

Re: 2008 or 2003

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Hello boe,

To install a 2008 DC in a 2003 domain the schema has to be upgraded to version 44. The schema is the same in your complete domain, the schema upgrade will add additional AD objects which are needed for 2008. 2000, 2003 and 2008 DC's can coexist on a domain without any problem.

You have to rely on the Forest and domain functional level's for getting all functionalities of 2008. See here about the differences about FFL and DFL in the different scenarios:

<http://technet2.microsoft.com/windowsserver2008/en/library/34678199-98f1-465f-9156-c600f723b31f1033.mspx?m>

Best regards

Meinolf Weber

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Actually – I'd like to make sure I understand this as well. I am just playing with 2008 for the first time now in a non production environment but it looks to me like if I set it up as a DC and use the 2008 ad schema instead of setting it up as a 2003 AD server I need all my other servers to actually be 2008 servers to act as DCs along with the new 2008 server – is that correct or can I upgrade the schema on 2003 servers to be 2008 AD?

"Meinolf Weber" <meiweb(nospam)@gmx.de> wrote in message <news:ff16fb669f5218ca953f3bf69c45@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>

Hello tom_tom88,

It runs without any problem in a 2003 domain. If you will install DC's you have to upgrade3 the schema, for member servers not needed.

Best regards

Meinolf Weber

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Hi, Yes I understand the licensing aspect and have licenses for 2008 server and TS clients, as well as 2003 versions. I was asking a setup/intall question as to whether i would be able to install and integrate the 2008 server into our 2003 domain or would it be better to install 2003 and upgrade later.

"Meinolf Weber" wrote:

Hello tom_tom88,

2008 you can downgrade to 2003, that shouldn't be a problem. For TS licensing you have to contact MS or your vendor because you need new licenses for 2008 as far as i know.

Best regards

Meinolf Weber

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We have a Server 2003 Domain, with 3 servers running Exchange 2003 and IIS and have just purchased a new server for a new requirement of about 30 TS clients to access an application on one of the 2003 boxes. Question is do i install Server 2008 with TS 2008 or stick

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with 2003. I dont want to
have to do an upgrade when
we migrate if
its best to install 2008 now.