



Module 1 - Operating Systems Windows

Session 8 - Network

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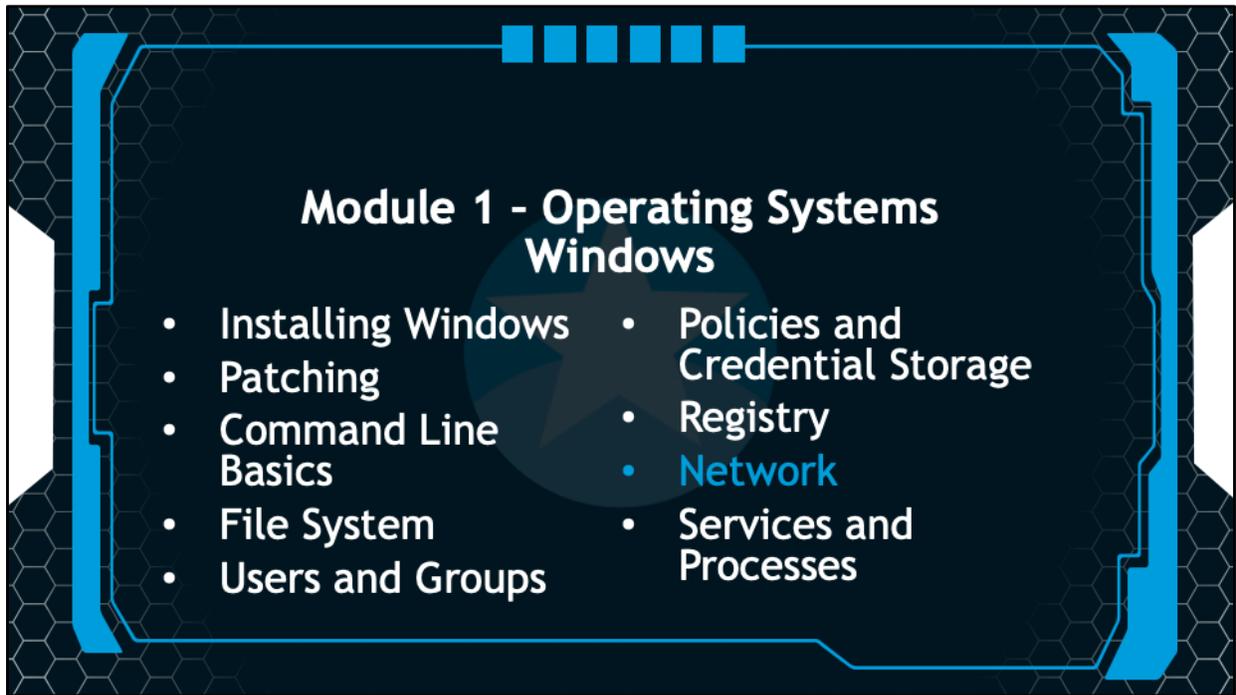
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This training material was originally developed to help students, teachers, and mentors prepare for the Cyber Aces Online Competition. This module focuses on the basics of what an operating systems is as well as the two predominant OS's, Windows and Linux. This session is part of Module 1, Introduction to Operating Systems. This module is split into two sections, Linux and Windows. In this session, we will continue our examination of Windows.

The three modules of Cyber Aces Online are Operating Systems, Networking, and System Administration.

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A presentation slide with a dark blue background and a light blue hexagonal pattern. The slide is framed by a light blue border with a stylized, angular design. At the top center, there are five small light blue squares. The title "Module 1 - Operating Systems Windows" is centered in white text. Below the title, there are two columns of bullet points. The word "Network" in the second column is highlighted in light blue. A faint Windows logo is visible in the background.

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In this session we will discuss Windows networking.



Networking - SMB



SMB stands for Server Message Block

Used for sharing

- Files
- Printers
- Other Resources

Allows mapping network drives using the NET command

To see all of the available commands available with NET run:

```
C:\> net /?
```

The Windows Operating System can support a variety of networking protocols to share resources, but SMB is by far the most widely used. SMB or Server Message Block is used to share files, printer and other networking resources between Windows hosts. You access resources on a remote system by mapping the drive through Windows Explorer, by clicking START >RUN and entering the UNC, or mapping the drive at the command line.



NET VIEW



List the available (shared) resources on a system

```
C:\> net view \\servername
```

```
Shared resources at \\servername
```

```
Share name  Type      Comment
```

```
-----  
HP          Print
```

```
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```

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The "net view" command can be used to perform most of the browsing functions available via "Network " or "My Computer." Running the command without options will list computers in the current domain or workgroup. To see the resources available on a system, type "net view" followed by two backslashes and the system name:

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NET USE



Used to connect or disconnect a remote resource, typically a file share

- Also used to display a list of connections to remote resources

Get help:

```
net use /?
```

Map drive using current credentials:

```
net use z: \\srvr\pub
```

Map drive using alternate credentials, password entered by prompt:

```
net use z: \\srvr\pub * /user:john
```

Map drive using alternate credentials, including password:

```
net use z: \\srvr\pub P@55wd /user:john
```

When mapped, it can be accessed like any other drive

The "net use" command is used to connect or disconnect from remote resources, typically file servers or network shares. The command can also be used to list open connections to these remote resources.

When connecting to a remote system, the double backslash (\\) must be used before the server's name. The Share name must also be preceded by a backslash. E.g.

```
\\servername\sharename
```

A drive letter can be specified to "mount" the remote resource. Your computer will authenticate as the currently logged in user.

```
C:\> net use z: \\srvr\pub
```

In addition, alternate credentials can be used to access the resource, either in the command itself:

```
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...or via a more secure password prompt using the asterisk (*) in place of the password:

```
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```

Similar to the net user command, the password can be entered as part of the command.



NET USE (2)



Delete the mapping by drive letter:

```
net use z: /delete
```

Delete the mapping by share:

```
net use \\srvr\sharename /delete
```

Delete all mappings:

```
net use * /delete
```

We can also remove the mapping we created previously using the /delete switch. Think of delete as the eject button for network shares.

We can delete a single mapping in either of these two ways, by drive letter:

```
C:\> net use z: /delete
```

Or by sharename:

```
C:\> net use \\servername\sharename /delete
```

We can also delete all the mappings:

```
C:\> net use * /delete
```



NET USE & VIEW Review



You are trying to access a share named "FILES" on a server named "SERVER". Your account has permissions to access that directory. How would you map a drive to this server?

- A) net use * \\server\files
- B) net use z: \\server\files
- C) mount \\server\files z:
- D) A or B

Which of the following commands will list the files on a remote share?

- dir \\servername\share
- dir <IPADDRESS>\share
- net use \\servername\share
- net view \\servername\share

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Answers



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- D) A or B
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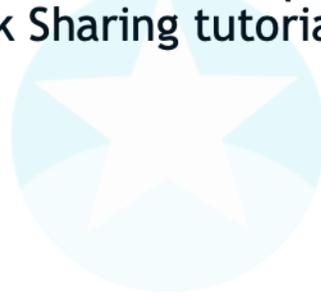
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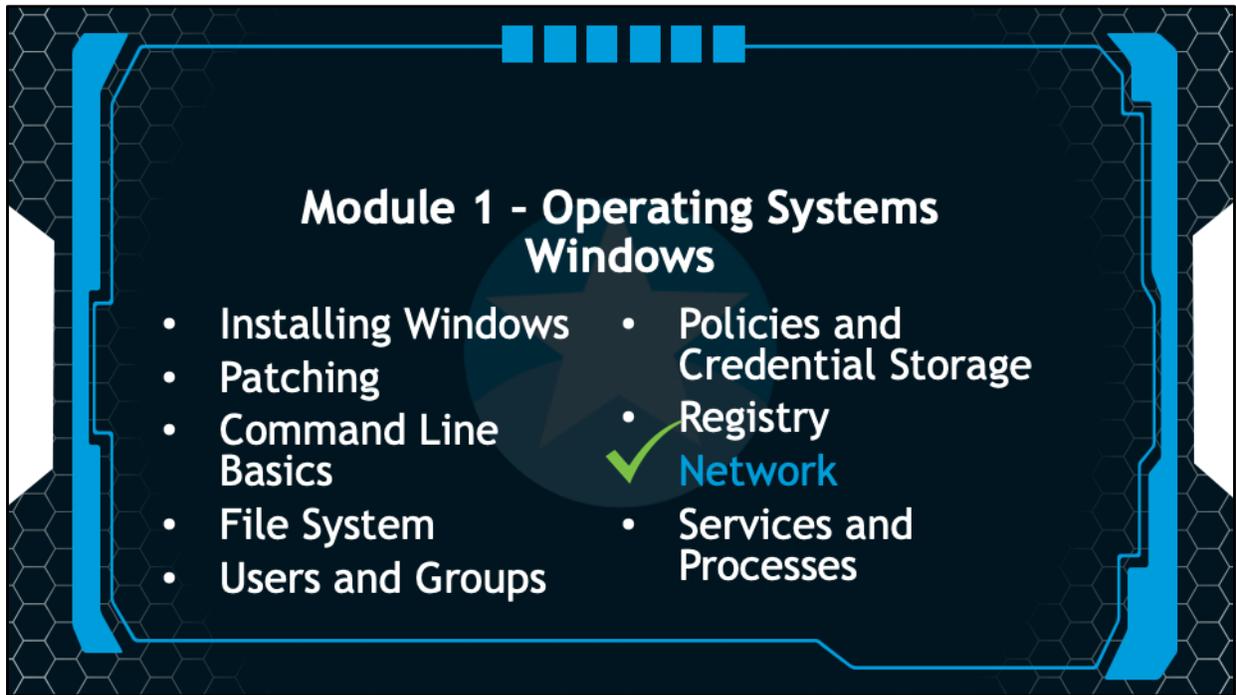
Exercise Complete!



Congratulations! You have completed the
Windows Network Sharing tutorial



Congratulations, you have completed the tutorial on Windows file sharing.



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