

Re: w2k unjoin old / join new domain trouble

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Before you try to join the new domain, remove the PC from the old domain. Yes, the PC will believe that the disjoin "failed" since the domain no longer exists, but that WILL move the PC into a workgroup and most likely make the process of joining the new domain much easier. Oh yeah, be 100% positive that you know the name and password of an Administrator-level local login on the PC before you remove it from the old domain – otherwise you'll probably never be able to log onto it once it's "removed" from the old domain.

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Hi folks.

I have an old w2k workstation which was a member of a domain called "landmat". It was physically removed from that domain without unjoining it first. That domain is no more (it has ceased to be...) so there is no way to hook the computer up again and unjoin the domain. Now I have the envious task of joining it to another domain (w2k). Here's what I have accomplished.

1. I log onto the computer (ws) as an administrator. I hook it up to the network and assign it an IP address.
2. I have established a connection between the old computer (ws) and the domain. Both can see the other, and ws can access shared folders on the network.
3. When I try to join my domain (System properties – Network identification – properties) with domain admin UID and PWD I get the error message "Your computer could not be joined to the domain because

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the following error occurred: The specified service does not exist as an installed service." The ws computer account is, however, created in the Active Directory.

After very extensive google'ing I found an article that cites the Windows timer as the main culprit. Followed the instructions, no luck. The strangest thing though, is that sometimes (in no apparent order or for no apparent reason) I get a "Could not join the domain because user credentials supplied do not match" (can't remember the exact wording) appear instead of the "Your computer could not...."

Baffling, to say the least.

What I am trying to do is this.

On this computer is a web server. I have been assigned a public IP address that will point to our firewall, which in turn points to this machine. Pretty straightforward, so far.

This computer will not ultimately be on the domain. It will be alone in a workgroup. But in order to make it a member of workgroup I need to be able to unjoin it from the old domain, hence the efforts to make it a member of another domain which is up and running.

Re-installing the os is not an option. It would however (of course) eliminate the problem.

That's my story so far, can anyone give me a hint on how to solve this problem?

Thanks very much in advance,

rattati

So, my question is.

Can I join a domain even though the computer still believes that it is in another domain, that is, fooled into accepting the new domain?

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