

Re: Windows Firewall on Domain Controllers

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the firewall on a fresh installed w2k3sp1 server is NOT on by default!

it is only on during the post-security updates section. as soon as you update the server you need to click finish and read the message stating it will allow inbound connections

don't use the firewall on the DC

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Cheers,
(HOPEFULLY THIS INFORMATION HELPS YOU!)

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 - * Always test before implementing!
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"Ron" <rhardin@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote in message
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Need input on recommended best practices. Here's what I've figured out:

- * Server 2003 defaults to Windows Firewall active.
- * Domain Controller doesn't work with firewally active unless it is manually configured for all the AD ports and you do some voodoo with RPC ports.
- * Making a 2003 Server a Domain Controller doesn't automatically configure the firewall
- * Turning off the firewall only fixes the problem temporarily because some Windows Updates automatically turn it back on (without telling you).

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Assuming the above points are correct on my part, what is the best practice for administering the firewall on domain controllers (I have about 30 of them scattered all over the country)?

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