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Praise for the Second Edition

“If you are committed and really desire to know what makes Active Directory tick—and with it the backbone of the latest, and greatest, generation of Windows Network Operating Systems—then there is no better guide to get you there than this book. *Inside Active Directory* has no equal in the breadth, depth, and scope of its value to a technical practitioner.”

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“Kouti and Seitsonen provide excellent coverage of topics a lot of people have difficulty understanding and setting up properly. This book supplies you with sound background theory so you can understand these concepts and at the same time gives just the right amount of detail to actually accomplish what you are trying to do.”

—*Harold McFarland, Editor, Readers Preference Reviews*

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—Jeff Dunkelberger, *Solutions Architect*

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—Joe Richards, *Microsoft MVP, Windows Server/Active Directory*

The most practical, comprehensive, and highly praised guide to Active Directory has now been fully updated for Windows Server 2003. The second edition of ***Inside Active Directory: A System Administrator's Guide*** offers a definitive reference to the design, architecture, installation, and management of Active Directory, the cornerstone technology within Windows 2000 and Windows Server 2003 distributed networks. This new edition—based on the final release software of Windows Server 2003—emphasizes security and covers all the new features, including enhancements in replication and Group Policy, forest trusts, functional levels, and working with dynamic objects.

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- Site basics and replication topologies, processes, and diagnostics
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- Security and permission architecture and management scenarios
- Administration scripts, from basic concepts to advanced topics, including more than 50 sample scripts
- New cross-forest security features, including Selective Authentication, SID Filtering, and Name Suffix Routing
- A detailed drill-down to the schema, and practical strategies and examples for extending it
- Using Active Directory hierarchies to implement an effective structure for your network

This is an indispensable reference for anyone working with Active Directory. Network operating system novices will gain a solid understanding of Active Directory, while administrators experienced in NT, NetWare, or UNIX will learn how to utilize their current skills in Active Directory. Experienced Windows 2000/Windows Server 2003 professionals will pick up advanced techniques, and developers will benefit strongly from the architecture topics.

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