



Configuring SIOS LifeKeeper for Milestone XProtect

Introduction

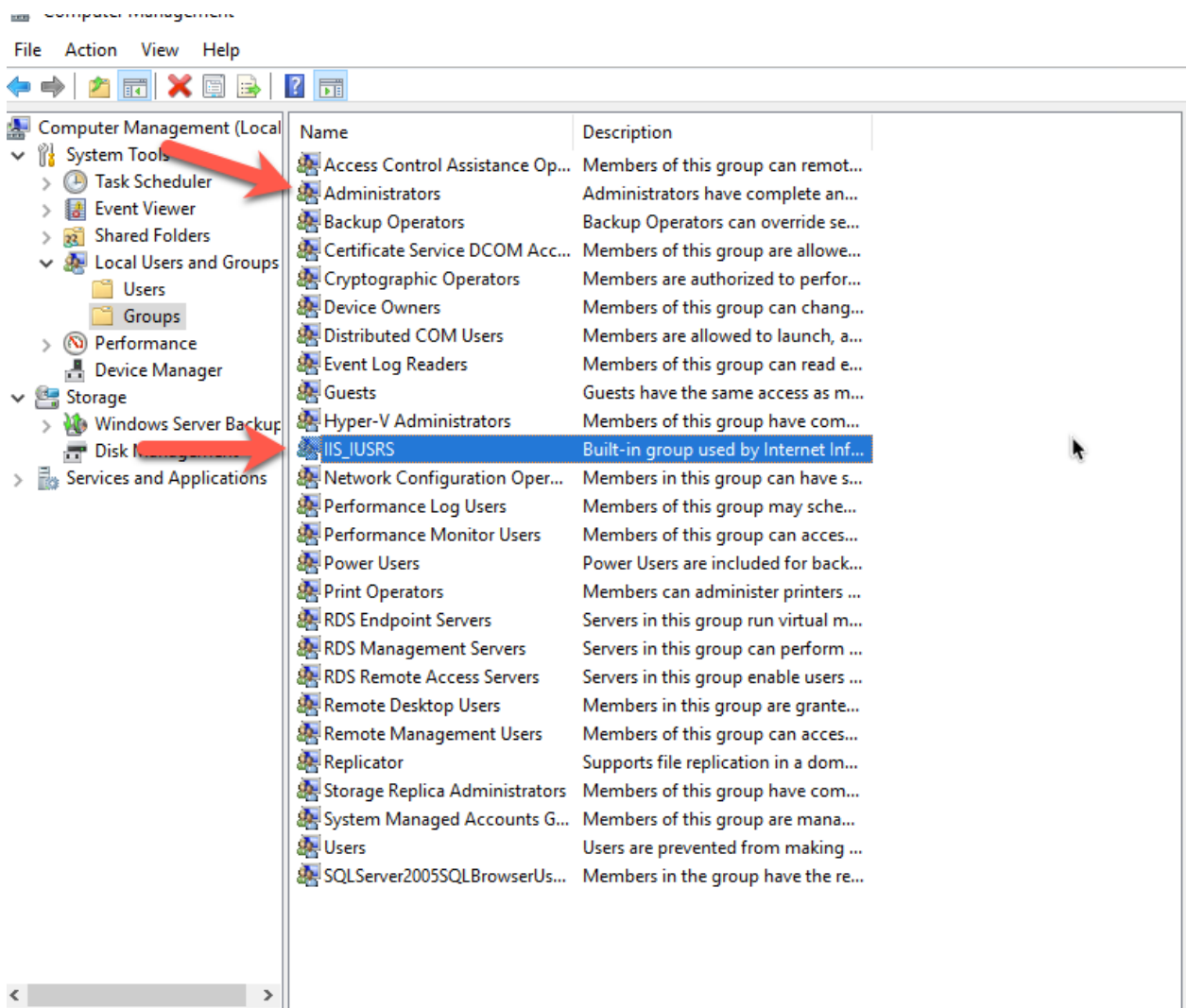
By following the steps below, you will be able to build a two-node Milestone XProtect VMS cluster using the SIOS Protection Suite with Microsoft SQL Server. The steps provided in this document assume that the XProtect Management Server, SQL Server, and all the optional XProtect components are running on the same server. However, you can choose to break out the components across many different cluster pairs if you wish to do that. You should adjust the steps below, installing and clustering just the components you wish to run on each cluster pair.

Pre-Requisites

To create a high availability (HA) cluster, you need at least three servers. Two servers run the XProtect Management Server and all the optional services, and at least one server acts as the XProtect Recording Server. The two XProtect Management Servers will be clustered with SIOS LifeKeeper. The XProtect Recording Server can also be made redundant using the built-in redundancy options. That will not be covered in this guide.

For this guide, we will call these servers XPROTECT1, XPROTECT2 and RECORDING. The following items must be completed.

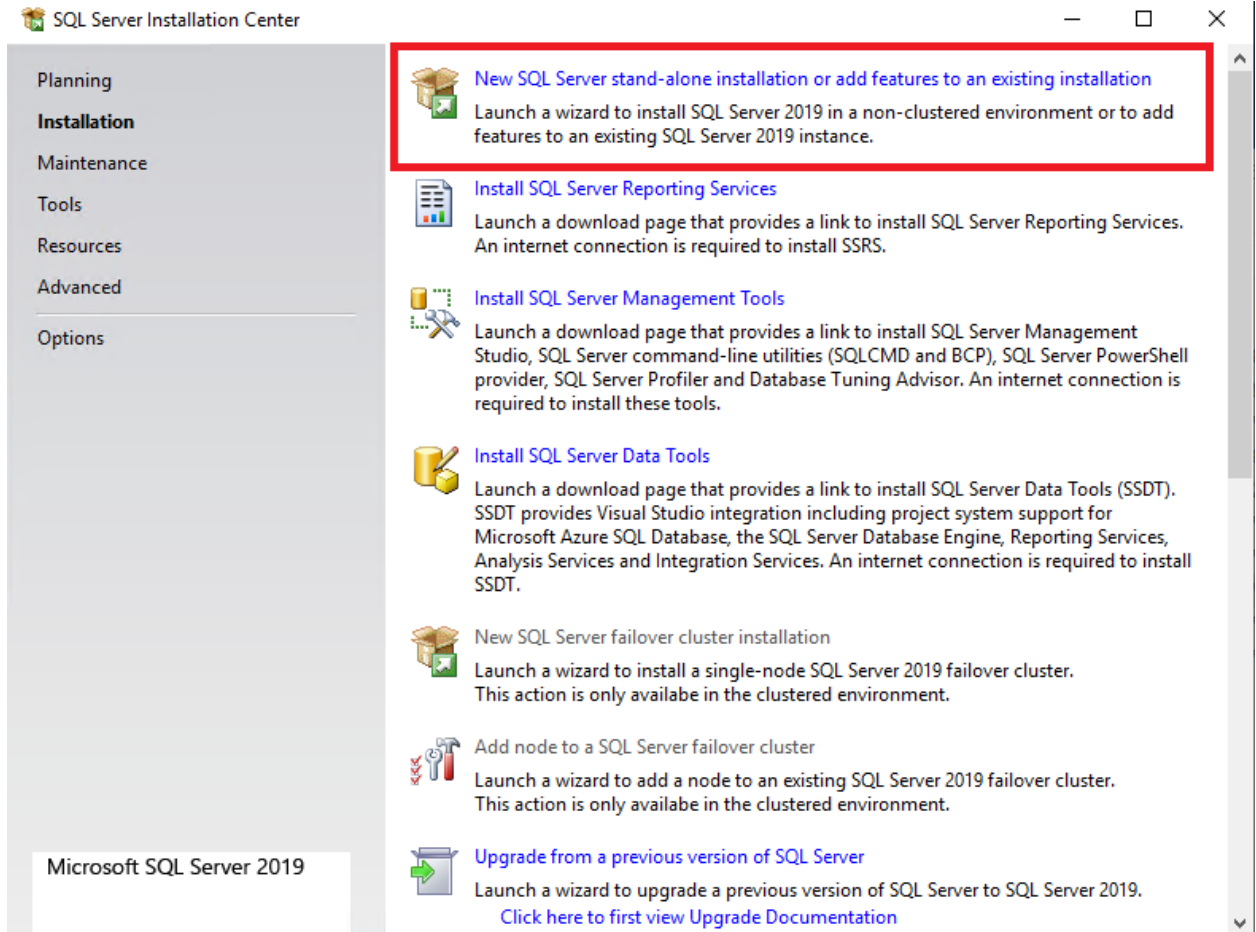
- When you provision these servers, the names must be in ALL CAPS.
- You must use static IP addresses on these servers.
- XPROTECT1 and XPROTECT2 need host file entries that resolve to one another, even if the DNS is in use.
- These servers can be in a Workgroup or an Active Directory domain.
- If in an AD domain, you must create a domain user account that is added to the local Administrators group and IIS_IUSRS group. This account will be used for both the Milestone XProtect services and the SIOS DataKeeper and LifeKeeper services.
- If in a Workgroup, you need to create a local account on each server and add it to the local Administrators and IIS_IUSRS group. The same account, with **matching passwords**, must be created on each server.
- Make sure the user installing and the account running SQL Server is in the Local Administrators Group and the IIS_IUSRS Group.



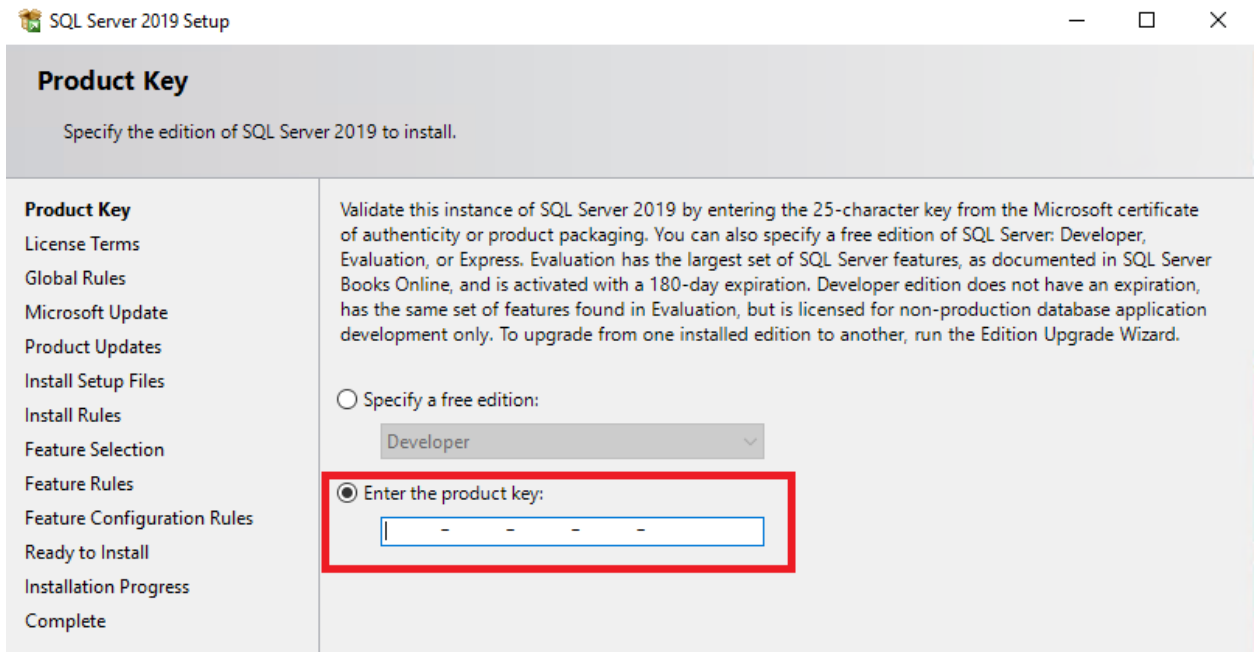
- XPROTECT1 and XPROTECT2 both must have at least one additional partition. The partition drive letters and size must match between the servers.
- Dynamic Pagefile must be disabled; no page file should reside on the extra partition(s) for XPROTECT1 and XPROTECT2.
 - See: <https://docs.us.sios.com/dkse/8.6.4/en/topic/disable-automatically-manage-pagin-g-file-size-for-all-drives>
- Utilizing two distinct network cards on separate networks is highly recommended (though not mandatory) to optimize network functionality. Establishing a Public network for regular communication purposes, alongside a Private network on a distinct subnet specifically designed for data replication, would be ideal. Both networks should be utilized as communication paths within the cluster.

Step 1 - Install SQL Server

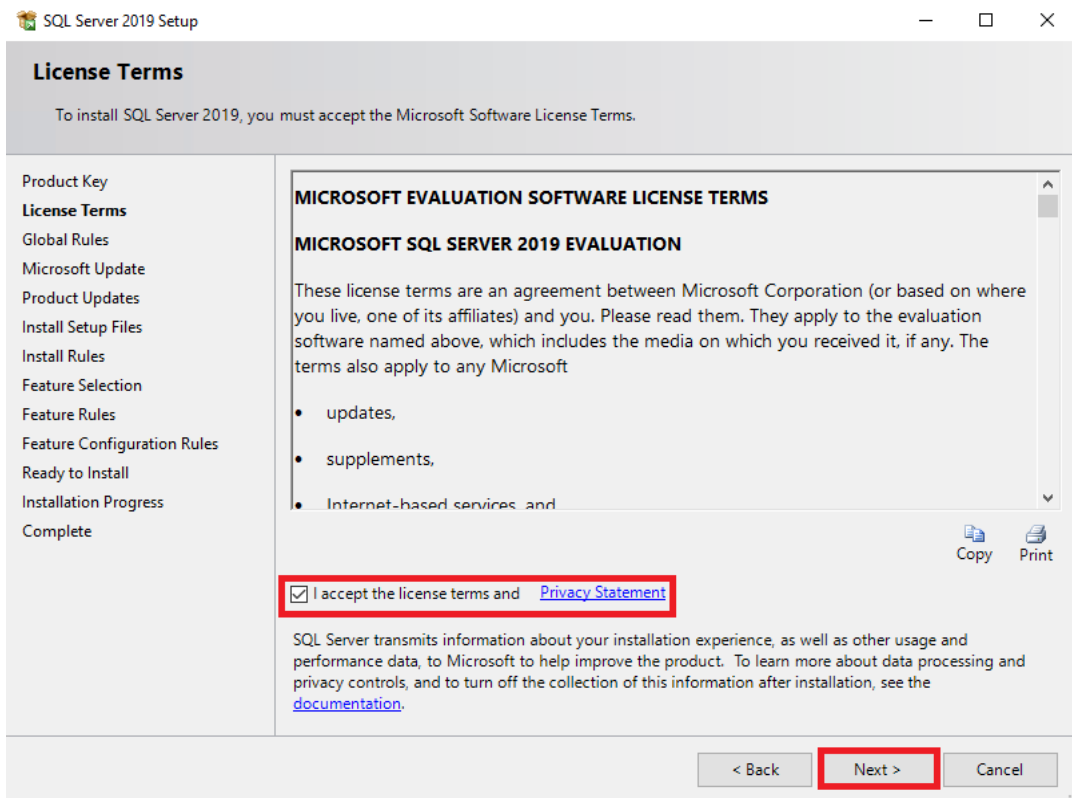
1. Install SQL standalone instance



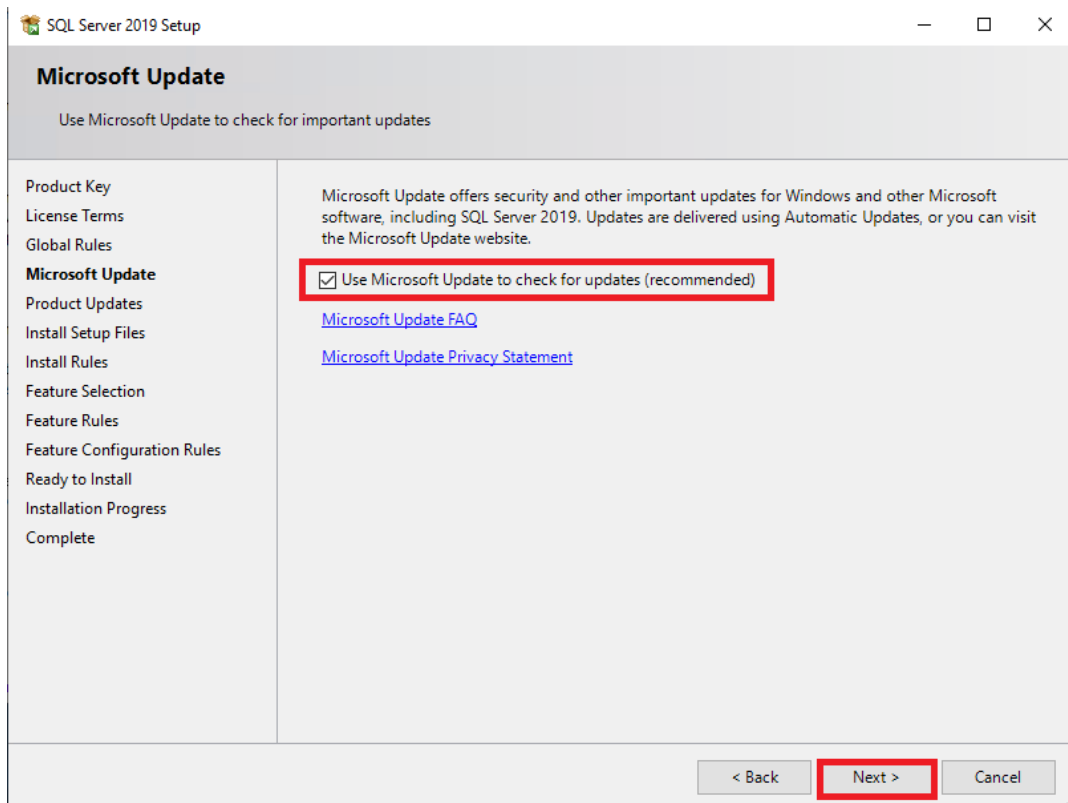
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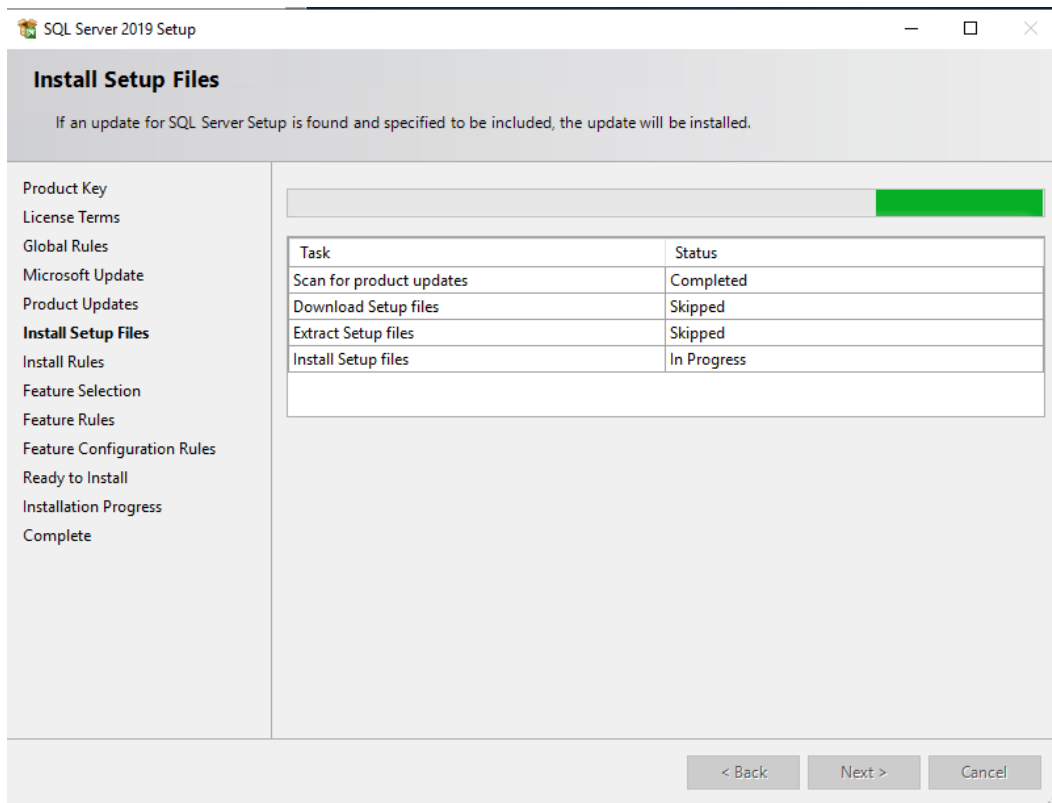
3. Accept license terms and Privacy Statement



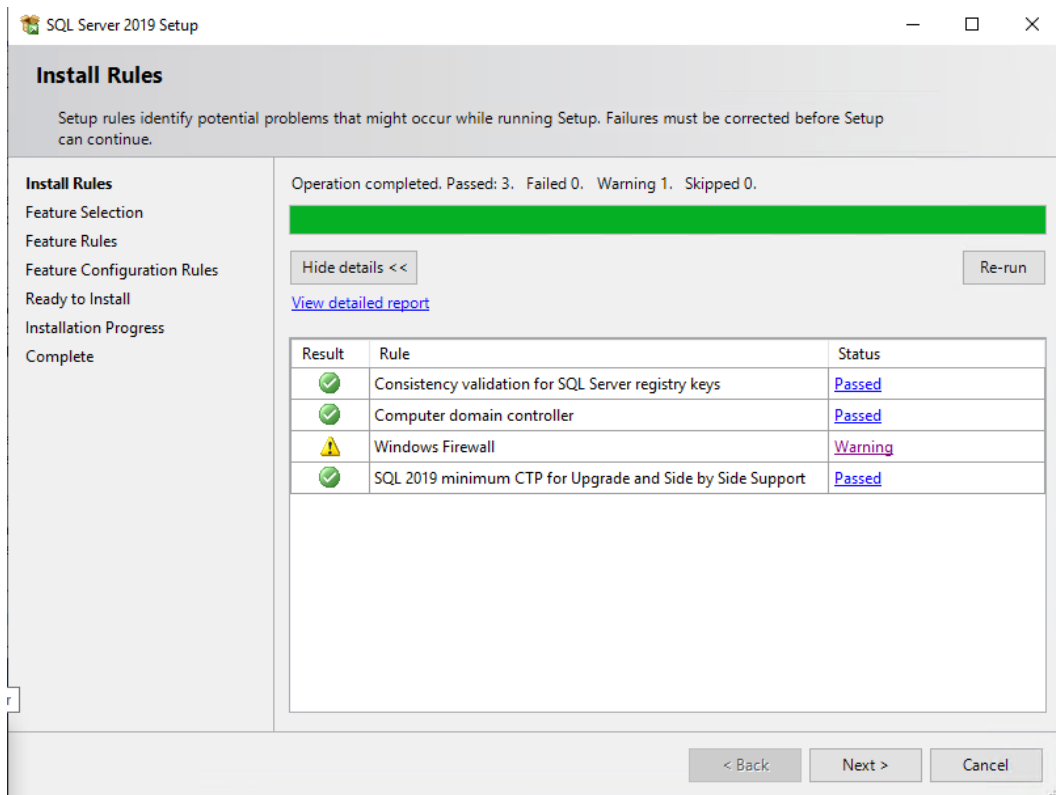
4. Allow Microsoft Updates by checking the box



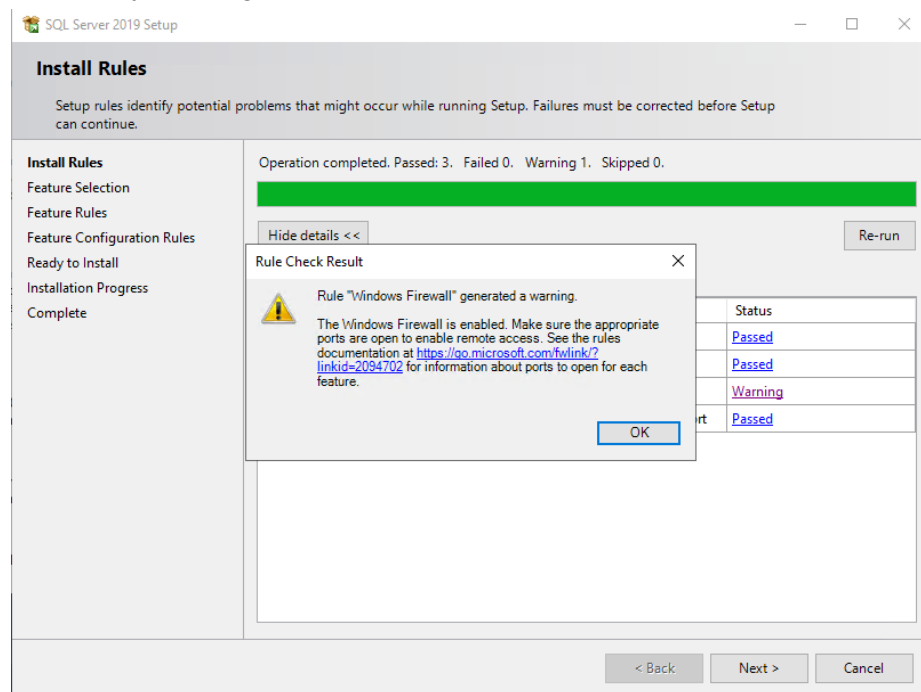
5. Wait for installation of setup files



6. Verify installations rules passed



a. Check any warnings and correct them as needed.



7. Install features and set instance location

SQL Server 2019 Setup

Feature Selection

Select the Evaluation features to install.

Install Rules

Feature Selection

Feature Rules

Instance Configuration

Server Configuration

Database Engine Configuration

Feature Configuration Rules

Ready to Install

Installation Progress

Complete

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Features:

Instance Features

☒ Database Engine Services

☐ SQL Server Replication

☐ Machine Learning Services and Language

☐ R

☐ Python

☐ Java

☐ Full-Text and Semantic Extractions for Search

☐ Data Quality Services

☐ PolyBase Query Service for External Data

☐ In-Memory OLAP

Select All Unselect All

Instance root directory: C:\Program Files\Microsoft SQL Server\

Shared feature directory: C:\Program Files\Microsoft SQL Server\

Shared feature directory (x86): C:\Program Files (x86)\Microsoft SQL Server\

Feature description:

The configuration and operation of each instance feature of a SQL Server instance is isolated from other SQL Server instances. SQL

Prerequisites for selected features:

Already installed:

Windows PowerShell 3.0 or higher

Microsoft Visual C++ 2017 Redistributable

Disk Space Requirements

Drive C: 1003 MB required, 1011 MB available

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8. Configure Instance with the default instance name

SQL Server 2019 Setup

Instance Configuration

Specify the name and instance ID for the instance of SQL Server. Instance ID becomes part of the installation path.

Install Rules

Feature Selection

Feature Rules

Instance Configuration

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Database Engine Configuration

Feature Configuration Rules

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☒ **Default instance**

☐ Named instance: MSSQLSERVER

Instance ID: MSSQLSERVER

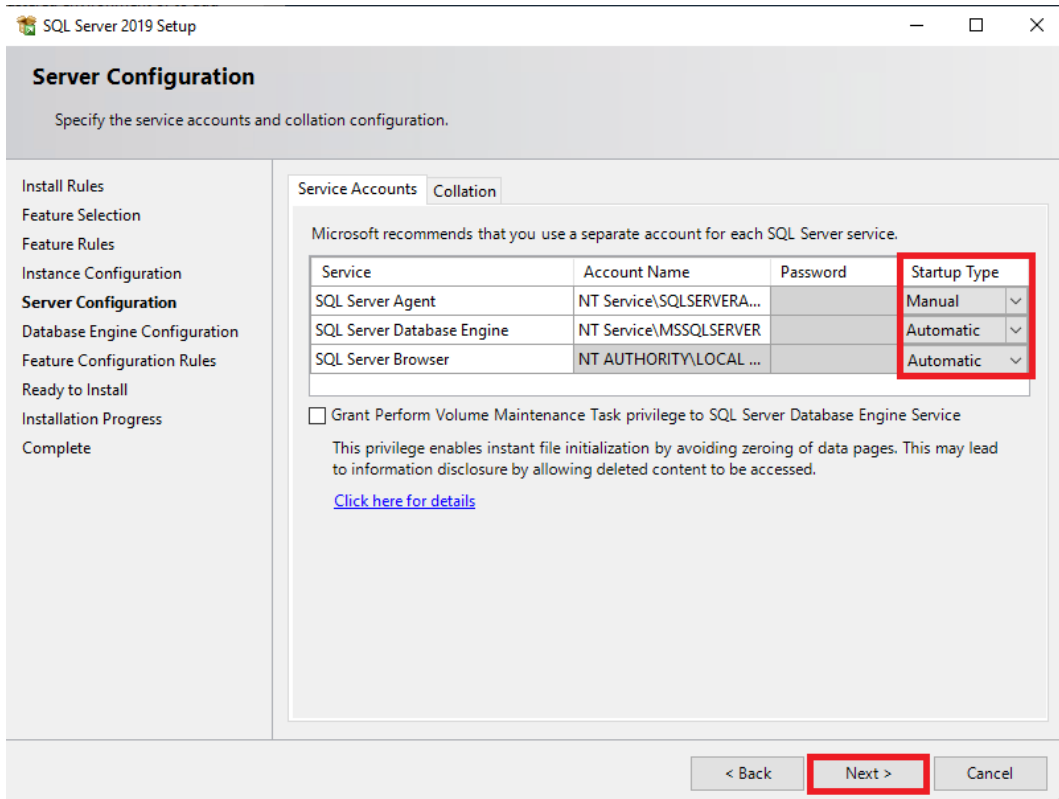
SQL Server directory: E:\Microsoft SQL Server\MSSQL15.MSSQLSERVER

Installed instances:

Instance Name	Instance ID	Features	Edition	Version

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9. Configure server with default service accounts



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Server Configuration
Specify the service accounts and collation configuration.

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Service Accounts Collation

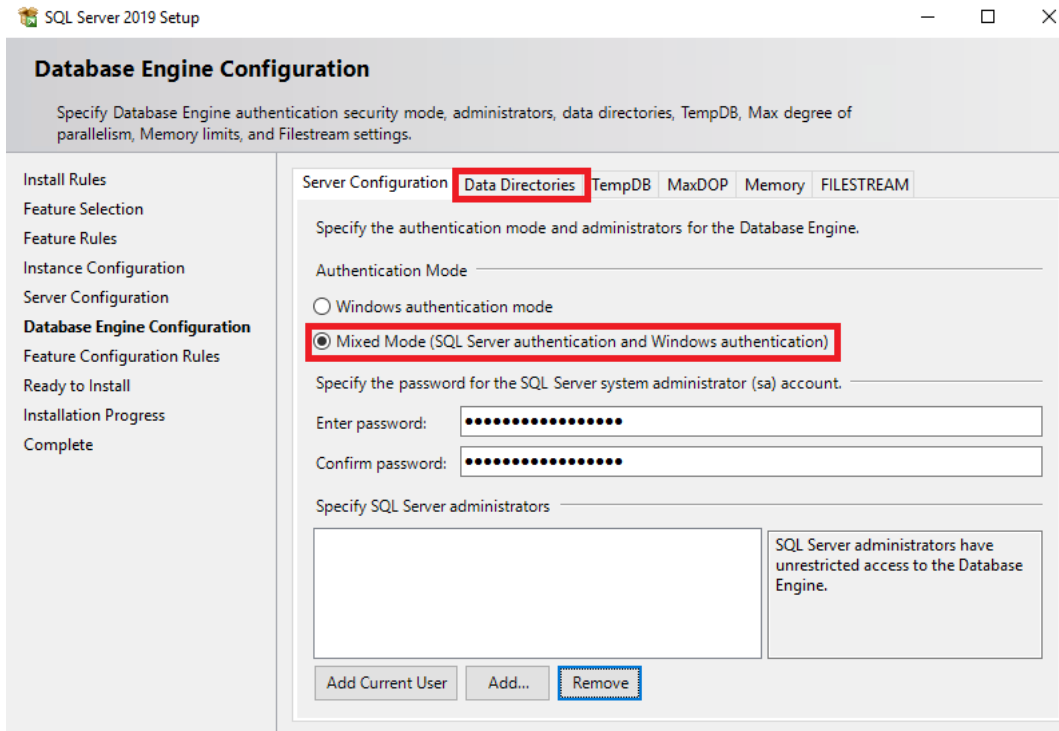
Microsoft recommends that you use a separate account for each SQL Server service.

Service	Account Name	Password	Startup Type
SQL Server Agent	NT Service\SQLSERVERA...		Manual
SQL Server Database Engine	NT Service\MSSQLSERVER		Automatic
SQL Server Browser	NT AUTHORITY\LOCAL ...		Automatic

☐ Grant Perform Volume Maintenance Task privilege to SQL Server Database Engine Service
This privilege enables instant file initialization by avoiding zeroing of data pages. This may lead to information disclosure by allowing deleted content to be accessed.
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10. Configure Database Engine to have mixed-mode authentication, add necessary users as administrators, and set data directories to use the partition(s) set aside for replication.



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Database Engine Configuration
Specify Database Engine authentication security mode, administrators, data directories, TempDB, Max degree of parallelism, Memory limits, and Filestream settings.

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Feature Rules
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Server Configuration
Database Engine Configuration
Feature Configuration Rules
Ready to Install
Installation Progress
Complete

Server Configuration **Data Directories** TempDB MaxDOP Memory FILESTREAM

Specify the authentication mode and administrators for the Database Engine.

Authentication Mode

☐ Windows authentication mode

☒ **Mixed Mode (SQL Server authentication and Windows authentication)**

Specify the password for the SQL Server system administrator (sa) account.

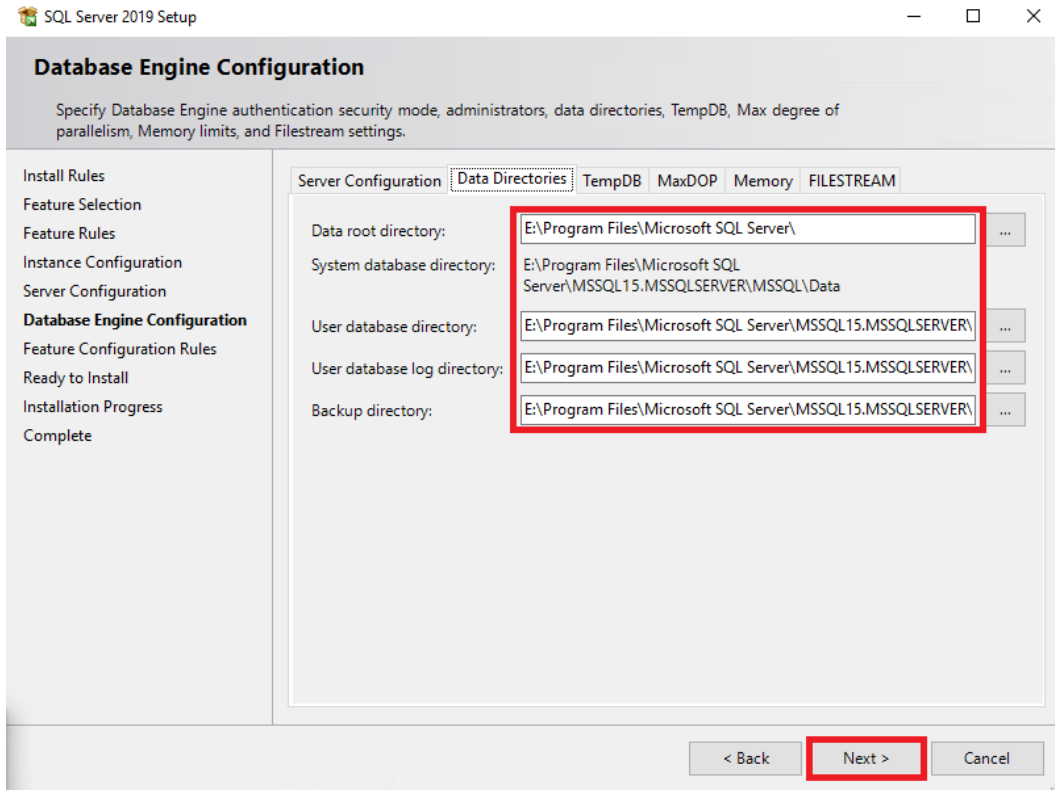
Enter password:

Confirm password:

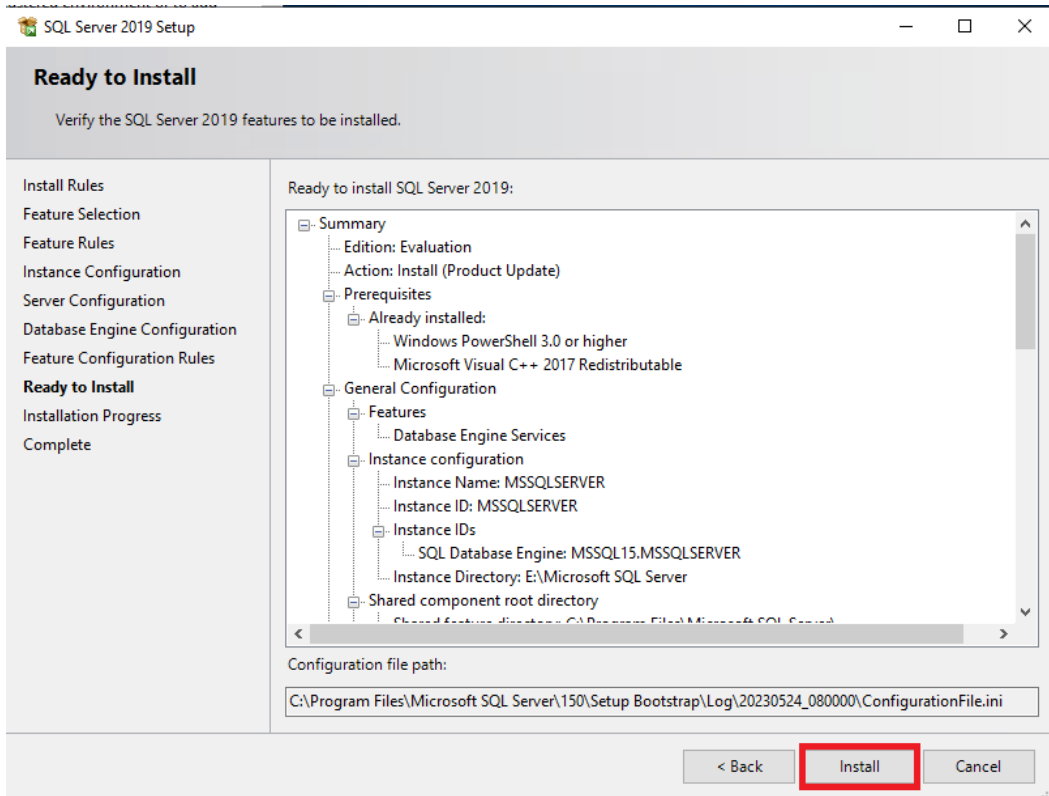
Specify SQL Server administrators

Add Current User Add... Remove

SQL Server administrators have unrestricted access to the Database Engine.

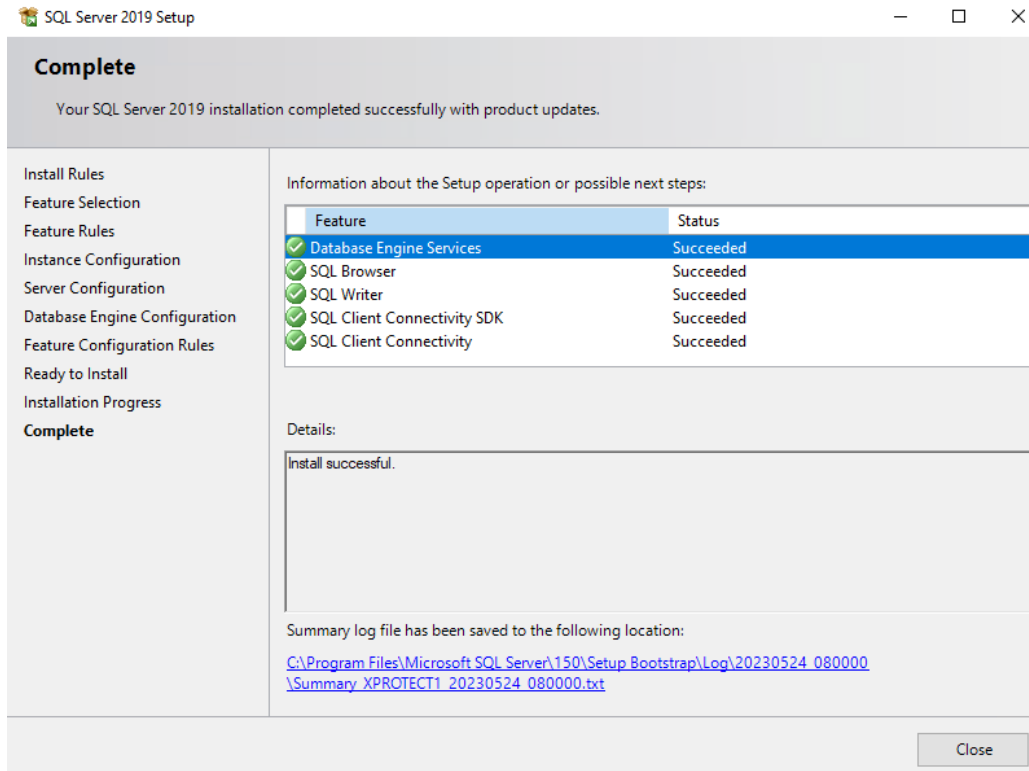


11. Verify Installation Configuration, then install





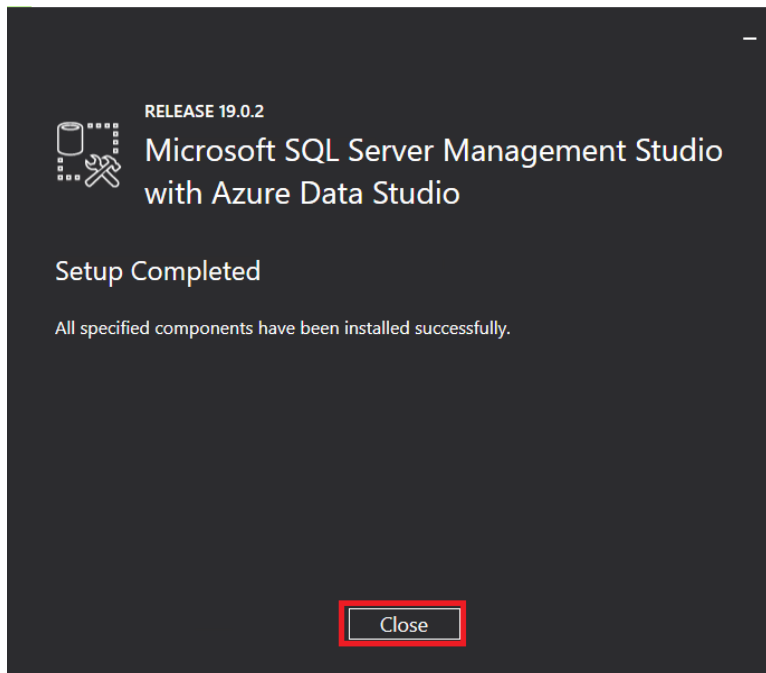
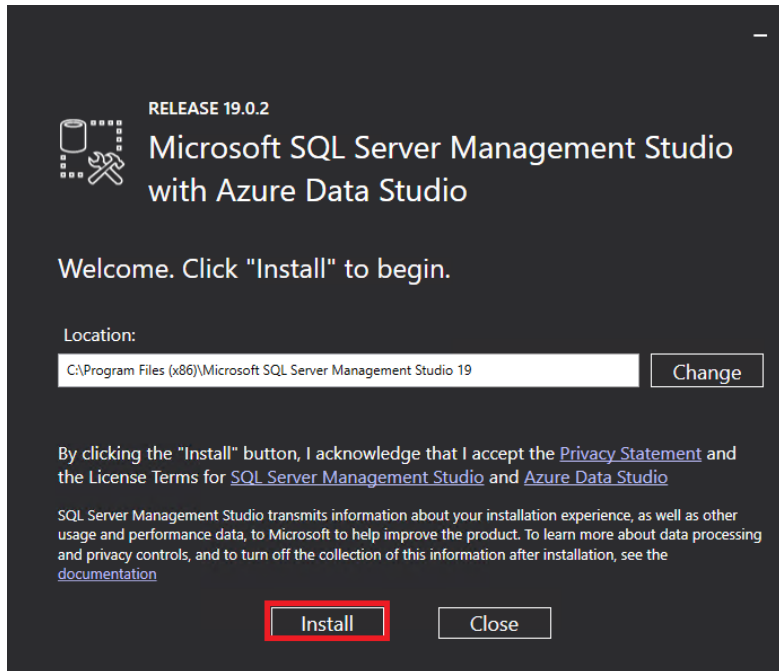
12. Verify installation was successful



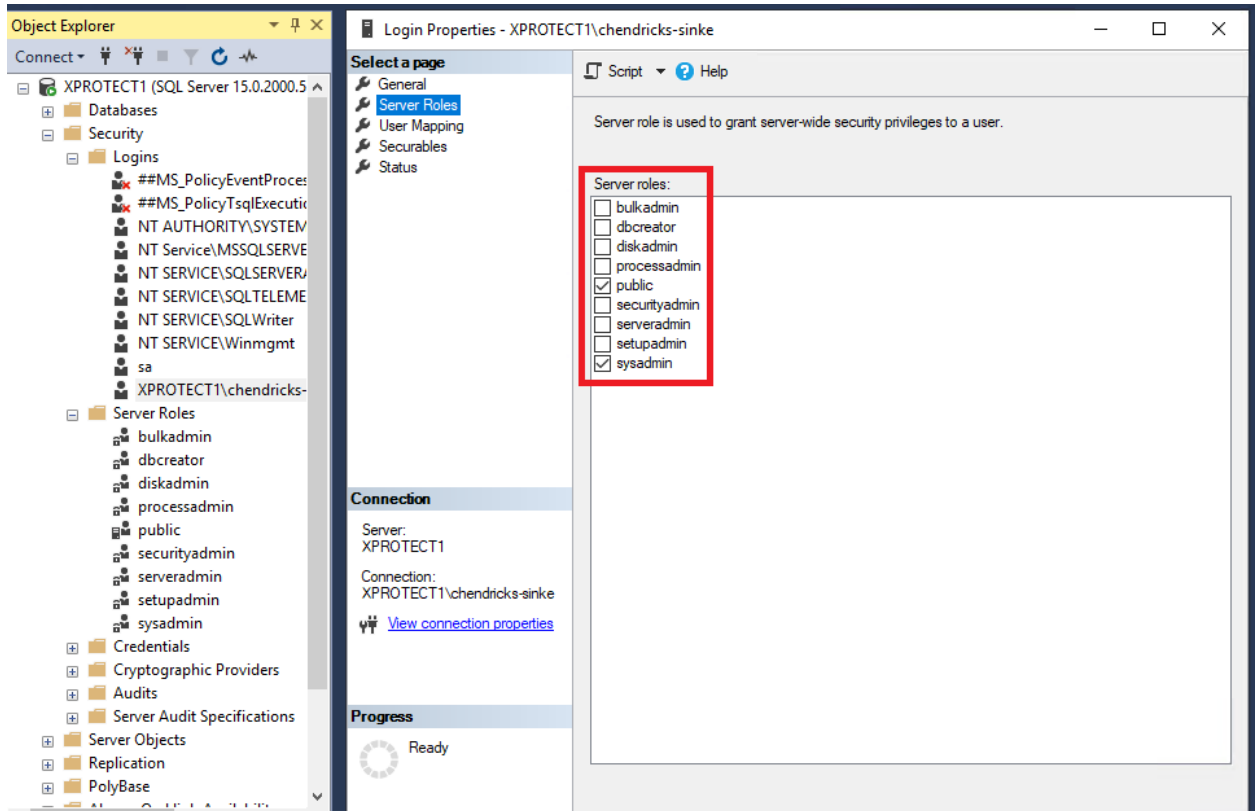
13. Repeat steps 1-12 on XPROTECT2

[Download](#) and install SQL Server Management Studio on both XPROTECT1 and XPROTECT2
Install SQL Server Management Studio (SSMS):

1. Install

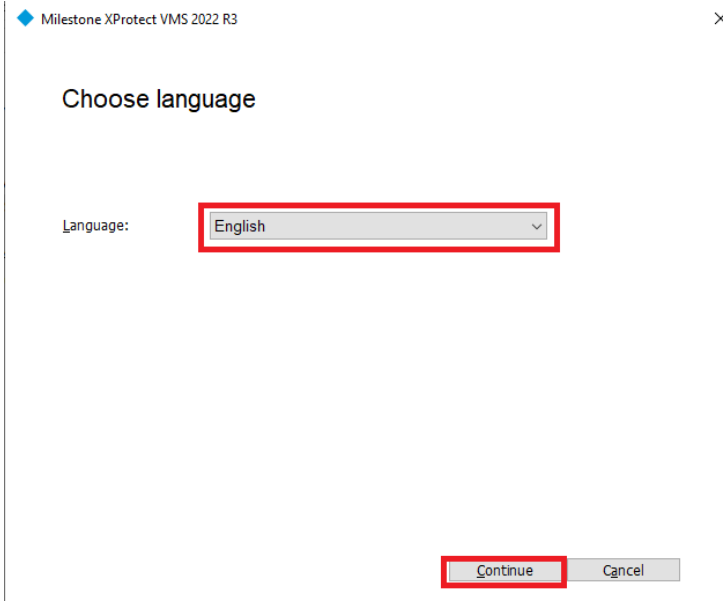


2. Connect to each SQL instance and verify that the user account has 'sysadmin' and 'public' role



Step 2 - Install Milestone XProtect

1. Choose language



Milestone XProtect VMS 2022 R3

Choose language

Language: English

Continue Cancel

2. Agree to Terms and Conditions



Milestone XProtect VMS 2022 R3

Accept the Milestone license agreement

Milestone End-user License Agreement

NOTE: If you are a Milestone Dealer, systems integrator or are otherwise installing this Product on behalf of a third party, you shall ensure that you have their acceptance of this End-user License Agreement and their consent to provide end-user personal data for registration with Milestone Systems if such voluntary option is applied.

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☒ I accept the terms in the license agreement

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3. Determine whether you want to share data

Milestone XProtect VMS 2022 R3

Privacy settings

☐ Share usage data and help us improve our services.

Shared usage data will be collected for XProtect Mobile Server, XProtect Mobile Client, and XProtect Web Client.

Please note that Milestone uses technology by third-party providers which have been instructed to store any personal data within the EU. However, we inform you that the EU Court of Justice has in general found (Schrems II) that, from an EU perspective, there are not appropriate safeguards in place in the US, because US owned companies (such as Google) may possibly be required to give data access to the United States Intelligence Community without any judicial review.

☒ Do not share usage data. (XProtect Mobile Server, XProtect Mobile Client, XProtect Web Client)

Read the detailed list of the collected usage data:
<https://www.milestonesys.com/privacy-policy/>

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4. Add License

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Select license file

Use the XProtect license file that you have purchased and received from your reseller.

Alternatively, download a free [XProtect Essential+](#) license file.

You can change the license file after installation.

Enter or browse to the location of the license file:

Browse

Visit the [Milestone reseller](#) page to find a reseller.

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5. Choose custom install

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Select an installation type

Single computer

Suitable for small systems where the entire system is managed from one computer.

Installs all system components and clients on this computer. After installation, the system is preconfigured and ready for use. Additional configuration may be needed.

Custom

Suitable for large or complex systems, or if the distribution of system components across several computers is needed.

Installs system components and clients of your choice on this computer. After installation, the system needs to be configured.

6. Choose the below components

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Components to be installed

- ☒ XProtect Management Server (64-bit)
- ☐ XProtect Recording Server (64-bit)
- ☒ XProtect Management Client 2022 R3 (64-bit)
- ☒ XProtect Smart Client 2022 R3 (64-bit)
- ☒ XProtect Event Server (64-bit)
- ☒ XProtect Log Server (64-bit)
- ☒ XProtect Mobile Server (64-bit)
- ☐ XProtect Management Server Failover (64-bit)
- ☐ XProtect API Gateway (64-bit)

XProtect Mobile Server (64-bit)

The server component enables the use of XProtect Mobile client and XProtect Web Client.

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7. Select SQL Server

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Select Microsoft SQL Server

The system stores, among others, the configuration file, alarms, events, and log messages in an SQL database.

☒ Use the SQL Server on this computer

☐ Select a SQL Server on your network through search

(local)

☐ Select a SQL Server on your network

Enter host name or IP address

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8. Create a new database

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Select database

Select if you want to create a new database or use an existing one. If you want to use an existing one, specify what should happen to the existing data.

☒ Create new database

Database name:

Surveillance

☐ Use existing database

Database name:

Surveillance

What do you want to do with the existing data?

☒ Keep

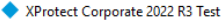
☐ Overwrite

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9. Set system configuration password

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Assign a system configuration password

The system configuration password protects the overall system configuration. System administrators will need this password to access the overall system configuration in case of system recovery or when expanding the system.

 It is important that system administrators save this password and keep it safe. Failure to do so may compromise your ability to recover the system configuration.

Password

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Confirm Password

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☐ I choose not to use a system configuration password and understand that the system configuration will not be encrypted.

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10. Set mobile password

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Assign a mobile server data protection password

The mobile server data protection password is used for the encryption of investigations. As a system administrator, you will need to enter this password in order to access the mobile server data in case of system recovery or when expanding your system with additional mobile servers.

 It is important that you save this password and keep it safe. Failure to do so may compromise your ability to recover mobile server data.

Password

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Confirm Password

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☐ I choose not to use a mobile server data protection password and I understand that investigations will not be encrypted.

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11. Select a service account, using the same account that you set up above that is in the local administrators group on each server and uses the same password across servers.

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Select service account

The service uses this account. If the computer is part of a domain, the service must run as either "Network Service" or a domain user account.

☐ This predefined account:

Network Service

☒ This account:

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Password:

Confirm password:

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12. Turn off encryption

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Select encryption

It is recommended to secure communication with encryption. [Learn more](#)

Server certificate
Applies to: management server, recording server, failover server, data collector, api gateway

☒ Encrypt Select certificate... Details

No certificate selected

Mobile streaming media certificate
Applies to mobile and web clients that retrieve data streams from the mobile server

☒ Encrypt Select certificate... Details

No certificate selected

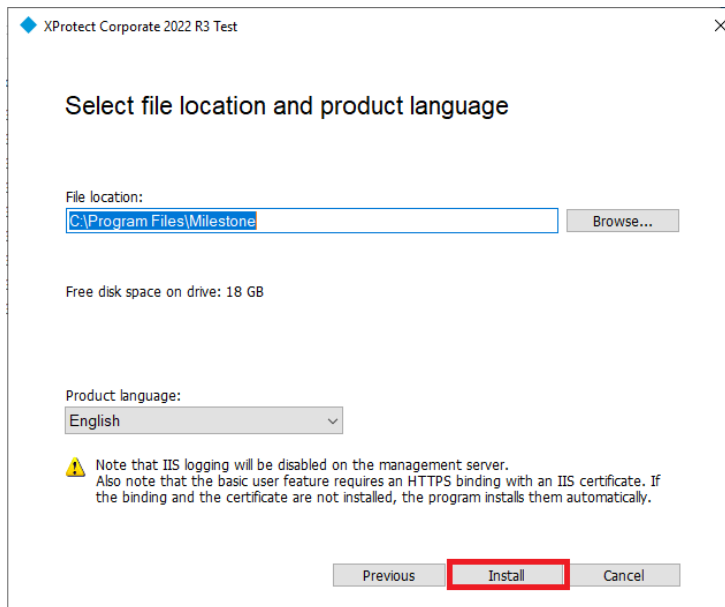
Event server and add-ons
Applies to: event server, LPR server

☒ Encrypt Select certificate... Details

No certificate selected

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13. Select Installation location




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Select file location and product language

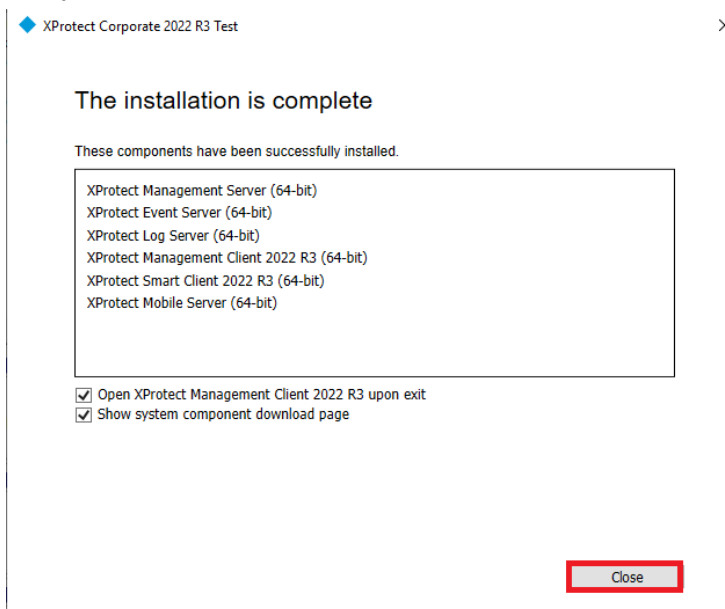
File location:

Free disk space on drive: 18 GB

Product language:

 Note that IIS logging will be disabled on the management server.
Also note that the basic user feature requires an HTTPS binding with an IIS certificate. If the binding and the certificate are not installed, the program installs them automatically.

14. Verify Installation



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The installation is complete

These components have been successfully installed.

XProtect Management Server (64-bit)
XProtect Event Server (64-bit)
XProtect Log Server (64-bit)
XProtect Management Client 2022 R3 (64-bit)
XProtect Smart Client 2022 R3 (64-bit)
XProtect Mobile Server (64-bit)

☒ Open XProtect Management Client 2022 R3 upon exit
☒ Show system component download page

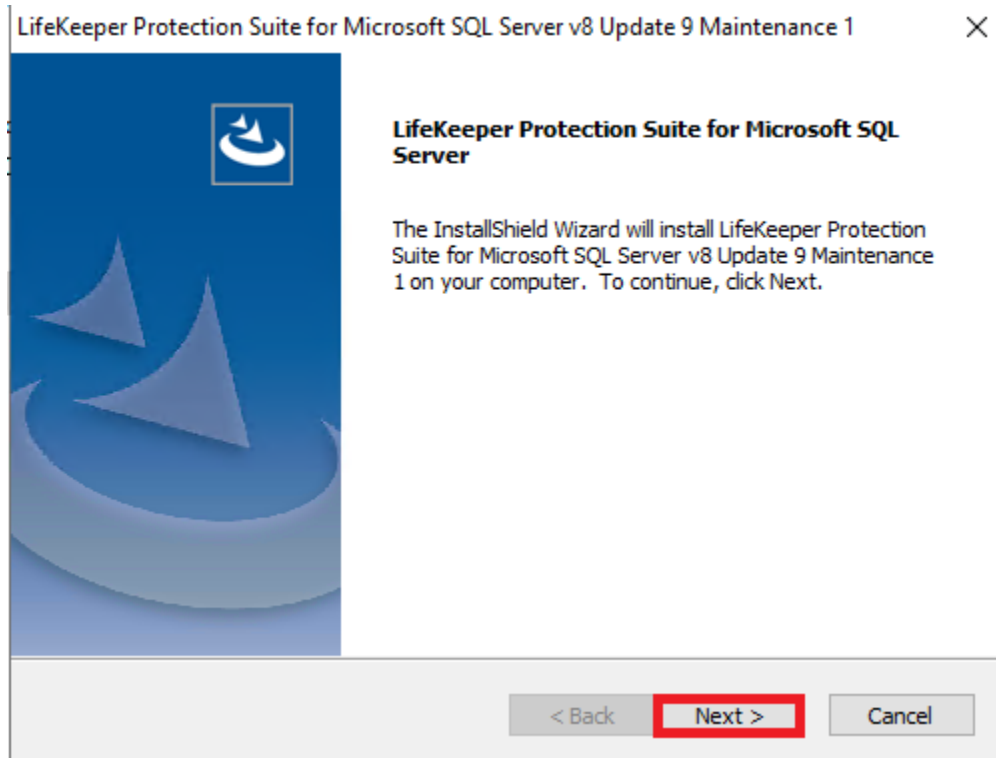
15. Repeat steps 1-14 on XPROTECT2



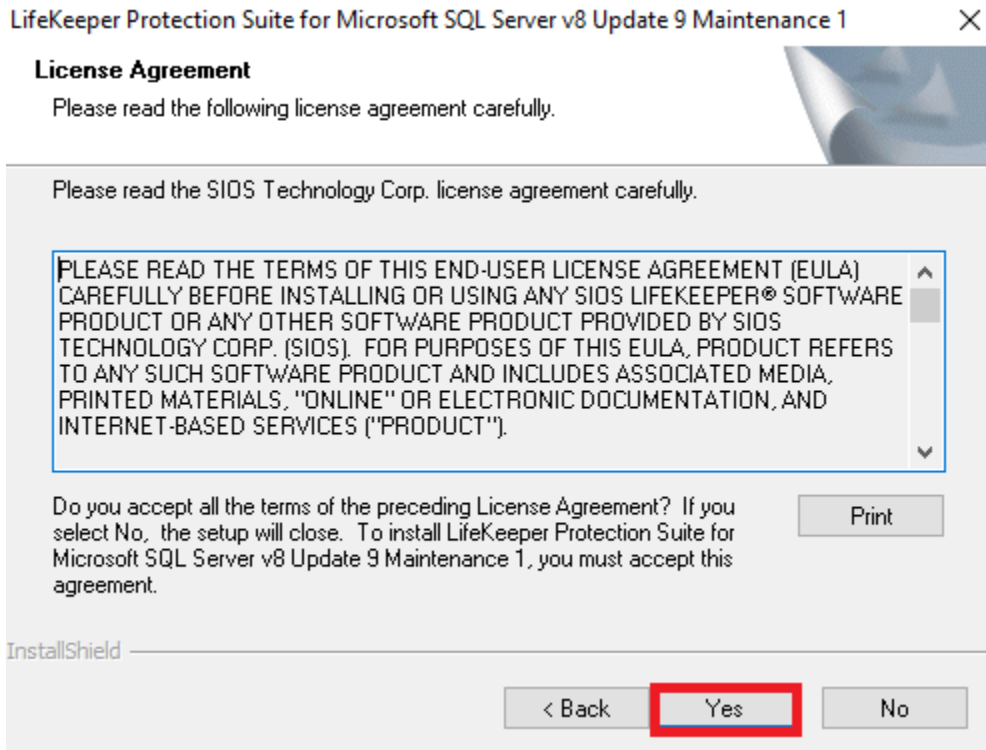
Step 3 - Install SIOS Protection Suite w/SQL Server ARK

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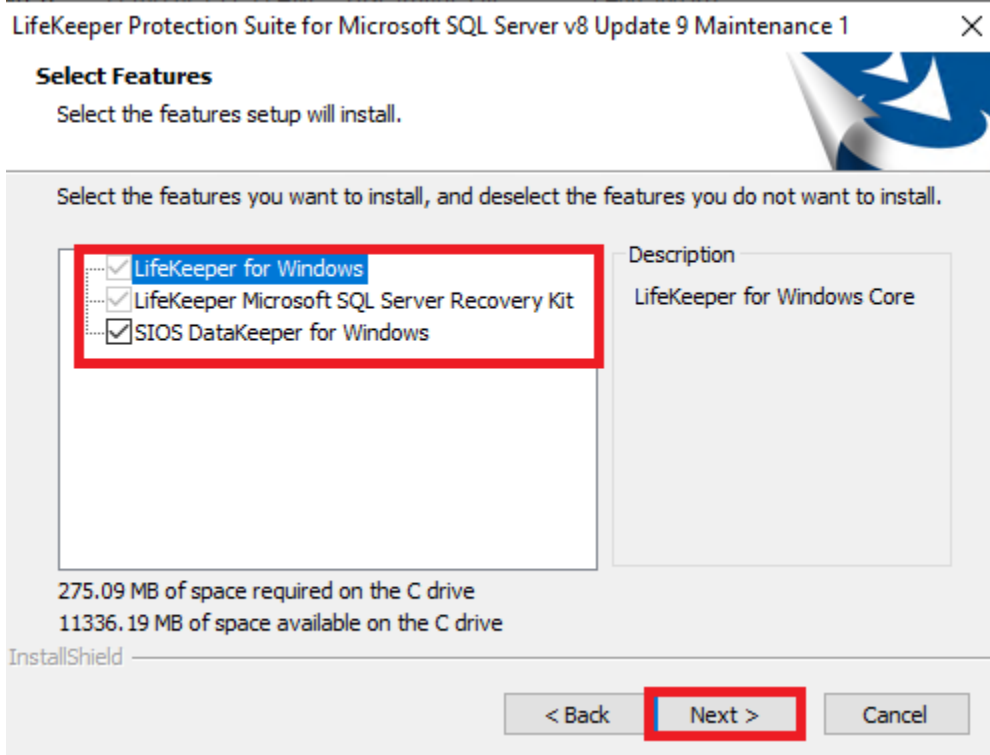
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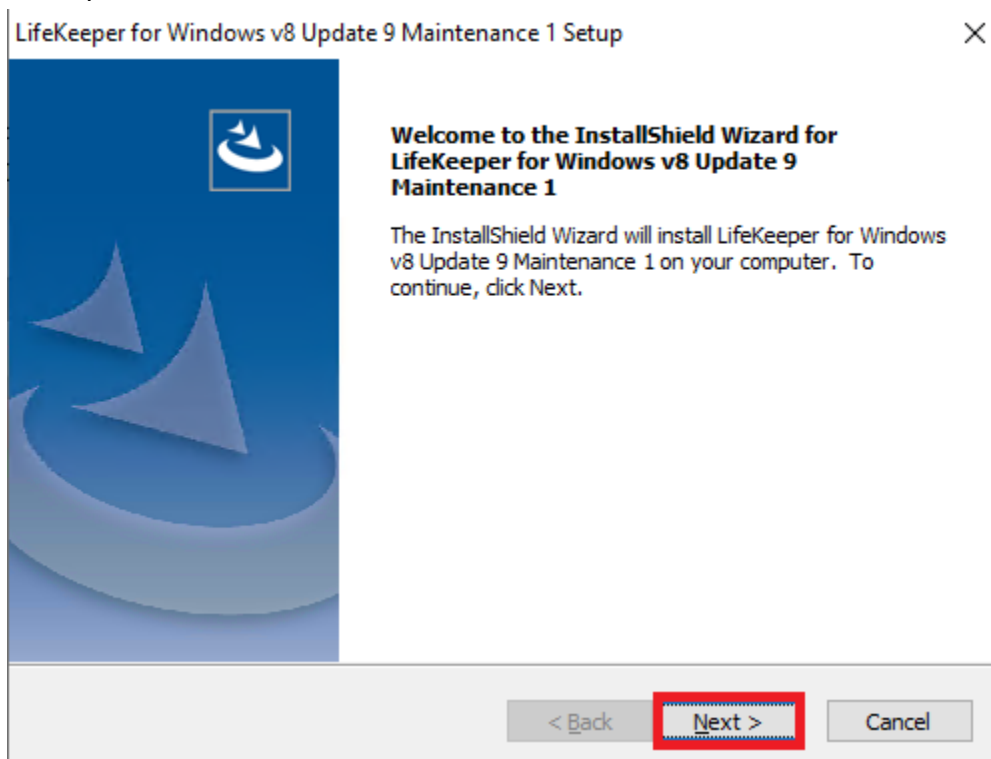
2. Accept License Agreement



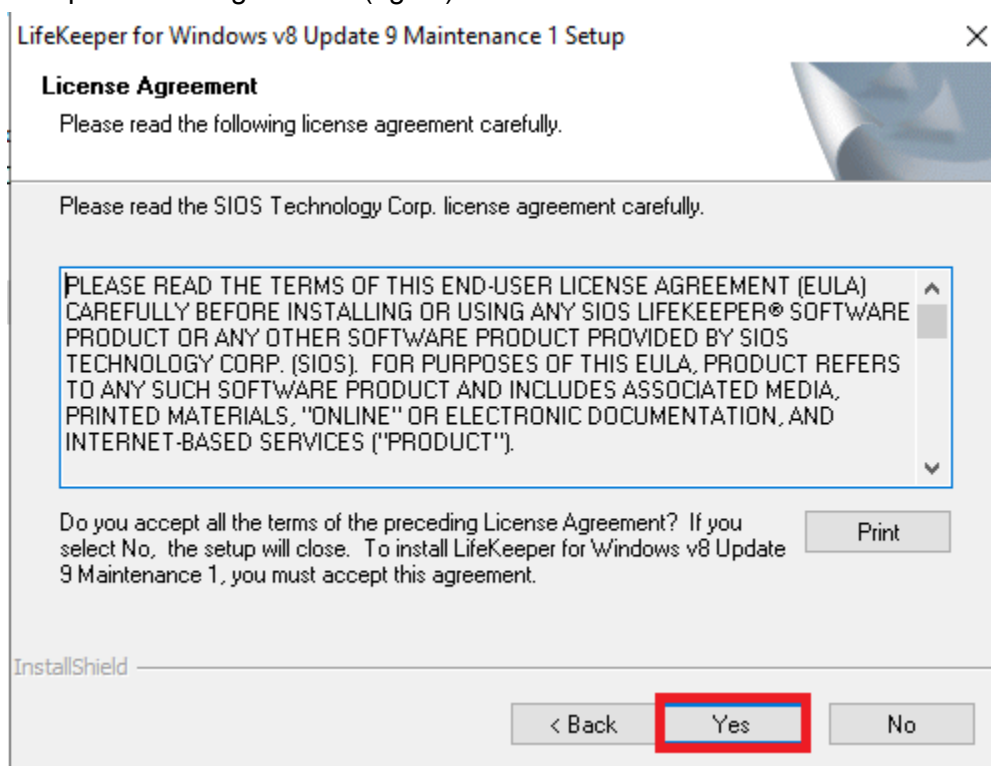
3. Select features



4. Run Update



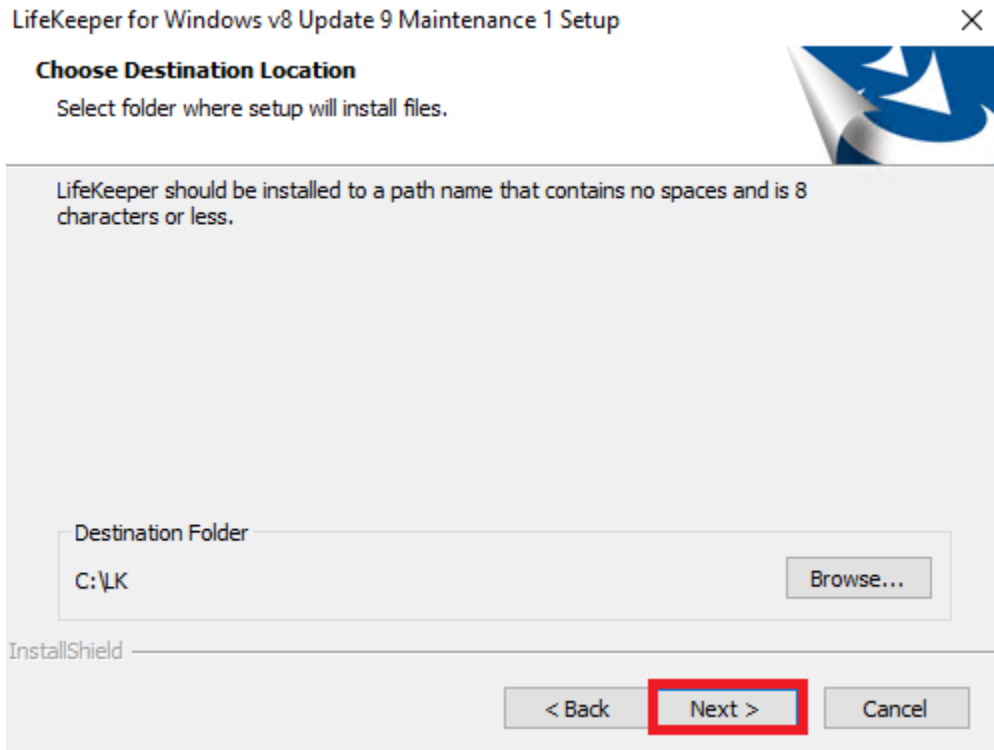
5. Accept License Agreement (again)



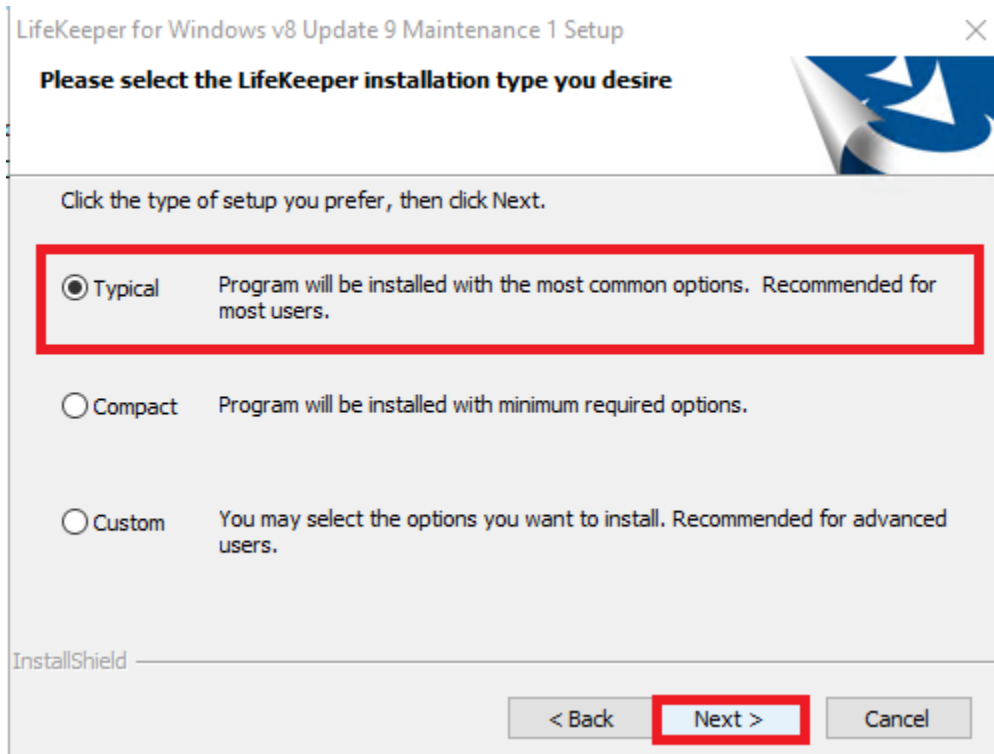
6. Choose installation location.

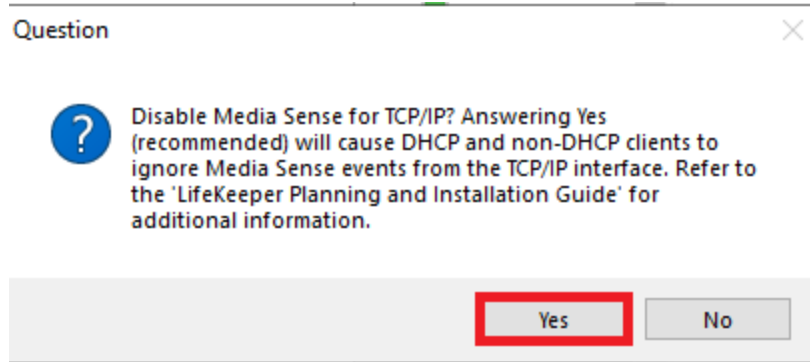
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the path name.

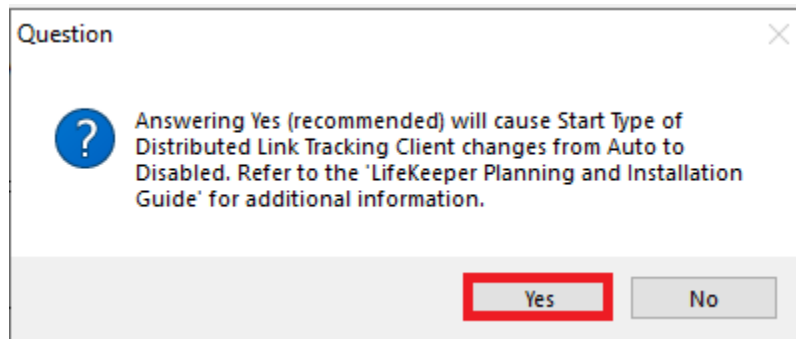


7. Choose Standard Install (say yes to all recommendations)



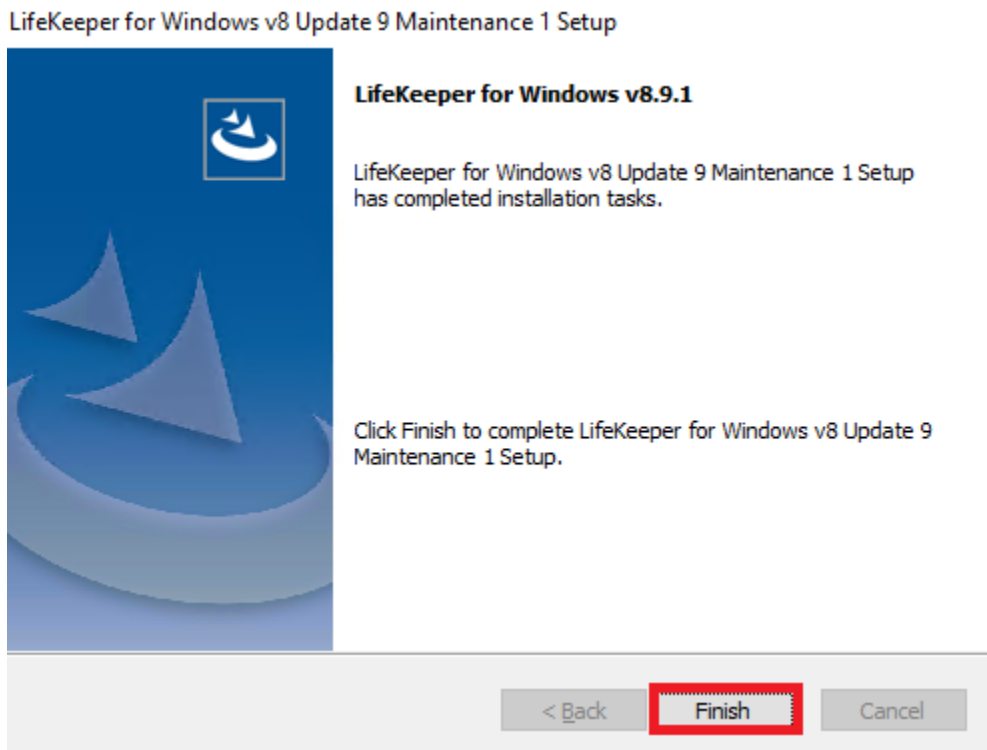


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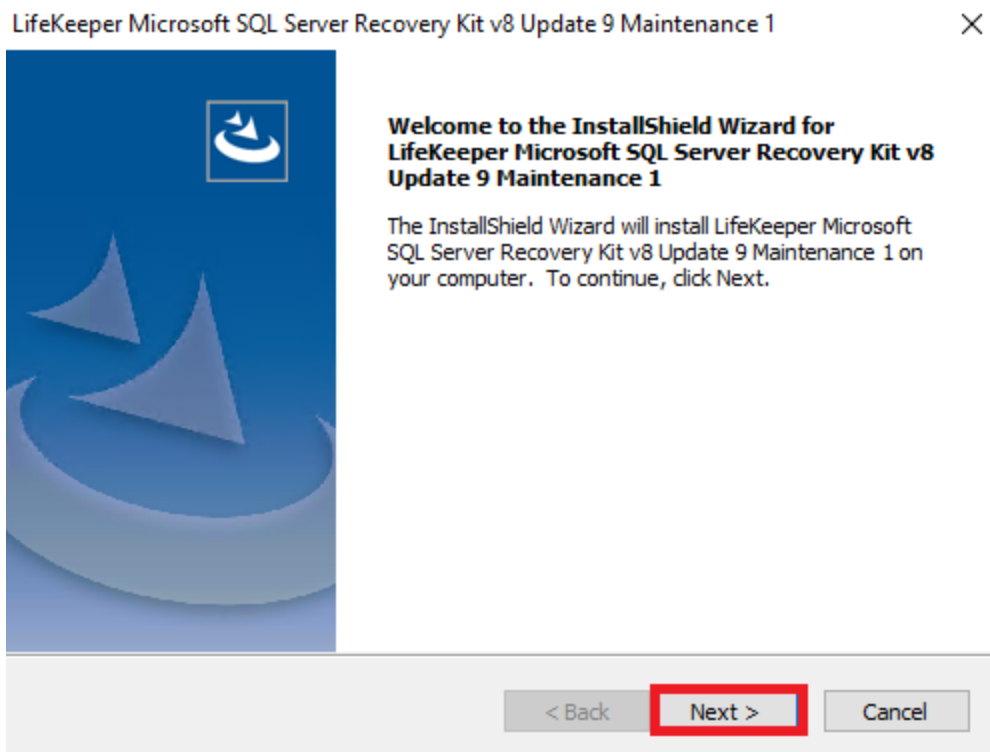
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8. Finish update

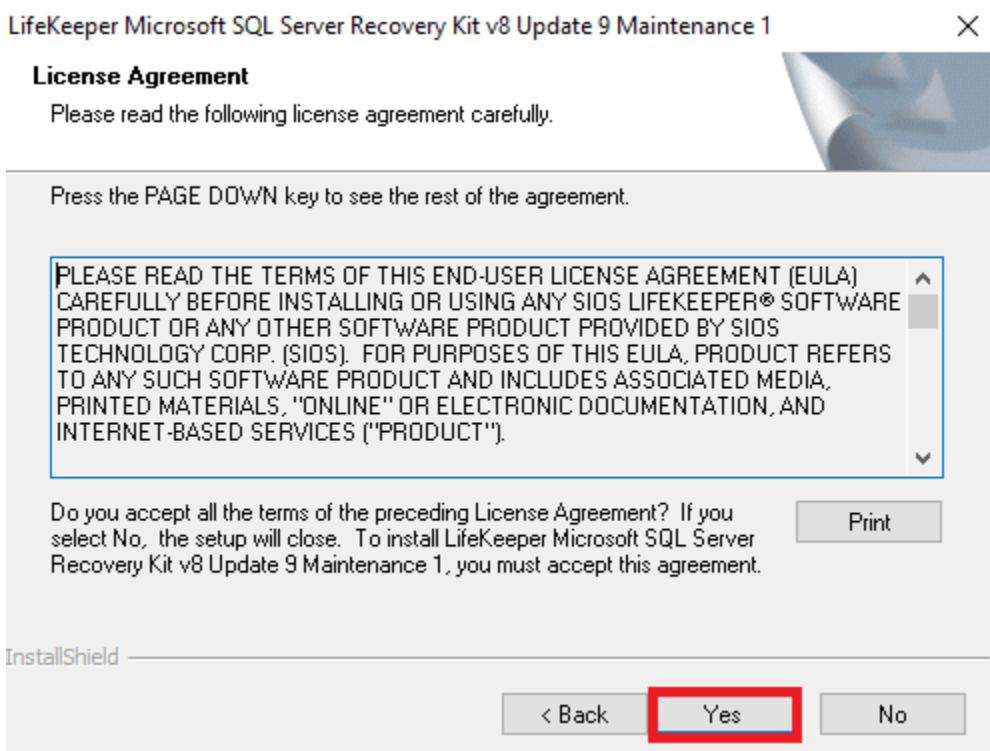


9. Install the Recovery Kit.

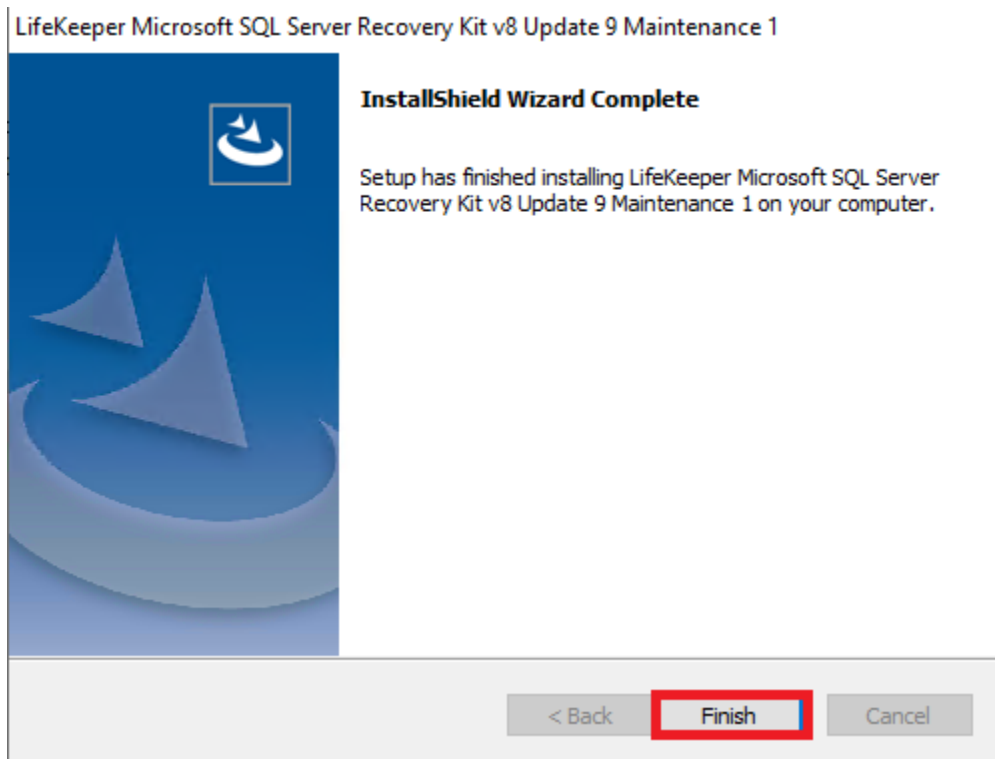
NOTE: This step will begin automatically after LifeKeeper finishes installing.



10. Accept License Agreement (again)

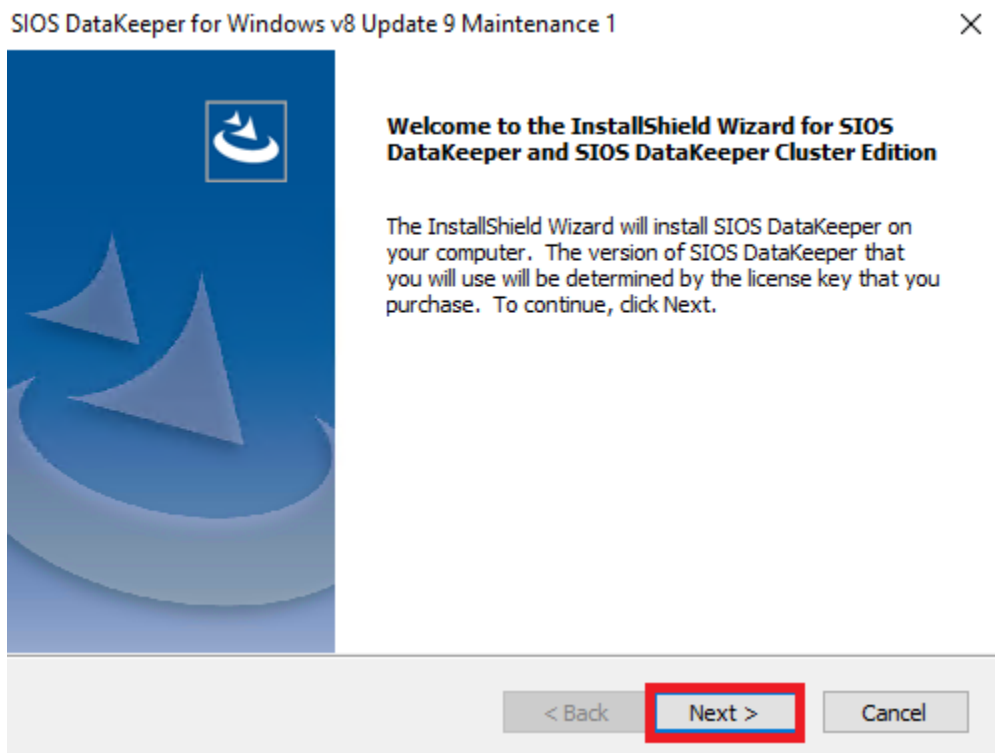


11. Verify Completed Installation of Recovery Kit

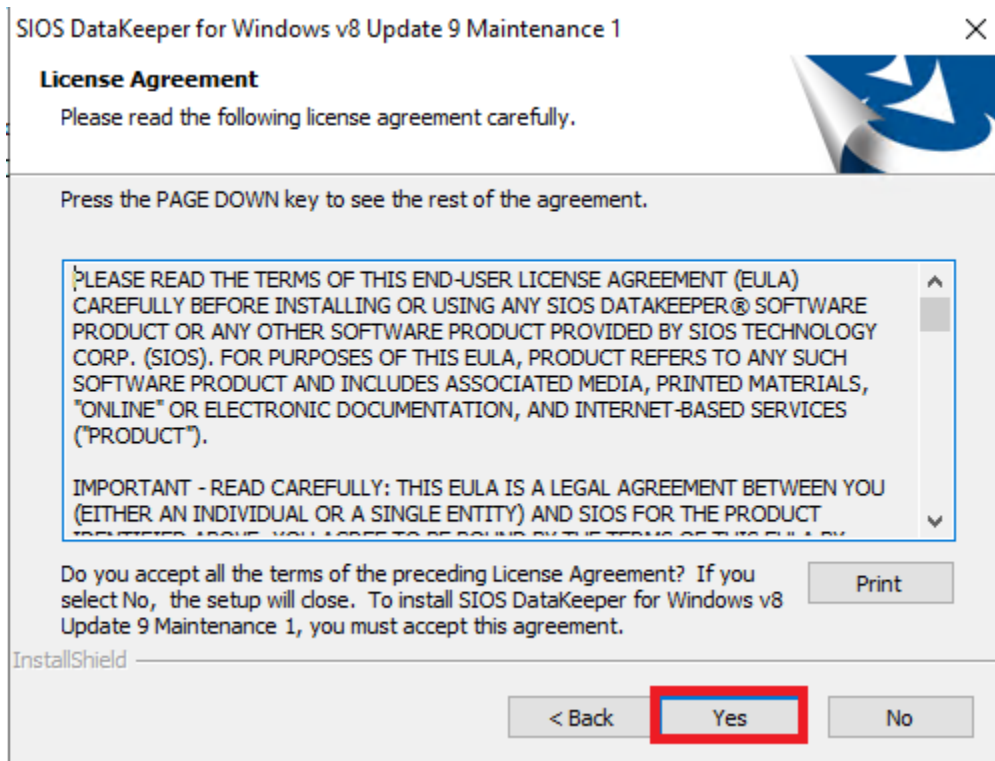


12. Install DataKeeper

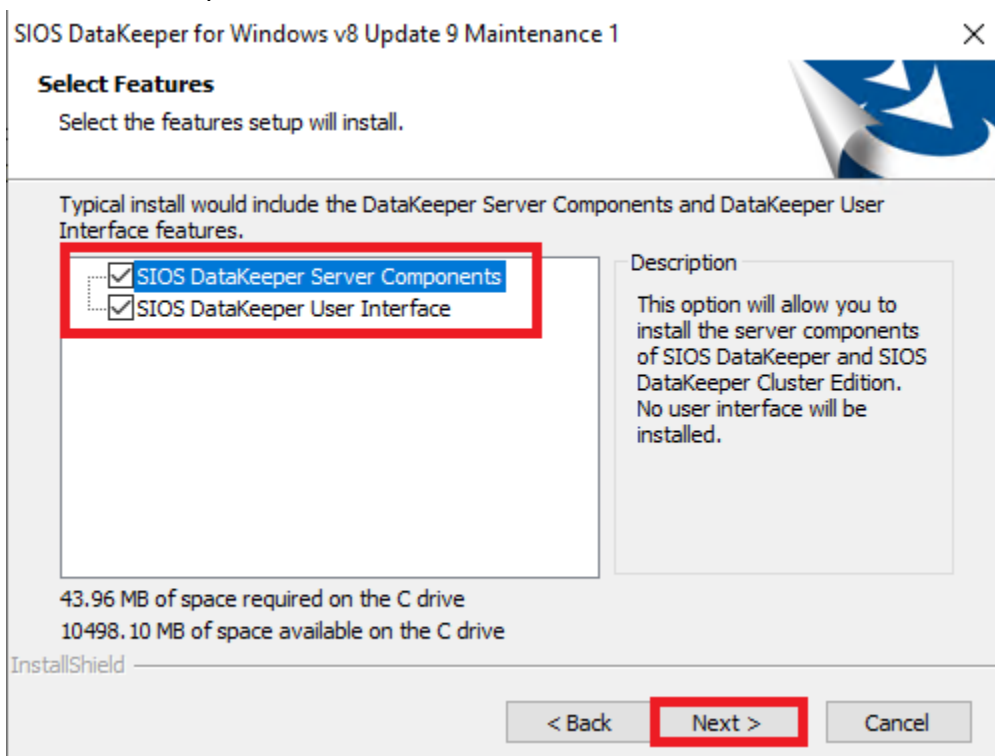
NOTE: This step will start automatically after the SQL ARK finishes installing.



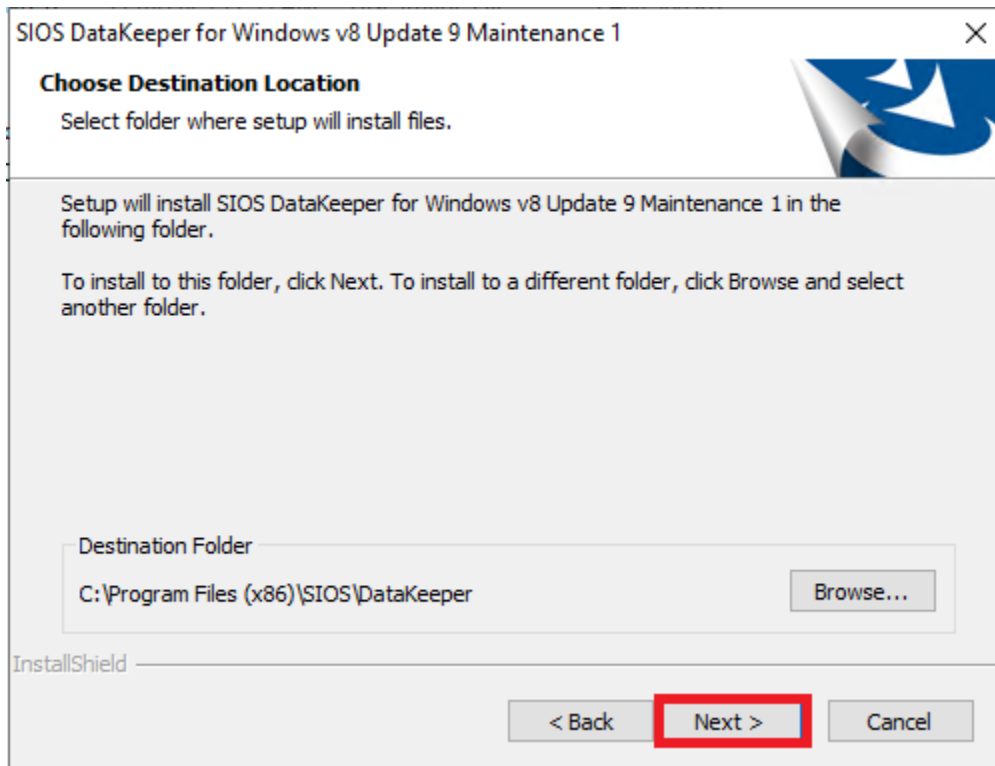
13. Agree to License Agreement (again)



14. Select DataKeeper features



15. Choose DataKeeper installation location (say yes to all recommendations)



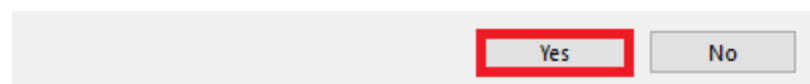
System configuration change prompt

To continue installing and configuring your system for DataKeeper, the following changes are required:

- Firewall exceptions to allow incoming connections on the following ports must be configured:
137, 138, 139, 445, 9999 and 10000 - 10025

Refer to the SIOS DataKeeper Planning and Install Guide for more information.

Click YES to perform these changes in system configuration. Click NO to continue the installation without modifying the system configuration, however these changes need to be done later so that DataKeeper can operate properly.



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16. Select Service Account (this should be the one you created earlier that is in the local administrators group on each server)

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Service Setup

Service Logon Account Setup

The DataKeeper Service requires a logon account with Administrator privileges. The service logon account and password must be the same on all servers where DataKeeper is running. A Domain account is recommended.

☒ Domain or Server account (recommended)

☐ LocalSystem account

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DataKeeper Service Logon Account Setup

Specify the user account for this service. (Format: Domain\UserID -or- Server\UserID)

User ID:

XPROTECT2\administrator

Password:

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Password Confirmation:

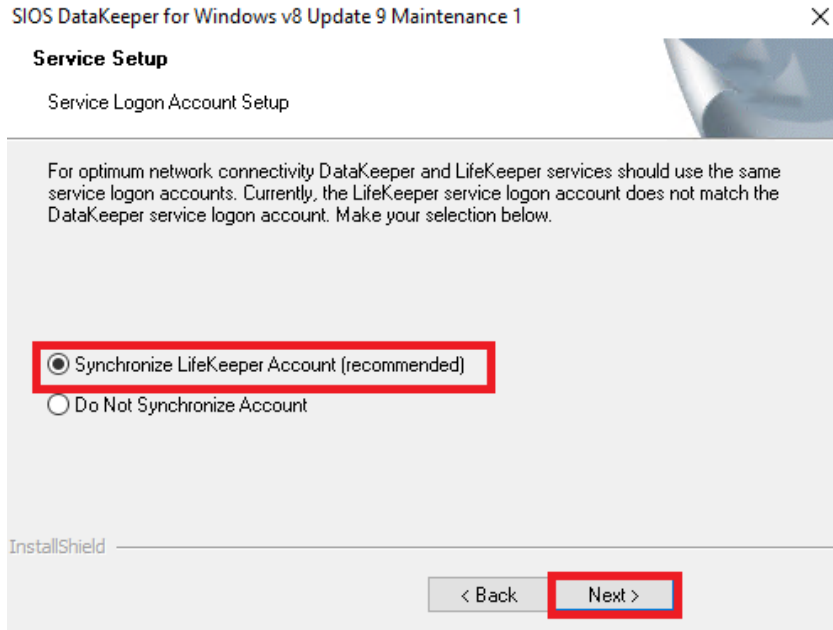
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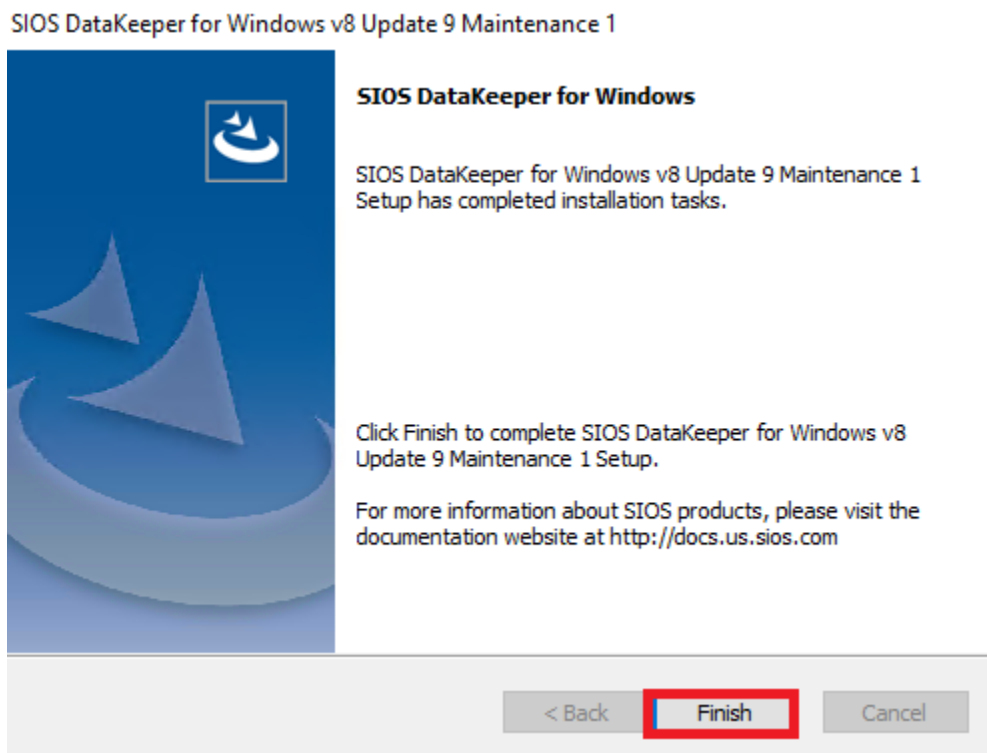
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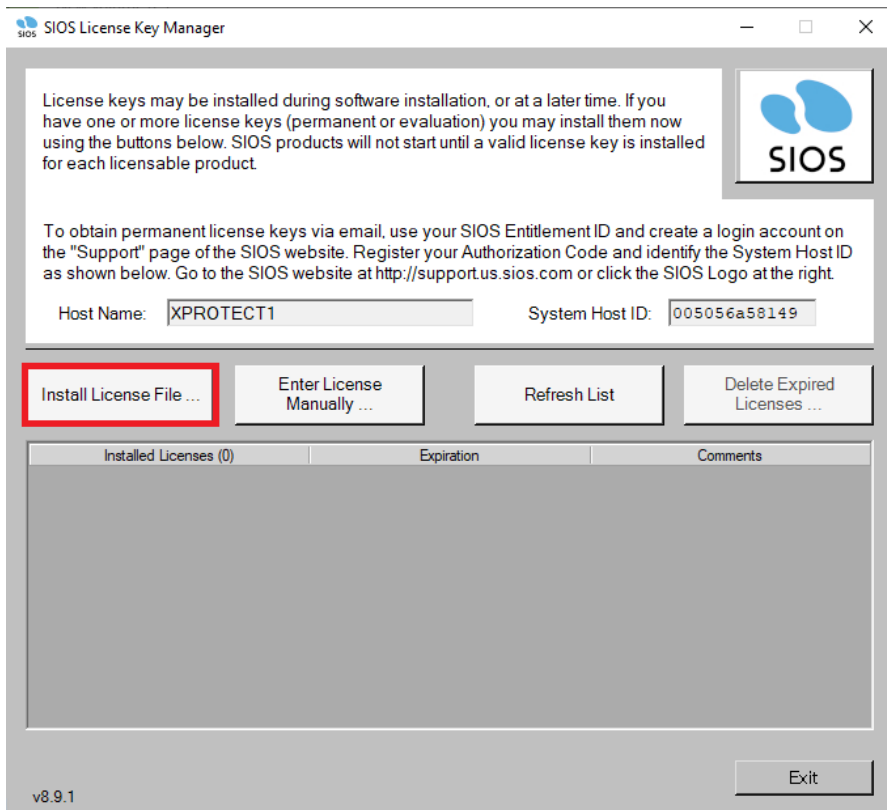


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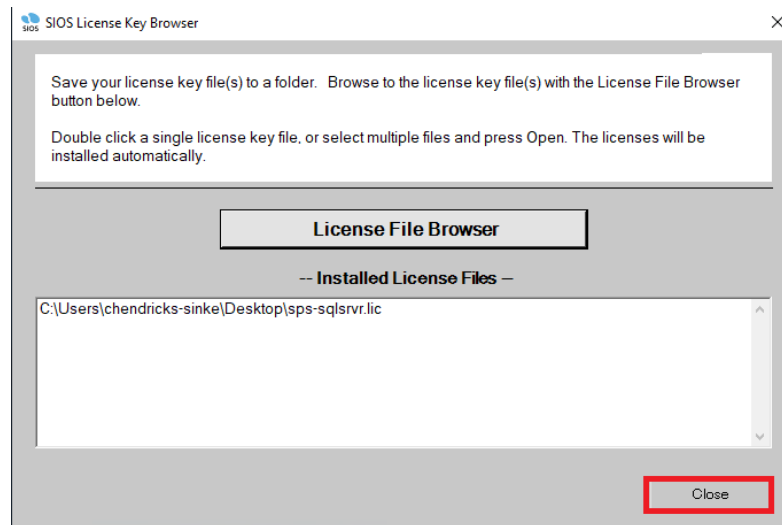
17. Finish Installation

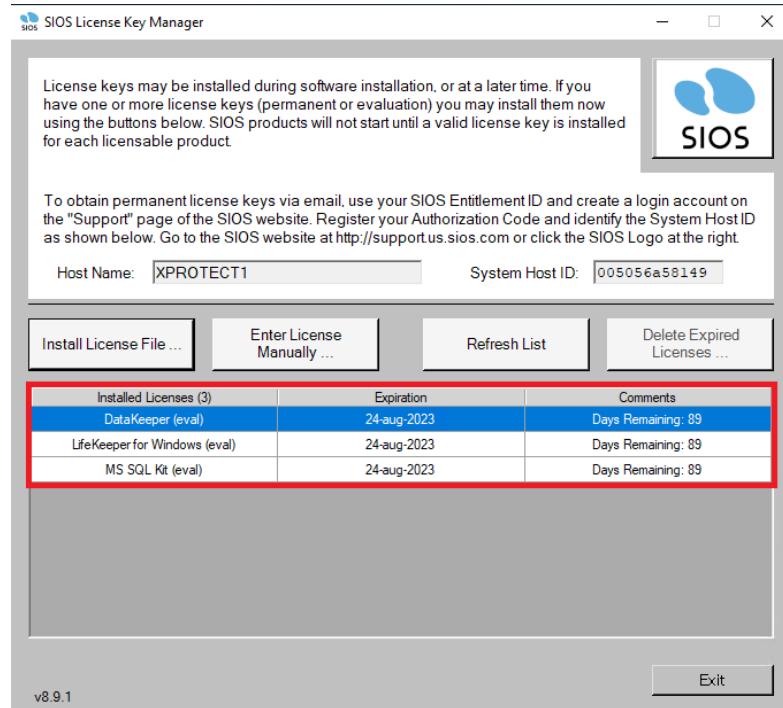


18. Install License file(s)



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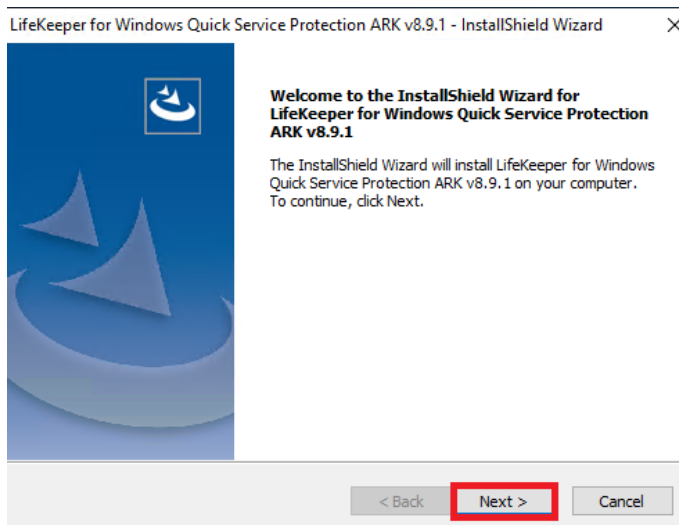


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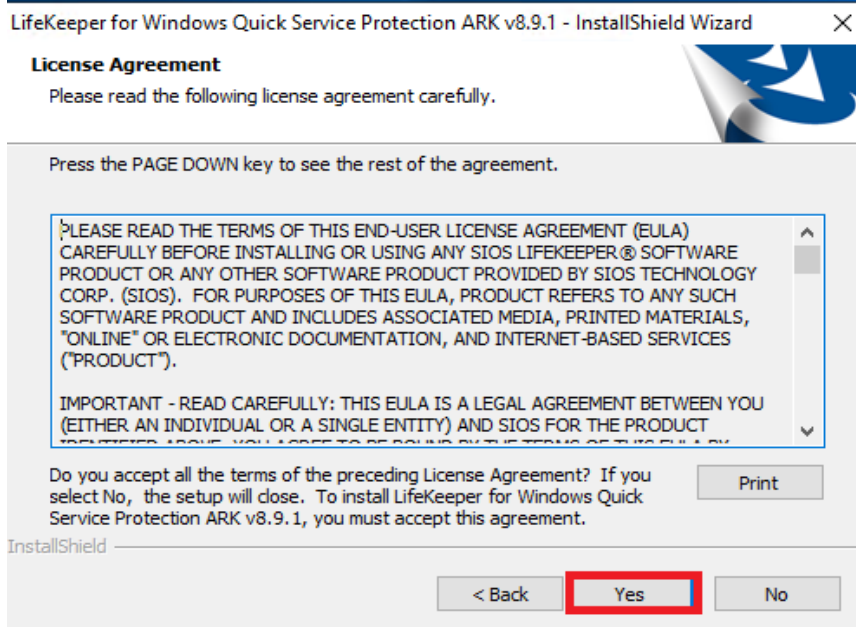
Install the Quick Service Protection (QSP) Recovery Kit:

NOTE: If you do not have the QSP installer, the installer and relevant documentation for the QSP Recovery Kit can be found [HERE](#)

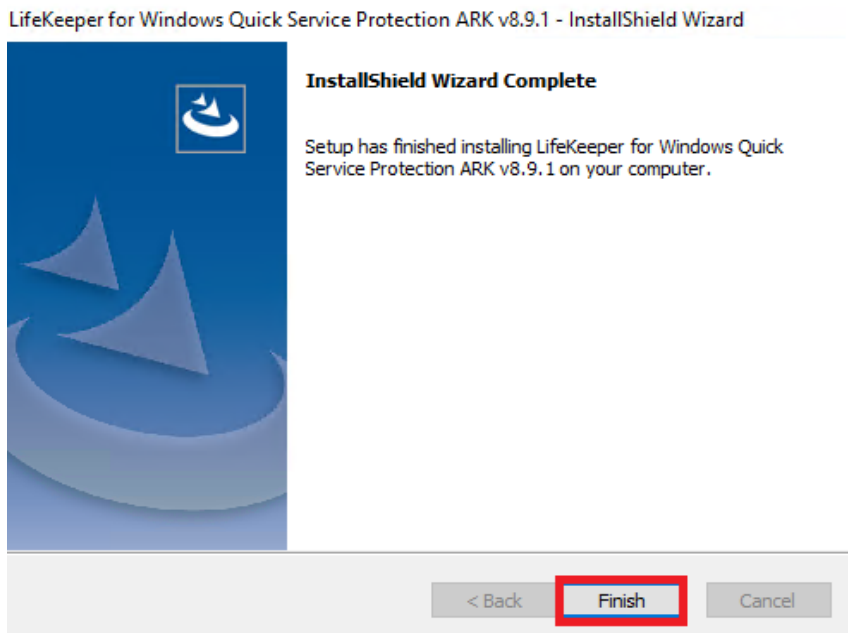
1. Run installer



2. Agree to License Agreement



3. Verify install and restart LifeKeeper



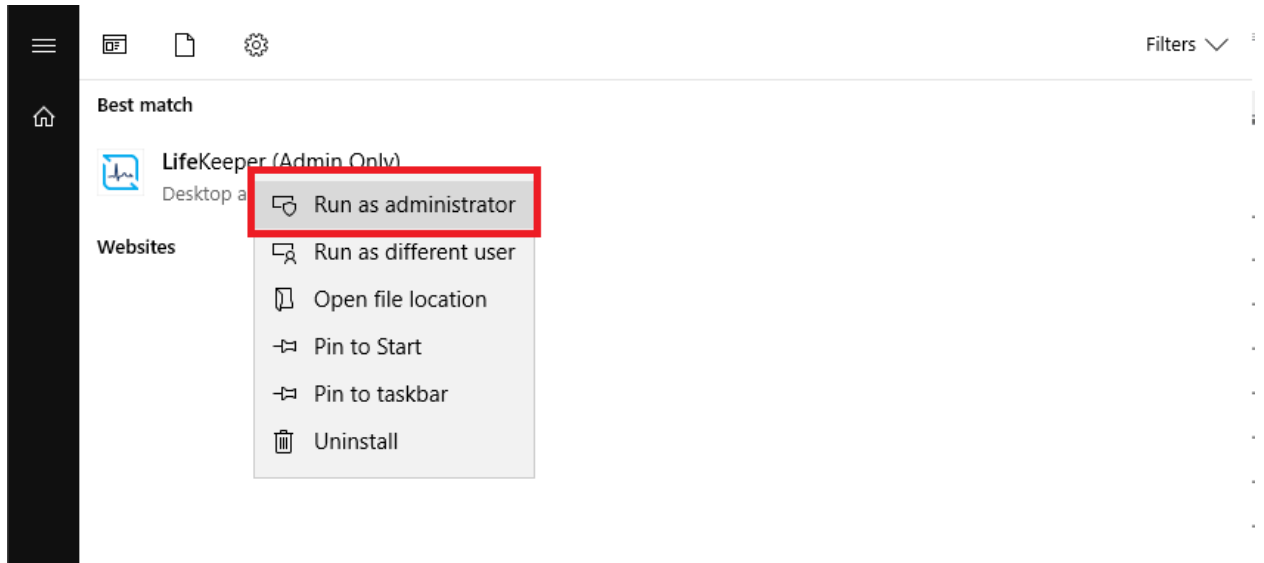
4. Repeats steps 1-3 on XPROTECT2

Step 4 - Create the LifeKeeper Core Cluster Resources

Now that we have installed SIOS software, it's time to configure the resources needed for the cluster via LifeKeeper

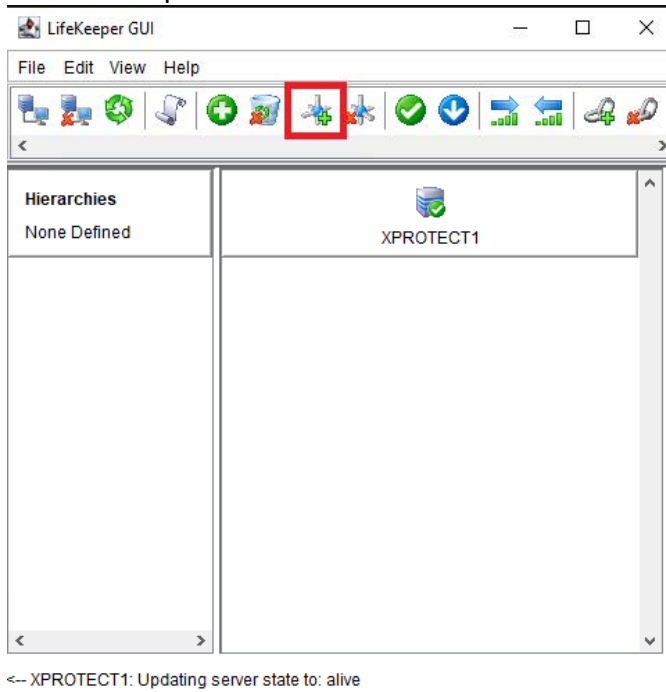
Open LikeKeeper GUI:

1. From the Windows bar search for LifeKeeper, right click and run as administrator

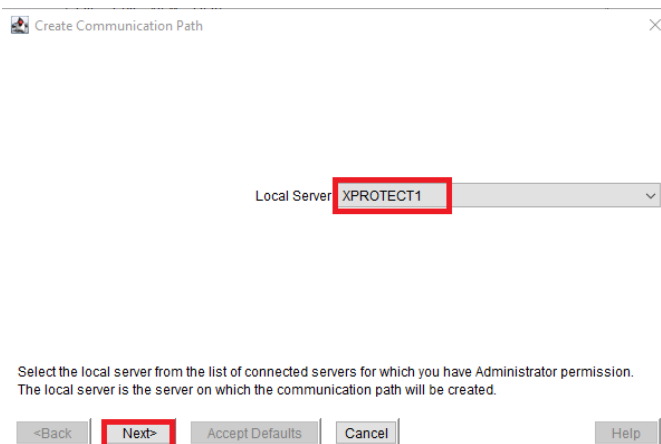


Create Comm Path(s):

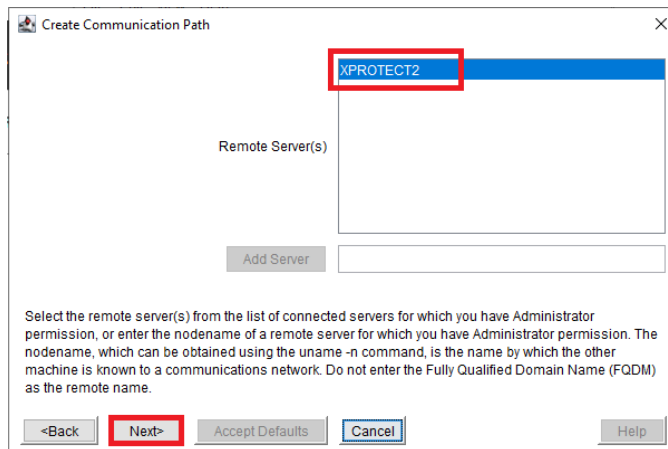
1. Click create path button



2. Choose local server



3. Choose remote server



Create Communication Path

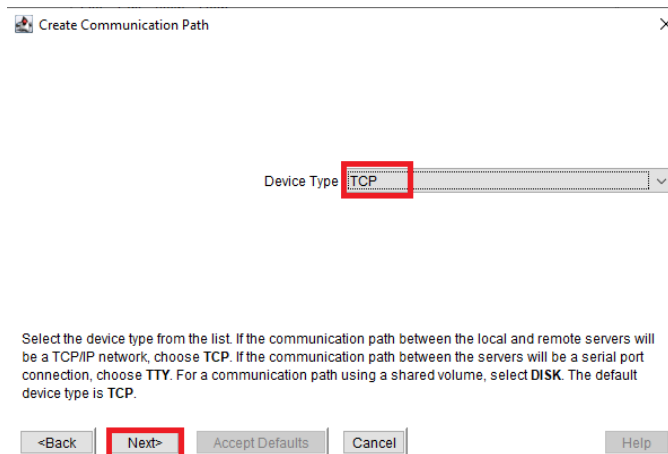
Remote Server(s)

Add Server

Select the remote server(s) from the list of connected servers for which you have Administrator permission, or enter the nodename of a remote server for which you have Administrator permission. The nodename, which can be obtained using the `uname -n` command, is the name by which the other machine is known to a communications network. Do not enter the Fully Qualified Domain Name (FQDN) as the remote name.

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4. Set device type



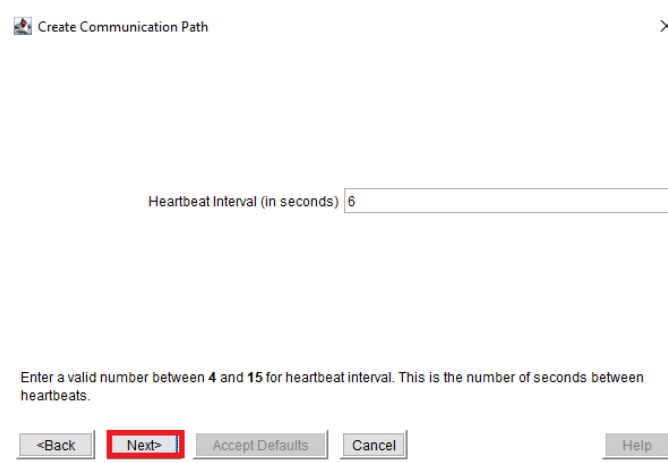
Create Communication Path

Device Type TCP

Select the device type from the list. If the communication path between the local and remote servers will be a TCP/IP network, choose TCP. If the communication path between the servers will be a serial port connection, choose TTY. For a communication path using a shared volume, select DISK. The default device type is TCP.

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5. Use default Heartbeat Interval



Create Communication Path

Heartbeat Interval (in seconds) 6

Enter a valid number between 4 and 15 for heartbeat interval. This is the number of seconds between heartbeats.

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6. Use default Maximum Heartbeat Misses

Create Communication Path ×

Maximum Heartbeat Misses

Enter a valid number between 3 and 99 for maximum heartbeat misses. This is the number of consecutive heartbeat signals that can be missed before the comm path is marked as dead.

7. Choose both local IP addresses for redundant comm paths

Create Communication Path ×

Local IP Address(es)

171.17.5.6	
169.254.150.185	

Select the IP address(es) that will be used by the local server for this communication path.

8. Choose default priority

Create Communication Path ×

Local Server: XPROTECT1
Local IP: 171.17.5.6
Remote Server: XPROTECT2

Priority

Enter the priority for the comm path on the local server. The priority will be used to determine the order that the comm paths between two servers will be used. Priority 1 is the highest priority, and priority 99 is the lowest.

9. Select Remote IP Address for XPROTECT2

Create Communication Path

Local Server: XPROTECT1
Local IP: 171.17.5.6
Remote Server: XPROTECT2

Remote IP Address on XPROTECT2:

Select the IP address that will be used by the remote server for this communication path.

<Back **Next>** Accept Defaults Cancel Help

10. Choose default port

Create Communication Path

Local Server: XPROTECT1
Local IP: 171.17.5.6
Remote Server: XPROTECT2

Port#

Enter an unused port number between 1500 and 10000.

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11. Create communication path

Create Communication Path

Local Server: XPROTECT1
Local IP: 171.17.5.6
Remote Server: XPROTECT2

Creating TCP Communication Path between XPROTECT1 (171.17.5.6) and XPROTECT2 (171.17.5.7)

Server XPROTECT1 Creating Communication Path
Created "TCP" communication path on device "TCPIP:1500" to "XPROTECT2".
Opening up TCP port 1500 in the firewall
Server XPROTECT2 Creating Communication Path
Created "TCP" communication path on device "TCPIP:1500" to "XPROTECT1".
Opening up TCP port 1500 in the firewall

LifeKeeper is now creating a bi-directional communication path. LifeKeeper first creates a channel from **XPROTECT1** to **XPROTECT2**, and then a return channel from **XPROTECT2** to **XPROTECT1**. These two channels make up a single communication path.

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12. Use default priority

Create Communication Path

Local Server: XPROTECT1
Local IP: 169.254.150.185
Remote Server: XPROTECT2

Priority 2

Enter the priority for the comm path on the local server. The priority will be used determine the order that the comm paths between two servers will used. Priority 1 is the highest priority, and priority 99 is the lowest.

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13. Select secondary Remote IP Address for XPROTECT2

Create Communication Path

Local Server: XPROTECT1
Local IP: 169.254.150.185
Remote Server: XPROTECT2

Remote IP Address on XPROTECT2 169.254.66.17

Select the IP address that will be used by the remote server for this communication path.

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14. Use default port for secondary comm path

Create Communication Path

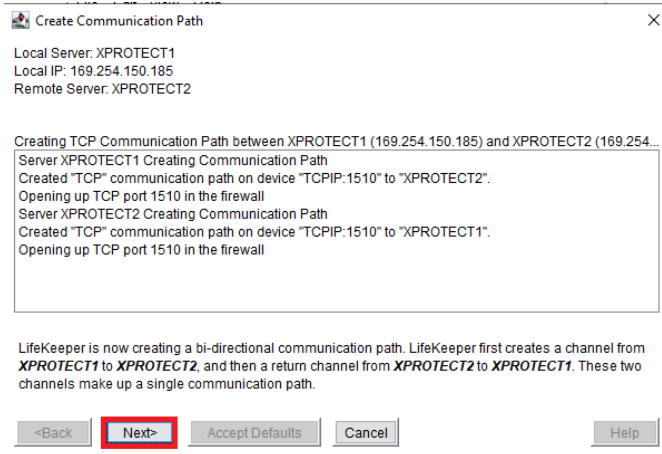
Local Server: XPROTECT1
Local IP: 169.254.150.185
Remote Server: XPROTECT2

Port# 1510

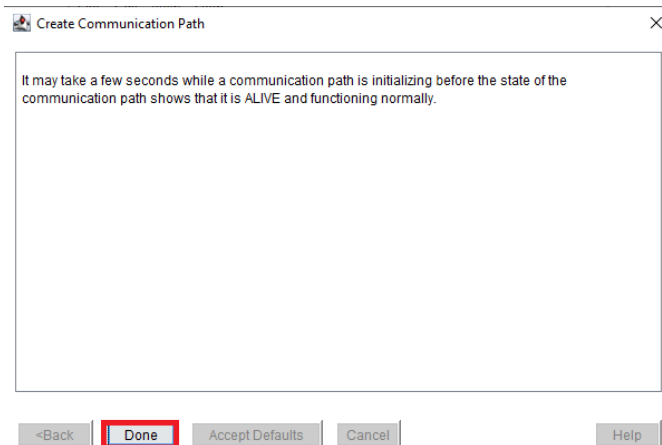
Enter an unused port number between 1500 and 10000.

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15. Verify communication path(s) creation was successful

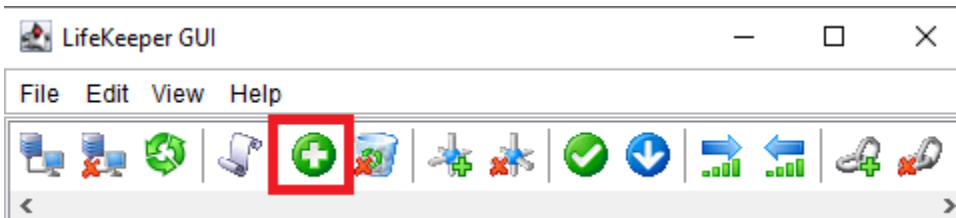


16. Initialize communication path(s)

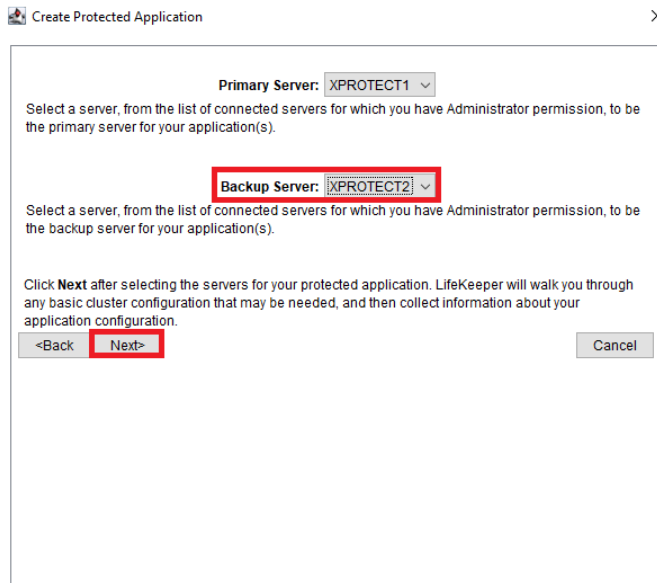


Create IP Resource:

1. Choose create new resource



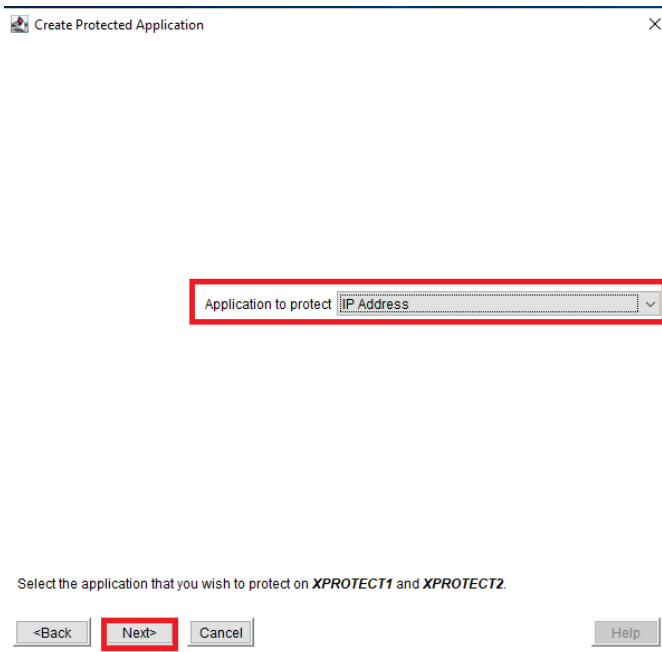
2. Choose Primary and Backup Server



The screenshot shows a window titled "Create Protected Application" with a close button (X) in the top right corner. The window contains the following text and controls:

- Primary Server:** A dropdown menu showing "XPROTECT1". Below it, text reads: "Select a server, from the list of connected servers for which you have Administrator permission, to be the primary server for your application(s)."
- Backup Server:** A dropdown menu showing "XPROTECT2". Below it, text reads: "Select a server, from the list of connected servers for which you have Administrator permission, to be the backup server for your application(s)."
- Text at the bottom: "Click **Next** after selecting the servers for your protected application. LifeKeeper will walk you through any basic cluster configuration that may be needed, and then collect information about your application configuration."
- Buttons at the bottom: "<Back", "Next>", and "Cancel". The "Next>" button is highlighted with a red rectangle.

3. Choose IP Address



The screenshot shows the same "Create Protected Application" window, now at Step 3. The "Application to protect" dropdown menu is highlighted with a red rectangle and shows "IP Address". Below this, text reads: "Select the application that you wish to protect on *XPROTECT1* and *XPROTECT2*." At the bottom, there are buttons for "<Back", "Next>", "Cancel", and "Help". The "Next>" button is highlighted with a red rectangle.

4. Type in the IP you want to use for client connections to the cluster. This is commonly called the virtual IP address.. This address can be any available address on your Public subnet and should not be in use anywhere else.

IP Address 171.17.5.100

Enter a valid IP address to protect. Verify that the switchable IP address you plan to use is unique using the ping command.

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Cancel

Help

5. Set the Subnet Mask

Subnet Mask 255.255.255.0

Select or enter a valid IP Subnet Mask for **171.17.5.100**. The subnet mask you choose, combined with the IP address, determines the subnet that will be used by the TCP/IP resource. This should be consistent with your network configuration.

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Cancel

Help



6. Choose a tag for the resource

Create IP Resource



IP Resource Tag 171.17.5.100

Enter a name for the LifeKeeper resource protecting **171.17.5.100**. Select **Next** to accept the default name.

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Help

7. Choose the Network Connection

Create IP Resource



Network Connection Ethernet0

Select the Local Area Connection for **171.17.5.100** from the drop-down box.

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Next>

Cancel

Help

8. Turn off local recovery

Create IP Resource

Local Recovery No

Select **Yes** to enable local recovery. Even if you don't have a backup adapter, you can enable Local Recovery so that LifeKeeper will retry **Ethernet0** before initiating failover to a backup server. Otherwise, select **No**.

<Back Next> Cancel Help

9. Verify the IP resource was created successfully

Create IP Resource

Creating IP resource...

Bringing LifeKeeper IP resource "171.17.5.100" in-service.
Process: IPAPP(6644)
INFO (No. 6013) Restore IP Address 171.17.5.100 Start
Process: IPAPP(6644)
INFO (No. 6001) Restore IP Address 171.17.5.100 End: Successful

The resource hierarchy is now being created on **XPROTECT1**. Command output is displayed on this dialog.

After the resource has been created and brought into service, click **Next** to protect the resource on **XPROTECT2**.

<Back Next> Cancel Help

10. Run the extend checks and verify that they were successful

Extend Wizard

Executing the pre-extend script...

Hierarchy PreExtend Manager active on XPROTECT1 (LKROOT=C:/LK)
Checking existence of extend and canextend scripts on XPROTECT2
Building independent resource list
Checking extendability for 171.17.5.100

PreExtend checks were successful

LifeKeeper is performing several checks and gathering some additional information while preparing to extend **171.17.5.100** from **XPROTECT1** to **XPROTECT2**. Output will be displayed on this dialog, and also on the output panel if that is open.

Once processing is completed, click **Next** to proceed.

<Back **Next>** Cancel Help

11. Choose the Subnet Mask for the extension

Extend IP Resource 171.17.5.100

Subnet Mask

Select or enter a valid IP Subnet Mask. The subnet mask you choose, combined with the IP address, determines the subnet that will be used by **171.17.5.100** and should be consistent with your network configuration.

<Back **Next>** Cancel Help

12. Choose the Network Connection for the extend

Extend IP Resource 171.17.5.100

X

Network Connection **Ethernet0**

Select the Local Area Connection for **171.17.5.100** on **XPROTECT2** from the drop-down box.

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Cancel

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13. Enable Target Restore Mode

Extend IP Resource 171.17.5.100

X

Target Restore Mode **Enable**

Select the appropriate Restore Mode for **171.17.5.100** on **XPROTECT2**.

In some situations a protected IP address should not be used on a remote target system. For example, the remote target system may be connected to a different subnet than other systems in the cluster. In this situation the IP resource may be extended in **Disable Restore Mode**.

In **Disable Restore Mode**, the LifeKeeper IP Resource will not configure the IP address on **XPROTECT2** when **171.17.5.100** is placed in-service there. Also, the IP address will not be monitored and **171.17.5.100** can not be extended while it is in-service and **Disable Restore Mode** has been selected. In these situations network redirection may be implemented some other way, perhaps by using a LifeKeeper DNS resource.

You may use the IP resource properties page on the target system to change your selection at a later time.

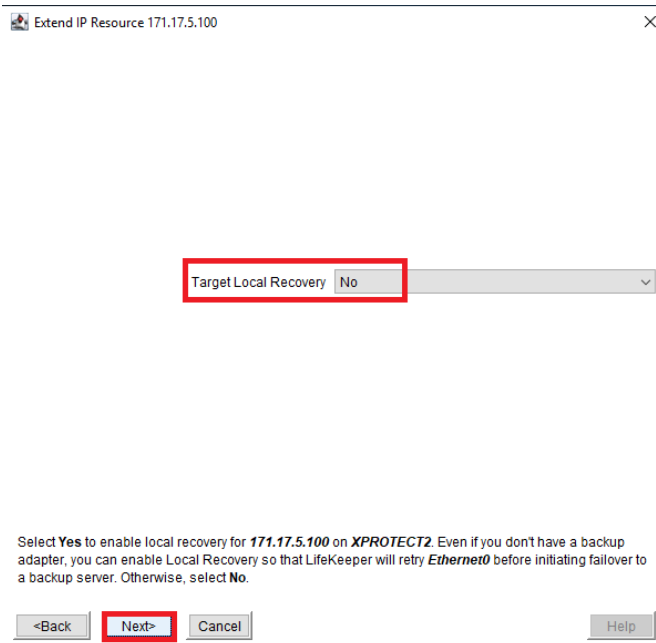
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Cancel

Help

14. Turn off local recovery for the extend




Extend IP Resource 171.17.5.100

Target Local Recovery No

Select **Yes** to enable local recovery for **171.17.5.100** on **XPROTECT2**. Even if you don't have a backup adapter, you can enable Local Recovery so that LifeKeeper will retry **Ethernet0** before initiating failover to a backup server. Otherwise, select **No**.

<Back Next> Cancel Help

15. Set backup priority



Extend Wizard

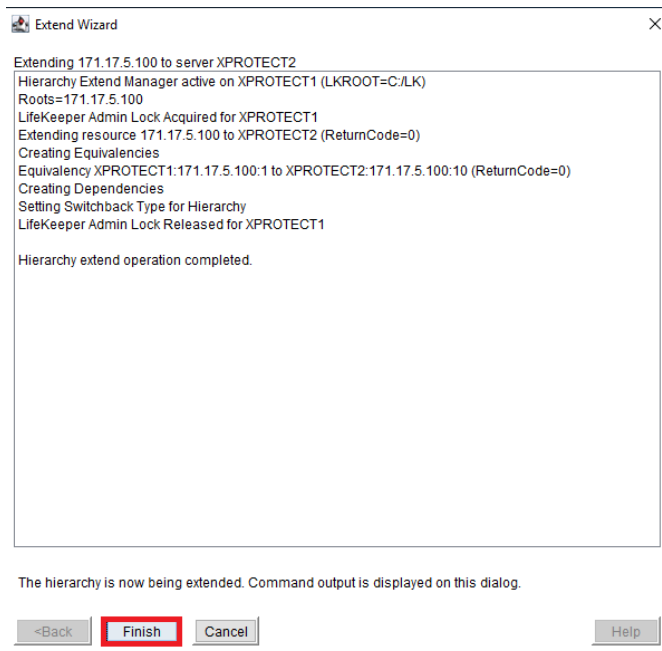
Backup Priority 10

Select a priority for **171.17.5.100** on the backup server **XPROTECT2**, relative to its priority on the primary server **XPROTECT1** (1). This number determines the failover order when your application is protected by more than one backup server. Any unused priority value from 1 to 999 is valid, where a lower number means a higher priority (the number 1 indicates the highest priority).

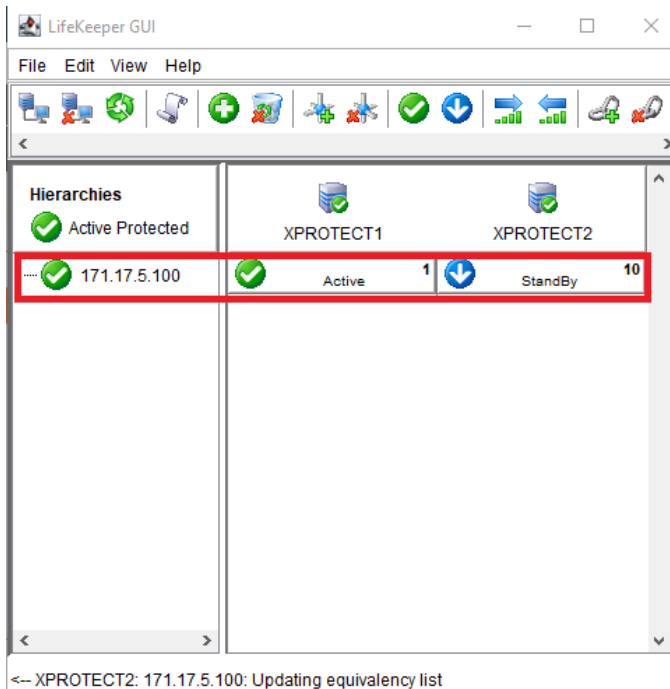
Select **Extend** to extend 171.17.5.100 to XPROTECT2. Command output will be displayed on the output panel if that is open, and on this dialog if the output panel is not open. Any errors that occur will also be logged in both the LifeKeeper log and the GUI log on that server.

<Back Extend Cancel Help

16. Verify extend was successful



17. What LifeKeeper should look like once finished

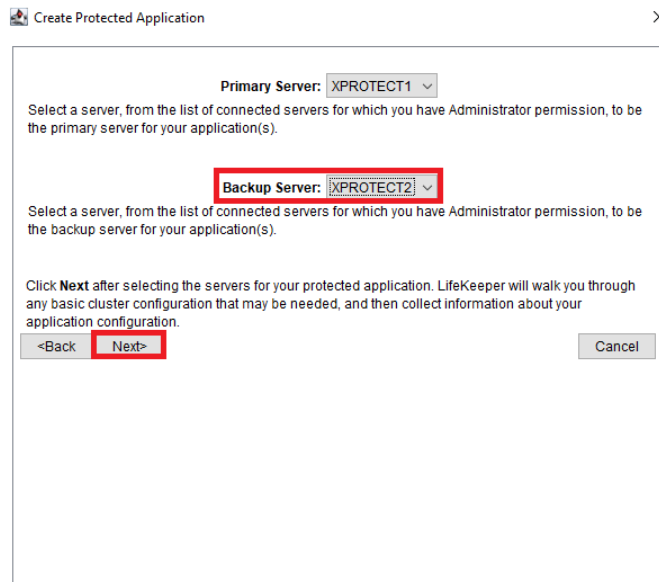


Create Volume resource:

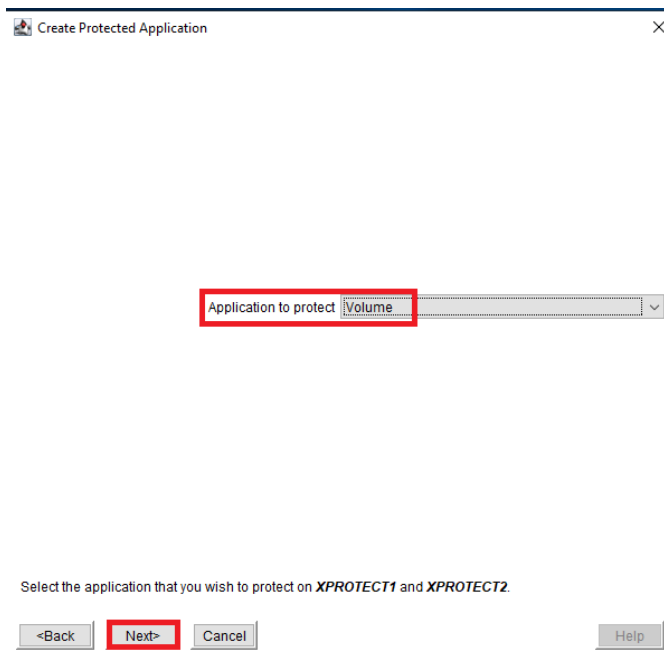
1. Choose create new resource



2. Choose Primary and Backup Server



3. Choose Volume resource to protect



4. Select which volume to protect

Create Volume Resource

Select Volume | E

Select a Volume to protect on *XPROTECT1*.

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5. Set tag for volume resource

Create Volume Resource

Volume Tag | Vol.E

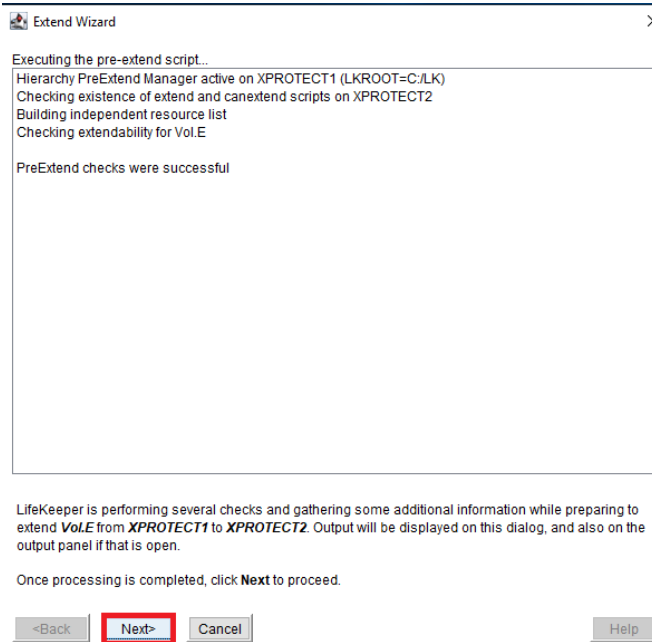
Enter a Tag Name for volume E: on *XPROTECT1*.

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6. Verify volume resource creation was successful



7. Run extend checks and verify they were successful



8. Select Create Mirror for Volume Type

Extend Volume Resource

Volume Type **Create Mirror**

Select the appropriate **Volume Type** for volume E:
-- **Shared Disk** indicates a disk shared with another server,
-- **Existing Mirror** indicates an existing SteelEye mirrored volume,
-- **Create Mirror** indicates a mirror volume will be created.
The **Create Mirror** choice only appears if SteelEye mirroring software is installed.

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9. Choose end points


Extend Volume Resource

Network end points (Target/Source) **171.17.5.7/171.17.5.6**

Select the network end points for the mirror VolE (E:) on **XPROTECT1** to **XPROTECT2**.

<Back **Next>** Cancel Help

10. Set mode to Asynchronous

 Extend Volume Resource ×

Mode Asynchronous ▼


Select the mode of the mirror VoL (E):

Asynchronous Mirror: Source writes are queued for transmission to the target (*XPROTECT2*), and return immediately. Less reliable than synchronous, but source writes are quicker.

Synchronous Mirror: All writes to the source volume will be committed to the target (*XPROTECT2*) immediately. Higher reliability, lower performance.

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11. Verify mirror info (pay attention to warning about volume being overwritten)

 Extend Volume Resource ×

The following mirror will be created:

SOURCE: [E:] on server 171.17.5.6

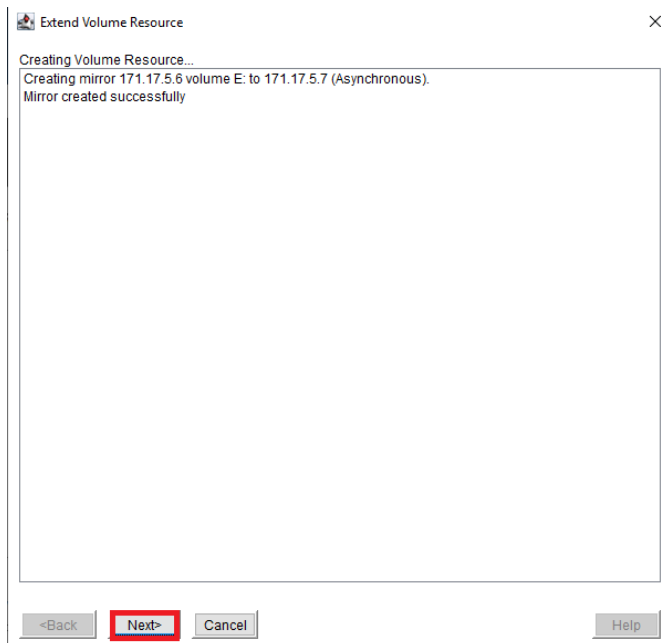
TARGET: [E:] on server 171.17.5.7

TYPE: Asynchronous

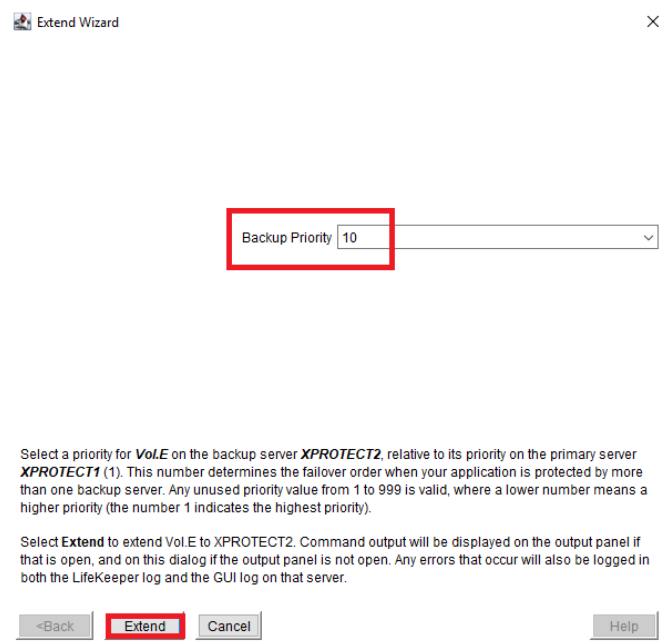
WARNING: All data on the TARGET volume will be overwritten!!!

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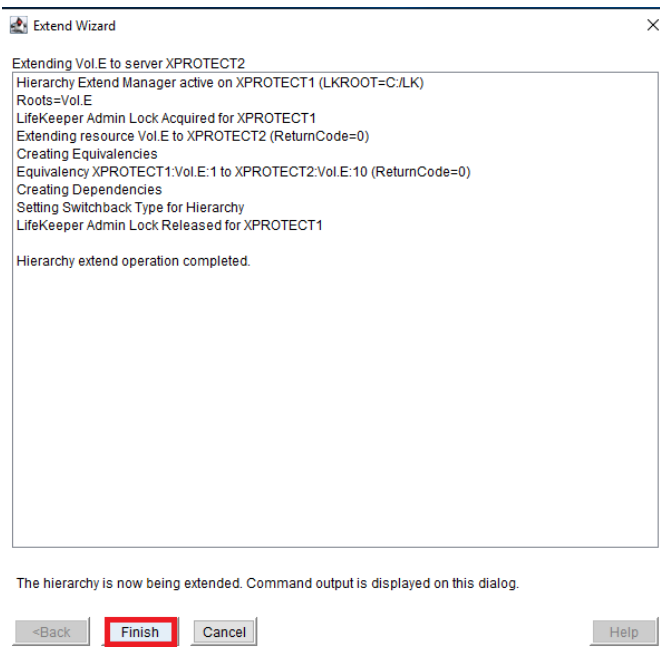
12. Verify mirror was created successfully



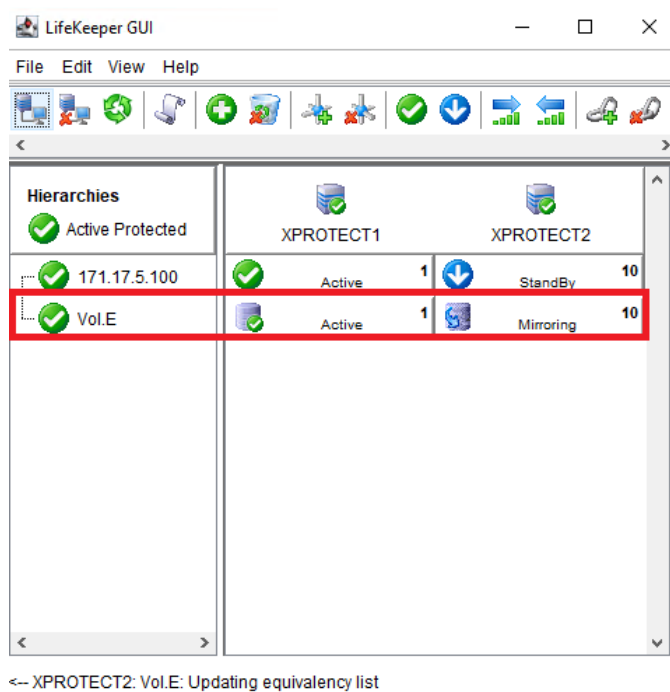
13. Set Backup Priority



14. Verify volume extend was successful



15. LifeKeeper should look like this when completed

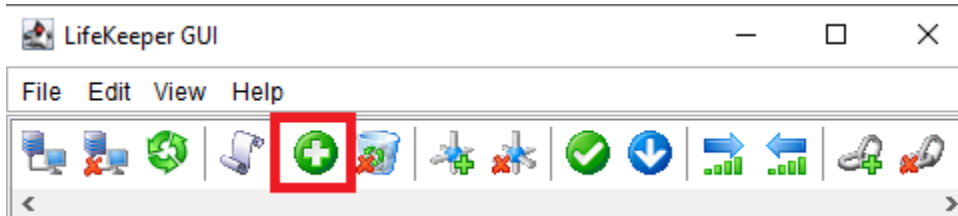


Step 5 - Cluster SQL Server with LifeKeeper

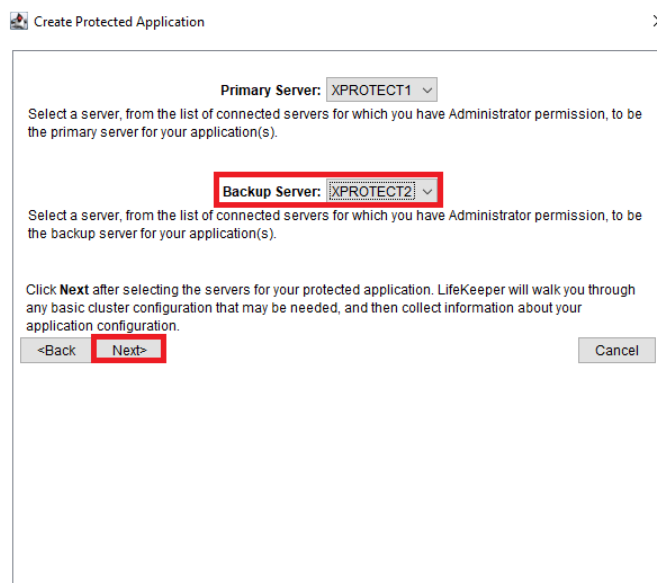
Cluster SQL Server following the SIOS documentation. Create a Virtual IP address first, and then Disk resources. Finally the SQL resource. No NetBIOS name is required. Make sure the SQL Server Service is set to Manual start.

Create SQL resource:

1. Choose create new resource



2. Choose Primary and Backup Server



3. Choose MS SQL Server to protect

Create Protected Application

Application to protect MS SQL Server

Select the application that you wish to protect on *XPROTECT1* and *XPROTECT2*.

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4. Select what instance to protect

Create MS SQL Server Hierarchy

Select Microsoft SQL Server Instance XPROTECT1

Select the instance of Microsoft SQL Server that you wish to place under LifeKeeper protection on *XPROTECT1*.

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5. Administrative name should be the one you used when you installed SQL Server. The default account is 'sa'

Enter Administrative User Name for XPROTECT1

Enter an administrative user name for **XPROTECT1**. This user account must include System Administrator permissions to the master database.

6. Enter the password for the 'sa' account.

Create MS SQL Server Hierarchy X

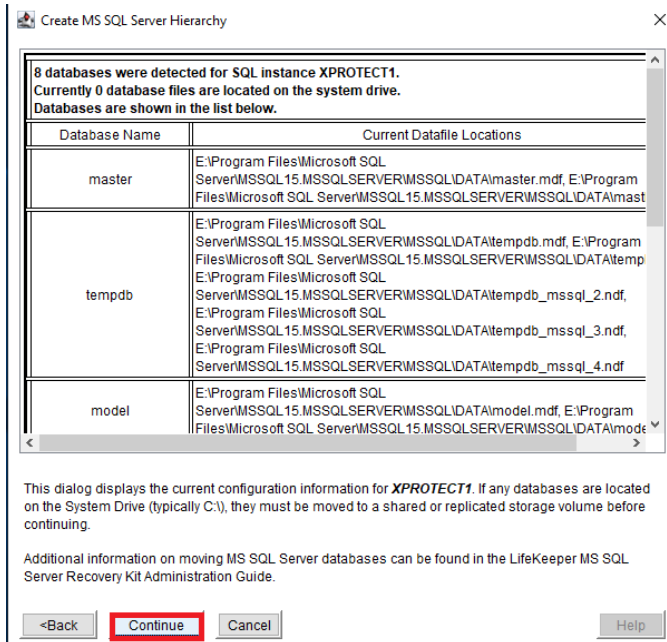
Enter Password for sa

Enter the administrative password for **sa**.

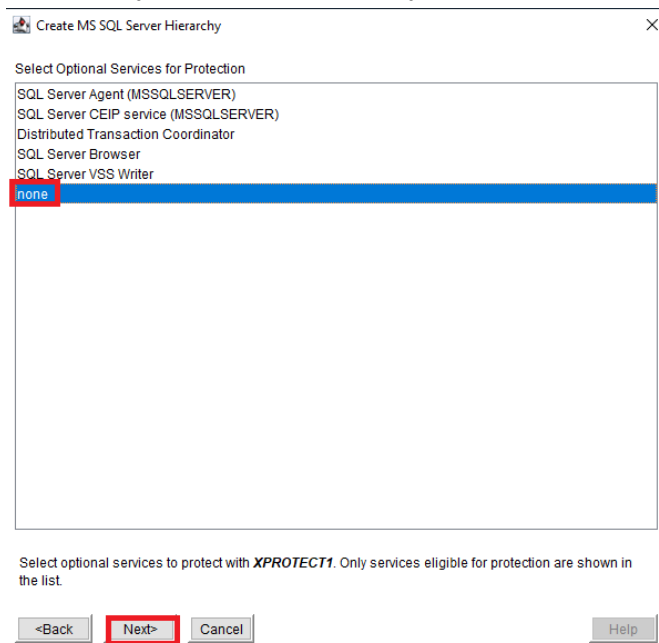
Pressing 'Next' will scan all databases in SQL instance XPROTECT1. The scan may take several minutes if a large number of databases exist in the SQL instance.

7. Verify database location(s) looks correct

Note: If during installation of SQL Server you failed to relocate the system databases to the partition designated for replication, you will be given an option here to allow LifeKeeper to relocate them automatically for you.



8. Protect any additional services you wish to cluster.



9. Select the protected Virtual IP address (the one we created earlier)

Create MS SQL Server Hierarchy

X

Select Protected IP Address 171.17.5.100

Select an IP address to protect with **XPROTECT1**. Either an IP address, a Named Pipe alias, or both should be selected to use with a Microsoft SQL hierarchy. If you want to use only named pipes, or neither (this is NOT recommended), select **none** (not recommended).

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10. Set named pipe alias to none

Create MS SQL Server Hierarchy

X

Select Named Pipe Alias none

If you intend to use Named Pipes communication protocol, select an alias name for the named pipe connection. If not, select **none**. You should select either an IP address or a Named Pipe alias to use with a Microsoft SQL Hierarchy.

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11. Set the resource name

Create MS SQL Server Hierarchy ×

Microsoft SQL Server Resource Name SQL.Default

Enter a name for your resource.

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12. Verify resource creation was successful

Create MS SQL Server Hierarchy ×

Creating Microsoft SQL Server Hierarchy ...
Beginning Hierarchy Creation for MS SQL
Checking IP resources
Checking Named Pipe Resources
Beginning Volume resource evaluation
Processing Configuration
MS SQL Resource Checking completed, creating Hierarchy
Creating Dependencies
Starting Hierarchy

The resource hierarchy is now being created on **XPROTECT1**. Command output is displayed on this dialog.

After the resource has been created and brought into service, click **Next** to protect the resource on **XPROTECT2**.


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13. Verify the extend checks were successful

 Extend Wizard
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Executing the pre-extend script...

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Hierarchy PreExtend Manager active on XPROTECT1 (LKROOT=C:\LK)
Checking existence of extend and canextend scripts on XPROTECT2
Building independent resource list
Vol.E is already extended to XPROTECT2
Checking extendability for SQL.Default
171.17.5.100 is already extended to XPROTECT2


PreExtend checks were successful
    
```

LifeKeeper is performing several checks and gathering some additional information while preparing to extend **SQL.Default** from **XPROTECT1** to **XPROTECT2**. Output will be displayed on this dialog, and also on the output panel if that is open.

Once processing is completed, click **Next** to proceed.

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14. Set backup priority

 Extend Wizard
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Backup Priority

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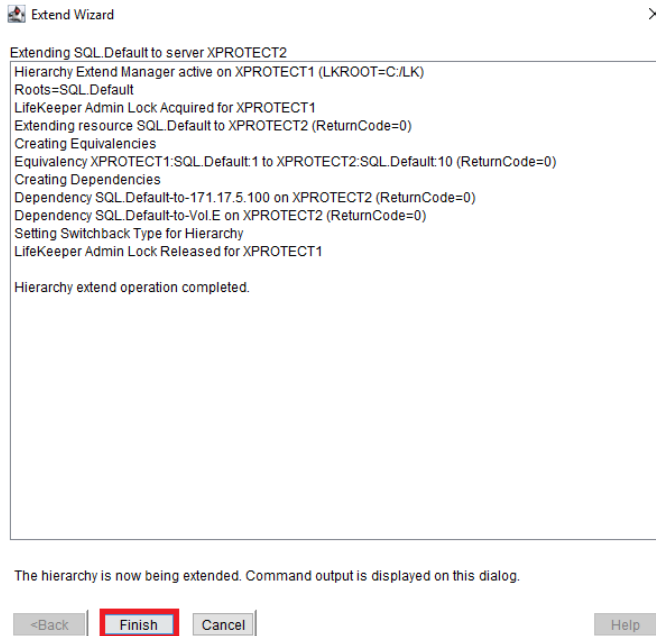
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Select a priority for **SQL.Default** on the backup server **XPROTECT2**, relative to its priority on the primary server **XPROTECT1** (1). This number determines the failover order when your application is protected by more than one backup server. Any unused priority value from 1 to 999 is valid, where a lower number means a higher priority (the number 1 indicates the highest priority).

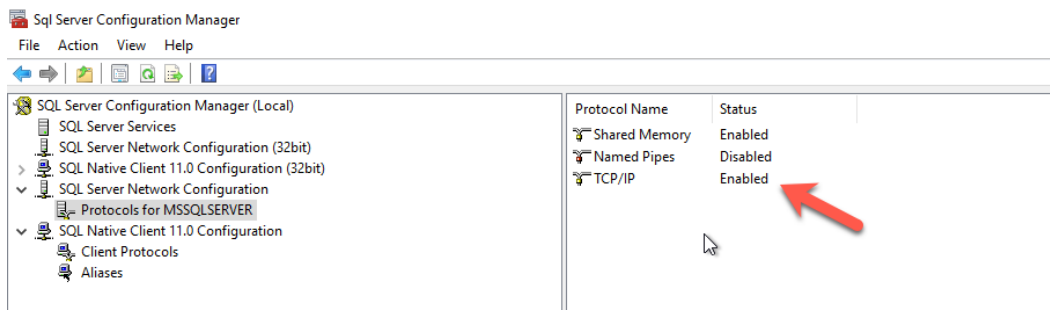
Select **Extend** to extend SQL Default to XPROTECT2. Command output will be displayed on the output panel if that is open, and on this dialog if the output panel is not open. Any errors that occur will also be logged in both the LifeKeeper log and the GUI log on that server.

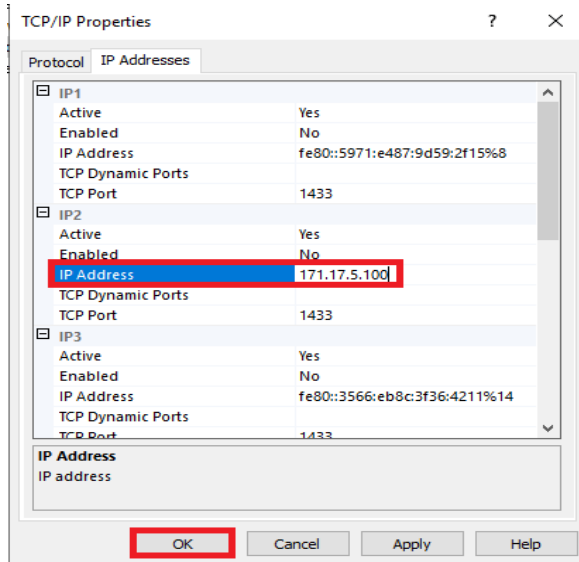
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15. Verify extend was successful

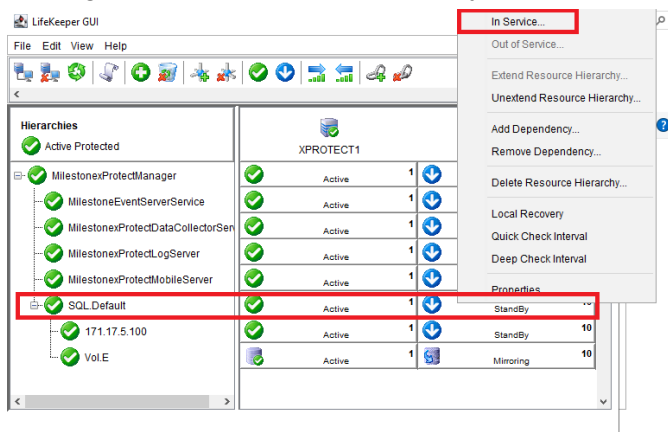


16. Enable SQL to listen on TCP and the Virtual IP address. Do this on XPROTECT1 and XPROTECT2

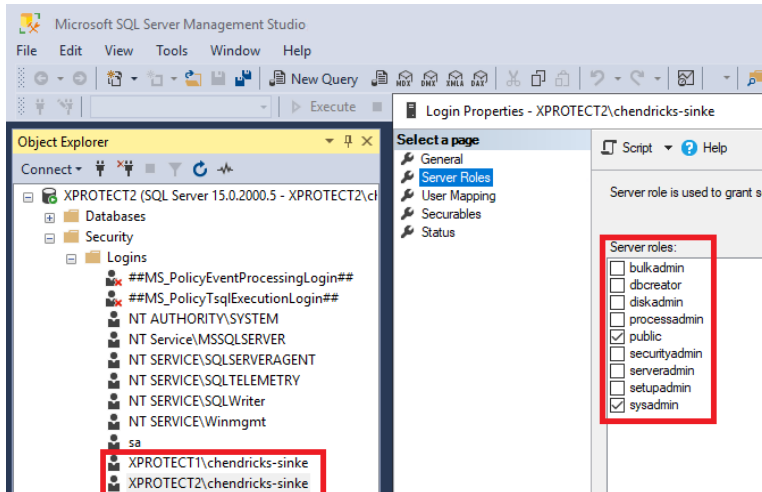




17. Perform a switchover of the SQL Resource using LifeKeeper by right clicking and clicking 'In Service' on the secondary (XPROTECT2)



18. Add the account you created earlier for XPROTECT1 to the sql users while SQL is switched over to XPROTECT2. Make sure to add the appropriate server roles as shown

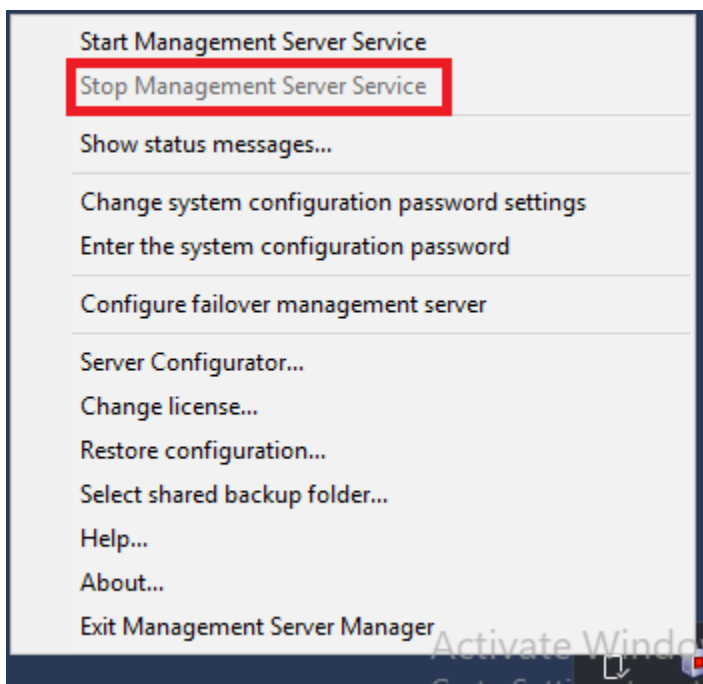


Step 6 - Cluster XProtect with LifeKeeper

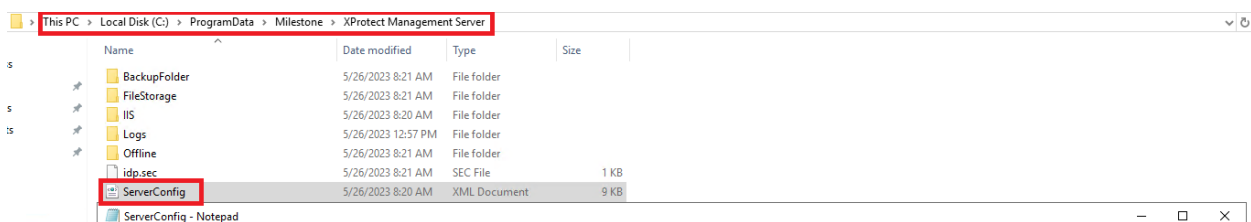
Setup for XProtect:

On XPROTECT1

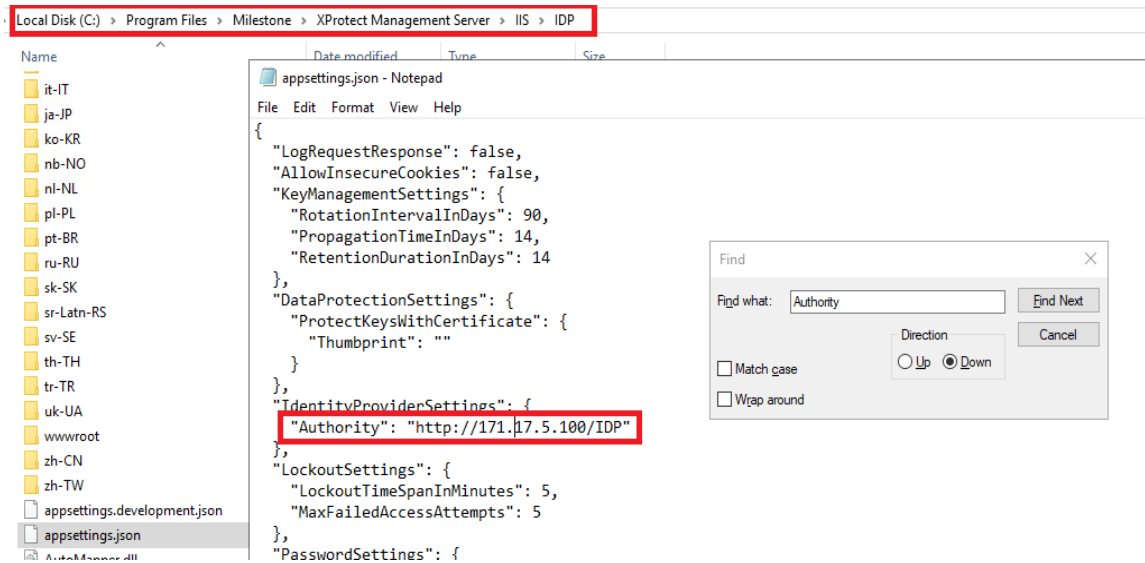
1. Stop the service by right clicking the system tray icon and clicking 'Stop Management Server Service'



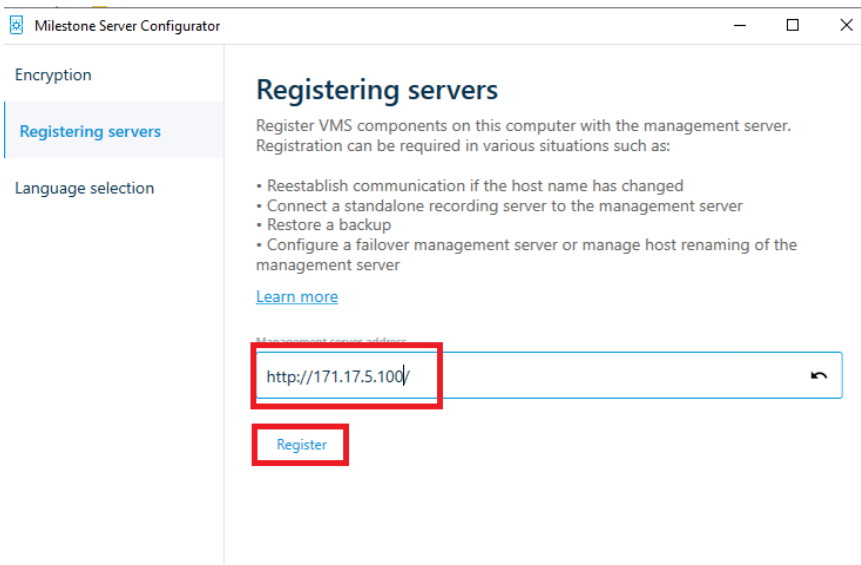
2. Modify the below config files accordingly, using the Virtual IP address address in place of the local computer name in the indicated URLs.
 - a. C:/ProgramData/Milestone/xProtect Management Server/ServerConfig



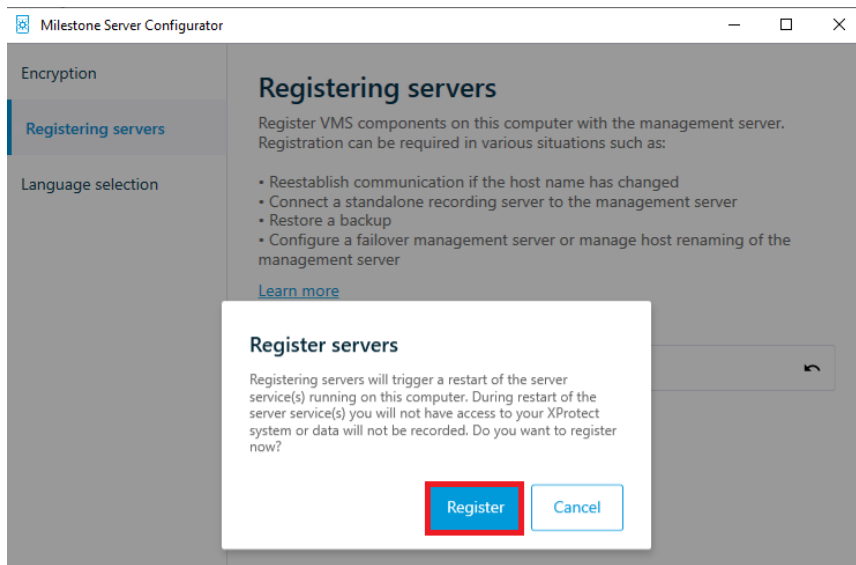
3. C:/Program Files/Milestone/XProtect Management Server/IIS/IDP/appsettings.json



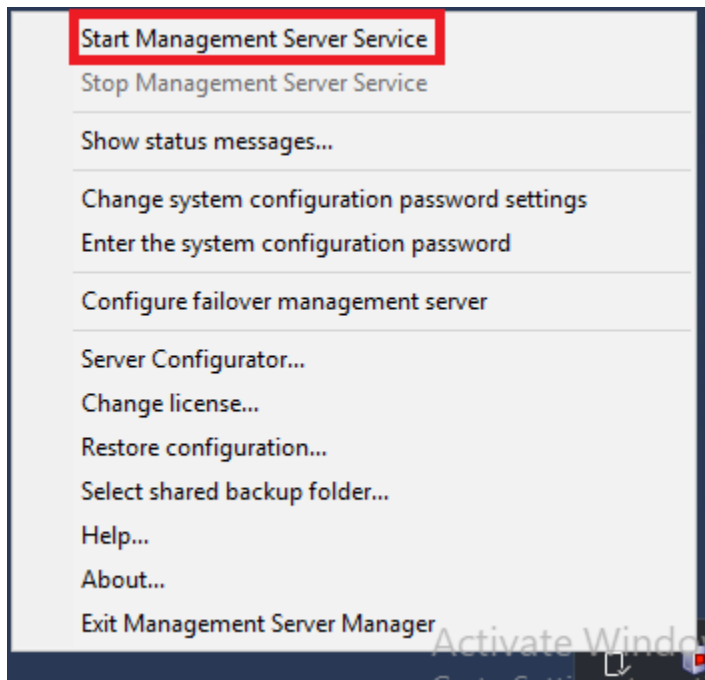
4. From the system tray icon right click and choose 'Server Configurator' and type in the Virtual IP address.



5. Register the Virtual IP address

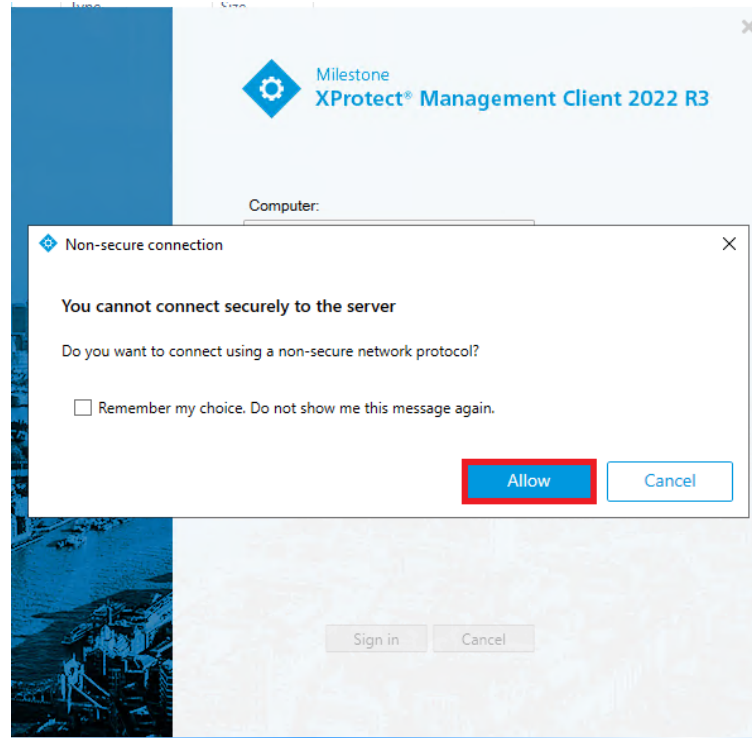


6. Start the service

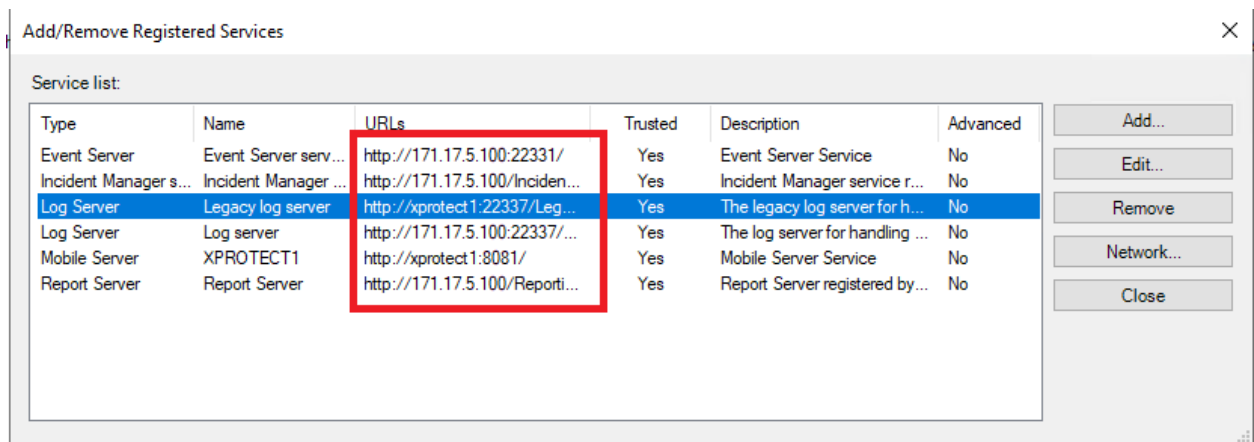


7. Set the Virtual IP address for the URLs

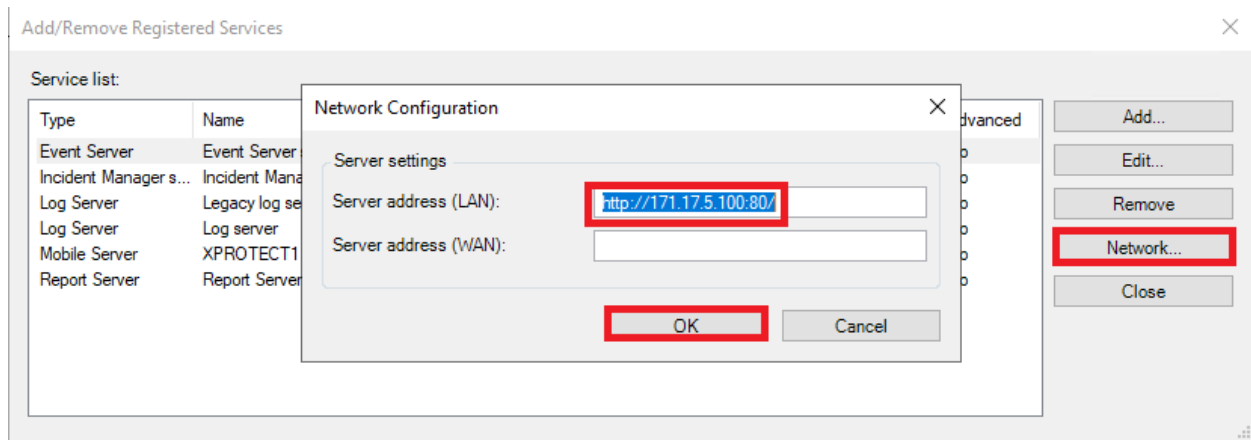
- a. Open XProtect Management client (click allow for security prompt as shown) and click 'Add Remove Registered Services'



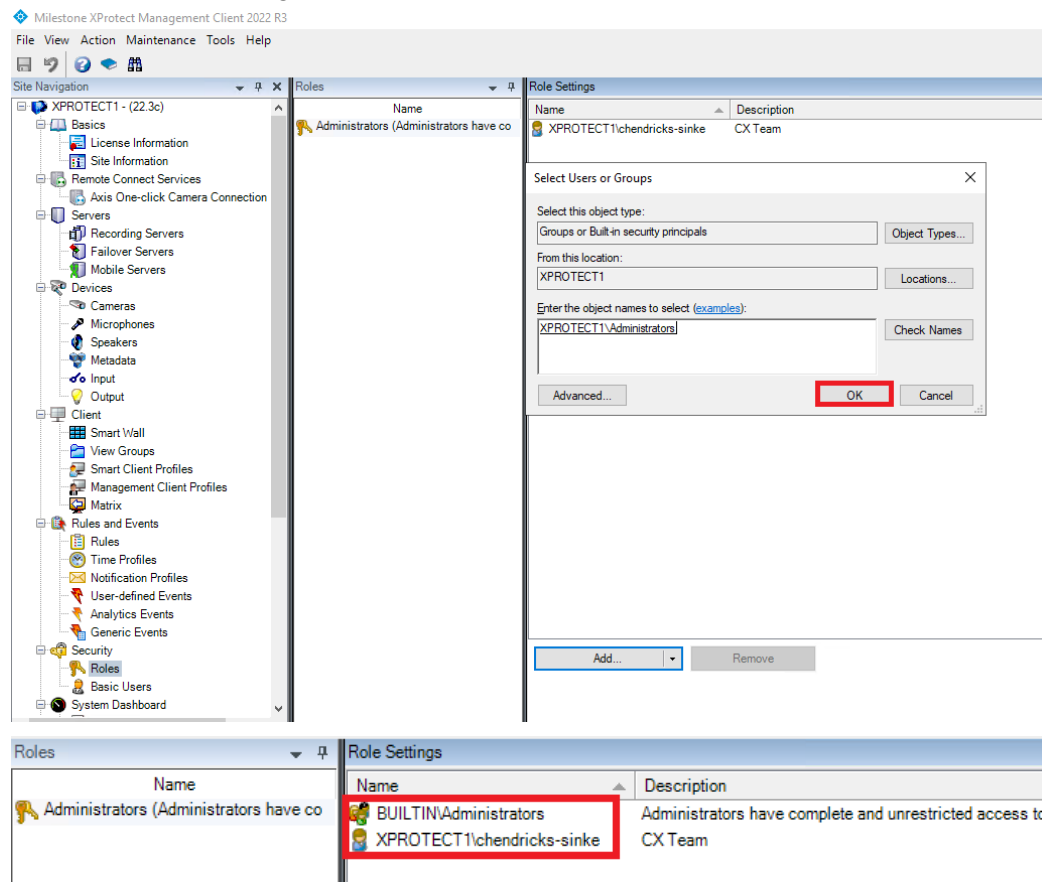
- b. Replace all 'XPROTECT1' with the Virtual IP address you created earlier for the URLs highlighted



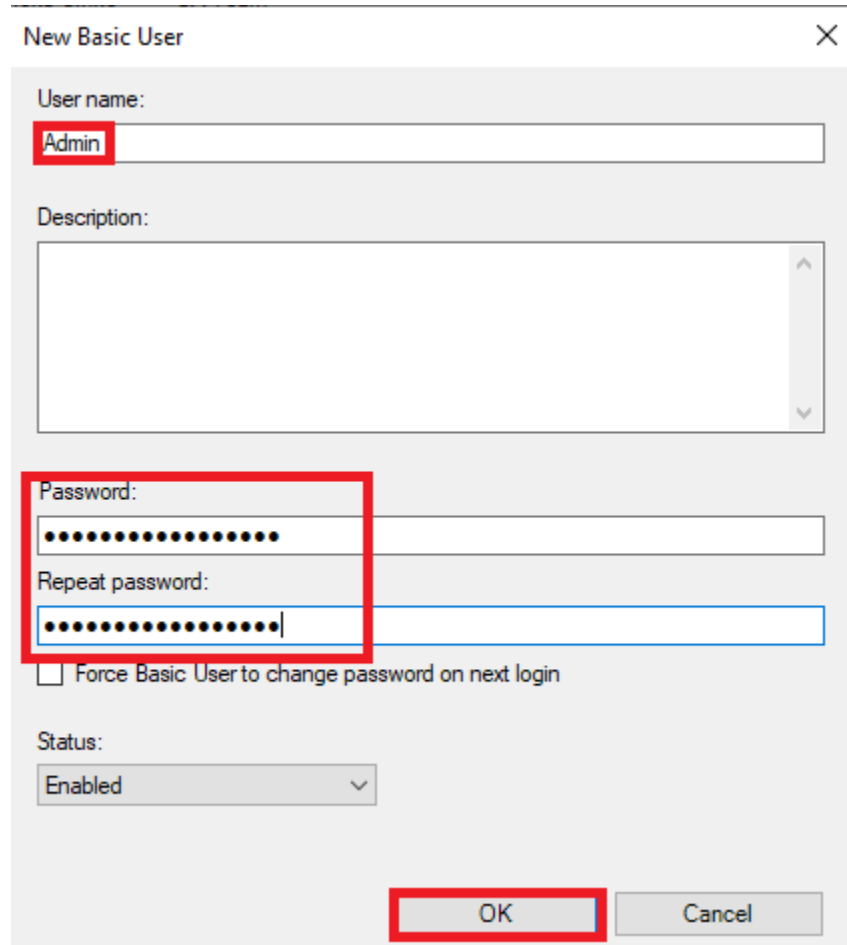
- c. Click on 'Network' and add the Virtual IP address to the Server address (LAN):



8. Add Administrator roles for failover
 - a. Add 'Administrators' group from windows






- b. Click 'New Basic User' and add a local 'admin' account



The 'New Basic User' dialog box is shown with the following fields and options:

- User name:** A text box containing 'Admin'.
- Description:** A large empty text area.
- Password:** A text box filled with dots.
- Repeat password:** A text box filled with dots.
- ☐ Force Basic User to change password on next login
- Status:** A dropdown menu set to 'Enabled'.
- Buttons:** 'OK' and 'Cancel' buttons at the bottom right.

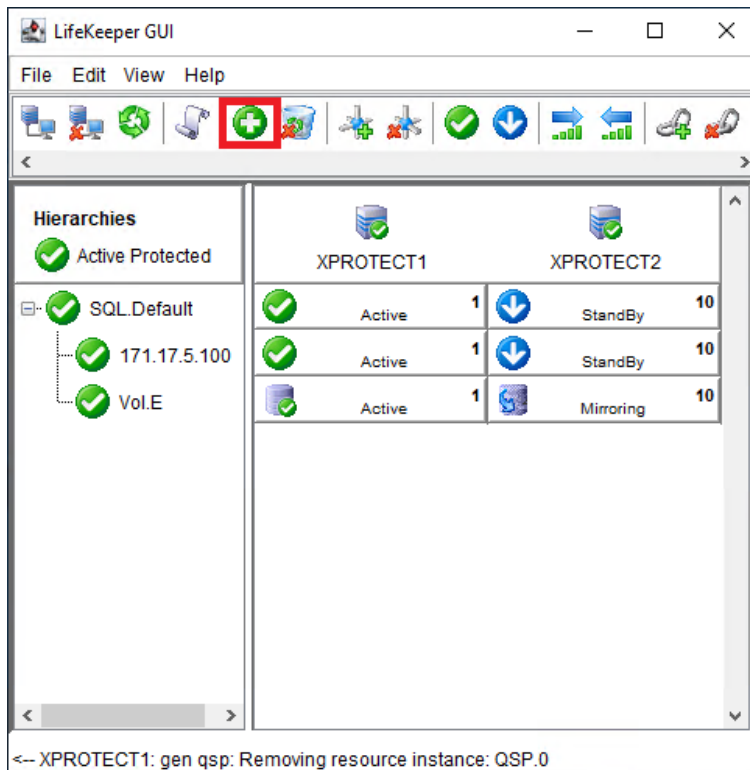
Role Settings	
Name	Description
 Admin	
 BUILTIN\Administrators	Administrators have complete and unrestricted access to the computer/domain
 XPROTECT1\chendricks-sinke	CX Team

9. Repeat steps 1-5 on XPROTECT2

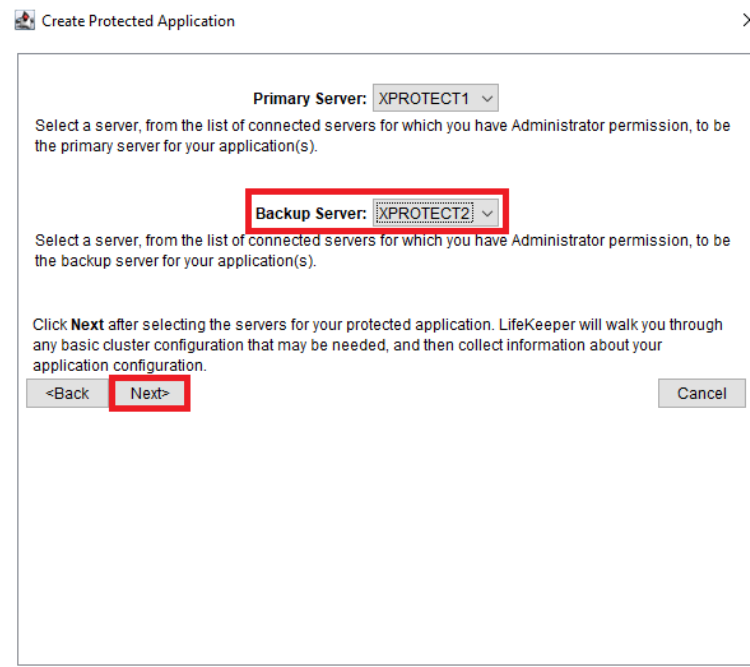
Using LifeKeeper to cluster XProtect:

Make sure all XProtect services are running on XPROTECT1 before following the below steps

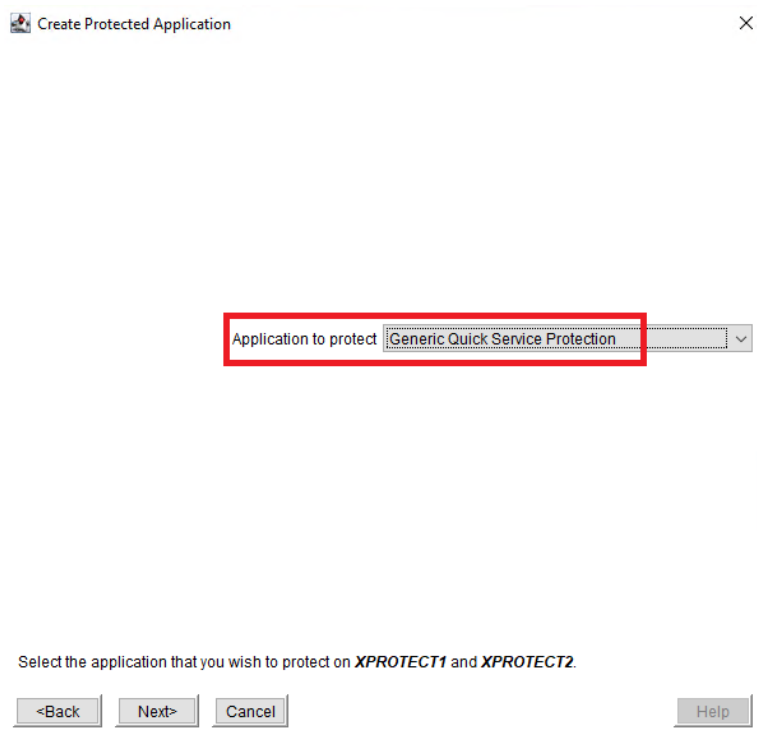
1. Choose Create New Resource Hierarchy



2. Choose backup server



3. Choose Generic Quick Service Protection for application to protect



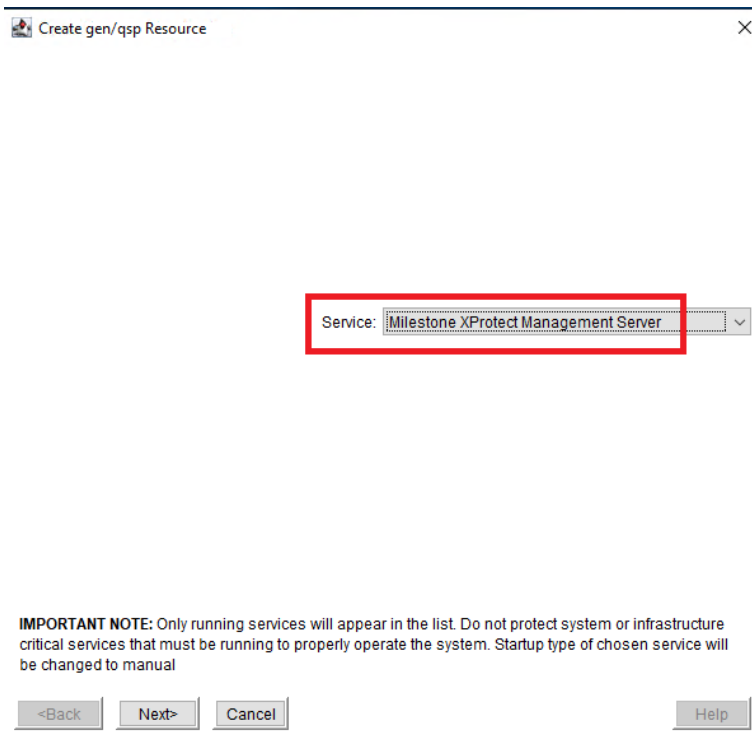
Create Protected Application

Application to protect: Generic Quick Service Protection

Select the application that you wish to protect on *XPROTECT1* and *XPROTECT2*.

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4. Choose service to protect



Create gen/qsp Resource

Service: Milestone XProtect Management Server

IMPORTANT NOTE: Only running services will appear in the list. Do not protect system or infrastructure critical services that must be running to properly operate the system. Startup type of chosen service will be changed to manual

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5. Set quick check interval

Create gen/qsp Resource ×

Quick Check Interval (seconds)

This will be the maximum amount of time used for the quickCheck script. The time must be at least 0 (s) and at most 600 (s). TO DISABLE QUICKCHECK ENTER 0.

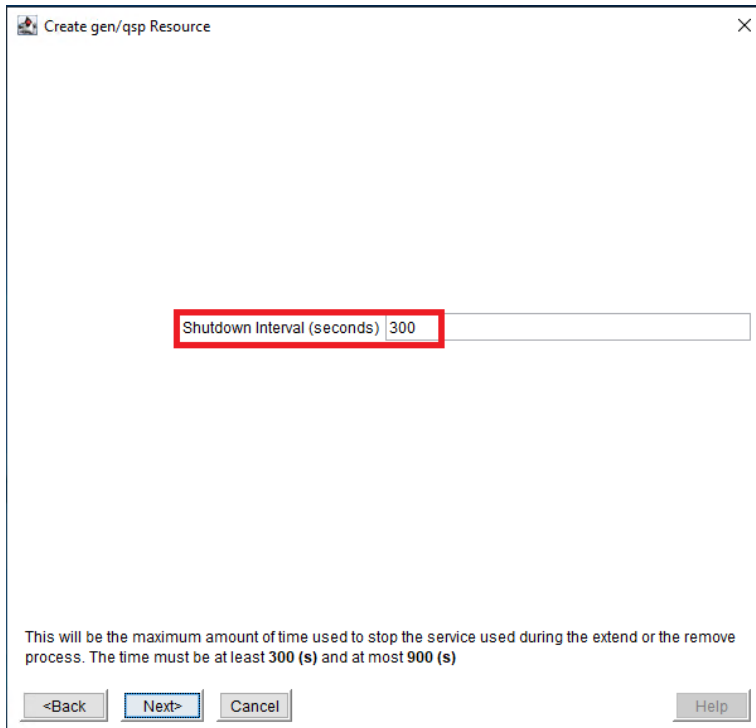
6. Set startup interval

Create gen/qsp Resource ×

Startup Interval (seconds)

This will be the maximum amount of time used to start the service during the restore process. The time must be at least 300 (s) and at most 900 (s)

7. Set shutdown interval



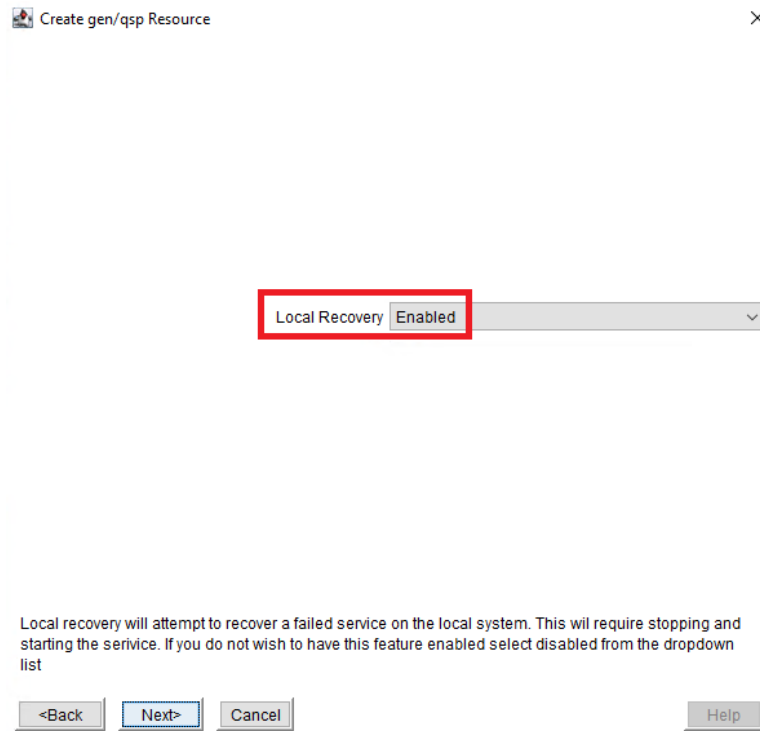
Create gen/qsp Resource

Shutdown Interval (seconds) 300

This will be the maximum amount of time used to stop the service used during the extend or the remove process. The time must be at least 300 (s) and at most 900 (s)

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8. Enable local recovery



Create gen/qsp Resource

Local Recovery Enabled

Local recovery will attempt to recover a failed service on the local system. This will require stopping and starting the service. If you do not wish to have this feature enabled select disabled from the dropdown list

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9. Choose a tag name

Create gen/qsp Resource ×

Resource Tag Name

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10. Verify the creation of the resource was successful

Create gen/qsp Resource ×

Creating gen/qsp resource on XPROTECT1...

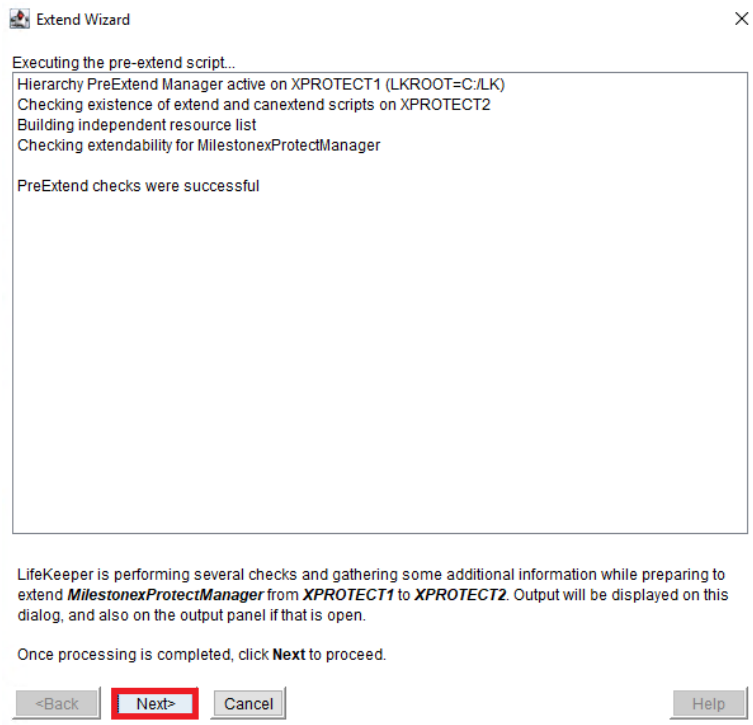
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Process: create.pl(9440)
*INFO* (No. 113646) Beginning Hierarchy Creation for QSP
Process: create.pl(7520)
*INFO* (No. 113648) Bring the QSP resource "MilestonexProtectManager" in service
Process: create.pl(6972)
*INFO* (No. 113641) LifeKeeper: END successful CREATE for QSP resource
"MilestonexProtectManager" on server "XPROTECT1".
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The resource hierarchy is now being created on **XPROTECT1**. Command output is displayed on this dialog.

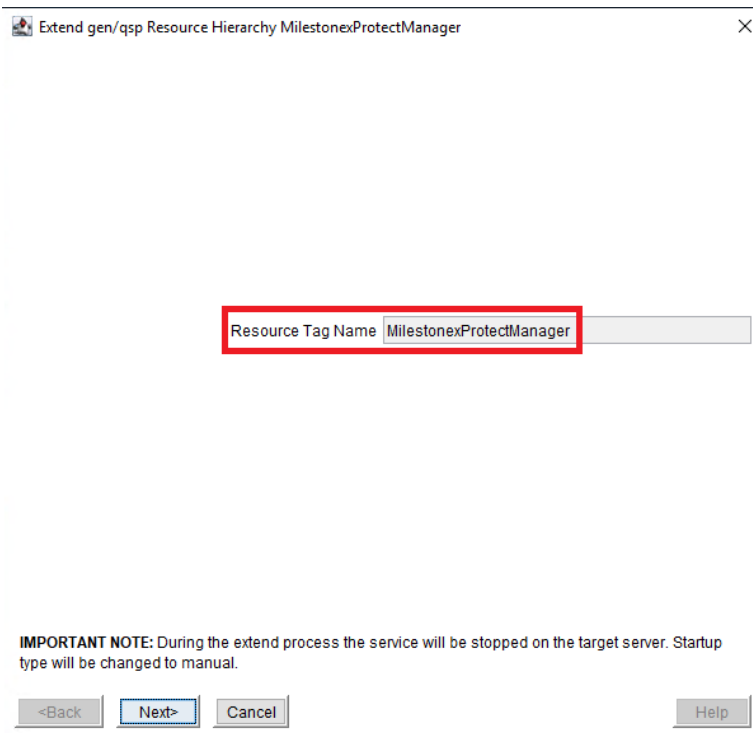
After the resource has been created and brought into service, click **Next** to protect the resource on **XPROTECT2**.

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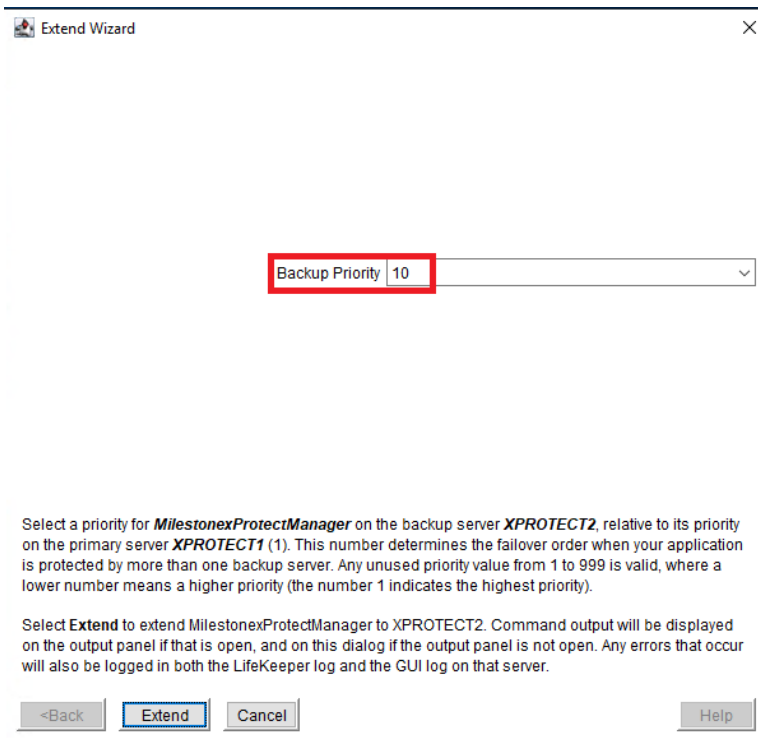
11. Run extend checks



12. Choose extended resource tag name



13. Set backup priority



Extend Wizard

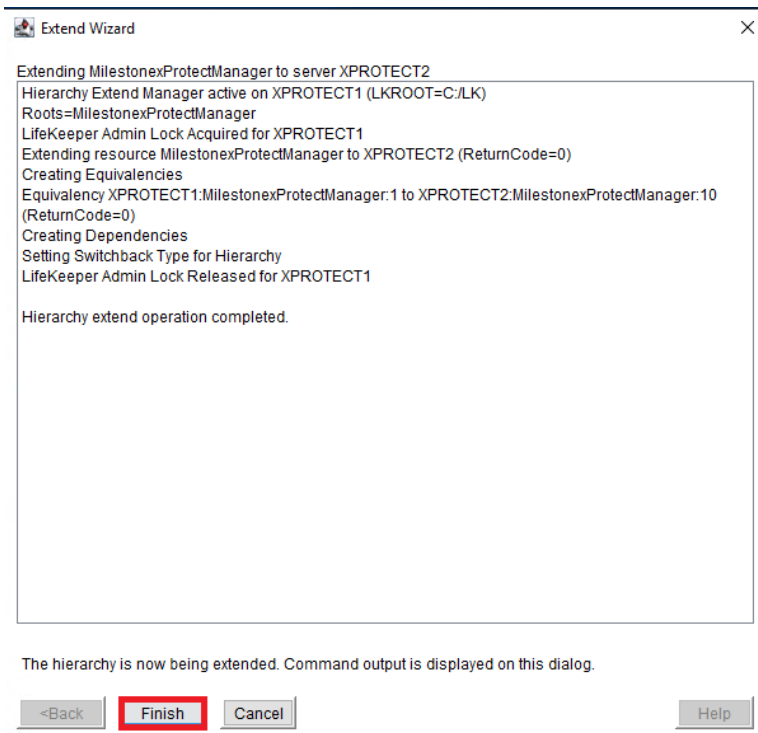
Backup Priority 10

Select a priority for **MilestonexProtectManager** on the backup server **XPROTECT2**, relative to its priority on the primary server **XPROTECT1** (1). This number determines the failover order when your application is protected by more than one backup server. Any unused priority value from 1 to 999 is valid, where a lower number means a higher priority (the number 1 indicates the highest priority).

Select **Extend** to extend MilestonexProtectManager to XPROTECT2. Command output will be displayed on the output panel if that is open, and on this dialog if the output panel is not open. Any errors that occur will also be logged in both the LifeKeeper log and the GUI log on that server.

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14. Verify extend was successful



Extend Wizard

Extending MilestonexProtectManager to server XPROTECT2

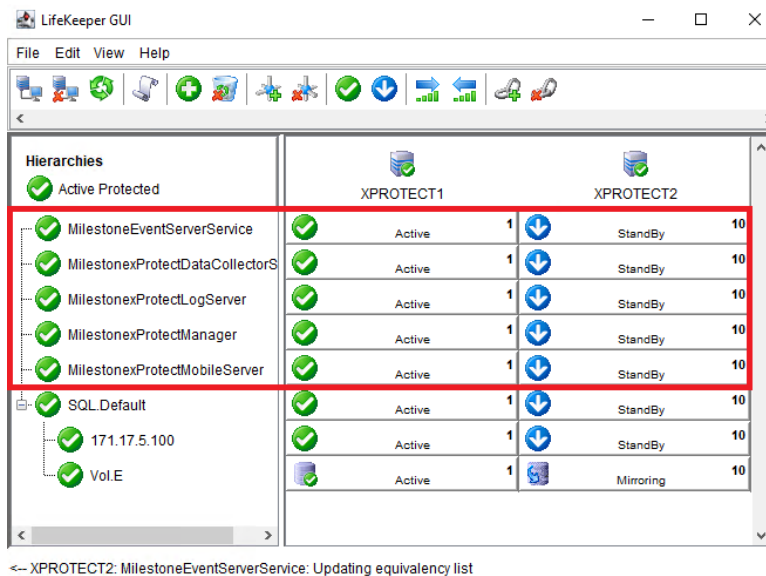
Hierarchy Extend Manager active on XPROTECT1 (LKROOT=C:/LK)
 Roots=MilestonexProtectManager
 LifeKeeper Admin Lock Acquired for XPROTECT1
 Extending resource MilestonexProtectManager to XPROTECT2 (ReturnCode=0)
 Creating Equivalencies
 Equivalency XPROTECT1:MilestonexProtectManager:1 to XPROTECT2:MilestonexProtectManager:10 (ReturnCode=0)
 Creating Dependencies
 Setting Switchback Type for Hierarchy
 LifeKeeper Admin Lock Released for XPROTECT1

Hierarchy extend operation completed.

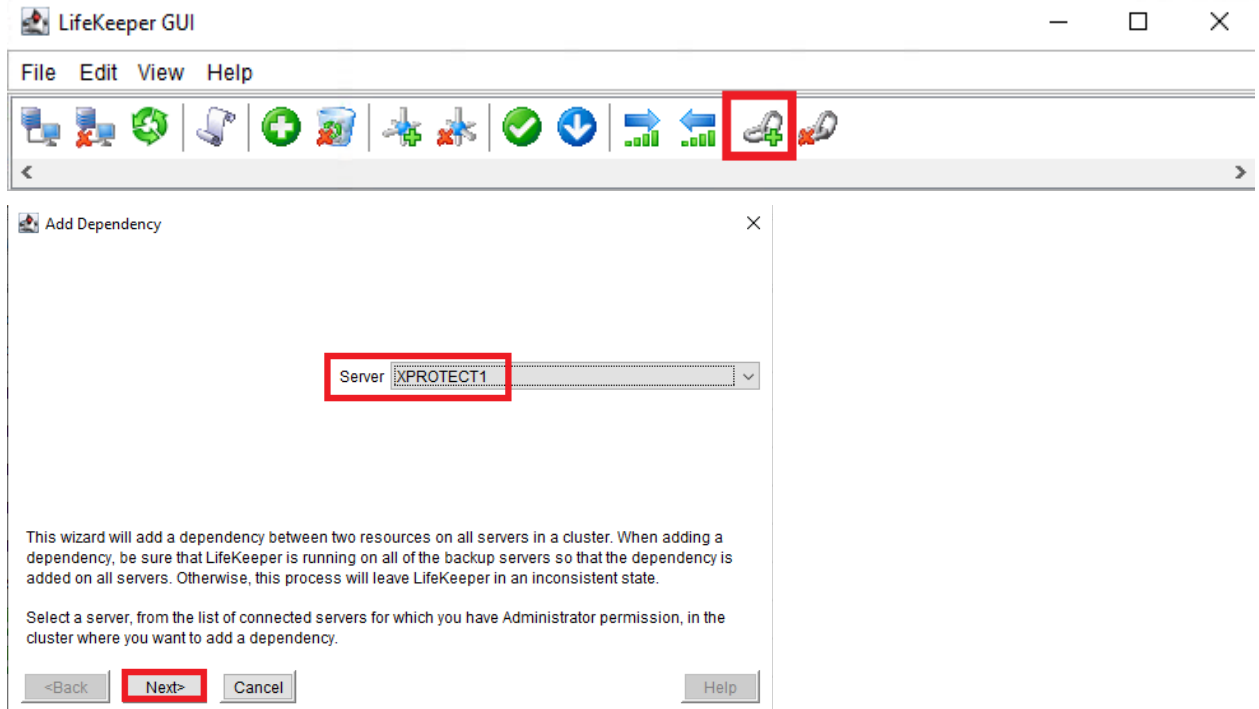
The hierarchy is now being extended. Command output is displayed on this dialog.

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15. Repeat steps 1-14 for each of the Milestone services you wish to protect end result should look similar to this



16. Make a milestone resource a child of the Milestone XProtect Manager




 Add Dependency
 ✕

Parent Resource MilestonexProtectManager

Select a resource to be the parent. The choices include all resources on **XPROTECT1**.

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 Add Dependency
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Child Resource MilestoneEventServerService

Select a resource to be the child of **MilestonexProtectManager**. The choices include all resources that satisfy the following requirements.

- They are not already in a hierarchy with MilestonexProtectManager.
- They exist on the same servers as MilestonexProtectManager.
- They are In Service on the same server as MilestonexProtectManager.
- They have the same relative priority as MilestonexProtectManager on all servers.

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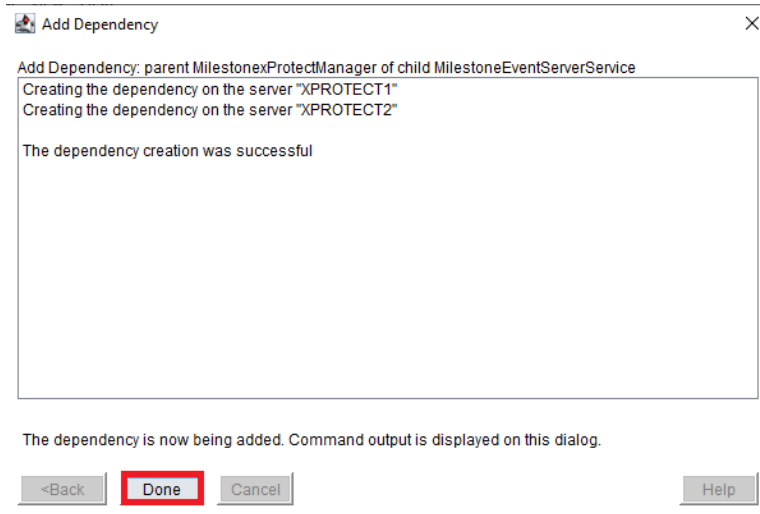
 Add Dependency
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The following dependency will be added:

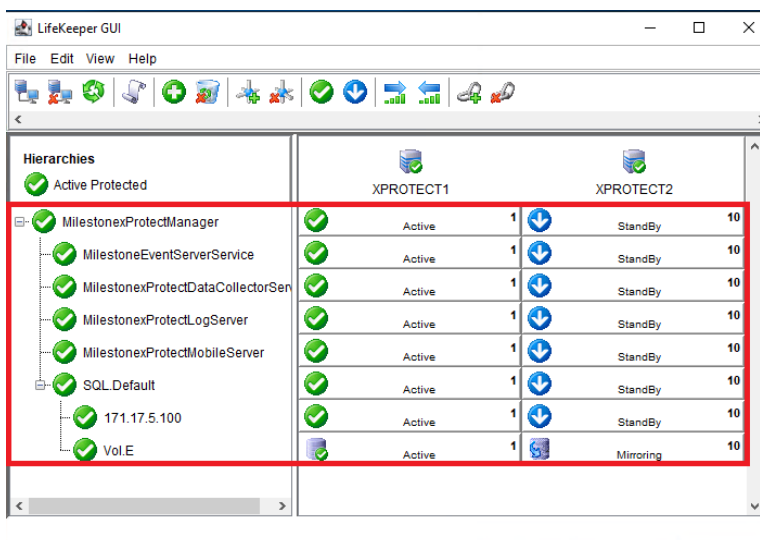
 Parent: MilestonexProtectManager
 Child: MilestoneEventServerService

Select **Add Dependency** to add the dependency on all servers. Command output will be displayed on the output panel if that is open, and on this dialog if the output panel is not open. Any errors that occur will also be logged in both the LifeKeeper log and the GUI log on that server.

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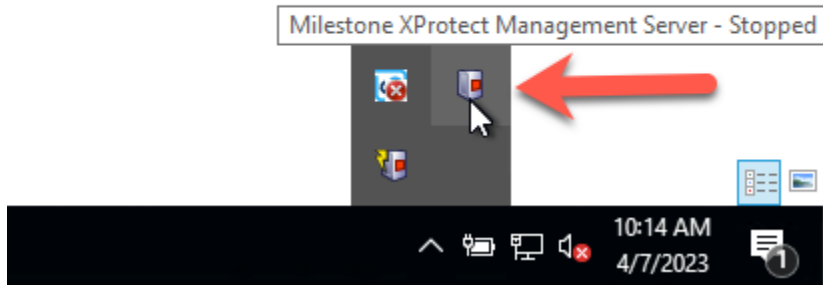


- Repeat this process for every Milestone resource as well as the SQL resource, the end result should look like below

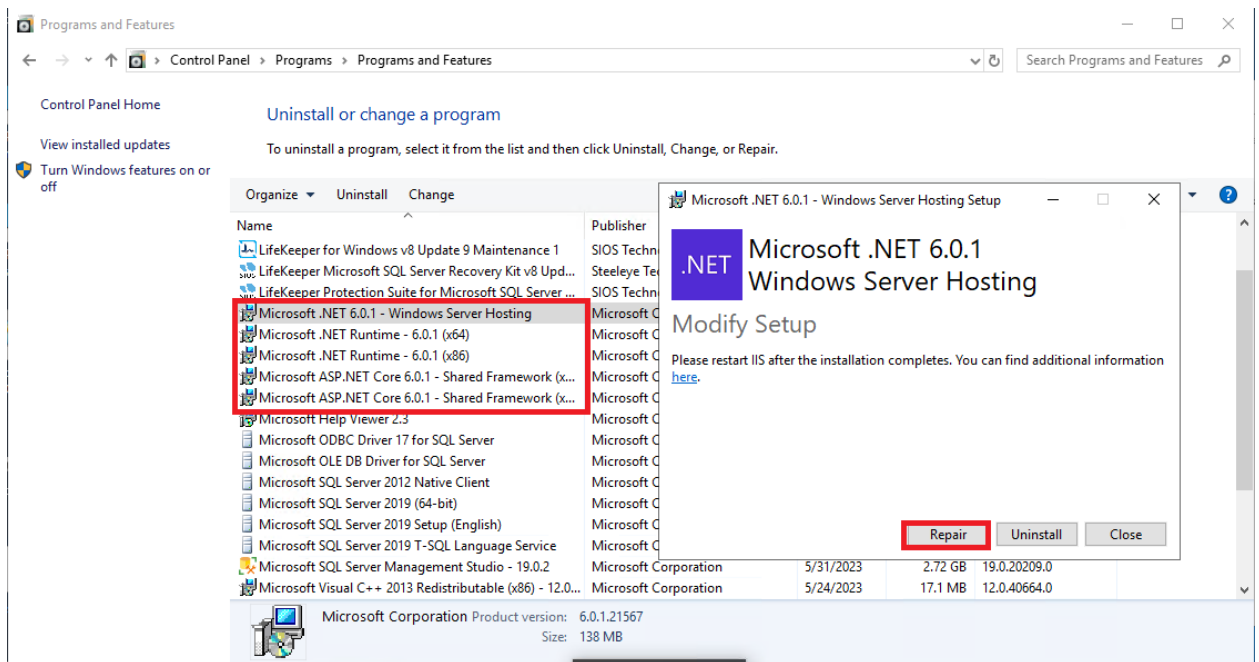


NOTE: If your first switchover fails with XPROTECT2 being stuck in the 'starting' stage in

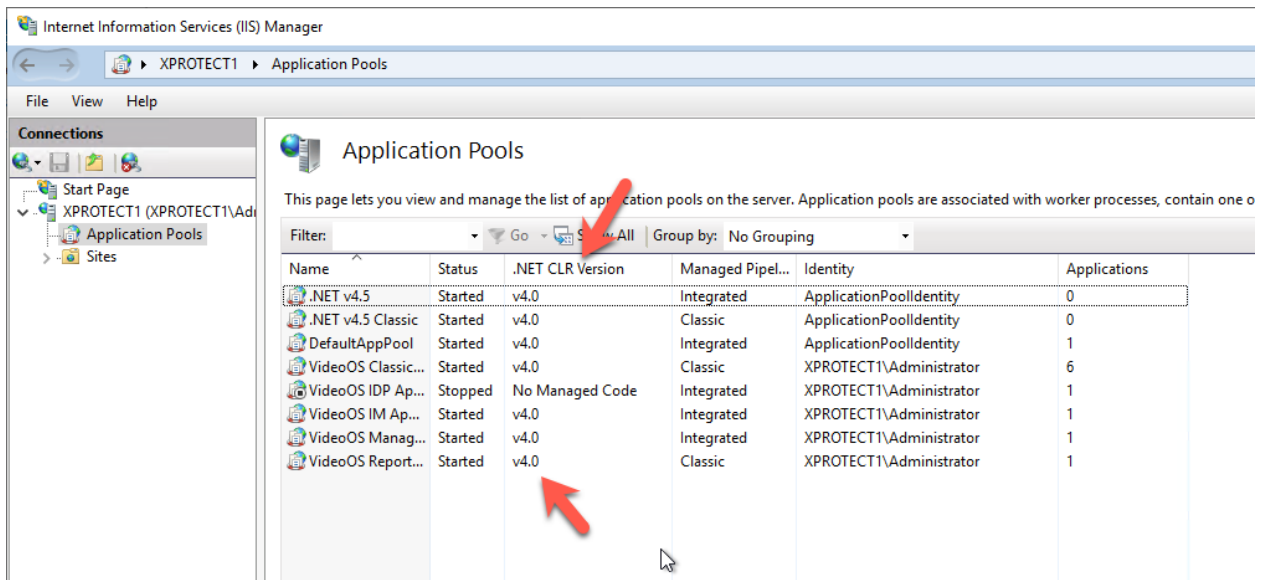
the system tray icon, please follow the below instructions.



1. Run a repair on each of the Microsoft ASP.Net modules on XPROTECT2 as shown below



- You must also ensure all the Application Pools use .Net v4.0, as shown below



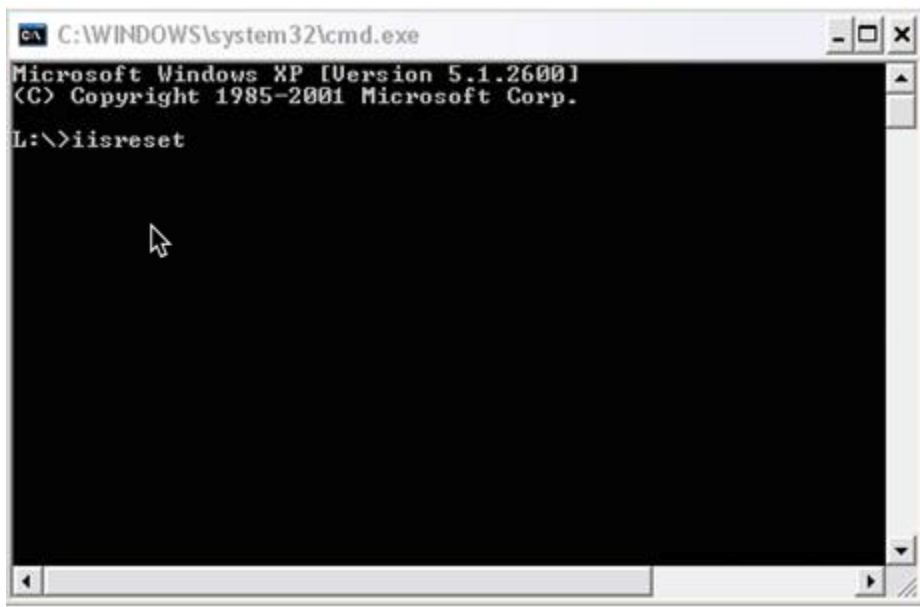
Internet Information Services (IIS) Manager

Application Pools

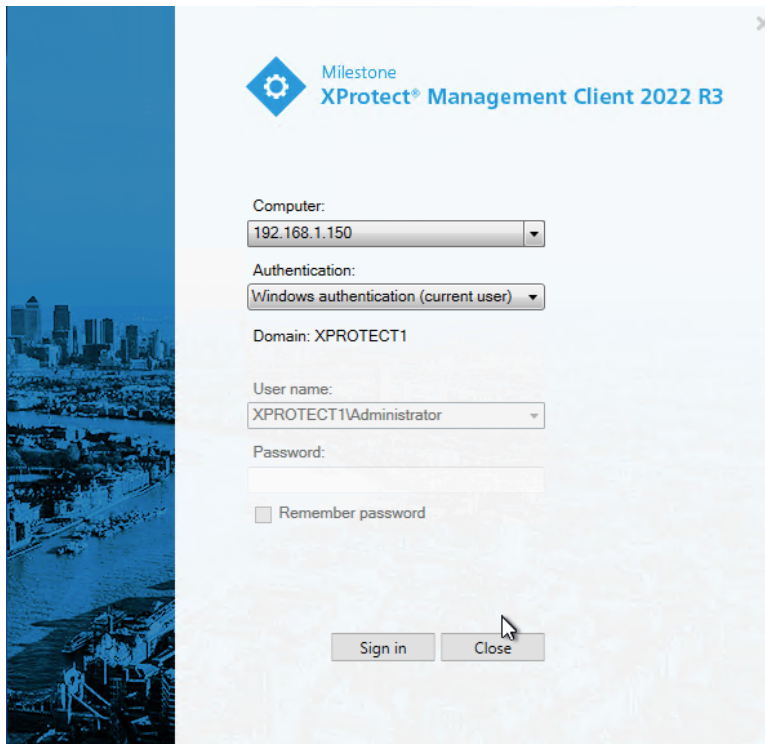
This page lets you view and manage the list of application pools on the server. Application pools are associated with worker processes, contain one or more applications, and are used to manage the execution of applications.

Name	Status	.NET CLR Version	Managed Pipeline	Identity	Applications
.NET v4.5	Started	v4.0	Integrated	ApplicationPoolIdentity	0
.NET v4.5 Classic	Started	v4.0	Classic	ApplicationPoolIdentity	0
DefaultAppPool	Started	v4.0	Integrated	ApplicationPoolIdentity	1
VideoOS Classic...	Started	v4.0	Classic	XPROTECT1\Administrator	6
VideoOS IDP Ap...	Stopped	No Managed Code	Integrated	XPROTECT1\Administrator	1
VideoOS IM Ap...	Started	v4.0	Integrated	XPROTECT1\Administrator	1
VideoOS Manag...	Started	v4.0	Integrated	XPROTECT1\Administrator	1
VideoOS Report...	Started	v4.0	Classic	XPROTECT1\Administrator	1

- Reset IIS on XPROTECT2



4. When you open the XProtect Management Client, connect directly to the Virtual IP address.



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Computer:
192.168.1.150

Authentication:
Windows authentication (current user)

Domain: XPROTECT1

User name:
XPROTECT1Administrator

Password:

☐ Remember password

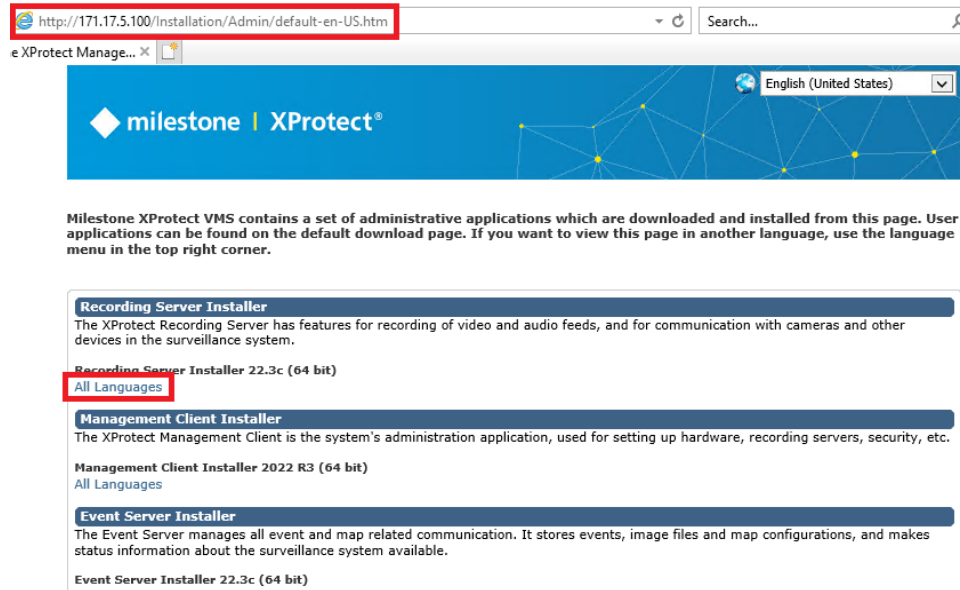
Sign in Close

Step 7 - Install the Recording Server

Follow the given instructions

<https://developer.milestonesys.com/s/article/XProtect-Corporate-How-to-install-the-recording-server> .

Download Installer software



Also, install the recording server, specifying the virtual IP address in the installation URL.

◆ Milestone XProtect® Recording Server



Specify recording server settings

Recording server name:

RECORDING

Management server address.

Use HTTPS if the management server is configured to be secure:

http://171.17.5.100

Examples: http://host or https://host.domain.com:8443.

Select your media database location:

It is recommended that you save your video recordings on a drive different from where you install the program.

E:\MediaDatabase

Browse...

Free disk space on drive: 100 GB

Retention time for recordings:

7 days

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Step 8 - Test failover

The minimum requirements for testing the cluster are as follows:

- Perform a manual switchover of the cluster from XPROTECT1 to XPROTECT2, and back to XPROTECT1
- Pull the power cord on the active cluster node. The backup cluster node should recover the protected resources. NOTE: Performing a planned shutdown, or pushing the power button to cause a shutdown, is not the same. The default behavior of a server being shutdown is to NOT failover the resources. This is controlled by the [Shutdown Strategy](#) settings of the cluster.
- Manually stop one of the protected Windows services. The default behavior is that LifeKeeper will automatically restart that service.
- Temporarily disable and stop one of the protected Windows services on the active cluster node. LifeKeeper will detect the failure, and with local recovery not being able to successfully restart the service, a failover to the secondary node will be initiated.

In all of the above test, you should be able to open the XProtect Management Client, and connect directly to the Virtual IP address.

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