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Windows FTP Server

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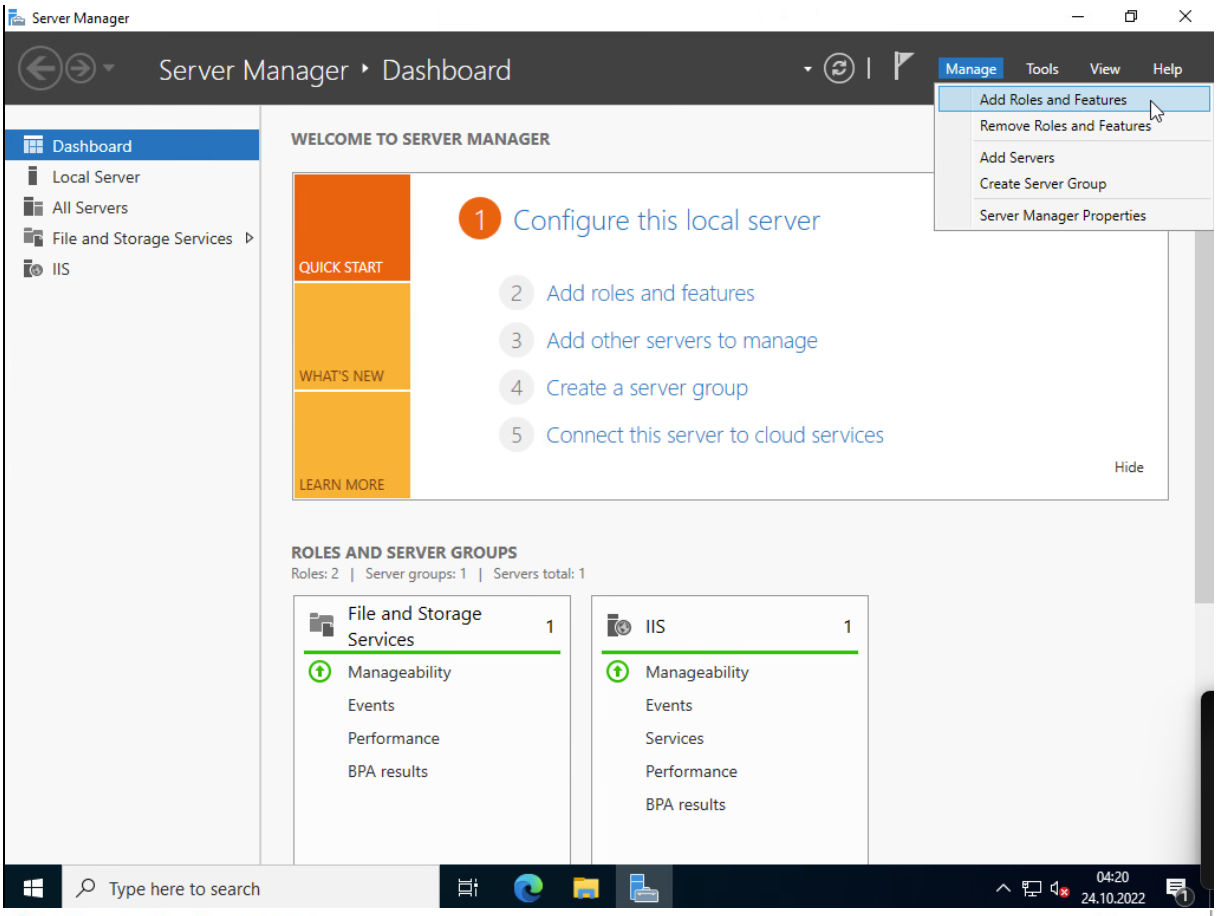
FTP service on Windows

Anonymous access

First, we need to install FTP Server, to do this, let's open the server manager and install a new feature as follows: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Server Manager ▸ Dashboard
Manage
Tools
View
Help
Add Roles and Features
Remove Roles and Features
Add Servers
Create Server Group
Server Manager Properties
Dashboard
Local Server
All Servers
File and Storage Services
IIS
WELCOME TO SERVER MANAGER
QUICK START
WHAT'S NEW
LEARN MORE
1 Configure this local server
2 Add roles and features
3 Add other servers to manage
4 Create a server group
5 Connect this server to cloud services
Hide
ROLES AND SERVER GROUPS
Roles: 2 | Server groups: 1 | Servers total: 1
File and Storage Services 1
Manageability
Events
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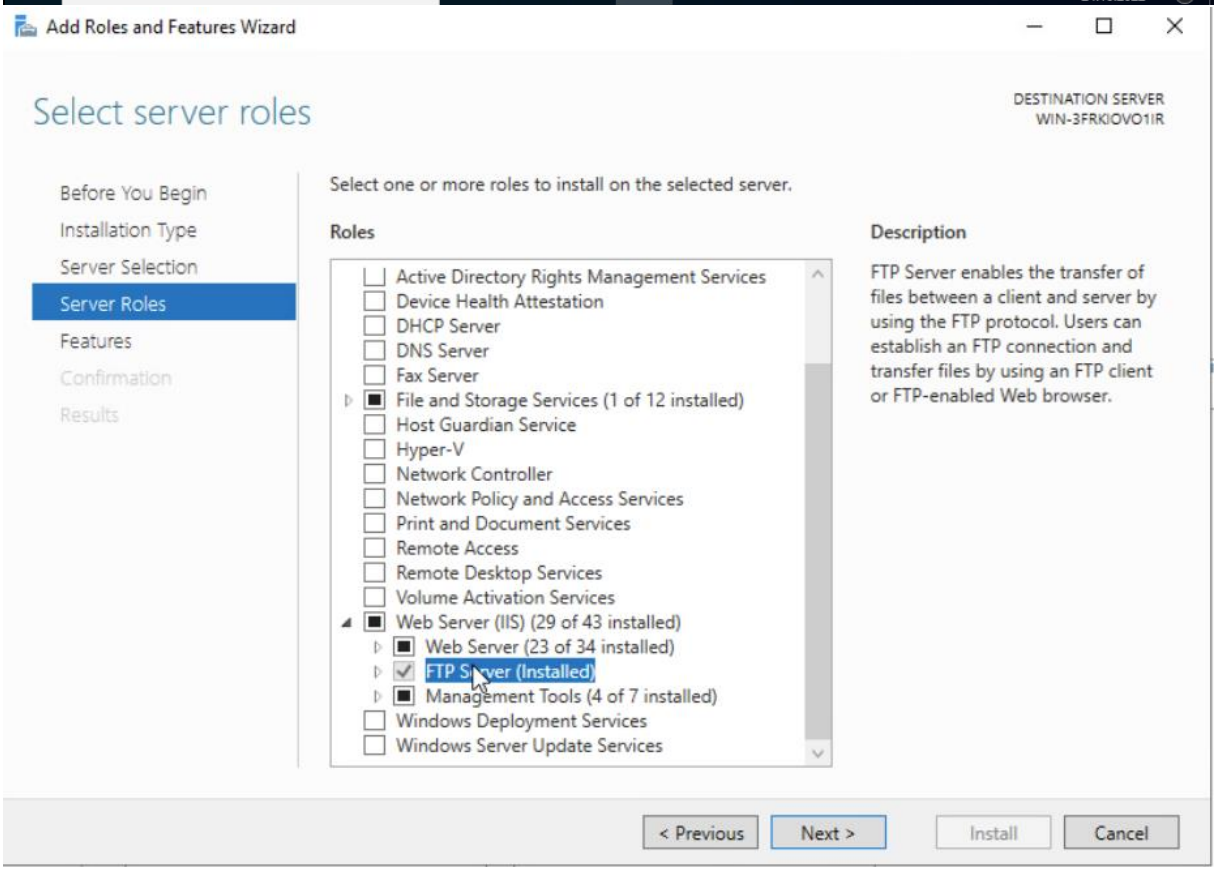
Add Roles and Features Wizard
Select server roles
DESTINATION SERVER
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Before You Begin
Installation Type
Server Selection
Server Roles
Features
Confirmation
Results
Select one or more roles to install on the selected server.
Roles
Active Directory Rights Management Services
Device Health Attestation
DHCP Server
DNS Server
Fax Server
File and Storage Services (1 of 12 installed)
Host Guardian Service
Hyper-V
Network Controller
Network Policy and Access Services
Print and Document Services
Remote Access
Remote Desktop Services
Volume Activation Services
Web Server (IIS) (29 of 43 installed)
Web Server (23 of 34 installed)
FTP Server (Installed)
Management Tools (4 of 7 installed)
Windows Deployment Services
Windows Server Update Services
Description
FTP Server enables the transfer of files between a client and server by using the FTP protocol. Users can establish an FTP connection and transfer files by using an FTP client or FTP-enabled Web browser.
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Install
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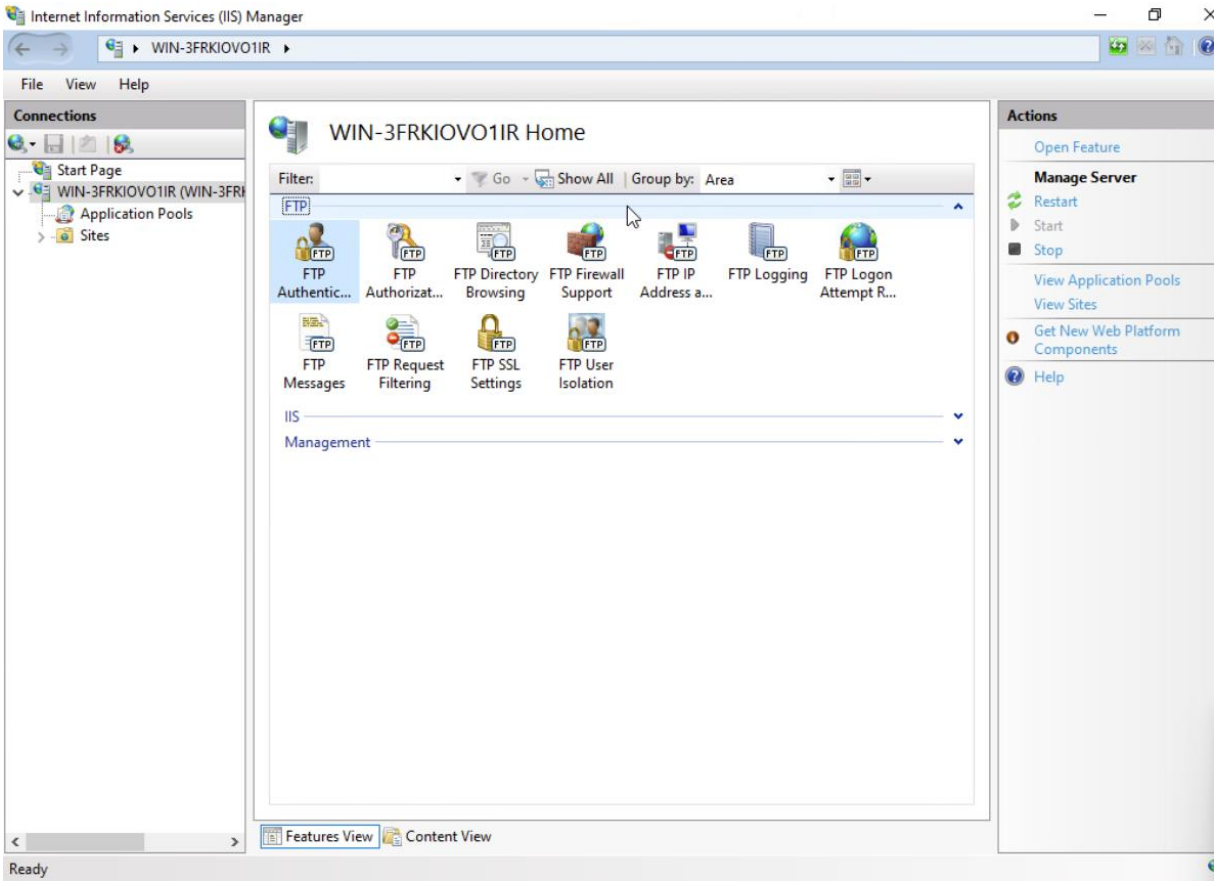
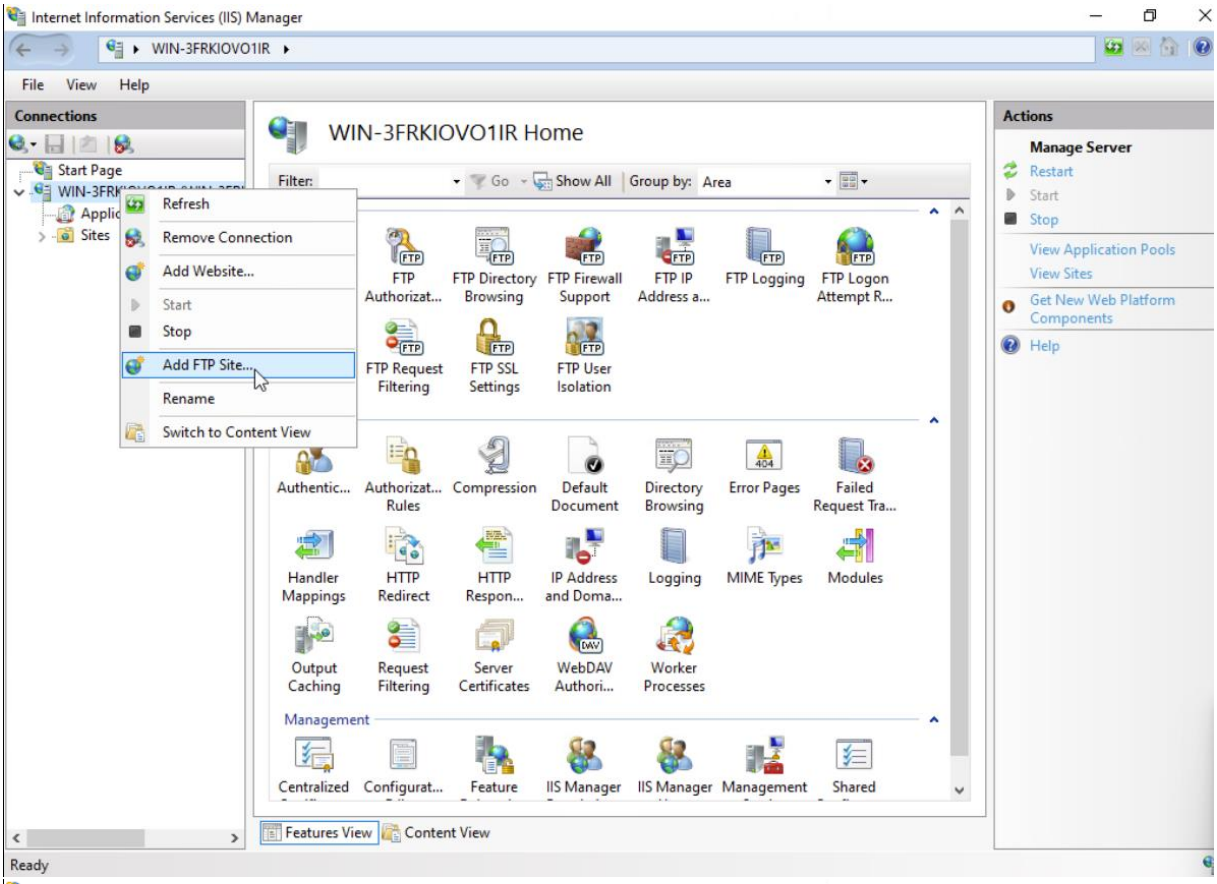
Once the FTP server is installed, you can see that the functionality has been added to IIS.



So we add an FTP site and we can name it whatever we want.


Internet Information Services (IIS) Manager
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File View Help
Connections
Start Page
Sites
Refresh
Remove Connection
Add Website...
Start
Stop
Add FTP Site...
Rename
Switch to Content View
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Filter:
Go
Show All
Group by: Area
FTP Authorizat...
FTP Directory Browsing
FTP Firewall Support
FTP IP Address a...
FTP Logging
FTP Logon Attempt R...
FTP Request Filtering
FTP SSL Settings
FTP User Isolation
Authentic...
Authorizat... Rules
Compression
Default Document
Directory Browsing
Error Pages
Failed Request Tra...
Handler Mappings
HTTP Redirect
HTTP Respon...
IP Address and Doma...
Logging
MIME Types
Modules
Output Caching
Request Filtering
Server Certificates
WebDAV Authori...
Worker Processes
Management
Centralized
Configurat...
Feature
IIS Manager
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Content View
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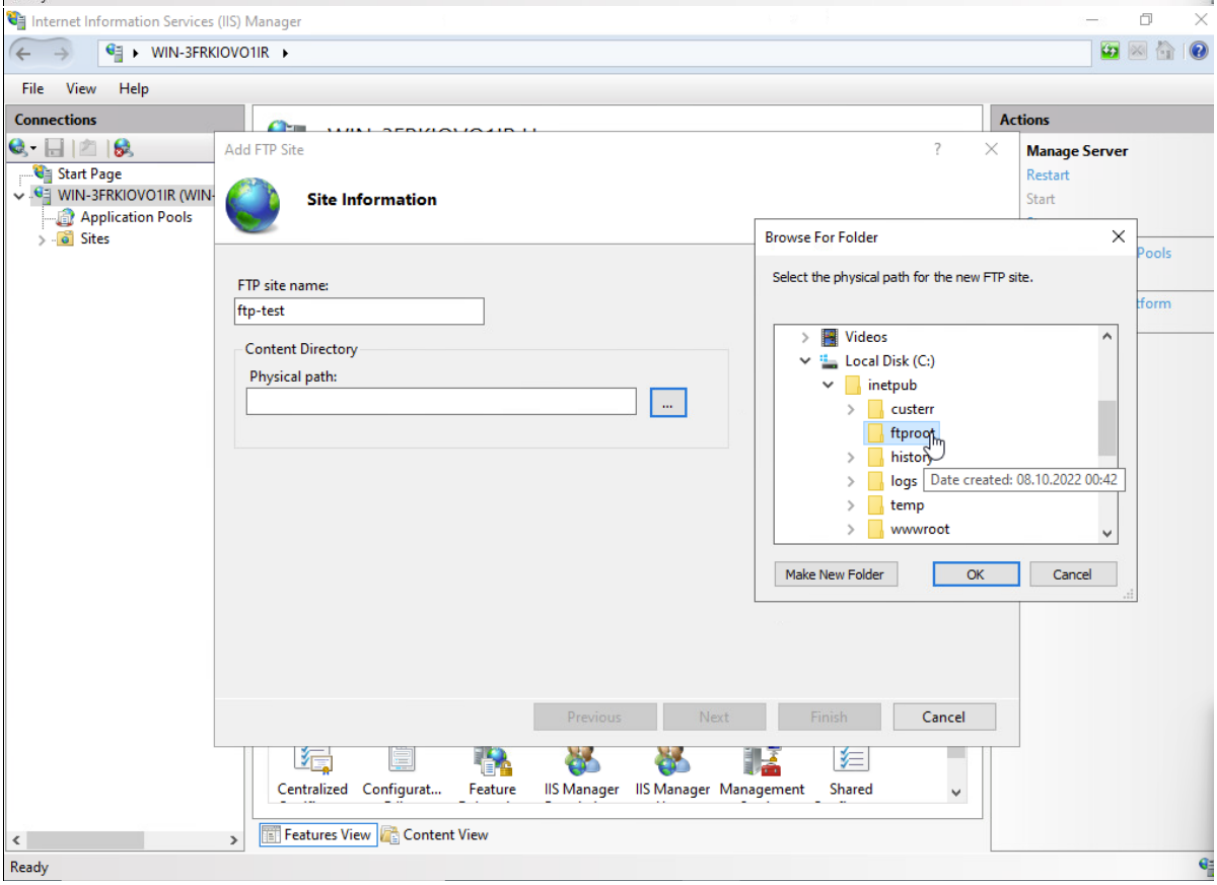
Start
Stop
View Application Pools
View Sites
Get New Web Platform Components
Help
Ready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Application Pools
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Add FTP Site
Site Information
FTP site name:
ftp-test
Content Directory
Physical path:
Previous
Next
Finish
Cancel
Browse For Folder
Select the physical path for the new FTP site.
Videos
Local Disk (C:)
inetpub
custerr
ftproot
history
logs
temp
wwwroot
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Make New Folder
OK
Cancel
Actions
Manage Server
Restart
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Feature
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Management
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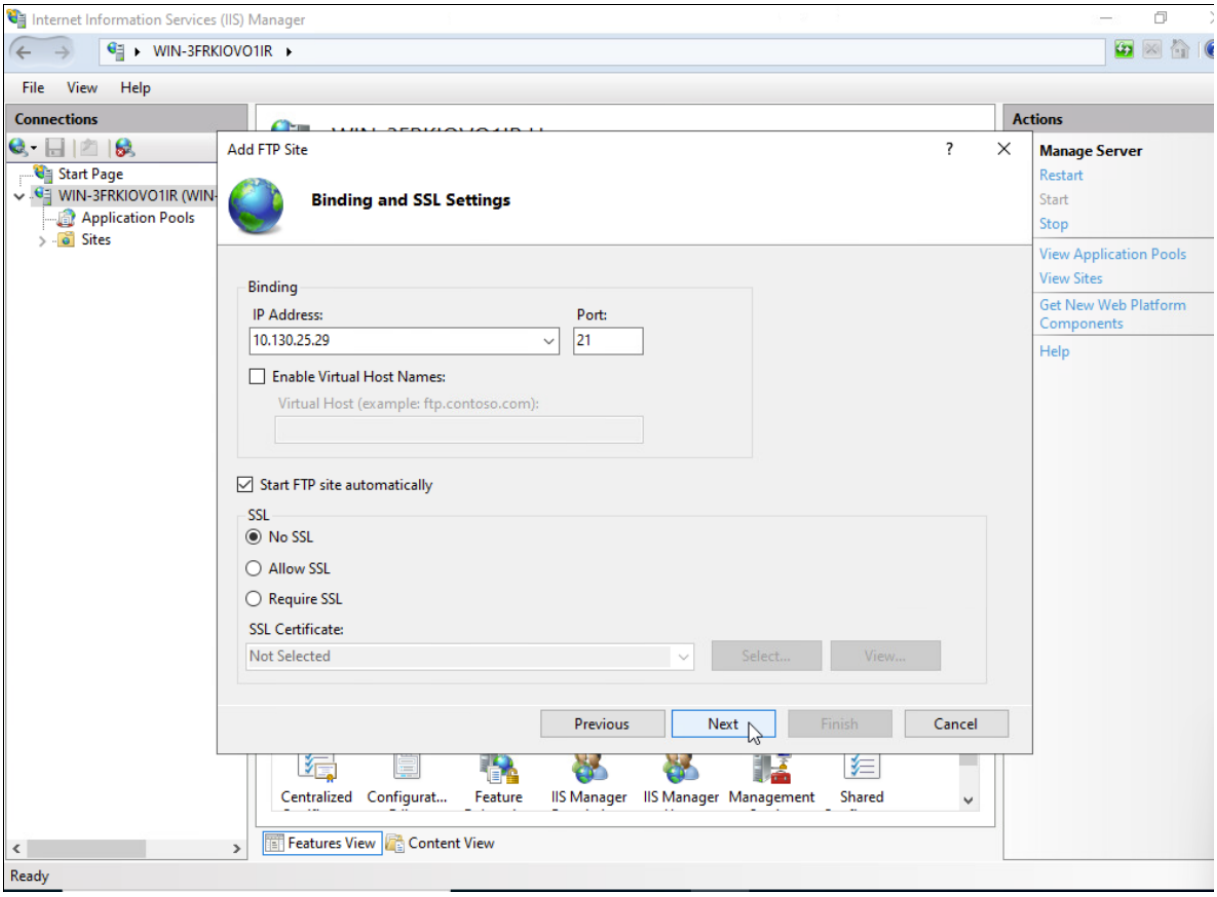
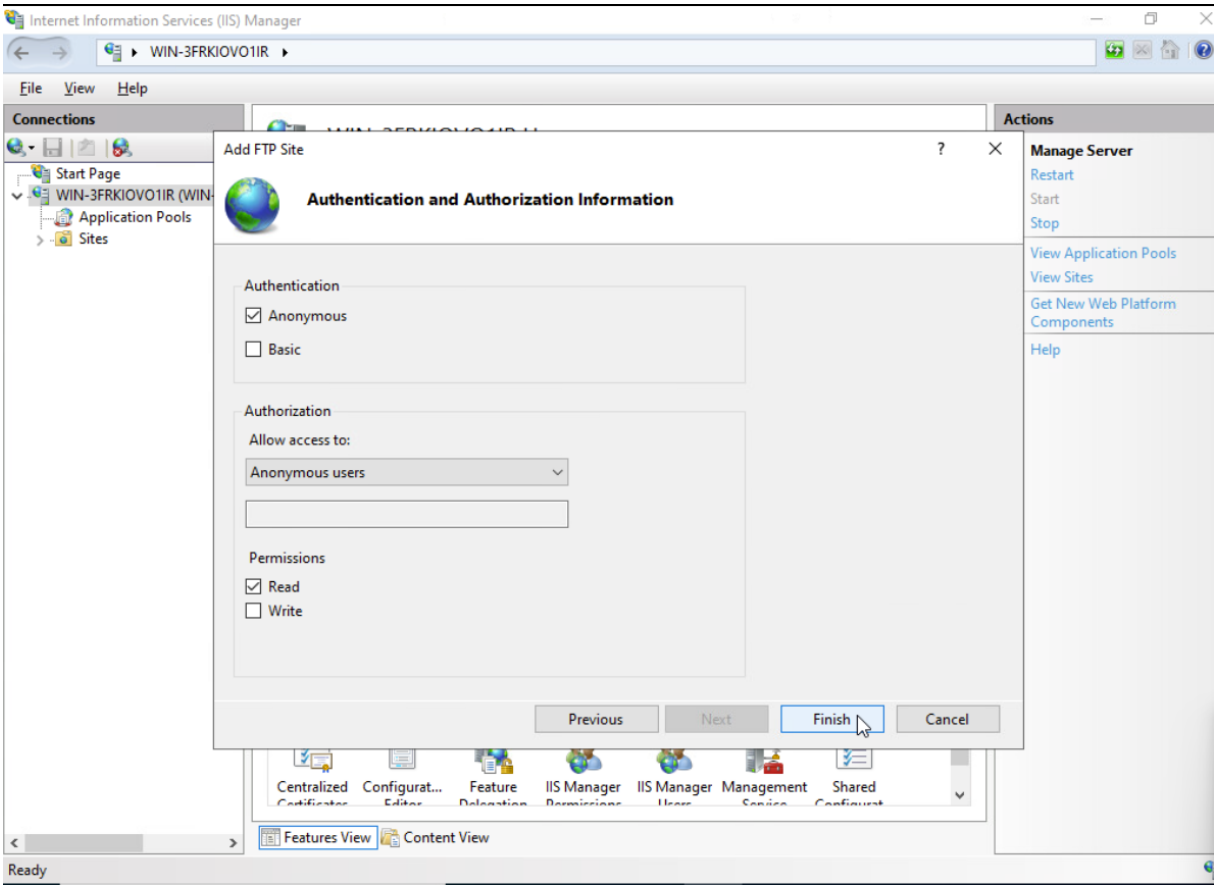
Features View
Content View
Ready

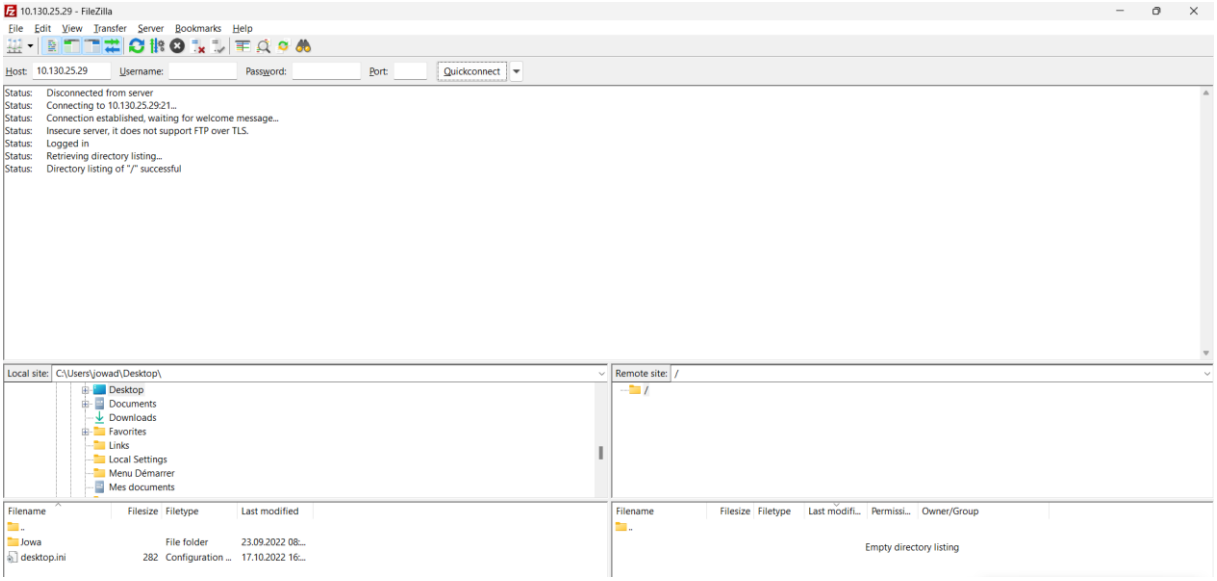
The default port number is 21. SSL encryption is not activated.



We check the anonymous authentication box and for the authorization part, we allow anonymous users and read permission

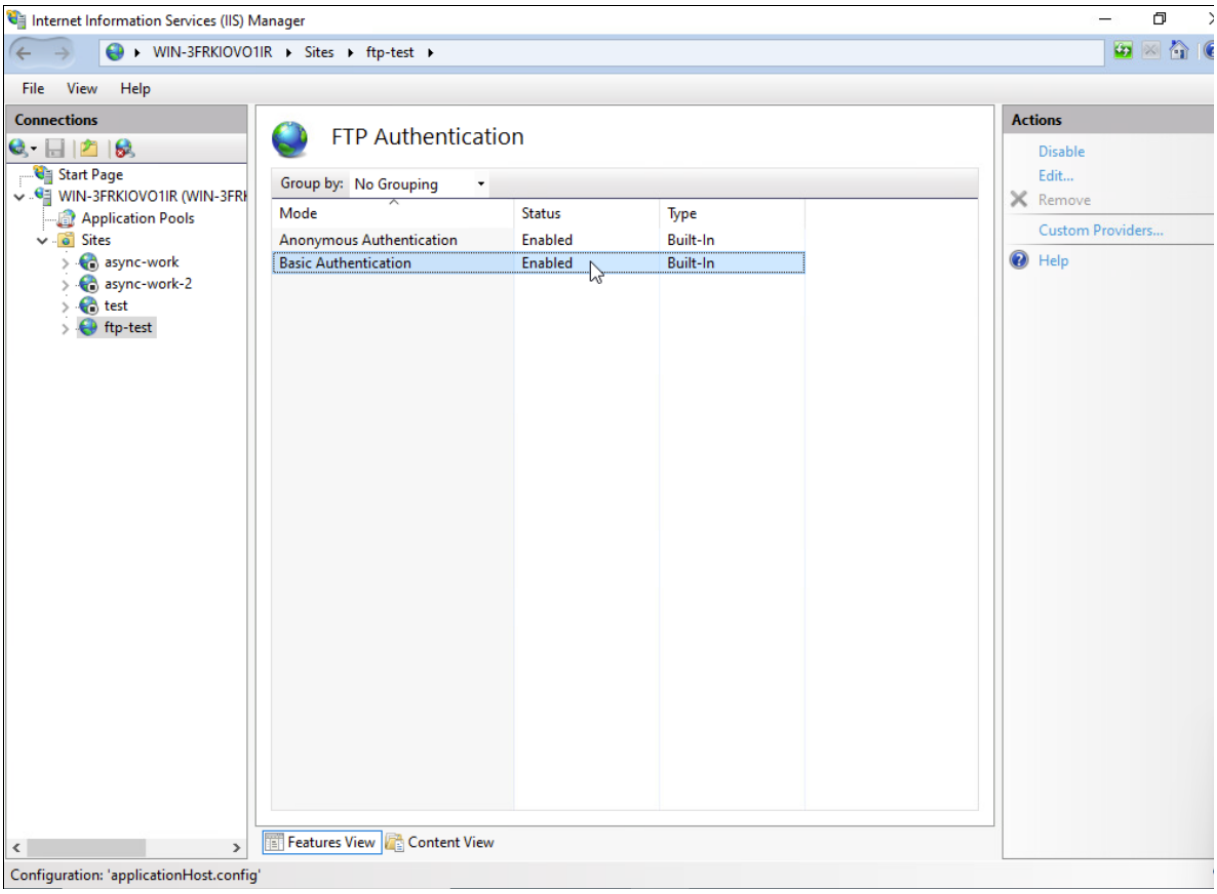


We see that on FileZilla, we can connect as an anonymous user and everything works as expected, we can only read.

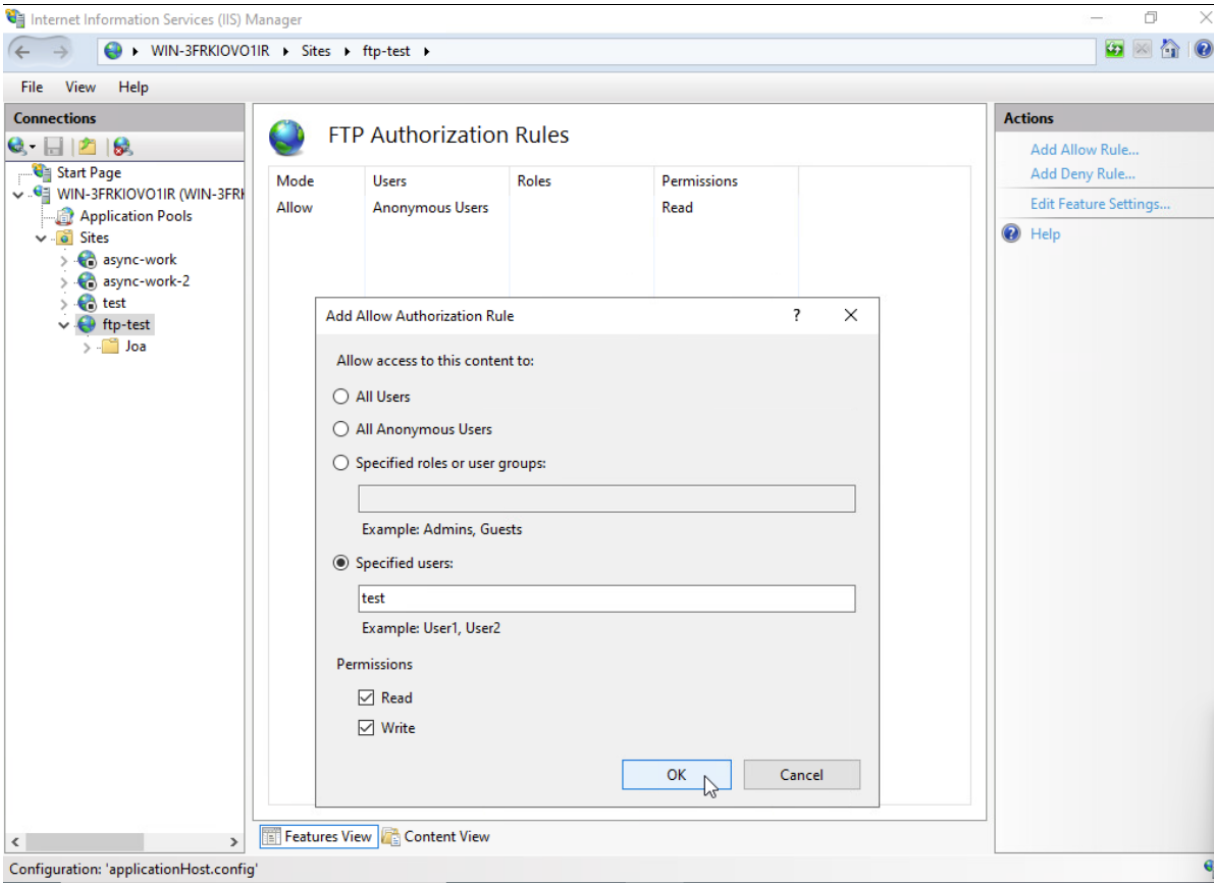


Authentication

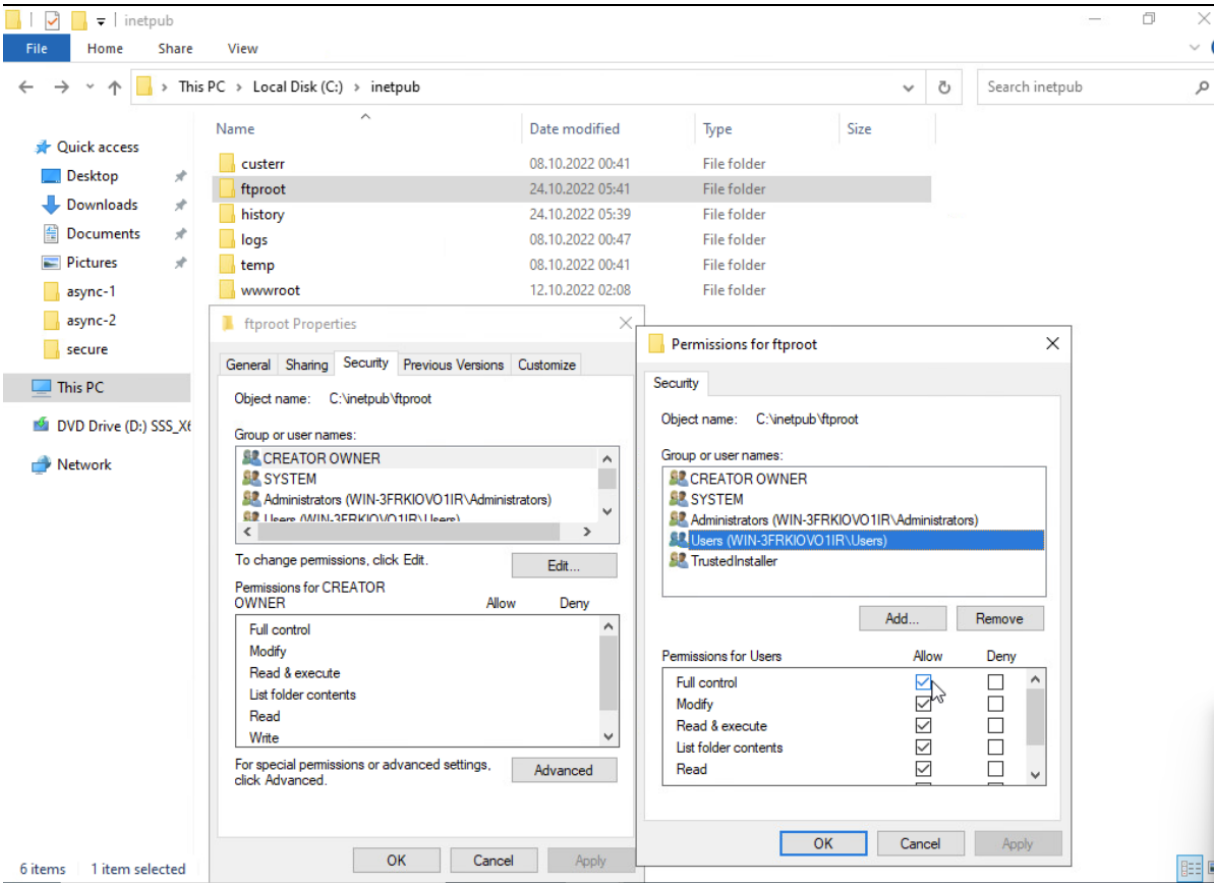
We will enable authentication for reading and writing to registered users. Here is how to enable authentication:



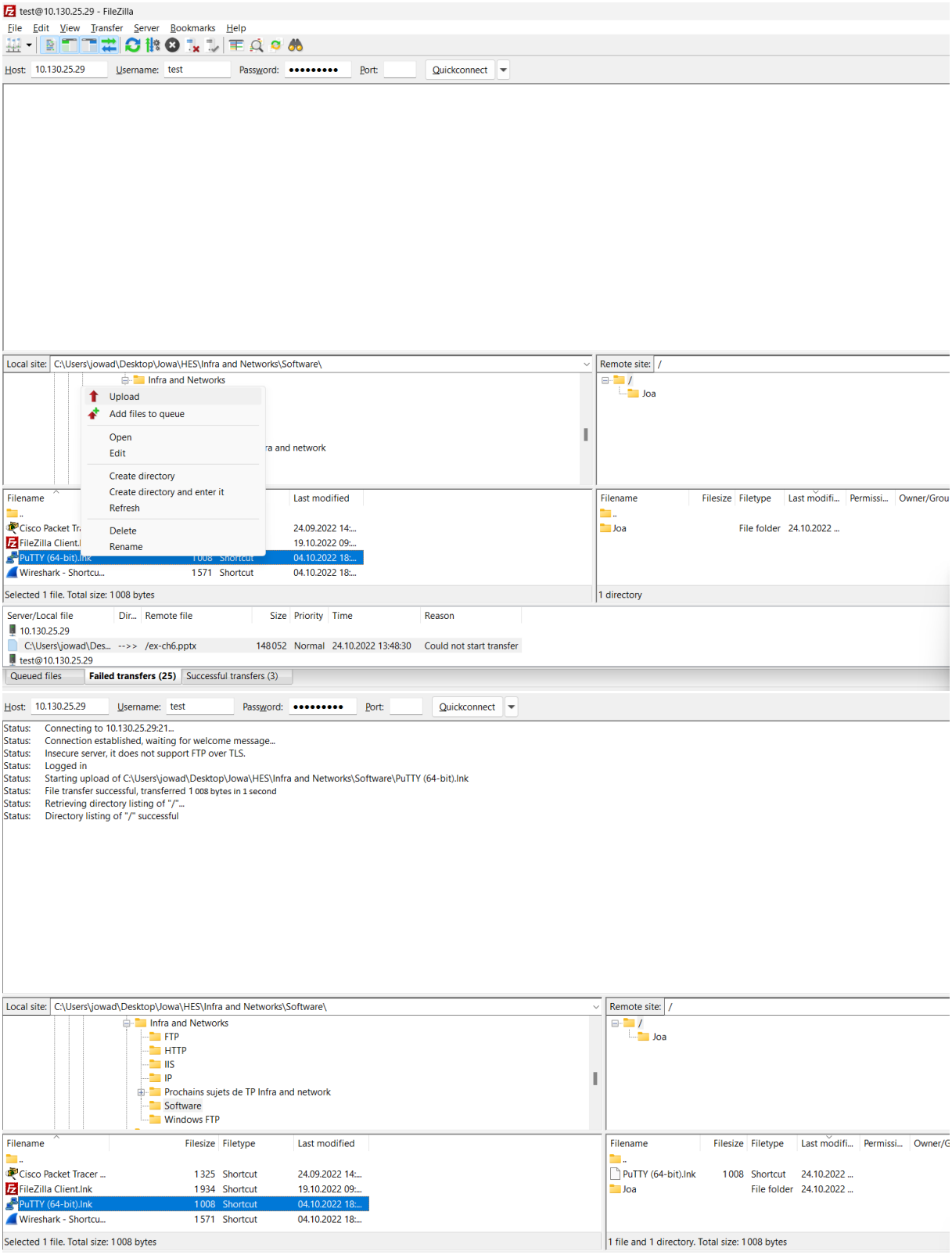
We will enable writing and reading as follows for the "test" user



Here we will go to the properties of the root folder in order to give the rights to the users:

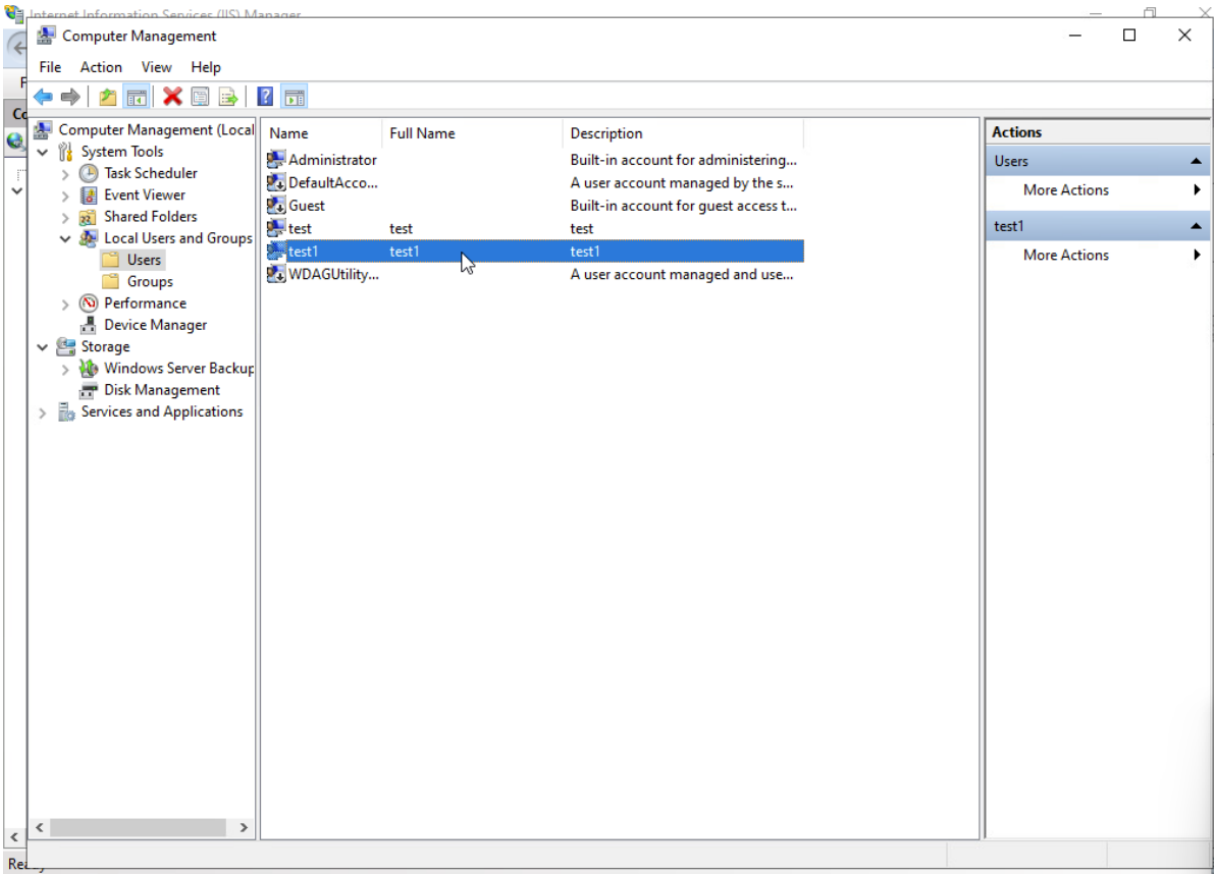


Finally, we can test the upload of the file to the server. Everything is going as it should!

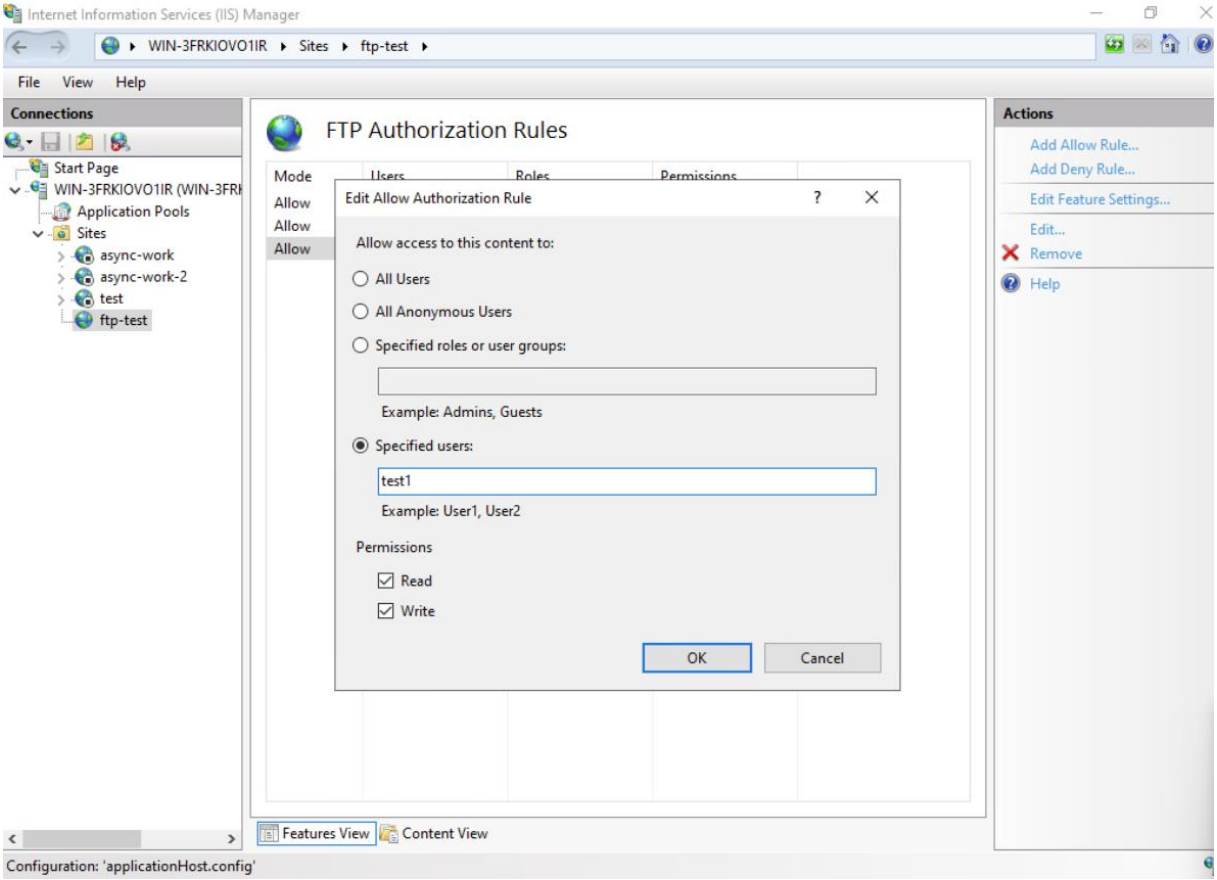


Insulation

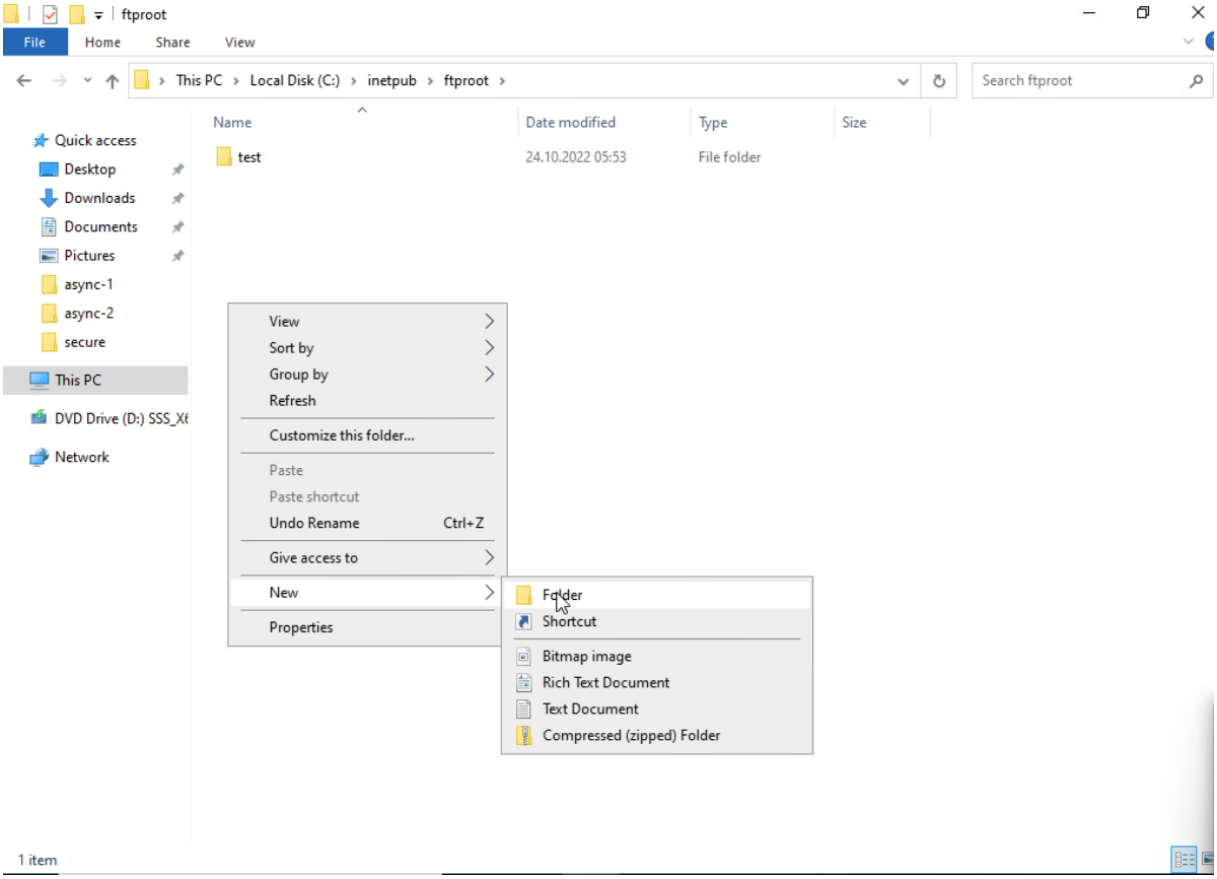
Isolation is a very good method of giving a user specific rights to folders belonging to them.



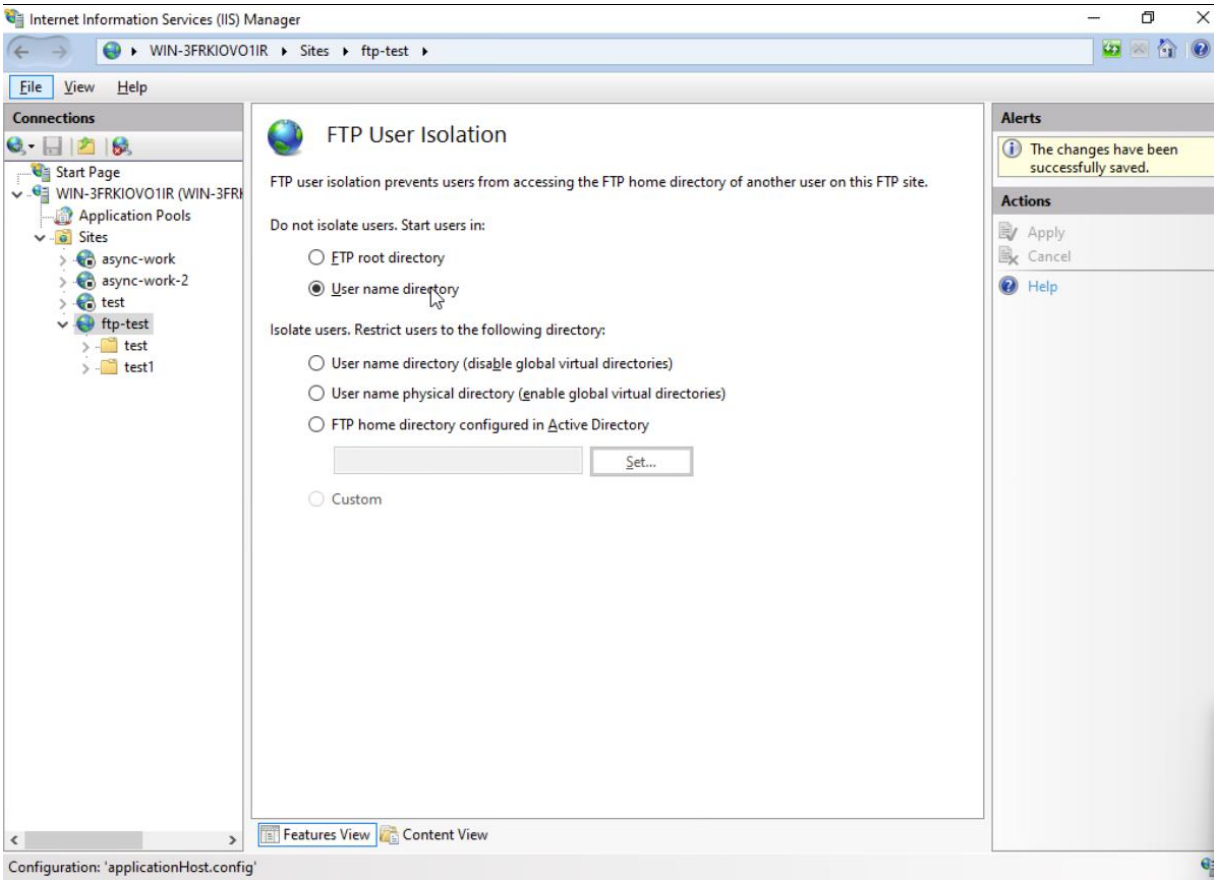
We add a second user "test1" with read and write rights.



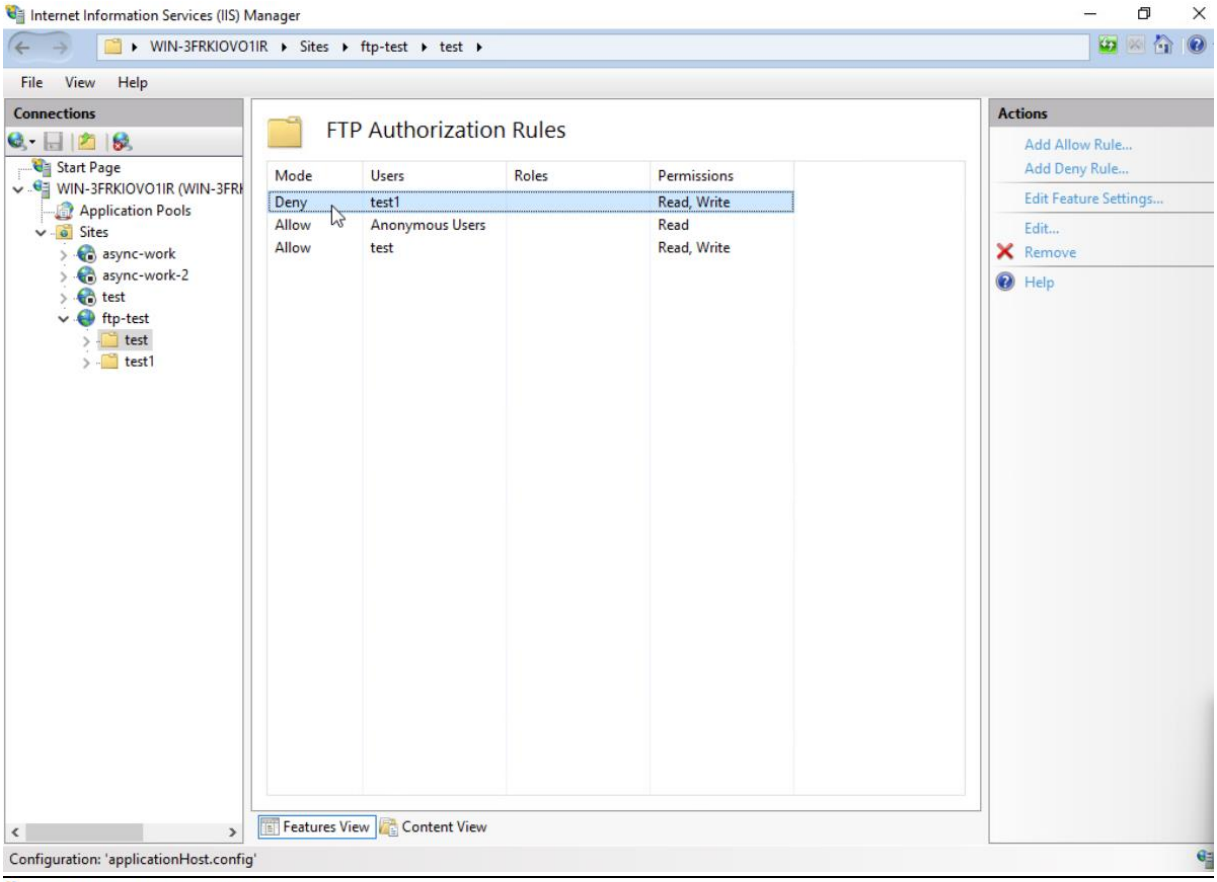
We create a specific folder for him.

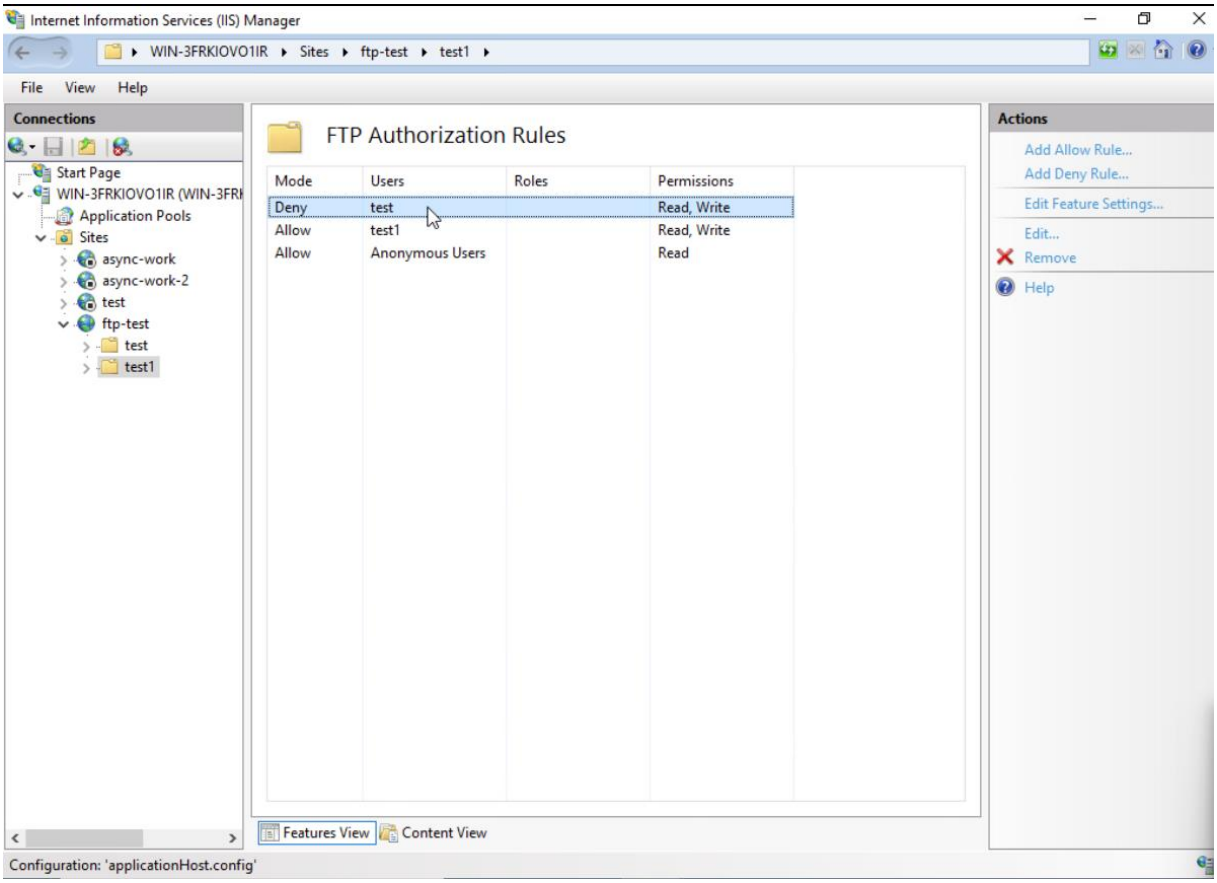


And now we can define that users will have direct access to the folder with the same name as the user account when they login.



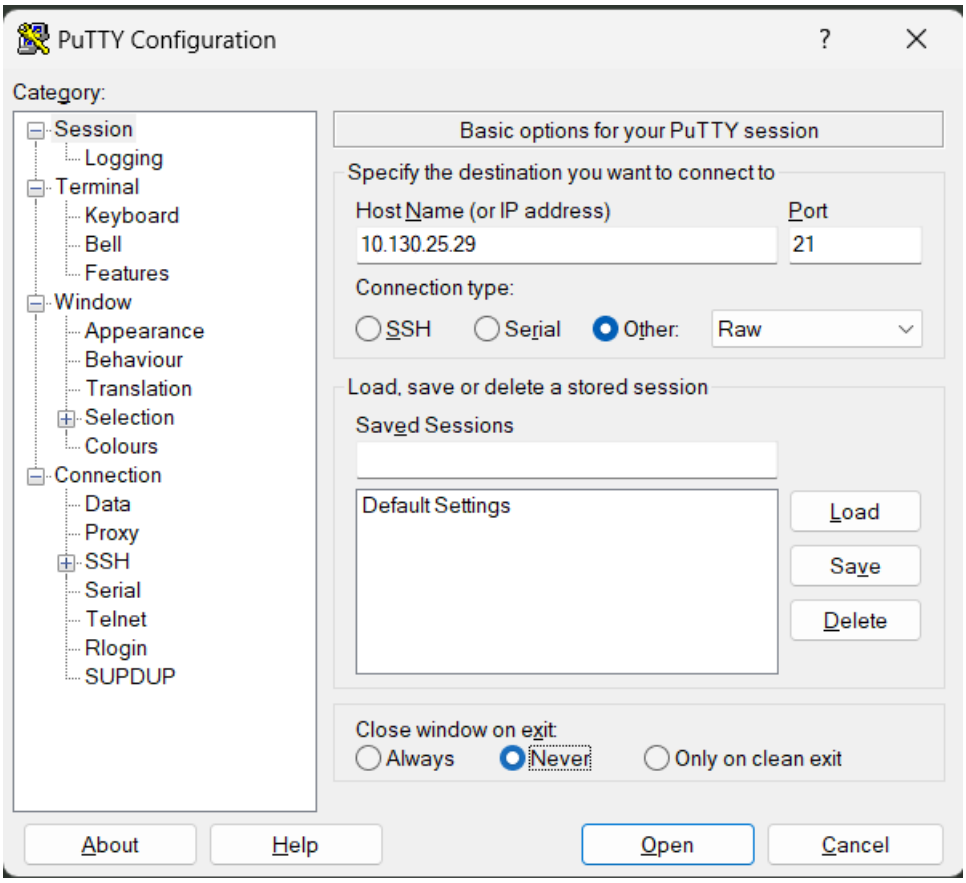
For the following configuration you have to pay attention to the tree structure on the left of the picture. We give rights to one user and deny access to the other folder.



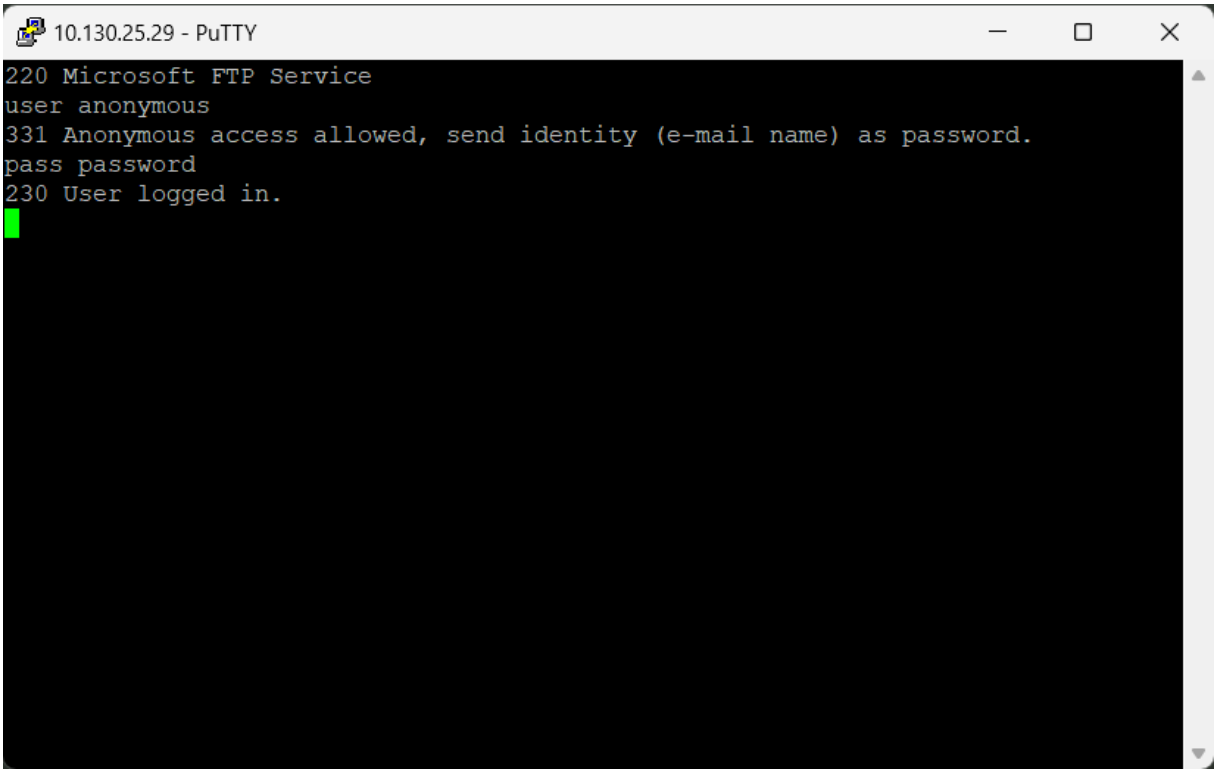


Download a file

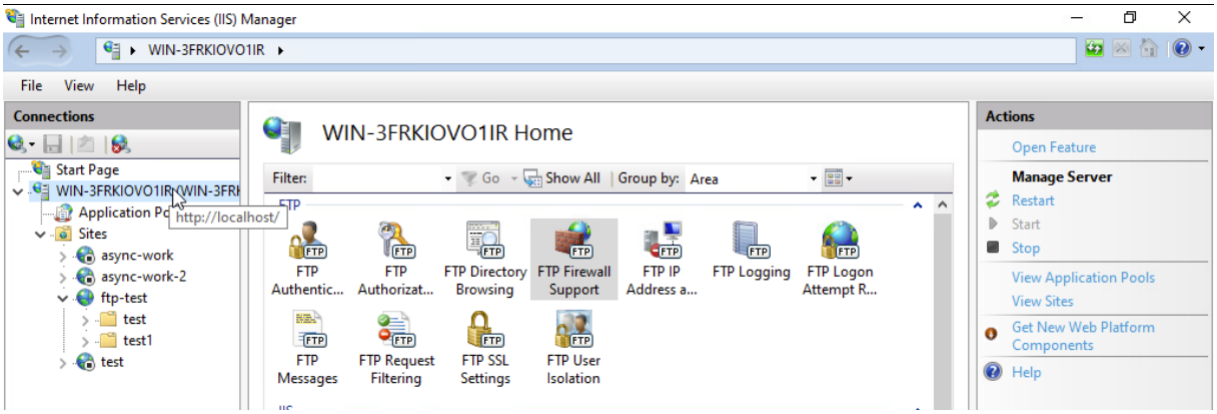
To download a file you need to open a first PuTTY session with the necessary connection information:



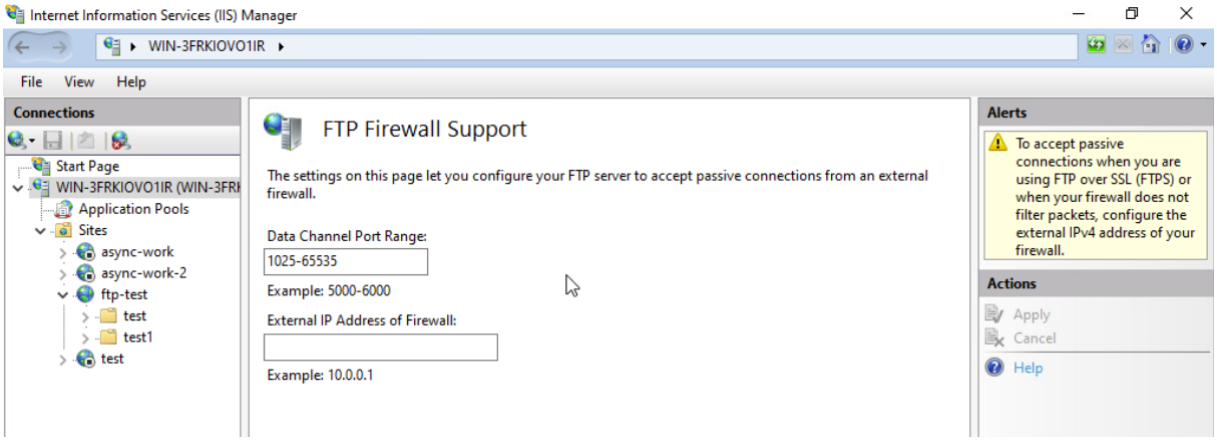
Authenticate



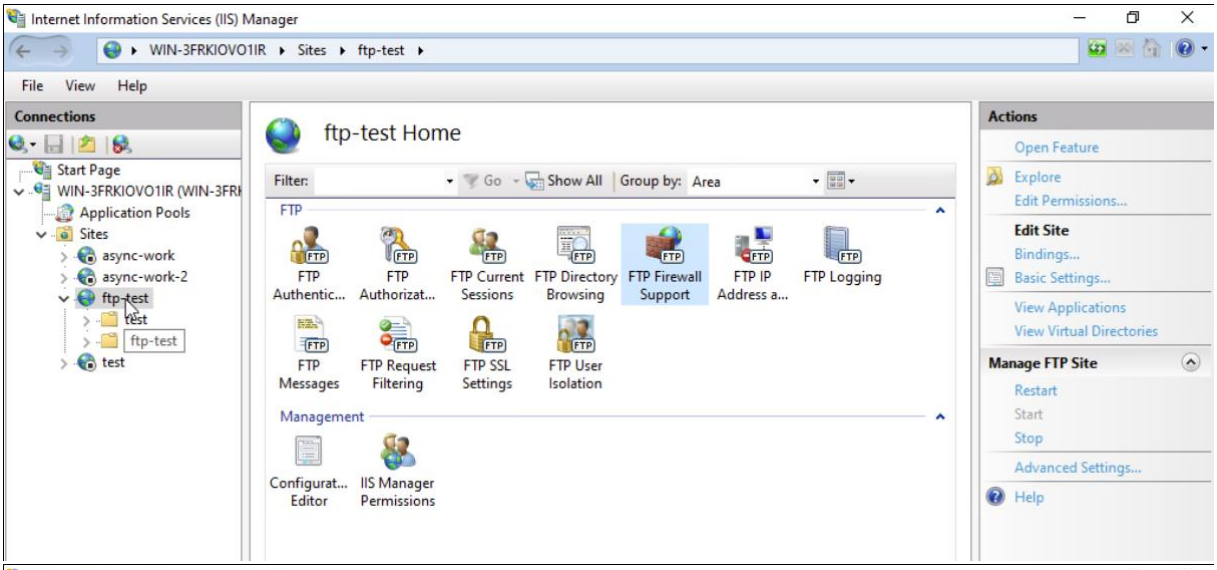
Then we need to configure the firewall of the FTP server

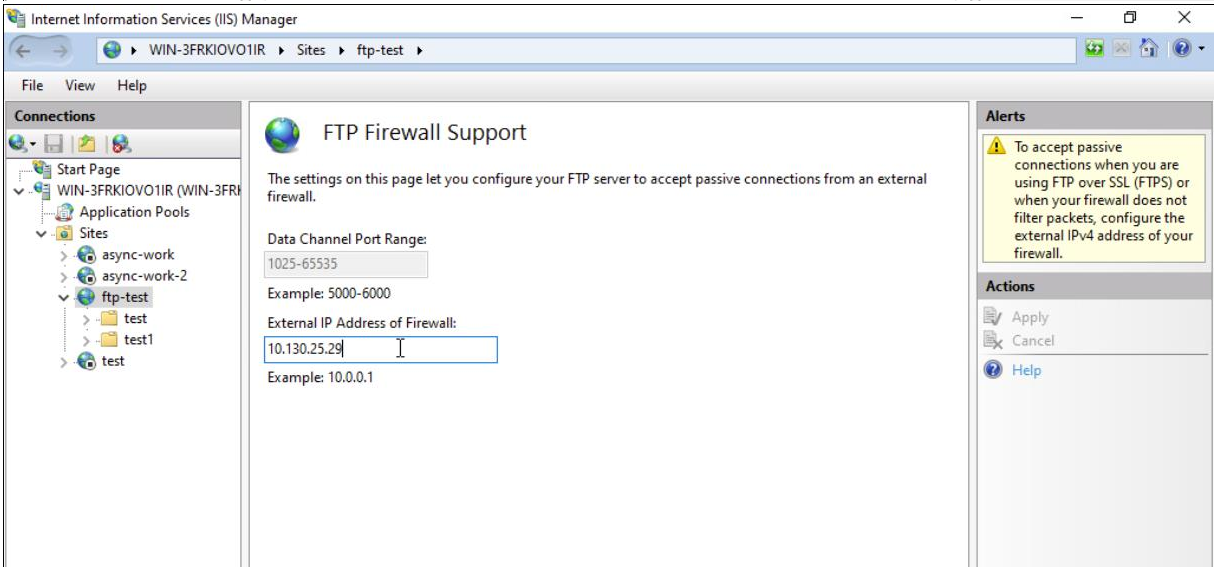


Let's define the port range so that everything can work

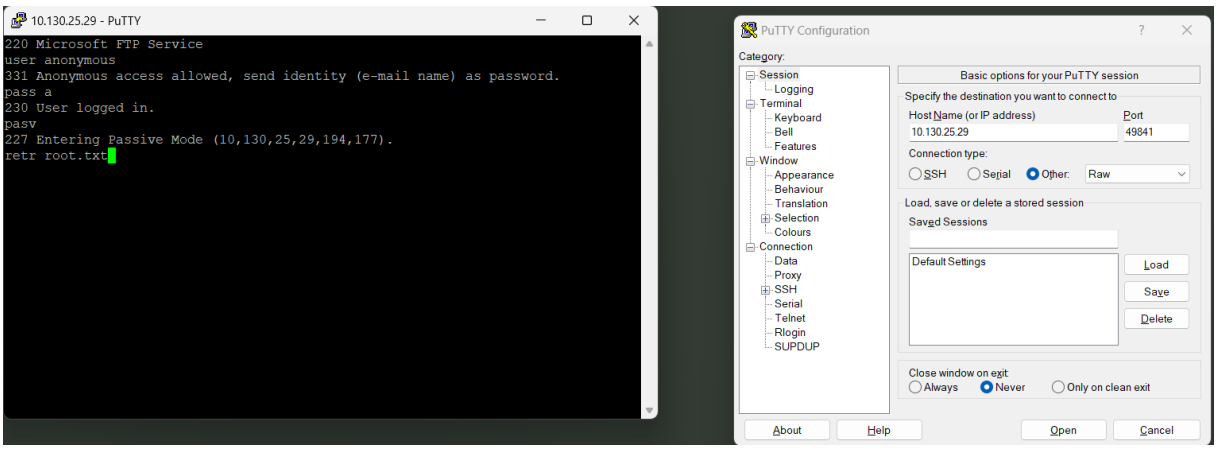


And let's configure the site's firewall with the IP address of the FTP server.

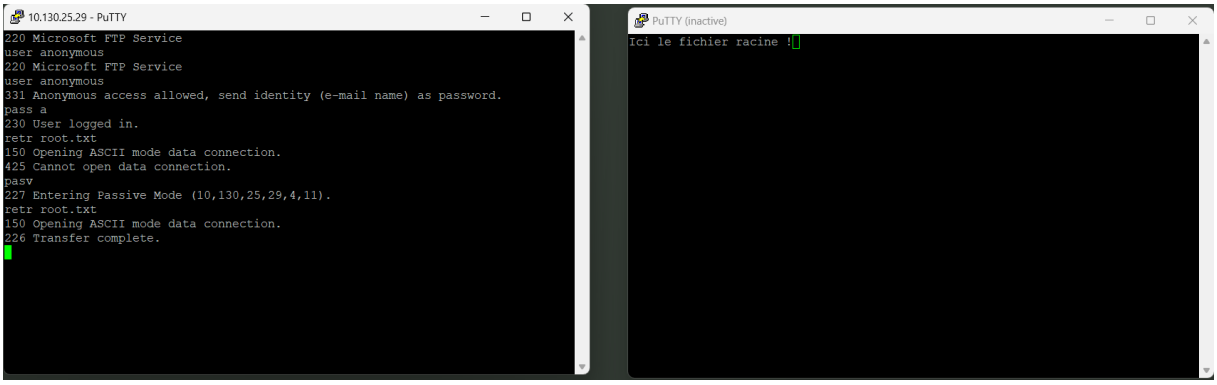




We can then enter passive mode and do the port calculation to open a second session as follows and download the file in CLI mode.

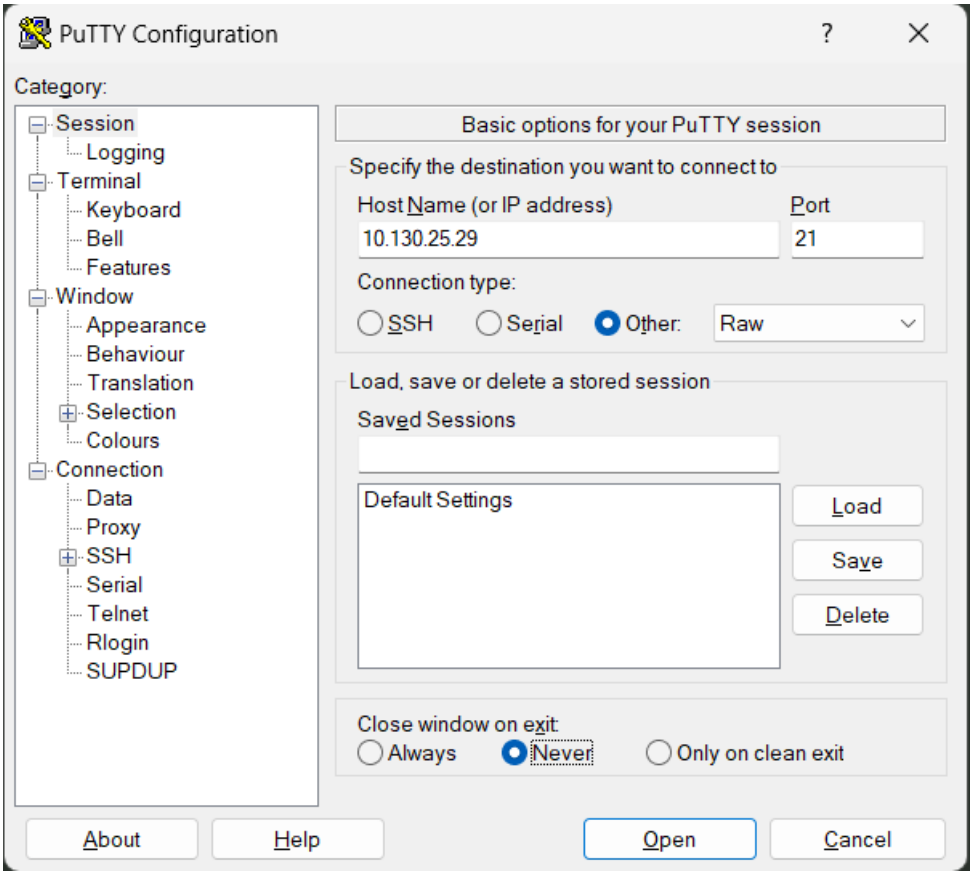
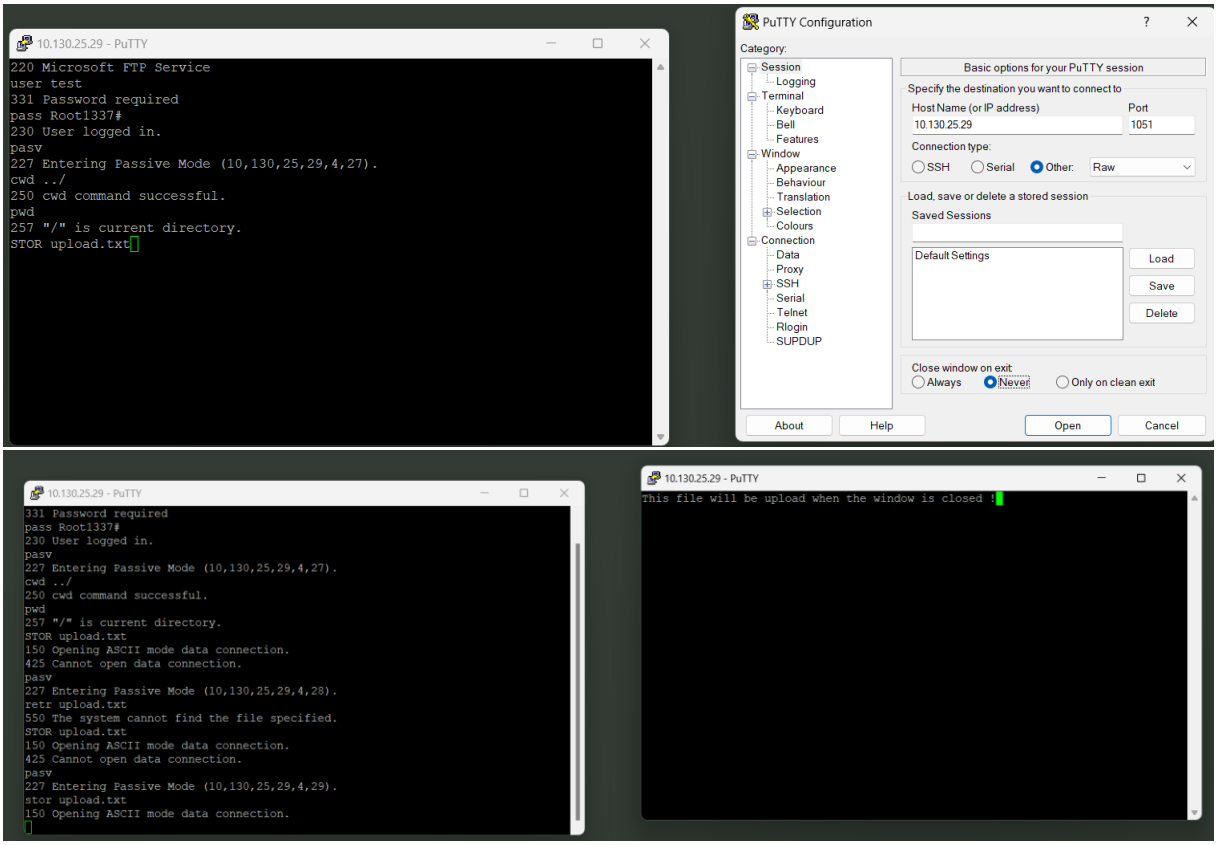


Everything is working fine, we can read the contents of the file from the FTP server in the right-hand window.



Upload a file

To upload the file we need to log in with a user who has write access, i.e. the "test" account.



We can proceed in the same way as above with the download.