

Re: 2 problems (editing Contact objects and disappearing entries in address book)

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Ace Fekay [MVP] wrote:

In [news:6Lqxf.21464\\$tR5.3008@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx](mailto:news:6Lqxf.21464$tR5.3008@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx),
Brandon McCombs <none@xxxxxxxx> stated, which I commented on below:

We did exactly your same procedure when we deployed the msc file. We gave them the 2 files you mentioned and registered them. I don't know what version of the files we gave them though (files for SP1 or prior to that but if I had to guess I'd say we gave them the right ones because we probably didn't have the SP1 version anywhere).

Interesting you did it this way, for not too many are aware of this method. I like it because I don;t have to install the whole adminpak with the extra stuff installed on a delegated user's machine. If upgrading the DCs to SP1, SP1 provides newer versions of these files (and the adminpak) in the DC's system32 folder. Copy them over.

Well, regular users are restricted from having access to AD and AD tools on regular user workstations are frowned upon so I wanted to allow a group of like 5 people to update information in AD but wanted it to be unobtrusive as possible so I spent time learning that when using the MS Installer there are switches with adminpak.msi that allow you to choose which snapins you really want and then I narrowed it down from there as to which files were actually installed and figured out which ones were really needed. It probably took me 2 or 3 hours to do if I remember correctly.

Somehow I think what I'm running into is a bug in the msc or mmc since AD is supposed to be capable of housing millions of objects (although I'm sure that isn't all on the same server) and besides, the error only occurs on Contact objects s