

Quick Reference for WS08 Server Core Installations

Print and fold this guide to have convenient access to common commands and procedures for configuring and maintaining Server Core installations of Windows Server® 2008.

Task	Command
Join a computer to a domain	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Type: netdom join %computername% /domain:<domain> /user:<domain>\<username> /password:* Restart the computer.
Change a computer name in a domain	Type: netdom renamecomputer %computername% /NewName:<new computer name> /user:<domain>\<username> /password:*
Change a computer name in a workgroup	Type: netdom renamecomputer <currentcomputername> /NewName:<newcomputername>
Activate a server locally	Type: slmgr.vbs -ato

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Change to a static IP address	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Type ipconfig /all and record relevant information or redirect to a text file (ipconfig /all >ipconfig.txt). Type netsh interface ipv4 show interfaces and verify that there is an interface list. Type: netsh interface ipv4 set address name <ID from interface list> source=static address=<preferred IP address> gateway=<gateway address> Verify the change by typing ipconfig /all. Check that DHCP enabled is set to No.
Find common commands	Cscript \windows\system32\scregedit.wsf /cli
Manually install management agent or tool	Msiexec /i<product.msi>

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Activate a server remotely	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Slmgr.vbs -ato <servername> <username> <password> Slmgr.vbs -did <servername> <username> <password> (note the GUID). Slmgr.vbs -dli <servername> <username> <password> <GUID> Verify License status is set to Licensed (activated).
Configure your server to use a proxy server	Type: netsh Winhttp set proxy <servername>:<port number> Note: You cannot access the Internet through proxy servers that require a password to allow connections.
Install an update	Type: wusa <update>.msu /quiet
Remove an update	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Type: expand /f:* <update>.msu c:\test In C:\test, open <update>.xml in a text editor. In <update>.xml, replace Install with Remove and save the file. Type: Pkgmgr /n:<update>.xml
Configure automatic updates	To verify updates: Scregedit.wsf /AU /v To enable updates: Scregedit.wsf /AU 4 To disable updates: Scregedit.wsf /AU 1

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Add a driver for a new hardware device	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Copy the driver to a folder at %homedrive%\<driver folder>. Type: pnputil -i -a %homedrive%\<driver folder>\<driver>.inf

Remote administration of a firewall

- To enable remote administration, type: **netsh advfirewall firewall set rule group="Windows Firewall Remote Management" new enable=yes**
- To allow all Microsoft Management Console (MMC) snap-ins to connect, type: **netsh advfirewall firewall set rule group="remote administration" new enable=yes**
- To allow specific MMC snap-ins to connect, type: **netsh advfirewall firewall set rule group="<rulegroup>" new enable=yes**
- To get a list of rule groups, type: **netsh advfirewall firewall show rule name=all**

For complete Server Core installation commands and procedures, see <http://go.microsoft.com/fwlink/?LinkID=100959>.