

Re: Cannot login to DC

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I don't know how the server got to this state (nor does anyone at this sight). I have been asked if I can fix it. I had hoped that I could simply uninstall the AD and then reinstall. It has been being able to login that keeps tripping me up. The amount of down time necessary to reinstall is available, but would be tight. So ... I am trying to see if there are other options first.

"Herb Martin" wrote:

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> "David Langschied" <DavidLangschied@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote in
> message news:E5C73FFC-4114-4C27-8790-65F8C733C7B4@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx
>> "Herb Martin" wrote:
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>>> "David Langschied" <DavidLangschied@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote in
>>> message news:CF1A7226-43BD-4BB1-A84E-FC39EBA26F77@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx
>>> >I have a DC that I cannot access. I am not sure what exactly happened,
>>> >but
>>> >I
>>> > now get a message at login that indicates that interactive logins are
>>> > not
>>> > allowed. The server is running fine, so I am reluctant to anything
>>> > rash
>>> > right now. I can login in safe mode using the directory rebuild for
>>> > DCs.
>>>
>>> Notice that this is NOT really the same as safe mode:
>>> Directory Service Restore mode uses a "local" admin
>>> account that is NOT in AD, but equivalent to a server
>>> specific user like on a non-DC.
>>>
>>> Are you using THE Administrator account for the domain
>>> on the normal login (it shouldn't really be better than any
>>> other admin account but do take that variable out of the
>>> equation.)
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>> Yes, I am logging in as administrator.
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> It would be clearer if you would say THE Administrator (with or
> without the capitalization.) Or more specifically failing to logon
> as the adminster of the domain, but succeeding with the DS restore
> (local) administrator account.
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>>> Can you logon in any other (true) Safe mode, especially
>>> Safe Mode with Networking?
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>> I tried straight Safe Mode and could not login.
>>> > I am curious if I can:
>>> > reinstall AD and, subsequently, set this server backup as a DC.
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> I took this to mean re-install the DC since you cannot logon
> to the DC, you cannot MERELY DCPromo to non-DC.
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>>> Well, sure, but that loses the DC/server; this is always possible
>>> but usually not desirable.
>> All I want to do is to be able to login to the server and not the domain.
>> This server has SQL and some Dbs on it. It really did not need to be a
>> DC.
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> The problem is getting you a place to do the DCPromo.
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> I think I might try a REPAIR INSTALL.
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> Can you access this machine with any REMOTE tools?
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> e.g., AD Users and Computers with THIS server specified?
> Or any other remote MMC connection to it?
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>>> > uninstall and add the server to another domain (with an NT ?).
>>> > simply add the server to the other domain.
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>>> As long as it is not a DC you can certainly do this.
>> Can I do this to get a login, even with the DC loaded?
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> That's the issue. You first need to logon to it.
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> What had you done to it, or Group Policy etc., prior to this
> problem?
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