

# How To Set Up an FTP Server in Windows Server 2003

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## SUMMARY

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This step-by-step article describes how to install and configure a File Transfer Protocol (FTP) server for anonymous access.

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## Install Internet Information Services and the FTP Service

Because FTP depends on Microsoft Internet Information Services (IIS), IIS and the FTP Service must be installed on the computer. To install IIS and the FTP Service, follow these steps.

**NOTE:** In Windows Server 2003, the FTP Service is not installed by default when you install IIS. If you already installed IIS on the computer, you must use the Add or Remove Programs tool in Control Panel to install the FTP Service.

1. Click **Start**, point to **Control Panel**, and then click **Add or Remove Programs**.
2. Click **Add/Remove Windows Components**.
3. In the **Components** list, click **Application Server**, click **Internet Information Services (IIS)** (but do not select or clear the check box), and then click **Details**.
4. Click to select the following check boxes (if they are not already selected):
  - Common Files**
  - File Transfer Protocol (FTP) Service**
  - Internet Information Services Manager**
5. Click to select the check boxes next to any other IIS-related service or subcomponent that you want to install, and then click **OK**.
6. Click **Next**.
7. When you are prompted, insert the Windows Server 2003 CD-ROM into the computer's CD-ROM or DVD-ROM drive or provide a path to the location of the files, and then click **OK**.
8. Click **Finish**.

IIS and the FTP service are now installed. You must configure the FTP Service before you can use it.

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## Configure The FTP Service

To configure the FTP Service to allow only anonymous connections, follow these steps:

1. Start Internet Information Services Manager or open the IIS snap-in.
2. Expand **Server\_name**, where *Server\_name* is the name of the server.
3. Expand **FTP Sites**
4. Right-click **Default FTP Site**, and then click **Properties**.

5. Click the **Security Accounts** tab.

6. Click to select the **Allow Anonymous Connections** check box (if it is not already selected), and then click to select the **Allow only anonymous connections** check box.

When you click to select the **Allow only anonymous connections** check box, you configure the FTP Service to allow only anonymous connections. Users cannot log on by using user names and passwords.

7. Click the **Home Directory** tab.

8. Click to select the **Read** and **Log visits** check boxes (if they are not already selected), and then click to clear the **Write** check box (if it is not already cleared).

9. Click **OK**.

10. Quit Internet Information Services Manager or close the IIS snap-in.

The FTP server is now configured to accept incoming FTP requests. Copy or move the files that you want to make available to the FTP publishing folder for access. The default folder is *drive*:\Inetpub\Ftproot, where *drive* is the drive on which IIS is installed.