# Patrick's Bytes

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Enable Ping Replies on Windows Server 2008

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Due to security concern, by default you are not able to Ping a Windows Server 2008 machine. At first I though there is a problem with my network but actually it's disabled. To enabled Ping reply from Windows Server 2008, goto Window Firewall with Advance Settings from Administrator Tools menu.

Look inside Inbound Rules, scroll down to File and Printer Sharing, right click and enable this rule. (pic below)
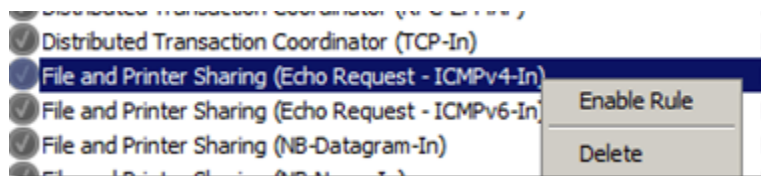
After that the check icon will turn green
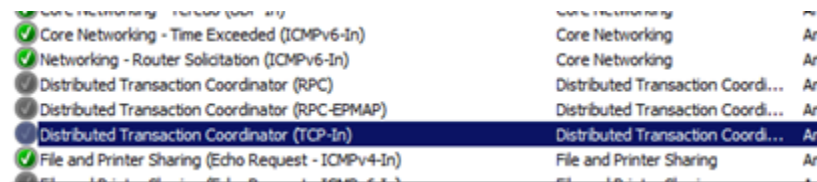
For Windows Server Core which does not have any UI, you can enable this rule from the command prompt.

```
netsh firewall set icmpsetting 8
```

To disable it type

```
netsh firewall set icmpsetting 8 disable
```

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1. thanks….needed this

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2. Thanks so much for this. Every time I install server I forget about this and spin my wheels trying to figure out why I can't ping the newly configured machine. I'll be blogging about this as well so I can remember it next time I run into it 😬 .

   By the way, the netsh firewall command has been deprecated. The new command is netsh advfirewall firewall. Unfortunately I haven't found any way to simple enable and disable rules using that syntax. Instead they seem to require you to create a new rule. I'm sure it's possible, but I haven't found it yet.

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4. Thanks it worked for me but would this compromise the security by any chance

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5. Clear and concise instructions. Thank you.

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6. thanks very easy 😊

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7. thnk so much it realyy helps 😬😬

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