

Windows Enterprise Announcement

August 3, 2009 – Functional Level Switch on August 11, 2009

All four domain controllers have been upgraded to new hardware and operating systems. The final step in the upgrade is to raise the forest and domain to "Windows Server 2008 Functional Level". Once a domain is at this level new capabilities are available in the domain (most importantly the ability to have fine-grained password control - we will no longer be restricted to a single set of password rules for all users in the domain).

The date for the functional level switch has been set for Tuesday, August 11, 2009. It is not expected that the functional level switch will cause problems for existing systems in the domain. The level switch only enables new features within the domain. A good TechNet article on the effects of the level switch is available here (we are currently at "Windows Server 2003 Functional Level"):

[http://technet.microsoft.com/en-us/library/cc754918\(ws.10\).aspx](http://technet.microsoft.com/en-us/library/cc754918(ws.10).aspx)

For the current Windows Enterprise Domain upgrade status see:

<http://www.tech.ait.iastate.edu/win2000/admin/rollout.status.2009.pdf>