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Hello Jason (Vertexx),

see inline

Best regards

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We would like to replace the main DC with a new computer with the same name. This would keep file share paths and DNS entries the same for client

Note: There is a another DC in this site. There is also a DC in another site connected through a VLAN over the Internet.

Does the process I have below sound like it will work.

Process

FIRST: CREATE A BACKUP FROM ALL IMPORTANT DATA AND THE SYSTEM STATE FROM THE MACHINE

Run replmon, dcdiag and netdiag for errors. Is some other application installed?

–transfer main FSMO roles to another DC

do not forget the Global catalog. What about DNS/DHCP?

–demote DC

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give time for replication after demoting and check with replmon, dcdiag and netdiag for errors

–name new computer same name as original main DC

same operating system or newer version?

–install active directory on new server

–move main FSMO roles back to DC