

## Re: Making changes to existing WSS intranet

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A1: With the way you have it set up, I don't think you can delete the old site without losing the new content as well. You can, however, delete and recreate the old site and then restore that backup to that site. To delete the site, use central administrator, go to virtual server settings and click "Remove Windows SharePoint Services from virtual server". Then check the remove content database **\*\*warning\*\***. When you recreate and extend it, you can check to the option to create a new content database instead of using the default.

**\*\*Warning\*\*** it is possible to have more than one site using the same content database. Be very careful you don't delete the content database if you have other sites still using it. If there are multiple sites using it, just leave it in place. I think you can still create a new content database when you extend the virtual server again.

A2: Those smigrate backups are completely portable. You can save it off and restore it to any WSS server, anywhere.

-Ryan

"Jackie Hyden" <jackie.hyden@crayk.com> wrote in message  
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- > Thanks for all your help. I used the smigrate tool to back up the site, I
- > then created a new site using sharepoint Central administration. So now I
- > have <http://oldsite/sites/newsite>. I then restored the backup to this new
- > site and everything has pulled across (except as you noted, the
- permissions)
- > this isnt a big problem as I needed to consolidate the various permissions
- > anyway)
- >
- > My next query is: Can I delete (the now duplicated) contents of the
- > original site and change the access to internet browseable? But still
- > maintain domain account authorisations on my new site?
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- > Also, having backed up the original site (and If I make a pigs ear of
- > permissions) can I use that back up If I have to reinstall WSS and start
- > again?

