

Best structure for Portals and Sites

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Not understanding Microsoft's intention fully, I have developed a Portal site for the company with Sites created on the Sites page for the departments in the company. The Sites are created under the Portal hierarchy (i.e. <http://myportal.com/Sites/DeptSite/Default.aspx>). As I understand, this means that all the Sites I create fall under the responsibility of the same virtual server. I need 'nice' DNS entries for these sites, so I've created empty virtual directories that map to the Site so that I can bind 'nice' DNS entries to them. For example, <http://myportal.com/Sites/DeptSite/Default.aspx> can be visited by typing <http://DeptSite.myportal.com>.

I keep reading that the best practice is to contain each sites content in its own virtual server, but I don't see how to move things there in the right way. Also, I keep reading about 'extending' the virtual server, but I don't really understand what is intended by that. I've tried extending a virtual server on a test Site, and my DNS mapping would no longer point to it (giving a Security Validation error).

Can anyone point me in the right direction?