

Re: cannot uninstall Exchange 2003 from a DC

Source:

<http://www.tech-archive.net/Archive/Exchange/microsoft.public.exchange.setup/2007-03/msg00404.html>

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To install Exchange on DC is not recommended, as

<http://www.microsoft.com/technet/prodtechnol/exchange/Analyzer/92e23d0b-d52c-466e-b885-0e7e812efd56.mspx?>

I recall there is an article said something wrong when you tried to remove Exchange server, you may have to re-install DC. My suggestion is to depromo the DC first and then try to remove Exchange server. It seems someone did it successfully before.

Good luck.

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"weevilkris" <weevilkris@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote in message news:01F362EA-D0B1-4723-9F2D-D08053317BEE@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx

I have an Exchange 2003 Server running on a Windows 2003 domain controller. I installed Exchange on a member server and migrated all of the mailboxes off of the original server that was also a DC. The idea was to then uninstall Exchange 2003, run dcpromo, and then install Exchange again, so that I could remove its "domain controller" functionality.

All the mailboxes are moved, but when I go to uninstall Exchange, I get the following error:

Source: MSEExchangeSetup ID: 1002

"Exchange Server component Microsoft Exchange Messaging and Collaboration Services failed.

Error: 0x8000ffff – An unexpected error occurred.

For more information, click <http://www.microsoft.com/contentdirect.asp>.

I get this for all of the components – even the Systems Management Tools.

At this point, I'm guessing I have to uninstall Exchange manually. Are there issues with doing it this way when it's the only combo DC/Exchange

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server in your organization (eg. I have other DC's, and other Exchange servers, but no other Exchange servers with the dual role of a DC)?

Is there anything else I can do?

Here's a sample of the Exchange Server Setup Progress logfile of one of my uninstall passes:

[12:09:58] About to remove EUSER_EXSTOREEVENT account
[12:09:58] Failed to remove EUSER_EXSTOREEVENT account – continuing
[12:09:58] ==== IGNORING PREVIOUS ERRORS ==== CComExchSetupComponent::Install
(f:\titanium\admin\src\udog\bo\comboifaces.cxx:770)
The operation has completed successfully.
[12:09:58] ScFindFileInDirTree
(f:\titanium\admin\src\libs\base\basemisc.cxx:2068)
Error code 0XC0070035 (53): The network path was not found.
[12:09:58] HrPromptForCDIfNecessary: encountered error 0XC0070035, sleeping
for 5 seconds before trying again
[12:10:03] ScFindFileInDirTree
(f:\titanium\admin\src\libs\base\basemisc.cxx:2068)
Error code 0XC0070035 (53): The network path was not found.
[12:10:03] HrPromptForCDIfNecessary: encountered error 0XC0070035, sleeping
for 10 seconds before trying again
[12:10:35] ScFindFileInDirTree
(f:\titanium\admin\src\libs\base\basemisc.cxx:2068)
Error code 0XC0070035 (53): The network path was not found.
[12:10:35] HrPromptForCDIfNecessary: encountered error 0XC0070035, sleeping
for 20 seconds before trying again
[12:11:15] ScFindFileInDirTree
(f:\titanium\admin\src\libs\base\basemisc.cxx:2068)
Error code 0XC0070035 (53): The network path was not found.
[12:11:15] HrPromptForCDIfNecessary: encountered error 0XC0070035, sleeping
for 40 seconds before trying again
[12:12:17] ScFindFileInDirTree
(f:\titanium\admin\src\libs\base\basemisc.cxx:2068)
Error code 0XC0070035 (53): The network path was not found.
[12:12:17] HrPromptForCDIfNecessary: encountered error 0XC0070035, giving up
[12:12:17] CComExchSetupComponent::HrPromptForCDIfNecessary
(f:\titanium\admin\src\udog\bo\comboifaces.cxx:5510)
Error code 0X8000FFFF (65535): An unexpected error occurred.
[12:12:17] CComExchSetupComponent::Install
(f:\titanium\admin\src\udog\bo\comboifaces.cxx:863)
Error code 0X8000FFFF (65535): An unexpected error occurred.
[12:12:17] About to remove EUSER_EXSTOREEVENT account
[12:12:17] Failed to remove EUSER_EXSTOREEVENT account – continuing
[12:12:17] ==== IGNORING PREVIOUS ERRORS ==== CComExchSetupComponent::Install
(f:\titanium\admin\src\udog\bo\comboifaces.cxx:770)
The operation has completed successfully.
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[12:12:17] HrPromptForCDIfNecessary: encountered error 0XC0070035, sleeping for 5 seconds before trying again
[12:12:22] ScFindFileInDirTree
(f:\titanium\admin\src\libs\base\basemisc.cxx:2068)
Error code 0XC0070035 (53): The network path was not found.
[12:12:22] HrPromptForCDIfNecessary: encountered error 0XC0070035, sleeping for 10 seconds before trying again
[12:12:52] ScFindFileInDirTree
(f:\titanium\admin\src\libs\base\basemisc.cxx:2068)
Error code 0XC0070035 (53): The network path was not found.
[12:12:52] HrPromptForCDIfNecessary: encountered error 0XC0070035, sleeping for 20 seconds before trying again
[12:13:33] ScFindFileInDirTree
(f:\titanium\admin\src\libs\base\basemisc.cxx:2068)
Error code 0XC0070035 (53): The network path was not found.
[12:13:33] HrPromptForCDIfNecessary: encountered error 0XC0070035, sleeping for 40 seconds before trying again
[12:14:34] ScFindFileInDirTree
(f:\titanium\admin\src\libs\base\basemisc.cxx:2068)
Error code 0XC0070035 (53): The network path was not found.
[12:14:34] HrPromptForCDIfNecessary: encountered error 0XC0070035, giving up
[12:14:34] CComExchSetupComponent::HrPromptForCDIfNecessary
(f:\titanium\admin\src\udog\bo\comboifaces.cxx:5510)
Error code 0X8000FFFF (65535): An unexpected error occurred.
[12:14:34] CComExchSetupComponent::Install
(f:\titanium\admin\src\udog\bo\comboifaces.cxx:863)
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[12:14:34] About to remove EUSER_EXSTOREEVENT account
[12:14:34] Failed to remove EUSER_EXSTOREEVENT account – continuing
[12:14:34] === IGNORING PREVIOUS ERRORS === CComExchSetupComponent::Install
(f:\titanium\admin\src\udog\bo\comboifaces.cxx:770)
The operation has completed successfully.
[12:14:34] ScFindFileInDirTree
(f:\titanium\admin\src\libs\base\basemisc.cxx:2068)
Error code 0XC0070035 (53): The network path was not found.
[12:14:34] HrPromptForCDIfNecessary: encountered error 0XC0070035, sleeping for 5 seconds before trying again
[12:14:39] ScFindFileInDirTree
(f:\titanium\admin\src\libs\base\basemisc.cxx:2068)
Error code 0XC0070035 (53): The network path was not found.
[12:14:39] HrPromptForCDIfNecessary: encountered error 0XC0070035, sleeping for 10 seconds before trying again
[12:15:10] ScFindFileInDirTree
(f:\titanium\admin\src\libs\base\basemisc.cxx:2068)
Error code 0XC0070035 (53): The network path was not found.
[12:15:10] HrPromptForCDIfNecessary: encountered error 0XC0070035, sleeping for 20 seconds before trying again
[12:15:51] ScFindFileInDirTree
(f:\titanium\admin\src\libs\base\basemisc.cxx:2068)
Error code 0XC0070035 (53): The network path was not found.
[12:15:51] HrPromptForCDIfNecessary: encountered error 0XC0070035, sleeping

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for 40 seconds before trying again
[12:16:52] ScFindFileInDirTree
(f:\titanium\admin\src\libs\base\basemisc.cxx:2068)
Error code 0XC0070035 (53): The network path was not found.
[12:16:52] HrPromptForCDIfNecessary: encountered error 0XC0070035, giving up
[12:16:52] CComExchSetupComponent::HrPromptForCDIfNecessary
(f:\titanium\admin\src\udog\bo\comboifaces.cxx:5510)
Error code 0X8000FFFF (65535): An unexpected error occurred.
[12:16:52] CComExchSetupComponent::Install
(f:\titanium\admin\src\udog\bo\comboifaces.cxx:863)
Error code 0X8000FFFF (65535): An unexpected error occurred.
[12:16:52] About to remove EUSER_EXSTOREEVENT account
[12:16:52] Failed to remove EUSER_EXSTOREEVENT account – continuing
[12:16:52] === IGNORING PREVIOUS ERRORS === CComExchSetupComponent::Install
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The operation has completed successfully.
[12:16:52] ScFindFileInDirTree
(f:\titanium\admin\src\libs\base\basemisc.cxx:2068)
Error code 0XC0070035 (53): The network path was not found.
[12:16:52] HrPromptForCDIfNecessary: encountered error 0XC0070035, sleeping
for 5 seconds before trying again
[12:16:57] ScFindFileInDirTree
(f:\titanium\admin\src\libs\base\basemisc.cxx:2068)
Error code 0XC0070035 (53): The network path was not found.
[12:16:57] HrPromptForCDIfNecessary: encountered error 0XC0070035, sleeping
for 10 seconds before trying again
[12:17:28] ScFindFileInDirTree
(f:\titanium\admin\src\libs\base\basemisc.cxx:2068)
Error code 0XC0070035 (53): The network path was not found.
[12:17:28] HrPromptForCDIfNecessary: encountered error 0XC0070035, sleeping
for 20 seconds before trying again
[12:18:09] ScFindFileInDirTree
(f:\titanium\admin\src\libs\base\basemisc.cxx:2068)
Error code 0XC0070035 (53): The network path was not found.
[12:18:09] HrPromptForCDIfNecessary: encountered error 0XC0070035, sleeping
for 40 seconds before trying again
[12:19:10] ScFindFileInDirTree
(f:\titanium\admin\src\libs\base\basemisc.cxx:2068)
Error code 0XC0070035 (53): The network path was not found.
[12:19:10] HrPromptForCDIfNecessary: encountered error 0XC0070035, giving up
[12:19:10] CComExchSetupComponent::HrPromptForCDIfNecessary
(f:\titanium\admin\src\udog\bo\comboifaces.cxx:5510)
Error code 0X8000FFFF (65535): An unexpected error occurred.
[12:19:10] CComExchSetupComponent::Install
(f:\titanium\admin\src\udog\bo\comboifaces.cxx:863)
Error code 0X8000FFFF (65535): An unexpected error occurred.
[12:19:10] About to remove EUSER_EXSTOREEVENT account
[12:19:10] Failed to remove EUSER_EXSTOREEVENT account – continuing
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[12:19:10] ScFindFileInDirTree
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Error code 0XC0070035 (53): The network path was not found.
[12:19:10] HrPromptForCDIfNecessary: encountered error 0XC0070035, sleeping
for 5 seconds before trying again
[12:19:15] ScFindFileInDirTree
(f:\titanium\admin\src\libs\base\basemisc.cxx:2068)
Error code 0XC0070035 (53): The network path was not found.
[12:19:15] HrPromptForCDIfNecessary: encountered error 0XC0070035, sleeping
for 10 seconds before trying again
[12:19:46] ScFindFileInDirTree
(f:\titanium\admin\src\libs\base\basemisc.cxx:2068)
Error code 0XC0070035 (53): The network path was not found.
[12:19:46] HrPromptForCDIfNecessary: encountered error 0XC0070035, sleeping
for 20 seconds before trying again
[12:20:27] ScFindFileInDirTree
(f:\titanium\admin\src\libs\base\basemisc.cxx:2068)
Error code 0XC0070035 (53): The network path was not found.
[12:20:27] HrPromptForCDIfNecessary: encountered error 0XC0070035, sleeping
for 40 seconds before trying again
[12:21:28] ScFindFileInDirTree
(f:\titanium\admin\src\libs\base\basemisc.cxx:2068)
Error code 0XC0070035 (53): The network path was not found.
[12:21:28] HrPromptForCDIfNecessary: encountered error 0XC0070035, giving up
[12:21:28] CComExchSetupComponent::HrPromptForCDIfNecessary
(f:\titanium\admin\src\udog\bo\comboifaces.cxx:5510)
Error code 0X8000FFFF (65535): An unexpected error occurred.
[12:21:28] CComExchSetupComponent::Install
(f:\titanium\admin\src\udog\bo\comboifaces.cxx:863)
Error code 0X8000FFFF (65535): An unexpected error occurred.
[12:21:28] Entering CCompRoot::ScPostSetup
[12:21:28] Entering CCompRoot::ScFixupSharedItemRefCounts
[12:21:28] Deleting ref counts for shared items
[12:21:28] Deleting ref count for atom "Microsoft Exchange
Organization-Level Container Object"
[12:21:28] Deleting ref count for atom "Microsoft Exchange
Organization-Level Container Children"
[12:21:28] Deleting ref count for atom "Doctor Watson.NET"
[12:21:28] Deleting ref count for atom "Required machine-level settings"
[12:21:28] Deleting ref count for atom "Administrative Group"
[12:21:28] Deleting ref count for atom "Microsoft Exchange Server-Level
Objects"
[12:21:28] Deleting ref count for file section "ServerAdminCommonFiles"
[12:21:28] Deleting ref count for file section
"ServerAdminCommonFilesCCMailProxy"
[12:21:28] Deleting ref count for file section
"ServerAdminCommonFilesMSMailProxy"
[12:21:28] Deleting ref count for file section
"ServerAdminCommonFilesSMTPProxy"
[12:21:28] Deleting ref count for file section
"ServerAdminCommonFilesX400Proxy"

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[12:21:28] Deleting ref count for file section "ServerAdminCommonFilesNotesProxy"
[12:21:28] Deleting ref count for file section "ServerAdminCommonFilesG WiseProxy"
[12:21:28] Deleting ref count for file section "ExchCommonBinFiles"
[12:21:28] Deleting ref count for file section "ESEFiles"
[12:21:28] Deleting ref count for atom "DSAccess settings"
[12:21:28] Deleting ref count for atom "Services Atom"
[12:21:28] Deleting ref count for atom "Microsoft Exchange WMI Providers"
[12:21:28] Deleting ref count for file section "ExchCommonBinFiles"
[12:21:28] Deleting ref count for file section "ClusterFiles"
[12:21:28] Deleting ref count for file section "ClusterEventLogFiles"
[12:21:28] Deleting ref count for atom "Messaging and Collaboration Event Logging"
[12:21:28] Deleting ref count for atom "DS Access Event Logging"
[12:21:28] Deleting ref count for atom "Connectivity Controller"
[12:21:28] Deleting ref count for file section "SharedConnectorFiles"
[12:21:28] Deleting ref count for file section "SharedConnectorDataFiles"
[12:21:28] Deleting ref count for file section "ExchCommonBinFiles"
[12:21:28] Deleting ref count for file section "ExchCommonBinFiles"
[12:21:28] Deleting ref count for file section "ClusterFiles"
[12:21:28] Deleting ref count for file section "ClusterEventLogFiles"
[12:21:28] Deleting ref count for atom "ADCLOG"
[12:21:28] Deleting ref count for file section "NotesGroupWiseCommonFiles"
[12:21:28] Deleting ref count for atom "Connectors Event Logging"
[12:21:28] Deleting ref count for atom "Connectivity Controller"
[12:21:28] Deleting ref count for file section "ExchCommonBinFiles"
[12:21:28] Deleting ref count for file section "SharedConnectorFiles"
[12:21:28] Deleting ref count for file section "SharedConnectorDataFiles"
[12:21:28] Deleting ref count for file section "ExchCommonBinFiles"
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[12:21:28] Deleting ref count for file section "SharedConnectorFiles"
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[12:21:28] Deleting ref count for atom "Doctor Watson.NET"
[12:21:28] Deleting ref count for file section "ServerAdminCommonFiles"