

How to change small network domain name with minimal client impact?

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I think I have things all botched up. I currently have a small network at home with ~5 clients and 2 domains, each with just one PDC, no BDC's. I did this to learn and experiment.

Anyway, the main problem I have is I cannot see anything in the domain from a security standpoint, just users local to any given client. Secondly, I always get netlogon errors on the event log:

Event ID: 5719

No Domain Controller is available for domain MY_DOMAIN due to the following:

There are currently no logon servers available to service the logon request. .

Make sure that the computer is connected to the network and try again. If the problem persists, please contact your domain administrator.

So, what I thought would be best is to get rid of the second domain (OTHER), and then use the PDC for that domain as a BDC for MY_DOMAIN. Also, I want to change the name from MY_DOMAIN to HOUSE, as I have heard that having underscores in domain names can be a bad thing.

So, all this being said, what would be the best way to attack this? Everybody that logs in, logs into the domain MY_DOMAIN at this point. Will they lose all their local settings when I am done renaming the domain? Will I have to recreate all the users? What impact will it have on them?

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