

# Re: import error with ldifde

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To modify the membership of a group, you have to modify the member attribute on the group. You can't modify the memberOf attribute on a user, as that is a backlink and is not editable.

From the perspective of LDIF, it really comes down to having the DN of the group in question and the DN of the user you created previously to set on the member attribute.

If you are trying to recreate a tree of groups in the new domain, you could export the groups in question as well as them import them using a similar transform on the DN.

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I exported an OU to a file with ldifde according to MS recommendation in :  
<http://technet.microsoft.com/en-us/library/bb727091.aspx>.

I edited the file for a new domain, ie.

from : dn: CN=sean,OU=test,OU=Clients,DC=sampleXYZ,DC=com  
to: dn: CN=sean,OU=test,OU=Clients,DC=qatest,DC=com

When I try to import that file into a different domain, I get an error

"Add error on line 1: Invalid Syntax  
The server side error is "The parameter is incorrect."

as far as I can tell it's because the export file includes lines like:

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memberOf: CN=testgroup1,OU=test,OU=Clients,DC=qatest,DC=com

Does anyone know if and how to get ldifde to add a user to an existing group, or possibly how to create one?