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Herb Martin wrote:

What is your ultimate goal with AD? Admin a real domain you already own (e.g., upgrade from NT), get a job, just curious, get a promotion where there is already an AD domain, etc.?

Hi Herb,

Thanks a lot for the reply. I want to hook up 9 machines(5 Win XP Professional, 1 Win 98, 3 Win 2k Prof. with SP4). Hence, I want to know Active Directory so I can create domains allowing users to share files and printers.

This is actually pretty easy so we could just tell you to go ahead and do it, instead of killing a couple of DCs first but you can do both and if you have to re-install then it won't matter if you don't put TOO much work into the domain client users and computers for the first few days.

I have heard Win 98 cannot be connected so am not clear how to deal with it.

Someone told you wrong. Win98 can associate with a domain to user printers and file shares. For Win2003 it needs the AD Client Upgrade (on the Server CDRom in Clients subdirectory but you want the NEW one on the MS web site.)

The AD Client Upgrade is also known as DSClient but get the one for 9x and not NT.

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You really should have this anyway even if you only have Win2000 though anyway.

The machine running Win 98 is slow on 98 itself.

Doesn't matter if you need it to be part of the domain sharing.

This is the ONLY machine you should NOT create a Computer account -- 9x machine do NOT use NT/AD computer accounts when they associate with a domain, they only use the domain name in place of their workgroup name.

It cannot run a Win2k/XP and I don't have the budget to upgrade it.

Ok. But machines to run XP can be had for practically nothing. There are tons of Pentium 3s and such around.

Hence, I went through the O Reilly book. Your post was very helpful and I am grateful for that.

We'll help if you keep posting questions.

DCPromo your Windows Server and play with it.

You really cannot hurt anything permanently by doing that. You can always DCPromo a second time to remove the domain as many cycles as you wish but truth is you probably won't mess anything up.

(And remember that DNS stuff I gave you last.)

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Thanks a lot.

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