

Re: Unable to get past "Applying your Personal Settings" when logging onto domain.

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Kristofer,

Many thanks for replying to my request for help so quickly.

I double checked the DNS settings in the client computers, and they were all set to obtain automatically. I have a Netgear FVS318 router installed in addition to my cable modem, and it has DHCP enabled and has my ISP DNS addresses statically assigned and saved in its setup. I set the DNS in the router to obtain automatically, and turned off the DHCP in the router in hopes that the DHCP in the Server 2003 system would take over that duty.

I restarted both client machines, and attempted to log onto the domain once again. This time, the drop down menu at the logon window populated immediately instead of taking several minutes. I selected the name of the new domain, entered the user name and password, clicked OK, and it went immediately to the "Applying your Personal Settings" window again and just sat there, never fully finishing the logon process.

I then ran an ipconfig /all at a command prompt on the server, found that the primary DNS address was 127.0.0.1 and secondary DNS address was actually my ISP's primary DNS address, 47.68.160.5 (I think, I am not in front of the server right now). So I restarted the client machines again, logged onto them as the admin for the machine, and statically set a static IP(192.168.2.100) default subnet mask, Default Gateway of the router(192.168.2.1), and set the Primary and secondary DNS to the same addresses as the server had. Restarted the client machines again and tried to logon to the domain, got to the same spot at "Applying your Personal Settings", and the logon stopped there yet again.

At that point it was after midnight, and I was too frustrated to go on. This is my first install and configuration of Server 2003 as a domain controller. I run it as just an operating system on my PC at work because I like its speed and stability. I have installed Windows 2000 Server and Advanced Server as Domain Controllers many times, and have never run into a problem like the one I am having with Server 2003. I am sure it is due to the changes made to Server 2003 over Server 2000.

I am just doing something wrong during the set up of the OS as a Domain Controller.

If you have any further advice, or if anyone out there has any suggestions, I am open to trying them. If I do not get the issue resolved by the end of the week, I am formatting the Hard Disk Drive and installing Server 2000 Advanced Server in place of Server 2003 Enterprise Ed.

Thanks again,

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----- Kristofer Gafvert wrote: -----

Sounds like you have a problem with DNS on the client machines. It should be set to use your internal DNS server, and not your ISP's. Please make sure that this is true for your clients.

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Regards,

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"Nevin MacNary" <anonymous@discussions.microsoft.com> wrote in message news:1836901c41a0f\$19561500\$a101280a@phx.gbl...

- > I have Server 2003 Enterprise Ed. installed as the Primary
- > Domain Controller on my network. I set up new Computer and
- > User accounts in Active Directory Users and Computers for
- > the computers that will be in the domain.
- >> The trouble is, when I try to log on to the domain for the
- > first time from a Windows XP Professional machine using one
- > of the created user accounts, it is super slow building the
- > list of available domains, and once I have selected the
- > domain name, enter the account user name and password, the
- > log on procees never gets past the point where you get the
- > "Applying your Personal Settings" message. So I am never
- > able to fully log on to the domain from any of my Windows
- > XP machines.
- >> Help?