

## Re: Old EXCH server in ESM

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Start Active Directory Users and Computers. Menu View > Add/Remove Columns and Add Exchange Mailbox Store. Browse your OUs and find where are the users that still have the mailbox on the retired server (even though they didn't ever had a mailbox, the AD property still points to that server). Right click those users > Exchange Tasks > Move Mailbox.

That should do it!

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"JPenrose" <JPenrose@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote in message <news:A5C25FD8-C463-40FB-A5B6-9D048750B9E6@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>

That was the first thing I tried (several months ago) with zero success. This time however I was treated to the following popup message from ESM:

The Server "SATURN" cannot be removed because:  
– One or more users currently use a mailbox store on this server. These users must be moved to a mailbox store on a different server or be mail disabled before uninstalling the server.

At least this is something to go on. Question is how do I reveal those user mailboxes from a server that has been gone for quite some time? There is no mailbox store available when expanding the server only Queues (none), First Storage Group (empty) and Protocols.

Thanks for the help.  
–J

"Rui Silva [MVP]" wrote:

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Right click the server > All tasks > Remove server

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When I open ESM on my Exchange 2003 server I can see an  
old Exchange  
2000  
server that was decommissioned a couple years back in the  
server list.  
How  
can  
I prevent this object from showing up in ESM?

TIA  
-J