

MDT & WDS

WDS	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Windows Deployment Services (WDS) is a server based technology used for deploying Windows operating systems remotely and operates as a server role in a Windows Server.▪ WDS can handle automated deployment of Windows operating systems.▪ WDS is most useful for initiating network-boot WinPE sessions via PXE (Preboot Execution Environment).▪ It does not support the ability to deploy software or configuration changes during the deployment process.
MDT	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ MDT, is an application that can facilitate the deployment of operating systems and software applications. It is a highly customized and automated deployment solutions.▪ MDT can operate independently or through a service such as WDS, which is most useful for initiating network-boot WinPE sessions via PXE <p>MDT supports a wide variety of deployment methodologies:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Zero Touch Installation (ZTI) (Requires integrations with SCCM)▪ Lite Touch Installation (LTI)▪ User Driven Installation (UDI) <p>MDT is a task based deployment process, and it offers unparalleled customization options during deployment.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Run custom scripts▪ Install software <p>MDT and WDS process flow</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Client/Server is powered on and F12 PXE boot is initiated.2. IP address is supplied by the DHCP server to the client3. Client broadcasts a PXE boot request4. IP Helper Forwards the PXE broadcast to the WDS server5. WDS presents boot image options and select appropriate Lite-Touch boot image. The image is sent down to device.6. The WinPE boot image requests deployment information from the MDT Deployment Share.7. Select the Task Sequence from MDT Task Sequence selection menu and initiates deployment from the MDT Deployment Share for the desired OS.