

## Re: Automaing install of SBS 2003

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In my case what I did is to put all CD's on one DVD, then adapted the file SETUP.SDB to make sure that the install program know that everything is on the same media.

I also changed the SITAUTORUN.INF to adapt all the menus and have everything from the first screen.

I have put some more setups for Office 2003, and some other fixes around here and there.

Now I have a bootable DVD that ask me only few questions like Name, ComputerName, Domain, and off it goes. Of course I have not customized the Wizard, at least not yet.

The main purpose for me to do that is to be able to rebuild a server from scratch in case of failure of our main server. And that they can install on any other machine. Of course Sysprep would have done the job probably better, but now we can put our original CD's in a safe place, and only keep the DVD here.

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

>Ditto -

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>*This is what we're starting to do. We are building our own servers and have*

>*standardized our hardware. As a matter of fact, next week I'll be building*

>*our first standardized server using the SBS OPK, running sysprep & taking an*

>*image for future use . . . basically, we're hoping to get to the point*

>*where we can actually take advantage of the infamous '15 minute install'*

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>*Chad A. Gross – SBS MVP*  
>*SBS ROCKS!*  
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>*www.msmyps.com/cgross*  
>*www.gosbs.org*  
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>*Henry Craven wrote:*  
>> *Register with Microsoft as an OEM Partner and get the*  
>> *appropriate*  
>> *training and resources.*  
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>> *"AdminKen" <some@microsoft.com> wrote in message*  
>> *news:uLZN8xepEHA.3424@TK2MSFTNGP11.phx.gbl...*  
>>> *At my company, we install a lot of SBS 2003 servers*  
>>> *that are either*  
>>> *hand built or come from a manufacture like Dell or*  
>>> *HP. But running*  
>>> *through the install CDs and all the many wizards is*  
>>> *rather time*  
>>> *consuming. We would like to automate what we can.*  
>>> *One thought is to us an answer file file. How much*  
>>> *can you do with*  
>>> *SBS? Any experience anyone?*  
>>> *Another though is to use sysprep(and I dont really*  
>>> *know if sysprep*  
>>> *works on SBS). I don't know how well this would work*  
>>> *for creating*  
>>> *new "clean" servers with an empty AD and no domain*  
>>> *info. Any one*  
>>> *done this? any insight?*  
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