

## Re: sysprep – what does it do...

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Close, but not completely correct.

Although sysprep can work in the way you describe it, it can also be set so that setup is NOT invoked when the image is restored. The system does not have to go through setup to receive a SID; it will automatically receive a SID the first time it logs onto a workgroup domain. Sysprep strips the existing SID before the drive is imaged.

On Mon, 7 Feb 2005 18:43:03 -0800, "wwwguy1"  
<wwwguy1@discussions.microsoft.com> wrote:

>What sysprep does is remove the unique machine identifiers or SIDs from the  
>computer so that on a restart setup is rerun to recreate them, theoreticly  
>based off of a new machine becaused you imaged it. The unique SIDs are need  
>for networking and active directory to work.  
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>"MK" wrote:  
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>> I wasn't quite clear. I was wondering what is done to the computer from  
>> which the image will be made to prepare it for making an image. I haven't  
>> seen this discussed anywhere.  
>> MK  
>> "S.Sengupta" <ssengupta\_@msn.com> wrote in message  
>> news:O13ensXDFHA.3908@TK2MSFTNGP15.phx.gbl...  
>> > <http://www.microsoft.com/technet/prodtechnol/winxppro/deploy/duplication.msp>  
>> >  
>> > regards,  
>> > ssg MS-MVP  
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>> > MK wrote:  
>> >  
>> >> Hi,  
>> >> Can someone tell me what sysprep does to the system it is run on? I  
>> >> understand it's role, but I want to make sure that after I run it on my  
>> >> present system, it won't make any lasting changes that couldn't be undone  
>> >> with System Restore. I'm trying to make an image of my HD and in case it  
>> >> fails, I want to have my original setup to fall back on.

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>> >> *Thanks*  
>> >> *Michael*  
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