

Re: Demote & remove Exchange from old SBS server that was transitioned to W2k3 & E2k3 standard using transition pack

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amanda a wrote:

I need to demote my old SBS server.

I upgraded it from SBS W2k3 to Standard W2k3 using the transition pack (BIG MISTAKE). Now I need to remove Exchange and Demote it—as I want to wipe it off the face of the planet now. (I have a new W2k3 & E2k3 standard server with fresh install.) I've done all the FSMO role moves, moved off WINS, DNS & DHCP, Moved all mailboxes to new Exchange & replicated all Public folders. If this were a NORMAL server, It would be ready to demote & remove exchange.

However,

1. When I type DCPRMO, It tells me I have to remove the certificate server before demoting the server. I have a bunch of certificates I've never created—that must be part of SBS. Domain controller certificates, EFS certificates, Web server certificates. Can I load Certificate services on the new server and move these?
2. Is there some documentation somewhere that tells me how to demote and old SBS server that has gone through the transition pack?

I am wary of just removing exchange, as I don't know if there are any lingering SBS things out there (I've had it off for a week without a problem.)

Any help from someone who's done this before would help.

Focus on the Certificates for the time being. These represent your most important issue. Personally, I'd try to get rid (temporarily at least) of things using the existing CA certs and start a new. IMO, get those EFS files decrypted and moved first !!!

You might find these helpful;

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How to move a certification authority to another server

<http://support.microsoft.com/kb/298138/en-us>

HOWTO: Move a certificate authority to a new server running on a domain controller.

<http://support.microsoft.com/kb/555012/en-us>

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