

Windows Server - How to move FSMO Roles

Setup the MMC:

- Start -> Run -> regsvr32 schmmgmt.dll
- Start -> Run -> mmc /a
- Click File -> Add/Remove Snap-In -> [Add]
- Select Active Directory Domains and Trusts -> [Add]
- Select Active Directory Schema -> [Add]
- Select Active Directory Users and Computers -> [Add]
- Click [Close] -> [OK]

Schema Master:

- Right-click the AD Schema object -> Select Change Domain Controller. (Note the “Current DC” field indicates where the Role is currently housed.)
- Select Specify name -> Enter the Hostname of the DC which is to take over the Schema Master role -> [OK].
- RC the AD Schema object -> Select Operations Master.
- Verify the Source and Target Server Hostnames.
- Click [Change]. (NOTE: If the [Change] button is inaccessible, then your user account needs to be added to the Schema Admins group.)
- Confirm the Change -> [OK] -> [Close]

Domain Naming Master:

- RC on the AD Domains and Trusts object -> Select Connect to Domain Controller.
- Enter the Hostname of the TARGET domain controller -> [OK]
- RC on the AD Domains and Trusts object again -> Select Operations Master. (Note the “Domain Naming Operations Master” field indicates where the Role is currently housed.)
- Verify the Source and Target Server Hostnames.
- Click [Change] -> Confirm the Change -> [OK] -> [Close]
- RID Master, Infrastructure Master, and PDC Emulator:
- RC on the AD Users and Computers object -> Select Connect to Domain Controller.
- Enter the Hostname of the TARGET domain controller -> [OK]
- RC on the AD Users and Computers object again -> Select All Tasks -> Operations Master. (Note the “Operations Master” field that indicates where each Role is currently housed.)
- Select the tab appropriate to the Role that is to be moved (RID, PDC, or Infrastructure).
- Verify the Source and Target Server Hostnames.
- Click [Change] -> Confirm the Change -> [OK] -> [Close]

