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Abstract

Windows 2000 Server is a one of the world famous network operating system for small networks, which was produced by Microsoft cooperation. It has lot of new and advanced features compared to earlier Windows Networking Operating systems.

This report provides a better technical overview of Windows 2000 Server operating system. Specially, how to Install, Configure, and Administer Windows 2000 server, Installing, Configuring, Accessing and Troubleshooting Hardware Devices Drivers & Resources, such as control access to files, folders and shared folders, Local security on files and folders, Optimize System Performance, Troubleshoot Windows 2000 Network Connections, Protocols and Services.

This report also provides a good technical coverage about installing, configuring, monitoring and troubleshooting Terminal Services that is one of the in-built features of windows 2000 server.

This is not another detailed version of windows 2000-guide book. This has lot of things but in very compressed manner. People who are going to refer to this document should have some basic concepts on the Microsoft networking operating system in order to get the full benefits from it.

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1. Introduction

This is a survey report, which was created from studying and doing practical at Keells Business System Limited. Windows 2000 is one of the most stable Microsoft Networking Operating systems, which was become popular among Windows operating system users. It is only around 2 years old and on it's Childhood, but it is more stable & user-friendly Operating system.

1.1 Objectives

This report will discuss about below objectives in detail.

- What are the Windows 2000 Operating systems?
- What are the market shares?
- What is the Degree of satisfaction of users?
- What are the bugs and Improvements can see in windows 2000?
- Compatibility of different environment Vs Windows 2000 server Versions.
- Compatibility of different Hardware structures Vs Windows 2000 Versions.
- Installing and configuring windows 2000 Server version.
- What are the main characteristics of Windows?
- Troubles that can be encounter windows 2000 with different Software and hardware Environments.
- Solving Troubles using most reliable way.

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1.3 Introduction to Operating System Functions

An operating system is software that provides the means for applications to interact with the computer's hardware. An operating system manages four key aspects of a computer's operation: hardware management, software management, memory management, and data management.

- Hardware management
 - The operating system enables the computer to communicate with peripheral devices, such as a printer or a mouse.
- Software management

The operating system provides a mechanism for initiating processes that include programs, such as Microsoft Word and Microsoft PowerPoint.

• Memory management

The operating system allocates memory to each application, without affecting the memory used by other applications.

• Data management

The operating system manages files stored on hard disks and other mass-storage devices. The operating system enables applications to create and open files, transfer data between devices, and perform such file-management tasks as renaming and deleting.

The operating system coordinates the interaction between the computer and applications that run on it. It controls the flow of data within the computer and provides the graphical user interface (GUI), a means of interacting with the computer. The GUI provides an intuitive graphical way of issuing commands to the system, as compared to a text-based environment.

1.4.0. Windows 2000 Operating Systems

Windows 2000 provides an array of tools to assist the network administrator in simplifying day-to-day administrative tasks and in configuring client computers. Windows 2000 provides advanced capabilities for automating many of these tasks, thus decreasing overhead costs. The Windows 2000 operating system family consists of the following versions:

- Microsoft Windows 2000 Professional
- Microsoft Windows 2000 Server
- Microsoft Windows 2000 Advanced Server
- Microsoft Windows 2000 Datacenter Server

1.4.1 Windows 2000 Professional

Windows 2000 Professional is a desktop operating system that incorporates the best business features of Microsoft Windows 98 and builds on the traditional strengths of Microsoft Windows NT® version 4.0. Windows 2000 Professional includes a simplified user interface improved Plug and Play functionality, power management, and support for a broad range of hardware devices. It supports SMP (Symmetric Multi Processor) systems with two processors and 4 GB of physical memory

1.4.2 Windows 2000 Server

Windows 2000 Server is the standard edition of the Windows 2000 server family. It contains all the features of Windows 2000 Professional and is ideal for small to medium-sized organizations. These versions of Windows 2000 works well for file and print servers, Web servers, and workgroups. Windows 2000 Server supports SMP systems with four processors and 4 GB of physical memory.

1.4.3 Windows 2000 Advanced Server

Windows 2000 Advanced Server contains all of the functionality of Windows 2000 Server, plus increased scalability and system availability. Scalability is the ability to increase processing power incrementally to meet increased network demands. This functionality is provided through clusters of multiple servers. These servers provide additional processing power, thereby increasing system availability. This way, if one server becomes unavailable, the other servers in the cluster provide the requested service.

Windows 2000 Advanced Server is designed for servers that are used in large-scale networks and for database-intensive work. Windows 2000 Advanced Server supports SMP systems with eight processors and 8 GB of physical memory

1.4.4 Windows 2000 DataCenter Server

Windows 2000 DataCenter Server contains all of the functionality of Windows 2000 Advanced Server, plus support for additional memory and CPUs per computer. It is designed for large data warehouses, online transaction processing, and large-scale simulations. It can also support more than 10,000 simultaneous users in certain workloads. Windows 2000 DataCenter Server supports SMP systems with 32 processors and 64 GB of physical memory.

1.5 Popularity of Windows 2000 server

Within last 20 weeks that I was at KBSL only two customers were asked to install Windows NT 4.0 Server for their servers. In today world most of updated Network administrators like to use Windows 2000 in their networks.

Some of reasons why Windows 2000 became popular

 Most Network Administrators are like to get benefits with latest Microsoft Technology

- Windows 2000 have in-built device drivers for most of devices even they are third party. So Administrators don't have to run around and finding device drivers for their devices.
- It don't want to restart the server each and every time that after changing it's system state, like windows NT4. family.
- It is more stable than WinNT. Less number of Operating System crashes were recorded from Windows 2000 customers than Windows NT customers, to Kbsl
- Several Microsoft Facilities are coming in-Built with Windows 2000 server. Such as Terminal Server. So, administrators should not buy those separately.
- Compatibility for most of the third-part Software

1.6 Windows 2000 bugs and updates

Windows 2000 also has some hidden bugs; therefore Microsoft has been publishing updated Services Packs and other fix-patches on their web sites. In some cases after installing some fix-patches it will be caused to another unexpected problem. Microsoft should avoid these scenarios

2. Installing Windows 2000 Server

2.1 Requirements

These are the requirements for installing windows 2000 server

Components	Recommended Minimum	Suggested Configuration
CPU	Pentium 133	Pentium II or higher
Memory	128 MB*	256 MB or higher
Hard disk space	1 GB	2 GB or higher
Display	VGA	SVGA
CD-ROM	Needed when not Installing	needed when not installing
	over the network	over the network
Keyboard and Mouse	Required	Required
Sound card	not required	required for visually impaired
		users needing narrative voice
		to guide installation
Networking	NIC	NIC

Table 2.1 Installing requirements for windows 2000 server

- Some Microsoft documentation says 64 MB is recommended for 5 users or less.
 Setup will abort if the machine has less than 64 MB. The Microsoft site currently specs 128 MB as the minimum.
- All hardware should appear on the Windows 2000 Hardware Compatibility List.
- Servers install as Member Servers (standalone) by default.
- File, print and Web servers are usually installed as Member Servers to reduce the administrative overhead placed on the system by participating in Active Directory as a Domain Controller.
- Member Servers can access Active Directory information, but do not perform any AD related authentication or storage functions.
- To promote a machine to a Domain Controller, run* dcpromo.
- If Windows 2000 is being integrated into an existing Windows NT 4.0 domain structure, mixed mode must be used (installed by default). If Windows 2000 is being installed into an infrastructure where all domain controllers will be running Windows 2000, then domain controllers should be switched to native mode to take advantage of Active Directory's full benefits.

2.2 Installing methods of windows 2000 server

We can install windows 2000 server in various ways.

2.2.1 Four stages of Setup Attended installations

- (1) Setup Program (text mode)- preps hard drive for following stages of install and copies files needed for running Setup Wizard. requires reboot.
- (2) Setup Wizard (graphical mode) prompts for additional info such as product key, names, passwords, regional settings, etc.
- (3) Install Windows Networking detects adapter cards, installs networking components

(Client for MS Networks, File & Printer Sharing for MS Networks), and installs TCP/IP protocol by default (other protocols can be installed later). Choose to join a workgroup or domain at this point (must be connected to network and provide credentials to join a domain). After all choices are made components are configured, additional files are copied, and the system is rebooted.

(4) Setup Completion

-installs Start Menu items, register's components, saves configuration, removes temporary files and system rebooted one final time.

2.2.2 Installing from CD-ROM

- Setup disks are not required if your CD-ROM is bootable or you are upgrading a previous version of Windows.
- To make boot floppies, type **makeboot** A: in the \bootdisk directory of your Windows 2000 CD-ROM. Creates set of four 1.44 MB boot floppies.
- If installing using a MS-DOS or Win95/98 boot floppy, run winnt.exe from the \i386 to begin Windows 2000 setup.
- Setup will not prompt the user to specify the name of an installation folder unless you are performing an unattended installation or using winnt32 to perform a clean installation.

2.2.3 Installing over a Network

- Create a distribution server which has a file share containing the contents of the
 /i386 directory from the Windows 2000 CD-ROM.
- 1 GB minimum plus 100 200 MB free hard drive space to hold temporary files during installation.
- Install a network client on the target computer or use a boot floppy that includes a
 network client. Run winnt.exe from the file share on distribution server if
 installing a new operating system or winnt32.exe if upgrading a previous version
 of Windows.
- Clean installation is now possible with Windows 2000. NT 4 required a preexisting FAT partition.

2.2.4 Command line switches for winnt.exe

Switch	Function
/a	Enables accessibility options
/e[:command]	Specifies a command that will be run at the end of Stage 4 of
	setup
/r[:folder]	Specifies optional folder to be installed. Folder is not
	removed with temporary files after installation
/rx[:folder	Specifies optional folder to be copied. Folder is deleted after
	installation
/s[:sourcepath]	Specifies source location of Windows 2000 files. Can either
	be a full path or network share
/t[:tempdrive]	Specifies drive to hold temporary setup files
/u[:answer file]	Specifies unattended setup using answer file (requires /s)
/udf:id[,UDF_file]	Establishes ID that Setup uses to specify how a UDF file
	modifies an answer file

Table 2.2 Command line switches for winnt.exe

2.2.5 Modifying Setup using winnt32.exe

Switch	Function
/checkupgradeonly	Checks system for compatibility with Windows 2000.
	Creates reports for upgrade installations.

/copydir:folder_name	Creates additional folder inside %systemroot% folder.
	Retained after setup
/copysource:folder_name	Same as above except folder and its contents are
	deleted after installation completes
/cmd: command_line	Runs a command before the final phase of Setup
/cmdcons	This adds a Recovery Console option to the operating
	system selection screen
/debug[level] [:file_name]	Creates a debug log. 0=Sever errors only. 1=regular
	errors. 2=warnings. 3=all messages.
/m:folder_name	Forces Setup to look in specified folder for setup files
	first. If files are not present, Setup uses files from
	default location.
/makelocalsource	Forces Setup to copy all installation files to local hard
	drive so that they will be Available during successive
	phases of setup if access to CD drive or network fails.
/nodownload	Used when upgrading from Win95/98. Forces copying
	of winnt32.exe and related files to local system to
	avoid installation problems associated with network
	congestion.
/noreboot	Tells system not to reboot after first stage of
	installation
/s:source_path	Specifies source path of installation files. Can be used
	to simultaneously copy files from multiple paths if
	desired (first path specified must be valid or setup will
	fail, though).
/syspart:drive_letter	Copies all Setup startup files to a hard disk and marks
	the drive as active. You can physically move the drive
	to another computer and have the computer move to
	Stage 2 of Setup automatically when it is started.
	Requires /tempdrive switch.
/tempdrive:drive_letter	Setup uses the specified tempdrive to hold temporary

	setup files. Used when there are drive space concerns
/unattend:[number]	Specifies answer file for unattended installations.
[:answer_file]	[number] is the amount of time Windows waits at the
	boot menu before continuing
/udf:id[,udf_file]	Establishes ID that Setup uses to specify how a UDF
	file modifies an answer file.

Table 2.3 Command line switches for winnt32.exe

2.3.0 Unattended installations

- Unattended installations rely on an answer file to provide information to provide information during setup process that is usually provided through manual user input.
- Answer files can be created manually using a text editor or by using the Setup Manager Wizard (SMW) (found in the Windows 2000 Resource Kit Deployment Tools).
- SMW allows for creation of a shared Distribution Folder and OEM Branding.
- If you had a CD in drive D: and an unattended installation answer file named salesans.txt in C:\, you could start your install with this command: D:\i386\winnt32 /s:d:\i386 /unattend:c:\salesans.txt
- To automatically promote a server to a Domain Controller during unattended setup, specify the following command to run after setup completes; depromo /answer:<answer_file>. The answer file is a text file containing only the [DCInstall] section.

2.3.1 Five levels of user interaction during unattended installs

- (1) **Provide Defaults** Administrator supplies default answers and u ser only has to accept defaults or make changes where necessary.
- (2) Fully Automated -Mainly used for Windows 2000 Professional desktop installs. User just has to sit on their hands and watch.
- (3) **Hide Pages** Users can only interact with setup where Administrator did not provide default information. Display of all other dialogs is suppressed.
- (4) **Read Only** Similar to above, but will display information to user without allowing interaction to pages where Administrator has provided default information.

(5) GUI Attended -Only used for automating the second stage of setup. All other stages require manual input

2.3.2 System preparation tool (SYSPREP.EXE)

- Can be used to automate installations of Windows 2000 Server
- Removes the unique elements of a fully installed computer system so that it can be
 duplicated using imaging software such as Ghost or Drive Image Pro. Avoids the
 NT4 problem of duplicated SIDS, computer names etc. Installers can use sysprep
 to provide and answer file for "imaged" installations.
- Must be extracted from DEPLOY.CAB in the \support\tools folder on the Windows 2000 Professional CD-ROM.
- Adds a mini-setup wizard to the image file, which is run the first time the computer it is applied to is started. Guides user through re-entering user specific data. This process can be automated by providing a script file.
- Use Setup Manager Wizard (SMW) to create a SYSPREP.INF file. SMW creates a SYSPREP folder in the root of the drive image and places SYSPREP.INF in this folder. The mini-setup wizard checks for this file when it runs.
- Specifying a CMDLINES.TXT file in your SYSPREP.INF file allows an administrator to run commands or programs during the mini-Setup portion of SYSPREP.
- Available switches for sysprep.exe are/ quiet (runs without user interaction), / pnp
 (forces Setup to detect PnP devices),/ reboot (restarts computer), and/ nosidgen
 (will not regenerate SID on target computer).

2.4 Upgrading from a previous version

- Run winnt32.exe to upgrade from a previous version of Windows.
- Windows 2000 Server will upgrade and preserve settings from the following operating systems: Windows NT 3.51 and 4.0 Server, Windows NT 4.0 Terminal Server, and Windows NT 4.0 Enterprise Edition.
- Upgrade paths do not exist for Windows NT 3.51 with Microsoft BackOffice Small Business Server.
- Upgrade installations from a network file share are supported in Windows 2000.
- Because of registry and program differences between Windows NT and 2000,
 Upgrade packs (or migration DLLs) might be needed. Setup checks for these in

- the \i386\WinNTmig folder on the Windows 2000 CD-ROM or in a user specified location.
- Run winnt32 /checkupgradeonly to check for compatible hardware and software.
 Generates a report indicating which system components are Windows 2000 compatible. Same as running the chkupgrd.exe utility from Microsoft's site.

2.5 Troubleshooting Failed Installations

2.5.1 Common errors

Following errors could be found during the installation process.

Problem	Possible fix
Cannot contact	Verify that network cable is properly connected. Verify that
Domain controller	server(s) running DNS and domain controllers are both on-line.
	Make sure your network settings are correct (IP address, gateway,
	etc.). Verify that your credentials and domain name are entered
	correctly.
Error loading	Caused when a drive is formatted with NTFS during setup but the
Operating system	disk geometry is reported incorrectly. Try a smaller partition (less
	than 4 GB) or a FAT32 partition instead.
Failure of	Make sure you installed the correct protocol and network adapter
Dependency	in the Network Settings dialog box in the Windows 2000 Setup
Service to start	Wizard. Also check to make sure your network settings are
	correct.
Insufficient	Create a new partition using existing free space on the hard disk,
Disk space	delete or create partitions as needed or reformat an existing
	partition to free up space.
Media errors	Maybe the CD-ROM you are installing from is dirty or damaged.
	Try using a different CD or trying the affected CD in a different
	machine.
No supported CD	Swap out the drive for a supported drive or try a network install
drive	instead.
	Table 2.4 Troublesheating Failed Installations

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Log file	Name Description
Setupact.log	Action Log – records setup actions in a chronological order.
	Includes copied files and registry entries as well as entries made
	to the error log.
Setuperr.log	Error Log – records all errors that occur during setup and includes
	severity of error. Log viewer shows error log at end of setup if
	errors occur.
Comsetup.log	Used for Optional Component manager and COM+ components
Setupapi.log	Logs entries each time a line from an .INF file is implemented.
	Indicates failures in .INF file implementations.
Netsetup.log	Records activity for joining a domain or workgroup
Mmdet.log	Records detection of multimedia devices, their port ranges, etc

2.6 Log files created during Setup

Table 2.5 Log files created during Setup

3. Introduction to Network Utilities & Services

We could be arranged multiple services from windows 2000 server using TCP/IP

3.1.1. TCP/IP Server Utilities

- **Telnet server** Windows 2000 includes a telnet server service (net start tlntsvr), which is limited to a command line text interface. Set security on your telnet server by running the admin tool, tlntadmn.
- Web Server Internet Information Services 5, Microsoft's full-blown Web server. Now supports Internet Printing and Web Distributed Authoring and Versioning (WebDAV). Can be managed using IIS snap-in
- FTP Server Stripped version of Internet Information Server 5 (IIS5) FTP server. Also administered using the IIS snap-in.
- FrontPage 2000 Server Extensions extends the functionality of the Web server
 by adding pre-compiled scripts and programs that allow Web site authors to
 implement advanced features in their pages without requiring much in the way of
 programming knowledge.
- SMTP Server basic mail server included with IIS. Used for sending mail in
 conjunction with FrontPage 2000 Server Extensions and Active
 Directory replication. Does not support IMAP4, POP3, etc. If
 you need advanced mail handling, consider using Exchange
 Server.

3.1.2. TCP/IP Client Utilities

- Telnet client Can be used to open a text based console on UNIX, Linux and Windows 2000 systems (run telnet servername)
- FTP client Command line based simple and powerful (run ftp servername)
- Internet Explorer 5 Microsoft's powerful and thoroughly integrated Web browser
- Outlook Express 5 SMTP, POP3, IMAP4, NNTP, HTTP, and LDAP complaint Email package.

3.1.3. Installing and Configuring Local Network Printers

- Windows 2000 Server supports the following printer ports: Line Printer (LPT),
 COM, USB, IEEE 1394 (FireWire), and network attached devices.
- Print services can only be provided for Windows, UNIX, Apple, and Novell clients.

- Windows 2000 automatically downloads the printer drivers for clients running Win2000, WinNT 4, WinNT 3.51 and Windows 95/98.
- Internet Printing is a new feature in Windows 2000. You have the option of
 entering the URL where your printer is located. The print server must be a
 Windows 2000 Server running Internet Information Server. All shared printers
 can be viewed at: http://servername/printers
- Print Pooling allows two or more identical printers to be installed as one logical printer.
- Print Priority is set by creating multiple logical printers for one physical printer and assigning different priorities to each. Priority ranges from 1, the lowest (default) to 99, the highest.
- Enabling "Availability" option allows Administrator to specify the hours the printer is available.
- Use Separator Pages to separate print jobs at a shared printer. A template for the separator page can be created and saved in the %systemroot%\system32 directory with a .SEP file extension.)
- You can select Restart in the printer's menu to reprint a document. This is useful when a document is printing and the printer jams. Resume can be selected to start printing where you left off.
- You can change the directory containing the print spooler in the advanced server properties for the printer.
- To remedy a stalled spooler, you will need to stop and restart the spooler services in the Services applet in Administrative Tools in the Control Panel.
- Use the fixprnsv.exe command-line utility to resolve printer incompatibility issues.

3.2.0. Monitoring, configuring, troubleshooting, access to files, folders and shared folders 3.2.1. Choosing a File System

- NTFS provides optimum security and reliability through its ability to lock down
 individual files and folders on a user by user basis. Advanced features such as disk
 compression, disk quotas and encryption make it the file system recommended by
 MS.
- FAT and FAT32 are only used for dual booting between Windows 2000 and another operating system (like DOS 6.22, Win 3.1 or Win 95/98).

- Existing NT 4.0 NTFS system partition will be upgraded to Windows 2000 NTFS
 automatically. If you wish to dual-boot between NT4.0 and 2000 you must first
 install Service Pack 4 on the NT4.0 machine. This will allow it to read the
 upgraded NTFS partition, but advanced features such as EFS and Disk Quotas
 will be disabled.
- Use convert.exe to convert a FAT or FAT32 file system to NTFS. NTFS partitions
 cannot be converted to FAT or FAT32 the partition must be deleted and
 recreated as FAT or FAT32
- You cannot convert a FAT partition to FAT32 using convert.exe.

3.2.2. Distributed File System (DFS)

- DFS (administered via the **dfsgui.msc** snap-in) was an add on utility in NT4 with limited u sefulness because it provided no fault-tolerance. In Windows2000 it is fault-tolerant and more...
- There is no Directory Replication in Windows 2000 this feature has been absorbed into DFS and is now called File Replication Service (FRS) which will replicate files between servers and is much easier to administer than the former.
- NT4 stored logon scripts in the NETLOGON folder. In Windows2000 they, and
 other items to be replicated, are stored in the SYSVOL folder. Both NT4 and
 windows2000 create a hidden share called REPL\$ on the export server when it
 sends out a replication pulse to the import server this has not changed.
- Computers running Windows 98, Windows NT 4 and Windows 2000 have a DFS
 client built-in. Computers running Windows 95 will need to download and install
 a DFS client to have access to DFS resources.

3.2.3. Standalone DFS

- Created using Administrative Tools > Distributed File System and choosing "Create a standalone DFS root"
- Only single-level hierarchies are allowed when using standalone DFS.
- Standalone DFS is not fault-tolerant.

4. Local security on files and folders

Security is the most important thing of the Network. So We should configure it well.

4.1.0. NTFS Security and Permissions

- NTFS in Windows 2000 (version 5) features enhancements not found in Windows NT 4.0 version 4). Reparse Points, Encrypting File System (EFS), Disk Quotas, Volume Mount Points, SID Searching, Bulk ACL Checking, and Sparse File Support.
- Volume Mount Points allow new volumes to be added to the file system without needing to assign a drive letter to it. Instead of mounting a CD-ROM as drive E:, it can be mounted and accessed under an existing drive (e.g. C:\CD-ROM). As Volume Mount Points are based on Reparse Points, they are only available under NTFS5 using *Dynamic Volumes*.
- NTFS4 stored ACLs on each file. With bulk ACL checking, NTFS5 uses unique
 ACLs only once even if ten objects share it. NTFS can also perform a volume
 wide scan for files using the owner's SID (SID Searching). Both functions require
 installation of the Indexing Service.
- Sparse File Support prevents files containing large consecutive areas of zero bits from being allocated corresponding physical space on the drive and improves system performance.
- NTFS partitions can be defragmented in Windows 2000 (as can FAT and FAT32 partitions). Use Start > Programs > Accessories > System Tools > Disk Defragmenter.
- Local security access can be set on a NTFS volume.
- Files moved from an NTFS partition to a FAT partition do not retain their attributes or security descriptors, but will retain their long filenames.
- Permissions are cumulative, except for Deny, which overrides anything.
- File permissions override the permissions of its parent folder.
- Anytime a new file is created, the file will inherit permissions from the target folder.
- The cacls.exe utility is used to modify NTFS volume permissions.

4.2.0 File attributes when copying/moving within a partition or between partitions

Copying within a Partition Creates a new file resembling the old file. Inherits the

	target folder permissions.
Moving within a Partition	Does not create a new file. Simply updates directory
	pointers. File keeps its original Permissions.
Moving across partitions	Creates a new file resembling the old file, and deletes
	the old file. Inherits the target folder permissions.

Table 4.1 File attribute changes when coping /moving

4.3.0. Copying and Moving Encrypted Files

- An encrypted file moved to a compressed folder keeps its encryption attribute and
 does not inherit the compression attribute of the target folder. The file system thus
 places precedence on encryption over compression.
- An encrypted file moved to an unencrypted folder remains encrypted.
- An encrypted file moved to a FAT or FAT32 loses its encryption attribute as that it is only available in the NTFS5 file system.
- An unencrypted file moved to an encrypted folder inherits the attributes of its target folder and becomes encrypted.
- An encrypted folder cannot be shared. If an encrypted file is copied over the network, it is transmitted in unencrypted form. Securities for network/Internet file transfers are provided by separate technologies such as IPSec.

4.4.0. Network security on files and folders

Permission	Level of Access
Read	Can read and execute files and folders, but cannot modify or
	delete anything through the share
Change	Can read, execute, change and delete files and folders through
	the share.
Full Control	Can perform any and all functions on all files and folders
	through the share.

Table 4.2 Network security on files and folders

- Folders are shared using Administrative Tools > Computer Management > System
 Tools > Shared folders or can be shared from within My Computer or Windows
 Explorer by right-clicking on them and clicking the Sharing tab.
- When sharing folders be aware that assigning share names longer than 8 characters will render them unusable to older DOS and Windows clients.
- Folders residing on FAT, FAT32 and NTFS volumes can all be shared.

- Share I evel p ermissions only apply to a ccesses made to the shared object via a network connection. They do not apply to a user logged on at the local console.
- When folders on FAT and FAT32 volumes are shared, only the share level permissions apply. When folders on NTFS volumes are shared, the effective permission of the user will be the most restrictive of the two (e.g., a user with a Share level permission of Change and an NTFS permission of Read will only be able to read the file. A user with a Share level permission of Read and an NTFS permission of Full Control would not be able to take ownership of the file).

5. Configuring and Troubleshooting Hardware Devices and Drivers

5.1.0. Miscellaneous

- Windows 2000 now fully supports Plug and Play.
- Use the "System Information" snap-in to *view* configuration information about your computer (or create a custom console focused on another computer powerful tool!!). This snap-in consists of these categories: System Summary, Hardware Resources, Components, Software Environment and IE5.
- "Hardware Resources" under System Information allow you to view Conflicts/Sharing, DMAs, IRQs, Forced Hardware, I/O, IRQs and Memory.
- Hardware is added and removed using the "Add/Remove Hardware" applet in the Control Panel (can also be accessed from Control Panel > System > Hardware > Hardware Wizard).
- All currently installed hardware is managed through the "Device Manager" snap-in.
- To troubleshoot a device using Device Manager, click the "Troubleshoot" button on the General tab.

5.2.0. Devices

5.2.1. Disk

- Managed through "Computer Management" under Control Panel >Administrative tools or by creating a custom console and adding the "Disk Management" snap-in. Choosing the "Computer Management" snap-in for your custom console gives you the following tools: Disk Management, Disk Defragmenter, Logical Drives and Removable Storage. There is a separate snap-in for each of these tools except for Logical Drives.
- Using Disk Management, you can create, delete, and format partitions as FAT,
 FAT32 and NTFS. Can also be used to change volume labels, reassign drive letters, check drives for errors and backup drives.
- Defragment drives by using "Disk Defragmenter" under "Computer Management" or adds the "Disk Defragmenter" snap-in to your own custom console.
- Removable media are managed through the "Removable Media" snap-in.

5.2.2. Display devices

• Desktop display properties (software settings) are managed through the Display applet in Control Panel.

- Display adapters are installed, removed and have their drivers updated through
 "Display Adapters" under the Device Manager.
- Monitors are installed, removed, and have their drivers updated through "Monitors" under the Device Manager.

5.2.3. Input and output (I/O) devices

- Keyboards are installed under "Keyboards" in Device Manager.
- Mice, graphics tablets and other pointing devices are installed under "Mice and other pointing devices" in Device Manager.
- Troubleshoot I/O resource conflicts using the "System Information" snap-in Look under Hardware Resources > I/O for a list of memory ranges in use.

5.2.4. Managing/configuring multiple CPUs

- Adding a processor to your system to improve performance is called scaling.
 Typically done for CPU intensive applications such as CAD and graphics rendering.
- Windows 2000 Server supports a maximum of four CPUs. If you need more consider using Windows 2000 Advanced Server (up to 8 CPUs) or Datacenter Server (maximum of 32 CPUs).
- Windows 2000 supports Symmetric Multiprocessing (SMP). Processor affinity is also supported. Asymmetric Multiprocessing (ASMP) is not supported.
- Upgrading to multiple CPUs might increase the load on other system resources.
- Update your Windows driver to convert your system from a single to multiple
 CPUs. This is done through Device Manager > Computer > Update Driver.

5.2.5. Installing and managing network adapters

- Adapters are installed using the Add/Remove Hardware applet in Control Panel
- Change the binding order of protocols and the Provider order using Advanced Settings under the Advanced menu of the Network and Dial-up Connections window (accessed by right-clicking on My Network Places icon)
- Each network adapter has an icon in Network and Dial-up connection. Right click on the icon to set its properties, install protocols, change addresses, etc.

5.3.0 Updating drivers

- Drivers are updated using Device Manager. Highlight the device, right-click and choose Properties. A properties dialog appears. Choose the Drivers tab and then the Update Driver... button.
- Microsoft recommends using Microsoft digitally signed drivers whenever possible.
- The Driver.cab cabinet file on the Windows 2000 CD contains all of the drivers the OS ships with. Whenever a driver is updated, Windows2000 looks here first (e.g.,c:\winnt\Driver Cache\i386\Driver.cab). The location of this file is stored in a registry key and can be changed: HKLM\Software\Windows\CurrentVersion\Setup\DriverCachePath
- The Driver Verifier is used to troubleshoot and isolate driver problems. It must be enabled through changing a Registry setting. The Driver Verifier Manager, verifier.exe, provides a command-line interface for working with Driver Verifier.

5.4.0 Driver signing

5.4.1 Configuring Driver Signing

Open System applet in Control Panel and click Hardware tab. Then in the
 Device Manager box, click Driver signing to display options:

Ignore - Install all files, regardless of file signature

Warn- Display a message before installing an unsigned file

Block- Prevent installation of unsigned files

• The Apply Setting As System Default checkbox is only accessible to Administrators

5.4.2 Using System File Checker (sfc.exe)

- /scannow scans all protected system files immediately
- /scanonce scans all protected system files at next startup
- /scanboot scans all protected system files at every restart
- /cancel cancels all pending scans
- /quiet replaces incorrect files without prompting
- /enable sets Windows File Protection back to defaults
- /purgecache purges file cache and forces immediate rescan
- /cachesize=x sets file cache size

5.4.3 Windows Signature Verification (sigverif.exe)

- running sigverif launches File Signature Verification
- Checks system files by default, but non-system files can also be checked
- Saves search results to c:\winnt\Sigverif.txt

5.5.0 Windows Report Tool

- Used to gather information from your computer to assist support providers in troubleshooting issues. Reports are composed in Windows 98 and Windows 2000 and then uploaded to a server provided by the support provider using HTTP protocol.
- Reports are stored in a compressed .CAB format and include a Microsoft System Information (.NFO) file.
- The report generated by Windows Report Tool (winrep.exe) includes a snapshot of complete system software and hardware settings. Useful for diagnosing software and hardware resource conflicts.

6. Managing, Monitoring, and Optimizing System Performance, Reliability and Availability

6.1.0. Monitoring and optimizing usage of system resources

6.1.1 Performance Console

- Important objects are cache (file system cache used to buffer physical device data), memory (physical and virtual/paged memory on system), physicaldisk (monitors hard disk as a whole), logicaldisk (logical drives, stripe sets and spanned volumes), and processor (monitors CPU load)
- Processor % Processor Time counter measure's time CPU spends executing a non-idle thread. If it is continually at or above 80%, CPU upgrade is recommended
- Processor Processor Queue Length more than 2 threads in queue indicates
 CPU is a bottleneck for system performance
- Processor % CPU DPC Time (deferred procedure call) measures software interrupts.
- Processor % CPU Interrupts/Sec measures hardware interrupts. If processor time exceeds 90% and interrupts/time exceeds 15%, check for a poorly written driver (bad drivers can generate excessive interrupts) or upgrade CPU.
- Logical disk Disk Queue Length If averaging more than 2, drive access is a
 bottleneck. Upgrade disk, hard drive controller, or implement stripe set
 Physical disk Disk Queue Length same as above
- Physical disk % Disk Time- If above 90%, move data/pagefile to a nother drive or upgrade drive
- Memory Pages/sec more than 20 pages per second is a lot of paging add more RAM
- Memory Committed bytes should be less than amount of RAM in computer
- diskperf command for activating disk counters has been modified in Windows 2000. Physical disk counters are now enabled by default, but you will have to type diskperf -yv at a command prompt to enable logical disk counters for logical drives or storage volumes.

6.1.2 Performance Alerts and Logs

• Alert logs are like trace logs, but they only log an event, send a message or run a program when a user-defined threshold has been exceeded

- Counter logs record data from local/remote systems on hardware u sage and system service activity
- Trace logs are event driven and record monitored data such as disk I/O or page faults
- By default, log files are stored in the \Perflogs folder in the system's boot partition
- Save logs in CSV (comma separated value) or TSV (tab separated value) format for import into programs like Excel
- CSV and TSV must be written all at once, they do not support logs that stop and start. Use Binary (.BLG) for logging that is written intermittently
- Logging is used to create a baseline for future reference

6.1.3 Manage processes

- NT schedules threads to run by using application priorities. Application threads are assigned priorities, and run in order according to their priority level, from highest (31) to lowest (0).
- Starting applications in real-time mode can adversely effect other system
 processes and may even slow down total system performance. Running in
 real-time requires administrator or power user rights and is not generally
 recommended.
- You can change the priority of a running application by running Task Manager
 Processes, right clicking the process and selecting "Set Priority." Moreover,
 you can run this from the command line: "start /low program.exe."

6.1.4. Optimize disk performance

- Mirrored volumes and spanned volumes slow down system performance.
- Striping a disk set causes greatest performance increase. Striping with parity is fast, but not so fast as without parity.
- Page files are fastest when spread across several disks, but not the boot or system disks.
- Defragmenting your hard disks regularly will improve read performance.

6.2.0 Manage and optimize availability of System State data and user data

6.2.1 System State data

• Is comprised of the registry, COM+ class registration database and system startup files. Can also include Certificate Services database if Certificate

- Services is installed. If machine is a domain controller, Active Directory services and Sysvol directory are included.
- For machines running Cluster Service, resource registry checkpoints and quorum resource recovery log are included.
- On a domain controller, moving system state data to a separate volume from the system volume can increase performance.
- Can be backed up from the command line by typing:

ntbackup systemstate /m normal /f d:\sysstate.bkf /j "System State Data Backup"

Where /m=backup type (can be copy or normal), /f=filename and /j=jobname.

 On a domain controller, an Authoritative Restore may need to be performed to force restored system state data to replicate to other domain controllers throughout Active Directory.

6.2.2. Establishing Fault-tolerance

- Disk mirroring requires a second drive to make a duplicate copy of the first drive. When both drives are on separate controllers, it is referred to as disk duplexing. (RAID level one).
- Disk mirroring can be used on system and boot partitions but it degrades server performance somewhat.
- When a basic disk that is part of a mirror set is disconnected or fails, the status of the mirror set becomes Failed Redundancy. You will need another basic disk of the same size to repair the mirror set you cannot use a dynamic disk. When you repair the set, Disk Management creates a new mirror on a separate basic disk and resynchronizes the new mirror set.
- To break a mirror set, right-click on the mirror set you wish to break and choose Break Mirror.
- Disk striping with parity provides fault-tolerance, as there is a parity stripe block for each row across a hard disk. The parity and data information are always arranged so that they are on separate hard disks. Works with a minimum of three drives and a maximum of thirty-two. (RAID level five)
- Disk striping with parity cannot be used on the boot and system partitions unless it is provided separately from Windows by a specialized hardware controller.

The Disk Management tool will allow you to continue using any Stripe sets
on basic disks that existed on your system from NT4 prior to an upgrade to
Windows2000, but it will not allow you to create any new ones, unless they
are on dynamic volumes.

6.2.3. Recover System State data and user data Using Emergency Repair Disk (ERD)

- Windows NT 4 users the RDISK utility is gone, ERDs are now made exclusively with the backup utility. It has been changed from a repair disk to a boot disk which lets you run repair tools on the CD
- To make an ERD, run ntbackup, choose Emergency Repair Disk and insert a blank formatted floppy into the A: drive. You will also have the option to copy registry files to the repair directory it is a good idea to do so (%systemroot%\repair\regback). Also use backup to copy these registry files to a tape or Zip disk
- ERD contains the following files: autoexec.nt, config.nt and setup.log

6.2.4. Windows Backup

- Windows 2000 Backup is launched through Start > Accessories > SystemTools > Backup or by running ntbackup from the Start menu
- Users can back up their own files and files they have read, execute, modify, or full control permission for
- Users can restore files they have write, modify or full control permission for
- Administrators and Backup Operators can backup and restore all files regardless of permissions
- To restore System State data, start Backup, click the Restore tab and check the box next to System State to restore it along with any other data you have selected. If you do not specify a location for it, it will overwrite your current System State data.

Backup type	Description	
Normal	All selected files and folders are backed up. Archive attribute	
	cleared if it exists (fast for Restoring)	
Сору	All selected files and folders are backed up. Archive attribute is	
	not cleared (fast for restoring)	
Incremental	Only selected files and folders that have their archive attribute	

	set are backed up and then archive markers are cleared	
Differential	Only selected files and folders that have their archive attribut	
	set are backed up but archive Attributes are not cleared	
Daily	All selected files and folders that have changed throughout the	
	day are backed up. Archive attributes are ignored during the	
	backup and are not cleared afterwards	

Table 6.1 Backup options

6.2.5 Running NT Backup from the command line

Argument	Description		
Backup	Indicates to NTBACKUP that you're performing a backup operation.		
	Must be included.		
Systemstate	Specifies that all System State data should be backed up. Can only		
	be used for backing up drives on the local computer		
Bks file name	Name of the selection info file where the backup will be stored.		
	Multiple backups can be referenced from the same file.		
/j "job name"	Name of the backup job.		
/p "pool name"	Tells NTBACKUP which media pool to copy backup files to.		
/g "guid name"	Specifies name of the tape that will be overwritten or appended with		
	this backup job. Don't use with /p		
./t "tape name"	Specifies name of the tape that will be overwritten or appended with		
	this backup job. Don't use with /p		
/n "new tape	name" Used to name a tape. Don't use with /p		
/f "file name"	Specifies the path and file name of the file to which the backup will		
	be copied. Cannot be used with any switch for removable media /pt,		
	/t, or /n		
/d "description"	Description of backup file		
/a	Appends the backup set to any data on the media. When backing up		
	to tape, must be used with /g or /t to specify the tape. Don't use with		
	/p		
/m backuptype	Specifies what type of backup to perform; normal, copy,		
	incremental, differential or daily		
/v:yes or no	Specifies whether backup should be verified or not.		
r:yes or no	Specifies whether the tape should be available only to it is		

	owner/creator and Administrators.	
l:f or s or n	Logging type: full, summary or none	
Rs:yes or no	Specifies whether or not to backup the removable storage database.	
Hc:on or off	Specifies whether or not to use hardware compression (only available on compatible tape drives).	

Table 6.2 Command line backup parameters

6.3.0. Windows 2000 boot process

6.3.1. Files used in the Windows 2000 boot process

File	Location
Ntldr	System partition root
Boot.ini	System partition root
Bootsect.dos	System partition root
Ntdetect.com	System partition root
Ntbootdd.sys*	System partition root
Ntoskrnl.exe	%systemroot%\System32
Hal.dll	%systemroot%\System32
System	%systemroot%\System32\Config

Table 6.3 Windows 2000 boot files and their locations

Optional - only if system partition is on SCSI disk with BIOS disabled

6.3.2. BOOT.INI switches

- /basevideo boots using standard VGA driver
- /fastdetect=[comx, y, z] disables serial mouse detection or all COM ports if port not specified. Included by default
- /maxmem:n specifies amount of RAM used use when a memory chip may be bad
- /noguiboot boots Windows without displaying graphical startup screen
- /sos displays device driver names as they load
- /bootlog enable boot logging
- /safeboot:minimal boot in safe mode
- /safeboot:minimal(alternateshell) safe mode with command prompt
- /safeboot:network safe mode with networking support

6.3.3. Booting in Safe Mode

Enter safe mode by pressing F8 during operating system selection phase

- Safe mode loads basic files/drivers, VGA monitor, keyboard, mouse, mass storage and default system services. Networking is not started in safe mode.
- Enable Boot Logging logs loading of drivers and services to ntbtlog.txt in the windir folder
- Enable VGA Mode boots Windows with VGA driver
- Last Known Good Configuration uses registry info from previous boot. Used to recover from botched driver installs and registry changes.
- Recovery Console only appears if it was installed using winnt32 /cmdcons or specified in the unattended setup file.
- Directory Services Restore Mode only in Server, not applicable to Win2000 Professional.
- Debugging Mode again, only in Server
- Boot Normally lets you boot up server normally

6.4.0. Windows 2000 Control Sets

Found under HKEY LOCAL MACHINE\System\Select - has four entries

Current- CurrentControlSet. Any changes made to the registry modify information in CurrentControlSet

Default - control set to be used next time Windows 2000 starts.

Default and current contain the same control set number

Failed - control set marked as failed when the computer was last started using the LastKnownGood control set

Last Known Good - after a successful logon, the Clone control set is copied here

6.5.0. Recovery Console

- Insert Windows 2000 CD into drive, change to i386 folder and run winnt32/cmdcons
- After it is installed, it can be selected from the "Please Select Operating System to Start" menu
- When starting Recovery Console, you must log on as Administrator.
- Can also be run from Windows 2000 Setup, repair option.
- Allows you to boot to a "DOS Prompt" when your file system is formatted with NTFS.

- Looks like DOS, but is very limited. By default, you can copy from removable
 media to hard disk, but not vice versa console can't be used to copy files to
 other media. As well, by default, the wildcards in the copy command don't
 work. You can't read or list files on any partition except for system partition.
- There are four set variables: allowwildcards, allowallpaths, allowremovablemedia and nocopyprompt
- Can be used to disable services that prevent Windows from booting properly

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Changes attributes of selected file or folder	
Displays current directory or changes directories.	
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Table 6.4 Recovery console commands and descriptions.

6.6.0. Startup and Recovery Settings

- Accessed through Control Panel > System applet > Advanced tab > Startup and Recovery
- Memory dumps are always saved with the filename memory.dmp
- Small memory dump needs 64K of space. Found in %systemroot%\minidump
- In order to perform a recovery, the paging file must be on the system partition and the pagefile itself must be at least 1 MB larger than the amount of RAM installed for Write debugging information option to work
- Use dumpchk.exe to examine contents of memory.dmp

7. Managing, Configuring, and Troubleshooting Storages

Storages also one of the important part of server. Because your all Data have been saved in Storages units.

7.1.0 Monitoring, Configuring, and Troubleshooting disks and volumes

• Windows 2000 supports both Basic and Dynamic storage. In basic storage you divide a hard disk into partitions. Windows 2000 recognizes primary and extended partitions. A disk initialized for basic storage is called a Basic disk. It can contain primary partitions, extended partitions and logical drives. Basic volumes cannot be created on dynamic disks. Basic volumes should be used when dual-booting between Windows 2000 and DOS, Windows 3.x, Windows 95/98 and all version of WindowsNT. Dynamic storage (Windows 2000 only) allows you to create a single partition that includes the entire hard disk. A disk initialized for dynamic storage is called a Dynamic disk. Dynamic disks are divided into volumes, which can include portions of one, or many, disks. These can be resized without needing to restart the operating system.

7.1.1 Volume types

- Simple volume contains space from a single disk
- Spanned volume contains space from multiple disks (maximum of 32). First fills one volume before going to the next. If a volume in a spanned set fails, all data in the spanned volume set is lost..
- Striped set- contains free space from multiple disks (maximum of 32) in one logical drive. Increases performance by reading/writing data from all disks at the same rate. If a disk in a stripe set fails, all data is lost.

7.1.2 Dynamic Volume States

State	Description	
Failed	Volume cannot be automatically restarted and needs to be repaired	
Healthy	Is accessible and has no known problems	
Healthy (at	Accessible, but I/O errors have been detected on the disk. Underlying disk	
risk)	is displayed as Online (Errors)	
Initializing Volume is being initialized and will be displayed as healthy whe		
	is complete	

Table 7.1 Dynamic Volume States

7.1.3 Dynamic Volume Limitations

- Cannot be directly accessed by DOS, Win95/98 or any versions of Windows
 NT if you are dual booting as they do not use the traditional disk organization
 scheme of partitions and logical volumes. MBR on dynamic disks contains a
 pointer to disk configuration data stored in the last 1 MB of space at the end of
 the disk.
- Dynamic volumes, which were upgraded from basic disk partitions, cannot be
 extended, especially the system volume, which holds hardware-specific, files
 required to start Windows 2000 and the boot volume. Volumes created after
 the disk was upgraded to dynamic can be extended.
- When installing Windows 2000, if a dynamic volume is created from unallocated space on a dynamic disk, Windows 2000 cannot be installed on that volume.
- Not supported on portable computers or removable media.
- A boot disk that has been converted from basic to dynamic cannot be converted back to basic.

7.1.4 Translation of terms between Basic and Dynamic Disks

Basic Disks	Disks Dynamic
Active partition	Active volume
Extended partition	Volume and unallocated space
Logical drive	Simple volume
Mirror set	Mirrored volume (Server only)
Primary partition	Simple volume
Stripe set	Striped volume
Stripe set with parity	RAID-5 volume (Server only)
System and boot partitions	System and boot volumes
Volume set	Spanned volumes

Table 7.2 Translation of terms between Basic and Dynamic Disks

To manage disks on a remote computer you must create a custom console focused on another computer. Choose Start > Run and type mmc. Press Enter. On console menu click Add/Remove Snap-in. Click Add. Click Disk Management then click Add. When Choose Computer dialog box appears choose the remote system. Disk information is now stored on the physical disk

itself, facilitating moving hard drives between systems. As managing disk numbering can become quite complex, the **dmtool.exe** utility has been provided.

7.2.0. Using the Disk Management Snap-in Tool

- Whenever you add a new disk in a computer it is added as Basic Storage
- Every time you remove or add a new disk to your computer you must choose Rescan Disks
- Disks that have been removed from another computer will appear labeled as Foreign. Choose "Import Foreign Disk" and a wizard appears to provide instructions.
- For multiple disks removed from another computer, they will appear as a group. Right-click on any of the disks and choose "Add Disk".
- Disks can be upgraded from Basic to Dynamic storage at any time but must contain at least 1 MB of unallocated space for the upgrade to work.

7.3.0. Monitoring and configuring disk quotas

- Windows 2000 now supports disk-based quotas. Quotas can be set on NTFS volumes, but not on FAT or FAT32 volumes.
- Quotas cannot be set on individual folders within a NTFS volume, but must instead be set on the entire volume. A physical disk can be divided into multiple logical volumes with different quotas set for each.
- By default, quotas are not enabled. Right-click the volume that you want to protect, click the Quota tab and select "Enable quota management"
- Users exceeding their quota will still be able to write to the volume unless "Deny disk space to users exceeding quota limit" is selected. (Do not enforce quotas on a system partition as Windows2000 writes a fair amount of data to the disk while booting and you may render your system unbootable save this for data partitions only).
- Quotas can only be set on an individual basis, they cannot be assigned to groups. To select multiple users CTRL+click on the names you want to assign quotas to. You can choose to issue users a warning before they reach their disk usage limit. (Hopefully MS will fix this so quotas can be assigned to groups in the future).

7.4.0. ARC paths in BOOT.INI

The Advanced Risc Computing (ARC) path is located in the BOOT.INI and is used by NTLDR to determine which disk contains the operating system.

Multi(x)	Specifies SCSI controller with the BIOS enabled, or non-SCSI controller.
	x=ordinal number of controller.
Scsi(x)	Defines SCSI controller with the BIOS disabled. X=ordinal number of controller.
Disk(x)	Defines SCSI disk, which the OS resides on. When multi is used, x=0. When scsi
	is used, x= the SCSI ID number of the disk with the OS.
Rdisk(x)	Defines disk, which the OS resides on. Used when OS does not reside on a SCSI
	disk.
	x=0-1 if on primary controller. x=2-3 if on multi-channel EIDE controller.
Partition	Specifies partition number, which the OS resides on. x=cardinal number of
(x)	partition, and the lowest possible value is 1.

Table 7.3 Descriptions of ARC Path parameters of boot.ini file multi(0)disk(0)rdisk(0)partition(1). This is the lowest numbers that an ARC path can have.

7.5.0 Remote Storage

- Not installed by default. Added through Control Panel > Add/Remove
 Programs > Windows Components > Remote Storage.
- Remote storage moves eligible files from your local hard disk volumes to a remote storage location. When the space on your local, or managed, volume falls below the threshold you specify, remote storage automatically removes the content from the original file and sends it to the remote storage location. The file still appears on your local drive, but the file size is zero since the file actually resides in a remote location.
- When the file is needed again, remote storage recalls the file and caches it locally so it can be accessed.
- Response time is slower than if the file were stored on your local volume.
- You specify the files or the parameters for the files that should be stored remotely so that your most commonly used files remain on your local volume.

8. Configuring and Troubleshooting Windows 2000 Network Connections, Protocols and services

8.1.0 TCP/IP protocol

- Is an industry-standard suite of protocols
- It is routable and works over most network topologies
- It is the protocol that forms the foundation of the Internet
- Installed by default in Windows 2000
- Can be used to connect dissimilar systems
- Uses Microsoft Windows Sockets interface (Winsock)
- IP addresses can be entered manually or provided automatically by a DHCP server
- DNS is used to resolve computer hostnames to IP addresses
- WINS is used to resolve a NetBIOS name to an IP address
- Subnet mask A value that is used to distinguish the network ID portion of the IP address from the host ID
- Default gateway A TCP/IP address for the host (typically a router) which you would send packets for routing elsewhere on the network

8.1.1 Automatic Private IP Addressing

- Windows 98 and Windows 2000 support this new feature. When "Obtain An IP Address Automatically" is enabled, but the client cannot obtain an IP address, Automatic Private IP addressing takes over:
- IP address is generated in the form of 169.254.x.y (where x.y is the computer's identifier) and a 16-bit subnet mask (255.255.0.0)
- The computer broadcasts this address to its local subnet
- If no other computer responds to the address, the first system assigns this address to itself
- When using the Auto Private IP, it can only communicate with other computers on the same subnet that also use the 169.254.x.y range with a 16-bit mask.
- The 169.254.0.0 169.254.255.255 range has been set aside for this purpose by the Internet Assigned Numbers Authority

8.1.2 Troubleshooting

Ipconfig and Ipconfig /all - displays current TCP/IP configuration

- Nbtstat displays statistics for connections using NetBIOS over TCP/IP
- Netstat displays statistics and connections for TCP/IP protocol
- Ping tests connections and verifies configurations
- Tracert check a route to a remote system
- Common TCP/IP problems are caused by incorrect subnet masks and gateways
- If an IP address works but a hostname won't check DNS settings

8.2.0 Authentication protocols

- EAP Extensible Authentication Protocol. A set of APIs in Windows for developing new security protocols as needed to accommodate new technologies. MD5-CHAP and EAP-TLS are two examples of EAP
- EAP-TLS Transport Level Security. Primarily used for digital certificates and smart cards
- MD5-CHAP Message Digest 5 Challenge Handshake Authentication
 Protocol. Encrypts usernames and passwords with an MD5 algorithm
- RADIUS Remote Authentication Dial-in User Service. Specification for vendor-independent remote user authentication. Windows 2000 Server can act as a RADIUS client or server.
- MS-CHAP (v1 and 2) Microsoft Challenge Handshake Authentication Protocol. Encrypts entire session, not just username and password. v2 is supported in Windows 2000 and NT4 and Win 95/98 (with DUN 1.3 upgrade) for VPN connections. MS-CHAP cannot be used with non-Microsoft clients
- SPAP Shiva Password Authentication Protocol. Used by Shiva LAN Rover clients. Encrypts password, but not data
- CHAP Challenge Handshake Authentication Protocol encrypts user names and passwords, but not session data. Works with non-Microsoft clients
- PAP Password Authentication Protocol. Sends username and password in clear text

8.3.0 Other protocols

- DLC is a special-purpose, non-routable protocol used by Windows 2000 to talk with IBM mainframes, AS400s and Hewlett Packard printers.
- Appletalk must be installed to allow Windows 2000 Professional to communicate with Apple printers. Do not confuse this with File and Print

- Services for Macintosh, which allow Apple clients to use resources on a Microsoft network (only available on Server).
- NWLink is Microsoft's implementation of Novell's IPX/SPX protocol. It is adequate for small to medium sized networks and requires less administrative overhead than TCP/IP. It is routable.
- NetBEUI is used soley by Microsoft operating systems and is non-routable (it is broadcast-based)

8.4.0 Domain Name Service (DNS)

- Resolves hostnames to IP addresses.
- Active Directory cannot run without it.
- Records are also called forward lookups or host records. An A record maps a domain name to an IP address.
- Start Of Authority (SOA) records names the primary DNS server for a domain, provides an e-mail address for the admin (note: "." used instead of "@" in email address), and specifies how long its okay to cache its data. Keeps track of data changes through serial numbers.
- NS records designate which servers are Name Servers in the domain.
- CNAME (Canonical Name) Records or Aliases used to provide an alias for the hostname of the server.
- MX (Mail Exchange) records allow an admin to designate which machines receive mail in a domain by order of preference (a lower number equals higher preference).
- PTR (Pointer) records are also called reverse records or reverse lookups.

 Allow an IP address to be resolved to a host name. Creates ". In-addr.arpa"entries.
- SRV records allow DNS to identify server types.
- A Standard Primary zone stores a master copy of the zone in a text file. Used to exchange DNS data with other servers that use text-based storage methods.
- A Standard Secondary zone creates a copy of an existing zone used for load balancing and fault-tolerance.
- An Active Directory Integrated zone stores its data in Active Directory rather than on the local machine. Provides greater fault-tolerance and secure updates.

- Zones can be configured for Dynamic Updates. The DHCP clients and or server without administrator intervention will then update resource records.
- There are two zone transfer types, full zone transfer (AXFR) and incremental zone transfer (IXFR):

AXFR - supported by most DNS implementations. When the refresh interval expires on a secondary server it queries its primary using an AXFR query. If serial numbers have changed since the last copy, a new copy of the entire zone database is transferred to the secondary.

IXFR - Also uses serial numbers, but only transfers information that has changed rather than the entire database. The server will only transfer the full database if the sum of the changes is larger than the entire zone, the client serial number is lower than the serial number of the olds version of the zone on the server or the server responding to the IXFR request doesn't recognize that type of query.

- A caching DNS server simply resolves requests and caches data from resolved requests until its TTL expires.
- Use **nslookup** to troubleshoot problems with DNS.

8.5.0 Dynamic Host Configuration Protocol (DHCP)

8.5.1 Important points for Windows NT Administrators

- Automatic Private IP Addressing When a DHCP server is unavailable, Windows2000 can assign itself a temporary IP address in the 169.254.x.y range.
- DHCP Relay Agent is only available as part of Windows 2000 Server family now it is not part of Windows 2000 Professional.
- DNS Integration DHCP can now register the addresses it assigns with the Windows 2000 DNS servers that support dynamic update
- Enhanced Monitoring The new DHCP MMC console snap-in provides a graphical display of statistical data.
- Expanded Scope Support Super scope and multicast scopes are now supported.

- Option Class Support Used to separate different types of clients each having similar or special configuration needs. There are vendor-defined and user defined option classes.
- Resource Record Re-registration DHCP clients automatically re-register in DNS upon renewal of their lease.
- Rogue DHCP Server Detection Prevents unauthorized DHCP servers from creating address assignment conflicts.

8.5.2 Process for DHCP address assignment

- Client broadcasts DHCPDISCOVER to all nearby DHCP servers.
- Server(s) respond with DHCPOFFER message containing IP address and release time.
- Client chooses the IP addressing information from the first offer it receives and broadcasts back a DHCPREQUEST to confirm the IP address.
- Server finalizes process by returning a DHCPACK to acknowledge the request.

8.5.3 Supporting DHCP

- DHCP server can provide default gateway, DNS, WINS, proxy and browser auto-config info (IE5 and higher) in addition to IP address and subnet mask.
- DHCP servers must be authorized to assign addresses. Whenever it first comes online, it sends out a DHCPINFORM message. Other servers will respond with a DHCPACK message providing the name of the directory domain they belong to. If the first DHCP server (as part of a workgroup) detects another DHCP server that is a member of a domain, the first server assumes it is unauthorized and cannot service requests for addresses.
- DHCP in Windows2000 is configured to enable dynamic update of dynamic
 DNS servers by default. Here are the available options
- Update DNS only if client requests (default option) updates forward and reverse lookup zones based on type of request DHCP client makes during the lease process. Windows2000 clients will propose that they update the A record while the DHCP server updates the PTR record
- Always Update DNS updates forward and reverse lookup zones when a client acquires a lease, regardless of the type of lease request

- Discard forward lookups when lease expires removes A record entries when the lease expires (even if client is offline or unavailable)
- Enable updates for DNS clients that do not support dynamic update -DHCP server registers A and PTR records on behalf of older Windows clients and non-Windows clients that do not support dynamic updates.
- To create a superscope, open DHCP Manager and right-click the name of the server you want to create a superscope for, and choose New Superscope. A wizard will appear - choose the scopes you want to create a superscope from.
- Multicast scopes are created as with above except you would choose New Multicast Scope. Multicast is used by conferencing and collaborative applications to send information to several computers at once by using a single directed message.
- Windows 2000 supports two types of option classes:

Vendor-defined - assigned to classes that are identified by vendor type (E.g., a specific brand of computer).

User-defined - assigned to clients that require a common configuration that is not based on vendor type (e.g., one group whose Internet access is being monitored could be directed to a proxy server while other groups are not)

 DHCP relies on broadcast traffic, which cannot cross routers unless they have been specifically configured to pass BOOTP, or as DHCP relay agents.
 Windows2000 Server includes a DHCP Relay Agent (installs as a service) to help DHCP broadcasts through routers.

8.6.0 Windows Internet Name Service (WINS)

- WINS resolve NetBIOS names to IP addresses. They do not need to be authorized.
- Is used to reduce the number of B-node broadcasts on a network.
- It is only needed in mixed-mode networks for NT4 compatibility. Its functionality has been superceded by enhanced DNS functionality in Windows2000

- The Computer Browser service from previous versions of NT has been superceded by Active Directory. Computer Browser service is only maintained for backwards compatibility.
- For WINS clients in a Windows2000 network it is now possible to specify up to 12 WINS servers for increased fault-tolerance.
- WINS is managed using the WINS snap-in for MMC.
- WINS stores all entries in a database. The *Owner* of a record is the WINS server that originated it. When database verification is enabled (every 24 hours by default), entries should be verified against the owner server rather than randomly selected partners.
- Static entries can be made in the WINS database for computers that cannot register dynamically in WINS.
- Use jetpack.exe utility to compact WINS databases, found in the %systemroot%\system32\wins directory
- The database is replicated between push/pull partners. A push partner lets its pull partner know that enough changes have occurred in the database that it should request updates to its database.
- Enabling WINS lookup in DNS allows the DNS server to query the WINS database when it is unable to resolve a hostname to an IP address.
- Setting up a WINS proxy agent on a subnet allows B-node broadcasts to be relayed through routers and reach the WINS server. Since a B-node client is incapable of querying the WINS server, the WINS proxy sends the query on the client's behalf and then relays, to the client, the response it receives from the WINS server.

8.7.0. Configure, monitor, and troubleshoot Remote Access Inbound connections 8.7.1. Multi-link Support

- Multi-linking allows you to combine two or more modems or ISDN adapters into one logical link with increased bandwidth.
- BAP (Bandwidth Allocation Protocol) and BACP (Bandwidth Allocation Control Protocol) enhance multilinking by dynamically adding or dropping links on demand. Settings are configured through RAS policies.
- Enabled from the PPP tab of a RAS server's Properties dialog box.

8.7.2. Setting Callback Security

- Using callback allows you to have the bill charged to your phone number instead of the number of the user calling in. Also used to increase security
- For roming users like a sales force, choose "Allow Caller to Set The Callback Number" (less secure)

8.7.3. Remote Access Policies

- Remote Access policies are stored on the server, not in Active Directory.
- Default remote access policy denies all connection attempts unless user account is set to Allow. In Native mode, every account is set to Control access through Remote Access Policy. If this is changed to Grant remote access permission all connections are accepted.
- Control access through Remote Access Policy is not available on domain controllers in mixed-mode. While connections are initially accepted, they must still meet policy requirements or be disconnected.
- On a stand-alone server, policies are configured through Local Users and Groups > Dial-in > Properties. On an AD-based server, they are configured through Active Directory Users and Computers > Dial-in > Properties.
- Caller ID verification requires specialized answering equipment and a driver that passes Caller ID info to RRAS. If Caller ID is configured for a user but you do not have the proper equipment/drivers installed, the user is denied access.
- Callback options let you specify, no callback, set by caller, and always callback to. The last option provides the greatest level of security. Letting the user specify the callback number provides little in the way of security but allows users such as a traveling sales force with laptops to avoid long distance charges by having the RRAS server call them back.
- A static IP can be assigned to a user when their connection is made.
- Applying static routes allows an admin to define a series of static IP routes that are added to the routing table of the RRAS server (used for demand-dial routing between RRAS servers).

- The three components of a remote access policy are its conditions, permissions and profile:
- Conditions A list of parameters such as the time of day, user groups,
 IP addresses or Caller IDs that are matched to the parameters of the Client connecting to the server. The first policy that matches the parameters of the inbound connection is processed for access permissions and configuration.
- Permissions connections are allowed based on a combination of the
 dial-in properties of a user's account and remote access policies.

 The permission setting on the remote access policy works in
 partnership with the user's dial-in permissions in Active Directory
 providing a wide range of flexibility when assigning remote access
 permissions.
- **Profile** Settings such as authentication and encryption protocols which are applied to the connection. If connection settings do not match user's dial-in settings, the connection is denied.

8.7.4. Remote Access Profiles

- Dial-in constraints idle time before disconnect, max session time, days and times allowed, phone numbers, and media types (VPN, ISDN, etc.)
- IP used to configure TCP/IP packet filtering.
- Multilink multilink and BAP are configured here. Configure to disconnect

a line if bandwidth falls below a present threshold. Can be set to require BAP.

• Authentication - define authentication protocols required for connections using this

policy (e.g., SmartCards would need EAP-TLS).

• Encryption - used to specify the types of encryption that are allowed/required/prohibited.

8.8.0 Internet Connection Sharing (ICS)

- Enabled through Control Panel > Network and Dial-up Connections. Right click the connection you want to share and choose Properties. On the Shared Access tab, select "Enabled shared access for this connection".
- If you want the connection to dial automatically whenever it is accessed, select the "Enable on-demand dialing" box.
- This feature should not be used in a network with other Windows 2000
 Domain Controllers, DNS servers, DCHP servers, gateways or computers configured for static IP addresses.
- The machine with ICS enabled will have its LAN adapter's address set to 192.168.0.1. It becomes a DHCP server assigning addresses in the 192.168.0.x range to other machine's on the network that are configured as DHCP clients. It assigns them 192.168.0.1 as their gateway and uses NetworkAddress Translation (NAT) to route information between the machines on the intranet and its valid connection to the Internet.
- This technology is intended for home use and use in small offices in peer-topeer network environments. Corporate users should consider a more robust product such as MS Proxy Server 2.0. or ISA Server.

8.9.0. Virtual Private Networks (VPNs)

- PPTP Point to Point Tunneling Protocol. Creates an encrypted tunnel through an untrusted network. Supported by Windows 95, Windows 98 and Windows NT 4.0.
- L2TP Layer Two Tunneling Protocol. Works like PPTP as it creates a tunnel, but it does not provide data encryption. Security is provided by using an encryption technology like IPSec. Only supported on Windows 2000 at this time.

Feature	PPTP	L2PT
Header compression	No	Yes
Tunnel authentication	No	Yes
Built-in encryption	Yes	No
Transmits over IP-based internetwork	Yes	Yes
Transmits over UDP, Frame Relay, X.25 or	No	Yes
ATM		

Table 8.1 Features of VPNs related Protocols

8.10.0 Install, configure, monitor and troubleshoot Terminal Services (TS) 8.10.1 Installing Terminal Server

- Added through Control Panel > Add/Remove Programs > Windows Components.
- TS can be enabled during an unattended installation by setting TSEnable=On in the [Components] section of the answer file. If the Application Server key is not added then TS is installed in Remote Administration mode.
- TS Services include: TS Client Creator, creates floppies for installing TS
 Client, TS Configuration, used to manage TS protocol and server
 configuration, TS Licensing, manages Client Access Licenses, and TS
 Manager, used to manage and monitor sessions and processes on the server
 running TS.
- TS uses RDP or RDP-TCP (Remote Desktop Protocol over TCP/IP). This is a presentation protocol and it sends input from the terminal to the server and returns video from the server back to the terminal. It has been optimized for low-speed (modem) connections and is suitable for deployment in a RAS dialup environment.

8.10.2 Remote server administration using Terminal Server

- Remote Administration Mode allows Administrators to manage any number of Windows 2000 Servers from a single desktop. Admins have complete access to the remote system to perform tasks such as software installation, administrative functions, etc., as if they were logged on at the local console.
- Remote Administration Mode allows a maximum of 2 concurrent connections
 to be made per server by an Administrator. Memory and CPU utilization
 settings remain unaffected and application compatibility settings are
 completely disabled.
- There are no licensing requirements for using the Remote Administration Mode.

- If another Admin is in session on the same server you are working on, you may overwrite each other's work. Use the quser command to see if other Admins are in session.
- Do not use for tasks that require reboots (e.g., you reboot a server in another city and it fails to come back up because a floppy is in the A: drive oops)

8.10.3 Configuring Terminal Server for application sharing (Application Server Mode)

- Users can be assigned a specific Terminal Services profile. If one is not available TS will then try to load a user's Roaming Profile. If the two previous are not available TS will load the standard Windows 2000 Profile.
- Best practice is to remove default Home Directories created by Windows 2000 for each user and create TS specific network Home Directories on a file server. All application specific files (eg., .INI) are written to these directories.
- A Temp folder is created for each user by default. Use the flattemp.exe tool or the Terminal Services Configuration Tool to change the location of the temporary folders or disable them and force all users to share one Temp folder (flattemp/disable).
- Remember that all TS users log on locally in a virtual console on your server and have access to your local drives. Use NTFS on all volumes to prevent users from getting into places where they don't belong.
- Sessions will disconnect when the connection is broken but will continue executing a user's processes by default. To prevent system resources being taken up by these processes set your sessions to reset on broken so that all processes are abruptly terminated when connections are broken. TS cannot be clustered, but it can be load-balanced using Network Load alancing. This causes a group of servers to appear as a single virtual IP address. Alternately you can use round-robin DNS resolution to load balance your TS servers.
- Automatic Printer redirection is supported for all 32-bit Windows clients TS
 will detect printers attached locally to the client and create corresponding print
 queues in the user's session. When user disconnects print queues and any print
 jobs are terminated.

 Printers must be manually redirected for 16-bit Windows clients and Windows based terminals.

8.10.4. Configuring applications for use with Terminal Server

- Do not use the following types of applications with TS; multimedia applications, streaming applications, multimedia intensive games or applications that require special hardware to operate (like barcode scanners) unless the hardware can be connected to the terminal as a keyboard type device. TS do not recognize devices that connect to a parallel or serial port at this time.
- Some applications may require special installation or execution scripts to modify the app's performance in a multi-user environment.
- MS recommends that applications be installed using Add/Remove Programs in Control Panel. If you are installing the application directly, put TS into install mode by typing change user /install at a command prompt. Typing change user /execute turns off install mode.

8.10.5. Availability of Operating System for Terminal Server Client

- 16-bit Windows for Workgroups with MS TCP/IP-32
- 32-bit Windows 95/98, Windows NT 3.51, Windows NT 4.0, or Windows 2000 Professional.
- Windows CE-based handheld and terminal devices
- Use the Citrix MetaFrame add-on product for Terminal Services for non-Windows clients.

8.10.6. Configuring TS Clients

- Windows 3.11 and Windows 95 clients should have at least 8 MB of RAM.
 Windows 98 clients should have at least 24 MB of RAM and Windows 2000
 Pro needs 32 MB or more. 10 MB of hard drive space is needed if client bitmap caching is enabled.
- By default, all RDP client software is stored in the %systemroot%\system32\clients\tsclient directory when TS is installed.

- Clients can be deployed via a file share for installation over the network or by
 using Terminal Services Client Creation from the Administrative Tools menu
 to create a client image that can be installed from a floppy disk. TS Licensing
 (needed in addition to OS licenses, Windows 2000 Server/Microsoft
 BackOffice Client Access Licenses and application licenses)
- Built-in Licenses clients running Windows 2000 are automatically licensed as Windows 2000 clients.
- Terminal Server Client Access Licenses purchased for known, non-Windows
 2000 clients connecting to TS.
- Terminal Services Internet Connector Licenses used to allow anonymous access to TS by clients across the Internet. Based on concurrent connections.
 Temporary Licenses issued when there are no valid licenses left to give.
 License server tracks issuance and expiration.

09 Results and Discussions.

During last 15 Weeks I have been trained full time at the installation section of KBSL, for the practical fulfillment of the requirements for the B.Sc. Degree in Physical Science. They are doing several IT related Installations and providing solutions for the multiple IT problems. Many Experienced System Engineers work at KBSL and the problems they face are been discussed altogether and provide an excellent and reliable solution to customer to solve their problems. I have participated in a number of such discussion and obtained a vast technical Knowledge

IBM was the main hardware partner of KBSL. So received an interesting experience with IBM products such as Configuring IBM Server, Solving Problems with IBM Tape drives, SCSI Hard disks, RAID Controllers and Building RAID Systems and IBM Net Bay server Racks.

KBSL with Tanburg provided ultimate backup solutions with Travan Tape drives and one of the most reliable Backup Software called ARCServer. so I had an opportunity to obtain an experience on those products too.

Unlimited Internet access was provided to me and when a problem was encountered every engineer used to search related web sits. So was trained how use internet efficiently.

I visited several customer sites to do their integration and solve their IT Problems, therefore I gained experienced in associating with customers and how assure Company responsibilities as well.

"Installing and Trouble Shooting Windows 2000 Server" was the Title of my training and during the training period I studied about windows 2000, mainly through "MCSE Training kit-MICROSOFT WINDOWS 2000 SERVER" book and http://www.technet.com web site and at last I Installed a windows 2000 server on KBSL network configure and troubleshoot the same. I performed several tests to check some theories and unclear points. I participated successful troubleshooting sessions at several customer sites with KBSL Engineers.

Windows 2000 server has unlimited theoretical and practical background to study. I covered big part, but it is difficult to explained in detail in short report. Therefore this report is a summery of the most important points of each section. I believe this report will be a good reference source to fine-tune the knowledge about windows 2000 server for a any person who have a basic concept on a Microsoft Network Operating system

Apart from the technical training, I have been in contact with several knowledgeable personal. They encouraged metodosomecertifications within my training period. So, I successfully completed a "Microsoft Certified Processionals" Exam on line at IDM Exam center.

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