



## Re: Migration from NT4 to SBS 2003

You could look into [www.sbsmigration.com](http://www.sbsmigration.com) for info on a "swing" migration, but that will require a preliminary upgrade to from NT4 to W2000 Server, then change to native mode. Then upgrade to W2003 and AD. Then you may be able to use the Swing Migration technique.

Correction – I think you can do it straight from W2k. But check the website. I haven't done it.

ADMT is another possibility, but I think that's a pain. If you don't have a huge network (and you really can't, if you're moving to SBS) you may find all of this more trouble than it's worth. I'd probably prefer a clean AD setup myself in this case; lord knows what's lurking in their existing domain that won't transfer over properly. Getting your data from the old server to the new one is a cinch (robocopy is my fave). You need to create your computer accounts & user accounts using the SBS wizards anyway, unless you want to do a boatload of work to fix them afterwards....

User profiles are a minor headache, which you can mitigate as follows

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While the workstation is still in domain A, create a local user account. Log in as the local user account.

Log out.

Log back in as an account with admin rights (but *\*not\** the real domain user) Go to control panel, system, advanced....in User Profiles, click the Settings button

Select the domain user's profile, click on Copy To, and browse to the new local user's c:\documents and settings\username folder.

Click OK.

Click the Change button in "Permitted to use" and select the domain\username account you just copied [1]

Close out.

Log in as the local user and make sure the settings look right. If so, you should be good to go...disjoin the computer from the NT domain, making sure you know the local admin credentials....and then run the /connectcomputer script. when you're ready to join the SBS domain. When asked which local account settings you want to assign to the 'new' domain user on domain B, select the local user you just created.

[1] To be honest, I'm not entirely sure that step is necessary, but I usually include it.

Are there steps to take to migrate the domain from NT4 to SBS 2003 without completely creating a new domain? If so, can someone point

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me in the right direction?

As mentioned, try the SBS group....but I hope this helps.

Thanks  
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