

Re: Wht happens to domain accounts after dcpromo to stand-alone server?

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The domain accounts will be gone, as well as all of the other information pertinent to the domain. Two options would be:

1. Do the DCPROMO, change the server name, recreate the "new" domain and the user accounts/groups. Specific group/user file permissions will also have to be recreated.
2. Build a temporary server, run dcpromo to make it another DC in the domain, move the fsmo roles over, and he will retain your AD environment while you DCPROMO the original DC back to member server status to be renamed. You can then DCPROMO it back to domain controller status, and DCPROMO the temp server back out of the domain after moving the fsmo roles back.

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