

RE: Quick question on resetting computer accounts in AD

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Hello Keith,

Thank you for kind update. And thanks for Kevin's input.

Kevin is correct, resetting a computer account breaks that computer's connection to the domain and requires it to rejoin the domain. It is same as delete the computer and rejoin the same computer to the domain.

Reset a Computer Account

To perform this procedure, you must be a member of the Account Operators group, the Domain Admins group, or the Enterprise Admins group in Active Directory, or you must have been delegated the appropriate authority. As a security best practice, consider using Run as to perform this procedure.

1. Click Start , point to Programs , point to Administrative Tools , and then click Active Directory Users and Computers .
2. In the console tree, under the domain node, click Computers , or click the folder in which the computer is located.
3. In the details pane, right-click the computer, and then click Reset Account .

To reset a computer account using a command line, type the following at a command prompt, and then press ENTER

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dsmod computer ComputerDN -reset
```

where ComputerDN specifies the distinguished names of one or more computer objects that you want to reset. To view the complete syntax for this command, at a command prompt, type `dsmod computer /?` .

Hope these steps will give you some help.

Thanks and have a nice day!

Best regards,

Terence Liu(MSFT)

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| Terence,

| Thanks for the reply and the reminder that I can use advanced management.
| The question was really intended to find out if it is acceptable to reset
an
| account in SBS (for the purpose of re-joining a computer) instead of
deleting
| and recreating the account.

| Is it okay to use the reset account function?

| Keith

| "Terence Liu [MSFT]" wrote:

| > Hello Keith,

| >

| > Thank you for posting here.

| >

| > According to your description, I understand that you want to know why
the

| > SBS Server Management console does not have "Reset Account" command to
| > reset computer account. If I have misunderstood the problem, please
don't

| > hesitate to let me know.

| >

| > In fact, the SBS Server Management console has already integrated ADUC,
you

| > can run "Reset Account" command under SBS Server Management console.

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| > 1. Please open Server Management console on SBS

| > 2. Extend Advanced Management->Active Directory Users and Computers

| > [name.domain.local]->domain.local->MyBusiness->Computers->SBSComputers

| > 3. Right click the computer account in right pane, select "Reset
Account"

| > command.

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|> | Hi,
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|> | This is a kinda minor and slightly dumb question but is just
something
|> | that
|> | has occurred to me each time ive had to rebuild a customers computer
and
|> | re-join to the domain.
|> |
|> | When I worked with a few IT teams in "big server" land, they had
|> | dedicated
|> | AD people to manage their domains. When A pc/laptop had died and was
|> | rebuilt
|> | (on new or same hardware), the AD computer account was simply reset
(in
|> | ADUC
|> | - right click > Reset Account) and the machine was joined to the
domain
|> | again.
|> |
|> | In SBS Management Console there is no facility to do this, just the
|> | option
|> | of removing the computer from the network. To join the computer back
to
|> | the
|> | domain with the same name requires removal and recreation of the
account.
|> |
|> | Now, I know there is dsa.msc and you can browse to ADUC via
|> | administrative
|> | tools on an SBS and accomplish the same thing but is there any reason
why
|> | Reset Account was omitted from the SBS console? Does SBS not like
|> | accounts
|> | being reset? Are there any implications of doing this?
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|> | Like I said, no biggie, im just interested.
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