

Net group

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Applies To: Windows Server 2003, Windows Vista, Windows Server 2008, Windows Server 2003 R2, Windows Server 2000, Windows Server 2012, Windows Server 2003 with SP1, Windows 8

Adds, displays, or modifies global groups in domains.

Net group is a command-line tool that is built into Windows Vista. To run **net group**, open a command prompt, type **net group** with the appropriate parameters, and then press ENTER.

For examples of how this command can be used, see [Examples](#).

Syntax

```
net group [<GroupName> [/comment:"<Text>"]] [/domain]
net group [<GroupName>{/add [/comment:"<Text>"] | /delete} [/domain]]
net group [<GroupName> <UserName>[ ...] {/add | /delete} [/domain]]
```

Parameters

Parameter	Description
<GroupName>	Specifies the name of the group to add, expand, or delete. Specify a group name to view a list of users in a group only.
/comment:"<Text>"	Adds a comment for a new or existing group. The comment can have as many as 48 characters. Enclose the text in quotation marks.
/domain	Performs the operation on the domain controller in the current domain. Otherwise, the operation is performed on the local computer.

Parameter	Description
/add	Adds a group, or adds a user name to a group. You must establish accounts for users that you add to a group with this command.
/delete	Removes a group, or removes a user name from a group.
<UserName>[...]	Lists one or more user names to add to or remove from a group. Separate multiple user names with a space.
net help <command>	Displays help for the specified net command.

- When you use **net group** without parameters, this command displays the name of a server and the names of groups on the server.
- You can also type **net groups** to get the same output.
- You can use **net group** to group users who use the network in the same or similar ways. When you assign rights to a group, each member of the group automatically has those rights. In the command output, **net group** precedes groups that include both users and groups with an asterisk (*).

The **net group** output of groups on the server is similar to the following:

```
Group Accounts for \\PRODUCTION
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*Domain Admins          *Domain Users
```

Examples

This example lists all the groups on the local server:

```
net group
```

This example adds a group called Exec to the local user accounts database:

```
net group exec /add
```

This example adds a group called Exec to the domain database:

```
net group exec /add /domain
```

This example adds the existing user accounts estherv, ralfr, and stevent to the Exec group on the local computer:

```
net group exec estherv ralfr stevent /add
```

This example adds the existing user accounts estherv, ralfr, and stevent to the Exec group in the domain database:

```
net group exec estherv ralfr stevent /add /domain
```

This example displays users in the Exec group:

```
net group exec
```

This example adds a comment to the Exec group record:

```
net group exec /comment:"The executive staff"
```

Additional references

[Command-Line Syntax Key](#)

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