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# What's new in AD for Windows Server 2008 R2

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# What's new in AD DS

- Active Directory Recycle Bin
- Active Directory module for Windows PowerShell
- Active Directory Administrative Center
- Active Directory Best Practices Analyzer
- Active Directory Web Services
- Authentication mechanism assurance
- Offline domain join
- Managed Service Accounts

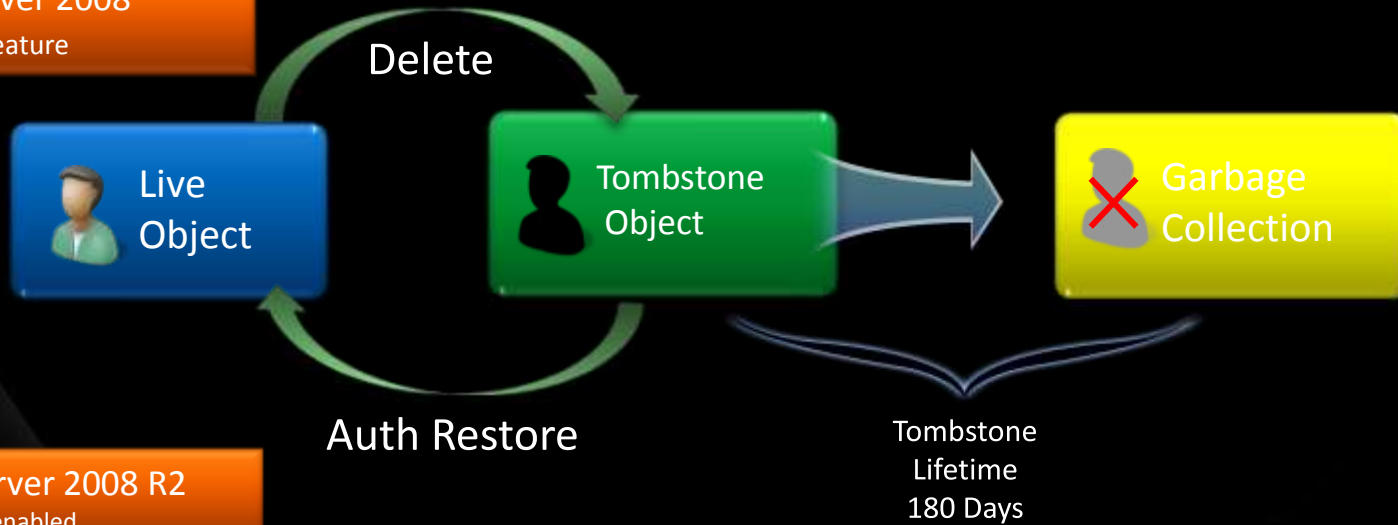
# Recycle Bin for AD

Recover from accidental deletion in Active Directory

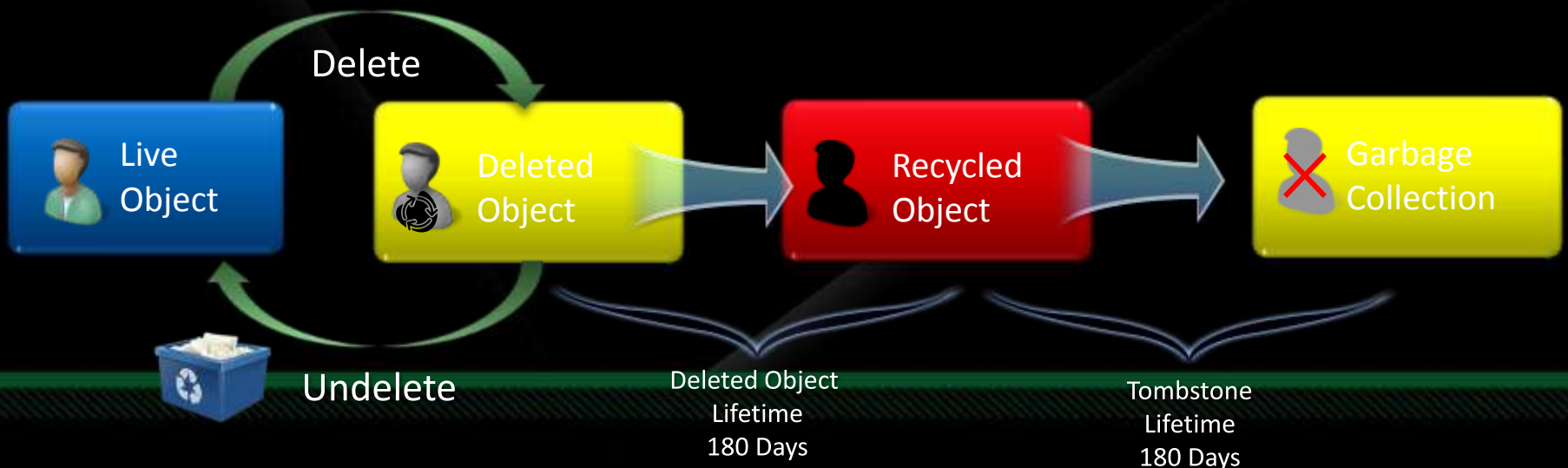
- Accidental deletions are the number #1 cause of AD Disaster\Recovery scenarios
- Recycle Bin for AD:
  - Allows recovery of deleted users, groups, etc
    - Locate deleted object:  
`Get-ADObject -Filter {} -IncludeDeletedObjects`
    - Recover deleted object:  
`Restore-ADObject -Identity {id}`
  - All attributes are automatically restored
    - Including well known & problematic 'Linked Attributes'
    - Description, password, group membership, managed by, etc.

# Recycle Bin for AD Object Life-cycle

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No Recycle bin feature



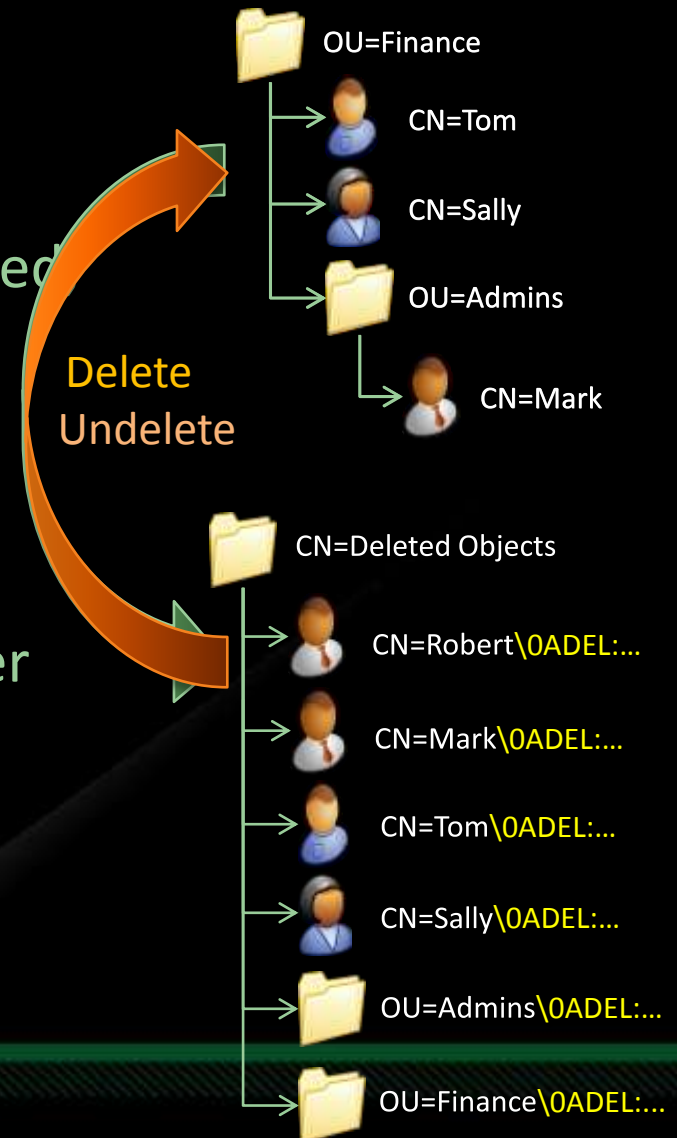
Windows Server 2008 R2  
with Recycle Bin enabled



# Recovering Multiple Objects

- Deleted Objects container
  - A flat list of all objects in the Deleted state
  - DN is mangled, attributes preserved
  - lastKnownParent**

- Restore objects to live parent
  - Deleted objects must be restored to a live parent
  - Perform restore in top-down order
  - lastKnownParent** and **lastKnownRDN** properties useful in rebuilding hierarchy
  - RDN over 128 chars truncated



# Recycle Bin Considerations

- What's the impact on DIT size?
  - Anticipate growth of 5-10% when new DC is installed
  - Subsequent growth depends on size and frequency of object deletions
- Deleted Object Lifetime (DOL)
  - DOL = TSL = 180 days (by default)
  - Both can be modified independently
  - Attributes: `msDS-deletedObjectLifetime` , `tombstoneLifetime`
- How does this affect my back up strategy?
  - Backups remain valid for the lesser of DOL or TSL
- How do I permanently delete an object?
  - Delete the object from the Deleted Objects container

`Get-ADObject –Filter {} –IncludeDeletedObjects | Remove-ADObject`

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AD Recycle Bin



# PowerShell for AD

Command line scripting for administrative, configuration and diagnostic tasks

## PowerShell V1:

- Hodgepodge of command line tools for administration and configuration
- Difficult to compose to achieve complex tasks

## PowerShell V2 with AD module:

- Comprehensive set of AD cmdlets for AD DS and AD LDS administration and configuration
- Brings the power and flexibility of PowerShell core to AD
- Consistency with other server roles



# Powershell Advantages

- Consistent vocabulary and syntax
  - Verbs – Add, New, Get, Set, Remove, Clear...
  - Nouns – ADObject, ADUser, ADComputer, ADDomain, ADForest, ADGroup, ADAccount, ADDomainController, ...
- Easily discovered
  - No need to find, install, or learn other tools, utilities or commands
- Flexible output
  - Output from one cmdlet easily consumed by another
- Easily composed
  - Create higher level tools for complex operations
- Leverage .Net Framework
  - All the capabilities of .Net Framework
- End-to-End manageability
  - With other roles such as Exchange, Group Policy, etc

# PowerShell Provider Model

- Brings file system like navigation to the directory
- Use familiar file system commands within the directory
  - Copy, Move, Rename, Delete, etc
- Map drives to containers in AD DS, AD LDS or AD Snapshots
- Enables best practice sharing across connections

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# AD Administrative Center

Increase productivity by providing a scalable, task-oriented UX for managing Active Directory

## AD Administration Today:

- Non task-oriented UI
- Representation in MMC not scalable for large datasets
- Limited to managing one domain at a time

## AD Administrative Center in Windows Server 2008 R2:

- Task oriented administration model, with support for larger datasets and progressive disclosure of data
- Consistency between CLI and UI capabilities
- Navigation experience designed to support multi-domain, multi-forest environments
- Foundation for future UI enhancements

# AD Administrative Center

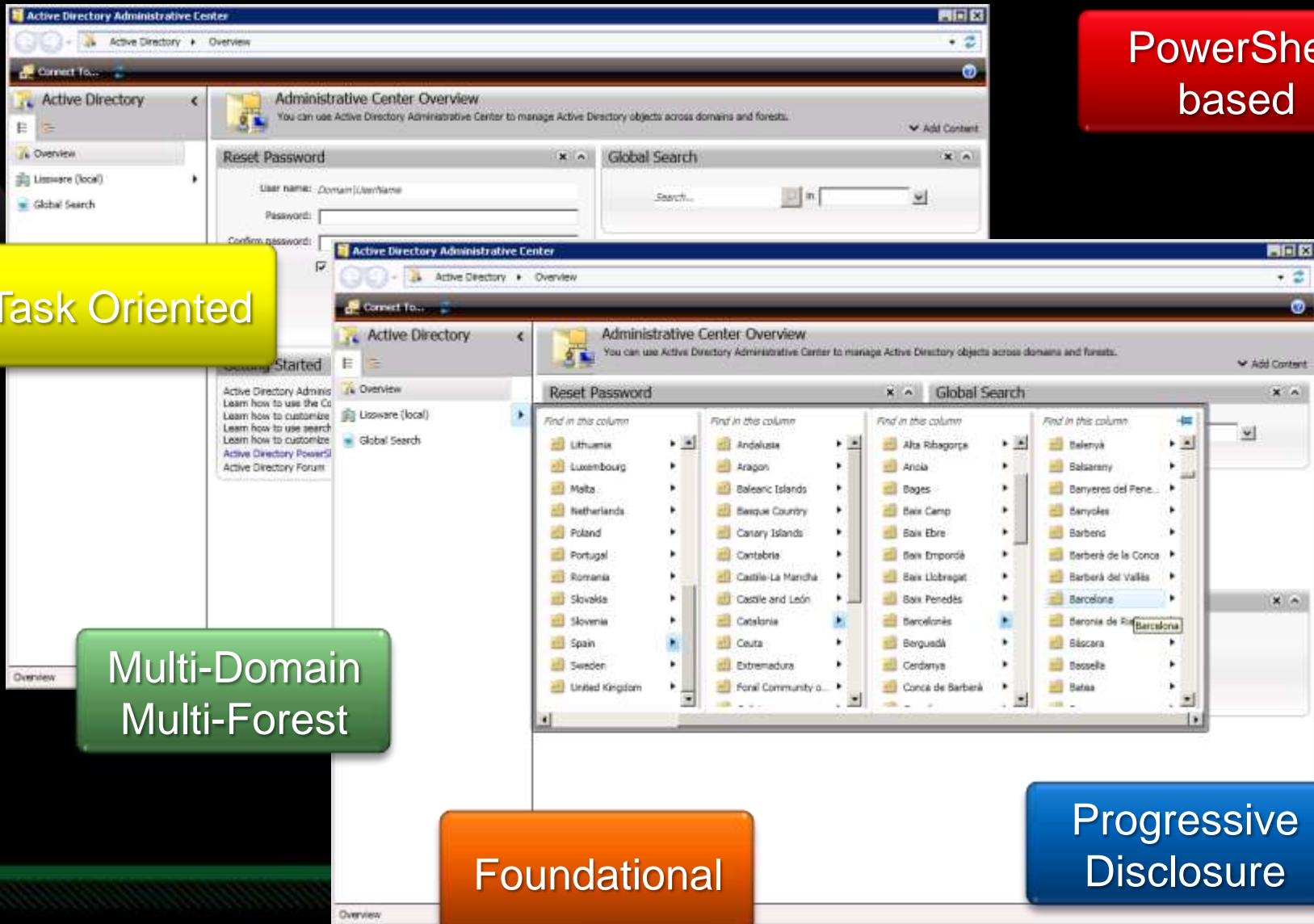
PowerShell  
based

Task Oriented

Multi-Domain  
Multi-Forest

Foundational

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# Best Practice Analyzer

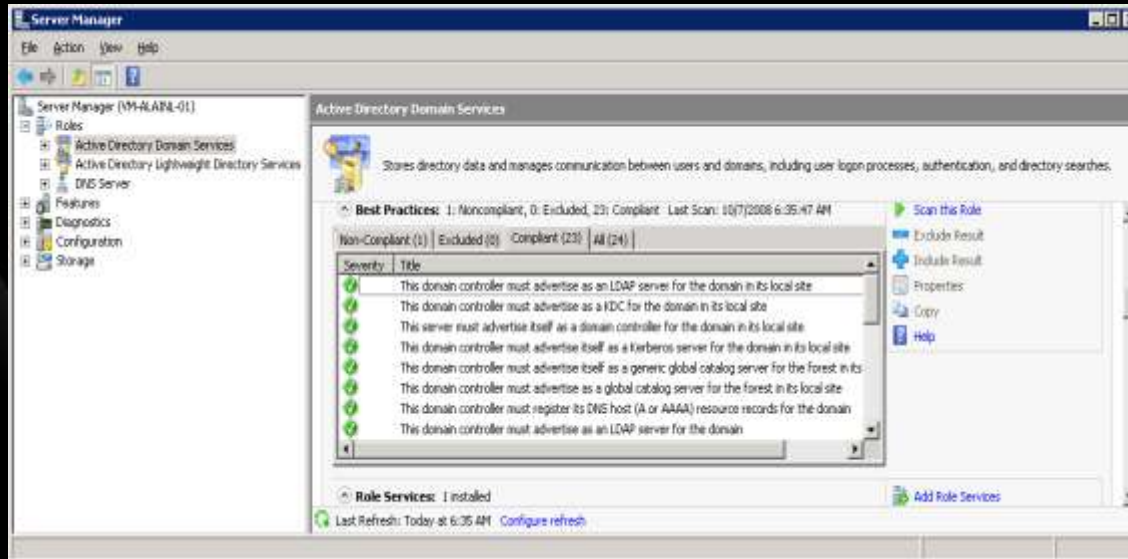
Identify deviations from best practices to help better manage Active Directory deployments

## AD Best Practice Analyzer

- Analyzes AD settings that cause most unexpected behavior
- Flags settings/configurations that violate recommended best practices
- Provides guidance only, does not modify settings
- User initiates scan, not a monitoring solution
- Scan can be initiated through Server Manager or from PowerShell directly
- BPA scan can be initiated from client using PS remoting
- Quarterly updates post RTM

# Initiating a BPA Analysis

## From Server Manager



## From PowerShell

Import-Module BestPractices

Invoke-BpaModel Microsoft/BestPractices/DirectoryServices

Get-BpaResult Microsoft/BestPractices/DirectoryServices



# Best Practice Analyzer Rules

## DNS Registration/Discovery

- SRV/A/AAA records registered

## Disaster Recovery

- Multiple DC per domain
- Resultant backup lifetime

## Replication

- One GC per site
- KCC enabled
- VM Scenarios

## Topology/connectivity

- FSMO role assignment
- FSMO availability

## Lingering Object Prevention

- Strict Replication Consistency

## Time Service

- PDC time source
- MaxPhaseCorrection limits

# Active Directory Web Service

## AD Administration:

- LDAP/RPC protocol used for administration and configuration
- Lack of developer experience in Visual Studio

## AD Web Service:

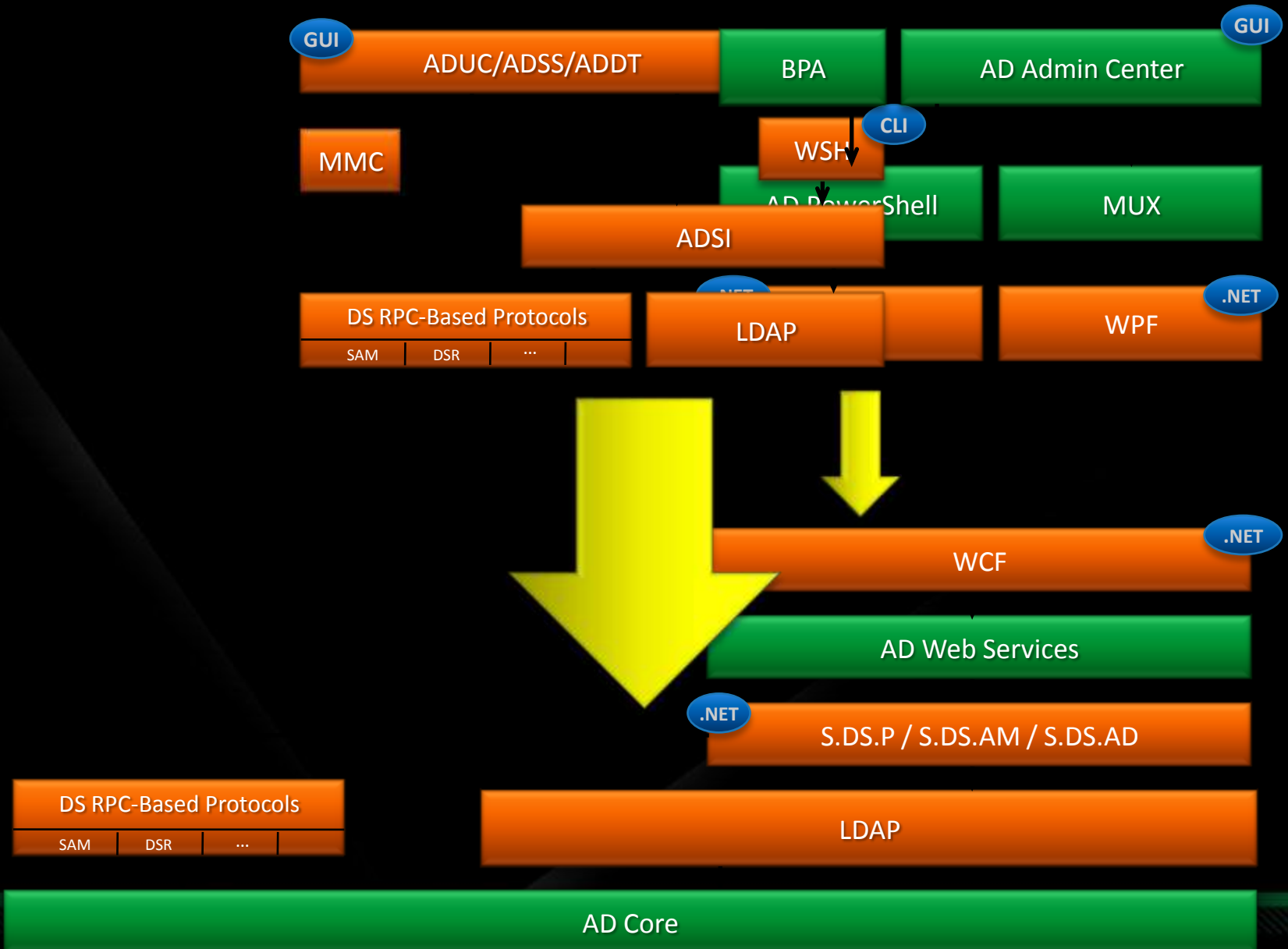
- Built using WCF and WS\* protocols
  - WS-Enum, WS-Transfer, IMDA
- Replaces LDAP and RPC for remote administration
- Not intended for developer consumption in this release
- Simpler firewall management
- Web Service listening on port 9389
- Download will be available for WS 2008 & 2003

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# Authentication Mechanism Assurance

Applications can control resource access based on authentication strength and method

## Active Directory Federation Services:

- Cannot use authentication type or authentication strength to protect corporate data
- Example: control access to resources based on claims such as use of smartcard for logon or the certificate used 2048 bit encryption

## ADFS for Windows 2008 R2:

- Administrators can map certificate issuance policies to groups which applications can then use to control access to resources
- Based on information obtained during authentication, these additional credential attributes are added to Kerberos tickets and used by claims aware applications as authorization data
- Requires Windows Server 2008 R2 domain functional level
  - All domain controllers in the domain need to be WS 2008 R2 DCs

# Offline Domain Join

Enable easier provisioning of machines in the data center

## Domain Joins Today:

- Not possible to prepare the machine to be domain joined while offline

## Domain Join in Windows Server 2008 R2:

- Ability to pre-provision machine accounts in the domain to prepare OS images for mass deployment
- Machines are domain joined on initial boot without network connectivity
- Reduces steps and time needed to deploy in the data center
- Requires Win7 client and only one WS08 R2 member server

# Managed Service Accounts

Simple management of service accounts

## Service Accounts Today:

- Running multiple services under Built in accounts do not provide service isolation
- Running service under user account requires cumbersome password management

## Service Accounts in Windows 2008 R2:

- Managed Service Accounts provide the isolation that services need along with automatic password management
- Lowers TCO through reduced service outages (for manual password resets and related issues)
- Use one Managed Service Account per Service per Server
  - Service account can not be shared by multiple machines
- Better SPN management available with in WS08 R2 Domain Functional Mode
  - Allows server renaming with effect service account

# Using Managed Service Accounts

- Requires one WS08 R2 domain controller
- Create necessary Managed Service Accounts

```
New-ADServiceAccount -Name {name} -Path {path}
```

- Optionally delegate management of service account
- Optionally associate server and service account

```
Add-ADServiceAccount -Identity {id} -ServiceAccount {msa}
```

- Install service accounts on local server

```
Install-ADServiceAccount -Identity {id}
```

- Configure services to use managed service accounts
- No need to manage service account passwords
  - Traditionally a reoccurring and time consuming operation
  - Service account are subject to the domains password policy



# Forest Functional Levels

- 📌 Windows Server 2008 R2 introduces new Forest and Domain functional level
  - Raising functional level alone has no effect other than allowing optional features to be enabled
    - Can raise functional level without unforeseen side effects
  - Recycle bin requires WS08 R2 Forest Functional level
    - Required in order to ensure that all DCs preserve attributes necessary for complete object recovery
  - Functional level can be lowered only if all optional features are disabled (recycle bin cannot be disabled)
- 📌 Optional features can be enabled individually

```
Enable-ADOptionalFeature 'Recycle Bin Feature' -Scope Forest  
-Target {target}
```

# The Journey to Windows Server 2008 R2

- Upgrading to Windows 7 client while keeping existing servers, you can use:
  - Offline domain join
- Once AD Web-service is available for existing servers, if you upgrade to Windows 7 client, you can use:
  - AD PowerShell and ADAC for remote management of your servers
- Upgrading to Windows 7 client while installing one or more Windows Server 2008 R2 (one per domain), you can use:
  - Managed Service Accounts
- If you change the domain functional level to Windows Server 2008 R2, you can use:
  - Authentication Mechanism Assurance
  - Managed service account with an enhanced SPN management experience
- If you change the Forest functional level to Windows Server 2008 R2, you can use:
  - Recycle Bin

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