

# Re: Need suggestions for SBS 2003 configuration

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Make sure you read this KB before joining the domain with connectcomputer  
Save yourself lots of issues

<http://support.microsoft.com/kb/886210/en-us>

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Microsoft MVPs  
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Please do not contact me directly regarding issues

"TravisF" <[tdqh1922@xxxxxxxxxx](mailto:tdqh1922@xxxxxxxxxx)> wrote in message  
<news:1182892793.494803.298710@xx>

On Jun 26, 5:05 pm, "Steve" <[newsgr...@xxxxxxxxxx](mailto:newsgr...@xxxxxxxxxx)> wrote:

It can't be said strongly enough—use the wizards and don't try to do things the same way you would on "normal" Windows 2003 Server. There is no "add roles" management either since the integrated SBS 2003 install and subsequent wizards take care of all that for you.

One place you say you have peer to peer and then you say the SBS won't join the domain—something is amiss there. Yes you want the SBS to handle the DHCP server duties. Once again setup SBS 2003 with its integrated install and wizards and then use the connect computer wizard to join the current workstations to the domain you create when setting up the SBS.

"TravisF" <[tdqh1...@xxxxxxxxxx](mailto:tdqh1...@xxxxxxxxxx)> wrote in message  
<news:1182890303.076951.70550@xx>

## Re: Need suggestions for SBS 2003 configuration

Well I got such great responses from my last post, I hope I can get something of the same on this one.

I am setting up my first SBS 03 server. I have min exposure to this animal. I have setup 2003 servers a couple times, and man its different. Dealt with lots of pcs/admin and netware servers some years ago.

With server 03, (Windows server 2003) you could just join the domain from the client assuming you had a login id and it was done. With sbs, you have to go thru all these wizards on the server and all. Is this right? Also I don't really see a place to add roles the same as server 2003 had. There was a (forget what it was called) server management wizard that showed you roles. Dns, dhcp etc, you could add roles etc. But its not the same as what I see on sbs.

The bigger question is this:

I currently have my few users dhcp connecting to a sonicwall vpn router, which is connected to a dsl box then out .. Simple peer to peer setup.

I have server setup, single nic, static ip address. I would like to get users over onto the sbs03 server with dhcp etc with the least amount of disruption.

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I can't setup dhcp on the server while the sonicwall is doin  
dhcp  
right?

And when I try to join the domain, it complains that I might  
have dhcp  
running elsewhere and won't let me join.

Suggestions? I guess I could config everyone with a static  
address  
while I setup dhcp on server?

Thanks  
Travis– Hide quoted text –

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Thanks Steve;  
Actually, from the error message, I can join the domain now.  
On the sonicwall box, I just pointed primary dns at my new server and  
it works fine.  
secondary dns on sonicwall is external dns ip and internet still works  
from workstations that are not joined yet.

Ok an even bigger question.

My 10 or 15 users have been in a non domain environment for some  
years.  
They all have their own profiles, ids, desktop settings, email, apps  
etc.  
Ok so when I join them to my new sbs domain, their settings will  
change ! I just saw that when I joined a test pc because it creates a  
new profile on the pc! I can't have that happen.  
Ideally , I need to join them while keeping everything they have  
undisturbed. Printers, outlook, everything.

Thanks;  
Travis

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