

Re: Upgrade Help!

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Actually John, if you perform an upgrade as you detailed you will be OK as far as user profiles are concerned. What you are doing is "upgrading" the domain to Win 2k and what Joe is talking about is "migrating".

You should be aware that migrating to Win 2k requires you to put your AD domain in native mode. In native mode NT 4.0 BDC can not replicate with AD DCs. If you have the need for a NT 4.0 BDC on the network after you move to AD upgrading is the way to go.

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<joe.beaulieu@xxxxxxxxxxx> wrote in message
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Hey John, I am going through the same process myself. I built a new DC and put it in Native Mode right away. You can use the Active Directory Migration Tool to do all of this (except the Exchange part). It will migrate your users, groups, computers (and their profiles, which to me was critical) and do security translations on file serves etc. I imagine you will get more directed help from somebody at Msoft that watches this board, but my first and best recommendation would be to grab the ADMT off of the Microsoft site, install it in a test environment and beat it up. You will see what it does and how it works. It is invaluable. Otherwise you are going to each computer and migrating profiles manually. It will get ugly very fast if you have any significant number of users.

HTH

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Joe

John wrote:

Just wanted some guidance. We currently are running a Win NT Domain with Exchange 5.5. It is becoming a problem, DuH!! right. Anyways, to upgrade to Win2000 Active Directory, would I go about creating another Server as a Backup Domain Controller with nothing else on it. Promote it to Primary Domain Controller. Then Pop a Win 2000 CD in and Upgrade it to 2000 and put it in Mixed Mode? So then the 2000 Active Directory and NT Domain can both run at the same time.

Now when I do this, my Users will see nothing because it will all be happening behind the scenes correct? Then I can build a Exchange Server 2000 add it to the Active Directory and then all I need to do is move my Mailboxes and Users over to the Active Directory side, correct? Do I need to do anything on the workstations once I go to Active Directory?

Which tools do I use to move the mailboxes and users? Am I going in the right direction here?

Any help appreciated.