

## [How do I set up computer naming?](#)

To specify a policy for generating client computer names, use one of the following methods. For detailed information about this topic, see the "Domain Join and Computer Naming" section in [Performing Unattended Installations](#).

### Using the MMC

1. Right-click the server name, and then click **Properties**.
2. On the **Directory Services** tab, enter the naming policy in the indicated field.

### Using WDSUTIL

1. Open an elevated Command Prompt window.
2. Run **WDSUTIL /Set-Server /NewMachineNamingPolicy:<Policy>**

The policy string works as follows:

- %First: the user's first name
- %Last: the user's last name
- %Username: the user's user name
- %MAC: the MAC address of the computer
- %n#: an incremental n-digit number. For example, **%2#** will add a number to the computer name in the following order: 1,2,3,...99.
- %0n#: an incremental n-digit number, with zeros added before the digit. For example, **%02#** will add a number to the computer name in the following order: 01,02,03,...99.

These values can be combined in any order. A number before a tag string (such as %3First or %5Username) will crop the string to that length. For example:

**%61Username%#** equals **JohnSmi1**