

# Re: Offline files and Sync

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Ok it's all going horribly wrong here.

I have workstations dropping like flies with their C: drives full to busting.

It seems all the workstations are trying to Sync the whole of the company shared folder (which is re-directed to my documents for all users)

This is despite the share on the server having the cache option turned off.

I've managed a workaround by setting the % space to 0.5% of the C: drive and setting it to delete all cache files on logoff.

Logoff now takes an age but at least on logon I have space on the effected WS. (other WS have large C: drives so are ok but slow due to massive file syncing)

I've re-enabled offline controls so can see to the offline tab now (Hadn't realised that GPO had admin and user settings)

So the question. How do I kill off offline files once and for all so nothing happens full stop.

Can I delete the massive (4G) CSC folder at my system root.

Am considering locking permissions to it to thwart the OS filling it in a desperate attempt to stem the network flow of syncing files.

Poor server is on it's knees right now.

"Pat Horridge" <[pat@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx](mailto:pat@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx)> wrote in message [news:dgbhue\\$6qc\\$1\\$830fa795@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx](mailto:news:dgbhue$6qc$1$830fa795@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx)

> So now I have lot's of folders with the sync icon but no way of  
> controlling the sync of them.

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> "Pat Horridge" <[pat@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx](mailto:pat@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx)> wrote in message  
> [news:dgbhia\\$1gd\\$1\\$8300dec7@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx](mailto:news:dgbhia$1gd$1$8300dec7@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx)

>> Yes strange. I re-enabled all the offline sync options in GPO yesterday  
>> and today all workstations show sync arrows but no workstations have the  
>> offline files tab so I'm unable to investigate it.

>> Really weird.

>> Generally I've avoided offline files as in the past users had small  
>> internal HDs (better now)

>> Also not sure how it deals with syncing back up file sthat may have been  
>> used by more than one user.

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>> "Dave Nickason [SBS MVP]" <[gwdibble@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx](mailto:gwdibble@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx)> wrote in

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>> message: [news:O2%23xMDUuFHA.444@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx](mailto:news:O2%23xMDUuFHA.444@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx)

>>> I believe that items that sync due to the Caching setting are only  
>>>> synched to the local PC after the user has accessed them. Not 100% sure  
>>>> on this, but I think if you have 50 files in a share and the user  
>>>> accesses 10 of them, only 10 files will be cached. You can see what's  
>>>> being cached by going to Windows Explorer Tools -> Folder Options ->  
>>>> Offline Files tab -> View Files.

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>>>> FWIW, I've got the blue arrow sync icon on files I set to synchronize  
>>>> myself, but not those that are synched due to the Caching setting on the  
>>>> server. Not sure why you don't have that tab in Tools -> Folder  
>>>> Options, but I assume you're right that it's the GPO. It might take a  
>>>> couple of reboots for the policy change to apply, or you can go to the  
>>>> workstation command prompt and type "gpupdate /force" without the  
>>>> quotes. Even then you might have to log out and back in or reboot to  
>>>> see the tab.

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>>>> I hate to say it at this point, but why not allow synchronization? If  
>>>> nothing else, if your SBS ever goes down, having the files available  
>>>> offline will keep the users busy working instead of glaring at you while  
>>>> you fix it.

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>>>> "Pat Horridge" <pat@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote in message

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>>>>> Won't know for a day or so if that has fixed the syncing on logoff  
>>>>> issue as I'll have to wait for feedback from users.

>>>>> I'm still getting strange results from the 3 new PC's

>>>>> My company folder shows up when browsing the network with two blue  
>>>>> arrows in the lower left of the icon (looks like a sync indication)

>>>>> All the subfolders in Company also have this icon.

>>>>> But non of the old PC's show the folders this way.

>>>>> All have Windows XP SP2 with office XP installed.

>>>>> Why are the PC's showing the folders that way?

>>>>> Other network shares on that same server don't have that sync icon.

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>>>>> Also the help suggests that offline sysnc is controlled via Tools

>>>>> folder options Offline files tab.

>>>>> I don't have that tab on the workstations. Even if I re-enable the GPO

>>>>> to allow them.

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>>>>>> Yes I'd redirected users "my documents" to the Company share.

>>>>>> When checking the company share it was set to manual caching.

>>>>>> I disabled it and will see what that does.

>>>>>> Strange that only new PC's picked this up and older ones ignored it.

>>>>>> Anyway such is life.

>>>>>> Thanks

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