

## RE: How to combine existing collections to include or exclude...

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Tell ya what...let me do some work over here by creating some stuff and I will see if I can't just send you the collection queries and the query itself. based on what you want.  
It will be either later today or tomorrow, if that is ok. Assuming no one else answers this better for you.

"George Phillips" wrote:

Wow, you kind of lost me. They didn't make SMS for dumb people like me, did they? :) Is there a resource or white paper you can point me to that might demonstrate this step by step?

My collection A already has the 'Limit to Collection' selected because this is selecting the computers in my remote offices via AD but limits it only to the Windows 2003 Server collection so that collection A contains only Windows 2003 Servers in my remote offices. I want to be able to use the Direct Membership to populate collection B so that I can exclude servers at will by advertising to Collection C which is equal to A minus B.

Thanks,  
George

"Matthew Hudson" wrote:

Sorry about that part, you will need to create a query based on a set of data (asking for only computer name)  
then edit the collection and do a query "Sub selected values" you can then select the query and say "computer name" not it (your created query) limited to your other collection

This will grab all the computers that are in the limited collected minus the ones that are already in the query.

I am not sure this made much sense...

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Basically you have Collection A, B and you want a new collection that is  
A-B  
= C  
C collection is limited to collection A.  
Query X is all computers in B  
C Collection query is now "Sub selected values" of computer names Where  
A is  
not in Query X

How does that sound?

"George Phillips" wrote:

Thanks, Matthew, for the tip! That will help me add two  
collections together.  
What do you recommend for excluding a collection? Using  
my earlier example,  
suppose I want to create a collection that consists of  
Collection A minus  
Collection B?

Thanks,  
George

"Matthew Hudson" wrote:

There are several ways you can do this,  
Choice A:

You can create a new collection D and then  
right click and create a "link to  
collection" This will create a duplicate of a  
selected collection under D,  
you can do this for all of them. Then create  
an advertisement that is posted  
to D and include subcollections. This will do  
all a,c.

Choice B:

Create a new collection D. Copy each of the  
criterias in to that collection  
(without limitations). Then you will have 2  
queries (all limited as they  
were) but will combine in one collection.

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Can someone help me understand what needs to be done in SMS 2003 SP2 to combine existing collections to effectively create a different collection. Suppose I have collection A, collection B and collection C. I want to be able to advertise a package/program to a collection that would equal collection A minus collection B. Collection A already has the 'Limit to collection' used in order to create itself. I want to further limit A by excluding B. Suppose I want to send a package to A plus C. Any help is appreciated.

Thanks,  
George