

Re: Unix Identity Management on SBS 2003 R2

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Thanks for the response... I spent some time playing with this today, and I can't seem to get it to work as simply as it should be..

I agree that it is probably best to avoid running the NIS server on the SBS (though I would actually like to confirm that it works for another project). But doesn't the software (or at least admin tools) have to be loaded on the SBS server to ensure it knows how to assign the Unix attributes??

Further testing, and I installed the Unix Identity Management software on the R2 Server (that is a DC), but the "Unix Preferences" tab (or whatever it's named) doesn't show up... and Server for NIS kept throwing errors on startup... after a couple reboots, the same thing occurred...

Subsequently I got ambitious, and ran the Unix Identity Management install program from the R2/Components directory, and low and behold it is working.. I can click on the properties of a user and populate the user/group info for the Unix tab.

I haven't been able to get NIS working from a Debian install, but that may be client side setup.. but I was able to enumerate stuff using ypcat from the cmd prompt, so I think I'm good to go.

We previously tested this with SFU 3.5, and that populated stuff in LDAP, and seemed easier to configure on the Linux side.. any opinions on what is the best option (UIM/NIS, or SFU/LDAP)?? It looked like SFU was going to be a bigger "bloat" on the server than UIM and Server for NIS... true?

Thanks!

-Matt

"Charlie Russel - MVP" wrote:

Most of us would agree about R2 designations. Especially those of us who deal with UNIX / Linux machines a lot.

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On the specific question – there's no reason at all that you can't install Unix ID Mgmt on your Server 2k3 R2 server, assuming it's a DC. And your clients will work as expected.

On using SFU – that is supported and does work, if you'd prefer that option. I've done it, but mostly prefer to keep everything I don't absolutely have to have on the SBS box off of it. Since you have an option here, I'd go with that.

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Charlie.

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Please help...

<rant> It is very confusing that Microsoft releases Server 2003 R2, and SBS Server 2003 R2, and the "R2" is different between the versions... For many years Microsoft's mantra has been "SBS Server 2003" IS THE SAME as "Server 2003"... I guess that changes with R2... </rant>

Anyway, on with my question: I need to integrate "Identity Management for Unix" onto my SBS 2003 R2 based network. As I understand it, I CANNOT install Identity Management for Unix on SBS, as there is technically no such thing for SBS. Or is there??

If I have another member server (that is of course R2, is a DC within my domain, and obviously my AD schema has been extended appropriately to allow an R2 member server), and I install Identity Management for Unix on it, will I be able to have the Unix stuff (specifally Server for NIS) work across the infrastructure?

Will my AD Schema be messed up? It would seem that I would be able to have the extensions loaded into AD, and properly replicated even if I can't manage the Unix properties from the SBS AD MMC console...

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Alternatively, I could use the Services for Unix (SFU), and NOT THE R2 features.. that changes things on the Unix side though, so I'm not sure this is a better approach... can SFU be run on SBS?

Thoughts??

-Matt