

## Windows Server 2003, Enterprise Edition Implementation

This guide provides the following steps that should be taking when creating a new server utilizing the Windows Server 2003, Enterprise Edition operating system.

1. Check system requirements.
2. Read Relnotes.htm and hardware compatibility information.
3. Decide whether to upgrade or install.
4. If you have server clusters, review the process for installation on cluster nodes.
5. Decide what licensing mode to use: Per Device or Per User or Per server.
6. Decide whether you want to be able to choose between different operating systems each time you start the computer.
7. Decide what file system to use: NTFS, FAT, or FAT32.
8. Decide what partition you will install on, or whether you will need a new partition for your installation.
9. Decide how to handle networking, IP addresses, and TCP/IP name resolution.
10. Decide whether to create domains or workgroups for your servers.
11. If the computer already has a working operating system on it, back up files, and check the system log for errors.
12. Uncompress any DriveSpace or DoubleSpace volumes.
13. If the computer runs Windows NT 4.0 and uses mirror sets or other disk sets, prepare the disks.
14. Disconnect all UPS devices.
15. Start Setup, and follow the instructions provided by the installation media.