

Join a Computer to a Domain

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For Active Directory Federation Services (AD FS) to function, each computer that functions as a federation server must be joined to a domain. federation server proxies may be joined to a domain, but this is not a requirement.

You do not have to join a Web server to a domain if the Web server is hosting claims-aware applications only.

Membership in **Administrators**, or equivalent, on the local computer is the minimum required to complete this procedure. Review details about using the appropriate accounts and group memberships at [Local and Domain Default Groups](#).

To join a computer to a domain

1. On the **Start** screen, type **Control Panel**, and then press ENTER.
2. Navigate to **System and Security**, and then click **System**.
3. Under **Computer name, domain, and workgroup settings**, click **Change settings**.
4. On the **Computer Name** tab, click **Change**.
5. Under **Member of**, click **Domain**, type the name of the domain that you wish this computer to join, and then click **OK**.
6. Click **OK**, and then restart the computer.

Additional references

[Checklist: Setting Up a Federation Server](#)

[Checklist: Setting Up a Federation Server Proxy](#)