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Hi,

ok, lets try to answer:

A Domain Controller (DC) ist a Server which can authorize Users an Computers in a Domain (and more). A Domain is a Network with a central Administration of Resources. The Active Directory is the Directory (Database) where the Domain Objects/Resources saved. Each DC in the same Domain on W2k or W2k3 has the same Active Direcotry Database, changes replicates among themselves.

What can you do with a domain?

You can manage your network central. Create one User or Group. Like the User "Marc Test" and the Group "Manager". On the File Server you create a folder for the managers and give the Group "Manager" fullcontrol on this Folder. So each member of the group "Managers" has access to this folder.

There are many other reasons for a Domain. Look at http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Windows_Server_domain for more informations.

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I have read a couple of articles about the Active Directory feature.

However I wonder wether AD is only useful in LANs with a Domain controller resp. server.

When I connect a couple of computers as Workgroup (=NOT Domain !) then AD seems to me not applicable. Is this correct ?

If AD is existing in both scenarios then I would like to know what I can

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do with AD

what I cannot without AD. Which task could not be done in times before AD was invented?

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