

## RE: Active Directory Install

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Hi Joe,

If you're creating a new domain controller for a new domain, then the existing local accounts will be moved into your new domain. If your standalone server is promoted into an existing domain, its local accounts will be lost.

If this is a standalone server, couldn't you just use local policy to configure the security settings you require? The benefit of GPO's is the ability to have policies applied consistently across multiple machines in your domain. If you've only got one server, perhaps a local policy would serve better than upgrading the server to be a domain controller.

Regards,  
Mark.

"Joe\_Ng" wrote:

> *I was wondering if there were any issues with installing*  
> *AD on a 2003 server running as a standalone TS. The users*  
> *are set up as local users only, but now they are wanting*  
> *to set up GPOs to beef up security.*  
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> *Basically, I want to know if the existing user accounts*  
> *are moved into the AD tree. Can someone confirm this?*  
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> *I found a nice checklist here:*  
> [http://www.petri.co.il/how\\_to\\_install\\_active\\_directory\\_on](http://www.petri.co.il/how_to_install_active_directory_on_windows_2003.htm)  
> [windows\\_2003.htm](http://www.petri.co.il/how_to_install_active_directory_on_windows_2003.htm)  
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> *Anything else to note?*  
>  
> *Thanks,*  
> *JN*  
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