

Re: More than one Administrator Account and Reinstalling OS on a D

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Thanks for your quick reply – most appreciated. Pardon my lack of understanding too.

The other roles you describe (Enter Admin, Domain Admin etc) do exist, but there are still two "In-built account for administering the machine/domain". Are these in AD Users and Computers because I have 2 domain controllers currently... one for each machine?

Also, how do I check if the DC I am removing is the Global Catalog, and am I right in thinking that this isn't one of the FSMO roles.

If the server I was demoting did have some of the FSMO roles, wouldn't they get automatically transferred to the other DC? Or do I have to do that manually?

DNS is installed on the other server so that should be OK, i.e. not the one I am demoting. But do I need to remove the references to the DC I am demoting on this DC.

Hope you can help

"Chriss3 [MVP]" wrote:

- > *Hello Robert, thanks for joining the microsoft community.*
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- > *1. First to deal with the administrator question, there is only one built-in*
- > *administrator account (the one that you can't remove from the administrators*
- > *group), but best practices according to security is to rename the built-in*
- > *administrator account to something else and create a regular user named*
- > *administrator to avoid attacks on the real administrator account, another*
- > *thing that's common and best practices are to create and additional*
- > *administrator account, if you loose the password of the built-in one, or if*
- > *you setup admin accounts for each person that needs to have domain admin*
- > *rights, by this way when each admin have its own account, you can turn on*

- > auditing and tack who did what.
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- > 2. When you remove an existing Domain Controller within Active Directory,
- > you have to demote it, as you once demoted it using DCPROMO. Have a look at
- > the KB: <http://support.microsoft.com/kb/238369/EN-US/>
- > What you have to think about is moving the FSMO roles if the Domain
- > Controller you trying to demote is a holder of any of there's.
- > See the KB below about how to transfer FSMO roles.
- > Using Ntdsutl.exe to seize or transfer FSMO roles to a domain
- > controller
- > <http://support.microsoft.com/default.aspx?scid=kb:en-us:255504>
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- > If the Domain Controller also are set to be Global Catalog Server, you
- > have to ensure at least another Domain Controller are Global Catalog Server,
- > if not you have to make another Domain Controller Global Catalog Server,
- > before you demote it, Have a look at the KB below about how to do so.
- > How To Create or Move a Global Catalog in Windows 2000
- > <http://support.microsoft.com/default.aspx?scid=kb:en-us:313994>
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- > Active Directory is depended on DNS, so if the Domain Controller you
- > are about to demote are holding the last replica of the DNS Zone for the
- > particular domain, you have to install and configure DNS with a replica of
- > the particular domain, at an other Domain Controller.
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- > Regards
- > Christoffer Andersson
- > Microsoft MVP – Directory Services
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- > <http://www.chrisse.se> – Active Directory Tips
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- > > Dear All,
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- > > I am fairly new to Active Directory, so please forgive my questioning.
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- > > In our small network we have 2 domain controllers running Windows 2000
- > > Advanced Server. I presume we have 2 for redundancy etc. Active Directory
- > > is
- > > running in Native Mode.
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- > > I need to rebuild one of the domain controllers because the machine it's
- > > running on is very old and very slow server. I want to know how I go about
- > > removing the domain controller from the network so that I can rebuild it,
- > > join it to the exisiting AD and promote it back. Does anyone have any
- > > information on how to do this?
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- > > Also (very important), in AD Users & Computers, there seems to be 2 in

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> > *built*
> > *accounts for administering the machine/domain...at the moment they are*
> > *renamed differently. Is this to be expected? These accounts co-exist in*
> > *the*
> > *Administrators group. I can't remove one of them. I thought that there*
> > *should*
> > *only be one Administrator's account for the domain. Or, is this because I*
> > *have 2 domain controllers.*
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> > *Also, when removing domain controllers, how do I know which is the first*
> > *domain controller in the forest? Will removing the wrong domain controller*
> > *cause a big problem, or will the roles be given to the one remaining DC*
> > *when*
> > *I demote and remove the other one?*
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> > *I hope someone can help me. I am new to AD and my company.*
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> > *Much Thanks,*
> > *Rob*
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> > *Also, is there anything I should be aware of when I do this.*
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