

Joining a Stand-Alone XP Pro computer to a Win 03 domain

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If you are actually authenticating to the AD Domain controller and your user account will reside on the D/C and not locally on your PC, than go into the User Profile settings (System Properties) and copy your user profile into the Default User (by default this profile is hidden, therefore, you have to show all file prior to attempting this). Now, with administrative access go into the Computer Name tab of System Properties and click the "Change" button and type in the domain name to become a member of the domain, once again you will have to have administrative credentials to perform this task. You should receive a "Welcome to the NT Domain" message. You will be prompted to reboot the computer for the changes to take effect, once you reboot, and you have already setup your personal user account on the D/C; you should be able to type in these credentials and successfully login into the D/C; at which point the profile from "Default User" will become your new profile. Under User Accounts in Control Panel you will not see this user, however, if you look under c:\document and settings you should see a user account representing a domain user.

Kind of tricky the first time, but after a couple times you'll get the hang of it.

Hope this helps.

Brian

>-----Original Message-----

>A quick (and hopefully simple) question.

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>I have a XP Pro computer that I have been working on as a

>stand-alone for over a year. Lots of files in my stand-

>alone logins.

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>*I wish to (temporarily) join a Win 2003 server AD domain,*
>*basically for practice (I have an Evaluation copy of the*
>*Win 2003 Server and am studing for my MCSE).*
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>*If I join this domain, will I lose all of my stand-alone*
>*files? I remember something like this happening to me*
>*before with Win2K.*
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