



What is UnifiedAUTH?

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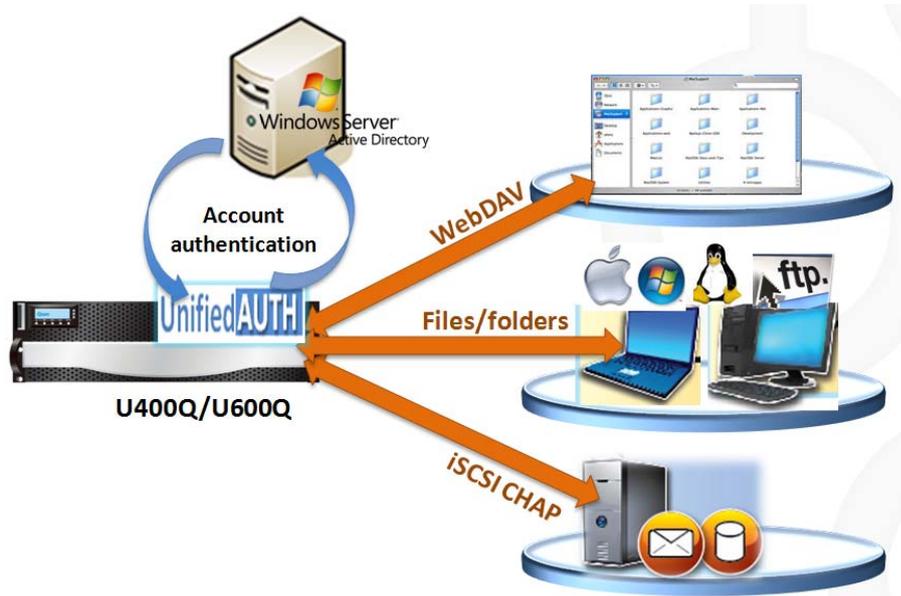
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Introduction

UnifiedAUTH is the abbreviation for unified authentication. In a network environment, data security is critical and essential. The basic approach is to implement access control against those shared folders, which requires the process of authentication and authorization. Authentication requires users to present something they know and can validate themselves. The most common way is by account and password.

In many cases, different file sharing services are hosted at different servers with different sets of account/password. Users need to memorize different sets of account/password for different services such as CIFS, FTP, AFP and iSCSI. Since the goals of Qsan unified storage is to consolidate hardware requirements, reduce management complexity and increase storage efficiency, UnifiedAUTH empowers users with the ability to use the very same set of account/password to access all data services (CIFS, NFS, AFP, FTP, iSCSI, and WebDAV) provided by Qsan unified storage.

It is similar to the idea of single sign on, but not the way it works. You still need to key in your account and password when you establish the data connection for the first time. It's more like the concept of Schengen visa. With a valid Schengen visa, you may travel different countries in Europe.



Benefits of UnifiedAUTH

UnifiedAUTH can really come in handy for IT managers. Imagine that in a medium size company with 200 employees, if the NAS system doesn't support directory services integrated into all data services, a separate FTP account and a separate iSCSI CHAP account along with the directory service account will yield 3 sets of different accounts to manage. It means that IT managers need to maintain $200 \times 3 = 600$ records. It's a nightmare and headache to follow all kinds of requests of

account management. For NAS end user, each person needs to memorize 3 different passwords for different data services. If the demands go up, a second or 3rd NAS is added to the environment. More passwords need to be memorized and more account records need to be maintained.

Qsan UnifiedAUTH solves all these problems and gives you a consolidated and proven solution.

Benefits are :

- Easier use of all data services with one set of account and password
- Simplified management

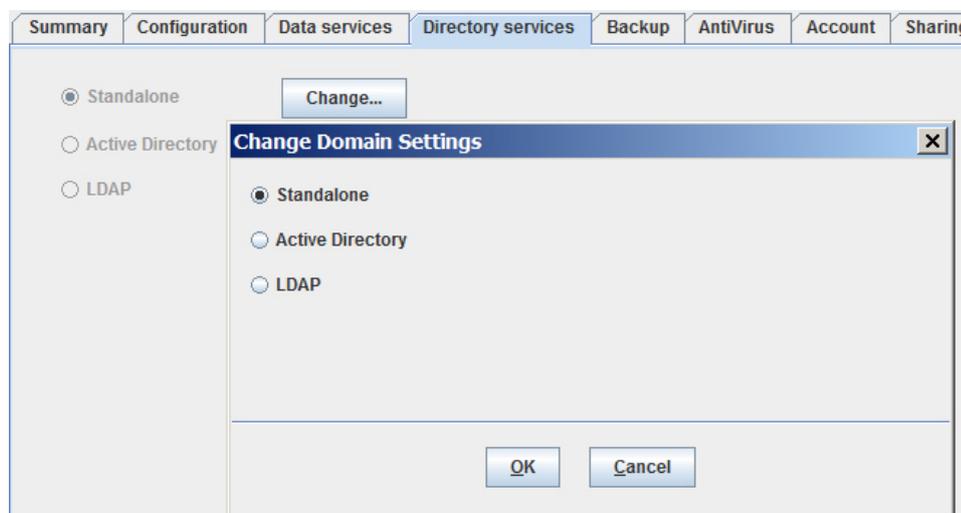


Directory services

A **directory** is a type of database containing descriptive information of entries, that describe people such as name, phone number, email address and of course including account and password.

Directory service is the function that provides the capability of quickly authenticating user based on their account and password. Please go to the directory service tab in QCentral. Qsan unified storage provides three directory services.

- Standalone (default)
- Microsoft Active Directory
- LDAP



The default service is **Standalone**, which is the local users and groups create in Qsan unified storage. Only one service can be activated at all time. They are mutual exclusive to reduce confusion and increase efficiency. Users will not be able to activate any two services at the same time.

Standalone (default)

When you don't have a directory service in your network environment, you can simply create user account and group account in Qsan unified storage and use them to access all data services provided. Default accounts are **admin** and **user**. Default groups are **administrator_group** and **user_group**.

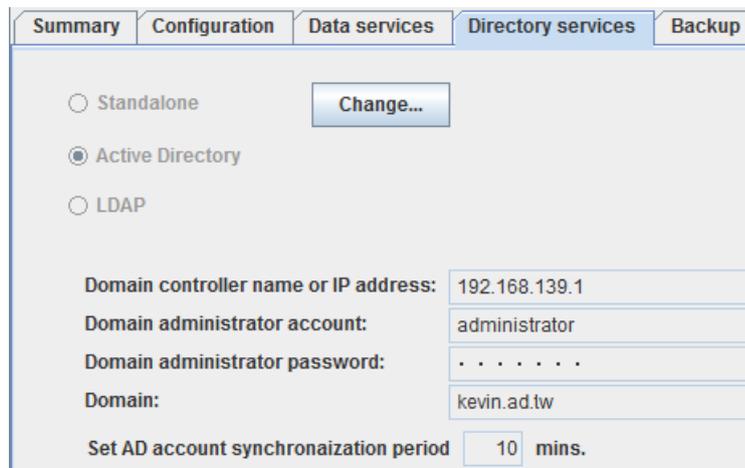
Because UnifiedAUTH integrate with iSCSI CHAP account authentication, the password restriction of at least 12 to 16 characters in length will be enforced in all three directory services.

Before you can create local account, make sure that a storage pool with home directory function enabled is created first. Otherwise, you won't be able to create local account. All functions will be grey out.

Microsoft Active Directory

Qsan unified storage supports Microsoft Active Directory service for both Windows Server 2003 R2 and Server 2008 R2. Both AD account and LDAP account will be considered as **domain** account. You can NOT modify domain account properties. They are for display purpose only. You may modify the domain account on AD server or LDAP server. The maximum number of domain account is 65536.

This is what looks like after joining AD domain (kevin).



Summary	Configuration	Data services	Directory services	Backup
<input type="radio"/> Standalone Change...				
<input checked="" type="radio"/> Active Directory				
<input type="radio"/> LDAP				
Domain controller name or IP address:		192.168.139.1		
Domain administrator account:		administrator		
Domain administrator password:			
Domain:		kevin.ad.tw		
Set AD account synchronization period		10 mins.		

LDAP (Lightweight Directory Access Protocol)

Qsan unified storage supports LDAP version 3. LDAP is also a popular directory service in many working environments. LDAP account will be considered as **domain** account. You can NOT modify domain account properties. The maximum number of domain account is 65536.

This is what looks like after logging in LDAP server.

Summary	Configuration	Data services	Directory services	Backup
<input type="radio"/> Standalone Change...				
<input type="radio"/> Active Directory				
<input checked="" type="radio"/> LDAP				
LDAP server IP address:	192.168.9.101			
Base DN:	dc=debianphil,dc=com			
Admin DN:	cn=admin, dc=debianphil,dc=com			
Administrator password:			
Users base DN:	ou=Users, dc=debianphil,dc=com			
Group base DN:	ou=Groups, dc=debianphil,dc=com			

If you don't know what parameters (base DN) to enter, please consult your IT administrators.

Standalone with different data services

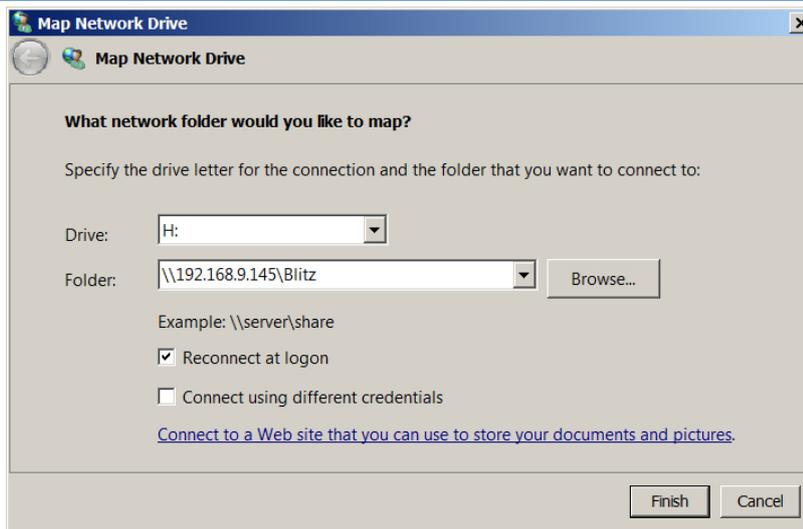
Let's create a local user called Blitz and use the home directory for testing. We will demonstrate with CIFS, FTP and iSCSI services.

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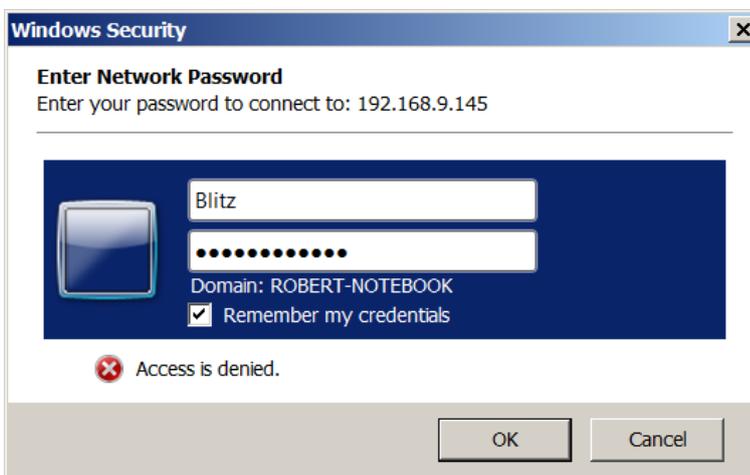
Suppose the network port IP is 192.168.9.145

Standalone with CIFS/Samba

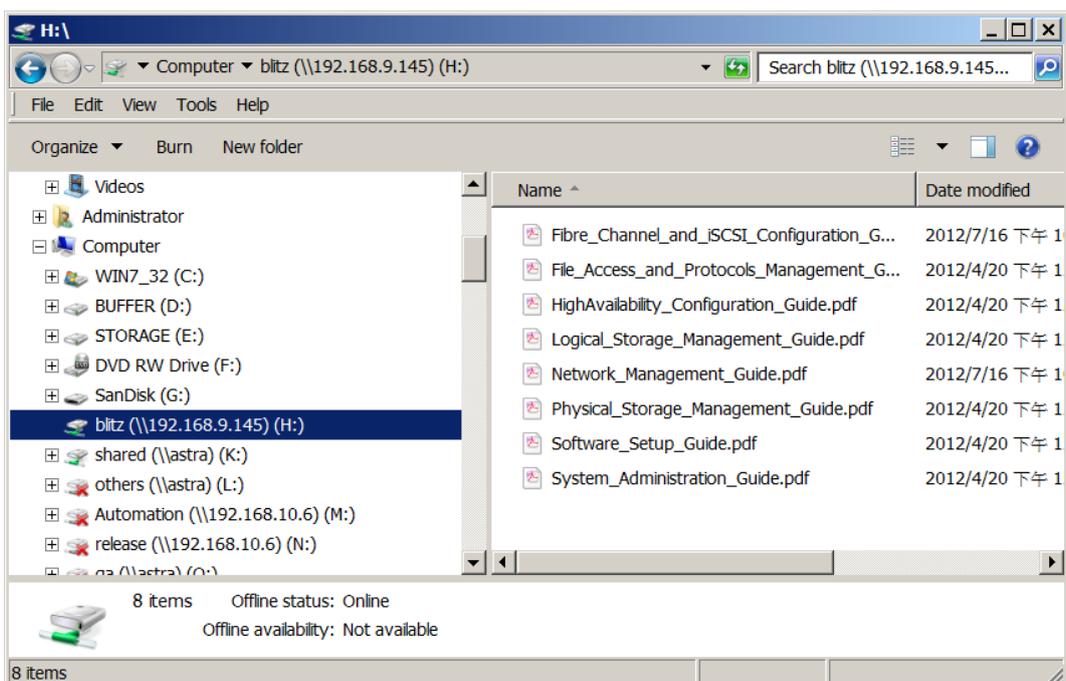
In Win7, let's try to set up a network drive with letter – H.



A dialog box will pop up for account and password. Put in Blitz and its password.

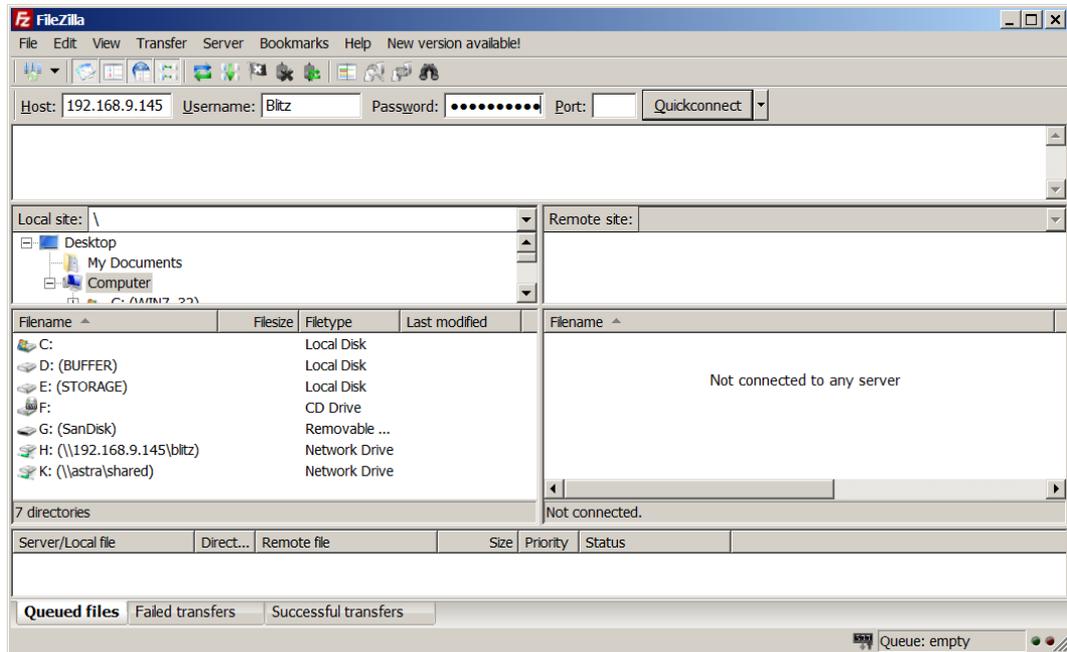


Now you may access Blitz home directory as drive H. Let's put some files inside.

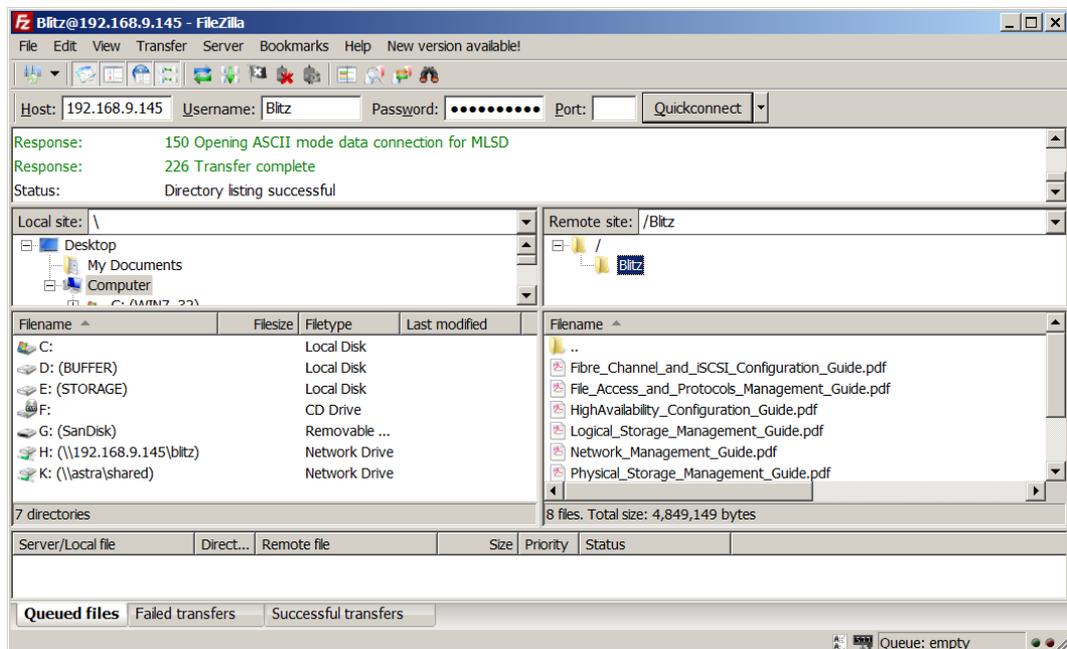


Standalone with FTP

In win7, use FileZilla to connect to Blitz home directory. Use the same Blitz account and password for access.



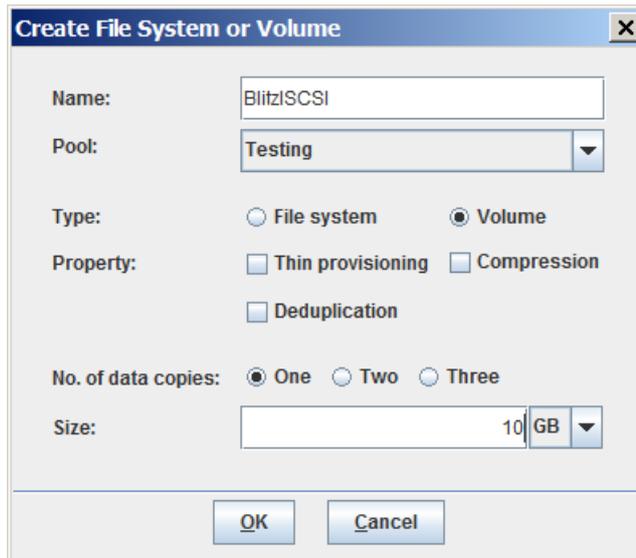
Click Quickconnect button. And you may access the files through FTP using the same account and password.



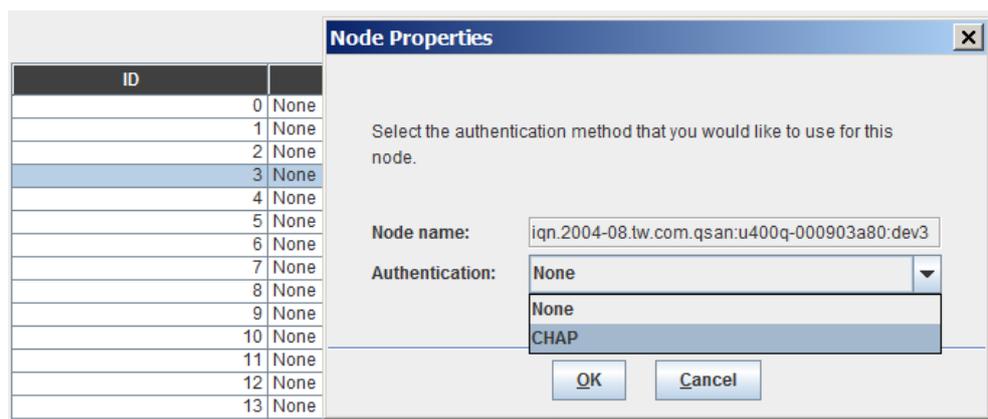
Standalone with iSCSI CHAP authentication

Let's create an iSCSI volume and set up the CHAP account using Blitz.

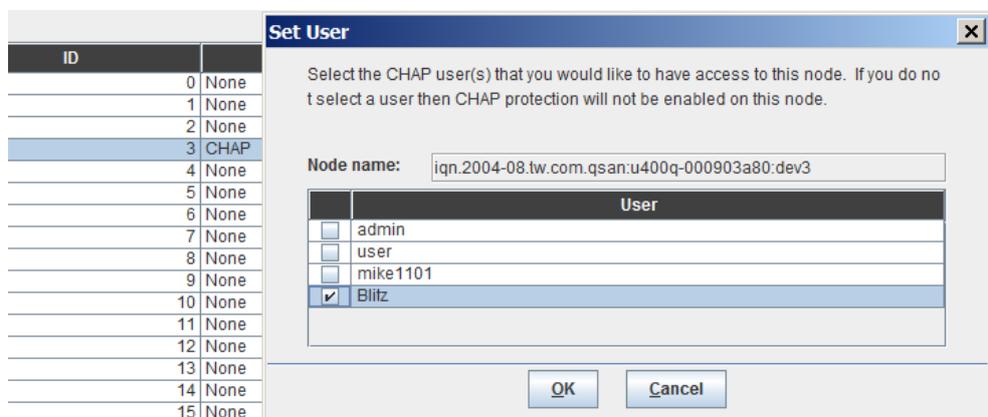
1. First, create a 10GB volume.



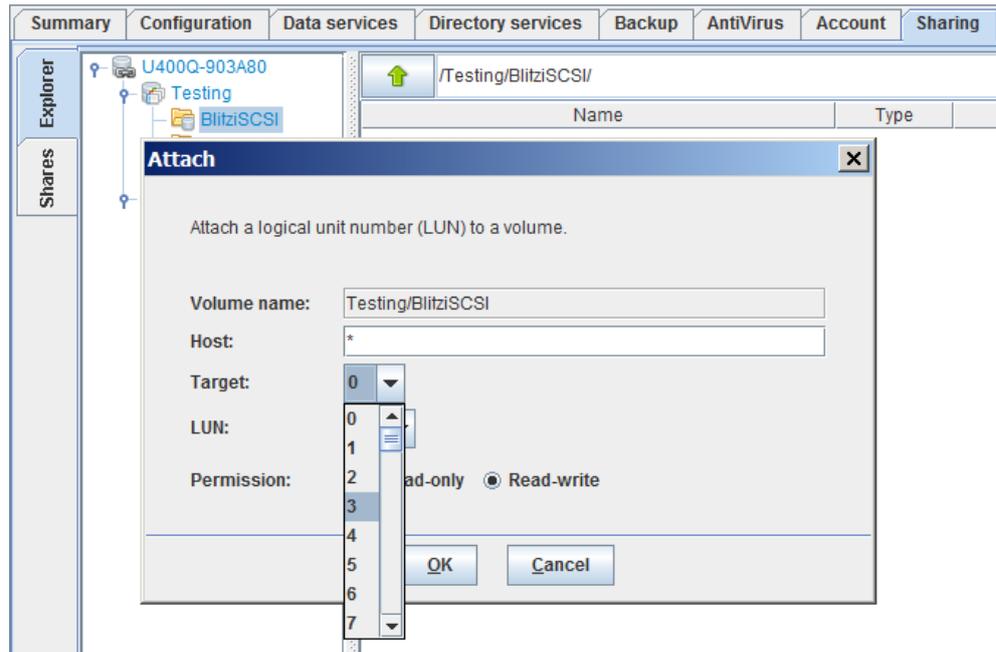
- Go to **Data services** -> **iSCSI** tab. Pick up a node ID (Let's use 3) and right click to select **Properties**. Select **CHAP** to enable CHAP account function.



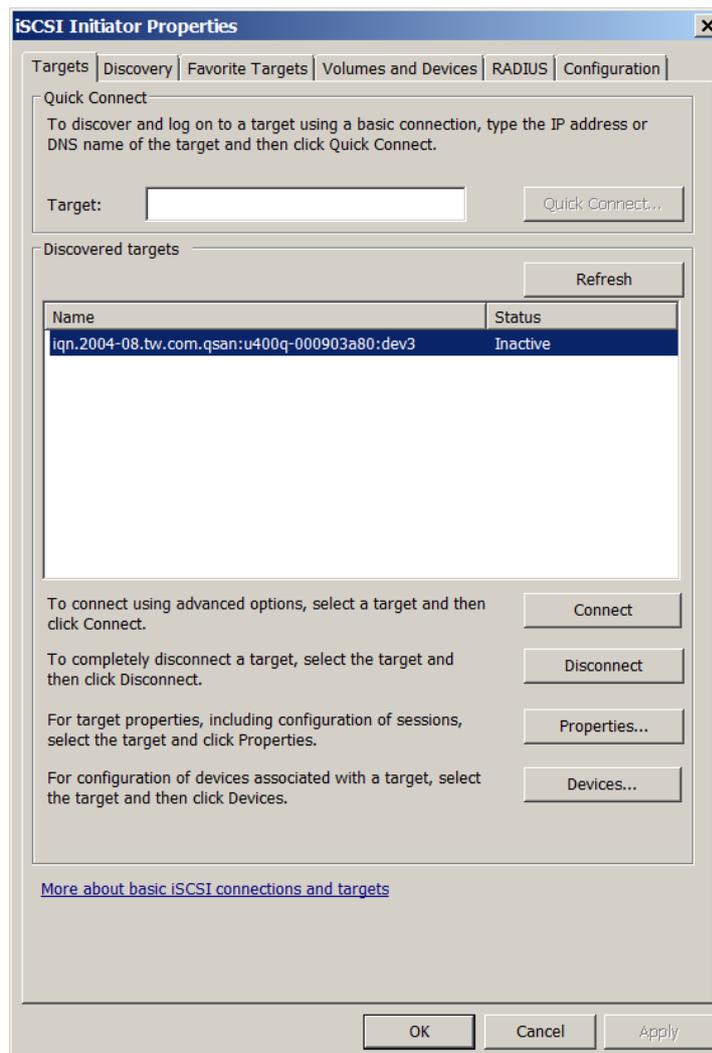
- Right click and select **Set user**. Select Blitz.



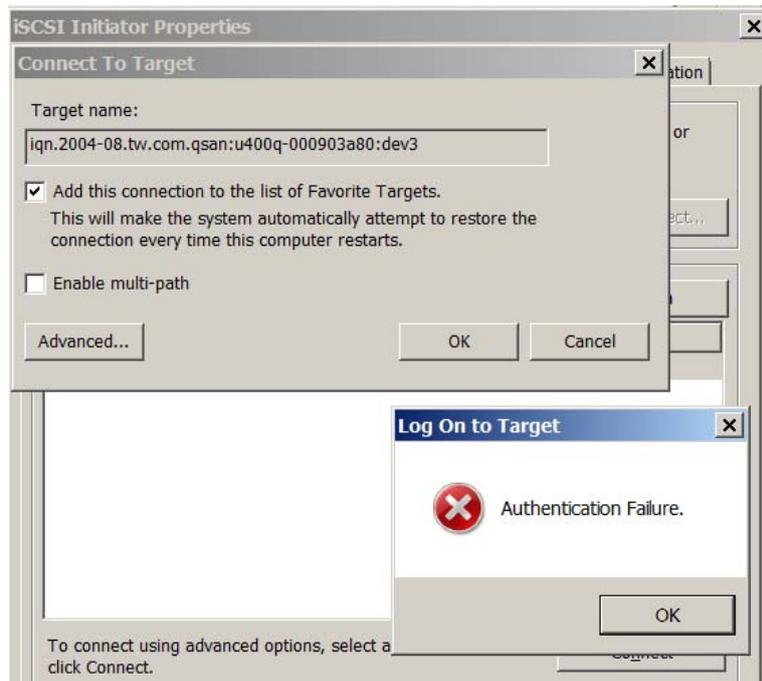
- Go to **Sharing** tab. Right click on the BlitzISCSI volume we just created in step 1. And select the target node as 3 and attach LUN.



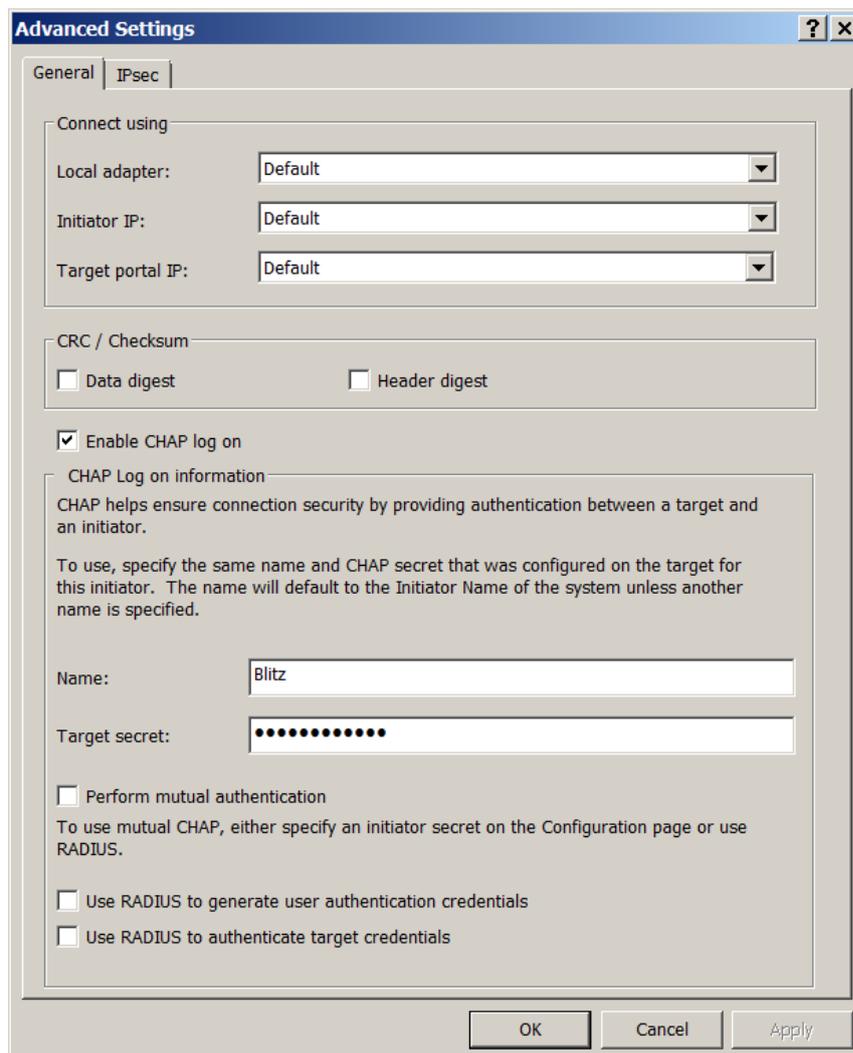
- Let's try to use iSCSI initiator to attach Blitz volume. In Win7, launch iSCSI initiator and put in the network IP to discover our portal.



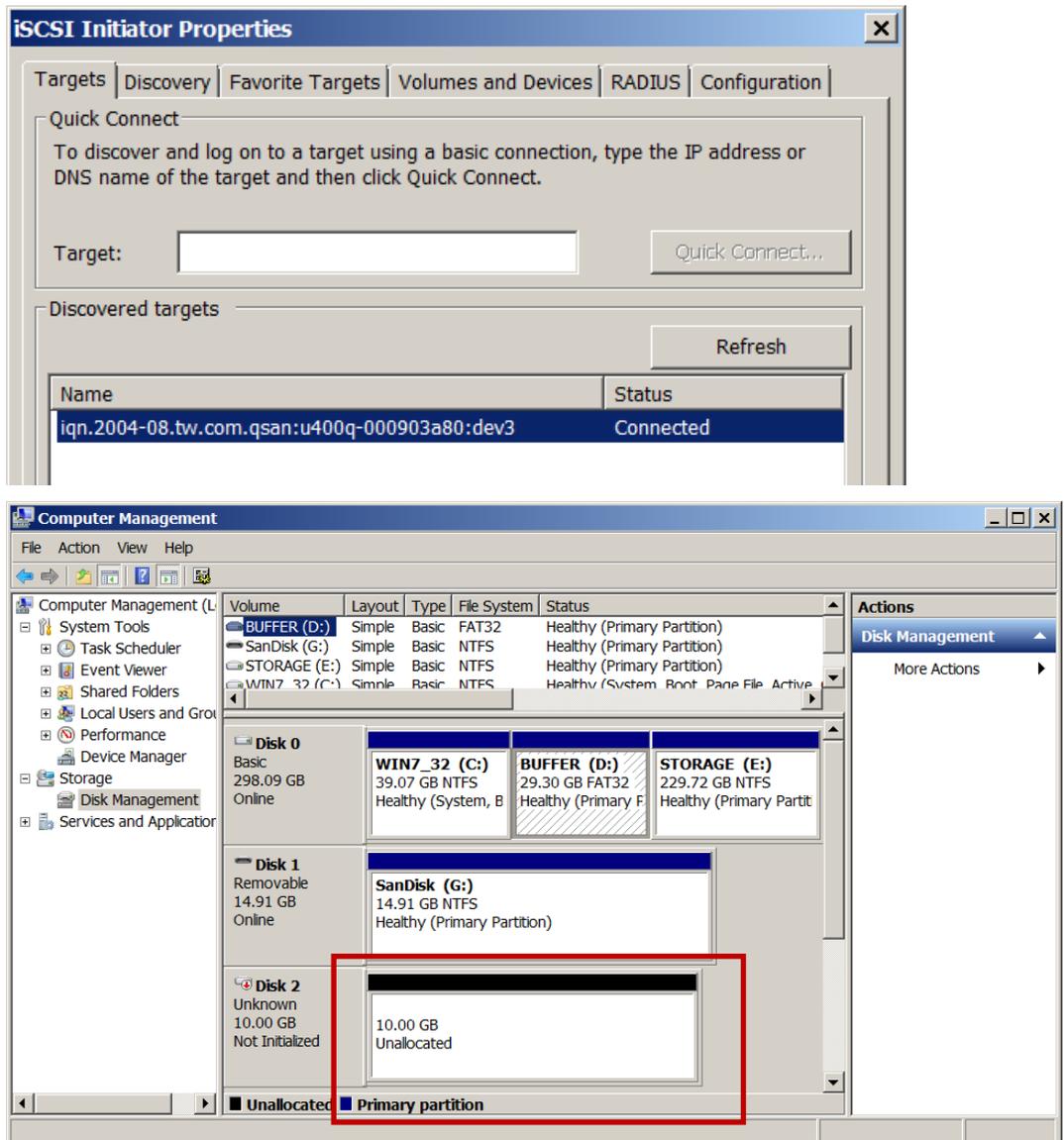
6. If you click Connect without setting up the CHAP account, you will get authentication failure.



7. Click **Advanced** button and set up CHAP account using Blitz account and password. Click **Ok**

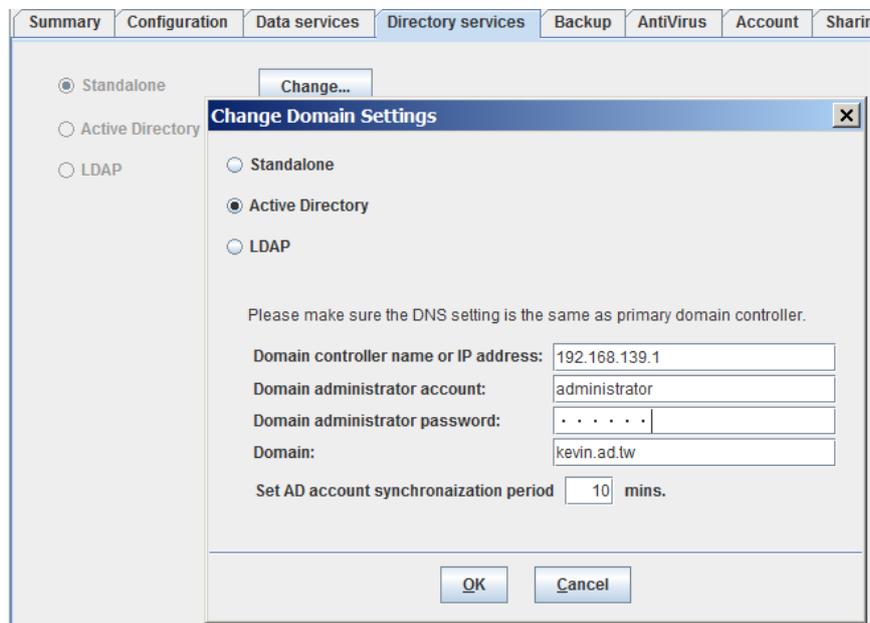


8. You will see the iSCSI connection is set up and a new drive with size 10GB is available.



MS Active Directory with different data services

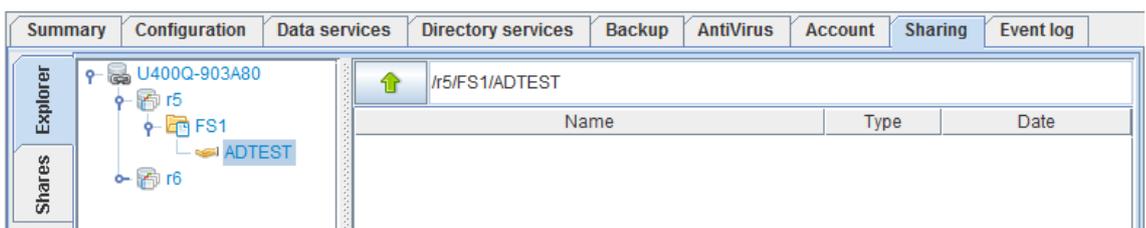
Let's select MS AD as directory service and join AD domain with the following information.

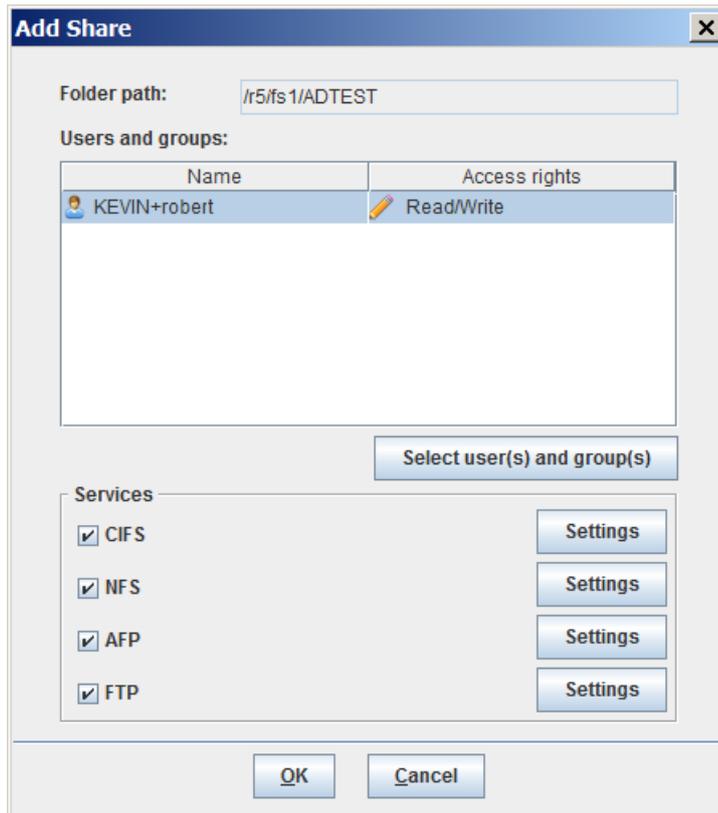


Please make sure the primary DNS setting is the same as the DNS setting on the AD server. After joining AD domain, you will see domain account information as below.

Summary Configuration Data services Directory services Backup AntiVirus Account Sharing Event log						
Users Domain user Total: 10						
Groups						
User name	Group	Quota (GB)	Used (%)	Email	Descr	
KEVIN+administrator	KEVIN+domain admins	none	0			
KEVIN+guest		none	0			
KEVIN+krbtgt		none	0			
KEVIN+kevin		none	0			
KEVIN+phil		none	0			
KEVIN+keving	KEVIN+kevin123	none	0			
KEVIN+kevingg	KEVIN+kevin123	none	0			
KEVIN+lewis		none	0			
KEVIN+leon		none	0			
KEVIN+robert		none	0			

We will use domain account "robert" for demonstration in the following sections. A folder named "ADTEST" is created and shared out for all data services as shown below.

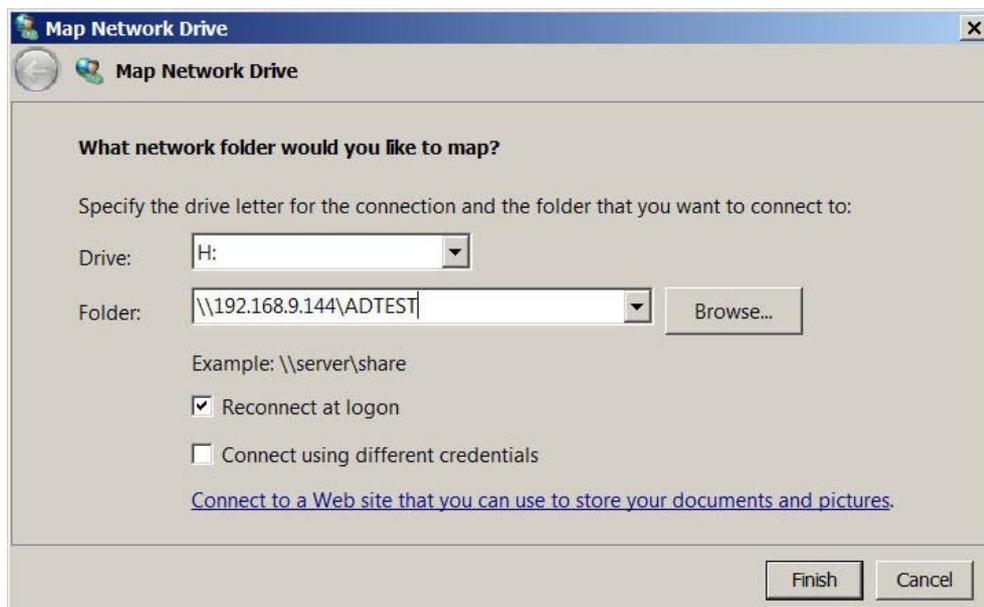




Suppose the network port IP is 192.168.9.144. You will see that the same account (kevin\robert) will be used to access all data services (CIFS, FTP, AFP, webDAV, iSCSI). We will introduce CIFS, FTP, and iSCSI for your reference.

Active Directory with CIFS/Samba

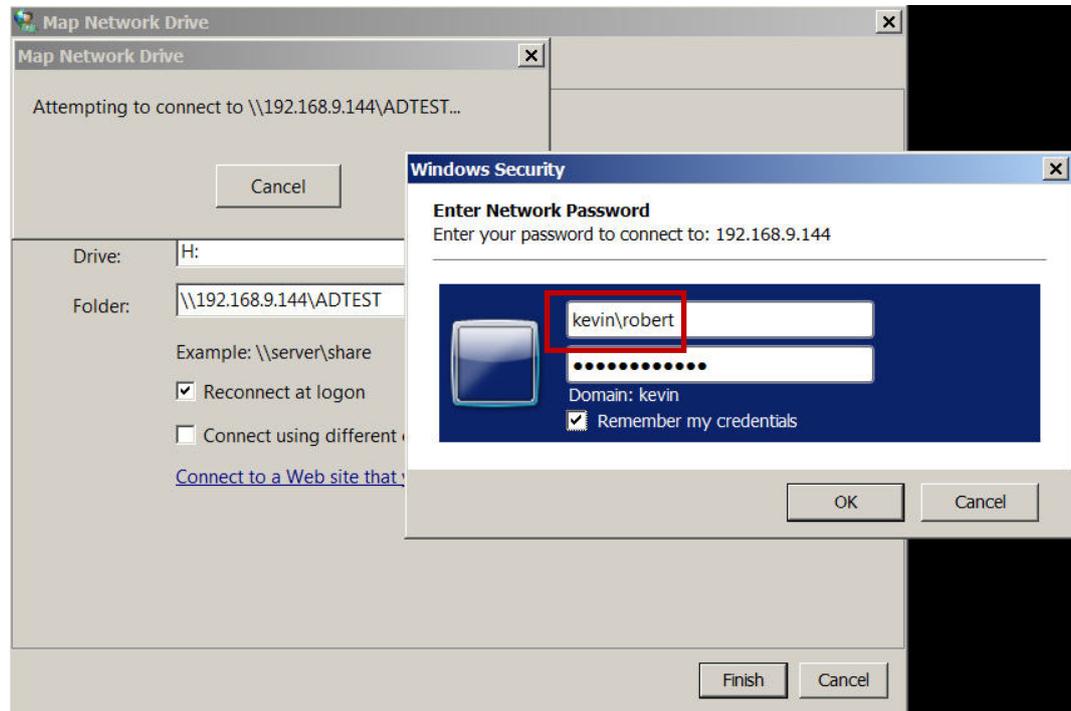
In Win7, let's try to set up a network drive with letter – H. In **Explorer**, go to **Tools -> Map network drive**.



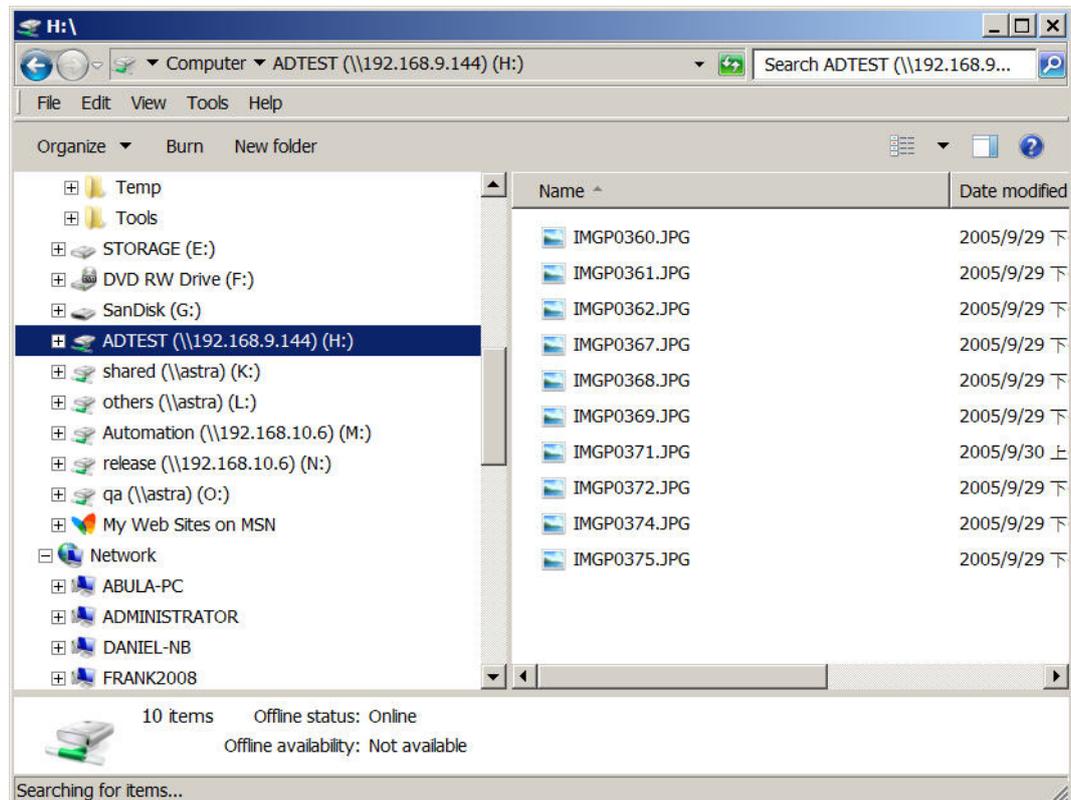
Please put in the AD account and password following the Windows domain account syntax.

<domain name>\<account>

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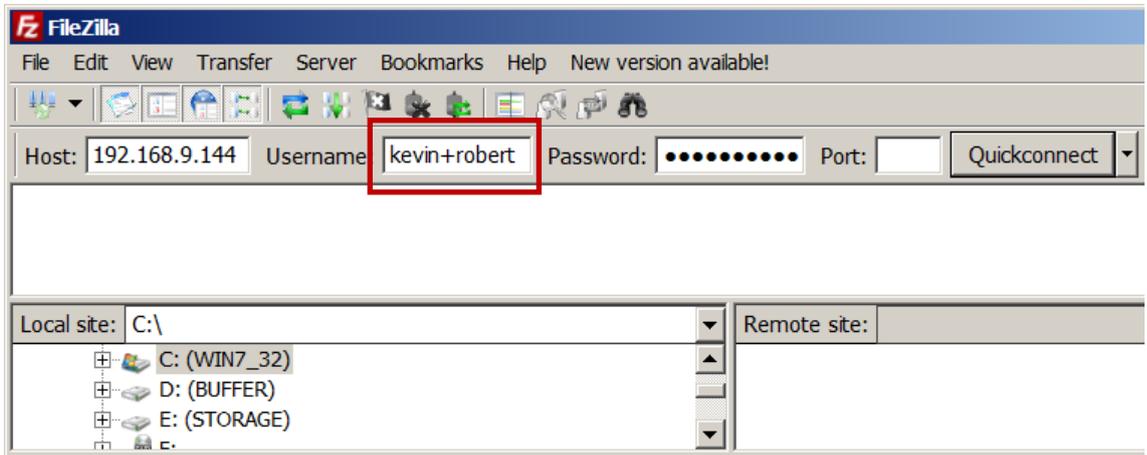


Now you have a network drive –H ready for use. Let's copy some photo files for identification purpose.

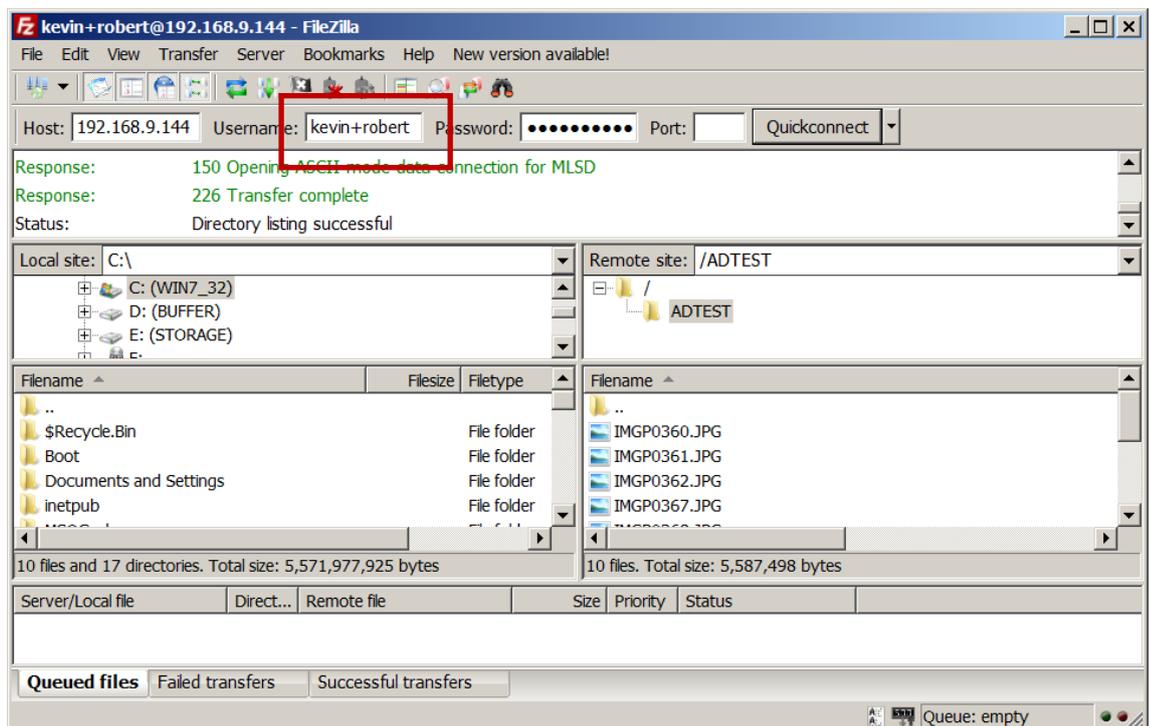


Active Directory with FTP

In win7, use FileZilla to connect to the shared folder - ADTEST. Use the same domain account to access data. Please be AWARE that the account syntax is changed to <domain name>+<account>

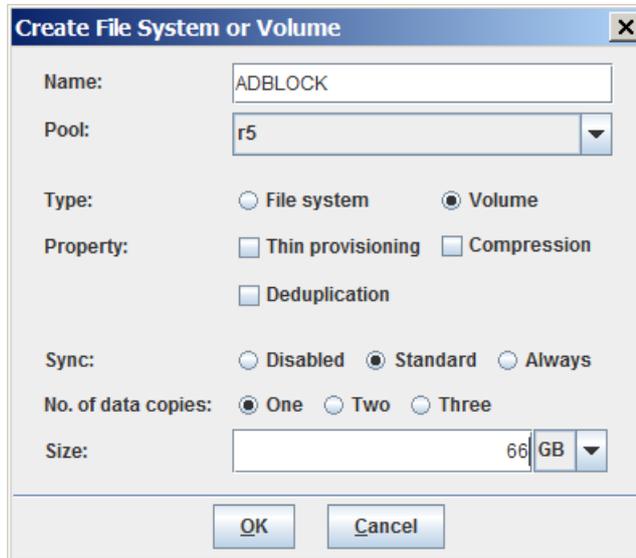


Click Quickconnect button. And you may access the files through FTP using the same domain account (kevin\robert).

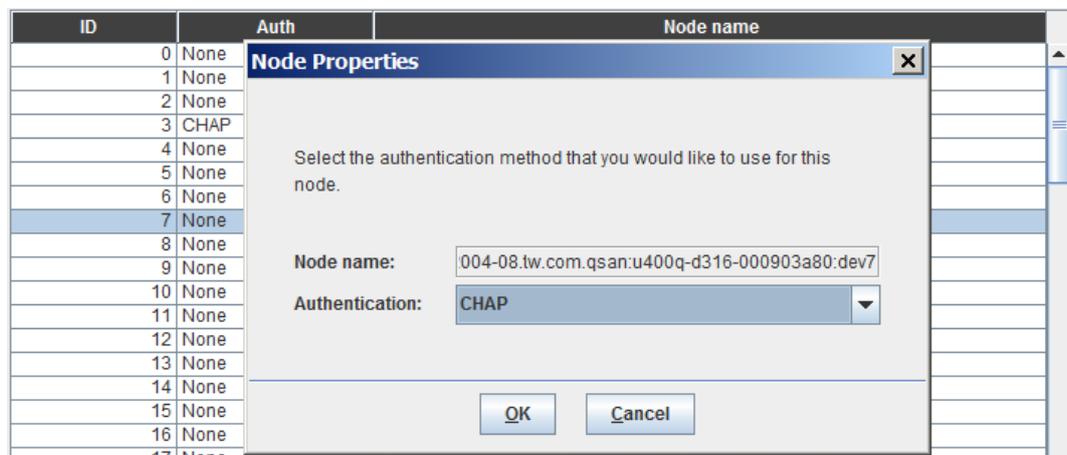


Active Directory with iSCSI CHAP authentication

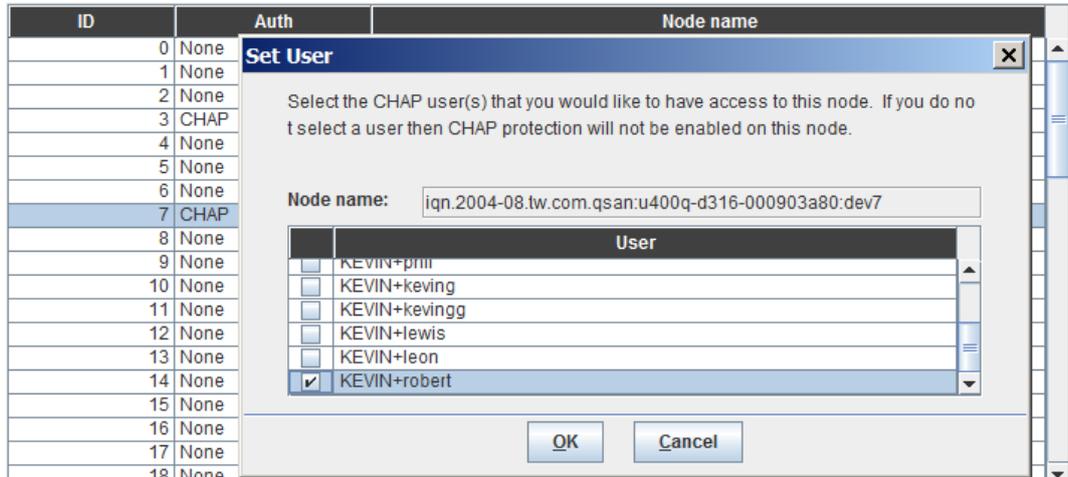
- Let's create an iSCSI volume – ADBLOCK and set up the CHAP authentication using domain account (kevin\robert). First, create a 66GB volume.



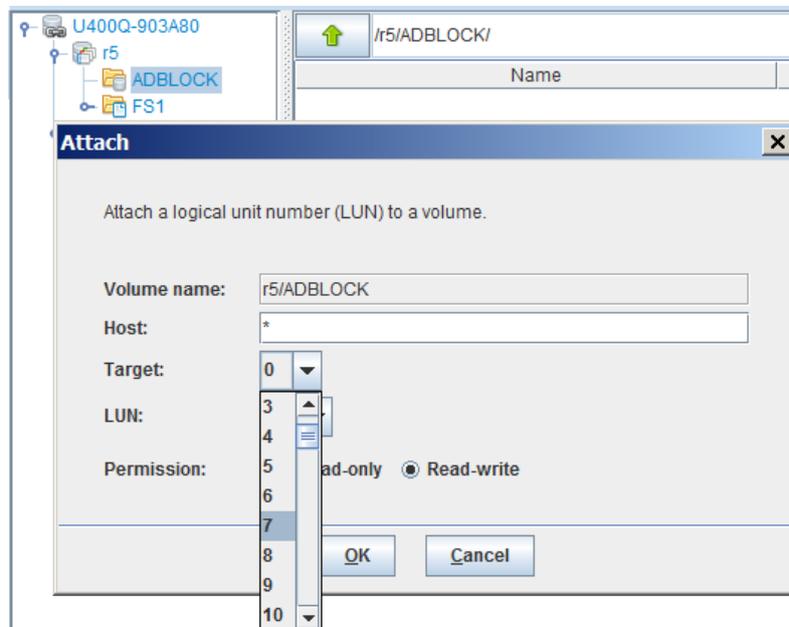
- Go to **Data services** -> **iSCSI** tab. Pick up a node ID (Let's use 7) and right click to select **Properties**. Select **CHAP** to enable CHAP account function.



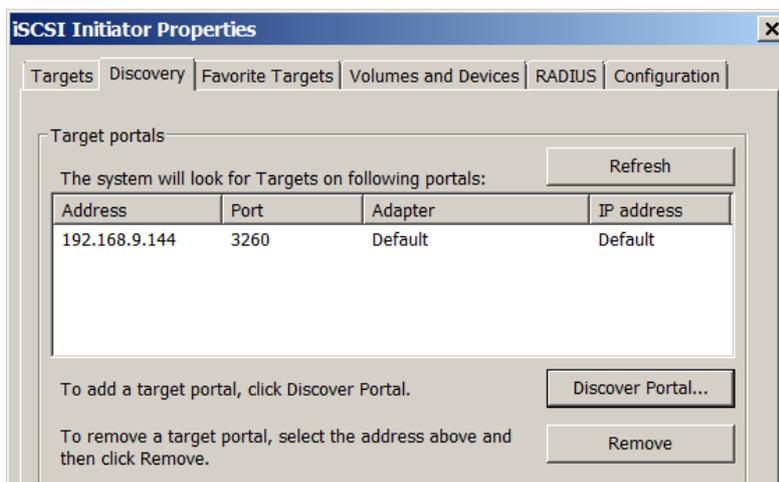
- Right click and select **Set user**. Select the domain account (kevin\robert).

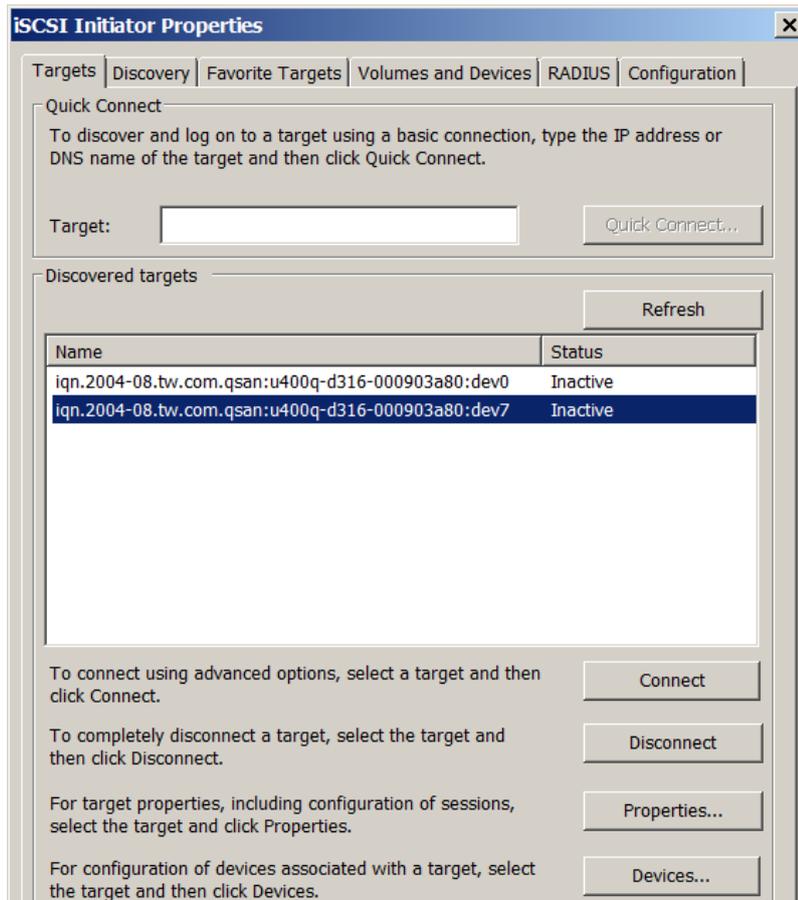


- Go to **Sharing** tab. Right click on the ADBLOCK volume we just created in step 1. And select the target node as 7 and attach LUN.

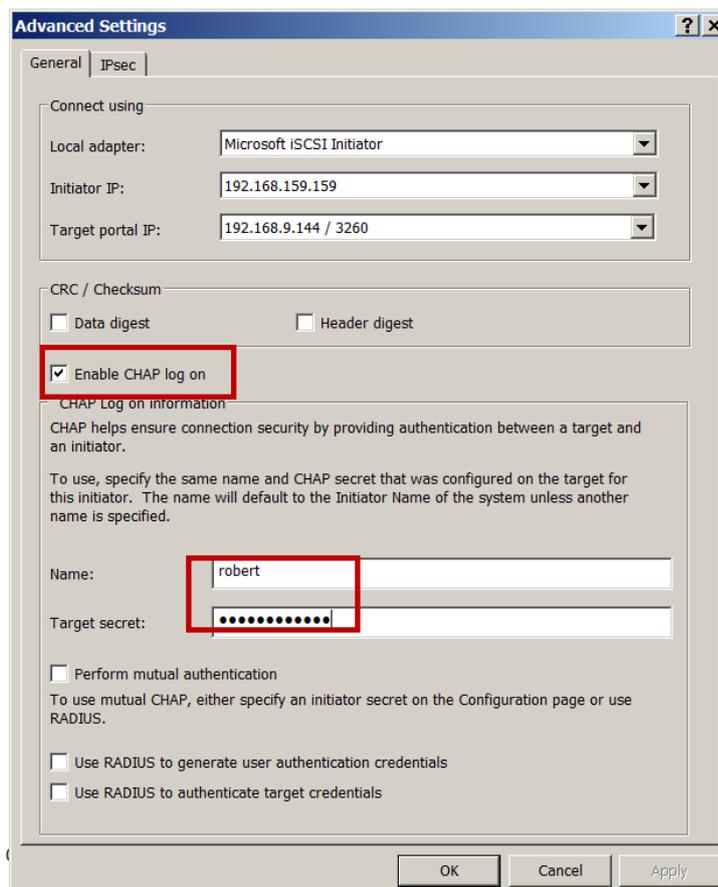


- In Win7, launch iSCSI initiator and put in the network IP(192.168.9.144) to discover our portal.

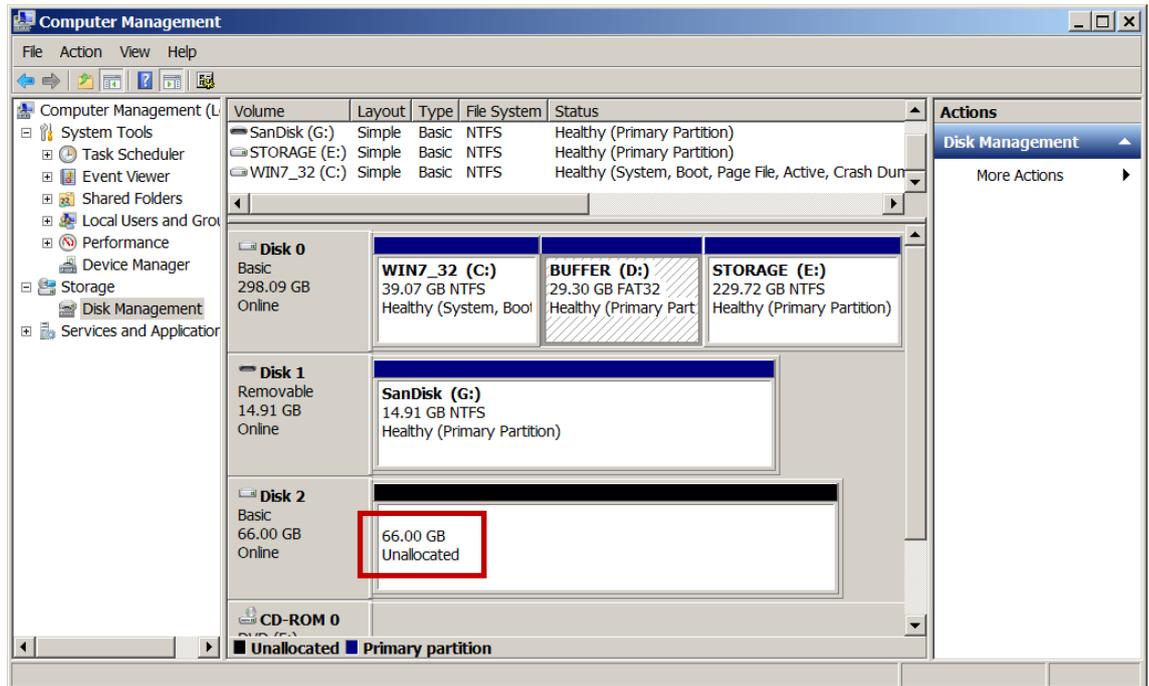




6. Select the proper target (dev7 from step 4) and click **Connect**. And click **Advanced** to set up CHAP account as below.



7. Click **Ok** to complete the connection. A new drive with size of 66GB is ready for use.



TIP: Please be aware of the following things.

- The client machine running Windows iSCSI initiator doesn't need to join the AD domain. Or the user doesn't have to use domain account to login the client machine. Qsan UnifiedAUTH truly gives users the upmost flexibility.
- In CHAP account input, only account name and password are needed. No special syntax is required.
- CHAP mechanism password is required to be at least 12 to 16 characters. If the domain account password doesn't meet this requirement, you need to change the password on the AD server or LDAP server, which depends on what service you are using.

LDAP with different data services

The process of using LDAP service with different data services is pretty similar to that of Standalone service, which we just introduced in the previous section.

Let's select LDAP service and login LDAP server. We use the following data to login the LDAP server.

Please ask your IT managers for the detail information about base DN, admin DN, user base DN, and group base DN.

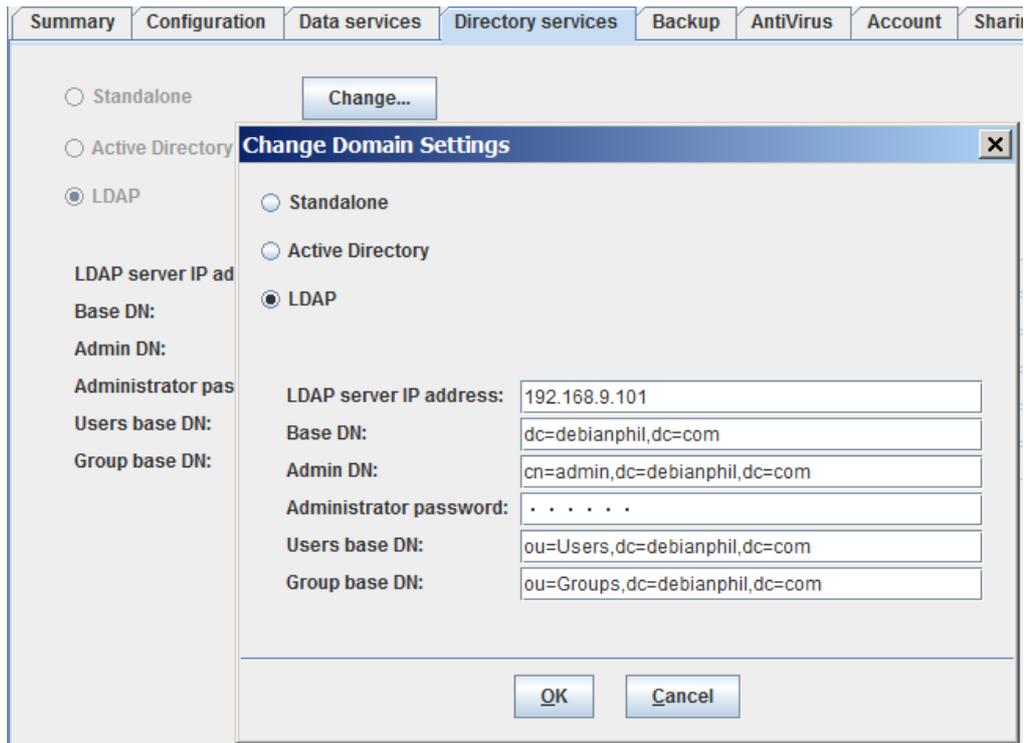
LDAP server IP address : 192.168.9.101

Base DN : dc=debianphil,dc=com

Admin DN : cn=admin, dc=debianphil,dc=com

User base DN : ou=Users, dc=debianphil,dc=com

Group base DN : ou=Groups, dc=debianphil,dc=com



In Account tab, domain user and domain group will look like below. You may notice that there is no domain name in here in the fashion of <domain name>+<user name>.

Users		Domain user ▼ Total: 14			
Groups	User name	Group	Quota (GB)	Used (%)	Email
	root	Domain Admins	none	0	
	nobody		none	0	
	sent		none	0	
	felt		none	0	
	qwer		none	0	
	qaz		none	0	
	qqq		none	0	
	aaa		none	0	
	zzz		none	0	
	aaaexit		none	0	
	ccc		none	0	
	keivn		none	0	
	kevin456		none	0	
	robert		none	0	

You can simply use it the same way as you do with Standalone mode.

Please be aware that with LDAP service, it does not support iSCSI CHAP function. After login LDAP server, the CHAP function will be grey out.

ID	Auth	Node name
0	None	iqn.2004-08.tw.com.qsan:u400q-d316-000903a80:dev0
1	None	iqn.2004-08.tw.com.qsan:u400q-d316-000903a80:dev1
2	None	iqn.2004-08.tw.com.qsan:u400q-d316-000903a80:dev2
3	None	iqn.2004-08.tw.com.qsan:u400q-d316-000903a80:dev3
4	None	iqn.2004-08.tw.com.qsan:u400q-d316-000903a80:dev4
5	None	iqn.2004-08.tw.com.qsan:u400q-d316-000903a80:dev5
6	None	iqn.2004-08.tw.com.qsan:u400q-d316-000903a80:dev6


CAUTION

LDAP service doesn't integrate with iSCSI CHAP authentication. You will not be able to use iSCSI CHAP function after Qsan unified storage logs in LDAP server and uses LDAP service.

Switching to a different directory service

Directory service can be changed for flexibility. If you want to change from one directory service to another, some consequent actions will be taken by the system and please prepare for these.

- If you switch to either MS AD or LDAP, functions (such as **Create, Edit, Delete**) applied to local users and groups will be disabled.
- If you switch back to Standalone mode, functions (such as **Create, Edit, Delete**) applied to local users and groups will be enabled again (if home directory is properly configured).
- **Access control settings** for all shares will be deleted. You need to re-create access control from scratch manually.

