

## Seize fsmo when primary domain controller is dead

Goto secondary domain controller and execute **ntdsutil** in dos.

```
ntdsutil
ntdsutil: roles
fsmo maintenance: connections
server connections: connect to server XXX.domain.com (secondary DC)
server connections: quit
fsmo maintenance: ?
fsmo maintenance: seize RID master
(Yes on popup window)
fsmo maintenance: Seize infrastructure master
(Yes on popup window)
fsmo maintenance: Seize naming master
(Yes on popup window)
fsmo maintenance: Seize PDC
(Yes on popup window)
```

Check if all the roles are correctly assigned to new server.

```
netdom query fsmo
```

Complete the seizing process by removing the dead server.

```
ntdsutil
ntdsutil: metadata cleanup
metadata cleanup: connections
server connections: connect to server xxx.domain.com
server connections: quit
metadata cleanup: select operation target
select operation target: list domain
select operation target: select domain 0
select operation target: list sites
select operation target: select site 0
select operation target: list servers in site
select operation target: select server X (dead server)
select operation target: quit
metadata cleanup: remove selected server
(Yes on pop-up window)
```

Active Directory Sites and Services > Sites > Default > Servers > delete the dead server

If the dead server hardware is revived, remove Active Directory

Cmd > dcpromo /forceremoval

Yes on pop-up windows and reboot the server for workgroup 😊

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