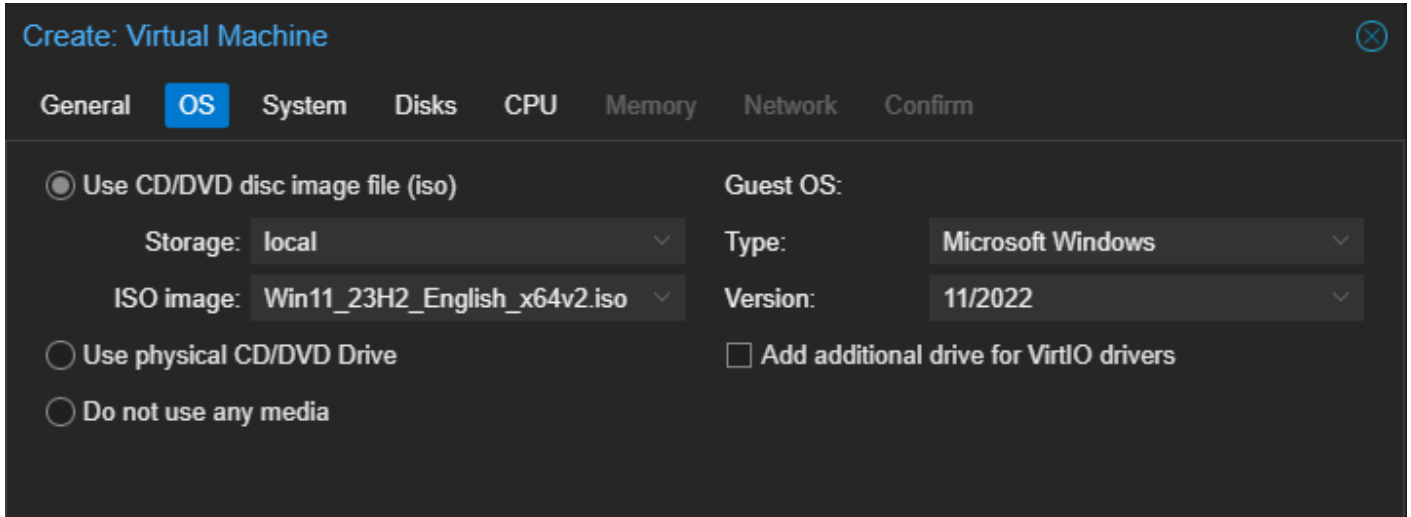


Proxmox VMs for Users

Use, the following configurations to set up VMs for Windows 11 on Proxmox...

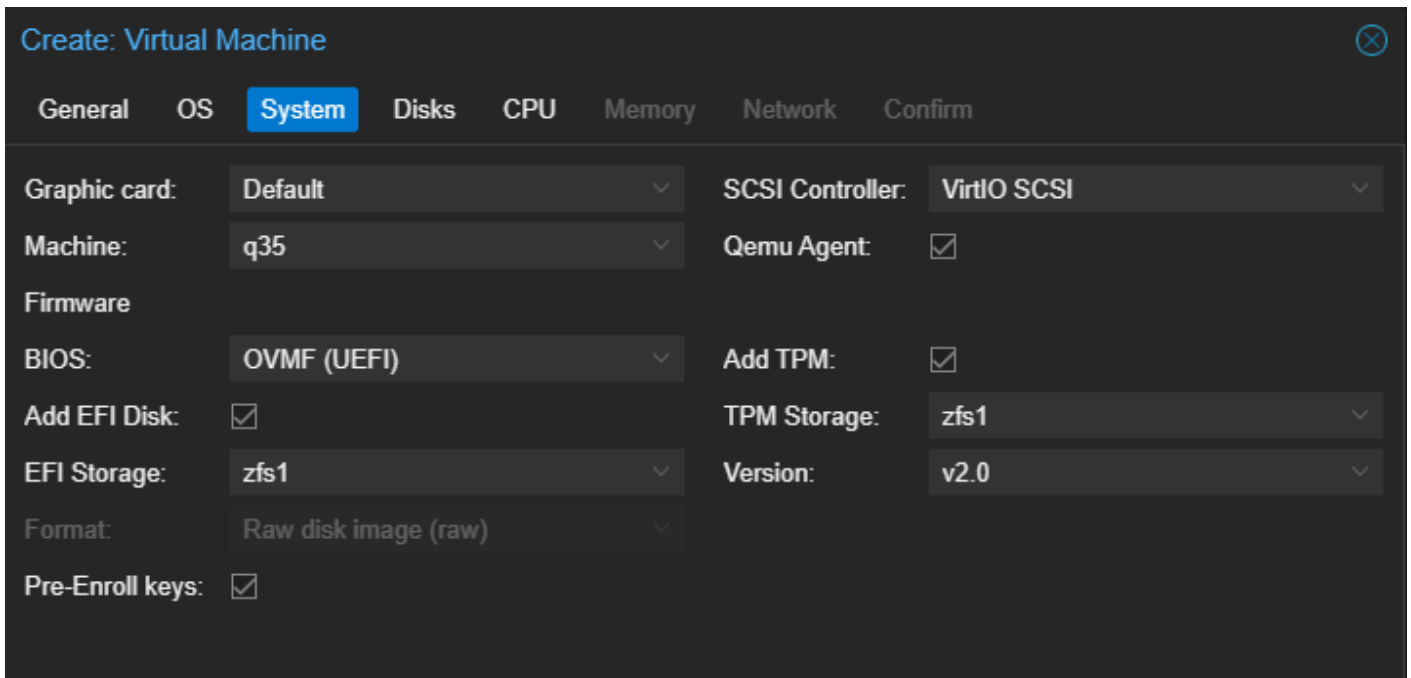
Name your machine, then move on to Operating System:



The screenshot shows the 'Create: Virtual Machine' dialog box with the 'OS' tab selected. The 'Use CD/DVD disc image file (iso)' option is chosen. The 'Storage' is set to 'local' and the 'ISO image' is 'Win11_23H2_English_x64v2.iso'. The 'Guest OS' is 'Microsoft Windows' and the 'Version' is '11/2022'. Other options include 'Use physical CD/DVD Drive', 'Do not use any media', and 'Add additional drive for VirtIO drivers'.

Option	Value
Use CD/DVD disc image file (iso)	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
Storage	local
ISO image	Win11_23H2_English_x64v2.iso
Use physical CD/DVD Drive	<input type="radio"/>
Do not use any media	<input type="radio"/>
Guest OS	Microsoft Windows
Version	11/2022
Add additional drive for VirtIO drivers	<input type="checkbox"/>

- Select your ISO and change the Type and Version accordingly.

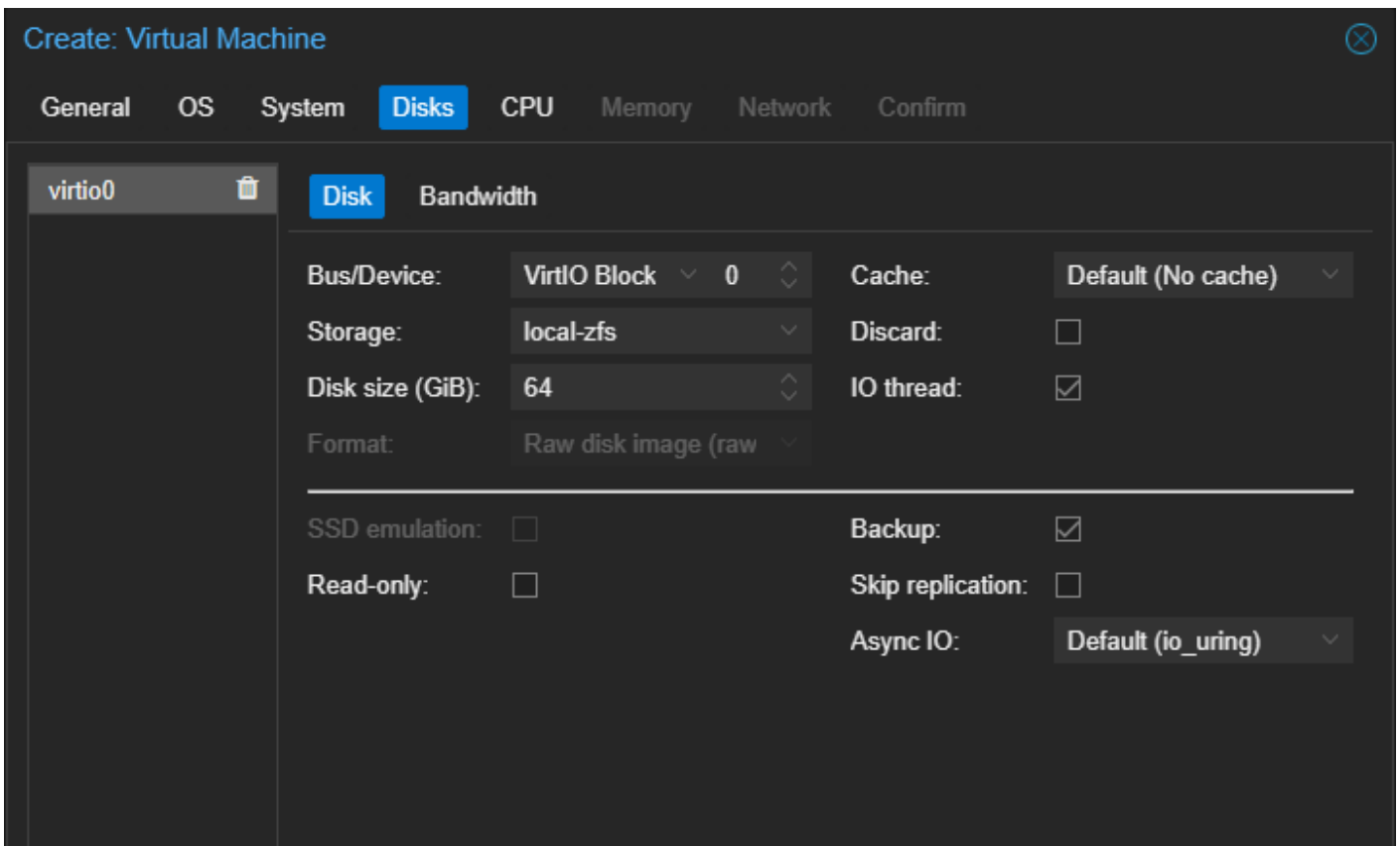


The screenshot shows the 'Create: Virtual Machine' dialog box with the 'System' tab selected. The 'Machine' is 'q35', 'BIOS' is 'OVMF (UEFI)', and 'SCSI Controller' is 'VirtIO SCSI'. The 'Qemu Agent' and 'Add TPM' options are checked. 'EFI Storage' is 'zfs1' and 'Version' is 'v2.0'. Other options include 'Add EFI Disk', 'Format', and 'Pre-Enroll keys'.

Option	Value
Graphic card	Default
Machine	q35
SCSI Controller	VirtIO SCSI
Qemu Agent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Firmware	
BIOS	OVMF (UEFI)
Add TPM	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Add EFI Disk	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
TPM Storage	zfs1
EFI Storage	zfs1
Version	v2.0
Format	Raw disk image (raw)
Pre-Enroll keys	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

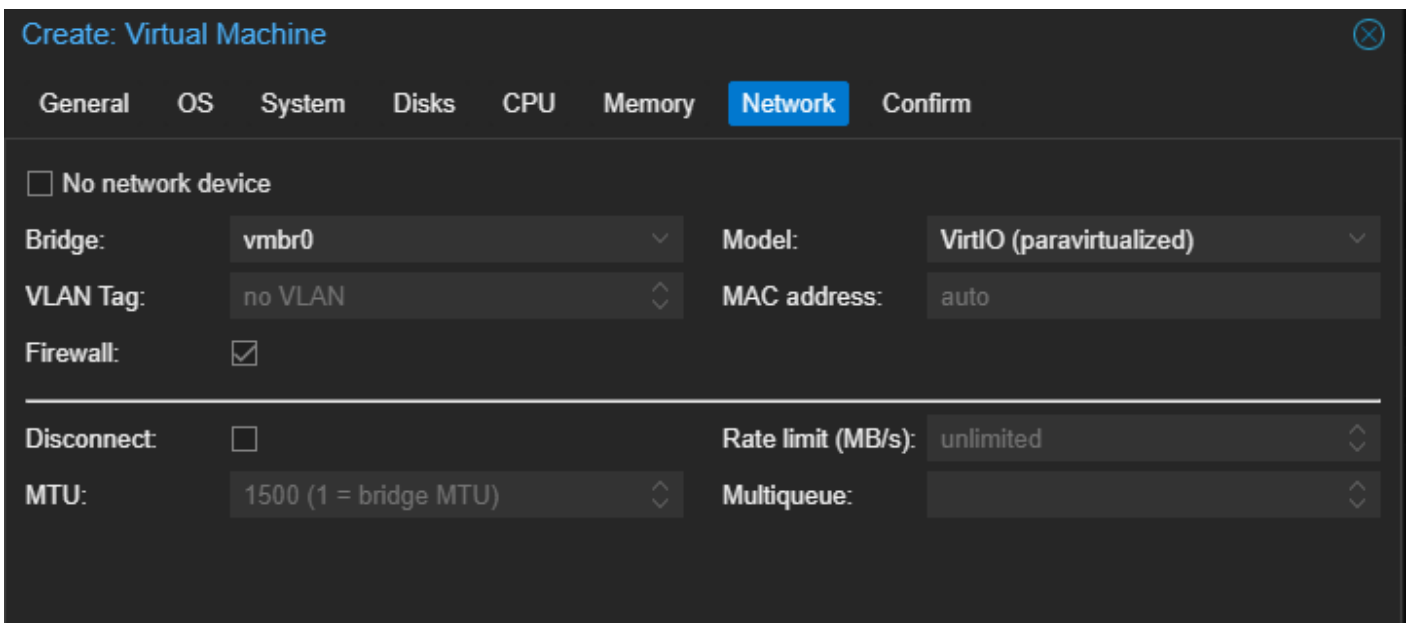
- Select q35, OVMF, and QEMU agent.
- More importantly, make sure you select VirtIO SCSI

Next, configure Disks:

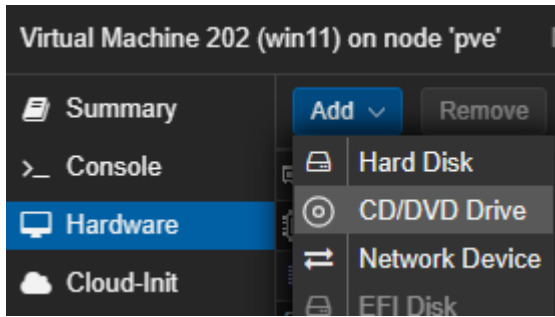


- Make sure you select VirtIO Block as BUS device. Everything else can remain as default.

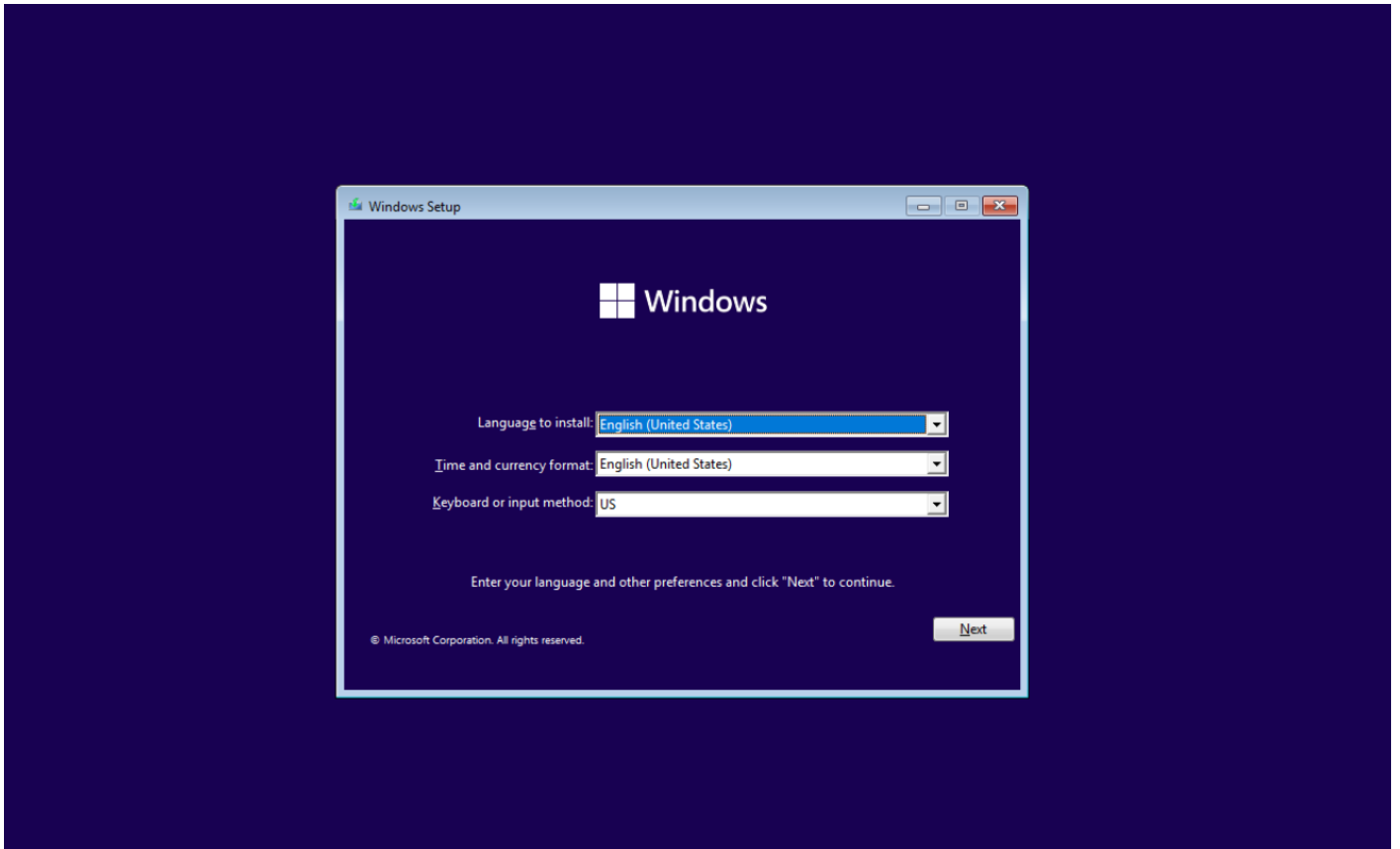
After configuring your CPU and Memory, configure your network as follows:



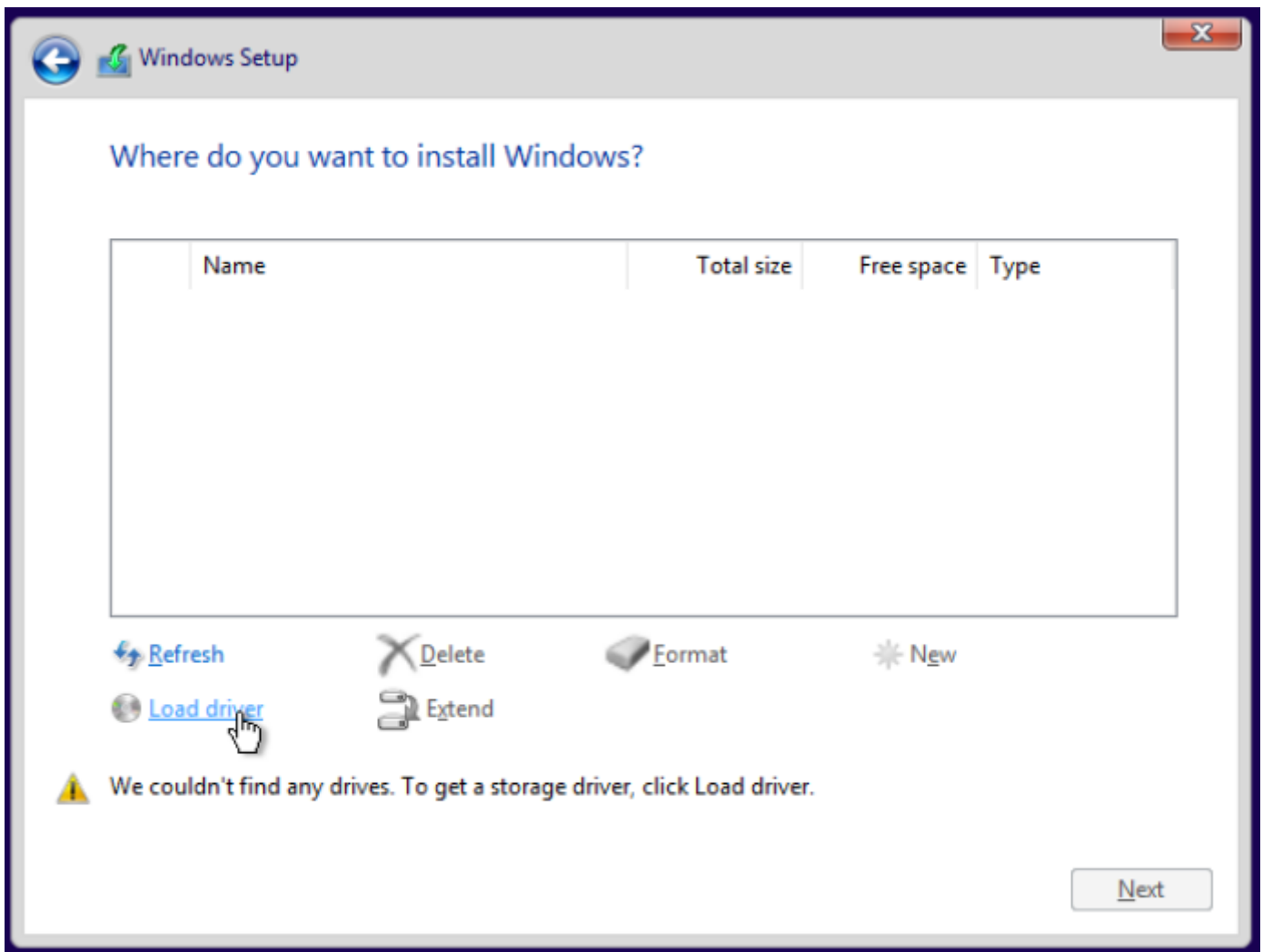
- Before starting your machine, you need to add the VirtIO driver as a CD/DVD. To do this, navigate to Hardware ---> Add ---> CD/DVD



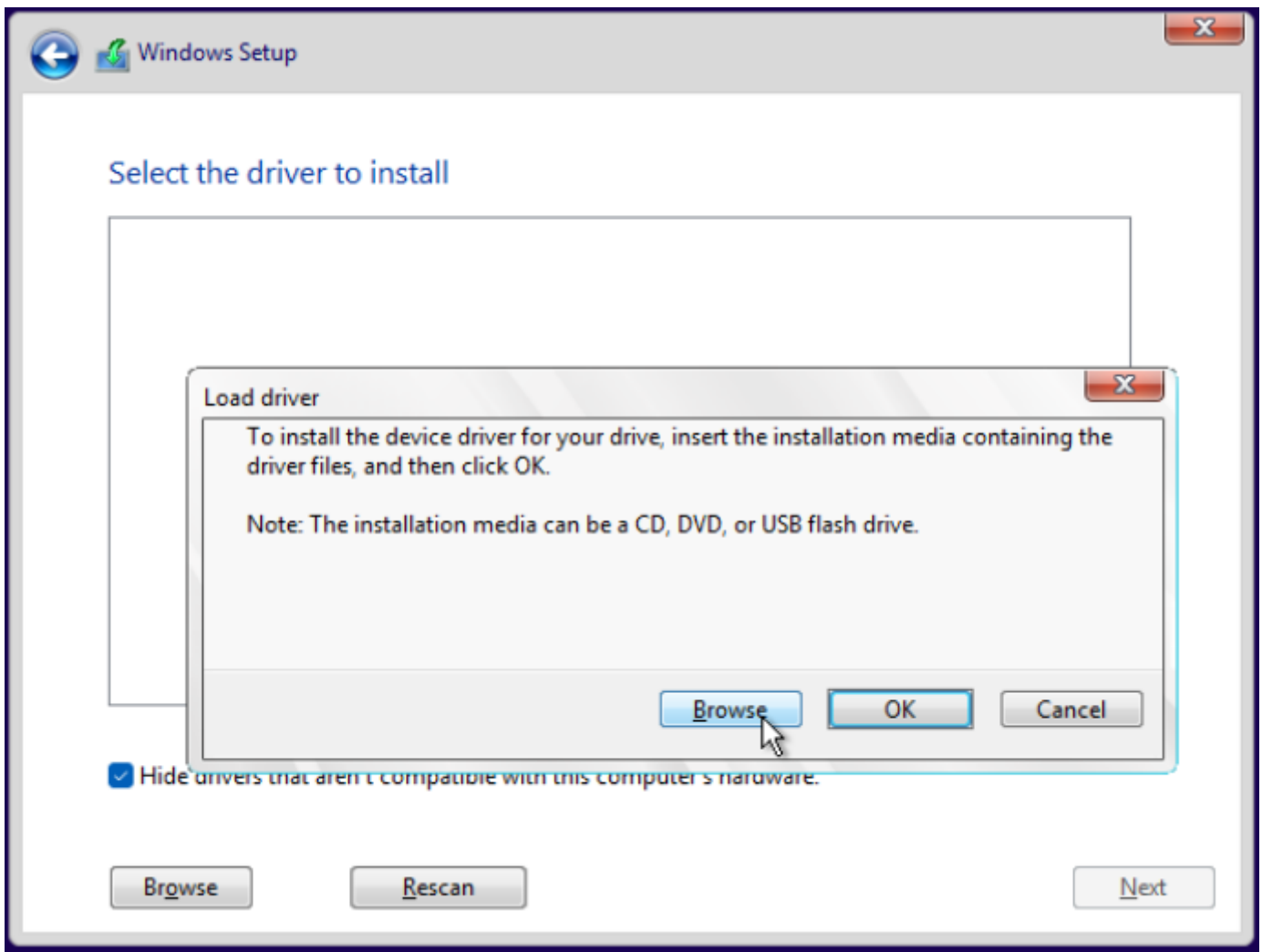
You can now boot up the machine. You should see the default Windows Installer Pop Up:



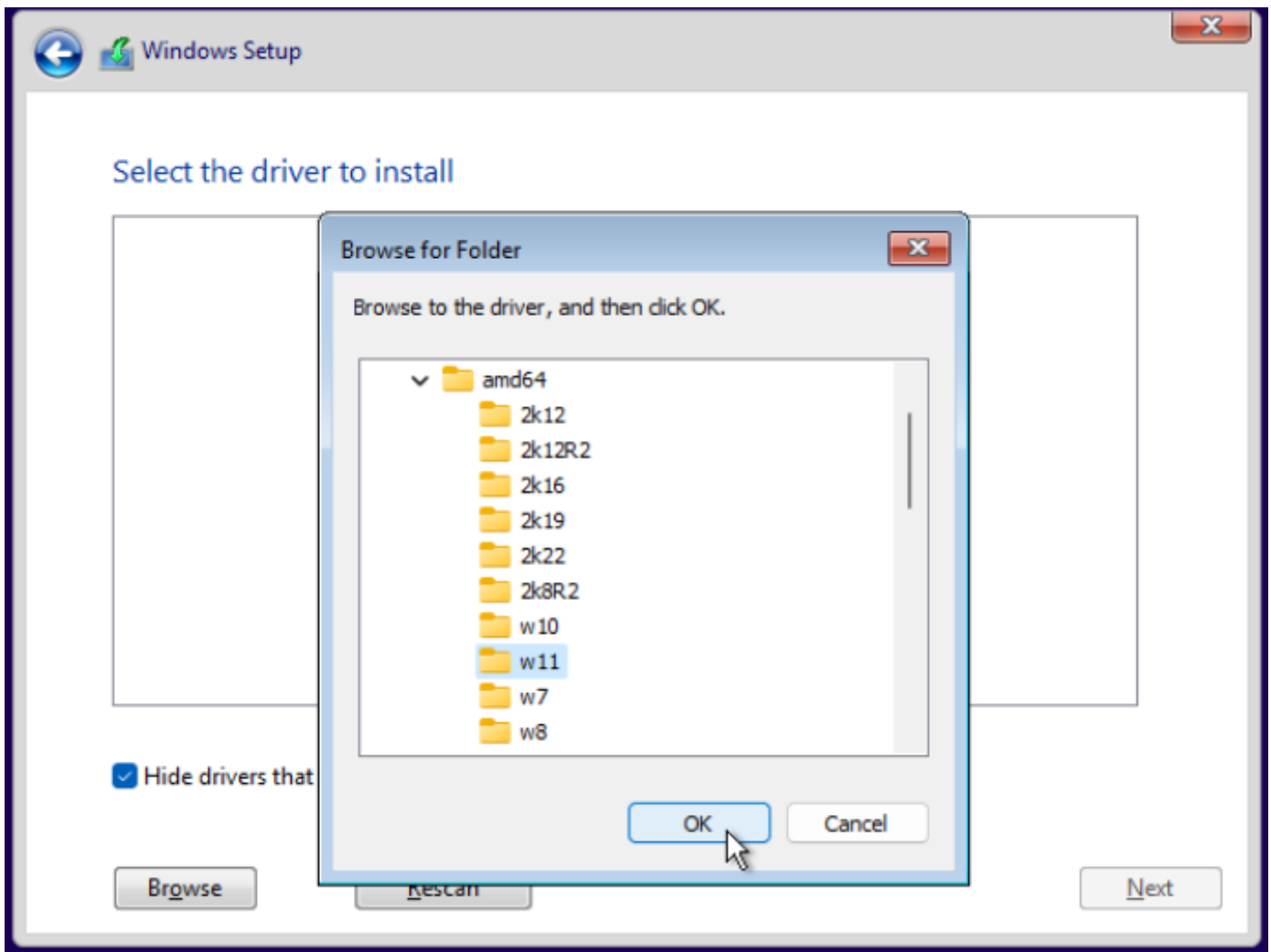
Select "I don't have a product key" and walk through the default setup. Once you reach the Installation Type, select Custom Install, then Load Driver:



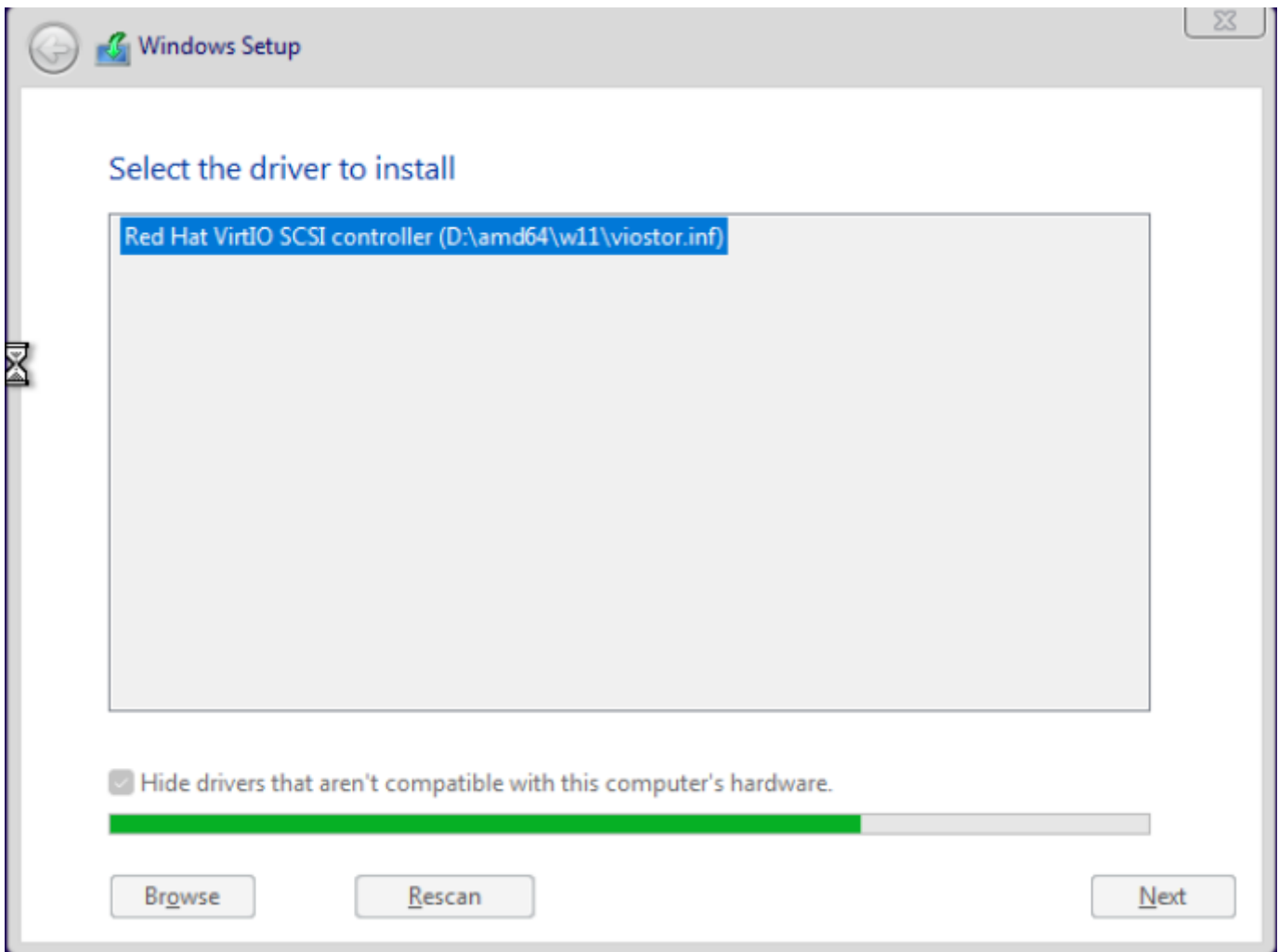
Select "Browse":



Select your VirtIO CD ---> amd64 ---> w11:

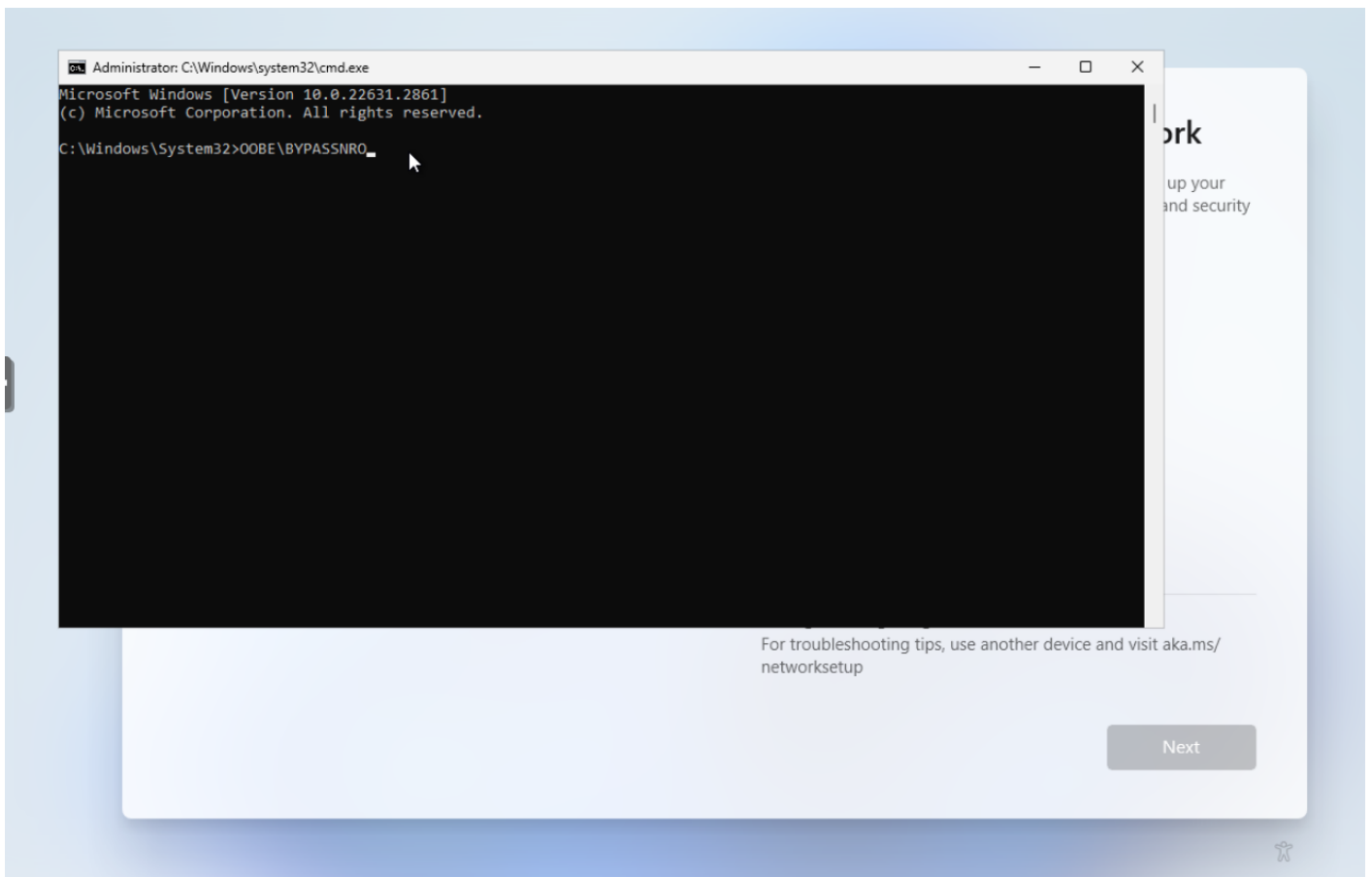


Install the RedHat driver:



Continue through the set up and create a User for this machine. I'll be creating 4 VMs total, and this one will be User2.

When setting up your machine, you'll be asked to connect to the network. To bypass this enter the following in CMD prompt:



- To get to CMD prompt, click SHIFT + F10
- You should now be able to select "I don't have internet" as an option:

Let's connect you to a network

You'll need an internet connection to continue setting up your device. Once connected, you'll get the latest features and security updates.

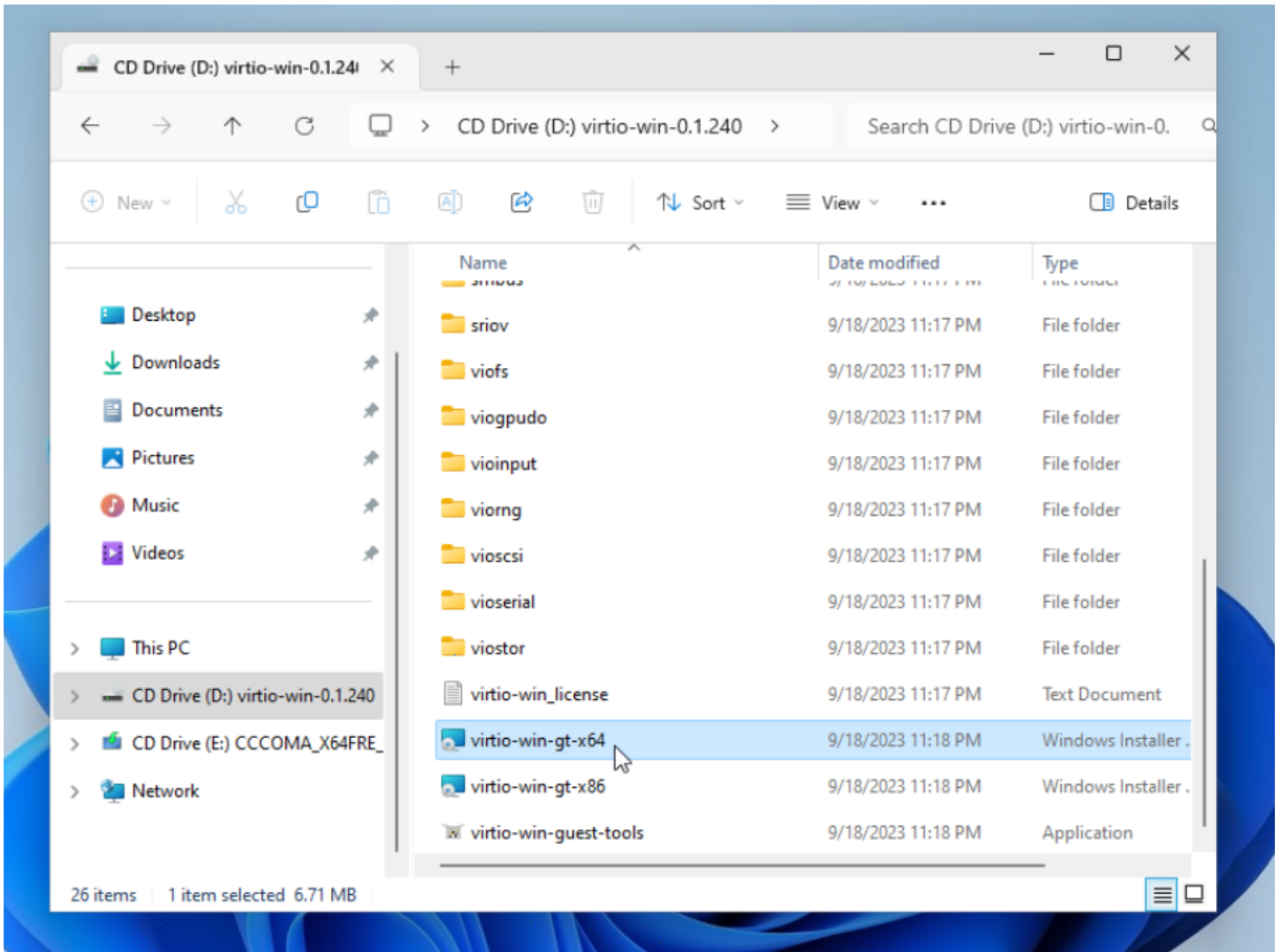


I don't have internet

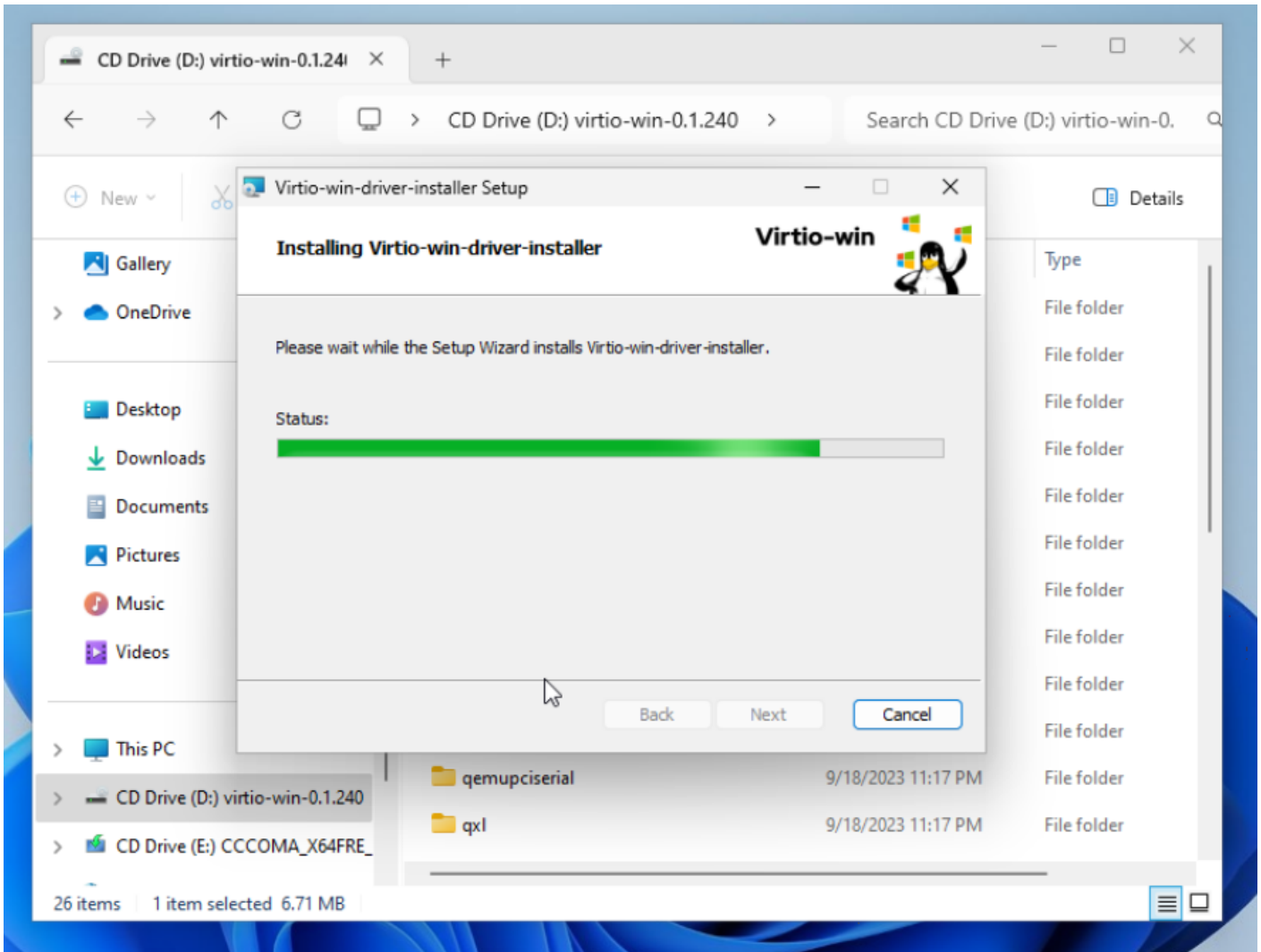
Next



Almost Done! Let your Device Finish Setting Up and then log in and open up File Explorer. Select your VirtIO drive and run the installer to install all components:



Name	Date modified	Type
virtio-win-gt-x86	9/18/2023 11:17 PM	File folder
sriov	9/18/2023 11:17 PM	File folder
viofs	9/18/2023 11:17 PM	File folder
viogpudo	9/18/2023 11:17 PM	File folder
vioinput	9/18/2023 11:17 PM	File folder
viornig	9/18/2023 11:17 PM	File folder
vioscsi	9/18/2023 11:17 PM	File folder
vioserial	9/18/2023 11:17 PM	File folder
viostor	9/18/2023 11:17 PM	File folder
virtio-win_license	9/18/2023 11:17 PM	Text Document
virtio-win-gt-x64	9/18/2023 11:18 PM	Windows Installer .
virtio-win-gt-x86	9/18/2023 11:18 PM	Windows Installer .
virtio-win-guest-tools	9/18/2023 11:18 PM	Application



After finishing the install, you should now be connected to the internet. To verify this, navigate to your router (OPNsense in my case) and check to see if your computer is being assigned an IP.

Interface	IP Address	MAC Address	Hostname	Description
homeLAB1	192.168.2.10	e0:46:ee:20:e5:93 <i>NETGEAR</i>		
homeLAB1	192.168.2.17	bc:24:11:51:35:a7 <i>Proxmox Server Solutions GmbH</i>	docker-hl	
homeLAB1	192.168.2.24	bc:24:11:e9:76:de <i>Proxmox Server Solutions GmbH</i>	user1	
homeLAB1	192.168.2.25	bc:24:11:c6:f9:f2 <i>Proxmox Server Solutions GmbH</i>	DESKTOP-CB6TI42	
homeLAB1	192.168.2.100	bc:24:11:f2:7d:f6 <i>Proxmox Server Solutions GmbH</i>	Windows-Server-2022- DC	

- You can see that my VM now has an IP of 192.168.2.25
 - There are several other ways to check the internet connection. I did this so I could assign static IP and change the DNS route to point this machine to my Domain Controller so that I could add it to a Workgroup.
- You're all set, don't forget to update your Windows VM!

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