

## Re: 2 AD domains same physical switches and router ?

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news.microsoft.com <[ChrisD@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx](mailto:ChrisD@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx)> typed:

We are looking at merging one of our remote sites into our AD. Currently the remote sites resources live on our parent companies domain and we access via trusts.

What i'm after help on is the best way to do this.

I'm not really wanting to have to put static dns entries onto the client pc's as we have quite a few laptops which means users would have to change these if they want to use broadband etc. Is the longterm best option to invest in some new hardware router/firewall and keep our AD isolated?

TIA

I believe the operative term is migrate, not merge, that is if you want the workstations and user accounts to be part of your Active Directory infrastructure. Keep in mind, you can't just toggle a laptop from one domain to another that easily. From your description, I am not sure if this is your goal. Do you want to join them to your domain and leave the parent?

Also, when you say parent domain, is this an actual parent domain in the same forest?

In an intra-forest migration, ADMT tool can migrate the user from one domain to another as well as computer accounts. For both of these objects, it will copy the accounts to the target domain, then delete the accounts in the source domain. They will no longer exist in the source.

If you want to keep them in the 'parent' domain (assuming the parent is an

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actual intra-forest parent domain), then all you have to do is bring the laptops in to your network and they will easily "find" their domain resources through your DNS servers specified in your own DHCP scope, that is assumingly as long as your DNS infrastructure is configured and designed properly and resolving everything properly in the forest (as it should be in such an infrastructure) so there will be nothing to fear.

If what I posted is not what you wanted to