

Documentation Roadmap and Forum Information

To navigate the documentation set, follow these guidelines:

- If you are new to the documentation set and new to Windows, we recommend that you read the overview documents in this order:
 1. [\[MS-DOCO\]](#)
 2. The Windows System Overview document [\[MS-WSO\]](#) for an introduction to Windows concepts and a high-level mapping of how the Windows protocols relate to each other with pointers to the appropriate protocol system documents (SDs) and technical documents (TDs) for more information.
 3. After you have read the documents above, access the SDs and TDs in which you are interested.
- If you are familiar with the documentation set and new to Windows:
 1. Read [\[MS-WSO\]](#) first and then the appropriate system documents (SDs). The SDs can help you determine which protocols are closely related to each other. You can use the protocols tables in [\[MS-WSO\]](#) to determine the short name of the SD you are interested in reading.
 2. Access the technical documents (TDs) associated with the SD in which you are interested.
- If you are familiar with the documentation set and Windows, go directly to the TDs in which you are interested.

Forum information is available at the following locations:

Open Specifications	Participate in the top-level forum group.	http://go.microsoft.com/fwlink/?LinkId=111125 http://social.msdn.microsoft.com/Forums/en-US/category/openspecifications/
Using the Open Specifications	Ask questions about the Open Specifications documents, their organization, language conventions, and references.	http://go.microsoft.com/fwlink/?LinkId=111122 http://social.msdn.microsoft.com/Forums/en-US/os_specifications/threads/
Windows Protocols	Discuss technical content and implementation of the Windows protocols described in the Open Specifications.	http://go.microsoft.com/fwlink/?LinkId=111123 http://social.msdn.microsoft.com/forums/en-US/os_windowsprotocols/threads/
File Services	Discuss technical content and implementation of Server Message Block (SMB) protocols described in the Open Specifications.	http://go.microsoft.com/fwlink/?LinkId=111124 http://social.msdn.microsoft.com/Forums/en-US/os_fileservices/threads/