

Dsquery

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Applies To: Windows Server 2003, Windows Server 2008, Windows Server 2003 R2, Windows Server 2008 R2, Windows Server 2012, Windows Server 2003 with SP1, Windows 8

Queries the directory by using search criteria that you specify. Each of the **dsquery** commands finds objects of a specific object type, with the exception of **dsquery ***, which can query for any type of object

Dsquery is a command-line tool that is built into Windows Server 2008. It is available if you have the Active Directory Domain Services (AD DS) server role installed. To use **dsquery**, you must run the **dsquery** command from an elevated command prompt. To open an elevated command prompt, click **Start**, right-click **Command Prompt**, and then click **Run as administrator**.

Commands

Command	Description
Dsquery.computer	Finds computers in the directory that match search criteria that you specify.
Dsquery.contact	Finds contacts in the directory that match search criteria that you specify.
Dsquery.group	Finds groups in the directory that match search criteria that you specify. If the predefined search criteria in this command are insufficient, use the general version of the query command, dsquery * .
Dsquery.ou	Finds organizational units (OUs) in the directory that match search criteria that you specify. If the predefined search criteria in this command are insufficient, use the more general version of the query command, dsquery * .
Dsquery.site	Finds sites in the directory that match search criteria that you specify. If the predefined search criteria in this command are insufficient, use the more general version of the query command,

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	dsquery * .
Dsquery server	Finds domain controllers according to specified search criteria. If the predefined search criteria in this command are insufficient, use the more general version of the query command, dsquery * .
Dsquery user	Finds users in the directory that match search criteria that you specify. If the predefined search criteria in this command are insufficient, use the more general version of the query command, dsquery * .
Dsquery quota	Finds quota specifications in the directory that match search criteria that you specify. A quota specification determines the maximum number of directory objects a specified security principal can own in a given directory partition. If the predefined search criteria in this command are insufficient, use the more general version of the query command, dsquery * .
Dsquery partition	Finds partition objects in the directory that match search criteria that you specify. If the predefined search criteria in this command are insufficient, use the more general version of the query command, dsquery * .
Dsquery *	Finds any objects in the directory according to criteria using an LDAP query.

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