

Re: How to install SBS 2003 in existing AD domain (one Win2K DC)

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I'm having a similar problem. I'm also using 884453 as a guide. Mine involves HP setup disks. I thought it was very strange that i would get not only the 4 install cd's and the 3 supplemental cds for SBS 2003 r2 from MS, but also a HP startup disk and an additional MS SBS disk 2...? i thought that was very strange. I originally tried the MS disks first, but could not get disk1 to boot. Thats what lead me to the try the HP disk, that would boot and start the install. And thats where all my trouble started...

existing infrastructure overview

DN: torrance.main

DC: server1.torrance.main W2K server sp4 upgraded from NT4, DHCP, DNS, AD

File server: Adelphia.torrance.main W2k server sp4 also upgraded from NT4

Decision behind SBS choice

First off i would like to say that I was employed by this company because the network became to complicated for the Civil drafter that was taking care of it for the last 6 years. The company grew too large for his capacity. i started 3 weeks ago, i rewired the whole network to start (too many hubs)

Small company, 45 network devices, File server is a IBM netfinity 5500 manufactured in 98 dual pentium 3 500s that was bought from an auction site. the only manuals and software is in SWEDISH. DC is running on a HP pavilion desktop from about 2000.... say no more, any way back to the point

Now for the Problems

Install the OS and name the server Mercury

Restarted stopped the SBS component setup.

Ran Adprep on DC and Dcpromo on the SBS box, every thing completed no errors

SBS restarted, I started the SBS setup again just to check for errors and this is what i got

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1. Admin account must be a member of Schema, Enterprise and Domain admins groups. I checked the AD on both the DC and SBS box and it all checked out.
2. Netbios name contains invalid characters. I racked my brain on this one. I finally decided SBS didn't like the length of mercury.torrance since its over 15 characters. I reinstalled again and named it BETA. Same problem.
3. SBS must be the primary DC. I expected that one because i haven't finished the 884453 article, i was just checking for errors with the SBS setup.

I really don't know what could be wrong with the install, But its sounding like maybe the HP disk has something to do with it maybe. I don't know I'm grabbing at straws here. I could get the MS disk 1 to boot, so maybe i will throw it in when the server is up and let it reboot itself into the install. I'm about --->|<--- that close to just doing a migration or rebuilding the whole network from the ground up. Ideally i would like to add it to the domain and take away the roles of the other servers gradually because production time is at utmost importance... Any one have any ideas???? much appreciated!

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