

Re: dcpromo 2000 server in a 2003 environment

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Hi,

Is the functional level of the 2003 forest/domain in 2003 native mode? The easiest way to check this is to open AD Domains & Trusts, right click the domain, and goto properties. Towards the bottom of the tab, you'll see forest and domain functional levels. If either of these numbers is 2003 native mode, then you will not be able to bring in W2k DCs. A good explanation of functional levels can be found at:

<http://support.microsoft.com/default.aspx?scid=kb:EN-US:322692>

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"durward" <durward@hillsboro.net> wrote in message
news:56eeea48.0402051936.3a35f979@posting.google.com...
> We recently placed 2003 servers in our network. The original setup was
> 2000, but very poorly done. AD was completely shot and there was no
> way to repair or mend the way it was built. We decided to put in 2003
> servers and build the AD correctly. We succesfully achieved that....
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> question...
> I am trying to dcpromo a 2000 server in the 2003 domain. I continue to
> get the same error during the process. It cannot replicate the
> directory. "an error has occurred with no definition". Really helpful
> info... anyway... I received this same error on two different 2000
> server machines in an attempt to promo. The reason for the promo is to
> utilize the 2000 Terminal Server licensing, but I need a 2000 DC to
> perform this without the additional expenses 2003 TS introduces.
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> Is there a known issue with promoting 2000 server in a 2003
> environment and if so what are the remedies?
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> apologize for multiple posts, but want to be certain it gets the right
> place.
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> Thanks for any input.
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