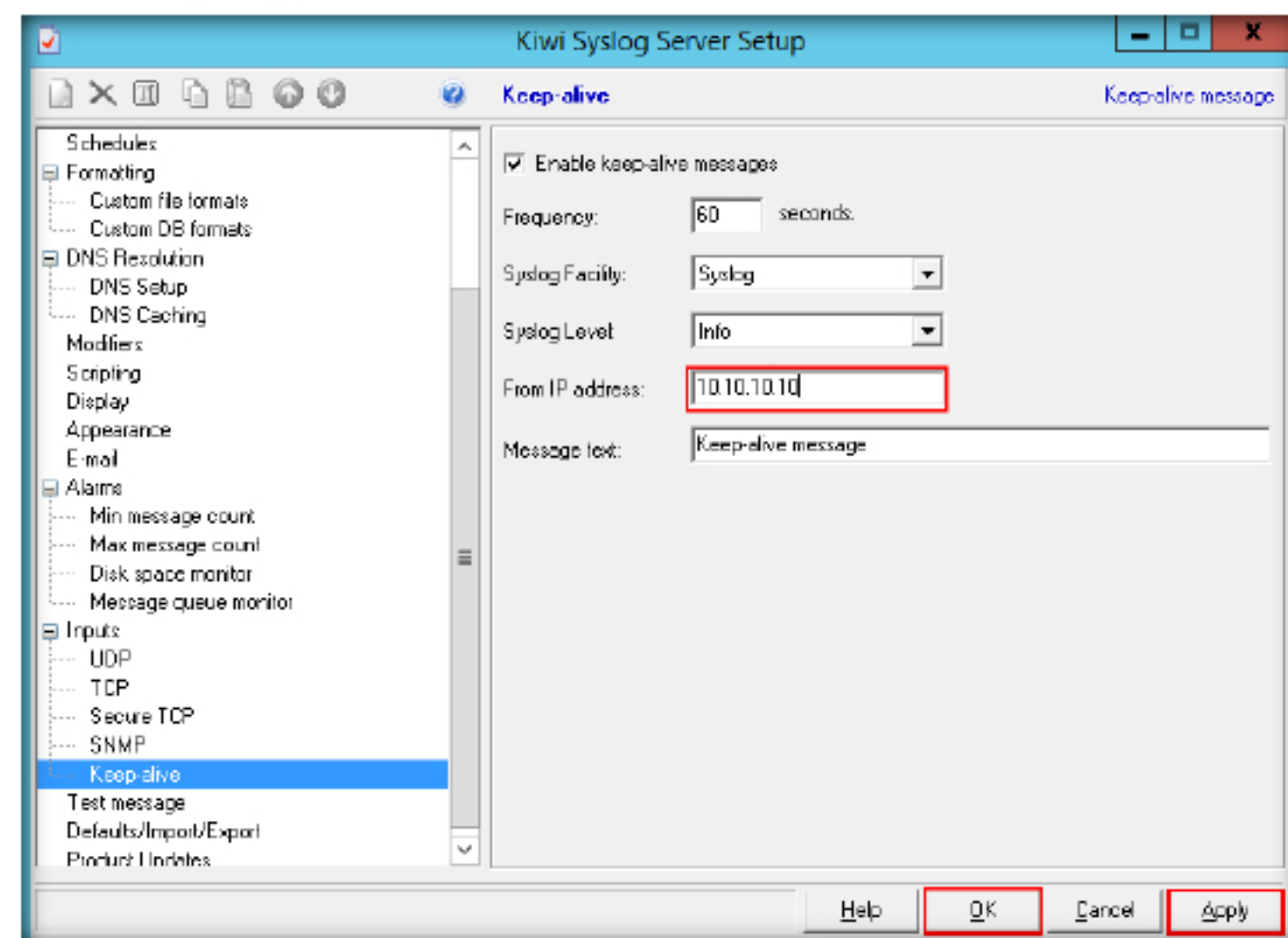


FIGURE 5.13: Enabling keep-alive messages

19. The Syslog server is configured to record the logs of the configured users machine.
20. Next, login to the Windows 10 machine as a domain user and browse webpages. Domain credentials are Username: **CND\Martin** and Password: **qwerty@123** as shown in the screenshot.

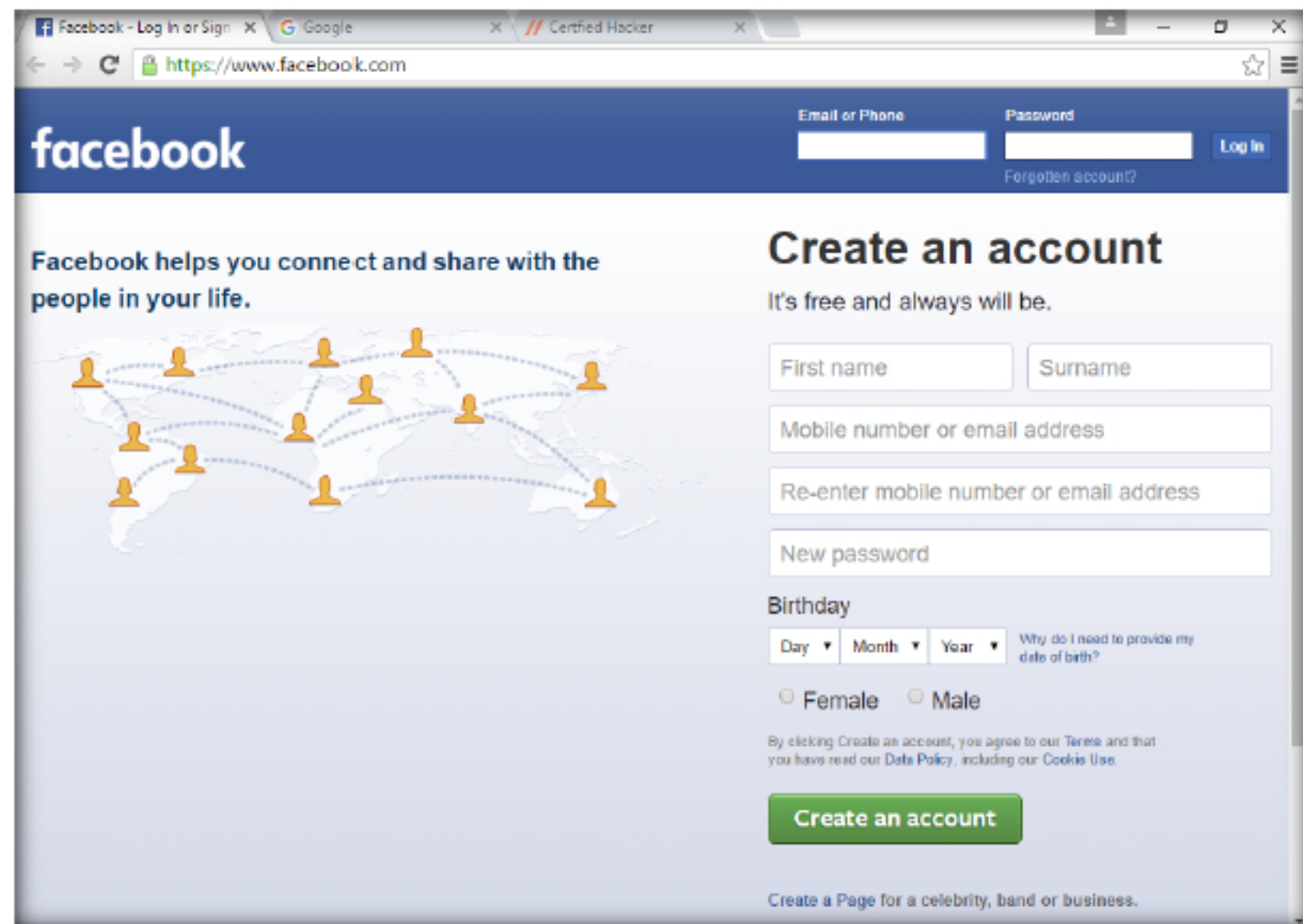


FIGURE 5.14: Activities in Windows 10 Machine

21. Switch back to the Windows Server 2012 machine where the Kiwi Syslog server is running. You can see the Syslog server has recorded a few logs encountered through the Windows 10 machine as shown in the screenshot.

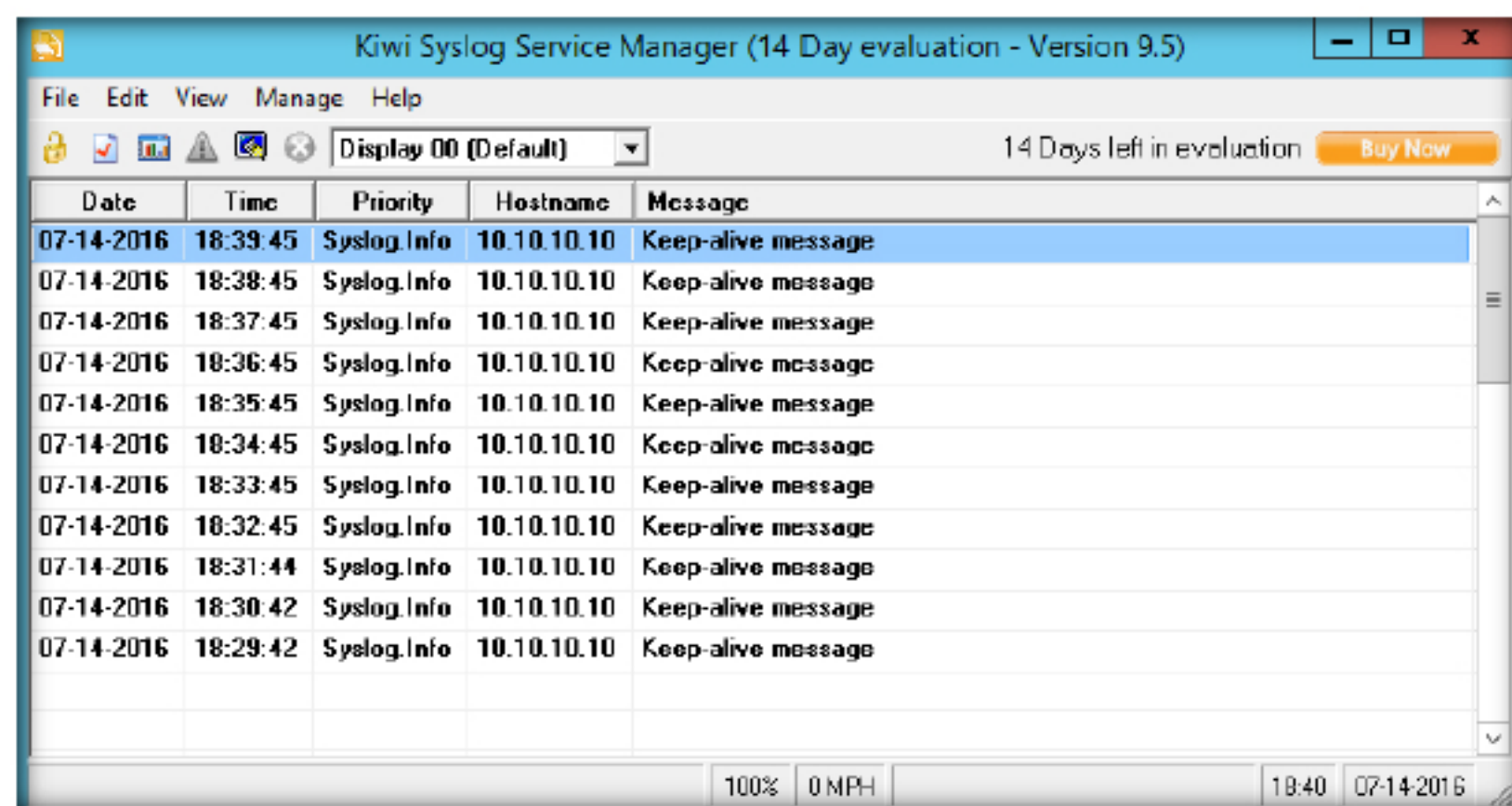


Figure 5.15: Syslog received in Kiwi Server

Note: If you have minimized the Kiwi Syslog server, the Kiwi syslog server icon will be shown in the notification area on the desktop.

Lab Analysis

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Remote Log Capture Using Splunk Universal Forwarder

Splunk is a tool for collecting, monitoring, and analyzing log files from servers, applications, or other sources.

Lab Scenario

Maintaining the health and security of the remote systems in a network is the primary task of a network administrator. Setting up a remote log server will ensure that the logs remain uncompromised in the event of an intruder attack. You need to install a log forwarder in all machines in the network. This will store all the logs in the main log management server.

Lab Objectives

This lab will demonstrate how to install and configure a log forwarder to capture remote system logs.

Lab Environment

To carry out the lab, you need:

- A virtual machine running Windows server 2012 with Splunk installed on it
- A virtual machine running Windows 10
- SplunkForwarder located at **Z:\CND-Tools\CND Module 06 Host Security\Log Monitoring Tools\Splunk**
- Administrative privileges to run the tools
- A web browser with Internet access
- If you wish to install the latest version of tools; screenshots and steps might differ from the ones shown in the lab environment.

Lab Duration

Time: 30 Minutes

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Overview of Universal Forwarder

The universal forwarder is a Splunk Enterprise instance that contains only the essential components needed to forward data. The application provides reliable, secure data collection from remote sources and forwards that data into Splunk (Enterprise, Light, Cloud or Hunk) for indexing and consolidation.

Lab Tasks

TASK 1

Installing Splunk console

1. Launch **Windows Server 2012** and navigate to **Z:\CND-Tools\CND Module 06 Host Security\Log Monitoring Tools\Splunk**
2. Double click **splunk-6.3.3-f44afce176d0-x64-release.msi** to start the installation. If the **Open File - Security Warning** window pops up, click **Run**.

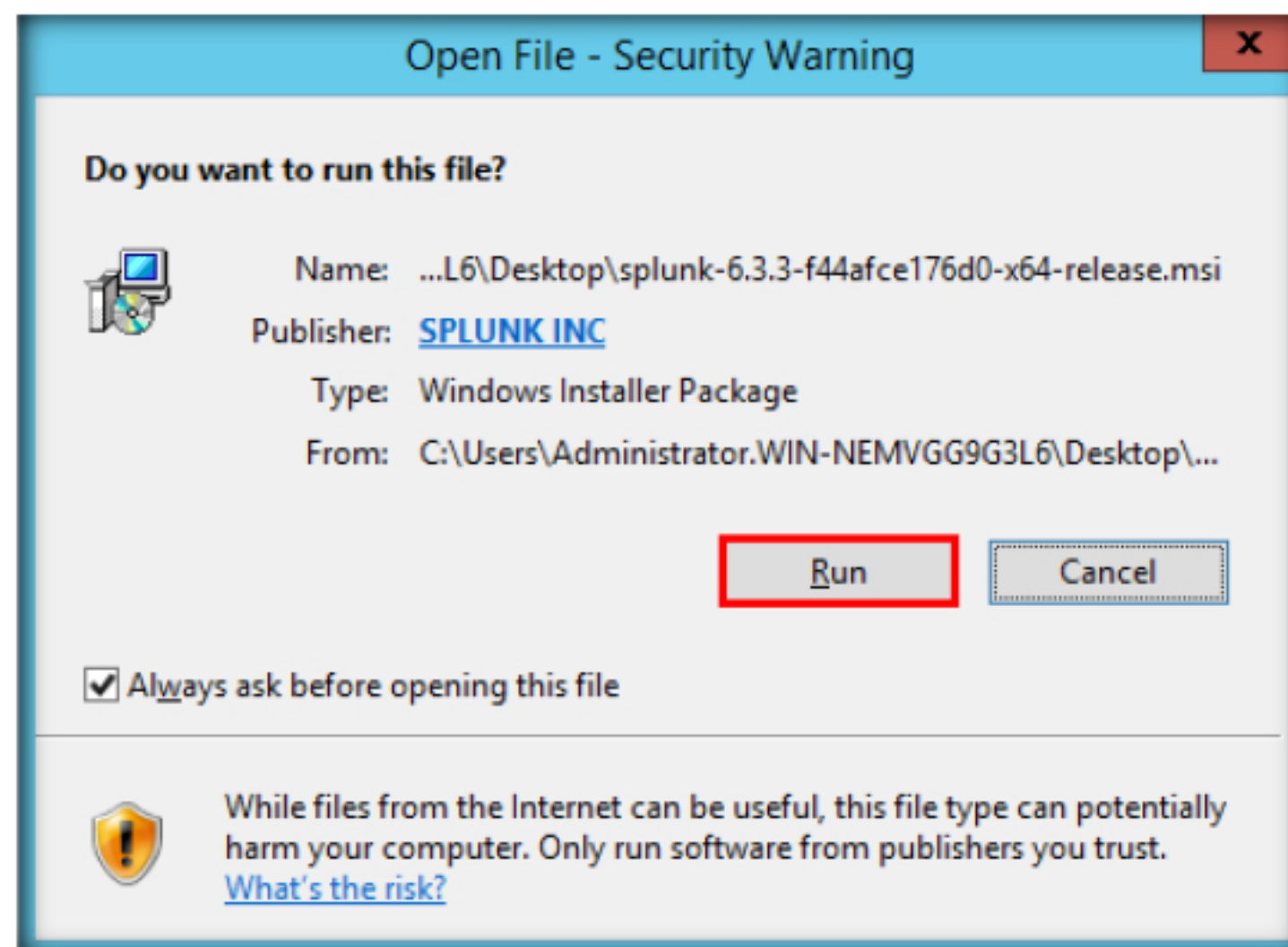


FIGURE 6.1: Open File – Security Warning

Note: If a notification appears stating the "SmartScreen has prevented the app from running", click More info, and then click Run anyway.

3. The **Splunk Enterprise Installer** window appears. Accept the license agreement and click **Install**.

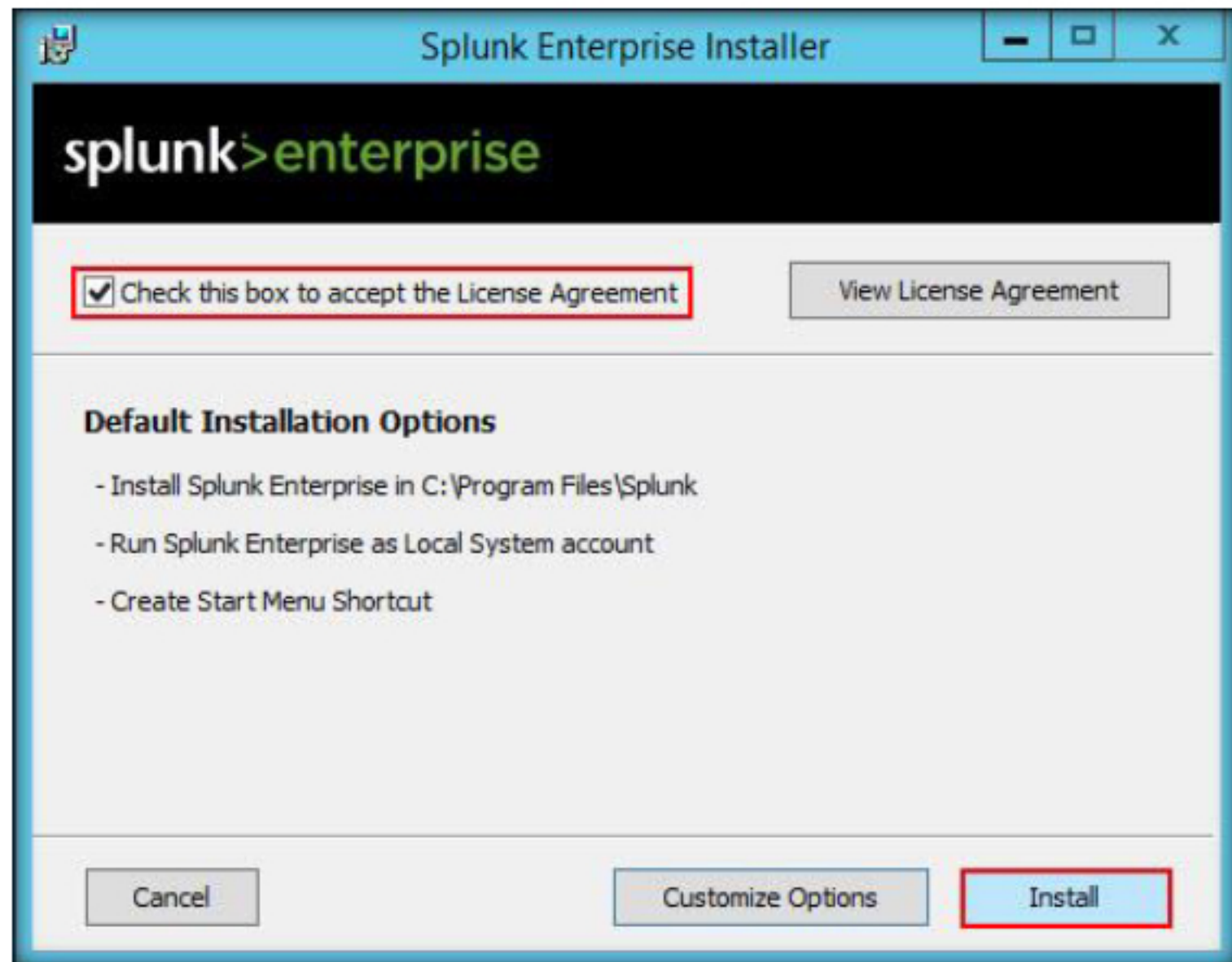


FIGURE 6.2: Splunk license agreement

4. Wait for the installation to complete.

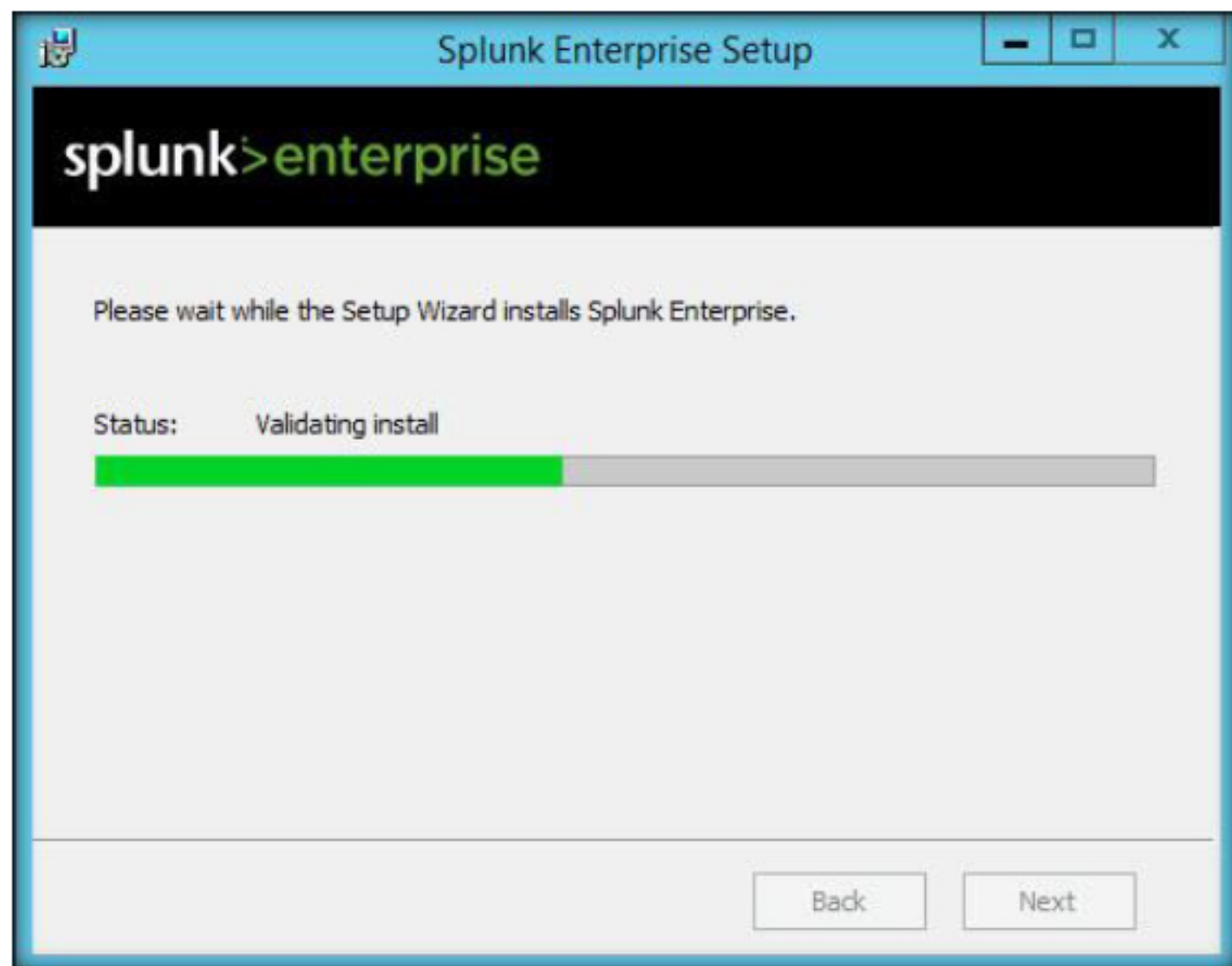


FIGURE 6.3: Splunk installation progress

Using no predefined schema, Splunk Universal Forwarders and collection methods such as syslog, HTTP direct API, scripted inputs, and the mobile SDK can index unstructured data from sources such as applications, sensors, endpoint devices,

- After the installation is complete, ensure the **Launch browser with Splunk Enterprise** box is checked then click **Finish**.

By monitoring and analyzing everything from customer click streams and transactions to security events and network activity, Splunk Enterprise helps you gain valuable Operational Intelligence from your machine-generated data. And with a full range of powerful search, visualization and pre-packaged content for use-cases, any user can quickly discover and share insights. Just point your raw data at Splunk Enterprise and start analyzing your world.

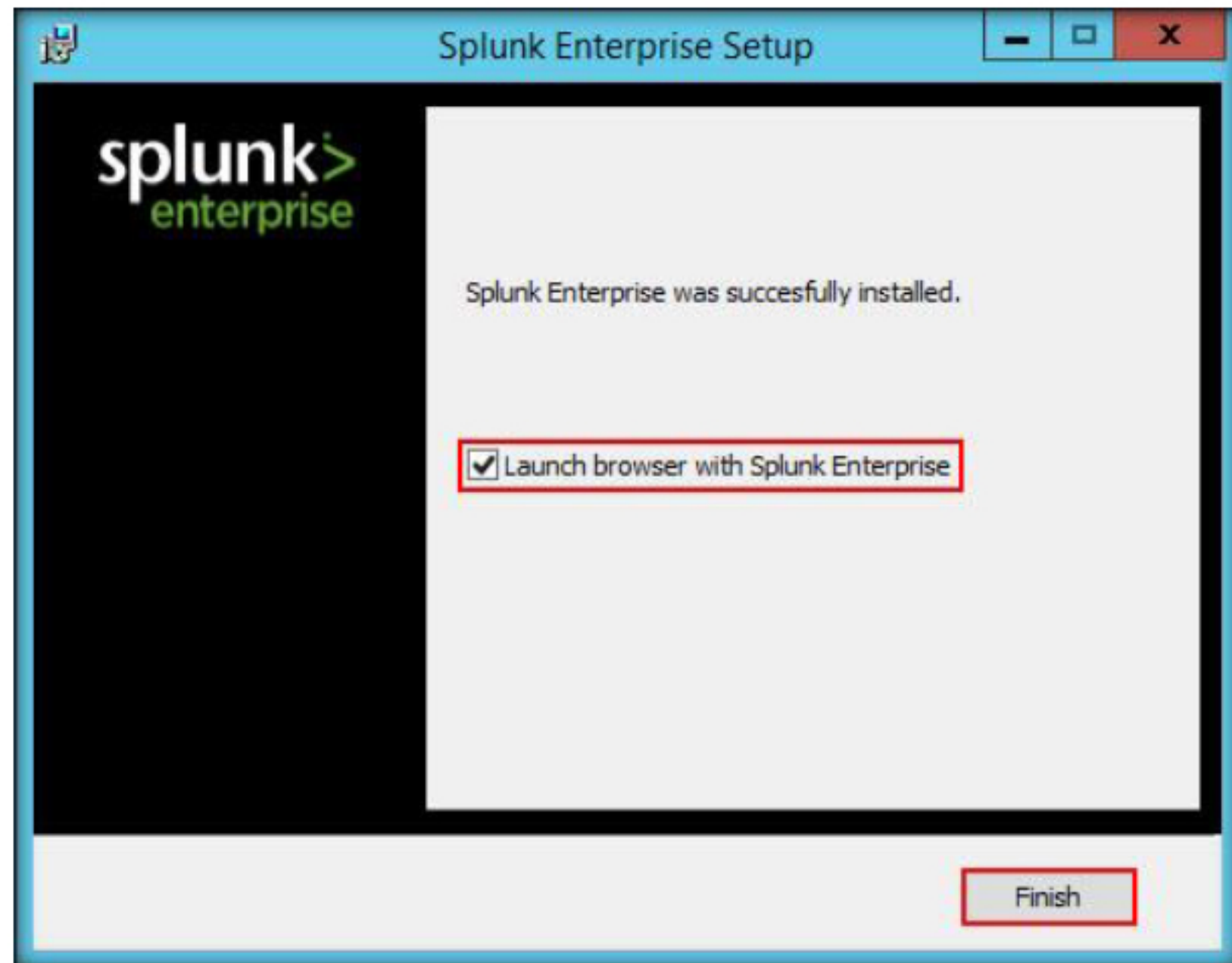


FIGURE 6.4: Splunk installed successfully



TASK 2

Login to Splunk

- Splunk Enterprise launches in your default browser. The **First time signing in?** page appears. Enter the default **username** and **password** (provided by Splunk) in their respective fields and click **Sign in**.
- The default credentials for the first login display on the screen as shown in the screenshot.

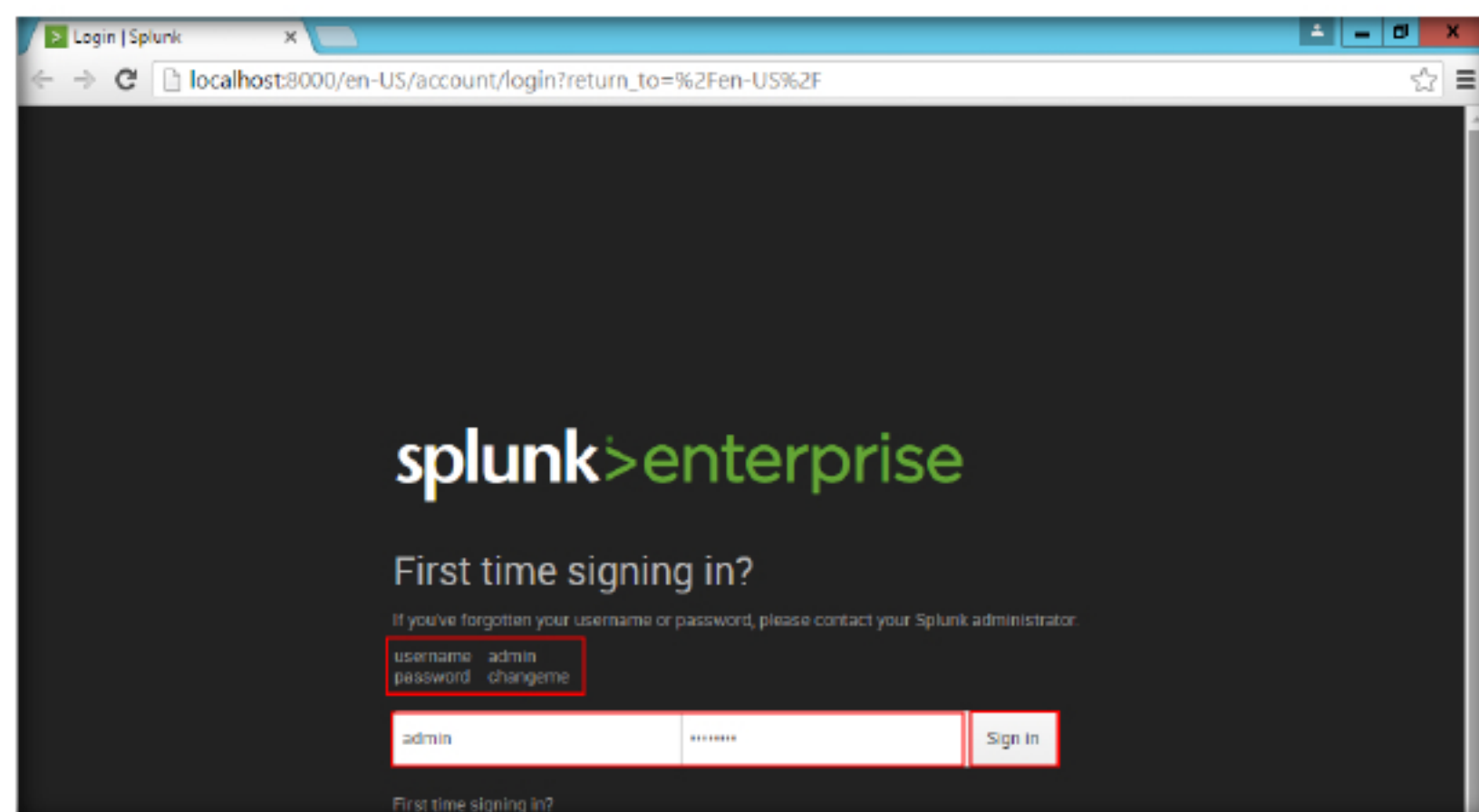


FIGURE 6.5: Splunk installed successfully

8. The **Change password** page appears. Create a strong password and click **Save password**.

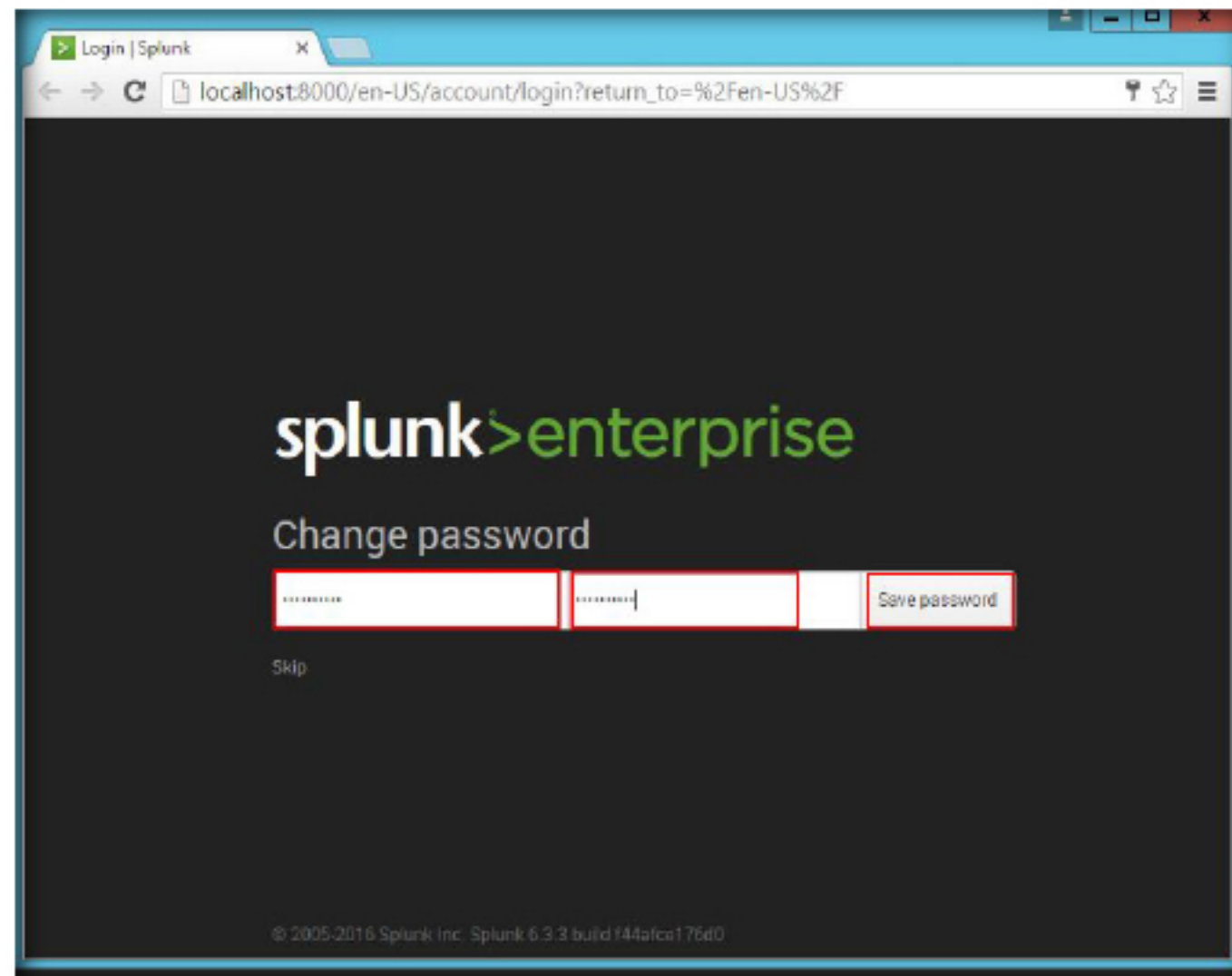


FIGURE 6.6: Splunk installed successfully

9. In order to monitor logs in a Windows 10 virtual machine, you need to install the Universal log forwarder in it.
10. Login as a local administrator and navigate to **Z:\CND-Tools\CND Module 06 Host Security\Log Monitoring Tools\Splunk**, and double-click **splunkforwarder-6.4.0-f2c836328108-x64-release.msi**.
11. The UniversalForwarder Setup window appears, accept the license agreement and click **Customize Options**.

Using no predefined schema, Splunk Universal Forwarders and collection methods such as syslog, HTTP direct API, scripted inputs, and the mobile SDK can index unstructured data from sources such as applications, sensors, endpoint devices, mainframes, industrial systems and network packet streams.

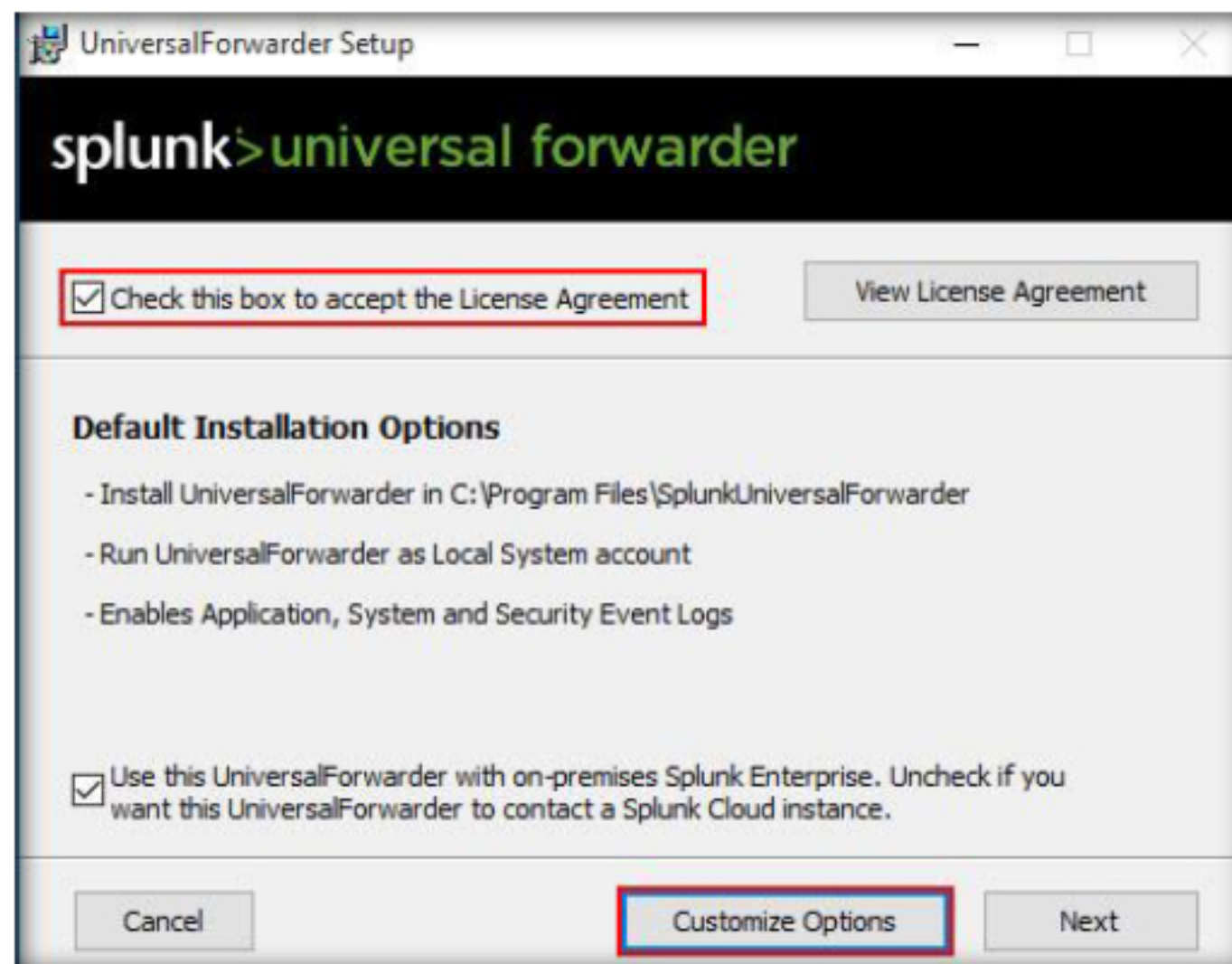


FIGURE 6.7: Installing Splunk forwarder

12. Leave the installation path set to the default location, click **Next**.

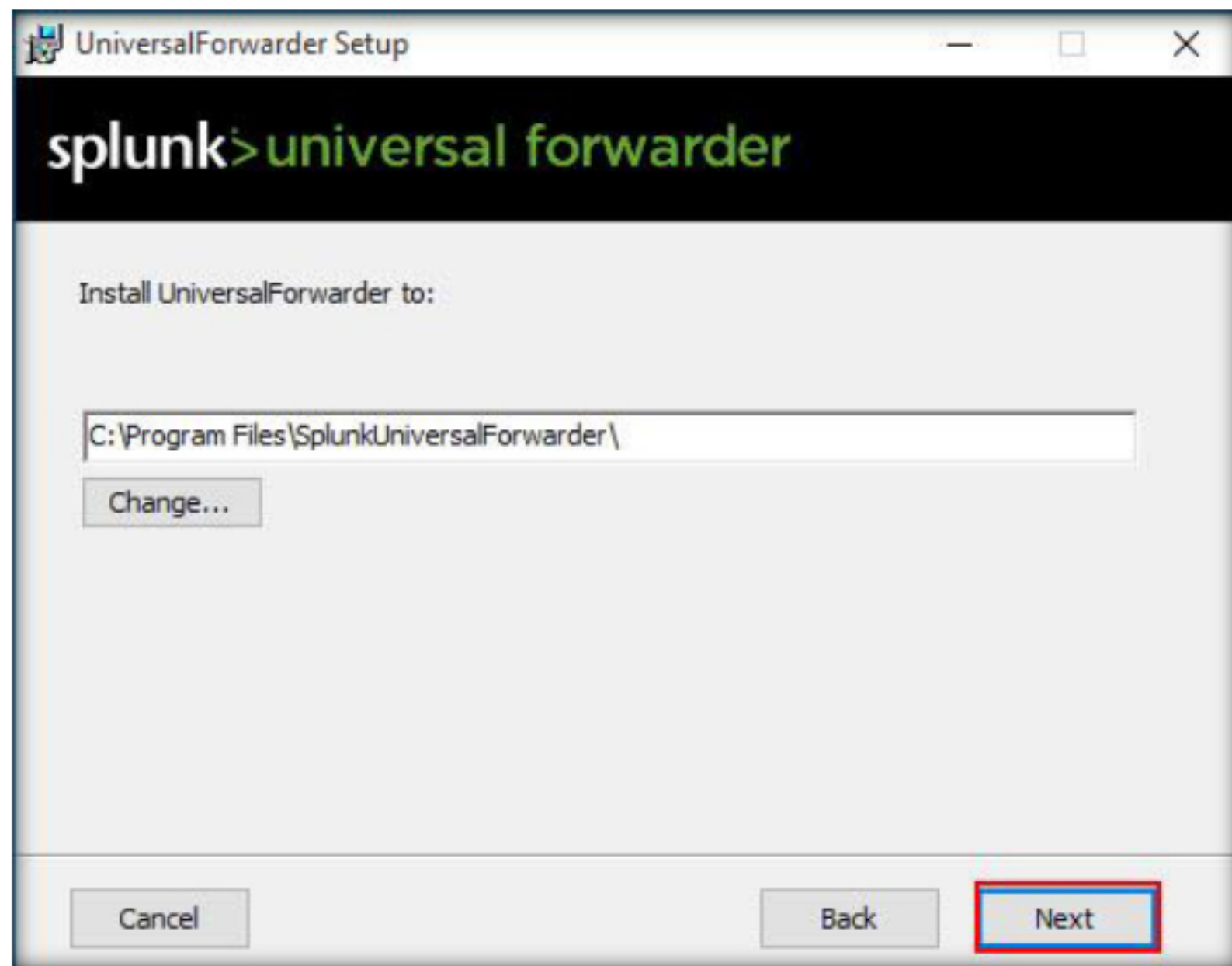


FIGURE 6.8: Choosing location to install Splunk forwarder

13. Click **Next** in the Splunk Certificate section.

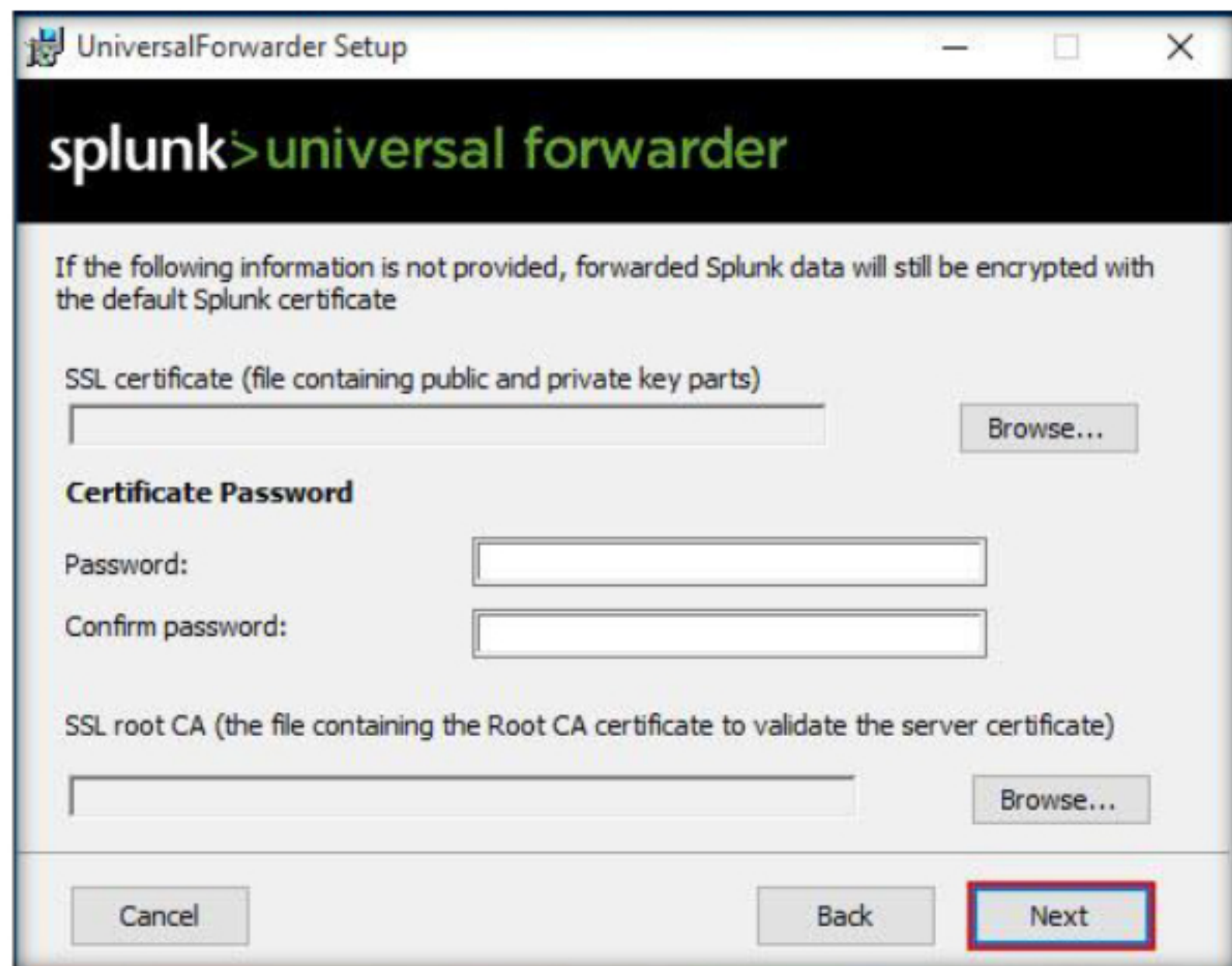


FIGURE 6.9: Installing Splunk Forwarder

14. In the next step, select the **Local System** radio button, in order to install Universal Forwarder as a Local System and click **Next**.

Timeline shows start/stop/duration of processes on a timeline and is commonly used by IT to investigate processes that run for a longer time period and to monitor batch processes. It can also be used for business analytics to quickly portray order processing.

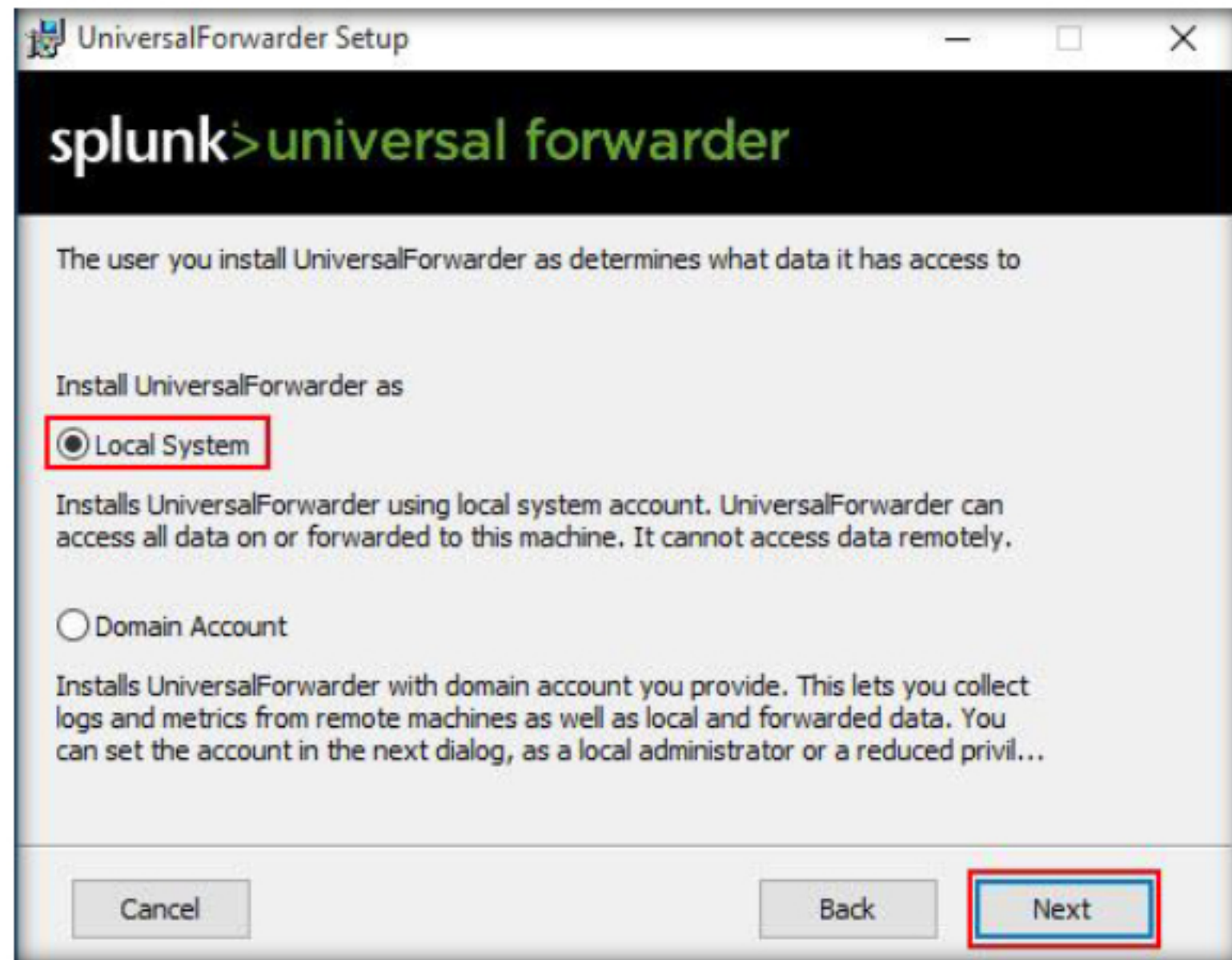


FIGURE 6.10: Installing Splunk Forwarder as a Local System

15. Next, check all the entities under **Windows Event Logs** and **Performance Monitor** and click **Next**.

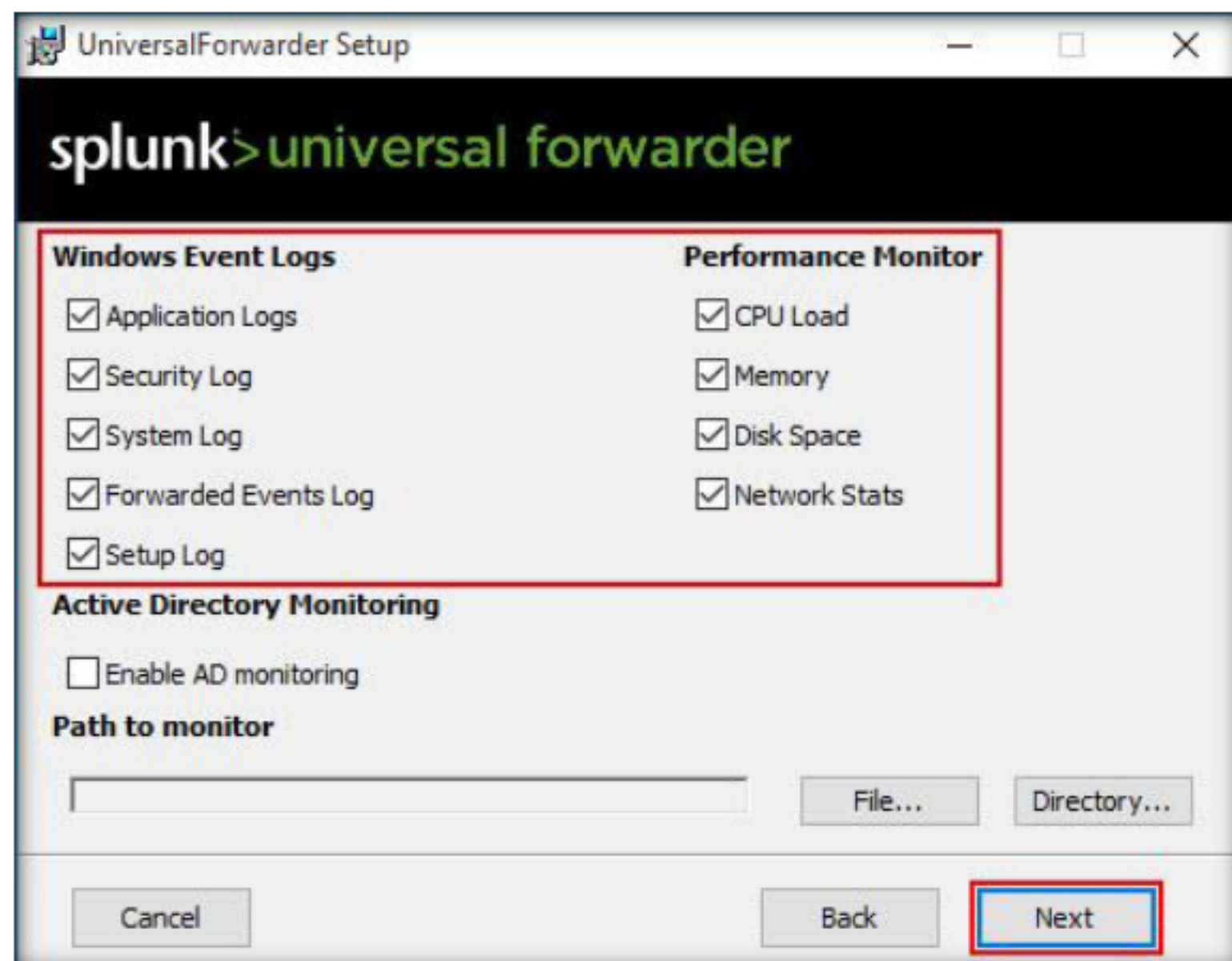


FIGURE 6.11: Selecting the events to forward

16. Select the **Install the Splunk Add-on for Microsoft Windows included with the installer (Recommended)** radio button and click **Next**. This installs the Splunk Add-on for Microsoft Windows along with the installer.

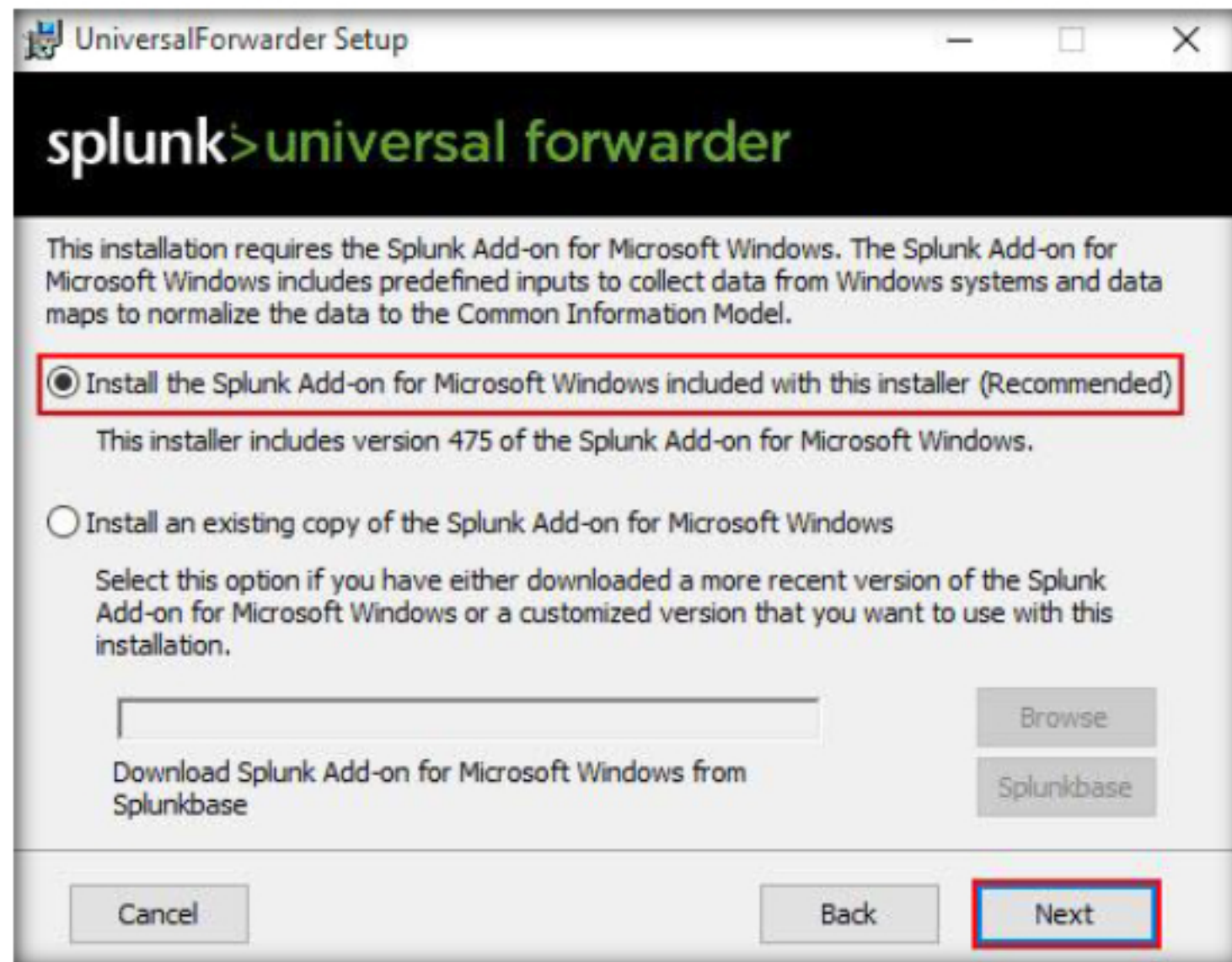


FIGURE 6.12: Installing Microsoft Add on with Splunk forwarder

17. Leave the **Deployment Server** section without issuing the Deployment IP and port number details and click **Next**.

Visualizations make it easier to analyze and interact with data during investigations or within dashboards and reports. The right visual goes a long way to understanding the results of the analysis of your most complex data. With rich visualization you can easily find the right diagram to make your results known across your organization—in the boardroom or in the war room. Splunk base contains a wide array of Splunk-built visuals, and a development framework that makes it simple for customers and partners to create new visuals and make them

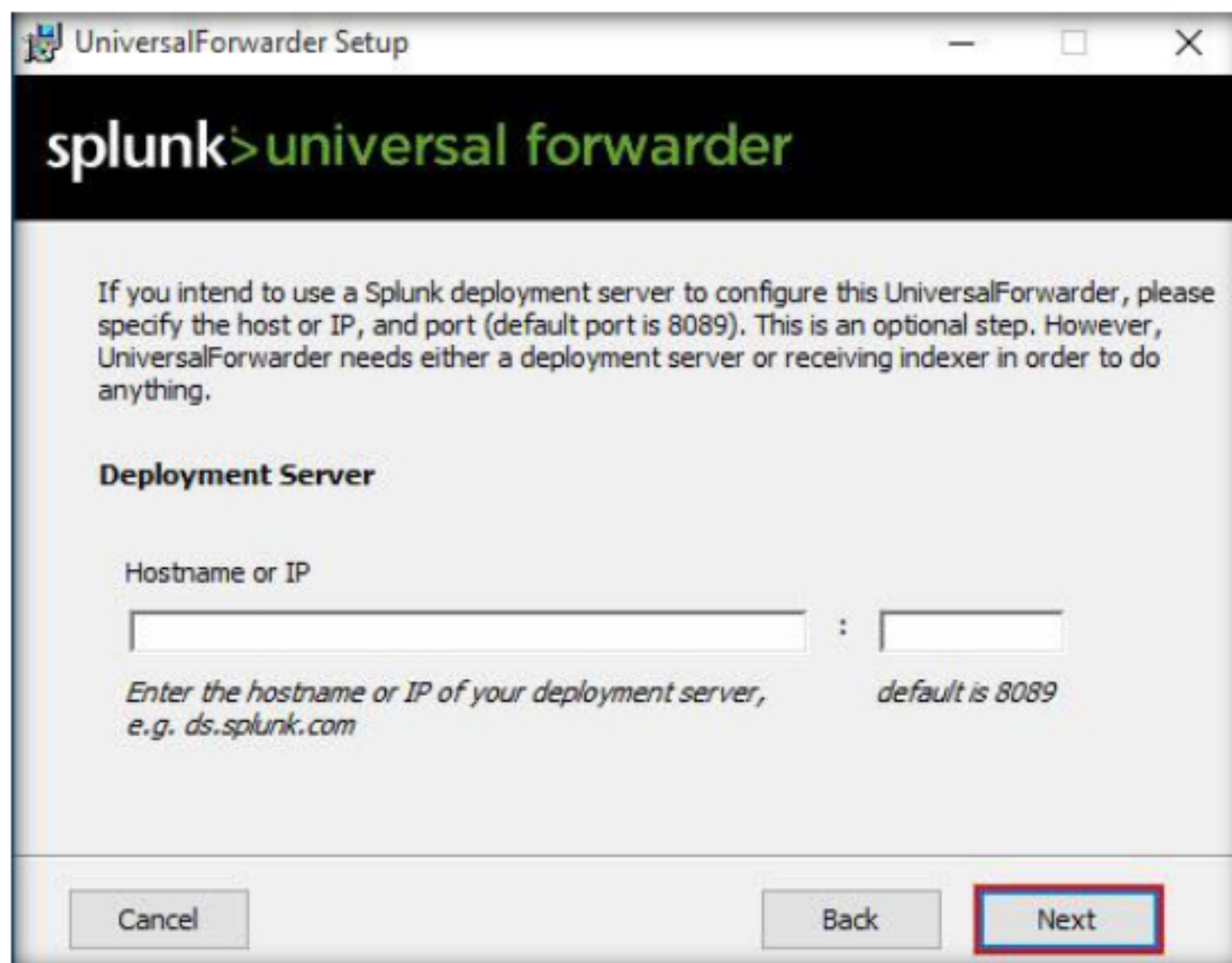


FIGURE 6.13: Splunk forwarder Deployment server

18. In the **Receiving Indexer** section, enter the IP address for Windows Server 2012 i.e., **10.10.10.12** in the **Hostname or IP** field, enter Port **9997** in the **port** field and click **Next**.

Note: The IP address may vary if you used a different IP address at the time of lab setup.

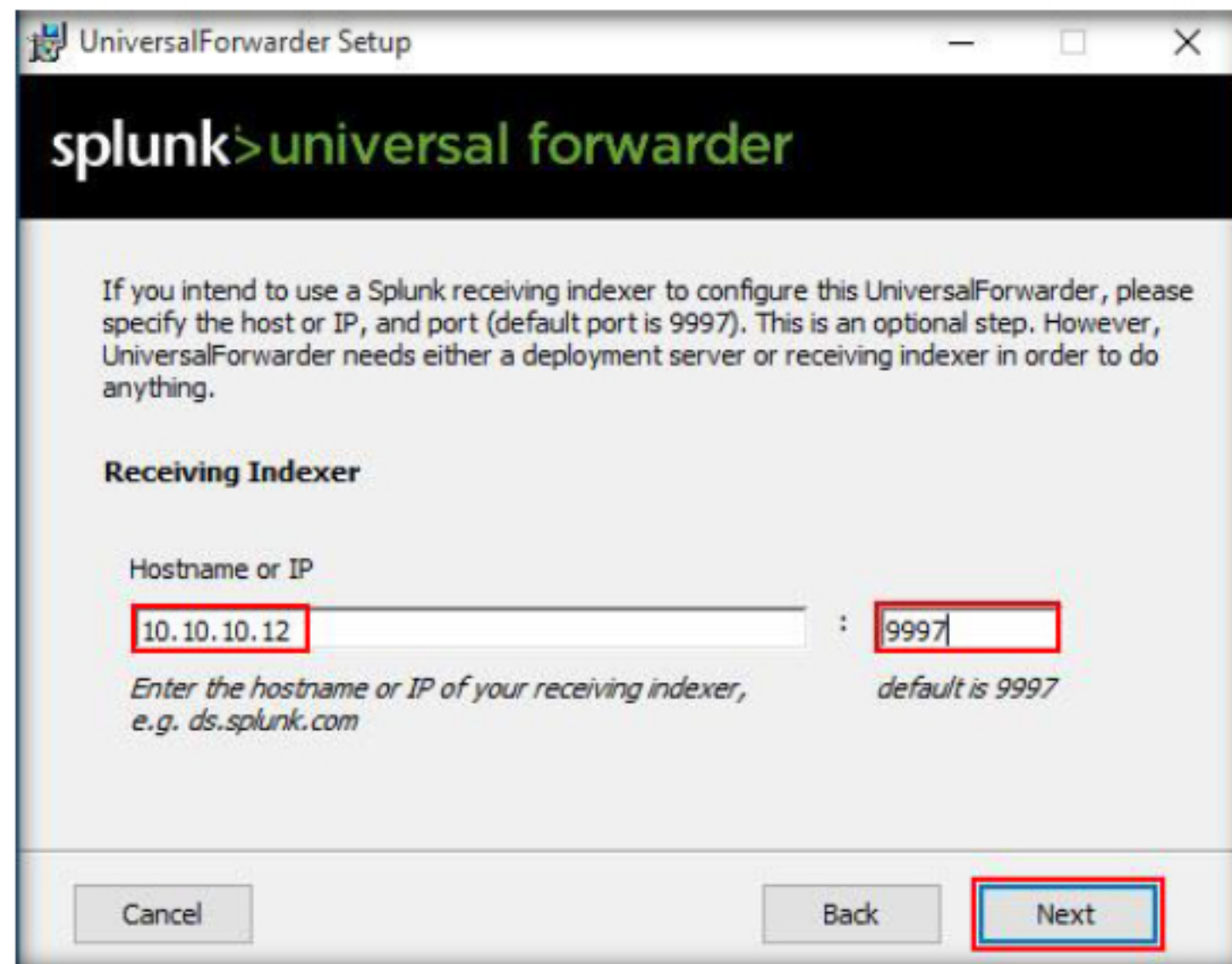


FIGURE 6.14: Setting values in Receiver

19. Once you are through with the configuration, click **Install**, while installing if a User Account Control pop-up appears, click **Yes**.

Expanded system monitoring, single sign-on options and role-based management increase operational efficiency, security and flexibility.

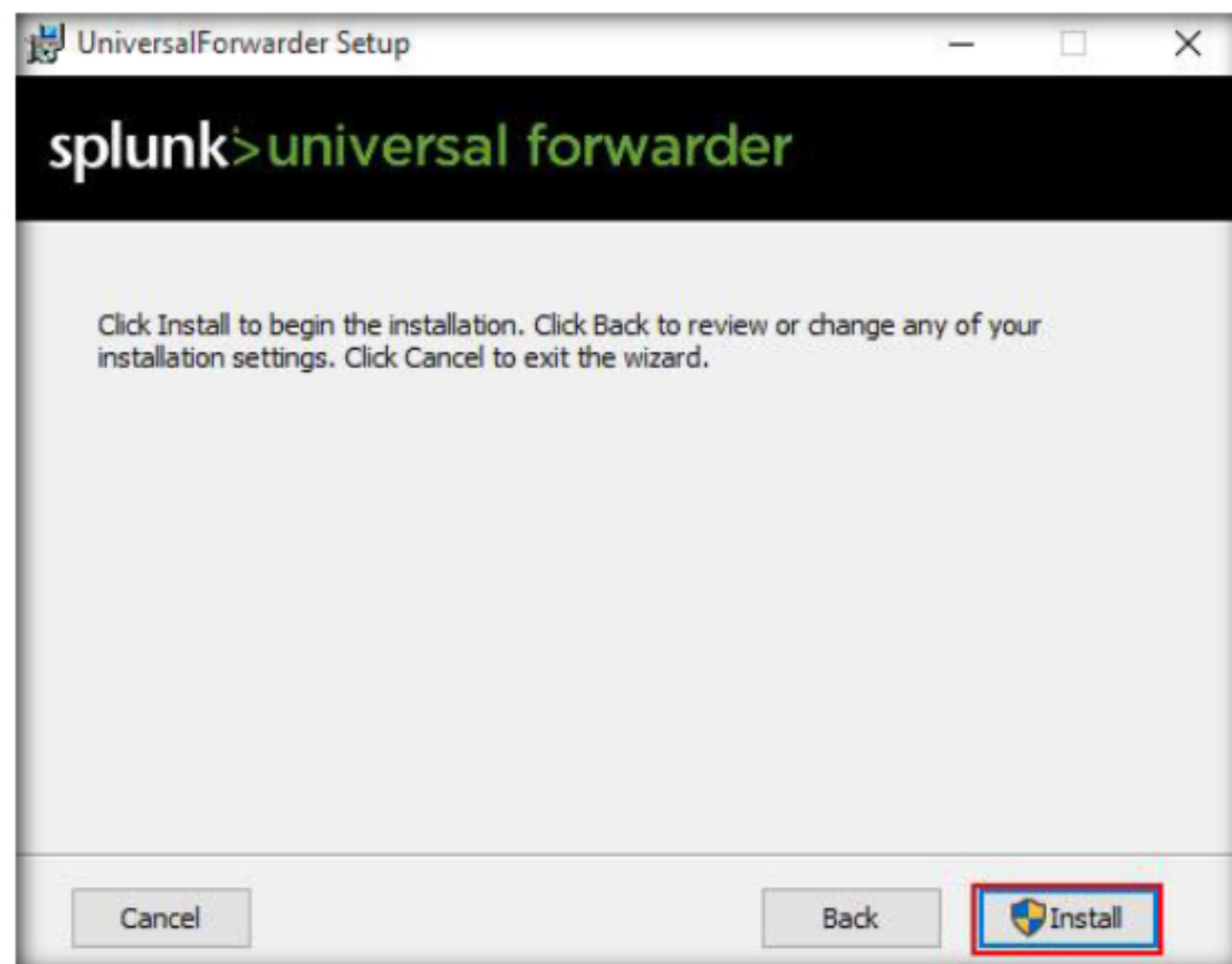


FIGURE 6.15: Starting the installation of Splunk forwarder

20. Click the **Finish** button after the installation completes.
21. You have successfully configured the universal forwarder to forward all logs to the Splunk enterprise console deployed in the Windows Server 2012 machine through port 9997.
22. Windows Server 2012 has a firewall enabled, it blocks the traffic that is trying to enter the machine through port 9997.
23. To allow the traffic to enter the machine, you need to add a Windows Firewall Rule for port **9997**.
24. Switch back to the Windows Server 2012 virtual machine and close all the windows that are open and then launch the **Windows Firewall**.
25. In Windows Firewall window, click the **Advanced settings** link on the left-hand side of the window.

Windows Firewall with Advanced Security settings to create a new rule for Inbound traffic.

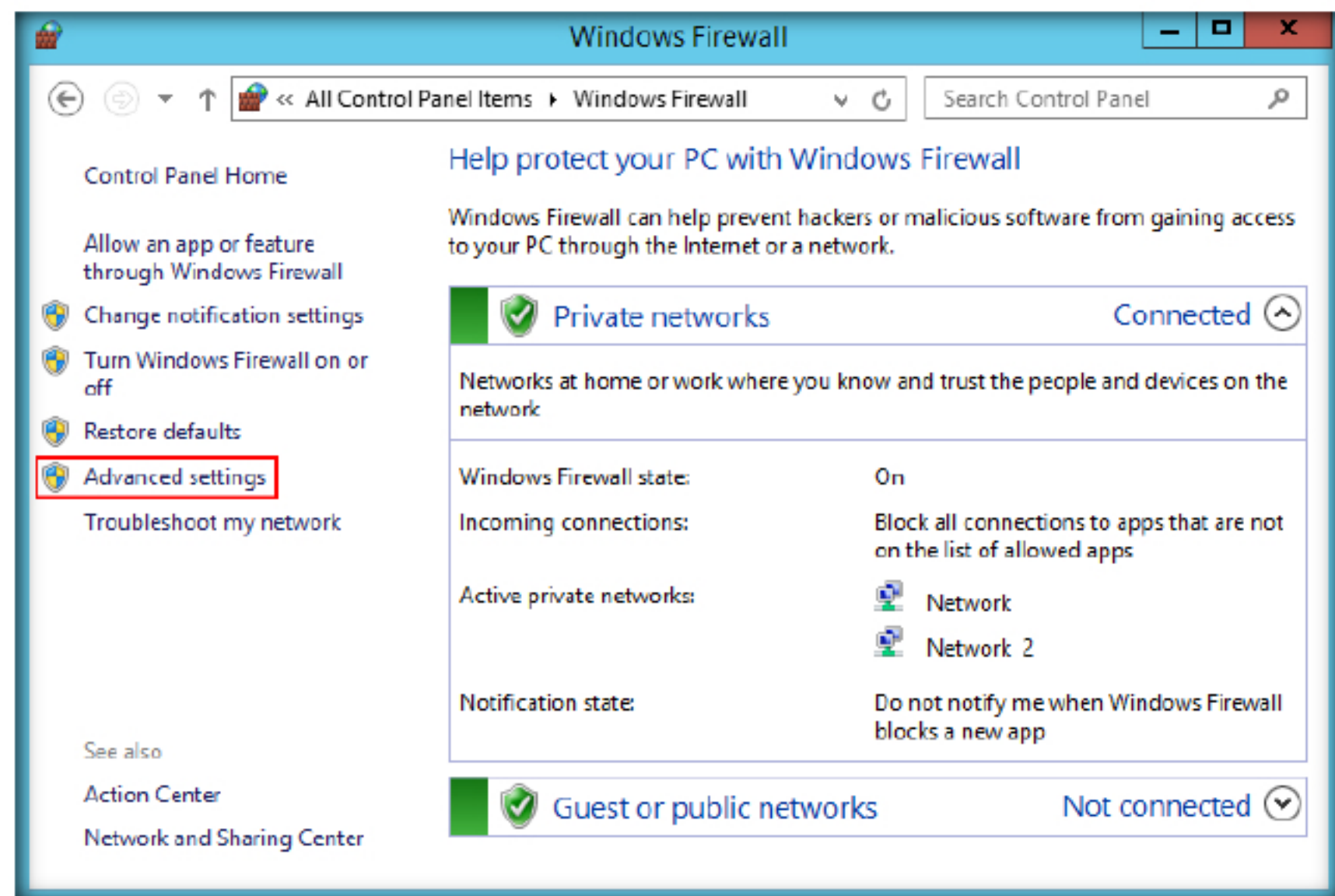


FIGURE 6.16: Navigating to Windows Firewall Advanced settings

26. The **Windows Firewall with Advanced Security** control panel appears, select **Inbound Rules** from the left pane.

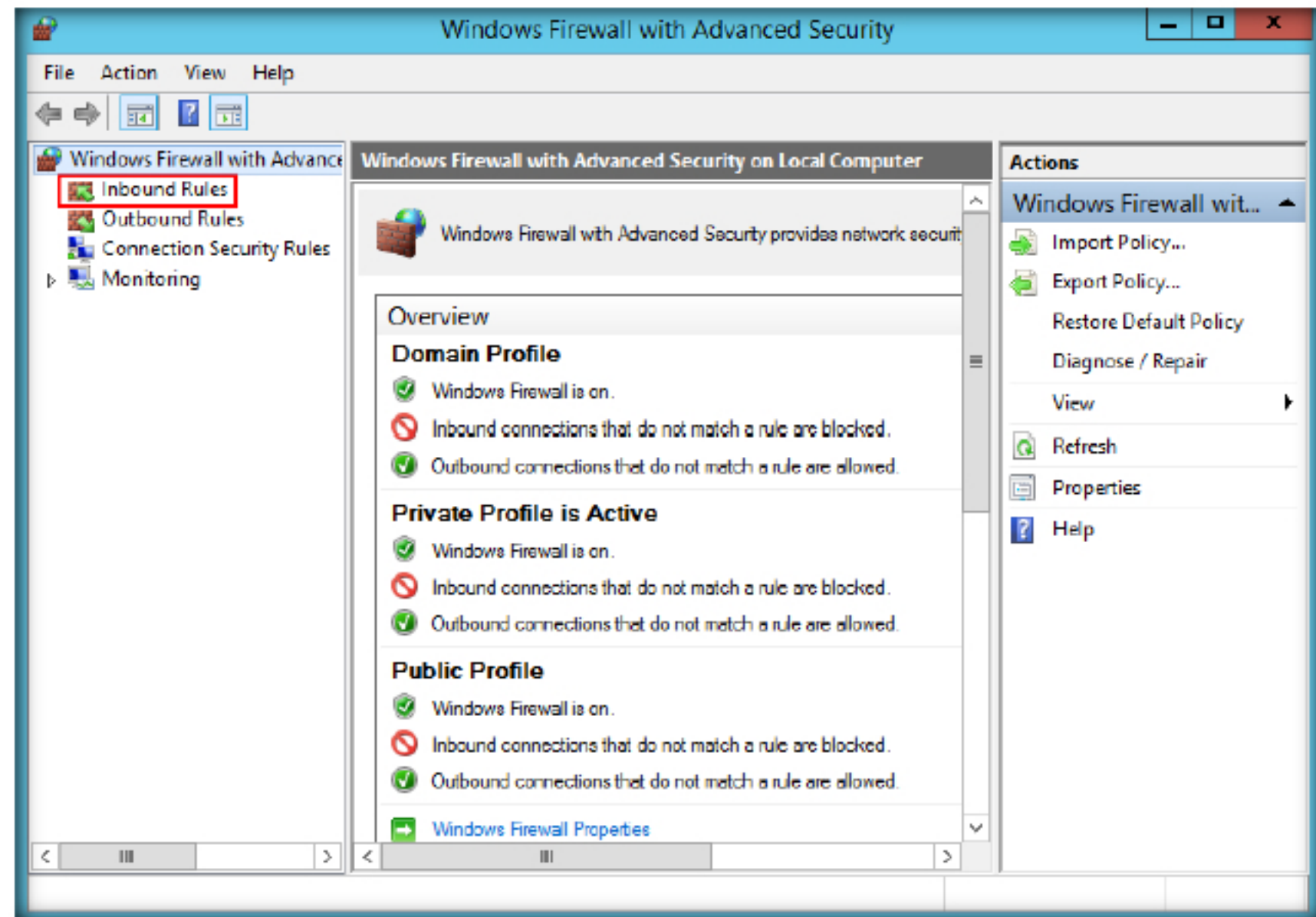


FIGURE 6.17: Windows Firewall Advanced settings

27. Click **New Rule...** in the right pane to add a new inbound rule.

Creating a New Rule for
Inbound Traffic

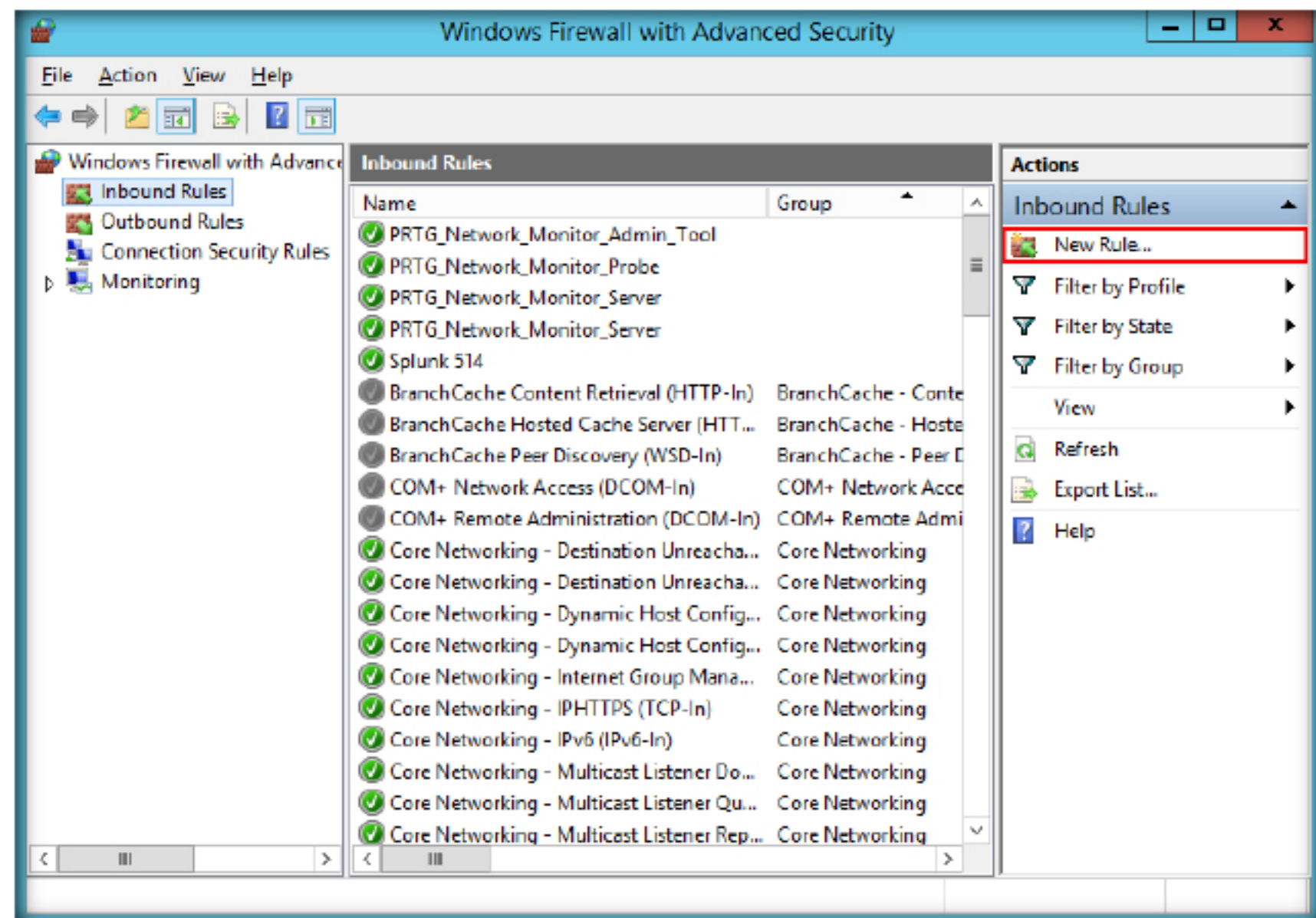


FIGURE 6.18: Adding Inbound rule in Windows Firewall Advanced settings

28. The **New Inbound Rule Wizard** appears, select the **Port** radio button in the **Rule Type** section and click **Next**.

Creating a Rule for a port in the Windows Firewall with Advanced Settings.

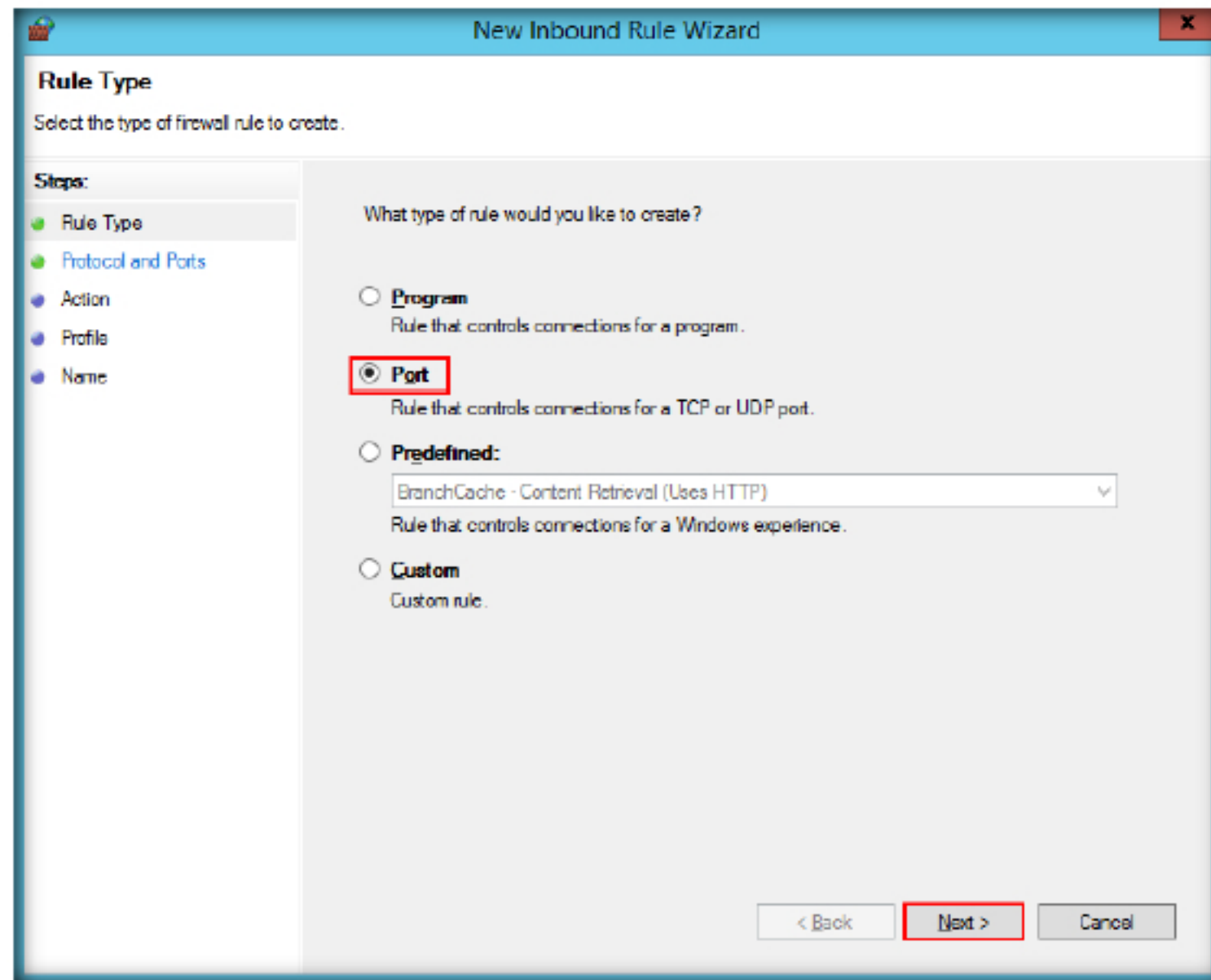


FIGURE 6.19: Selecting a port

29. The **Protocol and Ports** section appears, Specify port **9997** in the **Specific local port** field and click **Next**.

Assigning a Specific port in the Rule

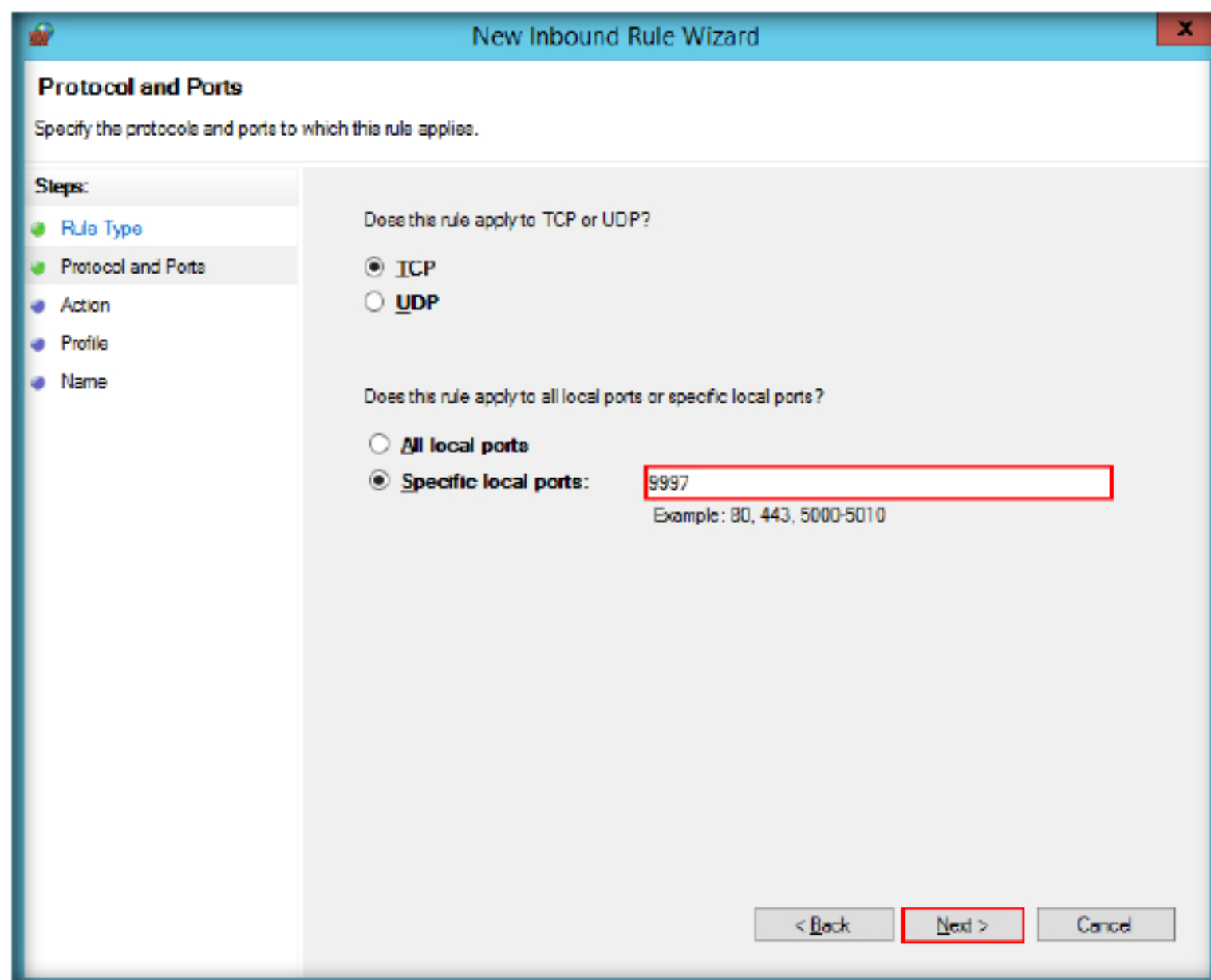


FIGURE 6.20: Specifying the port number

30. The **Action** section of the wizard appears, select the **Allow the connection** radio button and click **Next**.

Assigning an Action for the newly created rule in the Windows Firewall with Advanced Settings wizard.

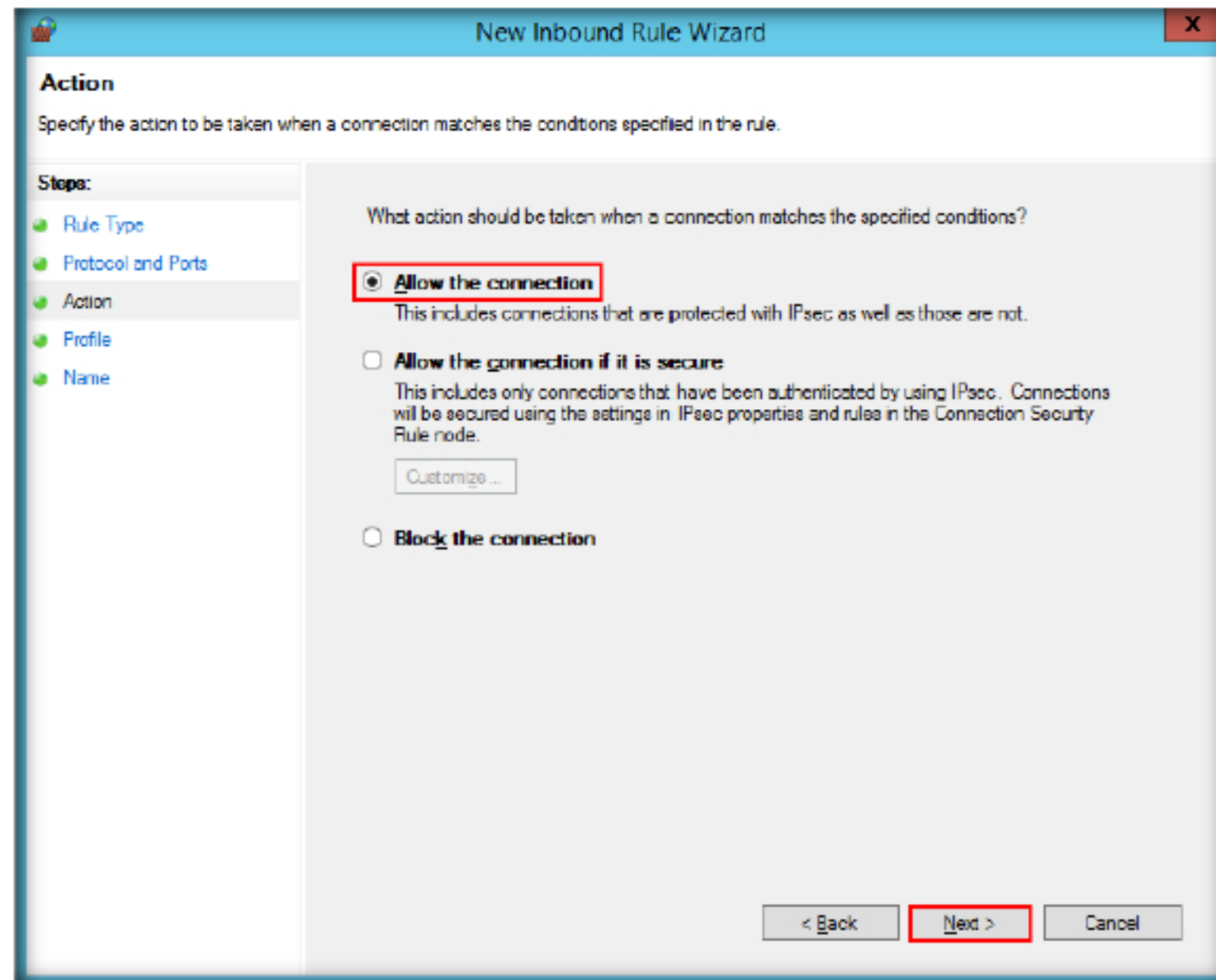


FIGURE 6.21: Allowing the connection for the specified port

31. In the **Profile** section, leave the configuration set as default and click **Next**.

Applying a rule to the Profile for a machine

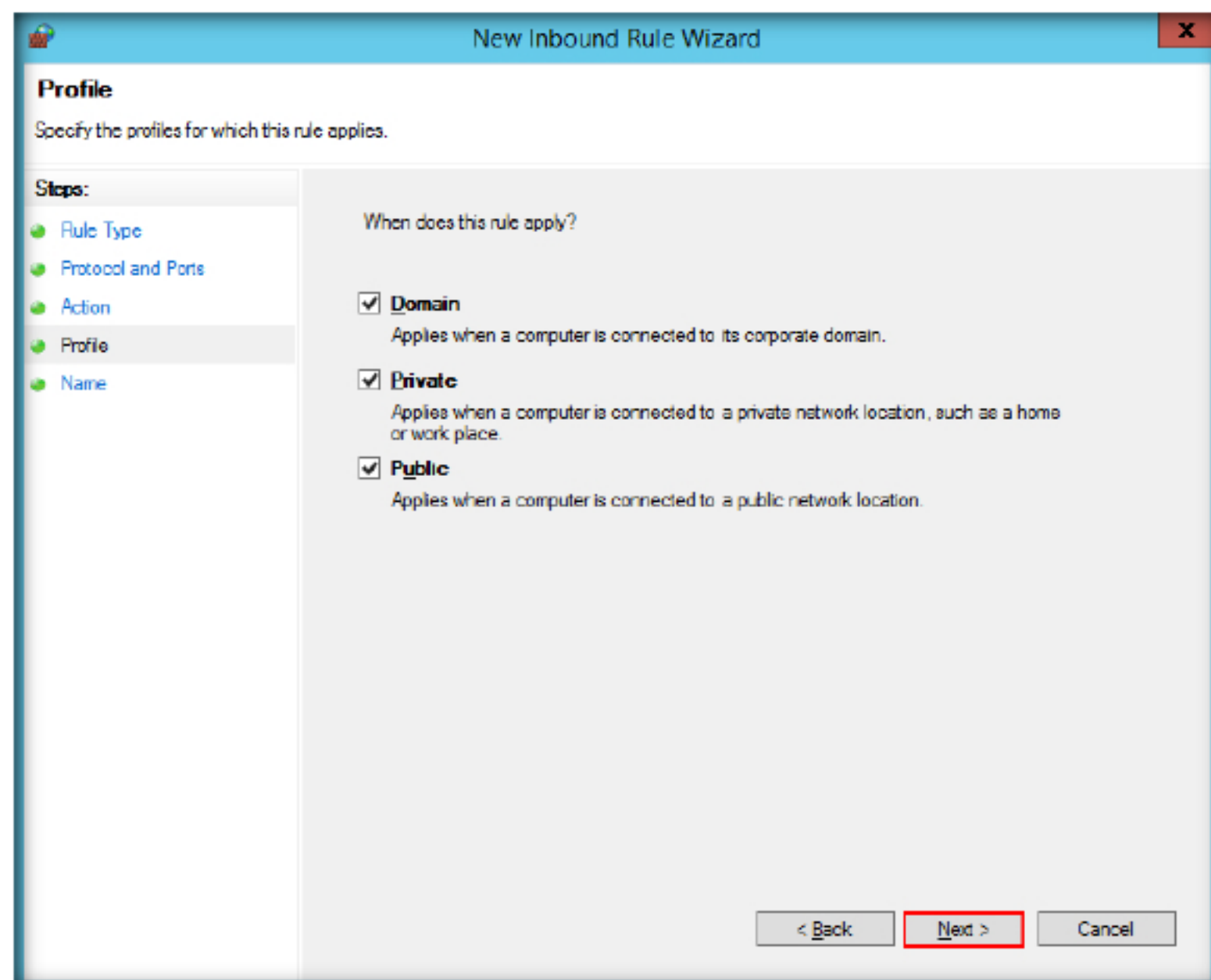


FIGURE 6.22: Selecting the profiles for the rule

32. The **Name** section of the wizard appears, type the **Rule** name as **Port 9997 Opened** in the **Name** field and click **Finish**.

Naming a Rule in Windows Firewall with Advanced Settings

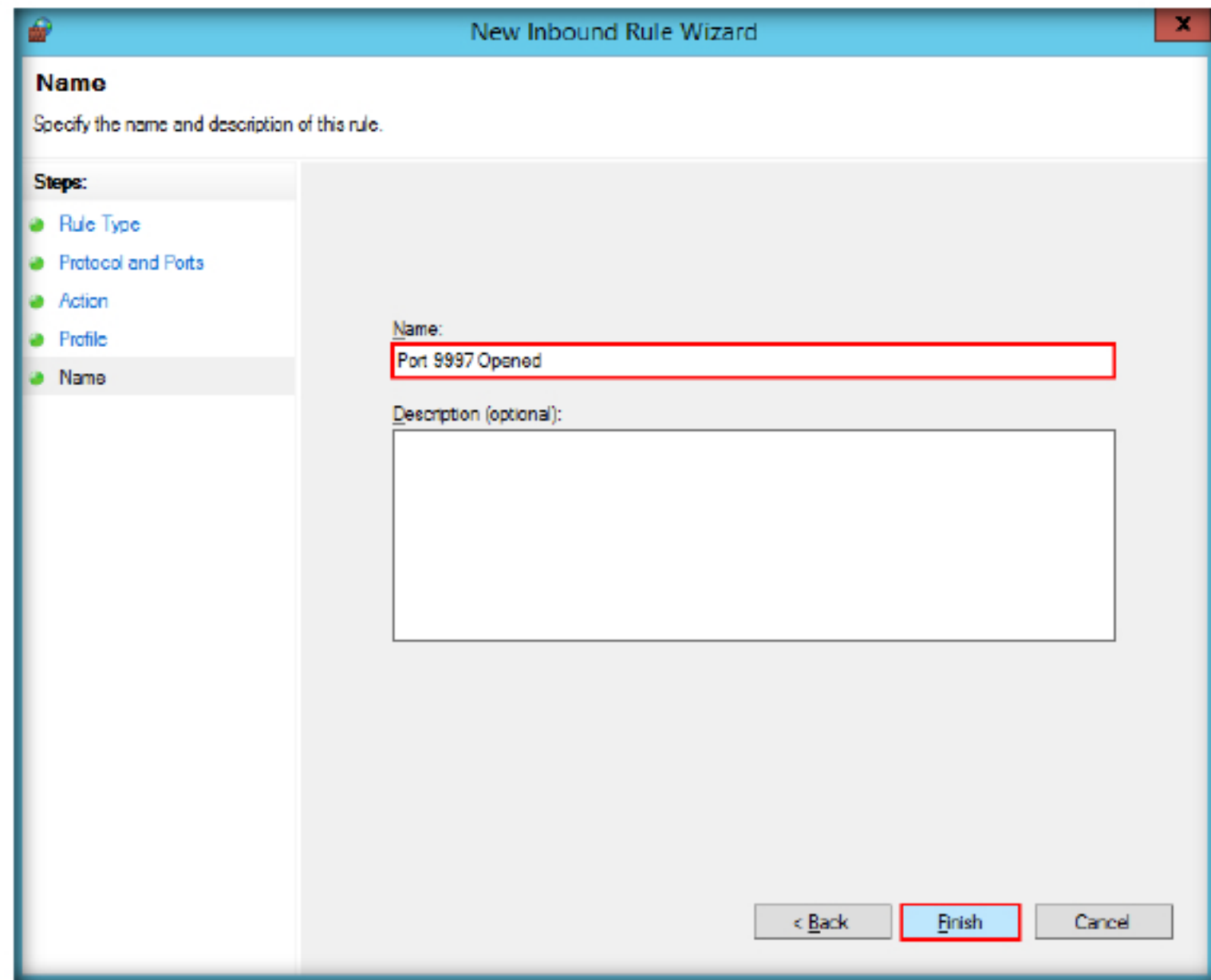


FIGURE 6.23: Naming the rule

33. The new rule is now added to the firewall rules as shown in the following screenshot.
34. Next, **close** all the firewall windows after configuration completes.

Multi-site clustering and automatic load balancing scale to support hundreds of terabytes of data per day, optimize response times and provide continuous availability. Search Head Clustering provides support for a virtually unlimited number of concurrent users and searches. The High Performance Analytics Store and other acceleration technologies enable you to generate reports on big data at lightning fast speeds.

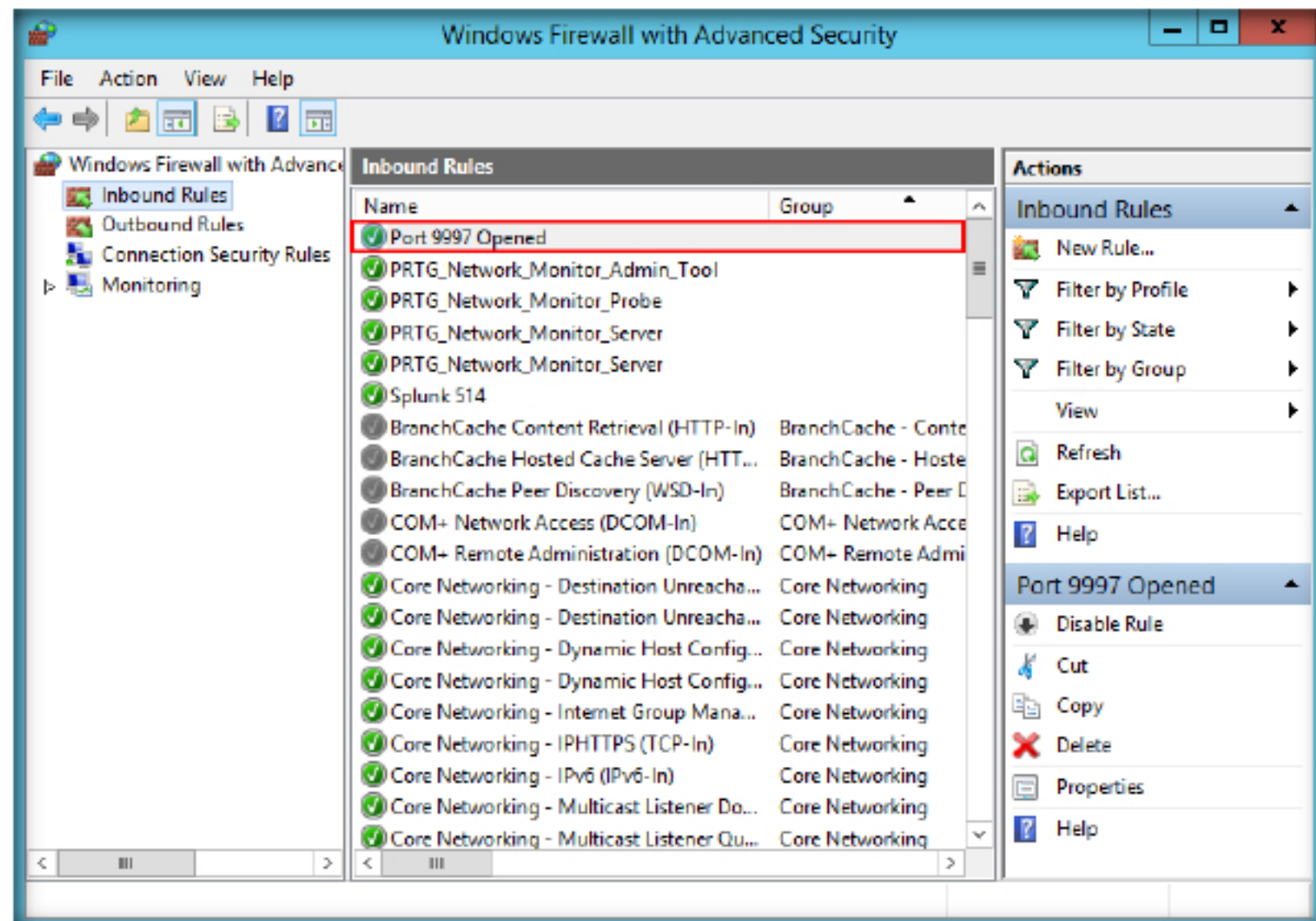


FIGURE 6.24: New rule created successfully

35. Now that a new firewall rule in Windows Server 2012 is configured and the Universal Forwarder in Windows 10 is set up, the next thing to do is configure Splunk enterprise in Windows Server 2012 to receive the traffic coming from the Windows 10 machine.
36. Open a web browser and type <http://localhost:8000> in the address bar and press **Enter** then login with the Splunk credentials as shown in the screenshot.

Note: In this lab we are using a Chrome browser. If you are using a different browser the screenshots may differ.

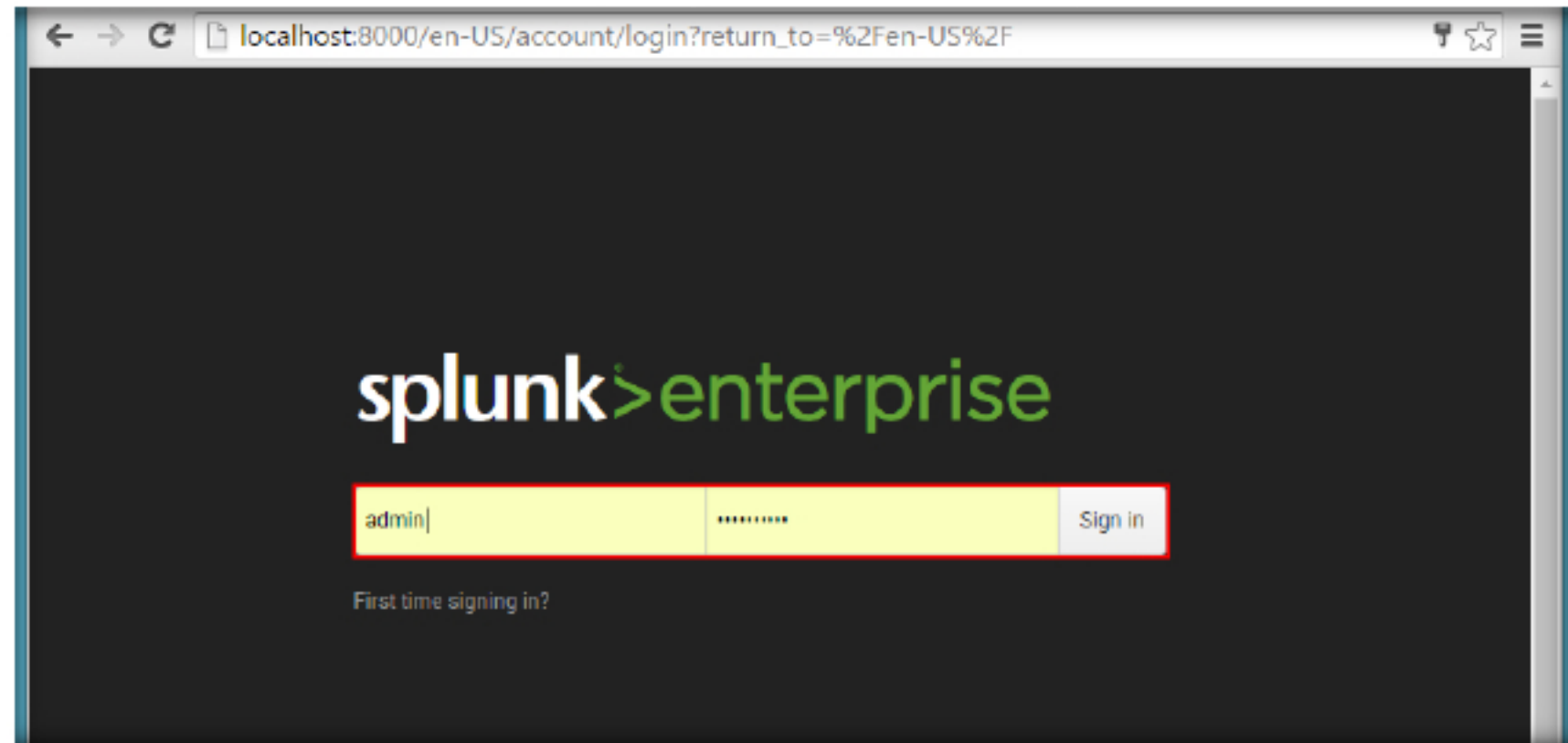


FIGURE 6.25: Logging in to Splunk

37. Splunk web console appears, click the **Forwarding and receiving** link under the **DATA** section in the **Settings** drop-down menu.

Apps deliver a user experience designed to make Splunk immediately useful and relevant for typical tasks and roles. Apps simplify and optimize user tasks, yet allow access to the data and functions of the full platform.

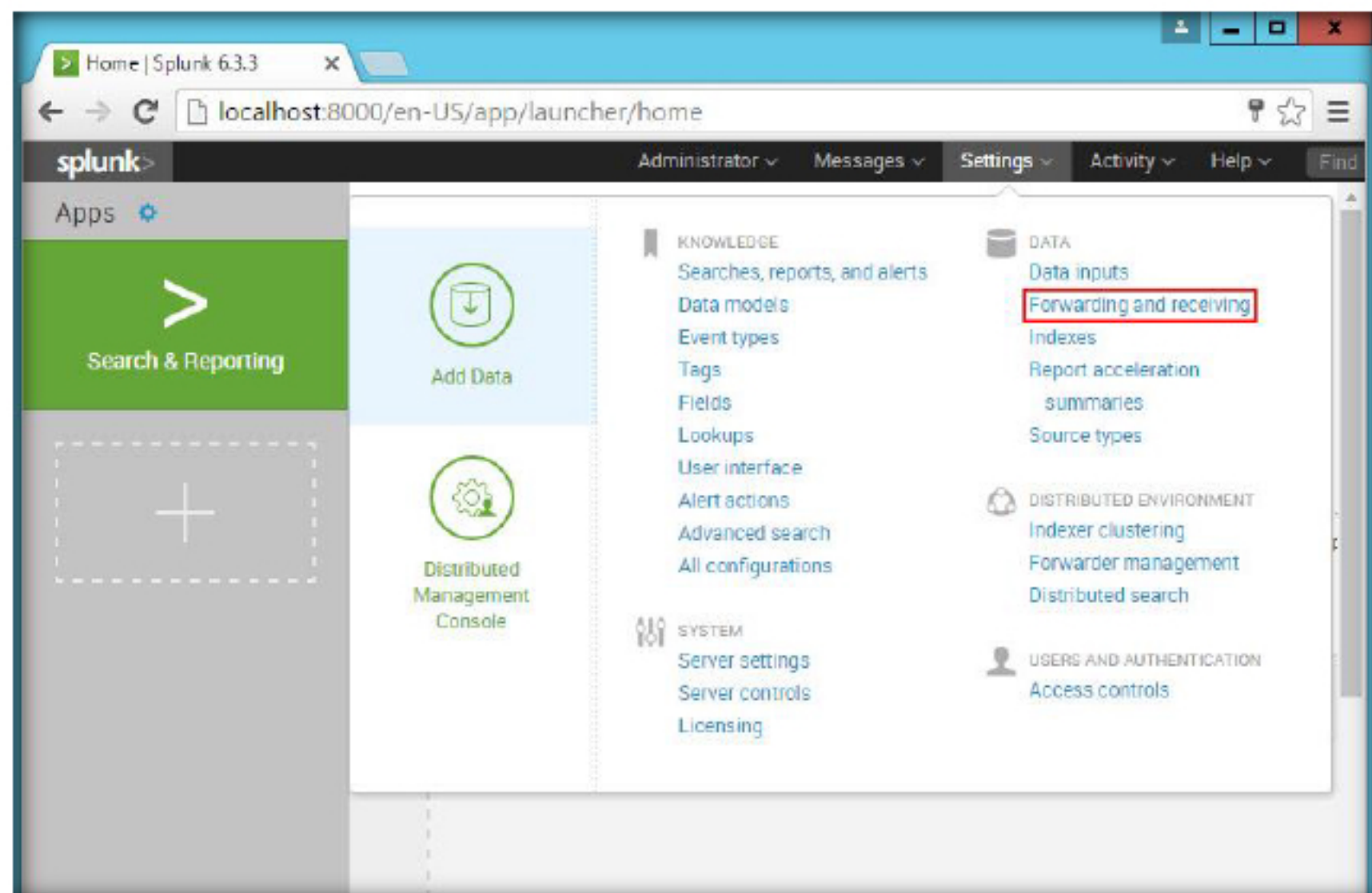


FIGURE 6.26: Navigating to Forwarding and receiving

38. The forwarding and receiving console appears. This is where a new instance will be added to receive the data forwarded from Universal Forwarder. Click **Add new** link for the **Configure receiving** field.

Whatever your need, these apps help you get powerful results right out of the box. Browse Splunk base to take advantage of the hundreds of apps and add-ons that you can immediately use with Splunk.

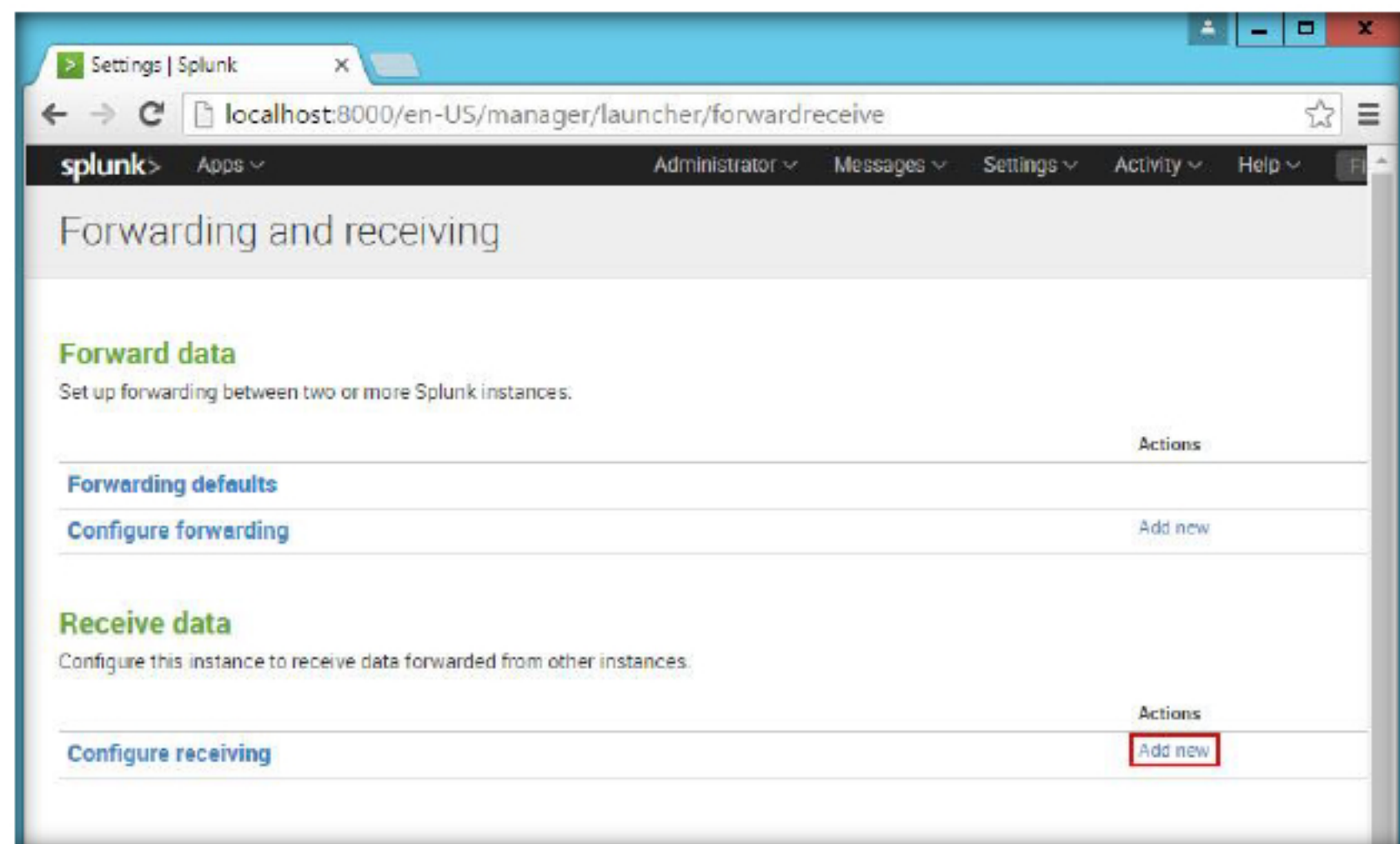


FIGURE 6.27: Configuring receiving settings

39. The Add new console appears, enter port **9997** in the Listen on this port field and click **Save**.

The Splunk platform imports and indexes virtually any machine data and provides powerful search and analysis features that deliver immediate value to your business. We also offer hundreds of apps and add-ons that can enhance and extend the Splunk platform with ready-to-use functions ranging from optimized data collection to monitor security, IT management and more.

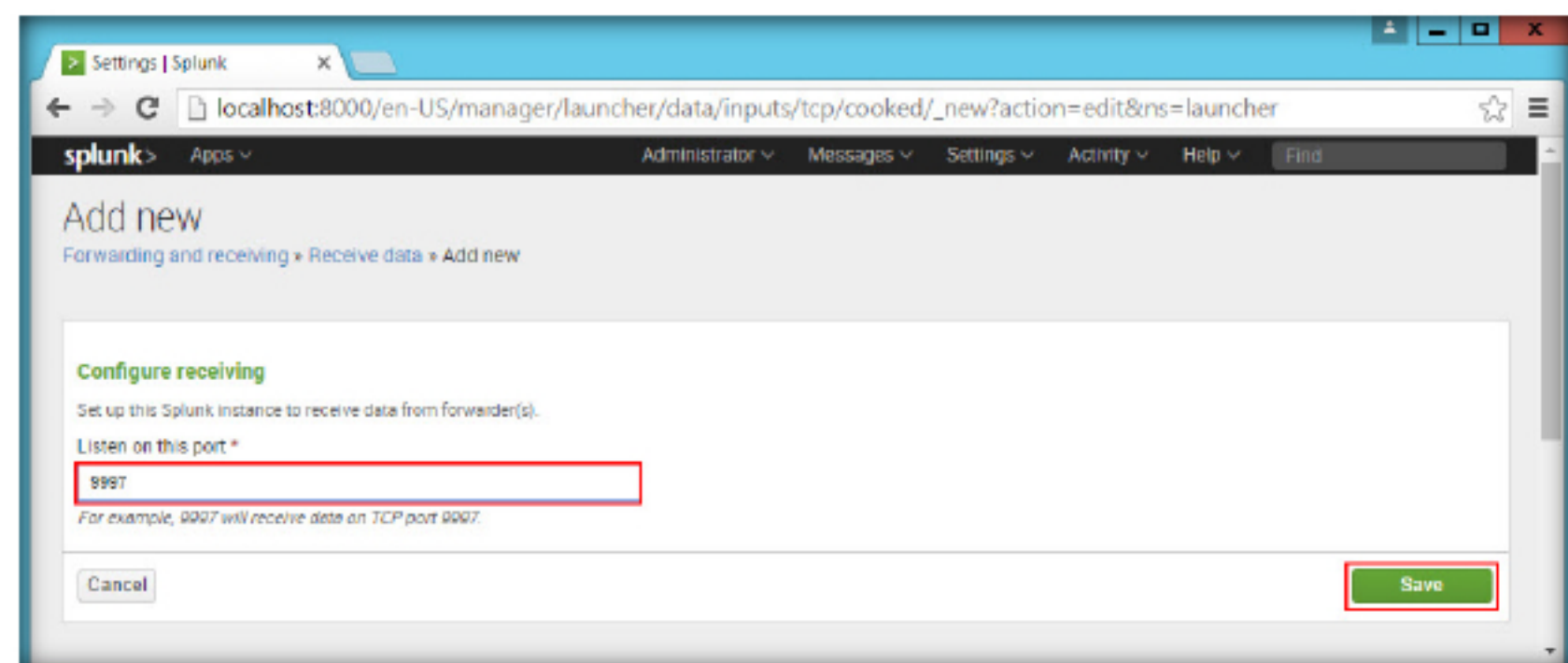


FIGURE 6.28: Specifying receiver port number

40. Once the port is added, go to **Apps** and select **Manage Apps**.

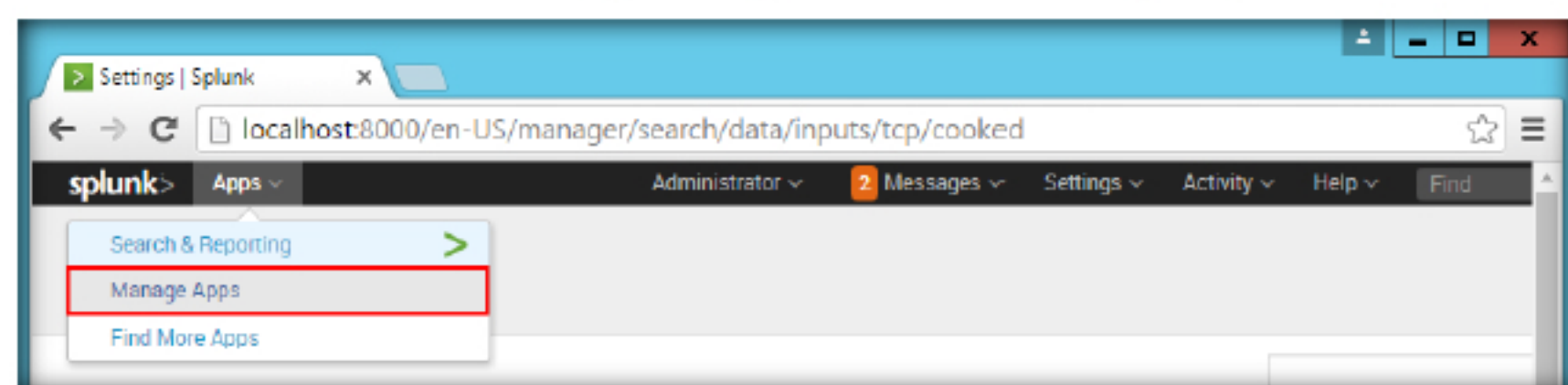


FIGURE 6.29: Navigating to apps

41. The Apps console appears, click the **Enable** link associated with the **SplunkForwarder** application.

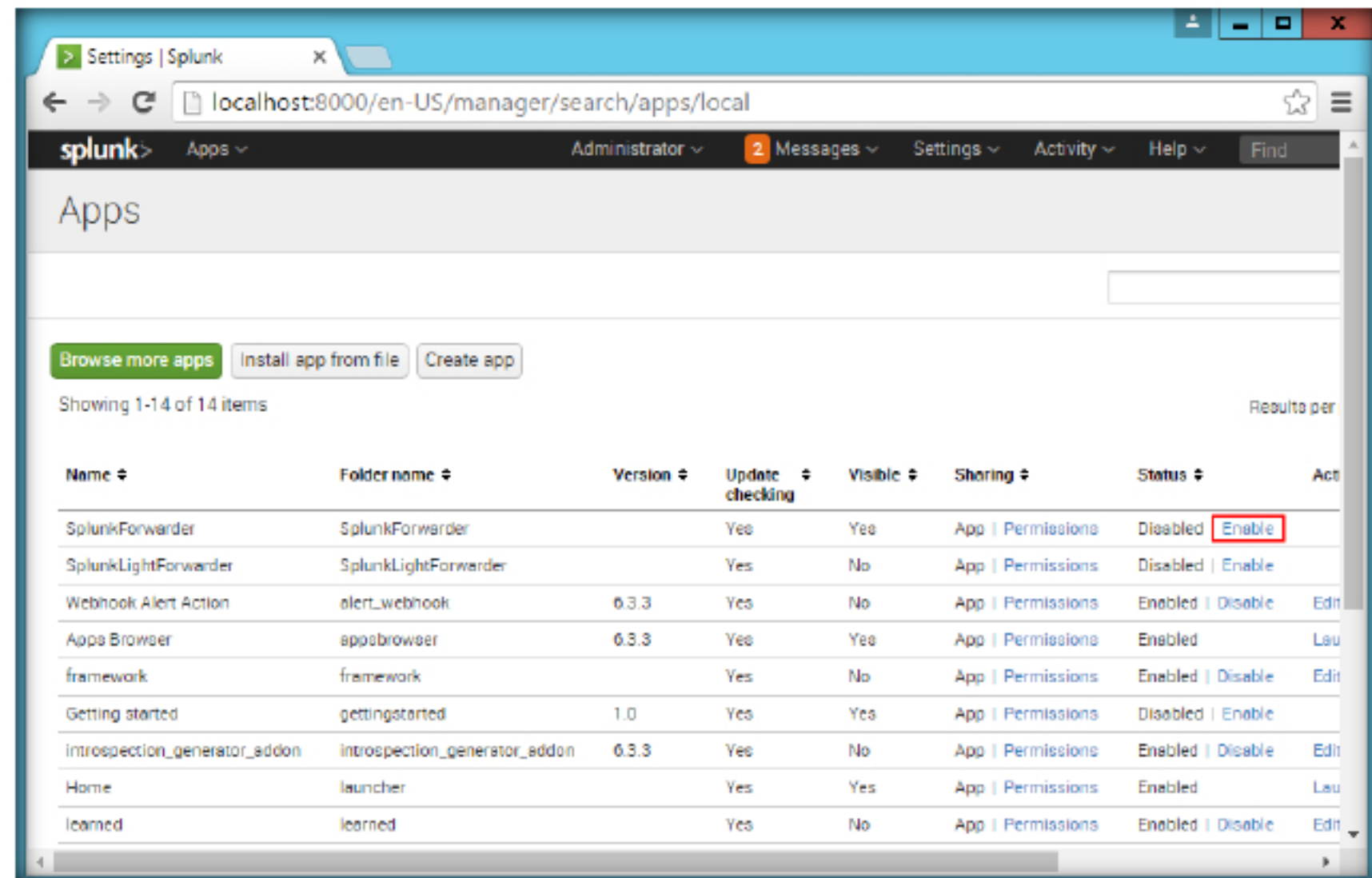


FIGURE 6.30: Enabling the forwarder app

42. When the application is enabled, click the **Edit Properties** link.

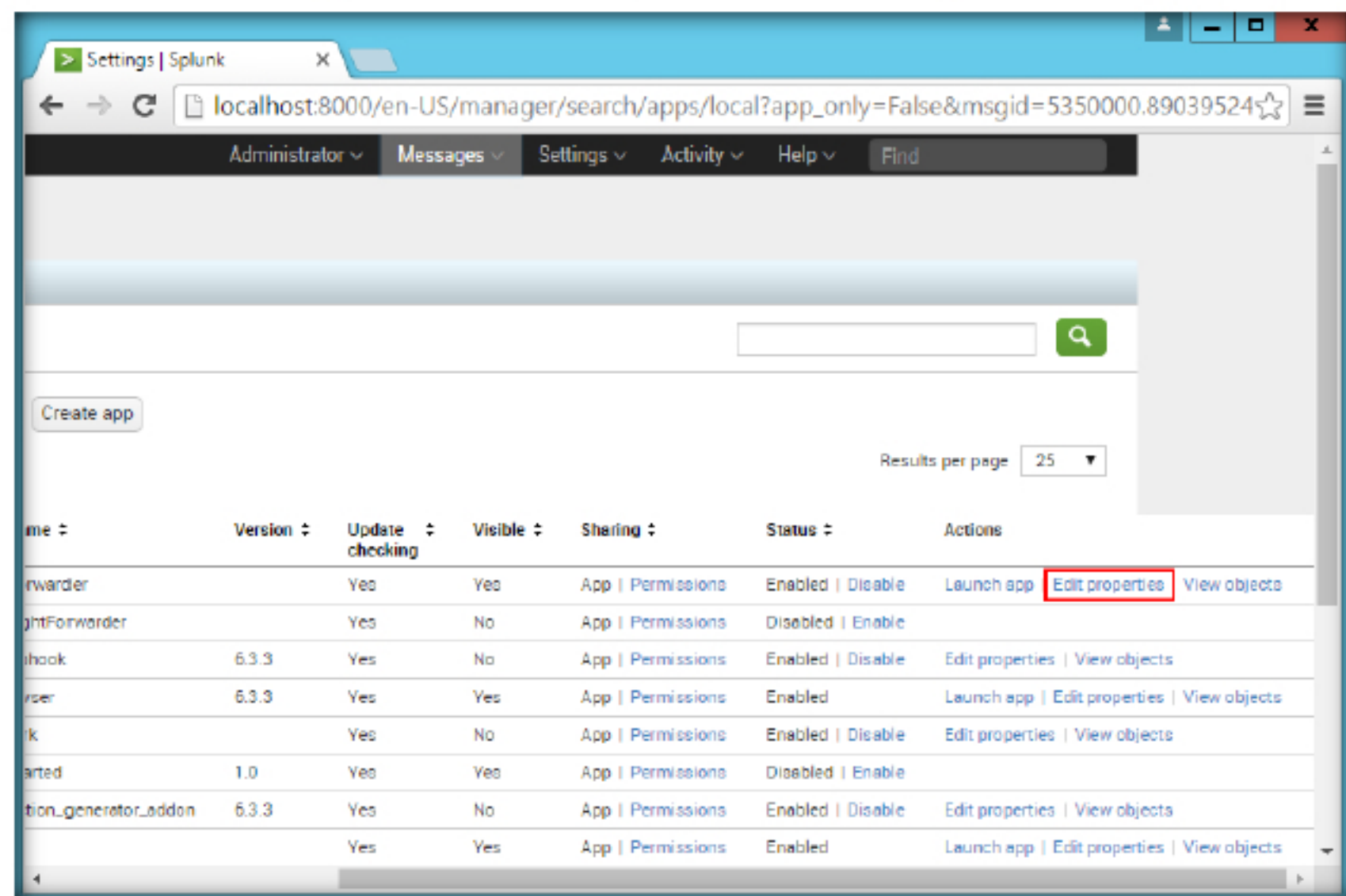


FIGURE 6.31: Editing Forwarder app properties

43. The **SplunkForwarder** console appears, click **Yes** under the **Visible** section then click **Save**.

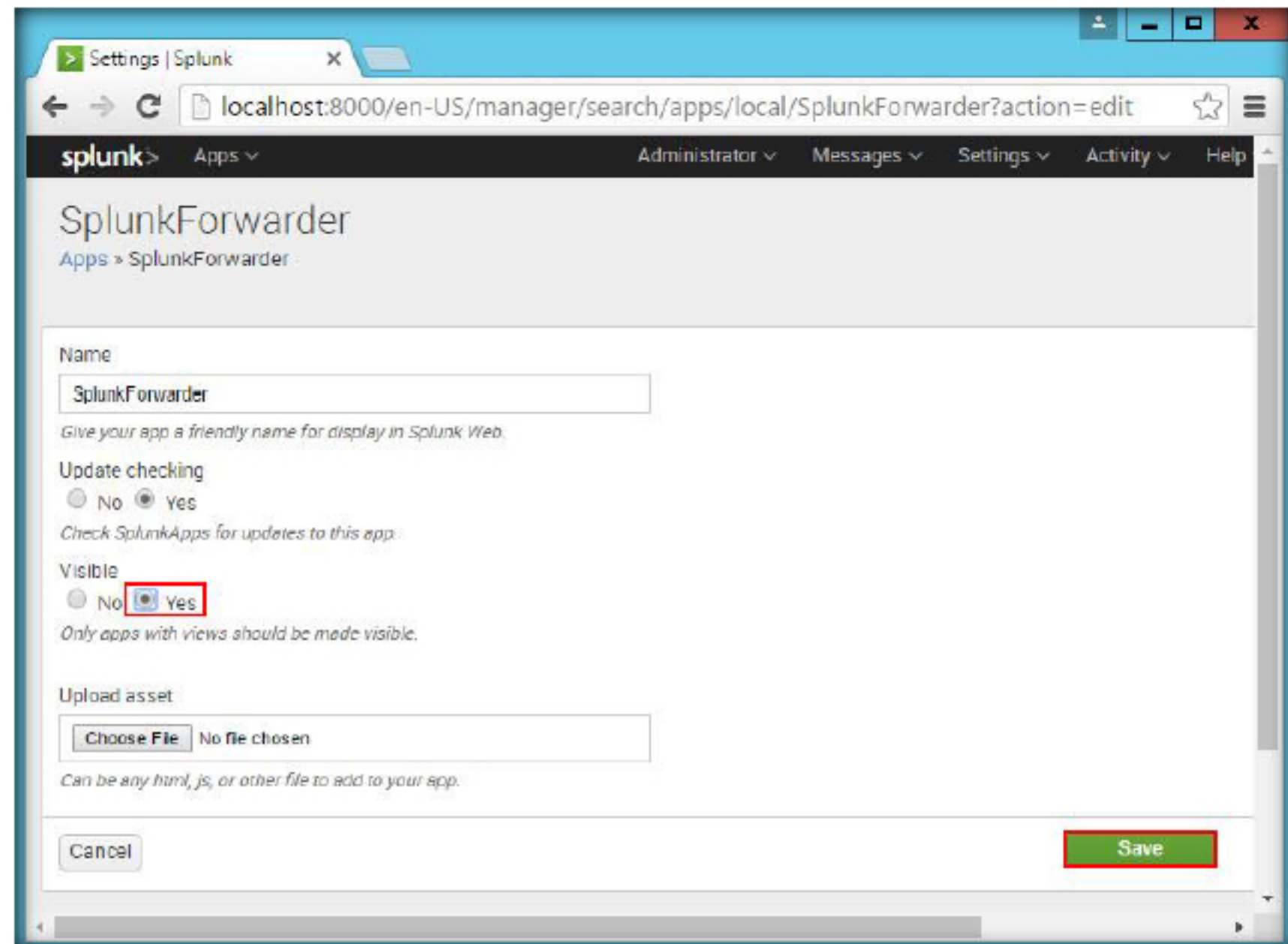


FIGURE 6.32: Making forwarder app visible

44. Go to **Settings** and select **Server controls** under the **SYSTEM** section.

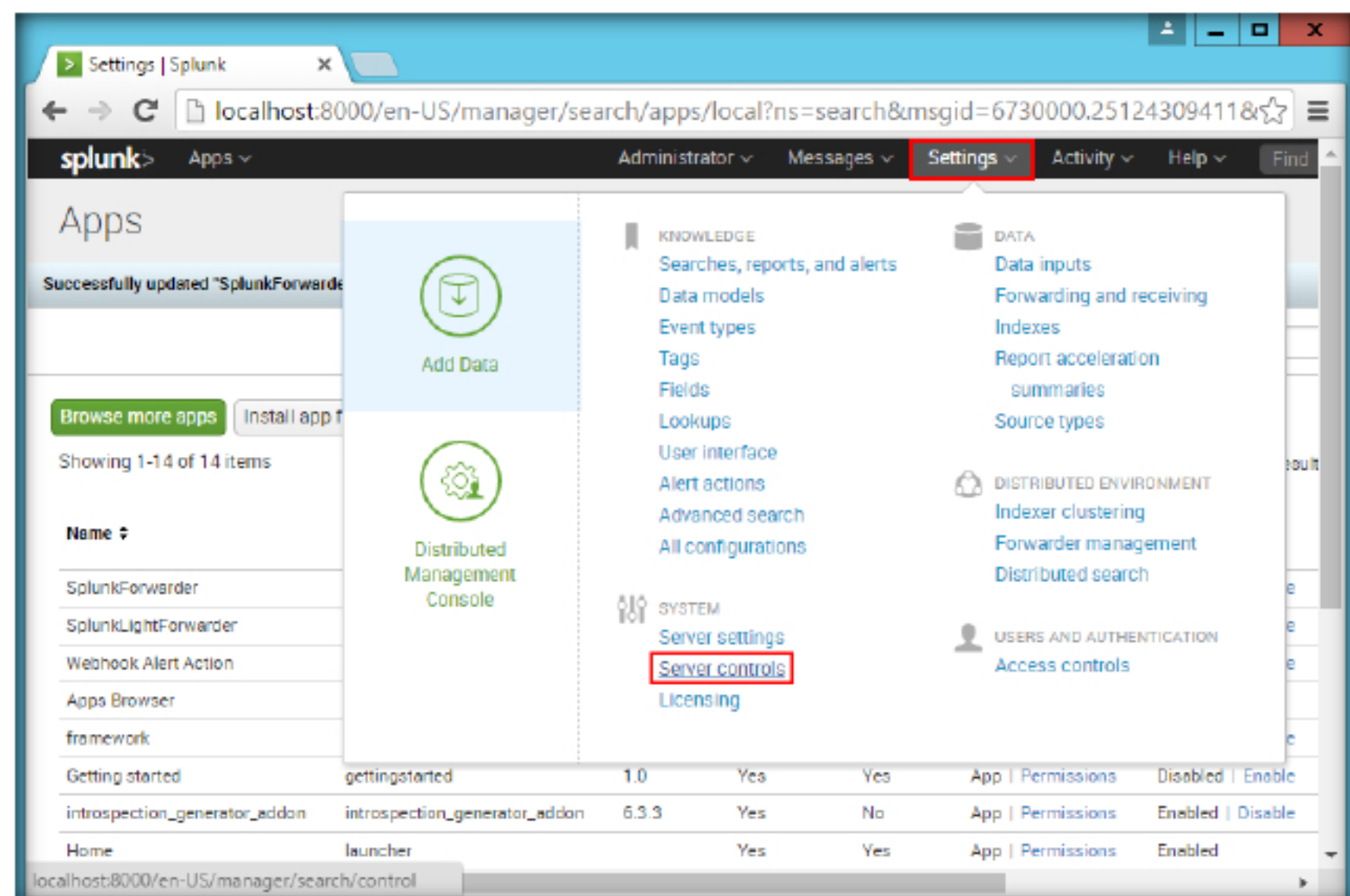


FIGURE 6.33: Navigating to Server controls

45. The Server controls console appears, click **Restart Splunk**. A confirmation pop-up appears, click **OK**.

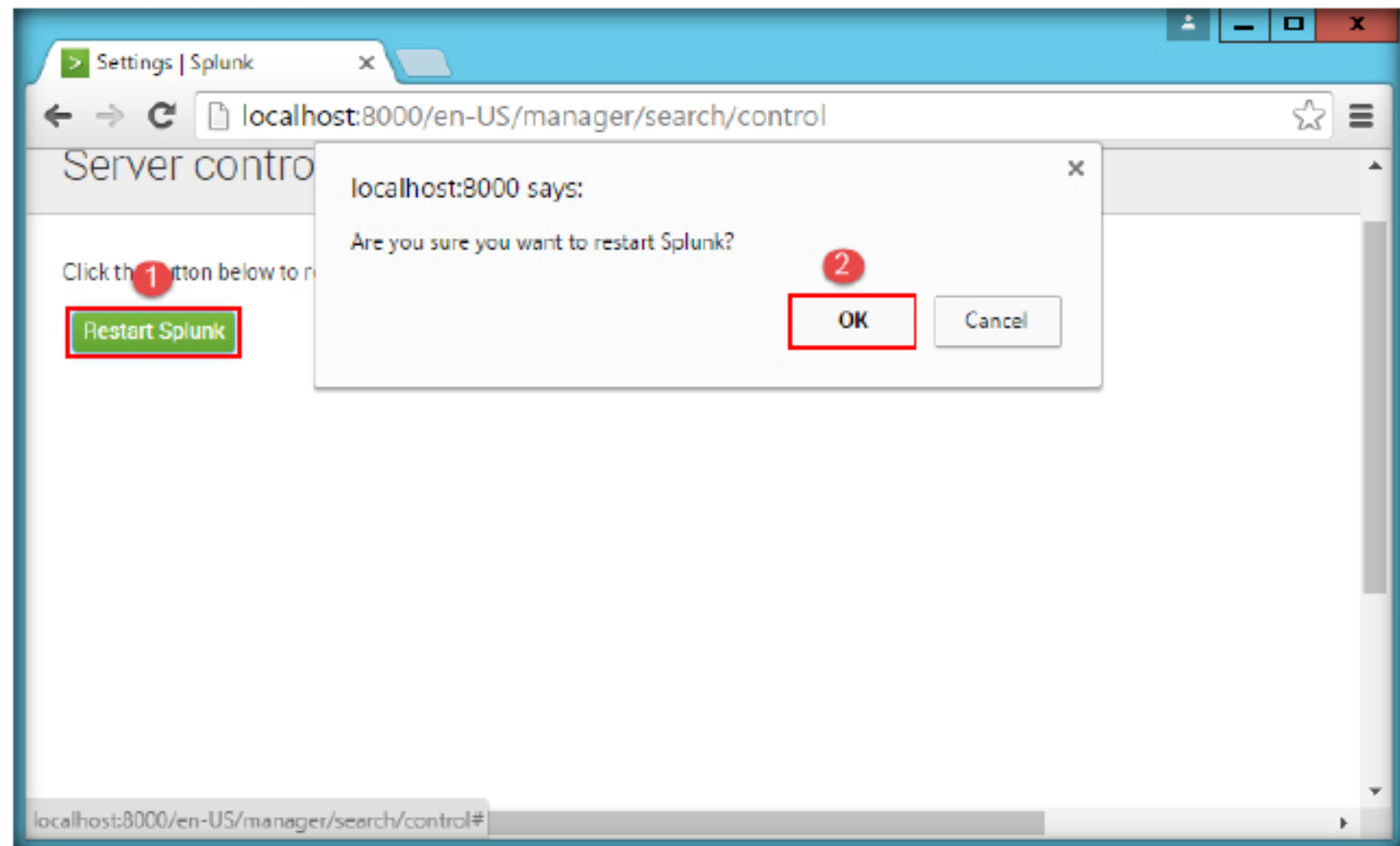


FIGURE 6.34: Restarting Splunk

The distributed management console provides enterprise-wide administration and maintains a complete, signed audit trail of administrative actions and

46. On a successful restart, a pop-up appears, click **OK**.

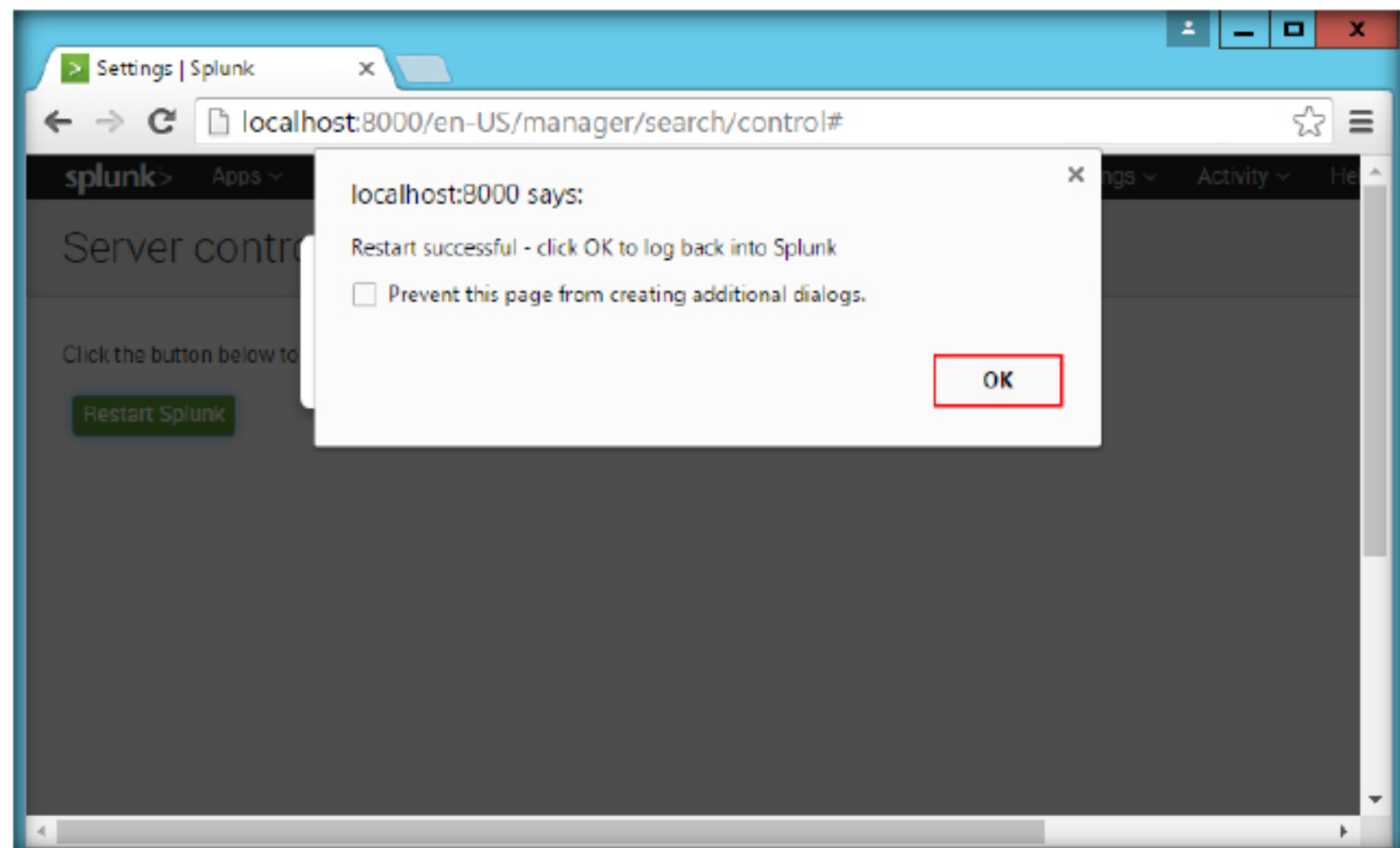


FIGURE 6.35: Splunk restarted successfully

47. You will be redirected to the login page. Enter the user credentials and click **Sign in**.

The Splunk platform makes it easy to customize Splunk Enterprise to meet the needs of any project.

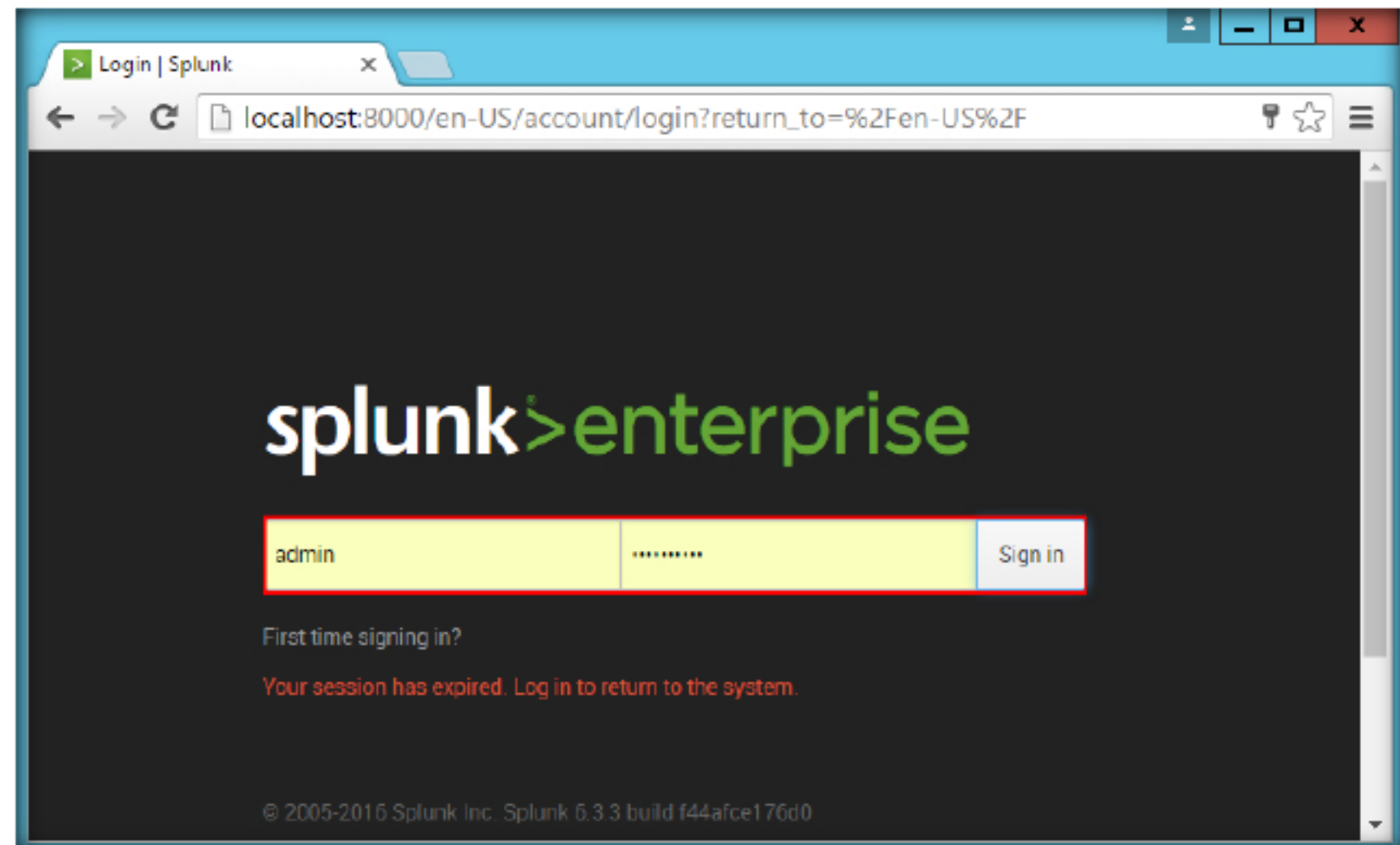


FIGURE 6.36: Logging in to Splunk

48. When logged in, click **SplunkForwarder** in the left pane.

A robust security model provides secure data transfer, granular role-based access controls, LDAP integration and single sign-on, auditability and data integrity.

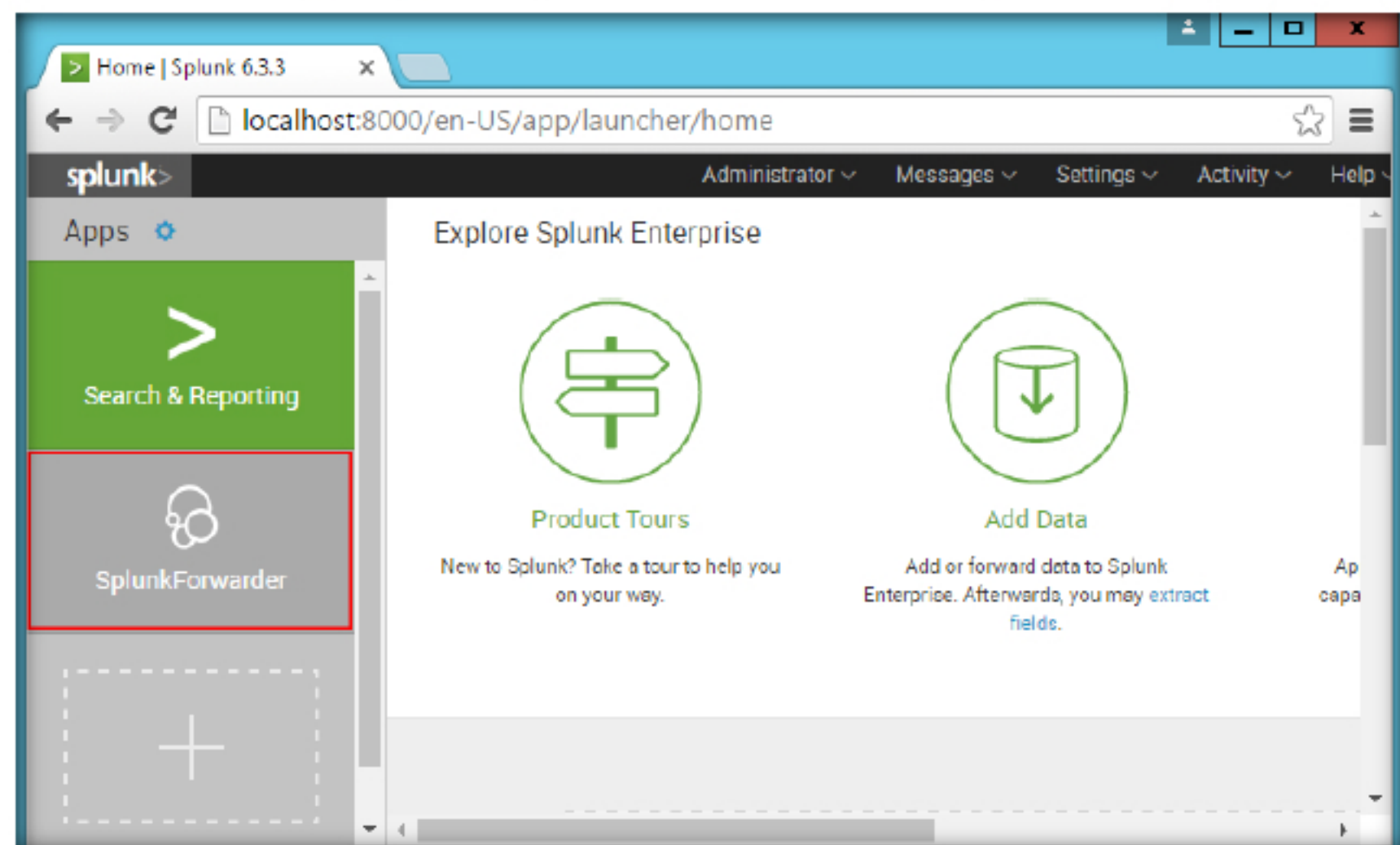


FIGURE 6.37: Launching the SplunkForwarder app

49. The **Search** console appears, click **Data Summary** under the **What to Search** section.

Every transaction is authenticated, whether through the web and mobile interfaces, command line interface or the Splunk Enterprise API.

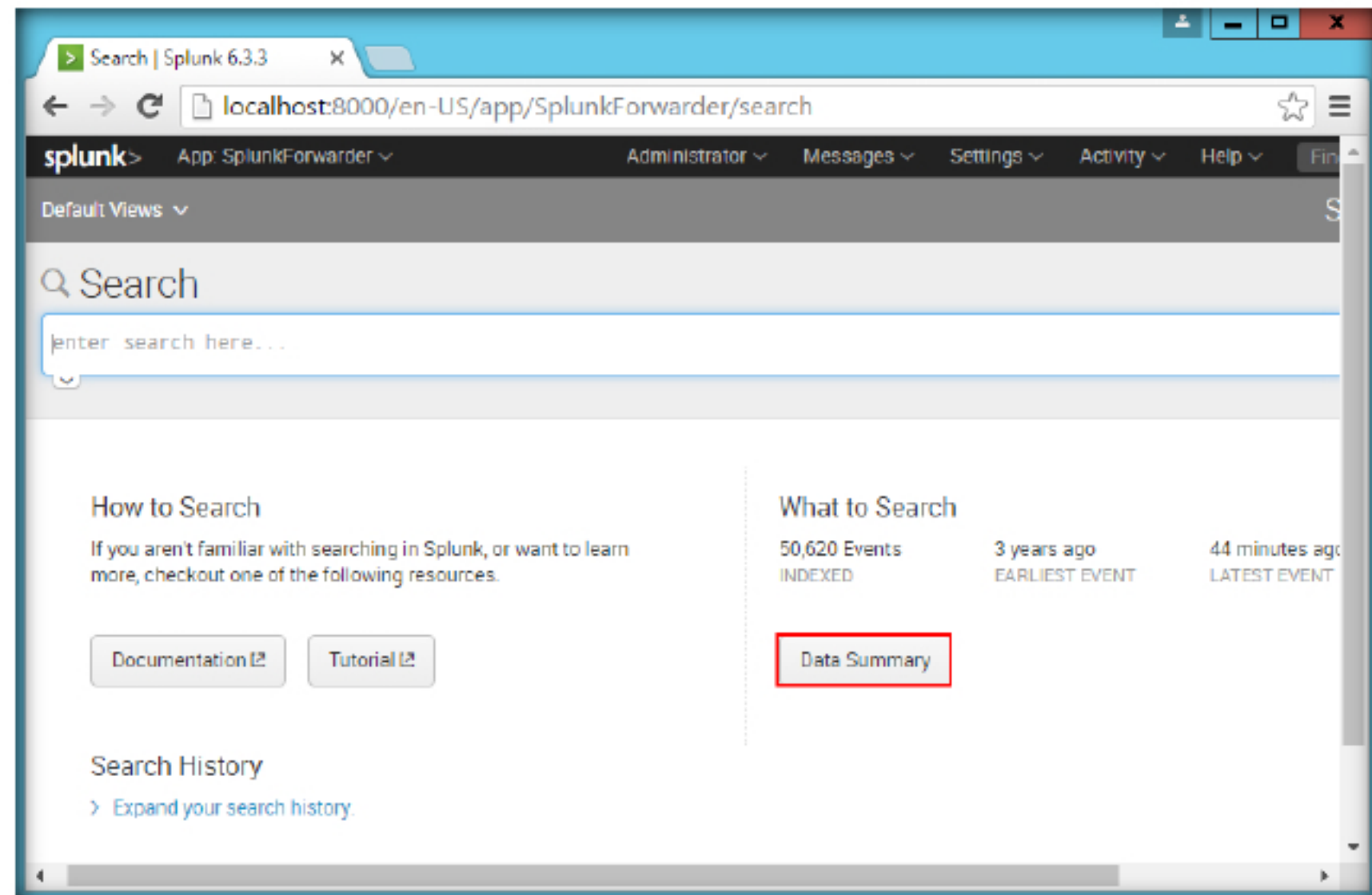


FIGURE 6.38: Viewing user system data

50. A host list appears, select the host machine name for Windows 10 (here, **Windows10**), the computer name may differ in your lab.

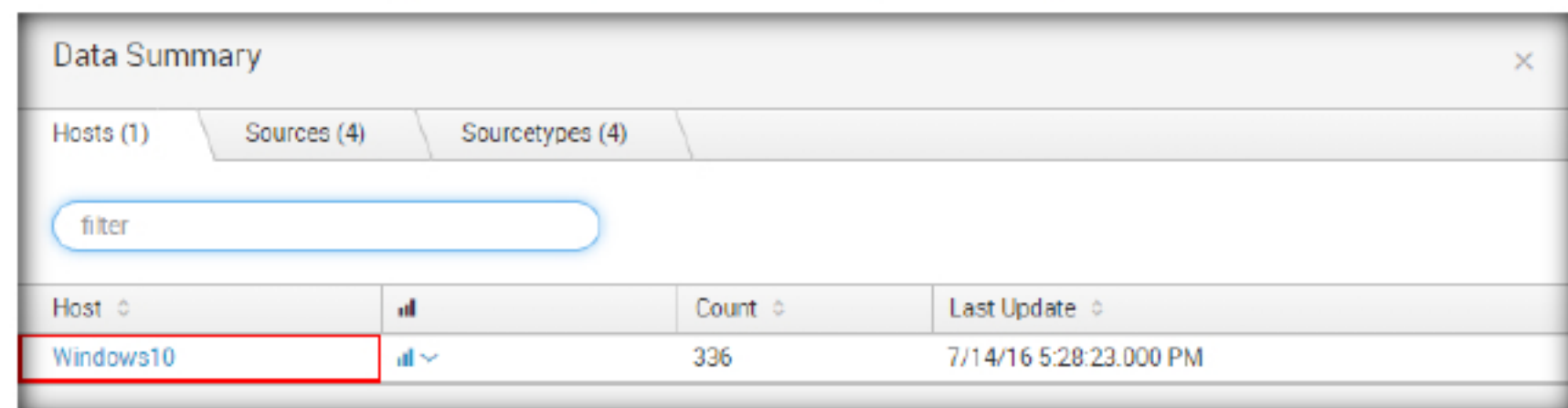


FIGURE 6.39: Selecting Windows 10 machine

Splunk can also combine your machine data with data in your relational databases, data warehouses, and Hadoop and NoSQL data stores.

51. All the logs pertaining to Windows 10 are recorded in Splunk as shown in the following screenshot.

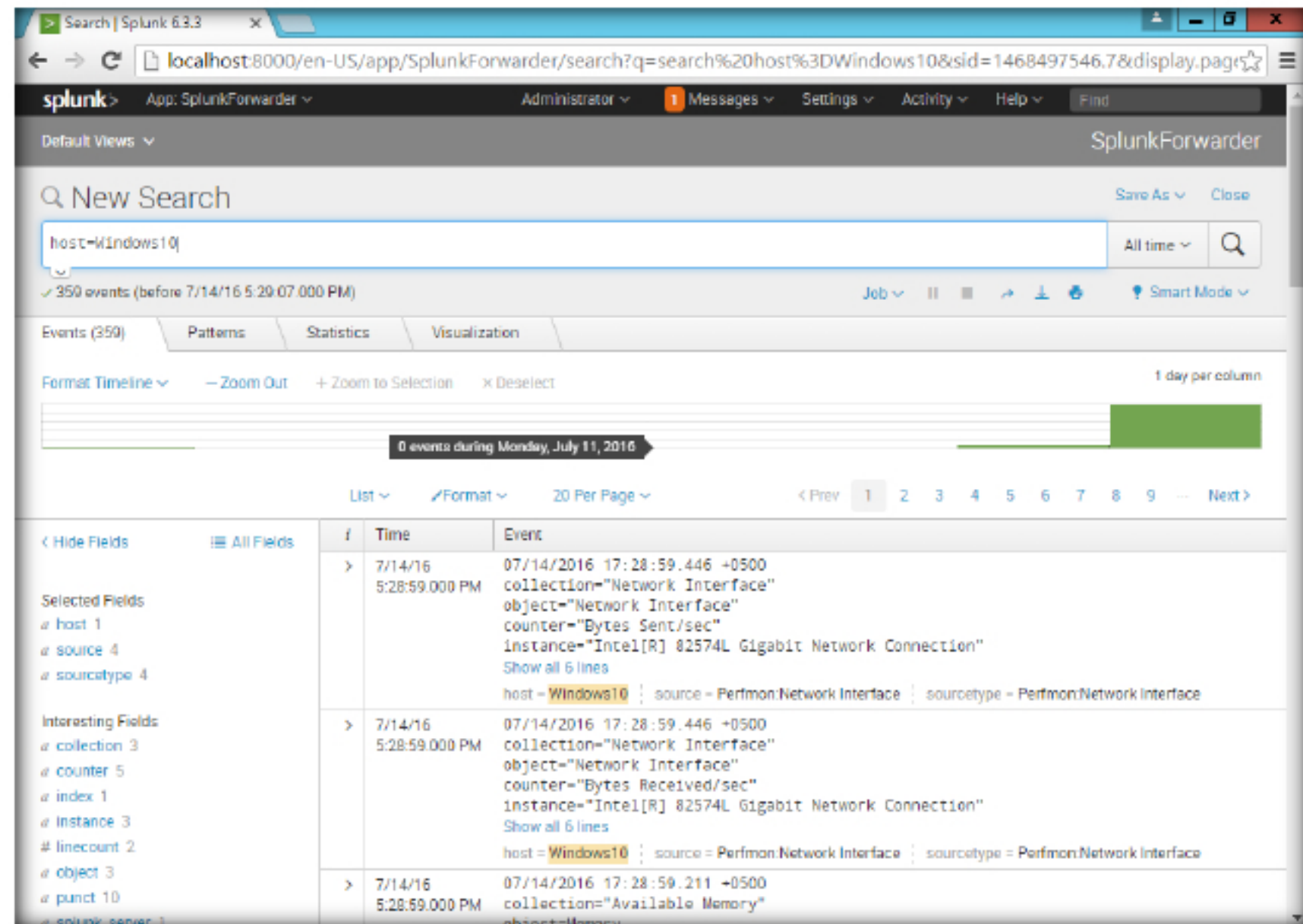


FIGURE 6.40: Results of Windows 10 machine

52. From these logs, you can analyze the performance entities and windows events for the remote machine (Windows 10).

Lab Analysis

Analyze and document the results of the lab exercise. Give your opinion on your target's security posture and exposure through free public information.

PLEASE TALK TO YOUR INSTRUCTOR IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS ABOUT THIS LAB.

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
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Monitoring Activities on a Remote System using Spytech SpyAgent

Spytech SpyAgent is a powerful computer spy software that allows you to monitor everything users do on a computer—in complete stealth. SpyAgent provides a large array of essential computer monitoring features, as well as a website, application, and chat-client blocking, lockdown scheduling, and remote delivery of logs via email or FTP.

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Lab Scenario

Today, employees are given access to a wide array of electronic communication equipment. Email, instant messaging, global positioning systems, telephone systems, and video cameras have given employers new ways to monitor the conduct and performance of their employees. Many employees are provided with a laptop computer and mobile phone they can take home and use for business outside the workplace. Whether an employee can reasonably expect privacy when using such company-supplied equipment depends, in large part, on the security policy the employer has put in place and made known to employees. As a network administrator, you should know how to track and monitor activities of remote users in the organization.

In this lab, we explain the process of monitoring employee activities using Spytech SpyAgent.

Lab Objectives

The objective of this lab is to demonstrate how to monitor user activities remotely using Spytech SpyAgent.

Lab Environment

To perform this lab, you need:

- A virtual machine running Windows Server 2012
- A virtual machine running Windows 10
- Administrative privileges to install and run the tools

Lab Duration

Time: 25 Minutes

Overview of the Lab

SpyAgent provides a large array of essential computer monitoring features, as well as a website, an application, and chat client blocking, logging scheduling, and remote delivery of logs via email or FTP.

Lab Tasks

TASK 1

Accessing Windows 10 Remotely

Note: Before starting this Lab, make sure the Windows 10 machine is turned on and no user is logged in.

1. Launch the **Windows Server 2012** machine and right-click the **Start** icon at the lower left corner of the desktop then click **Search**.
2. In the right pane of the window, search for a **Remote Desktop Connection**.
3. The Remote Desktop Connection window appears; enter the IP address for **Windows 10** (10.10.10.10) in the Computer field and click the **Show Options** button.

Note: The IP address may vary if you have assigned different IPs in your lab environment.

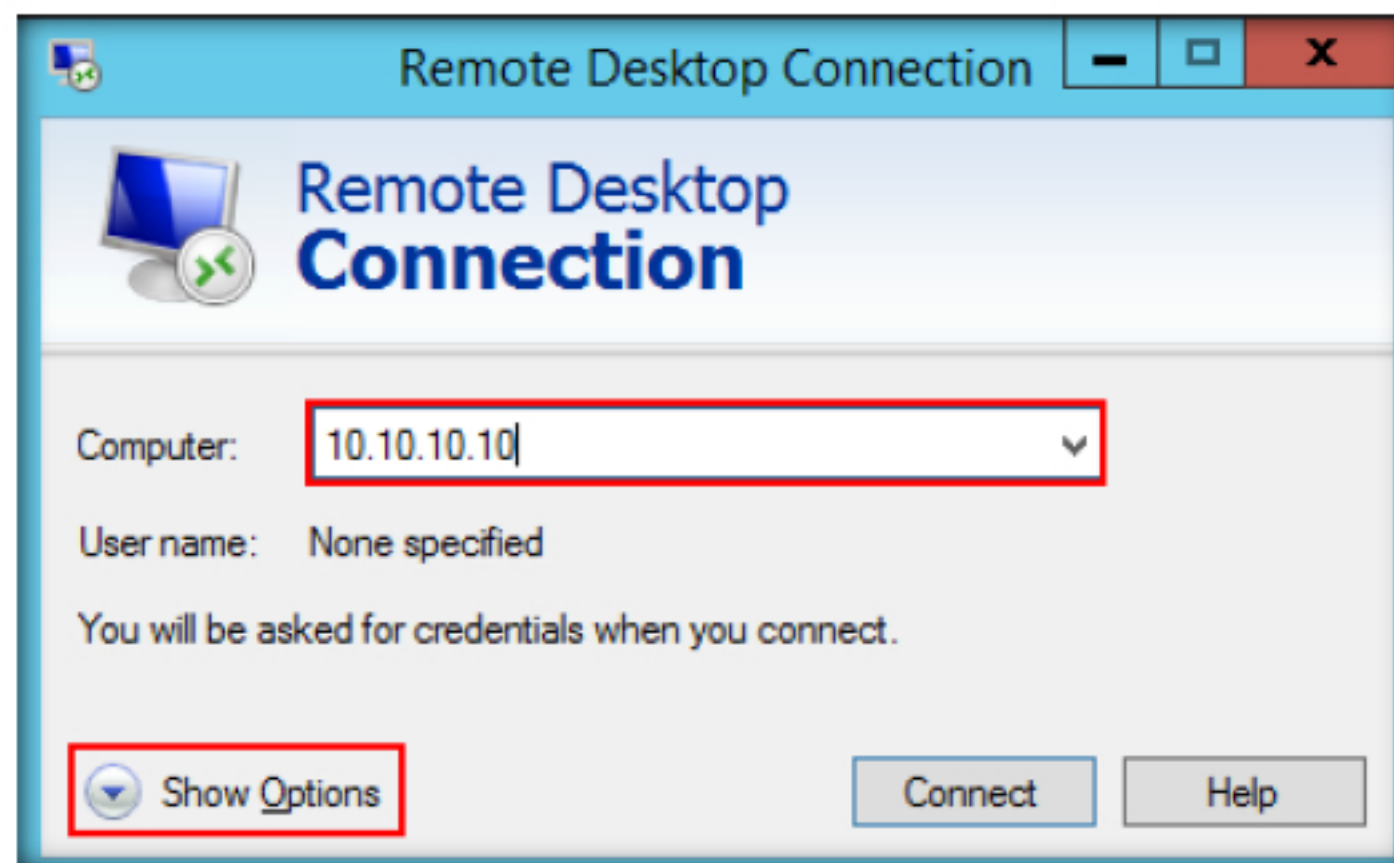



FIGURE 7.1: Remote Desktop Connection

4. In the User name: field type **Windows10\Admin** (login as a local admin account), and click **Connect**.

 Establishing a Remote Connection

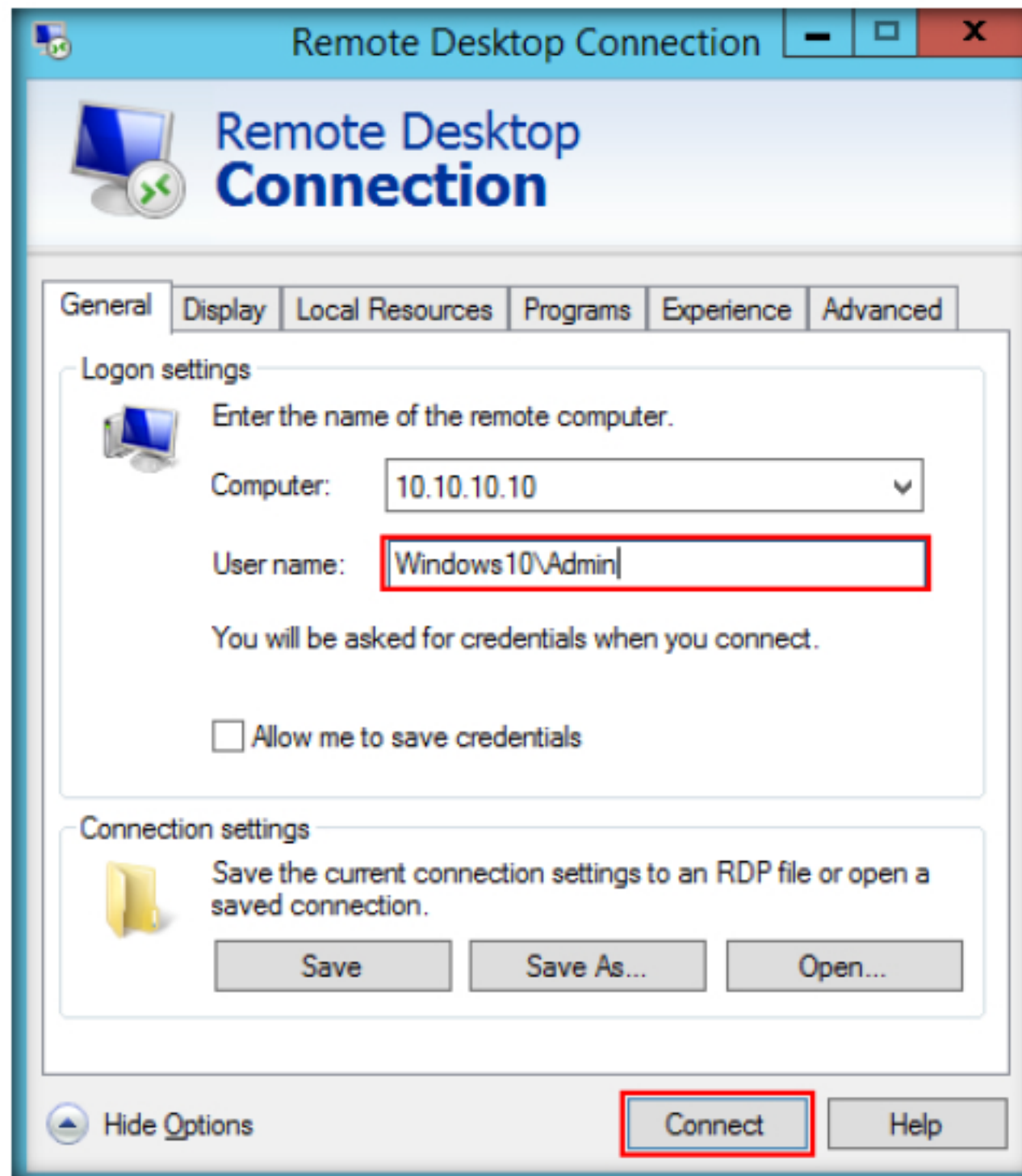



FIGURE 7.2: Accessing Windows 10 Remotely

5. The Windows Security pop-up appears, type **Pa\$\$w0rd** to login as a local administrator for the Windows 10 machine and click **OK**.

 You can download the Spytech SpyAgent from <http://www.spytech-web.com>

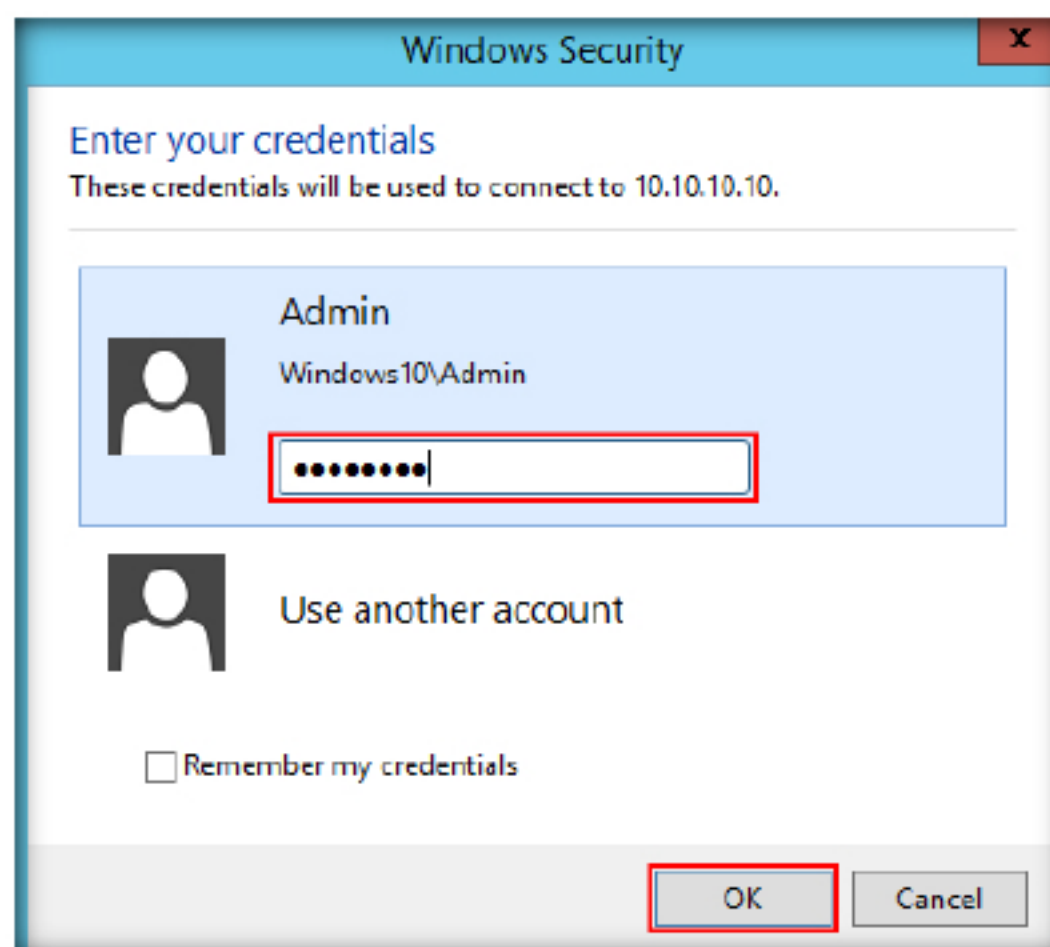



FIGURE 7.3: Windows Local Admin

6. A **Remote Desktop Connection** prompt appears. Click **Yes**.

 **Active Mode:** this option allows SpyAgent to be started in monitoring mode when it is opened - no need for manually starting its monitoring

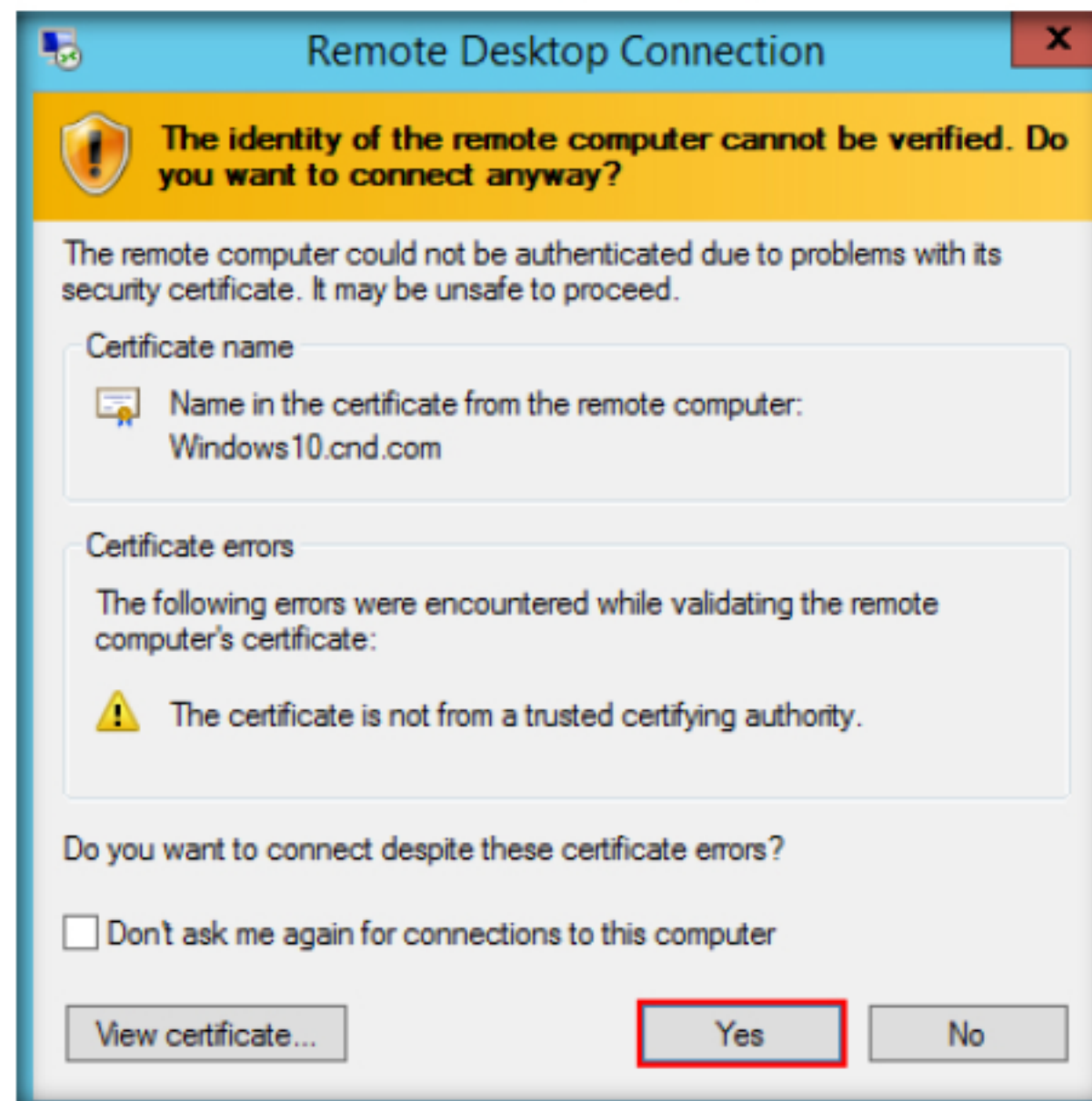



FIGURE 7.4: Remote Desktop Connection Certificate

7. Remote connection is established for the **Windows 10** machine, and local administrator log in.

 **Stealth Mode:** this option allows SpyAgent to run in total stealth. Combined with 'Active Mode' the software will load and run in monitoring mode without being detected.

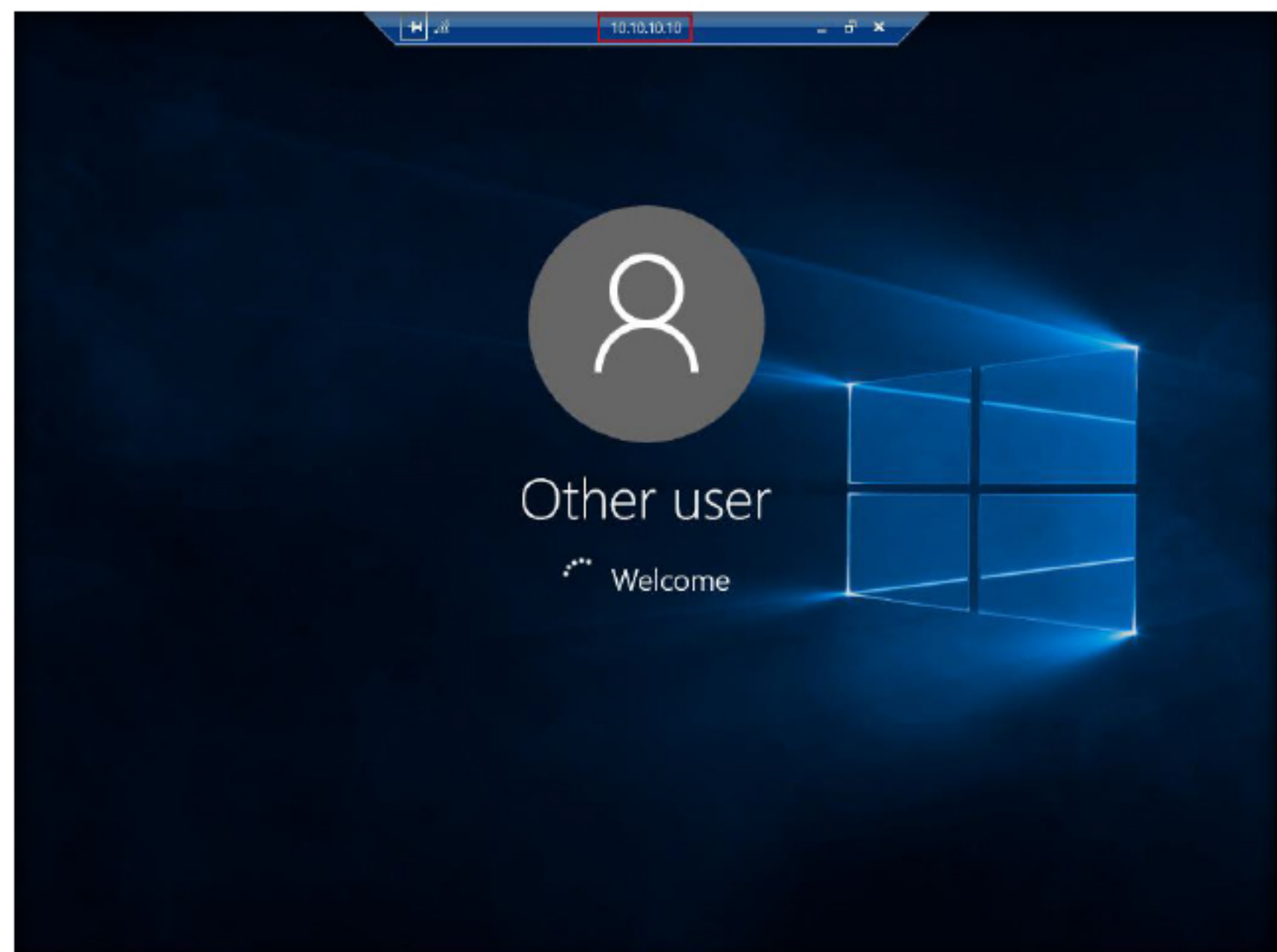


FIGURE 7.5: Windows 10 Machine Remote

TASK 2

**Install Spytech
SpyAgent**

8. Navigate to **Z:\CND-Tools\CND Module 06 Host Security\Employee Monitoring Tools\Spyagent** and double-click **Setup (password=spytech).exe** to start the installation.
9. The **User Account Control** window appears. Click **Yes**.

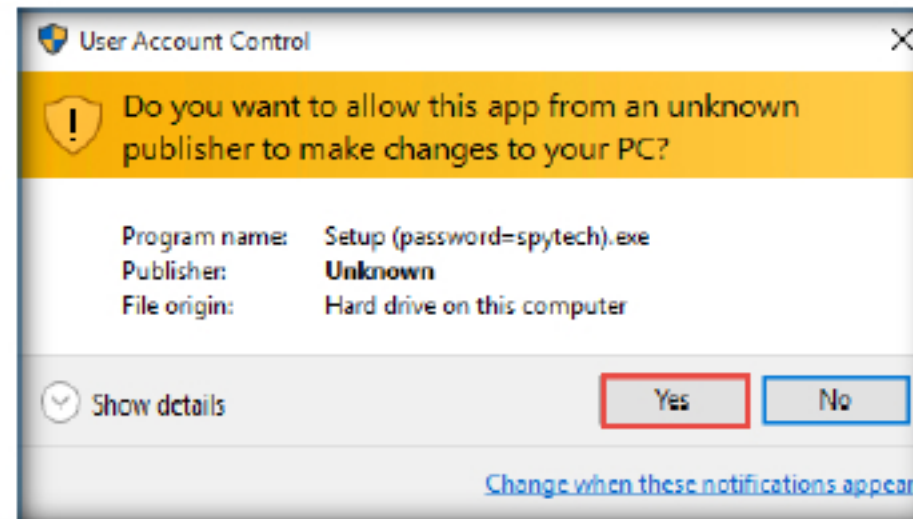


FIGURE 7.6: User Account Control

10. The **Spytech SpyAgent Setup** window appears. Click **Next**.



FIGURE 7.7: Spytech SpyAgent Setup

Splash Warning: This option allows you to display a message to the user when SpyAgent is started. This message can be configured in the Advanced Settings → Splash Screen window

11. The **Notice to Antivirus Users** wizard appears, click **Next** to continue with the installation.

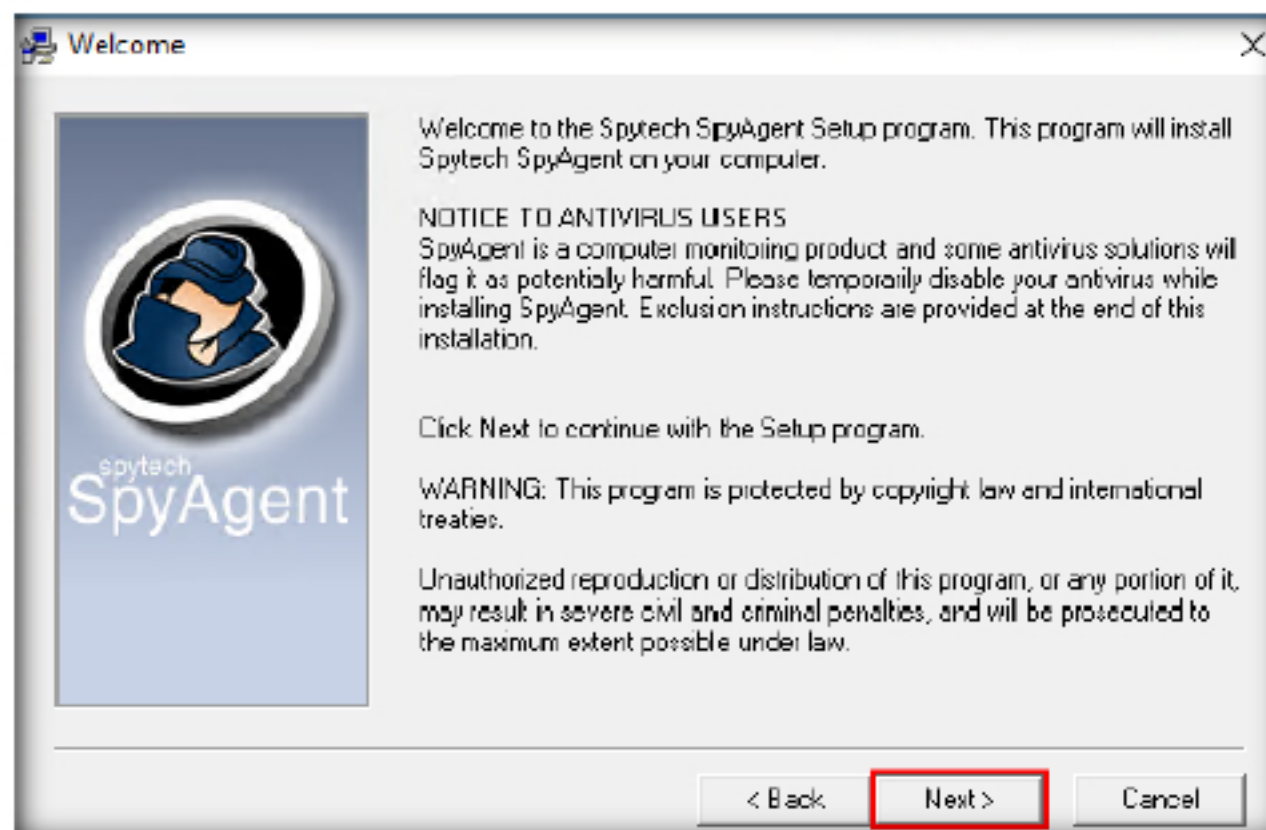



FIGURE 7.8: Spytech SpyAgent Welcome

 **Log Location:** this allows you to specify where you want SpyAgent to store its activity logs. For Windows NT/2000/XP systems, monitoring ALL users is recommended the log location be set to x:\documents and settings\all users

12. The Important Notes wizard appears, click Next.

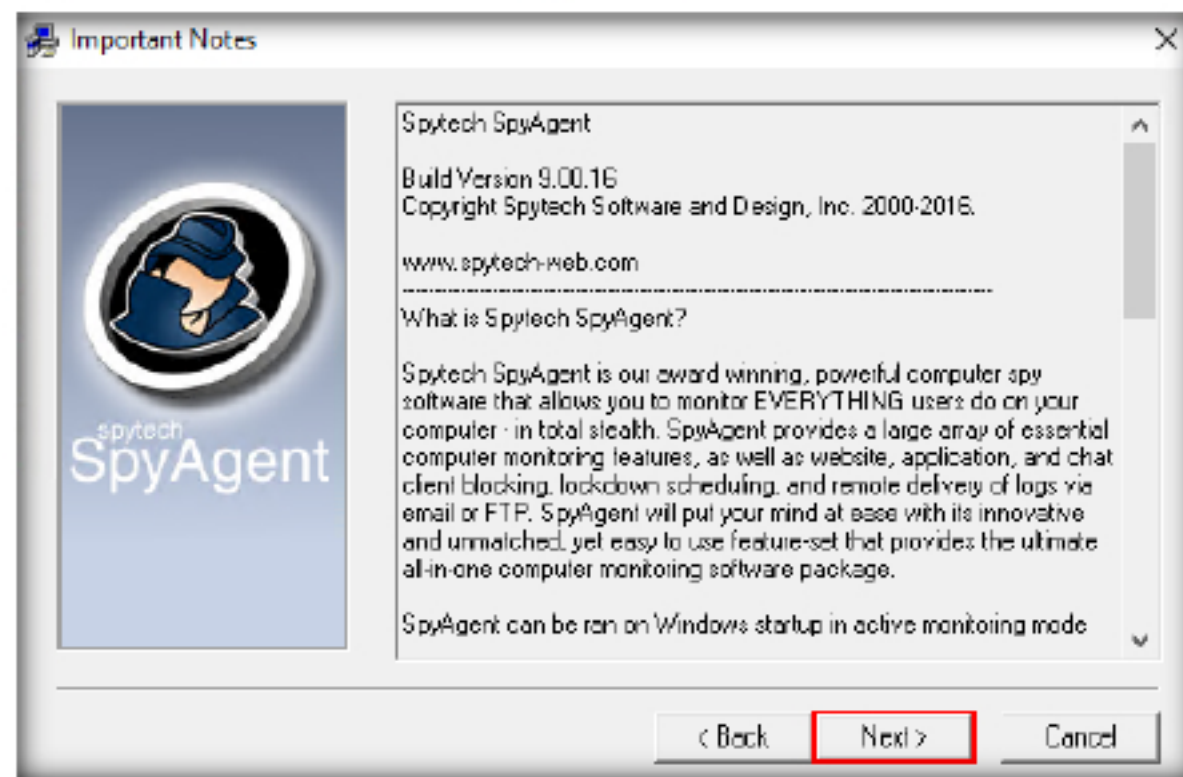



FIGURE 7.9: Spytech SpyAgent Important Notes

13. The Software License Agreement wizard appears, click **Yes** to accept the terms and conditions.

 **SpyAgent** can deliver its activity logs in secret to your own personal email or FTP account

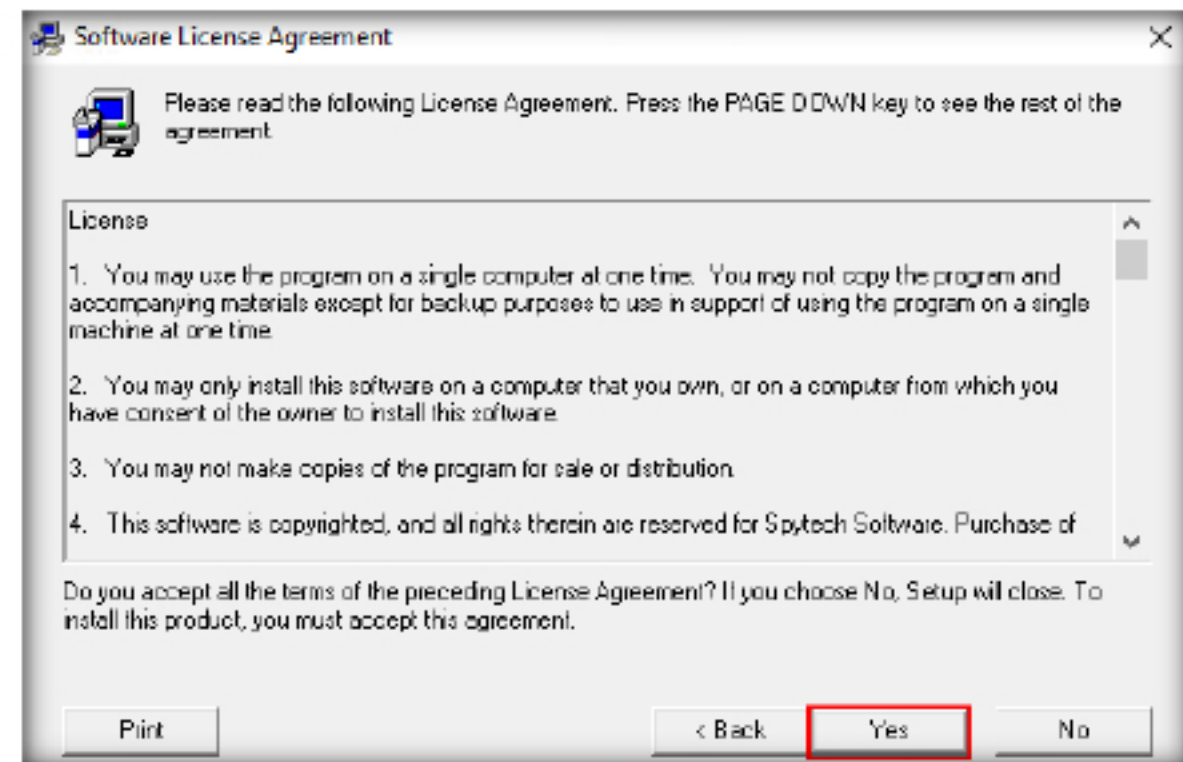



FIGURE 7.10: Spytech SpyAgent License Agreement

14. The Choose Destination Location wizard appears, leave the Destination Directory to default and click **Next**.

 **Internet Traffic Data:** This logs ALL incoming and outgoing internet data transmitted and received by users. All email passwords, FTP passwords, website transmissions, etc. will be logged by this feature

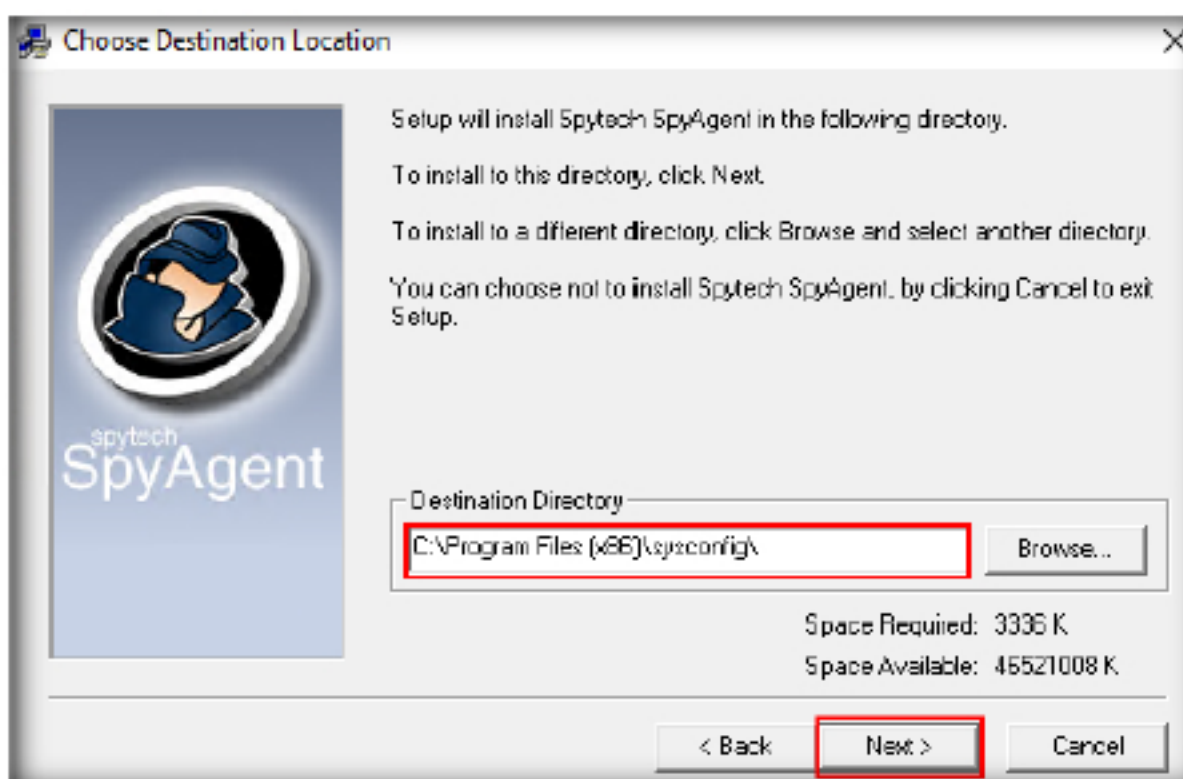



FIGURE 7.11: Spytech SpyAgent Destination Location selection

15. The Select SpyAgent Installation Type wizard appears, click the **Administrator /Tester** radio (default) and click **Next**.

 SpyAgent has the unique ability to allow you to have its activity logs delivered to your personal e-mail address or FTP account.

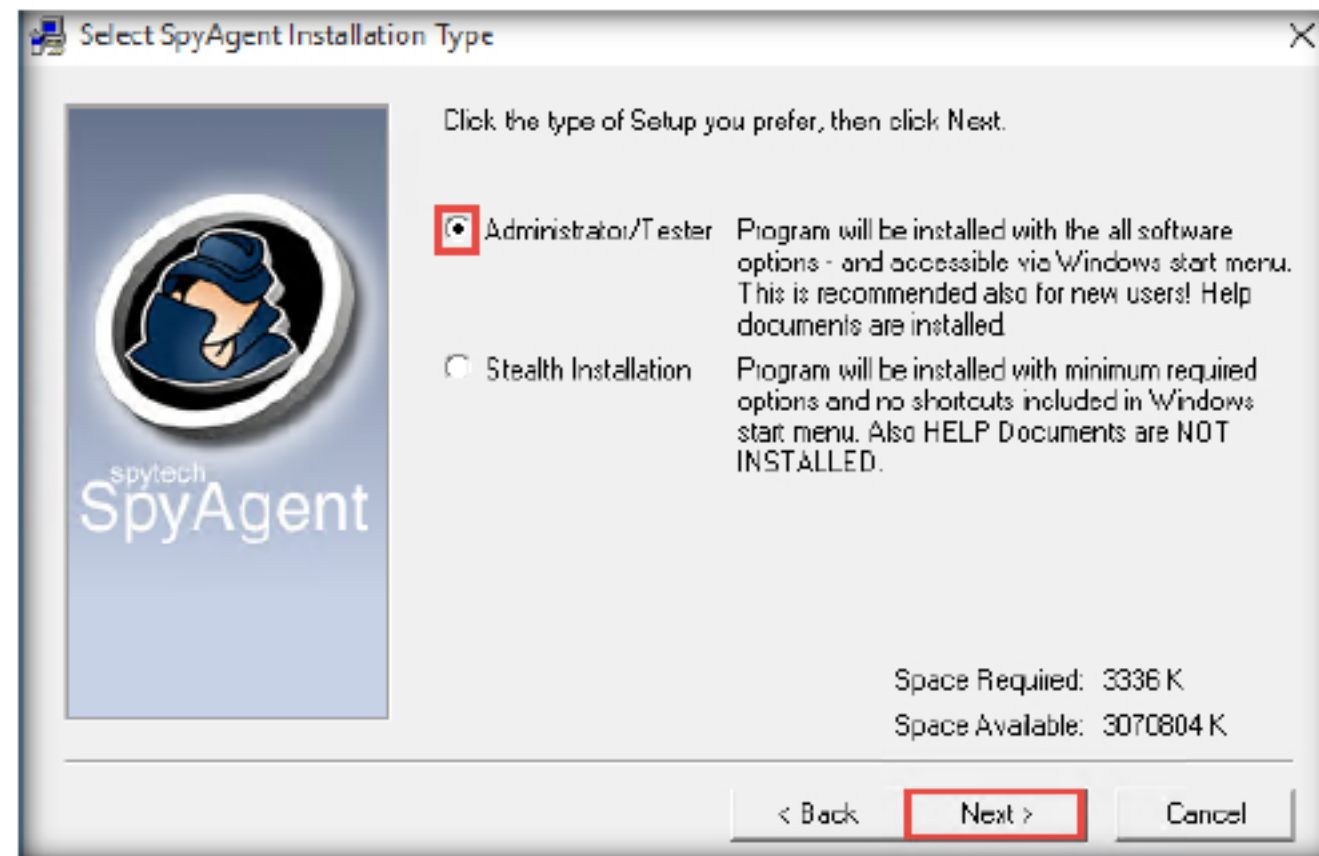



FIGURE 7.12: Spytech SpyAgent Installation Type

16. Continue with the installation until you reach the **Spytech SpyAgent setup** window. Click **Yes**.

 SpyAgent has a built in scheduling feature that allows you to configure SpyAgent to log user activities during specific hours of the day, or to lock down your computer at certain times.

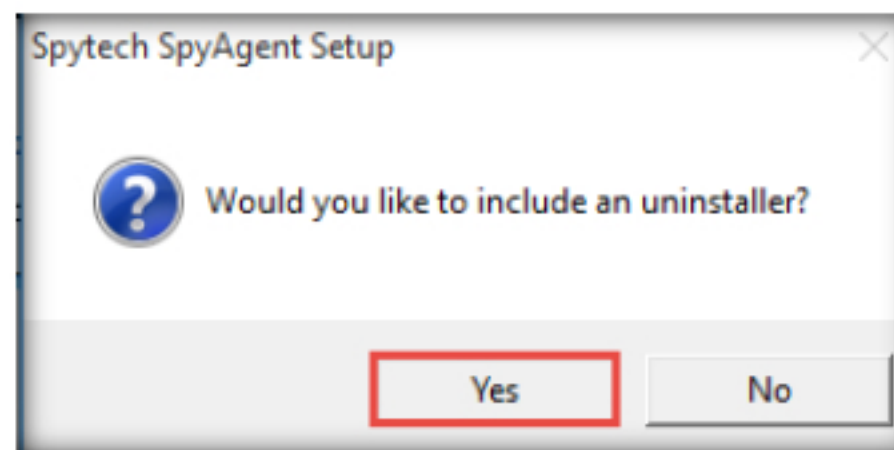


FIGURE 7.13: Spytech SpyAgent Setup pop-up

17. The **Spytech SpyAgent** window appears after installation completes, minimize or close the window.

 SpyAgent has a feature called SmartLogging that lets you trigger monitoring when certain events arise, instead of running constantly logging everything that users do. SmartLogging ties into the keystrokes, websites visited, applications ran, and windows used logging functions.

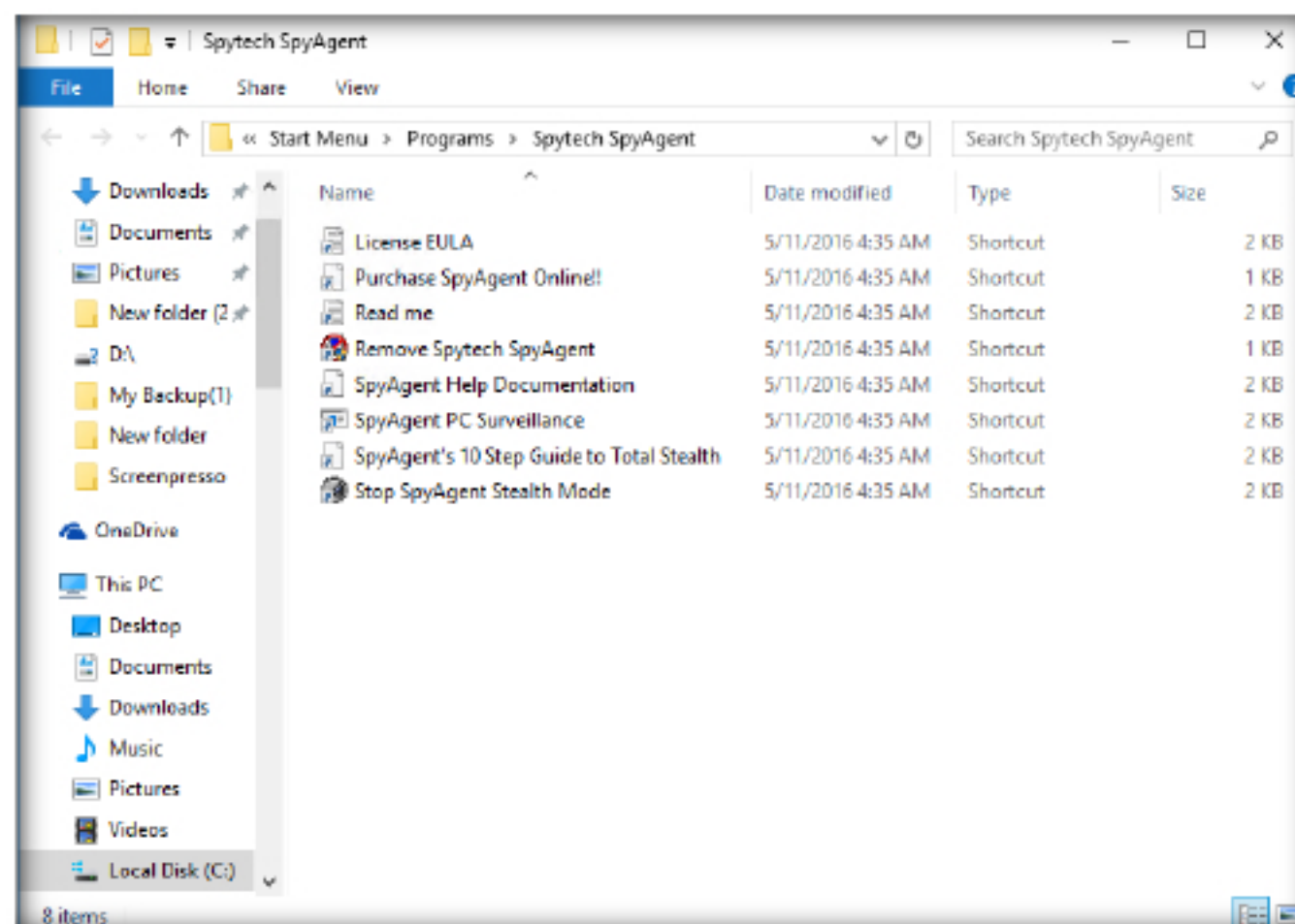


FIGURE 7.14: Spytech SpyAgent Installation Folder

18. The **A NOTICE FOR ANTIVIRUS USERS** window appears; read the notice and click **Next**.

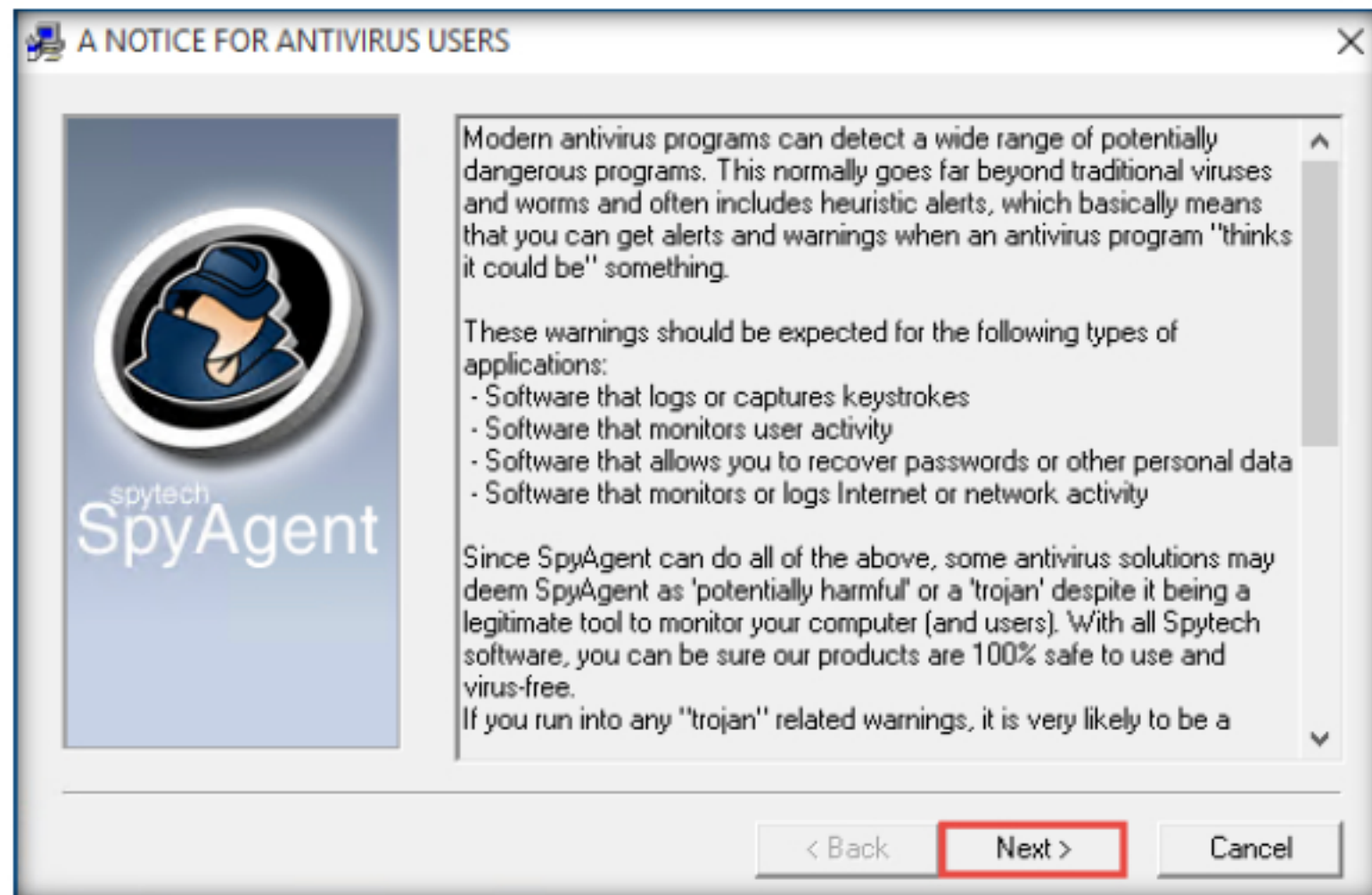


FIGURE 7.15: Spytech SpyAgent Notice for Antivirus

19. The **Finished** window appears. Ensure **Run SpyAgent** is checked and click **Close**.

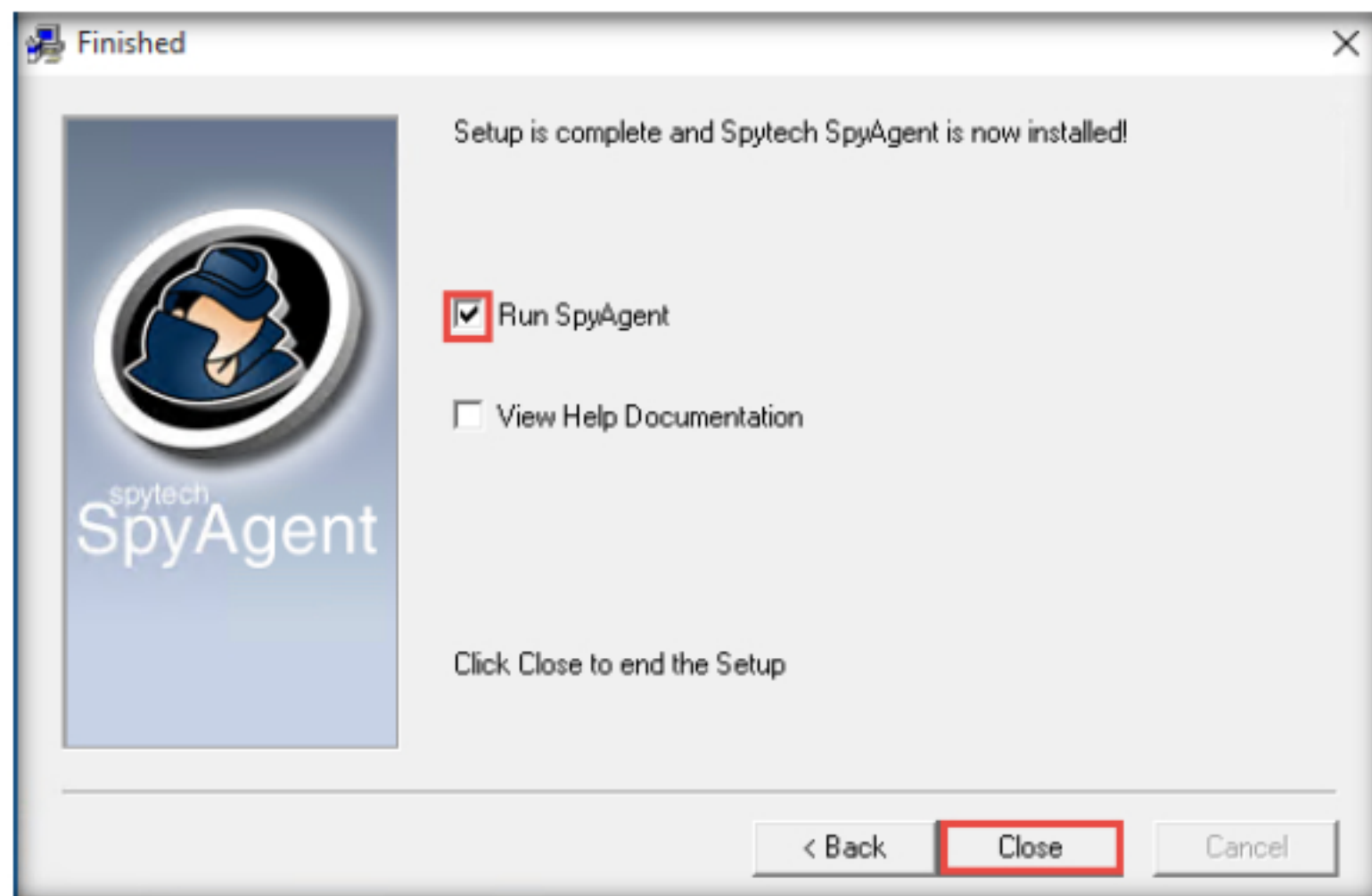



FIGURE 7.16: Spytech SpyAgent Installation Finished

 SpyAgent allows you to save all of SpyAgent's keystrokes, websites, windows, applications, connections, clipboard, activity, print jobs, file usage, and documents logs to a specified directory at once - for easier viewing later on - or so you can clear your logs without losing data.

20. The **Spytech SpyAgent** dialog box appears; click **Continue...**.



FIGURE 7.17: Spytech SpyAgent Configuration

21. The **Step 1** of the setup wizard appears; select **click to continue...**.



FIGURE 7.18: Spytech SpyAgent Step 1

 SpyAgent features a large set of reporting tools that allow you to save and prepare log data for later viewing, documentation, and printing. All reports are formatted in HTML format for viewing with your web-browser.

22. Enter a password in the **New Password** field, then retype the same password in the **Confirm** field.

Note: The password entered is **qwerty@123**

23. Click **OK**.

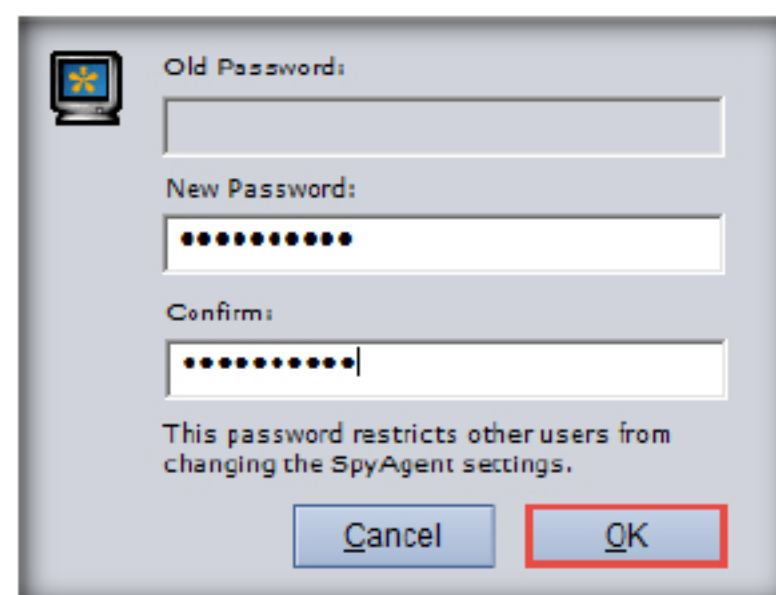


FIGURE 7.19: Spytech SpyAgent Assigning Password

24. The **password changed** pop-up appears; click **OK**.

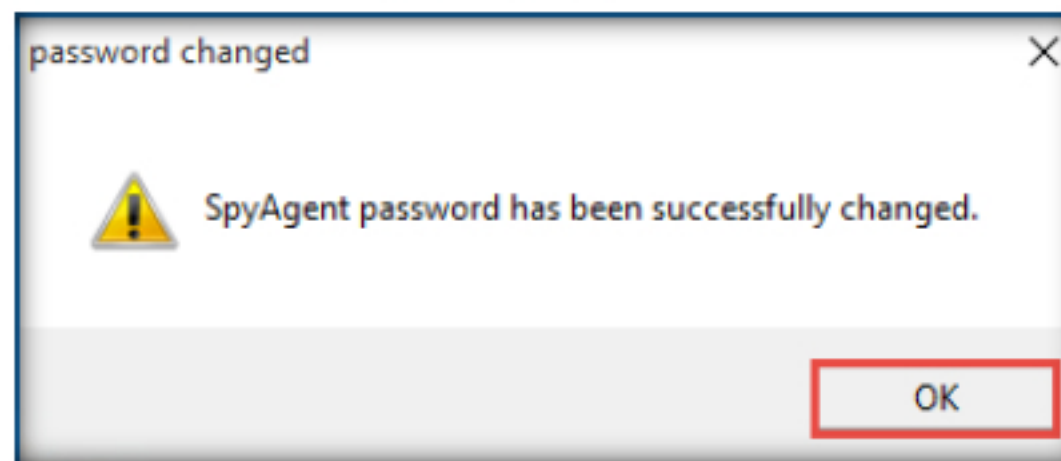


FIGURE 7.20: Spytech SpyAgent Password changed

25. The **Step 2** of the Welcome wizard appears, select **click to continue...**




FIGURE 7.21: Spytech SpyAgent Step 2

26. The **Configuration** section of the setup wizard appears; click the **Complete + Stealth Configuration** radio button, and click **Next**.



FIGURE 7.22: Spytech SpyAgent Configuration

 **Keystroke Logging**
Monitor and log all keystrokes along with the window they are typed in and timestamp. Click the "Format" button to remove and apply text formatting to make the log more readable. Passwords captured are flagged for easy viewing. If screenshot capturing is enabled, SpyAgent will display related screenshots alongside the keystroke log entries.

27. The **Extras** section of the setup wizard appears; check the **Load on Windows Startup** option, and click **Next**.


 **Emails Sent and Received** Monitor and log all emails sent and received by users of your computer! All SMTP and POP3 messages are recorded for later viewing. Attachments are logged as well.



FIGURE 7.23: Spytech SpyAgent Extras

28. The **Confirm Settings** section of the setup wizard appears; click **Next** to continue.


 **Events Timeline:** Logging Log all events users performed and view them in an organized chronically ordered listing. The Events Timeline lets you view what the events the user performed, in the order they did them. Events logged include Program Starts/Stops, Keystrokes Typed, Email and Chat Messages, Website Visits, Document Viewings and Printings, how long users were active and idle each session, and more.



FIGURE 7.24: Spytech SpyAgent Confirm Settings

29. The **Apply** section of the setup wizard appears; click **Next**.




FIGURE 7.25: Spytech SpyAgent Applying Configuration

30. The **Configuration Finished** window appears, click **Finish** to successfully setup SpyAgent.



FIGURE 7.26: Spytech SpyAgent Configuration Finish

 **Internet Chat:**
Conversations Monitor and log both sides of all chat conversations made on chat clients. Supported clients include the latest versions of AOL (including 9.0 and Optimized), AOL Instant Messenger, AIM, Yahoo Messenger, Excite Messenger, GoogleTalk, Skype, XFire, and ICQ.

31. The main **SpyAgent** window appears, along with **Step 3** of the setup wizard.
32. Select **click to continue....**



FIGURE 7.27: Spytech SpyAgent Step 3

33. If a **Getting Started** dialog-box appears, click **No**.
34. To track the general user activities, click **Start Monitoring**.



FIGURE 7.28: Spytech SpyAgent Start Monitoring

35. The **Enter Access Password** window appears, enter the **password** specified in **step 23** (in this lab, **qwerty@123**), then click **OK**.


 **Website Activity:** Log all website visits and online searches performed by the popular browsers used today. All website visits are logged by website address, username, and time of the site visit. SpyAgent also logs how long users visit each website so you can easily see what websites are visited the longest. SpyAgent supports the latest versions of the following browsers: Internet Explorer, Opera, Mozilla, Firefox, Flock, Google Chrome, and America Online.



FIGURE 7.29: Spytech SpyAgent Enter Access Password

36. The **Stealth Notice** window appears. Read the instructions then click **OK**.

Note: To bring SpyAgent out of stealth mode, press **Ctrl+Shift+Alt+M**

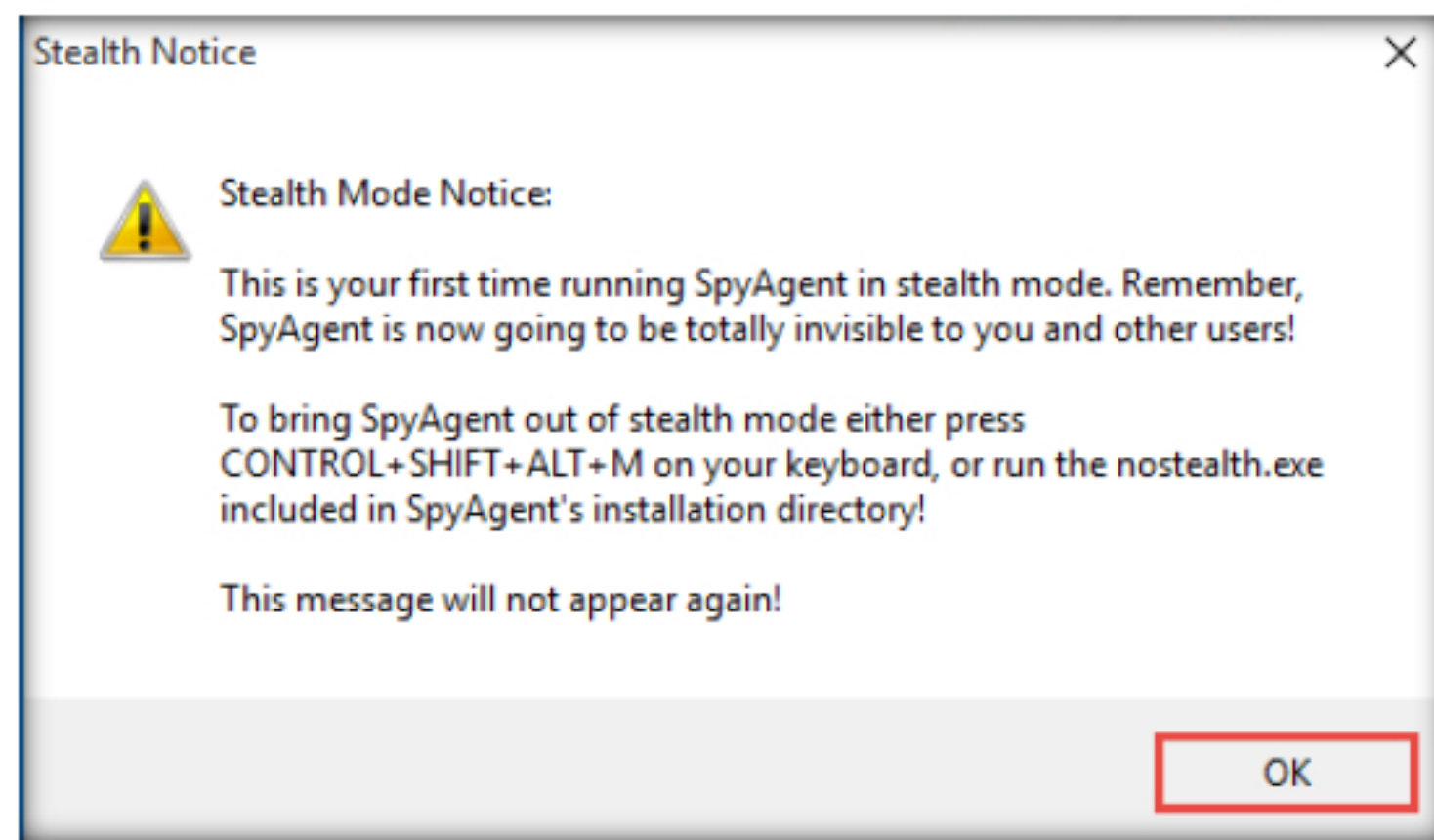


FIGURE 7.30: Spytech SpyAgent Stealth Mode Notice

37. A SpyAgent pop-up appears. Check the **Do not show this Help Tip again** and the **Do not show Related Help Tips like this again**, then select **click to continue....**

 **Application Usage:**
Monitor and log all applications ran by users - SpyAgent logs when the application was started, stopped, and how long it was actually used. Users cannot fool SpyAgent by simply opening a program and leaving it running in the background - SpyAgent will know how long the program was actually used.



FIGURE 7.31: Spytech SpyAgent Tips

38. Next, close the remote connection and login to the **Windows 10** machine as a domain user (Username: **CND\Martin** and Password: **qwerty@123**). Perform random activities such as browsing webpages, etc...
39. Switch back to the **Windows Server 2012** machine and establish a new Remote Desktop Connection (RDC) to connect to the **Windows 10** machine (follow steps from **1** to **7** in this lab exercise).
40. To bring SpyAgent out of stealth mode, press **CTRL+Shift+Alt+M** on the keyboard.
41. SpyAgent will ask for the Access Password (**qwerty@123**), enter the password and click **OK**.

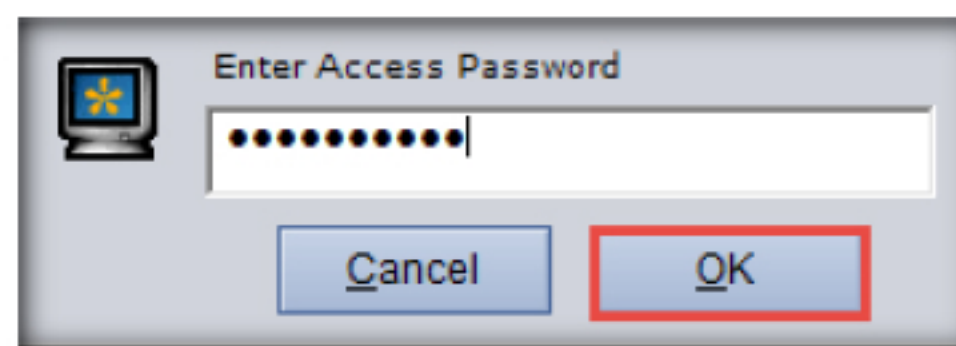



FIGURE 7.32: Spytech SpyAgent Accessing from stealth mode

 **Webmail and Website Content:** Log webmail messages from most major webmail providers - such as Gmail, Yahoo Mail, and MySpace webmail. SpyAgent logs incoming messages read by the user, as well as messages they send out through webmail. All website content visited can be logged as well.

42. To check user keystrokes from the keyboard, click **Keyboard & Mouse** on the **SpyAgent** GUI.

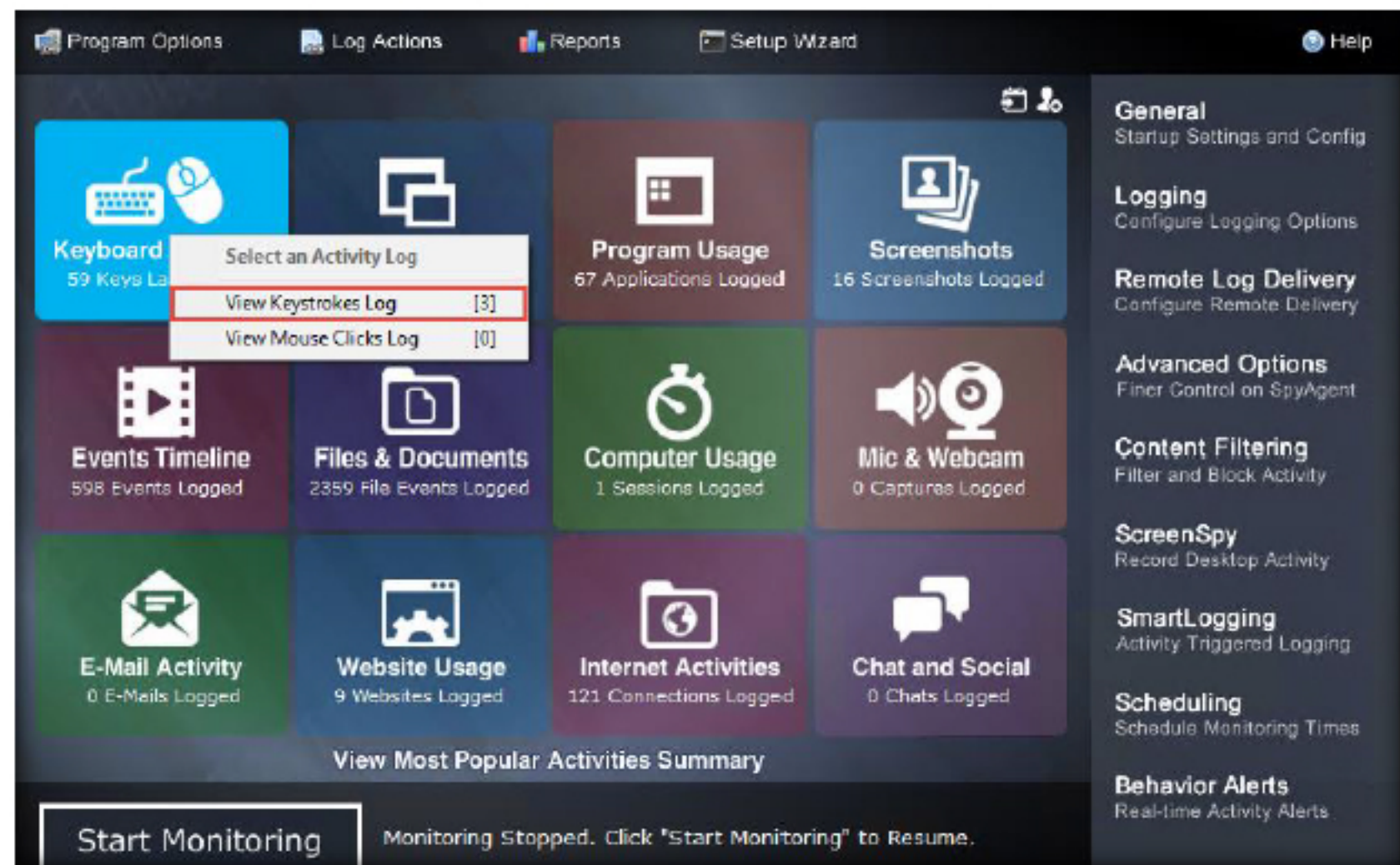

43. Select the **View Keystrokes Log**.

FIGURE 7.33: Spytech SpyAgent Viewing recorded keystrokes

44. The keystroke logs pressed by the user can be reviewed by simply selecting them.

 **Intelligent Screenshot Capturing:** SpyAgent can take snapshots of your desktop at set intervals of time, whenever the mouse is clicked, or whenever websites are visited, allowing you to visually see what is happening at all times. The screenshot capture manager has a built-in video-like slideshow playback for easy viewing, and screenshots are categorized by content - social networking, webmail, website usage, and more. The screenshot capturing can be configured to increase its capture frequency when window captions containing specific keywords are interacted with so vital information is not missed.

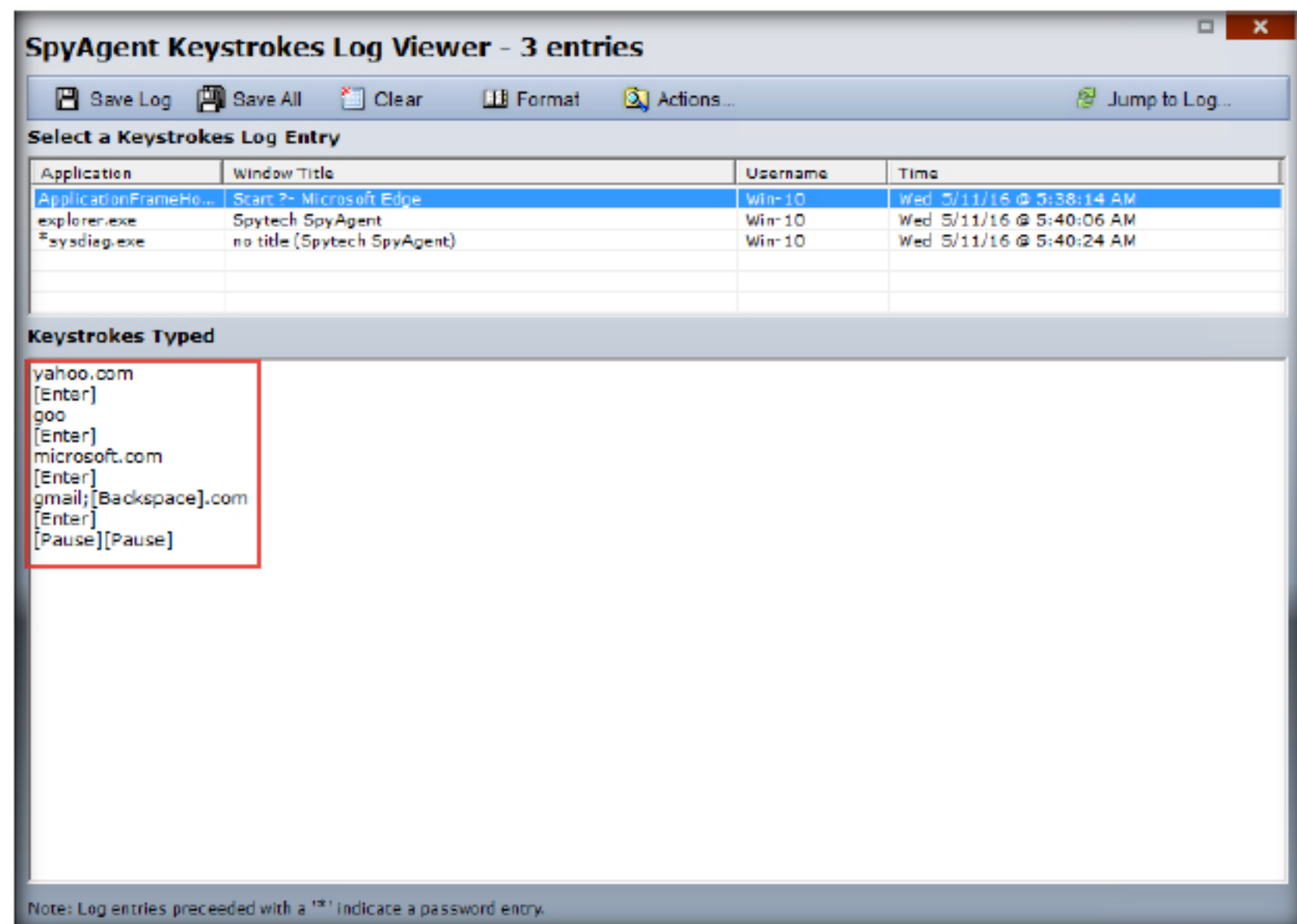


FIGURE 7.34: Spytech SpyAgent Keystrokes Recorded

45. In this way you can view screenshots, program usage, chat & messages, and many other user activities on the user's computer.

Lab Analysis

Analyze and document the results related to this lab exercise. Provide your opinion regarding your target's security posture and exposure.

PLEASE TALK TO YOUR INSTRUCTOR IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS
RELATED TO THIS LAB.

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Auditing System Information using MSINFO32

MSINFO32 allows you to view details about the hardware and software configuration on your machine.

Lab Scenario

Sometimes, an administrator needs to know the software and hardware configuration to diagnose issues in the network. Windows OS provides System Information or the MSInfo Utility or msinfo32.exe to gather information about the computer, to diagnose issues or to access other tools. An Administrator can use the MSInfo Utility to perform system auditing to know the current software and hardware configuration on a specific Windows system.

Lab Objectives

This lab will demonstrate the use of the MSInfo Utility to view the software and hardware configuration on a specific Windows system.

Lab Environment

To carry out the lab, you need:

- A virtual machine running Windows 10.

Lab Duration

Time: 25 Minutes

Overview of MSInfo

With the MSInfo Utility, you can view the information about a Windows system. It provides information such as:

- OEM System Information (manufacturer, model, and type)
- The type of central processing unit (CPU)
- The amount of memory and system resources

ICON KEY

Valuable information

Test your knowledge

Web exercise

Workbook review

- BIOS version
- Locale
- Time zone
- User name in the format of DOMAINNAME\USERNAME (only present if the computer is configured for a domain)
- Boot device (if multiple devices are present on the computer)
- The path to the Page file
- Hardware Resources category

Lab Tasks



TASK 1

Launching System Information window

Note: To locate the problem areas, you can compare the current configuration of the machine with a known good configuration.

1. Launch the **Windows 10** machine as a Local Administrator.
2. Press the **Windows and R keys**. The **Run** window pops up. Enter **msinfo32** in the **Open** section and click **Enter**.

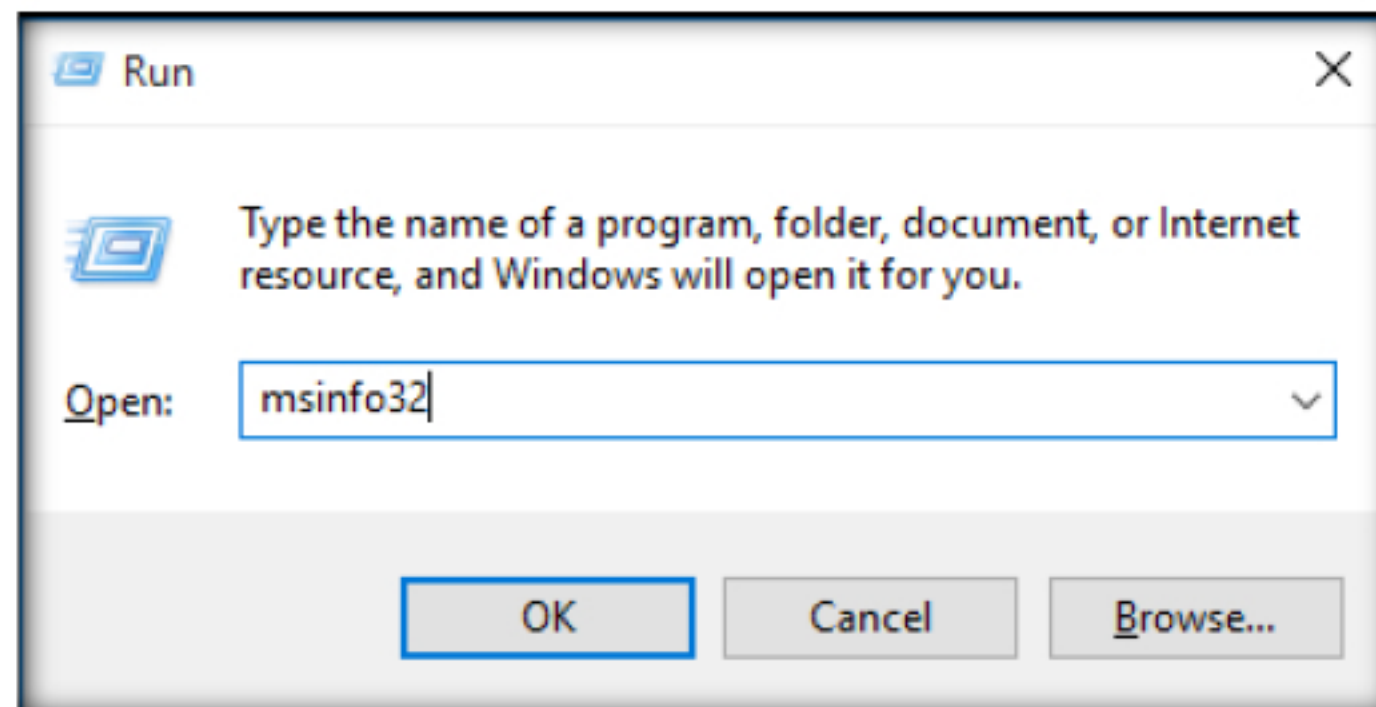


FIGURE 8.1: RUN pop-up

3. The **System Information** window pops up. You can view the system summary where you can see the Hardware Resources, Components and Software Environment configured on the system.

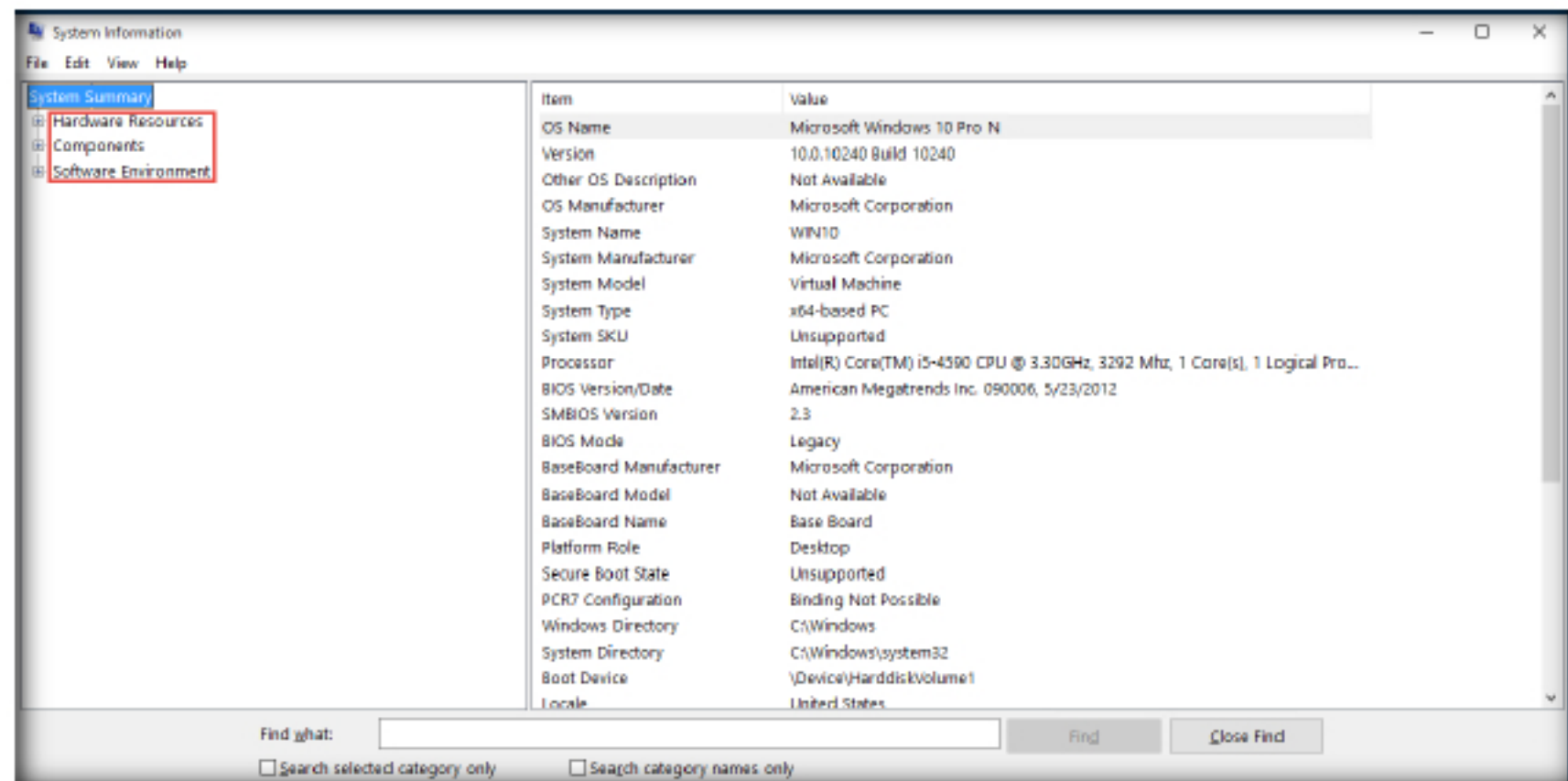


FIGURE 8.2: System Information (MSINFO) Window



TASK 2

Knowing the
Hardware
resources used
by the system

4. Expand **Hardware Resources**
5. The first subsection of **Hardware Resources** is **Conflicts/Sharing**. Click it to view its results in the right pane.

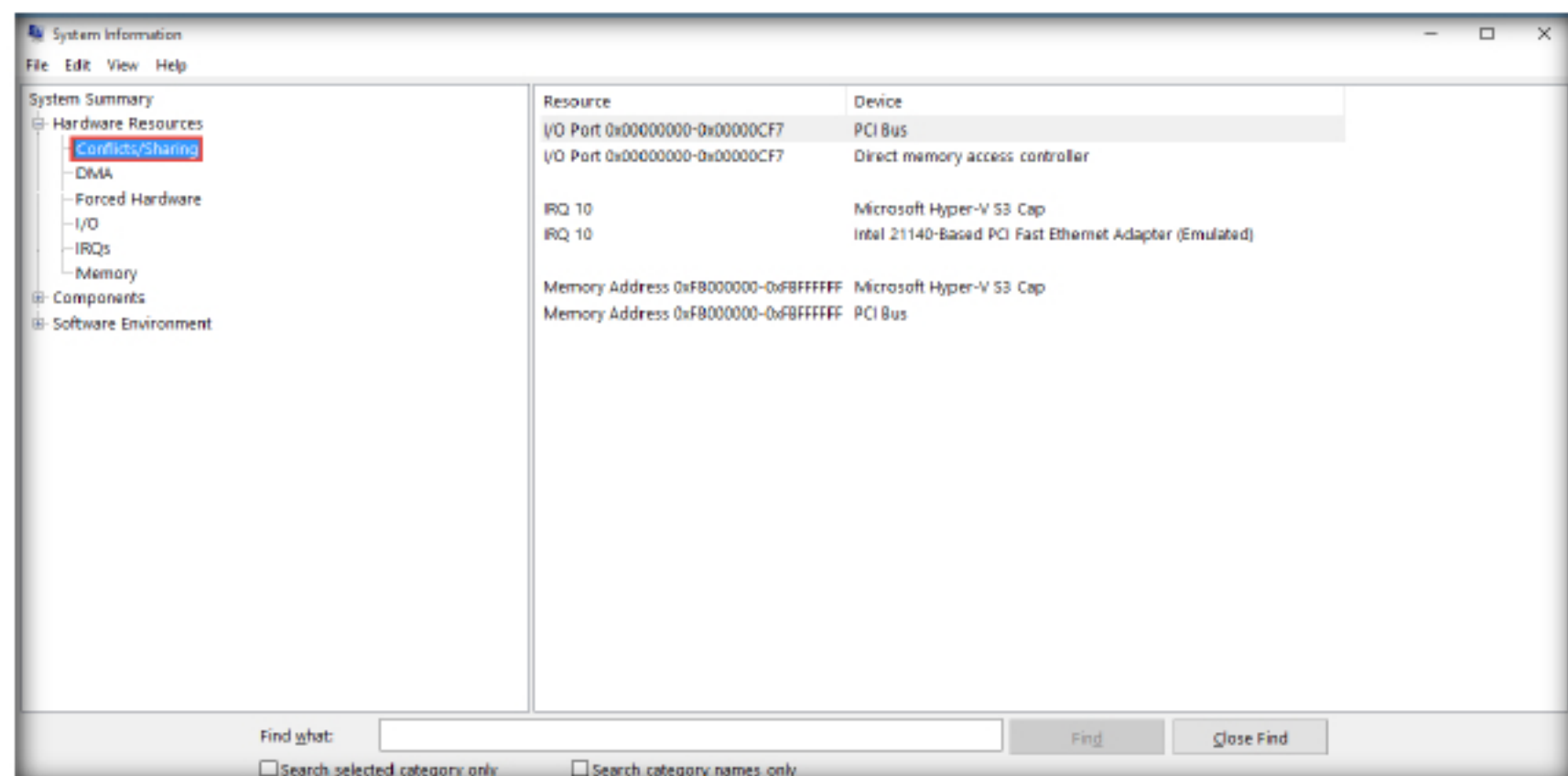


FIGURE 8.3: System Information Hardware Resources

6. You can view the devices which share the same resources. If any device has an issue and is listed in shared devices, it might be due to a resource usage conflict.
7. Next, is the subsection **Direct memory access (DMA)**. In DMA, data is transferred directly from the memory to the hardware without involving the CPU.
8. You can view a device which has **DMA access** by clicking on DMA.

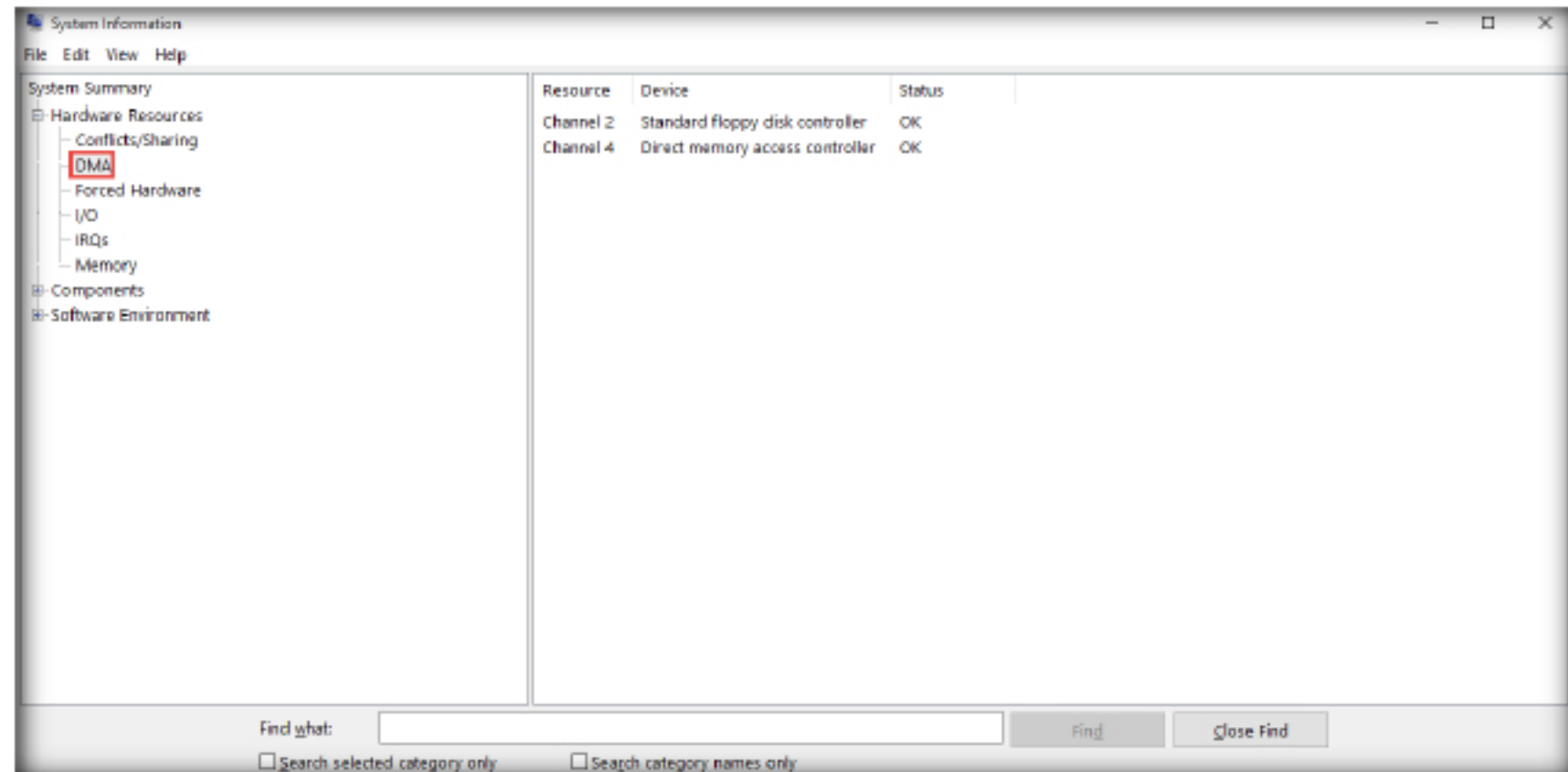


FIGURE 8.4: System Information DMA

9. If the status is showing up in an error state, you should update the drivers or contact the manufacturer.
10. The next subsection is **Forced Hardware**. It lists any devices which are configured manually by the user. It normally lists the plug and play (PnP) devices.

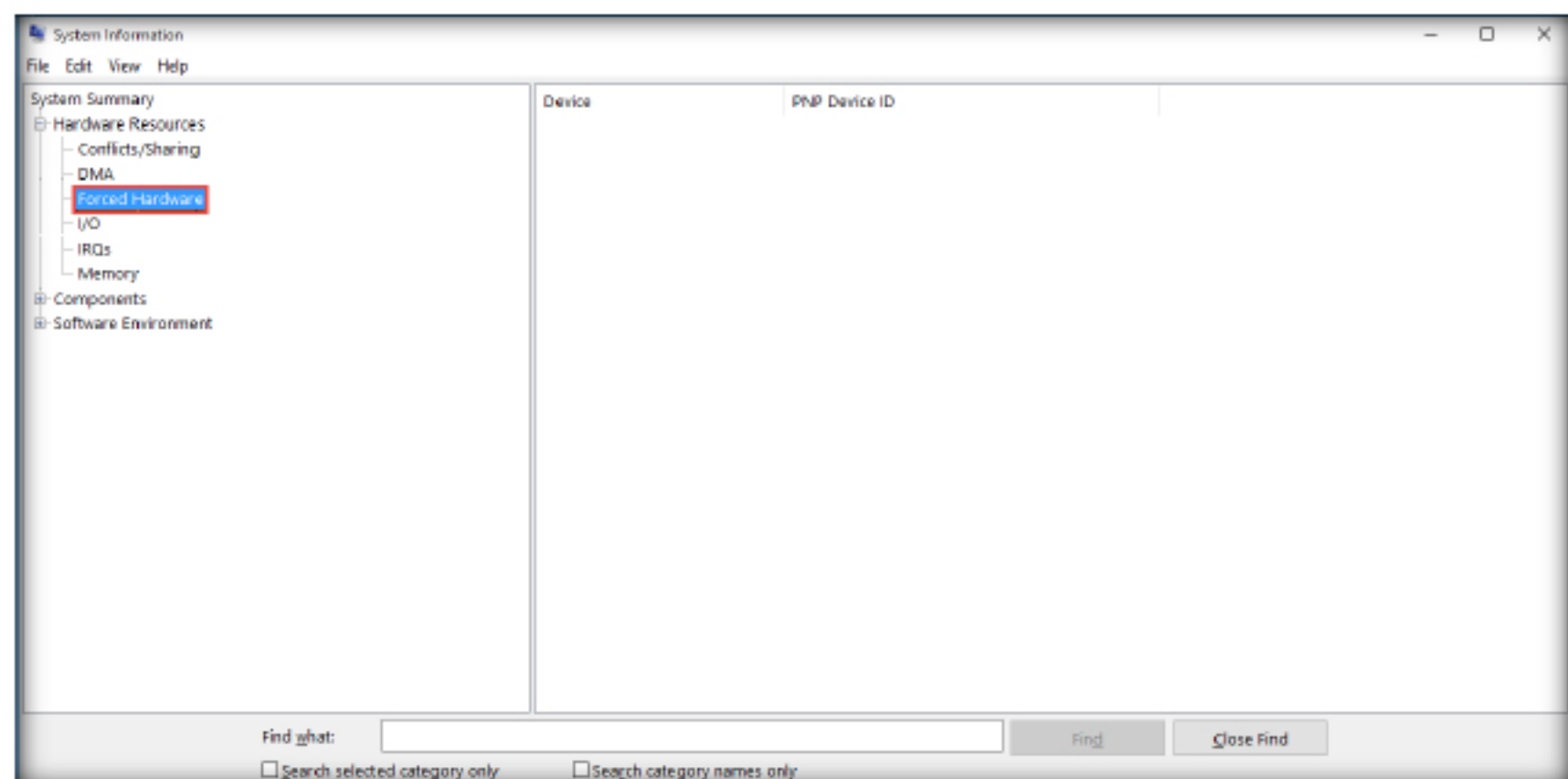


FIGURE 8.5: System Information Forced Hardware

11. **Forced hardware** uses user specific resources and not system specific resources like regular hardware devices.

12. The next subsection deals with system resources. Let's look at the first resource which is Input/Output (I/O).

13. I/O transfers data from a **computer to device** and **vice versa**.

The resource column indicates which resource has been allocated to which device. The corresponding device shows up in the Device column

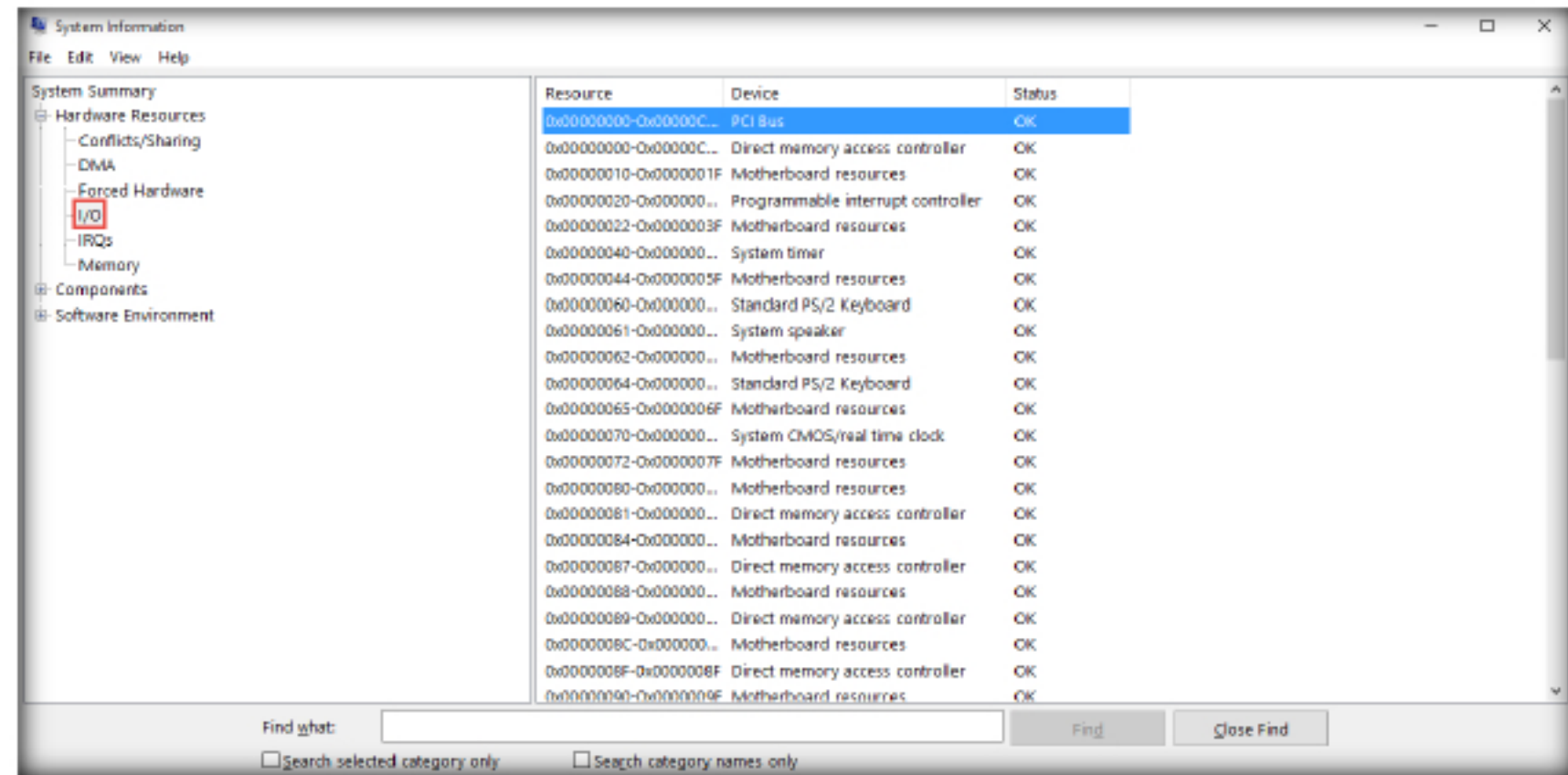


FIGURE 8.6: System Information Input and Output Device

The status column of the I/O shows whether the device running status is OK or has an error.

14. Next is the **(Interrupt request) IRQ**. IRQ is the hardware path through which devices send interrupt signals to the microprocessor.

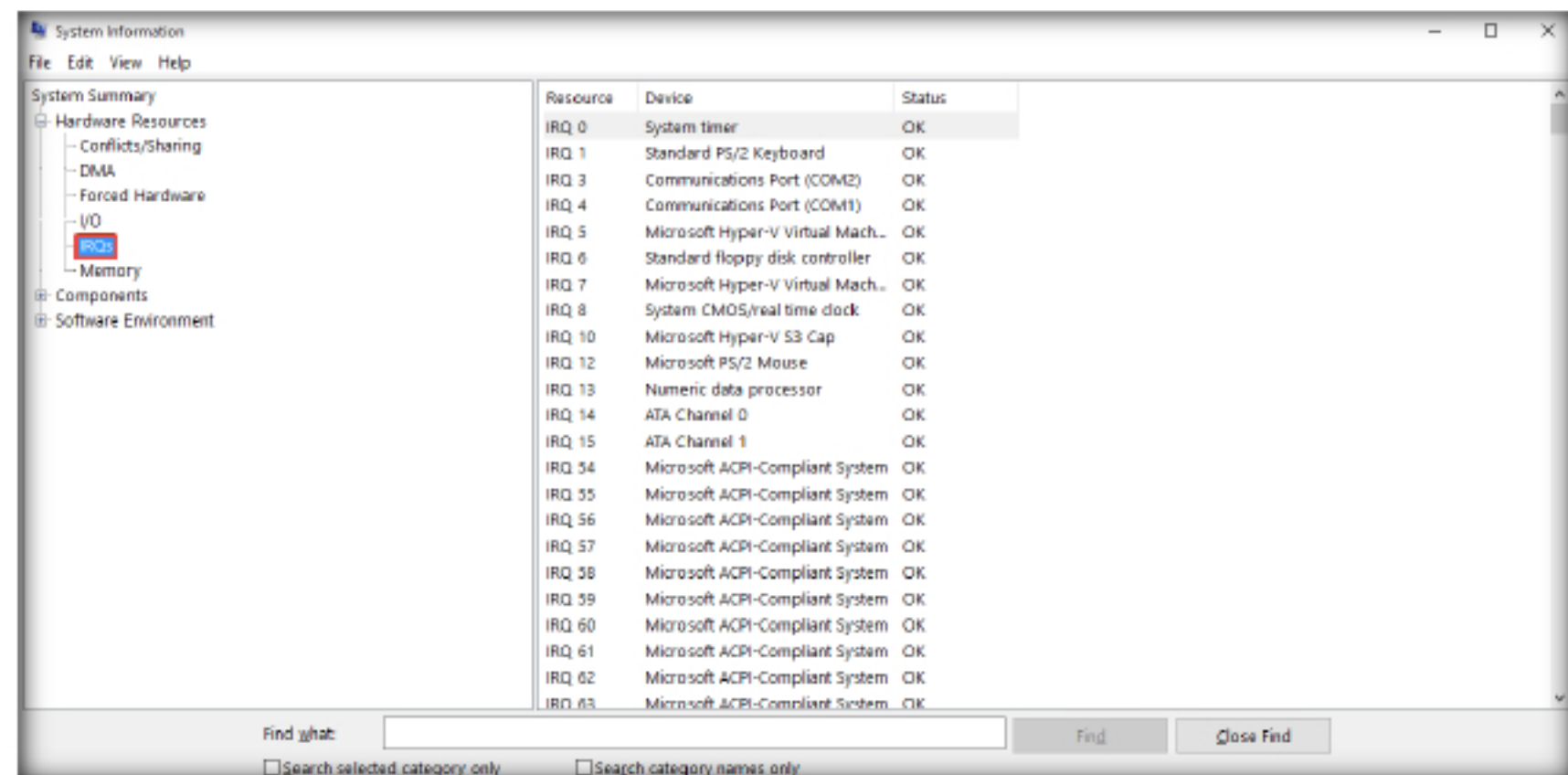
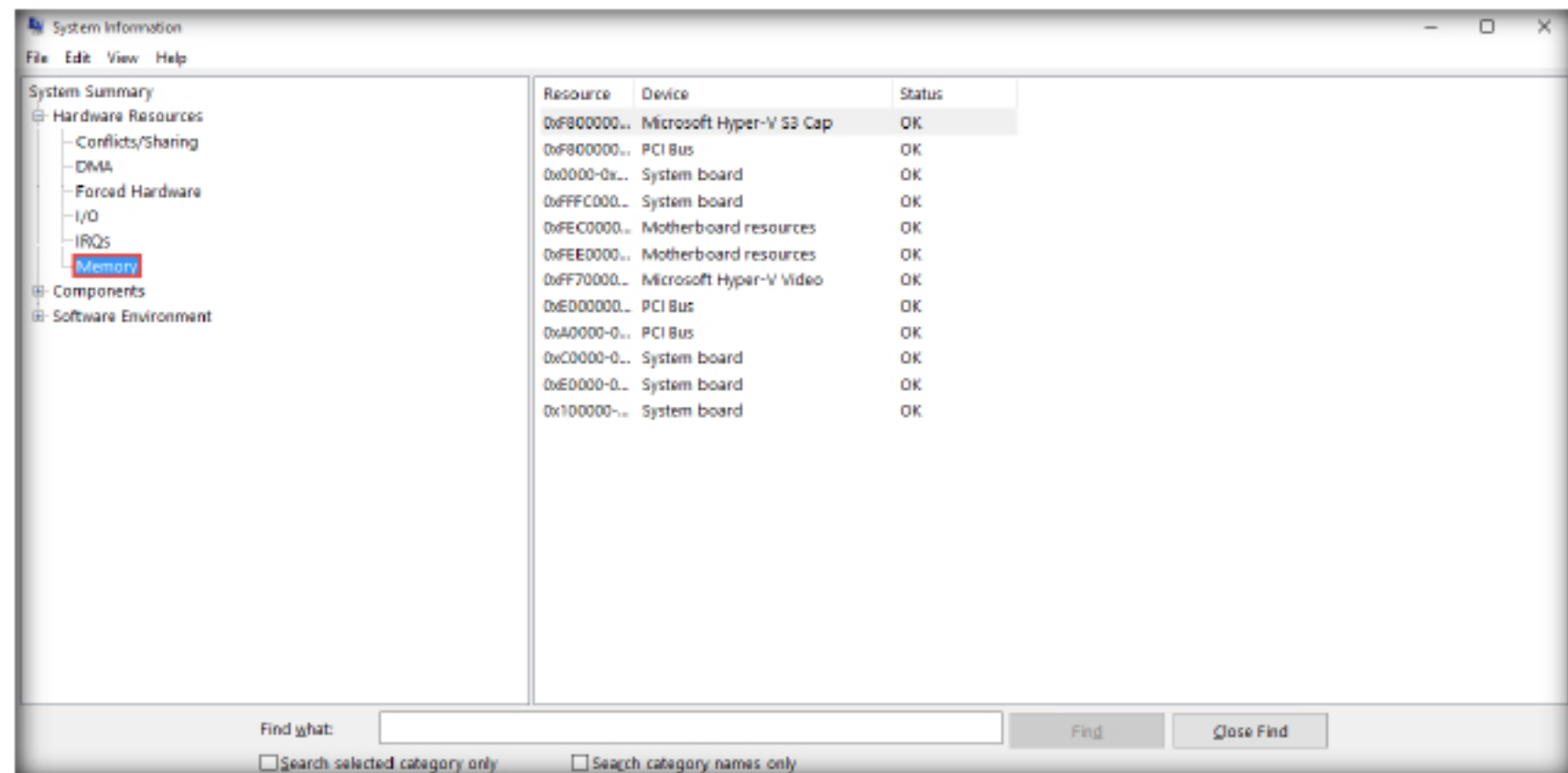


FIGURE 8.7: IRQ's Information

Devices and Operating systems use memory address ranges for communication. The status indicates an OK or error state

15. The final subsection is **Memory**. It explores the memory devices used by the system.



Resource	Device	Status
0xF8000000...	Microsoft Hyper-V S3 Cap	OK
0xF8000000...	PCI Bus	OK
0x0000-0x...	System board	OK
0xFFFC0000...	System board	OK
0xFEC00000...	Motherboard resources	OK
0xFEE00000...	Motherboard resources	OK
0xFF700000...	Microsoft Hyper-V Video	OK
0xED000000...	PCI Bus	OK
0xA0000-0x...	PCI Bus	OK
0xC0000-0x...	System board	OK
0xE0000-0x...	System board	OK
0x100000-0x...	System board	OK

FIGURE 8.8: Memory Information

TASK 3

Knowing the Components used by the system

A codec (code-decode), could be either a device or a program which codes or decodes signals or digital data streams.

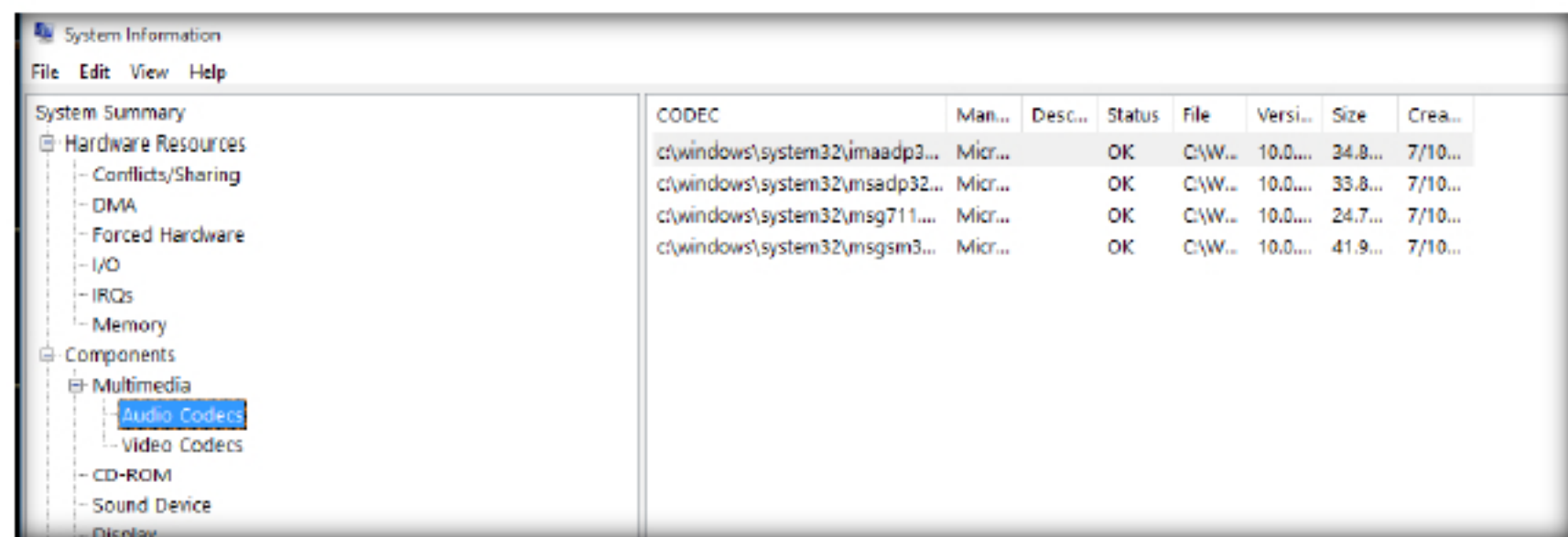
In MS info under audio and video codec you can find, the installation location of the codec under the CODEC field.

The manufacturer name is present under the manufacturer column. Some codecs have a description present under description field.

The status shows if a codec is working well or not and the file points to the location and version displays the current codec version.

The size and creation date show the size of a codec on the disk and the date on which it was created.

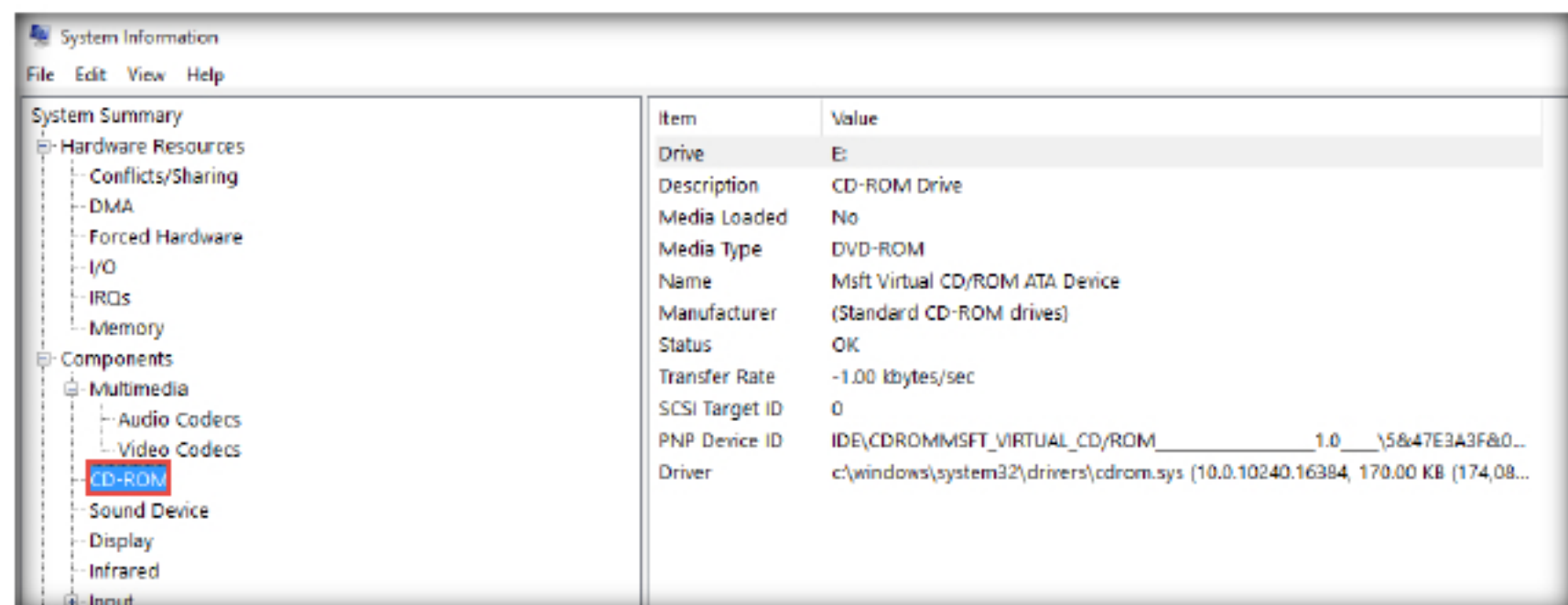
16. The next section is the **Components** section. The first subsection is **Multimedia** which is a combination of **Audio and Video Codecs**.



CODEC	Man...	Desc...	Status	File	Versi...	Size	Crea...
c:\windows\system32\imaadp3...	Micr...		OK	C:\W...	10.0...	34.8...	7/10...
c:\windows\system32\msadp32...	Micr...		OK	C:\W...	10.0...	33.8...	7/10...
c:\windows\system32\msg711...	Micr...		OK	C:\W...	10.0...	24.7...	7/10...
c:\windows\system32\msgsm3...	Micr...		OK	C:\W...	10.0...	41.9...	7/10...

FIGURE 8.9: Multimedia Information

17. The next subsection after Multimedia is **Compact Disc (CD-ROM)**.



Item	Value
Drive	E:
Description	CD-ROM Drive
Media Loaded	No
Media Type	DVD-ROM
Name	Msft Virtual CD-ROM ATA Device
Manufacturer	(Standard CD-ROM drives)
Status	OK
Transfer Rate	-1.00 kbytes/sec
SCSI Target ID	0
PNP Device ID	IDE\CDROMMSFT_VIRTUAL_CD-ROM_1.0_5&47E3A3F&0...
Driver	c:\windows\system32\drivers\cdrom.sys (10.0.10240.16384; 170.00 KB (174,08...

FIGURE 8.10: CD-ROM Information

18. After CD-ROM is **Sound device**, which displays audio devices on the computer. Although it is empty here, on a regular host machine it displays the device name, manufacturer name, status, PnP Id and installation location.

CD-ROM lists the drive assigned followed by a short description. Media loaded shows if there is any disc currently in the CD-ROM or not.

Media type shows the functionalities of the drive. The next three sections, name, manufacturer and status show the drive name, its manufacturer name and current status.

Transfer rate shows the speeds at which the CD-ROM can transfer data, SCSI target ID shows the priority of the CD ROM which can range from 0-7 for simple SCSI.

PNP shows the Plug and play ID of the CD-ROM and finally driver shows the location the device driver is installed.

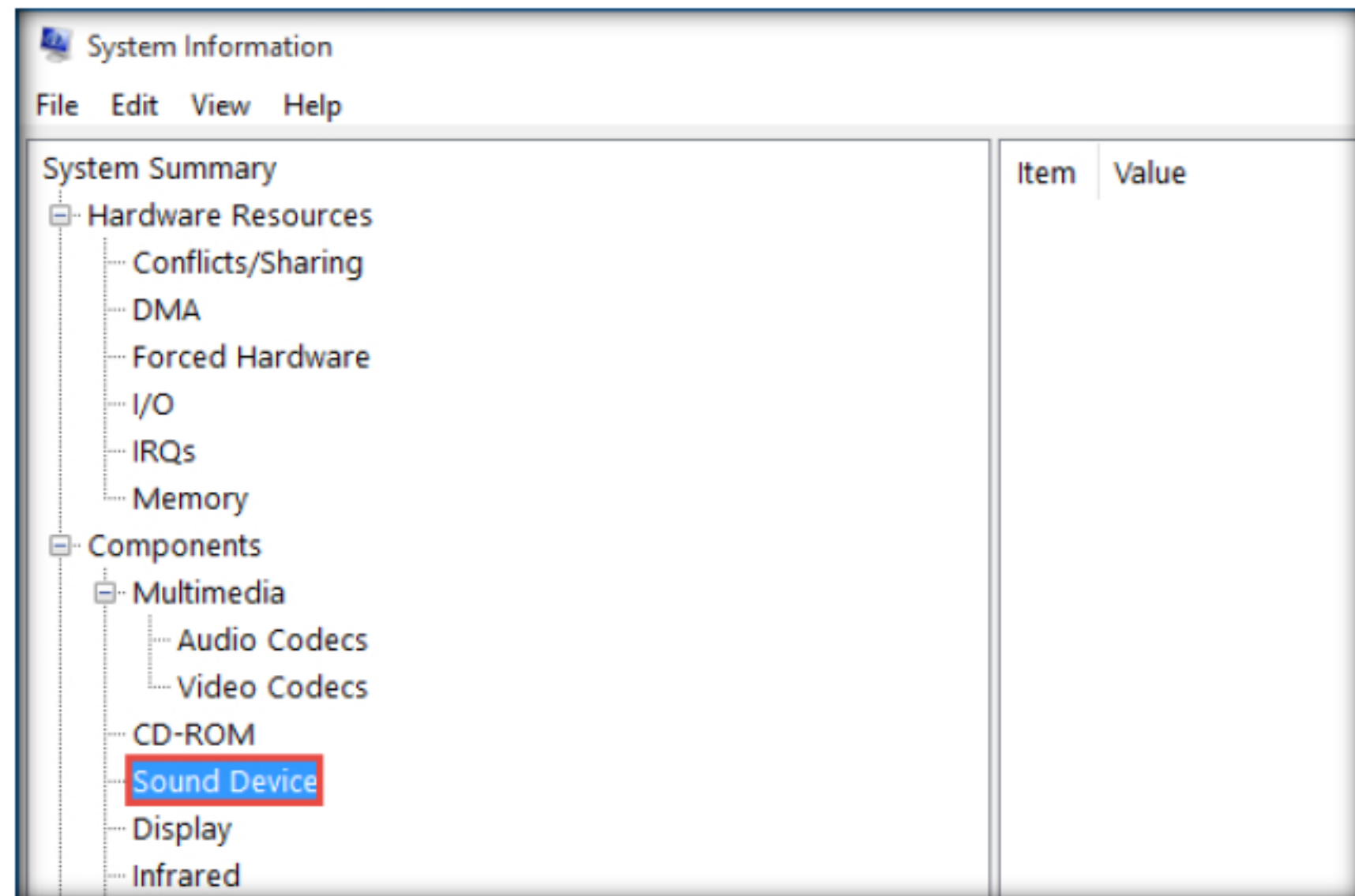


FIGURE 8.11: Sound Device Information

19. The next subsection is **Display**. It shows the name and Device ID, the type of adapter, an adapter description and RAM allocated to adapter.

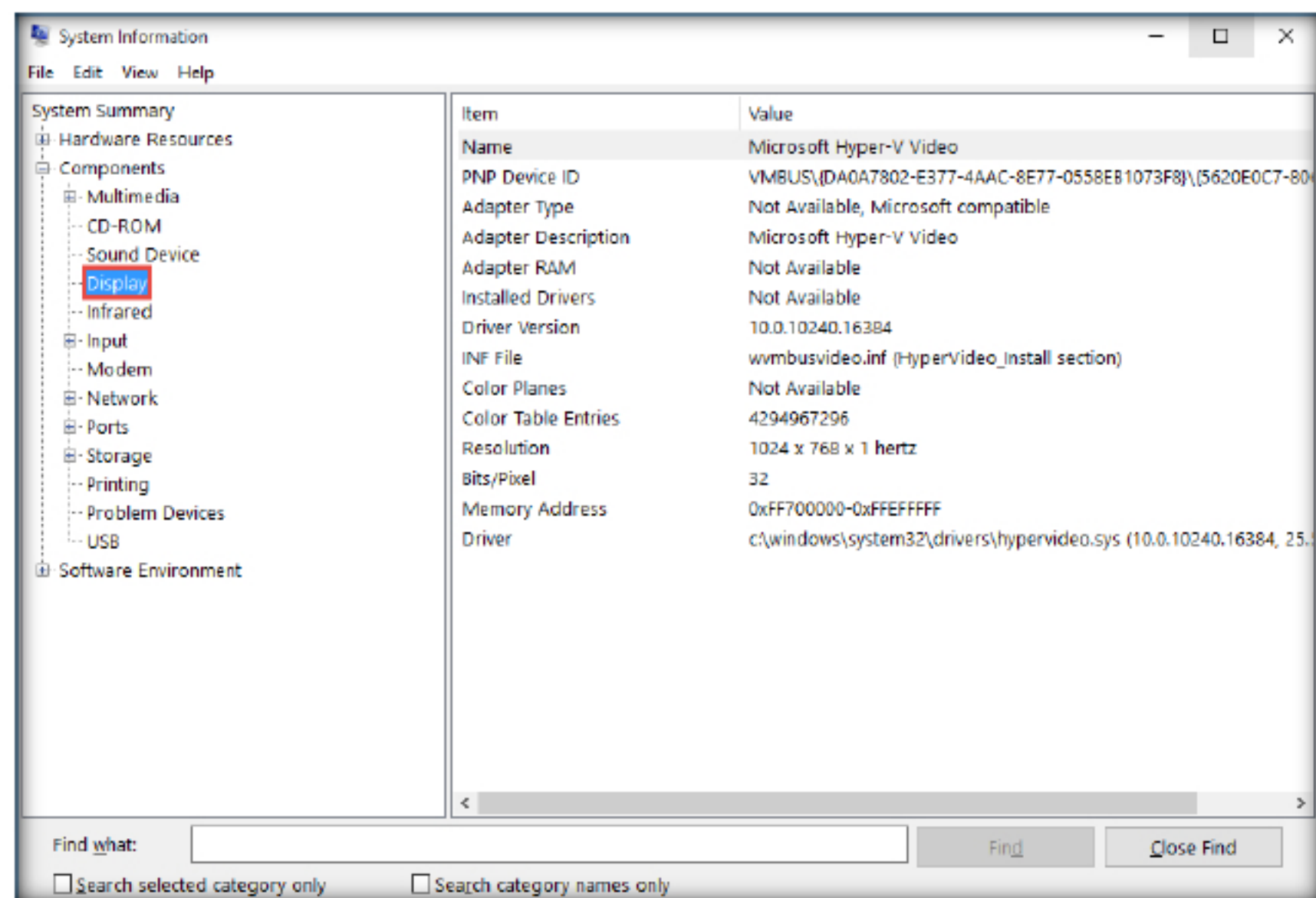


FIGURE 8.12: Display Settings Information

20. Next is **Infrared**, since this is not supported it is left without any details.

21. The **Input** subsection is next. It is made up of two parts. **Keyboard** and **Pointing Devices**. The **Keyboard** subsection is provided below:

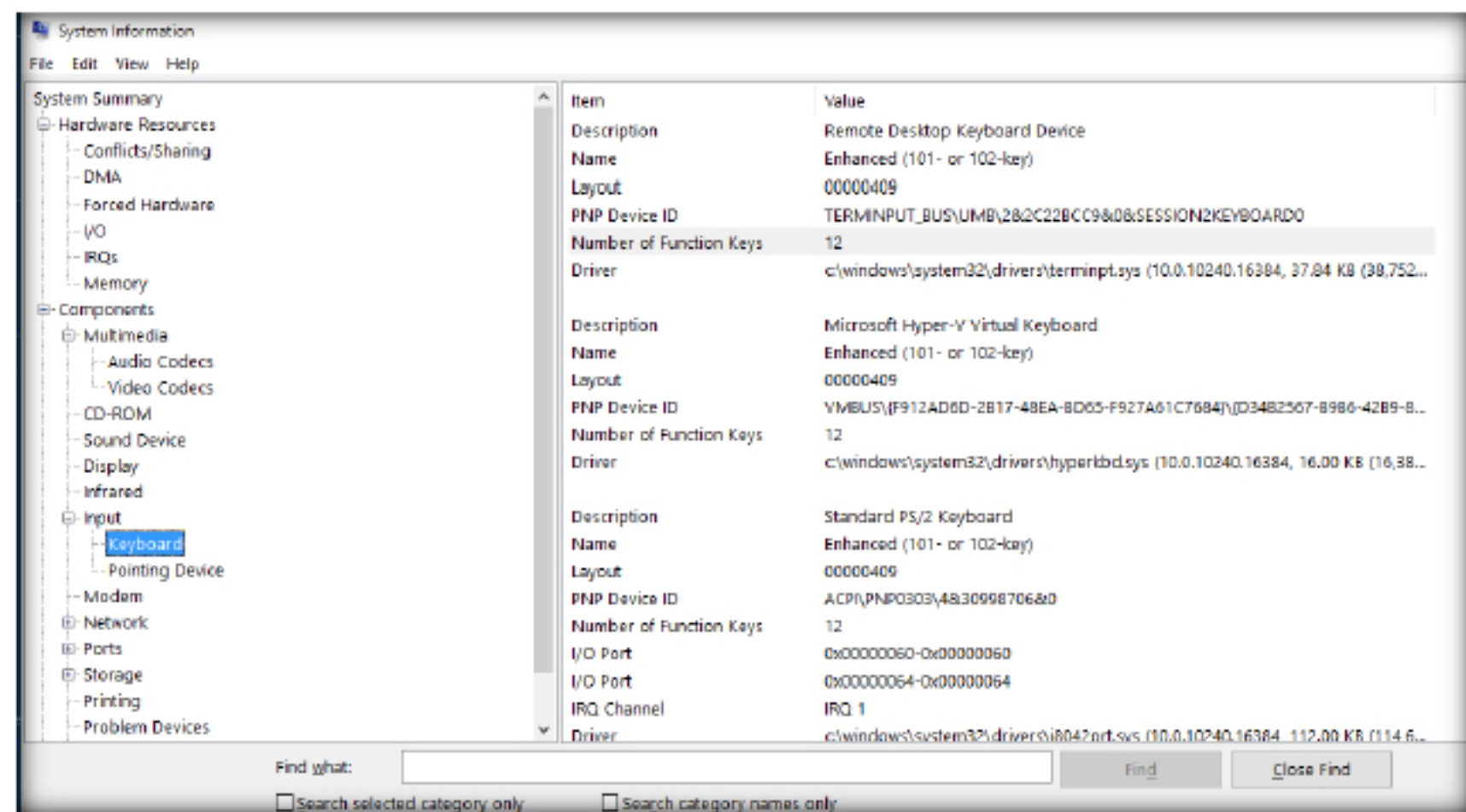


FIGURE 8.13: Keyboard Settings Information

22. The **Pointing Device** (mouse) shows the Hardware type (USB) used to connect the device to the PC. The next section shows the name and layout of the pointing device.

The keyboard shows various information viz the description which is the mode of connection USB port, name and layout of the keyboard, PnP ID and no. of functional keys and finally the drivers location

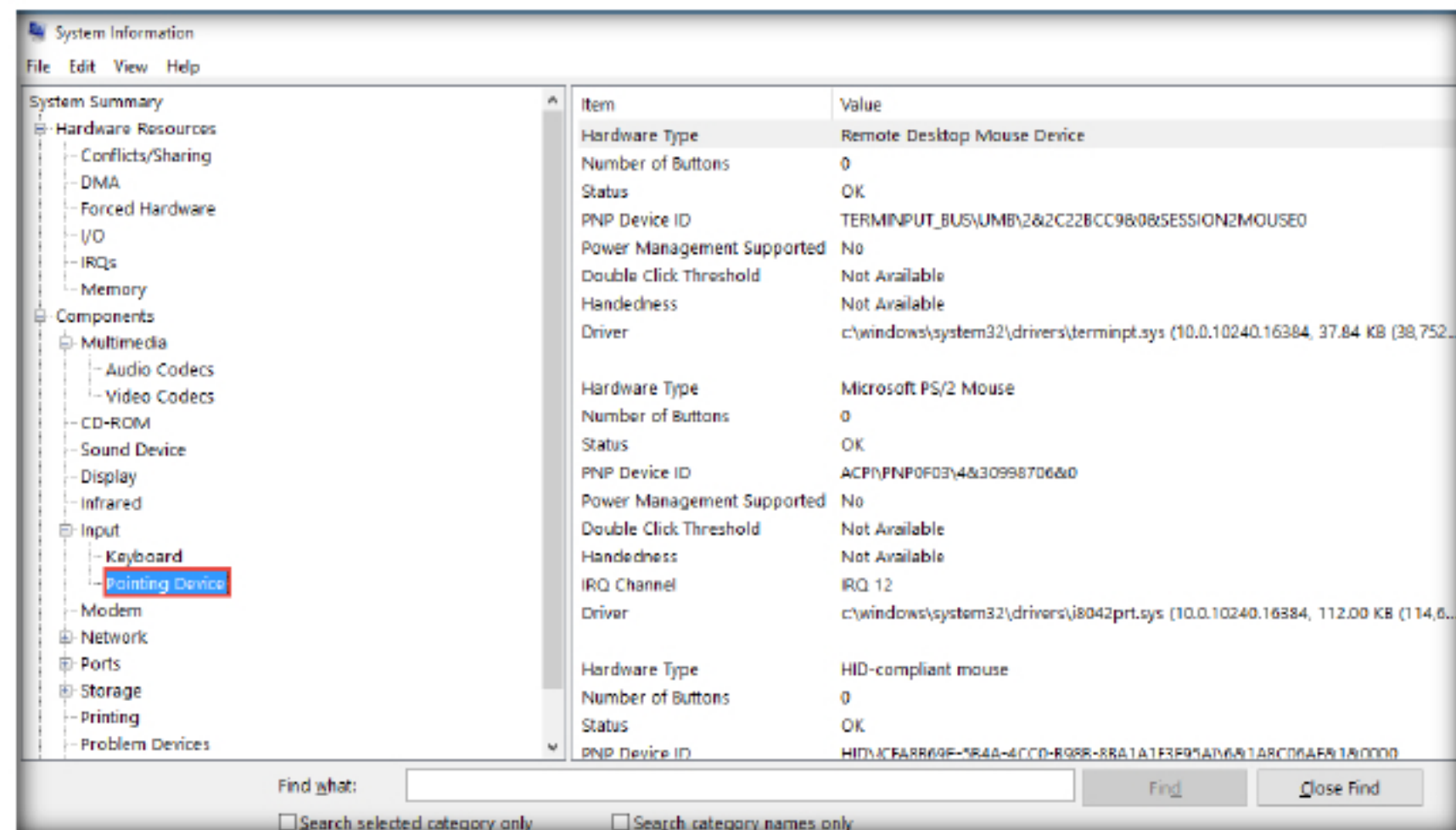


FIGURE 8.14: Pointing Device Information

23. The **Modem** subsection is empty since no Modem is currently used on the device.

24. The Network subsection is made of three parts. First is the **Network Adapter**.

It shows information like Name and type of adapter, if its installed or not and the PnP ID.

The last reset, shows the date and the time it was last reset. Indexed values are shown in the next section. Next is service name.

Network adapter's IP address, subnet mask and default gateway are showcased in next section. It is followed by the DHCP details and MAC address of the adapter.

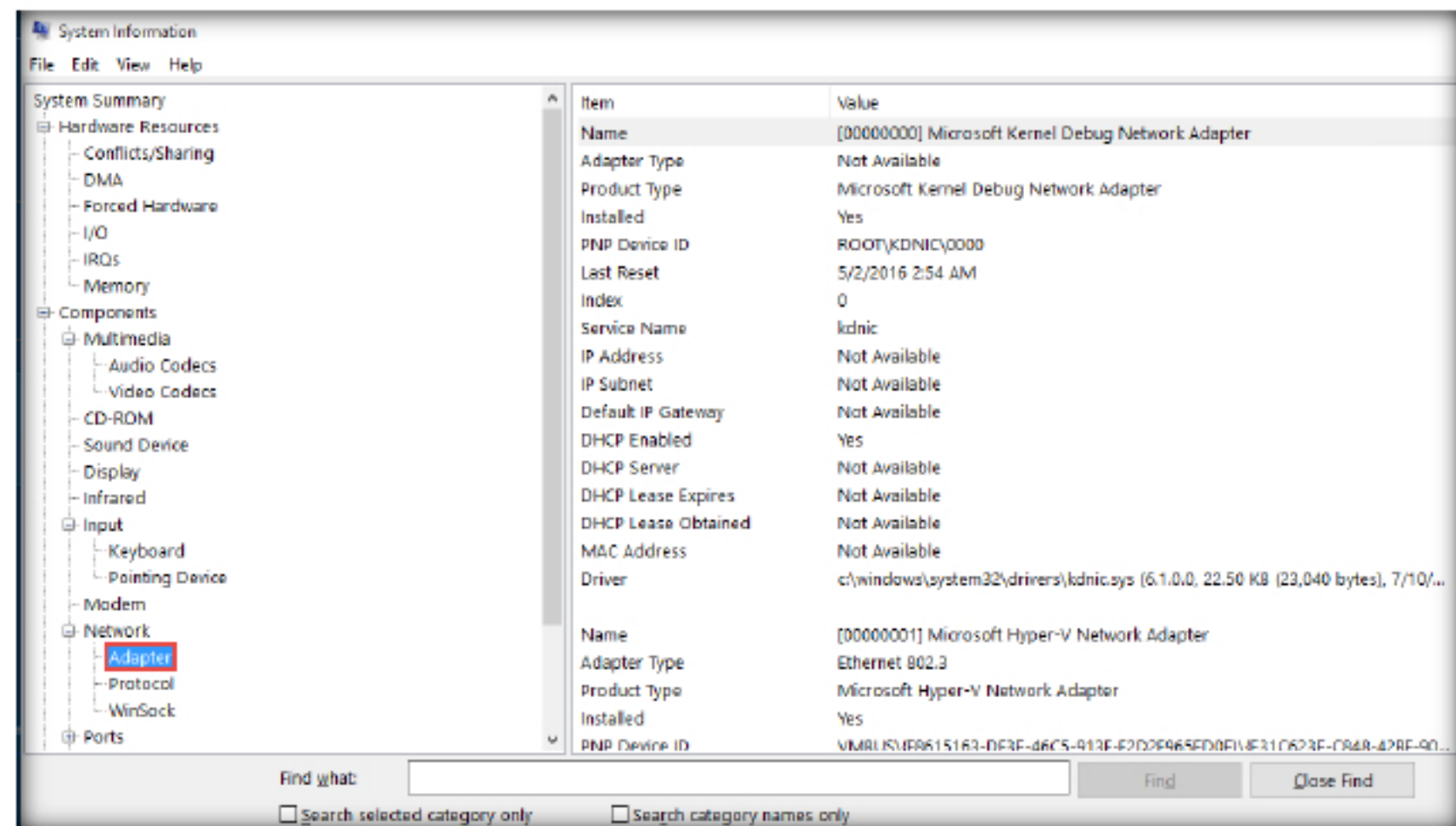


FIGURE 8.15: Adapter Information

25. The next network subsection is **Protocol**. It shows the name of the protocol. It also shows if the protocol is connectionless or not, and it guarantees the delivery and sequencing of the message.

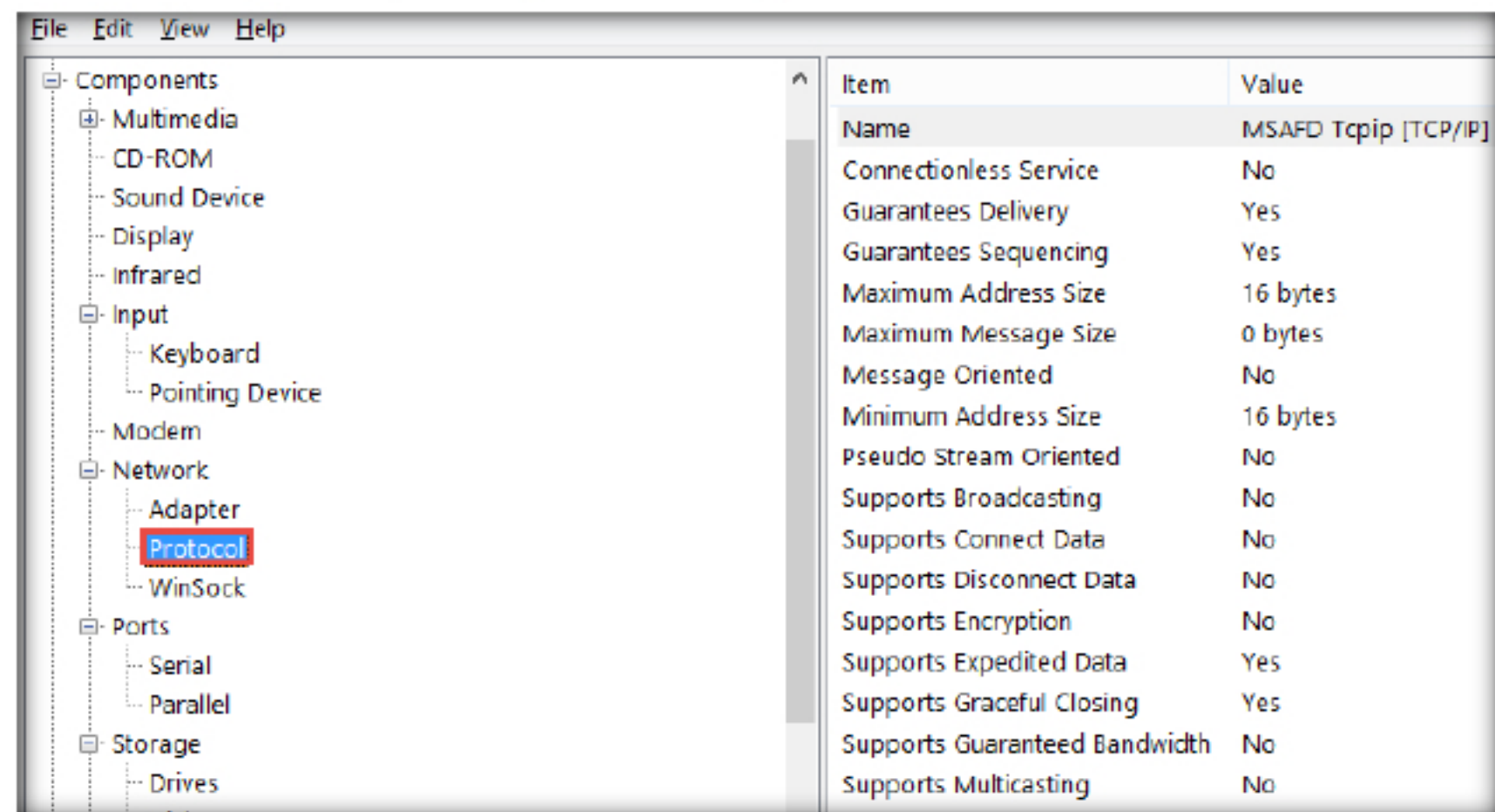


FIGURE 8.16: Protocol Information

26. The third subsection is **Winsock**, which is a programming support interface to handle input/output requests.

27. In **Winsock** the fields described are file location, size of program, and version of the program.

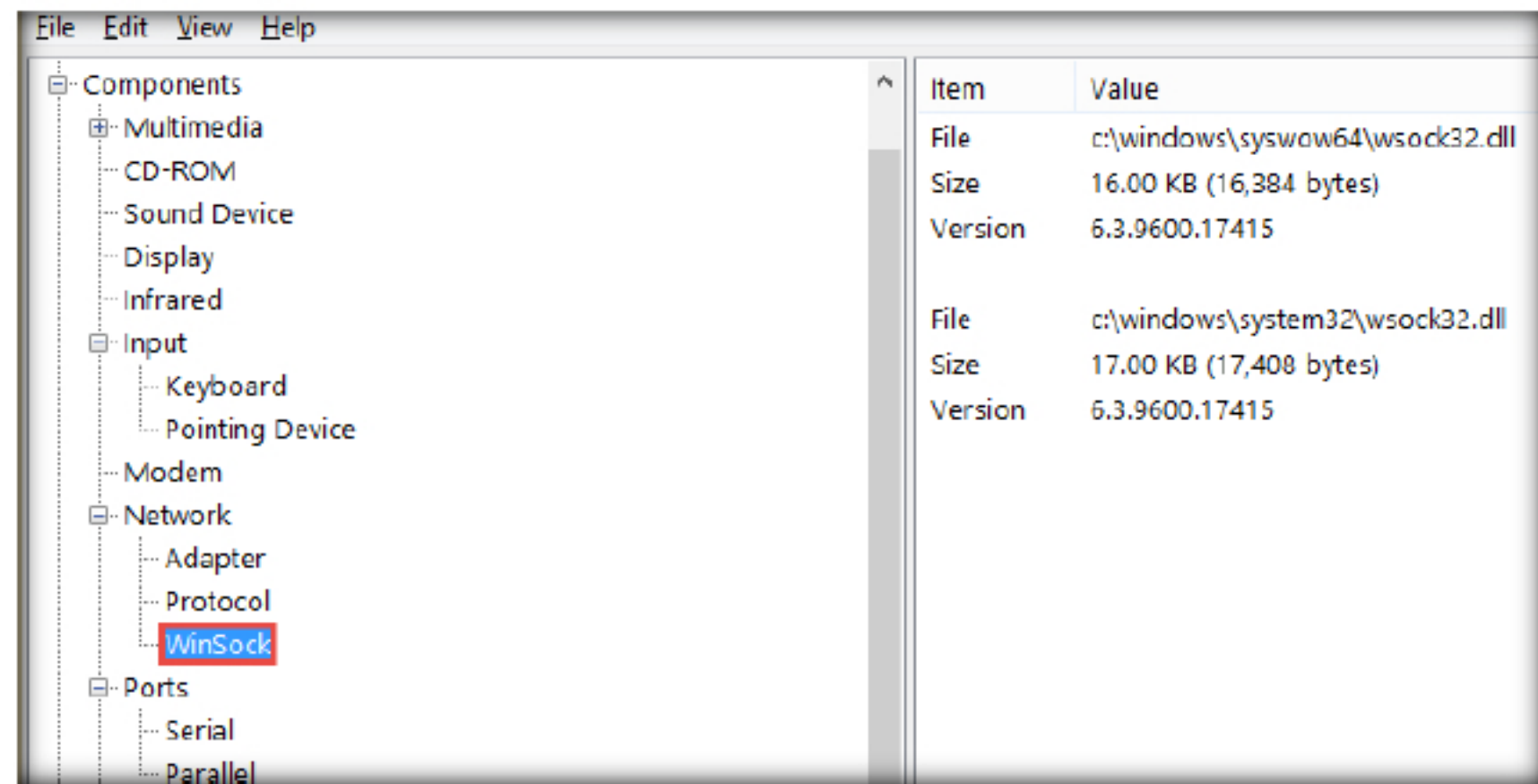


FIGURE 8.17: WinSock Information

28. The **Ports** subsection describes the **Serial** and **Parallel** ports present on the system.
29. The **Serial** ports display the **Name** of the attached device, **Status**, **PNP ID**, and other information.

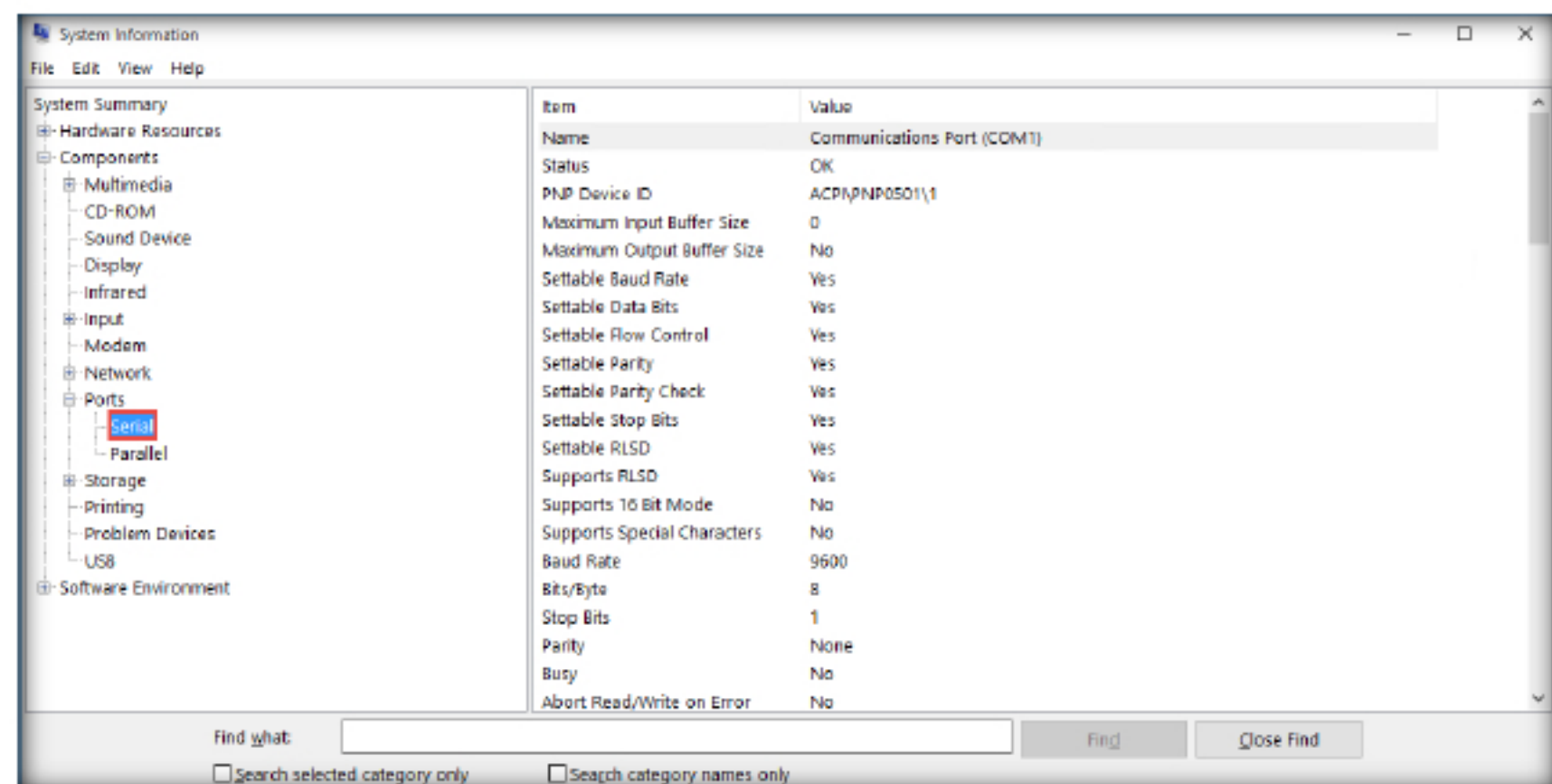


FIGURE 8.18: Serial Ports Information

SCSI provides details like name, manufacturer and current status of the device.

Furthermore, it provides details like PnP device ID and location where the Drivers are loaded.

30. The next subsection is **Storage**, which is further divided into four parts.

31. The first section in storage is **Drives**. The drives provide the name and a short description of the drive.

Disks describe the bytes/sector stored on the disk and if the disk is currently loaded in the system or not. The media type describes if the disk is permanent or not.

The partitions show the number of partitions on the disk and SCSI shows the SCSI's bus, logical unit, port and target ID.

Sectors per track describes the number of sectors present per track on the disk.

The total cylinders, sectors and tracks are shown in the next sector, followed by the number of tracks per cylinder present.

The final sub section describes every partition size and the offset at which it starts.

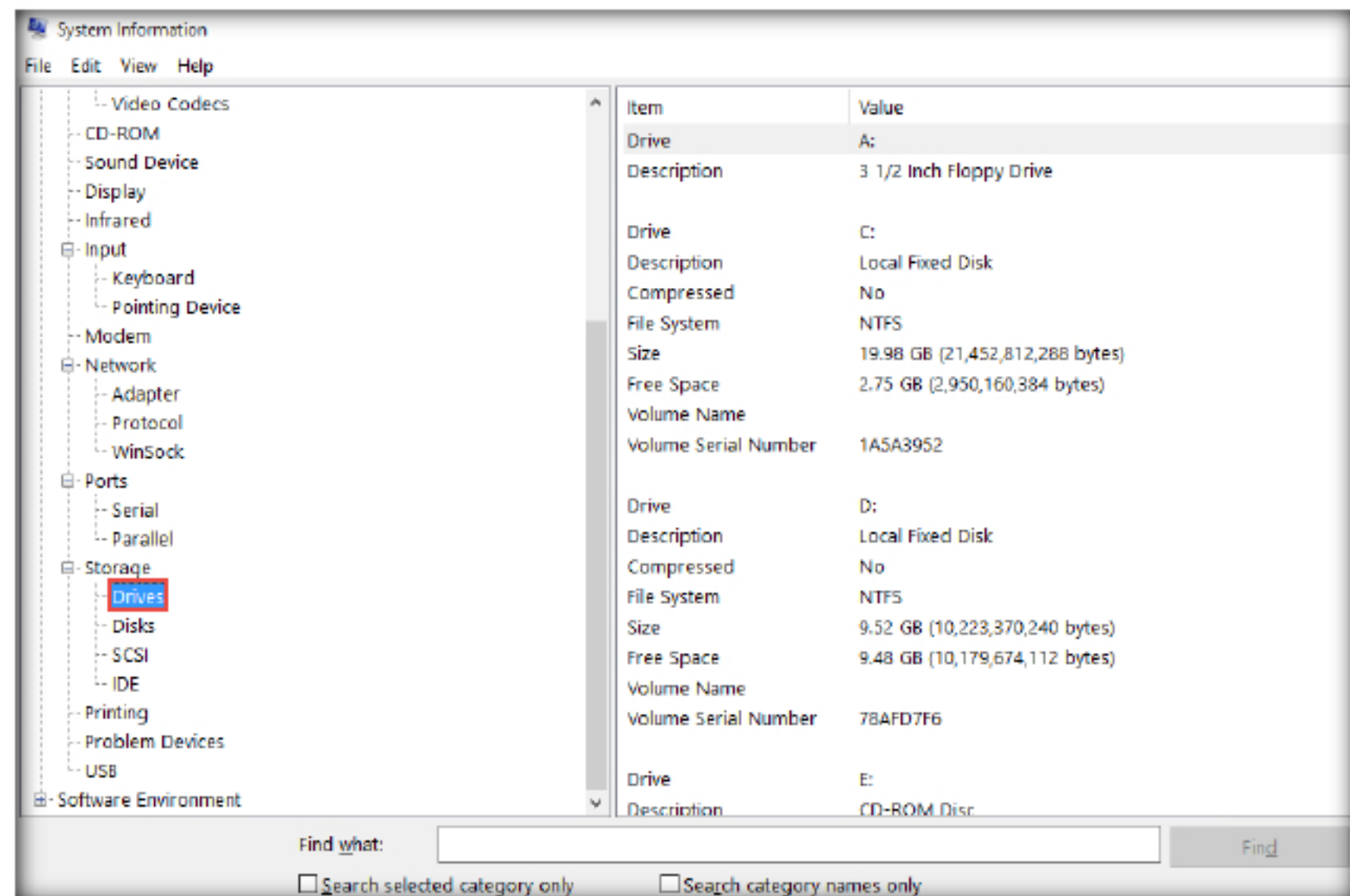


FIGURE 8.19: Available Drives Information

32. The second subsection under storage is **Disks**. It consists of description, manufacturer name and model number for the disks.

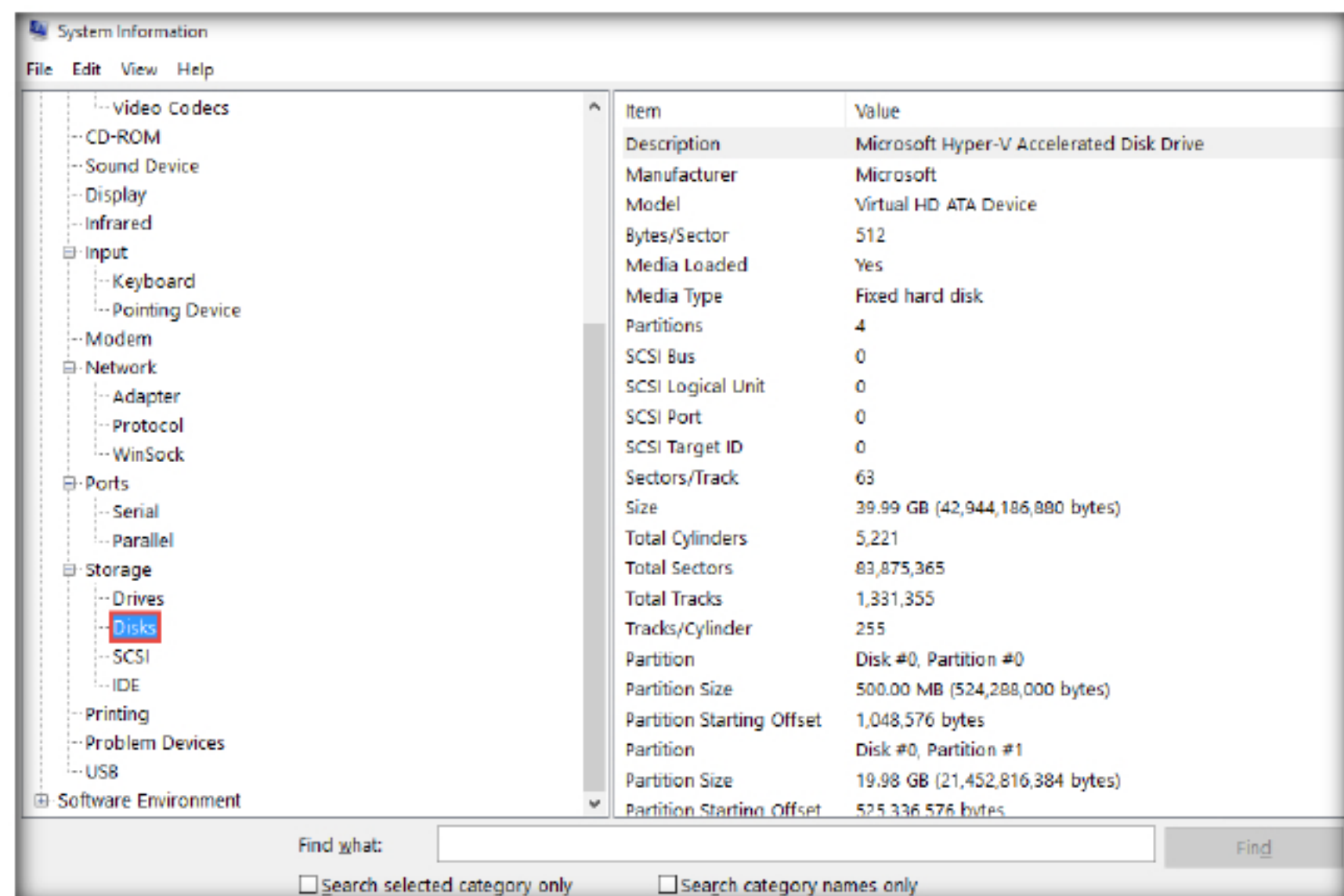


FIGURE 8.20: Available Disks Information

33. **SCSI** is the next subsection under storage. It is a standard parallel interface which enables the attachment of printers, disk drives, and other peripheral standards.

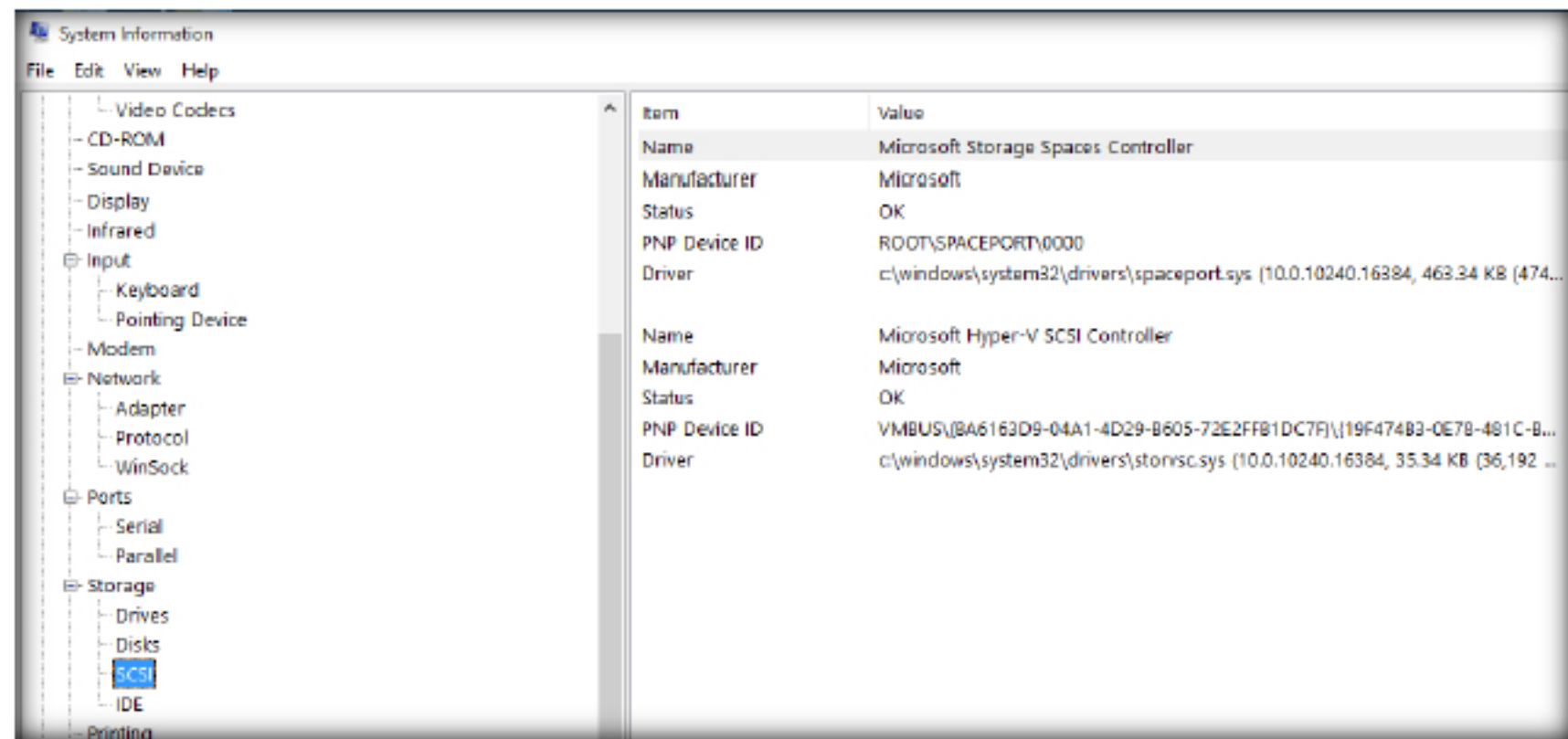


FIGURE 8.21: SCSI Storage Information

34. **IDE** (Integrated Development Environment) is the fourth subsection and it provides a set of comprehensive facilities to programmers which assist them in software development.

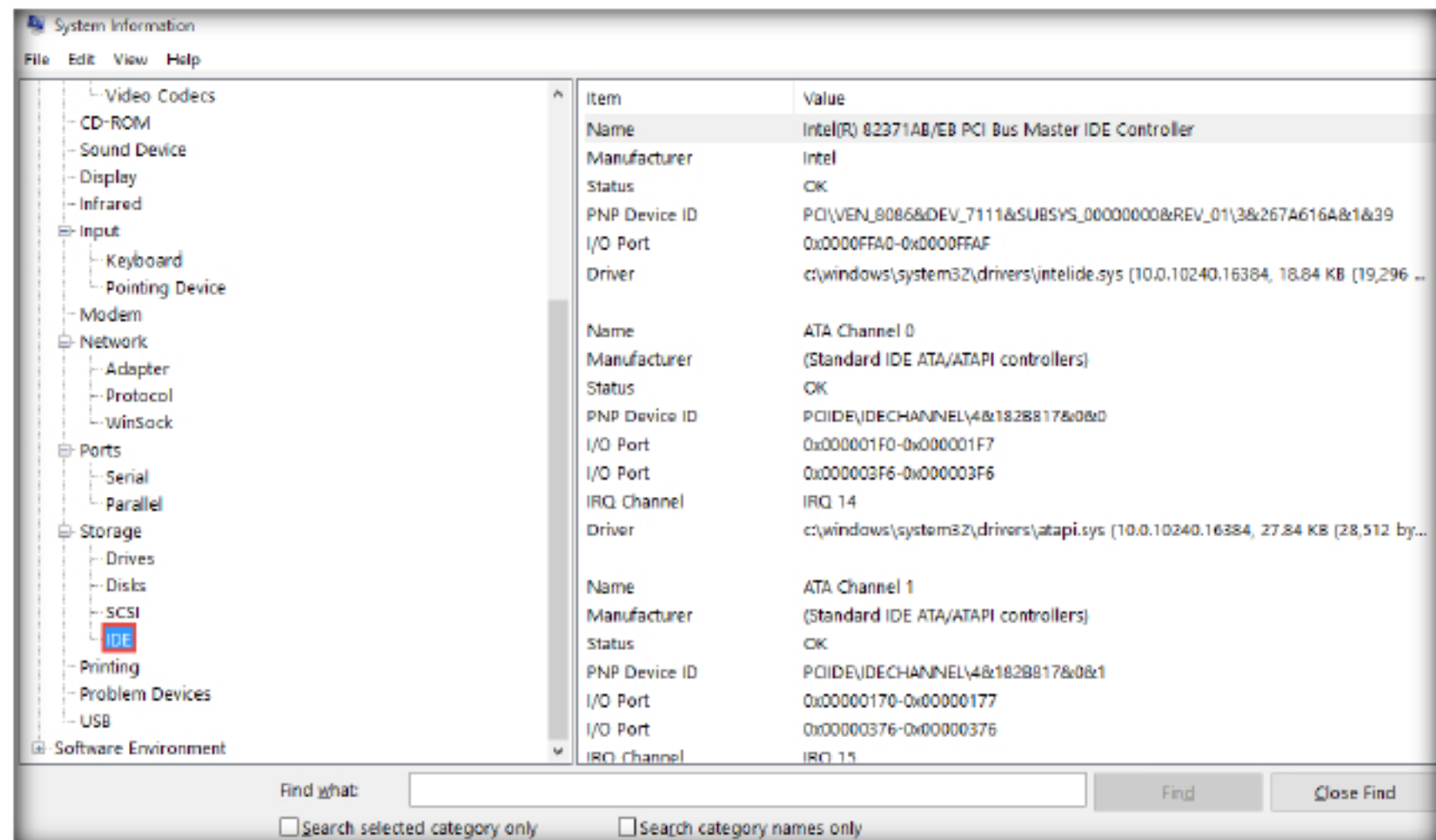


FIGURE 8.22: IDE Information

35. Next is the **Printing** subsection. It describes the printing devices **Name**, **Driver**, **Port Name**, and **Server Name**.

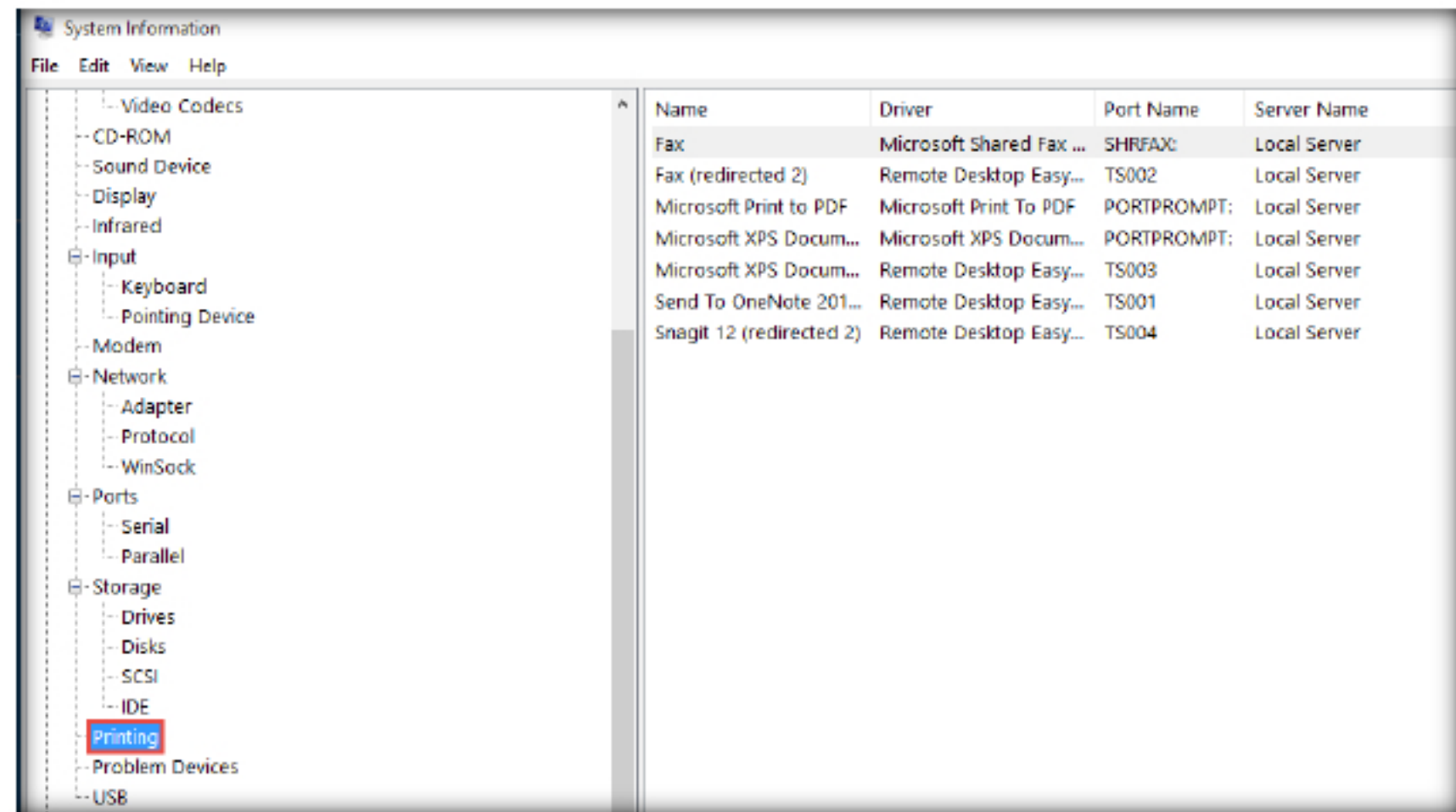


FIGURE 8.23: Printing Information

36. The **Problem Devices** appear when the hardware devices are facing issues. We can see the issue (error code) with the device.

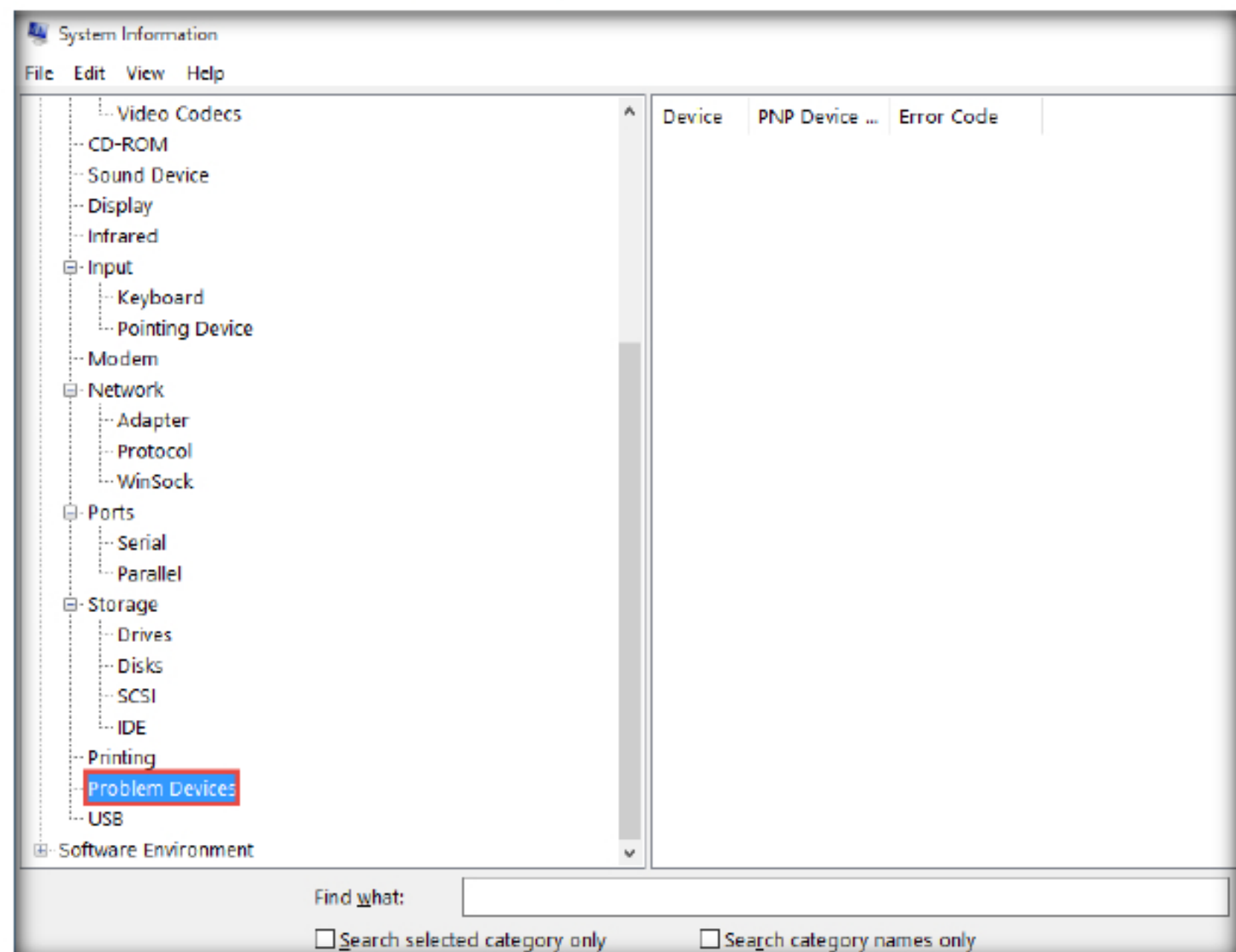


FIGURE 8.24: Problem Devices Information

37. The **USB** subsection which is currently empty, usually shows the USB port names and PNP ID's.

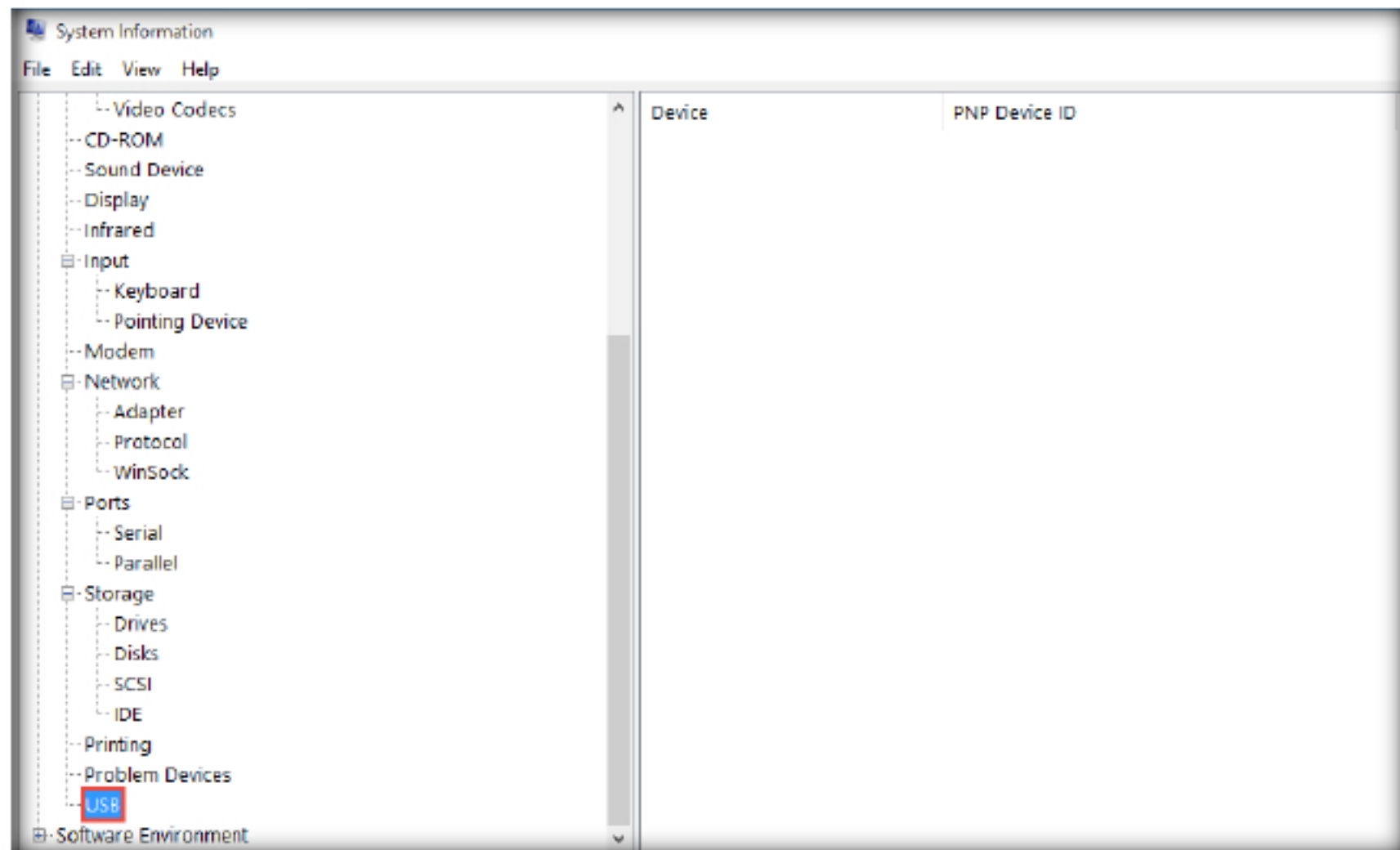


FIGURE 8.25: Available USB Ports Information

**TASK 4**

**Knowing the
software
configuration on
the system**

38. The next section is the **Software Environment** section. The first subsection is **System Drivers**.

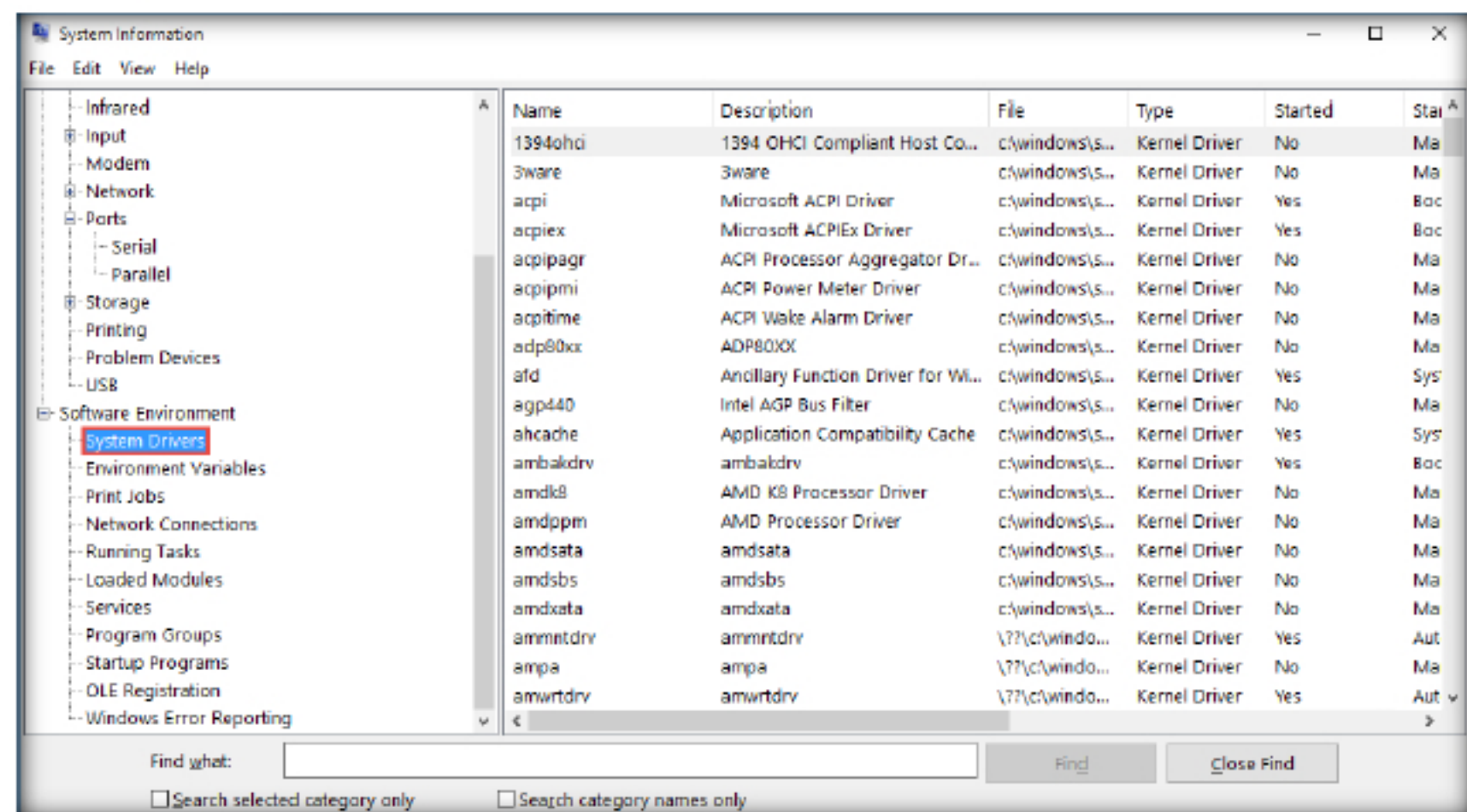
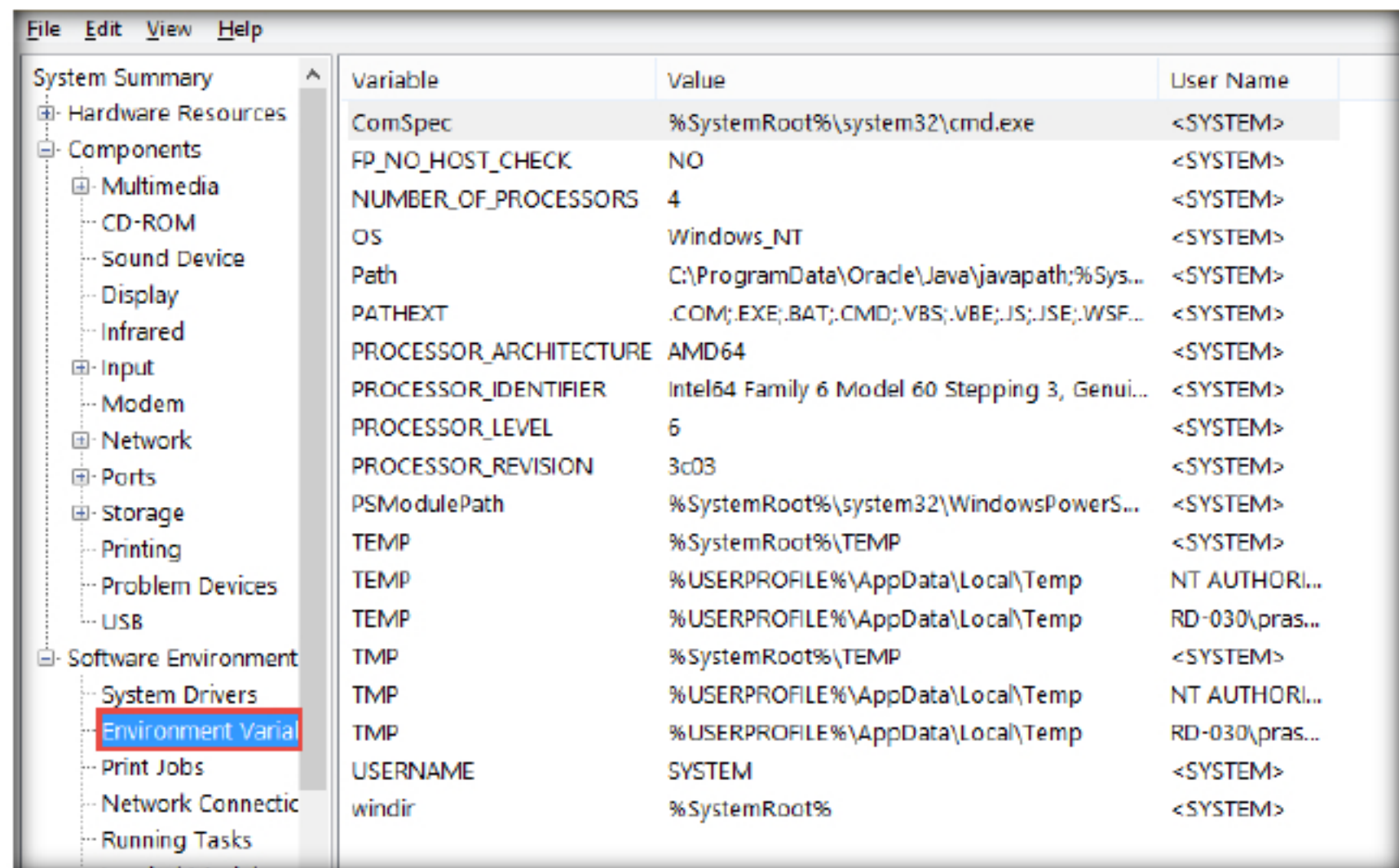


FIGURE 8.26: System Drivers Information

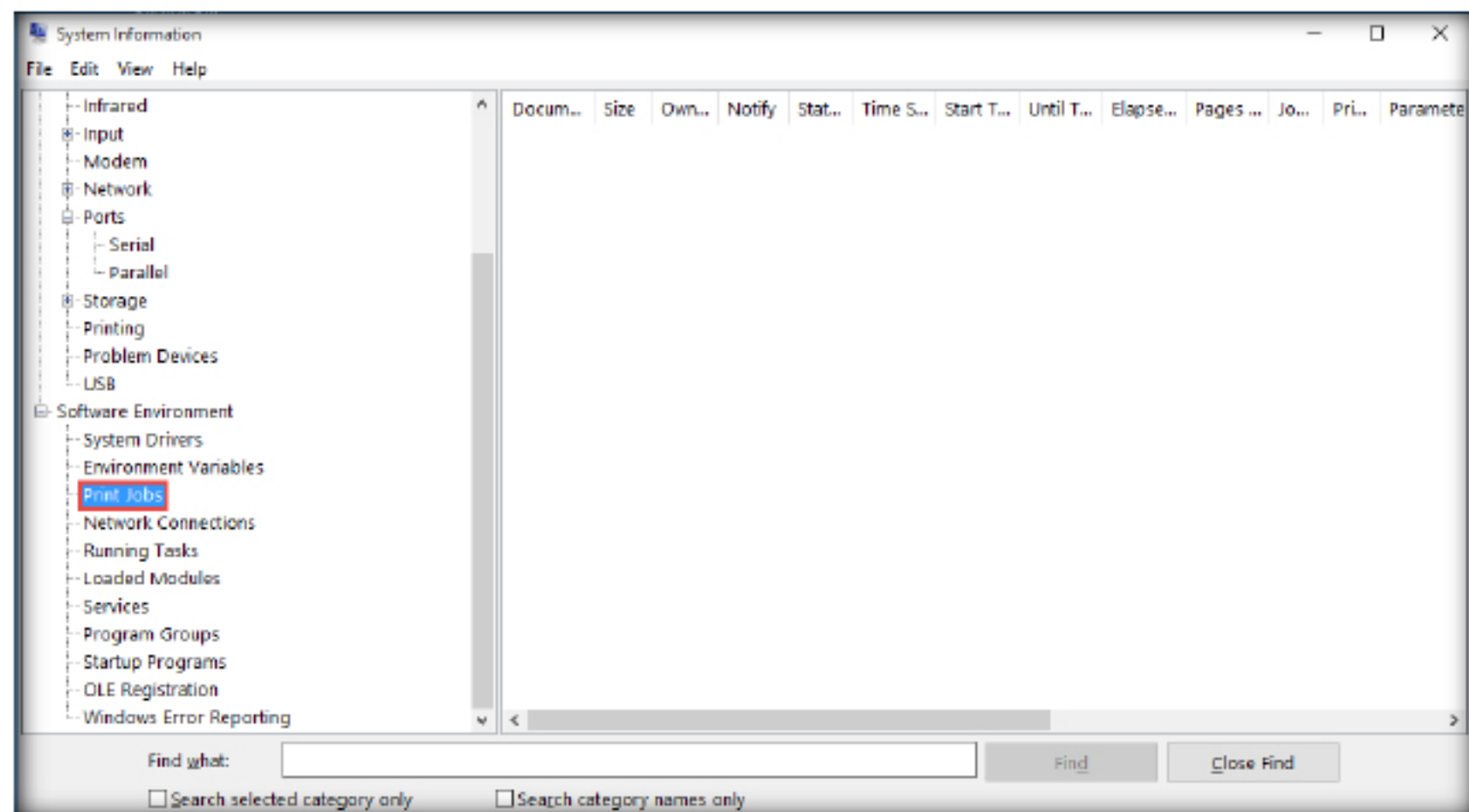
39. The next subsection is **Environment Variables**. These variables have an immense effect on how a process behaves on a computer. An environment variable can be user defined or system defined.



Variable	Value	User Name
ComSpec	%SystemRoot%\system32\cmd.exe	<SYSTEM>
FP_NO_HOST_CHECK	NO	<SYSTEM>
NUMBER_OF_PROCESSORS	4	<SYSTEM>
OS	Windows_NT	<SYSTEM>
Path	C:\ProgramData\Oracle\Java\javapath;%Sys...	<SYSTEM>
PATHEXT	.COM;.EXE;.BAT;.CMD;.VBS;.VBE;.JS;.JSE;.WSF...	<SYSTEM>
PROCESSOR_ARCHITECTURE	AMD64	<SYSTEM>
PROCESSOR_IDENTIFIER	Intel64 Family 6 Model 60 Stepping 3, Genui...	<SYSTEM>
PROCESSOR_LEVEL	6	<SYSTEM>
PROCESSOR_REVISION	3c03	<SYSTEM>
PSModulePath	%SystemRoot%\system32\WindowsPowerS...	<SYSTEM>
TEMP	%SystemRoot%\TEMP	<SYSTEM>
TEMP	%USERPROFILE%\AppData\Local\Temp	NT AUTHORI...
TEMP	%USERPROFILE%\AppData\Local\Temp	RD-030\pras...
TMP	%SystemRoot%\TEMP	<SYSTEM>
TMP	%USERPROFILE%\AppData\Local\Temp	NT AUTHORI...
TMP	%USERPROFILE%\AppData\Local\Temp	RD-030\pras...
USERNAME	SYSTEM	<SYSTEM>
windir	%SystemRoot%	<SYSTEM>

FIGURE 8.27: Environment Variables Information

40. The next subsection is Print Jobs. It describes the document name, size, its owner, whom to be notified, and current status.



Docum...	Size	Own...	Notify	Stat...	Time S...	Start T...	Until T...	Elapse...	Pages ...	Jo...	Pri...	Paramete

FIGURE 8.28: Print Jobs Information

41. Following Print Jobs is the **Network Connections** subsection. It generally shows NAS devices attached to the network.

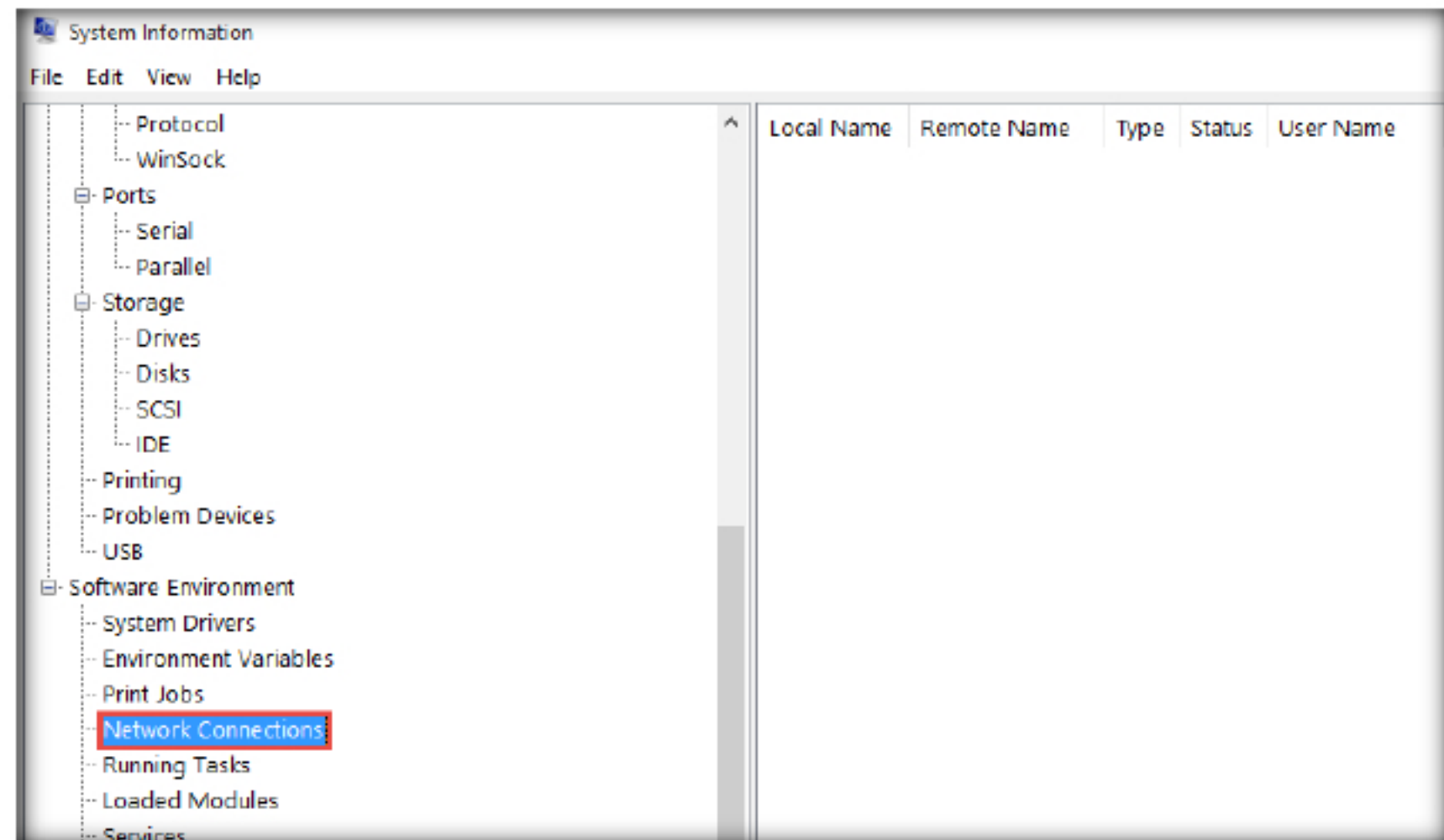


FIGURE 8.29: Network Connection Information

42. The next section shows the **Running Tasks** on the system.

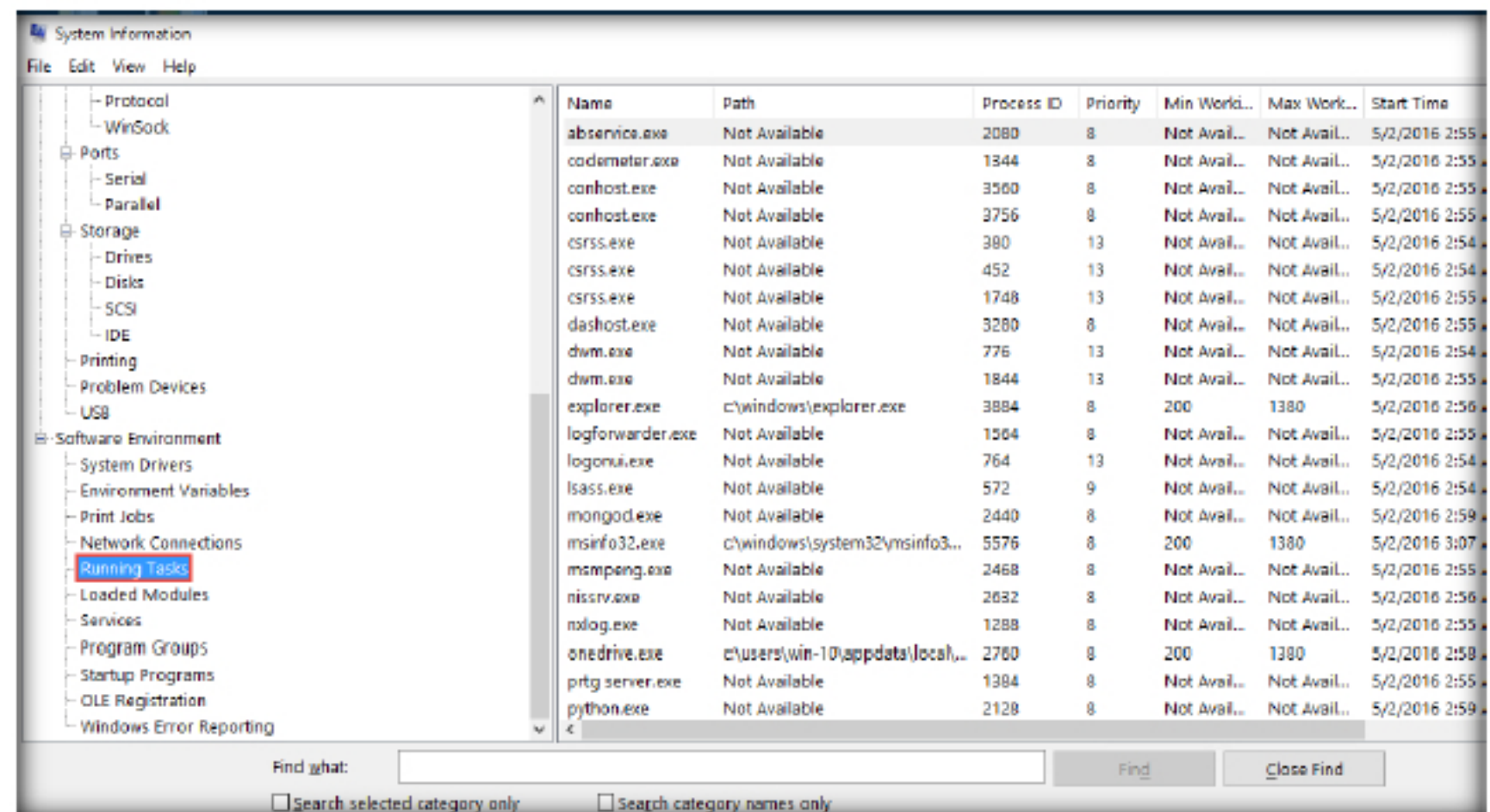
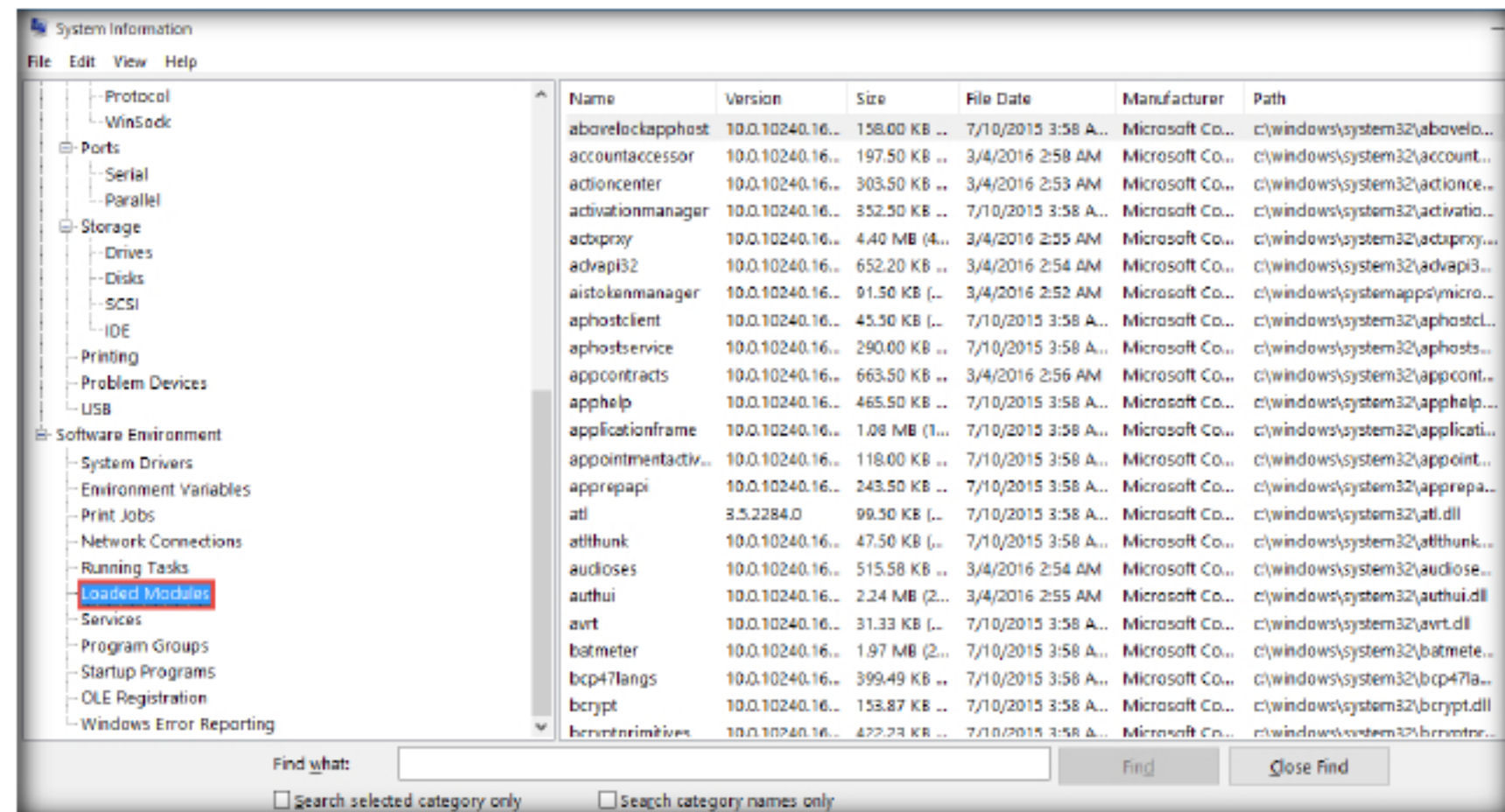


FIGURE 8.30: Running Tasks Information

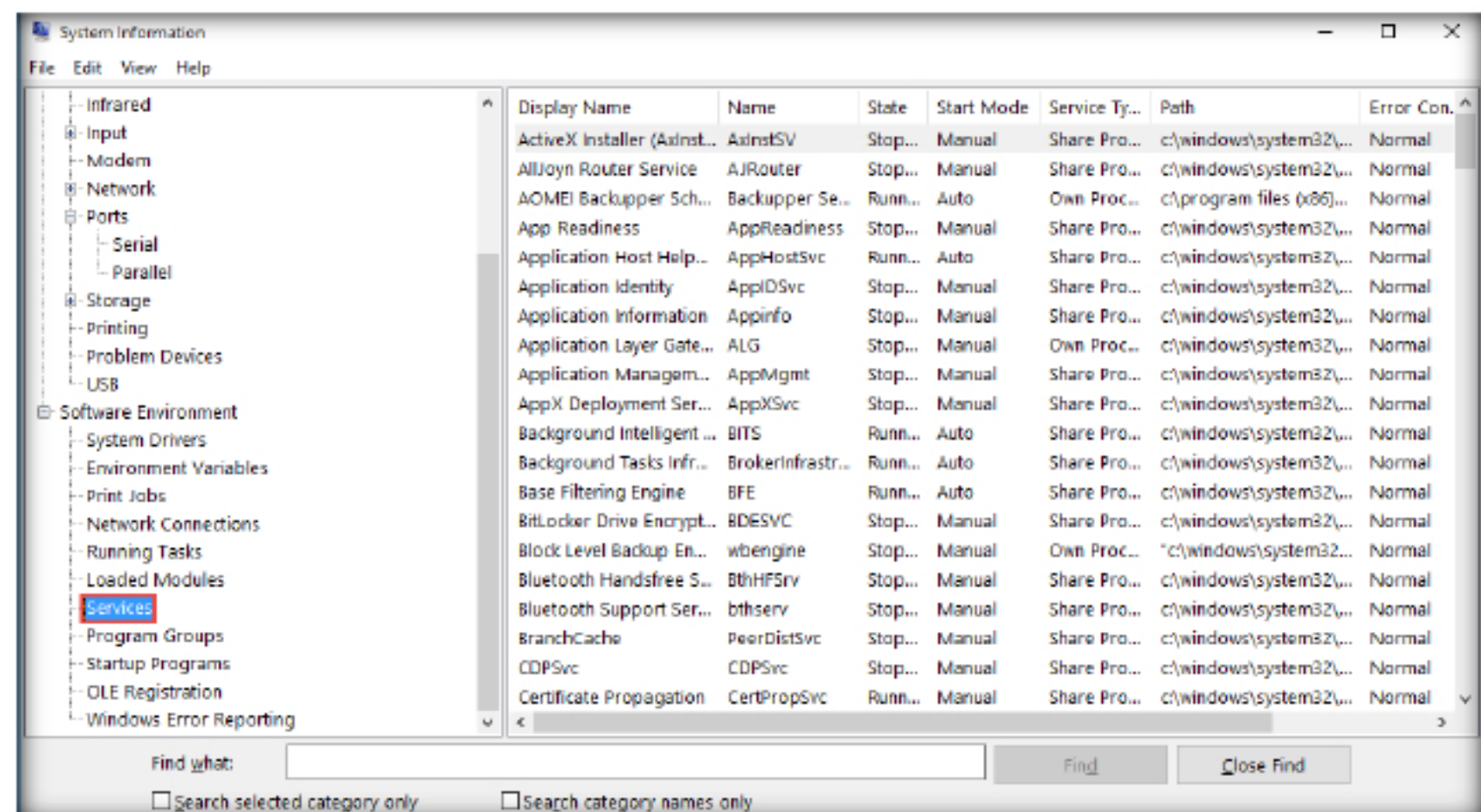
43. After that is **Loaded Modules**. It shows the name, version, and size of the module.



Name	Version	Size	File Date	Manufacturer	Path
aborelockapphost	10.0.10240.16...	158.00 KB	7/10/2015 3:58 A...	Microsoft Co...	c:\windows\system32\aborelo...
accountaccessor	10.0.10240.16...	197.50 KB	3/4/2016 2:58 AM	Microsoft Co...	c:\windows\system32\account...
actioncenter	10.0.10240.16...	303.50 KB	3/4/2016 2:53 AM	Microsoft Co...	c:\windows\system32\actionce...
activationmanager	10.0.10240.16...	352.50 KB	7/10/2015 3:58 A...	Microsoft Co...	c:\windows\system32\activatio...
actxprxy	10.0.10240.16...	4.40 MB (4...	3/4/2016 2:55 AM	Microsoft Co...	c:\windows\system32\actxprxy...
advapi32	10.0.10240.16...	652.20 KB	3/4/2016 2:54 AM	Microsoft Co...	c:\windows\system32\advapi3...
aistokenmanager	10.0.10240.16...	91.50 KB	3/4/2016 2:52 AM	Microsoft Co...	c:\windows\systemapps\micro...
aphostclient	10.0.10240.16...	45.50 KB	7/10/2015 3:58 A...	Microsoft Co...	c:\windows\system32\aphostcl...
aphostservice	10.0.10240.16...	290.00 KB	7/10/2015 3:58 A...	Microsoft Co...	c:\windows\system32\aphosts...
appcontracts	10.0.10240.16...	663.50 KB	3/4/2016 2:56 AM	Microsoft Co...	c:\windows\system32\appcont...
apphelp	10.0.10240.16...	465.50 KB	7/10/2015 3:58 A...	Microsoft Co...	c:\windows\system32\apphelp...
applicationframe	10.0.10240.16...	1.08 MB (1...	7/10/2015 3:58 A...	Microsoft Co...	c:\windows\system32\applicati...
appointmentactiv...	10.0.10240.16...	118.00 KB	7/10/2015 3:58 A...	Microsoft Co...	c:\windows\system32\appoint...
apprepapi	10.0.10240.16...	243.50 KB	7/10/2015 3:58 A...	Microsoft Co...	c:\windows\system32\apprepa...
atl	3.5.2284.0	99.50 KB	7/10/2015 3:58 A...	Microsoft Co...	c:\windows\system32\atl.dll
atlthunk	10.0.10240.16...	47.50 KB	7/10/2015 3:58 A...	Microsoft Co...	c:\windows\system32\atlthunk...
audioses	10.0.10240.16...	515.58 KB	3/4/2016 2:54 AM	Microsoft Co...	c:\windows\system32\audiose...
authui	10.0.10240.16...	2.24 MB (2...	3/4/2016 2:55 AM	Microsoft Co...	c:\windows\system32\authui.dll
avrt	10.0.10240.16...	31.33 KB	7/10/2015 3:58 A...	Microsoft Co...	c:\windows\system32\avrt.dll
batmeter	10.0.10240.16...	1.97 MB (2...	7/10/2015 3:58 A...	Microsoft Co...	c:\windows\system32\batmete...
bcp47langs	10.0.10240.16...	399.49 KB	7/10/2015 3:58 A...	Microsoft Co...	c:\windows\system32\bcp47la...
bcrypt	10.0.10240.16...	153.87 KB	7/10/2015 3:58 A...	Microsoft Co...	c:\windows\system32\bcrypt.dll
bcryptprimitives	10.0.10240.16...	472.23 KB	7/10/2015 3:58 A...	Microsoft Co...	c:\windows\system32\bcrypt...

FIGURE 8.31: Loaded Modules Information

44. Next up is the **Services** running on the computer. It shows the name and display name of the service, its current state, and start mode.



Display Name	Name	State	Start Mode	Service Ty...	Path	Error Con...
ActiveX Installer (Axinst...	AxinstSV	Stop...	Manual	Share Pro...	c:\windows\system32\...	Normal
AllJoyn Router Service	AJRouter	Stop...	Manual	Share Pro...	c:\windows\system32\...	Normal
AOMEI Backupper Sch...	Backupper Se...	Runn...	Auto	Own Proc...	c:\program files (x86)...	Normal
App Readiness	AppReadiness	Stop...	Manual	Share Pro...	c:\windows\system32\...	Normal
Application Host Help...	AppHostSvc	Runn...	Auto	Share Pro...	c:\windows\system32\...	Normal
Application Identity	AppIDSvc	Stop...	Manual	Share Pro...	c:\windows\system32\...	Normal
Application Information	AppInfo	Stop...	Manual	Share Pro...	c:\windows\system32\...	Normal
Application Layer Gate...	ALG	Stop...	Manual	Own Proc...	c:\windows\system32\...	Normal
Application Managem...	AppMgmt	Stop...	Manual	Share Pro...	c:\windows\system32\...	Normal
AppX Deployment Ser...	AppXSvc	Stop...	Manual	Share Pro...	c:\windows\system32\...	Normal
Background Intelligent ...	BITS	Runn...	Auto	Share Pro...	c:\windows\system32\...	Normal
Background Tasks Infr...	BrokerInfratr...	Runn...	Auto	Share Pro...	c:\windows\system32\...	Normal
Base Filtering Engine	BFE	Runn...	Auto	Share Pro...	c:\windows\system32\...	Normal
BitLocker Drive Encrypt...	BDESVC	Stop...	Manual	Share Pro...	c:\windows\system32\...	Normal
Block Level Backup En...	wbengine	Stop...	Manual	Own Proc...	c:\windows\system32\...	Normal
Bluetooth Handsfree S...	BthHFSrv	Stop...	Manual	Share Pro...	c:\windows\system32\...	Normal
Bluetooth Support Ser...	bthserv	Stop...	Manual	Share Pro...	c:\windows\system32\...	Normal
BranchCache	PeerDistSvc	Stop...	Manual	Share Pro...	c:\windows\system32\...	Normal
CDPSvc	CDPSvc	Stop...	Manual	Share Pro...	c:\windows\system32\...	Normal
Certificate Propagation	CertPropSvc	Runn...	Manual	Share Pro...	c:\windows\system32\...	Normal

FIGURE 8.32: Available Services Information

45. **Program Groups** is the next subsection. It has various start menu items grouped under programs. It shows the group name, name of the program and user name.

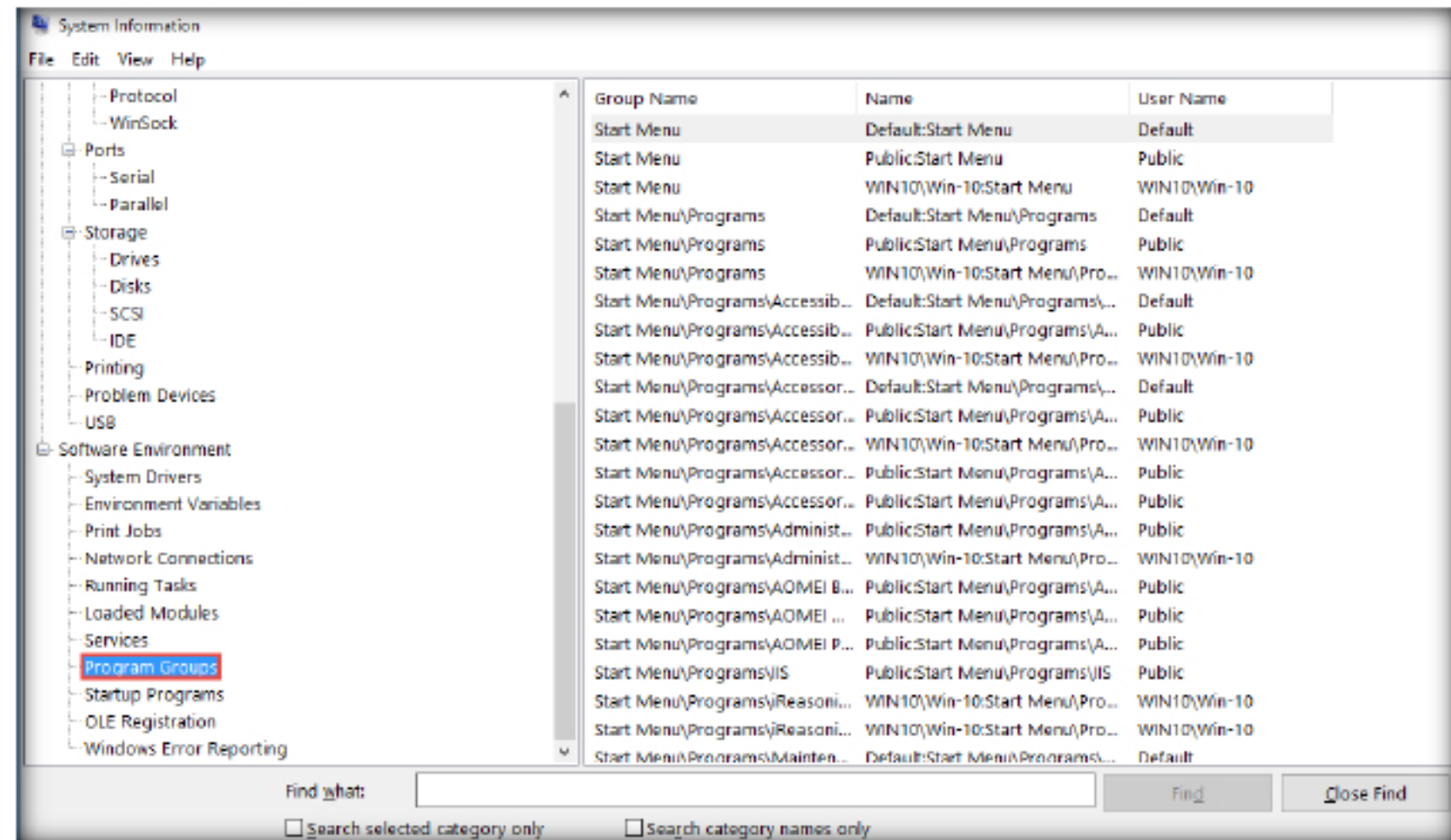


FIGURE 8.33: Program Groups Information

46. The **Startup Programs** shows a list of programs that auto start when the system starts.

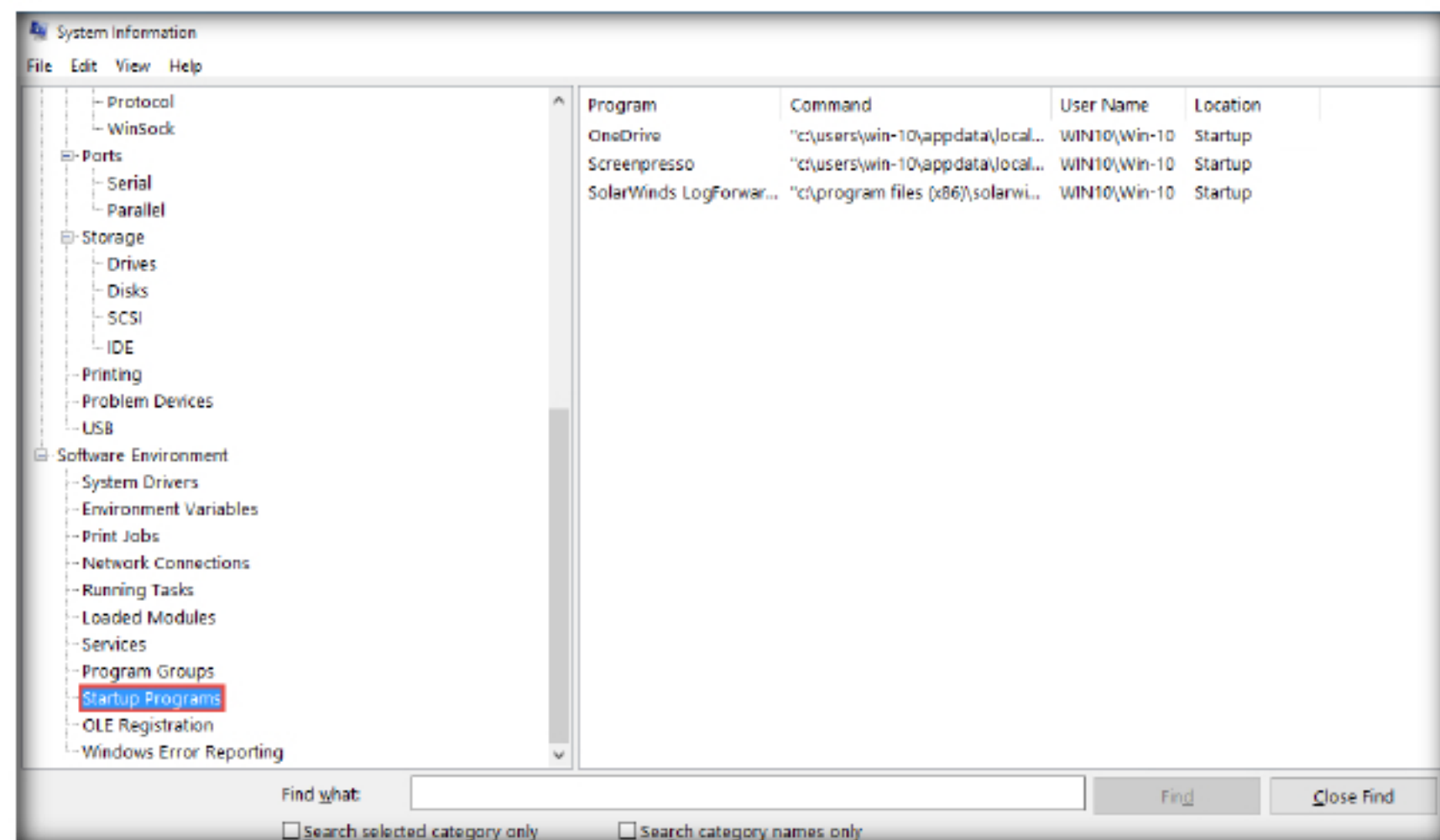


FIGURE 8.34: Startup Programs List Information

47. The next subsection is **OLE** (object linking and embedding) registration. It has information about components and their servers, which are registered as OLE programs.

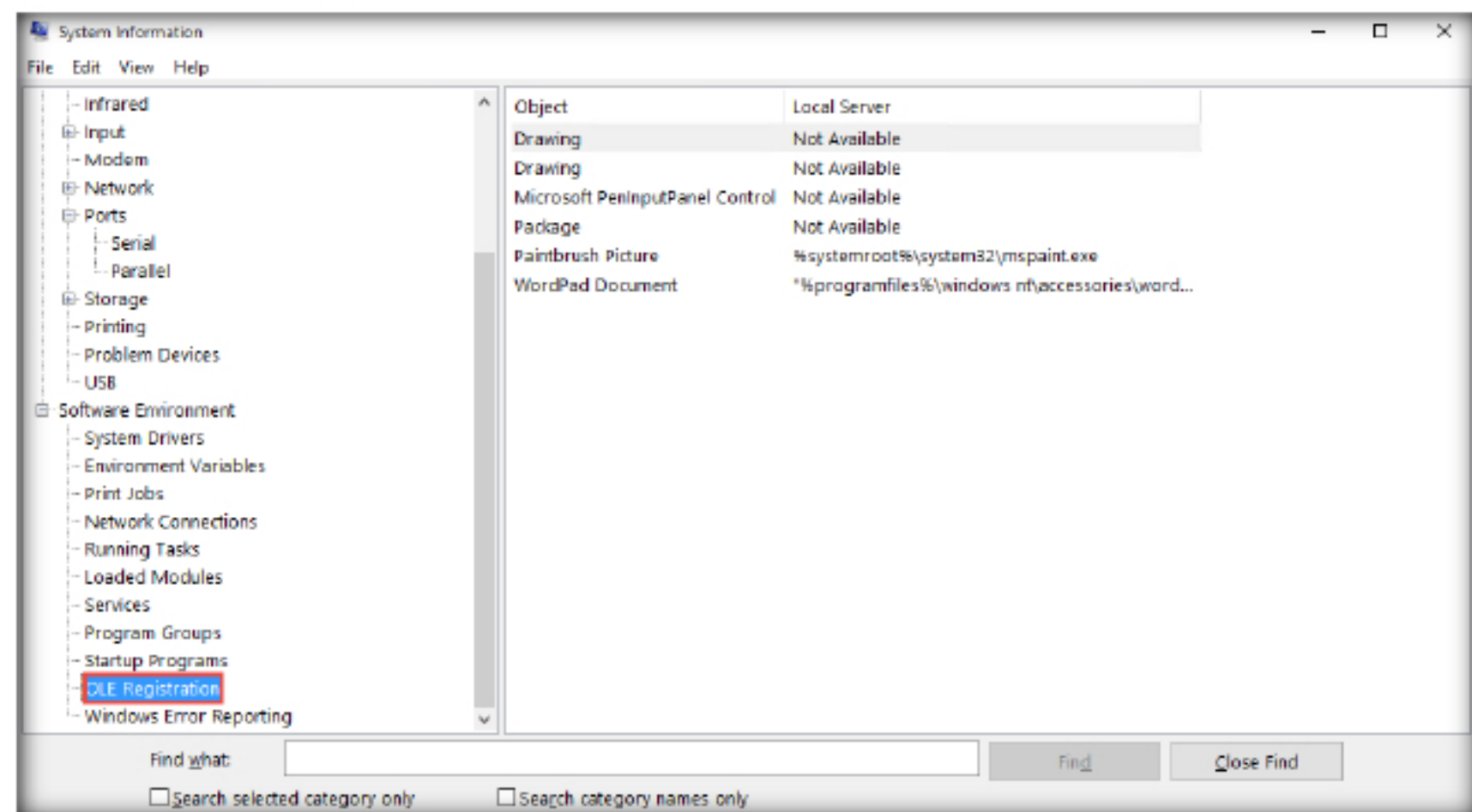


FIGURE 8.35: OLE Registration Information

48. The final subsection is **Windows Error Reporting**. It shows the date and the time an error occurs, type of error and the details of the error.

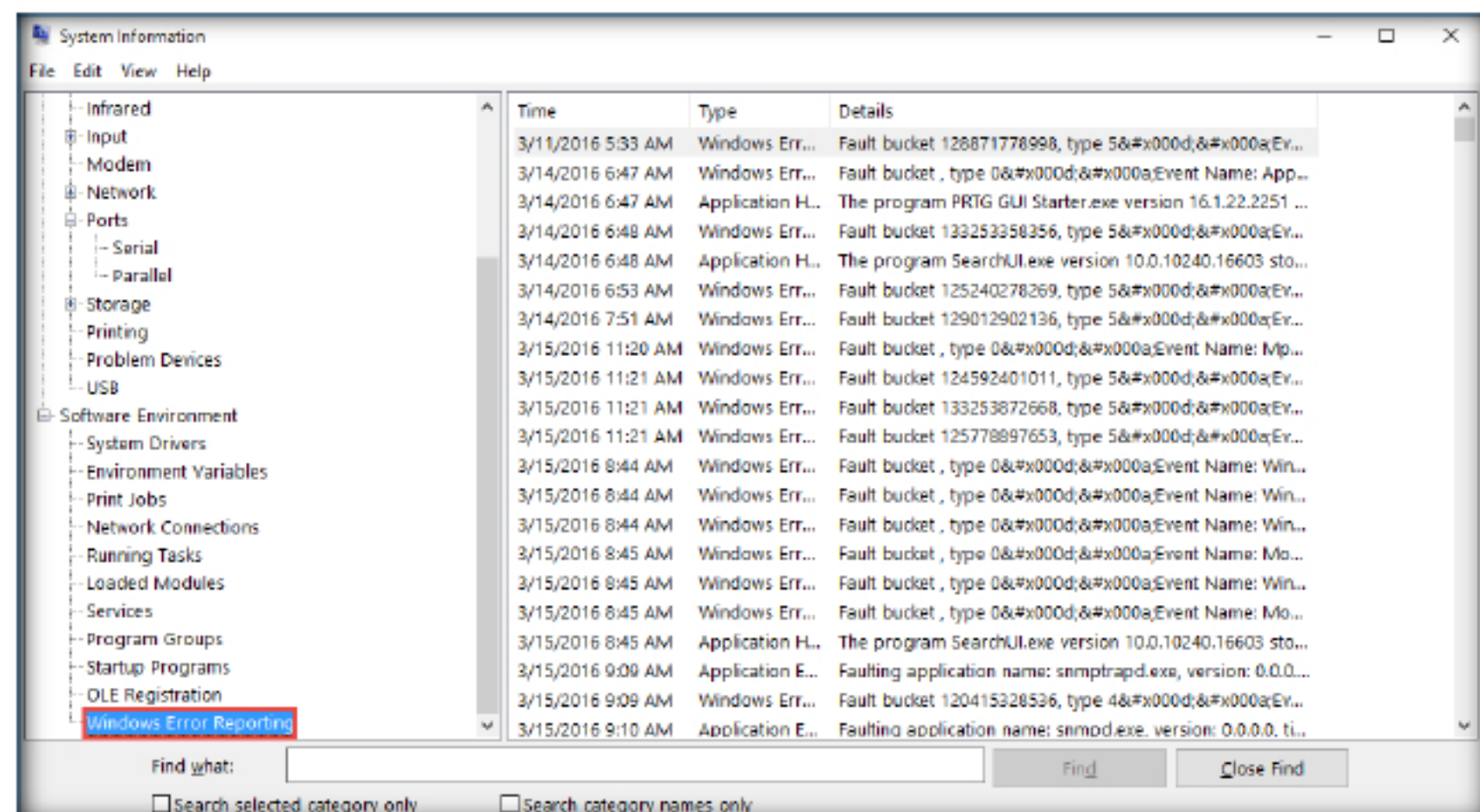


FIGURE 8.36: Windows Error Reporting Information

49. If you want to store the current status of msinfo32 for future audits, you can go to **File ->Export** and provide a name and save as a text file.

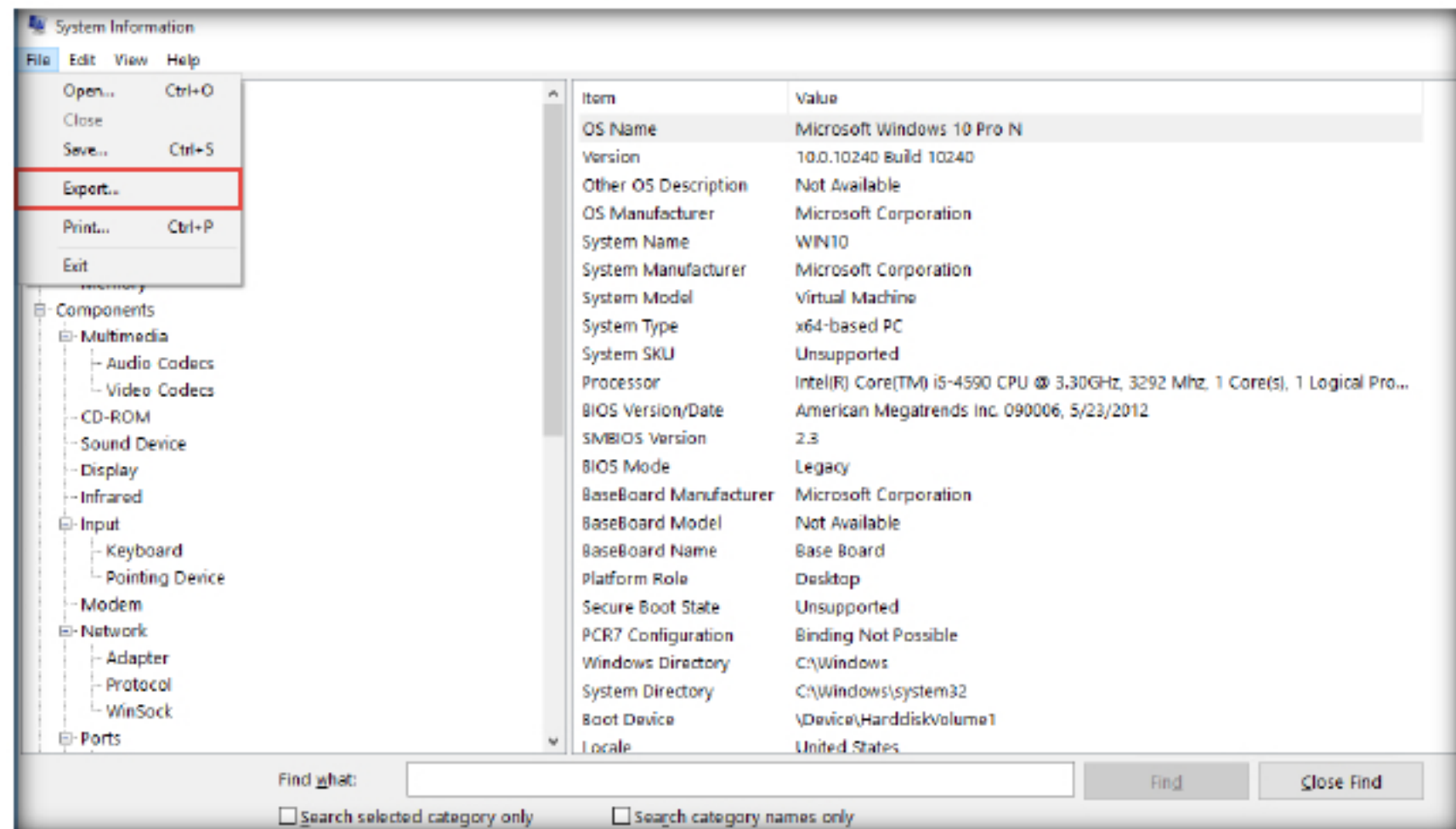


FIGURE 8.37: Exporting System Information

50. The **Export As** window appears. Select a location, provide a name in **File name** section and click **Save**.

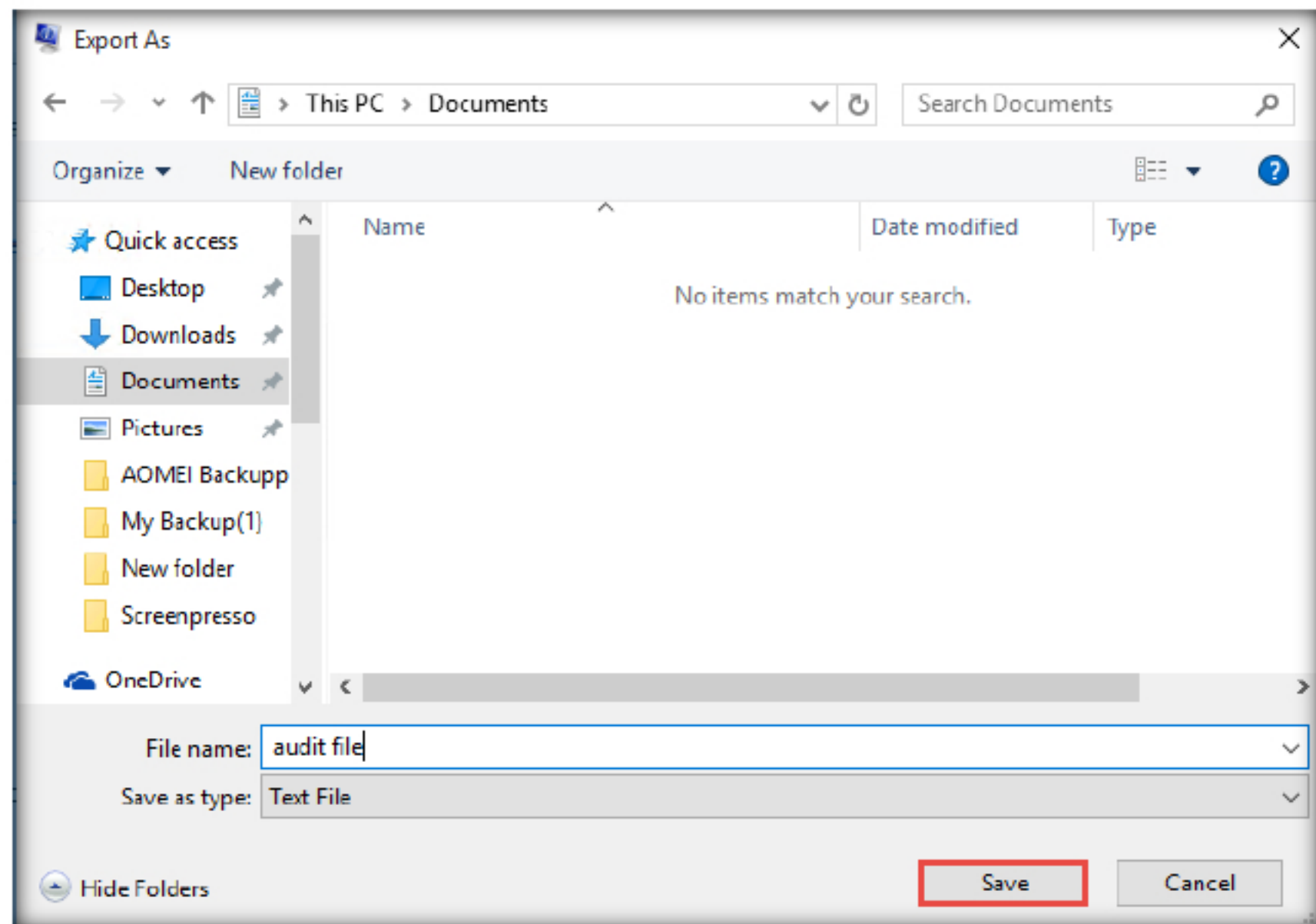


FIGURE 8.38: Saving Exported Audit File

Lab Analysis

Analyze and document the results of the lab exercise. Give your opinion on your target's security posture and exposure through free public information.

PLEASE TALK TO YOUR INSTRUCTOR IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS ABOUT THIS LAB.

Internet Connection Required	
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Platform Supported	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Classroom	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> iLabs


Implementing Host-based Firewall Protection with iptables


iptables are a command-line firewall utility that uses policy chains to allow or block traffic.


Lab Scenario


As an administrator, you should know how to configure an iptables host based firewall to allow or block traffic to or from a Linux system. iptables allow administrators to enter rules for the firewall into the existing tables using the command line.

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Lab Objectives

This lab will demonstrate how to configure an iptables host-based firewall in an Ubuntu machine.

Lab Environment

To carry out the lab, you need:

- A virtual machine running Windows Server 2012
- WinPcap installed in the Windows Server 2012 virtual machine
- A virtual machine running Ubuntu
- **Administrative** privileges to run the tools

Lab Duration

Time: 25 Minutes

Overview of iptables

iptables is a standard firewall included in most Linux distributions. With the default chain policies configured, you can start adding rules to iptables so it knows what to do when it encounters a connection from or to a particular IP address or port.

Lab Tasks

T A S K 1

Install and Launch Nmap

1. Launch the **Ubuntu** machine and login.
2. Launch **Windows Server 2012** and login as an Administrator.
3. Install Nmap, to install Nmap navigate to **Z:\CND-Tools\CND Module 06 Host Security\Port Scanning Tools\Nmap** and double-click nmap-6-25-setup.exe.
4. While installation is in progress, Nmap will prompt you to install WinPcap, if it is already installed skip the installation of WinPcap, and proceed to the installation of Nmap.
5. Select the Desktop icon check box, at the Create Shortcuts wizard of the Nmap installation and follow the wizard driven installation steps.
6. To launch Nmap – Zenmap GUI, navigate to the Desktop and double-click the Nmap – Zenmap GUI icon in order to launch the application. Alternatively, you can also launch from the installed start menu apps.

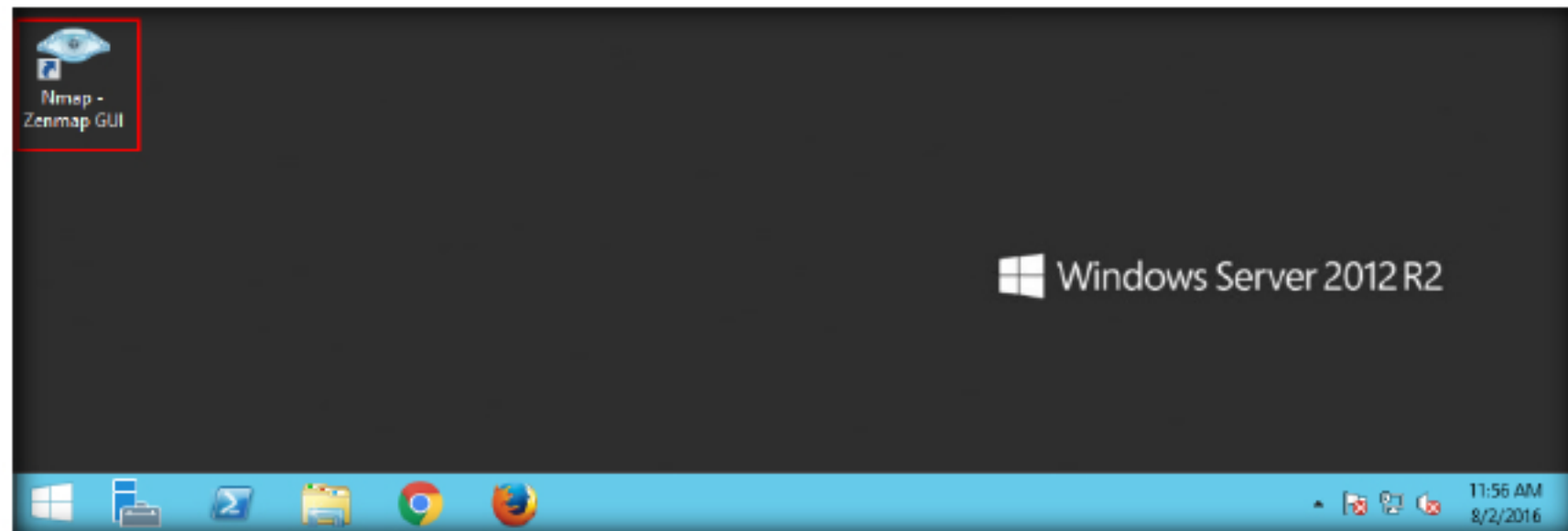


FIGURE 9.1: Launching NMAP

Tools

Demonstrated in this lab are located at **Z:\CND-Tools\CND Module 06 Host Security\Port Scanning Tools\Nmap**

7. The Zenmap main window appears as shown in the screenshot. Type **10.10.10.9** in the **Target:** field, select **Intense scan** in the **Profile:** field and click **Scan**.

Note: 10.10.10.9 is the IP Address of the Ubuntu Machine. IP addresses may differ in your lab environment.

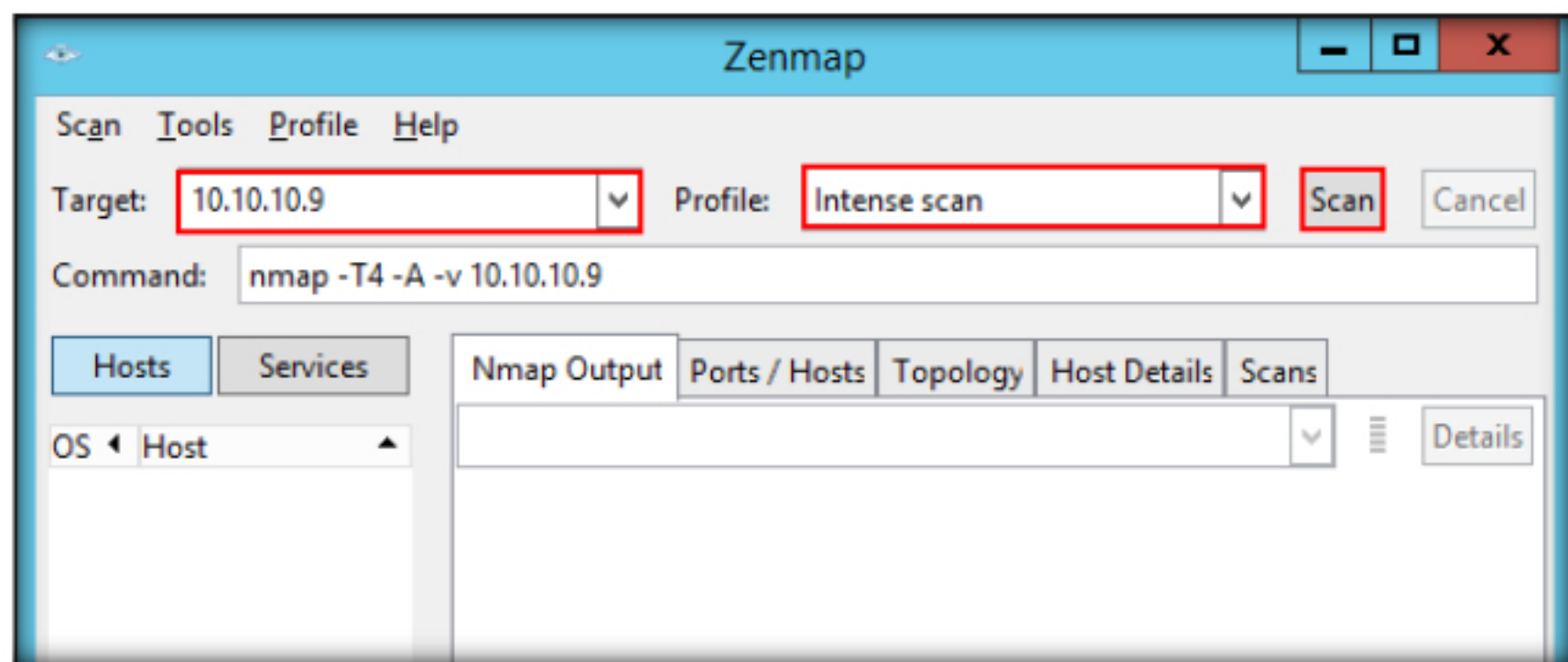


FIGURE 9.2: Selecting the Scan Profile

8. Zenmap will show you the scan results of the Ubuntu machine as shown in the screenshot.

The “Intense scan” is just one of several scan profiles that come with Zenmap. Choose a profile by selecting it from the “Profile” combo box. Profiles exist for several common scans.

An intense, comprehensive scan. The -A option enables OS detection (-O), version detection (-sV), script scanning (-sC), and traceroute (--traceroute). Without root privileges only version detection and script scanning are run. This is considered an intrusive scan.

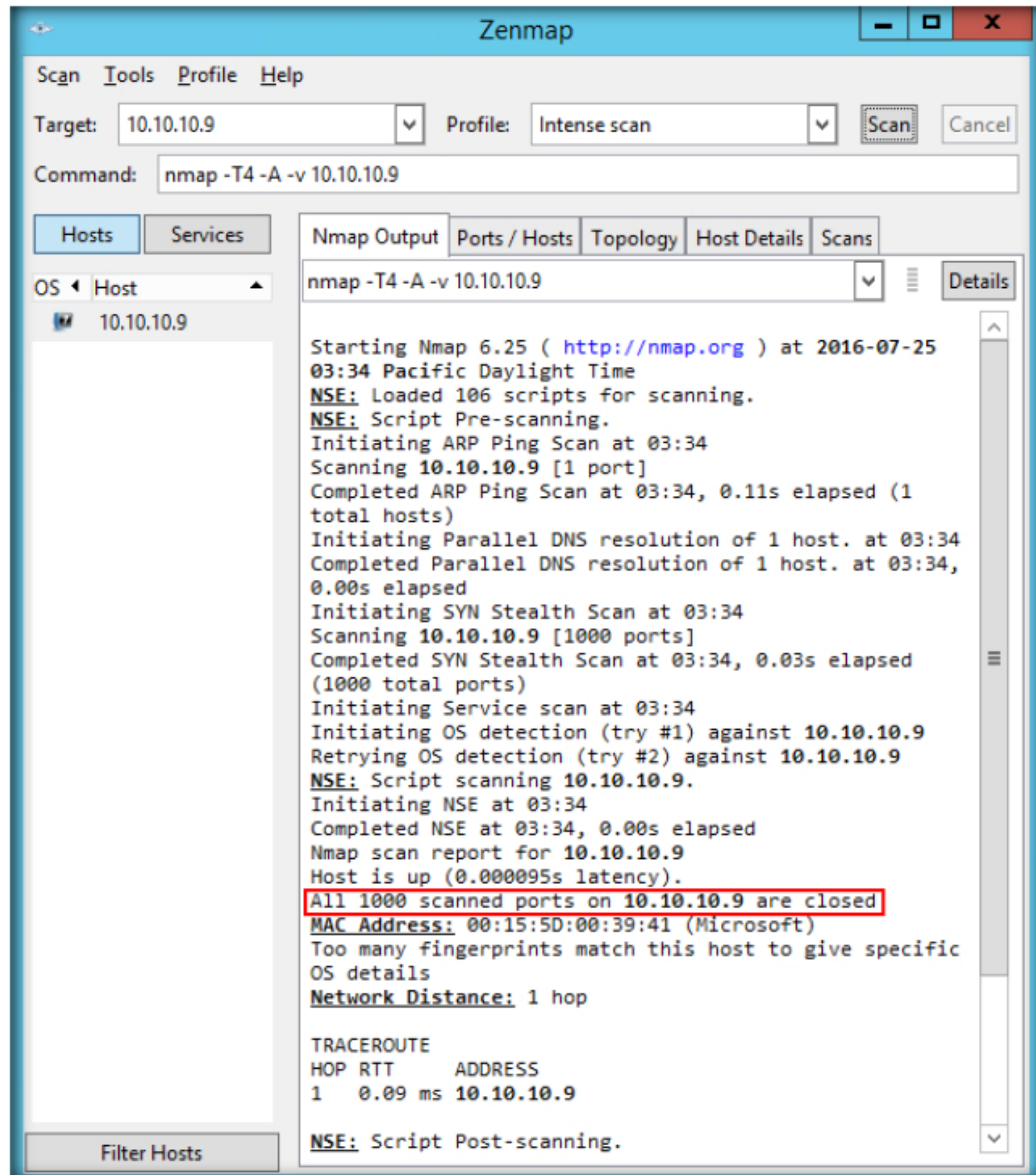


FIGURE 9.3: Scan Results

T A S K 2**Ping Test**

9. Right click the Start icon in the lower left corner of the desktop and click **Command Prompt** from the context menu.

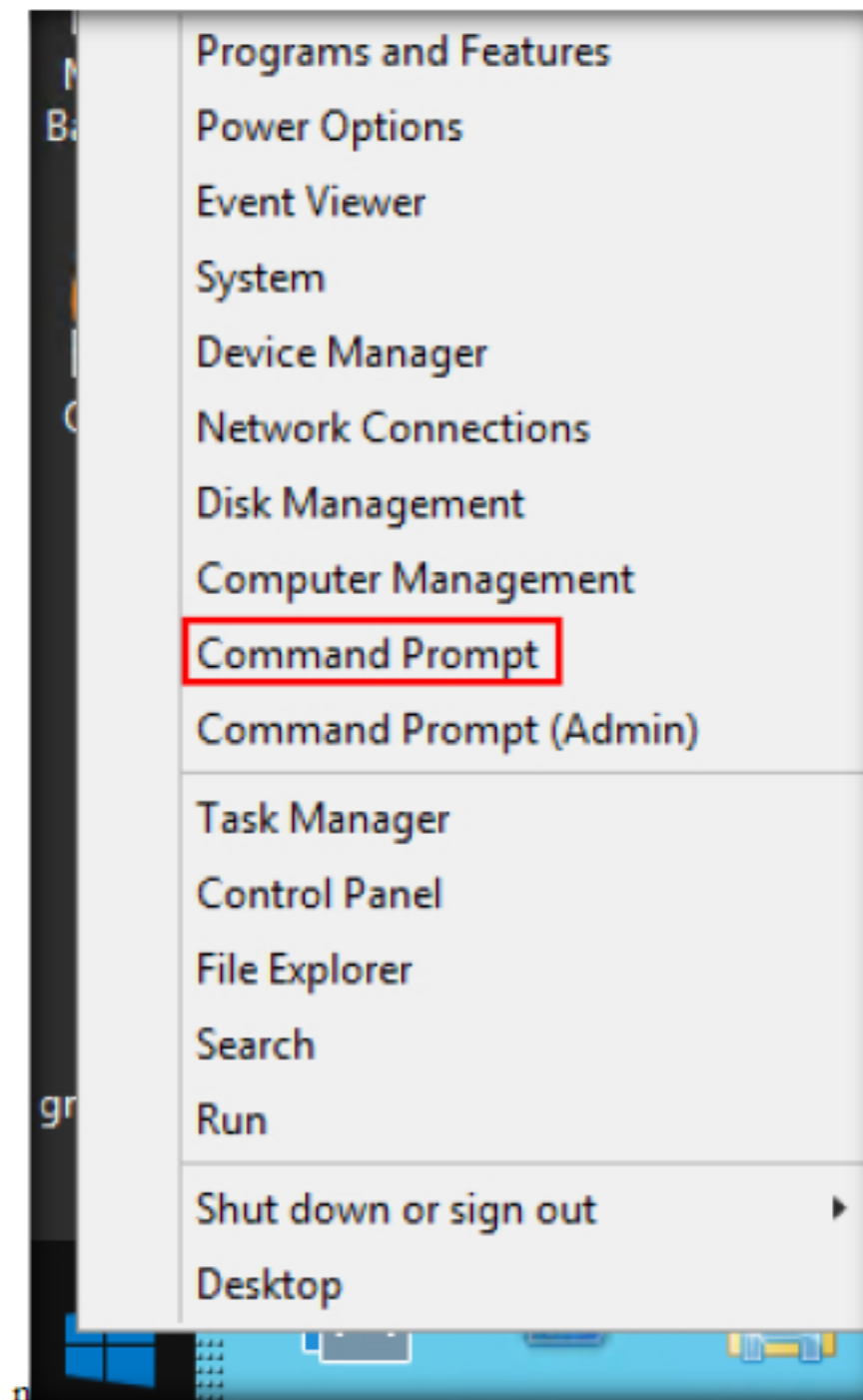



FIGURE 9.4: Launching Command Prompt

 The PING command sends a test packet of data to a designated IP address.

10. In the command prompt window type **ping 10.10.10.9** and press **Enter**.
11. You can see that the Ubuntu device is accepting connections from any machine.


 A screenshot of a Windows Command Prompt window titled 'Administrator: C:\Windows\system32\cmd.exe'. The window shows the output of the 'ping 10.10.10.9' command. The command prompt is highlighted with a red box. The output shows four successful replies from 10.10.10.9, each with 32 bytes of data, a time of less than 1ms, and a TTL of 128. The ping statistics at the bottom show 4 packets sent, 4 received, and 0% loss.


```

Administrator: C:\Windows\system32\cmd.exe
Microsoft Windows [Version 6.3.9600]
(c) 2013 Microsoft Corporation. All rights reserved.
C:\Users\Administrator.WIN-NEMUGG9G3L6>ping 10.10.10.9
Pinging 10.10.10.9 with 32 bytes of data:
Reply from 10.10.10.9: bytes=32 time<1ms TTL=128
Reply from 10.10.10.9: bytes=32 time<1ms TTL=128
Reply from 10.10.10.9: bytes=32 time<1ms TTL=128
Reply from 10.10.10.9: bytes=32 time<1ms TTL=128

Ping statistics for 10.10.10.9:
    Packets: Sent = 4, Received = 4, Lost = 0 (0% loss),
    Approximate round trip times in milli-seconds:
        Minimum = 0ms, Maximum = 0ms, Average = 0ms
C:\Users\Administrator.WIN-NEMUGG9G3L6>
  
```

FIGURE 9.5: Ping Successful

 **iptables** is a user-space application program that allows a system administrator to configure the tables provided by the Linux kernel firewall (implemented as different Netfilter modules) and the chains and rules it stores.

12. Switch to the **Ubuntu** machine and right click on the Desktop and select **Open Terminal**. Alternatively, you can click the Terminal icon from the taskbar.

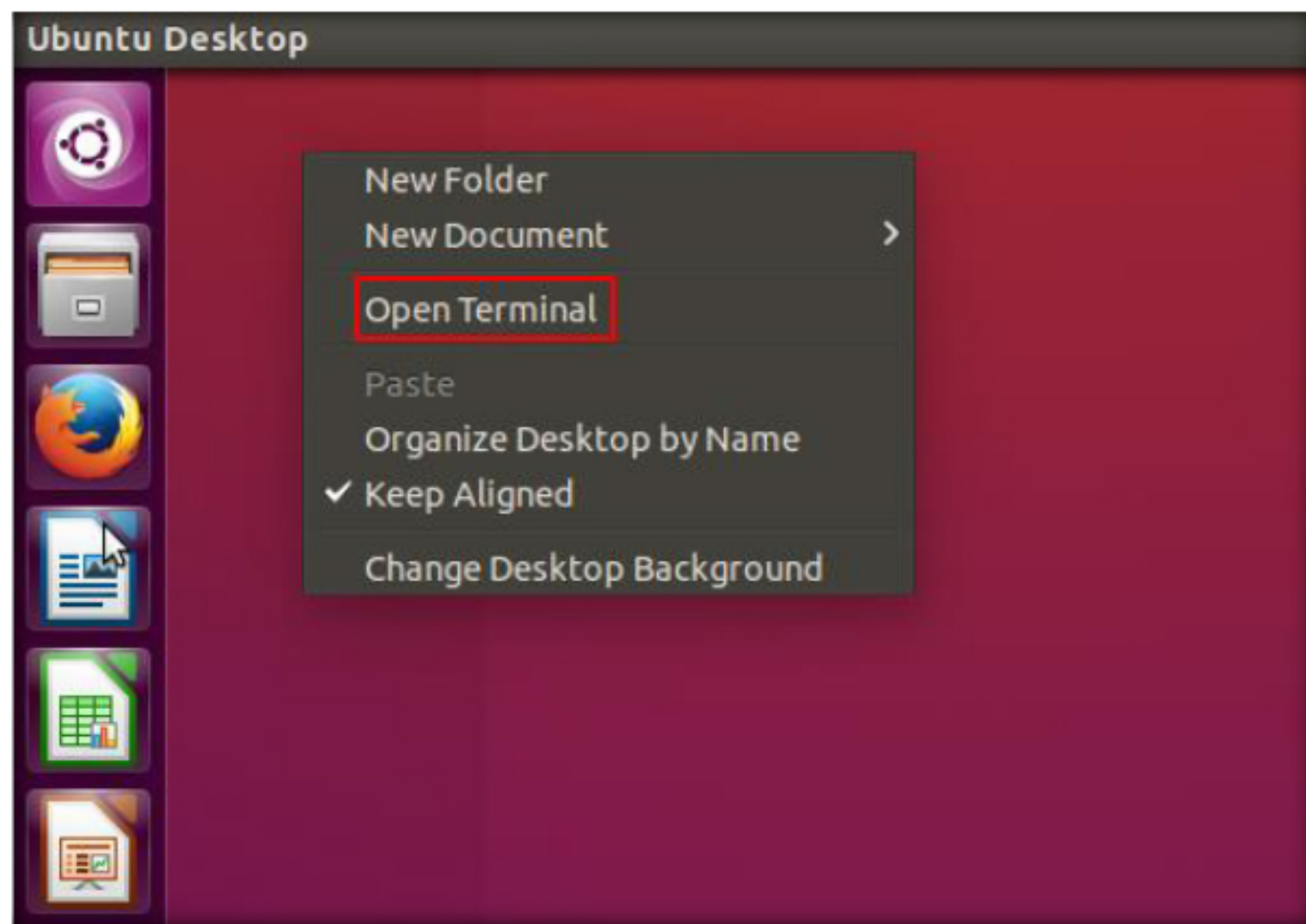


FIGURE 9.6: Launching a Terminal in Ubuntu

13. Switch to super user mode by using the command **sudo su**. Enter the root password as **toor**.

Note: The password that you enter will not be visible.

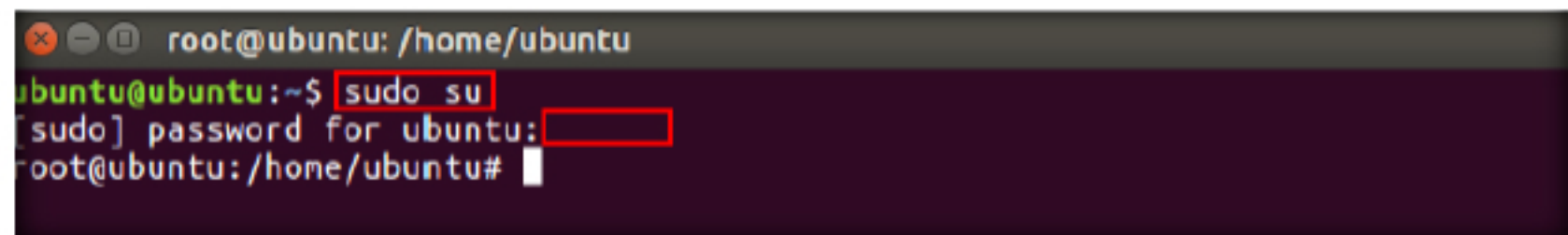



FIGURE 9.7: Gaining an Access as Super User

14. Type **iptables --list** and press **Enter**. This command will list the existing iptables rules as shown in the screenshot.
15. You can see that all three chains accept all kinds of information. Now, we need to change these rule settings to make Ubuntu secure.

 IP tables have three kind of rule chains. **INPUT** defines what connection can enter the device. **OUTPUT** defines what connection can leave the device and **FORWARD** defines whether the system can forward packets like a Router

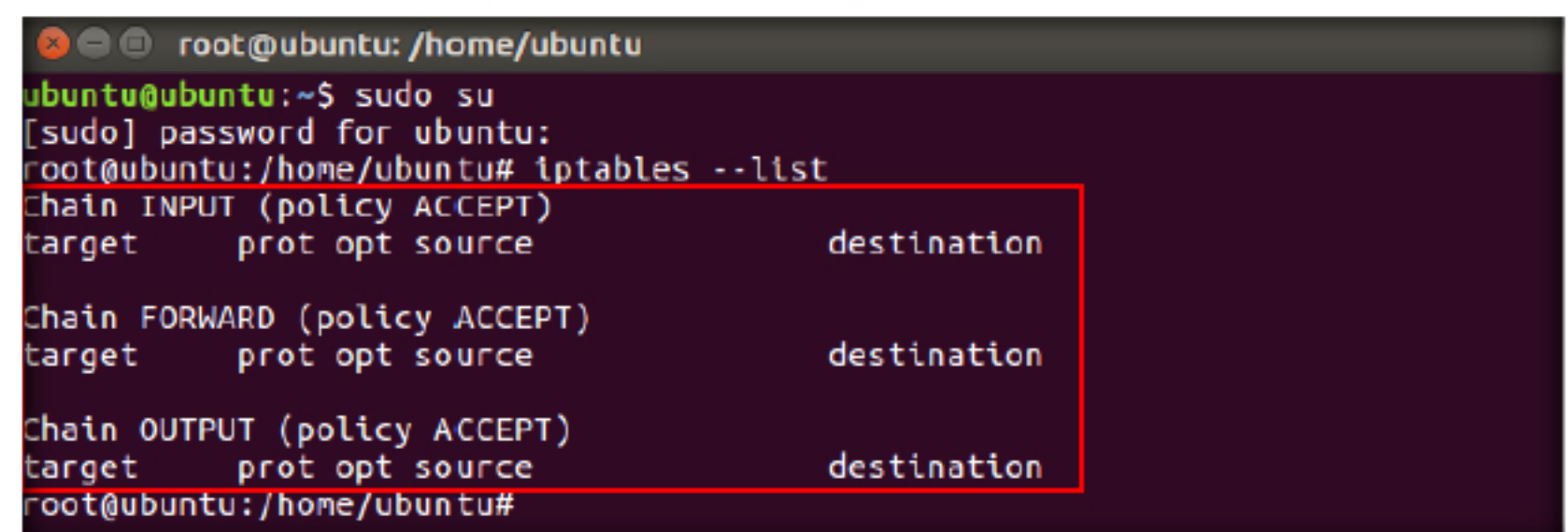
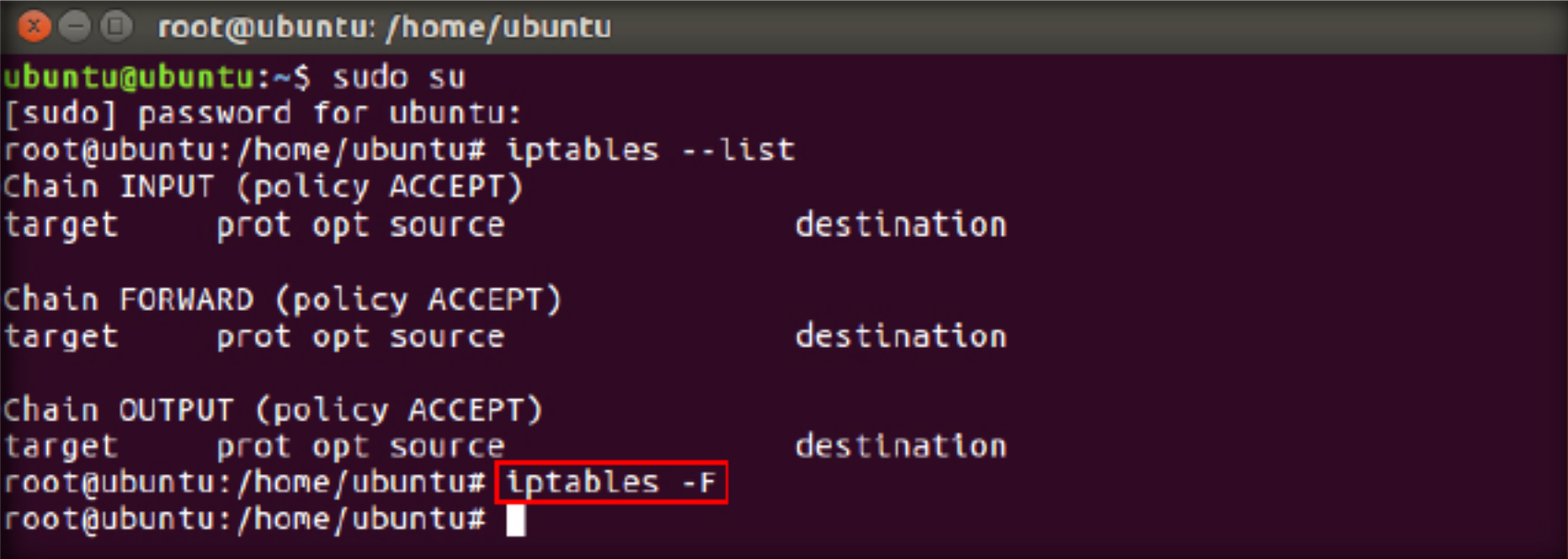


FIGURE 9.8: Verifying iptables Rules

16. Type `iptables -F`, this command will flush all the rules and temporarily disables the firewall.



```

root@ubuntu: /home/ubuntu
ubuntu@ubuntu:~$ sudo su
[sudo] password for ubuntu:
root@ubuntu:/home/ubuntu# iptables --list
Chain INPUT (policy ACCEPT)
target     prot opt source               destination

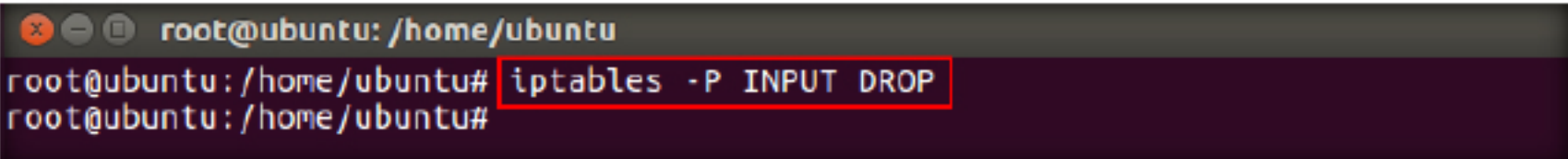
Chain FORWARD (policy ACCEPT)
target     prot opt source               destination

Chain OUTPUT (policy ACCEPT)
target     prot opt source               destination
root@ubuntu:/home/ubuntu# iptables -F
root@ubuntu:/home/ubuntu#

```

FIGURE 9.9: Flushing the Rules

17. Type `iptables -P INPUT DROP` and press **Enter**. In this command `-P` switch is used to set the default policy on the specific chain. This command will make the firewall block all incoming communication for the Ubuntu machine.



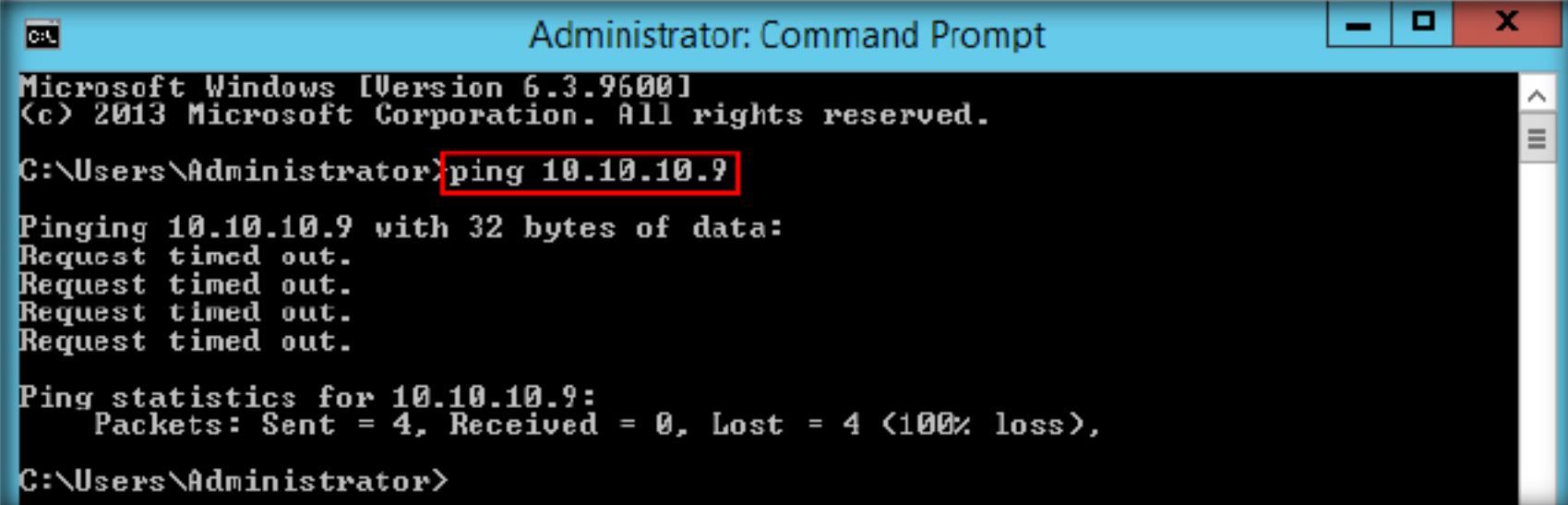
```

root@ubuntu:/home/ubuntu# iptables -P INPUT DROP
root@ubuntu:/home/ubuntu#

```

FIGURE 9.10: Dropping all Input Packets

18. Switch back to Windows Server 2012 and open a command prompt and type `ping 10.10.10.9` and press **Enter**. As you have blocked the incoming communication for the Ubuntu machine, you will not get any response; as shown in the screenshot below.



```

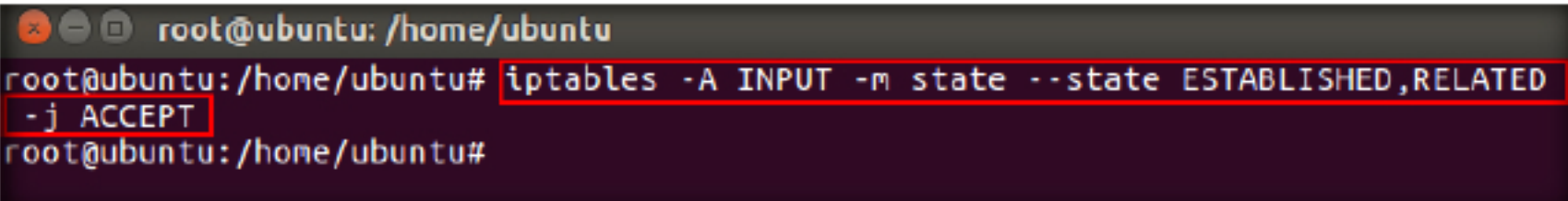
Administrator: Command Prompt
Microsoft Windows [Version 6.3.9600]
(c) 2013 Microsoft Corporation. All rights reserved.
C:\Users\Administrator> ping 10.10.10.9
Pinging 10.10.10.9 with 32 bytes of data:
Request timed out.
Request timed out.
Request timed out.
Request timed out.

Ping statistics for 10.10.10.9:
    Packets: Sent = 4, Received = 0, Lost = 4 (100% loss),
C:\Users\Administrator>

```

FIGURE 9.11: Verifying Changed Rules

19. Switch back to the Ubuntu machine and type `iptables -A INPUT -m state --state ESTABLISHED,RELATED -j ACCEPT` and press **Enter**. This command makes your device accept only those incoming connections which are initiated by you.





```

root@ubuntu:/home/ubuntu# iptables -A INPUT -m state --state ESTABLISHED,RELATED
-j ACCEPT
root@ubuntu:/home/ubuntu#

```

FIGURE 9.12: Dropping Packets Not Initiated by User

 `iptables` requires elevated privileges to operate and must be executed by user `root`, otherwise it fails to function. On most Linux systems, `iptables` is installed as `/usr/sbin/iptables` and documented in its man pages, which can be opened using `man iptables` when installed.

 It may also be found in `/sbin/iptables`, but since `iptables` is more like a service rather than an "essential binary", the preferred location remains `/usr/sbin`.

20. To block forwarding, type **iptables -P FORWARD DROP** and press Enter

📁 Different kernel modules and programs are currently used for different protocols; iptables applies to IPv4, ip6tables to IPv6, arptables to ARP, and ebtables to Ethernet frames.

```
root@ubuntu: /home/ubuntu
root@ubuntu:/home/ubuntu# iptables -A INPUT -m state --state ESTABLISHED,RELATED -j ACCEPT
root@ubuntu:/home/ubuntu# iptables -P FORWARD DROP
root@ubuntu:/home/ubuntu#
```

FIGURE 9.13: Disabling Forwarding of Packets

21. To allow accepting of packets for outgoing connections, type **iptables -P OUTPUT ACCEPT** and press Enter

```
root@ubuntu: /home/ubuntu
root@ubuntu:/home/ubuntu# iptables -A INPUT -m state --state ESTABLISHED,RELATED -j ACCEPT
root@ubuntu:/home/ubuntu# iptables -P FORWARD DROP
root@ubuntu:/home/ubuntu# iptables -P OUTPUT ACCEPT
root@ubuntu:/home/ubuntu#
```

FIGURE 9.14: Disabling Forwarding

22. We have configured all three chains. Type **iptables --list** and press Enter, to recheck the firewall configuration we have set for the Ubuntu machine.
23. At the beginning of this lab we saw that all the firewall rules were listed as **accept** at step 15. Now we have configured the firewall with the new set of rules as shown in the screenshot.

📁 The term iptables is also commonly used to inclusively refer to the kernel-level components. x_tables is the name of the kernel module carrying the shared code portion used by all four modules that also provides the API used for extensions; subsequently, Xtables is more or less used to refer to the entire firewall (v4, v6, arp, and eb) architecture.

```
root@ubuntu: /home/ubuntu
root@ubuntu:/home/ubuntu# iptables -A INPUT -m state --state ESTABLISHED,RELATED -j ACCEPT
root@ubuntu:/home/ubuntu# iptables -P FORWARD DROP
root@ubuntu:/home/ubuntu# iptables -P OUTPUT ACCEPT
root@ubuntu:/home/ubuntu# iptables --list
Chain INPUT (policy DROP)
target    prot opt source                destination            state RELATED,ESTABLISHED
ACCEPT    all  --  anywhere              anywhere

Chain FORWARD (policy DROP)
target    prot opt source                destination

Chain OUTPUT (policy ACCEPT)
target    prot opt source                destination
root@ubuntu:/home/ubuntu#
```

FIGURE 9.15: iptables Checking the Configuration

24. To block a Ping request, type **iptables -A INPUT -p icmp --icmp-type echo-request -j REJECT** and press Enter.

Xtables allows the system administrator to define tables containing chains of rules for the treatment of packets. Each table is associated with a different kind of packet processing. Packets are processed by sequentially traversing the rules in chains. A rule in a chain can cause it to go or jump to another chain, and this can be repeated to whatever level of nesting is desired. (A jump is like a "call", i.e. the point that was jumped from is remembered.) Every network packet arriving at or leaving from the computer traverses at least one chain.

```

root@ubuntu: /home/ubuntu
root@ubuntu:/home/ubuntu# iptables -A INPUT -m state --state ESTABLISHED,RELATED -j ACCEPT
root@ubuntu:/home/ubuntu# iptables -P FORWARD DROP
root@ubuntu:/home/ubuntu# iptables -P OUTPUT ACCEPT
root@ubuntu:/home/ubuntu# iptables --list
Chain INPUT (policy DROP)
target     prot opt source                destination            state RELATED,ESTABLISHED
ACCEPT     all  --  anywhere               anywhere

Chain FORWARD (policy DROP)
target     prot opt source                destination

Chain OUTPUT (policy ACCEPT)
target     prot opt source                destination
root@ubuntu:/home/ubuntu# iptables -A INPUT -p icmp --icmp-type echo-request -j REJECT

```

FIGURE 9.16: Ping Blocking

25. Type **iptables --list** and press Enter, to verify the new rules are created.

```

root@ubuntu: /home/ubuntu
root@ubuntu:/home/ubuntu# iptables --list
Chain INPUT (policy DROP)
target     prot opt source                destination            state RELATED,ESTABLISHED
ACCEPT     all  --  anywhere               anywhere
REJECT     icmp --  anywhere               anywhere               icmp echo-request
reject-with icmp-port-unreachable

Chain FORWARD (policy DROP)
target     prot opt source                destination

Chain OUTPUT (policy ACCEPT)
target     prot opt source                destination
root@ubuntu:/home/ubuntu#

```

FIGURE 9.17: Blocking Ping Requests

26. Switch to the Windows Server 2012 machine and open the command prompt window and type **ping 10.10.10.9** and press **Enter**. Now, you should see the message as **Destination port Unreachable** as shown in the screenshot. This is because we have blocked ping requests in the previous step.

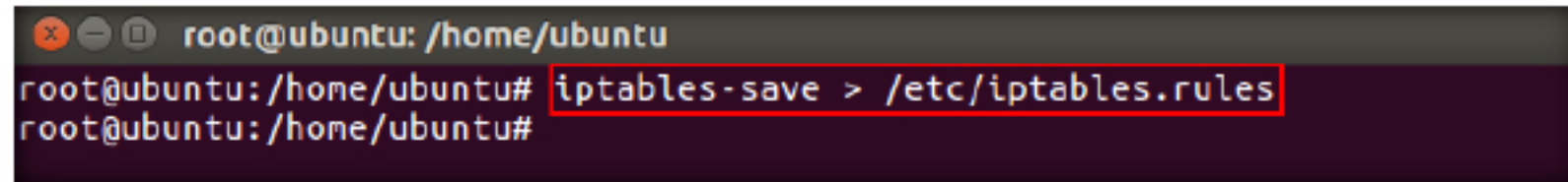
```

Administrator: Command Prompt
Packets: Sent = 4, Received = 0, Lost = 4 (100% loss),
C:\Users\Administrator>ping 10.10.10.9
Pinging 10.10.10.9 with 32 bytes of data:
Request timed out.
Request timed out.
Request timed out.
Request timed out.
Ping statistics for 10.10.10.9:
    Packets: Sent = 4, Received = 0, Lost = 4 (100% loss),
C:\Users\Administrator>ping 10.10.10.9
Pinging 10.10.10.9 with 32 bytes of data:
Reply from 10.10.10.9: Destination port unreachable.
Reply from 10.10.10.9: Destination port unreachable.
Reply from 10.10.10.9: Destination port unreachable.
Reply from 10.10.10.9: Destination port unreachable.
Ping statistics for 10.10.10.9:
    Packets: Sent = 4, Received = 4, Lost = 0 (0% loss),
C:\Users\Administrator>

```

FIGURE 9.18: Verifying Ping Rule

27. Switch back to the Ubuntu machine, to restore the iptable configuration at boot time, type **iptables-save > /etc/iptables.rules** and press Enter

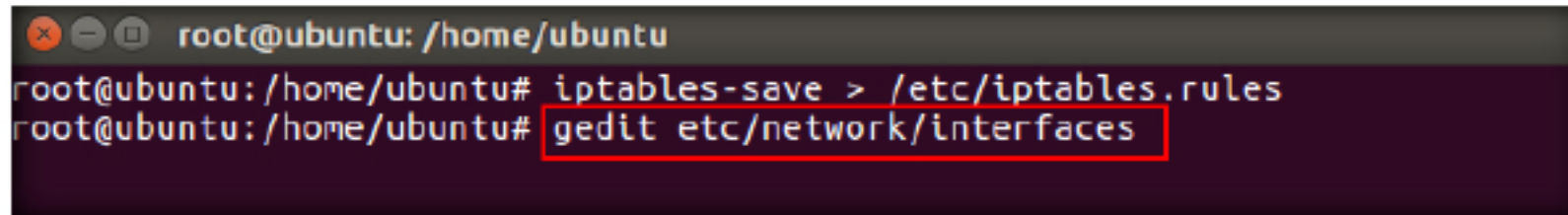


```

root@ubuntu: /home/ubuntu
root@ubuntu: /home/ubuntu# iptables-save > /etc/iptables.rules
root@ubuntu: /home/ubuntu#
  
```

FIGURE 9.19: Restoring the Settings at Boot Time

28. To save the settings permanently, type **gedit etc/network/interfaces** type and press Enter, to access the interfaces file to edit.

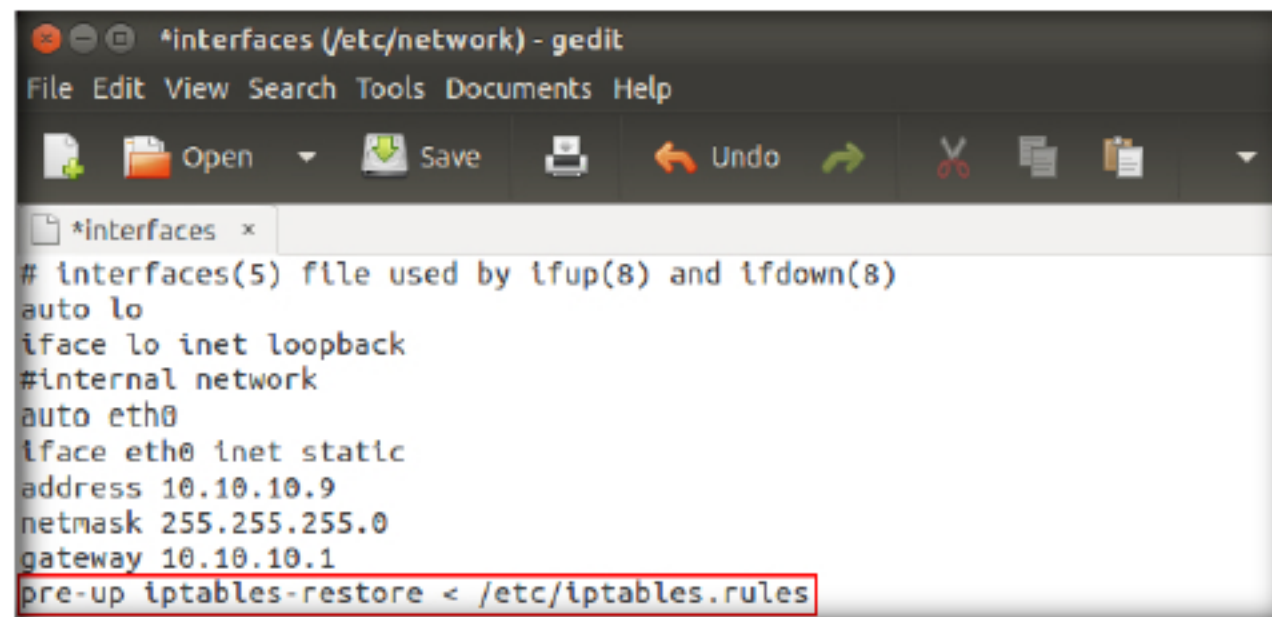


```

root@ubuntu: /home/ubuntu
root@ubuntu: /home/ubuntu# iptables-save > /etc/iptables.rules
root@ubuntu: /home/ubuntu# gedit etc/network/interfaces
  
```

FIGURE 9.20: Accessing Interfaces File

29. The Interfaces file opens in editor mode as shown in the screenshot. Add the following line at the bottom **pre-up iptables-restore < /etc/iptables.rules**.

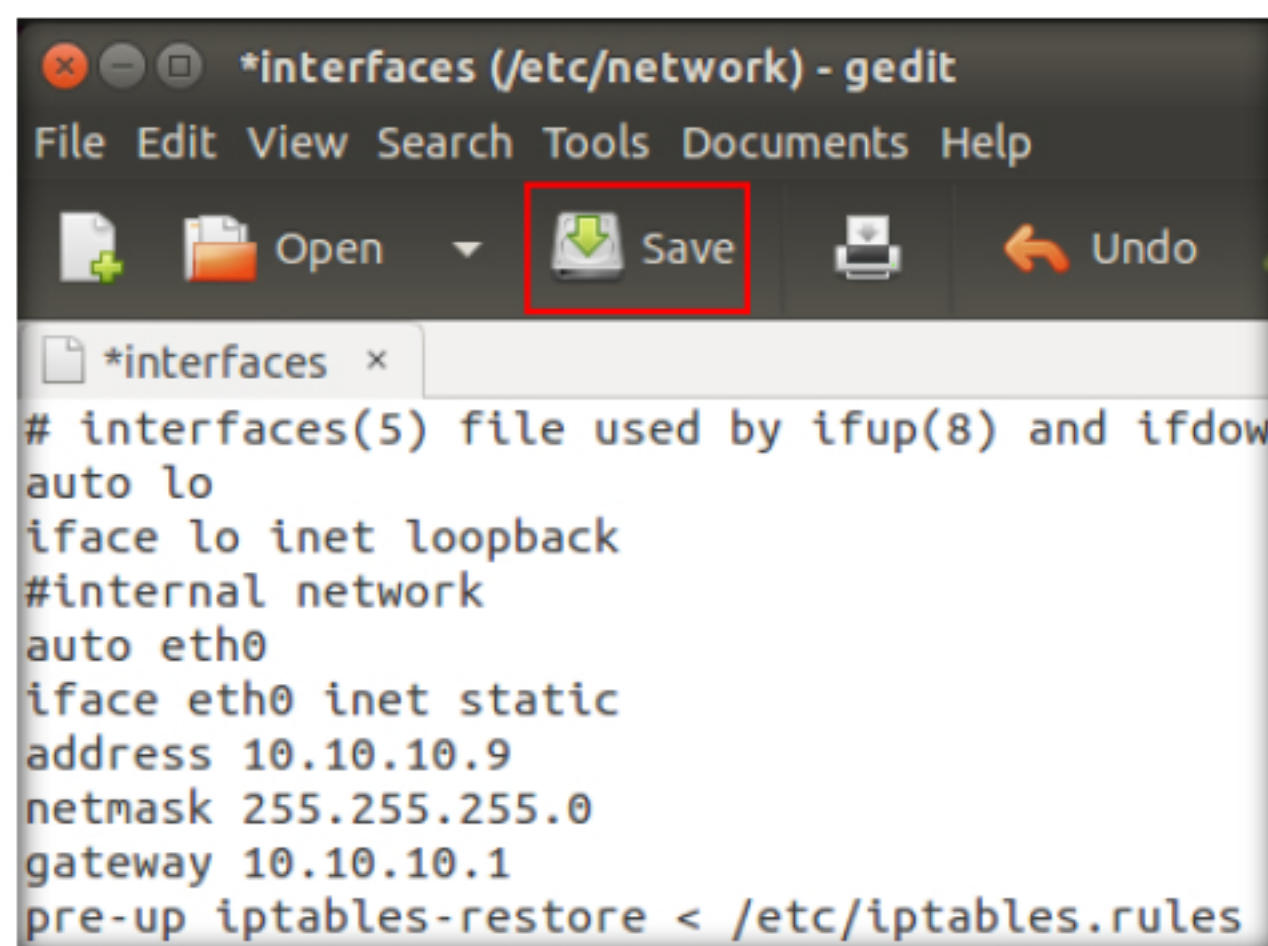


```

*interfaces (/etc/network) - gedit
File Edit View Search Tools Documents Help
Open Save Undo
*interfaces x
# interfaces(5) file used by ifup(8) and ifdown(8)
auto lo
iface lo inet loopback
#internal network
auto eth0
iface eth0 inet static
address 10.10.10.9
netmask 255.255.255.0
gateway 10.10.10.1
pre-up iptables-restore < /etc/iptables.rules
  
```

FIGURE 9.21: Adding a Rule in Interfaces File

30. Click **Save** and close the interfaces window.



```

*interfaces (/etc/network) - gedit
File Edit View Search Tools Documents Help
Open Save Undo
*interfaces x
# interfaces(5) file used by ifup(8) and ifdown(8)
auto lo
iface lo inet loopback
#internal network
auto eth0
iface eth0 inet static
address 10.10.10.9
netmask 255.255.255.0
gateway 10.10.10.1
pre-up iptables-restore < /etc/iptables.rules
  
```

FIGURE 9.22: Saving the interfaces

iptables -P INPUT ACCEPT If connecting remotely we must first temporarily set the default policy on the INPUT chain to ACCEPT otherwise once we flush the current rules we will be locked out of our server.

iptables -F We used the -F switch to flush all existing rules so we start with a clean state from which to add new rules.

31. Switch back to **Windows Server 2012** and run an **intense scan** on **10.10.10.9** from Zenmap.
32. As you can see all the ports are filtered which indicates that they are present behind a firewall. If a port is closed and you send a SYN packet, it replies with a RST packet, but filtered ports never reply to SYN packets from unknown hosts. They only initiate a connection from a user.

`iptables -A INPUT -i lo -j ACCEPT` Now it's time to start adding some rules. We use the `-A` switch to append (or add) a rule to a specific chain, the `INPUT` chain in this instance. Then we use the `-i` switch (for interface) to specify packets matching or destined for the `lo` (localhost, 127.0.0.1) interface and finally `-j` (jump) to the target action for packets matching the rule - in this case `ACCEPT`. So this rule will allow all incoming packets destined for the localhost interface to be accepted. This is generally required as many software applications expect to be able to communicate with the localhost adaptor.

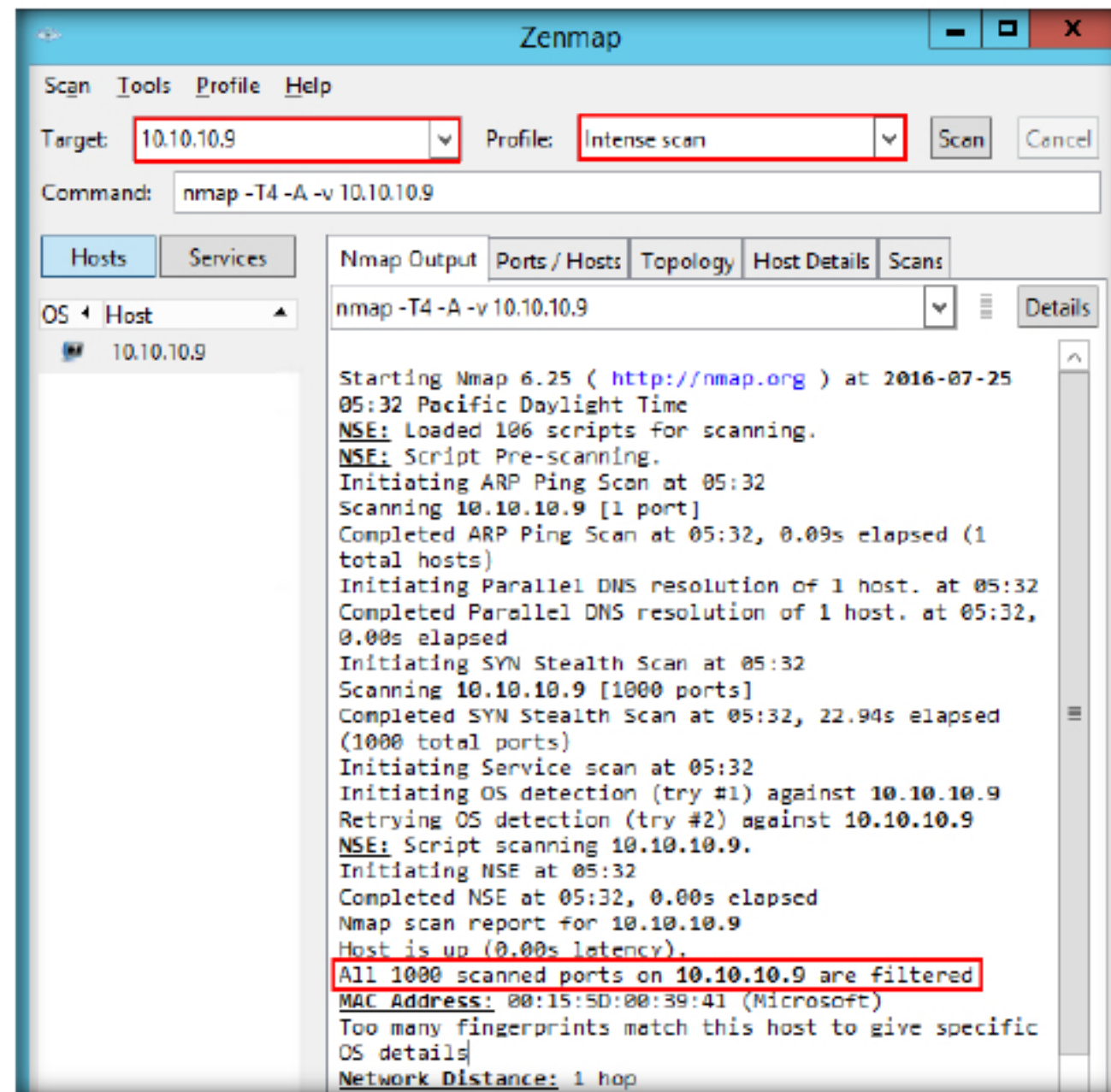


FIGURE 9.23: All Ports Filtered after New iptables Rules

Lab Analysis

Analyze and document the results of the lab exercise. Give your opinion on your target's security posture and exposure through free public information.

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Managing Network Hosts Using an OSSEC Agent in OSSIM


OSSEC is an open-source host-based intrusion detection system (HIDS).


Lab Scenario


Network administrators are required to monitor servers in their organization's network. For this, they need a Host-based Intrusion Detection System (HIDS) to perform log analysis, integrity checking, Windows registry monitoring, rootkit detection, time-based alerting, and active response. As an administrator, you should know how to deploy OSSEC agents in OSSIM.

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Lab Objectives

This lab will demonstrate how to deploy an OSSEC Agent in OSSIM.

Lab Environment

To carry out the lab, you need:

- A virtual machine running Windows Server 2012
- OSSIM virtual machine
- A virtual machine running Windows Server 2008
- A virtual machine running Windows 10
- A Web browser with an Internet connection
- **Administrative** privileges to run the tools

Lab Duration

Time: 10 Minutes

Overview of OSSIM

OSSIM (Open Source Security Information Management) is an open source security information and event management system. It has a selection of tools

integrated into it designed to aid network administrators with computer security, intrusion detection, and prevention.

Lab Tasks

TASK 1

Login to OSSIM

1. Before starting this lab, make sure the Windows 10 and Windows Server 2008 machines are turned on.
2. Power on the OSSIM virtual machine from the VMware workstation, and wait until the log in screen appears.
3. In the log in screen type **root** in the alienvault login field and press **Enter**. In the password field type **toor** as the password and press **Enter**.

Note: Password is not visible.

```
=====
===== http://www.alienvault.com =====
=====
==== Access the AlienVault web interface using the following URL: ====
===== https://10.10.10.14/ =====
=====

AlienVault UEM 5.2.5 - x86_64 - tty1
alienvault login: root
Password:
Last login: Tue Aug  2 09:13:30 EDT 2016 on tty1
Linux alienvault 3.16.0-4-amd64 #1 SMP Debian 3.16.7-ckt25-1 (2016-03-06) x86_64
You have new mail.
_
```

FIGURE 10.1: OSSIM Login Window

4. Launch the Windows Server 2012 machine and log in. Now close the Server Manager window and open a web browser. In this lab we are using a Chrome browser.

Note: If you are using a different browser the screenshots may differ in your lab environment.

5. Type <https://10.10.10.14> and press Enter in the address bar of the browser.

- The OSSIM Login page appears. Enter **admin** in USERNAME field, **qwerty@123** in PASSWORD field and click LOGIN.

FIGURE 10.2: Logging in to alien vault

TASK 2

Deploy OSSEC Agent

- The **NETWORK INTERFACES** page appears. Click **Next**.

NIC	PURPOSE	IP ADDRESS	STATUS
eth0	Management	10.10.10.14	-

FIGURE 10.3: Network interfaces

8. The **ASSET DISCOVERY** page appears. You can see the detected live hosts in the network, scroll down and click **Next**.

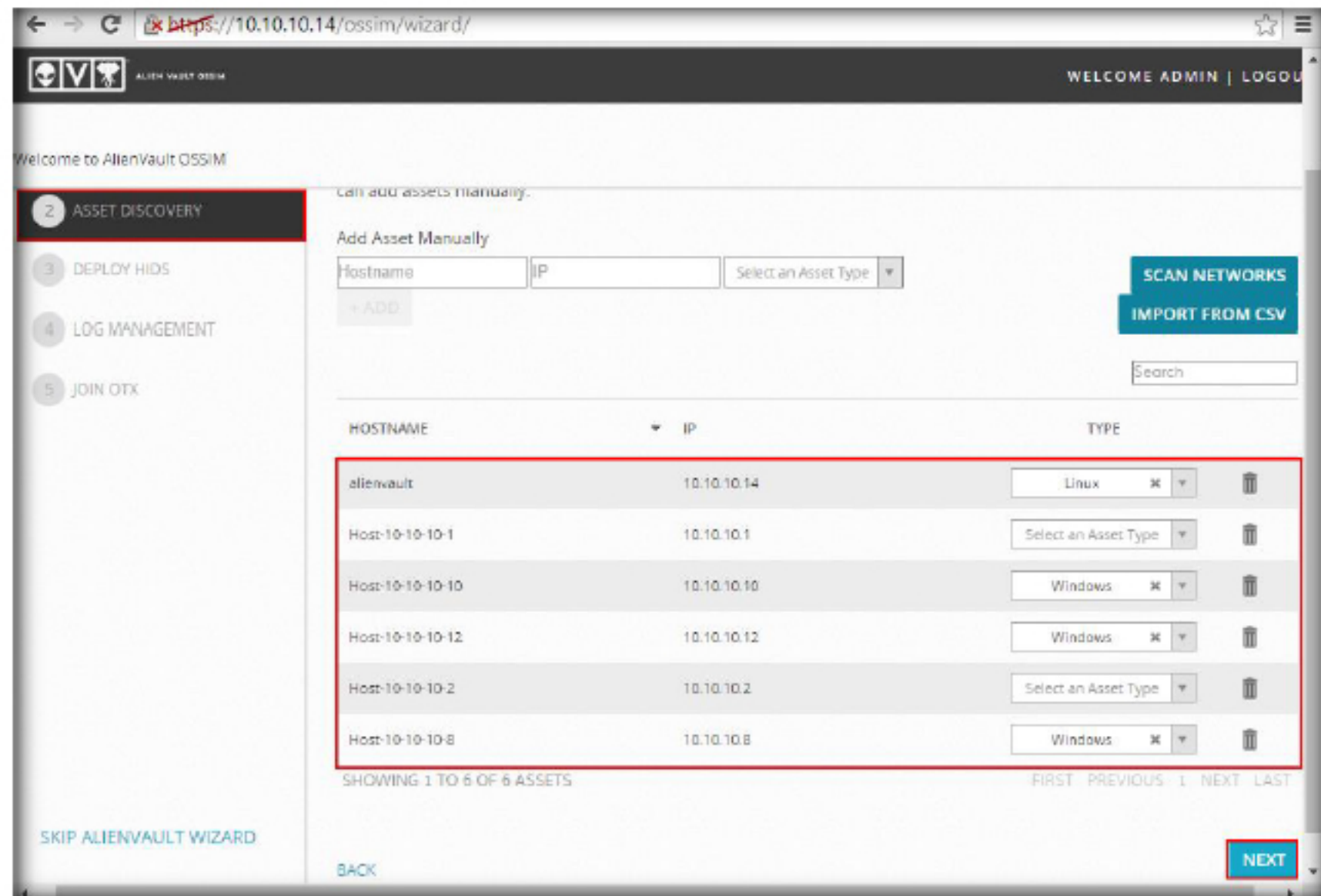


FIGURE 10.4: Live assets discovered

9. The **Deploy HIDS to Servers** window appears. Expand **Local_10_10_10_0_24**.

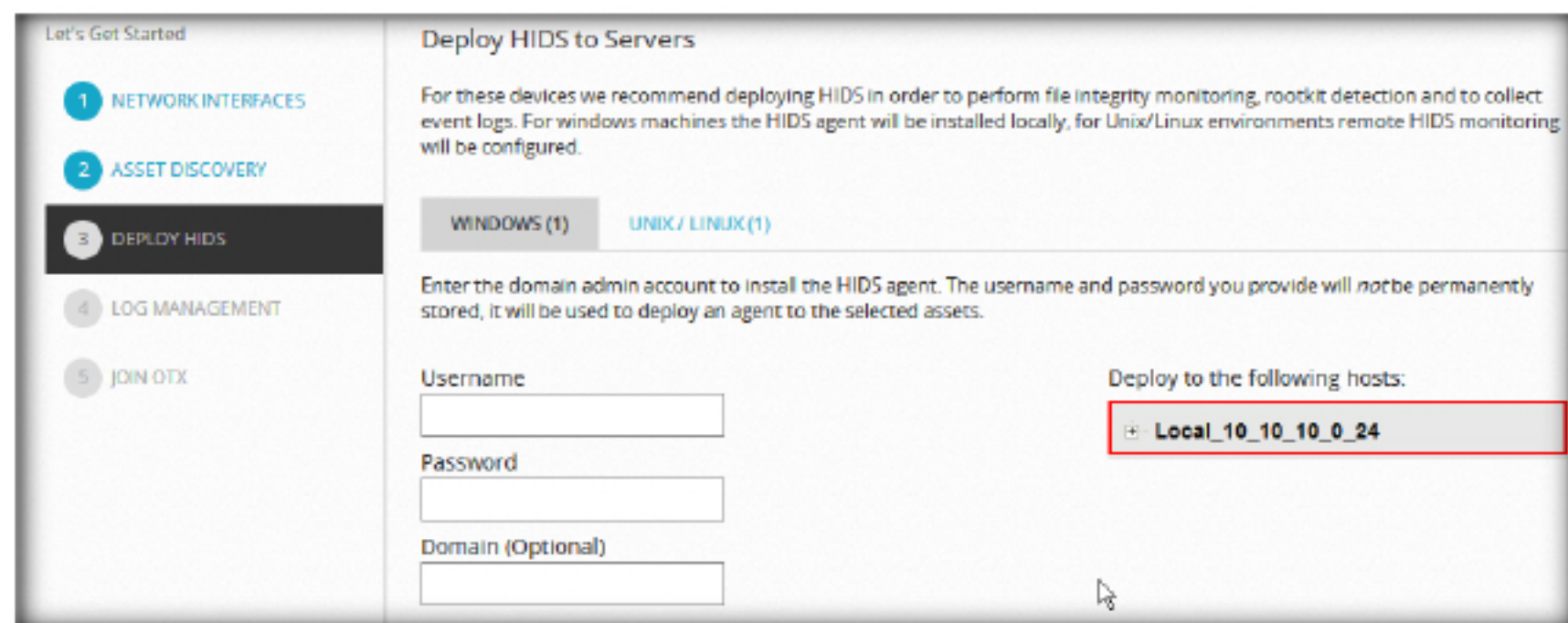


FIGURE 10.5: Deploying HIDS

10. Select the **Host-10-10-10-8** checkbox. Enter the login credentials for the Windows Server 2008 and click **Deploy**.
 - a. Username: **Administrator**
 - b. Password: **Pa\$\$w0rd**

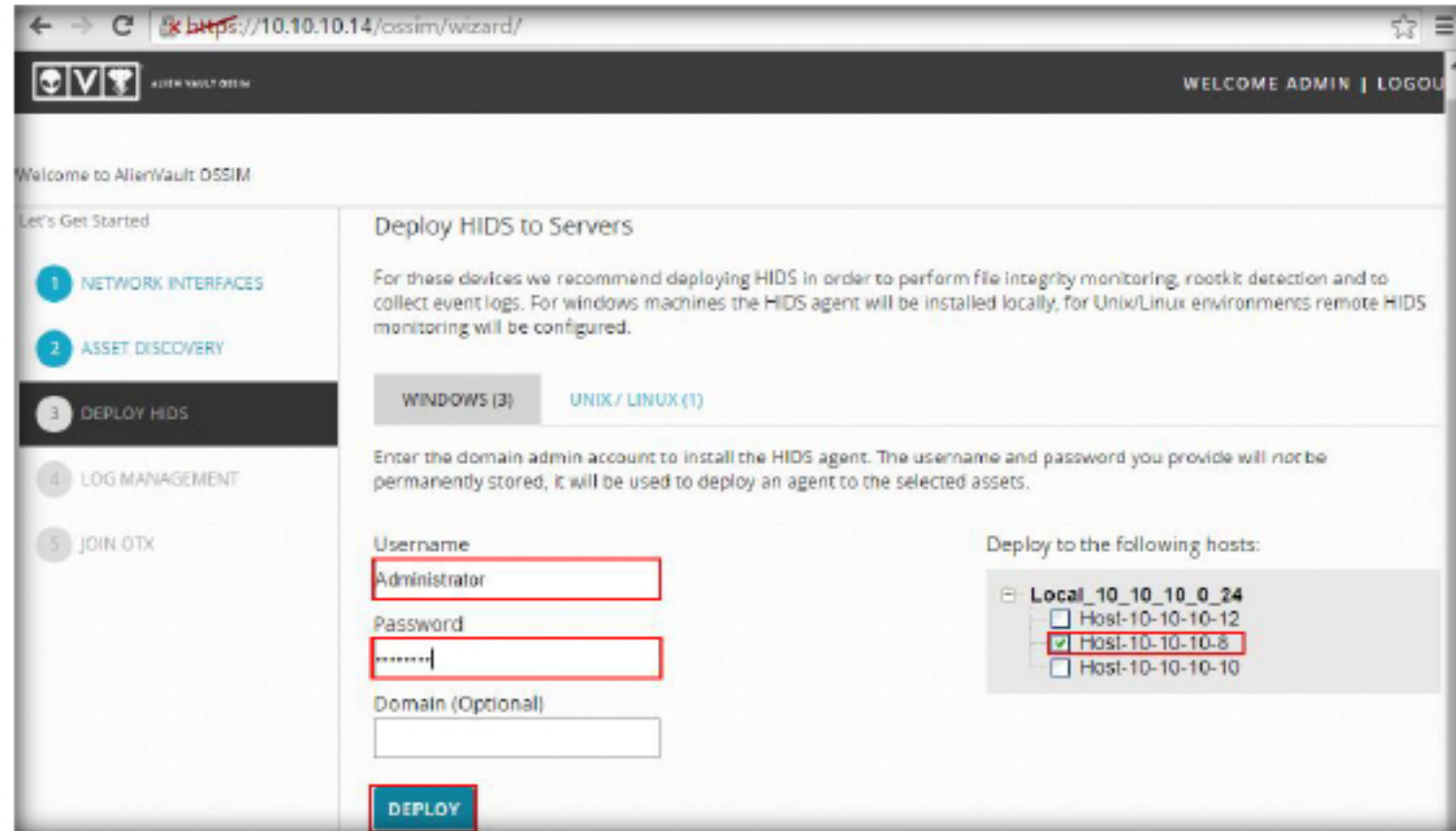


FIGURE 10.6: Entering credentials

11. The **HIDS Deployment** pop-up appears. Click **Continue**.

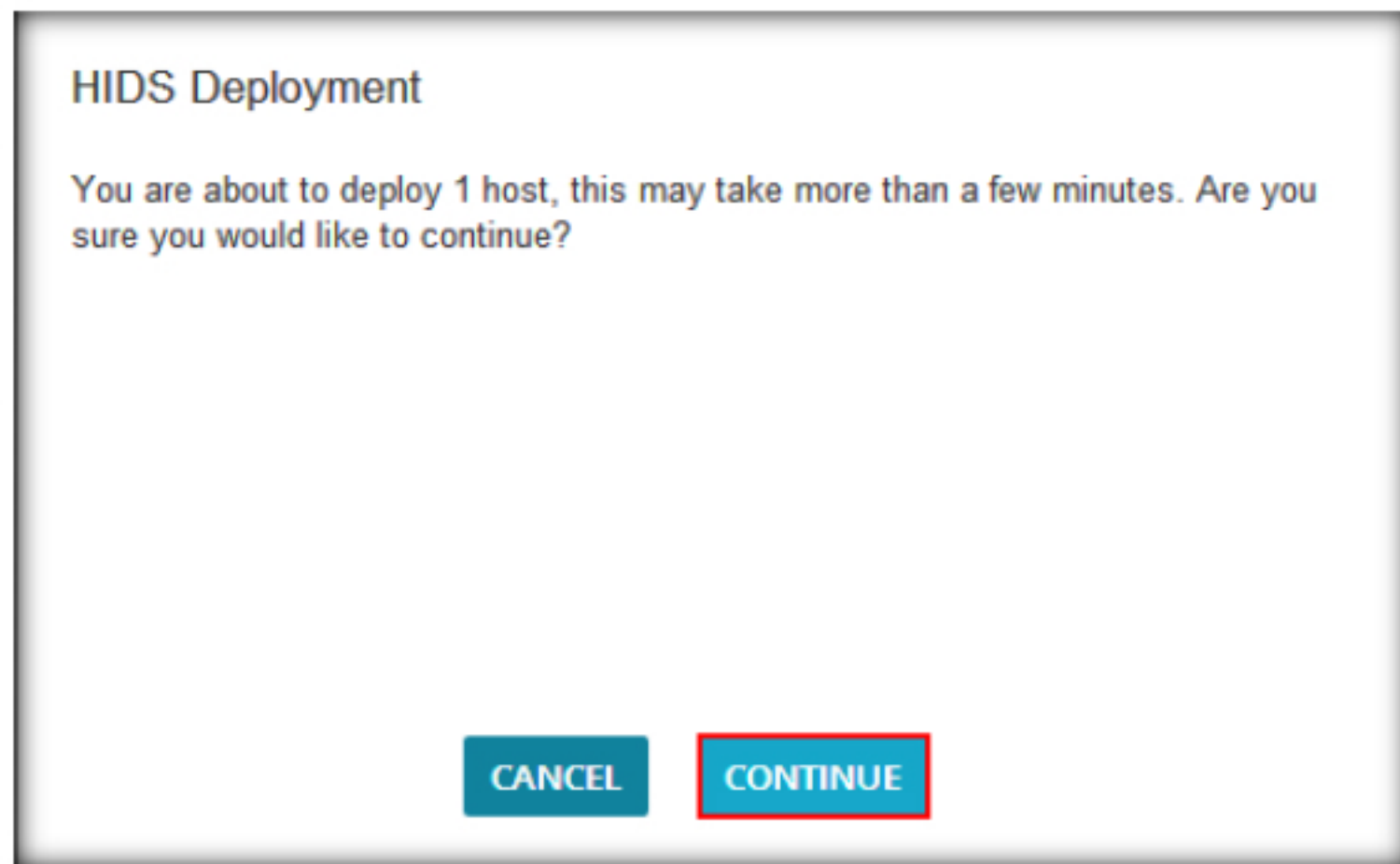


FIGURE 10.7: Confirming the deployment

12. You will get the deployment successful message. Click **OK**.

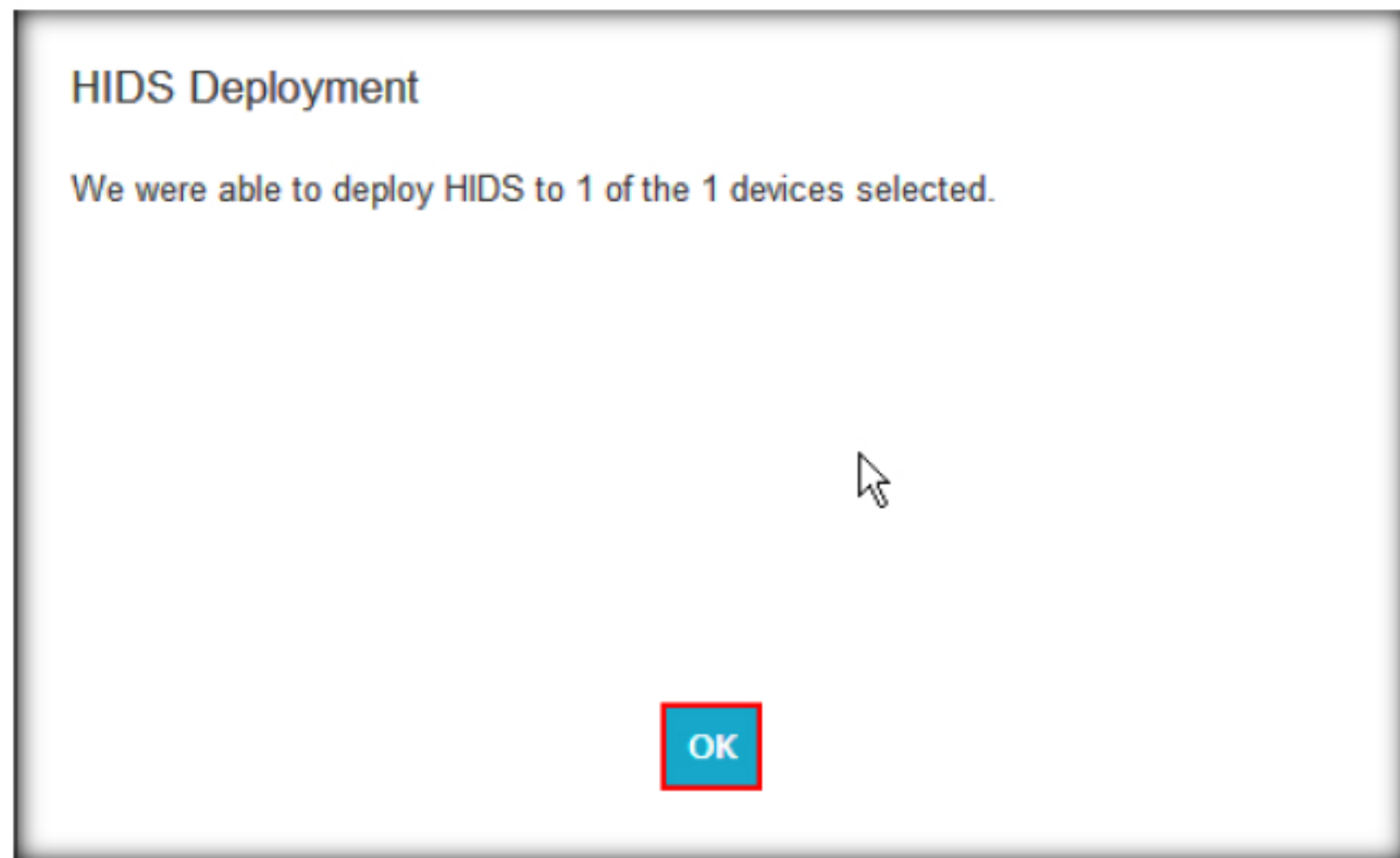


FIGURE 10.8: Successfully deployed HIDS

13. Click **SKIP ALIENVAULT WIZARD**.

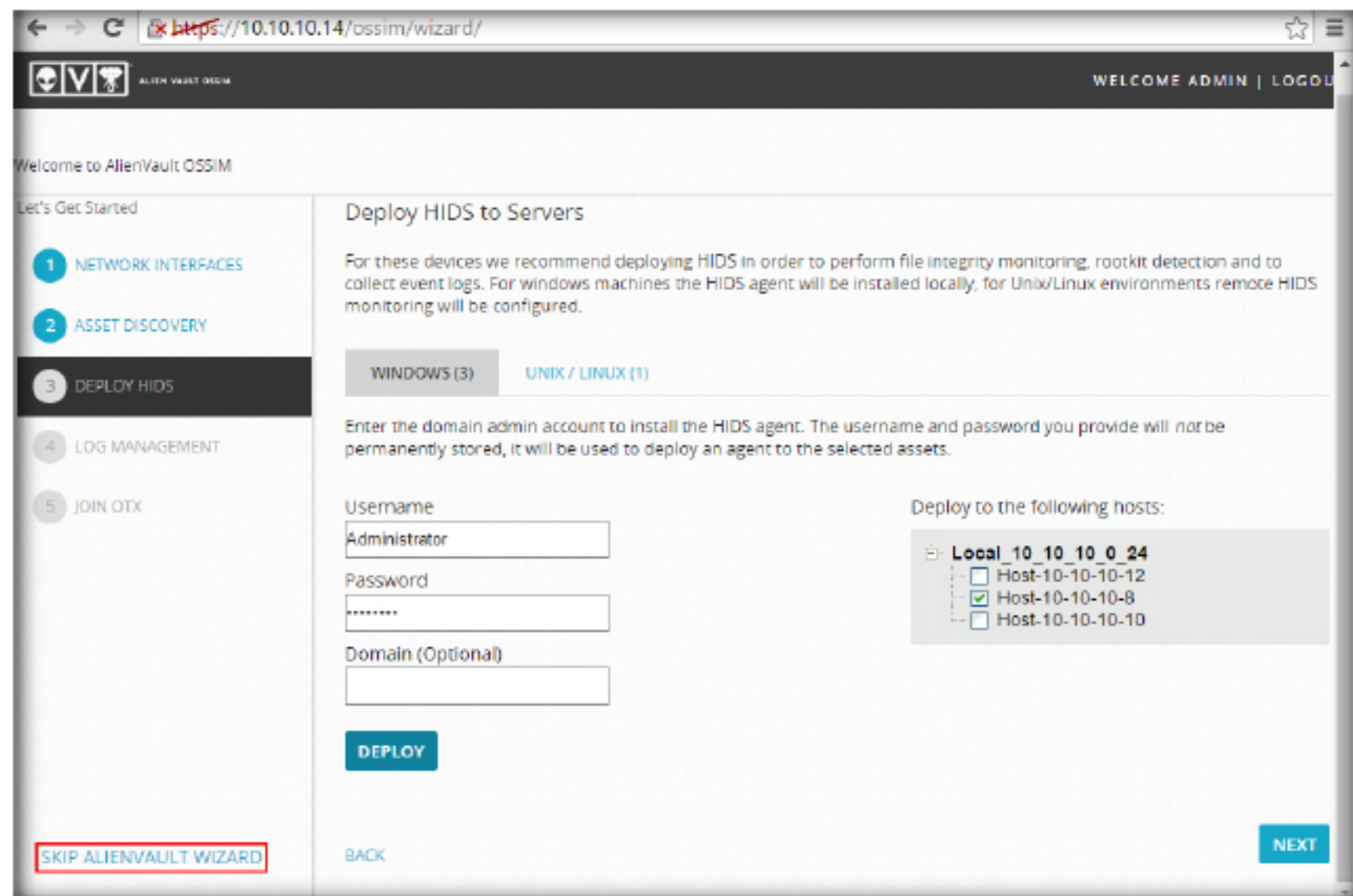


FIGURE 10.9: Moving to next step

14. Hover the mouse cursor on **ENVIRONMENT** and select **DETECTION**.

Note: If **HELP US IMPROVE ALIENVALUT OSSIM** pop-up appears, click **Cancel**.

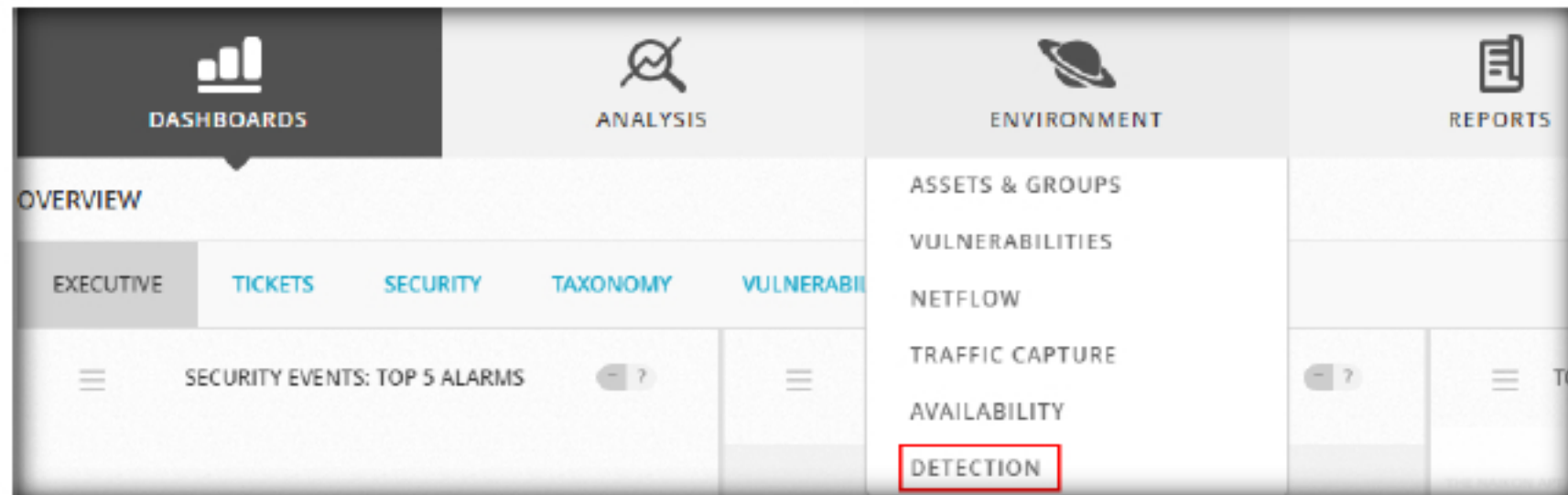


FIGURE 10.10: Navigating to detection

15. You can see the agent for host 10.10.10.8 (Windows Server 2008) is **Active**.
16. We have successfully deployed an OSSEC agent in the Windows Server 2008 to monitor.

AGENT INFORMATION						
AGENT NAME	ASSET	IP/CIDR	CURRENT IP	CURRENT USER	STATUS	TREND (TIME UTC)
alienvault (server)	alienvault	127.0.0.1	127.0.0.1	-	Active/local	
Host-10-10-10-8	Host-10-10-10-8	0.0.0.0/0	10.10.10.8	-	Active	

FIGURE 10.11: Agent is active

Lab Analysis

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Viewing SIEM Events with OSSIM

OSSIM (Open Source Security Information Management) is an open source security information and event management system.

Lab Scenario

It is necessary to collect all events and logs pertaining to an organization's infrastructure and examine them to check if things are in order. As a chief network defender, you need to deploy SIEM on the organization's network and view the events and logs stored in the SIEMs.

Lab Objectives

This lab will demonstrate how to view SIEM events with OSSIM.

Lab Environment

To carry out the lab, you need:

- OSSIM virtual machine
- A virtual machine running Windows Server 2012
- A Web browser with an Internet connection
- **Administrative** privileges to run the tools


Lab Duration


Time: 15 Minutes


Overview of SIEM


A SIEM collects event data from various security logs within the organization, such as those for enterprise security controls, operating systems and applications. The SIEM converts the event data into a format it understands, analyzes it, generates alerts for any suspicious events and creates reports on the events.

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==== Access the AlierVault web interface using the following URL: ====
=====
=====
https://10.10.10.14/
=====

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alienvault login: root
Password:
Last login: Tue Aug  2 08:13:30 EDT 2016 on tty1
Linux alienvault 3.16.0-4-amd64 #1 SMP Debian 3.16.7-dkt25-1 (2016-03-06) x86_64
You have new mail.
_
```

FIGURE 11.1: OSSIM Login Window

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5. Type <https://10.10.10.14> and press **Enter** in the address bar of the browser.

- The OSSIM Login page appears. Enter **admin** in the USERNAME field, **qwerty@123** in the PASSWORD field and click LOGIN.

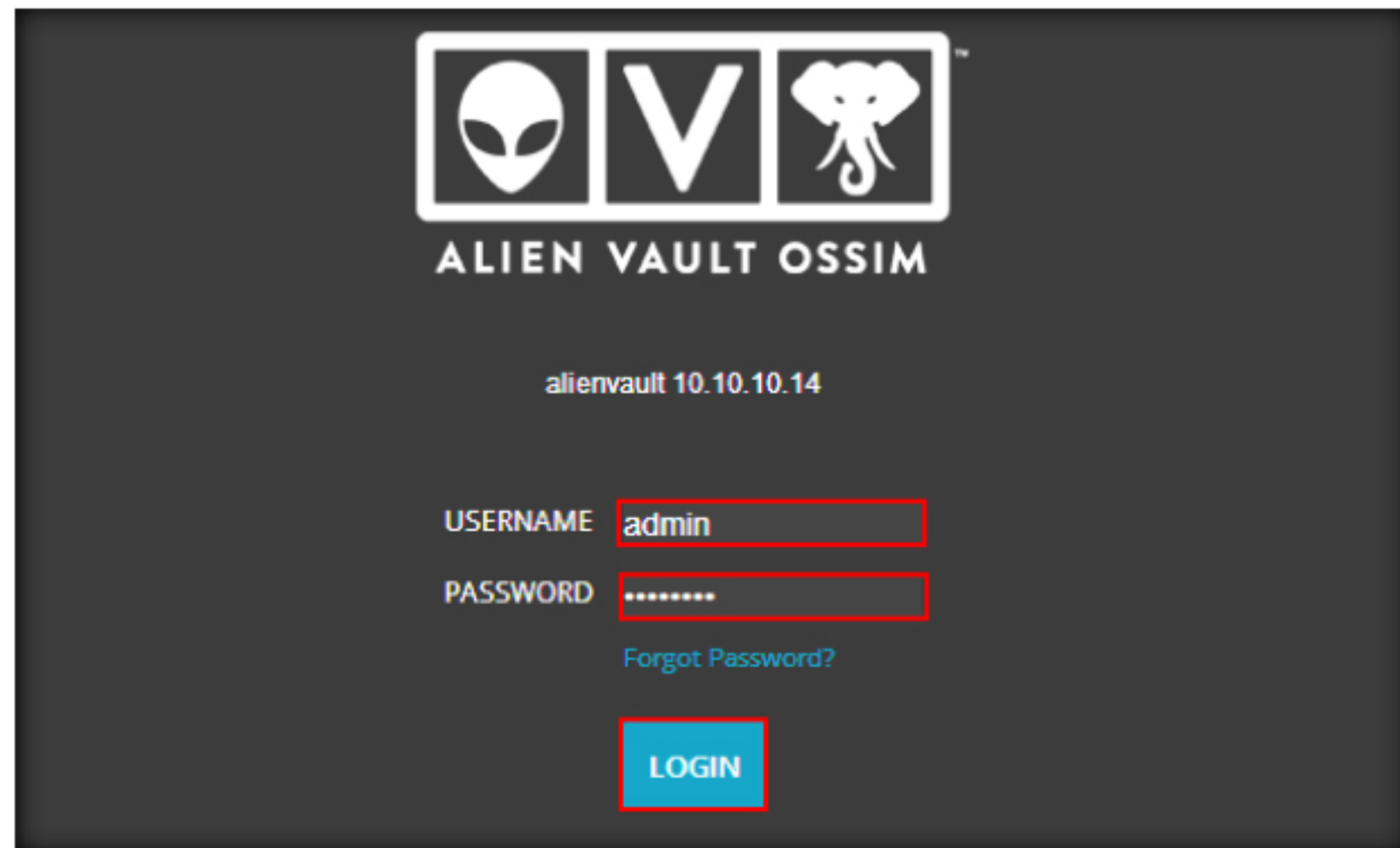


FIGURE 11.2: Logging in to Alien Vault

TASK 2

View Security Events

- To view SIEM events, hover the mouse cursor on **ANALYSIS** and click **SECURITY EVENTS (SIEM)**.

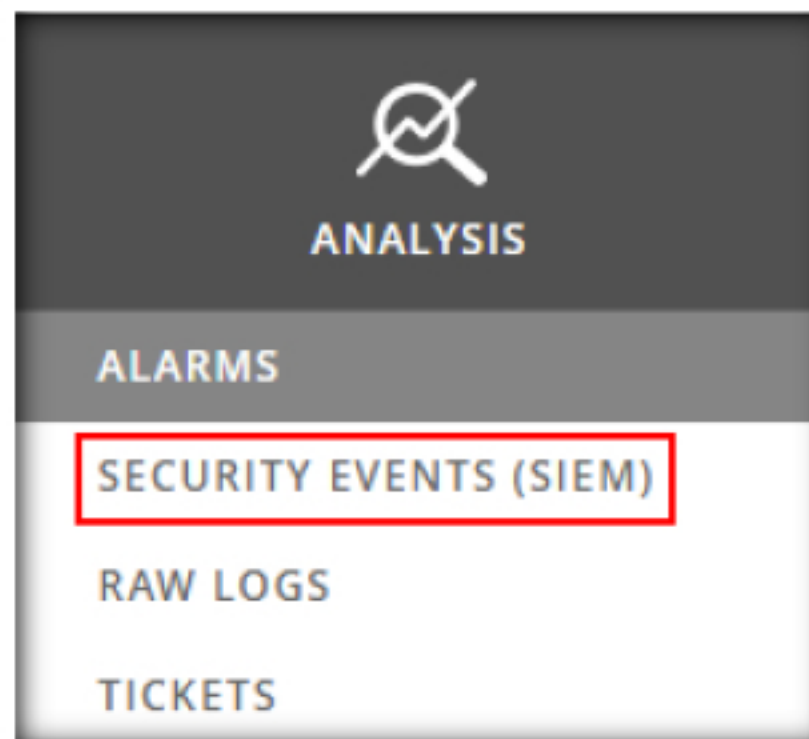


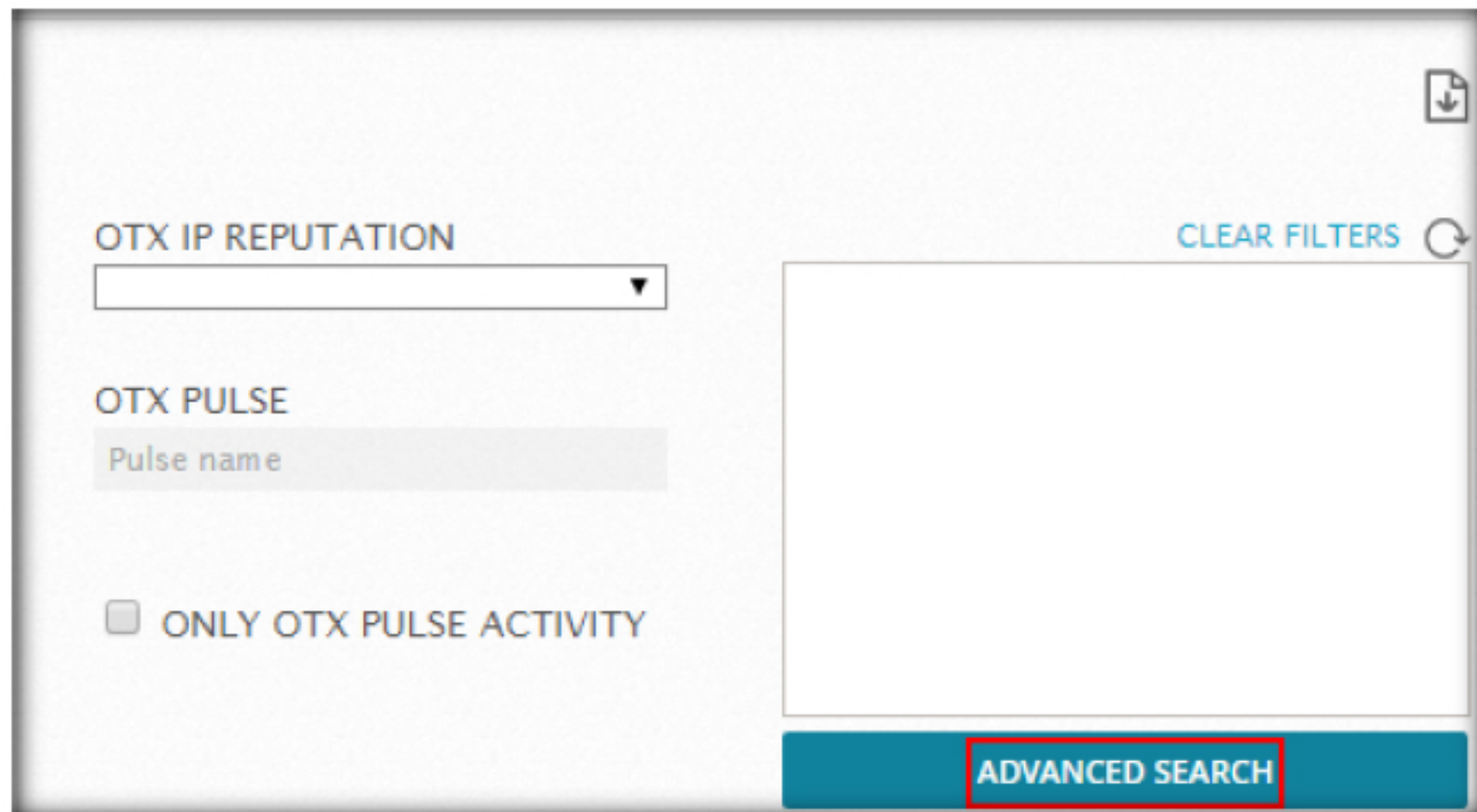
FIGURE 11.3: Navigating to Security Events

- Scroll down and view the various types of events.



FIGURE 11.4: Navigating to Taxonomy View

9. To view SIEM logs which are related to the 10.10.10.8 host, click **ADVANCED SEARCH**.



OTX IP REPUTATION

10.10.10.8

OTX PULSE

Pulse name

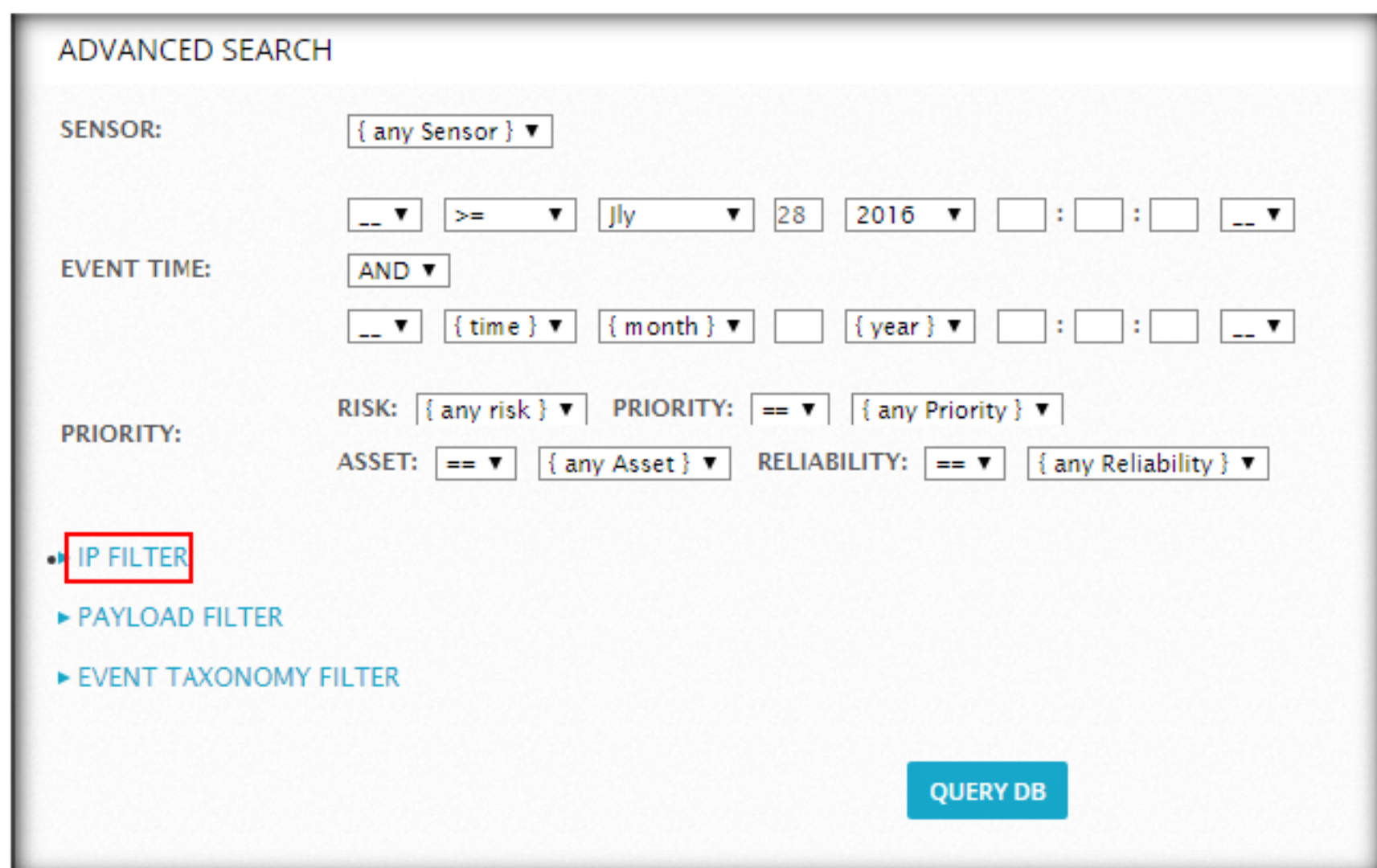
☐ ONLY OTX PULSE ACTIVITY

CLEAR FILTERS

ADVANCED SEARCH

FIGURE 11.5: Navigating to Advanced Search

10. The **ADVANCED SEARCH** appears. Expand IP FILTER.



ADVANCED SEARCH

SENSOR: { any Sensor } ▼

EVENT TIME: -- ▼ >= ▼ Jly ▼ 28 2016 ▼ : : : -- ▼

AND ▼

EVENT TIME: -- ▼ { time } ▼ { month } ▼ : { year } ▼ : : : -- ▼

PRIORITY: RISK: { any risk } ▼ PRIORITY: == ▼ { any Priority } ▼

ASSET: == ▼ { any Asset } ▼ RELIABILITY: == ▼ { any Reliability } ▼

• IP FILTER

▶ PAYLOAD FILTER

▶ EVENT TAXONOMY FILTER

QUERY DB

FIGURE 11.6: Expanding IP Filter

11. Select the values in the **ADDRESS** field as shown in the screenshot, click **QUERY DB**.

The screenshot shows the 'ADVANCED SEARCH' window. The 'IP FILTER' section is expanded, and the 'ADDRESS' field is set to '10.10.10.8'. The 'LAYER-4' section has 'TCP' and 'UDP' buttons. The 'QUERY DB' button is highlighted at the bottom.

FIGURE 11.7: Adding Filter Details

12. You can view all events for the **10.10.10.8** host, irrespective of whether the address is in the source or destination field.

▼ DATE GMT-4:00 ▲	SENSOR	OTX	SOURCE	DESTINATION
2016-07-28 08:20:25	alienvault	N/A	alienvault:43612	Host-10-10-10-8:445
2016-07-28 07:45:21	alienvault	N/A	alienvault:44425	Host-10-10-10-8:445
2016-07-28 07:42:37	alienvault	N/A	Host-10-10-10-8	Host-10-10-10-8
2016-07-28 07:41:51	alienvault	N/A	Host-10-10-10-8	Host-10-10-10-8
2016-07-28 07:41:51	alienvault	N/A	Host-10-10-10-8	Host-10-10-10-8
2016-07-28 07:41:43	alienvault	N/A	Host-10-10-10-8	Host-10-10-10-8
2016-07-28 07:41:35	alienvault	N/A	fe80::d79:7da9:d056:ba82:56683	Host-10-10-10-8
2016-07-28 07:40:55	alienvault	N/A	Host-10-10-10-8	Host-10-10-10-8
2016-07-28 07:40:47	alienvault	N/A	fe80::d79:7da9:d056:ba82:56644	Host-10-10-10-8

FIGURE 11.8: SIEM Logs Filtered

Lab Analysis

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