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That depends on your needs and your network setup.

You can use LDIFDE to clone accounts and groups and such. You could use backup and restore to do this as long as the target is and will never see the production network.

I'm personally a fan of using virtualization to introduce a new DC, shut it down, and copy it to a separate isolated network where it can be cleaned up and will exactly mirror the production environment. Then just turn the virtual machine back on and it continues to work as advertised.

I prefer this method as it is an exact copy vs bits and piece. Backup and restore work as well, although again, I prefer to restore to a virtual environment for portability and ease of restoration. It's just that a lot of the backup services out there would require my VM to be on the same network as production and I'm not interested in that.

Al

"Tony Cheng" <[sdasd@xxxxxxxxxxxx](mailto:sdasd@xxxxxxxxxxxx)> wrote in message

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>I have an existing active directory for my production environment. And now

>I want to setup a development environment with the same setting as

>production environment. I want to copy the active directory on production

>environment and create a clone on development environment.

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> How can I achieve this ? Backup and restore system data would be ok ? the

> development environment is a fresh-installed windows 2003 .

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> Thx so much

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> Tony

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