

Re: refreshing AD in testlab environment

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If you have two separate forests you can't magically bring across schema changes, etc... You could run a migration tool such as ADMT, to bring across new users but it isn't going to append information.

You could look at using csvde or ldifde to attempt to possibly assist in some of the movement

LDIFDE

<http://support.microsoft.com/kb/237677>

CSVDE

http://www.computerperformance.co.uk/Logon/CSVDE_LDIFDE.htm

I usually end up rebuilding my test lab every 6 months to year.

Check out; <http://www.pbbergs.com> select articles and click on the link for building a test environment if that helps at all

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2 yrs ago we built our testlab using a system state restore from our 6 production domain controllers. Its been working fine, but now after 2 yrs we want to bring the testlab up to production leve. We would like to bring all the schema changes, GPO's and accounts to production level. Unfortunately

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the member servers/application servers are different that production and the service accounts we use in production are different than the testlab.

What would be your advice in order to bring only certain OU's and or schema changes across to our testlab?

Can you suggest a third party application that might help us to refresh AD data in the testlab?

Thanks in advance