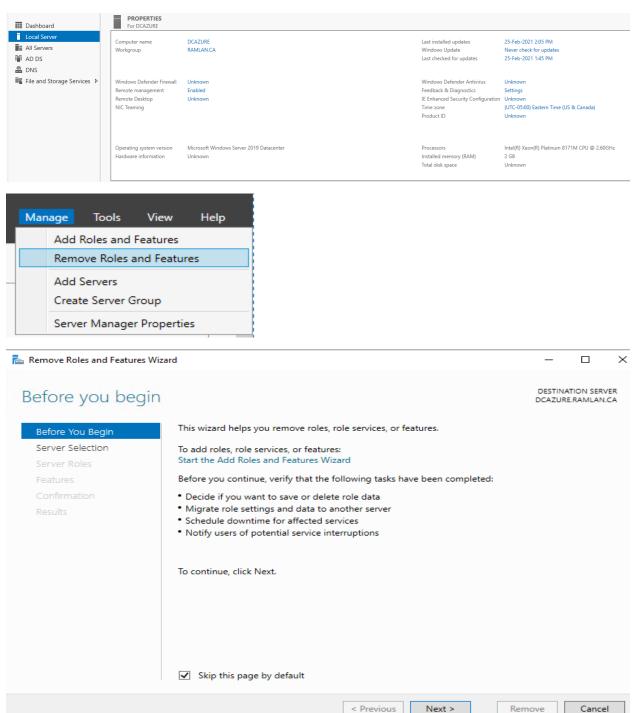
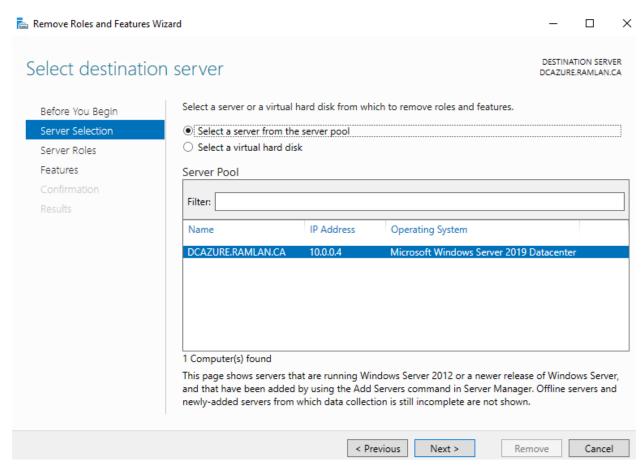
How to demote Domain Controller at Azure

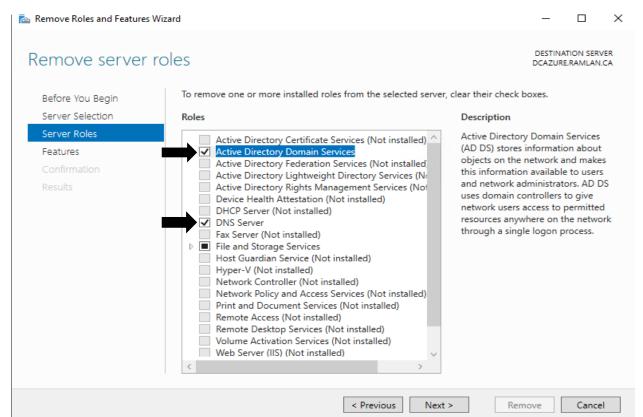
In this post, I am going to demote domain controller that is currently hosted in Azure. I am demoting the DC to save \$25 monthly towards virtual machine cost and \$35 towards Site to Site connectivity. I did the deployment in Azure to learn setup process.

I have one vm running Windows Server 2019 with 2GB memory and 120GB SATA hard disk. I will remove ADDS role and complete the process.





Uncheck this



Remove features that require Active Directory Domain Services?

You can remove management tools, or leave them installed on this server to manage other servers.

[Tools] Group Policy Management

- Remote Server Administration Tools
 - Role Administration Tools
 - AD DS and AD LDS Tools
 - AD DS Tools

Active Directory Administrative Center [Tools] AD DS Snap-Ins and Command-Line Tools

✓ Remove management tools (if applicable)

Remove Features

Cancel





Validation Results

The validation process found problems on the server from which you want to remove features. The selected features cannot be removed from the selected server. Click OK to select different features.

Validation Results

Server





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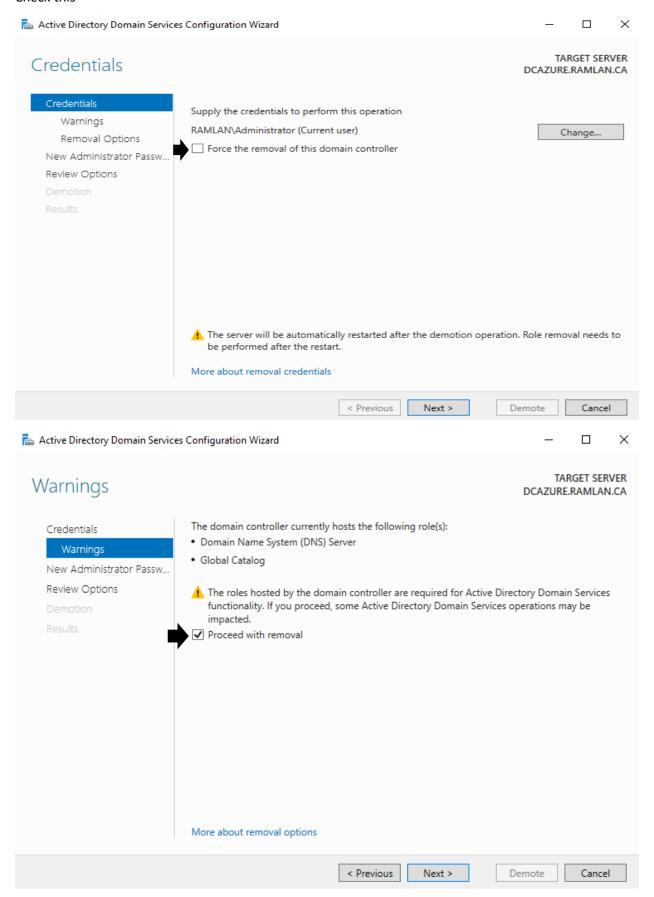
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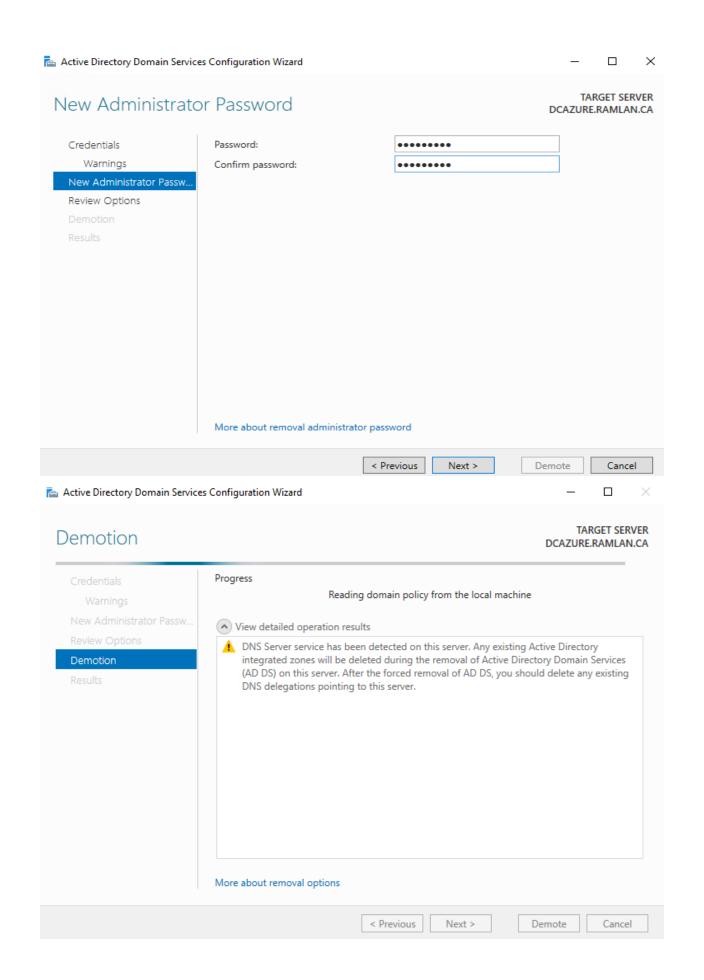
Demote this domain controller

OK

X

Check this





You're about to be signed out

The computer is being restarted because Active Directory Domain Services was installed or removed.

Close

After restart, I was not able to RDP. The only way out for me was to delete the VM and the resource group to cut the cost.

This concludes DC demotion.

Thanks

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