

Re: CAN WE LOGIN TO A WINDOWS 2003 ACTIVE DIRECTORY DOMAIN OVER TH

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Having a user login to a windows 2003 server over the internet is not a good idea do you think because of the security issues?

Logging onto a server is not nearly as serious as logging into a domain, but either CAN be secure if you really know what you are doing.

There are millions of IIS web servers on the Internet, many of them are even kept safe while others are configured poorly or not kept up to date with fixes and services packs and so are easily compromised.

Some people have successfully put DCs "on the Internet" --- but doing so take even more attention to detailed security.

The original question was 'Can you do it?' --- and the answer to that is "YES" since the Internet is (mostly) JUST A NETWORK.

Actually what I like to accomplish is that if I use a windows xp computer in the office and way to save data to one of the computers in the home so that when I got home, I do not have to use terminal services or VPN or RRAS to login to the computer in office to access files since I got uploaded from office to the home.

TS or VPNs are generally a better method due to the security and name resolution issues we have mentioned.

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I am glad if you could give any idea how would you think best way to accomplish this? Should I want to use a server or windows xp operating system will do?

TS is probably easiest and as likely as safe as a VPN.

Like if I have a windows server and able to login to my server over the internet using the username and password after joining the domain, whatever data I saved on the hard drive can be viewed after I login using the same user name and password in windows server I used to login over the internet using a windows xp workstation? To me there is security issue involved with that! Any ideas with any other safe way to do?

Not even sure what you are asking.

But it doesn't SOUND like a particular security issue; I certainly do similar things without worrying unnecessarily about security beyond just making the system secure to begin with --- and keeping it up to date.

Any posting is much appreciated! So does that mean, only choice is terminal service, VPN or RRAS and there is no otherway?

There are variations on the above. One open source choice is SSH. It is sort of a cross between a VPN and Telnet and can be made as secure as you reasonably wish since such software supports all sorts of advanced encryption protocols.

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"Herb Martin" wrote:

In general, YES.

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Hello!

If I create a user in active directory in windows 2003 server,
we can
login to that user using windows xp login dialog box within
the network
giving username and password after joining the domain!
Okay, my
question
is
that can we login to that user sits in the windows 2003 server
in
active
directory over the internet?

YES, if you have routed access, including on all the correct ports
and you can resolve DNS from the point of view of an INTERNAL
user (that is from the Internal DNS server.)

The issue is NOT the Internet per se, but rather firewalls, routing,
and DNS resolution.

In order to do that we have to join the domain.
Is it possible to join a domain over the internet and login to
that
user
in
windows 2003 server? I mean without VPN or RRAS or
TERMINAL SERVICES?

VPN/RAS makes it a bit easier since this can alter the DNS
setting during such connections to favor the "remote" DNS.

Terminal Services largely bypass the issues by placing the
user logically "at the TS".

Also if
I use VPN, does that help me to save files to windows 2003
server after
I
log
in to that?

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It's neither HELPS you nor HURTS you. You can do anything within reason over a VPN you can do locally IF your connectivity and name resolution are equivalent to a LAN User (and if timeout issues don't interfere which is not usually the case.)

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