

# Dante Domain Manager

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## Hyper-V Installation Instructions

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# 1. Installation Instructions for Hyper-V

## 1.1. Overview

Dante Domain Manager (DDM) is packaged as an ISO file, which includes a streamlined Linux distribution which has been preconfigured for the DDM application.

To install DDM you can create a bootable USB drive (for installing DDM on a bare-metal machine) or import the ISO directly into a virtualization platform. This guide will walk through importing the ISO file and creating a virtual machine in Hyper-V.

## 1.2. System Requirements for Hypervisors

The system requirements for the machine on which DDM is installed vary according to the number of Dante devices DDM is required to support:

No. of Devices	<100	100 - 200	>200
CPUs	2		3
RAM (GB)	4	8	16
Hard Disk (GB)	20		30
Architecture	Intel x86 64-bit		

The physical host machine on which a hypervisor is installed must also meet the above specifications (with additional capacity for any other applications).

For information about system requirements for HA (High Availability) installations, see the 'Installing DDM' section of the user guide.



**Important Note:** Audinate recommends installing DDM software on server grade hardware. Installing DDM onto personal computer hardware running an OS (Windows, MacOS, Linux) is not suitable for a production environments or permanent installations.

## 1.3. Enabling Hyper-V in Windows Server

1. In the Server Manager Window click **Manage** then **Add Roles and Features**.
2. On the Installation Type page of the Add Roles and Features Wizard, select **Role-based or feature-based installation** then click Next.

3. On the Server Selection page select the server you wish to add Hyper-V to.
4. On the Server Roles page select **Hyper-V**. In the window that pop-ups click **Add Features** then click **Next**.
5. On the Features page don't make any changes and click **Next**.
6. On the Confirmation page click **Install**.
7. On the Results page wait for the Installation to complete and then click **Close**.

## 1.4. Enabling Hyper-V in Windows

**Not recommended for production environments or permanent install.**

If Hyper-V is not already enabled on your Windows machine, the following steps explain how to enable Hyper-V. If you already have Hyper-V enabled or are installing on a Hyper-V server, skip to the next section.

### Hyper-V Requirements

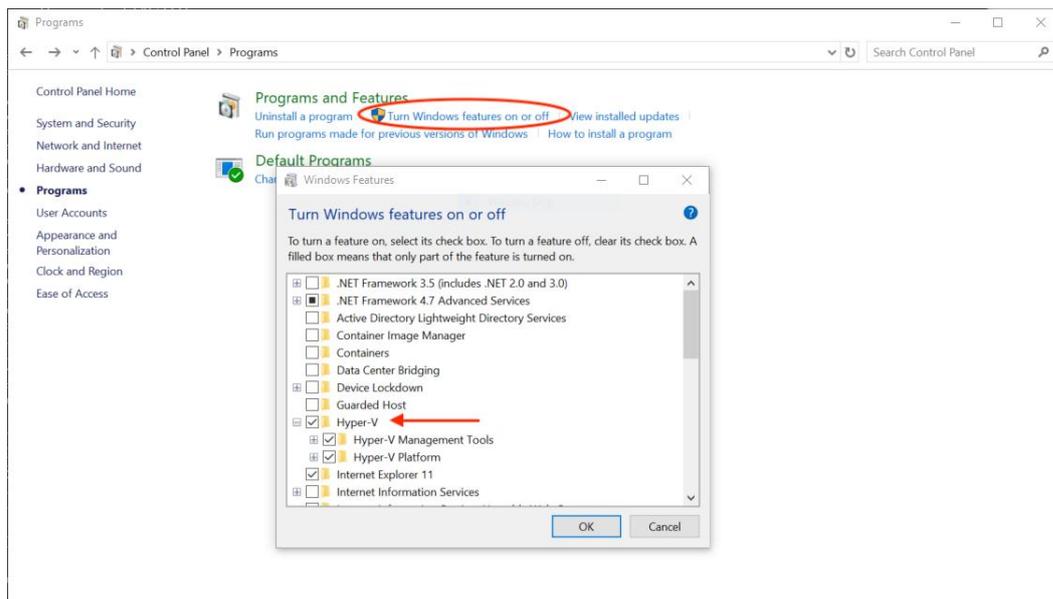
- Windows 10 or 11 Enterprise, Pro, or Education
- 64-bit Processor with Second Level Address Translation (SLAT)
- CPU support for VM Monitor Mode Extension (VT-x on Intel CPUs)
- Minimum 4 GB memory



**Note:** Hyper-V **cannot** be installed on Windows 10 or 11 Home and you will need more than 4GB memory total to successfully run DDM on a Windows machine.

### For Windows 10:

1. Right click on the Windows button and select 'Apps and Features'.
2. Select **Programs and Features** on the right under related settings.
3. Select **Turn Windows Features on or off**.
4. Select **Hyper-V** and click **OK**.
5. When the installation has completed you will be prompted to restart your computer.



Steps 3 and 4, Turn Windows Features on or off and Select Hyper-V

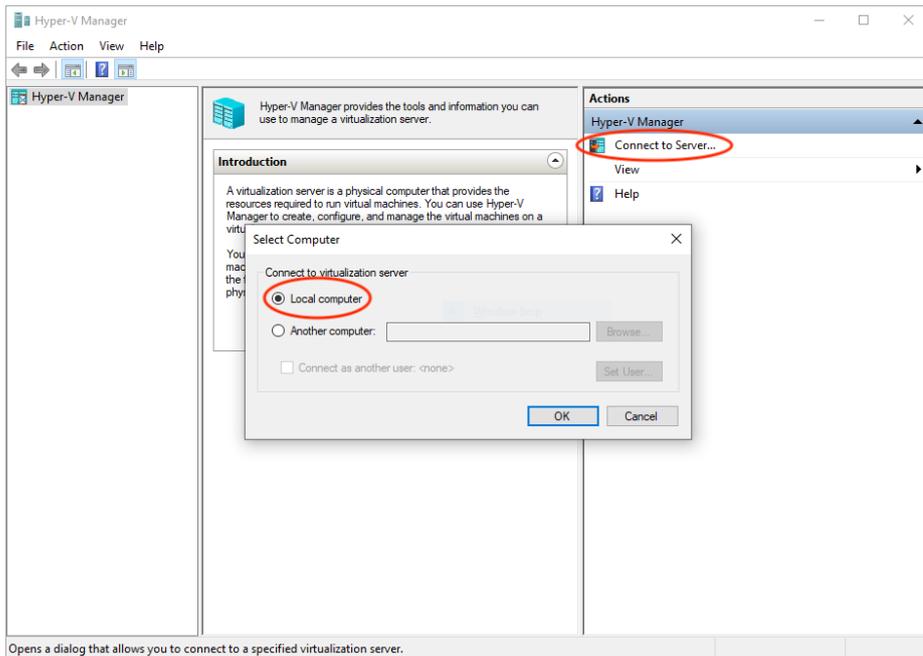
#### For Windows 11:

1. Click the Start button and search for Windows Features.
2. Select 'Turn Windows features on or off'.
3. In the Windows Features dialog, check the box for Hyper-V.
4. Click **OK** to begin installation.

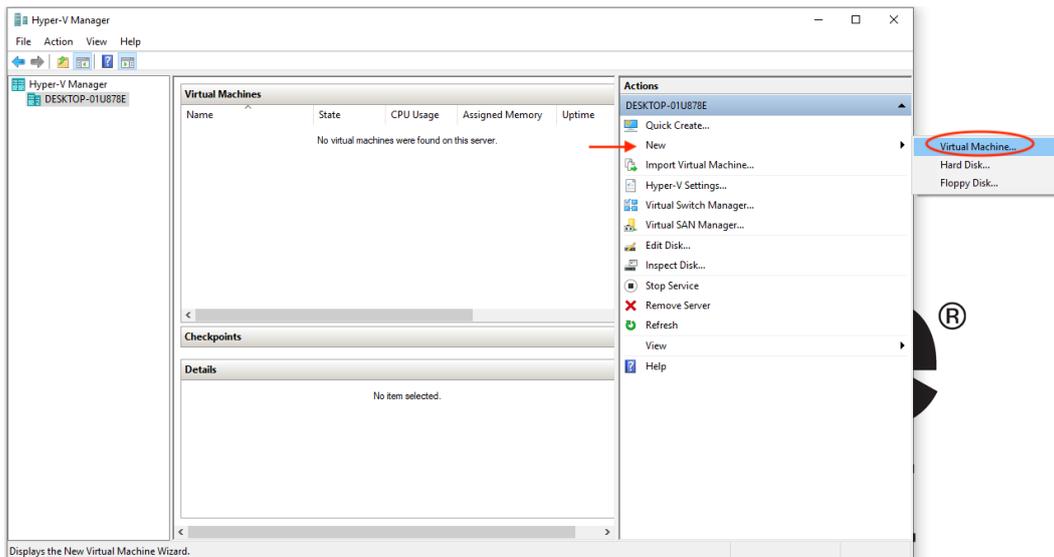
When the installation completes, you will be prompted to restart your computer.

## 1.5. Creating a DDM Virtual Machine in Hyper-V

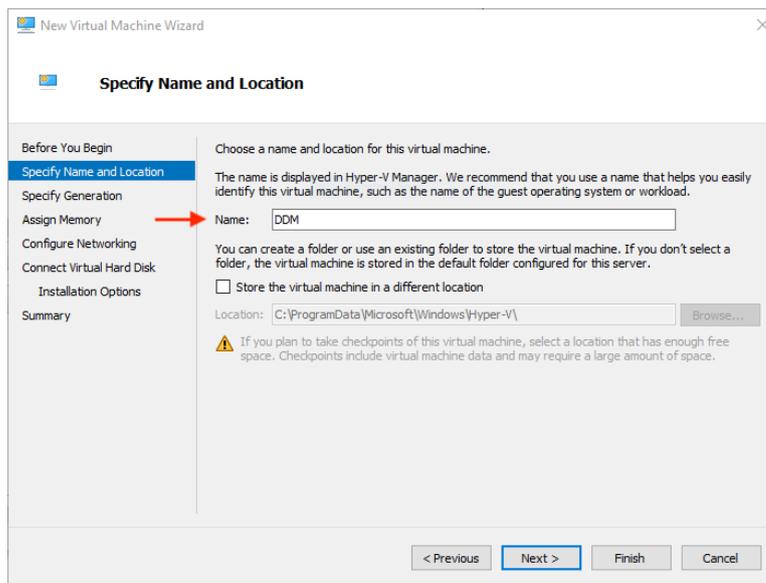
1. Launch Hyper-V Manager (not Hyper-V Quick Create).
2. In Hyper-V Manager click **Connect to Server...** from the right column.
3. In the window that pops up select **Local computer** (if you are installing DDM on the local machine). Then click **OK**.



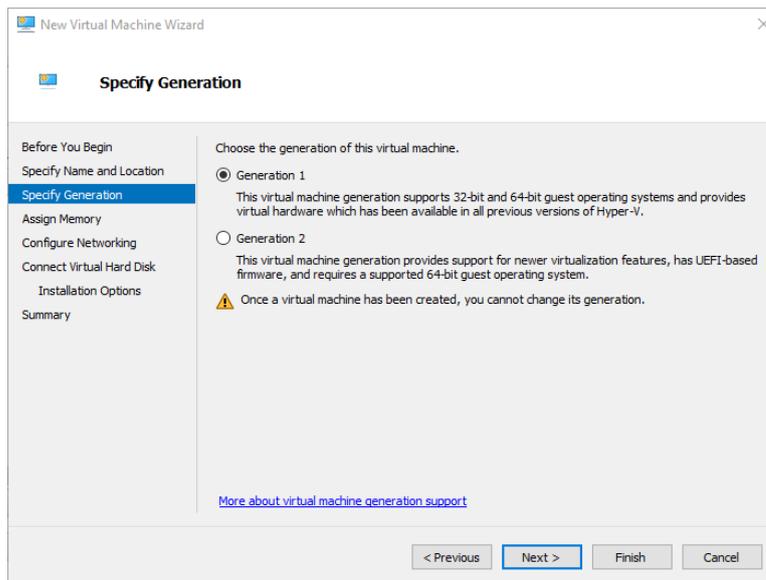
4. Select **New** then **Virtual Machine...** from the right hand column.



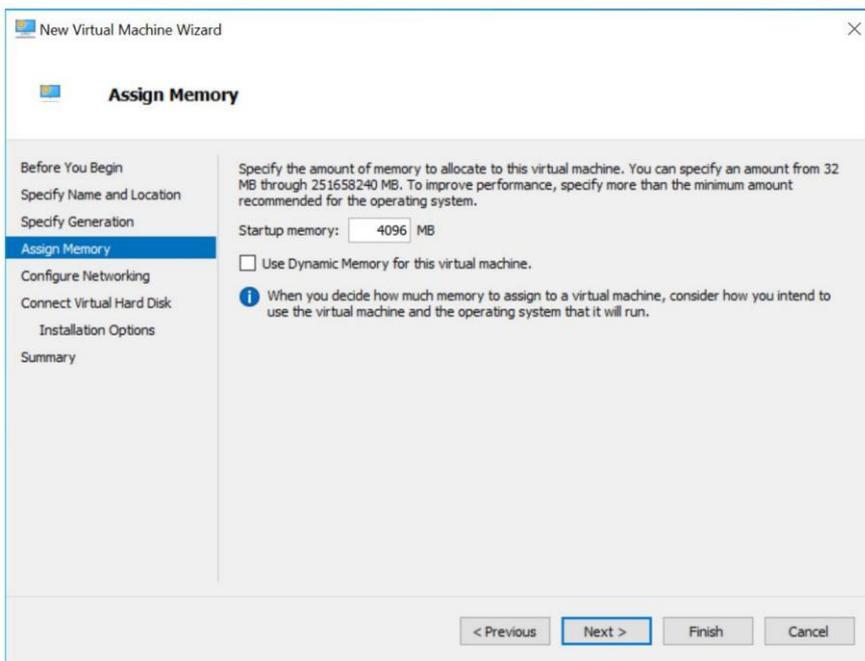
5. The New Virtual Machine Wizard window will open. On the first page give your virtual machine a **Name** and click **Next**.



6. On the second page specify **Generation 1** and click **Next**.

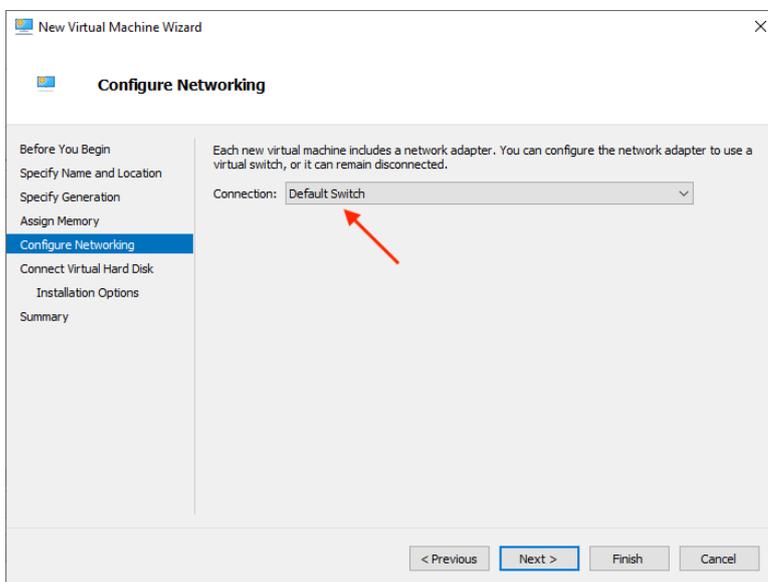


7. On the third page assign the appropriate memory based on the DDM edition and number of devices. (see "1.2 System Requirements for Hypervisors" Minimum: 4096 MB)  
Static memory is recommended. Uncheck the 'Use dynamic memory for this virtual machine'.

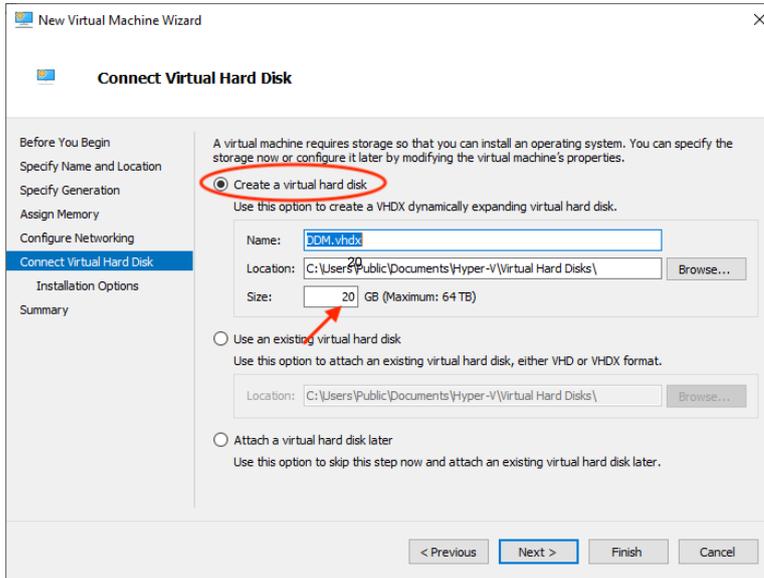


Click **Next**.

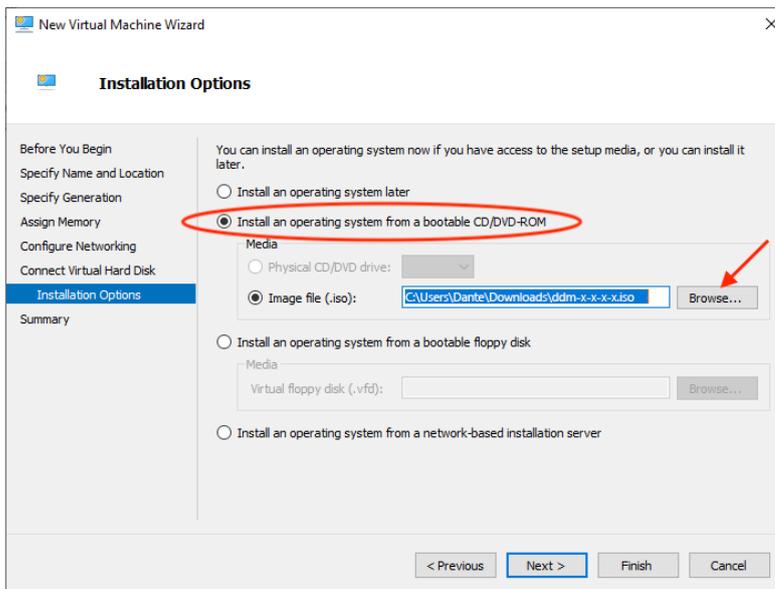
- On the fourth page select **Default Switch** from the drop-down menu then click **Next**. (Note: If you connect to your Dante network or the Internet with a non-built-in network adapter you may need to add that interface in the **Virtual Switch Manager** then edit your DDM virtual machine **Settings** to add the new Virtual Switch.)



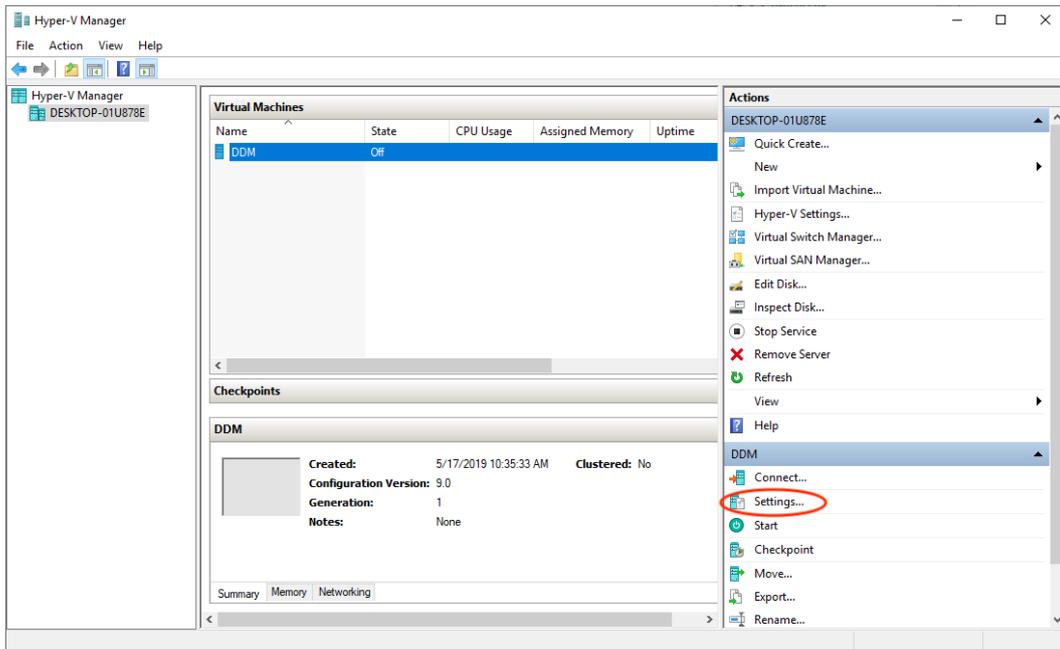
9. On the fifth page select **Create a virtual hard disk** and specify **Size**, then click **Next**. (Minimum: 20 GB).



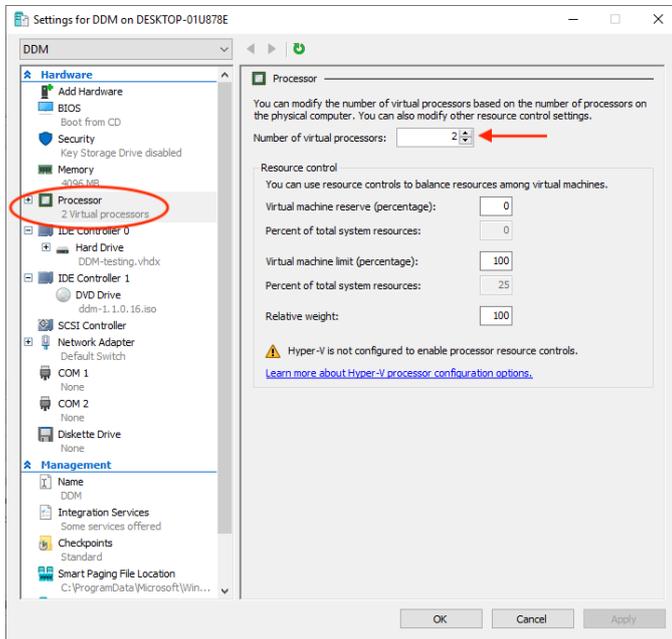
10. On the sixth page select **Install an operating system from a bootable CD/DVD-ROM** then select **Image File (iso)**, **Browse...** to locate your DDM ISO image then click **Next**.



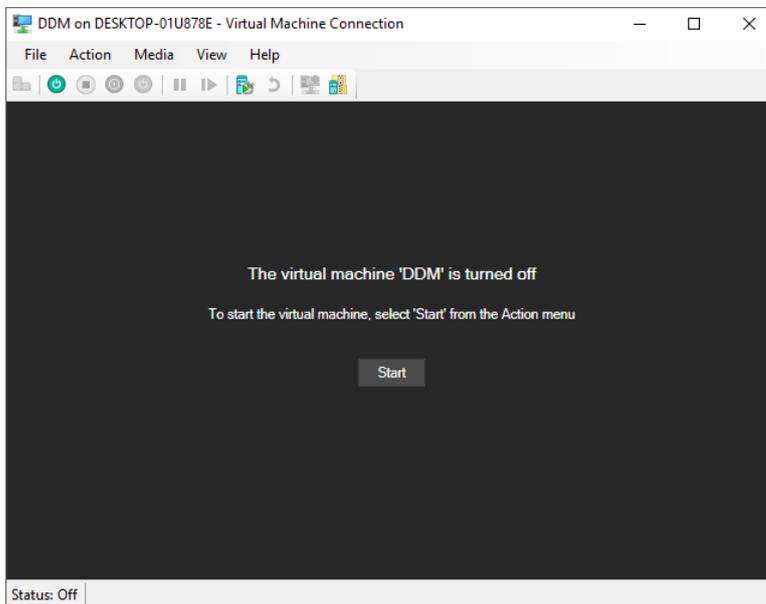
11. Review your setup on the Summary page then click **Finish**.
12. With your DDM Virtual Machine selected in the Virtual Machines list click **Settings...** in the right-hand column.



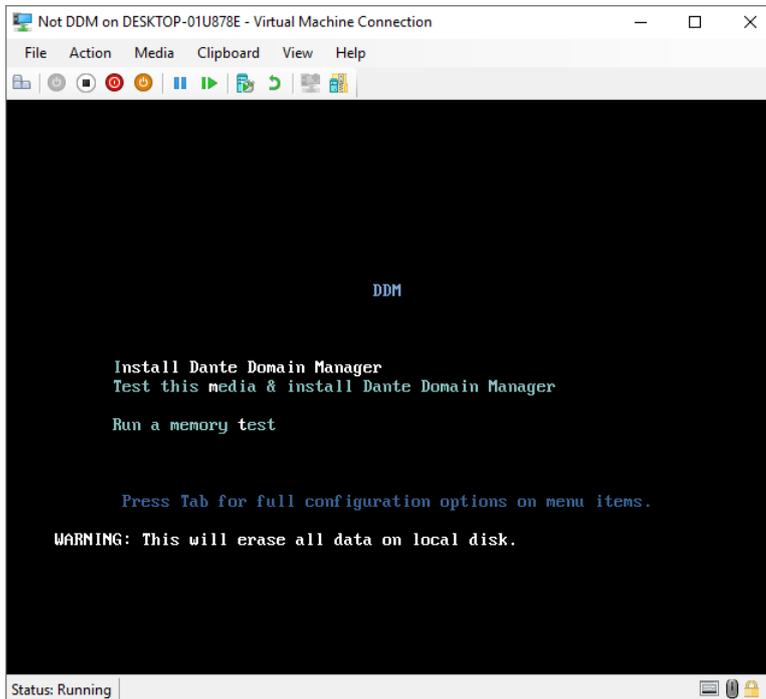
13. In the Settings window click **Processor** in the left-hand column and specify **Number of virtual processors** based on the DDM edition and number of devices. (Minimum: 2) Click **Apply** then **OK** to close the Settings window.



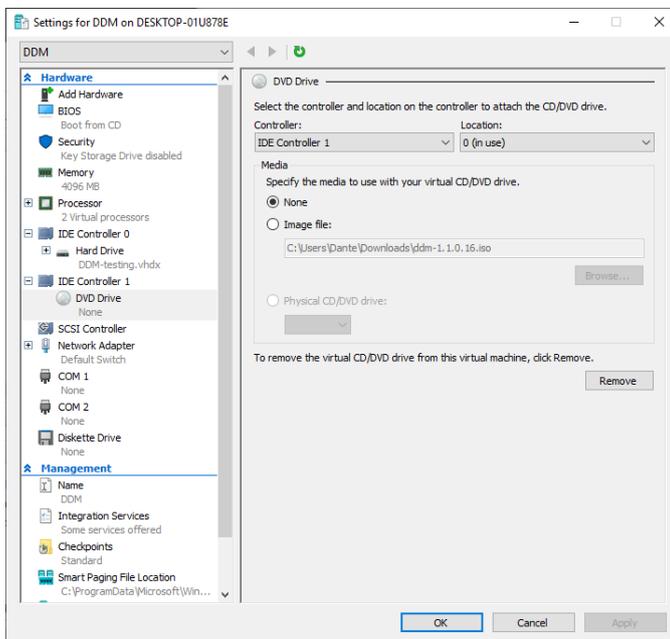
14. Now click **Connect...** to launch the Virtual Machine console and click **Start** in the console window that pops up to start the installation process.



15. On the DDM Installation screen make sure **Install Dante Domain Manager** is highlighted and hit enter.



16. Let the installation process run until you see the message: **Installation Complete**. Rather than pressing return to quit (*as suggested on screen*) click the **Shut Down** button so you don't end up in an install loop.
17. Go the Virtual Machine's **Settings** window again and this time click on **DVD Drive** and change the selection to **None**, click Apply then **OK**.



18. Click **Start** to boot up the virtual machine.
19. Once booted up the start-up script displays a dialog showing the Dante interface and the IP address for the VM, plus an administration menu. Make any changes needed in the administration menu, open up a

web browser and navigate to the IP address, then follow the steps to complete DDM setup and licensing.

More information on the Administration Menu options and licensing process is available in the DDM user guide.