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Dave,

Yes, it showed the computer was a member of the domain (DomainName.Local) and I was logged into the workstation with the domain administrator account (I agree, I should have gotten a fairly obvious error otherwise).

Another thing that failed too was when I tried to add an individual user to the local administrators group (DomainName\User) which of course follows along with the group failing to resolve.

Unfortunately I don't have ready access to the server again until this Friday but I ended up adding the group to the proper SBS group and after going thru the wizards I was able to add the domain users and groups.

This server had major problems and due to that I'm rebuilding the server for my client this weekend. I'm wondering if not being able to add the domain user/groups when it was under AD is due to some of the problems.

One thing I failed to mention (and i expect this may have been a major part) is the domain name on the server was different than the domain name on the workstations even though they were able to join the server okay??!!! It looked as if someone renamed the domain but didn't do it correctly.

Domain name on server: synagogue.local
Domain name on workstations: SHUL

I know, I know, it goes against everything I know about servers and domains!

Brian

On the workstation, if you go to CP -> System and flip to the Computer Name tab, does it say the computer is a member of the domain? Are you logged into the workstation with an admin account? It seems like you'd get a fairly obvious error if you tried to modify the local Administrators group from a non-admin account, but in any case that won't work.

Just on the very off chance it would make a difference, what if you log into

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the SBS and go to AD Users and Computers. R-click the computer -> Manage, and try to add Domain Users there just as you're trying to do it on the local PC. And another last resort weird thing to check - on the workstation, CP -> Windows Firewall. Does it say it's using the domain settings at the bottom of the General tab? On the Exceptions tab, are there any exceptions that show that they're applied from group policy?

I just added domain\domain users to the local administrators group on this PC just as you described, so whatever the problem is, it's not your procedure that's at fault.

"Brian Elkins" <BrianElkins@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote in message news:101BF685-FFC5-4BBA-8D30-8F9DCDDDA3BE@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx

"I tried typing the following in Object Types: DomainName\Domain Users but it wouldn't resolve."

Excuse me, I meant in the area "Enter the object names."

I understand about the OU containers and the implementation of policies now.
Thank you.

Let me see if I can explain a little better about what I experienced with AD.

I was taking one of the predefined groups "Domain Users" and trying to add it to the local administrators group on the workstation (I was experimenting and I realize in a real life scenario this is POOR security management!).

The Location was set to the workstation name and I was unable to change it even though I was logged onto the domain. Since I couldn't change it (I wish there was a browse button there) I tried typing the following in Object Types: DomainName\Domain Users but it wouldn't resolve.

I'm questioning whether the workstation was truly joined to the domain

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even
though I was logging onto it (at least it appeared that I was).

MyBusiness and SBSComputers are both OUs. That means that a policy applied at MyBusiness will effect anything located anywhere under that, while one applied at SBSComputers will only apply to items contained in the SBSComputers OU. The easiest way to tell an OU from a container is that the icons are different – when you look at them in the Group Policy Management Console, the containers look just like regular folders, while the OUs have a fancier icon.

I'm not sure what you're referring to about wanting to add domain groups to the workstation, and I agree that you should be able to perform normal functions as long as the workstation belongs to the domain, regardless of where it's located. Can you give a fuller description of what you're trying to do? (If you're trying to do something like add a security group to an ACL, please make sure that in the box that pops up to add it, the Object Types includes users and groups, and the Locations is set to your domain rather than the local PC).

You can move items around in AD just by r-clicking them and choosing Move.
If you're experimenting or testing on anything in AD or group policy, I recommend taking written notes for undo

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purposes in case you get unexpected results. (I've blown up enough stuff to have learned this pretty well).

"Brian Elkins"

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wrote in message

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Dave,

Thank you for the quick reply.

When you say the latter is an OU, "`\MyBusiness\SBSComputers`" is the OU, correct?

Also, when I was experimenting the other day I placed the workstation name in "`ADUC\DomainName.Local\Computers`" without knowing better. I was able to join the workstation to the domain yet I was unable to add any Domain groups to the workstation.

I'm a bit confused on that point. If I was able to join the domain it seems as if I should have been able to add Domain groups.

Brian

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The former is an Active Directory container, while the latter is an OU (Organizational Unit). You can't apply group policies to a container, so only domain-wide policies will apply to computers located in domain\computers.

Also, the Add Computer wizard in SBS places the computers in the latter location (the OU). I recommend only adding computers with that wizard, not directly in AD. And, in the absence of a reason to move them, I'd leave them where SBS expects them to be. If you do

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have a
reason to
move
them –
say, to
separate
desktops
from
laptops – I
recommend
creating
another OU
under
MyBusiness\Computers.
Let SBS
create them
as and
where it
prefers,
then go into
AD Users
and
Computers
afterward
and move
them to the
other
OU.

FWIW, I
leave all the
computers
in that OU,
and if I
need to
apply
group
policies
more
granularly, I
do it with
security
filtering.
Others
do it
the
other way –
multiple
OUs –
which is
equally

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valid.

"Brian
Elkins"

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wrote in
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Can
someone
please
explain
to
me
what
is
the
difference
between
placing
a
workstation
in:

"ADUC\DomainName.Local\Computers"

vs.

"ADUC\DomainName.Local\MyBusiness\SBSComputers"

Thank
you
for
any
help.

Brian
Elkins

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