

## Re: Remote office

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Hi Dave,

We don't usually speak of BDC anymore since NT4. But you can have the other server be a Domain Controller. Install DNS server on it.

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Regards,

Marina

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"Dave Claxon" <[maintenance@NOSPAM.fitcen.bogus.com](mailto:maintenance@NOSPAM.fitcen.bogus.com)> schreef in bericht  
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> Marina,

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> Thanks. I think I have already seen that article, and I have a pretty good  
> idea how to set up the connection itself. My original question was just  
> whether or not I could make the server at the remote office be a backup  
> domain controller for the SBS2k at the main office.

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> Dave

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> "Marina Roos [SBS-MVP]" <[marina@roos.nodontwantspam.nl.com](mailto:marina@roos.nodontwantspam.nl.com)> wrote in  
message

> news:%23Lx6aD%23oEHA.2864@TK2MSFTNGP12.phx.gbl...

> > Hi Dave,

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> > Maybe this whitepaper helps?:

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<http://www.microsoft.com/technet/prodtechnol/sbs/2000/maintain/remotofc.mspx>

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> > Regards,

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> > Marina

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> > news:ev8WM%239oEHA.3428@TK2MSFTNGP11.phx.gbl...

> >> Merv,

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> >> That is actually what the original plan had been, until we decided on a  
> >> security system that runs on its own computer (Linux, but that's a  
> > different

> >> problem), and that is the one we need to monitor from home office. So  
> >> while

> >> there will only be one employee at a time, there will be more than one

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> >> computer. It seems the easiest way to connect both computers is to make  
> > the  
> >> VPN from a server. (If there's an easier way to connect one Windoze  
> >> workstation and one Linux at the same time, I'm open to suggestions.)  
> > Which  
> >> then lead to the possibility of a third computer, to avoid using the  
> > server  
> >> as a workstation. Which then brings us back to mu original question, if  
> >> we  
> >> have a server at the remote office, can it be a backup domain  
controller  
> > to  
> >> the SBS at the main office?  
> >>  
> >> Thanks,  
> >> Dave  
> >>  
> >> "Merv Porter [SBS-MVP]" <mwport@no\_spam\_hotmail.com> wrote in message  
> >> news:%234vKDInoEHA.1988@TK2MSFTNGP09.phx.gbl...  
> >> > If there's only going to be one person at a time in the remote  
office,  
> > why  
> >> > not set up a WinXP Pro workstation in the main office and dedicate it  
> > for  
> >> > remote office use only? You'd only need one workstation at the  
remote  
> >> > office and an Internet connection. Then VPN into the main office and  
> > fire  
> >> > up an RDC session with the dedicated WinXP machine and remote control  
> >> > it  
> >> > from there. Again, everything will be done on the LAN and you'd have  
> >> > centralized administration of data, backups, etc.  
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> >> > Merv Porter [SBS MVP]  
> >> > =====  
> >> > "Dave Claxon" <maintenance@NOSPAM.fitcen.bogus.com> wrote in message  
> >> > news:ebGgrtloEHA.2304@TK2MSFTNGP14.phx.gbl...  
> >> >> Merv,  
> >> >>  
> >> >> Thanks for the answer, but I don't think performance will really be  
an  
> >> > issue  
> >> >> in this case, because I don't think there will be that much traffic.  
> >> > Remote  
> >> >> office will only be staffed part time, only one person at a time,  
and  
> > not  
> >> > a  
> >> >> lot of computer use will be part of their job. Occasional e-mail,  
and  
> >> > when  
> >> >> a member comes in they will need to log in to the member database at  
> > the  
> >> >> main office. Mainly we will need to connect from the main office to  
> > check  
> >> >> the computer that will run the security system at the remote office.  
> >> >>  
> >> >> Dave  
> >> >>  
> >> >> "Merv Porter [SBS-MVP]" <mwport@no\_spam\_hotmail.com> wrote in  
message

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> > > news:ucFmpFQoEHA.1176@TK2MSFTNGP12.phx.gbl...  
> > > > Dave:  
> > > >  
> > > > You may find that VPN (even with broadband) is fairly slow for  
file  
> > > > sharing,  
> > > > email, etc. A better solution may be to put a Terminal Server  
(with  
> > > Win2K  
> > > > server on it) next to the SBS server at the main office and have  
the  
> > > > remote  
> > > > office access it. It's fast because only screens shot (no  
actually  
> > > > data)  
> > > > will be transmitted and the remote user's "experience" will be far  
> > > > better.  
> > > > Also, all the remote user's files will be centrally located at the  
> > main  
> > > > office for nightly backup and disaster recovery. Your SBS covers  
> > the  
> > > > Win2K  
> > > > Server CALs for your remote users and if they are Win2K or WinXp,  
> > > > the  
> > > > TS  
> > > > CALs are covered by TS 2000.  
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> > > > You can get an idea of the speed difference by comparing a  
straight  
> > VPN  
> > > > and  
> > > > then manipulating files vs creating and TS session to the server  
> > (like  
> > > > you  
> > > > probably do now for remote administration)  
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> > > > Using SBS 2000 with Terminal Services in Application Server Mode  
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<http://members.microsoft.com/partner/products/Servers/SmallBusinessServer/SBS2000 Plus W2KServer>  
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> > > > Merv Porter [SBS MVP]  
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> > > > "Dave Claxon" <maintenance@NOSPAM.fitcen.bogus.com> wrote in  
message  
> > > > news:evCqWDPoEHA.4032@TK2MSFTNGP15.phx.gbl...  
> > > > > We are getting ready to open a remote office and we are going to  
> > > > connect  
> > > > > the  
> > > > > computer there to our SBS2000 through VPN. (Cable modem at both  
> > > > > ends.)  
> > > > > I've  
> > > > > read the articles on setting up a persistant VPN, and we have a  
> > > > > static  
> > > > > IP  
> > > > > address, and I think I mostly have a handle on it, but I have a  
> > > > > couple  
> > > > > of

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> > >> > > questions, if someone has an answer. Firstly, since it is  
> > >> > > beginning  
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> > >> > > look  
> > >> > > as if we may have more than one computer at the remote office,  
we  
> > are  
> > >> > > considering making one of them Win2kServer and connecting  
through  
> > it.  
> > >> > > Would  
> > >> > > it then be possible to make this remote server a BDC for the SBS  
> > > domain?  
> > >> > > Secondly, if a remote BDC is possible, could I set it up on the  
> > local  
> > >> > > network ahead of time, then transport it to the remote office  
when  
> > >> > > the  
> > >> > > time  
> > >> > > comes and set up the VPN, or are the settings too much different  
> > >> > > to  
> > >> mal\ke  
> > >> > > it worthwhile?  
> > >> > > Thanks for your advice,  
> > >> > > Dave  
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