

Re: Swing Migration vs. Manual Backing up/Restoring a Simple Network

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If you really want to have to recreate all your settings on the new machine, change all the permissions and ownership of all your folders, and so on, you certainly can recreate the domain from scratch. It's a nuisance, but it's not by any means impossible.

I have been running my own Exchange server since Windows NT4 + Exchange 5.0 days. I have, more than once, rebuilt my domain from the ground up. Saving all my files off to secure, verified backups. Extracting my entire mail box to PST. My partner's mailbox to PST. and all my public folders to PST. Carefully making a list of all the shared folders on the server. All the printer names, etc. And then blowing away the original server and recreating it, either on that hardware or new. I've also done it using Jeff's Swing method. No question, Jeff's is a LOT less scary and much less painful. My last migration was from Server 2k3 + Exchange 2k3 to SBS 2k3, moving to a new server in the process. I actually did it while my partner was out of town for the weekend. When she got back, she never even knew it had happened. :)

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Charlie.

<http://msmvps.com/xperts64>

scottls wrote:

Hi,

I have been reading about Jeff's Swing Migration and I need to replace my 6 year old server and I definitely need to maintain the same domain. I'm running SBS out of my home and my wife and I are the only users on the network. I would have no problem purchasing the kit but from reading people's comments it sounds like it's meant for people who have pretty serious networks or are for network admins who could reuse the kit (I'm a developer who does my own network as a hobby). I'm wondering if I could simply backup our Outlook mail, contacts, etc. and machine files/settings, bring the old server down, and rebuild the new one duplicating many of the settings of the old one. Then when the new

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one is up restore the Outlook and machines, etc.

Am I being too optimistic to think that I could simply do complete backups/restores of Outlook and machine settings for this process?

Thanks for your help!!

Scott