

# Know before you start...

## The machine must:

- ☐ Run a supported operating system:  
Windows Server 2003 (SP1 or higher), Windows Server 2008, Windows Server 2008 R2, Windows XP (SP2 or higher), Windows Vista, Windows 7
- ☐ Have an administrative account with permission to install software and services.
- ☐ Have at least one dual core processor with 2 GB of RAM.
- ☐ Optionally have a user account that the service can use.  
(This is useful if you're using NT Authentication with data sources, see "Appendix A" in the [Server Administrator Guide](#) to learn how.)
- ☐ Not run 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. See "TCP/IP Ports" in the [Server Administrator Guide](#) to learn how.)

## Configuration Information

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

Option	Description	Your Information
<b>Server Account</b>	The server must have a user account that the service can use. The default is the built-in Windows Network Service account. If you use a specific user account you'll need the domain name, user name, and password.	User Name: Password: Domain:
<b>Active Directory</b>	Instead of using Tableau's built-in user management system, you can authenticate through Active Directory. If so, you'll need the AD 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. See "TCP/IP Ports" in the [Server Administrator Guide](#) to learn how.

## Drivers

You may need to install additional database drivers. Download drivers from:

[www.tableausoftware.com/support/drivers](http://www.tableausoftware.com/support/drivers).