

# Configure AD Authentication for AnyConnect Clients

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## Introduction

This document describes how to configure Active Directory (AD) authentication for AnyConnect clients that connect to Firepower Threat Defense (FTD).

# Prerequisites

## Requirements

Cisco recommends that you have knowledge of these topics:

- RA Virtual Private Network (VPN) configuration on Firepower Manage Center (FMC)
- Lightweight Directory Access Protocol (LDAP) server configuration on FMC
- Active Directory (AD)
- Fully Qualified Domain Name (FQDN)
- Intersight Infrastructure Services (IIS)
- Remote Desktop Protocol (RDP)

## Components Used

The information in this document is based on these software and hardware versions:

- Microsoft 2016 Server
- FMCv running 6.5.0
- FTDv running 6.5.0

The information in this document was created from the devices in a specific lab environment. All of the devices used in this document started with a cleared (default) configuration. If your network is live, ensure that you understand the potential impact of any command.

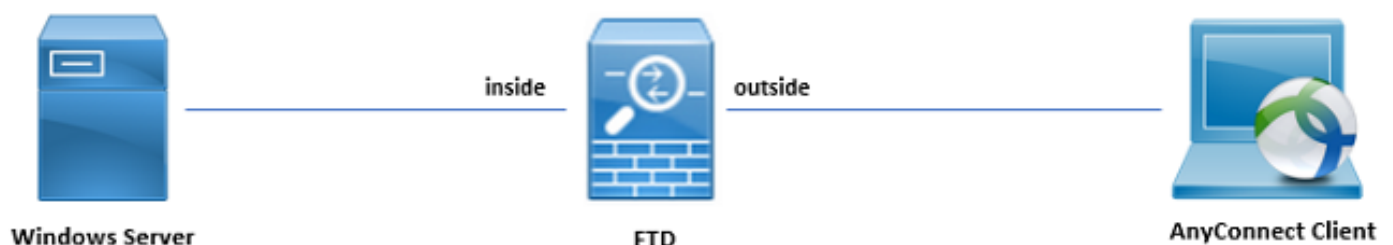
## Background Information

This document describes how to configure Active Directory (AD) authentication for AnyConnect clients that connect to Firepower Threat Defense (FTD), managed by Firepower Management Center (FMC).

User identity is used in the access policies to restrict AnyConnect users to specific IP addresses and ports.

## Configure

### Network Diagram and Scenario



Windows server is pre-configured with IIS and RDP in order to test user identity. In this configuration guide, three user accounts and two groups are created.

### User Accounts:

- FTD Admin: This is used as the directory account to allow the FTD to bind to the Active Directory server.
- IT Admin: A test administrator account used to demonstrate user identity.

- **Test User:** A test user account used to demonstrate user identity.

Groups:

- **AnyConnect Admins:** A test group that IT Admin is added to demonstrate user identity. This group only has RDP access to the Windows Server.
- **AnyConnect Users:** A test group that Test User is added to demonstrate user identity. This group only has HTTP access to the Windows Server.

## Active Directory Configurations

In order to appropriately configure AD authentication and user identity on FTD, a few values are required.

All these details must be created or collected on the Microsoft Server before configuration can be done on FMC. The main values are:

- **Domain Name:**

This is the domain name of the server. In this configuration guide, **example.com** is the domain name.

- **Server IP/FQDN Address:**

The IP address or the FQDN used to reach the Microsoft server. If an FQDN is used, a DNS server must be configured within FMC and FTD to resolve the FQDN.

In this configuration guide, this value is win2016.example.com (which resolves to 192.168.1.1).

- **Server port:**

The port used by the LDAP service. By default, LDAP and STARTTLS uses TCP port 389 for LDAP, and LDAP over SSL (LDAPS) uses TCP port 636.

- **Root CA:**

If LDAPS or STARTTLS is used, the root CA used to sign the SSL certificate used by LDAPS is required.

- **Directory Username and Password:**

This is the account used by FMC and FTD to bind to the LDAP server and authenticate users and search for users and groups.

An account named FTD Admin is created for this purpose.

- **Base and Group Distinguished Name (DN):**

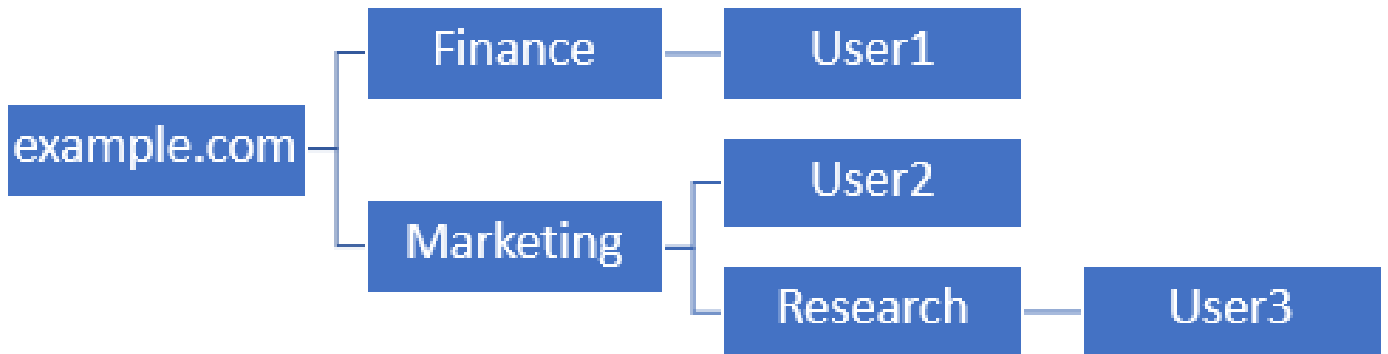
The Base DN is the starting point FMC and the FTD tells the Active Directory to begin the search for and authenticate users.

Similarly, the Group DN is the starting point FMC tells the Active Directory where to begin to search for groups for user identity.

In this configuration guide, the root domain example.com is used as the Base DN and Group DN.

However, for a production environment, using a **Base DN** and **Group DN** further within the LDAP hierarchy is better.

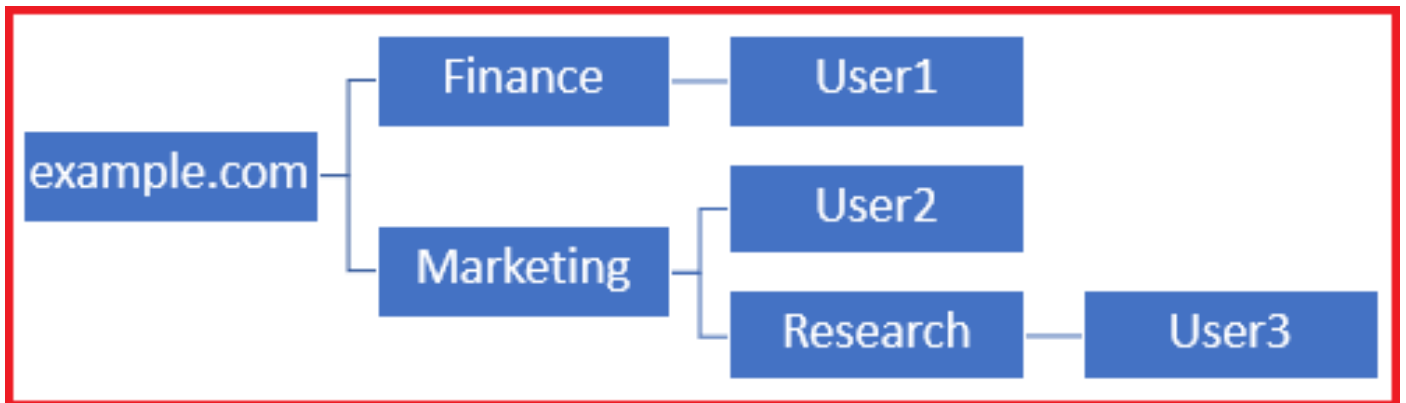
For example, this LDAP hierarchy:



If an administrator wants users within the **Marketing** organizational unit to be able to authenticate the base DN can be set to the root (example.com).

However, this also allows User1 under the **Finance** organizational unit to also log in since the user search begins at the root and go down to **Finance, Marketing, and Research**.

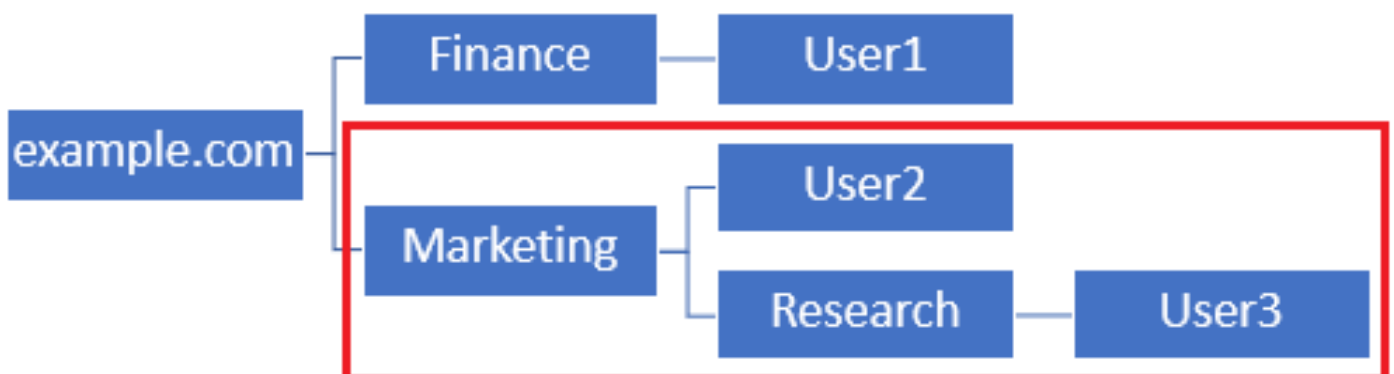
Base DN set to example.com



In order to restrict the log in to the only user in the **Marketing** organizational unit and below, the admin can instead set the Base DN to **Marketing**.

Now only User2 and User3 are able to authenticate because the search starts at **Marketing**.

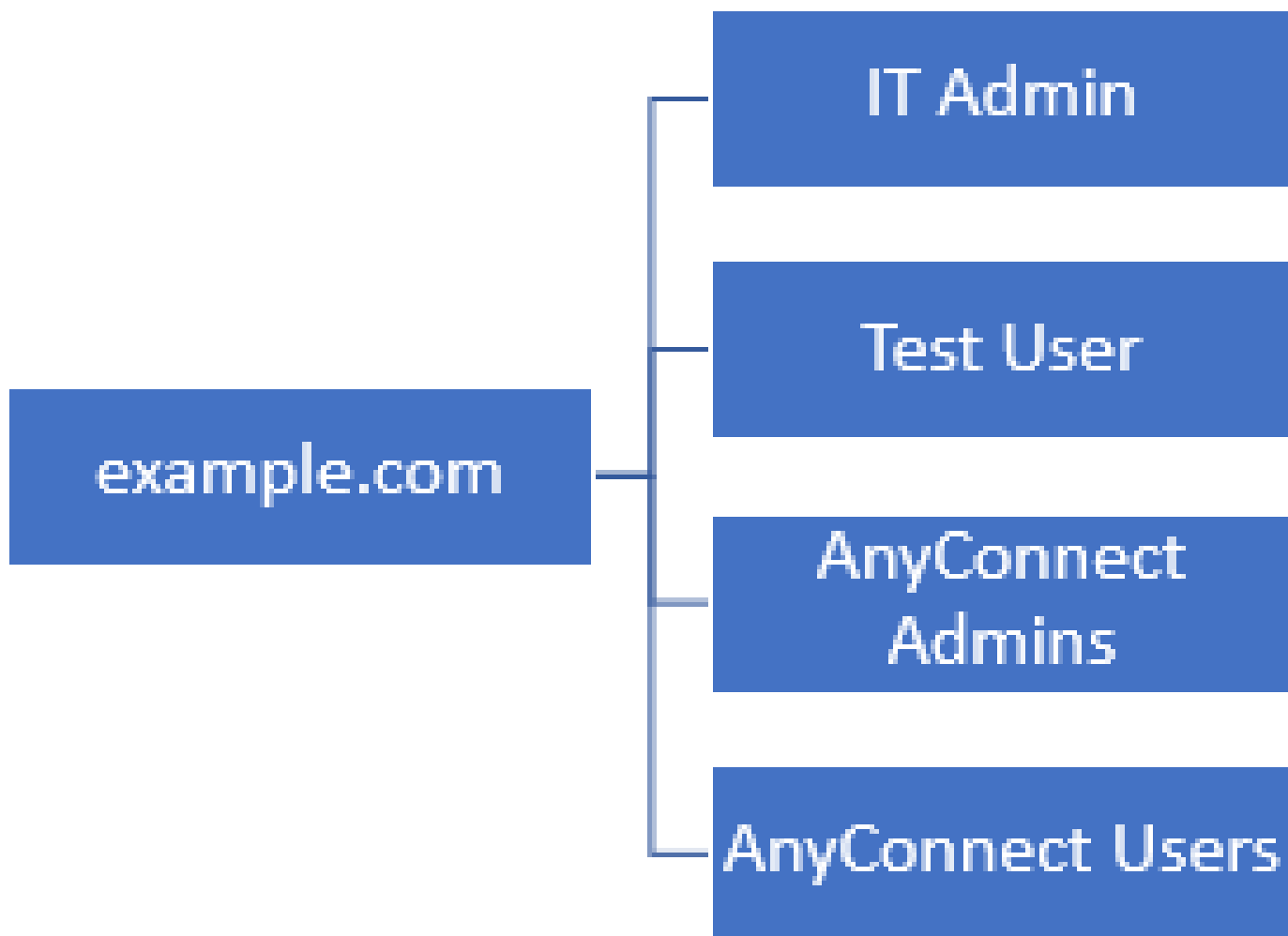
Base DN set to Marketing



Note that for more granular control within the FTD for which users are allowed to connect or assigning users different authorization based on their AD attributes, an LDAP authorization map needs to be configured.

More information on this can be found here: [Configure AnyConnect LDAP mapping on Firepower Threat Defense \(FTD\)](#).

This simplified LDAP hierarchy is used in this configuration guide and the DN for the root example.com is used for both the Base DN and the Group DN.



### Determine LDAP Base DN and Group DN

1. Open Active Directory Users and Computers.



Best match



Active Directory Users and Computers

Desktop app

Settings



Edit local users and groups



Change User Account Control settings



User Accounts



Select users who can use remote desktop



for decrypted traffic (sysopt permit-vpn) is unchecked so that the user identity created later takes effect for RAVPN connections.

The screenshot shows the 'Remote Access VPN Policy Wizard' at step 4, 'Access & Certificate'. The navigation bar at the top includes 'Overview', 'Analysis', 'Policies', 'Devices', 'Objects', 'AMP', and 'Intelligence'. Below the navigation bar, the wizard steps are: 1 Policy Assignment, 2 Connection Profile, 3 AnyConnect, 4 Access & Certificate, and 5 Summary. The main content area is titled 'Network Interface for Incoming VPN Access' and contains the following configuration options:

- Interface group/Security Zone:  (with a green checkmark icon)
- Enable DTLS on member interfaces

Below this is the 'Device Certificates' section:

- Device certificate (also called Identity certificate) identifies the VPN gateway to the remote access clients. Select a certificate which is used to authenticate the VPN gateway.
- Certificate Enrollment:  (with a green checkmark icon)
- Enroll the selected certificate object on the target devices

The 'Access Control for VPN Traffic' section is at the bottom:

- All decrypted traffic in the VPN tunnel is subjected to the Access Control Policy by default. Select this option to bypass decrypted traffic from the Access Control Policy.
- Bypass Access Control policy for decrypted traffic (sysopt permit-vpn)  
This option bypasses the Access Control Policy inspection, but VPN filter ACL and authorization ACL downloaded from AAA server are still applied to VPN traffic.

At the bottom right, there are three buttons: 'Back', 'Next', and 'Cancel'.

Under **Summary**, review the configuration the click **Finish**.

The screenshot shows the 'Remote Access VPN Policy Wizard' at step 5, 'Summary'. The navigation bar at the top is the same as in the previous screenshot. The wizard steps are: 1 Policy Assignment, 2 Connection Profile, 3 AnyConnect, 4 Access & Certificate, and 5 Summary. The main content area is titled 'Remote Access VPN Policy Configuration' and contains the following configuration details:

- Firepower Management Center will configure an RA VPN Policy with the following settings
- Name: FTD-2-RA-Policy
- Device Targets: FTD-2
- Connection Profile: General
- Connection Alias: General
- AAA:
  - Authentication Method: AAA Only
  - Authentication Server:  LAB-AD
  - Authorization Server: -
  - Accounting Server: -
- Address Assignment:
  - Address from AAA: -
  - DHCP Servers: -
  - Address Pools (IPv4): AnyConnect-Pool
  - Address Pools (IPv6): -
- Group Policy: DfltGrpPolicy
- AnyConnect Images:
  - anyconnect-linux64-4.7.03052-webdeploy-k9.pkg
  - anyconnect-win-4.7.00136-webdeploy-k9.pkg
- Interface Objects: outside-zone
- Device Certificates:  FTD-2-Selfsigned

Below this is the 'Device Identity Certificate Enrollment' section:

- Device Identity Certificate Enrollment
- Certificate enrollment object 'FTD-2-Selfsigned' is not installed on one or more targeted devices. Certificate installation will be initiated on the targeted devices on finishing the wizard. Go to the [Certificates](#) page to check the status of the installation.

On the right side, there is a 'Additional Configuration Requirements' section:

- Additional Configuration Requirements
- After the wizard completes, the following configuration needs to be completed for VPN to work on all device targets.
- 1 Access Control Policy Update**  
An [Access Control](#) rule must be defined to allow VPN traffic on all targeted devices.
- 1 NAT Exemption**  
If NAT is enabled on the targeted devices, you must define a [NAT Policy](#) to exempt VPN traffic.
- 1 DNS Configuration**  
To resolve hostname specified in AAA Servers or CA Servers, configure DNS using [FlexConfig Policy](#) on the targeted devices.
- 1 Port Configuration**  
SSL will be enabled on port 443. IPsec-IKEv2 uses port 500 and Client Services will be enabled on port 443 for Anyconnect image download. NAT-Traversal will be enabled by default and will use port 4500. Please ensure that these ports are not used in [NAT Policy](#) or other services before deploying the configuration.
- 1 Network Interface Configuration**  
Make sure to add interface from targeted devices to SecurityZone object 'outside-zone'

At the bottom right, there are three buttons: 'Back', 'Finish', and 'Cancel'.

3. Under the **VPN > Remote Access** policy, click **Edit** icon (pencil) for the appropriate **Connection Profile**.

Overview Analysis Policies **Devices** Objects AMP Intelligence Deploy System Help admin

Device Management NAT **VPN > Remote Access** QoS Platform Settings FlexConfig Certificates

**FTD-2-RA-Policy** Save Cancel

Enter Description Policy Assignments (1)

Connection Profile Access Interfaces **Advanced**

Name	AAA	Group Policy
DefaultWEB/VPNGroup	Authentication: None Authorization: None Accounting: None	DfltGrpPolicy
General	Authentication: LAB-AD (AD) Authorization: None Accounting: None	DfltGrpPolicy

Ensure that the Authentication Server is set to the realm created earlier.

Under **Advanced Settings**, **Enable Password Management** can be checked to allow users to change their password when or before it expires.

This setting requires that the realm use LDAPS, however. If any changes were made, click **Save**.

**Edit Connection Profile** ? X

Connection Profile:\* General

Group Policy:\* DfltGrpPolicy Edit Group Policy

Client Address Assignment **AAA** Aliases

**Authentication**

Authentication Method: AAA Only

Authentication Server: LAB-AD (AD)

Use secondary authentication

**Authorization**

Authorization Server:

Allow connection only if user exists in authorization database

**Accounting**

Accounting Server:

**Advanced Settings**

Strip Realm from username

Strip Group from username

**Enable Password Management**

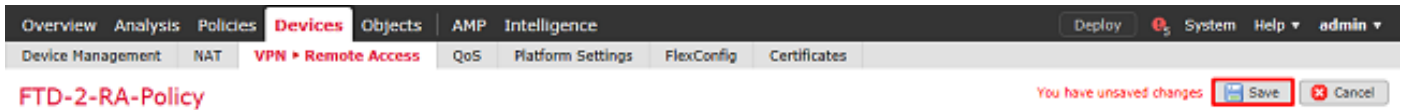
Notify User 14 days prior to password expiration

Notify user on the day of password expiration

Save Cancel

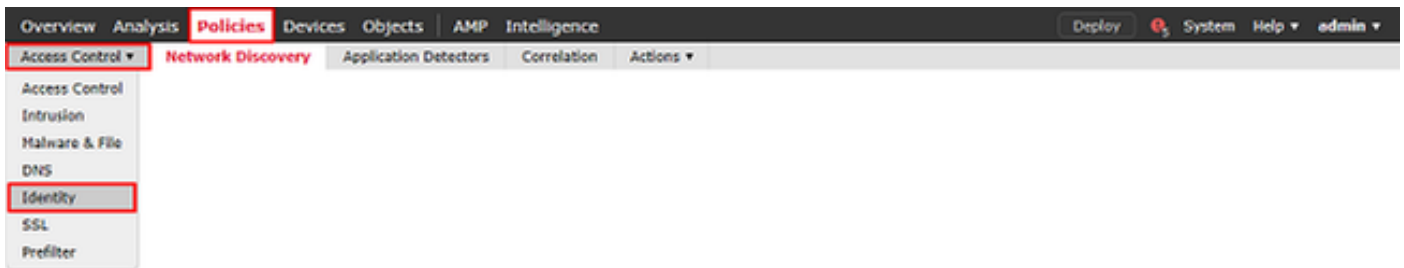
When finished, click **Save**.





## Enable Identity Policy and Configure Security Policies for User Identity

1. Navigate to **Policies > Access Control > Identity**.



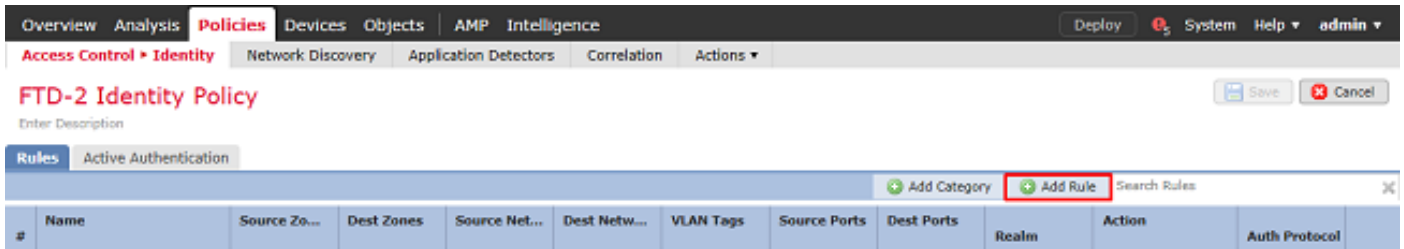
Create a new Identity Policy.



Specify a **Name** for the new **Identity Policy**.



2. Click **Add Rule**.

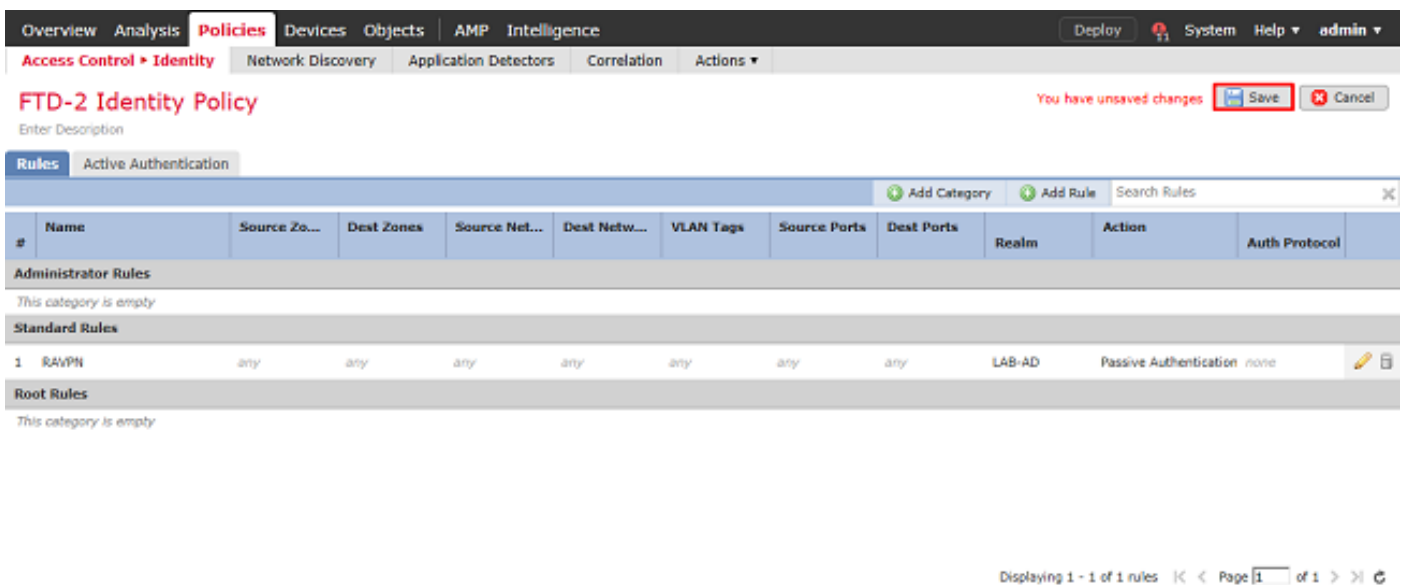


3. Specify a **Name** for the new rule. Ensure that it is enabled and the action is set to **Passive Authentication**.

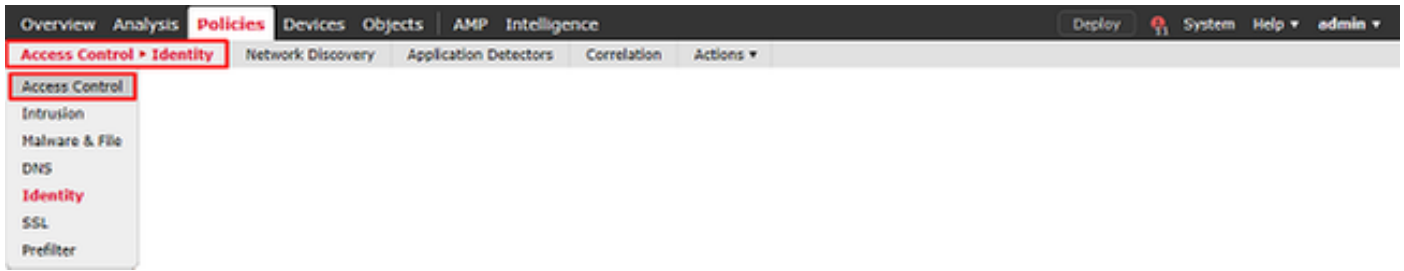
Click the **Realm & Settings** tab and select the realm created earlier. Click **Add** when finished.



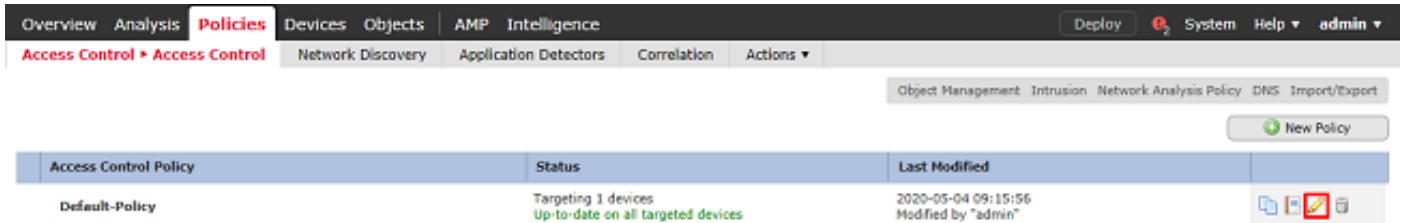
4. Click **Save**.



5. Navigate to **Policies > Access Control > Access Control**.



6. Edit the **Access Control Policy** the FTD is configured under.



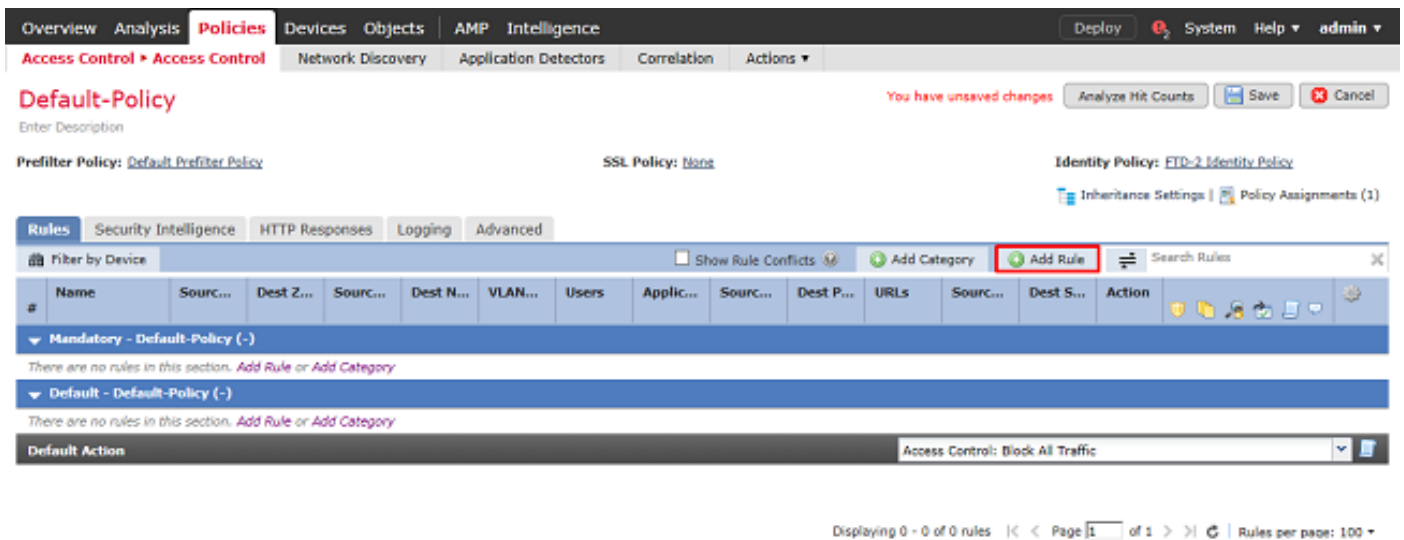
7. Click the value next to **Identity Policy**.



Select the **Identity Policy** created earlier then click **OK**.



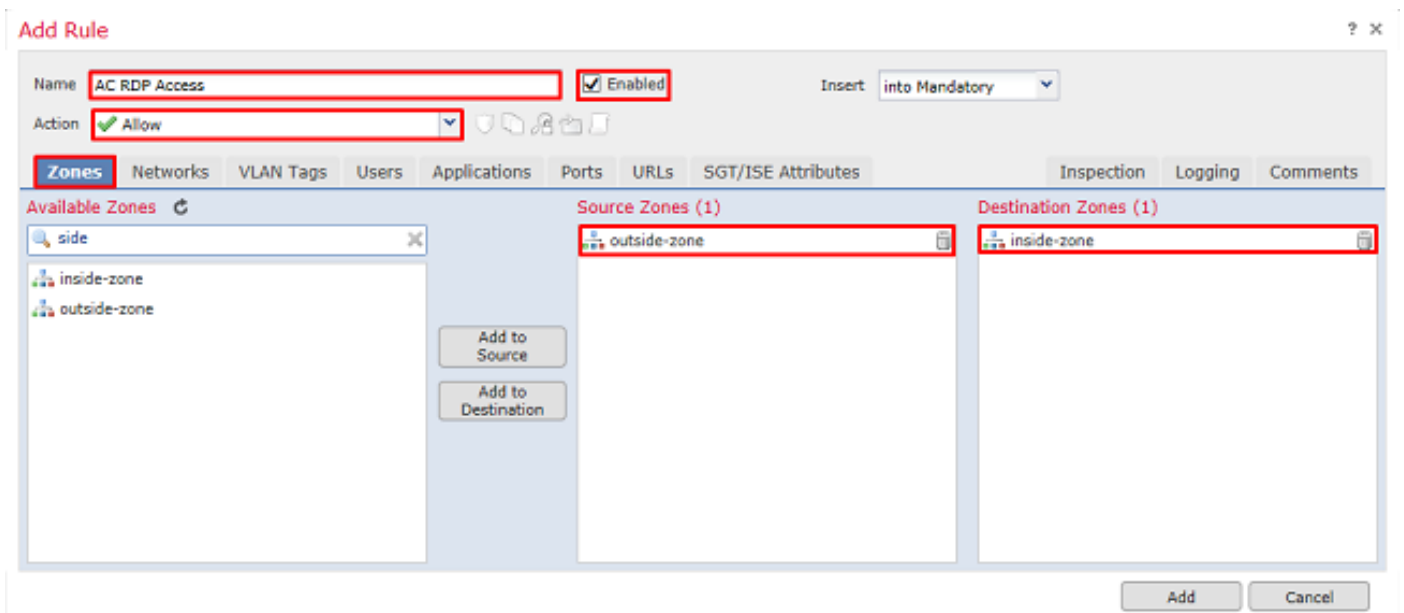
8. Click **Add Rule** to create a new ACP rule. These steps create a rule to allow the user within the AnyConnect Admins group to connect to devices within the inside network using RDP.



Specify a name for the rule. Ensure that the rule is **Enabled** and has the appropriate **Action**.

Under the **Zones** tab, specify the appropriate zones for the interesting traffic.

RDP traffic initiated by users come in to the FTD sourced from the outside-zone interface and egress the inside-zone.



Under **Networks**, define the source and destination networks.

Object **AnyConnect\_Pool** includes the IP addresses that is assigned to AnyConnect clients.

Object **Inside\_Net** include the inside network subnet.

## Add Rule

The screenshot shows the 'Add Rule' configuration window for a rule named 'AC RDP Access'. The rule is enabled and set to 'into Mandatory'. The action is 'Allow'. The 'Networks' tab is selected, showing 'Available Networks' on the left and 'Source Networks (1)' and 'Destination Networks (1)' on the right. 'AnyConnect\_Pool' is selected in the Source Networks list, and 'Inside\_Net' is selected in the Destination Networks list. The 'Add' button is highlighted.

Under **Users**, click the realm created earlier under **Available Realms**, click the appropriate group/user under **Available Users**, then click **Add to Rule**.

If no users or groups are available under the **Available Users** section, ensure that FMC downloaded the **Users** and **Groups** under the realm section and that the appropriate **Groups/User** are included.

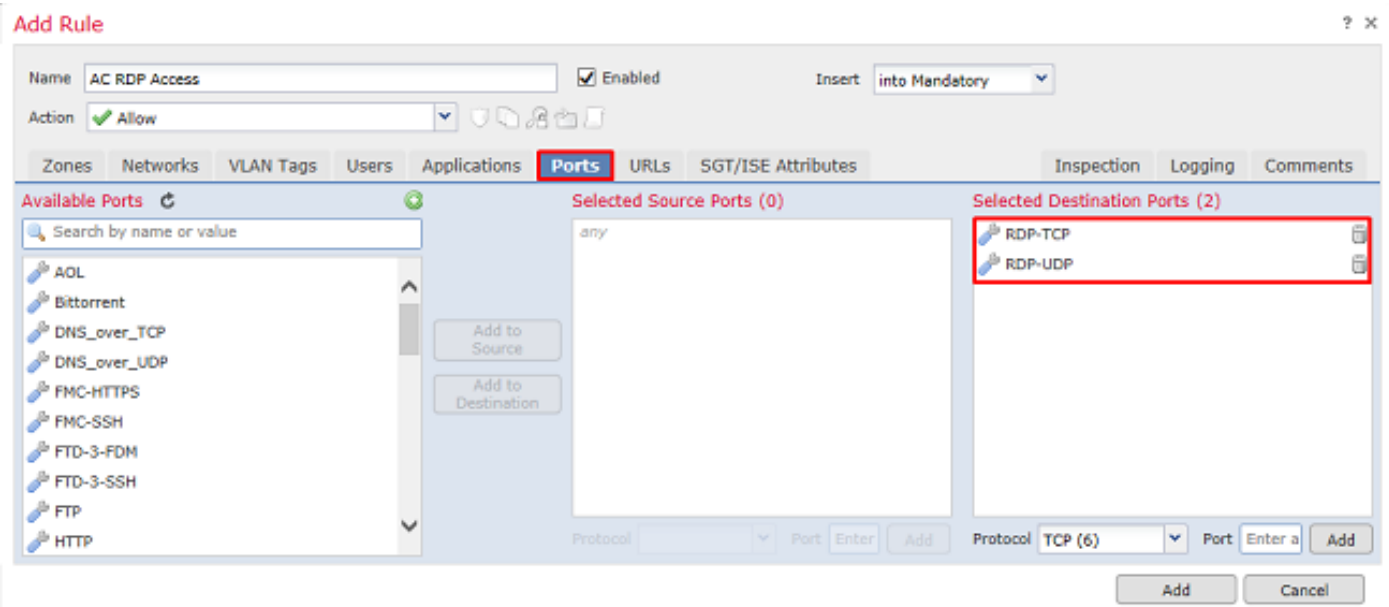
The **users/group** specified here is checked from the source perspective.

For example, with what has been defined in this rule so far, the FTD evaluates that the traffic is sourced from the outside-zone and destined to the inside-zone, sourced from the network in the AnyConnect\_Pools object and destined to the network in the Inside\_Net object, and the traffic is sourced from a user in the AnyConnect Admins group.

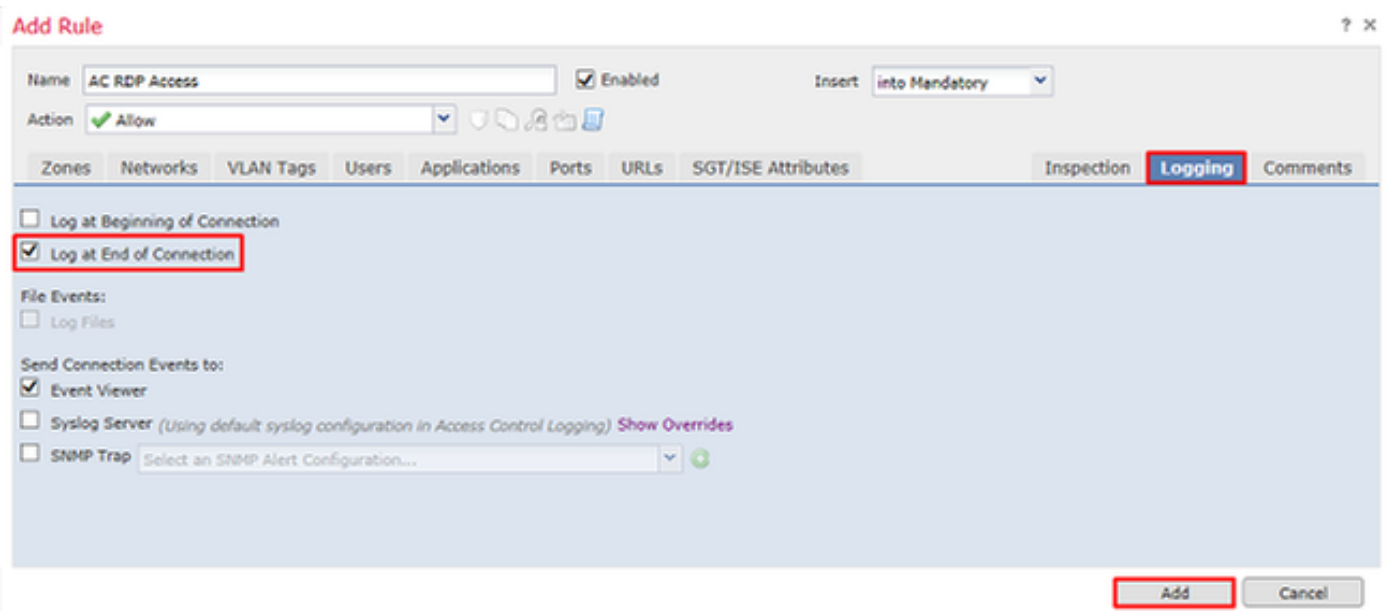
## Add Rule

The screenshot shows the 'Add Rule' configuration window for a rule named 'AC RDP Access'. The rule is enabled and set to 'into Mandatory'. The action is 'Allow'. The 'Users' tab is selected, showing 'Available Realms' on the left, 'Available Users' in the middle, and 'Selected Users (1)' on the right. 'LAB-AD' is selected in the Available Realms list, and 'LAB-AD/AnyConnect Admins' is selected in the Available Users list. The 'Add to Rule' button is highlighted.

Under **Ports**, custom RDP objects were created and added to allow TCP and UDP port 3389. Notice that RDP could have been added under the **Applications** section but for simplicity, only the ports are checked.



Finally, ensure that under **Logging**, **Log at End of Connection** is checked for additional verification later on. Click **Add** when done.



9. An additional rule is created for HTTP access to allow users within the group **AnyConnect User** access to the **Windows Server IIS** website. Click **Save**.

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Access Control Access Control Network Discovery Application Detectors Correlation Actions

**Default-Policy** You have unsaved changes Analyze Hit Counts Save Cancel

Enter Description

Prefilter Policy: [Default Prefilter Policy](#) SSL Policy: [None](#) Identity Policy: [FTD-2 Identity Policy](#)

Inheritance Settings Policy Assignments (1)

Rules Security Intelligence HTTP Responses Logging Advanced

Filter by Device Show Rule Conflicts Add Category Add Rule Search Rules

#	Name	Source Zo...	Dest Zones	Source Networks	Dest Netwo...	V...	Users	A...	S...	Dest Ports	U...	S...	D...	Action
▼ Mandatory - Default-Policy (1-2)														
1	AC RDP Access	outside-zone	inside-zone	AnyConnect_Pool	Inside_Net	Any	LAB-AD/AnyConnect Admins	Any	Any	RDP-TCP RDP-UDP	Any	Any	Any	Allow
2	AC HTTP Access	outside-zone	inside-zone	AnyConnect_Pool	Inside_Net	Any	LAB-AD/AnyConnect Users	Any	Any	HTTP	Any	Any	Any	Allow
▼ Default - Default-Policy (-)														
There are no rules in this section. <a href="#">Add Rule</a> or <a href="#">Add Category</a>														

Default Action Access Control: Block All Traffic

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## Configure NAT Exemption

If there are NAT rules that affect AnyConnect traffic, such as Internet PAT rules, it is important to configure NAT Exemption rules so that AnyConnect traffic is not NAT-affected.

1. Navigate to **Devices > NAT**.

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Device Management **NAT** VPN QoS Platform Settings FlexConfig Certificates

Select the **NAT Policy** applied to the FTD.

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Device Management **NAT** VPN QoS Platform Settings FlexConfig Certificates

New Policy

NAT Policy	Device Type	Status
FTD-2-NAT-Policy	Threat Defense	Targeting 1 devices Up-to-date on all targeted devices

2. In this NAT Policy, there is a Dynamic PAT at the end which PAT-affects all traffic (including AnyConnect traffic) that egresses the outside interface to the outside interface.

To prevent AnyConnect traffic from being NAT-affected, click **Add Rule**.

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Device Management **NAT** VPN QoS Platform Settings FlexConfig Certificates

**FTD-2-NAT-Policy** Show Warnings Save Cancel

Enter Description Policy Assignments (1)

Rules Add Rule

Filter by Device Add Rule

#	Direction	Type	Original Packet		Translated Packet		Orig... Services	Translated Sources	Translated Destinations	Trans... Services	Options
			Source Interface Object	Destination Interface Object	Original Sources	Original Destinations					
▼ NAT Rules Before											
▼ Auto NAT Rules											
#	→	Dynamic	any	outside-zone	obj-any		Interface			Dns:isfalse	
▼ NAT Rules After											

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3. Configure a NAT exemption rule, make sure that the rule is a **Manual NAT Rule** with **Type Static**. This is a bidirectional NAT rule that applies to AnyConnect traffic.

With these settings, when the FTD detects traffic sourced from Inside\_Net and destined to AnyConnect IP address (defined by AnyConnect\_Pool), the source is translated to the same value (Inside\_Net) and the destination is translated to the same value (AnyConnect\_Pool) when traffic ingresses the **inside\_zone** and egresses the **outside\_zone**. This essentially bypasses NAT when these conditions are met.

The screenshot shows the 'Add NAT Rule' dialog box with the 'Interface Objects' tab selected. The 'NAT Rule' is set to 'Manual NAT Rule' and the 'Type' is 'Static'. The 'Enable' checkbox is checked. The 'Description' field is empty. Under 'Available Interface Objects', 'zone' is in the search bar, and 'inside-zone' and 'outside-zone' are listed. 'inside-zone' is added to the 'Source Interface Objects (1)' list, and 'outside-zone' is added to the 'Destination Interface Objects (1)' list. The 'Add to Source' and 'Add to Destination' buttons are visible. The 'OK' and 'Cancel' buttons are at the bottom right.

The screenshot shows the 'Add NAT Rule' dialog box with the 'Translation' tab selected. The 'Original Packet' section has 'Original Source:\*' set to 'Inside\_Net' and 'Original Destination' set to 'AnyConnect\_Pool'. The 'Translated Packet' section has 'Translated Source' set to 'Inside\_Net' and 'Translated Destination' set to 'AnyConnect\_Pool'. The 'Translated Source Port' and 'Translated Destination Port' fields are empty. The 'OK' and 'Cancel' buttons are at the bottom right.

Additionally, the FTD is set to perform a route lookup on this traffic and not proxy ARP. Click **OK** when done.



**Add NAT Rule** ? X

NAT Rule:  Insert:

Type:   Enable

Description:

Interface Objects Translation PAT Pool **Advanced**

Translate DNS replies that match this rule

Falthrough to Interface PAT(Destination Interface)

IPv6

Net to Net Mapping

Do not proxy ARP on Destination Interface

Perform Route Lookup for Destination Interface

Unidirectional

4. Click **Save**.

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Device Management **NAT** VPN QoS Platform Settings FlexConfig Certificates You have unsaved changes Show Warnings **Save** Cancel

**FTD-2-NAT-Policy**  
Enter Description Policy Assignments (1)

**Rules** Add Rule

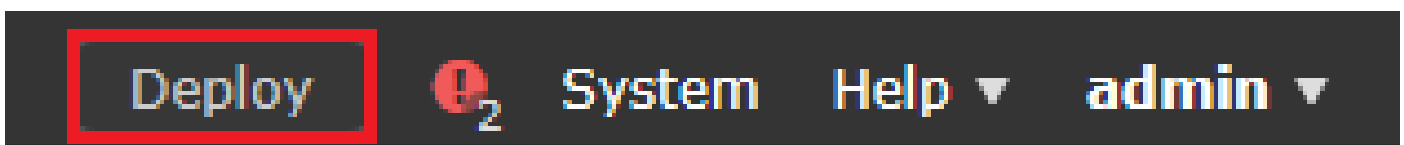
Filter by Device

#	Direction	Type	Source Interface Object	Destination Interface Object	Original Packet		Translated Packet		Trans... Services	Options
					Original Sources	Original Destinations	Translated Sources	Translated Destinations		
▼ NAT Rules Before										
1	↔	Static	inside-zone	outside-zone	Inside_Net	AnyConnect_Pool	Inside_Net	AnyConnect_Pool		Dns:false route-lookup no-proxy-arp
▼ Auto NAT Rules										
=	→	Dynamic	any	outside-zone	obj-any		Interface			Dns:false
▼ NAT Rules After										

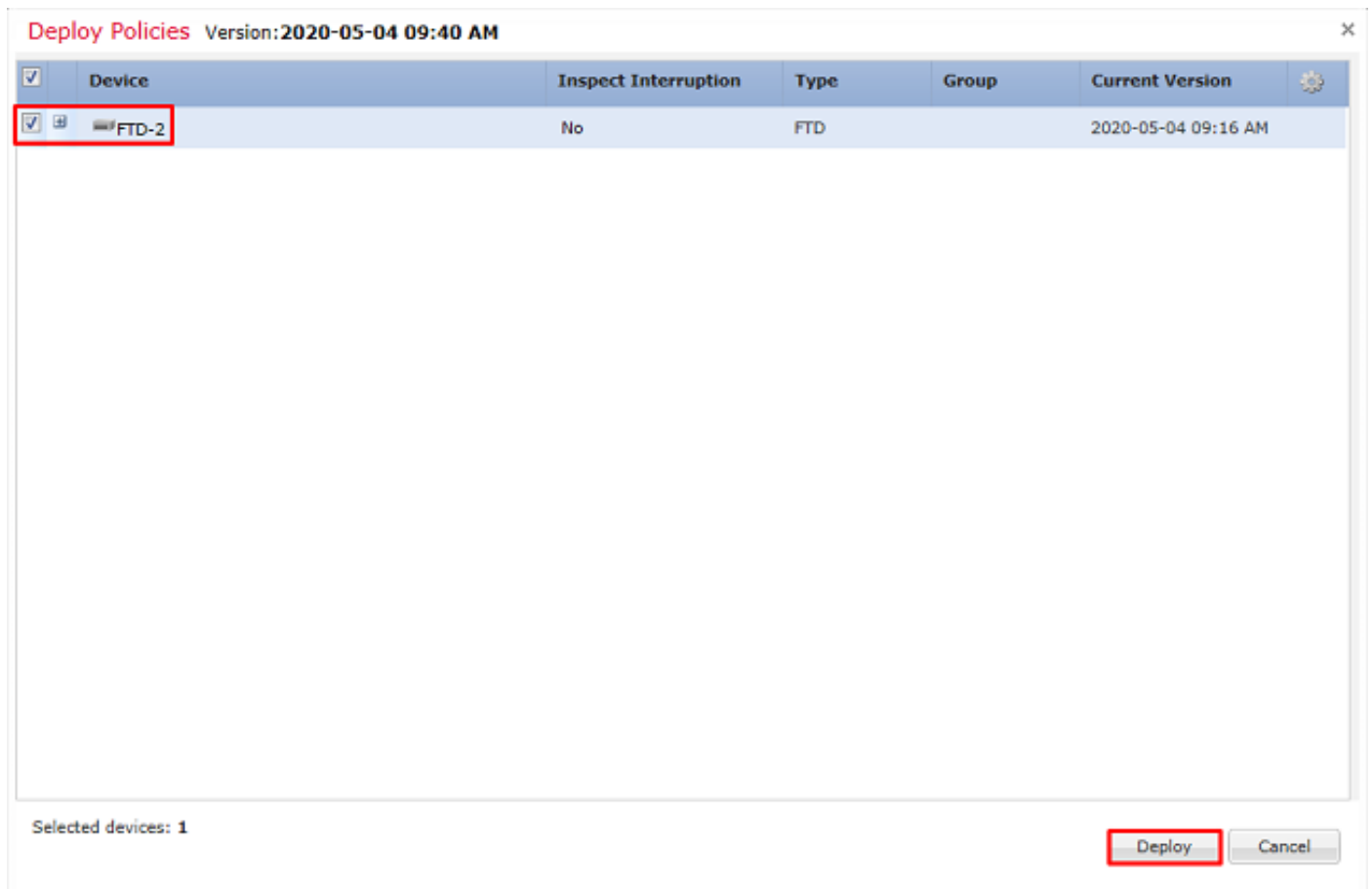
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## Deploy

1. When the configuration is finished, click **Deploy**.



2. Click the checkbox next to the FTD the configuration is applied to it and then click **Deploy**.



## Verify

### Final Configuration

#### AAA Configuration

```
> show running-configuration aaa-server
aaa-server LAB-AD protocol ldap
  max-failed-attempts 4
  realm-id 5
aaa-server LAB-AD host win2016.example.com
  server-port 389
  ldap-base-dn DC=example,DC=com
  ldap-group-base-dn DC=example,DC=com
  ldap-scope subtree
  ldap-naming-attribute samaccountname
  ldap-login-password *****
  ldap-login-dn ftd.admin@example.com
  server-type microsoft
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#### AnyConnect Configuration

```
> show running-config webvpn
webvpn
```

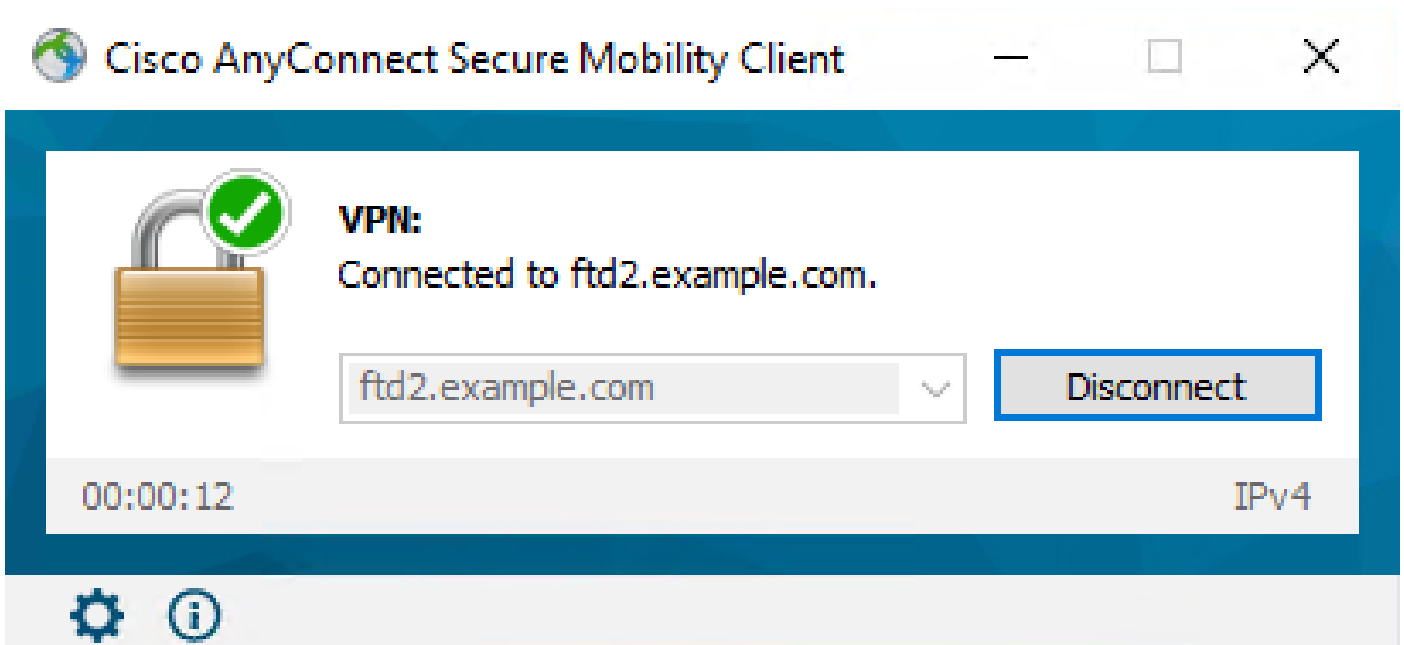
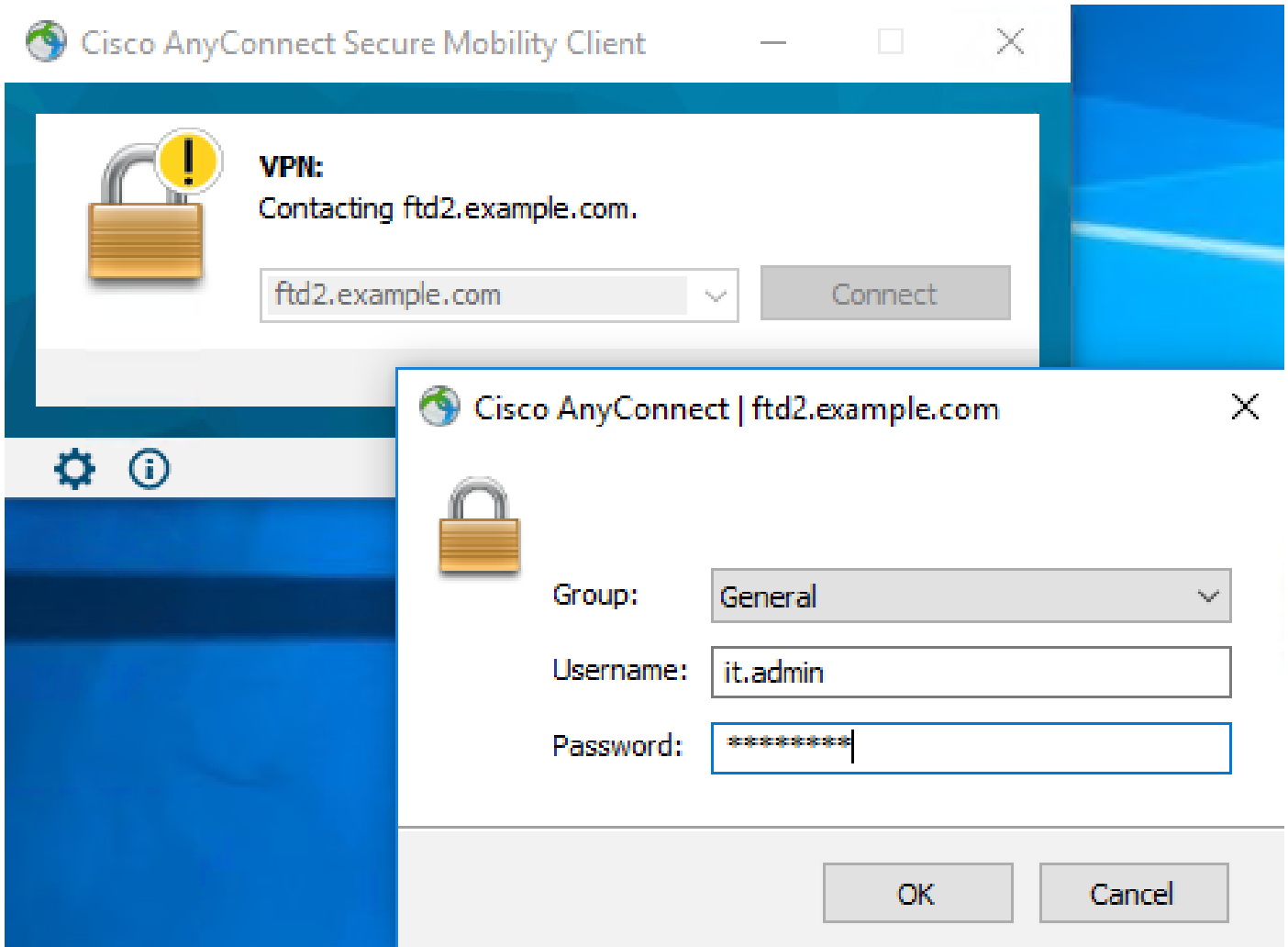
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enable Outside
anyconnect image disk0:/csm/anyconnect-linux64-4.7.03052-webdeploy-k9.pkg 1 regex "Linux"
anyconnect image disk0:/csm/anyconnect-win-4.7.00136-webdeploy-k9.pkg 2 regex "Windows"
anyconnect profiles Lab disk0:/csm/lab.xml
anyconnect enable
tunnel-group-list enable
cache
  no disable
error-recovery disable

> show running-config tunnel-group
tunnel-group General type remote-access
tunnel-group General general-attributes
  address-pool AnyConnect-Pool
  authentication-server-group LAB-AD
tunnel-group General webvpn-attributes
  group-alias General enable

> show running-config group-policy
group-policy DfltGrpPolicy attributes
  vpn-simultaneous-logins 10
  vpn-tunnel-protocol ikev2 ssl-client
  split-tunnel-policy tunnelspecified
  split-tunnel-network-list value Lab
  user-authentication-idle-timeout none
webvpn
  anyconnect keep-installer none
  anyconnect modules value dart
  anyconnect ask none default anyconnect
  http-comp none
  activex-relay disable
  file-entry disable
  file-browsing disable
  url-entry disable
  deny-message none
  anyconnect ssl df-bit-ignore enable

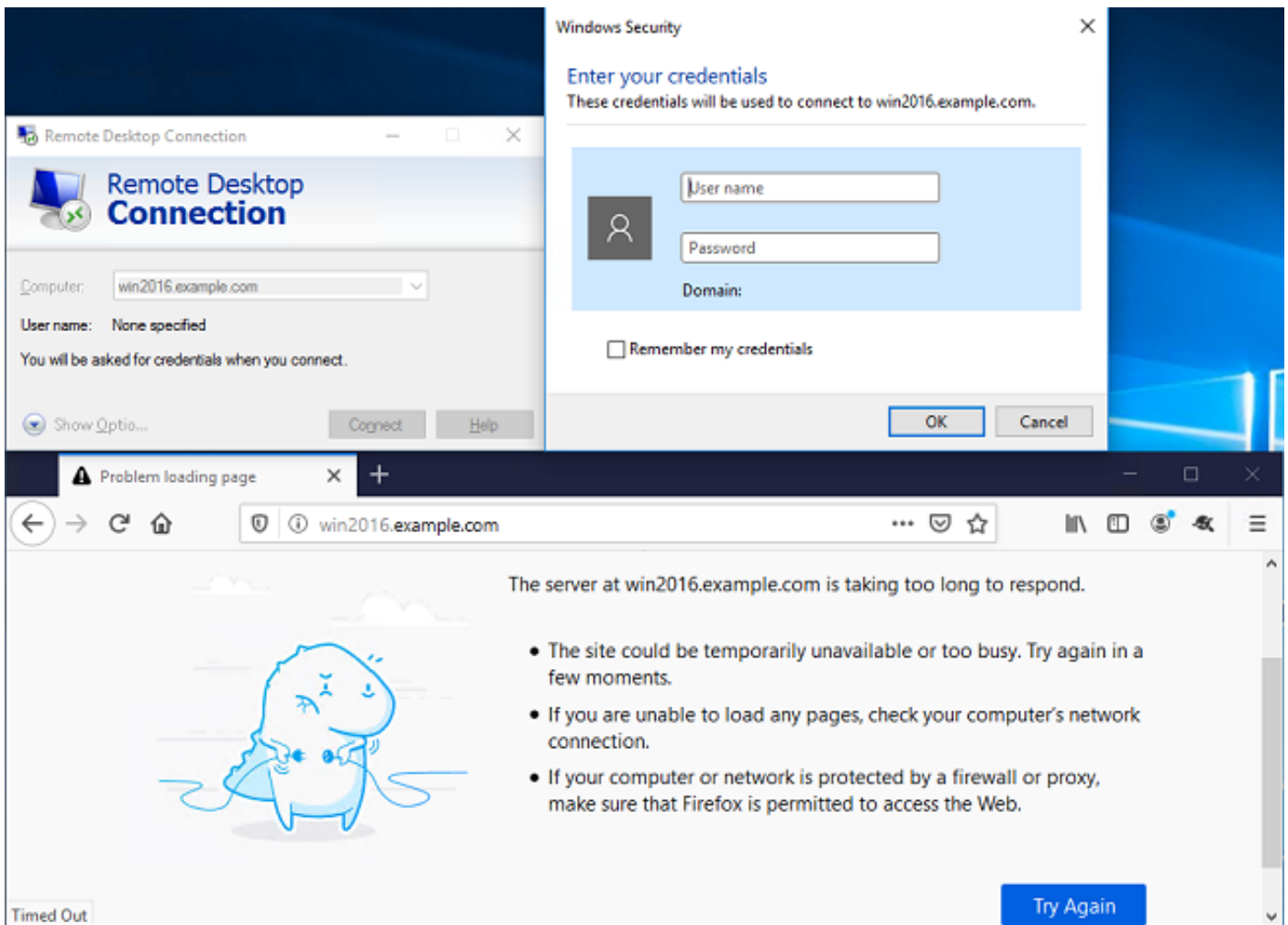
> show running-config ssl
ssl trust-point FTD-2-SelfSigned outside
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## **Connect with AnyConnect and Verify Access Control Policy Rules**

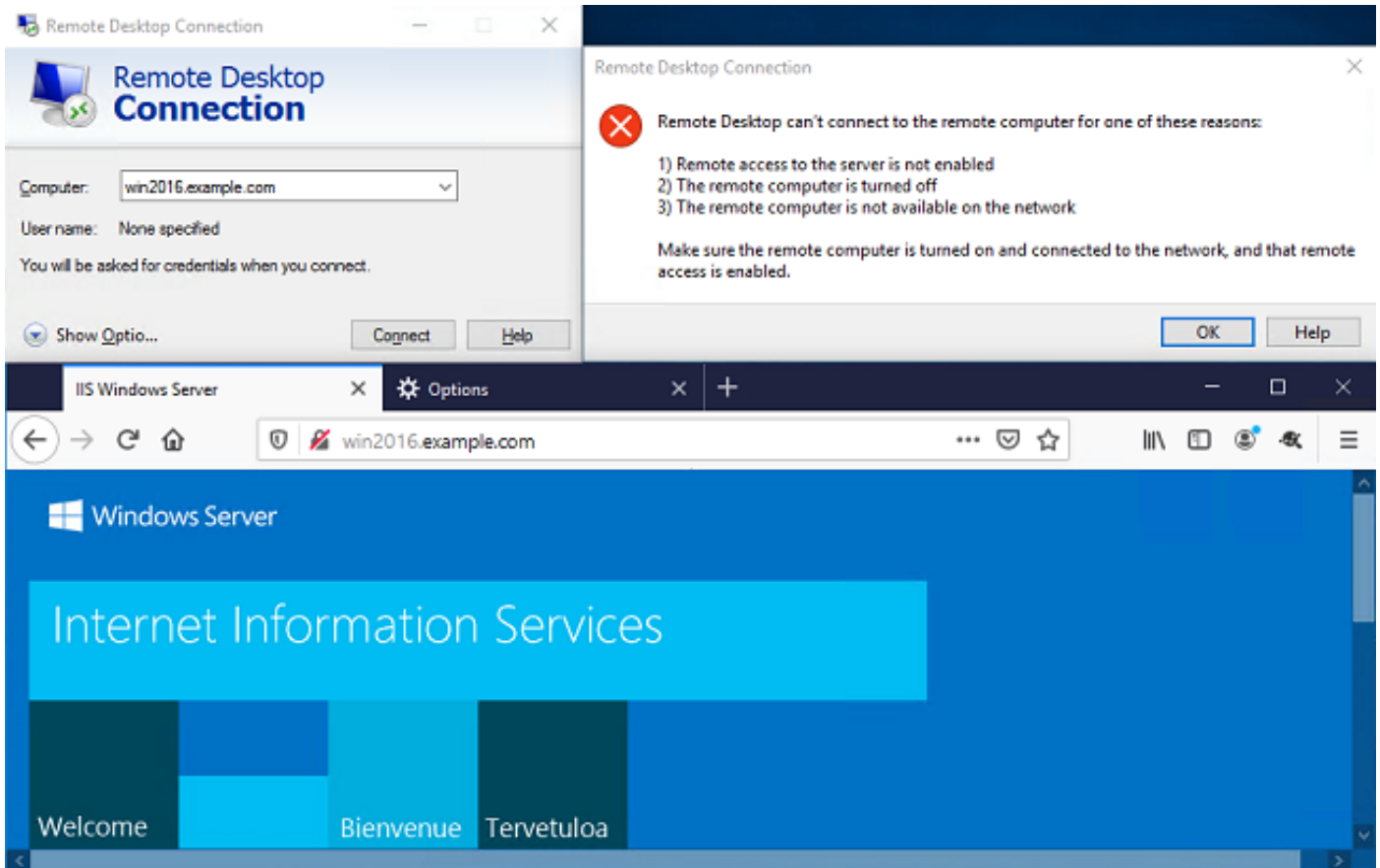


User IT Admin is in the group AnyConnect Admins which has RDP access to the Windows Server. However it does not have access to HTTP.

Opening an RDP and Firefox session to this server verifies that this user can only access the server via RDP.



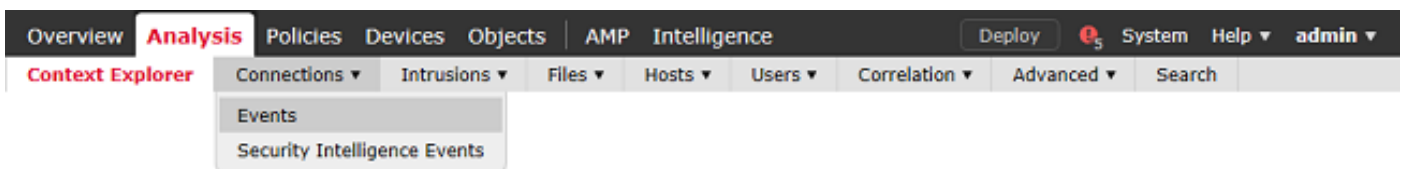
If logged in with user Test User who is in the group AnyConnect Users which has HTTP access but not RDP access, you are able to verify that the access control policy rules are taking effect.



## Verify with FMC Connection Events

Since logging was enabled in the **Access Control Policy** rules, the connection events can be checked for any traffic that matches those rules.

Navigate to **Analysis > Connections > Events**.



Under the **Table View of Connection Events**, the logs are filtered to only show connection events for IT Admin.

Here, you can verify that RDP traffic to the server (TCP and UDP 3389) is allowed, however, port 80 traffic is blocked.

	Action	Initiator IP	Initiator User	Responder IP	Ingress Security Zone	Egress Security Zone	Source Port / ICMP Type	Destination Port / ICMP Code
<input type="checkbox"/>	Allow	10.10.10.1	it_admin (LAB-AD\it.admin, LDAP)	192.168.1.1	outside-zone	inside-zone	62473 / tcp	3389 / tcp
<input type="checkbox"/>	Block	10.10.10.1	it_admin (LAB-AD\it.admin, LDAP)	192.168.1.1	outside-zone	inside-zone	62474 / tcp	80 (http) / tcp
<input type="checkbox"/>	Block	10.10.10.1	it_admin (LAB-AD\it.admin, LDAP)	192.168.1.1	outside-zone	inside-zone	62475 / tcp	80 (http) / tcp
<input type="checkbox"/>	Block	10.10.10.1	it_admin (LAB-AD\it.admin, LDAP)	192.168.1.1	outside-zone	inside-zone	62476 / tcp	80 (http) / tcp

For user **Test User**, you can verify that RDP traffic to the server is blocked and port 80 traffic is allowed.

	Action	Initiator IP	Initiator User	Responder IP	Ingress Security Zone	Egress Security Zone	Source Port / ICMP Type	Destination Port / ICMP Code
<input type="checkbox"/>	Block	10.10.10.1	test_user (LAB-AD\test.user, LDAP)	192.168.1.1	outside-zone	inside-zone	62493 / tcp	3389 / tcp
<input type="checkbox"/>	Allow	10.10.10.1	test_user (LAB-AD\test.user, LDAP)	192.168.1.1	outside-zone	inside-zone	62494 / tcp	80 (http) / tcp

## Troubleshoot

### Debugs

This debug can be run in diagnostic CLI to troubleshoot LDAP authentication-related issues: **debug ldap 255**.

To troubleshoot user identity **Access Control Policy** issues, the **system support firewall-engine-debug** can be run in clish to determine why traffic is being allowed or blocked unexpectedly.

### Working LDAP Debugs

```
[53] Session Start
[53] New request Session, context 0x00002b1d13f4bbf0, reqType = Authentication
[53] Fiber started
[53] Creating LDAP context with uri=ldap://192.168.1.1:389
[53] Connect to LDAP server: ldap://192.168.1.1:389, status = Successful
[53] supportedLDAPVersion: value = 3
[53] supportedLDAPVersion: value = 2
[53] LDAP server 192.168.1.1 is Active directory
[53] Binding as ftd.admin@example.com
[53] Performing Simple authentication for ftd.admin@example.com to 192.168.1.1
[53] LDAP Search:
      Base DN = [DC=example,DC=com]
      Filter  = [sAMAccountName=it.admin]
      Scope   = [SUBTREE]
```

```
[53] User DN = [CN=IT Admin,CN=Users,DC=example,DC=com]
[53] Talking to Active Directory server 192.168.1.1
[53] Reading password policy for it.admin, dn:CN=IT Admin,CN=Users,DC=example,DC=com
[53] Read bad password count 6
[53] Binding as it.admin
[53] Performing Simple authentication for it.admin to 192.168.1.1
[53] Processing LDAP response for user it.admin
[53] Message (it.admin):
[53] Authentication successful for it.admin to 192.168.1.1
[53] Retrieved User Attributes:
[53]   objectClass: value = top
[53]   objectClass: value = person
[53]   objectClass: value = organizationalPerson
[53]   objectClass: value = user
[53]   cn: value = IT Admin
[53]   sn: value = Admin
[53]   givenName: value = IT
[53]   distinguishedName: value = CN=IT Admin,CN=Users,DC=example,DC=com
[53]   instanceType: value = 4
[53]   whenCreated: value = 20200421025811.0Z
[53]   whenChanged: value = 20200421204622.0Z
[53]   displayName: value = IT Admin
[53]   uSNCreated: value = 25896
[53]   memberOf: value = CN=AnyConnect Admins,CN=Users,DC=example,DC=com
[53]   uSNChanged: value = 26119
[53]   name: value = IT Admin
[53]   objectGUID: value = &...J..0..2w...c
[53]   userAccountControl: value = 512
[53]   badPwdCount: value = 6
[53]   codePage: value = 0
[53]   countryCode: value = 0
[53]   badPasswordTime: value = 132320354378176394
[53]   lastLogoff: value = 0
[53]   lastLogon: value = 0
[53]   pwdLastSet: value = 132319114917186142
[53]   primaryGroupID: value = 513
[53]   objectSid: value = .....{I...;.....}...
[53]   accountExpires: value = 9223372036854775807
[53]   logonCount: value = 0
[53]   sAMAccountName: value = it.admin
[53]   sAMAccountType: value = 805306368
[53]   userPrincipalName: value = it.admin@example.com
[53]   objectCategory: value = CN=Person,CN=Schema,CN=Configuration,DC=example,DC=com
[53]   dSCorePropagationData: value = 16010101000000.0Z
[53]   lastLogonTimestamp: value = 132319755825875876
[53] Fiber exit Tx=515 bytes Rx=2659 bytes, status=1
[53] Session End
```

## Unable to Establish a Connection with LDAP Server

<#root>

```
[-2147483611] Session Start
[-2147483611] New request Session, context 0x00007f9e65ccdc40, reqType = Authentication
[-2147483611] Fiber started
[-2147483611] Creating LDAP context with uri=ldap://171.16.1.1:389
[-2147483611]
```

Connect to LDAP server: ldap://172.16.1.1:389, status = Failed



```
[-2147483611] Unable to read rootDSE. Can't contact LDAP server.  
[-2147483611] Fiber exit Tx=0 bytes Rx=0 bytes, status=-2  
[-2147483611] Session End
```

#### Potential Solutions:

- Check routing and ensure the FTD is receiving a response from the LDAP server.
- If LDAPS or STARTTLS is used, make sure that the correct root CA certificate is trusted so that the SSL handshake can complete successfully.
- Verify that the correct IP address and port are used. If a hostname is used, verify that DNS is able to resolve it to the correct IP address.

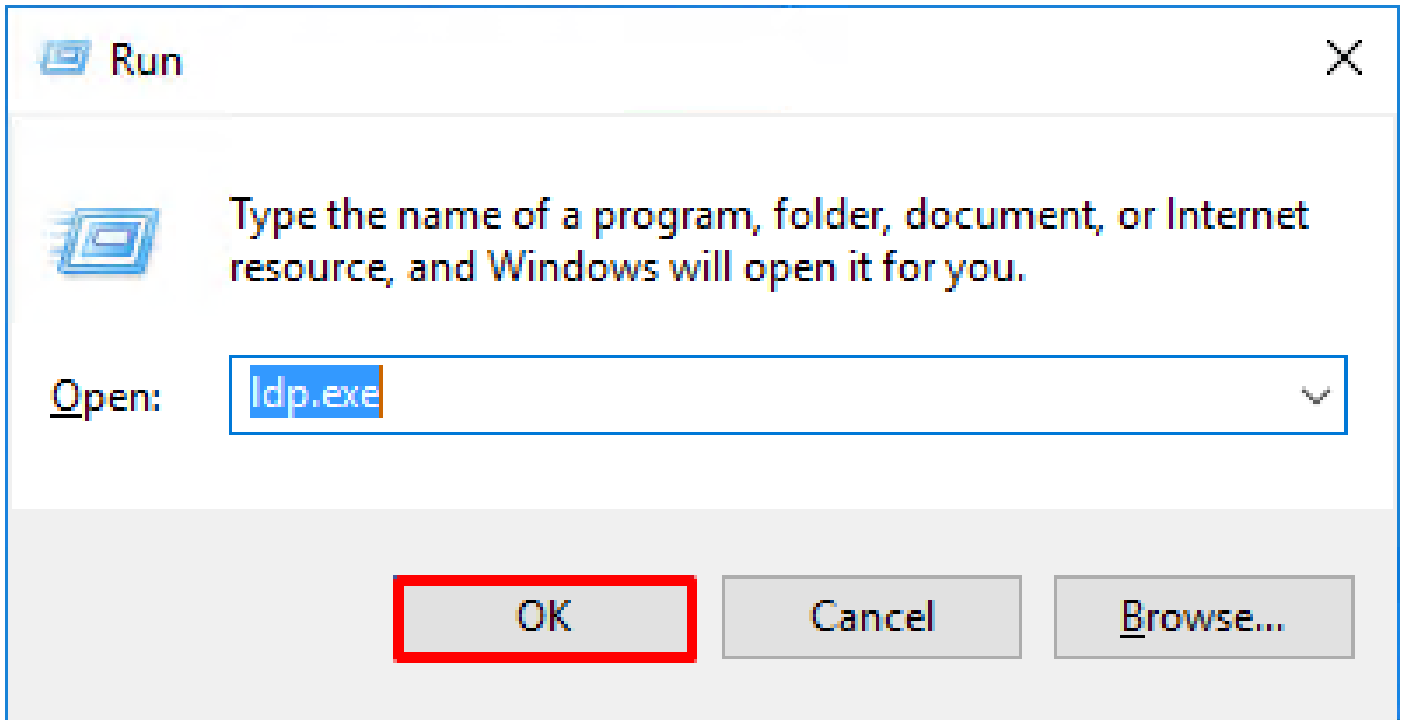
#### Binding Log in DN and/or Password Incorrect

<#root>

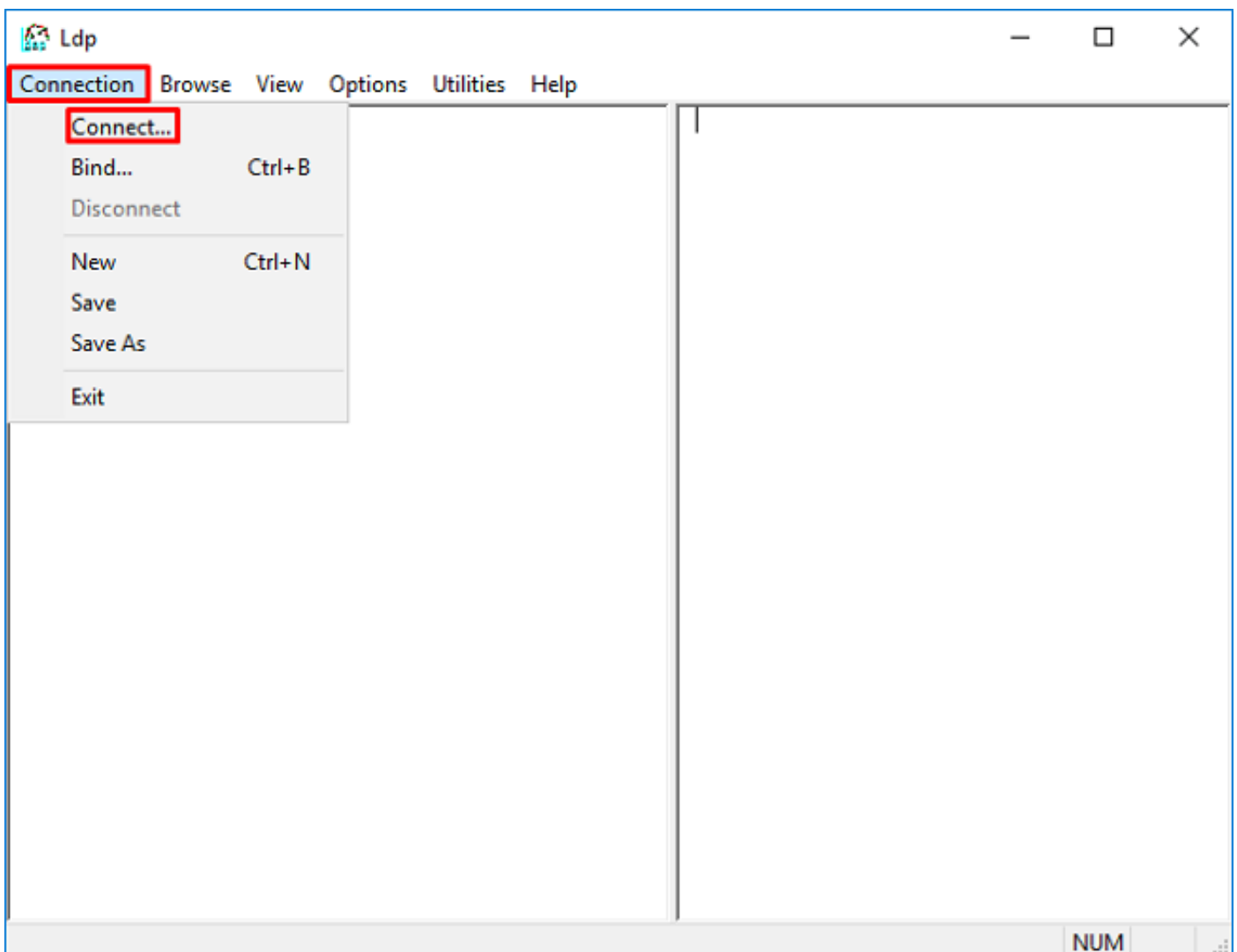
```
[-2147483615] Session Start  
[-2147483615] New request Session, context 0x00007f9e65ccdc40, reqType = Authentication  
[-2147483615] Fiber started  
[-2147483615] Creating LDAP context with uri=ldap://192.168.1.1:389  
[-2147483615] Connect to LDAP server: ldap://192.168.1.1:389, status = Successful  
[-2147483615] defaultNamingContext: value = DC=example,DC=com  
[-2147483615] supportedLDAPVersion: value = 3  
[-2147483615] supportedLDAPVersion: value = 2  
[-2147483615] LDAP server 192.168.1.1 is Active directory  
[-2147483615] supportedSASLMechanisms: value = GSSAPI  
[-2147483615] supportedSASLMechanisms: value = GSS-SPNEGO  
[-2147483615] supportedSASLMechanisms: value = EXTERNAL  
[-2147483615] supportedSASLMechanisms: value = DIGEST-MD5  
[-2147483615] Binding as ftd.admin@example.com  
[-2147483615] Performing Simple authentication for ftd.admin@example.com to 192.168.1.1  
[-2147483615] Simple authentication for ftd.admin@example.com returned code (49) Invalid credentials  
[-2147483615]  
  
Failed to bind as administrator returned code (-1) Can't contact LDAP server  
  
[-2147483615] Fiber exit Tx=186 bytes Rx=744 bytes, status=-2  
[-2147483615] Session End
```

Potential Solution: Verify that the **Log in DN** and **Log in** password are configured appropriately. This can be verified on the AD server with **ldp.exe**. In order to verify that an account can successfully bind using ldp, go through these steps:

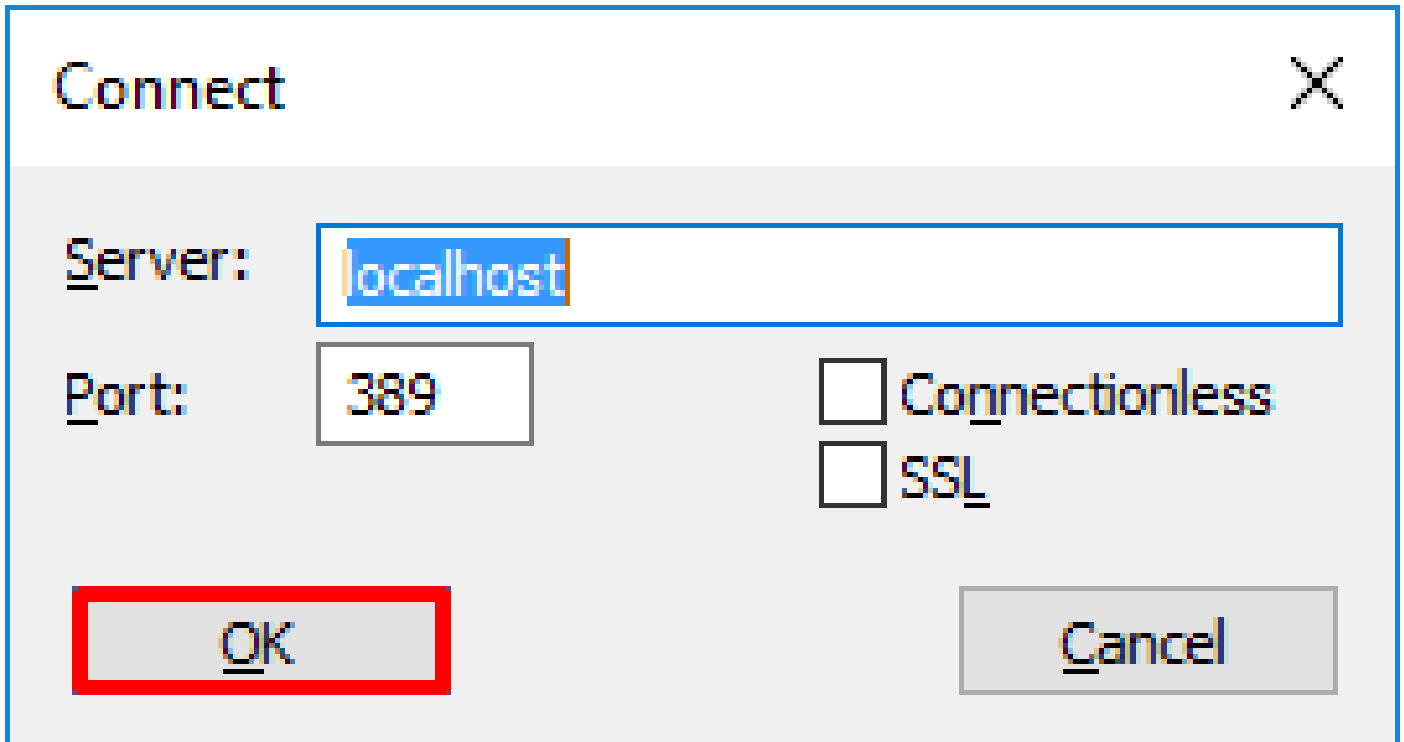
1. On the AD server, press **Win+R** and search for **ldp.exe**



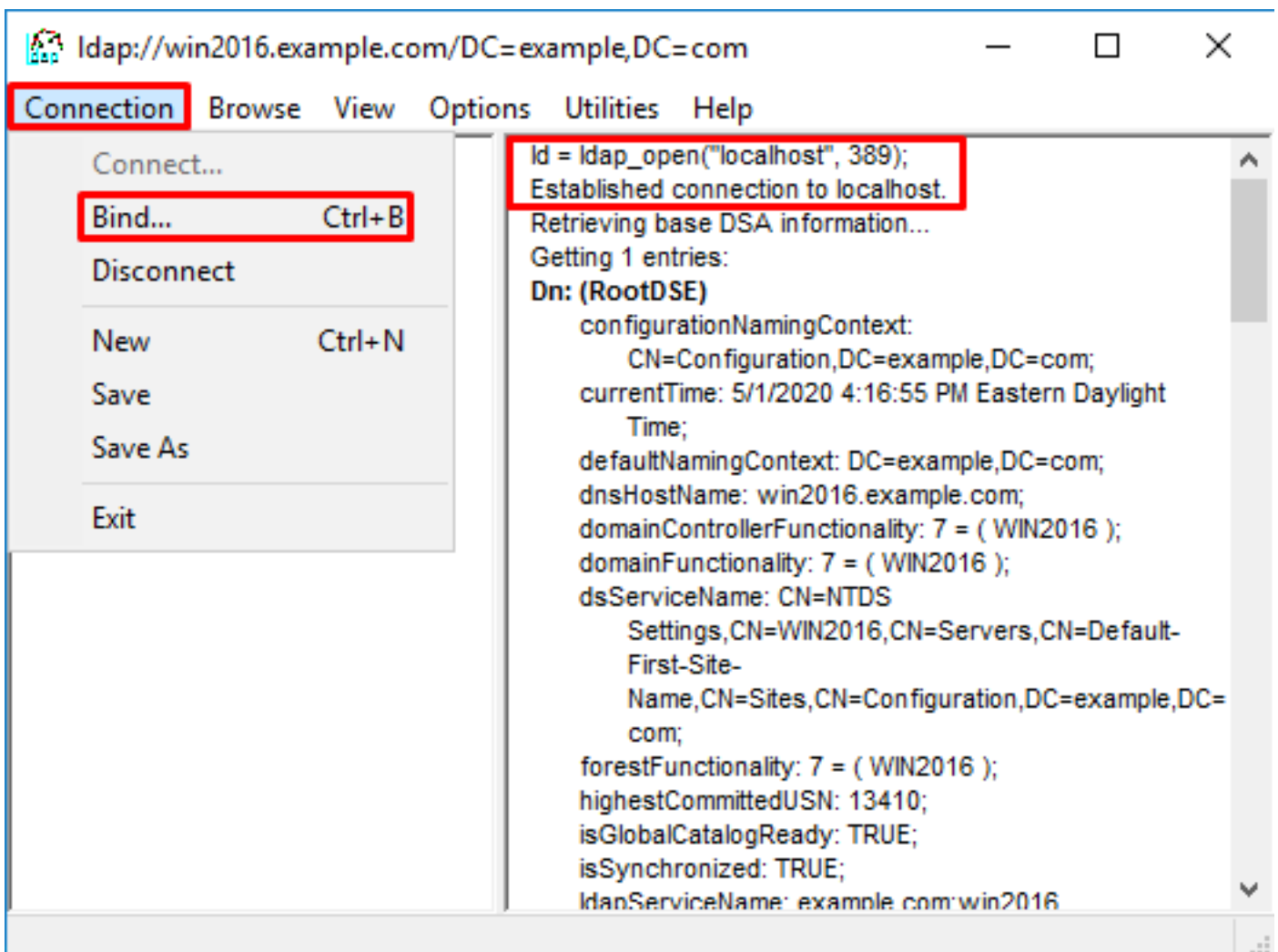
2. Under **Connection**, select **Connect**.



3. Specify **localhost** for server and the appropriate port then click **OK**.



4. The right column shows text indicating a successful connection. Navigate to **Connection > Bind**.



5. Select **Simple Bind** then specify the **Directory Account User** and **Password**. Click **OK**.

**Bind** ✕

User: ftd.admin@example.com

Password: ●●●●●●●●

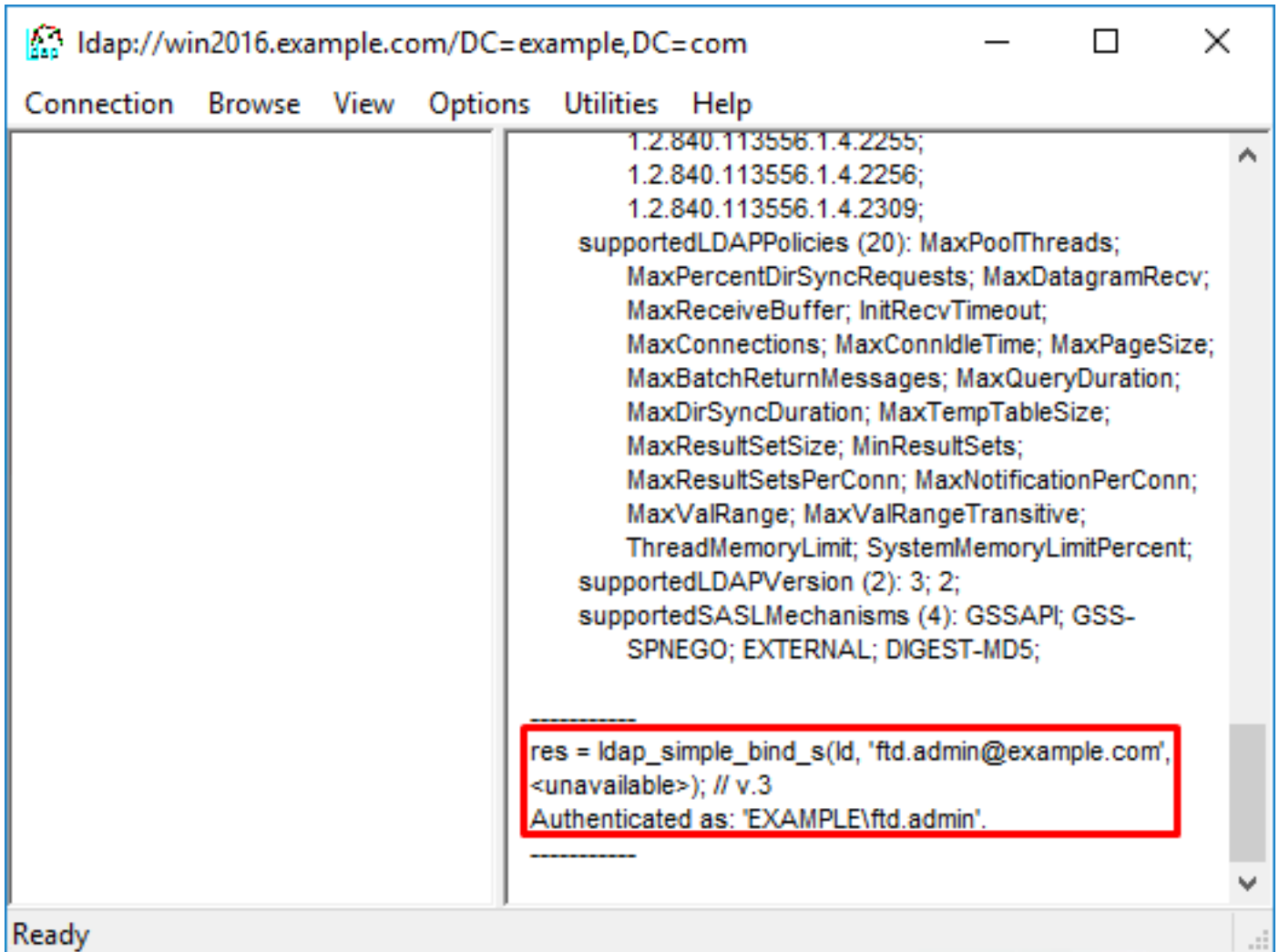
Domain:

Bind type

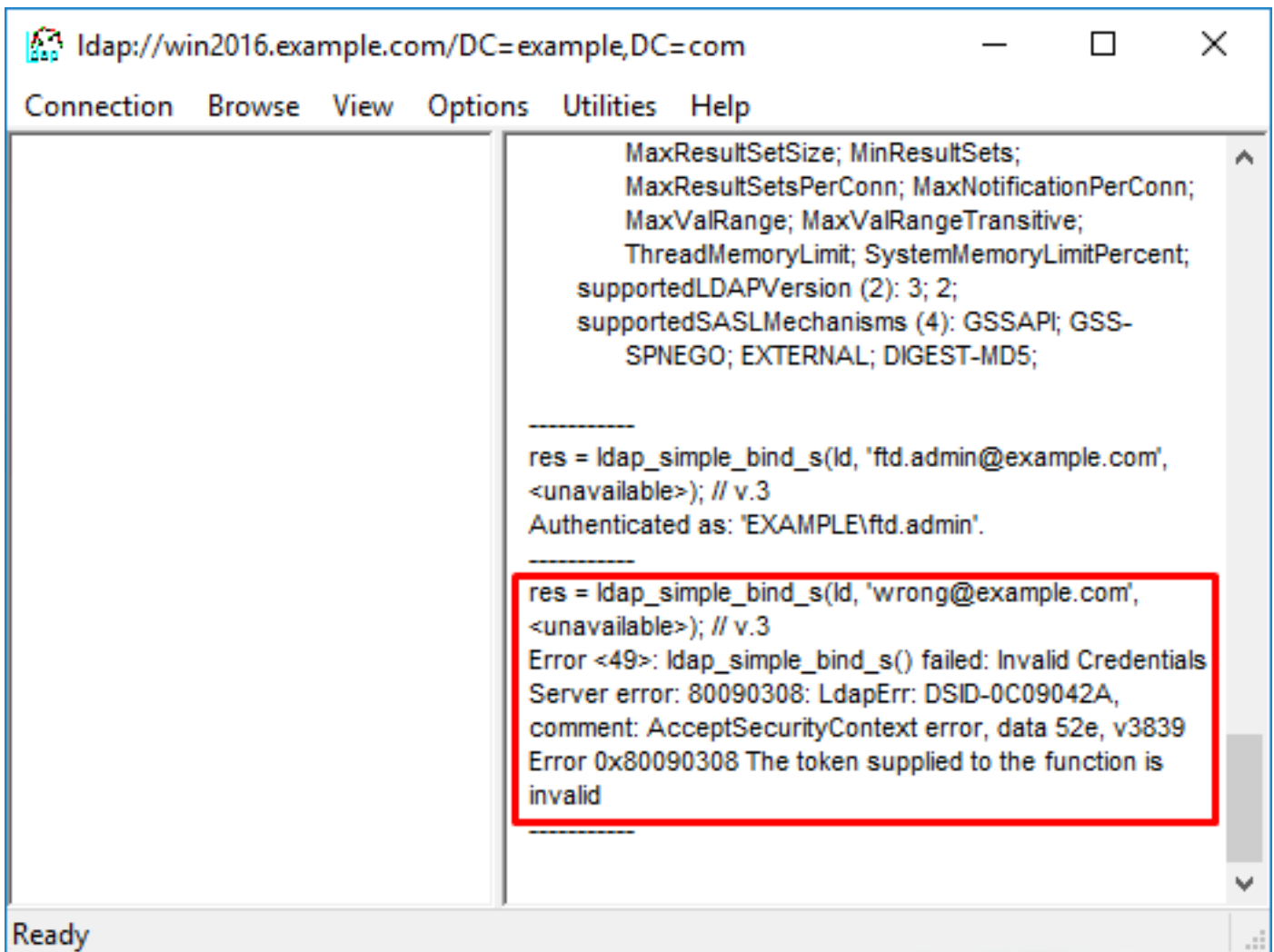
- Bind as currently logged on user
- Bind with credentials
- Simple bind
- Advanced (DIGEST)

Encrypt traffic after bind

With a successful bind, ldap shows Authenticated as: **DOMAIN\username**



An attempt to bind with an invalid username or password results in a failure such as the two seen here.



## LDAP Server Unable to Find the Username

<#root>

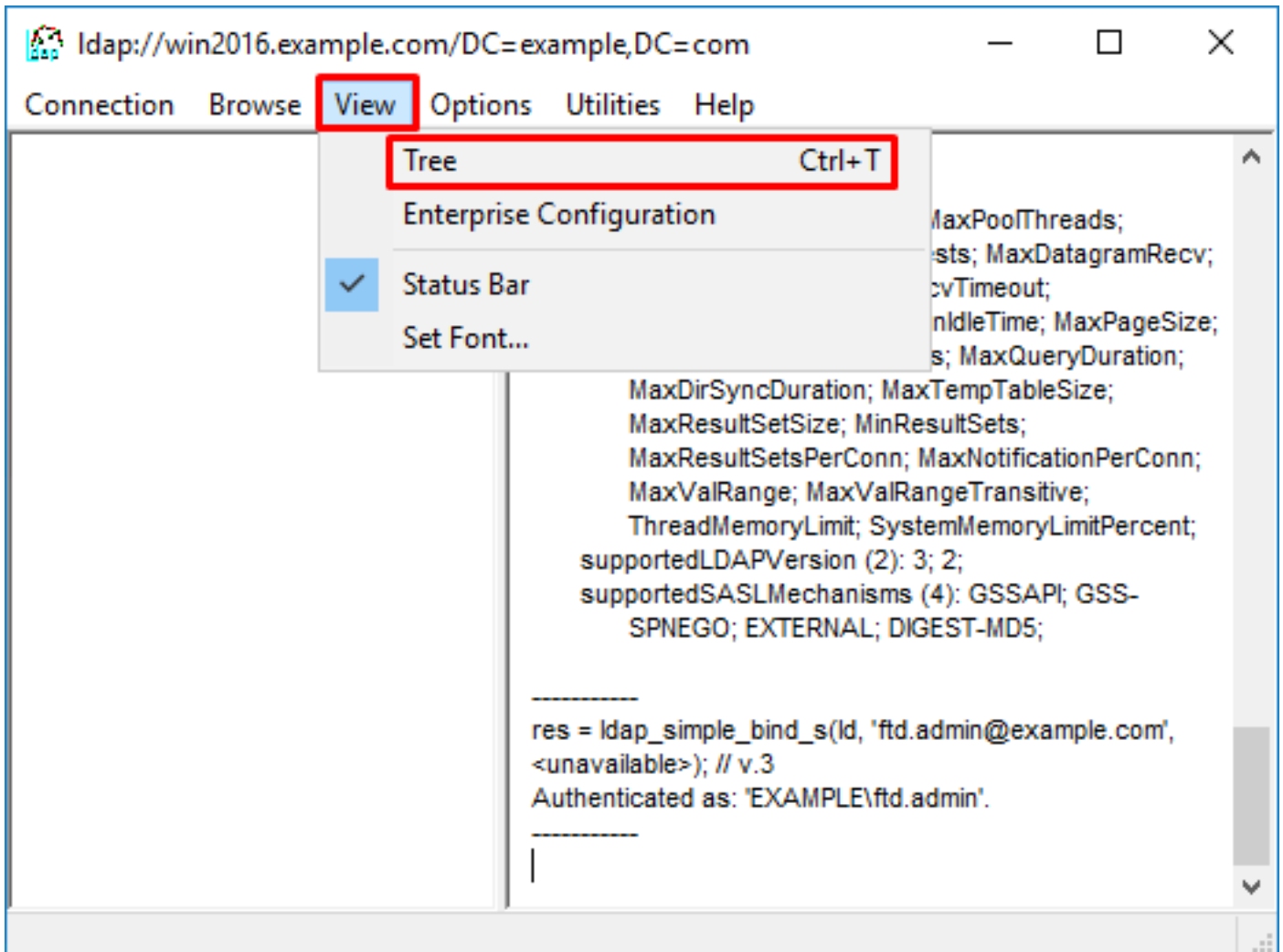
```
[-2147483612] Session Start
[-2147483612] New request Session, context 0x00007f9e65ccdc40, reqType = Authentication
[-2147483612] Fiber started
[-2147483612] Creating LDAP context with uri=ldap://192.168.1.1:389
[-2147483612] Connect to LDAP server: ldap://192.168.1.1:389, status = Successful
[-2147483612] supportedLDAPVersion: value = 3
[-2147483612] supportedLDAPVersion: value = 2
[-2147483612] LDAP server 192.168.1.1 is Active directory
[-2147483612] Binding as ftd.admin@example.com
[-2147483612] Performing Simple authentication for ftd.admin@example.com to 192.168.1.1
[-2147483612] LDAP Search:
      Base DN = [dc=example,dc=com]
      Filter  = [samaccountname=it.admi]
      Scope   = [SUBTREE]
[-2147483612]
```

Search result parsing returned failure status

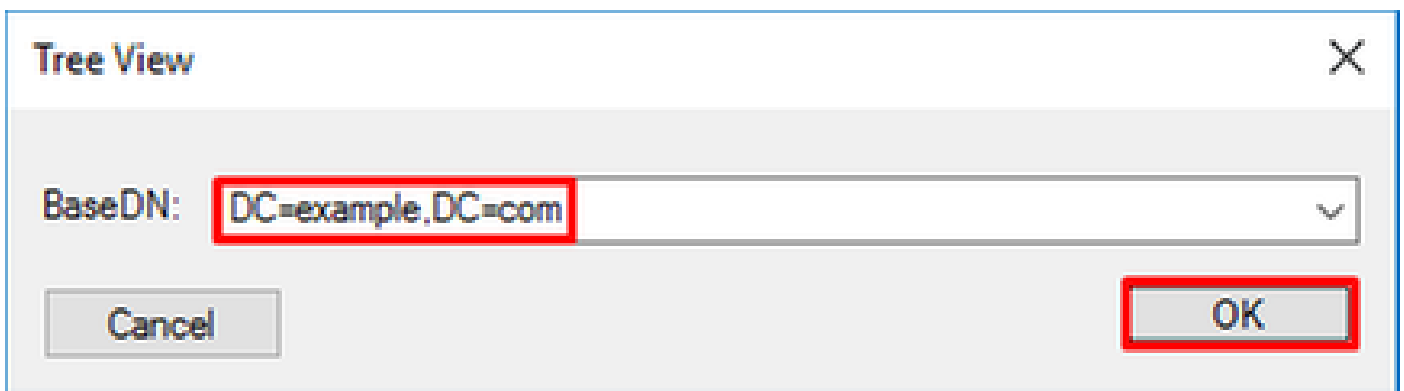
```
[-2147483612] Talking to Active Directory server 192.168.1.1
[-2147483612] Reading password policy for it.admi, dn:
[-2147483612] Binding as ftd.admin@example.com
[-2147483612] Performing Simple authentication for ftd.admin@example.com to 192.168.1.1
[-2147483612] Fiber exit Tx=456 bytes Rx=1082 bytes, status=-1
```

Potential Solution: Verify that AD can find the user with the search done by the FTD. This can be done with **ldp.exe** as well.

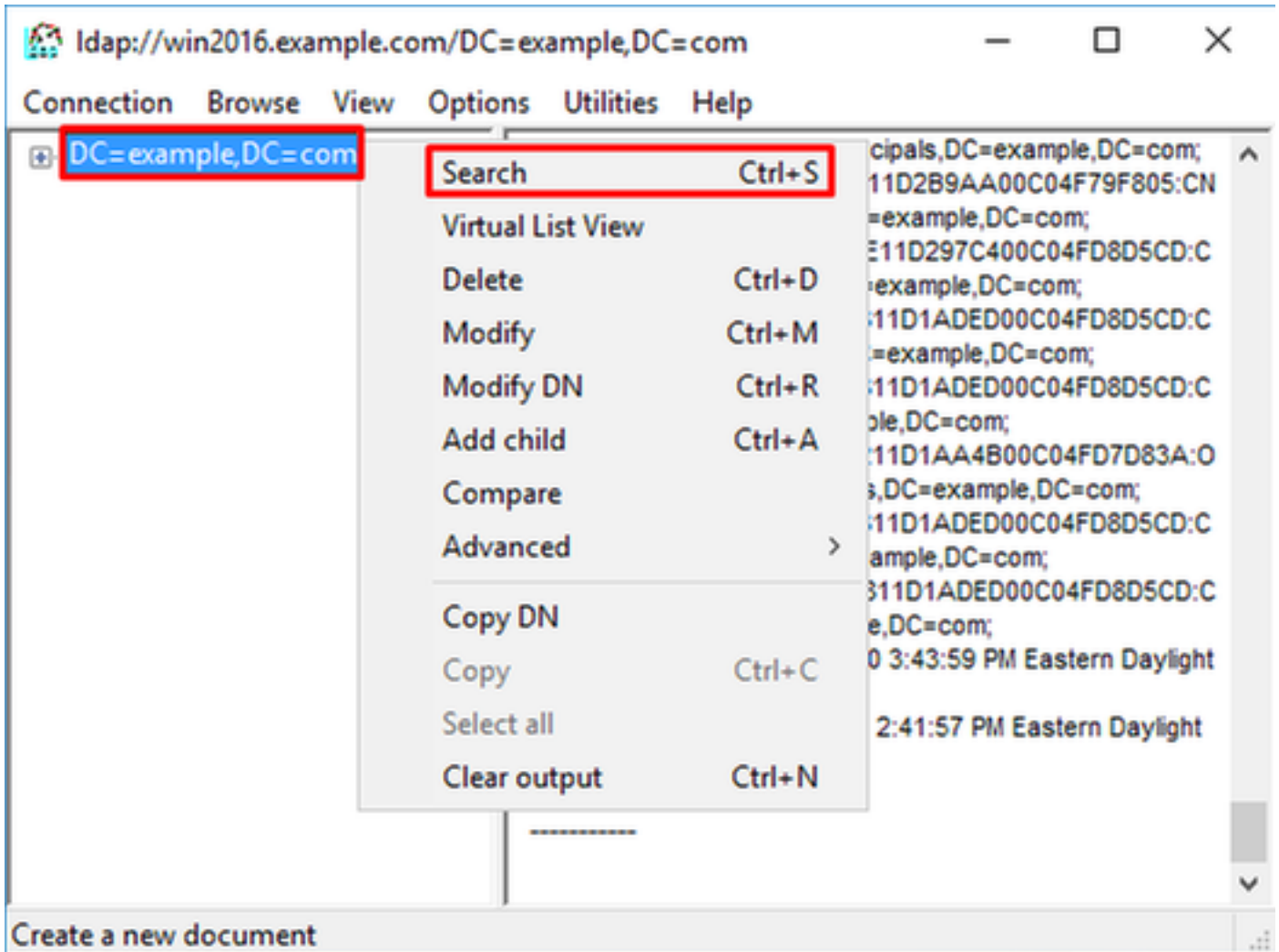
1. After successfully binding as seen above, navigate to **View > Tree**.



2. Specify the **Base DN** configured on the FTD then click **OK**



3. Right-click the Base DN then click **Search**.

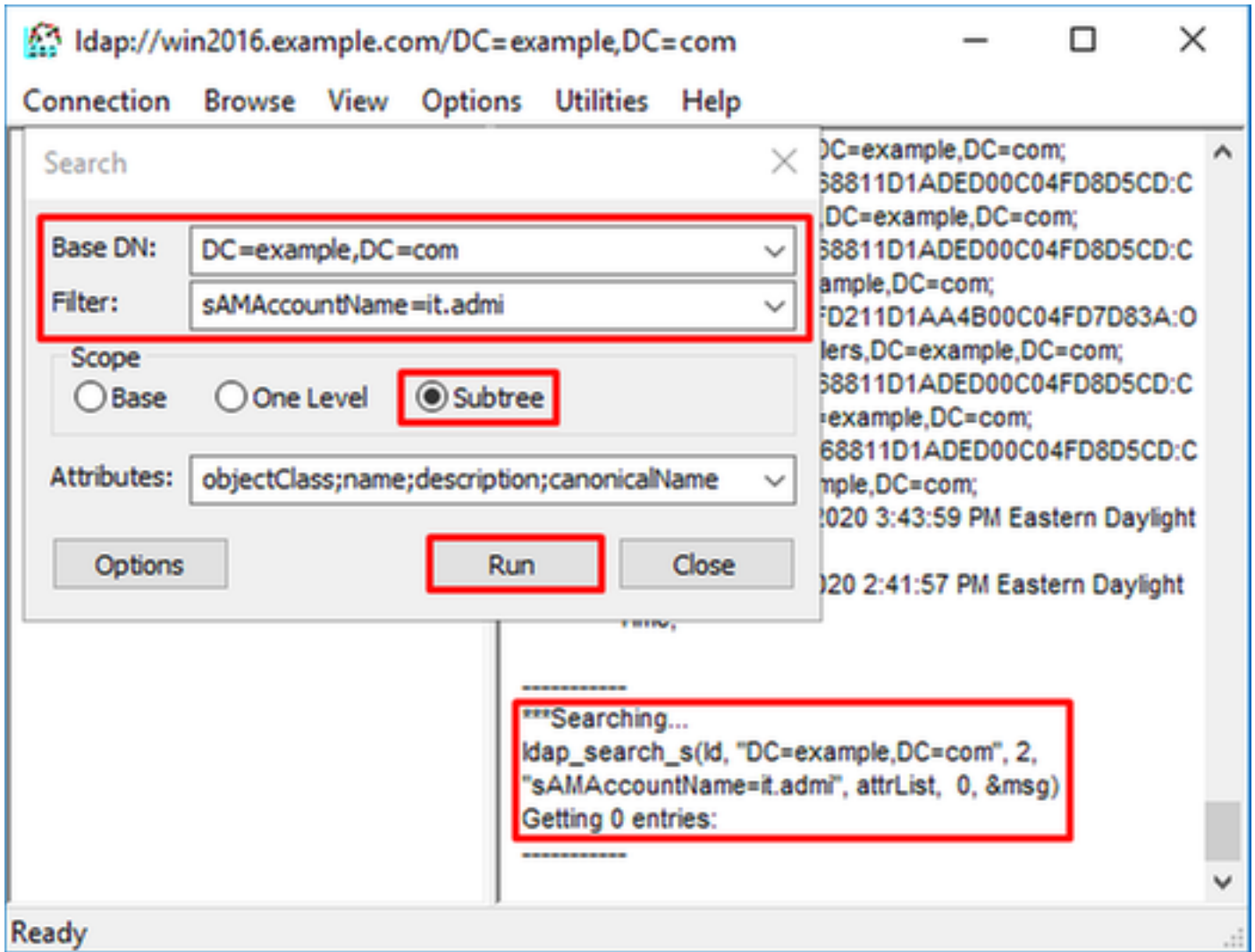


4. Specify the same **Base DN**, **Filter**, and **Scope** values as seen in the debugs.

In this example, these are:

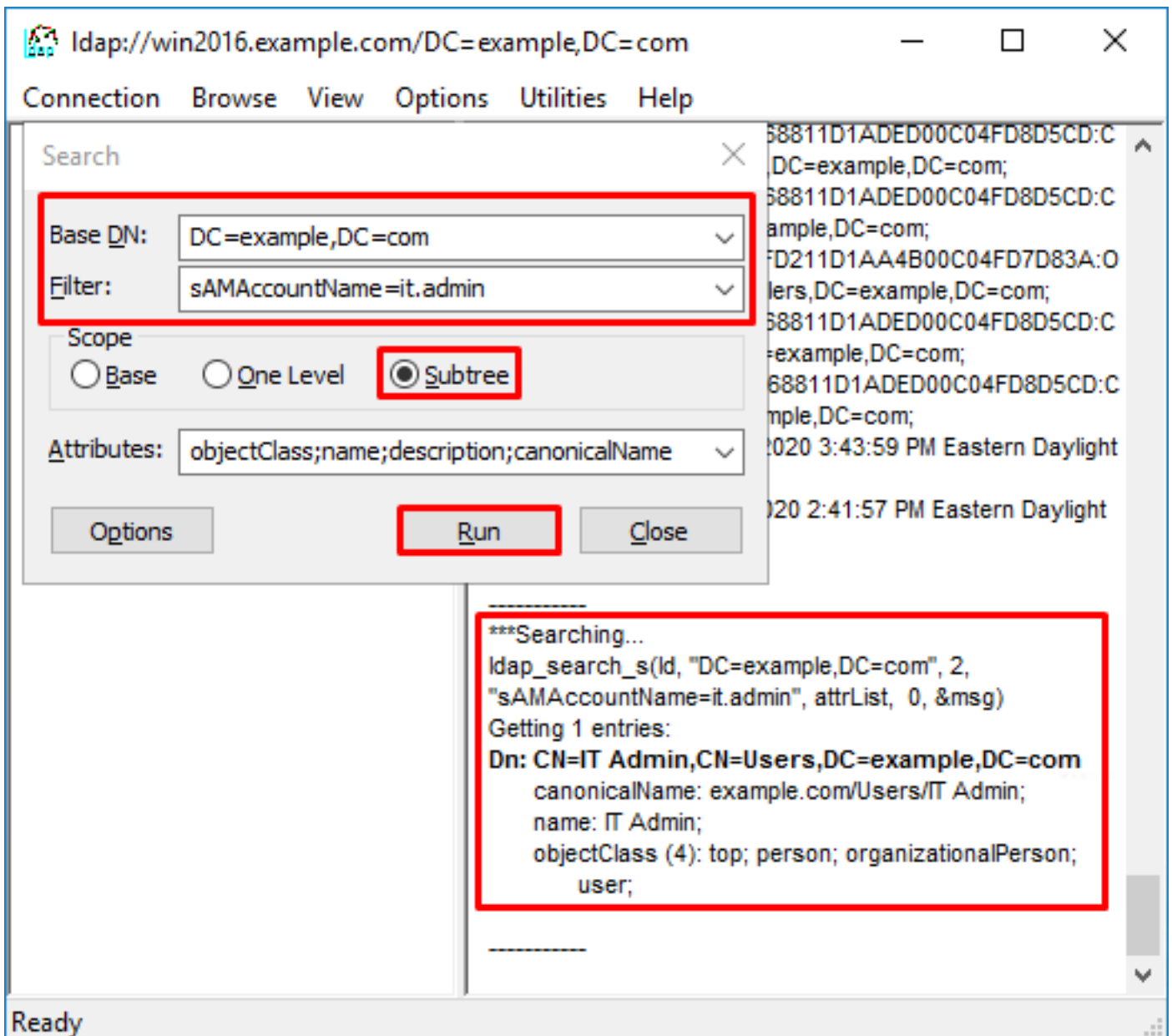
- Base DN: dc=example,dc=com
- Filter: samaccountname=it.admi
- Scope:SUBTREE





ldp finds 0 entries because there is no user account with the **sAMAccountName it.admi** under the Base DN dc=example,dc=com.

Another attempt with the correct **sAMAccountName it.admin** shows a different result. ldp finds 1 entry under the Base DN dc=example,dc=com and prints that user DN.



## Incorrect Password for the Username

<#root>

```

[-2147483613] Session Start
[-2147483613] New request Session, context 0x00007f9e65ccdc40, reqType = Authentication
[-2147483613] Fiber started
[-2147483613] Creating LDAP context with uri=ldap://192.168.1.1:389
[-2147483613] Connect to LDAP server: ldap://192.168.1.1:389, status = Successful
[-2147483613] supportedLDAPVersion: value = 3
[-2147483613] supportedLDAPVersion: value = 2
[-2147483613] LDAP server 192.168.1.1 is Active directory
[-2147483613] Binding as ftd.admin@example.com
[-2147483613] Performing Simple authentication for ftd.admin@example.com to 192.168.1.1
[-2147483613] LDAP Search:
      Base DN = [dc=example,dc=com]
      Filter  = [samaccountname=it.admin]
      Scope   = [SUBTREE]
[-2147483613] User DN = [CN=IT Admin,CN=Users,DC=example,DC=com]
[-2147483613] Talking to Active Directory server 192.168.1.1

```

```
[-2147483613] Reading password policy for it.admin, dn:CN=IT Admin,CN=Users,DC=example,DC=com
[-2147483613] Read bad password count 0
[-2147483613] Binding as it.admin
[-2147483613] Performing Simple authentication for it.admin to 192.168.1.1
[-2147483613]
```

Simple authentication for it.admin returned code (49) Invalid credentials

```
[-2147483613] Message (it.admin): 80090308: LdapErr: DSID-0C09042A, comment: AcceptSecurityContext error
[-2147483613]
```

Invalid password for it.admin

```
[-2147483613] Fiber exit Tx=514 bytes Rx=2764 bytes, status=-1
[-2147483613] Session End
```

Potential Solution: Verify that the user password is configured appropriately and that it is not expired. Similar to the Log in DN, the FTD does a bind against AD with the user credentials.

This bind can also be done in ldp to verify that the AD is able to recognize the same username and password credentials. The steps in ldp are shown in the section **Binding Login DN and/or password incorrect**.

Additionally, the Microsoft server **Event Viewer** logs can be reviewed for a potential failure reason.

## Test AAA

The test **aaa-server** command can be used to simulate an authentication attempt from the FTD with a specific username and password. This can be used to test for connection or authentication failures. The command is **test aaa-server authentication [AAA-server] host [AD IP/hostname]**.

```
<#root>
```

```
> show running-configuration aaa-server
aaa-server LAB-AD protocol ldap
  realm-id 7
aaa-server
```

LAB-AD

host

win2016.example.com

```
server-port 389
ldap-base-dn DC=example,DC=com
ldap-scope subtree
ldap-login-password *****
ldap-login-dn ftd.admin@example.com
server-type auto-detect
```

```
> test aaa-server authentication
```

LAB-AD

host

win2016.example.com

```
Username: it.admin
Password: *****
```

```
INFO: Attempting Authentication test to IP address (192.168.1.1) (timeout: 12 seconds)
INFO: Authentication Successful
```

## Packet Captures

Packet captures can be used to verify reachability to the AD server. If LDAP packets leave the FTD, but there is no response, this could indicate a routing issue.

Capture shows the bidirectional LDAP traffic.

```
> show route 192.168.1.1
```

```
Routing entry for 192.168.1.0 255.255.255.0
  Known via "connected", distance 0, metric 0 (connected, via interface)
  Routing Descriptor Blocks:
  * directly connected, via inside
    Route metric is 0, traffic share count is 1
```

```
> capture AD interface inside match tcp any host 192.168.1.1 eq 389
```

```
> show capture
capture AD type raw-data interface inside [Capturing - 0 bytes]
  match tcp any host 192.168.1.1 eq ldap
```

```
> test aaa-server authentication LAB-AD host win2016.example.com username it.admin password *****
INFO: Attempting Authentication test to IP address (192.168.1.1) (timeout: 12 seconds)
INFO: Authentication Successful
```

```
> show capture
capture AD type raw-data interface inside [Capturing - 10905 bytes]
  match tcp any host 192.168.1.1 eq ldap
```

```
> show capture AD
```

```
54 packets captured
```

```
1: 23:02:16.770712      192.168.1.17.61960 > 192.168.1.1.389: S 3681912834:3681912834(0) win 32768
2: 23:02:16.772009      192.168.1.1.389 > 192.168.1.17.61960: S 491521506:491521506(0) ack 36819128
3: 23:02:16.772039      192.168.1.17.61960 > 192.168.1.1.389: . ack 491521507 win 32768 <nop,nop,ti
4: 23:02:16.772482      192.168.1.17.61960 > 192.168.1.1.389: P 3681912835:3681912980(145) ack 4915
5: 23:02:16.772924      192.168.1.1.389 > 192.168.1.17.61960: P 491521507:491522141(634) ack 368191
6: 23:02:16.772955      192.168.1.17.61960 > 192.168.1.1.389: . ack 491522141 win 32768 <nop,nop,ti
7: 23:02:16.773428      192.168.1.17.61960 > 192.168.1.1.389: P 3681912980:3681913024(44) ack 49152
8: 23:02:16.775030      192.168.1.1.389 > 192.168.1.17.61960: P 491522141:491522163(22) ack 3681913
9: 23:02:16.775075      192.168.1.17.61960 > 192.168.1.1.389: . ack 491522163 win 32768 <nop,nop,ti
```

```
[...]
```

```
54 packets shown
```

## Windows Server Event Viewer Logs

The **Event Viewer** logs on the AD server can provide more detailed information as to why a failure occurred.

1. Search for and open **Event Viewer**.



Best match



Event Viewer

Desktop app

Settings



View event logs

