

## Re: Rendom

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Rustom says...

- > *I used the rendom utility to rename my domain from company.com to*
- > *company.net. How do I handle the Active Directory Integratged DNS stuff?*
- > *Do I need to create new AD Foreward Look up zones for company.net or does*
- > *company.com get automatically updated to company.net*
- >

Hello Rustom,

did you look at the domain rename guide on the web? It explains step by step what to do. For DNS you should hold the old and the new zones on the same servers. Then you don't even need forwarding, since forwarding is just used if the zone informations are not available on the current server or any delegations.

Step-by-Step Guide to Implementing Domain Rename

<http://download.microsoft.com/download/c/f/c/cfcbff04-97ca-4fca-9e8c-3a9c90a2a2e2/Domain-Rename-Procedure.doc>

After the domain rename you need to clean up all applications which are using the old domain names, then you can delete the old zones. What I'd do is moving the old zones to a different server, use conditional forwarding from the servers holding the new zones to the server providing the old zone, and have all clients point to the servers holding the new zones. Then you are able to verify via the cache of the servers holding the new zone what records have been queried of the old zones. Should give you a possibility to identify the applications you need to adjust. And make sure you set the domain suffix search order to query first for the new name, then the old name, so that you can make sure that you don't get to much names in the cache b/c of applications using short names.

HTH

Gruesse – Sincerely,

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