

You can fix this without removing/rejoining the domain if:

- A) You have a local admin account on the machine that you know the password for, or
- B) You have logged in to the machine with a domain account with admin credentials in the past.

If A, just log in with the local admin credentials and then proceed to the next part. If B, disconnect the network cord, disable wireless, etc, and then log in as your local admin domain account.

Open PowerShell and run the following commands:

```
$credential = Get-Credential
```

Enter a domain admin account.

```
Reset-ComputerMachinePassword -Server DomainControllerName
```

This command will reset the machine password with the domain controller and you should be able to resume normal domain network access now.

I found this solution here and found it has worked multiple times: <https://community.spiceworks.com/how-to/108912-fix-the-trust-relationship-between-this-workstation-and-the-primary-domain-failed>

I can't comment on the solution provided by music2myear, however there seems to be another step to the process. In the comments below the article linked in music2myear's answer, a more complete answer is provided.

Open PowerShell and run the following commands:

```
$credential = Get-Credential
```

Enter a domain admin account.

```
Reset-ComputerMachinePassword -Server DomainControllerName -Credential $credential
```

I was not able to get my issue resolved until providing the credential as the last parameter.

As another note, I assumed my domain controller to be, well, the domain name (i.e. MyDomain.local), however for the `DomainControllerName`, I had to provide the Computer/Host Name of the domain controller.

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I run into this often with remote employees that do not rely heavily on internal resources and don't VPN in everyday.

I have created a powershell script that has worked for me 100% of the time when you are able to login with any other admin account on the machine. For instance a service desk or helpdesk account.

```
$computer = Get-WmiObject Win32_ComputerSystem  
$computer.UnjoinDomainOrWorkGroup("AdminPW", "AdminAccount", 0)  
$computer.JoinDomainOrWorkGroup("Domain", "AdminPW", "AdminAccount",  
$null, 3)  
Restart-Computer -Force
```

when it reboots it will be resolved, and able to login. this just automates the disjoin process, but removes the need to reboot between disjoining and rejoining.

hope this helps.