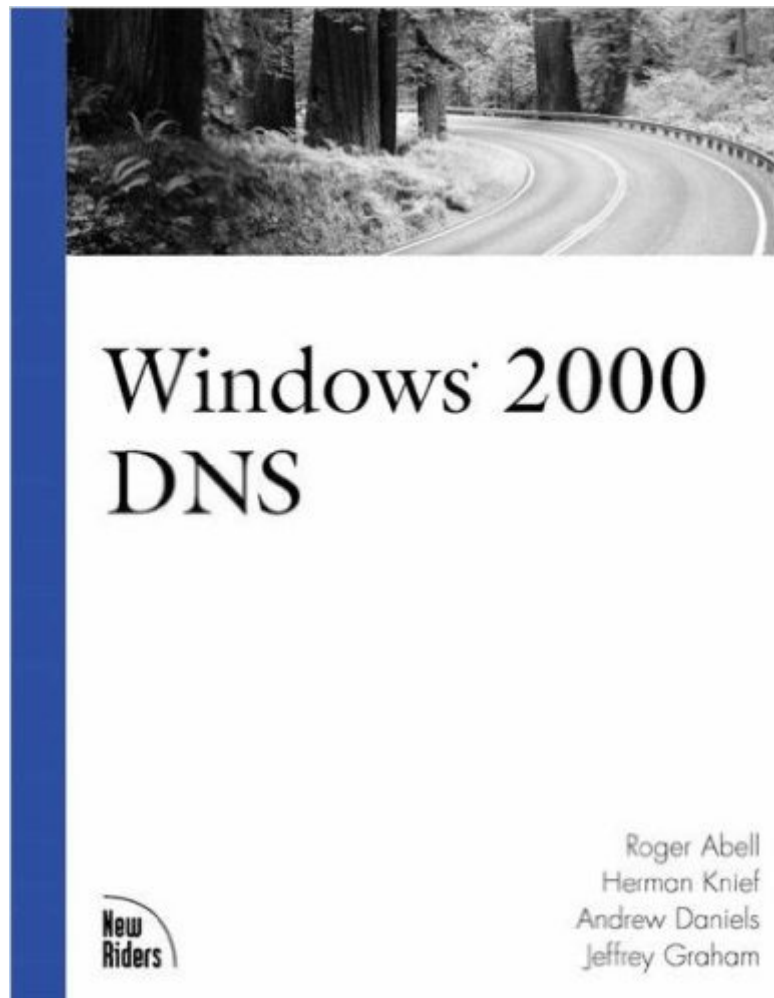


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# Windows 2000 DNS



## Synopsis

The Domain Name System is a directory of registered computer names and IP addresses that can be instantly located. Without proper design and administration of DNS, computers wouldn't be able to locate each other on the network, and applications like email and web browsing wouldn't be feasible. Administrators need this information to make their networks work. Windows 2000 DNS provides a technical overview to DNS, WINS, and how to design and administer them for optimal performance in a Windows 2000 environment.

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This book does an excellent job of covering Microsoft's latest version of DNS. The book covers many of the details of DNS services from the foundations of DNS to the implementation as put forth by Microsoft. A certain amount of knowledge about Windows 2000 and Active Directory is required to follow much of the book, but this is to be expected (and rightfully so) from a specialty book. Successful Windows 2000 deployments, and Active Directory implementations, will require a solid DNS solution. This book provides all the information needed to successfully deploy Windows 2000 DNS, including integration with existing DNS servers. The authors provide helpful guidelines for "best practices" and system maintenance issues. They also cover legacy support issues for WINS and other "downlevel" situations. This book is a very complete reference and guide to understanding the importance of DNS to the Windows 2000 system administrator. It would be an excellent addition to any System Administrator's reference library.

This is a great DNS book - to rival the DNS and Bind book by O'Reilly. Like the Bind book, this one gives a basic understanding of how DNS works, but it explains it in terms of Windows 2000 rather than Unix like the O'Reilly book. It gives some great practical examples. I work in customer support, supporting network and system administrators and every customer who calls with a DNS question, I recommend this book. One review in said it doesn't do a good job of explaining Active Directory - but AD is not in the realm of DNS - you need other sources to see how AD works.

I purchased this with the idea of walking through it to setup a test server environment with multiple zones and domain names. This book goes on and on about concepts of how it all works, but never gets down to the bottom line of - setup your domain this way and this is how the domain appears and how to access from the Internet. Do yourself a favor and find another book.

This is a hard book for me to rate. On the one hand this book had enough information and examples to make it easy for me to upgrade our DNS Server to Windows 2000, setup a separate Windows 2000 DNS Server at a satellite office from scratch, add a Secondary DNS Server for the Network. The book also has plenty of information on different settings for DNS and how to make it work with DHCP and WINS. Lot's of info on maintenance tools and commands and how they work. However I felt the book really missed being a great book by not completely explaining how DNS works. There just isn't enough written on how and why it works and not nearly enough examples. Like I said it is hard to say because maybe the full explanations and more examples would just be overkill or in the end they don't help with setup but just confuse. So if you want info on how to setup a DNS Server on Windows 2000 this is the book for you, If you want to know how DNS works across the internet and interacts with other operating systems and networks I have to say look elsewhere.

The negative reviews of this book comes from the author's banal and subtle writing style. The author is not a bad writer, he is just too subtle. Unfortunately, such writing style is not the best for emphasizing important ideas. The funny thing about this book is that it APPEARS useless when it is jam-packed with extremely useful information. Even though I read this book 7 months ago, I did not appreciate this book until recently when I had to put together a Windows 2000 DNS environment. It is highly informative will teach you some advance DNS topics. It has a surprisingly good chapter on security as well. Although this will NOT be the only DNS book I would buy, it certainly explains many aspects of Windows 2000 DNS better than any book I have read, and I own total of 4 DNS books. I

particularly liked the author's explanation of Active Directory Integrated DNS and DHCP + DDNS interaction.

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