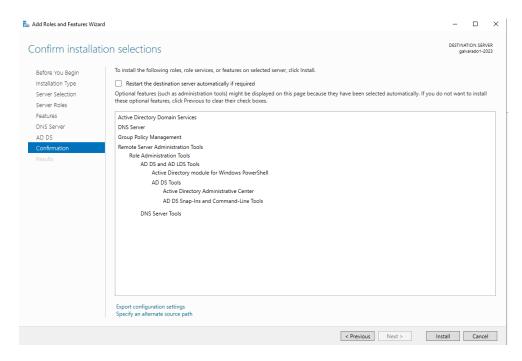
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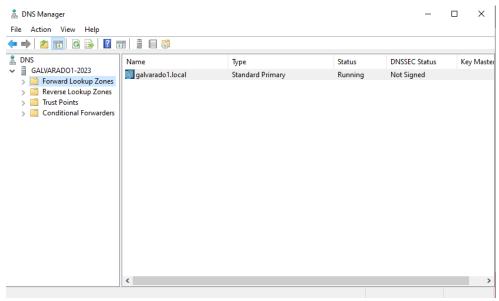
Installing DNS and Active Directory

Screenshot 1 – Showing the "Confirm installation selections" screen

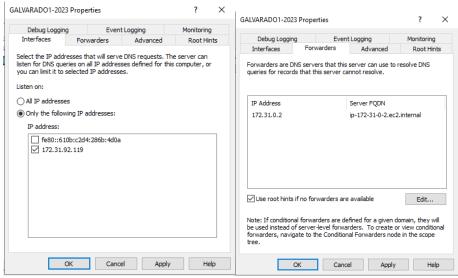


Preparing DNS for Active Directory

Screenshot 2 – Showing the DNS MMC window showing the new zone that you just created



Screenshot 3 – Showing the "Interfaces" tab and "Forwarders" tabs



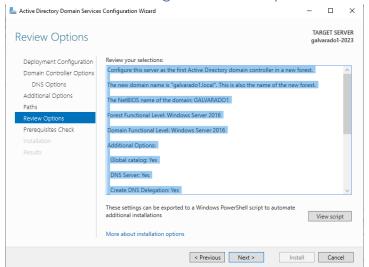
Question 1: In two to three paragraphs, describe the difference between the major DNS zone types (primary, secondary, forward, and reverse). Describe the process that DNS uses for zone transfers between primary and secondary zones.

A: Primary DNS zones have the original domain data, and they allow changes. Secondary zones are read-only copies of the primary zones for backup and to help with high traffic. They keep updated through Zone Transfers. Forward zones change domain names to IP addresses, and reverse zones do the opposite.

Zone transfers help keep data consistent between primary and secondary zones. The Secondary DNS server regularly checks the Primary DNS server for data changes. If there are changes, the Secondary server requests a data transfer. Transfers can be full (AXFR), where all data is sent, or incremental (IXFR), where only changed data is sent. IXFR is usually more efficient. Transfers are started by the secondary server to keep its data in sync with the primary server.

Configuring Active Directory

Screenshot 4 – Showing the "Review Options" screen



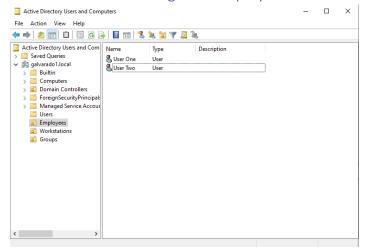
Question 2: In two to three paragraphs, describe what FSMO roles are. Detail each FSMO type and their purpose in Active Directory.

A: FSMO roles are unique roles assigned to domain controllers in Active Directory (AD). These roles handle special tasks and help prevent conflicts for smooth AD operations. There are two types of FSMO roles: forest-wide and domain-wide. Forest-wide roles are Schema Master and Domain Naming Master. The Schema Master oversees changes to the schema, which defines all objects and attributes in an AD forest. The Domain Naming Master manages changes to domain names, like adding, removing, or renaming them.

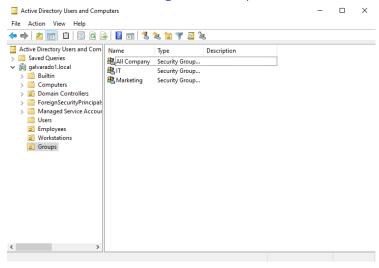
Domain-wide roles are Relative ID (RID) Master, Primary Domain Controller (PDC) Emulator, and Infrastructure Master. The RID Master assigns relative IDs to each domain controller. The PDC Emulator handles password changes and creates group policy objects. The Infrastructure Master updates references from objects in its domain to objects in other domains.

Adding Objects to Active Directory

Screenshot 5 – Showing the "Employees" OU with the two users in the OU

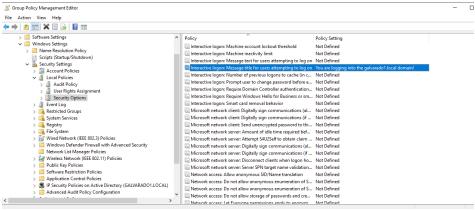


Screenshot 6 – Showing the "Groups" OU with the three groups you just created



Creating Group Policy Objects

Screenshot 7 – Showing the Group Policy settings in the Group Policy Management Window (expanded to show the settings you set above)



Question 3: Describe the differences between "User Settings" and "Computer Settings" in group policy.

A: In Group Policy, "User Settings" apply to users and affect the user environment regardless of the computer they use within the Active Directory domain. These settings can dictate desktop appearance, Control Panel access, network drives mapping, and more. On the other hand, "Computer Settings" apply to computers, impacting system services, file system, network configurations, and security settings, no matter who logs on. User Settings tailors the environment per user upon log-in, while Computer Settings defines system and security parameters for the computer upon boot-up.

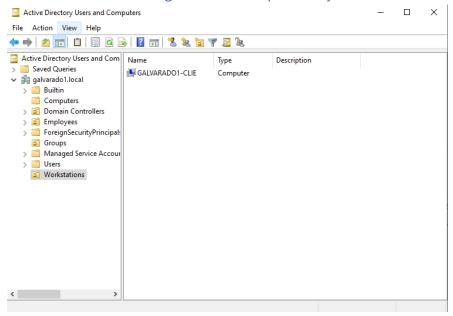
Question 4: Assume you have a single OU with three users. You want to create a GPO that applies to only one of those users. In two paragraphs, describe the options you have to filter the GPO to apply to only a subset of users in that OU.

A: One method to apply a Group Policy Object (GPO) to a single user in an Organizational Unit (OU) is through Security Filtering. This involves creating a GPO, linking it to the OU, and then specifying in the Security Filtering section which users the GPO applies to. Remove 'Authenticated Users' from the Security Filtering and add the specific user you want the policy to apply to.

Alternatively, you can use Item-Level Targeting in Group Policy Preferences to control the application of GPO settings. This allows you to target specific users for individual preference items within the GPO. So, the GPO settings would apply only to the user you've specified. This method offers granular control, but it's only available in newer Windows Server versions and may not work with all policy settings.

Adding a computer to the Domain

Screenshot 8 – Showing the new computer object in the "Workstations" OU



Giving Domain Users Administrator Rights on Windows Client Computer

Screenshot 9 – Showing the output of the gpresult command

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USER SETTINGS
    CN=User One,OU=Employees,DC=galvarado1,DC=local
Last time Group Policy was applied: 6/26/2023 at 8:26:06 PM
Group Policy was applied from: galvarado1-2023.galvarado1.local
Group Policy slow link threshold: 500 kbps
Domain Name: GALVARADO1
Domain Type: Windows 2008 or later
     Applied Group Policy Objects
     The following GPOs were not applied because they were filtered out
          Local Group Policy
Filtering: Not Applied (Empty)
     The user is a part of the following security groups
           Domain Users
           Everyone
BUILTIN\Administrators
           BUILTIN\Users
           REMOTE INTERACTIVE LOGON
           NT AUTHORITY\INTERACTIVE
NT AUTHORITY\Authenticated Users
           This Organization
           LOCAL
           All Company
           Authentication authority asserted identity
High Mandatory Level
PS C:\Windows\system32>
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