

# WORKSTATION RECYCLING

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The policy I have set in place on my network is that we put workstations through a recycle of sorts when a user leaves the company. When this is done we use Ghost to make a full backup of the machine and use the same tool to put a clean image back on the hardware, run Ghostwalker, etc. etc. All workstations always keep the same name (i.e. DELL123) and we simply reset computer accounts in the AD. At times the computer will be moved between OU's based on the department the user works in.

I'm using the advanced client, via push install on all workstations and given the scenario above...what would be the correct process to keep my site database correct and a functional client on the machine? The client gets installed AFTER the machine is imaged and appropriately added to the domain. Would SMS be smart enough to perform an install/upgrade on the machine and update the database accordingly if I trigger the installation? Lastly, if the previous sentence is true, what would happen to software inventory if for example the old user was using Project 2003 but the new user didn't need it therefore it was not installed after the machine was rebuilt?

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