

# AD DNS naming

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Hi,

I have a problem I believe this group can help me with, in regard to AD DNS naming. Thing is, I don't have an immediate problem which anyone needs to work on, it is more that I am after opinions, discussion, and, well, argument (in the proper sense of the word, not screaming matches).

My name's Mick Malloy and as you may guess from my moniker I'm an SBS (Small Business Server) MVP. I became an MVP through involvement in newsgroups and that is what has led me here. In search of an answer to my question I've gone a fair way back into previous posts and 'lurked' for the last few days, but really I find little discussion about my point of interest.

My interest is discussion of the pros and cons of naming your AD DNS ..local vs a name related to your FQDN. I'm using .local here as a bit of a generalisation, I actually prefer .lan due to the special handling some OS's (OSX and a couple of Linux variants) use for the .local domain but if we discount special handling or start from a premise of .whatever (as long as it is not related to your internet FQDN) you are likely to understand where I'm coming from.

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I believe it is wrong to name your AD DNS with any relationship to your internet FQDN. It is wrong to name your AD DNS company.com and it is only slightly less wrong to name it branch.company.com.

I believe most people approach the question from the wrong angle, 'I have this name (FQDN), I think I'll use it for my AD DNS.' where I believe they should rather ask 'I need to create an AD DNS name, is there any reason why it should relate to my public FQDN or should I use a different namespace?'

Pointers to previous discussion will be appreciated, and read.

Your participation in new discussion will be greatly appreciated.

TIA  
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