

**F-RESPONSE WITH MICROSOFT
IPSEC
CONFIGURATION MANUAL**



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Welcome to F-Response

Thank you for purchasing F-Response. You have now extended the capabilities of your existing arsenal of tools to enable them to work over an IP network. F-Response accomplishes this through the use of a Patent Pending process; a part of which includes leveraging the Internet Small Computer Systems Interface (iSCSI) protocol standard as defined in RFC 3720 (<http://www.ietf.org/rfc/rfc3720.txt>).

Terminology

The iSCSI terms “Target” and “Initiator” are used throughout this manual. The choice of “initiator” and “target” verbiage in the iSCSI definitions may prove confusing to forensics practitioners because “target” carries a different definition in the field of computer forensics versus iSCSI. In computer forensics, the system to be analyzed is generally referred to as the “subject” system, whereas the system to which forensically sound data is collected is generally referred to as the “target” system. In this manual, the forensic “subject” is an iSCSI “target”, i.e. F-Response Target code is executed on the machine to be analyzed. For this reason, we want to make clear that the use of the word “target” in this manual refers to the iSCSI definition, and not the forensics definition. The definitions for Target and Initiator used in this manual are as follows:

Target

F-Response Target code is to be executed on the machine(s) to be analyzed. All references to “target” in this manual refer to the machine(s) being analyzed using F-Response target code.

Initiator

An iSCSI “initiator” is used to establish network connections to machines running F-Response Target code. iSCSI initiator software must be installed on the machine from which analysis is to be conducted over the network. F-Response Target code has been tested with Microsoft iSCSI Initiator 2.0 software, included by default with newer Windows operating systems, and freely available for download from the Microsoft web site.

About F-Response Enterprise Edition

F-Response Enterprise Edition¹ is our premium software offering, and permits use of the entire F-Response software suite, including F-Response Enterprise Edition (“EE”) Target Code, F-Response Consultant Edition (“CE”) Target code, or F-Response Field Kit (“FK”) Target code, depending upon your immediate need. In any case, it utilizes a single stand alone executable (“exe”) file, which represents the F-Response Target code. It requires no additional libraries or system updates and is capable of providing remote forensically sound read only physical hard drive connectivity on the following platforms:

- Windows 2000 (Professional, Server, Advanced Server)
- Windows XP (Home, Professional)
- Windows 2003 Server
- Windows Vista (Basic, Home, Business, Premium, Ultimate)
- Windows 2008 (GUI & CLI Versions)

¹ F-Response Enterprise Edition is available at www.f-response.com.

In order to use F-Response Enterprise Edition you will require the following:

1. A valid F-Response License key FOB ("F-Response FOB") which can be purchased from the F-Response Web site www.F-Response.com
2. A copy of the latest F-Response Enterprise Edition ("EE") installation package which is freely available from the F-Response Web site (one-time user registration is required); or a copy of the latest F-Response Consultant Edition ("CE") Target code will be required if you desire to operate in Consultant Edition mode; or a copy of the latest F-Response Field Kit ("FK") Target code will be required if you desire to operate in Field Kit mode.
3. Microsoft iSCSI initiator software, included by default with Windows Vista and Server 2008 operating systems, and freely available for download from the Microsoft web site.

Note: The Microsoft iSCSI Software Initiator is available as a free download from <http://www.microsoft.com/downloads> for the following operating systems:

- Microsoft Windows 2000
- Microsoft Windows Server 2003
- Microsoft Windows XP

This version should not be installed on the following operating systems:

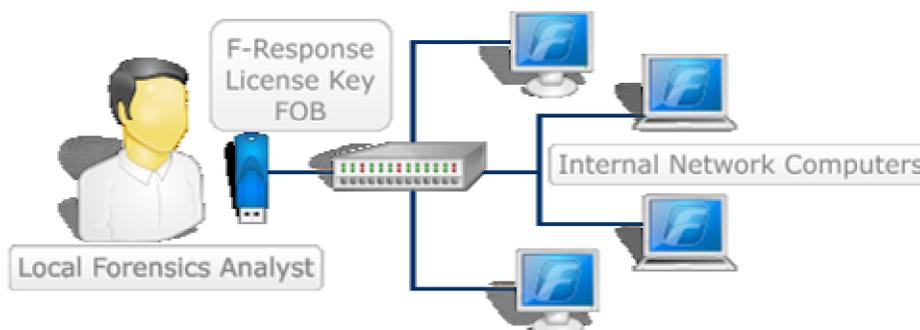
- Windows Vista
- Windows Server 2008

The Microsoft iSCSI Software initiator is integrated into both Windows Vista and Windows Server 2008; therefore there is no need to install this package on those operating system versions.

The Microsoft iSCSI Software initiator configuration utility on Windows Vista and Windows Server 2008 can be accessed from the control panel in classic mode or from administrative tools in Windows Server 2008.

(Source: [Microsoft iSCSI Software Initiator 2.x User Guide](#), Nov 2007)

The diagram below shows a high level architecture for the F-Response Enterprise tool. The F-Response FOB is located at the analysis machine, and the F-Response Target code may be running on any number of corporate networked computers. A command line version of the F-Response Target code may be pre-installed on any number of corporate networked computers so that it is pre-configured and ready for analysis when the need arises. A GUI version of the F-Response Target code is also available for ad hoc use. The Local Forensics Analyst(s) could work remotely if the F-Response FOB is located on a dedicated machine in the enterprise to which they securely (e.g. VPN) connect from remote.

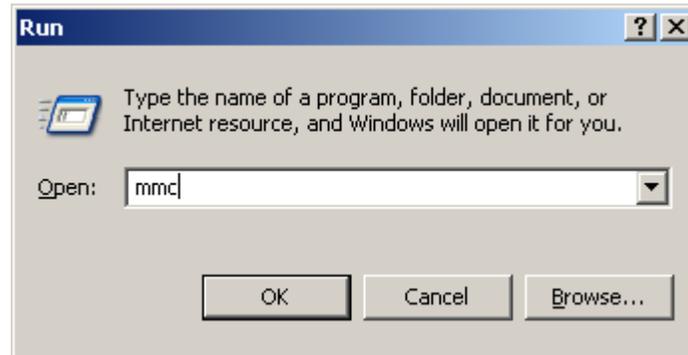


F-Response Enterprise High Level Architecture

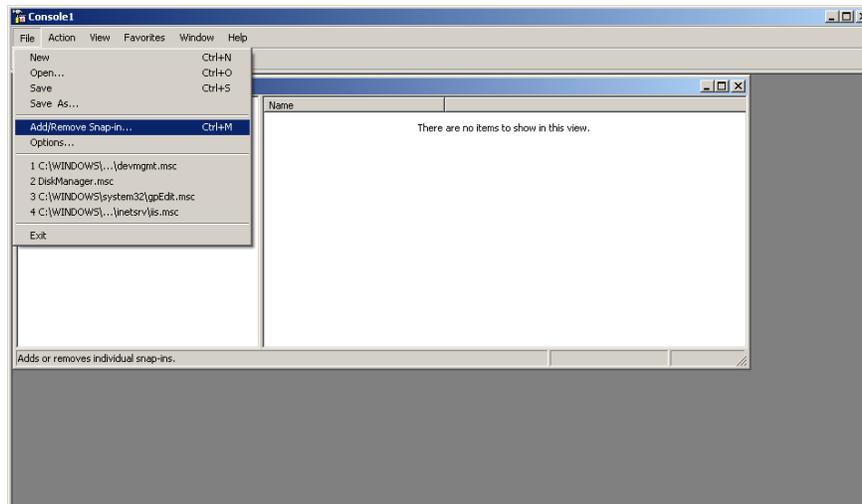
F-Response Enterprise Edition and Microsoft IPSEC

This document outlines the procedure required to create Microsoft IPSEC policies for use with F-Response. While the document makes frequent mention of F-Response Enterprise, the Microsoft IPSEC Policies developed using this document would apply to any and all F-Response TCP network traffic on port 3260.

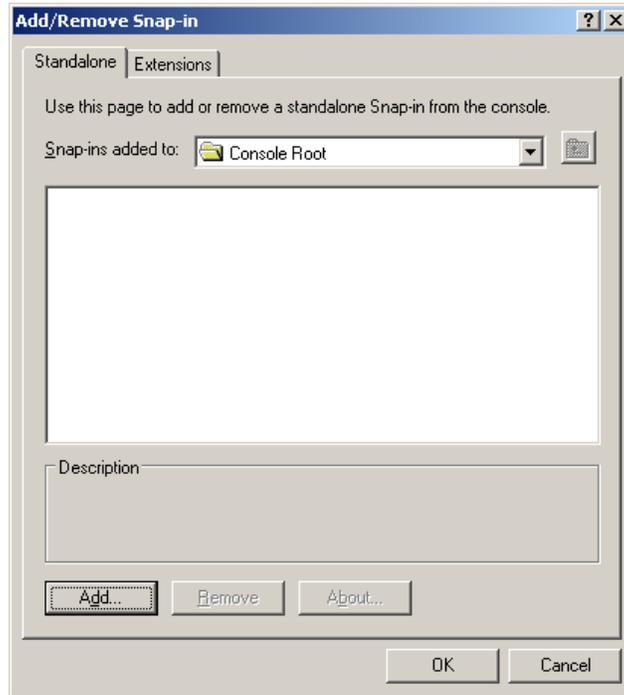
Configuring an Microsoft IPSEC Policy for the Initiator Workstation



Start by accessing the Microsoft Management Console or MMC.



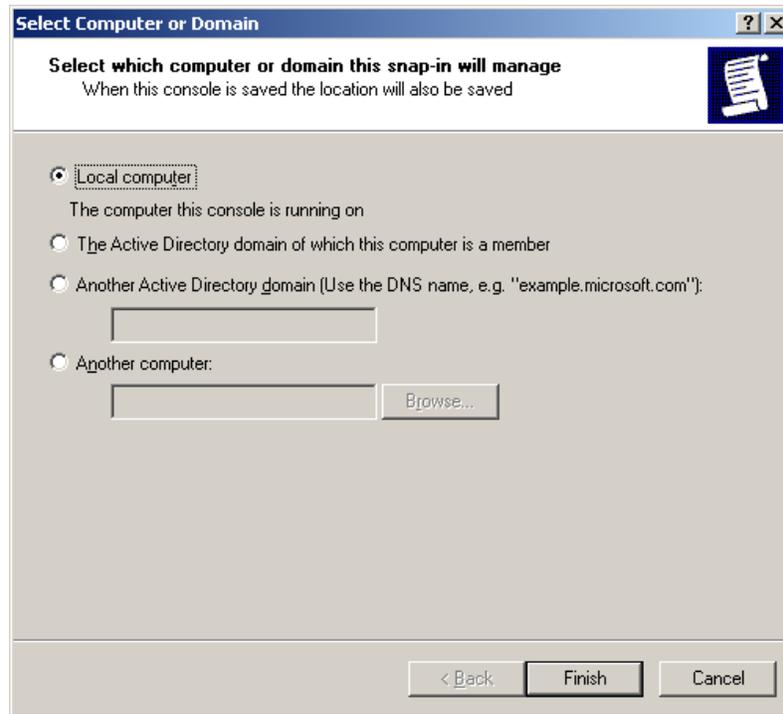
Next select File Add/Remove Snap-In..



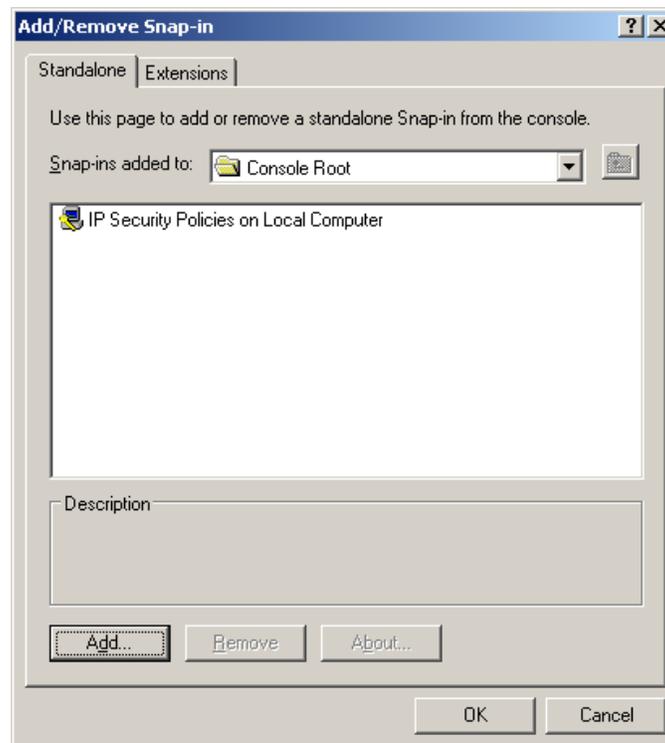
Press the Add.. button to select a Standalone Snap-in



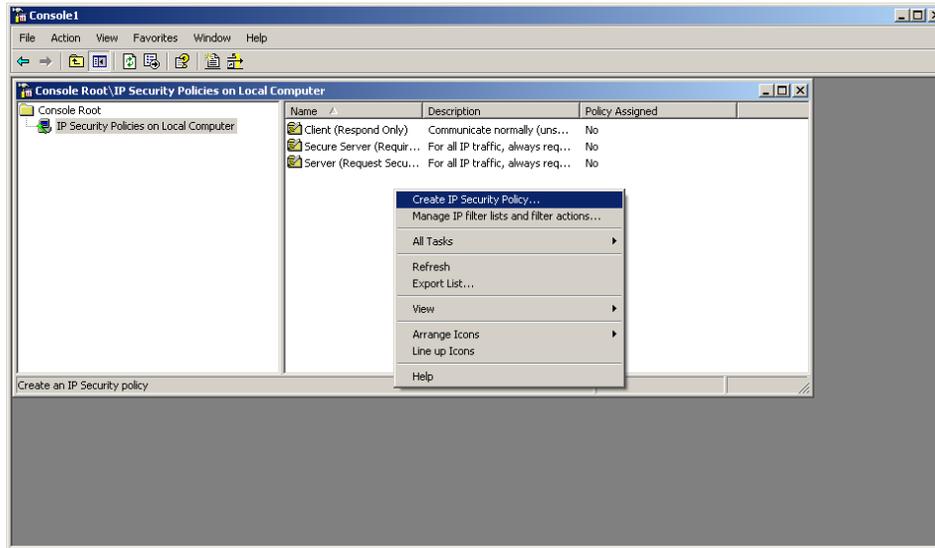
Select the IP Security Policy Management Snap-in.



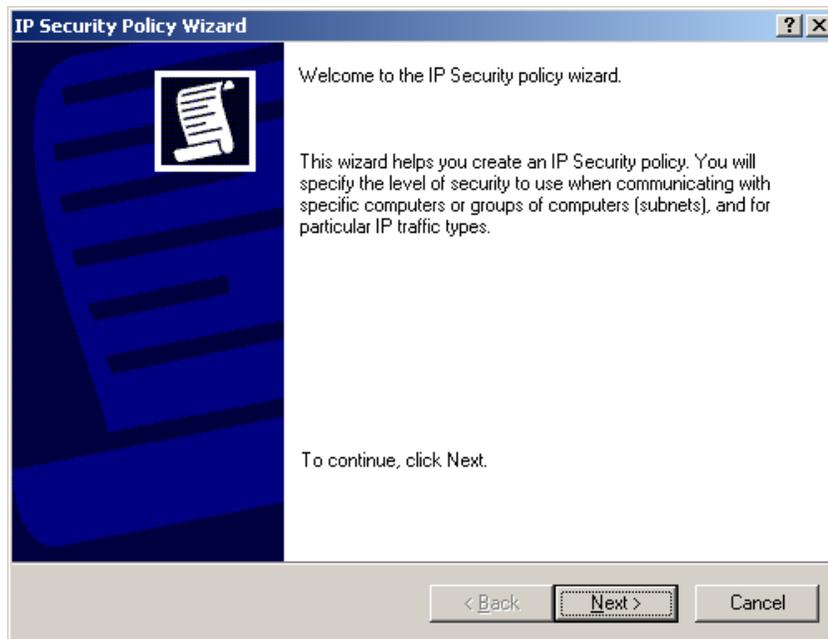
Select the computer this Snap-in will manage, in this instance it will be the local computer.



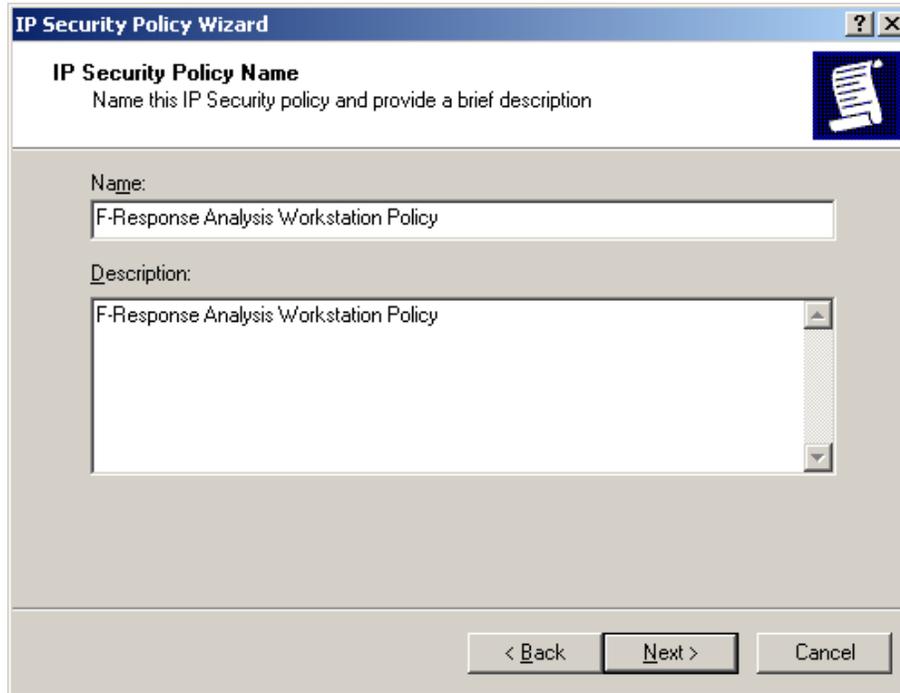
Press Ok to complete the add process and begin using the management console.



Next right click in the right side pane and select “Create IP Security Policy”



The Microsoft IPSEC Security Policy Wizard will start, press Next to continue.



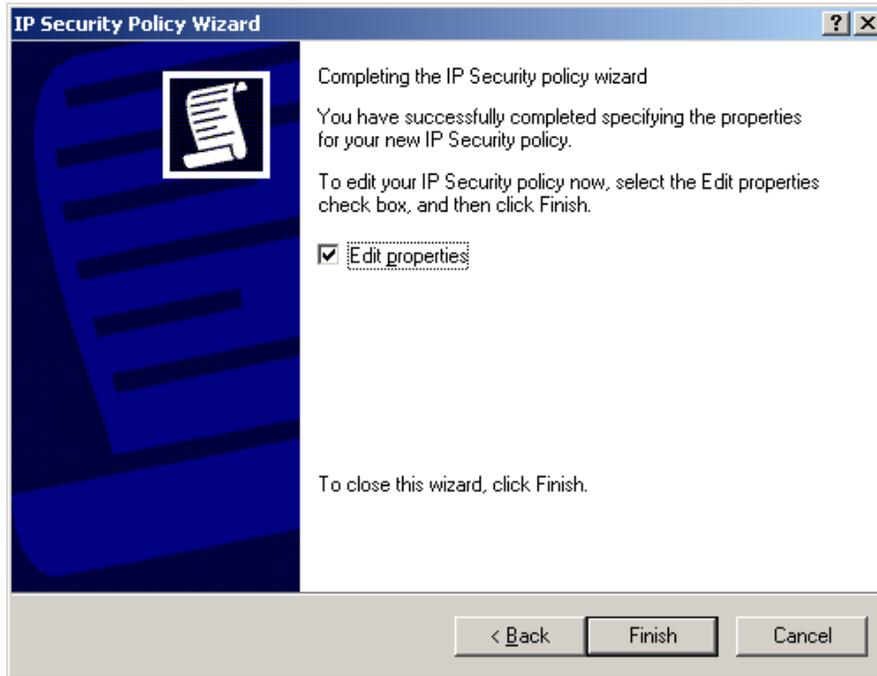
The screenshot shows the 'IP Security Policy Wizard' dialog box. The title bar reads 'IP Security Policy Wizard'. The main heading is 'IP Security Policy Name' with a sub-instruction: 'Name this IP Security policy and provide a brief description'. There are two input fields: 'Name:' containing 'F-Response Analysis Workstation Policy' and 'Description:' containing 'F-Response Analysis Workstation Policy'. At the bottom, there are three buttons: '< Back', 'Next >', and 'Cancel'.

Create a new for the new IPSEC policy, since this policy will apply to our analysis workstations we will label this policy accordingly.

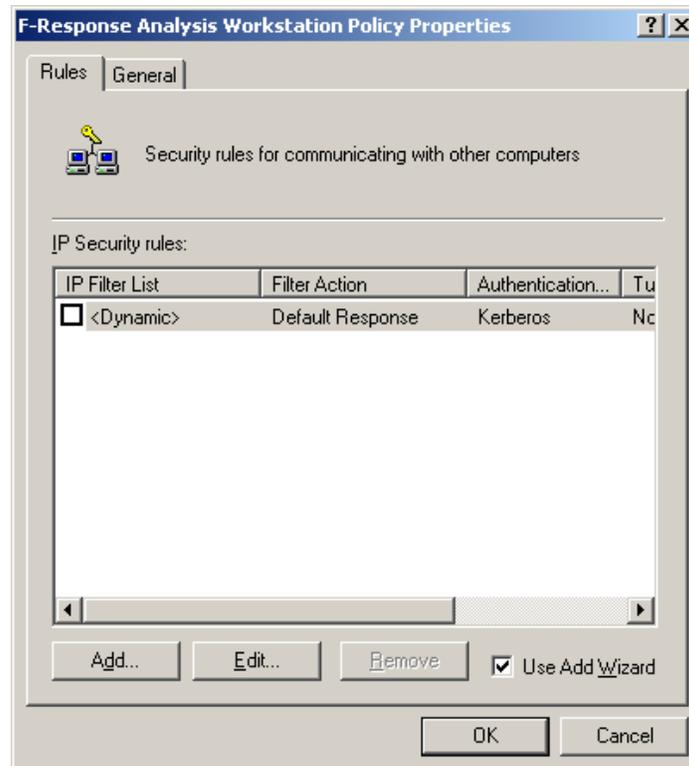


The screenshot shows the 'IP Security Policy Wizard' dialog box at the 'Requests for Secure Communication' step. The title bar reads 'IP Security Policy Wizard'. The main heading is 'Requests for Secure Communication' with a sub-instruction: 'Specify how this policy responds to requests for secure communication.' Below this, there is explanatory text: 'The default response rule responds to remote computers that request security, when no other rule applies. To communicate securely, the computer must respond to requests for secure communication.' There is a checkbox labeled 'Activate the default response rule.' which is currently unchecked. At the bottom, there are three buttons: '< Back', 'Next >', and 'Cancel'.

Uncheck the option for "Activate the default response rule" and press Next.



Leave the “Edit properties” checked and press Finish.



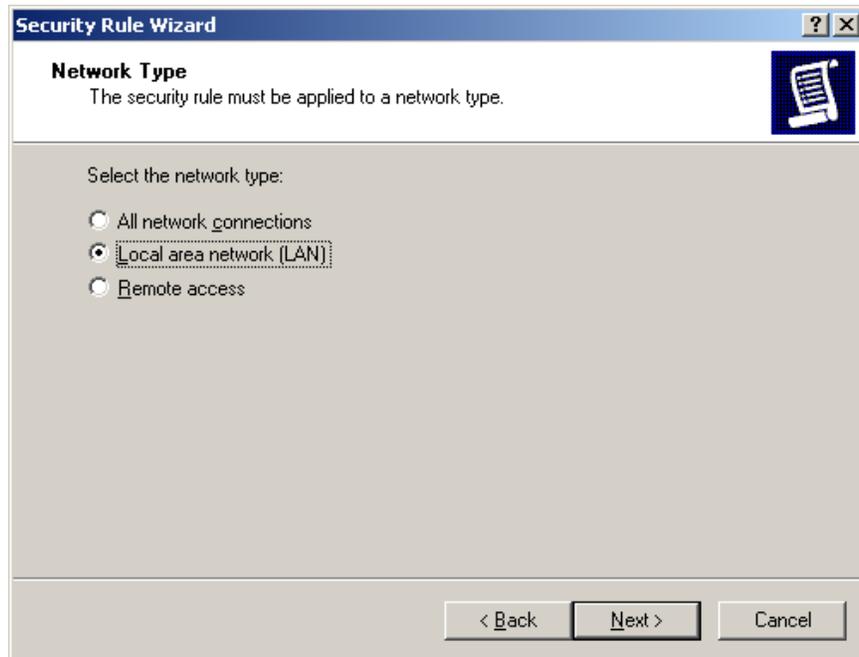
Now we must add a IP Security Rule, press the “Add...” button.



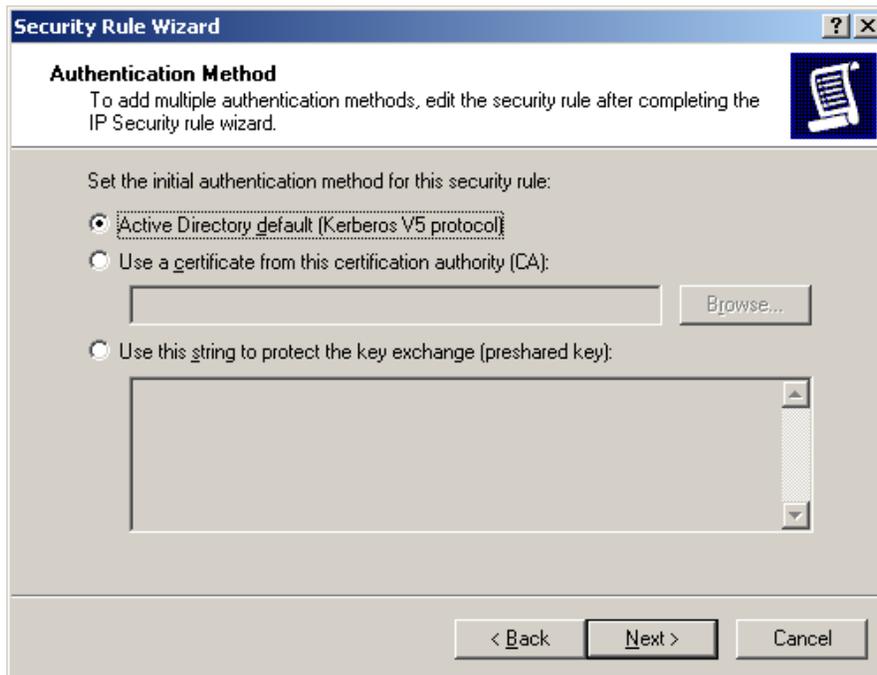
Press Next to continue the IP Security Rule Wizard.



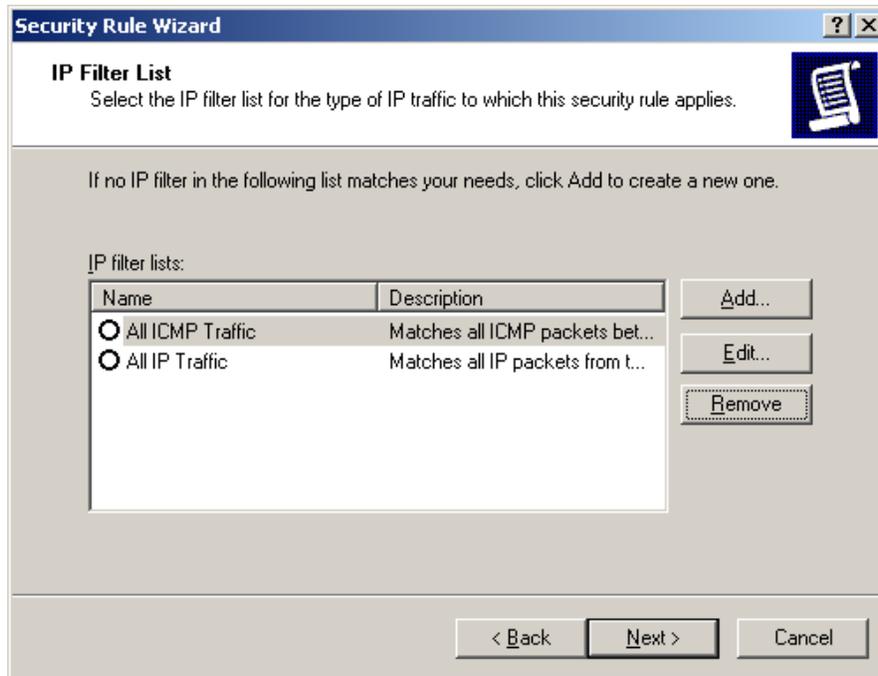
Leave the "This rule does not specify a tunnel" checked.



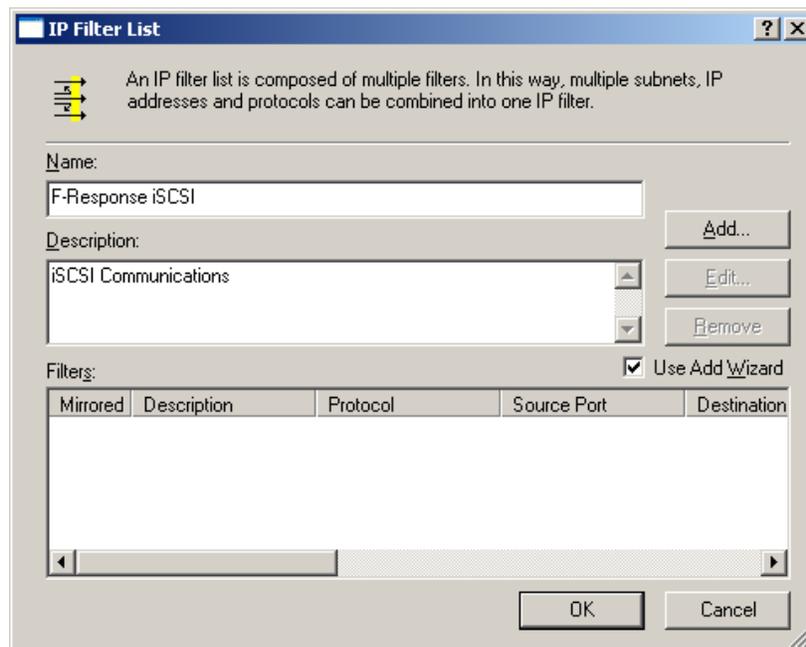
Select the option for “Local area network (LAN)”.



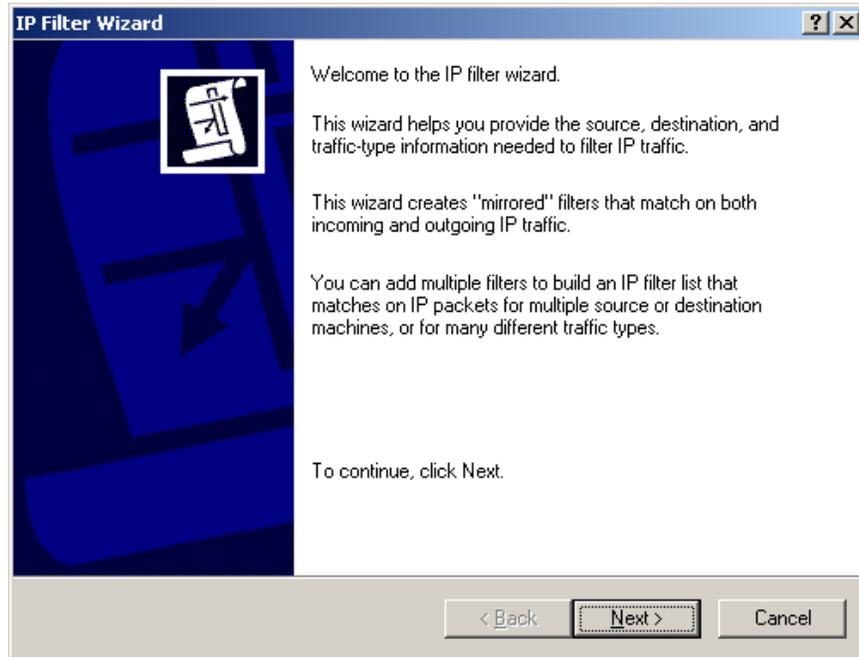
If this is a Microsoft AD environment use the “Active Directory default”.



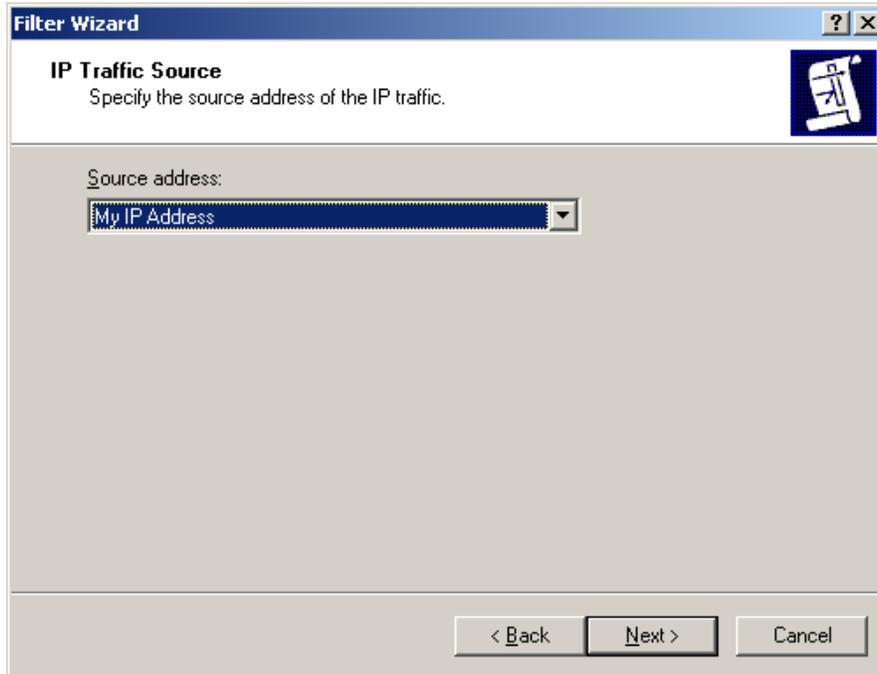
Next we must add an IP Filter List item, select Add...



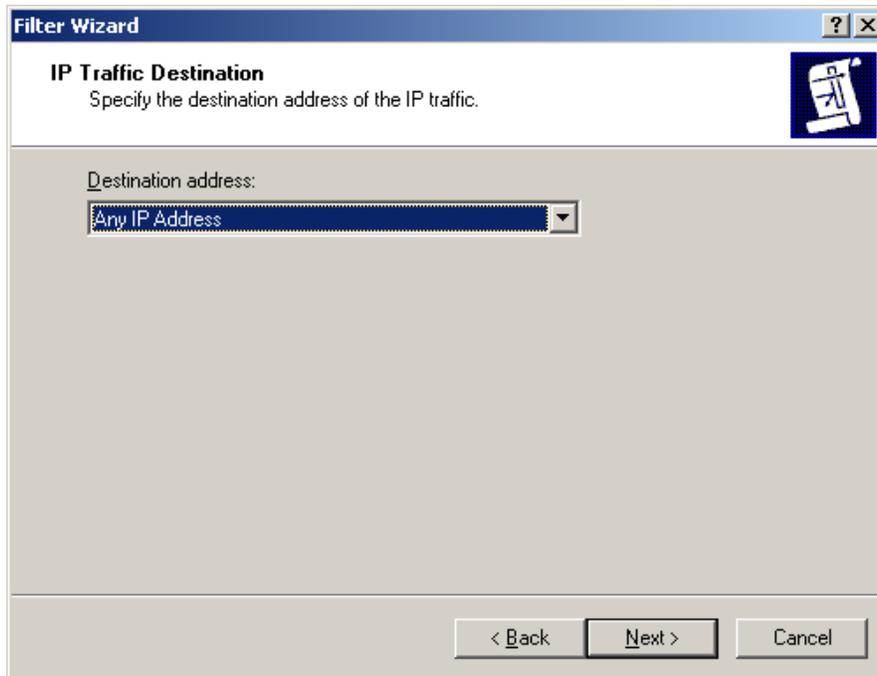
Create a name for our IP Filter List, in this case we have labeled it "F-Response iSCSI". Next press "Add..." to start the IP Filter Wizard.



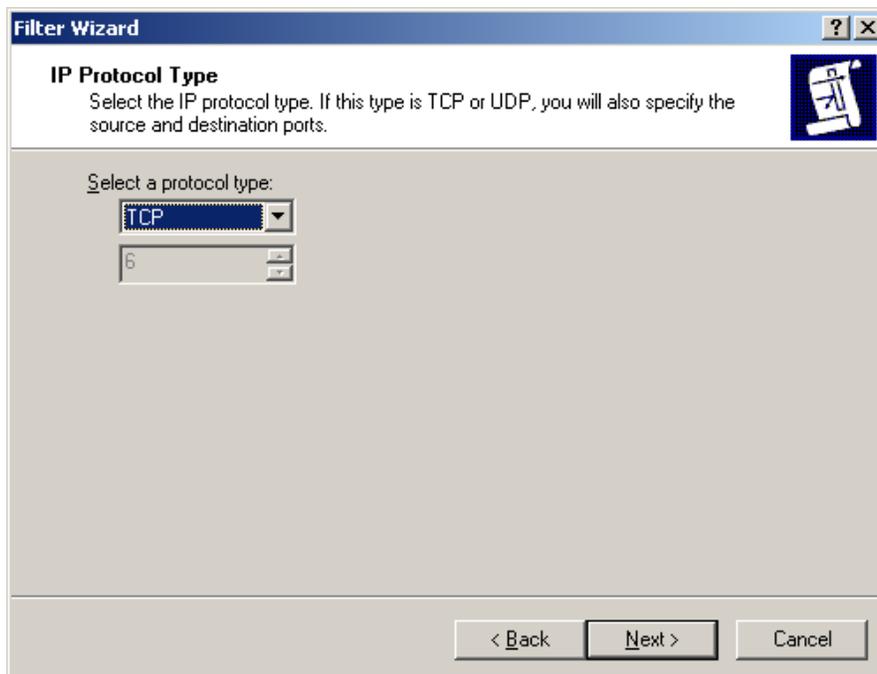
Press Next to continue.



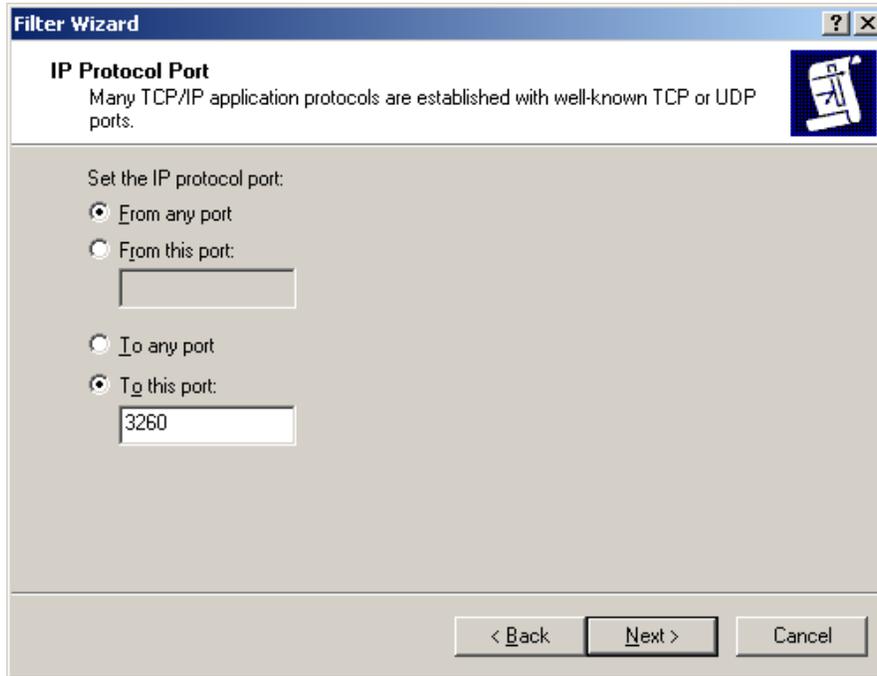
Set the Source address to "My IP Address".



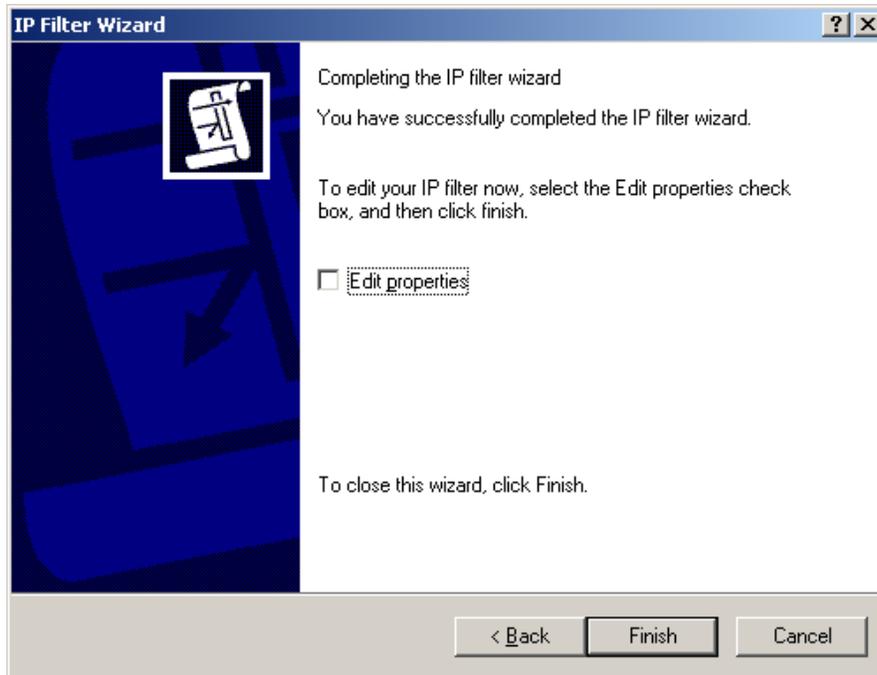
Since the IP Address of the destination could be any machine in your environment we will want to set the Destination address to “Any IP Address”.



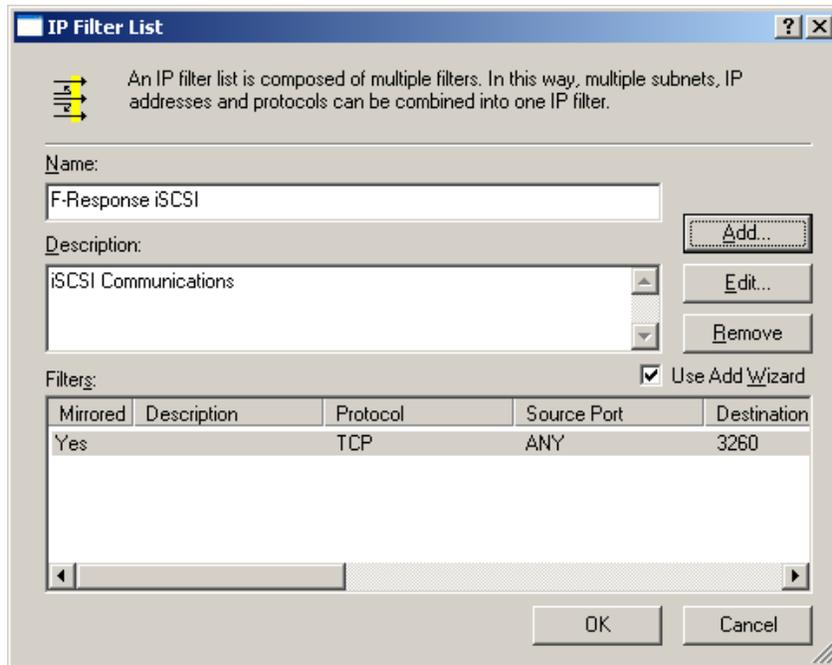
Select the protocol type as TCP.



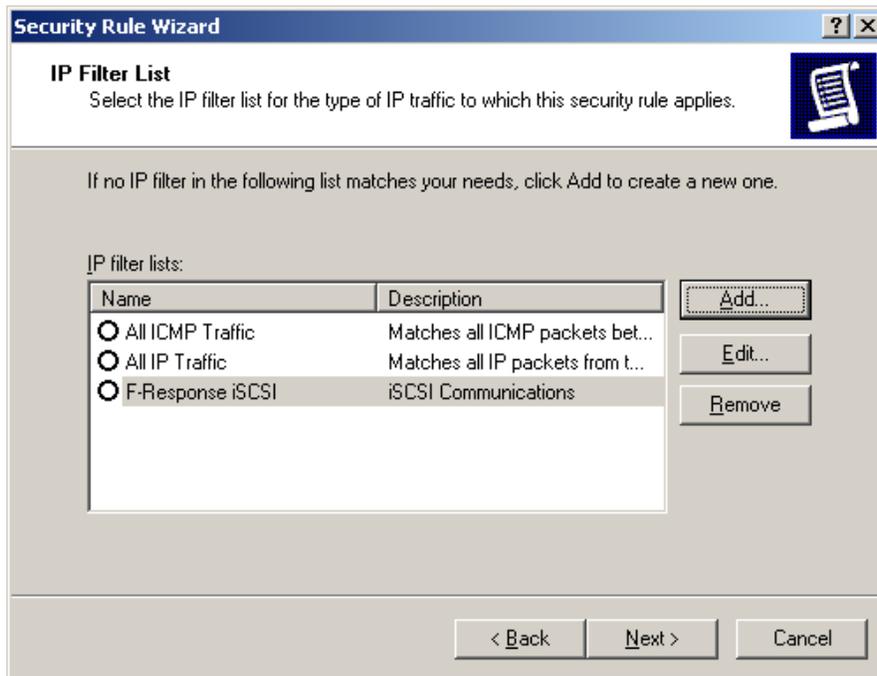
Set the IP Protocol Port to “From any port” and “To this port” enter in the value for the F-Response Enterprise client port, in this case we have used the default iSCSI port of 3260. Press Next to continue.



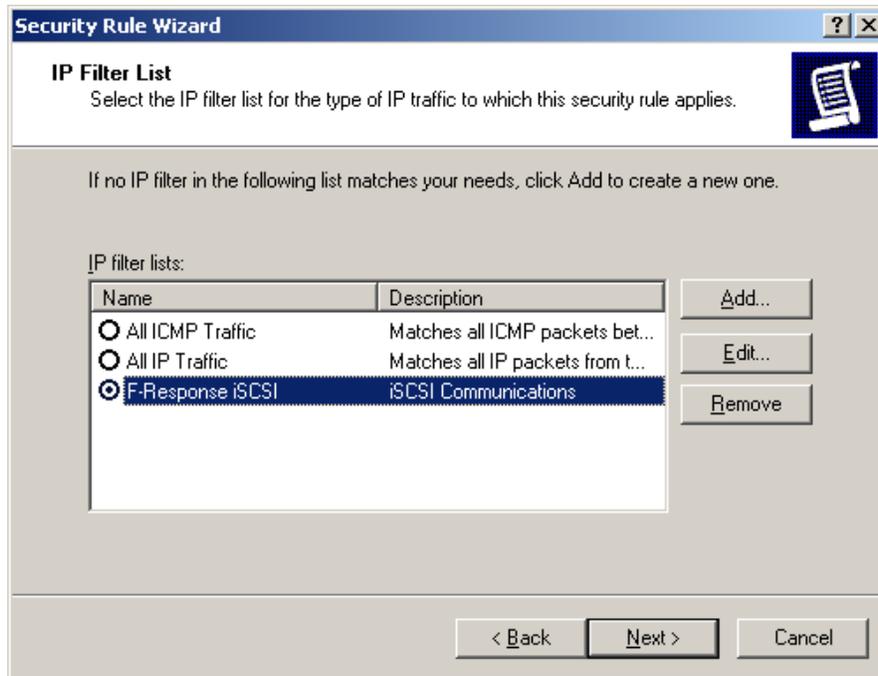
Press Finish to complete the IP Filter Wizard.



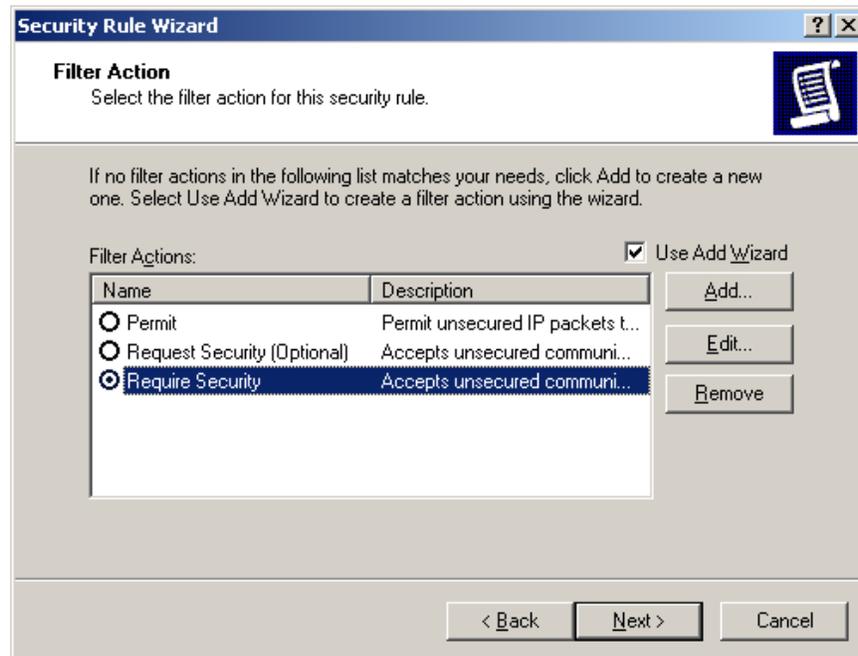
The IP Filter List will now show the newly created Filter. Press Ok to continue.



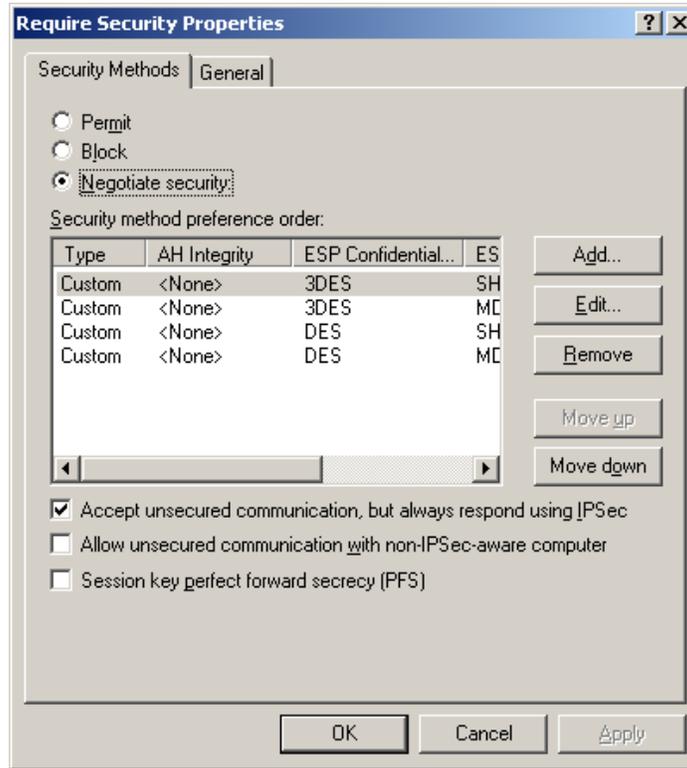
Now enable the F-Response iSCSI IP Filter by selecting the option next to the Name.



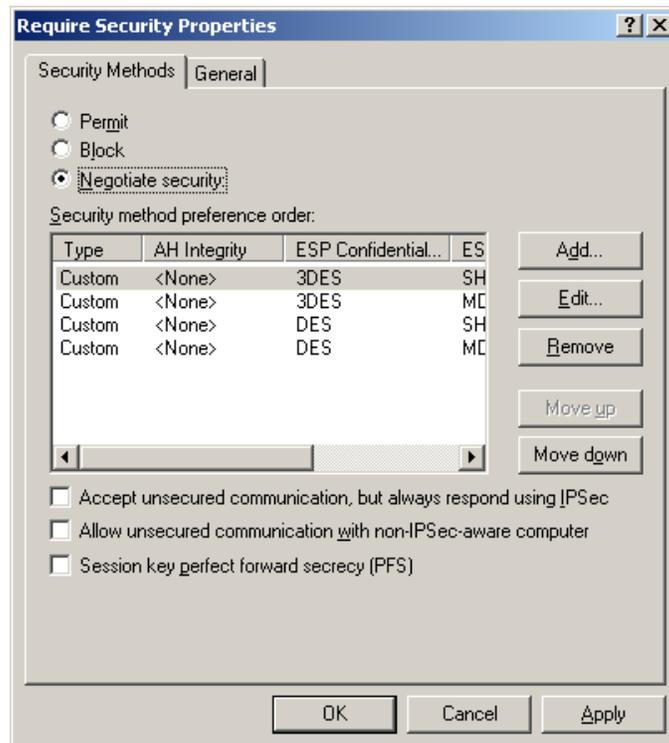
Press Next to continue.



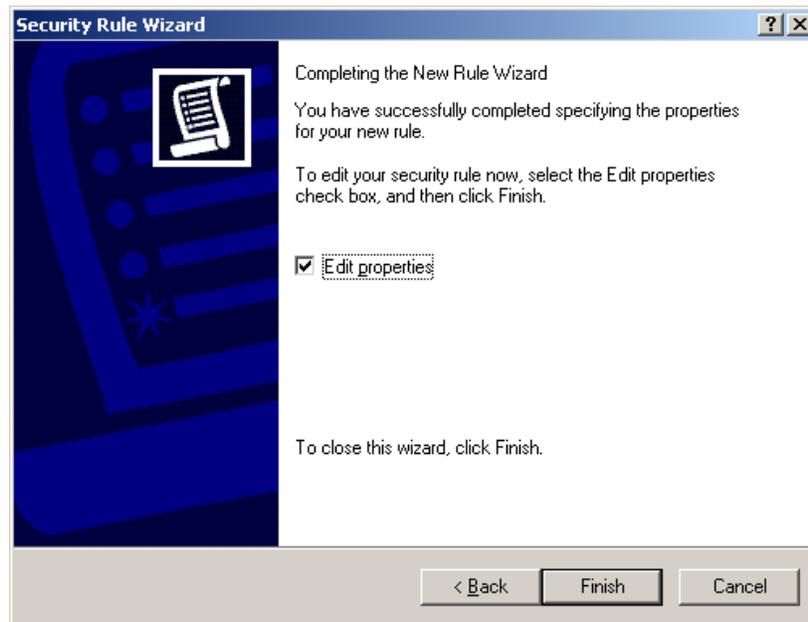
Select the option button next to "Require Security" and press Edit...



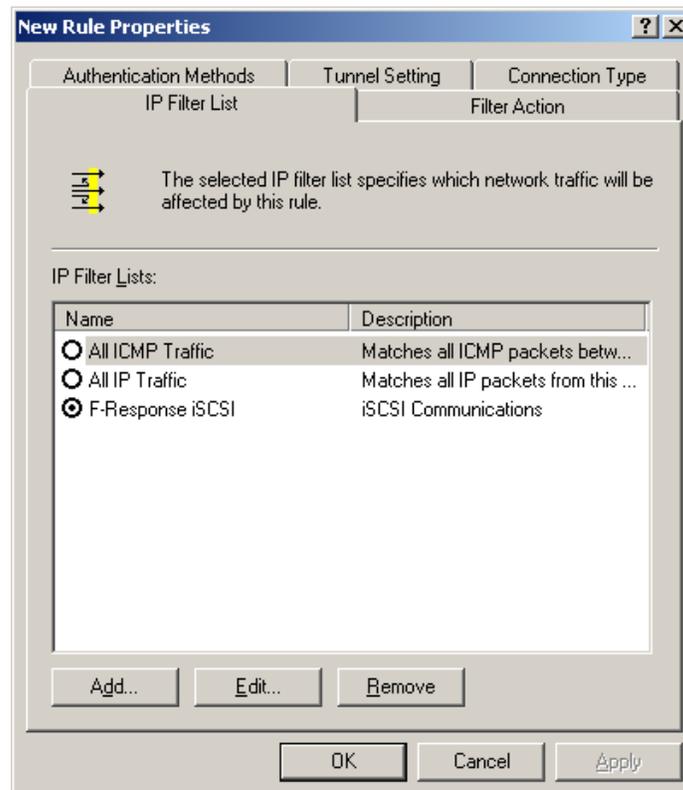
Remove the check box next to “Accept unsecured communication..”



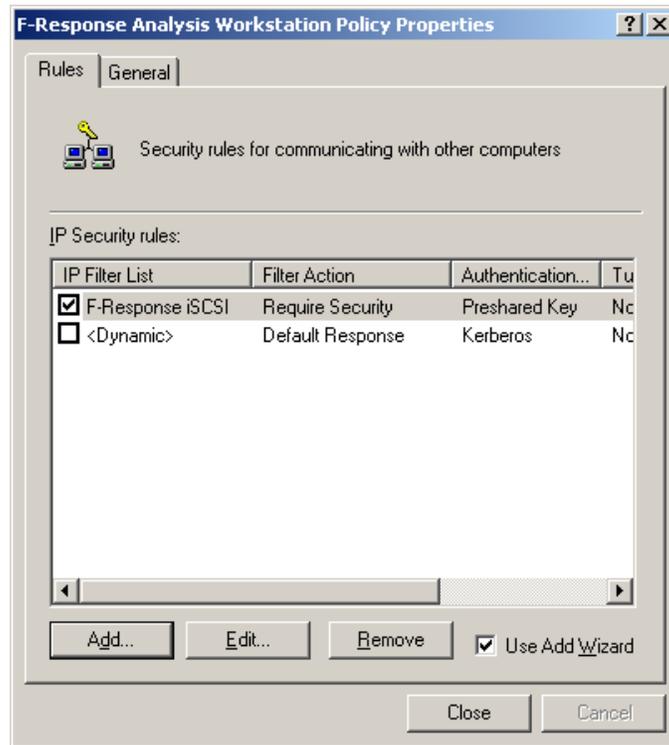
Press Ok to continue.



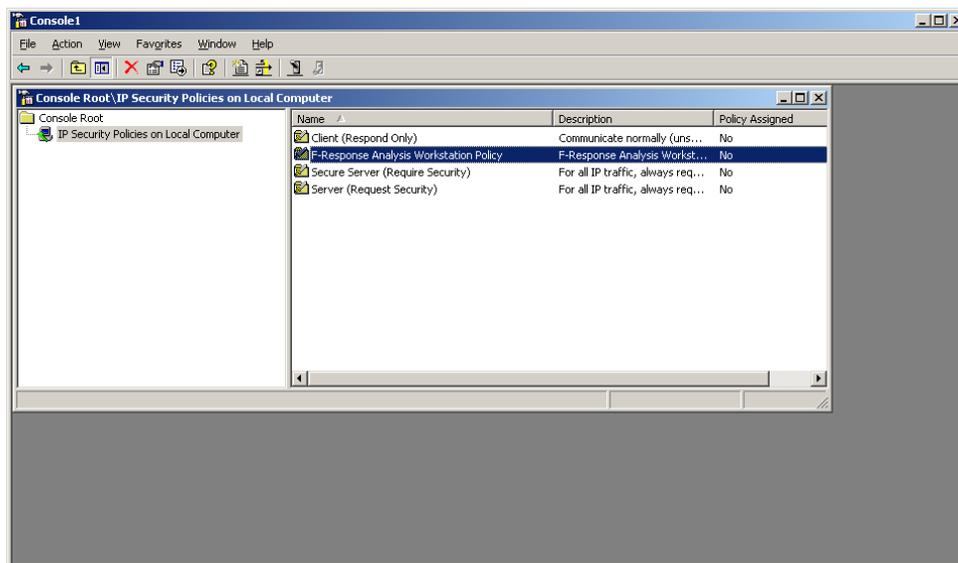
Press Finish to complete the Security Rule Wizard.



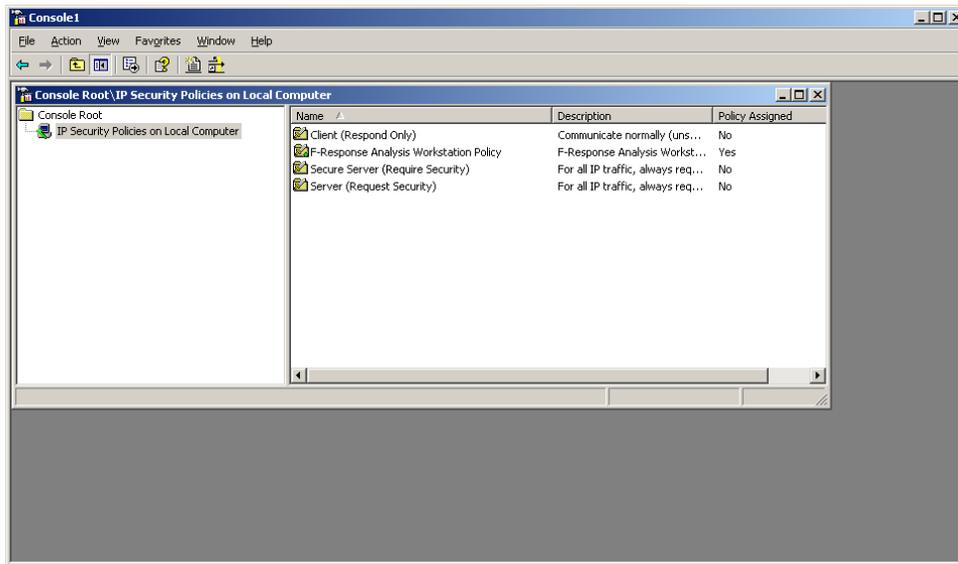
Press Ok to close the New Rule Properties window.



Confirm that the F-Response iSCSI IP Filter is checked in the F-Response Analysis Workstation Policy Properties and press Close.

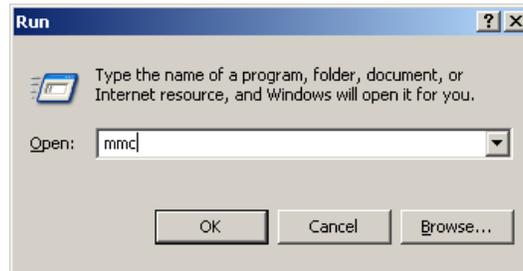


The policy should now be complete and listed in the IP Security Policies panel of the Microsoft Management Console window.

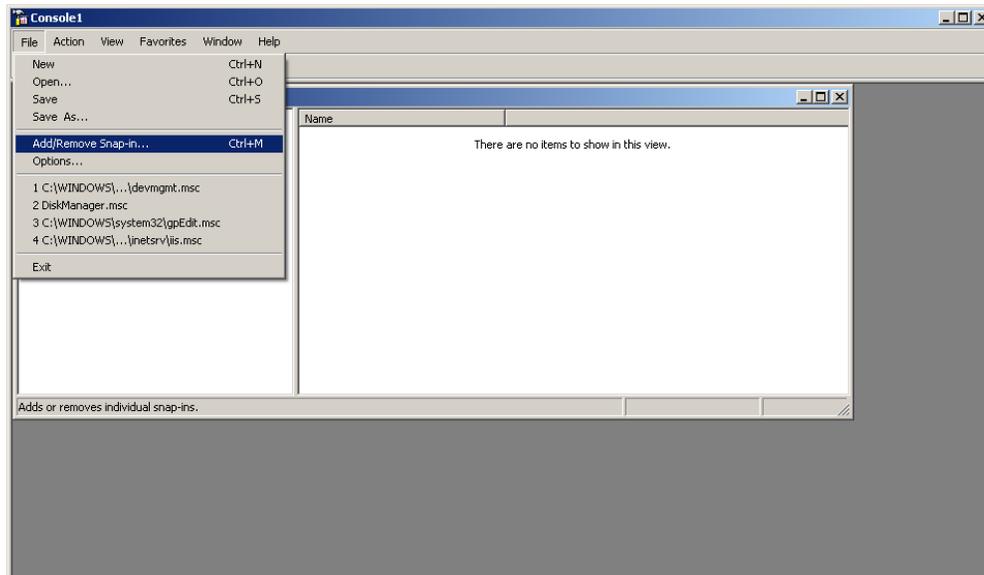


To enable the policy select it, right click and press "Assign".

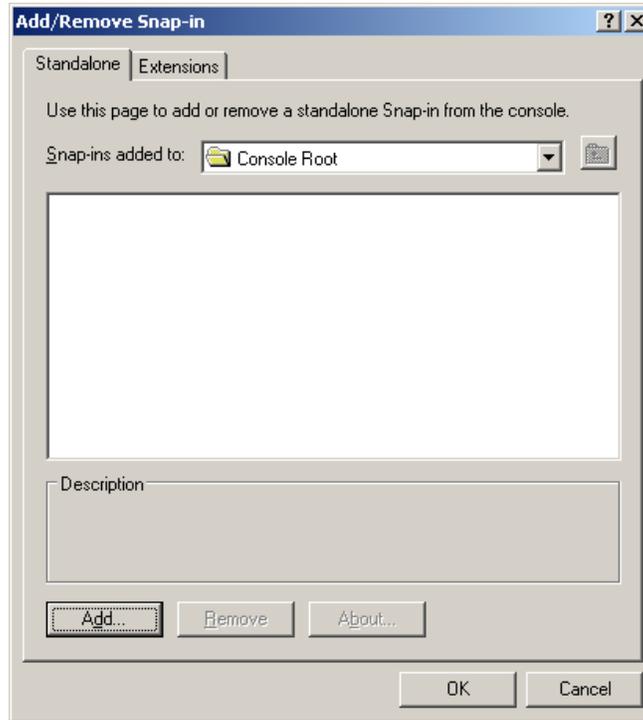
Configuring an Microsoft IPSEC Policy for the F-Response Enterprise Target Computers



Start by accessing the Microsoft Management Console or MMC.



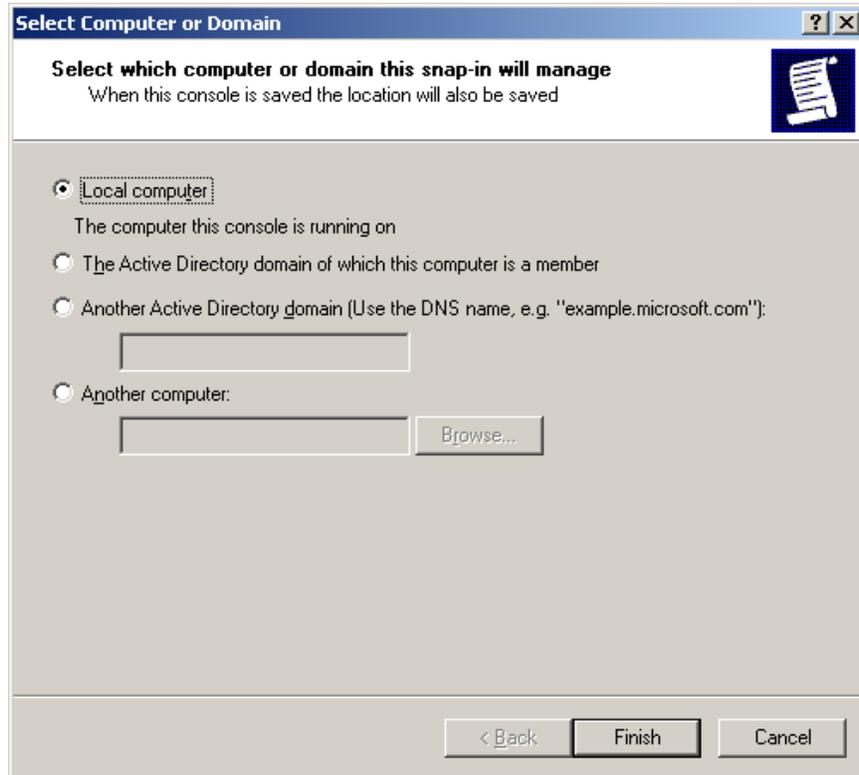
Next select File Add/Remove Snap-In..



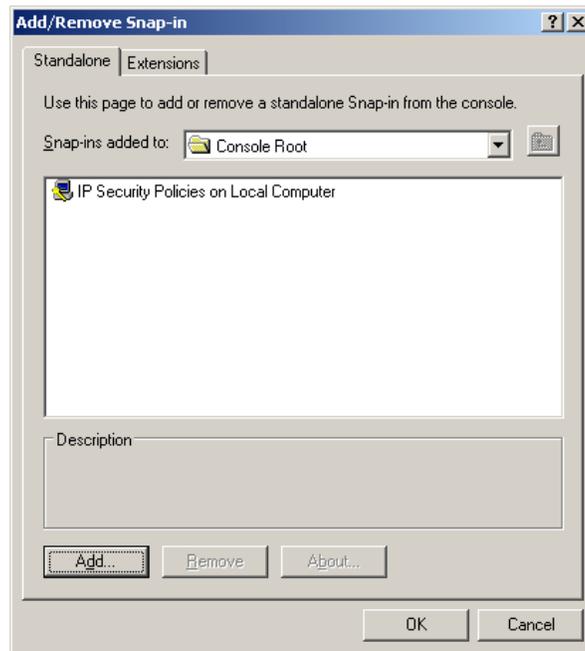
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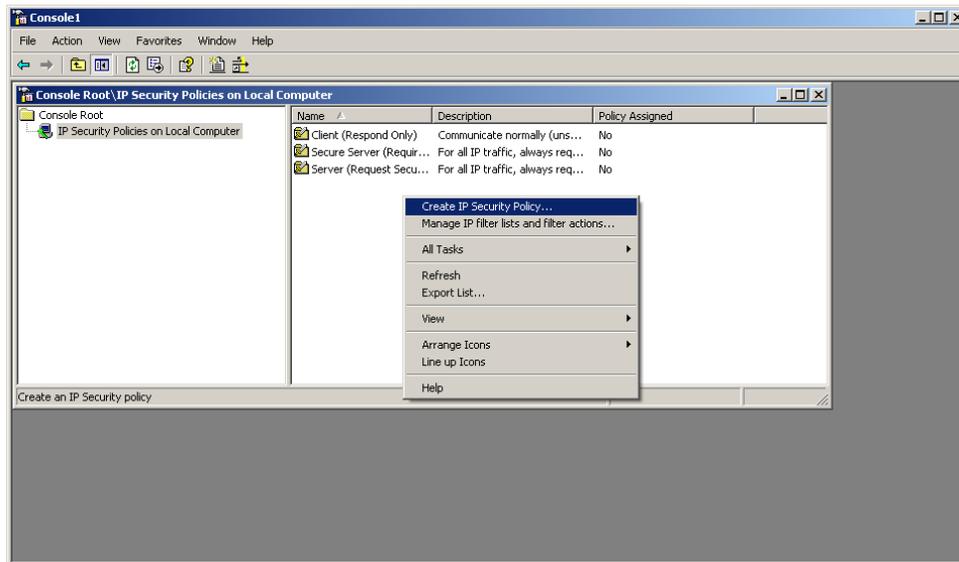
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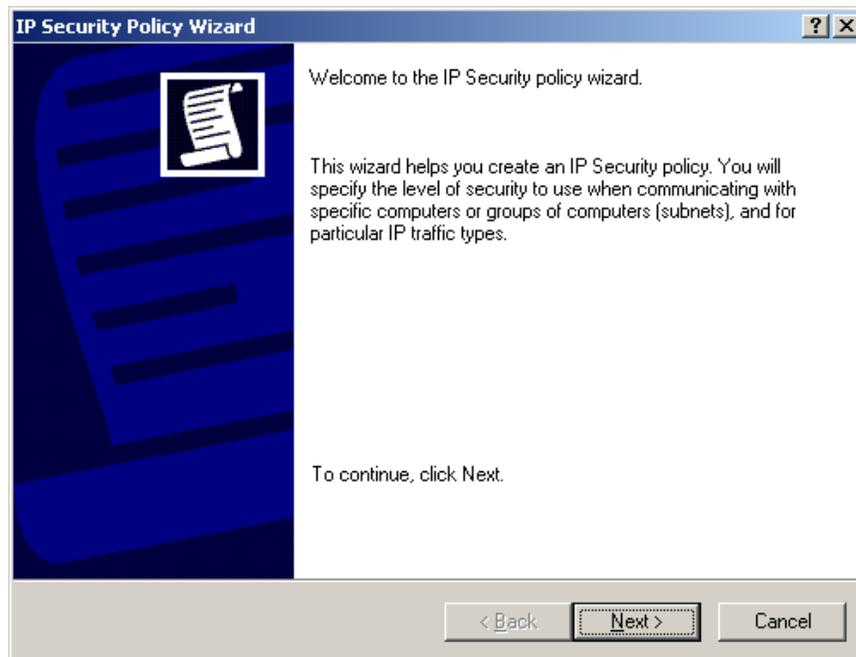
Select the computer this Snap-in will manage, in a Microsoft Active Directory environment this could be either a local or remotely managed computer.



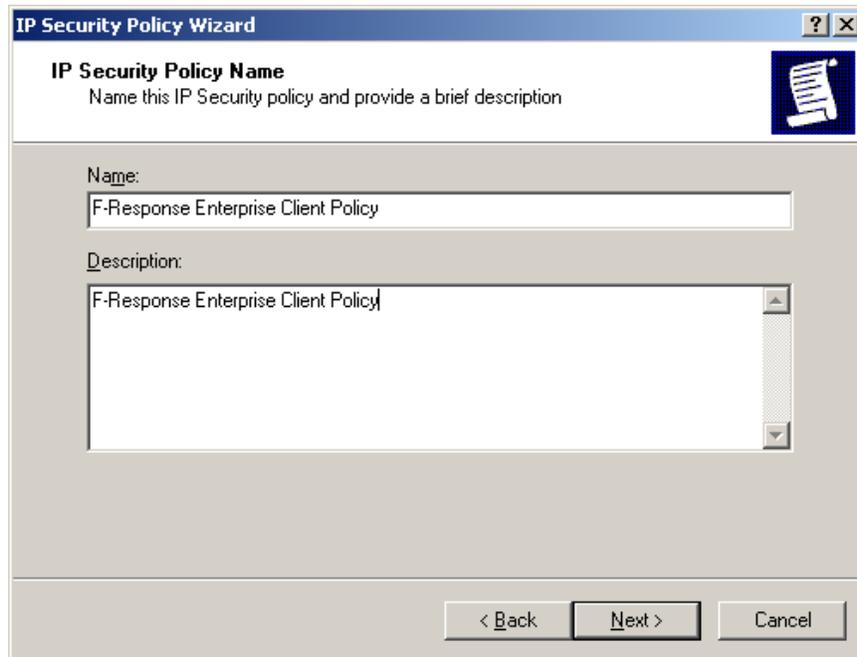
Press Ok to complete the add process and begin using the management console.



Next right click in the right side pane and select “Create IP Security Policy”

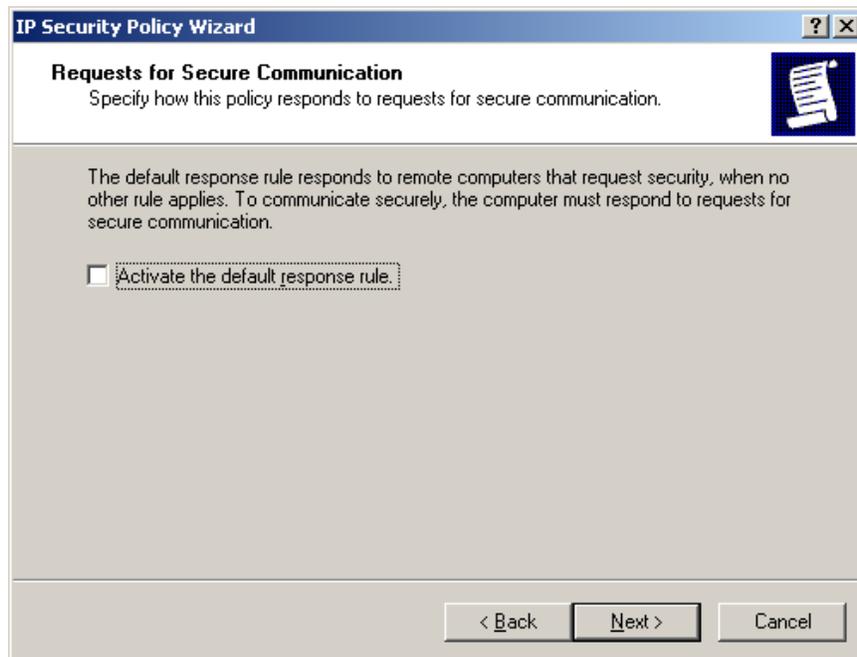


The Microsoft IPSEC Security Policy Wizard will start, press Next to continue.



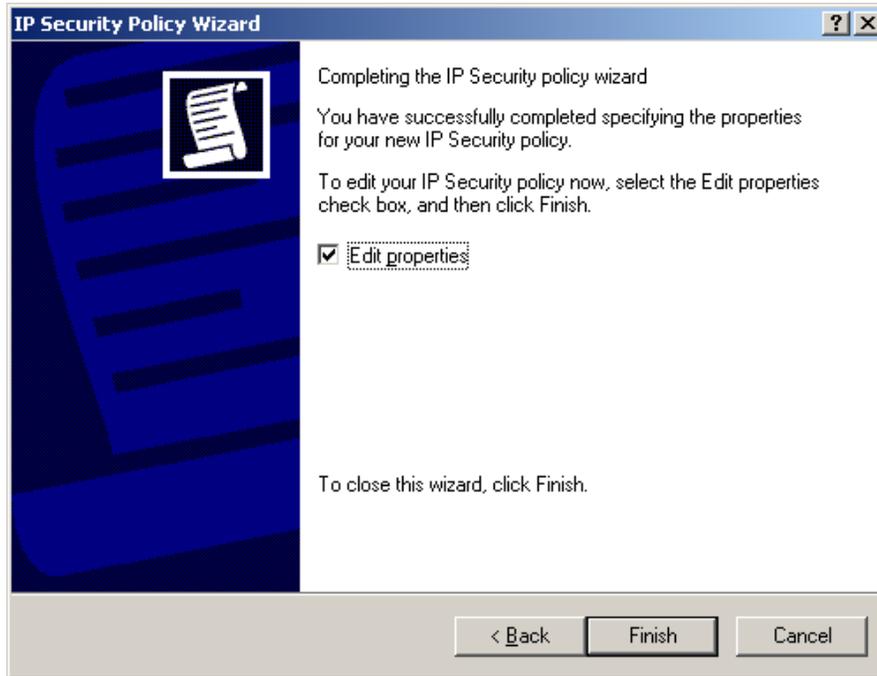
The screenshot shows the 'IP Security Policy Wizard' dialog box. The title bar reads 'IP Security Policy Wizard'. The main heading is 'IP Security Policy Name' with a sub-instruction: 'Name this IP Security policy and provide a brief description'. There is a 'Name:' label followed by a text box containing 'F-Response Enterprise Client Policy'. Below that is a 'Description:' label followed by a larger text box containing 'F-Response Enterprise Client Policy'. At the bottom right, there are three buttons: '< Back', 'Next >', and 'Cancel'.

Create a new for the new IPSEC policy, since this policy will apply to our client computers we will label this policy accordingly.

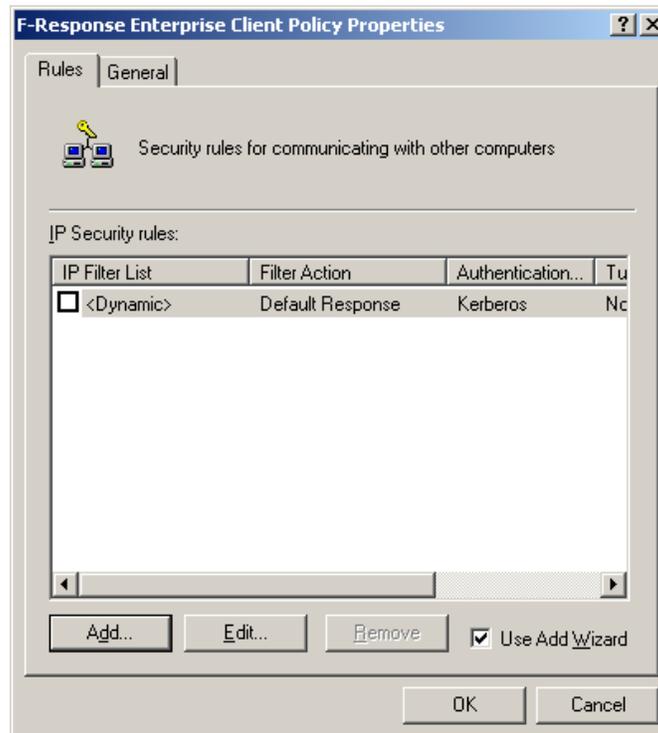


The screenshot shows the 'IP Security Policy Wizard' dialog box at the second step. The title bar reads 'IP Security Policy Wizard'. The main heading is 'Requests for Secure Communication' with a sub-instruction: 'Specify how this policy responds to requests for secure communication.' Below this is a paragraph of text: 'The default response rule responds to remote computers that request security, when no other rule applies. To communicate securely, the computer must respond to requests for secure communication.' Underneath this text is a checkbox labeled 'Activate the default response rule.' which is currently unchecked. At the bottom right, there are three buttons: '< Back', 'Next >', and 'Cancel'.

Uncheck the option for “Activate the default response rule” and press Next.



Leave the “Edit properties” checked and press Finish.



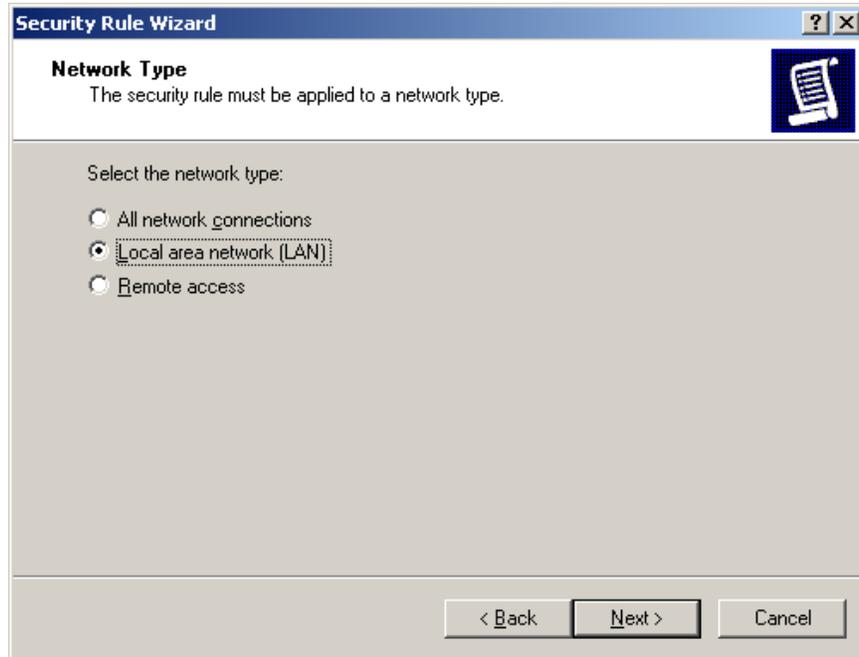
Now we must add a IP Security Rule, press the “Add...” button.



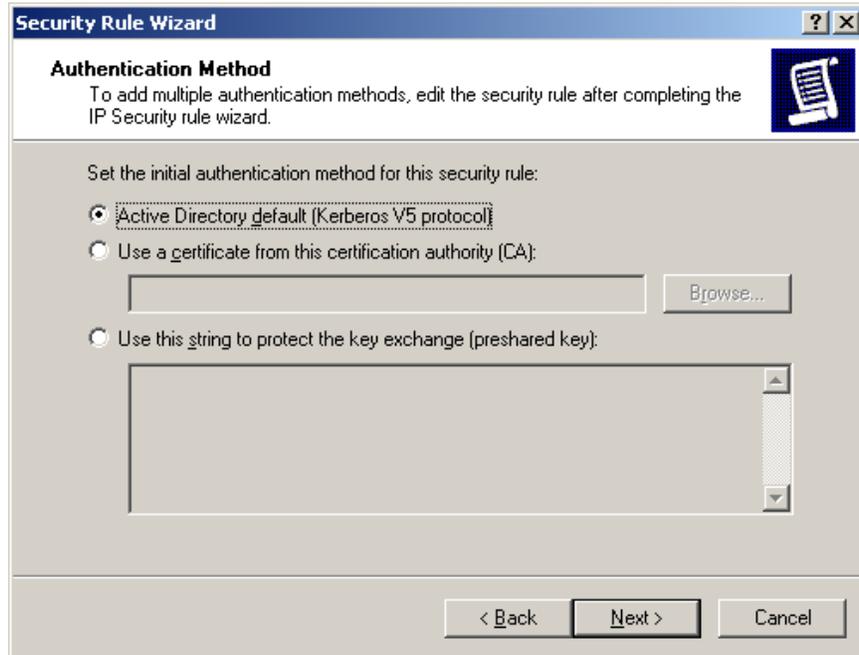
Press Next to continue the IP Security Rule Wizard.



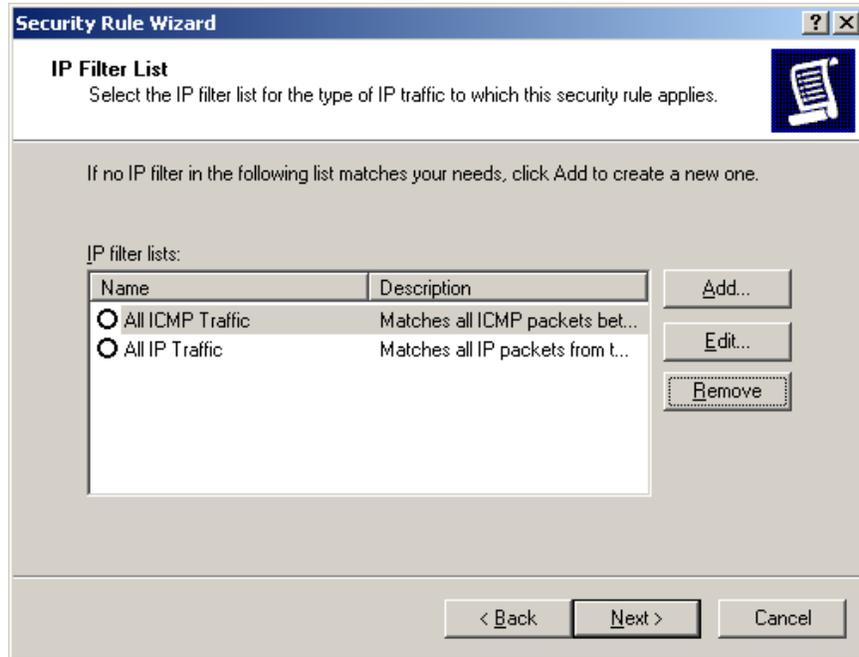
Leave the "This rule does not specify a tunnel" checked.



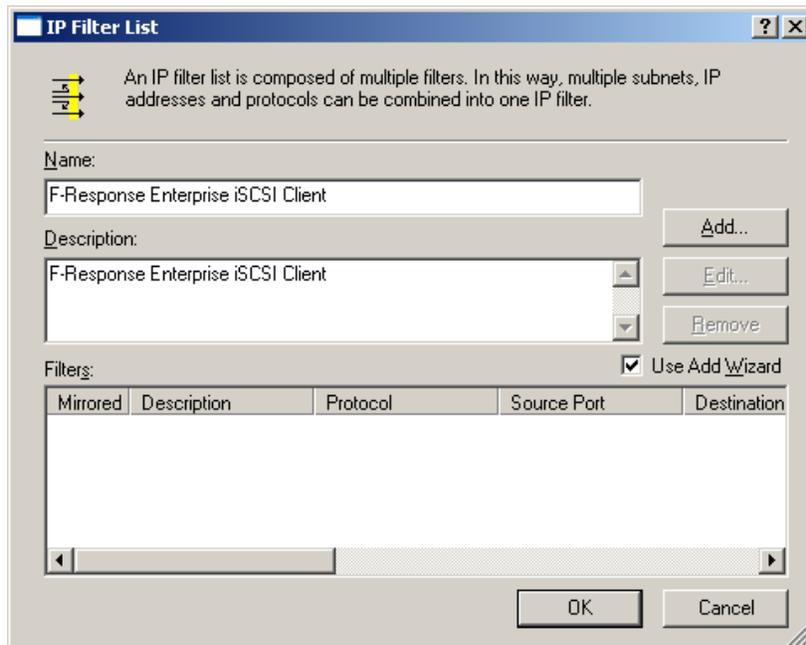
Select the option for "Local area network (LAN)".



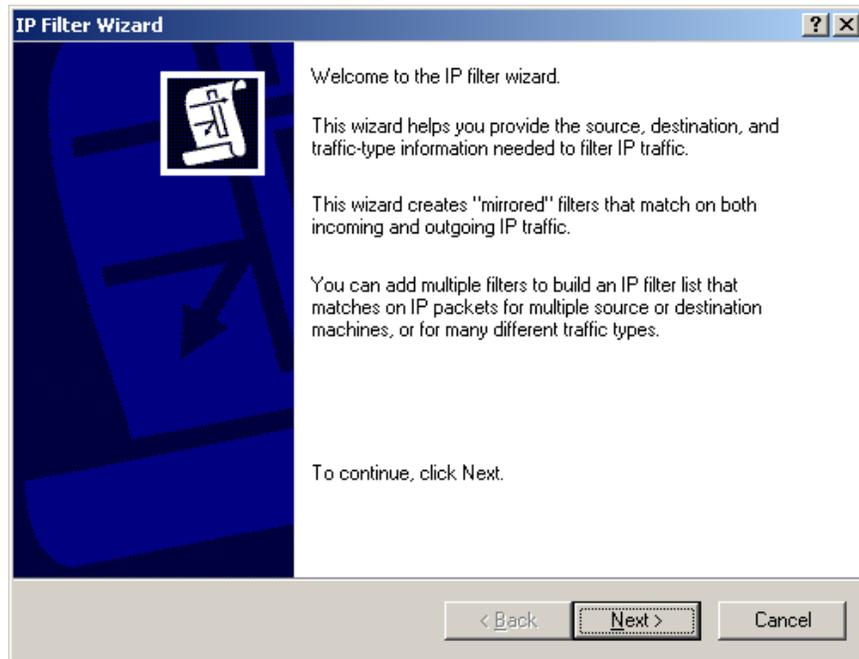
If this is a Microsoft AD environment use the "Active Directory default".



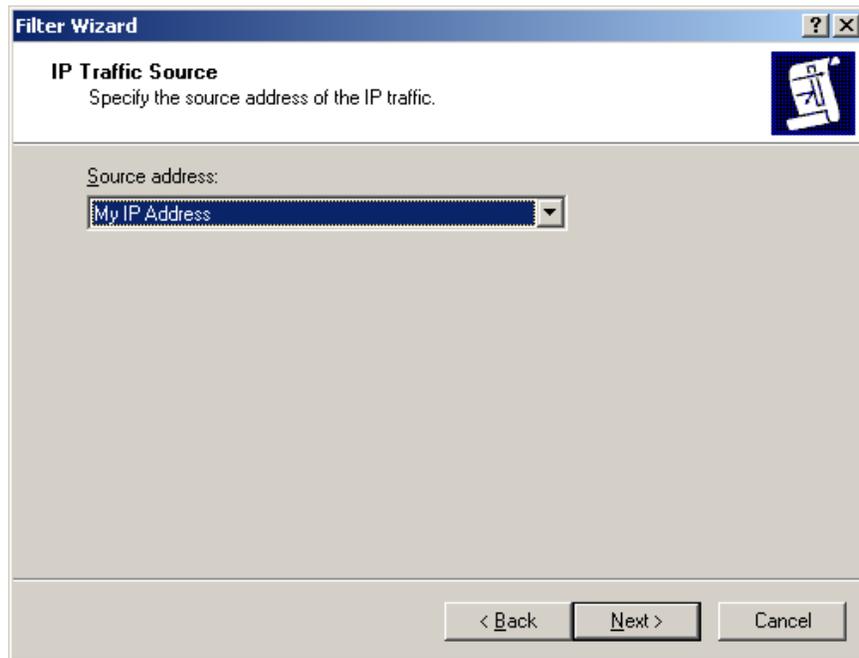
Next we must add an IP Filter List item, select **Add...**



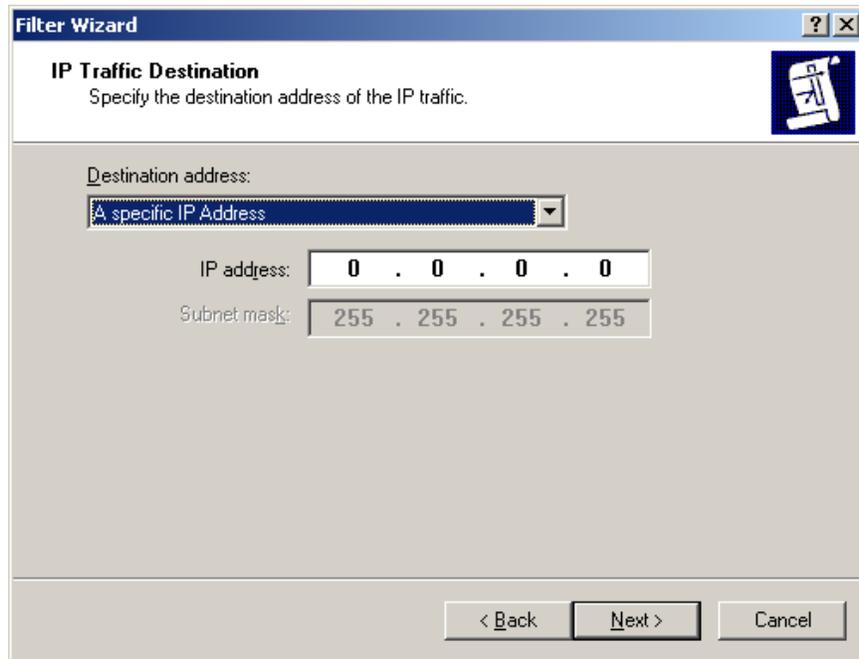
Create a name for our IP Filter List, in this case we have labeled it “F-Response Enterprise iSCSI Client”. Next press “Add...” to start the IP Filter Wizard.



Press Next to continue.



Set the Source address to "My IP Address".



Filter Wizard [?] [X]

IP Traffic Destination
Specify the destination address of the IP traffic.

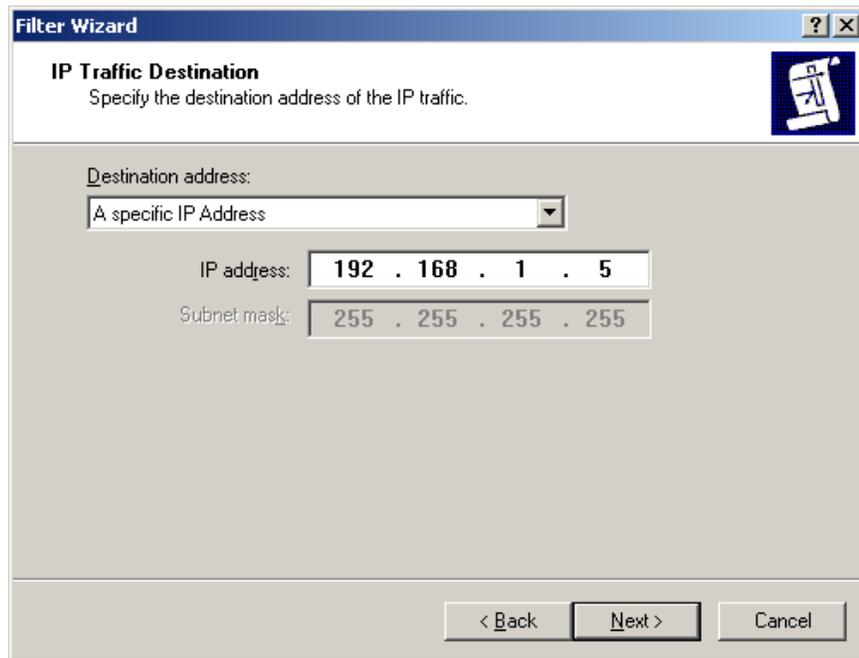
Destination address:
A specific IP Address

IP address: 0 . 0 . 0 . 0

Subnet mask: 255 . 255 . 255 . 255

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Select “A specific IP Address” and enter in the IP address of your analysis workstation.



Filter Wizard [?] [X]

IP Traffic Destination
Specify the destination address of the IP traffic.

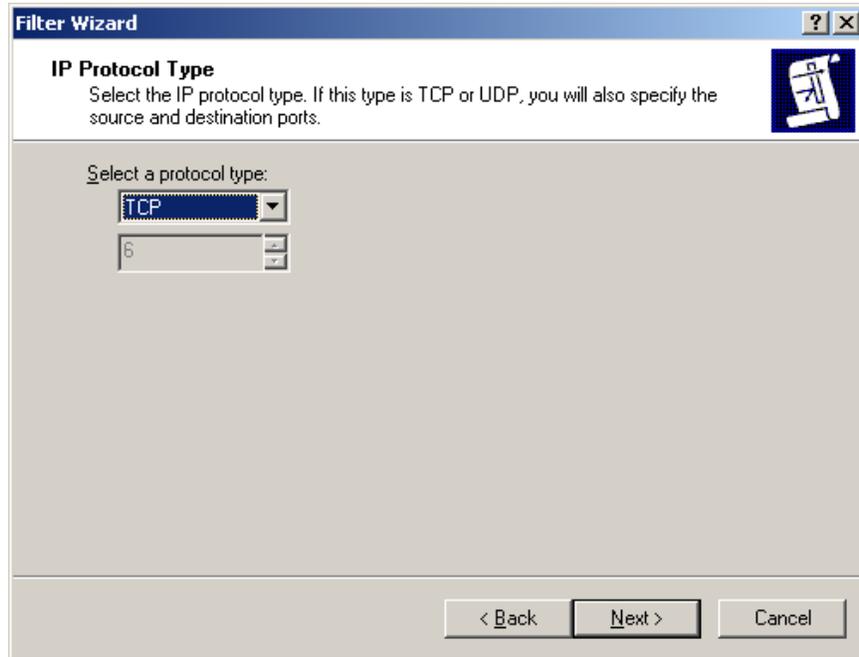
Destination address:
A specific IP Address

IP address: 192 . 168 . 1 . 5

Subnet mask: 255 . 255 . 255 . 255

< Back Next > Cancel

In this instance our analysis workstation is at “192.168.1.5”.



Filter Wizard [?] [X]

IP Protocol Type
Select the IP protocol type. If this type is TCP or UDP, you will also specify the source and destination ports.

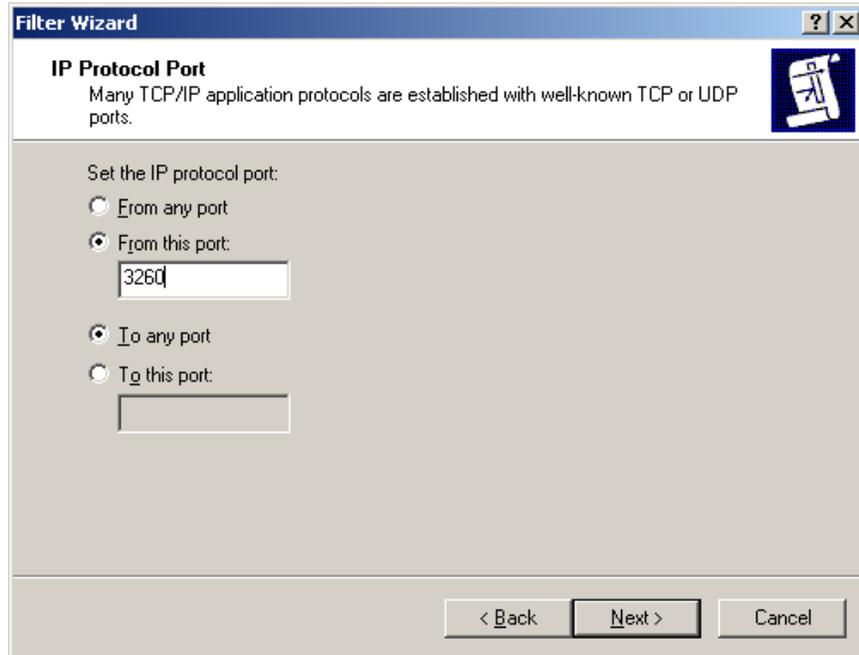
Select a protocol type:

TCP

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Select the protocol type as TCP.



Filter Wizard [?] [X]

IP Protocol Port
Many TCP/IP application protocols are established with well-known TCP or UDP ports.

Set the IP protocol port:

From any port

From this port:
3260

To any port

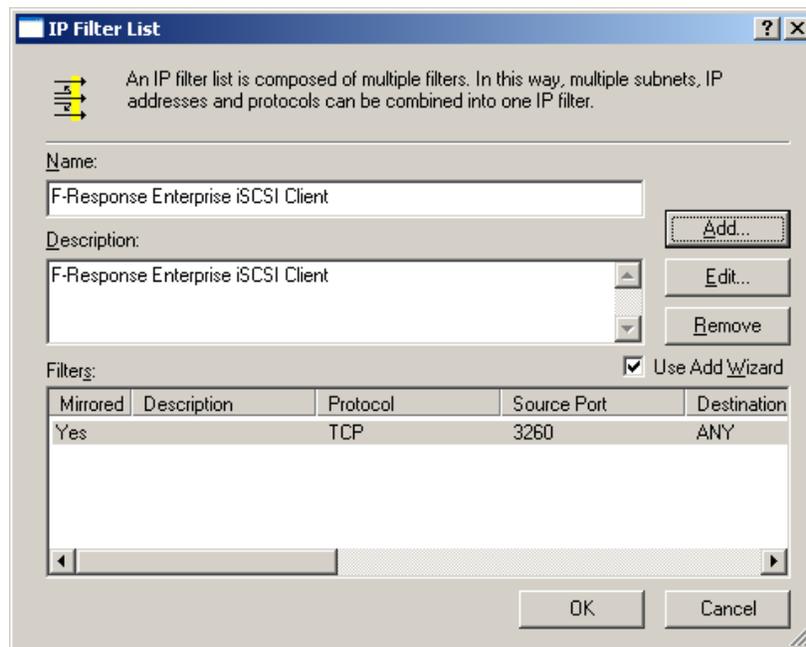
To this port:

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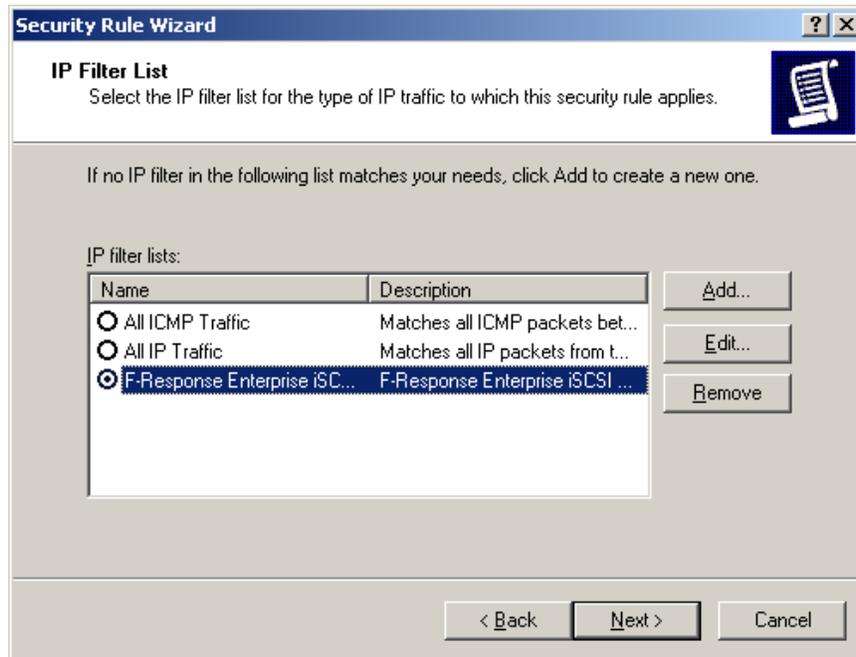
Set the IP Protocol Port to “To any port” and “From this port” and enter in the value for the F-Response Enterprise client port, in this case we have used the default iSCSI port of 3260. Press Next to continue.



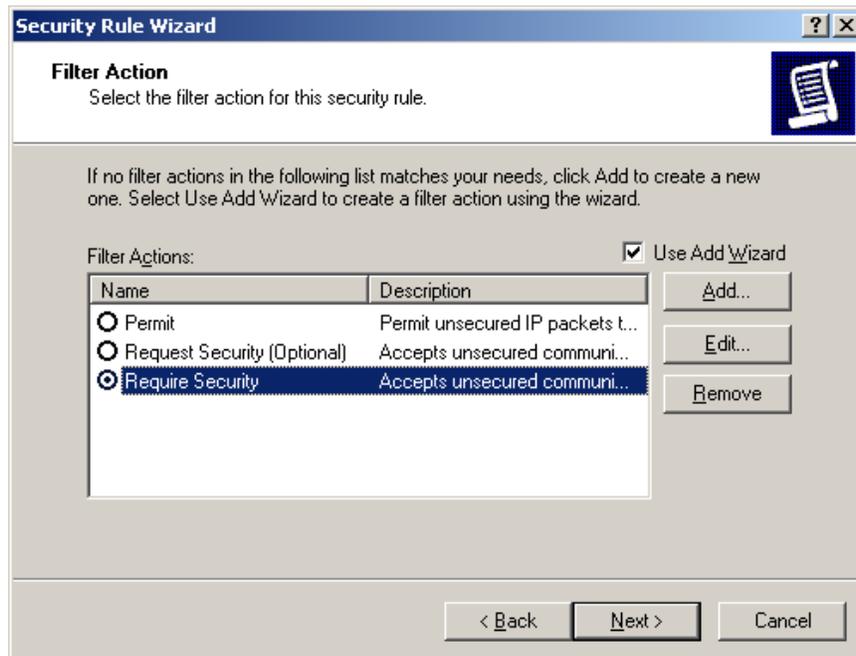
Press Finish to complete the IP Filter Wizard.



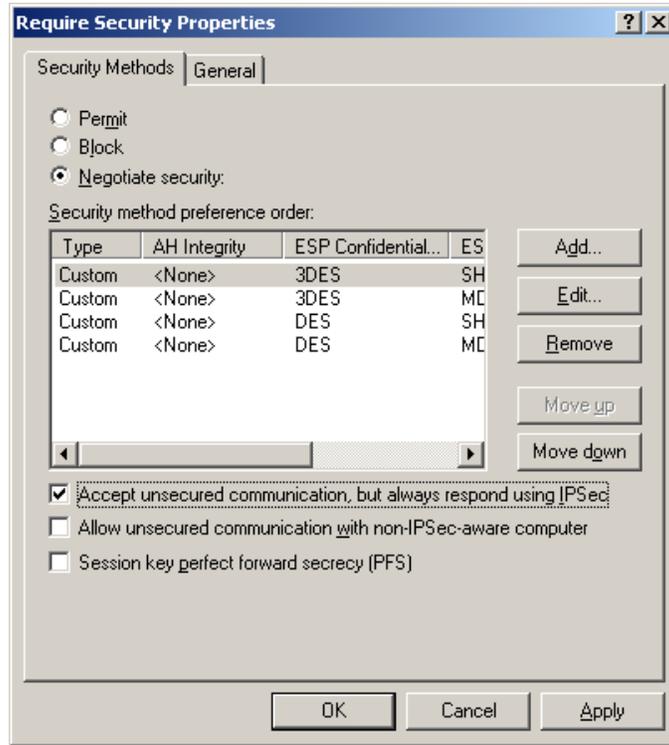
The IP Filter List will now show the newly created Filter. Press Ok to continue.



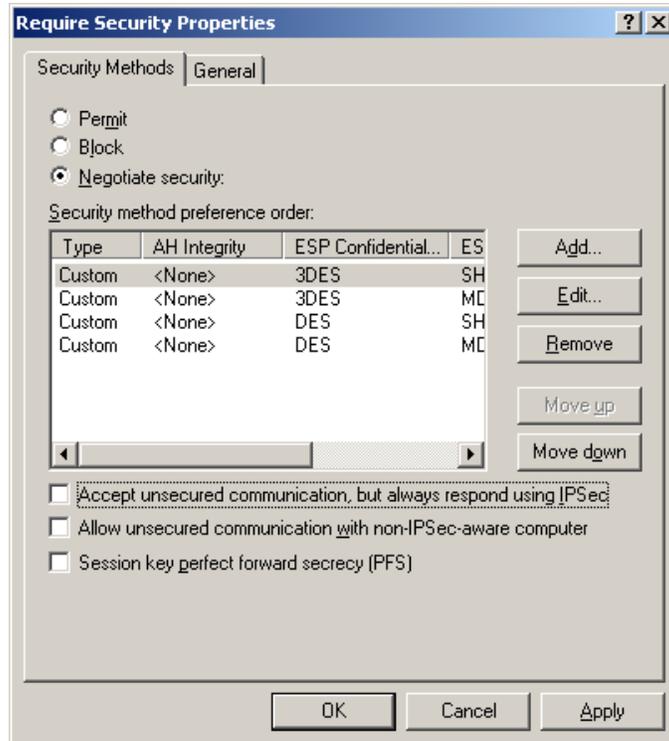
Now enable the F-Response Enterprise iSCSI IP Filter by selecting the option next to the Name.



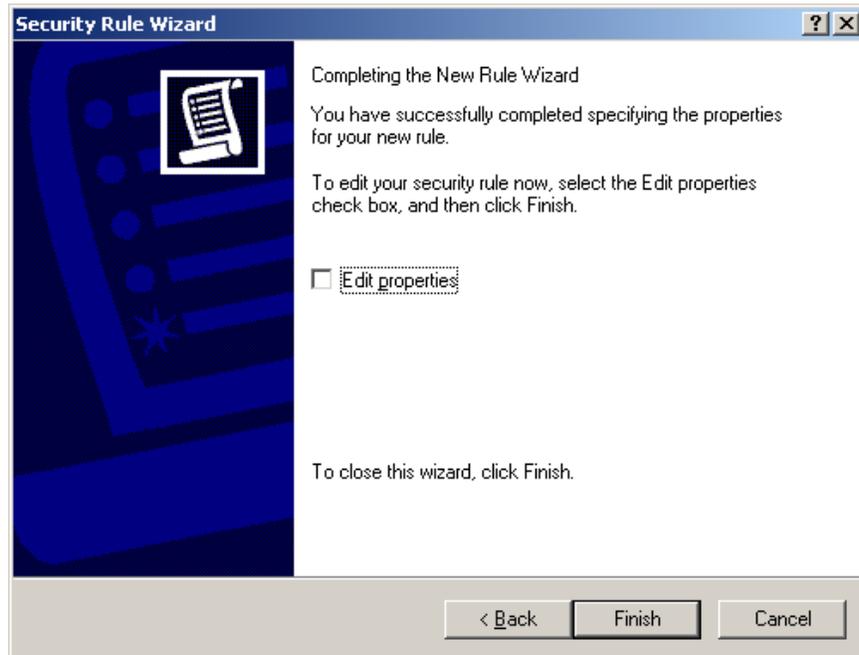
Select the option button next to "Require Security" and press Edit...



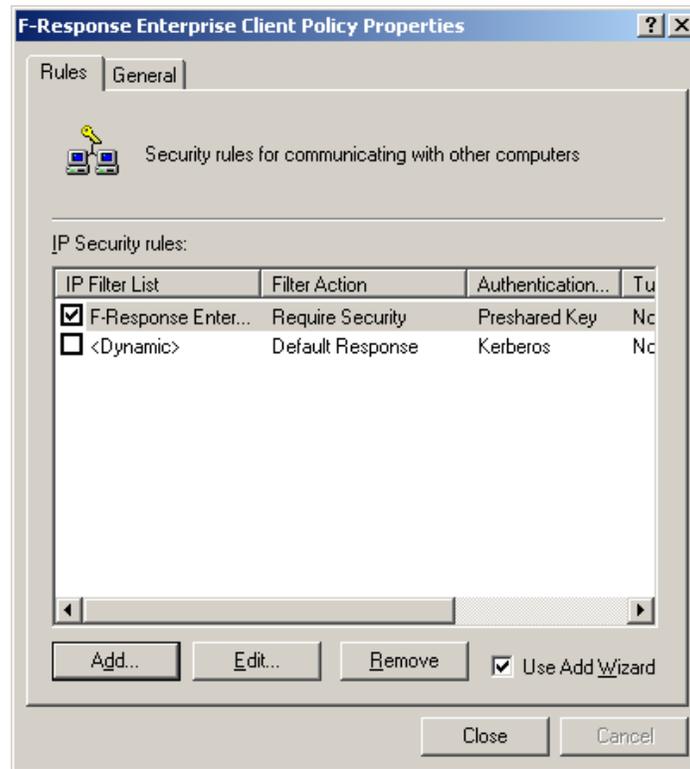
Remove the check box next to “Accept unsecured communication..”



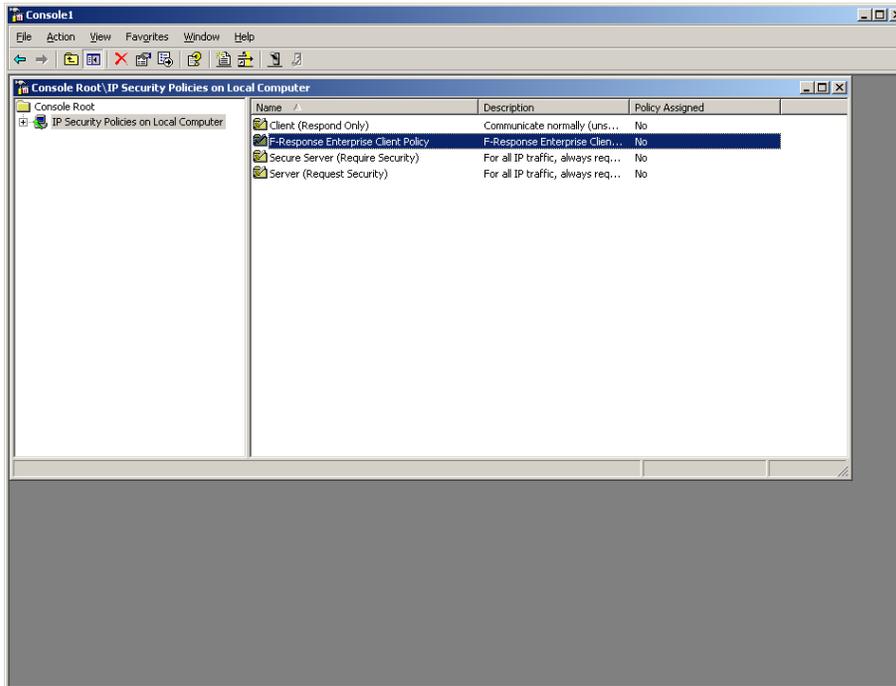
Press Ok to continue.



Press Finish to complete the Security Rule Wizard.



Confirm that the F-Response iSCSI IP Filter is checked in the F-Response Analysis Workstation Policy Properties and press Close.



To enable the policy select it, right click and press "Assign".

Frequently Asked Questions

1. Q) Can multiple initiators connect to a single F-Response target machine?
 2. Q) Do I change any data on the target computer by using F-Response?
 3. Q) I am connected via F-Response and it appears that I just deleted a file on the machine under inspection. I chose a file, hit delete, and now it's gone. Did I really delete the file?
 4. Q) I have a personal firewall running on my computers. Do I need to change firewall settings to use F-Response?
 5. Q) I have a remote user that accidentally deleted a file. Can I use F-Response to recover deleted files?
 6. Q) Is the F-Response iSCSI connection encrypted?
 7. Q) Does F-Response work as an agent?
 8. Q) Can I deploy F-Response to Linux or Other Operating Systems (OS's)?
 9. Q) I established an F-Response connection, tried to view the remote "Documents and Settings" folder and received a message that I don't have permission to view that folder. Why don't I have access?
 10. Q) Can I authenticate and tunnel my F-Response session over IPSec?
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1. Q) Can multiple initiators connect to a single F-Response target machine?
A) While the F-Response target code is running, any iSCSI initiator with access to the listening port can connect to the machine; provided, of course, that the proper authentication credentials are provided.
 2. Q) Do I change any data on the target computer by using F-Response?
A) Once the F-Response Target code is executed and the network connection is established, the practitioner conducting the analysis has no capability to edit or alter data on the machine under inspection. Executing or starting the F-Response service does, of course, effect some change to the target computer, but the changes are about as minimal as they can be for analysis that is being conducted on a live machine.
 3. Q) I am connected via F-Response and it appears that I just deleted a file on the machine under inspection. I chose a file, hit delete, and now it's gone.
A) No, you didn't delete the file. You cannot delete files, alter Meta data, or effect any other changes on the machine under inspection using F-Response. What you did do was fool your analysis machine into believing that the file is deleted and thus your analysis machine is no longer presenting the file to you as being available.
 4. Q) I have a personal firewall running on my computers. Do I need to change firewall settings to use F-Response?
A) Yes, personal firewalls are the single most likely cause for a connection failure. F-Response machines must be able to send and receive on port 3260 (this default is changeable) and if using the Consultant Edition, also port 5680 (this default is changeable). We recommend disabling the firewall for the duration of the session during ad hoc usage (e.g. temporary consultant use at a third party site), and tuning the firewall configurations to allow F-Response connectivity for planned enterprise deployment.
 5. Q) I have a remote user that accidentally deleted a file. Can I use F-Response to recover deleted files?

- A) F-Response will enable you to use your recovery tool of choice to recover the file(s) to a location other than the target machine. You cannot restore the file directly to the target machine via F-Response because you do not have write capability on that machine, but you can recover the file and make it available to the user via email , network share, etc.
6. Q) Is the F-Response iSCSI connection encrypted?
A) No. F-Response connections are established on your local corporate network, which alleviates the need for the additional overhead of an encrypted connection. If F-Response is being used over the Internet and corporate policy dictates encryption over public networks, then the existing corporate VPN capability should satisfy the encryption policy. If strong user demand calls for encrypted connections, then it is a capability we will consider adding as an option in a future release.
7. Q) Does F-Response work as an agent?
A) No. It does not collect or store any data on the machine under inspection. It does not report to a management server. It does not have an inherent analysis or reporting capability.
8. Q) Can I deploy F-Response to Linux or Other Operating Systems (OS's)?
A) We've done some limited testing with the Linux iSCSI Initiator, which enables deployment of Linux-based analysis tools against Windows-based machines under inspection. We have not yet released F-Response target code that would permit analysis of Linux or other OS's under inspection. These are future release items that will be developed as demand dictates.
9. Q) I established an F-Response connection, tried to view the remote "Documents and Settings" folder and received a message that I don't have permission to view that folder. Why don't I have access?
A) You have the access with the right tools. You probably used Windows Explorer or an equivalent tool that is subject to the file permission settings for those folders. If you use a forensics tool that can take advantage of your raw drive access, then you won't have this issue.
10. Q) Can I authenticate and tunnel my F-Response session over IPSec?
A) Sure. One method is to use Microsoft IPSec policy manager to create a configuration to enforce an IPSec policy for the F-Response ports (defaults are TCP/UDP 3260 & 5680). This is ideal for those who would prefer to leave the F-Response service running at all times, rather than starting the service only when needed.

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Software and documentation updates will be made available for download to registered users on the F-Response web site. E-mail support is available to licensed software users. We typically respond to your queries within 1 business day of receiving your request.

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