Complete Guide to Windows Server + Compare Differences

What You Need to Know

Windows NT Advanced Server 3.1	First version of Windows Server	32-bit system	Supports newer server hardware
Windows NT Server 3.5	Unix connectivity	Novell Netware connectivity	Ability to use with existing networks
Windows NT Server 3.51	Stability improvements	Support for Windows 95	Remote software license management
Windows NT Server 4.0	Microsoft Internet Information Server	Terminal Server Edition	Same look and feel as Windows 95
Windows Server 2000	Support for Extensible Market Language	Active Server Pages	Integration with Active Directory for user authentication
Windows Server 2003	Updated security features	Ability to define server roles	Inclusion of .NET environment
Windows Server 2003 R2	Active Directory Federation Services	Improved data compression	Security Configuration Wizard
Windows Server 2008	Hyper-Virtualization System	Event Viewer	Server Manager
Windows Server 2008 R2	64-bit environment	Improved group policy implementation	Remote Desktop Services
Windows Server 2012	Support for use in the Cloud	Improved Hyper-V functionality	Inclusion of Essentials edition
Windows Server 2012 R2	Updates to PowerShell	Enhanced functionality for storage	Ability to serve software to mobile devices
Windows Server 2016	Inclusion of Nano Server	Network Controller	Support for using containers
Windows Server 2019	Windows Admin Center	Hyper-converged infrastructure	Advanced Threat Protection