

General AD questions

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Situation = Very simple single domain, one subnet, Windows 2003 AD, 2 DC's

1. DNS is running on both DC's. Is it better to have the DC's pointing to each other as the primary DNS server and themselves as the alternate, or the other way around?
 2. Secure only or secure and non-secure dynamic updates? Why?
 3. In the small, simple environment that I have, it's best for both DC's to be a GC servers, right?
 4. Why are there distinct options for raising the domain functional level and raising the forest functional level and why aren't they "greyed" out after doing so?
 5. At what point during the setup of a new 2003 AD forest/domain should an external time source be configured?
 6. When setting up a simple AD domain like I've described, should you do things like configuring an external time source and configuring a subnet for the site be done before bringing additional DC's online, or does it matter?
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