

# Re: Active Directory Only Displays Local Objects: Problem Solved

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Problem solved.

I am posting here as a follow-up in case someone else has this problem.

If you have a PC which properly is joined to a domain, but only shows local users and/or groups in the File Permissions dialog box, or which does not return any search results when searching Active Directory (message "no items match the current search"), please ensure that the \*primary\* DNS on the client PC is set to the local DNS server. (If you are running a single Small Business Server, then make sure your primary DNS points to this server.)

See this article:

[http://www.experts-exchange.com/Security/Win\\_Security/Q\\_21341298.html](http://www.experts-exchange.com/Security/Win_Security/Q_21341298.html)  
for details.

To help others who may be searching:

Active Directory only lists local users  
Active Directory search returns no matches  
Active Directory no items match the current search  
No items match the current search. Active Directory search  
File Permissions only list local users

Thank you.

ryan.griggs@xxxxxxxx wrote:

Hello. I have a very strange problem. From PCs which are members of my domain, when I open the Active Directory search, I cannot find any objects from the DC. ONLY local objects are shown.

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Here is the background on this issue:

I am running a small organization on Small Business Server 2000. There are approx. 25 PCs on the network, all set up as members of the domain. The SBS Server is the DC.

I just re-installed SBS on the server, because the C: partition was initially sized at 8GB and was completely full. I had to re-format the drive to re-partition into two blocks, C: = 16GB and D: = 56GB. I understand about unique user identifiers, etc... I had tried to back up/restore Active Directory and restore it, following Microsoft's directions, but each time this crashed the installation and necessitated a reinstall. So I decided to do a clean install, then add all the users again.

After re-connecting the SBS server to the network, I logged into a member PC. I was still able to log in and access Outlook/Exchange, but file sharing permissions were messed up. This is understandable since the users' unique IDs don't exist any more.

So I removed the computer from the domain, and re-joined the domain. Fine. Now, I want to share a folder. I can share the folder fine, but when I attempt to set permissions on the folder, Active Directory will only allow me to search the LOCAL computer for users. If I click the "Locations" button, the only thing displayed is the local computer. There is absolutely no option to search the DC for users. If I open Network Connections and click on Search Active Directory, I can select the DC, but when I search for ANYTHING, I get a completely empty search result.

Why can't the computer, which is a member of the domain, see Active Directory objects on the DC? Why is it required to ONLY search within the local security objects?

Any suggestions or help will be greatly appreciated!!!

Thank you for your time!