

How to re-join an NT domain without losing user profile data/setti

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I've NEVER seen this answered completely and correctly. I hope it can be here. It is an important topic for network administrators like myself:

I've recently replaced and NT4 PDC. The trust relationships with the workstations were broken and have to be recreated. What is the proper way to do this so that the user's profile and profile_path are retained?

>From my experience, if you remove the PC from the domain and then rejoin it the user will have a new locally cached profile_path created called username.domain (or username.domain.000 if the username was first using a profile_path of username).

I've gotten around this somewhat by resetting security on the user's previous profile path and then editing the registry key under HKLM/Software/MicroSoft/Windows NT/Current Version/Profile List/[user's sid]. But, this doesn't seem correct. Especially since MS Outlook prompts for the user's email account password the next time it is launched.

I've also played with the NETDOM.exe tool from the XP support tools from one workstations, but had not much luck. Should I be using the netdom.exe tool from the server (the NT version)? Is this tool still available now that the NT Resource Kit has been discontinued?

Help! This is a very troublesome issue that I cannot seem to find a definitive answer to. Thanks a ton to the genius who shed's light on it for me.

Much thanks! -- JS