

Re: Windows 2003 Service Pack 2 Active Directory Upgrade

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YES, this is an after hours install. I have tested it in the lab, but as you all have mentioned, the lab is almost never identical to the production env. I feel I can proceed but I like to check with you all for this great feedback. I can always uninstall SP 2 incase something goes horribly wrong.

"Austin Osuide" wrote:

Hi Brillmike,

As well as the comments made by the others, the first thing you should do is TEST your process on DCs that are similar to your production DCs. This way, you have a better assessment the risks associated and an objective assessment of the time it'll take for the process to run. No two environments are exactly alike and "stuff" does happen, even when carrying out seemingly trivial processes so it is imperative to the success of your task that you test.

Regards,

Austin

"Meinolf Weber" <[meiweb\(nospam\)@gmX.de](mailto:meiweb(nospam)@gmX.de)> wrote in message <news:ff16fb666747c8c9eb41257fe670@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>

Hello Henrik,

You are totally right with that. I also do these bigger things after normal working hours.

Best regards

Meinolf Weber

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I assume that you gonna do the SP 2 installation during a maintenance window so that you don't install the SP2 during office hours if something would go wrong=)? Any way, good luck meight there shouldn't be any problems. "Meinolf Weber" wrote:

Hello Brillmike,

see inline

Best regards

Meinolf Weber

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We are not using ADAM so I have a pretty straight forward upgrade from Windows 2003 (no service pack) to Windows 2003 Service Pack 2 on our domain controllers. I just a few questions on the installation of the service pack.

1. Does it matter what order I update the servers (DC1, DC2)?

No

2. Will any logon services or DNS services be interrupted while the service pack is installing? (it takes a

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while for the service pack to
inventory,
unpack and install and i am
wondering how user will be
impacted)

Check before starting the update, that both
DC's are Global catalog
servers and if not done make the second also
DNS server. I would
prefer Active directory integrated zones.
Then during the reboot no
user should have problems, except the server
stores some files from
the users (shared folders). They will
ofcourse be not accessible
during the reboot.

3. Do both primary and
secondary DC need to be on
the same service
pack.

No, they will work together even if they are
different.

I plan on doing them
together but maybe I should
do one, wait to see
if
we have
any issues, then do the
second server.

Good idea, i would do it also this way.

Thanks, Mike