

Remove the last NT4 Domain Controller from a mixed-mode Active Directory

- **Secure Domain Data**
 - Backup NT server to tape for recovery and archival.
 - Backup a W2003 DC for recovery.
- **Remove the Domain Controller**
 - Shutdown NT server and unplug it from the network*
- **Verify User Network Access**
 - User can logon
 - User can access files for which user has permissions
- **Cleanup the Active Directory**
 - Remove the retiring BDC's machine account from the Active Directory
 - Manually synchronize the Domain Controllers
 - Verify (or manually remove) the retired NT server is no longer listed in the site list
 - Raise the forest and domain functional level to the Windows Server 2000 native-mode**

* Remove the backup BDC from the network and keep it offline and secured until you are assured that the upgrade process is fully accomplished. Recommended to keep this server intact, but offline, for at least 1 business day after the upgrade in order to verify all users in the organization can logon to the network with this server offline.

** How to raise domain and forest functional levels in Windows Server 2000 <http://support.microsoft.com/kb/322692>