







Checklist: Deploying a Windows Server 2008 Forest Root Domain

Applies To: Windows Server 2008, Windows Server 2008 R2

The first domain that you create in your Active Directory Domain Services (AD DS) forest is automatically designated as the forest root domain. The forest root domain provides the foundation for your Active Directory forest infrastructure. You must create the forest root domain before you create regional domains or upgrade other Active Directory domains to join them to an existing forest.

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Task	Reference
<input type="checkbox"/> Review the AD DS logical structure design. Configure the Domain Name System (DNS) for the forest root domain.	 Reviewing the AD DS Design
<input type="checkbox"/>  Note When no DNS infrastructure exists, skip this step in the forest root domain deployment process.	 Configuring DNS for the Forest Root Domain
<input type="checkbox"/> Create your forest root domain. Enable Windows Server 2008 AD DS advanced features by raising the forest and domain functional levels.	 Checklist: Creating the Forest Root Domain
<input type="checkbox"/>  Note We recommend that you raise forest and domain functional levels while you run the Active Directory Domain Services Installation Wizard (Dcpromo.exe).	 Raising the Functional Levels