

# Know before you start...

## The machine must:

- Run Windows Server 2003 (sp1 or higher), Windows Server 2008, Windows XP (sp2 or higher), or Windows Vista
- Have at least one dual core processor with 2GB of RAM  
*(Virtualization also supported when the virtual image meets the above requirements)*
- Not be running Internet Information Services (IIS) if you want to use the default port 80.  
*(You can modify the gateway port number to avoid conflict with IIS. Refer to the Admin Guide to learn how.)*
- Have an administrative account with permission to install the software and services.
- Have a user account that the service can use. **(Optional)**  
*(Useful if your using NT Authentication with data sources, refer to the Admin Guide for for more information.)*

## Configuration Information

When you install and configure Tableau Server you may be asked for the following information.

Configuration Option	Description	Your Information
<b>Server Account</b>	The server must have a user account that the service can use. We recommend using the default, which is the built-in Windows Network Service account. However, if you want to use a specific user account you will need to know the domain name, user name, and password for the account.	User Name:  Password:  Domain:
<b>Active Directory</b>	Instead of using Tableau's built-in user management system, you can choose to authenticate users through Active Directory. If so, you will need to know the domain name.	Active Directory Domain:
<b>Open port in Windows firewall</b>	When selected Tableau Server will open the port used for http requests in the Windows Firewall software to allow other machines on your network to access the server.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

## Ports

By default Tableau Server requires the following TCP/IP ports to be available to the server: 80, 8080, 8085, 8060, 8200, 8000 (plus the specified number of application server processes), and 8100 (plus the specified number of VizQL server processes). The default configuration can be changed if there is a conflict. Refer to the [Server Administrator Guide](#) to learn how.

## Drivers

Oracle and Oracle Essbase drivers are installed automatically. You may need to install addition database drivers. Download drivers from: [www.tableausoftware.com/community/support/drivers](http://www.tableausoftware.com/community/support/drivers).