

Trust types

Trust type	Transitivity	Direction	Description
Parent and child	Transitive	Two-way	When a new AD DS domain is added to an existing AD DS tree, new parent and child trusts are created.
Tree-root	Transitive	Two-way	When a new AD DS tree is created in an existing AD DS forest, a new tree-root trust is created.
External	Non-transitive	One-way or two-way	External trusts enable resource access to be granted with a Windows NT 4.0 domain or an AD DS domain in another forest. These may also be set up to provide a framework for a migration.
Realm	Transitive or non-transitive	One-way or two-way	Realm trusts establish an authentication path between a Windows Server AD DS domain and a Kerberos V5 realm implemented using a directory service other than AD DS.
Forest (Complete or Selective)	Transitive	One-way or two-way	Trusts between AD DS forests allow two forests to share resources.
Shortcut	Non-transitive	One-way or two-way	Shortcut trusts improve authentication times between AD DS domains that are in different parts of

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			an AD DS forest.