

Re: Looking for a step by step guide on setting up AD

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Hi,

Can anyone please recommend me a step by step walkthrough on setting up a Domain Controller and Active Directory on Windows Server 2003 ?

Yes, search the built-in help for these:

checklist DNS
checklist active directory

Or just simple: checklist and select either the (single) Active Directory checklist link, or the many AD related KB articles.

I've found lots of articles, white papers and blog posts on AD, but not the kind of thorough, one-stop, step-by-step guide that explains how to carry out a professional setup of Active Directory in a corporate environment. Does that document exist ?

Yes. This Google search also works quite nicely for the actual "step-by-step" Microsoft guides:

"active directory" "step-by-step" site:microsoft.com

The first entry is this one (when I do the search):

Active Directory Step-by-Step Guides
<http://www.microsoft.com/technet/prodtechnol/windowsserver2003/technologies/directory/activedirectory/stepbystep/>

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But do realize that ANY such "step by step" or "checklist" is going to be for an "average" or "typical" setup and that learning just a little bit about

AD, but learning that little bit really correctly and well, is in most cases much easier and more effective since it allows you to tailor the methods to your own environment and needs.

Setting up AD itself is trivial in most cases -- you have actually tried this on a test machine, right?

Setting it up effectively for a real domain is somewhere between trivial (also) and very complex depending on the requirements and environment.

Tell us what you are having trouble understanding or tell us about your environment and what you plan to actually do. We can help if you give us specifics... either by giving your direct advice or sending you to more specific papers and guides in some cases.

Thanks.
Fernando