

Re: Removing "permanently offline" DC...

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Hi,

From your other domain controller are you getting any replication errors? This is usual caused by replication latency

Matthew McBride wrote:

That was actually the first article I tried...I thought going back through metadata cleanup after completing all the steps would work, but no luck. It's the last step that I'm stuck on (#20)...I get no error anything when attempting that...it just never goes away.

"Harj" wrote:

Hi,

Take a look at this article about metadata cleanup which describes the DSA object cannot be found

How to remove data in Active Directory after an unsuccessful domain controller demotion

<http://support.microsoft.com/kb/216498/>

My years at Microsoft showed me this could be a replication issue still, but if you follow the article you will be able to remove the old DC with no problems

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Matthew McBride wrote:

Yes...I get several errors when attempting. Something about "element not

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found" and "DSA object could not be found."

"abckid" wrote:

Hi,

Did you try metadata cleanup ?

<http://technet2.microsoft.com/WindowsServer/en/Library/1a7522c3-ac6e-4f83-af5b>

abckid.

"Matthew McBride" wrote:

One of our DC's died a few weeks ago...it wasn't a server class machine and suffered a hard drive failure. I have another server promoted and have switched all the FSMO roles. Everything seems to be replicating correctly, but I am unable to remove all traces of the previous DC. I'm getting numerous errors in the logs because the current DC's can't find it.

I tried going to AD Sites and Services and removing it there...but even when I click the option that the domain controller is permanently offline and cannot be demoted by using DCPROMO, it never gets deleted.

Any suggestions?