

Windows 2003 AD Native and VPN

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I have two servers: (1) Windows 2003 DC (AD/Native) (2) Windows 2003 VPN Server

Note: RADIUS is NOT installed, but VPN server is still authenticating against DC (the users are not local on VPN server).

I've been reading that you need RADIUS in order to authenticate domain users from the outside, IF the VPN server is separate from the domain controller. However, in my setup, my domain users are connecting to my VPN server and authenticating to the DC WITHOUT Radius installed anywhere.

** Question, why is everyone saying I need RADIUS when my VPN Server (which is part of Windows 2003 AD / Native) is authenticating my domain users just fine?